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Absorption Spectra and Circular Dichroisms of Metal Complexes. I. Platinum(II)-, Palladium(II)- and Gold(III)-Complexes Containing Optically Active Diamines

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In order to study the nature of absorption bands in square-planar metal complexes of d^8 type, a number of platinum(II), palladium(II) and gold(III) complexes containing l-propylenediamine and l-cyclohexanediamine were prepared and their circular dichroism (CD) and rotatory dispersion (RD) as well as absorption spectra (AB) were measured. Three or four absorption bands corresponding to d-d transitions were observed for each platinum(II) and palladium(II) complex. All the complexes, except for [Au(l-pn)₂]Cl₃, [Au(l-chxn)₂]Cl₃ and [PdCl₂(l-pn)], give two possitive CD bands in the wavelength region from visible to 210 m μ , which are assigned to the spin-forbidden and spin-allowed A₁→E transition. Both [Au(l-pn)₂]Cl₃ and [Au(l-chxn)2]Cl3 exhibit only one strong positive CD band corresponding to the ligand field transition probably mixed with charge transfer transition. [PdCl₂(l-pn)] gives a weak negative and a strong positive band corresponding to the transitions, $A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ and $A_1 \rightarrow E$, respectively. The CD strength of the bis-l-diamine complexes is almost twice those of the mono-l-diamine complexes. The vicinal effect of l-cyclohexanediamine was about twice as strong as that of l-propylenediamine. Absorption spectra of the [M X₄]ⁿ⁻ (M=Pt²⁺, Pd²⁺ and Au³⁺, X=Cl⁻ and Br⁻) show a shoulder and two bands in the ultraviolet region adjacent to the ligand field bands. The shoulder band was assigned to the symmetry forbidden, and the two strong bands to the symmetry allowed $p_{\pi} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ and $p_{\sigma} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ charge transfer transitions. In the [MBr₄]ⁿ⁻, the $p_x \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ band splits into two components, corresponding to $A_{lg} \rightarrow A_{lu}$ and the other $A_{lg} \rightarrow E_u$ transition.

The ordering of the metal d orbitals for a squareplanar type complex is expected to change variously depending on the strength of tetragonal distortion of the complex or on the strength of the π -bonding between the metal ion and ligands. This makes the assignment of ligand field bands of squareplanar complexes difficult. For $[PtCl_4]^2$, a typical complex ion of this type, a number of theoretical1-5) and experimental6-10) studies have been made for determining the relative ordering of the metal d-orbitals (Fig. 1). Of these, a recent

magnetic circular dichroism study⁹⁾ gives a valuable information on this problem. In this paper we report the circular dichroism, the rotatory dispersion and the absorption spectra of a number of platinum(II), palladium(II) and gold(III) complexes containing optically active diamines, and compare the results with those obtained previously for [PtCl₄]²⁻.

Experimental

Ligands. The optically active ligands, l-propylenediamine11)*1 and l-cyclohexandiamine12)*1 were obtained by resolving their commercial racemates according to the methods described in the literature.

Preparations of the Complexes. Five new complexes were prepared by the following method.

Dichloro - l - cyclohexanediamineplatinum(II),chxn)]. To an aqueous solution of K2[PtCl4], an equivalent amount of l-cyclohexanediamine in water was added at room temperature. In a few hours,

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*1 The following abbreviations are used; l-pn=

