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## CORRELATIONS BETWEEN FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCIES AND PHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF SOME R<sub>3</sub>SbX<sub>2</sub> COMPOUNDS

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## Summary

For molecules of the type  $R_3 SbX_2$ , where R is methyl or phenyl, and X is a halogen, certain correlations involving the fundamental frequencies of vibration have been established. These frequencies were found to be dependent on the atomic mass and electronegativity of the halogen and the molecular weight and moment of inertia of the molecule.

## Introduction

Recently Chremos and Zingaro [1] have shown that the Teller-Redlich product rule [2] can be applied to molecules in the series  $R_3$  MY containing similar R (alkyl) substituents, bonded to a central main Group V atom M. For two molecules,  $R_3$  MY and  $R_3$  MY', in the series the main Group VI atoms Y and Y' were treated as isotopes. These authors have established a correlation between the fundamental stretching frequency  $\omega(M=X)$  and the masses and electronegativities of the atoms M and Y. We wish to report that the molecules  $R_3$  SbX<sub>2</sub> and  $R_3$  SbX'<sub>2</sub> can be treated in a similar way. Chremos and Zingaro confined their correlation to the  $A'_1$  species of the point group  $C_{3v}$ . We have considered all the species of the  $D_{3h}$  point group to which the  $R_3$  SbX<sub>2</sub> molecules belong.

#### **Results and discussion**

When the Teller–Redlich product rule is applied to two molecules  $R_3 SbX_2$ and  $R_3 SbX_2'$ , with similar R groups, the following equation for the  $A_1'$  species is obtained,

(1)

$$\frac{\omega_1 \cdot \omega_2}{\omega_1' \cdot \omega_2'} = \left[\frac{m_{\mathbf{X}'}}{m_{\mathbf{X}}}\right]^2$$

X	
F Cl	Br 1
546 538 465 272	526 508 168 122
484 282 215 188 591 577	215 172 173 569 559
210 166 146 119	160 163 91 80
	X         Cl           546         538           465         272           484         282           215         188           591         577           210         166           146         119

where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are the first and second fundamental frequencies, respectively of R<sub>3</sub> SbX<sub>2</sub> and  $m_{\chi}$  is the atomic mass of the halogen; while  $\omega'_1$ ,  $\omega'_2$  and  $m_{\chi'}$ are the corresponding parameters associated with the molecule R<sub>3</sub> SbX<sub>2</sub>. Eqn. 1 can be rearranged to give eqn. 2, which represents an equality between two prod

(2)

$$\omega_1 \cdot \omega_2 \cdot m_X^{\prime \prime} = \omega_1' \cdot \omega_2' \cdot m_X^{\prime \prime}$$

ucts, each being a function of one type of molecule only. Thus, each side can be set equal to a constant, so we obtain eqn. 3.

$$\omega_1 \cdot \omega_2 = K_1 \cdot m_X^{-4} \equiv K_1 \cdot X_1 \tag{3}$$

In a similar manner the respective equations for the  $A_2''$ , E' and E'' species can be derived (eqns. 4–6).

$$\omega_3 \cdot \omega_4 = K_2 \cdot M^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot m_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \equiv K_2 \cdot X_2 \tag{4}$$

$$\omega_5 \cdot \omega_6 \cdot \omega_7 = K_3 \cdot M^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot m_X^{-\frac{1}{2}} \equiv K_3 X_3$$
(5)

 $\omega_{\rm g} = K_4 \cdot I^{\nu_2} \cdot m_{\rm x}^{-\nu_2} \equiv K_4 \cdot X_4 \tag{6}$ 

Here,  $\omega_i$  (i = 3-8) is the *i*-th fundamental frequency of R<sub>3</sub>SbX<sub>2</sub>, while *M* and *I* are the molecular weight and moment of inertia, respectively, of the same compound.

When eqns. 3-6 are applied to the fundamental frequencies of the trimethy antimony dihalides [3] (Table 1) the correlations given in Table 2 are obtained. It can be seen that the correlation coefficients are poor and that the average standard deviations vary from 18 to  $118 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

TABLE 2

VIBRATIONAL CORRELATIONS FOR R3SbX2 MOLECULES WITH SIMILAR R GROUPS

Species Regression equation <sup>a</sup>	Corr. coeff. Stand. dev. (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
$\begin{array}{cccc} A_1' & y_1 = (13.44  X_1 - 0.63) \times 10^5 \\ A_2'' & y_2 = (0.52  X_2 - 0.72) \times 10^5 \\ E' & y_3 = (73.62  X_3 - 66.09) \times 10^5 \\ E'' & y_4 = (-0.998  X_4 + 6.05) \times 10^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0.9914 & 0.14\times10^5 \\ 0.9806 & 0.84\times10^4 \\ 0.9883 & 0.91\times10^6 \\ -0.7544 & 0.18\times10^2 \end{array}$

 $a_{y_i}$  Denotes the product of the vibrational frequencies of the species in question.

