# Infrared Spectroscopic Study on the Hofmann $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-Type Clathrates: $\mathbf{M n}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathbf{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot \mathbf{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{\mathbf{2}}(\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{Z n}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or $\mathbf{H g})$ 

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#### Abstract

Infrared spectra of $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ are reported. The spectral data suggest that these compounds are similar in structure to Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates.


## Introduction

The host lattice of the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates is formulated as $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{II}) \mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{II})(\mathrm{CN})_{4} . \quad n \mathrm{G}$ (abrr. $\left.\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-\mathrm{M}^{\prime}-\mathrm{nG}\right)$, where M is $\mathrm{Mn}, \mathrm{Zn}$ or Cd ; $n$ is the number of G (guest) molecules, $L_{2}$ is bidentate ligand or a pair of unidentate ligand molecules. The host lattice in these clathrates comprises endless chains of $-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-$ extending along a- and b-axes alternately and the tetrahedral $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ ions arranged between the consecutive crossing $-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-$ chains with the $\mathrm{N}-$ ends bound to the Cd atoms [1-4]. This structure provides two types of cavities, $\alpha$ and $\beta$, for the guest molecules. The $\alpha$ cavity is a rectangular box similar to those in the Hofmann-type hosts, while the $\beta$ cavity is a twisted biprism, as has been demonstrated in previous papers [2,3].

Guest-host interactions in these clathrates provide an explanation for the effect of enclathrates on the structural and spectroscopic properties of both the guest and the host molecules. The nature of the guest-host interactions varies from charge transfer forces to hydrogen bonding [5] and to weak van der Waals interactions. Hofmann-type clathrates are good models for studying such interactions [6-8].

In our previous studies, vibrational spectral data for $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}[9]$ and $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ $(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ [5] have been structurally correlated with those of Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type $\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$, where $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cd}$ [1] or Hg [2]. In this study, we report the IR spectra of three new Hofmann $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type cathrates $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\{(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ (abbr. $\left.\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{L}_{2}-\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{An}\right)(\mathrm{An}=$ Aniline $\left.)\right\}$. The aim of this study is to give further examples of Hofmann $T_{d}$-type clathrates and to present the vibrations of aniline molecule in this structure. In order to understand the structures of the samples, the spectral data are corre-

[^0]lated with those of the corresponding $-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates, the structures of which are known from single crystal X-ray studies [1, 4]. It should be noted that several unsuccessful attempts have been made to obtain Raman spectra of our beige compounds by using the 488 or 514 nm laser line.

## Experimental

All chemicals used were reagent grade (Merck) and were used without further purification. Aniline ( $20 \%$ solution in ethanol) was added into an aqueous solution containing $1 \mathrm{mmol} \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{II})$ salt and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg ) in 20 ml of water. Two millimoles ammoniacal water ( $25 \%$ ) was added into this mixture. After vigorous stirring for a day the brown precipitate (very fine powder) was filtered, washed successively with water, acetone and ether, and kept in a dessicator to prevent the escape of guest aniline.

The freshly prepared samples were analysed for $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{H}$ and N with the following results (found $\% /$ calculated $\%$ ):

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\begin{array}{cl}
\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}: & \mathrm{C}=43.57 / 43.21, \\
\mathrm{H}=4.09 / 4.53, \mathrm{~N}=23.56 / 25.19 . & \mathrm{C}=40.01 / 39.02, \\
\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}: & \\
\mathrm{H}=4.15 / 4.09, \mathrm{~N}=22.08 / 23.26 . & \mathrm{C}=35.11 / 34.01, \\
\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Hg}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}: & \\
\mathrm{H}=3 \mathrm{c} .92 / 3.88, \mathrm{~N}=19.04 / 20.22 . &
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Infrared spectra were recorded between 4000 and $200 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ on Perkin Elmer 1330 and Mattson 1000 FT-IR spectrometers, which were calibrated using indene and polystrene film. The samples were prepared as mulls in nujol and hexachlorobutadine between KBr plates. It should be noted that several unsuccessful attempts have been made to obtain Raman spectra of our beige compounds by using the 488 or 514 nm laser line.

## Results and discussion

Briefly, to simplify the interpretation of vibrational spectra, the vibrations can be divided into three units as ammonia, $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ and aniline. The FT-IR spectrum of $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{An}$ is given (Figure 1). The wavenumbers and assignment of the observed bands in the infrared spectra of the compounds studied are listed in Tables 1, 2 and 3 for ligand ammonia, groups and guest aniline molecules, respectively, together with some pertinent spectral data for comparison.

