

# Vibrational Spectra and Thermodynamic Functions of 2-Methoxypyridine and 2-Methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine

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The infrared spectra in the liquid state (4000–50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and in the vapor phase (4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and the polarized laser Raman spectra in the liquid state have been measured for 2-methoxypyridine and 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine. Essentially complete assignments of the observed frequencies are presented. Ideal gas state thermodynamic functions of the molecules are also calculated in the temperature range 200–1500 K.

In continuation of the earlier work on the vibrational analysis of a few substituted pyridine molecules,<sup>1–4)</sup> the investigation has now been extended to 2-methoxypyridine and 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine. The infrared spectrum of 2-methoxypyridine in solution or in the pure liquid state was reported by Katritzky and Hands,<sup>5)</sup> Katritzky and Coats,<sup>6)</sup> and Spinner and White<sup>7)</sup> in a limited range, and a partial assignment of only a few bands was given. The earlier work on the simple Raman spectrum of 2-methoxypyridine relate to that of Spinner and White.<sup>7)</sup> There is however no previous study on the vibrational spectra of the deuterated species, 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine.

The present investigation was undertaken with a view to making a detailed study of the infrared spectra of 2-methoxypyridine and 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine in the liquid and vapor phases and the polarized Raman spectra of the two molecules in the liquid state. Assignments of the observed frequencies based on the infrared band contours, state of polarization of the Raman lines and comparison with the assignments for related molecules<sup>8–12)</sup> are given. The ideal gas state thermodynamic functions of the molecules are also calculated on the basis of these assignments.

## Experimental

Chemically pure sample of 2-methoxypyridine, used in this experiment, was obtained from Aldrich Chemical Company, U. S. A. and purified by fractional distillation. A sample of 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine of 98 at. % isotopic purity was supplied by Merck Sharp and Dohme, Canada Ltd., and used as received.

The infrared spectra of the samples in the liquid and vapor states in the range 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were recorded on a Carl-Zeiss Specord IR 75 spectrophotometer. The calibration of the instrument was checked by a polystyrene film run immediately after each record. The gas-phase spectra were taken at different temperatures using a 9 cm heated gas cell equipped with KBr windows. A Perkin-Elmer model 180 spectrophotometer and a DIGILAB FTS-15B Fourier Transform interferometer were employed to scan the far infrared spectra of the pure liquid samples in the region 500–50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The Raman spectra were measured on a Cary 82 laser Raman spectrophotometer using 488.0 nm (200 mW) line of an argon ion laser as the excitation source. Polarization measurements were made by the method described elsewhere.<sup>4)</sup>

## Results and Discussion

The frequencies observed in the infrared and Raman spectra of the two molecules, their approximate inten-

sities and probable assignments are given in Table 3. The calculated values of the thermodynamic functions are listed in Tables 4 and 5. Assuming  $C_s$  symmetry for both the molecules, the thirty-nine normal vibrations, which are active both in the infrared and Raman spectra, are divided over the irreducible representation as follows:

$$\Gamma = 26a' + 13a''$$

The  $a'$  modes should give rise to polarized Raman lines, whilst the depolarized lines are associated with the  $a''$  modes.

Taking the ring as a planar regular hexagon, the principal moments of inertia of 2-methoxypyridine and 2-methoxy- $d_3$ -pyridine molecules and the asymmetry parameters  $\kappa = (2B - A - C)/(A - C)$  and  $\rho^* = (A - C)/B$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are the rotational constants, have been calculated (Table 1) with the following geometry on the assumption that the 2-methoxypyridine molecules exist in the *cis* (synperiplanar) conformation (Fig. 1).

$$r(\text{C}-\text{C}) = r(\text{C}-\text{N}) = 1.397 \text{ \AA}, r(\text{C}-\text{H}) = 1.084 \text{ \AA},$$

$$\angle \text{CCC} = \angle \text{CCN} = \angle \text{CCO} = 120^\circ,$$

and for  $\text{OCH}_3$  group:  $r(\text{C}-\text{H}) = 1.0936 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $r(\text{C}-\text{O}) = 1.426 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\angle \text{COC} = 109.47^\circ$ , and all other angles are tetrahedral ( $109.47^\circ$ ). The values of relative atomic masses recommended by IUPAC<sup>13)</sup> were used in the calculation.

