at 863 cm⁻¹ which is highly polarized ($\rho = 0.09$), but is unobserved in the infrared, is clearly the O-O stretching vibration. Thus, the O-O stretching frequency in CF₃OOSO₂F lies between that of CF₃OOCF₃ at 886 cm^{-1 2a} and FSO₂OOSO₂F at 801 cm⁻¹.^{2b} The characteristic absorption band due to the SOO bending vibration is seen at 322 cm⁻¹.

The assignment of the COO bending and O-O torsional modes is difficult due to the unexpected number of bands below 250 cm⁻¹. The two strongest bands at 226 and 210 cm⁻¹ are assigned to the torsion and COO bending modes, respectively. The weaker bands at 190 and 180 cm⁻¹ may be due to impurities, but no certain explanation can be suggested.

Discussion

Fluoro fluorosulfuryl peroxide, FOOSO₂F, is formally derived from the symmetrical peroxides FOOF and FSO₂OOSO₂F. The O-O bond is FSO₂OOSO₂F is rather easily cleaved to form fluorosulfate radicals,²³⁻²⁵ and the O-O stretching frequency is found at 801 cm⁻¹.^{2b} In contrast, the O-O bond in O₂F₂ is much stronger as a result of $[\pi^*-p] \sigma$ bonding²⁶ and the O-O stretching frequency is observed at 1306 cm⁻¹. The reactions of O₂F₂ undoubtedly involve the breaking of O-F bonds,²⁷⁻²⁹ as a result of the O-O bond energy being much greater than the OF bond energy ($\Delta H_{\text{diss}} = 103.5 \ vs. 18 \ \text{kcal/mol}$).³⁰

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The O-O stretching frequencies for FOOSO₂F and CF_3OOSO_2F fall in the region 850-900 cm⁻¹ suggesting, coupling of the O-O stretch with other normal modes not withstanding, that the O-O bond energies are similar to that of hydrogen peroxide. While the O-O bonds are expected to be stronger than the O-O bond in FSO_2OOSO_2F , the O-O bond dissociation energies are probably much lower than that for O_2F_2 . These conclusions are in agreement with the ¹⁹F nmr chemical shifts reported for FOOSO₂F and O_2F_2 at -292 ppm^{7,27} and <-800 ppm,³² respectively (relative to CFCl₃). The abnormally low O-O stretching frequencies observed for SF_5OOSF_5 and SF_5OOSO_2F are attributed to extensive vibrational coupling rather than the existence of weak O-O bonds.⁶ Some O-O stretching frequencies as determined by Raman studies and given for comparison are: FOOF, 1306 cm⁻¹;³³ HOOH, 880 cm⁻¹;³⁴ DOOD, 880 cm⁻¹;³⁴ CF₃OOCF₃, 886 cm⁻¹;^{2a} CF₃OOSO₂F, 863 cm⁻¹; FOOSO₂F, 890 cm⁻¹; FSO₂OOSO₂F, 801 cm⁻¹;^{2b} SF_5OOSF_5 , 751 cm⁻¹; 6SF_5OOSO_2F , 740 cm⁻¹. 6

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Synthesis and Characterization of Oxotetrafluorotellurate(IV) and Dioxodifluorotellurate(IV) Compounds

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The synthesis and characterization by X-ray powder photography and Raman and infrared spectroscopy of M_2 TeOF₄ and M_2 TeO₂F₂ compounds are described. The M_2 TeOF₄ compounds are shown to be isomorphous with M_2 SbF₅ compounds. The unit cells of M_2 TeOF₄ compounds are shown to be nearly the same as those of the comparable M_2 SbF₅ compounds indicating that the anion volumes are very similar. The vibrational spectra of the M_2 TeOF₄² compounds show evidence of oxygen bridging. The infrared and Raman spectra are shown to be consistent with a C_{4v} TeOF₄² ion and a C_{2v} TeO₂F₂² ion with oxygens in equatorial positions. Attempted preparations of M_2 TeF₆ and MTeO₂F compounds are described.

