

Figure 4.—Variation in total energy (---), total overlap population (—), and overlap energy for *trans*-(NH₃)₂PtCl₂(C₂H₄) as a function of δ .

Recent photoelectron spectroscopic studies of similar complexes lend partial support to our results.¹³ The charge on the carbon atoms is estimated to be $-(0.4 \pm 0.1)$ for the olefinic carbon and $-(0.35 \pm 0.1)$ for the acetylenic carbon in $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$ and $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{Ph}_2)$, respectively. In comparison, population analyses determine a computed charge for the olefinic carbon of -0.20 to -0.45 (Löwdin) or -0.74 to -0.84 (Mulliken) and for the acetylenic carbon of -0.50 to -0.66 (Löwdin) or -1.05 to -1.23 (Mulliken) as the angles δ and ω are varied. Greater negative charge on the acetylenic carbon than on the ethylenic carbon seems more reasonable since acetylene is a better π acceptor than ethylene, and acetylenes also have a greater versatility for participating in the proposed synergic mechanism.^{4,5,11}

Since the structure of the molecule was kept rigid while the angle δ or ω was varied, the variation of overlap population with δ or ω may be attributed to population variations analogous to that of Blizzard and Santry.² Hence the population of certain orbitals definitely affects the equilibrium geometry for free or complexed acetylenes and olefins. From previous results^{4,5} and calculations by other methods² we are inclined to ascribe this phenomenon to population of

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an orbital which in a higher symmetry environment could be characterized as a π -antibonding orbital of the organic moiety.

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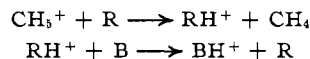
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The Proton Affinity of Borazine

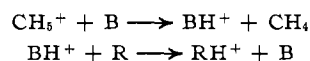
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Chemical ionization mass spectrometry is a relatively new technique that has been used to provide information on the proton affinities of molecules. To date this technique has been used almost exclusively for studies of organic molecules, but it should also be adaptable to inorganic systems. Borazine, an inorganic analog of benzene, has been the subject of many theoretical and experimental investigations. We recently reported results of a chemical ionization study of borazine that indicates that the proton affinity of this molecule was in excess of 7.7 eV.¹ More quantitative measurements of the proton affinity of borazine may be relevant to both its electronic structure and its chemical properties. To establish upper and lower boundaries on the proton affinity of borazine it is necessary to observe reactions in which protonated borazine is a proton donor and other reactions in which borazine is a proton acceptor. In order to study borazine by chemical ionization methods, it is essential that the carrier gases are chemically inert with respect to borazine. Since the choice of such gaseous reagents appears to be limited, we have devised a procedure involving the study of a three component gas mixture involving a small quantity of borazine (B), a small quantity of a second proton acceptor (R), and an excess of inert carrier gas. Since a large number of ions are produced in chemical ionization reactions when two hydrocarbons are present in a gas mixture, it is advantageous for purposes of establishing reaction sequences to use partially or totally deuterated compounds for one or two of the components. Two classes of reactions investigated were (1) reactions of a proton donor with borazine through the sequence



and (2) reactions of protonated borazine with a proton acceptor through the sequence



These reactions involve simple transfer of a proton between stable molecules and therefore no competing process is usually possible. Haney and Franklin² postulated that the nonoccurrence of reactions of this type is sufficient evidence of their endothermicity.

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TABLE I
 REACTION SEQUENCES INVOLVING BORAZINE AND PROTONATED BORAZINE