Making use of the results given in Table 1, the PR separations of the vapor-phase band envelopes in the infrared spectra have been calculated at  $T = 323 \text{ K}$  by the method of Seth-Paul and Dijkstra<sup>14)</sup> and compared with the observed values (Table 2). While the normal

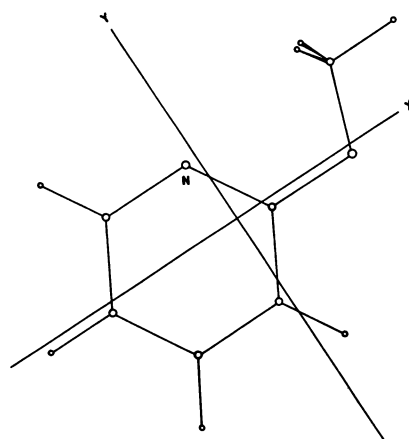


Fig. 1. *Cis* conformation of 2-methoxypyridine.

TABLE 1. PRINCIPAL MOMENTS OF INERTIA AND ASYMMETRY PARAMETERS FOR 2-METHOXYPYRIDINE AND 2-METHOXY-*d*<sub>3</sub>-PYRIDINE

Molecule	$\frac{I_x}{10^{-47} \text{ kg m}^2}$	$\frac{I_y}{10^{-47} \text{ kg m}^2}$	$\frac{I_z}{10^{-47} \text{ kg m}^2}$	$\kappa$	$\rho^*$
2-Methoxypyridine	169.272	519.530	683.467	-0.7922	2.3091
2-Methoxy- <i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> -pyridine	175.661	564.214	729.175	-0.8144	2.4382

The z axis is perpendicular to the plane of the ring.

TABLE 2. PR SEPARATIONS IN THE INFRARED VAPOR-PHASE BAND ENVELOPES

Band type	2-Methoxypyridine PR separation $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$				2-Methoxy- <i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> -pyridine PR separation $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$			
	Calcd	Obsd			Calcd	Obsd		
A (  )	11.1	11.0, 11.5, 11.0,			10.7	11.0, 11.0, 11.0,		
		11.0, 11.5, 11.5,				11.0, 11.5, 10.0,		
		13.0, 12.0				10.0, 11.5, 11.0,		
						11.0		
B (⊥)	9.1	10.5, 10.0			8.8	—		
C (⊥)	16.7	18.0, 17.5, 18.0			16.1	≈18.0, 17.0, ≈17.0		

modes of species *a''* will have a contour of type-C with strong *Q* branch, the *a'* modes will give rise to A- or B-contours or contours of the hybrid type-AB depending on the directions of the oscillating dipoles.

*Species a'*. The polarized Raman lines observed at 3013, 3062, 3072, and 3094  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the case of 2-methoxypyridine and 3021, 3066, and 3078  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the infrared band at 3088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine are readily assigned to the C-H stretching vibrations. The Raman spectra of the two molecules show polarized lines at 1602 and 1572  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and 1599 and 1571  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively; these are assigned to the C-C stretching modes of the highest energy. The infrared bands observed at 1481, 1419, and 1312  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1472, 1433, and 1316  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxypyridine and its deuterio analog respectively show type-A vapor-phase contours, and are attributed to the next ring stretching modes. The highly intense and polarized Raman shifts at 988 and 984  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  observed in the spectra of the two molecules may be confidently assigned to the ring breathing mode.

The two components of the planar ring deformation mode are little affected by substitution in the present cases, and identified with the polarized Raman lines at 622 and 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and 620 and 577  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the case of the two molecules respectively. The three substituent-sensitive modes belonging to the *a'* class may be represented by the polarized Raman lines at 1289, 811, and 254  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxypyridine and 1292, 786, and 232  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine. The remaining *a'* modes that can be derived from pyridine may be assigned to the polarized Raman lines observed at 1256, 1143, 1098, and 1044  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and 1257, 1144, 1075, and 1042  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the case of the normal and deuterated molecules respectively.

