VIBRATION SPECTRA OF IMIDODISELENATE AND IMIDODISULPHATE ANIONS

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Infrared and Raman spectra of potassium salts of $N(SeO_3)\overline{2}^3$, $N(SO_3)\overline{2}^3$, and $HN(SO_3)\overline{2}^2$ anions have been measured. Normal coordinate analysis has been used for their interpretation and characterization of bonding relations in the anions studied.

The method of preparation of salts of imidodiselenic acid was developed only recently¹, and structure of the anion $N(SeO_3)_2^{-3}$ has not yet been investigated. Therefore, we tried to contribute to its description by a study of vibration spectra of KN. .(SeO₃K)₂.H₂O (I). We chose vibration spectra of K₂Se₂O₇ (II), KN(SO₃K)₂.H₂O (III) and HN(SO₃)K₂ (IV) as a suitable comparison material for the interpretation. So far only the compounds II (ref.²) and IV (refs^{3,4}), have been submitted to spectroscopic study. However, the vibration spectra^{3,4} do not show satisfactory agreement, and their interpretation is only partial. Therefore, another aim of this work was to complete and define with more precision the available data. Interpretation of the vibration spectra of all the investigated anions and characterization of the bonding relations therein were carried out on the basis of normal coordinate analysis.

EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation of the compounds studied. For the measurement of vibration spectra of the compound I we used a sample whose preparation, purification and purity check were described in ref.¹. The compound II was prepared by thermal condensation of KHSeO₄ (ref.⁵), and its purity was checked on the basis of its vibration spectra only.

Condensation of ammonium amidosulphate at about 300° C and recrystallization from aqueous ammonia solution gave triammonium imidodisulphate monohydrate⁴ which was converted into the respective sodium salt by action of 50% aqueous sodium hydroxide; the sodium salt gave the compound *IV* on action of KCl (ref.⁶). Neutralization of *IV* with concentrated potassium hydroxide solution gave the compound⁷ *III*.

For KN(SO₃K)₂.H₂O (309.5) calculated: 20.72% S, 37.90% K, 4.52% N; found: 21.05% S, 37.64% K, 4.40% N. For HN(SO₃K)₂ (253.3) calculated: 25.31% S, 30.87% K, 5.52% N; found: 25.60% S, 30.32% K, 5.38% N.

Analytical methods. In the imidodisulphates prepared sulphur was determined gravimetrically as barium sulphate after hydrolysis of the sample in concentrated hydrochloric acid and after reaction of the potassium amidosulphate formed with potassium nitrate. Potassium was determined gravimetrically, too (as potassium sulphate), and nitrogen was determined volumetrically according to Dumas. Purity of the compound *III* was also checked by paper chromatography⁸.

The infrared spectra of the solid samples in the region 3 600 to 400 cm^{-1} were measured with a UR-20 apparatus (Zeiss, Jena) in Nujol suspension using cells with KBr windows. The Raman spectra inclusive of the polarization measurements were obtained with a Ramalog 3 apparatus (Spex, Metuchen). The samples were located in glass capillary cells, the spectra were excited by the line 488 nm generated in an argon laser SP 165 03 (Spectra Physics, Mountain View) with the output of about 200 mW.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Vibration spectra. The anions I, II, and III belong, in the optimum case, to the C_{2x} point group with fully reduced vibration representation

$$\Gamma^{C_{2\nu}} = 7A_1^{P,\alpha} + 4A_2^{\alpha} + 6B_1^{P,\alpha} + 4B_2^{P,\alpha}.$$

Lowering of symmetry to C_2 , C_s or C_1 (e.g. by anisotropic field in the crystal) results in all the vibrations being active in the both types of spectra, and in the two former cases 11 of them are fully symmetrical. For the anion of the salt *IV* the C_s point group represents the highest possible symmetry group, and the fully reduced vibration representation has the form

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{C_{\mathfrak{s}}} = 13A'^{\mathsf{P},\alpha} + 11A''^{\mathsf{P},\alpha}.$$

If the group NH is considered to be a vibrating unit, then the fully reduced representation $\Gamma^{C_{2v}}$ applies to the anion *IV*, too.

