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**ABSTRACT**

The FTIR and Raman spectra of the ligand salicylidene-2-amino thiophenol (SATP) in the wave number range 4000–200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are measured and assigned in terms of a C<sub>s</sub> symmetry. The results indicate that SATP exhibits a zwitter ion structure of trans configuration in the ground solid state formed via proton transfer from the thiol group (-SH) to the imine group (-CH=N-). SATP complexes with Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) ions are also synthesized and their structure are determined by elemental analysis, conductometric measurements, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), UV-Visible and FTIR spectra. The complexes are found to have the formula

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(ML·H<sub>2</sub>O) for Cu(II) and Ni(II) ions and (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[(Co)<sub>2</sub>L(OH)<sub>4</sub>] for Co(II) ion.

*Key Words:* FTIR; Raman; Salicylidene-2-amino thio-phenol; Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes

## INTRODUCTION

Due to its photochromic and thermochromic properties, the ligand salicylidene aniline (SA) was extensively studied<sup>1-3</sup>. The protonated form of this compound was created in a strong hydrogen bonding environment. The resulting protonated form was found to exhibit the zwitter ion structure<sup>2-4</sup> using IR, Raman and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy<sup>2-4</sup>. It was also stated that irradiation of (SA) induce a proton transfer forming a zwitter ion structure<sup>2</sup> or a transquinoid structure<sup>3</sup>.

Recently, the ligand SATP complexes with Ce(IV) ion were synthesized and characterized<sup>5</sup>. It was found that SATP acts as a bidentate anion with tridentate ONS donors derived from the phenolic oxygen, azomethine nitrogen and the thiophenolic sulfur<sup>5</sup>.

We have previously analyzed the vibrational spectra of o-hydroxy benzylidene aniline (OHBZA), and its Cu(II) and Ni(II) complexes<sup>6</sup>. The results indicated that coordination occurs via the nitrogen atom of the imine group (-CH=N-) and the two (O-Ph) groups<sup>6a</sup>.

In this report, the ligand (SATP), a Schiff base which is analogous to (OHBZA) but exhibiting a thiol group (-SH) has been analyzed using UV-Visible, FTIR and Raman spectroscopic methods. Its complexes with Cu (II), Ni(II) and Co(II) ions are also synthesized and characterized using UV/Visible, elemental analysis, FTIR spectra, TGA, and conductometric measurements in order to gain more information about the sites of coordination and the possibility of proton transfer for these types of compounds<sup>1-3</sup>.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The ligand SATP has been purchased from TCI-ACE Japan and used without further purification. The complexes Cu(II)SATP, Ni(II)SATP and Co(II)SATP are synthesized as previously given for OHBZA complexes but NH<sub>4</sub>OH is used instead of NaOH<sup>6</sup>. The electronic spectra are measured in CH<sub>3</sub>OH solvent using the unicam UV/2 spectrophotometer. The FTIR spectra are measured as KBr pellets on the Mattson 1000 FT

spectrophotometer. The Raman spectra of SATP are measured in the solid phase and in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solvent on a dilor-Spex spectrophotometer using the laser line  $\lambda = 647.12 \text{ nm}$  of a  $\text{Kr}^+$  ion Laser (LASIR, Lille, France).

The elemental analysis was performed using the Perkin-Elmer 2400 apparatus. The conductometric measurements in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  at ca.  $10^{-3} \text{ M}$  were carried at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  out using the HI9032 microprocessor conductivity meter with the HI76830w probe and the HI766912w temperature probe. The conductometer was calibrated against different calibration solutions before measurements. Magnetic measurements were done using the Guoy method. Diamagnetic corrections were carried out using Pascal' constants. The Guoy tube was calibrated using  $\text{Hg}[\text{Co}(\text{SCN})_4]$  compound.

The thermal analysis of NiSATP was done on a Shimadzu analyzer with A TGA-50H detector in nitrogen atmosphere in the temperature range  $50\text{--}1000^\circ\text{C}$  (heating rate  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min.}$ ).