*Species a''*. The infrared bands at 781, 738, and 526  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxypyridine and 779, 737, and 524  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the deuterio analog show conclusively type-C vapor-phase contours, and are assigned as *a''* fundamentals. Similarly, the infrared spectra of the two

molecules show absorptions of medium strength at 862 and 861  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively which appear to have type-C structures with prominent central maxima in the gas-phase spectra. These are assigned to the *a''* mode involving principally out-of-plane bending motions of the ring H atoms. The remaining fundamentals belonging to the *a''* species may be identified with the weak or moderately intense infrared bands at 957, 827, 412, and 116  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxypyridine and 957, 837, 415, and 130  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine in agreement with the assignments proposed for other monosubstituted pyridines.<sup>4,9,10)</sup>

#### *The Internal Vibrations of the Methoxyl Group.*

There would appear twelve additional modes of vibration arising from the internal motions of the methoxyl group. The moderately intense infrared band at 2980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appears to have type-C band contour in the gas-phase spectrum, while the Raman line at 2944  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is very strong and highly polarized. These are assigned to the *a''* and *a'* CH<sub>3</sub> asymmetric stretching modes respectively. Both of these frequencies are shifted to 2241 and 2263  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on OCH<sub>3</sub> deuteration. Again the infrared vapor-phase band contour of the 2241  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  band shows a sharp central maximum characteristic of a type-C band, and its Raman counterpart is depolarized. It is, therefore, assigned to the *a''* component of the CD<sub>3</sub> asymmetric stretching mode, while the *a'* component may be identified with the polarized Raman line at 2263  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The frequency at 2209  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appearing with comparable intensity both in the infrared and the Raman spectra may be explained as the overtone  $2 \times 1101 = 2202 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (*A'*) enhanced by Fermi-resonance interaction with the fundamental at 2263  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . But the situation is complicated by the appearance of three polarized Raman lines of almost equal intensity at 2870, 2850, and 2828  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  each having a counterpart in the infrared spectrum of 2-methoxypyridine. Since there occurs an infrared band at 2823  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the deuterated species corresponding to the 2828  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  frequency of the normal molecule, it must be assigned as a combination

TABLE 3. OBSERVED FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCIES AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2-METHOXPYRIDINE AND 2-METHOXY-*d*<sub>3</sub>-PYRIDINE

