

Figure 5. Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of the  $Gd_{10}$ -C<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>18</sub> 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)<sup>-3/2</sup>. 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  $2dd\sigma$  and, as seen from Figure 2, this is approximately 0.2 Ry. Second, the *inter*cluster 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,<sup>4</sup> 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 Cl and I compounds stems from the fact that it is the X-C<sub>2</sub> 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  $\pi^*$  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 OTeF<sub>5</sub> Donor Properties of Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> by <sup>75</sup>As and <sup>125</sup>Te NMR Spectroscopy. Preparation and Characterization of the $[TeFe_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+$ Cations, TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub>, As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, and $[As(OTeF_5)_6]^{-1}$

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The OTEF<sub>5</sub><sup>-</sup> ion donor properties have been studied for Te(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in the presence of the acceptor species AsF<sub>5</sub> and As(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>. The synthesis of the latter compound from B(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and AsF<sub>5</sub> is described. The mixed cations  $[TeF_x(OTEF_5)_{3-x}]^+$  (x = 0-3) and the neutral species TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> (x = 0-2) have been characterized in solution by <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectroscopy. The novel anion As(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> has also been identified. Owing to the local octahedral symmetry about the quadrupolar <sup>75</sup>As atom in As(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, the <sup>75</sup>As NMR line is sufficiently narrow to permit ready observation of the signal as well as the two-bond natural-abundance <sup>125</sup>Te<sup>-75</sup>As coupling (430 Hz). The activation energy barrier to intramolecular exchange in the trigonal-bipyramidal Te(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> molecule also has been derived from low-temperature <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>125</sup>Te NMR studies in SO<sub>2</sub>CIF (-124 °C). Reduced (K) and relativistically corrected reduced ( $K_{RC}$ ) coupling constants have been calculated for observed one-bond <sup>19</sup>F<sup>-77</sup>Se and <sup>125</sup>Te and two-bond <sup>75</sup>As<sup>-125</sup>Te and <sup>125</sup>Te<sup>-75</sup>As<sup>-125</sup>Te and <sup>125</sup>Te<sup>-125</sup>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  $OTeF_5^-$  anion and have studied its donor/acceptor properties in a series of mixed F/OTeF<sub>5</sub> 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  $OTeF_5/F$  ligand redistributions have been reported for  $O_2XeF_x(OTeF_5)_{2-x}$ ,  $XeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ , and  $OXeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}^2$ 

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Figure 1. <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) of Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solution at 146 K (0.18 m; 3500 scans; 3.0 Hz/point). A and E denote peaks for axial and equatorial OTEF<sub>5</sub> groups, respectively. The left inset shows Te(IV) (42000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point). The right inset shows <sup>2</sup>J<sub>125</sup>Te(IV)-<sup>125</sup>Te(VI)</sub> for axial (a) and equatorial (e) OTeF<sub>5</sub> 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., XeOTeF5<sup>+</sup> and FXe---F---XeOTeF<sub>5</sub><sup>+,6</sup> The only other anionic derivatives of the OTeF<sub>5</sub> group reported as yet are  $As(OTeF_5)_4^-$  and  $As(O-TeF_5)_3Cl^-$ ,<sup>7</sup> although the related OSeF<sub>5</sub> derivative,  $Br(OSeF_5)_4^-$ , has been prepared.8

The OTeF<sub>5</sub> analogue of AsF<sub>5</sub>, As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, has been prepared and employed as an acceptor species for OTeF5<sup>-</sup> in the course of the present investigations. Its preparation has also been described recently by Lentz and Seppelt.9

The precursor  $OTeF_5^-$  ion donor used in the present study, Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, had been prepared and studied earlier by using room-temperature <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy as the chief means of structural characterization.<sup>10</sup> A subsequent low-temperature <sup>125</sup>Te NMR study showed the structure of  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  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.<sup>11</sup> The limiting spectrum of both ligand environments was obtained at 163 K in SO<sub>2</sub>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 <sup>125</sup>Te and <sup>75</sup>As has been employed. The <sup>125</sup>Te and <sup>75</sup>As resonances at natural abundances  $(^{125}\text{Te}, 6.99\%, I = \frac{1}{2}; ^{75}\text{As}, 100\%, I = \frac{3}{2})$  provide a ready and definitive means of characterizing the majority of species present in these complex mixtures.

