

Figure 6. Schematic representation of the preferred spin orientation for I in the *ac* plane. The arrows indicate the manganese spins; those of the copper ions would be in the opposite directions.

Alternative explanations, which attribute the shifts to intrinsic g variations due to selective thermal population of different spin states, do not appear to be relevant here, because in no way could they give both positive and negative deviations from the hightemperature value.

The resonance fields along the three principal axes can be expressed as 28

i

$$B_a = \left(\sqrt{\chi_b \chi_c} / \chi_a\right) (g_e / g_a) B_0 \tag{4}$$

where χ_a , χ_b , and χ_c are the principal susceptibilities in the paramagnetic region, g_a is the indicated principal g value, $g_e = 2.0023$, and B_0 is the resonance field of the free electron. The

resonance fields for the other crystal directions follow from cyclic permutations.

The observed shifts compare well with the reported magnetic anisotropy data, which showed that $\chi_c > \chi_a > \chi_b$ for I and $\chi_c >$ $\chi_a > \chi_b$ for II. The high value observed for χ_c has been attributed to anisotropic exchange that tends to align the spins orthogonal to a. The present EPR data at high temperature suggest that the main dipolar interaction must be parallel to c, and if we assume that it dominates the interchain interaction, we must conclude that the spins are parallel to each other along this direction. Therefore, an alternative spin distribution for I may be suggested, as compared to ref 19, where the spins were assumed to be oriented by an interchain antiferromagnetic exchange interaction. The suggested spin alignment is shown in Figure 6. Such a spin structure agrees with the weak ferromagnetism observed $^{\rm 20}$ for I along a because the antiferromagnetically coupled manganese(II) ions occupy magnetically nonequivalent sites. In this particular case, where the manganese ion lies in a special position, only canting in the ac plane is possible, yielding weak ferromagnetism along a. The suggested structure seems to be the only one compatible with magnetic symmetry requirements.³¹ The difference between I and II lies mainly in the coupling in the planes orthogonal to c: for I this yields alternate planes with antiparallel spin alignment, while for II all the spins are parallel. The nearest-neighbor interactions along c are parallel in both cases.

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Matrix Infrared Spectra of Reaction and Photolysis Products of Stibine and Ozone

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Argon-diluted samples of stibine and ozone were codeposited at 12 K and examined by infrared spectroscopy. Isotopic substitution $(SbH_3, SbD_3, {}^{16}O_3, {}^{18}O_3, {}^{16}O_3)$ provided a basis for identification of the major reaction products as stibylene ozonide, HSbO₃, and hydroxystibine, H₂SbOH. Red photolysis produced new bands identified as stibine oxide, H₃SbO, and ultraviolet photolysis destroyed HSbO₃, decreased H₃SbO, increased H₂SbOH, and produced weak bands probably due to HOSbO₂.

Introduction

As part of a program involving the study of new reactive molecular species trapped in low-temperature matrices, we have recently investigated the infrared spectra of mixtures of ozone in solid argon with the group 15 hydrides ammonia,² phosphine,^{3,4} and arsine.⁵ These studies have identified several new species formed when the mixtures were irradiated with visible or ultraviolet light. In all of these cases, there is evidence for the formation of a stable complex between the precursor ozone and hydride submolecules, and reaction occurs following red photolysis of the molecular complex, which does not photolyze ozone isolated in solid argon. First, the ozone submolecule in the complex undergoes photodissociation, and the photolytically generated oxygen atom then adds to the hydride submolecule within the complex. In the case of phosphine and arsine, a substantial yield of photoproducts was formed when irradiation was carried out by using red light.4,5 Since the cross section for absorption of 600-nm photons by

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In the ammonia-ozone and phosphine-ozone reactions, no evidence for reaction between the precursor molecules was found during codeposition before photolysis. In the case of arsine and ozone, however, reaction products were formed during codeposition of the samples. We have carried out a study of the stibine-ozone system, motivated by a desire to complete a systematic investigation of the matrix reaction of group 15 hydrides with ozone and to discover possible periodic trends in their reactivity and photochemistry. A further motivation for this work was the relative

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isolated ozone molecules is smaller by a factor of 10⁵ than that for 250-nm photons,⁶ the complex appears to have a much higher probability for red photodissociation than does isolated ozone.

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Figure 1. Infrared spectra in the fundamental regions for $Ar/SbH_3 = 200/1$ samples (2 mmol) at 12 K: (a) SbH₃; (b) SbD₃.

sparseness of spectroscopic or structural data on small antimony-containing molecules, in particular the lower oxyacids, where more is known in the case of arsenic^{7,8} than that of antimony,⁹ and also the higher (V) oxidation state species of antimony.

Experimental Section

The refrigeration system, vacuum chamber, and experimental technique for preparing and depositing matrix samples and carrying out photolyses have been described previously.^{2-5,10} In these experiments high-pressure mercury-arc photolyses were done by using wavelengths in the 590-1000-, 290-1000- and 220-1000-nm regions. In the photolysis Corning glass filters were used in conjunction with a 10-cm water filter. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 983 spectrophotometer and data system at 4-cm⁻¹ resolution and, in regions of interest, at 1-cm⁻¹ resolution. Sharp bands reported to 0.1 cm⁻¹ are accurate to ± 0.3 cm⁻¹, and bands reported to 1 cm⁻¹ are accurate to ± 1 cm⁻¹.

Samples of ozone were made, with either ${}^{16}O_2$ to prepare ${}^{16}O_3$, ${}^{18}O_2$ to prepare ${}^{18}O_3$, or a mixture of isotopes to prepare isotopically "scrambled" ozone, were purified, and were diluted with argon as described previously. 11 The mixtures employed here were Ar/O_3 in 100/1or 300/1 mole ratios.

