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Vibrational Spectra of Bis(L-serinato)copper(II) and -zinc(II)

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The infrared spectra of bis(L-serinato)copper(II) and -zinc(II) and their isotopic complexes containing metal and hydrogen isotopes have been measured in the region between 4000 and 200 cm⁻¹. By referring to the isotope shifts, four bands of the Cu complex at 375, 327, 307, and 255 cm⁻¹ have been assigned to the Cu-OOC and the Cu-NH₂ stretching vibrations. Two bands of the Zn complex at 230 and 295 cm⁻¹ have been assigned to Zn-OOC and Zn-NH₂ stretching vibrations, respectively. By comparing the Cu complex with the Zn complex, the vibrations of two anisostructural serinates included in the Zn complex have been distinguished from each other. The structural difference between the two serinates was clearly reflected in the COO deformation vibrations. The Raman measurement for a single crystal of the Zn complex revealed rather small factor group splittings. A normal coordinate analysis for the Zn complex was carried out by using a complete molecular conformation and an intermolecular force field. The result is consistent with the empirical assignments and the experimental isotope shifts.

Keywords—IR spectra; aminoacid; isotope effect; ⁶³Cu-⁶⁵Cu substitution; ⁶⁴Zn-⁶⁸Zn substitution; bis(L-serinato)copper; bis(L-serinato)zinc; normal coordinate analysis; intermolecular force; intramolecular force

Recently, vibrational spectroscopy has been used increasingly for investigating the conformations of complicated vital molecules such as proteins and enzymes.¹⁾ The conformations of aminoacids on the surface of these vital molecules are of much interest in relation to their catalytic site.²⁾ To provide a basis for such work, it is necessary to study the relationship between vibrational spectra and conformations of aminoacids. However, a given aminoacid which takes a particular conformation in the solid state³⁻⁵⁾ often takes several conformations on complexation with metals.⁶⁻¹³⁾ Metallo-aminoacids, which are models of the metallo-proteins and -enzymes, are suitable subjects for investigating the spectral differences caused by the conformational differences of aminoacids.

The present paper deals with bis(L-serinato)copper(II) and -zinc(II) in order to clarify the difference of vibrational spectra between *gauche-gauche* and *anti-gauche* serinates (Fig. 1). The vibrational assignments have been carried out on the basis of the frequency shifts on metal isotope substitutions, which are very useful to assign the metal-ligand stretching vibrations of complicated metallo-aminoacids. In order to confirm our assignments, normal coordinate analysis for the Zn complex was carried out by using a complete molecular conformation and the inter- and intramolecular force fields.

Experimental

Materials—Commercially available L-serine (L-ser, Ishizu Seiyaku) was purified several times by recrystallization from a mixture of water and ethanol. *N,O*-Deuterated L-serine (L-ser-*d*₄) was obtained from the purified L-ser by the exchange reaction with heavy water (Merck, AG., 99%). Bis(L-serinato)copper(II), Cu(ser)₂, and bis(L-serinato)zinc(II), Zn(ser)₂, were prepared from the purified L-ser and the corresponding metal acetates.

The infrared (IR) spectra of these complexes were identical with those prepared from metal sulfate according to the method of van der Helm *et al.*^{14,15} For the preparation of the *N,O*-deuterated complexes, $\text{Cu}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2$, anhydrous cupric or zinc acetate was reacted with the L-ser- d_4 in heavy water. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a mixture of heavy water and ethanol- d_1 and dried over phosphorus pentoxide under reduced pressure. For the preparation of the complexes containing metal isotopes, ^{63}CuO , ^{65}CuO , ^{64}ZnO and ^{68}ZnO (Oak Ridge National Lab., U.S.A.) were converted into the corresponding cupric and zinc acetates by reaction with dilute acetic acid on a milligram scale. $^{63}\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, $^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and $^{68}\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and their *N,O*-deuterated analogues were prepared from the corresponding acetates in a similar way. The IR spectrum of each complex containing a metal isotope coincided with that of the complex containing the metal of natural abundance except for the metal isotope shifts. The isotopic purities were 99.89% for ^{63}CuO , 99.70% for ^{65}CuO , 99.85% for ^{64}ZnO and 99.30% for ^{68}ZnO .

Measurements—The IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO DS-403G IR spectrophotometer (4000–200 cm^{-1}). The measurements were made for the solid samples in Nujol and hexachlorobutadiene (Merck, AG., Uvasol) mulls. The frequencies were calibrated by the standard absorptions of polystyrene, indene and water vapor. For measuring small shifts of band centers on ^{63}Cu – ^{65}Cu and ^{64}Zn – ^{68}Zn substitutions, the frequency scale was expanded ten times over the desired frequency region. The measurements were repeated at least three times to check the reproducibility of the spectra. The IR spectra of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ in the region above 400 cm^{-1} are shown in Fig. 2 and parts of the expanded spectra in Fig. 3.

