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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLES

| Symbol | Meaning |
|--|--|
| VVS | extremely strong |
| VS | very strong |
| S | strong |
| M | medium |
| W | weak |
| VW | very weak |
| VW | extremely weak |
| VVW | barely observable and |
| VVW | questionable |
| d | diffuse |
| sh | sharp |
| b | broad |
| vb | very broad |
| db | doubled |
| sd | shoulder |
| e | Hg 4358 A |
| f | Hg 4347 A |
| g | Hg 4339 A |
| h | Hg 4108 A |
| i | Hg 4077 A |
| k | Hg 4046 A |
| H ^o E ^o So Fo | heat content internal energy heat capacity entropy free energy (Gibbs) |
| R | Raman |
| I | infrared |

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

It is very desirable to obtain vibrational spectra of compounds in the gaseous state. Selection rules, based on the quantum-mechanical theory of the origin of such spectra, are derived on the assumption that the molecules are in the gaseous state. Moreover, contours of bands in the Raman spectrum of a gas may often yield more helpful information concerning the character of the vibrations than do polarization data. Also, the fundamental vibrational frequencies for the gaseous state are required to calculate the thermodynamic properties of compounds in the ideal gas state. In general, the differences between the vibrational frequencies in the liquid and gaseous states are not large. However, for the low frequencies the errors in the thermodynamical functions committed by using data for the liquid rather than for the gaseous state may be appreciable.

A summary of the early work on the Raman spectra of gases has been given by Welsh, <u>et al.</u> Special attention was given by Welsh, <u>et</u>

¹Welsh, Stansbury, Romanko, and Feldman, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>45</u>, 338 (1955). Included were such workers as L. A. Ramdas, Indian J. Phys.

al., to the systematic and thorough work of Nielsen and Ward.²

Until recent years, the methods used to obtain vibrational Raman spectra of gases has been somewhat unsatisfactory. The usual irradiation apparatus has been essentially the same as that employed for liquids, but constructed on a larger scale. In order to obtain fairly complete spectral data, it was often necessary to use exposure times of the order of days or weeks. Even so, the spectra obtained were generally not as complete as desired. Furthermore, the index of refraction of the air inside the spectrograph will change because of atmospheric pressure variations occurring during long exposures. Raman bands will be broadened as a result of this effect. For these reasons, it is desirable to increase the intensity of the Raman bands in order to shorten the exposure times.

Three factors affect the Raman intensities; the number of molecules per unit volume, the intensity of irradiation falling on that volume, and the efficiency with which the scattered Raman radiation is gathered into the spectrograph.

The number of molecules per unit volume may be increased by raising the pressure within the Raman tube. However, the strength of the Raman tube and the effects of pressure broadening place an upper limit on

²J. Rud Nielsen and N. E. Ward, J. Chem. Phys. <u>10</u>, 81 (1942).

^{3, 131 (1928);} R. W. Wood, Phys. Rev. <u>33</u>, 1097 (1929); <u>idem</u>, Phys. Rev. <u>35</u>, 1355 (1930); <u>idem</u>, Phil. Mag. <u>7</u>, 744 (1929); F. Rasetti, Phys. Rev. <u>34</u>, 367 (1929); Dickenson, Dillon, and Rasetti, Phys. Rev. <u>34</u>, 582 (1929); S. Bhagavantam, Nature <u>126</u>, 995 (1930); A. Langseth and J. Rud Nielsen, Nature <u>130</u>, 92 (1932); <u>idem</u>, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B19</u>, 427 (1932); <u>idem</u>, Phys. Rev. <u>46</u>, 1057 (1934).

the gas pressures that may be employed. The gas is usually contained in a glass tube which has a light trap at one end and a window and diaphragm system at the other end. Monochromatic radiation, usually provided by a Hg lamp, enters the tube perpendicular to its axis, and the scattered radiation passes through the window to the spectrograph. Few significant improvements have been made on the Raman tube, although the optical matching of this type of Raman tube with the spectrograph has been perfected.³,4 Many modifications of Hg lamps have been made in order to increase the intensity of certain Hg lines (2537 A and 4358 A) without a simultaneous increase in intensity of the Hg continuum and broadening of the spectral lines. It is not the purpose of this work to investigate the properties of Hg lamps; however, certain improvements made in the last few years will be discussed later.

In 1951, Welsh, Cumming and Stansbury⁵ increased the efficiency of a Raman tube by the use of spherical mirrors inside the tube. They based their design on a principle developed by J. U. White.⁶ Welsh, <u>et</u> <u>al.</u>, were able to increase the intensity, as compared to a similar tube without mirrors, by a factor of 1/(1 - R), where R is the reflective power of the mirrors. A detailed description of a similar Raman tube will be given in Chapter III.

³J. Rud Nielsen, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>20</u>, 701 (1930); <u>37</u>, 494 (1947).
⁴G. Hansen, Optik. <u>6</u>, 337 (1950).
⁵Welsh, Cumming, and Stansbury, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>41</u>, 712 (1951).
⁶J. U. White, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>32</u>, 285 (1942).

Welsh, <u>et al</u>., used air and water-cooled Hg lamps^{7,8,9} at first, but later, following a design by B. P. Stoicheff,¹⁰ completely water-cooled Hg lamps were employed as sources of illumination. The principal advantage of the Stoicheff lamp was that the lamp barrel could be maintained at approximately room temperature, thereby reducing the Hg continuum considerably. Also, an elaborate air-cooling system is made unnecessary. Kovar to glass electrodes were employed, and they appear to be more satisfactory for this purpose than tungsten to glass electrodes.

With the Raman tube and Hg lamps described above, Welsh and coworkers have been able to observe the Raman spectra of many compounds in the gaseous state; their primary interest being in the study of fine structure in rotational and rotation-vibrational spectra. They were able, for example, to obtain the rotational Raman bands of gaseous CO₂ at one atmosphere pressure, in a two minute exposure.¹¹ With such an apparatus it is possible to study the vibrational Raman bands of compounds in the gaseous state, and this, together with the study of vibrational infrared spectra, has been the purpose of the present work. The necessary infra-

⁷D. H. Rank and J. S. McCartney, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>38</u>, 279 (1948).
⁸H. H. Claassen and J. Rud Nielsen, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>43</u>, 352 (1953).
⁹Welsh, Crawford, Thomas, and Love, Can. J. Phys. <u>30</u>, 577 (1952).
¹⁰B. P. Stoicheff, Can. J. Phys. <u>32</u>, 330 (1954).
¹¹Welsh, Stansbury, Romanko, and Feldman, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>45</u> 338 (1955).



CHAPTER II

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

It was desired to design, construct and test the performance of a multiple-reflection Raman tube for gases and to observe the Raman spectra of selected compounds in the gaseous state. It was intended further to assign the fundamental vibrational frequencies and to make a detailed interpretation of the observed spectra. The following compounds were chosen for this study:

- 1. Vinyl Chloride, $CH_2 = CHC1$
- 2. Vinyl Bromide, CH₂ = CHBr
- 3. Trifluoroacetonitrile, CF₃CN

In addition, it was desired to calculate the thermodynamic functions of vinyl chloride and vinyl bromide from the assigned values of the fundamental frequencies.

Finally, the Raman spectra of several other compounds, which were studied by other workers in this laboratory, were to be observed in the gaseous state. These compounds were:

- 1. Dimethyl Ether, $(CH_3)_20$
- 2. Sulphur Hexafluoride, SF6
- 3. 1-Fluoro-1-chloroethylene, CFC1 = CH₂
- 4. l,l-Difluoro-bromoethylene, $CF_2 = CHBr$



CHAPTER III

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The Multiple-Reflection Raman Tube

<u>Principle</u>. The multiple-reflection Raman tube is similar to the tube designed by Welsh, <u>et al.</u>¹ Before proceeding to the details of its design, it seems advisable to give a brief explanation of the optical properties of the tube.

The optical system of the tube is shown in Figure 1. M_1 , M_2 , M_3 and M_4 are spherical front-surface mirrors of focal length 60 cm, cut along a diameter, and mounted 120 cm apart along the optical axis of the spectrograph. The diameter of each mirror is 6 cm. M_1 and M_2 are adjusted so that their reflecting surfaces are on one and the same sphere. Their mutual center of curvature is centered in the slot between M_3 and M_4 . The center of curvature of M_3 is midway between the slit image, formed by the lens L, and the diametral edge of M_2 , and the center of curvature of M_4 is midway between the slit image and the diametral edge of M_1 . Instead of tracing the paths of light originating from a point source within the Raman tube, it is somewhat easier to understand the role of the mirrors by considering the reversed light path, i.e., by seeing what happens to light originating at the slit of the spectrograph.

Welsh, Cumming and Stansbury, J. Opt. Soc. Am. 41, 712 (1951).



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Figure 1

First of all, the lens L forms an image of the slit between M_1 and M_2 . M3 and M_4 see the slit image as an object. M_3 forms an image at the diametral edge of M_2 , and M_4 forms an image at the diametral edge of M_1 . These two images are again seen by M3 and M_4 as objects and two more images are found on M_1 and M_2 . This process is continued until the outer edges of M_1 and M_2 are reached, with the result that a series of images are formed all the way across M_1 and M_2 . These images are parallel, equally spaced and decrease in intensity the farther they are from the slot. It may now be seen that light originating from any point within the Raman tube will eventually find its way to the exit cone of the Raman tube and therefore to the slit of the spectrograph. Welsh, <u>et al</u>., have shown that this arrangement of mirrors increases the intensity of the Raman radiation by the factor

 $1 + R + R^2 + ... + R^n = 1/(1 - R)$, for large n, (3.1) where R is the reflecting power of the mirrors, and n is the number of images of the slit image. Limits on n are imposed by the width of the slit image, the width of the slot between M_1 and M_2 and the diameter of the mirrors. However, n is easily made large enough so that the series approximation holds, and if R is, say, 0.95, the intensity factor becomes equal to 20.

<u>Dimensions</u>. The two Hg lamps used for monochromatic irradiation, obtained through the courtesy of Dr. B. P. Stoicheff,² had a barrel length of 100 cm. It was desirable, therefore, that the illuminated section of the Raman tube be as close to 100 cm as feasible. If direct illumination from the lamps falls on the mirrors, the stray light becomes excessive.

²Present address: National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

The radius of curvature of the mirrors was, therefore, chosen to be 120 cm, which allows the insertion of a system of diaphragms at each end of the Raman tube.

The minimum diameter of the Raman tube was determined in a calculation by Dr. C. A. Plint of The Department of Physics, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. The necessary conditions that must be fulfilled are:

1. The condensing lens must image the slit of the spectrograph on the slot between the front mirrors.

2. The image of the cone defined by the collimator lens aperture and the spectrograph slit must be contained within the cross section of the Raman tube at the rear mirrors.

From these conditions one obtains the following formulae:

$$b_{\min} = \frac{LS}{f} + 2\sqrt{\frac{LS(A + S)}{F}} \quad (3.2)$$
$$x_{\min} = f\left[\sqrt{\frac{SF}{L(A + S)}} + 1\right] \quad (3.3)$$

where b_{min} = minimum Raman tube diameter

xmin = minimum distance of condensing lens from slit for given bmin L = center of curvature of mirrors S = slit height f = focal length of condensing lens A = diameter of (spectrograph) collimator lens F = focal length of collimator lens Certain of the above entities are constants, namely, L = 120 cm A = 8 cm

F = 90 cm

By substituting the values of the constants into (3.2) and (3.3), and choosing f and S to be 25.4 cm and 0.4 cm, respectively, it is found that

 $b_{min} = 6.1 \text{ cm}$

and

 $x_{min} = 30.2 \text{ cm}$

The above value of x_{\min} determines the distance between the spectrograph slit and the exit slot of the Raman tube. This distance is found to be 190 cm. The effective height of the Raman tube aperture, at the slot between M_1 and M_2 , is found to be 2.13 cm. The minimum diameter of the condensing lens aperture is 2.9 cm.

