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# COMPLEXES OF 8-AMINOQUINOLINE. I. THE INFRARED SPECTRA OF THE LIGAND, THE TRIS COMPLEXES OF IRON, COBALT AND NICKEL PERCHLORATES AND THEIR ND<sub>2</sub> ANALOGUES

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Deuteration of 8-aminoquinoline (aq) at the amino groups and comparison of the infrared spectrum of aq with those of aniline and quinoline enables reliable assignments to be proposed for the amino stretching and bending modes and the internal modes of the aminoquinoline rings. The spectra of the *tris*(8-aminoquinoline) complexes of iron, cobalt and nickel perchlorates have been examined over the range 4000–50 cm<sup>-1</sup> with assignments based on the ligand study and the effects of metal ion substitution and deuteration of the nickel complex. The existence of two  $\nu\text{M-NH}_2$  and two  $\nu\text{M-N(aq)}$  bands is consistent with facial (*cis-cis*) octahedral coordination about the metal ion.

**Keywords:** 8-Aminoquinoline, infrared spectra, complexes, isotopic labelling

## INTRODUCTION

There have been relatively few vibrational studies of 8-aminoquinoline (aq) and its metal complexes.<sup>1–10</sup> Early reports<sup>2,4</sup> were restricted to tentative assignments of the internal ligand modes by comparison with the established assignments for aniline and quinoline. Coakley<sup>5</sup> and Jensen and Nielsen<sup>6</sup> deuterated the ligand amino groups in order to assign the NH<sub>2</sub> modes but only partial D/H exchange was achieved. The infrared spectra of the structurally simple complexes [M(aq)<sub>3</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> have not been studied except for brief reference<sup>3</sup> to the spectrum of the cobalt(II) complex in which comment was restricted to the perchlorate bands. The *tris* complexes therefore seemed to be a suitable basis for a more general infrared examination of 8-aminoquinoline complexes.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The iron and cobalt complexes were prepared and isolated using Schlenk tube techniques and were stored under nitrogen. The isotopic purity and sources of the labelled compounds used were EtOD: 99.8%, Aldrich and D<sub>2</sub>O: 99.7%, Merck-Frosst.

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8-Aminoquinoline- $d_2$  (aq- $d_2$ ) was prepared by refluxing aq in EtOD for 3 hr. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the process was repeated three. The aq- $d_2$  was stored over silica gel under reduced pressure to prevent H/D exchange.

Only the cobalt *tris* complex  $[\text{Co}(\text{aq})_3]^{2+}$  has previously been reported.<sup>3</sup> The following general method served for the synthesis of the iron, cobalt and nickel complexes. An ethanolic solution of the hydrated metal perchlorate was added dropwise to an ethanolic solution of the ligand in a 3.5 : 1 molar ratio. After stirring (5 min), the complex was collected by filtration, washed (ethanol) and dried over silica gel overnight under reduced pressure. The nickel complex is hygroscopic and was stored in a desiccator. This method failed to produce a copper or zinc complex even with a six-fold excess of ligand.

*Anal.* Calcd. for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 46.58; H, 3.62; N, 12.07%. Found: C, 46.70; H, 3.80; N, 12.20%. Calcd. for  $[\text{Co}(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 44.65; H, 3.89; N, 11.57%. Found: C, 44.90; H, 3.95; N, 11.35%. Calcd. for  $[\text{Ni}(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 45.80; H, 3.70; N, 11.87%. Found: C, 45.40; H, 3.70; N, 11.65%. Calcd. for  $[\text{Ni}(\text{aq}-d_2)_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ : C, 45.03; H, 3.92; N, 11.67%. Found: C, 45.00; H, 3.85; N, 11.45%.

The mid-IR spectra were determined on Nujol mulls (4000–180  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and as hexachlorobutadiene mulls (3500–2000 and 1500–1300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) between CsI discs on a Perkin-Elmer 983 spectrophotometer. The far-IR spectra (500–50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) were determined on Nujol mulls between polyethylene plates on a Digilab FTS 16B/D interferometer.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### *The IR Spectrum of 8-Aminoquinoline*

To a first approximation, the IR spectrum of aq may be regarded as a composite of those of aniline and quinoline. Comprehensive studies of the IR spectra of the latter two molecules<sup>11,12</sup> simplifies the comparison (Table I).

TABLE I

Infrared band assignments for 8-hydroxyquinoline based on the effects of deuteration and comparison with aniline and quinoline.