The Raman polarization measurement was carried out by using a single crystal of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ for which the directions of the cell axes, *a*, *b* and *c'* of the crystal were determined from an X-ray photograph. The Raman spectra excited by the 488.0 nm line of a Coherent 52G Ar^+ laser were recorded on a JEOL S-1 laser Raman spectrophotometer. The output power at the sample position was *ca.* 20 mW. The observed polarization spectra are shown in Fig. 4.

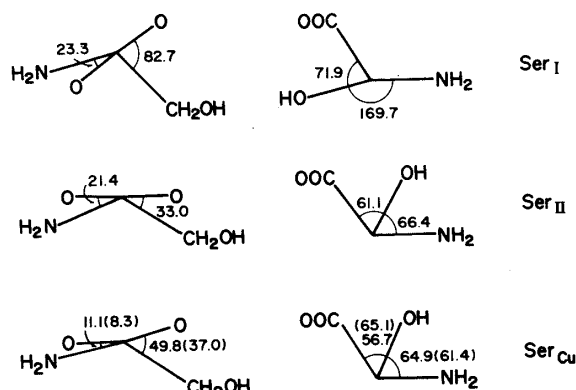


Fig. 1. Structures of L-Serinate in $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$

Normal Coordinate Analysis for $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$

According to the X-ray analysis,¹⁴ $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ takes a complicated polymeric structure chained by the bond between the zinc atom and a carboxylic oxygen from neighboring L-serinates. The optical active normal frequencies of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ were calculated by using the same program as reported in the previous paper.¹⁶ By assuming the bond-lengths $r_{\text{CH}} = 1.08$, $r_{\text{NH}} = 1.02$ and $r_{\text{OH}} = 1.00$ Å, the structure parameters were constructed on the basis of the X-ray analysis by van der Helm *et al.*¹⁴ A modified Urey–Bradley force field was used with a few valence-type constants for the torsional and out-of-plane bending coordinates. The force constants related to L-serinates were initially transferred from DL-serine¹⁷ and the constants concerned with the copper atom from $\text{Cu}(\text{DL-ser})_2$ reported by Inomata *et al.*¹⁸ The force constants asterisked in Table I were adjusted to improve the frequency fit. The force constants used in the final calculation are listed in Table I.

Initially, the calculation was carried out by using only the intramolecular forces. After slight adjustment of some force constants, the intermolecular forces were taken into account. By analogy with the previous treatments,^{14,19–22} the intermolecular potential was assumed to be the sum of the exp-6 type non-bonded atom–atom interaction terms, the Lippincott-type hydrogen bond stretching terms and the Coulomb interaction terms. In calculating the