Description. The illuminated section of the Raman tube consists of a Pyrex glass tube of inside diameter 6 cm. Because it is sometimes necessary to remove or isolate certain Hg lines, the Raman tube is surrounded by a second Pyrex glass tube, which provides for a filter thickness of 1 cm. A 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ solution, having a thickness of 1 cm will satisfactorily absorb Hg 4047 A radiation, while transmitting 90% of the Hg 4358 A radiation. The glass tubes are held in position by two identical end-assemblies, which also hold the mirrors. A crosssectional view of one end-assembly is shown in Figure 2. D and E are the glass tubes. A is an aluminum casting attached to a platform (not shown) which in turn rests on the optical bench and permits motion of the entire apparatus both parallel and transverse to the optical axis of the



ц Ц spectrograph. A also supports the inner steel cylinder B by means of two collars, J and K. B, and the removable threaded O-ring collar, G, support the glass tubes, and contain the mirror mount C. P is a removable end-plate having a window W and a sample inlet port S. I is the filter jacket inlet. M_3 and M_4 are the mirrors, each of which can be separately adjusted by means of three adjusting screws. One mirror adjusting screw, F, is shown in detail. All inner metallic surfaces are either of stainless steel or are chromium-plated to resist possible corrosion by the sample gases. O-rings are employed to provide vacuum seals at the glass tubes, the windows, and the end-plates. The volume of the Raman tube, including the volume of each end-assembly, is 4.1 1.

The Raman tube is irradiated by two 1500 watt Hg lamps. Each lamp has a straight barrel 100 cm long and 2 cm in diameter. Onto each end of the barrel is attached a 15 cm length of glass tubing of the same diameter, which is bent down at an angle of 30° to the horizontal to provide a reservoir for Hg. Kovar electrodes provide external contact with the Hg reservoirs. The entire lamp is enclosed by a water jacket of glass tubing.

Hg lamp barrels of ordinary Pyrex glass (Corning No. 7740) become darkened after a few hundred hours of operation reducing the transmission of light to a low level. It has been found³ that Corning glass No. 1710 has a much higher resistance to coloration than No. 7740. The lamps employed in this research have barrels of No. 1710 and have shown no appreciable darkening after more than 1500 hours of operation.

³Private communication from Dr. B. P. Stoicheff, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

The Hg lamps are supported by an aluminum box which completely encloses the lamp barrels and the illuminated section of the Raman tube. The interior surfaces of the box, hereafter called the reflector housing, are coated with a diffuse reflecting paint. The reflective powers of various MgO surfaces have been investigated by Tellax and Waldron.⁴ Initially, the reflector housing was coated with smoke from burning Mg wire, which was allowed to condense on tacky white paint. The resultant surface was found to be somewhat impractical, and was discarded in preference to a paint prepared by mixing equal volumes of MgO powder with a commercial white paint⁵ containing 92.5% TiO₂.

A photograph of the completely assembled Raman tube and associated apparatus is shown in Figure 3. The two end-assemblies are joined at the top by a steel rod, which may be seen above the reflector housing. The reservoir ends of the Hg lamps are visible at either side of the rear end-assembly. The spectrograph is enclosed in a temperature-regulated box which rests on the table nearer the back wall. At the right may be seen part of a portable vacuum apparatus which was buit for the evacuation, filling and outgassing of the lamps.

A control panel was designed and constructed to supply D.C. power to the Hg lamps. It will be more fully discussed later.

Mechanical Alignment. Each end-assembly has three adjustable legs which rest on the platform. In addition, the forward end-assembly, i.e., the assembly nearer the spectrograph, may be moved, upon the

⁴P. A. Tellax and J. R. Waldron, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>45</u>, 19 (1955).
 ⁵Glidden Japalac No. 1212, Ultra White Paint.



MULTIPLE-REFLECTION RAMAN TUBE

Figure 3

platform, parallel to the optic axis. This motion is necessary for the insertion of the glass tubes. The adjustable legs of the end-assemblies, and the transverse adjustment of the optical bench platform are sufficient to position the end-assemblies accurately on the optical axis of the spectrograph. After the leg adjustments are completed each end-assembly may be securely fastened to the platform by two bolts. Because the glass tubes, particularly the inner tube, are not straight, but are "bowed", it has been necessary to make very slight changes in the position of the end-assemblies. At present both end-assemblies are tilted up slightly to fit the inner tube. The procedure for installation of the glass tubes is as follows:

The inner tube is placed inside the outer tube, temporarily separated by two semicircular wooden rings. The inner tube is a few inches longer than the outer tube to facilitate installation. The forward end-assembly is moved away from the rear end-assembly so that the distance between the assemblies is slightly greater than the length of the inner glass tube. Both tubes are then allowed to rest on the lower half of the reflector housing. Each end of the inner tube is inserted into the endassemblies up to the O-rings, and the wooden separators are removed. It is now necessary to push the forward end-assembly back to its former position. In doing so, the inner tube will be pushed past the O-rings. If the O-rings and the threaded retainers for the outer tube are loosened and placed around the outer tube a few inches from the ends of the tube, there will be no difficulty with the insertion of the outer tube. When the forward end-assembly is in position, both tubes will be in place, and

the O-rings and retainers for the outer tube may then be tightened. Two special wrenches have been designed for this purpose. Considerable caution must be exercised in the foregoing procedure in order to prevent glass breakage.

The glass tubes may be removed by reversing the above procedure.

Optical Alignment. The mirror halves must be gently but firmly clamped to the mirror mounts. The distance of separation of the rear mirror halves is not critical; therefore, a distance of 1 mm has been The front mirrors, as indicated earlier, should be separated by a used. distance somewhat greater than the width of the image of the slit (Figure 1), which is approximately 0.4 mm. Because it is imperative that the cone of light, lying between the condensing lens and the exit slot between the front mirrors, not be reduced, the original mirrors, which did not have their straight edges beveled, were separated by a distance of 1.0 mm. A second set of mirrors had their straight edges beveled to accommodate the cone of light, and were initially separated by a distance of 0.5 mm. Thus, it was possible to form many more reflections on the mirrors and formula (3.1) held more rigorously. However, the efficiency of this arrangement was less by a factor of 8, in comparison to the former arrangement. In consequence, the mirror separation was increased to 1.0 mm, and the efficiency increased to near its original value. The explanation of this is felt to be due in large part to the critical location of the condensing lens. With the wider mirror (exit) slot, the image of the slot at the slit is wider, and a slight movement of the condensing lens can be tolerated. With the narrower slot, and corresponding narrow

image, a very slight movement of the condensing lens is sufficient to throw the image an appreciable distance off the slit, resulting in a great loss in efficiency.

The radius of curvature of the mirrors may be determined in the following manner:

One set of mirrors is placed in its end-assembly. An object is placed in the other end-assembly. This object is in the form of a narrow pointed steel pin, mounted along a radius of a brass cylinder which has the same outside diameter as the mirror mount. The pin is located with its pointed end exactly on the optical axis, and is allowed to move parallel to the optical axis. By illuminating the pin from the side, and looking past the pin toward the mirrors, it is possible to see an inverted image of the pin. Observation of the pin and its image is more easily accomplished with the aid of a small telescope. The pin and image are made to coincide by moving the pin parallel to the optical axis, and the radii of curvature is then the distance between the pin and the mirrors. A mark has been filed into the top of each end-assembly which shows the position of the inside of the mirror mount flange. These marks are 139 cm apart. Knowing the center of curvature, and with the aid of the file marks, one may adjust the mirrors so that they are at equal distances from the file marks, and separated by a distance equal to their mutual radii of curvature. At this point, the mirrors should also be adjusted so that they are perpendicular to the optical axis. Care, exercised in this rough adjustment saves much time in making the finer adjustments later.

After positioning the mirrors in the above manner, the mounts are rotated until the slot between the halves is vertical. A plumb-bob may be used for this purpose. Then each set of mirrors may be adjusted so as to be "one" mirror having its center of curvature centered in the slot of the other set. This is done as follows:

A 6 V.A.C. lamp is placed before a diffusing screen at the outside end of one end-assembly. Light will then shine through the slot between the nearer mirrors. The opposite set of mirror halves will be under adjustment, separately, by first covering one, and then the other. A semicircular opaque disc is placed so that it covers the lower quadrants of the nearer mirrors. An image of the slot between the nearer mirrors will be formed, by the opposite mirror half under adjustment, on the disc. This image may be made to coincide with the slot. Each mirror half in both end-assemblies is adjusted in this fashion.

A small lamp, especially built for the purpose, fits into the camera aperture of the spectrograph, and will send light of any desired color back through the upper half of the slit of the spectrograph. The lower half of the slit is reserved for the Fe arc comparison spectrum. The condensing lens and the optical bench platform should be positioned so that an image of the slit falls symmetrically in the slot between the front mirrors, and in their plane. Using this slit image as an object, the final adjustment of the rear mirros may be completed as follows:

One rear mirror half is covered by an opaque semicircular disc. The other mirror half is rotated about a vertical axis until it forms an image of the slit image on the mirror diagonally in front of it. Another

semicircular opaque disc placed in front of the diagonally opposite front mirror half will help in locating this image. The image of the slit image should be made to lie as close as possible to the diametral edge of the diagonally opposite mirror half. The other rear mirror half is adjusted in a similar fashion. After both rear mirror halves have been adjusted in this manner, their optical axes will be crossed, and each axis will pass between the slit image and the edge of the mirror. Each rear mirror "sees" the slit image as an object and forms its image on the mirror diagonally in front of the rear mirror. These images again act as objects for the rear mirrors, giving rise to another pair of images on the front mirrors, etc., with the result that a series of equidistant slit images, gradually diminishing in brightness, are formed at the surfaces of the front mirrors. Each of these images and the diameter of the rear mirrors define a "cone" of light which contributes to the lightgathering power of the Raman tube.

It is seen from equation 3.1 that the reflectivity of the mirrors should be as high as possible to obtain maximum intensity from the Raman tube. Therefore, a few comments concerning the mirrors will be included in this section.

Two sets of mirrors have been in operation prior to this writing. The first set was not ground to specifications, and correct spacing of the mirrors caused the mirror adjustment screws to operate very close to their end-of-travel, resulting in poor control over the mirror adjustments. However this was no great difficulty in comparison to the trouble

encountered with the mirror surfaces, due to chemical reactions with the sample gases. Here a practical knowledge of organic chemistry would be most helpful, except that, in most cases, little is known about the chemical reactions of the sample gases which are studied. Several precautions should be taken in all cases to prevent loss of reflectivity. Moist gases should not be allowed contact with the mirrors; therefore, the sample gases should be dried either with a cold trap or a suitable drying agent. Also, room air should be dried before entry to the Raman tube by passing the air through a drying agent. Following an exposure and subsequent recovery of the sample gas, the tube may be flushed with dry air or N₂.

It is advantageous to have the mirrors coated with a material which gives high reflectivity in the region 4358-5000 A. However, because of the trouble which has been caused by chemical reactions of the sample gases with the mirrors, it is recommended that the mirrors be given a good, but less expensive aluminized coating first. Then, if the sample gas reacts with the aluminum to reduce the reflectivity, the mirrors may easily be recoated. This can be done in the laboratory here, and would save time and improve performance.

It is desirable to locate the condensing lens so that the Raman spectrum is located exactly adjacent to, or slightly overlapping the comparison spectrum on the film. One method which has been used to locate the Raman spectrum adjacent to the Fe arc spectrum is as follows:

A light source is placed at the focal plane of the spectrograph and allowed to pass through the lower half of the slit. It may be observed

on a piece of lens tissue placed at the slit. A second light source is placed at the rear window of the Raman tube. This light will also be observed on the lens tissue, and will be white as compared to the light coming from the spectrograph, which will be of one color, say green. Thus, the two images seen on the lens tissue may readily be identified. By moving the condensing lens up or down the two images may easily be located adjacent to each other, or slightly overlapping.