## RESULTS

The analytical data of the ligand and its Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes are given in Table 1. The Raman spectra of SATP is shown in Fig. 1. The IR spectra is shown in Fig. 2. The attribution of SATP and its Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes abbreviated as CuSATP, NiSATP and CoSATP is collected in Table 2.

The ligand vibrations are represented as  $\Gamma_{\text{vib.}} = 49\text{A}' + 23\text{A}''$  in terms of a  $\text{C}_s$  symmetry<sup>6</sup>. The elemental analysis indicate that the three complexes have the formula  $(\text{ML}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O})$  for Cu(II) and Ni(II) ions, and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2 [(\text{Co})_2\text{L}(\text{OH})_4^-]$  for the Co(II) ion (Table 1). The conductivity data

**Table 1.** Analytical Data of SATP, CuSATP, NiSATP, and CoSATP

The Compound	The Color	M.P.	%Calc. (found)			
			C	H	N	$\mu\text{scm}^{-1}$
SATP	Yellow	128.2 °C	67.3 (66.91)	04.80 (4.75)	6.30 (6.21)	—
CuSATP	Dark	Decomposes	50.55	3.59	4.54	6.2
		$> 350^\circ\text{C}$	(50.63)	(3.35)	(4.89)	
NiSATP	Brown	252 °C	53.68 (52.87)	3.12 (3.45)	4.80 (4.89)	4.3
		Decomposes	34.75 (35.89)	4.71 (4.40)	9.35 (9.74)	36
CoSATP	Dark	$> 350^\circ\text{C}$				

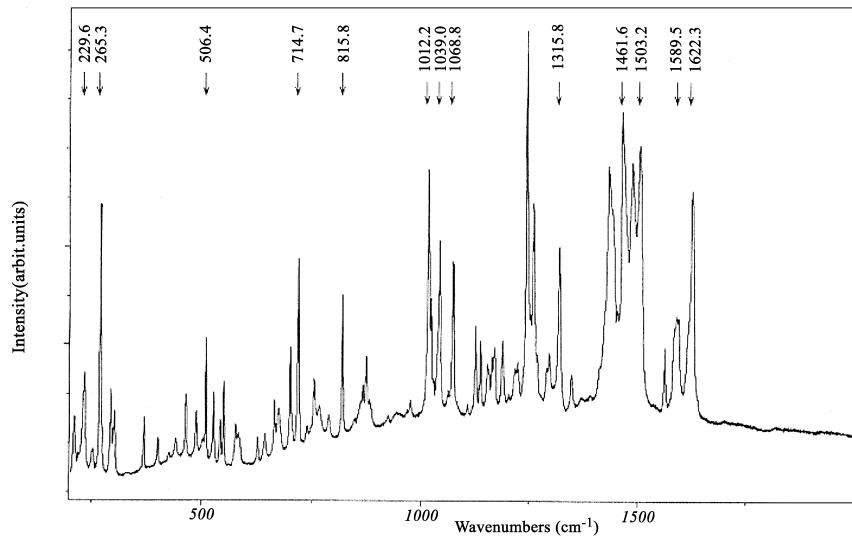


Figure 1. Raman spectra of SATP.

indicates that the two complexes of Cu(II) and Ni(II) ions are neutral and the Co(II) complex is a weak electrolyte (Table 1). The TGA analysis indicates that the NiSATP contains one water molecule and was correlated as a water of coordination. The decomposition steps are comparable to