Introduction

Tellurium normally exhibits a higher coordination number than sulfur and selenium and this is reflected in the compounds of these elements in their highest oxidation state. The six valent oxy acids of S and Se are four-coordinate while that of Te is six-coordinate. The hexafluorides of S and Se show poor acceptor properties while TeF_6 forms adducts which may contain the TeF_7^- and $\text{TeF}_8^{-2^-}$ ions.¹ The stable oxyfluoro anions are SO₃F⁻, SeO₃F⁻,² and

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 TeOF_5^{-3} reflecting again the change in preferred coordination number.

This difference in maximum coordination number, on the other hand, is not evident in the four valent ions and molecules of the chalcogens with fluorine and oxygen ligands. All three elements form trioxo trigonal-pyramidal anions in aqueous solution^{4,5} and pentafluoro anions are known in all cases.⁶ In this connection it is interesting that the highest possible coordination number appears to be limited to 5 in the case of fluoro ligands, although I(V) and Xe(VI) attain six-coordination in IF_6^- and XeF_6 and Se(IV) and Te(IV)will accept six chloro ligands.⁷ There are several reports in the literature of the successful preparation of hexafluorotellurites⁸⁻¹⁰ but more recent work suggests that this complex anion is not stable.¹¹ Among the oxyfluoro anions, sulfur and selenium dioxides accept a single fluoride ion to form SO_2F^{-12} and $SeO_2F^{-,13}$ and condensation of $SeOF_2$ with an ionic fluoride gives $SeOF_3^-$ compounds.¹⁴ While fluorosulfinites are known to contain discrete SO₂F⁻ ions,¹² the fluoroselenites are reported to be polymeric.¹³ However the oxytrifluoroselenites are regarded as being nonpolymeric.¹⁴ In view of the crystal structure reported for the analogous SeOCl₃⁻ compound,¹⁵ which is polymeric with Cl bridging, a reconsideration of the vibrational spectra for KSeOF₃ would be of interest.

As far as we are aware, no studies have been reported on oxyfluoro species of Te(IV) apart from the early work of Prideaux and Millott¹⁶ and that of Metzner.¹⁷ A study was begun to broaden our knowledge in this area and to extend our understanding of the stereochemistry of species with a lone valence shell electron pair.¹⁸

Experimental Section

Materials and Apparatus. Tellurium dioxide, 99.9% (B.D.H.), and the alkali metal fluorides [cesium fluoride, 99% (Ozark-Mahoning); rubidium fluoride, 99.9% (K. & K.); and potassium fluoride, 98% (B.D.H.)] were used after drying for 12 hr under vacuum. Barium fluoride, 99% (Fisher), was used similarly.

The tetraalkylammonium fluorides were prepared by literature methods.^{19,20} Tetramethylammonium fluoride (Me₄NF) was prepared by dehydration of the trihydrate (Eastman Chemicals)¹⁹ and the tetraethylammonium fluoride pentahydrate was formed on neutralization of 10% tetraethylammonium hydroxide (Eastman Chemicals) by 10% hydrofluoric acid.²⁰ The products were verified by fluoride analysis.

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The pentafluorotellurites MTeF₅ ($M = Cs, K, Et_4N, Me_4N$) were prepared by standard methods²¹ and analyzed for fluoride.

¹ Infrared spectra were taken as mulls, using CsBr plates, on a Beckman IR 20 infrared spectrometer. Raman spectra were recorded on a Jarrell-Ash series 300 spectrometer. For some spectra a Spex Industries double monochromator was used. A Spectra Physics argon ion laser was used in both cases and detection was by a cooled photomultiplier tube. A spike filter was used to remove plasma lines except where spectra were of very low intensity. Samples were contained in 5-mm o.d. Pyrex tubes.

The X-ray powder photographs were taken in Lindemann tubes using Cu K α irradiation. A Debye-Scherrer camera of 11.5-cm diameter was used. Film skrinkage and other errors were allowed for by referencing the sample reflexes to those of KF. An insufficient number of simple reflexes were observed to carry out Nelson-Riley plots.

