The damped oscillation has the initial value A. For small oscillations, we can write

which is evidently transient in character.

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## LOW TEMPERATURE MAGNETIC INVESTIGATION IN SINGLE CRYSTALS OF SOME PSEUDO-TETRAHEDRAL Cu(II) AND Ni(II) CHELATES

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Following our magnetic studies (Lahiry *et al*, 1966, Bose *et al* 1965) on several tetrahedral copper (II) compounds of the general formula  $MI_2$  [CuX<sub>4</sub>] where MI = Cs, and  $(CH_3)_4N$ , X = Cl, and Br, we now report the preliminary low temteprature magnetic investigation of the following chelate complexes :

(i) copper (II) bis (-N-isopropylsalicylaldiminato), (ii) copper (II)-bis (N-t-butylsalicylaldiminato) and (iii) nickel (II) bis (N-isopropyl-salicylaldiminato. All these crystals belong to the orthorhombic system, having space group Pbca with Z = 8 for the first and the third crystals (Orioli, et al 1966 and Fox et al 1964) and space group P2<sub>1</sub> 2<sub>1</sub> 2<sub>1</sub> with Z = 4 for the second (Cheeseman et al 1966). However, from the point of view of magnetic symmetry, in all these cases we can consider them as having only one magnetically inequivalent pair of ions in the unit cells. These complexes having a pair each of oxygens and nitrogens constituting the primary ligand cluster depart appreciably from a regular tetrahedron, the copper (II) complexes being flattened heavily along one of the S<sub>4</sub> axis while the Ni(II) complex may be assumed to have an orthorhombic symmetry. Incidentally this is the first report of single crystal anisotropy investigations in a tetrahedral chelate of Ni(II), the only compounds studied as yet are Ni<sup>2+</sup> in host lattices of ZnO and CdO (Brumage and Lin 1964).

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The crystalline magnetic anisotropies for each of these crystals have been measured in two principal planes in the temperature range 300°K to 68°K and are given in figures (1) and (2). An additional measurement in the third principal plane have been made only at room temperature as a check. The mean susceptibilities K, measured in the same temperature range are given in figure (1) and (2) in terms of  $P_f^2$  the effective ionic moment square given by the usual relation,  $P_f^2 = 3K \cdot kT/N\beta^2$ . The ionic anisotropies, calculated for the two copper (II) complexes using the angular orientations and the equation.

$$K_{11} \quad K_{1} = \frac{\chi_{e} - \chi_{a}}{\gamma^{2} - \alpha^{2}} = \frac{\chi_{a} - \chi_{b}}{\alpha^{2} - \beta^{2}} = \frac{\chi_{s} - \chi_{a}}{\gamma^{2} - \beta^{2}}$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  are direction cosines of the S<sub>4</sub> axis of the complex with the crystal axes a, b, c respectively, are about  $350 \times 10^{-6}$  c.g.s.e.m.u. as compared to about



Figure 1. Principal crystallino anisotropies (1a)  $(\chi_c - \chi_b) \times 10^6$  (1b)  $(\chi_a - \chi_b) \times 10^6$  and (1c) the effective conic moment square  $p_f^2$  v. s Temperature (°K) curves of Cu(II)-Sal-isopropyl. Corresponding curves (2a)  $(\chi_b - \chi_c) \times 10^6$ , (2b)  $(\chi_b - \chi_a) \times 10^6$  and (2c)  $P_f^2$  refer to Cu(II) -Sal-t-butyl.

 $500 \times 10^{-6}$  for some earlier observed tetrahedral complexes. The low value of ionic anisotropy and the mean susceptibility for these copper (II) complexes compared to those found in Cs<sub>2</sub>CuCl<sub>4</sub> and [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N]<sub>2</sub>CuCl<sub>4</sub> (Lahiry *et al* 1966) is indicative of more flattening of the tetrahedron as also revealed in X-ray analysis, and the predominant effect of covalency expected for these chelates. This is also in good agreement with the preliminary correlation of experimental results with the theory at all temperatures.



**T**emp. (°K)  $\rightarrow$ 

Figure 2. Principal crystalline anisotropies (2a)  $(\chi_b - \chi_a) \times 10^6$  (3b)  $(\chi_a - \chi_c) \times 10^6$  and (3c) the effective ionic moment square  $P_f^2$  N.S. Temperature (CK) curves of Ni (II) - Salisopropyl.

Full details of the experimental results and their correlation with theory for all these complexes will be reported in due course.

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