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The far infrared spectra of phthalocyanine and its metal derivatives.

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Abstract

The far infrared spectra (400~30 cm\(^{-1}\)) of phthalocyanine and its metal derivatives were systematically studied and the assignments were proposed for the individual absorption bands observed with particular attention to the absorptions characteristic to each metal phthalocyanine as well as the metal-ligand vibrations. The electronic configuration of the central metal ion was discussed on the basis of these metal-dependent bands in which the zinc derivative showed a special aspect in the spectra.

Introduction

In the course of the study concerning polymorphic phase transformation of various kinds of phthalocyanine derivatives in organic suspension media\(^1\), it was found\(^2\) that zinc-phthalocyanine, when dispersed in n-donor solvents whose electron donating abilities were mainly due to the non-bonding lone pairs, produced stable crystals of molecular complexes where zinc-phthalocyanine and the solvent molecules were bound stoichiometrically. In the previous paper\(^3\), the infrared spectra of the phthalocyanine derivatives were studied in the region of 400~4000 cm\(^{-1}\) to obtain the available data for the study on the bond nature of the molecular complexes composed of zinc-phthalocyanine and n-donor solvents.
The far infrared spectra were also called for in order to investigate the structure and the nature of bonding between the zinc-phthalocyanine and n-donor solvent molecule, because it was expected that the frequencies of metal ligand vibration, macrocyclic vibration in phthalocyanine, lattice vibration and the intermolecular vibrations might be observed in this region. Unfortunately, however, there have been very few data about the spectra of phthalocyanine in this region because of the complexity of the molecule. The far infrared spectra of various metal phthalocyanines were, therefore, investigated and the assignments were also proposed in the present paper.

Experimental

The metal phthalocyanines used were Fe-, Co-, Ni-, Cu-, Zn-, Pd- and Pt-phthalocyanines which were capable of purification by sublimation without decomposition. They were prepared by the reaction of phthalonitrile with metal dusts or metal chlorides and purified by repeated sublimation at 550°C under a reduced pressure of nitrogen gas flow.

The metal-free phthalocyanine was obtained by decomposition of the dilithium phthalocyanine by dispersing in acid or water and then sublimated repeatedly.

The spectra of the specimens which were prepared as Nujol mulls were recorded with a Hitachi Model FIS-3 double
Vibrational Frequencies and Assignments.

The infrared spectra of the phthalocyanine and its metal derivatives roughly resemble one another as shown in Fig. 1. The absorption frequencies are listed in Table 1 where each series of corresponding band was designated as (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) respectively. The last column of Table 1 shows the vibrational assignments proposed on the basis of comparative analysis.

1) Metal independent bands

The molecular symmetry of $\text{H}_2$-phthalocyanine is $D_{2h}$ whereas the divalent metal derivatives have $D_{4h}$ symmetry as shown in Fig. 2. The infrared active modes of vibration in $D_{4h}$ symmetry are only two, namely $A_{2u}$ and $E_u$. The $E_u$ mode of vibrations splits into two infrared active modes, $B_{2u}$ and $B_{3u}$, for molecules of $D_{2h}$ symmetry. This relationship is well detected with respect to the spectra in Fig. 1.

The absorption bands (d) for metal-phthalocyanines which appeared at about 233 cm$^{-1}$ were observed to split into the doublet at 238 and 230 cm$^{-1}$ for $\text{H}_2$-phthalocyanine. Similar effects were also observed with metal dependent absorption bands (b) around 300 cm$^{-1}$ for metal derivatives and at higher frequency region as listed in Table 2 where
previous data are also referred to for comparison. These bands were caused by $E_u$ mode of vibrations since the corresponding band for $H_2$-phthalocyanine split into the doublet. On the basis of such splitting behaviour, the 230 cm$^{-1}$ and 238 cm$^{-1}$ bands for $H_2$-phthalocyanine and the related series (d) for other metal-phthalocyanines were assigned to in-plane vibrations of macrocyclic ring respectively. Other two sets of bands (f) and (g) were observed around 140 cm$^{-1}$ and 125 cm$^{-1}$ respectively with $H_2$, Fe-, Co-, Ni- and Cu-phthalocyanines. These bands shifted only very little with the variation of metal excepting Zn-phthalocyanine which showed the absorptions at 132 cm$^{-1}$ and 116 cm$^{-1}$. They were considered as metal independent vibrations together with the one observed at about 235 cm$^{-1}$ which, designated as (d), also showed a similar tendency not to change too much with the variation in the species of metal ion. The former two metal independent vibrations designated as (f) and (g) at 140 and 125 cm$^{-1}$ were assigned to $A_{2u}$ out-of-plane deformation because no splitting occurred for $H_2$-phthalocyanine with $D_{2h}$ symmetry. The metal independent absorption bands in this region may be considered as those by the vibrations of phthalocyanine macrocyclic ring.