Preparation of the Compounds. $Cs_2 TeOF_4$ and $K_2 TeOF_4$. $Cs_2 TeOF_4$ was prepared by mixing TeO_2 , $CsTeF_5$, and CsF in the proportions 1:1:3 in a platinum boat.

$$TeO_2 + CsTeF_5 + 3CsF = 2Cs_2TeOF_4$$

A typical reaction had 0.277 g of TeO₂ (0.00173 mol), 0.617 g of CsTeF₅ (0.00174 mol), and 0.791 g of CsF (0.00523 mol). All materials were handled in a drybox. The boat was transferred to a quartz tube and heated slowly in a stream of nitrogen to 500°, at which temperature a clear colorless melt was formed. Further heating to 900° had no effect upon the products. A white crystalline product was obtained on cooling. Anal. Calcd for Cs₂TeOF₄: F, 15.65. Found: F, 15.7. An X-ray powder photograph showed no CsF, CsTeF₅, or TeO₂ lines.

 K_2 TeOF₄ was prepared in an analogous manner with a melt forming at 550°.

 $TeO_2 + KTeF_5 + 3KF = 2K_2TeOF_4$

The product was stable to higher temperatures. Again an X-ray powder photograph revealed absence of starting materials TeO_2 , KF, and KTeF.

An attempted preparation of $Cs_2 TeOF_4$ by refluxing the reactants in DMSO for 24 hr showed no evidence of change in the starting materials. Furthermore, aqueous solutions of TeO_2 and an alkali metal fluoride required a large excess of HF for dissolution and yielded only the pentafluorotellurites.

 $Cs_2TeO_2F_2$ and $Rb_2TeO_2F_2$. $Cs_2TeO_2F_2$ was prepared by mixing TeO_2 and CsF in the ratio 1:2.

 $TeO_2 + 2CsF = Cs_2 TeO_2 F_2$

The reactants were handled in a drybox and placed in a platinum boat. The boat was heated slowly, in a stream of dry nitrogen, to 800° at which temperature a clear colorless melt was formed. Further heating (900°) had no effect upon the reaction. A typical reaction had 1.60 g of TeO₂ (0.0100 mol) and 3.04 g of CsF (0.0200 mol). A white crystalline product was obtained on cooling. An Xray powder photograph revealed the absence of the starting materials CsF and TeO₂, as well as possible products CsTeF, and Cs₂TeOF₄.

The $Rb_2TeO_2F_2$ was prepared in an exactly analogous manner.

$$TeO_2 + 2RbF = Rb_2 TeO_2F_2$$

Attempted preparation of $BaTeO_2F_2$ according to the reaction

$$TeO_2 + BaF_2 = BaTeO_2F_2$$

failed due to the absence of solution even on heating to 900°. At this temperature the characteristic red color of a melt of pure TeO₂ was observed unlike the M_2 TeO₂F₂ melts. The retention of TeO₂ in high temperature melts containing fluorides is in sharp contrast to the case of sublimation of SeO₂ (~300°) out of fluoride melts under similar conditions.

In addition, attempted preparation of $BaTeO_2F_2$ from aqueous solution failed due to the insolubility of barium fluoride in 50% HF. Finally, attempted preparation of $M_2^I TeO_2F_2$ from aqueous solutions ($M^I = Cs$, Rb, K, or Et₄N) failed, $M^I TeF_5$ compounds being formed instead.