TABLE I. Modified Urey-Bradley Type and Valence Type Force Constants

| Modified Urey-Bradley type force constants ^{a)} (mdyn/Å) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| $K(\text{C}-\text{O})$ | 7.00* | $H(\text{OC}'\text{O})$ | 0.06 | $H(\text{ZnNH})$ | 0.10* | $F(\text{OC}'\text{O})$ | 4.00* | $F(\text{ZnNH})$ | 0.05* |
| $K(\text{C}-\text{C}')$ | 2.13 | $H(\text{OC}'\text{C})$ | 0.35* | $H(\text{ZnNC})$ | 0.05 | $F(\text{OC}'\text{C})$ | 0.70 | $F(\text{ZnNC})$ | 0.10 |
| $K(\text{C}-\text{H})$ | 4.20* | $H(\text{C}'\text{CN})$ | 0.65 | $H(\text{OC}''\text{C})$ | 0.45* | $F(\text{C}'\text{CN})$ | 0.60 | $F(\text{OC}''\text{C})$ | 0.761 |
| $K(\text{C}-\text{N})$ | 2.67 | $H(\text{C}'\text{CC}'')$ | 0.25 | $H(\text{HC}''\text{H})$ | 0.422 | $F(\text{C}'\text{CC}'')$ | 0.30 | $F(\text{HC}''\text{H})$ | 0.076 |
| $K(\text{N}-\text{H})$ | 5.20* | $H(\text{C}''\text{CN})$ | 0.22 | $H(\text{OC}''\text{H})$ | 0.119 | $F(\text{C}''\text{CN})$ | 0.60 | $F(\text{OC}''\text{H})$ | 0.637 |
| $K(\text{C}-\text{C}'')$ | 2.12 | $H(\text{C}'\text{CH})$ | 0.16 | $H(\text{C}''\text{OH})$ | 0.25* | $F(\text{C}'\text{CH})$ | 0.36 | $F(\text{C}''\text{OH})$ | 0.588 |
| $K(\text{C}''-\text{O})$ | 2.675 | $H(\text{NCH})$ | 0.25 | $H(\text{ZnOC}')$ | 0.05 | $F(\text{NCH})$ | 0.54 | $F(\text{ZnOC}')$ | 0.10* |
| $K(\text{C}''-\text{H})$ | 4.09 | $H(\text{C}''\text{CH})$ | 0.16 | $H(\text{OZnN})^b)$ | 0.05 | $F(\text{C}''\text{CH})$ | 0.40 | $F(\text{OZnN})^b)$ | 0.05* |
| $K(\text{O}-\text{H})$ | 6.00* | $H(\text{CNH})$ | 0.34 | $H(\text{OZnN})$ | 0.05* | $F(\text{CNH})$ | 0.50 | $F(\text{OZnN})$ | 0.05* |
| $K(\text{Zn}-\text{O})$ | 0.20* | $H(\text{HNH})$ | 0.50* | $H(\text{O}'\text{ZnO})$ | 0.05* | $F(\text{HNH})$ | 0.02 | $F(\text{O}'\text{ZnO})$ | 0.05* |
| $K(\text{Zn}-\text{N})$ | 0.40* | $H(\text{CC}'\text{H})$ | 0.245 | $H(\text{O}'\text{ZnN})$ | 0.05* | $F(\text{CC}'\text{H})$ | 0.502 | $F(\text{O}'\text{ZnN})$ | 0.05* |
| $K(\text{Zn}-\text{O}')$ | 0.35* | $\kappa(\text{C}')^c)$ | 0.0* | $\kappa(\text{C}'')^c)$ | 0.0* | $\kappa(\text{N})^c)$ | -0.05* | | |
| Valence type force constants ^{a)} (mdyn·Å/rad ²) | | | | | | | | | |
| $f(\omega_{\text{CO}_2}, \omega_{\text{CO}_2})$ | 1.92 | $f(\tau_{\text{CC}'}, \tau_{\text{CC}'})$ | 0.05 | $f(\tau_{\text{CN}}, \tau_{\text{CN}})$ | 0.10* | $f(\tau_{\text{CC}''}, \tau_{\text{CC}''})$ | 0.05 | | |
| $f(\tau_{\text{OH}}, \tau_{\text{OH}})$ | 0.004* | | | | | | | | |

a) C, C' and C'' denote the methine, the carboxylate and the methylene carbon atoms, respectively.

b) Force constant concerned in the chelate ring.

c) mdyn·Å.

* Refined value.

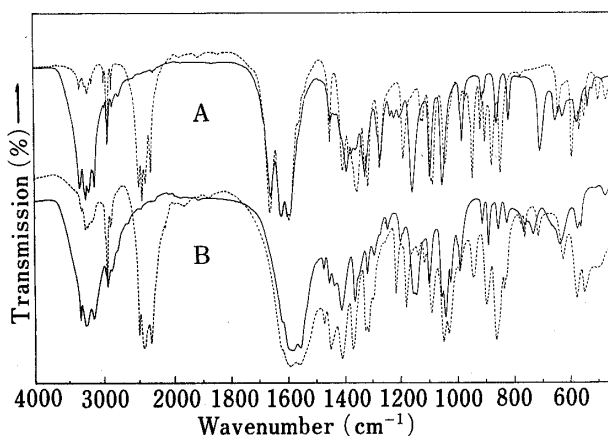


Fig. 2. IR Spectra of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, $\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$, $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ in the Region above 450 cm^{-1}

A, $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ (—) and $\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (----); B, $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ (—) and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (----).

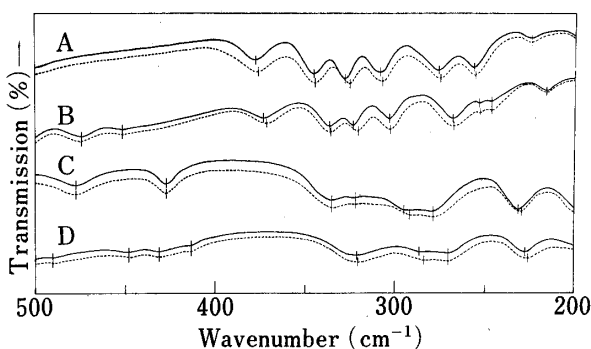


Fig. 3. Expanded IR Spectra of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, $\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$, $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ in the Region between 500 and 200 cm^{-1}

A, $^{63}\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ (—) and $^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ (----); B, $^{63}\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (—) and $^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (----); C, $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ (—) and $^{68}\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ (----); D, $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (—) and $^{68}\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ (----).

