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## Reactions of Radioactive Recoil Atoms with (Halo)methanes

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### I. Introduction

This article is mainly dealing with the reactions of monovalent (T, Mu, halogen) recoil atoms with halo-methanes. The most important reactions of atoms that possess an excess of kinetic energy (hot atoms) with methanes are the abstraction and the substitution of atoms. The kinetic energy of the hot atom is often great enough to displace more than one atom. Recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms are able to displace all the four F atoms in gaseous  $\text{CF}_4$ . The formation of  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_3^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  from  $^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  recoiling in liquid  $\text{CCl}_4$  requires the displacement of five Cl atoms in two  $\text{CCl}_4$  molecules. Recoil T, F, and Cl particles react chemically as neutral atoms. The recoil chemistry of Br and I is far more complex, as reactions of atoms and ions, both in ground state and in electronically excited states, are often involved. Investigations with T and F are in general performed in gas-



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eous systems, whereas more liquid-phase experiments are reported for Cl, Br, and I, as most of these halo-methanes are liquids. The formation of labeled products in the liquid phase is quite often explained as being the result of reactions in an excited solvent cage, created by the recoil particle at the end of its track. Reactions between the recoil particle and radicals or excited molecules can take place before diffusion from the cage occurs. Many experiments have been performed with the aim of gaining more information about this type of reaction. Despite all that research, the theory of cage reactions suffers at the moment from a lack of substantiation of the mechanisms involved. In the main, the reactions of Mu are also studied with liquids. This is due to the fact that  $\mu^+$  particles are created with very high kinetic energies ( $\sim 40$  MeV). The stopping range of these ions in organic liquids is in the order of 2 cm

fwhm, and this means that bulky samples (25 mL) are required. To investigate gaseous samples, the use of very large targets—that must also fit between the poles of a magnet—is desirable. The recent development of “surface” beams of  $\mu^+$  with kinetic energies of 4 MeV has resulted in the first gas-phase experiments with chloromethanes.

High-energy accelerators are essential for the production of several polyvalent recoil atoms ( $^{11}\text{C}$ ,  $^{13}\text{N}$ ,  $^{15}\text{O}$ ). This is one of the reasons that the study of the reactions of these isotopes with halomethanes has received so little attention. Furthermore, the reactions of these atoms are far more complicated than those of hydrogen and halogen atoms, viz:

(1) The polyvalent atoms can react as ground-state atoms, but also as atoms in the first electronically excited state.

(2) H abstraction can result in the formation of reactive radicals, such as  $^{11}\text{CH}$ ,  $^{11}\text{CH}_2$ , and  $^{11}\text{CH}_3$  in the case of recoil  $^{11}\text{C}$  atoms. (Halogen abstraction is another possible reaction channel.)

(3) Insertion of bare atoms into C–H bonds quite often leads to very highly excited products that may easily decompose.

In order to attempt to bridge the gap between recoil chemistry and other branches of chemical research involving the reactions of bare atoms, information regarding nonradioactive atoms (in general the measurements of rate constants for abstraction of H and halogen atoms) is also included in this article. In the chapter dealing with tritium the reactions of energetic H and T atoms produced by photolysis will also be discussed.

Several reviews have been published on hot-atom chemistry,<sup>1–4</sup> while others have dealt with the reactions of radioactive recoil atoms with arenes and (halo)-ethylenes,<sup>5,6</sup> respectively.

## II. Tritium

Some 20 publications have dealt with the measurements of rate constants for the reactions of H atoms with  $\text{CH}_4$ . It is generally agreed that the mechanism of this reaction is the abstraction of an H atom.<sup>7</sup> From all the data collected in ref 7 and 8, the averaged values of  $A$  and  $\Delta E$  from the Arrhenius equation can be calculated as  $\log A$  ( $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) =  $10.2 \pm 0.3$  and  $\Delta E$  =  $(41.6 \pm 2.5) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . From a critical review of available data, Sepherad et al.<sup>9</sup> calculated in 1979:  $\log A$  =  $10.88 \pm 0.06$  and  $\Delta E$  =  $49.9 \pm 0.8$ . Most of the data were measured at temperatures between 400 and 700 K. An extrapolation to room temperature results in a rate constant of  $k_{298} = 1.3 \times 10^3 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Other data for the abstraction of H or halogen atoms from halomethanes are given in Table I.

For several halomethanes, Clark and Tedder<sup>11</sup> measured relative rates for the abstraction of Cl atoms by H atoms, that were generated in a Woods tube:  $\text{CDCl}_2\text{-Cl}$ , 1.0;  $\text{CFCl}_2\text{-Cl}$ , 2.0;  $\text{CCl}_3\text{-Cl}$ , 1.3;  $\text{CBrCl}_2\text{-Cl}$ , 1.0. They also measured relative rates for the abstraction of H, D, F, Cl, and Br atoms from a same molecule:  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{H/Cl} = 3.4$ ;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{D/Cl} = 3.3$ ;  $\text{CFCl}_3$ ,  $\text{F/Cl} = 0.21$ ;  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{Br/Cl} = 1.6$ ;  $\text{CCl}_3\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{Br/Cl} = 1.5$ .

Martin and Willard<sup>12</sup> investigated reactions of hot (3 eV) H and D atoms that were produced by the photolysis of  $\text{HBr}$  and  $\text{DBr}$ : 6.2% of such H atoms react as

TABLE I.<sup>8</sup> Arrhenius Parameters for the Reactions of H Atoms with Halocarbons

compd	$A, 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$\Delta E, \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$	temp, K
H abstraction			
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	1.3	39.3	875–953
$\text{CHF}_3$	0.50	20.9	1105–1284
	0.32	46.9	350–600
F abstraction			
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	6.3	34.3	858–1088
	1.8	39.3	605–871
	6.3	21.8	298–652 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{CF}_4$	70.8	182.8	1323–1523
	110	186.6	1173–1573
Cl abstraction			
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	9.5	31.9	870–1088
	3.7	38.9	510–998
	6.2	19.2	298–652 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	1.1	25.5	298–460
$\text{CFCl}_3$	1.7	36.8	538–676
Br abstraction			
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	5.4	18.0	297–480
	11.0	19.4	297–1088
	2.8	22.2	298–996
	1.3	15.5	298–650 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$	436	73.0	1005–1284
I abstraction			
$\text{CH}_3\text{I}$	39	0	667–838

$$k_{298} = 0.24 \times 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$

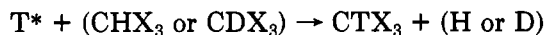
$$k_{298} = 0.59 \times 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$

<sup>a</sup>Reference 10.

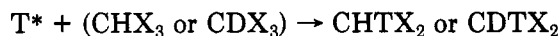
hot atoms with  $\text{CD}_4$  and 17% of the D atoms with  $\text{CH}_4$ . The latter value is not in conflict with a hot fraction of 5.7%, measured in  $\text{CH}_4$  for the reactions of a mixture of 1.8- and 0.9-eV D atoms that were produced by the photolysis of  $\text{DI}$ .<sup>13</sup> Oldershaw et al.<sup>14</sup> studied the reactions of 1.1-eV H atoms—produced by the photolysis of  $\text{HI}$ —with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ . The ratio (X abstraction + X substitution)/(H + X abstraction + H + X substitution) was found to be 0.056 for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  and 0.27 for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ . By varying the photolysis wavelength, Gould et al.<sup>15</sup> determined the threshold energy for Cl abstraction from  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  as  $(47 \pm 14) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .<sup>15</sup> This value is in close accord with activation energies of  $38.9^{16}$  and  $31.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>17</sup> but not with a value of  $19.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  (Table I).

Chou and Rowland<sup>18–21</sup> observed the reactions of hot (2.8 eV) T atoms—produced by the photolysis of  $\text{TBr}$ —with isotopic methanes,  $\text{CH}_4\text{D}_{4-n}$ . Experiments with  $\text{Br}_2$  scavenged  $\text{CH}_4$  showed a  $\text{HT/CH}_3\text{T}$  ratio of about 3.8. This value is much higher than that measured for more energetic T atoms, and agrees with a higher threshold energy for H substitution than for H abstraction.<sup>20</sup> Isotope effects were observed for the abstraction of an H or D atom in  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  mixtures, as the ratio H/D abstraction is  $(1.7 \pm 0.1)$ .<sup>21</sup> The replacement of D atoms in  $\text{CD}_4$  by F atoms has also an effect on the yield of D abstraction: the relative DT yields per C–D bond are 1.0:2.7:1.7 for  $\text{CD}_4:\text{CD}_3\text{F}:\text{CDF}_3$ . This sequence is in agreement with the theory that the lower the C–D bond energies, the lower the threshold energies for abstraction, and conversely, the higher the yields.<sup>22</sup> The relative ratio of H vs. D abstraction in  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{D}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{D}_2$ , and  $\text{CD}_4$ —as measured with 2.8 eV T atoms—is  $(7.2 \pm 0.2)$ ,  $(5.6 \pm 0.3)$ ,  $(3.1 \pm 0.3)$ , and (1.0), respectively, or an average of  $(1.6 \pm 0.2)$  per bond. This value contradicts the earlier tenet of hard-sphere atom–atom collisions (billiard-ball theory),<sup>21</sup> as in that

case a value lower than 1 would be expected. The T-for-H vs. D-substitution ratio per bond is  $(1.06 \pm 0.1)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{D}_2$  and  $(1.2 \pm 0.3)$  in  $\text{CHD}_3$ . These values, together with the above-mentioned results, are consistent with a primary isotope effect of  $(1.6 \pm 0.2)$ , favoring the substitution of H over D:



and also with a secondary isotope effect of  $(1.6 \pm 0.2)$ , favoring substitution within a methyl group that contains more H atoms:

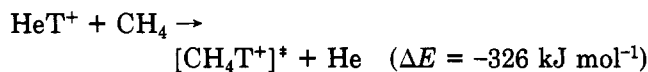


By changing the wavelength for the photolysis of TBr, the energy of the T atoms could be varied between 1.1 and 6.0 eV. This type of experiment permits the determination of threshold energies, of which the following were measured for substitution reactions:<sup>19,23,24</sup> T-for-H in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ , 1.8 eV, in  $\text{CHF}_3$ ,  $(1.9 \pm 0.2)$  eV; T-for-F in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ , 1.3 eV, in  $\text{CHF}_3$ ,  $(1.9 \pm 0.3)$  eV; T-for-D in  $\text{CD}_4$ , 1.5 eV.

The lower threshold for F than for H substitution in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ , and the T-for-H/T-for-F substitution ratio of about 0.2 (per bond) agrees with Walden inversion in the case of T-for-F substitution. This inversion is facilitated by the mobility of the three light H atoms.<sup>23</sup> In the case of  $\text{CHF}_3$ , the threshold energies for H and for F substitution are the same, and the T-for-H/T-for-F substitution ratio of about 20 (per bond) is much higher than for  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ .<sup>24</sup> These results indicate the absence of an inversion mechanism during F substitution in  $\text{CHF}_3$ , which is understandable in terms of adjusting two heavy F atoms to change their configuration.

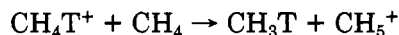
A special type of reaction of tritium is the self-induced exchange of  $\text{T}_2$  gas with  $\text{CH}_4$ .<sup>25,26</sup> The decay of T ( $\text{T} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}^+ + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}$ ) in  $\text{T}_2 + \text{CH}_4$  mixtures gives rise to two effects:

(1) Primary formation of  $\text{HeT}^+$ . Although this molecule ion has a short lifetime, it will react with  $\text{CH}_4$ , yielding excited  $\text{CH}_4\text{T}^+$ :



Subsequent reactions of this ion with  $\text{CH}_4$  can lead to the formation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{T}$ , and higher alkanes.

(2) The  $\beta^-$  radiation causes ionization of  $\text{CH}_4$ . The  $\text{CH}_4^+$  ions can react with  $\text{T}_2$  yielding  $\text{CH}_4\text{T}^+$ . Proton transfer can then produce  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$ :



### A. Reactions with Methane

Reactions of recoil T atoms were reviewed in 1978 by Tang.<sup>27</sup> Thermal T atoms can only abstract an H atom from  $\text{CH}_4$ , but energetic atoms can substitute one or more atoms. In  $\text{Br}_2$  scavenged gaseous  $\text{CH}_4$ , relative yields of HT,  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{TBr}$  are 79:100:20.<sup>27</sup>

The first study on the reactions of recoil T atoms with  $\text{CH}_4$  were performed by Wolfgang, Eigner, and Rowland<sup>28</sup> in 1956 with solid  $\text{CH}_4$  and a slurry of a Li salt. The separation of labeled products was carried out by distillation techniques. The main products were HT and  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$ , with minor amounts of higher alkanes. The first gas-phase experiments—using  ${}^3\text{He}$  as the source of tritons—were performed by Gordus et al. in 1957.<sup>29</sup> The same products as mentioned above for the solid

phase were found. It was suggested<sup>28,30</sup> that the higher hydrocarbons were formed through reactions of  $\text{T}^+$  ions. The kinetic energy that the recoil tritons receive after the nuclear reaction is so high, that at the beginning of the decelerating process, the tritons are in the form of  $\text{T}^+$  ions. At an energy of about 75 keV, the electron capture cross section of  $\text{T}^+$  equals the ionization cross section of T, and at lower energies most or all of the tritons will be in a neutral state.<sup>31,32</sup> That they react as T atoms to form  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  is also proven by the observation that this yield is not affected by the presence of  $\text{I}_2$  as an ion scavenger.<sup>33</sup> Furthermore, the  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  yield in moderated systems is found to decrease for the series Xe, Ar, Ne, He. The opposite effect would be expected for ionic reactions.<sup>33</sup> However, if He is used as a moderator, part of the recoil tritons may reach the chemical reactive zone as ions.<sup>34</sup> Experiments with  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_4$  moderated with He and Ar<sup>35</sup> and those with  $\text{Br}_2/\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  mixtures moderated with He,<sup>36</sup> prove that no  $\text{T}^+$  ions are involved in the final product formation.

When  $\text{CH}_4$  was irradiated at a neutron flux of  $2 \times 10^9 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  rather than of  $5 \times 10^{12}$ , the yield of HT was increased from 51% to 62%, and that of higher hydrocarbons dropped from 18 to 8%.<sup>31,32,37</sup> No appreciable changes in the product spectrum occurred when—at equal total dose—the dose rate was varied by a factor of 10, but similar effects as mentioned above were found as the amount of  ${}^3\text{He}$  was diminished.<sup>38</sup> No explanation was given for these results.

Hot reactions are insensitive to changes in temperature and to the presence of scavengers, but the yields are dependent upon the amounts of inert additives (moderators).

(1) In unscavenged  $\text{CH}_4$ , the HT/ $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  ratio was expected to increase at higher temperatures, as the thermal H abstraction reaction has a large temperature coefficient. However, such an effect was not found by raising the temperature from 295 to 473 K.<sup>31,32</sup>

(2) Addition of  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{I}_2$  decreases the HT/ $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  ratio from about 1.5 to 0.8.<sup>29,31,32,37,39</sup>  $\text{ICl}$  and  $\text{IBr}$  have the same effect as  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{I}_2$ .<sup>40</sup> Addition of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  also decreases the HT/ $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  ratio, but large amounts of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{T}$  and  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{T}$  are generated. The butane is formed from the reactions between  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{T}$  radicals and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ .<sup>38</sup>

(3) The yields of HT and of  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  become negligible in  $\text{Br}_2$  scavenged and highly moderated (99 mol %  ${}^4\text{He}$ )  $\text{CH}_4$ .<sup>31,32</sup> The effect of moderators on the yield of hot reactions is more systematically studied by the addition of several noble gases.<sup>33</sup> The moderator efficiency is in the sequence of  $\text{He} > \text{Ne} > \text{Ar} > \text{Xe}$ , as was expected, since the extent of transfer of kinetic energy in a single collision decreases in this order.

The mechanisms of abstraction and substitution reactions have been discussed for several years. To answer the questions raised, many experiments with varied types of hydrogenated and deuterated hydrocarbons are conducted. Several reviews have been published<sup>3,27,41</sup> and only some remarks pertaining to experiments with  $\text{CH}_4$  will be discussed here.

**H Abstraction.** In scavenged  $\text{CH}_4$ , the HT/ $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  ratio is 0.79. The HT/RT ratio increases for larger molecules: viz., 2.4 for  $n\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ . Originally, it was thought that this effect was due to a decrease in the RT yield, and was attributed by Wolfgang et al. to the application of the "steric model".<sup>39,43</sup> In this model, ab-

straction was thought to proceed within a narrow cone along the C-H axis, and therefore, the HT yield per C-H bond would not be affected by the steric hindrance of larger atoms or groups. However, experiments in excess of  $C_2D_4$ ,  $c-C_4F_6$ , and  $1,3-C_4F_6$ —providing equal T energy distribution, and preventing both thermal H abstraction from the substrate and HT production from these additives—proved that the HT yield increases upon decreasing the C-H bond energies.<sup>44-47</sup> (The HT yield measured for  $CH_3CD=CD_2$  was not in accordance with this correlation and it led to the conclusion that H abstraction by recoil T atoms takes place within  $2-5 \times 10^{-14}$  s.<sup>48</sup>) The observed relation between the HT yields and the C-H bond energies was explained by the “energy cut-off model”,<sup>46,47</sup> in which it was assumed that (1) the threshold energy for abstraction decreases at decreasing bond energy, and (2) at a given energy, the cross section for abstraction is higher for lower bond energies.

This correlation between HT yields and bond energy was confirmed by classical trajectory calculations with a series of hydrocarbons.<sup>49,50</sup> By changing the bond dissociation energy, bond length, and mass, only the bond dissociation energy has a significant effect on the abstraction efficiency. Altering the barrier height for the abstraction reaction has a pronounced effect on the cross section, whereas changing the exoergicity has barely any influence. Even at higher energies of the T atoms, there may be a preference for H abstraction at lower C-H bond energies. The “stripping model” of Wolfgang<sup>51-53</sup> assumes that only a small fraction of the energy of the fast moving T atom is available to strip an H atom from the molecule.

**H Substitution.** Most of the comprehension of the mechanisms and energetics of T-for-H substitution reactions has been obtained by experiments with halomethanes: this subject will be discussed in more detail in the chapters on photolysis, halomethanes, and isotope effects. The threshold energy for the substitution reaction is about 1.5 eV.<sup>55</sup> Between 10 and 300 kPa of  $CH_4$  pressure, there is almost no variation in the HT/ $CH_3T$  ratio, indicating that there is a broad spectrum—up to 5 eV—of excitation energies in the  $CH_3T^*$  molecules.<sup>56</sup> The double ( $CH_2TBr$ )/single ( $CH_3T$ ) displacement ratio in  $Br_2$  scavenged  $CH_4$  hardly varies in the 10–300 kPa pressure range. However, this observation does not demonstrate if double H displacement is a single-step reaction or if it proceeds through H elimination from an excited  $CH_3T^*$  molecule.

**Theory and Calculations.** The distribution of labeled products originating from hot reactions has been described by the Estrup-Wolfgang theory.<sup>57,58</sup> For a mixture consisting of a single reactant ( $CH_4$ ) and an inert moderator (rare gas), the total probability of reaction is given by

$$P = 1 - e^{-I/\alpha}$$

in which

$$f = \frac{X_{\text{react}}S_{\text{react}}}{X_{\text{react}}S_{\text{react}} + X_{\text{mod}}S_{\text{mod}}}$$

where X and S refer to mole fractions and collision cross sections, respectively.  $\alpha$  is the weighted sum of the average logarithmic energy loss on collision ( $= -\ln(E$

(after collision)/ $E$ (before collision)) with reactant and moderator:

$$\alpha = f\alpha_{\text{react}} + (1 - f)\alpha_{\text{mod}}$$

and  $I$  is the reaction integral (the area under the excitation curve) plotted on a logarithmic energy scale:

$$I = \int_{E_1}^{E_2} \frac{P(E)}{E} dE$$

From a combination of the above equations, a convenient relation can be derived:

$$-\frac{1}{\ln(1-P)} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{react}}}{I} + \frac{\alpha_{\text{mod}}}{I} \frac{1-f}{f}$$

From the straight line that can be obtained from a plot of  $1/\ln(1-P)$  vs.  $(1-f)/f$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{react}}$  and  $I$  can be derived in units of  $\alpha_{\text{mod}}$ . Partial reaction integrals— $I_i$ —can be determined through the relationship

$$P_i = \frac{f}{\alpha} - \frac{f^2}{\alpha^2} K_i \dots$$

( $K_i$  and higher terms correct  $I_i$  by taking into account the probability that the hot atom has already reacted above energy  $E$ ). A plot of  $(\alpha/f)P_i$  vs.  $f/\alpha$  gives the individual  $I_i$  values. Expressed in units of  $\alpha_{He}$ , the derived values for the T +  $CH_4$  system are

$$\alpha_{CH_4} = 2.8 \quad I = 1.74$$

$$I_{HT} = 0.83 \quad I_{CH_3T} = 0.62 \quad I_{CH_2T} = 0.16$$

The Estrup-Wolfgang theory has been discussed in detail.<sup>41,59-62</sup> Deviations observed in the application of this theory could be accounted for if  $\alpha$ —and the  $\alpha_{\text{react}}/\alpha_{\text{mod}}$  ratio—are not constants, but vary with energy.<sup>63,64</sup> A serious failure of the theory is that it does not consider the possibility of the decomposition of excited products. For  $CH_3T^*$ , this process will, in the main, result in the formation of  $CH_2T$ , which is detected as  $CH_2TBr$  or  $C_2HTI$  in scavenged systems. Decomposition of excited  $HT^*$  is more difficult to detect experimentally. Computer simulations of the reactions of energetic T atoms with hydrocarbons predict the presence of large amounts of translationally excited HT molecules.<sup>65-67</sup> In collisions with rare-gas atoms, this translational energy is converted into vibrational energy, most effectively by Xe and least effectively by He. The collisional deexcitation of DT (formed from  $CD_4$ ) is expected to be somewhat less effective than that of HT (from  $CH_4$ ). Using He as a moderator in  $CH_4/CD_4$  mixtures, no change in the HT/DT ratio at higher He concentrations is observed. However, with Ne as a moderator, this ratio increases from 1.05 to 1.25 in the range of 0–100 mol % of Ne.<sup>68</sup> The energetics of the collision processes are not fully understood, particularly as the energy of the recoil atom decreases toward chemical bond energies. If energy loss on collision is described as a simple elastic collision with a single outer atom of a molecule or with the entire molecule, then  $D_2$  would be a more effective moderator for recoil T atoms than  $CH_4$ , but the reverse effect was found.<sup>69</sup> This means that in a collision with a  $CH_4$  molecule much more energy must be transferred than can be expected on the basis of an elastic collision only.

As was shown by trajectory calculations, T-for-H substitution in  $CH_4$  may proceed by the Walden in-

version.<sup>70</sup> A three-atom model for the T-CH<sub>4</sub> reactions led to the following conclusions:<sup>71</sup>

(1) Abstraction and substitution are direct and concerted (as opposed to complex and sequential) reactions.

(2) Substitution is favored at intermediate energies (4–6 eV).

(3) Abstraction is favored at higher energies (>7 eV), due to stripping.

(4) Double displacement competes with abstraction above 7 eV.

(5) Translational energy in the products accounts for the largest proportion of the collision energy.

A six-particle classical trajectory study basically agrees with the above conclusions, and yields additional information.<sup>72–75</sup>

(6) Substitution involves strong interactions between at least 4 atoms.

(7) No inertial isotope effects were found when CH<sub>4</sub> was replaced by CD<sub>4</sub>.

The calculated abstraction/substitution ratios for CH<sub>4</sub> agree very well with experimental (photolytical and recoil) data.<sup>76</sup>

## B. Reactions with Halomethanes

The first investigation of the reactions of recoil T atoms with halomethanes (CH<sub>4</sub>X<sub>4-n</sub>) were performed by Odum and Wolfgang.<sup>77,78</sup> Apart from abstraction and substitution of H atoms, the substitution of an X atom and of two atoms (HX, X<sub>2</sub>) were also found to be important reaction channels. H abstraction from fluoro-, chloro- and bromomethanes accounts, on the average, for about 8% per C–H bond. In a 14-fold excess of c-C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>, Tachikawa et al.<sup>79</sup> found a decrease in the yield of HT (per C–H bond) if more Cl or Br atoms were present in the target molecule. This effect was explained by progressive weakening of the C–H bonds with additional X substituents. In the case of multiple F substitution, the C–H bonds are strengthened by polar effects and the HT yields per C–H bond are greatest for CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>.

In the case of H substitution, the yield per C–H bond decreases as the number of X substituents is increased. This effect was ascribed to steric obstruction by the halogen atoms. A very sharp drop observed in the yield of T-for-X substitution, when the number of X substituents was increased, was explained by Odum and Wolfgang<sup>77,78</sup> by inertial effects. They postulated that substitution reactions by hot H atoms, requiring the motion of heavy atoms or groups bound to the C atom, tend to be inhibited. However, after applications of corrections for secondary decomposition of excited products, the initial T-for-H and T-for-X reaction yields become much higher. From these corrected results, Rowland et al. concluded that T-for-H substitution in CH<sub>3</sub>X decreases smoothly with increasing electronegativity of X<sup>80–83</sup> (Figure 1). There also seemed to be a trend that the T-for-H substitution yields increase linearly with an increase in the energy of the weakest bond in the molecule.<sup>84</sup> This correlation was ascribed to the decomposition of molecules containing weak C–X bonds. The corrected yields for the T-for-X substitution reactions increase from X = Cl to X = I, which was also related to a decrease in the C–X bond energy.<sup>83</sup>

The above-mentioned corrections, due to decomposition, are a consequence of “double” and “triple” sub-

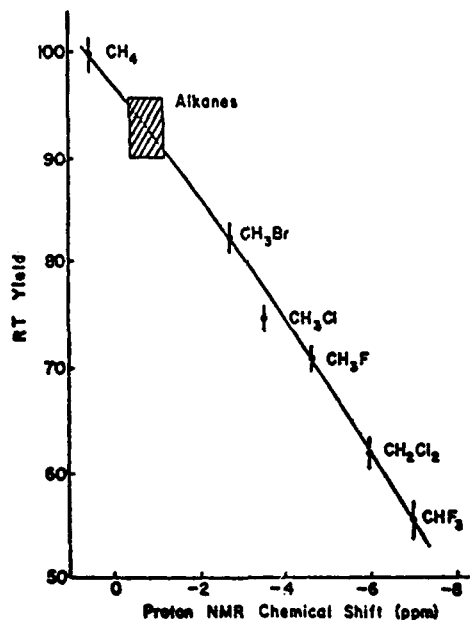
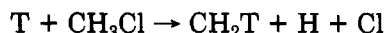
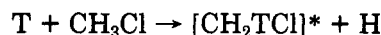


Figure 1. Correlation between the yields of T-for-H substitution products and the proton NMR chemical shift. Reproduced with permission from ref 27. Copyright 1978 Elsevier North Holland.

