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mass peaks are significantly broader. Figure 4, for example, contains a direct comparison of the peak widths for the Re$_2^+$ isotopic triplet and Mn$_2$(CO)$_9^+$ at masses 370, 372, 374, and 362, respectively. As noted in the Results section, the intensities of the M$^+$, M$^+_2$, and MCO$^+$ peaks are linear with pressure while all M$_2$(CO)$_9^+$ and M$_2$(CO)$_{10}^+$ ions display a quadratic dependence. Of particular note is the occurrence of the adduct or "superparent" M$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$ peaks at high mass.

The results outlined above lead to the conclusion that the high mass fragmentation observed are a result of an efficient recombination process. The ion–molecule reaction below is the most likely path to the high mass ions.  

$$M^+ + M_2(CO)_{10} \rightarrow M_3(CO)_{10}^+$$  
$$M_2(CO)_{10}^+ \rightarrow M_3(CO)_{10}^+, M_2(CO)_{10}^+, M_3(CO)_{10}^+, M_2(CO)_{10}^+$$

(5) (6)

The rate-limiting step in this reaction is formation of the M$^+$ ion, as indicated by the wavelength dependence of the signal (at fixed mass) which is enhanced when the laser is tuned to an atomic resonance. The efficiency of such ion–molecule reactions is high.

While ion–molecule reactions involving transition-metal ions have been studied by ICR techniques, there are few reports on reaction of metal ions with transition-metal carbonyls. The reaction products of Mn$^+$ + Mn$_2$(CO)$_{10}$ investigated in a recent ICR experiment consist of Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$, $n = 5, 7-9$. On the longer timescale (ms) of the ICR experiment Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$ is not observed. The estimated lifetime of this unstable ion is therefore on the order of picoseconds. The remarkable stability of such an energetic species can be understood in terms of the large numbers of modes available to support the excess (recombination) energy. Bond dissociation energies for Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$ are not available; however, in general, M–M bond cleavage and CO dissociation are both expected fragmentation processes for Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$. The process Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+ \rightarrow$ Mn$_3$(CO)$_9^+$ + Mn$_2$(CO)$_9^+$ responsible for the efficient formation of the product Mn$_3$(CO)$_9^+$ is not unexpected since loss of Mn$_2$(CO)$_9^+$ is the most common process in the photodissociation of Mn$_2$(CO)$_9^+$. The small extent of fragmentation of Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$ is consistent with a limited excess energy in Mn$_3$(CO)$_{10}^+$, as verified by crude RRK calculations.

In the field of ion–molecule reactions, similar complexes of comparable lifetimes have previously been reported for several reactions, e.g., RX$^+$ + RX ($X = i$ etc.), $C_6H_6^+$ + $C_6H_6$, $C_2N_2^+$ + $C_2N_2$, and others involving polyatomic organic ions. The present study is believed to be the first report of such "adduct complexes" involving transition-metal carbonyl compounds.

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Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry of Small-Molecule Solids at Cryogenic Temperatures. 3.$^1$ Nitrogen Oxides

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Abstract: Secondary ion mass spectra of neat solids N$_2$O, NO, N$_2$O$_3$, and N$_2$O$_5$ were measured as a function of the nature and energy of the primary ions (He$^+$, Ne$^+$, Ar$^+$, Kr$^+$, Xe$^+$, 0.5-4.5 keV). All of the solids produced a rich variety of positive and negative secondary ions. Particularly striking is the abundance of cluster ions, observed above all for primary ions of large momentum. The elemental composition of the "elementary solvating units" generally does not agree with the molecular formula of the solid, suggesting that extensive ion–neutral and neutral–neutral chemistry occurs before the cluster ion reaches the mass analyzer. A qualitative model for these processes is proposed.

The use of secondary ion mass spectrometry to extend the capability of mass spectrometry to new types of substrates has developed rapidly in recent years. It is hardly surprising that it has generated considerable interest in many areas of potential application such as obtaining mass spectra of involatile compounds and of matrix isolated species. The method involves the bombardment of a solid surface by a beam of primary ions which causes the ejection of neutral particles and both positive and negative ions from the solid. The secondary ions are mass analyzed by a mass spectrometer, resulting in secondary ion mass spectra (SIMS).

