METAL COMPLEXES OF 5-ARYL-1-PHENYL-4-PENTENE-1,3-DIONES **AND 6-ARYL-5-HEXENE-2,4-DIONES**

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PREFACE

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Coordination Chemistry is one of the fascinating and rewarding field of modem chemical science. Realisation of the involvement of metal complexes in biological systems has also helped immensely to sustain a live interest in metal chelates of multidentate ligands. The β -dicarbonyls and their metal complexes still serves as the starting material for the design and synthesis of numerous important compounds having diverse applications. Recently, the pharmacological importances of several naturally occurring β -dicarbonyl compounds have been discussed. One of the best known examples is curcuminoids, the active chemical constituent of turmeric. In curcuminoids the diketo function is directly attached to olefinic groups. Metal complexes of curcuminoids are also known to possess several biological properties. However, such biologically important β -dicarbonyl compounds and their metal complexes have not received as much attention as they deserve. In the present investigation two new types of unsaturated 1,3-diketones and their metal complexes are considered. A series of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones (6-arylhexanoids) and 5-aryl- l -phenyl-4-pentene- l ,3-diones (5-aryl- l -phenyl-4 pentanoids) and their metal complexes have been synthesised and characterised using various analytical and spectral techniques. Certain biological properties of some of these compounds have also been examined.

The thesis is divided into three parts.

Part I is a **general introduction** which highlight the importance of various aspects in coordination chemistry 'of P-diketones. The salient structural characterisations of metal 1,3-diketonates are included. Need for further investigation particularly on structural features of P-diketones have been indiated importance in the present investigation have been stated.

Results of the present study are presented in **Part II.** For convenience this part is divided in two chapters based on the nature of substituents in the aryl ring of the 6-aryl hexanoids and 5-aryl-l -phenyl-4-pentanoids. Each chapter is further divided into section l and section 2. Synthesis and characterisation of 6-aryl hexanoids and their metal complexes are presented in **Chapter** I Section **I.** Uv, ir, ¹H nmr and mass spectral data clearly indicate the existence of the compounds entirely in intramolecularly hydrogen bonded cis-enol form. The compounds function as monobasic bidentate ligand in their $[ML_2]$ complexes $(M = Cu^{+2}, Ni^{+2})$, Co^{+2} , VO^{$+2$} and Fe^{$+3$}) was also established from the spectral data. In these metal complexes the ligand moiety is bonded to metal ion through the dicarbonyl oxygens to form a six membered chelate ring. In Chapter **I1** Section 2 the synthesis and characterisation of 6-aryl hexanoids containing different substituents are considered. Uv, ir, ${}^{1}H$ nmr and mass spectral evidence show that the compounds exist in internally hydrogen bonded enolic form. The direction of enolisation being

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towards the cinnamoyl function. In metal chelates, the metal ion replaced the enol proton with the formation of a six membered metal chelate ring in which both oxygens of the dicarbonyl function are involved. The esr studies of some copper complexes are also discussed in this chapter. Thermogravimetric analysis of some metal complexes are also included. The results of the biological studies (antibacterial and antifungal) also presented.

Details on the synthesis and characterisation of the α , β -unsaturated 1,3diketones, l **-phenyl-5-aryl-4-pentanoids** and their metal complexes are considered in **Chapter I1 Section 1.** The uv, ir, 'H nmr and mass spectral data of the compounds unequivocally showed the presence of intramolecularly hydrogen bonded enol form. The stoichiometry and nature of bonding of the $[ML_2]$ chelates are established on the basis of various physicochemical and spectral data. A novel product formed during condensation of pyridine-3-aldehyde with benzoyl acetone has been characterised as a 2,4,6-triketone. The 1:l metal complexes of the compound have also been synthesised and characterised using uv, ir, ¹H nmr and mass spectral data.

Chapter I1 Section 2 includes **the** synthesis and characterisation of 5-(substituted **ary1)-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids** and their metal complexes. The uv, ir, **¹**H nmr and mass spectral data agrees with the **[ML2]** stoichiometry for the complexes. The esr studies of some copper complexes are also given.

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Thermogravimetric analysis of some compounds and their Cu^{+2} , Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} and $Fe⁺³$ complexes are discussed. The results of the biological studies (antifungal and antibacterial) carried out are also presented in this part of the thesis.

In Part **111** references are given in serial order.

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Nomenclature and Abbreviations

In the present investigation both the systematic and trivial names are used wherever necessary. The two types of 1,3-diketones considered in the present study are systematically named as 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones **(1)** and 5-aryl-l -phenyl-4 pentene-1,3-diones **(2).** For brevity and better readability these compounds are designated generally as 6-arylhexanoids and 5-ayl- 1 -phenyl-4-pentanoids.

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Important abbreviations used in the thesis are:

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Coordination Chemistry of P-diketones

There has been a welcome renaissance in inorganic chemistry after the celebrated coordination theory of Alfred Werner.' The Wemer's theory has been refined and extended greatly. New Synthetic techniques and convergence of structural methods of investigation, together with great theoretical advances have made coordination chemistry as a self consistent field in modem scientific studies. The growth of interest in coordination chemistry has been further stimulated by farreaching developments in many fields including chemical analysis, catalysis, metal winning, the technology of dyes and pigments and through the realisation of the vital role of metal complexes in biology where much progress has been made during the last few decades.

As a consequence of the ability of coordinated metal ion to influence many of the complex reactions upon which the vital processes of living organisms depends, coordination compounds of many varieties are found widely distributed in nature. Several synthetic metal complexes which mimic the behaviour of complicated biomolecules are known and at present the study of such compounds are receiving much attention. Although the results obtained so far do not always

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parallel those in nature, a knowledge of the chemistry is being built up and the bio chemical role of metal ions in natural systems is beginning to be better understood.

The properties, structure and applications of metal complexes are dependent on the nature of the metal ion and the ligands attached. The variation in metal ions is considerable; on the other hand variation in ligands is virtually limitless, thanks to the ingenuousness of synthetic organic chemists. Literature reveals that ligands based on certain important structural types such as azo, azomethines, hydrazones, diketones, etc. have proliferated much during recent years. This trend is evident from the reports of hundreds of ligand systems based on β -dicarbonyl compounds and allied derivatives. 2

The 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds still serves as the starting material for the design and synthesis of a large number of compounds having wide application in many fields. This is not unexpected of these compounds because proton transfer and hydrogen bonding are two important aspects of the chemistry that governs the behavior and structure of many simple and complex molecules starting from water to $DNA^{3,4,5,6}$ The 1,3-diketones exhibits both these features and are highly eficient in complex formations with various metal ions. Therefore studies on diverse types of 1,3-diketones and their metal complexes have considerable importance in present day coordination chemistry. **The present investigation is mainly on the synthesis and characteristics of a new series of l,3-diketones in which the diketo function is directly attached to olefinic groups.** Therefore

some of salient features of β -diketones and their metal complexes are outlines below.

Tautomerism of p-diketones

The 1,3-diketones are a group of compounds in which a methylene group or a substituted methylene group is interposed between aroyl and or acyl groups as in structure, **l.**

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The hydrogen atom of the diketo group is activated by the adjacent $C=O$ groups, and a conjugate system can arise by a prototropic shift. These keto **2** and enol3 tautomers exist in equilibrium with each other [and structurally they posses a cis configuration and a *syn* (cisoid) conformation].

For a β -diketone of the type R-COCH₂-CO-R three diketo and six enol conformers are possible assuming that the skeletal framework of oxygens and carbon atoms are planar (Fig. l).

Cis conformers

U; cis diketo; Z, Z

U; open cis enol; Z, Z^* U; cis enol; Z, Z; Cs^{*} U; cis enol; Z, Z; C_{2v}

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Trans Conformers

S; trans diketo; E, Z^* W; trans diketo; E, E

S; trans enol; E, Z^* W; trans enol; E, E^*

*distinguishable by extra conformers in asymmetric

For an unsymmetrical β -diketone, the nature of possible conformers increases further. There are several ways of naming these various conformers such as U/S/W/ or E/Z. But since in reality only a limited number of conformers exist, the *cis* and *trans* are used to indicate conformers that have an intramolecular hydrogen bond and those that have not. The keto and enol tautomers prefer a cis conformation and a *syn (cisoid)* conformation. The presence of a methyl group on the α -carbon destabilizes the *cis* enol relative to the *trans* and the latter can then be observed even in neutral, nonpolar solvents.³

Within the β -diketone system three types of proton transfer can be distinguished.

- i) The relatively slow exchange between the vinylic CH and the enol OH sites, that is the keto \leftrightarrow enol tautomerism, which takes hours, even days, to reach equilibrium.
- ii) The rapid exchange of the labile proton between OH groups on different molecules which is too fast to be distinguishable even by 'H nmr spectroscopy under normal conditions
- iii) The extremely rapid transfer of the proton from one oxygen of the *cis* enol tautomer to the other, that is, the oscillation of the proton between the two minima of the potential energy well of the OH0 hydrogen atom.

It has been generally accepted that the enolic form is favoured in nonpolar solvents, and simultaneous conjugation and chelation through hydrogen bonding is responsible for the stability of the enol tautomers.

The proportion of the enol tautomers generally increases when an electron withdrawing group for example chlorine is substituted for hydrogen at an α position in β -diketones. The enolization also increases^{11,12} when the compounds are fluorinated or contain an aromatic ring. Substitution by a bulky group (eg. alkyl) at the α -position tends to produce steric hindrance between R-group protons particularly in the enol tautomer, and this together with inductive effects of the alkyl groups often brings about a large decrease in the enol ratio.¹³⁻¹⁵. No enolization is possible if both the hydrogen atoms of the α -carbon atom are substituted.

Classification of metal B-diketonates

The coordinating ability of 1,3-diketones was recognised as early as in 1887 when Combes⁷ reported the synthesis of beryllium acetylacetonate. This was followed by the pioneering work of Werner¹, Morgan^{8,16,17} and Sidgwick^{18,19} who confirmed the bifunctional chelating characters of β -dicarbonyl compounds. Being powerful chelating agents, the diketonate anions form complexes with virtually all the transition and main group metal and metalloid elements. Literature on 1,3 diketones and metal 1,3-diketonates are so voluminous that even an attempt to

summarise is purposefully avoided. However, since β -diketones are known to bond with metal ions in a variety of ways, **3,20,21** the different coordination modes reported are briefly mentioned below. **22-25**

Metal β -diketonates may be conveniently divided into the following four categories depending upon the mode of bonding of metal atoms with the diketones 1) oxygen bonded 2) carbon bonded **3)** both carobon bonded and oxygen bonded and 4) olefin bonded.

1) Oxygen-bonded P-diketonato complexes

Oxygen bonded β-diketonato complexes have been widely studied and in these derivatives, the β -ketoenolate anion may function as a ligand in several ways.

a) B-Ketoenolate as unidentate ligand: The B-diketonate ion can form simple salts with highly electropositive metals, which have typical salt like properties 4.

An interesting example reported of unidentate coordination of a β -ketoenolate ion is shown in structure **5.** In this complex the silicon atom has been shown to be in

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tetrahedral environment. The stability of this complex has been explained on the basis of difiseness of the d-orbitals of silicon

b) β-Ketoenolate as bidentate ligand

This is the usual mode of bonding of β -diketones. A metal cation replaces the enolic hydrogen with the formation of a six-membered chelate ring **6.** Delocalization of the electron cloud in the resultant chelate ring has been established on the basis of various physico-chemical characteristics, to endow it with a certain amount of aromatic characater.

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Since the enolate ion carries a single negative charge, metal atoms can react with one or more enolate ions to give either neutral or charged molecules depending on the co-ordination number (m) and valency (n) of the central metal atom. This type of bonding give rise to three different types of complexes.

(i) When $m = 2n$, the metal β -diketonate so formed behaves as a neutral molecule. Common examples of this class of compounds^{9,10,26-29} are given in structure as **7-9.**

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In these compounds the metal ions are coordinatively saturated, show predominantly covalent behavior, soluble in common organic solvents and are volatile.

(ii) When m>2n, the complexes so formed behaves as lewis acids and achieve the desired coordination either by polymerization or by adduct formation. For example metal β -diketonates of types given in structures 10-13.

[Ni(acac)₂ biPy], [CO $(\text{acac})_2$]₄,

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[Mn(acac)₂ bipy], [Zn(acac)₂ (NH₃)₂]

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The structure of $Ni (acac)_2 2H_2O$ is

(iii) When **m<** 2n, complexes of the type **15-19** are well known in literature.

C) Neutral bidentate coordination

Although complexes in which both carbonyl groups of the β -diketones act as donor atoms are rather rare, several examples like 20,21 are well known.^{31,32}

2) Carbon bonded complexes

The terminal as well as the central carbon bonded β -diketone complexes are now well established. Elements such as sulphur, selenium, tellurium, gold, etc. from well defined complexes in which the alkyl and methine carbon atoms are involved in bonding. The metal carbon bonds in these complexes are quite stable, as is apparent from their reported methods of preparation. Typical examples³³⁻³⁵ are'given in structure **22-25.**

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(M = S; n = 1, 2; M = Se, n = 2)
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Both carbon-bonded and oxygen-bonded complexes $3)$

Complexes in which the metal ion is bonded to β -diketone in such a way that one ligand moiety always bonds to the metal through carbonyl oxygens while another β -diketone through the methylene carbon atom are also quite common. Examples of this class of compounds^{33,36} are shown in structures 27-29. These stable complexes are generally coloured and are soluble in common organic solvents.

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4) Olefin bonded complexes

Metal complexes of the β -ketoenol tautomer of 1,3-diketone in which the olefinic >C=C< system bonded to metal ion have also been synthesised and characterised. Typical complexes in this category **30,37,38** are given in structures **30-32.**

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R1 = R2 = R3 = R4 = H, Me
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The diverse types of coordination modes of this versatile class of ligand systems can also be summarised^{22} as in figure 2.

i) Neutral molecule

ii) Mono anion

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Fig. 2. Different bonding modes of p-diketones

Structural characterisaton of metal complexes of 1,3-diketones

Virtually all most ail spectral methods apart from the usual physio-chemical techniques have been employed in studying various type metal derivatives of β diketones. Thus electronic spectral data together with magnetic properties have been extensively used in determining the geometry of the complexes, IR spectral data and NMR chemical shift in determining the nature of bonding, X-ray diffraction studies in fixing the correct disposition of the complexes, mass spectroscopy in the structural elucidation and electron spin resonance studies for a better understanding of the nature of bonding in P-diketone complexes. Thermogravimetric studies have been used for characterising complexes and in evaluating kinetic and thermodynamic parameters; metal ligand formation constants and stability constants for indicating the increase in stability of the enolic form and for identifying the *cis-trans* configuration in chelates. Some of these **at a**techniques are briefly mentioned below.

