

changes in  $\Delta g$  may be achieved by substituting an appropriate radical in a given pair. We consider the case of a benzoyl- $^{13}\text{C}$ O radical paired with hydroxybenzyl (pair A), with *p*-bromobenzyl ( $g = 2.0047$ ),<sup>38</sup> and finally with dichloromethyl ( $g = 2.0080$ ,  $a_{\text{H}} = -17 \text{ G}$ ).<sup>39</sup> The anti-Kaptein net effect discussed for pair A would be even more pronounced for the pair containing the *p*-bromobenzyl radical ( $\Delta g = 0.0041$ ;  $G = -5.8$ ). With dichloromethyl as the second radical, the  $g$ -factor difference ( $\Delta g = 0.0074$ ;  $G = -9.1$ ) has reached the range where Kaptein's net effect would be obeyed. However, now the multiplet rule would be substantially violated.

### Conclusion

The quantitative radical pair theory has been used to define the limits of the qualitative rules introduced by Kaptein for the analysis of CIDNP spectra. The rules are generally valid for net effects if the  $\Delta g$  term is large compared to the  $hfc$ 's and for

multiplet effects if the  $hfc$ 's are large compared to the  $\Delta g$  term. Deviations from the rules are predicted specifically for multiplets of nuclei A, which are coupled to nuclei X, with larger  $hfc$ 's. In systems with one large  $hfc$ , the  $^{13}\text{C}$  CIDNP spectra usually exhibit unexceptional net effects whereas the  $^1\text{H}$  CIDNP spectra show at least partial multiplet character. The net signal direction or the multiplet phase of these signals deviate from the qualitative sign rules, but they are in good agreement with the quantitative predictions of the radical pair theory. The definition of the range of validity restricts the applications of the rules to some extent but, in exchange, allows them to be used with greater confidence. It is recommended that quantitative simulations be used whenever a radical pair with at least one relatively large  $hfc$  is discussed.

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## Automerization of Gaseous Phenylum Ions. Direct Evidence from the Phenylation of Methyl Halides

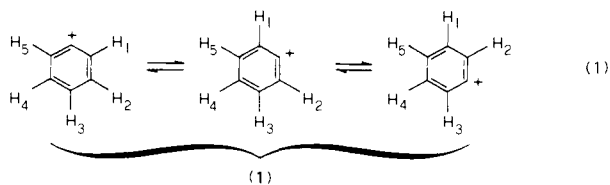
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**Abstract:** The reaction of free [ $^3\text{H}$ ]phenylum ion, generated from nuclear decay of [ $p$ - $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene in the presence of gaseous methyl halide ( $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$ ; X = F, Cl, or Br; partial pressure 30–760 torr), yields the corresponding labeled halobenzenes (F, 32–65%; Cl, 80–90%; Br, 84–91%), together with minor amounts of toluene, halotoluenes, benzyl halides, and fragmentation products. The resulting tritiated halobenzenes are characterized by a significant  $^3\text{H}$  scrambling over the ring (ortho < meta < para), whose extent increases appreciably when the reaction is carried out at low  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  pressures. These results are consistent with related experiments involving the decay of [ $1,4$ - $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene in gaseous  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 4773–4780), and are interpreted in terms of a general mechanism involving a relatively fast ( $k \approx 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) automerization sequence in the [ $^3\text{H}$ ]phenylum ion via consecutive 1,2-hydrogen shifts. An alternative interpretation of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  data (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 3244–3246) can therefore be excluded.

### Introduction

The techniques currently available for the production of unsolvated ions of defined structure in both gaseous and condensed phases<sup>1</sup> contribute to the understanding of the *intrinsic* properties of highly reactive species, such as the phenylum ion (**1**),<sup>2</sup> involved as elusive transients in solvolytic reactions.<sup>3</sup> The aptitude of phenylum ion (**1**) to undergo isomerization, in particular, the automerization process (eq 1), has recently received special attention.<sup>2</sup>