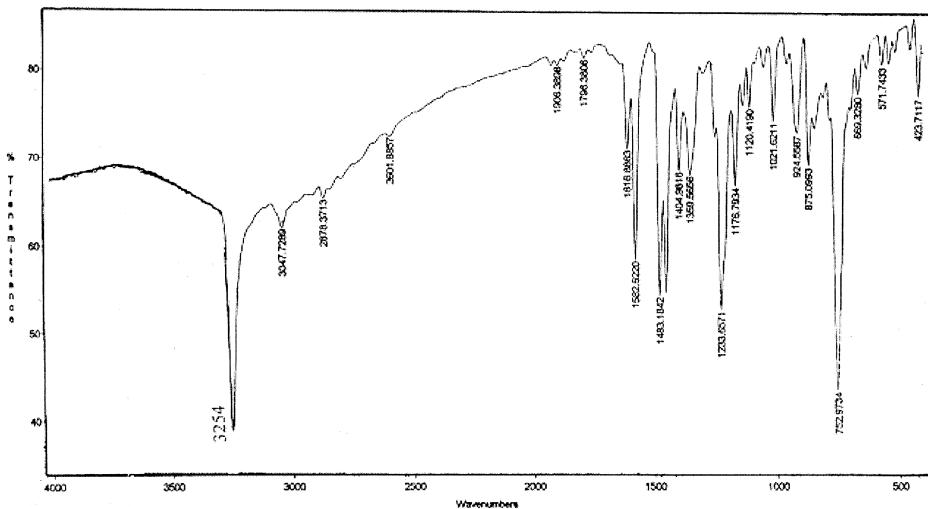


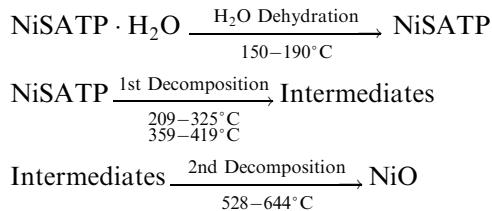
Figure 2. IR spectra of SATP.

**Table 2.** FTIR and Raman Spectra of SATP and FTIR Spectra of CuSATP, NiSATP, and CoSATP Assignment\*

SATP(IR)	(SATP)Raman	CuSATP(IR)	NiSATP(IR)	CoSATP	Assignment
3258 s	3258 w	3435 m,br	3435 m,br		vOH
				3130 s,br	vN <sup>+</sup> H
1619 m	1625 s	1611 vs	1611 vs	1607 vs	v(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>
1587 s	1588 m,br			1581 m	vC=N
	1562 s		1583 w		δN <sup>+</sup> H
		1530 s	1534 s	1526 s	8a
1487 s	1462 s	1458 s	1464 s		19b(ringA)
1445 s	1432 s	1437 s	1443 m	1445 m	19a(ringB)
				1406 vs	δ (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>
1408 m		1387 m	1379 m		vN-Ph
1364 m	1345 w				δOH
1330 w	1317 m	1336 m	1334 w	1326 m,br	14
1240 s	1257 s	1256 m	1290 w	1252 vw	7a(v C-O)
1223 s	1242 vs	1234 m	1233 m	1234 vw	13 (vC-Ph)
1182 m	1185 w	1178 m	1177 m	1180 m	9a(ringB)
1143 w	1167 w	1152 m	1152 s	1148 m	18a(ringB)
1118 w	1134 w	1123 w	1128 m		18a(ringA)
1093 vw	1114 w				
1078 vw	1069 m	1072 w	1080 vw		
1028 m	1020 m	1034 w	1044 w		18b(ringB)
	1012 s				
974 m		928 w	932 w	928 w	17b
929 m,br					γN <sup>+</sup> H
882 m	871 vw	857 w	850 w	848 vw	γCH
860 m	864 vw	806 w	812 w		
832 m	816 m	806 w	812 w	815 vw	17a,12
758 s	751 w	755 s	747 s	750 s	11
705 m	715 s	706 w	710 m	734 w	1
678 w	698				
624 w	623 w				
578 w	573 w	554 w	561 m	554 m	6b, vM-O
537 w	537 w	529 vw	541 vw	546 vw	δCCN
525 w	522 w				γOH
		472 m	469 m		vM-N
452 w	448 w	460 w	454 w	464 vw	6b
427 m	437 w	425 vw	426 w	410	9b

\*V: very, s: strong, w: weak, m: medium.

those previously given for Ce(IV)SATP complex<sup>5</sup> and can be described in the following steps.



