Kinetics and Mechanisms of the Gas-Phase Reactions of the Hydroxyl Radical with Organic Compounds under Atmospheric Conditions

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/. Introduction

It is now well established that the hydroxyl (OH) radical plays an important role in both combustion and atmospheric chemistry.1-10 With this recognition **of the** OH radical as a dominant reactive species in the degradation of organic compounds in both the natural and polluted troposphere¹⁻³ and in combustion processes,⁴⁻¹⁰ accurate measurements of the kinetics of OH radical reactions and the elucidation of their mechanisms and products have been the focus of a large number of experimental investigations. The great majority of these kinetic, mechanistic and product studies have been

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carried out since 1970, and in recent years detailed chemical computer modeling studies have aided in the elucidation of the reaction sequences operative under both atmospheric^{3,11-17} and combustion conditions.^{4-6,8-10}

In this paper the kinetics and mechanisms of the reactions of OH radicals with organic compounds under atmospheric conditions are emphasized, and discussion is generally limited to kinetic and mechanistic data obtained at temperatures ≤ 500 K. Hence flame, shock-tube, and high-temperature oxidation studies are in general not dealt with, although for studies in which kinetic measurements have encompassed wide temperature ranges (e.g., from ~ 300 to $\gtrsim 1000$ K) the high-temperature data obtained are presented and discussed.

With regard to atmospheric chemistry, Leighton¹⁸ first suggested in 1961 that the OH radical could be an intermediate species playing an important role in photochemical air pollution. Subsequently, the first kinetic data for the reaction of OH radicals with organic compounds were obtained (for a series of alkanes) by Greiner^{19,20} using a flash photolysis-kinetic spectroscopy technique. On the basis of these^{19,20} and subsequent²¹ data, Greiner postulated²¹ that these reactions could be important in the formation of photochemical air pollution.

Heicklen and co-workers²² and Weinstock and coworkers²³ then suggested that the reaction of OH radicals with CO could lead to a chain reaction consuming CO, converting NO to $NO₂$, and regenerating the OH radical.

$$
OH + CO \rightarrow CO_2 + H
$$

$$
H + O_2 + M \rightarrow HO_2 + M
$$

$$
HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2
$$

Subsequent studies²⁴⁻²⁷ showed, however, that this chain reaction is only significant at CO concentrations sufficiently high that the rate of the OH radical reaction with CO is comparable to that with the organic compounds present. In the presence of organic compounds, chain reactions also occur to a certain extent, being initiated by OH radical reaction and propagated by various organic peroxy and alkoxy radicals, as shown below for methane, the simplest organic, under NO-rich conditions.

$$
OH + CH_4 \rightarrow H_2O + CH_3
$$

$$
\dot{C}H_3 + O_2 \xrightarrow{M} CH_3O_2.
$$

$$
CH_3O_2 + NO \rightarrow CH_3O + NO_2
$$

$$
CH_3O + O_2 \rightarrow HCHO + HO_2
$$

$$
HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2
$$

Under conditions where the atmospheric concentrations of NO are ≤ 10 ppt (parts per trillion) [$\leq 2.4 \times 10^8$ molecule cm"³ at 298 K and 760 torr total pressure] the reactions of $CH₃O₂$ radicals with $HO₂$ and with other peroxy radicals (including, of course, $CH₃O₂$ itself) compete with the reaction of the $CH₃O₂$ radical with $NO.²$

For the longer chain alkanes this reaction mechanism becomes more complex due to isomerization and decomposition of the alkoxy radicals³ and to the observation that the $\gtrsim C_3$ alkyl peroxy radicals can react with NO to yield directly alkyl nitrates, in competition with the reaction pathway yielding the alkoxy radical and NO2. 3,28,29 The reaction mechanisms for the alkanes, alkenes, aromatics, and other classes of organics under atmospheric conditions are discussed in detail in later sections in this review.

Concurrently with these advances in the kinetic and mechanistic aspects of OH radical chemistry has been the elucidation of the atmospheric sources of OH radicals. In the troposphere, the important direct sources of OH radicals are from the reaction of $O(^1D)$ atoms, formed from the photodissociation of O_3 ($\lambda \lesssim 319$ nm),³ with water vapor $3,30-32$

$$
O_3 + h\nu \to O(^{1}D) + O_2(^{1}\Delta_g)
$$

$$
O(^{1}D) + M (M = O_2 + N_2) \to O(^{3}P) + M
$$

$$
O(^{1}D) + H_2O \to 2OH
$$

and from the photodissociation of HONO.3,30,31

$$
HONO + h\nu (\lambda \lesssim 400 \text{ nm}) \rightarrow OH + NO
$$

The other important source of OH radicals arises from the reaction of $HO₂$ radicals with NO

$$
HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2
$$

with $HO₂$ radicals being generated from the photolysis of aldehydes and ketones, as for instance, from HCHO.³

$$
HCHO + h\nu \rightarrow H + HCO
$$

$$
H + O_2 + M \rightarrow HO_2 + M
$$

$$
HCO + O_2 \rightarrow HO_2 + CO
$$

At the higher altitudes applicable to the stratosphere and mesosphere, photodissociation of O_2 and N_2O are also sources of $O(^1D)$ atoms, $33-39$ while the photodissociation of H2O yields OH radicals directly, together with H atoms.

While numerous directly measure \rm{d}^{40-54} and estimated^{32,55-67} atmospheric OH radical concentrations have been reported, these atmospheric OH radical levels are still not well understood. Thus, due to experimental difficulties caused, at least in part, by artifactual formation of OH radicals during the measurement peri- $\cos^{48,68-70}$ only in the past year or two have apparently reliable (but in many cases still only upper limit) experimental measurements of ambient tropospheric OH radical concentrations been reported.48,51-54 In the lower troposphere these recent (and presumably more reliable) measurements using laser induced fluorescence and long path length ultraviolet absorption show that the OH radical concentrations are generally $\lesssim 5 \times 10^6$ OH radical concentrations are generally ≈ 0.8 TO
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 $[\sim(1-3) \times 10^6$ molecule cm⁻³] of the techniques $used.^{48,51-54}$

Estimates of the average tropospheric OH radical concentrations have also been derived from the observed ambient tropospheric levels of trichloromethane $(CHCl₃)$, 1,1,1-trichloroethane $(CH₃CCl₃)$, and ¹⁴CO.56-61' 65-67 Using the most recent kinetic data for the reaction of OH radicals with CH_3CCl_3 ,^{71,72} these ambient measurements yield an average northern tropospheric OH radical concentration of $\sim 5 \times 10^5$ molecule cm^{-3} . More recently, Crutzen³² has carried out calculations which predict that the annually averaged OH radical concentrations in the troposphere during a 24-h period are $\sim 5 \times 10^5$ molecule cm⁻³ and $\sim 6 \times$ 10^5 molecule cm⁻³ for the northern and southern hemispheres, respectively. These calculated OH radical concentrations are in reasonably good agreement with those derived from the observed ambient concentrations of CHCl_{3,}⁵⁶ CH₃CCl₃,^{56,57,59,65,66} and ¹⁴CO⁶¹ and hence define rather closely the yearly tropospheric 24-h average OH radical concentrations.

