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ABSTRACT

The interaction of thorium(IV) salts with 4[*N*-(benzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (BAAPS), 4[*N*-(4'-methoxybenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (MBAAPS), 4[*N*-(4'-dimethoxyaminobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (DABAAPS), 4[*N*-(2'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (2'-NO₂BAAPS), and 4[*N*-(3'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (3'-NO₂BAAPS) in non-aqueous solvents resulted in the formation of [ThL₂X₄] (X = Cl, Br, or NCS), [ThL₂I₂], [ThL₂](ClO₄)₂ or [ThL(NO₃)₄] (L = BAAPS,

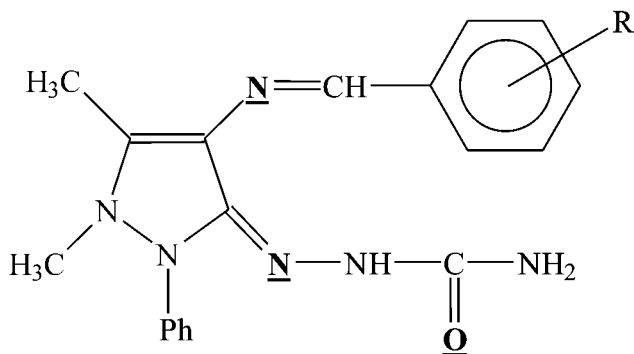
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MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2-NO₂BAAPS, or 3-NO₂BAAPS). All of these compounds were characterized by elemental analyses, electrical conductivity, IR, and thermal methods. X-ray powder diffraction studies of a representative complex were also undertaken. Th(IV) displays the coordination numbers 6, 8, 10, and 11 in these compounds depending on the nature of the coordinated anion and the stoichiometry.

Key Words: Thorium(IV); Semicarbazones; Complexes; Coordination number.

INTRODUCTION

The coordination polyhedra of actinide ions have been extensively investigated and sufficiently well characterized in the solid state especially by x-ray investigations. The contraction of the ionic radius with increasing atomic number is related to the maximum obtainable coordination number with tropolonato and 8-hydroxyquinolinato ligands. It is possible to prepare Th(IV) and U(IV) 10-coordinated complexes and only eight coordinated complexes of Np(IV) and Pu(IV) with these ligands. Thorium(IV) with an atomic radius of 1.65 Å and a high charge fulfills the optimum conditions for high coordination.^[1] Thorium(IV) is an example of a typical hard Lewis acid, as compared to the tendency to coordination of oxygen and sulfur donors and also of nitrogen and phosphorus donors.^[2,3] Both oxygen and nitrogen have an appreciable tendency to coordinate to thorium(IV) although complexes containing O-donors are more common than those containing N-donors. In thorium(IV) complexes, the coordination number of thorium(IV) varies from 6 to 12. The coordination numbers 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12 are usually found in thorium(IV) complexes, while the coordination numbers 7 and 9 are rather uncommon for thorium(IV) complexes.^[4,5] In the literature a good number of thorium(IV) complexes of Schiff bases are reported,^[6,7] but comparatively less is known about thorium(IV) complexes of semicarbazones. In view of this, the present studies are devoted to the preparation and characterization of 30 coordination compounds of thorium(IV) with 4[4-(benzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (BAAPS), 4[*N*-(4'-methoxybenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (MBAAPS), 4[*N*-(4'-dimethoxyaminobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (DABAAPS), 4[*N*-(2'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (2'-NO₂BAAPS), and 4[*N*-(3'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (3'-NO₂BAAPS) (Fig. 1). In these compounds thorium(IV) displays the coordination numbers 6, 8, 10, or 11 depending on the nature of the coordination anion and the stoichiometry.



R = H; L = BAAPS

R = 4'-OCH₃; L = MBAAPS

R = 4'-N(CH₃)₂; L = DABAAPS

R = 2'-NO₂; L = 2'-NO₂BAPAAS

R = 3'-NO₂; L = 3'-NO₂BAPAAS

Figure 1. Structure of ligands.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

Thorium(IV) nitrate was obtained from BDH. Thorium(IV) perchlorate was prepared as reported.^[8] Crystals of ThX₄ (X = Cl, Br, I, or NCS) were prepared by known methods.^[9] All the thorium(IV) salts are hygroscopic and were stored in a desiccator over concentrated sulfuric acid. 4-Aminoantipyrine (Koch & Light), benzaldehyde, 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde, 2/3-nitrobenzaldehyde, and semicarbazide hydrochloride (CDH) were obtained commercially and used as received. The following semicarbazones (Fig. 1) were prepared in the laboratory.