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Observation of the automerization (eq 1) is in contradiction with theoretical predictions of high-energy barriers for process 1, irrespective of the nature of the intermediate species involved ( $\Delta E^* = 44$ –77 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless, two independent experimental studies<sup>2,5</sup> have been reported recently, whose results are consistent with a relatively fast automerization of phenylum ion (**1**) via consecutive 1,2 hydrogen shifts (eq 1). This conclusion is based essentially upon the fact that, when [ $p$ - $^3\text{H}$ ]phenylum ion, (**1**)<sub>p</sub>, is generated in gaseous methanol (5–65 torr) by the decay of one of the tritium nuclei of [ $p$ - $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene (**2**), the formed tritiated anisole (**4**) exhibits partial  $^3\text{H}$  reshuffling over the ring positions, in the following order: ortho < meta < para (eq 2).<sup>2</sup>

Occurrence of the phenylum ion automerization sequence (**1**)<sub>p</sub> ⇒ (**1**) in eq 2 has been recently questioned by Dewar and Reynolds,<sup>6</sup> who attribute the label scrambling, observed in tritiated anisole (**4**), to consecutive hydrogen shifts within the ring-protonated anisoles (**5**) (eq 3). This process supposedly involves multiple crossings over energy barriers whose height is calculated as low as 26–28 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>6</sup> In this view, the significant isotopic

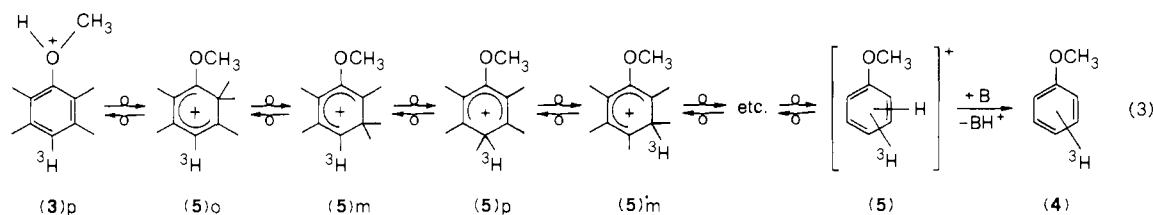
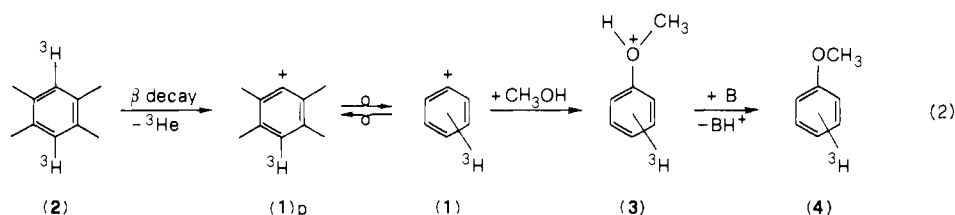
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Table I. Tritiated Product Distribution from the Gas-Phase Reaction of Phenylum Ion with Methyl Halides

system composition <sup>a</sup>			relative yields of products <sup>b</sup> (activity, %)				absolute yields <sup>c</sup> (activity, %)	
CH <sub>3</sub> X		NH <sub>3</sub> , torr	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> X (% <i>p</i> - <sup>3</sup> H, % <i>m</i> - <sup>3</sup> H, % <i>o</i> - <sup>3</sup> H) <sup>d</sup>			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		XC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
X	torr		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> X (% <i>p</i> - <sup>3</sup> H, % <i>m</i> - <sup>3</sup> H, % <i>o</i> - <sup>3</sup> H) <sup>d</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	XC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> X	
F	760	10	65 (94, 3, 3)	10	20	5	47	
F	760		37 (93, 5, 2)	32	24	7	61	
F	100		32 (90, 7, 3)	40	24	4	39	
F	30		45 (81, 15, 4)	31	19	5	35	
Cl	760	10	87 (91, 7, 2)	8	3	2	54	
Cl	760		90 (91, 5, 4)	2	2	6	50	
Cl	100		88 (89, 8, 3)	1	2	9	49	
Cl	30		80 (81, 13, 6)	1	2	16	49	
Br	760	10	84 (91, 7, 2)	7	3	7	43	
Br	760		89 (91, 6, 3)	1	3	7	53	
Br	100		91 (89, 9, 2)	1	1	8	36	
Br	30		88 (80, 12, 8)	1	1	10	28	
OH	65		94 (80, 15, 5), X = OCH <sub>3</sub> ; 5, X = OH	1	1		72	
OH	55		93 (78, 16, 6), X = OCH <sub>3</sub> ; 4, X = OH	1	1	1	70	
OH	18		85 (76, 17, 7), X = OCH <sub>3</sub> ; 13, X = OH	1	1	1	65	
OH	5		76 (72, 21, 7), X = OCH <sub>3</sub> ; 19, X = OH	1	3	1	40	