Electronic spectra

An extensive study of the electronic spectra of acetylacetonate complexes was reported by Holm and Cotton.³⁹⁻⁴⁶ The strong absorption band appearing at \sim 34700cm⁻¹ has been assigned to π - π ^{*} transition. The SCF and LCAO-MO calculations each place the lowest allowed transition near 33500 cm^{-1} in 1,3diketonate anion for ionic metal complexes. The second transition occurs near

49500 cm^{-1} in copper(II) 1,3-diketonate complexes.⁵³ This band has been assigned to π 3 \rightarrow π 6 while the SCF result⁵⁴ corresponds to a $\varphi_3 \rightarrow \varphi_5$ transition.

IR spectra

Vibrational spectroscopy coupled with isotopic labelling has extensively been used to detect the exact tautomeric nature of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds. **47-49** 1,3-diketones such as acetylacetone, benzoylacetone, etc. have been shown by chemical and spectroscopic methods to exist as tautomeric diketo and enol forms related by a 1,3-hydrogen shift.^{67,68} The characteristic carbonyl band of the enol form of acetylacetone appeared at 1613 cm^{-1} and that of diketo form at ~ 1712 and \sim 1725 cm⁻¹. Of the 3n-5 vibrational modes possible the v_{O-H} , v_{C-O} and v_{C-C} are highly significant. The enolic OH stretching absorption is usually seen as a broad band at 2700-3000 cm⁻¹ presumably due to its involvement in strong intermolecular hydrogen-bonding. 51.52 In general, upon complexation, the carbonyl stretching frequency of 1,3-diketones shows a shift $(10-50 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ to lower values and additional bands due to $v_{(M,Q)}$ vibrations appear in the region 400-500 cm⁻¹.

NMR Spectra

The **'H** and **')C** nmr spectra of a wide variety of diamagnetic metal 1,3 diketonates have been reported. It has been shown that the position and nature of splitting of the signals depends on the mode of the coordination, nature of the substituents and the extend of delocalisation in the chelate ring.⁵⁵⁻⁶¹ The cis enol
proton chemical shift, δ (OHO)/ppm of β -diketone and β -ketoaldehyde enol tautomers of general formula $R^{1}COCH(R^{n})COR^{111}$ have been reported.⁶² Nonhebel⁶³ showed that the bulky substituents on the α and β - sites not only shifted δ (OHO) down field but produced a sharper line. An ingenious proof that the proton of the hydrogen bond was not a double minimum was advanced by Shapet'ko. 64 The change in the chemical shift between the resonance of hydrogen bonding proton in the 'H nmr spectrum and that of the hydrogen bonding deutron in the 2 H nmr spectrum has been shown to be a good indicator of the type of potential energy well⁶⁵ in which the proton or deuteron is confined.

X-ray and Neutron diffraction studies

Among the first β -diketones to be investigated by X-ray methods were the m-chloro and m-bromo derivatives of dibenzoyl methane.⁶⁶⁻⁶⁸ More sophisticated x-ray analysis gave a better idea of the position of the proton and several structural .
. . determinations carried out using this diffraction method have been able to describe the cis enol hydrogen bond in terms not only of R (O....O) but also of R (O-H) and $R(H - O)$.

Mass spectra

The potential of mass spectroscopy in the structural elucidation of coordination compounds has been demonstrated.⁶⁹⁻⁷¹ Mass spectra of a series of metal acetylacetonates have been rationalized in terms of ion reaction by

Macdonald and Shammon.^{72} The most intense peaks in the spectra are usually derived from the monomeric forms of the complexes, but in a number of cases ions derived from a dimer or ever trimer have been observed. These studies confirms the influence of the odd- or even electron character of an ion on its dissociation reaactions (Mac Lafferty⁷³) and provides additional evidence $69-71$ that odd-electron ions can be changed to even electron ions and vice versa, by change of valency of the metal atom in the ions.

Thermogravimetric studies

Thermal analysis is now established as an invaluable and rapid method for the characterisation of materials and evaluation of kinetic and thermodynamic parameters over a wide range of temperatures. This techniques can be used to determine the factors such as rate constant, activation energy, order of reaction, frequency factor, phase equilibria, enthalpy of transition, specific heat, etc. Now it has been developed as a primary source of information concerning the solid state thermal decomposition (heterogeneous kinetics).

Eisentraunt and Sievers reported that the thermogravimetric technique can be a powerful tool for comparing the relative volatilities of a group of β diketonates. By examining thermograms, it has been generally possible to gather information regarding volatility changes upon substitution of various groups in **P**diketone chelates.

Applications and use of metal complexes of *B***-diketones**

Great interest in the study of metal complexes of β -diketones has been stimulated by their potential application in areas such as nmr, shift reagents, 13.74 laser technology (laser chelates), ⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ gas chromatiography,⁷⁸ polymer industry, chemical catalysis, and in various biochemical fields.79 The expected application of 1,3-diketonate chelates in photocatalysis, as "uv stablizers" and as laser chelates has motivated the study of their photochemical and photophysical properties. The use of sensitizers has opened up a new research area for the study of photochemistry of $1,3$ -diketonate chelates. Metal complexes of β -diketones have been used as fuel additives.⁸⁰ as supercritical fluids for waste clean up.⁸¹ in super conducting thin film manufacturing 82 and in production of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts. 83.84

The application of certain coordinatively unsaturated lanthanide chelates called "shift reagents" for nmr spectral elucidation has become an extremly usehl technique to organic chemists. Use of metal β -diketonate like Cr(acac)₃, Eu(fod)₃, $Pr(fod)$ ₃, etc., in ¹³C nmr spectra of metal carbonyl compounds has been found to be very useful. Rare earth metal P-diketonates are also used as potential laser materials. Metal B-diketonates are useful in the determination of trace metals in biological system by gas chromatography. Fluorinated β -diketones (such as trifluoroacetylacetone and 2-thenoyltrifluoroacetone) are especially useful in the

solvent extraction of metals as the fluoromethyl group increases the acidity of the enol form.

Iron(II) and iron(III) chelates of β -diketone have been proposed as catalysts for the removal of hydrogen sulfide from natural gas.⁸⁵ The use of β -diketonate complexes of scandium, yttrium and some f-block elements in effectively scrubbing H_2S from a gas stream have also been reported.⁸⁵

Extensive literature is available on the synthesis, characterisation and diverse types of applications of 1,3-diketones and their metal complexes. However, most of these studies are on 1,3-diketones in which the carbonyl groups are directly linked to different alkyl/aryl groups. It is to be pointed out that only very few reports¹⁶⁹ are available on such studies based on β -diketones in which the diketo function directly attached to olefinic groups. These types of 'unsaturated' 1,3 diketones are of considerable importance in view of the fact that the active components present in several medicinal plants have this types of structure. Some of these biologically active components of plant origin that contains dicarbonyl group are brought out in table 1.

Among compounds given in table I, curcuminoids, the active chemical components present in turmeric possess several interesting aspects which are related to the present study. In the indigenous system sof medicine of the orient, turmeric *(Curcuma longa* Linn., *Zingiberaceae* family) has been employed since

Table *¹ Active constituents of some common spices and medicinal plants*

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time immemorial. 86 Turmeric enjoys the reputation as an antiinflammatory agent, as a carminative, diuretic and blood purifier as well as a remedy against jaundice. It is also recommended for use against common cold, cough, leprosy, affections of the liver and among other indications in the treatment of ulcers. $87,88$ These effects are ascribed to the yellow pigment, curucmin isolated from the plant. The active chemical constituent of the pigment has been characterised as curcuminoids.

Several recent reports available on the broad spectrum of beneficial bhysiological activities of curcuminoids and their metal complexes $89-102$ particularly in cancer treatment. A number of synthetic analogues of these curcuminoids and their metal complexes were also reported to possess enhanced activity than the curcuminoids isolated from turmeric. Structurally curcuminoids are group of I **,3** diketones in which the diketo function is directly attached to olefinic groups **(33-** 35). Systematically these compounds are 1,7-diaryl-1,6-heptadiene-3,5-dione.

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In these compounds both the carbonyl groups are attached to olefinic groups. 'The various biological activities of these compounds have been attributed to the highly conjugated dicarbonyl functions as well as on the nature and position of the substituents on the aryl rings. The biochemical activities of the metal complexes are also reported to be dependent on these structural factors apart fiom the nature of the metal ion. In order to reveal the structural influence of a biologically important compound, it is necessary to synthesis related compounds having restricted structural variations. The present study is an attempt in this direction.

In curcuminoids and allied compounds both the carbonyl groups are linked to olefinic function. The synthesis, structural studies and coordination behaviour of a number of these type of 1,3-diketones have appeared recently. However only one or two reports exist on such unsaturated 1,3-diketones in which only one of the carbonyl group is linked to olefinic groups. These types of studies have tremendous importance in establishing the structural relationship of biologically important molecule. The present study is an attempt in this direction. Therefore in this investigation a new series of unsaturated 13-diketones, in which only one of the keto group linked to an olefinic group and their metal complexes are considered. Thus synthesis, characterisation and biological activity of two series of such unsaturated 1,3-diketones of the type 36, 37 and their metal complexes are considered in this study.

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SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERISATION OF 6-ARYL-5-HEXENE-2,4-DIONES AND THEIR METAL COMPLEXES

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PART II

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METAL COMPLEXES OF 5-ARYL-1 -PHENYL-4-PENTENE-1,3- DIONES AND 6-ARYL-5-HEXENE-2,4-DlONES

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Materials, Instruments and Methods

Materials

^SAll chemicals used were of 'Analar' grade. Commercial solvents were purified by the methods recommended in literature **104,105** and were used for various physical and physico-chemical measurements.

The metal salts used for the synthesis of metal complexes were nickel(I1) acetate tetrahydrate, cobalt(I1) acetate tetrahydrate, copper(I1) acetate monohydrate, iron(1II) chloride and oxovanadium(1V) sulphate.

Only compounds isolated analytically pure are reported in this Thesis. All the compounds reported in this Thesis are stable and have good keeping qualities. Compounds for recording spectra were recrystallised from proper solvents several times till chromatographically pure (tlc)materials were obtained.

Instruments

Instruments used in this investigation are

- 1. UV-1601 Schimadzu recording spectrophotometer.
- 2. **Schimadzu 8201 PC FTIR spectrophotometer.**
- 3. **Jeol 400 nmr spectrometer.**
- 4. Jeol Sx- 102(FAB) mass spectrometer.
- *5.* Heraeus Carlo Erba 1 108 elemental analyzer.
- 6. Perkin Elmer 23801Atomic absorption spectrophotometer.
- 7. TGA V5 **.L4** Dupont 2 100 system.
- 8. Varian E 112 ESR spectrometer
- 9. Systronic pH meter
- 10. Toshniwal conductivity bridge.
- 11. Gouy type magnetic balance.

Methods

Elemental analysis: Metal percentages of the complexes were analysed by standard methods¹⁰⁶ and by AAS after decomposing them with perchloric acidnitric acid mixture. Carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen percentages reported are by micro analysis carried out at RSIC, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.

UV-visible spectra were recorded from solution $(10^{-3} M)$ of compounds in ethanol unless otherwise mentioned. Infrared spectra of compounds were recorded with KBr pellets.

¹H nmr spectra were recorded using $CDCl₃/dmsol₆$ as solvents and TMS as internal reference.

FAB mass spectra were recorded at room temperature using Argon (6 KV, 10 rnA)as the FAB gas, and meta-nitrobenzyl alcohol (NBA) as the matrix. The probable matrix peaks were located at m/z 136, 137, 154, 289 and 307. If metal ions such as $Na⁺$ are present these peaks may be shifted accordingly. ESR spectra (X-band) were recorded at 77K in glassy state between 8.5-9.5 GHz and calibrated with diphenylpicryl hydrazil (DPPH) free radical for which $g = 2.0036$.

Thermal analysis were carried out in an atmosphere of N_2 , at a constant heating rate of 10 $^{\circ}$ C min⁻¹ and \sim 5mg of sample size were employed for each study.

pH measurements (accuracy ± 0.05) were made after calibrating with potassium hydrogen phthalate solution at $28 + 0.1$ °C.

Molar conductance¹⁰⁷ of the complexes were determined in dmf at $28 \pm 1^{\circ}C$, using solution of about 10^{-3} M. Magnetic susceptibility was determined at room temperature (28 \pm 1^oC) using Hg[Co(NCS)₄] as standard on a Gouy type balance.

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SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERISATION OF 6-ARYL-5-HEXENE-2,4-DIONES AND THEIR METAL COMPLEXES

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Synthesis and characterization of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones and their metal complexes

Reaction of aromatic aldehydes with 1,3-diketones such as acetylacetone in presence of boric oxide, tributyl borate and n-butylamine usually leads to unsaturated 1,3-diketones 1 and 2 as illustrated¹⁰³ in the reaction scheme 1.1.

The use of boric oxide and tributyl borate is to prevent the condensation of the aldehyde at the methylene carbon of the diketone. That is to avoid Knoevenagel type condensation as in scheme 1.2.

Scheme 1.2

The relative yield of formation of **1** and **2** depends to a large extend on the temperature of the condensation reaction. At temperature about 30°C the predominant product is **2,** nearly 50-75% yield. However at ice cold temperatures **1** is the major compound formed together with small amounts of **2.** Though mixture of products are formed, both compounds of the types **1** and **2** are unsaturated 1,3-diketones. This method is an efficient synthetic route for **1,3** diketones in which olefine linkage(s) directly attached to the diketo function. The present investigation is mainly on compounds of the type **2** in which one of the carbonyl group is directly bonded to olefinic linkage. By varying the nature of the aryl groups it is possible to prepare unsaturated 1,3-diketones having diverse properties. In this study a series of such compounds having different aryl groups have been prepared and characterised. Typical metal complexes of these compounds are also studied from a structural point of view. For convenience this chapter is divided into two sections. **Section 1** is on the 6-aryl hexanoids having

different aryl groups such as phenyl, cinnamoyl, naphthyl and furyl. Details on the synthesis and characterisation of a series of phenyl substituted 6-arylhexanoids and their metal complexes are given in **Section** 2.

