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UPPER ATMOSPHERE RESEARCH: REACTION RATE AND OPTICAL MEASUREMENTS

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Abstract of Research Objectives

The objective of this research program is to provide photochemical, kinetic and spectroscopic information necessary for photochemical models of the Earth's upper atmosphere and to examine reactions or reactants not presently in the models to either confirm the correctness of their exclusion or provide evidence to justify future inclusion in the models. New initiatives are being taken in technique development (many of them laser based) and in the application of established techniques to address gaps in the photochemical/kinetic data base, as well as to provide increasingly reliable information.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AND RESULTS

1. Reaction Rates and Reaction Products

The reactions of the hydroxymethyl radical with O_2 , NO and NO_2 have been studied in a discharge flow system as a function of temperature; formaldehyde (H_2CO) was identified as a product for all three reactions. The results at 298 K for O_2 , NO and NO_2 respectively are: $k_1 = 8.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_2 = 2.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $k_3 = 8.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. The rate constants at mid stratospheric temperatures (220 K) are 2 to 3 times lower than at 298 K. A chemical link between natural and anthropogenic bromine species and ozone depletion in the Arctic atmosphere has recently been suggested. We have now examined the reaction $Br + C_2H_4$ and the result obtained was $k_4 = 1.6 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ independent of temperature (268-423 K) and total pressure (15-400 Torr Argon). In the presence of up to 2 Torr O_2 , k_4 increased by an order of magnitude. At a fixed O_2 concentration (0.75 Torr), k_4 increased by a factor of 3 when total pressure was increased from 10 to 800 Torr Argon.

We have initiated a temperature study of the reaction of Cl with CH_3CHO , an intermediate in the atmospheric oxidation of C_2 hydrocarbons. The reactions of Cl with oxygenated hydrocarbons have generally not been as well studied as those with the hydrocarbons themselves. The results obtained were k_5 (298 K) = $6.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and k_5 (210 K) = $7.1 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Work is in progress at $T > 298 \text{ K}$. This is the first direct and absolute study of this reaction but it is consistent with previous indirect and/or relative studies at 298 K.

Collaborative work was also performed with Prof. D. Gutman (then at Illinois Institute of Technology) on the reaction $Br + i-C_4H_{10} \rightleftharpoons HBr + t-C_4H_9$ in both directions to obtain thermochemical properties such as the heat of formation for hydrocarbon free radicals. Also, collaboration with Dr. T. Wallington (Ford Research Division) on the pressure dependence of the reaction of Cl with C_2H_2 and C_2H_4 showed good agreement with our previous direct results on $Cl + C_2H_2$ but the more extensive pressure range of the new data leads to a larger value for k_6 at 298 K ($2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$).

Finally, we replaced the data collection and analysis system for the flash photolysis apparatus, the discharge flow system was modified to include photoionization detection, and our move to a new laboratory was completed.

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2. Optical and Spectroscopic Measurements

For the past several years we have conducted an experimental program to develop intracavity laser absorption spectroscopy for application to chemical problems related to stratospheric research. For NO_2 the absorption linewidth is narrower than the laser bandwidth and the technique gives quantitative results, if the data are represented by a modified Beer's law that is based on a measure of the apparent absorbance. Enhancements as high as 23,000 over conventional absorption were obtained. The same apparatus was then used to demonstrate the utility of the technique by measuring the rate for the reaction of NO with O_2 and the result was in excellent agreement with the recommended value.

Another study examined the case for which the absorption linewidth is broader than the laser bandwidth. Ozone (O_3) was used as the absorber and the experiments performed at 630 nm, corresponding to absorption in the Chappuis bands. It was determined that the absorption was best represented by absorptance ($\Delta I/I_0$) and followed a modified Beer's law. Enhancements in the range 10^2 to 10^3 were obtained, because mode competition does not play a role here. Thus, we determined that mode competition accounts for a factor of 10 to 10^2 in the enhancement for the narrowband case.

In the next phase O_3 was dissociated at 254 nm, producing O atoms with a quantum yield near unity. Intracavity absorption at 630 nm, corresponding to the $^1\text{D} \leftarrow ^3\text{P}$ transition, was clearly evident. $\text{O}(^3\text{P})$ atoms were directly and $\text{O}(^1\text{D})$ atoms in-directly detected in this system. This represents the first detection by intracavity laser absorption of O atoms produced by photolysis.

To investigate the utility of quasi-cw operation for application to time resolved experiments, a new experimental arrangement was implemented. This set up was used to measure weak absorption of combination bands in water vapor present as humidity in the room air. The absorbance was found to vary linearly with generation time for $t \leq 170 \mu\text{sec}$. This study indicates that this method can be used effectively to follow fast reactions of radicals.

Significant improvements have been made in both our facilities and the experiment. Our entire laboratory was moved to a recently completed laboratory wing that was specifically designed for our use. The intracavity dye laser absorption spectrometer has been significantly upgraded with the incorporation of a 1.26 m microprocessor-controlled spectrometer. An electro-optic modulator has been incorporated into the system for quasi-cw operation.

