determining step subsequent to the MLCT state.

The overall low efficiency of the reaction probably occurs in the formation of the key intermediate  $(\phi_1)$  rather than in the silver-assisted product-forming step since it appears unlikely that a Ag+-enhanced decay process leads back to the starting material from either of the intermediates reaction in eq 20/ or 21. The kinetic treatment indicates that the capture/decay ratio  $k_r/k'_d = 17 \text{ M}^{-1}$  is relatively favorable; however, since it gives only a ratio, it is not possible to determine either the lifetime of the intermediate or the rate of capture from these experiments. Jonah, Matheson and Meisels<sup>22</sup> have performed pulse radiolysis studies on Ru(bpy)33+ in aqueous solution where the key reaction observed is reduction of the trication by e<sub>ao</sub>. In these studies formation of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> in the ground state as well as the MLCT state was observed as well as an additional process giving rise somewhat more slowly ( $k \approx$ 10<sup>4</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>22</sup> to Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> by an as yet unidentified intermediate. If we assume, as has been suggested, 11 that this intermediate is Ru(bpy)2bpy'(H2O)2+ and that this is the species trapped by  $Ag^+$  via eq 20 we can estimate that  $k_r = k_{20} \approx 2 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . However, it could be argued that the use of a decay constant determined for aqueous solution is not appropriate since no Ag<sup>+</sup>-assisted photosubstitution occurs in water.

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A perhaps more plausible explanation for the observed results is that the Ag<sup>+</sup>-assisted photosubstition involves reaction of the partially solvated intermediate Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>-(bpy')(CH<sub>3</sub>CN) (eq 21). Acetonitrile should be a reasonable ligand for the labilized metal center and it is likely that the aforementioned species might have an appreciable lifetime such that even relatively slow interception by Ag<sup>+</sup> could compete with decay.

The metal-cation-assisted photosubstitution described here is a potentially useful process which could prove to be quite general. Thus, even though the present process occurs with a low quantum efficiency its chemical yield is quite high. We plan to extend these studies to other solvent-metal ion systems as well as other transition-metal complexes.

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# Kinetics of the Reaction O + $HO_2 \rightarrow OH + O_2$ from 229 to 372 K

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The discharge-flow resonance fluorescence technique has been used to obtain absolute rate data for the O + HO<sub>2</sub> reaction from 229 to 372 K at a total pressure of 1 torr. Pseudo-first-order conditions were used with HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in large excess over initial atomic oxygen in order to minimize interference from secondary reactions. The results are independent of the method used to generate HO<sub>2</sub> and atomic oxygen. At 299 K, the result is  $(6.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The temperature dependence expressed in Arrhenius form is  $(3.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11} \exp[(+200 \pm 28)/T]$ . The error limits given are twice the standard deviation; overall experimental error is estimated to be  $\pm 25\%$ .

## Introduction

The reaction of atomic oxygen with the hydroperoxyl radical (eq 1) plays an important role in the chemistry of

$$O + HO_2 \rightarrow OH + O_2 \tag{1}$$

the mesosphere and upper stratosphere. 1-4 Reaction 1 along with reaction 2 are the major paths by which odd

$$O + OH \rightarrow O_2 + H \tag{2}$$

oxygen  $(O, O_3)$  is converted to  $O_2$  in these regions of the atmosphere. In addition, the rate constant ratio,  $k_1/k_2$ , is an important factor in determining the relative concentrations of OH and HO<sub>2</sub>. Reaction 1 is also an important chain-breaking step in combustion chemistry.

There have been several earlier determinations of the rate constant,  $k_1$ , at 298 K with values ranging from 2.5  $\times$  10<sup>-11</sup> to 7  $\times$  10<sup>-11</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>5-7</sup> No previous study of the temperature dependence of  $k_1$  has been re-

In the present study absolute measurements of  $k_1$  have been made from 229 to 372 K by using resonance fluorescence detection of radical and atomic species. Pseudo-first-order conditions were used with [HO<sub>2</sub>] >> [O]. The rate constant was determined directly from the slopes of [O] vs. time plots. At 299 K the result is  $(6.1 \pm$ 

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 $0.4) \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. A moderately negative temperature dependence was observed. At 229 K  $k_1$  increases to  $(7.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

## **Experimental Section**

The low-pressure flow system has been described in detail previously.<sup>8,9</sup> For the present study a dual resonance fluorescence cell was added downstream of the reaction zone. This system allows simultaneous detection of two radical species, in this case OH and atomic oxygen, at the same absolute reaction time. The present detector configuration greatly improves sensitivity and simplifies comparison of experimental concentration vs. time profiles with those generated from computer simulations.

All of the present measurements were carried out with a 50.4-mm diameter flow tube at temperatures between 229 and 372 K. Reactor surfaces were coated with a halocarbon wax (Series 15-00, Halocarbon Corp.). With this coating atomic oxygen wall loss was not observable (<1 s<sup>-1</sup>); HO<sub>2</sub> loss was about 5 s<sup>-1</sup>. Wall loss of OH was measured immediately before or after each calibration run. Between 372 and 229 K values without added NO ranged from 2 to 18 s<sup>-1</sup> with an average value near 8 s<sup>-1</sup>. With added NO, little or no change was observed in the OH wall loss for  $[OH] \ge 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . However, for [OH] in the  $10^{11}$ cm<sup>-3</sup> range the wall loss was found to increase by up to a factor of three when NO was added. Concentrations of NO near  $3 \times 10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> were used in order to simulate conditions during the HO2 to OH conversion (see discussion below). An increase in OH wall loss in the presence of NO has been observed previously with boric acid or phosphoric acid coated surfaces. 10,11

 $HO_2$  Sources.  $HO_2$  radicals were generated in a movable reactor by adding atomic fluorine to an excess of  $H_2O_2$ 

$$F + H_2O_2 \rightarrow HF + HO_2$$

This source has been described in detail previously.  $^8$   $HO_2$  radicals were also produced by reacting atomic chlorine with an excess of  $CH_3OH$  and  $O_2$ 

$$Cl_2 \rightarrow 2Cl$$

$$Cl + CH_3OH \rightarrow HCl + CH_2OH$$
 (17)

$$CH_2OH + O_2 \rightarrow CH_2O + HO_2$$
 (27)