# **Results and Discussion**

Intramolecular Exchange in  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  and  $As(OTeF_5)_5$ . The Te(VI) region of the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum of  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solutions at 297 K consisted of two over-

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Figure 2. Variable-temperature <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra (235.36 MHz) of Te(OTeF<sub>1</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solution (0.18 m; 60 scans; 2.4 Hz/point). A and E denote peaks for axial and equatorial OTeF5 groups, respectively; peaks marked a and e denote  ${}^{1}J_{19}_{F-125}_{Te(VI)}$ .

lapping quintets resulting from coupling of <sup>125</sup>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) predictions<sup>12</sup> suggest that  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  should be based upon a trigonal-bipyramidal arrangement of four bond pairs and an electron lone pair with two axial and two equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups. Equivalence of these OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups with retention of a single <sup>125</sup>Te(VI)-<sup>125</sup>Te(IV) 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).<sup>13</sup> 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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J, Hz								
solute	$\delta_{125}Te^{a}$	<sup>19</sup> F- <sup>125</sup> Te	$^{125}Te(IV) - ^{125}Te(VI)$	solvent	temp, K	concn, m		
$\overline{\text{Te}(\text{OTe}'\text{F}_s)_4}^b$	Te 394.0	F (E) 3639 <sup>d</sup>	544	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	297	1.00		
<b>v</b>	Te' - 157.6	F (A) 3403		-				
$Te(OTe'F_{4})_{a}^{b}$	Te 633.3	31.8 <sup>c</sup>		SO <sub>2</sub> C1F	297	0.18		
	Te' -160.8	F (E) 3665 <sup>d</sup>						
		F (A) 3555						
$Te(OTe'F_{4})_{4}$	Te 581.6	- ()		SO <sub>2</sub> C1F	143	0.18		
	Te'(E) = 156.0	E (E) 3620 <sup>d</sup>	840			0.10		
	10(2) 10010	F(A) 3440	0.10					
	Te' (A)1677	F(E) 3714	670					
	10 (11) 10/11	F(A) 3602	0,0					
$Te(OTe'F_{i})$	Te 602 4	1 (11) 5002		SO-CIF	200	0.18		
10(01013)4	Te' = 159.4			50201	200	0.10		
$Te(OTe'E_{i})$	Te 566 8			SO.	200	0.03		
10(01013)4	Te' = 160.7			502	200	0.05		
TeF(OTe'F.).	Te 563.0	2810	1730	SO-CIF	200	0.45		
$TeF(OTe'F_i)$	Te 535 3	2814	1,50	SO.	200	0.43		
$T_e F_i (O T_e F_i)$	Te 540 7	406	2440	SO CIF	200	0.03		
	10 540.7	2850	2440	502011	200	0.17		
TeF	606.6	2000		SO.	200	0		
$Te(OTe/F_{\star})^{+}$	Te 646 0		311	SO.	200	0 12		
10(01013)3	Te' = 162.5	E (E) 37364	511	502	200	0.12		
	10 102.5	$F(\Delta) 3706$						
$T_e E(OT_e/E_i)_{i+}$	Te 637 2	150		50.	200	0.12		
	10 007.2	2630		502	200	0.12		
	$T_{e'} = 150.2$	E (E) 3724 <sup>d</sup>						
	IC 155.2	F(A) 3681						
$T_{e}F_{e}(\Omega T_{e}'F_{e})^{+}$	Te 644 5	21¢		50.	200	0.17		
ICF2(OICF5)	10 044.5	2736		502	200	0.17		
	$T_{e'} = 151.2$	E (E) 27214						
	16 -151.5	F (L) 3724 F (A) 3656						
T-F +	671.2	P (A) 3030		50	200	0.17		
1613	0/1.2	2705		$30_2$	200	0.17		

<sup>a</sup>Referenced with respect to saturated aqueous Te(OH)<sub>6</sub> at 295 K. <sup>b</sup>Taken from ref 11. <sup>c3</sup> $J_{19}_{F-125}_{Te}$ . <sup>d</sup>A and E denote axial and equatorial, respectively. 'Saturated.

The <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectra of Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> down to ca. 180 K show only one set of OTeF<sub>5</sub> resonances in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solvents (Table I).<sup>14</sup> Two distinct Te(VI) environments were observed, however, upon cooling to 146 K in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solvent (Figure 1). The axial bonds in a trigonal bipyramid are generally somewhat longer than the equatorial bonds<sup>12</sup> so that the magnitude of the coupling from the central Te(IV) to Te(VI) in OTeF<sub>5</sub> should be smaller for the axial groups. A weaker (longer) Te–OTeF<sub>5</sub> bond should be complemented by stronger Te(VI)–F bonds and larger directly bonded <sup>125</sup>Te(VI)–<sup>19</sup>F couplings. The axial and equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups are assigned in Figure 1 by using these assumptions (the observed couplings are listed in Table I).

