

Figure 5. Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of the Gd₁₀- C_4Cl_{18} cluster plotted in the basal plane of the double octahedron. Notice that this metal-metal bond is especially strong between the two atoms **on** the shared edge. The contour values are in units of 0.02(Bohr radius)^{-3/2}. The dash-dotted and the dotted contours indicate the LUMO on the neighboring cluster of the compound $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{17}$.

is seen to be roughly $2d d\sigma$ and, as seen from Figure 2, this is approximately 0.2 Ry. Second, the intercluster hopping integral is seen to be roughly $dd\sigma/3$, where the ratio between the inter and the intra hopping integrals, $dd\sigma'$ and $dd\sigma$, approximately equals the ratio between the intra- and the intercluster Gd-Gd distances to the fifth power. As a result, the LUMO bandwidth $2dd\sigma/3$ is roughly 20 mRy. This is so small that the LUMO band presumably preserves its identity and does not overlap the rest of the Gd d band. However, due to the exchange coupling with Gd 4f magnetic moments, the LUMO band will be spin split and the one extra electron will thus fill the lower subband.

The compound $Gd_{12}C_6I_{17}$, where the clusters are condensed into infinite zigzag chains,⁴ also has one extra electron per double octahedron, and the LUMOs on neighboring double octahedra can be seen to interact only weakly. We believe that also in this compound the extra electron occupies a magnetic subband formed from the LUMO or similar two-center bonds concentrated on (all) the shared edges. This view is supported by the experimental fact that the edge shared in the double octahedron of this compound has the length 0.836 in units of the average Gd-Gd distance. This is very similar to the case $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{17}$, where the LUMO is also occupied and where the corresponding number is 0.841. **In** $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{18}$, where the LUMO is empty, this relative distance is **0.859,** that is, considerably larger than the previous two cases. The need for using relative-rather than absolute-distances for this comparison between **C1** and I compounds stems from the fact that it is the $X-C_2$ matrix that mostly determines the size of the metal octahedron.

Summary

In summary, by means of LMTO-ASA calculations we have studied the electronic structure of the cluster $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{18}$. A principal conclusion was that in the compound $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{18}$ there are **no** strong metal-metal bonds. The transfer of metal d electrons into the carbon atoms causes the antibonding π^* states of the C_2 molecules to be occupied, in consistence with the experimentally observed single C-C bond distance. Furthermore, our calculations and the observed differences in the shortest metal-metal distances indicate that whereas $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{18}$ is an ionic compound with no strong bonds between the metal atoms, the compounds $Gd_{10}C_4Cl_{17}$ and $Gd_{12}C_6I_{17}$ have in contrast one occupied metal-metal bonding molecular orbital split off below the bulk of the metal states.

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Study of the OTeF₅ Donor Properties of $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ by ⁷⁵As and ¹²⁵Te NMR **Spectroscopy. Preparation and Characterization of the** $[TeFe_x(OTeF₅)_{3-x}]$ **⁺ Cations,** $\text{TeF}_x(\text{OTeF}_5)_{4-x}$, As(OTeF₅)₅, and $[\text{As}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6]^{-1}$

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The OTeF₅⁻ ion donor properties have been studied for Te(OTeF₅)₄ in the presence of the acceptor species AsF₃ and As(OTeF₅)₅. The synthesis of the latter compound from $B(OTeF_5)$ ₃ and AsF₅ is described. The mixed cations $[TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+$ ($x = 0$ –3) and the neutral species $TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ ($x = 0-2$) have been characterized in solution by ¹²⁵Te NMR spectroscopy. The novel anion As(OTeF₅)₆⁻ has also been identified. Owing to the local octahedral symmetry about the quadrupolar ⁷⁵As atom in As(OTeF₅)₆⁻, the ⁷⁵As NMR line is sufficiently narrow to permit ready observation of the signal as well as the two-bond natural-abundance ¹²⁵Te–⁷⁵As coupling (430 Hz). The activation energy barrier to intramolecular exchange in the trigonal-bi-
pyramidal Te(OTeF₅)₄ molecule also has been derived from low-temperature ¹⁹F and ¹²⁵T $=$ 31.0 \pm 0.4 kJ mol⁻¹). No activation energy for As(OTeF_s), was determinable above the freezing point of SO₂ClF (-124 ^c). Reduced *(K)* and relativistically corrected reduced (K_{RC}) coupling constants have been calculated for observed one-bond ¹⁹F-⁷⁷S and $^{19}F-^{125}Te$ and two-bond $^{75}As-^{125}Te$ and $^{125}Te-^{125}Te$ scalar couplings.

Introduction

A considerable portion of the main-group chemistry of simple binary fluorides is based upon the fluoride ion donor/acceptor properties of the parent compounds. In the present work we have extended the analogy to the OTeF₅- anion and have studied its donor/acceptor properties in a series of mixed $F/OTeF₅$ compounds of Te(IV), leading to the novel mixed-cation series

 $[TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+$ and their counterions $[AsF_y(OTeF_5)_{6-y}]$. Examples of OTeF₅/F ligand redistributions have been reported for $O_2XeF_x(OTeF_5)_{2-x}$, $XeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$, and $OXeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$

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for axial and equatorial OTeF_s groups, respectively. The left inset shows Te(IV) (42000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point). The right inset shows ${}^{2}J_{123_{\text{Te(V)}}-123_{\text{Te(V)}}}$ for axial (a) and equatorial (e) OTeF_s groups (42000 scans, 6.1 Hz/point).

