Infrared Spectra of the H₂S--HF and H₂Se--HF Hydrogen-Bonded Complexes in Solid Argon

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Several hydrogen bonded complexes of $H_2S + HF$ and $H_2Se + HF$ have been prepared by condensing the argon-diluted reagents at 12 K. Strong ν_4 (H-F) stretching modes were observed at 3652 and 3655 cm⁻¹ for the 1:1 H₂S--HF and H₂Se--HF complexes, respectively, suggesting comparable hydrogen-bond strengths. The observation of two v_1 (H-F) librational modes is consistent with pyramidal structures for the complexes. A stable reverse complex HF--HSH is characterized by a single ν (H-F) absorption at 3799 cm⁻¹, and a H₂S- $(HF)_2$ complex is characterized by $\nu(H_b-F)$ and $\nu(H_a-F)$ modes above and below the single $\nu_s(H-F)$ mode of the H₂S-HF complex. Several other 2:1 and 1:2 base + HF complexes have been identified by strong absorptions in the HF stretching region.

Introduction

The H₂O--HF and H₂S--HF heterodimers are of interest in the study of hydrogen bonding because of the difference in valence angles and hybridization in the base monomers ($\angle HOH = 105^{\circ}$ and $\angle HSH = 92^{\circ}$).¹ The H₂O--HF complex has been studied in the gas phase by infrared and microwave spectroscopy²⁻⁴ and in an argon matrix by infrared spectroscopy.⁵ The microwave studies have established a pyramidal structure for the complex with a 46 \pm 8° angle between the HOH mirror plane and HF axis and a low barrier to inversion. Matrix infrared spectra of hydrogen-bonded complexes provide complementary information to the microwave studies. The matrix spectrum of the H_2O + HF complex revealed a strong, sharp v_s (H-F stretch) absorption at 3554 cm⁻¹ and a pair of ν_1 (H-F libration) quartets beginning at 753 and 636 cm⁻¹, which characterize a strong pyramidal complex with librational modes split by inversion doubling.

The second-row base H_2S -HF complex has been identified in two microwave studies, and a right-angle pyramidal structure has been established.^{6,7} Complementary argon matrix infrared spectra have been recorded for H₂S--HF and the third-row base H₂Se--HF complex, and the results will be described below.

Experimental Section

The apparatus and techniques have been described previously.^{8,9} Spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 7199 Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrometer between 4000 and 400 cm⁻¹ at 1-cm⁻¹ resolution with ± 0.3 -cm⁻¹ accuracy. Spectra for several DF experiments were recorded to the nearest wavenumber on a Beckman IR-12 grating spectrometer between 4000 and 200 cm⁻¹ in order to observe lower frequency librational modes

Hydrogen fluoride and hydrogen sulfide (Matheson) were frozen at 77 K and evacuated to remove volatile impurities and then expanded into well-passivated stainless-steel cans. The preparation of deuterium fluoride has been described elsewhere.⁸ Hydrogen selenide was synthesized by dripping a 30% HCl solution onto a finely divided sample of ZnSe (Aldrich); the vapor produced was dried on CaCl₂ and purified by condensation and vacuum distillation at 77 K. Deuterium sulfide was prepared by condensing $\rm H_2S$ on 2 mL of $\rm D_2O$ in a Pyrex tube and allowing exchange for 24 h. The $\rm D_2S$ samples (approximately 10% H_2S, 30% HDS, and 60% D_2S as observed from v_s intensities) were condensed at 77 K, evacuated, and expanded into a deuterated stainless-steel can. Deuterium selenide (10% H₂Se, 30% HDSe, 60% D₂Se) was prepared in a similar manner.

The samples were diluted with argon to Ar/reagent = 100/1 to 1000/1 mixtures. The base and acid argon mixtures were simultaneously

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condensed onto a 9-12 K CsI window at 2-5 mmol/h rates for up to 20 h, and a spectrum was recorded. The samples were annealed several times between 16 and 26 K for 10 min and recooled, and spectra were recorded after each warming cycle to monitor the diffusion and association of molecular species.

A total of 21 experiments were performed with hydrogen sulfide, selenide, and fluoride and the deuterated acids. The following results are representative of the data collected in several experiments.

