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## FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED AND RAMAN SPECTRA OF 4-VINYLPYRIDINE AND ITS TRANSITION METAL(II) TETRACYANONICKELATE COMPLEXES

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### **ABSTRACT**

Infrared and Raman spectra ( $4000\text{--}200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded for 4-vinylpyridine and vibrational assignments made for fundamental modes on the basis of frequency shifts of the coordinated ligand, of the group vibrational concept and comparison with the assignments for related molecules. The infrared spectra of  $M(4\text{-vinylpyridine})_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  ( $M = \text{Mn, Cd, Fe, Co, Ni or Cu}$ ) are reported.

### **INTRODUCTION**

To the best of our knowledge no complete vibrational assignment has been reported for liquid 4-vinylpyridine (4vpy), and its complexes are not plentiful in the literature [1]. The only available IR and Raman data on 4-vinylpyridine was reported

by Green and Harrison [2] who gave an approximate vibrational assignment of 4-vinylpyridine by comparison with styrene. We have assigned the fundamental modes of 4-vinylpyridine on the basis of frequency shifts of the coordinated ligand, of the group vibrational concept (for a vinyl group), infrared intensity, and comparison with the assignment for pyridine [3] and 4-methylpyridine [4] and 4-ethylpyridine [5]. We have also prepared six new Hofmann-type complexes of the form of  $M(4\text{-vinylpyridine})_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  (where  $M = \text{Mn, Cd, Fe, Co, Ni, or Cu}$  and abbreviated henceforth as  $M\text{-Ni-4vpy}$ ). The aim of this study is to present the results of infrared spectroscopic study of these new complexes, give further examples of layered tetracyanonickelate complexes, and to propose a vibrational assignment for the 4-vinylpyridine molecule.

### EXPERIMENTAL

All starting chemicals used were reagent grade (Merck) and used without further purification. The potassium tetracyanonickelate was prepared by mixing stoichiometric amounts of nickel (II) chloride with potassium cyanide in water solution. The complexes were prepared by adding slightly more than two moles of 4-vpy and one mole of potassium tetracyanonickelate solution to one mole of  $M(\text{II})$  chloride solution using constant stirring. The freshly prepared samples were analyzed for C, H, and N using a Leco, CHNS-932 type elemental analyser. The analyses confirmed the expected compositions.

The IR spectra of nujol mulls and KBr discs were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 621 and Mattson 1000 FT-IR spectrometers, which were calibrated using polystyrene. The Raman spectrum of 4-vpy was measured with a Jobin Yvon U1000 spectrometer using the 488.0 nm line of an argon ion laser.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The infrared and Raman spectra of 4-vinylpyridine are given in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. An incomplete assignment based upon Raman and infrared spectra has been made [2] by comparison with the spectra of styrene. General vibrational assignments proposed for the fundamentals of 4-vinylpyridine are given in Table 1 together with those for 4-ethylpyridine [5] and styrene [2] which are guides to the interpretation. For 4-vinylpyridine molecule ( $C_s$  point group) the vibrations comprise  $27a''$  (planar) and  $12a''$  (non-planar). Of these, 9 vibrations ( $6a'$  and  $3a''$ ) are caused by the vinyl group. All vibrations are active in both infrared and Raman spectra.

The assignment of vibrational frequencies for pyridine has been extensively studied [3]. Many of the vibrational frequencies of the 4-vinylpyridine in which a single hydrogen atom is substituted for a  $CH=CH_2$  group can be expected to be near to those of pyridine. In the  $3100\text{--}2900\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region 7 frequencies were expected; 4 frequencies belonging to the  $\nu(CH)$  pyridine ring vibration and 3 belonging to the vinyl group. The bands observed at  $2987$  and  $2922\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were assigned to  $CH_2$  asymmetric and symmetric stretching modes, respectively (Table 1).

The  $\nu(C=C)$  gives good group vibrations in the region  $1625\pm 45\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In the aromatic ring, which has a vinyl group, this vibration falls in the range  $1630\pm 10\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [8]. The medium band observed at  $1635\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in liquid 4-vpy was assigned to  $\nu(C=C)$  stretch.

