

Tetrachloro- and Tetrabromostibonium(V) Cations: Raman and ^{19}F , ^{121}Sb , and ^{123}Sb NMR Spectroscopic Characterization and X-ray Crystal Structures of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$

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The stable salts, $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, have been prepared by oxidation of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ with Cl_2 and Br_2 , respectively. The SbBr_4^+ cation is reported for the first time and is only the second example of a tetrahalostibonium(V) cation. The SbCl_4^+ cation had been previously characterized as the $\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^+$, Sb_2Cl_7^+ , and $\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_{0.5}\text{F}_{10.5}^+$ salts. Both $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts have been characterized in the solid state by low-temperature Raman spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography. Owing to the weakly coordinating nature of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion, both salts are readily soluble in SO_2ClF and have been characterized in solution by ^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb , and ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy. The tetrahedral environments around the Sb atoms of the cations result in low electric field gradients at the quadrupolar ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb nuclei and correspondingly long relaxation times, allowing the first solution NMR characterization of a tetrahalocation of the heavy pnicogens. The following crystal structures are reported: $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, trigonal system, space group $P\bar{3}$, $a = 10.022(1)$  , $c = 18.995(4)$  , $V = 1652.3(6)$  ³, $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.652$ g cm⁻³, $Z = 2$, $R_1 = 0.0461$; $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, trigonal system, space group $P\bar{3}$, $a = 10.206(1)$  , $c = 19.297(3)$  , $V = 1740.9(5)$  ³, $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.806$ g cm⁻³, $Z = 2$, $R_1 = 0.0425$. The crystal structures of both $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts are similar and reveal considerably weaker interactions between anion and cation than in previously known SbCl_4^+ salts. Both cations are undistorted tetrahedra with bond lengths of 2.221(3)   for SbCl_4^+ and 2.385(2)   for SbBr_4^+ . The Raman spectra are consistent with undistorted SbX_4^+ tetrahedra and have been assigned under T_d point symmetry. Trends within groups 15 and 17 are noted among the general valence force constants of the PL_4^+ , AsF_4^+ , AsBr_4^+ , AsI_4^+ , SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ cations, which have been calculated for the first time, and the previously determined force constants for NF_4^+ , NCl_4^+ , PF_4^+ , PCL_4^+ , PBr_4^+ , and AsCl_4^+ , which have been recalculated for the P and As cations in the present study. The SbCl_4^+ salt is stable in SO_2ClF solution, whereas the SbBr_4^+ salt decomposes slowly in SO_2ClF at room temperature and rapidly in the presence of Br^- ion and in CH_3CN solution at low temperatures. The major products of the decompositions are $\text{SbBr}_2^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, as an adduct with CH_3CN in CH_3CN solvent, and Br_2 .

Introduction

Although the nonmetals of the fourth row of the periodic table are unstable in their highest oxidation state,^{1,2} the entire series of tetrahaloarsonium(V) cations, AsF_4^+ ,³ AsCl_4^+ ,^{4–6} AsBr_4^+ ,⁷ and AsI_4^+ ,⁸ are now known as well as their tetrahalophosphonium(V) analogs,^{9–16} NF_4^+ ^{17,18} and NCl_4^+ .¹⁹ The only tetra-

halostibonium(V) cation reported and characterized to date is the SbCl_4^+ cation,^{20–23} and no example of a bismuth analog is presently known.

Synthetic approaches yielding salts containing the SbCl_4^+ cations have been known for some time. The reactions of SbCl_5 with AsF_3 ²⁴ or ClF with SbCl_5 ²⁵ yield SbCl_4F which was originally formulated as $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{F}^-$ on the basis of its low-gain Raman spectrum.²⁵ The structure of SbCl_4F was subsequently shown to be a fluorine-bridged tetramer,²⁶ and the Raman spectrum has been reinterpreted in terms of this structure.²⁷ The oxidation of SbF_3 with Cl_2 ,²⁸ or reaction of SbCl_5 with ClF_3 ,²⁹

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has yielded a product having the stoichiometry SbCl_2F_3 . Although conductivity measurements and the existence of the $\text{PbCl}_4^+\text{PF}_6^-$ and $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ salts suggested an ionic formulation, $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$,²⁸ a subsequent vibrational spectroscopic study wrongly concluded that the compound had the molecular formula, SbCl_2F_3 (D_{3h} point symmetry).²⁹ Fluorine-19 NMR spectroscopy suggested an associated species containing hexacoordinated antimony.³⁰ The crystal structure subsequently revealed an ionic structure, $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$, with a fluorine-bridged anion.²⁰ Two other SbCl_4^+ salts, $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ ²¹ and $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_{10.5}\text{F}_{10.5}^-$,²² have been isolated from $\text{SbCl}_5/\text{SbF}_5$ mixtures containing stoichiometric excesses of SbF_5 and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Both salts are isostructural with $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$. Although the Raman spectrum of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ was correctly reinterpreted as a result of the X-ray analysis, one of the Raman bands of SbCl_4^+ , $\nu_2(\text{E})$, was not detected.²⁰ The Raman spectra of the SbCl_4^+ cations in $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ and $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ have since been fully assigned.²³ The $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ and $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ salts are unknown. It is interesting to note that the stoichiometry of SbCl_2F_3 can either correspond to 3 mol of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ or to 2 mol of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$, indicating that $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ is thermally unstable with respect to $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$. In an attempt to prepare the $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ salt by reaction of SbCl_4F and AsF_5 , it was found that halogen redistribution occurred to give $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$.²³

The tetrahaloarsonium(V) cations have been synthesized as the $\text{AsF}_4^+\text{PF}_6^-$,³ $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$,⁴⁻⁶ $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$,⁷ $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AlBr}_4^-/\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_7^-$,⁷ and $\text{AsI}_4^+\text{AlCl}_4^-$ ⁸ salts. The AsBr_4^+ and AsI_4^+ salts are thermodynamically and kinetically unstable, decomposing at -78°C , whereas $\text{AsF}_4^+\text{PF}_6^-$ and $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ are thermodynamically stable. The AsBr_4^+ and AsI_4^+ salts have been characterized at low temperature by solid state Raman spectroscopy, and their relative stabilities have been rationalized on the basis of simple Born-Haber cycles.^{7,8} Possible decomposition mechanisms have been proposed, in particular for the $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ salt. The initiating step likely involves fluoride ion transfer from the anion to the cation. The proposed intermediate, " $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{F}^-$ ", is expected to be kinetically unstable, decomposing to Br_2 and AsBr_2F . The latter compound may undergo rapid halogen exchange to yield AsF_3 and AsBr_3 or be oxidized by AsF_5 to yield AsF_3 and Br_2 . Arsenic trifluoride and Br_2 were consistently obtained as the final products, and AsBr_3 was detected as an intermediate. Raman spectroscopic evidence also indicates that the AsBr_4^+ cation is stabilized at low temperatures as a mixture of AlBr_4^- and Al_2Br_7^- salts. The salt $\text{AsCl}_3\text{F}^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ ³¹ has recently been synthesized by oxidative fluorination of AsCl_3 with $\text{XeF}^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ in HF solvent at -80°C , but could not be obtained as a pure product. The salt is stable in the solid state at -60°C , but undergoes F^- transfer in HF solution to yield AsF_5 and $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$. The AsCl_4^+ cation in $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ ⁴ and $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{SbCl}_6^- \cdot \text{AsCl}_3$ ⁵ is the only tetrahaloarsonium cation to have been characterized by X-ray crystallography.

Although $\text{PI}_4^+\text{AlI}_4^-$ is thermodynamically stable and has been characterized by X-ray crystallography,¹⁵ the recently synthesized salts, $\text{PI}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ and $\text{PI}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$, are thermodynamically and kinetically unstable and likely decompose in a manner similar to $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$, since the AsF_6^- salt yields the corresponding products AsF_3 , PF_3 , and I_2 .¹⁶ Interestingly, the salt $\text{PBr}_4^+\text{PF}_6^-$ was estimated to be only marginally stable with

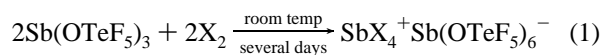
respect to decomposition to PF_5 , PBr_3 , and Br_2 ,⁷ but it is found to be stable up to 135°C .³² Moreover, this salt reacts only slowly with AsF_3 , whereas $\text{PbCl}_4^+\text{PF}_6^-$ is readily converted into PF_5 and AsCl_3 ,³² indicating a marked degree of kinetic stabilization. The kinetic instability of the AsBr_4^+ and PI_4^+ cations in their AsF_6^- salts has prevented their characterization by any technique other than low-temperature Raman spectroscopy.

While the AsBr_4^+ cation has been synthesized as a thermally unstable AsF_6^- salt and the SbBr_6^- anion and several examples of adducts of unknown SbBr_5 exist, the SbBr_4^+ cation has thus far eluded synthesis and characterization. The inability to synthesize SbBr_5 from Br_2 and SbBr_3 ,³³ and the thermal instabilities of $\text{PI}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$, $\text{AsCl}_3\text{F}^+\text{AsF}_6^-$, $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$, and $\text{AsI}_4^+\text{AlI}_4^-$, along with their observed decomposition products, suggest that coordination of the anion with the cation to give a pentacoordinate pnictogen center may be important in the kinetic destabilization of a number of the heavy PnX_4^+ cations. Suitably weakly coordinating and oxidatively resistant anions such as the $\text{Pn}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions ($\text{Pn} = \text{As, Sb, Bi}$), which have recently been characterized in this laboratory,³⁴ may offer prospects for the synthesis of salts of the strongly Lewis acidic tetrahalostibonium(V) cations. Because the charge of a $\text{Pn}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion is dispersed over 30 rather than six fluorines, as in the PnF_6^- anions, and access to the lone electron pairs of the oxygens is inhibited by the octahedral coordination, the cations are expected to interact weakly with the $\text{Pn}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion. The low basicities of the $\text{Pn}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions may reasonably be expected to play a role in the kinetic stabilization of PnX_4^+ species and inhibit F^- and OTeF_5^- anion coordination, transfer, and decomposition by means of mechanisms analogous to those proposed for $\text{AsBr}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$, $\text{PI}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ and $\text{AsI}_4^+\text{AlI}_4^-$.

The present paper describes facile syntheses of stable compounds of both the SbCl_4^+ cation and novel SbBr_4^+ cation as their $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts and their structural characterization in solution by ^{19}F , ^{121}Sb , and ^{123}Sb NMR spectroscopy and in the solid state by X-ray crystallography and Raman spectroscopy. The $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salt of the known SbCl_4^+ cation is also of interest, since the published crystal structures either have not been fully refined and/or are of low precision.²⁰⁻²²

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. Both tetrastibonium(V) salts were obtained according to eq 1



where $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ or Br . The reactions proceeded at ambient temperature in the liquid state in the absence of a solvent because the low melting point of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ (39°C) is depressed sufficiently by dissolved halogen to give a liquid mixture at room temperature. The resulting salts have low solubilities in liquid $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and crystallize as colorless $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ or yellow $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts which are stable indefinitely at room temperature. In both cases, suitable crystals for single-crystal X-ray structure determinations could be obtained directly from the reaction mixtures. An attempt to prepare $\text{SbI}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ by an analogous route, $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and I_2 , failed over a period of several weeks at room temperature.

Both salts are stable solids at room temperature, and the SbCl_4^+ salt is stable in SO_2ClF and CH_3CN solvents at room temperature. The stability of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ in CH_3CN

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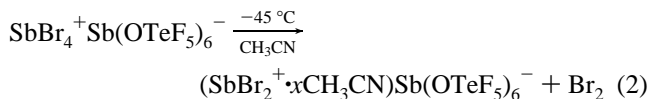
Table 1. ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR Parameters^a for $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$

solute ^c	ion	chem shifts, ppm				$\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{121}\text{Sb})/\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{123}\text{Sb})$
		$B_0 = 7.0463 \text{ T}^b$		$B_0 = 11.7440 \text{ T}^b$		
		$\delta(^{121}\text{Sb})$	$\delta(^{123}\text{Sb})$	$\delta(^{121}\text{Sb})$	$\delta(^{123}\text{Sb})$	
$\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	SbCl_4^+	760.4 (2770)	759.4 (1990)			1.39
	$\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	-13.7 (1210)	-13.4 (784)			1.54
$\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	SbBr_4^+	8.7 (865)	3.9 (650)	8.6 (890)	3.9 (615)	1.45 ^d
	$\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	-13.5 (1120)	-12.8 (670)	-13.6 (1060)	-13.6 (690)	1.53 ^d

^a Chemical shifts were referenced externally relative to 1.0 M $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ in CH_3CN at the sample temperature. ^b Line widths, $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$, in Hz are given in parentheses. ^c Spectra were recorded in SO_2ClF solvent at 27 °C. ^d The cation and anion lines severely overlap at $B_0 = 7.0463 \text{ T}$; values reported are for $B_0 = 11.744 \text{ T}$.

solution contrasts with an earlier report that $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ slowly attacked CH_3CN ;³⁵ the nature of the decomposition and the resulting products were not discussed. The same report notes that $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ was recovered unchanged from liquid SO_2 , although conductivity studies led to the speculation that $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{SbF}_6^-$ was in equilibrium with " SbCl_2F_3 " in SO_2 solution (latter shown to be $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ ²⁰).