 $⁽⁻⁾_{D}$ -propylenediamine, l-chxn= $(-)_{D}$ -cyclohexanediamine

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Complexes	C	(%)	H	(%)	N	(%)	
Complexes	Calcd.	Obs.	Calcd.	Obs.	Calcd.	Obs.	Prep
[PtCl ₂ (l-pn)]	10.59	11.07	2.96	3.07	8.24	8.03	a
$[Pt(l-pn)_2]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$	16.67	16.22	5.13	5.35	12.96	12.66	b
$[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{en})(l ext{-pn})]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	15.01	15.72	4.53	5.02	14.00	13.53	b
$[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{NH_3})_2(l ext{-pn})]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	9.63	10.43	4.31	4.17	14.97	14.73	b
$[Pt(NH_3)_2(l\text{-}chxn)]Cl_2$	17.40	17.41	4.87	5.05	13.52	13.31	c
$[\mathrm{Pt}(l ext{-}\mathrm{chxn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	29.15	29.39	5.71	5.92	11.33	11.43	d
$[\mathrm{PdCl}_2(l ext{-pn})]$	14.33	14.45	4.01	4.14	11.14	10.71	e
$[\mathrm{Pd}(l ext{-pn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_2\!\cdot\!\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	20.98	21.30	6.45	6.41	16.31	16.04	b
$[\mathrm{Pd}(l ext{-}\mathrm{chxn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	35.53	35.82	6.96	7.00	13.81	13.44	С
$[\mathrm{Au}(l ext{-pn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_3$	15.96	15.43	4.46	4.46	12.41	12.04	c
$[\mathrm{Au}(l\text{-}\mathrm{chxn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_3$	27.11	25.88	5.31	5.66	10.53	9.60	c

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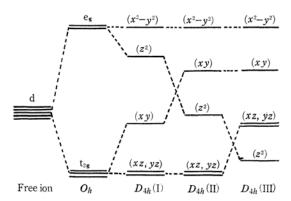


Fig. 1. Probable modes of orbital splitting in square-planar $D_{4\mathrm{h}}$ complexes.

yellow crystals began to appear and after 24 hr, the complex $[PtCl_2(l-chxn)]$ precipitated almost quantitatively. This was filtered, and washed with water, ethanol and ether. This complex is almost insoluble in water and dilute hydrochloric acid.

Diammine-l-cyclohexanediamineplatinum(II) Chloride, [Pt $(NH_3)_2(l\text{-chxn})$]Cl₂, was obtained from [PtCl₂(l-chxn)] and aqueous ammonia by a similar method that for $[Pt(NH_3)_2(l\text{-pn})]$ Cl₂.

Bis-l-cyclohexanediaminepalladium(II) Chloride, [Pd(l-chxn)₂]Cl₂, was prepared by the same method as the bisethylenediamine complex using l-cyclohexanediamine.

White Crystals of Bis-l-propylenediaminegold(III) Chloride [Au(l-pn)₂]Cl₃ and Bis-l-cyclohexanediaminegold(III) Chloride [Au(l-chxn)₂]Cl₃ were prepared by the method described by Block and Bailar¹³) for the [Au(en)₂]Cl₃.

Other complexes used in this work were prepared according to the methods described in the literatures given in Table 1.

The results of the chemical analysis of all the com-

plexes prepared here are also given in Table 1.

Measurements. Visible and ultraviolet absorption spectra were obtained by using Hitachi recording spectrophotometer Model EPS-3. The diffuse reflectance spectrum of [PdCl₂(l-pn)] was measured by Hitachi EPU-2A spectrophotometer with a diffuse reflectance attachment. The RD and the CD curves were determined with a Model ORD/UV-5 spectrophotometer of Japan Spectroscopic Co.

To avoid the aquation of coordinated halide, the halogeno complexes were dissolved in an aqueous solution containing an excess of appropriate halide; $K_2[PtCl_4]$ and $[PtCl_2(l-pn)]$ in 2.0 N hydrochloric acid, $K_2[PdCl_4]$ in 1.0 N hydrochloric acid solution, $[PdCl_2(l-pn)]$ and $H[AuCl_4]$ in 0.2 M potassium chloride solution. Absorption spectra of $K_2[PtBr_4]$, $K_2[PdBr_4]$ and $K[AuBr_4]$ were measured in 0.2 M potassium bromide solutions. $[Au(l-pn)_2]Cl_3$ and $[Au(l-chxn)_2]Cl_3$ were dissolved in 10^{-4} M perchloric acid to prevent deprotonation of the amino groups in coordinated diamines. Other complexes were dissolved in water. All the measurements were made at room temperature, $15-20^{\circ}C$.