Tables I to IV give vibration spectra of all the compounds studied. From the results of polarization measurements it follows that the anions I and III in aqueous solution belong to the point group C_{2v} . For evaluation of symmetry in solid state the region of antisymmetric valence vibrations of SO bonds is only applicable in which only three out of four possible vibrations of this type should appear in the infrared spectrum due to operation of the selection rules valid in the point group C_{2x} . The four bands observed in this region of infrared spectrum of III indicate that this anion belongs to a point group lower than C_{2v} . It is, however, impossible to decide which of the groups C_2 , C_s and C_1 really applies. The two bands observed for these vibrations in infrared spectra of I and II represent a lower number than that required for the most symmetrical possible case of the C_{2y} point group. This finding obviously results from random degeneration of vibrations and lower symmetry of these anions in the crystal, which is probable but not directly provable. Similar situation is encountered with the anion IV whose highest possible symmetry is C_{s} , and in spite of that three bands of antisymmetrical valence vibrations of SO bonds can only be observed in the infrared spectrum.

In the spectra of the anions I and III the wave number difference between symmetrical and antisymmetrical bridge valence vibration is about 200 cm⁻¹, whereas that of the anion IV is almost 10 times smaller. This phenomenon is obviously due to bonding relations at the central nitrogen atom which forms two and three bonds in the first two and the third cases, respectively. The presence of two free electron pairs at the nitrogen atoms in the anions I and III increases, according to expectation, the average value of wave numbers of valence bridge vibrations. Further consequences of this state are decrease of the angle between the bridge bonds and an increase of polarity of the terminal ZO bonds (Z = S, Se) (ref.⁹), which is reflected in the vibration spectra (see the values in Tables I to III).

Assignment of majority of the experimentally observed bands to the deformation vibrations of the angles OZO, OZN, and ZNZ did not follow until from the preliminary results of the normal coordinate analysis, and, hence, its reasoning is briefly discussed in the following paragraph.

IR, s		RA, s	5	RA, solut	ion	Assignment
\tilde{v} , cm ⁻¹	Ι	\tilde{v} , cm ⁻¹	Ι	$\tilde{\nu}$, cm ⁻¹	Ι	Assignment
		161	vw	130 b, p	vw	δ SeNSe (A_1)
				154 dp	vw	$\tau SeO_3(B_2)$
		255 b	w	258 dp	w	$\varrho' \parallel \operatorname{SeO}_3(B_1), \varrho \perp \operatorname{SeO}_3(A_2)$
		281	w	267 p	w	$\varrho \parallel SeO_3(A_1)$
		345	vw	376 p	w	$\delta_{s} SeO_{3}(A_{1})$
		376	w			δ'_{s} SeO ₃ (B ₁)
398	w	388	w	307 Sh, b	vw	$ \begin{array}{c} \delta_{\mathrm{as}} \parallel \mathrm{SeO}_3\left(A_1\right), \delta_{\mathrm{as}}' \parallel \mathrm{SeO}_3\left(B_1\right), \\ \delta_{\mathrm{as}}' \perp \mathrm{SeO}_3\left(B_2\right) \end{array} $
419	w	414	vw	422 Sh	vw	$\delta_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(A_2)$
452 Sh	w	454	'vw	435	vw	$q' \perp \text{SeO}_3(B_2)$
625	vw	623	m	621 p	m	v_{s} SeNSe (A_{1})
820	s	822	vw	822 dp	vw	v_{as} SeNSe (B_1)
862 Sh	m	863	vs	862 p	vs	$v_{\rm s} {\rm SeO}_3(A_1)$
868	m			868 ^a Sh, dp	vw	$v'_{s}SeO_{3}(B_{1})$
886	VS	876 Sh	w	873	vw	$v_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(A_2), v'_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(B_1)$
897	vs	890	w	884 ^a Sh	vw	$v_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(A_1), v'_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(B_2)$

TABLE I Vibration spectra of $KN(SeO_3K)_2.H_2O(I)$

The band intensities (1) are denoted as follows: vw very weak, w weak, m medium, s strong, vs very strong; sh shoulder; b broad band, p polarized, dp depolarized band; ^a obtained in the polarization measurements.

