ingham, Foster, and Sargeson² provided elegant confirmation of the structure of the intermediate. Experiments utilizing ¹⁸O support this theory (Buckingham, *et al.*,² and here). An alternate mechanism operates in the case of the *t*-butyl ester complex. This involves formation of the same kind of intermediate, *i.e.*, that containing chelated, carbonyl-oxygen coordinated, ester, but nucleophilic attack occurs at the carbon atom of the alkyl group and it is the alkyl group that is expelled. This mechanism is supported by the results of kinetic studies and oxygen-18 exchange data.

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Metal Isotope Effect on Metal–Ligand Vibrations. I. Phosphine Complexes¹

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Abstract: Far-infrared spectra (600-100 cm⁻¹) have been reported for ⁵⁸Ni(PEt₃)₂Cl₂, ⁵⁸Ni(PEt₃)₂Br₂, ⁵⁸Ni(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, ¹⁰⁴Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, ¹⁰⁴Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, ¹⁰⁴Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, and their ⁶²Ni or ¹¹⁰Pd analogs. The infrared and Raman spectra of Pd-(PPh₃)₂X₂ and Pd(AsPh₃)₂X₂ (X = Cl and Br) have also been obtained. Based on the observed isotopic shifts, the Ni-P stretching vibrations have been assigned at *ca*. 274-260 cm⁻¹ (one band) for *trans*-Ni(PEt₃)₂X₂ and at *ca*. 190-160 cm⁻¹ (two bands) for tetrahedral Ni(PPh₃)₂X₂. Similarly, the Pd-P stretching bands have been assigned at *ca*. 235-232 cm⁻¹ for *trans*-Pd(PEt₃)₂X₂ and at *ca*.

Decently, a number of infrared studies have been **R** made on metal phosphine complexes.^{2–8} The metal-phosphorus stretching frequencies assigned by previous investigators cover a wide frequency range from 460 to 90 cm⁻¹. This scattering of frequencies has been attributed to the differences in the nature (1) of the metals (oxidation state, electronic configuration, etc.); (2) of the phosphine ligands PR_3 , where R is CH_3 , C_2H_5 , or C_6H_5 ; and (3) in the structure of the complex (stereochemistry, coordination number, etc.).^{9,10} It should be noted, however, that all the metal-phosphorus stretching bands reported previously have been assigned empirically (or intuitively) without solid experimental evidence. Recently, we have found¹¹ that the metal isotope technique provides a unique method of assigning the metalligand vibrations of a variety of coordination compounds. The purpose of this work is to apply this new technique to the vibrational spectra of metal phosphine complexes and to examine the validity of previous band assignments. In this paper, we report the results ob-

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tained for trans-Ni(PEt₃)₂X₂ (X = Cl and Br), tetra hedral Ni(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, trans-Pd(PEt₃)₂Cl₂, trans-Pd-(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, and related compounds.

Experimental Section

Preparation of Compounds. All the Ni(II) phosphine complexes were prepared according to the methods of Jensen.¹² All the Pd(II) phosphine complexes were prepared according to the methods reported in literature.¹³ Metal phosphine complexes containing metal isotopes were prepared on a milligram scale. In each case, metallic nickel or palladium (10–15 mg each) was converted into NiCl₂·6H₂O or Na₂[PdCl₄]·4H₂O, respectively, and these salts were treated with the ligands. The purity of each metal isotope was: ⁵⁸Ni (99.98%), ⁶²Ni (99.02%), ¹⁰⁴Pd (89.75%), and ¹¹⁰Pd (96.98%). All the metal isotopes were purchased from Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Triethylphosphine (PEt₃) was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc., Danvers, Mass. Triphenylphosphine (PPh₃) and triphenylarsine (AsPh₃) were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wis. The purity of each metal phosphine complex was checked by comparing the spectrum with that reported in literature.