1. 4[4-(benzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (BAAPS), (C₁₉H₂₀N₆O).
2. 4[N-(4'-methoxybenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (MBAAPS), (C₁₉H₂₂N₆O₂).
3. 4[N-(4'-dimethoxyaminobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (DABAAPS), (C₂₁H₂₅N₇O).

4. 4[*N*-(2'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (2'-NO₂BAAPS) (C₁₉H₁₉N₇O₃).
5. 4[*N*-(3'-nitrobenzylidene)amino]antipyrine semicarbazone (3'-NO₂BAAPS) (C₁₉H₁₉N₇O₃).

Synthesis of Semicarbazones

All five derivatives were synthesized in two steps.^[10]

1. A solution of an aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol) in absolute ethanol (20 mL) was mixed with 4-aminoantipyrine (1.1 mmol, 0.2234 g) in the same solvent (20 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2–3 hr. On cooling, a yellow crystalline product separated, which was filtered and recrystallized in the same solvent.
2. Semicarbazones were prepared by the following method. Semicarbazide hydrochloride (H₂NNHCONH₂·HCl) (15 g, 0.134 mol) and sodium acetate (CH₃COONa) (13 g, 0.15 mol) were dissolved in 60 mL distilled water and mixed with the corresponding Schiff base (0.1 mol) [prepared in (1)] in ethanol (25 mL). The mixture was refluxed on a water bath for 1 hr. On cooling the contents, the semicarbazones crystallized out. They were filtered, washed with 50% ethanol, and recrystallized from ethanol. The obtained light yellow crystals were filtered and dried at ~60 °C in an electric oven.

Synthesis of the Complexes

[ThL₂X₄] (X = Cl, Br, or NCS) (L = BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS)

A methanolic solution (10 mL) of ThX₄ (X = Cl, Br, and NCS) (1 mmol) was added to the respective ligand solution (2.1 mmol, 20 mL of methanol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 hr on a water bath. Solid compounds were obtained after reducing the volume of the reaction mixture to 1/2 under a fan. The precipitate was filtered by suction, washed with methanol, and dried under *vacuo* over P₄O₁₀.

[ThL₂I₂]₂ (L = BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS)

A methanolic solution (10 mL) of ThI₄ (1 mmol, 0.74 g) was added to the respective ligand solution (2.1 mmol, 20 mL of methanol) dropwise.

The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 hr on a water bath. The reaction mixture was left overnight for complete precipitation. The precipitate was filtered by suction, washed with methanol, and dried under *vacuo* over P_4O_{10} .

$[ThL_2](ClO_4)_4$ (L = BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS)

To a solution of $Th(ClO_4)_4$ (1 mmol, 0.63 g) in isopropyl alcohol (10 mL) was added a hot solution of the respective ligand (2 mmol) in the same solvent (10 mL). In case of BAAPS, MBAAPS, and DABAAPS, the desired complex was obtained immediately. But in case of 2'-NO₂BAAPS and 3'-NO₂BAAPS the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1–2 hr. On cooling to room temperature the desired complexes were obtained. The solid products were filtered, washed with isopropyl alcohol, and dried *in vacuo* over P_4O_{10} .

$[ThL(NO_3)_4]$ (L = BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS)

To a solution of $Th(NO_3)_4$ (1 mmol, 0.56 g) in ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added the respective ligand (1.1 mmol) in the same solvent (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for about 1 hr and then left for overnight at room temperature. Fine crystalline products were obtained which were filtered by suction, washed with ethyl acetate, and finally dried *in vacuo* over P_4O_{10} .

All of the physico-chemical measurements and analyses were performed as reported previously.^[4,5] Infrared spectra in the range of 4000–200 cm^{-1} were measured on a Perkin–Elmer Infracord Spectrophotometer model 521 in Nujol mulls at the Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi. We have not tried NMR studies of present studies. Thermogravimetric analyses were carried with a Santon Redcraft Thermobalance Model TG-750 thermobalance in open air. We did not succeed in obtaining single crystals.

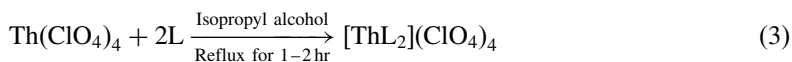
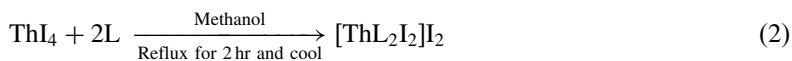
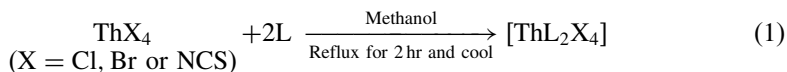
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The physical characteristics and chemical analysis of all of the five semicarbazones are summarized in Table 1. The interaction of thorium(IV) salts with BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS results in the formation of ThL_2X_4 (X = Cl, Br, or NCS] (L = BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS); $[ThL_2I_2]I_2$,

Table 1. Characteristic properties of semicarbazones of 4-aminoantipyrine.

