FOREWORD

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ABSTRACT

The available spectroscopic and thermochemical data for the
dissociation energy of the group IV-group VI MeX molecules are
reviewed and the best present values proposed. Correlations
of several excited molecular states with atomic products are
proposed.

This technical documentary report has been reviewed and is
approved.

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THE DISSOCIATION ENERGY OF THE GROUP IV-GROUP VI MOLECULES

Accurate convergence limits for one or more electronic states of most of the group IV (Me: C, Si, Ge, Sn, Pb)-group VI (X: O, S, Se, Te) molecules are known. This is in particular the case for CO[1], a molecule not further discussed here and SiS, SiSe, GeS, SnO, SnS, SnSe and PbS, molecules for which the best known convergence limit is that of the excited E state. Accurate spectroscopic values D_o'' for the dissociation energy of the ground state of these molecules can be derived therefrom, provided the correlation with atomic products is known. It has been postulated[2,3] that the E states of these molecules are analogous and correlate with the same atomic products. Recent rotational analysis for PbO[4] and SnO[5] showed that for the E state of these molecules, the most likely correlation is $Me(^3P_1) + O(^3P_1)$. Likewise the comparison of thermochemical and spectroscopic data for SnS and PbS[6] showed that their E state most probably correlates with $Me(^3P_1) + S(^3P_{1,0})$.

The purpose of this paper is to present a comparison between the spectroscopic data and recent thermochemical determinations of the dissociation energies of the group IV-group

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VI molecules, several of which were performed mass spectrometrically and to derive in each case the best present value for the dissociation energy. The comparison gives further support to the correlation of the E state with $Me(^3P_1) + X(^3P_1)$, which is then applied to all molecules of this group for which reliable data for this state are known. Other available spectroscopic data are also examined.

THERMOCHEMICAL DATA

The thermochemical data were in general obtained mass spectrometrically or from total pressure measurements supplemented with mass spectrometric analysis of the composition of the vapor. The mass spectrometric technique[7] and the instruments[8-10] used have been described previously.

The system studied, the temperature intervals covered and the composition of the vapor are summarized in Table I. This table shows that above MeX compounds, including SiO, GeO and SnO known to disproportionate to $1/2\ MeO_2(s) + 1/2Me(s,l)$, the predominent molecule is MeX, polymers (and elements for GeTe, SnSe, SnTe, PbS, PbSe and PbTe) representing in general 10^{-1} to 10^{-4} in pressure, except for SnO and PbO, where $(SnO)_{1-4}$ and $(PbO)_{1-4}$ have comparable pressures. The MeX_2 compounds vaporize mainly to $MeX(g) + 1/2X_2(g)$. MeX_2 molecules were observed above SiO_2[11], SiS_2, GeTe and SnTe.

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TABLE I: Gaseous Species in Equilibrium with Group IV-Group VI Compouds
Standard Heats of Formation and of Sublimation

System	Composition of the vapour	Temperature range investigated (°K)	Ref.	$-\Delta H^\circ_{298,f}$ kcal/mole	Ref.	$\Delta H^\circ_{298,subl}$(b) kcal/mole	Ref.
1/2 SiO$_2$+1/2 Si	SiO, Si$_2$O$_2$	1200 - 1460	11	108.9±0.1	13	85.5±1.5	20
SiO$_2$	SiO, O, SiO$_2$, O$_2$	1750 - 1950	11	217.7±0.2	13	198.5±1.5	21
SiS	SiS	850 - 1140		38.7±3.0		64.3±3.0	
SiS$_2$	SiS, S$_2$, SiS$_2$	850 - 1140		61.5±3.0		102.5±3.0	
GeO	(GeO,(GeO)$_2$,(GeO)$_3$)	-		58.9±2.5		50.6±2.5	22
1/2GeO$_2$+1/2Ge	GeO,(GeO)$_2$,(GeO)$_3$	750 - 950	14	64.2±0.3	14	55.9±1.6	
GeO$_2$	GeO, O$_2$	1020 - 1520		128.3±0.5	14	(120.0±2.0)	
GeS	GeS	-		16.2±1.3	15	38.7±0.6	22
GeTe	GeTe, Te$_2$,GeTe$_2$	870 - 954		4.2±2.0	16	46.6±2.0	23,24
1/2SnO$_2$+1/2Sn	SnO,(SnO)$_{2-4}$	1100 - 1400		69.8±0.1	16	71.1±1.3	
SnO$_2$	SnO, O$_2$,(SnO)$_2$	1200 - 1500		138.7±0.2	16	139.7±2.0	
SnS	SnS,(SnS)$_2$	835 - 1005	6	25.1±1.2	17	52.6±1.6	6
SnSe	SnSe,(SnSe)$_2$, Se$_2$	790 - 1010		19.9±2.0		51.1±2.0	a,25
SnTe	SnTe, Te, Te$_2$, SnTe$_2$, (SnTe)$_2$	830 - 990		14.6±0.3	18	52.5±1.6	a,25
PbO	PbO,(PbO)$_{2-4}$	940 - 1180		52.4±0.2	19	66.5±2.5	6
PbS	PbS,(PbS)$_2$,Pb,S$_2$	865 - 1140	6	22.5±0.5	19	55.7±1.6	6
PbSe	PbSe,Pb,Se$_2$	1180 - 1450	12	18.0±2.0	18	53.9±1.7	26
PbTe	PbTe,Pb,Te,Te$_2$	923 - 1171	12	16.6±0.5	18	53.8±2.0	27