In the stratosphere the most definitive measurements are those of Anderson, $42,43$ carried out at altitudes ranging from 30 to 43 km with corresponding OH radical concentrations ranging from $(4.5 \pm 1.6) \times 10^6$ molecule cm⁻³ at 30 km to $(2.8 \pm 1.0) \times 10^7$ molecule cm⁻³ at 43 km. More recently stratospheric OH radical concentrations, derived from satellite measurements of $NO₂$ and $HNO₃$ concentrations, 64 have been shown to be in reasonably good agreement with these earlier direct determinations.^{42,43}

The actual OH radical concentrations in the troposphere and lower stratosphere are obviously of particular importance since reaction with the OH radical is an important, and in many cases dominant, loss process for organics of both natural and anthropogenic origin¹ and determines both the level of these organics in the troposphere and the amounts which are transported into the stratosphere.

In the following sections the major experimental

techniques used in the kinetic and mechanistic studies carried out to date are briefly discussed, and the literature data (through early 1985) for the major classes of organic compounds are then dealt with individually.

/ /. Experimental Techniques

A. Kinetics

The experimental techniques used to study the kinetics of OH radical reactions with organics can be separated into two methods, namely, absolute and relative rate constant techniques. The absolute methods have involved mainly the discharge flow and flash photolysis techniques, with the modulation-phase shift and pulsed radiolysis methods being used in only a limited number of studies, while to date a variety of relative rate techniques have been used. These techniques are briefly discussed below.

7. Absolute Techniques

a. Discharge Flow. The detection of the OH radical by Oldenberg⁷³ from an electric discharge in water using ultraviolet absorption formed the first basis for the determination of OH radical kinetics. Avramenko and Lorenzo⁷⁴ subsequently developed a fast flow system with an electric discharge of water vapor as an OH radical source. The products from this discharge region then flowed along a tube designed to allow the addition of reactants downstream.⁷⁴ The absorption intensity at 306.4 nm due to OH radicals was monitored along the axis of the flow tube, and the difference in absorption intensity was related to the bimolecular rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with the $\frac{1}{2}$ reactant. It was concluded by both Oldenberg⁷³ and reactant. It was concluded by both Oldemberg and
Avramenko and Lorenzo⁷⁴ that the OH radical half-life in such a system was ~ 0.1 s.

The next major breakthrough in obtaining accurate kinetic information for OH radical reactions occurred from the work of Kaufman and Del Greco,⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ who showed that a discharge in water vapor gave rise to a complex chemical system in which OH radicals were produced downstream from the discharge, via secondary reactions such as

$$
H + O_2 + M \rightarrow HO_2 + M
$$

and

$$
H + HO_2 \rightarrow 2OH
$$

Furthermore, they showed⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ that the rapid reaction

$$
H + NO2 \rightarrow OH + NO
$$

yielded a clean source of OH radicals which had an appreciably shorter half-life (\sim 10⁻³ s), due, under the conditions investigated, to the fast bimolecular reaction

$$
OH + OH \rightarrow H_2O + O(^3P)
$$

All recent discharge flow investigations have utilized this reaction of H atoms with $NO₂$ as a source of OH radicals which, under the experimental conditions used, is free from interferences from vibrationally excited OH radicals.⁷⁸ For recent reviews of this general experi m and technique, the articles of Howard⁷⁹ and Kaufman⁸⁰ should be consulted. Detection of the OH radical has typically been accomplished by resonance absorp-

Figure 1. Schematic of a discharge flow system: (M) microwave discharge; (I) flow tube; (D) detection region.

tion (RA),⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ resonance fluorescence (RF),⁸¹ electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR), 82-84 mass spectroscopy $(MS), ^{85}$ laser magnetic resonance (LMR), 78,86 or laserinduced fluorescence (LIF).⁸⁷ The following OH radical concentrations employed are typical for these detection systems: resonance absorption, $\sim 10^{12} - 10^{14}$ molecule cm"³ ; resonance fluorescence and laser-induced fluorescence, $\sim 10^9 - 10^{12}$ molecule cm⁻³; electron paramagnetic resonance, $\sim 10^{11} - 10^{13}$ molecule cm⁻³; mass spectrometry, $\sim 10^{12} - 10^{13}$ molecule cm⁻³; and laser magnetic resonance. $\sim 10^{9} - 10^{11}$ molecule cm⁻³.

A schematic of a discharge flow system is shown in Figure 1. The major features are^{79,80} (a) a microwave discharge of H_2 in a diluent gas (normally He or Ar) followed by admixture with a known amount of $NO₂$ to yield OH radicals, (b) a cylindrical flow tube, typically \sim 50–100 cm in length with linear flow rates of typically $10^{3}-10^{4}$ cm s⁻¹, (c) a moveable injector for introduction of reactants, and (d) an observation region utilizing one of the above detection techniques. The reactant concentration is normally in large excess over the initial OH radical concentration, and hence the decays of the OH radical concentration are pseudo first order. This then eliminates the necessity for determining absolute OH radical concentrations.

Using the movable injector system, kinetic problems associated with wall losses of OH radicals are normally avoided, ^{86,88,89} though obviously efforts should be taken to minimize wall losses.⁹⁰ Hydroxyl radical decay rates due to reaction with the added reactant are typically of the order of up to \sim 500 s⁻¹, and total pressures are generally restricted to ≤ 10 torr,⁷⁹ although very recently $Keyser⁹¹$ has used this technique to study the reaction of OH radicals with HCl up to a total pressure of helium of 100 torr. Hence extrapolation of the results to atmospheric pressure may give rise to significant uncertainties. As a recent example, this situation has become evident for the reaction of OH radicals with CO, which, although it has a nonzero bimolecular rate constant at low pressures, has been determined to have a pressure-dependent rate constant.⁹²⁻¹⁰¹

At the higher OH radical concentrations encountered with EPR, MS, and RA detection, secondary reactions of OH radicals with reaction products can become important, necessitating the determination of stoichiometric factors in order to obtain the initial OH radical rate constants. Niki and co-workers^{85,102,103} have successfully used a discharge flow-mass spectrometric technique to determine rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with a series of organic compounds by monitoring the organic reactant decays in the presence of known excess OH radical concentrations, thus avoiding stoichiometric corrections. For details of the salient features and variations of the discharge flow

Figure 2. Schematic of a pulsed photolysis-resonance fluorescence system: (A) amplifier; (D) discriminator; (MSC) multichannel scaler; (PM) photomultiplier tube; (W) window; (F) interference filter; (L) flash lamp or photolysis laser; (R) resonance lamp or probe laser; (T) trigger unit; (HV PS) high voltage power supply.

technique, the references cited above should be consulted.

b. Flash Photolysis. The flash photolysis technique, as first reported by Norrish and Porter¹⁰⁴ in 1949, was readily adapted to monitor OH radicals. In the earlier work of Horne and Norrish^{105,106} and of Greiner,^{19-21,107} the photodissociation of H_2O and H_2O_2 in the vacuum- and far-ultraviolet, respectively, was used to produce OH radicals. Hydroxyl radical concentrations were monitored by kinetic spectroscopy, using photographic plates to monitor the absorption of rotational lines in the $A^2\Sigma^+$ ($v' = 0$) \leftarrow $X^2\Pi$ ($v'' = 0$) b and.^{19-21,105-107} Following this pioneering work of Greiner^{19–21,107–111} in determining absolute OH and OD radical rate constants, the photographic plate-spectroscopic flash lamp combination was replaced by an OH radical resonance lamp (microwave discharge of $H₂O$ in He or Ar at \sim 1 torr total pressure)-photomultiplier combination¹¹²—that is, by resonance absorption with a fast data acquisition system. Most resorption with a fast data acquisition system. Most re-
cently, Wahner and Zetzsch¹⁰⁰ have used an excimer laser as the pulsed photolysis source and a CW ring-dye laser, set at 308 nm, as the absorption probe beam.