Reaction mixture	Reaction composition	Pressure range, mm	Reaction sequence	Pertinent observations	PA(H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃), kcal/mol
<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₁₀ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	210:1		C ₄ H ₉ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₄ ⁺	Occurs extensively	>148 ± 1 ^a or >173 ± 1 ^b
C ₂ H ₆ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	460:1		C ₂ H ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₄ ⁺	Occurs	>178 ± 0.02
CH ₄ - <i>c</i> -C ₃ D ₆ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	70:1.0:0.3	0.28-0.50	CH ₅ ⁺ + <i>c</i> -C ₃ D ₆ → C ₃ D ₆ H ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			CH ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₄ ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			C ₃ D ₆ H ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Probably occurs but competes with C ₆ D ₁₂ H ⁺	
			C ₆ D ₁₂ H ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Probably occurs	>167 ± 1 ^c or >186 ± 1 ^d
PH ₃ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	182:1	0.25-0.51	PH ₄ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₄ ⁺	Occurs	>186 ± 1 ^e
CD ₄ - <i>c</i> -C ₃ D ₆ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	146:1.0:2.8	0.56	CD ₅ ⁺ + <i>c</i> -C ₃ D ₆ → C ₃ D ₇ ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			CD ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺ + C ₃ D ₆ → C ₃ D ₆ H ⁺	Shows no reaction	>189 ± 1
CD ₄ -C ₃ H ₄ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	100:1.0:1.5	0.26-0.54	CD ₅ ⁺ + C ₃ H ₄ → C ₃ H ₄ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			CD ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺ + C ₃ H ₄ → C ₃ H ₅ ⁺	Shows no reaction	>183 ± 3 ^f
CD ₄ -2-C ₄ H ₆ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	111:0.8:1.0	0.2-0.6	CD ₅ ⁺ + C ₄ H ₆ → C ₄ H ₆ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			CD ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺ + C ₄ H ₆ → C ₄ H ₇ ⁺	Shows no reaction	>198 ± 2 ^g
CD ₄ -NH ₃ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃	103:1.0:0.7	0.32-0.51	CD ₅ ⁺ + NH ₃ → NH ₃ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			CD ₅ ⁺ + H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ → H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	Occurs extensively	
			H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺ + NH ₃ → NH ₄ ⁺	Observed	<207 ± 3 ^h

^a Calculated using values for heats of formation of *n*-butyl ion and 1-C₄H₉. ^b Calculated using thermochemical data for *sec*-butyl ion and *trans*-2-C₄H₉ (most stable straight-chain species). ^c Calculated using thermochemical data for cyclohexane and *n*-C₆H₁₃⁺ ion. ^d Calculated using thermochemical data for 1-C₆H₁₃ and *n*-C₆H₁₃⁺ ion. ^e Value from M. A. Haney and J. L. Franklin, *J. Phys. Chem.*, **73**, 4330 (1969). ^f The heat of formation of the allyl cation was determined by using the ionization potential of the allyl radical and its heat of formation ($\Delta H_f(\text{allyl, g}) = 40.6 \pm 1$ kcal/mol): D. M. Golden, A. S. Rogers, and S. W. Benson, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **88**, 3196 (1966). ^g Calculated using thermochemical data for *n*-C₄H₇⁺ and 2-butyne. ^h Value from M. A. Haney and J. L. Franklin, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **50**, 2028 (1969); data in last column unless otherwise noted taken from J. L. Franklin, J. G. Dillard, H. M. Rosenstock, J. T. Heron, K. Draxl, and F. H. Field, *Nat. Stand. Ref. Data Ser., Nat. Bur. Stand.*, No. 26 (1969).

Experimental Section

The chemical ionization source used in these experiments was designed according to the description given by Field and Munson.³ The ion box with inner dimensions of 0.438 × 0.438 in. contained a 0.002 × 0.313 in. entrance slit for the electron beam from the filament compartment and a 0.002 × 0.344 in. exit slit for the ion beam. The gas entered the source through a small stainless steel tube brazed onto the ion box. This was connected by a piece of flexible Teflon tubing to a glass inlet tube. The filament housing was external to the ion box and open to the vacuum system. The source was equipped with a repeller to maintain a field strength of 11.6 V cm⁻¹. The electron bombardment energy was maintained at 100 V and the positive ion acceleration potential was held at 3000 V. This source was found to be superior to the one described earlier.¹ Primary ions CH₃⁺ and CH₄⁺ from methane were completely consumed by chemical ionization reaction at a source pressure of 0.24 mm.

