

# PHYSICO-CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF SOME METAL COMPLEXES FORMED BY SUBSTITUTED THIOUREA

## Abstract

In view of unique physico-chemical observations affecting the geometry and various properties of the substituted thiourea complexes in literature along with several biological activities, N-(hydroxy)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea was taken up for study. Complexes with geometries of high spin Oh for Fe(II), Co(II); Td & Square planar for Ni(II); and dimeric Square planar for CuCl<sub>2</sub>, Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Cu(ac)<sub>2</sub> and distorted octahedral for Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were synthesized and characterized based on magnetic moments, visible spectra, diffuse reflectance spectra, electron spin resonance, infrared spectral studies, and thermal analysis.

Interestingly, the nature of anion influenced the geometry, the complex from copper nitrate salt resulted in a distorted octahedral structure and complexes formed from CuCl<sub>2</sub>, Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Cu(acetate)<sub>2</sub> exhibited sub-normal magnetic moments, highly insoluble in the most common organic solvents and water. Based on these and spectral data, polymeric or square-planar dimeric geometry with sulfur bridging between copper atoms is proposed. It was confirmed by the application of Bleaney-Bower's equation for magnetic susceptibility, applicable to dimeric copper complexes.

The overall thermal behavior of the ligand and complexes were observed and the detailed calculations interestingly lead to confirmation of the above proposed geometrical structures.

### Key Words:

Bleaney-Bowers equation, Polymeric complexes, Thermal analysis, Freeman and Carroll equation, Vosburgh and Cooper method, Job's continuous variation method

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Numerous substituted thiourea compounds have been utilized as coordinating ligands for the formation of metal complexes (1-10 and 11 with references therein), considering the stereochemistry, site of the coordination, and the effect of the anions present in the metal salts used for their formation. These have coordination via sulfur, oxygen, intermolecular hydrogen bonds between sulfur and hydrogen on nitrogen, and possess antibacterial, antifungal, anti-tubercular, anti-thyroid, insecticidal properties and were studied for screening of several biological activities (12, 13).

Complexes of N,N-substituted thioureas have been studied (11 with references therein) in detail such as for Ethylene thiourea, substituted thioureas, N,N-diethyl thiourea, S-acetyl thiourea and N,N phenyl thiourea which behave as bidentate chelating agents being bonded to metal through both nitrogen and sulfur atoms; complexes of 1-amidino-2-thiourea, N,N-ethylenebis(N-phenyl thiourea) have been investigated with the infrared spectral data in detail, the magnetic moments being normal at RT with electronic spectra showing low symmetry ligand fields; Ni(II) complexes assume Td, Oh or tetragonal geometry, with various degree of perturbations; Pd(II) and Pt(II) display fourfold coordination, but with

strong tendency to form penta coordinated adducts; investigations of Co(II) complexes have pronounced tendency to form Td geometry,  $[\text{CoL}_2\text{X}_2]$ .

Polymeric complexes of Co(II) thiocyanate with thiourea and N-methyl thiourea have been found (11 with references therein) Oh; with N,N-di(o-tolyl) thiourea pseudo-Td complexes, while Ni(II) complexes of these ligands are tetragonal; nitrogen coordination in thiourea or its derivatives is rare except in N-methyl thiourea complexes of Pd (II), Pt(II) and Cd(I); Ni(II) complexes of N-allylthiourea and N-phenyl-N-allyl-thioureas have sulfur coordination site. In this study it is found that the type of anion has a profound influence on the structure assumed by the complex and the coordination number which seems to be determined by the nature of the anion's size, charge, electronic configuration and coordinating power. High magnetic moments of these Oh complexes were thought to be due to spin-orbit coupling which causes an orbital contribution in the 'quenched'  $^4\text{A}_{2g}$  group state of Ni(II).

Several metal ion complexes of urea, thiourea, methyl urea, thioacetamide, naptu = 1-(1-naphthyl)-2- thiourea, N-phenyl thiourea, N,N'-diphenyl thiourea (14-19) and some chiral ligands indicate (14) the tendency of the metal to coordinate to the organic molecule through sulfur which decreases on passing from  $\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2$  to  $\text{SC}(\text{NMe}_2)_2$  and more heavily substituted thiourea molecules.

Metal complex studies with ligand N-(hydroxyl)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea (HONNDPTu), have not been reported. Therefore, it was thought worthwhile to investigate some transition metal complexes with this ligand and characterize them by spectral, magnetic, structural, and thermal methods (11, 20). Thermo analytical methods involve the study of some properties of the system such as change in weight, rate of change in weight, heat evolved or absorbed or change of temperature which is measured as a function of temperature (21).

## 2 EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals used are AR or GR quality – copper chloride, copper acetate, copper nitrate, copper perchlorate, nickel chloride, cobalt chloride, ferrous ammonium sulfate, acetone, ethylalcohol, benzene, chloroform, nitrobenzene, carbondisulfide, aniline, methylalcohol, carbontetrachloride, pyridine, etc.

Equipments used are Elico LI -10 model pH meter, spectrophotometer 106 (MK II) supplied by Systronics, Toshniwal magic eye conductivity bridge with sensitive eye detector at RT and Guoy's balance, with mercury cobalt tetrathiocyanate as the calibrant (22). It is easily prepared (23) and has a definite composition and packing properties, with accurately known susceptibility  $\chi_g = 16.44 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs units at 20 °C. Diffuse reflectance spectra were measured for solid metal complexes on Carl – Zeiss USU – 2P spectrophotometer. Magnesium carbonate was used as a reference material and as a diluent for the complex prepared by copper acetate. IR spectrophotometer 283 and Beckman's IR-20 spectrophotometer in KBr & nujol mull were used to measure the infra-red spectra of the ligand and metal complexes. Electron Spin Resonance spectra were recorded on JEOL-FE3X Electron Spin Resonance spectrophotometer. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) are carried out by the dynamic thermogravimetric method.

### 2.1 Preparation of N-(hydroxyl)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea

The ligand, N-(hydroxyl)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea, was prepared in three steps (11 with references therein). Phenyl isothiocyanate ( $C_7H_5NS$ ) (24) and beta-phenyl hydroxylamine ( $C_6H_7NO$ ) were prepared (25) and the condensation product ( $C_{13}H_{12}N_2OS$ ) (50g) was obtained (26) in ethereal solution after refluxing for 2-3 hours to ensure a complete reaction. The product obtained was crystallized from alcohol and purity of the sample was confirmed from the elemental analysis, the melting point, and electronic spectra.

## **2.2 Preparation of Metal Complexes:**

### **2.2.1 Iron(II), Nickel(II), and Cobalt (II) complexes**

Equimolar or 2:1 ligand: metal salt solution was dissolved in minimum quantity of ethyl alcohol separately (80:20 ethyl alcohol-water for iron), ligand solution was added to the metal salt solution with constant stirring, adjusted to pH 5.2 for iron, 7.8 for nickel equimolar, 5.1 for nickel 2:1, 7 for copper. On standing, puce or purplish-brown iron, green nickel, reddish-brown nickel and red-brown cobalt complexes were precipitated, filtered under suction, washed with solvent, and dried at 80-100 °C.

### **2.2.2 Copper (II) Complexes:**

Equimolar ligand and metal chloride or perchlorate or acetate salts and copper nitrate:ligand in 1:2 ratio, were dissolved separately in ethyl alcohol (copper nitrate with 25:75 water-ethyl alcohol), ligand solution was added slowly to the solution of metal salt with constant stirring, adjusted to pH 7.8, 7.5 for acetate. On standing, green copper chloride, light green copper perchlorate, dark brown copper acetate and brownish-green nitrate complexes were separated. They were filtered under suction, washed with the solvent, and dried at 80 °C. copper nitrate complex was found insoluble in the most common organic solvents and water. Hence, it could not be crystallized.

**2.3 Nitrogen and metal ion analysis:** Copper by the dipyrindine dithiocyanate method, nickel by the nickel dimethyl glyoximate method, ferrous ion by volumetric analysis, using diphenylamine indicator, cobalt by cobalt tetrapyrindine dithiocyanate method (25), nitrogen content by Duma's combustion method (27) were estimated.

**2.4 Composition of Copper (II) with ligand in solution:** It was found that copper (II) chloride, acetate, perchlorate, and nitrate formed green, dark-brown, light-green, and brownish-green colored complexes with ligand in solution respectively. Conductivity titrations were carried out for all four complexes, rest of the other colorimetric methods were carried out by taking copper (II) chloride as representative, as they all formed from equimolar solutions identically.

In solution, metal does not absorb beyond 480 nm, the ligand does not absorb beyond 400 nm, however, the copper complex absorbs appreciably at 470 nm. Therefore, calorimetric measurements were carried out using a 470 nm filter. Effect of pH (28), Vosburgh and Cooper method (29) to confirm the presence of only one complex under the experimental conditions, Job's continuous variation method (30) to study the composition of copper (II) complex, mole ratio method (28) to indicate the presence of 1:1 species of the complex in solution and conductivity titration (31) to establish complex formed with salts of chloride, acetate, and perchlorate exist in 1:1 composition with conductance breaking at the center and

for complex formed with nitrate in 1:2 composition, with the conductance break occurring with double the amount of ligand solution.

### 3 RESULTS & DISCUSSION:

Table 1 shows the preparation and formation of Cu(II), Ni(II), Co(II), and Fe(II) complexes, their chemical analysis. Table 2 shows the solubility's (g/L) of ligand and metal complexes. Table 3 shows the important infrared frequencies and diffuse reflectance (for the solid insoluble complexes) spectral bands of the ligand and its metal complexes. Table 4 shows the calculations of  $\chi_M$  values by applying Bleaney-Bower's equation (32) to the best fit values of J and g for the dimeric Cu(II) complexes.

