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METAL COMPLEXES OF ANILINE: INFRARED AND RAMAN SPECTRA

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The literature for the years 1965–1987 has been searched for all significant papers which refer to the vibrational spectra of metal complexes of aniline and substituted anilines. These papers have been reviewed with particular reference to isotopic labelling and metal ion substitution studies as assignment techniques and to the structural and bonding information which can be derived from the spectra. Compounds of the following classes are included: $[M(\text{an})_2X_2]$ ($M = \text{Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Hg}$; $\text{an} = \text{aniline}$, $X = \text{Cl, Br, I, NCS}$); *cis-* and *trans-* $[\text{Pt}(\text{an})_2X_2]$ ($X = \text{Cl, Br, I, NO}_2$); $[M(\text{R-an})_2X_2]$ ($M = \text{Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn}$; $\text{R-an} = o-, m-$ and *p*-toluidine and other substituted anilines; $X = \text{Cl, Br, I}$); aniline adducts of metal β -ketoenolates; the complexes *trans-* $[\text{PtL}(\text{R-an})X_2]$ ($L = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$ or CO , $\text{R-an} = \text{aniline}$ or a substituted aniline, $X = \text{Cl, Br}$); and other miscellaneous systems comprising aniline as a ligand.

Keywords: Aniline complexes, vibrational spectra, isotopic labelling, transition metals, infrared, Raman

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

By contrast with the extensive literature on the vibrational spectra of metal complexes of pyridine (py), those of aniline (an) have been studied to a lesser extent despite the importance of aniline and substituted anilines to the field of coordination chemistry. Thus, the most recent edition of Nakamoto's text (1986)¹ does not mention the spectra of these complexes and the earlier standard texts dating from 1967 (Adams)² and 1971 (Ferraro)³ include brief descriptions of the earliest infrared papers only.

The first comprehensive reports on the vibrational spectra of aniline complexes were published in 1965.^{4,5} They gained an advantage over pyridine complexes by virtue of the fact that metal–aniline stretching frequencies are some 100 cm^{-1} higher than metal–pyridine stretches. Thus, progress on the vibrational spectra of aniline complexes did not have to await the advent of commercial far-infrared interferometers which so delayed corresponding studies of pyridine complexes.

In this review, the author hopes to have included reference to all existing papers (up to the end of 1987) on the vibrational spectra of aniline complexes in which the question of band assignments or structural and bonding aspects of the spectra comprises a major feature of the work reported. Particular attention is given to isotopic labelling and the effects of metal ion substitution as assignment techniques. Papers in which the spectra of one or two aniline complexes are mentioned incidentally or which are confined to the internal ligand modes only, have generally been excluded. The indispensable series: *Spectroscopic Properties of Inorganic and Organometallic Compounds*, Volumes 1–20, published by the Royal Society of Chemistry, has been employed as a source of references to the field. These volumes cover the literature for the years 1967–1986.

2. THE SPECTRA OF ANILINE AND THE COMPLEXES $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ (X = Cl, Br, I): DEUTERATION AND ^{15}N -LABELLING

The tetrahedral zinc(II) complex $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ is chosen for initial discussion because it has been the subject of a complete ir analysis over the range $4000\text{--}50\text{ cm}^{-1}$ including a study⁶ of the effects of ^{15}N -, d_2 -, d_5 - and d_7 -labelling (Figs. 1 and 2). Furthermore, the spectrum of this complex has been discussed in relation to the most complete study published on the ir and Raman spectra of aniline and aniline- d_2 by Evans in 1960.⁷

Label	C - C	C - H	N - H	C - N	Zn - N	Zn - Cl
—						
^{15}N						
d_5						
d_2			NHD ND ₂ 			
d_7			NHD ND ₂ 			

FIGURE 1 Qualitative depiction of expected effects of the various types of labelling on vibrations involving the C-C, C-H, N-H, C-N, Zn-N and Zn-Cl bonds in $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$.

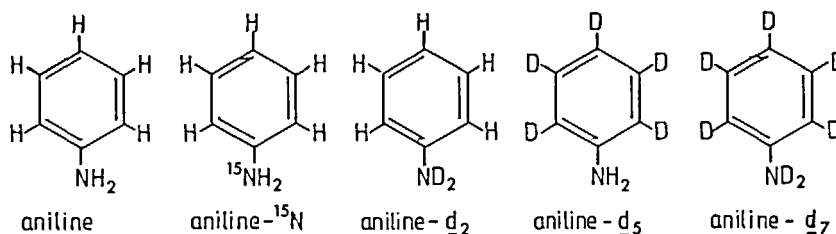


FIGURE 2 Labelled forms of aniline.

In matching the spectrum of $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ with the spectrum of liquid aniline reported by Evans (Table I), it is observed that 17 of the 23 ligand bands move to lower frequency on coordination. The six bands which move to higher frequency comprise ring modes and the NH_2 twisting and wagging modes. The NH_2 scissoring mode and, as expected, the N-H stretching modes, move to lower frequency on coordination, the latter by 175 cm^{-1} (antisymmetric $\nu\text{N-H}$) and 139 cm^{-1} (symmetric $\nu\text{N-H}$).

Only two crossovers occur between the frequencies of the aniline bands and those of the complex. These arise between the first aromatic ring band and the NH_2 scissoring mode near 1600 cm^{-1} and again between the $\delta\text{C-H}$ bands in the $1000\text{--}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region and the NH_2 twist at 1104 cm^{-1} (Table I). Apart from these situations, the order of frequencies of the complex matches that of the ligand.

Deuteration of the ligand (whether d_2 -, d_5 - or d_7 -) causes substantial shifts in the NH_2 modes but smaller shifts (if any) in the ring and C-H modes (Fig. 1). Because of

TABLE I
Frequency data (cm^{-1}) and assignments for aniline, $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ and its labelled analogues

Aniline ^a	[Zn(an) ₂ Cl ₂]							Assignment
	Un-labelled B	¹⁵ N C	<i>d</i> ₃ D	<i>d</i> ₂ E	<i>d</i> ₇ F	Ratio D/B	Ratio E/B	
1440	3265	3256	3263	2442(NHD)	2444(NHD)	1.00	0.75	} v(N-H)
				2391(ND ₂)	2394(ND ₂)		0.73	
1360	3221	3215	3219	2409(NHD)	2409(NHD)	1.00	0.75	} v(N-H---N(Cl))
				2348(ND ₂)	2353(ND ₂)		0.73	
1212	3128	3122	3126	2277	2314	1.00	0.73	} v(C-H)
1071	3039	3039	2277	3033	2280	0.75	1.00	
1037	3018	3017	2266	3010	2265	0.75	1.00	} NH ₂ scissor
1618	1578	1574	1570	1246(NHD)	1206(NHD)	0.99	0.79	
				1107(ND ₂)	1108(ND ₂)		0.70	
1600	1605	1604	1586	1603	1569	0.99	0.99	} v(ring)
1500	1493	1492	1385	1493	1387	0.93	1.00	
1468	1470	1469	1370	1460	1349	0.93	0.99	} v(C-N)
1278	1218	1215	1159	1216	1116	0.95	1.00	
1175	1146	1146	843	1141	843	0.73	1.00	} δ(C-H)
1154	1071	1071	820	1075 ^b	821	0.76	1.00	
1071	1025	1025	763	1024	753	0.74	1.00	} NH ₂ twist
1028	1003	1003	747	1002	(753)	0.74	1.00	
1050	1104	1101	1107	917(NHD)	889(NHD)	1.00	0.83	} NH ₂ twist
				866(ND ₂)	860(ND ₂)		0.78	
970	902	902	648	890	630	0.72	0.99	} γ(C-H)
880	799	794	595	788	596	0.74	0.99	
826	757	755	559	742	556	0.74	0.98	} NH ₂ wag
751	695	693	471	693	454 ^b	0.68	1.00	
670	673	667	673	536(NHD)	532(NHD)	1.00	0.79	} NH ₂ wag
				511(ND ₂)	522(ND ₂)		0.76	
	661	655	660	528(NHD)	(522)(NHD)	1.00	0.80	} δ(ring)
				503(ND ₂)	513(ND ₂)		0.76	
618	619	619	595	619	576	0.96	1.00	} δ(ring)
501	534	533	528	(536)	(513)	0.98	0.99	
	527	523	525	404(NHD)	387(NHD)	0.99	0.76	} NH ₂ rock
				387(ND ₂)	378(ND ₂)		0.73	
	406	398	388	336	330	0.96	0.84	} v(Zn-N)
	366	361	352	322	316	0.96	0.89	
	298	297	298	295	295	1.00	0.99	} v(Zn-Cl)
	273	273	273	273	273	1.00	1.00	
230	225	225	213	225	213	0.95	1.00	} γ(ring)
	205	205	193	205	194	0.94	1.00	
	132	132	132	132	132	1.00	1.00	} δ(Cl-Zn-Cl)
	115	114	111	111	108	0.97	0.97	
	102	102	101	101	100	0.99	0.99	} δ(N-Zn-N)
	89	88	86	88	85	0.97	0.99	

^a Frequencies from paper by Evans,⁷ except band at 230 cm^{-1} ⁶

^b Mean of doublet.

this, there are numerous crossovers of the ND_2 bands in the d_2 - and d_7 -labelled complexes as Fig. 3 shows. Further complications arise from partial hydrogen-deuterium exchange ($\text{NH}_2 \rightarrow \text{NHD} + \text{ND}_2$) which leads to doubling of the amino group bands in the d_2 - and d_7 -labelled complexes. The simplest way of distinguishing between the NH_2 and ring modes is by ^{15}N -labelling since the shifts on introducing the ^{15}N isotope are much smaller than those which occur on deuteration. The author strongly recommends this technique to those who would study the vibrational spectra of aniline complexes, especially in view of the commercial availability of aniline- ^{15}N at a reasonable price. The ^{15}N -labelled shifts lie between 0 and 9 cm^{-1} . As expected from the diatomic molecule relationship: $\nu = k(f/\mu)^{1/2}$ ($k = \text{constant}$, $f = \text{force constant}$, $\mu = \text{reduced mass}$) the $\nu\text{N-H}$ bands shift most (between 6 and 9 cm^{-1}) while the NH_2 bending modes (scissor, twist, wag and rock) shift between 3 and 6 cm^{-1} . There are only three anomalously shifted bands (the $\gamma\text{C-H}$ modes between 690 and 800 cm^{-1}), a phenomenon which probably arises from vibrational coupling.

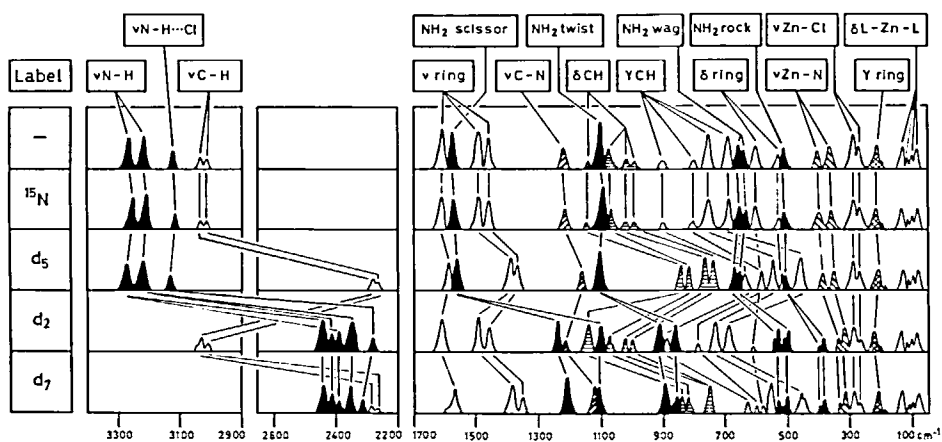


FIGURE 3 The i.r. spectra of $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ and its labelled analogues.

