# THE PREDICTION OF VALENCE FORCE CONSTANTS AND VIBRATION FREQUENCIES FOR XY $\left(O_{b}\right)$ MOLECULES, USING THE EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR CHARGE MODEL 

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#### Abstract

Ohwada's effective nuclear charge model has been extended to the calculation of valence force constants for $\mathrm{XY}_{6}\left(O_{\mathrm{h}}\right)$ molecules. To achieve this the potential energy function has had to be expressed in terms of independent force constants for which it has been necessary to eliminate the gem- and tree-redundancies that exist between the displacement coordinates. The vibration frequencies predicted by the use of these constants agree well in general with experimental observations.


The calculation of valence force constants by empirical means falls short due to the difficulty in obtaining sufficient experimental data (vibration frequencies, isotopic shifts, Coriolis zeta constants, etc.) and in like manner a mathematical approach to the problem, which calls for the expression of complicated wavefunctions, makes it equally difficult to obtain a priori constants values. For these reasons it is commonly accepted that a simple and general model, capable of predicting reliable force constants in polyatomic molecules, is highly desirable.

To this end Ken Ohwada, in a recent publication ${ }^{1}$, has put forward a semi-empirical model for the calculation of valence force constants in polyatomic molecules, which he calls the effective nuclear charge model (ENCM). The model has been applied to various molecular structures: bent and linear $\mathrm{XY}_{2}\left(\mathrm{refs}^{\mathbf{1 , 2}}\right.$ ), pyramidal $\mathrm{XY}_{3}$ (ref. ${ }^{3}$ ), tetrahedral $\mathrm{XY}_{4}$ (ref. ${ }^{4}$ ), pseudo-tetrahedral $\mathrm{XY}_{3} \mathrm{Z}$ (ref. ${ }^{5}$ ), planar $\mathrm{XY}_{2} \mathrm{Z}$ (ref. ${ }^{6}$ ), and to some complex ions of tetrahedral symmetry ${ }^{7}$ and of $D_{4 \mathrm{~h}}$ and $D_{5 \mathrm{~h}}$ symmetry ${ }^{8}$. The aim of this present work is to extend the application of the model to neutral octahedral $\mathrm{XY}_{6}$ molecules.

## THEORETICAL

Expression of the Potential Energy Function for $\mathrm{XY}_{6}$ Molecules
Ohwada has constructed his model ${ }^{1}$ by making use of the Hellmann and Feynman's theorem ${ }^{9,10}$ and also by separating the electronic density function into two terms,
one for the electrons which adhere closely to the movements of the nucleus and one for those that move more freely ${ }^{11}$. The resulting intramolecular potential function can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
V=\sum_{i \neq j} \frac{Z_{\mathrm{i}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{j}}^{*}}{R_{\mathrm{ij}}}+\sum_{\mathrm{j} \neq \mathrm{k}} \frac{Z_{\mathrm{j}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{k}}^{*}}{q_{\mathrm{jk}}}-N(r, R) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $Z_{i}^{*}$ and $Z_{j}^{*}$ represent the effective nuclear charges defined from the expressions for the force constants of homonuclear, diatomic molecules derived from the second--order perturbation theory ${ }^{12}, R_{i j}$ and $q_{\mathrm{jk}}$ are the distances between bonded atoms and adjacent but not directly bonded atoms, respectively, and $N(r, R)$ is the energy of the electrons that do not follow the movement of the nucleus closely.

