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RAMAN SPECTRA OF  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  (X=Cl, Br AND I)

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ABSTRACT

The solid state Raman spectra of complexes of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , where X is Cl, Br and I, are reported in the frequency region from 4000 to  $27 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The observed frequencies are assigned by comparison with those of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ . The isotopic effects on fundamental vibrations are discussed by applying the Teller-Redlich product rule.

## INTRODUCTION

In the previous paper,<sup>1</sup> the Raman spectra of the zinc halide complexes with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  have been studied for the solid samples. The observed frequencies were assigned on the assumption that the molecular structure belongs to the  $C_{2v}$  point group and the localized symmetry of ligand  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  is  $C_{3v}$ . The assignments of ligand vibrations have been easily carried out by comparison with those of uncomplexed  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . No band splitting caused by the ligand-ligand interactions has been observed. The skeletal vibrations were assigned on the basis of the frequency shifts by mass effect among Cl, Br and I, G matrix elements of  $\nu(\text{Zn}-\text{X})$ , and Raman intensities observed.

The vibrational study of the complexes with  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  is of interest to confirm the assignments of fundamental vibrations. The spectra of complexes containing  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  have been measured by several authors,<sup>2~7</sup> however for the zinc halide complexes the spectra of  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  with  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  has been studied in aqueous solution only.<sup>8</sup>

In the present paper, the solid state Raman spectra of the complexes of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{I}_2$  are studied and the observed frequencies are tentatively assigned. The fundamental frequencies are compared with those of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , and the isotopic effects between  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  are discussed for each halogen atom by applying the Teller-Redlich product rule.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The complexes,  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , were prepared by direct reaction between  $\text{ZnX}_2$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  in *vacuo*, and the excess solvent  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  was evaporated.

The solid state Raman spectra were measured in the frequency region from 4000 to  $27\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for powder samples in capillary, on a Jarrell-Ash 25-300 spectrometer using an  $\text{Ar}^+$  laser with excitation lines at 488.0 and 514.5 nm.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Raman frequencies observed are given in TABLE I, with the relative intensities and the tentative assignments. The molecular structure is assumed to belong to  $\text{C}_{2v}$ , and the localized structure of ligand to  $\text{C}_{3v}$  point group.<sup>11</sup> The fundamentals are classified into two groups, the ligand and skeletal vibrations.

The asymmetric C-D stretching vibrations are assigned to two weak bands in the  $2240$  and  $2200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  regions. This band separation may be explained by mechanical coupling between  $\nu_a(\text{C-D})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ , therefore the separation of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , *ca.*  $40\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , is larger than that of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , *ca.*  $10\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,<sup>1</sup> because the frequencies coupled are more close. The lower bands at about  $2200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are, accordingly, assigned to  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  species which are the same species for  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ . On the other hand, the higher bands at about  $2240\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to  $a_2$  and  $b_2$  species. The symmetric

TABLE I  
Raman frequencies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$

X=Cl	X=Br	X=I	assignments	species
2311 vs	2310 vs	2310 vs	$\nu$ (C≡N)	$a_1, b_1$
2247 w	2242 w	2239 w	$\nu_a$ (C-D)	$a_2, b_2$
2210 w	2204 w	2200 w	$\nu_a$ (C-D)	$a_1, b_1$
2105 vs	2102 vs	2101 vs	$\nu_s$ (C-D)	$a_1, b_1$
1097 w	1095 w	1094 w	$\delta_s$ (CD <sub>3</sub> )	$a_1, b_1$
1032 vw	1023 vw	1020 vw	$\delta_a$ (CD <sub>3</sub> )	$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$
856 m	854 m	850 m	$\nu$ (C-C)	$a_1, b_1$
850 vw	850 vw	850 m	$\rho$ (CD <sub>3</sub> )	$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$
720 vw	718 vw	712 vw	combination	$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$
363 s	363 s	361 s	$\delta$ (CCN)	$a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$
336 vw			$\nu_a$ (Zn-Cl)	$b_2$
311 vs			$\nu_s$ (Zn-Cl)	$a_1$
	256 vw*		$\nu_a$ (Zn-Br)	$b_2$
246 vw*	243 vw*	241 vw*	$\nu_s$ (Zn-N)+ $\delta$ (NZnN)	$a_1$
		216 vw	$\nu_a$ (Zn-I)	$b_2$
	208 vs		$\nu_s$ (Zn-Br)	$a_1$
165 m*	162 m*	172 m*	$\delta$ (NZnN)+ $\nu_s$ (Zn-N)	$a_1$
		152 vs	$\nu_s$ (Zn-I)	$a_1$
133 w	122 w	115 w	$\delta$ (NZnX)	$b_1, b_2$
93 m			$\delta$ (ClZnCl)	$a_1$
77 w	77 w	75 w	$\delta$ (NZnX)	$a_2$
	71 m		$\delta$ (BrZnBr)	$a_1$
67 w	65 w	62 vw	$\delta$ (ZnNC)	$a_2$
58 m	55 m	54 vs**	$\delta$ (ZnNC)	$b_2$
		54 vs**	$\delta$ (IZnI)	$a_1$
45 w	39 w	31 vs**	$\delta$ (ZnNC)	$b_1$
37 vs	35 vs	31 vs**	$\delta$ (ZnNC)	$a_1$

\* Mechanical coupling between  $\nu_s$  (Zn-N) and  $\delta$  (NZnN), see text.