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Legend of Table I:

a. this work

b. $\Delta H^{\circ}_{298,subl}$ refers to the equilibrium

$$MeX(s) \rightarrow MeX(g) \text{ or}$$

$$MeX_2(s) \rightarrow MeX(g) + 1/2 X_2(g)$$

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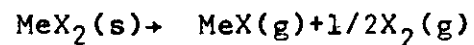
The dissociation energies $D_0^0(MeX)$ were calculated from thermochemical cycles of the type

MeX(s)	→	MeX(g)	$+\Delta H_{sub}(MeX)$
MeX(g)	→	Me(g) + X(g)	$+ D(MeX)$
Me(g)	→	Me(s)	$- \Delta H_{sub}(Me)$
X(g)	→	$1/2\ X_2(g)$	$- 1/2\ D(X_2)$
$1/2 X_2(g)$	→	X(s)	$- 1/2\ \Delta H_{sub}(X_2)$
Me(s) + X(s)	→	MeX(s)	$- \Delta H_f(MeX)$
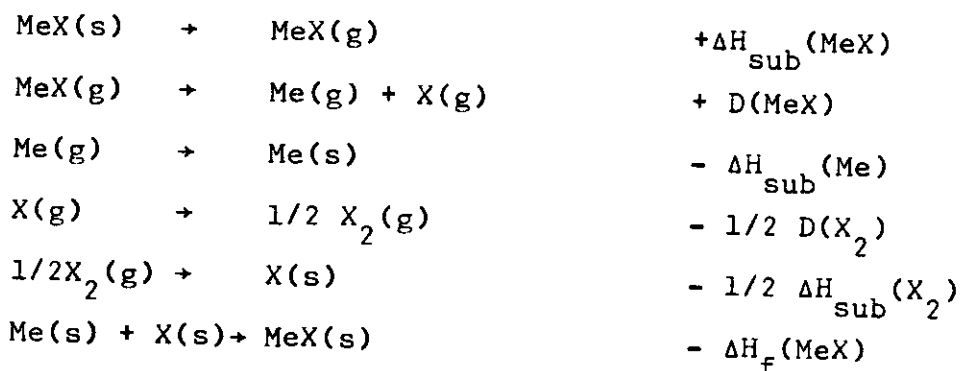
Additional determinations based on the equilibrium

$MeX(g) \rightarrow Me(s, 1\ or\ g) + 1/2\ X_2(g)$ were made for GeTe, SnSe SnTe, PbS[6], PbSe[12] and PbTe[12].

The heats of sublimation $\Delta H_{sub}(MeX)$ are summarized in Table II. The heats of sublimation of the group IV elements Me[28] and of the group VI molecules X_2[28] as well as the heats of formation of the compounds MeX or MeX_2 were in general taken from the litterature. The values used for the dissociation energies D_{298}^0 of O_2, S_2, Se_2, and Te_2 were 119.10 ± 0.05[28], 102.0 ± 2.0[29], 75.4 ± 2.0[30] and 52.5 ± 2.0[12,31] kcal/mole respectively.

(It may be noted that the agreement between spectroscopic and thermochemical values of the dissociation energies of the group of molecules discussed in the following chapters is an indirect confirmation of the $D_0^0(S_2)$, $D_0^0(Se_2)$ and $D_0^0(Te_2)$ values used).

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For all the gaseous species Me, X_2 and MeX, values for free
energy function given in the literature[28,32] were used.
For those stable compounds MeX and MeX_2 for which values
are not given in the literature[32,33] estimates were made
as follows. For solid SnTe, PbSe and PbTe[32], the entropies
at 298°K are known. For these compounds only the heat capa-
city, while for SiS, GeTe and SnSe both the entropy at 298°K
and the heat capacity were estimated from the corresponding
quantities for the elements using approximations discussed
by Kubaschewski and Evans[18]. The corresponding quantities
for GeS were derived from thermodynamic data for the reac-
tions GeS(s) → GeS(g)[22] and GeS(s) → Ge(s) + 1/2 S_2[15].
The values obtained for the free energy functions are at
298°K, 12.0(SiS), 18.6(GeS), 20.3(GeSe), 22.2(GeTe), 22.5
(SnSe) and at 900°K 16.2(SiS), 23.0(GeS), 24.8(GeSe), 26.8
(GeTe), 28.0(SnSe), 29.8(SnTe), 30.0(PbSe) and 31.8(PbTe)
cal/degree/mole.

The thermochemical data for each molecule are briefly discussed
below

<u>CS</u> Thermochemical determinations[34] of the heat of formation
of CS(g) were based on the reactions

$$C(graphite) + CS_2(g) \rightarrow 2 \, CS(g)$$

$$MnS(s) + C(graphite) \rightarrow CS(g) + Mn(g)$$
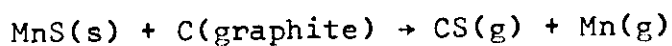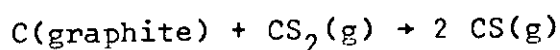
Using the latter reaction for which the enthalpy change
ΔH^o_{298} was measured to be 178.5±0.5 kcal/mole[34], $\Delta H^o_{298,f}$(MnS(s)
= 49.5±0.5 kcal/mole[35] and ΔH^o_{298}(sub Mn)= 66.6±1.0 kcal/

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mole[28,30], Freeman[37] calculated a value of 62.5 ±3.0 kcal/mole for the standard heat of formation of CS(g). This leads to a value $D_o^o(CS)=173.6\pm3.5$ kcal/mole (7.53±0.15 eV).