Section 1

Synthesis and characterisation of 6-aryl-5-hexanoids-2,4-diones and their metal complexes

Synthesis of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

The **6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones** were prepared by the condensation of aromatic aldetydes **(benzaldehyde/cinnamaldehyde/napathaldehyde/furfural)** with acetylacetone under specified conditions. The reaction leads to a mixture of products as given in the reaction **scheme 1.3.** The 6-arylhexanoid is the major product under the reaction condition which can be separated by column chromatography. A typical synthetic procedure is given below.

Acetylacetone (0.075 mol, 7.5 g) mixed with boric oxide (0.055 mol, 3.75 g) suspended in dry ethyl acetate containing tri-(sec-buty1)borate (0.1 mol, 23 g) was stirred for ~ 1 h. To this mixture kept at 0° C, a solution of the aromatic aldetyde (0.025 mol) in dry ethylacetate (15 ml) together with *n*-butylamine (0.5 ml) were added dropwise during 90 min with constant stirring. The stirring was continued for an additional period of \sim 2 h and the solution was set aside overnight. The reaction mixture was then stirred for ~ 1 h with hot ($\sim 50^{\circ}$ C) hydrochloric acid (0.04 M, 20 ml) and extracted repeatedly with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were concentrated in vacuum and the **6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones** were separated by column chromatography as detailed below.

A silica gel (mesh $60-120$) column (2 \times 100 cms) was prepared and the concentrated extract was uniformly applied on top of the column and then eluted with a 5:1 v/v mixture of chloroform-acetone at a uniform flow rate of 2 ml per min. As the elution proceeds, two bands were developed in the column, a pale yellow lower band and **an** yellow to orange red upper band. The lower band is mainly 6-arylhexanoids and the upper band 1,7-diarylheptanoids. When the void volume has been run out, the yellow band comes down and the eluates were collected in aliquots of 10 m1 in separate tubes and in each case the homogenity was established by tlc. The combined eluates on evaporation give 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones (50-75%). The 1,7-diarylheptanoids (5-10%) can be eluted repeatedly as an orange yellow band retained in the upper portion of the column by using a 2: 1

V/V mixture of chloroform and acetone. The isolated 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones were recrystallised from hot benzene to get chromatographically (tlc) pure material.

Synthesis of metal chelates

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Copper(II), nickel(II), cobalt(II), oxovanadium(1V) and iron(lI1) complexes of the compounds were prepared by the following general method. To a refluxing solution of the diketone (0.002 mol) in methanol (15ml)an aqueous solution of the metal(II) acetate (0.001 mol, \sim 10ml) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for \sim 3 h and cooled to room temperature. In the case of Fe⁺³ and VO⁺² complexes, ferric chloride and vanadyl sulphate respectively were used. The precipitated product was filtered, washed with water, then with ethanol and dried in vacuum.

Results and discussion

The aldehydes used for the synthesis of the **6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones (la**d) considered in this investigation are brought out in table 1.1. All the compounds are crystalline in nature with sharp melting prints and are freely soluble in common organic solvents. The yield and systematic names of the compounds are also included in table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1

Synthetic details of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

The elemental analysis data and observed molecular weight (Table 1.2) of the compounds suggests that only one equivalent of the aromatic aldehyde has condensed with one equivalent of acetylacetone.

Characterisation of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

uv spectra

The uv absorption maxima of 1,3-diketones depend on the degree of enolisation. The $n \to \pi^*$ absorption of the carbonyl chromophore occurs at higher wavelength when the factors predominate the percentage enol form.^{3,108-110} The presence of α , β -unsaturation also increases the wave length of the carbonyl absorption maxima. The 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones are typical α , β -unsaturated 1,3-diketones and their absorption maxima are significantly greater than those reported for simple saturated 1,3-diketones. **l1 1,112-1 l5**

The uv spectra of the compounds in 95% ethanol $(10^{-3} M)$ show two bands with $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 290$ and ~ 380 nm. From a comparison of the reported spectra of related 1,3-diketones such as acetylacetone the low energy band at \sim 380 nm corresponds to the $n \to \pi^*$ transition of enolised dicarbonyl functions and the observed bathochromic shift of this band (table 1.2) can be correlated with extended conjugation and also to the nature of the aryl groups present. However the high energy band at ~ 280 nm due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions of the fully conjugated system is only marginally influenced by different **aryl** groups .

TABLE 1.2

Compounds Molecular formula (formula weight)	Elemental Analysis (%) found/calculated		Colour	Yield $(\%)$	M.P. $^{\circ}C$	$\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm	$log \varepsilon$
	C	H					
1a $C_{12}H_{12}O_2$ (188)	75.52 (76.60)	6.27 (6.38)	yellowish brown	45	124	256 338	4.02 4.53
1b $C_{14}H_{14}O_2(214)$	78.5 (78.13)	6.54 (6.51)	yellowish red	70	82	284 388	3.9102 4.2113
1 _c $C_{16}H_{14}O_2(238)$	80.67 (80.33)	5.88 (5.85)	reddish brown	60	68	290 382	3.4161 4.2188
1d $C_{10}H_{10}O_3$ (178)	75.59 (75.3)	5.62 (5.58)	Brown	60	140	291 321	3.562 4.4881

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

Infrared Spectra

1,3-Diketones such as acetylacetone, benzoylacetone, etc. exists as mixtures of tautomeric diketo and enol forms related by a $1,3$ -hydrogen shift.³ Acetylacetone with a boiling point of 140° exists to an extent of 81.4% in the enolic form.²² The characteristic carbonyl band of the enol form appeared at ~ 1613 cm⁻¹ and that of the diketo form at \sim 1712 and \sim 1725 cm⁻¹ where considerable interaction between the carbonyl groups exist.¹¹

The six membered chelate ring has 3n-5 vibrational modes possible, the V_{O-H} . v_{C-O} and v_{C-C} are significant. The enolic OH stretching absorption is usually seen as a broad band at $2700-3000$ cm⁻¹ presumably due to its involvement in strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding.

The position and intensity of the carbonyl stretching band depends on the molecular structure in its immediate vicinity and therefore very useful characterising the type of carbonyl function.^{3,48,51} Carbonyl streching frequency of aroyl group ($\sim 1660 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) is much lower than that of an acyl group ($\sim 1710 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). **A** further shift to lower values can be observed in compounds were C=O is in conjugation with $C=C$. The enol tautomer of 1,3-diketones does not show the normal absorption of conjugated ketones. Instead a broad band appears in the region $1580-1640$ cm⁻¹ many times more intense than normal carbonyl absorption. This intense and displaced absorption results from strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding. The olefinic $v_{C=C}$ of the enol ring usually appears in the region 1540-1580 cm-'. However, when aryl group(s) are present, it is very difficult to identity to the v_{c} vibration as it is also the region where aromatic and conjugated systems absorb.

The 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones studied here are unsymmetrical 1.3diketones similar to aroyl alkanoyl methanes, where the olefinic group(s) islare interposed between the aryl and carbonyl group. The ir spectra of the compounds show two prominent bands at ~ 1670 cm⁻¹ and ~ 1630 cm⁻¹ assignable to the chelated acetyl and cinnanmoyl $v_{C=0}$ vibrations. The observed position and

intensity of these bands indicate that the compounds exist entirely in the enol form and are enolised towards the cinnamonyl hnction as given below in **structure** 1.1.

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The intense and broad band in the region $2800-3200 \text{cm}^1$ is undoubtedly due to the presence of strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding in these compounds which is also evident from the lowering of acetyl carbonyl stretching frequency. Atleast four prominent bands are observed in the region $1445-1575$ cm⁻¹ mainly due to $v_{C=C}$ vibration. The medium intensity band at \sim 980 cm⁻¹ is possibly arising from trans CH=CH-absorption. The important ir bands and their probable assignments are given in table 1.3.

TABLE 1.3

1a	1 _b	1c	1 _d	Probable assignments	
1669	1689	1690	1670	$v_{C=0}$ acetyl	
1623	1630	1625	1630	$v_{C=O}$ cinnamonyl naphthyl	
1575 1545	1579 1512	1577 1512	1568 1519	v_{C-C} phenyl / alkenyl	
1528	1425	1425	1470	v_{asym} C-C-C chelate ring	
1445	1392	1384	1361	v_{sym} C-C-C chelate ring	
1091 1062	1149 1070	1134 1045	1124 1090	β_{C-H} chelate ring	
980	985	970	954	$v_{CH=CH}$ trans	
738	756	775	796	v_{C-H} chelate ring	

Characteristic ir data $(cm⁻¹)$ of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones 1a-d

1 H nmr spectra

The ¹H nmr spectroscopy is perhaps the most important tool in studying the keto-enol tautomerism of 1,3-dikotones.^{3,116-118} In the case of compounds having strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding the resonance signal of the proton generally is seen at the downfield region of the nmr spectrum with a broad nature. The integrated intensity of these enolic proton signal is an indication of the percentage of enol tautomer. The position of the methine proton signal, which is a characteristic property of the enol form, is influenced by the electronic effects of the groups attached to the carbonyl function.

Reported chemical shift of enolic and methine proton signals of a number of P-diketones are brought out in table **1.4.** The data clearly indicate that the position of the enol and methine protons depends on the nature of the alkyl/aryl groups attached to the diketo function. Thus when methyl groups of acetylacetone is replaced by phenyl groups (benzoylacetone and dibenzoylacetone) the positions of both the enolic and methine protons shifted appreciably to low field presumably due to the increase in conjugation of the system.

TABLE 1.4

Characteristic 'H nmr spectral data of some common P-diketones

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The ¹H nmr spectra of all the 6-aryl-hexanoids give a one proton singlet in the low field at $\sim \delta$ 16 ppm and another singlet at $\sim \delta$ 6.4 ppm due to the strong

intramolecularly hydrogen bonded enolic proton and to the methine hydrogen respectively of structure 1.1. The observed chemical shift of the enolic proton signal can be explained by the electronic and steric effects of the Ar-CH=CHattached to the enolised carbonyl function. Influence of steric and electronic effects of the groups is also reflected in the positions of the methine proton signal.

The magnitude of coupling constant (J) for vicinal protons on the alkene function is dependent on their spatial geometry. As given by $Karnlus$ ¹¹⁹ through empirical relations.

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J_{HH'} = 10 \cos^2 \theta, \qquad 0^\circ \le \theta \le 90^\circ
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J_{HH'} = 16 \cos^2 \theta, \qquad 90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ
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The magnitude of $J_{HH'}$ is influenced by the dihedral angle θ between their relative orientation planes as the coupling is mediated through the interacting orbitals within the bonding framework. The coupling constant for the *trans* hydrogens, where the dihedral angle of $\sim 180^\circ$, are > 14 Hz. In the cis double bonds, where the dihedral angle of $\sim 0^{\circ}$ coupling constants are usually $\lt 10$ Hz.

In the case of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, the alkenyl proton signals with the observed coupling constant of ~ 16 Hz suggest the *trans* nature of the olefinic double bond. The chemical shifts of various proton signals and their details are given in table 1 *.S.* Integrated intensities of all the signals appeared in the spectra are in agreement with the structure 1.1 of the compounds. Spectra of 1b and 1c are reproduced in figure 1.1 and 1.2.

TABLE 1.5

Characteristic 'H nmr spectral data of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-dione

Mass spectra

Detailed mass spectral analysis of different types of 1,3-dicarbonyls are available.^{120,121} Nature of alkyl/aryl substituents attached to the carbonyl groups decides the fragmentation pattern. For example, CO and ketene $(CH_2=C=O)$ elimination from the molecular ion is .characteristic of acetylcetone, where as

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(P-CO)' is absent in the spectra of benzoylacetone and dibenzoylmethane. Intense peaks due to the elimination of O, OH and $C_3HO_2^+$ species from the molecular ion is the most characteristic feature of the mass spectra of 1,3-diketones having at least one aroyl group.

All the 6-arylhexanoids show intense molecular ion peak and which is the most characteristic feature of the mass spectra of the compounds. The cleavage of the $(-CH_2-CO-CH_3)$ fragment from the molecular ion explains the origin of the (P-57)+ peak, a typical feature of all the spectra. Other prominent peaks appeared in the spectra are due to $(P\text{-CH}_3CO)^+$, $(P\text{-CH}_3COCH_2CO)^+$, $(P\text{-CH}_3)^+$, Ar-CH=CH⁺, Ar^{+} , etc. The mass spectra for the compounds are given in figures 1.3-1.5. The formation of important peaks can be conveniently explained by the fragmentation pattern given in scheme 1.4.

Characterisation of metal chelates of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

The analytical and physical data of the metal complexes are given in table 1.6-1.1 1 . The observed elemental analysis data of the chelates agree well with their 1:2 metal-ligand stoichiometry except for $Fe³⁺$ which are of 1:3 stoichiometry. All the metal complexes behaved as non electrolytes in dmf (specific conductance < 10 Ω^{-1} cm⁻¹; 10⁻³M solution) and do not contain the anion of the metal salt used for their preparation. Copper(II), cobalt(II) , oxovanadium(IV) and iron(III) chelates showed a normal magnetic moment, while nickel(I1) complexes are diamagnetic.

Mass spectrum of 1b Fig. 1.3.

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The observed uv, ir, nmr and mass spectral data of the complexes are in agreement with structure **1.2.**

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Uv spectra

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The UV absorption bands of the ligands remained almost unchanged in the metal complexes which suggest that no structural change has occurred during complex formation. The $n \to \pi^*$ transition of the carbonyl moiety of the free ligands showed a slight bathochromic shift indicating the involvement of the dicarbonyl moiety in the complex formation. The uv absorption of the complexes are given tables 1.6 to 1.9.

*The molecular formula given correspond to $\text{[CuL}_2\text{]}$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

TABLE 1.7

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of nickel(I1) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, l a-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to **[NIL2]** stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of cobalt(I1) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, la-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[CoL_2(H_2O)_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

TABLE 1.9

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of iron(II1) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, la-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to [FeL₃] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

Infrared spectra

The ir spectral data have been highly useful in establishing the structure and nature of bonding in numerous metal 1,3-diketonates. Infrared spectra of metal 1,3-diketonates have been studied extensively. Theoretical band assignments were carried based on normal coordinate analysis and isotope shift studies for diverse types of P-diketone complexes by various investigators. **26-30.122** All these studies show that the carbonyl stretching frequencies of the β -diketo/ β -ketoenol decreases appreciably on metal coordination. Further, appearance of new bands in the region 420-500 cm⁻¹ due to v_{M-O} are characteristic of the ir spectra of metal 1,3diketonates.