Deuteration of the aniline ring (d_5) or amino group (d_2) enables a ready distinction to be made between the C-H and ring modes of the aromatic ring. In 1979, Thornton and colleagues⁸ examined the ratio $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ between the frequencies of corresponding bands in the spectra of normal and deuterated molecules of several nitrogenous ligands and their complexes. It was found that $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ falls within the ranges 0.68 to 0.85 for C-H vibrations and 0.85 to 1.00 for ring modes. Thus, determination of the ratio affords a ready method for distinguishing between these two classes of vibrational modes. Table I includes the values for the $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ ratio for the d_2 - and d_5 -labelled complexes. It is observed that, on the basis of the assignments proposed, the values of the ratio fall within the ranges cited above. Furthermore, the ratio for the NH_2 modes is close to unity for d_5 -labelling as would be expected for deuteration at a site remote from the NH_2 group but much lower for d_2 -labelling where deuteration occurs at the amino group.

The far-ir spectra of aniline complexes are simplified by the fact that aniline has only one vibrational mode with a frequency less than 450 cm^{-1} . This is the γ -ring band at 230 cm^{-1} which is doubled in the spectrum of the complex $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$, the

two peaks occurring at 225 and 205 cm^{-1} . Apart from these two bands, eight peaks are observed within the range 450–50 cm^{-1} . For the C_{2v} symmetry of this tetrahedral molecule, eight bands are anticipated: two $\nu\text{Zn-N}$, two $\nu\text{Zn-Cl}$ and four $\delta\text{L-Zn-L}$ bands.

Table II lists the band shifts which occur for the four modes of labelling and also those which occur on substitution of Cl by Br or I. On the basis of these shifts, there is no ambiguity in establishing the correct assignments. Even the bending modes may be distinguished in this way.

TABLE II
Shifts (cm^{-1}) induced by isotopic labelling and halogen substitution in low-frequency bands of $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$

Frequency unlabelled	Shift ^a						Assignment
	¹⁵ N	<i>d</i> ₅	<i>d</i> ₂	<i>d</i> ₇	Br	I	
406	8	18	70	76	3	8	$\nu(\text{Zn-N})\text{asym} (b_1)$
366	5	14	44	50	9	22	$\nu(\text{Zn-N})\text{sym} (a_1)$
298	1	0	3	3	86	112	$\nu(\text{Zn-Cl})\text{asym} (b_2)$
273	0	0	0	0	81	118	$\nu(\text{Zn-Cl})\text{sym} (a_1)$
225	0	12	0	12	0	2	} $\gamma(\text{ring})$
205	0	12	0	11	^b	3	
132	0	0	0	0	9	19	$\delta(\text{Cl-Zn-Cl}) (a_1)$
115	1	4	4	7	0	3	$\delta(\text{N-Zn-N}) (a_1)$
102	0	1	1	2	9	21	} $\delta(\text{N-Zn-Cl}) (b_1, b_2)$
89	1	3	1	4	15	22	

^a All shifts are to lower wavenumber.

^b Masked by $\nu(\text{Zn-Br})\text{asym}$ band.

A comparison between the frequency data for the complexes $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ and $[\text{Zn}(\text{py})_2\text{X}_2]$ is of interest (Table III). The $\nu\text{Zn-N}$ frequencies are much higher for the aniline complex. This is, at least partly, a result of the mass effect if we consider that the zinc(II) ion is effectively "vibrating against" the NH_2 group (mass: 16 amu) in the aniline complex and against the pyridine molecule (mass: 79 amu) in the pyridine complex. By contrast, the $\nu\text{Zn-X}$ values are more comparable for the pyridine and aniline complexes where the mass effects are similar.

TABLE III
Comparison of the metal-ligand frequency data for the complexes $[\text{ZnL}_2\text{X}_2]$ (L = aniline, pyridine; X = Cl, Br, I) (cm^{-1})

Band	$[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$			$[\text{Zn}(\text{py})_2\text{X}_2]$		
	X = Cl	X = Br	X = I	X = Cl	X = Br	X = I
$\nu\text{Zn-N asym} (b_1)$	406	403	398	217	218	213
$\nu\text{Zn-N sym} (a_1)$	366	357	344	200	182	165
$\nu\text{Zn-X asym} (b_2)$	298	212	186	331	260	222
$\nu\text{Zn-X sym} (a_1)$	273	192	155	296	213	147
$\delta\text{N-Zn-N} (a_1)$	115	115	113	154	151	154
$\delta\text{X-Zn-X} (a_1)$	132	123	(113)	} Beyond limit of measurement		
$\delta\text{N-Zn-X} (b_1, b_2)$	102	93	82			
	89	74	67			

3. THE COMPLEXES $[M(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ ($M = \text{Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd}$;
 $\text{X} = \text{Cl, Br, I}$).

The earliest ir studies on the complexes of formula $[M(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ were made in 1965.^{4,5} Jungbauer and Curran⁴ determined the spectra of 19 complexes of the metal(II) ions Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pd and Pt. However, most of the discussion related to the amino group vibrations, the low frequency limit being 250 cm^{-1} . Some d_2 -labelled complexes were included and these assisted the assignment of the internal ligand modes. Concerning the metal-ligand modes, $\nu\text{M-X}$ was assigned for six of the complexes studied and the results are generally in good agreement with those subsequently obtained by other workers using more sophisticated techniques (Table IV). No specific assignments for the $\nu\text{M-N}$ modes were reported but bands within the range $450\text{--}370\text{ cm}^{-1}$ were found to shift by an average of 12 cm^{-1} on ND_2 -deuteration and their frequencies were observed to be metal-sensitive in the sequence $\text{Pt} > \text{Pd} > \text{Cu} > \text{Co} > \text{Mn} > \text{Zn} > \text{Cd}$ which suggested that they were associated with $\nu\text{M-N}$.

TABLE IV
 Comparison of the $\nu\text{M-N}$ and $\nu\text{M-X}$ frequency data from eight studies of the ir spectra of $[M(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ complexes

Complex	Mode	Thornton ⁹	Ahuja ⁵	Goldstein ^{10,11}	Others ^{4,12-14}
$\text{Mn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$		386 374	386 ^a 318 ^a	370 ^c
	$\nu\text{M-Cl}$		227	239 ^a 216	318 ^c
$\text{Mn}(\text{an})_2\text{Br}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$		367 350	380 ^a 329 ^a	371 ^c
	$\nu\text{M-Br}$		n.o.	162 152	
$\text{Mn}(\text{an})_2\text{I}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$		361 355		
$\text{Co}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$	416 367	415 366	413 365	413, ^d 414 ^c 365, ^d 364 ^c
	$\nu\text{M-Cl}$	319 303	318 299		319, ^c 319 ^c 297, ^c 299 ^c
$\text{Co}(\text{an})_2\text{Br}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$	416 395	412 358		
	$\nu\text{M-Br}$	242 221	245		
$\text{Co}(\text{an})_2\text{I}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$		410 349		
	$\nu\text{M-I}$		~ 208		
$\text{Ni}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$	379 349	383 ^a 350	391 ^a 348 ^a	390, ^d 375 ^c
	$\nu\text{M-Cl}$	235 208	238	253 237	207 ^c
$\text{Ni}(\text{an})_2\text{Br}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$	381 ^a 350	378 ^a 354	387 ^a 354 ^a	
	$\nu\text{M-Br}$	199 176	n.o.	188 179	
$\text{Ni}(\text{an})_2\text{I}_2$	$\nu\text{M-N}$		361 345		

TABLE IV (continued)

Complex	Mode	Thornton ⁹	Ahuja ⁵	Goldstein ^{10,11}	Others ^{4,12-14}
Cu(an) ₂ Cl ₂	νM-N	434	430	n.r.	430 ^d
		359	357	361	
	νM-Cl	310	306	313	306 ^e
Cu(an) ₂ Br ₂	νM-N	235			
		431	424	-	
	νM-Br	352	348	354	
Zn(an) ₂ Cl ₂	νM-N	230	233	242	
		-	-	-	
	νM-Cl	406	402		400, ^d 406 ^e
Zn(an) ₂ Br ₂	νM-N	366	362		363, ^d 366 ^e
		298	294		295, ^e 297 ^e
	νM-Br	273			287 ^e
Zn(an) ₂ I ₂	νM-N	403	400		401 ^e
		357	355		357 ^e
	νM-Br	212	230		234 ^e
Cd(an) ₂ Cl ₂	νM-N	192			209 ^e
		398	396		397 ^e
	νM-I	344	342		344 ^e
Cd(an) ₂ Br ₂	νM-N	186	n.o.		
		155			
	νM-Cl		377	382 ^a	373 ^e
Cd(an) ₂ I	νM-N		351	320 ^a	
			n.r.	216 ^a	
	νM-Cl			187 ^a	
Hg(an) ₂ Cl ₂	νM-N		365	373	368 ^e
			350	324	
	νM-Br		n.r.	187 ^a	
Hg(an) ₂ Br ₂	νM-N			140	
			370	210 ^b	377 ^e
	νM-I		339	197 ^b	341 ^e
Hg(an) ₂ I ₂	νM-N			155 ^b	
				140 ^b	
	νM-Cl				370, ^f 372 ^e
Hg(an) ₂ Cl ₂	νM-Cl				297 ^f
					365 ^f
Hg(an) ₂ Br ₂	νM-N				345 ^f

Mean of split band

At ca. 100K¹¹Jungbauer and Curran⁴Noji and Kidani¹²Akyüz and Davies¹³Ahuja and Rastogi¹⁴

Also in 1965, Ahuja *et al.*⁵ determined the uv and ir spectra of a wide range of complexes [M(an)₂X₂] (M = Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd; X = Cl, Br, I). The uv reflectance spectra were used to assign structures to these compounds. On their basis, the Mn(II) and Ni(II) complexes were assigned polymeric octahedral structure with bridging halides, the Cu(II) complexes being similar but tetragonally-distorted by the Jahn-Teller effect. The Co(II) complexes are tetrahedral like those of Zn(II). The ir

spectra were confined to the far-ir region 600–200 cm^{-1} . The assignments were made on a purely empirical basis. Two (occasionally three) bands were assigned to $\nu\text{M-N}$ within the range 430–330 cm^{-1} . The $\nu\text{M-X}$ bands could only be assigned for one-third of the complexes studied. Four monomeric bis(ethanol) adducts of formula $[\text{M}(\text{an})_2(\text{ethanol})_2\text{X}_2]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mn, Ni; X} = \text{Cl, Br}$) were included. For these, $\nu\text{M-O}$ was reported in the 480–460 cm^{-1} region. Except for the complexes of Mn(II) and Cd(II) , the agreement of the results of Ahuja *et al.* with those of other workers is generally good (Table IV).