The distance from the condensing lens to the front mirrors (159.8 cm) is so great compared to its distance from the spectrograph slit (30.2 cm) that a very slight change in the position of the lens will throw light completely off the slit. For this reason, it is necessary to check the alignment of the condensing lens from time to time. This may be done in several ways. One method is to see that the light traveling back through the spectrograph falls symmetrically in the slot between the front mirrors. The inverse effect may also be used as a check.

This completes the optical adjustments of the Raman tube.

<u>Operation</u>. Following the mechanical and optical adjustments, the glass tubes and the end-plates may be replaced, and the gas inlet system connected. At present, the gas inlet system consists of several appropriate valves, a pressure gauge, and a glass-wool column for filtering out dust particles.

The Raman tube should be evacuated and checked against leakage. It may be necessary to pump overnight before a good vacuum is attained, especially if the tube has been open to the atmosphere for some time. A control panel was designed and built to operate the Hg lamps.

This is shown in Figure 4. There are two identical circuits, one for each lamp. Because the lamps are entirely water-cooled, a provision was made in the circuits to turn a lamp off if its water supply should fail or diminish appreciably.

Each series lamp resistance consists of six parallel 1000 watt Calrod heaters mounted in a laboratory sink. A continuous flow of water through the sink dissipates the heat from the heaters. Knife switches in series with the heaters provide for variation of the resistance. The exposures are timed by two clocks which operate indirectly from the voltage drop across the heaters.

Performance. The vibrational spectrum of oxygen, at one atmosphere pressure, has been obtained with a fifteen-minute exposure. The rotational structure shows up with an even shorter exposure. This is shown in Figure 5. The efficiency of the Raman tube, with and without the mirrors, however, has not been investigated; therefore, there is no quantitative data with which to evaluate the performance. Estimates of the efficiency have led to the belief that the mirrors increase the efficiency by a factor of 20 or more. This estimate was based on a comparison of the present tube with an earlier Raman tube for gases designed by H. H. Claassen and J. Rud Nielsen⁶ which did not involve reflections. Two papers, reporting on the performance of the Raman tube and the spectra

⁶H. H. Claassen and J. Rud Nielsen, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>43</u>, 352 (1953).



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Figure 4





Figure 5

of several compounds, have been given. 7,8

Certain operating characteristics of the Hg lamps are shown in Figures 6. 7 and 8.

Possible Improvements. Experience with the Raman irradiation apparatus for gases has suggested the following improvements:

The inner cylinder B (Figure 2) might be altered to include several interchangeable O-ring seals to fit different diameters of the inner tube E.

Most of the inside corners of the cylinder B should be roundedoff slightly to facilitate chromium-plating.

The tolerances of the mirror mount and the cylinder B should be more carefully controlled, so that a smooth sliding fit is obtained.

The condensing lens holder should be redesigned to be more sturdy and capable of much finer adjustment.

The condensing lens and the front window of the Raman tube should be coated to reduce reflection losses.

The spectrograph and optical bench should be mounted on a concrete-slab table having legs of concrete blocks. This would give the necessary support to prevent loss of efficiency due to slight motions of the condensing lens.

A new design of a Hg lamp has been made and reported.⁷ It has

7Gullikson, Nielsen and Plint, "A Multiple-reflection Raman Tube for Gases". Paper delivered before the Ohio State Symposium on Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy, Columbus, Ohio, 1955.

⁸C. W. Gullikson and J. Rud Nielsen, "Vibrational Spectra and Calculated Thermodynamic Properties of Vinyl Chloride and Vinyl Bromide". Paper delivered before the American Physical Society, Houston, Texas, 1956.





Figure 7


the advantage, over the present lamps, of being inexpensive and of simpler construction. An additional advantage is that the lamp barrel may easily be replaced when it has become discolored after much use. The basic design of the lamp is shown in Figure 9. The dimensions are such that the lamp would fit into the present gas apparatus. The lamp is of Pyrex, except for two brass fittings at either end which provide a seal between the lamp and the water jacket. An experimental lamp of this type has been built and tested. The tests showed that the tungsten electrodes should project farther into the Hg reservoir; otherwise, the lamp gave satisfactory performance.

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Figure 9

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

Vinyl Chloride

The sample of vinyl chloride was supplied by the Matheson Company.¹ The minimum purity of the sample was given as 99.8%.

The Raman spectrum, at room temperature and at 3.3 atmospheres pressure, was obtained with the aid of the multiple-reflection Raman irradiation apparatus and a 3-prism Lane-Wells spectrograph. The spectrograph has a reciprocal dispersion of 77 cm⁻¹/mm (15 A/mm) at 4358 A. Kodak Royal Pan film was used with a development time of 12 minutes at 20 $^{\circ}$ C. An iron comparison spectrum was placed on the film adjacent to the Raman spectrum. A 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter solution was placed in the filter jacket to reduce the Hg 4047 A radiation. Four exposures of 1, 5, 24 and 68 hours were obtained. The films were photographically enlarged by a factor of 20, and measurements of the Raman bands were made on the enlargements. The values of the Raman displacements, in wave numbers, together with their interpretations, are listed in Table I. Each value represents the average of several weighted measurements and may be considered correct to ± 1 cm⁻¹, except for certain bands, designated as

¹Address: The Matheson Company, Incorporated, East Rutherford, New Jersey.

| ; | RAMAN SF | ECTRUM OF GASEOUS | VINYL CHLORIDE |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wave Number | Exciting Line | Description | Interpretation |
| 394 | e | m,sh | a' fundamental (396) ^a |
| 719 | е | m,b | a' fundamental (720) |
| 1232 | e | vvw,sh | 2 x 620 = 1240 A' |
| 1279 | e | s, sh | a' fundamental (1280) |
| 1368 | e | s,sh | a' fundamental (1369) |
| 1607 | e,f,g | vs,sh | a' fundamental (1609) |
| 2961 | е | m,sh | 1369 + 1609 = 2978 A' |
| 3027 | е | s,sh | a' fundamental (3030) |
| 3033 | е | s,sh | 396 + 1030 + 1609 = 3035 AJ |
| 3086 | e,k | s,sh | a' fundamental (3086) |
| 3121 | e | m,sh | a' fundamental (3121) |
| 3214 | e | vw,sh | 2 x 1609 = 3218 A' |

^aThe wave numbers in parentheses, in this and succeeding tables, are values of the fundamentals arrived at by averaging the observed Raman and infrared frequencies.

^bFermi resonance.

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TABLE I

broad or extremely weak, which should be correct to ±2 cm⁻¹.

The infrared spectrum, at room temperature and at various pressures, was observed in the range 2 to 34 microns with a Perkin-Elmer Model 112 spectrometer, equipped with prisms of LiF, NaCl and CsBr, and a Perkin-Elmer gas cell of path length 1 m. The spectrometer and cell have been described by their manufacturer.² Dr. N. A. Narasimham³ and Mr. J. C. Albright⁴ calibrated the spectrometer, using bands of H₂O, CO₂, CO, NH₃, CH₄, HCl, HBr and polystyrene. Percentage transmission curves plotted from 2 to 34 microns are shown in Figures 10, 11 and 12. The measurements of the infrared bands, along with their interpretations, are given in Table II.

A discussion of the interpretations of Raman and infrared bands and the assignments of fundamentals will be given in Chapter V.

The entropy, free energy function, heat content function and heat capacity of vinyl chloride in the ideal gas state at one atmosphere were calculated by statistical methods from the assigned values of the fundamental frequencies over the temperature range 273.16 to 500 °K. The calculations were greatly simplified by the use of tables.⁵ Values of certain physical constants, necessary for the calculations, were taken

³Address: National Research Council, Division of Physics, Ottawa, Canada.

⁴Address: Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

²The Perkin-Elmer Corporation, "Instruction Manual, Model 112, Single Beam, Double Pass, Recording Infrared Spectrometer", Volume 3A and Volume II. Also Bulletin 102 (Norwalk, Connecticut, 1953).

⁵Miller, West and Bernstein, <u>Tables of Functions for the Vibra-</u> <u>tional Contributions to Thermodynamic Quantities</u>, N.R.C. Bulletin No. 1, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada, 1951.



Figure 10

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Figure 12

TABLE II

INFRARED SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS VINYL CHLORIDE

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 339 | VVW | | 720 - 396 = 324 A"? |
| 372 | vvw | | |
| 376 | VVW | | |
| 388 | vw | | |
| 398 | VW | B/A | a' fundamental (396) |
| 406 | sd | | |
| 410 | VW | | |
| ~412 | sd | | |
| ∽590 | sd | | |
| 620 | vs | С | a" fundamental (620) |
| ∽635 | sd | | |
| 710 | VS | | |
| 716 | sd | B/A | al fundamental (720) |
| ∽725 | VS | 27 A | a Tundamentoar (720) |
| 731 | vs | | |
| 828 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 831 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 835 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 839 | W | | rotational fine structure |
| ∽ 843 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 846 | VW | | rotational fine structure |

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|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Wave Numbe r | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
| 850 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 854 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 858 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 863 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 866 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 870 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 874 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 896 | VS | C | a" fundamental (896) |
| ∽919 | S | | |
| 941 | VS | С | a" fundamental (941) |
| ∽960 | sd | | |
| 1021 | s J | D/A | a = 1 fundamental (1020) |
| 1038 | s | D/ R | a. Inndamentar (1030) |
| 1224 | vw) | | 2 + 620 - 1210 Al |
| 1242 | vw } | | 2 X 020 - 1240 A |
| 1271 | m) | | |
| <u>~1279</u> | sd | B/A | a' fundamental (1280) |
| 1292 | m | | |
| v1338 | sd | | 396 + 941 = 1337 A'; 620 + 720 = 1340 A" |
| 1360 | m) | | |
| ~1371 | sd | B/A | a' fundamental (1369) |
| 1381 | m J | a and a second | |

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Wa ve Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| ∽1440 | sd | | 2 x 720 = 1440 A' | |
| 1507 | w) | | (20,, 00) = 1.51() | |
| 1526 | w | | 020 + 890 = 1010 A. | ; |
| 1601 | vs) | | | • |
| 1608 | sd | B/A | a' fundamental (1609) | |
| 162 1 | vsJ | | | |
| 1667 | VW | | 620 + 1030 = 1650 A'; 720 + 941 = 1661 A" | |
| 1685 | vw | | 396 + 1280 = 1676 A' | 1 |
| ∽1739 | vw | | 720 + 1030 = 1750 A' | 1 |
| v1759 | VW | | 396 + 1369 = 1765 A' | |
| 1787 | m) | | 0 = 406 = 1000 + 1 | i i i |
| 1807 | m ∫ | | $2 \times 890 = 1/92 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ | |
| 1825 | m | | | |
| ~1830 | sd | | 896 + 941 = 1837 A' | |
| 1846 | W | | | |
| 1868 | W | | 2 x 941 = 1882 A' | |
| 1887 | W | | 620 + 1280 = 1900 A" | |
| 2301 | W | | 941 + 1369 = 2310 A" | |
| 2313 | W | | 1030 + 1280 = 2310 A' | |
| 2322 | W) | | 720 + 1600 = 2329 41 | |
| 2341 | wĴ | | (20 T 1007 - 2)27 H | |

