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Iodine-Oxygen Compounds. 2.¹ Iodosyl and Iodyl Fluorosulfates **and Trifluoromethanesulfonates**

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The synthesis of the new iodosyl compounds $IOSO₃F$ and $IOSO₃CF₃$ and the iodyl compound $IO₂SO₃CF₃$ is reported. Raman and infrared spectra for these and the related compounds I_2O_4 and $(IO)_2SO_4$ are recorded. The polymeric nature of the sulfate derivatives is partly caused by bidentate bridging SO_3F- and SO_3CF_3- groups and partly by polymeric (IO)_n chains for IOSO₃F as evidenced by the occurrence of iodine-oxygen stretching modes as low as $600-650$ cm⁻¹. For the trifluoromethanesulfonates IOSO₃CF₃ and IO₂SO₃CF₃ the iodine-oxygen stretching modes are found at 850 cm⁻¹, more consistent with the presence of discrete $IO-$ and $IO₂-$ groups in these compounds.

(A) Introduction

Only a rather limited number of iodosyl $(IO-)$ or iodyl $(IO₂-)$ derivatives of inorganic acids have been synthesized and characterized. Interest has revolved primarily around the IO and $IO₂$ derivatives of sulfuric or polysulfuric acids,² where the earliest reports date well back into the last century.³ However of the derivatives of monobasic, substituted sulfuric acids only iodyl fluorosulfate, $IO₂SO₃F₁⁴$ is known. A compound of the formula IOSO_3F has been postulated⁵ as a reaction product in the controlled hydrolysis of $I(SO_3F)_3$ dissolved in $HSO₃F$; however, this compound was apparently never isolated, analyzed, or characterized.

Since the recently reported trifluoromethanesulfonates of iodine⁶ exhibited some formal and structural similarities to the corresponding fluorosulfates, we became interested in extending this comparison to the iodine-oxygen derivatives, provided suitable synthetic routes could be found and structural information could be gained.

Reliable structural information on IO and $IO₂$ derivatives was found to be rather scarce, even when the discussion was extended to the oxides I_2O_4 and I_2O_5 , which may be regarded iodoso and iodoxo compounds of the general type ArIO and ArIO₂. Up to date crystal structures have been reported for studies are reported for $IO_2SO_3F^{10}$ and I_2O_5 .¹¹ For I_2O_4 ,¹² $(IO)_2SO_4$,¹² and $(IO)_2SeO_4$ ¹² only poorly resolved infrared spectra are reported. Some iodine-oxygen force constant calculations for a number of aromatic derivatives are also reported,¹³ where the IO and $IO₂$ groups are treated as nonassociated groups. For I₂O₄ an iodine-129 Mossbauer implications. Because iodine-oxygen compounds are generally excellent Raman scatterers, it was hoped that well-resolved spectra would allow reasonable structural insights into this group of compounds. as iodosyl and iodyl iodate, respectively, and the aromatic and guard tubes filled with P_4O_{10} . The solid reaction products were $(IO)_2SO_4$,⁷ I_2O_5 ,⁸ and p-CIC₆H₆IO₂.⁹ Detailed vibrational study was reported recently¹⁴ with interesting structural intense or own-green color. Lodosyl trifluoromethanesulfonate was
obtained by filtration and repeated washing, first with HSO3CF3 and

(B) Experimental Section

(I) Chemicals. Resublimed iodine (Fisher Chemical Co.) and "iodine pentoxide" (BDH) (which in agreement with published observations⁸ was found to be very pure anhydroiodic acid, HI_3O_8)

were used in this study. Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (3M Co.) was purified by a reduced-pressure distillation from 100% H_2SO_4 (Baker and Adamson). Technical grade HS03F (Baker and Adamson) was purified by double distillation at atmospheric pressure.