The synthesis of the complexes can be explained according to the following Scheme:

- $2\text{CoCl}_2 + 4 \text{NH}_4 \text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{L} = (\text{NH}_4)_2[(\text{Co})_2\text{L}(\text{OH})_4] + 2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + 2\text{HCl}$
- $\text{MCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{L} + 2 \text{NH}_4 \text{OH} = \text{ML} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

## DISCUSSION

### The Vibrational Spectra of SATP, CuSATP, NiSATP, and CoSATP Complexes

The infrared spectra (IR) of the ligand SATP shows a strong sharp band at  $3258 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The thiol group stretch SH expected at ca.  $2500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is absent. The  $3258 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  should represent the stretching mode ( $\text{vN}^+\text{H}$ , which is expected in this region<sup>7-9</sup>). The corresponding Raman line was observed at  $3255 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  with weak intensity, this band was not observed for OHBZA<sup>6</sup>. This assignment is analogous to that given for diphenyl ketimine ( $C_6H_5)_2\text{C}=\text{NH}$  where  $\text{vN}^+\text{H}$  was localized at  $3265 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $\text{vN}^+\text{H}$  mode was also found at  $3265 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for semisalt of trans- $\alpha$ -di pyridyl ethylene at  $3250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ <sup>17</sup>. The  $\text{vN}^+\text{H}$  was also found for the protonated salicylidene aniline at  $3320 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ <sup>12</sup>. The  $\text{v C=N}$  of SATP can be assigned to the IR band at  $1619 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the Raman line at  $1625 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ <sup>6a,6b</sup>. Based on the assignment of  $\text{vN}^+\text{H}$  and  $\text{vC=N}$ , it is reasonable to conclude that SATP is present in the protonated form created by proton transfer from the ( $-\text{SH}$ ) group to the imine group.

The NMR spectra indicate that SATP is present in non-protonated form, the chemical shift for the imine group expected at about  $\delta = 8 \text{ ppm}$ <sup>3</sup> is absent whereas a strong peak at  $9.9 \text{ ppm}$  assigned to the OH group is observed<sup>5</sup>, the  $-\text{SH}$  group is also observed at  $3.4 \text{ ppm}$ <sup>5</sup> which means that the ligand structure in the solution and in the solid phase is not the same.

The  $\delta N^+H$  deformation (amide II band) is expected in the range 1650–1550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ <sup>12,8</sup>. The sharp IR band at 1588  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which disappears upon complexation can be attributed to this mode. It is observed at 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the Raman spectrum (solid phase) and shifts to 1583  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in solution in acetonitrile.

The  $\nu C=N$  appears at 1611  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for both the complexes Cu SATP and Ni SATP and at 1607  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for CoSATP as a very strong sharp band. A similar shift was observed for Ce(IV) SATP complex. This indicate that complexation occurs via the nitrogen atom of the (–C=N–) group as for Cu(II) and Ni(II) of OHBZA<sup>6</sup>. The  $\nu C=N$  for Cu(II) OHBZA and Ni(II) OHBZA were observed as strong IR bands at 1610 and 1613  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively<sup>6</sup>.

The three complexes are also characterized by the appearance of a new strong IR band at 1530 and 1534 and 1525  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for CuSATP, NiSATP, and CoSATP, respectively. For SATP, the IR band at 1408  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which shifts to 1387 and 1379  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for Cu SATP and Ni SATP, respectively can be assigned to the mode vN-Ph since it is expected in the 1400–1300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range<sup>6a</sup>. This band is situated under the strong IR band at 1406  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  assigned for the ammonium ion. The two ligand bands at 1364 and 525  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to  $\delta OH$  and  $\gamma OH$  vibration since they disappear upon coordination<sup>6a</sup>. The  $\gamma N^+H$  mode is observed at 929  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as a medium broad band which is absent for the three complexes. The two IR bands at 1240 and 1225  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  assignable to the two coupled modes 7a and 13<sup>6</sup> shift to higher wavenumber upon coordination (Table 2). These two modes are observed as strong Raman lines at 1275 and 1242  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for the 7a and 13 modes respectively. It is interesting to note that the upward shift of 7a mode for Schiff bases is smaller than observed for azines<sup>10</sup>. For CoSATP, the bands characterizing the ammonium ion appears at 3130 (s) and 1406  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (vs) which can be safely assigned to the ammonium ion modes numbers  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  expected to be IR active<sup>14</sup> for tetrahedral structure. The  $v_2 + v_4$  combination band appears at 3040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicating that  $v_2$  mode, active only in the Raman should be localized at ca. 1637  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  $\nu OH$  of the hydroxide ion is observed as a sharp band at 3595  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ <sup>14</sup>. This band is absent for Cu SATP and Ni SATP. The low frequency region is assigned in comparison with analogous Schiff bases and azines<sup>6,10,11</sup>. The most characteristic mode of SATP in this region is the strong Raman line at 265  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  as expected for o-substituted benzene<sup>11</sup>. It should be noted that the IR band at 758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is better explained as  $\gamma CH$ <sup>10,11</sup> and not as  $\nu C-S$  vibration as previously given<sup>5</sup>. However the  $\nu C-S$  may contribute to the band at 678  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (IR) which disappears upon coordination.