## Ammonia vibrations

It has been found that the vibrational bands of the ammonia ligand are assigned to the infrared spectra of
the Hofmann-type [7] and Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates [5, 9, 10]. In our compounds $\left(\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{An}\right)$ $(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ are consistent with the vibrational unit of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}\left(\mathrm{D}_{3 \mathrm{~h}}\right)$, in which the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{N}$ skeleton is linear and the $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ species are staggering. Based on this model we expect two components for out-of-phase (infrared active) mode of a bare ammonia molecule. Indeed, two infrared active bands due to out-of-phase vibrations have been observed. For the purposes of comparison and discussion, Table 1 also lists the infrared spectra of the ammonia ligands in the Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type benzene [5,9] and aniline clathrates [10]. Our assignments are in agreement with those of the other clathrates (Table 1).

It is well known that Hofmann-type and $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates are unstable under ambient conditions and


Figure 1. The infrared spectrum of the $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{An}$ clathrate in nujol (*in poly(chlortrifluorethylene)-oil).

Table 1. The vibrational wavenumbers $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ of $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ for $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{An}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ clathrates

| Assignment ${ }^{\text {a }} \mathrm{Cd}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{Bz}{ }^{\text {b }} \mathrm{Cd}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}^{\text {c }} \mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{An} \mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An} \mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{An}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v_{\mathrm{a}}$ (IR) | 3390s | 3367s | 3340s | 3367s | 3369s | 3368s |
| $v_{\text {s }}$ (IR) | 3298s | 3286m | 3240 vm | 3297 m | 3297 m | 3297 m |
| $\delta_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{IR})$ | 1604 m | 1586m | 1600s | 1604s | 1603s | 1601s |
| 1582s |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\delta_{\text {s }}(\text { IR })^{\text {d }}$ | No | 1163w | - | 1153w | 1158w | 1163w |
| $\delta_{\text {s }}(\mathrm{IR})$ | 1154vs | 1133vs | 1130vs | 1126vs | 1130vs | 1133vs |
| $\delta_{\mathrm{r}}(\mathrm{IR})$ | 548vs | 530 vs | 528 vs | 512s | 513s | 515vs |

[^1]Table 2. The vibrational wavenumbers $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ of the $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ group for the $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}-2 \mathrm{An}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ clathrates

| Assignment ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Hg}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{Bz}^{\text {b }}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{Bz}^{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{Bz}^{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{An}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{An}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v_{5}(\mathrm{CN}) \mathrm{F}_{2}$ | 2152 | 2145 | 2146 | 2173vs | 2170vs | 2167vs | 2168vs | 2170vs | 2171vs |
| Hot band | - | - | - | No | 2157 vw | 2154vw | No | No | No |
| $v_{5}\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{CN}\right)$ | - | - | - | 2127 vw | 2133 vw | 2132 vw | 2132 vw | 2129 vw | 2123 vw |
| $v_{6}[v(\mathrm{MC})+\delta(\mathrm{NCM})] \mathrm{F}_{2}$ |  | 316 | 330 | 373s | 360s | 368s | 373 s | 360s | 368s |
| $v_{7}[v(\mathrm{MC})+\delta(\mathrm{NCM})] \mathrm{F}_{2}$ | 315 | 250 | 235 | 320w | No | No | 270w | 268w | 320 m |

sensitive to grinding, even on mild grinding they decompose [5, 7, 8]. In our case, although the Nujol mull preparations of the compounds were done with minimum grinding, infrared spectra exhibit bands attributable to $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ligands in partially decomposed lattice (residual host lattice). These bands have readily been identified by making a comparison between the infrared spectra of several Nujol mulls of clathrate obtained with different degrees of grinding and the $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{Cd}$ host complex, since the IR spectrum of $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{Cd}$ shows a very strong band at $1154 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ due to the $\delta_{\mathrm{s}}$ vibration (Table 1) while the corresponding band of the host lattice of $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{An}, \mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}$ and $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-$ $\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{An}$ clathrates appear at 1153,1158 and $1163 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (w), respectively. Thus, the comparison of the bands at $1126 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (vs) and $1153 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (w) for $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-\mathrm{Zn}-$ $2 \mathrm{An}, 1130 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $1158 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}$, $1133 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $1163 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}-\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{An}$ can be used to appraise the extent of decomposition. Upon gradual liberation of aniline, the band at $1133 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ weakens while the weaker band at $1163 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ increases in intensity. Similar observations have been noted for Hofmann-type [7] and Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates [5, 9].

## $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ group vibrations

In assigning the bands attributable to $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}$, Cd or Hg ) ions in the spectra of our compounds, we refer to the work of Jones [11] who presented vibrational data for the salts $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ in the solid phase and assigned the infrared and Raman active fundamental vibrations of the $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ ion on the basis of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$ symmetry. The vibrational data for $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ groups in the compounds studied are given in Table 2, together with the vibrational wavenumbers of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}, \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Hg}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ [11]. In Table 2 are also listed the wavenumbers of the IR spectra of the benzene $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ [9] and $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ [5] clathrates were both listed and compared to those wavenumbers obtained in our study.