Normal coordinate analysis. The model used for calculation of the quadratic potential constants of all the four anions is represented in Fig. 1. In the anion IV the NH group was considered to be a vibrating unit with relative mass about 15, and, for simplicity, this anion was considered to belong to the C_{2v} point group. The structural parameters of the anion III, *i.e.* r = 166 pm, R = 146.8 pm, $\alpha = 110.2^{\circ}$, $\beta = 108.7^{\circ}$, $\varphi = 120.8^{\circ}$, and those of the anion IV, *i.e.* r = 168 pm, R = 146.2 pm, $\alpha = 113^{\circ}$, $\beta = 105.7^{\circ}$, $\varphi = 124.2^{\circ}$, were found by complete X-ray analysis¹⁰. The respective values of I and II were assessed as follows: r = 163 and 160 pm, R = 166 and 170 pm, $\varphi = 120^{\circ}$, the angles α and β were considered tetrahedral. The calculations used the wave number values of the fundamental transitions read from the Raman spectra of the aqueous solutions except for IV (little solubility) and II (ready hydrolysis) where it was necessary to use the wave number values from the Raman spectra of the solid samples.

The calculation of the quadratic potential constants was carried out by the Wilson **F,G**-matrix method using a Tesla 200 computer and a set of programs described

TABLE II

Vibration spectra of $K_2Se_2O_7(II)$

IR,	s ^a	RA,	s	Assignment
$\tilde{\nu}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$	Ι	$\tilde{\nu}$, cm ⁻¹	I	Assignment
		106	w	δ SeOSe (A ₁)
		156 b	vw	τ_{a} SeO ₂ (B ₂)
		229	m	$\rho \perp \text{SeO}_3(A_2)$
		238	S	$\varrho \parallel \text{SeO}_3(A_1), \varrho' \parallel \text{SeO}_3(B_1)$
		331	vw	?
		363	vw	$\varrho'_{\rm s} \perp {\rm SeO}_3(B_2)$
		378 Sh	vw	δ'_{s} SeO ₃ (B ₁)
		386	w	$\delta_{s} \text{SeO}_{3}(A_{1})$
		413	vw	$\delta_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(A_1), \delta'_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(B_1)$
425 Sh	m	422 Sh	vw	$\delta'_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(B_2)$
		433	vw	$\delta_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(A_2)$
555	m	560	w	v_{s} SeOSe (A_{1})
680	vs	671	vw	v_{as} SeOSe (B_1)
879	m	873	vw l	$v_{s}^{\prime} \mathrm{SeO}_{3}\left(B_{1}\right)$
896	m	896	vs J	$v_{\rm s} {\rm SeO}_3(A_1)$
		935	vw)	
946	vs	944	vw }	$v_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(A_2), v'_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(B_1)$
967	vs	960	wJ	$v_{as} \parallel \text{SeO}_3(A_1), v'_{as} \perp \text{SeO}_3(B_2)$

^a Ref.²; for denotation of the band intensities (I) see Table I.

in refs^{11,12}. The following set of internal symmetrical coordinates was used for transformation of the **G** and **F** matrices to the block diagonal form:

$$S_{1} = 2^{-1/2} (\Delta R_{1} + \Delta R_{2}),$$

$$S_{2} = 6^{-1/2} (\Delta r_{1} + \Delta r_{2} + \Delta r_{3} + \Delta r_{4} + \Delta r_{5} + \Delta r_{6}),$$

$$S_{3} = 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta r_{1} - \Delta r_{2} - \Delta r_{3} + 2\Delta r_{4} - \Delta r_{5} - \Delta r_{6}),$$

$$S_{4} = \Delta \varphi,$$

TABLE III

Vibration spectra of KN(SO3K)2.H2O(III)