Relatively little is known with certainty about the fundamental processes which are involved in the formation of secondary ions and their subsequent emission. In this respect, it appears that the investigation of solids composed of very simple molecules with simple fragmentation patterns might be helpful. A few such
measurements of neat solids of this kind have already been reported: small hydrocarbons,\(^{4,5}\) water,\(^{6}\) nitrogen, carbon monoxide,\(^{7,8}\) and rare gases.\(^{9}\) In some cases (H\(_2\)O, N\(_2\), CO, and rare gases), the resulting secondary mass spectra contain mostly peaks which reflect the composition of the solids in a simple manner. They correspond to ions which originate in ionization and fragmentation of the original molecule and the solution of the parent ion and its fragments by one or more of the molecules of the solid. In other cases (hydrocarbons), the composition of the cluster ions is not simply reflected in the composition of the original molecular solid, casting a shadow of doubt on the general analytical utility of SIMS for neat molecular solids which are more than a monolayer or so in thickness but also raising interesting questions about the processes involved. It should be noted that several workers have obtained very promising analytical results by using SIMS to examine large molecules and ionic solids, for example, quaternary ammonium salts,\(^{10,11}\) but their SIMS may involve a different process than that which is observed for small-molecule low-temperature molecular solids of interest here. The use of matrix isolation, either in rare gas solids\(^{12,13}\) or in room-temperature solids such as ammonium chloride,\(^{11}\) shows clear analytical promise.

It is against this background that work on compounds composed of simple molecules continues in our laboratory. Recently, we gave a preliminary account\(^{12}\) of the rather startling results for the four neat solids, N\(_2\)O, NO, N\(_2\)O\(_3\), and N\(_2\)O\(_4\). In the present study a more thorough qualitative examination of the SIMS of these solids and of solid N\(_2\)-O\(_2\), N\(_2\)-O\(_2\)-O\(_2\), and N\(_2\)-O\(_2\)-N\(_2\) mixtures was undertaken as a function of the nature and energy of the primary ion. Experimental Section

The secondary ion mass spectra were obtained with an Extracnuclear Laboratory quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with an electrostatic Bessel box which acts as an energy filter. The primary ion density is limited by the current of the neutral gas used to form the primary beams in the ion gun. The only additional change which the surface may already have suffered.

The solid samples were formed by introducing the appropriate gas or solid, or mixture of gases, into the preparation chamber. The mixtures of N\(_2\) with O\(_2\), N\(_2\)O with O\(_2\), and NO\(_2\) with N\(_2\) were mixed in a 1-L mixing bulb with continuous stirring for 2-3 h before deposition on the cold sample plate. The dinitrogen trioxide sample was prepared by mixing stoichiometric quantities of NO and N\(_2\)O in a 1-L mixing bulb with continuous stirring for 2-3 h before deposition on the cold sample plate. The mixtures of N\(_2\)O with O\(_2\), N\(_2\)O with O\(_2\), and NO\(_2\) with N\(_2\) were mixed, and the dinitrogen trioxide sample was prepared by mixing stoichiometric quantities of NO and N\(_2\)O in a 1-L mixing bulb with continuous stirring for 2-3 h before deposition on the cold sample plate.

Results

Monitoring of the mass spectra of the NO and N\(_2\)O in the vacuum line. After deposition on the cold sample plate the sample was heated to 30-35 K for 1-2 h. At higher temperatures, the blue sample sublimates off the plate. The mixtures of N\(_2\) with O\(_2\), N\(_2\)O with O\(_2\), and NO\(_2\) with N\(_2\) were mixed in a 1-L mixing bulb with continuous stirring for 2-3 h before deposition on the cold sample plate.

General. Several observations are common to all of the samples for which the SIMS of the solid was examined in this study. The mass spectra contain the peaks of the molecular ion, its fragments, ions due to reactions, and cluster ions. Although we suggest structures for most of the cluster ions in the figures, it should be understood that these assignments are tentative, pending collision-induced dissociation or laser-induced fragmentation studies for which we are presently not equipped.
In general, for both positive and negative secondary ions, as the momentum of the primary ion increases and its ionization potential decreases in the series He⁺, Ne⁺, Ar⁺, Kr⁺, and Xe⁺, the intensity of the fragments of the molecular ion relative to the base peak decreases and the relative intensity of the cluster ions and reaction product ions increases. This is illustrated in Figure 1 for a sample of solid NO where the intensities of fragment ions and cluster ions relative to the parent ion are plotted as a function of the primary ion momentum. Fragment ion intensities fall off in a smooth fashion with increasing momentum even though the nature of the primary ions changes from He⁺ to Ar⁺ to Xe⁺. A further illustration is provided in Figure 2 where the negative SIMS of solid N₂O₄ is recorded once with He⁺ and once with Kr⁺ as the primary ion.