 $M^{I}TeO_{2}F$. Attempted preparation of the monofluorodioxotellurites from melts according to the reaction

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yielded only a mixture of TeO_2 and $M_2^{I}TeO_2F_2$ as indicated by an infrared spectrum. This is in sharp contrast with the analogous monofluorodioxoselenites which are readily prepared.¹³

 M^{1}_{2} TeF₆. Two of the literature methods claiming preparation of salts of the hexafluorotellurate anion were attempted. The procedure for the preparation of the pyridinium salt (PyH)₂TeF₆⁶ yielded only the pentafluorotellurite PyHTeF₅. Anal. Calcd: F, 31.39. Found: F, 31.9. Similarly, the literature method for the dithiouronium salt⁹ yields only the familiar pentafluorotellurite. The product was identified by its infrared spectrum. Seel and Massat have reported the preparation of (NO)₂TeF₆.¹⁰ This compound is certainly of interest and would bear further study. Preparations were also attempted from aqueous HF solutions using Et₄NF and Me₄NF but these too yielded the pentafluorotellurite. Seemingly, the HF itself is a better fluoride acceptor, forming HF₂⁻ preferentially and resulting in the failure to increase the coordination of tellurium.

A 1:1 molar mixture of MF and MTeF₅ (M = Cs, Me₄N) was shaken in acetonitrile for several days but this failed to produced the M₂TeF₆ species. The use of the tetralkylammonium fluorides Et₄NF or Me₄NF was thought promising due to their solubility in acetonitrile. However, only Me₄NF can be prepared as an anhydrous salt. This is accomplished by heating under vacuum at 130°,¹⁹ a procedure which fails for Et₄NF due to decomposition. Attempted preparation of anhydrous Et₄NF by the method of Hayami, *et al.*,²⁰ used by Downs and Adams¹¹ yielded only the monohydrate in our hands. *Anal.* Calcd for Et₄NF·H₂O: F, 10.27. Found: F, 10.2. An infrared spectrum did not show a C=N stretching frequency and this eliminates the possibility of a Et₄NF·CH₃CN adduct.

A melt of stoichiometric amounts of CsF and CsTeF₅ though providing solution at 400° did not yield the hexafluorotellurite. Similarly, a melt with a large excess of CsF proved fruitless.

Fluoride Analysis. Fluoride analyses were done by titration with La^{3+} using a fluoride sensitive electrode. Interferences due to complexing of the fluoride by Te(IV) were avoided by removal of tellurium from solution. This was accomplished by precipitation with H_2S . After removal of the precipitated tellurium, the solution was neutralized and reduced in volume by heating on a hot plate. The tetraalkylammonium fluorides were determined directly.

Results and Discussion

X-Ray Powder Photography. A visual comparison of the powder photographs of Cs_2SbF_5 and Cs_2TeOF_4 shows that they are isomorphous solids. This is also true for the potassium salts. This result is not unexpected since the $TeOF_4^{2-}$ ion is isoelectronic with the SbF_5^{2-} ion, both having a square-pyramidal shape as predicted by VSEPR theory.²² This shape has been observed for the SbF_5^{2-} ion.^{23,24} The virtual identity of the powder photographs and the conclusion of the assignment of vibrational spectra conform the prediction of VSEPR theory, that the oxygen is axial. Both the antimony²⁴ and tellurium salts belong to the orthorhombic crystal system. Unit cell dimensions, as determined from photographs taken in this laboratory, are given in Table I. All powder data have been deposited with the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Except for the XeOF₄ molecule, all of the square-pyramidal molecules and ions studied thus far have a bond angle between apical and equatorial ligands of less than 90°.^{23,25-28} In XeOF₄ the \angle (OXeF) is 91.8° and, in terms of VSEPR theory,²³ the XeO bonding electron pairs have a greater re-

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Table I. Unit Cell Dimensions (Å)^a

	а	Ъ	с	
K ₂ SbF ₅	6.25	13.68	6.48	
K, TeOF4	6.24	13.83	6.46	
Cs ₂ SbF	6.66	14.43	7.07	
Cs ₂ TeOF ₄	6.65	14.53	7.04	

^a Standard deviation on these dimensions is ± 0.05 A.