Semicarbazone (color)	Molecular formula (MW)	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)	Analysis: found (calcd.) (%)		
				C	H	N
BAAPS (yellow)	C ₁₉ H ₂₀ N ₆ O (348)	216	76	65.26 (65.51)	5.68 (5.74)	23.89 (24.13)
MBAAAPS (yellow)	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ N ₆ O ₂ (378)	230	76	63.24 (63.49)	5.75 (5.82)	22.01 (22.22)
DABAAAPS (yellow)	C ₂₁ H ₂₅ N ₇ O (391)	232	75	64.22 (64.45)	6.32 (6.39)	24.92 (25.06)
2'-NO ₂ BAAPS (bright yellow)	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₇ O ₃ (393)	216	75.6	57.87 (58.01)	4.77 (4.83)	24.70 (24.93)
3'-NO ₂ BAAPS (deep yellow)	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₇ O ₃ (393)	220	75	57.85 (58.01)	4.76 (4.83)	24.71 (24.93)

$[\text{ThL}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ and $[\text{ThL}(\text{NO}_3)_4]$ according to the following general equations.



The analytical data of these complexes are given in Table 2. The complexes are anhydrous, which is evident from the analytical, infrared, and thermal studies. All of the complexes are quite stable and can be stored for long periods except the thorium(IV) iodide complexes, which decompose slowly at room temperature with the evolution of iodine vapours. All of the complexes are generally soluble in common organic solvents. Among the thorium(IV) complexes, the chloro, bromo, nitrate, and thiocyanato complexes are non-electrolytes (Table 2) in PhNO_2 , whereas the iodo and perchlorato complexes dissociate in this solvent. The iodo complexes appear to be a 1:2, while the perchlorato complexes are 1:4 electrolytes. Data on the molecular weight of the complexes in freezing PhNO_2 are contained in Table 2, along with values calculated on the basis of the established formula of the complexes. The ratio of molecular weight observed for $[\text{ThL}_2\text{X}_4]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl, Br, or NCS}$; $\text{L} = \text{BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO}_2\text{BAAPS, or 3'-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$) and $[\text{ThL}(\text{NO}_3)_4]$ to that calculated is ~ 0.98 which shows that the complexes are monomeric in solution. In the cases of $[\text{ThL}_2\text{I}_2]\text{I}_2$ and $[\text{ThL}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$, the ratios are ~ 0.33 and ~ 0.20 , respectively. These data further support that three species are formed in the former complexes and five species are formed in the latter set of complexes.

Infrared Spectra

The infrared spectra of all of the five semicarbazones derived from 4-aminoantipyrine are too complex to make definite band assignments. Empirical assignments by referring to the group frequencies may not be effective since coupling between various modes of vibration are expected as a result of resonance in the pyrazolone ring. Infrared absorption of the five semicarbazones of 4-aminoantipyrine have been assigned by a comparison of their

Table 2. Analytical, conductivity, and molecular weight data of thorium(VI) coordination compounds of semicarbazones.

