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## Lewis Acid-Base Properties of Iodine(VII) Dioxide Trifluoride

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The <sup>19</sup>F NMR and laser Raman spectra of the adducts of  $IO_2F_3$  with AsF<sub>5</sub>, SbF<sub>5</sub>, NbF<sub>5</sub>, TaF<sub>5</sub>, IF<sub>5</sub>, and IOF<sub>3</sub> have been measured. The spectra show that the adducts are oxygen-bridged polymers of the type  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot MF_4)_n$  and  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot IOF_2)_n$ , respectively. The reaction between KIO<sub>4</sub> and IF<sub>5</sub> has been reinvestigated by <sup>19</sup>F NMR and Raman spectroscopy and it has been shown that the previously obtained solid of composition KIO<sub>4</sub>·IF<sub>5</sub> is a mixture of KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and IO<sub>2</sub>F. By the same reaction we have also made the adduct KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>·2IF<sub>5</sub> and from this pure KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>. The IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion in KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> has been shown, by <sup>19</sup>F NMR and Raman spectroscopy, to have the trans ( $D_{4h}$ )structure. In IF<sub>5</sub> solution *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> isomerizes to a mixture of the cis and trans isomers.

#### Introduction.

In a previous paper,<sup>1</sup> we have shown that iodine dioxide trifluoride has the cyclic trimeric structure shown in Figure 1. In forming this trimer the  $IO_2F_3$  monomer is displaying both donor and acceptor properties; each  $IO_2F_3$  monomeric unit in the trimer uses one of its oxygen atoms to form a donor bond with its neighboring iodine and at the same time the iodine accepts an electron pair from the oxygen of a neighboring  $IO_2F_3$ . The present paper is concerned with the general donor and acceptor or Lewis acid-base properties of  $IO_2F_3$ .

Engelbrecht et al.<sup>2</sup> have studied the fluoride ion acceptor properties of  $IO_2F_3$  and have shown that with HF the acid HOIOF<sub>4</sub> is obtained and that with various metal fluorides, MF, one obtains the salts  $MIO_2F_4$ . They have also interpreted the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the adduct  $(IO_2F_3 \cdot IOF_3)_n$  in terms of the ionic structure  $IOF_2^+IO_2F_4^-$ . From the reaction of  $IO_2F_3$ with  $SbF_5$  they obtained a white crystalline solid of mp 102 °C. The molten compound had a <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum consisting of an  $A_2B_2$  and an  $A_4$  spectrum in both the F on Sb and the F on I regions. They interpreted this result in terms of a polymeric structure containing both cis and trans oxygen bridges between  $-IO_2F_4$ - and  $-SbF_4$ - units. On the basis of a Raman spectroscopic study, Aubke<sup>3</sup> and co-workers have come to a different conclusion concerning the structure of  $(IO_2F_3 \cdot SbF_5)_n$ . They proposed that it retains a polymeric  $IO_2F_3$  structure, whose nature was not specified exactly, with SbF<sub>5</sub> groups coordinated to the IO groups of the  $IO_2F_3$ polymer.

In our own studies of the donor-acceptor properties of  $IO_2F_3$ we have prepared the adducts of  $IO_2F_3$  with AsF<sub>5</sub>, SbF<sub>5</sub>, NbF<sub>5</sub>, TaF<sub>5</sub>, IF<sub>5</sub>, and IOF<sub>3</sub> and we have investigated their structures by means of <sup>19</sup>F NMR and Raman spectroscopy. We have also prepared KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and the adduct KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>·2IF<sub>5</sub> and have studied both compounds in the solid state and in solution in acetonitrile and in iodine pentafluoride by NMR and Raman spectroscopy.

#### **Results and Discussion.**

 $IO_2F_3$ ·SbF<sub>5</sub>. The reaction between  $IO_2F_3$  and SbF<sub>5</sub> gave a viscous colorless liquid very similar to pure SbF<sub>5</sub>. The solution crystallized over a period of several days to give a white crystalline solid (mp 97–105 °C). The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the melt is shown in Figure 2 and the NMR parameters derived from the spectrum of this and the other adducts are given in Table I. The main peaks in the spectrum are an  $A_2B_2$  multiplet and a single line  $A_4$  in both the F on I(VII) and F on Sb(V) regions. The only reasonable explanation for the two sets of  $A_2B_2$  multiplets is that the adduct contains oxygen-bridged *cis*·IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and *cis*·SbF<sub>4</sub> units, as was previously concluded by Engelbrecht et al.<sup>2</sup> The single lines in each region of the spectrum can be assigned to the trans units in the adduct, i.e., to  $A_4$  spin systems. The greater relative

intensity of the A<sub>4</sub> singlet in the F on Sb region than that in the F on I(VII) region indicates that there are more *trans*-SbF<sub>4</sub> units than *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units. This interpretation of the NMR spectrum is supported by the observation that the axialequatorial fluorine-fluorine coupling constant in a cis unit of the polymer was 231 Hz for the IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> unit and 129 Hz for the SbF<sub>4</sub> unit. These values are close to the coupling constants of 212 Hz for IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, 218 Hz for HOIOF<sub>4</sub>,<sup>4,5</sup> 128 Hz for the SbF<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>F polymer,<sup>6</sup> and 130 Hz for polymeric antimony pentafluoride.<sup>7,8</sup>

There are, in addition, weak peaks at  $\sim -95$ ,  $\sim -75$ , -43, 93, 101, 122, and 125 ppm relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>. The peak at -43 ppm lies in the F on I(V) region of the spectrum and may be reasonably assigned to  $IOF_2^+$  which has<sup>9</sup> a chemical shift of -46 ppm (with reference to CFCl<sub>3</sub>) in a solution of SbF<sub>5</sub>. The presence of  $IOF_2^+$  is confirmed by the observation of a characteristic peak in the Raman spectrum at 970 cm<sup>-1.9</sup> On slow sublimation of the  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4)_n$  adduct the -43-ppm line and the other accompanying impurity bands were found to increase in intensity in the residue while the freshly melted sublimate contained only a trace of  $IOF_2^+$  as indicated by the very low intensity of the -43-ppm and accompanying lines. It appears that  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4)_n$  is thermally unstable in the molten state and slowly loses oxygen to give IOF<sub>3</sub> which ionizes to give IOF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. The other weak impurity lines found together with the  $IOF_2^+$  line in the NMR spectrum are presumably due to the anion accompanying the  $IOF_2^+$ .