Coulomb interaction terms, the atomic charges of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ were estimated by CNDO/II calculation in which the zinc atom of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ was replaced by an Mg atom. The calculated frequencies in the final calculation are shown in Table II together with the observed frequencies. The calculated factor group splittings were less than 3 cm^{-1} in the region above 400 cm^{-1} . These splittings correspond well to the observed ones.

Vibrational Assignments

The Region above 450 cm^{-1}

All the bands of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ in this region should be assigned to the vibrations of L-serinates, since no bands shift appreciably on ^{63}Cu – ^{65}Cu substitution. According to the X-ray analysis,¹⁵⁾ the two serinates in $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ are similar to each other and take a *gauche-gauche*

TABLE II. Observed and Calculated Frequencies and Assignments for
 $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and Their N,O -Deuterated Analogues
 in the Region between 4000 and 200 cm^{-1}

| $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ | | $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ | | Assign. ^{c)} | $\text{Cu}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ | | $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ | | Assign. ^{c)} |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| IR ^{a)} | | IR ^{a)} | Calc. ^{b)} | | IR ^{a)} | | IR ^{a)} | Calc. ^{b)} | |
| 3350 vs — ^{f)} | | 3315 vs | { 3375 3353 | $\nu\text{OH}(\text{II})$ $\nu\text{OH}(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | 2980 sh | 2975 | | $\nu\text{CH}(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | 2995 vw | | 2965 | | $\nu\text{CH}(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 3240 vs | 3194 | $\nu_a\text{NH}_2(\text{I})$ | 2960 m } 2940 m } | 2960 m | { 2956 2941 | | $\nu_a\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ $\nu_a\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 3255 vs } 3205 vs } | | 3220 sh | 3188 | $\nu_a\text{NH}_2(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | 2880 w | 2910 w | 2927 | | $\nu_s\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ |
| 3125 vs | | 3125 vs | { 3139 3133 | $\nu_s\text{NH}_2(\text{I})$ $\nu_s\text{NH}_2(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | 2890 sh | 2909 | | $\nu_s\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | 2490 vs | 2500 vs | { 2451 2436 | | $\nu\text{OD}(\text{II})$ $\nu\text{OD}(\text{I})$ |
| 2980 vw | | 2965 sh | { 2975 2965 | $\nu\text{CH}(\text{I})$ $\nu\text{CH}(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | 2435 vs | 2351 | | $\nu_a\text{ND}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 2935 m | | 2930 m | { 2956 2941 | $\nu_a\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ $\nu_a\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | 2445 vs } 2440 vs } | 2430 sh | 2347 | | $\nu_a\text{ND}_2(\text{II})$ |
| | | | | | — ^{f)} | 2390 sh | 2271 | | $\nu_s\text{ND}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 2875 vw | | 2875 sh | { 2927 2909 | $\nu_s\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ $\nu_s\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ | 2320 vs | 2335 vs | 2267 | | $\nu_s\text{ND}_2(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | | | | | Combination- or over-tone |
| 1660 vs | | 1630 sh | | Combination- or over-tone | 1660 vs | 1630 sh | | | Combination- or over-tone |
| 1626 vs } 1605 vs } | | 1590 vs | 1616 | $\nu_a\text{CO}_2(\text{II})$ | 1624 vs } 1597 vs } | 1592 vs | 1615 | | $\nu_a\text{CO}_2(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1558 vs | 1604 | | $\nu_a\text{CO}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 1596 vs | | 1558 vs | 1604 | $\nu_a\text{CO}_2(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | 1472 m | 1490 | | $\beta\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1530 ^{d)} w | { 1536 1532 | $\beta\text{NH}_2(\text{II})$ $\beta\text{NH}_2(\text{I})$ | 1452 m | 1450 m | 1465 | | $\beta\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| 1452 m | | 1472 w | 1490 | $\beta\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ | 1410 m | 1409 m | { 1416 1412 | | $\nu_s\text{CO}_2(\text{I})$ $\nu_s\text{CO}_2(\text{II})$ |
| | | 1452 w | 1465 | $\beta\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ | | | | | |
| 1438 vw | | 1437 w | | Combination- or over-tone | 1353 s | 1369 m | 1341 | | $\delta\text{CH}'(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1324 m | 1326 | | $\delta\text{CH}'(\text{I})$ |
| | | 1411 m | { 1415 1412 | $\nu_s\text{CO}_2(\text{I})$ $\nu_s\text{CO}_2(\text{II})$ | 1328 m } 1315 m } | 1313 m | 1296 | | $\omega\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ |
| 1396 m | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1297 sh | 1287 | | $\omega\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 1364 vw | | 1363 m | 1354 | $\delta\text{CH}'(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | 1275 sh | 1260 | | $\iota\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1256 sh | 1242 | | $\iota\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1351 sh | { 1336 1330 | $\iota\text{NH}_2(\text{I})$ $\delta\text{CH}'(\text{I})$ | 1275 m | 1217 m | 1199 | | $\delta\text{CH}(\text{II})$ |
| 1331 m | | 1319 m | 1312 | $\iota\text{NH}_2(\text{II})$ | 1191 m | 1180 m | 1187 | | $\delta\text{CH}(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1295 w | 1294 | $\omega\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| 1285 sh } 1275 m } | | 1270 w | 1274 | $\omega\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | 1139 w | 1147 | | $\beta\text{ND}_2(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | 1130 m } 1122 m } | 1117 w | 1128 | | $\beta\text{ND}_2(\text{II})$ |
| | | 1245 w | { 1243 1238 | $\iota\text{CH}_2(\text{I})$ $\iota\text{CH}_2(\text{II})$ | 1093 m } 1085 m } | | | | |
| 1240 w | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1090 m | { 1084 1087 | | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{II})$ $\nu\text{skel}(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1199 m | 1216 | $\delta\text{OH}(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | | 1061 | | $\iota\text{ND}_2(\text{I})$ |
| 1162 s | | 1190 sh | 1193 | $\delta\text{OH}(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | | 1058 | | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{II})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1152 m | 1156 | $\omega\text{NH}_2(\text{I})$ | 1045 m | { 1048 m | { 1037 | | $\iota\text{ND}_2(\text{II})$ |
| 1228 w } 1208 w } | | 1142 m | 1148 | $\omega\text{NH}_2(\text{II})$ | | | | | |
| — ^{f)} | | | | | — ^{f)} | 1029 m | 1019 | | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{I})$ |
| 1100 m | | 1120 sh | 1117 | $\delta\text{CH}(\text{II})$ | — ^{f)} | 994 w | 987 | | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{I})$ |
| 1100 m | | 1098 m | { 1101 1098 | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{II})$ $\delta\text{CH}(\text{I})$ | 945 m | 947 m | { 963 957 | | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{II})$ $\delta\text{OD}(\text{I})$ |
| — ^{f)} | | 1052 m | 1091 | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{I})$ | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| 1056 m | | 1039 s | 1043 | $\nu\text{skel}(\text{II})$ | 993 w } 975 w } | 943 sh | 949 | | $\delta\text{OD}(\text{II})$ |