 $k_{17}=6.3\times 10^{-11}~{\rm cm}^3$  molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and  $k_{27}=2\times 10^{-12}~{\rm cm}^3$  molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, The reactor used was similar in design to that used for the F + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> source. Atomic chlorine was produced in a microwave discharge of a dilute Cl<sub>2</sub> in helium mixture. An uncoated quartz tube was used for the atomic chlorine production. Downstream of the discharge region the tube was coated with halocarbon wax. Production efficiencies of HO<sub>2</sub> based on the amounts of Cl<sub>2</sub> added varied from 30 to 70%. Under typical conditions the total flow was 1.37 L atm min<sup>-1</sup> (293 K) at a pressure of about 1.5 torr. In the source, concentrations of CH<sub>3</sub>OH and O<sub>2</sub> were about 9 × 10<sup>13</sup> and 4 × 10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. At these concentrations reactions 17 and 27 were complete in the 2-ms reaction time before expansion into the main flow tube. The ratio of concentrations in the HO<sub>2</sub> source to those in the main reaction zone was approximately 2.5:1.

This source was used to generate HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the main reaction zone between  $6\times10^{11}$  and  $3\times10^{12}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Background concentrations of OH were found to be less than  $1\times10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> with atomic oxygen less than  $3\times10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.

Atomic Oxygen Sources. Atomic oxygen was produced at a fixed point upstream of the main reaction zone by dissociating  $O_2$  in a microwave discharge or by the pyrolysis of  $O_3$ . Dissociation efficiencies between 12 and 21% were obtained by passing dilute mixtures of  $O_2$  in helium through a microwave discharge operated at 50 W. Atomic oxygen was generated at concentrations between  $5 \times 10^{10}$  and  $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> with OH concentrations less than  $2 \times 10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and atomic hydrogen less than  $4 \times 10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.

An alternate source of atomic oxygen was the thermal decomposition of ozone. Dilute mixtures of  $O_3$  in helium were passed through a quartz tube placed in an electric furnace. At temperatures between 975 and 1015 K, an atomic oxygen production yield of about 25% was obtained in a 8.5-ms residence time. Concentrations of atomic oxygen were between  $4 \times 10^{10}$  and  $2 \times 10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> with background OH less than  $1 \times 10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.

ground OH less than  $1 \times 10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.  $HO_2$  to OH Conversion.  $HO_2$  was determined by quantitatively converting it to OH with an excess of NO (eq 39). The fixed NO addition port was located 2-3-ms

$$HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2$$
 (39)

upstream of the OH detector. Two methods of NO addition were used: (a) a single 1-mm orifice located at the center of the flow tube and (b) eight 1-mm orifices located on a 2.6-cm diameter circle. In both cases the NO flow was opposed to the main helium flow in order to increase the mixing efficiency. There was no significant difference in the observed value of  $k_1$  (obtained from atomic oxygen decay rates and absolute  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentrations) when either method of NO addition was used. This is evidence that NO mixing was sufficiently complete and, thus, did not affect the  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentration measurements.

Detector Calibrations. OH was monitored by resonance fluorescence near 308 nm. The calibration procedure was similar to that used previously. Known concentrations of OH were generated by reacting NO<sub>2</sub> with excess H atoms (eq 30). The NO<sub>2</sub> was added through a movable inlet

$$H + NO_2 \rightarrow OH + NO$$
 (30)

located approximately 9-ms upstream of the OH detector. Typical concentrations used were [H] =  $1.7 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> with [NO<sub>2</sub>] between  $1 \times 10^{12}$  and  $3 \times 10^{12}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.

It was found that OH calibration signals decreased 5–10% when NO was added through the fixed inlet 2–3-ms upstream of the OH detector at concentrations similar to those used in the  $\rm HO_2$  to OH conversion. This reduction was too large to be accounted for entirely by increased wall loss or dilution by NO. It was possibly due to reaction 36

$$OH + NO + He \rightarrow HONO + He$$
 (36)

or to quenching of OH fluorescence before complete mixing of NO occurs. Evidence that this was related to NO mixing was the observation of a lower loss ( $\sim$ 5%) when the more efficient eight-orifice NO addition port was used compared to a loss of 8–10% with the one-orifice port.

To minimize calibration errors, we allowed reaction 30 to proceed for approximately 7 ms. NO was then added at concentrations between  $2.5 \times 10^{14}$  and  $3.2 \times 10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Concentrations of OH were corrected for losses due to reaction 5 (2–8%) by using  $k_5 = 1.8 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>

$$OH + OH \rightarrow H_2O + O \tag{5}$$

 $s^{-1}$  and for wall loss (2–16%, with a typical value about 5%)

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$$S(OH) = I_c/[OH]_p$$
 (I

Atomic oxygen and hydrogen were monitored by resonance fluorescence at 130.6 and 121.6 nm, respectively. Oxygen atom fluorescence was calibrated by adding a known amount of NO to an excess of N atoms.

$$N + NO \rightarrow N_2 + O$$

The observed fluorescence signals were tested for linearity vs. atomic oxygen concentrations by using eq II, where I

$$I = \alpha[O]^n \tag{II}$$

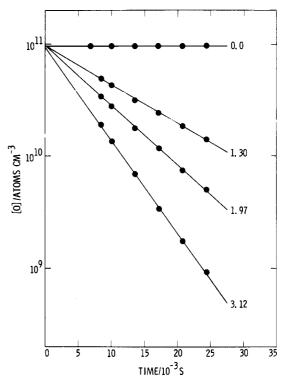
is the atomic oxygen fluorescence intensity; and  $\alpha$  is a constant proportional to the exciting light intensity, the detector sensitivity, and collection efficiency. The exponent n was used to assess the degree of linearity. Least-squares analysis shows that  $n=0.97\pm0.01$  up to  $[O]=1.8\times10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Thus, the fluorescence was linear within 3% over the atomic oxygen concentration range used in this study.

