an increase in the energy of ligand field states, this nonproductive deactivation channel is removed and the efficiency of photosensitization is greatly increased.

Using these two criteria, it should be possible to design many Magnus-type materials that will be photoactive. Whether photoactivity is merely a result of light absorbed by surface chromophores or whether cooperative electronic structure allows transfer of excitons (or perhaps conduction-band electrons) from the bulk to the surface is a question of central importance to the study of these materials. From a theoretical viewpoint<sup>32</sup> it is very likely that some variation of an exciton model applies to the d  $\rightarrow$  p states of d<sup>8</sup> linear-chain materials, and therefore bulk excitation is mobile. This study demonstrates that excitation can be harvested at the solid-liquid interface in redox processes. We

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are currently attempting to grow large single crystals of PBC in order to study the photoconductivity and other electrical properties of this material.

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## Synthesis and Spectroscopic Properties of Ethynylsulfur Pentafluoride (SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH)

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Ethynylsulfur pentafluoride, SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH, has been prepared by the dehydrobromination of SF<sub>5</sub>CH=CFBr (49%). It also can be obtained in a four-step process by the addition of SF<sub>5</sub>Br to acetylene, followed by bromination of the resulting olefin, SF<sub>5</sub>C-H=CHBr, to form SF<sub>5</sub>CHBrCHBr<sub>2</sub>, which may be dehydrobrominated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to give SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CHBr. The latter, when treated with Zn, gives SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH in an overall yield of 9%.

#### Introduction

It is known that the introduction of SF<sub>5</sub> groups into molecular systems can bring about significant changes in their physical, chemical, and biological properties. These properties are manifested by various applications, such as solvents for polymers, as perfluorinated blood substitutes, as surface-active agents, as fumigants, and as thermally and chemically stable systems.<sup>1</sup> The synthesis and chemistry of these compounds are the subjects of ongoing studies. One compound of particular interest is ethynylsulfur pentafluoride (SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH) which has been used as the starting reagent for a number of novel and interesting derivatives that include saturated ethers, vinyl ethers, pyrazoles, cyclic alkenes, and alkyl-substituted phenylsulfur pentafluorides.<sup>2</sup> In addition, SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH is found to be useful in preparing a number of SF<sub>5</sub>-containing alkenes and alkynes.<sup>2,3</sup>

#### **Results and Discussion**

The original synthesis of  $SF_5C$ —CH involves four steps, starting with pentafluorosulfur chloride ( $SF_5Cl$ ) and acetylene.<sup>2</sup> The overall yield for this sequence is only 11%. Since  $SF_5Br$  has been under study in our laboratories, an attempt was made to prepare  $SF_5C$ —CH in higher yields by the following sequence of reactions.

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$$SF_5Br + HC = CH \xrightarrow{S7 \circ C} SF_5CH = CHBr = 80\%$$
(1)

$$SF_5CH \longrightarrow CHBr \longrightarrow SF_5CHBrCHBr_2 46\%$$
(2)

$$SF_{5}CHBrCHBr_{2} \xrightarrow{K_{2}CO_{3}, 25 \circ C} SF_{5} \xrightarrow{Br} H \xrightarrow{SF_{5}} H \xrightarrow{F} SF_{5} \xrightarrow{H} SF_{5} \xrightarrow{H} SF_{5} \xrightarrow{F} SF$$

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Because of the unexpected low yields of reactions 2 and 3, the overall yield was only 9%. It is thought that the yields for reactions 2 and 3 could be improved, but it was found, unexpectedly, that direct dehydrobromination of  $SF_5CH$ —CHBr gave the acetylene in yields of ~50%.

$$SF_5CH = CHBr \xrightarrow{KOH} SF_5C \equiv CH$$
 (5)

Attempts to dehydrohalogenate  $SF_5CH=CHCl$  were found to be ineffective and gave a yield of only 1-2% of the desired  $SF_5$ alkyne. The compounds synthesized in reactions 1-3 are new and have been characterized by elemental and spectral analyses.