Complex (empirical formula)	Yield (%)	Color	Mp (°C)	Analysis: found (calcd.) (%)			MW found (calcd.)	Λ_m (ohm ⁻¹ cm ² mol ⁻¹)
				Th	N	Anion		
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₄₀ Cl ₄ N ₁₂ O ₂ Th)	85	Bright yellow	210	21.44 (21.68)	15.58 (15.70)	13.17 (13.27)	1063 (1070)	4.9
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ Br ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₄₀ Br ₄ N ₁₂ O ₂ Th)	80	Dark yellow	220	18.40 (18.58)	13.34 (13.46)	25.32 (25.64)	1239 (1248)	5.1
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ I ₂] (C ₃₈ H ₄₀ I ₂ N ₁₂ O ₂ Th)	78	Brown yellow	250	15.98 (16.15)	11.56 (11.69)	35.19 (35.37)	480 (1436)	50.9
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₄₀ N ₁₆ O ₂ S ₄ Th)	82	Light yellow	193	19.82 (20.00)	19.17 (19.31)	19.82 (20.00)	1154 (1160)	3.2
[Th(BAAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄] (C ₁₉ H ₂₀ N ₁₀ O ₁₃ Th)	90	Yellow	205 d	27.80 (28.01)	16.78 (16.90)	—	824 (828)	4.1
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₄₀ Cl ₄ N ₁₂ O ₁₈ Th)	75	Pale yellow	180	17.38 (17.52)	12.54 (12.68)	29.73 (29.90)	266 (1324)	98.6
[Th(MBAAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄] (C ₄₀ H ₄₄ Cl ₄ N ₁₂ O ₄ Th)	82	Yellow	210	20.39 (20.53)	14.74 (14.86)	12.39 (12.56)	1125 (1130)	3.9
[Th(MBAAAPS) ₂ Br ₄] (C ₄₀ H ₄₄ Br ₄ N ₁₂ O ₄ Th)	78	Yellow	220 d	17.61 (17.73)	12.69 (12.84)	24.28 (24.46)	1303 (1308)	4.3
[Th(MBAAAPS) ₂ I ₂] (C ₄₀ H ₄₄ I ₂ N ₁₂ O ₄ Th)	70	Brownish yellow	225 d	15.38 (15.50)	11.17 (11.22)	33.45 (33.95)	501 (1496)	52.6
[Th(MBAAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄] (C ₄₄ H ₄₄ N ₁₆ O ₄ S ₄ Th)	75	Yellow	198	18.79 (19.01)	18.27 (18.36)	18.82 (19.01)	1217 (1220)	3.8
[Th(MBAAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄] (C ₂₀ H ₂₂ N ₁₀ O ₁₄ Th)	85	Yellow	202	26.82 (27.03)	16.20 (16.31)	—	853 (858)	4.7
[Th(MBAAAPS) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄] (C ₄₀ H ₄₄ Cl ₄ N ₁₂ O ₂₀ Th)	72	Yellow	185	16.68 (16.76)	12.04 (12.13)	28.20 (28.61)	279 (1384)	99.6

Thorium(IV) Complexes

[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₂ Th)	80	Yellow	212	19.92 (20.06)	16.85 (16.95)	12.09 (12.28)	1151 (1156)	4.6
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ Br ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Br ₄ N ₁₄ O ₂ Th)	80	Yellow	220 d	17.21 (17.39)	14.59 (14.69)	23.68 (23.98)	1330 (1334)	5.1
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ I ₂] ₂ (C ₄₂ H ₅₀ I ₄ N ₁₄ O ₂ Th)	75	Yellow	230 d	14.83 (14.94)	12.54 (12.62)	32.50 (32.73)	520 (1552)	50.4
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄] (C ₄₆ H ₅₀ N ₁₈ O ₂ S ₄ Th)	83	brown Yellow	199	18.50 (18.61)	20.11 (20.22)	18.49 (18.61)	1243 (1246)	3.7
[Th(DABAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄] (C ₂₁ H ₂₅ N ₁₁ O ₁₃ Th)	85	Yellow	200	25.52 (26.63)	17.57 (17.68)	—	867 (871)	4.1
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₅₀ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₁₈ Th)	72	Pale yellow	182 d	16.32 (16.45)	13.78 (13.90)	27.98 (28.08)	284 (1410)	99.2
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	80	Yellow	210	19.89 (20.00)	16.78 (16.89)	12.08 (12.24)	1156 (1160)	4.9
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Br ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Br ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	80	Yellow	215 d	17.21 (17.35)	14.55 (14.64)	23.69 (23.91)	1335 (1338)	5.3
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ I ₂] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ I ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	75	Yellow	215 d	15.10 (15.20)	12.73 (12.84)	33.02 (33.28)	511 (1526)	50.9
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₃₈ N ₁₈ O ₆ S ₄ Th)	82	Pinkish yellow	205	18.49 (18.56)	20.05 (20.16)	18.30 (18.56)	1246 (1250)	3.8
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄] (C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₁₁ O ₁₅ Th)	85	Yellow	210	26.46 (26.57)	17.55 (17.64)	—	869 (873)	4.3
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₂₂ Th)	78	Yellow	200 d	16.31 (16.40)	13.77 (13.86)	27.82 (28.00)	284 (1414)	96.3
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	80	Yellow	208	19.88 (20.00)	16.77 (16.89)	12.06 (12.24)	1155 (1160)	4.5
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Br ₄] (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Br ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	81	Dark yellow	220 d	17.20 (17.35)	14.55 (14.64)	23.68 (23.91)	1334 (1338)	5.3

(continued)

Table 2. Continued.