$$IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4 \rightarrow IOF_2^* SbF_6^- + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$
(1)

The simplest assumption would be that the anion is  $SbF_6^-$ ; however, this is not consistent with the number of observed peaks and presumably the  $SbF_6^-$  reacts with the  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4)_n$ (eq 2), to give the complex anion  $IO_2F_4 \cdot Sb_2F_{10}^-$ , isoelectronic

$$SbF_6^- + IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4 \rightarrow IO_2F_4 \cdot Sb_2F_{10}^-$$
(2)

with  $Sb_3F_{16}$ , which could plausibly give rise to the impurity lines in both the F on I(VII) and the F on Sb regions of the NMR spectrum. Prominent features of the weak peaks in the F on Sb region are a doublet and a broad line which at low temperature appear to further resolve into a doublet of doublets and a complex multiplet. This is consistent with the presence of an  $Sb_2F_{10}$  unit.<sup>10</sup>

The Raman spectra of all of the adducts exhibit a great number of lines and as a result a complete assignment is not possible. The iodine-oxygen stretching modes, however, are expected to have the highest frequencies and they can be assigned with confidence. A *cis*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> unit with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry is expected to have Raman-active symmetric and antisymmetric IO<sub>2</sub> stretching modes whereas a *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> unit of  $D_{4h}$ symmetry is expected to have only a single Raman-active IO<sub>2</sub> stretching mode. The Raman spectrum of the solid (IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>·SbF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub> adduct is given in Figure 3B and Table II lists



Figure 1. Structure of  $(IO_2F_3)_3$ .

the frequencies observed in the spectra of the solid and of the melt. Peaks were observed in the IO stretching region at 849 and 792 cm<sup>-1</sup> which shifted to 880 cm<sup>-1</sup> (polarized) and 815  $cm^{-1}$  (depolarized), respectively, in the melt. Since the melt contains both cis- and trans-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units, one would expect three IO stretches, of which two would be polarized. However, since only two bands are observed, one of which is polarized, we must conclude that the symmetric stretch of the cis- and trans-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units are coincident and the band at 880 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to these modes, while the band at  $815 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the antisymmetric stretch of the cis isomer. It is difficult to assign the SbO stretching frequency due to the complexity of the spectrum but in the compounds  $H_3O^+SbF_5OH^-$ , SbF<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, SbF<sub>5</sub>·SO<sub>2</sub>, and Cs<sub>2</sub>Sb<sub>2</sub>F<sub>10</sub>O the SbO stretching frequency occurs at 470,<sup>11</sup> 488 and 519,<sup>12</sup> and 467 cm<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>13</sup> respectively, and we, therefore, tentatively assign the depo-larized peak at 463 cm<sup>-1</sup> (481 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the solid) to the SbO antisymmetric stretch and the polarized peak at 442 cm<sup>-1</sup> (434  $cm^{-1}$  in the solid) to the symmetric stretch of both *cis*- and *trans*- $O_2$ SbF<sub>4</sub> units.

 $IO_2F_3$ ·AsF<sub>6</sub>. The reaction of  $IO_2F_3$  with AsF<sub>5</sub> gave colorless crystals of the adduct which melted at about 40 °C. The  $^{19}$ F NMR spectrum of the supercooled melt at 40 °C is shown in Figure 4 and the chemical shifts and coupling constants are listed in Table I. The spectrum consists of a multiplet and a very weak doublet in the fluorine on iodine(VII) region at low field and a single broad line in the fluorine on arsenic region at high field. Although the multiplet was not well resolved at 40 °C, at 10 °C it appeared to be an  $A_2B_2$  spectrum with a single superimposed line. The  $A_2B_2$  spectrum can be assigned to cis-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units and the single line to the four equivalent fluorines of trans- $IO_2F_4$  units. The small doublet D, at -103 ppm, is attributed to the X<sub>2</sub> part of an AX<sub>2</sub> spectrum arising from a small amount of unreacted  $IO_2F_3$ . The two main resonances were found to have the same area in agreement with the formulation  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot AsF_4)_n$ . The coupling constant of 202 Hz for the cis-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> unit agrees well with the values found for the other  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot MF_4)_n$  adducts described in this paper (Table I). On warming the complex above its melting point, dissociation occured as indicated by the increase in the intensity of the doublet D due to  $IO_2F_3$ . At 50 °C the F on I multiplet collapsed to a single line indicating a relatively rapid exchange of all of the fluorines of the cis- and trans- $IO_2F_4$  units at this temperature. The F on As resonance was a broad line at all temperatures between 10 and 50 °C presumably as a consequence of the almost complete collapse of the expected multiplet structure due to quadrupole relaxation of the arsenic nucleus.

The solid-state Raman spectrum of the adduct at -100 °C is shown in Figure 3A. There are three peaks in the I=O stretching region at 918, 846, and 832 cm<sup>-1</sup> which are tentatively assigned to unreacted IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> and the symmetric and antisymmetric stretches, respectively, of the *cis*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> unit.