In the plots of secondary ion intensity vs. primary ion momentum such as shown in Figure 1, the energy filter was set at the maximum of the cluster ion energy distribution. Because of its limited band width, the plots provide a somewhat distorted picture of the overall production of secondary ions, particularly when He⁺–Ar⁺ are used as the primary ions, since the intensities should properly be integrated over all secondary ion energies. The distortion is the smallest when intensities of two secondary ions with similar kinetic energy distributions are compared, e.g., two cluster ions, two fragment ions, or a parent ion with a fragment ion.

The kinetic energy distributions for the secondary ions show trends which are similar for all of the molecular solids examined. It should be noted that the horizontal axes in all such plots shown contain an unknown additive constant due to the surface charge and bias produced by the electron floodgun. Similarly as in past studies on H₂O⁷ and alkali halides,₁³ it was observed that when

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Figure 6. Positive SIMS of N$_2$O with He$^+$ at 1.5 keV and with Ar$^+$ at 2 keV as the impacting ion.

Figure 7. Positive SIMS of NO with He$^+$ at 2 keV and Ar$^+$ at 4 keV as the impacting ion.

Nitrous Oxide. In the positive SIMS of solid N$_2$O (Figure 6), the N$_2$O$^+$ peak is very weak, as are the fragment ions N$^+$, O$^+$, and N$_2^+$ and the O$_2^+$ ion. The most intense peak is NO$^+$. The cluster sequence which is most prominent and observed to the limit of the spectrometer is [NO(N$_2$O)${}_n$(N$_2$O)${}_m$]$^+$ where $n, m > 0$. Other cluster series which can be weakly seen in the spectra are [NO(N$_2$O)${}_n$]${}^+$, (NO)$_n^+$, and (NO$_2$)$_n^+$. Finally, N$_2$O$_4^+$ is also observed.

Nitric Oxide. The positive SIMS of solid NO is shown in Figure 7. In this case, the effect of the nature and the energy of the primary ion is particularly dramatic. With He$^+$ at 2 keV as the primary ion, the peaks due to the clusters are absent or very weak and the peaks due to NO$^+$, N$^+$, and O$^+$ are the most intense, whereas with Ar$^+$ at 4 keV, and even more so, with Xe$^+$ at 4 keV, cluster peaks dominate the spectrum. The most intense cluster series is [NO(N$_2$O)${}_n$]${}^+$, $n \geq 0$. The largest value of $n$ we observed was 12, given by the limit of the mass spectrometer. There are several other cluster series which are noticeable in Figure 7, namely, [N$_2$O(N$_2$O)${}_n$]${}^+$, [NO$_2$(N$_2$O)${}_n$]${}^+$, and very weakly, [N-(N$_2$O)${}_n$]${}^+$. Also detected is the (NO)$_2^+$ series, but after $n = 2$ its relative intensity decreases rapidly.

Dinitrogen Trioxide. The positive SIMS of solid N$_2$O$_3$ (Figure 8) is characterized by the already familiar cluster series [NO-
Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Mixtures. The SIMS of a solid 1:1 mixture of N₂O and O₂ is shown in Figure 12 and is very different from the SIMS of N₂O₃. It contains very few cluster ions of pure oxygen O₂⁺. The cluster series characteristic of pure solid N₂O₃, [NO(N₂O₃)(N₂O₄)]⁺, is present in the spectrum of the mixture but is relatively weaker. The dominant cluster series from the mixture are of a type which has been encountered previously but with intensities much less than those observed here, [NO(NO₃)]⁺. Without particular effort we have been able to detect members of this series up to n = 7. Several other peaks are present: NO⁺, (NO₂)⁺, and N₂O₃⁺.

