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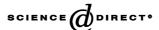
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Raman and infrared spectroscopic study of C₆₀F₁₈, C₆₀F₃₆ and C₆₀F₄₈

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Abstract

Vibrational spectroscopies have been employed to study the fluorofullerenes of formula $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$. For the first time, the Raman spectra of $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ as well as infrared (IR) spectra of their gaseous molecules isolated in cryogenic matrices have been obtained. The results were discussed and compared with the infrared spectra of the corresponding solids. In the case of $C_{60}F_{18}$, experimental data were supported by theoretical calculations.

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1. Introduction

The fullerenes—new allotropic forms of carbon—were discovered in 1985 [1]. The next step forward was the developing of a method of macroscopic preparation of fullerenes [2] so that they became available for the chemical reactivity and physical studies. It should be mentioned that spectroscopic methods played a key role in the first detection of fullerenes, particularly, observation of fullerenes in the gas phase was first made by mass spectrometry [1], whereas infrared (IR) spectroscopy data showed evidence for the presence of C₆₀ in the graphitic soot in macroscopic quantities [2].

Due to its unique nature, a fullerene molecule can form a great variety of derivatives with various substituents attached either in the exo- or endo-positions of the cage. Among the exohedral derivatives, fluorofullerenes represent an important group of compounds both from the point of view of their properties and potential applications in material science as new functionality materials. The fluorofullerenes compositions range from $C_{60}F_2$ to $C_{60}F_{60}$, and hyperfluorination (with F>60) accompanying the carbon cage rupture may occur. First attempts to fluorinate C_{60} resulted in a mixture of fluorofullerene products with a broad distribution of F atoms attached to the carbon cage [3]. Further studies were focused at the selective synthesis of

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specific fluorofullerenes, which was achieved by optimization of the reaction conditions and careful choice of halogen donor. Thus, the first pure compound—C₆₀F₄₈—was obtained as a main product of the reaction between C₆₀ and F₂ after studying effects of the experimental conditions including temperature, fluorine pressure, and concentration, fullerene sample history and time of the reaction on the yields and composition of the products [4]. C₆₀F₃₆ and C₆₀F₁₈ compounds were synthesized in the solid-phase reaction of C₆₀ with transition metal fluorides as fluorinating agents (MnF₃ and K₂PtF₆, correspondingly) followed by the sublimation of volatile products [5,6]. For isolation of the specific products, the high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) may be used. Structural determination of the mentioned fluorofullerenes was performed by ¹⁹F NMR and X-ray single crystal analysis.

At present only three fluorofullerene compounds— $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ —can be prepared in relatively pure form ($\geq 90\%$) with appreciable yields ($\geq 50\%$) and in sufficient quantities, while the yields of other isolated species ($C_{60}F_2$ [7], $C_{60}F_{16}$ [8], and $C_{60}F_{20}$ [9]) are small and require HPLC isolation.

The aim of the present work was to complete the spectroscopic characterization of $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ fluor-ofullerenes. The infrared spectra of the solid $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ have been reported in [5,6,10]. Raman spectroscopy data for fluorofullerenes and chlorofullerenes are not known, and are only available for brominated C_{60} derivatives: $C_{60}Br_6$, $C_{60}Br_8$, and $C_{60}Br_{24}$ [11]. This paper reports for the first time Raman spectroscopy data for the

solid C₆₀F₁₈, C₆₀F₃₆, and C₆₀F₄₈ and FTIR spectra of these species isolated in cryogenic matrices.

2. Experimental

2.1. Samples

The samples of $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ were synthesized following the procedures described elsewhere [4–6]. Mass spectrometry, ¹⁹F NMR, and chemical analyses were used for characterization of the compounds. $C_{60}F_{18}$ (90% purity) and $C_{60}F_{36}$ (95% purity) were purified by sublimation, whereas $C_{60}F_{48}$ (95% purity) was used as prepared. $C_{60}F_{18}$ is an isomerically pure compound (C_{3v} symmetry), with main impurity being C_{60} and trace amounts of $C_{60}F_{17}CF_3$ and $C_{60}F_{18}O$ as indicated by mass spectrometry. $C_{60}F_{36}$ and $C_{60}F_{48}$ samples represent mixtures of isomers: $C_{60}F_{36}$ forms two major isomers C_3 and $C_{60}F_{48}$ has two isomers of $C_{60}F_{38}$ and $C_{60}F_{48}$ respectively.