Atomic hydrogen signals were calibrated by converting the H atoms to OH by adding an excess of  $NO_2$  (eq 30). The OH fluorescence had been previously calibrated as described above.

Reagents. Gases used were chromatographic grade helium (99.9999%), research grade hydrogen (99.9995%), ultrahigh-purity oxygen (99.95%), ultrahigh-purity nitrogen (99.999%), nitric oxide (99.0%), and a 0.5% mixture of fluorine in helium. The nitric oxide was purified by passage through a molecular sieve (Linde 13X) trap at 195 K. Nitrogen dioxide was prepared from nitric oxide by adding a large excess of oxygen. After several hours the oxygen was removed by slowly passing the mixture through a 195-K trap. The nitrogen dioxide was stored at 77 K and distilled to a 195-K trap before use. The fluorine in helium mixture was passed through a 77-K trap, and the chromatographic helium was passed through a molecular sieve (Linde 3A) trap at 77 K just prior to use. Hydrogen peroxide (90%) was obtained from FMC. It was concentrated to greater than 95% by pumping. Concentrations of hydrogen peroxide were determined as described previously.9 Ozone was produced by discharging oxygen in a Welsbach Model T-816 ozonator and trapped at 195 K on silica gel. Concentrations of ozone were measured as discussed earlier.<sup>14</sup> Methanol (reagent grade) was added by passing a stream of helium through the liquid in a constant temperature reservoir. Concentrations were calculated by using the vapor pressure of methanol, the helium flow rate, and total pressure.

## Results

The present experiments were carried out at temperatures between 229 and 372 K at a total pressure of (1.02  $\pm$  0.02) torr of helium. HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were 6.5  $\times$  10<sup>11</sup>-3.3  $\times$  10<sup>12</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> with initial atomic oxygen concen-



**Figure 1.** Pseudo-first-order decays of atomic oxygen at 264 K. The numbers adjacent to each decay curve give [HO<sub>2</sub>] in units of 10<sup>12</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>. The lines through the data points are linear least-squares fits.

trations of  $5.0 \times 10^{10}$ – $1.9 \times 10^{11}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Initial stoichiometric ratios,  $[HO_2]/[O]_0$ , were 5–46 with a value greater than 15 being typical. Under these conditions the loss of atomic oxygen is pseudo-first-order and may be written

$$k_{+}^{I} = -(d \ln [O]/dt)_{+} = k_{1}[HO_{2}] + k_{L}$$
 (III)

where  $k_+^{\rm I}$  represents the pseudo-first-order rate constant for loss of atomic oxygen with HO<sub>2</sub> present in the system (movable discharge on). In general, a term  $k_2[{\rm OH}]$  should be included on the right-hand side of eq III since OH is a product of reaction 1. However, under the conditions of the present experiments, the observed [OH] was less than  $5\times 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and  $k_2[{\rm OH}]$  is negligible compared to  $k_1[{\rm HO}_2]$ . This is confirmed by computer simulations discussed below. All losses of atomic oxygen other than by reactions 1 and 2 are grouped in the  $k_{\rm L}$  term which would include, for example, reactions with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>-OH. When HO<sub>2</sub> is not present (movable discharge off) the loss is

$$k_{-}^{I} = -(d \ln [O]/dt)_{-} = k_{L}$$
 (IV)

and

$$k^{I} = k_{+}^{I} - k_{-}^{I} = k_{1}[HO_{2}]$$
 (V)

Equating  $k_{\perp}^{\rm I}$  and  $k_{\rm L}$  in eq IV assumes that atomic oxygen losses due to secondary reactions are negligibly changed when the HO<sub>2</sub> source is switched on and off. Evidence that the secondary chemistry is unimportant is provided by using two entirely different sources of HO<sub>2</sub> and will be discussed below.

Typical atomic oxygen decays for several  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentrations at 264 K are shown in Figure 1. No loss was observed in the absence of  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  ( $k_-^{\mathrm{I}} < 1 \, \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ ) except at 372 K where  $k_-^{\mathrm{I}} = 2.5 \, \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ . Generally, the decay plots showed no evidence of curvature over two or more reaction lifetimes. The slopes were used to obtain  $k^{\mathrm{I}}$ .

Table I summarizes the experimental conditions and results obtained in the present study. Concentrations of

