the data for the M(III) states show considerably more scatter than that for M(IV) systems. The slopes of the  $\chi_{opt}$  vs. q plots are 0.313 (9.4 kK) and 0.165 unit (4.95 kK) which, as for the two 3d oxidation states,<sup>5</sup> are consistent with their interpretation<sup>34</sup> as (E - A) (see Figure 2). We have moreover previously drawn attention<sup>5,6</sup> to the

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strong correlation which exists between optical electronegativity and the nephelauxetic ratio, and the theoretical basis for this.<sup>14</sup> A similar trend also occurs in the 4d series, as shown in Figure 3, and the data are thus consistent with the earlier results and the interpretation suggested.<sup>5,6,14</sup>

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# Raman Spectra of Fluoro Fluorosulfuryl Peroxide and Trifluoromethyl Fluorosulfuryl Peroxide

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The liquid-phase Raman spectra of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F are reported in the region 2000-0 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The infrared spectra are also reinvestigated in the region 2000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the gaseous compounds. Vibrational analyses are made for both molecules based on a description of the normal modes of vibration by the characteristic group vibrations. The O-O stretching vibrations are observed at 890 and 863 cm<sup>-1</sup> for FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F, respectively.

### Introduction

The thorough study of the vibrational spectrum of  $CF_3OOCF_3$  by Durig and Wertz<sup>2a</sup> has shown that Raman spectroscopy is a powerful tool in elucidating the O-O stretching frequency and thus the identification of the peroxy linkage in peroxides. While the O-O stretching vibration often gives rise to a weak absorption band in the infrared spectrum, it is usually the most intense band and is highly polarized in the Raman spectrum.

Relatively few inorganic peroxides are known and many of these have not been characterized spectroscopically. While hydrogen peroxide has been examined in detail, extensive vibrational spectral studies are limited to the symmetrical fluorinated peroxides CF<sub>3</sub>OOCF<sub>3</sub>,<sup>2 a</sup> FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F,<sup>2 b</sup> and FOOF.<sup>3</sup> The O-O stretching frequency has been identified by Fox, et al.,<sup>4</sup> in a number of fluorinated peroxides, by Christe in a vibrational study of dimethyl peroxides,<sup>5</sup> by Aubke and coworkers in a study of the vibrational spectra of bis(fluorosulfuryl) peroxide,<sup>2b</sup> and by us in a vibrational study of bis(pentafluorosulfur) peroxide and fluorosulfuryl pentafluorosulfur peroxide.<sup>6</sup> Virtually no spectroscopic or structural information is available for the mixed, nonsymmetrical derivatives of these peroxides.

This study reports the Raman spectra of the unsymmetrical fluorinated peroxides FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F. Only brief reports of their gaseous infrared spectra in the sodium chloride region have appeared.<sup>7,8</sup> A comparison of the two

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related molecules has provided a basis for detailed vibrational analyses.

#### **Experimental Section**

Fluoro fluorosulfuryl peroxide was prepared by the reaction of  $OF_2$  and  $SO_3$  (Allied Chemical Co.)<sup>7</sup> and purified by trap-to-trap distillation. Trifluoromethyl fluorosulfuryl peroxide was prepared by the reaction of CsOCF<sub>3</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>.<sup>9</sup> S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub> was synthesized by catalytic fluorination of SO<sub>3</sub>,<sup>10</sup> while CsOCF<sub>3</sub> was prepared by the reaction of CsF and COF<sub>2</sub> in the presence of acetonitrile.<sup>11</sup> Fractionation of the products yielded large amounts of CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F, contaminated with unreacted  $S_2O_6F_2$ . The purification of  $CF_3OOSO_2F$  was accomplished by the addition of elemental iodine, which converted the  $S_2O_6F_2$  to the nonvolatile  $I(OSO_2F)_3$ , followed by trap-to-trap distillation.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 457 grating spectrometer using a 10-cm gas cell fitted with potassium bromide cell windows (Harshaw Chemicals).

The Raman spectra were measured with a Jarrell Ash 25-300 Raman spectrometer using a Spectra-Physics 250 helium-neon laser for excitation at 6328 A. The scattered radiation was detected at right angles to the incident beam (transverse viewing axial excitation) by means of a thermoelectrically cooled S-20 photomultiplier tube and photon counting system. Both  $FOOSO_2F$  (bp 0°) and  $CF_3$ :  $OOSO_2F$  (bp 12°) were contained as liquids in 5-mm o.d. "optically flat" Pyrex cells at room temperature.