 $H_2S + HF$. A matrix was formed by codeposition of 30 mmol from each of $Ar/H_2S = 400/1$ and Ar/HF = 200/1 samples. After deposition an FTIR spectrum was recorded and compared to matrix spectra of separate H₂S and HF samples. This spectrum, shown in Figure 1a, revealed several new product absorptions: a weak absorption at 3799 cm⁻¹ labeled R (A = absorbance unit = 0.03), a strong sharp band labeled v_s at 3652 (A = 0.70), a weak band at 870 cm⁻¹ labeled $2\nu_1$, a band at 508 cm⁻¹ with a 498-cm⁻¹ shoulder, and an absorption at 481 cm⁻¹ (A = 0.05) with a weaker satellite at 486 cm⁻¹ (labeled ν_l). The bands labeled N, D, W, and T are present in HF experiments and are due to N_2 -HF, (HF)₂, H₂O, and (HF)₃, respectively.¹⁰ The matrix was annealed to 16 K for 10 min and recooled to 9 K; the v_s and v_l bands increased by one-third, and the R band was unchanged. Finally the sample was annealed to 24 K, and the resulting spectrum is shown in Figure 1b. The ν bands observed on deposition tripled in intensity, the R band increased 5-fold, and several new absorptions were observed at 3714 (A = 0.13) and 3563 (A = 0.40) labeled 3, at 3513 (A = 0.07), and at 3489, 3380, 3282, and 3150 cm⁻¹. In the low-frequency region new absorptions labeled 3 were observed at 554, 534, 468, and 457 cm⁻¹. Several experiments with Ar/H_2S concentrations of between 100/1 to 200/1 were performed. The absorptions with labels ν_s , ν_b , and $2\nu_l$ were observed with the same relative intensities as observed in the experiment just described. The groups of absorptions with labels R and 3 were also observed with constant relative intensities. The band at 3515 cm⁻¹ was much more intense in the more concentrated experiments. Several weak bands not observed in the less concentrated experiments were seen at 575 (A = 0.027), 599, and 604 cm⁻¹. The absorptions observed in the $H_2S + HF$ experiments are collected in Table I.

 $H_2S + DF$. Argon-diluted H_2S was codeposited with a 70% DF-enriched mixture; the DF stretching region was complicated by the presence of H_2S monomer and polymer stretching absorptions. The more intense bands observed in the HF experiments were again present, and several new product absorptions specific to DF were observed at 2831, 2729, 2688 (A = 1.0), and 2632 cm⁻¹. The matrix was annealed to 24 K, and the spectrum is shown in Figure 2a; the strong absorption labeled v_s at 2688 cm⁻¹ increased only slightly in intensity. The band at 2831 cm⁻¹ labeled R approximately doubled while the two bands labeled 3 at 2729 and 2632 cm⁻¹ (A = 0.60) increased 6-fold.

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Figure 1. Fourier transform infrared spectra of $Ar/H_2S = 400/1$ and Ar/HF = 200/1 samples: (a) after cocondensation at 12 K; (b) after annealing to 24 K for 10 min and recooling to 12 K. Peaks: N = N_{2} -HF, D = (HF)₂, M = N_{2} -(HF)₂, W = H₂O, T = (HF)₃.

A matrix was prepared with 50% DF to study the low-frequency region, and the spectrum is shown in Figure 2b. The bands specific to HF at 508 cm⁻¹ with a weaker satellite at 500 cm⁻¹ and the more intense absorptions at 481 cm⁻¹ (A = 0.48) with a satellite at 486 cm⁻¹ were again observed; a similar group of absorptions was observed at 407 cm⁻¹ with a weaker satellite at 400 cm⁻¹ and at 378 cm⁻¹ with a weaker shoulder at 384 cm⁻¹. The H₂S--DF absorptions are listed in Table I.

