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The Raman spectrum indicates a molecule which has either no symmetry or at most one element of symmetry, in which case all 21 fundamental modes of vibration would appear individually in both the Raman and infrared spectra. Molecules containing a double bond have their stretching fundamental at *ca.* 1650 cm^{-1} ,¹⁰ which is shifted in polyfluorinated ethylenes to *ca.* 1750 cm^{-1} .^{11,12} This corresponds to the Raman line found at 1790 cm^{-1} and the infrared band at 1798 cm^{-1} . Thus the spectra indicate the structure $CF_3CF=CF_2$!

It is difficult to predict the character of the vibrations of this molecule because of the lack of symmetry restrictions and the complexity resulting from the large interactions between the fluorine atoms. An approximate description of them based upon the neglect of coupling between the groups is found in Table I. The correlation between the expected magnitudes⁵⁻¹² and the observations is good. No definite assignment of all the frequencies can be made yet. For example, it is not clear why only five lines are found in the region where the six C-F stretching vibrations are expected. Work now under way in this Laboratory on similar molecules should throw light on these matters, however. The correlation of Table I is given solely to show that the spectrum has the proper number of lines in the proper spectral region for such a model.

In order to conclusively demonstrate that "cyclic" C_3F_6 is in reality hexafluoropropylene, the infrared spectrum between 2 and 15 μ of an authentic sample of $CF_3CF=CF_2$ is included in Table III, column 2. It is identical with that for "cyclic" C_3F_6 . This spectrum was obtained and furnished by Mr. D. G. Weiblen of the Central Research Department, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, using material prepared by Lyle Hals of that laboratory.

It is now clear why the physical properties of $CF_3CF=CF_2$ ¹³ are so close to those earlier reported for "cyclic" C_3F_6 .

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The Identification of C_3F_6 ¹

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The compound C_3F_6 , obtained by pyrolysis of polytetrafluoroethylene and by pyrolysis of monochlorodifluoromethane has been reported to be hexafluorocyclopropane^{2,3} although some doubt as to its identity has been expressed.⁴ Interpretation of electron diffraction photographs of this compound has led us to the conclusion that the compound is not hexafluorocyclopropane but is hexafluoropropene. This conclusion has been reached independently by other workers.^{5,6}

The electron diffraction photographs⁷ were prepared using an apparatus built by Professor H. J. Yearian of the Purdue Physics Department. The sample of C_3F_6 was kindly supplied by Drs. Young and Benning of the Jackson Laboratory of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. Diffraction maxima were observable on the photographs out to $s = 33$ ($s = 4\pi/\lambda \sin \theta/2$). A radial distribution curve (Fig. 1) was calculated using essentially a method previously described.⁸ The five prominent peaks of this curve at 1.32, 2.16,

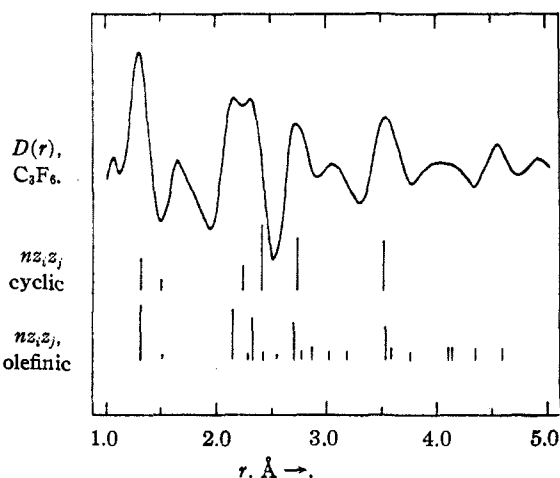


Fig. 1.—Radial distribution curve for C_3F_6 . The lines under the curve correspond to bond distances in models of hexafluorocyclopropane and hexafluoropropene; the lengths of the lines indicate the relative weights, nz, z_j , of the corresponding terms in the simplified intensity function.

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2.34, 2.70, and 3.54 Å. are not compatible with any cyclic model having D_{3h} symmetry. The bond distances in one cyclic model are indicated by vertical lines under the radial distribution curve; other cyclic models disagree with the curve to about the same extent or to a greater extent. Also the theoretical intensity curves for cyclic models are incompatible with the observed pattern.

We have succeeded in finding a model for hexafluoropropene which gives very good agreement with the prominent peaks on the radial distribution curve. This agreement is indicated under the curve by vertical lines representing bond distances in this model. In addition the theoretical intensity curve for this model agrees qualitatively with the photographs and the average of the $S_{\text{scaled.}}/S_{\text{obs.}}$ (for eleven features which may be confidently compared) is 0.999 with an average deviation of 0.006. Further work is necessary in order to determine the accuracy with which the various parameters in the molecule can be evaluated. The identity of the compound, however, seems clearly established.

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Maxima in Vapor Pressure Curves

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Recently N. B. Keevil¹ has given the vapor pressures of aqueous solutions of a number of salts over an extensive temperature range. In case of highly soluble salts, maxima occur in the vapor pressure curves and the author stresses the point that the maxima lie at increasing temperatures with increasing melting point of the salts.

We have found analogous results for a series of salts with lower melting points. Moreover we have derived² the approximate expression

$$\frac{1}{T_{\text{max}}} = \frac{1}{T_s} + 0.00021.$$

T_s = melting point of the salt (absolute temperature)
 T_{max} = absolute temperature of the maximum.

This expression is derived for ideal solutions, but it proves to give also fairly trustworthy results for the temperature of the pressure maxima even for our saturated salt solutions. The relation given is also valid for vapor pressure curves of solutions saturated with respect to two or more salts, in which case T_s = the eutectic temperature

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of the salt mixture.³ A number of examples are to be found in our publications.⁴

We have applied our formula to those of Keevil's curves, for which the temperature of the maximum and the melting point of the salt have been directly determined. The results are collected in Table I.

TABLE I

Salt	Melting point, °C.	Temperature of the maximum, °C. measured	maximum, °C. calculated
NaCl	804	600	606
NaBr	755	570	573
KCl	770	565	582

From the figures given it is clear that a fairly accurate estimation of the temperature of the maximum in the vapor pressure curve can be derived from melting point data with the aid of our formula.

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The Preparation of Allyl Iodide¹

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Reported methods for the preparation of allyl iodide involve the reaction of allyl alcohol or glycerol with either hydriodic acid or phosphorus and iodine.² We find that preparative quantities of allyl iodide may be obtained very conveniently by the action of sodium iodide on allyl chloride in acetone. This preparation is based on a reaction investigated kinetically by Conant, Kirner and Hussey.³

A mixture made of 0.6 mole (45.9 g.) of allyl chloride, 0.75 mole (113 g.) of sodium iodide, and 100 cc. of acetone was warmed on the steam-bath for three hours and then poured into 500 cc. of water. The organic layer was separated, washed with both a dilute sodium bisulfite solution and with water, dried over sodium sulfate, and distilled. The yield of allyl iodide (b. p. 101–102°, d_{4}^{25} , 1.8454, n_D^{25} 1.5542) was 63.1 g. (62.6%). When the reflux time was increased to twenty-four hours and 200 cc. of acetone was used as solvent, the yield was increased to 76.7%.

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Absorption Spectra of 4,6-Diamino-2-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine

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Although 1,3,5-triazine derivatives have been the subject of many investigations, relatively few