The use of resonance fluorescence to monitor OH radicals as a function of time after the flash was pioneered by Stuhl and Niki^{113,114} and has since been used by numerous groups to determine kinetic data for the reactions of OH radicals with a wide variety of inorganic and organic reactants. Discussions of the general flash photolysis-resonance absorption/fluorescence techniques have been given by Michael and Lee^{115} and Kaufman.⁸⁰

A schematic of a typical pulsed photolysis-resonance fluorescence system is shown in Figure 2. Hydroxyl radicals are typically produced from the pulsed photodissociation of H_2O^{113} or HNO_3 , 116,117 although other methods of producing OH radicals, such as the photolysis of N_2O-H_2 , ^{118,119} O_3-H_2 , ¹²⁰ and NO_2-H_2 ¹¹² mixtures, have been used, where OH radicals are formed from the reaction of $O(^1D)$ atoms with H_2 .

The pulsed ultraviolet or vacuum ultraviolet photolysis radiation is produced by means of flash lamps¹¹³ or, more recently, by pulsed lasers^{117,121,122} [these usually being the rare gas halogen excimer lasers, for example the ArF and KrF lasers, which lase at 193 nm (ArF) and 248 nm (KrF)]. The reaction cell is typically separated

from the flash lamp by means of windows transmitting in the vacuum-ultraviolet region, such as LiF (transmitting $\lambda \gtrsim 105$ nm), MgF₂ (transmitting $\lambda \gtrsim 115$ nm), CaF₂ (transmitting $\lambda \gtrsim 125$ nm), sapphire (transmitting $\lambda \gtrsim 145$ nm), and Supracil (transmitting $\lambda \gtrsim 165$ nm). Hydroxyl radicals are monitored as a function of time after the pulsed flash lamp or laser radiation by resonance fluorescence using a CW microwave discharge in $H₂O/He$ or $H₂O/Ar$ mixtures¹¹³ or by laser-induced fluorescence using a pulsed¹²³ or quasi-CW¹²² laser to produce the probe irradiation beam. Photon counting techniques are generally necessary on account of the low signal levels employed.

Since 1975 slow flow systems have been routinely used so that the photolysis and reaction products do not build up in the reaction cell but are swept out of the cell.¹²⁴ Typically the residence times in the reaction cell (which have typically ranged in volume from \sim 150 to \sim 2000 cm³) are of the order of \sim 1–10 s (\sim 1–3 flashes). This approach also has the additional advantage of minimizing (or, hopefully, avoiding) losses of the reactant to the walls which has been observed to occur in metal (and possibly Pyrex) reaction vessels under nonflow conditions.

With the reactant concentration in large excess of the initial OH radical concentration, the bimolecular rate constants, *k2,* are obtained from the observed pseudofirst-order OH radical decay rates, *R,* by use of the equation

$$
R = k_1 + k_2[\text{reactant}] \tag{1}
$$

where k_1 is the first-order rate for removal of OH in the absence of added reactant (primarily attributed to diffusion out of the viewing zone and to reaction with the OH radical precursor or impurities in the diluent gas).

With RA and RF detection systems, typical OH radical concentrations in the reaction cell are \sim 10^{11} – 10^{13} molecule cm⁻³ (\sim 10⁷ molecule cm⁻³ with laser absorption spectroscopy¹⁰⁰) and $\sim 10^9-10^{11}$ molecule cm^{-3} , respectively. Since, typically, the OH radical decay rates employed are up to $\sim 10^4$ and $\sim 10^3$ s⁻¹ for RA and RF detection, respectively, the [reactant]/[OH] ratios are reasonably similar (though generally somewhat higher in the RF case). However, in earlier studies, because of the generally higher flash energies used with RA detection $(\sim 1000 \text{ J/flash compared with}$ \lesssim 100 J/flash for RF detection), secondary reactions of OH radicals with the larger amounts of photolysis products generated by the more intense flash may have been more important with the flash photolysis-resonance absorption techniques than for the flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence systems (see, for example, ref 125). Using the more recent pulsed laser photolysis-laser-induced fluorescence or laser absorption ϵ as the set-induction inducedence of last absorption
techniques $100,122$ the sensitivities for OH radical detection are sufficiently good that complications due to secondary reactions and/or photofragment formation are generally totally negligible.

A major advantage of the flash or laser photolysis technique is that a pressure range up to atmospheric pressure or greater can be employed, making this technique of great utility for investigating atmospherically important reactions. Because of problems associated with absorption of the flash lamp radiation, reactivity toward OH radicals, and quenching of the $OH(A^{2}\Sigma^{+})$ state, He, Ar, N₂, and SF₆ are the diluent gases which have been commonly used.^{96-98,122,123} The flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence technique has been used at total pressures of up to ~ 700 torr⁹⁶ (up to 8.6 atm using laser-induced fluorescence¹²³), and with the advent of laser photolysis-laser-induced fluorescence systems¹²⁶ and laser photolysis-laser absorption techniques,¹⁰⁰ kinetic data can now be obtained up to and beyond atmospheric pressure in air. Similarly, the flash photolysis-resonance absorption technique has been routinely used up to approximately atmospheric pressure.⁹⁷ In recent years the maximum temperature of this flash photolysis technique has been raised to $\geq 1000 \text{ K}$,^{125,127,128} resulting in kinetic data being obtained in a single study over the temperature range ≤ 300 to ≥ 1000 K.^{127,128}

c. **Other Absolute Rate Constant Techniques.** Two other absolute rate techniques have been utilized for the determination of rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with organics, namely, the pulsed radiolysis¹²⁹ and modulation-phase shift¹³⁰ methods. Since these two techniques have been used in only a limited number of studies, they are not discussed here, but rather the reader is referred to ref 129 and 130 for further details.

2. Relative Rate Techniques

Numerous methods have been employed to obtain relative rate constant data for the reactions of OH radicals with organic compounds. $^{131-143}$ The major general technique used has been that of monitoring the relative rates of the disappearance of two or more organic compounds in chemical systems containing OH radicals. Clearly, in order to derive meaningful rate constant data from this experimental technique, either the organic loss processes must be solely due to reaction with the OH radical or, if another loss process (e.g., photolysis) occurs, its effect must be able to be accurately taken into account. While the potential for complicating reactive loss processes of the organic compounds other than by OH radical reaction exist in many of the chemical systems utilized for relative rate measurements, experimental tests can be carried out to ensure that these other loss processes are minimal. Furthermore, our knowledge of the chemistry of organic compounds, especially in irradiated NO_r -air systems, has progressed sufficiently so that in many cases the experimental conditions can be designed to minimize loss processes of the organics by reactive species other than the OH radical.