 $D_2S + HF$ and DF. Similar experiments were performed with D_2S and HF; the spectrum from a sample prepared with Ar/D_2S = 150/1 and Ar/HF = 300/1 mixtures is shown in Figure 3. Three partially resolved bands were observed at 3652, 3648, and 3646 cm⁻¹ under high resolution; the dominant 3646-cm⁻¹ band (A = 1.0) is labeled v_s in the figure. Several other new product absorptions were observed at 3791 cm⁻¹ labeled R, at 3713 and 3556 cm⁻¹ labeled 3, and at 856 cm⁻¹ labeled $2\nu_1$, and a pair of absorptions at 496 (A = 0.14) and 475 cm⁻¹ (A = 0.26) labeled $v_{\rm b}$, were also observed. The matrix was annealed to 26 K, and a spectrum revealed a 5% increase for the v_s , v_l , and $2v_l$ absorptions, a 2-fold increase in the 3791-cm⁻¹ (R) absorption, and a 5-fold increase in the 3713- and 3556-cm⁻¹ bands (3). This warm-up

Figure 3. FTIR spectrum of Ar/D_2S (=150/1) + Ar/HF (=300/1) samples after cocondensation at 12 K.

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also produced several new product absorptions similar to those observed from 3100 to 3500 cm⁻¹ in the H_2S + HF experiments. Other samples were prepared with DF + HF mixtures, and the results are collected in Table I.

 $H_2Se + HF$ and DF. The spectrum of a matrix formed by codepositing argon-diluted samples of H₂Se and HF is shown in Figure 4a. New product absorptions not observed in matrix H₂Se or HF spectra include a completely absorbing band labeled v_s at 3655 cm^{-1} , an absorption at 3787 cm^{-1} (A = 0.23) labeled R, and two weak absorptions labeled 3 at 3719 and 3595 cm⁻¹. In the low-frequency region new absorptions were observed at 834 cm⁻¹ (A = 0.04) labeled $2\nu_1$ and a doublet labeled ν_1 at 461 and 479



Figure 4. FTIR spectra: (a) $Ar/H_2Se = 200/1$ and Ar/HF samples after cocondensation at 12 K; (b) $Ar/D_2Se = 200/1$ and Ar/HF samples after cocondensation at 12 K.

Table II. Cocondensation Product Absorptions (cm^{-1}) for H₂Se or D₂Se and HF or DF Hydrogen-Bonded Complexes in Solid Argon

$H_2Se + HF$	D_2 Se + HF	$H_2Se + DF$	assgnt
3783	3779	2811	v(H-F), HFHSeH
3719	3718	2731	$\nu(H_{b}-F), 1:2^{a}$
3655	3651	2691	ν _s
3595	3590	2650	$\nu(H_{a}-F), 1:2^{a}$
3499	3492		$\nu(H-F), 2:1^{b}$
3311	3308		$\nu(H-F)^c$
3192	3188		$\nu(H-F)^c$
834	820		221
479,461	471,456	381,359	ν1

^a H₂Se--H_a-F--H_b-F complex like 3. ^b H₂Se--H-F--HSeH complex. ^c Higher order (H₂Se)(HF)_x complex.

cm⁻¹. Annealing the matrix to 24 K produced a 10% increase in the above bands, a 2-fold growth in the R absorption, and a 6-fold growth in the bands labeled 3. Experiments with DF and H_2Se gave DF counterparts for the above product bands, which are collected in Table II.

A spectrum of a matrix prepared with $D_2Se + HF$ is shown in Figure 4b. Important new product absorptions were observed at 3651 cm⁻¹ (completely absorbing, labeled ν_s), at 3777 cm⁻¹ labeled R, at 3718 and 3589 cm⁻¹ labeled 3, and at 821 cm⁻¹ ($2\nu_1$), and a doublet labeled ν_1 was also observed at 455 (A = 0.35) and 470 cm⁻¹. The matrix was annealed, and growth in the aforementioned absorptions and production of new product species were similar to that observed in the H₂Se + HF experiment. Results from all selenide experiments are listed in Table II.

Discussion

The products of the H_2S and $H_2Se + HF$ cocondensation reactions will be identified, assignments will be made, and spectral information on bonding and structure in the product complexes will be discussed.

Identification. The new product absorptions listed in Tables I and II were not observed in argon matrix samples of hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen selenide, or hydrogen fluoride; these bands were produced with high yields when the reagents were mixed during condensation and when the matrices were annealed. The product

bands can be separated into several groups on the basis of concentration studies and sample annealing.

