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ABSTRACT

Vibrational spectra of 2-benzoyl pyridine and 2-benzoyl pyridine- ^{18}O have been recorded in the solid and molten state in the infrared ($4000\text{--}100\text{ cm}^{-1}$) and in the Raman ($4000\text{--}50\text{ cm}^{-1}$). Polarized Raman spectra in the molten state have also been measured. The assignment of the vibrational bands is performed using the group vibrational concept, isotopic shifts and polarization features of the normal modes.

INTRODUCTION

Infrared and Raman spectra of 2-benzoyl pyridine have been studied by Seth-Paul et al Ref.1. Although thorough infrared and Raman studies of 2-benzoyl pyridine are available, discrepancies in the assignments of some normal modes still remain.

2-Benzoyl pyridine (BP) has found an important application as a complexation agent for the spectrophotometric determination of a great variety of metals as seen from the growing number of papers devoted to this compound and its derivatives²⁻⁸. Dipole moments, Kerr constants and conformations in solutions of BP have been determined and calculated⁹⁻¹². The assignment of the spectra takes into account the respective activity of all bands whose IR and Raman bands are associated with C_s symmetry of the studied molecules. It is possible to distinguish the vibrations which belong to phenyl and pyridyl part of molecule.

The present article gives experimental data for the IR and Raman spectra of BP and its ^{18}O isotopically substituted isomer as well as for polarization raman spectra of molten BP.

EXPERIMENTAL

2-Benzoyl pyridine, reagent grade (EGA Chemie), was purified by distillation under vacuum, b.p. 134-136°C 0,2 Torr, and multifold recrystallization from hexane. The preparation of BP- ^{18}O was carried out according to Roberts and Urey¹³. IR spectra of all the ketones were recorded in KBr and polyethylene pellets on a Brucker-113 v FTIR spectrometer in the 4000-100 cm^{-1} region.

Raman spectra, 4000-50 cm^{-1} , were registered using a 60 mW excitation with the 514,5 nm line of an Ar^+ laser on a Coderg triple monochromator spectrometer. Depolarization was determined in the molten state. The isotopic content, determined by mass spectrometry, was 70,4 atomic % ^{18}O .

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The observed bands and their assignment are given in Table 1. The nomenclature of Kohlrausch and Pongratz¹⁴, further developed by Datin and Lebas¹⁵, La Lau and Snyder¹⁶ and also in Ref. 17 is used here for description of the vibrational modes of monosubstituted benzene and pyridine rings.

The conjugation of the carbonyl group with phenyl and pyridyl rings should favour a planar conformation. The steric repulsion, however, between the nearest hydrogen atom and the free electron pair of the N atom do not cooperate to attain coplanarity, thus twisting both phenyl and pyridyl rings by 40°¹². The molecule of 2-benzoyl pyridine has a C_s molecular symmetry. A corollary of this is the simultaneous IR and Raman activity of all 63 normal vibrations. Among the 63 vibrations 51 are associated with vibrational motions of the pyridyl and phenyl rings. Except for the carbonyl stretching vibrations the remaining 11 bands are attributed to the intragroup motions.

The new spectral information contained in Table 1 concerns the IR and Raman spectra for BP-¹⁸O. All bands of BP and BP-¹⁸O coincide in frequency within 1-2 cm⁻¹ except for three bands referred to the carbonyl group. The ¹⁸O isotopic substitution has a prominent effect only on the characteristic carbonyl frequencies. The $\nu_{C=O}$ stretching band of BP appears at 1670 cm⁻¹ (IR) the $\nu_{C=^{18}O}$ is observed at 1642 cm⁻¹ (Fig.1). The isotopic shift $\Delta \nu_{C=O}$ of 28 cm⁻¹ is equal to that of benzophenone-¹⁸O¹⁸ but less of di-2-pyridyl ketone-¹⁸O²¹. The in-plane deformation vibration (Fig.2) were found at 576 cm⁻¹ (IR), 579 cm⁻¹ (Raman) for BP and at 567 cm⁻¹ (IR), 569 cm⁻¹ (Raman) for BP-¹⁸O. A