 $(IO_2F_3 \cdot NbF_5)_n$  and  $(IO_2F_3 \cdot TaF_5)_n$ . The reactions of NbF<sub>5</sub> and TaF<sub>5</sub> with  $IO_2F_3$  were carried out using a small excess

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Table I. <sup>19</sup>F NMR Parameters of Various IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> Adducts

Adduct	Temp, °C	Moiety	J <sub>F-F</sub> , Hz	Chem shift, <sup>a</sup> ppm	
$(IO_2F_4 \cdot AsF_4)_n^d$	10				
		<i>cis</i> -IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	202	$A_2 - 83.7$	
		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		$A_4 = -69.6$	
		cis-AsF4-	n.o. <sup>b</sup>	43.4	
$(IO_2F_4\cdot SbF_4)_n^d$	36	174113-7431°4			
		IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	179	$\begin{cases} A & n.o. \\ B_2 & -103.0 \end{cases}$	
		de-IO E	221	∫A₂ -96.7	
		$trans-IO_{2}F_{4}$	231	$B_2 - 76.5$	
		cis-ShF.	129	A2 87.4	
		trans-SbF	129	$\{B_2 \ 116.0 \\ A_2 \ 92.3 \$	
		$IOF_2^+$ counterion	87	{101.2	
		(see text) IOF, <sup>+ c</sup>		A -42.9	
$(IO_2F_4\cdot NbF_4)_n^d$	36	e de la companya de l La companya de la comp			
		cis-IO, F <sub>4</sub>	222	$A_2 -91.2$	
• •		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		$A_4 = -69.5$	
		cis-NbF <sub>4</sub> -	<b>n</b> .o.	-219.8	
$(IO \in T_{2}E)^{d}$	36	174713-1101 4			
(10 <sub>2</sub> 1 <sub>4</sub> 111 <sub>4</sub> )n		cis-IO F	215	{A2 -93.4	
н. -		trans-IO, F.	210	$(B_2 - 67.6)$	
		cis-TaF.	no	{A2 -137.6	
		trans-TaF.		$(B_2 - 140.0)$	
$(IO_2F_4 \cdot IF_4)_n$ in excess IF,	-10			·	
-		<i>cis</i> -IO₂F₄	220	$\{A_2 - 99.5$	
		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		$A_4 = -82.3$	
		IF <sub>4</sub>	<b>n</b> .o.	$\begin{cases} A_2' & -33.0 \\ B' & -17.8 \end{cases}$	
e de la composition d		IO F	198	$\int A = 17.6$	
		10213	100	$(B_2 - 109.3)$	
		IF,	89	${\bf x}_{1} = -9.7$	
IO₂F₄·H <sup>e</sup>	36				
	8 a. 1	cis-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	21	$A_2 = -92.9$ B = -68.8	
		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		A <sub>4</sub> -70.5	
IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> ·IOF <sub>2</sub>	83			105.0	
		cis-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	214	$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 & -105.9 \\ B_2 & -77.8 \end{bmatrix}$	
		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub>		A <sub>4</sub> -82.2	
KIO in IE	36			A <sub>2</sub> 20.0	
	50	cielo F	202	∫A₂ -102.1	
		<i>trans</i> -IO <sub>2</sub> F <sup></sup>	202	$lB_2 = -68.5$	
		IF	20	jA' -56.1	
		s		1X₄. –9.9	
$KIO_2F_4 \cdot 2IF_5'$ in excess CH_CN	36				
		trans-IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>		A <sub>4</sub> -62.0	
		IF.	76	{A -48.1	

<sup>a</sup> Chemical shift with respect to external CFCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Not observed. <sup>c</sup> From  $IO_2F_3$  photodecomposition or thermal decomposition

$$IO_2F_3 \xrightarrow{\mu\nu} IOF_3 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{SDF}_5} IOF_3^+SbF_4^-$$

<sup>d</sup> Spectra recorded on molten adducts. <sup>e</sup> This work.  $f \text{KIO}_2 F_4$ . 2IF<sub>5</sub> adduct dissolved in excess CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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Table II.	Raman S	nectra of	Some	IO.F.	Adducts	(cm~1)	ì
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(IO, F4·	(IO,F4·	(10 E	(CLE )	(IO, F₄·	(IO,F₄·	(IO,F4·	
$NbF_4)_n$	$TaF_4)_n$	(10 <sub>2</sub> F	$4 \cdot 50F_4 n$	$AsF_4)_n$	$IOF_2)_n$	IF <sub>4</sub> )	
Solida	Solidb	Solid <sup>b</sup>	Melt	Solida	Solid	soln in IF <sub>5</sub>	Description of motion
	956 (1)		970 (1)				IO str of IOF. <sup>+</sup>
	)00 (I)		) (0 (1)		927 (4)		
					915 (69)		10 str of IOF <sub>2</sub>
913 (4)				918 (4)		915 sh	$^{\prime}$ IO str of IO $_{2}F_{3}$
887 sh	889 sh						)
879 (17)	879 (18)		880 (21) p				$IO_2$ sym str of $IO_2F_4$
868 (28)		849 (17)		846 (4)	804 (22)	896 (27)	
811 (26)	820 sh						IO antisym str of IO F
804 (38)	813 (16)	792 (5)	815 (5) dp	832 (7)	750 (9)	757 (6)	$\int 10^{\circ} 2 \operatorname{antisym} \operatorname{str} \operatorname{or} 10^{\circ} 21^{\circ} 4$
				761 (20)			,
7 <b>4</b> 0 sh				745 (57)			
<b>720 (02)</b>		<b>777</b> (17)	<b>710</b> -1	736 (10)			
729 (92)	715 ch	121 (17)	/38 sn	726 (21)			
	713 SII 713 (100)	715 (100)		720 (30)			
701 (46)	/13 (100)	705 (28)	708 (100) n		706 sh	703 sh	
693 (42)		695 (14)	700 (100) p	698 (27)	694 (25)	705 311	
0)5(42)		691 (14)		000 (27)	094 (20)	687 (100)	
	689 (22)	687(12)	685 sh			001 (100)	
	007 (22)	680 sh	000	680 (15)			
678 sh	675 (22)	677 (30)		673 (10)	673 (100)		
670 (28)							
	661 (23)	664 (58)	664 (77) p	666 (100)			
654 (100)	650 (22)						
647 (28)			647 sh	647 (57)	645 (31)		
	639 sh		636 (67) p		635 (16)	636 (55)	
629 (7)	629 sh	629 (67)	615 sh	620 (4)	629 sh		
					618 (22)	(02 ((())	
					606 (31)	603 (66) 570 sh	
515 (2) wh	= 400(1) when	481 (2)	463 sh dn	508 (5)		5/9 SII 467 sh	
452 (2) VU	450 (1) VOI	434 (21)	$403 \sin up$ 442 (21) m	472  sh	549 (8)	447 (5)	
452 (0)	430())	434 (21)	442 (21) P	461 (22)	538 sh	417 (3)	
436 (12)	431 (7)				0000		
423 (11)					425 sh		
413 (17)	413				416 (2)		
				400 (6)	402 (1)		
384 (14)	385 (10)			392 (14)	380 (2)		
373 (9)	376 (7)	378 (8)	378 (9) dp	371 (8)	373 (2)	374 (24)	
366 (9)							
358 (9)	358 sh	351 (11)	349 (15) dp	351 (7)			
351 (13)	351 (12)			244 (6)	247 (2)	261 (9)	
				344 (6)	347 (3)	351 (8)	
				222 (16)	329 (3)		
280 (2)	295 (4)	206 (9)	280 (11)	323(10)	323 (3) 289 (5)	314 (8)	
209 (3)	205 (4)	290 (0)	209(11) 271(11)	278(13)	269 (3)	514 (6)	
270(4)	270(2)	214(1)	2/1 (11)	269 (7)	261 (2)	268 (24)	
252(20)	254(21)	259 (18)		254(4)	250(1)	257  sh	
252 (20)	241  sh	203 (10)	238 (7)	243 (3)	200 (1)		
237 (10)	235 sh	234 (7)		(•)	232 (1)		
221 (12)	226 (23)				<b>x</b> - <b>x</b>		
	<u> </u>	197 (31)	195 (8)	206 (27)		206 (17)	
172 (25)	172 (13)	176 (26)	175 (13)	169 (3)	165 (2)		
165 sh	158 (13)			152 (23)	150 (2)		
	130 (5)			143 (6)		126 (20)	
				111 (7)	115 (3)		
				102 (6)			