The assigned wavenumbers for the $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ groups in the compounds studied appear to be much higher than those for $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ group in $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}$, Cd or Hg ) salt (Table 2). Such frequency shifts have been observed for $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates [5, 6, 9, 12-14], and $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type host complexes [15-18], in which both ends of the CN group are coordinated and explained as the mechanical coupling of the internal modes of $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ ( $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg ) with the metal $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{NC}$ vibrations. It follows that the N -termini of $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg ) group are also bound to Mn atoms in an octahedral configuration in the compounds studied.

## Aniline vibrations

The assignment and the wavenumbers of the vibrational bands of aniline observed in the spectra of the clathrate
Table 3. The vibrational wavenumbers $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ of aniline in the $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}-2 \mathrm{An}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Zn}, \mathrm{Cd}$ or Hg$)$ clathrates

| Assignment ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Liquid aniline ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{DFT}^{\mathrm{b}} v_{\text {cal }}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Ni}-2 \mathrm{An}^{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{Cd}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}^{\text {d }}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Zn}-2 \mathrm{An}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Cd}-2 \mathrm{An}$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{Hg}-2 \mathrm{An}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ antisym. stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{NH} 2}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 3440s | 3493 | 3471s | 3420s | 3417s | 3412s | 3413s |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ sym. stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{NH} 2}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 3360 vs | 3399 | 3375vs | 3340 vs | 3367s | 3369s | 3368s |
| CH stretching ( $v_{\text {CH }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 3088w | 3077 | 3074w | 3070vw | No | 3080 vw | 3080w |
| CH stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CH}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 3037vw | 3038 | 3036vw | 3040 vw | 3048w | 3046w | 3044w |
| CH stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CH}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 3025 vw | 3039 | 3009 vw | 3000 wm | 3018w | 3016w | 3015w |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ scissoring ( $\delta_{\mathrm{NH} 2}$ ) $\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime}\right)$ | 1618vs | 1627 | 1617vs | - | 1618s | 1617s | 1618s |
| CC stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 1603vs | 1608 | 1600s | 1600vs | 1600vs | 1603vs | 1601vs |
|  |  |  |  | 1582m,sh |  |  |  |
| CC stretching ( $v_{\text {CC }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 1590vw | 1593 | 1582vw | 1565m,sh | 1562m,sh | 1562m,sh | $1561 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{sh}$ |
| CC stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 1503vs | 1503 | 1492s | - | 1496vs | 1495vs | 1495vs |
| CC stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 1468s | 1474 | 1467vs | 1480vs | 1470vs | 1470vs | 1468vs |
|  |  |  |  | 1445m |  |  |  |
| CC stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 1340vs | 1343 | 1339vw | 1325 vw | 1338vw | 1340vw | 1337vw |
| CH i.p. bending $\left(\delta_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 1308vw | 1318 | 1314w | 1310vs | 1316vw | 1315vw | 1310vw |
| $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ stretching ( $v_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NH}_{2}}$ ) $\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime}\right)$ | 1278s | 1271 | 1290s | 1260s | 1260s | 1259s | 1257s |
| CH i.p. bending ( $\delta_{\mathrm{CH}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 1173m | 1176 | 1175s | 1160s | 1178m | 1178m | 1178 m |
| CH i.p. bending $\left(\delta_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 1152w | 1156 | 1152s | 1130s | 1157w | 1158w | 1159w |
| CH i.p. bending $\left(\delta_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 1115vw | 1117 | 1102 vw | - | 1119vw | 1114vw | 1116vw |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ rocking ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 1054m | 1044 | 1041vw | 1045vw | 1053w | 1055w | 1058w |
| CH i.p. bending $\left(\delta_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime}\right)$ | 1028w | 1020 | 1022w | 1025w | 1026w | 1025w | 1025w |
| Ring breathing ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 996m | 994 | 992w | 990w | 1007m | 1006m | 1006m |
| CH o.p. bending $\left(\gamma_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime}\right)$ | 968w | 968 | - | 980w | 982w,sh | 983w,sh | 983w,sh |
| CH o.p. bending $\left(\gamma_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 957w | 938 | - | - | 955vs | 950vs | 950vs |
| CH o.p. bending $\left(\gamma_{\mathrm{CH}}\right)\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime}\right)$ | 874m | 869 | 888 m | 869 m | 896m | 893m | 893m |
| CH o.p. bending ( $\gamma_{\mathrm{CH}}$ ) $\left(\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | 823 vw | 817 | 826 vw | 820 vw | 828 vw | 825 vw | 832 vw |
| $v_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NH} 2+v_{\mathrm{CC}}+\delta \text { ring ( } \mathrm{A}^{\prime} \text { ) }{ }^{\text {a }} \text { ( }{ }^{\text {a }} \text { ( }}$ | 808m | 809 | 812 vw | 800w | 800 m | 800 m | 797m |
| CH o.p. bending ( $\gamma_{\mathrm{CH}}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 747vs | 752 | 765vs | 748vs | 755s | 756s | 755s |
| o.p. Ring deform. ( $\gamma_{\text {ring }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 689vs | 682 | 701s | 680vs | 696vs | 694vs | 694vs |
| Ring deformation ( $\delta_{\text {ring }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 619 vw | 630 | 688w | - | 669 vw | 665vw | 670vw |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ wagging ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 541 vw | 576 | - | - | 566w | 564w | 566w |
| Ring deformation ( $\delta_{\text {ring }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 526w | 529 | - | - | 535w | 534w | 535w |
| o.p. Ring deform. ( $\gamma_{\text {ring }}$ ) ( $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ ) | 501s | 492 | 508 | 490s | 500s | 505s | 500s |