In general, if the sole loss processes of the organic being studied (the reactant organic) and the reference organic are via reaction with the OH radical

OH + reactant organic \rightarrow products (2)

OH + reference organic \rightarrow products (3)

and providing dilution is negligible, then

 $-d \ln$ [reactant organic]/dt = $k_2[OH]$ (I)

 $-d \ln$ [reference organic]/dt = $k_3[OH]$ (II)

Eliminating the OH radical concentration then leads to

$$
\ln \left\{ \frac{\left[\text{reactant organic} \right]_{t_0}}{\left[\text{reactant organic} \right]_t} \right\} = \frac{k_2}{k_3} \ln \left\{ \frac{\left[\text{reference organic} \right]_{t_0}}{\left[\text{reference organic} \right]_t} \right\} \text{ (III)}
$$

where [reactant organic] t_0 and [reference organic] t_0 are the concentrations of the reactant and reference organics, respectively, at time t_0 , [reactant organic], and $[reference\ organic]_t$ are the corresponding concentrations at time t , and k_2 and k_3 are the rate constants for reactions 2 and 3, respectively. Hence plots of In ([reactant organic]_{to}/[reactant organic]_t) against ln $([\text{reference organic}]_{t_0}/[\text{reference organic}]_t)$ should yield a straight line of slope *k2/k3* and zero intercept.

If dilution does occur, with the dilution factor at time *t* being D_t [where $D_t = \ln (C_{t_0}/C_t)$ and C_{t_0} and C_t would be the concentrations of a chemically nonreactive species at times t_0 and t , respectively], then eq III is modified to

$$
\ln \left\{ \frac{\text{[reactant organic]}_{t_0}}{\text{[reactant organic]}_{t}} \right\} - D_t =
$$
\n
$$
\frac{k_2}{k_3} \left[\ln \left\{ \frac{\text{[reference organic]}_{t_0}}{\text{[reference organic]}_{t}} \right\} - D_t \right\} \text{ (IV)}
$$
\nAnother situation commonly encountered occurs

when the reactant organic photolyzes

$$
reactant organic + h\nu \rightarrow products \t(4)
$$

In this case, assuming dilution to be negligible and that photolysis occurs at a constant rate (such as under conditions of constant light intensity), then

$$
\frac{1}{(t - t_0)} \ln \left\{ \frac{[reactant organic]_{t_0}}{[reactant organic]_t} \right\} =
$$
\n
$$
k_4 + \frac{k_2}{k_3(t - t_0)} \ln \left\{ \frac{[reference organic]_{t_0}}{[reference organic]_t} \right\} (V)
$$

The above kinetic analyses have been general in that they are not limited to the case of a constant OH radical concentration. Obviously, if the OH radical concentration is constant or appears to be so within the measurement errors (i.e., from eq II), then plots of In ([reactant organic]_{t₀}/[reactant organic]_t) and ln ([reference organic $\int_{t_0}/\left[\text{reference organic}\right]_t\right)$ against the reaction time $(t - \tilde{t}_0)$ will be linear, with slopes of $k_2[OH]$ and $k_3[OH]$, respectively. Their relative slopes then yield the desired rate constant ratio k_2/k_3 . However, it is recommended that in all cases eq III, IV, and V, whichever is appropriate, be used. It should be noted that only relative measurements of the reactant and reference organic concentrations are necessary.

A variety of chemical systems, both photolytic and nonphotolytic, have been used for the measurement of relative rate constants.¹³¹⁻¹⁴³ During the 1970s the major photolytic chemical systems used to generate OH radicals were the photolysis of H_2O_2 at 253.7 nm, utilized by Gorse and Volman¹³¹ [with a more complex derivation of the relevant rate data from the experimental data than that given above], the photolysis of nitrous acid^{134,137}

$$
HONO + h\nu \rightarrow OH + NO
$$

and the photolysis of NO_x -organic-air mixtures.^{133,136,138}

In the earlier relative rate constant determinations using irradiated $NO_x-organic-air mixtures, the irradi$ ations were generally carried out in large environmental chambers and in many cases dilution had to be taken into account.¹³³¹⁴⁴ Since the OH radical concentrations were typically \sim (2–5) \times 10⁶ molecule cm⁻³, this dilution accounted for a significant portion of the observed organic loss rates, and the rate constant data obtained were accurate to only some $\sim \pm 15-30\%$.^{133,144}

Since 1978 the use of irradiated HONO-NO-air mixtures to generate higher OH radical levels $\lceil \sim (1-5) \rceil$ \times 10⁷ molecule cm⁻³], coupled with in situ Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) absorption spectroscopy or gas chromatography, has enabled more accurate relative rate constant^{137,145} and product and mechanistic data¹⁴⁶ to be obtained. In the past four years Atkinson and co-workers^{140,147} have used irradiated methyl nitrite-NO-air systems to generate OH radicals

$$
CH3ONO + hν \rightarrow CH3O + NO
$$

$$
CH3O + O2 \rightarrow HCHO + HO2
$$

$$
HO2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO2
$$

at concentrations up to \sim (2-3) \times 10⁸ molecule cm⁻³. As an example of this technique as routinely used.^{140,147} CH3ONO-NO-reactant organic-reference organic-air mixtures have been irradiated in a variety of chambers, ranging from all-Teflon chambers of $\sim 60-6400$ -L volume to a 5800-L cylindrical evacuable Teflon-coated chamber with a 25-KW Xenon arc to provide irradia- $\frac{140,147-150}{140,147-150}$ Gas chromatography, $\frac{140,147,148}{147,148}$ FT-IR absorption spectroscopy¹⁴⁹ and differential optical absorption spectroscopy $(DOAS)^{150}$ have been utilized to monitor the reactant and reference organics in these studies.

Recently, Ohta¹⁴² has employed the photolysis of $H₂O₂$ at 253.7 nm to generate high concentrations of OH radicals and obtain highly precise relative rate constant ratios for a wide variety of alkenes and dialkenes. With both of these recent relative-rate techniques, $140,142,147,151-153$ the precision of the derived rate constant ratios is generally $\leq 5\%$ at the two leastsquares standard deviation level. Furthermore, where the data of Ohta^{142,152} and Atkinson and co-workers^{151,153} overlap, the agreement has been found to be excel l ent^{142,151-153} (see also the section below dealing with the alkenes).

In summary, it appears that these more recent experimental techniques can provide precise relative rate constant data for a wide variety of organics, including those of low volatility (down to $\leq 1 \times 10^{-4}$ torr at room temperature^{148,154}). The lower limit for the OH radical rate constants attainable with these techniques is set by the reproducibility and precision of the analytical monitoring techniques used and appears to be \sim (1-3) \times 10⁻¹³ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ under optimum condi- ${\rm tions.}^{140,155,156}$

Three nonphotolytic sources of OH radicals have been utilized to date.^{135,141,143} Campbell and co-workers¹³⁵ have used the heterogeneous formation of OH radicals from the $H_2O_2-NO_2$ reaction system to determine rate constant ratios for, among other organics, a series of nitrites,^{157,158} esters,¹⁵⁹ and aldehydes.¹⁶⁰ Tuazon et al.¹⁴³ have utilized the gas-phase reaction of N_2H_4 with O_3 in air (whose mechanism is not completely understood) to generate OH radicals in relatively high concentrations $\sim (2-3) \times 10^7$ molecule cm⁻³ when averaged over a 25-min duration]. For methyl nitrite, the only organic which has been studied by both of these nonphotolytic OH radical generation techniques, the room-temperature rate constant obtained by Tuazon et al.¹⁴³ is a factor of \sim 7 lower than those reported by Campbell and co-workers.^{157,158} Since relative rate constants obtained by using the $N_2H_4-O_3$ dark reaction and irradiated $CH₃ONO-NO-air$ mixtures have been shown to be in good agreement for a variety of organ- $\frac{143}{143}$ it is clear that the reliability of the heterogeneous $H_2O_2-NO_2$ reaction system needs to be demonstrated.