Literature methods were used for the preparation of I_2O_4 , I_2O_5 , I_3 $(IO)_2SO_4$,¹² C_6H_5IO ,^{15a} $C_6H_5IO_2$,^{15a} and $S_2O_6F_2$,^{15b}

(11) **Instrumentation.** Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 457 grating spectrophotometer. Silver chloride, silver bromide, and KRS-5 windows (all from Harshaw Chemicals) were used without any mulling agent. Gaseous samples were contained in a Monel infrared cell, fitted with a Whitey Iks4 valve and AgCl windows.

Raman spectra on the solid samples were obtained with a Cary 81 spectrometer, equipped with a Model 125 He-Ne gas laser (Spectra Physics Gorp.), The 6328-A wavelength line was used as exciting light. The samples were contained in 5-mm o.d. Pyrex tubes with flat bottoms.

All manipulations of solid materials were carried out in a Vacuum Atmospheres Corp. "Dri-Lab", Model No. HE-43-2, filled with purified dry nitrogen and equipped with "Dri-Train", Model No. HE-93B.

(III) Synthetic Reactions. (a) General Work. The prepartions of IOSO3CF3, 102S03CF3, and IOSO3F were performed in 50-ml round-bottom flasks fitted with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars filtered with precautions taken to exclude moisture. A suitable apparatus was described by Shriver.16

All reactions involving $S_2O_6F_2$ were carried out in the same manner as in the preparation of $\overline{IO}_2SO_3F^4$ using identical reactors and transfer techniques.

(b) Individual Preparations. IOSO₃CF₃. In a typical reaction 0.683 mmol of H_3O_8 and 1.20 mmol of I_2 were allowed to react in approximately 20 g of HSO₃CF₃ for 50 h at room temperature. A finely powdered yellow precipitate had formed but the solution showed an intense brown-green color. Iodosyl trifluoromethanesulfonate was later with SO₂Cl₂. The moderately hygroscopic yellow material melted
with decomposition at 235–240 °C. Instead of HI₃O₈ either HIO₃ or I_2O_5 may be used as starting material.

The preparation of $IOSO₃F$ was accomplished in a completely analogous fashion. The hygroscopic yellow material has a decomposition point of 178 °C.

 $IO₂SO₃CF₃$. In a typical preparation 874 mg (0.993 mmol) of HI_3O_8 and about 20 g of HSO₃CF₃ are stirred for \sim 7 days at room temperature. After filtration and washing with $HSO₃CF₃$, iodyl

trifluoromethanesulfonate was obtained as a white, hygroscopic solid, decomposing at \sim 300-305 °C. Again HI₃O₈ may be substituted by either $HIO₃$ or $I₂O₅$.

In all reactions of IOSO_3F , IOSO_3CF_3 , or I_2O_4 with S_2O_6F_2 , the last compound was used in a 5-10-fold excess. The final products were isolated by removing all volatile material by distillation from the reaction mixture.

(IV) Analysis. Chemical analysis was performed by Alfred Bemhardt Microanalytical Laboratories, Elbach, West Germany, for the elements sulfur, iodine, and fluorine. The data for $IOSO₃F$, $IOSO₃CF₃$ and $IO₂SO₃CF₃$ are listed in Table I together with the calculated values.

(C) Results and Discussion

(I) Synthesis. A very simple and convenient synthetic route to the iodosyl derivatives $IOSO₃F$ and $IOSO₃CF₃$ was found in the interaction of I_2 with HI_3O_8 in the corresponding acid¹⁷ according to

$$
HI_3O_8 + I_2 + 8HSO_3X \xrightarrow{25^{\circ}C} 5IOSO_3X + 3H_3O^+ + 3SO_3X^-
$$
 (1)

with $X = F$ or CF_3 . This method had previously been used in the synthesis of $(IO)_2SO_4^{2a,12,17}$ and $(IO)_2SeO_4^{2a,12}$

The iodosyl sulfates are obtained as yellow, moderately hygroscopic precipitates. In order to avoid any formation of iodyl derivatives as by-products (see below), a very slight excess of iodine was used. Consequently, depending on the mole ratio of I_2 to HI₃O₈, solvated polycations of iodine¹⁸ such as I_5^+ , I_3 ⁺, and I_2 ⁺ are formed and impart intense brown or bluegreen colors to the solution.

