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FAR INFRARED STUDY OF SOLID CYCLOHEXANOL-OD

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ABSTRACT

The far infrared absorption spectra of cyclohexanol-OD have been measured in the 20 - 500 cm<sup>-1</sup> frequency range for crystal III, II, I and liquid phases. Comparison with cyclohexanol-OH and the isotope effect is discussed.

INTRODUCTION

Far infrared studies of solid alcohols are meager. Some data are available for methanol<sup>1</sup>, tert-butanol<sup>2</sup> and ethanol<sup>3</sup>. Therefore it was considered to be useful to extend far infrared investigations of cyclohexanol-OH /CHOL/<sup>4</sup> to its deuterated derivative cyclohexanol-OD /CHOL-OD/.

The polymorphism of cyclohexanol was fully discussed in Reference 4. This discussion was based on the far infrared spectra as well as on other presently available experimental data. Here only the main results need to be reported. Cyclohexanol exists in two ordered crystalline modifications: crystal III and crystal II. Crystal III transforms to crystal II at ca. 245 K, but both phases are stable below their transition points at least on a time scale of several days. In addition CHOL shows two disordered crystalline phases: crystal I plastic and a metastable crystal MS /Fig. 6 of Reference 4/. Crystal I can be obtained through the crystal II - crystal I transition at 265 K or from the liquid phase at the freezing point 299 K. It can also be supercooled down to liquid nitrogen temperature. All phases reveal both axial and equatorial conformers of the molecules. The following description of the phases is proposed on the basis of the far infrared spectra. Crystal III consists of chain polymers of hydrogen-bonded equatorial conformers and chain polymers of hydrogen-bonded axial conformers. The line group of the chain is the  $C_2$  group. Crystal II is built up of cyclic dimers of hydrogen-bonded equatorial conformers and cyclic dimers of axial conformers. The point group symmetry of the dimers is the  $C_1$  group.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Absorption measurements on polycrystalline samples of CHOL-OD were carried out with a DIGILAB FTS-14 spectrometer in the 20 - 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  frequency range and 96 - 305 K temperature range. TPX and polyethylene was used as window materials below 120 and over 50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. Resolution was kept at 2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . An experimental method is described in Reference 4. Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2 summarise the results. Figure 1 shows the representative spectra of crystals III and II at low and high experimental temperatures. The spectra of liquid and plastic phase I are also given for comparison. The last two spectra are practically identical, as is usually observed for plastic crystals. In the range of internal modes they show only three bands: a weak one at 310, a strong and broad one at 343 and a medium one at 405  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The range above ca. 420  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  was hardly measured for CHOL-OD on account of the high background of the OD out of plane bending mode. Therefore the two highest modes could not be located for disordered phases. But for ordered crystals the OD mode shifts upward and becomes narrowed, which allows for quite good quality of the spectra. The range of external modes for the liquid and crystal I spectra is covered by a broad absorption showing one distinct maximum at 177  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and wings peaking at 95, 135 and 235