**Table 1: Statement showing preparation and formation of Cu(II), Ni(II), Co(II) and Fe(II) complexes, their chemical analysis.**

S No	Metal salt used	Complex formed	Colour observed	Metal%		Nitrogen%		$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (BM)	Geometry
				cald	found	cald	found		
1	Fe(II)	(FeR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O)	Puce	20.30	18.84	9.64	7.72	6.3	Octahedral
2	Co(II)	CoR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	Red-brown	9.97	10.00	10.00	7.51	5.8	Octahedral
3	Ni(II)	(NiRCl) <sub>n</sub>	Green	10.80	10.20	10.28	11.57	4.4	Tetrahedral
4		(NiR <sub>2</sub> )	Reddish-brown	17.41	18.28	8.30	7.54	Dia	Square-planar
5	CuCl <sub>2</sub> at pH 7.8	(CuRCl) <sub>2</sub> Dried at 80°C	Green	18.58	18.20	8.19	8.21	1.4	Dimeric square-planar
6	Cu(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> at pH 7.5	(CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Dried at 80°C	Light green	20.73	21.15	4.56	3.08	1.4	Dimeric square-planar
7	Cu(ac) <sub>2</sub> at pH 7.5	(CuR) <sub>2</sub> Dried at 80°C	Dark brown	11.19	11.15	9.86	9.11	1.3	Dimeric square-planar
8	Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> at pH 7.5	(CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O) Dried at 100°C	Brownish green	15.65	15.22	9.81	9.86	1.9	Distorted octahedral

R = (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS - C% obs (cald) - 63.68 (64.84); H% - 5.24 (4.97); & N% = 4.96 (4.97)) with a loss of proton; Dia - Diamagnetic

**Table 2: Statement showing solubility's (g/L) of ligand metal complexes.**

Solvent	[CuRCl] <sub>2</sub>	[CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	[CuR] <sub>2</sub>	[CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O]	[NiRCl] <sub>n</sub>	[NiR <sub>2</sub> ]	[CoR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	[FeR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]
Methanol	1.76	0.12	0.66	1.60	2.40	1.36	0.60	-
Ethanol	2.44	0.12	0.72	0.98	2.60	1.96	2.60	-
Chloroform	1.56	0.08	0.26	1.00	2.60	1.56	2.32	-
Carbon tetrachloride	0.12	-	0.46	0.80	2.12	1.36	3.40	-
Benzene	0.74	0.14	0.66	0.12	2.40	1.36	0.60	0.76
Pyridine	6.14	3.60	1.86	2.00	2.60	15.36	2.60	-

**Table 3: Statement showing important infrared frequencies and diffuse reflectance (for the solid insoluble complexes) spectral bands in HONNDPTu and its metal complexes**

R= HONNDPTu	[CuRCl] <sub>2</sub> [CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	[CuR] <sub>2</sub>	[CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O]	[NiRCl] <sub>n</sub>	[NiR <sub>2</sub> ]	[CoR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	[FeR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	Frequency
3340	-	-	3530	-	-	3530	3510	√OH stretching/ coordinated water
3210 3140	3210 3140	-	3210 3140	3200 3040	3210 3140	3210 3140	3210 3140	Symmetric & anti-symmetric √NH vibrations
1530	1580	1550	1580	1550	1580	1580	1580	Symmetric √N-

1230	1300	1280	1310	1280	1310	1310	1280	C=S
760	750	750	750	755	750	750	750	Symmetric $\sqrt{C=S}$
1260	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	Stretching $\sqrt{N-O}$
-	505	510	505	490	490	490	490	M-O bonds
-	320	300	320	350	380	330	350	M-S bonds
-	-	550	-	-	-	-	-	M-N bonds
<b>[CuRClO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub></b>								<b>Bands</b>
285b	360	-	340s	350-400	400	340	330s	Charge transfer bands
-	800	-	900-1000 b	700	740	680	540 (hump)	Bands
-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	1000b	characteristic of complexes

**Table 4: A Table showing the calculations of  $\chi_M$  values by applying Bleaney-Bower's equation with the best fit values of J and g for the dimeric Cu(II) complexes**

$$\chi_M = N\beta^2 g^2 / 3kT [1 + 1/3 e^{J/kT}]^{-1} + N\alpha$$

$$N\beta^2 / 3k = 1/7.9971; N\alpha = 60 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cgs units}; kT = 203.64 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}; T = 293 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

Compound	g	J	$e^{J/kT}$	$\chi_M \times 10^{-6}$	
				calcd	expt
[CuRCl] <sub>2</sub>	2.05	260	3.42	877.09	878.75
[CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	2.07	304	4.44	796.41	797.55
[CuR] <sub>2</sub>	2.07	245	3.33	926.62	927.35

### 3.1 Ligand:

The synthesized N-(hydroxyl)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea (HONNDPTu) ligand obtained was crystallized from alcohol and purity of the sample was confirmed from the elemental analysis, the melting point. It was completely soluble in absolute ethyl alcohol, acetone and to a large extent in 25:75 water-ethyl alcohol medium. It was insoluble in chloroform, CCl<sub>4</sub>, and benzene. Electronic spectrum of the ligand in nujol mull consists of a strong band at 285nm which could be attributed to  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition.

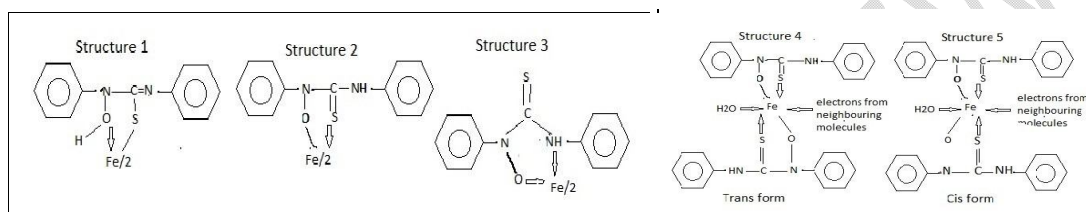
The IR spectrum of the ligand are characterized by symmetric and anti-symmetric  $\sqrt{NH}$  modes ( $\sqrt{1}$  and  $\sqrt{2}$ ) usually observed (33) around 3300-3200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are found at 3210 and 3140  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The sharp band at 3340  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to  $\sqrt{OH}$  vibrations. As is reported for secondary thioamides (35, 36), the symmetric  $\sqrt{C-N}$  mixed mainly with  $\sqrt{NH}$  bending was at 1530  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the asymmetric  $\sqrt{C-N}$  at 1520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the ligand synthesized also shows similar spectra. Symmetric  $\sqrt{N-C=S}$  and  $\sqrt{C=S}$  group vibration bands at 1230 and 760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  could be assigned to  $\sqrt{C=S}$  coupled with ring deformation as has been observed and reported (11 with references therein) to occur around 1270-1224  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 785-750  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The fundamental due to  $\sqrt{C=S}$  bonding may be attributed at 340  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\sqrt{C=S}$  out-of-the-plane bending at 210  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , in agreement with the corresponding bands at 343 and 190  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in ethylene thiourea (33) and thiozolidine-2 thione (37). A strong or medium intensity band around 1300-1200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is reported (38) to be assigned to the  $\sqrt{N-OH}$  group and is found at 1260  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the current ligand.  $\sqrt{NH}$  out-of-the-plane bending can be assigned to a band at 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in conformity with assignment made (40) in ethylene thiourea. It could, however, also be assigned to a forbidden  $\sqrt{NH}$  bending mode of (A<sub>2</sub> symmetry) overlapping with the (B<sub>2</sub>) fundamental due to ring formation (33). After having ascertained the composition of the ligand, the metal complexes are prepared.

### 3.2 Assignment of geometrical structure based on the complex formation, colour, magnetic moments, electronic spectra, diffuse reflectance spectra and IR spectra:

### 3.2.1 Fe(II) complex $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{OS})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ or $[\text{FeR}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$

Puce or purplish-brown Fe(II) complex has been formed with a loss of a proton from ligand. This decomposes in solvents, water and in the presence of moisture. It is paramagnetic with  $\mu = 6.3\text{BM}$ , indicating it to be high spin Oh complex (34). The electronic spectra of this complex consist of only the  ${}^5\text{T}_{2g}$  to  ${}^5\text{E}_g$  transition which is reported to occur at 1000nm. Diffuse reflectance spectrum of Fe(II) complex showing a strong band around 330nm could be assigned to  $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$  transition in the ligand, a hump at 540nm, a charge-transfer transition and a broad band at 1000nm attributed to  ${}^5\text{T}_{2g}$  to  ${}^5\text{E}_g$  transition in the complex (11 with references therein).

On the basis of the observed magnetic and spectral properties, Fe(II) complex could be represented by the possible Structures – 1-3.



IR spectra of KBr and Nujol mull do not show a strong and sharp absorption band in the region  $3400\text{-}3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating that the complex does not contain a  $=\text{N-OH}$  group and that hydrogen of the N(hydroxy) group has been replaced by the metal atom in the complex formation. Structure 1 cannot account for the absence of this strong band and hence cannot be assigned. Structure 3 requires the presence of a band due to  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  and  $-\text{NH}$  coordinated to metal. Bands at  $3210$  and  $3140\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to symmetric and anti-symmetric  $\sqrt{\text{NH}}$  mode (33) in the ligand are not affected in the complex indicating that  $-\text{NH}$  group has not coordinated to the metal in the complex formation. However, the band at  $760\text{ cm}^{-1}$  has been shifted to  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the participation of  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  in the complex. In view of these findings, Structure 3 cannot be assigned as the probable structure of Fe(II) complex.

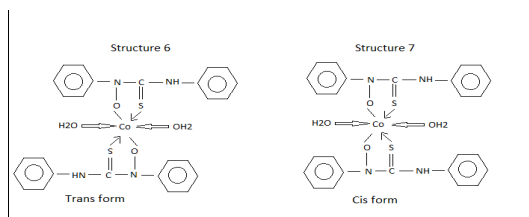
These spectra are compared with well characterized dialkyl phenyl substituted thioureas (41, 42) to ascertain the mode of bonding from the ligand to the metal ion. It was observed that on sulfur coordination, the bands around  $1515$  and  $1280\text{ cm}^{-1}$  increase by about  $25\text{-}30\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the band at  $770\text{ cm}^{-1}$  decrease by about  $10\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , while on nitrogen coordination the shifts are in the reverse order (43). In this complex, the bands assigned to  $\sqrt{\text{N-C}=\text{S}}$  are found shifted to  $1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1280\text{ cm}^{-1}$  while the  $\sqrt{\text{C}=\text{S}}$  band shifted downwards to  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These observations are in conformity with Structure 2 that the coordination to the metal is through sulfur of the keto group in the ligand.