Table 1. Vibrational assignment of 2-benzoyl pyridine and 2-benzoyl pyridine- ^{18}O in the solid state

ν_1 (cm^{-1})	IR		Raman		Assignment	
	BP	BP- ^{18}O	BP	BP- ^{18}O		
1	3101	3102	3102	3102	20a	(Ph) [*]
2	3101	3101			20a	(Py) ^{**}
3	3083	3082	3088	3088	20b	(Ph)
4			3067	3068	20b	(Py)
5	3057	3056	3060	3060	2	(Py)
6	3057	3056	3060	3060	2	(Ph)
7	3060	3060	3060	3060	7a	(Py)
8	3027	3027	3028	3027	7a	(Ph)
9	2988	2989	3005	3005	13	(Ph)
10	1668		1664		$\nu(\text{C=O})$	
		1640		1638		
11	1594	1594	1595	1594	8a	(Ph)
12	1585	1585	1584	1585	8a	(Py)
13	1578	1577	1575	1575	8b	(Ph)
14	1567	1567	1566	1565	8b	(Py)
15	1490	1490	1596	1595	19a	(Ph)
16	1465	1465	1467	1467	19a	(Py)
17	1448	1448	1443	1443	19b	(Ph)
18	1435	1434	1436	1436	19b	(Py)
19	1322	1323	1326	1326	14	(Ph)
20	1316	1316	1312	1312	14	(Py)
21	1301	1302	1303	1302	3	(Ph)
22	1284	1284	1281	1281	e_2	
23	1241	1241	1248	1248	3	(Py)
24	1180	1181	1181	1181	e_1	

Table 1 (continued)

ν_i (cm^{-1})	IR		Raman		Assignment	
	BP	BP- ^{18}O	BP	BP- ^{18}O		
25	1167	1167	1168	1167	9a	(Ph)
26	1158	1157	1158	1160	15	(Ph)
27	1152	1152	1150	1151	9a	(Py)
28	1094	1094	1100	1100	18a	(Ph)
29	1075	1075	1094	1094	18a	(Py)
30	1048	1047	1051	1051	18b	(Py)
31	1026	1025	1030	1029	18b	(Ph)
32	1000	1000	1005	1006	1(Ph-breath	
33	993	993	1000	1000	1(Py-breath	
34			980	980	5	(Ph)
35	978	978	980	980	17a	(Py)
36	962	962	956	956	17a	(Ph)
37	942	942			5	(Py)
38	942	942	940	940	17b	(Ph)
39	926	925	925	925	d_2	(Ph)
40	896	896	901	901	d_2	(Py)
41	853	853	860	859	10a	(Ph)
42	818	818	824	824	10a	(Py)
43	777	777	778	778	11	(Ph)
44	749	748	754	754	d_1	(Py)
45	730	730	734	734	d_1	(Ph)
46	703	703			4	(Ph)
47	688	688	689	689	4	(Py)
48	668	668	651	651	6a	(Ph)
49	648	648	650	650	6a	(Py)
50	617	617	619	618	6b	(Ph)
51	576		579		$\delta(\text{C=O})$	
		567		569		
52	454	454			16a	(Ph)
53	445	445	440	440	16a	(Py)

(continued)

Table 1 (continued)

ν_i (cm^{-1})	IR		Raman		Assignment
	BP	BP- ^{18}O	BP	BP- ^{18}O	
54	429	429	416	416	16b (Ph)
55	401	401	404	404	16b (Py)
56	355	346			$\delta(\text{C}=\text{O})$
57	289	290	290	290	$\delta(\text{C}_{\text{Py}}-\text{CO}-\text{C}_{\text{Ph}})$
58	228	227	234	233	$\delta^{\text{asym}}(\text{Ph-plane} \dots \text{Py-plane})$
59	214	214	215	215	$\delta^{\text{sym}}(\text{Ph-plane} \dots \text{Py-plane})$
60	154	153	155	155	$\gamma^{\text{asym}}(\text{Ph-plane} \dots \text{Py-plane})$
61	129	129	121	121	$\gamma^{\text{sym}}(\text{Ph-plane} \dots \text{Py-plane})$
62	104	104	108	108	$\text{C}_{\text{Al}}^{\#} \dots \text{C}_{\text{Py}}$ torsion
63			92	92	$\text{C}_{\text{Al}}^{\#} - \text{C}_{\text{Ph}}$ torsion