The occurrence of these deeply colored ions during the formation of both $IOSO₃F$ and $IOSO₃CF₃$ indicates that the iodine polycations may be reaction intermediates. It was therefore not surprising that we were unable to extend this synthetic route to other monobasic protonic acids such as $HSO₃CH₃$, $HCO₂CF₃$, or $HPO₂F₂$. All three are weaker acids than $HSO₃F$ or $HSO₃CF₃$ and not even the least electrophilic cations I_5^+ and I_3^+ could be generated. Dissolution of solid I_3SO_3F in any of the acids results in the immediate formation of molecular iodine.

The controlled hydrolysis of $I(SO_3F)_3^5$ or $I(SO_3CF_3)_3$ in their respective acid solution or suspension was also attempted. The formation of $I_2^+(solv)$ was noted together with yellow precipitates, which were heavily contaminated by $IO₂SO₃F$ and $IO₂SO₃CF₃$, respectively.

The synthesis of the latter compound is readily accomplished by the action of $HSO₃CF₃$ on either iodic or anhydroiodic acid according to

$$
HIO3 + 2HSO3CF \rightarrow IO2SO3CF3 + H3O+ + SO3CF3
$$
 (2)

or

$$
HI_3O_8 + 5HSO_3CF_3 \rightarrow 3IO_2SO_3CF_3 + 2H_3O^+ + 2SO_3CF_3^-
$$
 (3)

It appears that trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, which is known to form a well-defined, stable monohydrate, 19 acts as a rather efficient dehydrating agent, provided the acid is used in a large excess.

Iodyl fluorosulfate, IO_2SO_3F , originally obtained from I_2O_5 and $S_2O_6F_2^4$

$$
I_1O_5 + S_2O_6F_2 \xrightarrow{25\text{°C}} 2IO_2SO_3F + \frac{1}{2}O_2
$$
 (4)

Figure **1.** Raman spectrum of **IO,SO,CF,** from 1500 to 150 **cm-'** .

may also be obtained by two additional routes, i.e.

$$
IOSO3F + S2O6F2 \xrightarrow{25^{\circ}C} IO2SO3F + S2O5F2
$$
\n(5)
\n
$$
I2O4 + 2S2O6F2 \xrightarrow{25^{\circ}C} 2IO2SO3F + S2O5F2 + 1/2O2
$$
\n(6)

$$
I_2O_4 + 2S_2O_6F_2 \xrightarrow{25^{\circ}C} 2IO_2SO_3F + S_2O_3F_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2
$$
 (6)

It is interesting to note that reactions **4** and *6* have formal analogues in the interaction of peroxydisulfuryl difluoride with the nitrogen oxides N_2O_4 and $N_2O_5.^{20}$

The oxidation of $IOSO₃CF₃$ with $S₂O₆F₂$ does not yield the expected $IO_2SO_3CF_3$ but a rather impure IO_2SO_3F in addition to volatile $\overline{\text{CF}}_3\text{SO}_3\overline{\text{F}}$. The ability of $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$ to cleave the S-C bond has been observed recently.²¹

(11) Vibrational Spectra. Like most iodine-oxygen compounds, the iodosyl and iodyl compounds gave very wellresolved Raman spectra and, in most cases, reasonable infrared spectra as well. (The Raman spectrum of $IO_2SO_3CF_3$ is shown in Figure 1.) The assignment of these spectra is however rather difficult for the following reasons.