<sup>a</sup> The systems contained 1 mCi of [*p*-<sup>3</sup>H<sub>2</sub>]benzene (specific activity: 93 mCi mmol<sup>-1</sup>) and O<sub>2</sub> (4 torr), used as a radical scavenger. The decay samples were stored in the dark, at room temperature, for 12–14 months. <sup>b</sup> Expressed as a percentage of the total activity of the aromatic fraction of the tritiated products. Standard deviation of data, ca. 10%. <sup>c</sup> Expressed as the percent ratio of the total activity of the end aromatic products to the activity originally contained in the nuclear-decay formed [<sup>3</sup>H]phenylum ion reactant. Most of the residual activity is contained in low-boiling fragmentation products. <sup>d</sup> The uncertainty level of the tritium distribution in the ring positions of the labeled halobenzenes is an inverse function of the corresponding positional activity, since this arises from the difference between two activity measurements (see Experimental Section). In general, the uncertainty level ranges around 2–3% for the para position, 20–30% for the meta, and 50–80% for the ortho positions.



scrambling we observe in 4 would not conflict with the high-energy barrier calculated for the automerization process 1 in the phenylum ion (1). The conceivable occurrence of mechanism 3 in our decay experiments was the subject of accurate evaluation.<sup>2b</sup> However, mechanism 2 lent itself to a suitable explanation of the apparent <sup>3</sup>H scrambling in 4 on the grounds of theoretical arguments and specifically designed radiolytic experiments.<sup>7</sup>

We present here additional, compelling evidence against sequence 3 and in favor of the alternative mechanism 2.

This condition has been attained simply by using methyl halides (CH<sub>3</sub>X; X = F, Cl, or Br), instead of CH<sub>3</sub>OH, as the nucleophilic interceptor of the decay-formed [*p*-<sup>3</sup>H]phenylum ion (1)<sub>p</sub> in the gas phase. In this case, attack of the phenylum ions on CH<sub>3</sub>X

is expected to yield eventually the corresponding tritiated halobenzene with a <sup>3</sup>H distribution akin to that of the isomeric ions from the degenerate rearrangement 1. This assertion is based upon the fact that any conceivable ionic intermediate from the gas-phase attack of phenylum ion on CH<sub>3</sub>X can hardly undergo fast proton (or tritium) shifts within the aromatic ring, without generating species (e.g., protonated halotoluenes (7)<sub>p</sub>) which are no longer precursors of the tritiated halobenzene (8) (eq 4).

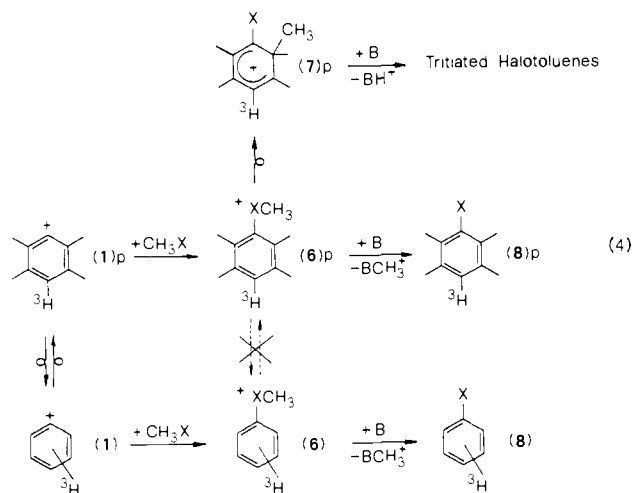
## Results and Discussion

Table I summarizes the experimental evidence: the yields of the identified tritiated aromatics, <sup>3</sup>H distribution in the recovered halobenzenes, and the composition of the decay systems. Data from the earlier decay experiments in CH<sub>3</sub>OH are included for purposes of comparison. Relatively high yields (28–61%) of tritiated aromatics are formed from the gas-phase attack of singlet<sup>2b</sup> phenylum ion on CH<sub>3</sub>X ( $-\Delta H^\circ = 30\text{--}70 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ).<sup>8</sup> Most of the residual activity is contained in low-boiling tritiated products, invariably accompanying formation of the aromatic derivatives. Their yield is found to increase upon lowering the