Table II. Raman and Ir Spectra of K₂TeOF₄ and Cs₂TeOF₄

K ₂ TeOF ₄		Cs ₂ TeOF	Assignment (C_{4v})	
Ir Raman		Ir		
1675 vw				$2\nu_{1}$ (A ₁)
1160 vw		1155 vw		$\nu_1 + \nu_2$ (E)
847 s	850 vs	840 s	837 vs	ν_1 (A ₁)
777 w		790 vvw, 770 w		$v_2 + v_7$ (E)
		700 vw, sh		$\nu_4 + \nu_7 (E)$
475 s, sh	470 m	480 s, sh	461 m	ν_2 (A ₁)
			390 m	ν_{4} (B ₁)
305-340 vs, br	344 m	330-360 vs, br	335 m	ν_{τ} (E)
275 br		265		ν_3 (A ₁)
			190 w	ν_{6} (B ₂)
			129 w	ν_9 (E)
				ν_{5} (B ₁)
[340]		[360]		ν_{a} (E)

pulsive action than the lone electron pair on the XeF bond pairs, causing the \angle (OXeF) to be greater than 90°. Moving one group to the left in the periodic chart, the isoelectronic IOF_4^- ion is reported to have an $\angle(OIF)$ of 88.5°.²⁸ This angle is considerably larger than those of other square-pyramidal molecules which are near 80°. It will be of interest to determine the \angle (OTeF) in TeOF₄²⁻, the isoelectronic species one group further to the left in the series. In this connection it is interesting that a visual inspection of the powder photographs shows that the unit cells of the tellurium salts are larger than those of the antimony compounds. This is reflected in the mean values of b (Table I) for the tellurium and antimony salts. Since TeO and TeF bond distances are expected to be shorter than SbF'(axial) and SbF(equatorial) bond distances, it is tempting to account for the anomaly by suggesting that the \angle (OTeF) is opened up considerably compared to the \angle (F'SbF) of the SbF₅²⁻ ion.

It has not been possible to fit the reflexes of the $M_2TeO_2F_2$ to either the cubic, tetragonal, or orthorhombic crystal systems. In the absence of any isomorphous compounds of known structure, it is not possible to gain any information about the state of aggregation of the $TeO_2F_2^{2^-}$ ion in these new compounds. Attempts to prepare $BaTeO_2F_2$, which may be isomorphous with KIO_2F_2 , a salt of known structure, ²⁹ failed. The powder photographs of the two compounds (M = Rb, Cs) show them to be isomorphous.

Vibrational Spectra. $K_2 \text{TeOF}_4$ and $Cs_2 \text{TeOF}_4$. The infrared and Raman spectra of $K_2 \text{TeOF}_4$ and $Cs_2 \text{TeOF}_4$ are given in Table II. Since the $M_2 \text{TeOF}_4$ compounds are isomorphous with $M_2 \text{SbF}_5$ salts which contain individual $\text{SbF}_5^{\ 2^-}$ ions, the $\text{TeOF}_4^{\ 2^-}$ ions must be present as individual ions with little or no fluorine bridging. The $\text{TeOF}_4^{\ 2^-}$ ion is isoelectronic with XeOF₄ which is known to have a squarepyramidal structure with the oxygen in the apical position.²⁵ The $\text{TeOF}_4^{\ 2^-}$ ion undoubtedly has this C_{4v} structure also.



Table III. Comparison of the Spectra of C_{4U} Species (XZY₄) Isoelectronic with TeOF₄^{2-d}