IR, s		RA,	s	RA, soluti	on	Assignment
\tilde{v} , cm ⁻¹	Ι	\tilde{v} , cm ⁻¹	I	\tilde{v} , cm ⁻¹	I	Assignment
		150 Sh	vw	160 Sh, p	vw	$\delta SNS(A_1)$
		195 Sh	vw	196 Sh	vw	$\tau SO_3(B_1)$
		210	vw		1	
		139 Sh	vw	242 Sh	vw	?
		270 Sh	vw		J	
		334	m	343 Sh, dp	vw	$q \perp SO_3(A_2)$
		356	m	360 p	w	$Q \parallel SO_3(A_1)$
		373	S			$q' \parallel SO_3(B_1)$
485 b	vw	480	vw	472 Sh	vw	$\delta'_{s}SO_{3}(B_{1})$
* 521	w	521	m	521 p	vw	$\delta_{s}SO_{3}(A_{1})$
560	vw	554	vw	549 dp	vw	$\varrho' \perp SO_3(B_2)$
572 Sh	vw	574 Sh	vw	609 p	vw	$\delta_{as} \parallel SO_3(A_1), \delta'_{as} \parallel SO_3(B_1)$
623	S	621	w	620 Sh, b	vw	$\delta_{as} \perp SO_3(A_2), \delta'_{as} \perp SO_3(B_2)$
675 Sh	vw	680	vw	681 p	vw	?
778	w	780	vs	783 p	m	$v_{\rm s} {\rm SNS}\left(A_1\right)$
988	vs	979	vw	981 dp	vw	v_{as} SNS (B_1)
1 049	s	1 042	' vw	1 029 dp(p)	vw	$v_{s}^{\prime}SO_{3}\left(B_{1}\right)$
1 073	s	1 075	vs	1 061 p	vs	$\nu_{\rm s} {\rm SO}_3 \left(A_1 \right)$
1 129	S	1 1 2 2	vw			$v_{as} \perp SO_3(A_2)$
1 162	vs	1 1 5 2	w	1 129	vw	$v_{as}^{\prime} \parallel SO_3(B_1)$
1 178	vs	1 160 Sh	w	1 140	vw	$v'_{as} \perp SO_3(B_2)$
1 195	vs	1 187	w	1 155	vw	$v_{ac} \parallel SO_3(A_1)$
1 645	vw					δ _{HOH}
3 482	w					$v_{\rm s} + v_{\rm as} OH$
3 540 Sh	w					

For denotation of the band intensities (I) see Table I.

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$$S_5 = 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta\alpha_1 - \Delta\alpha_2 - \Delta\alpha_3 + 2\Delta\alpha_4 - \Delta\alpha_5 - \Delta\alpha_6),$$

$$S_6 = 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta\beta_1 - \Delta\beta_2 - \Delta\beta_3 + 2\Delta\beta_4 - \Delta\beta_5 - \Delta\beta_6),$$

 $S_7 = N^{-1} [P(\Delta \alpha_1 + \Delta \alpha_2 + \Delta \alpha_3 + \Delta \alpha_4 + \Delta \alpha_5 + \Delta \alpha_6) - (\Delta \beta_1 + \Delta \beta_2 + \Delta \beta_3 + \Delta \beta_4 + \Delta \beta_5 + \Delta \beta_6)],$

$$S_{\rm R} = N^{-1} [(\Delta \alpha_1 + \Delta \alpha_2 + \Delta \alpha_3 + \Delta \alpha_4 + \Delta \alpha_5 + \Delta \alpha_6) + P(\Delta \beta_1 + \Delta \beta_2 + \Delta \beta_3 + \Delta \beta_4 + \Delta \beta_5 + \Delta \beta_6)] \text{ for the block } A_1,$$