In the ir spectra of the complexes of the 6-arylhexanoids, no band of appreciable intensity observed in the region $1650-1800 \text{cm}^{-1}$ assignable to free or hydrogen bonded acetyl and cinnamoyl groups. However spectra of all the complexes are characterised by the presence of two new bands of medium intensity in the region 1590-1640cm⁻¹in addition to the various $v_{C=C}$. These bands can confidently be assigned to metal bonded acetyl carbonyl and cinnamoyl carbonyl functions^{123,124} (Table 1.10). The broad free ligand band in the region 2900-3100cm-l is cleared up in the spectra of all metal complexes showing that the chelated proton is replaced by metal ion during complexation. The region above 2000cm^{-1} in the spectra of complexes show several medium and weak intensity

bands due to various aliphatic and aromatic CH stretching vibrations. Presence of weak bands in the spectra of cobalt(II) complexes in the region 3200-3400 cm⁻¹ suggest the presence of coordinated water molecule.

The additional evidence for complex formation is from the appearance of two medium intensity bands in the region 400-500 cm⁻¹ due to v_{M-_Q} vibrations. Thus the ir spectral data suggest the **structure 1.2** of the complexes. The position of the trans CH=CH bands (\sim 980 cm⁻¹) remains unaltered in the case of metal complexes also. Important ir bands observed in the spectra and their probable assignments are given in table 1.10-1.13. All the vandyl complexes showed a medium intensity band at \sim 960 cm⁻¹ presumably due to the stretching of the V=O group.

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of copper chelate of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

Characteristic of ir data (cm-') of nickel(11) chelate of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

Characteristic of ir data (cm-') of cobalt(I1) chehtes of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

Characteristic of ir data (cm") of iron(I1l) and oxovansdium(1V) chelates of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

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I H nmr spectra

The 'H nmr spectrum of the diamagnetic nickel(1t) chelate of **1** b is given in figure 1.6. In conformity with the structure 1.2, the enolic proton signal ($\delta \sim 16$) ppm) of thee free ligand, disappeared in the spectrum of the nickel(I1) chelate indicating that the enolie proton has been replaced by the metal ion during complexation. The methine proton signals are shifted towards the down field of the spectra indicating the decreased elution density around the central carbon atom of the pseudo-aromatic metal chelate ring system. The integrated intensities of the various signals are in agreement with their formulation.

Mass spectra

In the case of metal complexes of 1,3-diketonates^{2,125-127} mass spectroscopy has been a powerful tool for the determination of the stoichiometry and structural elucidation. It has been showed from the mass spectral analysis of a serles of copper(II) chelates of 1,3-diketones, that stepwise removal of alkyl/aryl group(s) attached to the dicarbonyl function also influence the stability of various fragments formed under mass spectral conditions. Formation of several stable cyclic species involving metal ion have also been detected.

The FAB mass spectra of copper(l1) chelates of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4 diones were obtained and reproduced in figures 1.7-1.9. All the spectra show a \cdot relatively intense P⁺/(P+1)⁺ peaks in agreement with their (ML₂) formulation. The

base peak in all spectra are due to the ligand moiety and peaks due to(CuL)⁺, L⁺ and fragments of L' are sometimes more intense than the molecular in peak. Intense peaks due to the elimination of CH_3 , CH_3CO , CH_3COCH_2 , groups from the molecular ion are also observed. One striking feature of all the spectra is the **^b** appearance of a number of fragments containing copper. They are easily identified because of the 2:1 natural abundance of 63 Cu and 65 Cu isotopes.

Section 2

Synthesis and characterisation of 6-(substituted aryl)-S-hexene-2,4 diones and their- metal complexes

Synthesis of the 6-(substituted aryl)-hexanoids

The 6-arylhexanoids considered in this section were synthesized¹²⁸⁻¹³⁰ by the condensation of substituted aromatic aldehydes (2-methylbenzaldehyde, 4-ethoxybenzaldehyde / pipemaldehyde 1 **4-(dimet1iylamino)benzaldehyde** / 2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde / salicylaldehyde) with acetylacetone in the presence of boric oxidc and tri(sec butyl) borate using n-butylamine as the condensing agent as given in the reaction **scheme 2.1** below. The detailed procedure for the synthesis are similar to that given in section I.

The 6-(substituted aryl) hexanoids were recrystallised from hot benzene to get chromatographically (tlc) pure material.

Syrithesis of metal chelates

Copper(II), nickel(II), cobalt(II), oxovanadium(IV) and iron(III) chelates of the compounds were prepared by the following general method. To a refluxing solution of the compound (0.002 mol) in methanol (15 ml) an aqueous solution of metal(i1) acetate (0.001 mol, 10 ml) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for \sim 3 h and cooled to room temperature. The precipitated product was filtered, washed with water, then with ethanol and dried in vacuum. In the case of $VO²⁺$ and $Fe³⁺$ complexes vanadyl sulphate and ferric chloride hydrated were employed.

Results and discussion

All the compounds are crystalline in nature with sharp melting points and are soluble in common organic solvents. The yield, systematic name and other synthetic details of the compounds are given in table 2.1. The elemental analytical data and observed molecular weight (Table 2.2) of the compounds suggest that only one equivalent of the substituted aromatic aldehyde has condensed with one equivalent of acetylacetone.

TABLE 2.1

Synthetic details of the substituted 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

Charaterisation of the 6-(substituted ary1)-hexanoids

The compounds were characterised on the basis of their uv, ir, nmr and mass spectral data.

Uv spectra

The uv spectra of the compounds in 95% ethanol $(10^{-3}M)$ show two absorption bands at $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 410$ nm (due to the n $\rightarrow \pi^*$ trnsition of the carbonyl chromophore) and at \sim 308 nm (assignable to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition). The observed shifts of bands (Table 2.2) can be correlated to the electronic effects of the substituents in the aryl ring.

Infrared spectra

The ir spectra of the compounds show two prominent bands at ~ 1670 and at \sim 1630 cm⁻¹ assignable respectively to the chelated acetyl and cinnamoyl $v_{C=0}$ vibrations. The observed position and intensity of these bands indicate that the compounds exist entirely in the enol form 11 and are enolised towards the cinnamoyl function as in structure 2.1.

TABLE 2.2

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of the 6-arylpentanoids, 2a-f

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Compared to the unsubstituted 6-arylhexanoids considered in section l these carbony1 bands show a bathochromic shift. The intense and broad band observed in the region $2700-3500$ cm⁻¹ is undoubtedly due to the presence of strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding in these compounds which is also evident fiom the lowering of acetyl carbonyl stretching frequency. Several prominent bands appeared in the region $1500-1600$ cm⁻¹ are assignable to various olefinic and aromatic v_{C-C} vibrations. A medium intensity band observed at \sim 972 cm⁻¹ is possibly arising from the trans -CH=CH- absorption. Important ir absorption bands of the compounds and their possible assignments are given in table 2.3.

TABLE 2.3

2a	2 _b	2c	2d	2e	2f	Probable assignments
1665	1665	1660	1666	1670	1665	$v_{C=O}$ acetyl
1615	1625	1630	1620	1631	1612	$v_{C=O}$ cinnamonyl / naphthyl
1589 1550 1510	1600 1560 1510	1596 1560 1570	1600 1541 1510	1593 1555 1512	1575 1560 1490	$v_{C=C}$ phenyl / alkenyl
1480	1475	1492	1485	1463	1456	v_{asym} -C-C-C chelate ring
1100 1039	1170 1114 1043	1161 1103 1035	1163 1062	1170 1082	1125 1033	β_{C-H} chelate ring
930	921	931	939	964	941	$V_{CH=CH-}$ trans
727	725	730	725	746	756	v_{C-H} chelate ring

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of the substituted 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, 2a-f

H nmr spectra

The **'H** nmr spectra of the 6-(substituted ary1)hexanoids show a one proton singlet in the low field region at ~ 16 ppm and another singlet at ~ 6.4 ppm. The singlet at \sim 16 ppm is assignable to the intramolecularly hydrogen bonded enol proton of the compounds and the signal at ~ 6.4 ppm due to the methine proton signal. The ¹H nmr spectra of the compounds are reproduced in the figure 2.1-2.5. The characteristic chemical shift of various protons of the compounds are summarised in table 2.4. These signals are assigned through their multiplicity pattern and using earlier results¹²⁴ reported for structurally related compounds. In

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the case of $2e$ and $2f$ the phenolic proton signals are observed as expected at ~ 11 ppm.

TABLE 2.4

¹H nmr spectral data of the substituted 6-aryl-5-hexanoids, 2a-f

Mass spectra

The FAB mass spectra of the 6-(substitutedaryl) hexanoids reproduced in figures 2.6 to 2.11, show intense molecular ion peaks $P^{\dagger}/(P+1)^{\dagger}$. In the case of 2e and 2f, the(P-OH)⁺ is the most prominent peak. The cleavage of the acetyl fragment

from the molecular ion explains the origin of the intense $(P-43)^+$ peak, a characteristic of all the spectra. Other prominent peaks appeared in the spectra are due to $(P - CH_3COCH_2)^+$, $(P - CH_3COCH_2CO)^+$, ArCH⁺, Ar⁺, etc. Important peaks appeared in the spectra of all the 6-(substituted ary1)hexanoids can be conveniently explained by the fragmentation pattern given in **scheme 2.2.** Thus all these spectral evidence support the structure 2.1 of the compounds.

Characterisation of metal c helates of 6-(su bstituted aryl) hexanoids

The observed analytical and physical data of the metal chelates given in tables 2.5-2.11 agreed well with the $[ML_2]$ stoichiometry for copper(II), nickel(II), cobalt(II) and oxovanadium(IV) complexes and $[ML_3]$ in the case of Fe(III) complexes. The conductivity measurements $(10^{-3}$ M solution in dmf) indicated their non ionic nature (specific conductance $\leq 10 \Omega^{-1}$ cm⁻¹). Copper(II), cobalt(II), iron(I1I) and oxovanadium(1V) complexes showed normal magnetic moments while nickel(I1) complexes are diamagnetic. The structure and nature of bonding in the metal complexes were established on the basis of their electronic, ir, 'H nmr and mass spectral data.

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Uv spectra

The uv absorption maxima of the complexes bear close resemblance to that of the free ligands indicating that no structural alternation of the ligand has occurred during complexation. The $n \to \pi^*$ transition of the carbonyl chromophore of the free ligands showed a slight bathochromic shift indicating the involvement of dicarbonyl moiety in the chelate formation. The spectral data are included in tables 2.5-2.8.

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of copper(I1) complexes of the substituted 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, 2a-f

The molecular formula given correspond to $\overline{\text{[Cul_2]} \text{ stoichiometry}}$, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of nickel(I1) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, 2a-f

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[NiL_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of cobalt(l1) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones, 2a-f

The molecular formula given correspond to $[CoL_2(H_2O)_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of iron(111) complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-dione, 2a-f

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The molecular formula given correspond to $[FeL₃]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

Infrared spectra

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Both the carbonyl bands of the free ligands shifted to lower frequency in the ir spectra of all the complexes and these band appeared in the reglon 1550-1600 cm⁻¹ assignable to metal bonded carbonyl vibrations. In addition to this various $v_{C=C}$ vibrations also appeared in the ir region of the spectra of complexes. Further evidence for the involvement of the carbonyl groups in metal chelate formation is evident from the appearance of two medium intensity bands in the region 400-500 $cm⁻¹$ due to v_{M-O} vibrations. All these factors supports the structure 2.2 for these complexes. The position of the trans CH=CH bands (\sim 960 cm⁻¹) remains unaltered in the case of metal complexes. The replacement of the enol proton by metal ion is evident from the disappearance of the broad absorption band of the free ligands in the region 2500-3500 cm". However in the spectra of **2e** and **2f** show a relatively broad medium intensity band at \sim 3200 cm⁻¹ assignable to v_{O-H} vibration. This suggests that the phenolic OH group of **2e** and **2f** remains free and not involved in bonding with the metal ion. The ir spectral data of the various metal complexes are given in table 2.9-2.13.

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of the copper(I1) chelate of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of nickel(11) chelate of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of cobalt(l1) chelate of the 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of oxovanadium(1V) chelate of 6-ary1-5-hexene-2,4-diones

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of iron(ll1) chelate of

1 H nmr spectra

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The proton nmr spectra of the diamagnetic nickel(I1) complexes of the 6-(substituted ary1)-hexanoids are reproduced in figure 2.12 to 2.13. The enolic proton signal ($\sim \delta$ 16 ppm) of the free ligand disappeared in the spectra of the complexes. This indicates the replacement of the enolic proton by metal ion during

complexation. The methine proton signals are shifted towards the downfield region of the spectra indicating the decreased electron density around the central carbon atom of the pseudo aromatic metal chelate ring system. The integrated intensities of the methyl, aryl, aryl substituents and alkenyl signals are in agreement with their formulation. The phenolic proton signal of the complexes of **2e** and **2f** remains unaltered and this strongly support the fact that the phenolic proton is not involved in bonding with metal ion.

Mass spectra

The FAB mass spectra of copper(II) complexes of the 6 -(substitutedaryl) hexanoids **(2a-2f)** are reproduced in figures 2.14 to 2.19. All the complexes show a relatively intense $P^{\dagger}/(P+1)^{+}$ peaks in agreement with their $[ML_2]$ stoichiometry. The base peak in all the spectra are due to the ligand moiety and peaks due to $[CuL]^{+}$, L^+ and fragments of L^+ are sometimes more intense than the molecular ion peak. Intense peaks due to the elimination of CH_3 , CH_3CO , CH_3COCH_2 groups from the molecular ion are also observed. The suggested formulation and structure of the complexes clearly in agreement with the observed spectra of the copper complexes.

Esr spectra of copper complexes of 6-arylhexanoids

Complexes of copper(II), a d^9 metal ion have been very popular for ESR studies. This is mainly because Cu(I1) with a nuclear spin of *312* give rise to a clearly resolvable nuclear hyperfine structure and the structures are usually close to

square planar thus simplifying the theoretical analysis. In square planar configuration the unpaired electron will be in the d orbital of suitable symmetry to form bonds with the ligands. This feature makes Cu(I1) complexes a highly useful system for studying the influence of ligands on the nature of metal-ligand bond, especially the electronic effects of substiments on the ligand species. This aspect has been clearly demonstrated in the case of copper(I1) complex of acetylacetone and related ligand systems. 131-136

The 6-arylhexanoids considered in the present investigation are related to acetylacetone in the sense that both the carbonyl groups are linked to methyl groups. However there exist an important structural differences that in one of the $CH₃$ group, two H atoms are substituted by a Ar-CH= group. This substitution of Ar-CH= group on acetylacetone will have definite influence on the coordination ability of the compound. With this intention esr spectra of some Cu(I1) chelates of 6-arylhexanoids were obtained and the results are discussed below.