2-Methoxypyridine			2-Methoxy- <i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> -pyridine			Assignment
Infrared $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$		Raman $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$	Infrared $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$		Raman $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$	
Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	
3095 (sh)	3107	3094 (sh)	3088 (sh)	3107		$\nu_1$ (a'), 20b
3077 (mw)	3086	3072 (9) p	3077 (mw)	3084	3078 (sh) p	$\nu_2$ (a'), 2
3058 (mw)	3060	3062 (sh) p	3057 (mw)	3061	3066 (10) p	$\nu_3$ (a'), 20a
3014 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 3023 \\ 3021 \\ 3012 \end{matrix} \right\}$	3013 (2) p	3018 (mw)	3032	3021 (1) p	$\nu_4$ (a'), 7b
2980 (ms)	2985		2241 (ms)	2248	2241 (0)dp	$\nu_{27}$ (a''), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CD}_3$ asymmetric stretching
2945 (ms)	2960	2944 (8) p	2263 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 2276 \\ 2271 \\ 2265 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	2263 (1) p	$\nu_5$ (a'), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $\text{CD}_3$ asymmetric stretching
2849 (w)	2847	2850 (2) p	2075 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 2090 \\ 2085 \\ 2079 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	2075 (4) p	$\nu_6$ (a'), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CD}_3$ symmetric stretching
1605 (s)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1613.5 \\ 1608.0 \\ 1602.0 \end{matrix} \right\}$	1602 (1) p	1599 (vs)	1600	1599 (1) p	$\nu_7$ (a'), 8a
1573 (s)	1573	1572 (3) p	1571 (s)	1572	1571 (2) p	$\nu_8$ (a'), 8b
1481 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1491 \\ 1486 \\ 1480 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1480 (0)	1472 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1481 \\ 1475 \\ 1470 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1473 (0) p	$\nu_9$ (a'), 19a
1464(mw) <sup>†</sup>	1466	1464 (0) dp	1049 (mw)	1048	1051 (sh) p	$\nu_{10}$ (a') and $\nu_{28}$ (a''), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CD}_3$ asymmetric deformation
1444 (s)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1452.0 \\ 1446.0 \\ 1440.5 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1444 (2) p	1101 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1118 \\ 1113 \\ 1107 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1100 (1) p	$\nu_{11}$ (a'), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CD}_3$ symmetric deformation
1419 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1428 \\ 1422 \\ 1417 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1419 (0)	1433 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1443.5 \\ 1438.0 \\ 1432.0 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1434 (1) p	$\nu_{12}$ (a'), 19b
1312 (s)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1319 \\ 1314 \\ 1308 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1310 (5) p	1316 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1325 \\ 1321 \\ 1315 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1316 (5) p	$\nu_{13}$ (a'), 14
1289 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1296.0 \\ 1290.0 \\ 1284.5 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1289 (4) p	1291 (vs)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1300 \\ 1295 \\ 1290 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1292 (2) p	$\nu_{14}$ (a'), $-\text{C}-\text{OCH}_3$ or $-\text{C}-\text{OCD}_3$ stretching, 13
1252 (ms)	1260	1256 (2) p	1251 (mw)		1257 (2) p	$\nu_{15}$ (a'), 3
1143 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1147.5 \\ 1142.0 \\ 1136.0 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1143 (1) p	1144 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1146.5 \\ 1141.0 \\ 1135.0 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1144 (1) p	$\nu_{16}$ (a'), 9a
1098 (w)		1098 (2) p	1075 (w)		1075 (0) p	$\nu_{17}$ (a'), 15
1044 (s)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1049 \\ 1044 \\ 1036 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A	1044 (5) p	$\left. \begin{matrix} 1040 \text{ (ms)} \\ 1038 \\ 1033 \end{matrix} \right\}$ A		1042 (3) p	$\nu_{18}$ (a'), 18a
1022 (s)	1024	1022 (1) p	894 (mw)		897 (0) dp	$\nu_{29}$ (a''), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CD}_3$ out-of-plane rocking
988 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 995.0 \\ 984.5 \end{matrix} \right\}$ B	988 (10) p	983 (s)	981	984 (8) p	$\nu_{19}$ (a'), $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{O}-\text{CD}_3$ stretching
957 (w)	955		957 (ms)	955		$\nu_{20}$ (a'), 1
862 (mw)	$\left. \begin{matrix} \approx 869 \\ 861 \\ \approx 851 \end{matrix} \right\}$		861 (mw)	862		$\nu_{30}$ (a''), 17a
827 (mw)	832	828 (0)	837 (mw)	835		$\nu_{31}$ (a''), 5
811 (ms)	$\left. \begin{matrix} 818 \\ 813 \\ 807 \end{matrix} \right\}$	811 (8) p	$\left. \begin{matrix} 802 \text{ (sh)} \\ 642 \text{ (mw)} \end{matrix} \right\}$		786 (5) p	$\nu_{32}$ (a''), 10a
				642		$\nu_{21}$ (a'), 12
						$\nu_{22}$ (a'), $-\text{CH}_3$ or $\text{CD}_3$ in-plane-rocking

TABLE 3. (Continued)

2-Methoxypyridine			2-Methoxy- <i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> -pyridine			Assignment
Infrared $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$		Raman $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$	Infrared $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$		Raman $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$	
Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	
781 (s)	790 } 782 } 772 } C	783 (0) dp	779 (s)	$\approx 789$ } 780 } $\approx 771$ } C		$\nu_{33}$ (a''), 10b
738 (ms)	744.5 } 737.0 } 727.0 } C	729 (0)	737 (ms)	744 } 736 } 727 } C		$\nu_{34}$ (a''), 4
621 (mw)	619	622 (1) p	618 (mw)	612	620 (1) p	$\nu_{23}$ (a'), 6b
601 (ms)	604 } 600 } 592 } A	602 (1) p	575 (ms)	580 } 577 } 569 } A	577 (1) p	$\nu_{24}$ (a'), 6a
526 (ms)	530 } 522 } 512 } C	528 (0) dp	525 (mw)	$\approx 527$ } 520 } $\approx 510$ } C	527 (0) dp	$\nu_{35}$ (a''), 11
455 (mw)	458 } 448 } B	457 (3) p	438 (mw)		440 (2) p	$\nu_{25}$ (a'), $\angle\text{COC}$ deformation
412 (mw)			415 (mw)*		414 (0) dp ?	$\nu_{36}$ (a''), 16a
256 (mw)		254 (0) p	240 (mw)*		232 (1) p	$\nu_{26}$ (a'), 18b
237 (sh)		234 (1) dp	234 (sh)*			$\nu_{37}$ (a''), $\angle\text{COC}$ deformation
116 (mw)			130 (mw)*			$\nu_{39}$ (a''), 16b

(s)=strong, (m)=medium, (w)=weak, (v)=very, (sh)=shoulder, p=polarized, dp=depolarized.