 $S_8 = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta r_2 - \Delta r_3 - \Delta r_5 + \Delta r_6),$

TABLE IV

Vibration spectra of $HN(SO_3K)_2(IV)$

IR,	s	RA.	s	
$\tilde{\nu}$, cm ⁻¹	I	$\tilde{\nu}$, cm ⁻¹	I	Assignment
1999				
		161 Sh	vw	$\delta SNS(A')$
		189	vw	$\tau SO_3(A')$
		236 Sh	vw	?
		329	S	$g \parallel SO_3(A'), g' \parallel SO_3(A''), g \perp SO_3(A'')$
465	vw	463	vw	$\delta'_{s}SO_{3}(A'')$
541	w	526	w	$\delta_{\rm s} {\rm SO}_3(A')$
555 Sh	vw	554	w	$\varrho' \perp SO_3(A')$
603	S	578	vw	$\delta_{ae} \parallel SO_3(A'), \varrho'_{ae} \perp SO_3(A'),$
		603 b	vw	$\delta_{as} \perp SO_3(A''), \delta'_{as} \parallel SO_3(A'')$
668	vw	671	vw	?
835 Sh	vw	842	m	$v_{\rm s} {\rm SNS}\left(A'\right)$
874	s	863 Sh	vw	v_{as} SNS (A")
?		947	vw	yNH
1 028	VS	1 026	vw	$v'_{\rm s} {\rm SO}_{\rm 3} (A'')$
1 088	m	1 089	vs	$v_{\rm e} {\rm SO}_3(A')$
1 232	VS	1 198	vw	$v_{as} \perp SO_3(A'')$
		1 214	vw	$v_{as}' \parallel SO_3(A'')$
1 245 Sh	VS	1 238	vw	$v'_{as} \perp SO_3(A')$
1 270	vs	1 252	vw	$v_{ac} \parallel SO_3(A')$
1 383	w			$\delta NH(A')$
3 232	w			vNH (A')

For denotation of the band intensities (I) see Table I.

$$\begin{split} S_{9} &= \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \alpha_{2} - \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{5} + \Delta \alpha_{6}), \\ S_{10} &= \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \beta_{2} - \Delta \beta_{3} - \Delta \beta_{5} + \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S_{11} &= 2^{-1/2} (\Delta \tau_{1} + \Delta \tau_{2}) \text{ for the block } A_{2}, \\ S_{12} &= 2^{-1/2} (\Delta R_{1} - \Delta R_{2}), \\ S_{13} &= 6^{-1/2} (\Delta r_{1} + \Delta r_{2} + \Delta r_{3} - \Delta r_{4} - \Delta r_{5} - \Delta r_{6}), \\ S_{14} &= 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta r_{1} - \Delta r_{2} - \Delta r_{3} - 2\Delta r_{4} + \Delta r_{5} + \Delta r_{6}), \\ S_{15} &= 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta \alpha_{1} - \Delta \alpha_{2} - \Delta \alpha_{3} - 2\Delta \alpha_{4} + \Delta \alpha_{5} + \Delta \alpha_{6}), \\ S_{16} &= 12^{-1/2} (2\Delta \beta_{1} - \Delta \beta_{2} - \Delta \beta_{3} - 2\Delta \beta_{4} + \Delta \beta_{5} + \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S_{17} &= N^{-1} [P(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{4} - \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{5} + \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S'_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S''_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6}), \\ S''_{10} &= N^{-1} [V(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) - (\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{1} - \Delta$$

 $S'_{R} = N^{-1} [(\Delta \alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{3} - \Delta \alpha_{4} - \Delta \alpha_{5} - \Delta \alpha_{6}) + P(\Delta \beta_{1} + \Delta \beta_{2} + \Delta \beta_{3} - \Delta \beta_{4} - \Delta \beta_{5} - \Delta \beta_{6})] \text{ for the block } B_{1},$

$$S_{18} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta r_2 - \Delta r_3 + \Delta r_5 - \Delta r_6),$$