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CHEMICAL KINETICS OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE

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Objectives

To obtain direct measurements of rate constants and temperature dependences for reactions of HO_x , NO_x , ClO_x , BrO_x , and RO_x which are relevant to stratospheric chemistry, including both homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions on particle surfaces which are important in both the polar and normal stratospheric regions.

Progress

Measurements were made of the sticking coefficients of HCl, H_2O , HNO_3 , NO, NO_2 , and O_3 on ice surfaces. These measurements were accomplished by a flow reactor combined with mass spectral detection (FR/MS). Measurements were made of the reaction probabilities of $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{HCl}$ and $\text{ClONO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ reactions on ice surfaces by the FR/MS technique. The reaction probabilities of $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{HCl}$ and $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ on ice surfaces were measured by the FR/MS technique. The solubility of HCl in acid ices was measured by a diode laser/mass spectral method. Temperature dependence of the $\text{OH} + \text{HO}_2$ reaction was measured by the discharge flow/resonance fluorescence method.

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LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF STRATOSPHERIC BROMINE CHEMISTRY

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Research Objectives

The initial objectives of this task were to employ state-of-the-art experimental methods to investigate the kinetics of a number of reactions of the active bromine species Br and BrO which are of proven or potential importance in stratospheric chemistry, and to investigate the photochemistry of the important bromine reservoir species BrONO₂ (bromine nitrate). Subsequently, we expanded our objectives to include studies of the kinetics and thermochemistry of several weakly bound chlorine-containing species which may play a role in stratospheric ClO_x chemistry.

Progress and Results

Reactions studied during 1988 and 1989 are listed below along with a summary of results and a few pertinent comments.

- (1) $\text{Br} + \text{O}_3 \longrightarrow \text{BrO} + \text{O}_2$
T dependence of k_1 , 195-392K; Good agreement with previous studies.
- (2) $\text{Cl} + \text{O}_3 \longrightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{O}_2$
T dependence of k_2 , 189-385K; Non-Arrhenius behavior observed; k_2 faster than previously thought at low T.
- (3) $\text{Cl} + \text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{ClOO} + \text{O}_2$
 k_3 , k_{-3} , K_{eq} determined at T = 185K, P = 15-40 Torr; Third law method used to obtain ClOO heat of formation; k_3 faster than previously thought; ClOO less stable than previously thought.
- (4) $\text{Cl} + \text{CO} + \text{M} \rightleftharpoons \text{ClCO} + \text{M}$, M = N₂, CO, Ar, CO₂
T & P dependence of k_4 , k_{-4} , K_{eq} , 185-260K; Second and third law methods used to obtain ClCO heat of formation; ClCO more stable than previously thought.
- (5) $\text{Cl} + \text{CS}_2 + \text{M} \rightleftharpoons \text{CS}_2\text{Cl} + \text{M}$, M = N₂, O₂
T & P dependence of k_5 , k_{-5} , K_{eq} , 193-258K; Second law method used to obtain CS₂Cl heat of formation; CS₂Cl found to be unreactive toward O₂.
- (6) $\text{Cl} + \text{COS} + \text{N}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{COSCl} + \text{N}_2$
Evidence of equilibrium between Cl and COSCl sought at low T (190K); No reaction observed.
- (7) $\text{Br} + \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO} + \text{HBr}$
First study T dependence of k_1 , 255-400K; k_7 (298K) found to be 25% faster than previously thought; 298K rate coefficient for CH₃CO + Br₂ → CH₃CBrO + Br also determined.

- (8) $O + Br_2 \longrightarrow BrO + Br$
 k_8 independent of T, 255-350K, 40% faster than previously thought.
- (9) $O + HBr \longrightarrow OH + Br$
 T dependence of k_9 , 250-402K; Good agreement with previous studies;
 Confirmation of theoretically predicted non-Arrhenius behavior.
- (10) $Cl + Br_2 \longrightarrow BrCl + Br$
 k_{10} nearly gas kinetic, virtually independent of T, 298-401K.
- (11) $Cl + HBr \longrightarrow HCl + Br$
 T-dependence of k_{11} , 257-414K; Poor agreement with previous studies.
- (12) $Br + NO_2 + M \rightleftharpoons BrNO_2 + M$, M = He, Ar, H₂, N₂, CO₂, CF₄
 T- and P-dependence of irreversible association reaction, 259-346K,
 12.5-700 Torr; BrNO₂ dissociation observed at T > 350K allowing
 determination of BrNO₂ heat of formation; Fall-off parameters
 determined; First T-dependence study and first study to investigate
 fall-off regime.
- (13) $BrO + NO_2 + N_2 \longrightarrow BrONO_2 + N_2$
 T- and P-dependence, 245-346K, 16-800 Torr; Good agreement with previous
 study at 298K; T-dependence of fall-off parameters determined.
- (14) $BrONO_2 + h\nu \longrightarrow \text{products}$
 Study initiated during summer of 1989.

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A MOLECULAR BEAM MASS SPECTROMETRIC STUDY OF THE FORMATION AND PHOTOLYSIS OF C10 DIMER

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Research Objectives

The dimer of C10 radical has been proposed as a key intermediate in the catalytic destruction of ozone in the antarctic stratosphere. To date evidence for the existence of this transient species has come from infrared and ultraviolet spectroscopic observations in laboratory studies. The objectives of this research program are the identification of C10 dimer by molecular beam mass spectrometry, the measurement of the rate of formation of the dimer over a wide range of temperatures and pressures, and the elucidation of the photochemistry of the dimer.