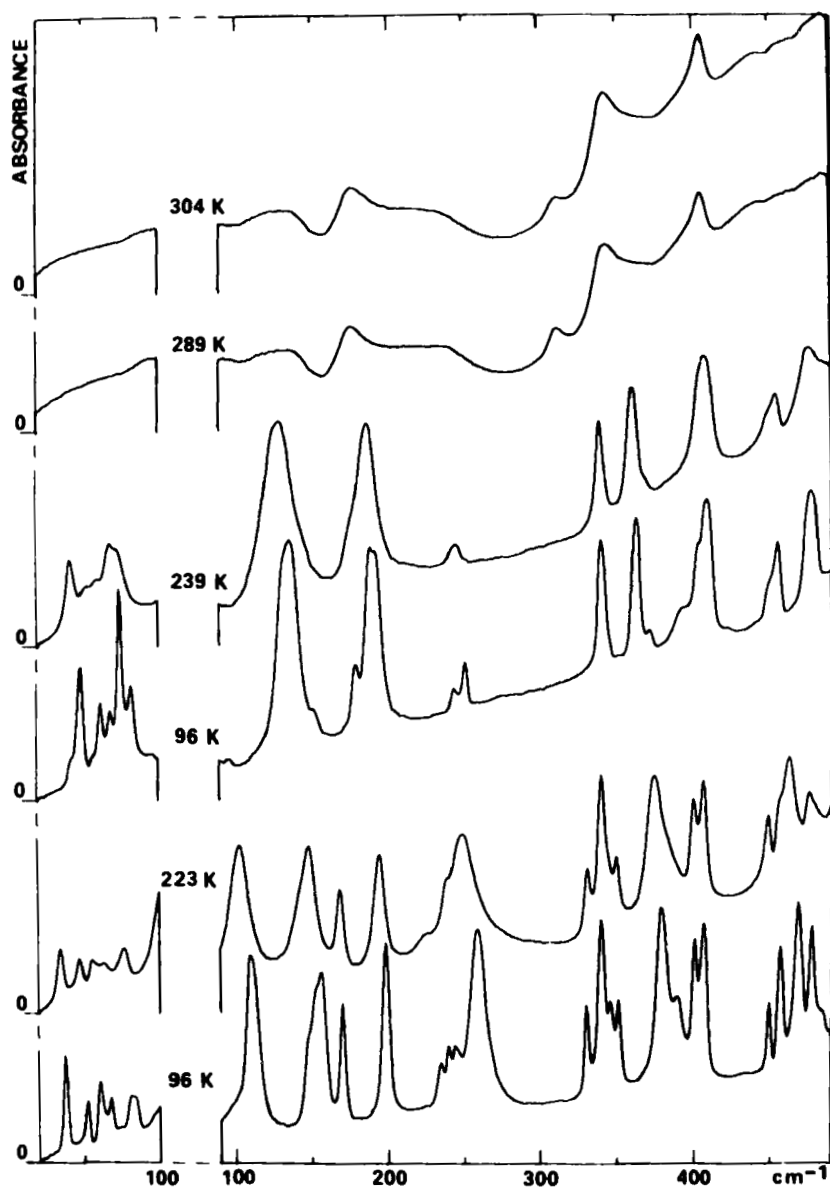


Fig. 1 Far infrared spectra of cyclohexanol-OD. From the top: liquid, crystal I, crystal II /239 and 96 K/, and crystal III /223 and 96 K/.

TABLE 1  
Internal Mode Frequencies /cm<sup>-1</sup>/ and Assignment

			C r y s t a l   I I I			C r y s t a l   I I		
Assignment			CHOL	C H O L - O D		CHOL	C H O L - O D	
C <sub>s</sub>			93 K	97 K	225 K	94 K	95 K	241 K
ν <sub>32</sub>	E <sub>u</sub>	A'	240	240	w	243	243	w
		A''	245 247	244 247	w sh	238 sh	251	251 m 245
ν <sub>6</sub> and ν <sub>24</sub>	A <sub>1g</sub>	A'	332	331	m	331	341	
		A'	345 347	340 346	s w	340	343	340 s 339
	E <sub>g</sub>	A''	357	352	m	350	346	
a	CO ipb	A'	383 396	379 389	vs m	373	372	363 s 360 372+ w 392 bw
e	CO opb	A''	404 409	401 407	s s	400 406	411	403+sh 408 vs 407
a	CO opb	A''	451 461	450 457	m s	448 455 sh	459	450+sh 455 m 453
e	CO ipb	A'	480 485	468 478	vs s	462 476	478	477 vs 475
485+sh								

Notation: s, strong; m, medium; w, weak; v, very; b, broad; sh, shoulder; a, axial and e, equatorial conformer; ipb, in plane and opb, out of plane bending modes; +, spurious band.