TABLE I: Kinetic Data for  $O + HO_2 \rightarrow OH + O_2$ 

temp, K	$\overline{v}$ , cm s <sup>-1</sup>	radical sources	$10^{-12} \times [HO_2], cm^{-3}$	$10^{-10} \times [O]_0, cm^{-3}$	$k^{\mathrm{I}}$ , $\mathbf{s}^{\scriptscriptstyle{-1}}$	$10^{11}k_1$ , cm <sup>3</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
372	1770	а	0.959 1.57 1.88 2.08 2.35 2.66	8.59 9.02 8.74 9.60 11.6 14.2	50.9 81.2 101.4 107.7 130.8 148.5	5.31 5.17 5.39 5.18 5.57 5.58 av $(5.37 \pm 0.36)^d$
299	1530	a	1.07 1.32 1.61 1.62 1.95 1.96 2.01 2.22 2.34 2.63 2.83 3.20 3.20 3.32	6.83 3.80 13.9 5.02 6.91 7.25 13.1 7.11 12.9 14.7 7.50 6.88 13.9 7.27	60.3 77.8 94.8 93.2 114.7 122.4 119.1 136.2 145.1 161.2 158.4 198.7 196.6 209.5	5.64 5.89 5.89 5.75 5.88 6.24 5.92 6.14 6.20 6.13 5.60 6.21 6.14 6.31 av (6.00 ± 0.46) <sup>d</sup>
299	1520	b	0.853 0.973 1.18 1.24 1.44 1.45 1.64 1.65 1.84 2.18 2.19 2.45 2.56 2.83 3.10	9.47 8.25 5.92 11.1 10.5 18.8 11.0 7.12 17.1 6.36 10.4 9.58 15.6 18.7 11.3	50.4 56.6 70.4 78.3 88.8 93.9 105.7 105.6 120.1 135.4 138.9 149.1 169.2 187.0 196.5	5.91 5.82 5.97 6.32 6.17 6.48 6.44 6.40 6.53 6.21 6.34 6.09 6.61 6.61 6.61 6.34 av (6.28 ± 0.50) <sup>d</sup>
299	1500	c	0.653 0.717 0.911 1.06 1.17 1.18 1.37 1.46 1.58 1.67 1.79 1.81 1.91 1.92 2.01 2.18 2.20 2.36 2.38 2.63 2.92	12.37 5.44 7.59 6.49 6.88 5.67 6.48 5.56 7.87 6.26 8.17 8.86 5.55 6.48 7.92 6.20 6.72 7.80 9.28 7.37 7.20	35.8 45.6 59.2 70.1 70.2 68.5 78.7 81.0 94.7 98.1 105.4 112.6 120.4 111.1 111.1 125.1 139.8 142.8 145.2 188.4 170.9	5.48 6.36 6.50 6.61 6.00 5.80 5.74 5.55 5.99 5.87 5.89 6.22 6.30 5.79 5.53 5.74 6.36 6.05 6.10 7.16 5.85 av (6.04 ± 0.82) <sup>d</sup>
264	1400	а	1.30 1.69 1.97 2.59 2.89 3.12	9.45 10.4 9.39 8.86 15.1 8.63	83.1 109.6 130.0 166.1 189.4 210.9	6.39 6.48 6.60 6.41 6.55 6.76 av (6.53 ± 0.28) <sup>d</sup>
229	1220	а	0.974 1.63 1.73 2.06 2.18	12.3 12.8 11.7 13.7 13.2	73.5 128.7 134.0 153.8 157.4	7.55 7.90 7.75 7.47 7.22

TABLE I (Continued)

temp, K	υ, cm s <sup>-1</sup>	radical sources	$10^{-12} \times [HO_2], cm^{-3}$	10 <sup>-10</sup> × [O] <sub>0</sub> , cm <sup>-3</sup>	k <sup>I</sup> , s <sup>-1</sup>	$10^{11}k_1$ , cm <sup>3</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
			2.38	13.2	179.3	7.53 av $(7.57 \pm 0.46)^d$

<sup>a</sup> Atomic oxygen from ozone pyrolysis;  $HO_2$  from  $Cl + CH_3OH + O_2$ . <sup>b</sup> Atomic oxygen from ozone pyrolysis;  $HO_2$  from  $F + H_2O_2$ . <sup>c</sup> Atomic oxygen from microwave discharge of  $O_2$ ;  $HO_2$  from  $F + H_2O_2$ . <sup>d</sup> Errors are twice the standard deviation.

TABLE II: Rate Constants for the O + HO, Reaction

	radical	$10^{11}k_1,^d \text{ cm}^3$	molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		
temp, K		average	slope <sup>f</sup>	intercept, $f s^{-1}$	
372	а	5.37 ± 0.36	5.77 ± 0.52	-7 ± 10	
299	а	$6.00 \pm 0.46$	$6.39 \pm 0.38$	$-8 \pm 9$	
299	ь	$6.28 \pm 0.50$	$6.62 \pm 0.30$	$-5 \pm 6$	
299	c	$6.04 \pm 0.82$	$6.28 \pm 0.58$	$-4 \pm 10$	
	overall average at 299 K:	$6.11 \pm 0.36$	,		
264	a	$6.53 \pm 0.28$	$6.82 \pm 0.41$	$-6 \pm 10$	
229	а	$7.57 \pm 0.46$	$7.19 \pm 0.80$	$+7 \pm 15$	

<sup>a</sup> Atomic oxygen from ozone pyrolysis;  $HO_2$  from  $Cl + CH_3OH + O_2$ . <sup>b</sup> Atomic oxygen from ozone pyrolysis;  $HO_2$  from  $F + H_2O_2$ . <sup>c</sup> Atomic oxygen from microwave discharge of  $O_2$ ;  $HO_2$  from  $F + H_2O_2$ . <sup>d</sup> Errors are twice the standard deviation. <sup>e</sup> From average of individual  $k^{\rm I}/[HO_2]$  values. <sup>f</sup> From plot of  $k^{\rm I}$  vs.  $[HO_2]$ ; the values given are from linear least-

HO<sub>2</sub> are the average of the concentrations observed at the minimum and maximum reaction times of each run. Observed HO<sub>2</sub> decays due to wall loss, recombination (eq 6),

$$HO_2 + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$$
 (6)

and reaction with atomic oxygen were generally less than 15%. The data have been corrected for axial and radial diffusion, 15 for the viscous pressure drop between the reaction zone and the pressure measurement port, 16 and for quenching of OH fluorescence by O2. Pressure corrections lowered the observed values of  $k_1$  by less than 2% while diffusion corrections increased  $k_1$  from 2 to 10%. Quenching corrections were made by using a radiative lifetime of 0.693  $\mu$ s for the A state of OH<sup>17</sup> and a value of  $9.6 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the O<sub>2</sub> quenching rate constant. 18,19 The latter corrections, which were necessary only when  $HO_2$  was produced by  $Cl + CH_3OH + O_2$ , decreased observed  $k_1$  values by about 12%. Corrections for radical losses during the HO<sub>2</sub> to OH conversion (see Discussion section) have also been applied to the HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations given in column one. These corrections decreased the observed  $k_1$  values by 4-14%. Net corrections to  $k_1$  averaged about 15% or less which is well within the estimated experimental error of  $\pm 25\%$ .

The last column of Table I gives the bimolecular rate constant,  $k_1$ , obtained from  $k^{\rm I}/[{\rm HO_2}]$ . Plots of  $k^{\rm I}$  vs.  $[{\rm HO_2}]$ were also used to calculate  $k_1$ , and the results are summarized in Table II. The averages of  $k^{I}/[HO_2]$  values differ by less than twice the standard deviation from values calculated from the least-squares slopes. Average values are used in the remainder of this discussion.