CSe Thermochemical data were obtained[38] for the reaction

$$C(graphite)+Se(g) \rightarrow CSe(g) \quad \Delta H_o^o=-31.4\pm2.0 \text{ kcal/mole}$$

whence $D_o^o(CSe)=138.4\pm2.5$ kcal/mole (6.00±0.10 eV)

CTe This molecule has hiterto not been observed. Its dissociation energy is estimated here as $D_o^o=111\pm9$ kcal/mole (4.8±0.4 eV) by comparison with the other IV-VI molecules.

SiO The mass spectrometric data[11] confirm earlier conclusions that the main vaporization processes are

$$1/2 \; SiO_2(s) + 1/2 \; Si(s,l) \rightarrow SiO(g) \qquad I$$

$$SiO_2(s) \rightarrow SiO(g) + 1/2 \; O_2(g) \qquad II$$
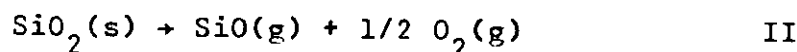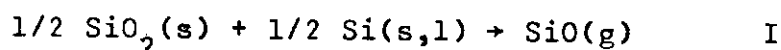
The heats of these reactions were taken as $\Delta H_{298}=85.5\pm0.5$[20] and $\Delta H_{298}^o=198.3\pm1.5$[21] kcal/mole respectively. To derive the heat of formation of SiO(g), the reaction[20] $SiO_2(s)+H_2(g) \rightarrow SiO(g)+H_2O(g)$(III), $\Delta H_{298}^o=$ 134.8±2.0 kcal/mole was further taken into account. (For a more complete review, see Kubaschewski and Evans[18] and Schick[35]). The determination for reaction I and III are in good agreement with one another, while those for reaction II lead to slightly higher values. The recently redetermined standard heat of formation of SiO$_2$, $\Delta H_{298f}^o(SiO_2(s))=-217.7\pm0.2$ kcal/mole[13] was used

and the heat of sublimation of silicon taken as
$\Delta H^o_{298,sub}(Si) = 107.9 \pm 1.0$, this being the average
of several determinations[40]. The resulting mean
value for the dissociation energy of SiO(g) is
$D^o_0(SiO) = 191.9 \pm 3.0$ kcal/mole (8.32 ± 0.13 eV).

SiS No independant thermochemical data for this molecule
were yet obtained. The spectroscopic value for the
dissociation energy $D''_0 = 6.38 \pm 0.06$ eV was used to
calculate the heats of formation of SiS(s) and
SiS_2(s) from mass spectrometric study of mixtures
of SiS and SiS_2 and from total pressure for SiS_2[41].
The heats of formation obtained in this manner from
the reactions

SiS(s) → SiS(g) $\Delta H^o_{298} = 63.4 \pm 3$ kcal/mole

SiS_2(s) → SiS(g)+1/2S_2(g) $\Delta H^o_{298} = 101.5 \pm 3$ kcal/mole
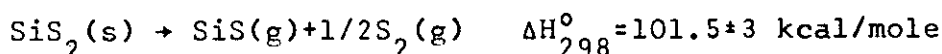
are ΔH^o_{298f}(SiS(s)) = -38.8 ± 3.0, and

   $\Delta H^o_{298f}(SiS_2$(s))= -61.9 ± 3.0 kcal/mole

The heat of formation of condensed SiS shows this com-
pound not to be metastable up to about 1250°K, in agree-
ment with observations by Retzlaff and Kohlmeyer[42].
The heat of formation of SiS_2 is quite different from
the discordant values given in the literature, which
have anyway to be corrected for the recent values for
the heat of formation of SiO[13]. The average value

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selected by Kubaschewski and Evans[18], 61.6±6.0 kcal/mole (corrected for $\Delta H_f(SiO_2)$) is in agreement with the present value. The latter also makes it possible to explain the apparent boiling points of SiS_2 at about 1400°K as being that of the $Si + SiS_2$ system.

GeO Earlier thermochemical values were based on vapor pressure determination for GeO[43] and Ge + GeO_2[14,43] The evaporation behavior of Ge + GeO_2 and GeO_2 were examined mass spectrometrically. The evaporation processes are

$$1/2Ge(s) + 1/2GeO(s) \rightarrow 1/n(GeO)_n(g) \quad n=1,2,3$$

$$GeO_2(s) \rightarrow GeO(g) + 1/2O_2(g)$$
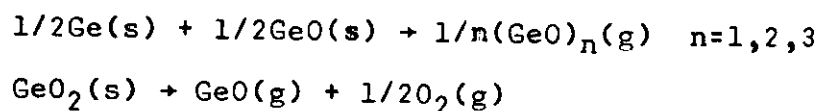
The mass spectrometric results for GeO_2 obtained here are in disagreement with an earlier investigation[44], also by mass spectrometry, which seems to be characteristic of Ge + GeO_2 rather than of GeO. The enthalpy for the reaction

$1/2GeO_2(s)+1/2Ge(s) \rightarrow GeO(g) \Delta H^o_{298}=55.9±1.6$ kcal/mole

was calculated from mass spectrometric pressure measurements made independently, as well as from the total pressures given in the literature[14,43] correcting these for the presence of $(GeO)_2$ and $(GeO)_3$. A similar procedure was adopted for GeO(s), for which a heat of formation $\Delta H^o_{298} =-58.9±3.0$ kcal/mole was

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derived from the earlier data[43] in satisfactory agreement with direct determinations[45]. The best average of all data gives $D_0^o(GeO) = 156.6 \pm 3.0$ kcal/mole (6.79 ± 0.13 eV). The enthalpy of the reaction $GeO_2(s) \rightarrow GeO(g)+1/2\ O_2(g)$ was not measured. As a result of interaction with SiO_2 crucible the pressures in the literature[46] are low. The enthalpy given in Table I was calculated from the heat of formation of $GeO_2(s)$ and the above dissociation energy of $GeO(g)$.