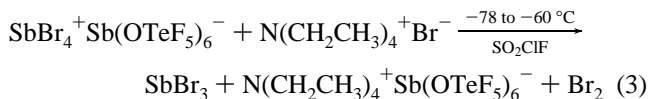
Solution NMR samples of the SbBr_4^+ salt, prepared in the weakly coordinating solvent SO_2ClF , changed in color from pale yellow to light orange, and the SbBr_4^+ resonance slightly decreased relative to that of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion, after running the spectra, indicating partial decomposition with liberation of Br_2 . Allowing an SO_2ClF solution of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ to stand for 8 days at room temperature resulted in incomplete decomposition with loss of Br_2 as indicated by the ^{19}F NMR and Raman spectra of the isolated product (see **Experimental Section**). In the more strongly coordinating solvent, CH_3CN , the decomposition was rapid near the melting point of the solvent (-45 °C) and is consistent with eq 2. The presence of



the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion was demonstrated by recording the NMR spectra of a decomposed sample in CH_3CN which gave ^{19}F , ^{121}Sb , and ^{123}Sb spectra in agreement with those obtained previously.³⁴ The intense red-orange color change and its removal under dynamic vacuum at room temperature was a clear indication of Br_2 formation. The ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a decomposed sample, redissolved in SO_2ClF , was also consistent with $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and identical to those obtained for the $\text{SbX}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts. The presence of CH_3CN could be shown in the ^1H NMR spectrum, where the peak assigned to CH_3CN was found at 2.10 ppm. Although bands corresponding to the $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ stretching and CH_3 bending modes of CH_3CN were observed in the low-temperature Raman spectrum, the presence of the SbBr_2^+ cation or its adduct with CH_3CN could not be definitively established by Raman spectroscopy (see **Experimental Section**) because the Raman frequencies of the SbBr_2^+ cation³⁶ are nearly coincident with those of SbBr_3 ,³⁷ which was also found, as single crystals, in the reaction mixture and verified from its unit cell parameters.³⁸ The formation of SbBr_3 indicates that the decomposition does not strictly follow eq 2. It is reasonable to speculate that the initial product of the reaction between SbBr_4^+ and CH_3CN is likely an unstable pentacoordinate adduct cation, $\text{SbBr}_4^+\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$, which rapidly decomposes to $\text{SbBr}_2^+\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ and Br_2 . This behavior is

consistent with the fact that SbBr_5 is unknown and cannot be formed from SbBr_3 and Br_2 .³³ The instability of the SbBr_4^+ cation in CH_3CN contrasts with the stability of SbCl_5 and solutions of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ in CH_3CN , which shows no signs of decomposition for up to several hours at room temperature (see **NMR Spectroscopy**). It has also been noted that $\text{AsCl}_4^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ is unstable in the weakly coordinating solvent, SO_2 , slowly liberating Cl_2 and AsF_3 .³⁹

An attempt to form SbBr_5 by low-temperature displacement from $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ using $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Br}^-$ in SO_2ClF solution at -78 to -60 °C resulted in rapid Br_2 evolution. The material balance and Raman spectra were consistent with the formation of $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ ³⁴ and SbBr_3 ³⁷ according to eq 3.



Halogen scrambling was investigated for a 1.037:1.000 molar mixture of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-/\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ dissolved in SO_2ClF . The mixture was monitored by ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR spectroscopy at room temperature and showed the decomposition of the SbBr_4^+ cation with Br_2 evolution was essentially 70% complete after three hours and was decidedly more rapid than in the absence of SbCl_4^+ . No mixed $\text{SbCl}_{4-x}\text{Br}_x^+$ species, which are expected to give rise to quadrupole broadened resonances having chemical shifts intermediate between those of the parent SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ cations, were detected (see **NMR Spectroscopy**).

^{19}F , ^{121}Sb , and ^{123}Sb NMR Spectroscopy of $\text{SbX}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (X = Cl or Br). The ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR parameters of $\text{SbX}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ are listed in Table 1 and the ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR spectra are depicted in Figures 1 and 2.

The ^{19}F NMR spectra of the $\text{SbX}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts recorded at 7.0463 T in SO_2ClF solvent are very similar and display severe second order AB_4 spin patterns and ^{125}Te and ^{123}Te satellites: $\delta(\text{F}_A)$, -42.5 ppm; $\delta(\text{F}_B)$, -42.1 ppm; $^2J(^{19}\text{F}_A - ^{19}\text{F}_B)$, 186 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_A - ^{125}\text{Te})$, 3400 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_A - ^{123}\text{Te})$, 2780 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_B - ^{125}\text{Te})$, 3605 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_B - ^{123}\text{Te})$, 2995 Hz. The AB_4 patterns are assigned to the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion and are very similar to those reported previously for the $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ in CH_3CN solvent, which are severely second order even at 11.744 T.³⁴ The second-order spectrum arises when the frequency difference between F_A and F_B , $\nu_0\delta_{\text{AB}}$, is small compared to $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_A - ^{19}\text{F}_B)$ and requires no further discussion.

Despite their high receptivities and large dynamic chemical shift ranges, the group 15 nuclides ^{75}As , ^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb , and

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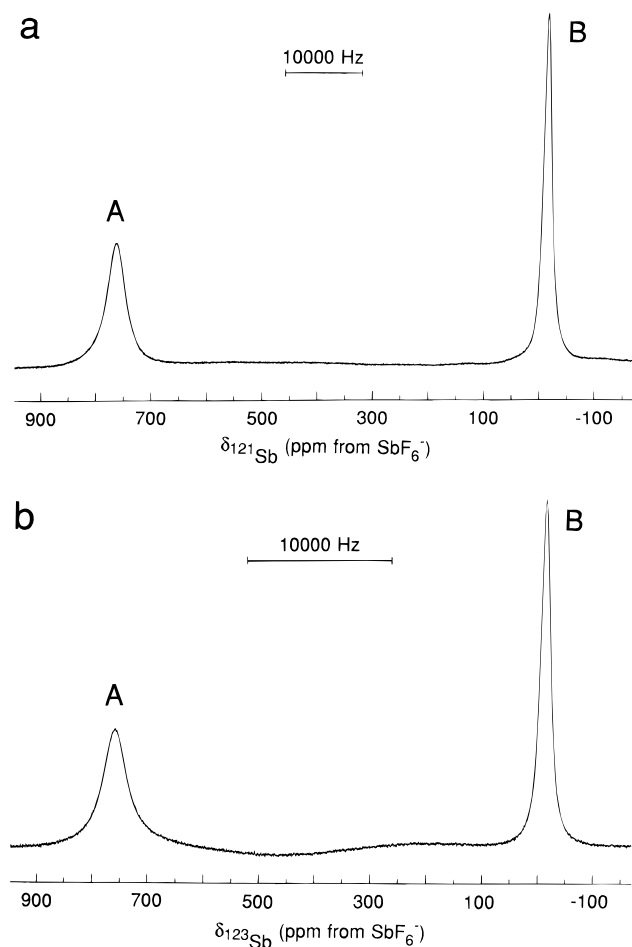


Figure 1. Antimony NMR spectra of $\text{SbCl}_4^+ \text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ recorded in SO_2ClF at 27 °C showing (A) SbCl_4^+ and (B) $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$: (a) ^{121}Sb (71.830 MHz) spectrum; (b) ^{123}Sb (38.899 MHz) spectrum.

^{209}Bi have been little exploited for chemical studies because their quadrupolar nature tends to produce extremely broad resonances, owing to the efficient quadrupolar mechanism which dominates their relaxation behavior. A few NMR studies in which ^{75}As ,^{34,40–44} ^{121}Sb ,^{34,40,45–48} ^{123}Sb ,^{34,47,49} and ^{209}Bi ,^{34,50} nuclides have been employed clearly demonstrate their usefulness, under specific conditions, for structural characterization in solution. A number of these studies are concerned with pnictogen(V) hexahaloanions,^{40,45–48,50} but no tetrahalocation of a heavy pnictogen has been characterized by NMR spectroscopy.

The relaxation of a quadrupolar nucleus, under conditions of extreme narrowing, is described by eq 4, where $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ is the

$$\Delta\nu_{1/2} = \frac{1}{\pi T_2} = \frac{1}{\pi T_1} = \frac{3\pi}{10} \left(\frac{2I+3}{I^2(2I-1)} \right) \left(\frac{e^2 q Q}{h} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\eta^2}{3} \right) \tau_c \quad (4)$$

line width at half-height, T_2 is the spin-spin relaxation time, T_1 is the spin-lattice relaxation time, I is the nuclear spin quantum

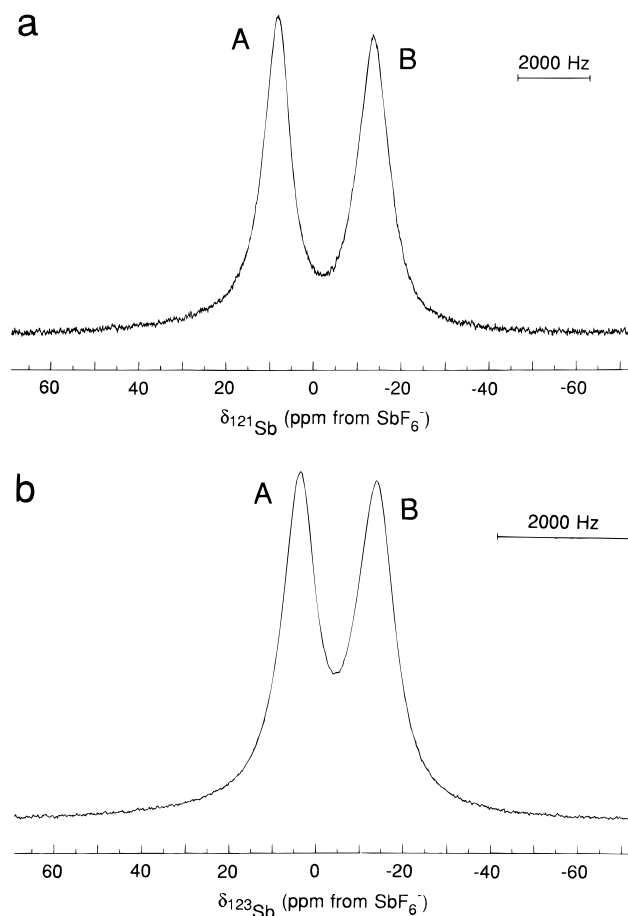


Figure 2. Antimony NMR spectra of $\text{SbBr}_4^+ \text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ recorded in SO_2ClF at 27 °C showing (A) SbBr_4^+ and (B) $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$: (a) ^{121}Sb (119.696 MHz) spectrum; (b) ^{123}Sb (64.820 MHz) spectrum.

number, e is the charge on the electron, Q is the nuclear quadrupole moment, q is the electric field gradient (EFG) along the principle z -axis, η is the asymmetry parameter for the EFG, and τ_c is the rotational correlation time.⁵¹ Inspection of several of the factors in this equation reveals that line widths are dramatically reduced for nuclides having a high value of I or a small Q or both.⁵² The merits of ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR with respect to these points has been discussed previously.^{34,41,42,47,50} Narrow line widths are known to arise from quadrupolar nuclei residing at the center of a highly symmetric ligand environment (e.g., O_h or T_d) for which values of q and η are low.⁵³ The observation of narrow lines therefore requires the pnictogen atom to be located in an electronic environment such that the EFG and η at the antimony nucleus is near zero, as afforded by the local octahedral symmetry of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion and the T_d point symmetries of the SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ cations. Moreover, τ_c serves to increase $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ of the quadrupolar pnictogen with increasing ionic/molecular radius, increased ion pairing and increasing solvent viscosity (decreasing temperature).

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The ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR spectra of the SbX_4^+ salts obtained in SO_2ClF solvent each consist of two broad singlets (Figures 1 and 2). A peak at -13.6 ppm, common to the spectra of both salts, was assigned to the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion, in good agreement with the previously reported value.³⁴ Tellurium satellites on the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion spectrum, arising from the two-bond coupling between the ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb nuclei and natural abundance ^{125}Te , could not be resolved although they were observed in the $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+$ and $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+$ salts in the lower viscosity solvent, CH_3CN .³⁴ The added line broadening may be attributed to the increased viscosity of SO_2ClF , which increases τ_c , and/or ion pairing interactions with the strongly Lewis acidic SbX_4^+ cations, which induce electric field gradients at the antimony nucleus.