The rate data are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 2. The resulting Arrhenius expression obtained from a linear least-squares analysis of the data is

 $k_1 \text{ (cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) =$ 

$$(3.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11} \exp[(+200 \pm 28)/T]$$

for  $229 \le T \le 372$  K. The errors are twice the standard

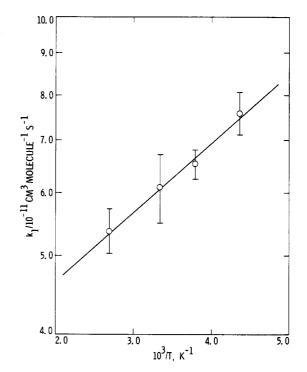


Figure 2. Arrhenius plot of the rate data for  $O + HO_2$ . The error bars are twice the standard deviation.

deviation obtained from the analysis.

### Discussion

Secondary Chemistry. At the high initial stoichiometric ratios used in the present study, secondary reactions involving product OH should be negligible. This is confirmed by the absence of curvature in atomic oxygen pseudo-first-order decay plots and by the lack of any significant variation in  $k_1$  over a wide range of initial concentrations. Moreover, the results are essentially independent of the sources of atomic oxygen and HO<sub>2</sub>. This shows that the secondary chemistry associated with the sources is also unimportant.

As an additional test for interference from secondary reactions, computer simulations of the  $k_1$  determinations were run with the reactions listed in Table VI of the Appendix. For  $HO_2$  produced from  $F + H_2O_2$  and atomic

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TABLE III: Results of Test for Secondary Reactions Using Computer Simulations<sup>a</sup>

10 <sup>-12</sup> × [HO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> , cm <sup>-3</sup>	10 <sup>-11</sup> × [O] <sub>0</sub> , cm <sup>-3</sup>	10 <sup>11</sup> k <sub>1</sub> (calcd), <sup>b</sup> cm <sup>3</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_1(\text{model})^c/\ k_1(\text{calcd})$	
1.0	0.5	6.16	0.99	
1.0	1.0	6.23	0.98	
2.0	1.0	6.11	1.00	
3.0	1.0	6.11	1.00	

 $^a$  HO $_2$  from Cl + CH $_3$ OH + O $_2$ ; O atoms from O $_3$  pyrolysis; reactions 1–3 and 5–29 of Table VI. [OH] $_0$  = 5  $\times$  10° cm $^{-3}$ , [H] $_0$  = 5  $\times$  10° cm $^{-3}$ , [O $_3$ ] = (2–4)  $\times$  10¹¹ cm $^{-3}$ , [CH $_3$ OH] = 4  $\times$  10¹³ cm $^{-3}$ , [O $_2$ ] = 1.3  $\times$  10¹⁵ cm $^{-3}$ , bhoreone kallow and the sum of th

oxygen from an O2 discharge, reactions 1-10 were used; for  $HO_2$  from  $F + H_2O_2$  and atomic oxygen from  $O_3$  pyrolysis, reactions 1-14 were used; and for  $HO_2$  from  $Cl + CH_3OH$ + O<sub>2</sub> and atomic oxygen from O<sub>3</sub> pyrolysis, reactions 1-3 and 5-29 were used. In all cases initial concentrations were similar to those of experimental runs. A value of  $6.1 \times 10^{-11}$ cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> was used for  $k_1$  in the model. The results obtained for the third case are summarized in Table III; similar results were obtained for the other simulations. The value of  $k_1$  (calcd) was obtained from the computer generated ln [O] vs. time plots for reaction times between 6 and 22 ms. This closely simulates the procedure used to obtain  $k_1$  from actual experimental data. The last column gives the ratio of  $k_1$  used in the model to  $k_1$  calculated. The results confirm that secondary reactions do not interfere with the present measurements. Little or no curvature was detected in the computer-generated ln [O] vs. time plots in agreement with experimental observations.

Absolute HO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations. As discussed earlier HO<sub>2</sub> was determined after quantitatively converting it to OH by adding a large excess of NO (eq 39) 2-3-ms upstream of the OH detector. As the NO concentration was in-

creased the observed signal intensity of OH generated from  $\rm HO_2$  increased to a broad maximum and then slowly decreased. Concentrations of NO used were near the maximum of the OH signal. For  $\rm HO_2$  generated from F +  $\rm H_2O_2$ , [NO] =  $3.2 \times 10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>; for  $\rm HO_2$  from Cl + CH<sub>3</sub>OH + O<sub>2</sub>, [NO] =  $2.5 \times 10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Possible reasons for this difference will be discussed below.

During the conversion of  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  to OH, some loss of radicals is expected to occur mainly by reactions 3, 5, 10, and 36 (see Table VI). By calculating the OH detector sensitivity in terms of the OH concentration at the NO addition port (eq I), losses due to reactions 5, 10, and 36 which are present both during the calibration and the conversion tend to cancel and calibration errors are minimized.

To estimate the magnitude of radical loss, both the OH calibration and the  $\rm HO_2$  to OH conversion were simulated with computer models. For the OH calibration, reactions 2, 5, 10, and 30–38 in Table VI were used. Initial concentrations were chosen to simulate experimental runs with  $\rm [H]_0=1.7\times10^{13}~cm^{-3}$ ,  $\rm [H_2]_0=8.5\times10^{12}~cm^{-3}$ , and  $\rm [NO_2]_0=1\times10^{12}-3\times10^{12}~cm^{-3}$ . The results for  $\rm [NO_2]_0=2\times10^{12}~cm^{-3}$  are shown in Figure 3. Correcting  $\rm [NO_2]_0$  with only reactions 5 and 10 yields OH concentrations at 7 ms which agree with the computer-generated values to within 1%. This correction procedure is exactly that used on the experimental data. The close agreement confirms that the major losses of OH during calibration have been included.