Individual Solids—Negative SIMS

Nitrous Oxide. Negative SIMS of solid N₂O (Figure 13) is dominated by the ions O⁺, NO⁻, and NO₂⁻. With heavy primary ions, a number of cluster peaks at higher masses are observed, such as N₂O₃⁻, NO₁⁻, NO₂⁻, N₂O₄⁻, NO₃⁻, N₂O₅⁻, N₂O₆⁻, and NO₇⁻, and these probably correspond to combinations of the simple negative ions NO₃⁻ and NO₇⁻ with molecules of oxygen, ozone, or various nitrogen oxides. Pure oxygen clusters O₂⁻ are also present but are quite weak.

Nitrile Oxide. Figure 13 also displays the negative SIMS of solid NO. Unlike other nitrogen oxides, this one produces almost...
obvious that the SIMS mechanism which applies to involatile solid nitrogen and carbon monoxide and the rare gas solids investigated such as metals or inorganic salts is also the primary mechanism here. The two mechanisms most frequently discussed are a collision cascade leading to solid fragmentation and the recombination model. In the former it is hypothesized that small pieces of the matrix are ejected attached to a small ion, either a parent molecular ion or one of its fragments. In the recombination model, single atoms, molecules, or ions are ejected from the bulk and react within interaction range of the solid, recombining into clusters.

There are some similarities common to all secondary ion mass spectra, whether obtained from volatile molecular solids, metals, or salts. For instance, the energy distribution of the secondary ions appears to be always such that the molecular ions emerge with higher average energies and broader energy distribution, whereas cluster ions appear with smaller average energies at a narrower peak energy distribution. Whether this is an indication of the existence of a common generally valid mechanism remains to be seen.

The clusters emitted from solid nitrogen and CO have masses which can be understood in terms of a small ion solvated with an integral number of "elementary solvating units" whose composition corresponds to that of the molecules of the solid and which presumably are identical with the molecules N₂ and CO. This might tempt one to conclude that SIMS provides a simple tool for the determination of the structure of molecular solids. However, it is already known from previous work on a few hydrocarbons (methane, benzene, cyclohexane) that this conclusion is unwarranted. The composition of the cluster ions emitted from these molecular solids is not simply related to the molecular formulas. In particular, they tend to contain a higher C/H ratio. Because of the complexity of the spectra, little has been said about the nature of these cluster ions, and no obvious solvating unit has been identified. The composition of the cluster ions observed in the present work on solids composed of small inorganic molecules combined with the previous observations on hydrocarbons indicate that the analytical utility of the present version of SIMS for the determination of the composition of undiluted molecular solids composed of small molecules is limited. It is clear, however, that each solid produces a distinct SIMS and therefore can be identified by its individual fingerprint even though the structural information on the solid may not be clear. Unlike hydrocarbons, the presently investigated molecular inorganic solids yield spectra in which the elementary solvating units can be fairly readily guessed at in many cases even though they are clearly distinct from the molecules of the solid. Thus, the solvating units in the most intense clusters observed for all of the nitrogen oxides have the composition N₂O₄ or N₂O₆. A definitive identification of the detailed structure of these cluster ions will require much additional work such as collisional activation studies. This will be particularly important for the negative clusters for which we frequently prefer not to even make a guess at the internal structure.

In spite of the qualitative nature of the results obtained in this ground-breaking study, it is possible to formulate a working hypothesis for the detailed mechanism of the formation of secondary ions from our molecular solids which is compatible with observations. As stressed in the experimental part, the secondary ions result from individual impacts of the primary ions and their composition cannot be rationalized by invoking simultaneous arrivals of more than one primary ion within the same small surface area or by postulating cumulative surface damage. The principal observations can be summarized as follows: (i) The matrix has a strong effect; the composition and the relative intensity of the secondary ions formed are a sensitive function of molecular structure of the solid and not only of its elemental composition. (ii) A single primary ion has the ability to produce a large number of chemically transformed species in a single secondary cluster ion, on a time scale short relative to our ~100-μs time resolution. (iii) The relative abundance of higher cluster ions decreases rapidly with increasing mass.
ions increases with the primary ion momentum. (iv) There are characteristic differences in the kinetic energy distribution of secondary ions of the molecular and fragment ions on one hand and clusters on the other hand.