Stibene was prepared and purified by following the method of Jolly and Drake.¹² In the case of stibine- d_3 the analogous reaction was carried out in a deuteriated environment: water- d_2 was used as the solvent, sulfuric acid was replaced with sulfuric acid- d_2 , and potassium tetrahydroborate- d_4 was used as the reducing agent. Isotopic purities of the water- d_2 and potassium tetrahydroborate- d_4 were better than 99%; that of the sulfuric acid- d_2 was 98%. On the basis of spectra to be discussed later, the stibine- d_3 product is estimated to be better than 90% isotopically pure. The stibines were stored in Pyrex vessels under liquid nitrogen, and under these conditions no decomposition was apparent even after 6 weeks. Mixtures of argon and stibine $(Ar/SbH_3 = 200/1)$ were freshly prepared in a 3-L stainless steel can for each matrix experiment. On the basis of the intensity of stibine infrared bands in a matrix made from a leftover

Table I. Comparison of Stibine Infrared Absorptions (cm⁻¹) in Solid Argon at 12 K and in the Gas Phase

solid a	argon ^a	gas p	hase ^b	
SbH3	SbD ₃	SbH₃	SbD3	assgnt
1877.8 779.2	1348.4 559.1	1891 782	1359 561	ν_1 , sym str ν_2 , sym bend
1882.2° 822.4 3695.0	1352.7 ^d 586.2 2669.2	1894 831	1362 593	ν_3 , antisym str ν_4 , antisym bend $2\nu_3$, overtone

^a In addition, Sb-H isotopic impurity was observed at 1880.7 cm⁻¹, and bending modes were observed at 717.7 and 692.1 cm⁻¹, which are probably due to SbHD₂. ^bReference 13. 'Sharp weak bands at 1921, 1902, and 796 cm⁻¹ are believed due to repulsive matrix sites. ^dSharp weak bands at 1378, 1366, and 576 cm⁻¹ are believed due to repulsive matrix sites.

sample, the half-life of stibine in the argon mixture at room temperature was approximately 2 days. Mixtures were prepared by removing the liquid-nitrogen bath from the stibine storage vessel, opening the valve to the vacuum manifold, and allowing the vessel to warm until the desired pressure of stibine vapor was reached in the vacuum manifold. The valve to the storage vessel was closed while the liquid-nitrogen bath was simultaneously replaced, and stibine vapor in the manifold was expanded into the 3-L can and diluted with argon.

In most experiments Ar/SbH₃ and Ar/O₃ mixtures were codeposited from separate spray-on lines, spectra were taken of the unphotolyzed deposit, and then photolyses were carried out at successively shorter wavelengths. In some experiments only a small amount of Ar/SbH₃ or Ar/SbD₃ was deposited, in order to record the fundamental vibrational frequencies of the stibines in solid argon or to photolyze this sample alone.

Results

Argon matrix experiments with isotopic stibine and ozone reagents will be described in turn.

Stibine. Argon/stibine samples were examined with 2 mmol deposited, which gave good measurements of the sharp fundamentals that are shown in Figure 1 and listed in Table I. Comparison with gas-phase band-center measurements¹³ reveals 3-13-cm⁻¹ red shifts due to interaction with the matrix. A thicker sample (10-11 mmol) gave completely absorbing fundamentals, a sharp 3695-cm⁻¹ $2\nu_3$ band, and traces of water and CO₂ im-

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Figure 2. Infrared spectra for $Ar/SbH_3 = 200/1$ (13 mmol) and $Ar/O_3 = 100/1$ (9 mmol) mixtures: (a) after codeposition at 15 K for 3.5 h; (b) after 290-1000-nm photolysis for 30 min; (c) after 220-1000-nm photolysis for 30 min.

purities. This samples was subjected to 290-1000-nm photolysis for 30 min, and no changes were observed in the spectrum; however, 220-1000-nm irradiation for 30 min produced a new 1840.5-cm⁻¹ absorption (A = absorbance = 0.05) and decreased precursor absorptions slightly. A similar treatment was done for SbD₃ samples; a sharp band at 1880.7 cm⁻¹, intermediate between v_1 and v_3 for SbH₃, is probably due to the Sb-H stretching mode for SbHD₂, and sharp 717.7- and 692.1-cm⁻¹ bands are due to bending modes for the mixed isotopic molecule SbHD₂; the latter bands are in reasonable agreement with calculated fundamentals for deuteriated stibines.¹⁴ The observation of only one sharp band in the 1800-cm⁻¹ region suggests that no detectable SbH₂D and SbH_3 isotopic impurities were present. A thicker Ar/SbD_3 sample was photolyzed by 290-1000-nm irradiation to no avail, but 220-1000-nm irradiation for 30 min produced a new 1320.2-cm⁻¹ band (A = 0.13) with a 1318-cm⁻¹ shoulder and again slightly decreased precursor absorptions. Sample warming to 30 K for 5 min decreased the 1320-cm⁻¹ band (to A = 0.09) and destroyed the 1318-cm⁻¹ shoulder without changing SbD₃ absorptions. A final annealing to 36 K virtually destroyed the 1320-cm⁻¹ band with little effect on SbD₃ bands.