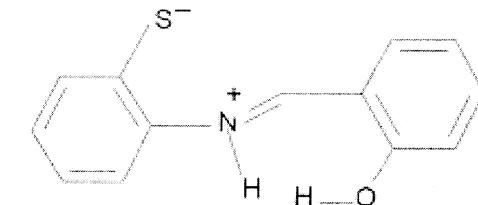
Finally, the metal ligand stretch  $\nu M-O$  for Cu SATP, Ni SATP and CoSATP are assigned to the new medium IR bands at 554, 561 and 554  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The  $\nu M-N$  stretch for Cu SATP and Ni SATP are observed at 472 and 469  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. For Ce (IV)

SATP complexes  $\nu M-O$  and  $\nu M-N$  are found at ca. 650 and  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively<sup>5</sup>.

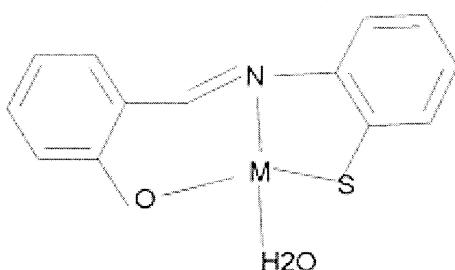
Hence, based on our data and by comparison with Ce(IV) SATP complexes<sup>5</sup>, Cu(II) and Ni(II) of OHBZA<sup>6</sup>; the following structure for CuSATP and NiSATP are proposed in (Figure 3). For Zn(II) ions previous results indicated that it forms 1:1 and 1:2 molar ratio using NMR spectra<sup>5</sup>.

#### The Electronic Spectra and Magnetic Moments

The electronic spectra of SATP in methanol shows three bands at 231 (vs) and 287 (s) and 334 (s) nm. These bands can be safely assigned to  $\pi - \pi^*$  transitions<sup>6</sup>. A medium shoulder at ca. 350 nm may represent the  $\pi - \pi^*$  transition upon coordination to Cu(II) and Ni(II) ions, the first two bands of the ligand slightly shift to lower wavelengths whereas the higher wavelength



SATP



MSATP. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{M}=\text{Cu(II), Ni(II)}$ )

**Figure 3.** Molecular structures of SATP, Cu SATP, NiSATP.

band shifts to 360 and 411 nm for Cu SATP and Ni SATP, respectively. These two bands are strong enough to be likely assignable to charge transfer transition<sup>6,12</sup>, although contribution from d-d transitions are probable for these two bands. For CoSATP, a pattern of three new bands is observed in the UV/Visible spectra at 24690, 22222, and 16129 cm<sup>-1</sup> which can be assigned in order of decreasing energy to  $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow E_g$ ,  $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1B_{1g}$ ,  $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1A_{2g}$  transitions assuming square planar structure of the complex<sup>13</sup>.

The two complexes Cu SATP and Co SATP are paramagnetic (magnetic moments = 1.62 and 1.87 BM, respectively. The 1.87 BM value of the CoSATP complex is consistent with a square planar structure. The 1.62 BM value of the CuSATP may indicate a tetrahedral configuration. The NiSATP has a magnetic moment value equals to 0.25 BM, this value as well as the elemental analysis and the TGA curve indicate that this complex has a square planar structure.

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