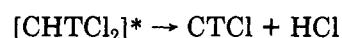
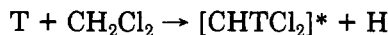
stitution reactions. Odum and Wolfgang had already noted that in I<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub> scavenged gas-phase experiments, labeled iodinated and brominated products were formed. The highest double displacement yield was found in the formation of 8.1% CH<sub>2</sub>TI in CH<sub>3</sub>Cl/I<sub>2</sub>. A major question was if such displacement reactions were proceeding in a fast one-step reaction, involving the simultaneous substitution of 2 atoms:



or by a two-step mechanism involving a single substitution reaction:



When the pressure was varied and the decomposition/stabilization ratio of [CH<sub>2</sub>TCl]\* was measured, the lifetime of the excited intermediate molecule could be established as 10<sup>-8</sup>–10<sup>-9</sup> s, which was convincing evidence that a two-step reaction is the most important channel. (A one-step reaction proceeds in about 10<sup>-14</sup> s.<sup>79</sup>) When C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> was used as a scavenger in gas-phase experiments with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, a considerable yield of c-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>TCl was formed, due to the addition of chlorocarbene to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.<sup>80,81</sup> This “triple” substitution reaction proceeds also via a two-step mechanism:



c-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>TCl was also found in experiments with CH<sub>2</sub>FCl, indicating the elimination of HF from excited CHTFCl.<sup>80</sup> Similarly, CTF was observed from the reactions of T with CHF<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>F, and CH<sub>2</sub>FCl.<sup>87–89</sup> In the presence of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, the yields of c-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>TF—relative to the yield of the excited precursors (100)—are

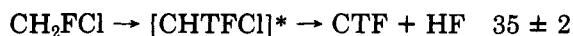
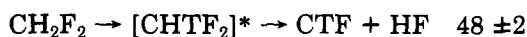


TABLE II. Relative Yields for Substitution Reactions of Recoil T Atoms (HT = 100)

compd	phase	scavenger	ref	H +				
				H	Cl	2H	Cl	2Cl
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	gas	I <sub>2</sub>	78 <sup>a</sup>	37	32	2.2	36	
	gas	Br <sub>2</sub>	80	37	31		35	
	gas	I <sub>2</sub>	85	48	33			
	liq	Br <sub>2</sub>	80	55	32		10	
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	gas	Br <sub>2</sub>	78 <sup>b</sup>	15	9	<3	9	15
	gas	Br <sub>2</sub>	82	16	8	1	c	15
	liq <sup>d</sup>	I <sub>2</sub>						
	liq <sup>d</sup>	Br <sub>2</sub>	82	29	22		11	3

<sup>a</sup> Absolute HT yield: (22.3 ± 1.0)%. <sup>b</sup> Absolute HT yield: (19.1 ± 1.8)%. <sup>c</sup> 16% with Br<sub>2</sub>, 6% with I<sub>2</sub>. <sup>d</sup> Liquid-phase results of ref. 86 are not reported as an unknown amount of <sup>35</sup>S was present.

In Table II relative product yields are given for gaseous and liquid CH<sub>3</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, these being the most investigated compounds. In the liquid phase, the secondary reactions are greatly reduced due to rapid deexcitation of the primary products, but they do proceed to some extent.<sup>82</sup> Three possible explanations—or a combination of these—were given:<sup>27</sup>

- (1) A very long tail of the excitation distribution spectrum extends into the very high energy range.
- (2) The RRKM assumption of energy randomization fails when the excitation is localized and high.
- (3) A single-step double displacement occurs.

### C. Isotope Effects

Several types of isotope effects have been considered for the reactions of recoil T atoms with protonated and deuterated compounds.<sup>27</sup>

**A. Reactive isotope effects**, due to the difference in reaction probability per collision at a given energy for the two isotopically labeled molecules. These reactive effects can be further divided into

- (1) **Primary isotope effects**, that refer to the variation in product yields caused by differences in the identity of the isotope being abstracted or replaced.
- (2) **Secondary isotope effects**, that refer to the variation in product yields when replacing the same isotopic atom in a molecule which is differently labeled at the other nonradioactive positions.

An example of A.1 is H/D abstraction and substitution in CHF<sub>3</sub>/CDF<sub>3</sub>. Pure examples of A.2 are T-for-F substitution in CH<sub>3</sub>F/CD<sub>3</sub>F and in CHF<sub>3</sub>/CDF<sub>3</sub>.

**B. Moderator isotope effects** can be operative if the energy losses of the recoil T atom in nonreactive collisions are not the same for the two differently labeled molecules. Moderator isotope effects are absent in some cases: partially deuterated molecules such as CH<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>; mixture of two isotopically labeled molecules

as CH<sub>4</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub>; an addition of an excess of a third molecule.

**CH<sub>4</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub>**. Rowland and co-workers<sup>90-92</sup> observed in 1960 the preference of recoil T atoms for the abstraction of an H atom from CH<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> and from CH<sub>4</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub> mixtures, rather than the abstraction of a D atom. The HT/DT ratio in both experiments was 1.3–1.4. At high concentrations of O<sub>2</sub>, the HT/DT ratio in both systems drops toward unity, which can be explained by assuming a higher average energy of the reacting T atoms.

From experiments in mixtures of CH<sub>4</sub>, CD<sub>4</sub> with C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, and C<sub>4</sub>D<sub>10</sub>, Root and Rowland<sup>92</sup> also found an isotope effect for the substitution reaction: CH<sub>3</sub>T/CD<sub>3</sub>T = 1.26 ± 0.05. This ratio differs somewhat from the integrated cross section for the substitution reactions, as measured by Cross and Wolfgang:<sup>93</sup> I(CH<sub>4</sub>) = I(CD<sub>4</sub>) = 0.29 ± 0.04. However, this equality means that the billiard model, developed by Libby<sup>94</sup> in 1947, was impractical for explaining these results, as this model predicts a I(CD<sub>4</sub>)/I(CH<sub>4</sub>) ratio of 3.06. It was concluded that the reactions occur at energies less than 10–20 eV, by a mechanism that involves strong bond coupling, which means that momentum is not only transferred to the atom that is struck by the incoming T atom, but also to the neighboring atoms.<sup>95</sup> Baker and Wolfgang,<sup>53</sup> performing experiments with mixtures of CH<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and CD<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, concluded from moderator experiments with Ne, that the abstraction reactions occur, on the average, at higher energies than the substitution reactions. Root and Rowland<sup>96,97</sup> irradiated mixtures of D<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub> and found that the ratio of DT/CH<sub>3</sub>T—corrected for the mole ratio of the D<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> mixture—was almost constant over the D<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> concentration range of 0.12–16. This shows that both products are formed at the same energy. The HT/CD<sub>3</sub>T ratio in H<sub>2</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub> mixtures varies from 7.3 at a H<sub>2</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub> ratio of 0.12, to 5.5 at a ratio of 16. This indicates that the threshold energy for HT formation is lower than that for CD<sub>3</sub>T formation.

**CH<sub>x</sub>F<sub>4-x</sub>/CD<sub>x</sub>F<sub>4-x</sub>**. Apart from the study of isotope effects for the reactions of recoil T atoms with deuterated methanes, Wolfgang et al. and Rowland et al.<sup>43,98,99</sup> have also investigated the reactions with deuterated fluoromethanes. The isotope effects for hydrogen abstraction and for hydrogen and fluorine substitution are summarized in Table III. For all types of reactions, there is an H/D isotope effect of about 1.3. Jurgeleit and Wolfgang<sup>43,98</sup> concluded that the mean energies at which the various reactions in CH<sub>3</sub>F and CD<sub>3</sub>F take place are in the order H abstraction < H substitution < F substitution < 2-atom substitution. Lee et al.<sup>99</sup> found that the H/D substitution isotope effect in highly moderated CH<sub>3</sub>F/CD<sub>3</sub>F (95% <sup>4</sup>He) is, within experimental error, the same as for the unmoderated system. Furthermore, the HT/CH<sub>2</sub>TF and

TABLE III: H/D Isotope Effects for the Reactions of Recoil T Atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>F/CD<sub>3</sub>F and CHF<sub>3</sub>/CDF<sub>3</sub>

system	scavenger	abstraction H	substitution				ref
			H	H	2H	H + F	
CH <sub>3</sub> F/CD <sub>3</sub> F, gas	I <sub>2</sub>	1.37 ± 0.03	1.23 ± 0.02	1.30 ± 0.02	1.4 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.1	43, 98
CH <sub>3</sub> F/CD <sub>3</sub> F, gas <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>2</sub>	1.26 ± 0.05	1.33 ± 0.04	1.40 ± 0.05			99
CH <sub>3</sub> F/CD <sub>3</sub> F, gas <sup>b</sup>	I <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>		1.27 ± 0.04				99
CHF <sub>3</sub> /CDF <sub>3</sub> , gas <sup>c</sup>	Br <sub>2</sub>		1.32 ± 0.05	1.40 ± 0.06			100
CHF <sub>3</sub> /CDF <sub>3</sub> , liq <sup>c</sup>	Br <sub>2</sub>		1.43 ± 0.08	1.48 ± 0.09			100

<sup>a</sup> Competition experiments with fourfold excess c-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>. <sup>b</sup> 95 mol % <sup>4</sup>He as moderator. <sup>c</sup> Binary mixtures with CH<sub>3</sub>Cl.

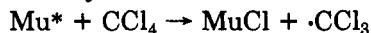


DT/CD<sub>2</sub>TF ratios have almost the same value and both ratios are insensitive to dilution with He. This should then mean that CH<sub>3</sub>T, CD<sub>3</sub>T, CH<sub>2</sub>TF, and CD<sub>2</sub>TF are all formed at the same average energy. The isotope effect for abstraction and substitution of H and D atoms are primary effects, whereas the F substitution isotope effect must be a secondary effect, as the moderator isotope effect is either 1.0 (in highly He moderated experiments) or slightly less (excess *c*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>).<sup>99</sup> The isotope effect for H vs. D substitution in mono- and trifluoromethanes was explained by assuming the formation of a short-lived transient complex which breaks up with the loss of an H, D, or T atom. The lightest atom is more likely to be eliminated as it has a readier response to the changing potential during the interaction with the fluoromethanes and can move away more rapidly from the transient complex.<sup>99,100</sup> The secondary isotope effect found by T-for-F substitution in CHF<sub>3</sub>/CDF<sub>3</sub> cannot be explained by inertial effects, as the moments of inertia of CHF<sub>2</sub> and CDF<sub>2</sub>—30 and 32 × 10<sup>-40</sup> g cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively—are not very different. The magnitude of this effect is consistent with the individual relaxation of H and D, as the more rapid response of H atoms to the changing orbital electron distribution—caused by the interaction of the incoming T atom with fluoroform—results in a higher F substitution yield in CHF<sub>3</sub> than in CDF<sub>3</sub>.<sup>100</sup> The yield of CTF<sub>3</sub> is about 1.7 times higher in the liquid than in the gas phase, for both CHF<sub>3</sub> and CDF<sub>3</sub>, indicating extensive decomposition in the latter phase. This process is even more pronounced in the gas-phase substitution of F atoms, as the liquid/gas ratio is about 2.3 for both compounds.<sup>100</sup>

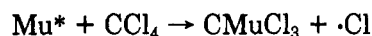
### III. Muonium

Muonium (Mu) is the lightest hydrogen atom that is available for chemical research ( $m_{\text{Mu}} \approx 1/9m_{\text{H}}$ ), as it has a positive muon ( $\mu^+$ ) as the nucleus. The short half-life of  $\mu^+$  (1.5  $\mu\text{s}$ ) does not exclude chemical research. The experimental spin resonance techniques ( $\mu^+\text{Sr}$  or  $\text{MuSR}$ ) are based on the detection of the angular distribution rate of high energy positive decay electrons ( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ ), that are preferentially emitted in the direction of the spin of the muon, that is rotating in a magnetic field.<sup>101-105</sup> At the moment three types of muonic species can be detected: (1) free muonium (yield  $P_{\text{Mu}}$ ), (2) free  $\mu^+$  or Mu bound in a diamagnetic compound (yield  $P_{\text{D}}$ ), and (3) Mu bound in a paramagnetic compound (yield  $P_{\text{R}}$ ). The absolute yields in liquid systems are determined relative to  $P_{\text{D}} = 1$  in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub>, but in general  $P_{\text{Mu}} + P_{\text{D}} + P_{\text{R}} < 1$ . The use of CCl<sub>4</sub> as a standard is justified by the fact that it has the same asymmetry coefficient as is found in copper and alumina, but it is not yet ascertained if this signal is due to bare muon or to bound muonium.

It is assumed that high energetic positive muons gather an electron to form muonium at kinetic energies of about 200 eV. As a consequence of the fact that Mu atoms are formed with high kinetic energies, hot reactions can take place. In fact, within an earlier concept of hot and thermal reactions of Mu atoms, the total diamagnetic yield was ascribed to the occurrence of hot reactions.<sup>101</sup> This indicates that in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> all the Mu atoms react by hot abstraction:

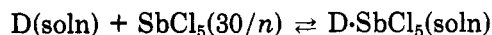


or by hot substitution:



The observation that hot T atoms recoiling in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> produce less than 1% CTCl<sub>3</sub> does not support the theory of hot substitution reactions of Mu atoms.<sup>86</sup> The consequence of this assumption is that the diamagnetic yield in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> ( $P_{\text{D}} = 1$ ) must be due to free  $\mu^+$  and/or to MuCl.<sup>86</sup> For the comparable T/CCl<sub>4</sub> system the main fraction (>93%) of the T activity could be extracted with water, which means that most of the activity was inorganic in nature, either as T<sup>+</sup> or as TCl. If it is supposed that all the recoiling T particles become neutralized before they can react chemically (<25 eV), this high inorganic yield could be due to hot Cl abstraction. However, the observation that the inorganic yield in liquid CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was only 1–2% led to the conclusion that hot abstraction was not the main reaction channel for recoil T atoms.<sup>86</sup> The high inorganic yield in CCl<sub>4</sub> is formed by reactions of thermal T atoms with Cl<sub>2</sub> that is produced through radiolytical reactions as a result of the high radiation doses received by the sample during the production of the recoil T atom in a nuclear reactor, as was discussed in the preceding section. The main conclusion was that almost all T atoms recoiling in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> become thermalized rather than undergoing hot reactions. However, as the radiation doses that are received by the samples during the irradiations with muons are very low, reactions of thermal Mu atoms with Cl<sub>2</sub> can be precluded.

Hill et al.<sup>106</sup> noticed a correlation between the value of  $P_{\text{D}}$  and the donor number defined as the magnitude of the calorimetrically measured thermal effect of the reaction

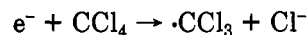


in liquid CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>107</sup> This correlation seemed to hold for 13 compounds, among which were benzene, methyl methacrylate, acetone, and water, but only CCl<sub>4</sub> proved to be an absolute exception. However, such a correlation ignores the possibilities of the occurrence of hot atom reactions or that Mu formation may be inhibited in materials that are efficient electron scavengers, such as CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CCl<sub>4</sub>.

Hill et al.<sup>106</sup> considered four alternatives with regard to the magnitude of the diamagnetic fraction:

(1) Loss of polarization due to spin exchange (i.e., with  $e_{\text{aq}}^-$  in aqueous solutions) and slow (>10<sup>-11</sup> s) chemical reaction of Mu, in which case the correlation between the initial phases of the muons and the phases at the moment of reaction is lost.

(2) Rapid scavenging of  $e^-$ , which may prevent neutralization of  $\mu^+$ , as can occur in CCl<sub>4</sub>:



An intraspur reaction between  $\mu^+$  and Cl<sup>-</sup> was proposed,<sup>103</sup> but this theory was later rejected on the basis of results obtained in mixtures of CCl<sub>4</sub> with *c*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>.<sup>108,109</sup>

(3) Strong bonding between  $\mu^+$  and basic molecules or ions. (4) Rapid reaction of Mu (hot or thermal) to form diamagnetic products (or with unsaturated compounds to provide paramagnetic products).

In this context a fifth possibility can be considered: the occurrence of cage reactions. In the case of reactions

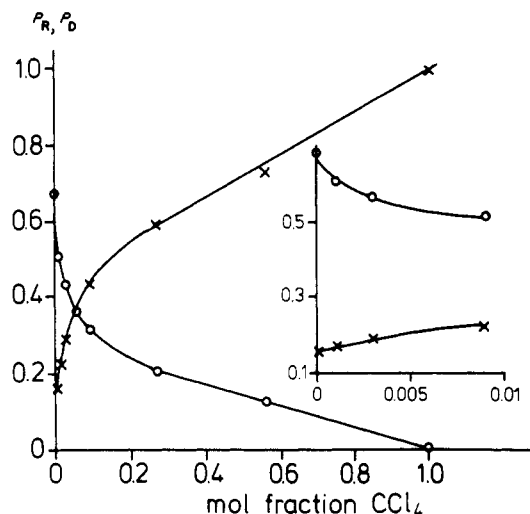
**TABLE IV. Muon Polarization ( $P$ ) and Relative Fraction ( $f$ ) in Percent for Gases (G) and Liquids (L)<sup>103,111-114</sup>**

compd	phase	$P_D$	$P_M$	$f_D$	$f_M$
CH <sub>4</sub>	G (120 kPa)	3.2 ± 0.2	25 ± 1	13 ± 4	87 ± 4
	G (300 kPa)	5.3 ± 0.2	34 ± 1	13 ± 4	87 ± 4
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	G (33 kPa)	13 ± 1	59 ± 2	17 ± 2	83 ± 2
	G (67 kPa)	15 ± 2	70 ± 3	18 ± 2	82 ± 2
	L	74 ± 4 <sup>a</sup>			
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	G (19 kPa)	14 ± 2	38 ± 2	26 ± 3	74 ± 3
	G (41 kPa)	18 ± 2	55 ± 3	25 ± 3	75 ± 3
	L	80 ± 6 <sup>a</sup>	19 ± 3	49 ± 4	51 ± 4
CCl <sub>4</sub>	G (16 kPa)	18 ± 2	27 ± 3	53 ± 3	47 ± 3
	G (33 kPa)	30 ± 1			
	L	100			
CHBr <sub>3</sub>	L	94 ± 6			
CH <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	L	66 ± 4			

<sup>a</sup>Reference 103: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 70; CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85.

of recoil Cl atoms with liquid CCl<sub>4</sub>, it was discussed that the major proportions of labeled CCl<sub>4</sub> was not formed by a direct hot substitution reaction, but rather by recombination of the radioactive atom and CCl<sub>3</sub> radicals formed at the end of the track of the recoil atom.<sup>110</sup> Such cage reactions were not considered to be important for T atoms recoiling in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub>, because due to their small radius, T atoms can easily escape from such a reactive cage before radical recombination takes place.<sup>68</sup> Accordingly, cage reactions will also not be an important reaction channel in liquid Mu chemistry. Fleming et al.,<sup>111,112</sup> using  $\mu^+$  beams of rather low kinetic energy (range 140 mg cm<sup>-2</sup>)<sup>113</sup> performed experiments with gaseous (chloro)methanes. The results are given in Table IV, together with earlier liquid-phase results. As can be seen, the total ( $P_M + P_D$ ) gas-phase yields are much lower than 1.0. Appreciable loss of polarization occurs when the time between collisions is in the order of  $1/\nu_0 = 0.22$  ns, where  $\nu_0$  is the mixing frequency between the eigenstates of the  $\mu^+ - e^-$  interaction. There is no missing fraction if corrections are applied for this loss of polarization and for the wall effect (at low pressures some muons may scatter into the walls of the target). A missing fraction of about 20% is found for most of the liquid-phase experiments and this probably indicates that muonic radicals lost spin polarization during encounter with paramagnetic species in the spur.<sup>115</sup> It is therefore more convenient to express gas-phase results in relative fractions, e.g.,  $f_D = P_D/(P_D + P_M)$  and  $f_M = P_M/(P_D + P_M)$  (Table IV). In the gas phase neither spur or cage reactions nor reactions with radiolytically produced Cl<sub>2</sub> are of any importance: the main reaction channel leading to the diamagnetic fraction is a hot atom reaction.<sup>111-113</sup>

In order to gain more information about (1) relative reaction rates of Mu, (2) occurrence of hot Mu reactions, and (3) the high diamagnetic yield in CCl<sub>4</sub> ( $f_D = 1$ ), several experiments have been performed in liquid mixtures. In several mixtures no preferential interaction with one of the two components was observed. The linear increase of  $f_D$  as a function of additive concentration between 0 and 100 mol % (from 0.56 to 0.85 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, from 0.16 to 0.56 in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH,<sup>103</sup> and from 0.16 to 0.61 in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>108,109</sup>) was taken as evidence for hot Mu reactions. In a mixture of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>I the values of  $f_D$  and  $f_R$  deviate significantly from the proposed linearity for hot reactions.<sup>116</sup> The results indicate that both compounds compete in reaction with thermal Mu; CH<sub>3</sub>I being the more efficient.



**Figure 2.**  $P_R$  (○) and  $P_D$  (\*) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/CCl<sub>4</sub> mixtures. Reprinted with permission from ref 117. Copyright 1984, North Holland.

More information was obtained by investigations of Roduner<sup>117</sup> on binary mixtures of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> with c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>, DMBD (2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene), and CCl<sub>4</sub>.

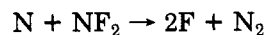
(1) From experiments with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>, the rate constant for addition of Mu to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> was found to be  $(8.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^9$  M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, which is considerably below the diffusion-controlled limit proving that Mu is not hot when it adds.

(2) From experiments with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/DMBD, the rate constant for addition of Mu to DMBD was deduced as  $4 \times 10^{10}$  M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, which is close to the diffusion-controlled limit. The selectivity for addition to DMBD over that to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (by a factor of 4.5) is much lower than for thermal H atoms. This effect was attributed to tunneling, rather than to reactions of hot Mu.

(3) In former experiments with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/CCl<sub>4</sub> mixtures only  $P_D$  values were measured.<sup>108,109</sup> Roduner<sup>117</sup> has also measured  $P_R$  values, in particular at low CCl<sub>4</sub> concentrations (Figure 2). As it was proven that Mu atoms are the direct radical precursors for addition to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, it was concluded that CCl<sub>4</sub>—an excellent electron scavenger—inhibits Mu formation by scavenging spur electrons before their combination with  $\mu^+$ . This means that thermal Mu is formed in an end-of-track process:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^- \rightarrow \text{Mu}$ . The rate constant of  $2.7 \times 10^{12}$  M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the reaction of CCl<sub>4</sub> with electrons reveals that Mu is formed within a picosecond after the creation of the last spur.

#### IV. Fluorine

The study of the reactions of F atoms with organic compounds was hampered in the past due to the lack of a convenient method for their production. Dissociation of F<sub>2</sub> has the disadvantage that an excess of highly reactive molecular fluorine is always present. Apart from the reactions of thermalized recoil <sup>18</sup>F atoms—to be discussed later—the production of <sup>19</sup>F atoms through the reaction of N atoms with NF<sub>2</sub> radicals



has contributed considerably to the reliability of measured rate constants.<sup>118</sup>

The most important reaction of thermal F atoms with aliphatic compounds is H abstraction. Rate constants for such reactions with CH<sub>4</sub>, CD<sub>4</sub>, and halomethanes can



**TABLE V. Rate Constants ( $10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) for H Abstraction by <sup>19</sup>F Atoms at 298 K<sup>a</sup>**

CH <sub>3</sub> F	5.3 (130); 2.3 (131)
CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	1.1 (131); <0.14 (131)
CHF <sub>3</sub>	0.019 (130); ~0.014 (131); 0.009 (132); 0.011 (127); 0.018 (133)
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	0.58 (124); 0.55 (134); 0.21 (122); 0.21 (123); 2.88 (131); 1.44/1.56 (127)
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.33 (124); 0.32 (134); 0.58 (131)
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0.10 (124); 0.096 (134); 0.22 (131)
CDCl <sub>3</sub>	0.043 (134)
CHF <sub>2</sub> Cl	0.016 (125); 0.052 (134); 0.05 (135); 0.15 (130); 0.058 (136)
CHFCl <sub>2</sub>	0.39 (125); 0.14 (134); 0.09 (135)

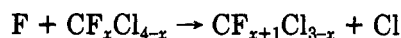
<sup>a</sup> (Reference number in parentheses.)

be found in some recent papers and tables in CRC.<sup>118-121</sup> Besides H abstraction, the abstraction of Br and I atoms from halomethanes has also been reported for <sup>18</sup>F and <sup>19</sup>F atoms, but the replacement of Cl, Br, and I atoms was only investigated with thermalized recoil <sup>18</sup>F atoms.