SbH₃ and Ozone. A series of 14 matrix experiments was performed with stibine and ozone under different codeposition and photolysis conditions. The samples were faint brown, and elemental antimony remaining on the window caused formation of a scattering matrix in the subsequent experiment unless the window was carefully cleaned. Figure 2 shows representative spectra, and Table II lists the product absorptions and characterizes them according to production by reaction during codeposition (R) or photolysis (P) of reagents. Precursor complex absorptions noted C include a weak doublet on the blue side of the precursor stretching absorption, a red ozone v_1 satellite, and a blue SbH₃ ν_2 satellite; these bands decreased markedly on photolysis. Other reaction product absorptions can be grouped into four sets of bands on the basis of photolysis behavior: group 1, bands unchanged on 590- or 520-nm photolysis, half destroyed by 420-1000-nm radiation, and destroyed by 290-nm photolysis; group 2, bands unchanged on visible or 290-nm photolysis but

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 Table II. Absorptions (cm⁻¹) Observed in Argon Matrix

 Experiments with Stibine and Ozone

¹⁶ O ₃	¹⁸ O ₃	characteristic	identification ^b
3654	3643	$R_1 + g$	3
3640	3626	R, +g	3
3625	3614	$\mathbf{R}, +\mathbf{g}$	3
3604	3593	P, +u	6
3575		P, +u	6
2027	2027	R, ~u	1
1982	1982	R, -	4
1970	1970	P, +r, -u	5
1932	1932	R, −r	С
1927	1927	R, -r	С
1836.8	1837.0	R, +g	3
1834.6	1834.5	R, +g	3
1291	1284	R, +	?
1032.0	976.2	R, −r	С
918	918	R, +	?
872.7	871.6	R, -u	1
791.8	794.2	P, +r, -u	5
786.7	786.7	R, -r	С
767.4	755.6	R, -u	1
740	713	R, -u	4
654.9	641.1	R, -u	2
640.9	610.2	R, +u	6?
635	604	P, +u	6
612	582	R, +u	3
596	567	R, +g	3
584	556	R, +g	3
574	548	R, +g	3
542	516	R, -u	4
494		R, +u	?
472	473	R, -u	1
426	408	R,u	1
370	369	P, +u	6
358	355	R,u	2

^aSymbols: R = reaction product and P = photolysis product. Photolysis behavior is indicated by growth (+ = increase, - = decrease) and range (r = red, g = green, u = ultraviolet). ^bAbsorption groups identified in text.

half destroyed by 220–1000-nm radiation; group 3, bands showing little growth on 290-nm irradiation, and another 15% growth on



Figure 3. Infrared spectra in the 540-660-cm⁻¹ region for $Ar/SbH_3 = 200/1$ samples codeposited with $Ar/O_3 = 100/1$ samples after 220-1000-nm photolysis for 30 min: (a) ¹⁶O₃; (b) ^{16,18}O₃; (c) ¹⁸O₃.

220-1000-nm photolysis; group 4, reaction-product bands that show little change on photolysis. Finally, two sets of bands for

new photolysis products appeared: group 5, bands produced with 630-, 590-, or 520-nm radiation, increased slightly with 290-nm photolysis, and decreased by 220–1000-nm light; group 6, bands produced on 290-nm photolysis and doubled on 220–1000-nm irradiation.

Several experiments were performed with SbH₃ and ¹⁸O₃, and the oxygen-18 counterpart absorptions are listed in Table II. Figure 3 contrasts the spectrum after full arc photolysis with ¹⁸O₃ and ¹⁶O₃ in the region of largest isotopic effect. A clear isotopic dependence was also found in the 3600-cm⁻¹ region. Two studies were done with a mixed isotopic ^{16,18}O₃ sample. In most spectral regions (i.e. 540-640 cm⁻¹ in Figure 3b) the mixed isotopic spectrum consisted of the superposition of ¹⁶O₃ and ¹⁸O₃ spectra. However, the 655-cm⁻¹ band became a doublet of doublets (655, 652, 645, 641 cm⁻¹ in Figure 3b), the 767-cm⁻¹ band exhibited a triplet of doublets with more intense intermediate components at 760 and 761 cm⁻¹, and the 426-cm⁻¹ band revealed a partially resolved multiplet with two more intense intermediate components at 419 and 413 cm⁻¹.

 SbD_3 and Ozone. Eight studies were done with SbD_3 and ozone. Figure 4 illustrates spectra analogous to those of Figure 2, and Table III gives the product positions. The most obvious difference between SbD_3 and SbH_3 is the *lesser reactivity* of SbD_3 on codeposition with ozone. In particular, group 3 bands were strong in SbH_3 experiments (Figure 2a) and virtually absent in SbD_3 studies (Figure 4a) and no evidence was found for group 2 bands with SbD_3 . However, the group 1 absorptions were more prominant with SbD_3 than with SbH_3 .

Photolysis with red light (590–1000 nm) reduced precursor complex bands (noted C) and increased group 3 bands (1320 cm⁻¹ from A < 0.01 to A = 0.02) and the group 5 bands (824.6 cm⁻¹ from A = 0.02 to 0.18), while group 1 bands were not changed (spectrum not shown in Figure 4). Continued irradiation at 290 nm, shown in Figure 4b, produced major growth in group 3 (5-fold) and group 5 (2-fold) bands, while group 1 bands were destroyed, and further 220-nm photolysis doubled group 3 bands and reduced group 5 absorptions by 30%.

Two experiments were done with SbD_3 and ${}^{18}O_3$, and the oxygen-18 counterpart absorptions are given in Table III. Figure 5 shows oxygen isotopic spectra for three group 1 bands, and the



Figure 4. Infrared spectra for $Ar/SbD_3 = 200/1$ (16 mmol) and $Ar/O_3 = 100/1$ (11 mmol) mixtures (a) after codeposition for 4 h at 15 K; (b) after 290–1000-nm photolysis for 30 min; (c) after 220–1000-nm photolysis for 30 min.