Spectral Measurements. Infrared spectra of all the complexes except Ni(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (⁵⁸Ni and ⁶²Ni) were measured on a Beckman IR-12 (650–200 cm⁻¹) and a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer FIS-3 (400–100 cm⁻¹) infrared spectrophotometer. The spectra of the remaining complexes were measured on a Beckman IR-11 (600–100 cm⁻¹) infrared spectrophotometer. The Nujol mull technique with polyethylene plates was employed in obtaining the spectra of solids. Calibration of the frequency readings was made with 1,2,4-tri-chlorobenzene and water vapor.

The spectra were run with a scanning speed of $1-2 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{min}$. Reproducibility of the spectra was checked by running the spectra three to five times. The average error in frequency reading was 0.5 cm^{-1} .

The Raman spectra of $Pd(PPh_3)_2X_2$ and $Pd(AsPh_3)_2X_2$ (X = Cl or Br) were measured by using a Cary Model 81 Raman spectrophotometer equipped with a He-Ne gas laser source.

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Table I. Infrared Frequencies of Triethylphosphine Complexes Containing Metal Isotopes (cm⁻¹)

PEt ₃	⁵⁸ Ni(PEt ₃) ₂ Cl ₂		⁵⁸ Ni(PEt ₃) ₂ Br ₂		$^{104} Pd(PEt_3)_2 Cl_2$		Band
$\bar{\nu}$	$\bar{\nu}$	$\Delta ar{ u}^a$	$\bar{\nu}$	$\Delta ar{ u}^a$	$\bar{\nu}$	$\Delta \bar{\nu}^a$	assignment⁰
408 (m)	416.7 (m)	(0.0)	413.6 (m)	(1.2)	413.0 (m)	(-0.3)	δ (CCP)
	403.3 (vs)	(6.7)	337.8 (m)	(10.5)°	358.3 (vs)	(3.4)	$\nu_{\rm a}$ (M-X)
365 (m)	372.5 (m)	(-0.1)	374.0 (m)	(11.1)	375.7 (sh)	(-0.3)	δ (CCP)
330 (m)	329.0 (m)	(-0.5)	327.8 (s)	(0.5)	330.8 (m)	(0.0)	δ (CCP)
,	273.4 (s)	(5.9)	265.0 (m)	(4.7) ^c	234.5 (s)	(2.5)	$\nu_{\rm a}$ (M-P)
245 (m)	Hidden		Hidde	en	272.0 (m, br)	(0.0)	δ (CCP)
	200.2 (m)	(0.8)	190.4 (s)	(0.7)	183.8 (s)	(1.8)	δ (CPC)
	186.5 (sh)	(-0.2)	155.1 (m)	(1.5)	168.0 (sh)	(-0.5)	δ (MX)
	161.5 (vw)	(-0.5)	Hidde	n	152.0 (vw)	(1.0)	δ (MP)
	106.8 (m, br)	(-0.7)	106.0 (m)	(-0.4)	105.5 (s, br)	(0,5)	?

^a $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ indicates metal isotope shift, $\bar{\nu}({}^{b8}Ni) - \bar{\nu}({}^{62}Ni)$ or $\bar{\nu}({}^{104}Pd) - \bar{\nu}({}^{110}Pd)$. ^b ν_{a} , asymmetric stretch, δ ; bending. Ligand vibrations were assigned according to J. H. S. Green, *Spectrochim. Acta*, 24A, 137 (1966). ^c In ${}^{62}Ni(PEt_3)_2Br_2$, these two bands are overlapped (see Figure 1). Therefore, $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ values are only approximate.

Results and Discussion

Triethylphosphine Complexes. Triethylphosphine complexes of the type $M(PEt_3)_2X_2$, where M is Ni(II) and Pd(II) and X is a halogen, are known to be *trans* square-planar.¹² Thus, one M-X stretching and one M-P stretching (both asymmetric type) vibration should be active in the infrared. Furthermore, both bands should be sensitive to metal isotope substitution.

