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The FT-IR and Raman spectra of eight new complexes of formula $ML_2Ni(CN)_4$ (where M = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu or Cd and L = 2-chloropyridine; M = Ni or Cd and L = 2-bromopyridine) are reported. The spectroscopic results indicate that the complexes have structures consisting of corrugated polymeric layers of $[M-Ni(CN)_4]_\infty$ with 2-substituted pyridine molecules bound directly to the metal (M). For a given ligand (2-Clpy or 2-Brpy) the effects of metal-ligand bond formation on the ligand modes are examined. Metal-ligand bond strengths of the halo-derivatives of pyridine (L = 2-Clpy or 2-Brpy), inferred by the effects on frequency shifts of certain ligand modes, have also been compared.

KEYWORDS: tetrocyanonickelate, vibrational spectroscopy, transition metal

INTRODUCTION

In a recent paper¹ we reported the vibrational spectra of transition metal tetracyanonickelate complexes of 3-chloropyridine. In this paper we report the vibrational spectra of eight new tetracyanonickelate complexes of 2-chloropyridine and 2-bromopyridine, $ML_2Ni(CN)_4$ (M = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu or Cd, L = 2-Clpy; M = Ni or Cd, L = 2-Brpy, abbreviated henceforth as M-Ni-L). The aim of this study is to provide further examples of tetracyanonickelate hosts. We also want to compare the vibrational results of isomorphous complexes formed by halide-substituted pyridines. The information available in the literature on metal complexes of halopyridines is scarce.¹⁻⁴ and there is no complete vibrational study on 2-chloro- or 2-bromopyridine complexes with transition metals.

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EXPERIMENTAL

The complexes were prepared using a method analogous to that given in the literature.⁵ The samples were analyzed for metal content using an X-ray fluorescence method. The FT-IR spectra of nujol mulls between CsI plates or KBr discs were recorded on Nicolet MX IE, Nicolet 510 and Jasco 5300 FT-IR spectrometers. The Raman spectra of the samples were measured with a Cary 81 spectrometer using a slit width of 4 cm^{-1} by use of a spinning cell. The samples were excited using 514.5 or 488 nm lines of an Ar^+ laser.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The vibrational spectra of the M-Ni-L complexes are very similar indicating that they have analogous structures. The FT-IR spectrum of Cu-Ni-2Clpy is given in Figure 1 as a typical example of M-Ni-L complexes. Because of rapid decomposition of the M = Cu, Fe and Co samples under laser excitation we were not able to record their Raman spectra.