2.2. Techniques

The Raman spectra were recorded with a Bruker FT Raman RTS100 spectrometer and a Dilor XY spectrometer using Nd:YAG and Ar⁺/Kr⁺ lasers as excitation sources with wavelengths of 1064, 568.2, and 514.5 nm. Note that the line at 84 cm⁻¹ is a parasite one due to the instrumental error. All measurements were taken in a backscattering geometry. To avoid noticeable damage of samples during the experiments, the values of the power densities in the visible range were maintained at 0.2–1.5 W/cm².

The apparatus for FTIR spectroscopic measurements consists of a cooling system-cryotip (Displex, Air Products and Chemicals 202 CSA) located in a home made high vacuum stainless steel shroud—connected under rotary vacuum to a Bruker IFS 113v Interferometer through a suitable IR-transparent CsI window. The vacuum chamber is in turn connected to a high temperature furnace. Matrix gas and evaporating species are condensed at $T \approx 12$ K on a gold-plated coldfinger. The coldfinger is allowed to rotate in such a way that having two reflecting surfaces one can carry out two series of measurements during the same experiment. Details of the apparatus are described elsewhere [12].

High-purity argon and nitrogen were used as isolating matrix gases with a flow rate of 1–1.5 mmol/h through a standardized needle valve. All samples were vaporized from nickel Knudsen cells having an orifices of 1 mm in diameter. In order to heat the cell a tantalum liner was used. It was resistively heated by two water cooled copper electrodes connected to a power supply.

Each of three isolated fluorofullerenes $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ was loaded into the cell and vaporized. The

vaporization temperature ranged from 500 to 750 K, depositions lasted from 10 min to 1 h. The spectra were obtained by reflection. For routine spectra 200 scans were accumulated with a resolution of $1~{\rm cm}^{-1}$. The examined spectral range was $4000-200~{\rm cm}^{-1}$.

The spectra in diffuse reflectance have been obtained by means of a Bruker Equinox 55 Interferometer with a resolution of 1 cm⁻¹ accumulating 500 scans.

 H_2O and CO_2 in traces have been detected at 1593.2, 3727.7 and at 662.2, 2347.1 cm⁻¹, respectively.

2.3. DFT calculations of the IR vibrational frequencies of $C_{60}F_{18}$

Geometry optimization, force field, and IR intensities calculations of C₆₀F₁₈ molecule were performed with the help of the quantum-chemical package PRIRODA [13] at DFT level of theory employing generalized gradient approximation of Perdew, Burke, and Ernzerhoff (PBE) [14] with TZ2P-quality $\{6, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1/4, 1, 1/1, 1\}$ Gaussian basis set. Evaluation of Coulomb and exchange-correlation terms was accelerated by expansion of the electron density in an auxiliary uncontracted (10s/3p/3d/1f) basis sets. Cartesian force field was transferred to the system of redundant internal coordinates, built from all covalent bonds and valence angles of the molecule. Potential energy distribution (PED) analysis and normal mode visualization were performed with the program DISP [15], designed for the vibrational calculations. Comparison of the theoretical and experimental IR spectra demonstrated that calculated vibrational frequencies of C₆₀F₁₈ were somewhat underestimated; hence they were scaled uniformly by an empirically revealed factor of 1.02.

3. Results and discussion

The interpretation of the spectroscopic data for $C_{60}F_{48}$ and $C_{60}F_{36}$ is complicated by the existence of isomeric forms for the both species. $C_{60}F_{48}$, indeed, consists of the two isoenergetic isomeric forms of D_3 and S_6 symmetry in the ratio of 1:1 [16–18]. $C_{60}F_{36}$ consists of the two isomers having C_3 and T symmetry in the approximate ratio of 3:1 [19,20]. For this reason and in view of the great number of vibrational levels often lying in a tight spectral interval, obtained spectra have been analyzed with the aim of individualizing isomers without attempting an accurate assignment.