For the  $\rm HO_2$  to OH conversion, reactions 1–14, 30, 31, and 33–40 were used for the F +  $\rm H_2O_2$  system. All of the reactions given in Table VI except reactions 4 and 32 were used to model the Cl + CH<sub>3</sub>OH + O<sub>2</sub> system. Initial concentrations were similar to those observed in actual experiments. Initial concentrations of  $\rm HO_2$  were those calculated from the OH calibration model at the 7-ms reaction time. The results for  $\rm [HO_2]_0 = 1.81 \times 10^{12}~cm^{-3}$  and  $\rm [NO] = 3.2 \times 10^{14}~cm^{-3}$  are shown in Figure 3. This initial concentration of  $\rm HO_2$  is equal to the concentration of OH at the 7-ms reaction time during the calibration run

TABLE IV: Computer Simulations of OH Calibration and HO, to OH Conversion

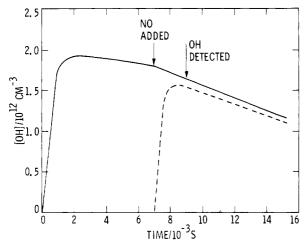
	OH calibration	1	HO <sub>2</sub> to	OH conversion		
$ \begin{array}{c}     \hline     10^{-12} \times \\     [NO_2]_0, \\     cm^{-3} \end{array} $	10 <sup>-12</sup> × [OH] <sub>7ms</sub> , <sup>a</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup>	10 <sup>-12</sup> × [OH] <sub>9ms</sub> , b cm <sup>-3</sup>	$ \begin{array}{c} \overline{10^{-12} \times} \\ [\text{HO}_2]_0, \\ \text{cm}^{-3} \end{array} $	10 <sup>-12</sup> × [OH] <sub>2ms</sub> , c, e cm <sup>-3</sup>	corr factor <sup>d, e</sup>	
1.0 2.0 3.0	0.927 $1.81$ $2.64$	0.843 1.63 2.36	0.927 1.81 2.64	0.814 (0.789) 1.54 (1.48) 2.20 (2.09)	1.04 (1.07) 1.06 (1.10) 1.07 (1.13)	

 $^a$  [OH]  $_{\rm 2ms}$  is OH concentration 7 ms after start of H + NO  $_2$  reaction.  $^b$  [OH]  $_{\rm 2ms}$  is OH concentration 9 ms after start of H + NO  $_2$  reaction and 2 ms after NO addition.  $^c$  [OH]  $_{\rm 2ms}$  is OH concentration 2 ms after start of HO  $_2$  + NO reaction.  $^d$  Correction factor is [OH]  $_{\rm 2ms}/[{\rm OH}]_{\rm 2ms}$ .  $^e$  Numbers without parentheses give results for HO  $_2$  from F + H2O2. Numbers in parentheses give results for HO  $_2$  from Cl + CH3OH + O2. For F + H2O2 source: [H2O2] = 3.1  $\times$  10<sup>13</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>; [NO] = 3.2  $\times$  10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>; [O3] = 4.0  $\times$  10<sup>11</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>; no difference was observed when [O3] = 0. For Cl + CH3OH + O2 source: [CH3OH] = 4.0  $\times$  10<sup>13</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>; [NO] = 2.5  $\times$  10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>; [O3] = 4.0  $\times$  10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>.

TABLE V: Summary of k, Measurements at 298 K

10 <sup>11</sup> k <sub>1</sub> , cm <sup>3</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	press, torr	runs	$method^a$	comments	ref
6.1 ± 0.4	1.0	50	DF-RF	absolute measurement, [HO <sub>2</sub> ] >> [O]	present results
$3.7^b (3.3 \pm 1.0)^c$	0.8 - 2.3	6	DF-LMR-ESR	results depend on $k_3$ and $k_4$ , [O] >> [HO <sub>2</sub> ]	5
$4.2 \pm 1.5$	2.8 - 3.4	4	DF-LMR-ESR	absolute measurement, $[HO,] >> [O]$	5
$3.0^d (3.3 \pm 1.0)^c$	3.7-5.5	5	DF-LMR-ESR	relative to $k_2$	5
$2.7^{d} (2.9 \pm 1)^{c'}$	1.0	8	DF-LMR	relative to $k_2$	6
$6.3^e (3.2 \pm 1)^c$	1.0	8	DF-LMR	relative to $k_{4}$	6
$7 \pm 2$	1200	6	PR-UVA	computer simulations of [HO <sub>2</sub> ] and [O <sub>3</sub> ] vs. time	7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> DF, discharge flow; RF, resonance fluorescence; LMR, laser magnetic resonance; ESR, electron spin resonance; PR, pulse radiolysis; UVA, ultraviolet absorption. <sup>b</sup> Recalculated by using  $k_4 = 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and  $k_3 = 6.4 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>c</sup> The numbers in parentheses are the originally reported values of  $k_1$ . <sup>d</sup> Based on  $k_2 = 3.3 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>e</sup> Based on  $k_4 = 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure 3.** Computer simulations of OH calibration and HO $_2$  to OH conversion. The solid line shows [OH] during a calibration run with OH generated from H + NO $_2$  (eq 30). [H] = 1.7  $\times$  10<sup>13</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, [NO $_2$ ] $_0$  = 2.0  $\times$  10<sup>12</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, [NO] = 3.2  $\times$  10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>. The change in slope at the NO addition point is due to the increased OH loss in the presence of NO (see text). The dashed line gives [OH] during HO $_2$  to OH conversion with OH generated from HO $_2$  + NO (eq 39). [HO $_2$ ] $_0$  = 1.8  $\times$  10<sup>12</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, [NO] = 3.2  $\times$  10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>.

which used an initial  $NO_2$  concentration of  $2.0 \times 10^{12}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. The ratio of OH concentration at the detector during calibration to that during conversion gives an estimate of additional OH losses during the  $HO_2$  to OH conversion. Results at several initial concentrations are summarized in Table IV, the last column of which gives the desired ratio. Additional  $HO_2$  to OH conversion losses in the system with  $F + H_2O_2$  as the  $HO_2$  source are calculated to be less than 10%. Added losses in the system with Cl +  $CH_3OH + O_2$  to form  $HO_2$  are less than 15%. The slightly higher loss in the latter system is evidently due to formation of HNO by reaction of NO with HCO (eq 41) and possibly with  $CH_2OH$  (eq 42). Unlike HCO, HNO

$$HCO + NO \rightarrow HNO + CO$$
 (41)

$$CH_2OH + NO \rightarrow HNO + H_2CO$$
 (42)

does not react rapidly with  $O_2$  to form  $HO_2$ . Thus, formation of HNO represents a loss of  $HO_x$  radicals from the system. This loss due to HNO formation also accounts for the occurrence of maximum OH from  $HO_2$  at lower NO concentrations than those used in the  $F + H_2O_2$  system.