The common feature of these new compounds and  $SF_5C=CH$ is the presence of the  $SF_5$  group. For the compounds reported in this paper, absorption bands in the 845–928-cm<sup>-1</sup> region are assigned to S—F stretching vibrations. The S—F deformation modes are found near or at 600 cm<sup>-1.4</sup> The infrared spectra of  $SF_5CH=CHBr$  and  $SF_5C=CH$  contain the characteristic absorption band of the olefinic C=C or acetylenic C=C stretching vibration at 1611 or 2118 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. For  $SF_5CH=$  $C(Br)SF_5$ ,  $SF_5CH=C(CF_3)Br$ , and  $CF_3C=CH$ , the C=C/C=C absorption bands are found at 1610, 1630, and 2165 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.<sup>3,5,6</sup> The C—H stretching vibrations for  $SF_5CH=C$ 

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HBr, SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CHBr, SF<sub>5</sub>CHBrCHBr<sub>2</sub>, and SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH are located at 3115, 3100, 3022, and 3338 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. These values are in excellent agreement with similar molecular systems already mentioned.<sup>3,5,6</sup> The C-Br stretching bands in the infrared spectra for fluoroalkyl bromides<sup>7</sup> are reported to be in the 740-770-cm<sup>-1</sup> range, while for alkyl bromides<sup>8</sup> the range is 515-680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. For the new compounds described in this paper, the bands in the 774-659-cm<sup>-1</sup> region may well be due to the C-Br stretching mode.

It should be noted that the stretching frequency for the triple bond in monosubstituted acetylenes, XC==CH, depends, to some degree, on the nature of the substituent and its corresponding electronegativity; for example, in the series<sup>6,9-11</sup> FC=CH, (C- $F_3)_2NC = CH, CF_3C = CH, SF_5C = CH, ClC = CH, BrC = CH,$ and IC=CH,  $\nu$ (C=C) is observed at 2255, 2183, 2165, 2118, 2110, 2085, and 2075 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. This is in agreement with the general order of electronegativity as reported for these substituents. On the basis of the above series, the electronegativity of the SF<sub>5</sub> group is approximately the same as that of chlorine. A previous study with polyfluoroiodides agrees with this conclusion.12

For SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH, the proton NMR spectrum is a pentet  $(J_{F-H})$ = 3 Hz) at  $\delta$  2.25.<sup>2</sup> As expected, the acetylenic proton in SF<sub>5</sub>- $C \equiv CH(1)$  resonates at a more shielded position. The fact that it appears as a pentet suggests that it is only coupled significantly to the equatorial fluorine atoms  $(F_B)$ .



Of particular interest are the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectral studies for which the AB<sub>4</sub> pattern found for the SF, group in SF<sub>5</sub>C==CH is reversed from that found for ethylenes and saturated hydrocarbons/fluorocarbons that contain the SF5 group. This behavior is observed also for other  $SF_5$  acetylenic systems.<sup>13</sup> This result can be explained by considering the nature of the anisotropic geometry of the acetylene function. The axial fluorine atom  $(F_A)$ is located in the region of maximum shielding while the equatorial fluorine atoms (F<sub>B</sub>) are situated in the deshielding region relative to the acetylenic bond. In 1, the axial fluorine atom resonates at  $\phi$  72 and the equatorial fluorine atoms resonate at  $\phi$  80. These values for SF5C=CH are compared with the chemical shifts for the axial S-F values of 80, 77, 77, 76, 80, and 77 ppm and corresponding equatorial SF<sub>4</sub> values of 66, 71, 69, 68, 66, and 68 ppm in the various saturated analogues<sup>14-16</sup> SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHFBr, SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>Br, SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>Cl, SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SF<sub>5</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHBr(CF<sub>3</sub>), and SF<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHClBr. Thus, the transformation of F<sub>5</sub>S---CH<sub>2</sub>to  $F_5S$ —C=CH causes a shielding of 4-8 ppm for the axial fluorine atom while for the equatorial fluorine atoms a deshielding of 9-14 ppm results. It should be noted, that in  $SF_5C \equiv CSF_5$ , the equatorial fluorine atoms are found at 80 ppm while the axial fluorine atoms are at 67 ppm.<sup>3</sup> This shows additional shielding for the axial fluorine atoms when compared to that in  $SF_5C = CH$ . Also, the hybridization change in the carbon to which the SF<sub>5</sub>

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group is bonded will cause a general, electronegativity-controlled deshielding of both the axial and equatorial fluorine atoms. Thus, the major factors influencing the chemical shifts of the fluorine atoms in 1 are the anisotropic effects and the hybridization state of the carbon.