The antimony chemical shift of the SbCl_4^+ cation (759.9 ppm) is considerably deshielded relative to that of the SbBr_4^+ cation (6.3 ppm). The antimony resonances are significantly quadrupole broadened and, in the case of the SbBr_4^+ salt, the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion, and the more deshielded SbBr_4^+ cation resonances partially overlap in both the ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb spectra (Figure 2). Although the larger radius of the SbBr_4^+ cation should result in a longer τ_c and larger $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ values than for SbCl_4^+ , the opposite effect is found (Table 1) and is attributed to the greater Lewis acidity of the SbCl_4^+ cation, which is expected to form a stronger, albeit weak, donor-acceptor bond than SbBr_4^+ with the very weakly basic SO_2ClF solvent. An equilibrium concentration of the adduct leads to an increase in the EFG at the antimony nucleus and increased τ_c , which both serve to decrease the relaxation time and increase $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$. The dominance of the quadrupolar relaxation mechanism is confirmed by considering the ratio $\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{121}\text{Sb})/\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{123}\text{Sb})$, which is approximately equal to the ratio of the squares of the quadrupole moments (Q) multiplied by the ratio of the spin factors [$f_I = (2I + 3)/(I^2(2I - 1))$] as shown in eq 5. When the

$$\frac{\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{121}\text{Sb})}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{123}\text{Sb})} \approx \left(\frac{f_I(^{121}\text{Sb})}{f_I(^{123}\text{Sb})} \right) \left(\frac{Q(^{121}\text{Sb})}{Q(^{123}\text{Sb})} \right) \quad (5)$$

values of $f_I(^{123}\text{Sb})$ and $f_I(^{121}\text{Sb})$ and the quadrupole moments [$Q(^{121}\text{Sb}) = -0.36(4) \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$; $Q(^{123}\text{Sb}) = -0.49(5) \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$]⁵⁴ are substituted into eq 5, the ratio $T_1(^{123}\text{Sb})/T_1(^{121}\text{Sb})$ is found to be 1.27(11). The experimentally determined $\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{121}\text{Sb})$ and $\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{123}\text{Sb})$ values for the SbX_4^+ cations and $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion give ratios which are in reasonable agreement with the theoretical value and account for the relative broadness of the ^{121}Sb resonances (Table 1). Even though the ^{121}Sb line width is theoretically greater than the ^{123}Sb line width by a factor of 1.27(11), the ^{121}Sb spectra are better resolved and is attributed to a smaller degree of overlap as a result of the higher absolute frequency of ^{121}Sb [$\Xi(^{121}\text{Sb}) = 24.088 \text{ MHz}$ and $\Xi(^{123}\text{Sb}) = 13.047 \text{ MHz}$ for 1 M SbCl_6^- in CH_3CN].⁵⁵ This provides a frequency dispersion between the SbBr_4^+ and $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ resonances in the ^{121}Sb spectrum which is 1.85 times greater than in the ^{123}Sb spectrum.

An interesting feature relating to the antimony chemical shifts of SbBr_4^+ is that the shieldings of $^{121}\text{SbBr}_4^+$ and $^{123}\text{SbBr}_4^+$ differ by a significant amount (4.8 ppm) even though the ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb spectra of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ were recorded on the same sample at the same temperature. Moreover, both chemical shifts are independent of the external field, B_0 . The effect is not

presently understood, but may, in part, result from relative primary isotopic effects on the NMR shieldings of the antimony nuclei.⁵⁶

Dissolution of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ in CH_3CN near the freezing point of the solvent results in rapid decomposition (see **Syntheses of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$**) and contrasts with $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, which is stable in CH_3CN solvent at room temperature. Both systems exhibit well-resolved ^{125}Te satellites on the ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR spectra of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions [$^2J(^{121}\text{Sb}-^{125}\text{Te})$, 752 Hz; $^2J(^{123}\text{Sb}-^{125}\text{Te})$, 407 Hz]. No antimony resonance attributable to the SbBr_2^+ cation is expected because of its low symmetry. In the case of SbCl_4^+ , a very broad resonance centered at ca. 660 ppm [$\Delta\nu_{1/2}(^{121}\text{Sb})$, 20 500 Hz] was observed in CH_3CN and is attributed to solvated SbCl_4^+ . The chemical shift of the complex cation is expected to be more shielded than that of SbCl_4^+ in SO_2ClF solution and broadened by the resultant large EFG at the antimony nucleus in a five-coordinate 1:1 adduct or six-coordinate 1:2 *cis*- or *trans*-adduct.

According to the formalism developed by Jameson and Gutowsky,⁵⁷ the large variation in Sb shielding arises from the dominant and negative paramagnetic shielding term, σ_p . The magnitude of σ_p is directly proportional to changes in the inverse mean excitation energy (ΔE^{-1}), the mean inverse cubes of the p and d electron-nucleus distances ($\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{np}$ and $\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{nd}$) and the valence imbalance in the p and d orbitals centered on the Sb atom (P_i and D_i). The relative chemical shifts of the SbX_4^+ and SbX_6^- ions follow the valence imbalance terms and are dependent upon the electron density and the relative electronegativities of the halogens. The electronegativity difference of chlorine and bromine qualitatively accounts for the high-frequency shifts of SbCl_4^+ (759.9 ppm) and SbCl_6^- (-86.7 ppm)⁴⁷ relative to those of SbBr_4^+ (6.3 ppm) and SbBr_6^- (-2517 ppm),⁴⁵ and the formal positive charge, which is expected to reside mainly on the Sb atom, accounts for the high-frequency shift of the SbX_4^+ cations compared to the SbX_6^- anions, which have their formal negative charge located on the halogens. Interestingly, the chemical shift difference between SbBr_4^+ and SbBr_6^- is much larger (2523 ppm) than between SbCl_4^+ and SbCl_6^- (845 ppm). The SbBr_4^+ and SbBr_6^- ions are both yellow whereas the SbCl_4^+ and SbCl_6^- ions are colorless. The LUMO's are expected to be lower in the bromine ions so that their respective first allowed optical transitions can be expected to move to longer wavelengths and into the visible spectrum. A relative decrease in the HOMO-LUMO separation increases the ΔE^{-1} term and could account for the greater paramagnetic deshielding of the bromine ions relative to each other.

The ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb chemical shifts obtained in this work, together with previously reported ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb shifts, may be compared with known values of corresponding phosphorus(V) and arsenic(V) compounds when the ^{31}P and ^{75}As chemical shifts are also referenced to the hexafluoropnictate anions, PnF_6^- . A larger dynamic chemical shift range is anticipated for the heavier pnictogen analogs as a result of their larger $\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{np}$ and $\langle r^{-3} \rangle_{nd}$ values. This expectation is not always met. The chemical shift of the SbCl_4^+ cation (759.9 ppm) is larger than that of PCl_4^+ (218 to 241 ppm),⁵⁸ whereas the shifts of the

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Table 2. Summary of Crystal Data and Refinement Results for $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$

chem formula	$\text{Cl}_4\text{F}_{30}\text{O}_6\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_6$	$\text{Br}_4\text{F}_{30}\text{O}_6\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_6$
space group	$P\bar{3}$	$P\bar{3}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.022(1)	10.206(1)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.995(4)	19.297(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1652.3(6)	1740.9(5)
molecules/unit cell	2	2
mol wt	1816.90	1994.74
calcd density (g cm ⁻³)	3.652	3.806
<i>T</i> (°C)	-75	-81
μ (cm ⁻¹)	38.7	59.8
λ (Å)	0.560 86	0.560 86
<i>R</i> ₁ ^a	0.0461	0.0425
w <i>R</i> ₂ ^b	0.1223	0.1014

^a *R*₁ is defined as $\sum||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$. ^b w*R*₂ is defined as $[\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$.

PnBr_4^+ cations show the reverse order (SbBr_4^+ , 3.9 to 8.6 ppm; PBr_4^+ , 65 to 79 ppm).⁵⁸ The shielding order among the hexachloroanions of the three pnictogens P, As, and Sb is also unusual. The Sb nucleus in SbCl_6^- is less shielded (-87.6 ppm) than the pnictogen nucleus in either PCl_6^- (-152 ppm)⁵⁹ or AsCl_6^- (-392 ppm)⁴⁰ and has been noted previously.^{34,47} Comparable behavior has also been noted for the $\text{As}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions, where the Sb nucleus (-13.8 ppm) is less shielded than the As nucleus (-29.1 ppm).³⁴ In both cases, the negative chemical shift is in agreement with the OTeF_5 group being less electronegative than F, but the ²⁰⁹Bi resonance in $\text{Bi}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (126.7 ppm) occurs to higher frequency of the BiF_6^- reference standard.³⁴ The reasons for their apparent anomalous behavior are not understood, since the number of known ⁷⁵As, ¹²¹Sb, ¹²³Sb, and ²⁰⁹Bi chemical shifts is still very limited, but it may, in part, be a consequence of significant relativistic effects on the Sb and Bi atoms.^{60,61}

X-ray Crystal Structures of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. Details of the data collection parameters and other crystallographic information for the $P\bar{3}$ space group are given in Table 2. The final atomic coordinates and the equivalent isotropic thermal parameters are summarized in Table 3. Important bond lengths and angles for the SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ cations, together with bond lengths and angles for the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions are listed in Table 4 and Supporting Information Table 11. The bond valences for individual bonds in the two cations and for their long contacts as defined by Brown⁶³ are also included in Table 4. While the SbBr_4^+ cation and its structure are reported for the first time in the present paper, the structure of the SbCl_4^+ cation has been reported previously, but its structural parameters are more accurately determined in the present structure (*vide infra*).⁶⁴

Both compounds exhibit merohedral twinning with twin laws $m \perp [001]$ (see **Experimental Section**) and display the same crystallographic features. The compounds consist of well-separated SbX_4^+ (*X* = Cl and Br) cations and $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions (Figure 3). In these and the previously reported $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+$ and $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+$ salts³⁴ of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion that have been crystallographically characterized, the central antimony atom is bonded octahedrally to the six oxygen atoms and each of the six tellurium atoms is octahedrally bonded to an oxygen and five fluorines so that each anion can be described as an octahedron of octahedra. In the present structures, the central antimony atoms lie on inversion centers, so that the

Table 3. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{Å}^2 \times 10^3$) for $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> (eq) ^a
$\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$				
Sb(1)	6667	3333	7123(1)	27(1)
Cl(1)	8832(2)	3535(3)	7537(1)	35(1)
Cl(2)	6667	3333	5953(2)	39(1)
Sb(2)	0	10000	5000	14(1)
O(1)	49(6)	8430(6)	5586(3)	21(1)
Te(1)	1405(1)	8197(1)	6149(1)	21(1)
F(1)	3140(6)	9816(7)	5780(3)	34(1)
F(2)	1373(7)	9491(7)	6815(3)	33(1)
F(3)	-229(8)	6549(7)	6558(3)	41(1)
F(4)	1573(8)	6898(8)	5533(4)	43(2)
F(5)	2639(8)	7875(7)	6739(4)	42(1)
Sb(3)	0	0	0	20(1)
Te(2)	-2453(1)	-3238(1)	1072(1)	36(1)
O(2)	-1718(16)	-1429(16)	579(11)	67(4)
F(6)	-3117(29)	-4213(26)	229(7)	77(2)
F(7)	-724(18)	-3396(30)	1056(14)	77(2)
F(8)	-1828(29)	-1781(21)	1761(9)	77(2)
F(9)	-4226(17)	-3160(29)	1170(13)	77(2)
F(10)	-3521(26)	-5071(15)	1533(12)	77(2)
O(3)	-1819(9)	-1779(18)	374(9)	67(4)
F(11)	-3133(30)	-4633(23)	359(9)	77(2)
F(12)	-686(19)	-3235(33)	1295(14)	77(2)
F(13)	-2082(32)	-2228(26)	1908(7)	77(2)
F(14)	-4366(15)	-3459(31)	962(14)	77(2)
F(15)	-3279(30)	-4753(21)	1735(10)	77(2)
$\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$				
Sb(1)	1333	6667	2871(1)	26(1)
Br(1)	11033(1)	4622(1)	2437(1)	37(1)
Br(2)	13333	6667	4110(1)	40(1)
Sb(2)	10000	0	5000	18(1)
O(1)	8427(6)	19(6)	4432(3)	25(1)
Te(1)	8145(1)	1304(1)	3870(1)	25(1)
F(1)	6843(9)	1400(9)	4484(4)	55(2)
F(2)	9707(7)	3051(6)	4234(4)	43(1)
F(3)	9446(7)	1325(7)	3211(3)	38(1)
F(4)	6557(7)	-352(7)	3461(4)	49(2)
F(5)	7776(7)	2487(7)	3289(4)	49(2)
Sb(3)	10000	0	0	21(1)
Te(2)	7619(1)	838(1)	1043(1)	38(1)
O(2)	8521(18)	-173(15)	686(7)	63(4)
F(6)	5734(10)	-827(14)	954(11)	77(2)
F(7)	7718(22)	34(21)	1873(5)	77(2)
F(8)	9413(12)	2553(13)	1216(11)	77(2)
F(9)	6991(21)	1105(21)	198(5)	77(2)
F(10)	6537(19)	1629(21)	1434(9)	77(2)
O(3)	8207(10)	-41(18)	377(8)	63(4)
F(11)	6016(15)	-1025(12)	1236(11)	77(2)
F(12)	8473(20)	389(24)	1768(7)	77(2)
F(13)	9205(16)	2748(11)	905(11)	77(2)
F(14)	7012(25)	1705(22)	389(8)	77(2)
F(15)	6853(23)	1498(24)	1729(7)	77(2)

^a *U*(eq) is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized *U*_{ij} tensor.

anions have $\bar{3}$ symmetry imposed on them by their lattices. While both SbX_4^+ cations are perfectly ordered and have the expected tetrahedral geometry, one of the two crystallographically independent anions is perfectly ordered and the other suffers from an orientational disorder (Figure 3). This disorder only affects the light atoms and can be described as the superposition of two anions where the Sb and Te atoms occupy the same positions; their respective thermal parameters are as low as those observed in the non-disordered anions (Table 3). The two orientations could be easily resolved for all the oxygen and fluorine atoms and were found to differ by 15° in the SbCl_4^+ salt and by 22° in the SbBr_4^+ salt (see **Experimental Section**).