\*: Frequency observed in polycrystalline thin film at liquid nitrogen temperature.

†: Frequency observed in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution.

band. Of the remaining two frequencies, the  $2850\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is taken as the  $\text{CH}_3$  symmetric stretching fundamental on the basis of the observed fact that a sharp band is usually occurs at about  $2835\text{ cm}^{-1}$  when a methoxyl group is attached to the aromatic ring,<sup>8,15-17</sup> while the  $2870\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band may be explained as the overtone  $2 \times 1444 = 2888\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (A') in Fermi-resonance<sup>18</sup> with the fundamental at  $2850\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These are shifted to  $2124$ ,  $2105$ , and  $2075\text{ cm}^{-1}$  on  $\text{OCH}_3$  deuteration. Of these, the  $2105\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band being weak must be explained as a combination tone. The polarized Raman line at  $2075\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and its infrared counterpart at the same frequency showing type-A contour in the gas-phase spectrum are more intense, and may be reasonably assigned to the  $\text{CD}_3$  symmetric stretching mode, while the  $2124\text{ cm}^{-1}$  frequency appearing with smaller intensity both in the infrared and Raman spectra may be interpreted as the overtone  $2 \times 1049 = 2098\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (A') or the combination band  $1101 + 996 = 2097\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (A') in Fermi-resonance with the  $2075\text{ cm}^{-1}$  fundamental.

A moderately intense polarized Raman line at  $1444\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with a strong infrared counterpart at the same frequency is observed in 2-methoxypyridine, but it is absent in the Raman spectrum of the deuterio analog, though an infrared band with much reduced intensity appears at  $1451\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . It is also known that the  $\text{CH}_3$  symmetric deformation frequency being somewhat sensitive to the electronegativity of the attached oxygen atom in  $\text{OCH}_3$  group, shifts to higher frequency<sup>15</sup> as a result of changes in the  $\text{HCO}$  bending force constant.<sup>19</sup> These observations lead the  $1444\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band to be assigned to the  $\text{CH}_3$  symmetric deformation mode, while the  $1451\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band in 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine may be attributed to the combination  $802 + 642 = 1444\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (A'). The Raman line at  $1464\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with its infrared counterpart of medium intensity is assigned to both the

components of the  $\text{CH}_3$  asymmetric deformation mode.

There appear two polarized Raman lines of almost equal strength at  $1100$  and  $1051\text{ cm}^{-1}$  on  $\text{OCH}_3$  deuteration. The infrared band at  $1101\text{ cm}^{-1}$  showing type-A contour is very strong, while the band at  $1049\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is comparatively weak. The former is therefore assigned to the  $\text{CD}_3$  symmetric bending vibration and the latter to the  $\text{CD}_3$  asymmetric bending mode in agreement with the assignments proposed for similar molecules.<sup>20-23</sup>

It is found that the  $1044$  and  $811\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands observed in the infrared and Raman spectra of 2-methoxypyridine, which are already assigned to the a' fundamentals, decrease appreciably in intensity showing a small shift to lower frequency on  $\text{OCH}_3$  deuteration. This may be taken as an evidence that two different fundamentals are overlapping at each of these positions. This frequency range being appropriate for  $\text{CH}_3$  rocking modes, the bands at  $1044$  and  $811\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are again assigned to the out-of-plane and in-plane  $\text{CH}_3$  rocking modes respectively in agreement with the assignments for other molecules.<sup>9,20,23,24</sup> There appear two additional bands at  $894$  and  $642\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the infrared spectrum of 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine. The corresponding Raman shift at  $897\text{ cm}^{-1}$  being completely depolarized, is assigned to the  $\text{CD}_3$  out-of-plane rocking mode, while the frequency at  $642\text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be identified with the  $\text{CD}_3$  in-plane rocking mode. The fundamental associated with the torsional mode remains unidentified in the present cases.