Aniline	Assignment <sup>11</sup>	Quinoline	Assignment <sup>12</sup>	8-Aminoquinoline & ( $d_2$ -shift)	Assignment
3440	vN-H asym			3450 <sup>a</sup> (867)	vN-H asym
3360	vN-H sym			3349 <sup>b</sup> (904)	vN-H sym
1618	NH <sub>2</sub> scissor	1619		1615 <sup>c</sup> (5)	v ring
1600	v ring	1593	v ring	1599(26)	+NH <sub>2</sub> scissor
1586				1590sh(2)	v ring
				1566(414)	v ring + $\delta\text{NH}_2$
1500				1505(3)	v ring
1469				1470(1)	
		1426(2)			
1382	comb.	1392		1394(4)	v ring
		1371		1368(+4)	
1330	v ring			1335 <sup>d</sup> (+1)	

TABLE I (continued)

Aniline	Assignment <sup>11</sup>	Quinoline	Assignment <sup>12</sup>	8-Aminoquinoline & ( $d_2$ -shift)	Assignment	
1278	v ring + vC-N			1279(+30)	v ring + vC-N	
		1256	αC-H	1239(5)	αC-H	
		1216		1207(3)		
1175	αC-H	1192		1183(+7)	αC-H + τNH <sub>2</sub>	
1118		1118		1125(+7,19)		
		1095	1094(2,8)	αC-H		
1028		1031	1037(7)			
		1013	v ring	1021(-)	v ring	
984	<sup>13</sup> C <sup>12</sup> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	980	γC-H	985(0)	γC-H	
970	γC-H	970		962(0)		
960			939	942(0)		
880			889(3)			
		867	γ ring	863(0,12)	γ ring + ωNH <sub>2</sub>	
832	γC-H			819(0)	γC-H	
			786	γC-H	789(0)	γC-H + v ring
			785	v ring		
		760	γC-H	760 <sup>c</sup> (1)	v ring	
761	γ ring	741		751(3)	γC-H	
691				703 <sup>f</sup> (1,9)	γ ring + ρNH <sub>2</sub>	
618		628	γ ring	641(0)	γ ring	
				577(+4,9)	ρNH <sub>2</sub>	
527	ρNH <sub>2</sub>	521	v ring	545(7)	v ring + ρNH <sub>2</sub>	
501		(505)		509(+8)		
490	2 × NH <sub>2</sub> torsion	479	γ ring	484(0)	γ ring	
		415		436(0)		
390	γ ring	392		400(2)		
				297(-)		
				267(9)	γC-N	
		193		186(1)	γ ring	
		178		163(5)	NH <sub>2</sub> torsion	
				113(1)		
				77(0)		
				68(0)		

<sup>a</sup> Previously reported at 3440 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 4) and 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 5) and assigned to vN-H. <sup>b</sup> Previously reported at 3340 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 4) and at 3345 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 5) and at 3340 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 6) and assigned to vN-H. <sup>c</sup> Previously reported at 1619 cm<sup>-1</sup> and assigned to NH<sub>2</sub> scissor (ref. 6). <sup>d</sup> Previously reported at 1336 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 2), 1330 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 4) and 1339 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ref. 6) and assigned to vC-N. <sup>e</sup> Previously reported at 760 cm<sup>-1</sup> and assigned to ρNH<sub>2</sub> (ref. 4). <sup>f</sup> Previously reported at 704 cm<sup>-1</sup> and assigned to ρNH<sub>2</sub> (ref. 6).

The N-H stretching bands occur within the normal range 3500–3000 cm<sup>-1</sup> and shift to the 2590–2440 cm<sup>-1</sup> region on deuteration. The observed  $v^D/v^H$  ratio has the normal value of 0.73.<sup>13</sup> Residual vN-H bands remain in the deuterated spectrum as is normally observed even at high levels of deuteration. The 1700–1500 cm<sup>-1</sup> region comprises the v ring and NH<sub>2</sub> scissoring modes. The intense band at 1566 cm<sup>-1</sup> is by far the most  $d$ -sensitive band; the magnitude of its  $d_2$ -shift (414 cm<sup>-1</sup>) is close to the theoretical shift of a vibrationally pure NH<sub>2</sub> scissoring mode.<sup>13</sup>

Previous workers<sup>2,4,6</sup> have assigned the band at  $1330\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $\nu\text{C-N}$ . We assign this band to  $\nu\text{ring}$  because it is found to be unaffected by deuteration and is at the same position as the  $\nu\text{ring}$  mode of aniline.<sup>11</sup> We have assigned the  $d$ -sensitive band at  $1279\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $\nu\text{C-N}$ , possibly coupled with the ring stretch. The unexpected upward shift of this band to  $1309\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in  $\text{aq-d}_2$  is similar to that observed for the corresponding band in aniline- $d_2$ <sup>11</sup>. The  $\text{NH}_2$  twisting mode yields a  $d$ -sensitive band at  $1125\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The possibility exists that it is coupled with an  $\alpha\text{C-H}$  vibration, the band at  $1118\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in quinoline having been so assigned.<sup>12</sup> Similarly, the band at  $863\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $\text{NH}_2$  wag coupled with  $\gamma\text{ring}$ .