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TABLE II - Continued

| Wa ve Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 2621 | vw | | $1030 \pm 1609 = 2639$ MI |
| 2639 | vw } | | 1000 + 1009 - 2009 H |
| 2645 | VW } | | $1280 \pm 1260 = 2610$ |
| 2655 | vwŚ | | 1200 + 1909 - 2047 |
| 2675 | VW | | |
| 2900 | VVW | | 1280 + 1609 = 2889 A' |
| 2950 | vw | | |
| 2960 | vw | | 1369 + 1609 = 2978 A' |
| 2971 | VW | | |
| •3010 | sd | | spurious |
| 3029 | m) | | (2020)) |
| 3037 | sd | B/A | $396 + 1030 + 1609 = 3035 \text{ A}^{-1}$ |
| 3043 | m 👌 | | |
| 3077 | s) | | |
| 3086 | sd | | a' fundamental (3086) |
| 3098 | s J | | |
| 31.09 | sd | | al fundamental (22.02.) |
| 3120 | sd | | a' IUNGAMENTAL (J121) |
| 3131 | s | | |
| -3165 | sd | | 2 x 896 + 1369 = 3161 A' ? |
| 3220 | VVW | | $2 \times 1609 = 3218 A'$ |

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TABLE II - Continued

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| n 3820 | vvw | | 720 + 3086 = 3806 A'; 720 + 3121 = 3841 A' |
| 4062 | W | | 1030 + 3030 = 4060 A' |
| 4080 | W | | 941 + 3121 = 4062 A" |
| 4105 | W | | 1030 + 3086 = 4116 A' |
| 4130 | m | | 1030 + 3121 = 4151 A' |
| 4158 | ₩ | | |
| ×4310 | sd | | 1280 + 3030 = 4310 A' |
| 4346 | W | | 1280 + 3086 = 4366 A' |
| 4367 | W | | 1369 + 3030 = 4399 A' |
| 4388 | W | | 1280 + 3121 = 4401 A' |
| 4409 | W | | 1369 + 3086 = 4455 A' |
| 4466 | m) | | 1369 + 3121 - 1190 AJ |
| 4488 | m 5 | | 1)0/ +)121 - 44/0 A |
| ∽4632 | vvw | | 1609 + 3030 = 4639 A' |
| 4730 | ΔM | | 1609 + 3086 = 4699 A' |
| 4755 | V₩ | | 1609 + 3121 = 4730 A' |

TABLE II - Continued

^aFermi resonance.

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from Cohen, et al.⁶ The results are given in Table III.

Vinyl Bromide

The sample of vinyl bromide was supplied by the Matheson Company. Its purity was given as 99.0%.

The Raman and infrared spectra were obtained with the same experimental apparatus and procedure as was used for vinyl chloride, with the exception that the Raman spectrum of vinyl bromide was observed at a pressure of 1.3 atmospheres. A 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter was used. Four Raman exposures were made of duration 2, 20, 70 and 240 hours. The measured values of the Raman displacements, together with the interpretations, are given in Table IV. The values may be considered correct to $\pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, except for those bands, designated as very weak, extremely weak or broad, which should be correct to $\pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

It was found necessary to extend the infrared calibration curve in the LiF region. The calibration curve was plotted from 1.75 to 0.5 microns, the Hg emission spectrum being used for a wavelength standard as suggested by Plyler and Peters.⁷ The infrared percent transmission curves appear in Figures 13, 14, and 15. The measurements of the infrared bands, along with the interpretations, are given in Table V.

The same thermodynamic functions were calculated for vinyl bromide as for vinyl chloride in the range 273.16 to 500 ^oK. The results are given in Table VI.

⁶Cohen, Dumond, Layton and Rollett, Revs. Modern Phys. <u>27</u>, 363 (1955).

7E. K. Plyler and C. W. Peters, J. Research Natl. Bur. Standards 45, 462 (1950).

| 273.16 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 60.818 | 52. |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Vib. Total | <u>1.250</u> 9.20 | <u>4.171</u> 12.12 | <u>1.680</u> 62.50 | 53. |
| 298.16 | Tr. + Rot. Vib. Total | 7.949 <u>1.525</u> 9.47 | 7.949 <u>4.882</u> 12.83 | 61.514 <u>2.078</u> 63.59 | 53.5 |
| 300 | Tr. + Rot. Vib. Total | 7.949 <u>1.546</u> 9.49 | 7.949 <u>4.935</u> 12.88 | 61.563 <u>2.108</u> 63.67 | 53.0 |
| 400 | Tr. + Rot. Vib. Total | 7.949 <u>2.735</u> 10.68 | 7.949 <u>7.609</u> 15.56 | 63.850 <u>3.906</u> 67.76 | 55.9 <u>1.</u>] 57.0 |
| 500 | Tr. + Rot. Vib. Total | 7.949 <u>3.941</u> 11.89 | 7•949 _ <u>9•844</u> 17•79 | 65.624 <u>5.851</u> 71.48 | 57.6 <u>1.9</u> 59.5 |

TABLE IV

| Wave Number | Exciting Line | Description | Interpretation |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 344 | e | s,sh | a' fundamental (344) |
| 573 | e | m | impurity? |
| 611 | е | s,sh | a' fundamental (614) |
| 1258 | е | s,sh | a' fundamental (1258) |
| 1373 | e | s,sh | a' fundamental (1373) |
| 1601 | e | vs | a' fundamental (1602) |
| 2880 | е | vw | 1258 + 1602 = 2860 A' ? |
| 2938 | e | VW | 1373 + 1602 = 2975 A' ? |
| 2971 | 8 | vvw | 614 + 1005 + 1373 = 2992 A' ? |
| 2990 | e . | vvw | 3 x 1005 = 3015 A! ? |
| 3027 | e | s,sh | a' fundamental (3027) |
| 3087 | e | m,sh | a' fundamental (3087) |
| 3112 | е | m,sh | a' fundamental (3112) |

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RAMAN SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS VINYL BROMIDE



Figure 13

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| TABLE | V |
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INFRARED SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS VINYL BROMIDE

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 289 | sd | | H ₂ O ^a |
| 290 | vw | | impurity? |
| 295 | VW | | н ₂ 0 |
| 297 | sd | | H ₂ 0 |
| v300 | sd | | |
| 310 | vvvw | | |
| 315 | VVW | | H ₂ 0? |
| 328 | VVVW | | н ₂ 0 |
| 336 | VVW | | н ₂ 0 |
| 339 | sd | | |
| 345 | VVW | | a' fundamental (344) |
| w352 | vw | | н ₂ 0 |
| ∽371 | VVW | | н ₂ 0 |
| 377 | WVVW | | |
| 398 | VVW | | H ₂ 0 |
| 419 | vvw | | H ₂ 0 |
| 456 | vvw | | H ₂ 0 |
| 463 | sd | | |
| 497 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 5 05 | VVW | | rotational fine structure |

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| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 510 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 514 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 519 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 524 | vvw | | rotational fine structure |
| 528 | VVW | | rotational fine structure |
| 532 | VVW | | rotational fine structure |
| 538 | VVW | | rotational fine structure |
| 582 | VS | С | a" fundamental (582) |
| 606 | vs) | | -1 Curdementel ((11) |
| 622 | vs } | d/ A | a' Iundamentar (014) |
| 676 | VW | | $2 \times 344 = 688 A^{\dagger}$ |
| 769 | VW | | 1373 - 614 = 759 A'? |
| 788 | vw | | 1373 - 582 = 791 A'? |
| 844 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 847 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 851 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 856 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 859 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 864 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 868 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 871 | vw | | rotational fine structure |

TABLE V - Continued

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 874 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 879 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 883 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 887 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 890 | VW | | rotational fine structure |
| 893 | vw | | rotational fine structure |
| 901 | VS | С | a" fundamental (901) |
| ∽ 919 | m | | 344 + 582 = 926 A"; 1258 - 344 = 914 A' |
| 941 | vs | С | a" fundamental (941) |
| n 963 | S | | 344 + 614 = 958 A' |
| 996 | s | B/A | at fundamental (1005) |
| 1013 | s 🖌 | | a fundamentoat (100)/ |
| 1072 | VW | | н ₂ 0 |
| 1082 | W | | H ₂ O |
| 1141 | m | | impurity? |
| ~116 0 | sd | | $2 \times 582 = 1164 A^{\dagger}$ |
| ∽ 1200 | sd | | 2 x 614 = 1228 A'; 582 + 614 = 1196 A" |
| 1249 | vs | B/A | al fundamental (1258) |
| 1266 | vs | DJ R | a rundamentoar (12)0) |
| 1345 | m | | 344 + 1005 = 1349 A' |

TABLE V - Continued

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 1362 | s | | (1272) |
| 1381 | s | d/ A | a. Iundamental (13/3) |
| 1451 | W | | |
| 1473 | m] | | |
| 1490 | m | | 582 + 901 = 1483 A ⁺ |
| m1537 | VW | | 614 + 941 = 1555 A" |
| 1594 | vs | 5/4 | |
| 1613 | vs | B/A | a' fundamental (1602) |
| 1742 | ₩ | | 344 + 1373 = 1717 A' |
| 1797 | m) | | |
| 1814 | m } | | $2 \times 901 = 1802 A^*$ |
| 1832 | m | | 582 + 1258 = 1840 A" |
| 1847 | m | | 901 + 941 = 1842 A' |
| w1867 | W | | 614 + 1258 = 1872 A' |
| 1884 | W | | 2 x 941 = 1882 A' |
| 1911 | VW | | 901 + 1005 = 1906 A" |
| ∽1942 | VW | | 941 + 1005 = 1946 A"; 344 + 1602 = 1946 A' |
| 1951 | vw | | 582 + 1373 = 1955 A" |
| ~1977 | vw | | 614 + 1373 = 1987 A' |
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| | vw | | $2 \times 1002 = 5010 \text{ V}_{1}$ |

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|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
| n2180 | VW | | 941 + 1258 = 2199 A" |
| ∽2212 | W } | | 6.1 + 1602 = 2216 |
| * 2229 | wĴ | | OHI I IOOR - CEIO A |
| 2255 | W | | |
| 2265 | W | | 1005 + 1258 = 2263 A' |
| 2271 | W | | • |
| 2275 | sd | | 901 + 1373 = 2274 A" |
| 2343 | W | | 941 + 1373 = 2314 A" |
| 2364 | W } | | 1005 + 1371 = 2379 AI |
| 2390 | VW S | | |
| 2432 | VW | | 582 + 901 + 941 = 2424 A" |
| ~ 2451 | VW | | |
| ×2481 | VW | | |
| ~2511 | VW | | 2 x 1258 = 2516 A' |
| n2592 | W | | 1005 + 1602 = 2607 A ¹ |
| 2619 | W | | |
| 2620 | W | | |
| 2623 | ₩ } | | 1258 + 1373 = 2631 1 |
| 2631 | w | | |
| 2634 | W | | |
| 2639 | W | | |
| 2739 | W | | |

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| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2749 | W | | 2 x 1373 = 2746 A' |
| 2755 | w | | |
| -2807 | sd | | |
| -2850 | sd | | |
| 2876 | S | | |
| 2883 | S | | 1258 + 1602 = 2860 A' |
| 2889 | S | | |
| 2929 | S | | |
| 2938 | S | | 1373 + 1602 = 2975 A' |
| 2946 | S | | |
| ~ 2978 | sd | | |
| 2990 | S | | 3 x 1005 = 3015 A' |
| n2999 | sd | | |
| 3008 | sd | | |
| 3018 | 8 | | |
| 3025 | 3 | B/A | a' fundamental (3027) |
| 3036 | S | | |
| •3039 | sd | | |
| 3080 | m) | B/4 | al fundamental (2007) |
| 3099 | m 5) | лу ж , | a rundmentiar (3001) |

