Reaction Mechanism on Site-Specific Bond Dissociation of a Potent Greenhouse Gas CF₃SF₅ using Soft X-Rays

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In the previous beamtime (2003A0528-NS1-np) we measured total photoabsorption cross sections of CF3SF5 in the C, F and S K-shell regions [1], and site-dependent photofragmentation was clearly observed. In the present study PIPICO mass spectra were measured in order to detect the pairs of ions released after cascade Auger processes. Fig. 1 shows PIPICO spectra at the C1s and F1s ionization and the S1s→o*sF excitation. The observed ion pairs are: (1) C*-S²⁺, (2) CF₃²⁺- SF^{2+} , (3) $C^{+}-S^{+}$, (4) $CF_3^{+}-SF_3^{+}$, (5) $CF_3^{2+}-SF_3^{+}$ (6) CF₃²⁺-S²⁺, (7) CF₂⁺-SF²⁺, (8) F⁺-CS⁺, (9) $CF_3^+ - SF_3^+$, (10) $CF_3^+ - SF_3^{2+}$, (11) $CF_3^{2+} - SF_3^{4+}$ and (12) C+-SF+. The peak with the highest probability is the C⁺-F⁺ ion pair. The observed highest charged ion is CF₃SF₅⁴⁺, which decomposes into $CF_3^{2+} + SF^{2+}$ and $CF_3^{2+} + S^{2+}$. The PIPICO mass patterns for the direct ionization of C1s and F1s electrons are similar in forming CF₃SF₅ⁿ⁺ (n=2-4) ions. On the contrary, the PIPICO pattern for the S1s → σ^*_{SF} transition shows the dominant formation of C*-F* ion pair, and the highly charged CF₃SF₅ⁿ⁺ (n=3, 4) ions are minor in spite of high energy. This finding is consistent with the observation that the PEPICO mass patterns are similar between the C1s and F1s excitation in forming CF_n⁺ and SF_n⁺ ions, which are negligibly small in the \$1s excitation.

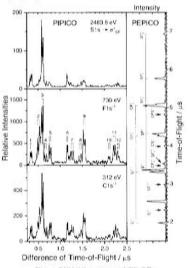


Fig. 1 PIPICO spectra of CF4SF4

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A Study on Photo-Manipulation for Molecules by Using Si:KVV-Resonant-Auger-Electron Photoion Coincidence Spectroscopy: Site-Specific Fragmentation Revealed in Energy-Selected Si:1s-Photoelectron Photoion Coincidence Spectra

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In the present study, we have studied the ionic fragmentation caused by Si:1s core-level photoionization of F3SiCH2CH2Si(CH1)3 (FSMSE) by using energy-selected Si:1s-photoelectron photoion coincidence (Si:1s-PEPICO) spectroscopy. Since FSMSE has two Si atoms in fairly different chemical environments (Si[F] and Si[Me]), it has the potential of showing site-specific fragmentation, which may be used as a tool of manipulation of atoms and molecules.

The figure shown below represents the Si:1s-photoelectron spectrum (a) and the corresponding Si:1s-PEPICO spectra (b)-(g). In the figure (a), an electric-field gradient applied across the ionization region smears the energy distribution of the photoelectrons. The positions of the Si:1s binding energies obtained from a high-resolution photoelectron spectrum (data not shown) are indicated by arrows in the figure (a).

the Si[Me]:1s photoionization, productions of heavy ions (m/e>10) are enhanced [figures (b)-(g)]. Especially, enhancement of SiF3+ is characteristic. Moreover, H⁺ ions with high kinetic energy are abundant in the Si[Me]:1s photoionization (data not shown). Thus, site-specific fragmentation is clearly revealed in the Si:1s photoionization of FSMSE.