<sup>a</sup> At -100 °C. <sup>b</sup> Room temperature.

of  $IO_2F_3$ . The adducts formed were microcrystalline solids with melting points of about 100 °C. The F on I(VII) region only of the NMR spectra of the supercooled melts at 94.1 MHz and 36 °C are shown in Figure 5. Both spectra exhibit the characteristic  $A_2B_2$  and  $A_4$  spectra of the *cis*- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units, respectively. The F on Nb and F on Ta resonances consist of a single broad line, presumably due to the almost complete collapse of the expected multiplet by the quadrupole relaxation of the Nb and Ta nuclei. The F on Ta resonance also has a small shoulder to low field which may be due to the oxygen-bridged *trans*-TaF<sub>4</sub> units while the main broad resonance may be due to the cis units. The Raman spectra of the two adducts are shown in Figure 3C and D. Both adducts show two sets of peaks in the IO region at ~878 and ~808 sm<sup>-1</sup> for the NbF<sub>5</sub> adduct and ~884 and ~816 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the TaF<sub>5</sub> adduct. In addition to these lines, which are readily assigned to the *cis*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units in the adducts, there is a peak at 913 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the NbF<sub>5</sub> adduct which arises from excess IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> and also a very weak peak at 956 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the TaF<sub>5</sub> adduct which is assigned to the IO stretch of the IOF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation. This impurity arises after heating and cooling the sample several times as in the case of the SbF<sub>5</sub> adduct. The lack of knowledge concerning the strength of the bridging bonds between IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and the MF<sub>4</sub> moiety and the



Figure 2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of an equimolar mixture of  $IO_2F_3$  and  $SbF_5$  recorded as a supercooled melt at 36 °C. Inset: structural units (*cis*- and *trans*- $IO_2F_4$  and  $-O_2SbF_4$ ) of the polymer.

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KIO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> ·2IF <sub>5</sub>			······································			
Solid	Soln	IF <sub>5</sub> In CH <sub>3</sub> CN soln	$KIO_{2}F_{4}$ Solid	Assignment $(D_{4h} IO_2 F_4)$		
 879 (0.5) 861 (1)	875 (3) p		879 (0.5) 854 (0.5) 827 sh	$\nu_1(A_1)$ IO sym str ( <i>cis</i> -IO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) $\nu_3(A_{2u})$ IO asym str		
808 (100) 694 (5) 686 sh	816 (92) p		821 sn 816 (100)	$\int v_1(\mathbf{A}_{1g}) \mathbf{IO} \mathbf{Sym} \mathbf{Str}$		
670 (73) 635 sh	677 (100) p	678 (100) p		IF <sub>s</sub>		
611 (62) 585 sh 572 (32)	586 (90) p [576 vbr dp] <sup>b</sup> [569 (40) dp] <sup>b</sup>	585 (90) p	581 (55)	$\nu_4(B_{2g})$ IF <sub>4</sub> out-of-phase str		
565 sh 395 (51) 385 (19)	567 (65) p a	309 (42) up	565 sh 395 (26) 380 (40)	$\nu_2(A_{1g})$ IF <sub>4</sub> in-phase str $\nu_5(E_g)$ OIF bend		
276 (5)	267 (8)	316 (6) p 267 (9) dp	257 (9)	$F_{s}$ $\mu_{s}(B,\sigma)$ IF, in-plane scissor		

Table III. Raman Spectra of  $KIO_2F_4$ ,  $KIO_2F_4$ ,  $2IF_5$ , and a Solution of  $KIO_2F_4$ ,  $2IF_5$  in Acetonitrile

<sup>a</sup> Peaks obscured by strong acetonitrile peak. <sup>b</sup> Peaks in brackets obtained from  $I_{\perp}$  spectrum (see text).

complexity of the Raman spectra precluded the assignment of the stretching modes associated with the bridge.