**Methane.** Six rate constants for the abstraction of an H atom from CH<sub>4</sub> have been reported. Three experiments were performed through dissociation of F<sub>2</sub>, the constants being at 298 K: 1.62, 0.17, and  $4.29 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>122-124</sup> The other three were determined as  $4.37$ ,  $4.27$ , and  $3.63 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> through the N + NF<sub>2</sub> reaction, through flash photolysis of a WF<sub>6</sub>HF laser, and through microwave discharge of CF<sub>3</sub>, respectively.<sup>125-127</sup> The average value of these three results is  $k_{298} = (4.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Recommended in ref 4:  $k_{298} = 4.8 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. H and D abstraction from CH<sub>4</sub> and CD<sub>4</sub> were measured by Foon et al.,<sup>128</sup> relative to H abstraction from C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, through F<sub>2</sub> dissociation. The ratio  $k(\text{CH}_4)/k(\text{CD}_4)$  is  $(1.0 \pm 0.3)[\exp(1.0 \pm 0.8)/RT]$ . The ratio of H/D abstraction from CH<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub> (microwave discharge of SF<sub>6</sub>) is reported as  $1.29 \pm 0.08$ .<sup>129</sup>

**Fluoro- and Chloromethanes.** A survey of rate constants for H abstraction from fluoro- and chloromethanes is given in Table V. In the case of fluoromethanes, the constants decrease by an order of magnitude going from CH<sub>3</sub>F to CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> to CHF<sub>3</sub>, but the constants are quite steady for the chloromethanes. The relative abstraction rate for CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> is  $(0.81 \pm 0.25)[\exp(2.6 \pm 0.2)/RT]$ .<sup>129</sup>

**Perhalomethanes.** The rate constants for Cl abstraction from CF<sub>x</sub>Cl<sub>4-x</sub> are very low, due to the high activation energies of 55, 70, and 88 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> for  $x = 1, 2,$  and  $3,$  respectively.<sup>137,138</sup> Zetsch<sup>133</sup> reports rate constants for these compounds of approximately  $10^6$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at room temperature, but those measured by Foon et al.<sup>137,139</sup> are much lower. In a fluorine/halo-carbon flame (~1600 K) Cl replacement takes place:<sup>140,141</sup>



Contradictory results were reported for CCl<sub>4</sub>. Abstraction (37 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> endothermic) is far more likely than replacement (150 kJ endothermic).<sup>142</sup> Clark and Tedder<sup>143</sup> reported a rate constant for Cl abstraction as  $2 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, but data later obtained are considerably lower:  $\leq 5 \times 10^7$ ,<sup>133</sup>  $2.4 \times 10^5$ ,<sup>144</sup> and  $6.9 \times 10^2$ .<sup>137</sup> The very high values are probably due to heterogeneous catalyzed reactions.<sup>137,145</sup> F abstraction from CF<sub>4</sub> has been observed at high temperatures

(1700–3000 K); the activation energy was determined as 358 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>146</sup> Br abstraction was measured in CCl<sub>3</sub>Br, with a rate constant of  $5.6 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>147</sup> For the reaction with CF<sub>3</sub>Br a rate constant of  $4 \times 10^6$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> was reported by Pollock and Jones,<sup>130</sup> but later Kaufman and co-workers<sup>142,148,149</sup> gave a value of  $10^5$ – $10^6$ . They could not detect Br atoms and hence argued that the displacement of Br by F was unlikely, due to a steric barrier, and postulated the primary formation of CF<sub>3</sub>BrF. Jacox<sup>150</sup> has observed this product through microwave discharge of NF<sub>3</sub> in argon carrier gas leading it over CF<sub>3</sub>Br in an argon matrix at 14 K. Similar products were found with CF<sub>3</sub>Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>I, and also CH<sub>4</sub>. The rate constant for I abstraction from CF<sub>3</sub>I is given as  $7.2$ <sup>147</sup> and  $10.2 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>151,152</sup> A rate constant of  $12.0 \times 10^{10}$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> was measured for CH<sub>3</sub>I, but it was impossible to distinguish if H, I, or H and I abstraction occurred: no CH<sub>3</sub>F was observed, and so no displacement takes place. In general, some 50–60% of the energy released in H abstraction reactions is partitioned as vibrational energy between the  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$  levels of HF. For CH<sub>4</sub>, the population of these three levels is in the ratio 20:65:15,<sup>153,154</sup> for monohalomethanes this ratio is generally 30:40:30.<sup>154-159</sup> Two deviations from these data have been reported:

(1) The proportion of energy that is converted into HF vibrational modes decreases with enhanced chlorination, viz. 50% for CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, 23% for CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and 13% for CHCl<sub>3</sub>.<sup>159</sup> The slow departure of the heavy CCl<sub>3</sub> radical from the reactive center may be the reason that the H atom oscillating in the HF molecule come again within the vicinity of the CCl<sub>3</sub> radical and transfer some additional energy.

(2) The population of the  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$  levels in HF originating from CH<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> and CHF<sub>3</sub> is in the order of 70:30:1, a shift toward  $\nu = 1$ .<sup>158</sup> Due to the rather low rate constants for H abstraction from both compounds, high concentrations were needed and there may have been some relaxation of vibrationally excited HF.

Recoil <sup>18</sup>F atoms used in the studies treated in this section were produced by several nuclear reactions:

(1) <sup>19</sup>F( $\gamma, n$ )<sup>18</sup>F ( $t_{1/2} = 110$  min, threshold, 10.4 MeV). Bremsstrahlung beams were produced by high energy electrons in a converter of high Z material. In general, the high energy tail of the bremsstrahlungsbeam is above the 18.7 MeV threshold of the <sup>12</sup>C( $\gamma, n$ )<sup>11</sup>C nuclear reaction, and a cooling time of several hours is necessary.

(2) <sup>19</sup>F( $n, 2n$ )<sup>18</sup>F (threshold, 10.4 MeV). The fast neutrons can be produced in two ways: (a) With high energy protons or deuterons impinging upon a Be target. If the energy is low (i.e., 26 MeV deuterons), no <sup>11</sup>C will be produced by the <sup>12</sup>C( $n, 2n$ )<sup>11</sup>C reaction. (b) With a D-T neutron generator—via the d(T,  $\alpha$ )n reaction—yielding neutrons with an energy of some 14 MeV, which is above the threshold for <sup>18</sup>F production, but below that for the production of <sup>11</sup>C. A disadvantage is the low neutron flux, but this has enabled the study of reactions of thermalized recoil <sup>18</sup>F atoms with suitable compounds that are present in low concentrations (1–2 mol %) in inert perfluoro moderators (SF<sub>6</sub>, CF<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>), that also serves as the source for the <sup>18</sup>F atoms.

(3) By charged particles, as <sup>20</sup>Ne(d,  $\alpha$ )<sup>18</sup>F, <sup>19</sup>F(p, pn)<sup>18</sup>F. In these cases, the samples are subjected to a high ra-

**TABLE VI. Absolute Product Yields (Corrected for Statistical Loss of  $^{18}\text{F}$ ) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  Atoms with  $\text{CF}_4 + \text{Cl}_2$ <sup>169</sup>**

product	yield, %	energy range, eV
$\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$	$2.08 \pm 0.06$	1.7–5.7
$\text{CF}_2^{18}\text{FCl}$	$2.40 \pm 0.08$	5.7–9.5
$\text{CF}^{18}\text{FCl}_2$	$2.21 \pm 0.09$	9.5–14.8
$\text{C}^{18}\text{FCl}_3$	$0.73 \pm 0.12$	14.8–20.4
total	$7.41 \pm 0.19$	1.7–20.4

radiation dose, with the consequence of considerable radiation damage. This can be of use for the in-beam production of special labeled compounds, but these nuclear reactions are not particularly suitable for the study of hot and thermal reactions of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms.<sup>160</sup>

The first investigations of the reactions of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms with halomethanes were performed by Wolfgang and co-workers.<sup>161–165</sup> In the case of  $\text{CF}_4$ , they found a yield of about 3% of  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$ , almost an order of magnitude lower than the T-for-H substitution yield in  $\text{CH}_4$ . This behavior was ascribed to two factors:

(1) Due to the greater mass of the F atom, the collision time will be longer, the excess energy is better transmitted over the whole molecule, and therefore the probability of bond rupture and substitution at the point of attack is reduced.

(2) Steric hindrance will be more marked in F approach to the C–F bond than in T approach to the C–H bond.

Apart from the substitution of a single atom, double displacement was also observed in the  $^{18}\text{F}/\text{CF}_4$ ,  $^{18}\text{F}/\text{CH}_4$ , and T/ $\text{CH}_4$  systems through the detection of  $\text{CF}_2^{18}\text{FI}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2^{18}\text{FI}$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{TI}$ , respectively, if  $\text{I}_2$  was present. The ratios of single/double displacement for the three systems are 1.24, 3.18, and 4.65, respectively, and they are in agreement with the concept of more efficient transfer of energy over the whole molecule for the reactions of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms. The observation that the substitution of an H atom in  $\text{CH}_4$  by  $^{18}\text{F}$  is some three times greater than the substitution of an F atom in  $\text{CF}_4$  is in accord with the concept of steric hindrance.

Manning et al.<sup>164</sup> observed that the ( $Y_0/Y^0$ ) values for  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-F processes exhibit a simple monotonic dependence upon the unimolecular critical decomposition energies ( $\epsilon_c$ ).  $Y_0$  is the measured  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-F substitution yield at low pressure and  $Y^0$  is the total primary hot yield, the latter including the decomposition of excited

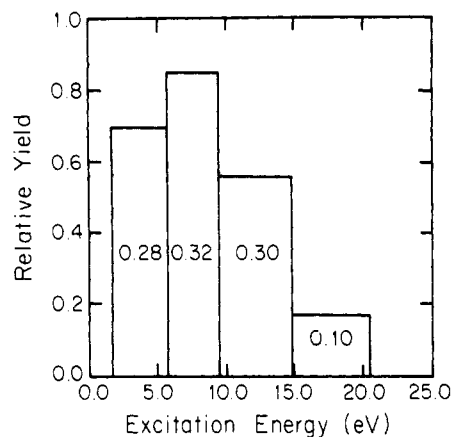
compounds. The data ranged between  $Y_0/Y^0 = 0$  for  $\text{C-C}_2\text{H}_6$  ( $\epsilon_c = 1.7$  eV) and 0.50 for  $\text{CF}_4$  ( $\epsilon_c = 5.5$  eV).

Rowland and co-workers<sup>165,166</sup> found that, in the presence of olefins, reactions of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms with  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{CHF}_3$ , and  $\text{CF}_4$  lead to the formation of  $^{18}\text{F}$  labeled fluorocyclopropane. These products could only be formed by the addition of labeled carbenes to these olefins. In the case of  $\text{CH}^{18}\text{F}$ , the formed fluorocyclopropanes correspond with a stereospecific addition reaction, indicating the addition of singlet carbenes, whereas the amount of excitation energy appears to be insufficient for isomerization or decomposition. The carbenes were further used for the study of insertion reactions with hydrogen halides, demonstrating rapidly decreasing reactivity of  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{F}$  in the order  $\text{HI} > \text{HBr} > \text{HCl}$ . Pauwels<sup>167</sup> found high yields of a water-soluble gas fraction by the irradiation of fluoromethanes: 28% for  $\text{CF}_4$ , 19% for  $\text{CHF}_3$ , 11% for  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$ , and 8% for  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ . These fractions were ascribed to  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{FO}$ , formed by the reaction of  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{F}$  with traces of oxygen. Whereas  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{I}_2$  were present as scavengers, these fractions could very well have consisted of 1,2- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4^{18}\text{FI}$ , which is soluble in water.<sup>168</sup>

More recent work by Root and co-workers, who investigated the  $^{18}\text{F}/\text{CF}_4$  system in the presence of  $\text{Cl}_2$ , has shown that the situation is even more complex, as apart from  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CF}_2^{18}\text{FCl}$ , and  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{FCl}_2$ ,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{FCl}_3$  was also detected.<sup>169</sup> This means that up to three F atoms can be eliminated from an excited  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$  molecule. Assuming that the primary reaction is  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-F substitution yielding excited  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$ , then when the yields are corrected for an equal probability of the elimination of an  $^{18}\text{F}$  or  $^{19}\text{F}$  atom from the excited molecule, the initial product distribution at 0.13 MPa being given in Table VI. The total yield increases monotonically from 7.4% at this pressure to 12.3% at 13 MPa. At the higher pressure, more energy is removed from the excited products through collision, and this indicates that at the low pressure limit at least 4.9% of the primary  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$  molecules dissociate completely into bare C atoms. This means that the total internal energy distribution extends to at least 25 eV. This investigation is one of the finest examples of pure "hot" atom chemistry. If a correction for unimolecular translational energy disposal is included, and if the four experimentally derived data are fitted by a polynomial regression

**TABLE VII. Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  Atoms with Gaseous Halomethanes**

compd	substitution of						ref
	1H	1F	1Cl	2H	2F	1H + 1F	
$\text{CH}_4$	15.6						162, 163
	13.1						167
	15.8			4.6			170
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	1.9	2.2					171
	2.2	2.5					167
	3.4	4.7		0.4		2.1	170
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	1.1	2.0					167
	0.9	2.6		0.8	2.8	2.9	170
	1.0	1.5					167
$\text{CHF}_3$	1.3	1.4		1.0	3.3		170
		3.2			1.8		161, 162
		3.6					167
$\text{CF}_4$		2.8			2.5		170
		2.1			1.8		169
			7.9				170
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	<0.5					7.3	170
$\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$		1.4	0.2				168, 172
$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$		<3	~1				168, 172
		1.3	3.1				168, 172



**Figure 3.** Approximate lower bound thermochemical excitation energy distribution for  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$  produced from hot F-for-F substitution in  $\text{CF}_4$ . Reproduced with permission from ref 169. Copyright 1981, Akad Verlagsgesellschaft (Wiesbaden).

**TABLE VIII.<sup>167</sup> Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  Atoms with Mixtures of  $\text{CF}_4$  and Alkanes<sup>a</sup>**

additive (mol %)	product yields				
	$\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$	$\text{CHF}_2^{18}\text{F}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{F}^{18}\text{F}$	$\text{CH}_3^{18}\text{F}$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3^{18}\text{F}$
	2.50				
0.1% $\text{CH}_4$	2.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
28% $\text{CH}_4$	0.82	0.00	0.12	1.37	0.19
0.1% $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	2.22	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
28% $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	0.87	0.00	0.08	1.15	0.41
0.1% $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$	2.12	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
28% $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$	0.48	0.00	0.12	0.62	1.27

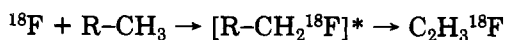
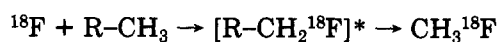
<sup>a</sup>Total pressure 101 kPa.

analysis, an energy distribution in the  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$  molecule is obtained as given in Figure 3.

In Table VII a summary is given of published single and double substitution yields in halomethanes: most of the yields are on the order of 2–3%. Spicer and Swida measured the  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-F substitution yields in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{F}$  in samples diluted with 50% to 98%  $\text{CF}_4$ .<sup>173</sup> The ratios of the yields indicate the existence of a reactive  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  isotope effect of 1.3, whereas the moderating isotope effect is very small.

Relative  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-X substitution yields in  $\text{SF}_6/\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  mixtures (X = F, Cl, Br, I) increases by a factor of 8 when going from  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  to  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ .<sup>174</sup> This parallels the increase of the size of X and the decrease in the C–X bond energies. If the mole fraction of  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  is decreased to below 0.25, the relative yields for the substitution of Cl, Br, and I (but not of F) are increased, which indicates that the energetics of the reactions, and not the size of the halogen, is the more important factor.

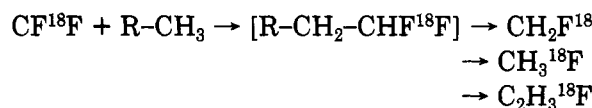
Pauwels<sup>167</sup> has measured product yields in  $\text{CF}_4$  diluted by up to 30% with  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$  (Table VIII). In this concentration range the yield of  $\text{CF}_3^{18}\text{F}$  decreases monotonically, whereas the yields of  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}^{18}\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3^{18}\text{F}$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3^{18}\text{F}$  increase monotonically. The yield of  $\text{CHF}_2^{18}\text{F}$  peaks at low RH concentrations. A reaction mechanism—analogue with comparable T results with hydrocarbons—cannot fully explain these results:



**TABLE IX. Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  Atoms with Condensed Fluoromethanes**

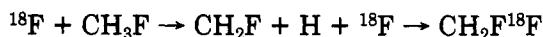
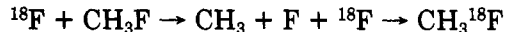
compd	phase	substitution of			ref
		1H	1F	1Cl	
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	sol (77 K)	13	17		171
	sol (113 K)	16	23		167
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	sol (113 K)	24	39		167
$\text{CHF}_3$	sol (108 K)	20	45		167
$\text{CF}_4$	sol (88 K)		40		167
$\text{CFCl}_3$	liq (RT)		12	13	175

However, insertion of  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{F}$  into C–H bonds can explain the increase in the yields of some of the products:



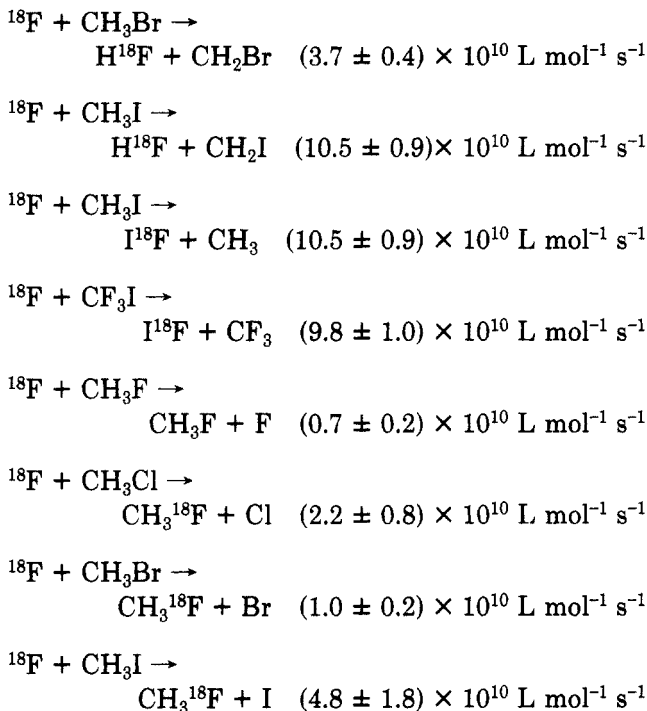
It has previously been mentioned that in the case of  $\text{CF}_4$ , the total hot yield increases monotonically when increasing the pressure from 0.13 MPa to 13 MPa. A similar effect was found by Richardson and Wolfgang in the case of  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ : the yields of  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}^{18}\text{F}$  and of  $\text{CH}_3^{18}\text{F}$  increase from 2% at low pressure to a plateau value of 5% above 5 MPa, characteristic of the behavior of collisional deexcitation of excited  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}^{18}\text{F}$  molecules.

Very high substitution yields were measured in condensed fluoromethanes (Table IX). These high yields are ascribed to cage reactions between  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms and radicals produced at the end of the track,<sup>167,171</sup> e.g.



In the gas phase the radicals and atoms will separate, but in the condensed phases these products remain in a cage and can recombine.

A special application of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms is the investigation of their thermal reactions with compounds present in low concentrations in inert gases such as  $\text{SF}_6$ ,  $\text{CF}_4$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_6$ , that have a low probability for reactions with hot and thermal  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms. Thermal abstraction and substitution reactions have been measured in highly moderated systems (98%). The rate constant (at 300 K) for H abstraction from  $\text{CH}_4$  was determined relative to the thermal addition rate to  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ <sup>176,177</sup> and  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6$ <sup>119</sup> as  $(3.8 \pm 0.4)$  and  $(4.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively. This is in agreement with the above-mentioned average value of  $(4.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , which proves the reliability of this type of kinetic data measurements. Rate constants measured by the same groups for D abstraction from  $\text{CD}_4$  are  $(2.2 \pm 0.4)$  and  $(1.94 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{10} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The isotopic ratios for  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  are  $(1.7 \pm 0.4)$  and  $(2.06 \pm 0.16)$ , respectively, in accord with the established value of 1.47 as discussed before. Manning et al.<sup>178</sup> measured rate constants—relative to  $\text{H}_2$ —for (fluoro)methanes:  $\text{CH}_4$  ( $2.58 \pm 0.06$ ),  $\text{CD}_4$  ( $1.66 \pm 0.02$ ),  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  ( $1.49 \pm 0.03$ ),  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  ( $0.283 \pm 0.013$ ), and  $\text{CHF}_3$  ( $0.026 \pm 0.006$ ). The  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  ratio is  $(1.55 \pm 0.04)$ . Iyer and Rowland<sup>179–181</sup> measured rate constants—relative to the addition of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ —for several abstraction and substitution reactions:



Absolute  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for- $\text{X}$  substitution yields in  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  increase with decreasing bond energy:  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  ( $0.12 \pm 0.02\%$ ),  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  ( $0.27 \pm 0.02\%$ ),  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  ( $0.62 \pm 0.03\%$ ), and  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  ( $0.93 \pm 0.03\%$ ).<sup>176</sup> No thermal substitution was observed for  $\text{CF}_3\text{X}$  (whereas the C-X bond energies for  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{X}$  are similar with respect to  $\text{X} = \text{Br}$  and  $\text{I}$ ):  $\text{CF}_4$ , ( $0.12 \pm 0.01\%$ ) or  $0.03\%$  per bond;  $\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$ , ( $0.03 \pm 0.01\%$ ); and  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ , ( $0.05 \pm 0.03\%$ ).<sup>182</sup> It was concluded that "... the thermal substitution reactions are facilitated by the small mass of the H atoms and their much more rapid response to changing force fields during the substitution process." The results of some experiments were reported for the reactions of recoil  $^{18}\text{F}$  atoms with fluorochloromethanes. Sadek et al.<sup>183</sup> investigated  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{CFCl}_3$ , but no absolute product yields were given. Palmer<sup>184</sup> produced  $^{18}\text{F}$  via the  $^{20}\text{Ne}(d,\alpha)^{18}\text{F}$  reaction: the samples received high radiation doses (4.6–23 eV per molecule). The systems were highly moderated as only 1–2% of halocarbons were present in the matrix. Nevertheless, high yields (10–30%) of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -for-F and Cl-substitution products were found in  $\text{CF}_4$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , and  $\text{CFCl}_3$ . Palmer proposed that these high yields were the results of reactions with radiolytically produced radicals, and that wall reactions (the aluminum vessels were coated with fluorine from former experiments) may be highly relevant. Brinkman and Visser<sup>172</sup> produced  $^{18}\text{F}$  by the  $^{19}\text{F}(p,pn)^{18}\text{F}$  nuclear reaction. The product yields are given in Table VII. In the case of  $\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$ , the total gas activity increased with integrated beam intensity from about 10% (at 12.5 nAh) to 76% (at 300 nAh), this being thought to be due to the formation of  $\text{SiF}_3^{18}\text{F}$ .

One experiment has been reported for the reactions of  $^{18}\text{F}$  with liquid  $\text{CFCl}_3$ , but only relative product yields were measured: 41%  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{FCl}_2$ , 37%  $\text{C}^{18}\text{FCl}_3$ , 14%  $\text{C}_2^{18}\text{FCl}_3$ , and 9%  $1,2\text{-C}_2\text{F}^{18}\text{FCl}_4$  (the total organic yield was 33%).<sup>175</sup> The high yield of  $\text{C}^{18}\text{FCl}_3$ , compared with that of  $\text{CF}^{18}\text{FCl}_2$  does not support the involvement of cage reactions—as was suggested for the reactions of  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{38}\text{Cl}$  with  $\text{CFCl}_2$ —because radiolysis of  $\text{CFCl}_3$  should primarily lead to the formation of  $\text{CFCl}_2$  radi-

TABLE X. Kinetic Data for Abstraction Reactions by ( $^2\text{P}_{3/2}$ ) Cl Atoms from (Halo) Carbons<sup>a</sup>

compd	$E$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	log $A$ , L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	log $k_{298}$ , L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
H Abstraction			
$\text{CH}_4$	11.5 ± 0.8	9.85 ± 0.15	7.85 ± 0.02
$\text{CD}_4$	24.8	10.73	6.47
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	6.3	9.46	8.35
$\text{CHF}_3$	35.2	9.23	3.06
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	12.9 ± 0.8	10.58 ± 0.12	8.33 ± 0.07
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	12.6 ± 0.3	10.51 ± 0.11	8.39 ± 0.09
$\text{CHCl}_3$	13.2 ± 0.8	10.31 ± 0.20	7.81 ± 0.19
$\text{CDCl}_3$	18.7 ± 1.5	10.00 ± 0.30	6.74 ± 0.04
Cl Abstraction			
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	104.6	11.0 <sup>b</sup>	
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	89.5	11.0 <sup>b</sup>	
$\text{CHCl}_3$	87.5	11.0 <sup>b</sup>	
$\text{CCl}_4$	82.3 ± 0.16	11.1 ± 0.1 <sup>c</sup>	
$\text{CFCl}_3$	131.0	11.3	
Br Abstraction			
$\text{CBrCl}_3$			8.14

<sup>a</sup> Average data from ref 120. <sup>b</sup> Estimated value. <sup>c</sup> Calculated from kinetic data for the reverse reaction.

TABLE XI.<sup>185</sup> Absolute Rate Constants ( $10^{11} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for Collisional Removal of Electronically Excited  $\text{Cl}(^3\text{P}_{1/2})$  Atoms

$\text{CF}_4$	$\text{CF}_3\text{Cl}$	$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{CFCl}_3$	$\text{CCl}_4$
0.90 ± 0.24	1.32 ± 0.24	1.26 ± 0.24	1.87 ± 0.36	1.26 ± 0.36

icals, and not to that of  $\text{CCl}_3$  radicals.

## V. Chlorine

Cl atoms are in general produced through microwave discharge or photolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2$ . These atoms react with halomethanes by H, Cl, or Br abstraction, but the rate constants for these reactions are 2 orders of magnitude lower than for the comparable reactions of F atoms. Most of the available information regarding the reactions of thermal nonradioactive Cl atoms with halomethanes is compiled in ref 120. Average values for activation energies,  $A$  factors, and rate constants (at 298 K) are calculated from these data and given in Table X. Rate constants for the collisional removal of excited ( $^2\text{P}_{1/2}$ ) Cl atoms—0.11 eV above the  $^2\text{P}_{3/2}$  ground state—are given in Table XI.