It has been reported¹⁴) that the above mentioned complexes may form a hexa-coordinated, distorted octahedral complex taking two halide in a solution containing an excess of halide. In the present measurements, however, no such complexes seemed to be present, since the absorption spectrum of $[Pd(l-pn)_2]Cl_2$ in a 0.2 m potassium chloride solution was identical with that in an aqueous solution. The absorption spectrum of $[PdCl_2(l-pn)]$ in 0.2 m potassium chloride solution was also very similar to the reflectance spectrum (see Table 2).

Results and Discussion

Numerical data for the AB and the CD maxima of the complexes are summarized in Table 2,

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Table 2. Numerical data of absorption and circular dichroism

		Bane	Band 2		Band 3	33			Ban	Band 4	
	Absor	Absorption*	0	CD*	Absorption*	ČĎ*		Absorj	Absorption*	5	CD*
	V max	$\log \varepsilon$	Vmax	81-87	vmax log &	Vmax &1-Er	1-67	Vmax	log ε	Vmax	81-67
K2[PtCl4]†	21.0	1.18	1		25.7 1.78		1	30.5	1.80	1	
$[PtCl_2(l-pn)]$	27.3	1.56	27.0	+0.15	33.1 2.37			\sim 37	~ 2.10	37.2	+0.38
$[\text{Pt}(l ext{-pn})_2] ext{Cl}_2$	35.7	1.65	35.7	+0.54	41.6 1.00*2			44.6	2.68	45.2	+1.03
$[Pt(en)(l-pn)]Cl_2$	35.7	1.61	35.7	+0.29	\sim 41.5 $^{ m sh}$			44.6	2.65	45.1	+0.54
$[Pt(NH_3)_2(l-pn)Cl_2$	35.2	1.60	35.2	+0.22	\sim 41.5sh			45.3	2.64	44.8	+0.51
$[Pt(l-chxn)_2]Cl_2$	35.3	1.67	35.5	+0.94	\sim 41.1sh			45.0	2.69	45.3	+2.02
$[Pt(NH_3)_2(l-chxn)]Cl_2$	35.2	1.62	35.0	+0.40	\sim 41.5sh			45.1	2.64	45.0	+0.86
[Pt(NH ₃) ₄]Cl ₂	34.8	1.57	1	1	\sim 41.5 $^{\mathrm{sh}}$	1	1	$\sim \! 46^{ m sh}$		1	1
K2[PdCl4]	16.5	0.81*2	-	1	$21.0 2.16*^{2}$	1	١	23.7	1.73*2	1	
$[\mathrm{PdCl_2}(l\text{-pn})]$	22.5	1.28			$26.2 2.37*^{2}$	\sim	-0.10)	28.7	$2.26*^{2}$	28.7	+0.43
$[PdCl_2(l-pn)]^{*3}$					26.3						
$[\mathrm{Pd}(l ext{-pn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	\sim 29		29.0	+0.06				34.8	2.50	35.5	+1.22
$[\mathrm{Pd}(l\text{-}\mathrm{chxn})_2]\mathrm{Cl}_2$	\sim 29		29.1	+0.13				34.8	2.59	35.3	+2.94
$[Au(l-pn)_2]Cl_3$										~ 43.5	+2.8
[Au(l-chxn) ₂]Cl ₃								45.5	4.26	\sim 42.8	+6.3

† also gives band 1 at $\nu_{max} \sim 18$ and $\log \varepsilon \sim 0.7$, sh: shoulder *3 reflectance spectrum, Obtained from Gaussian analysis, ***** in 103 cm⁻¹,

some of which were obtained by analizing an absorption curve into Gaussian components. Some representative curves for different types of the complexes are shown in Figs. 2—4.