TABLE II (continued)

| Cu(ser) ₂ | | Zn(ser) ₂ | | Assign. ^{c)} | Cu(ser-d ₃) ₂ | | Zn(ser-d ₃) ₂ | | Assign. ^{c)} |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| IR ^{a)} | IR ^{a)} | Calc. ^{b)} | | | IR ^{a)} | IR ^{a)} | Calc. ^{b)} | | |
| — ^{f)} | 1023 m | 1029 | vskel(I) | | — ^{f)} | | | | |
| | | | | | 919 m } 901 m } | 898 m | { 883 903 | vskel(I) vskel(II) | |
| — ^{f)} | 1000 sh | 997 | vskel(I) | | | | | | |
| 995 sh } 987 m } | | | | | 875 m | 862 m | 872 | ωND ₂ (II) | |
| — ^{f)} | 994 m | { 995 979 | vskel(II) vskel(I) | | — ^{f)} | 855 sh | 856 | ωND ₂ (I) | |
| 930 m } 912 sh } | 912 m | 932 | vskel(II) | | — ^{f)} | 844 w | 805 | ρCH ₂ (I) | |
| — ^{f)} | 888 m | 878 | ρCH ₂ (I) | | 846 m | 827 sh | 795 | ρCH ₂ (II) | |
| 866 m | 857 m | 852 | ρCH ₂ (II) | | 778 vw | 777 w | 760 | ωCO ₂ (II) | |
| 823 m | 822 m | 818 | ωCO ₂ (II) | | — ^{f)} | 762 m | 750 | ωCO ₂ (I) | |
| — ^{f)} | 764 m | 754 | ωCO ₂ (I) | | — ^{f)} | 714 m | 726 | βCO ₂ (I) | |
| — ^{f)} | 728 m | 745 | βCO ₂ (I) | | 643 m | 627 m | 640 | βCO ₂ (II) | |
| 710 m | 654 sh | 673 | ρNH ₂ (II) | | 593 m | 575 m | 604 | δskel(II) | |
| 656 m | 637 m | 662 | βCO ₂ (II) | | — ^{f)} | 549 m | 550 | ρCO ₂ (I) | |
| — ^{f)} | 654 sh | 654 | ρNH ₂ (I) | | 552 m | 545 sh | 547 | ρCO ₂ (II) | |
| 631 m | 572 m | 601 | δskel(II) | | — ^{f)} | 510 w | 526 | ρND ₂ (I) | |
| — ^{f)} | 556 m | 566 | ρCO ₂ (I) | | 506 m | 490 w | 479 | ρND ₂ (II) | |
| 500 vw | 510 vw | 526 | ρCO ₂ (II) | | 565 m } 587 m } | | | | |
| | | | | | — ^{f)} | 449 w | 474 | δskel(II) | |
| 581 m | | | | | | 432 w | 426 | δskel(I) | |
| 530 vw } 545 w } | 478 w | { 478 449 | δskel(II) δskel(II) | | 475 m } 452 w } | 415 w | 396 | δskel(II) | |
| — ^{f)} | 425 w | 424 | δskel(I) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 336 w | 320 w | { 324 308 | δskel δskel | |
| 344 w | { 334 w 315 vw | 357 329 | δskel δskel | | 302 w | 270 w | 292 | δskel or νMe-ligand | |
| 308 w | 280 w | 299 | δskel or νMe-ligand | | 373 w | 285 sh | 270 | νMe-ligand | |
| 377 w | 295 sh | 276 | νMe-ligand | | 267 w | — ^{e)} | 249 | δskel | |
| 275 w | | | | | 252 vw | — ^{e)} | 238 | δskel or νMe-ligand | |
| 255 w | 250 ^{d)} w | { 255 251 | δskel δskel or νMe-ligand | | 323 w | 225 w | 206 | νMe-ligand | |
| 327 m | 230 w | 230 | νMe-ligand | | 245 sh | — ^{e)} | 199 | δskel | |
| 223 w | 198 ^{d)} w | 207 | δskel | | 214 vw | — ^{e)} | 190 | δskel | |