The bond lengths and bond angles of the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anions in the SbCl_4^+ salt (denoted in parentheses) and the SbBr_4^+ salt

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	SbCl_4^+		
	Cl(1)	Cl(2)	F(3)
Sb(1)	2.221(2)	2.222(4)	3.346(2)
bv ^a	1.238	1.235	0.015
total	4.994		
Cl(1)–Sb(1)–Cl(1A)	108.14(8)		
Cl(1)–Sb(1)–Cl(2)	110.78(8)		
	SbBr_4^+		
	Br(1)	Br(2)	F(4)
Sb(1)	2.381(1)	2.391(2)	3.372(1)
bv ^a	1.238	1.205	0.014
total	4.961		
Br(1)–Sb(1)–Br(1A)	108.31(4)		
Br(1)–Sb(1)–Br(2)	110.62(4)		

	SbCl_4^+	SbBr_4^+
	$\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	$\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$
Sb(2)–O(1)	1.947(5)	1.952(5)
Sb(3)–O(2)	1.938(4)	1.949(5)
Sb(3)–O(3)	1.938(4)	1.950(5)
mean Te–O	1.835(4)	1.831(5)
mean Te–F	1.825(5)	1.826(5)
Sb(2)–O(1)–Te(1)	139.1(3)	139.8(3)
Sb(3)–O(2)–Te(2)	142.1(5)	142.3(6)
Sb(3)–O(3)–Te(2)	142.1(5)	141.7(6)

^a Bond valence units (vu) are defined in ref 63. $R_o = 2.30$ (Sb–Cl), $R_o = 1.80$ (Sb–F), $R_o = 2.46$ (Sb–Br), and $B = 0.37$ were used.

(denoted in square brackets) are equal within experimental error and are discussed together. The Sb–O distances Sb(2)–O(1) (1.947(5) [1.952(5)] Å) and Sb(3)–O(2)/O(3) (1.938(4)/1.938(4) [1.949(5)/1.950(5)] Å) are comparable to the average librational corrected $\text{Sb}^{\text{V}}\text{–O}$ distances observed in $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (1.96 and 1.91 Å, respectively),³⁴ $\text{Cs}_3\text{Sb}_3\text{F}_{12}\text{O}_3$ (1.92 Å),⁶⁵ and $\text{Rb}_2(\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{10}\text{O})$ (1.91 Å),⁶⁶ where the Sb atoms are also octahedrally coordinated to bridging oxygen atoms. The Te–O (1.835(4) [1.831(5)] Å) and the average Te–F (1.825(5) [1.826(5)] Å) bond distances (Table 4), are comparable to those found in many other OTeF_5 compounds.^{34,67,68} The Sb–O–Te angles reported here (Sb(2)–O(1)–Te(1) = 139.1(3)° [139.8(3)°]; Sb(3)–O(2)/O(3)–Te(2) = 142.1(5)/142.1(5)° [142.3(6)/141.7(6)°]), differ from those reported previously for $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (148.4(8)–153.4(8)°) and $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (160.7(9)–167(1)°), but are identical to those reported for $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{As}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (139.9(6)–141(2)°, $R\bar{3}$ space group).³⁴ This result confirms that the

(64) The structure of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ was refined to a final residual of 0.14,²⁰ and the structure of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ has only been published in a preliminary communication and was never refined beyond $R = 0.19$.²¹ In the course of an extensive investigation of the structures of mixed antimony(V) chloride fluorides, the crystal structure of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ was claimed to have been reexamined,²³ but only the lattice constants were redetermined (Ballard, J. G. Ph.D. Thesis, McMaster University, 1977) and ¹²¹Sb Mössbauer spectra reported (Birchall, T.; Ballard, J. G. *J. Phys. Paris* **1976**, *37*, C6-513). No subsequent attempts have been made to obtain a more precise solution of the structure. The structure of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_0.5\text{F}_{10.5}^-$ has been refined to a residual of 0.054,²² but the solution of the structure was based on the atomic coordinates of the ill-defined $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ salt. Moreover, in the “ $\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_0.5\text{F}_{10.5}^-$ ” anion, two ligand positions are statistically occupied by Cl and F, leading to an average stoichiometry, suggesting the presence of more than one anion type.

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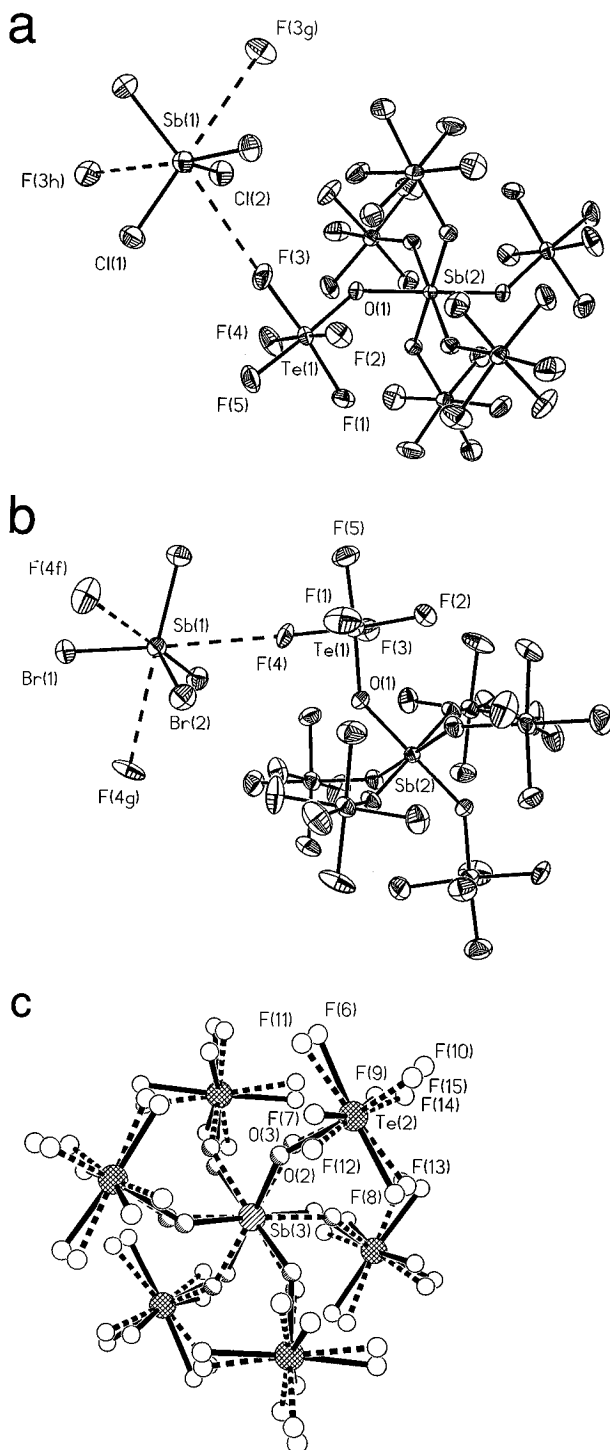


Figure 3. Geometries of (a) the SbCl_4^+ cation and ordered $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion and (b) the SbBr_4^+ cation and ordered $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion. In both cases the coordination environment of the SbX_4^+ cations with fluorine atoms of three different anions are denoted by dashed lines. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. (c) Geometry of the disordered $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion in $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. The two orientations are 22° apart and 15° apart in the SbCl_4^+ analog (not shown).

M–O–Te angles are not solely dependent on the nature of the M atom or the counter cation, but are largely dependent on the crystal packing.³⁴

Despite the fact that the four halogen atoms are not symmetry related, with one of the halogen atoms of each cation positioned on a C_3 -axis and the other three halogen atoms on general positions, the four Sb^V–X bond lengths of both cations are identical within 3σ [Sb–Cl, 2.221(2) × 3 and 2.222(4) × 1 Å; Sb–Br,

2.381(1) × 3 and 2.391(2) × 1 Å], and the average angles are close to the ideal tetrahedral value [Cl(1)–Sb(1)–Cl(1), 108.14(8)°; Cl(1)–Sb(1)–Cl(2), 110.78(8)°; Br(1)–Sb(1)–Br(1), 108.31(4)°; Br(1)–Sb(1)–Br(2), 110.62(4)°]. To our knowledge, the present Sb^V–X bond lengths are the shortest and least polar Sb–X bonds known, being shorter than in the Sb^VX₆[–] anions (Cl, 2.357(4) Å;⁶⁹ Br, 2.546(11),^{70a} 2.565(5),^{70b} 2.563(6)^{70c} Å) and the Sb^{III}–X bond lengths in the neutral Sb^{III}X₃ (Cl, 2.37(2),^{71a} 2.36(3),^{71b} 2.359(3)^{71c} Å; Br, 2.49(2),⁷² 2.50(3)³⁷ Å), the Sb^{III}X₄[–] (Cl, 2.365(3) Å,⁷³ Br, 2.564(3) Å⁷⁴), Sb^{III}X₅^{2–} (Cl, 2.385(2) (ax) and 2.623(2) (eq) Å;⁷⁵ Br, 2.580(5) (ax) and 2.787(7) (eq) Å⁷⁶) and Sb^{III}X₆^{3–} (Cl, 2.652(6) Å;⁷⁷ Br, 2.799(7),^{70a} 2.795(6)^{70c} Å) anions. The Sb^V–X bond lengths are also shorter and less polar than the Sn–X, In–X and Cd–Br bond lengths observed in the isoelectronic neutral molecules SnX₄ (Cl, 2.280 Å,⁷⁸ Br, 2.40(3) Å⁷⁹) and anions InX₄[–] (Cl, 2.350(3) Å,⁸⁰ Br, 2.479(3),⁸⁰ 2.489(3)⁸¹ Å) and CdBr₄^{2–} (2.560 Å⁸²). The Sb–X bond lengths fit series in which the PnX₄⁺ bond lengths increase monotonically with the mass of the pnictogen: NCl₄⁺ (1.764 Å)⁸³ < PCl₄⁺ (1.927(2) Å)¹² < AsCl₄⁺ (2.0545(9) Å)⁴ < SbCl₄⁺ (2.221(2) Å)⁸⁴ and PBr₄⁺ (2.17(1) Å)¹³ < AsBr₄⁺ (2.221 Å)⁸⁵ < SbBr₄⁺ (2.385(2) Å).⁸⁴

The structural parameters of the SbCl₄⁺ cation, though better determined in the Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] salt, are in agreement with those previously reported (Sb–Cl bond lengths and Cl–Sb–Cl bond angle: in the Sb₂F₁₁[–] salt, 2.22(3) Å;²¹ Sb₂Cl_{0.5}F_{10.5}[–], 2.21(1) Å and 107(1)–114(1)°;²² Sb₂Cl₂F₉[–], 2.16(3)–2.20(3) Å and 107(2)–117(2)°²⁰). In SbCl₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–], each cation has three long Sb(1)···F contacts with three fluorine atoms belonging to three different ordered Sb(2) anions (SbCl₄⁺: Sb(1)···F(3), 3.346(2) × 3 Å) which pass through the centers of three of the faces of the tetrahedron (those containing the halogen atom positioned on the C₃-axis (Cl(1)), whereas the face containing the three symmetry-related halogen atoms (Cl(2)) does not have any long Sb(1)···F contacts (Figure 3). In the three previously reported structures, the SbCl₄⁺ cation has four long Sb···F long contacts, each passing through the center of one of the four faces of the tetrahedron, with the four fluorine atoms forming a tetrahedron around the SbCl₄⁺ cation (Sb₂F₁₁[–], 3.0 Å;²¹ Sb₂Cl_{0.5}F_{10.5}[–], 2.98(2)–3.35(2) Å;²² Sb₂Cl₂F₉[–], 2.926–3.259 Å²⁰). Three analogous long Sb(1)···F contacts are observed in SbBr₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] (Sb(1)···F(4), 3.372(1) × 3 Å). Although the Sb(1)···F distances to SbCl₄⁺ and SbBr₄⁺ are smaller than

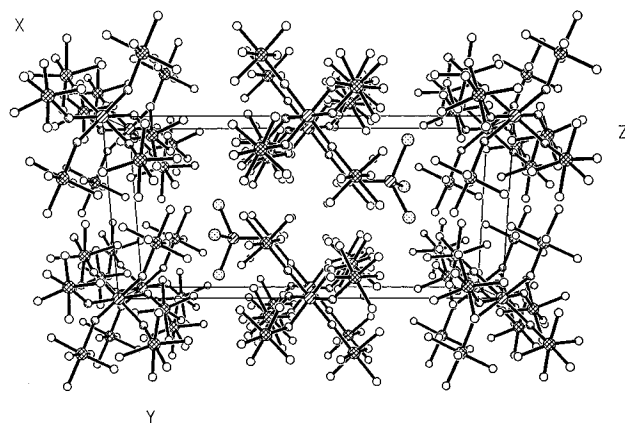


Figure 4. View of the SbBr₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] unit cell showing the packing along the *x*-axis. For clarity, the F atoms have been omitted.

the sum of the van der Waals radii (3.55⁸⁶–3.60⁸⁷ Å), bond valence calculations suggest that the Sb(1)···F interactions are weak interactions, i.e., the total bond valence for each antimony atom is 4.994 [4.962] vu (bond valence units), with contributions of 1.238–1.235 [1.238–1.205] vu/Cl [Br] atom and 0.015 [0.014] vu/long fluorine contact. In comparison with the three anions that have been previously used to stabilize the SbCl₄⁺ cation, the Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] anion is the weakest coordinating anion. This is reflected in the smaller number of long anion–cation contacts and in longer Sb···F contacts than observed in previous SbCl₄⁺ structures.^{20–22} The occurrence of long contacts between the central atom of the cation and fluorines of the anion is a feature also encountered in AsCl₄⁺AsF₆[–].⁴ The As atom has four long As···F contacts at 3.345 Å which is at the limit of the sum of the van der Waals radii for arsenic and fluorine (3.35⁸⁶–3.40⁸⁷ Å). The contacting fluorines are symmetrically disposed about the AsCl₄⁺ cation in a tetrahedral arrangement analogous to those observed in Sb₂F₁₁[–], Sb₂Cl_{0.5}F_{10.5}[–] and Sb₂Cl₂F₉[–].