For $C_{60}F_{18}$ the situation is less complicated. NMR spectroscopy [5,20] and a single crystal X-ray study [21,22] of $C_{60}F_{18}$ (as a toluene solvate, more exactly) ascertained a single stable isomer of $C_{60}F_{18}$ of "pseudocyclophane" arrangement having C_{3v} symmetry. In this molecule, all the fluorine atoms are bound only to one hemisphere of the C_{60} fullerene cage, the other hemisphere is nondistorted. Therefore, only in the case of $C_{60}F_{18}$ the experimental investigation has been paralleled by a theoretical analysis

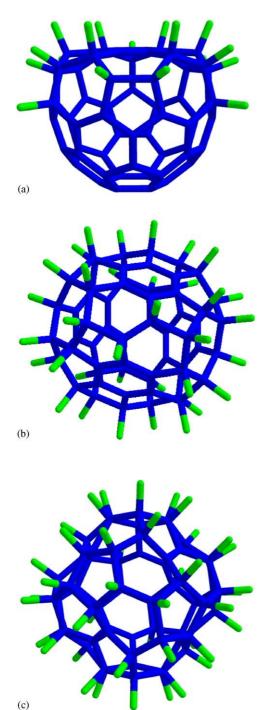


Fig. 1. (a) The structures of $C_{60}F_{18}$; (b) $C_{60}F_{36}$ (T symmetry isomer); and (c) $C_{60}F_{48}$ (D_3 symmetry isomer).

in order to achieve a better understanding of the spectroscopic data. The structures of $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ are presented in Fig. 1.

3.1. $C_{60}F_{48}$

According to the X-ray study data [23], the solid $C_{60}F_{48}$ has tetragonal disordered structure which complicates its determination. However, the molecular structure determination

Table 1 Experimental infrared and Raman vibrations of $C_{60}F_{48} \label{eq:continuous}$

IR Ar matrix	IR solid (KBr pellet)	Raman
		1723 m
1241.8 m		1246 mw
1239.1 m	1238 s	
1233.1 m		
1229.6 m		
1217.7 mw		1223 mw
1214 m, sh	1215 ms	
1200.0 m	1199 ms	
1179 m,sh	4450	1183 m
1173.1 s	1170 vs	
1167 m, sh		
1148.9 mw	11.40	
1143.7 ms	1142 s	1104
1127.5 m	1126 m, sh	1134 mw
1112.8 mw		1115 sh
1091.6 mw		1084 w
1074 w		1004 W
1070 w		
1060.4 m		
1033.8 vw		
1022.1 w		1017 w
992.9 vw		
982.5 vw		984 w
975.8 w		
968.6 w		
927.5 vw		
870.6 vw		
841.6 w		
801.7 w		774 w
776.0 mw		
771.6 m	771 ms	
757.4 w, sh		
753.7 m	754 m	
750.6 w, sh		
736.2 mw		
725.1 m		
723.1 m	724 s	726 mw
		704 m
680.3 mw		687 mw
677 w, sh		
651.1 m	650 ms	
638.7 mw		
630.6 w. sh		
626.6 m		
603.5 m	603 ms	604 vw
		521 w, br
		361 w
		324 m
		313 m
		288 m
		280 m
		263 mw
		224 s
		186 s
		170 m
		153 s
		85 mw

m: medium; w: weak; s: strong; sh: shoulder; mw: medium weak; ms: medium strong; m, sh: medium shoulder; w, br: weak broad; w, sh: weak shoulder; vs: very strong; vw: very weak.

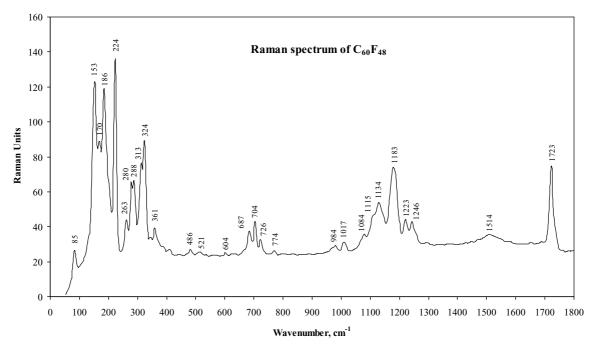


Fig. 2. Raman spectrum of solid C₆₀F₄₈

of $C_{60}F_{48}$ was made using single crystals of solvate [16] and characterized by the presence of both D_3 and S_6 isoenergetic isomers, statistically disordered over two positions. Since both isomers of $C_{60}F_{48}$ have very close energies [17] and structures, their spectra are expected to be similar.