a) vs, very strong; s, strong; m, medium; w, weak; vw, very weak; sh, shoulder.

b) Species A.

c) ν, stretching; β, bending; δ, deformation; t, twisting; ω, wagging; ρ, rocking.

d) Raman frequency.

e) Not observed.

f) Not expected.

conformation as shown in Fig. 1. The assignments were given by referring to the frequency shifts on *N,O*-deuteration and the assignments for DL-serine¹⁷⁾ and Cu(DL-ser)₂.¹⁸⁾ They are summarized in Table II.

None of the bands of Zn(ser)₂ in this region show appreciable shifts on ⁶⁴Zn–⁶⁸Zn substitution and the bands are attributable to serinates. According to the X-ray analysis,¹⁴⁾ the two serinates in Zn(ser)₂, ser_I and ser_{II}, take the *anti-gauche* and the *gauche-gauche* conformations, respectively. By comparing the IR spectrum of Zn(ser)₂ with that of Cu(ser)₂, the vibrations due to ser_I can be distinguished from those due to ser_{II}. In the region between 1800 and 800 cm^{−1}, the IR spectra of Cu(ser)₂ and Zn(ser)₂ are essentially similar to each other. However, some bands, for example the NH₂ wagging band around 1150 cm^{−1} and the skeletal stretching bands around 1040 cm^{−1}, split upon changing the Cu atom to the Zn atom. In order to clarify whether these splittings are caused by conformational difference between

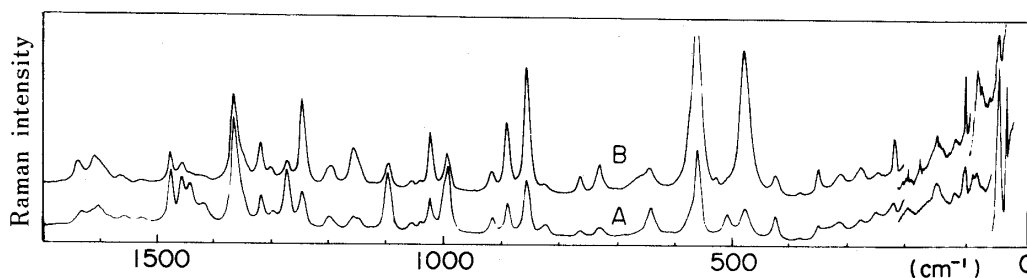


Fig. 4. Polarized Raman Spectra of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ Single Crystal
A, $a(\text{ba})b$; B, $a(\text{bc}')b$.

ser_I and ser_{II} , the polarized Raman spectra of a single crystal of the Zn complex were analyzed. Since all the splittings are observed for the parallel and the perpendicular Raman spectra as shown in Fig. 4, these splittings should be due to conformational difference between ser_I and ser_{II} , and should not arise from the factor group splitting. In the IR spectra between 800 and 720 cm^{-1} , $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ shows no bands but replacement of the Cu atom with a Zn atom gives rise to two bands at 764 and 728 cm^{-1} assignable to the COO wagging and the COO bending vibrations, respectively, of ser_I by referring to the initially calculated frequencies and the shifts on N,O -deuteration. On a similar basis, the bands of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ at 822 and 637 cm^{-1} are assigned to the COO wagging and bending vibrations, respectively, of ser_{II} . As expected from the conformational analogy, the corresponding bands of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ are observed at 823 and 656 cm^{-1} . The maximum frequency difference between ser_I and ser_{II} amounts to 91 cm^{-1} for the COO bending bands. The assignments of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ discussed above are summarized in Table II together with the observed and the calculated frequencies.