Complex (empirical formula)	Yield (%)	Color	Mp (°C)	Analysis: found (calcd.) (%)			MW found (calcd.)	Λ_m (ohm ⁻¹ cm ² mol ⁻¹)
				Th	N	Anion		
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ I ₂] ₂ (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Li ₄ N ₁₄ O ₆ Th)	78	Brown	220 d	15.12 (15.20)	12.72 (12.84)	33.04 (33.28)	510 (1526)	51.8
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄] (C ₄₂ H ₃₈ N ₁₈ O ₆ S ₄ Th)	75	Yellow	205	18.49 (18.56)	20.04 (20.16)	18.29 (18.56)	1245 (1250)	3.7
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄] (C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₁₁ O ₁₅ Th)	83	Yellow	208	26.44 (26.57)	17.54 (17.64)	—	868 (873)	4.6
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄ (C ₃₈ H ₃₈ Cl ₄ N ₁₄ O ₂₂ Th)	75	Light yellow	205 d	16.29 (16.40)	13.76 (13.86)	27.83 (28.00)	285 (1414)	98.3

spectra with those of antipyrine, 4-aminoantipyrine^[11–13] and some previous works on semicarbazones.^[10,14,15]

In these complexes, as expected, $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ of the hydrazinic nitrogen of semicarbazide ($\sim 1622\text{ cm}^{-1}$) is absent in the infrared spectra of BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, and 3'-NO₂BAAPS.^[16] It has also been observed that the amide-II band in the complexes is shifted towards the lower energy side compared to that of the semicarbazone. The effect is due to the electron density drift from the hydrazinic nitrogen to metal ion.^[17] The characteristic absorption of the carbonyl group in BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, or 3'-NO₂BAAPS is observed in the $1700\text{--}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region.^[18] In the complexes, these bands are shifted toward lower energy in the $1650\text{--}1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region (Table 3). The amide-II band in the free ligands has been observed at $\sim 1565\text{ cm}^{-1}$. In all the present complexes, this band is also shifted towards lower wave numbers by $\sim 30\text{ cm}^{-1}$. This observation suggests coordination through the carbonyl oxygen atom. The strong bands at $\sim 1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in these semicarbazones apparently have a large contribution from the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ mode of the semicarbazone moiety.^[19] This has been observed as a blue-shift in the position of the C=N band in all complexes as compared to the free ligands. Another strong band was observed at $\sim 1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to azomethine C=N absorption. On complexation this band is shifted towards the lower frequency region, clearly indicating the coordination through the azomethine N atom.^[20–22] In the far-infrared region the bands due to $\nu(\text{Th-N})/\nu(\text{Th-O})$ are also observed^[23,24] (Table 3). From these facts, it is clearly indicated that these ligands serve as tridentate ligands, coordinating through the carbonyl O; hydrazone N and azomethine N atoms.

The occurrence of two strong bands at ~ 1070 and 620 cm^{-1} in the spectra of the $[\text{ThL}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ complexes attributed to ν_3 and ν_4 vibrations of ionic perchlorate suggests^[25–27] the presence of a perchlorate group outside the coordination sphere in the complex^[4,26] (Table 4).

For thorium(IV) nitrate complexes, the occurrence of two strong absorptions in the $1540\text{--}1514$ and $1295\text{--}1270\text{ cm}^{-1}$ regions is attributed to ν_4 and ν_1 modes of vibration of the covalently bonded nitrate group, respectively, suggesting that the nitrate groups are inside the coordination sphere.^[28,29] Other absorption bands associated with the covalent nitrate groups are also observed in the spectra of the complexes. The spectral bands of $[\text{ThL}(\text{NO}_3)_4]$ (L = semicarbazones) were compared with the known bands of $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ^[30] i.e. 150 (ν_4), 1290 (ν_1), 1030 (ν_2), 808 (ν_6), 745 (ν_3) and 715 cm^{-1} (ν_5), in which the bidentate character of the nitrate groups has been established by x-ray^[31] and neutron diffraction studies.^[32,33] It is inferred that the nitrate groups in these complexes also behave as bidentate ligands^[33–35] (Table 5).

Table 3. Selected infrared bands (cm^{-1}) of thorium(IV) complexes of semicarbazones.