Structure 2 implies that the complex should exhibit a band due to  $\sqrt{\text{N-O}}$  stretching frequency found as a strong band at  $1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the ligand. In this structure, the bonding to the metal through oxygen of N-O group results in the double bond character of N-oxide and so lowering of its frequency to  $1230\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex. This also requires the presence of bands due to M-O and M-S linkages, thus the new bands at  $490$  and  $350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  confirm the same (11 and references therein). And the presence of a band due to the coordinated water molecule which is confirmed by, the strong band at  $3510\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex and the weight loss corresponding to a water molecule in TG curve. These findings suggest that Fe(II) complex may be represented by either of the Structures 4-5 which satisfy all requirements as

observed. Stereochemically trans form is more stable than the cis form. Therefore, the Fe(II) complex possibly attains Oh configuration by sharing electrons from the neighboring molecules and could be well represented as shown by Structure 4.

### 3.2.2 Co(II) complex: $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{OS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ or $\text{CoR}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$

Red-brown Co(II) complex is very sparingly soluble and so could not be crystallized. It is found to be paramagnetic with  $\mu = 5.8\text{BM}$ , indicating it to be a high spin Oh Co(II) complex, which range from  $\mu = 4.7\text{-}5.5\text{BM}$  (44), because of the high orbital contributions, since the spin moment only for the unpaired electrons is only  $\mu = 3.89\text{BM}$ . This high orbital contribution is attributable to three-fold orbital degeneracy of  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}$  ground state. Due to poor solubility, instead of electronic spectra, diffuse reflectance spectra are recorded indicating visible bands which are weak and placed in the blue part of the spectrum, thus accounting for red-brown color of aquo Co(II) ions. Absorption band around 1200 nm for Co(II) Oh complex would arise due to  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$  to  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$  transition on the high frequency side as a consequence of spin-orbit coupling in the  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$  state based on energy-level diagram for a  $d^7$  Co(II) ion in an Oh field (11 and references therein), but could not be observed. While a band due to  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$  to  ${}^2\text{A}_g$  transition is observed at 680nm in the diffuse reflectance spectra of the complex. On the basis of magnetic and spectral data, Co(II) complexes could be represented by Structures 6 and 7.



IR spectrum of Co(II) showed presence of a sharp peak at  $3530\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which could be allotted to the coordinated water molecules. The thermogram showed a curve due to the weight loss corresponding to two water molecules conforming the same. The bands assigned to the symmetric and asymmetric modes of  $\sqrt{\text{NH}}$  (33) are not affected by the complex formation. The bands due to  $\sqrt{\text{N-C=S}}$  are shifted to higher frequency at  $1580$  and  $1310\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively indicating the participation of C=S in the complex formation. The band due to C=S has shifted downwards to  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex. The band of N-O shifted to lower frequency at  $1230\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex indicating the formation of M-O bond through O of N-O resulting in the double bond character of N-O. Two new bands at  $490$  and at  $330\text{ cm}^{-1}$  appear in the complex and are assigned to M-O and M-S bonds, respectively (11 and references therein).

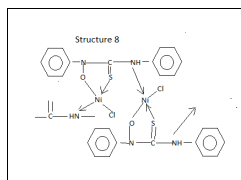
From the above observations, it is concluded that Co(II) complex is an Oh high spin complex and can be represented as in Structure 6 as a trans type which explains the presence of all observed bands in the IR spectrum as well.

### 3.2.3 Ni(II) complex:

**3.2.3.1** Green 1:1 Ni(II) complex is paramagnetic with  $\mu = 4.4\text{BM}$ , insoluble in the most common organic solvents and water indicating its polymeric character. The magnetic moment with  $\mu = 3.5\text{-}4.5\text{BM}$ , due to very high orbital contributions (44) from degenerate ground states resulting in the built up of high magnetic moment, indicating probable Td

structure. Due to poor solubility instead of electronic spectra, diffuse reflectance spectra recorded show two bands, one around 700nm and the other between 350-400nm, which is assigned to  $T_1(F)$  to  $T_1(P)$  transition and  $T_1(F)$  to  $A_2$  transition respectively. These are characteristic of  $T_d$  Ni(II) complexes (11 and references therein), generally attributable to charge transfer, absorption tailings in the visible to UV region.

The IR spectra shows the  $\sqrt{N-C=S}$  bands shifted to 1550 and 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the band assigned to  $\sqrt{C=S}$  has shifted to lower frequency 755  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The observed bands are in conformity with the coordination through sulfur. Structure 8 indicates N-oxide coordinated to metal through O resulting in the double bond character of N-O with a lowering in the bond frequency to 1230  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the complex. The bands at 490  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 350  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are allotted to M-O linkage and M-S in the complex formation (11 and references therein). Two bands 3200 and 3040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the symmetric and antisymmetric frequencies of  $\sqrt{NH}$  indicate the coordination of this group to metal. The thermogram shows that the decomposition reaction to be of simultaneous nature leading to NiS as the residue confirming with the molecular formula  $[\text{NiRCl}]_n$ . On the basis of the above evidences, the green Ni(II) complex is  $T_d$ , with M-M interaction in the polymeric form.

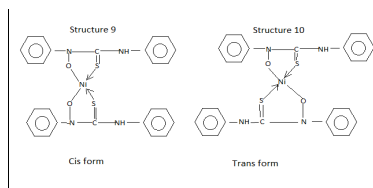


**3.2.3.2** Lustrous reddish-brown Ni(II) complex is moderately soluble in the most common organic solvents and fairly well soluble in pyridine. It is diamagnetic in nature and indicates that it is a square-planar (38, 39) four coordinate Ni(II) complex, involving  $dsp^2$  hybridisation.

The diffuse reflectance spectra in the solid state exhibits two bands at 740nm and 400nm. The position and intensity of the band at 740nm indicate that it has characteristic features of d-d transition bands in a neutral, spin-paired, diamagnetic, square-planar structure with ground state  $^1A_{1g}$ . Based on d-orbital energy level diagram in square planar nickel complexes, the band at 740nm may be assigned to the first spin-allowed transition  $^1A_{1g}$  to  $^1A_{2g}$  (11 and references therein).

IR spectrum of this complex does not show any band for  $\sqrt{OH}$  group indicating the proton in the hydroxylamine group of the ligand being replaced by the metal atom in the complex formation.  $\sqrt{NH}$  bands also are not affected in the complex formation. Double bond character of N-oxide linked to M-O shows strong band at 1230  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The strong bands at 490 and 380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , are assigned to M-O and M-S bonds, respectively (11 and references therein).

The observed bands at 1580  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , at 1310  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , at 750 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are in conformity with the coordination through S in the present substituted thiourea Ni(II) complex. On the basis of these data, it can be concluded that the lustrous reddish-brown Ni(II) complex is square-planar and can be represented as shown in Structure 10, which is a trans form considered more stable than the cis form as in Structure 9 and satisfies all characteristic features required.



### 3.2.5 Copper complexes:

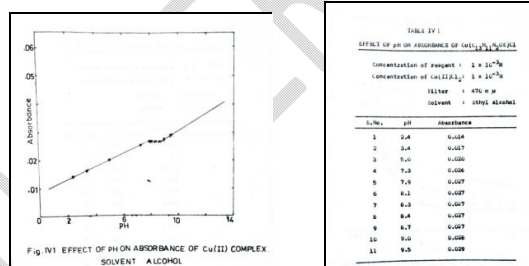
Cu(II) complexes were prepared by reacting chloride, perchlorate, acetate, and nitrate salts. They are found to be highly insoluble or very slightly soluble in the most common organic solvents and water, they could not be crystallized. Elemental analysis was checked to ascertain the purity and the molecular formulae of the complexes. The magnetic and spectral properties of these complexes have been studied and the results are utilized to propose the structure of these complexes, for green  $[\text{CuRCl}]_2$ , light green  $[\text{CuRClO}_4]_2$ , dark brown  $[\text{CuR}]_2$  and brownish green  $[\text{CuR}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  complexes.

#### 3.2.5.1 Composition of the Cu(II) complexes - Studies in solution:

On adding alcoholic solutions of ligand and copper salt, with chloride, perchlorate, acetate, and nitrate, shades of green colour developed in each case. Therefore, a colorimeter was used to determine the nature of the composition of the complexes formed in solution.

Cu(II) chloride was studied as a representative since the solution studies for all three Cu(II) complexes would be experimentally identical as they are 1:1 complexes. Detailed solution studies of green Cu(II) chloride complexes are discussed:

**(a) Study in solution:** pH studies of the complex and ligand in 1:1 ratio, in 25ml flasks with varying amounts of solutions, by adding dilute ammonia, pH and absorbance were measured. The pH vs absorbance curve shows the complex formation at the pH range 7.5-8.0 along with satisfactory colour stability or the optical density of the system nearly remaining the same and hence all solution studies were made at 7.8, Fig. IV 1, Table IV 1.



**(b) Vosburgh and Cooper method:** Absorption curves obtained with varying M:L ratio – 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:4 molar proportions at pH 8.0, are similar in shape throughout the range and do not differ from the one with an excess of ligand. Thus, the curves do not show any maxima or shoulder, indicating that only one absorbing species of the metal complex is present in the solution. Absorption spectra of copper salts show minimum absorption at 470nm, while that of Cu(II) complex has a very strong absorption at this wavelength, hence all colorimetric measurements were made at 470nm. Fig. IV.2 and Fig IV 11, Table IV 2.