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the same sample at 297 K (Figure 2) was an AB<sub>4</sub> spectrum as expected for a single OTeF<sub>5</sub> ligand environment. When the solution was cooled, however, the signals broadened and eventually resonances for two separate environments emerged. The <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>125</sup>Te(VI) satellite peaks were of sufficient intensity to assign the two different OTeF<sub>5</sub> resonances by comparing these couplings with those observed in the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum. For the equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups, only a few of the lines of the second order AB<sub>4</sub> spectrum could be resolved ( $J_{FF}/\delta\nu_{AB} \sim 1$ ). An AB<sub>4</sub> pattern was also observed for the axial OTeF<sub>5</sub> 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 first-order 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 II. Exchange Rate Data Extracted from

Variable-Temperature	<sup>19</sup> F NMR	Spectra o	of Te(OTeF5)4	in SO <sub>2</sub> ClF
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<i>T</i> , K	$T^{-1}, K^{-1} \times 10^{-3}$	δν,ª Hz	$\delta v_{1/2}$ , <sup>b</sup> Hz	$ au^{-1}$	$\log(\tau^{-1})$
146.9	6.81		86	95°	1.98°
151.0	6.62		113	180 <sup>c</sup>	2.25°
156.1	6.41	1121 <sup>d</sup>	157	319°	2.50 <sup>c</sup>
161.2	6.20	1101	308	793°, 937°	2.90°, 2.97°
166.6	6.00	1032		1945°	3.29
171.7	5.82	830		3348°	3.5 <b>2</b> °
294.5			56		

<sup>a</sup>Separation of axial B resonance and largest resonance of equatorial AB<sub>4</sub> multiplet. <sup>b</sup>Width at half-height of the high-field component of the axial B doublet. <sup>c</sup>Obtained from  $\delta \nu_{1/2}$ . <sup>d</sup> $\delta \nu_0$ . <sup>c</sup>Obtained from  $\delta \nu$ . <sup>f</sup> $\delta \nu^0_{1/2}$ .

in the intermediate exchange region and from line width measurements in the slow and intermediate exchange regions (Table II). An activation energy of  $30.7 \pm 0.3$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> was determined by using previously established equations<sup>15</sup> (correlation coefficient  $R^2 = 0.994$ ). The low entropy of activation (3.48 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> at 295 K) is consistent with an intramolecular exchange process.

The activation energy,  $E_a$ , can also be determined<sup>16</sup> 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 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra,  $T_c = 177 \pm 2$  K and  $\delta \nu_0 = 1121 \pm 3$  Hz. The activation energy is  $31.0 \pm 0.4$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. In the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectra, coalescence of the two lowest frequency lines of the OTeF<sub>5</sub> resonances ( $\delta \nu_0 = 1206 \pm 4$  Hz) was observed at  $179 \pm 2$  K. The activation energy then is  $31.3 \pm 0.4$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. The mean activation energy from these three determinations is  $31.0 \pm 0.4$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. This value

<sup>(14)</sup> In the case of the more strongly basic solvent, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, it appears that there is a significant interaction between the solvent and Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. The Te(IV) chemical shift in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solvent is considerably more shielded (by ca. 200 ppm) than in the less basic solvents SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>ClF. This chemical shift change may be attributed to Lewis base behavior on the part of CH<sub>3</sub>CN according to the equilibrium :Te(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>CN: → CH<sub>3</sub>CN-Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. Thus, it appears that Te(IV) may actually be 6-coordinate in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solvent. The related adduct As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>CN has been recently reported.<sup>7</sup>

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## **Table III.** NMR Parameters for $As(OTeF_5)_5$ and $As(OTeF_5)_6^{-a}$

				$As(OTeF_5)_6$			
		As(	OTeF <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>		Cs <sup>+</sup>	$Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$	
 solvent		SO <sub>2</sub> ClF	SO <sub>2</sub> ClF	SO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	SO <sub>2</sub>	
temp, K		295	190	295	295	295	
concn. m		0.31	0.24	0.05	0.15	0.12	
δ( <sup>19</sup> F)	$\mathbf{A}^{b}$	-49.3		-46.4			
	Е	-39.6		-37.2			
$\delta(^{75}As)$					-28.9	-28.2	
$\delta(^{125}Te)$			-165.8	-165.8	-171.1	-170.3	
${}^{2}J_{19_{\rm F}}{}^{19_{\rm F}}$		1 <b>78</b>					
$J_{19_{F}-123_{T}}$	Α	3030°					
- 1- 10	Е	3080		3082°			
$^{1}J_{19r-125r}$	Α	3650°	3650 <sup>d</sup>	3714°	3408 <sup>d</sup>	3396 <sup>d</sup>	
- 1- 16	Ē	3714	3722	3724	3598	3616	
<sup>2</sup> J <sub>75As-125Te</sub>					420 <sup>e</sup>	432 <sup>e</sup>	

<sup>a 19</sup>F, <sup>75</sup>As, and <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectra are referenced with respect to external neat CFCl<sub>3</sub>, a saturated CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of NaAsF<sub>6</sub>, and saturated aqueous Te(OH)<sub>6</sub>, respectively, at 295 K. Coupling constants, J, are given in Hz. <sup>b</sup>A and E denote axial and equatorial F atoms. <sup>c</sup>Obtained from the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum. <sup>d</sup>Obtained from the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum. <sup>e</sup>Obtained from the <sup>75</sup>As NMR spectrum.