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## TABLE 3

MODIFIED VIBRATIONAL CORRELATIONS FOR R3SbX2 MOLECULES

Species		Regression equation <sup>a</sup>	Corr. coeff.	Stand. dev.
			 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )
A'1 A'2		$y_1 = (27.54 Z_1 + 0.29) \times 10^4$ $y_2 = (0.91 Z_2 - 1.63) \times 10^4$	0.9993 0.9993	$0.39 \times 10^{4}$ 0.17 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
E" 	· . ·	$y_3 = (12.82 Z_3 + 13.04) \times 10^{\circ}$ $y_4 = (10.65 Z_4 + 84.13) \times 10^{\circ}$	 0.9992	0.24 × 10° 0.97

<sup>a</sup> For y<sub>i</sub> see Table 2.

#### TABLE 4

## CORRELATIONS OF (Sb-X) STRETCHING VIBRATIONS OF R3SbX2 MOLECULES

No. of points	Species	Regression equation <sup>a</sup>	Corr. coeff.	Stand. dev. (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
4	A'i	y = 492.93 Z + 15.62	0.9994	6.57
8	$A_1$	y = 514.87 Z + 5.77	0.9987	8.12
4	A2	y = 38.30 Z - 16.67	0.9968	14.38

<sup>a</sup> For y see Table 2.

## TABLE 5

# CORRELATIONS BETWEEN SYMMETRIC AND ASYMMETRIC STRETCHINGS FOR ${\bf R_3SbX_2}$ MOLECULES

No. of points	Туре	Regression equation <sup>a</sup>	Corr. coeff.	Stand. dev. (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
8	(Sb-R)	y = 1.02 Z + 32.73	0.9994	5.73
8	(Sb-X)	y = 0.96 Z + 32.59	0.9969	12.10

<sup>a</sup> For y see Table 2.



Fig. 1. Linear correlation of  $(m_X^{-1/2} \cdot E_X)$  versus (Sb-X) stretching mode for R<sub>3</sub>SbX<sub>2</sub> compounds.



Fig. 2. Linear correlation between symmetric and asymmetric stretching modes of (Sb–X) for  $R_3SbX_2$  compounds.

Chremos and Zingaro found empirically that better results could be obtained by modifying the correlation equations to include the Pauling electronegativity values [4]  $(E_x)$  of the halogens. Eqns. 3–6 are now written in the form given in eqns. 7–10.

$$\omega_{1} \cdot \omega_{2} = K_{1} \cdot X_{1} \cdot E_{X} \equiv K_{1} \cdot Z_{1}$$

$$\omega_{3} \cdot \omega_{4} = K_{2} \cdot X_{2} \cdot E_{X} \equiv K_{2} \cdot Z_{2}$$

$$\omega_{5} \cdot \omega_{6} \cdot \omega_{7} = K_{3} \cdot X_{3} \cdot E_{X} \equiv K_{3} \cdot Z_{3}$$

$$\omega_{6} = K_{4} \cdot X_{4} \cdot E_{X} \equiv K_{4} \cdot Z_{4}$$
(10)

The modified vibrational correlations together with their average standard deviations are listed in Table 3. They indicate a significant improvement over those given in Table 2.

It can be noted from Table 1 that the frequencies of  $\omega_1$ , the (Sb-C)symmetric stretching, and  $\omega_4$ , the (Sb-C)-out of plane deformation mode, are essentially independent of the nature of the halogen. If, then,  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_4$  are assumed to be constant, the (Sb-X) stretching mode can be given as:

$$\omega(\mathrm{Sb-X}) = K \cdot Z$$

(11)

Eqn. 11 was applied initially to the four trimethylantimony dihalides and then (considering only the  $A'_1$  species) it was applied to both these four compounds and the four analogous triphenyl [3] derivatives. The results are given in Table 4. The linear correlation for the eight points of species  $A'_1$  is illustrated in Fig. 1.

We have also found that the frequencies of the symmetric (Sb-C) and (Sb-X) stretching modes are related to their respective asymmetric vibrations. The linear regression equations obtained are listed in Table 5 and a typical plot is shown in Fig. 2.

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