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ACETYLACETONATE MONOHYDRATE BY ^{18}O -, ^{68}Zn - AND ^{64}Zn -LABELLING

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ABSTRACT

The infrared spectrum of *bis*(acetylacetonato)zinc(II) monohydrate and its ^{18}O -, ^{68}Zn - and ^{64}Zn -labelled analogues have been determined. Band assignments have been made on the basis of the isotopically-induced shifts in relation to the C_{4v} localized point symmetry of the molecule. Unlike *tris*(acetylacetonato)chromium(III), there is no disagreement between the results of the ^{18}O and metal isotope labelling techniques.

INTRODUCTION

There are serious discrepancies between the assignments resulting from ^{18}O -labelling^{1,2} and metal isotope ($^{53,50}\text{Cr}$) labelling³ studies on the vibrational spectra of chromium(III) *tris*(acetylacetonate), $[\text{Cr}(\text{acac})_3]$. The results of these studies and those employing normal coordinate treatments^{4,5} are compared in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Frequencies (cm^{-1}), isotopically-induced shifts ($\Delta\nu$, cm^{-1}) and band assignments for $[\text{Cr}(\text{acac})_3]^a$

	Band frequency	416	358	Method	Ref.
592	463				
oop ring def	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$	oop ring def	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$	nct	4
oop ring def	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0) + \delta(\text{C}-\text{CH}_3)$	ring def	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$	nct	5
$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 19b$	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0) + \delta(\text{C}-\text{CH}_3)$ $\Delta\nu = 5d$	$\delta(\text{O}-\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 8b$	na	^{18}O -labelling	1
oop ring def $\Delta\nu = 0.7c$	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 3.0c$	oop ring def $\Delta\nu = 0c$	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 3.9c$	53, 50 ^{18}O -labelling	3
$\nu(\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 19b$	$\nu(\text{Cr}-0) + \delta(\text{C}-\text{CH}_3)$ $\Delta\nu = 10d$	ip $\Delta\nu = 5d$	ip $\delta(\text{O}-\text{Cr}-0)$ $\Delta\nu = 2d$	ip $\delta(\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C})$ $\Delta\nu = 2d$	2 ^{18}O -labelling

a Abbreviations: oop = out-of-plane, def = deformation, nct = normal coordinate treatment, na = not assigned, ip = in-plane.

b Shift in infrared band on ^{18}O -labelling.

c Difference in frequencies between ^{53}Cr - and ^{50}Cr -labelled species.

d Shift in Raman band on ^{18}O -labelling.

One would expect that the vibrationally-purest $\nu(\text{Cr}-\text{O})$ band would exhibit maximum shift on both ^{18}O - and $^{53,50}\text{Cr}$ -labelling. In practice, the 592 cm^{-1} band shifts most on ^{18}O -labelling while the 358 cm^{-1} band shifts most on $^{53,50}\text{Cr}$ -labelling.

We have now examined the effects of both ^{18}O - and $^{68,64}\text{Zn}$ -labelling on the infrared spectrum of $[\text{Zn}(\text{acac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ in order to determine whether mutually contradictory assignments were observed for this complex also. The zinc complex was studied because the availability of the ^{68}Zn and ^{64}Zn isotopes represents an isotopic pair with sufficient mass difference to yield reasonable $^{68,64}\text{Zn}$ -induced shifts.

EXPERIMENTAL

Zinc acetylacetone monohydrate was prepared by the reported method.⁶ The ^{18}O -, ^{64}Zn - and ^{68}Zn -labelled analogues were similarly prepared from ^{18}O -acetylacetone of 72% isotopic purity, $^{64}\text{ZnSO}_4$ of 98.6% isotopic purity and $^{68}\text{ZnSO}_4$ of 97.6% isotopic purity supplied by BOC Prochem Ltd. Spectra were determined on nujol mulls between caesium iodide plates (or, below 300 cm^{-1} , between polyethylene plates) on Beckman IR-12 and Perkin-Elmer 180 spectrophotometers. The purity of all compounds was determined by microanalysis (C, H).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The frequencies, isotopically-induced shifts and assignments are given in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Frequencies, isotopically-induced shifts ($\Delta\nu$) and band assignments in the infrared spectrum of $[\text{Zn}(\text{acac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$.