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(8) All the conceivable reaction channels leading to the ionic precursors of the tritiated products of Table I are calculated to be from  $\sim 30$  to  $\sim 70 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  exothermic, if a heat of formation of  $270 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  is taken for phenylum ion. Rosenstock, H. M.; Larkins, J. T.; Walker, J. A. *Int. J. Mass Spectrom. Ion Phys.* **1973**, *11*, 309–328.

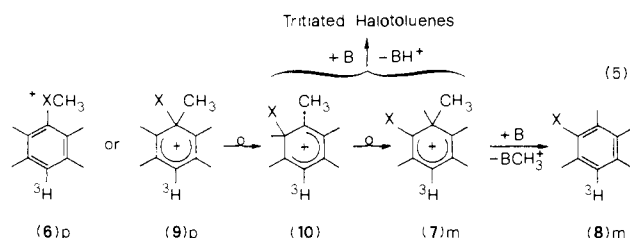


system pressure, thus suggesting significant fragmentation in the phenylum ion- $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  adduct when formed in the absence of efficient collisional deactivation.

The relative composition of the aromatic products is found to depend markedly upon the nature of the halogen atom X involved. In particular, chloro- and bromobenzene are the major products (>80%) from the decay in  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , respectively, whereas almost equal amounts of fluorobenzene (32–45%), toluene (31–40%), and fluorotoluenes (19–24%) are recovered from the  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  experiments. Addition of 1.4 mol % of  $\text{NH}_3$  (a powerful base B in eq 4) to  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  (760 torr) causes tritiated fluorobenzene to become the predominant product (65%). Increase of the relative yield of fluorobenzene in the presence of  $\text{NH}_3$  occurs at the expense of toluene and fluorotoluenes, thus suggesting the preliminary formation of a methylphenylfluoronium ion (6), which is able to isomerize to 7 or 9 before methyl loss to the base B (eq 4). The same isomerization process appears much less pronounced in the intermediates 6, when X = Cl or Br. The product distribution of Table I is consistent with the recognized affinity of phenylum ion toward the n electrons of the nucleophilic acceptor, although site discrimination appears less pronounced in the case of  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ .

A close correspondence between the  $^3\text{H}$  distribution within the halobenzenes and anisole is also evident, which appears governed mainly by the density number of the acceptor and of the additives, rather than by the nature of the nucleophile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  vs.  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ). These findings indicate that the same mechanism is operative in both  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  decay systems, involving phenylum ion automerization *before* trapping by the nucleophile (eq 2), since other conceivable mechanisms (including the one proposed by Dewar (eq (3)) cannot occur in the  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  systems.

It might be argued that the  $^3\text{H}$  distribution in halobenzenes 8 may be affected by a conceivable halogen X migration within intermediates (6)<sub>p</sub> or (9)<sub>p</sub> (eq 5), where the latter is formed from



the direct insertion of (1)<sub>p</sub> into the C–X bond of  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  or by isomerization of (6)<sub>p</sub>.

If this were the case, then no appreciable  $^3\text{H}$  scrambling should be observable in the fluorobenzene ring, on account of the well-known migratory inaptitude of a F atom in positively charged species, such as (9)<sub>p</sub>.<sup>9</sup> However, this is contrary to experimental evidence.

Finally, the recognized high mobility of the hydrogen atoms with respect to methyl groups in gaseous arenium ions<sup>10</sup> speaks against the possibility that  $^3\text{H}$  scrambling in halobenzenes could arise from multiple methyl group shifts within intermediate (9)<sub>p</sub> or (7)<sub>p</sub> followed by methyl loss after reaching the para position. The most plausible explanation of the present results, as well as of those concerning the reaction of phenylum ions with  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , remains sequence 2, that is, a degenerate rearrangement via consecutive 1,2 hydrogen shifts in the phenylum ion (1). The automerization competes with the trapping of the cation by a gaseous nucleophile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  or  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ). Alternative mechanisms are not compatible with the present experimental data.