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|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation | | |
| 3190 | VW | | | | |
| 3208 | VW | | $2 \times 1602 = 3204 A^{*}$ | | |
| n3220 | sd | | | | |
| 3231 | VW | | 614 + 1005 + 1602 = 3221 A ¹ | | |
| 3383 | VW | | 344 + 3027 = 3371 A' | | |
| 3397 | VVW | | | | |
| 3404 | VVW | | | | |
| n3425 | VW | | 344 + 3087 = 3431 A' | | |
| ^ 3443 | sd | | | | |
| 3450 | vw | | 344 + 3112 = 3456 A' | | |
| 3466 | VW | | | | |
| ~3650 | sd | | 614 + 3027 = 3641 A' | | |
| 3678 | VW | | 582 + 3087 = 3669 A' | | |
| 3691 | vw | | 582 + 3112 = 3694 A' | | |
| ~37 05 | sd | | 614 + 3087 = 3701 A' | | |
| 3713 | vw | | 614 + 3112 = 3726 A' | | |
| 3734 | VW | | | | |
| 4022 | m | | 941 + 3087 = 4028 A"; 1005 + 3027 = 4032 A' | | |
| 4040 | m | | 941 + 3112 = 4053 A" | | |
| 4083 | m. | | 1005 + 3087 = 4092 A' | | |

| Wave Number | Description | Band Typ e | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| /.103 | | | 1005 + 3112 = 1117 11 |
| 1122 | 111 111 | | |
| 4122 | VW | | 1258 + 3027 = 4285 A' |
| 4297 | VW | | |
| 4329 | m | | 1258 + 3087 = 4345 A' |
| 4354 | m | | 1258 + 3112 = 4370 A' |
| 4378 | m | | 1373 + 3027 = 4400 A' |
| 4448 | m | | 1373 + 3087 = 4460 A' |
| 4468 | m | | 1373 + 3112 = 4485 A' |
| 4488 | sd | | |
| 4623 | VW | | 1602 + 3027 = 4629 A' |
| 4639 | VW | | 1602 + 3087 = 4689 A' |
| 4721 | W | | |
| 4742 | W | | 1002 + 3112 - 4/14 A. |
| 4936 | vw | | 582 + 1258 + 3087 = 4927 A"; 901 + 941 + 3087 = 4929 A'; 901 + 1005 + 3027 = 4933 A' |
| •5305 | VW | | 614 + 1602 + 3087 = 5303 A' |
| 5848 | sd | | $2 \times 3027 = 6054 A!$ |
| 5938 | w | | 3027 + 3087 = 6114 A' |
| 5995 | W | | 3027 + 3112 = 6139 A' |
| 6035 | w | | 2 x 3087 = 6174 A! |

TABLE V - Continued

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | In | terpretation | |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 6161 | w | | 3087 + 3112 2 x 3112 = | 2 = 6199 A'; 6224 A' | |
| yet remai | ^a Some H ₂ O bands ns some doubt of | have been inc their interpr | luded in this etation. | table because | ther |
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| C. | ALCULATED THE | RMODYNAMIC FUN(| CTIONS FOR T | VINYL BROMI | DE IN THE |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | IDEAL GAS ST | ATE AT ONE ATM(| OSPHERE (in | cal deg ⁻¹ | mole ⁻¹) |
| т ^о к | | $(H^{O} - E_{O}^{O})/T$ | Ср | s° | $-(F^{O} - E_{O}^{O})/T$ |
| 273.16 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 63.129 | 55.180 |
| | Vib. | <u>1.501</u> | <u>4.615</u> | <u>2.078</u> | <u>.577</u> |
| | Total | 9.45 | 12.56 | 65.21 | 55.76 |
| 298.16 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 63.825 | 55.876 |
| | Vib. | <u>1.791</u> | <u>5.314</u> | <u>2.510</u> | <u>.719</u> |
| | Total | 9.74 | 13.26 | 66.34 | 56.60 |
| 300 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 63.874 | 55•925 |
| | Vib. | <u>1.813</u> | <u>5.364</u> | <u>2.544</u> | <u>•731</u> |
| | Total | 9.76 | 13.31 | 66.42 | 56•66 |
| 400 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 66.161 | 58.212 |
| | Vib. | _ <u>3.033</u> | <u>7.961</u> | <u>4.450</u> | <u>1.416</u> |
| | Total | 10.98 | 15.91 | 70.61 | 59.63 |
| 500 | Tr. + Rot. | 7.949 | 7.949 | 67.935 | 59.986 |
| | Vib. | <u>4.243</u> | <u>10.122</u> | <u>6.466</u> | <u>2.223</u> |
| | Total | 12.19 | 18.07 | 74.40 | 62.21 |
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A discussion of the interpretations of the Raman and infrared spectra and the assignment of fundamentals will be given in Chapter V.

Trifluoroacetonitrile

The sample of trifluoroacetonitrile was supplied by Peninsular Chemresearch, Incorporated.⁸ No statement as to its purity was given.

The Raman spectrum of the gas, at room temperature and at a pressure of 2 atmospheres, was obtained with the aid of the multiplereflection Raman irradiation apparatus. Three exposures were made of duration 1, 4 and 16 hours. A water filter was used. The Raman spectrum contains very striking band contours. For this reason, it is shown, along with a microphotometer trace, in Figure 16.

The measured values of the Raman displacements, in wave numbers, are given in Table VII. The values may be taken as correct to $\pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, except for those bands, designated as weak or broad, which should be correct to $\pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

The infrared spectrum of the gas in the CsBr region was observed by Dr. N. A. Narasimham. The infrared spectrum of the gas in the NaCl region was observed as a part of this work, and the measurements of bands in both regions were taken. The percent transmission curves are shown in Figures 17 and 18. The infrared frequencies are given, together with their interpretations, in Table VIII.

A discussion of the interpretations and the assignment of fundamentals will be given in Chapter V.

⁸Address: The Peninsular Chemresearch, Inc., Gainesville, Florida.

| TABLE VII | | | | |
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| RAMAN SPE | CTRUM OF GASEOUS | TRIFLUOROACETONITRILE | | |
| Exciting Line | Description | Interpretation | | |
| te te te | m,b s,sh m,b | e fundamental (187) | | |
| e e,k ≭e,k ≠e,k e e e e | vvw, vb m, sh m, sh w, sh w, sh s, sh vvw, b vvw, b vw, b vw, b | e fundamental (464) a_1 fundamental (520) a_1 fundamental (~ 810) $187 + 624 = 811 (A_1 + A_2 + E)$ $2 \times 520 = 1040 A_1$ $464 + 624 = 1088 (A_1 + A_2 + E)$ e fundamental (1213) a_1 fundamental (1225) | | |
| e,k,i ^a Fermi resona | s,b | a _l fundamental (2273) | | |
| | RAMAN SPE Exciting Line te te te e e,k te,k te,k te,k te,k te, | TABLE V RAMAN SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS Exciting Line Description te m,b te m,b te s,sh te m,b e vvw,vb e,k m,sh te,k m,sh te,k s,sh e,k s,sh e vvw,b e vvw,b e vw,b e,k,i s,b *Fermi resonance. | | |

Figure 17

| | INFRARED SPECT | TABI | LE VIII ASEOUS TRIFLUOROACETONITRILE |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Wave Number | Description | Band Typ e | Interpretation |
| 365 | VW | | impurity ? |
| 375 | VW | | $2 \times 187 = 374 (A_1 + E)$ |
| ∽4 5 1 | bs | | |
| 464 | s | Ţ | e fundamental (464) |
| v 472 | sd) | | |
| 514 | m) | | |
| 522 | m } | | a _l fundamental (520) |
| 530 | m) | | |
| 624 | vw | | e fundamental |
| 646 | W | | $187 \pm 161 = 651 (A_{2} + A_{2} + E)$ |
| 658 | w) | | 107 + 404 = 0)1 (x1 + x2 + 2) |
| 694 | vvw | | 1213 - 520 = 693 E |
| 699 | WVV | | $1225 - 520 = 705 A_1$ |
| 710 | W | | 187 + 520 = 707 E |
| 730 | VW | | $2 \times 160 = 187 = 711 (A_2 + A_2 + 2E)$? |
| 740 | W | | |
| 796 | s | , | a fundamental (\mathbf{r} 810) |
| 809 | s | | $a = 187 + 624 = 811 (A_2 + A_2 + E)$ |
| n 820 | sd) | | $107 \cdot 000 = 011 (n_1 + n_2 + 1)$ |
| 864 | W | | impurity ? |
| | TABLE VIII - <u>Continued</u> | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
| 914 | w | | |
| 922 | m } | | $2 \times 464 = 928 (A_1 + E)$ |
| 930 | W) | | |
| 950 | w | | impurity ? |
| 987 | vw) | | |
| 996 | vvw } | | 187 + 810 = 997 |
| 1006 | vvw) | | |
| 1039 | w } | | 2 = 520 = 1000 Å |
| 1050 | ₩Ĵ | | |
| 1080 | m | | $1.61 + 621 - 1088 (A_2 + A_2 + E)$ |
| 1088 | w S | | tot 1 oct 2 1000 (vI 1 v2 1 2) |
| 1142 | W | | 520 + 624 = 1144 E |
| 1213 | vvs | | e fundamental (1213) |
| <u>~1215</u> | sd | | |
| 1225 | VS | | a _l fundamental (1225) |
| 1237 | vs | | |
| 1248 | S | | 2 = 621 - 1218 (1 + E) |
| 1254 | S | | ~ x ovt - rvto (vT , D) |
| 1318 | vs | | |
| 1330 | vs | | $520 + 810 = 1330 A_1$ |
| n1337 | sd | | |
| 1396 | m | | $187 + 1213 = 1400 (A_1 + A_2 + E)$ |

| Wave Number | Description | Band Type | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 1417 | S | | 187 + 1225 = 1412 E |
| 1423 | s) | | |
| 1430 | s | | 624 + 810 = 1434 E |
| 1439 | sd) | | |
| 1574 | W | | $2 \times 187 + 1213 = 1587 (A_1 + E)$ |
| 1669 | W | | $464 + 1213 = 1677 (A_1 + A_2 + E)$ |
| 1681 | VW | | 464 + 1225 = 1689 E |
| n1700 | sd | | 520 + 1213 = 1733 E |
| 1832 | VW | | 624 + 1213 = 1837 (A ₁ + A ₂ + E) |
| 2014 | m | | 810 + 1213 = 2023 E |
| 2029 | m | | 810 + 1225 = 2023 E |
| n2080 | W | | 2273 - 187 = 2086 E |
| w2220 | sd | | |
| 2270 | s | | a _l fundamental (2273) |
| 2427 | ш | | $2 \times 1213 = 2426 (A_1 + E)$ |
| 2463 | m | | 187 + 2273 = 2460 E |

TABLE VIII - Continued

^aFermi resonance.

Dimethyl Ether

The sample of dimethyl ether was supplied by the Matheson Company. Its purity was given as 99.5%.

The Raman spectrum of the gas was observed, at room temperature and a pressure of 3 atmospheres, with the aid of the multiple-reflection Raman irradiation apparatus. Since the Hg 4047 A radiation will cause the six C-H stretching fundamentals to lie near Raman bands of shifts about 1200 cm⁻¹ from the Hg 4358 A line, it was decided to make exposures with and without a 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter. Three exposures of duration 2 1/2, 3 1/4 and 14 hours were made with a water filter, and three additional exposures, of duration 3 3/4, 15 and 53 hours, were made with a NaNO₂ filter. With this procedure, it was possible to determine, for each Raman band, the exciting Hg line and hence the correct Raman frequency. The enlargement of the films and measurements of the bands were made by Mr. A. T. Stair. The measured values of the Raman displacements, together with descriptions, are given in Table IX.

Sulphur Hexafluoride

The sample of sulphur hexafluoride was supplied by the Matheson Company. Its purity was given as 99%.

The Raman spectrum of the gas was obtained, at room temperature and a pressure of 4 atmospheres, with the aid of the multiple-reflection Raman irradiation apparatus. Water was placed in the filter jacket. Three exposures were made of duration 12, 36 and 34 1/2 hours. The films were given to Mr. A. T. Stair for evaluation and interpretation, and the

| TABLE | IX |
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| Wave Number | Exciting Line | Description |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 392 | e | vw,b |
| 410 | e | m, sh |
| 448 | e | VW |
| 477 | e | VW |
| 928 | e | vs,b ^a |
| 1261 ? | e | VW |
| ∽ 1440 | e | vw,b |
| n1457 | e | vw,b |
| ~ 1480 | e | vw,b |
| 2721 | e | VVW |
| 2762 | e | VW |
| 2819 | e,k,i | vvs,sh |
| 2870 | e,k,i | vs,sh |
| 2920 | e,k,i | s,sh |
| 2938 | e,k | m, sh |
| 2960 | e,k,i | s,sh |
| 2995 | e,k,i | vs,sh |

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aDegraded toward low wave numbers.

results appear in his Ph.D. dissertation.⁹ The values of the Raman displacements, together with their interpretations, appear in Table X.