Tentatively, we propose the following picture. The primary ion knocks out a first batch of molecular ions or fragment ions of some molecules from the top surface layers of the solid at a variety of energies essentially immediately upon impact. Depending on the exact trajectory, a wide secondary energy distribution of the resulting simple secondary ions is produced as is observed for NO+, O+, O2+, and O- ions formed in the ion bombardment of the nitrogen oxides. Most of these will never have much chance to react with other molecules in the solid.

If the primary ions have a large momentum as well as a suitable angle of impact, a primary ion impact may cause the dislocation of one or more large pieces of the solid matrix. If the conditions are appropriate, i.e., the dislocated portions have the correct velocity vector, they are separated from the bulk of the solid and eventually produce cluster ions, contributing to a second batch of secondary ions. There larger pieces of the solid have smaller kinetic energies, and this is reflected in the cluster ion energy distributions. The very narrow energy distributions observed for cluster ions in negative SIMS may perhaps be due to a mechanism in which electrons from the flood gun attach to neutral particles of the solid.

The separation of the large fragments from the solid will depend greatly on the momentum of the impacting ion. He+ will penetrate much more deeply, transferring only a part of its energy to those layers of the solid which are near the surface and have a reasonable chance to be ejected. Therefore it will be unable to eject very large portions of the matrix and ions contained in the first batch will contribute almost all of the observed SIMS. As the size of the impacting ion increases and its momentum increases, the stopping power of the solid for the ion increases, causing the energy to be deposited in a region located nearer the surface and thus increasing the probability of ejecting a large piece of the matrix. For the heavier rare gas ions, the resulting second batch of secondary ions will represent by far most of the observed SIMS. A direct test of this hypothesis could be provided by time-resolved experiments for which we are presently not equipped. Our qualitative observations of spectral intensities and of the rate of etching as a function of the nature of the primary ion are in agreement with our postulates.

The events described so far account for the observations iii and iv and represent only a minor elaboration of the standard collision cascade mechanism. The essential part of our working hypothesis is accounting for the observations i and ii, i.e., for the composition of the cluster ions, presumably appearing in the second batch described above. Here, we invoke a picture similar to that accepted for the description of radiation damage in solids bombarded by high-energy radiation. We propose that a region similar to the radiation damage track(16) is formed upon the primary impact. While fast primary ions, y-rays, and similar particles of ionizing radiation cause ionization and chemical transformations along their trajectory at a series of points separated by considerable distances (~100 Å), the heavy particles used presently will produce a shorter but essentially continuous track of damage. Along this track, ionization, electronic excitation, and fragmentation of the molecules of the solid will occur and secondary electrons will be produced. We suspect that the latter play a significant role in inducing further ionization and other damage in the vicinity of the initial impact spot.

Overall, then, we expect the formation of a large number of highly reactive chemical species such as atoms and molecules, including fragments of the original molecules in their ground or excited electronic state, and in various states of ionization, as well as solvated electrons, in the general region of the trajectory of the primary ion in the solid, and we refer to such species collectively as the reactive centers and to the region of their occurrence as the damage track.

We do not believe that it is possible to postulate that the original damage track produced by the impacting ion consists of a hot uniform plasma at temperatures high enough to obliterate all molecular identity. The identity is clearly not lost for the solids studied here. For instance, the SIMS of a 1:1 mixture of O2 and N2 we would expect to resemble the SIMS of NO if the hot plasma picture were correct but as Figure 10 shows, it has an identity which is definitely different from the SIMS of NO (Figure 7). We consider it highly unlikely that this could be due to a segregation of the two gases during deposition, since N2 and O2 have very similar vapor pressures. Also, at the temperatures used, N2 and O2 will not segregate once deposited so that the elemental composition of the hot plasma from NO and from N2-O2 would have to be essentially identical. Further, even a wide variation in the O2/N2 ratio fails to produce anything resembling the spectrum of NO.