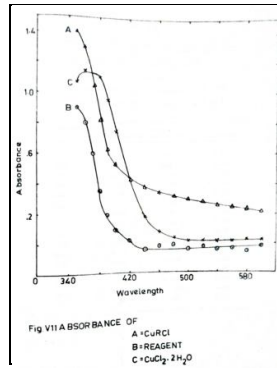
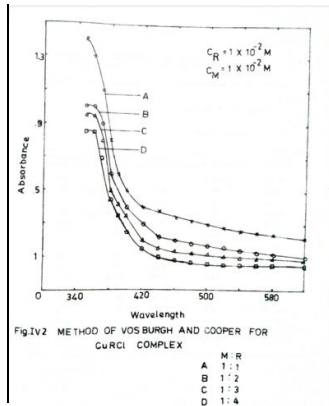


TABLE IV 2  
 VOSBURGH AND COOPER'S METHOD FOR  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Solvent : Ethyl Alcohol    Concentration of  $\text{Cu(II)}$  :  $1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   
 Concentration of ligand :  $1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   
 Total volume :  $10 \text{ ml}$

Wavelength	1:1 (M:R)	1:2 (M:R)	Absorbance	1:4 (M:R)
350	1.4	1.0	0.90	0.85
360	1.3	1.0	0.90	0.85
370	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
380	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.45
390	0.6	0.5	0.42	0.35
400	0.5	0.4	0.35	0.25
420	0.4	0.3	0.25	0.15
440	0.38	0.28	0.15	0.1
460	0.34	0.2	0.14	0.08
480	0.32	0.18	0.12	0.07
500	0.3	0.17	0.11	0.06
520	0.28	0.16	0.11	0.05
540	0.26	0.14	0.11	0.05
560	0.25	0.13	0.1	0.05
580	0.24	0.12	0.1	0.05
600	0.22	0.11	0.09	0.05

(c) **Job's continuous variation method:** The curves obtained by plotting the absorbance against the volume of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution at 470nm indicate a maxima at a volume of 5ml, with the mole fraction of Cu(II) to that of the ligand as 1:1, for a series of solutions in which the ratio to metal varied from 1:9 to 9:1, Fig IV 3, Table IV 3.

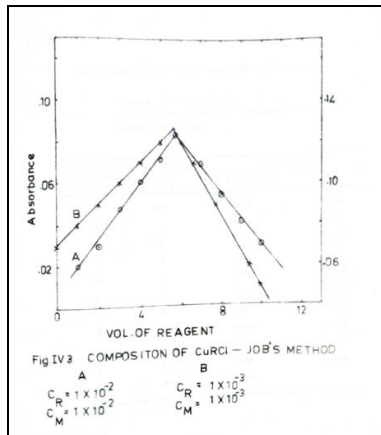


TABLE IV 3  
 COMPOSITION OF  $\text{Cu(II)}$  COMPLEX BY JOB'S METHOD

Solvent : Ethyl alcohol  
 Total volume of  $\text{Cu(II)}$  + Reagent : 10 ml.  
 Filter : 470 m  $\mu$ .

Volume of $\text{Cu(II)}$ in ml.	Volume of reagent in ml.	$C_R = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$	Absorbance	$C_M = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$
0	10		0.01	0.07
1	9		0.02	0.06
2	8		0.05	0.090
3	7		0.07	0.11
4	6		0.08	0.124
5	5		0.08	0.112
6	4		0.07	0.101
7	3		0.06	0.086
8	2		0.05	0.070
9	1		0.04	0.065
10	0		0.03	

(d) **Mole ratio method:** The linear parts of the curves obtained in this case, intersect at 1:1 value, with a sharp break, of the mole ratio of M:R, Fig IV 4, Table IV 4.

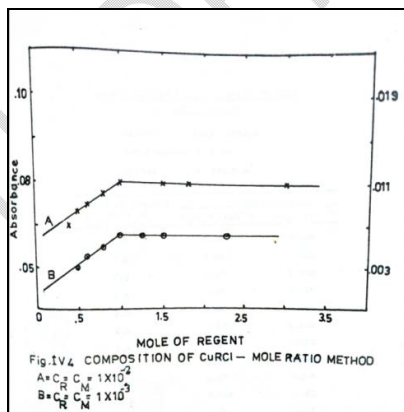


TABLE IV 4  
 COMPOSITION OF  $\text{Cu(II)}$  COMPLEX BY MOLE RATIO METHOD

Solvent : Ethyl alcohol  
 Total volume : 8 ml  
 Filter : 470 m  $\mu$

Mole of reagent per mole of $\text{Cu(II)}$	$C_R = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$	Absorbance	$C_M = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$
4.0		0.06	0.006
3.0		0.08	0.006
2.3		0.07	0.006
1.8		0.08	0.010
1.5		0.08	0.006
1.2		0.075	0.006
1.0		0.06	0.010
0.8		0.075	0.003
0.6		0.07	0.004
0.5		0.066	0.003
0.4		0.06	0.004
0.3		0.07	0.003
0.2		0.07	0.005

(e) **Conductometric titration:** Formation of the complexes with all salts reveal that Cu(II) exists in 1:1 composition in all cases except in the case of Cu(II) nitrate complex, where it is in 1:2 mole ratio, confirming the results obtained from mole ratio method and Job's continuous variation method. The species of the Cu(II) complex in solution may

probably be represented as  $[\text{CuR}^+]$  or  $[\text{CuR}+\text{X}^-]$ , where  $\text{X}^-$  stands for  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ , Fig & Tables IV 5-8.

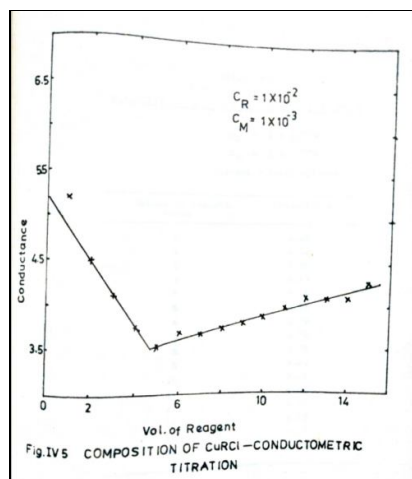


TABLE IV 5  
CONDUCTIVITY TITRATION  $\text{Cu}(\text{ONO}(\text{O}^-\text{O}^-\text{O}^-))\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{LIGAND}$

$C_R = 1 \times 10^{-2}\text{M}$   
 $C_M = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$   
Solvent = Ethyl alcohol

Volume of reagent added	Conductance
0	6.65
1	5.26
2	4.55
3	4.17
4	4.00
5	3.51
6	3.70
7	3.70
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12	4.17
13	4.17
14	4.17
15	4.35

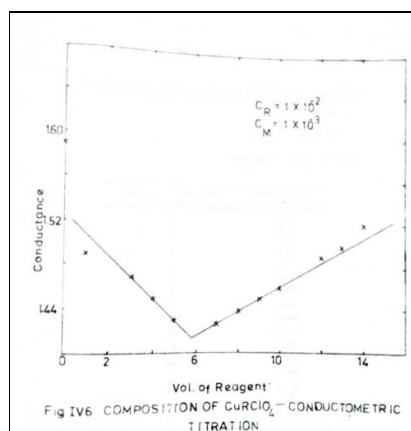


TABLE IV 6  
CONDUCTIVITY TITRATION OF  $\text{Cu}(\text{ONO}(\text{O}^-\text{O}^-\text{O}^-))_2/\text{ClO}_4^- \rightarrow \text{LIGAND}$

$C_R = 1 \times 10^{-2}\text{M}$   
 $C_M = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$   
Solvent = Ethyl alcohol

Volume of reagent added	Conductance
0	1.59
1	1.49
2	1.47
3	1.47
4	1.45
5	1.43
6	1.41
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10	1.46
11	1.49
12	1.49
13	1.50
14	1.52

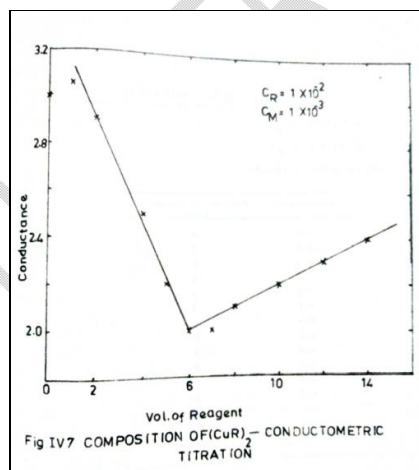


TABLE IV 7  
CONDUCTIVITY TITRATION OF  $[\text{Cu}(\text{ONO}(\text{O}^-\text{O}^-\text{O}^-))_2]_2 \rightarrow \text{LIGAND}$

$C_R = 1 \times 10^{-2}\text{M}$   
 $C_M = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$   
Solvent = Ethyl alcohol

Volume of reagent added	Conductance
0	3.0
1	2.9
2	2.9
3	2.8
4	2.5
5	2.2
6	2.0
7	2.0
8	2.1
9	2.2
10	2.2
11	2.3
12	2.3
13	2.4
14	2.4

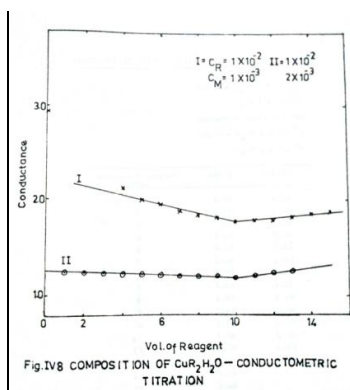


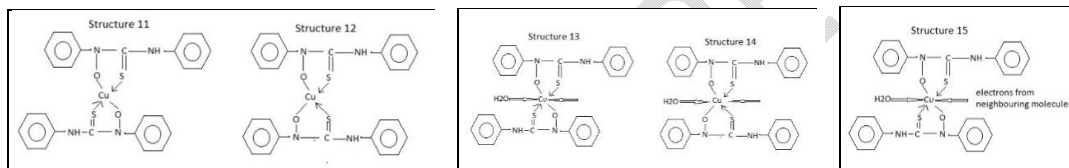
Fig. IV 8 COMPOSITION OF  $\text{CuR}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  - CONDUCTOMETRIC TITRATION

TABLE IV 8  
CONDUCTIVITY TITRATION OF  $\text{Cu}(\text{OHHDPh})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  - LIGAND

Set I =  $C_M = 1 \times 10^{-3}M$   
 $C_L = 1 \times 10^{-2}M$   
 Solvent = Ethyl Alcohol  
 Set II =  $C_M = 1 \times 10^{-2}M$   
 $C_L = 2 \times 10^{-3}M$

Volume of reagent added	Set I	Set II
0	2.94	1.26
1	2.56	1.45
2	2.36	1.64
3	2.07	1.83
4	2.13	1.82
5	2.60	1.82
6	1.97	1.81
7	1.86	1.81
8	1.85	1.80
9	1.82	1.80
10	1.78	1.89
11	1.78	1.86
12	1.78	1.82
13	1.84	1.84
14	1.85	
15	1.88	

**3.2.5.2  $\text{CuR}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex** – This brownish-green complex shows  $\mu=1.9\text{BM}$  at RT, which is in agreement with that expected for one unpaired electron,  $1.78\text{BM}$  observed for Oh Cu(II) complexes. Diffuse reflectance spectra of this complex show two peaks. A strong and sharp peak is at  $340\text{nm}$  and a broad band is noticed in the range  $900\text{-}1000\text{nm}$ . The former peak is attributed to  $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$  transition in the ligand, the broad band beginning from  $900\text{nm}$  may be due to d-d transition usually found to be present in octahedral (Oh) or distorted Oh, Cu(II) complexes and represented as shown in Structures 11,12.