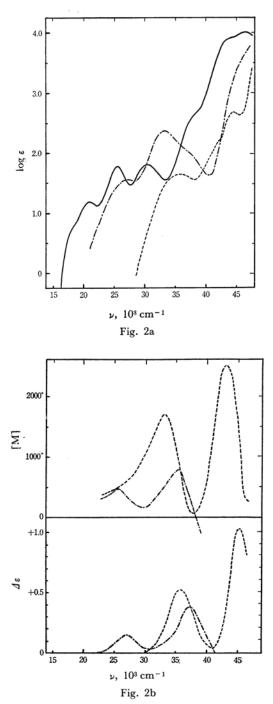
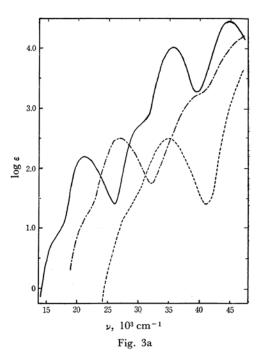


Fig. 2. Absorption spectra of $K_2[PtCl_4]$ (——), $[PtCl_2(l\text{-pn})]$ (·—·) in $2.0 \,\mathrm{N}$ HCl and $[Pt(l\text{-pn})_2]$ Cl_2 (----); 2b: Rotatory dispersion and circular dichroism of $[PtCl_2(l\text{-pn})]$ in $2.0 \,\mathrm{N}$ HCl (·—·) and $[Pt(l\text{-pn})_2]Cl_2$ (----).



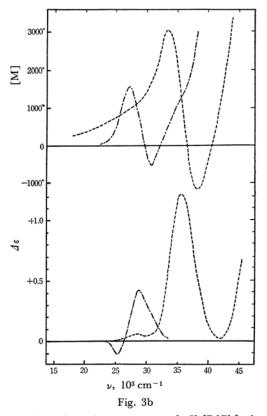


Fig. 3. Absorption spectra of K₂[PdCl₄] in 1.0 N HCl (——), [PdCl₂(l-pn)] in 0.2 M KCl (·—·) and [Pd(l-pn)₂]Cl₂ (----); 3b: Rotatory dispersion and circular dichroism of [PdCl₂(l-pn)] in 0.2 M KCl (·—·) and [Pd(l-pn)₂]Cl₂ (----).

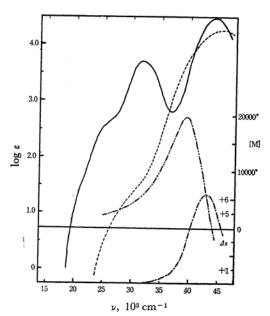


Fig. 4. Absorption spectrum of H[AuCl₄] in 0.2 m KCl (——), and absorption spectrum (——), rotatory dispersion (——) and circular dichroism (——) of [Au(*l*-chxn)₂]Cl₃ in 10⁻⁴ m HClO₄.

d-d Transitions. As is seen in Fig. 2, K₂[PtCl₄] gives four medium intensity bands in range between 15000 and 35000 cm⁻¹. denote them tentatively band 1, band 2, band 3 and band 4, from long to short wave length region. Since the ground state of this ion having D_{4h} symmetry is considered to be 1A1g, three spinallowed and three spin-forbidden d-d transitions $^{1}A_{1g}\rightarrow ^{1}A_{2g}$, $^{3}A_{2g}$, $^{1}A_{1g}\rightarrow ^{1}B_{2g}$, $^{3}B_{2g}$ and $^{1}A_{1g}\rightarrow ^{1}E_{g}$, $^{3}E_{g}$ will be expected. The band 1 is reasonably assigned to the spin-forbidden transition, because of its low intensity.⁶⁾ The bands 3 and 4 have been assigned to the spin-allowed transitions, $d_{xy} \rightarrow$ $d_{x^2-y^2}$ (1A_{2g}) and d_{xz} , $d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ (1E_g), respectively, from plane-polarized dichroism studies of a single crystal7,8,15) and a magnetic circular dichroism study in a solution9). Concerning the band 2, there are two possible assignments, the one being to a spin-forbidden (3Eg or 3A2g) and the other to a spin-allowed $d_z^2 \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ (${}^{1}B_{2g}$) transition. Although the intensity of a spinforbidden band is usually much weaker than that of a spin-allowed, heavy metal complexes such as those of platinum(II) often give fairly strong spinforbidden bands owing to a strong spin-orbit interaction. This makes the assignment of ligand field bands of platinum(II) complexes complicated. According to recent theoretical calculations,³⁻⁵⁾ the band 2 is assigned to a spin-forbidden transition.