 $(IO_2F_3 \cdot IF_5)_n$ . The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of a solution containing  $IO_2F_3$  in excess  $IF_5$  was recorded at 10 °C, the lowest temperature at which all species remained in solution. The spectrum (Figure 6B) consists of the characteristic  $A_2B_2$  and  $A_4$  spectra in the F on I(VII) region associated with *cis*- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units, together with X<sub>2</sub> doublet (E) of IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, the A triplet being hidden by the B<sub>2</sub> triplet of the complex. The F on I(V) region exhibits the characteristic AX<sub>4</sub> spectrum of IF<sub>5</sub> (A" and X<sub>4</sub>) and two single broad lines (175 Hz at half-height) of equal intensity, at -33 and -17.8 ppm relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>, which are assigned to an incompletely resolved  $A_2B_2$  spectrum associated with the IF<sub>4</sub> group. The adduct is not ionic since the NMR spectrum of a solution of IF<sub>5</sub> in excess SbF<sub>5</sub>, in which IF<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> is formed, <sup>14</sup> shows a single broad peak at -36.3 ppm whereas the average chemical shift of the I(V) species in this adduct is -25.4 ppm. The observed spectrum, however, is consistent with a bridging IF<sub>4</sub> species with two sets of nonequivalent fluorines giving rise to an  $A_2B_2$  spectrum, which together with two long bridging bonds and a lone pair completes an AX<sub>6</sub>E stereochemistry around the iodine.<sup>15</sup> Since spin–spin coupling is not observed, we conclude that there is intermediate rate exchange between the fluorines in the IF<sub>4</sub>



Figure 3. Solid-state Raman spectra: (A)  $IO_2F_4$ ·As $F_4$  adduct at -100 °C; (B)  $IO_2F_4$ ·Sb $F_4$  adduct; (C)  $IO_2F_4$ ·Nb $F_4$ ; (D)  $IO_2F_4$ ·Ta $F_4$  recorded at room temperature in a glass NMR sample tube.

group which is probably intramolecular.

The Raman spectrum of the solution at room temperature shows a broad peak at 896 cm<sup>-1</sup> with a shoulder at 915 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a peak at 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The shoulder at 915 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to uncomplexed IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>. The peak at 896 cm<sup>-1</sup> must be the I–O symmetric stretching frequency for both the *cis*- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units, whereas the peak at 757 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the asymmetric stretching frequency of the *cis*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units.

asymmetric stretching frequency of the cis-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units. (IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>·IOF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n</sub>. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the adduct formed from IOF<sub>3</sub> and IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> was recorded on the supercooled melt at +83 °C (Figure 6A). The spectrum shows the characteristic A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>4</sub> patterns associated with cis- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> units I and II as well as a single line at -28.0 ppm relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>, which is assigned to the IOF<sub>2</sub> group in the complex. Engelbrecht and co-workers<sup>2</sup> assigned this peak to the IOF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation but IOF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> in SbF<sub>5</sub> solution has been found to have<sup>9</sup> a chemical shift of -46 ppm. Furthermore, Engel-



**Figure 4.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of an equimolar mixture of  $IO_2F_3$  and  $AsF_5$  recorded at (A) 40 °C and (B) 10 °C. D is the B<sub>2</sub> doublet of dissociated  $IO_2F_3$ .

brecht et al. used HSO<sub>3</sub>F as an internal standard in obtaining the NMR spectrum of this adduct and we have shown elsewhere<sup>9</sup> that the  $IOF_2^+$  cation reacts with HSO<sub>3</sub>F to give a species of composition  $IOF_2SO_3F$  which has a fluorine on I(V) resonance at -26 ppm. Therefore, even if the  $(IO_2F_3 \cdot IOF_3)_n$  complex was a salt of composition  $IOF_2^+IO_2F_4^$ as Engelbrecht claimed, it is doubtful that it would be stable in HSO<sub>3</sub>F. The physical properties of the adduct are also in disagreement with its formulation as a salt since it has a relatively low melting point and it readily supercools. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum can be rationalized if we consider the  $IOF_2$ group as a bridging pseudo-six-coordinate (AX<sub>5</sub>E) I(V) species with  $C_s$  symmetry. There are alternative geometries for the IOF<sub>2</sub> group; however, according to the VSEPR theory,<sup>15</sup> the most stable geometry is likely to be the one shown, where the lone pair of electrons is trans to the doubly bonded oxygen. It must be supposed that structures I and II are in equilibrium in solution in order to account for the presence of both cisand trans-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> groups.



The observed Raman frequencies of the solid adduct are given in Table II. The complexity of the spectrum below 750 cm<sup>-1</sup> restricts the assignments to the iodine(V) and iodine(VII) doubly bonded oxygen stretching modes. The I=O stretching frequency of crystalline IOF<sub>3</sub> is found at 891 cm<sup>-1</sup> <sup>9,16</sup> (average of the frequencies of the five lines in the IO region arising from solid-state splittings). In the adduct, however, the vibrational mode associated with the I=O stretch of the IOF<sub>2</sub> moiety is assigned to the band at 915 cm<sup>-1</sup> since this is consistent with the I(V) atom acquiring a small positive charge although not as large as that in IOF<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> where the IO stretching frequency occurs at 970 cm<sup>-1,9</sup> The implication of this assignment is that the IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> moiety is slightly anionic and hence the iodineIodine(VII) Dioxide Trifluoride



Figure 5. The 94.1-MHz <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of equimolar mixtures of (A)  $IO_2F_3$  and NbF<sub>5</sub> and (B)  $IO_2F_3$  and TaF<sub>5</sub> recorded as supercooled melts at 36 °C. Only the F on I(VII) region is shown.

(VII)-oxygen stretching frequencies are expected to be lower than the corresponding mode in  $IO_2F_3$  which is found at 918 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2</sup> The two peaks at 804 and 750 cm<sup>-1</sup> are therefore assigned to the symmetric and antisymmetric  $I^{VII}O_2$  stretching modes respectively in the  $IO_2F_4$  units, by analogy with the other  $(IO_2F_4\cdot MF_4)_n$  adducts.