However, from the IR spectra, appearance of a new strong, sharp band at  $3530\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex indicates the presence of coordinated water after the complex formation and absence of the band at  $3340\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates replacement of hydrogen in N-OH group by the metal in the complex formation. This observation is in conformity with the results thermogram of the complex showing weight loss corresponding to one molecule of water, agreeing with the proposed molecular formula  $[\text{CuR}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ . Hence it is represented as in Structures 13,14 containing a coordinated water molecule.

These structures require the presence of bands due to the coordination of the M-S of the C=S group and coordination to M-O of N-oxide group. IR spectrum of the complex did not show any change in the bands indicating that the -NH group does not participate in the complex formation. Spectra of the complex show that the bands due to  $\sqrt{\text{N-C=S}}$  have shifted slightly upwards to  $1580$  and  $1310\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively and the band due to  $\sqrt{\text{C=S}}$  is slightly shifted to  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the participation of C=S. The band at  $1230\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex, confirms the participation of N-oxide group. The new bands found in the complex at  $505\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $320\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to M-O and M-S vibrations, respectively. The IR spectrum satisfies all requirements for the distorted Oh, as indicated in the cis and trans Structures 13,14. As Oh environment of Cu(II) complex is achieved by coordination through the nitrogen atoms of the neighbouring molecules leading to the polymeric nature of the complex and so, the distorted Oh Cu(II) complex is better represented by Structure 15.

**3.2.5.3 Complexes formed from chloride, perchlorate, and acetate salts** are found to show sub-normal magnetic moment at RT, so probably polymeric or dimeric in nature, and so in agreement and conformity with the observed insoluble character of the complexes. They

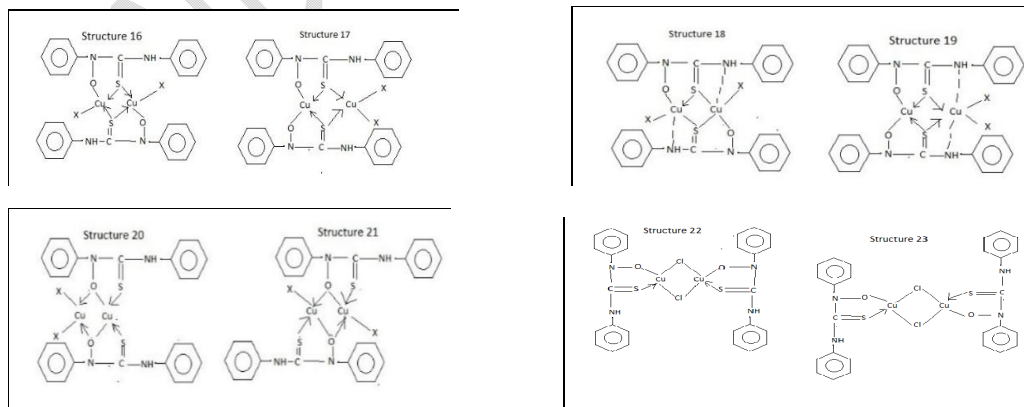
could be represented as  $(\text{CuRCl})_2$ ;  $(\text{CuRClO}_4)_2$ ; and  $(\text{CuR})_2$ . They form 1:1 complexes with the ligand with a loss of proton on complex formation, with an effective  $\mu$  around 1.4BM (within  $\pm 1\%$ ) in each case confirmed compared to  $\mu=1.7\text{BM}$ , the spin-only value expected for Cu(II) ion containing one unpaired electron. Sub normal magnetic moment is indicative of Cu-Cu interaction in the polymeric solid state. Cu(II) complexes are reported (11 and references therein) to form a large number of binuclear systems in which Cu atoms undergo antiferromagnetic interactions resulting in an abnormally low values of magnetic moment.

Binuclear Cu(II) complexes are reported to conform with Bleaney Bower's equation (32)

$$\chi_M = (N\beta^2 g^2 / 3kT) [1 + 1/3 e^{J/kT}]^{-1} + N\alpha \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

The average magnetic susceptibility per Cu ion for the Cu(II) complex in each case was computed with J, g, and  $N\alpha$  parameters. The average value of g, the gyromagnetic constant, was determined from the ESR spectra, using relation  $h\nu = g\beta H$ , where  $h$  = Planck's constant;  $\beta$  = Bohr Magneton; and  $H$  – field strength; the energy of separation between a singlet and triplet state is indicated by J. The molar magnetic susceptibility of the complexes was calculated by the best fit method using different values of J and the value of 'g' as obtained experimentally from the ESR spectra. The ESR spectra of the three Cu(II) complexes were recorded. From these spectra, the value of g, Lande's splitting factor, or spectroscopic splitting factor was evaluated. These values of 'g' for the respective complexes have been recorded in Table 4. These values could be used to theoretically calculate the molar magnetic susceptibility at any given temperature. Experimental molar magnetic susceptibilities as determined at RT agree very well with the calculated values, indicating that the results are in conformity with the Bleaney Bower's equation.

Subnormal magnetic moment, applicability of Bleaney Bower's equation suggest the occurrence of association of a  $[\text{CuRX}]$  complex molecules, where X stands for chloride or perchlorate ions, by coordination of the binding S atoms to Cu(II) ions in the adjacent molecules, as has been previously observed (45) in some of the dimeric complexes containing S bridge between Cu atoms. On the basis of the above observations, the three Cu(II) complexes have binuclear structure and represented by the probable Structures 16-23. Binuclear Structures 16-19 involve a sulfur bridges between Cu(II) atoms and postulate (46) that thioketonic S is coordinated to Cu atoms.



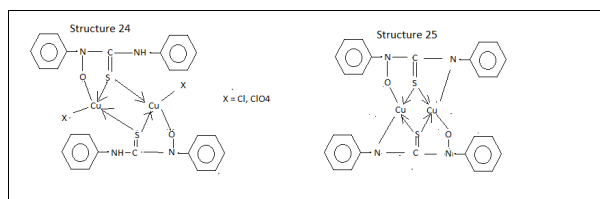
Reflectance spectrum of the light green Cu(II) complex reveals two peaks, one around 360nm and the other at 800nm with the ratio of the optical densities very nearly equal to 2, while the

green copper complex and dark-brown, exhibit two bands which are characteristic features of dimeric Cu(II) complexes. Therefore, Cu(II) complexes are considered square planar dimeric and could be represented by Structures 16, 17, 20 and 21. Structures 18, 19 are square pyramidal. Electronic and reflectance spectral bands for the five coordinate Cu(II) complexes are significantly different, they do not show strong antiferromagnetic character and do not have much depressed magnetic moment similar to the three Cu(II) complexes. Hence, Structures 18, 19 could not be assigned as probable structures to any of the green Cu dimeric complexes. Structures 20, 21 postulate the existence of O bridge between Cu atoms. The extent of subnormal magnetic moment as observed in the case of three Cu complexes does not warrant the assignment of these structures containing O bridges between copper atoms. Presence of an oxygen bridge between copper atoms would result in a super exchange phenomenon resulting in suppressed magnetic moment (11 and references therein). On the basis of these observations, these structures could not possibly be allotted to any of these Cu(II) complexes.

The green Cu(II) complex contains chlorine as a constituent and hence the dimeric structure can also be postulated with chloride (47) as a bridging atom between the two Cu atoms. The possible Structures are 22, 23. However, it has been previously reported that dimeric Cu(II) complexes containing a chloride bridges between Cu atoms do not exhibit super exchange phenomenon and suppressed magnetic moment to a marked extent as has been observed. So does not justify these structures. In view of these characteristic spectral and magnetic properties, square planar Cu(II) dimer complexes and could be represented by either of the Structures 16,17.

IR spectra of the green Cu(II) complexes and the ligand in nujol, mull, and KBr are recorded. Complete absence of the band at  $3340\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of the three copper complexes gives an additional evidence in support of the assignments and suggests that the hydrogen atom of the N-OH group is replaced by Cu atom in the formation of Cu(II) complexes. The cis and trans Structures 16, 17 contain bonded thioketone groups which have shifted to higher frequency  $1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex and the third band to have shifted to lower frequency  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These structures also require the presence of N-O, M-O, and M-S bonds. The band assigned to N-O frequency (38) has shifted to  $1230\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the two Cu(II) complexes indicating the N-O linkage to the metal atom. The new bands appearing at  $505\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $320\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the two complexes are assigned to M-O and M-S, respectively. The steric hindrance would require the trans form to be more stable and would cause stabilization.