2) Metal dependent bands

There existed three remarkable metal dependent bands
in each spectrum of metal phthalocyanines in the far infrared region. Two of them were also observed in $H_2$-phthalocyanine. One is at 342 cm$^{-1}$ and the other at 259 cm$^{-1}$ and 269 cm$^{-1}$ as a doublet. On the basis of the same criterion concerning the splitting behaviour, the 342 cm$^{-1}$ series (a) were assigned to out-of-plane vibrations associated with the isoindole ring which was closely connected to the metal ion. The frequencies of these metal dependent bands shifted in the order

$$H_2 < Cu < Zn < Pd < Fe < Co < Ni < Pt$$

for band (a) and

$$Zn < H_2 < Cu < Fe < Pd < Co = Ni < Pt$$

for band (b).

As far as the first transition metals are concerned, the orders appear as follows:

$$Cu < Zn < Fe < Co < Ni$$

for band (a) and

$$Zn < Cu < Fe < Co = Ni$$

for band (b).

Especially for the latter band, the frequency shift for zinc-derivative is anomalously large and together with copper phthalocyanine, the frequency of the band shows a conspicuous inversion assuming even lower value than that of out-of-plane vibration of macrocyclic ring which appeared around 300 cm$^{-1}$ (band (c)). This fact will be discussed later with other metal dependent bands in view of the configuration of electron orbitals of metal ion in the phthalocyanine molecule. These two sets of bands are considered to be due to the isoindole ring judging from the strong metal-dependent behaviour.
3) Metal-ligand vibration

The third metal dependent bands (e) which appeared with high intensities in the region 150 cm\(^{-1}\) to 200 cm\(^{-1}\) for Fe-, Co-, Ni- and Cu-phthalocyanines and at 100\(-150\) cm\(^{-1}\) for Zn-, Pd- and Pt-phthalocyanines were assigned to the metal-ligand vibrations because these strong bands were not observed in the spectrum of metal-free phthalocyanine. The frequencies of the metal-ligand vibrations in the derivatives shifted to higher frequency region in the order

\[ \text{Zn < Pd < Pt < Cu < Fe < Co < Ni} \]

The tendency appeared the same as that for the band (b) if Pd and Pt are excluded. Such an order is considered to be closely associated with the metal-ligand bonding strength as will be discussed later.

4) Other bands

In the region of 100 cm\(^{-1}\) to 30 cm\(^{-1}\), broad medium intensity bands (h) were observed in all the phthalocyanines except for the zinc derivative around 90 cm\(^{-1}\). Moreover, a few additional bands existed in this region for every phthalocyanine and the anomalies of zinc and copper were also observed on these bands. The divalent metal phthalocyanine crystals belonging to P2\(_1\)/a are theoretically expected to have three infrared active lattice vibrations. It was reported by Shimanouchi\(^4\) that naphthalene whose crystal
belongs to the same space group showed absorptions due to lattice vibrations at 98, 66 and 53 cm\(^{-1}\). Metal phthalocyanines whose molecule is much greater than naphthalene, the absorption bands due to the lattice vibration is expanded to appear at a region much lower than 100 cm\(^{-1}\). Therefore, some of those bands observed in this region may be assigned to the absorptions due to the lattice vibration, although more detailed examination is considered necessary to reach a better understanding.

Discussion

1) The absorption frequencies of the characteristic bands and the electronic configuration in the orbitals of the metal ions.

The stabilities of divalent metal complexes have some relationships to the electronic configurations of the metal ions. According to Irving-Williams\(^5\), the second ionization potentials of divalent metals have an important effect on stability constant of the divalent metal complexes. The order of the second ionization potential of divalent metals is

Fe < Co < Ni < Cu > Zn.

Boucher\(^6\) reported that, in the case of divalent metal derivatives of the porphyrins, the order of the infrared frequency shifts followed the order of stability of the
metalloporphyrins which had been determined by Phillips on the basis of replacement reactions, dissociation reaction, and various electronic spectral data. It may be well understood that the data for the first transition metal derivatives of phthalocyanine are in good agreement with the Irving-Williams stability order for complexes of nitrogen-containing ligands excepting Zn and Cu, when the absorption frequencies of metal-ligand vibrations are plotted against the second ionization potential of each metal as shown in Fig. 3.