The strong infrared band at  $1022\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the polarized Raman line at  $457\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in 2-methoxypyridine shift to  $996$  and  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively on  $\text{OCH}_3$  deuteration. The former is assigned to the  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$  stretching mode in agreement with the previous assignments,<sup>7,25,26</sup> while the latter may arise from the  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$  in-plane bending vibration.<sup>11</sup> The  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$  out-of-plane bend-

TABLE 4. THERMODYNAMIC FUNCTIONS OF 2-METHOXYPYRIDINE<sup>a)</sup>

Temperature K	$C_p^\circ$ cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$(H^\circ - E_0^\circ)/T$ cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$S^\circ$ cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$-(F^\circ - E_0^\circ)/T$ cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
200	19.20	12.92	74.03	61.11
250	23.40	14.59	78.76	64.17
273.15	25.44	15.42	80.92	65.50
298.15	27.65	16.35	83.24	66.89
300	27.82	16.43	83.41	66.99
400	36.31	20.35	92.60	72.25
500	43.54	24.29	101.50	77.21
600	49.44	28.01	109.98	81.98
700	54.23	31.42	117.97	86.55
800	58.17	34.53	125.48	90.95
900	61.46	37.34	132.53	95.19
1000	64.23	39.90	139.15	99.25
1100	66.58	42.22	145.38	103.17
1200	68.58	44.34	151.26	106.93
1300	70.30	46.27	156.82	110.56
1400	71.77	48.04	162.09	114.05
1500	73.04	49.66	167.08	117.42

a) Ideal gas state at standard pressure of 1 atm. 1 cal<sub>th</sub> = 4.184 J.TABLE 5. THERMODYNAMIC FUNCTIONS OF 2-METHOXY-*d*<sub>3</sub>-PYRIDINE<sup>a)</sup>

Temperature K	$C_p^\circ$ Cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$(H^\circ - E_0^\circ)/T$ cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$S^\circ$ Cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$-(F^\circ - E_0^\circ)/T$ Cal <sub>th</sub> K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
200	19.82	13.04	75.03	61.99
250	24.42	14.85	79.94	65.09
273.15	26.64	15.75	82.20	66.45
298.15	29.03	16.77	84.63	67.87
300	29.21	16.84	84.81	67.97
400	38.20	21.09	94.48	73.40
500	45.70	25.28	103.84	78.56
600	51.71	29.21	112.72	83.52
700	56.54	32.78	121.07	88.29
800	60.45	36.00	128.88	92.88
900	63.67	38.90	136.19	97.29
1000	66.33	41.52	143.04	101.53
1100	68.55	43.88	149.47	105.60
1200	70.42	46.01	155.51	109.51
1300	72.00	47.95	161.22	113.27
1400	73.35	49.72	166.60	116.89
1500	74.50	51.33	171.70	120.37

a) Ideal gas state at standard pressure of 1 atm. 1 cal<sub>th</sub> = 4.184 J.

ing mode may be represented by the depolarized Raman shift at 234 cm<sup>-1</sup> in 2-methoxypyridine.

*The Application of the Product Rule.* When the Teller-Redlich product rule is applied to the assignments for the a' species, it is found that the observed ratio is

$$\frac{\pi\nu^1}{\pi\nu} = 0.192$$

and the calculated value of this ratio is 0.189.

Since the torsional frequencies are not identified, the product rule cannot be applied to the assignments for the a'' species.

### Thermodynamic Functions

The thermodynamic functions of 2-methoxypyridine

and 2-methoxy-*d*<sub>3</sub>-pyridine were calculated at several temperatures assuming a rigid rotator, harmonic oscillator approximation and free internal rotation of the methyl group by utilising the fundamental frequencies given in Table 3. The reduced moments of inertia of the CH<sub>3</sub> and CD<sub>3</sub> groups were calculated to be 5.2627 × 10<sup>-47</sup> kg m<sup>2</sup> and 10.4120 × 10<sup>-47</sup> kg m<sup>2</sup> respectively.

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