(Ph)^{*} - phenyl part(Py)^{**} - pyridyl part $\text{C}_{\text{Al}}^{\#}$ - alkyl C-atom

comparison of the spectra of BP and BP- ^{18}O shows that ^{18}O labelling results in a 10 cm^{-1} of $\delta_{\text{C}=\text{O}}$. In this way we have assigned unambiguously the band at 576 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum of BP to $\delta_{\text{C}=\text{O}}$. The out-of-plane deformation vibration $\gamma_{\text{C}=\text{O}}$ appears at 355 cm^{-1} (IR) for BP

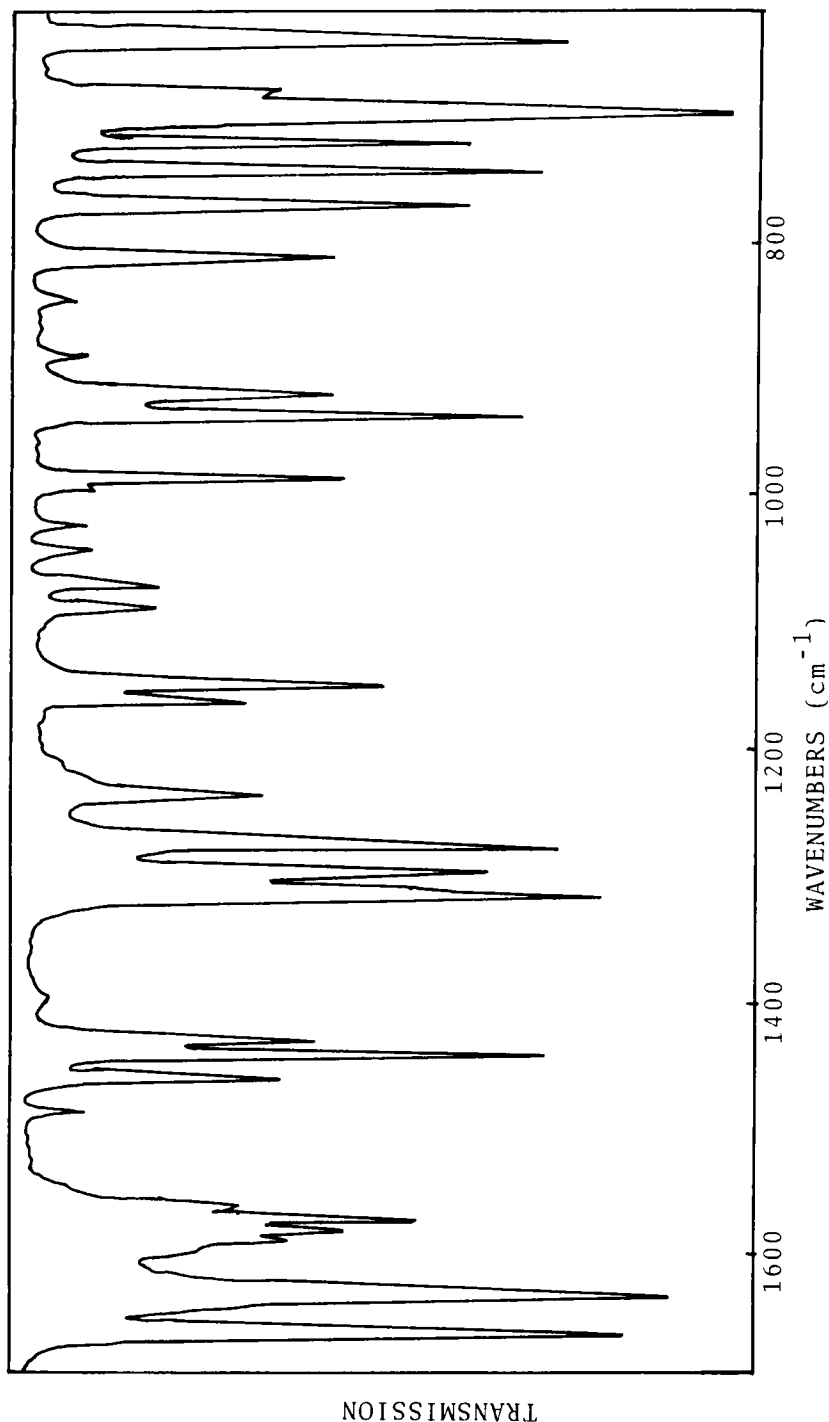


Fig. 1. Infrared spectrum of 2-pyridyl ketone-¹⁸O (70,4 atomic %-¹⁸O) in the solid state, KBr pellet

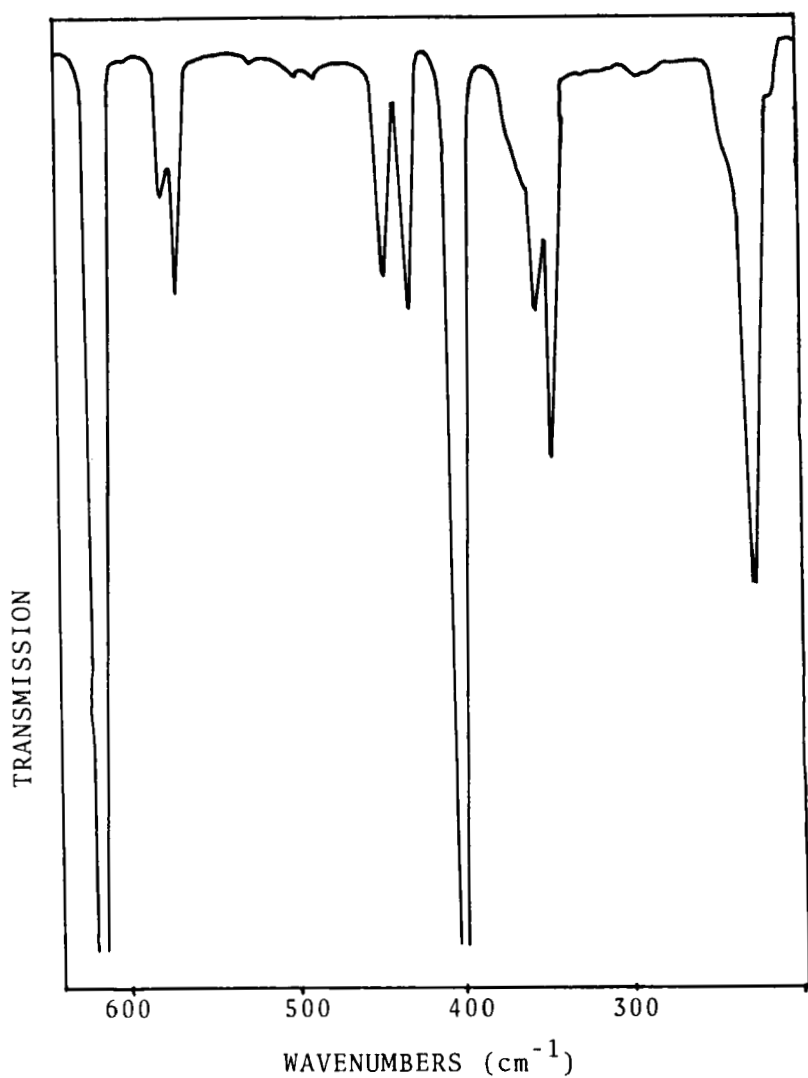


Fig.2. Infrared spectrum of 2-pyridyl ketone- ^{18}O (70,4 atomic %- ^{18}O) in the solid state, polyethylene pellet