GeS The mass spectrometric analysis of the vapor showed only the monomer GeS in the gas phase.

The enthalpy of the reaction

$$GeS(s) \rightarrow GeS(g)\quad \Delta H_{298}^o = 38.7 \pm 0.6\ \text{kcal/mole}$$
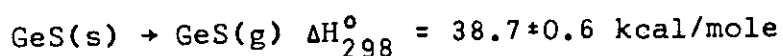
is hence very well known from a number of pressures measurements[22] which are all in very good agreement except that of Kenwonthy and coworkers which seems to be a factor of approximately 3 too high. The heat of formation of GeS was evaluated from the reaction[15]

$$2\ GeS(s) \rightarrow 2\ Ge(s) + S_2(g)$$
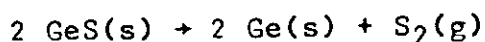
and yields

$$\Delta H_{298f}^o\ (GeS) = -16.2 \pm 1.3\ \text{kcal/mole}$$

Inserting these values in the cycle given above, one obtains $D_0^o(GeS) = 133.3 \pm 3.5$ kcal/mole (5.78 ± 0.15 eV).

GeSe   The total vapor pressure above GeSe was measured by
Liu Ch'Un-Hua, Pashinkin and Novoselova[24]. Using
the spectroscopic value of the dissociation energy
$D_0''(GeSe) = 113.1 \pm 0.7$ kcal/mole discussed below, it
can be shown that the decomposition pressure of
Se_2 is low compared to that of the main species GeSe(g).
The total pressure measurements yield therefore a
value of the heat of sublimation ΔH^o_{298sub} (GeSe) =
44.6 ± 1.5 kcal/mole obtained by 2nd (44.2) and 3rd
law (44.8) procedures. Combining this value with
$D_0''(GeSe)$, a heat of formation ΔH^o_{298f}(GeSe(s)) =
- 14.4 ± 3.0 kcal/mole is obtained.

GeTe   The mass spectrometric investigation of the decom-
position of the vapor showed the presence of GeTe,
Te_2, $(GeTe)_2$ and $GeTe_2$. The pressure of the Te_2 mole-
cule, relative to that of the main species GeTe(g)
is 10^{-1} at 880°K. Using total vapor pressure measu-
rements[23,24] to evaluate the partial pressures,
a heat of sublimation $\Delta H^o_{298,sub}$(GeTe) = 46.6 ± 2.0
kcal/mole and a heat of formation ΔH^o_{298f}(GeTe(s)) =
-4.2 ± 2.0 kcal/mole were calculated from 3rd law pro-
cedures (2nd law: ΔH^o_{298sub} (GeTe) = $47.8^{[23]}$, $46.7^{[24]}$).
These values lead to the dissociation energy D_0^o(GeTe)=
92.4 ± 3.0 kcal/mole (4.00 ± 0.13 V.)

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SnO   The heats of both reactions

$$SnO_2(s) \rightarrow SnO(g) + 1/2O_2(g)$$

and $1/2Sn(l) + 1/2SnO_2(s) \rightarrow 1/n(SnO)_n(g)$ n=1,2,3,4
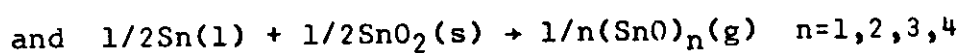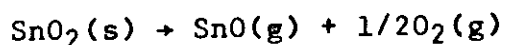
were studied mass spectrometrically. The values

obtained are ΔH^o_{298} = 139.7±2.0 and 71.1±1.3 kcal/

mole (for n=1) respectively. Whence $D^o_o(SnO)$ =

127.2±2.0 kcal/mole (5.53±0.10 eV).

Total pressure determinations were examined for com-

parison. The vapor pressure measurements of $SnO_2(s)$

by the Knudsen method[47] were not included, since

the sample interacted with the crucible material

SiO_2[16]. The pressure determination by the transport

method[16] gives too high values because the polymers

$(SnO)_{2-4}$ contribute to the weight loss. Estimating

their contribution from the mass spectrometer data

yields D^o_o= 130.5±3.0 kcal/mole (5.64±0.13 eV) in

agreement with the direct determinations.

SnS   The thermochemical value for the dissociation energy

based on mass spectrometry and vapor pressure data

is $D^o_o(SnS)$ = 110.1±3.0 kcal/mole (4.78±0.13 eV). For

a detailed discussion see reference (6).

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SnSe The composition of the vapor as well as partial pressures were determined mass spectrometrically. The pressure of the main component, SnSe, was found in good agreement with pressure determinations by the effusion method[25]. These data lead to a value for the heat of sublimation: $\Delta H^o_{298,sub}$(SnSe)=51.1±2.0 kcal/mole (3rd law). From the partial Se_2 pressure, a heat of formation ΔH^o_{298f}(SnSe) = -19.9±1.5 kcal/mole was derived compared to the estimated value -16.5±2 kcal/mole[18]. These values lead to D^o_o(SnSe)=94.8±4.0 kcal/mole (4.11±0.17eV).