The strong v_s band in the high-frequency region and weaker bands $2v_1$ and v_1 bands in the low-frequency region are the major product absorptions for the $H_2S + HF$ cocondensation reaction. These bands were produced with the largest yields upon reagent deposition and increased on annealing the more dilute samples but decreased slightly on warming the more concentrated samples. This behavior is appropriate for a 1:1 complex. The v_s band is due to an H-F stretching fundamental, as revealed from the large DF shift, and small displacements in the v_s and v_1 bands on D_2S substitution show that H_2S is also involved in the complex. The $2v_1$ and v_1 absorptions display constant intensities relative to the v_s band upon sample annealing, which indicates that they are also associated with the major product species 1.



The weak sharp band labeled R at 3799 cm⁻¹ was observed in all experiments upon reagent condensation and increased slightly on sample annealing, which is also consistent with a 1:1 complex. The large DF shifts and small shifts with D₂S indicate an H-F stretching fundamental and the involvement of H₂S in the complex. The substantially smaller displacement of this band from the HF fundamental¹⁰ at 3919 cm⁻¹ relative to the $\nu_s(H-F)$ absorption suggests a different type of complex 2. Such a reverse complex has been observed previously in H₂O + HF and HCN + HF cocondensation reactions.^{4,11}

The product absorptions labeled 3 appeared in dilute experiments after reagent condensation and increased markedly with constant relative intensities upon sample warming. One of the product bands is displaced more and one displaced less than the single ν_s (H-F) mode of product species 1. This indicates one stronger and one weaker H-F bond in the higher order complex as found for the analogous H₂O--HF and H₂O--(HF)₂ complexes.⁴ These bands are therefore identified as the 1:2 H₂S--(HF)₂ complex 3.



The 3513-cm⁻¹ absorption was weak in dilute H_2S experiments and very strong in concentrated experiments, which indicates that more than one H_2S molecule is involved in the complex. This band was the only product that showed a higher order dependence on H_2S concentration. The observation of a single absorption in the H-F stretching region displaced substantially more than the single ν_s band of the 1:1 complex indicates one weaker H-F bond in this complex. The 3513-cm⁻¹ absorption is therefore assigned to the 2:1 complex H_2S -HF--HSH with the HF submolecule in the middle position.

The sharp product absorptions between 3100 and 3500 cm⁻¹ in Table I were only observed after sample warming and decreased in intensity in more dilute HF experiments. These absorptions are most likely due to 1:2 and 1:3 $(H_2S)(HF)_x$ reaction products where the H₂S and HF molecules may act as both an acid and a base.

 $H_2S + HF$ Assignments. The strong, sharp 3652-cm^{-1} absorption is assigned to the $\nu_s(H-F$ stretching) fundamental in complex 1 based on the near agreement of the HF/DF = 3652/2688 = 1.359 ratio with the 3919/2876 = 1.363 ratio for the diatomic molecule in solid argon¹⁰ and the small red-shifts to 3648 and 3646 cm⁻¹ for the HDS--HF and D₂S--HF complexes, respectively. The low-frequency doublet with a strong component at 481 cm⁻¹ and a weaker component at 508 cm⁻¹ is

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assigned to the two H-F librational modes, v_{l} , one in the plane bisecting the H_2S bond angle and the other perpendicular to this plane. The two weak satellite bands at 498 and 486 cm⁻¹ are presumably due to matrix site splittings. The observation of two different librational modes with different $v_{l}(HF)/v_{l}(DF)$ ratios of 508/406 = 1.251 and 481/377 = 1.276 is consistent with the pyramidal structure determined from the microwave spectrum, which requires asymmetry in the librational potential function. A similar asymmetry was observed for H₂O--HF, which exhibited a larger separation between the ν_1 modes. The small displacements in both ν_1 modes with D₂S substitution and the different 496/380 = 1.305 and 475/363 = 1.308 ratios suggest minor coupling between ν_1 and the lower frequency bending mode of the complex. The weak broader absorption at 870 cm⁻¹ is assigned to a librational overtone $2\nu_1$ based on the large red-shift to 856 cm⁻¹ for D_2 S--HF. This is probably the overtone for the stronger librational mode at 481 cm⁻¹ with the other overtone too weak to observe in our experiments. In experiments with $(CH_3)_2S + HF$ a strong librational mode doublet with one strong and one weak component was observed along with strong and weak overtone components.¹² The low $v_{\rm l}(\rm HF)/v_{\rm l}(\rm DF)$ ratios and the $2v_{\rm l}/v_{\rm l}$ ratios of 1.809 and 1.802 for H₂S--HF and D₂S--HF indicate anharmonicity in the librational potential function. No base submolecule modes were observed for the H₂S--HF complex owing to the complicated matrix spectrum for H_2S and $(H_2S)_n$ species.¹³