The model of the anions $X(ZO_3)_2^{-n}$ (Z = S, Se; X = N, NH, O; n = 2, 3) used for normal coordinate analysis. $I N(SeO_3)_2^{-3}$, $II Se_2O_7^{-2}$, $III N(SO_3)_2^{-3}$, $IV HN(SO_3)_2^{-2}$

 $S_{19} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \alpha_2 - \Delta \alpha_3 + \Delta \alpha_5 - \Delta \alpha_6),$

 $S_{20} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \beta_2 - \Delta \beta_3 + \Delta \beta_5 - \Delta \beta_6),$

 $S_{21} = 2^{-1/2} (\Delta \tau_1 - \Delta \tau_2)$ for the block B_2 ,

where N is the normalization factor, $P = [(2 + 4 \cos \alpha)/(1 + \cos \alpha)]^{1/2}$, S_R and S'_R are redundant coordinates.

Except for five fully symmetrical vibrations, the vibration spectra of all the studied anions could be interpreted only generally, and the detailed assignment was impossible until preliminary results of the normal coordinate analysis were available. In the approximation of diagonal valence force field the blocks A_2 and B_2 could only be solved in all the cases. The requirement of identical values for linear combinations of the potential constants $f_{\alpha} - f'_{\alpha}$ and $f_{\beta} - f'_{\beta}$ from the both blocks enabled a selection of bands belonging to deformation vibrations of the OZO and OZN angles of this symmetry type, because the wave number values of the bands due (in the given blocks) to the valence vibrations of the ZO bonds had no significant effect on the value of the quantities discussed. Introduction of the iteratively obtained values for $f_{\alpha} - f'_{\alpha}$ and $f_{\beta} - f'_{\beta}$ into the block B_1 made it possible to consider two non-diagonal potential constants in its solution. On the basis of preliminary calculations we chose the elements $F_{13,14}$ and $F_{13,18}$ for the iteration process which gave a set of potential constants reproducing well the experimental wave numbers for vibrations of this symmetry type. The three elements $(F_{16,16}, F_{17,17}, F_{18,18})$ already known in this calculation phase were introduced into the block A_1 , which enabled to consider the non-diagonal constants $F_{1,2}$, $F_{1,4}$ and $F_{1,7}$ therein. In this case a satisfactory agreement between the experimental and the calculated wave number values could be obtained, too.

With respect to number of the experimentally observed bands of fundamental frequences $(20 - no \text{ torsion vibration of the type } A_2$ lying at very low wave numbers could be observed in any of the spectra) it was possible to adjust a maximum of 20 parameters in the overall calculation, and in some cases not the individual potential constants but their linear combinations (forming the elements of blocks of the factorized **F** matrix) had to be considered. On the basis of the above-given procedure a set of 20 potential constants were chosen for the final calculation, the non-zero elements of the factorized **F** matrix being expressed by this set in the following way:

$$F_{1,1} = f_{\mathsf{R}} + f_{\mathsf{R}}',$$

$$F_{1,2} = 3^{1/2} (f_{\rm Rr} + f_{\rm Rr}'),$$

 $F_{1,4} = 2^{1/2} R f_{Rom}$

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 $F_{15,15} = F_{5,5},$ $F_{16,16} = F_{6,6},$ $F_{17,17} = F_{7,7} \text{ for the block } B_1$ $F_{18,18} = F_{3,3},$ $F_{19,19} = F_{5,5},$ $F_{20,20} = F_{6,6},$ $F_{20,21} = R^{3/2} r^{1/2} (f_{\beta \tau} + f'_{\beta \tau}),$ $F_{21,21} = F_{11,11} \text{ for the block } B_2.$

TABLE V

Quadratic potential constants (QPC) of the anions $N(SeO_3)_2^{-3}$, $Se_2O_7^{-2}$, $N(SO_3)_2^{-3}$ and $HN(SO_3)_2^{-3}$