In order to obtain the expressions for the force constants as a function of the effective nuclear charges, Eq. ( $I$ ) is expanded in a power series so that, if the second order contribution of the term $N(r, R)$ is disregarded, we obtain the expression for the potential

$$
\begin{align*}
V=V_{0} & -\sum_{\mathrm{i} \neq \mathrm{j}}\left[\frac{Z_{\mathrm{i}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{i}}^{*}}{R_{\mathrm{ij}}^{3}}+\frac{1}{R_{\mathrm{ij}}}\left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial R_{\mathrm{ij}}}\right)_{0}\right]\left(R_{\mathrm{ij}} \Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i} \neq \mathrm{j}}\left(\frac{2 Z_{\mathrm{i}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{j}}^{*}}{R_{\mathrm{ij}}^{3}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)^{2}- \\
& -\sum_{\mathrm{j} \neq \mathrm{k}}\left(\frac{Z_{\mathrm{j}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{k}}^{*}}{q_{\mathrm{jk}}^{3}}\right)\left(q_{\mathrm{jk}} \Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{j} \neq \mathrm{k}}\left(\frac{2 Z_{\mathrm{j}}^{*} Z_{\mathrm{k}}^{*}}{q_{\mathrm{jk}}^{3}}\right)\left(\Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)^{2}+\ldots \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Some of the linear terms in Eq. (2) can be got rid of if we take into account the gem-redundancy relationship ${ }^{13}$ that exists between $\Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}$ and $\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}$ and $\Delta R_{\mathrm{jk}}$, given by the general expression

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}=s_{\mathrm{jik}} \Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}+s_{\mathrm{kij}} \Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}+\left(t_{\mathrm{jik}} t_{\mathrm{kij}} R_{\mathrm{ij}} R_{\mathrm{ik}}\right)^{1 / 2} \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}+ \\
& +\left[t_{\mathrm{jik}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)^{2}+t_{\mathrm{kij}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}\right)^{2}-s_{\mathrm{jik}} S_{\mathrm{kij}} R_{\mathrm{ij}} R_{\mathrm{ik}}\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)^{2}-\right. \\
& -2 t_{\mathrm{jik}} t_{\mathrm{kij}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}\right)+2 t_{\mathrm{jik}} s_{\mathrm{kij}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)\left(R_{\mathrm{ik}} \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)+ \\
& \left.+2 t_{\mathrm{kij}} s_{\mathrm{jik}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}\right)\left(R_{\mathrm{ij}} \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)\right] / 2 q_{\mathrm{jk}}, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{gather*}
s_{\mathrm{jik}}=\left(R_{\mathrm{ij}}-R_{\mathrm{ik}} \cos \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right) / q_{\mathrm{jk}}  \tag{4a}\\
s_{\mathrm{kij}}=\left(R_{\mathrm{ik}}-R_{\mathrm{ij}} \cos \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right) / q_{\mathrm{jk}}  \tag{4b}\\
t_{\mathrm{j} \mathrm{ik}}=R_{\mathrm{ij}} \sin \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}} / q_{\mathrm{jk}}  \tag{4c}\\
t_{\mathrm{k} \mathrm{ij}}=R_{\mathrm{ik}} \sin \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}} / q_{\mathrm{jk}} \tag{4d}
\end{gather*}
$$

For an octahedral molecule, such as that shown in Fig. 1, the equilibrium distances, $q_{\mathrm{jk}}$, are $2 R$ or $(2)^{1 / 2} R$, depending upon whether the atoms in question are collinear
or not. In the former case the value of the parameters $s_{\mathrm{jik}}$ and $t_{\mathrm{kij}}$ are 1 and 0 , respectively and in the latter case both parameters have the same value, $(2)^{-1 / 2}$. Thus the gem-rcdundancy can be expressed in the following two equations

$$
\begin{gather*}
\Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}=\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}+\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}\right)-\left(R \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}^{2}\right) / 4  \tag{5a}\\
\Delta q_{\mathrm{jk}}=(2)^{-1 / 2}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}+\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}+R \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)+(2)^{-1 / 2}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}}^{2}+\Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}^{2}-\right. \\
\left.-R^{2}\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)^{2}-2 \Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}} \Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}}+2 R \Delta R_{\mathrm{ij}} \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}+2 R \Delta R_{\mathrm{ik}} \Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{jk}}\right) / 4 R \tag{5b}
\end{gather*}
$$