Summary of Progress and Results

The objective of the first phase of this work was the determination of whether the C10 dimer could be measured mass spectrometrically in preparation for studies of its kinetic and photochemical behavior. In this work the dimer of C10 was generated in four different chemical systems by the combination of C10 radicals in a simple flow reactor operated at total pressures ranging from 5 to 200 torr, temperatures from -40° to 20°C and residence times from 0.04 to 2 sec. The C10 radicals were produced by the reaction of Cl atoms, which were generated by photolysis of Cl₂ with C10₂, O₂, or Cl₂O and by the reaction of thermally generated Cl atoms with C10₂. The flow reactor was interfaced to a molecular beam mass spectrometric system which incorporated both a large magnetic mass spectrometer with high resolution capabilities and a quadrupole mass spectrometer, and which utilized beam modulation and phase sensitive detection. This system, which was optimized for operation at pressures up to 1 atm and which had a detection limit of better than 1 ppb, was used to obtain mass spectra of the reaction products at an ionizing energy of 20 eV. In addition to the expected signals for reactants and C10 radicals, strong signals were also obtained at m/e = 102, 104 and 106. These ions were assigned to the dimer of C10 based on: (1) The mass to charge ratio, (2) the excellent agreement between the observed and calculated isotope ratios, (3) the fact that the ions were only observed in the presence of light in the photolysis experiments or when the furnace temperature was great enough to dissociate Cl₂ in the thermal experiments, and (4) the weak dependence of the ratio of C10 dimer to C10 on reactor pressure, which suggested that it was not being produced in the initial beam forming process during sampling.

The mass spectrometric identification of the ClO dimer was further supported by time-of-flight velocity analyses. Velocity distributions were obtained for the neutral precursors of the dimer of ClO and for several other species. These distributions showed that the neutral precursor of Cl_2O_2^+ has a nominal mass of 102 amu and that Cl_2O_2^+ cannot be a fragment from a significantly larger molecule, such as one containing one or more additional chlorine or oxygen atoms.

The results obtained to date show that ClO dimer can be readily measured by molecular beam mass spectrometry. It should therefore be possible to utilize this technique to make detailed measurements of the kinetics of formation and photochemical behavior of the dimer.

LABORATORY STUDIES OF HETEROGENEOUS PROCESSES IN THE ATMOSPHERE

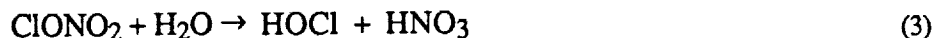
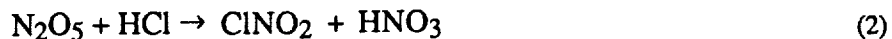
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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Heterogeneous reactions on the surfaces of polar stratospheric clouds (PSCs) are now recognized to play a central role in the dramatic yearly occurrence of the Antarctic 'ozone hole'. In addition, heterogeneous reactions on normal stratospheric particulate may be important in the global ozone cycle. The goal of this research program is to identify and quantify heterogeneous processes that may have an impact on the stratospheric ozone layer. The surfaces of interest for stratospheric chemistry include ice, concentrated frozen mixtures of nitric acid and ice, and concentrated liquid solutions of sulfuric acid and water.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AND RESULTS

Heterogeneous interactions on model PSC surfaces. A Knudsen cell flow reactor was used to study the heterogeneous reactions (1-4) of chlorine nitrate (ClONO_2) and



dinitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5) on ice surfaces representative of type II PSCs. All four reactions occurred readily on laboratory ice surfaces at 185 K. Reactions 1,2 and 3 formed gaseous products Cl_2 , ClNO_2 and HOCl , respectively. All of these molecules could be readily photolyzed in the Antarctic spring sunlight to form active chlorine for catalytic ozone destruction cycles. Surface evaporation studies showed that reactions 1-4 all resulted in the formation of HNO_3 condensed in the ice. Nitric acid condensed in PSCs

would provide a sink for odd nitrogen during the polar winter, a requirement in nearly all models of Antarctic ozone depletion.

Heterogeneous processes on sulfuric acid surfaces. The heterogeneous interactions of ClONO_2 , HCl and HNO_3 were studied on sulfuric acid surfaces representative of global stratospheric particulate. The surfaces were composed of 65-75% sulfuric acid and were held at temperatures in the range 210 to 230 K. Heterogeneous loss, but not reaction, of HNO_3 and HCl occurred on these surfaces. Chlorine nitrate reacted on the cold sulfuric acid surfaces, producing gas phase HOCl . Nitric acid was formed partitioned between the gas and condensed phases. Chlorine nitrate also reacted with HCl dissolved in the more dilute sulfuric acid solutions, forming gaseous Cl_2 . In all cases studied, the sticking and/or reactions coefficients were much larger for the more dilute sulfuric acid solutions.