The spectrometer was calibrated from helium-neon plasma emission lines, and the accuracy is estimated to be  $\pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Depolarization measurements were made by turning the direction of the electric vector of the incident light through  $90^{\circ}$  by means of a 45° rotation of a half-wave plate. Intensity values were obtained by measuring the area under the peaks.

#### Results

The Raman spectra of  $FOOSO_2F$  and  $CF_3OOSO_2F$  as obtained under instrumental conditions of low sensitivity are shown in Figure 1. The observed frequencies, relative intensities, and depolarization ratios are tabulated in Tables I and II for  $FOOSO_2F$  and  $CF_3OOSO_2F$ , respectively. The gas-phase infrared spectra are given for the region 2000-400  $cm^{-1}$  and were found to be in excellent agreement with the

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	Raman (liquid)			Infrared	(gas)	
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	cy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	tensity	ρ	cy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	sity	Assignment
	1550	1				0,
	1496	6	0.67	1500	S	$SO_2$ stretch, $\nu_1$
	1269	42	0.06			$SO_2F_2$
	1250	100	0.04	1252	s	$SO_2$ stretch, $v_2$
				895	w, sh	510 + 392
	890	59	0.08	885	w, sh	O-O stretch, $\nu_3$
	880 sh	37	0.12			SO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>
	855 sh	31				SO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>
	850	51	0.10	855	S	S-F stretch, $\nu_4$
	782	44	0.09	780	w-m	S-O stretch, $\nu_5$
	738	36	0.05			O-F stretch, $\nu_6$
	720	27	0.10	720	<b>S</b>	$SO_2$ rock, $\nu_{\gamma}$
	595	4		590	w-m	$SO_2$ bend, $\nu_8$
	548	19	0.56	545	w-m	$SO_2$ rock, $\nu_9$
	510	12	0.66	510	w-m	SF wag, $\nu_{10}$
	478	13	0.34			SF wag, $\nu_{11}$
	470	8	0.32∮			
	392	36	0.42			$SO_2F$ torsion, $\nu_{12}$
	324	27	0.33			
	308	66	0.30 \$			SOO bend, $v_{13}$
	253	19	0.30 l			FOO bend, $\nu_{14}$
	242 sh	10	0.32 \$			
	125	30	0.62			FO-O torsion, $v_{1s}$

<sup>a</sup> sh = shoulder, w = weak, m = medium, s = strong, br = broad,  $\rho = depolarization ratio.$ 

previous reports for the sodium chloride region.<sup>7,8</sup> Assignments of the observed frequencies to the normal vibrational modes are also presented in Tables I and II.

Vibrational Assignments. The molecular structures of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F are unknown, and their reaction chemistry is relatively unexplored. Nevertheless, both peroxides are likely to have nonplanar configurations similar to hydrogen peroxide with the  $SO_2F$  and the F or  $CF_3$  groups adjacent to the peroxy linkage in staggered positions. This has been the case for the symmetrical peroxides FOOF,<sup>12</sup> CF<sub>3</sub>OOCF<sub>3</sub>,<sup>2a</sup> and FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F.<sup>2b</sup> Thus, both FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F will possess no symmetry elements and belong to the point group  $C_1$ . For this case, all normal modes of vibration are both infrared and Raman active, and all lines are polarized in the Raman effect. This is observed.

The normal modes of vibration are approximated for each molecule by the characteristic group vibrations. The molecules are discussed separately for convenience.

1.  $FOOSO_2F$ . The 15 vibrational modes of  $FOOSO_2F$  can be roughly described as nine SO<sub>2</sub>F vibrations; O-F, O-O, and S-O stretching vibrations; SOO and FOO deformations, and a torsional oscillation about the FO-O bond.

Characteristic of covalent sulfuryl compounds<sup>13</sup> are the bands at 1496 and 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which are assigned to the SO<sub>2</sub> asymmetric and symmetric stretches. Other bands are seen also in this region at 1269 and 1550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These are due to  $SO_2F_2$  and  $O_2$ , respectively, which arise from the partial decomposition of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F according to

 $FOOSO_2F \rightarrow SO_2F_2 + O_2$ 

The presence of molecular oxygen in the sample is seen more clearly in Figure 2. Since FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F has been reported to be thermally stable to  $50^{\circ}$ ,<sup>14</sup> the decomposition of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F must be produced by interaction of the sample with the laser beam. Two shoulder bands at 880 and 855 cm<sup>-1</sup> are also attributed to  $SO_2F_2$ .