Figure 3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (235.36 MHz) of As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF at 297 K (0.1 *m*; 1100 scans; 1.7 Hz/point). Asterisks and daggers denote <sup>125</sup>Te and <sup>123</sup>Te satellites, respectively; (i) impurity lines. The upper trace is a computer-simulated plot of the AB<sub>4</sub> spin system ignoring coupling to <sup>125</sup>Te and <sup>123</sup>Te.

is comparable to the value of  $30 \pm 2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  obtained for intramolecular exchange in both PF<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and PF<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR.<sup>17</sup>

A single OTeF<sub>5</sub> environment was observed in both the <sup>19</sup>F (Figure 3) and <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectra of As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solution (Table III), indicating that this five-coordinate molecule also undergoes rapid exchange. Unlike Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, however, the exchange could not be slowed sufficiently on the NMR time scale to observe separate axial and equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> ligand environments. It would appear that either the lone electron pair in Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> is more effective in obstructing pseudorotation than is the fifth OTeF<sub>5</sub> group in As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> (giving a lower exchange barrier in the latter compound) or the chemical shift difference between the axial and equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups in As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> is considerably smaller than in Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. If the latter were the case, coalescence could then occur at a substantially lower temperature in As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> than in Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> even if the exchange barriers in the two compounds are similar.<sup>16</sup>

 $TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ . The individual compounds  $TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ . (x = 0, 1, or 2) were identified from the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum of a  $TeF_4/B(OTeF_5)_3$  mixture in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF solution (Figure 4). As previously reported, <sup>11</sup> a Te(OTeF\_5)\_4 signal is observed at 602.4 ppm in the Te(IV) region of the spectrum. The monofluoro derivative, TeF(OTeF\_5)\_3, is identified by the doublet pattern resulting from a directly bonded <sup>19</sup>F<sup>-125</sup>Te(IV) coupling and shows





Figure 4. <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) of a 3:2 mixture of TeF<sub>4</sub> and B(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF at 200 K, Te(IV) region (0.77 *m* Te(IV); 48 000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point):- (A) Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>; (B) TeF(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; (C) TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Peaks marked b and c denote  ${}^{2}J_{125}_{Te(IV)}$ - ${}^{125}_{Te(IV)}$ ;  ${}^{3}J_{19}_{F-125}_{Te(IV)}$  is resolved for TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

a further coupling to the equatorial fluorine atoms on Te(VI) of 40 Hz. This long-range coupling was not resolved for the other two TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> compounds here but has been reported<sup>11</sup> to be 31.8 Hz for Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>ClF. Long-range coupling of Te(IV) to the axial fluorine atom was not resolved for any of the compounds. The <sup>129</sup>Xe NMR spectra of XeOTeF<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>, XeF<sub>y</sub>-(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2-y</sub>, OXeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub>, XeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>XeF<sub>y</sub>-(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2-y</sub> (x = 0-4 and y = 0-2) similarly display fine structure resulting from <sup>129</sup>Xe coupling to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups only.<sup>2</sup> All of the peaks are broadened due to residual coupling to the axial fluorines on Te(VI) and/or possibly some residual ligand exchange.

Satellite peaks resulting from  $^{125}\text{Te}(IV)^{-125}\text{Te}(VI)$  couplings are observed for TeF(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (Table I).<sup>18</sup> Analogous two-bond  $^{129}\text{Xe}^{-125}\text{Te}$  couplings have been observed in the case of OTeF<sub>5</sub> derivatives of Xe(II), Xe(IV), and Xe(VI) and are similar in magnitude to those of the Te(IV) derivatives,<sup>2</sup> in accord with the similar magnetogyric ratios of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  and  $^{125}\text{Te}$ . The  $^{125}\text{Te}(IV)^{-125}\text{Te}(VI)$  coupling constant increases with increasing x in the compounds TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> (x = 0-2), consistent with an increase in the covalency of the Te–OTeF<sub>5</sub> bond. Since F is more electronegative than OTeF<sub>5</sub> and a Te–F bond is more ionic than a Te–OTeF<sub>5</sub> bond,<sup>11</sup> an increase in the number of Te(IV)–F bonds causes an increase in the covalency of the remaining Te–OTeF<sub>5</sub> bonds. As covalency increases, so does the

<sup>(18)</sup> The tetrakis derivative,  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ , is the only member of the Te(IV) series for which individual axial and equatorial OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups have been distinguished. Intramolecular exchange cannot be slowed sufficiently for the other species above the freezing point of the solvent, SO<sub>2</sub>ClF.