In 1978, the ^{15}N -labelling study which had successfully been applied to the ir spectra of $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]^6$ (Section 2) was extended to the corresponding complexes of Co(II) , Ni(II) and Cu(II) by Thornton *et al.*⁹ ^{15}N -Labelling, halide substitution and the effects of metal-ion substitution were used for the assignments of the internal ligand modes and the metal-ligand vibrations. The spectra are depicted in Fig. 4 and the frequency and shift data are reported in Table V. The lower limit of this work was 140 cm^{-1} . The amino group modes were assigned on the basis of the ^{15}N -shifts; they were observed in regions similar to those reported for $[\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$. The $\nu\text{M-N}$ modes were assigned to two bands within the range 440–340 cm^{-1} which exhibited shifts of between 2 and 8 cm^{-1} towards lower frequency on ^{15}N -labelling and which were relatively insensitive towards X-substitution. The two $\nu\text{M-Cl}$ bands were within the range 320–200 cm^{-1} . They were unaffected by ^{15}N -labelling but shifted to the range 240–175 cm^{-1} on substitution of Br for Cl.

TABLE V
Frequencies and ^{15}N -induced shifts (in parentheses) of aniline and the complexes $[\text{M}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2](\text{cm}^{-1})^a$

Aniline ^b	M = Co	M = Ni	M = Cu	M = Zn	M = Zn	Assignment
$[\text{M}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$						
3440	3262(11)	3311(7) ^c	3307(9)	3265(9)		$\nu(\text{N-H})_{\text{asym.}}$
3376	3216(10)	3249(8) ^d	3231(5)	3221(6)		$\nu(\text{N-H})_{\text{sym.}}$
3212	3126(8)	3132(5)	3161(2)	3128(6)		$\nu(\text{N-H}\cdots\text{N}(\text{Cl}))$
1618	1577(5)	1572 ^c	1567(4)	1578(4)		NH_2 scissor
1600	1604	1602	1602	1605		$\nu(\text{ring})^f$
1278	1220(4)	1240(8) ^e	1221(5)	1218(3)		$\nu(\text{C-N})$
1175	1144(2)	1150 ^c	1143(2)	1146		} $\delta(\text{C-H})$
1154	1072	1064	1066	1071		
1071	1025		1029	1025		
1028	1003	999	1003	1003		} NH_2 twist
1050	1103(8)	1043(4)	1089(7)	1104(3)		
970	902	891	901	902		} $\delta(\text{C-H})$
880	799(7) ^h	804(6) ^{gh}	804(7) ^h	799(5) ^h		
826	755	749	749	752		
751	693	692 ^g	692	695(2)		} NH_2 wag
694	665(6)	628(3)	682(6)	673(6)		
670	652(7)			661(6)		} $\delta(\text{ring})$
618	619	613	620(2)	619		
501	533(3)	522		534		} NH_2 rock
	525(4)	544(6)	535(4)	527(4)		
	416(6)	379(4)	434(6)	406(8)		} $\nu(\text{M-N})$
	367(4)	349(4)	359(2)	366(5)		
	319	235	310(2)	298		} $\nu(\text{M-Cl})$
	303	208	235(2)	273		

TABLE V

Aniline ^b	M = Co	M = Ni	M = Cu	M = Zn	M = Zn	Assignment
230	227	(235)	(235)	225		} γ (ring)
		185		205		
	150	168	168(2)			δ (L-M-L)
[M(an) ₂ Br ₂]					[Zn(an) ₂ I ₂]	
3440	3257(12)	3308(8)	3294(11)	3260(7)	3268(8)	v(N-H) asym.
3376	3210(7)	3236(7) ^j	3232(9)	3219(7)	3215(6)	v(N-H) sym.
3212	3115(7)	3136(12)	3157(3)	3118(7)	3105(8)	v(N-H...N(X))
1618	1570(5)	1568(5)	1562(5)	1571(5)	1564(4)	NH ₂ scissor
1600	1603	1603	1601	1603	1602	v(ring) ^f
1278	1218(5)	1227(4) ^g	1219(6)	1217(4)	1214(4)	v(C-N)
1175	1139(4)	1150 ^e	1142(5)	1141(3)	1132(3)	
1154	1070	1066	1067	1071	1068	} δ (C-H)
1071	1026		1029	1024	1028	
1028	1001	999	1004(2)	1002	1002	
1050	1099(5)	1046(4)	1090(8)	1102(5)	1090(7)	NH ₂ twist
970	902	891	902	901	900	
880	798(7) ^h	804(6) ^h	803(8) ^h	798(4) ^h	798(6) ^h	} δ (C-H)
826	754	750	752	753	754	
751	693	693 [*]	692	692	693	
694	658(7)	627(4)	676(6)	663(5)	647(5)	} NH ₂ wag
670	644(6)	609(4)		651(7)	636(5)	
618	618		619	618	616	δ (ring)
	532(3)	544(7)	535(4)	540(7)	538(6)	} NH ₂ rock
	524(4)	525(4)		525(3)	520(2)	
	416(8)	372(4) ^k	431(6)	403(6)	398(6)	} v(M-N)
	395(3)	350(7)	352(4)	357(2)	344(3)	
	242	199	230	212	186	} v(M-X)
	221	176		192	155	
230	(221)	210sh	(230)	225	223	} γ (ring)
	191		158		155	

^a Absence of shift data implies a shift ≤ 1 cm⁻¹. Data for [Zn(an)₂Cl₂] from [6]. ^b Frequencies for aniline from [7]. ^c Shoulder at 3320(8) cm⁻¹. ^d Shoulder at 3240(5) cm⁻¹. ^e Too broad for determination of ¹⁵N-shift. ^f Two additional v(ring) bands near 1490 and 1470 cm⁻¹ [6] are masked by nujol bands. ^g Mean of doublet. ^h Assigned to γ (C-H) despite observed ¹⁵N-shift since corresponding band shifts only 11 cm⁻¹ in spectrum of [Zn(an-d₂)₂Cl₂] compared with 238 cm⁻¹ shift in NH₂ twist. ⁱ Shoulder at 392(3) cm⁻¹. ^j Shoulder at 324(6) cm⁻¹. ^k Shoulder at 389(4) cm⁻¹.

The vM-N and vM-X bands vary in the sequences Co > Ni < Cu > Zn for one band and Co > Ni < Cu < Zn for the other. The increased coordination number (CN) which accompanies substitution of Co (CN = 4) by Ni (CN = 6) is expected¹⁵ to lead to a decrease in vM-L as is observed for both vM-N and both vM-X bands. Despite the fact that the Ni(II) and Cu(II) complexes have the same CN, replacement of Ni by Cu is expected¹⁶ to cause an increase in vM-L because of the additional stabilization accompanying the tetragonal Jahn-Teller distortion of the Cu complex (or the reduced CN if it is *trans*-square planar as has been proposed by others¹⁰). This is also observed for all the vM-N and vM-X bands. Replacement of Cu(II) by Zn(II) leads to a reduction in CN (assuming tetragonal structure for the copper

complex) which would tend to increase $\nu_{\text{Zn-L}}$ and a decrease in crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE) which would tend to reduce $\nu_{\text{Zn-L}}$.¹⁷ These opposing influences cause some $\nu_{\text{M-L}}$ bands to increase and others to decrease with the shift either way, being smaller than those resulting from the metal ion substitutions discussed above.

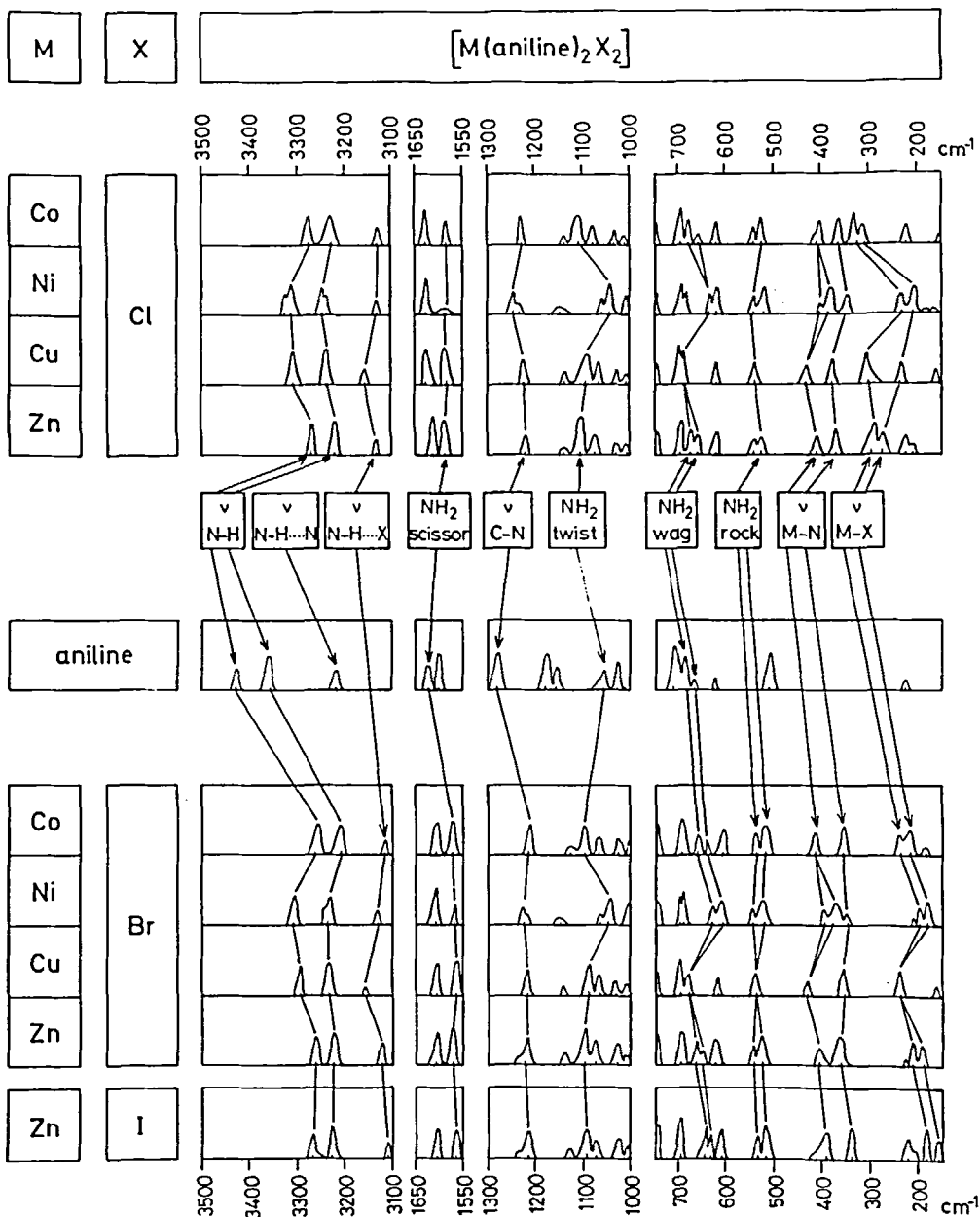


FIGURE 4 Infrared spectra of aniline complexes $[M(\text{an})_2X_2]$. Spectrum of $\text{Zn}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2$ from ref. 6.

As a corollary to these metal ion substitution effects, the ir spectra of the complexes $[M(an)_2(ethanol)_2Cl_2]$ ($M = Co, Ni$) have been studied (Fig. 5).⁹ The transformation $[Co(an)_2Cl_2] \rightarrow [Co(an)_2(ethanol)_2Cl_2]$ leads to an increase in CN and a decrease in CFSE. Both effects will tend to reduce the $\nu M-L$ frequencies. This is observed ($\nu Co-N$ shifts from 416, 367 cm^{-1} to 391, 353 cm^{-1} and $\nu Co-Cl$ moves from 319, 303 cm^{-1} to 212, 203 cm^{-1}). The marked reduction in $\nu Co-Cl$ indicates relatively weak Co-Cl bonding in the ethanol adduct. By contrast, the occurrence of $\nu Co-O$ at 474 cm^{-1} indicates that the bonding between Co and ethanol is quite strong.