Figure 1 gives the actual tracing of the spectra of ${}^{58}Ni(PEt_3)_2X_2$ (X = Cl and Br) and their ${}^{62}Ni$ analogs. Table I lists the observed frequencies, isotopic shifts, and band assignments. (The bands above 420 cm^{-1} are not listed here since they are not sensitive to metal isotope substitution.) It is seen that each compound exhibits two bands which give large isotopic shifts relative to others. The band at 403.3 cm⁻¹ of ⁵⁸Ni(PEt₃)₂Cl₂ is clearly due to the Ni-Cl stretching mode, since this band is strong and not present in its bromo analog.^{2b;7} Then, the remaining band at 273.4 cm^{-1} must be assigned to the Ni-P stretching mode. This band persists in ⁵⁸Ni-(PEt₃)₂Br₂ at 265.0 cm⁻¹. Previously, Goggin and Goodfellow^{2b} assigned the Ni-P stretching modes of Ni- $(PEt_3)_2X_2$ at 426-410 cm⁻¹, and Coates and Parkin⁷ assigned the same mode of Ni(PEt₃)₂Cl₂ at 415 cm⁻¹. These previous assignments must be revised in view of the new results obtained by the metal isotope technique. Although no direct evidence is available, the Ni-P stretching frequencies (361-366 cm⁻¹) reported by Coates and Parkin⁷ for Ni(PMe₃)₂ X_2 (X = Cl, Br, and I) seem to be too high.

Table I also shows that two bands at 358.3 and 234.5 cm^{-1} of ${}^{104}Pd(PEt_3)_2Cl_2$ are relatively sensitive to the ${}^{104}Pd^{-110}Pd$ substitution. The former can be assigned safely to the Pd–Cl stretching mode since it is in the appropriate frequency range $(370-345 cm^{-1})$. 14 Then, the band at 234.5 cm⁻¹ most probably arises from the Pd–P stretching mode. Previous investigators^{2b,3.7} have assigned the Pd–P stretching bands of Pd(PEt_3)₂X₂- and Pd₂(PEt₃)₂Cl₄-type complexes at 450–380 cm⁻¹. The Pd–P stretching bands of analogous trimethylphosphine complexes have also been assigned at 380–340 cm⁻¹ by many other investigators.^{4–7} Our results show that these frequencies are too high for the Pd(II)–P stretching modes of square-planar complexes.

It should be noted, however, that the magnitude of the observed isotopic shifts is smaller in the Pd(II) than in the Ni(II) complexes mainly because the difference in reciprocal mass between isotopes is smaller in the former than in the latter. Furthermore, some ligand vibrations may show relatively large isotopic shifts, possibly because of vibrational coupling with metalligand stretching modes. In these cases, the distinction between metal-ligand stretching and ligand vibrations cannot be made from the observed metal isotopic shifts alone. A theoretical vibrational analysis or a comparison of infrared spectra among analogous compounds is helpful in making band assignments.



Figure 1. Far-infrared spectra of ${}^{58}Ni(PEt_3)_2X_2$ and ${}^{62}Ni(PEt_3)_2X_2$ (X = Cl and Br).

Below 200 cm⁻¹, one expects (1) skeletal bending modes, (2) ligand vibrations newly activated by complex formation, and (3) lattice modes (in the case of solid spectra). As will be shown later, the skeletal bending frequencies are expected to be much less sensitive to metal isotope substitution than the metal-ligand stretching modes. For example, our approximate calculations on Ni(PEt₃)₂ X_2 (X = Cl and Br) predict a shift of less than 2 cm⁻¹ for the P-Ni-X bending modes. Thus, it is rather difficult to assign the bending modes from metal isotopic shifts. In Table I, we have proposed band assignments which were predicted from our approximate calculations. The band at 183.8 cm^{-1} of ¹⁰⁴Pd(PEt₃)₂Cl₂ gives an isotopic shift of 1.8 cm⁻¹, which is rather larger for a pure ligand vibration, probably because this ligand vibration couples with the Pd-P stretching mode (234.5 cm^{-1}).