Figure 5. <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) of the TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> cation in SO<sub>2</sub> 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  $({}^{1}K_{MF})_{RC}$  Coupling Constants

species	J <sub>MF</sub> , Hz	$^{1}K_{\rm MF}$ , N A <sup>-2</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> × 10 <sup>21</sup>	$({}^{1}K_{\rm MF})_{\rm RC}, N$ A <sup>-2</sup> m <sup>3</sup> × 10 <sup>-43</sup>	ref
$SeF_3^+$	1202 <sup>e</sup>	5.579	5.885	f
TeF_3^+	2905 <sup>g</sup>	8.136	5.660	
SeF <sub>6</sub>	1421	6.596	6.958	38
TeF <sub>6</sub>	3736	10.463	7.279	11
HOSeF,	1300 <sup>k</sup>	6.034	6.365	39
HOTeF,	3577 <sup>k</sup>	10.018	6.970	6
$Xe(OSeF_5)_2$	1338 <sup>h</sup>	6.210	6.550	40
$Xe(OTeF_5)_2$	3600 <sup>h</sup>	10.082	7.014	40
F <sub>5</sub> SeOOSeF5	1431 <sup>k</sup>	6.641	7.005	40
F5TeOOTeF5	3830 <sup>k</sup>	10.727	7.463	40

<sup>a</sup>Observed scalar coupling constant. <sup>b</sup>Reduced coupling constant:  ${}^{n}K_{AB} = (4\pi^{2}/h\gamma_{A}\gamma_{B}){}^{n}J_{AB}$ , where h is Planck's constant,  $\gamma_{A}$  and  $\gamma_{B}$  are the magnetogyric ratios of the spin-coupled nuclei A and B and  ${}^{r}J_{AB}$  is the measured scalar coupling constant. Relativistically corrected re-duced coupling constant:  $({}^{n}K_{AB})_{RC} = ({}^{n}K_{AB}/S^{2}(0)_{A}S^{2}(0)_{B})$  where  $S^{2}$ .  $(0)_A$  and  $S^2(0)_B$  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.<sup>21</sup> <sup>d</sup> All couplings are absolute values. <sup>e</sup>Mean of 1201 and 1203 Hz observed in the  $^{19}$ F and  $^{77}$ Se spectra, respectively, of a 0.20 m solution of SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> in SO<sub>2</sub> at 200 K. <sup>1</sup>This work. <sup>8</sup>See Table I. <sup>h</sup>Coupling to equatorial fluorine atoms.

magnitude of the coupling. This same effect is observed in the long-range <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>125</sup>Te(IV) couplings noted above and in the homologous series of Xe(II), Xe(IV), and Xe(VI) mixed F/OTeF5 compounds.<sup>2</sup> A decrease in the directly bonded  ${}^{19}F^{-125}Te(IV)$ coupling from  $TeF_2(OTeF_5)_2$  to  $TeF(OTeF_5)_3$  (Table I) is also consistent with the above description; i.e., as more relatively electro-positive OTeF5 groups are added, the remaining Te(IV)-F

bonds become more ionic and  ${}^{1}J_{19F-123}_{\text{Te(IV)}}$  is reduced. SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> and TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> Cations. The  ${}^{19}$ F,  ${}^{77}$ Se, and  ${}^{125}$ Te NMR spectra of the SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> and TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> cations were recorded in SO<sub>2</sub> solution. An excess of Lewis acid  $(AsF_5)$  was used in the case of  $TeF_3^+$  in order to help reduce line broadening by suppression of fluoride exchange (Figure 5). The <sup>77</sup>Se-<sup>19</sup>F and <sup>125</sup>Te-<sup>19</sup>F coupling constants are compared with those of other selenium and tellurium fluorides in Table IV. The SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> coupling constant of 1202 Hz compares well with the value of 1213 Hz reported for the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of SeF<sub>4</sub>·BF<sub>3</sub> in HF.<sup>19</sup> Observed coupling constants involving different nuclei cannot be compared directly, but useful comparisons can be made by using reduced coupling constants,  $K_{AB}$ ,<sup>20</sup> which take into account the different magnetogyric ratios of the nuclides being compared. A relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant,  $(K_{AB})_{RC}$ , can be

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Figure 6. <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) for the reaction of Te(O-TeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> with excess AsF<sub>5</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>, Te(IV) region at 200 K (0.34 m Te(O-TeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>; 35 000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point): (A) TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>; (B) TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>. The inset shows the quintet resulting from coupling of Te(IV) to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the OTeF<sub>5</sub> group in  $TeF_2(OTeF_5)^+$ . Coupling to the axial fluorine atom is not resolved.