[^2]compounds are listed in Table 3. This table also lists the wavenumbers of aniline in the liquid phase [19], calculated by using (B3-LYP)/6-31G, SQM Scaled [20] and in the clathrates $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{An}$ [7] and $\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{An}$ [10], on which the assignments are based.

The free aniline molecule has $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ symmetry and all vibrational ( $20 \mathrm{~A}^{\prime}+16 \mathrm{~A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) modes are infrared or Raman active. In the infrared spectrum of the aniline clathrates, all the bands of the guest molecule can be correlated with corresponding bands in liquid aniline (Table 3). Values for the $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ modes of aniline are notably different when it is a guest molecule as compared to its being a ligand. It is known that the $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ group vibrational modes of aniline and aniline derivatives are much affected by complex formation [7, 8, 21, 22]. The bands at 3440 and $3360 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ have been assigned to the $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ antisymmetric and symmetric vibrations for liquid aniline, respectively [19, 23]. The $v_{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ and $v_{\mathrm{s}}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ stretching frequencies of coordinated aniline have been observed at 3342 and $3270 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in the Mn (aniline $)_{2} \mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ complexes, respectively [21]. These bands have been observed at 3420 and $3340 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in the $\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{CN})_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{An}$ clathrate [10]. The band at $1618 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ has been assigned to the $\delta\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ scissoring mode of liquid aniline. While this mode decreased by $42 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in $\mathrm{Mn}(\text { aniline })_{2} \mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}$ complex, any significant change in our clathrates was not observed. We also observed this mode at $1618 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in our clathrates.

Upon coordination of aniline the phenyl ring vibrations show significant change in comparison to the free aniline. As can clearly be seen from Table 3, no significant change has been observed for ring modes. The two notable exceptions are the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$ stretching mode and the $\gamma(\mathrm{CH})$ out-of-plane hydrogen deformation mode. The $v(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})$ stretching mode (at $1278 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in liquid aniline) shows a downward shift of about $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in the infrared spectra of our clathrates. The lowering of this mode corresponds to a weak hydrogen bond between $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ group of aniline, $\pi$ cloud and CN group of host lattice.

In our clathrates, the $\gamma(\mathrm{CH})$ out-of-plane hydrogen deformation mode of aniline molecule shows an upward
shift of about $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ in comparison to the liquid aniline $\left(747 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. Similar positive shifts have been observed for Hofmann- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type [10] and Hofmann-type clathrates $[7,8]$. This upward shift may be due to a weak hydrogen bond between the $\pi$-electrons located above and below the plane of the phenyl ring and the $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ of the host lattice, as has been suggested for other clathrates [7, 8, 10].

To conclude we can report that aniline molecule in our clathrates has acted as a guest molecule. The above discussion, when considered as a whole, leads us to the conclusion that the host lattice of our clathrates is similar to those of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{d}}$-type clathrates.

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    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Taken from Ref. [5].
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Taken from Ref. [9].
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Taken from Ref. [10].
    ${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ Band arising from decomposed lattice.

[^2]:    Abbrs: $\mathrm{v}=$ very, $\mathrm{s}=$ strong, $\mathrm{m}=$ medium, $\mathrm{w}=$ weak, $\mathrm{sh}=$ shoulder, $\mathrm{no}=$ not observed, $\mathrm{str} .=$ strectch; $\mathrm{i} . \mathrm{p} .=$ in -plane; o.p. $=$ out-of-plane. Taken from Ref.[19].
    ${ }^{\text {T }}$ Taken from Ret.[20].