Absorption spectra of the diamine complexes such as $[Pt(l-pn)_2]^{2+}$ and $[Pt(en)(l-pn)]^{2+}$ are

very similar to that of $[Pt(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, although the symmetries of the former are much lower than that of the latter (D_{4h}) . This indicates that the perturbation to the D_{4h} field is not very significant in the diamine complexes, hence mixing between the d-orbitals is very small. From these experimental results, we use the same notations for d orbitals and electronic states of low symmetry complexes as those for $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ described above, without subscripts g and g.

It can be seen from Table 3 that only the

Table 3. The symmetries of the excited states and the magnetic moments in D_{4k} symmetry

	Excited configuration	Magnetic polarization		
$d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$	A_{2g}	μ_z		
$d_{xz}, d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$	$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{g}}$	μ_x, μ_y		
$d_{z^2} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$	$\mathbf{B_{ig}}$	_		

transitions $d_{xy} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{xz} , $d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ have magnetic moment in D_{4h} field. For complexes with lower symmetry, the transition, $d_{z^2} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$, can also have a magnetic moment, theoretically. For the present diamine complexes which can be approximated as D_{4h} , however, the CD strength corresponding to this transition might be very weak, as in case of the II band of optically active $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$.¹⁶

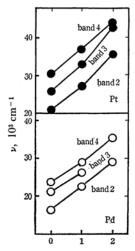
As is seen in Figs. 2 and 3, the complexes of a type $[PtN_4]^{2+}$ or $[PdN_4]^{2+}$ exhibit two positive CD bands corresponding to bands 2 and 4. It is impossible at present to correlate the sign of CD band and the symmetry of transition. Band 4 with positive CD sign, however, can be reasonably assigned to ${}^{1}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{1}E$ transition, from comparison with the CD data of tetragonal trans- $[CoCl_2 \cdot (l-pn)_2]^+$, which gives a strong positive and weak negative CD band corresponding to ${}^{1}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{1}E$ and ${}^{1}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{1}A_2$ transition, respectively. Band 2 may be assigned to the triplet transition, ${}^{1}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{3}E$ rather than to the singlet ${}^{1}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{1}A_2$, since its CD sign is the same as that of band 4.

[PtCl₂(l-pn)] gives also two positive CD signs in the bands 2 and 4 region. These bands would be of the same nature as those of [Pt(l-pn)₂]Cl₂. The [PdCl₂(l-pn)], on the other hand, exhibits a weak negative and a strong positive CD peak in the region of bands 3 and 4, respectively. Its CD peak corresponding to band 2 was not detected, because of its low solubility. From a comparison of these results with that for trans-[CoCl₂(l-pn)₂]⁺ mentioned above, it is suggested that band 3 is assinged to the ${}^{1}A_{1} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2}$ transition. In platinum(II) complexes, this negative CD component would be hidden or compensated by the adjacent positive components.

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In Fig. 5 are plotted the absorption frequencies for bands 2, 3 and 4 of platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes belonging to chloro-l-propylenediamine series. The relationship is similar between the platinum(II) and the palladium(II) complexes.



Number of propylenediamine

Fig. 5. Absorption frequencies for bands 2, 3 and 4 of Pt(II) and Pd(II) complexes belonging to chloro-l-propylenediamine series.

No indication of CD is seen in the region of band 1. It will be reasonable, however, to assign this band to the triplet transition 1A1-3A2 in relation to the assignment of the other bands described above.

All the above-mentioned facts lead to the conclusion that bands 1, 2, 3 and 4 are assigned to the transitions, ${}^{1}A_{1} \rightarrow {}^{3}A_{2}$, ${}^{1}A_{1} \rightarrow {}^{3}E$, ${}^{1}A_{1} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2}$ and ${}^{1}A_{1} \rightarrow {}^{1}E$, respectively, and that the ordering of d orbitals in the present platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes will be $d_{x^2-y^2}\gg d_{xy}>d_{xz},d_{yz}>$ d_{z^2} (Fig. 1. $D_{4h}(III)$).

