Gas-Phase Spectroscopy of Metai Ion–Crown Ether Complexes

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Crown Ether

- Benzo-18-crown-6 was first discovered by Pedersen in 1967.
- Used for many applications.
- Mass spectrometric studies of metal ion-CE complexes
 - Dearden (1991), Brodbelt (1992), Armentrout (1996), Brutschy (1997),
- IR spectroscopy of metal ion-CE complexes
 - Lisy (2009), Martinez-Haya (2009)
- UV spectroscopy of metal ion-CE complexes
 Kim (2009)
- UV and IR spectroscopy of jet-cooled CE
 - Ebata (2007), Zwier (2009)

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• Crown Ethers and DMB



- Metal Ions (ionic radii in Å)*
 - $-Li^{+}(0.59), Na^{+}(0.99), K^{+}(1.37), Rb^{+}(1.52), Cs^{+}(1.67)$

- Mg^{2+} (0.57), Ca^{2+} (1.06), Sr^{2+} (1.18), Ba^{2+} (1.35)

- $-Ni^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Cu^{+}$ *R. D. Shannon, Acta Cryst. A32, 751 (1976).
- 1:1 and 1:2 complexes at ~4 K \rightarrow 70 complexes

Outline

- Experimental
- M^+ –DMB (M = Li, Na, K, Rb, and Cs)
- M^+ -Crown Ether (M = Li, Na, K, Rb, and Cs)
- M^+ -(Crown Ether)₂ (M = Li, Na, K, Rb, and Cs)
- M^{2+} -Crown Ether (M = Mg, Ca, Sr, and Ba)
- M^{2+} -(Crown Ether)₂ (M = Mg, Ca, Sr, and Ba)
- Transition Metal Ion–Crown Ether complexes

Experimental



B15C5, B18C6, DB18C6 1,2-Dimethoxybenzene

LiCl, NaCl, KCl, RbCl, CsCl MgCl₂, CaCl₂, SrCl₂, BaCl₂

NiCl₂•6H₂O MnCl₂ CuSO₄ (dissolved in H₂O)

> in Methanol 20–200 µM

UV power 1–1.5 mJ/pulse IR power 4–5 mJ/pulse

Svendsen, Lorenz, Boyarkin, and Rizzo, Rev. Sci. Instrum., **81**, 073107 (2010).

UV Spectra of M⁺•**DMB**





gradually shift to the red from Na⁺ to Cs⁺

Platt and co-workers, JPCA, 109, 9456 (2005)

General trend:

Stronger interaction \rightarrow higher transition energy

UV Spectra of M⁺•B15C5



Large structural change between Na⁺ and K⁺?

UV Spectrum of Na⁺•B15C5



UV Spectrum of Benzene





Suzuki and Ito, J. Chem. Phys., **91**, 4564 (1989).





1	993	923
6	606	522
16	404	244

UV Spectrum of Na⁺•B15C5



UV Spectrum of Li⁺•B15C5



UV Wavenumber (cm⁻¹)

UV Spectrum of Rb⁺•**B15C5**



UV Spectrum of Rb⁺•B15C5



UV Spectra of M⁺•B15C5



Na⁺•B15C5 IR-UV



Rb⁺•B15C5 IR-UV



Rb⁺•B15C5 IR-UV





UV Spectra of M⁺•B18C6





UV Spectrum of Na⁺•B18C6



UV Spectrum of K⁺•B18C6



2 isomers?

UV Spectra of M⁺•DB18C6



UV Spectra of M⁺•DB18C6





More "buckled" structure gives more active low-frequency vibronic structure. (Zwier, 2010)

Kim et al., JPCA, 2009, 113, 8343.

UV Spectra of M⁺•B15C5



Future Work

- Quantum chemical calculations
 - Geometric structures, vibrational analysis, calculation of electronic transitions
- IR-UV and UV-UV double resonance spectroscopy
- Transition metal ions
 - anisotropic electronic structures
- Recognition of chiral molecules with crown ethers