**KIO**<sub>4</sub>·**IF**<sub>5</sub>. Aynsley, Nichols, and Robinson<sup>17</sup> have reported that the reaction between KIO<sub>4</sub> and IF<sub>5</sub> gave a white solid of composition KIO<sub>4</sub>·IF<sub>5</sub>, after the removal of excess IF<sub>5</sub> at 120 °C under vacuum. There was no evidence on the structure of this material. We have obtained the room-temperature <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of a solution of KIO<sub>4</sub> in IF<sub>5</sub> (Figure 7B). It showed the typical A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>4</sub> spectra in the F on I(VII) regions characteristic of *cis*- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, respectively. The expected well-resolved AX<sub>4</sub> pattern associated with the IF<sub>5</sub> solvent is partially collapsed and there is also a shoulder to low field of the X<sub>4</sub> resonance. The formation of IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and



Figure 6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra (58.3 MHz): (A) equimolar mixture of  $IO_2F_3$  and  $IOF_3$  recorded at +83 °C on a supercooled melt; (B) solution of  $IO_2F_3$  in IF<sub>5</sub> at 10 °C (E is the B<sub>2</sub> doublet of unreacted  $IO_2F_3$  and the resonances A'' and X<sub>4</sub> belong to the IF<sub>5</sub> solvent).



Figure 7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra: (A)  $KIO_2F_4$ ·2IF<sub>5</sub> in acetonitrile at room temperature; (B) solution of  $KIO_4$  in IF<sub>5</sub>. The broad bands labeled A' and X<sub>4</sub> belong to the IF<sub>5</sub> solvent.

the partial collapse of the  $AX_4$  spectrum of IF<sub>5</sub> may be explained by the reactions

$$KIO_4 + IF_5 \rightarrow KIO_2F_4 \text{ (cis/trans)} + IO_2F \tag{3}$$
$$IO_2F + IF_5 \not\equiv 2IOF_3 \tag{4}$$

The shoulder of the  $X_4$  resonance of IF<sub>5</sub> is attributable to an

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Figure 8. Raman spectra: (A)  $KIO_2F_4$ ·2IF<sub>5</sub> recorded in a glass NMR tube at room temperature (inset: 850–900-cm<sup>-1</sup> region under higher gain); (B)  $KIO_2F_4$ ·2IF<sub>5</sub> in acetonitrile solution recorded in a glass NMR tube at room temperature (bands marked with an asterisk are acetonitrile bands).

equilibrium mixture of  $IO_2F$  and  $IOF_3$  undergoing intermediate-rate fluorine exchange with IF<sub>5</sub> at room temperature. According to eq 3 and 4, if the solution of KIO<sub>4</sub> in IF<sub>5</sub> is pumped to dryness under vacuum, a solid containing a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>, IO<sub>2</sub>F, and IOF<sub>3</sub> is obtained. However, at 120 °C equilibrium 4 lies completely to the left<sup>17</sup> and the volatile IF<sub>5</sub> is removed leaving behind an equimolar mixture of KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> (cis/trans) and IO<sub>2</sub>F. This mixture corresponds in composition to that of the KIO<sub>4</sub>-IF<sub>5</sub> adduct reported by Aynsley and co-workers.<sup>17</sup>

**KIO**<sub>2</sub>**F**<sub>4</sub>**·2IF**<sub>5</sub>. On cooling of the solution of KIO<sub>4</sub> in IF<sub>5</sub>, colorless crystals precipitated out. The composition of the crystals was found by elemental analysis to be KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>•2IF<sub>5</sub>. The formation of this complex is consistent with the tendency of the isoelectronic salts MIF<sub>6</sub> to form MIF<sub>6</sub>•2IF<sub>5</sub> adducts.<sup>18</sup> The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of a solution of this material in acetonitrile, at room temperature (Figure 7A), showed the expected AX<sub>4</sub> pattern of IF<sub>5</sub> in addition to a singlet at -62 ppm. The area of this singlet relative to the quintet resonance of IF<sub>5</sub> indicated that it corresponds to four fluorines and this peak can, therefore, be assigned to *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>. The chemical shift of this species in IF<sub>5</sub> is, however, -70.6 ppm and the difference from that in acetronitrile may be attributed, in part, to a solvent effect and also to slow exchange between *cis*- and *trans*-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> in IF<sub>5</sub> solution.

The Raman spectrum of  $KIO_2F_4 \cdot 2IF_5$  is relatively simple and is essentially a composite of that of  $KIO_2F_4$  and  $IF_5$ . It is interesting to note, however, that the  $IF_5$  lines are sharper and slightly shifted from those in liquid  $IF_5$  where association is assumed to occur.<sup>19,20</sup> The  $IF_5$  can be removed from the solid adduct under vacuum at 90 °C or by dissolving it in acetonitrile and pumping off the solvent together with the  $IF_5$ . Under high gain two very small peaks (<1%) are observed in all of the solid-state spectra of  $KIO_2F_4$  (Figure 8 and Table III) at 854 and 879 cm<sup>-1</sup>. We assign the 854-cm<sup>-1</sup> band to the antisymmetric  $IO_2$  stretching mode of the trans isomer; this mode is Raman inactive but is presumably weakly allowed in the solid state due to a lowering of the site symmetry. The polarized band at 875 cm<sup>-1</sup> (879 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the solid) is assigned to the IO symmetric stretching mode of the cis isomer which is probably produced by a small degree of isomerization. The Raman spectra of  $KIO_2F_4$  and  $KIO_2F_4$ ·2IF<sub>5</sub> both show that the  $IO_2F_4^-$  in these compounds is the trans isomer of  $D_{4h}$ symmetry. Such an ion should have ten fundamental modes with symmetry designations  $2 A_{1g} + B_{1g} + B_{2g} + E_g + 3 E_u + 2 A_{2u}$ . The  $A_{1g}$ ,  $B_{1g}$ ,  $B_{2g}$ , and  $E_g$  modes are Raman active only and therefore a total of five Raman lines are expected for this ion. In the solid-state spectrum of the trans-IO<sub>2</sub> $F_4^$ ion nine bands were observed but some of the lines are clearly due to solid-state effects. We assign the polarized solution band at 816 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which had two shoulders at 821 and 827  $cm^{-1}$  in the spectrum of the solid, to the IO<sub>2</sub> symmetric stretching frequency. Similarly the polarized peak at 567 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which was observed as a shoulder at 565 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectrum of the solid, is assigned to  $\nu_2(A_{1g})$ , the IF<sub>4</sub> in-phase stretching mode. In IOF<sub>5</sub><sup>21,22</sup> the corresponding mode, which is expected to have a higher frequency, was found at 640 cm<sup>-1</sup>, whereas the out-of-phase stretch was found at 647 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In  $IF_5^{19,20}$ these modes occur at 593 and 575 cm<sup>-1</sup> and we therefore assign the broad band at 576 cm<sup>-1</sup> in acetonitrile solution and at 581 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the solid to  $\nu_4(B_{2g})$ . The 576- and 569-cm<sup>-1</sup> bands were completely obscured in the normal I<sub>ll</sub> spectrum of the solution by the intense peaks at 586 and 567 cm<sup>-1</sup>. However, as these peaks are strongly polarized, their intensities were greatly reduced in the  $I_{\perp}$  spectrum and this allowed the observation of the 576- and 569-cm<sup>-1</sup> bands. The doubly degenerate vibration  $v_5(E_g)$  is assigned to the two bands at 395 and 380 cm<sup>-1</sup> by analogy with the corresponding bands in IOF<sub>5</sub> and IF<sub>5</sub> which are found at 375 and  $374 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The IF<sub>4</sub> in-plane scissor  $\nu_6(B_{1g})$  is assigned to the band at 257 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the solid-state spectrum. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum reported in Figure 7B shows that in IF<sub>5</sub> as a solvent, the cis-IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>  $\rightleftharpoons$ trans- $IO_2F_4$  equilibrium favors the cis form. Moreover, Carter et al.<sup>3</sup> have concluded that the direct reaction of CsF with  $IO_2F_3$  produces *cis*- $IO_2F_4^-$ . However, when  $IO_2F_4^-$  is crystallized with two molecules of  $IF_5$ , the trans form is favored. This may be due to packing considerations in the solid if there is a weak interaction between basic O atoms of  $IO_2F_4^-$  and the IF<sub>5</sub> molecules. This situation is analogous to that in  $Sb_3F_{16}$  where the cis form is present in solution,<sup>8</sup> but the trans form has been found in the solid.<sup>23</sup> When crystalline KIO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>·2IF<sub>5</sub> was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and the volatiles were removed under vacuum, *trans*- $KIO_2F_4$  was isolated. The work of Engelbrecht et al.<sup>4,5</sup> has shown that isomerization of the cis and trans forms of HOIOF<sub>4</sub> readily occurs in solvents in which F<sup>-</sup> transfer is possible. However, in CH<sub>3</sub>CN the isomerization of  $IO_2F_4^-$  is much slower and allows the trans form to be isolated from the  $KIO_2F_4$ ·2IF<sub>5</sub> complex.