Compounds	Assignments					$\nu(\text{Th}-\text{O})/\nu(\text{Th}-\text{N})$
	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ (azomethinic)	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ (hydrazinic)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$			
			I	II	III	
BAAPS						—
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	1610 s	1600 s	1700 s	1565 m	1350 m	480 m
	1592 s	1620 s	1645 s	1535 m	1335 m	390 w
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	1585 s	1625 s	1652 s	1530 m	1332 m	482 m
						392 w
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ I ₂]	1582 s	1628 s	1645 s	1530 m	1330 m	482 m
						385 w
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	1585s	1630 s	1640 s	1535 m	1332 m	475 m
						390 w
[Th(BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	1590 s	1628 s	1645 s	1535 m	1330 m	470 m
						385 w
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄]	1588 s	1625 s	1650 s	1530 m	1332 m	465 m
						380 w
MBAAPS						—
[Th(MBAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	1620 s	1605 s	1702 s	1560 m	1355 m	482 m
	1582 s	1630 s	1640 s	1532 m	1342 m	390 w
[Th(MBAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	1600 m	1625 s	1652 s	1540 m	1338 m	475 m
						382 w
[Th(MBAAPS) ₂ I ₂]	1598 s	1628 s	1650 s	1535 m	1340 m	480 m
						378 w

[Th(MBAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	1590 s	1635 s	1645 s	1538 m	1337 m	482 m
[Th(MBAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	1595 s	1625 s	1648 s	1535 m	1340 m	380 w
[Th(MBAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄	1588 s	1630 s	1650 s	1537 m	1335 m	485 m
DABAAPS	1620 s	1605 s	1705 s	1570 s	1350 m	375 w
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	1600 s	1630 s	1645 s	1535 m	1342 m	470 m
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	1598 s	1635 s	1640 s	1540 m	1340 m	370 w
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ I ₂]	1595 s	1638 s	1645 s	1542 m	1335 m	—
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	1602 s	1635 s	1650 s	1545 m	1333 m	470 m
[Th(DABAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	1600 s	1632 s	1642 s	1540 m	1342 m	385 m
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄	1595 m	1635 s	1648 s	1542 m	1340 m	465 m
2'-NO ₂ BAAPS	1612 m	1602 m	1700 s	1565 s	1340 m	390 w
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	1595 s	1625 s	1642 s	1532 m	1335 s	472 m
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	1592 s	1630 s	1640 s	1540 m	1333 s	380 w
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ I ₂]	1590 s	1628 s	1650 s	1542 m	1330 s	485 m
						382 w
						490 m
						378 w

(continued)

Table 3. Continued.

Compounds	Assignments					$\nu(\text{Th}-\text{O})/\nu(\text{Th}-\text{N})$
	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ (azomethinic)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ (hydrazinic)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$			
			I	II	III	
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	1593 s	1630 s	1642 s	1545 m	1328 s	485 m 375 w
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	1595 s	1625 s	1648 s	1540 m	1332 m	480 m 380 w
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄	1590 s	1627 s	1645 s	1542 m	1325 s	482 m 382 w
3'-NO ₂ BAAPS	1608 m	1600 m	1702 s	1565 s	1340 s	—
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	1582 m	1630 m	1650 s	1530 m	1325 m	482 m 390 w
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	1580 m	1625 s	1642 m	1528 m	1330 m	465 m 372 w
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ I ₂]	1585 m	1628 m	1645 s	1535 m	1327 m	468 m 372 w
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	1588 m	1630 m	1642 m	1537 m	1325 m	460 m 370 w
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	1580 m	1628 s	1648 m	1535 m	1326 m	465 m 372 w
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄	1588 m	1625 s	1645 m	1538 m	1325 m	470 m 378 w

Table 4. Infrared absorption frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the perchlorato group in thorium(IV) perchlorato complexes of semicarbazones.

Complexes	ν_3	ν_4
$[\text{Th}(\text{BAAPS})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$	1080 vs	620 s
$[\text{Th}(\text{MBAAPS})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$	1085 s	622 s
$[\text{Th}(\text{DABAAPS})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$	1100 s	625 s
$[\text{Th}(2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$	1080 s, br	620 s
$[\text{Th}(3'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$	1096 vs, br	622 vs

The C–N stretching frequency in the thiocyanato complexes of thorium appears in the $2070\text{--}2040\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region, which lies on the borderline for distinguishing,^[36–38] although the high relative intensity of the band in these cases suggests that the thiocyanate groups are N-bonded.^[37,38] The frequency of the C–S stretching vibration has also been used to diagnose the bonding mode in thiocyanates.^[37,38] The C–S band identified in the $840\text{--}780\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region, further confirms that the thiocyanate group is almost certainly N-bonded,^[39] the N–C–S bending (ν_2) is also identified in these complexes (Table 6).

In the halide complexes the $\nu(\text{Th}\text{--}\text{Cl})$ vibration has been assigned at the $290\text{--}250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region^[40] while the $\nu(\text{Th}\text{--}\text{Br})$ and $\nu(\text{Th}\text{--}\text{I})$ frequencies could not be assigned because they are out of the region studied here.

