Connecting Symmetry, Vibrational Spectroscopy, and Inorganic Chemistry

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Animate the Normal Modes of PF₅





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D_{6h} Illustrates the Rule of Mutual Exclusion

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Raman is a Light Scattering Phenomenon



AsP₃ Characterization by Raman Spectroscopy







Raman Spectrum of [PPN][P5]

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The program only needs to know the # unshifted atoms for each class of operation

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The irreducible representation for vibrations is
141' + 1E1' + 2E2' + 1E2''
The IR active terms are
1E1'
The Raman active terms are
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There is 1 polarized Raman band.



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Connecting Vibrations to Chemical Reactions via the Potential Energy Surface

IV. PENTAHALIDES OF PHOSPHORUS

The molecules PF5 and PCl5 have been the subject of a variety of studies which have suggested the possibility that they might exhibit internal motions. Both molecules are trigonal bipyramids so that, at any instant, the halogen atoms occupy two kinds of sites; three are assigned to equatorial positions, and the other two to polar positions. The F¹⁹-resonance spectrum of PF₅ has been observed by Gutowsky, McCall, and Slichter.13 They report only a single fluorine resonance peak (split into a doublet due to P-F coupling), so that either the five fluorines are equivalent to a measurement as slow as NMR, or the chemical shifts and P-F couplings are accidentally identical for fluorines at both kinds of sites. The latter possibility is rather unlikely, particularly in light of the data to be cited regarding PCl₅, so it will not be considered further.

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Figure 1. The idealized NMR spectra for a pair of exchanging resonances separated by a frequency $\Delta \nu = \nu_a - \nu_b$ shown schematically at the extremes of slow and fast exchange.

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Representative Chemical Shift Ranges, Coupling Constants, and Time Scales

Nucleus	Approximate Shift Range, ppm	Shifts at 1.4T Field or 60 MHz for ¹ H, kHz	Time Scale Range ^a for 1.4T shifts	Shifts at 7T Field or 300 MHz for ¹ H, kHz	Time Scale Range ^a for 7T shifts	Scalar Coupling Consts, Hz	Scalar Coupling Time Scale ^b
١H	0- 10	0- 0.6	0.2 s-0.4 ms	0- 3	0.2 s-75 µs	² J _{HH} ~10	~22 ms
13C	0- 200	0- 3	0.2 s-75 µs	0- 15	0.2 s-15 µs	¹ J _{CH} ~150	~1.5 ms
15N	0- 900	0- 5.4	0.2 s-40 µs	0- 27	0.2 s- 8 µs	¹ J _{NH} ~50	~4.5 ms
19 F	0- 300	0- 17	0.2 s-13 µs	0- 85	0.2 s- 3 µs	² J _{HF} ∼50	~4.5 ms
31p	0- 700	0- 17	0.2 s-13 µs	0- 85	0.2 s- 3 µs	² Jp_p~20	~11 ms
59Co	0-15 000	0-214	$0.2 \text{ s} - 1 \mu \text{s}$	0-1.070	0.2 s- 0.2 µs	¹ J _{Co-N} ~50	~4.5 ms
199Hg	0- 3,000	0- 32	0.2 s-7 µs	0- 160	0.2 s- 1.4 µs	$^1\rm{J}_{13}\rm{C}_{-}^{199}\rm{Hg} \sim 2,500$	~90 µs

* Taken as the coalescence lifetime given by eqn. 2 for a maximum shift; e.g., 10 ppm for ¹H, and a minimum resolvable shift of 1 Hz.

^b Taken as the coalescence lifetime obtained by substitution of J for $\Delta \nu$ in eqn. 2.



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Molecular Structure of SF₄, Another Fluxional Molecule





The F–S–F angle involving the axial F atoms is 173°

The red lines outline a trigonal bipyramid. Black lines show the electron pairs

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Sulfur tetrafluoride has 10 electrons around the central sulfur atom. This means there are five electron pairs arranged in an trigonal bipyramidal shape with 102° F-S-F bond angles between the equatorial fluorine atoms and 173° between the axial fluorine atoms. The remaining lone pair is equatorial giving an overall see-saw shape.

NMR Investigation of Pseudorotation in SF₄ Excerpt from 1983 paper by Nancy S. True, DOI: 10.1021/ja00363a003



Figure 1. Pressure-dependent exchange-broadened ¹⁹F NMR spectra of SF₄ at (a) 308 K. (b) 328 K, and (c) 348 K. Limiting axial and equatorial resonances are at 97.73 and 37.03 ppm, respectively, referenced to CFCl₃. Sharp resonances at 56.21 and 77.19 ppm, apparent in the high-pressure samples, are due to SF₄ and SOF₄ impurities, respectively.



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gas at 2004 torr ^a	13.7 (0.5)	
gas at 55 torr ^a	12.5 (0.5)	
gas at ca. 3500 torr ^b	11.7 (1.5)	
liquid ^b	11.2 (1.0)	

Table II. Activation Energies for Pseudorotation in Sulfur Tetrafluoride

^a This work. ^b Reference 25.

Table III. Normal Mode Assignment of SF4

species	frequency (cm ⁻¹)	description ^a
A1 ν_1	891.5	ν sym, SF ₂ eq
ν_2	558.4	ν sym, SF ₂ ax.
ν_3	356 ^b	δ sciss SF ₂ eq and ax sym comb
ν_4	228 ^b	δ sciss SF ₂ eq and ax. asym comb
A2 ν_5	474	SF ₂ twist
B1 ν_6	730	ν asym SF ₂ ax.
ν_7	532	SF ₂ eq wagging
B2 ν_8	867	ν asym SF ₂ eq.
ν_9	350	δ sciss SF ₂ ax. out of plane

^a Reference 37. ^b Pseudorotation modes.

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Screenshot of our SF₄ TS Vibrations Applet



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