The Region between 450 and 200 cm^{-1}

According to the X-ray analyses,^{14,15)} the coordination structure of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ is approximately square-pyramidal while that of $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ is intermediate between square-pyramidal and trigonal-bipyramidal. Since the central metal atom occupies a symmetry site, C_1 , in these environments, five metal-ligand stretching vibrations are infrared-active. However, one of the Cu-OOC bonds is so long (2.36 \AA) that its stretching vibration may not be observed in the region above 200 cm^{-1} .

For $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$, seven bands were observed at 377 , 344 , 327 , 308 , 275 , 255 and 223 cm^{-1} as shown in Fig. 3. Previously, Canham *et al.*²³⁾ assigned the 377 and 327 cm^{-1} bands to the Cu-N and the Cu-O stretching vibrations, respectively. On ^{63}Cu - ^{65}Cu substitution, all the bands in this region except the 223 cm^{-1} band show isotope shifts larger than 0.7 cm^{-1} as shown in Fig. 3. Since the 377 and 327 cm^{-1} bands show relatively large isotope shifts by about 2 cm^{-1} on ^{63}Cu - ^{65}Cu substitution and shift to the lower frequency region by about 4 cm^{-1} on N,O -deuteration, it is reasonable to assign these bands to complicated vibrations caused by coupling between the Cu-O and the Cu-N stretching vibrations. By referring to the assignments of bis(alaninato)copper(II),¹⁶⁾ the 255 and the 308 cm^{-1} bands were assigned to the symmetrical Cu-ligand stretching vibrations. By analogy with L-ser,²⁴⁾ we tentatively assigned the three bands at 344 , 275 and 223 cm^{-1} to the skeletal deformation vibrations. Small isotope shifts of some of them on ^{63}Cu - ^{65}Cu substitution may be caused by a small contribution of the Cu-ligand stretching vibrations.

$\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ shows six bands at 425 , 334 , 315 , 295 , 280 and 230 cm^{-1} in the region between 450 and 200 cm^{-1} . As shown in Fig. 2, only the bands at 295 and 230 cm^{-1} show appreciable isotope shifts larger than 2 cm^{-1} on ^{64}Zn - ^{68}Zn substitution while the six bands of the Cu complex show similar shifts on ^{63}Cu - ^{65}Cu substitution. By referring to the frequency shifts on N,O -deuteration, the bands at 295 and 230 cm^{-1} were assigned to the Zn-N stretching

TABLE III. Observed Frequencies, Metal Isotope Shifts and Assignments for $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Cu}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2$ in the Region between 450 and 200 cm^{-1}

| $\text{Cu}(\text{ser})_2^a)$ | $\Delta\nu_m^b)$ | $\text{Cu}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2^a)$ | $\Delta\nu_m^b)$ | Assignments ^{c)} |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 377 w | 1.7 | 373 w | 1.7 | $\nu_a\text{Cu-OOC} + \nu_a\text{Cu-NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 344 w | 0.7 | 336 w | 0.6 | δskel |
| 327 m | 2.6 | 323 w | 2.9 | $\nu_a\text{Cu-OOC} + \nu_a\text{Cu-NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 308 w | 1.2 | 302 w | 0.5 | $\nu_s\text{Cu-OOC} + \nu_s\text{Cu-NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 275 w | 1.0 | 267 w | 0.4 | δskel |
| 255 w | 0.7 | 252 vw | 0.6 | $\nu_s\text{Cu-OOC} + \nu_s\text{Cu-NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| — ^{d)} | — | 245 sh | ca. 0 | δskel |
| 223 vw | 0 | 214 w | 0 | δskel |

a) m, medium; w, weak; vw, very weak; sh, shoulder.

b) Shifts of band center on ^{63}Cu – ^{65}Cu substitution.c) ν , stretching; δ , deformation.

d) Hidden by a neighboring band.