SnTe The composition of the vapor and partial pressures were determined as above. The SnTe pressure was again in good agreement with total pressure measurements by the effusion method[25] The Te_2 partial pressure gave a value of -14.7±2.0 for the heat of formation of SnTe(s), in good agreement with ΔH^o_{298f}=-14.6±0.3 kcal/mole[18], thereby confirming the values of the free energy function of SnTe(s) used. The 2nd and 3rd law values, 47.5 and 52.3 kcal/mole respectively, for the heat of sublimation are in less good agreement. Preference is given to the 3rd law value, which leads to D^o_o(SnTe) = 79.8±3.0 kcal/mole (3.46±0.17 eV).

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PbO   The mass spectrometric analysis of the vapor above PbO(s) showed the presence of $(PbO)_{1-4}$. The enthalpy change for the reaction

$$PbO(s) \rightarrow PbO(g)$$

was calculated as being $\Delta H_{298} = 65.8 \pm 1.5$ kcal/mole from total pressure measurement given in the literature[48] taking the composition of the vapor into account. This value combined with the heat of formation of PbO(s), $\Delta H_{298f} = -52.4 \pm 0.2$ kcal/mole[19] leads to $D_0^0(PbO) = 92.2 \pm 3.0$ kcal/mole (4.00 ± 0.13 eV).

PbS   Mass spectrometric[6] and vapor pressure data combined with $\Delta H_{298f} = 22.5 \pm 0.5$ kcal/mole[18] lead to $D_0^0(PbS) = 78.9 \pm 0.25$ kcal/mole (3.42 ± 0.12 eV). For a detailed discussion see reference (6).

PbSe   The knowledge of the dissociation energy of this molecule is not satisfactory. The mass spectrometric investigation of the vapor by Porter[12] shows PbSe to be the main gaseous species. Hence one calculates from the published pressure measurements[24] a heat of sublimation of 53.9 kcal/mole (2nd law: 53.2), which combined with the _estimated_ heat of formation $\Delta H_{298f}^0(PbSe) = -18.0 \pm 2.0$ kcal/mole[18] gives $D_0^0(PbSe) = 65.0$ kcal/mole (2.82 eV). Direct measurements made in double oven type Knudsen cells by Porter[12] give

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for the reaction PbSe(g) → Pb(g) + Se(g) values ranging from 60.0 to 64.5 kcal/mole, with an average of 62.9 kcal/mole. Simultaneous measurements for the reaction Pb(g) + Se_2(g) → PbSe(g) + Se(g) give however ΔH^o_{298} = 2.7 ± 1.0 kcal/mole, which combined with $D^o_{298}(Se_2)$ = 75.4 ± 2.0 kcal/mole[30] would give D^o_{298}(PbSe) = 72.7 ± 3.0 kcal/mole (D^o_o = 72.0 ± 3.0). Until a direct determination of the heat of formation of PbSe(s) is available, an average value D^o_o(PbSe) = 63±5 kcal/mole (2.95±0.22 eV) is selected.

PbTe   The dissociation energy of PbTe was measured mass spectrometrically by Porter[12], who obtained D^o_o(PbTe) = 51.4±2.0 kcal/mole. This figure is in agreement with the value D^o_o(PbTe) = 55.0±2.0 kcal/mole (2nd law: 52.9) that can be derived from the vapor pressure measurements[25] (main component PbTe) and the heat of formation of PbTe(s), ΔH^o_{298f} = -16.6±0.5 kcal/mole[19]. The average value D^o_o(PbTe)= 53.1±3.0 kcal/mole (2.30±0.17 eV) is selected.

The thermochemical values D^o_o for the dissociation energies of the group IV-group VI molecules have been assembled in Table V.

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SPECTROSCOPIC DATA

The spectroscopic data considered in the present paper have been collected in table II and were all taken from the literature. Only the following comments seem necessary for the purposes of this paper. For the molecules SiS, GeS, GeSe, GeTe, SnO and SnSe graphical extrapolations for the E state could be made. For GeS, GeSe, SnO, SnS, SnTe and PbS, the extrapolation were confirmed or supplemented by direct observation of convergence limits (continua) for the same or other states. For GeTe, PbO and possibly PbSe the value given for the convergence limit of the E state corresponds to the wavelength down to which vibrational structure lines could be observed. For the molecule GeTe the value of the convergence limit is somewhat uncertain, since it was estimated by analogy with GeS and GeSe. It should however not be lower than 4.38 eV, since the vibrational levels are known up to that energy. For the molecule SiTe, for which the linear Birge Sponer limit for the E state was not calculated because of the presence of large anharmonic and cubic terms, the extrapolation was nevertheless made here to serve as a guide for obtaining a spectroscopic value for the dissociation energy, since no other data are available.