1-Fluoro-1-chloroethylene

The sample was supplied by Peninsular Chemresearch, Incorporated. No information was given concerning the purity.

The Raman spectrum of the gas, at room temperature and a pressure of 3 atmospheres, was observed with the aid of the multiple-reflection Raman irradiation apparatus. Exposure times of 1/3, 5, 24 1/2 and 99 hours were used. A 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter was placed in the filter jacket. The films were given to Mr. J. C. Albright¹⁰ for evaluation and interpretation. The results appear in his Ph.D. dissertation.¹¹ (See Table XI).

1,1-Difluoro-bromoethylene

The sample of l,l-difluoro-bromoethylene was supplied by Professor J. D. Park, Department of Chemistry, The University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. It appeared to be of high purity.

The Raman spectrum of the gas was observed, at room temperature and a pressure of 1 1/3 atmospheres, with the aid of the multiple-reflection Raman irradiation apparatus. Exposure times were 3, 14 and 50 hours.

¹⁰Address: Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

11J. C. Albright, "Vibrational Spectra of Hexafluorobutadiene-1,3 and 1-Fluoro-1-chloroethylene", (Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Physics, The University of Oklahoma, 1956).

⁹A. T. Stair, "Vibrational Spectra of Compounds in Different States of Aggregation", (Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Physics, The University of Oklahoma, 1956).

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| TABLE 2 | ζ. | • . | |

| | RAMAN SPEC | TRUM OF GASEOUS S | ULPHUR HEXAFLUORIDE |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Wave Number | Exciting Line | Description | Interpretation |
| 515 | e | w,d) | 0 0) |
| 529 | е | w,d } | 12g Iundamental |
| 628 | е | w,d | |
| 639•5 | e | w,sh } | eg fundamental |
| 652 | e | w,d) | |
| 690 | е | vvw,sh | $2 \times 344 = 688 (A_{lg} + E_g + F_{2g})$ |
| 769•4 | e,f,g,k,i | vs,sh | alg fundamental |
| ~8 09 ? | е | VVW - | |
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| AMAN SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS | 1-FLUORO-1-CHLOROETHYLENE |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Description | Interpretation |
| w,sh | a' fundamental |
| w, sh | a' fundamental |
| vvw,d | a" Iuncamental |

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TABLE XI

| 823 | | |
|-----|-------|----------------|
| | vvw,d | a" fundamental |
| 844 | | |

m,b

VVW

m

Wave Number

370

432

505

533

698

709

3062

| 946 | m,sh | a' fundamental |
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| 1338 | w, sh | 514 + 835 = 1349 A' |
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1375 433 + 946 = 1379 A' w,sh

1380 w,sh a' fundamental 2 x 698 = 1396 A' 1401 vvw 610 + 835 = 1445 A' 1422 VVW 1637

698 + 946 = 1644 A' m,b

| 1654 | s,sh | a' fundamental |
|------|------|--------------------------|
| 1670 | w,sh | 370 + 610 + 698 = 1678 A |
| 1689 | m,sh | 2 x 835 = 1670 A' |
| 3018 | w,sh | a' fundamental |

a' fundamental w,sh

1385 + 1654 = 3039 A! ?

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| Wave Number | Description | Interpretation |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| 3071 | s,sh | a' fundamental |
| 3102 | VW | 370 + 2 x 1385 = 3140 A! ? |
| ~3160 | w,d | 433 + 2 x 1385 = 3203 A' 370 + 1185 + 1654 = 3209 A' ? |

TABLE XI - Continued

A 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter was employed. The films were given to Dr. Rose Theimer¹² for measurement and interpretation. The values of the Raman displacements, together with their interpretations, are given in Table XII.

12Address: The University of Oklahoma Research Institute, Norman, Oklahoma.

TABLE XII

| RAMAN SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS 1,1-DIFLUORO-BROMOETHYLENE | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Wave Number | Description | Interpretation | | | |
| 164 | m, sh | a' fundamental | | | |
| 366 | m,sh | a' fundamental | | | |
| ^ 568 | vvw | a' fundamental | | | |
| 768 | m,sh | a' fundamental | | | |
| 957 | w,sh | a' fundamental | | | |
| 1165 | vvw | a' fundamental | | | |
| 1732 | m | a' fundamental | | | |
| 1742 | w, sh | | | | |
| 3135 | s,sh | a' fundamental | | | |

CHAPTER V

INTERPRETATION AND DISCUSSION

Vinyl Chloride

The vibrational and rotational spectra of vinyl chloride have been studied by Thompson and Torkington,¹ Evans and Bernstein,² and others.^{3,4,5} However, their assignments of the low frequency fundamentals^{1,3} were based on the early work of Kohlrausch and Stockmair,⁵ and others,⁶ who observed the Raman spectrum of the liquid. The very recent work of Evans and Bernstein,² which was published after the present study of vinyl chloride was completed, also gives an assignment of fundamentals based in part on the Raman spectrum of the liquid.

Godnev and Filatova⁷ calculated the free energy of vinyl

¹H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

²J. C. Evans and H. J. Bernstein, Can. J. Chem. <u>33</u>, 1792 (1955).
 ³A. R. H. Cole and H. W. Thompson, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London)

<u>A200</u>, 10 (1949).

⁴Ta-You Wu, Phys. Rev. <u>46</u>, 465 (1934).

⁵K. W. F. Kohlrausch and W. Stockmair, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B29</u>, 292 (1935).

⁶M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

71. N. Godnev and N. N. Filatova, Akad. Nauk SSSR (Moscow), Compt. Rend. (Doklady), Series 2, <u>52</u>, 43 (1946). chloride for a few temperatures, while Richards⁸ calculated several thermodynamic functions over the temperature range 291-1500 ^oK. Kobe and Harrison⁹ converted Richards' values into engineering units and developed an empirical equation for the heat capacity of vinyl chloride. A search of the literature failed to reveal either Raman spectra or calorimetric data for gaseous vinyl chloride.

The vinyl chloride molecule has the symmetry C_s . Its 12 normal vibrations divide into 9 of species a' (planar) and 3 of species a" (non-planar). All are active in both the Raman and infrared spectra. However, the a" vibrations in the Raman spectrum of the gas are usually diffuse, and consequently weak, since the Q branches are generally spread over a wide wave number range. Among the planar vibrations, there should be three C-H stretching vibrations, one C = C stretching vibration, one C-Cl stretching vibration and four deformation and rocking vibrations. The three non-planar vibrations involve twisting and wagging motions.

The principal moments of inertia of the vinyl chloride molecule have been calculated by various investigators.¹⁰,11,12,8 The molecule

⁸R. E. Richards, J. Chem. Soc. (London) <u>151</u>, 1931 (1948).

⁹K. A. Kobe and R. H. Harrison, Petroleum Refiner <u>30</u>, No. 11, 151 (1951).

10H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

¹¹A. R. H. Cole and H. W. Thompson, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A200</u>, 10 (1949).

¹²I. N. Godnev and N. N. Filatova, Akad. Nauk SSSR (Moscow), Compt. Rend. (Doklady), Series 2, <u>52</u>, 43 (1946).

seems satisfactory and has been adopted in the present work.

The assignment of the fundamentals observed in the infrared spectrum (Table II) was easily accomplished, making use of previous assignments and what is known about the contours and P-R separations. All infrared bands not assigned as fundamentals have been satisfactorily interpreted. The interpretations agree in part with those of Thompson and Torkington,¹⁶ who observed the infrared spectrum in the range 3-20 microns. In the present work many more bands were observed, although a few bands observed by Thompson and Torkington were not found.

The most recent previous assignment of fundamentals is that of Evans and Bernstein,¹⁷ who based their assignment on observations of the Raman spectrum of liquid $CH_2 = CHCl$ at -100 °C, and the Raman and infrared (2-38 microns) spectra of liquid $CH_2 = CDCl$. Table XIII gives a comparison of their assignments and those of Thompson and Torkington with those of this work. The assignments agree very well, except that our wave numbers are somewhat higher because they apply to the gaseous state. However, it is interesting to note that the values for the three a" fundamentals assigned by Evans and Bernstein are all slightly higher than our values. The assigned values of the fundamentals are not identical with the measured values, since they are averages of the measured Raman and infrared wave numbers.

16_H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

17J. C. Evans and H. J. Bernstein, Can. J. Chem. <u>33</u>, 1792 (1955).

is very nearly a symmetric top, having moments of inertia of approximately 15, 135 and 150 x 10^{-40} g cm². The non-planar vibrations are therefore expected to have essentially a perpendicular band contour in the infrared spectrum. The contours of the planar vibrations in the infrared should be a mixture of parallel and perpendicular type bands. Thompson and Torkington,¹³ taking the principal moments of inertia to be $I_A = 15 x$ 10^{-40} g cm² and $I_B = I_C = 143 \times 10^{-40}$ g cm², have calculated the spacing of the infrared bands from the curves of Gerhard and Dennison.¹⁴ The spacing of the P and R branches in a parallel band was found to be 17-18 cm⁻¹, while the spacing of resolved Q branches in a perpendicular band should be 3-4 cm⁻¹. Also, the Q branches in parallel bands should be weak.

The present work has essentially verified the previous assignments of Thompson and Torkington¹³ and Evans and Bernstein.¹⁵

Eight of the a' fundamentals have been identified with bands observed in the Raman spectrum of gaseous vinyl chloride (see Table I). None of the a" fundamentals were found. The Raman bands not assigned as fundamentals have been interpreted satisfactorily, with the possible exception of the doublet at 3027 and 3033 cm⁻¹. This doublet has been interpreted by Evans and Bernstein¹⁵ as an a' fundamental in Fermi resonance with a ternary combination of species A'. This interpretation

13_{H.} W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London)
<u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).
14_{S.} L. Gerhard and D. M. Dennison, Phys. Rev. <u>43</u>, 197 (1933).
15_{J.} C. Evans and H. J. Bernstein, Can. J. Chem. <u>33</u>, 1792
(1955).

| TABLE 1 | XIII |
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|-----------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Assign- ment | esent ork I,g | Pr W R,g | Spectrum and State | Evans and Bernstein ^b | Spectrum and State | Thompson & Torkington ^a |
| at | 398 | 394 | R,1 | 396 | R,1 | 395° |
| a" | 620 | - | R,1 | 623 | I,g | 622 |
| at | 721 | 719 | R,1 | 706 | I,g | 724 |
| a" | 896 | - | R,1 | 901 | I,g | 895 |
| an | 941 | - | I,g(?) | 942 | I,g | 940 |
| at | 1030 | - | R,1 | 1026 | I,g | 1030 |
| a' | 1281 | 1279 | R ,l | 1274 | I,g | 1280 |
| a' | 1370 | 1368 | R,1 | 1363 | I,g | 1370 |
| at | ∽ 1611 | 1607 | R,1 | 1603 | I,g | 1610 |
| a' | 3029 | 3033 | R,1 | 3027 | R,1 | 3030 ⁰ |
| a' | 3086 | 3086 | R ,1 | 3079 | R,1 | 3078 ^c |
| a' | 3121 | 3121 | R,1 | 3112 | R,1 | 3134 [°] |
| | 721 896 941 1030 1281 1370 ~1611 3029 3086 3121 | 719 - - 1279 1368 1607 3033 3086 3121 | R,1 R,1 I,g(?) R,1 R,1 R,1 R,1 R,1 R,1 R,1 R,1 | 706 901 942 1026 1274 1363 1603 3027 3079 3112 | I,g I,g I,g I,g I,g I,g R,1 R,1 R,1 | 724 895 940 1030 1280 1370 1610 3030 ^c 3078 ^c 3134 ^c |

FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCIES OF VINYL CHLORIDE

^aH. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 21 (1945).