as well as for $UF_x(OTeF_5)_{6-x}^3$, $WF_x(OTeF_5)_{6-x}$ ⁴ and MoF_x - $(OTeF_5)_{6-x}$, and $OMoF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ ⁵ The only previous examples of cationic derivatives are xenon derivatives, i.e., XeOTeF_s⁺ and $FXe--F--XeOTeF₅⁺.6$ The only other anionic derivatives of the OTeF_s group reported as yet are $As(OTeF₅)₄$ and As(O-TeF₅)₃Cl⁻,⁷ although the related OSeF₅ derivative, Br(OSeF₅)₄⁻, has been prepared.⁸

The OTeF, analogue of AsF,, As(OTeF $_5$), has been prepared and employed as an acceptor species for OTeF_5^- in the course of the present investigations. Its preparation has also been described recently by Lentz and Seppelt?

The precursor OTeF₅⁻ ion donor used in the present study, $Te(OTeF₅)₄$, had been prepared and studied earlier by using room-temperature I9F NMR spectroscopy as the chief means of structural characterization.¹⁰ A subsequent low-temperature ¹²⁵Te NMR study showed the structure of $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ to be consistent with a trigonal-bipyramidal arrangement of four bonding electron pairs and one nonbonding electron pair undergoing rapid intramolecular exchange between the axial and equatorial sites.¹¹ The limiting spectrum of both ligand environments was obtained at 163 K in SO_2 ClF solvent, but no systematic variable-temperature study was conducted in order to determine the activation energy for the two-site intramolecular exchange process.

In order to study the complex equilibria resulting from a combination of ligand redistribution and donor/acceptor properties of the systems under study, multinuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy of the central heavy nuclei ¹²⁵Te and ⁷⁵As has been employed. The ¹²⁵Te and ⁷⁵As resonances at natural abundances $(125$ Te, 6.99%, $I = \frac{1}{2}$; ⁷⁵As, 100%, $I = \frac{3}{2}$ provide a ready and definitive means of characterizing the majority of species present in these complex mixtures.

Results and Discussion

Intramolecular Exchange in Te(OTeF₅)₄ and As(OTeF₅)₅. The Te(VI) region of the ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum of Te(OTeF₅)₄ in $CH₃CN$ and SO₂ClF solutions at 297 K consisted of two over-

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Figure 2. Variable-temperature 19F NMR spectra (235.36 MHz) of $Te(OTeF_s)₄$ in SO₂ClF solution (0.18 *m*; 60 scans; 2.4 Hz/point). A and E denote peaks for axial and equatorial OTeF_s groups, respectively; peaks marked a and e denote $1J_{19y} = 125T_e(VI)$.

lapping quintets resulting from coupling of 125 Te to one axial and four equatorial fluorine atoms. This pattern is characteristic of an OTeF, group and indicates that only one type of OTeF, group is present. Valence-shell electron-pair repulsion (VSEPR) predictions¹² suggest that Te(OTeF₅)₄ should be based upon a trigonal-bipyramidal arrangement of four bond pairs and an electron lone pair with two axial and two equatorial OTeF₅ groups. Equivalence of these OTeF_5 groups with retention of a single $125Te(VI)-125Te(V)$ coupling (see Table I) indicates rapid intramolecular exchange **in** solution. Exchange for 5-coordinate molecules (the lone pair of electrons is **considered** part **of** the coordination sphere) is generally believed to take place via a square-pyramidal transition state (Berry pseudorotation).¹³ If the activation energy for exchange is sufficiently high, cooling the sample can slow the exchange sufficiently on the NMR time scale for separate axial and equatorial environments to be **observed.**

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"Referenced with respect to saturated aqueous Te(OH), at **295** K bTaken from ref **11. C3J~9F-~2~Te. dA** and E denote axial and equatorial, respectively. 'Saturated.

The ¹⁹F and ¹²⁵Te NMR spectra of Te(OTeF₅)₄ down to ca. 180 K show only one set of OTeF_5 resonances in CH_3CN , SO_2 and SO_2CIF solvents (Table I).¹⁴ Two distinct Te(VI) environments were observed, however, upon cooling to 146 K in SO_2ClF solvent (Figure **1).** The axial bonds in a trigonal bipyramid are generally somewhat longer than the equatorial bonds12 *so* that the magnitude of the coupling from the central $Te(V)$ to $Te(VI)$ in $OTeF_5$ should be smaller for the axial groups. A weaker (longer) $Te-OTeF_5$ bond should be complemented by stronger Te(V1)-F bonds and larger directly bonded $^{125}Te(VI)^{-19}F$ couplings. The axial and equatorial OTeF_5 groups are assigned in Figure 1 by using these assumptions (the observed couplings are listed in Table **I).**

The 19F NMR spectrum of the same sample at **297 K** (Figure 2) was an AB_4 spectrum as expected for a single OTeF₅ ligand environment. When the solution was cooled, however, the signals broadened and eventually resonances for two separate environments emerged. The ${}^{19}F-{}^{125}Te(VI)$ satellite peaks were of sufficient intensity to assign the two different OTeF_5 resonances by comparing these couplings with those observed in the ^{125}Te NMR spectrum. For the equatorial ${OTeF_5}$ groups, only a few of the lines of the second order AB₄ spectrum could be resolved $(J_{FF}/\delta \nu_{AB}$
 ~ 1). An AB₄ pattern was also observed for the axial OTeF₅ \sim 1). An AB₄ pattern was also observed for the axial OTeF₅ groups but the $J_{FF}/\delta\nu$ ratio was clearly much smaller $(J_{FF}/\delta\nu_{AB})$ = **0.066),** and this spectrum more closely approximated a firstorder spectrum.