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**PHOTOCHEMICAL AND KINETIC MEASUREMENTS OF ATMOSPHERIC
CONSTITUENTS VIS-A-VIS THEIR ROLE IN CONTROLLING
STRATOSPHERIC OZONE**

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Research Objectives

This task focuses on the elucidation of stratospheric photochemical kinetics through laboratory studies of select chemical reaction systems. Experiments are designed and conducted to determine the temperature and pressure dependencies of rate constants and to infer the mechanisms for those processes important in the modeling of atmospheric chemistry. While the research emphasis is directed towards an assessment of the effects of anthropogenic activity on stratospheric chemical composition, certain predominantly tropospheric reaction systems are also investigated because of their influence on chemical transport to the stratosphere and/or their mechanistic similarities to stratospheric processes. Under this task, the principal investigator also serves as a member of the NASA Panel for Data Evaluation and assists in the annual preparation of a tabulation of evaluated kinetic and photochemical data applicable to atmospheric modeling.

Summary of Progress and Results

Laboratory activities under this task during 1988 and 1989 fall into two general experimental categories: a) peroxy radical studies conducted via flash photolysis uv absorption spectroscopy (FPAS) and b) hydroxyl radical kinetic investigations performed using the flash photolysis resonance fluorescence (FPRF) technique. Accomplishments under both categories include:

FPAS: UV Absorption Cross-Sections for CH_3O_2 , CH_2ClO_2 , CH_2FO_2 ,
 $\text{CH}_2\text{ClCH}_2\text{O}_2$, $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{O}_2$, and $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$.

$\text{CH}_2\text{ClO}_2 + \text{CH}_2\text{ClO}_2$ Kinetics - Temperature dependence of the rate constant.

$\text{CH}_2\text{FO}_2 + \text{CH}_2\text{FO}_2$ Kinetics - Temperature dependence of the rate constant.

$\text{CH}_2\text{ClCH}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_2\text{ClCH}_2\text{O}_2$ Kinetics - Temperature dependence of the rate constant.

$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{O}_2$ Kinetics - Temperature and pressure dependence of the rate constant.

$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$ Kinetics - Temperature and pressure dependence of the rate constant.

CF₂ClO₂ + Cl Reaction - Modeling estimate of the rate constant at room temperature.

FPRF: OH Reaction Kinetics - Temperature dependencies of the rate constants for the reactions with alcohol and ether fuel additives, carboxylic acids, C₅ through C₇ aliphatic alcohols and ethers, cyclic ketones and diones, difunctional organic oxygenates, cyclic ethers, aliphatic polyethers, and chlorofluoroethanes.

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Biennial Report for NASA

SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES OF REACTION INTERMEDIATES AND PRODUCTS

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Research Objectives

This project involves spectroscopic studies of reaction rates, intermediates and products. A high resolution Fourier transform spectrometer and a linear photodiode array spectrometer are used to obtain IR, visible, and UV spectra of transient and stable species of atmospheric importance. Reaction rate constants are measured, reaction mechanisms are analyzed, and spectra and absorption cross sections are determined for stable and labile chemical species. The results obtained help reduce some of the uncertainties in stratospheric chemistry and provide spectroscopic data for laboratory and field measurements.

Progress and Results

1) Antarctic Ozone Hole Chemistry

(a) The ultraviolet and infrared absorption cross sections of Cl_2O_2 were measured by producing it via the reaction, $\text{ClO} + \text{ClO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{M}$. The ClO radical was produced by: $\text{Cl} + \text{O}_3$, $\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O}$, or $\text{Cl} + \text{OCIO}$ reaction. The UV absorption spectrum between 205 and 250 K was recorded over the 200 - 450 nm range with a diode array spectrometer. The infrared spectrum was recorded with a high resolution Fourier transform spectrometer. Both spectrometers were optically coupled to a fast flow multipass absorption cell to permit simultaneous IR and UV measurements on the same gas sample. The UV absorption spectrum of Cl_2O_2 is a structureless continuum with a maxima at 245 nm and a long wavelength tail which extends out to 410 nm. The UV absorption cross section at 245 nm was measured to be $(6.5 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$. Infrared absorption features centered at 570, 653, and 750 cm^{-1} were assigned to the Cl_2O_2 molecule. The UV spectrum of Cl_2O_2 allows the calculation of its photolytic lifetime in the atmosphere.

(b) The rate coefficient for the reaction which forms Cl_2O_2 , $\text{ClO} + \text{ClO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{M}$, was measured between 200 and 265 K in the pressure range of 25 to 600 Torr of He, N_2 , O_2 and SF_6 . The loss of ClO was monitored via UV absorption at 282.7 nm (9-0 band) using a monochromator or via UV absorption between 270 and 300 nm using a spectrometer/diode array system. The measured rate coefficients are lower than those published earlier and were carried out at or near Antarctic temperatures. Using this data more accurate ozone depletion calculations can be carried out.

(c) The UV absorption cross sections of ClO in the $\text{A}^2\Pi \leftarrow \text{x}^2\Pi$, system (225 to 325 nm) were measured as a function of temperature between 200 and 300 K. The cross section at the top of the continuum, 265 nm, was measured to be $(5.33 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$, independent of temperature. The cross sections in the structured part, 270 - 300 nm, are very temperature and instrumental resolution dependent. These measurements provide necessary data for field and laboratory measurements of ClO.