(a) Similar to $IO₂SO₃F$, the new iodine-oxygen sulfates appear to be polymers. This is consistent with their high melting or decomposition points and their insolubility in their parent acids. The polymeric character of the compounds may be due either to bridging by the oxyacid group or to the formation of -1-0-1- chains as first postulated by Dasent and Waddington.¹² The recently reported structure of $(IO)_2SO_4^7$ provides an example of the occurrence of both types of association in the same molecule. The effect of such association is illustrated well in the Raman spectrum of $IO_2SO_3F^{10}$ where even nondegenerate modes of both the IO_2 and the SO_3F group are split into two or even three components. In addition bands down to about **50** cm-' are sometimes observed, allowing often no clear distinction between internal and external (lattice) modes.

(b) As best exemplified by the structure of I_2O_5 ⁸ a relatively simple structure, two IO₂ groups $(r_{I-O} = 1.77-1.83 \text{ Å})$ linked by an oxygen atom $(r_{I-O-I} = 1.92 - 1.95 \text{ Å})$, is found. In addition to these bonding interactions a number of both interand intramolecular contacts between iodine and oxygen are observed $(r_{I...O} = 2.23-3.25$ Å). These contacts, all shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii (3.65 **A),** contribute appreciably to the polymeric nature of the compound and will further complicate the vibrational spectrum. Any detailed structural prediction beyond the molecular contours produced by bonding interactions will be quite impossible. This point is best illustrated by the attempts of Turner and Sherwood¹¹ on the vibrational assignment of I_2O_5 .

(c) One of the peculiar features of iodine-oxygen compounds is the Occurrence of iodine-oxygen stretching frequencies over a rather wide range. The upper limit is found at \sim 925 cm⁻¹ for the oxyfluorides $IOF₅²²$ and $IO₂F₃²³$ with the lower limit

Table II. Vibrational Spectra (cm⁻¹) of IOSO_3F and $\text{IO}_2\text{SO}_3F^2$

^a Key for this and other tables: vw, very weak; w, weak; m, medium; s, strong; vs, very strong; sh, shoulder; b, broad; wag, wagging; asym, asymmetric; sym, symmetric; bend, bending; str, stretching; def, deformation. T 10.

Table **III.** Vibrational Spectra (cm⁻¹) of IOSO_3CF_3 and $\text{IO}_2\text{SO}_3\text{CF}_3$

	$IOSO,CF, \rightarrow$		IO, SO, CF,	Approx		IOSO ₃ CF ₃	IO, SO, CF,		Approx
Raman	Iг	Raman	Ir	description	Raman	Ir	Raman	Ir	description
	1420 w		1424 w		634 s	640 s	645 m	640 s	$IO, *$ asym stretch
1395 m	1394 ms	1326 ms	1332s		624 ms	625 w, sh	628 w	630 m , sh	$SO3$ def
1284 ms	1338 w 1280 ms			$S=O$ str	587 s 560 w	585 m, sh 550 s	589 ms 578 m	600 s $578 \text{ m}, \text{sh}$	CF ₃ asym bend
$1242 \text{ m}, \text{ sh}$	$1240 \text{ m}, \text{sh}$	1233 ms	$1225 \; m, sh$	CF_3 sym str	535 w, sh		540 s	542s	SO ₃ bend
1224 ms	1210 s	$1221 \; m, sh$	1210 s	$CF3$ asym str	529s	528s	522 ms	520 m	$CF3$ sym bend
1133s	1140 s	1125 s	1125 s	SO_2^* asym str	453 rs	455 w			
1040 w, sh	1018s	975 w	1035 w			415 m		395s	
1025 s 969 ms	970 m	941 s	938 s	$\left\{\n \begin{array}{l}\n 1035 \text{ w} \\ 1965 \text{ m}, \text{ sh}\n \end{array}\n \right\}$ $\left\{\n \begin{array}{l}\n 50_2 \text{*} \text{ sym str}\n \end{array}\n \right\}$	380 ms 360 m	375 m 350 m	$367 \text{ w}, \text{sh}$ 345s	360 ms 340 m	
		849 ms	860 vs	$IO2$ asym str	355 m	320 w , sh	328 ms	320 w, sh	
883 vs 865 w	885 s 860s			IO str	329 m 316 m 290 vs.	311 m	290 m 258 ms 235 vs.		Various unassigned def and lattice modes
		823 vw	830 vs.	$IO2$ sym str	248 ms		217 m w		
779 s	775 ms	774 ms	778 m	S-C str	155 vw		190 vs.		
662s	670 m , sh 655 m, sh	678s	680 w, sh	$\left\{\right.10_{2}*\text{sym str}\right.$			163 m 115 ws		