The large ejected fragments of the solid are likely to originate in the damage track and will contain at first both neutral and charged fragments of the original molecules of the solid as well as electronically excited species. In the case of the nitrogen oxides examined here, most of the reactive centers will undergo fast reactions with the surrounding molecules of the original solid or with each other. It is quite likely that these reactions begin before the piece of the solid in question is actually lifted from the solid matrix and that they continue in the initial stages of the flight to the mass analyzer. The initial impact and the various exothermic reactions of the reactive centers will have a heating effect on the ejected fragment of the matrix which will permit even reactions with sizeable activation barriers to occur and which will result in the vaporization of the least polar and/or polarizable components with a concomitant cooling of the cluster while those which are the most attracted to the central positive or negative charge will be the most likely to remain. The clusters must clearly reach their final composition rapidly (in less than 100 ms) and then remain stable on the time scale of at least 100 ms since we did not observe any changes in their intensity relative to that of the molecular ion when the passage time to the detector was varied. They are perhaps best viewed as very small drops of liquid, and there is a possible interesting connection to aerosols.

In the final stable form of the cluster, the charge will reside on the species with the lowest ionization potential or the highest electron affinity. In the SIMS of nitrogen oxides, these will most likely be NO+ and NO2+. Uncharged clusters are likely to vaporize very much more rapidly, but they are not detected in SIMS anyhow. The evaporative change in the charged clusters resembles fractionation by distillation but will not proceed strictly according to the usual vapor pressure, since the droplet from which the evaporation occurs is small and charged(19). The evaporation will cause a distortion of the information about the original contents of the damage track, favoring the most polar and/or polarizable components. In this respect, the SIMS analysis of a small-molecule solid will give results different from an ordinary analysis of the effects of ionizing radiation on the same solid, even though we believe that the fundamental chemical processes are identical. A second reason for the difference is the selective detection of charged species in SIMS.

The hypothesis described above would explain the selectivity of the solvating units in the SIMS of the various nitrogen oxides. The damage track caused by the impacting particle is likely to contain the fragments N2, N, O, and NO in their ground and excited states, as formed by the fragmentation of the molecular component of the solid. In addition to these neutrals, a variety (19) Droplets of liquid benzene formed upon pulsed room-temperature vacuum laser vaporization have a lifetime of several minutes. It has been estimated that if charges act as nuclei for their formation, they contain at least 2500 molecules apiece. Nakashima, N.; Irie, H.; Sumitani, M.; Yoshihara, K. J. Chem. Phys. 1980, 73, 4683. Large cluster ions have a venerable history in radiation chemistry, cf. p. 1 in ref 20.

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of ions, $N^+$, $O^+$, $O_2^+$, $N_2^+$, $NO^+$, $O^-$, and solvated electrons, $e_{\text{solv}}$, all would be present because of the excitation and charge-transfer process as well as ion-molecule reactions. Varying amounts of all or some of these will be present as the reactive centers in the piece of the matrix which is eventually ejected from the solid. In the case of the NO matrix, many of the reactive centers would easily form $N_2O_5$ by reactions such as

\[ N + NO \rightarrow N_2 + O \]
\[ O + NO \rightarrow NO_2 \]
\[ NO + NO_2 \rightarrow N_2O_5 \]

The less polarizable and less polar molecules such as NO and $N_2$ would vaporize preferentially from the ejected pieces of the solid and would carry away the excess energy due to the exothermicity of the reactions. Since NO is in large excess, the efficiency of converting NO into $N_2O_5$ through the reaction with NO should be high, and it is understandable that the $N_2O_5$ clustering unit produces the most intense clustering series and that the $N_2O_4$ clustering unit is hardly observed at all.

The SIMS of solid $N_2O$ is even more intriguing since the stoichiometry of the matrix is now such that there is much less oxygen, and yet the dominating solvating units in the clusters are the oxygen-rich $N_2O_3$ as in NO and also the even oxygen-richest $N_2O_4$. Again, the ejected piece of the matrix undergoes chemical reactions and evaporation which change its composition. In the case of $N_2O$ the reactions would be

\[ N + N_2O \rightarrow N_2 + NO \]
\[ O + N_2O \rightarrow 2NO \]
\[ O + N_2O \rightarrow O_2 + N_2 \]
\[ O + NO \rightarrow NO_2 \]
\[ NO_2 + NO_2 \rightarrow N_2O_4 \]

The increase in the oxygen content of the fragment would again be due to the loss of the less polarizable and less polar constituents. Now, NO is much less abundant in the solid so that the NO$_2$ produced is not all trapped as $N_2O_3$. Since it does not react with $N_2O$, it eventually produces the highly polarizable dimer $N_2O_4$ instead.