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TABLE II. Spectroscopic Data

Molecule MeX	State	ν_{oo} cm⁻¹	ω cm⁻¹	x_ω cm⁻¹	y_ω cm⁻¹	$\omega^2/4x_\omega$ ev	Convergence Limit linear ev	graph. ev	observ. ev	Ref.
CS	X	0	1285.1	6.5		7.88	7.88			49
	A	38804.8	1072.3	10.3		3.46	8.27			
CSe	X	0	1035.9	4.88		6.82	6.82			50
	A	35134.6	840							
SiO	X	0	1241.44	5.92		8.08	8.07			3
	D	42640.4	852.71	6.44		3.50	8.78			
	E	52579.9	675	4.15		3.40	9.91			
	F	64497.2	1116.5	7.22		5.36	13.34			
SiS	X	0	749.5	2.56		6.92	6.92			51
	D	34910.1	513.12	2.93		2.79	7.12	(6.09)[b]		52
	E	41750.8	403.54	1.40	-0.0329✱	3.61	8.79	6.44		
SiSe	X	0	580.0	1.78		5.86	5.86			53
	D	32360.2	399.8	1.93		2.56	6.57			
	E	38370.3	308.8	1.95	-0.032	1.52	6.28	5.66		
SiTe	X	0	481.2	1.30		5.52	5.52			53
	D	28590.4	338.6	1.70		2.09	5.64			
	E	33871	242	(3.68)	(+0.13)	(0.50)	(4.70)			
GeO	X	0	985.5	4.29		7.02	7.01			3
	D	37599.5	650	4.21		3.12	7.77			
	E	49396.5	504.3	4.8		1.65	7.76			
	F	67385	809.3	5.66		3.59	11.95			
GeS	X	0	575.8	1.80		5.70	5.70			54
	D	32589.2	375.0	1.51		2.89	6.96			
	E	38752.0	310.3	1.43		2.08	6.89	5.79	5.79	

✱ z_ω = 1.15

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TABLE II. (Continued)

Molecule	State	ν_{oo} cm^{-1}	ω cm^{-1}	$x\omega$ cm^{-1}	$y\omega$ cm^{-1}	$\omega^2/4x\omega$ ev	Convergence Limit linear ev	graph. ev	observ. ev	Ref.
GeSe	X	0	408.7	1.36		3.80	3.80			
	D	30776.0	269.4	0.89		2.53	6.35	5.23	5.25	
	E	35367.1	217.7	1.02		1.44	5.83			54
GeTe	X	0	323.9	0.25		5.98	5.98			
	D	27699.3	221.0	0.89		1.71	5.15	4.49	≥4.38	
	E	(31393)	170	(1.2)		0.77	(4.67)			3
SnO	X	0	822.4	3.73		5.62	5.62			
	B	(25325)	(575)							
	D	29505.1	582.8	3.08		3.42	7.08	(5.04)^b		
	E	36138	508.0	2.9		2.76	7.23	5.68	6.40-6.44	
	o	~51775								
	P	57491								
	F	58752	724	21		0.77	8.05			55
SnS	X	0	485.9	1.358		5.39	5.39			
	D	28180.8	330.08	1.265		2.51	6.01	5.06		
	E	32939.6	295.05	1.09	-0.012	2.49	6.58			56
	P	52174.5	(395)						~6.96	
	q	55928							≤7.05	
	r	56470-890								
SnSe	X	0	331.2	0.736		4.63	4.63			
	A	19299.3	223.2	0.88		1.76	4.15			
	B	21795	(220)							
	C	22695	(220)							
	D	27496.6	225.1	0.69	-0.0016	2.28	5.69			
	E	30671.6	196.6	0.77		1.56	5.36	4.54		
	F	(47830)	(290)							57,58

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TABLE II. (Continued)

Molecule	State	ν_{00} cm^{-1}	ω cm^{-1}	$x\omega$ cm^{-1}	$y\omega$ cm^{-1}	$\omega^2/4x\omega$ ev	Convergence Limit linear ev	graph. ev	observ. ev	Ref.
SnTe	X	0	259.5	0.50		4.18	4.18			57,58
	A	16803.5	178.5	0.44		2.25	4.33			
	B	20380.0	230.3	1.53	-0.013	1.08	3.61	(3.34)[b]		
	C	21397.8	218.1	0.98		1.51	4.17			
	D	25404.1	179.1	0.40		2.48	5.63			
	E	27580.2	135.0	2.5		0.22	3.64			
	G	28465.0	98.0	1.0		0.30	3.83		(4.07)	
	H	29042.5	2000.8	0.3		4.17	7.82			
	I	30789.0	201.0	0.6		2.09	5.91			
	F	44018.4	229.7	1.25	-0.003	1.32	6.78	6.56		
	J	(47245)	(230)							
PbO	X	0	721.8	3.70		4.37	4.37			4
	A	20088	451.7	3.33		1.89	4.38			
	a									
	B	22531	493.5	2.26		3.33	6.02			
	C	24108	(534)	(3.9)		(2.27)	(5.26)			
	C'	25720	(475)							
	D	30464	(530.5)	(2.92)		(2.99)	(6.77)			
	E	34680	(440)						≥4.86	59
PbS	X	0	428.14	1.201		4.74	4.74			60
	A	18768.0	261.09	0.365		5.80	8.13			
	B	21774.8	282.17	0.856		2.89	5.59			
	C	23150.7	303.93	1.436		2.00	4.87			
	C'	24952.3	283.95	1.171		2.14	5.24			
	D	29586.0	299.34	1.574		1.77	5.44			
	E									
	F	47739		(7.8)					4.55	59

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TABLE II. (Continued)

Molecule	State	voo cm⁻¹	ω cm⁻¹	xω cm⁻¹	yω cm⁻¹	ω²/4xω ev	Convergence Limit linear ev	graph ev	observ. ev	Ref.
PbSe	X	0	277.6	0.51		4.69	4.69			59,61
	A	18661.5	166.9	0.14		6.03	8.35			
	B	20959.4	184.8	0.43		2.46	5.06			
	C	23268.5	183.0	0.25		4.15	7.04	$(4.75)^b$	$\geqslant 4.32$	
	D	28374.4	190.4	0.53	−0.004	2.12	5.64			
	E									
	F	45194.5	224.8	0.50		3.13	8.73			
PbTe	X	0	211.96	0.43		3.17	0.17			59,62
	A	18363.05	127.08	0.105		4.77	7.05			
	B	19704.30	144.89	0.446		1.46	3.90			
	D	27141.8	142.6	1.58		0.40	3.76			
	F	41641.0	176.4	1.0		0.92	6.09			
	G	46515.5	159.6	1.4		0.60	6.37			

a. In most cases the letter label is that of the ref. quoted; it may be different from that used in ref.58.

b. Numerically calculated using the formula $E = \omega v + x\omega v^2 + y\omega v^3$.