X-Ray Powder Diffraction Studies

X-ray powder diffraction studies of $[\text{Th}(\text{BAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$ have been done on a model PW 1140 Phillips x-ray diffractometer with $\text{CuK}\alpha = 1.54178\text{ \AA}$. It was found that this complex belongs to the monoclinic crystal system with $a = 8.910(1)\text{ \AA}$, $b = 11.134(6)\text{ \AA}$; $c = 11.652(3)\text{ \AA}$, and $\beta = 84.766(7)^\circ$

Thermal Studies

The thermal studies results of the Th(IV) complexes of BAAPS, MBAAPS, DABAAPS, and $2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$ are presented in Table 7. The TG curves of the Th(IV) complexes do not show the presence of water molecules, either in or out of the coordination sphere. The thermogravimetric curves of the chloro, bromo, and thiocyanato complexes indicate that in step 1 only one molecule of ligand molecule is lost, while at $\sim 430^\circ\text{C}$, the remaining ligand molecule has also been lost. Finally, at $\sim 605 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$,

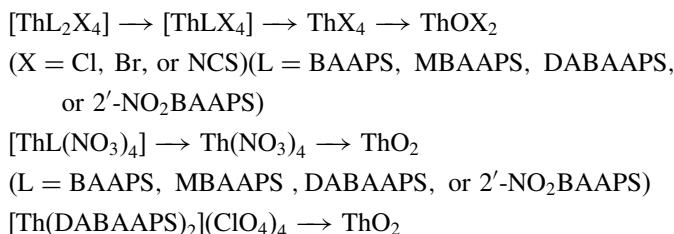
Table 5. Infrared absorption frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the nitrate group in thorium(IV) nitrate complexes of semicarbazone.

Complexes	ν_4	ν_1	ν_2	ν_6	ν_3	ν_5
$[\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	1520 s	1290 s	1030 m	808 m	745 w	715 w
$[\text{Th}(\text{BAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$	1530 s	1280 s	1025 m	800 m	735 w	710 w
$[\text{Th}(\text{MBAAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$	1514 vs	1294 vs	1025 m	810 w	755 m	697 m
$[\text{Th}(\text{DABAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$	1540 s	1270 s	1037 s	815 s	770 m	710 w
$[\text{Th}(2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$	1530 s	1270 s	1037 s	815 s	770 m	710 w
$[\text{Th}(3'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$	1525 s	1280 m	1028 m	812 s	750 m	705 w

Table 6. Infrared absorption frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the isothiocyanato group in thorium(IV) isothiocyanato complexes of semicarbazones.

Complexes	ν_1	ν_3	ν_2
[Th(BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	2051 vs	757 m	480 m
[Th(MBAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	2050 vs	760 m	475 m
[Th(DABAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	2055 vs	755 m	482 m
[Th(2'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	2045 vs	820 m	475 m
[Th(3'-NO ₂ BAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	2065 vs	832 m	480 w

oxohalide and oxothiocyanato formation takes place. The thorium(IV) nitrate complexes decompose in the 280–425 °C temperature region, losing the ligand molecule. Finally, ThO₂ is obtained as residual mass at ~610 °C. The thermogravimetric curve of [Th(DABAAPS)₂](ClO₄)₄ shows that the complex starts to decompose at 215 °C and decomposition continues up to 605 °C, after which ThO₂ remains as residue (Table 7). From the pyrolysis curve, it is clear that no stable intermediate perchlorate complex has been formed in this species. For the iodo complexes, which form a sticky mass, we have not studied the thermal analyses. The analyses of the thermograms indicate the following decomposition schemes:



In general, if the minimum TG decomposition temperature is taken as a rough criterion of thermal stability then the order of stability of the Th(IV) complexes is: NO₃ > Cl > Br > NCS > ClO₄.

Stereochemistry

The preferred coordination number of Th(IV) is 6 or 8, but higher coordination numbers have also been observed.^[41,42] In the chloro, bromo, and thiocyanato complexes, conductance and molecular weight determinations suggest that the complexes are non-ionic in nature and do not dissociate in nitrobenzene solvent. Thus, in the case of the BAAPS, MBAAPS,

Table 7. Thermal data of thorium(IV) complexes of semicarbazones.