The deviations of Zn- and Cu-phthalocyanines from this rule for the first transition metal series were interpreted in terms of the electronic structure of central metal ions coordinated with the macrocyclic ring of phthalocyanine molecule. The rule of Irving-Williams stability order is applicable to a series of metal complexes where dsp² square-planar hybrid orbitals were used. When the differences of the energy levels between the dsp² hybrid orbitals and sp³ ones of metal ions are negligibly small, this rule can also be applied to the series of complexes where either sp³ or dsp² configuration is used. In the phthalocyanine macrocyclic ring, the divalent metal ions are forced to take square-planar four coordinated structures, which are energetically stable for the Fe⁹⁹, Co⁹⁹, Ni⁹⁹, Pt⁹⁹ and Pd⁹⁹, by the use of dsp² hybrid orbitals as shown in Fig. 4. On the contrary, the most stable form for four coordinated
Zn-complexes is the tetrahedral one by using the $sp^3$ hybrid orbitals because all of the 3d orbitals are occupied by ten electrons of zinc atom itself. For example, the 8-hydroxyquinoline as well as diethyldithiocarbamate\(^8\) forms four coordinated tetrahedral complex with zinc, whereas the former chelating reagent forms square-planar one with copper or nickel ion as is apparent from the results of the crystal structure analysis of these complexes established by Palenik\(^9,10\) by X-ray diffraction method.

In order to fit in a square planar configuration, the zinc ion must use 4s4p\(^2\)4d hybrid orbitals which are less stable than 4s4p\(^3\) orbitals for the same ion. For copper ion, the 3d orbitals are occupied by nine electrons and the electronic configurations of outer orbitals in four coordinated complexes are 4s4p\(^3\) tetragonal form or 4s4p\(^2\)4d square configuration like zinc ion. The 3d4s4p\(^2\) hybrid orbitals of the copper with one 3d electron elevated to 4p orbital as shown in Fig. 4 (Cu-(a)) are equally stable to the 4s4p\(^3\) or 4s4p\(^2\)4d orbitals. In square-planar configuration, both of the complexes with dsp\(^2\) or sp\(^2\)d hybrid orbitals have been observed to exist and for copper phthalocyanine the dsp\(^2\) configuration is considered to be possible in view of the magnetic moment\(^11\). These orbital configurations of divalent metals have an important effect upon the vibrational frequencies of metal-nitrogen bond and other metal dependent absorp-
tion bands as well.

Particularly, the outer orbital complex, which assumes the forced sp\(^2\)d hybrid orbitals, may cause the lowering of the absorption frequency of metal-ligand vibration and also other anomalies in the spectra. In the series of far infrared spectra of the first transition metal phthalocyanines, the zinc-derivative showed conspicuous anomaly as noted above. These anomalous aspects of the spectrum of zinc-phthalocyanine in the absorption bands at 258 cm\(^{-1}\), 242 cm\(^{-1}\), 132 cm\(^{-1}\), 116 cm\(^{-1}\) and 98 cm\(^{-1}\) are well explained on the basis of these considerations.

The copper derivative was also a little exceptional. For example, the frequencies of two metal dependent absorption bands in the first transition series increased in the order of Fe < Co < Ni but decreased at Cu more than 25 cm\(^{-1}\). Moreover the band due to the metal-ligand vibration showed the same tendency. This tendency may arise from the unpaired electron existing in the outermost 4p\(_z\)-orbital of Cu ion which acted as repulsive forces against the four nitrogens in phthalocyanine ring and weakened the individual bonds between them and metal ion. It is very interesting to note that in the periodic table copper atom is positioned between nickel and zinc and that in the systematic study of far infrared spectra of the metal phthalocyanines, the spectrum of copper derivative also showed intermediate aspect of the
spectra of nickel- and zinc-phthalocyanines.

These absorption frequencies concerning metal-ligand vibration must be, as might be expected, in some relation to other physical and chemical natures regarding the metal-nitrogen bonds. Unfortunately, however, few systematic data have been reported about these bonds on metal phthalocyanine. The bond lengths between the nitrogen and metal ion in various metal porphyrins reported by Gouterman\textsuperscript{12}) were adopted since the molecular patterns of the porphyrins are quite the same as those of the metal phthalocyanines as far as the central configuration is concerned. When the reciprocals of the bond lengths are plotted against the absorption frequencies for metal phthalocyanines obtained in this work, a linear relationship was obtained excepting iron as shown in Fig. 5. This fact strongly indicates that the magnitude of the absorption frequency depends on the bond length between metal and ligand nitrogen.

2) The effects of crystal structures on the spectra.