Ni(CN)₄ Group Vibrations

The vibrational wavenumbers of the Ni(CN)_4 group for the complexes studied are

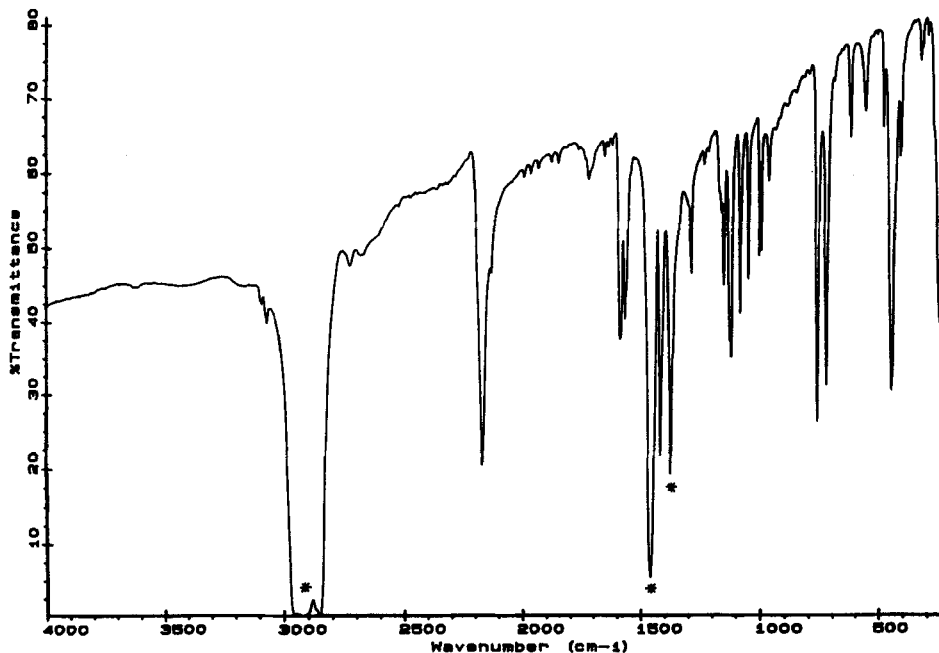


Figure 1 FT-IR spectrum of $\text{Cu(2Clpy)}_2\text{Ni(CN)}_4$. Nujol bands are indicated (*).

given in Table 1. The characteristic wavenumbers of the $\nu(\text{CN})$ and $\delta(\text{NiCN})$ modes are found to be similar to those of Hofmann-type clathrates⁶ and Hofmann pyridine complexes,⁷ indicating that $[\text{M-Ni}(\text{CN})_4]_\infty$ layers have been preserved. Moreover, observation of one IR active (E_u) and two Raman active (A_{1g} and B_{1g}) vibrational modes of $\nu(\text{CN})$ shows that cyanide groups around the nickel atom have a local D_{4h} environment.

Although we were not able to record a Raman spectrum of the Cu-Ni-2Clpy complex, the observation of one single band in the $\nu(\text{CN})$ (E_u) and $\delta(\text{Ni-C}\equiv\text{N})(E_u)$ regions of the IR spectrum indicates that, in spite of the Jahn-Teller effect, the Cu-Ni-2Clpy complex has the same sheet structure as the other M-Ni-2Clpy complexes. In previous studies on $\text{CuL}_2\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$ complexes (where L = pyridine, 2-, 3- and 4-methylpyridine, 3,5-dimethylpyridine or aniline),⁷⁻¹⁰ two strong bands rather than one were observed in the $\nu(\text{CN})(E_u)$ and $\delta(\text{Ni-C}\equiv\text{N})(E_u)$ regions of the IR spectra. The additional IR activity in E_u modes of the $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$ group vibrations observed in all copper tetracyanonickelate complexes except the present case, was explained by the removal of the degeneracy by the Jahn-Teller effect and proposed non-equivalent *trans* pairs of Cu-NC bonds with different lengths were proposed. For the Jahn-Teller effect in octahedral type complexes, two bonds are either longer or shorter than the other four. Therefore it is proposed that in the case of Cu-Ni-2Clpy, four equal Cu-NC bond lengths are shorter and two equal Cu-N(2Clpy) bond lengths are longer in comparison with those of other M-Ni-2Clpy complexes. This result is also confirmed by analysis of the frequency shifts of the 2-Clpy vibrational modes, due to complex formation as will be discussed in the following section.

2-Chloropyridine and 2-Bromopyridine Vibrations

The vibrational wavenumbers of 2-chloropyridine and 2-bromopyridine observed in the IR and Raman spectra of M-Ni-L complexes are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively, together with the IR and Raman wavenumbers of the liquid halopyridines.¹¹ It is noted that certain vibrations of 2-chloropyridine and 2-bromopyridine show significant shifts (up to 32 cm^{-1}) to higher wavenumber when compared to the same vibrations of the neat liquids. The shifts are metal dependent. Analogous shifts on coordination were observed in pyridine^{7,12} and substituted

Table 1 The wavenumbers (cm^{-1}) of the $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4$ vibrations of the M-Ni-L complexes.^a

Assignment	L = 2-Clpy						L = 2-Brpy		Relative Intensity
	Mn	Cd	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Cd	Ni	
$A_{1g} \nu(\text{CN})$	(2176)	(2184)	-	(2184)	(2189)	-	-	-	vs
$B_{1g} \nu(\text{CN})$	(2165)	(2171)	-	(2175)	(2177)	-	-	-	s
$E_u \nu(\text{CN})$	2158	2160	2139	2163	2167	2172	2159	2166	vs
$\nu(^{13}\text{CN})$	2118sh	2121	2117sh	2123sh	2131sh	2132	2118	-	vw
$E_u \nu(\text{NiC})$	553	552	556m	556m	560	562m	550	561	w
$A_{2u} \pi(\text{NiCN})$	452	445	456	459	459	408	449vw	460	sh
$E_u \delta(\text{NiCN})$	436	431	440	444	445	454	432	445	vs

^a The bands observed in the IR spectra are given without parentheses; the bands observed in the Raman spectra are given in parentheses.