Rate data were extracted for an equal-population two-site exchange process from the temperature dependence of the chemical shift differences of the axial and equatorial environments

Table **11.** Exchange Rate Data Extracted from

Variable-Temperature ¹⁹ F NMR Spectra of Te(OTeF ₅) ₄ in SO ₂ ClF				
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"Separation of axial B resonance and largest resonance of equatorial **AB4** multiplet. Width at half-height of the high-field component of the axial B doublet. ^cObtained from $\delta\nu_{1/2}$. ^{*d*} $\delta\nu_0$. **Cobtained from** $\delta\nu$. $f \delta \nu^0_{1/2}$.

in the intermediate exchange region and from line width measurements in the slow and intermediate exchange regions (Table **11).** An activation energy of 30.7 ± 0.3 **kJ** mol⁻¹ was determined by using previously established equations¹⁵ (correlation coefficient $R^2 = 0.994$). The low entropy of activation (3.48 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ at **295 K)** is consistent with an intramolecular exchange process.

The activation energy, E_a , can also be determined¹⁶ from the coalescence temperature, T_c (the temperature at which the exchanging peaks just merge), and the separation of the two exchanging peaks at the slow-exchange limit, $\delta\nu_0$. In the ¹⁹F NMR spectra, $T_c = 177 \pm 2$ K and $\delta \nu_0 = 1121 \pm 3$ Hz. The activation energy is 31.0 ± 0.4 kJ mol⁻¹. In the ¹²⁵Te NMR spectra, coalescence of the two lowest frequency lines of the OTeF₅ resonances $(\delta \nu_0 = 1206 \pm 4 \text{ Hz})$ was observed at 179 $\pm 2 \text{ K}$. The activation energy then is 31.3 ± 0.4 kJ mol⁻¹. The mean activation energy from these three determinations is 31.0 ± 0.4 kJ mol⁻¹. This value

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⁽¹⁴⁾ In the case of the more strongly basic solvent, CH₃CN, it appears that there is a significant interaction between the solvent and Te(OTeF₃)₄. The Te(IV) chemical shift in CH₃CN solvent is considerably more shielded (by ca. 200 ppm) than in the less basic solvents SO_2 and SO_2 CIF. This chemical shift change may be attributed to Lewis base SO₂CIF. This chemical shift change may be attributed to Lewis base
behavior on the part of CH₃CN according to the equilibrium :Te(O-TeF_S)₄ + CH₃CN = CH₃CN = (TOTEF_S)₄. Thus, it appears that
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Table III. NMR Parameters for As(OTeF₅)₅ and As(OTeF₅)₆^{-a}

a¹⁹F, ⁷⁵As, and ¹²⁵Te NMR spectra are referenced with respect to external neat CFCl₃, a saturated CH₃CN solution of NaAsF₆, and saturated aqueous Te(OH)₆, respectively, at 295 K. Coupling constants, *J*, are given in Hz. ^bA and E denote axial and equatorial F atoms. 'Obtained from the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum. ^dObtained from the ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum. ^eObtained from the ⁷⁵As NMR spectrum.

Figure 3. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (235.36 MHz) of As(OTeF₅)₅ in SO₂CIF at 297 K (0.1 *m;* 1100 scans; 1.7 Hz/point). Asterisks and daggers denote ¹²⁵Te and ¹²³Te satellites, respectively; (i) impurity lines. The upper trace is a computer-simulated plot of the AB_4 spin system ignoring coupling to ¹²⁵Te and ¹²³Te.

is comparable to the value of 30 ± 2 kJ mol⁻¹ obtained for intramolecular exchange in both PF_3Cl_2 and PF_3Br_2 as determined by 19 F NMR.¹⁷

A single OTeF_s environment was observed in both the ¹⁹F (Figure 3) and ¹²⁵Te NMR spectra of $As(OTeF₅)$ ₅ in SO₂ClF solution (Table 111), indicating that this five-coordinate molecule also undergoes rapid exchange. Unlike $Te(OTeF₅)₄$, however, the exchange could not be slowed sufficiently **on** the NMR time scale to observe separate axial and equatorial ${OTeF₅}$ ligand environments. It would appear that either the lone electron pair in $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ is more effective in obstructing pseudorotation than is the fifth OTeF_s group in As(OTeF_s)_s (giving a lower exchange barrier in the latter compound) or the chemical shift difference between the axial and equatorial OTeF, groups in As(OTeF₅)₅ is considerably smaller than in $Te(OTeF₅)₄$. If the latter were the case, coalescence could then occur at a substantially lower temperature in $As(OTeF₅)₅$ than in Te(OTeF₅)₄ even if the exchange barriers in the two compounds are similar.¹⁶

TeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x} The individual compounds TeF_x (OTeF₅)_{4-x} $(x = 0, 1, \text{ or } 2)$ were identified from the ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum of a TeF₄/B(OTeF₅)₃ mixture in SO₂ClF solution (Figure 4). As previously reported, 11 a Te(OTeF₅)₄ signal is observed at 602.4 ppm in the Te(1V) region of the spectrum. The monofluoro derivative, $TeF(OTeF_5)_{3}$, is identified by the doublet pattern resulting from a directly bonded ${}^{19}F-{}^{125}Te(\text{IV})$ coupling and shows