Absolute  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentrations were obtained from the observed OH fluorescence intensities by using the calibrated detector sensitivity,  $S(\mathrm{OH})$ , defined in eq I. This gives the  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentration at the NO addition port uncorrected for added losses during the  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  to OH conversion. Correction factors derived in a manner similar to those in Table IV were then applied to obtain  $\mathrm{HO}_2$  concentrations used in the rate constant calculations. In all cases these corrections were less than 14%.

Comparison with Previous Results. Measurements of  $k_1$  near 298 K are summarized in Table V. Some of the earlier studies were made relative to  $k_2$  and  $k_4$  or depend on values for  $k_3$  and  $k_4$ . As discussed more fully below, the close agreement of two of the previous studies with the present result may be accidental.

Hack et al. made three determinations of  $k_1$  using a discharge flow system with laser magnetic resonance-electron spin resonance detection.<sup>5</sup> In the first measurement, excess atomic oxygen was used. Under these conditions, the observed  $HO_2$  decays ranged from 11 to 160 s<sup>-1</sup> but included large contributions, 8–72 s<sup>-1</sup>, due to  $HO_2$  regeneration from reaction 4. Thus, this method is not suitable for an accurate determination of  $k_1$ . The second

TABLE VI: Reactions Used in Computer Simulations

no.	reaction	rate constant at 298 K <sup>a</sup>
(1)	$O + HO_2 \rightarrow OH + O_2$	6.1 × 10 <sup>-11</sup> b
( <b>2</b> )	$O + OH \rightarrow O_2 + H$	$3.3 \times 10^{-11}$
(3)	$OH + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$	$6.4 \times 10^{-11} c$
(4)	$OH + H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + HO_2$	$1.7 \times 10^{-12}$
(5)	$OH + OH \rightarrow H_2O + O$	$1.8 \times 10^{-12}$
(6)	$HO_2 + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$
(7)	$H + HO_2 \rightarrow OH + OH$	3.2 × 10 <sup>-11</sup>
(8)	$H + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2 + O_2$	$1.4 \times 10^{-11}$
(9)	HO <sub>2</sub> + wall → products	$5 s^{-1} b$
(10)	$OH + wall \rightarrow products$	$8 s^{-1} b, d$
(11)	$O + O_3 \rightarrow 2 O_2$	$8.8 \times 10^{-15}$
(12)	$HO_2 + O_3 \rightarrow OH + 2O_2$	$1.6\times~10^{-15}$
(13)	$OH' + O_3 \rightarrow HO_2 + O_2$	$6.8 \times 10^{-14}$
(14)	$H + O_3 \rightarrow OH + O_2$	$2.8 \times 10^{-11}$
(15)	$O + CH_3OH \rightarrow OH' + CH_2OH$	$5.5 \times 10^{-15} e$
(16)	$OH + CH3OH \rightarrow H2O + CH2OH$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$
(17)	$Cl + CH_3OH \rightarrow HCl + CH_2OH$	$6.3 \times 10^{-11}$ f
(18)	$Cl + O_3 \rightarrow ClO + O_2$	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
(19)	$O + H_2CO \rightarrow OH + HCO$	$1.6 \times 10^{-13}$
(20)	$OH + H_2CO \rightarrow H_2O + HCO$	$1.0 \times 10^{-11}$
(21)	$H + H_2CO \rightarrow H_2 + HCO$	$5.4 \times 10^{-14}$
(22)	$Cl + H_2CO \rightarrow HCl + HCO$	$7.3 \times 10^{-11}$
(23)	$O + Cl_2 \rightarrow ClO + Cl$	$4.2 \times 10^{-14}$
(24)	$H + Cl_2 \rightarrow HCl + Cl$	$2.0 \times 10^{-11}$
(25)	$OH + Cl_2 \rightarrow HOCl + Cl$	$5.5 \times 10^{-14}$
(26)	$Cl + HO_2 \rightarrow HCl + O_2$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$
(27)	$O_2 + CH_2OH \rightarrow HO_2 + H_2CO$	$2.0\times 10^{-12}h$
(28)	$O + HCO \rightarrow OH + CO$	$2.1 \times 10^{-10}$
(29)	$O_2 + HCO \rightarrow HO_2 + CO$	$5.0 \times 10^{-12}$
(30)	$H + NO_2 \rightarrow OH + NO$	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$
(31)	$O + NO_2 \rightarrow O_2 + NO$	$9.3 \times 10^{-12}$
(32)	$OH + H_2 \rightarrow H_2O + H$	$7.5 \times 10^{-15}$
(33)	$H + NO + He \rightarrow HNO + He$	$2.0 \times 10^{-32}$
(34)	$OH + HNO \rightarrow H_2O + NO$	$7.0 \times 10^{-11}$
(35)	$H + HNO \rightarrow H_2 + NO$	$1.0 \times 10^{-13}$
(36)	$OH + NO + He \rightarrow HONO + He$	$3.8 \times 10^{-31}$ i
(37)	$OH + NO_2 + He \rightarrow HONO_2 + He$	$9.2 \times 10^{-31}$
(38)	$O + NO + He \rightarrow NO_2 + He$	$6.2 \times 10^{-32} i$
(39)	$HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2$	$8.1 \times 10^{-12}$
(40)	$O_3 + NO \rightarrow NO_2 + O_2$	$1.8 \times 10^{-14}$
(41)	$HCO + NO \rightarrow HNO + CO$	$1.3 \times 10^{-11}$
(42)	$CH_2OH + NO \rightarrow HNO + H_2CO$	$5.0 \times 10^{-12}  k$