\*\* Accidental degeneracy at 850, 54 and 31  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

C-D stretching and C≡N stretching vibrations are assigned to the intense bands in the 2100 and 2310  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  regions, respectively. By comparison with the fundamentals of  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ,<sup>9</sup> the asymmetric and symmetric  $\text{CD}_3$  bending, C-C stretching,  $\text{CD}_3$  rocking and CCN linear bending vibrations are assigned to bands at about 1025, 1095, 855, 850 and 360  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A weak band in the 710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region is an overtone of  $\delta(\text{CCN})$ .

The skeletal vibrations can be assigned easily by reference to the assignments of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ ,<sup>1</sup> because the frequency shifts between the complexes with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  are not expected to be large. Accordingly, the Zn-X stretching vibrations are assigned to the bands at 336 and 311  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ , at 256 and 208  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Br}_2$ , and at 216 and 152  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{I}_2$ . A slight frequency shift by isotopic effect is observed for the Zn-N stretching and NZnN bending vibrations of the  $\text{ZnX}_2$  complexes with pyridine and pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>, where X is Cl, Br and I,<sup>10</sup> therefore the bands at about 240 and 170  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  are assigned to the mechanical coupled vibrations of  $\nu_s(\text{Zn-N})$  and  $\delta(\text{NZnN})$  of  $a_1$  species, as already mentioned for  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ . The asymmetric Zn-N stretching vibrations could not be observed in Raman spectra. The skeletal bending vibrations are assigned rather tentatively as due to  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ .

The fundamental frequencies of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  are listed in TABLE II. For  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , the Fermi resonance corrected values are given. The frequencies of  $\nu_a(\text{Zn-N})$  are assumed to be the same values as those of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , though

TABLE II

Fundamental Raman frequencies (in $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of $\text{Zn}(\text{CY}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ .					
Y=H*			Y=D**		
X=Cl	X=Br	X=I	X=Cl	X=Br	X=I
<b>Ligand vibrations</b>					
$\nu_a$ (C-Y)	3004 2994	2990 2982	2983 2968	2247 2210	2242 2204
$\nu_s$ (C-Y)	2932	2928	2923	2105	2102
$\nu$ (C≡N)	2300 <sup>a)</sup>	2301 <sup>a)</sup>	2304 <sup>a)</sup>	2311	2310
$\delta_a$ ( $\text{CY}_3$ )	1420	1417	1416	1032	1023
$\delta_s$ ( $\text{CY}_3$ )	1358	1357	1354	1097	1095
$\rho$ ( $\text{CY}_3$ )	1028	1028	1028	850	850
$\nu$ (C-C)	949	947	943	856	854
$\delta$ (CCN)	394	392	388	363	361
<b>Skeletal vibrations</b>					
$\nu_a$ (Zn-X)	338	258	216	336	256
$\nu_s$ (Zn-X)	314	212	155	311	208
$\nu_a$ (Zn-N)	210 <sup>b)</sup>	212 <sup>b)</sup>	219 <sup>b)</sup>	210 <sup>c)</sup>	212 <sup>c)</sup>
$\nu_s$ (Zn-N)+ $\delta$ (NZnN)	260 177	253 168	246 177	246 165	243 162
$\delta$ (XZnX)	97	71	54	93	71
$\delta$ (NZnX)	135 86	123 85	115 83	133 77	122 77
$\delta$ (ZnNC)	68 60 46 37	67 56 39 36	63 54 37 31	67 58 45 37	65 55 39 35
					62 54 31 31

\* Raman frequencies from Ref. 1.

\*\* Raman frequencies of this work.

a) Values corrected by Fermi resonance.

b) Infrared frequencies from Ref. 11.

c) Values assumed to be the same frequencies of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ .

a slight shift is expected in the case of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ . In addition to the  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{CD}_3$  group vibrations which are expected to show frequency shifts due to isotopic effect, the bands assigned to  $\nu(\text{C-C})$  and  $\delta(\text{CCN})$  also show shifts of about 90 and  $30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. It may be due the mechanical coupling. To confirm the isotopic effects between the fundamentals of  $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$ , the Teller-Redlich product rule was applied for each halogen atom. The observed and calculated values are given in TABLE III. The Raman frequencies are used in calculations except for the infrared frequencies of  $\nu_a(\text{Zn-N})$ . The torsional vibrations,  $\tau(\text{CCN}\text{Zn})$ , of  $a_2$  and  $b_2$  species are neglected for both observed and calculated values. On the whole the agreement between the values is good, and the differences are probably attributable

TABLE III  
Application of Teller-Redlich product rule.

		$\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2/\text{Zn}(\text{CD}_3\text{CN})_2\text{X}_2$		
		$\text{X}=\text{Cl}$	$\text{X}=\text{Br}$	$\text{X}=\text{I}$
$a_1$ species	Obs.	5.58	5.30	4.99
	Calc.	5.57	5.59	5.60
$a_2$ species	Obs.	2.73	2.74	2.69
	Calc.	2.68	2.72	2.74
$b_1$ species	Obs.	4.85	4.72	5.56
	Calc.	5.25	5.29	5.31
$b_2$ species	Obs.	2.54	2.49	2.39
	Calc.	2.70	2.73	2.74

to experimental error, molecular parameters assumed,<sup>11</sup> and neglect of torsional vibrations.

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