The proton NMR peaks for monosubstituted acetylenes, XC=CH, are shifted to high field owing to the diamagnetic anisotropy. Apart from such effects, it is anticipated that a relatively strong deshielding should result if the substituent X withdraws electrons from the  $\pi$  system. Such a deshielding effect does occur in a series of alkyl- and silylacetylenes.<sup>17</sup> It is expected that with more electronegative groups, such as  $CF_3$ ,  $(CF_3)_2N$ , and SF<sub>5</sub>, electron withdrawal from the  $\pi$  system and increased deshielding will be noted.

By using available data,<sup>18</sup> we see that the proton in  $CF_3C = CH$ is downfield from CH<sub>3</sub>C≡CH by 0.6 ppm. Coupling this information with the reported values for  $(CF_3)_2NC=CH, SF_5C=$ CH, and some alkyl- and silylacetylenes, we observe an increase in shielding from CF<sub>3</sub> to CH<sub>2</sub>SiR<sub>3</sub> for the acetylenic hydrogen atom in XC≡CH.

Х	$(CF_3)_2N$	$CF_3$	SF₅	SiR <sub>3</sub>	$CH_3$	CR3	$CH_2SiR_3$
τ	7.25	7.38	7.75	7 <b>.7</b> 6	7.98	8.08	8.45

The same chemical shifts for  $\equiv$ CH when the substituent is SF, or SiR<sub>3</sub> must arise from Si $\leftarrow$ C<sub> $\pi$ </sub> back-bonding with inductive polarization of the SiR<sub>3</sub> group in comparison with the electronwithdrawing effect of the SF<sub>5</sub> group.

#### **Experimental Section**

Materials. The compounds used in this work were obtained from commercial sources: HC=CH (Airco); dry diglyme, Zn, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, (C-H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C=O (Mallinckrodt, AR); KOH, Br<sub>2</sub> (J. T. Baker). All reagents were used without further purification. SF<sub>5</sub>Br was synthesized by literature methods.14

General Procedure. Gases were manipulated in a conventional Pyrex vacuum apparatus equipped with a Heise Bourdon tube gauge and a Televac thermocouple gauge. Infrared spectra were obtained by using an 8.25-cm Monel cell with KBr or KRS-5 windows or as solids between KBr, KRS-5, or NaCl disks on a Perkin-Elmer 476 spectrometer. The spectra were calibrated with a polystyrene film. The NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Model EM-390 spectrometer operating at 90.0 MHz for proton and 84.67 MHz for fluorine resonances. Tetramethylsilane and trichlorofluoromethane were used as internal standards. The mass spectra were taken with a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer RMU-6E mass spectrometer operating at 15 eV. Perfluorokerosene (PFK) was used as an internal standard. Elemental analyses were obtained by Beller Microanalytical Laboratory, Göttingen, West Germany.

Preparation of SF<sub>5</sub>CH=CHBr. To a 150-mL stainless steel vessel equipped with a Whitey (20-VF4) stainless steel valve were added 27.5 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>Br and 38.5 mmol of HC=CH. The reaction mixture was maintained at 57  $\pm$  2 °C (3.8 days). The product, 22.0 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>C-H=CHBr, was formed in 80% yield; bp 86  $\pm$  2 °C

The infrared spectrum of the liquid had the following bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3115 (wm), 1692 (w), 1611 (m), 1545 (w), 1385 (vw), 1275 (w), 1197 (wm), 1161 (w), 912 (s), 845 (vs, b with sh at 900), 774 (m), 705 (m), 680 (vw), 625 (m), 601 (ms), and 571 (m). The  $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  NMR spectrum contained a complex doublet at  $\phi$  63.3 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and a multiplet (nine-line pattern) at  $\phi$  78.7 (SF) (peak areas 4.1 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and 1.0 (SF); coupling constants  $J_{\text{F-SF4}} = 150.4$  Hz and  $J_{\text{SF4-CH}} = 5.64$  Hz). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was a multiplet with the band centered at  $\delta$  6.8. The mass spectrum for SF<sub>5</sub>CH=CHBr (15 eV) had the following m/e peaks: 232, 234, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 215, 213, (SF<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 153, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 127, (SF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 107, 105, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 106, 104, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 89, (SF<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 44, (SC)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd: C, 10.31; H, 0.87; F, 40.8. Found: C, 10.50; H, 0.89; F, 39.4.