The main feature of the infrared spectrum of the solid $C_{60}F_{48}$ dispersed in KBr excess reported in [10] (see Table 1) consists of a six components multiplet lying in the spectral range where C–F stretching and skeleton modes are expected. Therefore, the interpretation of the spectral patterns is further

complicated by the overlapping of the modes that belong both to the same isomer and to the different ones.

The Raman spectrum of the solid shows a medium intensity multiplet in the same region while the most prominent features are observed in the 400–100 cm⁻¹ range (Fig. 2).

The number of active bands individualized in the IR spectrum of matrix isolated molecules of $C_{60}F_{48}$ (Fig. 3) is exceedingly higher than in the IR spectrum of solid (Table 1). Depositions at different vaporization temperature

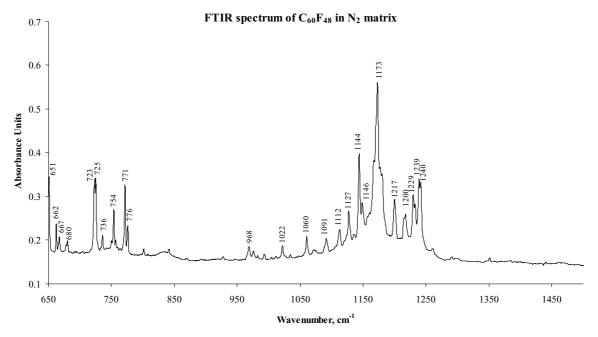


Fig. 3. FTIR spectrum of N₂ isolated C₆₀F₄₈ molecules.

have been done aiming to observe changes in the relative intensities of the bands, which could allow their attribution to different isomers. However, the spectra obtained were reproducible and all attempts to separate the isomers failed, indicating that both isomers have very close volatility. Frequency values of all bands observed in Raman and FTIR matrix experiments are collected in Table 1 together with the literature IR spectrum obtained in KBr pellet.

3.2. $C_{60}F_{36}$

The crystal structure of the $C_{60}F_{36}$ toluene solvate containing only one (T) isomer is known at present [24]. This structure is monoclinic (with the C_{2lm} space group) and slightly disordered. Solid $C_{60}F_{36}$ containing both C_3 and T isomers, as found by the X-ray diffraction method, crystallizes in bcc lattice [23].

Recent NMR study of the C_3 isomer [25] allowed the assignment of the structure, which was different from the originally proposed in [19]. Quantum-chemical calculations performed in [17] to estimate the stability of isomers, predict the existence of alternative structures for $C_{60}F_{36}$ (both C_3).

All C–F stretching modes having C_1 site symmetry are therefore expected to be active in the 900–1200 cm⁻¹ spectral range. The infrared spectrum (KBr pellet) of T isomer, however, is very simple, showing a main band at 1175 cm^{-1} , two smaller peaks at $1140 \text{ and } 1127 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and a small sharp band at 1060 cm^{-1} [19] (see Table 2).

The IR spectrum in KBr of the C₃ isomer, whose single crystal X-ray structure is presently unknown, is quite similar showing two main absorption peaks at 1133 and 1163 cm⁻¹ [19]. All features are reasonably attributed to the C-F stretching modes, in view of the strong intensity expected in the infrared region, with minor contribution of skeleton modes such as C-C stretching and CC(F)C deformations.

In the same spectral range, the Raman spectrum of solid $C_{60}F_{36}$ presented in Fig. 4 shows bands of medium intensity at 1131, 1156, 1171, and 1200 cm⁻¹ likely due to skeleton modes with the minor C–F contributions (see Table 2).

Our matrix isolation experiments were carried out using the $C_{60}F_{36}$ sample containing both isomers, since the samples enriched with one of the isomers were not available in sufficient amounts. IR spectroscopic data of $C_{60}F_{36}$ molecules isolated in Ar and N_2 matrices are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The spectrum of the Ar isolated $C_{60}F_{36}$, vaporized at 500–550 K according to thermodynamic study suggestions [26], showed a very complex pattern (see Fig. 5) and very similar to that obtained in KBr pellet. Experiments were also performed using N_2 as environmental gas and keeping other experimental parameters unchanged (Fig. 6). However, the change of the matrix gas provoked only a negligible shift of the wavenumber values without inducing splittings or changes in the relative intensity of the observed peaks.