The [Au(l-pn)₂]Cl₃ gives a monotonic absorption curve without maximum from visible to 210 $m\mu$ but its CD curve exhibits a positive peak at 224 m\(\mu\), while [Au(l-chxn)₂]Cl₃ shows an absorption peak and a positive CD peak at $220 \text{ m}\mu$. These CD bands may correspond to band 4 of platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes stated before. However, their big absorption coefficient and CD strength indicate that these bands are not due to simple d-d transition but to one probably coupled with some charge transfer transition. Such a mixing will be also seen in the platinum(II) complexes. As may be seen in Table 2, the absorption maxima of band 4 in platinum(II)-amminepropylenediamine complexes are shifted to the shorter wave length in the order $[Pt(l-pn)_2]^{2+}$, $[Pt(NH_3)_2(l-pn)]^{2+}$ and $[Pt(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$, although the ammonia has a lower position on the spectro-

chemical series than the propylenediamine. This fact might be explained by the mixing of d-dband with some charge transfer transitions; the energy of charge transfer transition between the propylenediamine and the metal ion is in general lower than that between the ammonia and the Therefore, band 4 in the propylenediamine complex couples more strongly with the charge transfer band and is shifted to the longer wavelength to a greater extent as compared with the band 4 in the ammine complex.

Vicinal Effects of l-Diamines. It is well known that both l-propylenediamine and l-cyclohexanediamine coordinate to the metal ion in a λ-gauche form and bring about a non-planar chelate The CD data which have been reported so far show that the vicinal effect of diamine in a λ-form gives a positive CD sign for the band corresponding to a transition ¹A₁→¹E, irrespective of the kind of metal ion.17-20) In the present complexes, the CD signs of l-cyclohexanediamine complexes are the same as those of l-propylenediamine complexes, but the strength of the formers is almost twice that of the latters, as is seen in Table 2. This result contrasts with the fact that the CD strength of trans-[CoCl₂(l-pn)₂]+ has an almost equal magnitude to that of trans-[CoCl2- $(l-chxn)_2$]+.19,20) l-Propylenediamine has only one assymmetric carbon atom, while l-cyclohexanediamine has two such atoms. According to the Octant rule for metal complexes,²¹⁾ the 1 and 2 carbon atoms (attached to amino groups) of both chelated diamines in a λ-form lie in the Octant minus region which gives positive Cotton effect, but l-cyclohexanediamine has two more carbon atoms, 4 and 5, both of which also contribute to the vicinal effect with Octant minus sign (see Fig. 6). The 3 and 6 carbon atoms are located in an almost Octant zero region as the nitrogen atoms are. Although the vicinal effect due to the 4 and 5 carbon atoms may be weaker than that of the 1 and 2 carbon atoms because their locations are farther from the central metal ion, they would still contribute to the vicinal effect in the present platinum(II), palladium(II), and gold(III) complexes. In these complexes, the coordination bond is expected to have more covalent character as compared with that in the similar cobalt(III) complex. The d electrons in a covalent complex might be still affected appreciably by electrons on atoms or by a field produced by atoms apart from the central metal ion.

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Fig. 6. Octant signs for coordinated l-propylenediamine and l-cyclohexanediamine

Table 4. Absorption data of charge transfer transitions of tetrahalogeno complexes

	Symmetry-forbidden band		$p_{\pi} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ $E_{\mathbf{u}^{(b)}}$				$ \begin{array}{c} p_{\sigma} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2} \\ E_{u}^{(a)} \end{array} $	
	ν (103 cm ⁻¹)	$(\log \varepsilon)$	$\nu (10^3 \text{cm}^{-1})$	ر (log ε)	$(10^3 \mathrm{cm}^{-1})$	$(\log \varepsilon)$		$(\log\epsilon)$
K ₂ [PtCl ₄] ^a	~38.3sh	(2.6)		~43.9sh	(3.9)		46.5	(4.02)
$K_2[PdCl_4]^b$	$\sim 30.5 \mathrm{sh}$	(2.7)		35.7	(4.00)		45.1	(4.45)
H[AuCl ₄]c	\sim 26.0sh	(2.6)		32.0	(3.69)		44.3	(4.48)
$K_2[PtBr_4]^d$	$\sim 31.0 \text{sh}$	(2.6)	$\sim 34.0 ^{\rm sh}$	(3.2)	38.1	(3.82)	\sim 40.3sh	(3.8)
$K_2[PdBr_4]^d$	\sim 24.0sh	(2.9)	\sim 27.5sh	(3.6)	30.3	(4.03)	40.5	(4.46)
K[AuBr ₄]d	\sim 19.5sh	(2.5)	\sim 23.0sh	(3.2)	26.3	(3.69)	39.4	(4.64)