given by $(IO)_{2}SO_{4}$ and the corresponding selenate¹² where $\nu(\text{IO-})$ bands are found as low as 553 cm⁻¹. Generally, iodine-oxygen stretching modes extend over the whole range in between. No clear subdivision into iodine-oxygen double or single bonds seems possible. E.g., the vibrational assignment for HOIO_2^{24} (see Table V) may serve as a good illustration. The symmetric and asymmetric **I02** bands are found at 713 and 780 cm⁻¹, respectively, with ν (I-OH) at 631 cm⁻¹.

Many of the general problems discussed here arise from the polymeric nature of the compounds. They could be avoided by either Raman studies on solutions or vibrational investigations of matrix-isolated molecules, but the lack of a suitable solvent and the involatility of the sulfates present serious drawbacks in the application of these techniques.

The vibrational frequencies of the solid sulfates are listed in Tables **I1** and **I11** together with a tentative assignment primarily in the stretching frequency range. To simplify the proposed assignment, we have labeled oxygen atoms involved in bridging between **I** and **S** with an asterisk. The following points of interest emerge.

The number of observed bands in particular in the lower frequency range **is** indicative of polymeric compounds. Any discrepancies between observed Raman and infrared band positions is not very significant and may be caused by the relatively broad ir bands. As mentioned in the Experimental Section, no suitable mulling agent could be found for these compounds.

IOSO₃F has, in the SO₃ stretching region, bands at \sim 1350, \sim 1150, and 1000 cm⁻¹, some split into two or three components. Whereas the first two bands occur in a region characteristic for a bridging bidentate group, as, e.g., in IO₂SO₃F,¹⁰ and in various tin and organotin fluorosulfates,²⁵ the third band is found at a slightly lower frequency, usually observed for monodentate **SO3F** groups as, e.g., in [Sn- $(SO_3F)_6]^{2-26}$ The most likely explanation is the presence of an unsymmetrical or "anisobidentate"²⁷ bridge as shown in **I.** Such a feature is certainly not unexpected in the structural

chemistry of iodine-oxygen compounds.

Table IV. Raman and Infrared Spectra $(cm⁻¹)$ of $(IO)₂SO₄$

Raman	Арргох description	Infrared	Raman	Approx description
1300 vw 1180(2) 1142(4) 1080(10) 1042(16) 925(0.3) 852 (0.2) 830 (0.8) 653 (28) 630 (8) 586 (4) 545 (2) 496 (32) 430 (90) 410 (100)	2×653 $\nu_{3} (SO_{4})$ $\nu_1(SO_4)$ $430 + 496$ 2×430 2×410 or $410 + 430$ $\nu(\text{IO})_\text{sym}$ $\nu(\text{IO})_{\text{asym}}$ $v_a(SO_4)$ $\nu(\text{IO})_{\text{asym}}$ $\nu(\mathrm{IO^*})_{\mathrm{sym}}$	1050 s, v b 632 s, b 582. 550 s 420 m	360(2) 287(4) 232(2) 211(14) 180 (10) 115(3)	Def and lattice modes

The highest band assignable to an iodine-oxygen stretch is found at \sim 650 cm⁻¹, indicative of strong I-O-I-O \cdots association as found for $(IO)_2SO_4$.⁷ The rather intense bands in the iodine-oxygen stretching region $(650-550 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ do not permit an assignment of the $SO₃F$ deformation modes expected in this region.