2) High Resolution IR Spectroscopy

(a) IR Line positions of HNO_3

High resolution measurements were made on the ν_9 band of HNO_3 from 414 to 500 cm^{-1} . Over 2300 transitions were measured, assigned, and fit to obtain 15 rovibrational constants for the $\nu_9 = 1$ state that reproduce the observed spectrum with a RMS deviation of 0.0004 cm^{-1} . The band center for ν_9 is at $458.2287 \pm 0.0005 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. These measurements provide data necessary to interpret atmospheric IR measurements of the ν_9 band of HNO_3 .

(b) Fundamental IR intensities of ClO

The fundamental, $\nu = 0 - 1$, vibrational band intensity of the ClO radical was measured using a high resolution Fourier transform spectrometer (FTS) with calibrated flows of ClO. A source of systematic error in the use of the $\text{Cl} + \text{O}_3$ reaction as a stoichiometric source of ClO was discovered. Our result on the band intensity is in general agreement with all other recent measurements except one.

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- A. Laboratory Measurements of Photolytic and Kinetic Data Affecting Atmospheric Ozone
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- C. Research Objectives. The experimental part of the program has been directed towards an improved understanding of ozone photochemistry, as related to upper atmospheric issues. Apart from the well-publicized Antarctic ozone hole, there are other discrepancies that are found between what modelers predict for the ozone altitude profiles, and what is actually observed. At present, there is an excess amount of ozone in the upper stratosphere and lower mesosphere at temperate latitudes compared to modeling predictions, amounting to 50-100%. This is obviously a consequence of either an underestimation of sources, or an overestimation of losses. We have pursued the former hypotheses, and have shown that the role of vibrationally excited oxygen may be crucial in the photochemistry of the upper stratosphere.
- D. Progress and Results. The essence of the work carried out in 1988 has been to demonstrate that the atmosphere has an unexpected potential source of ozone which has not been included in current models. It has always been taken for granted that ozone itself cannot be an ozone source, and that it can only be generated by oxygen photodissociation.

We have shown in the laboratory that irradiation of a dilute mixture of ozone in oxygen with a KrF laser at 248 nm generates more ozone, contrary to the conventional chemistry which predicts that at this wavelength, all ozone will eventually be converted to oxygen. We have demonstrated that the reason that this occurs is that the generally ignored photodissociative channel in the Hartley band, that giving vibrationally excited oxygen and a ground state oxygen atom, is very important. Although only 10-15% of the dissociative process takes place by this pathway, as opposed to the major $O(^1D) + O_2(a^1\Delta_g)$ channel, the effect of the presence of highly vibrationally excited oxygen is to act as an ozone source.

In the laboratory, this occurs because there is a strong Schumann-Runge oxygen absorption band in the neighborhood of 248 nm. The transition is that between ground state oxygen in the $v=7$ vibrational level, and electronically excited $B^3\Sigma_u^-$ oxygen in the $v=2$ level. It turns out that ozone photodissociation at this wavelength generates a range of vibrational levels in oxygen, including $v=7$. Such molecules are excited by the same laser pulse to the $B(2)$ level, from where they dissociate, resulting in one molecule of ozone being fragmented by two photons (not necessarily delivered simultaneously) into three atoms of oxygen. These atoms then recombine into three ozone molecules, and the process is a self-catalyzed ozone amplifier.

In the atmosphere, the same process has an advantage in that the solar continuum can in principle pump all vibrational levels that are produced during ozone photodissociation. In order to evaluate the possible effectiveness of the process as a stratospheric ozone source, two types of measurements are necessary; the determination of the distribution of vibrationally excited oxygen produced from 200-300 nm photodissociation of ozone, and the rate at which these molecules are quenched, presumably by oxygen. These measurements are currently being carried out.

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LABORATORY STUDIES OF TROPOSPHERIC AND STRATOSPHERIC REACTIONS

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Objectives

The primary objective of this task is to study the rates and mechanisms of key elementary gas-phase reactions important in stratospheric and tropospheric chemistry. A secondary objective is to utilize high-resolution spectroscopic techniques in the ultraviolet, infrared and microwave regions to determine structural parameters and measure line positions and strengths of atmospheric molecules.

Summary of Progress and Results

Considerable progress has been made in the last two years. Work has focused primarily on reactions important in polar stratospheric chemistry and the formation of the Antarctic ozone hole. The following studies in kinetics and spectroscopy were completed:

1. $\text{BrO} + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Products}$. The reaction of ClO with BrO was investigated by two independent techniques, discharge flow-mass spectrometry and flash photolysis-UV absorption, over the temperature range 220-400 K and the pressure range 1-760 torr. Rate constants were determined for three product channels: a) $\text{Br} + \text{ClOO}$, b) $\text{Br} + \text{OClO}$ and c) $\text{BrCl} + \text{O}_2$. The results from the discharge flow and flash photolysis experiments were in good agreement and showed a significantly larger temperature dependence for the overall rate constant than previous work. In disagreement with previous studies, the channel forming BrCl was found to be significant (8%). The flash photolysis experiment also investigated the reaction, $\text{Br} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{BrCl} + \text{ClO}$, and the products of Cl_2O photolysis.
2. $\text{ClO} + \text{ClO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{M}$. The gas-phase recombination of ClO has been investigated under the conditions of pressure and temperature that prevail in the Antarctic stratosphere during the period of maximum ozone disappearance. The temperature and pressure dependence of the rate constant fall-off behavior was determined using the flash photolysis-ultraviolet absorption technique. Fall-off parameters were derived for N_2 , O_2 and He bath gases. The measured rate constants were smaller than the previously accepted values by more than a factor of two. The results of the rate constant measurements were incorporated into a one-dimensional photochemical model to evaluate the relative rates of ozone depletion in the Antarctic stratosphere by the known catalytic cycles.
3. Molecular Structure of the ClO Dimer by Submillimeter Wave Spectroscopy. The products of the ClO self-reaction have been investigated between 220 K and 300 K by submillimeter wave spectroscopy. Chlorine peroxide, ClOOCl , has been definitively identified in the product mixtures. Below 240 K this species is found to be the predominant product. The complete spectrum between 415 and 435 GHz has been measured as well as selected transitions in the range 285 to 415 GHz. The rotational constants as well as a complete set of quartic centrifugal distortion constants have been determined. Structural parameters for the vibronic ground state have also been calculated.

4. Infrared Band Strength Measurement of the ClO Radical. High resolution (0.005 cm^{-1}) FTIR spectra of the $X^2\Pi_i-X^2\Pi_i$ (1-0) rovibrational bands of $^{35}\text{Cl}^{16}\text{O}$ and $^{37}\text{Cl}^{16}\text{O}$ have been obtained in 1 torr of helium carrier gas. After measuring the strengths of approximately 830 individual lines from several spectra, a total band strength, $S_\nu = 13.1 \pm 1.1\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{ atm}^{-1}$, and a first Herman-Wallis coefficient, $\alpha = (4.12 \pm 0.62) \times 10^{-3}$, were determined. The fundamental transition moment calculated from the band strength was $-(3.9 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-2}\text{ D}$.

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KINETICS AND MECHANISMS OF STRATOSPHERIC CHLORINE RELEASE FROM CHLOROFLUOROMETHYL SPECIES

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Research Objectives

The objective of this project is to conduct laboratory investigations leading to an understanding of the kinetics and mechanisms of Cl atom release from chlorofluorocarbons in the stratosphere. After the initial photolysis step, releasing the first Cl atom, peroxy radicals are formed rapidly by addition of O₂ to the chlorofluoromethyl photofragment. The ensuing reactions of the peroxy radical lead to photooxidation products that are formed by a complex and only partially understood mechanism. The work aims to reveal the steps in the mechanism and the pertinent kinetic parameters at stratospheric pressures and temperatures, and to assess the importance of these reactions with respect to inclusion in stratospheric models used for predicting O₃ depletion.

Summary of Progress and Results

The kinetics of the termolecular reaction of CF₂ClO₂ radicals with NO₂ was studied by flash photolysis of CF₂ClBr in the presence of O₂ and NO₂ by means of time resolved mass spectrometry. A quadrupole mass spectrometer fitted with a Daly detector for ion counting was employed to detect the decay rates of the peroxy radicals via the CF₂O₂ + (m/z =82) fragment ion. An investigation of this reaction over the pressure range 1 to 10 torr and the temperature range 248K to 325K has now been completed.

During the course of this work, the signal to noise ration was vastly improved by adding cryogenic pumping to the ion source region, and replacement of our homemade axial geometry ionizer with a cross beam ionizer.

To assist in the analysis of this complex reaction system, a computer code (LSODE) was used to perform numerical simulations on the U of M CDC CYBER 170-877 computer. The calculations were done primarily to identify possible important secondary reactions, to verify assumptions made in analysis of the experimental data, and to insure that the reaction of interest was, in fact, isolated.

The formation of peroxy nitrates by addition of halomethylperoxy radicals to NO_2 raises the question of the stratospheric stability of these species. We have built a continuous flow photoreactor for synthesis of halomethylperoxynitrates, and have been successful in obtaining pure samples of $\text{CF}_2\text{ClO}_2\text{NO}_2$. An investigation of its thermal decomposition is now underway, with an investigation of the photochemistry slated for the near future. The thermal decomposition studies are being done mass spectrometrically. A thermostatted batch reactor having a pinhole leak adjacent to the ion source permits decay of the reactant to be followed in real time.

Loss of reactant by flow through the pinhole should be corrected for. The flow is in the transition region, intermediate between bulk flow and Knudsen flow. Modeling this flow has proved difficult in the past, and our approach was to do empirical calibrations. During the course of the calibration work, we discovered that a simple interpolation formula gave a very accurate description of the net flow rates. Since this seems useful to others who use mass spectrometry for kinetics, we will publish the results.

Finally, in parallel with the experimental investigations, we redesigned the mass spectrometer sampling system, currently pinhole sampling, to a molecular beam sampling system. The machine shop work has been completed, and installation will be undertaken shortly.