Based on the above characteristics exhibited by the  $[\text{CuRCl}]_2$  and  $[\text{CuRClO}_4]_2$  complexes, the two Cu atoms bridged by S atoms of the ligand are binuclear and could be represented as  $[\text{CuRX}]_2$ . It satisfies all characteristics required for a four coordinate square planar binuclear Cu(II) complex which could be well represented by the trans isomer Structure 24.



**3.2.5.4 Copper(II) dark-brown acetate complex:**  $[\text{CuR}]_2$  -acetate does not remain as a constituent of the complex. Since it is highly insoluble in the most common organic solvents and exhibits sub-normal magnetic moments, indicative of its polymeric nature leads to the consideration that the dark-brown Cu(II) complex is probably dimeric and could be represented as  $[\text{CuR}]_2$  as shown in Structures 25.

It has been reported that S in thiourea complexes can form 1,2,3 coordinate bonds, i.e., itself being 2,3,4 bonded. The dark-brown Cu(II) complex represented by Structure 25 requires the presence of two coordinated S of the thioketone group and forms a bridge between Cu atoms in the complex. Presence of two coordinate S of the thioketone groups coordinating to the metal should result in the inverting of  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  frequency to a lower level as has been reported (48). Structure 25 requires that the spectra should show bands due to bonded thioketone and all relevant bands for  $\nu_{\text{N-C=S}}$  groupings. The bands of  $\nu_{\text{N-C=S}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  in the square planar dimeric Cu complex are shifted to  $1550\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1310\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This structure requires the presence of bands due to M-O and M-N and the absence of a band due to  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  frequency at  $3200$  and  $3140\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The spectra show bands at  $510\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , at  $550\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and at  $300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which could be allotted to M-O, M-N, and M-S, respectively. In view of these findings, the dark brown Cu(II) complex could be a square planar dimeric complex represented by Structure 25 which satisfactorily explains all spectral and magnetic properties indicated.

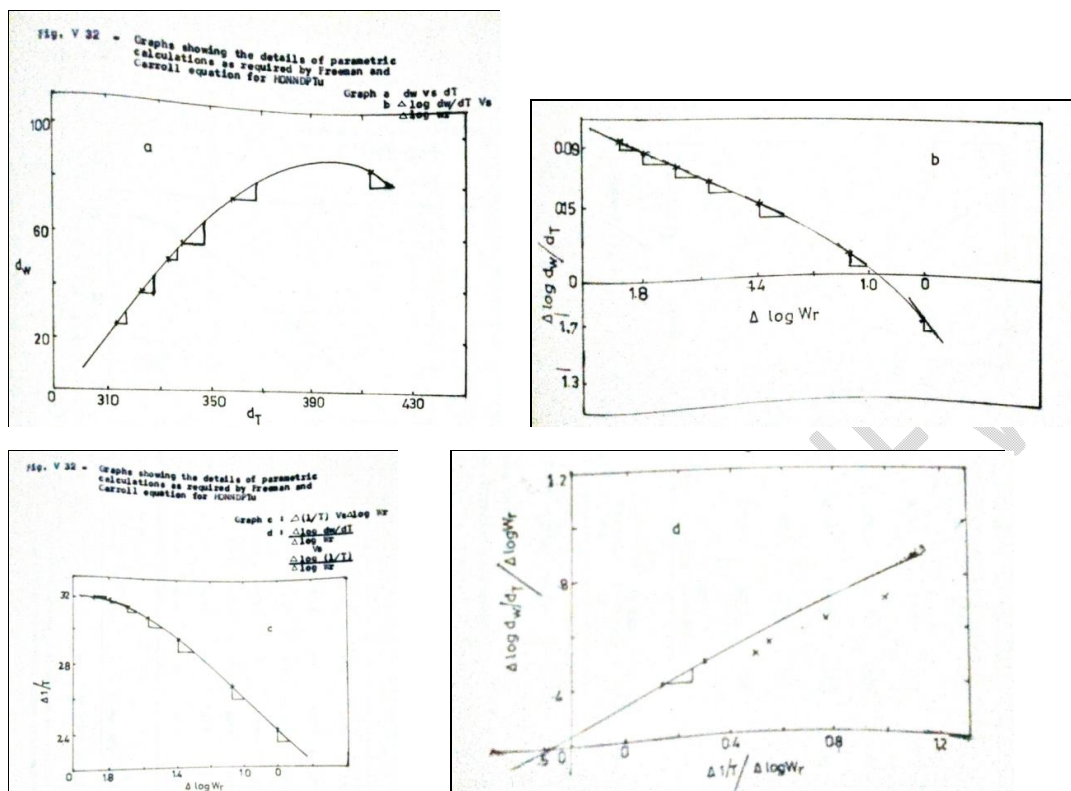
### 3.4 Thermal studies:

In the case of a mixture of calcium and magnesium carbonates, precipitated as their oxalates, the thermogram of the mixture is run (49). It is compared with the thermograms of individual oxalates and (e) estimation of kinetic parameters (activation energy E, order of reaction n, and frequency factor z) during degradation by TGA: When two or more decomposition reactions are represented by a single TGA thermogram, where the kinetic behavior is similar at different temperatures or at different heating rates, is a condition for an isokinetic process where the reaction mechanism does not change with temperature. For this purpose, w versus tr (fraction decomposed versus reduced time) plots at different heating rates can be used safely to calculate the same (11 with references therein). These calculations indicate that thermo-analytical results and techniques, both isothermal and dynamic, may under certain conditions, be used to obtain reliable kinetic data for clearly identifiable steps in thermal decomposition. Moreover, these methods may be used to study the decomposition of both single crystal and powdered samples. Thus, a study of thermal analysis for the synthesized ligand and complexes was taken up.

**3.4.1 Ligand:** Thermogram of ligand and the thermogram of [the loss in the weight calculated vs % wt loss at different stages of decomposition temperature plotted against the respective temperatures]; both indicate that ligand decomposes in two steps. The loss is the first step of decomposition in T range  $160\text{-}300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  corresponds to  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , while the remaining component corresponding to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  decomposed in  $440\text{-}560\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  range. The weight loss in the second step corresponds to a loss of water molecules,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and S which probably gets oxidized to  $\text{SO}_2$  and is lost.

Kinetic parameters such as the order of reaction (n), the activation energy  $E_a$ , in the decomposition process of ligand have been calculated by using Freeman and Carroll equation (50). The different graphical representations leading to their evaluation have been drawn, Fig

V32 a, b, c, d. The parameter values are shown in Table 5. The order of reaction for the first decomposition step is 0.35 and the activation energy is 2.3 Kcal per mole.



**Table 5: Showing coordinates of graphs required for Freeman and Carroll equation for ligand for evaluation of kinetic parameters**

$$\Delta (\log dw/dT) / \Delta \log wr = -E/2.303R [ (\Delta 1/T) / \Delta \log wr ] + n$$

wt loss dw	dT °K	Slope values dw/dT	wr = (wc-w)	$\Delta \log wr$	$\Delta \log dw/dT$	Slope values $\Delta \log dw/dT$ vs $\Delta \log wr$	$\Delta 1/T$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	Slope values $\Delta 1/T$ vs $\Delta \log wr$	E and n
12.5	313	1.25	75	1.87	0.09	0.4	31.96	0.14	2.3
25	313	1.25	62.5	1.79	0.09	0.48	31.96	0.3	0.35
37.5	323	1.2	50	1.69	0.07	0.5	30.96	0.5	
50	333	1.0	37.5	1.57	0.00	0.44	30.03	0.55	
58	338	1.15	25	1.39	0.06	0.5	29.52	0.77	
75	356	1.1	12.5	1.07	0.016	0.71	27.94	1.0	
87.5	413	0.5	0	0	1.69	1.3	24.21	1.0	

### 3.4.2 Metal complexes:

The complexes of Ni(II), Fe(II), Co(II), and four complexes of different copper(II) salts, such as chloride, perchlorate, acetate, and nitrate with ligand were subjected to thermogravimetric analysis and the thermograms details are given in Table 6.

**Table 6: Showing the thermal analysis results for metal complexes of ligand**

Complex	Wt taken	T°C at which decompositio	T°C metal	Residue obtained	Wt of residue		Metal %		Water molecule	
					Found	Expecte	Estimate	Calculat	Found	Expecte

	(mg)	n begins	residue formed	mg	d mg	d	ed	mg	d mg	
(FeR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O)	72.36	100	740	FeS	19.51	15.68	10.41	9.97	2.4	2.3
CoR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	40.75	210	470	CoSO <sub>4</sub> + CoS	45.59	42.30	20.86	20.30	3.0	2.5
(NiRCl) <sub>n</sub>	41.75	180	550	NiS	30.71	26.89	17.87	17.41	-	-
(NiR <sub>2</sub> )	41.87	180	520	NiSO <sub>4</sub>	33.11	29.06	12.56	10.80	-	-
(CuRCl) <sub>2</sub>	83.71	180	795	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	52.22	46.65	19.00	18.58	-	-
(CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	44.24	140	740	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	38.96	39.29	15.52	15.65	-	-
(CuR) <sub>2</sub>	29.89	220	780	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	56.51	52.04	20.51	20.26	-	-
(CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O)	63.62	190	770	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	28.95	28.10	11.53	11.19	2.4	2.01

From the thermograms, directly [the loss in weight due to thermal decomposition as observed at different temperatures was calculated and plotted against the respective temperatures] for each of these complexes, Table 7. The thermograms and those of [the plots of % wt loss vs T, Fig V23a, V24 a, and V25a], indicate the nature of the decompositions involved, which could be classified broadly into two categories: 1) **Successive reactions** – Ligand; CuR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O; (CuRCl)<sub>2</sub>; (NiR)<sub>2</sub>; FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O and 2) **Simultaneous reactions** - (CuR)<sub>2</sub>; (CuRClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; (NiRCl)<sub>n</sub>; CoR<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>.