for collinear and non-collinear atoms, respectively.
If Eqs (5a) and ( $5 b$ ) are introduced into Eq. (2), without using any terms of higher order than the quadratic, because we are treating the vibration as being harmonic, then the potential function can be expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
V= & V_{0}-\sum_{\mathrm{i}}\left[\frac{Z^{*} Z_{\mathrm{i}}^{*}}{R^{2}}-\frac{(2)^{1 / 2} Z^{*^{2}}}{R^{2}}+\left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial R_{\mathrm{i}}}\right)_{0}\right]\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)-\sum_{\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j} \neq \pi} \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{2(2)^{1 / 2} R}\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{i} j}\right)+ \\
+ & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i}}\left(\frac{2 Z^{*} Z_{1}^{*}}{R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j} \neq \pi} \frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R}\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)^{2}+ \\
& +\sum_{\substack{i<\mathrm{j} \\
\text { non- } \\
\text { colininar- }}} \frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{j}}\right)+\sum_{\substack{i<j \\
\text { collinear }}} \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{j}}\right)+ \\
& +\sum_{\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j} \neq \pi} \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{2}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{i} \mathrm{j}}\right), \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

Fig. 1
Spatial arrangement of the atoms and intermal coordinates for an octahedral
 $\mathrm{XY}_{6}\left(\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{h}}\right)$ molecule
where $Z^{*}$ and $Z_{1}^{*}$ represent the effective nuclear charges of the peripheral and central atoms, respectively, and the subindices refer to the peripheral atoms involved in the corresponding displacement coordinates.

The introduction of Eqs (5a) and (5b) into Eq. (6) provides a series of linear terms representing angular deformations, between which tree-redundancies must exist ${ }^{13}$, as is always the case when the atom is bonded at four or more sites. We have obtained the explicit form of these tree-redundancy relationships ${ }^{16}$ by generalising the method proposed by Cihla and Plíva ${ }^{14}$ and Califano ${ }^{15}$ in such a way as to respect the equivalence which, for reasons of symmetry, must exist between the various different interbond angles. The resulting expression for the octahedral $\mathrm{XY}_{6}$ molecules is

$$
\begin{gather*}
2\left(\Delta \Phi_{1.2}+\Delta \Phi_{13}+\Delta \Phi_{14}+\Delta \Phi_{15}+\Delta \Phi_{23}+\Delta \Phi_{25}+\Delta \Phi_{26}+\Delta \Phi_{34}+\right. \\
\left.+\Delta \Phi_{36}+\Delta \Phi_{45}+\Delta \Phi_{46}+\Delta \Phi_{56}\right)+\left(\Delta \Phi_{12} \Delta \Phi_{1.3}+\Delta \Phi_{1.2} \Delta \Phi_{1.5}+\right. \\
+\Delta \Phi_{12} \Delta \Phi_{23}+\Delta \Phi_{12} \Delta \Phi_{25}+\Delta \Phi_{13} \Delta \Phi_{14}+\Delta \Phi_{1.3} \Delta \Phi_{23}+\Delta \Phi_{13} \Delta \Phi_{34}+ \\
+\Delta \Phi_{14} \Delta \Phi_{15}+\Delta \Phi_{14} \Delta \Phi_{34}+\Delta \Phi_{14} \Delta \Phi_{45}+\Delta \Phi_{1.5} \Delta \Phi_{25}+\Delta \Phi_{15} \Delta \Phi_{45}+ \\
+\Delta \Phi_{23} \Delta \Phi_{26}+\Delta \Phi_{23} \Delta \Phi_{36}+\Delta \Phi_{25} \Delta \Phi_{26}+\Delta \Phi_{25} \Delta \Phi_{56}+\Delta \Phi_{26} \Delta \Phi_{36}+ \\
+\Delta \Phi_{26} \Delta \Phi_{56}+\Delta \Phi_{34} \Delta \Phi_{36}+\Delta \Phi_{34} \Delta \Phi_{46}+\Delta \Phi_{36} \Delta \Phi_{46}+\Delta \Phi_{45} \Delta \Phi_{46}+ \\
\left.+\Delta \Phi_{45} \Delta \Phi_{56}+\Delta \Phi_{46} \Delta \Phi_{56}\right)=0 \tag{7}
\end{gather*}
$$