Abbreviations: vs = very strong; s = strong; m = medium; w = weak; vw = very weak; sh = shoulder

Table 2 The fundamental vibration wavenumbers(cm^{-1}) of 2-Clipy in M-Ni-2Clipy complexes.

Assignment (11)	Wilson No(13)		2-Clipy(11)		Mn		Cd		Fe		Co		Ni		Cu	
	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra	IR	Ra
$A'(A_1)$																
$\nu(\text{CH})$	3082sh	3071s	3075sh	3071s	-	3079sh	3076vs	3080sh.	3075sh	-	3075sh	-	-	-	3076sh	-
$\nu(\text{CH})$	3059s	3058vs	3055vs	-	-	3069m	3074sh	3071m	3071s	-	3071s	-	-	-	3070s	-
$\nu(\text{CC})$	1577s	1582s	1577vs	1594s	-	1598m	-	1594s	1593s	-	1595vs	-	-	-	1589vs	-
$\nu(\text{CC})$	1452s	1459m	1453vs	1461vs	-	1461s	-	1461vs	1461vs	-	1461vs	-	-	-	1459vs	-
$\delta(\text{CH})$	1148s	1153s	1149vs	1155s	-	1156m	1154m	1155vs	1156vs	-	1156vs	-	-	-	1153s	-
$\delta(\text{CH})$	1044s	1045vs	1045s	1053vs	-	1058s	1056s	1054vs	1052s	-	1054vs	-	-	-	1051s	-
ν_{ring}	992s	995vs	991s	1004s	-	1009vs	1009vs	1005s	1006s	-	1006vs	-	-	-	1005s	-
x-sens	1117vs	1121s	1117vs	1133vs	-	1137m	1136m	1134vs	1132vs	-	1134vs	-	-	-	1129vs	-
x-sens	725s	728s	724vs	731s	-	738vs	733s	732s	731vs	-	732vs	-	-	-	729vs	-
x-sens	425m	428vs	426m	-	-	443vs	440s	-	440s	-	443vs	-	-	-	446vs	-
(B_2)																
$\nu(\text{CH})$	3082sh	3071s	3084sh	3104m	-	3103m	3076vs	-	3113m	-	3113m	-	-	-	3089m	-
$\nu(\text{CH})$	3059s	3058vs	3003m	3013vw	-	-	3074sh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\nu(\text{CC})$	1568s	1573s	1568s	1565s	-	1562m	-	1560s	1566s	-	1560s	-	-	-	1566vs	-
$\nu(\text{CC})$	1420s	1423m	1420vs	1418vs	-	1419vs	-	1419vs	1419vs	-	1420vs	-	-	-	1420vs	-
$\nu(\text{CC})$	1363w	1367w	1365	1374vw	-	-	-	1394vw	1373vw	-	1397sh	-	-	-	1378s	-
$\delta(\text{CH})$	1286m	1291s	1286s	1295s	-	1301m	1297m	1296s	1294s	-	1297vs	-	-	-	1289m	-
$\delta(\text{CH})$	1083s	1085s	1083vs	1087s	-	1092m	1091m	1089vs	1088s	-	1089vs	-	-	-	1085s	-
δ_{ring}	617m	621s	617m	629s	-	634m	631m	629m	629s	-	629s	-	-	-	622m	-
x-sens	-	313m	312w	333m	-	-	335m	341	333m	-	340	-	-	-	330w	-
$A'(A_2)$																
$\gamma(\text{CH})$	960w	967w	961m	961m	-	961m	-	962m	961m	-	962s	-	-	-	967m	-
$\gamma(\text{CH})$	881w	889m	878w	-	-	-	-	884vw	883m	-	884vw	-	-	-	-	-
γ_{ring}	406w	-	407m	416s	-	435m	-	418s	414s	-	421s	-	-	-	416m	-
(B_1)																
$\gamma(\text{CH})$	-	-	914w	-	-	-	-	920m	920w	-	922m	-	-	-	-	-
$\gamma(\text{CH})$	767s	772w	767vs	759vs	-	759vs	-	758vs	759vs	-	758vs	-	-	-	768s	-
γ_{ring}	-	-	691w	694w	-	692m	-	692m	692m	-	693s	-	-	-	694vw	-
γ_{ring}	480m	481w	480s	481m	-	477m	-	481m	480m	-	481s	-	-	-	483m	-
x-sens	-	190vs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Shifts of all ring and CH modes except 6a, 14, 10a, 5 and 16b																
				121		115		132	142		172				109	