The transformation of $[Ni(an)_2Cl_2]$ into its *bis*(ethanol) adduct leads to no change in CN (both complexes are octahedral) and both complexes have similar CFSEs. As a result, the observed shifts in $\nu Ni-N$ and $\nu Ni-Cl$ are much smaller than those which occur in the cobalt complexes.

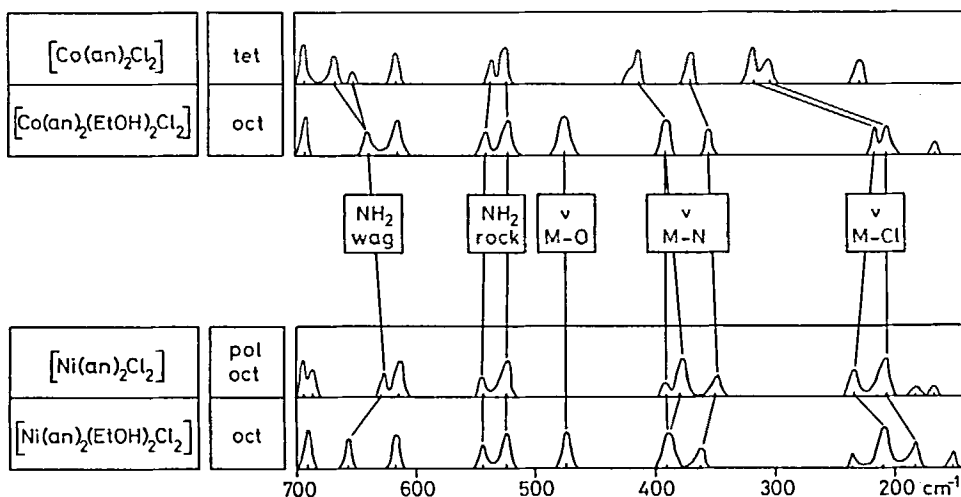


FIGURE 5 Comparison of infrared spectra of $[M(an)_2Cl_2]$, and $[M(an)_2(ethanol)_2Cl_2]$, tet = tetrahedral, oct = octahedral, pol oct = polymeric octahedral.

In 1980, Goldstein and Hughes,¹⁰ (without reference to the 1978 paper of Thornton *et al.*⁹) discussed the far-ir spectra (400–30 cm^{-1}) of several aniline complexes $[M(an)_2X_2]$ ($M = Mn, Ni, Cu, Cd$; $X = Cl, Br$) and their deuterated (d_2) analogues. The Raman spectra of the Cd(II) complexes were also reported. The effects of deuteration, expressed as the ν^{H}/ν^D ratio, were used to distinguish between the $\nu M-N$ and $\nu M-X$ bands and to make some skeletal deformation assignments. The metal-ligand assignments (Table IV) confirmed octahedral polymeric structure for the Mn(II), Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes but the Cu(II) complexes were considered to be *trans*-square planar rather than polymeric tetragonal, only one $\nu M-N$ and one $\nu M-X$ band being assignable in their spectra. A crystallographic study of this complex would be of interest.

In 1982, Akyüz and Davies¹³ reported the ir (4000–200 cm^{-1}) and Raman (3500–50 cm^{-1}) spectra of a range of complexes $[M(an)_2X_2]$ ($M = Mn, Co, Ni, Zn, Cd, Hg$; X variously = Cl, Br, I). Assignments were proposed for all of the observed bands. Again, the elusive paper by Thornton *et al.* in 1978⁹ was not referred to. No

labelling studies were made but the interesting assignment technique originally proposed by Lever and Ramaswamy¹⁸ for certain metal-pyridine complexes was extended to these aniline complexes. This consists of observing the shift in the ir band which occurs on cooling the mullied sample to *ca.* 83 K. It was noted that, whilst the aniline ring and C-H modes are virtually insensitive to temperature, the NH₂ rocking mode and the ν M-L modes increase with decreasing temperature. By contrast, the frequencies of the N-H stretching modes decrease at low temperature. Positive shifts of between 4 and 10 cm⁻¹ are observed for the ν M-N and ν M-X bands. Unfortunately, the neighbouring NH₂ rocking modes also shift by a similar magnitude and are therefore not distinguished from the ν M-N bands by this technique. An extension of this method to the ir spectra of other coordination compounds would be of interest. The frequency data resulting from the work of Akyüz and Davies is compared with the earlier reported assignments in Table IV.

4. THE COMPLEXES [M(an)₂(NCS)₂] (M = Co, Ni, Cu, Zn)

The assignment problem in this series of compounds exceeds those of the halide complexes discussed in Section 3 in respect of the additional internal ligand bands conferred by the presence of the isothiocyanate ligands and by the existence of two species of ν M-N bands which are distinguished in this discussion by ν M-N and ν M-NCS. Engelter and Thornton¹⁹ labelled both nitrogen atoms with the ¹⁵N-isotope in order to distinguish between the coordination of the two ligands. The spectra and the resulting assignments are depicted in Fig. 6 with the spectra of aniline and NaSCN shown for comparison. The frequencies of principal interest and the relevant shift data are given in Table VI.

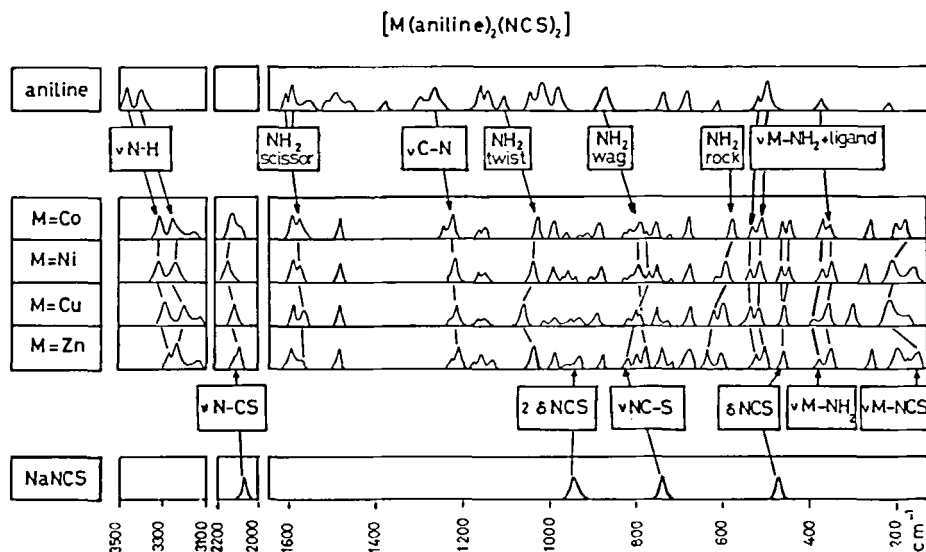


FIGURE 6 Infrared spectra of the complexes [M(an)₂(NCS)₂].

TABLE VI
Infrared frequencies (cm^{-1}) of complexes $[\text{ML}_2(\text{NCS})_2]$ (L = aniline)^a

Vibration	Ligand		M = Co	M = Ni	M = Cu	M = Zn
	NaSCN	Aniline ^b				
vN-H asym		3481(10)	3324(0,9)	3325(0,9)	3300(0,9)	3279(0,6)
vN-H sym		3395(5)	3252(2,8)	3254(0,6)	3218(3,8)	3235(0,6)
vN-H---N			3153(0,8)		3128(0,8)	3138(0,6)
vN-CS ^c	2074(26)		2123(29,2)	2131(27,0)	2118(28,2)	2100(29,0)
NH ₂ scissor		1619(6)	1589(0,5)	1590(0,4)	1578(0,4)	1591(0,3)
vC-N		1276(5)	1234(0,4)	1238(3,8)	1232(0,5)	1223(0,4)
NH ₂ twist		1115(2)	1043(0,2)	1051(0,4)	1077(0,6)	1050(0,4)
2 δ NCS	960(7)		922(7,0)			948(7,0)
NH ₂ wag		884(2)	805(0,7)	806(0,6)	808(6,6)	798(0,6)
vNC-S	756(10)		784(11,0)	779(^d ,0)	815(5,0)	833(11,0)
NH ₂ rock			588(0,5)	602(0,5)	638(0,7)	648(0,6)
vM-NH ₂ + ligand			541(0,6)	544(0,5)	550(0,6)	534(0,6)
		529(6)	520(0,2)	523(0,2)	532(0,4)	520(0,3)
		382(0)	361(0,8)	361(0,4)	370(0,3)	367(0,3)
vM-NH ₂			376(0,4)	380(0,4)	403(0,6)	390(0,6)
δ NCS	481(4)		471(4,0)	471(4,0)	465(3,0)	470(4,0)
			461(3,0)	460(4,0)		
vM-NCS			186(4,0)	227(2,0)	231(2,0)	167(4,0)

^a Frequencies are followed by ¹⁵N-induced shifts in parentheses in the order (¹⁵NCS shift, ¹⁵NH₂ shift). Shifts < 1 cm^{-1} are not considered significant and are cited as zero shifts. All shifts are reported to the nearest integral values and are to lower frequencies.

^b Frequencies > 1000 cm^{-1} from spectra of 0.05 M CCl₄ solutions. Frequencies < 1000 cm^{-1} from liquid film

^c Sharp shoulders on these bands are omitted.

^d Band disappears on ¹⁵NCS-labelling.

These complexes have the same structures as the corresponding halides except for the pink Co(II) complex which is now polymeric octahedral rather than tetrahedral. The Ni(II) complex is polymeric octahedral. The Zn(II) complex is tetrahedral and the Cu(II) complex is polymeric tetragonal. However, not all of the bands expected on theoretical grounds were observed within the range studied (to 150 cm^{-1}). The distinction between vM-N and vM-NCS was readily made on the basis of the two modes of isotopic labelling and there is apparently little vibrational coupling between the two species of metal ligand stretching modes; less, in fact, than occurs in the corresponding pyridine complexes.²⁰ This is undoubtedly because of the large separation between the vM-N and vM-NCS modes in the aniline complexes whereas the frequencies are much more similar in the pyridine complexes. In the isothiocyanate-aniline complexes, there is, however, evidence of considerable coupling between vM-N and internal aniline ligand modes in three of the bands.