The spectrum of the Cu(I1) chelate of 6-arylhexanoids lb, **2a** and **2d** were recorded at liquid nitrogen temperature (LNT) in dmf solution and arereproducedin

figure 2.20-2.22. The esr data of copper complex of **lb, 2a** and **2d** are given in table 2.14. Also included in the table the literature data of $Cu(acac)_2$ (in dmf) and $Cu(ba)_2$ (in dmf) for comparison purposes. It has been well demonstrated that the electronegativity of the groups attached to the diketo function can influence the g and A values significantly. Thus the g_{||} and g_{||} values are greater for Cu(hfa)₂ (hfa $=$ CH₃COCHO⁻CF₃) and lower for Cu(ba)₂ (ba = C₆H₅COCHOCH₃). The reverse order has been observed for A \parallel and A \perp . In general A values will increase with greater covalency of metal ligand bond, and a g value above 2.30 qualitatively indicates a greater ionic character (for instance g_{\parallel} value reported for CuCl₂ is 2.340, table 2.14).

The solvent (dmf) used for measuring the esr spectra was a strongly coordinating solvent and therefore the geometry of the complex may change and the esr parameter will also change. So the observed values cannot be interpreted as due to a square planar copper complex. It is likely that the complexes will be hexagonally distorted 'octahedral environment. Similar structural changes have been reported in the case of copper acetylacetonates in dmf, pyridine, etc. solvents¹³¹⁻¹³⁶. The dependence of solvent on g and A values have been well established.

From a comparison of the g values of $Cu(acac)_2$ in dmf with the values of the copper complexes considered here (Table 2.14) reveal that g_{\parallel} and A_{\parallel} values are

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much lower in these conjugated β -diketones. This indicates greater π bonding in the six membered C_3O_2Cu ring systems compared to that of $Cu(acac)_2$. This may probably due to the increase in conjugation and the possible extended delocalisation of the complexes.

Thermogravimetric Studies

When subjected to heat majority of the metal complexes suffer physical as well as chemical changes and these changes are charactersitic of the substance. The data obtained from such thermal studies can be used for qualitative and quantitative anlaysis and often give information impossible to obtain by other analytical methods.

Among the thermal methods, thermogravimetry (TG), is the most popular. Though TG curves appear to be simple several interesting features of a compound can be established from it. $137-139$ Some of the important informations that can be gathered from TG curves are: (a) The temperature below the compound has a constant weight and the temperature at which it begins to decompose, (b) How far the decomposition reaction can proceed and fiom the decrease in weight loss an idea about the stoichiometry of the compound, (c) formation of intermediate products during decomposition, the temperature range of formation of the intermediate and its stability (d) temperature of the final decomposition and the nature of the end product if any.

The TG techniques can be used to study the kinetics of the decomposition reaction and to determine basic kinetic factors such as rate constant, activation energy, order of the reaction, fiequency factor, etc. Now it has been developed as a main source of information concerning heterogeneous kinetics.¹⁴⁰⁻¹⁴³ The use and limitations of thermogravimetry in reaction kinetics of solid and liquid state thermal decomposition reactions through both isothermal and non isothermal methods have been summarized by Lukaszenski and Redform. 141,144

For the determination of various kinetic parameters for non isothermal reaction, the three non mechanistic equations developed by Coats-Redfern, 141 Horowitz-Metzger¹⁴² and Maccallum-Tanner¹⁴³ are usually employed. The order of each stage of decomposition can also be determined from these equations. These methods are briefly mentioned below.

(a) Integral method using the Coats-Redfern equation: 141 Coats and Redfern derived the following equations for the determination of various kinetic factors.

 $1-(1-\alpha)^{1-n}$ AR E $log \frac{1}{T^2(1-n)} = log \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(1-2RT/E)}} - \frac{1}{2.303 RT}$ for $n \ne 1$
T²(1-n) ϕE 2.303 RT (1)

(1 -a) - log **AR** ^E and log - log -------- - - - ----------- for n = 1 (2) T^2 QE (1-2RT/E) 2.303 RT

where $\alpha = (w/w_{\alpha})$, w is the mass loss at time t, and w_{α} is the maximum mass loss, n is the order of reaction and k, the rate constant given by $K = A \exp(-E/RT)$ where A is the frequency factor (statistical or preexponential factor; min^{-1}), E is the activation energy of the reaction, R is the gas constant and T, the absolute temperature of the reaction and ϕ is the heating rate (${}^{\circ}$ C min⁻¹). Usually E is of the order of 10⁵ Joules, R = 8.3 JK⁻¹ mol⁻¹ and T < 1000 K. Hence (2RT/E) \approx 0 and $1 - (2RT/E) \approx 1$. This reduces the first term on the left hand of eqn. (1) to a constant. A plot of the left hand side of equation (1) against $1/T$ should therefore be a straight line. From the slope of the linear plot, E can be calculated and knowing the value of E, A can be calculated from the intercepts. The entropy of activation, ΔS , is given by the relation

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A = \frac{kTs e^{\Delta S/R}}{h}
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 $Ts = Temperature at which $\frac{dc}{dT}$ is a maximum$

C = Weight fraction present at temperature T and is defined as $C = (w_\alpha - w)/w_\alpha$ where w_{α} is the total mass loss at T. The expression derived for the determination of the order of the reaction, n, is $C_s = n^{(1 - 1/1-n)}$, where C_s is the value of C at the temperature Ts. From theoretical curve of n versus C_s using various values of C_s corresponding to $n = 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$, the value of n can be evaluated.

b) Approximation method using the Horowitz-Metzger equation:¹⁴² For a first order reaction H-M derived the equation

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\begin{array}{rcl}\nW_0 - W_t & \text{E}\theta \\
\ln \ln \frac{1}{1 - W_t} & = & \frac{1}{1 - W_t} \\
W - W_t & \text{R} \text{Ts}^2\n\end{array}
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where w is the weight remaining at a given temperature and W_0 and W_1 are the initial and final weights, $\theta = T - T_s$. When the reaction is not 1st order the expression will be of

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1 - C^{1-n} = (1 - n) e^{E\theta/RTs} \text{ where } C = \frac{W - W_t}{W_0 - W_t}
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1 - c^{(1-n)} \qquad E \theta
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\log \frac{1 - e^{(1-n)}}{1 - n} = \frac{1}{RTs^2}
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Once n has been estimated, a plot of left hand side Vs θ should give a straight where slope is (E/RTs^2) .

c) MacCallum-Tanner equation:¹⁴³ According to M-T, for the nth order the equation is

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1 - (1 - \alpha)^{1 - n} = \log \frac{AE}{1 - n}
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= log \frac{AE}{\phi R}
0.449 + 0.21 π E x 10³
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where ϕ = heating rate dT/dt

The left hand of the equation is plotted against $1/T$, values of E, Δ and ΔS can be calculated.

Mechanism of reaction from non isothermal TG traces

Thermal decomposition of solids can be explained in terms of a general hypothesis that the reaction consists of the formation and growth of nuclei for which several theories are formulated.¹⁴⁹⁻¹⁵¹ Thus any particular solid decomposition may be according to the model assumed in the derivation of the equation. But it would be kept in mind that, in searching for an analytical description of the reaction kinetics in solids and the functions obtained are only a mathematical expression of a hypothetical model chosen. If the model actually characterises the situation, the derived kinetic parameters will have real meaning. Otherwise, even the most elegant method of kinetic calculation will only be a mathematical exercise.¹⁵¹

The type of mechanism most frequently encountered in solid state reactions¹⁴⁹⁻¹⁵¹ are shown in Table 2.15. The expressions in Table 2.15 are grouped according to the shape of α -temperature curves as acceleratory, sigmoid or deceleratory. The decleratory group is subdivided according to the controlling factor assumed in the derivation as geometric, diffusion or reaction order.

Broad classificaiton of solid state kinetic expressions'4s

Numerous reports are available on thermogravimetric studies on diverse types of metal 1,3-diketonates.^{146,147} Effect of different groups (such as allyl, aryl, heteroaryl etc.) attached to the dicarbonyl function on the thermal stability and relative volatilities have been studied indetail. Thus it has been observed that groups increase the volatility and thermal stability. Similarly the nature of metal ion, oxidation state, etc. also have pronounced influence on the thermal properties of metal 1,3-diketonates.

It can be seen that most of these studies are on metal-P-diketones in which the dicarbonyl function is attached to alkyl/and or substituted alkyl/aryl group. Therefore, TG studies of β -diiketones of the type considered in the present study, where the diketo function attached to olefinic groups has considerable importance. With this intention thermograms of typical 6-arylhexanoid metal chelates have been studied and evaluated the possible kinetic and other parameters.

Thermal decomposition studies of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones and their metal corn plexes

Thermogravimetric analysis of **2c** and its Cu(II), Ni(II), Co(I1) and iron(TI1) complexes were studied and the analytical data are presented here. Kinetic parameters such as apparent activation energy (E), pre-exponential factor (A) and entropy of activation (ΔS) of each stage were evaluated based on the three nonmechanistic equations, Coats-Redfern, Horowitz-Metzger and MacCallum-Tanner and the results were tabulated. The order of each stage of the decompositon reaction was determined.¹³⁸ The correlation coefficient (r) were computed by the weighted Least Square Method (LSM) for the three equations.

Experimental details: Thermal analysis was carried out using a **TGA Vs.** IA Dupond 2100 system, in an atmosphere of N_2 throughout the experiment. A sample

size of \sim 5 mg were employed in each study at a heating rate of 10^oC per minute. Computational works were carried out with a computer using kprograms in Fortran language.

Thermogravimetric Analysis: The thermograms of **2c** shows a two stage decomposition pattern (figure 2.23). The compound is stable upto 395° K and then decomposition begins slowly with a sharp drop in the mass upto about 553 K. The peak temperature in DTG is at 503° K. Immediately after the 1^{st} stage further decomposition starts with a peak temperature of 773' K. The mass loss obtained from the thermal analysis and from theoretical calculations are in good agreement (Table 2.16). The order of the reactions was found to be unity for both the stages. The kinetic parameters, activation energy (E), pre-exponential factor (A), entropy change ΔS and the correlation coefficient (r) were calculated using the three nonmechanistic expressions and are given in Table 2.17.

TABLE 2.16

Thermal Decompsotion of the 2c (HL) and its Cu(II), Ni(II), Co(II) and Fe(III) chelates

Thermogravimetric analysis of metal complexes

(a) Cu(II) complexes of $2c$ (CuL₂)

The Cu(II) complexe showed a two stage decomposition pattern. The first stage of decomposition is between 505-623 ($\rm{^oK}$) with a peak temperature at 583 $\rm{^oK}$. The TG-DTG curves of the complex are given in figure 2.24.

The 2nd stage of decomposition begins at 633° K and continues upto 913° K with a peak temperature of 733° K. The end product appears to be CuO since the

mass loss from the TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value (Table 2.16). The order of the reaction was found to be unity in bath cases. The kinetic parameters, calculated on the basis of the three non mechanistic equations for both the stages are given in table 2.17.

(b) Ni(II) complexes of 1c $(NiL₂)$

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In the case of the nickel(I1) complex the thermal decomposition goes through a single stage starting at 573° K and goes upto 943° K with a peak temperature of 693' K. The TG-DTG curves are presented in figure 2.25. The end product seems to be NiO since the mass loss from TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value (Table 2.16). The order of the reaction was found to be unity. The kinetic parameters E , ΔS and A were calculated using the three non-mechanistic equations are given in Table 2.17.

Kinetic Parameters for the decomposition of lc and its metal complexes

CR = Coats-Redfern; MT = MacCallum-Tanner; HM = Horowitz-Metzger

(c) $Co(II)$ Complexes of 2c $[CoL₂(H₂O)₂]$

The thermogram of the $[Col₂(H₂O)₂]$ is presented in fig. 2.26. The curves displayed a well defined double stage decomposition pattern. The $1st$ stage decomposition is in the range of 403-553" K with a peak temperature of 493" K. Mass loss corresponding to the elimination of the coordinated water molecule is evident from the observed mass loss (Table 2.16).

The 2nd stage of decomposition begins at 554° K and continues upto 740° K with a peak temperature of 663° K. The end product appears to be $Co₃O₄$ since the mass loss from the TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value (Table 2.16). The kinetic parameters E, AS and **A** for both stages were calculated using the three non mechanistic expressions with the order as unity. The correlation coefficient was also calculated and compared as in table 2.17.

(d) Fe(I1I) complexes of 2c (FeL3)

The TG analysis of FeL₃ are given figure 2.27. The compound shows a double stage decomposition curve. It is stable upto 420 K from which 1st stage decomposition starts and continues upto 553 K with a peak temperature of 493 K. The $2nd$ stage decomposition range is from 563 K to 753 K with a peak temperature of 663 K. The end product seems to be $Fe₂O₃$ since the mass loss from the TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value (Table 2.16). The kinetic parameters E,

A, AS for both the stages were calculated using the non mechanistic equations and given in table 2.17 along with the correlation coefficient values for the order $n = 1$.

Data comparison of kinetic parameters of compound/complexes with other P**diketone complexes**

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The thermal decomposition of bis(acetylacetonate)copper(II), [Cu(acac)₂], has been studied by dynamic thermogravimetry.¹⁴⁰ The compound reported to be stable and ionisable upto 191[°] (m.p.) decomposes at high tmeperature, in static air it forms residue as CuO. The kinetic parameters were calculated. The moderately negative entropy of activation indicates formation of an ordered transition state. It is also reported that the complex decomposes by random nucleation.