Vaporizations at higher temperature (>600 K) induced the increase of the shoulders of the main peak (1167.1 cm⁻¹)

Table 2 Experimental infrared and Raman vibrations of $C_{60}F_{36}$

IR Ar matrix	IR solid (KBr pellet) of C ₃ isomer	IR solid (KBr pellet) of T isomer	Raman
		1720 m, br	
	1620	1630 m, br	
			1601 vw
		1470 m	1460 m, br
		1400 m	1399 m, br
1279.4 w	1272 m, sh		
1269.2 vw			
1226.2 mw			
1218.5 mw			
1203.9 mw			
1179.1 ms			
1172 m, sh			1200 m
1167.1 s		1175 vs	1171 w, sh
1161 m, sh	1163 vs		
1158.8 m			1156 m
1142 mw, sh		1140 s	
1135.3 ms	1133 s		1131 w
1124.0 mw		1127 s	
1111.2 mw			
1102.6 mw			
1099.9 w	1051		
1074.4 m	1074 m, sh		1010
1066 w, sh			1048 vw
1034.5 vw		1010 1	
074.0		1010 w, sh	
974.0 w		890 m	
894.2 w			
878.4 mw			
873.8 w, sh			
863.6 vw	050		050
940.0	850 mw		850 vw
840.0 vw	790 ha		
720.9	780 w, br	750 m	745
720.8 w 674.3 vw	680 w	/30 III	745 w
074.3 VW	000 W		650 w
630.2 w	630 mw		030 W
613.7 vw	030 IIIW		
599.8 vw			
596.9 w		600 ms	
582.4 w	590 m	000 ms	315 s
302.4 W	370 III		278 vw
			245 m
			243 m 220 s
			191 ms
			151 ms
			134 ms
			120 m
			120 111

m: medium; w: weak; s: strong; sh: shoulder; mw: medium weak; ms: medium strong; m, sh: medium shoulder; w, br: weak broad; w, sh: weak shoulder; vs: very strong; vw: very weak.

at 1161 and 1172 cm^{-1} . At present, an assignment of the intense band at 1167.1 cm^{-1} in Ar (1166.3 cm^{-1} in N_2) to the C_3 isomer can be attempted due to its proximity to the main peak of this isomer in the solid state and because of its prevailing abundance. However, in the absence of the data on the vaporization behavior of each isomer, this assignment is only tentative.

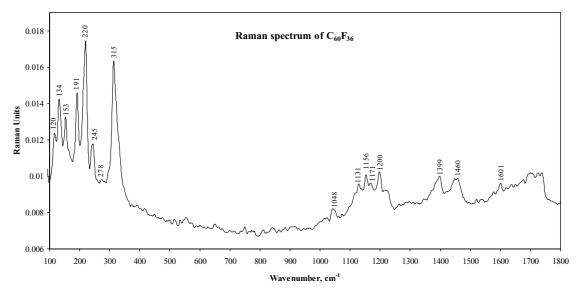


Fig. 4. Raman spectrum of solid C₆₀F₃₆.

3.3. $C_{60}F_{18}$

The single crystal X-ray data of the $C_{60}F_{18}$ solvates (in case of toluene solvate having a monoclinic cell of $P2_1/n$ symmetry) [21,22] have shown that the molecule represents a single C_{3v} isomer, which fully agrees with the earlier interpretation of the solution NMR data [6]. The crystal structure of the pristine $C_{60}F_{18}$ has recently been determined [22], revealing that solvent free $C_{60}F_{18}$ crystallizes monoclinic forming slightly distorted hexagonal packing with the molecules oriented almost parallel to each other.

3.3.1. Experimental Raman and IR spectroscopy data

The literature IR spectrum of $C_{60}F_{18}$ in KBr pellet consists of a number of bands confirming, for their sharpness, the presence of a single isomer [6]. In this work, the sample dispersed in KBr in the approximate ratio of 1:500 has been analyzed using the diffuse reflectance technique. Obtained spectrum (Fig. 7) is identical to the literature one [6].