Table III. Absorptions (cm⁻¹) Observed in Argon Matrix Experiments with SbD₃ and Ozone

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¹⁶ O ₃	¹⁸ O ₃	characteristica	identification ^b
2697	2680	P, +g	3
2686		P, +g	3
2674	2657	P, +g	3
2658	2642	P, +u	6
2644	2627	P, +u	6
1457.7	1456.7	R, -u	1
1413	1413	P, +r	5
1411	1411	R, -	4
1407	1407	P, +r	5
1387	1387	R, -r	С
1384	1387	R, -r	С
1320.6	1320.6	R, +g	3
1319.4	1319.4	P, +g	3
1316.3	1316.3	P, +g	3 site
1032	976	R, -r	С
824.6	781.0°	P, +r, -u	5
796.7	754.2	P, -u	1
778.5	736.5	P, +u	6
732		R, -	?
647	613	P, +u	3
641		P, +u	3
637	609	P, +u	3
624	603	P, +u	3
617.6	615.6	P,u	1
608	580	P, +u	3
603	d	P, +u	3 site
598	d	P, +u	3
580	d	P, +u	3 site
569.9	569.9	R, -r	С
568	568	P, +r, -u	5
485	468	P, +u	?
437.9	426.0	R, -u	1
435.0	423.5	R, -u	1 site
402.0	399.4	P, +u	5
396.6	394.1	P, +r, -u	5
387.1	381.0	R, -u	1
276	272	P, +u	6

^aSymbols: R = reaction product and P = photolysis product. Photolysis behavior is indicated by growth (+ = increase, - = decrease)and range (r = red, g = green, u = ultraviolet). ^bAbsorption groups identified in text. "Weak band also observed at 795 cm⁻¹." Obscured by precursor.

intermediate trace b from one of two ^{16,18}O₃ experiments shows the mixed isotopic multiplets for these bands. The upper region shows five bands at 796.7, 787.6, 775.6, 765.2, and 754.2 cm^{-1} , and the lower region reveals a partially resolved sextet measured at 437.9, 434.8, 432.2, 429.0, 426.2, and 423.6 cm⁻¹ under best resolution conditions and an unresolved multiplet between 387 and 381 cm⁻¹. The 2600- and 600-cm⁻¹ regions showed oxygen-18 shifts and no evidence of multiplets with mixed isotopic ozone. The sharp red-photolysis-product band at 824.6 cm⁻¹ with ¹⁶O₃ shifts to 781.0 cm⁻¹ with ¹⁸O₃; the latter band was produced by 630-1000-nm photolysis; 520-1000-nm radiation gave no more, but 290–1000-nm light tripled the band (to A = 0.08), and a weak associated band appeared at 795.3 cm⁻¹. With ^{16,18}O₃, the sharp 824.6- and 781.0-cm⁻¹ group 5 bands exhibited no splittings or mixed isotopic components. Finally, the ozone region was examined and the photosensitive satellite sextet at 1032, 1018, 1009, 999, 985, and 975 cm⁻¹ exhibited 1/2/1/1/2/1 relative intensities just as v_3 of O_3 .

Complementary experiments were done with $Ar/O_2 = 50/1$ samples passed through a microwave discharge and codeposited with $Ar/SbD_3 = 200/1$ samples. A strong 1319.6-cm⁻¹ band (A = 0.21) was observed along with weak, broad 600-650- and 2696–2685-cm⁻¹ absorptions, about 20% of the absorbance of the bands found in Figure 4c, where the 1320-cm⁻¹ band absorbance is 0.20. Weak ozone absorptions were also observed, and no group 1 or group 5 band were detected. When only argon was passed through the microwave discharge and the vacuum ultraviolet radiation directed at the condensing sample, no new product absorptions were observed.



Figure 5. Infrared spectra in the 740-810- and 370-450-cm⁻¹ regions for $Ar/SbD_3 = 200/1$ samples codeposited at 15 K with $Ar/O_3 = 100/1$ samples: (a) ${}^{16}O_3$; (b) ${}^{16,18}O_3$; (c) ${}^{18}O_3$.

Discussion

The new products will be identified, absorptions will be assigned, and reactivity trends for group 15 hydrides with ozone will be considered.

Stibino Radical. Since the first absorption of SbH₃ is a broad continuum with a maximum at 197 nm¹⁵ and 193-nm ArF laser radiation photodissociates SbH₃ to give SbH₂,¹⁶ it is reasonable to expect full high-pressure mercury-arc photolysia which gives significant radiation between 220 and 250 nm, to photolyze SbH₃ (reaction 1). The new 1840.5-cm⁻¹ band produced at the expense

$$SbH_3 + h\nu (220-250 \text{ nm}) \rightarrow SbH_2 + H$$
 (1)

of SbH₃ by such photolysis is assigned to ν_3 of the stibino radical SbH₂. Although the ground-state SbH diatomic fundamental has not been observed experimentally, it has recently been calculated¹⁷ at 1763 cm⁻¹, sufficiently far below 1840 cm⁻¹ to rule out assignment to SbH. It is interesting to note that the fundamentals for the transient species SbH₂ and SbH fall below SbH₃. This suggests that extra repulsions from the unpaired electron(s) adversely affect the remaining bond(s). Similarly, the 1320.2-cm⁻¹ band produced at the expense of SbD₃ is assigned to v_3 of the SbD₂ radical. Sample annealing verified the transient nature of the new species absorbing at 1320 cm⁻¹. Finally, the microwave-discharge O atom reaction with SbD₃ also produced a significant yield of the 1320-cm⁻¹ SbD₂ absorption. On the basis of the observation of other bands to be assigned below to D_2SbOD , the abstraction reaction for O appears to be favored over insertion or addition and rearrangement.