Other anion–cation contacts occur between the halogen atoms, and several fluorine atoms of both the Sb(2) and Sb(3) anions (SbCl₄⁺: Cl(1)···F(12), 3.005 × 1, Cl(2)···F(3), 3.370 × 3 and Cl(2)···F(4), 3.396 × 3 Å) (SbBr₄⁺: Br(1)···F(3), 3.043 × 1, Br(1)···F(8), 3.275 × 1, Br(2)···F(1), 3.411 × 3, and Br(2)···F(4), 3.413 × 3 Å) and are at the limit of the X···F van der Waals distance (3.15⁸⁶–3.20⁸⁷ [3.30⁸⁶–3.35⁸⁷]).

The crystal structures of SbX₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] are dominated by the larger Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] anions and consist of hexagonal closest packed anion lattices with the cations occupying what are formally octahedral interstitial sites but are, in fact, trigonal prismatic holes with three anions from each layer defining the site. The cation/anion radius ratios are found to be greater than the minimum 0.414 value required for octahedral interstitial sites⁸⁸ (0.596–0.602 [0.636–0.639]). Interestingly, the SbX₄⁺ cations are not located in the middle of the trigonal prismatic hole, but are closer to the layer containing the nondisordered Sb(2) anions (7.183 × 3 Å) than the layer containing the disordered Sb(3) anions (8.088 × 3 Å) (Figure 4). This displacement can be understood by considering the total bond valence around the Sb atom in the SbX₄⁺ cations. If the cations were positioned at the centers of the trigonal prismatic sites, the cations would have equal but long Sb(1)···F contacts with the fluorines of both the Sb(2) and Sb(3) anions. The contacts would be too long to contribute to the total bond valence of

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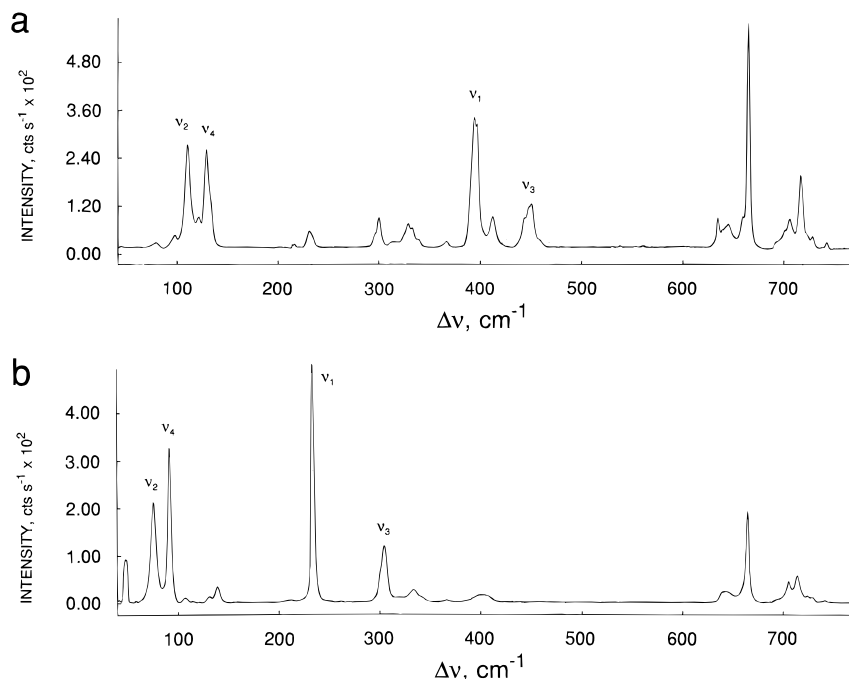


Figure 5. Raman spectra of microcrystalline (a) $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (-150°C) and (b) $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (-152°C) recorded using 514.5-nm excitation. ν_1 – ν_4 denote cation bands.

Table 5. Raman Frequencies and Assignments in $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ ^a

freq. cm^{-1}		assignments	
$\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	$\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$	cation	anion ^b
450.7 (19)	304.9 (23)	$\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$	
395.6 (60)	234.4 (100)	$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$	
139.4 (45)	92.1 (63)	$\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$	
121.5 (47)	76.2 (42)	$\nu_2(\text{E})$	
744 (3)	741 (<1)	$\nu_8(\text{E}), \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{TeF}_4)$	
730 (6)	729 (2)		
724 (6)	724 (3)		
718 (34)	715 (11)	$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \nu(\text{TeF})$	
708 (14)	706 (9)		
703 (9)			
695(4)	695 (3)		
666 (100)	665 (38)	$\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \nu_{\text{s}}(\text{TeF}_4)$	
661 (11)	660 (4), sh		
646 (8)	644 (4)	$\nu_5(\text{B}_1), \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{TeF}_4)$	
636 (12)	640 (6)		
457 (5), sh		$\nu_3(\text{A}_1), \nu(\text{TeO})$	
412 (14)		coupled with $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{Sb}-\text{O})$	
402 (8), sh	402 (4), br		
368 (3)	366 (2)		
342 (4)	342 (1), sh		
336 (9)	334 (4)	$\nu_9(\text{E}), \delta(\text{FTeF}_4)$	
332 (11)			
316 (3)		$\nu_{10}(\text{E}), \delta(\text{OTeF}_5)$	
304 (13)	305 (24)	$\nu_4(\text{A}_1), \delta_{\text{s}}(\text{FTeF}_4);$	
300 (6), sh	301 (12), sh	$\nu_7(\text{B}_2), \delta_{\text{sciss}}(\text{TeF}_4)$	
238 (8)		$\nu_{11}(\text{E}), \delta_{\text{as}}(\text{TeF}_4)$	
223 (2)	211 (<1)	$\delta(\text{TeOSb})$	
143 (2), sh	140 (7)	$\tau(\text{TeOSb})$	
132 (14)	131 (2)		
109 (6)	107 (2)	lattice modes	
91 (4)	50 (18)		

^a Values in parentheses denote relative intensities and sh denotes a shoulder and br a broad line. ^b The vibrational modes of the OTeF_5 groups are assigned under C_{4v} symmetry (see ref 34). ^c Unassigned anion mode.

$\text{Sb}(1)$ so that the total bond valence of five for the $\text{Sb}(1)$ atom of the cation would not be met. It appears that the $\text{Sb}(1)\cdots\text{F}$ contacts serve to constrain the $\text{Sb}(2)$ anion in one orientation, while the absence of contacts with the fluorines of the $\text{Sb}(3)$ anion accounts for the disorder on this anion.

Table 6. Correlation Diagram for the Vibrational Modes of the SbX_4^+ Cations ($X = \text{Cl}$ and Br) in $\text{SbX}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$

	Free Cation Symmetry, T_d	Cation Symmetry, C_3	Crystal Symmetry, C_{3i}	
$2\nu_1$	A_1	A	A_g (Ra)	$\nu_1, \nu_3, \nu_4, \text{T, R}$
$2\nu_2$	E	E	E_g (Ra)	$\nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4, 2\text{T}, 2\text{R}$
6R	T_1	E	A_u (IR)	$\nu_1, \nu_3, \nu_4, \text{T, R}$
$2\nu_3, 2\nu_4, 6\text{T}$	T_2	E	E_u (IR)	$\nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4, 2\text{T}, 2\text{R}$

Raman Spectra of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and the General Valence Force Field (GVFF) Analyses of SbCl_4^+ , SbBr_4^+ , and Related Tetrahalocations.

The solid-state Raman spectra of the title compounds are shown in Figure 5. The observed frequencies and their assignments are summarized in Table 5. The assignments of the frequencies for the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion were made by comparison with the recent assignments for $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$,³⁴ and consequently require no further comment. The vibrational modes of the SbX_4^+ cations were assigned under T_d point symmetry and belong to the irreducible representation $\Gamma = A_1 + E + 2T_2$. A total of four vibrational bands are expected, $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_2(\text{E})$, $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$, $\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$, all of which are Raman active while the $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ and $\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$ bands are infrared active. A factor-group analysis correlating the T_d point symmetries of the free SbX_4^+ cations to their crystallographic site symmetries (C_3) and to the symmetry of the unit cell (C_{3i}) is given in Table 6. The analysis reveals that $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_2(\text{E})$ appear as Raman-active A_g and E_g components, respectively, under the crystal symmetry and are not split, whereas $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ and $\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$ are each split into Raman-active A_g and E_g components which are not, in practice, resolved in the Raman spectrum. The Raman spectra of the SbCl_4^+ cation in $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_9^-$ and $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ have been reported^{20,23} and are in good agreement with the cation frequencies in $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. We report here the Raman spectra of SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ and the results of normal coordinate

Table 7. Raman Frequencies, General Valence Force Constants, and Bond Lengths for SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ and Related Species

MX ₄	frequency, cm ⁻¹				ref	general valence force constants ^a					M—X	
	$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$	$\nu_2(\text{E})$	$\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$	$\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$		f_r	f_{rr}	f_α	$f_{\alpha\alpha}$	ref	bond lengths, Å	ref
NF ₄ ⁺	848.2	443.3	1158.95	611.15	17	6.153	0.63			17	1.30(1)	18
PF ₄ ⁺	906	275	1167	358	10b	8.825	0.121			10b	1.480, 1.470 ^b	98, 10b
AsF ₄ ⁺	748	272	825	287	3	5.76	0.16	0.31	0.02	84	1.606 ^c	
NCl ₄ ⁺	635	430.3	283.3	233.3	19	2.86	0.32			19	1.764 ^b	82
PCl ₄ ⁺	458	178	662	255	11	3.31	0.36	0.38	0.08	84	1.927(2)	12
AsCl ₄ ⁺	422	156	500	187	6a	3.22	0.17	0.22	0.02	84	2.0545(9)	4
SbCl ₄ ⁺	395.6	121.5	450.7	139.4	84	3.07	0.06	0.13	0.01	84	2.221(2)	84
SnCl ₄ ^d	369.1	95.2	408.2	126.1	99	2.55	0.10	0.11	0.02	94	2.280	78
InCl ₄ ⁻	321	89	337	112	100	1.77	0.13	0.08	0.02	94	2.350(3)	80
CdCl ₄ ²⁻	261	84	249, 240	98	101	1.03	0.14	0.07	0.00	94		
PBr ₄ ⁺	254	116	503, 496	148	14	2.15	0.30	0.29	0.04	84	2.17(1)	13
AsBr ₄ ⁺	244	88	349	115	7	2.29	0.16	0.47	0.02	84	2.221 ^c	
SbBr ₄ ⁺	234.4	76.2	304.9	92.1	84	2.32	0.09	0.11	0.01	84	2.385(2)	84
SnBr ₄ ^d	222.1	59.4	284.0	85.9	99	2.01	0.10	0.09	0.02	94	2.40(3)	79
InBr ₄ ⁻	197	55	239	79	102	1.44	0.13	0.08	0.02	94	2.489(3), 2.479(3)	81, 80
CdBr ₄ ²⁻	161	49	177	75, 61	101	0.89	0.14	0.05	0.002	94	2.560	82
PI ₄ ⁺	193.5	71.0	410 ^e	89.0	16	1.85	0.32	0.14	0.01	84	2.396(9)	15
AsI ₄ ⁺	183	72	319	87	8	2.17	0.11	0.13	0.00	84	2.449 ^c	

^a Stretching (f_r, f_{rr}) and bending ($f_\alpha, f_{\alpha\alpha}$) force constants have units of mdyne Å⁻¹. ^b The bond lengths for NCl₄⁺ and PF₄⁺ are theoretical values. ^c The bond lengths of AsF₄⁺, AsBr₄⁺ and AsI₄⁺ were estimated from plots of bond length vs electronegativity difference of the bonded atoms for a given group 15 element in PnX₄⁺ and for its group 14 tetrahalide in the same row of the periodic table. Parallel behavior of each pair of plots enabled extrapolation to an unknown value. The electronegativity values calculated by Allen were used (Allen, L. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 9003). In addition to the experimental PnX₄⁺ cation bond lengths listed in this table, the following experimental values were used: SnCl₄, 2.280 Å; SnBr₄, 2.46 Å; SnI₄, 2.69 Å; GeF₄, 1.68 Å; GeCl₄, 2.113 Å; GeBr₄, 2.272 Å; GeI₄, 2.500 Å; SiF₄, 1.553 Å; SiCl₄, 2.019 Å; SiBr₄, 2.183 Å. ^d Gas phase Raman data. ^e The value for $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ was estimated from $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ of PCl₄⁺; i.e. $\nu_3(\text{T}_2) \text{PI}_4^+ = 0.62 \times \nu_3(\text{PCl}_4^+)$ (ref. (96)).

analyses of these and related PnX₄⁺ cations. Earlier reports of normal coordinate analyses for SbCl₄⁺^{89–95} are based on the erroneous assumption that the SbCl₄F tetramer^{26,27} was formulated as SbCl₄⁺F⁻²⁵ (see **Introduction**).