The chemical reactions invoked above for the formation of cluster ions for solid $N_2O$ and NO are well documented (for a survey, see ref 21). Similar processes can be postulated for solid $N_2O_3$ and $N_2O_4$ where the observed clusters are again made up of $N_2O_3$ and $N_2O_4$ units. In $N_2O_3$, the formation of $N_2O_4$ and NO can be accounted for by net processes such as

\[ N + N_2O_3 \rightarrow 3NO \]
\[ O + N_2O_3 \rightarrow N_2O_4 \]

which would presumably involve several steps. For solid $N_2O_4$, similar overall processes such as

\[ N + N_2O_4 \rightarrow NO + N_2O_3 \]
\[ NO + N_2O_4 \rightarrow NO_2 + N_2O_3 \]
\[ O + N_2O_4 \rightarrow N_2O_5 \]

appear reasonable to postulate and will account for the composition of the cluster ions.

There is little doubt that ion–molecule reactions and excited-state processes are responsible for many of the reactions that occur. It is quite possible, however, that the majority of the processes involved in the generation of the “solvating units” are due to reactions of neutral species. These chemical reactions can be compared to those observed in the radiation chemistry of gaseous nitrogen oxides and in high-pressure mass spectrometry where reaction products and clusters are observed. It is clear from these studies that the O atom plays a crucial role among the reactive centers. The relatively high mobility of O and N atoms in low-temperature matrices relative to diatomics and larger molecules may further enhance their importance in the processes studied here.

Our hypothesis is compatible with the results obtained previously on solid CO and $N_2$ and the solid rare gases, although they do not demand it since the cluster ions observed for them reflect the composition of the molecular solid. It also provides a natural explanation for the results reported for solid $O_2$. The rare gases can only produce clusters of the type $(R_g)_n$; their observed relative abundance as a function of $n$ changes as expected with the nature of the bombarding ion. The primary reactive centers in solid CO should be C, O, C*, C*, O*, and O* in their ground and excited states as well as ionized CO* and/or excited CO* molecules and $e_{\text{solv}}$. Plausible reactions of these centers with each other and with the excess CO present in the solid account for the nature of the observed charge carriers, primarily $C_2^+$ and CO*, and solvating unit in the clusters, CO. Some of the solvating units may well be attached by strong bonds (e.g., in $C_2O_4^+$), others hold on by charge-dipole and charge-induced dipole forces [e.g., in $(CO)_2^+$].

In solid $N_2$, the primary reactive centers should be $N^+$, $N$, and $N^*$ in ground and excited states, excited states of $N_2^*$, and $e_{\text{solv}}$. Only $N_2$ is available as the solvating unit. In solid $O_2$, the situation is different. Several of the reactive centers, O*, O, O*, $O_2^*$, $O_2^*$, and $e_{\text{solv}}$, have the capacity to produce $O_3$ by reaction with the excess $O_2$ present. Its higher polarity and polarizability will then lead to its preferential retention in the observed cluster ions, suggested by the experimental intensities.

Even our present results on the mixed solids are compatible with the “two batches” hypothesis, although a detailed discussion would appear premature. For example, when only a trace of $O_2$ is present in solid $N_2$, the primary reactive centers will still be mostly based on nitrogen, but some will react with $O_2$ to yield NO and $N_2O$. The former has a particularly low ionization potential and will appear as the charge carrier, NO*, to a degree disproportionate with its actual abundance in the solid. The only available solvating unit to speak of will be $N_2$. As the percentage of $O_2$ in solid $N_2$ is increased, an increasing fraction of the initial damage will be suffered by the $O_2$ molecules, producing species such as O, which will have little choice but to produce $O_3$, which will then compete with $N_2$ as the solvating unit.

It should be emphasized that the above qualitative hypothesis is proposed for molecular solids, particularly those with a high volatility where the matrix is not held together very firmly. In the case of the SIMS of metals, the results could very well be explainable by classical trajectory methods involving recombination.