In addition, films have been obtained depositing the equilibrium vapor of $C_{60}F_{18}$ on the coldfinger at 12 K without isolating gas. It is interesting to note that the spectrum

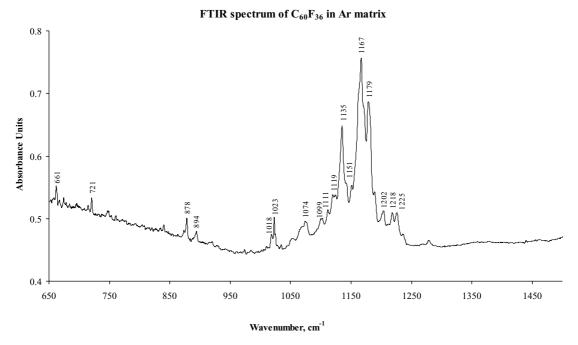


Fig. 5. FTIR spectrum of Ar isolated C₆₀F₃₆ molecules.

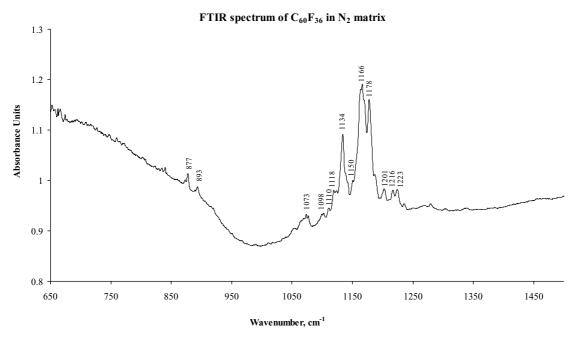


Fig. 6. FTIR spectrum of N_2 isolated $C_{60}F_{36}$ molecules.

observed after annealing cycles matched the patterns obtained on the solid sample dispersed in KBr.

As observed in case of $C_{60}F_{48}$ and $C_{60}F_{36}$, also in the IR spectrum of $C_{60}F_{18}$ the most intense infrared active bands lie in the $1200-1000~\rm cm^{-1}$ region (Fig. 8) while the Raman spectrum (Fig. 9) is characterized by a number of strong bands in the $400-100~\rm cm^{-1}$ interval and a very strong peak at $1493~\rm cm^{-1}$, probably originating from pentagon pinch mode of C_{60} at $1468~\rm cm^{-1}$, and its shift to the higher frequency manifests electron-withdrawing effect of the fluorine atoms.

As in previous cases, a medium intensity multiplet is present in the 1200–1000 cm⁻¹ range.

3.3.2. Theoretical calculations and spectra interpretation The isolated $C_{60}F_{18}$ molecule possesses C_{3v} symmetry, its 228 vibrations being distributed between the following distinct modes according to the irreducible representation:

$$\Gamma_{\text{vib}} = 41A_1 + 35A_2 + 76E.$$

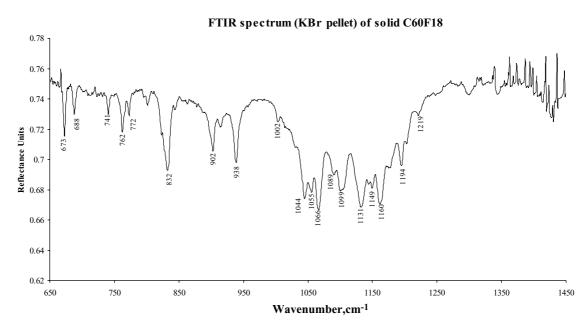


Fig. 7. Our FTIR spectrum of solid C₆₀F₁₈ (KBr pellet).

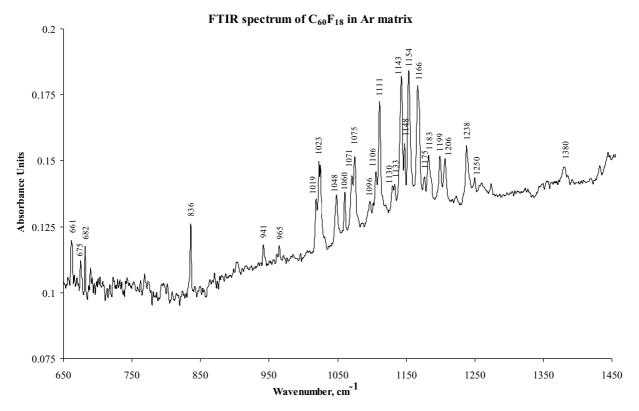


Fig. 8. FTIR spectrum of Ar isolated $C_{60}F_{18}$ molecules.