Gas mixtures were prepared by adding an excess of CH₄ to a bulb containing a small quantity of borazine and R, whose pressures had been measured on a silicone oil manometer. Borazine was prepared from *B*-trichloroborazine by the procedure of Hohnstedt and Haworth.⁴ Methane, ethane, butane, cyclopropane-*d*₆, methane-*d*₄, allene, ammonia, and 2-butyne were obtained from commercial sources.

Results

Experimental observations of chemical ionization studies of several reaction mixtures containing borazine are summarized in Table I. Some of the more pertinent observations will be discussed briefly.

CH₄-*c*-C₃D₆-H₃B₃N₃H₃ and CD₄-*c*-C₃D₆-H₃B₃N₃H₃.— These mixtures were selected to provide a source of C₃D₆H⁺ or C₃D₇⁺ which could serve as D⁺ donors to borazine. In the CH₄-*c*-C₃D₆-H₃B₃N₃H₃ system C₃D₆H⁺ is formed in the reaction CH₅⁺ + C₃D₆ → C₃D₆H⁺ + CH₄. Chemical ionization spectra of a mixture of three components and a blank of only CH₄ and C₃D₆ are shown in Table II. At high source pressures B₃N₃H₆D⁺ and B₃N₃H₇⁺ are the major ion species. The species C₆D₁₂H⁺ is also observed in moderately high concentration. It was difficult quantitatively to separate the possible effect of D⁺ transfer from C₆D₁₂H⁺ to borazine from that due to D⁺ transfer from C₃D₆H⁺ to borazine. The most significant observation in the CD₄-*c*-C₃D₆-H₃B₃N₃H₃ system is that neither B₃N₃H₆D⁺ nor B₃N₃H₇⁺ is an effective protonating agent for *c*-C₃D₆. The species B₃N₃H₇⁺ probably arises by transfer of a proton from B₃N₃H₆D⁺

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TABLE II
CHEMICAL IONIZATION MASS SPECTRAL DATA
FOR A METHANE-CYCLOPROPANE-BORAZINE SYSTEM

CH ₄ -c-C ₃ D ₆ -H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ ^a		CH ₄ -c-C ₃ D ₆ ^b	
Ion	I _i /I _t ^c	Ion	I _i /I _t
CH ₅ ⁺	2.85	CH ₅ ⁺	2.35
C ₂ H ₅ ⁺	5.69	C ₂ H ₅ ⁺	4.70
C ₃ D ₆ H ⁺	29.19	C ₃ D ₆ H ⁺	37.92
C ₃ D ₇ ⁺	3.24	C ₃ D ₇ ⁺	5.70
H ₂ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ ⁺	4.50	C ₆ D ₁₂ H ⁺	12.08
H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ ⁺	0.30	C ₆ D ₁₃ ⁺	2.01
H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₄ ⁺	13.30	Σ(residual hydro-carbon ions)	35.23
H ₃ B ₃ N ₃ H ₃ D ⁺	7.75		
C ₆ D ₁₂ H ⁺	4.10		
C ₆ D ₁₃ ⁺	0.93		
Σ(residual hydro-carbon ions)	27.71		

^a CH₄:c-C₃D₆:H₃B₃N₃H₃ = 70:1.0:0.3, P_s = 0.5 mm.

^b CH₄:c-C₃D₆ = 70:1.0, P_s = 0.51 mm. ^c Normalized intensities are given in percentages.

and/or B₃N₃H₅⁺ to borazine. Protonation of C₃D₆ should be observed in the rise in relative intensity of C₃D₆H⁺. The data in Table III indicate that H⁺ trans-