Triphenylphosphine Complexes. $Ni(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ is tetrahedral, whereas $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ is *trans* square-planar.¹² Thus, the former should exhibit two Ni-Cl

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Table II.	Infrared Frequencies	of Triphenylphosphine	Complexes Containing	Metal Isotones (cn	n-1)
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PPh ₃	⁵⁸ Ni(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂		Band	
v	ν, ····	$\Delta \bar{\nu}^a$	ν̈́	$\Delta \bar{\nu}^a$	assignment ^b
513 (s)	522 (vs)	(0.0)	522.2 (vs)	(0.1)	y vibration
499 (s)	499 (vs)	(0.0)	510.1 (vs)	(0.1)	·
492 (s)	490 (sh)	(0.0)	501.4 (s)	(0.3)	
431 (m)	448 (sh)	(0.0)	457.4 (m)	(0.3)	t vibration or
420 (m)	440 (m)	(0.0)	438.1 (m)	(-0.4)	ν (P–Ph)
410 (sh)	420 (vw)	(0.0)	424.8 (w)	(0.0)	
398 (w)	399 (vw)	(0.0)	396.1 (vw)	(0, 0)	w vibration
	341.2 (s)	(5.0)	360.3 (s)	(4.3)	$\nu_{\rm s}$ (M–Cl)
	305.0 (m)	(1.7)			$\nu_{\rm s}$ (M–Cl)
272 (vw)			278.4 (w)	(0, 0)	x vibration
254 (w)	263.5 (vw)	(-0.3)	263.1 (w)	(-0.7)	
248 (w)	248.9 (w)	(-0.5)	253.8 (w)	(0.6)	
216 (w)	225.6 (w. sh)	(-0.2)	233.9 (w)	(-0,1)	<i>u</i> vibration or
198 (w)	217.5 (w)	(0.5)	223.3 (w)	(0,2)	δ (Ph-P-Ph)
187 (w)	204.4 (w)	(1.0)	206.0 (w)	(1.5)	- (
	189.6 (w)	(2, 1)	191.2 (m)	(4, 2)	$\nu_{\rm s}$ (M–P)
	164.0 (vw)	(2.4)		()	ν_{s} (M–P),
					δ (Ni-Cl)
			155.0 (vw)	(2.5)	δ (Pd–Cl) or
			143.0 (vw)	(0.5)	δ (Pd-P)
	110.5 (m)	(0.5)	118.5 (m)	(0.4)	?

^{*a*} $\Delta \bar{\nu}$ indicates metal isotope shift: $\bar{\nu}(^{68}\text{Ni}) - \bar{\nu}(^{62}\text{Ni})$ or $\bar{\nu}(^{10}\text{Pd}) - \bar{\nu}(^{110}\text{Pd})$. ^{*b*} ν_{a} , asymmetric stretch; ν_{b} , symmetric stretch; δ , bending. Ligand vibrations were assigned according to K. Shobatake, C. Postmus, J. R. Ferraro, and K. Nakamoto, *Appl. Spectrosc.*, 23, 12 (1969).

Table III.	Infrared and	Raman	Frequencies of	of 🛛	Triphenylphosphine and	Triphenylarsine	Complexes
of Palladiur	n in Natural	Abundai	nce (cm ⁻¹)				

$Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$	$Pd(PPh_3)_2Br_2$	Pd(AsPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	$-Pd(AsPh_3)_2Br_2$		
Ir Raman	Ir Raman	Ir Raman	Ir Raman	Band assignment ^a	
530 (sh) 533 (m) 522 (vs) 520 (sh) 510 (vs) 508 (w) 501 (s) 494 (w)	530 (sh) 530 (m) 523 (vs) 520 (sh) 510 (vs) 508 (w) 499 (s) 496 (w)	475 (s) 476 (sh) 467 (s) 465 (m)	478 (vs) 476 (vw) 466 (vs) 464 (w)	y vibration	
457 (m) 456 (sh) 438 (m) 440 (m) 424 (m) 428 (sh)	458 (m) 454 (sh) 436 (m) 436 (m) 425 (sh) 426 (sh)	336 (s) 336 (s, br) 328 (s)	339 (s)336 (s)329 (s)325 (sh)	t vibration or ν (P-Ph) or ν (As-Ph)	
396 (w) 398 (w) 360 (s) 304 (s)	397 (vw) 399 (vw) 286 (m) 188 (vs)	399 (vw) 399 (w) 360 (s) 308 (s)	400 (vw) 399 (vw) 282 (m) 191 (vs)	w vibration v (Pd-halogen)	
278 (w) 263 (w) 258 (w) 253 (w)	282 (sh) 263 (w) 258 (br, w) 255 (w)	257 (vw) 264 (m) 240 (m) 239 (m)	258 (vw) 260 (m) 239 (w) 241 (m)	x vibration	
233 (w) 228 (w) 223 (w) 206 (w) 199 (w)	237 (w) 232 (w) 217 (w) 205 (w) 203 (sh)	218 (sh) 208 (sh) 209 (m, br) 202 (m) 187 (m)	228 (w) 206 (sh) 205 (sh) 194 (m) 185 (vw)	<i>u</i> vibration or δ (Ph-P-Ph) or δ (Ph-As-Ph)	
191 (m) 155 (m)	185 (m) 150 (m)	180 (m) 132 (m)	180 (vs) 130 (vs)	ν (Pd–P) or ν (Pd–As)	
155 (vw) 143 (vw) 135 (sh)	152 (vw) 142 (vw) 135 (vw)	149 (vw) 135 (vw)	150 (vw) 125 (vw)	δ (Pd-X) or δ (Pd-P)	
118 (m, br)	108 (m) 100 (sh)	105 (m, br)	106 (sh)		

^a Ligand vibrations were assigned according to the reference given in footnote b of Table II.

and two Ni-P stretching, whereas the latter should exhibit one Pd-Cl and one Pd-P stretching band in the infrared. Table II gives the observed frequencies and isotopic shifts for ${}^{58}\text{Ni}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ and ${}^{104}\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$. Only the four bands at 341.2, 305.0, 189.6, and 164.0 cm⁻¹ of the Ni complex are relatively sensitive to the ${}^{58}\text{Ni}-{}^{62}\text{Ni}$ substitution. The former two bands are assigned to the Ni-Cl stretching modes since they are relatively strong and absent in the bromo analog. Then the latter two bands must be assigned to the Ni-P stretching modes. These assignments are in complete

agreement with those previously made by Bradbury, et al.⁸ In ¹⁰⁴Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂, two bands at 360.3 and 191.2 cm⁻¹ show exceptionally large isotopic shifts by the ¹⁰⁴Pd-¹¹⁰Pd substitution. The former is in the region of terminal Pd-Cl stretching frequencies¹⁴ and assigned safely to this mode. Then it is reasonable to assign the latter to the Pd-P stretching mode. Previously, Goodfellow, et al.,³ assigned the bands at 450 and 428 cm⁻¹ of Pd₂(PPh₃)₂Cl₄ to the Pd-P stretching modes. These bands may be assignable to the vibrations of the triphenylphosphine ligand.

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Based on the results obtained above, we have assigned the infrared and Raman spectra of *trans*-Pd-(PPh₃)₂X₂ and *trans*-Pd(AsPh₃)₂X₂ (X = Cl and Br) containing the metal of natural abundance. Table III lists the observed frequencies and band assignments. Previously, Park and Hendra⁶ assigned the M-X and M-P stretching vibrations of analogous trimethylphosphine and trimethylarsine complexes. Our M-X frequencies shown in Table III are very close to those reported by Park and Hendra.^{6,15} However, our Pd-PPh₃ (190–150 cm⁻¹) and Pd-AsPh₃ (180–130 cm⁻¹) stretching frequencies are markedly lower than their Pd-PMe₃ (360–340 cm⁻¹) and Pd-AsMe₃ (280–260 cm⁻¹) stretching frequencies, respectively.