TABLE 2  
Lattice Mode Frequencies /cm<sup>-1</sup>/ and Assignment  
of Cyclohexanol-OD

Crystal III					Crystal II				
Assign- ment	96 K	223 K	S	%	Assign- ment	96 K	238 K	S	%
Inter-chain modes and $\nu_y$ /R/ $\nu_y$ /T/  $\nu_\beta$ /R/ and $\nu_\beta$ /T/ $\nu_G$ /T <sub>x</sub> / 38+198  $\nu_G$ /T <sub>x</sub> /	38 m	35	1.03	2	Inter-43 sh				
	52 w	47	1.02	1	Inter-49 s	42	1.00	3	
	60 w	55	1.01	1	dimer 57 sh				
	67 w	63	1.00	2	transla-62 m	53	1.00	2	
	81 w				tions 68 w	60			
	84 w	76			75 s	68	1.005	2	
	110vs	103	1.00	2	82 m	73	1.006	2	
	148sh				96 w				
	153sh				Intra-136bvs	129	1.00	3	
	156 s	147			dimer 152 sh				
	171 s	168	1.012	0.5	libra-180 m	176			
	198vs	193	1.011	0.5	tions 189bvs	185	1.005	2	
	235 w	224			192 sh				
	259vs	248	1.01	1					

Notation as in Table 1. Additional notation:  $\nu_\sigma$ ,  $\nu_\beta$  and  $\nu_\gamma$  hydrogen bond stretching, in plane and out of plane bending modes. T and R, translational and librational modes. x, the chain axis. S and %, isotopic shift factor and its % error.

$\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These features are connected with the hydrogen bond stretching  $\nu_s$  and bending  $\nu_\beta$  modes.

The investigated spectral region include the low energy internal modes of the molecule above ca.  $220 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and lattice modes below this value. Table 1 gives a tentative assignment of internal modes. For all skeletal modes symmetry species under the  $C_s$  point group are given. In fact this group holds only for the metastable phase MS. For the ordered phases III and II the molecule shows only the  $C_1$  point group symmetry probably due to a gauche position of the OH group. Hence the actual symmetry species of all the modes is A. Ring deformation modes are also described in terms of corresponding cyclohexane ring modes under the  $D_{3d}$  point group<sup>5</sup>. These modes are common to both equatorial and axial conformers. The majority of the modes show intrapolymer correlation splitting at low temperature. Some of them, mainly the CO bending modes are sensitive to isotopic substitution. The frequencies of CHOL<sup>4</sup> are quoted in Table 1 for comparison. Some skeletal modes change markedly on phase transition. These are three higher ring deformation modes which come close together at the crystal III - II transition, giving only one band under worse resolution. This indicates that some constraints are operating in the crystal. The change of the axial CO ipb mode seems to be connected mainly



with the changeable character of the hydrogen bond for both crystals. There are some weak spurious bands /marked by + in Table 1/ in the range of internal modes. These can be assigned to CHOL contamination. But some of them might be due to a phase III admixture. It was a hard experimental task to grow the pure phase.

Lattice mode frequencies and qualitative assignments are given in Table 2. These modes divide into intrapolymer hydrogen bond stretching and bending modes derived from translations and rotations of the molecules, and interpolymer translations and rotations of the entire polymers. But because of the  $C_1$  site point group for ordered phases, there can be mixing of the translational and librational motions. In spite of this a description of the lattice modes in terms of translations and rotations is given in Table 2. This is expected to hold at least qualitatively under weak mixing. The amount of mixing could be, in principle, estimated from experimental isotopic shift factors. But it would demand that the accuracy be much better. The predicted shift factors are 1.005 for translations, for rotations 1.013, 1.020 and 1.032 for an axial conformer, and 1.012, 1.016 and 1.005 for an equatorial conformer. The moments of inertia of CHOL are 245.0, 185.6, 143.1 and 313.7, 227.3, 116.0  $\text{amu}\text{\AA}^2$ , respectively. The experimental error of shift factors varies

between 0.5 and 4.0 per cent depending on the energy and the shape of the band.

The second question is the isotope effect itself. According to Novak<sup>6</sup> some positive isotope effect can be expected for alcohols causing the shift factors to increase. The reported results exclude any significant effect. Somewhat lower values of the shift factors for crystal II in comparison to crystal III seem to support the cyclic polymer character of crystal II.

The extension of measurements down to  $20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for both CHOL-OD and CHOL, and the overall behaviour of the spectra in this range make the existence of further modes below, unlikely. This means that five interpolymer and sixteen intrapolymer modes predicted for crystal III /Reference 4/ should be found among the fourteen experimental lattice modes. This indicates that some accidental degeneracies are very probable for intrapolymer modes in this case.

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