Stibylene Ozonide (Group 1). Table IV lists the group 1 bands that are produced on codeposition of stibine and ozone with excess argon. The photodissociation profile, i.e., photolysis behavior, indicates blue near-UV absorption, similar to that observed for alkali-metal and alkaline-earth-metal ozonides.^{18,19} The group 1 bands contain an Sb-H stretching fundamental at 2027 cm⁻¹,

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Table IV. Infrared Absorptions (cm⁻¹) Assigned to Stibylene Ozonide in Solid Argon

HSb ¹⁶ O ₃	HSb ¹⁸ O ₃	DSb ¹⁶ O ₃	DSb ¹⁸ O ₃	mode
2027	2027	1457	1457	Sb-H str
872.7	871.6	617.6	616.0	antisym Sb-H def ^a
767.4	755.6	796.7	754.2	antisym O-O str ^a
727	686	731.8	(690) ^b	Sb-O ₃ str
472.4	473	387	381	sym Sb-H def ^a
425.6	407.7	437.9	423.6	sym O-O-O bend ^a
				sym Sb–O str ^a

^a Denotes mixed internal coordinates for normal modes. ^b Estimated from the position of one double-intensity intermediate component at 711.3 cm⁻¹ for the 731.9-cm⁻¹ band; obscured by the strong 692-cm⁻¹ precursor band.

above that for SbH₃, with an appropriate H/D = 2027/1457 = 1.3912 ratio and an Sb-H deformation fundamental at 872.7 cm⁻¹, also above that for SbH₃, with a large H/D = 872.7/617.6 = 1.413 ratio and a small (1.1 cm⁻¹) oxygen-18 shift arising from interaction with a nearby stretching mode involving oxygen. Two other bands, 767.4 and 425.6 cm⁻¹, show large oxygen isotopic shifts and multiplets with ^{16,18}O₃ indicative of a three oxygen atom species. The final band at 472.4 cm⁻¹ is essentially unchanged with oxygen-18 and shows the moderate H/D = 472.4/387 = 1.221 ratio expected for a symmetric deformation mode. That the two oxygen stretching motions interact with the two Sb-H deformation modes is clearly revealed in the spectrum of the deuteriated species, where the two primarily oxygen motions *blue shift* owing to the large red shifts and crossover of the corresponding Sb-D deformation modes.

The diagnostic group 1 bands are illustrated in Figure 5 for isotopic ozone precursors. The 796.7-cm⁻¹ band exhibits a doublet of 1/2/1 triplets with the two central components almost coincident; this multiplet is reminiscent of ozonide spectra²⁰ and indicates a vibration of two equivalent oxygen atoms and one inequivalent oxygen atom. In fact, the band position (796.7 cm⁻¹) is in agreement with $M^+O_3^-$ values for the antisymmetric O-O stretching motion of the ozonide anion $(800 \pm 10 \text{ cm}^{-1})$.²⁰ The 437.9-cm⁻¹ band exhibits a 1/2/1/1/2/1 relative intensity sextet again showing three oxygen atoms with two of them equivalent. Thus, species 1 has one Sb-H subunit, as evidenced by one stretching and two widely separated deformation modes, and one O_3 subgroup, as evidenced by two stretching modes, and the HSbO₃ identification is straightforward. Stibylene ozonide is probably a pyramidal molecule with a plane of symmetry produced by direct reaction (eq 2) of the precursor molecules.

$$SbH_3 + O_3 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow Sb + H_2$$
 (2)

The vibrational assignments for HSbO3 are interesting because of different amounts of mode mixing for the different isotopic species. The purest mode, 796.7 cm⁻¹ for DSb¹⁶O₃, is primarily antisymmetric O-O-O stretching from near agreement with $M^+O_3^-$ values²⁰ and oxygen-18 shift (751.1 cm⁻¹ calculated for a pure oxygen motion as compared to the 754.2-cm⁻¹ observed value). This motion involves even more oxygen character than an Sb-O stretching mode (calculated ¹⁸O value 756.5 cm⁻¹). The antisymmetric Sb-D deformation mode at 617.6 cm^{-1} is low enough to interact little and have little effect on the O3-subgroup character of the 796.7-cm⁻¹ normal mode. However, with HSbO₃, the antisymmetric Sb-H deformation mode at 872.7 cm⁻¹ interacts with the O_3 -subgroup mode, forces it down to 767.4 cm⁻¹, and reduces the oxygen character of this mode. A similar interaction operates between the symmetric Sb-H deformation at 472.4 cm⁻¹ and mixed Sb-O stretch, O-O-O bend at 425.6 cm⁻¹. The latter band is substantially lower than ozonide bending modes (600 cm⁻¹)²⁰ and probably involves mixing with the symmetric Sb-O stretching motion. A pure oxygen motion would shift to 401.3 cm⁻¹ with ¹⁸O, slightly more than the 407.7-cm⁻¹ observed value.

Table V. Infrared Absorptions (cm^{-1}) Assigned to Hydroxystibine in Solid Argon

H ₂ Sb ¹⁶ OH	H ₂ Sb ¹⁸ OH	D ₂ Sb ¹⁶ OD	D ₂ Sb ¹⁸ OD	mode
3654	3643	2697	2680	O-H str
(3640)	(3626)	(2686)		site or isomer
(3625)	(3614)	(2674)	(2657)	site or isomer
1836.8	1836.8	1320.6	1320.6	Sb–H ₂ str
1834.6	1834.6	1319.4	1219.4	site or isomer
612	582	637		site or isomer
(596)	(567)	(624)		site or isomer
(590)		608	580	site
583.5	556.5	598		Sb-O str
(574)	(548)			site or isomer

The symmetric Sb–D deformation shifts to 387 cm^{-1} , below the symmetric O–O–O mode, forcing it up to 437.9 cm^{-1} and sharing the ¹⁸O shift between the two motions.