TABLE III
CHEMICAL IONIZATION MASS SPECTRAL DATA
FOR THREE-COMPONENT MIXTURES CONTAINING BORAZINE

CD ₄ -c-C ₃ D ₆ -B ^a					
P _s , mm	I _{C₃D₇⁺/I_t^b}	I _{C₃D₆H⁺/I_t}	(I _{BD} ⁺ + I _{BH} ⁺)/I _t	I _{C₃D₆H⁺/I_{C₃D₇⁺ (sample)}}	I _{C₃D₆H⁺/I_{C₃D₇⁺ (blank^c)}}
0.41	4.62	0.56	78.3	0.121	
0.50					0.140
0.56	2.47	0.29	90.0	0.117	0.154
CD ₄ -C ₃ H ₄ -B					
P _s , mm	I _{C₃H₄D⁺/I_t}	I _{C₃H₅⁺/I_t}	(I _{BD} ⁺ + I _{BH} ⁺)/I _t	I _{C₃H₅⁺/I_{C₃H₄D⁺ (sample)}}	I _{C₃H₅⁺/I_{C₃H₄D⁺ (blank)}}
0.26	8.50	0.45	36.6	0.053	0.053
0.40	4.46	0.44	66.6	0.099	
0.45					0.112
0.54	2.83	0.32	79.8	0.113	
0.55					0.129
CD ₄ -NH ₃ -B					
P _s , mm	I _{NH₃D⁺/I_t}	I _{NH₄⁺/I_t}	(I _{BD} ⁺ + I _{BH} ⁺)/I _t	I _{NH₄⁺/I_{NH₃D⁺ (sample)}}	I _{NH₄⁺/I_{NH₃D⁺ (blank)}}
0.32	22.3	9.0	13.2	0.404	0.290
0.51	30.7	34.7	13.4	1.13	0.736

^a Compositions for CD₄-R-B mixtures are the same as in Table I. ^b Normalized intensities I_i/I_t are given in percentages. ^c Blank mixtures have same relative CD₄-R composition as the corresponding borazine mixture.

fer to C₃D₆ is imperceptible at source pressures of 0.56 mm.

CD₄-C₃H₄-H₃B₃N₃H₃.—In this system B₃N₃H₆D⁺ and B₃N₃H₇⁺ increase with source pressure and constitute about 80% of the total intensity at a pressure of 0.54 mm. The most significant observation is that allene is a weaker base than borazine since the relative ion intensity of C₃H₅⁺ which could arise by protonation of C₃H₄ from B₃N₃H₇⁺ or from B₃N₃H₆D⁺ is not increased at the highest source pressures.

PH₃-H₃B₃N₃H₃-NH₃.—In this system PH₄⁺ is the predominant species formed by reaction of the primary ions with PH₃. The effect of increase in source pressure on PH₄⁺ and B₃N₃H₇⁺ is illustrated in Figure 1. The initial rate of decrease in PH₄⁺ is approximately balanced by the rate of increase in B₃N₃H₇⁺. At higher source pressures NH₄⁺ appears but this is prob-

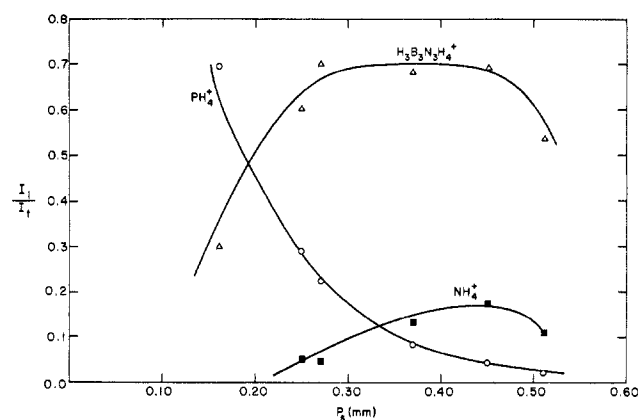


Figure 1.—Effect of source pressure on the relative intensity of the ions produced by chemical ionization of the system of phosphine, borazine, and ammonia of composition 182:1.0:trace.

ably due to proton transfer from B₃N₃H₇⁺ to NH₃ (see subsequent discussion). At the highest source pressures B₃N₃H₇⁺ and NH₄⁺ decrease due to further reactions leading to secondary ions (not shown in Figure 1). Assuming that the reaction PH₄⁺ + B₃N₃H₆ → PH₃ + B₃N₃H₇⁺ is approaching equilibrium at high source pressures, we note that the K_{eq}(apparent) > 2.5 × 10⁸ at the source temperature (375°K). This indicates that borazine is clearly a stronger base than phosphine.