	Mode	IF,	2	TeF	- b	SbF	² - C	XeO	F ₄ ^a	Te	OF_4^{2-d}	pprox description
Class	no.	R	Ir	R	Ir	R	Ir	R	Ir	R	Ir	of mode (XZY_4)
A ₁	ν_1	710 s, pol	710 vs	611 vs	618 ms	557 s	555 s	920 mw, pol	926 s	837 vs	840 s	$\nu(XZ)$
A_1	ν_2	614 vs, pol		504 s	(466 vs, br)	427 m		567 s, pol	576 m	461 m	480 m	$\nu_{sym}(XY_4)$ - in phase
A	ν_3	318 m, pol	318 m	282 mw	283 m	278 w	260 m	285 w, pol	294 s		265 m	$\delta_{sym}(XY_4)$ - umbrella
B ₁	ν_4	602 sh		(472 s)		388 w		527 m		390 m		$\nu_{sym}(XY_4)$ - out of phase
B1	ν_5											$\delta_{asym}(XY_4)$ - out of phase
B ₂	ν_6	274 m		231 mw		220 w		233 mw		190 w		$\delta_{sym}(XY_4)$ - in phase
Ε	ν_7	631 sh	635 br	(472 s)	(466 vs, br)	347– 375 w	359 377 vs		608 vs	335 m	330- <u>,</u> 360 vs, br	$\nu_{asym}(XY_4)$
E E	$ u_8 $ $ u_9 $	370 w ca 200 w	372 m	338 mw	336 m 164 mw	307 m 142	288 m 161	365 mw 161 m	361 s	129 w	ŗ	$\delta(ZY_4)$ wag $\delta_{asym}(XY_4)$ in plane

^a Reference 30. ^b Reference 6. ^c Reference 31. ^d Cs₂TeOF₄.

The infrared and Raman spectra are consistent with this. In C_{4v} symmetry the normal modes belong to the representation

 $\Gamma = 3A_1 + 2B_1 + B_2 + 3E$

Nine fundamentals are expected; all nine modes are Raman active whereas only six are infrared active $(3A_1 + 3E)$. From the table it may be seen that seven fundamentals are observed. ν_5 in $C_{4\nu}$ symmetry is very weak and is not even observed for TeF₅^{-,6} XeOF₄, and IF₅³⁰ which accounts for one of the absences. We assume that v_8 is not observed due to a coincidence with ν_{γ} . Four stretching modes are expected, $2A_1 + B_1 + E$. Judging from the spectra for SbF_5^{2-31} and TeF_5^{-6} the stretches should all lie above 300 cm⁻¹. Four fundamental stretching bands appear in the Raman spectrum of Cs₂TeOF₄ and the highest frequency peak at 837 cm⁻¹ must be ν_1 (A₁), the TeO stretching mode. The peak at 390 cm⁻¹ which is Raman active only must be ν_4 (B₁) and of the remaining two, that at 461 cm⁻¹, which is strongest in the Raman spectrum, must be the symmetric [TeF₄] stretch, ν_2 (A₁), while the peak which is most intense in the infrared must be v_7 (E), the asymetric [TeF₄] stretch. The spectra of other related C_{4v} molecules are given in Table III for comparison and this assignment parallels that of Alexander and Beattie³¹ for SbF₅²⁻ closely, both in the ordering and intensities of the bands. In TeOF₄²⁻ and SbF₅²⁻ ν_7 lies at a lower frequency than ν_4 , which is opposite to what is observed in other C_{4v} molecules. As one proceeds along the series IF_5 , TeF_5^- , and SbF_5^{2-} , the positions of ν_7 and ν_4 approach each other to the point where they overlap in TeF₅⁻⁶ and finally in SbF₅^{2-,31} ν_7 lies lower than v_4 . The same trend is therefore not surprising for the series $XeOF_4$, IOF_4^- , and $TeOF_4^{2-}$.

Assignment of the deformations is more difficult and comparison with these modes for other $C_{4\nu}$ molecules is necessary. The lowest frequency mode in all of these species is ν_9 and the weak peak at 129 cm⁻¹ in the Raman spectrum of TeOF₄²⁻ is assigned to this mode. The remaining bands have been assigned to ν_3 and ν_6 on the basis of the assignments for other $C_{4\nu}$ species and both position and intensity support this. Combination bands, which are observed in the infrared spectra of IF₅ and XeOF₄,³⁰ are also observed

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Table IV. Raman and Ir Spectra of $Rb_2TeO_2F_2$ and $Cs_2TeO_2F_2$