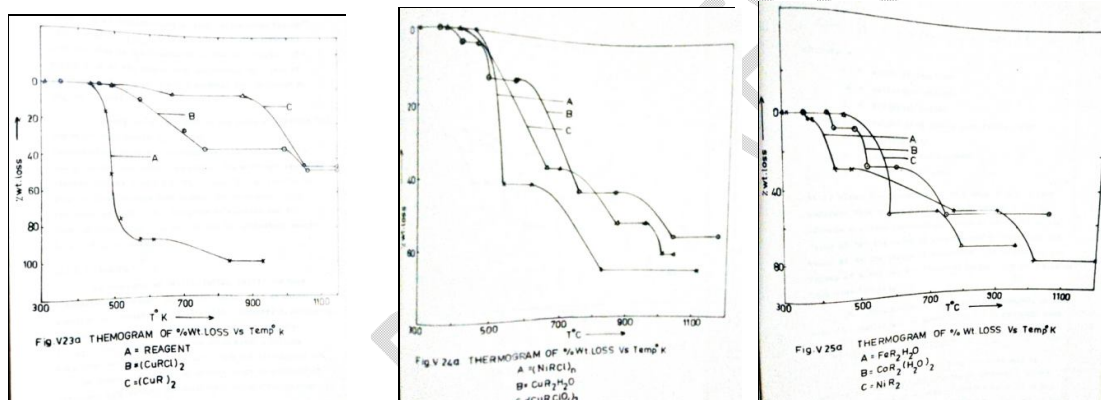


Table 7: Showing % wt. loss at different temperatures for ligand and its metal complexes

HONNDPTu	(CuRCl) <sub>2</sub>	(CuR) <sub>2</sub>	(CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O)	(CuRClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	(NiRCl) <sub>n</sub>	(NiR <sub>2</sub> )	CoR <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	(FeR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O)	
% wt loss	T <sup>0</sup> C	% wt loss	T <sup>0</sup> C	% wt loss	T <sup>0</sup> C	% wt loss	T <sup>0</sup> C	% wt loss	
0	293	0	353	0	313	0	363	0	313
0	433	0	453	0	493	0	373	0	453
12.5	473	11.95	573	3.3	663	3.4	423	36.1	653
25	473	23.89	703	3.3	673	3.4	463	36.1	693
37.5	483	35.01	763	43.49	1053	12.5	493	52	873
50	493	35.01	993	43.49	1173	12.5	563	52	953
62.5	798	47.78	1068		43.7	753	61	1013	
75	518	47.78	1173		43.7	873	61	1043	
87.5	573				55.9	1043			81
87.5	613				55.9	1173			81
100	833								
100	933								

**Evaluation of thermal parameters:** Energy of activation  $E_a$  and order of reaction  $n$ , are calculated by difference-differential method of Freeman and Carroll from the kinetic analysis of TGA data and given below:

$$-dw/dT = Z/H e^{-E/RT} (W)^n \quad (1)$$

and for a single thermogram, equation (1) takes the form

$$\Delta \log (dw/dT) = n \Delta \log W_r - (E/2.303R) \Delta 1/T \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

wherein - n = order of reaction; Ea = activation energy; Z = frequency factor; dw/dT = weight loss over a temperature range; H = heating rate; R – universal gas constant; W = total weight loss.

It is clear from equation (2) that when  $\Delta 1/T$  is kept constant, then a plot of  $\Delta \log dw/dT$  versus  $\Delta \log W_r$  affords a linear relationship, the slope of which yields the value of ‘n’ the order of reaction and the intercept value of Ea, the energy of activation. By determining the value of n and Ea, the frequency factor Z can be evaluated from equation (1).

In actual practice, for a single thermogram, another form of equation (2) as given below (3) is generally used.

$$(\Delta \log dw/dT) / (\Delta \log W_r) = -E/(2.303R) \times \Delta (1/T) / (\Delta \log W_r) \quad (3)$$

From equation (3), a plot of left-hand side of equation (3) versus  $\Delta 1/T / \Delta \log W_r$  provides a linear relationship whose slope will afford the value of Ea and whose intercept on X axis the value of n. Thus, the values of kinetic parameters Ea and n were evaluated for the ligand and four complexes in which the decompositions are found to follow successive reactions.

**The method of evaluation of activation energy and order of reaction is given as follows:**

First graph ‘a’ was plotted as dw versus dT, where dw is the loss in weight at any number of suitable arbitrary units of the decomposition step and dT is the T in K at that weight loss. The slope values were taken at each point thus plotted. Then the logarithm of slope values, i.e.,  $\Delta \log dw/dT$ , was plotted against the logarithm values of  $W_r$  at each point in the graph ‘b’. The slope values were evaluated for these points. The graph ‘c’ was obtained by plotting  $\Delta 1/T$  versus  $\Delta \log W_r$ . This gives the slope values obtained at each point. The slope values of graph ‘b’ versus the slope values of graph ‘c’ were plotted in graph ‘d’ to give a linear relationship. The slope value of this graph is used to calculate the Ea and the intercept on the ‘X’ axis gives the order of reaction. In this way, Ea values, the order of the reaction, and the frequency factors were evaluated in the case of the ligand and the four complexes under successive types of reactions mentioned above. The respective values of dw, dT,  $\Delta \log W_r$ ,  $(\Delta \log dw/dT) / (\Delta \log W_r)$ ,  $\Delta (1/T)$ ,  $\Delta (1/T) / \Delta \log W_r$  and the values of Ea and n are given in Tables 5 for ligand and Tables 8-11 for metal complexes, graphs were constructed for all the complexes also similar to the ones given for ligand in Fig V 32 a, b, c, d.

**Table 8: Showing coordinates of graphs required for Freeman and Carroll equation for [CuRCl]2 complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters**

$$\Delta (\log dw/dT) / \Delta \log w_r = - E/2.303R [ (\Delta 1/T) / \Delta \log w_r ] + n$$

wt loss dw	dT °K	Slope values dw/dT	wr (wc-w)	= $\Delta \log w_r$	$\Delta \log dw/dT$	Slope values $\Delta \log dw/dT$ vs $\Delta \log w_r$	$\Delta 1/T$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	Slope values $\Delta 1/T$ vs $\Delta \log w_r$	E and n
0	273	0.8	35	1.54	1.90	0.14	36.63	2	1.831
3.5	320	0.6	32	1.50	1.77	0.14	31.25	1.5	0.4

9.0	370	0.6	23	1.36	1.77	0.16	27.03	1.3
13	420	0.75	17.5	1.24	1.87	0.5	23.87	1.0
17.5	470	1.0	13	1.11	0.00	1.4	21.27	0.66
23	520	1.0	9.0	0.95	0.00	6	19.23	0.66
32	570	1.66	3.5	0.54	0.22	0.8	17.54	0.4
35	583	1.45	0	0.00	0.16	-	17.15	-

**Table 9: Showing coordinates of graphs required for Freeman and Carroll equation for [CuR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O] complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters**

$$\Delta (\log dw/dT) / \Delta \log wr = -E/2.303R [ (\Delta 1/T) / \Delta \log wr ] + n$$

wt loss dw	dT °K	Slope values dw/dT	wr (wc-w)	= Δlog wr	Δlog dw/dT	Slope values Δlog dw/dT vs Δlog wr	Δ 1/T (x10 <sup>-4</sup> )	Slope values 1/T vs Δlog wr	Δ E Kcal/mole	and n
12.5	273	1.4	29	1.46	0.14	-	36.63	3	1.51	
15	310	1.4	20	1.30	0.14	1.0	32.25	1.0	0.1	
20	360	1.5	15	1.17	0.17	1.0	28.43	0.8		
29	410	2.3	12.5	1.09	0.36	1.1	24.39	0.7		
43.7	453	2.3	0	0	0.36	2	22.59	0.6		

**Table 10: Showing coordinates of graphs required for Freeman and Carroll equation for [NiR<sub>2</sub>] complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters**

$$\Delta (\log dw/dT) / \Delta \log wr = -E/2.303R [ (\Delta 1/T) / \Delta \log wr ] + n$$

wt loss dw	dT °K	Slope values dw/dT	wr (wc-w)	= Δlog wr	Δlog dw/dT	Slope values Δlog dw/dT vs Δlog wr	Δ 1/T (x10 <sup>-4</sup> )	Slope values 1/T vs Δlog wr	Δ E Kcal/mole	and n
0	273	1.16	52.5	1.72	0.06	0.25	36.63	5	2.3	
5	295	1.16	50	1.69	0.06	0.37	33.96	1.0	0.65	
27	320	1.0	42	1.62	0.00	0.12	31.25	1.0		
42	345	0.83	27	1.43	1.90	0.33	28.98	0.4		
50	370	0.43	5	0.69	1.60	0.6	27.03	0.1		
52.5	393	0.12	0	0.00	1.07	0.8	25.45	0.16		

**Table 11: Showing coordinates of graphs required for Freeman and Carroll equation for**

$$\Delta (\log dw/dT) / \Delta \log wr = -E/2.303R [ (\Delta 1/T) / \Delta \log wr ] + n$$

<b>1<sup>st</sup> decomposition step of [FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O] complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters</b>										
wt loss dw	dT °K	Slope values dw/dT	wr (wc-w)	= Δlog wr	Δlog dw/dT	Slope values Δlog dw/dT vs Δlog wr	Δ 1/T (x10 <sup>-4</sup> )	Slope values 1/T vs Δlog wr	Δ E Kcal/mole	and n
0	273	1.5	24	1.38	0.17	1.25	36.63	-	2.75	
4	285	1.8	20	1.30	0.25	0.8	35.10	0.62	0.14	
8	295	2	16	1.20	0.30	0.57	33.90	0.75		
12	305	1.8	12	1.07	0.25	0.3	32.78	0.57		
16	315	1.8	8	0.9	0.25	0.14	31.75	0.43		
20	325	2	4	0.6	0.30	0.2	30.77	0.25		
24	333	1.5	0	0	0.17	-	30.03	-		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> decomposition step of [FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O] complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters</b>										
0	273	-	52	1.71	-	-	36.63	-	4.575	
29	300	0.4	50	1.69	1.60	2.6	33.26	5	0.15	
31	350	0.6	45	1.65	1.77	1.0	28.57	1.66		
35	400	0.8	40	1.60	1.90	0.66	25.00	1.25		

40	450	0.8	35	1.54	1.90	0.4	22.22	1.25
45	500	0.8	31	1.49	1.90	0.4	20.00	1.00
50	550	1.0	29	1.46	0.00	0.33	18.18	1.00
52	573	1.6	0	0	0.20	-	17.45	-
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> decomposition step of [FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O] complex for evaluation of kinetic parameters</b>								
0	273	0.3	82	1.91	1.47	1.25	36.63	3.5
53	300	0.6	78	1.89	1.77	1.33	33.26	2.5
57	325	0.42	70	1.84	1.62	2.5	30.77	1.0
63	350	1.0	63	1.79	0.00	4.5	28.57	0.75
70	355	0.83	57	1.75	1.91	6	28.17	0.6
78	380	0.83	53	1.72	1.91	-	26.13	0.25
82	393	0.8	0	0	1.90	-	25.45	-

### Thermal behavior of individual complexes is discussed below:

Thermogram of the ligand that it decomposes in two steps. The loss in the first step in the temperature range 160-300 °C corresponds to C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, while the remaining component corresponding to H<sub>2</sub>S decomposes in 400-500 °C range. The weight loss in this step corresponds to water and sulfur probably oxidises and is lost as SO<sub>2</sub>. The energy of activation and the order of reaction of the first step have been calculated and are found to be 2.3 Kcal/mole and 0.35 Kcal/mole respectively.