The most interesting question about the stibylene ozonide species regards its comparison to ionic ozonides M⁺O₃⁻¹⁸⁻²⁰ and primary organic ozonides.²¹ The latter exhibit antisymmetric O-O-O stretching modes near 647 cm⁻¹ and symmetric O-O-O bending near 409 cm⁻¹. As mentioned above, the antisymmetric O_3 subgroup absorption for DSbO₃ is near alkali-metal ozonide values, but the O_3 -subgroup bending motion is substantially below $M^+O_3^$ values and near the primary organic ozonide value, which indicates bonding of the terminal oxygens in the O₃ subgroup. Although the ionization energy of SbH is not known, both the appearance potential of SbH⁺ from SbH₃ (9.9 \pm 0.2 eV) and the ionization energy of Sb (8.64 eV) are considerably higher than alkali-metal (4-5 eV) and alkaline-earth-metal (5-6 eV) values²² where ionic ozonides have been prepared on reagent codeposition, which makes an ionic $HSb^+O_3^-$ species unlikely. Furthermore, the light brown sample color and complete photodissociation with 290-nm radiation reveal an absorption spectrum different from those of the alkali-metal ozonides. Also, the observation of two well-defined H-Sb-O deformation modes indicates the well-defined structural arrangement expected for a covalently bound species. Hence, consistent with the covalent network nature of antimony oxides,²³ HSbO₃ likely involves primarily covalent bonding.

Group 2. The carrier of group 2 bands is difficult to identify since no deuterium counterparts were observed. The band at 654.9 cm⁻¹ shows a moderate 13.8-cm⁻¹ ¹⁸O shift and exhibits a doublet of doublets in ^{16,18}O₃ studies, which identifies a motion of one oxygen atom interacting slightly with a second inequivalent oxygen atom. The sharp 358-cm⁻¹ band shows a 3-cm⁻¹ ¹⁸O shift and is appropriate for a OH torsional mode. A possible species such as H₂SbOOH would show a deuterium kinetic isotope effect that could account for no observable product. The H₂SbOH species, to be discussed below, was a major product of O₃ codeposition with SbH₃, in contrast to the corresponding D₂SbOD species. The group 2 bands are tentatively attributed to a possible H₂SbOOH molecule.

Hydroxystibine (Group 3). The absorptions of group 3 were produced in good yield by codeposition of SbH₃ and O₃ (Figure 2) but only in trace yield upon codeposition of SbD₃ and O₃ (Figure 4). Group 3 bands increased slightly with visible photolysis and markedly with UV photolysis; new absorptions were observed in three regions: just below the strong precursor Sb-H (or Sb-D) stretching modes, in the O-H (and O-D) stretching region, and near 600 cm⁻¹. The isotope shifts characterize O-H, Sb-H₂, and Sb-O stretching modes and identify the H₂SbOH molecular species. Similar spectra for the H₂AsOH species⁵ provide support for the present identification of H₂SbOH. The several absorptions given in Table V are due to either different argon packing arrangements (sites) in the matrix or perhaps different cis or trans

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Table VI. Infrared Absorptions (cm⁻¹) Assigned to Stibine Oxide in Solid Argon

H ₃ Sb ¹⁶ O	H ₃ Sb ¹⁸ O	D ₃ Sb ¹⁶ O	D ₃ Sb ¹⁸ O	assgnt
1970	1970	1413	1413	$\nu_4(e)$ antisym Sb-H ₃ str
$(1962)^{a}$ (825) ^a	(1962) $(779)^a$	824.6	(1407) 781.0 ^b	ν_4 site $\nu_2(a_1)$ Sb=O str
791.8	794.2	568	568	$\nu_3(a_1)$ sym SbH ₃ def
с	с	402.0 396.6	399.4 394.1	$\nu_6(e)$ antisym D-So-O der ν_6 site

^{*a*}Bands obscured by strong SbH₃ absorptions; presence deduced from interaction with $\nu_3(a_1)$ and comparison to D₃SbO. ^{*b*} Weak Fermi resonance doublet component observed at 795 cm⁻¹. ^{*c*} Not observed; may be obscured by the 542-cm⁻¹ product band.

isomers of H_2 SbOH. Hydroxystibine is produced by direct reaction (eq 3) and by the photolysis mechanism to be discussed later.

$$SbH_3 + O_3 \longrightarrow Bb - O_H + O_2$$
 (3)

The O-H stretching mode and isotopic shifts for SbH₂OH are almost identical with those observed for H₂AsOH. In fact, there is a smooth trend in O-H stretching fundamentals in the series NH₂OH (3635 cm⁻¹), PH₂OH (3644 cm⁻¹), AsH₂OH (3652 cm⁻¹), and SbH₂OH (3654 cm⁻¹). This probably reflects a decrease in interaction with the more diffuse lone pair on the central element. On this basis the -NH₂ group appears to be more "electron donating" as the limit in this trend is OH⁻ (3549 cm⁻¹ in solid argon).²⁴

The H₂SbOH species appears to be predictable in all respects. The Sb-H/Sb-D = 1834.6/1319.4 = 1.3905 ratio is almost the same as the precursor value: 1882.2/1352.7 = 1.3914. Finally, the ¹⁸O counterpart (556.5 cm⁻¹) for the Sb-O stretching mode (583.5 cm⁻¹) is just 2 cm⁻¹ short of the value calculated for a diatomic Sb-O oscillator, which indicates an almost pure Sb-O stretching mode. There is, however, a 20–28-cm⁻¹ blue shift on deuteriation owing to mixing of the Sb-O stretch with the Sb-D₂ bending and deformation modes expected in the high 500-cm⁻¹ region.