Rb₂T	eO ₂ F ₂	Cs ₂ T	Assignment		
Raman	Ir	Raman	Ir	(Č _{2V})	
	1070 vw, sh		1075 vvw	$v_1 + v_4 (A_1)$	
795 vs, 780 vs, sh	805 vs	796 vs, 781 w	795 s, 777 s	ν_1 (A ₁)	
788 m, 767 m	765 vs	758 m	760 s, 755 vs	ν_6 (B ₁)	
	477 w, sh		480 w, sh	$\nu_{5} + \nu_{7} (B_{2})$	
411 w, 387 sh	400 ms, sh	404 mw, 385 w, sh	400 m, sh	ν_2 (A ₁)	
358 w		353 mw		$\nu_{3}(A_{1})$	
330 w		326 w	330 sh	$\nu_7 (B_1)$	
311 w	320 vs, br	315 sh	305 vs, br	$\nu_8 (B_2)$	
282 w	~270 m, sh	279 mw		ν_4 (A ₁)	
185 w		197 vw		$\nu_9 (B_2)$	

for M_2 TeOF₄ compounds and their assignment (Table II) substantiates the assignments of the stretching vibrations of the TeOF₄²⁻ ion.

The TeOF₄²⁻ ion is not present in solutions of TeO₂ in aqueous hydrofluoric acid. Raman spectra of solutions of varying Te(IV) and HF concentrations show the presence of the TeF₅⁻ ion and a second species which appears to be the TeF₄(OH)⁻ ion.³² Attempts to prepare M₂TeOF₄ salts from solution yield either TeO₂ or MTeF₅.

Rb₂**TeO**₂F₂ and **Cs**₂**TeO**₂F₂. The infrared and Raman spectra of Rb₂TeO₂F₂ and Cs₂TeO₂F₂ are given in Table IV and a comparison with isoelectronic species is given in Table V. $XeO_2F_2^{33}$ and $IO_2F_2^{-1}$ in KIO_2F_2 ,²⁹ which are isoelectronic with the $TeO_2F_2^{-2-1}$ ion, exist as discrete nonpolymeric species although there is some anion bridging over oxygen in the latter case. To a first approximation $M_2TeO_2F_2$ compounds may be considered to consist of individual $TeO_2F_2^{-2-1}$ units. Valence-shell electron pair repulsion theory²² would predict a C_{2v} structure with the lone electron pair and the oxygens in equatorial positions.



The normal modes for this symmetry belong to the representation $\Gamma = 4A_1 + A_2 + 2B_1 + 2B_2$. The Raman spec-

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Table V. Comparison of the Spectra of C_{2v} Species (XY₂Z₂) Isoelectronic with TeO₂F₂²⁻

		Sbl	F ₄ - a	XeO ₂ F ₂ ^b		$IO_2F_2^{-c}$		$\text{TeO}_2\text{F}_2 \stackrel{2-d}{}$		Approx de- scription
Class	No.	Raman	lr	Raman	lr	Raman	Ir	Raman	lr	Z ax
A ₁	ν_1	586 s	591 s	850 vs	848 ms	808 vs	816 vs, 805 vs	796 vs, 781 w	795 s, 777 s	$\nu_{\rm sym}(\rm XY_2)$
	ν_2	436 mw	436 w	537 vs		472 s	476 s	404 mw, 385 w, sh	400 m, sh	$v_{sym}(XZ_2)$
	$\nu_3 \\ \nu_4$	280 w	280 s 163 w, sh	350 ms 205 ms		363 ms 319 s	358 m, sh 322 m, sh	353 mw 279 mw		$\delta_{sym}(XY_2)$ $\delta_{sym}(XZ_2)$
A_2	ν_{5}	212 w, sh		224 w		190 m, sh	196 ms	[150] ^e		τ
B ₁	ν_6	552 mw	552 s	882 s	905 s	830 w, sh	855- 844 m	758 m	760 s, 755 vs	$v_{asym}(XY_2)$
	ν_7	258 w	249 s		324 s	345 m, sh	340 s, sh	326 w	330 sh	$\delta_{asym}(XY_2)$
B ₂	ν_8	380 sh	381 s, br		585 vs		434 s	315 sh	305 vs, br	$v_{asym}(XZ_2)$
	ν_9		186 s	315 vs	317 ms		220 ms	197 vw		$\delta_{asym}(XZ_2)$