One hundred seventeen modes of A_1 and E symmetry should be both IR and Raman-active resulting in rather complicated spectra. Note that in the spectra of the crystalline phases of $C_{60}F_{18}$, some additional features may be observed because of the lower site-symmetry of the molecules in the lattice.

Because of the great number on bands, complete and reliable vibrational assignment for $C_{60}F_{18}$ molecule requires additional calculations of the Raman intensities, however preliminary interpretations of the vibrational spectra of the fluorofullerene can be performed already at this stage.

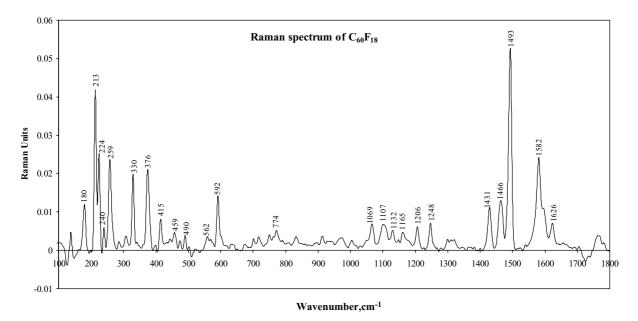


Fig. 9. Raman spectrum of solid C₆₀F₁₈.

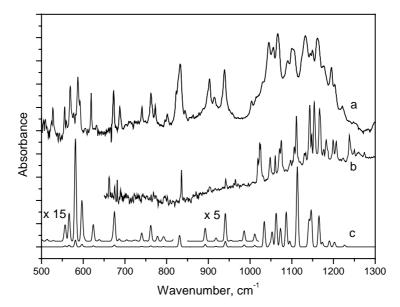


Fig. 10. Experimental and calculated IR spectra for $C_{60}F_{18}$: (a) solid $C_{60}F_{18}$, since it is a reflectance spectrum, intensities are only arbitrary and do not correspond to absorbance; (b) gaseous $C_{60}F_{18}$ in Ar matrix; and (c) theoretical.

The calculated IR spectrum of $C_{60}F_{18}$, broadened by the Gaussian functions, is presented in Fig. 10 along with the experimental spectra.

IR spectra of $C_{60}F_{18}$ are mostly dominated by a group of intense bands in the characteristic region of the C–F stretching vibrations. According to C_{3v} symmetry, stretches of 18 C–F bonds of the fluorofullerene molecule span the following irreducible representations:

$$\Gamma_{\text{vib}}(\text{CF}) = 4A_1 + 2A_2 + 6E,$$

formally resulting in 12 modes. Ten of them, belonging to A_1 and E symmetry, are active both in IR and Raman scattering spectra. Meanwhile, some carbon skeleton vibrations, namely ordinary C–C stretches and CC(F)C deformations, also fall in this region. Hence, fluorofullerene modes around $900-1200~\rm cm^{-1}$ actually are of a mixed character, and C–F stretches are distributed among 20 or more of them with total C–F contribution not exceeding 30–50%. Table 3 presents calculated frequencies, IR intensities, C–F contribution to PED and tentative assignment of the $C_{60}F_{18}$ modes in the $900-1200~\rm cm^{-1}$ region. Noteworthy, the most intense IR bands correspond to vibrations with the enhanced C–F contributions, whereas in the Raman spectrum these bands have moderate intensity.

Carbon skeleton vibrations can be seen in the IR spectra as a group of relatively weak features around 500–600 cm $^{-1}$, but in the Raman spectrum they constitute most of the intense bands in the 400–1600 cm $^{-1}$ region. Highest frequency modes of $C_{60}F_{18}$ correspond to C=C stretches and resemble tangential vibrations of the fullerene itself. Very strong Raman line at 1493 cm $^{-1}$ is attributed to the pentagon pinch mode of C_{60} at 1468 cm $^{-1}$.

According to PED analysis, C-F bending bands are mostly located in the 150-350 cm⁻¹ region, and a medium-strong

Raman lines at 180, 213, 224, 259, 330, and 376 cm⁻¹ possess a significant contribution from CCF valence angles.

4. Conclusion

Raman and FTIR spectroscopic studies of $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ species were performed. In this work, the Raman spectra of solid $C_{60}F_{18}$, $C_{60}F_{36}$, and $C_{60}F_{48}$ and the infrared spectra of gaseous molecules of the same compounds isolated in cryogenic matrixes are reported for the first time.