So far as metal ion substitution is concerned, it is interesting to note the difference in the effect of substitution of Co(II) by Ni(II) between the halide and isothiocyanate complexes. The relevant data are highlighted in Table VII. The transformation of the cobalt halide into the nickel halide complex leads to a decrease in the vM-L bands principally because of the increase in CN. The transformation of the cobalt

isothiocyanate into the nickel isothiocyanate complex, on the other hand, involves no change in CN but an increase in CFSE which results, not only from the metal ion substitution, but also from the replacement of Cl^- by NCS^- , the latter ligand having a higher ligand field strength.²¹ The result is an increase in $\nu\text{M-L}$. A corresponding study of the complexes $[\text{M}(p\text{-toluidine})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$ has been made with similar results.¹⁹

TABLE VII
Comparison of effects of substitution of Co(II) by Ni(II) in chloride and isothiocyanate aniline complexes

Band	$[\text{Co}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$	\rightarrow	$[\text{Ni}(\text{an})_2\text{Cl}_2]^9$	$[\text{Co}(\text{an})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$	\rightarrow	$[\text{Ni}(\text{an})_2(\text{NCS})_2]^{19}$
	tetrahedral	\rightarrow	octahedral	octahedral	\rightarrow	octahedral
$\nu\text{M-N}$	416		379	361 ^a		361 ^a
	367		349	376		380
$\nu\text{M-X}$	319		235	186		227
	303		208	^b		^b

^a Coupled with aniline ligand mode

^b Not observed

5. THE COMPLEXES *cis*- AND *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ (X = Cl, Br, I, NO_2)

Only one infrared study²² has been made of these complexes but it is a complete one covering the range $4000\text{--}90\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and involving both ^{15}N -labelling and d_5 -deuteration of aniline. The ^{15}N -labelling served best for the assignment of the amino group vibrations which shift much less on introducing this isotope than they do on d_5 -labelling of the aromatic ring. The latter technique serves best for distinguishing between the aniline ring modes and the aromatic C-H modes, using the $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ ratio (see Section 2). The far-ir spectra are depicted in Fig. 7 and the frequencies are given in Table VIII.

The shifts in the N-H bands on ^{15}N -labelling are between 3 and 11 cm^{-1} in the halide complexes and there is very little difference between the *cis*- and *trans*-complexes in the mid-ir region. The $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ ratio spans the values 0.68 to 0.83 for C-H modes and 0.83 to 1.03 for ring modes. The internal NO_2^- modes are uniquely observed in the spectra of *cis*- and *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{an})_2(\text{NO}_2)_2]$, respectively, as follows: νNO_2 asym: $1418, 1406$; νNO_2 sym: $1355, 1337\text{ cm}^{-1}$; δNO_2 : $831, 823\text{ cm}^{-1}$; NO_2 wag: $610, 625\text{ cm}^{-1}$. None of these bands exhibits a shift exceeding 1 cm^{-1} on d_5 -labelling of aniline. The complete list of ligand bands is given in the reference.²²

From Table VIII, it is observed that the $\nu\text{Pt-X}$ bands are recognized by complete absence of shift on ^{15}N - and d_5 -labelling with the exception of $\nu\text{Pt-I}$ which shifts by 7 and 5 cm^{-1} for the *cis*- and *trans*-complexes, respectively, in the deuterated samples. In these cases, coincidence of $\nu\text{Pt-I}$ with $\delta\text{N-Pt-N}$ causes the sensitivity towards deuteration. The two components of the $\nu\text{Pt-X}$ bands in the *cis*-complexes are only just resolved in the spectra of all of the complexes except for X = Br. In the spectra of the *trans*-complexes, they are true singlets. These observations conform with symmetry expectations (two $\nu\text{Pt-N}$ and two $\nu\text{Pt-X}$ bands anticipated for the C_{2v} *cis*-isomer and one of each for the D_{2h} *trans*-isomer). The ratios $\nu\text{Pt-Br}/\nu\text{Pt-Cl}$ and $\nu\text{Pt-}$

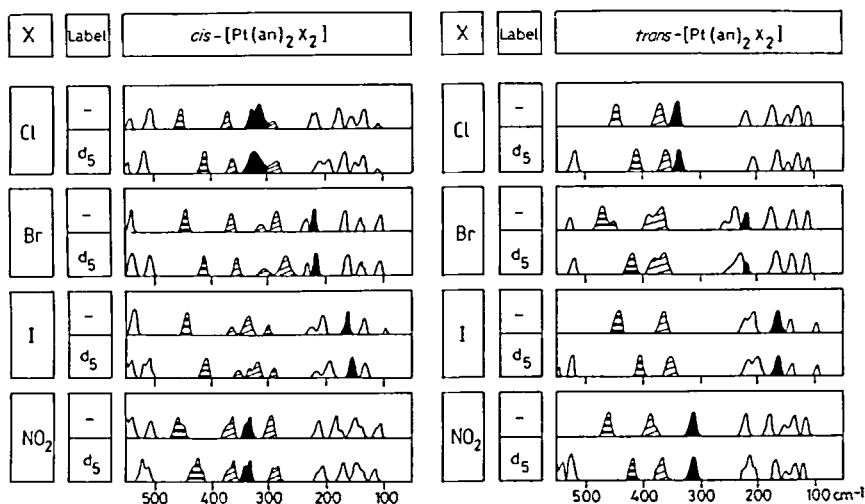


FIGURE 7 Far-infrared spectra of complexes $[Pt(an)_2X_2]$. Solid bands, $\nu Pt-X$; shaded bands, $\nu Pt-an$; bands with horizontal bars, NH_2 rock.

TABLE VIII
Far-infrared frequencies (cm^{-1}) for the complexes $[Pt(an)_2X_2]$

X = Cl ($^{15}N-$, d_5 -shift)	X = Br (d_5 -shift)	X = I (d_5 -shift)	X = NO_2 (d_5 -shift)	Assignment
<i>cis-[Pt(an)₂X₂]</i>				
451(5,41)	446(39)	439(36)	450(29) ^a	NH_2 rock
374(4,11)	367(12)	350(10) ^a	370(7) ^a	$\nu Pt-an$
330 ^a (0,0)	223(0)	167(7) ^b	332(0) ^a	$\nu Pt-X$
293(2,10)	290(10) ^a	300(10)	298(10)	$\nu Pt-an$
220 ^a (0,12)	236(7) ^a	217(10) ^a	215(10)	γ ring
177(2,5)	171(5)	167(7) ^c	178(8)	$\delta an-Pt-an$
147(0,3)	141(1)	134(3)	144(2) ^a	$\delta an-Pt-X$
109(tb) ^d	107(0)	98(-)	105(0)	$\delta X-Pt-X$
<i>trans-[Pt(an)₂X₂]</i>				
449(5,38)	461(47) ^a	445(36)	458(40)	NH_2 rock
374(4,12)	383(12) ^a	366(10)	387(14)	$\nu Pt-an$
340(0,0)	234(0)	168(5) ^b	312(0)	$\nu Pt-X$
222(0,13)	240(12)	213(8) ^a	223(12)	γ ring
177(0,5)	177(6)	168(5) ^c	179(7)	$\delta an-Pt-an$
142(0,2)	140(0)	146(5)	148(4) ^a	$\delta an-Pt-X$
121(0,0)	114(0)	97(0)	117(0)	$\delta X-Pt-X$

^a Mean of split peak.

^b Coincident with $\delta an-Pt-an$.

^c Coincident with $\nu Pt-X$.

^d Too broad for shift to be determined.

$\nu_{\text{Pt-Cl}}$ are approximately 0.68 and 0.51, respectively. These are reasonable values in relation to those observed for the $[\text{PtX}_4]^{2-}$ ions.²³

The $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$ bands are readily recognized by their ^{15}N -shifts (2 to 4 cm^{-1} in the chloro complexes) and their d_5 -sensitivities (7 to 14 cm^{-1}). In accordance with symmetry requirements, there are generally two bands in the *cis*-complexes and one in the *trans*-compounds. However, the *cis*- iodo and *cis*-nitro complexes show some further splitting and the $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$ band of the *trans*-bromo compound is also split. The symmetry requirements of the aniline complexes are obeyed rather better than for their pyridine analogues.²⁴ In the complexes *cis*- and *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{py})_2\text{X}_2]$, two $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$ bands are observed in the spectra of the former while *three* are seen for the *trans*-isomers.²⁴ However, of the three latter bands, two are sensitive to halogen substitution and are therefore assigned to coupled $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}} + \nu_{\text{Pt-X}}$ bands. No such complications arise in the platinum(II) aniline complexes. Table IX shows a comparison between the two series.

TABLE IX
Comparison of the metal-ligand frequency data (cm^{-1}) for the complexes *cis*- and *trans*- $[\text{PtL}_2\text{X}_2]$
(L = an, py)

Band	$[\text{Pt}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]^{22}$			$[\text{Pt}(\text{py})_2\text{X}_2]^{24}$		
	X = Cl	X = Br	X = I	X = Cl	X = Br	X = I
<i>cis</i> -complexes						
$\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$	374	367	350 ^a	256	259	244
	293	290 ^a	300	232	230	220
$\nu_{\text{Pt-X}}$	330 ^a	223	167	345	216	175
				331	208	165
$\delta_{\text{N-Pt-N}}$	177	171	(167)			
$\delta_{\text{N-Pt-X}}$	147	141	134			
$\delta_{\text{X-Pt-X}}$	109	107	98	160		
<i>trans</i> -complexes						
$\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$	374	383	366	285	296	290
$\nu_{\text{Pt-X}}$	340	234	168	344	212	179
$\delta_{\text{N-Pt-N}}$	177	177	(168)			
$\delta_{\text{N-Pt-X}}$	142	140	146			
$\delta_{\text{X-Pt-X}}$	121	114	97	165		

^a Mean of split peak

The abovementioned study of the *cis*- and *trans*-isomers of $[\text{Pt}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ was extended²⁵ to the complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{R-an})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ where R-an is a range of ten variously-substituted anilines comprising both electron-withdrawing and electron-releasing substituents, the extent of which was determined by their Hammett σ -values. The *cis*-bromo complexes were also examined. The assignments of one of the $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$ bands could be made with reasonable certainty. The second $\nu_{\text{Pt-N}}$ band in the *cis*-complexes was not always observed since it was overlaid by ligand bands. Two $\nu_{\text{Pt-X}}$ bands were generally observed in the *cis*-complexes but as they comprised a band and shoulder or a nearly-coincident pair of bands, the mean frequency was taken for the purpose of determining the substituent effects.

TABLE X
 ν Pt-N and ν Pt-X frequencies for complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{R-an})_2\text{X}_2]$

R	σ	<i>cis</i> - [Pt(R-an) ₂ Cl ₂]		<i>cis</i> - [Pt(R-an) ₂ Br ₂]		<i>trans</i> - [Pt(R-an) ₂ Cl ₂]	
		ν Pt-N	ν Pt-Cl ^a	ν Pt-N	ν Pt-Br ^a	ν Pt-N	ν Pt-Cl
<i>m</i> -I	+0.35	390	341	381	222	396	335
<i>p</i> -I	+0.28	387	331	390	225		
<i>m</i> -OCH ₃	+0.11	372	336	367	231	381	335
H	0	371	338	366	223	372	338
<i>p</i> -OC ₆ H ₅	-0.03	384	336	380	223	384	335
<i>p</i> -C ₂ H ₅	-0.15	360	335	365	225	359	334
<i>p</i> -n-C ₄ H ₉	-0.16	383	330	388	226	394	335
<i>p</i> -CH ₃	-0.17	373	333	372	219	350	321
3,4-di-CH ₃	-0.24	355	334	365	224	352	333
<i>p</i> -OCH ₃	-0.27	356 ^a	329	352 ^a	225	378	329

^a Split peaks

The data in Table X show that the effect of electron-withdrawing substituents (positive σ) is to increase ν Pt-N but there is little effect on ν Pt-X. The abstraction of electron density from the Pt(II) ion is apparently not transmitted to the Pt-X bonds. A similar situation exists for the complexes *trans*-[Pt(C₂H₄)(4-R-py)Cl₂] (where 4-R-py is a range of various 4-substituted pyridines) in which the substituents only affect the Pt-N bonding.²⁶ Unlike the situation for the aniline complexes discussed here, no regularity in the dependence of ν Pt-N on σ was observed for the pyridine complexes. The difference presumably arises because in the pyridine series, a particular substituent may induce opposing σ - and π -bonding influences between the Pt(II) ion and the pyridine ring. In the aniline complexes, no π -bonding is possible and the substituent influences only the Pt(II)-amine σ -bonding. Thus, a qualitative correlation exists between ν Pt-N and σ .