^a Reference 11, Et_aNSbF₄. ^b Reference 33. ^c Reference 34. ^d Cs₂TeO₂F₂. ^e Calculated from $\nu_5 + \nu_7$ combination.

trum should consist of nine bands and the infrared eight. In all, ten bands are observed in the Raman spectrum and seven in the infrared spectrum (down to 250 cm⁻¹). Considering that v_5 (or v_9) is not observed in the Raman spectrum, the large number of fundamentals observed argues against individual $C_{2\nu}$ anions. The doubling of some of the stretching modes indicates that there is coupling of modes between anions and anion bridging. The C_{2v} model may still be used for an approximate assignment assuming the doubled bands to belong to one mode. Two TeO stretching modes v_1 and v_6 are expected and the two highest bands are assigned to these. If the FTeF angle is close to 180° , the two TeF stretching vibrations should appear with one strong in the infrared and weak in the Raman and the other strong in the Raman and weak in the infrared. The band near 310 cm⁻¹ which is very strong in the infrared and weak in the Raman spectrum is assigned to one of these modes, v_8 , and the band near 400 cm⁻¹, although equally intense in the Raman and infrared spectra, lies in the TeF stretching region and must be due to ν_2 . It should be noted that ν_2 , the symmetric IF stretching vibration in the $IO_2F_2^-$ ion, is also observed in both the infrared and Raman spectra.³ The parallel in intensities of ν_2 and ν_8 for IO₂F₂⁻ and $TeO_2F_2^{2-}$ indicates that the fluorines are in apical positions in $TeO_2F_2^{2-}$ also.

In the absence of polarization measurements, it is not possible to make an unequivocal assignment of the spectra and the band intensities do not permit as definite an assignment of the deformations as that for XeO_2F_2 .²⁹ In the Raman spectrum of $Cs_2TeO_2F_2$, the two most intense of the remaining bands, at 353 and 279 cm⁻¹, may be assigned to the A₁ modes, v_3 and v_4 , the symmetric TeO₂ and TeF₂ deformations, which are expected to be intense in the Raman effect. The band at 330 cm^{-1} in the infrared is as-

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signed to the asymmetric TeO₂ deformation, ν_7 , but in the absence of infrared spectra below 250 cm^{-1} it is not possible to assign ν_9 with certainty. The band at 197 cm⁻¹ in the Raman spectrum may be due to this mode. The two very weak bands at 1075 and 480 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectrum probably arise from the same combination bands as observed in the spectrum of XeO₂F₂; 1075 cm⁻¹ is $\nu_1 + \nu_4$ and, if the band at 480 cm^{-1} is due to the more intense combination of the two observed for XeO₂F₂, $\nu_5 + \nu_7$, then ν_5 may be assigned at 150 cm^{-1} . The order of the vibrations and their intensity fits quite well with those for isoelectronic C_{2v} species as shown in Table V.

The assignment of the asymmetric IO stretching vibration at a higher frequency than the symmetric is confirmed by polarization studies on aqueous $IO_2F_2^-$ solutions³¹ and this assignment is in accord with that for XeO_2F_2 , but the intensities of the bands show the order is reversed for $TeO_2F_2^{2-}$ This parallels the behavior of the $C_{3\nu}$ species XeO₃, IO₃, and $\text{TeO}_{3^{2^{-}}}$ where a similar inversion of the symmetric and asymmetric stretching vibrations occurs.³⁵

Oxygen bridging between anions in KIO_2F_2 is indicated by IO distances of 2.82 and 2.85 Å, much shorter than the expected van der Waals distance of 3.5 Å, and this is reflected in the splitting of the IO stretching vibrations, v_1 and v_6 . Bridging is expected in the case of $TeO_2F_2^{2-}$ also and this is reflected in the splitting of the TeO stretching bands.

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