Using an undetermined Lagrange multiplier, Eq. (7) can be introduced into Eq. (6), a process which eliminates all the dependence relationships that exist among the displacement coordinates and thus gets rid of the linear terms in Eq. (6). In this particular case the undetermined Lagrange multiplier, or intramolecular tension parameter ${ }^{17}$, is given as

$$
\begin{equation*}
k=Z^{*^{2}} / 4(2)^{1 / 2} R \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

So, the potential function of Eq. (6) can be written as

$$
\begin{align*}
V=V_{0}+ & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i}}\left(\frac{2 Z^{*} Z_{1}^{*}}{R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathrm{i} \neq \pi} \frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R}\left(\Delta \Phi_{i \mathrm{j}}\right)^{2}+ \\
& +\sum_{\substack{\mathrm{i}<\mathrm{j} \\
\text { non- } \\
\text { collinear }}} \frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{j}}\right)+\sum_{\substack{i<j \\
\text { collinear }}} \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{j}}\right)+ \\
& +\sum_{\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j} \neq \pi} \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{2}}\left(\Delta R_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{i} j}\right)+\sum \frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R}\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)\left(\Delta \Phi_{\mathrm{k} 1}\right) \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

where the last sum is the second term of Eq. (7).

It is worth emphasising that, as a result of the introduction of the gem-and tree--redundancies, the potential function of Eq. (2), becomes, in Eq. (9), an almost general valence function.

## Expression and Evaluation of Valence Force Constants

From the potential function as expressed in Eq. (9) it is a simple step to arrive at the explicit expressions for the valence force constants as described below.

Bond Stretching,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{r}=\frac{2 Z^{*} Z_{1}^{*}}{R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}}+\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}} \tag{10a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Angle Deformation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{\Phi}=\frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R} \tag{10b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Stretch-Stretch interaction, (non-collinear bonds)

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{r r}=\frac{3 Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{3}} \tag{10c}
\end{equation*}
$$

Stretch-Stretch interaction, (collinear bonds)

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{r r}^{\prime}=\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4 R^{3}} \tag{10d}
\end{equation*}
$$

Stretch-Deformation interaction, (angles other than $\pi$ )

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{r \Phi}=\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R^{2}} \tag{10e}
\end{equation*}
$$

Deformation-Deformation interaction, (as shown by Eq. (9))

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{\Phi \Phi}=\frac{Z^{*^{2}}}{4(2)^{1 / 2} R} \tag{10f}
\end{equation*}
$$

To calculate the valence force constants by means of these expressions it is necessary to introduce the values for the equilibrium lengths of the bonds, $R$, of the polyatomic molecules in question, and the effective nuclear charges, $Z^{*}$, calculated beforehand by using the force constants of homonuclear diatomic molecules.

If the effective nuclear charges are originally expressed in elemeniary units (eu) and the equilibrium bond lengths in angstroems $(\AA)$, then Eqs $(10 a-10 f)$ have to be multiplied by the conversion factor $2.3097 \mathrm{mdyn} \AA^{2}(\mathrm{eu})^{-2}$ and as a result the force constants $f_{r}, f_{r r}$, and $f_{r r}^{\prime}$ will be expressed in mdyn $\AA^{-1}$, the constants $f_{\Phi}$ and $f_{\Phi \Phi}$ in mdyn $\AA$ and $f_{r \Phi}$ in mdyn, or, if preferred all the constants can be expressed in terms of mdyn $\AA^{-1}$ if they are put into scale by using the equilibrium distance, $R\left(1 \AA=10^{-10} \mathrm{~m} ; 1 \mathrm{Nm}^{-1}=10^{-2} \mathrm{mdyn} \AA^{-1}\right)$.