The band at  $760\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , previously assigned to a  $\text{NH}_2$  rocking mode<sup>4</sup> is  $d$ -insensitive. We have therefore assigned this band to  $\nu\text{ring}$ . In agreement with Jensen and Nielsen<sup>6</sup>, we have assigned the  $d$ -sensitive band at  $703\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $\rho\text{NH}_2$  coupled with  $\gamma\text{ring}$ . Several bands in the  $500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region are also  $d$ -sensitive and therefore qualify for assignment to  $\rho\text{NH}_2$ , while the previously unassigned peak at  $267\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , shifting  $9\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to lower wavenumber on deuteration, is attributed to  $\gamma\text{C-N}$  by analogy with the  $\gamma\text{C-O}$  band at  $266\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of 8-hydroxyquinoline.<sup>14</sup>

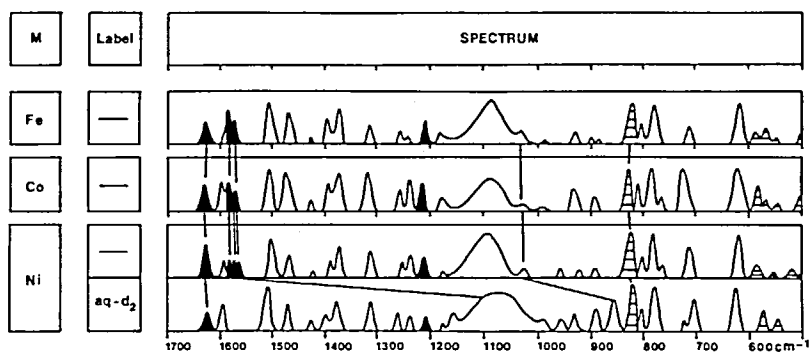


FIGURE 1 IR spectra of the complexes  $[M(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  from  $1700\text{--}500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Solid linked bands: coupled  $\text{NH}_2$  scissor; solid unlinked bands: coupled  $\nu\text{C-N}$ ; linked bands:  $\tau\text{NH}_2$ ; shaded linked bands: coupled  $\omega\text{NH}_2$ ; shaded unlinked bands: coupled  $\rho\text{NH}_2$ .

### The IR Spectra of the Complexes $[M(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$

The mid-IR spectra are depicted in Figure 1 and the frequencies, shifts and assignments are reported in Table II. The band patterns of the unlabelled complexes are remarkably similar. The  $\nu_3$  perchlorate mode exhibits its normal broad and intense character spanning some  $150\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , thereby obscuring certain  $\text{aq}$  modes. The IR-forbidden  $\nu_1$  band occurs weakly near  $930\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Both bands are, of course, unaffected by deuteration. Possible activation of  $\nu_2$  (near  $460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu_4$  (near  $620\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) cannot be excluded because of masking by  $\text{aq}$  bands in these regions.

The internal ligand modes of  $\text{aq}$  exhibit the normal (generally upward) frequency shift on complexation. The  $\text{NH}_2$  stretching and bending modes are readily identified by their shifts on deuteration (of the nickel complex) and the  $\nu\text{C-N}$  band is identified at  $1214\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , by its  $d$ -sensitivity of  $57\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Below  $500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , the spectrum of  $\text{aq}$  is relatively rich in infrared bands which renders the assignment problem of its complexes difficult (Figure 2). The magnetic

TABLE II  
Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and band assignments for the complexes  $[\text{M}(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .

Fe	Co	Ni(aq- $d_2$ shift)	Assignment
3360	3299	3299(832,879)	vN-H asym
3230	3244	3248(860,913)	vN-H sym
1626	1625	1627(7)	v ring + $\text{NH}_2$ scissor
1595sh	1593	1594(1)	v ring
1582	1585	1586(429)	v ring + $\text{NH}_2$ scissor
		1582(-)	
1565sh	1569	1568(~475)	$\text{NH}_2$ scissor
1505	1504	1506(+1)	} ring + C-H modes
1470	1472	1472(+1)	
1426	1426	1426(+2)	
1396	1390	1392(+5)	
1374	1375	1375(+4)	
1314	1315	1316(0)	
1257	1259	1259(+2)	
1239	1239	1239(0)	
1209	1212	1214(7,57)	$\alpha\text{C-H} + \nu\text{C-N}$
1179	1176	1177(+1)	$\alpha\text{C-H}$
1091	1086	1091(+2)	$\nu_3\text{ClO}_4$
1033	1028	1029(170)	$\tau\text{NH}_2$
986	989	989(0)	$\gamma\text{C-H}$
		959(0)	
928	930	930(0)	$\nu_1\text{ClO}_4$
901			} $\gamma\text{C-H}$
892	892	894(4)	} $\gamma\text{C-H} + \omega\text{NH}_2$
825	826	826(5)	
808	808	808(0)	$\gamma\text{C-H} + \nu$ ring
779	782	782(5)	v ring + $\omega\text{NH}_2$
	771	771(6)	$\gamma\text{C-H}$
715	715	717(+1,10)	$\gamma$ ring + $\rho\text{NH}_2$
621	621	621(0)	$\gamma$ ring
589	585	587(14)	} $\gamma$ ring + $\rho\text{NH}_2$
567	570		} v ring + $\rho\text{NH}_2$
550	553	560(14)	
505sh	510sh	520(73)	$\rho\text{NH}_2$
497	499	499(3)	
466	468	467(+1)	} $\gamma$ ring
446			} $\nu\text{M-NH}_2$
414	418	424(23)	
345	369	381(11)	
269	264	261(4)	$\gamma\text{C-N}$
235	229		
196	198	209(6)	} $\nu\text{M-N}$
143	148	156(+2)	} $\delta\text{L-M-L}$
134	139		
81			} lattice
69	72	72(0)	
65	65	65(-)	

moment of the cobalt complex ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.10$  B.M.) is typical of spin-free octahedral Co(II) chelates. The similarity of the infrared band patterns suggests that the iron, cobalt and nickel complexes are isostructural octahedral monomers which could have *facial* ( $C_3$ ) or *meridional* ( $C_1$ ) symmetry. The former configuration requires four  $\nu\text{M-L}$  modes and the latter, six. Since we observe only four such bands, *facial* symmetry is proposed for these complexes. In this respect, they resemble the *facial* (*cis-cis*) configuration of the complexes  $[\text{M}(\text{ox})_3]$  (ox = 8-hydroxyquinoline) which also yield four  $\nu\text{M-L}$  bands in their IR spectra.<sup>15</sup>

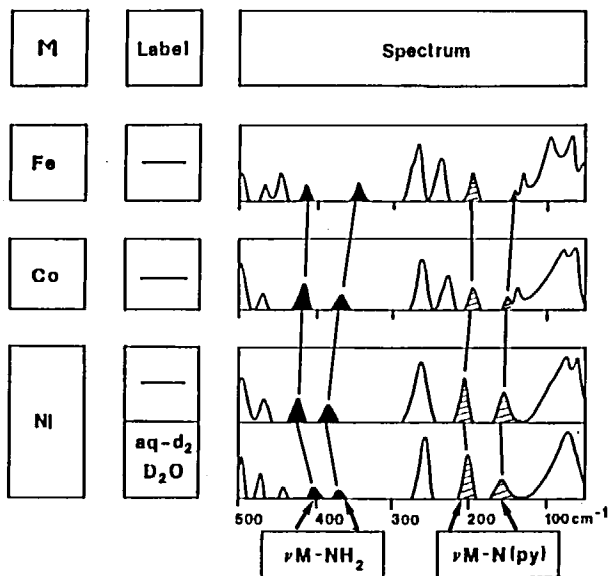


FIGURE 2 Far-IR spectra of the complexes  $[\text{M}(\text{aq})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  in the region  $500\text{--}50\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Reference to Figure 2 shows that there are five or six bands in the  $430\text{--}140\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region. Two of these (near  $420$  and  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) are significantly sensitive to both metal ion substitution and  $\text{ND}_2$ -deuteration ( $\Delta\nu = 23$  and  $11\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively) and are therefore assigned to  $\nu\text{M-NH}_2$  modes. The bands near  $210$  and  $160\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are also M-sensitive but relatively unaffected by  $\text{ND}_2$ -deuteration. These are therefore assigned to  $\nu\text{M-N}(\text{aq})$  modes. The very intense band near  $260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponds in both frequency and  $d$ -sensitivity with the strong band at  $267\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of aq where it has been assigned to the  $\gamma\text{C-N}$  mode of the ligand. Since this band is practically insensitive to metal ion substitution, it is assigned to  $\gamma\text{C-N}$  in the spectra of the complexes also. Unfortunately, the spectra below  $140\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are not well resolved but one of the  $\delta\text{L-M-L}$  bands may be distinguished in the iron and cobalt complexes at  $134$  and  $139\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively.

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