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COMPARISON OF THERMOCHEMICAL AND SPECTROSCOPIC DATA.

This comparison will be started with the E state, since this is the only state for which in general accurate values for the convergence limit are available.

It had already been concluded, on the basis of the agreement between the convergence limits for this state and the Birge Sponer value for the dissociation energy of the ground state, that this state correlates with $Me(^3P) + X(^3P)$[3].

Inspection of the multiplet splittings given in Table III, shows that, in order to decide on the basis of a comparison of spectroscopic and thermochemical data, which $Me(^3P_{0,1,2})$ and $X(^3P_{2,1,0})$ sublevel are involved the more favorable cases would be CSe, CTe, SiSe, SiTe and perhaps GeSe and GeTe for $X(^3P)$ and SnO, SnS, PbO and PbS for $Me(^3P)$. Unfortunately, the available data preclude such comparison for CSe, CTe, SiSe, SiTe and GeSe. This comparison can however be made for GeTe, SnO, SnS, PbO, PbS and also SnSe, SnTe and to a certain extent PbSe.

It has already been shown for SnS and PbS that such a comparison leads to the conclusion that the E state correlates with $Me(^3P_1) + X(^3P_{1,0})$[6].

TABLE III. Excitation energy of $^3P_{0,1,2}$ and $^1D_2$ states of the elements of Group IV and VI(in ev).

	$^3P_0$	$^3P_0$	$^3P_2$	$^1D_2$
C	0	0.002	0.005	1.27
Si	0	0.01	0.03	0.78
Ge	0	0.07	0.18	0.89
Sn	0	0.21	0.43	1.07
Pb	0	0.97	1.32	2.68
O	0.03	0.02	0	1.97
S	0.07	0.05	0	1.15
Se	0.31	0.25	0	1.19
Te	0.58	0.58	0	1.31

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This conclusion is confirmed by a similar comparison for the molecules SnO, SnSe and PbO and to a certain extent GeTe, SnTe and PbSe, as shown in Table IV. The only molecule for which there seems to be a discrepancy between the dissociation energy so derived from the spectroscopic data of the E state and the thermochemical value is SnTe. It may however be noted that the spectroscopic data for the E state of all tellurides are not satisfactory. For SnTe only a region of apparently continuous absorption is known and interpreted as a possible convergence limit of the E state leading to the value 4.07 e.V. which according to the authors[57] "should be treated with considerable reserve".

The accuracy of the thermochemical data makes it difficult to distinguish between the $X(^3P_1)$ and $X(^3P_1)$ sublevels, the separation of which is maximum 0.06 e.V. for X = Se. From the rotational analysis of several states of the molecule PbO, Barrow, Deutsch and Travis[4] have concluded on the basis of the Ω correlation rule and the non-crossing rule, that the most likely correlations for several 0^+ states of this molecule are as indicated in Table IV. Professor Barrow has kindly informed us that a similar analysis for SnO also gives as most likely correlation for the E state, $Sn(^3P_1) + O(^3P_1)$.

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The interpretation of the rotational analysis and
the comparison of the thermochemical and spectroscopic data
are thus in agreement and in fact confirm and supplement
one another.

The conclusion that the E state of the group IV-
group VI molecules correlate with $Me(^3P_1) + X(^3P_1)$ has
therefore been extended in Table V to the molecules SiS,
SiSe, SiTe GeS and GeSe for which accurate convergence
limits of the E state and no thermochemical data are avai-
lable. The dissociation energies of SiS and GeSe so obtained
were already used in the section dealing with thermoche-
mical data to derive the heats of formation of the corres-
ponding compounds.

If the correlation of the E state thus seems esta-
blished it is less easy to derive the correlations of the
other states. The fact that most combinations of $Me(^3P_1)$ +
$X(^3P_1)$ sublevels can lead to one or several $\Omega = 1$ molecular
states make it difficult to propose off hand a correlation
for the B(1) and D(1) states. The convergence limit of the
B state for SnTe, 3.34 e.V., calculated from the formula
$E = \omega v + x\omega v^2 + y\omega v^3$ with $\omega = 230.3$, $x\omega = 1.53$, $y\omega = -0.013 cm^{-1}$
would indicate that this state correlates with $Sn(^3P_0)+Te(^3P_2)$.
The B state in PbTe, known up to 2.65 e.V. can however not
correlate with $Pb(^3P_0) + Te(^3P_2)$ at 2.23 ± 0.10 e.V. and should
at least correlate with $Pb(^3P_0) + Te(^3P_1)$ or any combination

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$Pb(^3P_1) + Te(^3P_{2,1,0})$. If the convergence limit of SnTe is considered to be low, but not off by more than 0.5 e.V; and if the B states of both molecules is analogous as would be indicated by the same ratio ω_B/ω_X, then the probable correlation of the B state would be $Me(^3P_0) + X(^3P_1)$. (Table IV).