Approximate Normal Coordinate Analysis. In the previous sections, we have assigned the M-P and M-X stretching bands based on the observed isotopic shifts. It is, therefore, desirable to compare them with theoretical isotopic shifts calculated from normal coordinate analysis. Since the $M(PEt_3)_2X_2$ -type molecule is too complex to carry out a rigorous treatment, we have adopted a *trans* planar MY_2X_2 model assuming that the PEt₃ ligand is a single atom having the mass of PEt₃. Evidently, such an approximate calculation provides only a rough measure of theoretical isotopic shifts. Even so, the results are sufficient to show that the magnitudes of the observed isotopic shifts are at least reasonable.

Table IV compares the theoretical and observed isotopic shifts of *trans*-Pd(PEt₃)₂ X_2 (X = Cl and Br) due to

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Table IV. Comparison of Theoretical and Observed Isotopic Shifts for *trans*-Ni(PEt₃)₂ X_2 (cm⁻¹)

	Theoretical		Observed	
	⁶⁸ Ni	$\Delta \bar{\nu}$	58Ni	$\Delta \bar{\nu}$
	Ni(P	$Et_3)_2Cl_2$		
Ni-Cl stretch	402.4	7.2	403.3	6.7
Ni–P stretch	270.8	7.3	273.4	5.9
Ni-Cl bend	189.5	0.0	186.5	-0.2
Ni-P bend	168.2	1.7	161.5	-0.5
	Ni(Pl	$Et_3)_2Br_2$		
Ni-Br stretch	340.9	8.6	337.8	10.5ª
Ni-P stretch	265.9	7.5	265.0	4.7
Ni-Br bend	141.0	0.1	155.1	1.5
Ni-P bend	147.1	0.5	<i>b</i>	

^a See footnote a of Table I. ^b Hidden by the neighboring band.

⁵⁸Ni-⁶²Ni substitution. The molecular parameters used were: Ni-Cl, 2.30; Ni-Br, 2.40; Ni-P, 2.25 Å.¹⁶ The four angles around the Ni atoms were assumed to be 90°. The potential energy was expressed by using the Urey-Bradley field.¹⁷ The following set of force constants was found to be satisfactory: K (stretching), 1.35 for Ni-Cl, 1.25 for Ni-Br, and 0.75 for Ni-P; H(bending), 0.11; F (repulsive), 0.13 (all in units of mdyn/ Å). The results shown in Table IV indicate that (1) the magnitude of the observed isotopic shifts is close to that expected theoretically and (2) the isotopic shifts for bending modes are less than 2 cm⁻¹ in these cases.

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Metal Isotope Effect on Metal–Ligand Vibrations. II. Tris Complexes of 2,2'-Bipyridine and 1,10-Phenanthroline^{1,2}

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Abstract: The far-infrared spectra (500–150 cm⁻¹) of the isotopic pairs have been obtained for the $[Fe(bipy)_3]^{2+}$ (⁶⁴Fe and ⁵⁷Fe), $[Ni(bipy)_3]^{2+}$ and $[Ni(phen)_3]^{2+}$ (⁶⁸Ni and ⁶²Ni), and $[Zn(bipy)_3]^{2+}$ and $[Zn(phen)_3]^{2+}$ (⁶⁴Zn and ⁶⁸Zn) ions. Based on the observed isotopic shifts, the Fe–N, Ni–N, and Zn–N stretching bands have been assigned at 375–360, 300–240, and 240–175 cm⁻¹, respectively.

The infrared spectra of tris complexes of 2,2'-bipyridine (bipy) and 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) with the first-row transition metals have been studied by several investigators. Schilt and Taylor³ and Inskeep⁴ studied the infrared spectra of these compounds in the

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regions from 2000 to 600 and 2000 to 250 cm⁻¹, respectively, and Clark and Williams⁵ extended the infrared measurements down to 60 cm⁻¹. As noted by these investigators, the bands observed in the high-frequency region are mainly due to the ligand vibrations slightly perturbed by coordination and cannot be correlated to the nature of the metal. On the other hand, the spectra below 500 cm⁻¹ are different for each metal involved. Attempts have been made to assign the metal-nitrogen (M-N) stretching vibrations in this region. Inskeep⁴

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