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LABORATORY STUDIES OF CHEMICAL AND PHOTOCHEMICAL PROCESSES RELEVANT TO
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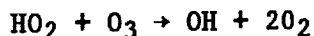
This program's purpose is to provide laboratory kinetic and thermodynamic data for stratospheric processes which will contribute to reducing the discrepancy between measurements and models in several areas: 1) HO_x chemistry including the reaction of HO₂ with ozone at stratospheric temperatures, 2) the isotopic ozone anomaly in the mid-stratosphere including the mechanisms for "heavy" ozone formation, 3) upper stratospheric sodium chemistry investigating the possible impact of meteoric sodium compounds on chlorine-catalyzed ozone destruction, 4) the thermochemistry of stratospheric aerosols including measurements of equilibrium vapor pressures and solubilities of HCl in aqueous nitric acid and sulfuric acid particles. The results of these studies will provide data both for modeling the chemistry of ozone depletion and for designing improved field measurements of stratospheric constituents.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AND RESULTS

HO₂ Spectroscopy and Chemistry

Infrared line intensities in the three fundamental vibrational bands of the HO₂ radical have been measured using a tunable diode laser coupled with a low pressure discharge-flow system. The integrated band strengths for the ν_1 (3400 cm⁻¹), ν_2 (1400 cm⁻¹) and ν_3 (1100 cm⁻¹) bands are 20 ± 6 , 58 ± 16 , and 35 ± 9 cm⁻² (STP atm)⁻¹. We have combined our individual linestrength results with an atmospheric transmission model in order to predict the optimal spectral regions for stratospheric measurements of HO₂ by infrared absorption. Two sets of nearly coincident line pairs in the ν_2 band at 1371.927 and at 1411.180 cm⁻¹, both of which have combined line intensities of 1.5×10^{-20} cm⁻² molecule⁻¹ cm⁻¹ at 225 K, are relatively free from interference from other atmospheric absorption lines. These line intensities correspond to a fractional absorption in the stratosphere of 1.3×10^{-5} over a 1 km path for an expected HO₂ mixing ratio of 200 ppt at 30 km altitude.

We have also detected H¹⁸O₂ radicals with the TDL system and are currently studying the reaction



using isotopic labeling with ¹⁸O₂ to eliminate interference from the back-reaction of OH product with O₃ to reform HO₂. The emphasis of this study is on the reaction mechanism and product (¹⁸OH or ¹⁶OH) in the temperature range 200 to 240 K relevant to the lower stratosphere.

Ozone Isotope Studies

The isomeric distribution of ^{18}O in heavy ozone produced in an electric discharge has been measured using infrared tunable diode laser spectroscopy to distinguish between $^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$ and $^{16}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}$. Ozone samples with different levels of enhancement in heavy isotopes were analyzed simultaneously by molecular beam mass spectrometry and infrared absorption. Relative to total heavy ozone, the asymmetric $^{16}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}$ molecules are found to make up 4/5 of the enhancement. These results suggest that the mechanism responsible for heavy ozone enhancement in the stratosphere is strongly influenced by molecular symmetry in the $\text{O} + \text{O}_2 + \text{M}$ recombination reaction.

These heavy ozone studies have been done in collaboration with J. Morton and K. Mauersberger at the University of Minnesota.

Thermochemistry of Stratospheric Aerosols Compounds

Heterogeneous reactions on aerosol particles are responsible for the extreme springtime ozone depletions observed in the polar regions and may contribute to mid-latitude chlorine-ozone chemistry. The composition and chemistry of polar stratospheric clouds are crucial to the understanding of this phenomena.

We have initiated laboratory studies in order to determine the thermodynamic properties of the binary solids involving water with HNO_3 , HCl , HBr , and H_2SO_4 . A cryogenic chamber enclosing a multiple-pass infrared absorption cell has been designed, constructed and interfaced with a tunable diode laser spectrometer to measure vapor pressures of these molecules in equilibrium with ice-solid solutions and the relevant crystalline hydrates at stratospheric temperatures.

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PHOTOCHEMISTRY OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE

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Objectives

To conduct laboratory studies of stratospheric photochemistry, including absorption cross sections, photolytic quantum yields, reaction mechanisms, and product distributions.

Progress

A study of the chemical and UV spectral properties of the ClO dimer has been made. The dimer was prepared by static photolysis of Cl₂-O₃ and Cl₂-Cl₂O mixtures in the temperature range 195-218K. The experiments were conducted both in the gas phase and in cryogenic solvents such as liquid CF₄, CO₂, and N₂O. Accurate UV cross-sections in the wavelength range 190-400 nm were obtained in the gas phase and in the liquid media. No evidence was found for any dimer structure other than the symmetric form, ClOOC1. It was further shown that the dimer does not react with O₃ within this temperature range, and a rate constant upper limit of 1x10⁻¹⁹ cm/molec-sec was established.

Photolysis of O₂/H₂O/CO mixtures at 184.9 nm was used to measure the steady-state ozone concentrations in these mixtures, which can be shown to depend only on the rate constant ratio

$$k(\text{HO}_2+\text{O}_3)/k(\text{HO}_2+\text{HO}_2)^{1/2}$$

The results were used to test the current best values, as recommended by the NASA Data Evaluation Panel, for the directly measured individual values for the two rate constants. The results showed that the recommended rate constants reproduce the observed ozone steady states to about 25%, which is within the stated error limits. The observed ozone concentration was higher than that predicted by the recommended rate constants. In a related series of experiments, tests were made for a pressure dependence of the OH+HO₂ reaction in the pressure range near one atmosphere, and none was found.