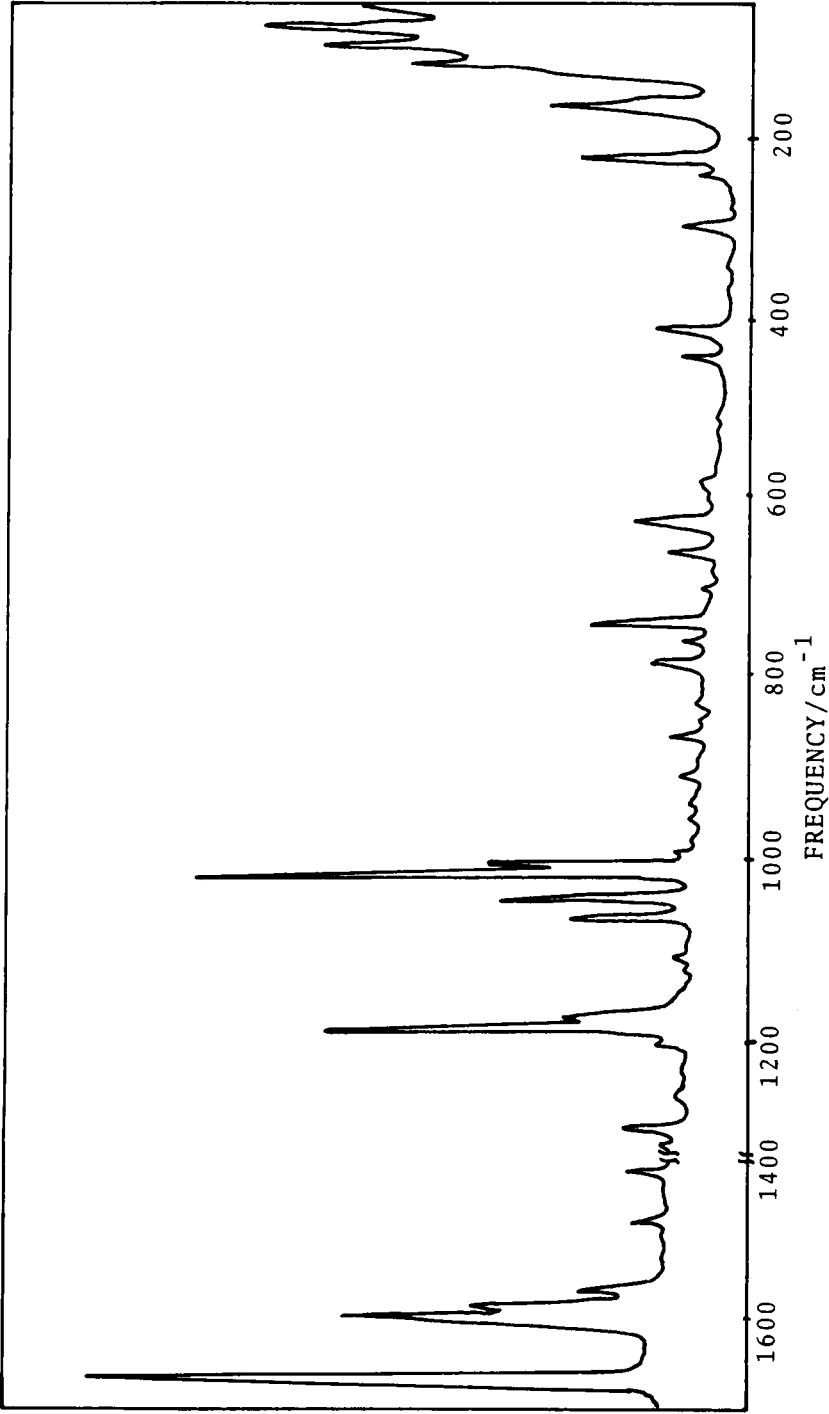


Fig.3.Raman spectrum of 2-pyridyl' ketone in the solid state

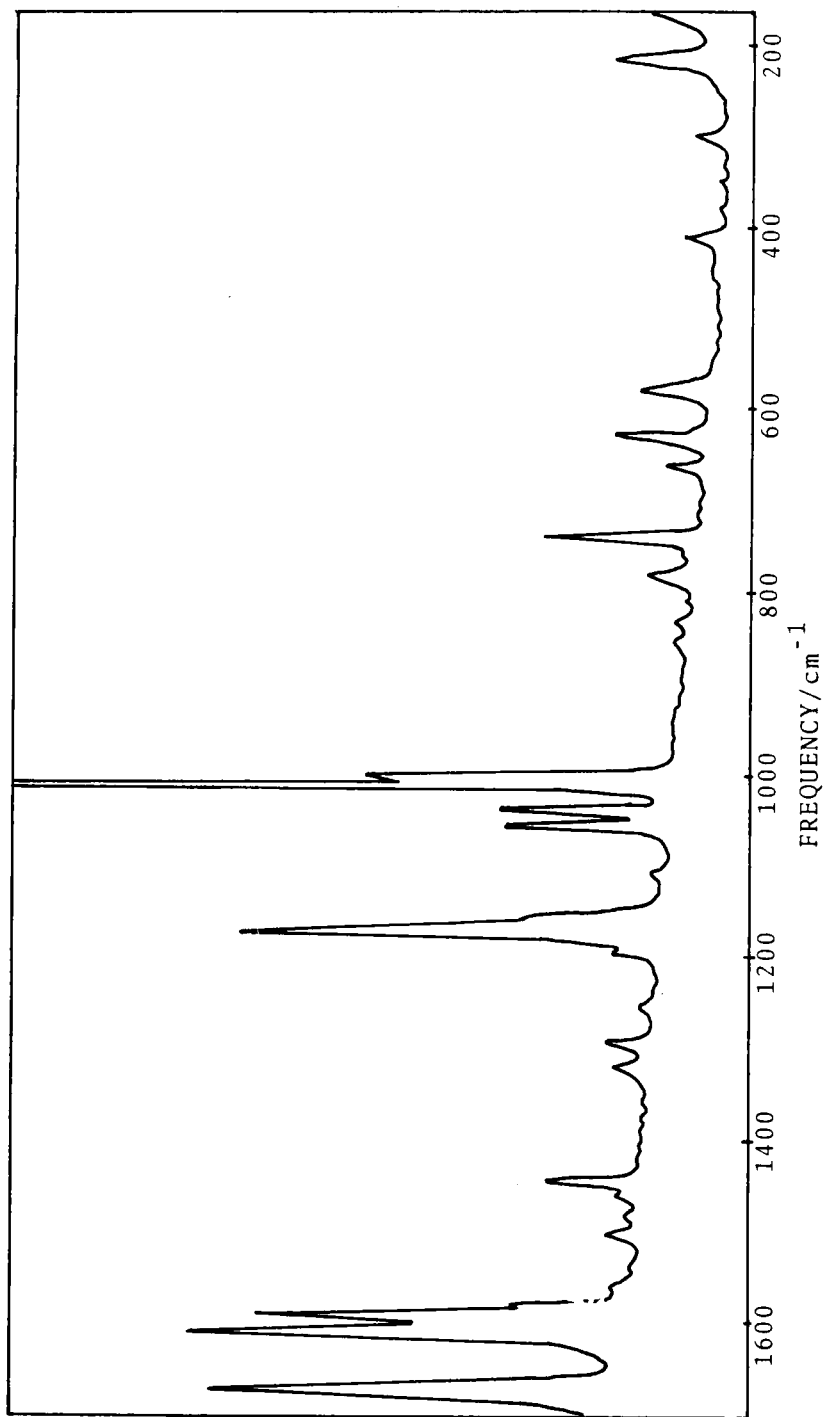


Fig.4. Raman spectrum of 2-pyridyl ketone; parallel polarization in molten state

and at 346 cm^{-1} for BP- ^{18}O . The isotopic shift is 9 cm^{-1} , like in the case of benzophenone¹⁸. Hence, the ^{18}O isotopic shifts 9 cm^{-1} for $\gamma_{\text{C=O}}$, 10 cm^{-1} for $\delta_{\text{C=O}}$ and 28 cm^{-1} for $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ confirm the band assignment.