As expected, the stretching frequencies decrease from SbCl₄⁺ to SbBr₄⁺ and from the antimony to the arsenic analog in accord with the reduced mass effect. The trends, $\nu_3(\text{T}_2) > \nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_4(\text{T}_2) > \nu_2(\text{E})$, follow the trends observed for all tetrahedral halogen compounds, except TlBr₄⁻ and UF₄ (Table 7).⁹⁶ The general valence force constants of the PI₄⁺, AsF₄⁺, AsBr₄⁺, AsI₄⁺, SbCl₄⁺, and SbBr₄⁺ cations, which have been calculated for the first time and the previously determined force constants for PF₄⁺, PCl₄⁺, PBr₄⁺, and AsCl₄⁺ (recalculated in the present study for the chloro and bromo cations) were determined using a GVFF⁹⁷ and are compared with those previously

reported for the isoelectronic tetrahalides of row five (Table 7). The SbCl₄⁺ and SbBr₄⁺ cations fit into an existing trend among isoelectronic tetrahalides of the fifth row in which all four vibrational frequencies and their associated force constants decrease monotonically over the series SbX₄⁺ > SnX₄ > InX₄⁻ > CdX₄²⁻, reflecting the anticipated decrease in metal–halogen bond polarity and bond length with increasing positive charge. A general decrease in the valence force constant, f_r , occurs from PnF₄⁺ to PnI₄⁺. The interaction stretching force constants, f_{rr} , and bending force constants, f_α , show the usual monotonic decreases with increasing atomic number of the central atom. Bond order estimates for the series PX₄⁺, AsX₄⁺ and SbX₄⁺ calculated from valence force constants using the empirical method of Siebert⁹⁵ indicate that the P–X, As–X, and Sb–X bond orders are greater than 1. The trend in the valence force constants of PCl₄⁺ and PBr₄⁺, has been explained in terms of $p\pi - d\pi$ bonding involving the d_{z²} and d_{x²-y²} pnicogen orbitals and halogen p-orbitals of appropriate symmetry. The larger f_r and larger calculated bond order of PCl₄⁺ relative to that of PBr₄⁺ have been attributed to contraction of the diffuse d-orbitals by the more electronegative chlorine ligands, but may also be accounted for in terms of energetically more favorable σ -orbitals for elements of the same row as well as ligand steric interactions (*vide infra*). Analogous trends are apparent for NF₄⁺–NCl₄⁺, PF₄⁺–PCl₄⁺–PI₄⁺, AsCl₄⁺–AsBr₄⁺–AsI₄⁺ and SbCl₄⁺–SbBr₄⁺. In contrast to the valence force constants of the PnF₄⁺ and PnCl₄⁺ series, which decrease with increasing atomic number of the pnicogen for P, As and Sb, the order is reversed for the PnBr₄⁺ series and for PI₄⁺–AsI₄⁺, NF₄⁺–PF₄⁺, and NCl₄⁺–PCl₄⁺. There is also a leveling of valence force constants among the bromides so that f_r of AsBr₄⁺ is essentially equal to that of SbBr₄⁺. The trend reversals likely arise from increased ligand repulsion, which is most severe for PBr₄⁺ and PI₄⁺ and for NF₄⁺ and NCl₄⁺. The similarity of the As–Br and Sb–Br stretching force constants indicates that their bond energies are comparable. It has been noted,⁹⁰ and it is also

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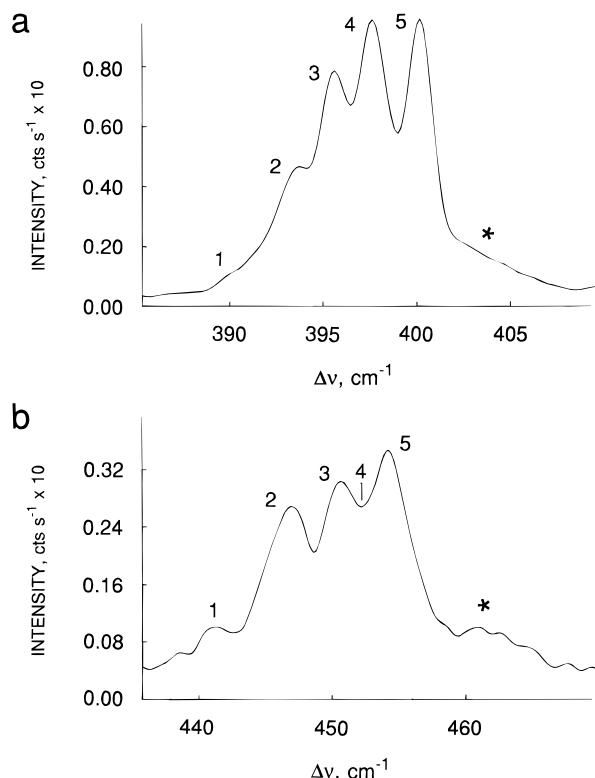


Figure 6. High-resolution Raman spectra ($-160\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) showing the natural abundance chlorine isotopic shifts of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ for (a) the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ region (line 1, $\text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+$ (T_d); line 2, $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+$ (C_{3v}); line 3, $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$ (C_{2v}); line 4, $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+$ (C_{3v}); line 5, $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+$ (T_d)) and for (b) the $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ region (line 1, $\{[\nu_8(\text{B}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})] + [\nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})] + [\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+ (T_d)]\}$; line 2, $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})]$, not resolved; line 3, $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})]$; line 4, $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})]$, not resolved; line 5, $\{[\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+ (T_d)] + [\nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})] + [\nu_6(\text{B}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})]\}$). Asterisks denote anion modes.

evident from the present work, that the force constants increase with formal oxidation state of the pnictogen, i.e., $\text{PnX}_4^+ > \text{PnX}_3$, reflecting the anticipated decrease in $\text{Pn}-\text{X}$ bond polarity with increasing oxidation state of the pnictogen.

Splittings arising from the $^{35}/^{37}\text{Cl}$ isotope effect are observed on $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ of the SbCl_4^+ cation (Figure 6) and are consistent with the essentially perfect T_d point symmetry of the cation and with the formal absence of a factor-group splitting on $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and a factor-group splitting on $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ which is below resolution limits. It was not possible to resolve chlorine isotope patterns on the $\nu_2(\text{E})$ and $\nu_4(\text{T}_2)$ bands, which are expected to be smaller and more difficult to resolve for low-frequency bending and stretching modes. Isotopic splittings have been observed for $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ of isoelectronic $\text{SnCl}_4^{103-106}$ as well as for the lighter group 14 tetrachlorides.¹⁰⁶⁻¹⁰⁹ The isotopomer symmetries, their percent natural abundances and the symmetry species of their vibrational modes are given in Table 8. The isotopic splitting patterns of the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ regions were assigned by analogy with those of matrix isolated $^{116}\text{SnCl}_4$ and $^{124}\text{SnCl}_4$.¹⁰⁵ The isotopic splitting pattern of five equally spaced lines in the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ region are assigned, in order of increasing frequency, to the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ modes of $\text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+$ (T_d) $<$ $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+$ (C_{3v}) $<$ $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$ (C_{2v}) $<$ $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+$ (C_{3v}) $<$ $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+$ (T_d)).

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Table 8. Vibrational Bands and Activities of the $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_n^{37}\text{Cl}_{4-n}^+$ Cation^a

isotopomer	point sym	%	ν_1^b	ν_2	ν_3^b	ν_4
$\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+$	T_d	32.5	A_1	E	T_2	T_2
$\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	C_{3v}	42.2	A_1	E	$\text{A}_1 + \text{E}$	$\text{A}_1 + \text{E}$
$\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$	C_{2v}	20.5	A_1	$\text{A}_1 + \text{A}_2$	$\text{A}_1 + \text{B}_1 + \text{B}_2$	$\text{A}_1 + \text{B}_1 + \text{B}_2$
$\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+$	C_{3v}	4.4	A_1	E	$\text{A}_1 + \text{E}$	$\text{A}_1 + \text{E}$
$\text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+$	T_d	0.4	A_1	E	T_2	T_2
total no. of bands			5	6	9	9

^a All modes for all symmetries are Raman active. With the exception of the A_1 and E modes under T_d symmetry, all other modes are IR active. ^b Chlorine isotope splittings in SbCl_4^+ were large enough to be resolved on these modes (see Table 9).

Table 9. Raman Frequencies for the Chlorine Isotopic Splittings on $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ and $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ of SbCl_4^+ and Their Assignments

assignment	frequencies, cm^{-1}
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ region	
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+$	400.2
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	397.6
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$	395.6
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+$	393.7
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+$	390.4
$\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ region	
$\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+; \nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+; \nu_6(\text{B}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$	454.2
$\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	
$\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$	450.8
$\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+$	446.9
$\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+; \nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+; \nu_8(\text{B}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+$	441.7

(C_{3v}) $<$ $\text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+$ (T_d) and have an average isotope shift per unit mass ($\text{is}/m(\text{Cl})$) of $1.3\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{ amu}^{-1}$ (Table 9). The nine bands in the chlorine isotope pattern in the $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ region of SbCl_4^+ are expected to partially overlap by analogy with those of SnCl_4 to give a five-peak chlorine isotope pattern arranged in the following order of increasing frequency: line 1 $\{[\nu_8(\text{B}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})] + [\nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})] + [\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{37}\text{Cl}_4^+ (T_d)]\}$ $<$ line 2 $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})]$ $<$ line 3 $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})]$ $<$ line 4 $[\nu_2(\text{A}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})]$ $<$ line 5 $\{[\nu_3(\text{T}_2), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_4^+ (T_d)] + [\nu_4(\text{E}), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}_3^+ (C_{3v})] + [\nu_6(\text{B}_1), \text{Sb}^{35}\text{Cl}_2^{37}\text{Cl}_2^+ (C_{2v})]\}$. In the experimental pattern, lines 1, 2, 3, and 5 are resolved having an $\text{is}/m(\text{Cl})$ value of $1.6\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{ amu}^{-1}$. The $\text{is}/m(\text{Cl})$ values are comparable to those reported for SnCl_4 ($1.3\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{ amu}^{-1}$, $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ region, and $1.0\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{ amu}^{-1}$, $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ region).¹⁰⁵ Although antimony possesses two natural abundance isotopes, ^{121}Sb (57.25%) and ^{123}Sb (42.75%), the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ modes are expected to be insensitive to the antimony isotopic effect. The insensitivity results from zero (T_d) or nearly zero (C_{3v} and C_{2v}) vibrational amplitudes of the antimony atom in normal modes of A_1 symmetry in the $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ region [cf. $\text{is}/m(\text{Sn}) = 0$ for $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ (T_d) of $^{116}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_4-^{124}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_4$ and $^{116}\text{Sn}^{37}\text{Cl}_4-^{124}\text{Sn}^{37}\text{Cl}_4$ and for $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ (C_{3v}) of $^{116}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}-^{124}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$]. The antimony isotopic shift is too small to be resolved in the $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ region and does not result in line broadening sufficient to obscure the chlorine isotopic splittings in this region. The size of the antimony isotopic splitting on $\nu_3(\text{T}_2)$ of SbCl_4^+ , which possesses less polar metal-chlorine

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bonds, is expected to be less than that determined for $\nu_3(T_2)(T_d)$ of $^{116}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_4$ – $^{124}\text{Sn}^{35}\text{Cl}_4$ and $^{116}\text{Sn}^{37}\text{Cl}_4$ – $^{124}\text{Sn}^{37}\text{Cl}_4$, where $i/m(\text{Sn}) = 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.¹⁰⁵ Splittings arising from the $^{79/81}\text{Br}$ isotope effect could not be resolved for SbBr_4^+ .