Finally, Barnes et al.¹⁴¹ have used the well-understood thermal decomposition of HO_2NO_2 in the presence of NO in air to generate OH radicals.

$$
HO_2NO_2 \rightleftharpoons HO_2 + NO_2
$$

$$
HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2
$$

This chemical system has been used, with analyses being carried out by using FT-IR absorption spectroscopy, to derive OH radical rate constants for a variety of organics at room temperature.¹⁴¹

The individual references cited above should be consulted for further details concerning these experimental techniques.

B. Mechanistic and Product Data

Although numerous mechanistic and product studies have been carried out during the past few years, there are still significant areas of uncertainty concerning the mechanisms and products of OH radical reactions with organic compounds. Two general techniques have been used, namely, static systems employing the photolytic generation of OH radicals combined with a quantitative analysis of the stable products formed, $146,161-169$ and low-pressure molecular beam or discharge flow stud i es.^{170–176}

In the static systems, OH radicals have been generated from the reaction of $O(^1D)$ atoms, produced from the photodissociation of N_2O or NO_2 , with H_2 , H_2O , or $\rm C_2H_6$, ¹⁶¹⁻¹⁶³ and from the photolysis of $\rm H_2O_2$, ¹⁶³ HON- $O^{7,146,164}$ and $CH₃ONO^{169,177}$ (and other alkyl ni $trites^{177-179}$. Gas chromatography^{162,165} (including combined gas chromatography-mass spectrometry¹⁶⁶), FT-IR absorption spectroscopy,^{146,164,178,179} and differential optical absorption spectroscopy¹⁸⁰ have been used for the quantitative determination of products. As an example of this general technique, Niki and co-workers146,164,178 have used the irradiation of HONO-NOorganic-air mixtures with long path-length FT-IR absorption spectroscopic analysis of products to elucidate the mechanisms of the OH radical initiated oxidations of organic compounds under simulated atmospheric conditions. Similar studies have been carried out by other research groups.177,180

Related to this technique are the mechanistic and product data obtained from environmental chambercomputer modeling studies. $11-17$ Although obviously in these studies the chemistry involved, even for a single organic, is exceedingly complex,¹¹ mechanistic conclusions can be obtained which are helpful in elucidating the reaction steps subsequent to the initial reaction with the OH radical under simulated atmospheric conditions.

Gutman and co-workers^{170,171} and Sloane^{172,174} have used photoionization-mass spectroscopy of crossed molecular beams of OH radicals and the reactant organic (alkenes,¹⁷¹ alkynes,¹⁷⁰ and aromatics^{172,174}) to detect the intermediate species and the final stable products. Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of interpreting these results in terms of atmospheric chemistry, because of the low pressures (at, or approaching, single-collision conditions), redissociation of the excited adducts can become dominant, especially for the alkenes and alkynes. Under these conditions the H atom abstraction reactions, which may be very minor processes at higher pressure where collisional deactivation of the adducts dominates, can become major reaction pathways.

Other studies utilizing discharge flow systems, operating at \sim 0.5-10 torr total pressure, with analyses of the intermediate species by mass spectrometry or photoionization-mass spectrometry have been carried out,173,175,176 mainly with a view to determining the relative amounts of OH radical addition/H atom abstraction occurring during the reactions of OH radicals with alkenes. In these studies the total pressures were sufficiently high that the reactions were at, or close to, their limiting high-pressure regimes,¹⁷⁵ and hence the data obtained should be relevant to atmospheric conditions.

///. Kinetic, Mechanistic, and Product Data Obtained

In the following sections, the reactions of OH radicals with the various classes of organic compounds [alkanes (including cycloalkanes), haloalkanes, alkenes (including di- and trialkenes and cycloalkenes), haloalkenes, alkynes, oxygen-containing organics, sulfur-containing organics, nitrogen- and phosphorus-containing organics, aromatics, and organometallics] are discussed separately. As far as possible, the reaction mechanisms, including the subsequent reaction pathways under atmospheric conditions, are presented together with the compilations and evaluations of the available rate constant data. Data from relative rate constant studies have been reevaluated on the basis of the recommended rate constants for the reference reactions at the temperatures employed in these relative rate studies.

It should be noted that for those rate constant measurements where the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with an organic compound was determined relative to that for the reaction of OH radicals with CO, additional uncertainties in the derived rate constants arise because of the uncertainties in the value of this reference rate constant. Thus, as noted above, the rate constant at room temperature for the reaction of OH radicals with CO is pressure dependent up to at least atmospheric pressure, $92-101$ with the rate constant at a given pressure also depending on the identity of the diluent gas. $92,96-98,101$ At elevated temperatures, while there is general agreement from direct studies as to the magnitude of the rate constant, these studies^{110,118,181-185} were carried out at low total pressures $(\leq 100 \text{ torr})$

alkane	$10^{12}A, cm3$ molecule s ⁻¹	\boldsymbol{n}	E , cal mol ⁻¹	10^{12} <i>k</i> , cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	T , K	technique	ref	temp range covered, K
methane				0.0108 ± 0.0025	300	DF-EPR	Wilson and Westernberg ¹⁸⁸	
				0.00848 ± 0.00071	295	FP-KS	G reiner ²¹	295-498
				0.00953 ± 0.00028	295			
				0.0106 ± 0.00025	296			
				0.0130 ± 0.00053	296			
				0.00804 ± 0.00020	301			
				0.00805 ± 0.00041	301			
				0.00903 ± 0.00088	302			
				0.0154 ± 0.0006	333			
				0.0352 ± 0.0007	370			
				0.0611 ± 0.0023	424			
				0.121 ± 0.004	492			
				0.121 ± 0.003	493			
				0.120 ± 0.003	493			
				0.113 ± 0.002	497			
	$5.5^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$		3772 ± 102	0.122 ± 0.003	498			
				0.00204 ± 0.00036^a	240	FP-RF	Davis et al. ¹⁸²	240-373
				0.00508 ± 0.00020^a	276			
				0.00775 ± 0.00063^a	298			
	2.36 ± 0.21		3400 ± 175	0.0242 ± 0.0037 ^a	373			
				0.00715 ± 0.00042	293	$DF-RF$	Margitan et al. ¹⁸⁹	293-427
				0.0212 ± 0.0004	359			
				0.0306 ± 0.0001	384			
				0.0422 ± 0.0018	407			
	3.83 ± 0.20		3660 ± 40	0.0521 ± 0.0016	427			
				0.0261 ± 0.0027	381	PR-RA	Gordon and Mulac ¹²⁹	$381 - 416$
				0.0548 ± 0.0017	416			
				0.00651 ± 0.00027	295 ± 2	FP-RA	Overend et al. ¹⁹⁰	
				0.0095 ± 0.0014	296	DF-LMR	Howard and Evenson ¹⁹¹	
				0.0088 ± 0.0007	298	FP-RA	Zellner and Steinert ¹⁹²	298–892
				0.0148	330			
				0.020	358			
				0.028	381			
				0.061	444			
				0.070	453			
				0.113	498			
				0.174	525			
				0.257	564			
				0.251 ± 0.033	576			
				0.276 ± 0.033	584			
				0.335	622			
				0.551	629			
				0.822	671			
				0.830	680			
				1.12	738			
				1.21	756			
					776			
	5.76×10^{-9}	3.08	2007	1.51 2.71	892			
			3585 ± 240 (300-500 K)					
				0.0076 ± 0.0005	298	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + H_2) =$ 7.0×10^{-15} ^b	Cox et al.93	
				0.00750 ± 0.00060	298	FP-RF	Tully and Ravishankara ¹²⁵	298-1020