In the case of $C_{60}F_{36}$ and $C_{60}F_{48}$, the analysis of the spectral patterns is complicated by the presence of isomeric forms. A great number of bands observed both in Raman and in the infrared spectra prevented an accurate assignment.

Attempts to separate the two isomers which constitute solid $C_{60}F_{48}$ sample by varying temperatures of sublimation in our matrix-assisted FTIR studies were not successful. The way to resolve the problem seems to be in searching for the more elaborate separation techniques, which is a difficult task in view of the very close similarity in the structures and properties of the two isomers.

In the case of $C_{60}F_{36}$, isolation of a single isomer can be performed chromatographically and we plan further spectroscopic experiments with isomerically pure $C_{60}F_{36}$ in the near future, however, even in the present study, a tentative assignment of the intense band at 1167.1 cm⁻¹ in Ar (1166.3 cm⁻¹ in N_2) to the C_3 isomer has been undertaken.

For a single isomer of $C_{60}F_{18}$ theoretical calculation of IR spectrum was carried out. A good agreement between the theoretical and experimental data was achieved, and the interpretation of the spectra has been given. Ab initio calculations of Raman vibrational frequencies of $C_{60}F_{18}$ are in progress.

Table 3 Calculated frequencies, IR intensities, CF contribution to PED, and tentative assignment of the $C_{60}F_{18}$ modes in the 900–1200 cm⁻¹ region

Symmetry	Theory		Experiment			Potential energy distribution(%)			
	Frequency	Intensity (%)	IR Ar	IR solid (KBr pellet)	Raman	CF	C-C	CC(F)C	CCF
A1	1226.4	2.45	1239.2	1221.3		0.02	0.59	0.09	0.04
E	1203.0	2.93	1206.5			0.06	0.45	0.13	0.10
A1	1201.3	3.66	1199.2	1195.0		0.14	0.66	0.05	0.09
E	1189.9	7.85	1183.8			0.33	0.26	0.13	0.15
E	1178.2	0.62				0.06	0.39	0.29	0.13
A1	1173.0	5.98				0.48	0.23	0.09	0.09
E	1164.9	39.31	1167.2	1161.6	1165	0.17	0.40	0.11	0.08
A2	1148.9	0.00				0.17	0.48	0.11	0.10
A1	1146.3	44.96	1154.5	1149.4		0.37	0.23	0.20	0.12
E	1141.7	21.53	1143.3		1132	0.39	0.25	0.12	0.18
E	1139.7	15.96	1131.1	1132.6	1132	0.36	0.29	0.13	0.08
A2	1134.0	0.00				0.18	0.44	0.09	0.10
E	1112.9	100.00	1111.0	1100.7	1107	0.67	0.16	0.06	0.07
A1	1112.5	2.03				0.30	0.33	0.09	0.13
A2	1095.5	0.00				0.38	0.14	0.18	0.14
A2	1095.5	0.00				0.38	0.14	0.18	0.14
A1	1092.8	0.05		1090.4		0.35	0.40	0.10	0.04
A1	1086.4	44.03	1073.2	1066.6	1069	0.48	0.18	0.14	0.09
E	1072.6	23.63				0.37	0.23	0.17	0.13
E	1062.2	43.17	1060.4	1055.8		0.46	0.21	0.14	0.09
A2	1058.5	0.00				0.39	0.12	0.20	0.09
E	1052.5	19.11	1048.3	1045.1		0.43	0.27	0.11	0.10
A2	1048.2	0.00				0.18	0.24	0.32	0.11
A1	1047.3	4.09				0.34	0.35	0.10	0.12
E	1033.8	32.45	1023.4			0.24	0.44	0.14	0.06
A1	1014.2	0.14				0.20	0.32	0.23	0.10
E	1011.0	1.78				0.41	0.27	0.11	0.07
A1	975.1	0.14				0.24	0.25	0.23	0.12
E	940.4	7.09		938.7		0.22	0.36	0.09	0.10

Calculated frequencies are scaled by 1.02; calculated intensities are normalized to the highest intensity band at 1112.9 cm⁻¹; C–CF bonds; C–C: ordinary CC bonds (both in "fullerene" and fluorinated fragments); CC(F)C–CCC angles with F-connected carbon in the vertex; CCF–CCF angles.

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