

**Table1. Analytical data of the Ligands.**

Ligand	Molecular Formula	Formula Weight	Color and nature	Elemental Analysis				
				C% found (Cal.)	H% Found (Cal.)	N% Found (Cal.)	Cl% Found (Cal.)	S% Found (Cal.)
HCAT	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ N ₂ O ₂ SCl	344.6	Yellow Crystalline	59.38 (59.19)	03.70 (03.77)	08.5 (08.12)	10.11 (10.30)	09.22 (09.31)

Preparation of Complexes:

All the metal complexes were prepared in a similar way by following method. To a hot solution of ligand HCAT (0.02M) in 25ml of ethanol a suspension of respective metal salts was added drop wise with constant stirring. The reaction mixture was in microwave oven for 4-6h. The precipitated complexes were filtered, washed with ethanol followed by ether

and dried over fused calcium chloride. Yield: 45-50%. The complexes are soluble in DMSO and DMF but insoluble in water and common organic solvents. The metal chloride content of complexes were analyzed by standard methods¹¹ The molecular weights of the complexes were determined by Rast method are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Analytical data and molar conductance of the compounds.

Compounds	Colour	Mol.wt.	Analysis % Found (calc.)					μ_{eff} B.M.	$\Lambda^{\circ}\text{M}$ ($\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$)
			M	C	H	N	Cl		
[CoL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	Brown	800.1	7.25 (7.36)	50.86 (50.99)	3.65 (3.74)	6.86 (6.99)	8.70 (8.87)	4.48	6.9
[NiL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	Green	799.9	7.30 (7.33)	50.78 (51.00)	3.68 (3.75)	6.95 (7.00)	8.72 (8.87)	3.2	7.9
[CuL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	Brown	804.7	7.70 (7.89)	50.60 (50.70)	3.65 (3.72)	6.82 (6.95)	8.72 (8.82)	1.70	8.3

3. Results and Discussion

The Schiff base ligand HCAT and its complexes have been characterized on the basis of ¹H NMR, IR spectral data, elemental analysis, molar conductance, magnetic susceptibility measurements and thermogravimetric analysis data. All these values and analytical data is consistent with proposed molecular formula of ligand. All the compounds are coloured solid and stable in air. They are insoluble in water but soluble in coordinating solvents like DMF and DMSO. The molar conductance values in DMF (10⁻³M)

solution at room temperature (Table 2) shows all the complexes are non electrolytes¹¹

The ¹H NMR spectra of ligand HCAT shows signals at δ 12.09, (1H, s phenolic OH), δ 9.51 (1H, s, phenolic OH), δ 7.55, 7.54, 7.53 and 7.52 (4H, m, phenyl) δ 6.81, 6.80, and 6.78(3H, s Phenyl), 6.68 (1H s thiophene), and 2.56(3H, s, methyl)¹²⁻¹⁵ IR spectra of ligand and metal complexes shows $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ peaks at 1620cm⁻¹ and absence of C=O peak at around 1700–1750 cm⁻¹ indicates the Schiff base formation.¹⁶⁻¹⁹ IR spectra of complexes are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. IR spectra of ligand and metal complexes.

Compound	ν (O-H) hydrogen bonded	ν (C=N) imine	ν (C-O) phenolic	ν (M-O)	ν (M-N)	ν (C-S)
HCAT	3119	1620	1514	--	--	1122
[CoL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	--	1608	1504	470	430	1098
[NiL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	--	1585	1465	468	422	1090
[CuL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	--	1610	1504	509	410	1110

Thermogravimetric studies:

An analysis of TG curves of HCAT and its metal complexes show that the Co(II), Ni(II), and Cu(II), complexes decomposed in three stages, the ligand. The Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II), complexes are stable upto 70°C. Elimination of one water molecule from Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) complexes upto 130°C have been observed (%wt loss obs./calcd. Co(II) : 2.44/2.24; Ni(II) : 2.56/2.25; Cu(II) : 2.46/2.23; complexes. In the Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) complexes there is further loss in weight upto 220°C indicating the presence of two

coordinated water molecule in each complex Co(II) : 4.57/4.49; Ni(II) : 4.59/4.50; Cu(II) : 4.58/4.47; ²⁰ In the thermograms of ligand, Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) complexes. The half decomposition temperature and the basic parameter calculated for the compounds are tabulated in Table 4. The relative thermal stability on the basis of half decomposition temperature is found to be Cu(II)>Co(II)>Ni(II)>HCAT

The Thermal activation energy (Table 4) was calculated by Freeman-Carroll,²² Horowitz-metzger²³ and Broido²⁴ method

Table 4: Thermal decomposition data of the complexes of HCAT

Compound	Half Decomposition Temperature (°C)	Activation Energy (kJ mole ⁻¹)			Frequency Factor Z (sec ⁻¹)	Entropy Change -ΔS (J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	Free Energy Change ΔF (kJ mol ⁻¹)
		B*	H-M**	F-C***			
HCAT (LH)	260.51	3.27	5.45	4.36	87.25	212.55	117.75
[CoL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	433.50	5.73	9.55	9.55	191.11	208.24	156.67
[NiL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	384.17	4.13	8.26	3.30	66.03	216.60	145.64
[CuL ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] H ₂ O	494.86	11.28	11.28	10.16	203.31	208.54	170.28

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4. Conclusion

The thermal decomposition in three stage decomposition. It is assumed that dehydration of the complexes containing water occurs

within an active reaction interface. The compensation effect of thermal decomposition of the complexes indicating the change of sample mass.

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