TABLE I. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Alkanes**

propane

 $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{eff}}$

 $\sim 10^7$

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TABLE I (Continued)

 a Calculated by least-squares analyses of plots of the cited first-order OH radical decay rates against the CH₄ concentration. b From ref 93. c This rate constant expression used for k(OH + CO)¹⁹⁴ is in general agreement with the kinetic data of Greiner,¹¹⁰ Westenberg and deHaas,¹⁸¹ Davis et al.,¹⁸² Smith and Zellner,¹¹⁸ Vandooren et al.,¹⁸³ Ravishankara and Thompson,¹⁸⁴ and Jonah et al.¹⁸⁵ (see text). ^dRoom temperature, not reported. *"* From present recommendations, at an assumed temperature of 298 K. *!* From the expression $k(OH + CO) = 1.50 \times 10^{-13} \times (1 + 9.19 \times 10^{-4} P)/(1 + 2.24 \times 10^{-4} P)$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ as recommended by Atkinson and Lloyd,³ where P is the total pressure in torr. ^{*s*} From present recommendations, see text. ^h From the data obtained at 100-torr total pressure. Rate constants derived from the higher pressure data decrease monotonically with increasing pressure, for unknown reasons.

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and/or with diluent gases (He, Ar) which have a low third-body efficiency in this reaction. Thus the magnitude of any pressure effect on this rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with CO at elevated temperatures is presently not well understood. This introduces significant uncertainties into the derivation of rate constants from these relative rate studies, and accordingly the rate constants from relative rate studies utilizing CO as the reference compound are given a lower weight in the evaluations.

The most recent comprehensive review of OH radical reactions with organics was that of Atkinson et al.¹ in 1979, and this paper updates and substantially extends that review. The recent NASA³⁰ and CODATA³¹ evaluations have dealt with the reactions of CH_4 , C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , a series of haloalkanes, and certain other C_2 alkenes and haloalkenes. For some of these organic compounds the latest NASA recommendations are used, 30 unless more recent data have become available. The mechanisms of OH radical reactions with a limited set of organics (formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, n -butane, 2,3-dimethylbutane, ethene, propene, 1-butene, *trans-*2-butene, toluene, and m -xylene and their atmospheric degradation products) have also been dealt with in detail in the recent review article of Atkinson and Lloyd.³ In this paper the emphasis of discussions of products and mechanisms of OH radical reactions under atmospheric conditions is placed upon classes of organic compounds rather than on individual organics as was done by Atkinson and Lloyd.³

In the kinetic data tabulations, the experimental techniques used are denoted by abbreviations such as (for example) DF-RF, where the first letters denote the following: DF, discharge flow; FP, flash photolysis; LP, laser photolysis; MPS, modulation-phase shift; PR, pulsed radiolysis; and the second set of letters denote the detection technique; MS, mass spectroscopy (including photoionization-mass spectroscopy); EPR, electron paramagnetic resonance; KS, kinetic spectroscopy; LMR, laser magnetic resonance; RA, resonance absorption; RF, resonance fluorescence; and LIF, laser-induced fluorescence. The tables list, whenever available, the rate constants obtained at the various temperatures studied. The cited Arrhenius preexponential factors *A* and activation energies *E* are also listed.

In some studies covering wide temperature ranges, the simple Arrhenius expression has, as expected, been shown not to hold, with pronounced curvature in the Arrhenius plots being observed.^{125,127,128} In these cases a three-parameter expression of the form

$k = A'T^n e^{-E'/RT}$

has been used and the reported values of A', *E',* and *n* are tabulated. Since to date most of the available OH radical rate constant data have been obtained over relatively limited temperature ranges $(\leq 500 \text{ K})$, the simple Arrhenius expression, although obviously too simplistic, is often totally adequate and convenient for expressing most of these experimental data over these limited temperature ranges. Thus in these cases recommendations are cast in the form of the Arrhenius equation

$k = Ae^{-E/RT}$

For organics for which reliable data exist covering large

temperature ranges, e.g., ≤ 300 to ≥ 1000 K (e.g., for methane, ethane, and propane) or for which their Arrhenius plots exhibit obvious curvature, a more realistic equation is used for the recommendations. The expression

$$
k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}
$$

has been chosen in these evaluations, since this has been used in the recent NASA evaluation³⁰ and has been recommended by Jeong et al.¹⁸⁶ on theoretical grounds. Additionally, values of $n \approx 2$ in the above three-parameter expression have been derived from previous experimental studies^{125,128} and theoretical evaluations¹⁸⁷ of these reactions over wide temperature ranges.

Since, as is evident from the discussion above, this review deals mainly with OH radical reactions with organic compounds under atmospheric conditions, kinetic and mechanistic data obtained at temperatures \gtrsim 500 K are not specifically included, unless these data were obtained as an integral part of studies extending to lower temperatures. Furthermore, for the alkenes and haloalkenes the kinetic data obtained at low total pressures, where the rate constants are often well into the fall-off regime between second- and third-order kinetics, are not evaluated in detail, although citations to studies carried out in these fall-off regimes are given.

In the rate constant data tables, the error limits cited are those reported. In many cases these are two least-squares standard deviations and in others they are the estimated overall error limits. While for relative rate constant studies the use of two least-squares standard deviations may be a realistic estimation of the overall error limits with respect to the reference reaction rate constant, for the absolute rate constant determinations the overall error limits are expected to be of the order of \sim 10-15%, except for some of the most recent studies for which the overall error limits may have been reduced to $\sim 6{\text -}10\%$.

A. Alkanes

1. Kinetics

The literature rate constant data for the reactions of OH radicals with the alkanes are listed in Table I (acyclic alkanes) and Table II (cycloalkanes). In addition the available rate constants for the reaction of OD radicals with alkanes are given in Table III. The OH radical reaction rate constants obtained by Home and Norrish¹⁰⁵ for CH₄ and C_2H_6 have been omitted since the significantly higher rate constants obtained were probably due to the occurrence of secondary reactions at the high initial OH radical concentrations used.²¹

In general, the kinetic data obtained by the various experimental studies for a given alkane are in reasonable agreement, although it is obvious from Table I that for certain of these alkanes (for example, for propane, n-butane, 2-methylpropane, and 2,3-dimethylbutane) there are significant discrepancies in the reported rate constants and Arrhenius parameters.

The kinetic data for the individual alkanes are discussed as follows.

a. Methane, Methane- 13 C, Methane- d_1 , Methane- d_2 , Methane- d_3 , and Methane- d_4 . The available rate constant data for methane are tabulated in Table

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^b From present recommendations (see text). of air in torr.

Figure 3. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction Figure 3. Arrhenius piot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with methane: (**O**) Wilson and Westenberg;¹⁸⁸ (O)
and Mulac;¹²⁹ (A) Overend et al.;¹⁸⁹ (C) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹
(
•) Zellner and S

I, and the data of Wilson and Westenberg, 188 Greiner, 21 Davis et al., 182 Margitan et al., 189 Gordon and Mulac, 129 Overend et al.,¹⁹⁰ Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Zellner and Steinert,¹⁹² Tully and Ravishankara,¹²⁵ Jeong and Kaufmann,^{186,193} Baulch et al.,¹⁹⁴ Jonah et al.,¹⁸⁵ and Madronich and Felder¹²⁸ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 3. As discussed above, the data of Baulch et al.^{194} (obtained relative to the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with CO) are subject to significant uncertainties due to uncertainties in the rate constants for the reference reaction. Hence the individual rate constants from this study, 194 which are given in Table I, have not been plotted in Figure 3 but rather a curve has been drawn through these data points to indicate the magnitude and trend of these derived rate constant data.