The 3799-cm⁻¹ band is assigned to the H-F stretching fundamental in the reverse complex 2 on the basis of an HF/DF ratio of 1.342 and the shift to 3791 cm⁻¹ in the analogous HF-DSD complex. The increase in intensity observed on warming indicates a stable complex in contrast to the HF--HOH⁴ and HF-HCN¹¹ species, which decreased on annealing. The larger red-shift observed for HF--HSH indicates a much stronger complex than with HF--HOH and is consistent with the lower proton affinity for the SH⁻ subunit (350 kcal/mol for SH⁻ and 390 kcal/mol for OH⁻),¹⁴ which also accounts for the increased complex stability.

The absorptions at 3714 and 3563 cm⁻¹, which increased strongly in intensity on sample warming, are assigned to H-F stretching modes of the 1:2 complex 3 on the basis of their HF/DF ratios, 3714/2729 = 1.361 and 3563/2632 = 1.354. Clearly, the addition of the second HF molecule in 3 allows a stronger H2S--Ha hydrogen bond to be formed due to the fluoride ion affinity of the H_b -F submolecule. Likewise, the H_b -F mode in complex 3 is reduced from the 3825-cm⁻¹ value for (HF)₂¹⁰ due to the cooperative effect of H_2S at proton H_a in the complex. Therefore, the 3714-cm⁻¹ absorption is assigned to H_{b} -F and the 3563-cm⁻¹ band to H_a -F. The smaller 1-cm⁻¹ shift for H_b -F to 3713 cm⁻¹ in D_2S --(HF)₂ and larger 7-cm⁻¹ shift to 3556 cm⁻¹ for H_a-F support the assignments given for these modes. The absorptions at 554 and 534 cm⁻¹ above the ν_1 doublet of 1 and at 468 and 457 cm^{-1} below the doublet are assigned to librational modes v_i of the H_a -F and H_b -F submolecules in 3, on the basis of appropriate changes in intensity after annealing.

The band at 3513 cm⁻¹, which grows in strongly on warming in more concentrated H₂S experiments, is assigned to the H-F stretching mode in the H₂S--HF--HSH complex. Displacement of this band below the H_a-F mode of complex 3 is expected due to the greater acidity of HSH relative to H_b -F, which supports a slightly stronger H₂S--HF hydrogen bond.

The strong product bands at 3489, 3425, 3380, 3282, and 3150 cm⁻¹, which grew in on matrix annealing, are due to higher order complexes, most likely $(H_2S)(HF)_x$. The large displacement of these absorptions is indicative of stronger hydrogen bonding and weaker H-F bonds. The low-frequency absorptions at 575, 599, and 604 cm⁻¹, which were observed in more concentrated experiments, are also assigned to these complexes, on the basis of their positions above the librational modes of 1 and 3.

 $H_2Se + HF$ Assignments. The strong absorption at 3655 cm⁻¹ is assigned to the $\nu_s(H-F)$ stretching mode of the H₂Se--HF complex 4, on the basis of an HF/DF ratio of 3655/2691 = 1.358



and the small red-shift to 3651 cm⁻¹ for D₂Se--HF. The bands at 479 and 461 cm⁻¹ are assigned to the in-plane and out-of-plane librational modes v_1 again based on large DF and small D₂Se shifts. The HF/DF ratios of 479/381 = 1.257 and 461/359 = 1.284imply asymmetry and anharmonicity in the librational potential functions. The weak broad absorption at 834 cm⁻¹ is assigned to the overtone $2\nu_1$ of the strong 461-cm⁻¹ ν_1 mode based on the large red-shift to 820 cm⁻¹ in D_2 Se--HF. The weaker $2\nu_1$ component was not observed. Anharmonicity in the librational potential function is further indicated by the $2\nu_l/\nu_l$ ratio of 1.809.