Frequency (cm^{-1})	$\Delta\nu$ (cm^{-1})		Assignment
	^{18}O	$^{68,64}\text{Zn}^{\text{a}}$	
3300			$\nu(\text{C-H})$
2966			$\nu(\text{C-H})$
2927			$\nu(\text{C-H})$
1599	2		$\nu(\text{C=O})$
1522	1		$\nu(\text{C=C}) + \nu(\text{C=O})$
1513	4		$\nu(\text{C=O}) + \delta(\text{C-H})$
1453			$\delta(\text{C-H})$
1400			$\delta(\text{CH}_3)$ deg. def.
1370			$\delta(\text{CH}_3)$ sym. def.
1264			$\nu(\text{C-C}) + \nu(\text{C-CH}_3)$
1191			$\delta(\text{C-H})$ in-phase
1020			$\delta(\text{CH}_3)$ rock
933	1		$\delta(\text{C-CH}_3) + \nu(\text{C=O})$
779			$\delta(\text{C-H})$ out-of-plane
772			$\delta(\text{C-H})$ out-of-plane
656		1	ring def.
570		1	ring def.
557	3	2	$\nu(\text{Zn-O}) + \delta(\text{C-CH}_3)$
439	1	2	$\nu(\text{Zn-OH}_2)$
422	1		$\delta(\text{C-C-C})$ in-plane
413	5	6	$\nu(\text{Zn-O})$
388	1	1	$\delta(\text{O-Zn-O})$ in-plane
241	6	5	$\delta(\text{O-Zn-O})$ out-of-plane
208			$\delta(\text{C-C-C})$ out-of-plane
173	1	3	$\delta(\text{O-Zn-OH}_2)$

^a Difference between frequencies of ^{68}Zn - and ^{64}Zn -labelled compounds

The 4000 - 560 cm^{-1} region

Only four bands exhibit ^{18}O -sensitivity in this region of the spectrum, suggesting that each has a component of $\nu(\text{C=O})$. These correspond precisely with those four bands for which $\nu(\text{C=O})$ provides a contribution in the assignments previously obtained on the basis of normal coordinate analysis.⁴ The ^{18}O -induced shifts are rather small compared with those observed¹ for $[\text{Cr}(\text{acac})_3]$, suggesting a greater degree of vibrational coupling in the Zn(II) complex. The remaining assignments are based on normal coordinate analyses of Cu(II) and metal(III) acetyl-acetonates.^{4,5}

The 560 - 150 cm^{-1} region

Two bands (at 413 and 241 cm^{-1}) exhibit maximum ^{18}O -sensitivity. Moreover, as would be expected, the same two bands exhibit maximum sensitivity to metal isotope substitution. The band at higher frequency (413 cm^{-1}) is firmly assigned to $\nu(\text{Zn-O})$ while that at 241 cm^{-1} is assigned to $\delta(\text{O-Zn-O})$.

The C_{4v} localized point symmetry of $[\text{Zn}(\text{acac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$, which has been crystallographically shown^{6,7} to have approximate square based pyramidal coordination, implies the existence of six infrared-active metal-ligand modes: $2\alpha_1 + e$ stretches and $\alpha_1 + 2e$ bends of which two $\nu(\text{Zn-O})$ and one $\nu(\text{Zn-OH}_2)$ stretches and two $\delta(\text{O-Zn-O})$ and one $\delta(\text{O-Zn-OH}_2)$ bends are expected. The band at 557 cm^{-1} is logically assigned, on the grounds of its ^{18}O - and $^{68,64}\text{Zn}$ -sensitivities, to the second $\nu(\text{Zn-O})$ stretch, while the 439 cm^{-1} band is probably $\nu(\text{Zn-OH}_2)$. The 388 cm^{-1} and 173 cm^{-1} bands are assigned to $\delta(\text{O-Zn-O})$, one of them involving the water molecule.

Comparison of the assignments in $[Cr(acac)_3]$ and $[Zn(acac)_2(H_2O)]$

Two features of $[Cr(acac)_3]$ suggest that $\nu(Cr-O)$ in this complex would be considerably higher than $\nu(Zn-O)$ in $[Zn(acac)_2(H_2O)]$. One is the crystal field stabilization energy (cfse) effect⁸. On this basis, the high cfse of the Cr(III) complex ($12 Dq$) would raise $\nu(Cr-O)$ well above $\nu(Zn-O)$, since the Zn(II) complex has zero cfse. The second feature is the oxidation state effect⁹ which would again yield $\nu(Cr-O) > \nu(Zn-O)$. On the other hand, these effects will be offset to some extent by the lower coordination number of the zinc(II) ion in $[Zn(acac)_2(H_2O)]$. Overall, it seems likely that $\nu(Cr-O)$ will exceed $\nu(Zn-O)$, favouring the assignment of the 592 cm^{-1} band to $\nu(Cr-O)$ rather than the 358 cm^{-1} band.

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