#### Conclusions

All of the adducts of  $IO_2F_3$  and Lewis acid pentafluorides that we have studied have polymeric structures containing  $IO_2F_4$  groups alternating with  $O_2MF_4$  groups. In solution and in the molten state it is clear from the  $\overline{NMR}$  spectra that both the  $O_2MF_4$  and the  $IO_2F_4$  units exhibit cis-trans isomerism, with the cis isomers being favored. Figure 9 shows a relationship between IO bond order and the mean IO stretching frequency for some iodine(VII)-oxo compounds which gives IO bond orders in the  $(IO_2F_3 MF_5)_n$  adducts in the range 1.5-1.7. Presumably the structure of these adducts can be approximately represented by a variety of resonance structures such as III-VI. These are consistent with the double-bond character of the IO bonds and they suggest also that the MO bond order is less than unity. This conclusion formed the basis of our assignment for the Sb-O stretching frequencies in the  $(IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4)_n$  adduct.



Figure 9. IO bond order-stretching frequency relationship.



Although  $SbF_5$  is an exceptionally strong Lewis acid that can extract a fluoride ion from many other fluorides  $MF_n$  to give ionic compounds such as  $MF_{n-1}^+SbF_6^-$  and  $MF_{n-1}^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ , it appears that it is unable to extract a fluoride ion from  $IO_2F_3$  according to the equation

 $IO_2F_3 + SbF_5 \rightarrow IO_2F_2^+ + SbF_6^-$ 

Indeed it seems that  $IO_2F_3$  can extract a fluoride ligand from  $SbF_3$  according to the equation

$$IO_2F_3 + SbF_5 \rightarrow IO_2F_4 \cdot SbF_4$$

At first sight one might be tempted to speculate that  $IO_2F_3$ is a stronger Lewis acid than SbF<sub>5</sub>. However, such a comparison of acidities is not too meaningful without a detailed consideration of the mechanism of the reaction. Indeed it seems likely that the first step of the reaction is the formation of an oxygen-bridged adduct VII analogous to that formed between IOF<sub>5</sub> and SbF<sub>5</sub>.<sup>9</sup> In this adduct the antimony would have a negative charge and the iodine a positive charge by virtue of a contribution from the structure VIII. These charges would facilitate the transfer of F<sup>-</sup> from Sb to iodine giving a Inorganic Chemistry, Vol. 16, No. 6, 1977 1391



seven-coordinate intermediate IX. If this were followed by



I-O bond cleavage and Sb-O bond formation, a polymeric chain would be obtained with six-coordinate antimony and iodine species in alternate positions as in X.

#### Experimental Section

**Iodine Dioxide Trifluoride.**  $IO_2F_3$  was prepared by the method of Engelbrecht and Peterfy<sup>4,5</sup> by the addition of oleum to a solution of HOIOF<sub>4</sub> in HSO<sub>3</sub>F and subliming IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> out of solution. Care was taken to add 65% oleum very slowly to the reaction mixture; otherwise decomposition with evolution of oxygen occurred.

Antimony Pentafluoride.  $SbF_5$  was obtained from Ozark Mahoning Co. and was purified by double distillation at atmospheric pressure in an all-glass apparatus.

Arsenic Pentafluoride.  $AsF_5$  was obtained from the Ozark Mahoning Co. and was used directly.

Niobium and Tantalum Pentafluorides. NbF $_5$  and TaF $_5$  were obtained from the Ozark Mahoning Co. and were purified by vacuum sublimation in an all-glass apparatus.

**Iodine Pentafluoride.** IF<sub>5</sub> was obtained from the Matheson Co. and was purified by bubbling fluorine through the impure material until the solution was clear, followed by distillation from NaF to remove traces of HF.