Figure 7. <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum (78.97 MHz) of an SO<sub>2</sub> solution of a 1:1 Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>/As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> mixture at 200 K, Te(IV) region (initial concentration 0.24 m in Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>; 30 000 scans; 6.1 Hz/point): (A) Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> with (a) satellites from <sup>125</sup>Te(IV)-<sup>125</sup>Te(VI) coupling; (B)  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ ; (x)  $TeF(OTeF_5)_2^+$  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.<sup>24</sup> 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(VI) and Te(VI) 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<sub>5</sub> species). These couplings are in fact very close in value, although  ${}^{1}(K_{Te-F})_{RC}$  is generally somewhat larger than  ${}^{1}(K_{Se-F})_{RC}$ . The relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant for SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, however, is somewhat larger than the same coupling for TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>. 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.<sup>25</sup> This NMR result may be fortuitous, however, since other terms may also contribute to spin-spin coupling.

 $[TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+$  Cations. Figure 6 depicts the Te(IV) region of the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum resulting from the reaction of Te- $(OTeF_5)_4$  with AsF<sub>5</sub>. Two distinct species were observed in the Te(IV) region. The TeF $_3$ <sup>+</sup> quartet appeared and was approximately equal in intensity to a triplet assigned to  $TeF_2(OTeF_5)^+$ .

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Clearly, AsF<sub>5</sub> behaves as a fluorinating agent as well as an OTeF<sub>5</sub> acceptor in this reaction. The directly bonded <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>125</sup>Te(IV) coupling in TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup> is somewhat less than that observed for TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (Table I). Each of the peaks of the TeF<sub>2</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup> triplet was further split into a quintet arising from the coupling of Te(IV) to the equatorial fluorine atoms of the OTeF<sub>5</sub> group (Figure 6). When less AsF<sub>5</sub> was allowed to react with Te(O-TeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, the TeF(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation was observed. The <sup>19</sup>F-<sup>125</sup>Te(IV) coupling constants follow the same trends described above for the TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> species (Table I). In addition, couplings of Te(VI) to both axial and equatorial fluorine atoms decrease steadily in the series Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, TeF(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, and TeF<sub>2</sub>-(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup> (Table I), consistent with stronger (more covalent) Te-OTeF<sub>5</sub> bonds being offset by weaker Te(VI)-F bonds.

A significant concentration of  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  was not observed in reactions of  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  with  $AsF_5$  but was produced when As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> was used as the OTeF<sub>5</sub> acceptor (Figure 7). The Raman spectrum of the solidified 1:1 melt  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ ·As(O- $TeF_5$ )<sub>5</sub> only revealed the original starting materials (see the Experimental Section and ref 10). When this melt was dissolved in SO<sub>2</sub>, however, it was clear from the NMR spectra that reaction did take place in solution. The room-temperature <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum of this solution consisted of a single broad resonance at 601 ppm in the Te(IV) region. When the spectrum was recorded at 200 K, two distinct resonances were visible. The resonance at 570 ppm corresponded to that observed for  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ in  $SO_2$  at this temperature (Table I). The remaining resonance, at 646 ppm, was in the same region as Te(IV) in the  $TeF_2$ - $(OTeF_5)^+$  and  $TeF(OTeF_5)_2^+$  cations, and the satellite peaks observed about the main resonance were consistent in intensity with coupling to three natural abundance Te atoms.<sup>26</sup> These observations indicate that this second resonance results from the  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  cation.

Three groups of resonances (doublets of quintets, characteristic of the  $OTeF_5$  group) were observed in the Te(VI) 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  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ , while the other component, at -162 ppm, was assigned to  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  on the basis of the similar exchange behavior observed in the Te(IV) region of the spectrum. The  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  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(VI) region at 295 K, the group centered at -165 ppm corresponds to As(O-TeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>, while the other, at -171 ppm, was assigned to As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (Table III). This anion was observed, along with <sup>75</sup>As-<sup>125</sup>Te coupling, in the <sup>75</sup>As NMR spectrum of the same solution at 295 K (see below). Clearly, the  $OTeF_5$  exchange is not between Te(IV) and As, which would result in equivalence of all of the  $OTeF_5$  groups and a single set of resonances in the Te(VI) region.