The  $\delta(CH_2)$  is located in the region  $1055\pm 35$  and  $1410\pm 20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [8]. The band observed at  $1066\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in 4-vpy was assigned to  $\delta(CH_2)$ . The band at  $1409\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was assigned to  $\delta(CH_2)$  by Green and Harrison [2]. We observed a very strong band at  $1408\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum of 4-vpy molecule. This band shows a frequency shift on

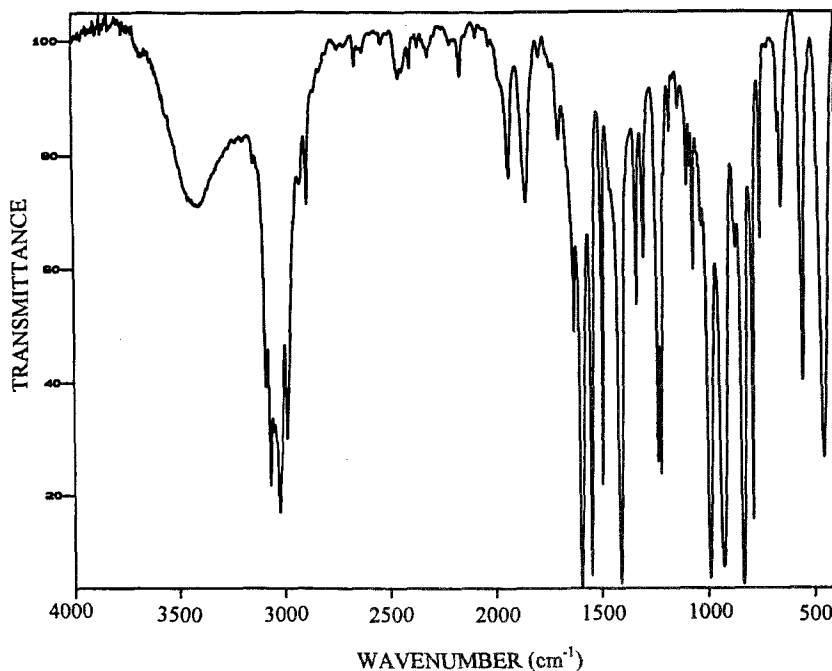


FIG. 1 FTIR spectrum of 4-vinylpyridine

coordination. Therefore, we preferred to assign this band as a pyridine ring mode. The band at  $925\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was assigned to  $\gamma(\text{CH})$  by Green and Harrison [2]. The  $\text{CH}_2$  wagging vibration occurs at  $920 \pm 20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in aromatic-vinyl compounds [8]. We observed this mode at  $928\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum of the 4-vpy molecule and assigned it to the  $\text{CH}_2$  wagging vibration. The CH wagging vibration occurs at  $975 \pm 35\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We observed a very strong band at  $991\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum of 4-vpy. This band shows higher frequency shift on complex formation which is metal dependent. Therefore, we assigned this band to a ring breathing mode. We observed a medium band at  $980\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectra of coordinated ligand and assigned to CH wagging vibration.

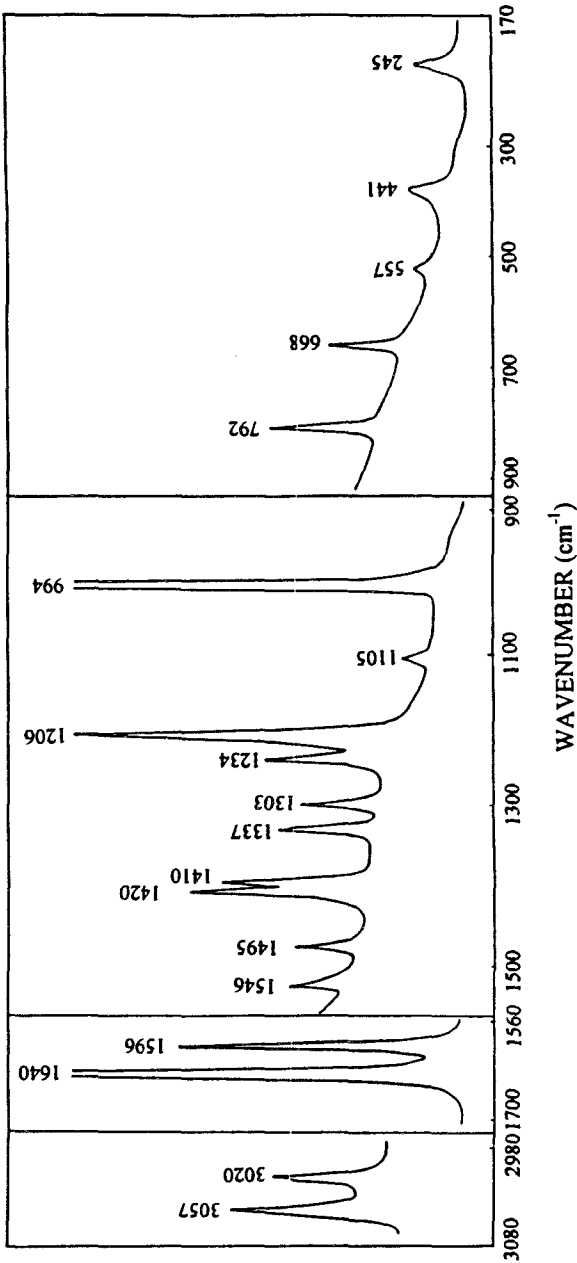


FIG. 2 Raman spectrum of 4-vinylpyridine

TABLE I  
The fundamental vibrational wavenumbers( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of 4-vinylpyridine in the M-Ni-4-vpy complexes