The qualitative mechanism described above for the formation of the clusters will be complicated to model without much additional experimental work. It is already possible, however, to compare our SIMS results on solid NO with those obtained in an experiment where gaseous NO was expanded through a nozzle. This expansion formed clusters of NO which were analyzed by electron-impact mass spectrometry. The mass spectra obtained hardly contained the series $(NO)_n^+$ at all but instead showed the series $[NO(N_2O)]_n^+$, involving units of $N_2O_3$. We believe that these ions were formed by a process similar to that which we now postulate in SIMS: the electron impacts on the $(NO)_n$ cluster to form $N_2$, $O$, $N^+$, $O^+$, and $O^-$, in various electronic states, and possible other primary reactive centers in the cluster. These react with NO and the cluster then rids itself of excess energy by ejecting the least polarizable molecules. In fact, there is a remarkable

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(22) The formation of atoms in the bombardment of low-temperature solids such as $N_2$ has been shown to occur a long time ago. For a review, see: Gruen, D. M. In “Cryochemistry”; Moskovits, M., Ozin, G. A., Eds.; Wiley: New York, 1976; p 479 ff.


Fast Reaction Studies of Rhenium Carbonyl Complexes: The Pentacarbonylrhenium(0) Radical

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Abstract: The Re(CO)₅⁻ radical has been generated in the pulse radiolysis of a variety of organorhenium compounds in ethanol solution as well as in the flash photolysis of Re₂(CO)₁₀ in isooctane solution. This radical exhibits an optical absorption band in the visible region with a maximum at 535 nm and a molar extinction coefficient, in ethanol, of ε₅₃₅ 1000 ± 100 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹. Absolute rate constants were determined for the reactions of the solvated electron, with Re(CO)₅Br (6.7 × 10¹⁰), Re(CO)₅SO₂CH₃ (6.6 × 10⁹), and Re₂(CO)₁₀ (7.8 × 10⁹ M⁻¹ s⁻¹). Rate constants were also obtained for the reactions of Re(CO)₅⁻ and of Mn(CO)₅⁻ in abstracting a chlorine atom from carbon tetrachloride in ethanol solution. The values, at 22 °C, are 3.9 × 10¹⁰ and 6.1 × 10⁹ M⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively, indicating a 65-fold higher reactivity for the pentacarbonylrhenium radical as compared with the pentacarbonylmanganese radical in this abstraction reaction. The rate constant for the recombination reaction of Re(CO)₅⁻ radicals in isooctane was found to be 2k₂ = 5.4 × 10⁹ M⁻¹ s⁻¹.

In a recent paper concerning the application of pulse radiolysis in fast reaction studies of organotransition-metal transients, we reported some physical and chemical properties of radiolysis in fast reaction studies of organotransition-metal complexes. The present work extends these investigations to the organorhenium compounds. The radical Re(CO)₅⁻ was first detected by mass spectrometry. The radical Re(CO)₅⁻ was also obtained by flash photolysis of Re₂(CO)₁₀ and trapped as Re₅(CO)₁₀ by the use of organic halides. A recent molecular beam study has demonstrated that photodissociation of Re₂(CO)₁₀ in the gas phase results in the formation of Re(CO)₅⁻ with no loss of CO. This radical was also prepared by the reaction of Re(CO)₅⁻ with CO in a matrix and shown by infrared spectroscopy to have a square-pyramidal C₆₆ structure. Reported here are our pulse radiolysis studies of solutions of Re(CO)₅X (X = Cl, Br, I), Re(CO)₅SO₂CH₃, Re₅(CO)₁₀, and Re₂(CO)₁₀ as well as a flash photolysis study of Re₂(CO)₁₀. The Re(CO)₅⁻ radical was generated, and its optical absorption spectrum, which has heretofore not been recorded, was recorded. The absolute rate constants for some of its reactions as well as those of Mn(CO)₅⁻ were determined.

Experimental Section

The apparatus in use with a Varian V-7715A electron linear accelerator has been described previously. The 4-MeV electrons with a geometry of the target have been measured by the use of electron spectroscopy to have a square-pyramidal C₆₆ structure. Reported here are our pulse radiolysis studies of solutions of Re(CO)₅X (X = Cl, Br, I), Re(CO)₅SO₂CH₃, Re₅(CO)₁₀, and Re₂(CO)₁₀ as well as a flash photolysis study of Re₂(CO)₁₀. The Re(CO)₅⁻ radical was generated, and its optical absorption spectrum, which has heretofore not been recorded, was recorded. The absolute rate constants for some of its reactions as well as those of Mn(CO)₅⁻ were determined.

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