Although a 1:1 stoichiometry of  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  and  $As(OTeF_5)_5$ was used in the preparation, it was clear that a significant quantity of  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  remained unreacted and that the observed facile exchange of  $OTeF_5$  groups in solution was between  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ and  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$ . That is, the  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  initially formed in the reaction appears to compete as a ligand acceptor toward unreacted Te( $OTeF_5$ )<sub>4</sub>, thus preventing complete reaction of Te( $OTeF_5$ )<sub>4</sub> with As( $OTeF_5$ )<sub>5</sub>. Since <sup>125</sup>Te(IV)-<sup>125</sup>Te(VI) and  $^{125}$ Te(IV) $^{-19}$ F couplings are retained for samples of Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> alone in solution at 297 K, it would appear that Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> does not dissociate to  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  and  $OTeF_5^-$  ions at this temperature. The observed facile exchange of OTeF<sub>5</sub> groups between  $Te(OTeF_5)_3^+$  and  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$  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<sub>5</sub> bridges. The presumed lack of bridging in

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

Excess As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> was also observed in the Te(VI) region of the <sup>125</sup>Te NMR spectrum but was not observed in the <sup>75</sup>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(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub> similarly did not produce an observable <sup>75</sup>As signal. The line widths of <sup>75</sup>As resonances are discussed in more detail elsewhere.<sup>27,28</sup>

<sup>75</sup>As NMR Spectroscopy of the As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> Anion. Arsenic-75 has a spin of 3/2, 100% natural abundance, and a sensitivity of  $2.51 \times 10^{-2}$  relative to <sup>1</sup>H, which is similar to that of <sup>125</sup>Te. 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- $^{3}/_{2}$  <sup>75</sup>As nucleus ( $Q = 0.3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^{2}$ ), which tends to produce very broad lines owing to quadrupole relaxation. The <sup>75</sup>As NMR spectrum of the As( $OTeF_5$ )<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> anion in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution has been discussed elsewhere.<sup>26</sup> The <sup>75</sup>As 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 Pregosin<sup>27</sup> 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 <sup>75</sup>As-<sup>125</sup>Te 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 ± 40 Hz. In SO<sub>2</sub> solution,  $\delta \nu_{1/2}$  was 240 Hz and  ${}^2J_{75}_{As}{}^{-125}_{Te}$  was 430  $\pm$  40 Hz.<sup>28</sup>

The narrow <sup>75</sup>As resonances in both solvent media are consistent with an octahedral arrangement of OTEF<sub>5</sub> ligands, and the observed <sup>75</sup>As-<sup>125</sup>Te 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-(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>29</sup> and the two crystallographic forms of Te(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>10</sup> are octahedrally coordinated to the oxygen atoms of six OTEF<sub>5</sub> ligands, and all three central atoms lie on inversion centers in their respective structures so that the tellurium atoms of the OTEF<sub>5</sub> groups are octahedrally arranged about the central atoms as well. It therefore seems reasonable to suppose that the same arrangement is found in As(OTEF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>.

The relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant,  $({}^{1}K_{As-F})_{RC}$ , of As $F_{6}^{-}$  calculated from the observed scalar coupling constant of 930 Hz<sup>27</sup> is 6.38 × 10<sup>-43</sup> N A<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>3</sup>, in good agreement with the relativistically corrected reduced coupling constants of the isoelectronic SeF<sub>6</sub> and TeF<sub>6</sub> molecules (see Table IV). The two-bond  ${}^{75}As^{-125}$ Te and  ${}^{125}\text{Te}^{-125}$ Te scalar couplings of 430 and 1302 Hz in As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> and Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub>, respectively, (see Table III and ref 11) give comparable corrected reduced coupling constants (3.69 × 10<sup>-43</sup> and 3.16 × 10<sup>-43</sup> N A<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>3</sup>, respectively). The Sb(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> anion should have a scalar coupling constant,  ${}^{2}J_{^{121}Sb^{-125}Te}$ , of roughly 960 Hz if the relativistically corrected reduced coupling constant is considered to be approximately equal to ( ${}^{2}K_{As-Te}$ )<sub>RC</sub> of As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>.

# **Experimental Section**

Apparatus and Materials. Manipulations were carried out under anhydrous conditions on vacuum lines constructed of 316 stainless steel, nickel, Teflon, and FEP. All preparative work was carried out in 7 or 9 mm o.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  $TeO_2$  (British Drug House) and SF<sub>4</sub> (Matheson) according to the method described previously.<sup>10</sup> The ligand-transfer reagent, B(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, and HOTeF<sub>5</sub> were prepared as previously described by Sladky et al.<sup>30</sup> and Engelbrecht and Sladky.<sup>31</sup>

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Sulfurylchlorofluoride (Columbia Organic Chemicals) was purified as described previously.<sup>32</sup> Sulfur dioxide (Canadian Liquid Air) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (Caledon Laboratories) were dried over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> followed by vacuum distillation.

 $TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{4-x}$ . Tellurium tetrakis(pentafluoroorthotellurate) was prepared by the stoichiometric reaction of  $TeF_4$  with  $B(OTeF_5)_3$  as reported previously.<sup>10</sup> Mixed fluoride/pentafluoroorthotellurates were prepared by using half the stoichiometric amount of B(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> required for complete reaction to  $Te(OTeF_5)_4$ . In a typical reaction,  $TeF_4$  (0.5906 g, 2.901 mmol) was weighed into a glass vessel equipped with a Rotaflo valve, B(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1.405 g, 1.934 mmol) distilled onto the TeF<sub>4</sub>, 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.