Conclusions

The known SbCl_4^+ and novel SbBr_4^+ cations have been synthesized as their $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ salts and are thermodynamically stable with respect to decomposition to $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and X_2 . The SbBr_4^+ cation represents only the second tetrahalostibonium(V) cation to have been prepared and structurally characterized. The ready loss of Br_2 from SbBr_4^+ and ease of preparing the salt suggest that it may well become a valuable electrophilic brominating agent. The crystal structures of both salts show significantly fewer and weaker interactions between the anion and the cation than in previously known SbCl_4^+ salts, and in SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ cations which are undistorted from their ideal tetrahedral geometries. The first NMR chemical shifts of any tetrahalocation of a heavy pnictogen (As, Sb, or Bi) have been obtained for SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ in SO_2ClF solvent. General valence force constant calculations for all known tetrahalonium cations of group 15 are given and the trends in valence force constants $\text{PBr}_4^+ < \text{AsBr}_4^+ < \text{SbBr}_4^+$, $\text{PI}_4^+ < \text{AsI}_4^+$, $\text{NCl}_4^+ < \text{PCl}_4^+$, $\text{NF}_4^+ < \text{PCl}_4^+$ show that bond strengths decrease with decreasing atomic mass of the group 15 atom and suggest that increased ligand repulsions are likely a significant contributing factor.

Experimental Section

Materials and Apparatus. Manipulations involving volatile materials were performed under strictly anhydrous conditions on a Pyrex glass vacuum line equipped with grease free glass/Teflon stopcocks (J. Young Scientific Glassware). Glass reaction vessels, unless otherwise noted, were joined to Young valves through $1/4$ in. o.d. lengths of glass tubing fused to the valve and the reaction vessel using $1/4$ in. stainless steel Cajon Ultra-Torr unions fitted with Viton O-rings. All reaction vessels were dried under dynamic vacuum for a minimum of 10 h prior to use. Reaction vessels constructed of $1/4$ in. o.d. FEP tubing and joined to Kel-F valves by means of 45° compression flares were similarly dried followed by passivation with 1 atm of F_2 gas overnight. Nonvolatile materials were handled in the dry nitrogen atmosphere of a glovebox (Vacuum Atmospheres Model DLX).

The reagents HOTeF_5 ,¹¹⁰ $\text{B}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ ¹¹¹ and $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ ¹¹² were prepared as described previously. Acetonitrile (Caledon HPLC Grade)¹¹³ and SO_2ClF (Columbia Organic Chem. Co.)¹¹⁴ were purified using literature methods and were condensed into reaction tubes and NMR sample tubes at -196°C using a grease-free glass vacuum line. Antimony trifluoride (Aldrich, 98%) was sublimed under dynamic vacuum at ca. 200°C prior to use and stored in a dry PFA bottle inside the drybox. Chlorine gas was dried by passing commercial Cl_2 (Matheson) through concentrated sulfuric acid, followed by condensation at -78°C in a dry glass U-tube equipped with J. Young stopcocks and stored at -78°C until used. Dry Cl_2 was metered out on the metal vacuum line which had been twice passivated with ca 1.5 atm of dry Cl_2 for 2 h prior to use. Dry bromine (Fischer; stored over P_4O_{10}) was used directly and was distilled from the glass storage ampule to a graduated glass tube (0.1 mL graduations), which was reweighed after each transfer of Br_2 to a reaction vessel. Iodine (BDH Chemical, 99.9%) was dried prior to use by triple sublimation from mixtures with BaO (Aldrich). Tetraethylammonium bromide (Aldrich) was dried under vacuum at 120°C for 2 days prior to use.

$\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. Syntheses and Crystal Growing. **$\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$.** In the drybox, 1.7447 g (2.083 mmol) of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ was loaded into a 10-mm standard wall glass tube and Cl_2 (4.182 mmol, 101 mol % excess) was condensed from a calibrated manifold into the tube at -196°C . The tube was heat sealed under dynamic vacuum while the contents were kept frozen at -196°C . Upon warming of the mixture to room temperature, a yellow liquid resulted. The tube was mounted horizontally and within several hours, the formation of small, well-formed crystals was observed. After 4 days, a white, crystalline mass had formed. The tube was transferred to the drybox and the bottom cooled to -150°C in order to freeze the excess chlorine, the tube was cut open and a glass/Teflon valve was attached to a stainless steel $1/4$ in. Cajon union. The tube was removed from the drybox, connected to the vacuum line and the excess of chlorine pumped off at -78°C . The tube was returned to the drybox and reweighed. The mass of the white solid was 1.8966 g, giving a molar ratio $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3:\text{Cl}_2$ of 1:1.028.

In order to obtain crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography, a stoichiometric excess of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ was used as solvent. The following amounts of reactants were used: 0.8189 g (0.978 mmol, 22 mol % excess) of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and 0.802 mmol of Cl_2 . The sealed glass tube was mounted horizontally inside the fumehood and left undisturbed. Colorless crystals began to appear overnight, and the tube was left undisturbed until the contents had completely decolorized. The tube was transferred to the drybox and cut open, and well-formed crystals were separated from the surrounding material. The crystals were transparent hexagonal parallelepipeds and several were mounted and sealed inside 0.3–0.5 mm glass Lindemann capillaries.

$\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. In a typical preparation, 2.1131 g (2.523 mmol) of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ was loaded into a $1/4$ in. o.d. FEP tube equipped with a 316 stainless steel valve (Whitey SS-ORM2) in the drybox. The tube was removed from the drybox and connected to the vacuum line, and 0.4587 g (2.870 mmol, 13 mol % excess) of Br_2 was distilled onto the solid at -196°C . On warming to room temperature, the contents of the tube melted to give a red-brown solution of Br_2 in $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ solvent and undissolved bromine. The tube was mounted horizontally and after several hours, crystal growth was observed. The tube was agitated several times to effect complete reaction and after 5 days, a yellow, microcrystalline powder had formed. The excess of Br_2 was removed under dynamic vacuum and the tube was transferred into the drybox, the valve removed and the tube weighed. The mass of the solid was 2.5129 g, giving a molar ratio $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3:\text{Br}_2$ of 1:0.997. The tube was closed with a stainless steel cap and stored in the drybox.

The procedure for crystal growth was similar to that described above for the preparation of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ except that a larger excess of Br_2 was used. The following amounts of reactants were used: 1.1345 g (1.355 mmol) of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and 0.2616 g (1.637 mmol, 21 mol % excess) of Br_2 . The FEP tube was mounted horizontally and left undisturbed. After one week, the sample completely solidified to give a yellow crystalline mass. Excess Br_2 was carefully removed under vacuum and the tube transferred to the drybox, opened, and weighed. The weight of the product was 1.3552 g, giving a molar ratio $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3:\text{Br}_2$ of 1:1.001. The crystals were large yellow hexagonal prisms and had to be cut with a scalpel in order to be mounted and sealed inside 0.5 mm glass Lindemann capillaries.

Crystals of both salts were stored at -10°C prior to mounting on the diffractometer. A preliminary examination of the extinctions of the sealed crystals under a polarizing microscope suggested that all crystals were single. The crystals used in this study had the dimensions $0.4 \times 0.5 \times 0.24 \text{ mm}^3$ (SbBr_4^+) and $0.58 \times 0.5 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}^3$ (SbCl_4^+).

Attempted Preparation of $\text{SbI}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. In the drybox, 1.7773 g (2.122 mmol) of $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ was loaded into a $1/4$ in. o.d. FEP tube equipped with a 316 stainless steel valve (Whitey SS-ORM2). The reaction tube was transferred from the drybox to a dry nitrogen filled glovebag where 0.6378 g (2.513 mmol, 12 mol % excess) of I_2 was added. When mixed at room temperature, the contents of the tube liquified to give a dark violet solution of I_2 in $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_3$ and undissolved crystalline iodine. The tube was allowed to stand for several weeks with periodic mixing, but no reaction was observed.

Decomposition of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ in CH_3CN and SO_2ClF Solvents and in the Presence of Br^- . In the drybox, 1.3180 g (0.661 mmol) of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ was loaded into a 10-mm medium wall

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glass tube. The tube was attached to a Young valve, removed from the drybox and connected to the glass vacuum line. Anhydrous CH_3CN (ca. 3 mL) was condensed onto the solid at -196°C . When warmed to -40°C , the solvent liquefied and the contents of the tube immediately took on a deep red-brown color. The tube was warmed and left at room temperature for ca. 30 min. The tube and contents were then cooled in ice and the volatiles removed *in vacuo*. After ca. 20 min, a solid mass had formed at the bottom of the tube, which occluded some solvent. In order to completely remove the solvent, the tube was warmed to ca. $35\text{--}40^\circ\text{C}$. After overnight pumping, a white powder remained in the tube and some colorless crystals had formed at the top of the tube and in the Young valve. The tube was removed from the vacuum line and immediately transferred into the drybox and weighed. The weight of the product (1.2641 g compared to 1.2124 g, the weight expected for 0.661 mmol of $\text{SbBr}_2^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$) suggested that some solvent was still present in the solid. Some of the colorless crystals were sealed in melting point capillaries for Raman spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography which revealed they were SbBr_3 .^{37,38} The bulk sample was examined by ^{19}F and ^1H NMR in SO_2ClF solvent (see **Results and Discussion**) and by Raman spectroscopy (cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$, 2315(4), 2307(2), 2287(5), 2277(3); $\delta(\text{CH}_3)$, 1444(<1), 1413(<1); $\nu(\text{C-C})$, 1300(2); $\nu_8(\text{E})$, $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{TeF}_4)$, 720(2); $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_3(\text{TeF})$, 715(2), 703(13), 698(6, sh); $\nu_2(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_8(\text{TeF}_4)$, 662(23); $\nu_5(\text{B}_1)$, $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{TeF}_4)$, 646(4), 636(2); $\nu_3(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_3(\text{TeO})$, 403(5); ? 365(<1); $\nu_4(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_3(\text{FTeF}_4)$, 304(3), 282(3); $\nu(\text{SbBr})$, 241(13), 236(92); $\nu_7(\text{B}_2)$, $\delta_{\text{sciss}}(\text{TeF}_4)$, 231(6); $\nu(\text{SbBr})$, 227(100), 222(9), 216(5); $\delta(\text{TeOsB})$, 141(3); $\delta(\text{BrSbBr})$, 111(27); $\delta(\text{BrSbBr})$, 93(27), 85(17). The presence of free or coordinated SbBr_2^+ is not unambiguously established by Raman spectroscopy as its three Raman bands (cm^{-1}) in $\text{SbBr}_2^+\text{GaBr}_4^-$ [$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_3(\text{SbBr})$, 240 (100); $\nu_3(\text{B}_2)$, $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SbBr})$, 235 (25, sh); $\nu_2(\text{A}_1)$, $\delta_-(\text{BrSbBr})$, 128 (11); $\nu_3-\nu_2$, 105 (6)]³⁶ are similar to those of SbBr_3 [$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$, $\nu_3(\text{SbBr})$, 235 (100), 241 (15); $\nu_3(\text{E})$, $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SbBr})$, 217 (8), 220 (18, sh), 227(89); $\nu_2(\text{A}_1)$, $\delta_-(\text{BrSbBr})$, 109 (37); $\nu_4(\text{E})$, $\delta_{\text{as}}(\text{BrSbBr})$, 93 (38), 85(26)].³⁷

In a related experiment, 0.5253 g (0.2634 mmol) of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ was loaded into a 8-mm tube glass blown to a Young valve and ca. 1.5 mL of SO_2ClF condensed in at -196°C . The tube and contents were allowed to stand at room temperature for 8 days whereupon Br_2 was slowly liberated, turning the solution from yellow to red-brown. Slow removal of the solvent at room temperature resulted in a yellow crystalline solid (0.4989 g). The Raman spectrum revealed that the solid consisted mainly of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. The ^{19}F NMR spectrum of the residue redissolved in SO_2ClF showed an intense (ca. 80% of the total integrated ^{19}F intensity) AB_4 pattern assigned to the $\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ anion (see **Results and Discussion. NMR Spectroscopy**) and a weak (ca. 20%), less severe AB_4 pattern [$\delta(^{19}\text{F}_\text{A})$, -41.3 ppm; $\delta(^{19}\text{F}_\text{B})$, -38.2 ppm and $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_\text{A}-^{19}\text{F}_\text{B})$, 175 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_\text{A}-^{125}\text{Te})$, 3455 Hz; $^1J(^{19}\text{F}_\text{B}-^{125}\text{Te})$, 3616 Hz] which presently cannot be assigned. The Raman spectrum appeared identical to that of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ (see **Results and Discussion. Raman Spectroscopy**).

In a drybox, 0.185 82 g (0.0932 mmol) of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ was loaded into a $1/4$ in. o.d. glass tube, cooled to ca. -130°C , and 0.015 38 g (0.0998 mmol) of dry $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_4^+\text{Br}^-$ was added. The reaction tube was closed by a 4-mm Young valve attached to a $1/4$ -in. stainless steel Cajon union, removed from the drybox, and SO_2ClF was condensed onto the solid mixture at -196°C . Upon warming of the mixture from -78 to -60°C , Br_2 formed, and after 1 h the sample was pumped to dryness, yielding a white powder weighing 0.186 37 g. The weight loss (0.014 83 g) corresponded to 0.0932 mmol of Br_2 .