Quite in contrast to this observation, IOSO_3CF_3 has a strong band at 870 cm^{-1} , which can only be assigned as an I-O stretching mode. One can only speculate that the rather bulky $SO₃CF₃$ groups prevent any effective association of IO groups. The SO_3CF_3 bands here and for $IO_2SO_3CF_3$ are best attributed to a bidentate bridging group in analogy to some tin²⁵ and titanium compounds.²⁸ They are found in comparable positions for both compounds. The 1-0 stretching modes for $IO₂SO₃CF₃$ indicate, as is the case for $IO₂SO₃F$, discrete $IO₂$ groups without extensive association.

The vibrational spectra for $(IO)_2SO_4$ are listed in Table IV. Here the reported molecular structure⁷ helps in the interpretation and allows a more detailed assignment. Infinite IO chains are linked to tetradentate SO_4 groups, which retain T_d symmetry. The environment around iodine, as shown in 11,

is almost planar with two sets of 1-0 distances, labeled 1-0 and I-O^{*}. The resulting four I-O stretching vibrations are assigned to the most intense bands in the spectrum.

Three of the four SO_4 fundamentals are detected, the remaining one, v_2 , is presumed to be obscured by the iodineoxygen stretching modes. The band positions differ only slightly from those for sulfate ions.²⁹ The most noticeable difference is a shift of the v_1 and v_3 components to higher frequencies by about $30-40$ cm⁻¹. The frequencies listed in the infrared spectrum extend to 420 cm^{-1} and agree well with the reports by Dasent and Waddington.¹² The rather broad unresolved bands illustrate the enormous advantage Raman spectroscopy offers.

A similar structure with polymeric $(IO)_n$ chains had been proposed for $I_2O_4^{12}$ on the basis of rather poor infrared spectra. The Raman spectrum, listed in Table V, is not consistent with such a postulation because strong bands, assignable to iodine-oxygen stretching modes, extend to about 550 cm^{-1} only but are very prominent in the 700-800-cm⁻¹ region. In addition, remarkable similarity to the Raman spectrum for $HOIO₂²⁴$ is found and assignment of the compound as $OIOIO₂$ is indeed plausible. It should be however clearly understood

a Reference 24. *b* Vibrations due to the OH group are omitted here. c As proposed in ref 24. d Asterisk denotes the bridging oxygen.

that association via inter- and intramolecular iodine-oxygen contacts, as found for I_2O_5 ,⁸ is a definite possibility. Such association can explain the complexity observed for the Raman spectrum and the occurrence of bands down to $\sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The proposed structure, similar to the one found for I_2O_5 , has been previously postulated by Grushko et al.¹⁴ on the basis of ¹²⁹I Mossbauer spectra and an orbital population analysis based on the Mossbauer data.

Finally the aromatic derivatives C_6H_5IO and $C_6H_5IO_2$ were investigated. The Raman spectra, not reported here in detail, show $\nu(\text{IO})$ at 720–748 cm⁻¹ for the former and $\nu(\text{IO}_2)$ at \sim 720 and \sim 760 cm⁻¹ for the latter. All bands were split into two or three components indicating some association.

(D) Summary

As can be seen from Tables 11-V, iodine-oxygen stretching frequencies for the compounds discussed here extend over a rather wide range from 900 to about 550 cm^{-1} . When comparison is made to $\nu(\text{IO})$ for gaseous IOF_5 ²² this fact and the complicated spectra encountered may be taken as indications for varying degrees of inter- or even intramolecular iodine-oxygen-iodine association in the solid state.

The extent of this association seems to be greatest for the iodosyl derivatives $IOSO_3F$, $(IO)_2SO_4$, and also $(10)_2$ SeO₄¹²—not discussed here in detail. Here well-defined $(IO)_n$ chains are formed, with oxygen approximately equidistant between two iodine atoms, as has **been** shown by x-ray diffraction for $(IO)_{2}SO_{4}$.⁷ Further association to the oxyacid group is relatively weak judging from the rather low position of $\nu(I-O-S^*)$ at \sim 450 cm⁻¹.