6. THE COMPLEXES $[\text{M}(\text{R-an})_2\text{X}_2]$ (M = Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn; R-an = substituted aniline; X = Cl, Br, I)

In view of the success which had attended the assignments of ligand and metal-ligand bands in the aniline complexes $[\text{M}(\text{an})_2\text{X}_2]$ on the basis of ¹⁵N-labelling and metal ion substitution studies,⁹ these techniques were extended to the corresponding complexes of the methyl-substituted anilines: *o*-, *m*- and *p*-toluidine with the first transition series metal(II) ions: Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II).^{27,28} In these three series of complexes, the Co(II) and Zn(II) complexes are tetrahedral, the Ni(II) complex is polymeric octahedral and the Cu(II) compound is polymeric tetragonal. Thus they are entirely isostructural with the corresponding complexes of aniline.

The earliest work on these compounds had been carried out by Ahuja *et al.*²⁹ in which assignments were made on a purely empirical basis. Because of the instrumental limitations of the period, several of the ν M-N and ν M-Cl bands were unassigned. The earliest attempt at making use of the isotopic labelling technique involved ¹⁵N-labelling of *p*-toluidine in the complexes $[\text{M}(\text{p-tol})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (M = Co, Ni, Cu, Zn).²⁷

This work was successful at assigning the $\nu\text{M-N}$ bands which were observed at 426(Co), 414(Ni), 445(Cu) and 423(Zn) cm^{-1} but the second $\nu\text{M-N}$ band was not always observed, nor could the $\nu\text{M-Cl}$ bands be assigned with certainty, again because of instrumental limitations which prevented an examination of the effects of halogen substitution on the spectra.

Four years later, instrumental facilities in the relevant laboratory had improved to the extent that spectra down to 140 cm^{-1} were feasible and the effects of halogen substitution could be examined. Therefore a complete study²⁸ of the complexes $[\text{ML}_2\text{X}_2]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \text{Cu}, \text{Zn}$; $\text{L} = o\text{- or } m\text{-toluidine}$; $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) was made over the range 4000–140 cm^{-1} with assignments based on ^{15}N -labelling and the effects of metal ion substitution.

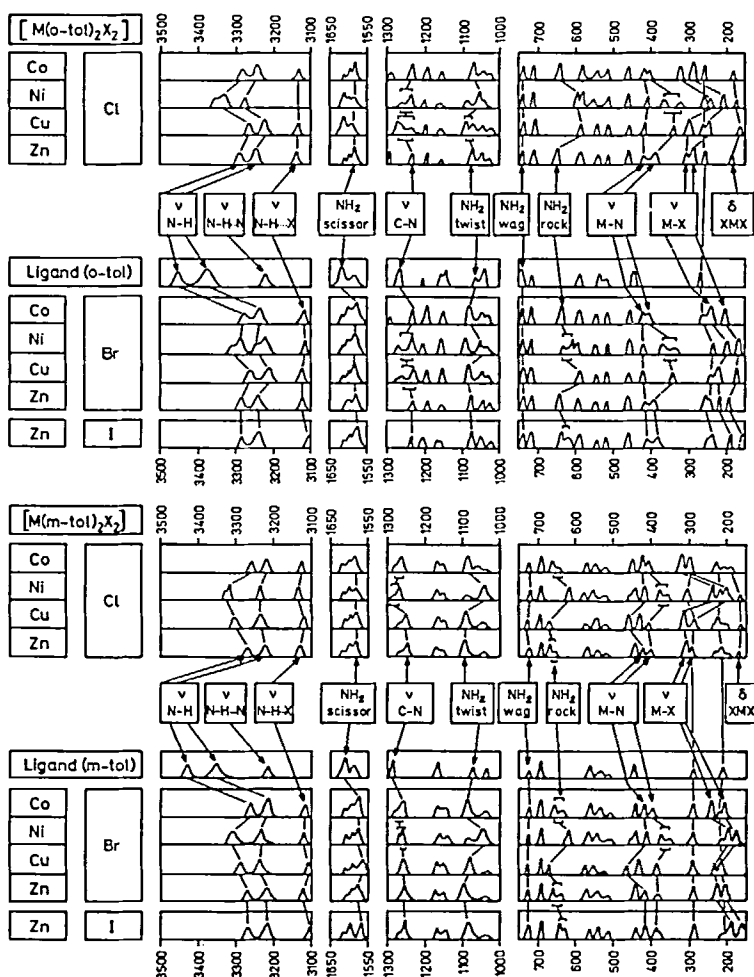


FIGURE 8 Infrared spectra of *o*- and *m*-toluidine complexes $[\text{ML}_2\text{X}_2]$.

Assignment of the internal amino group vibrations were readily made on the basis of the ^{15}N -labelling technique, the results being similar to those discussed in Section 2 for the aniline complexes. The spectra are depicted in Fig. 8. Distinction between the $\nu\text{M-N}$ and $\nu\text{M-X}$ bands is readily made on the basis of the observed ^{15}N -shifts. Thus, the pair of $\nu\text{M-N}$ bands in each complex shifts between 2 and 8 cm^{-1} on ^{15}N -labelling whereas the pair of $\nu\text{M-X}$ bands is totally unaffected by the heavier isotope.

The $\nu\text{M-N}$ and $\nu\text{M-X}$ frequencies are listed in Table XI together with those resulting from the empirical study of Ahuja *et al.*²⁹ The principal difference is that many of the $\nu\text{M-Br}$ and $\nu\text{M-I}$ bands were near or below the low-frequency limit of measurement in the empirical study and were therefore not observed. Furthermore, the internal vibrations of the amino group were not assigned in the empirical study.

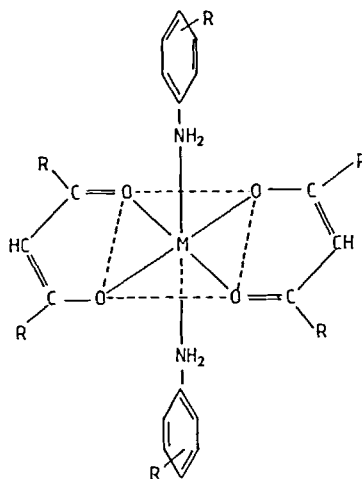


FIGURE 9 Formula of the complexes $\text{trans-}[M(\beta\text{-dik})_2(\text{an})_2]$.

7. ANILINE AND SUBSTITUTED ANILINE ADDUCTS OF METAL β -KETOENOLATES, $\text{trans-}[M(\beta\text{-dik})_2(\text{an})_2]$ and $\text{trans-}[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2(\text{an})(\text{NO}_2)]$

These complexes of metal(II) ions have the formula shown in Fig. 9. Compounds of this type with the acetylacetonate (acac) anion as the β -ketoenolate and adducted aniline were first reported in 1969^{30,31} although adducts with other bases had long been known. The ir spectra of a series of eleven of the Ni(II) complexes with various electron-withdrawing and electron-releasing substituents, R, in the aniline ring, have been examined down to 300 cm^{-1} .³² Only $\nu\text{N-H}$ and $\nu\text{Ni-O}$ modes could be assigned on an empirical basis. Relative to anhydrous $[\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2]_3$, an octahedral oligomer, the $\nu\text{Ni-O}$ bands were shifted to lower frequency by adduct formation. The $\nu\text{Ni-O}$ frequencies are also lower than those of $\text{trans-}[\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$. This was attributed to the higher ligand field strength of the amines which leads to stabilization of the Ni-N bonds at the expense of the Ni-O bonding. Introduction of electron-releasing substituents into the aniline ring further decreases the $\nu\text{Ni-O}$ frequencies. The $\nu\text{Ni-O}$ values were found to decrease by 8 cm^{-1} over the range $\sigma = +0.37$ (*m*-chloroaniline) to $\sigma = -0.27$ (*p*-methoxyaniline). Conversely the frequencies of the antisymmetric and symmetric $\nu\text{N-H}$ modes increased by 18 and 10 cm^{-1} , respectively, over this range of substituents.

TABLE XI
Metal-ligand stretching frequencies of substituted aniline complexes [M(R-am)₂X₂]

R-an	M	X	ν _{M-N}		ν _{M-X}		
			¹⁵ N-labelling ^{a,2a}	Empirical ^{29,h}	¹⁵ N-labelling ^{a,2a}	Empirical ²⁹	
<i>o</i> -Toluidine	Mn	Cl		383		233	
	Co	Cl	418(4)	418	328(0)	297(0)	
	Ni	Cl	408	400	247	208	
	Cu	Cl	419(4)	417	302(0)	253(0)	
	Zn	Cl	415(3)	411	309(0)	294(0)	
	Co	Br	415(4)	408	246(0)	202(0)	
	Ni	Br	413	403	192	162	
	Cu	Br	419	416	224	169	
	Zn	Br	412(2)	404	227(0)	195(0)	
	Co	I	405	388		250 ^e	
	Zn	I	380(3)	405	191(0)	156(1)	
		Mn	Cl		377		227
		Co	Cl	429(2)	424	323(0)	300(0)
		Ni	Cl	423(2)	417	243(0)	208(0)
	Cu	Cl	456(8)	403	316(0)	287(0)	
	Zn	Cl	426(3)	417	307(0)	296(0)	
	Co	Br	424(3)	424	244(0)	211(0)	
	Ni	Br	418(2)	413	196(0)	179(0)	
	Cu	Br	468(5)	389	239(0)	220(0)	
	Zn	Br	417(4)	411	227(0)	208(0)	
	Zn	I	412(2)	408	189(0)	155(0)	
	Mn	Cl		397		227	
	Co	Cl	426(2)	420	326 ^f	296(0) ^f	
	Ni	Cl	414(4)	405		318	
	Cu	Cl	445(8)	403	308(2) ^f	322	
	Zn	Cl	423(4)	417	311(0) ^f	299(0) ^f	
				395		298	
<i>p</i> -Toluidine ^f				382		232	
				370		239	
				370		239	
				382		232	
				370		232	
				370		232	
				370		232	
				370		232	
				370		232	
				370		232	

R-an	M	X	vM-N		vM-X	
			¹⁵ N-labelling ^{a,2#}	Empirical ^{29,h}	¹⁵ N-labelling ^{a,2#}	Empirical ²⁹
3,4-Xylylidine	Mn	Cl		366		233
	Co	Cl		416	396	320
	Ni	Cl		389		238
	Cu	Cl		425	408	333
	Zn	Cl		413		307
	Mn	Br				363
	Co	Br		395		241
	Ni	Br				392
	Cu	Br		425	408	227
	Zn	Br		408		227
2,5-Xylylidine	Ni	I		386		
	Zn	I		416		
	Co	Cl		400	387	325
	Ni	Cl		347		224
	Cu	Cl		412	384	335
	Zn	Cl		386		315
	Co	Br		398	377	238
	Ni	Br		400	352	
	Cu	Br		412	384	227
	Zn	Br		380		227
2,6-Xylylidine	Co	I		395		
	Zn	I		373		
	Zn	Cl		390	357	315
	Zn	Br		387	348	256
	Zn	I		377	346	
						294

^a Figures in parentheses are the ¹⁵N-shifts to lower frequency

^b Mean of doublet

^c Band not observed in ¹⁵N-labelling study

^d Assigned to vM-N in the ¹⁵N-labelling study

^e Assigned to a ligand mode in the ¹⁵N-labelling study

^f Assignment made subsequent to ref. 27

^g ¹⁵N-labelling data from ref. 27

^h Described as 'other modes', probably vM-N²⁹

In examining the reaction of amines with uranyl β -ketoenolates, Haigh and Thornton³³ found that $[\text{UO}_2(\text{acac})_2]$ reacted with aniline to give the adduct $[\text{UO}_2(\text{acac})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)]$, *i.e.* a β -ketoimine adduct of uranyl acetylacetonate. The complex was shown by ^1H nmr and ir spectroscopy to have the structure shown in Fig. 10(a).