In comparison metal complexes of 2c are stable upto the melting points and decomposes at high temperature and forms stable metal oxides as residue (in N_2) atom). Like in β -diketone complexes the kinetic parameters are comparable and their similarity indicates a common reaction mode. The activation energy are low for $1st$ stage transition compared with $2nd$ stage decomposition. For decomposition $kinetics¹⁴⁹$ it can be concluded that higher the activation energy for decomposition greater the thermal stability of the complex. The lowest value of activation energy are for cobalt complexes wherein the **l"** stage decomposition coordinated water molecule are removed which involves only very low energy $(3.00 - 6.31 \text{ kcal/mol})$. It can be concluded that a negative ΔS value indicates a more ordered activated

structure as in β -diketone complexes. Initial decomposition temperatures and inflection temperature can be used to determine the stability of the complex. The thermal behaviour of copper(II) chelates of 38 aryl β -diketones have been examined by combined thermogravimetry and differential thermal analysis and volatility was found to be depended on the nature of the alkyl moiety of the β diketones. **152-159**

BIOLOGICAL STUDTES

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Curcuminoids, the active chemical constituent of turmeric, have a broad spectrum of beneficial physiological activities. The antiinflammatory, antitumour, antioxidant, antifungal, antibacterial activities of curcuminoids are well established. **165-178** Since the compounds considered in the present investigation are structurally related to curcuminoids, some of the biological activities of these compounds were also studied. The results of fungicidal and bactericidal activities of the 6-arylhexanoids and their typical metal complexes are discussed below.

The organisms used for studying the antifungal activity are *Aspergillus* niger, Aspergillus parasiticus, Candida albicans and Rhizopus oryzae.

The term *Aspergillosis* is used to define the infections caused by Asperigillus species in which Aspergillus niger and Aspergillus paracitus belong. The most common human disease caused by Aspergillus niger is otomycosis, a fungal infection of external ear. Aspergillus asthma occurs in atopic individuals. In bromopulmonary aspergillosis, the fungus grow within the lumen of bronchioles. Colonising aspergillosis develops usually in preexisting pulmonary cavities such as tuberculosis or cystic diseases. Aspergilloma causes massive haemoptysis. In invasive aspergillosis, 161 the fungus invades the lung tissue. Disseminated aspergillosis¹⁶⁶ involving the brain, kidney and other organs are fatal.

Candida albicans is a yeast like fungus,¹⁶² isolated in patients with all forms of candidiasis. Internal candidiasis is a frequent sequal to oral antibiotic therapy and may present as diarrhea not responding to treatment. Systematic infection such as septicemia, endocarditis and meningitis may occur as terminal complications in severe generalised diseases such as leukemia and in persons on prolonged immunosuppression. Oval candidiasis is considered as a defining illness for AIDS.

Rhizopus oryzae is the most prevalent agent of mucormycosis $\sim 60\%$ of human mucomycosis and nearly 90% of rhinoccrebral cases are caused by Rhizopus oryzae. The fungal is affected at paranasal, rhinoorbital, rhinocerebral, cerebral, pulmononary and gastro intestinal regions and in the soft tissues of extremities.

The organism selected for antibacterial study was staphylococcus aureus.¹¹⁵ It constitute a group of microgranism that may be detected in air, dust and natural water. They are mainly found living on the skin, skin glands and mucous membranes of mammals and birds. Sometimes found in the mouth blood, mammary glands and intestinal genito urinary and upper resperatory tracts of their hosts. The victims suffers from vomitting and sometimes diarrhoea accompanied by sweating, fever, hypothemia, headache and muscular cramps

Experimental

The cup-plate technique was employed for antifungal activity and 'disk diffusion technique^{(163.164)} for antibacterial activity. The principle behind both the technique is fairly simple. When an antibiotic impregnated disc is placed on agar previously inoculated with the test organism and on moistening, the antibiotic diffuses rapidly outwards through the agar producing an antibiotic concentration gradient. **A** clear zone or ring will present if the agent inhibits microbial growth. The wider the zone surrounding the disc the more active is the substance.¹⁶³

Media used and their composition

Nutrient agar media was used for maintaining pure fungal/bacterial culture and to lawn the fungus/bacteria for detecting the antimicrobial activity. It was prepared by dissolving peptone **(lg),** meat extract (0.5g) NaCl (0.5g) and agar (2.5g) in distilled water (100ml) and adjusting the pH of the medium to 7.2-7.4 using 10% NaOH.

Subaraud's agar media was used for maintaining pure culture of all four fungus. It was prepared by dissolving peptone $(1g)$, D-glucose $(4g)$ and agar $(2.5g)$ in distilled water (100ml) and adjusting the pH of the medium about 5.6-6.0 using 10% HCI.

Nutrient broth was used for preparing broth culture of the test fungus/bacteria and its composition was the same as that of nutrient agar, excluding agar. *Normal saline* was used a suspension of fungal/bacterial spores for lawning. It was prepared by dissolving NaCl (0.95g) in distilled water (1 00ml). Solutions of the test compounds were prepared in DMSO and for sterilising, all the media used were autoclaved at 121° C for 20min.

Detection of antimicrobial activity

The fungus *Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus paraciticus* and *Rhizopus oryzae* species, suspension of spores were prepared in normal saline. For this each fungi were grown on subaraud's glucose agar slauts till they get sporulated. These spores were scrapped off and suspended in about 3.5ml of normal saline. In the case of *Candida albicans* the suspension was made by using the cells collected from the slope of the subourand's agar.

To prepare the mat growth of fungi on petriplates, this spore suspension was poured on the surface of the plates. Plates were allowed to dry in an incubator at 37°C for lh. Using an agar punch, wells (10 mm) were made on these plates. In each well 75µls (2000 ppm) of the compounds in DMSO were added. Each plate was having a well for the control, that is the solvent DMSO and also one for the reference antibiotic, Nistatin. This wells were properly labelled and the plates were prepared in triplicate and incubated at room temperature for 24-48 hours. The anti

fungal activity was detected by measuring the diameter of the inhibitory zone around each well. The greater diameters shown by the compounds than the control indicates their antifungal activity.

In the case of antibacterial activity a uniform lawn of bacteria *Staphylococcus* (gm +ve) was spreaded evenly in petriplates as in the case for fungs. Discs impregnated with the compound in DMSO was placed and the antibacterial activity measured from the diameter of the zone of inhibition (mm).

Results and Discussion

The results of antifungal activities of the 6-aryl hexanoids are given in table 2.18 and their typical metal complexes in table 2.19. The data revealed that some of the compounds possess antifungal activity comparable to that of the drug "Nistatine". Among the compounds **2e** and **2f** were found to be highly active against all the four fungal strains studied. In both these compounds an OH group is present in the ortho position of the aryl ring. In the curcuminoids also, it has been reported that their antifungal and other biological activities depend to a large extend on the presence of groups such as OH in the aryl ring. Thus it can be stated that presence of OH group in the aryl ring of these types of unsaturated 1,3-diketones is a structural requirement for their biological activities.

In many cases metal complexation increased the activity of the 6-aryl hexanoids (Table 2.19). Copper(II) complexes are found to be highly active. This is particularly true in the case of copper complexes of **2e** and **2f.** It is to be pointed out that in these complexes also the OH group of **2e** and **2f** remains free. Thus OH group on aryl ring facilitates the antifungal activity of the compounds.

In the case of antibacterial activity preliminary studies on some of the diketones and their complexes revealed that none of them showed significant activity against *Siyphylococcus aureus.*

TABLE 2.18

Antifungal activity of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

*The numbers are according to name of compounds in respective chapters given before.

TABLE 2.19

Antifungal activity of the metal complexes of 6-aryl-5-hexene-2,4-diones

 $n = 2$ for $M = Cu^{2}$, Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} and $n = 3$ for $M = Fe^{+2}$

*The numbers are according to name of compounds in respective chapters given before.

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERISATION OF 5-ARYL-1-PHENYL-4-PENTENE-1,3-DIONES

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CHAPTER II

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SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERISATION OF 5-ARYL-1-PHENYL-4-PENTENE-1,3-DIONES

Synthesis and Characterisation of 5-Aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones and their metal complexes

Condensation of two equivalents of aromatic aldehyde at the methyl groups of acetylacetone leads to the formation of 1,7-diarylheptanoids. While condensation involving only one methyl group the product is 6-arylhexanoids, whereas in the case of benzoylacetone which contains only one methyl group, mono condensation alone will take place as in the reaction below (scheme 3.1).

Scheme 3.1

In the present investigation a series of such β -diketones in which one of the carbonyl group is directly linked to olefinic groups are synthesised and

characterised.^{129,130} These compounds can be systematically named as 5-aryl-1phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones. Typical metal complexes of these unsaturated 1,3diketones were also synthesised and characterised. For convenience this chapter is divided into two sections. In **Section** 1 details of the synthesis and characterisation of l -phenyl-5-aryl pentanoids and their metal complexes in which no substituents are present on the aryl ring are given. In **Section 2** all aryl substituted l -phenyl-5 aryl pentanoids and their metal complexes are included.

Section 1

Synthesis and Characterisation of 5-Aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids and their metal complexes

In this section synthesis and characterisation of a new series of **5-aryl-l**phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones and their metal complexes are considered. The aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, cinnamonyl and heteroarylgroups such as fury1 and pyridyl groups.

Synthesis of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones

The compounds were synthesised $129,130$ by the condensation of aromatic aldehydes (benzaldehyde/cinnamaldehyde/naphthaldehyde/ furfural/pyridine-3aldehyde) with benzoylacetone at room temperature in presence of tri(secbutyl)borate, B_2O_3 and n-butylamine as given below.

In a typical procedure, benzoylacetone (0.005 mol) was mixed with boric oxide (0.005 mol) and 5 ml dry ethylacetate was stirred well for \sim 1 h. The stirring was further continued for \sim 1 h with the slow addition of a solution of aromatic aldehyde (0.005 mol) in 5 m1 dry ethylacetate, followed by tri(sec-buty1)borate (0.01 mol) and n-butylamine (0.05 mol). After stirring for an additional period of \sim 3 h, the solution was set aside overnight. Then 7.5 ml of 0.4 M hot ($\sim 60^{\circ}$ C) hydrochloric acid was added to this mixture and again stirred for ~ 1 h and extracted with ethyl acetate. The washed extracts were combined, concentrated and the residual paste obtained was stirred with hydrochloric acid (2 M, 10 ml). The separated solid product was collected, washed with water then with ethanol and dried under reduced pressure. The compounds were recrystallised from hot benzene to get chromatographically (tlc) pure material.

Synthesis of metal complexes

Copper(II), nickel(II), cobalt(II), oxovanadium(IV) and iron(III) complexes of the compounds were prepared by the following general method. To a refluxing ethanolic solution of the compound (0.02 mol, 20 ml) an aqueous solution of the metal salt (0.001 mol, 15 ml) was added, refluxed for \sim 2 h and the volume was reduced to half. The precipitated complex was filtered after cooling to room temperature, washed with water and dried in vacuum. The complexes were

recrystallised from hot methanol. The metal salts used were acetates of Cu^{2+} , Ni²⁺ and Co^{2+} , VoSO₄ and hydrated FeCl₃.

Results and discussion

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The aromatic aldehydes used for the preparation of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4 pentenel,3-diones considered here are given in table 1.1. All the compounds are crystalline in nature with sharp melting points and are soluble in common organic' solvents. The carbon, hydrogen percentages are in agreement with their formulation. The yield and systematic names are also included in table 3.1.

However the elemental analysis and mass spectral data of the condensation product of pyridine-3-carbaldehyde with benzoylacetone shows that it is quite different from the compounds obtained from the other aldehydes. The product obtained has been established as a triketone. Therefore the analytical and spectral details of the condensation products of pyridine-3-aldehyde and its metal complexes are discussed separately.

TABLE 3.1

Synthetic details of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones

Characterisation of the 1-phenyl-5-arylpentanoids

The structure and the nature of the tautomeric forms of the compounds were characterised on the basis of their uv, ir, ¹H nmr and mass spectral data.

Uv spectra

The uv spectra of the compounds $(10^{-3} \text{ M}, 95\%$ ethnol) show two absorption maxima at \sim 400 nm and \sim 290 nm (Table 3.2). These absorption maxima are significantly at longer wave length compared to those reported for simple saturated 1,3-diketones.^{50,111} The low energy band (\sim 400 nm) corresponds to the n $\rightarrow \pi^*$ transition of the dicarbonyl function. The observed absorption maxima of this band (Table 3.2) can be correlated with electronic effects of different aryl groups. The band at \sim 290 nm due to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition is only marginally influenced by the configuration of the aryl group.

Infrared spectra

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The infrared spectra of the 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones show two prominent bands at ~ 1630 cm⁻¹ and ~ 1615 cm⁻¹ and several medium intensity bands in the region 1450-1600 cm⁻¹. The position and intensity of the bands at \sim 1630 cm⁻¹ and \sim 1615 cm⁻¹ indicates that the compound exists predominantly in the enol form and enolised towards the cinnamoyl functions.^{52,123} This is inferred from the fact tht no free benzoyl carbonyl band $(~ 1660 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ or cinnamoyl carbonyl band $(\sim 1645 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ are observed in the double bond region of the spectra. The observed bands in these region suggests the enolisation of the active methylene proton and its involvement in strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding as in structure 3.1. Considering the variation electronic effects of the different aryl

TABLE 3.2

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Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of the 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-l,3-diones, 3a-d

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groups on the carbonyl stretching frequencies, it is to be expected that 3d **(At-** = furyl) should exhibit high stretching frequency for its carbonyl groups compared to other compounds. This is fully justified in the recorded spectrum of the compound (Table **3.3).**

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The intense broad band in the region 2500-3500 cm⁻¹ is undoubtedly due to the presence of strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding that exists in these compounds. A medium intensity band at \sim 972 cm⁻¹ is due to the trans $-CH=CH$ absorption as the **cis** ethylene double bonds usually show weak intensity bands at a much lower region. The characteirsation ir bands of the compounds are brought out in table 3.3.

Characteristic ir data (cm⁻¹) of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones, 3a-d

nmr spectra

The chemical shift of the enolic proton in the nmr spectra as a measure of the strength of the hydrogen bond has been clearly demonstrated for several 1,3 diketones by Nonhebel. 63 The ¹H nmr spectra of 5-aryl-1-phneyl-4-pentene-1.3diones shows a downfield singlet at $\sim \delta$ 16 ppm which can be assigned to the intramolecularly hydrogen bonded enolic proton of the compound. The methine proton signal appeared in the range δ 6.1-6.9 ppm. The ¹H nmr spectra of the compounds are reproduced in figures 3.1-3.3. The alkenyl signals with their

observed J values suggest a trans configuration about the olefinic function in the compounds. The characteristic chemical shift of various protons are summarised in table 3.4. The integrated intensities of all the signals appeared in the spectra agree well with **structure 3.1** of the compounds.