Group 4. Reaction products that showed only a little demise on photolysis have spectra that include a broad band with structure at 1982 cm⁻¹ and a feature at 740 cm⁻¹ that shows a 27-cm⁻¹ oxygen-18 shift. No mixed isotopic components were found, presumably due to isotopic dilution. On deuteriation, the group 4 bands were observed at 1411 and 700 cm⁻¹. This species contains -SbH_x and -SbO_y subgroups. It is likely that y < 3, since ozonides should be photosensitive. A good possibility is x = 1 and y = 1; such a tentatively identified HSbO₂ species would likely be analogous to stibylene ozonide.

Stibine Oxide (Group 5). The first product formed on red photolysis at the expense of the SbD_3 --O₃ complex (Scheme I) was favored in SbD₃ experiments. Sharp group 5 bands appeared at 1413, 824.6, 568, and 396.6 cm⁻¹ on red photolysis. These bands (or the 402.0-cm⁻¹ component) were doubled with 290-1000-nm irradiation and were reduced by one-third with full arc photolysis. The key elements are the oxygen-18 shift to 781.0 cm⁻¹ for the strong 824.6-cm⁻¹ band in the "Sb=O" stretching region and the absence of intermediate components with ^{16,18}O₃. A harmonic Sb-O calculation predicts 783.0 cm⁻¹, which falls short of the observed shift by 2.0 cm⁻¹. This requires either more than one oxygen, which cannot be the case in view of the mixed isotopic doublet, or a Fermi resonance interaction. The latter is provided by the 399.4-, 394.1-cm⁻¹ fundamentals in the SbD₃ and ${}^{18}O_3$ experiments and a weak new band at 795 cm⁻¹ probably due to its overtone. Red photolysis (630-1000 nm) first produced the 394.1-cm⁻¹ band and absorption at 779.8 cm⁻¹; continued near-UV photolysis produced the 399.4-cm⁻¹ counterpart and shifted the peak higher to 781.0 cm⁻¹. The 399.4-, 394.1-cm⁻¹ bands are appropriate for the $v_6(e)$ D—Sb=O deformation mode of D₃- Scheme I



Sb=O where $2\nu_6$ at 795 cm⁻¹ is in Fermi resonance with the $\nu_2(a_1)$ Sb=O stretch at 781 cm⁻¹ and shifts it slightly lower than predicted from the harmonic Sb–O calculation. The strong 824.6cm⁻¹ absorption involving the stretching of a single oxygen atom near the SbO diatomic fundamental (810 cm⁻¹ in the gas phase)²⁵ provides strong support for the identification of D₃Sb=O. Other group 5 fundamentals in the Sb–D stretching region at 1413 cm⁻¹ and the symmetric SbD₃ deformation region at 568 cm⁻¹ add to the evidence for the identification of D₃SbO.

The corresponding H₃Sb=O species is less stable against rearrangement to H₂SbOH with increasing photolysis energy, and most unfortunately, the two strong SbH_3 bands at 822 and 779 cm⁻¹ completely mask the diagnostic Sb=O stretching modes of H₃Sb¹⁶O and H₃Sb¹⁸O, respectively, which are expected to show little shift from D₃SbO on the basis of the spectra of H₃AsO and $D_3AsO.^5$ However, the 791.8-cm⁻¹ band, which appeared on 590-nm photolysis and increased with 290- and decreased with 220-nm photolysis, is appropriate for the symmetric SbH₃ deformation of H₃SbO. Following the appearance of the ν_3 mode of D₃SbO just 9 cm⁻¹ above ν_2 of SbD₃, ν_3 of H₃SbO is expected 12 cm⁻¹ above v_2 of SbH₃, as observed here. This assignment is confirmed by the blue shift of the 791.8-cm⁻¹ band to 794.2 cm⁻¹ with ¹⁸O, which arises from interaction with the "Sb=O" stretching mode of H₃Sb¹⁸O expected near 780 cm⁻¹ on the basis of the spectrum observed here for $D_3Sb^{18}O$.

The diagnostic "Sb—O" stretching fundamental of stibine oxide at 824 cm⁻¹ is above this fundamental for trialkylstibine oxides (678 cm⁻¹) in solution.²⁶ A similar relationship has been found for H₃PO, H₃AsO, and their trialkyl derivatives although the difference is much greater for the stibine compounds. In view of the appearance of the diatomic group 15 oxide MO and H₃MO fundamentals^{4,5} within 20 cm⁻¹, the D₃SbO and R₃SbO discrepancies imply that the R₃SbO species is associated in solution.

The effect of oxygen on the bonds involving hydrogen in the series H₃PO, H₃AsO, and H₃SbO appears to be more pronounced with antimony. The blue shift in ν_3 for the hydride compared to ν_4 for the oxide increases from 27 and 24 cm⁻¹ for H₃PO and H₃AsO to 88 cm⁻¹ for H₃SbO. Finally, consistent with the near-UV photolysis of stibine, stibine oxide also photodissociates with the unfiltered mercury arc.