CD₄-C₃H₆ (2-butyne)-H₃B₃N₃H₃.—Chemical ionization data for this system are summarized in Table IV. It

TABLE IV
CHEMICAL IONIZATION MASS SPECTRAL DATA FOR A
MIXTURE CONTAINING CD₄, 2-BUTYNE, AND BORAZINE^a

P _s	I _{C₄H₇⁺/I_t}	I _{C₄H₆D⁺/I_t}	(I _{BD} ⁺ + I _{BH} ⁺)/I _t	I _{C₄H₇⁺/I_{C₄H₆D⁺}}
0.2	0.87	6.93	26.21	0.126
0.38	0.55	7.75	55.86	0.071
0.42	0.63	7.74	57.51	0.081
0.55	0.54	5.66	58.26	0.095
0.60	0.59	4.69	71.43	0.126

^a Composition 111:0.8:1.0.

is to be noted that the low intensity of C₄H₇⁺ is insensitive to a relatively large increase in the ion intensities of H₃B₃N₃H₄⁺ and H₃B₃N₃H₃D⁺ indicating that these ions do not transfer protons to C₄H₆.

CD₄-NH₃-H₃B₃N₃H₃.—In this system the major fraction of ion intensity is due to NH₃D⁺ and NH₄⁺. The relative intensities of B₃N₃H₇⁺ are very low at high source pressures. Evidence that NH₃ is protonated by B₃N₃H₇⁺ and B₃N₃H₆D⁺ is noted by the increase in the NH₄⁺:NH₃D⁺ ratio over that due to transfer of a proton from NH₃D⁺ to NH₃ (note results of blank).

Discussion

The accumulation of information on reaction sequences involving borazine as a proton acceptor and the protonated form as a proton donor (Table I) indicates that the proton affinity of borazine is greater than the proton affinity of phosphine, cyclopropane, allene, and 2-butyne but less than the proton affinity (PA) of NH₃. (PA(NH₃) = 207 ± 3 kcal/mol^{5,6}.) The boundary

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based on 2-butyne appears to be reliable since the thermochemical data for $C_4H_7^+$ are based upon a consistent set of measurements.⁷⁻⁹ Using 198 ± 2 kcal/mol for the proton affinity of 2-butyne, we can establish limits on the proton affinity of borazine or PA (borazine) = 203 ± 7 kcal/mol. Thus borazine should be considered as a relatively strong base. It is a stronger base than benzene ($PA(C_6H_6) = 183 \pm 3$ kcal/mol).² It seems probable that under selected conditions the cation $B_3N_3H_7^+$ may be stabilized for further investigations.

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A Raman Study of the Hydrolysis of the Hexafluoroantimonate(1 -) Ion

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Effects of ionic solutes on water structure were examined in a recent Raman spectral investigation.¹ In that work it was necessary to establish the nature of the prominent anionic species present. In the case of sodium hexafluoroantimonate, it was not certain that SbF_6^- ions were present at all. Rate of hydrolysis studies² suggested that $SbF_5(OH)^-$ and $SbF_4(OH)_2^-$ ions would predominate in aqueous solution. Further, the behavior of the OH and OD stretching band contours in $NaSbF_6$ solutions¹ was significantly different from that expected if SbF_6^- were the predominant anionic species. In order to clarify the nature of the anionic species in aqueous solutions of $NaSbF_6$, Raman spectra of solid $NaSbF_6$, of $NaSbF_6$ in H_2O , and of $NaSbF_6$ in aqueous HF were obtained and are reported here.

Experimental Section

Samples of $NaSbF_6$ (98%) were obtained in polyethylene bottles from Alpha Inorganics, Inc., Beverly, Mass. Analyses of ultrafiltered aqueous solutions yielded Na:Sb:F = 1.0:1.0: (6.0 \pm 0.1). Analyses for sodium and antimony were accomplished by atomic absorption spectrometry. Fluorine was determined as CaF_2 after rigorous alkaline hydrolysis.