It can be seen from Figure 3 that the data obtained the absolute rate constant studfrom ies^{21,125,128,129,182,185,186,188-193} are in general agreement, though there are certain areas of discrepancy. Thus the room-temperature rate constants show a spread of a factor of \sim 2 (though this is reduced to a factor of \sim 1.7, i.e., from $\sim 6.5 \times 10^{-15}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ to $\sim 1.1 \times 10^{-14}$ cm^3 molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ if the seven individual rate constant determinations of Greiner²¹ at 295-302 K are averaged to a single value of $\sim 9 \times 10^{-15}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹). In addition, there are discrepancies of up to a factor of \sim 2 between the data of Zellner and Steinert¹⁹² and of Tully and Ravishankara¹²⁵ and Madronich and Felder¹²⁸ at temperatures \gtrsim 625 K, possibly because of the occurrence of secondary reactions, as discussed by Tully and Ravishankara.¹²⁵ At intermediate temperatures of \sim 300–625 K the rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Davis et al.,¹⁸² Margitan et al.,¹⁸⁹ Gordon and Mulac,¹²⁹ Zellner and Steinert,¹⁹² Tully and Ravishankara,¹²⁵ Jeong and Kaufman,^{186,193} and Madronich and Felder¹²⁸ are in good agreement. In particular, the rate constants recently

determined by Tully and Ravishankara,¹²⁵ Jeong and Kaufman,^{186,193} and Madronich and Felder¹²⁸ are in excellent agreement. It is apparent from these data that the Arrhenius plot of $\ln k$ vs. T^{-1} exhibits a significant degree of curvature, and such curvature is totally consistent with theoretical considerations.^{187,225}

However, the most recent kinetic data of Jonah et al.,¹⁸⁵ obtained by using a pulsed radiolysis-resonance absorption technique, yield a linear Arrhenius plot over the entire temperature range studied (298-1229 K). These rate constants,¹⁸⁵ while in agreement with other literature data at \sim 300–380 and >600 K, are significantly higher in the intermediate temperature range of \sim 400-600 K. Unfortunately, the reasons for these discrepancies are not known.

With regard to the relative rate measurements, that of Cox et al.⁹³ at 298 K (not plotted in Figure 3) is in good agreement with the absolute rate constant data, while those of Baulch et al.¹⁹⁴ are in reasonable agreement with, though somewhat lower than, the absolute rate constants over the temperature range covered (413-693 K). With regard to these data of Baulch et al.,¹⁹⁴ this reasonable agreement indicates that the rate constant expression chosen for the reference reaction of OH radicals with CO must be essentially correct under the experimental conditions employed.

Consistent with the above discussion, the kinetic data of Greiner,²¹ Davis et al.,¹⁸² Margitan et al.,¹⁸⁹ Overend et al.,¹⁹⁰ Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Tully and Ravishankara, ¹²⁵ Jeong and Kaufman, ^{186, 193} and Madronich and Felder¹²⁸ have been used to evaluate the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with methane over the temperature range 240-1250 K. The rate constants obtained by Gordon and Mulac,¹²⁹ while in good agreement with the other literature data for methane over the temperature range covered (381-416 K), exhibit significant differences from the literature rate constants for certain of the other alkanes and alkenes studied (e.g., n-butane and propene) and are hence excluded from this recommendation. The datum of Wilson and Westenberg¹⁸⁸ has also been excluded from the evaluation since a stoichiometric factor was necessary to derive the rate constant for the elementary reaction from the observed rate coefficient.¹⁸⁸

A unit-weighted least-squares fit of these $data^{21,125,128,182,186,189-191,193}$ to the expression $k =$ $A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation of

$$
k(\text{methane}, T \leq 1250 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(6.95^{+0.68}_{-0.61}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1280 \pm 38)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (methane) =

 8.41×10^{-15} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20%$.

The limited data available show that there is no significant isotope effect for the reaction of OH radicals with ¹³CH₄, when compared to ¹²CH₄.¹⁹⁵ However, as expected because of the increased zero-point energy for C-D bonds vs. C-H bonds, the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with methane and the deuterated methanes decrease monotonically along the series $CH_4 > CH_3D > CH_2D_2 > CHD_3 > CD_4$ by a factor of \sim 1.8 per C-D vs. C-H bond at 416 K.¹²⁹

Figure 4. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with ethane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (+) Gordon and
Mulac;¹²⁹ (▲) Overend et al.;¹⁹⁰ (●) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹⁶ (□) Leu;¹⁹⁷ (∇) Anderson and Stephens;¹⁹⁸ (\odot) Lee and Tang;¹⁹⁹ (\diamond)
Margitan and Watson,²⁰⁰ (×) Tully et al.;²⁰¹ (---) Baulch et al.;¹⁹⁴ (Δ) Jeong et al.;¹⁸⁶ (\blacktriangledown) Smith et al.;²⁰² (\blacksquare) Tully et al.;²⁰³ (\square) Baulch \overline{c} at al.;²⁰⁴ (-) recommendation (see text).

Figure 5. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with propane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (\blacksquare) Bradley et al.;²⁰⁵ (+) Gordon and Mulac;¹²⁹ (\triangle) Overend et al.;¹⁹⁰ (**O**) Harker and Burton;¹³⁰ (∇) Anderson and Stephens;¹⁹⁸ (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;²⁰⁷ $(-,-)$ Baulch et al.;¹⁹⁴ (\Box) Tully et al.;²⁰⁸ (\bullet) Baulch et al.;²⁰⁴ (---) recommendation (see text).

b. Ethane. The available literature rate constants are listed in Table I, and are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 4. Perhaps surprisingly, a significant degree of scatter is observed, especially at temperatures ≤ 275 K. Especially disturbing is the marked disagreement at temperatures ≤ 250 between the rate constant determined by Jeong et al.¹⁸⁶ and those of Margitan and Watson, 200 Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ (though it should be noted that for n-butane, 2-methylpropane, and 2,2 dimethylpropane and, to a lesser extent, for propane, the kinetic data of Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ are significantly lower than other literature data) and Smith et al.²⁰² This discrepancy at low temperatures (i.e., \leq 275 K) may suggest that erroneously high rate constants were measured in this temperature regime for methane, ethane, and a series of haloalkanes by Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ and Jeong et al.,¹⁸⁶ thus leading to an exaggerated curvature in their Arrhenius plots (see also the section below dealing with the reactions of OH radicals with the haloalkanes).