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Figure 1. The Raman spectra of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F (1600-0 cm<sup>-1</sup>): spectral slit width, 5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; time constant, 0.5 sec; scan speed, 50 cm<sup>-1</sup>/min; photon counting range,  $5 \times 10^3$  cps (FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F) and  $2 \times 10^3$  cps (CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F).



Figure 2. The Raman spectra of FOOSO, F in the region 1600-1400 cm<sup>-1</sup>: spectral slit width, 7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; time constant, 0.5 sec; scan speed, 50 cm<sup>-1</sup>/min; photon counting range,  $1 \times 10^3$  cps.

Five bands in the region,  $900-700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , are observed at 890, 850, 782, 738, and 720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The assignment of the first three bands is relatively easy. The strongest band in this region at 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>, but which occurs in the infrared as a weak band, is assigned to the O-O stretch. Bands at 850 and 782 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to the S-F and S-O stretches, respectively, and are similar to those observed for  $FOSO_2F$ .<sup>2b</sup> The assignment of the two remaining bands at 738 and 720 cm<sup>-1</sup> to the O-F stretch and one of the SO<sub>2</sub> rocks, respectively, is tentative. While the O-F stretching vibration is normally observed at much higher frequencies, e.g., 880 cm<sup>-1</sup> in FOSO<sub>2</sub>F,<sup>2b</sup> it has been assigned to a strong band at 755 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the infrared spectrum of FOOCF<sub>3</sub>.<sup>15</sup> The assignment of one of the  $SO_2$  rocks at 720 cm<sup>-1</sup> also receives some justification from the reported vibrational analysis of  $S_2 \tilde{O}_5 F_2$ ,<sup>16</sup> where a band seen in both the infrared and Raman at 733  $cm^{-1}$  is assigned to an SO<sub>2</sub> rock. For the case of S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, the observation of an SO<sub>2</sub> rock at relatively high frequencies results from the coupling of the two  $SO_2F$  groups. It seems reasonable that the vibrations of FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F are also coupled.

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Table II.	Raman and	Infrared Spectra	of CF	300SO	<sub>2</sub> F <sup>α</sup>
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Raman	(liquid)		Infrared (gas)		
Frequen- cy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Rel in- tensity	ρ	Frequen- cy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Inten- sity	Assignment
1930	5				COF,
1494	7	0.65	1490	\$	$SO_2$ stretch, $\nu_1$
1385	1				
1300	1		1300	8	CF <sub>3</sub> stretch, $\nu_2$
1262	22	0.08	1260 sh		$SO_{2}F_{2} + CF_{3}$ stretch, $b \nu_{3}$
1250	67	0.11	1250 br	8	SO <sub>2</sub> stretch, $\nu_A$
1190	1		1190	\$	$CF_3$ stretch, $\nu_s$
1002	4				
929	34	0.48	928	m	CO stretch, $\nu_{6}$
885	19	0.07			SO <sub>2</sub> F,
863	100	0.09			O-O stretch, $\nu_{\tau}$
848	62	0.04	853	8	SF stretch, $\nu_8$
800	30	0.09	803	m-s	SO stretch, $\nu_{s}$
690 sh	11	0.12			SO <sub>2</sub> rock, $\nu_{10}$
680	16	0.13	680	m	CF <sub>3</sub> deformation, $\nu_{11}$
625 sh	2				CF <sub>3</sub> deformation, $\nu_{12}$
605	4	0.29	602	w-m	$SO_2$ bend, $\nu_{13}$
562	10	0.71	565	w-m	$CF_3$ deformation, $\nu_{14}$
532	15	0.65	532	w-m	$SO_2$ rock, $v_{15}$
518	11	0.60	518	w-m	SF wag, $\nu_{16}$
428	6	0.05		а. С	$CF_3 rock, \nu_{17}$
390	8	0.56			$SO_2F$ torsion, $\nu_{18}$
365	8	0.33			SF wag, $\nu_{19}$
322	52	0.40			SOO bend, $\nu_{20}$
285	7	0.29			$CF_{3}$ rock, $\nu_{21}$
268	11	0.25 \$			
226	25	0.29			O-O torsion, $\nu_{22}$
210	29	0.29			COO bend, $\nu_{23}$
190	7	0.40 }			Impurity?
180 sh	3	0.33			
Not observed					$CF_3$ torsion, $\nu_{24}$

<sup>a</sup> sh = shoulder, w = weak, m = medium, s = strong, br = broad,  $\rho$  = depolarization ratio. <sup>b</sup> SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> impurity in the Raman only; CF<sub>3</sub> stretch in both ir and Raman.