QPC	$N(SeO_3)_2^{-3}$	$Se_2O_7^{-2}$	Se ₂ O ₇ ^{-2 b}	S ₂ O ₇ ^{-2b}	$N(SO_3)_2^{-3}$	$HN(SO_3)_2^{-2}$
fp	362.4	311.8	298	332	525-1	546.7
fr	16.5	42.6	42	62	61.1	194.8
f.	592-2	677.6	667	794	720.6	814.8
f'_{*}	32.2	15.1	44	168	76.4	51.0
f_r''	0.9	6.3	-25	19	6.0	20.8
f.""	- 4.9	- 4.8	10	18	- 0.2	4.0
f	41.8	26.7	19	13	49.2	48.9
$f_{\pi} - f'_{\pi}$	53.0	55.1			112.2	99.9
$f_{\rm B} - f_{\rm B}'$	46.6	35.6			68.9	60.3
F _{7.7}	135-3	119.5			147.3	132-4
f_{π}	12.2	12.2			16.9	11.5
fRr	5.1	17.5			20.3	13.0
$f'_{\mathbf{Rr}}$	- 8.5	- 9.6			- 13.6	- 7.7
free	20.3	2.2			23.9	26.6
$f'_{RR} - f'_{RR}$	18.5	22.7			19.5	3.6
$F_{1,7}$	-80.6	-30.5			-124.7	-93.9
F12 17	-78.4	-34.8			-133.6	-79.5
f_0 - f'a	- 4.7	- 5.3			- 3.7	- 0.7
far sup	- 2.6	- 2.1			- 0.7	0.7
f _{βt}	- 8.2	- 6.8			- 12.0	- 3.9

^e All the QPC are given in Nm⁻¹; ^b ref.¹³.

	Inter-	92	$N(SeO_3)^{-3}_{2}$	\tilde{p}^{p}	$N(SO_3)^{-3}_{2}$	92	$HN(SO_3)^{-2}$	92	$Se_{2}O_{7}^{-2}$
	pretation ^a	cm ⁻¹	distribution of PE ^c ,%	cm ⁻¹	distribution of PE ^c , %	cm ⁻¹	distribution of PE ^c , % of	cm ⁻¹	distribution of PE ^c , %
					AI				
_	VerX7	621	$44v_1 + 27v_4 + 28v_6$	783	$52v_1 + 19v_4$	842	$60v_1 + 15v_4 + 15v_6$	560	$59\nu_1 + 19\nu_4 + 21\nu_5$
~	v,ZO3	862	9742	1 061	8742	1 089	$82v_2 + 15v_1$	896	994,
	vas ZO3	884	95v3	1 155	7943	1 252	85v3	960	9843
	Szxz	130	$78v_4 + 16v_6$	160	$78v_4 + 18v_6$	161	$72v_4 + 23v_6$	106	7944
	Sas ZO3	407	97v5	609	86v5	603	82v5	413	98v5
	e ZO3	267	58v6.+ 37v1	360	$52v_6 + 30v_7$	329	$41v_6 + 46v_7$	238	$72v_6 + 17v_1$
	δ ₅ ZO ₃	376	$79\nu_7 + 20\nu_1$	521	$63v_7 + 27v_1$	526	$51\nu_7 + 17\nu_6 + 15\nu_1$	386	90v7
					A2				
	Vac L ZO3	873	98vs	1 129	83 V.a	1 214	88v ₈	944	98vs
	Sac L ZO3	422	90va	625	82va	609	85va	432	89va
-	e L ZO3	258	94410	343	94v10	329	96410	229	89v10
	r _s ZO ₃	20	91v ₁₁	90	92v11	17	95v11	73	90v11
					B1				
	ZNZ	822	934	981	944.	863	934.2	671	934.2
	v, ZO,	868	984.2	1 029	920.2	1 026	934.2	896	21.5
	Vae ZO3	873	96414	1 129	844,	1 214	89V1A	944	98014
	δ'as ZO3	407	98v15	609	88415	597	91v15	413	99v15
	¢' ZO,	258	97v16	360	91v16	329	92v16	238	97v16
	6' ZO3	376	87v17	475	$78\nu_{17} + 20\nu_{12}$	463	89v17	378	97v17
					B_2				
	v's L ZO3	884	. 97v18	1 140	84v18	1 238	89v18	968	98v18
	S'as L ZO3	407	92v19	616	85v19	603	90v19	422	89419
-	e' 1 ZO3	435	$81v_{20} + 16v_{21}$	549	$82v_{20} + 15v_{21}$	554	$82v_{20} + 15v_{21}$	363	$83v_{20} + 15v_{21}$
	Tan ZO3	154	950.1	196	960,11	189	884.1	156	950.1

