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VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE REACTIVITY OF THE XENON(VI) OXYFLUORIDE: $XeOF_4$

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In the liquid state XeOF₄ exhibits an amphoteric behaviour: its ability to form complexes with the strong Lewis base CsF and the strong Lewis acid SbF₅ has been established earlier. Its relative stability toward reduction is discussed.

In the gas phase, the sensitization of its dissociation giving Xenon tetrafluoride and oxygen is performed using SF₆ excited by a pulsed CO₂ laser. This experiment shows an efficiency 60 times greater than the multiphoton dissociation for equal energies. These last results have been explained by a theory of the vibrational intermolecular transfer for molecules in their quasi continuum.

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PERFLUORO AMMONIUM AND ALKALI METAL SALTS OF THE HEPTAFLUORO XENON(VI) AND OCTAFLUORO XENON(VI) ANIONS

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The ${\rm NF_4XeF_7}$ salt was prepared from ${\rm XeF_6}$ and ${\rm NF_4HF_2}$, and was converted to ${\rm (NF_4)_2XeF_8}$ by selective laser photolysis. These new salts and the known ${\rm CsXeF_7}$ and ${\rm Cs_2XeF_8}$ were characterized, and their vibrational spectra are reported. Evidence is presented for the existence of a stable ${\rm NaXeF_7}$ salt. The presence of different phases in solid ${\rm XeF_6}$ was confirmed by Raman spectroscopy.