Lee and Rowland<sup>186</sup> determined the rate constant for H abstraction from  $\text{CH}_4$  by thermalized  $^{38}\text{Cl}$  recoil atoms as  $(1.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^7 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 243 K, which value is in good agreement with a value of  $2.4 \times 10^7$ , as can be calculated from the averaged data in Table X.

The radioactive recoil Cl atoms whose reactions are discussed in this section were produced by several methods:

(1)  $^{35}\text{Cl}(n,2n)^{34m}\text{Cl}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 32.4$  min), with fast neutrons either from a D-T neutron generator (14 MeV) or from accelerated particles impinging upon a Be target.

(2)  $^{35}\text{Cl}(p,pn)^{34m}\text{Cl}$ , with energetic protons.

(3)  $^{35}\text{Cl}(\gamma,n)^{34m}\text{Cl}$ , with bremsstrahlung beams produced by energetic electrons in a converter of high  $Z$  material.

(4)  $^{37}\text{Cl}(n,\gamma)^{38}\text{Cl}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 37.3$  min), with thermal neutrons from a nuclear reactor or with moderated fast neutrons from a cyclotron.

(5)  $^{37}\text{Cl}(d,p)^{38}\text{Cl}$ , with energetic deuterons.

TABLE XII. Absolute Substitution Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil Cl Atoms with Gaseous Halomethanes

compd	substitution of				2 atoms	scavenger	ref
	H	Cl	F	Br			
CH <sub>4</sub>	6.4				2H: 1.3	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199, 200 <sup>a</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	4.7	10.4					201
	1.2	2.4			H + Cl: 1.4	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199 <sup>a</sup>
	0.7	3.1				C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	203 <sup>b</sup>
	0.6	3.4			H + Cl: 21		202
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<0.5	1.7			2Cl: 1.2	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199 <sup>a</sup>
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	<0.2	0.6			2Cl: <0.2	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199 <sup>a</sup>
CCl <sub>4</sub>		1.7					203 <sup>c</sup>
		0.6				C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199 <sup>a</sup>
		0.28				C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	204
		1.91			2Cl: 0.7	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	205 <sup>d</sup>
		1.0			2Cl: 9.3		206 <sup>e</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> F	<0.5		3.5		H + F: 2.0	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + I <sub>2</sub>	199 <sup>a</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	1.4			3.4	H + Br: 0.8	Br <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>2</sub>	207
CH <sub>2</sub> ClBr		0.25		2.0	Cl + Br: 0.3	Br <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>2</sub>	208
CF <sub>4</sub>			0.92			C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	204
CF <sub>3</sub> Cl		0.73	0.64			C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	204
		1.0	0.6				209 <sup>f</sup>
		2.7	1.8			F + Cl: 0.7	
			1.0	0.43		2F: 0.16	C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>6</sub>
CF <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>		1.0	0.43			C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	204
		0.55	0.10		2Cl: 1.8		209 <sup>g</sup>
					F + Cl: 1.4		
CFCl <sub>3</sub>		<4					210

<sup>a</sup> 60% Ar. <sup>b</sup> Yield ratio CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>Cl = 0.3 for <sup>34m</sup>Cl, <sup>38</sup>Cl, and <sup>39</sup>Cl. <sup>c</sup> Scavenger unknown, data from ref 205. <sup>d</sup> These yields are at 2.4 mol % C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. With 0.2 mol % C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> the yields are 2.6% CCl<sub>3</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl and 2.4% CCl<sub>2</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl. <sup>e</sup> Average value for 10 mol % *n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, 1-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>, CHT, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + I<sub>2</sub>. <sup>f</sup> C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + I<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> + I<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> + I<sub>2</sub>. <sup>g</sup> C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> with HI or H<sub>2</sub>S.

(6) <sup>40</sup>Ar( $\gamma$ ,p)<sup>39</sup>Cl ( $t_{1/2}$  = 56 min), with bremsstrahlung beams.

The research of recoil T and <sup>18</sup>F atoms with (halo)-methanes is mainly focused on gaseous systems, but in the case of recoil Cl atoms, the majority of publications have dealt with liquid-phase systems. This is quite understandable, as most of the production modes require a source containing Cl, and a vast proportion of the chloromethanes are liquids at room temperature. In general, experiments in the gaseous phase are more straightforward than in the liquid phase, where spur and cage reactions may be involved. In the spur of the slackened recoil particle, ions and radicals and excited products are formed that may still be in the close vicinity of the recoil atom, when it has slowed to an energy where chemical reactions can take place (<25 eV). At the end of its track, the recoiling atom can be trapped in a cage containing radicals and excited species. Libby<sup>187</sup> and Willard<sup>188</sup> proposed cage reactions in liquid recoil chemistry, and such reactions were further discussed in more detail by both Stöcklin<sup>189</sup> and Berei and Ache.<sup>190</sup> This type of reaction is often termed "Rabinowitch caging",<sup>191-197</sup> which was originally restricted to the presence of only radicals, and furthermore, with no excitation energy present. Many investigations dealing with the reactions of recoil Cl atoms with halomethanes were performed in mixtures, with the aim of gaining information about the role of cage reactions.

### A. Gaseous Phase

Gordus and Willard<sup>198</sup> found a total organic yield of 20% in gaseous CH<sub>4</sub>, when traces of HCl, CCl<sub>4</sub>, or *n*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl were present as the source of <sup>38</sup>Cl. In Table XII a survey is given of the reported yields of recoil Cl atoms with halocarbons. The yields per atom are generally 1% or less, as are those for double displacement, when corrected for the possible loss of the radioactive label

from an excited molecule. As a consequence of differences in pressure, scavenger, radiation dose, and the specific Cl isotope involved, the reported yields from a given compound sometimes differ considerably. It is therefore pointless to enter a detailed discussion. However, two series of measurements, each performed under similar conditions, warrant more attention:

(1) The work of Spicer and Wolfgang<sup>199</sup> with <sup>39</sup>Cl (60% Ar present) with the series CH<sub>4</sub> → CCl<sub>4</sub>. From the results it is apparent that (a) the total yield of substitution reactions decreases with increasing Cl substitution, a trend that corroborates the steric hindrance model, as discussed for the reactions of recoil <sup>18</sup>F atoms with fluoromethanes,<sup>161-163</sup> and (b) the Cl atom is preferentially displaced. After the energetic encounter, the resultant energy of the C-Cl bond becomes much greater than that of the C-H bond, which may result in the observed effect.

(2) The work of Lee and Hower<sup>204</sup> of <sup>38</sup>Cl with the series CF<sub>4</sub> → CCl<sub>4</sub>. Again substitution of the heavier atom is favored; however, the energy deposition in fluorochloromethanes may be higher than in the chloromethanes, and consequently more decomposition of the excited molecules may occur, and this can mask the observations of steric and inertial effects.

On the basis of the yields of single and double substitution products in the <sup>38</sup>Cl/CF<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> system, Lee and Rowland<sup>209</sup> calculated that the total original hot yields are 4.2% for Cl, and 2.2% for F substitution. However, these values may be underestimated, as even further decomposition of excited molecules may occur, just as was found in the <sup>18</sup>F/CF<sub>4</sub> system.<sup>169</sup> Tang et al.<sup>211</sup> observed *c*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl from the reactions of recoil <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, scavenged with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. This compound can only be formed by the addition of CH<sup>38</sup>Cl to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, and indicates that the carbene is produced by the substitution of one H and two Cl atoms in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Spicer<sup>212</sup> found an H/D isotope effect of 1.6 for the substitution of a single H or D atom in argon moderated (60-100%)

TABLE XIII. Average Logarithmic Energy Loss ( $\alpha$ ) and Reactivity Integrals ( $I$ ) for Reaction of Recoil  $^{38}\text{Cl}$  Atoms

compd	$\alpha$	$I$	ref
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	$\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 7.40 \pm 0.41$ $\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{Ne}}} = 3.03 \pm 0.13$	$I_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.296 \pm 0.021$ $I_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)/\alpha_{\text{Ne}}} = 0.121 \pm 0.008$	201
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}^a$	$\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 7.0$ $\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{Ar}}} = 2.3$ $\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{Kr}}} = 2.2$	$I_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.20 \pm 0.02$ $I_{\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.035 \pm 0.003$ $I_{\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.13 \pm 0.02$	202
$\text{CCl}_4$	$\alpha_{\text{CCl}_4/\alpha_{\text{Ar}}} = 1.82$	$I_{\text{CCl}_4/\alpha_{\text{Ar}}} = 0.037$ $I_{\text{CCl}_3/\alpha_{\text{Ar}}} = 0.017$ $I_{\text{Cl}_2/\alpha_{\text{Ar}}} = 0.016$	205
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	$\alpha_{\text{CH}_3\text{Br}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 5.6$	$I_{\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.14 \pm 0.1$ $I_{\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}/\alpha_{\text{He}}} = 0.10 \pm 0.10$	207

<sup>a</sup>  $\text{Br}_2$  scavenged.

$\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$ , and of 1.8 for double displacement.

Abstraction of an H atom or an halogen atom is more difficult to establish, because compounds such as HCl,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , or FCl are barely detectable. Mudra<sup>205</sup> found a yield of some 0.8%  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}^{38}\text{Cl}$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$ , scavenged with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ . This compound was purported to be formed through the addition of  $\text{Cl}^{38}\text{Cl}$ . Brinkman et al.<sup>206</sup> found 5.7%  $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$  scavenged with 10%  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (samples at 373 K, with high radiation doses involved). Lee and Rowland<sup>209</sup> placed an upper limit of 5% on hot halogen abstraction from  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , but they feel that the real yield for abstraction is less than 1%. The yields of hot reactions can be expressed in the terms of the kinetic theory, as discussed in the chapter dealing with recoil T atoms. For some systems, average logarithmic energy losses ( $\alpha$ ) and reactivity integrals ( $I$ ), both expressed in terms of  $\alpha$  for noble gases, were reported (Table XIII). The energy losses in collisions with the halomethanes indicate a substantial lack of elasticity.

Experiments with charged particle beams have confirmed that high radiation doses can result in considerable radiation damage, probably through reactions in thermalized recoil Cl atoms with formed products and radicals. In the case of reactions of  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$ —produced by the  $^{35}\text{Cl}(p,pn)^{34m}\text{Cl}$  nuclear reaction—with gaseous  $\text{CCl}_4$  (at 373 K), 13%  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$  is formed by the reactions of thermal  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  atoms with radiolytically produced  $\text{CCl}_3$  radicals (in unscavenged  $\text{CCl}_4$ , the total yield of  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$  was found to be 19.4%, but dropped to about 1% in the presence of suitable scavengers.<sup>206</sup> Even more severe effects were found by the reactions of  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ —produced by the  $^{37}\text{Cl}(d,p)^{38}\text{Cl}$  nuclear reaction—with gaseous fluorochloromethanes. For instance, in unscavenged  $\text{CFCl}_3$  the yield of  $\text{CFCl}_3^{38}\text{Cl}$  was  $(54 \pm 2)\%$ , whereas the addition of  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_8$  decreased this yield to less than 4%.<sup>210</sup> Such extreme radiation conditions may be useful for the production of high yields of labeled compounds, but they barely contribute to a better understanding of real hot atom reactions.

## B. Condensed Phase

Table XIV contains most of the data that were derived from the substitution of H and Cl atoms, and from the total organic yields in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and  $\text{CCl}_4$ . (The data of Black and Morgan<sup>217</sup> are not included in this table, as their experiments were conducted at 408 K, and a considerable part of the contents of the ampoules may therefore have been in the gaseous phase.)

Substitution yields are much greater in the liquid than in the gaseous phase. A rather interesting effect was observed by van Dulmen and Aten<sup>215</sup> using neutrons—produced by 26 MeV deuterons in a Be

TABLE XIV. Main Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil Cl Atoms with Liquid Chloromethanes

	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$						average	
	a	b	c	d	e	f		
subst Cl	28	21	20	21	15	14	20	
subst H					6	5	7	
org yield	37	34	34	34	49	36	37	
	$\text{CHCl}_3$							
	a	b	c	d	e	f		
subst Cl	28	18	15	17	16	14	18	
subst H			13		6	5	8	
org yield	40	34	28	33	40	31	34	
	$\text{CCl}_4$							
	a	b	c	d	g	h	i	
subst Cl	37	29	23	23	38	35	34	31
org yield	41	39	33	28	44	45	40	39

<sup>a</sup> Reference 213,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (reactor), no scavenger, 1 h at  $10^6$  n  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{s}^{-1}$ .  
<sup>b</sup> Reference 213,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (Po/Be source), no scavenger, 20 h at an integral flux rate of  $10^7$  n  $\text{s}^{-1}$ .  
<sup>c</sup> Reference 213,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (reactor), 0.5 mol %  $\text{I}_2$ , as in a.  
<sup>d</sup> Reference 213,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (Po/Be source), 0.5 mol %  $\text{I}_2$ , as in b.  
<sup>e</sup> Reference 214,  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$ (cyclotron), no scavenger, 30 min at  $10^{11}$  n  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{s}^{-1}$ .  
<sup>f</sup> Reference 214,  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$ (cyclotron), 1 mol %  $\text{I}_2$ , as in e.  
<sup>g</sup> Reference 215,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (reactor), no scavenger, 1 min at  $10^{12}$  n  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{s}^{-1}$ .  
<sup>h</sup> Reference 215,  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$ (cyclotron), no scavenger, 20 min at  $10^{11}$  n  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{s}^{-1}$ .  
<sup>i</sup> Reference 216,  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ (reactor),  $10^{-5}$  N  $\text{Br}_2$ , 3–4 s at  $10^{13}$  n  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{s}^{-1}$ .

target—for experiments with liquid  $\text{CCl}_4$ . The fast neutrons were slowed in a block of paraffin, in which the sample was placed. However, the paraffin was not thick enough to moderate all of the neutrons completely. Apart from the reactions of thermal neutrons— $^{37}\text{Cl}(n,\gamma)^{38}\text{Cl}$ , reactions of fast neutrons— $^{35}\text{Cl}(n,2n)^{34m}\text{Cl}$ —were also detected. The fluxes of both thermal and fast neutrons were very low, and the induced activities did not permit the determination of individual product yields; only total organic yields could be determined:  $(44.9 \pm 2.0)\%$  for recoil  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  atoms and  $(35.5 \pm 0.6)\%$  for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ . These results are important because the reactions of both of the recoil atoms were proceeding under similar conditions of temperature and radiation dose. (Similar effects were found for  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4$ :  $(59.0 \pm 3.2)\%$  for  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  and  $(37.3 \pm 2.2)\%$  for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ .) The cause of this effect was not discussed, but it may be as a consequence of differences in the recoil energies of the two atoms.<sup>218</sup>

Using  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  recoil atoms, Brinkman et al.<sup>214</sup> compared product yields for  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Relative to the  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$ -for-H substitution yields in both compounds, the  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$  yields were  $(37.5 \pm 0.8)\%$  for  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $(47.4 \pm 1.0)\%$  for  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , and so thus an H/D isotope effect of  $(0.79 \pm 0.03)$ . A similar experiment performed by Wai<sup>219</sup> with recoil  $^{38}\text{Cl}$  atoms resulted in relative yields



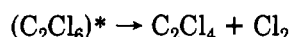
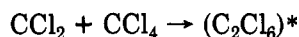
**TABLE XV. Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil Cl Atoms with Solid CCl<sub>4</sub>**

isotope	temp (K)	CCl <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub>	org yield	ref
<sup>34m</sup> Cl	233	63	3	12	80	215 <sup>a</sup>
	233				63	215 <sup>b</sup>
<sup>38</sup> Cl	236				51	226
	193				75	226
	75	61	7	75		227
	233				63	215 <sup>b</sup>

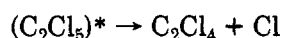
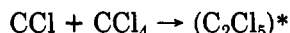
<sup>a</sup>Fast neutron facility at NIKHEF, 10<sup>11</sup> n cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup>Measured in one sample in the thermal neutron facility at NIKHEF, 10<sup>8</sup> n cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

of (29.1 ± 0.8)% and (23.2 ± 0.7)%, respectively, or an isotope effect of (1.25 ± 0.05). Also in contradiction with the <sup>34m</sup>Cl results, Spicer<sup>220</sup> found an inverse isotope effect for several product yields for the reactions of <sup>38</sup>Cl with CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CDCl<sub>3</sub>. No viable explanation could be provided for these discrepancies.

Apart from the products formed by recoil Cl-for-H and Cl substitution, labeled ethylenes and ethanes were also detected: in the case of CCl<sub>4</sub>, 2–3% labeled C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> and 3–6% C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>. Both products were also observed in the radiolysis of CCl<sub>4</sub> (C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> only in the presence of scavengers for Cl atoms<sup>221–223</sup>). It was proposed that C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> was formed through reactions of CCl<sub>2</sub> biradicals:



In photolysis of gaseous CCl<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> was observed at energies above 7 eV and it was suggested that C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> was formed through reactions of CCl radicals:<sup>224</sup>



This means that three Cl atoms (CCCl\*) or even four Cl atoms (CCl\*) must be displaced for the production of labeled C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>. Labeled C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> is thought to be formed by the recombination of a labeled CCl<sub>3</sub> radical with a caged CCl<sub>3</sub> radical. This agrees with a spur mechanism as proposed by Bibler<sup>223</sup> for the formation of C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> in the radiolysis of CCl<sub>4</sub>, where the addition of small amounts of Br<sub>2</sub> did not influence the C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> yields. In the <sup>34m</sup>Cl/CHCl<sub>3</sub> system, eight labeled methanes, ethylenes, and ethanes were observed. The same products were found in radiolysis experiments of CHCl<sub>3</sub>.<sup>214</sup>

Some data have been published regarding the reactions of <sup>34m</sup>Cl and <sup>38</sup>Cl recoil atoms with liquid CFCl<sub>3</sub>: the total organic yields were (38 ± 7) and (39 ± 1)%, respectively.<sup>175</sup> Only relative product yields were measured, but—if no high boiling products are formed—the yield of labeled CFCl<sub>3</sub> is 30% for both isotopes and 6% for labeled CCl<sub>4</sub>. The yields were explained by caged recombination between recoil Cl atoms and CFCl<sub>2</sub>.

Product yields were also measured for solid CCl<sub>4</sub> (Table XV). The yields of labeled CCl<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> are double those in the liquid phase, indicating an enhancement of cage recombination reactions. The results of Goldhaber et al.<sup>226</sup> point to a temperature effect, while those of van Dulmen et al.<sup>215</sup> indicate a dose effect. van Dulmen et al. found the same organic yield for recoil <sup>34m</sup>Cl as for <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms in the same sample,

irradiated in the (former) IKO thermal neutron facility.

### C. Liquid Mixtures

One of the techniques used to differentiate between hot and thermal reactions of recoil atoms, is to evaluate the effect of scavengers for thermal atoms on the absolute product yields. Br<sub>2</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> are efficient scavengers for thermal Cl atoms, and the addition of 1 mol % of Cl<sub>2</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>, or I<sub>2</sub> to CCl<sub>4</sub> decreases the total organic yields by 4–16%, but the results were not particularly consistent (Table I in ref 228). The addition of more of these halogens resulted in still lower yields. These experiments did not permit the arrival of definite conclusions on hot and/or thermal reactions in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub>.

In 1950 Miller and Dodson<sup>229</sup> observed that the total yield or organic bound recoil <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> (43%) decreased sharply to 20% upon the addition of 25 mol % of *c*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>. At higher hexane concentrations this yield decreased monotonically to 14% for pure *c*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>. A similar trend was observed by Vasáros et al.,<sup>230</sup> who added CH<sub>3</sub>OH, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OH to CCl<sub>4</sub>. Product analysis by GLC proved that the decrease in the organic yield was mainly as a consequence of a decrease in the yield of CCl<sub>3</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl from about 35% for pure CCl<sub>4</sub> to about 10% upon the addition of 25 mol % of the alcohols. This effect was attributed to reactions of the recoil <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms with the alcohols. Stöcklin and Tornau<sup>231</sup> found a decrease in the CCl<sub>3</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl yield from 37% to 10% upon the addition of 25 mol % C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and to 12% on adding C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>. Apart from direct reactions of <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms with arenes:



they also proposed a reaction of excited CCl<sub>3</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl molecules with the arenes:



Berei and Vasáros<sup>227</sup> published similar data for the CCl<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> system, but for the CCl<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl system the organic yield increased from 38% in pure CCl<sub>4</sub> to some 55% upon the addition of 25 mol % C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl, this effect being caused by the formation of about 25% C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl; at the same time, the CCl<sub>3</sub><sup>38</sup>Cl decreased to about 18%. The authors pondered as to whether cage reactions were of importance in liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> mixtures, but a kinetic investigation of the product yields obtained for CCl<sub>4</sub>/1,1-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> mixtures seemed to contradict this theory of caging.<sup>232</sup> Kontis and Urch<sup>233–235</sup> found that the organic yield for recoil <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms with liquid CCl<sub>4</sub> decreased sharply upon the addition of 25 mol % of several hydrocarbons, alkyl chlorides, and alcohols, but they also found an increase on adding C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl. They explained these results by the existence of two types of reactions: in the aliphatic systems, the organic yield is achieved in a single hot zone, either through a true hot reaction or by reactions with a high concentration of radicals (cage model), which will reflect a certain aspect of radiation chemistry; in the case of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl a second stage must be involved, in which thermal diffusive <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms react with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl via an exchange reaction, probably via an  $\sigma$ -complex. For the analysis of their results, Kontis and Urch developed a theory that was based on the assumption of different cross sections ( $\sigma$ ) for the reactions of recoil <sup>38</sup>Cl atoms with the two compounds (A and B). They calculated relative

**TABLE XVI.<sup>236-238</sup> Reactivity Parameters  $S$  ( $= \sigma_A/\sigma_B$ ) and  $S'$  ( $= \sigma_A'/\sigma_B'$ ) for the Reactions of Hot and Thermal Recoil  $^{38}\text{Cl}$  Atoms with Mixtures of Chloromethanes**

A	S			
	B =	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	$\text{CCl}_4$
$n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$		5.7	12.5	11
$n\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{12}$		14.1	14.0	9.9
$c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$		13.5	18.0	12.0
$n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$				5.4
$n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}$				9.6
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$		6.5	7.0	6.0
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$		7.4	7.0	8.7
$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OH}$		12.8	7.0	
$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$		17.0	10.0	
$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{OH}$				20

A = aniline			
B =	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	$\text{CCl}_4$
S	28.6	31.4	23.0
S'	10.0	12.8	18.6

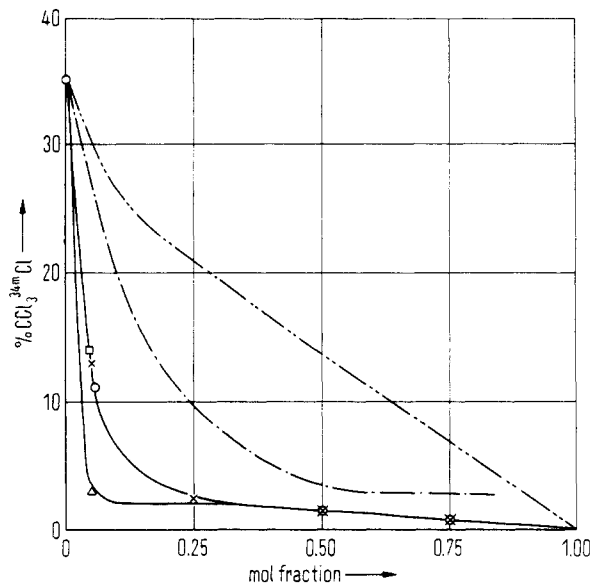
**TABLE XVII.<sup>228</sup> Effects of Several Additives on the Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  Atoms with Liquid  $\text{CCl}_4$**

additive (mol fraction)	S				high boiling	org yield
	$\text{CCl}_4$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	$\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4$	$\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_6$		
1% $\text{I}_2$	30		2	5	10	47
25% $c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ <sup>a</sup>	24		2	4	7	37
25% $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ <sup>b</sup>	3	4	1	1		35
25% $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6$ <sup>b</sup>	16	3	2	2	39	70
5% $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ <sup>c</sup>	14	nm <sup>e</sup>	nm	nm	48	75
5% CHT <sup>d</sup>	3	2	1	nm	82	89
10% $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	8	1	2	1	14	26
sat. DPPH	33		3	1	45	82

<sup>a</sup> 5%  $c\text{-CH}_{11}^{34m}\text{Cl}$ . <sup>b</sup> 7%  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5^{34m}\text{Cl}$ . <sup>c</sup> 11%  $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}^{34m}\text{Cl}$ . <sup>d</sup> Cycloheptatriene. <sup>e</sup> Not measured.

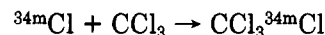
cross sections ( $S$ ) for both the hot ( $S = \sigma_A/\sigma_B$ ) and thermal ( $S' = \sigma_A'/\sigma_B'$ ) reactions. This type of analysis was later applied by Bhawe and Rao<sup>236-238</sup> on mixtures with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and  $\text{CCl}_4$  (Table XVI). (The model was later extended to a two-stage process<sup>239</sup>) [No thermal substitution of a Cl atom in  $\text{CCl}_4$  by thermalized recoil Cl atoms is to be expected, but even if such a reaction could take place, its rate constant would be several orders of magnitude lower than for (Table XVII) (1) reaction with  $\text{Br}_2$  or  $\text{I}_2$ , (2) addition to unsaturated compounds, and (3) H abstraction from hydrocarbons.