Automerization 1 of the  $\beta$ -decay-formed phenylum ion (1) is allowed by its vibrational excitation, associated inter alia with the relaxation from the regular hexagonal structure of the [1,4- $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene precursor to the highly distorted one<sup>4</sup> of the ground-state singlet phenylum daughter ion.<sup>11</sup> In the extreme hypothesis of a phenylum ion formed from [1,4- $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene via an adiabatic  $\beta^-$  transition, theoretical calculations set an upper limit of ca. 25 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> to its vibrational excitation energy.<sup>4a</sup> This energy is well below the energy barriers ( $\Delta E^* = 44\text{--}77$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) theoretically predicted for automerization 1.<sup>4</sup>

It is concluded that a discrepancy clearly remains between the overwhelming experimental evidence of a significant automerization of phenylum ions in the gas state and the high-energy barrier, predicted for the same process, by the currently available results of semiempirical theoretical calculations.

## Experimental Section

**Materials.** The preparation, purification, and isotopic analysis of the [1,4- $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene sample used as a source of the decay ions have been described elsewhere.<sup>12</sup> The activity distribution, measured by 213.47-MHz FT  $^3\text{H}$  NMR analysis, corresponded to ca. 56% [1,4- $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene and ca. 44% [ $^3\text{H}$ ]benzene. Methyl halides, oxygen, and ammonia were high purity gases from Matheson, used without further purification. Merck provided all the research grade aromatic compounds used as carriers or as standards in the gas chromatographic analysis of the decay systems.

**Growth of Decay Products.** The experimental techniques used for the preparation of the samples are described in full elsewhere.<sup>2</sup> Ca. 1 mCi of the [1,4- $^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene mixture, diluted with inactive benzene to a specific activity of 93 mCi mmol<sup>-1</sup>, was introduced into carefully evacuated and outgassed 125-mL Pyrex vessels containing a measured amount of methyl halide together with  $\text{O}_2$  (4 torr) used as a radical scavenger. A powerful ion trap ( $\text{NH}_3$ : 10 torr) was added when required. The vessels were, therefore, sealed off and stored in the dark, at room temperature, for 12–14 months.

**Analysis of Products.** Two distinct procedures were followed for the analysis of tritiated products from the decay systems. Aliquot portions of the homogeneous samples were subjected to radiogas chromatographic analysis with the main purpose of estimating the absolute yields. A C. Erba Model C gas chromatograph, equipped with a hot-wire detector in series with a 10-mL internal-flow proportional counter, heated at 160 °C, was used for the analyses. The GLC separations were carried out with helium as a carrier gas, the activity of the effluents being monitored by employing a  $\text{CH}_4/\text{He}$  1:1 counting gas mixture obtained by adding a methane makeup flow to the outlet of the hot-wire detector.

In most cases, the reaction vessels were opened and their contents diluted with precisely known amounts of inactive carriers of interest. After being thoroughly mixed, the samples were subjected to a preparative gas chromatographic separation to resolve and purify each individual component. The recovered fractions were again subjected to

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repeated separation and purification steps by preparative GLC, until a constant value of the specific activity of each component, measured by liquid scintillation counting (Tri-Carb 460 C, Packard Instrument Co.) was reached. The yield of each labeled product was deduced from the ratio of its activity to the total activity of the [ $^3\text{H}$ ]phenylium ions formed within the system during the storage period, as calculated from the initial activity of [ $1,4\text{-}^3\text{H}_2$ ]benzene and its known decay rate. The gas chromatographic analyses were carried out with the following columns: (a) Bentone 34-diisodecyl phthalate (1:1 on Chromosorb, W, 1 m) + Carbowax 20 M (15% on Chromosorb W, 3 m),  $T_c = 60\text{--}130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; (b) tricresyl phosphate (20% on Chromosorb W-AW-DMCS, 8 m),  $T_c = 100\text{--}120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Degradation of Tritiated Products.** The tritium distribution within the tritiated halobenzenes recovered from the decay samples was determined by a procedure based on the replacement of a  $^3\text{H}$  of the product by an inactive substituent, followed by the measurement of the corresponding decrease of the molar activity. Substitution reactions were chosen to minimize the danger of label losses or shifts due to unwanted isotopic