In this study we have applied the ENCM to several specific octahedral molecules, i.e. the hexafluorides of sulphur, selenium, tellurium, molybdenum, and wolfram. In order to arrive at an approximation of the effective nuclear charges of these elements we used the data pertaining to the corresponding homonuclear diatomic molecules ${ }^{18}$, except in the cases of wolfram and molybdenum, which were calculated from the crystal compressibility ${ }^{19}$. The resulting effective nuclear charges are shown in Table I, together with the corrected values used to achieve a better adjustment between the predicted and the experimental results, which appear alongside in brackets. With these effective nuclear charges calculated it is now possible to reach a value for the valence force constants, according to Eqs (10a-10f) and these appear in Table II.

The equilibrium distances for $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ have been taken from Brunet and Perez ${ }^{20}$, for $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$ from Bartell and $\mathrm{Jin}^{21}$, for $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ from Abramowitz and Levin ${ }^{22}$, and for $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ from Seip and Seip ${ }^{23}$.

## Calculation of Frequencies

In order to obtain the vibration frequencies from the calculated force constants we followed Wilson's $\boldsymbol{G F}$ method ${ }^{24}$, taking the symmetrized elements of the $\boldsymbol{G}$ and $\boldsymbol{F}$

Table I
Effective nuclear charges


[^0]matrices from Nakamoto ${ }^{25}$, the numerical values of which are shown in Tables III and IV, respectively.

Once the numerical values for the $F$ and $\mathbf{G}$ matrices have been obtained, the frequencies can then be calculated by means of the roots of the secular determinant $|\boldsymbol{G F}-E \lambda|=0$.

The vibration frequencies thus arrived at, together with the experimental frequencies, are shown in Table V .

The experimental values for $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$, for the $A_{1 g}$ and $E_{g}$ modes of $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$, and for the $T_{2 g}$ and $T_{2 u}$ modes of $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ have been taken from Bosworth, Clark, and Rippon ${ }^{26}$, while the values for the $T_{1 u}$ and $T_{2 u}$ modes of $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ and the $T_{2 g}$ and $T_{2 u}$ modes of $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ are provided by Claassen, Goodman, Holloway, and Selig ${ }^{27}$, and the data concerning $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ come from McDowell, Shermann, Asprey, and Kennedy ${ }^{28}$ and McDowell and Asprey ${ }^{29}$, respectively.

As can be seen, the agreement between the calculated and the experimental values is generally quite acceptable qualitatively and even on occasions quantitatively.

## CONCLUSION

As our resulis show the ENCM provides a useful means of calculating an initial reliable series of valence force constants relying, in principle, only upon strictly geometrical data concerning the polyatomic molecule. These force constants can then be used as input in an iterative refinement process, such as those described in the literature, refs ${ }^{30,31}$ for example, designed to lead to an acceptable fitting with the experimentally observed frequencies.

As Ohwada has commented ${ }^{1}$, the reasons for the imperfect fitting of our calculated values to the experimental ones may be due to the disregard for the contribu tion of the $N(r, R)$ term to the force constants values, to the poor transferability $\mathrm{o}^{-}$

Table II
Valence force constants (in mdyn $\AA^{-1}$ ) for $\mathrm{XY}_{6}$ molecules

| Molecule | $R, \AA$ | $f_{r}$ | $f_{r r}$ | $f_{r r}^{\prime}$ | $f_{\Phi}$ | $f_{\Phi \Phi}$ | $f_{\mathbf{r \Phi}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ | 1.58 | 5.30 | 0.59 | 0.28 | 0.59 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$ | 1.68 | 5.01 | 0.49 | 0.23 | 0.49 | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ | 1.84 | 5.10 | 0.37 | 0.17 | 0.37 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ | 1.82 | 4.94 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.23 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ | 1.83 | 5.23 | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.22 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^1]
## Table III