Less than 1 mol % of  $\text{I}_2$  prevents thermal Cl-for-Cl exchange in liquid  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$ , but this amount of  $\text{I}_2$  is insufficient to decrease the 35% yield of  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$  or  $\text{CCl}_3^{38}\text{Cl}$  to about 5% (the real hot substitution yield).<sup>228</sup> The observation that relatively large amounts of saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons (10–20%) are needed to decrease the initial 35% labeled  $\text{CCl}_4$  yield to 5% was ascribed to the involvement of cage reactions.<sup>225</sup> High energy recoil ions will be decelerated in liquids by ionizing collisions, and ions, radicals, and excited molecules will be created in the track of the particle. In the keV range, the ion will be neutralized and lose its kinetic energy by elastic collisions. When the recoil particle reaches the eV range, where chemical reactions leading to stable products can take place, it will be surrounded by radicals and excited molecules. Depending upon the mass of the recoil atom and the concentration of radicals in the cage, it can react by a caged recombination process, or escape from the cage and then react as a thermal atom in a normal diffusion

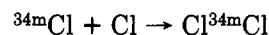


**Figure 4.** The yield of  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$  as a function of the mole fraction of  $n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14}$  (O),  $c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (X),  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (□), CHT (Δ) in  $\text{CCl}_4$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  (---, ref 230 for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ ),  $1,2\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$  (-·-·-, ref 232 for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ ). Reproduced with permission from ref 225. Copyright 1979, Akad Verlagsgesellschaft (Wiesbaden).

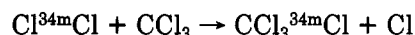
controlled reaction. This latter process seems to take place for T atoms recoiling in liquid  $\text{CCl}_4$  (no  $\text{CTCl}_3$  is formed<sup>86</sup>), but the heavier Cl atom cannot escape as readily from the cage, and so hence the high yield of labeled  $\text{CCl}_4$ . The major proportion of radicals in the cage are Cl and  $\text{CCl}_3$ , the Cl atoms more readily escaping than the heavier  $\text{CCl}_3$  radicals. The reactions to be expected are



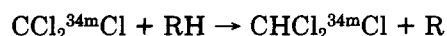
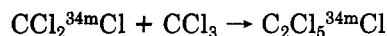
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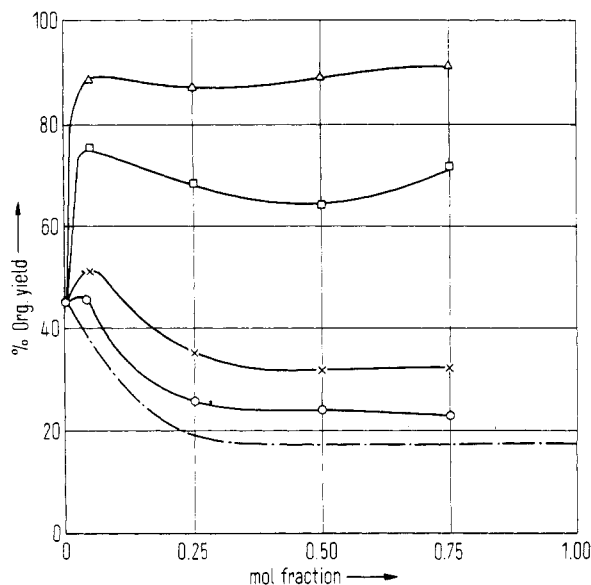
probably followed by



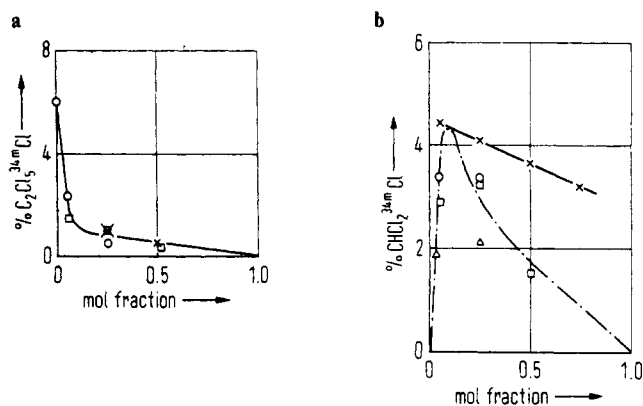
In this model it is apparent that rather large amounts of additives are required to prevent these cage reactions, as some of these molecules must form part of the cage. The rivalry between several additives in reaction with these cage recoil  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  atoms is illustrated in Figure 4, from which it can be seen that the reaction rate is in the order of  $\text{CHT} \rightarrow n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ . It is obvious from the changes in the total organic yield (Figure 5) that different reactions of the caged  $^{34m}\text{Cl}$  atoms with the additives take place,<sup>110,225</sup> but these reactions are outside the scope of this article. Another illustration of cage reactions of Cl atoms recoiling in liquid  $\text{CCl}_4$  is given in Figure 6. The pattern of the decrease in the  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_5^{34m}\text{Cl}$  yield upon the addition of hydrocarbons is comparable with that observed for  $\text{CCl}_3^{34m}\text{Cl}$ , and is quantitatively similar to the increase in the  $\text{CHCl}_2^{34m}\text{Cl}$  yield. This behavior was explained as a double displacement reaction yielding  $\text{CCl}_2^{34m}\text{Cl}$  radicals, followed by a caged recombination reaction, or by H abstraction:



The initial slopes of the  $\text{CHCl}_2^{34m}\text{Cl}/\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_5^{34m}\text{Cl}$  ratios when plotted as a function of the relative hydrocarbon concentrations  $[\text{RH}]/[\text{CCl}_4]$  is a measure of the rate of



**Figure 5.** The total organic yield as a function of the mole fraction of  $n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14}$  (O),  $c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (X),  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (□), CHT ( $\Delta$ ) in  $\text{CCl}_4$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  (---, ref 230 for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ ). Reproduced with permission from ref 225. Copyright 1979, Akad Verlagsgesellschaft (Wiesbaden).



**Figure 6.** (a) The yield of  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_5^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  as a function of the mole fraction of  $n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14}$  (O),  $c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (X), and  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (□) in  $\text{CCl}_4$ . (b) The yield of  $\text{CHCl}_2^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  as a function of the mole fraction of  $n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14}$  (O),  $c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (\*),  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  (□), CHT ( $\Delta$ ), and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  (---, ref 230 for  $^{38}\text{Cl}$ ) in  $\text{CCl}_4$ . Reproduced with permission from ref 225. Copyright 1979 Akad. Verlagsgesellschaft (Wiesbaden).

H abstraction from the additives, and was determined for CHT: $n\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ : $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ : $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  as 1:3.7:2.4:0.3<sup>240</sup> (no H abstraction from  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was observed in mixtures of  $\text{CCl}_4$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

Apart from hot  $^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$ -for-Cl substitution in  $\text{CCl}_4$ , hot abstraction reactions yielding  $\text{Cl}^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  may also take place. In this type of research it is virtually impossible to measure the  $\text{Cl}^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  yield quantitatively. However, in a mixture of  $\text{CCl}_4$  with 5 mol % of  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ , a yield of 12% of  $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  was observed, which could be an indication of hot Cl abstraction reactions, if this compound is indeed formed by the addition of a  $\text{Cl}^{34\text{m}}\text{Cl}$  molecule to  $1\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{12}$ , and not through step-by-step reactions.

## VI. Bromine

Arrhenius parameters for the reactions of ground-state ( $^2\text{P}_{3/2}$ ) Br atoms with halomethanes are given in Table XVIII.<sup>8</sup> Only some rate constants for the collisional removal of excited ( $^2\text{P}_{1/2}$ ) Br atoms—0.46 eV

**TABLE XVIII.** Arrhenius Parameters for the Reactions of Ground-State  $\text{Br}(^2\text{P}_{3/2})$  Atoms with (Halo)methanes<sup>8</sup>

compd	A ( $10^{10}$ L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta E$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	compd	A ( $10^{10}$ L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta E$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
H Abstraction			Br Abstraction		
$\text{CH}_4$	5.6	77.8	$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	5.0	95.8
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	4.2	65.7	$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$	10.0	
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	1.9	67.8	$\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$	7.2	103.6
$\text{CHF}_3$	1.5	93.7	$\text{CCl}_3\text{Br}$	8.1	43.1
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	4.2	60.7	I Abstraction		
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	1.0	46.5	$\text{CF}_3\text{I}$	8.1	45.2
$\text{CHCl}_3$	0.23	38.9			
$\text{CH}_2\text{FCl}$	7.8	61.9			
$\text{CHFCl}_2$	1.0	55.7			
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	7.1	67.8			
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$		57.3			
$\text{CHBr}_3$	1.0	45.2			

**TABLE XIX.** Production Modes of Radioactive Recoil Bromine Isotopes

$^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma) \rightarrow ^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$	(4.4 h)
$^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma) \rightarrow ^{80}\text{Br}$	(17.6 min)
$^{81}\text{Br}(n,\gamma) \rightarrow ^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$	(6.1 min)
$^{81}\text{Br}(n,\gamma) \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Br}$	(35.4 h)
$^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$ (4.4 h) $\xrightarrow{\text{IT}}$ $^{80}\text{Br}$	(1.76 min)
$^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$ (6.1 min) $\xrightarrow{\text{IT}}$ $^{82}\text{Br}$	(35.4 h)
$^{235}\text{U}$ (n,fission)	$^{84-89}\text{Br}$

above the ground state—are reported:  $\text{CH}_4$  ( $2.41 \times 10$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>),  $\text{CF}_4$  ( $1.20 \times 10^8$ ), and  $\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$  ( $3.01 \times 10^7$ ).<sup>241</sup>

### A. Reactions with Methane

Various types of nuclear reactions can lead to the production of radioactive recoil Br atoms and ions (Table XIX):

(1) Thermal neutron activation of  $^{79}\text{Br}$  and  $^{81}\text{Br}$  resulting in energetic ground  $^{80,82}\text{Br}$  and metastable  $^{80\text{m},82\text{m}}\text{Br}$  atoms.

(2) Isomeric transition of  $^{80\text{m},82\text{m}}\text{Br}$  to ground-state  $^{80,82}\text{Br}$ . As these transitions are highly converted, the ground state Br particles are multiply charged  $\text{Br}^{n+}$  ions. The metastable isotopes are in general incorporated in compounds such as  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , and  $\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$ .

(3) Electron capture decay of  $^{76}\text{Kr}$  also yield multiply charged  $^{76}\text{Br}^{n+}$  ions. The  $\beta^+$  decay of  $^{77}\text{Kr}$  gives rise to 60%  $^{77}\text{Br}^-$ , 20%  $\text{Br}^0$ , and 20%  $\text{Br}^{n+}$  particles.

(4) Fission of  $^{235}\text{U}$  results in the direct formation of  $^{84-89}\text{Br}$  isotopes with high kinetic energies and to their indirect formation through  $\beta^-$  decay of the corresponding Se isotopes, resulting in  $\text{Br}^+$  ions.

Due to the differences in recoil energies and charges, the recoil chemistry of bromine is a complicated matter. Urch<sup>3,41</sup> has published two review articles on these reactions.

**Methane.** The first article on the reactions of recoil Br particles was published by Gordus and Willard in 1957.<sup>242</sup> The total yield of organic products—consisting mainly of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ —formed by the  $^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{80}\text{Br}$  reaction was 18%, if 0.5 mol %  $\text{Br}_2$  was present as the source for  $^{80}\text{Br}$ . The organic yields for the isomeric  $^{80\text{m}}\text{Br} \rightarrow ^{80}\text{Br}$  transition were found to be between 0 and 8%, depending upon which molecule contained the  $^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  atom (Table XX). The isomeric transition contributes to the formation of highly charged  $^{80}\text{Br}^{n+}$  ions ( $n \leq 12$ ).<sup>243</sup> After charge distribution to the other atoms in the molecule, the molecule will blow up, due to coulombic repulsion. In case of  $\text{CH}_3^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$ , the parent molecule was broken into the

TABLE XX.<sup>242</sup> Organic Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil <sup>80</sup>Br Particles with CH<sub>4</sub>

parent compound	H <sup>80m</sup> Br	CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>80m</sup> Br	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> <sup>80m</sup> Br	CCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>80m</sup> Br	CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>80m</sup> Br	Br <sup>80m</sup> Br
recoil energy, eV	1	10	10	10	22	24
organic yield, %	<0.1	4	3	8	8	8

fragments as CH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sup>+</sup>, C<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>Br<sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>+</sup>, CHBr<sup>+</sup>, CBr<sup>+</sup>, Br<sup>n+</sup>, and H<sup>+</sup>.<sup>243,244</sup> The amount of kinetic energy and the charge of the <sup>80</sup>Br ions depend on the numbers and types of the other atoms in the molecule. If it is assumed that the ions must all be reduced to a 1+ (or possibly 2+) state through charge-transfer collisions prior to reacting, the differences between the organic yields for differing parent molecules (Table XX) cannot be explained by variances in the charges of the Br<sup>n+</sup> ions.

Investigations by Rack and Gordus<sup>245,246</sup> with rare gas moderators showed that the organic yield for the <sup>79</sup>Br(n,γ)<sup>80</sup>Br reaction (measured by them as 13% in the presence of 0.5 mol % Br<sub>2</sub>) dropped to 0 at 100% moderation, indicating that the reactions with CH<sub>4</sub> occurred as a result of the recoil kinetic energy of <sup>80</sup>Br atoms, although 18% of the <sup>80</sup>Br particles are in the 1+ charge state.<sup>247</sup> Similar yields as reported above were also found by Spicer and Gordus:<sup>248</sup> organic yield of 12% for the <sup>79</sup>Br(n,γ)<sup>80</sup>Br reaction in CH<sub>4</sub> and 7% for the <sup>80m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>80</sup>Br reaction, when extrapolating to 0 mol % Br<sup>80m</sup>Br. Numakara et al.<sup>249</sup> found that in the CH<sub>4</sub>/Br<sup>80m</sup>Br system the yield of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>80</sup>Br increased from 2 to 3% upon the addition of Kr. This finding suggests the partial formation of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>80</sup>Br via a thermal ionic process in highly moderated systems.

In CH<sub>4</sub>, the <sup>81</sup>Br(n,γ)<sup>82m</sup>Br reaction also leads to an organic yield of some 13%.<sup>250</sup> In the case of the <sup>82m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>82</sup>Br decay the organic yield from Br<sup>82m</sup>Br decreases from 7% (6% CH<sub>3</sub><sup>82</sup>Br, 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>82</sup>Br) to 2% (1% CH<sub>3</sub><sup>82</sup>Br, 1% CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>82</sup>Br) on high moderation with Ar.<sup>251-253</sup> Yagi and Kondo<sup>254-261</sup> published a series of papers on the same subjects: to explain the results for the H<sup>80m</sup>Br/CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sup>82m</sup>Br/CH<sub>4</sub> systems, they suggested that the charge complex (CH<sub>4</sub>Br<sup>+</sup>), formed in the primary step resulted in an ion cluster with surrounding molecules in the subsequent step, thus generating the final products.<sup>258,259,261</sup> Differences in product yields between the reactions of <sup>80</sup>Br and <sup>82</sup>Br—activated by the isomeric transitions—with gaseous CH<sub>4</sub>, were attributed to the consecutive, two-step internal conversion process in the cascade deexcitation of <sup>80m</sup>Br, where an intermediate level with a half-life of 7.4 ns exists.<sup>262</sup> The transition from this level to the ground state is converted for only 61%, whereas the first transition to the metastable level and the transition <sup>82m</sup>Br → <sup>82</sup>Br are converted for 100%.<sup>256,260</sup>

CH<sub>4</sub>/CD<sub>4</sub>. Spicer and Gordus<sup>248</sup> found an isotope effect in the organic yields due to reactions of <sup>80</sup>Br with CH<sub>4</sub> and CD<sub>4</sub>. For the <sup>79</sup>Br(n,γ)<sup>80</sup>Br activation, the organic yields were 12.0 and 6.4%, respectively, and for the <sup>80m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>80</sup>Br decay, 6.8 and 4.5%. Nicholas and Rack<sup>246</sup> found no isotope effect for the organic yields from CH<sub>4</sub> and CD<sub>4</sub> with <sup>82</sup>Br, but this may be due to rare gas sensitized radiation damage.<sup>252</sup> A detailed investigation was carried out by Tachikawa et al.<sup>263,264</sup> In the case of the <sup>80m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>80</sup>Br decay, the CH<sub>3</sub><sup>80</sup>Br yield was found to be 3.5%, with the CD<sub>3</sub><sup>80</sup>Br yield at 1.6%. Both yields dropped to 0.5% on moderation with Xe, indicating an isotope effect of 2.7 (= (3.5 - 0.5)/(1.6 - 0.5)) for the reactions of energetic <sup>80</sup>Br atoms. The

TABLE XXI. Parameters of Kinetic Theory<sup>a</sup>

reaction system	α	I (total)	I (CH <sub>3</sub> Br, CD <sub>3</sub> Br)	ref
<sup>79</sup> Br(n,γ) <sup>80</sup> Br + CH <sub>4</sub>	0.266	0.043	0.04	265
		0.3	0.057	245
<sup>79</sup> Br(n,γ) <sup>80</sup> Br + CD <sub>4</sub>	0.280	0.020	0.015	265
<sup>80m</sup> Br(IT) <sup>80</sup> Br + CH <sub>4</sub>	0.266		0.018	249
<sup>82m</sup> Br(IT) <sup>82</sup> Br + CH <sub>4</sub>	0.098		0.004	246

<sup>a</sup> Expressed in Units of α<sub>kr</sub>.

TABLE XXII. Decay Characteristics of <sup>76</sup>Kr and <sup>77</sup>Kr

decay	<sup>76</sup> Kr 14.8 h $\xrightarrow{100\% \text{ EC}}$ <sup>76</sup> Br (16.4 h) <sup>77</sup> Kr (1.2 h) $\xrightarrow[16\% \text{ EC}]{84\% \beta^+}$ <sup>77</sup> Br (54 h)
charge	<sup>76</sup> Br: 100% + n (1 < n < 13) <sup>77</sup> Br: 35% + n (1 < n < 13) 15% 0, 50% 1-
recoil energy	<sup>76</sup> Br: 100% EC, max 7.25 eV <sup>77</sup> Br: 16% EC, max 56.9 eV 84% β <sup>+</sup> , max 36.4 eV av 10.4 eV

0.5% yields at high moderation are due to thermal reactions of <sup>80</sup>Br<sup>+</sup> ions. A similar isotope effect was found for the reactions of <sup>82</sup>Br atoms, generated by the <sup>82m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>82</sup>Br transition, although the absolute yields are a factor of 1.5 higher than for <sup>80</sup>Br. No isotope effect was found for CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>80</sup>Br or CD<sub>2</sub>Br<sup>80</sup>Br. In both cases the yield was 1.1%, which remains constant on moderation with Xe, thus establishing that these compounds are formed by thermal <sup>80</sup>Br<sup>+</sup> ions.

**Kinetic Theory.** Several papers have dealt with the determination of parameters that can be derived by applying the Estrup-Wolfgang kinetic theory.<sup>57,58</sup> In Table XXI data are given on α, the average logarithmic energy loss and on I, the reactivity integral. The differences found between the <sup>82m</sup>Br(IT)<sup>82</sup>Br and the other data may be attributable to an additional yield due to kinetic energy independent processes that become noticeable at high moderation.<sup>266</sup> The low values of I barely suggest the probability of hot reactions by recoil Br atoms. However, the kinetic theory still appears to be an adequate framework for the data derived by the addition of moderators.<sup>246</sup>

**<sup>235</sup>U Fission.** Fission of <sup>235</sup>U by thermal neutrons results in the formation of two types of recoil Br particles:

(1) Primary Br species, generated directly by the fission of a <sup>235</sup>U nucleus.

(2) Secondary Br species, brought about by the decay of the corresponding Se atoms, these being produced either by a primary or secondary process. In the reaction with CH<sub>4</sub>, the ratio of organic yields derived by the secondary and primary reactions were measured as 1.1 for <sup>84</sup>Br, 0.1 for <sup>86</sup>Br, and with no secondary yield being detected for <sup>87</sup>Br.<sup>267</sup>

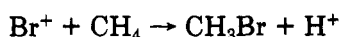
<sup>76,77</sup>Br. More recently, the reactions of <sup>76</sup>Br and <sup>77</sup>Br—formed by the decay of <sup>76</sup>Kr and <sup>77</sup>Kr—with CH<sub>4</sub> have been studied.<sup>268,269</sup> In contrast with <sup>80</sup>Br and <sup>82</sup>Br that are produced in a nuclear reactor, a cyclotron is needed for the production of the Kr isotopes, e.g., <sup>76,77</sup>Se(<sup>3</sup>He,3n)<sup>76,77</sup>Kr, <sup>79</sup>Br(p,4n)<sup>76</sup>Kr, and <sup>79</sup>Br(p,3n)<sup>77</sup>Kr. The initial charges and recoil energies for the two Br

TABLE XXIII. Organic Yield (%) for (n, $\gamma$ ) Produced  $^{80}\text{Br}$  in  $\text{Br}_2$  Scavenged Gaseous Halomethanes

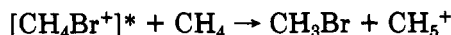
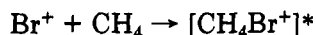
	OY	ref
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	8.5 <sup>a</sup>	272, 273, 274
$\text{CD}_3\text{F}$	5.8 <sup>a</sup>	272
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	3.2	275
$\text{CHF}_3$	1.5	275
$\text{CF}_4$	0.4	275
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$	5.0; 3.0 <sup>b</sup>	274, 276
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	4.3; 2.8; 4.0; <sup>c</sup> 3.9	274, 275
$\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$	0.8; 1.3	271, 275
$\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}$	1.4 <sup>d</sup>	279

<sup>a</sup> Extrapolated to 0%  $\text{Br}_2$ . <sup>b</sup> 2.12%  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , 0.22%  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}$ , 0.65%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ . <sup>c</sup> 3.0%  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , 1%  $\text{Br}_2$ . <sup>d</sup> 0.30%  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}$ , 0.17%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ , 0.90%  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrI}$  ( $\text{I}_2$  scavenger).

isotopes are given in Table XXII. At a pressure of 2.5 MPa, the yield of both  $\text{CH}_3^{76}\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_3^{77}\text{Br}$  are 4.5%.<sup>268</sup> As the recoil energies of the  $\text{Br}^+$  ions are too low to explain these results via a direct reaction:



it was suggested that a reaction between an excited intermediate molecule ion and  $\text{CH}_4$  proceeds:



This suggestion can also explain the observation that the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  yields in unmoderated  $\text{CH}_4$  increase only slightly (25%) over an  $10^3$  increase in pressure from 3 kPa to 3 MPa.

The  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  yields decrease on moderation, but above 80 mol % of Ar or Kr, the yields increase to 12% for  $\text{CH}_3^{76}\text{Br}$  and to 5% for  $\text{CH}_3^{77}\text{Br}$ . Brominating complexes, such as  $\text{ArBr}^+$  and  $\text{KrBr}^+$ , were hypothesized to explain the results at high moderation.

At very high pressures (>3 MPa) the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  and the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Br}$  yields increase, which was explained by the onset of cage reactions due to autoradiation effects, caused by the Auger electrons emitted after the electron capture event. These increases in yields reached maximum values in the solid phase (liquid  $\text{N}_2$  temperature):<sup>268</sup> 36.5% ( $\text{CH}_3^{76}\text{Br}$ ), 13.8% ( $\text{CH}_3^{77}\text{Br}$ ); 15.9% ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^{76}\text{Br}$ ), 18.9% ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^{77}\text{Br}$ ).

The differences in yields between  $^{76}\text{Br}$  and  $^{77}\text{Br}$  are correlated with differences in the initial charges and the kinetic energies of the two types of recoil particles.

**Se(p,n) $^{76,77,82}\text{Br}$ .** Proton irradiations of  $\text{CH}_4 + 20$  mol %  $\text{H}_2\text{Se}$  resulted in the formation of labeled  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , with yields of (5.5  $\pm$  0.1)%, (6.8  $\pm$  1.3)%, and (3.1  $\pm$  1.3)% for  $^{76}\text{Br}$ ,  $^{77}\text{Br}$ , and  $^{82}\text{Br}$ , respectively.<sup>270</sup> Due to the high initial kinetic energies, the Br isotopes react as neutral species. However, radiolysis and increased temperature during the irradiations require a more detailed discussion.

## B. Reactions with Halomethanes

### 1. Gaseous Phase

**(n, $\gamma$ ) Reactions.** The first experiments with gaseous halomethanes were performed in 1953 by Rice et al.,<sup>271</sup> who found an organic yield of 7% for the  $^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{80}\text{Br}$  reaction with  $\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$ . However, this yield was mainly due to the reactions of thermal  $^{80}\text{Br}$  atoms with impurities and radicals, as the addition of 0.5 mol %  $\text{Br}_2$  reduced this yield to 1%. Organic yields for scavenged

TABLE XXIV. Organic Yields (%) for IT Produced  $^{80}\text{Br}$  and  $^{82}\text{Br}$  in  $\text{Br}_2$  Scavenged Gaseous Halomethanes

	$^{80}\text{Br}$		$^{82}\text{Br}$	
	OY	ref	OY	ref
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$		271	5.8	4
$\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$	1.5	275		
$\text{CHF}_3$	0.8	275		
$\text{CF}_4$	0.3	275		
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}^a$	2.5	275	4.5	4
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	2.0	275		
$\text{CHCl}_3$	2.5	275		
$\text{CCl}_4$	0.5	275		
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}^b$	2.4	275	3.9	274
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	5.1	280	3.9	278
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$			5.9	281
$\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$	1.4	275		
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$			8.2	282

<sup>a</sup> When  $\text{CF}_3^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  was used as the precursor, the OY is 3%.<sup>283</sup>  
<sup>b</sup> When  $\text{H}^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  and  $\text{H}^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$  were used as the precursors, the OY are 4.5 and 5.1%, respectively.

halomethanes are given in Table XXIII. Alfassi et al.<sup>276</sup> found that in  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  thermal reactions account for the major proportion of the organic yield, i.e., 12.8% for unscavenged  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , which decreases to only 3.5% in the presence of 0.5 mol %  $\text{Br}_2$ . Minor differences were found in the organic yields, brought about by Br isotopes produced via several (n, $\gamma$ ) reactions in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ :<sup>272</sup>  $^{80}\text{Br}$ , (8.5  $\pm$  0.3)%;  $^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$ , (10.0  $\pm$  0.3)%;  $^{82+82\text{m}}\text{Br}$ , (7.5  $\pm$  0.3)%. These differences are due to fluctuations in the kinetic energy spectra of the Br atoms. The addition of He and Ar reduces all these yields to 0 at 100% moderation, indicating that the reactions occur entirely as a result of the recoil energies of the Br atoms. Apart from differences between the Br isotopes, a large isotope effect was also found between  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  and  $\text{CD}_3\text{F}$ . The organic yields for the latter compound are  $^{80}\text{Br}$ , (5.8  $\pm$  0.3)%;  $^{82}\text{Br}$ , (7.5  $\pm$  0.3)%;  $^{82+82\text{m}}\text{Br}$ , (5.0  $\pm$  0.3)%<sup>272</sup> and the average H/D isotope effect is 1.46. From the data given in Table XXIII it can also be seen that double atom substitution is an important reaction channel (at least in chloromethanes), and the yield of the (H + Cl) substitution in  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClBr}$  is even higher than the total yields of single atom substitution reactions.