exchange processes, as demonstrated by blank degradations carried out on suitably deuterated precursors. Chlorination of chlorobenzene carried out in the presence of powdered iron gave a mixture of isomeric dichlorobenzenes which was resolved by preparative GLC on a Bentone 34 column (2 m,  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a DC 550 silicone oil column (4 m,  $130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). The same reaction carried out on fluorobenzene provided *o*- and *p*-chlorofluorobenzene, which were resolved on a Bentone 34 column (2 m,  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a tricresyl phosphate column (4 m,  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ), and the activity of the purified isomers was measured. The *p*-chlorofluorobenzene was then nitrated ( $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and the 2-chloro-5-fluoronitrobenzene was separated with a Bentone 34 column (1 m,  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). Bromobenzene was treated with  $\text{Cl}_2/\text{AlCl}_3$  at  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to give isomeric bromochlorobenzenes which were separated from the starting material with a DC 550 silicone column (2 m,  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). The isomeric bromochlorobenzenes were resolved with a Bentone 34-diisodecyl phthalate 1:1 column (1 m,  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).

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## High Resolution Electron Energy Loss Vibrational Studies of CO Coordination to the (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) Surface of ZnO

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**Abstract:** High Resolution Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (HREELS) has been used to study the interaction of CO with the (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) ZnO surface. The results presented represent the first successful effort to use HREELS to measure the vibrations of CO on any single crystal metal oxide surface and serve as a complement to our earlier photoelectron spectroscopic studies of the CO/ZnO system. Observation of the intraligand C–O stretching mode ( $273\text{ meV}$ ,  $2202\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and its first overtone ( $539\text{ meV}$ ,  $4348\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) verify that the CO molecule adsorbed at low coverages under ultrahigh-vacuum (UHV) conditions on (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) is indeed the same "high frequency" CO observed on ZnO powders. In addition, observation of the Zn–C metal–ligand stretch ( $31\text{ meV}$ ,  $250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) enables application of a normal mode calculation which indicates that the majority of the increased CO stretching frequency is due to an increase in the CO force constant and not just due to mechanical coupling to the surface. These results are discussed in light of the mechanism of methanol synthesis on ZnO.

### Introduction

The CO–ZnO system is of significant interest both with respect to its inorganic chemistry and its reactivity. First, zinc oxide is an effective catalyst in taking CO and  $\text{H}_2$  to methanol.<sup>3</sup> Further, the CO–ZnO surface complex is rather unusual in that it requires carbon monoxide bonding to a coordinatively unsaturated surface containing metal ions in higher oxidation states surrounded by oxide ligands; this is in contrast to the more usual zero valent metal surfaces where structural analogies to organometallic complexes can be drawn. Associated with this unusual inorganic complex are some rather unusual spectral features which may reflect differences in electronic structure and reactivity. In particular, as opposed to metals where CO binding results in a decrease of the intraligand stretching frequency relative to its gas-phase value due to charge transfer from the metal *d* orbitals to the  $2\pi^*$  orbital on the CO, on ZnO powders the CO stretching frequency increases from  $2143$  to  $\sim 2200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>4</sup>

A variety of chemical and spectroscopic studies<sup>5</sup> on four single crystal ZnO surfaces employing He(II) ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS) have generated the CO binding geometry on the ZnO (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) surface shown in Figure 1. Here, CO is binding carbon end down approximately along the coordinatively unsaturated Zn direction but tilted somewhat toward the coordinatively unsaturated surface oxide ion. (The unsaturated Zn direction is  $19^\circ$  off normal while the CO has been determined to bind  $30^\circ$  off normal.) A correlation of the geometric structure of the CO–ZnO active site to the electronic structure requires further insight into the vibrational spectrum of this complex. This has been pursued at a single crystal level in ultra high vacuum (UHV) on the (10 $\bar{1}$ 0) ZnO surface through High Resolution Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (HREELS).

In contrast to the wide range of current literature pertaining to HREELS studies of clean and adsorbate covered metal surfaces, there have been relatively few such studies on single crystal metal oxides. Ibach has extensively studied the clean ZnO surface by HREELS, measuring the Fuchs–Kliwer surface phonon spec-

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