The ir spectrum showed a $\nu\text{C}-\text{O}$ band of the adducted β -ketoimine molecule at 1615 cm^{-1} and $\nu\text{C}-\text{O}$ of the chelated acetylacetonates at 1583 cm^{-1} . Likewise two $\nu\text{C}-\text{C}$ bands were observed at 1551 and 1522 cm^{-1} . No $\nu\text{U}-\text{N}$ band was observed.

By contrast, $[\text{UO}_2(\text{dbm})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ ($\text{dbm} = \text{dibenzoylmethanate}$) reacts with aniline to form a normal adduct formulated $[\text{UO}_2(\text{dbm})_2(\text{an})]$, Fig. 10(b). The ir spectrum of this complex³³ comprises only one chelated $\nu\text{C}-\text{O}$ band at 1540 cm^{-1} and only one $\nu\text{C}-\text{C}$ band at 1523 cm^{-1} . The $\nu\text{U}-\text{NH}_2$ band was observed at 516 cm^{-1} .

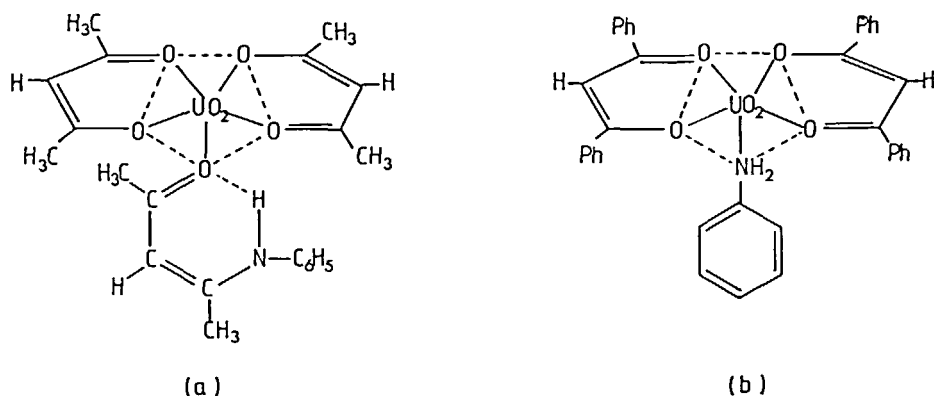


FIGURE 10 (a) Structure of the product of the reaction of aniline with $[\text{UO}_2(\text{acac})_2]$; (b) Structure of the product of the reaction of aniline with $[\text{UO}_2(\text{dbm})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$.

In 1973, Fleming and Thornton^{34,35} examined the ir spectra of a series of complexes of general formula *trans*- $[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2(\text{R-an})(\text{NO}_2)]$ in which R-an represents eighteen variously substituted anilines. The structure of these complexes is depicted in Fig. 11.

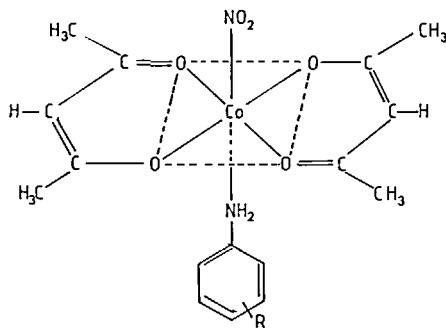


FIGURE 11 Structure of the complexes *trans*- $[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2(\text{R-an})(\text{NO}_2)]$.

Assignments for the NH_2 modes, $\nu\text{C-N}$ and $\nu\text{Co-N}$ were made by ^{15}N -labelling of the complexes with $\text{R} = \text{H}$ (aniline) and 4-CH_3 (*p*-toluidine). The $\nu\text{Co-NH}_2$ bands shifted by 6 and 10 cm^{-1} , respectively, on ^{15}N -labelling. The $\nu\text{Co-O}$ bands were assigned on the basis of their zero shifts to peaks at 474 and 468 cm^{-1} , respectively, (they occur near these positions in the spectrum of $[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_3]$). The $\nu\text{Co-NO}_2$ mode was assigned to bands near 435 and 360 cm^{-1} which were also not significantly sensitive to ^{15}N -labelling.

The partial spectra of the complexes are depicted in Fig. 12. The solid bands are those which shift by more than 2 cm^{-1} to lower frequency on ^{15}N -labelling. The spectra are placed in order of the Hammett σ -values of the substituents. *Ortho*-substituents have been excluded since they would be subject to steric effects on coordination. Because of the near band-for-band correspondence of the spectra, finding corresponding bands is a relatively simple matter.

The $\nu\text{Co-NH}_2$ bands are observed to move towards higher frequency with increased electron-releasing capacity of R. Since electron-releasing substituents will serve to increase the donor capacity of the amino groups, this is the expected direction for a band assigned to $\nu\text{Co-NH}_2$. The $\nu\text{Co-O}$ bands were found to move in the opposite direction to $\nu\text{Co-NH}_2$. This indicates that increased strength of the Co-N bonds is accomplished at the expense of the Co-O bonding as had been observed for the amine adducts of nickel(II) acetylacetonate.³²

The $\nu\text{Co-NO}_2$ bands move in the same direction as the $\nu\text{Co-O}$ bands, *i.e.* stabilization of the Co-NH₂ bonds occurs at the expense of both the Co-O and the Co-NO₂ bonding.

8. THE COMPLEXES *trans*-[Pt(CH₂=CH₂)(R-an)X₂] (X = Cl, Br) and *trans*-[Pt(CO)(R-an)Br₂]

The vibrational spectra of Zeise's salt, $\text{K}[\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2)\text{Cl}_3]$ and its derivatives *trans*-[Pt(CH₂=CH₂)(L)X₂] where L represents various oxygen- and nitrogen-donor ligands, have elicited much interest although only one study²⁶ had been reported for the complex with L = aniline and X = Cl prior to 1983 and this did not employ isotopic labelling as an assignment technique. Thus, the band at 346 cm^{-1} in the empirical study, assigned to $\nu\text{Pt-N}$, was subsequently found to be unaffected by deuteration of aniline and therefore re-assigned to $\nu\text{Pt-Cl}$. Isotopic labelling appears to be essential for distinguishing between the $\nu\text{Pt-C}_2$, $\nu\text{Pt-NH}_2$, $\nu\text{Pt-X}$ and $\nu\text{C=C}$ bands which are present in these complex spectra and independent deuteration of ethylene (C_2D_4) and aniline (d_5) as well as the effects of halide substitution were successfully employed in 1983 to resolve the assignment problem in these complexes over the range $4000\text{--}80\text{ cm}^{-1}$.³⁶ A corresponding study of the $^1\text{H-nmr}$ and uv spectra was also made.

Deuteration of ethylene causes the CH₂ stretching and bending modes and the C=C stretches to shift markedly towards lower frequency while d_5 -deuteration of aniline leaves them completely unaffected. Conversely, deuteration of aniline leads to large shifts in the NH₂ modes and negligible shifts in the ethylene vibrations. The more specific distinctions between the C-H and ring modes of aniline were made on the basis of the $\nu^{\text{D}}/\nu^{\text{H}}$ ratio using a value of 0.80 for this ratio to distinguish between the two types of aniline modes. The frequency data for the complexes with X = Cl are given in Table XII.

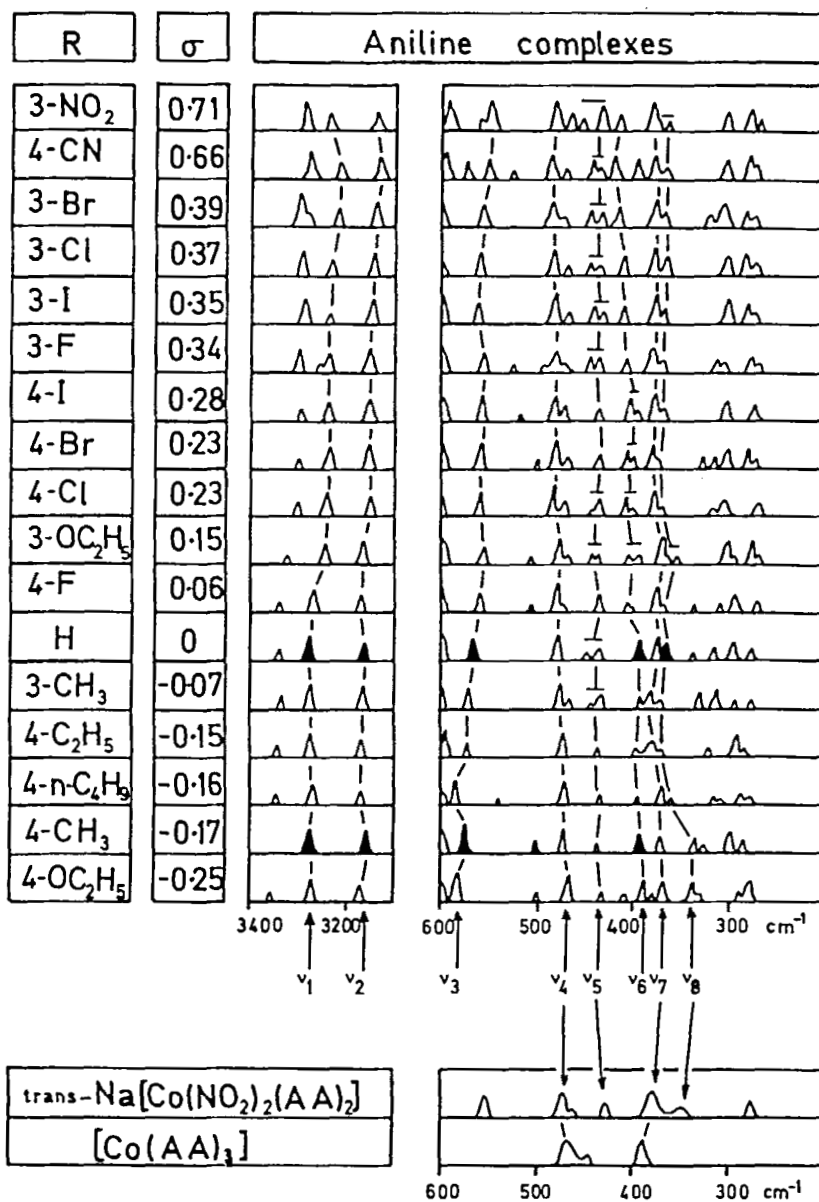


FIGURE 12 Infrared spectra of aniline complexes. Solid bands exhibit ^{15}N -shifts $> 2\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Assigned bands: ν_1 :vN-H antisym; ν_2 :vN-H sym; ν_3 :vCo-N + NO₂ wag; ν_4 :vCo-O; ν_5 :vCo-NO₂; ν_6 :vCo-N + vCo-O; ν_7 :vCo-O; ν_8 :vCo-NO₂