In contrast, for $IOSO₃CF₃$ and the $IO₂$ derivatives discrete IO- or IO γ - groups are found as indicated by the high iodine-oxygen stretching frequencies. Any \cdots I-O \cdots I-O \cdots association seems rather weak, but strong bonding to the oxyacid group results in high $\nu(I-O*-S)$ frequencies. As vibrational

spectra indicate, bidentate, presumably bridging groups are found for the SO_3F and SO_3CF_3 groups with SO_4 in $(IO)_2SO_4$ acting as a tetradentate bridging group.7

Even though Raman spectroscopy was found to afford well-resolved spectra, the complexity observed and the reported molecular structures^{$7-9$} indicate a complicated bonding situation. Not only simple ionic models such as $IO_2^+IO_3^-$ for I_2O_5 or $(IO^+)_n(IO_3^-)_n^{12}$ for I_2O_4 but also conventional views on molecular geometry, coordination number, covalent bonding, and van der Waals interaction are insufficient to describe the complex solid structures encountered in this group of compounds. It is hoped that more definitive x-ray data will become available on the iodine-oxygen derivatives of oxyacids.

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A Fluorine- 19 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Raman Spectroscopic Investigation of the Structure of Iodine Dioxide Trifluoride

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 IO_2F_3 has been studied by ¹⁹F NMR and Raman spectroscopy in the liquid state and at low temperature in perfluoro-(methyl)cyclohexane and bromine pentafluoride solutions. It is concluded that IO_2F_3 exists as a cyclic trimer with cis-oxygen bridges, in the boat conformation, the $I=O$ bonds being perpendicular to the plane containing the bridging bonds.

Introduction

The synthesis of iodine dioxide trifluoride was first reported by Engelbrecht and Peterfy,^{1,2} who concluded from the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the melt that it consisted of a mixture of C_{2v} and C_s isomers of a trigonal-bipyramidal IO_2F_3 molecule. Beattie and Van Schalkwyk,³ however, obtained a simpler AX_2 NMR spectrum for the melt and they also found that vapor density measurements indicated polymerization in the vapor phase. On the basis of this evidence Beattie and Van Schalkwyk proposed that $IO₂F₃$ is a cis-oxygen-bridged polymer based on the two possible structural units **A** and B

and that there is an equilibrium between monomers and polymers in the gas, liquid, and solution phases. They observed a splitting of the X_2 doublet of the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of I02F3 in **perfluoro(methy1)cyclohexane** solution at low temperature which they considered to be supporting evidence

for a monomer-polymer equilibrium. More recently Engelbrecht and co-workers⁴ have reported that their original sample of IO_2F_3 was contaminated with $HOIOF_4$ and that a pure sample gave a spectrum similar to that reported by Beattie and Van Schalkwyk.³ Engelbrecht and his co-workers⁴ also reported the mass spectrum of $IO₂F₃$ which shows the presence of dimeric and trimeric species in the gas phase and suggested that $IO₂F₃$ is polymeric with a low degree of polymerization $(n \leq 4)$.

We have also studied the structure and properties of IO_2F_3 and in this paper we report the Raman spectrum of solid IO_2F_3 its solution in BrF_5 and perfluoro(methyl)cyclohexane. Where our work overlaps with that of Beattie and Van Schalkwyk,³ it agrees reasonably well with theirs but the results of our more extensive investigation lead us to somewhat different conclusions. and the Raman and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of molten IO_2F_3 and

Results and Discussion

¹⁹F NMR Spectra. A freshly prepared solution of IO_2F_3 in perfluoro(methyl)cyclohexane at -36 °C gave a simple AX_2 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (Table I). The peaks of the X_2 doublet