**(IT) Reactions.** In Table XXIV a compilation is given of organic yields for the reactions of  $^{80}\text{Br}$  and  $^{82}\text{Br}$ —produced via isomeric transitions from  $^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  and  $^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$ —with gaseous halomethanes. Most experiments have been performed with  $\text{Br}^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  and  $\text{Br}^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$  as the sources of the recoil particles. The only experiment with  $\text{HBr}$  as the precursor<sup>283</sup> does not result in lower yields, as observed with  $\text{CH}_4$  (Table XXIV). Differences in the organic yields generated by  $^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  and  $^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  were explained by the higher reactivity of  $^{80}\text{Br}$  (activated by the two-step internal conversion), in contrast with  $^{82}\text{Br}$ , activated via the one-step process.<sup>280</sup> Extrapolation to 100% moderation of yield curves for  $\text{CH}_3^{82}\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}^{82}\text{Br}$ , measured for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  mixed with 0–80 mol % He, Ar, Xe, and  $\text{Br}_2$ , resulted in 0 product yields.<sup>278,281</sup> Both products are formed via excess kinetic energy processes, in contrast with products formed from  $\text{CH}_4$ , where isomeric processes are also involved. However, using  $\text{CF}_3^{80\text{m}}\text{Br}$  as the precursor for the production of  $^{80}\text{Br}$ , the moderation curves level off above 80 mol % Ar and do not extrapolate to 0, but to 0.8% for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ , 0.4% for  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ , 1.9% for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ , and

TABLE XXV.<sup>270</sup> Absolute Product Yields (%) in Proton Irradiated Mixtures<sup>a</sup>

gas mixture	proton current (nA)	CH <sub>3</sub> Br			CH <sub>2</sub> XBr		
		<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>82</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>82</sup> Br
CH <sub>3</sub> F + 15% H <sub>2</sub> Se	250 nA	83 ± 3	73 ± 2	70 ± 2	5.9 ± 0.6	5.3 ± 0.7	5.0 ± 0.5
CH <sub>3</sub> F + 22% (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Se	250 nA	20 ± 1	20 ± 1	19 ± 2			
CH <sub>3</sub> F + 82% H <sub>2</sub> Se	250 nA	4.5	4.2	2.8			
CH <sub>3</sub> F + 21% (CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Se <sup>b</sup>	250 nA	34 ± 5	32 ± 1	24 ± 2			
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl + 20% H <sub>2</sub> Se	250 nA	63 ± 6	63 ± 1	53 ± 9	1.6 ± 0.6	1.7 ± 0.7	1.9 ± 0.4
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl + 21% (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Se	150 nA	18 ± 3	18 ± 3	17 ± 2			
CH <sub>3</sub> Br + 20% H <sub>2</sub> Se	200 nA	39 ± 2	35 ± 2	32 ± 4	0.8 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.1

<sup>a</sup> The CF<sub>3</sub>Br yields are (7 ± 4)% CF<sub>3</sub><sup>76</sup>Br, (4.6 ± 0.8)% CF<sub>3</sub><sup>77</sup>Br, and (4.8 ± 1.0)% CF<sub>3</sub><sup>82</sup>Br. <sup>b</sup> Pressure 109 kPa.

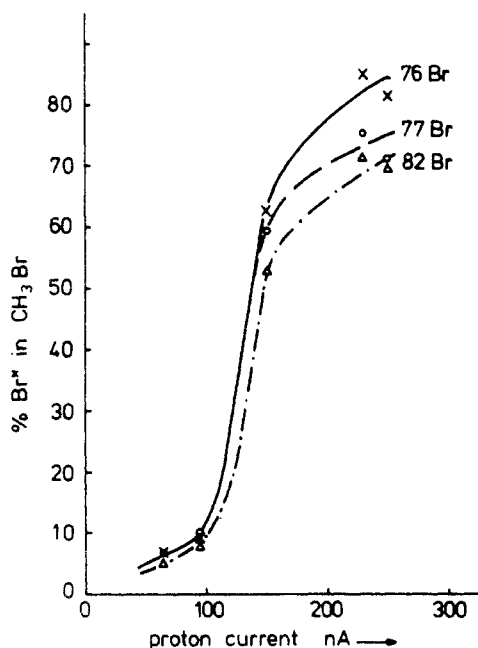


Figure 7. Effect of the proton current on the CH<sub>3</sub>Br\* yield in a mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>F + 20 mol % H<sub>2</sub>S. (Pressure 109 kPa, irradiation time 10 min).<sup>270</sup>

3.8% for CH<sub>3</sub>I (to 0% for CCl<sub>4</sub><sup>283</sup>). The production of these fractions was explained by the formation of an excited [CH<sub>3</sub>X<sup>80</sup>Br]<sup>+</sup> ion, that—after stabilization—can react by proton or halide ion transfer. Similarly as for (n,γ) reactions in CH<sub>3</sub>F and CD<sub>3</sub>F, a large isotope effect was also observed for IT produced <sup>82</sup>Br: the organic yields—corrected for thermal ionic processes—were 6.5% and 3.5% for CH<sub>3</sub>F and CD<sub>3</sub>F, respectively.<sup>272</sup>

**Se(p,n)<sup>76,77,82</sup>Br.** De Jong et al.<sup>270</sup> produced <sup>76</sup>Br, <sup>77</sup>Br, and <sup>82</sup>Br by the irradiation of gaseous Se compounds (H<sub>2</sub>Se, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Se, and (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Se) with protons. For these radioisotopes, the yields of CH<sub>3</sub>Br\* from pure (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Se are 21, 21, and 18%, respectively, and the yields of CF<sub>3</sub>Br\* from (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Se are 34, 34, and 26%, respectively (irradiation: 250 nA protons, 10 min). These nuclear reactions produce Br isotopes with high kinetic energies that react as neutral atoms. When the reactions in mixtures of gaseous Se compounds with halomethanes were studied, it was hoped that additional information regarding the reactions of hot Br atoms could be gained. In general, the results are very difficult to interpret, as radiolysis occurs during the irradiations, especially for mixtures with (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Se. Figure 7 shows the yields of CH<sub>3</sub>Br\* (as a function of the proton current) for a mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>F and 20 mol % H<sub>2</sub>Se. Table XXV gives the product yields of Br-for-X and Br-for-H substitution in CH<sub>3</sub>X at high proton currents. Apart from the occurrence of radiolysis,

TABLE XXVI.<sup>285-288</sup> Absolute Hydrogen and Halogen Substitution Yields (%) Following the <sup>76,77</sup>Kr → <sup>76,77</sup>Br Reactions

	hydrogen substitution			halogen substitution		
	<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br/ <sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br/ <sup>77</sup> Br
CH <sub>4</sub>	2.3	3.7	1.3			
CH <sub>3</sub> F	0.40	0.54	1.4	1.9	3.9	2.0
CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	0.16	1.0	6.2	0.35	2.6	7.4
CHF <sub>3</sub>	0.06	0.19	3.2	0.26	1.4	5.4
CF <sub>4</sub>				0.27	1.3	4.8
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	0.22	0.19	0.9	1.2	3.5	2.9
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	0.24	0.33	1.4	1.4 <sup>a</sup>	4.7	3.5
CH <sub>3</sub> I				1.4 <sup>a</sup>		

	F substitution			Br, Cl substitution		
	<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br/ <sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br	<sup>77</sup> Br	<sup>76</sup> Br/ <sup>77</sup> Br
CF <sub>4</sub>	0.27	1.3	4.8			
CF <sub>3</sub> Cl				0.36	0.94	2.6
CF <sub>3</sub> Br	0.40	1.1	2.7	0.60	0.82	1.4

<sup>a</sup> Extrapolated to 0 decay time.

temperature effects can also be involved in the product formation as the temperature of the vessels—not cooled—can be increased by 50–100 K during the irradiations. The high CH<sub>3</sub>Br\* yields are of interest for efficient in-beam production of labeled CH<sub>3</sub>Br, but no conclusions can be drawn in relation to the reaction mechanisms of hot Br atoms.

No effect of the proton current on the yields of CH<sub>2</sub>XBr\* was found for irradiations of CH<sub>3</sub>X. The Br\*-for-H substitution yields decrease when going from CH<sub>3</sub>F to CH<sub>3</sub>Br, which was ascribed to the more efficient moderation properties of the heavier gases. From mixtures of 20 mol % H<sub>2</sub>Se with CF<sub>4</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>H, and CF<sub>3</sub>Br, labeled CF<sub>3</sub>Br was formed in yields (averaged over the three isotopes) of 0.3, 0.2, and 20%, respectively. For CF<sub>3</sub>Br an additional yield of 12% CF<sub>2</sub>BrBr\* was also measured. In these three mixtures, high yields of unidentified gaseous products were found (13, 30, and 13%, respectively), another indication of the complexity of these irradiations.

<sup>76,77</sup>Kr → <sup>76,77</sup>Br. De Jong et al.<sup>285-288</sup> measured product yields of <sup>76</sup>Br and <sup>77</sup>Br, generated from <sup>76</sup>Kr and <sup>77</sup>Kr, with 10 halomethanes (Table XXVI). In all the cases only two products were observed from single substitution reactions. Large isotope effects were found, in particular for the substitution of halogen atoms. It was mentioned before, that reactions of very energetic <sup>76</sup>Br and <sup>77</sup>Br atoms (from proton irradiation of Se) result in a yield of 0.2% CF<sub>3</sub>Br\* in gaseous CF<sub>4</sub>. This means that the 1.3% CF<sub>3</sub><sup>77</sup>Br yield in CF<sub>4</sub>, produced from the <sup>77</sup>Kr → <sup>77</sup>Br decay, must be generally formed by the reactions of <sup>77</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> ions. On the basis of scavenger and moderator effects, it can be deduced that the substitution of halogens occurs via reaction of Br<sup>+</sup> and Br<sup>-</sup>



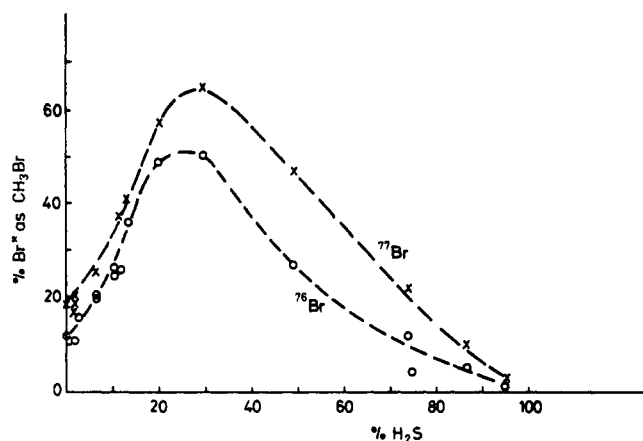


Figure 8. The yield of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}^*$  as a function of the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  concentration.<sup>285,288</sup>

ions, whereas the substitution of H atoms is merely due to reactions of  $\text{Br}^+$  ions. The small isotopic ratios for H substitution were ascribed to differences in the kinetic energies between  $^{76}\text{Br}$  and  $^{77}\text{Br}$ ; the higher ratios found for the substitution of halogens—the ratios increase as the halogens become heavier—were thought to originate from reactions of  $^{77}\text{Br}^-$  ions. In the case of  $^{76}\text{Br}$ , only  $\text{Br}^+$  ions are present. Thermodynamic considerations lead to the conclusion that electronically excited  $\text{Br}^+$  ions,  $\text{Br}^+(^1\text{D}_2)$  and  $\text{Br}^+(^1\text{S}_0)$ , are at least partly responsible for the thermal halogen substitution. The substitution of halogens is favored above that of H atoms, which is to some extent due to the fact that the  $\text{Br}^+$  ions primarily react with the lone pair electrons of the halogen atom in a halomethane. The product yields, which are due to reactions of  $\text{Br}^+$  ions, decrease as near-resonance conditions for charge-transfer reactions of  $\text{Br}^+$  ions are approached, which explains these yields in  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  being lower than in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ .

In the case of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ , exchange reactions with  $\text{HBr}^*$  (absorbed on the walls of the reaction vessels) were found, the extent of which is influenced by pressure, exposure time, temperature, and glass surface. The addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (Figure 8) and related compounds such as  $\text{CH}_3\text{SH}$ ,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{Se}$ , or  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  leads to an increase in the exchange yield, due to the formation of a gas-phase cluster of  $\text{Br}^+$  or  $\text{Br}^-$  with the gas molecules, in which clusters  $\text{HBr}^*$  can be formed.  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}$  has no effect on the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}^*$  yield, which is a consequence of efficient near-resonance charge transfer, and no  $\text{HBr}^*$  will be formed.  $\text{HBr}^*$  formation is also inhibited in the presence of propene, which reacts with  $\text{Br}^+$  ions via addition to a bromonium ion, inducing a cationic polymerization.

## 2. Liquid Phase

In Table XXVII organic yields are compiled for the reactions of  $(n,\gamma)$  produced  $^{80}\text{Br}$  and (IT) produced  $^{82}\text{Br}$  with liquid and solid halomethanes, it being notable that the yields are far higher than those for gas-phase experiments. This effect is apportioned to the occurrence of reactions in a cage, formed at the end of the track of energetic recoil particles, or by Auger cascades. In contrast with the gas-phase experiments there are barely any isotope effects for the yields measured for  $(n,\gamma)$  and (IT) reactions.

Berg et al.<sup>274</sup> measured individual product yields in liquid  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}/\text{Br}_2$  mixtures, both for  $(n,\gamma)$  produced  $^{80}\text{Br}$

TABLE XXVII. Organic Yields (%) for  $(n,\gamma)$  Produced  $^{80}\text{Br}$  and (IT) Produced  $^{82}\text{Br}$  in Condensed Halomethanes

	$^{79}\text{Br}$ - $(n,\gamma)^{80}\text{Br}$		$^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}$ - (IT) $^{82}\text{Br}$		scav- enger	ref
	liq	solid	liq	solid		
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}$	24 <sup>a</sup>		28		$\text{Br}_2$	273, 274
$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$			3.4		$\text{Br}_2$	289, 290
$\text{CFCl}_3$			8		$\text{Br}_2$	289, 290
$\text{CCl}_4$	27	50	39		$\text{Br}_2$	291, 292, 293
$\text{CCl}_4$	26	10	25	10	$\text{Br}_2$	294, 295
$\text{CCl}_4$	23		42-49 <sup>c</sup>		$\text{Br}_2$	296, 297
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	40				$\text{Br}_2$	298
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$	50				$\text{Br}_2$	297
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$	60			59	$\text{Br}_2$	213, 298
$\text{CHBr}_3$	58			65	$\text{Br}_2$	213, 297
$\text{CHBr}_3$	65				$\text{Br}_2$	298
$\text{CHBr}_3$	42				$\text{Br}_2$	299
$\text{CHBr}_3$	61				-	300
$\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$	11				$\text{Br}_2$	271
$\text{CCl}_3\text{Br}$	40	75			-	291
$\text{CCl}_3\text{Br}$	39				$\text{Br}_2$	298
$\text{CCl}_2\text{Br}_2$	40	75			-	291
$\text{CBr}_4$	88	93			-	291

<sup>a</sup> Similar yields for  $^{82}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{82\text{m}+82\text{g}}\text{Br}$ . The yield of 24% at density of  $0.5 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  increases to 36% at  $1.1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . <sup>b</sup> 29% for  $^{81}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{82}\text{Br}$ , 33% for  $^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}(\text{IT})^{82}\text{Br}$ .<sup>292</sup> <sup>c</sup> Probably too high, see ref 295.

and (IT) produced  $^{82}\text{Br}$ . Although the total organic and Br-for-F and -H substitution yields do not vary greatly when proceeding from 0% to 100%  $\text{Br}_2$ , the products formed through displacement of 2, 3, or 4 atoms differ considerably, i.e., extrapolated to 0%  $\text{Br}_2$ :

	$\text{CFBr}_3$	$\text{CBr}_4$	$\text{CHBr}_3$
$^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{80}\text{Br}$	0.1	0.5	2.4
$^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}(\text{IT})^{82}\text{Br}$	0.1	3.6	5.8
	$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$	$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{FBr}$
$^{79}\text{Br}(n,\gamma)^{80}\text{Br}$	3.8	7.0	8.6
$^{82\text{m}}\text{Br}(\text{IT})^{82}\text{Br}$	2.8	6.4	9.6

Cages formed either by energetic recoil atoms or by Auger cascades result in variances in the yields of some of the labeled products, but due to the complexity of these systems, it is not possible to obtain more specific information regarding the relative contributions of molecular, ionic, and radical reactions. Relatively high yields of products formed by double displacement reactions were also detected in  $\text{Br}_2$  scavenged liquid  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1Cl, 2%; 2Cl, 0.8%; 1F, 0.4%; and 1F + 1Cl, 0.2%) and in  $\text{CFCl}_3$  (1Cl, 6% and 2Cl, 2%).<sup>289</sup> Assuming that part of the labeled products are formed through reactions of radicals in an excited cage, it has been summarized that a relationship between individual product yields and  $G$  values derived from  $\gamma$  irradiations exists.  $G$  values for the  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Br}_2$  system are 1Cl, 6.7; 2Cl, 0.8; and 1F 0.2, and for  $\text{CFCl}_3/\text{Br}_2$ : 1Cl, 7.0; 2Cl, 0.7; 1F, <0.05,<sup>290</sup> illustrating that there are discrepancies between the radiolysis and recoil yield patterns. An evaluation of average logarithmic energy losses (the  $\alpha$  parameters in Estrup-Wolfgang kinetic theory, as discussed in section II for liquid  $\text{CHBr}_3/\text{C}_6\text{H}_6/\text{Br}_2$  mixtures indicates that moderate collisions with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  involve the entire molecule, whereas collisions with  $\text{CHBr}_3$  have a more atom-atom character.<sup>299</sup>

## VII. Iodine

Arrhenius parameters for the reactions of ground-state ( $^2\text{P}_{3/2}$ ) I atoms with halomethanes are given in

**TABLE XXVIII. Arrhenius Parameters for the Reactions of Ground-State I(<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>) Atoms with (Halo)methanes<sup>8</sup>**

compd	H abstraction		compd	I abstraction	
	A, 10 <sup>10</sup> L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	ΔE kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>		A 10 <sup>10</sup> L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	ΔE kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
CH <sub>4</sub>	60	143	CH <sub>3</sub> I	14	83
CH <sub>3</sub> I	25	131	CH <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	28	63
CHF <sub>3</sub>	4.0	152	CHI <sub>3</sub>	56	40
			Cl <sub>4</sub>	63	17
			CF <sub>3</sub> I	2.6	72

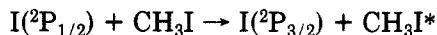
**TABLE XXIX. Production Modes for Radioactive Recoil Iodine Isotopes**

<sup>127</sup> I (n,γ) <sup>128</sup> I (25 min)
<sup>129</sup> I (1.7 × 10 <sup>7</sup> years) (n,γ) <sup>130m</sup> I (9 min)
<sup>129</sup> I (1.7 × 10 <sup>7</sup> years) (n,γ) <sup>130</sup> I (12.3 h)
<sup>127</sup> I (n,2n) <sup>126</sup> I (12.8 days)
<sup>127</sup> I (n,n) <sup>128</sup> I (12.8 days)
<sup>129</sup> I (1.7 × 10 <sup>7</sup> years) (n,2n) <sup>128</sup> I (25 min)
<sup>130m</sup> I (9 min) (IT) <sup>130</sup> I (12.3 h)
<sup>126</sup> Xe (16.8 h) (β <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>126</sup> I (60 days)
<sup>123</sup> Xe (21 h) (EC,β <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>123</sup> I (13.3 h)
<sup>235</sup> U (n,f) (8.1 days)
<sup>235</sup> U (n,f) <sup>133</sup> I (20.8 h)
<sup>236</sup> U (n,f) <sup>135</sup> I (6.7 h)
<sup>131,133,135</sup> Xe (β <sup>-</sup> ) <sup>131,133,135</sup> I

Table XXVIII. Some rate constants for the collisional removal of excited (<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>) I atoms—0.95 eV above the groundstate—are CH<sub>4</sub> (5.5 × 10<sup>7</sup> and 6 × 10<sup>7</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively)<sup>301,302</sup> CF<sub>4</sub> (2.8 × 10<sup>5</sup>), CF<sub>3</sub>H (2.8 × 10<sup>7</sup>), and CF<sub>3</sub>I (2.1 × 10<sup>5</sup>).<sup>301</sup> A large isotope effect, in the vicinity of a factor of 50, was found in the rate constants for the reactions of (<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>) I atoms with CH<sub>4</sub> and CD<sub>4</sub>: 6.6 × 10<sup>10</sup><sup>303</sup> and 1.3 × 10<sup>9</sup><sup>304</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. A similar isotope effect was observed for the reactions of (<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>) atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>I and CD<sub>3</sub>I: 1.6 × 10<sup>8</sup> and 2.7 × 10<sup>6</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.<sup>305-308</sup> Substitution of D for H in CH<sub>3</sub>I will have only a minimal effect on the rate of I abstraction:

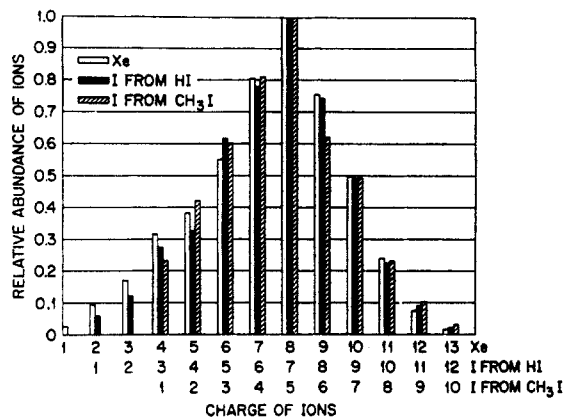


This means that the value of 2.7 × 10<sup>6</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> is the upper limit for the abstraction reaction. The efficient quenching of excited I atoms by CH<sub>3</sub>I



is explained by the resonant transfer of electronic to vibrational and rotational energy.<sup>308</sup>

Several radioactive isotopes are available for the study of the reactions of recoil I particles (Table XXIX). Depending on their production mode, they differ in the initial amount of recoil energy and charge, whereas ground-state and electronically excited states of neutral atoms and of ions can also be involved. Reactions such as (n,γ), (n,2n), (γ,n), and direct fission of <sup>235</sup>U result in isotopes with high kinetic energy. Nuclear decay, via either electron capture or a highly converted isomeric transition, generally proceeds through the capture (EC) or emission (IT) of a K electron, after which an Auger cascade starts, transforming the atom into a highly charged positive ion. The effect of such a cascade on the charge state was investigated by Carlson et al.<sup>309,311</sup> The <sup>123m</sup>Xe (IT) <sup>123</sup>Xe decay gives rise to a charge distribution of the Xe<sup>n+</sup> ions between n = 1 and n = 22, with a maximum at n = 8.<sup>311</sup> The creation of a K vacancy can also be brought about by irradiation with X-rays of an appropriate energy



**Figure 9.** Comparison of the charge spectra for the heavy ion as a result of X irradiation of Xe, HI, and CH<sub>3</sub>I. Reproduced with permission from ref 311. Copyright 1966, American Institute of Physics.

(Figure 9). If such an irradiation is achieved with iodinated molecules, a rapid electron transfer from the other atoms to the I<sup>n+</sup> ion takes place, followed by a coulombic explosion, resulting in several ions with excess kinetic energy. In the case of CH<sub>3</sub>I, the average charges and energies of the ions are C<sup>2+</sup> (40 eV), H<sup>+</sup> (34 eV), I<sup>5+</sup> (8.9 eV).<sup>310</sup>

The study of the chemical reactions of recoil particles began 50 years ago, when Szilard and Chalmers<sup>312</sup> showed that after neutron irradiation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>I, the majority of the <sup>128</sup>I activity—formed by the <sup>127</sup>I(n,γ)<sup>128</sup>I reaction—could be extracted as <sup>128</sup>I<sup>-</sup> ions and obviously the C–I bond is broken after the nuclear reaction. Several review articles have been published on the recoil chemistry of iodine.<sup>3,41,313</sup>

## A. Reactions with Methane

(n,γ) (IT). The first studies were published in 1952 by Willard and co-workers who found that I<sub>2</sub>, produced by the <sup>127</sup>I(n,γ)<sup>128</sup>I reaction, led to 50% CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I in gaseous CH<sub>4</sub> + 0.05 mol % I<sub>2</sub>.<sup>314-316</sup> This yield was constant at ratios of P<sub>CH<sub>3</sub></sub>/P<sub>I<sub>2</sub></sub> above 500. This surprisingly high yield was not ascribed to hot reactions of <sup>128</sup>I recoil atoms, as excessive concentrations of inert gases did not reduce the CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I yield to 0. Other additives, such as I<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>I, or NO (with ionization potentials lower than that of I), are far more effective in reducing the amount of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I, indicating that reactions of <sup>128</sup>I<sup>+</sup> ions are important. As the I<sup>+</sup> + CH<sub>4</sub> → CH<sub>3</sub>I + H<sup>+</sup> reaction is endothermic by 420 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, it was concluded that electronically excited I<sup>+</sup> ions are responsible for these high yields.