Figure 4. 125Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) of a 3:2 mixture of TeF4 and $B(OTeF_5)$, in SO₂CIF at 200 K, Te(IV) region (0.77 *m* Te(IV); 48 000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point): (A) $Te(OTeF_5)_4$; (B) $TeF(OTeF_5)_3$; (C) $TeF₂(OTeF₅)₂$. Peaks marked b and c denote ² $J_{125Te(IV)-125Te(V1)}}$; $3J_{19F-125Te(IV)}$ is resolved for $TeF_2(OTeF_5)_2$.

a further coupling to the equatorial fluorine atoms **on** Te(V1) of 40 **Hz.** This long-range coupling was not resolved for the other two TeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x} compounds here but has been reported¹¹ to be 31.8 Hz for Te(OTeF₅)₄ in SO₂ClF. Long-range coupling of Te(1V) to the axial fluorine atom was not resolved for any of the compounds. The ^{129}Xe NMR spectra of XeOTeF_5^+ , XeF_v - $(OTeF₅)_{2-y}, OXeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x}, XeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x}$ and $O₂XeF_y$ - $(OTEF₅)_{2-y}$ (x = 0-4 and y = 0-2) similarly display fine structure resulting from ¹²⁹Xe coupling to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the OTeF₅ groups only.² All of the peaks are broadened due to residual coupling to the axial fluorines on Te(V1) and/or possibly some residual ligand exchange.

Satellite peaks resulting from ${}^{125}\text{Te}(\text{IV})-{}^{125}\text{Te}(\text{VI})$ couplings are observed for $\text{TeF}(\text{OTeF}_5)$, and $\text{TeF}_2(\text{OTeF}_5)$, (Table I).¹⁸ Analogous two-bond $^{129}Xe^{-125}Te$ couplings have been observed in the case of OTeF_5 derivatives of Xe(II) , Xe(IV) , and Xe(VI) and are similar in magnitude to those of the $Te(IV)$ derivatives,² in accord with the similar magnetogyric ratios of 129 Xe and 125 Te. The $^{125}Te(V)$ - $^{125}Te(VI)$ coupling constant increases with increasing *x* in the compounds $TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ ($x = 0-2$), consistent with an increase in the covalency of the $Te-OTeF₅$ bond. Since F is more electronegative than ${OTeF_5}$ and a Te-F bond is more ionic than a Te-OTeF₅ bond,¹¹ an increase in the number of Te(1V)-F bonds causes an increase in the covalency of the remaining $Te-OTeF₅$ bonds. As covalency increases, so does the

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at 200 K (0.47 *m,* 5800 scans, 6.1 Hz/point).

Table IV. Comparison of Fluorine-Selenium and Fluorine-Tellurium $^{1}J_{MF}^{a}$, $^{1}K_{MF}^{b}$ and $(^{1}K_{MF})_{RC}^{c}$ Coupling Constants^d

species	J_{MF} , Hz	K_{MF} , N A^{-2} m ⁻³ \times 10 ²¹	$(^1K_{MF})_{RC}$, N A^{-2} m ³ \times 10 ⁻⁴³	ref
SeF_{1}^+	1202 ^e	5.579	5.885	f
$TeF1$ +	29058	8.136	5.660	
SeF_{6}	1421	6.596	6.958	38
TeF ₆	3736	10.463	7.279	11
HOSeF	1300*	6.034	6.365	39
HOTeF.	3577 ^h	10.018	6.970	6
$Xe(OSeF_s)$	1338 ^h	6.210	6.550	40
$Xe(OTeF_1),$	3600 ^h	10.082	7.014	40
F,SeOOSeF,	1431 ^h	6.641	7.005	40
F.TeOOTeF.	3830 ^h	10.727	7.463	40

Observed scalar coupling constant. ^b Reduced coupling constant: ${}^{\prime\prime}K_{AB} = (4\pi^2/h\gamma_A\gamma_B)^{\prime\prime}J_{AB}$, where h is Planck's constant, γ_A and γ_B are the magnetogyric ratios of the spin-coupled nuclei A and B and $^{\prime\prime}J_{AB}$ is the measured scalar coupling constant. **Relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant:** $(^nK_{AB})_{RC} = (^nK_{AB}/S^2(0)_A S^2(0)_B)$ where S^2 - (0) _A and $\tilde{S}^2(0)$ _B are the s-electron densities at nuclei A and B, respectively, and K_{AB} is the reduced coupling constant. The s-electron densities used in these calculations have been corrected for relativistic effects.²¹ ^dAll couplings are absolute values. ϵ Mean of 1201 and 1203 **Hz** observed in the 19F and "Se spectra, respectively, of a 0.20 *m* **so**lution of $\text{SeF}_3^+ \text{AsF}_6^-$ in SO_2 at 200 K. *f* This work. *s* See Table I. ^{*h*} Coupling to equatorial fluorine atoms.