Group 6. Weak bands in the last group were produced and increased with UV photolysis. Again, the spectrum is not complete for either the protonated or deuteriated species because product absorptions are probably masked by precursor. The absorptions given in Table VII include OH and OD stretches below those for species 3, an Sb–O stretch above species 3, a sharp 778.5-cm⁻¹ absorption, and a low-frequency band at 370 cm⁻¹. Although the

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Table VII. Infrared Absorptions (cm⁻¹) Assigned to Metaantimonic Acid, HOSbO₂, in Solid Argon

	D3	Sb	oH,	SI
assgnt	¹⁸ O	¹⁶ O	¹⁸ O	¹⁶ O
ν (O–H) str	2642	2658	3593	3604
site	2627	2644		3575
$\nu_{\rm sym}(\rm SbO_2)$ str	736.5	778.5	737.6	а
ν (Sb-O) str	а	Ь	604	635
τ (O–H) torsior	272	276	369	370

^a Masked by precursor. ^bOne of the bands between 647 and 598 $\rm cm^{-1}$ could be the counterpart of the 635-cm⁻¹ band.

spectrum is incomplete, some conclusions can be drawn from the available data. The sharp 778.5-cm⁻¹ band for the deuteriated species has an oxygen-18 counterpart at 736.5 cm⁻¹ and a stronger 759.1-cm⁻¹ intermediate component with ^{16,18}O₃; this evidence identifies a vibration involving primarily two equivalent oxygen atoms. The ¹⁸O shift is appropriate for a symmetric Sb– O_2 stretching mode. Only the ¹⁸O counterpart was observed for the protonated compound (owing to SbH₃ absorption), and the 1.1cm⁻¹ shift shows that this species contains hydrogen, consistent with observation of an O-H stretching mode. The strong sharp 635-cm⁻¹ band is due to an Sb–O vibration based on ± 1 -cm⁻¹ agreement between calculated and observed oxygen-18 counterparts. The 370-cm⁻¹ band shows D and ¹⁸O shifts appropriate for an -OH torsional motion. Accordingly, the group 6 bands are best assigned to HOSbO2. This molecular species is analogous to HOAsO₂ and HOPO₂, which increased on full arc photolysis in similar AsH₃ and PH₃ experiments.^{4,5}

Photolysis Mechanism. The mechanism of photolysis has been outlined in Scheme I, and a few points will be emphasized here. The favorable red photolysis of ozone in the complex is due to a specific interaction with stibine and the ability of SbH₃ to form a strong bond to oxygen. Such red photolysis has been observed for PH₃, AsH₃, and PCl₃ complexes with ozone.^{4,5,10} A key element for the stabilization of H₃SbO is matrix relaxation of the excited [H₃SbO]* species formed by the initial O atom addition.

Ultraviolet photolysis decreased H_3SbO , destroyed $HSbO_3$, produced $HOSbO_2$, and markedly increased H_2SbOH . A major contributor to the last occurrence is the photolysis of isolated ozone and the insertion of $O(^1D)$ into an Sb–H bond to give H_2SbOH . The photolysis of $HSbO_3$ probably gives HSbO and O_2 , which quickly react to produce $HOSbO_2$; the analogous latter reaction was observed for the PH_3/O_3 system.⁴

Reactivity Trends. Matrix codeposition of NH_3 , PH_3 , AsH_3 , and SbH_3 samples diluted in argon with ozone diluted in argon provides a basis for comparison of the relative reactivities of the group 15 hydrides. No codeposition reaction products were observed for NH_3 and PH_3 ; however, H_2AsOH was observed with AsH_3 , and H_2SbOH was produced with SbH_3 . In addition, the $HSbO_3$ ozonide species was observed for the SbH_3 reaction and no evidence for such a species was found with AsH_3 . Clearly the group 15 hydride reactivity with O_3 increases on going down the periodic table. A gas-phase investigation of chemiluminescent reactions in these systems²⁶ underscores their high reactivities but does not provide information on the relative reactivities of the hydrides.

Although H_2AsOH and H_2SbOH were codeposition reaction products, photolysis was required to produce a significant yield of the deuteriated species. Even on photolysis, the yields of H_2AsOH and H_2SbOH were larger relative to those of H_3AsO and H_3SbO than were the yields of D_2AsOD and D_2SbOD relative to those of D_3AsO and D_3SbO . This indicates a significant kinetic isotope effect for the insertion reaction and rearrangement of the deuteriated species. Finally, the yield of $DSbO_3$ was larger than the yield of $HSbO_3$ on the basis of band intensities. Since the ozonides are produced by an addition reaction followed by H_2 (or D_2) elimination, the greater yield of $DSbO_3$ points to its greater stability. For a hydride of limited stability, the added stability arising from lower zero-point energy for deuterium is more significant.

Finally, the classical trend of decreasing stability of the higher (V) oxidation state on going down a family in the periodic table is illustrated here. The compounds involving the V oxidation state, H_3SbO and $HOSbO_2$, are produced here in much lower yield relative to their V oxidation state analogues in AsH₃ and PH₃ investigations and relative to the lower (III) oxidation state species H_2SbOH .

Conclusions

Stibine and ozone were codeposited with excess argon at 12 K. Infrared spectra revealed major reaction products, which were identified as stibylene ozonide, HSbO₃, and hydroxystibine, H₂SbOH, on the basis of isotopic substitution (SbH₃, SbD₃, ¹⁶O₃, ¹⁸O₃, ¹⁶O₃, ¹⁸O₃, ^{16,18}O₃). Deuterium substitution gave more DSbO₃ and much less D₂SbOD upon codeposition. There appears to be a significant kinetic isotope effect for O-insertion reactions. Red photolysis of stibine/ozone samples gave new bands identified as stibine oxide, H₃SbO; the deuterium counterpart D₃SbO was a favored product with SbD₃. Ultraviolet photolysis destroyed HSbO₃, decreased H₃SbO, increased H₂SbOH, and produced weak new bands attributed to HOSbO₂. Ultraviolet photolysis of separate SbH₃ and SbD₃ samples gave new bands for the SbH₂ and SbD₂ free radicals.

The SbH₃/O₃ matrix studies gave species similar to those from experiments with PH₃ and AsH₃, including H₂SbOH and H₃SbO. Expected differences are decreasing stability of V oxidation state species with SbH₃ and increased reactivity of SbH₃ with O₃ to give a new type of ozonide species, HSbO₃, not observed with the lighter group 15 hydrides.

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