Raman cells made of Pyrex and silica were found to be totally unsuitable for use with aqueous solutions and with solutions containing excess HF because of severe etching. Polished Raman cells fabricated from ingots of aluminum metaphosphate were used, and they were found to be ideal for the present work. Aluminum metaphosphate is colorless and it strongly resists attack even from 48% HF.³

Samples of solid polycrystalline $NaSbF_6$ were sealed in dry melting point tubes made of glass. No attack of the glass was noted, and Raman lines ascribable to $NaSbF_6$ only (and not to glass) were observed. In addition, the infrared spectrum from solid $NaSbF_6$ was recorded, because conflicting infrared data in-

volving the ν_4 fundamental of SbF_6^- had been reported previously.⁴⁻⁶

Finely ground crystalline $NaSbF_6$ was examined in pellets of CsI and of KBr. Nujol mulls as well as a dispersion in a thin polyethylene film were also examined. The Christiansen effect was serious for the CsI and KBr pellets, but it was virtually eliminated by carefully grinding the $NaSbF_6$ with the other dispersants. The infrared spectra were then recorded with Beckman IR-11 and -12 instruments. The frequency error limits, 1.5 cm^{-1} , were determined mainly by absorption bandwidths.

The Raman spectra were obtained by use of a Carson Laboratories argon ion laser,⁷ a Jarrell-Ash Model 25-100 double monochromator, and a noise-squaring photodetection system.⁸ Polarization measurements were accomplished by use of a Polaroid sheet analyzer (HN 38), with a quartz wedge scrambler in front of the entrance slit. The optically filtered and focused beam (4880 Å, 400 mW) was passed once through the Raman cell. Scanning rates of 20 $cm^{-1} min^{-1}$ were employed with spectral slit widths of 3.0 cm^{-1} or less and time constants of 1.5 or 2.0 sec. The dark count rate of the EMI 6256 photomultiplier tube employed was 15 sec^{-1} at -20° . The Raman displacements are accurate to $\pm 2 cm^{-1}$ for sharp lines and to $\pm 5 cm^{-1}$ for broad lines.

Results and Discussion

Raman and infrared spectra from dry polycrystalline $NaSbF_6$ are shown in Figure 1. Frequencies (and intensities) corresponding to Raman intensity maxima and to the infrared absorption maximum, shown in the inset, are listed and compared with corresponding values reported for $LiSbF_6$ ⁴ and $KSbF_6$ ^{5,6,9} in Table I. The

TABLE I
 FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCIES (cm^{-1}) OF THE SbF_6^- ION^a

No.	Species	$NaSbF_6^c$	$LiSbF_6^d$	$KSbF_6^e$
1	a_{1g}	669 (10)	668 (10)	661 (vs)
2	e_g	579 (2)	570 ^b (2)	575 (s)
3	f_{1u}	672 (vs)	669 (s)	655 (vs)
4	f_{1u}	289 (s)	350 (m) (?)	284 (s) ^e
5	f_{2g}	278 (5)	294 (4)	278 (m)
				294 (m)

^a All spectra refer to the crystalline solid. Integrated intensities in this work are listed on a scale of 10 ($\pm 20\%$) for Raman spectra, and qualitative infrared intensities are listed in the usual way. ^b A misprint seems to be present in the data of Table I in ref 4. Figure 2 in ref 4 suggests that 570 cm^{-1} would be a more appropriate frequency value for ν_2 in $LiSbF_6$. ^c This work. ^d Reference 4. ^e References 5 and 6.

principal frequency discrepancies evident from Table I involve the $\nu_4(F_{1u})$ fundamental. Hence, the other active fundamental is not included in Figure 1.

Raman spectra from aqueous solutions of $NaSbF_6$ and from aqueous solutions of $NaSbF_6$ containing excess HF are shown in Figure 2 and the data are listed in Table II.

Spectra from Solid $NaSbF_6$.—The Raman spectrum from solid $NaSbF_6$ (Figure 1) shows the three sharp lines expected for the SbF_6^- ion (O_h point group). Site symmetry splittings are absent in contrast to the case of $KSbF_6$ where ν_5 is split into two bands.⁴⁻⁶ (The spectrum was obtained with a spectral slit width of 2 cm^{-1} .)

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