magnitude of the coupling. This same effect is observed in the long-range ${}^{19}F-{}^{125}Te(IV)$ couplings noted above and in the homologous series of $Xe(II)$, $Xe(IV)$, and $Xe(VI)$ mixed $F/OTeF_5$ coupling from $\text{TeF}_2(\text{OTeF}_5)$ to $\text{TeF}(\text{OTeF}_5)$, (Table I) is also consistent with the above description; i.e., as more relatively electro-positive OTeF, groups are added, the remaining Te(1V)-F bonds become more ionic and $J_{19F-125T_{\text{e}}(IV)}$ is reduced. compounds.² A decrease in the directly bonded ${}^{19}F-{}^{125}Te(IV)$

spectra of the SeF_3^+ and TeF_3^+ cations were recorded in SO_2 solution. An excess of Lewis acid (AsF_1) was used in the case of TeF_3 ⁺ in order to help reduce line broadening by suppression of fluoride exchange (Figure 5). The $^{77}Se^{-19}F$ and $^{125}Te^{-19}F$ coupling constants are compared with those of other selenium and tellurium fluorides in Table IV. The SeF_3^+ coupling constant of 1202 **Hz** compares well with the value of 1213 **Hz** reported for the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of SeF₄.BF₃ in HF.¹⁹ Observed coupling constants involving different nuclei cannot be compared directly, but useful comparisons can be made by using reduced coupling constants, K_{AB} ²⁰ which take into account the different magnetogyric ratios of the nuclides being compared. A relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant, $(K_{AB})_{RC}$, can be **SeF3+ and TeF3+ Cations.** The 19F, *7)* Se, and lz5Te NMR

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Figure 6. ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) for the reaction of Te(O-TeF₅)₄ with excess AsF₅ in SO₂, Te(IV) region at 200 K (0.34 *m* Te(O-TeF₅)₄; 35 000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point): (A) TeF₃⁺; (B) TeF₂(OTeF₅)⁺. The inset shows the quintet resulting from coupling of $Te(IV)$ to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the OTeF_s group in TeF₂(OTeF_s)⁺. Coupling to the axial fluorine atom is not resolved.

1:1 Te(OTeF₅)₄/As(OTeF₅)₅ mixture at 200 K, Te(IV) region (initial concentration 0.24 *m* in Te(OTeF5),; 30000 **scans;** 6.1 Hz/point): (A) Te(OTeF_s)₃⁺ with (a) satellites from ¹²⁵Te(IV)-¹²⁵Te(VI) coupling; (B) Te($O \text{TeV}$ ₅)₄; (x) TeV $O \text{TeV}$ ₅)₂⁺ impurity. The inset shows the exchange-averaged resonance at 298 K.

defined to further correct for relativistic effects, which become important for heavy nuclei.^{$21-23$} It is assumed that the Fermi contact mechanism is dominant for spin-spin coupling in these **cases.24** This mechanism is dependent upon the electron densities in the valence **s** orbitals at each of the respective coupled nuclei. The relativistically corrected reduced coupling constants for a given pair of Se(V1) and Te(V1) compounds in Table IV should be approximately equal since the environments and geometries and bonding of the species are expected to be nearly identical (i.e. octahedral, or pseudooctahedral for the OMF, species). These couplings are in fact very close in value, although $1(K_{T_{\sigma}-F})_{RC}$ is generally somewhat larger than $\frac{1}{K_{\text{Se-F}}}_{\text{RC}}}$. The relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant for SeF_3^+ , however, is somewhat larger than the same coupling for TeF_3^+ . This indicates that the F-M bonds have more s character in SeF_3^+ than in TeF_3^+ or, in other words, that the F-Se-F bond angle is somewhat larger than the F-Te-F bond angle, which is consistent with X-ray crystallographic findings.²⁵ This NMR result may be fortuitous, however, since other terms may also contribute to spin-spin coupling.

 $[\text{TeF}_x(\text{OTeF}_5)_{3-x}]^+$ **Cations.** Figure 6 depicts the Te(IV) region of the ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum resulting from the reaction of Te- $(OTEF₅)₄$ with AsF₅. Two distinct species were observed in the $Te(IV)$ region. The Te F_3 ⁺ quartet appeared and was approximately equal in intensity to a triplet assigned to TeF_2 ($OTeF_5$)⁺.

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Clearly, AsF₅ behaves as a fluorinating agent as well as an OTeF₅ acceptor in this reaction. The directly bonded $^{19}F-^{125}Te(IV)$ coupling in $TeF_2(OTeF_5)^+$ is somewhat less than that observed for TeF_3^+ (Table I). Each of the peaks of the $TeF_2(OTeF_5)^+$ triplet was further split into a quintet arising from the coupling of $Te(IV)$ to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the $OTeF_5$ group (Figure 6). When less AsF_5 was allowed to react with Te(O-TeF₅)₄, the TeF(OTeF₅)₂⁺ cation was observed. The ¹⁹F-¹²⁵Te-(IV) coupling constants follow the same trends described above for the Te F_x (OTe F_5)_{4-x} species (Table I). In addition, couplings of Te(V1) to both axial and equatorial fluorine atoms decrease steadily in the series $Te(OTeF₅)₃⁺$, $TeF(OTeF₅)₂⁺$, and $TeF₂$ - $(OTEF₅)⁺$ (Table I), consistent with stronger (more covalent) Te-OTeF, bonds being offset by weaker Te(V1)-F bonds.