 $^a$  Unless otherwise indicated, units are cm³ molecule¹¹ s¹¹ and values were obtained from ref 26-28.  $^b$  Measured.  $^c$  Reference 8.  $^d$  In the absence of added NO  $k_{10}=8$  s¹¹, the average of the observed wall loss. To account for the increased loss of OH in the presence of NO (not necessarily due to wall loss, see text),  $k_{10}=40$  s¹¹ when NO was added: At this value the reduction in [OH] with NO present amounts to about 6% in 2 ms which closely simulates the experimental observation.  $^c$  Reference 29.  $^f$  Reference 12.  $^c$  Reference 30.  $^h$  Reference 13.  $^i$  cm² molecule² s¹¹.  $^f$  References 31 and 32.  $^h$  Estimated. The results are not very sensitive to the value of  $k_{42}$  used. For example, calculated OH loss during HO $_2$  to OH conversion is 6 and 9% for  $k_{42}=0$  and  $5\times 10^{-11}$  cm³ molecule¹¹ s¹¹, respectively.

measurement of Hack et al. followed the decay of atomic oxygen in the presence of excess  $HO_2$ . The results are about 45% below the present results. The reason for the difference is not clear since similar conditions appear to have been used in both studies. A possible cause may lie in the details of the calibration procedure used to obtain absolute  $HO_2$  concentrations. The third  $k_1$  determination of Hack et al. was made relative to  $k_2$  by measuring [OH] and  $[HO_2]$  at the time that [OH] was at its maximum. OH was produced by reaction 1 and destroyed by reaction 2 and wall losses. Computer simulations of these experiments with conditions given in Table 3 of Hack et al. show that the [OH] maximum occurs in about 1 ms and that at this time the  $[HO_2]$  is falling rapidly. Thus, a reliable

measurement of  $k_1/k_2$  cannot be made in this way. A better approach is to determine  $k_1/k_2$  from the quasisteady state [OH] and [HO2] which occur at longer reaction

Burrows et al.<sup>6</sup> measured  $k_1$  relative to  $k_2$  and  $k_4$  using a low-pressure flow system with laser magnetic resonance detection. Rate data were obtained from the observed maximum concentrations of OH and HO2 radicals which were generated by reacting atomic oxygen with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The results when corrected by using recently reported measurements of  $k_4^{9,20,21}$  become internally inconsistent. This suggests that the mechanism used in the data analysis was inadequate.

Lii et al.  $^{7}$  determined  $k_1$  by monitoring [HO<sub>2</sub>] and [O<sub>3</sub>] following pulse radiolysis of O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>-Ar mixtures at 1200torr total pressure. Computer simulations of the observed concentration vs. time profiles were used to obtain a value in good agreement with the present results. However, variation of  $k_1$  from  $3.2 \times 10^{-11}$  to  $7.3 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> in the simulations had only a small effect on the calculated profiles. Thus, under the conditions used by Lii et al., this approach cannot be used to determine  $k_1$  within error limits less than a factor of 5-10.

Temperature Dependence of  $k_1$ . Very few studies of reaction 1 at temperatures other than room temperature have been reported previously. Work by Peeters and Mahnen on methane-oxygen flames resulted in a value for  $k_1 \approx 8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 1600 \text{ K}.^{22}$  Following studies of  $H_2$ – $N_2$ – $O_2$  flames, Day et al. reported  $k_1 = 6 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 1050 K.<sup>23</sup> The present study is the first direct measurement of  $k_1$  at temperatures characteristic of the upper atmosphere. The slightly negative temperature dependence observed in  $k_1$  has also been found in a number of other atom (radical)-radical reactions including reaction 2. Possible interpretations of this temperature dependence have been discussed in detail previously.24,25

Atmospheric Chemistry. The present results are expected to have a significant effect on predicted concentrations of atomic oxygen and  $O_3$  in the atmosphere. Reaction 1 is a major loss of atomic oxygen in the upper mesosphere above 65-70 km where loss by reaction with O<sub>2</sub> (eq 43) no longer dominates. Reactions 1 and 2 as well

$$O + O_2 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M \tag{43}$$

as reactions 11 and 14 are important sinks for odd oxygen throughout the mesosphere and upper stratosphere, and, thus, limit the total  $[O] + [O_3]$  in these regions. Moreover, reactions 1 and 2 strongly affect the relative concentrations of odd hydrogen species (H, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>) in the mesosphere. For example, the concentration ratio [OH]/[HO<sub>2</sub>] in this region is given by eq VI, where  $k_{44}$  is the rate coefficient

$$\frac{[OH]}{[HO_2]} = \left\{ \frac{k_{44}[M][O_2] + k_{14}[O_3]}{k_{44}[M][O_2]} \right\} \frac{k_1}{k_2}$$
 (VI)

for reaction of atomic hydrogen with  $O_2$  (eq 44). When  $H + O_2 + M \rightarrow HO_2 + M$ 

numerical values are used, it can be shown that the expression in brackets ranges from 1.1 to 1.3 between 40 and 80 km. Thus, to a good approximation, [OH]/[HO<sub>2</sub>] is determined by the rate constant ratio  $k_1/k_2$ . Previous values used in atmospheric models gave  $k_1/k_2$  near 1.0. With the present results and the recently reported temperature-dependent studies of  $k_2$ ,  $^{24,25}$  the ratio increases to 1.9–2.1 between 40 and 80 km. Further work is planned to directly measure  $k_1/k_2$  over a temperature range characteristic of the upper atmosphere.

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#### Appendix

Computer simulations were run to test for interference from secondary reactions and for loss of radicals during the HO<sub>2</sub> to OH conversion. Table VI summarizes the reactions and rate constants used in the simulations.

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