TABLE IV. Observed and Calculated Frequencies, Metal Isotope Shifts and Assignments for $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2$ in the Region between 450 and 200 cm^{-1}

| $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ | | | | $\text{Zn}(\text{ser}-d_3)_2$ | | | | Assignments ^{c)} |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Obs. ^{a)} | Calc. | Obs. ^{b)} | Calc. | Obs. ^{a)} | Calc. | Obs. ^{b)} | Calc. | |
| 425 w | 424 | 0 | 0.0 | 415 w | 396 | 0 | 0.0 | δskel |
| 334 w | 357 | 0 | 0.0 | 320 w | { 324 | 0.4 | 0.1 | δskel |
| 321 vw | 329 | 0 | 0.2 | | { 308 | 0 | 0.2 | δskel |
| 295 sh | 276 | ca. 3 | 2.9 | 285 sh | 270 | ca. 3 | 3.4 | $\nu\text{Zn-NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 280 w | 299 | 0 | 0.6 | 270 w | 292 | 0 | 0.5 | δskel |
| 250 ^{d)} w | { 255 | — | { 0.8 | — ^{e)} | { 249 | — | { 0.9 | δskel |
| | { 251 | | { 1.3 | | { 238 | | { 1.7 | |
| 230 w | 230 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 225 w | 206 | 1.6 | 2.4 | $\nu\text{Zn-OOC}$ |
| 198 ^{d)} w | 207 | — | 0.0 | — ^{e)} | 199 | — | 0.2 | δskel |

a) w, weak; vw, very weak; sh, shoulder.

b) Shifts of band center on ^{64}Zn – ^{68}Zn substitution.c) ν , stretching; δ , deformation.

d) Raman frequency.

e) Not observed.

vibration and the Zn–O asymmetrical stretching vibration, respectively. The remaining bands were assigned to the skeletal deformation vibrations by referring to the frequency shifts on N,O -deuteration and the initial calculation. The conformational difference between ser_I and ser_{II} is indistinct with respect to their skeletal deformation vibrations because of the complicated coupling with the metal-ligand stretching vibrations. The assignments are summarized in Tables III and IV together with the frequencies and the isotope shifts.

Discussion

As shown in Table IV, the final calculation reproduced well the observed isotope shifts on ^{64}Zn – ^{68}Zn substitution, supporting our assignments. In this calculation, the intermolecular force was found to play an essential role in reproducing the observed shifts. The calculated L matrices reveal that the Zn–O stretching vibrations couple with most of the skeletal

TABLE V. Observed and Calculated Frequency Differences between Ser_I and Ser_{II} in the Region between 1700 and 500 cm^{-1}

| $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ | | $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ | | Bands ^{b)} |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Obs. ^{a)} | Calc. ^{a)} | Obs. ^{a)} | Calc. ^{a)} | |
| -32 | -12 | -34 | -11 | $\nu_a\text{CO}_2$ |
| 0 ^{c)} | -4 | 22 | 19 | $\beta\text{NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 20 | 25 | 22 | 25 | βCH_2 |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | $\nu_s\text{CO}_2$ |
| -12 | -24 | -45 | -15 | $\delta\text{CH}'$ |
| 32 | 24 | 0 | 24 | $t\text{NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 25 | 20 | -16 | -9 | ωCH_2 |
| 0 | 5 | 19 | 18 | $t\text{CH}_2$ |
| 9 | 23 | 4 | 8 | $\delta\text{OH}(\text{OD})$ |
| 10 | 8 | -7 | -16 | $\omega\text{NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| -22 | -19 | -37 | -12 | δCH |
| -46 | -10 | 0 | 3 | νskel |
| -16 | -14 | -19 | -39 | νskel |
| 6 | 2 | 47 | 24 | νskel |
| 82 | 47 | 0 | -20 | νskel |
| 31 | 26 | 17 | 10 | ρCH_2 |
| -58 | -64 | -15 | -10 | ωCO_2 |
| 91 | 83 | 87 | 86 | βCO_2 |
| 0 | -19 | 20 | 47 | $\rho\text{NH}_2(\text{ND}_2)$ |
| 46 | 40 | 4 | 3 | ρCO_2 |

a) Frequency difference = $\nu(\text{anti-gauche}) - \nu(\text{gauche-gauche})$.

b) ν , stretching; δ , deformation; t , twisting; ω , wagging; ρ , rocking; β , bending.

c) Raman frequency difference.

deformation vibrations. This coupling may be one of the reasons why the skeletal deformation frequencies of ser_{Cu} are very different from those of ser_{II} .

As can be seen in Table II, the agreement between the calculated and the observed frequencies of $\text{Zn}(\text{ser})_2$ and $\text{Zn}(\text{ser-}d_3)_2$ is satisfactory in spite of the crude approximation of using the same force constants for ser_I and ser_{II} . The agreement indicates that the frequency differences between ser_I and ser_{II} are due mainly to the conformational difference, and the change of the force constants seems to be rather unimportant. The frequency differences between ser_I and ser_{II} are summarized in Table V. The calculated differences follow well the observed trend, including large differences in the COO deformation and the skeletal stretching frequencies.

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