A significant concentration of $Te(OTeF₅)₃$ ⁺ was not observed in reactions of $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ with AsF₅ but was produced when As(OTeF₅)₅ was used as the OTeF₅ acceptor (Figure 7). The Raman spectrum of the solidified 1:1 melt $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ -As(O-Te F_5), only revealed the original starting materials (see the Experimental Section and ref 10). When this melt was dissolved in **SOz,** however, it was clear from the NMR spectra that reaction did take place in solution. The room-temperature ¹²⁵Te NMR spectrum of this solution consisted of a single broad resonance at 601 ppm in the Te(1V) region. When the spectrum was recorded at 200 K, two distinct resonances were visible. The resonance at 570 ppm corresponded to that observed for $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ in SO₂ at this temperature (Table I). The remaining resonance, at 646 ppm, was in the same region as $Te(IV)$ in the TeF_2 - $(OTEF₅)⁺$ and TeF(OTeF₅)₂⁺ cations, and the satellite peaks observed about the main resonance were consistent in intensity with coupling to three natural abundance Te atoms.²⁶ These observations indicate that this second resonance results from the $Te(OTeF₅)₃$ ⁺ cation.

Three groups of resonances (doublets of quintets, characteristic of the OTeF, group) were observed in the Te(V1) region of the 295 K spectrum. One of these, at -158 ppm, split into two sets of resonances at 200 K. The component at -160 ppm corresponds to Te(OTeF₅)₄, while the other component, at -162 ppm, was assigned to $Te(OTeF₅)₃⁺$ on the basis of the similar exchange behavior observed in the Te(1V) region of the spectrum. The $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ lines, in the Te(VI) region, are very broad at 200 K, owing to the slow intramolecular exchange at this temperature. Of the two other groups of resonances in the Te(V1) region at 295 K, the group centered at -165 ppm corresponds to As(O-TeF₅)₅, while the other, at -171 ppm, was assigned to As(OTeF₅)₆⁻ (Table III). This anion was observed, along with $^{75}As-^{125}Te$ coupling, in the $^{75}As NMR$ spectrum of the same solution at 295 K (see below). Clearly, the $OTeF₅$ exchange is not between Te(1V) and As, which would result in equivalence of all of the OTeF, groups and a single set of resonances in the Te(V1) region.

Although a 1:1 stoichiometry of $Te(OTeF_s)₄$ and As($OTeF_s$), was used in the preparation, it was clear that a significant quantity of $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ remained unreacted and that the observed facile exchange of OTeF₅ groups in solution was between Te(OTeF₅)₄ and $Te(OTeF₅)₃⁺$. That is, the Te(OTeF₅)₃⁺ initially formed in the reaction appears to compete as a ligand acceptor toward unreacted $Te(OTeF₅)₄$, thus preventing complete reaction of Te(OTeF₅)₄ with As(OTeF₅)₅. Since $12\overline{5}$ Te(IV)- 125 Te(VI) and $125Te(IV)$ -¹⁹F couplings are retained for samples of Te(OTeF₅)₄ alone in solution at 297 K, it would appear that $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ does not dissociate to $Te(OTeF₅)₃⁺$ and $OTeF₅⁻$ ions at this temperature. The observed facile exchange of OTeF, groups between $Te(OTeF₅)₃$ ⁺ and $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ in the present sample then implies that OTeF5-bridged species may act as intermediates for this exchange. Such proposed bridged intermediates would be of considerable interest since there are at present no known compounds with OTeF, bridges. The presumed lack of bridging in

OTeF, compounds may be cited as a key difference between the donor-acceptor chemistry of $OTeF_5$ and that of fluorine.

Excess As($O \text{TeF}_5$), was also observed in the Te(VI) region of the 125 Te NMR spectrum but was not observed in the 75 As spectrum, presumably because the resonance was severely quadrupole relaxed and therefore severely broadened and collapsed into the spectral baseline. A sample of pure As(OTeF₅)₅ in SO₂ similarly did not produce an observable ⁷⁵As signal. The line widths of 75 As resonances are discussed in more detail else-
where.^{27,28}

⁷⁵As **NMR Spectroscopy of the As(OTeF₅)₆⁻ Anion.** Arsenic-75 has a spin of $\frac{3}{2}$, 100% natural abundance, and a sensitivity of 2.51×10^{-2} relative to ¹H, which is similar to that of ¹²⁵Te. Despite a favorable natural abundance and sensitivity, arsenic NMR spectra are difficult to obtain as a result of the large quadrupole moment of the spin- $^{3}/_{2}$ ⁷⁵As nucleus (Q = 0.3 × 10⁻²⁴ cm²), which tends to produce very broad lines owing to quadrupole relaxation. The ⁷⁵As NMR spectrum of the As($OTEF_5$)₆⁻ anion in CH₃CN solution has been discussed elsewhere.²⁶ The ⁷⁵As line width at 298 K is surprisingly narrow (165 Hz). It is clear that the local symmetry about the arsenic atom in this anion must be nearly octahedral for a signal to be observed at all. Balimann and Pregosin²⁷ have reported a value of 94 Hz for 0.1 M aqueous $KAsF_6$ at 303 K. An additional feature of the spectrum is the observation of long-range ⁷⁵As⁻¹²⁵Te coupling, which appears as shoulders about the central resonance. The magnitude of $^{2}J_{^{75}As^{-125}Te}$, as measured from the simulated spectrum, is 420 \pm 40 Hz. In SO₂ solution, $\delta\nu_{1/2}$ was 240 Hz and ²J_{15As-125</sup>_{Te} was 430} \pm 40 Hz.²⁸

The narrow **75As** resonances in both solvent media are consistent with an octahedral arrangement of OTeF_5 ligands, and the observed $75As-125Te$ coupling is consistent with the six tellurium atoms maintaining an octahedral disposition about the central arsenic atom. The central uranium and tellurium atoms in **U-** $(OTeF₅)₆²⁹$ and the two crystallographic forms of Te(OTeF₅)₆¹⁰ are octahedrally coordinated to the oxygen atoms of six OTeF, ligands, and all three central atoms lie **on** inversion centers in their respective structures so that the tellurium atoms of the OTeF₅ groups are octahedrally arranged about the central atoms as well. It therefore seems reasonable to suppose that the same arrangement is found in $As(OTeF₅)₆$.

The relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant, $({}^{1}K_{As-F})_{RC}$, of AsF₆⁻ calculated from the observed scalar coupling constant of 930 Hz²⁷ is 6.38 \times 10⁻⁴³ N A⁻² m³, in good agreement with the relativistically corrected reduced coupling constants of the isoelectronic Se F_6 and Te F_6 molecules (see Table IV). The two-bond ⁷⁵As⁻¹²⁵Te and ¹²⁵Te-¹²⁵Te scalar couplings of 430 and 1302 Hz in As($OTeF_5$)₆⁻ and Te($OTeF_5$)₆, respectively, (see Table I11 and ref 11) give comparable corrected reduced coupling constants $(3.69 \times 10^{-43} \text{ and } 3.16 \times 10^{-43} \text{ N A}^{-2} \text{ m}^3)$, respectively). The Sb(OTeF₅)₆⁻ anion should have a scalar coupling constant, $2J_{121Sb-125Te}$, of roughly 960 Hz if the relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant is considered to be approximately equal to $(^{2}K_{As-Te})_{RC}$ of As(OTeF₅)₆⁻.

Experimental Section

Apparatus and Materials. Manipulations were carried out under anhydrous conditions on vacuum lines constructed of 3 16 stainless steel, nickel, Teflon, and FEP. All preparative work was carried out in 7 or 9 mm 0.d. lengths of FEP tubing heat sealed at one end and connected through 45° SAE flares to Kel-F valves.

Tellurium tetrafluoride was prepared from $TeO₂$ (British Drug House) and SF_4 (Matheson) according to the method described previously.¹⁰ The ligand-transfer reagent, $B(\overline{OTeF_5})_3$, and $HOTeF_5$ were prepared as previously described by Sladky et al.³⁰ and Engelbrecht and Sladky.³¹

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⁽²⁶⁾ Tellurium-125 **has** a natural abundance of 6.99%. The satellite doublet produced by coupling of $Te(IV)$ in $Te(OTEF₅)₃⁺$ to three natural abundance Te(V1) nuclei consequently has 22.4% of the intensity of the central line.

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Sulfurylchlorofluoride (Columbia Organic Chemicals) was purified as described previously.³² Sulfur dioxide (Canadian Liquid Air) and $CH₃CN$ (Caledon Laboratories) were dried over $P₂O₅$ followed by vacuum distillation.

TeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x}. Tellurium tetrakis(pentafluoroorthotellurate) was prepared by the stoichiometric reaction of TeF₄ with B(OTeF₅)₃ as reported previously.I0 Mixed **fluoride/pentafluoroorthotellurates** were prepared by using half the stoichiometric amount of $B(OTeF_5)_3$ required for complete reaction to Te(OTeF₅)₄. In a typical reaction, TeF₄ (0.5906) g, 2.901 mmol) was weighed into a glass vessel equipped with a Rotaflo valve, $B(OTeF_5)$ ₃ (1.405 g, 1.934 mmol) distilled onto the TeF₄, the valve closed, and the mixture fused at ca. 120 °C. Boron trifluoride was slowly liberated. When no further gas evolution was observed, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the $BF₃$ removed by pumping under vacuum for several minutes, leaving a colorless crystalline solid.

 $[TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+$ [AsF_y(OTeF₅)_{6-y}]. Mixed F/OTeF₅ derivatives of $TeF_1^+AsF_6^-$ were prepared directly in 10-mm NMR tubes by the addition of AsF₅ to Te(OTeF₅)₄ or TeF_x(OTeF₅)_{4-x} in SO₂ solution. In a typical reaction AsF₅ (0.0692 g, 0.408 mmol) was distilled onto $SO₂$ (2 mL) and $Te(OTeF₅)₄$ (0.4433 g, 0.4097 mmol) in a 10-mm NMR tube, and the end of the tube was flame sealed. When the reaction mixture was thawed, a colorless solution was produced with no residue.

 $As(OTeF₅)₅³³$ The synthetic route employed here is analogous to that used for Te(OTeF₅)₄. In a typical reaction $B(OTeF₅)$ ₃ (5.7893 g, 7.968) mmol) was weighed into one bulb of a double-bulb reaction vessel equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a glass frit separating the two bulbs. Arsenic pentafluoride (0.8217 g, 4.836 mmol) was added to a thin-walled glass weighing bulb prior to being condensed, along with SO₂ (30 mL), into the reaction vessel containing $B(OTeF₅)₃$. The vessel was then flame sealed, the resulting colorless solution was stirred for 48 h, and, upon removal of the solvent by static distillation into the other bulb of the reaction vessel, colorless crystals of $As(OTeF₅)$, were deposited. The low-melting crystals were washed several times with cold $(c_{a.} - 20)$ °C) SO₂. Residual SO₂ was removed by freezing the other bulb of the vessel in liquid N_2 for 1 h before flame sealing the bulb containing As(OTeF_5)₅. Mp: 36 °C. Raman spectrum (cm⁻¹, values in parentheses denote intensities) at -196 "C: 760 (6), 722 (77), 690 (85), 679 (31), 670 (loo), 658 (13), 554 (31), 535 (17), 519 (56), 486 (lo), 331 (16), 318 (38), 283 (6), 250 (15), 215 (5), 144 (46), 134 (13).