^bJ. C. Evans and J. J. Bernstein, Can. J. Chem. <u>33</u>, 1792 (1955).

^CThese values were taken by Thompson and Torkington from the Raman data of liquid vinyl chloride of Kohlrausch and Stockmair, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B29</u>, 292 (1935).

For the purpose of calculating the thermodynamic functions, the product of the principal moments of inertia was calculated by the method of Hirschfelder.¹⁸ However, the thermodynamic functions are rather insensitive to even large changes in the value of this product. Richards, 49 who also calculated the thermodynamic functions, found, for example, that the maximum variation in entropy which would be caused by the maximum variation in the principal moments of inertia was 0.1 cal/mole deg. Our calculations agree fairly well with those of Richards, who used the values of the fundamentals given by Thompson and Torkington.²⁰ Differences of the order of 1.0 cal/mole deg are found in all of the functions. The temperature range of the calculations has an upper limit of 500 °K because it was felt that there would be appreciable dissociation of the vinyl chloride molecule at temperatures higher than this. This limit is somewhat arbitrary because no information on dissociation could be found in the literature.

Vinyl Bromide

The vibrational and rotational spectra of vinyl bromide have been studied by Thompson and Torkington,²⁰ de Hemptinne²¹ and Torkington.²²

18J. O. Hirschfelder, J. Chem. Phys. 8, 431 (1940).

19R. E. Richards, J. Chem. Soc. (London) <u>151</u>, 1931 (1948).

²⁰H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

21_M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

22P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A206</u>, 17 (1951).

Thompson and Torkington based their assignment of fundamentals on incomplete infrared data and the Raman spectrum of liquid vinyl bromide which was studied by Kohlrausch and Stockmair²³ and others.²⁴ A normal coordinate analysis of substituted ethylenes, including vinyl bromide and vinyl chloride, was carried out by Torkington.²⁵ de Hemptinne²⁶ observed the Raman spectrum of liquid vinyl bromide.

The discussion of the molecular symmetry, the type and form of the normal vibrations and the contours of infrared bands given in the preceding section on vinyl chloride holds equally well for vinyl bromide. The principal moments of inertia were calculated by Thompson and Torkington²⁷ and others.^{28,29} Thompson and Torkington found the moments of inertia to be approximately 17, 192 and 209 x 10^{-40} g cm². Taking the vinyl bromide molecule to be a symmetric top, they calculated the P-R separation of parallel bands to be about 16 cm⁻¹ and the resolved Q branch separation

²³K. W. F. Kohlrausch and W. Stockmair, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B29</u>, 292 (1935).

²⁴M. Borguel and L. Piaux, Bull. Soc. Chim. France (5) <u>2</u>, 1958 (1935).

²⁵P. Torkington, J. Chem. Phys. <u>17</u>, 1279 (1949).

26M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

27H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

²⁸I. N. Godnev and N. N. Filatova, Akad. Nauk SSSR (Moscow), Compt. Rend. (Doklady), Series 2, <u>52</u>, 43 (1946).

²⁹R. E. Richards, J. Chem. Soc. (London) <u>151</u>, 1931 (1948).

in perpendicular bands to be about 3 cm-1.

Richards³⁰ calculated thermodynamic functions for vinyl bromide over the temperature range 291-1500 ^oK. Kobe and Harrison³¹ converted Richards' values into engineering units. A search of the literature failed to reveal either Raman spectra or calorimetric data for gaseous vinyl bromide.

Thirteen bands were observed in the Raman spectrum of gaseous vinyl bromide. Their wave numbers are listed in Table IV. Kohlrausch and Stockmair³² had observed Raman bands of liquid vinyl bromide at 497 and ll66 cm⁻¹. The former frequency was taken to be an a" fundamental by Thompson and Torkington.³³ However, de Hemptinne³⁴ found neither of these bands in the Raman spectrum of the liquid (see Table XIV). Moreover, no bands were found at these frequencies in the present work. In agreement with the assignments of de Hemptinne, the bands observed at 344, 611, 1258, 1373, 1601, 3027, 3087 and 3112 cm⁻¹ have been assigned as a' fundamentals. All of these bands were also observed in the infrared spectrum (see Table V). The strong infrared band at 1005 cm⁻¹ is assigned as

³⁰R. E. Richards, J. Chem. Soc. (London) <u>151</u>, 1931 (1948).

³¹K. A. Kobe and R. H. Harrison, Petroleum Refiner <u>30</u>, No. 11, 151 (1951).

 32 K. W. F. Kohlrausch and W. Stockmair, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B29</u>, 292 (1935).

³³H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

³⁴M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

the one remaining a' fundamental. The infrared bands observed at 582, 901 and 941 cm⁻¹ are assigned as the three a" fundamentals. The assigned fundamentals are listed in Table XIV together with those of Thompson and Torkington³⁵ and de Hemptinne.³⁶ Except for the lowest a" fundamental, there is good agreement between the previous assignments and those of the present work.

No explanation of the Haman band at 573 cm⁻¹ seems possible except to assume that it is caused by an impurity in the sample. This assumption is supported by the fact that no previous worker has found a band at 573 cm⁻¹ in the Raman spectrum of $CH_2 = CHBr$. The published spectra of various possible impurities were examined, but none could account definitely for this band. In this search, the possibility was considered that the Raman bands found at 2880, 2938, 2971 and 2990 cm⁻¹ might also be caused by an impurity in the sample. The spectra examined included the possible reactants in the preparation of vinyl bromide; namely, acetylene and ethylene dibromide. Polyvinyl bromide may be an impurity but no Raman or infrared spectra of this compound could be found in the literature.

All but a few of the infrared bands not assigned as fundamentals have been satisfactorily explained as either overtones, sum bands or difference bands, or as probably due to the presence of water vapor. The

³⁵H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 3, 21 (1945).

36M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

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|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Thompson & Torkington ^a (I,gas) | de Hemptinne ^b (R,liq.) | Presen (R,gas) | t Work (I,gas) | Assignment |
| 345° | 348 | 344 | 345 | a' |
| 497 ^c | - | - | 582 | a" |
| 615 | 601 | 611 | 614 | a' |
| 902 | 906 | - | 901 | a" |
| 940 | - | - | 941 | a" |
| 1008 | 1004 | - | 1005 | a' |
| 1262 | 1253 | 1258 | 1258 | a' |
| 1377 | 1370 | 1373 | 1372 | a' |
| 1605 | 1596 | 1601 | 1603 | a' |
| 3014 ^c | 3014 | 3027 | 3026 | at |
| 3075 ^c | 3075 | 3087 | 3089 | a' |
| 3103° | 3103 | 3112 | 3111 | al |
| | | | | |

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^aH. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 21 (1945).

^bM. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

^CThese values were taken by Thompson and Torkington from the Raman data of liquid vinyl bromide of Kohlrausch and Stockmair, Z. physik. Chem. <u>B29</u>, 292 (1935).

latter have been included in the percentage transmission curves because there remains some doubt about their interpretation.

The thermodynamic functions of vinyl bromide were calculated in the same fashion as for vinyl chloride. The results are presented in Table VI. The differences between the values of the thermodynamic functions calculated here and those of Richards³⁷ are in all cases less than 1.0 cal/mole deg.

Vinyl Chloride and Vinyl Bromide

It may be of interest to compare the assigned values of the fundamental frequencies of vinyl chloride with those of vinyl bromide. For this purpose the assigned values, together with rough characterizations of the motions, are listed in Table XV. As stated previously, the assigned values represent averages of the measured Raman and infrared frequencies. The two bending motions seem to be the least affected by substitution, while the "C-H wagging frequency" for vinyl bromide is 22 cm⁻¹ less than the corresponding frequency in vinyl chloride.

It is interesting to make some further comparisons by means of Bernstein and Pullin's vibrational sum rule³⁸ and some recent calculations by Bernstein.³⁹ Bernstein calculated the sum of the in-plane and the out-of-plane frequencies for vinyl chloride and vinyl bromide. In addition, he has calculated the heat capacities, at 25 °C, of vinyl

37_{R.} E. Richards, J. Chem. Soc. (London) <u>151</u>, 1931 (1948).
³⁸H. J. Bernstein and A. D. E. Pullin, J. Chem. Phys. <u>21</u>, 2188 (1953).
³⁹H. J. Bernstein, J. Chem. Phys. <u>24</u>, 910, 911 (1956).

TABLE XV

| Vinyl Chloride | Vinyl Bromide | Species | Approximate Motion | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 396 | 344 | at | C = C-X rocking | |
| 620 | 582 | a ^{ıı} | twisting | |
| 720 | 614 | al | C-X stretching | |
| 896 | 901 | a" | wagging | |
| 941 | 941 | a" | wagging | |
| 1030 | 1005 | a' | CH ₂ rocking | |
| 1280 | 1258 | a' | CH rocking | |
| 1369 | 1374 | a' | CH ₂ deformation | |
| 1609 | 1602 | a' | C = C stretching | |
| 3030 | 3027 | a | C-H stretching | |
| 3086 | 3087 | a' | C-H stretching | |
| 3121 | 3112 | a' | C-H stretching | |

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chloride and vinyl bromide without making use of the fundamental frequencies. A comparison of the values calculated by Bernstein with those found in this work are made in the following table:

| | | | $CH_2 = CHCL$ | $\frac{CH_2}{2} = CHBr$ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 5 | | Scalculated by Bernstein | 15623 | 15365 |
| Ľ | (a') | obs. in present work | 15641 | 15423 |
| Σ | 7/(~!!) | Scalculated by Bernstein | 2453 | 2440 |
| <u>_</u> | (a) | lobs. in present work | 2457 | 2424 |
| 00 | (250C) | fcalculated by Bernstein | 12.82 | 13.29 |
| ^o p (25 ^o 0) | calculated in present work | 12.83 | 13.26 | |

The agreement between the values of the heat capacity of both compounds is remarkable, and the agreement of the sums is good for vinyl chloride, but not so close for vinyl bromide.

Trifluoroacetonitrile

The Raman spectrum of gaseous trifluoroacetonitrile (CF₃CN) has not previously been observed. The recently published work of Edgell and Potter⁴⁰ gives the Raman spectrum of liquid CF₃CN at -100 °C, and the infrared spectrum of the gas in the spectral range 2-38 microns. Edgell and Potter were able to make an assignment of fundamentals from their data and correlations for a number of substituted methanes of the type CF₃X.

It has been shown from the microwave spectrum⁴¹ that CF_3CN is

40_W. F. Edgell and R. M. Potter, J. Chem. Phys. <u>24</u>, 80 (1956). 41_W. Gordy, Phys. Rev. <u>77</u>, 292 (1954). a symmetric top. The molecule thus has the symmetry C_{3v} , and has 4 totally symmetric (a_1) and 4 doubly degenerate (e) normal vibrations. All are both Raman and infrared active. Table XVI gives the resultant species of several possible combination and overtone bands.

TABLE XVI

SPECIES OF OVERTONE AND COMBINATION BANDS

| Overtone or Combination | Resultant Species |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a _l + a _l | A |
| a _l + e | E |
| e + e | A ₁ + A ₂ + E |
| $(a_1)^2$ | Al |
| (e) ² | A _l + E |
| (a _l) ³ | A |
| (e) ³ | $A_1 + A_2 + E$ |

There arises the problem of whether the C-C \equiv N chain is linear or bent. If the chain is bent, the degeneracy would be removed from the vibrations of species e, and this would cause a splitting of those bands in the spectrum. Since no such splitting has been observed, it has been assumed that the chain is linear, in agreement with the microwave work.