Iodine Oxide Trifluoride. IOF<sub>3</sub> was made by the method of Aynsley, Nichols, and Robinson.<sup>17</sup>

Potassium Periodiate.  $KIO_4$  was obtained from the Fisher Scientific Co. and dried at 180 °C in vacuo.

**Preparation of the Adducts.** All of the adducts were made in clear Pyrex glass NMR tubes fitted with Teflon valves. All materials were handled in a drybox with the exception of  $AsF_5$  which was vacuum-distilled using a calibrated vacuum line. The SbF<sub>5</sub> and  $AsF_5$ adducts with IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> were made up to, as close as possible, a 1:1 stoichiometry whereas the NbF<sub>5</sub>, TaF<sub>5</sub>, and IOF<sub>3</sub> adducts were made using excess IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, and the remaining unreacted IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> was removed by sublimation.

The adduct of  $KIO_2F_4$  with  $IF_5$  ( $KIO_2F_4.2IF_5$ ) was made by dissolving  $KIO_4$  in boiling  $IF_5$  and allowing the solution to cool to room temperature at which point colorless crystals separated from solution. The solution was filtered and recrystallization was done from fresh  $IF_5$ ; the solution was filtered again, and the remaining  $IF_5$  was pumped away at room temperature under reduced pressure. The composition of the solid was determined by elemental analysis to be  $KIO_2F_4.2IF_5$ . Anal. Calcd for  $KIO_2F_4.2IF_5$ : K, 5.44; I, 53.03; F, 37.05. Found: K, 5.32; I, 51.71; F, 36.43. The adduct of composition  $KIO_4.IF_5$  first obtained by Aynsley et al.<sup>17</sup> can be prepared if the solution of  $KIO_4$  in  $IF_5$  is pumped to dryness without first filtering the crystals.

Raman and NMR instrumentation have been described elsewhere.<sup>12</sup> Elemental analysis was performed by Alfred Bernhardt Co., Mülheim, West Germany.

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# Low-Energy Photoelectron Spectroscopy of Solids. Electronic Structure of the Cyanide, Nitrite, and Nitrate Ions

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An apparatus for recording the He I and He II photoelectron spectra of materials in the form of evaporated films is described. The photoelectron spectra of cyanide, nitrite, and nitrate ions are presented, and the ionization potentials and photoionization cross sections are interpreted using ab initio molecular orbital calculations. It is shown that low-energy spectra are much more useful than high-energy (ESCA) spectra for obtaining information on the valence electronic structure of solids. A different assignment of the ESCA spectrum of cyanide ion is proposed, and certain ambiguities in the assignment of the ESCA spectra of nitrate and nitrite ions are resolved.

#### 1. Introduction

The use of photoelectron spectroscopy to study molecular electronic structure is now well established. The application of this technique to the study of solid materials has been undertaken predominantly using high-energy photons (ESCA or XPS), which because of their greater energy permit the measurement of core electron binding energies. Moreover, the availability of efficient vacuum locks, resulting from a less stringent vacuum requirement, allows greater ease in the preparation and introduction of samples. However, the use of ESCA to study the valence electron photoionization of solid samples is limited by the inherent line width of the ionizing radiation (ca. 1 eV) and the relatively low ionization cross section of the valence electrons compared with the more tightly bound core electrons.

The use of low-energy photons (ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy, UPS) for the study of solids is hampered by a stringent requirement for ultrahigh-vacuum facilities and the problems of producing high intensities of helium(II) in a windowless source under these conditions. If these difficulties can be overcome the potential benefits of UPS in the study of valence electron photoionization are manifold because of the high cross sections and the improvement in resolution arising from the narrow line width of the radiation (less than 10 meV).

Previous studies of the electronic structure of ionic solids using ESCA have shown that the lack of resolution and intensity do not usually allow an identification of all the low-lying ionized states of the molecules. In order to gain a better understanding of the electronic structure of relatively involatile solids, we have developed a photoelectron spectrometer to measure their ionization potentials using He I and He II ionizing radiation. In this paper we describe the application

of the technique to the study of the cyanide, nitrite, and nitrate anions.

#### 2. Experimental Section

a. The Spectrometer. The spectrometer chamber is of stainless steel construction with all-metal seals. The chamber is pumped by a 4-in. oil diffusion pump (Edwards E04) which is backed by a rotary pump (Edwards ED50) and is topped by a water-cooled baffle and a liquid nitrogen cold trap. The whole spectrometer chamber can be baked out at temperatures up to 200 °C. Typical pressures attained after baking the chamber for 12 h (overnight) at 160 °C are in the range  $(1-2) \times 10^{-9}$  Torr, although the ultimate pressure achievable is  $2 \times 10^{-10}$  Torr.

The light source is a differentially pumped windowless 5-kV dc helium discharge lamp similar to the type (WG-031) commonly employed on the AEI ES200B spectrometer. He II intensities ( $h\nu$ = 40.8 eV), obtained by reducing the helium pressure in the lamp, are usually 2–15% of the He I intensities ( $h\nu = 21.2 \text{ eV}$ ). With the lamp operating in the He II mode the pressure in the main chamber rises to  $3 \times 10^{-9}$  Torr; in the He I mode the pressure in the chamber is in the range  $5 \times 10^{-9}$ - $10^{-8}$  Torr. The spectrometer chamber is additionally equipped with an argon ion gun (Vacuum Generators AG2) and a quadrupole mass spectrometer (Vacuum Generators Q7). The sample probe is a stainless steel plate isolated from earth and mounted on a rotary motion drive (Vacuum Generators RD3) to which an angle-measuring device has been attached. Included between the rotary drive and the spectrometer chamber is an adjustable bellows which permits alignment of the sample with the light source and the analyzer slit.

The electron energy analyzer is a 5-cm mean radius electrostatic hemispherical analyzer (AEI). Photoelectrons from the sample, after passing through a 1-mm slit, are focused so that the slit is imaged at the analyzer entrance plane. The analyzer is held at a fixed transmission energy and energy analysis is performed by preretardation (or preacceleration) of the electrons before entering the analyzer. This is achieved by floating the hemispheres up on the scanning voltage.

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