The far-ir spectra for the normal and labelled species of the complexes with X = Cl, Br and depicted in Fig. 13. The work described above was further extended in 1983 and 1984 to variously substituted aniline complexes.^{37,38} The data indicate (Table XIII) that electron-releasing substituents cause a simultaneous increase in

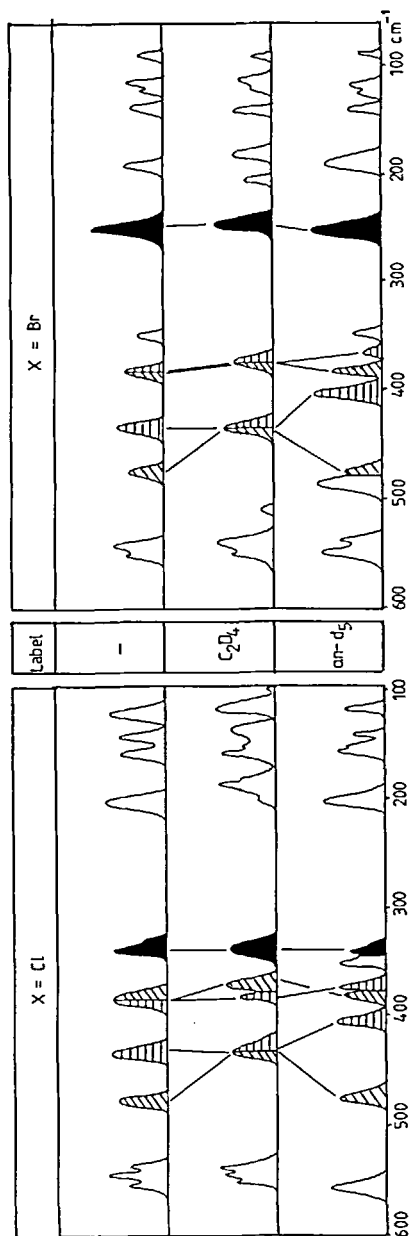
FIGURE 13 Far-ir spectra of *trans*-[Pt(CH₂=CH₂)(en)X₂].

TABLE XII
Mid-ir spectra of the complexes *trans*-[Pt(CH₂=CH₂)(an)Cl₂]

Band Frequency (cm ⁻¹)			
Unlabelled	C ₂ D ₄ -Labelled	an-d ₅ Labelled	Assignment
3240	3236	3238	{ vN-H
3208	3202	3206	
3128	3124	3126	vN-H---Cl
	2362		{ vC-H(ethylene)
	2306		
	2222		
		2342	
		2292	{ vC-H(aniline)
		2284	
		2270	
1600	1597	1587	
1578	1577	1565*	NH ₂ scissor
1494	1491	1425	{ v ring
1470*	1469*	1381	
1425	808	1425	CH ₂ scissor
1255	959	1255	vC-C (ethylene)
		1160*	{ v ring
1161	1158	1132	
			+NH ₂ twist
1068	1064*	841	{ δC-H
1027	1025	820	
1014*	684	1014*	CH ₂ wag
902	899	638	γC-H (an)
798	795	747	NH ₂ wag
755*	753*	559	γC-H (an)
686	684	(559)	γ ring
554	552	(559)	NH ₂ rock
543	541	499	{ δ ring
538	536	(499)	

* Mean of doublet

vPt-C₂, vPt-N and vC=C, suggesting that the electronic effects of the substituents are transmitted throughout the complex molecule. It is interesting to note that the mass effects of the substituents are apparently swamped by their electronic effects. Further extension of this work to the complexes *trans*-[Pt(CO)(R-an)Br₂] yielded similar results.³⁸

9. DIANILINE-METAL(II) TETRACYANOMETALATE COMPLEXES

In a series of papers on clathrate and inclusion compounds, the Hofmann aniline clathrates M(NH₃)₂Ni(CN)₄·2C₆H₅NH₂ (M = Cd, Ni) were included for study.³⁹ The occurrence of a solid state ligand replacement reaction in which the aniline guest molecule replaces the coordinated ammonia to give M(an)₂Ni(CN)₄ as final product, was monitored by the time-dependent changes observed in the ir and Raman spectra of the clathrates.⁴⁰ The clathrates themselves are beyond the scope of this review but

the products of the exchange reactions, the dianiline-metal(II) tetracyanometalates, comprise coordinated aniline in which bonding to the first transition series metal(II) ions Mn, Fe, Co, Ni and Cu occurs.

The ir spectra of the complexes of general formula $[M(\text{an})_2M'(\text{CN})_4]$ ($M' = \text{Ni}, \text{t}$) were examined down to 250 cm^{-1} .⁴¹ It was observed that there is a correlation between the shifts of certain aniline bands on coordination and the $\nu\text{M}-\text{N}$ values which were assigned to bands within the range $300-280 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. It was further observed that, in accordance with the findings of Lever and Ramaswamy,¹⁸ the frequencies of the NH_2 wagging and rocking modes and the $\nu\text{M}-\text{N}$ bands increased when the temperature was decreased to 83 K. By contrast, the NH_2 stretching frequencies decreased and the aniline ring and C-H modes were relatively insensitive to decreased temperature.

TABLE XIII

Principal far-ir bands for the complexes $\text{trans-}[\text{PtL}(\text{R-an})\text{X}_2]$ ($\text{L} = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2, \text{CO}; \text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) (cm^{-1})

	σ	$\nu\text{Pt}-\text{C}_2$		$\nu\text{Pt}-\text{N}$	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}$
$\zeta = \text{Cl}; \text{L} = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2^a$					
$\nu\text{-NO}_2$	+0.78	430	372	394	1222
$\nu\text{-NO}_2$	+0.71	437 ^e	370	393	1222
$\nu\text{-Br}$	+0.39	450 ^e	381	395	1220
$\nu\text{-Cl}$	+0.37	449 ^e	383	403	1230 ^e
$\nu\text{-I}$	+0.35	446 ^e	379	392	1235 ^e
$\nu\text{-F}$	+0.34	453	383	400	masked
$\nu\text{-I}$	+0.28	451	380 ^e	399	1222
$\nu\text{-Br}$	+0.23	456	383	400	1226
$\nu\text{-I}$	0	476(45,0) ^f		434(3,30) ^f	1255
		384(15,3) ^f		384(2,11) ^f	
$\nu\text{-OC}_6\text{H}_5$	-0.03	480	384	419	masked
$\nu\text{-CH}_3$	-0.07	484	383	420	1253
$\nu\text{-}t\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9$	-0.12	483	389	412	1257
$\nu\text{-CH}_3$	-0.17	488	389 ^e	420	1256 ^e
$\nu\text{-}i\text{-di-CH}_3$	-0.24	487	387	433	1252
$\nu\text{-OCH}_3$	-0.27	498	390	426	1263sh
$\zeta = \text{Br}; \text{L} = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2^b$					
$\nu\text{-NO}_2$	+0.71	420	353	374	1250
$\nu\text{-Br}$	+0.39	459	377	393	1250
$\nu\text{-Cl}$	+0.37	426	377	397	1251
$\nu\text{-I}$	+0.35	462	373	421	1248
$\nu\text{-F}$	+0.33	450	380	424	masked
$\nu\text{-I}$	+0.28	450	353	404	1227
$\nu\text{-Br}$	+0.23	461	360	408	1234
$\nu\text{-Cl}$	+0.23	458	378	410	1249
$\nu\text{-OCH}_3$	+0.11	457	386	427	1250
$\nu\text{-I}$	0	477(42,0) ^f		434(0,31) ^f	1252
		384(9,2)		382(9,19) ^f	
$\nu\text{-CH}_3$	-0.07	480	378	431	1249
$\nu\text{-C}_2\text{H}_5$	-0.15	486	391	453	1249
$\nu\text{-}i\text{-di-CH}_3$	-0.16	483	384	443	1251
$\nu\text{-}n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9$	-0.16	484	390	440	masked

TABLE XIII (continued)

R	σ	$\nu\text{Pt-C}_2$		$\nu\text{Pt-N}$	$\nu\text{C=C}$
<i>p</i> -CH ₃	-0.17	487	390	451	1254
<i>p</i> -OCH ₃	-0.27	496	386	485	masked
					$\overline{\nu\text{C}\equiv\text{O}}^d$
X = Br; L = CO ^e					
<i>m</i> -NO ₂	+0.71	495	473	355	2127.8
<i>m</i> -Br	+0.39	506	475	368	2126.5
<i>m</i> -Cl	+0.37	511	477	377	2126.4
<i>m</i> -I	+0.35	504	491	359	2126.3
<i>m</i> -F	+0.33	515	486	422	2126.5
<i>p</i> -I	+0.28	518	483	363	2126.1
<i>p</i> -Br	+0.23	512	486	369	2126.3
<i>p</i> -Cl	+0.23	527	483	388	2126.6
<i>m</i> -OCH ₃	+0.11	526	490	428	2125.5
H	0	530(3) ^f		434(3) ^g	2125.5
		493(2) ^g		345(10) ^g	2125.5
<i>m</i> -CH ₃	-0.07	532	506	460	2124.8
<i>p</i> -C ₂ H ₅	-0.15	533	501	465	2124.5
3,5-di-CH ₃	-0.16	533	505	469	2124.9
<i>p</i> - <i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	-0.16	539	513	468	2124.7
<i>p</i> -CH ₃	-0.17	530	506	476	2124.9
<i>p</i> -OCH ₃	-0.27	542	508	477	2124.6

^a $\nu\text{Pt-Cl}$ near 335 cm⁻¹; insensitive to R.

^b $\nu\text{Pt-Br}$ near 244 cm⁻¹; insensitive to R.

^c $\nu\text{Pt-Br}$ near 253 cm⁻¹; insensitive to R.

^d $\nu\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$ determined in CHCl₃ solution; all other frequency data from nujol mull spectra.

^e Mean of doublet

^f Figures in parentheses are the shifts to lower frequency on C₂D₄ labelling (first figure) and *an-d*₅ labelling (second figure)

^g Figure in parentheses is the shift to lower frequency on *an-d*₅ labelling.

10. TETRAKIS- AND HEXAKIS(ANILINE) COMPLEXES OF RUTHENIUM(II) HALIDES

These complexes are of interest because they involve a rare example of six aniline molecules octahedrally coordinated around a metal(II) ion. With metal(II) ions, not more than four aniline molecules have formerly been successfully accommodated around the ion. In 1971, Larkworthy and co-workers⁴² unsuccessfully attempted to obtain aniline complexes of Ru(III) by direct reaction between aniline and RuCl₃. However, oxalato complexes of the type K[Ru(oxalate)₂(aniline)₂], when treated with concentrated halogen acids followed by further aniline, led to reduction and the formation of tetra- and hexa-aniline complexes of Ru(II) such as [Ru(an)₄Br₂] and [Ru(an)₆]Br₂. A band near 235 cm⁻¹ in the Ru(III) oxalate-aniline complex was found to be insensitive to halide substitution and was therefore tentatively assigned to $\nu\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}-\text{N}$. No assignments of the $\nu\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}-\text{N}$ modes were made although the band at 371 cm⁻¹ seems a likely candidate. Clearly, a detailed vibrational study of these molecules would be of great interest.

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