dipolar zwitterionic form. The Cu(II) complexes seem to crystallize as isolated entities since only intramolecular H-bonds are found. However two disordered water positions can be found in a Fourier difference map, and two extra oxygen atoms were included in the refinement so that their occupancy adds to unity.

Keywords: X-ray crystallography of coordination compounds, copper coordination compounds, single crystals

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Spectroscopic and Structural Investigation of ZnI₂(nicotinamide)₂, [Zn(H₂O)₂(picolinamide)₂]I₂ and Zn I₂(isonicotinamide)₂

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The zinc(II) complexes of nicotinamide, picolinamide and isonicotinamide with iodide were synthesized and characterized by FT-IR and XRD techniques. In both the nicotinamide (na) and isonicotinamide (iso) Zn(II) complexes the Zn(II) ion is coordinated by two iodide ligands and two N atoms either of na or of iso ligands in a distorted tetrahedral coordination environment The zinc(II) complex with picolinamide (pa) has a different environment having a stable five-membered chelate coordination through the ring N and O atoms of pa ligand and has a slightly distorted octahedral geometry.

The ZnI₂(na)₂, $[Zn(pa)_2(H_2O)_2]I_2$ and Zn(iso)₂I₂ complexes are all crystallized in monoclinic system with space groups C2/*c*, P2₁/*n*, C2/*c*, respectively. All these complexes are stabilized through intermolecular hydrogen bondings together with π ... π interactions. **Keywords: IR and XRD, zinc complexes, amides**

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Green-yellow Thermochromism of (N-methyl-2,6-lutidinium)₂ CuCl₄

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The previously reported, green, room temperature phase of N-methyl-2,6-lutidinium)₂ CuCl₄ consists of layers of square-planar CuCl₄²⁻ anions interspersed with coplanar organic cations.

The temperature behavior of the compound was studied, and a thermochromic phase transition from green to yellow found at 67 °C. The crystal structure of the high temperature yellow phase of $(C_8H_{12}N)_2CuCl_4$ was determined at 77(1) °C with unit cell parameters triclinic, P $\overline{1}$, a = 7.9350(5) Å, b = 9.1550(7) Å, c = 16.144(2) Å, $a = 75.467(4)^\circ$, $\beta = 86.975(4)^\circ$, $\gamma = 64.505(5)^\circ$, V = 1022.64(15) Å³, Z = 2.

The structure of the high temperature phase consists of flattened $\text{CuCl}_4^{2^-}$ tetrahedra with the two unique organic cations now canted relative to one another rather than coplanar. The canting of the organic cations lengthens the short aromatic C-H--Cl contacts in the low temperature phase which appear to stabilize the square planar over the flattened tetrahedral anion geometry.

Previous examples of green-yellow thermochromism in the A_2CuCl_4 family have occurred only in the presence of strong N-H--Cl hydrogen bonding, which stabilizes the square planar anion geometry in the low-temperature phase. The title compound is the first known to exhibit this behavior in the absence of strong N-H--Cl hydrogen bonding.

Keywords: copper complexes, phase transitions, hydrogen bonding

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Structure of Hydrido(carboxylato)Ir(III) Complexes and Catalytic Symmetric Hydrogenation of Imines

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Recently, we have succeeded in the isolation and characterization of $[IrCl(binap)]_2$ 1 {binap = 2,2'-bis(di-phenylphos-phino)-1,1'-binaphthyl}. [1] Complex 1 reacted easily with methanol and water to give the oxidative addition products. [2] Here we report on the highly diastereoselective oxidative addition of carboxylic acids to $[IrCl(binap)]_2$, which gave mononuclear hydrido(η^2 -carboxylato)Ir(III) complexes.

Reaction of (*S*)-1 with several carboxylic acids proceeded smoothly at r.t. to give [IrCl(H)(O₂CR){(*S*)-binap}] (*S*)-2 (R = CH₃, *p*tolyl, etc.) as air-stable almost colorless solids in good yields. The absolute configuration of [IrCl(H)(O₂CC₆H₄CH₃-4){(*S*)-binap}] was elucidated to be (*S*)-*OC*-6-23-*A*. Catalytic activity for these complexes for asymmetric hydrogenation of prochiral imines will also be discussed.

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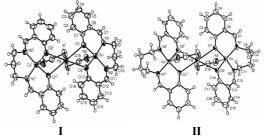
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Synthesis, Characterization and Crystal Structure of new Transition Metal Compounds of Thiocyanate

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Two similar hetero-trinuclear centrosymmetric Cu-Hg-Cu Schiff base complexes were prepared and characterized by elemental analysis, NMR, IR and UV-Vis spectroscopy. The crystal structures of the title compounds reveal that $Hg[Cu(C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_2)SCN]_2$ (I) crystallizes in the triclinic P 1 space group and $Hg[Cu(C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_2)SCN]_2$ (II) crystallizes in the monoclinic $P2_1/c$ space group. The central Hg atom of the compounds, which is located on an inversion centre, has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry. In both compounds, there are long range interactions between Cu and N atoms of the bridging SCN group at the axial position. The coordination geometry of the inversion-related terminal Cu atoms of the compounds is square-pyramidal. The Cu-Hg pairs are triple bridged by the O atoms of the Schiff base ligands and by the SCN groups. The Cu...Hg distance is 3.7623(9) Å (I) and 3.7778(17) Å (II).



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Crystal Structure of Trimethyltin hydroxide, (CH₃)₃SnOH

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It has been reported that $(CH_3)_3SnOH$ has many incommensurate structures in crystalline state. So far, the precise structure analysis has not been reported. Only one X-ray crystal structure analysis without three dimensional coordinates available has been reported. [1]