More thorough investigations by Rack and Gordus<sup>317</sup> of the effects of the addition of rare gases on the yield of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I provided further information regarding the status of the reacting iodine species (Figure 10). In the presence of 1.5 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol % I<sub>2</sub> and of 8 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol % CH<sub>3</sub>I, the yield of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I in CH<sub>4</sub> is 54%, decreasing to 36% at infinite moderation with Ne, Ar, and Kr, illustrating that 18% is formed as a result of hot <sup>128</sup>I reactions. The yield of 11% at 100 mol % Xe moderator (IP 12.13 eV) can only be explained by reactions of <sup>3</sup>P<sub>0</sub> (11.25 eV) and <sup>3</sup>P<sub>1</sub> (11.33 eV) I<sup>+</sup> ions, as the reactions of ground-state I<sup>+</sup> ions (10.45 eV) with CH<sub>4</sub> are endothermic. I<sup>+</sup> (<sup>1</sup>D<sub>2</sub>) ions (12.15 eV) will react by near resonance charge transfer with Xe, which process

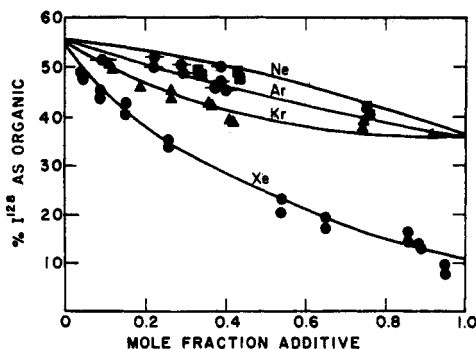


Figure 10. Percent  $^{128}\text{I}$  formed as organic activity in  $\text{CH}_4$ /inert gas mixtures containing  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  and  $\text{I}_2$ . Reproduced with permission from ref 317. Copyright 1961, American Institute of Physics.

TABLE XXX.<sup>319</sup> Organic Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil Iodine with  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CD}_4$

system	hot yield	thermal yields		total yield
		$\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$	$\text{I}^+(\text{}^3\text{P}_1, \text{}^3\text{P}_0)$	
$(n, \gamma)^{128}\text{I} + \text{CH}_4$	18.5	25.0	11.0	54.5
$(n, \gamma)^{130}\text{I} + \text{CH}_4$	16.5	9.5	16.5	42.5
$(\text{IT})^{130}\text{I} + \text{CH}_4$	9.7	5.6	10.3	25.6
$(n, \gamma)^{130}\text{I} + \text{CD}_4$	15.3	9.5	16.5	41.3
$(\text{IT})^{130}\text{I} + \text{CD}_4$	10.5	5.6	10.3	26.4

is endothermic by 0.029 eV. The remaining 25%  $\text{CH}_3^{128}\text{I}$  is then formed by reactions of  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$  ions with  $\text{CH}_4$ . These conclusions were further consolidated by the addition of other gases:  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{CF}_4$ , having ionization potentials above the 12.16 eV barrier of  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$ , gave the same results as Ne, Ar, and Kr.  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  behaves in the same way as Xe, although the IP is 12.15 eV, indicating that the 25% additional inhibition by  $\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  is due to a thermal  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2) + \text{CH}_2\text{F}_2$  reaction.<sup>318</sup> Similar investigations of the reactions of I particles—generated via  $^{129}\text{I}(n, \gamma)^{130+130\text{m}}\text{I}$  and  $^{130\text{m}}\text{I}(\text{IT})^{130}\text{I}$ —with  $\text{CH}_4$  led to the organic yields as given in Table XXX. The hot yields of  $(n, \gamma)$  induced  $^{128}\text{I}$  and  $^{130}\text{I}$  are almost equal, the discrepancies in the thermal yields from  $\text{I}^+$  ions being ascribed to differences in internal conversion coefficients of the nuclear capture gamma rays.<sup>319</sup> No isotope effects were found for reactions with  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CD}_4$ . In contrast with the findings of Rack and co-workers, Kuhry et al. reported a yield of  $(46 \pm 3)\%$  for the  $^{127}\text{I}(n, \gamma)^{128}\text{I}$  process and of  $(44 \pm 3)\%$  for that of  $^{129}\text{I}(n, \gamma)^{130\text{m}}\text{I}$ . These yields remained constant over the entire moderation range with Ne and Ar,<sup>320</sup> with only a trace amount of  $\text{I}_2$  ( $5.4 \times 10^{-7}$  mol) and no  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  being present.

$^{123}\text{Xe} \xrightarrow{\text{EC}, \beta^+} ^{123}\text{Xe}, ^{125}\text{Xe} \xrightarrow{\text{EC}} ^{125}\text{I}$ . The reactions of  $^{123,125}\text{I}$ —produced via the decay of the corresponding Xe isotopes—with  $\text{CH}_4$  differ in several respects from those of  $(n, \gamma)$  produced isotopes. The  $^{123}\text{I}$  atoms formed by electron capture (77%) are initially in a  $\text{I}^{n+}$  state, where  $n = 2$  to 16 (peaking at  $\text{I}^{9+}$ ) with a maximum kinetic energy of 34 eV. Of all the  $^{123}\text{I}$  atoms formed via  $\beta^+$  emission (23%), two-thirds are formed in the  $\text{I}^-$  state, from which they are unlikely to form organic compounds.<sup>321</sup>  $^{125}\text{Xe}$  decays 100% via electron capture, the maximum energy of the  $^{125}\text{I}$  ions is 10 eV. Once the  $\text{I}^{n+}$  ions have attained a charge of  $1+$ , they have reached thermal equilibrium with their surrounding. This is confirmed by the observation that no hot I-for-H substitution reactions take place: Ne and Ar have no effect on the  $\text{CH}_3^{125}\text{I}$  yield, which remains a constant 58% over the whole moderation range.<sup>322</sup> Moreover, the yield

TABLE XXXI.<sup>328</sup> Fission Yields and Decay Data for I Isotopes

	$^{131}\text{I}$	$^{133}\text{I}$	$^{135}\text{I}$
total (cumulative) fission yield from $^{235}\text{U}$ , barns	16.0	36.0	36.9
direct fission yield, %	0.3	2.3	48.1
indirect fission yield, %	99.7	97.7	51.9
half-life	6.7 h	20.7 h	8.1 days

of  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  was found to increase from 52% in pure  $\text{CH}_4$  to 63% at total Ne, Ar, and Kr moderation.<sup>321</sup>

In the case of  $^{125}\text{I}$ , the yield of 58% in pure  $\text{CH}_4$ , decreases to 18% at full moderation with Kr and Xe. Accordingly with the above developed discussion on  $^{128}\text{I}$  recoil atoms, this means that 18% of the  $^{125}\text{I}^+$  ions react in the  $\text{}^3\text{P}_0$  and  $\text{}^3\text{P}_1$  excited states. The remaining yield of 40% is not formed through reactions of  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$  ions (as charge transfer to Kr is endothermic by 1.8 eV), but by  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{S}_2)$  ions (14.58 eV).<sup>322</sup>

Differing conclusions are drawn by Welch and co-workers for the reactions of  $^{123}\text{I}^+$ .<sup>321,323,324</sup> The yield of  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  increases from 52% in pure  $\text{CH}_4$  to 63% at total moderation with  $\text{N}_2$ , Ne, and Ar, and also with Kr. Infinite moderation with Xe decreases the yield to 31%, and this decrease is consistent with the near resonant charge exchange of the  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$  state as discussed by Rack and Gordus.<sup>317</sup> The addition of 4 mol % neopentane decreases the 52%  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  yield to 10%, due to efficient charge exchange by ground-state and excited  $\text{I}^+$  ions. The addition of 10 mol %  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  decreases the yield to 20%. This is not due to a rapid deactivation of a state other than  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$ , as the addition of 90% Xe to the  $\text{CH}_4/\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  mixture does not change the 20%  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  yield. The rapid deactivation was proposed to be due to charge exchange between  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  ( $\Delta H = -0.51$  eV). The  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  yield decreases to zero at 100%  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ . As charge exchange with  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^3\text{P}_0)$  and  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^3\text{P}_1)$  are endothermic by 0.40 and 0.32 eV, respectively, the effect was explained by the formation of HI, either directly or via the formation of an excited  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{I}$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{I}^+$  intermediate.

The addition of Ne, Ar, Kr, or  $\text{N}_2$  to  $\text{CH}_4/\text{Xe}$  mixtures results in enhanced  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  formation. All these observations can be better understood if it is proposed that Xe undergoes resonance charge transfer with  $\text{I}^+(\text{}^1\text{D}_2)$  and that the reactive species leading to the formation of  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  is a molecular ion  $\text{AI}^+$ , with A being  $\text{CH}_4$ , Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, or  $\text{N}_2$ .<sup>321</sup>

Increasing the pressure of pure  $\text{CH}_4$  to 20 MPa results in a decrease of the  $\text{CH}_3^{123}\text{I}$  yield to 10%. The following product yields were measured for solid  $\text{CH}_4$ :  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  (24.3%),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}$  (7.8%),  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{I}$  (1.8%),  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{I}$  (1.6%). Reactions with radicals and ions in a cage formed by the recoil iodine and the electrons from Auger cascades led to the formation of the higher alkyl iodides.

$^{235}\text{U}(n, f)\text{I}, \text{Te} \xrightarrow{\beta^-} \text{I}$ . Thermal neutron induced fission of  $^{235}\text{U}$  results in the formation of two types of recoil I species: (1) direct fission produced I particles, containing a very high amount of kinetic energy (70–80 MeV), which at the end of their range will react as neutral atoms,<sup>325</sup> and (2) indirect fission I particles formed by  $\beta^-$  decay of directly or indirectly produced Te isotopes. The kinetic energy of these I recoil particles is considerably lower (eV range) and they are mainly positively charged. The reactions with gaseous  $\text{CH}_4$  yield  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  as the most predominant product. The

TABLE XXXII. I-for-X Substitution Yields in CH<sub>3</sub>X

I-for-X	X =	H	F	Cl	Br	I
<sup>127</sup> I(n,γ) <sup>128</sup> I <sup>334</sup>						
hot, absolute yields (%)		19.0	11.2	4.1	0.7	0.2
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f), direct <sup>328</sup>		2.1	5.0	9.3	14.1	nm <sup>a</sup>
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f), indirect <sup>329</sup>		0.36	1.4	1.7	2.3	nm
relative yields		0.36	1.4	1.7	2.3	nm
I-for-H	X =	H	F	Cl	Br	I
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f), direct <sup>328</sup>		2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.0
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f), indirect <sup>329</sup>		0.36	0.40	0.36	0.30	0.29

<sup>a</sup> nm = not measured.

relative yields are much higher for directly than for indirectly produced I.<sup>328,327</sup>

Table XXXI gives relevant data for three I isotopes. Kikuchi and Church<sup>328,329</sup> deduced from moderator experiments with Ar that the ratio of labeled CH<sub>3</sub>I formed by directly and indirectly produced I was 5.6. By adding C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> to CH<sub>4</sub>, labeled *c*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>I was also produced (compared to the CH<sub>3</sub>I yield: 13% via direct and 6% via indirect fission), due to the addition of :CHI, formed by H<sub>2</sub> elimination from excited CH<sub>3</sub>I.<sup>330</sup> The addition of O<sub>2</sub> to CH<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> mixtures made it possible to distinguish between addition reactions of singlet and triplet :CHI.<sup>331</sup> <sup>3</sup>CHI is primarily generated by independently produced fission I, whereas <sup>1</sup>CHI is formed by β<sup>-</sup> decay produced I.

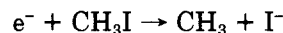
## B. Reactions with Halomethanes

**Gas Phase.** Several investigations deal with the reactions of recoil I particles with gaseous CH<sub>3</sub>I, which quite often serves as the source for <sup>126</sup>I and <sup>128</sup>I, produced via (γ,n) and (n,γ) reactions, respectively. A particular problem with CH<sub>3</sub>I is the occurrence of thermal exchange reactions that can mask the yield of hot substitution reactions. From competition experiments with CH<sub>3</sub>I/I<sub>2</sub> mixtures, a rate constant for the exchange with CH<sub>3</sub>I was determined as 10<sup>2</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>332</sup> Cross and Wolfgang<sup>333</sup> used I<sup>129</sup>I as a scavenger in experiments with <sup>128</sup>I. The yield of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>129</sup>I is a direct measure of the exchange reaction with CH<sub>3</sub>I. The real hot <sup>126</sup>I-for-I substitution yield was determined as 4%, in accord with those measured for (n,γ) produced <sup>128</sup>I.<sup>318,332</sup> Extrapolating to 0 mol fraction of CH<sub>3</sub>I and correcting for 1.1% failure of bond rupture, Yoong et al.<sup>334</sup> found a yield of 0.2% CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I. Apart from I-for-I substitution, I-for-H substitution yielding CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, was also observed with fission produced <sup>131,133,135</sup>I.<sup>335</sup> From moderator experiments with Ar it was deduced that CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> was formed by hot reactions of directly produced I isotopes, but that other reactions were involved in the case of indirectly produced I particles, as this part of the CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> yield did not change upon the addition of Ar. Table XXXII gives the absolute <sup>128</sup>I-for-X substitution yields in CH<sub>3</sub>X (X = H, F, Cl, Br, I).<sup>334</sup> There is a linear dependency between these yields and the "energy degradation factor", defined as 4 M<sub>a</sub>M<sub>n</sub>/(M<sub>a</sub> + M<sub>n</sub>)<sup>2</sup>, where M<sub>a</sub> is the mass of the hot atom and M<sub>n</sub> that of the target molecule. These results differ from relative I-for-X substitution yields, determined for I isotopes produced from direct and indirect fission of <sup>235</sup>U.<sup>328,329</sup>

**Condensed Phases.** High organic yields (60–100%) were found for the reactions of (n,γ) produced <sup>128</sup>I with liquid CH<sub>3</sub>I.<sup>336–340</sup> These yields are difficult to reproduce and depend upon the degree of purification, tem-

perature, time of irradiation, and the presence of scavengers. Simultaneous extraction of inorganic <sup>128</sup>I activities caused by stirring the CH<sub>3</sub>I sample during the irradiation with an aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution, resulted in a decrease of the organic yield from 99% to 50%, validating the importance of thermal exchange reactions in the liquid phase.<sup>341</sup> Extrapolation of the organic yield to irradiation time 0 decreased it from 98% (45 min) to 57%.<sup>340</sup> The yield of organically bound <sup>131</sup>I in a mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>I with 10<sup>-3</sup> mol % I<sup>131</sup>I, increased linearly with the irradiation time,<sup>337</sup> the exchange reaction apparently proceeding via labeled I<sub>2</sub>. The organic yield of 57% consists of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I (46–48%) and of CH<sub>2</sub>I<sup>128</sup>I (8–11%).<sup>336,337</sup> The addition of 10 mol % I<sub>2</sub> decreases the CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I yield to 34%, but the CH<sub>2</sub>I<sup>128</sup>I yield remains unaffected.<sup>337</sup> Brusted et al.<sup>338</sup> measured relative yields of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I (90%), CH<sub>2</sub>I<sup>128</sup>I (9%), and inorganic <sup>128</sup>I (1%), when CH<sub>3</sub>I was irradiated at room temperature. Upon cooling, the CH<sub>2</sub>I<sup>128</sup>I yield remains constant, but the CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I yield decreases to 45% at melting point, whereas the inorganic fraction became 44%. Ayres and Rack<sup>340</sup> found that the organic yield did not change when proceeding from room temperature (57%) to the solid phase at 77 K, but Levey and Willard<sup>337</sup> observed an increase to 65% at 83 K, whereas Glückauf and Fay<sup>336</sup> measured a decrease to 49% at 78 K. Iyer and Martin<sup>342</sup> irradiated mixtures of CH<sub>3</sub>I, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>I, and I<sub>2</sub>, in which one of the three compounds was labeled with <sup>129</sup>I, with thermal neutrons. They came to the conclusion that recoil <sup>130</sup>I particles are more likely to react with CH<sub>3</sub>I than with C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>I by a factor of 2–3, and that in 10% of the neutron captures in <sup>129</sup>I there is either an immediate recombination of <sup>129</sup>I with the organic residue of the parent molecules or there is no bond rupture at all.

Thermal neutron irradiation of a mixture of 1.8 mol % CH<sub>3</sub>I in *n*-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub> gave the following relative product yields: CH<sub>3</sub>I (42%), C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>I (9%), C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>I (6%), C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>I (2%), and C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>I (40%).<sup>343</sup> The high yields of CH<sub>3</sub><sup>128</sup>I could not be explained by the failure of bond rupture, recombination of parent partners or thermal exchange reactions. The relative distribution of the <sup>128</sup>I activity differs little from the distribution of <sup>131</sup>I measured after an irradiation with a <sup>60</sup>Co source of a similar mixture of 1.8 mol % CH<sub>3</sub>I in *n*-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>, containing a trace of I<sup>131</sup>I: 54, 5, 4, 1, and 36%, respectively. The <sup>128</sup>I results were thus explained by the reactions of radicals produced by electrons originating from (1) the interactions of <sup>128</sup>I recoil particles with other molecules or (2) an Auger cascade connected with converted transitions from excited <sup>128</sup>I levels to the ground state:



There are only a limited number of articles available concerning reactions of recoil I particles with halomethanes other than CH<sub>3</sub>I. Results with gaseous CH<sub>3</sub>F, CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, and CH<sub>3</sub>Br have been mentioned previously. Parks and Rack<sup>344</sup> measured organic yields for selected polyhalomethanes with IT produced <sup>130</sup>I and (n,γ) produced (<sup>130</sup>I + <sup>130m</sup>I) in the presence of 0.03 mol % I<sub>2</sub>. The respective yields (%) are CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (54, 44), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (30, 24), CFC<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub> (16, 11), CCl<sub>4</sub> (1.9, 2.5), CCl<sub>3</sub>Br (1.9, -). The observed results were ascribed to differences in product stabilities, which were in turn related to variations in steric interaction among substituents of the product molecules.

TABLE XXXIII. Rate Constants for O(<sup>1</sup>D) Atoms at 298 K<sup>a</sup>

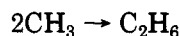
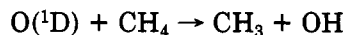
	<i>k</i> <sup>349</sup>		<i>k</i> <sup>349</sup>	<i>k</i> <sup>350</sup>	<i>k</i> <sup>351</sup>
CH <sub>4</sub>	9.0	CF <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	15.6	8.7	8.4
CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	4.3	CFCl <sub>3</sub>	18.0	13.2	13.8
CHF <sub>3</sub>	3.2	CCl <sub>4</sub>	28.2	18.6	19.8
CF <sub>4</sub> <sup>b</sup>	1.0	CHF <sub>2</sub> Cl	7.8	5.7	
CF <sub>3</sub> Cl	7.8	CHFCI <sub>2</sub>	15.6	11.4	

<sup>a</sup> 10<sup>10</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup> No chemical reaction, but physical quenching.

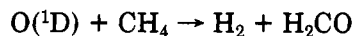
### VIII. Polyvalent Atoms

#### A. Oxygen

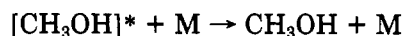
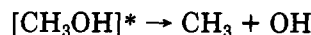
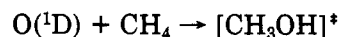
For most halomethanes the major reaction of ground-state O(<sup>3</sup>P) atoms is H abstraction.<sup>345</sup> Arrhenius parameters for the reactions with CH<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>F, CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, and CH<sub>3</sub>Br are *A* = 2.0, 0.8, 1.8, and 3.0 × 10<sup>10</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and Δ*E* = 37.8, 40.5, 30.6, and 31.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>346</sup> In the case of CF<sub>3</sub>Br, Br abstraction takes place: *A* = 0.9 × 10<sup>10</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and Δ*E* = 55.9 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, whereas in CH<sub>3</sub>I and CF<sub>3</sub>I, I abstraction seems the main reaction channel, the rate constants for reaction with CF<sub>3</sub>I being *k*<sub>298</sub> = 6.6 × 10<sup>9</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>8,347,348</sup> Rate constants for reactions of O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms (first excited level, 1.98 eV above ground state) were evaluated up until 1977 by Schofield.<sup>349</sup> These data, together with some more recent values<sup>350</sup> are compiled in Table XXXIII. In all cases there are very rapid chemical reactions involved (with the exception of CF<sub>4</sub>).<sup>352</sup> The reactions of O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms with CH<sub>4</sub> at 100 kPa result mainly in the formation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (70%), due to the recombination of CH<sub>3</sub> radicals.<sup>353</sup>



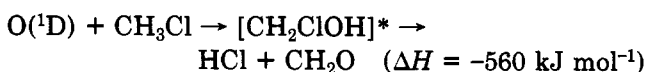
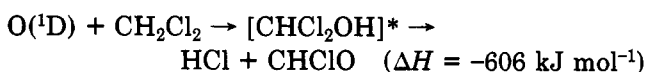
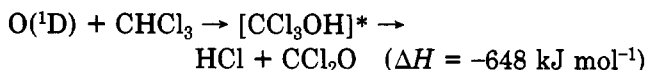
Molecular elimination of H<sub>2</sub> occurs to the extent of 9%:



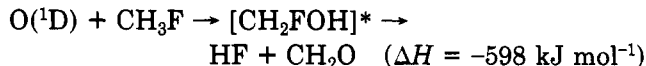
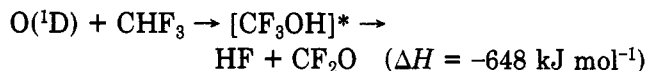
At enhanced pressures, increasing amounts of CH<sub>3</sub>OH are detected:



The lifetime of the excited CH<sub>3</sub>OH molecule is determined as 0.8 ps. In the case of chloromethanes,<sup>354</sup> O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms also insert into C–H bonds. The highly excited chloromethanols decompose by HCl elimination:



With fluoromethanes, O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms react by insertion into a C–H bond, and the highly excited fluoromethanes decompose by HF elimination:<sup>355</sup>



The fluoromethanols possess about 540 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> excitation energy, whereas the critical barrier for HF elimination is only in the order of 125 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

In the case of chlorofluoromethanes the major reaction channel for O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms is Cl abstraction forming ClO (about 30–60% of the total cross section for removal of O(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms<sup>348,356</sup>). It is reasoned that ClO is formed by abstraction, rather than by an insertion reaction followed by decomposition of an excited molecule. Physical quenching leading to O(<sup>3</sup>P) accounts for 30% of the total cross section in CF<sub>3</sub>Cl and CF<sub>2</sub>HCl, and with CF<sub>2</sub>HCl this proceeds via a dissociative excitation channel, yielding CF<sub>2</sub> + HCl + O(<sup>3</sup>P).<sup>348</sup> The reaction of O(<sup>1</sup>D) with CF<sub>3</sub>Br results in rapid formation of BrO, while it is assumed that reaction with CF<sub>3</sub>I yields IO.<sup>348</sup>

There is only one rate constant known for reactions of O(<sup>1</sup>S) atoms (second excited state, 4.22 eV above ground level): *k*<sub>298</sub> = 1.6 × 10<sup>7</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for CH<sub>4</sub>.<sup>349</sup> It has not been established whether a chemical reaction or physical quenching is involved. There is no information regarding the reactions of recoil <sup>15</sup>O atoms (*t*<sub>1/2</sub> = 2 min) with (halo)methanes.

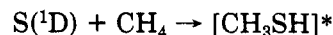
#### B. Sulfur

Ground-state S(<sup>3</sup>P) atoms do not react with methane, but their yield can be quantitatively determined by the amount of CO formed from reaction with COS:

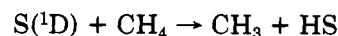


S(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms (first excited state, 1.35 eV above ground level) can be produced by photolysis of COS. The rate constant for chemical reactions with CH<sub>4</sub> is 4.0 × 10<sup>10</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and that for physical quenching to the <sup>3</sup>P ground state is 1.1 × 10<sup>8</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>301</sup> The ratio of both rate constants (about 400) is much larger than for other hydrocarbons. Little et al. found the rate constant of S(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms with CH<sub>4</sub> to be 0.076 relative to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, with which compound S(<sup>1</sup>D) reacts at almost every collision.<sup>357</sup>

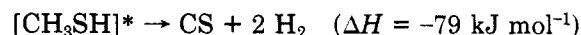
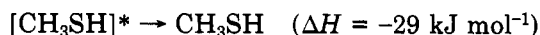
The main reaction of S(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms with CH<sub>4</sub> is insertion yielding vibrationally excited mercaptan:<sup>358,359</sup>



Variation of the concentration of HS radicals with CH<sub>4</sub> pressure suggests that H abstraction can also take place:



The excited mercaptan can—depending on pressure—stabilize or decompose:



HS and CS have been observed as transients in flash photolysis-kinetic absorption spectroscopic studies.<sup>359</sup> Other evidence of the existence of several decomposition channels are the observation of the presence of  $\text{CH}_3\text{SSCH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ , and  $\text{CS}_2$ .<sup>358</sup>

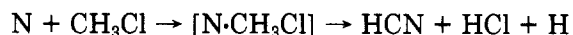
Radiosulfur can be produced by:  $^{34}\text{S}(n,\gamma)^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}(n,p)^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}(\gamma,2p)^{38}\text{S}$ , or  $^{40}\text{Ar}(p,3p)^{38}\text{S}$ . Due to a combination of low cross sections, lack of abundance of starting material and long half-lives ( $^{35}\text{S}$   $t_{1/2} = 87$  days,  $^{38}\text{S}$   $t_{1/2} = 2.9$  h), high radiation doses are involved in all radiosulfur production modes. This means that considerable radiation damage of the target compounds can be expected together with decomposition of existing labeled products, particularly of radiation sensitive organic sulfur compounds (mercaptans). Pánek and Mudra<sup>360</sup> found  $\text{H}_2^{35}\text{S}$  and  $\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{SH}$  upon neutron irradiation of a mixture of HCl (as a source of  $^{35}\text{S}$ ) and  $\text{CH}_4$ . Addition of Ar as a moderator for energetic  $^{35}\text{S}$  atoms caused the  $\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{SH}$  yield to increase, indicating that not only hot reactions lead to the formation of the mercaptans. Kremer,<sup>361</sup> experimenting with  $^{38}\text{S}$  has observed—in  $\text{CH}_4/\text{H}_2\text{S}/\text{Ar}$  mixtures—the formation of  $\text{H}_2^{38}\text{S}$  and  $\text{CH}_3^{38}\text{SH}$ , the latter product being ascribed to  $^{38}\text{S}(^1\text{D})$  atoms.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  serves as a necessary agent by scavenging radiation induced radicals. In experiments with  $^{38}\text{S}$  in  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8/\text{Ar}$  mixtures, 23%  $\text{H}_2^{38}\text{S}$  and 3.2%  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7^{38}\text{SH}$  were found only if  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  was present, whereas without its presence, all the  $^{38}\text{S}$  activity was found on the walls of the irradiation vessel.<sup>362</sup> Changing the  $\text{CH}_4/\text{Ar}$  ratio from 1.5 to 0.08 (total pressure 90 kPa, 5%  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  present), the  $\text{H}_2^{38}\text{S}$  yield remained constant—~19%—but the  $\text{CH}_3^{38}\text{SH}$  yield decreased from  $(4.9 \pm 0.8)\%$  to  $(2.7 \pm 0.5)\%$ . Extrapolated to 100% Ar, this yield would become 2.5%. This was interpreted as an indication that the  $\text{CH}_3^{38}\text{SH}$  yield in pure  $\text{CH}_4$  is formed by hot and thermal reactions in approximately equal proportions. However, the results are almost irreproducible and—as mentioned before—all conclusions are premature, as most of the  $^{38}\text{S}$  activity (75–80%) is found on the walls of the irradiation vessel. The fate of this activity is unknown, apart from the fact that it differs from the results with photolytically produced S atoms.