Edgell and Potter⁴² calculated the principal moments of inertia to be $I_A = 148 \times 10^{-40}$ g cm² and $I_B = I_C = 285 \times 10^{-40}$ g cm². In addition,

42_W. F. Edgell and R. M. Potter, J. Chem. Phys. <u>24</u>, 80 (1956).

from the formula of Gerhard and Dennison, 43 they calculated the P-R separation in parallel bands to be $\sim 17 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

From the above values for the principal moments of inertia and Figure 125 in Herzberg,⁴⁴ p. 421, the ratio of the intensity of the Q branch to the sum of the intensities of the P and R branches was found to be ~ 0.7 . Thus, the Q branch in a parallel infrared band should be relatively weak as compared to the P and R branches. It is not possible to predict a priori the shapes of the perpendicular type infrared and Raman bands.

The Raman spectrum (Figure 16, Table VII) has been fully interpreted and seven of the bands have been assigned as fundamentals. The assignments are in essential agreement with those of Edgell and Potter (Table XVII). These authors observed one band at 192 cm⁻¹, whereas in the present work a band at 187 cm⁻¹ with two rotational branches at separations of 10 cm⁻¹ were observed. A Raman band arising from a degenerate vibration of a molecule of symmetry C_{3v} will, in general, consist of a superposition of two series of sharp Q branches corresponding to the two allowed values of $\Delta K (\pm 1, \pm 2)$. The spacings of the Q branches are $2 \left[A (1 - 5) - B \right]$ and $4 \left[A(1 - 5/2) - B \right]$, for $\Delta K = \pm 1$ and $\Delta K = \pm 2$, respectively. 5 is the Coriolis constant. A and B are known for CF₃CN and by equating the above terms for the spacings of the Q branches equal to zero, two values of 5 are found (0.48, -0.96). The relatively strong central

43S. L. Gerhard and D. M. Dennison, Phys. Rev. <u>43</u>, 197 (1933).

⁴⁴G. Herzberg, <u>Infrared</u> and <u>Raman</u> <u>Spectra</u>, Fifth Printing (New York: D. Van Nostrand, Inc., 1951).

branch of the 187 cm⁻¹ band suggests that all of the Q branches of one series coincide, but the resolution is insufficient to determine which series is responsible and, therefore, the appropriate value of ζ . Also, Edgell and Potter found two bands at 803 and 818 cm⁻¹, while three bands, at 799, 809 and 818, were found in the present work. The interpretation of these three bands presented some difficulty, and their explanation as an a₁ fundamental in Fermi resonance with a binary combination may be regarded as somewhat uncertain.

All but one of the fundamentals found in the Raman spectrum have been observed in the infrared spectrum. The lowest e fundamental at 187 cm⁻¹ fell outside of the available spectral range. Also, the one remaining fundamental was identified with the infrared band at 624 cm⁻¹. The values of fundamentals assigned by Edgell and Potter, together with those of this work, are listed in Table XVII. There is good agreement between their assignments and ours.

Satisfactory interpretations have been given for all infrared bands not assigned as fundamentals, with a few exceptions. The bands at 365 and 375 cm⁻¹ may be impurity bands due to a trace of $CCl_2 = CCl - CF_3$, which was in the 1-m cell prior to CF_3CN . However, the 375 cm⁻¹ band may be satisfactorily explained as an overtone of the lowest e fundamental $(2 \times 187 = 374)$, leaving only the explanation of the band at 365 cm⁻¹ as uncertain. Also, two bands at 864 and 950 cm⁻¹ have not been satisfactorily explained. Edgell and Potter did not observe the latter two bands, so they may reasonably be considered as due to impurities. Apart from these questionable bands, there is good agreement between the interpreta-

TABLE XVII

| Edgell and Potter ^a | Spectrum and State | Present Work | Spectrum and State | | Assignment |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 192 | R,1 | 187 | R,g | е | C-C ≡ N bending |
| 464 | R,l;I,g | 464 | R,I,g | е | CF ₃ bending |
| 521 | R ,l;I, g | 520 | R,I,g | al | CF3 deformation |
| 625 | R ,l;I, g | 624 | I,g | е | CF3 deformation |
| 801 | R,1;I,g | ~ 810 | R,I,g | ^a l | C-C stretching |
| 1215 | R(?),1;I,g | 1213 | R,I,g | е | asym. CF3 stretching |
| 1228 | R,1;I,g | 1225 | R,I,g | a _l | sym. CF3 stretching |
| 2271 | R,1;I,g | 2273 | R,I,g | al | $C \equiv N$ stretching |

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^aW. F. Edgell and R. M. Potter, J. Chem. Phys. <u>24</u>, 80 (1956).

tions given by Edgell and Potter and those of this work.

CHAPTER VI

SUMMARY

Since selection rules and band contours can usually be predicted only for non-interacting molecules, it is desirable to obtain the vibrational spectra of compounds in the gaseous state. However, the low densities of gases make it very difficult to obtain their Raman spectra by ordinary experimental methods. The purpose of the present work has been to develop an efficient Raman irradiation apparatus for gases and to obtain the Raman and infrared spectra of selected compounds in the gaseous state.

Following an optical design given by Welsh, et al.,¹ a multiplereflection Raman tube for gases has been designed and constructed. The illuminated section is 100 cm in length and has a diameter of 6 cm. Two 1500 watt Hg lamps are used as sources of excitation. It is estimated that the multiple reflections increase the intensity of the Raman scattered light entering the spectrograph by a factor of about 20.

With the aid of this apparatus and a three-prism spectrograph of reciprocal linear dispersion 15 A/mm, the Raman spectra of the following compounds in the gaseous state at room temperature were obtained: vinyl chloride, vinyl bromide, trifluoroacetonitrile, dimethyl ether,

lWelsh, Cumming and Stansbury, J. Opt. Soc. Am. <u>41</u>, 712 (1951).

sulphur hexafluoride, l-fluoro-l-chloroethylene, l,l-difluoro-bromoethylene and ethylene oxide. In addition, the infrared absorption spectra were obtained for the gases vinyl chloride, vinyl bromide and trifluoroacetonitrile, with the aid of a Perkin-Elmer Model 112 double-pass spectrometer equipped with prisms of LiF, NaCl and CsBr.

The Raman and infrared spectra of vinyl chloride and vinyl bromide have been interpreted, and the following assignments of fundamentals (in cm⁻¹) have been made: CH₂ = CHCl, species a': 396, 720, 1030, 1280, 1369, 1609, 3030, 3086 and 3121; species a": 620, 896 and 941; CH₂ = CHBr, species a': 344, 614, 1005, 1258, 1373, 1602, 3027, 3087 and 3112; species a": 582, 901 and 941. These assignments agree with those of previous workers,^{2,3,4} except for the lowest a" fundamental of CH₂ = CHBr, which has previously been taken to be 497 cm⁻¹, and except for small changes in the wave numbers.

The entropy, the heat content function, the free energy function and the heat capacity have been calculated for vinyl chloride and vinyl bromide in the ideal gas state at one atmosphere pressure and over the temperature range 273.16-500 °K.

The eight fundamental vibrational frequencies of CF_3CN have been assigned as follows: species a_1 : 520, approx. 810, 1225 and 2273; species e: 187, 464, 624 and 1213 cm⁻¹. The exact value of the a_1

²H. W. Thompson and P. Torkington, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) <u>A184</u>, 21 (1945).

> ³J. C. Evans and H. J. Bernstein, Can. J. Chem. <u>33</u>, 1792 (1955). ⁴M. de Hemptinne, Trans. Faraday Soc. <u>42</u>, 5 (1946).

fundamental near 810 cm⁻¹ is somewhat uncertain, since three Raman bands are found here, at 799, 809 and 818 cm⁻¹. They are interpreted as resulting from approximate coincidence of the combination 187 + 624 = 811 $(A_1 + A_2 + E)$ with the a_1 fundamental, and Fermi resonance between the latter and the A_1 component of the combination. Also, in the Raman spectrum of CF₃CN, the e fundamental at 187 cm⁻¹ consists of a strong and fairly sharp zero branch surrounded by rotational wings. This is interpreted to mean that all of the Q branches of one set coincide. After completion of the present work, Edgell and Potter⁵ reported Raman data for liquid CF₃CN at -100 °C and infrared data for gaseous CF₃CN. They assign the fundamentals in agreement with the present work.

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APPENDIX I

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MULTIPLE-REFLECTION RAMAN APPARATUS FOR GASES

Some recent improvements in the Raman apparatus for gases and some observations concerning its performance have recently been made. They are briefly as follows:

1. A modified condensing lens mount has been designed and constructed. An achromatic lens, of focal length 25.0 cm has been substituted for the lens (f = 25.4 cm) employed in the present work. A simle calculation shows that the lens must be placed 31.9 cm from the slit for proper focusing of the Raman tube. The lens aperture should be readjusted accordingly.

2. The legs of the table on which the optical bench rests have been reinforced to insure greater rigidity.

3. The sample gas inlet system has been modified to include two stainless steel fritted filters and a drying agent¹ (activated alumina). The sample gas is thus made to pass through the first filter, which has an average pore size of 5 microns, then though the drying agent and finally through the second filter, which has an average pore

¹Trade Name: Ansul "T-flo" drier cartridge. Manufactured by the Ansul Chemical Company, Marinett, Illinois.

size of 10 microns. The behavior of the drying agent is such that there is a very high heat of adsorption. This was first noticed, but not understood, when ethylene oxide was passed through the drier. Mr. P. J. Ehman,² through private communication, has advised us of the high heat of adsorption and has given the opinion that the activated alumina would have no effects on the chemical composition of the gases which have been studied. His communication and other information pertaining to the care and cleaning of the stainless steel filters are now on file here in the laboratory.

4. It should be noted that the rear window of the Raman tube must be completely blocked-off with black material at all times. Otherwise, room light will pass into the spectrograph.

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APPENDIX II

RAMAN SPECTRUM OF GASEOUS ETHYLENE OXIDE

Experimental. The sample of ethylene oxide was supplied by the Matheson Company and had a stated purity of 99.8%.

The Raman spectrum was observed with the aid of the multiplereflection irradiation apparatus. Two series of exposures were made, both resulting in a somewhat incomplete spectrum. The first of these, three exposures of duration 2, 6 and 23 hours, at 2 atmospheres pressure, yielded more information than the second attempt, four exposures of lengths 4, 24, 71 and 73 hours at one atmosphere pressure. The lower pressure was the result of the limited amount of sample remaining. Also, during the second series of exposures a considerable amount of difficulty was experienced with the optical alignment of the condensing lens. In both series of exposures a 1/4-saturated NaNO₂ filter was used.

The films were enlarged in the usual manner and measurements were made of the Raman displacements. The results are listed in Table XVIII. The band at 1268 cm⁻¹ may be taken as correct to ± 1 cm⁻¹, while the others are probably correct to ± 2 cm⁻¹.

<u>Conclusions</u>. Before an effort can be made to interpret the Raman spectrum of ethylene oxide, a more complete spectrum is necessary. It is suggested that a series of exposures be made with freshly re-coated

| TABLE XVIII | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| RAMAN S | PECTRUM OF GASEOUS ETHYLENE | OXIDE |
| Wave Number | Exciting Line | Description |
| ∽481 | e | vvvw,sh |
| 587 | e | vvvw,sh |
| n 1100 | e | VVW |
| 1123 | e | vw,sh |
| 1205 | e (2973,k) | VVW |
| 1268 | e | vs,sh |
| ~1415 | е | ∆∧ M |
| ∽1438 | e | vvw |
| 2925 | е | vs,sh |
| 2968 | e | vs,sh |
| 3018 | e | vs,sh |
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mirrors, and with the pressure of the sample as high as possible. Also, the optical alignment should be as nearly perfect as possible. It is necessary to make the efficiency a maximum because of the poor scattering properties of ethylene oxide. However, under conditions of maximum efficiency, it is believed that a satisfactory spectrum can be obtained.

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