 $Cs^{+}[As(OTeF_{5})_{6}]$. Cesium pentafluoroorthotellurate was prepared from CsCl and $HOTeF_5$ as previously described.³⁴ Cesium chloride was dried at 160 °C for 96 h and under vacuum at 180 °C overnight. Stoichiometric portions of $Cs^{+}[OTeF_{5}]^{-}$ (0.1542 g, 0.4151 mmol) and As($O(\text{TeF}_5)$, (0.5247 g, 0.4138 mmol) were combined in an FEP tube fitted with a valve and melted and thoroughly mixed at ca. 80 °C.

 $\text{SeF}_3^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ and $\text{TeF}_3^+\text{AsF}_6^-$. A sample of $\text{SeF}_3^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ was prepared by oxidizing $\text{Se}_4{}^{2+}(\text{AsF}_6{}^{-})_2{}^{35}$ with $\text{O}_2{}^+\text{AsF}_6{}^{-36}$ in HF solvent at room temperature according to eq 1. An excess of $\text{Se}_4{}^{2+}(\text{AsF}_6{}^{-})_2$ (0.1319 g,

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 $\text{Se}_4{}^{2+}(\text{AsF}_6{}^{-})_2{} + 14\text{O}_2{}^{+}\text{AsF}_6{}^{-} \rightarrow 4\text{SeF}_3{}^{+}\text{AsF}_6{}^{-} + 14\text{O}_2{} + 12\text{AsF}_5{}$ (1)

0.1901 mmol) was allowed to react with $O_2^+ AsF_6^-$ (0.3762 g, 1.703 mmol) in an FEP reaction vessel. Although $\text{Se}_4^{2+}(\text{AsF}_6^-)_2$ is only sparingly soluble in HF at room temperature, $O_2^+ AsF_6^-$ is very soluble and reacts rapidly with the evolution of O₂ gas, possibly according to eq 1. The resulting supernatant solution containing $\text{SeF}_3^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ and a small amount of $\text{Se}_4^{\bar{2}+}(\text{AsF}_6^-)_2$ was cooled at -80 °C whereupon the $\text{Se}_4^{\bar{2}+}$ - $(AsF₆^{-})$ ₂ remaining in solution precipitated. The cold supernatant was then decanted from the solid unreacted $\text{Se}_4^{2+}(\text{AsF}_6^-)_2$ into an FEP sidearm and evaporated and dried under vacuum. The resulting colorless sample of $\text{SeF}_3^+ \text{AsF}_6^-$ was transferred to a dry glass NMR tube and dissolved in 3.0 g of SO₂.

An NMR sample containing $TeF_3^+AsF_6^-$ (colorless) was prepared by condensing 3.0 g of SO_2 as solvent and excess AsF₅ (1.28 g, 7.51 mmol) onto TeF4 (0.3862 g, 1.897 mmol) in a thick-walled glass NMR tube.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy. All spectra were recorded unlocked (field drift <0.1 Hz/h) on a Bruker WM-250 superconducting spectrometer using a IO-mm probe (broad-banded over the frequency range 23-103 MHz) tuned to 78.972 and 42.817 MHz to observe 125 Te and ⁷⁵As, respectively. Fluorine-19 spectra were obtained on the same probe by using the 'H decoupler coils retuned to 235.361 MHz as the observation coils or with a 5-mm combination ${}^{1}H/{}^{19}F$ probe. Free-induction decays were typically accumulated in a 32K memory. Spectral width settings of 50 and 100 kHz were employed, yielding data point resolutions of 3.0 and 6.1 Hz and acquisition times of 0.328 and 0.164 **s,** respectively. No relaxation delays were applied. The number of free-induction decays accumulated varied with concentration and sensitivity of the nucleus under consideration with 60 scans being typical for 19 F, 3000-30 000 scans being typical for 125 Te, and 60 000 scans being typical for ⁷⁵As. Pulse widths corresponding to bulk magnetization tip angles, θ , of approximately 90° were 0.5 (¹⁹F), 20 (¹²⁵Te), and 40 μ s (7) As). Line broadening parameters used in exponential multiplication of the free-induction decays were equal to the data point resolutions.

The respective nuclei were referenced to neat CFC I_3 (¹⁹F), saturated aqueous Te(OH)₆ (125Te),³⁷ and a saturated solution of NaAsF₆ in CH₃CN (⁷⁵As) at 22 °C. The chemical shift convention used is that a positive (negative) sign signifies a chemical shift to high (low) frequency of the reference compound.

Variable-temperature studies were carried out by using a Bruker temperature controller. Temperatures were measured with a copperconstantan thermocouple inserted directly into the sample region of the probe and were considered accurate to ± 1 °C.

Laser Raman Spectroscopy. Raman spectra were recorded on the instrument described previously.6

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