### C. Nitrogen

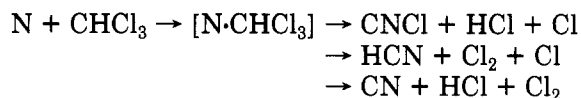
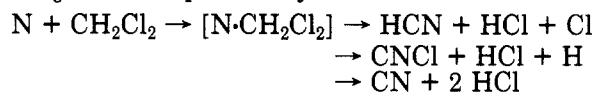
Only a limited number of publications deal with the measurements of rate constants for ground-state  $\text{N}(^4\text{S})$  atoms with (halo)methanes<sup>8</sup> (at 500 K:  $\leq 4 \times 10^6$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ ,<sup>363</sup>  $1.25 \times 10^7$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for  $\text{CHD}_3$ ,<sup>363</sup> and at room temperature  $(0.6 - 1.3) \times 10^5$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for  $\text{CH}_4$ .<sup>364</sup> Only one value has been reported for the reactions of  $\text{N}(^2\text{D})$  atoms (the first excited state, 2.38 eV above ground level) with  $\text{CH}_4$ :  $1.8 \times 10^8$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>365</sup> but this value may be too high by a factor of 2.<sup>366</sup> The exact reaction mechanism has not been determined, but is probably more complex than a one-step reaction, forming HCN as the major product.<sup>366,367</sup> No data are available for the reactions of  $\text{N}(^2\text{P})$  atoms (the second excited state, 3.57 eV above ground level).

Several earlier publications deal with "active nitrogen", formed when  $\text{N}_2$  at low pressure is subjected to a condensed discharge.<sup>368</sup> This active nitrogen consists almost primarily of  $\text{N}(^4\text{S})$  atoms, with minor contributions of  $\text{N}(^2\text{D})$  atoms (0.6%) and  $\text{N}(^2\text{P})$  atoms

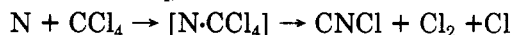
(0.25%).<sup>369</sup> HCN is the only product that has been detected from the reactions of active nitrogen with  $\text{CH}_4$ .<sup>370</sup> In  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ , the main products are HCN and HCl:<sup>371</sup>



The products from the reactions with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  can be explained by<sup>372</sup>



In the case of  $\text{CCl}_4$ , the reaction occurs via



The chemical form of  $^{13}\text{N}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 10.0$  min), produced in various nuclear reactions, was reviewed in 1979 by Tilbury.<sup>373</sup> The most utilized nuclear reactions are  $^{14}\text{N}(n,2n)$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}(p,pn)$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}(\gamma,n)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(d,n)$ , and  $^{16}\text{O}(p,\alpha)$ .

**Methane.** In the first publications dealing with the reaction of recoil  $^{13}\text{N}$  with  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{HC}^{13}\text{N}$  was reported as the major compound and  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^{13}\text{N}$  as a secondary product.<sup>374,375</sup> No  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$  was observed, and this was interpreted as proof that H abstraction was not an important reaction channel.<sup>374</sup> However, later it became obvious that  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$  was indeed formed, but it was not detected in these earlier experiments as only the gas phase was investigated by GLC techniques and  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$  had adhered to the walls of the brass target irradiation vessels used. Tilbury et al.,<sup>376</sup> using a flowing  $\text{CH}_4$  gas target, found 95%  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$ , 2%  $\text{CH}_3^{13}\text{NH}_2$ , less than 3%  $\text{HC}^{13}\text{N}$ , and no  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^{13}\text{N}$  whatever. The irradiated gas was bubbled through water and it was not ascertained if  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$  is directly formed in the irradiation vessel or through reactions of some intermediate compound with water. Straatman and Welch<sup>377</sup> found, depending on irradiation conditions (beam intensity, irradiation time, gas pressure), 34–80%  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$ , less than 2.6%  $\text{CH}_3^{13}\text{NH}_2$ , and 2–53% of an unidentified compound.

**Halomethanes.** The main product found from the reactions of recoil  $^{13}\text{N}$  atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  was  $\text{HC}^{13}\text{N}$ , whereas  $\text{ClC}^{13}\text{N}$  was also detected in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ .<sup>378</sup> The yield of  $\text{HC}^{13}\text{N}$  was influenced by the state of the wall materials of the irradiation vessels. Where the walls were conditioned by extensive irradiations of the alkyl halides (coated with polymers, produced by radiolysis) gaseous  $\text{HC}^{13}\text{N}$  was detected. However, as was mentioned in the case of  $\text{CH}_4$ , no  $^{13}\text{N}-\text{H}_3$  was detected, due to the experimental conditions. Welch and Straatman found for  $\text{CHCl}_3$  5.3%  $^{13}\text{NH}_3$  and 43%  $\text{C}^{13}\text{N}^-$ , and in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  7.2 and 35%, respectively.<sup>379</sup> In  $\text{CCl}_4$ , only  $\text{ClC}^{13}\text{N}$  was observed<sup>378</sup> and in  $\text{CF}_4$ , only one product was detected, which was thought to be  $\text{FC}^{13}\text{N}$ .<sup>380</sup>

### D. Carbon

Recoil C atoms can react as hot or thermal ground-state  $\text{C}(^3\text{P})$  atoms, and also as hot or thermal electronically excited  $\text{C}(^1\text{D})$  or  $\text{C}(^1\text{S})$  atoms (1.26 and 2.68 eV, respectively, above ground state). Thermal reactions of these three types of C atoms have been the subject of several publications.<sup>8,381,382</sup> Thermal  $\text{C}(^3\text{P})$  atoms are almost inert for reactions with  $\text{CH}_4$ ; H ab-

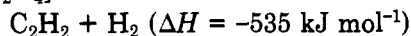
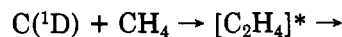


TABLE XXXIV. Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil  $^{11}\text{C}$  Atoms with  $\text{CH}_4^a$ 

product	gaseous $\text{CH}_4$					solid $\text{CH}_4$
	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	0.12% $\text{O}_2$	2% $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$	1.2% $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	
CO	<0.2	<0.2	20.4	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
$\text{CH}_4$	13.9	6.9	<0.15	1.9	<0.2	4.5
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$	17.7	14.0	32.3	32.8	25.2	28.1
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	12.4	6.6	30.5	29.5	23.5	27.2
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	23.9	29.4	<0.5	6.0	3.4	11.3
$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$	11.2	20.2	<0.2	<0.2	1.7	4.5
$\text{C}_3\text{H}_4^c$	3.0		<1.0	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
higher boiling	17.9	22.9	15.8	29.8	46.2	24.4

<sup>a</sup> Radiation dose  $4\text{--}5 \times 10^{-4}$  eV/molecule.<sup>391</sup> <sup>b</sup> Radiation dose  $8.3 \times 10^{-4}$  eV/molecule. <sup>c</sup> Allene.

straction is an endothermic reaction ( $\Delta H = 98 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ). Published rate constants for  $\text{CH}_4$  differ considerably:  $<3.8 \times 10^4$ ,<sup>383</sup>  $<3 \times 10^6$ ,<sup>384</sup> and  $<1.2 \times 10^6$ <sup>385</sup>  $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Thermal  $\text{C}(^1\text{D})$  atoms interact through physical relaxation processes with rare gases,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{N}_2$ , but a rapid chemical reaction (with almost unit collisional efficiency) takes place on collision with  $\text{CH}_4$ . The two reported rate constants differ by a factor of 6:  $1.9 \times 10^{10}$ <sup>384</sup> and  $1.3 \times 10^{11}$ <sup>386</sup>  $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Braun et al.<sup>384</sup> quantitatively measured the formation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  via its 151-nm absorption band, suggesting a mechanism proceeding through a short-lived excited state of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ :



Reaction rates of thermal  $\text{C}(^1\text{S})$  atoms are generally much lower than those of  $\text{C}(^1\text{D})$  atoms. Reported rate constants for  $\text{CH}_4$  are  $1.8 \times 10^7$ ,<sup>387</sup>  $<6 \times 10^9$ ,<sup>388</sup> and  $<6 \times 10^8$ <sup>382</sup>  $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . H abstraction is exothermic by  $161 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , but energy transfer may also be viable reaction channel. With regard to the reactions of thermal C atoms with halomethanes, only rate constants for reactions of  $\text{C}(^1\text{S})$  atoms with  $\text{CCl}_4$  are reported:  $1.6 \times 10^{10}$ <sup>389</sup> and  $2.0 \times 10^{10}$ <sup>382</sup>  $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The exact reaction mechanism is not known, but Cl abstraction is probably involved, as it is exothermic by  $279 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . All the knowledge of the reactions of recoil C atoms with (halo)methanes has been obtained by investigations using  $^{11}\text{C}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 20.3 \text{ min}$ ) rather than  $^{14}\text{C}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 5730 \text{ years}$ ).  $^{11}\text{C}$  can be produced by several nuclear reactions:  $^{12}\text{C}(n,2n)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(p,pn)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(\gamma,n)$ ,  $^9\text{Be}(^3\text{He},n)$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(p,n)$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}(p,\alpha)$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}(\gamma,\alpha n)$ ,  $^{20}\text{Ne}(p,\text{spall.})$ .

**Methane.** The first experiments with  $\text{CH}_4$  were performed by Mackay and Wolfgang in 1961.<sup>390</sup> Even in systems to which no oxygen was purposely added, high yields of  $^{11}\text{CO}$  were observed. Therefore, the first published data were given for  $\text{CH}_4$  to which 2%  $\text{O}_2$  was added as a scavenger for thermal  $^{11}\text{C}$  atoms and radicals and also for suppressing radiation induced reaction of labeled unsaturated compounds. The observed labeled products were (yields as % of total volatile activity) CO (26.8%),  $\text{CH}_4$  (1.5%),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  (3.1%),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (28.0%), and—as the most striking result— $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  (30.0%).  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  was assumed to be formed through insertion of  $^{11}\text{C}$  into a C–H bond:

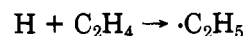


More detailed information was gained by Wolf and co-workers. In Table XXXIV the product yields are

TABLE XXXV. Acetylene- $^{11}\text{C}$  Yields from Deuterated Methanes and 1:1 Mixtures<sup>393,394</sup>

system	% of total acetylene- $^{11}\text{C}$		
	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$	$\text{C}_2\text{HD}$	$\text{C}_2\text{D}_2$
$\text{CH}_3\text{D}$	48.8	51.2	<2.0
$\text{CH}_2\text{D}_2$	12.4	70.8	16.8
$\text{CHD}_3$	<2.0	48.9	51.1
$\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$	56.6	<3.0	43.3
$\text{CH}_3\text{F}/\text{CD}_3\text{F}$	51.5	3.8	44.7
$\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}/\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$	61	5	34
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_6/\text{CD}_4$	22.4	5.0	72.6

given for  $\text{CH}_4$  entirely free of oxygen (at different doses), for  $\text{CH}_4$  scavenged with  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , and also for solid  $\text{CH}_4$ .<sup>391</sup> The effect of the radiation dose was held to be due to reactions of H atoms and  $\text{CH}_3$  radicals, produced by concomitant radiolysis of  $\text{CH}_4$ , e.g., with labeled  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ :



Scavengers such as  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  react with the H atoms and  $\text{CH}_3$  radicals and prevent the reactions with  $^{11}\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$ . Part of the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  yield may also be formed by  $^{11}\text{CH}_2$  insertion into the C–H bonds of  $\text{CH}_4$ . Welch and Wolf<sup>392</sup> measured product yields in  $\text{CH}_4 + 4.5\% \text{ O}_2$  as a function of pressure between  $\sim 7 \text{ kPa}$  and  $19 \text{ MPa}$ . With increasing pressure, the yield of CO decreased from some 38% to 20%, whereas both the yields of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  increased from about 15% to 32%. These trends led to the assumption of an initial formation of a collision complex between an energetic  $^{11}\text{C}$  atom and  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $[\text{C}^{11}\text{CH}_4]^*$ , which could, depending on the pressure, fragment to products that can react with  $\text{O}_2$  to form CO, undergo collisional deexcitation, and decompose to form  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  or allow the formation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ .

A clearer insight into the reaction mechanisms that lead to labeled  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  was obtained by experiments with partly deuterated methanes and with equimolar mixtures of  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}/\text{CD}_3\text{F}$ .<sup>393,394</sup> The results are compiled in Table XXXV, and they confirm the hypothesis that  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  is formed by an intramolecular process—as was originally put forward by Mackay and Wolfgang—and not by methyne insertion. In the latter case, a distribution of 25%  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ , 50%  $\text{C}_2\text{HD}$ , and 25%  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2$  should be expected for the  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  mixture. The measured  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2/\text{C}_2\text{D}_2$  ratios of 1.27 in  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  and of 1.16 in  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}/\text{CD}_3\text{F}$  mixtures prove the existence of isotope effects. Two types can be involved: (1) insertion isotope effect of the  $^{11}\text{C}$  atom, (2a) C–H homolytic bond scission isotope effect, and (2b) C–C homolytic bond scission isotope effect (only in higher hydrocarbons and not in  $\text{CH}_4$ ).

From a close inspection of the product yields obtained from  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_6$ , Ache et al.<sup>394</sup> concluded that effect (1) and (2a + 2b) distribute almost equally to the experimental measured isotope effect, and it seems probable that for  $\text{CH}_4/\text{CD}_4$  both effects are also operative.

Formation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  from hydrocarbons is held to proceed exclusively from insertion of  $^{11}\text{CH}$  into C–H bonds:<sup>395</sup>

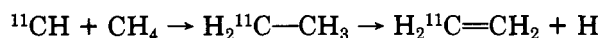


TABLE XXXVI.<sup>403</sup> Absolute Product Yields (%) for the Reactions of Recoil <sup>11</sup>C Atoms with N<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>X (4:1)<sup>a</sup>

CH <sub>3</sub> X	products								
	CO	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	HCN	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CH <sub>2</sub> X <sub>2</sub>	wall act.
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	12.9	0.6		2.0		29.6		23	31
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	28		1.6	17.6	1.2	40			8
CH <sub>3</sub> I	9		1.0	24	0.4	33	0.5		33

<sup>a</sup>Dose: 0.26 eV/molecule. Pressure: 67 kPa.<sup>403</sup>

However, in the case of CH<sub>4</sub>, this compound can also be formed via <sup>11</sup>C insertion, followed by collisional stabilization of the excited H<sup>11</sup>C-CH<sub>3</sub> complex, and H migration. Moderation studies with mixtures of hydrocarbons and rare gases yielded more information about hot and thermal reactions of recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms and also of the involvement of <sup>11</sup>C(<sup>3</sup>P) and <sup>11</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms (excess Xe leads to deexcitation of C(<sup>1</sup>D) atoms).<sup>396</sup> At the moment the final conclusions regarding the reactions of recoil C atoms with hydrocarbons in the absence of moderator(1) and in the presence of excess moderator(2) can best be described with a quotation of Wolf:<sup>397</sup>

"(1) At the upper end of the energy range where the carbon atoms become chemically reactive

(a) <sup>3</sup>P carbon insertion reaction results in acetylene formation and <sup>3</sup>P carbon abstraction reaction results in ethylene formation but this is a minor pathway for ethylene formation

(b) <sup>1</sup>D carbon insertion decomposition reaction results in ethylene formation.

(2) At the lower end of the energy range

(a) <sup>3</sup>P carbons in the thermal and near thermal range are scavenged by O<sub>2</sub>. Rate of reaction with organic substrates is so low to be noncompetitive

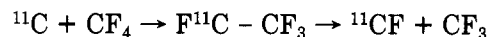
(b) <sup>1</sup>D carbons still undergo insertion decomposition and ultimately yield ethylene. The insertion intermediate may also begin to fragment to yield acetylene."

<sup>11</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> can be produced in high yields by proton irradiation of N<sub>2</sub> (via the <sup>14</sup>N(p,α)<sup>11</sup>C nuclear reaction) with some percent H<sub>2</sub>.<sup>398-401</sup> The initial formed <sup>11</sup>CN and <sup>11</sup>C=N=N compounds can—depending upon the radiation conditions—almost be quantitatively converted by radiolytically processes into <sup>11</sup>CH<sub>4</sub>.

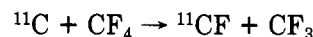
**Halomethanes.** Reactions of recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms with gaseous CF<sub>4</sub> lead to the formation of 10% low boiling products (5% CO, <1.2% C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, <2.5% C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>), 10% higher boiling gaseous products, and 80% nonvolatile products which remain on the walls of the irradiation vessels.<sup>402</sup> In solid CF<sub>4</sub> 20% labeled CF<sub>4</sub> and 11% C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub> were measured, whereas 56% of the activity was incorporated in nonvolatile products. It is therefore obvious that recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms react with CF<sub>4</sub> in a different way than with CH<sub>4</sub>. Recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms react efficiently with CF<sub>4</sub>, but they do not seem to insert into C-F bonds.<sup>402</sup> This can also be concluded from experiments with mixtures of CF<sub>4</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>. Extrapolated to 100% CF<sub>4</sub>, 78% <sup>11</sup>CO, and 27% <sup>11</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> are found. The latter compound is not formed by reaction of <sup>11</sup>C with O<sub>2</sub>, as that yields <sup>11</sup>CO, and therefore it must be formed via a reaction of O<sub>2</sub> with an intermediate originating from a reaction of <sup>11</sup>C with CF<sub>4</sub>. Further analysis of the experimental results led to the conclusion that the reactivity of recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms toward O<sub>2</sub> to form <sup>11</sup>CO, and toward CF<sub>4</sub> to form the reactive intermediate, is almost equal. Results obtained from CF<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> mixtures were also in accord with the former finding regarding a re-

active intermediate. All these results led to the hypothesis that the reactive intermediate is <sup>11</sup>CF, which can be formed via two mechanisms:

(1) insertion, followed by decomposition:

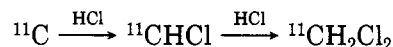


(2) direct F abstraction:



However, the similarities observed between products and product yields obtained with SF<sub>6</sub> and fluorocarbons favor the second mechanism. In gaseous CHF<sub>3</sub>, 0.5% C<sub>2</sub>HF<sub>3</sub> and 0.8% CHF<sub>3</sub> were found, whereas in solid CHF<sub>3</sub> these yields were 2.6 and 7.9%, respectively.<sup>402</sup> The observations that (1) <sup>11</sup>C atoms insert into C-H bonds of CH<sub>4</sub>, but (2) abstract F atoms from CF<sub>4</sub>, and (3) regarding the relative inertness of C-C bonds, led to the suggestion that C atoms—being electron deficient species—preferentially attack at positions where electrons are readily available.<sup>402</sup>

Wagner<sup>403</sup> investigated the reactions of recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms—produced from N<sub>2</sub>—with CH<sub>3</sub>X (X = Cl, Br, I), and his results are given in Table XXXVI. The low yields of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> can be explained by assuming that no <sup>11</sup>CH is formed, but that C atoms abstract preferentially an X atom from CH<sub>3</sub>X, as was already proposed by Taylor et al.<sup>404</sup> for reactions of recoil <sup>11</sup>C atoms with alkyl chlorides. In the presence of O<sub>2</sub>, <sup>11</sup>CCl may easily be oxidized to <sup>11</sup>CO. The high yield of <sup>11</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> can partially be explained by a reaction through <sup>11</sup>CCl, but as was concluded from the dependence of the yield on the radiation dose, and from the low yield (3%) in the presence of O<sub>2</sub>, its formation through reactions of <sup>11</sup>C atoms with HCl—produced by radiation induced chain reactions—seems more probable.<sup>403</sup>



The yield of HCN does not change appreciably for doses between 0.005 and 0.15 eV molecules, but the yield of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> decreases in the case of CH<sub>3</sub>Cl from 18 to 2%. The addition of 4.5% O<sub>2</sub> has the following effects: (1) The wall activity decreases to a yield lower than 10%, indicating that this yield is due to thermal <sup>11</sup>C atoms. (2) The main product (70–80%) is <sup>11</sup>CO. (3) The yield of H<sup>11</sup>CN is decreased to 5–10%.

*Note Added in Proof.* The yields of <sup>11</sup>C-labeled CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> were measured for 13 (halo)-methanes<sup>405,406</sup> (Table XXXVII).

The CO yields were enhanced, whereas the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> yields were dramatically reduced by the presence of a halogen atom. These product yields add further evidence to the mechanism of formation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> via the insertion of energetic <sup>11</sup>CH into C-H bonds, followed by the decomposition of the complex.

The presence of halogen atoms appear to divert <sup>11</sup>C-(<sup>1</sup>D) from forming <sup>11</sup>CH by formation of <sup>11</sup>CX and/or

**TABLE XXXVII.**<sup>405,406</sup> Principal <sup>11</sup>C Products as Percent of Volatile Activity from CH<sub>n</sub>X<sub>3-n</sub> + 4.5% O<sub>2</sub>

target	yields			
	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>
CH <sub>4</sub>	33	3.7	25	30
CH <sub>3</sub> F	42	14	6	24
CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	61	22	1.4	3.9
CHF <sub>3</sub>	68	26	<0.5	<0.5
CF <sub>4</sub>	69	27	0	0
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	56	3.2	4.0	27
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	57	4.7	<1.0	10
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	68	3.6	<0.5	<0.5
CCl <sub>4</sub>	73	5.7	0	0
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	68	3.0	4.2	25
CH <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	70	6.4	2.1	12
CHBr <sub>3</sub>	79	5.0	<0.5	<0.5
CHI <sub>3</sub>	51	2.1	3.4	28
CHF <sub>2</sub> Cl	75	22		
CHFCl <sub>2</sub>	65	14		
CF <sub>3</sub> Cl	41	51		
CF <sub>3</sub> I	67	31		
CF <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	53	25		
CCl <sub>3</sub> Br	79	3		

**TABLE XXXVIII.** <sup>11</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> Yields from Proton-Irradiated Targets

target	nuclear reaction	yield, %	ref
NH <sub>4</sub> Br	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	7.5	407
N <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> (400/1)	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	38	408, 409
N <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> (1/4.7)	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	83	408, 409
N <sub>2</sub> /HBr (1/4)	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	23	403
N <sub>2</sub> /HI (1/1)	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	50	403
NH <sub>3</sub> (solid)	<sup>14</sup> C(p,α) <sup>11</sup> C	13–20	410
NaCl	<sup>23</sup> Na(p,spal) <sup>11</sup> C	73 <sup>a</sup>	411
NaBr	<sup>23</sup> Na(p,spal) <sup>11</sup> C	81 <sup>b</sup>	411
Al	<sup>27</sup> Al(p,spal) <sup>11</sup> C	100 <sup>c</sup>	411

<sup>a</sup>Dissolved in liquid NH<sub>3</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Dissolved in liquid CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>.  
<sup>c</sup>Dissolved in HCl.

**TABLE XXXIX.**<sup>403,412,413</sup> Yields of <sup>11</sup>C Labeled Halomethanes Produced by <sup>14</sup>N(p,α)<sup>11</sup>C Reactions

target	dose, eV/mol	yield, %			
		CH <sub>3</sub> X	CH <sub>2</sub> X <sub>2</sub>	CHX <sub>3</sub>	CX <sub>4</sub>
N <sub>2</sub> /HCl (1/1)	0.3	7	11		1.3
N <sub>2</sub> /HBr (1/1)	0.3	10	13		
N <sub>2</sub> /HI (1/1)	0.3	28			
NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	0.1		8.1	1.4	1.4
NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	50		<0.1	<0.1	2.7
NH <sub>4</sub> Br	0.2	3.0	0.5		
NH <sub>4</sub> Br	75	10	1.6		
NH <sub>4</sub> I	0.3	16			
NH <sub>4</sub> I	37	<0.1			

spin conversion of <sup>11</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>D) to <sup>11</sup>C(<sup>3</sup>P). The yield of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Cl in the case of CH<sub>3</sub>Cl was a mere 0.3%.

**Production of <sup>11</sup>CH<sub>x</sub>X<sub>3-x</sub>.** High yields of <sup>11</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> can be derived from the reaction of <sup>11</sup>C atoms—produced by the <sup>14</sup>N(p,α)<sup>11</sup>C reaction or by spallation of <sup>23</sup>N and <sup>27</sup>Al by 3-GeV protons—with inorganic compounds (Table XXXVIII). Labeled halomethanes were produced from N<sub>2</sub>/HX mixtures and from NH<sub>4</sub>X. The yields are sensitive to dose and dose rates (Table XXXIX).

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