Complex	Decomposition temperature (°C)		Decomposition product	Weight loss (%)	
	Initial	Final		Found	Calcd.
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	230	280	Th(BAAPS)Cl ₄	32.89	32.52
	330	415	ThCl ₄	65.39	65.04
	550	605	ThOCl ₂	70.59	70.18
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	220	275	Th(BAAPS)Br ₄	28.11	27.88
	320	420	ThBr ₄	55.99	55.76
	500	600	ThOBr ₂	67.76	67.30
[Th(BAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	280	420	Th(NO ₃) ₄	42.49	42.02
	460	610	ThO ₂	68.39	68.11
[Th(BAAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	230	290	Th(BAAPS)(NCS) ₄	30.33	30.00
	340	430	Th(NCS) ₄	60.76	60.00
	500	595	ThO(NCS) ₂	69.32	68.62
[Th(DABAAAPS) ₂ Cl ₄]	240	295	Th(DABAAAPS)Cl ₄	34.11	33.82
	345	425	ThCl ₄	68.29	67.64
	510	605	ThOCl ₂	72.90	72.40
[Th(DABAAAPS) ₂ Br ₄]	225	280	Th(DABAAAPS)Br ₄	28.89	29.31
	320	430	ThBr ₄	59.22	58.62
	505	610	ThOBr ₂	70.10	69.41
[Th(DABAAAPS)(NO ₃) ₄]	290	425	Th(NO ₃) ₄	45.23	44.89
	465	610	ThO ₂	70.21	69.69
[Th(DABAAAPS) ₂ (NCS) ₄]	230	300	Th(DABAAAPS)(NCS) ₄	31.69	31.38
	345	435	Th(NCS) ₄	63.11	62.76
	500	600	ThO(NCS) ₂	71.12	70.78
[Th(DABAAAPS) ₂](ClO ₄) ₄	215	605	ThO ₂	83.02	81.27

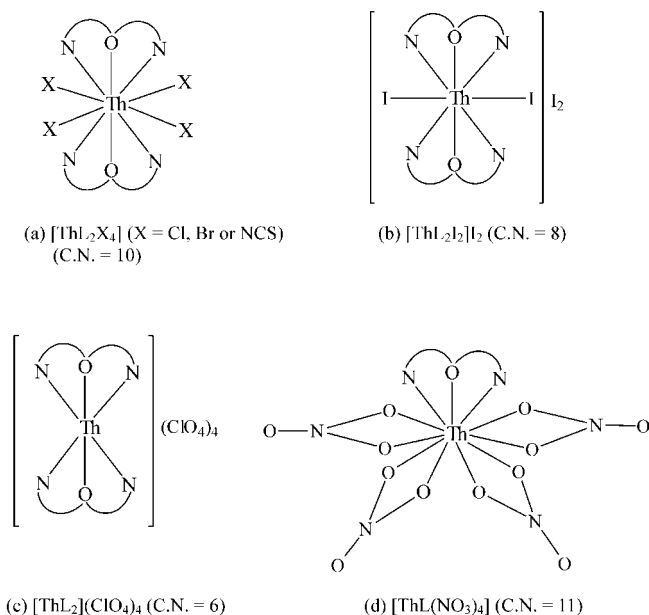


Figure 2. Suggested structures of thorium(IV) complexes of semicarbazones.

DABAAPS, 2'-NO₂BAAPS, and 3'-NO₂BAAPS complexes of ThX₄ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$, or NCS) the coordination number of Th(IV) is found to be 10. In case of iodo complexes the 1:2 electrolytic nature suggests that two iodine atoms are present outside the coordination sphere and, hence, the coordination number of Th(IV) in $[\text{Th}(\text{L}_2)\text{I}_2]\text{I}_2$ [$\text{L} = \text{BAAPS}, \text{MBAAPS}, \text{DABAAPS}, 2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$, or $3'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$] is found to be eight.

It has been found from a single crystal x-ray structure determination of $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ that the nitrato groups are linked to thorium through two oxygen atoms, each nitrato group thus functioning as a bidentate ligands. In the $[\text{Th}(\text{L})(\text{NO}_3)_4]$ [$\text{L} = \text{BAAPS}, \text{MBAAPS}, \text{DABAAPS}, 2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$, or $3'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$] complexes, the Th(IV) atom is surrounded by nine oxygens (eight oxygens from four nitrato groups and one oxygen from the amide group) and two nitrogen atoms of azomethine groups and thus the products have a coordination number of 11 for the thorium atom. In $[\text{ThL}_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ ($\text{L} = \text{BAAPS}, \text{MBAAPS}, \text{DABAAPS}, 2'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$, and $3'\text{-NO}_2\text{BAAPS}$) the conductance, molecular weight, and IR studies reveal that all four perchlorato groups are present outside the coordination sphere, hence suggesting the presence of six-coordinated Th(IV) in these complexes. The proposed structures of the present thorium(IV) complexes are given in Fig. 2.

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