In the case of four complexes decomposing simultaneously, the decomposition is found to be continuous over the temperature range 140-780 °C. Freeman and Carroll equation is not applicable for such reactions. A small deflection in each of the thermograms in the temperature range 400-700 °C corresponds to the decomposition range of thio keto group as is also found in the thermograms representing successive reactions.

The complexes (CuRCl)<sub>2</sub> and (NiR)<sub>2</sub> decompose in two steps as given in Table 12. In each case, the first step of decomposition corresponds to the loss of the organic molecules and the second step corresponds to the decomposition of the thioketo groups. Since the decomposition steps involved are of the successive type which are reported (51) to be of first order. The losses in weights, experimentally found and theoretically calculated, at each of the decomposition steps are in good agreement. The weight of the residue corresponds to CuSO<sub>4</sub>, on the basis of which the molecular formula of the green Cu(II) chloride complex is represented as (CuRCl)<sub>2</sub> is confirmed. The residue corresponds to NiSO<sub>4</sub> and weight of the residue in consideration of the losses involved in the decomposition steps confirms to the molecular formula of the nickel complex (NiR<sub>2</sub>) in conformity with the analytical data.

**Table 12: Showing the stepwise decomposition of successive reactions**

Compound	Step	Temperature range °C	% wt loss		Corresponding to loss of	n	E Kcal/mole
			Calcd	Found			
HONNDPTu ligand	1	160-300	72.47	73	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	0.35	2.3
	2	440-560	-	-	H <sub>2</sub> S decomposing to H <sub>2</sub> O and Sulfur to SO <sub>2</sub>	-	-
[CuRCl] <sub>2</sub> Green	1	180-490	37.13	38.22	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO	0.4	1.83
	2	720-795	14.88	15.68	Thioketo group	0.6	-
[CuR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O] Brownish-green	1	100-150	2.02	2.40	One water molecule	-	-
	2	190-290	10.9	10.8	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	0.1	1.5
	3	290-480	35.5	34.38	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> and two =NH groups	-	-
	4	600-700	20.28	21.58	Thioketo group	-	-

[NiR <sub>2</sub> ]	1	180-300	52.87	52.59	(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	0.6	5.0
Lustrous reddish brown	2	440-520	31.9	30.19	=N-C=NH & Thioketo	-	-
[FeR <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O]	1	80-90	3.21	3.31	One water molecule	-	-
Puce or purplish-brown	2	100-160	25.28	25.73	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -N=O and (-NH) <sub>2</sub> grps	0.1	2.75
	3	200-500	32.33	32.33	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -N=O	0.1	4.58
	4	620-740	62.0	61.4	Thioketo C=S	0.75	4.58

The complexes CuR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O and FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O are found to decompose in four steps, the first step corresponding to the loss of water molecules, the second and the third step corresponding to the decomposition of organic components in part while the fourth step corresponds to the decomposition of thioketo group. The parameters “Ea” and “n” the order of reaction in one of these steps have been calculated as given in Table 12. The residue corresponds to CuSO<sub>4</sub> and the weight of the residue is in conformity with the molecular formula (CuR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O). The overall value of order of the reaction is unity in conformity with the character of successive reaction. The respective energies of activation have been evaluated and shown in column VI. The residue corresponds to FeS, which confirms the molecular formula of the Fe(II) complex (FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O) in agreement with the analytical data.

The experimental and theoretical losses in weight at different steps of decomposition in the case of these four complexes have been calculated and tabulated in Tables 5, 8-11. In the case of complexes (CuR)<sub>2</sub>, (CuRClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NiRCl)<sub>n</sub>, and CoR<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, the decomposition is found to be continuous over the t range from 140-780 °C. Freeman and Carroll equation is not applicable to calculate any of the kinetic parameters in decompositions involving simultaneous types of reactions. However, from the nature of the thermograms it is noticed that in each of these thermograms there is a small inflection n, within the T range 600-700 deg C which corresponds to T range in which thioketo group is found to decompose in the case of thermograms representing successive reactions.

The final product of the decomposition of the complexes were found to be either a sulphide or an oxidation product of the complex, a sulphate. The residue in the case of Cu(II) and (NiR)<sub>2</sub> complexes was CuSO<sub>4</sub> and NiSO<sub>4</sub> respectively, that of (NiRCl)<sub>n</sub> and FeR<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O complexes NiS and FeS respectively while the residue of CoR<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> complex is a mixture of CoSO<sub>4</sub> and CoS in 1:1 molar proportion.

By considering the weights of residues in each case and the weight losses involved, the molecular formula was back calculated, which was found to correspond exactly in agreement with the molecular formula arrived based on chemical analysis.

The Ni(II) complex Structure 6 satisfies the polymeric character of the complex as is inferred from the insoluble nature of the Ni(II) complex in the most common organic solvents and water.

TG study also confirms the molecular formula [NiRCl] and that the nature of the thermogram shows that the decomposition reaction of Ni(II) complex to be of simultaneous nature leading to NiS as the residue. On the basis of the above evidence, the green Ni(II) complex is a Td Ni(II) complex and the polymeric nature may perhaps infer M-M interaction in the polymeric form and is best represented by the Structure 6 which satisfactorily explains all observed characteristic features of the complex.

#### 4 CONCLUSION:

N-(hydroxyl)-N,N-diphenyl thiourea reacts with Ni(II) chloride and Co(II) chloride to form reddish-brown complexes, puce colored Fe(II) complex and could be represented as  $[MR_2]$ .

Nickel forms two complexes with ligand. Green nickel (II) complex represents  $[NiRCl]_n$ , it is insoluble in the most common organic solvents and water, with  $\mu = 4.4\text{BM}$  at RT. Based on the magnetic data, diffuse reflectance spectra, and IR spectral data, it is concluded that this is polymeric tetrahedral as in Structure 8. The other Ni(II) which is represented as  $[NiR_2]$  is lustrous reddish-brown in colour and is found to be diamagnetic, and is characterized as a square-planar Ni(II) complex represented in Structure 9. Red-brown Co(II) complex is represented as  $[CoR_2(H_2O)_2]$ , is a high-spin complex and has a  $\mu = 5.8\text{ BM}$ . The diffuse reflectance spectral band observed at 680nm is indicative of the octahedral nature of the complex, thermal data confirming presence of two water molecules, as in Structure 6. Puce colored Fe(II) complex is paramagnetic with  $\mu = 6.3\text{BM}$  suggesting it to be Oh coordinated to the ligand as in Structure 4.

The solubility data indicate that the complexes formed from Cu(II) chloride, Cu(II) perchlorate, Cu(II) acetate, and Ni(II) chloride are very sparingly soluble in the most common organic solvents and water, indicating the polymeric nature of the complexes. The complexes formed from Cu(II) nitrate, Ni(II) chloride, Co(II) chloride are fairly soluble in chloroform, while the complex formed from Fe(II) sulfate decomposes in hydroxyl solvents and water.

Cu(II) salts are formed around pH 7.5, are green, light-green, and brownish-green formulated as  $[MRX]$  and  $[MR_2H_2O]$  where M is Cu(II), R is the ligand with a loss of a proton, while X may be chloride or perchlorate. The brownish-green complex formed from  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  is characterized as a distorted octahedral complex, the dark brown complex formed with copper (II) acetate is dimeric square-planar with nitrogen coordination.

Green, dark-brown and light green complexes formed with Cu(II) exhibited sub-normal magnetic moments, a characteristic property exhibited by dimeric copper(II) complexes with sulfur bridging between copper atoms. Abnormally low value of the magnetic moment compared to that expected for one unpaired electron is probably due to Cu-Cu interaction in the solid complex indicating the polymeric nature of these complexes. They were found to agree with Bleaney-Bower's equation at room temperature and the magnetic moment values experimentally determined well fit with the theoretical values calculated. These could be represented as square-planar complexes with trans structures, Structure 24. Brownish-green complex has  $\mu = 1.9\text{BM}$ , indicating it to be probably an Oh or distorted Oh structure for the Cu(II) complex, Structure 25.

All complexes and the ligand were subjected to thermal degradation. The decomposition curves were obtained as dynamic curves with a linear increase of temperature with a heating rate of  $6\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . The % weight loss is calculated at each step and it is observed that in all complexes thioketo group is lost at very high temperatures. Metal estimations were back calculated and the residues established confirmed with the analytical data and gravimetric metal estimations. They were all broadly classified into two categories, four of successive and four of simultaneous type of reactions. Thermal decomposition properties are discussed in detail in the light of Freeman and Carroll equations. This difference-differential method was utilized for evaluating the kinetic parameters like order of reaction and energy of

activation, obtained from the plots of linear graphs drawn at various stages of decomposition in successive reactions, all results are discussed and tabulated.

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