TABLE 3.4

Characteristic ¹H nmr spectral data of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones, 3a-3d

Compounds of				Probable assignments
3a	3 _b	3c	3 _d	Chemical shift (ppm)
16.85	16.08	16.20		enolic
7.9926 (1H) 7.9792 (1H)	8.0960(1H) 7.980(1H)	8.5708 (1H) 8.2840(1H)	7.9586 (IH) 7.9348 (1H)	alkenyl
7.50-7.79 (10H)	6.927-7.954 (10H)	7.259-7.999 (12H)	7.259-7.891 (8H)	aryl
6.85(1H)	6.2734(1H)	6.4064 (1H)	6.184~(1H)	methine

Mass spectra

The mass spectra $120,121$ of all the compounds showed intense molecular ion $P^+(P+1)^+$ peaks in conformity with their formulation. Peaks due to $(P-Ph)^+$, $(P-Ph)^+$ Ph-CO)⁺, PhCO⁺, Ph⁺, (P-PH COCH₂)⁺, are characteristic of all the spectra. The appearance of major peaks in the spectra of all the compounds can be accounted by considering the fragmentation pattern given in **scheme** 3.2. The mass spectra of the compounds are reproduced in figures 3.4-3.6.

Fig. 3.4. Mass spectrum of 3b

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Characteristion of metal chelates of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-13-diones

The analytical and physical data of the metal complexes are given in table 3.4-3.6. The observed elemental analysis data of the complexes suggests that they are of $[ML_2]$ stoichiometry, for iron(III) it is of $[ML_3]$ stoichiometry. All the complexes behave as non electrolytes (specific conductance $\leq 15 \Omega^{-1}$ cm⁻¹ in dmf) and do not contain the anion of the metal salt used for their preparation. Copper(II), cobalt(II), oxovanadium(1V) and iron(II1) complexes show normal magnetic moment where as nickel(II) are diamagnetic. The electronic, ir, nmr and mass spectral data of the complexes are in agreement with the structure that would result when the chelated enol proton of the ligand is replaced by metal ion as in **structure 3.2.**

 $M = Cu^{+2}$, Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} , VO^{+2} for $n = 2$ and $M = Fe^{+3}$ for $n = 3$

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Uv spectra

The observed uv absorption maxima of the complexes are given in tables 3.5-3.8. They bear close resemblance to that of the free ligands indicating that no structural alternation of the ligand has occurred during complexation. However, the slight bathochromic shift of the two major bands of the complexes compared to the free ligands suggest that both the carbonyl oxygens are involved in bonding with the metal ion.

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of copper(II) complexes of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones, 3a-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to [CuL2] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of nickel(I1) complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-1,s-diones, 3a-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to [NiL2] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of cobalt(I1) 2H20 complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-l,3-diones, 3a-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[Col_2(H_2O)_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of iron(II1) complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-l,3-diones, 3a-d

*The molecular formula given correspond to [FeL3] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Infrared spectra

The most characteristic feature of the ir spectra of the metal complexes of 5 aryl- l -phenyl-4-pentene- 1,3-diones is the absence of any strong bands in the region 1700-1600 cm⁻¹ due to free or hydrogen bonded carbonyl function. It has been reported that the carbonyl stretching frequency of 1,3-diketones shift (10-40 cm⁻¹) to lower values during metal complexation. However two new bands appeared in the spectra of metal(II) chelates at ~ 1625 cm⁻¹ and ~ 1590 cm⁻¹ of appreciable intensity, apart from the various medium intensity bands arising from aromatic and alkenyl C=C vibrations. These bands can safely be assigned to the metal chelated carbonyl groups. This is further supported by the appearance of medium intensity bands at \sim 480 cm⁻¹ and \sim 420 cm⁻¹ arising from v_{M-O} vibrations.

The replacement of enolic proton by metal ion is also evident from the absence of the broad free ligand band in the region 3400-2800 cm-' in the spectra of complexes. The characteristic ir data of various metal complexes and their probable assignments are given in table 3.9 to 3.13.

Characteristic ir data (cm⁻¹) of copper(II) chelates of
5-aryl-1-phenyl-pentanoids, 3a-d

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of nickel(I1) chelates of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-pentanoids, 3a-d

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Characteristic ir data $(cm⁻¹)$ of cobalt(II) chelate of
5-aryl-1-phenyl-pentanoids

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of oxovanadium(N) of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-pentanoids

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') iron(II1) chelate of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-pentanoids

	Iron(III) chelate of		Probable assignments	
3 _b	3c	3d		
1620	1625	1616	$v_{C=O}$ metal chelated benzoyl	
1585	1586	1585	$v_{C=O}$ metal chelated cinnamoyl	
1519 1450	1517 1447	1550 1471	v_{C-C-C} phenyl / alkyl	
1377	1387	1420	v_{asym} C-C-C chelate ring	
1360	1346	1377	v_{sym} C-C-C chelate ring	
1145 1099	1165 1102 1025	1180 1125 1016	β_{C-H} chelate ring	
995	966	974	γ _{CH=CH} trans	
782	769	750	$\gamma_{\text{C-H}}$ chelate ring	
432 410	470	472 418	γ_{M-O} chelate ring	

1 H nmr spectra

The most characteristic feature of the 'H nmr spectra of the diamagnetic nickel(II) chelates is the absence of proton signals at $\delta \sim 16$ ppm. This strongly suggests the replacement of the enolic proton by the metal ions in the complexes as in **structure 3.2.** The methine signals are shifted towards the low field of the spectra indicating the decreased electron density around the central carbon atom of the aromatic metal chelate ring system. The integrated intensities of the aryl and alkenyl signals are in agreement with the 1:2 metal-ligand stoichiometry of the chelates.

Mass spectra

The FAB mass spectra of the copper(1I) chelates of the compounds (figures 3.7-3.9) show prominent peaks due to [CuL₂]^+ which justifies the formation of the chelates. The base peak in all the case is due to the ligand and peaks due to $\left[\text{CuL} \right]^*$, L^+ and fragment of L^+ are sometimes more intense than the molecular ion peak. Another striking feature of all the spectra is the presence of a large number of fragments containing copper. Thus the available spectral evidence fully support the monobasic bidentate chelation of the complex as in structure 3.2.

Characterisation of the condensation product of pyridine-3-aldehyde with benzoylacetone and its metal complexes

It is well known that under suitable conditions one molecule of aldehyde or ketone add to a second molecule in such a way that the α -carbon of the first becomes attached to the carbonyl carbon of the second. This reaction is known as aldol condensation. If the aldehyde or ketone does not contain an α -hydrogen, a simple aldol condensation cannot take place. Thus benzoyl acetone in which the carbon groups possess α -hydrogens can very well undergo aldol condensation.

Mass spectrum of copper(II) complex of 3b Fig. 3.7.

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Similarly heteroaryl aldehydes such as pyridine-3-carbaldehyde is more prone to Knoevenagel type condensation than to aldol condensation compared to benzaldehyde or substituted aldehydes. Thus, the formation of a different product in the case of the condensation reaction between pyridine-3-carbaldehyde and benzoyl acetone is not surprising. The spectral data discussed below are in full agreement with these facts. The compound obtained from the condensation of the pyridine-3-aldehyde with the benzoyl acetone was thoroughly examined using various analytical and spectral techniques. These results are discussed below.

In the mass spectrum of the compound an intense peak observed at m/z 394, which is the highest mass peak in the spectrum $(Fig. 3.11)$. Appearance of this peak can only be explained by considering that both aldol and Knoevenagel type condensations occurred under the reaction conditions as given in **scheme 3.3.** The C, H, N percentage determined also support the formulation of the cordination product (Table 3.15).

4,8-diphenyl-7-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-4-octene-2,6,8-trione

Scheme 3.3

Similarly the compound contain an acetyl group is clearly indicated fiom its mass spectrum (figure 3.11) with the appearance of an intense $(P-43)^+$ peak.

The 'H nmr spectrum of the compound given in figure 3.10 shows a signal at 2.2052 assignable to methyl protons of acetyl group. The signal at 6.182 in the spectrum can safely be assigned to the methylene protons. That the compound contains two phenyl groups is clearly indicated fiom the splitting pattern of the phenyl proton signals in the range δ 7.430 - 7.554 ppm. The pyridyl ring protons are observed at *6* 7.869-7.904 ppm. The peaks in the range 6 7.260-7.424 are due to

The copper(I1) and nickel(I1) complexes of the compound have been prepared and characterised. The observed analytical data (Table 3.15) suggests $[ML(OAc)_2]$ stoichiometry of the complexes. The mass spectrum of the copper (II) complexes also shows a peak at m/z 578 (figure 3.12) corresponds to composition $[Cul(OAc)₂]$. Other major fragments appeared in the spectrum are due to the removal of OAc, CH3C0, Ph, PhCO, Py, etc. groups from the molecular ion.

The ir spectra of the complexes are characterised by the presence of four medium intensity bands at ~ 1700 cm⁻¹, 1625 cm⁻¹, 1610 cm⁻¹ and 1605 cm⁻¹. The appearance of a band at $\sim 1700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ strongly suggest that the acetyl carbonyl is not involved in bonding with the metal ion. The band at \sim 1625 may probably due to coordinated acetate group and the other two band can be assigned to metal bonded carbonyl groups. Thus the spectrum of the complex support the structure 3.4.

Fig. 3..12. Mass spectrum of copper(l1) complex of *3E*

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the olefinic protons. Thus the **'H** nmr and mass spectral dala unequivocally support the formation of **4,8-diphenyl-7-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-4-octene-2,6,8-trione (3e).**

The ir spectrum of the compound also support the presence of an acetyl carbonyl and a benzoyl carbonyl because of the presence of two strong bands at **1710** cm-' and **1650** cm-' assignable respectively to the benzoyl and acetoyl centre of structure. Important ir bands observed in the spectrum of the compound and their probable assignments are given in the table **3.14.**

TABLE 3.14

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of 4,8-diphenyl-7-(pyridin-3-ylmetby1ene)- 4-octene-2,6,8-triones (3e)

Compound of 3e	Probable assignments		
1710	$v_{C=0}$ chelated acetyl		
1650	$v_{C=Q}$ chelated benzyl		
1630 1602	v_{C-C} phenyl / alkenyl		
1565	v_{asy} C-C-C chelate ring		
1485	v_{sym} -C-C-C chelate ring		
1197 1078 1020	β_{C-H} chelate ring		
962	$\gamma_{CH=CH-}$ trans		
763	γ_{C-H} chelate ring		

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of metal complexes of 4,&diphenyl-7-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-4-octene-2,6,8-trione

*The molecular formula given correspond to [ML(OAc)2] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety,

The unidentate coordination of the acetate group is evident fiom the presence of a band at $\sim 1300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to $v_s(\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^{-})$ vibration. Important ir bands and their assignments are given in the table 3.16. Thus all available data support the neutral unidentate 0,O-coordination of the triketone in which the acetyl carbonyl is in fine coordination with the metal ion.

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of copper(I1) chelates of 4,8-diphenyl-7-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-4- octene-2,6,8-trione (3e)

Section 2

Synthesis and characterisation of 5-(substituted aryl)-l-phenyl-4 pentene-1,3-diones and their metal complexes

Preparation of 5-(substituted aryl)-l-phenyl pentanoids

The compounds were prepared by the condensation of substituted aromatic aldehydes (2-methylbenzaldehyde/4-ethoxybenzaldehyde/pipernaldehyde/4-(N,Ndimethylamino) benzaldehyde/4-nitrobenzaldehyde/2-hydroxynaphthaldehyde and salicylaldehyde) with benzoylacetone in the presence of boric oxide and tri(secbuty1)borate using n-butylamine as the condensing agent at room temperature as outlined below. The detailed procedure for the synthesis is same as reported in section 1.

Scheme 4.1

The compounds were recrystallised from hot benzene to get chromatographically (tlc) pure material.

Preparation of metal complexes

Copper(II), nickel(II), cobalt(II), oxovanadium(IV) and iron(III) chelates of the diketones were prepared by the following general method. To a refluxing ethanolic solution of the compound (0.002 mol, 20 ml) an aqueous solution of metal(II) acetate (0.001 mol, 15 ml) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for \sim 2 h. In the case of iron(III) and oxovanadium(IV) chelates ferric chloride and vanadyl sulphate respectively were used. The volume was reduced to half. The precipitated complex on cooling to room temperature was filtered, washed with water and recrystallised from hot methanol.

Results and discussion

Synthetic details of the compounds are given in table 4.1. **All** the compounds are crystalline in nature with sharp melting points and are soluble in common organic solvents. The carbon, hydrogen percentages are in agreement with their formulation. The yield and systematic names are also included in table 4.1.

The uv, ir, nmr and mass spectral data of the compounds are discussed below with a view to establish their structure and tautomeric nature.

TABLE 4.1

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Synthetic details of the substituted 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

uv spectra

The tautomeric character of certain substituted benzoylacetones have been studied by ultraviolet spectroscopy.⁵⁰ The uv spectra of the compounds in 95% ethanol (10⁻³ M) show two bands with λ_{max} at \sim 406 nm and \sim 285 nm. From a comparison of the reported spectra of simple $1,3$ -diketones⁵ such as benzoyl acetone the band at \sim 450 nm can be assigned to the n $\rightarrow \pi^*$ transition of the carbonyl chromophone and the band at \sim 285 nm to the conjugated $-C=C \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition. The λ_{max} of low energy n $\rightarrow \pi^*$ transition shows a bathochromic shift when the aryl substituents exerts an electron releasing effect.

Infrared spectra

The ir spectra of compounds are characterised by the presence of two strong bands at \sim 1635 and \sim 1605 cm⁻¹ and several medium intensity bands in the region 1500-1600 cm⁻¹. It is to be pointed out that no free benzoyl carbonyl ($\sim 1660 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) or cinnamoyl carbonyl bands (~ 1645 cm⁻¹) are observed in the double bond region of the spectra. The observed bands in this region suggest the enolisation of the active methylene proton and its involvement in strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding as in structure 4.1.

TABLE 4.2

Physical, analytical and uv spectral data of the 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

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The presence of strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding that exists in these compounds is evident from the occurrence of the intense broad band in the region 2500-3500 cm⁻¹. A medium intensity band appeared at \sim 970 cm⁻¹ in the spectra of the compounds can be assigned to the trans -CH=CH- absorption. Charactersitic ir data and their probable assignments are given in table 4.3.