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ATMOSPHERIC PHOTOCHEMISTRY
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Objectives

This task is aimed at measuring in the laboratory rate constants and photochemical parameters for reactions which are potentially important in the stratosphere. The experiments involve both homogeneous and heterogeneous systems; the pressure and temperature ranges covered include those characteristic of the polar stratosphere. The systems under study include the photochemistry of Cl_2O_2 ; the vapor pressures of HCl on ice-like substrates related to polar stratospheric clouds; and heterogeneous chemistry of ClONO_2 on these substrates. The experimental techniques employed include laser photolysis, vacuum UV resonance fluorescence, FTIR and UV spectrophotometry, and mass spectrometry.

Summary of Program and Results

The quantum yield for the photodissociation of Cl_2O_2 at 308 nm has been measured to be unity, within experimental error, for the production of Cl-atoms and ClOO radicals. The ClOO species has been found to be less stable than previously thought; it decomposes very fast yielding Cl-atoms and O_2 molecules.

The solubility of HCl in various ices has been investigated. Pure water-ice readily absorbs HCl vapor, forming a hexahydrate, but only at HCl partial pressures above about 10^{-5} torr. At lower partial pressures nitric acid trihydrate and impure ices have a stronger affinity for HCl, and these are the solid substrates that are expected to efficiently promote heterogenous chemical processes in the stratosphere.

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A. *Title of Research Task:* STUDY OF THE ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY OF NO_y SPECIES

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C. *Abstract of Research Objectives:* Kinetic and spectroscopic studies will be made of several NO_y species (NO₃, N₂O₅, NO₂, CH₃COO₂NO₂) which are important in the atmosphere and for which significant uncertainties in the reaction pathways remain. Rate constants for the following NO₃ reactions will be studied in flow and static systems using several spectroscopic and chemical techniques at a variety of temperatures and pressures characteristic of the troposphere and stratosphere: NO₃ + NO → 2NO₂ (1); NO₂ + NO₃ → NO + NO₂ + O₂ (2); NO₂ + NO₃ (+M) → N₂O₅ (+M) (3), and N₂O₅ (+M) → NO₃ + NO₂ (+M) (4). The nature of the primary processes and their quantum yields for NO₃ photodissociation as a function of wavelength and temperature will be determined: NO₃ + hν → NO₂ + O (5); NO₃ + hν → O₂ + NO (6). Several measurements which bear on the atmospheric chemistry of NO₂ will be made: a) the temperature dependence of the quantum yields and cross sections of NO₂ in the 397.9 to 420 nm range using low intensity laser beam excitation; b) measurements of the rate constant for the reaction: HO₂ + NO₂ → HONO + O₂ (7). New data related to the atmospheric properties of peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN) will be determined: a) temperature dependence of the cross sections for PAN; b) rate constants for the suggested molecular rearrangements of PAN: CH₃COO₂NO₂ → CH₃ONO₂ + CO₂ (8), and CH₃COO₂NO₂ → CH₃CO + NO₃ (9). Finally studies will be undertaken to access the kinetics and products of the reaction of the NH₂ radical with O₂.

D. *Summary of Progress and Results:*

Laser systems have been installed in a newly completed laser laboratory designed for these studies; rare gas, pulsed excimer and CW argon ion lasers are used to drive dye laser systems employed in these kinetic and spectroscopic studies.

Laboratory experiments were performed to measure the ratio of rate constants k_1/k_2 for the reactions: NO₃ + NO → 2NO₂ (1) and NO₂ + NO₃ → NO + NO₂ + O₂ (2), respectively. This was accomplished through direct measurements of the nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide concentrations in an N₂O₅/NO₂/N₂ mixture. The NO was measured with NO/O₃ chemiluminescence, and the NO₂ was determined through long-path visible absorption spectroscopy. When the measured ratio is combined with recent measurements of k_1 , then a value for k_2 is calculated which is in reasonable agreement with other recent measurements from this laboratory.

A fast flow apparatus has been constructed to measure NO₃ rate coefficients by laser induced fluorescence. The NO₃ fluorescence is excited at 623 nm with light from the argon ion-pumped ring dye laser. The reaction of NO₃ with NO has been studied by following the kinetics of NO₃ in excess NO. At temperatures below 298 K the results are in good agreement with Hammer et al. (*J. Chem. Phys.*, 90, 2491-2496, 1986). At 298 K, $k \approx 2.8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$; E/R ≈ 1 -200 K. Experiments are in progress to establish the degree of curvature of the Arrhenius

plot for temperatures above 298 K. Experiments will be carried out using excess NO_3 , detecting NO by chemiluminescence to check if any curvature of the Arrhenius plot observed in previous work results from secondary reactions of NO_3 .

A temperature controlled (-80 to 200°C) reaction cell has been designed for use in planned kinetic studies of N_2O_5 decay at high pressures (up to 400 psi). It is constructed of stainless steel with a 4 meter path length which will allow detection of the reactant gases by means of a visible, uv, and IR Fourier transform spectrometer or diode array spectrometer systems.

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B. SPECTROSCOPY

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