It is well known that H\textsubscript{2}-, Fe-, Co-, Ni-, Cu- and Zn-phthalocyanine assume at least two polymorphic forms, the stable \( \beta \)-form and the unstable \( \alpha \)-form, and also that they have isomorphic crystal structure with one another for the individual crystal modifications. The \( \beta \)-phthalocyanine is one of the polymorphs prepared by sublimation which is known
to produce highly pure materials for such metal phthalocyanines as used here. The crystal structure of the β-form is monoclinic belonging to the space group P2₁/a with two molecules per unit cell. Their unit cell dimensions which were reported by Robertson¹³) and refined by Brown¹⁴) are listed in Table 3. No β-form structures have been known for Pt- and Pd-phthalocyanine and they usually have a crystal structure which corresponds to the α-polymorph of other metal phthalocyanine when purified by sublimation.

As all the samples used in the present investigation were purified by sublimation, their crystal structures were also obtained to examine the spectral changes caused by the difference of crystal structures in the far infrared region.

The metal phthalocyanines except for Pt- and Pd-derivatives have three metal dependent bands (a), (b) and (e) respectively and the intensities of the bands are all strong. On the contrary, the Pt- and Pd-derivatives show only one strong band respectively at 380 cm⁻¹ and 366 cm⁻¹ which were assigned to out-of-plane vibrations where the pyrrol rings are more closely involved. Another metal dependent E_u bands (b) near 320 cm⁻¹ became weaker than the absorption band of A₂u mode near 300 cm⁻¹. Besides, the intensity of the E_u bands (d) around 240 cm⁻¹ are very weak with Pt- and Pd-derivatives. The facts that the metal dependent out-of-plane vibration caused the strong absorption and the inten-
sities of the in-plane vibration became weak suggest that these spectral differences of Pt- and Pd-derivatives from other metal phthalocyanines were caused by the difference of the molecular stacking in crystals as shown in Fig. 6.

There are eight nitrogen atoms in a phthalocyanine molecule, four atoms are located at a distance about 1.80 Å around the central metal ion and other four at about 3.38 Å. In the β-form crystal, each one of the nearest neighbour molecule along the b-axis contributes a nitrogen at the same distance of 3.38 Å as four nitrogen in the molecule. Therefore, the central metal atom may be described as lying at the center of a square planar configuration which were situated in a larger octahedral array of six nitrogen atoms as shown in Fig. 6(b). On the other hand, in the α-polymorphs including Pt-phthalocyanine and possibly Pd-derivative, no nitrogen atoms of neighbouring molecules are situated right over and under the central atom. The distance between two neighbouring molecules in this case is 3.41 Å. Insomuch as the lattice vibrations or other crystal-structure-dependent absorptions are expected to appear in the far infrared region, it is necessary to use the samples with the same crystal structure in order to perform a comparative study concerning the far infrared spectra of various metal phthalocyanines systematically. As already stated, the intensities of absorption bands for Pt- and Pd-derivatives with the α-modification are found weaker than
those for the $\beta$-modification of the derivatives of other metals. This tendency is more conspicuous for the absorption bands such as (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) which are mostly associated with the deformation of the macrocyclic ring of phthalocyanine molecule.

However, it seems necessary to compare the difference of the spectra due to the crystal structure with respect to the polymorphs of the same metal derivative to discuss the effects of crystal structures on the spectra as will be reported in the near future. When the effects of crystal structure on the vibration and lattice energy are well understood it may be possible to clarify the reason why the polymorphism of various phthalocyanines exists.

It must also be pointed out that the far infrared spectra of phthalocyanine derivatives are very useful and convenient method for non-destructive analysis to distinguish the kind of metal in phthalocyanine derivatives, when compared with other technique such as X-ray powder diffraction because the crystal structures of some metal phthalocyanines are so close to each other in order to discriminate them only by the measurement of lattice parameters.

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Note: The table lists absorption frequencies for various metal derivatives of phthalocyanine, with bands identified for specific types of vibrational modes.
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| Phthalo- | a (Å) | b (Å) | c (Å) | β     | Space Group |
| cyanine |     |      |      |       |             |
| C₃₂H₁₆N₈ | 19.9 | 4.72 | 14.8 | 122°12' | P2₁/a |
| C₃₂H₁₆N₈Fe | 20.2 | 4.75 | 15.1 | 121°42' | P2₁/a |
| Co       | 20.2 | 4.77 | 15.0 | 121°3'  | P2₁/a |
| Ni       | 19.9 | 4.71 | 14.9 | 121°54' | P2₁/a |
| Cu       | 19.4 | 4.79 | 14.6 | 120°56' | P2₁/a |
| Zn       | 19.2 | 4.87 | 14.52 | 120°2' | P2₁/a |
| Pd       | *    |      |      |        |       |
| Pt       | 26.29 | 3.82 | 23.9 | 94°6'  | C2/n |

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