| Assignment                            | styrene <sup>a</sup> | 4-etpy <sup>b</sup> | 4-vpy<br>IR | R      | Mn   | Fe   | Co   | Ni   | Cu   | Cd   | Intensity |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| a'                                    |                      |                     |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| 1 v(CH)                               | 3084                 | 3068                | 3091        |        |      |      | 3096 | 3094 | 3098 | 3097 | m         |
| 2 v(CH)                               | 3057                 | 3046                | 3068        | 3057m  |      |      | 3067 | 3067 | 3067 | 3065 | m         |
| 3 vring                               | 1603                 | 1603                | 1590        | 1596s  | 1612 | 1613 | 1615 | 1617 | 1619 | 1614 | vs        |
| 4 vring                               | 1497                 | 1497                | 1498        | 1495m  | 1502 | 1502 | 1503 | 1505 | 1507 | 1502 | s         |
| 5 R <sub>sens</sub> str.              | 1290                 | 1219                | 1236        | 1234m  | 1244 | 1244 | 1243 | 1246 | 1247 | 1244 | m         |
| 6 $\delta$ (CH)                       | 1203                 | 1219                | 1217        | 1206s  | 1223 | 1224 | 1225 | 1227 | 1229 | 1223 | m         |
| 7 $\delta$ (CH)                       |                      |                     | 1176        |        |      |      |      |      |      |      | vw        |
| 8 $\delta$ (CH)+vring                 | 1156                 | 1068                | 1095        | 1105w  | 1103 | 1103 | 1105 |      | 1109 | 1103 | vw        |
| 9 Ring breath                         |                      | 995                 | 991         | 994vs  | 1014 | 1015 | 1017 | 1018 | 1020 | 1016 | s         |
| 10 $\delta$ ring (R <sub>sens</sub> ) |                      | 777                 | 787         | 792m   | 798  | 799  | 800  | 801  | 804  | 798  | vs        |
| 11 $\delta$ ring (R <sub>sens</sub> ) |                      | 492                 | 456         | 441w   |      |      |      |      |      |      | vs        |
| a''                                   |                      |                     |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| 12 v(CH)                              |                      | 3068                | 3068        |        |      |      | 3067 | 3067 | 3067 | 3065 | m         |
| 13 v(CH)                              |                      | 3026                |             | 3020m  |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| 14 vring                              | 1577                 | 1558                | 1540        | 1546w  | 1548 | 1549 | 1549 | 1550 | 1552 | 1549 | s         |
| 15 vring                              |                      | 1416                | 1408        | 1420m  | 1423 | 1423 | 1418 | 1419 | 1427 | 1425 | s         |
|                                       |                      |                     |             | 1410m  | 1412 | 1412 |      |      | 1415 | 1414 |           |
| 16 vring                              | 1335                 | 1375                | 1331        | 1337m  | 1331 | 1335 | 1336 | 1338 | 1338 | 1331 | m         |
| 17 $\delta$ (CH)                      | 1319                 | 1315                | 1301        | 1303w  | 1298 | 1296 | 1298 | 1299 | 1300 | 1299 | w         |
| 18 $\delta$ (CH)                      | 1156                 | 1099                | 1095        | 1105vw | 1103 | 1103 | 1105 |      | 1109 | 1103 | vw        |
| 19 $\delta$ ring                      | 615                  | 669                 | 667         | 668mw  | 669  | 669  | 669  | 669  | 669  | 669  | w         |
| 20 R <sub>sens</sub> bend             | 246                  | 358 <sup>c</sup>    |             | 245w   |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| a'                                    |                      |                     |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| 21 $\gamma$ (CH)                      |                      | 970                 |             |        | 976  | 976  | 976  | 976  | 976  | 976  | m         |
| 22 $\gamma$ (CH)                      |                      | 872                 | 868         |        | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | vw        |
| 23 $\gamma$ ring                      |                      | 410                 |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| a''                                   |                      |                     |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| 24 $\gamma$ (CH)                      |                      | 874                 | 868         |        | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | 870  | vw        |
| 25 $\gamma$ (CH)                      | 776                  | 822                 | 830         |        | 831  | 833  | 833  | 833  | 835  | 833  |           |
| 26 $\gamma$ ring(R <sub>sens</sub> )  | 560                  | 567                 | 552         | 557w   | 566  | 568  | 567  | 570  | 573  | 567  | m         |
| Vinyl group vibrations                |                      |                     |             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |
| v <sub>s</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> )     | 2985                 | 2970                | 2987        |        |      |      | 2986 | 2986 | 2987 | 2987 | m         |
| v <sub>s</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> )     | 2920                 | 2922                | 2922        |        |      |      | 2922 | 2923 | 2923 | 2919 | sh        |
| wag.                                  |                      | 1265                | 1066        |        | 1065 | 1065 | 1065 | 1065 | 1066 | 1066 | m         |
| CH <sub>2</sub> wag                   |                      |                     | 928         |        | 931  | 931  | 932  | 932  | 933  | 933  | vs        |
| rock                                  |                      | 750                 | 750         |        |      |      |      |      |      |      | m         |
| v(C-H)                                | 3012                 |                     | 3029        |        |      |      |      |      |      |      | m         |
| v(C-C)                                |                      | 970                 | 976         |        | 976  | 976  | 978  | 980  | 976  | 976  | m         |
| v(C=C)                                | 1630                 |                     | 1635vs      | 1640vs | 1633 | 1634 | 1634 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | m         |