For example, there is likely to be coupling between the O-F and O-O stretches.

Assignments for the remaining  $SO_2F$  vibrations are made by analogy to be reported spectra of related molecules containing the fluorosulfate group.<sup>2b,6,16-19</sup> These are as follows:  $SO_2$  bend at 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $SO_2$  rock at 548 cm<sup>-1</sup>, SF wags at 510 and 478 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and  $SO_2F$  torsion at 392 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The SOO bend is assigned to the relatively strong band at  $308 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in analogy with a similar assignment of the SOO bend at  $307 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in  $S_2O_6F_2$ .<sup>2</sup> The FOO bending and the FO-O torsion vibrations are assigned to the bands at 253 and 125 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. These compare favorably to the assignments of the S-O-F deformation and the S-OF torsional modes in FOSO<sub>2</sub>F.<sup>2b</sup>

The assignment of the 15 normal modes of vibration for FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F is summarized in Table I using the  $\nu_n$  symbolism. The cause for the splittings of  $\nu_{11}$ ,  $\nu_{13}$ , and  $\nu_{14}$  is uncertain.

2.  $CF_3OOSO_2F$ . The Raman spectrum of  $CF_3OOSO_2F$ shows considerable similarity to the spectrum of  $FOOSO_2F$ . The 24 normal modes of vibration are best approximated in terms of the following group vibrations: nine  $SO_2F$  vibrations; nine  $CF_3$  vibrations; C-O, O-O, and S-O stretching vibrations; COO and SOO deformations; and a torsional oscillation about the O-O bond.

Prior to the measurement of the Raman spectrum, the sample of  $CF_3OOSO_2F$  showed no bands in the infrared spectrum attributable to impurities. However, bands in the Raman appear at 1930 cm<sup>-1</sup> (COF<sub>2</sub>) and at 1262 and 885

 $cm^{-1}$  (SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>) as a result of the decomposition of CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F in the laser beam which proceeds in a manner analogous to FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F

 $CF_3OOSO_2F \rightarrow COF_2 + SO_2F_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$ 

The CF<sub>3</sub> vibrations are most easily assigned since considerable information is available on vibrational spectra of molecules containing the CF<sub>3</sub> moiety.<sup>2a,20-22</sup> The three CF<sub>3</sub> stretching vibrations seen as very weak bands in the Raman are assigned to strong bands in the infrared at 1300, 1260, and 1190 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The three CF<sub>3</sub> deformations are observed at the frequencies 680, 625, and 562 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The assignment of the two CF<sub>3</sub> rocking modes is less certain. A comparison with the vibrational spectra of CF<sub>3</sub>OOCF<sub>3</sub><sup>2a</sup> and CF<sub>3</sub>OOOCF<sub>3</sub><sup>20</sup> suggests the assignment of the CF<sub>3</sub> rocking modes to a weak absorption band at 428 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a band split at 285 and 268 cm<sup>-1</sup>. As no bands are seen below 180 cm<sup>-1</sup>, an assignment for the CF<sub>3</sub> torsional mode, expected to occur at frequencies below 100 cm<sup>-1,2a</sup> cannot be made.

The nine  $SO_2F$  vibrations in  $CF_3OOSO_2F$ , observed at frequencies very close to  $FOOSO_2F$ , are assigned as follows:  $SO_2$  stretches at 1494 and 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>, SF stretch at 848 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $SO_2$  rocks at 690 and 532 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $SO_2$  bend at 605 cm<sup>-1</sup>, SF wags at 518 and 365 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and the  $SO_2F$  torsion at 390 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

It now remains to assign the COOS skeletal vibrations. The CO and SO stretches are seen at 929 and 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The strongest band in the Raman spectrum

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at 863 cm<sup>-1</sup> which is highly polarized ( $\rho = 0.09$ ), but is unobserved in the infrared, is clearly the O-O stretching vibration. Thus, the O-O stretching frequency in CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F lies between that of CF<sub>3</sub>OOCF<sub>3</sub> at 886 cm<sup>-1 2a</sup> and FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F at 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2b</sup> The characteristic absorption band due to the SOO bending vibration is seen at 322 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The assignment of the COO bending and O-O torsional modes is difficult due to the unexpected number of bands below 250 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The two strongest bands at 226 and 210 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to the torsion and COO bending modes, respectively. The weaker bands at 190 and 180 cm<sup>-1</sup> may be due to impurities, but no certain explanation can be suggested.