Preparation of SF<sub>5</sub>CHBrCHBr<sub>2</sub>. To a 390-mL quartz-Pyrex vessel equipped with a Kontes Teflon valve and Teflon stirring bar were added 64.8 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>CH=CHBr and 63.9 mmol of Br<sub>2</sub>. The bottom portion of the vessel was placed in a water bath at room temperature while the upper half of the vessel was irradiated (17 h) with a 250-W General Electric reflector UV lamp. The product, 29.7 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>CHBrCHBr<sub>2</sub>,

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was formed in 46% yield; bp  $109 \pm 1$  °C (50 mmHg).

The infrared spectrum of the liquid had the following bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3022 (m), 2997 (m), 1386 (vw), 1249 (wm), 1188 (w), 1148 (m), 1015 (mw), 850 (vs, b), 758 (ms), 730 (m), 664 (m), 610 (m), 585 (s, sh, at 574), 561 (ms), 504 (m). The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (AB<sub>4</sub>) contained a complex doublet at  $\phi$  57.0 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and a multiplet (nine-line pattern) at  $\phi$  74.6 (SF). The relative peak areas were 4.0 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and 1.0 (SF). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum contained a doublet at  $\delta$  6.29 (band center) and a 20-line multiplet with a band center at  $\delta$  5.86 (peak areas 1.0 (SF<sub>5</sub>C-H) and 1.0 (Br<sub>2</sub>C-H); coupling constants  $J_{SF_4-F} = 147$  Hz,  $J_{SF_4-CH} = 5.2$  Hz,  $J_{SF-CH} = 0.45$  Hz, and  $J_{CH-CH} = 1.4$  Hz). The mass spectrum for  $S_{F-CH} = 0.9172$ , and  $S_{CH-CH} = 1.412$ ). The mass spectrum for SF<sub>5</sub>CHBrCHBr<sub>2</sub> (70 eV) had the following *m/e* peaks: 396, 394, 392, 390, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 315, 313, 311, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 269, 267, 265, 263, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 203, 205, 207, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 188, 186, 184, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 127, (SF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 107, 105, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 188, 186, 184, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 127, (SF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 107, 105, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 89, (SF<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 79, 81, (Br)<sup>+</sup>; 70, (SF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 45, (SCH)<sup>+</sup>; 44, (SC)<sup>+</sup>; 32, (S)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd: C, 6.12; H, 0.51; F, 24.2. Found: C, 6.27; H, 0.59; F, 24.2.

Preparation of SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CHBr. To a 25-mL round-bottomed vessel equipped with a Teflon stirring bar were added 15.1 mmol of SF5CH-BrCHBr<sub>2</sub>, 15.4 mmol of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and 10.0 mL of acetone. The mixture was stirred for 4 h and filtered, and the filtrate was distilled. The product, 5.50 mmol of SF5CBr=CHBr, was formed in 36% yield; bp 55  $\pm$  1 °C (48 mmHg).

The infrared spectrum of the liquid had the following bands  $(cm^{-1})$ ; 3149 (w), 3100 (mw), 1573 (m), 1253 (w), 1244 (w), 916 (s with sh at 928), 860 (vs, b), 814 (s), 760 (vw), 716 (m), 679 (w), 659 (m), 600 (m), 584 (m), 539 (mw), 527 (vw), 480 (w). The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (AB<sub>4</sub>) contained a doublet of multiplets at  $\phi$  62.0 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and a multiplet at  $\phi$ 76.0 (SF) (peak areas 3.9 (SF<sub>4</sub>) and 1.0 (SF)). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed a singlet at  $\delta$  7.83 and a pentet at  $\delta$  7.07 (coupling constants  $J_{SF_{a-F}}$ = 149 Hz and  $J_{SF_4-CH}$  = 3.0 Hz). The following two isomers are present:



This assignment is based on the greater coupling expected for trans nuclei

relative to that for cis groups. This is analogous to the assignments made for the similar dichloro isomers.<sup>2</sup> The mass spectrum for SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CH-Br (70 eV) had the following m/e peaks: 314, 312, 310, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 233, 231, (SF<sub>5</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 187, 185, 183, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>79,81</sup>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 127, (SF<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 106, 104, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>79,81</sup>Br)<sup>+</sup>; 89, (SF<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 79, 81, (Br)<sup>+</sup>; 70, (SF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup>; 45, (SCH)<sup>+</sup>; 44, (SC)<sup>+</sup>; 32, (S)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd: C, 7.70; H, 0.32; F, 30.5. Found: C, 7.96; H, 0.35; F, 30.1. Branching SE Conception SE Conception