TABLE IV. Correlation of the X, A, B, C, D and E States of the Group IV-Group VI MeX molecules.

Atomic States Me	X	Possible Ω values	likely molecular states
$^3P_0$	$^3P_2$	0^+, 1, 2	$X(0^+)$
	$^3P_1$	0^-, 1	$B(1)?$
	$^3P_0$	0^+	$A(0^+)$
$^3P_1$	$^3P_2$	$0^-(2)$, 0^+, 1(3), 2(2), 3	$C(0^+)$
	$^3P_1$	0^-, $0^+(2)$, 1(2), 2	$E(0^+)$
	$^3P_0$	0^-, 1	$D(1)?$
$^3P_2$	$^3P_2$	$0^-(2)$, $0^+(3)$, 1(4), 2(3), 3(2),4	
	$^3P_1$	$0^-(2)$, 0^+, 1(3), 2(2), 3	
	$^3P_0$	0^+, 1, 2	

It is even less easy to speculate about the correlation of the D state. In PbTe, the difference between the convergence limit of this D state, 3.67±0.20 e.V. obtained from a linear Birge Sponer extrapolation and the thermoche-

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mical value for the dissociation energy $D_o^O = 2.30 \pm 0.17$ is

1.37 ± 0.37 e.V. It may be noted that the uncertainty quoted

on the Birge Sponer extrapolation corresponds to an uncer-

tainty as high as $\pm 70\%$, which still would not affect the

conclusion since the linear dissociation energy of the D

state itself is only 0.4 e.V. This difference compared to

the excitation energies of the different $^3P_{0,1,2} + {}^3P_{2,1,0}$

combinations for Pb and Te, 0, 0.58, 0.58, 0.97, 1.55, 1.55

1.32, 1.90 and 1.90 e.V., indicates that possible corre-

lations are $Pb(^3P_1) + Te(^3P_{1,0})$ or $Pb(^3P_2) + Te(^3P_2)$. A

selection between those two correlations cannot be made on

the basis of the highest vibrational level of the D state

observed in any of the MeX molecules. A possible argument

for the $^3P_1 + {}^3P_{1,0}$ correlation could be that the linearly

extrapolated convergence limit of the D state lies either

above or below the similarly evaluated limit of the E state

when the excitation energy $Me(^3P_1) + X(^3P_{1,0})$ is either

larger or smaller than $Me(^3P_2) + X(^3P_2)$ for 8(SiSe, SiTe,

GeSe, GeTe, SnO, SnS, SnSe, SnTe) out of 12 molecules of

which two (GeO, GeS) have both limits essentially at the

same level and two (SiO, SiS) present the inverse situation.

The F states, have already been shown[3] to corre-

late with $Me(^1D_2) + X(^1D_2)$. They have not been observed

for all molecules of this group and will not be discussed

here. For SnSe the combination $Sn(^1D_2) + S(^1D_2)$ leads to

one shallow and one repulsive state, from which accurate
values of the dissociation energy can be derived (see foot-
note c, Table V).

For SnTe, higher molecular states G, H and I are
known. Perhaps could these states be correlated with
$Sn(^3P_2)$ + $Te(^3P_{2,1,0})$. The term values ν_{00} increase regu-
larly for the A to I states and an abrupt increment for the
F state. The same situation occurs for the other mole-
cules of this group as can be seen seen from Table II.

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TABLE V. Comparison of spectroscopic D''_0 and thermochemical D^o_0 value of the dissociation energies of group IV-group VI molecules (in e.V.)

Molecule	Convergence limit E state	Excitation energy $Me(^3P_1)+X(^3P_1)$	D''_0	D^o_0
CO			11.111±0.06	
CS				7.53±0.15
CSe				6.00±0.15
CTe				(4.8 ±0.4)(a)
SiO				8.32±0.15
SiS	6.44±0.06	0.06	6.38±0.06	
SiSe	5.66±0.15	0.26	5.40±0.15	
SiTe	(4.70±0.25)	0.59	(4.11±0.25)	
GeO				6.79±0.13
GeS	5.79±0.03	0.12	5.67±0.03	5.78±0.15
GeSe	5.25±0.03	0.32	4.93±0.03	
GeTe	4.49 $^{+0.30}_{-0.10}$	0.65	3.84 $^{+0.30}_{-0.10}$	4.00±0.15
SnO	5.68±0.05	0.23	5.45±0.05 5.37(b)	5.53±0.13
SnS	5.06±0.10	0.26	4.80±0.10 4.74(c) 4.83(c)	4.78±0.12
SnSe	4.54±0.06	0.46	4.08±0.06	4.11±0.17
SnTe	(4.07)?	0.79	(3.28)?	3.45±0.17
PbO	⩾4.86	0.99	⩾ 3.87	4.00±0.13
PbS	4.55±0.20	1.02	3.53±0.20	3.42±0.12
PbSe	⩾4.32 ?	1.22	⩾ 3.10?	2.95±0.22
PbTe				2.30±0.17

a estimated
b from absorption continuum at 1926 to 1937 Å, correlated[3] with $Sn(^1D_2)+O(^3P)$. It was assumed here that the $O(^3P_2)$ sublevel is involved. If the absorption occured from v"=1, which could be the case as a result of the large interatomic equilibrium distance in the shallow upper state, the value obtained D''_0=5.47 eV would be in perfect agreement with D^o_0=5.45 eV.
c from shallow q and repulsive r state respectively, assuming both to correlate with $Sn(^1D_2) + S(^1D_2)$

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