<sup>a,b</sup> Taken from refs. [2,5] respectively. <sup>c</sup> calculated value taken from ref. [5]. vs: very strong, s: strong, m: medium, w: weak, vw: very weak, sh: shoulder

The vibrational wavenumbers of 4-vinylpyridine in the M-Ni-4vpy complexes are also listed in Table 1. The spectra of the M-Ni-4vpy complexes show all the principal features found earlier for coordinated pyridine [ 3 ] and coordinated pyridine derivatives [5, 9-13 ]. Several modes of the 4-vpy (except vinyl group vibrations) have upward shifts in frequency when compared with the free molecule and the shifts are metal dependent. Similar shifts are also observed for coordinated pyridine [3,10] and coordinated pyridine derivatives [5, 9-13]. The upward shift was explained by coupling of the internal vibrations of the ligand molecule with the M-N stretching vibration. Thus, we have obtained direct evidence from the vibrational spectra of M-Ni-4-vpy complexes that the 4-vpy molecule forms a coordinate with the metal (M).

The vibrational spectra of the M-Ni-4-vpy complexes are very similar indicating that they have analogous structures. Sheet structure vibrations of the complexes are given in Table 2.

The characteristic  $\nu(\text{CN})$  and  $\delta(\text{NiCN})$  frequencies are found to be similar to those of Hofmann-type clathrates [14,15] and complexes [9,11-13] showing that the  $\text{M-Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  layers have been preserved. The  $\nu(\text{CN})$  frequencies are found to be metal-dependent and increase in the order:  $\text{Mn} < \text{Cd} < \text{Fe} < \text{Co} < \text{Ni} < \text{Cu}$ . This upward shift of the bridging  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$  stretching vibrations is explained by coupling of the internal modes of  $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  with the M-CN vibrations, as observed in various Hofmann-type complexes and clathrates [9,11-15]. Thus, the metal dependence of the  $\nu(\text{CN})$  frequency reflects the strength of the metal-anion bond (M-NC). In Cu-Ni-4-vpy, two bands are observed in the  $\nu(\text{CN})$  and  $\delta(\text{NiCN})$  region of the infrared spectrum. The 4-vinylpyridine modes do not differ markedly from those in other complexes. Similar splitting observed in the  $\text{Cu}(\text{py})_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  [3] and  $\text{Cu}(4\text{-phpy})_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  [15] was explained by the removal of



TABLE 2  
The vibrational wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the  $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$  group of the M-Ni-4-vpy complexes.

| Assignment                      | Mn     | Cd     | Fe     | Co     | Ni     | Cu              |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| $E_u \quad \nu(\text{CN})$      | 2147vs | 2148vs | 2152vs | 2159vs | 2165vs | 2167vs<br>2141s |
| $\nu(^{13}\text{CN})$           | -      | 2105sh | 2117w  | 2120sh | 2130w  | -               |
| $E_u \quad \delta(\text{NiCN})$ | 424vs  | 425vs  | 432vs  | 437vs  | 439vs  | 440vs<br>424sh  |

the degeneracy by the Jahn-Teller effect [16] and proposed non-equivalent trans pairs of Cu-NC bonds with different lengths.

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