Preparation of SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH from SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CHBr. A three-necked round-bottomed Pyrex vessel, equipped with a Teflon stirring bar, a separatory funnel, a nitrogen-inlet tube, and a reflux condenser that was connected to a trap cooled to -78 °C (or -196 °C) and protected from the atmosphere by a mercury bubbler, was used for the debromination reaction. To this vessel were added 20 mL of diglyme and 33.0 mmol of zinc. The mixture was heated to 140 °C, and 8.97 mmol of SF5C-Br=CHBr was added over a 0.5-h period. Heating at 140 °C was continued for 1 h under a slow nitrogen flow. The product, 6.05 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH, was formed in 67% yield. The infrared spectrum agreed with that previously reported.<sup>2</sup>

Preparation of SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH from SF<sub>5</sub>CH=CHBr. In the reaction vessel used for the debromination of SF<sub>5</sub>CBr=CHBr, 80 mL of petroleum ether (90-120 °C fraction) was heated to reflux, and 205 mmol of KOH was added. SF<sub>5</sub>CH==CHBr (85.8 mmol) was added slowly over a period of 0.8 h, and 305 mmol of additional KOH was added during this period. The mixture was heated at reflux for 2 h under a slow nitrogen flow. The product, 42.0 mmol of SF<sub>5</sub>C=CH, was collected in a trap cooled to -196 <sup>o</sup>C (yield 49%).

The infrared spectrum had the following bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>); 3338 (ms), 2118 (m), 1613 (vw), 1506 (vw), 1344 (w with sh at 1338), 893 (vs, b), 730 (w), 720 (w), 674 (ms), 620 (m), 590 (ms). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum:  $\phi$  71.8 (SF),  $\phi$  80.3 (SF<sub>4</sub>) (multiplets;  $J_{SF_4-F} = 151.8$  Hz). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum:  $\delta$  2.76 (pentet;  $J_{F-H} = 3.15$  Hz).

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# Kinetics and Mechanism of the Uncatalyzed and Silver(I)-Catalyzed Oxidation of Hydrazine with Peroxodiphosphate in Acetate Buffers

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A kinetic study of the title reaction (i) was made in acetate buffers by estimating peroxodiphosphate (pdp) iodometrically. Silver(I) 21

$$H_n P_2 O_8^{n-4} + N_2 H_5^+ \to 4 H_2 P O_4^- + N_2 + (2n-3) H^+$$
(i)

catalysis occurs through its complexation with pdp or  $N_2H_5^+$ . The empirical rate law (ii) holds where  $K_3$  is the acid dissociation

$$-d[pdp]/dt = k_{uncat}[pdp][N_2H_5^+] + \frac{(A + B[^{-}O_2CCH_3])[Ag(I)][pdp][N_2H_5^+]}{([H^+] + K_3)(1 + K[^{-}O_2CCH_3])}$$
(ii)

constant of  $H_2P_2O_8^{2-}$  and K is the complex formation constant of  $Ag(O_2CCH_3)$ . A and B are complex rate constants equal to  $3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively, at 40 °C and I = 1.0 M. K<sub>3</sub> was found to be  $4.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  under the same conditions.  $k_{uncat}$  is the second-order rate constant for the uncatalyzed reaction and is given by (iii) where  $k_1'$  and  $k_2'$  are

$$k_{\text{uncat}} = (k_1'[\text{H}^+] + k_2'K_3) / ([\text{H}^+] + K_3)$$
(iii)

the rate constants for the  $(H_2P_2O_8^{2-} + N_2H_5^+)$  and  $(HP_2O_8^{3-} + N_2H_5^+)$  reactions and were found to be 2.25 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and  $7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively, at 40 °C and I = 1.0 M.

We reported<sup>1</sup> silver(I)-catalyzed oxidation of water with peroxodiphosphate (pdp) as a sequel to the study of the mechanism of silver(I) catalysis in pdp oxidations. A few investigations<sup>2,3</sup> in our laboratory have revealed that there is no kinetic evidence

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for a Ag(I)/Ag(II) cycle in Ag(I)-catalyzed reactions. A complex of Ag(I) with either the oxidant or reductant appears to be more reactive. This mechanism is different from that found in per-oxodisulfate (pds) oxidations.<sup>4</sup> We thought a few more reactions should be investigated to substantiate the above conclusion about the mechanism.

Toward this aim, hydrazine appeared to be an attractive choice, not only because the reaction of hydrazine and higher valent silver

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