Table 3 The fundamental vibrational wavenumbers (cm^{-1}) of 2-Brpy in M-Ni-2Brpy complexes.

Assignment	Wilson No	2-Brpy IR	Cd IR	Ni IR
A'(A ₁)				
v(CH)	2	3069	3075m	—
v(CH)	20a	3056s	3070m	—
v(CC)	8a	1573s	1587vs	1589vs
v(CC)	19a	1452s	1458s	1465
δ(CH)	9a	1146m	1155s	1158
δ(CH)	18a	1042w	1051s	1056
v _{ring}	1	989m	1003vs	1006
x-sens.	13	1104s	1118vs	1118
x-sens.	12	700s	706s	709
x-sens.	6a	—	330w	—
(B ₂)				
v(CH)	20b	3069	3099w	—
v(CH)	7b	3056	3070m	—
v(CC)	8b	1563s	1558vs	1557
v(CC)	19b	1417s	1415vs	1417
v(CC)	14	1363w	—	—
δ(CH)	3	1282m	1294m	1294
δ(CH)	18b	1076s	1082s	1083s
δ _{ring}	6b	613m	626m	628m
x-sens.	15	265	286	296
A''(A ₂)				
γ(CH)	17a	960w	959w	960
γ(CH)	10a	882m	—	—
γ _{ring}	16a	404w	412m	420m
(B ₁)				
γ(CH)	5	934m	932w	934w
γ(CH)	10b	761vs	755vs	757
γ _{ring}	4	724w	723m	723
γ _{ring}	11	466s	468m	469m
x-sens.	16b	—	—	—
Total Shifts			119	168

pyridine complexes.^{1,5,8,9} These were explained by coupling of the internal modes of the ligand with the M-N (ligand) vibrations.¹² In our previous papers we proposed a correlation between the sum of the differences between the liquid and ligand values of pyridine or pyridine derivative and the strength of the M-N (ligand) bond.^{1,7} We will therefore use this approach for all the observed ring modes in the IR spectra of 2-Clpy and 2-Brpy complexes which are available for both. The total shifts are shown at the bottom of Tables 2 and 3. We note that the general increase in wavenumber for the 2-Clpy modes with different metals in M-Ni-2Clpy complexes is in the order Mn≈Cd<Fe<Co<Ni> Cu. For M-Ni-2Clpy complexes we infer that the order of the M-N(2Clpy) stretching frequency follows the same trend and this order reflects the increasing strength of the M-N bond. In the previous studies on tetracyanonickelate complexes with a series of transition metals, including Cu(II),^{7,9,12} this order was found to be the same as the increasing order of the second ionization potentials of the metals (Mn≈Cd<Fe<Co<Ni<Cu). However, in the present case, the Cu-N(2Clpy) bond strength, contrary to all previously studied Cu-Ni-L complexes,^{7,9} is found to be less than those of other metals (M-Ni-2Clpy). But as mentioned before, Cu-Ni-2Clpy exhibited different IR

spectral feature in comparison to other Hofmann type copper complexes.^{7,8-10} Therefore the drop for copper is further evidence for our prediction that Cu-2Clpy bond lengths are longer than regularly expected values for this series of compounds.

The total IR shift values of a given metal with 2-Clpy and 2-Brpy as ligands (M = Ni or Cd) are also compared and found to be similar, which indicates that these metal ligand bond strengths are almost the same.

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