sh, shoulder; a, in $2\,\text{N}$ HCl solution; b, in $1\,\text{N}$ HCl solution; c, in $0.2\,\text{M}$ KCl solution; d, in $0.2\,\text{M}$ KBr solution

Table 2 shows that the CD strengths of [Pt- $(l-pn)_2$]²⁺ and [Pt(l-chxn)₂]²⁺ is almost twice those of [Pt(en)(l-pn)]²⁺ or [Pt(NH₃)₂(l-pn)]²⁺, and [Pt(NH₃)₂(l-chxn)]²⁺, respectively. This indicates that the magnitude of the vicinal effect is proportional to the number of optically active ligands; there is no appreciable interaction between the ligands.

Charge Transfer Transitions in Halogeno Complexes. It is well known that the complex ions, $[MX_4]^{n-}$ $(M=Pt^{2+}, Pd^{2+} \text{ and } Au^{3+}, X=Cl^{-}$ and Br-) give two strong absorption bands in visible and ultraviolet region.2,22) They have been assigned to the charge transfer bands from the halides to the central metal ion, the longer wavelength band involving $p_{\pi} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$, and the shorter wavelength, $p_{\sigma} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$, transition. Day, et al. found another shoulder band in an even longer wavelength region for K2[PtCl4] and K2[PdCl4] in a solid state spectrum, and assigned them tentatively to a orbitally-forbidden charge transfer band. Martin et al.,3) Basch and Gray4) and Cotton and Harris⁵⁾ assigned it to a $d_z^2 \rightarrow d_x^2 - y^2$ transition. All of the tetra-halogeno complexes studied show shoulder bands on the foot of the strong charge transfer band. If they were due to the $d_{z^2} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ transition, the complexes [PtCl₂-(l-pn)], $[PdCl_2(l-pn)]$ and $[Pd(l-pn)_2]^{2+}$ should show some indication for this transition in their

spectra at around 42000, 34000 and 42000 cm⁻¹, respectively, those frequency values being estimated from the linear relationship shown in Fig. 5. None of them, however, could be observed. Therefore, we conclude that the shoulder band in the

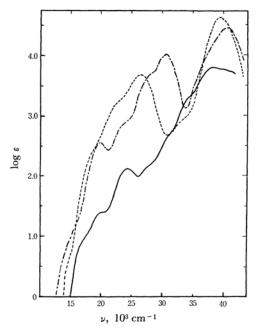


Fig. 7. Absorption spectra of $K_2[PtBr_4]$ (----), $K_2[PdBr_4]$ (----) and $K[AuBr_4]$ (----) in 0.2 M KBr.

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tetra-halogeno complexes could be assigned to an orbitally-forbidden charge transfer band.

The symmetries of the excited states of orbitally-allowed charge transfer transitions will be $E_u^{(a)}$ for $p_\sigma \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$, A_{1u} and $E_u^{(b)}$ for $p_\pi \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$. Of the last two, the A_{1u} corresponds to the transition from the non-bonding p_π orbitals of halide and the $E_u^{(b)}$ to that from the bonding p_π orbitals. A band due to the latter transition would appear at a shorter wavelength and have higher intensity as compared with a band due to the former. As is shown in Fig. 7 and Table 4, the bands due

to the $p_{\pi} \rightarrow d_x \mathbf{2}_{-y} \mathbf{2}$ split into two components in the bromo-complexes. The longer wavelength shoulder could be assigned to the ${}^{1}\mathbf{A}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}\mathbf{A}_{1u}$ transition and the shorter wave length peak to the ${}^{1}\mathbf{A}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}\mathbf{E}_{u}(b)$ transition for each complex.

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