The symmetrized elements of the $\mathbf{G}$ matrix (in $\mathrm{amu}^{-1}$ )

| Molecule | $\mu_{x}^{a}$, <br> amu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $G\left(A_{1 g}\right)$ | $G\left(E_{g}\right)$ | $G_{11}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $G_{12}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $G_{22}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $G\left(T_{2 g}\right)$ | $G\left(T_{2 u}\right)$ |
| $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ | 0.03118 | 0.05264 | 0.05264 | 0.11501 | -0.12475 | 0.35477 | 0.21054 | 0.10527 |
| $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$ | 0.01266 | 0.05264 | 0.05264 | 0.07797 | -0.05066 | 0.20659 | 0.21054 | 0.10527 |
| $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ | 0.00784 | 0.05264 | 0.05264 | 0.06331 | -0.03135 | 0.16797 | 0.21054 | 0.10527 |
| $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ | 0.01042 | 0.05264 | 0.05264 | 0.07348 | -0.04169 | 0.18865 | 0.21054 | 0.10527 |
| $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ | 0.00544 | 0.05264 | 0.05264 | 0.06351 | -0.02175 | 0.14878 | 0.21054 | 0.10527 |

${ }^{a} \mu_{y}=0.05264 \mathrm{amu}^{-1}, 1 \mathrm{amu}=1.66043 \cdot 10^{-27} \mathrm{~kg} . \mu_{x}$ and $\mu_{y}$ represent the inverse of the atomic masses of the central and peripheral elements, respectively.

Table IV
The symmetrized elements of the $\boldsymbol{F}$ matrix (in mdyn $\AA^{-1}$ )

| Molecule | $F\left(A_{1 g}\right)$ | $F\left(E_{g}\right)$ | $F_{11}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $F_{12}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $F_{22}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | $F\left(T_{2 g}\right)$ | $F\left(T_{2 u}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ | 7.94 | 4.39 | 5.02 | 0.40 | 0.99 | 0.59 | 0.19 |
| $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$ | 7.19 | 4.27 | 4.78 | 0.32 | 0.81 | 0.49 | 0.17 |
| $\mathrm{TeF}_{6}$ | 6.77 | 4.53 | 4.92 | 0.24 | 0.61 | 0.37 | 0.13 |
| $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ | 5.96 | 4.59 | 4.83 | 0.16 | 0.39 | 0.23 | 0.07 |
| $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ | 6.23 | 4.39 | 5.13 | 0.14 | 0.36 | 0.22 | 0.08 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table V
Calculated and observed (in brackets) frequencies (in cm ${ }^{-1}$ )

| Vibration | $\mathrm{SF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{SeF}_{6}$ | TeF6 | $\mathrm{MoF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{WF}_{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\nu_{1}\left(A_{1 g}\right)$ | 842 (774) | 801 (708) | 778 (697) | 729 (741) | 746 (772) |
| $v_{2}\left(E_{g}\right)$ | 626 (642) | 617 (658) | 636 (671) | 640 (652) | 641 (678) |
| $\nu_{3}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | 1042 (939) | 791 (778) | 748 (752) | 772 (741) | 739 (712) |
| $v_{4}\left(T_{1 u}\right)$ | 566 (614) | 485 (436) | 403 (325) | 326 (264) | 299 (252) |
| $v_{5}\left(T_{2 g}\right)$ | 459 (525) | 417 (402) | 365 (312) | 285 (318) | 283 (320) |
| $\nu_{6}\left(T_{2 u}\right)^{\text {a }}$ | 188 (347) | 171 (263) | 150 (201) | 116 (117) | 115 (128) |

[^2]the effective nuclear charges from the diatomic to the polyatomic molecule, and to a slight uncertainty concerning the observed frequencies.

For these reasons we believe that the calculated results might be improved upon if the effective nuclear charges were obtained in a more reliable way, such as, for example, by using Mulliken's population analysis ${ }^{32}$. Nevertheless, despite these limitations, we believe that the effective nuclear charge model is a simple, general, and reasonable manner of calculating valence force constants.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{a} 1 \mathrm{eu}=3 \cdot 33564 \cdot 10^{-10} \mathrm{C}$.

[^1]:    ${ }^{a} 1 \mathrm{mdyn}=10^{-8} \mathrm{~N}, 1 \AA=10^{-10} \mathrm{~m}$.

[^2]:    ${ }^{a}$ Experimental values estimated from overtone transitions.