Attempted Halogen Exchange between SbCl_4^+ and SbBr_4^+ . To a 10-mm glass NMR tube in the drybox were added 0.1544 g (0.0994 mmol) of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and 0.1912 g (0.0959 mmol) of $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$, ca. 2.5 mL of SO_2ClF was condensed into the tube at -196°C , and the sample was heat sealed. The solutes dissolved at -78°C , and the light yellow sample was stored at this temperature until its ^{121}Sb and ^{123}Sb NMR spectra could be obtained.

Crystal Structure Determinations of $\text{SbCl}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$ and $\text{SbBr}_4^+\text{Sb}(\text{OTeF}_5)_6^-$. Collection and Reduction of X-ray Data. The crystals of the chlorine and bromine compounds were centered on a Siemens/Syntex P3 diffractometer, using silver radiation monochromatized with a graphite crystal ($\lambda = 0.56086 \text{ \AA}$). The experimental

values for the bromine compound, when they differ from those of the chlorine compound, are given in square brackets. The data sets were collected at -75°C [-81°C]. During data collection, the intensities of three standard reflections were monitored every 97 reflections to check for crystal stability and alignment. No decay was observed. Accurate cell dimensions were determined at -75°C [-81°C] from a least-squares refinement of the setting angles (χ , ϕ , and 2θ) obtained from 26 [36] accurately centered reflections (with 15.42° [15.16°] $\leq 2\theta \leq 34.51^\circ$ [30.17°]) chosen from a variety of points in reciprocal space. The examination of the peak profiles revealed only single peaks. Integrated diffraction intensities were collected using a $\theta-2\theta$ scan technique with scan rates varying from 2.003 [1.5] to 14.65 deg/min (in 2θ) so that the weaker reflections were examined most slowly to minimize counting errors. The data were collected with -15 [-15] $\leq h \leq 0$, $0 \leq k \leq 15$ [15], and -23 [0] $\leq l \leq 28$ [29] and with $3^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 50^\circ$ [50°]. A total of 6823 [5092] reflections were collected out of which 213 [162] were standard reflections. After averaging of equivalent reflections, 3969 [4177] unique reflections remained. A total of 3617 [3444] reflections, satisfying the condition $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$, were used for structure solution. Corrections were made for Lorentz and polarization effects. An empirical absorption correction was applied to the data by using the PSI SCAN method ($\Delta\phi = 10^\circ$) ($\mu R = 0.805$ [1.136]). The transmission factors ranged from 0.964 [0.467] to 0.481 [0.218].

Crystal Data. $\text{Cl}_4\text{F}_{30}\text{O}_6\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_6$ (fw = 1816.90); crystallizes in the trigonal system $P\bar{3}$; $a = 10.022(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 18.995(4) \text{ \AA}$; $V = 1652.3(6) \text{ \AA}^3$; $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.652 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ for $Z = 2$. Ag K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.56086 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu(\text{Ag K}\alpha) = 38.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) was used. $\text{Br}_4\text{F}_{30}\text{O}_6\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_6$ (fw = 1994.74); crystallizes in the trigonal system $P\bar{3}$; $a = 10.206(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 19.297(3) \text{ \AA}$; $V = 1740.9(5) \text{ \AA}^3$; $D_{\text{calc}} = 3.806 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ for $Z = 2$. Ag K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.56086 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu(\text{Ag K}\alpha) = 59.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) was used.

Solution and Refinement of the Structures. The refinements of the two structures were identical; consequently the numerical values for the bromine compound, when they differ from those of the chlorine compound, are given in square brackets. The program XPREP¹⁵ was used for confirming the correct cells and space groups. The five space groups which were consistent with the systematic absences were the centrosymmetric $P\bar{3}$ and $P\bar{6}/m$ space groups, the chiral $P\bar{3}$ and $P\bar{6}$ space groups and the non-centrosymmetric $P\bar{6}$ space group. Even though the E -statistics (calculated, 0.738 [0.739]; theoretical, 0.736) suggested a noncentrosymmetric space group, the structure was solved in the space group $P\bar{3}$ ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.040$ [0.021]) which proved to be the right space group. A first solution was obtained without absorption corrections by direct methods which located the antimony and halogen atoms of the cation (Sb atom and one halogen atom on special position (3..) and one halogen atom on general position), the special positions ($\bar{3}$) of the Sb atoms of the two anions, and the general positions of the Te atoms of the two anions. The full-matrix least-squares refinement of all the above atom positions and isotropic thermal parameters gave a conventional agreement index R of 0.327 [0.331]. A difference Fourier synthesis revealed the remaining general positions of all fluorine and oxygen atoms. The introduction of these positions gave a residual factor of 0.294 [0.308]. Surprisingly, the introduction of anisotropic thermal parameters for all the heavy atoms did not improve the residual, but uncertainties in coordinates, bond lengths, and bond angles were reduced. Such behavior suggested that the crystal was a merohedral twin, which can be expected in a trigonal system. Twin domains of this type have the same lattice in the parallel orientation, i.e., the reciprocal lattices coincide, which was observed for both compounds. The two twin laws which are most commonly expected in a trigonal system are (100 010 $\bar{1}0\bar{1}$) and (100 010 00 $\bar{1}$). A refinement was carried out using both laws; in the first case, the residual remained the same, while with the second law, the residual dropped drastically to 0.0934 [0.1123], indicating it was the correct twin law. The structure was then solved using data that had been corrected empirically for absorption, and all the heavy atoms refined with anisotropic thermal parameters ($R = 0.0604$ [0.0741]). The final refinement twin ratio was 53/47 [47/53]. At this point, it was possible to distinguish a significant difference between the values of the thermal parameters of

the oxygen and fluorine atoms of the two anions, as well as the Sb(2)–O(1)–Te(1) and Sb(3)–O(2)–Te(2) angles, respectively, suggesting the “Sb(3)” anion was disordered. The oxygen and fluorine atoms of the “Sb(2)” anion were easily refined anisotropically, while the program suggested the light atom positions of the “Sb(3)” anion were separated by 0.49 [0.72] Å. The disorder could be described as an orientational disorder involving two anions sharing the same central antimony atom and the same tellurium atoms in which the oxygen and the fluorine atoms were separated by 0.49 [0.72] Å. The structure was solved using a disorder model in which the Sb(3)–O, O–Te(2), and Te(2)–F distances were restrained to those in the “Sb(2)” anion, the O–Sb(3)–O, O–Te(2)–O, and F–Te(2)–F angles were restrained to 15° [21°], and the site occupancy factor was allowed to refine. The value of 15° [21°] was arrived at after solving the structure for different angle values and corresponded to the minimum *R* value. As expected, the introduction of the two partial positions was accompanied by a decrease in the values of the thermal parameters and, more importantly, by better agreement of the Sb–O–Te angles in the two anions (see Table 4). The site occupancy factors refined to a 51/49 [54/46] disorder. The final refinement was obtained by setting the weight factor to $1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.079 [0.0662]P)^2 + 6.443 [0.000]P]$ and gave rise to a residual, *R*₁, of 0.0461 (*wR*₂ = 0.1223) [0.0425 (0.1014)]. In the final difference map, the maximum and the minimum electron densities were 8.49 [2.59] and –1.62 [–1.79] e Å^{–3}.

All calculations were performed on a 486 personal computer using the SHELXTL PLUS package¹⁵ for structure determination, refinement and molecular graphics.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded unlocked (field drift < 0.1 Hz h^{–1}) on Bruker AC-300 (7.0463 T) and AM-500 (11.744 T) spectrometers equipped with Aspect 3000 computers. The ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were obtained using a 5-mm ¹H/¹³C/¹⁹F/³¹P combination probe. The ¹²¹Sb and ¹²³Sb NMR spectra were obtained by using broad-band VSP probes tunable over the frequency ranges 14–122 MHz (AC-300) and 23–202 MHz (AM-500). The ¹²¹Sb (119.696 MHz) and ¹²³Sb (64.820 MHz) NMR spectra of SbBr₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] were recorded at 11.744 T using pulse widths of 15 and 17 μs, respectively, and correspond to a bulk magnetization tip angle of ~90°. A total of 1200 and 1000 transients were acquired in 16K memories using spectral width settings of 15 and 25 kHz, acquisition times of 0.541 and 0.328 s, data point resolutions of 1.85 and 3.05 Hz/data point and a line broadening for the exponential smoothing of the free induction decays of 5 Hz for ¹²³Sb and ¹²¹Sb, respectively. The ¹²¹Sb (71.830 MHz) and ¹²³Sb (38.899 MHz) NMR spectra recorded at 7.0463 T were acquired using ~90° pulse widths of 10.5 and 19 μs, respectively. The spectra were acquired in 64K and 16K memories using spectral width settings of 100 and 25 kHz, acquisition times of 0.164 and 0.328 s, a data point resolution of 3.05 Hz/data point and a line broadening of 5 Hz for SbCl₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] (¹²¹Sb, 2000 transients; ¹²³Sb, 6050 transients in SO₂ClF solvent and ¹²¹Sb, 83 000 transients in CH₃CN solvent) and SbBr₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] (¹²¹Sb, 4100 transients; ¹²³Sb, 5000 transients), respectively. The ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 282.408 MHz; 500 transients were acquired in 128K memories using a ~90° pulse width of 1 μs, spectral width settings of 10 kHz, acquisition times of 1.64 s, and data point resolutions of 0.153 Hz/data point. Proton spectra were recorded at 300.134 MHz; 220 transients were acquired in 32K memories using a ~90° pulse width of 2 μs, spectral width settings of 10 kHz, acquisition times of 0.819 s, and data point resolutions of 0.610 Hz/data point. No line broadening parameter was used when processing the ¹H and ¹⁹F free induction decays, and no relaxation delays were used for any of the spectral acquisitions. The respective nuclei were referenced to neat samples of CFCl₃ (¹⁹F) and Si(CH₃)₄ (¹H) and to a 1.00 M solution of N(CH₂CH₃)₄⁺SbF₆[–] in CH₃CN (¹²¹Sb and ¹²³Sb) at

the sample temperatures for ¹²¹Sb and ¹²³Sb spectra (see Table 1) and at 30 °C for ¹H and ¹⁹F spectra. The chemical shift convention used was that a positive (negative) sign signifies a chemical shift to higher (lower) frequency with respect to the reference sample.

Spectra were recorded in 5-mm (¹⁹F and ¹H) and 10-mm (¹²¹Sb and ¹²³Sb) thin wall precision glass tubes (Wilmad). Following condensation of SO₂ClF or CH₃CN solvent into the sample tube at –196 °C, the sample tubes were heat sealed under dynamic vacuum while the contents were kept frozen at –196 °C.

Raman Spectroscopy. Raman spectra were recorded on a Jobin-Yvon Mole S-3000 triple spectrograph system equipped with a 0.32-m prefilter, an adjustable 25-mm entrance slit, and a 1.00-m monochromator. The instrument settings for the bromine compounds, when they differ from those of the chlorine compound, are given in square brackets. Holographic gratings were used for the prefilter (600 grooves mm^{–1}, blazed at 500 nm) and monochromator (2400 grooves mm^{–1}, blazed at 550 nm) stages. The 514.5 nm line of a Spectra Physics Model 2016 Ar⁺ ion laser was used for excitation of the samples. Spectra were recorded at –150 °C [–152 °C] on powdered microcrystalline samples in 5-mm o.d. thin wall Pyrex glass NMR tubes using the macrochamber of the instrument. Low temperatures were achieved by flowing dry N₂ gas, chilled by passing through a 50-L tank of liquid nitrogen, along the outside of the sample tube, which was mounted vertically in an open-ended unsilvered glass Dewar jacket, and checked by placing a copper-constantan thermocouple wire (error, ±0.8 °C) in the sample region. A Spectraview-2D CCD detector equipped with a 25-mm chip (1152 × 298 pixels) was used for signal averaging. The Raman spectrometer was frequency calibrated using the 1018.3 or 730.4 cm^{–1} line of neat indene, which was sealed in a 1/4 in. glass tube. The laser power was adjusted to 300 [500] mW at the sample. Slits were set to 100 μm (band pass, 2 cm^{–1}) for low-resolution spectra and 50 μm (band pass, 1 cm^{–1}) for resolution of ^{35/37}Cl isotopic shifts in SbCl₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–]. A total of 20 reads having 30 [20] s integration times were summed for the Raman spectra of SbBr₄⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–] and (SbBr₂·CH₃CN)⁺Sb(OTeF₅)₆[–]. Owing to the high scattering powers of neat SbBr₃, the spectrum of this compound was obtained by summing 10 scans having 10 s integration times.

The force constants for SbCl₄⁺, SbBr₄⁺ and related tetrahalonium cations of group 15 were determined using a GVFF and the program SVIB.¹⁶ All calculations were carried out on a Silicon Graphics 4600PC computer.

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