TABLE 4.3

Compounds of							
4а	4b	4c	4d	4e	4f	4g	Probable assignments
1639	1635	1635	1630	1640	1635	1640	$v_{C=0}$ chelated benzoyl
1610	1600	1608	1595	1596	1606	1604	$v_{C=0}$ chelate cinnamonyl
1575 1535	1512 1393	1502 1434 1359	1535 1367	1515 1341	1585 1490	1585 1485	v_{C-C} phenyl / alkenyl
1445	1302	1303	1321	1283	1450	1452	v_{asym} -C-C-C chelate ring
1390	1255	1242	1238	1237	1375	1361	v_{sym} –C–C–C chelate ring
1022	1172 1114 1043	1174 1093 1033	1155 1068	1168 1104	1172 1079 1024	1181 1112 1029	β_{C-H} chelate ring
970	972	977	972	963	974	945	$v_{CH=CH-}$ trans
763	756	767	777	776	754	756	v_{C-H} chelate ring

Characteristic ir data (cm⁻¹) of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones, 4a-g

'H nmr spectra

The ¹H nmr spectra of all the substituted 5-aryl-1-phenylpentanoids displayed a one proton singlet at $\sim \delta$ 16 ppm. This signal can be assigned to the intramolecularly hydrogen bonded enolic proton of the compounds. Other signals appeared are in the range of 6.02-6.4 1 (methine protons), 7.94-8.59 (alkenyl proton), and 7.26-8.13 (aryl protons). The spectra of 4g and 4f show a singlet at \sim 13 ppm assignable to the phenolic proton of the compounds. The integrated intensities of all the signals appeared in the spectra (Fig. 4.1-4.7) agree well with **structure** 4.1 of the compounds. The characteristic chemical shift of various protons are summarised in table 4.4.

TABLE 4.4

Characteristic 'H nmr spectral data of substituted 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

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Mass spectra

The mass spectra of all the compounds show molecular ion $P^{\dagger}/(P+1)^{\dagger}$ peaks in confirmity with their formulation. In the case of $4f$ and $4g$ $(P-18)^{+}$ peak is most intense and is formed by the elimination of H_2O by the ortho effect. Peaks due to $(P-Ph)^{+}$, $(P-PhCO)^{+}$, $(P-CH_2COPh)^{+}$ and elimination of CH₂=C=O from (P-PhCO⁺) are characteristic of all spectra. The appearance of major peaks in the spectra of all the compounds can be accounted by considering the fragmentation pattern glven in scheme 4.2. The mass spectra of the compounds are reproduced in figures 4.8 to 4.13.

Characterisation of metal chelates

AI1 the diketones formed well defined crystralline metal complexes with sharp melting points. Analytical and physical data of the complexes are given in tables 4.5 to 4.8. The observed elemental analysis data of complexes suggests that they are of $[ML_2]$ stoichiometry except for iron(III) which is $[FeL_3]$. All the complexes behave as non electrolytes (specific conductance $\leq 15 \Omega^{-1}$ cm⁻¹ in dmf) and do not contain the anion of the metal salt used for their preparation. The nickel(I1) complexes are diamagnetic and all others are paramagnetic. The electronic, ir, nmr and mass spectral data of the complexes are compatible with the structure that would result when the chelated enol proton of the ligand is replaced by metal ion as in structure 4.2.

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 $M = Cu^{+2}$, Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} , VO^{+2} for $n = 2$ and $M = Fe^{+3}$ for $n = 3$

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uv spectra

The uv absorption maxima of the complexes bear close resemblance to that of the free ligands indicating that no structural alternation of the ligand has occurred during complexation. The two major absorption maxima of ligands showed bathochromic shift (5-10 nm) in complexes which suggests the involvement of the carbonyl function in metal complexation. The observed uv absorption maxima of the complexes are given in tables 4.5-4.8.

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of copper(I1) complexes of 5 aryl-l -phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[Cul_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of nickel(I1) complexes of 5-aryll-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[NiL_2]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of cobalt(11) complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

*The molecular formula given correspond to $[Col₂(H₂O)₂]$ stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Analytical and characteristic uv spectral data of iron(l11) complexes of 5-aryl- phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

*The molecular formula given correspond to [FeL3] stoichiometry, where L stands for the deprotonated ligand moiety.

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Infrared spectra

The broad free ligand band in the region $2700-3200$ cm⁻¹ is cleared up in the spectra of all metal complexes showing that the chelated proton is replaced by the metal ion during complexation. However, in the spectra of complexes of **4f** and **4g** weak bands asignable to v_{OH} are observed in addition to various v_{C-H} vibration. * The most characteristic feature of the ir spectra of the complexes is the absence of any strong bands in the region $1700-1630$ cm⁻¹ due to free or hydrogen bonded carbonyl function. However two new bands appeared in the spectra of metal complexes at $\sim 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 1580 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ of appreciable intensity apart from the various medium intensity bands arising from aromatic and alkenyl $v_{C=C}$ vibrations in the region $1400-1600$ cm⁻¹. This is further supported by the apperance of medium intensity bands at \sim 470 and \sim 428 cm⁻¹ arising from v_{M-} vibrations. The position of the trans -CH=CH bands (\sim 927 cm⁻¹) remains unaltered in the case of metal complexes. All these suggests the **structure 4.2** for the complexes. The ir spectral data of the metal complexes are given in tables 4.8-4.13. Spectra of all the cobalt(I1) complex showed bands assignable to coordinated water molecule. The $V_{C=0}$ stretching of the VO²⁺ complexes appeared at ~ 1627 cm⁻¹.

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of nickel(I1) chelates of 5-aryl-l -phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

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Characteristic ir data (cm-') of cobalt(11) chelates of S-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

Characteristic ir data (cm⁻¹) of iron(III) chelates of
5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentanoids, 4a-g

Characteristic ir data (cm-') of oxovanadium(1V) chelates of 5-aryl-l -phenyl-4-pen tanoids, 4a-g

H nmr spectra

The 'H nmr spectra of the diamagnetic nickel(I1) chelates of the substituted 5-arylpentanoids confirm the replacement of the enolic proton by the metal ion as in **structure 2.2.** This is evident from the absence of the low field proton signal at $\sim \delta$ 16 ppm in the ¹H nmr of nickel(II) complexes. For instance the spectrum of the Ni²⁺ complexes of 2b is given in figure 4.14. However, the phenolic OH signal of the 4f and 4g remained almost unaltered in the spectra of their metal chelates indicating that the chelate formation has occurred only through the 1,3-dicarbonyl moiety of the compounds. The integrated intensities of the various signals are as expected of their formulation. The methine signals are shifted towards the downfield of the spectra indicating the decreased electron density around the central carbon atom of the pseudo aromatic metal chelate ring system.

Mass spectra

The FAB mass spectra of the copper(I1) chelates are reproduced in figures 4.15-4.20. All the complexes show prominent peaks due to $\text{[CuL}_2\text{]}^+$ which justifies the formulation of the chelates as in structure 4.2. The base peak in all the case is due to ligand and peaks due to $[CuL]^{+}$, L^{+} and fragments of L^{+} are sometimes more intense than the molecular ion peak.

Esr spectra of copper(I1) complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids

The unsaturated 5-aryl-1-phenyl-pentanoids considered in this investigation are structurally related to substituted benzoylacctonc in thc scnsc that thc mcthyl group of benzoylacetone is substituted with a Ar-CH= group thereby increasing the degree of conjugation. That is a styryl group and a phenyl group are attached to the diketo function. Compared to 6-arylhexanoids extended conjugation exist in these types of compounds. Therefore it is valuable to study the nature of the Cu-0 bond

by esr spectra **135,136** and to compare the results with that of benzoylacetone and thereby to gain some information regarding the influence of extended conjugation in the nature of Cu-O bonds.

The esr spectra of typical copper(I1) complexes of 5-aryl-l-phenyl pentanoids (4a) are given in figure 4.21. The g_{\parallel} and g_{\perp} values calculated are 2.2496 and 2.0484 respectively and the A₁₁ and A₁ values are 155 x 10⁴ cm⁻¹ and 22 x 10^4 cm⁻¹. The g \parallel value is higher than that observed for the corresponding 6-arylhexanoids (chapter 2 Table 2.14). Compared to **2a, 4a** is more conjugated and hence the g_{||} value should be lower for **2a**. This may probably due to the lack of coplanarity of the system because of the pressure of phenyl groups on both sides that restrict the delocalisation of the π electrons.

Thermal decomposition studies of 5-aryl-l-phenyl-l-pentene 1,3-diones and their metal complexes

Thermogravimetric Analysis **4c** and its Cu(II), Ni(II), Co(I1) and Fe(lI1) complexes were investigated and their datas are given in this part. Thermal decomposition datas are compared and the kinetic parameters for each stage was

evaluated based on the three non-mechanistic equations. The order of the reaction was determined. The correlation coefficient (r) were computed by the weighted Least Square Method (LSM) by using these non-mechanistic equations and these are tabulated.

Thermal Analysis: The thermogram (Fig. 4.22) of **4c** shows a two stage decomposition pattern. For 1st stage decomposition the temperature ranges in TG are between 415-613' K with a peak temperature of 543 K. The **2"d** stage decomposition range is from $623-853^{\circ}$ K with a peak temperature of 783° K. The mass loss from TG and theoretical values are in good agreement (Table 4.14).

The order of the reaction was found to be unity. The kinetic parameters E, A, ΔS and correlation coefficient (r) were calculated for both stages by using the non mechanistic expressions and are given in table 4.15.

TABLE 4.14

Thermal decomposition data of the 5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentene-l,3-diones and its Cu(ll), Ni(II), Co(1l) and Fe(I1I) complexes

Thermal Analysis of Metal Complexes

(a) Cu(I1) complex of 4c (CuL2)

Thermograms of the copper (II) complexes shows a single stage decomposition pattern (Figure 4.23). The temperatures ranges in TG is $(520-1071^{\circ}$ K) with a peak temperature of 583° K. The end product appears to be CuO as the mass loss from the TG curves agree well with the theoretical value (Table 4.14). The kinetic parameters were calculated for the order $= 1$ and are given in table 4.15.

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Kinetic parameters for the decomposition of 4c and their metal complexes

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CR = Coats-Redfern; MT = Maccallurn-Tanner; HM - Horowitz Metzger

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(b) Ni(II) complex of 4c $(NiL₂)$

The thermal decomposition of nickel(I1) follows a two stage pattern (Figure 4.24). The temperature range in the $1st$ stage decomposition is (393-593[°] K) with a peak temperature of 543° K. The 2^{nd} stage decomposition has a range of (594-733 $^{\circ}$ K) with a peak temperature of 673 $^{\circ}$ K. The end product appears to be NiO as the mass loss fiom TG is in agreement with the theoretical value (Table 4.14). The kinetic parameters were calculated for both stages and given in Table 4.15.

(c) Cobalt(II) complex of 4c $[({\rm Col}_2(H_2O)_2]$

The thermogram of the cobalt (II) complexes displayed a double stage decomposition pattern (Fig. 4.25). The $1st$ stage decomposition is from $(473-$ 630 $^{\circ}$ K) with a peak temperature of 523 $^{\circ}$ K. The 2nd stage decomposition ranges $(640-763^{\circ}$ K) with a peak temperature of 703° K. The end product appears to be $Co₃O₄$ since the mass loss from the TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value. Mass loss corresponding to the elimination of the coordinated water molecule is evident from the observed mass loss in $1st$ stage (Table 4.14). The kinetic parameters for the two stages of decomposition are given in table 4.15.

(d) Fe(II1) complex of 4c (FeL3)

The Thermal Analysis curve for FeL_3 complexes are given in figure 4.26. The compound shows a double stage decomposition pattern. The 1st stage ranges

[WEIGHT] -----Ti('C)----Tf('C)------Wt. Change $(\%)$ ---

Fig. 4.23 . Thermogram of Cu(II) complex of 4c

between (473-618 $^{\circ}$ K) with a peak temperature of 533 $^{\circ}$ K. The 2nd stage decomposition starts with 628' K and ends by 745' K with a peak maximum of 683°K. The end product seems to be $Fe₂O₃$ since the mass loss from the TG curve agrees well with the theoretical value (Table 4.14). The kinetic parameters activation were calculated by using non-mechanistic equations and are given in table 4.15.

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Biological Studies

As the compounds considered in the present investigation are structurally related to Curcuminoids, some of the biological activities of these compounds were also studied. The results of fungicidal and bactericidal activities of the 5-aryl-lphenyl-4-pentenoids and their typical metal complexes are discussed below.

The organisms used for studying the antifungal activity are *Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus parasiticus, Candida albicans* and *Rhizophus oryzae.* The organism selected for antibacterial study was *Staphylococcus aureus.* The cup-plate technique was employed for antifungal activity and 'disk diffusion technique^{$163,164$} for antibacterial activity as discussed in chapter 2. The media used, their composition and the method of detecting the antimicrobial activity are same as in chapter 2.

Results and Discussion

The results of antifungal activities of the 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentanoids are given in table 4.16 and their typical metal complexes in table 2. The data revealed that some of the compounds possess antifungal activity comparable to that of the drug "Nistatine". Among the compounds **4f** and 4g were found to be highly active against all the four fungal strains studied. In both these compounds an OH group is present in the ortho position of the aryl ring. Thus it can be stated that presence of OH group in the aryl ring of these unsaturated 1,3-diketones is a structural requirement for their biological activities.

In the case of **5-aryl-l-phenyl-4-pentanoids,** it is found that metal complexation increased the activity (Table 4.17). Copper(I1) complexes are found to be highly active, particularly true in the case of **4f** and **4g.** It is to be again pointed out that in these complexes also the OH group of **4f** and 4g remains free. The OH group on the aryl ring facilitates the antifungal activity of the compounds.

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In the case of antibacterial activity preliminary studies on some of the **5** aryl- l -phenyl-4-pentanoids and their complexes revealed that none of them showed significant activity against *Styphylococcus aureus.*

TABLE 4.16

Antifungal Activity of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-dione compounds

*The numbers are according to name of compounds in respective chapters given before.

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TABLE 4.17

Antifungal Activity of metal complexes of 5-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pentene-1,3-diones

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 $n = 2$ for $M = Cu^{+2}$, Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} and $n = 3$ for $M = Fe^{+3}$

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*The numbers are according to name of compounds in respective chapters given before.

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