The ring stretching vibrations (8a, 8b, 19a, 19b and 14) having predominantly C-C character appear in the region $1600\text{--}1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The bands at 1594, 1578, 1490, 1448 and 1322 cm^{-1} (IR) are assigned to the phenyl ring motions and the bands at 1585, 1567, 1467, 1435 and 1316 cm^{-1} (IR) are connected with pyridyl ring vibrations. The ring vibration 14 analogous to "Kekule vibration" of benzene is found in a frequency interval established by Whiffen¹⁹ and Varsanyi²⁰ and confirmed in many other works^{1,18,21}.

The very strong IR band at 1284 cm^{-1} and the very weak Raman band at 1281 cm^{-1} of 2-benzoyl pyridine is assigned here to the e_2 vibration. Hence, we confirm the assignment of Seth-Paul and coworkers¹.

The frequencies of the planar C H bonds are known to cover a larger region. The vibration modes namely 3, 15, 18a, 18b and 9a for the phenyl ring and 3, 9a, 18a and 18b for the pyridyl nucleus.

Di-2-pyridyl keton displays the breathing mode at 1000 and 1014 cm^{-1} Ref.21 and benzophenone at 1004 and 999 cm^{-1} (IR)¹⁸. Therefore, the bands at 1000 cm^{-1} (IR) and 1006 cm^{-1} (R) and 993 cm^{-1} (IR) and 996 cm^{-1} (R) are due to 1 of phenyl and 1 of pyridyl part of molecule respectively.

The out-of-plane C-H bends (5a, 17a, 17b, 10a and 11) for phenyl ring are placed at 980, 956, 940, 860 and 778 cm^{-1} in the Raman spectrum while these belonging to pyridyl one are placed at 980, 942, 860 and 824 cm^{-1} (R).

The bands at 926 cm^{-1} and 896 cm^{-1} (IR) 925 , 901 cm^{-1} (R) refer to the X-sensitive vibration d_2 . In case of benzophenone¹⁸ it is shown that the deuteration does not practically affect the band positions. The high IR intensities of this bands also confirm the assignment. The strong Raman band at 731 cm^{-1} and the weak one at 754 cm^{-1} are assigned to the X-sensitive phenyl and pyridyl ring vibration respectively.

The bands at 650 cm^{-1} (IR, R) previously assigned as $\delta_{C=O}$ in Ref.1 is most probably the 6a vibration - in-plane radial ring C-C deformation. Normal coordinate analysis predicts a frequency range $650\text{--}690\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the 6a vibration and $620\text{--}650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the 6b vibration²⁰. We reassign the band at 576 cm^{-1} to $\delta_{C=O}$, which is referred to 6a mode in Ref.1. The medium IR band is attributed to 16a vibration. The previous assignment of this band to band to $\delta_{C=O}$ is wrong, because that band is completely insensitive to ^{18}O isotopic substitution. The assignment of the band at 355 cm^{-1} (IR) to 18b mode¹ is revised here. The unambiguously assignment is $\gamma_{C=O}$. The bands between $300\text{--}100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ are characteristic for the motion of both phenyl and pyridyl planes with respect to the directions of their neighbouring (Ph-C-Py) bonds. These fundamentals are found in the expected frequency range^{15,18,20,21} although some differences from previous assignments occur, especially for the band at 286 cm^{-1} considered as arising from the 9b X-sensitive vibration¹.

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