The band at 3783 cm⁻¹ is assigned to the H-F stretching mode in the reverse complex HF--HSeH on the basis of an HF/DF ratio of 3783/2811 = 1.346. The red-shift of the HF stretching mode from isolated HF (3919 cm^{-1}) is greater than that observed for the HF-HSH reverse complex, which is expected on the basis of the differences in intrinsic acidity of the H₂Se and H₂S submolecules ($PA(HSe^{-}) = 339$, $PA(HS^{-}) = 350 \text{ kcal/mol}$).¹⁴

The absorptions at 3719 and 3595 cm^{-1} are assigned to the H_b-F and H_a-F modes, respectively, of the 1:2 complex analogous to 3, on the basis of appropriate HF/DF ratios and their proximity above and below the single v_8 absorption of the H₂Se--HF complex. The assignments for the other $H_2Se + HF$ reaction product bands, which grew in strongly on warm-up, are analogous to those given for $H_2S + HF$ with small shifts due to the differences in the intrinsic basicities or acidities of H2Se and H2S; these are collected in Table II.

Bonding Trends. The magnitude of the displacement of the v_{s} (H-F) stretching mode from the impurity-induced HF Q-branch value of 3919 cm⁻¹ in solid argon¹⁰ (Δv_s) gives an indication of the strength of the hydrogen bond in a given complex. Stronger bases, as measured by gas-phase proton affinities, should form stronger hydrogen bonds to HF. The base molecules $\rm H_2S$ and H₂Se have proton affinities 4 and 5 kcal/mol, respectively,¹⁵ higher than the base H₂O whose proton affinity has been recently established as $167 \pm 2 \text{ kcal/mol.}^{15}$ The magnitude of Δv_s shows that H₂O forms a substantially stronger complex with HF than H_2S and H_2Se and that the H_2S complex 1 is slightly stronger than the analogous H_2 Se complex. This trend is in agreement with ab initio calculations¹⁶ and opposite to that expected from proton affinities of the bases.¹⁵ This indicates that the relative stabilities of H_3O^+ and H_3S^+ are not good predictors of the relative stabilities of H₂O--HF and H₂S--HF, which may arise from limited ability of the hydrogen in HF to polarize the larger lone electron pair.

The librational modes also provide information about the complexes. The decrease in ν_1 values in the H₂O--HF, H₂S--HF, and H_2Se --HF series demonstrates a decrease in rigidity of the complexes in this order. The v_1 mode separation also decreases from 100 to 27 to 18 cm^{-1} in this series of complexes, which indicates a decrease in asymmetry of the lone pair orbital forming the hydrogen bond; the more diffuse 4p orbital on Se is more nearly symmetric than the 3p orbital on S. The v_1 mode separations for 1 and 4 are comparable to that found for the C_2H_4 -HF π complex¹⁷ and are consistent with the pyramidal complex structure.^{6,7,18}

The red-shifts of $v_s(H-F)$ H-F stretching fundamentals observed with increasing base proton affinities usually occur with

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an increase in ν_1 fundamentals and characterize a more rigidly bound hydrogen-bonded complex. The strengths of the H₂S--HF and H₂Se--HF hydrogen bonds are similar on the basis of almost equal values of $\Delta \nu_s$, but the 30-cm⁻¹ decrease in ν_1 modes for the H₂Se complex relative to H₂S characterizes a less rigidly bound complex. The same trend of decreasing complex rigidity for hydrogen bonds of similar strengths has been observed for the HF complexes of the increasingly heavier CH₃Cl, CH₃Br, and CH₃I bases.¹⁹ The trend of increasing stability of the reverse complexes HF--HAH for A = O, S, and Se on the basis of displacement of the ν (H-F) fundamental follows the strength of the HAH acids as determined by proton affinities¹⁴ of AH⁻ but is not in accord with calculated dimerization energies¹⁶ for this series of reverse complexes. It is possible that larger basis sets will be required for more accurate calculations involving H₂S and H₂Se.

The separation between the $\nu_s(H-F)$ stretching mode of the 1:1 complexes (1) and the $\nu(H_a-F)$ stretching mode of the 1:2 complex (2) decreases in the order H₂O (295 cm⁻¹)⁴ > H₂S (89 cm⁻¹ > H₂Se (60 cm⁻¹). The difference is most significant between H₂S-HF and H₂Se-HF because of the equally strong 1:1 complex hydrogen bonds of these complexes. We would expect equal displacements of the H_a-F modes due to the fluoride ion affinity of the H_b-F submolecule in a chainlike complex. The displacement

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of H_a -F depends on the strength of the base- H_a hydrogen bond that in turn depends on the distance between the base and the H_a atom. This implies a decrease in the polarizing strength of proton H_a in H_a -F when confronted by the more diffuse lone pairs of the heavier bases.