 $[TeF_x(OTeF_5)_{3-x}]^+[AsF_y(OTeF_5)_{6-y}]^-$ . Mixed F/OTeF<sub>5</sub> derivatives of  $TeF_1^+AsF_6^-$  were prepared directly in 10-mm NMR tubes by the addition of AsF<sub>5</sub> to Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> or TeF<sub>x</sub>(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4-x</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub> solution. In a typical reaction AsF<sub>5</sub> (0.0692 g, 0.408 mmol) was distilled onto SO<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and  $Te(OTeF_{s})_4$  (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(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>.<sup>33</sup> The synthetic route employed here is analogous to that used for Te(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. In a typical reaction B(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (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 SO<sub>2</sub> (30 mL), into the reaction vessel containing  $B(OTeF_5)_3$ . 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  $As(OTeF_5)_5$  were deposited. The low-melting crystals were washed several times with cold (ca. -20  $^{\circ}$ C) SO<sub>2</sub>. Residual SO<sub>2</sub> was removed by freezing the other bulb of the vessel in liquid N2 for 1 h before flame sealing the bulb containing As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>. Mp: 36 °C. Raman spectrum (cm<sup>-1</sup>, values in parentheses denote intensities) at -196 °C: 760 (6), 722 (77), 690 (85), 679 (31), 670 (100), 658 (13), 554 (31), 535 (17), 519 (56), 486 (10), 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<sub>5</sub> as previously described.<sup>34</sup> 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(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> (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.

SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> and TeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>. A sample of SeF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> was prepared by oxidizing  $Se_4^{2+}(AsF_6^{-})_2^{35}$  with  $O_2^{+}AsF_6^{-36}$  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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 $Se_4^{2+}(AsF_6)_2 + 14O_2^+AsF_6^- \rightarrow 4SeF_3^+AsF_6^- + 14O_2 + 12AsF_5$  (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  $Se_4^{2+}(AsF_6^-)_2$  is only sparingly soluble in HF at room temperature, O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> is very soluble and reacts rapidly with the evolution of  $O_2$  gas, possibly according to eq 1. The resulting supernatant solution containing  $SeF_3^+AsF_6^-$  and a small amount of  $Se_4^{2+}(AsF_6)_2$  was cooled at -80 °C whereupon the  $Se_4^{2+}$ - $(AsF_6)_2$  remaining in solution precipitated. The cold supernatant was then decanted from the solid unreacted  $Se_4^{2+}(AsF_6^{-})_2$  into an FEP sidearm and evaporated and dried under vacuum. The resulting colorless sample of  $SeF_3^+AsF_6^-$  was transferred to a dry glass NMR tube and dissolved in 3.0 g of SO<sub>2</sub>.

An NMR sample containing  $TeF_3^+AsF_6^-$  (colorless) was prepared by condensing 3.0 g of SO<sub>2</sub> as solvent and excess AsF<sub>5</sub> (1.28 g, 7.51 mmol) onto TeF<sub>4</sub> (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 10-mm probe (broad-banded over the frequency range 23-103 MHz) tuned to 78.972 and 42.817 MHz to observe <sup>125</sup>Te and <sup>75</sup>As, respectively. Fluorine-19 spectra were obtained on the same probe by using the <sup>1</sup>H decoupler coils retuned to 235.361 MHz as the observation coils or with a 5-mm combination <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>19</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>F, 3000-30 000 scans being typical for <sup>125</sup>Te, and 60 000 scans being typical for <sup>75</sup>As. Pulse widths corresponding to bulk magnetization tip angles,  $\theta$ , of approximately 90° were 0.5 (<sup>19</sup>F), 20 (<sup>125</sup>Te), and 40  $\mu$ s (<sup>75</sup>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 CFCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>19</sup>F), saturated aqueous Te(OH)<sub>6</sub> (<sup>125</sup>Te),<sup>37</sup> and a saturated solution of NaAsF<sub>6</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (<sup>75</sup>As) 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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<sup>(33)</sup> The product reported previously by Lentz and Seppelt<sup>9</sup> has properties that differ substantially from our preparation. Not only are there considerable differences in the melting point and Raman spectra but the elemental analysis reported in the earlier work is at considerable variance with the calculated values. Our <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (Figure 3) clearly shows a well-resolved  $AB_4$  multiplet for As(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub> that is free of significant contamination and for which all transitions can be computer simulated.

<sup>(37)</sup> Conversions to chemical shifts (ppm) with respect to neat Me<sub>2</sub>Te at 24 °C are given by δ[Me<sub>2</sub>Te] = δ[Te(OH)<sub>6</sub>] + 710.9.