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Table V gives the final values of the 20 adjusted parameters for all the four studied anions along with some values of the potential constants published¹³ for the anions $S_2O_7^{-2}$ and $Se_2O_7^{-2}$. Their introduction back into the secular equations reproduces the experimental values of fundamental frequences with an accuracy better than 1%; in most cases absolute error does not exceed 1 cm⁻¹. In the Raman spectra of the solid samples of *II* and *IV* there appear several bands (*e.g.* 331 and 935 cm⁻¹ for *II*; 578, 671 and 1 198 cm⁻¹ for *IV*) which could not be assigned to their fundamental frequences on the basis of the calculations carried out. Obviously they are generated by the presence of two or more anions in non-equivalent positions of the elementary cells of the crystals; in some cases they can be bands of combination or harmonic frequences.

The f_{seo} value of the anion II is higher than that of I by about 15%, and there is a similar ratio of the f_{so} values in the pair of the anions IV and III. In the both cases the increase in the f_{zo} value, *i.e.* decrease of polarity of the terminal ZO bonds, is due to higher electronegativity of the central bridge atom. From the f_R values it follows that a bonding π -contribution is insignificant at the bridge bonds of the anions I and II (the bond order is approximately unity). A quite different situation is encountered with the anions III and IV in which the respective bond order is about 1.5. The f_R value is about the same for these two anions, and different bonding relations at the bridge nitrogen atom make themselves felt (besides a marked, roughly tenfold lowering of the wave number difference between symmetrical and antisymmetrical valence vibration of the bridge SNS bonds) also by about three fold increase of the interaction constant f'_R of the anion IV as compared with that of III.

Deformation vibration of the bridge bonds SeOSe in the anion II (ref.¹³) and in a number of other compounds of hexavalent selenium¹⁴ has so far been connected with the intensive Raman spectral bands within 240 to 230 cm^{-1} , which is obviously due to the earlier presumed^{15,16} localization of δ SOS of S₂O₇⁻² at about 330 cm⁻¹. However, on the basis of the calculations carried out it became clear that the band appearing in this region belongs to deformation vibrations of the $-SeO_3$ end group, and that δ SeOSe must be connected with a band lying at a substantially lower wave wave number (106 cm^{-1}) . Attempts to find such a set of the potential constants which would agree with the originally suggested interpretation always led to physically non-acceptable distribution of potential energy in the set of fully symmetrical vibrations and also to non-negligible differences between their experimental and calculated wave numbers. The interpretation suggested by us agrees well with the position of δSOS in $S_2O_7^{-2}$ determined on the basis of normal coordinate analysis¹³ (in the interval 180-110 cm⁻¹) and with the wave number values of deformation vibrations of the bridge ZNZ bonds in the spectra of the compounds I, III, and IV(160 to 130 cm^{-1}).

Table VI gives the calculated distribution of potential energy along with a lucid interpretation of the vibration spectra of all the studied anions, and it is seen that

the vibrations belonging to the A_2 , B_1 , and B_2 symmetry types are always quite characteristic. Out of the fully symmetric vibrations, v_2 , v_3 , and v_5 can only be considered sufficiently characteristic. Among the four remaining vibrations there exists a considerable interaction which fundamentally decreases possibility of their identification in spectra of cognate compounds, unless results of normal coordinate analysis are applied.

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