Conclusions

The cocondensation of Ar/H₂S or Ar/H₂Se with Ar/HF samples at 12 K has revealed several different hydrogen-bonded complexes. The 1:1 H₂S--HF complex is characterized by a strong ν_s (H-F) stretching mode at 3652 cm⁻¹ and two librational modes at 508 and 481 cm⁻¹. The 3655-cm⁻¹ value of ν_s for H₂Se--HF indicates an equally strong hydrogen bond, which is expected on the basis of gas-phase proton affinities. Low $2\nu_1/\nu_1$ ratios and decreasing librational fundamentals for H₂S--HF and H₂Se--HF indicate decreasing complex rigidity and anharmonic librational potential functions. A sharp absorption at 3799 cm⁻¹, which increased on matrix annealing, characterizes a stable HF--HSH reverse complex. Several other complexes, including a 1:2 H₂S--(HF)₂ chainlike complex and a 2:1 H₂S--H-F--HSH complex, have been identified.

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The ligand-substitution reaction between the chloropentaamminecobalt(III) ion, $[CoCl(NH_3)_3]^{2+}$, and ethylenediaminetetraacetate, which denotes all the forms of edta, i.e., edta⁴⁻, Hedta³⁻, H₂edta²⁻, etc., was induced by irradiation with visible light of aqueous solutions of acetate buffer (pH 4.75) containing the tris(2,2'-bipyridine)ruthenium(II) ion, $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$, and $[Co(edta)]^-$ was efficiently produced, where $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ acts as an inductor and as a photocatalyst. The ligand-substitution reaction constitutes a chain reaction containing a cycle of $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ and $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{3+}$, where the reaction is initiated by the reaction between the photoexcited complex $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ and $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$. The rate of the formation of $[Co(edta)]^-$ is described essentially by a rate law of d[$[Co(edta)]^-$]/dt = $I_a\Phi k_q[[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}]/\{k_0 + k_q[[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}]\}$, where $I_a\Phi$ corresponds to the formation rate of $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+*}$, k_q is the quenching rate constant of $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+*}$ by $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$, and k_0 , the quenching constant of $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+*}$ due to the light emission and to the thermal energy loss. The reaction mechanisms and the rate law are verified by the results obtained. The bimolecular quenching constants k_q are determined by means of the kinetic experiments for the light-induced ligand-substitution reaction and are compared to the k_q values that are obtained by measurements of luminescence of $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+*}$.

Although the abbreviation EDTA is generally for ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, i.e., H_4 edta, we use, throughout this paper, EDTA for all the forms of H_4 edta, H_3 edta⁻, H_2 edta²⁻, Hedta³⁻, and edta⁴⁻. It is known that the oxidative quenching of the photoexcited ruthenium(II) complex $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+*}$ (bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine) by $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$ produces $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{3+}$ and $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^+$, and that the latter species dissociates rapidly to Co^{2+}_{aq} , Cl^- , and NH_3 (or NH_4^+), l^{-3} in which Co^{2+}_{aq} could form $[Co(edta)]^{2-}$ rapidly in an aqueous solution with acetate buffer (pH 4.75) if EDTA is present in the reaction mixture. The $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{3+}$ ion is so a strong oxidant as to oxidize $[Co(edta)]^{2-}$ to $[Co(edta)]^-$. Therefore, we could design an experiment for the light-induced substitution reaction between $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]^{2+}$ and EDTA by employing $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ as a catalyst. This reaction can be briefly described as shown in Scheme I. In this paper

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Scheme I



we demonstrate that the proposed scheme operates well in an acetate buffer solution of pH 4.75, and the operation mechanisms are discussed.

Experimental Section

Chemicals. $[Ru(bpy)_3]Cl_2\cdot 6H_2O$ was prepared as described in the literature⁴ and recrystallized twice. $[CoCl(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ was prepared as described in the literature⁵ and recrystallized twice. Disodium di-

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