## Discussion

Fluoro fluorosulfuryl peroxide, FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F, is formally derived from the symmetrical peroxides FOOF and FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F. The O-O bond is FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F is rather easily cleaved to form fluorosulfate radicals,<sup>23-25</sup> and the O-O stretching frequency is found at 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2b</sup> In contrast, the O-O bond in O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> is much stronger as a result of  $[\pi^*-p] \sigma$  bonding<sup>26</sup> and the O-O stretching frequency is observed at 1306 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The reactions of O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> undoubtedly involve the breaking of O-F bonds,<sup>27-29</sup> as a result of the O-O bond energy being much greater than the OF bond energy ( $\Delta H_{\text{diss}} = 103.5 \ vs. 18 \ \text{kcal/mol}$ ).<sup>30</sup>

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The chemistry of  $FOOSO_2F$  has not been well investigated. While esr studies show that  $FSO_2$  and  $\cdot OOF$  radicals are formed on photolysis of  $FOOSO_2F$ , <sup>31</sup> the mass spectrum indicates that the O-O bond, not the S-O bond, is more easily ruptured.<sup>2a</sup> The chemistry of  $CF_3OOSO_2F$  remains to be elucidated.

The O-O stretching frequencies for FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and  $CF_3OOSO_2F$  fall in the region 850-900 cm<sup>-1</sup> suggesting, coupling of the O-O stretch with other normal modes not withstanding, that the O-O bond energies are similar to that of hydrogen peroxide. While the O-O bonds are expected to be stronger than the O-O bond in  $FSO_2OOSO_2F$ , the O-O bond dissociation energies are probably much lower than that for  $O_2F_2$ . These conclusions are in agreement with the <sup>19</sup>F nmr chemical shifts reported for FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F and  $O_2F_2$  at -292 ppm<sup>7,27</sup> and <-800 ppm,<sup>32</sup> respectively (relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>). The abnormally low O-O stretching frequencies observed for  $SF_5OOSF_5$  and  $SF_5OOSO_2F$  are attributed to extensive vibrational coupling rather than the existence of weak O-O bonds.<sup>6</sup> Some O-O stretching frequencies as determined by Raman studies and given for comparison are: FOOF, 1306 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>33</sup> HOOH, 880 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>34</sup> DOOD, 880 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>34</sup> CF<sub>3</sub>OOCF<sub>3</sub>, 886 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>2a</sup> CF<sub>3</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F, 863 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FOOSO<sub>2</sub>F, 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FSO<sub>2</sub>OOSO<sub>2</sub>F, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>2b</sup>  $SF_5OOSF_5$ , 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^6SF_5OOSO_2F$ , 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $^6$ 

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# Synthesis and Characterization of Oxotetrafluorotellurate(IV) and Dioxodifluorotellurate(IV) Compounds

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The synthesis and characterization by X-ray powder photography and Raman and infrared spectroscopy of  $M_2$ TeOF<sub>4</sub> and  $M_2$ TeO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> compounds are described. The  $M_2$ TeOF<sub>4</sub> compounds are shown to be isomorphous with  $M_2$ SbF<sub>5</sub> compounds. The unit cells of  $M_2$ TeOF<sub>4</sub> compounds are shown to be nearly the same as those of the comparable  $M_2$ SbF<sub>5</sub> compounds indicating that the anion volumes are very similar. The vibrational spectra of the  $M_2$ TeOF<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup> compounds show evidence of oxygen bridging. The infrared and Raman spectra are shown to be consistent with a  $C_{4v}$  TeOF<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup> ion and a  $C_{2v}$ TeO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup> ion with oxygens in equatorial positions. Attempted preparations of  $M_2$ TeF<sub>6</sub> and MTeO<sub>2</sub>F compounds are described.

### Introduction

Tellurium normally exhibits a higher coordination number than sulfur and selenium and this is reflected in the compounds of these elements in their highest oxidation state. The six valent oxy acids of S and Se are four-coordinate while that of Te is six-coordinate. The hexafluorides of S and Se show poor acceptor properties while  $\text{TeF}_6$  forms adducts which may contain the  $\text{TeF}_7^-$  and  $\text{TeF}_8^{-2^-}$  ions.<sup>1</sup> The stable oxyfluoro anions are SO<sub>3</sub>F<sup>-</sup>, SeO<sub>3</sub>F<sup>-</sup>,<sup>2</sup> and

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