Again, it can be seen that the relative rate data for Baulch et al.¹⁹⁴ are in good agreement with the absolute rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Gordon and Mulac,¹²⁹ Tully et al.,^{201,203} and Jeong et al.,¹⁸⁶ thus further indicating that the rate constant chosen for the reference reaction of OH radicals with CO¹⁹⁴ was essentially correct for the conditions employed. In the absence of further information, the kinetic data of Greiner,²¹ Overend et al.,¹⁹⁰ Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Leu,¹⁹⁷ Margitan and Watson,²⁰⁰ Tully et al.,^{201,203} Jeong et al.,¹⁸⁶ Smith et al.,²⁰² and Baulch et al.²⁰⁴ have been utilized to derive a fit to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$. A unit-weighted least-squares fit of these data^{21,186,190,196,197,200-204} to this expression yields the recommendation of

 k (ethane) =

 $(1.37^{+0.23}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(444 \pm 53)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{ethane}) = 2.74 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

From the above discussion it is obvious that further experimental data are urgently needed at temperatures $≤275$ K.

c. **Propane.** The available kinetic data are listed in Table I, and the rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Bradley et al.,²⁰⁵ Gordon and Mulac,¹²⁹ Overend et al.,¹⁹⁰ Harker and Burton,¹³⁰ Anderson and Stephens,¹⁹⁸ Atkinson et al., 207 Baulch et al., 194 Tully et al. 208 (which supersede 208 the earlier data of Tully et al.²⁰¹), and Baulch et al.²⁰⁴ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 5. Again, a significant amount of scatter is observed (up to a factor of \sim 1.8 at room temperature) for reasons which are not understood. The rate constants determined by Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ at \geq 298 K are consistently lower, by \sim 20%, than those of Greiner²¹ and of Tully et al. 208 (This most recent study of Tully et al. 208 supersedes their earlier work,²⁰¹ which is believed to be in error due to a temperature calibration error.²⁰⁸)

The rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Atkinson et al.,²⁰⁷ Tully et al.,²⁰⁸ and Baulch et al.²⁰⁴ are hence utilized for the evaluation of this reaction. While there is little or no evidence for curvature in the Arrhenius plot in Figure 5, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data,^{21,204,207,208} to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ has been used to yield the recommended expression

 k (propane) =

$$
(1.27^{+0.11}_{-0.10}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{(14 \pm 31)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (propane) =

 1.18×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

As is the case for methane and ethane, the rate constants of Baulch et al.¹⁹⁴ are in reasonably good agreement with our recommendation, further confirming the consistency of the above recommendations and the choice of Baulch et al.¹⁹⁴ for the rate constant expression for the reference reaction of OH radicals with CO.

d. n-Butane and a-Butane-d10. The available data for n-butane are listed in Table I, and the rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Morris and Niki,¹⁰² Stuhl,²⁰⁹ Gordon and

Figure 6. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with *n*-butane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (A) Morris and
Niki;¹⁰² (■) Stuhl;²⁰⁹ (+) Gordon and Mulac;¹²⁹ (□) Campbell et
al.;¹³⁵ (●) Perry e fit to modified Arrhenius expression (see text).

Mulac,¹²⁹ Campbell et al.,¹³⁵ Perry et al.,²¹⁰ Paraskevopoulos and Nip,²¹¹ Atkinson et al.,^{140,153} Anderson and Stephens,¹⁹⁸ and Tully et al.²⁰⁸ are plotted in Figure 6. Unfortunately, the degree of scatter of these reported data is almost a factor of 2.5 at room temperature. The data of Gordon and Mulac¹²⁹ (which also show significant discrepancies with more recent data for propene), Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ (which are also significantly lower than other reported data for 2-methylpropane and 2,2-dimethylpropane) and the less precise datum of Morris and Niki,¹⁰² together with the relative rate constants of Gorse and Volman²⁰⁶ and Campbell et al.,¹³⁵ have been neglected in the evaluation.

Thus, from the absolute rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Stuhl, 209 Perry et al., 210 Paraskevopoulos and Nip, 211 Atkinson et al.,^{140,153} and Tully et al.,²⁰⁸ a unit-weighted least-squares analysis yields the Arrhenius expression $k(r$

$$
k(n\text{-butane}) =
$$

 $(1.55^{+0.38}_{-0.32}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(540\pm79)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(n\text{-butane}) =
$$

$$
2.53\,\times\,10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. Using the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, these data yield

 $k(n$ -butane) =

$$
(1.49^{+0.35}_{-0.29}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{(196 \pm 74)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(n\text{-butane}) =
$$

 2.55×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

This expression is shown as the dashed line in Figure 6. Since the experimental data do not distinguish between these two alternative expressions, the simpler Arrhenius equation, shown as the solid line in Figure 6, is recommended over the temperature range \sim 300-500 K.

Figure 7. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 2-methylpropane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (∇) Anderson and Stephens;¹⁹⁸ (\blacktriangle) Atkinson et al.;²¹⁴ (\triangle) Tully et al.;²⁰⁸ (--) recommendation (see text).

The relative rate constants of Gorse and Volman,²⁰⁶ Campbell et al.,¹³⁵ and Behnke et al.²¹² are in agreement within the error limits with this recommendation, as is the recent room temperature absolute rate constant determined by Schmidt et al.¹²⁶

As expected, the room temperature rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with *n*-butane- d_{10} is significantly lower than that for n -butane, by a factor of \sim 3.5.²¹¹

e. 2-Methylpropane and 2-Methylpropane- d_1 , $-d_9$, and $-d_{10}$. The available kinetic data are listed in Table I, and those of Greiner,²¹ Anderson and Stephens,¹⁹⁸ Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ and Tully et al.²⁰⁸ for 2methylpropane are plotted in Figure 7. The relative rate constants of Wu et al.¹³⁶ and Butler et al.²¹³ are only of an approximate nature, and that of Darnall et al.¹³⁴ has been superseded by that of Atkinson et al. 214 Significant discrepancies still exist, however, with the data of Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ being lower by a factor of \sim 1.5 than those of Greiner,²¹ Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ and Tully et al.²⁰⁸

In view of the observations that the absolute rate constants of Greiner²¹ and Tully and co-workers^{203,208,215} are in excellent agreement and that the room temperature rate constants from these studies are in generally excellent agreement with the relative rate constant data of Atkinson and co-workers,^{147,153,207,214} the data of Greiner,²¹ Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ and Tully et al.²⁰⁸ have been used to derive the recommendation.

The Arrhenius plot (Figure 7) exhibits curvature, and a unit-weighted least-squares fit of these data^{21,208,214} to the expression $k = A'T^{\bar{\imath}}e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommended expression

 $k(2$ -methylpropane) = $(9.58^{+1.10}_{-0.99}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{(305 \pm 40)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(2$ -methylpropane) =

 2.37×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

at 298 K, with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $±25\%$.

The room temperature relative rate constants of Wu

Figure 8. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 2,2-dimethylpropane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (A) Paraskevopoulos and Nip;²¹¹ (∇) Anderson and Stephens;¹⁹⁸ (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;¹⁴⁷ (Δ) Tully et al.;^{203,215} (--) recommendation (see text).

et al.¹³⁶ and Darnall et al.¹³⁸ and the recent absolute rate constant of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ are in reasonable agreement with this recommendation.

The rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with $(CH_3)_3CD$, $(CD_3)_3CH$, and $(CD_3)_3CD$ are, as expected, significantly lower than those for $(\rm CH_{3})_{3}CH.^{208}$ Furthermore, Tully and co-workers²⁰⁸ have shown that the rate constants for 2-methylpropane and 2-methylpropane- d_1 , - d_9 , and - d_{10} can be accurately expressed in the form

$$
k_{\text{total}} = N_{\text{prim}} k_{\text{prim}} + N_{\text{tert}} k_{\text{tert}}
$$

where N_{prim} and N_{tert} are the number of primary and tertiary C-H (or C-D) bonds, respectively, and *kpiim* and k_{tert} are the corresponding OH radical rate constants per primary and tertiary C-H (or C-D) bond, respectively. This finding is totally consistent with those of Greiner²¹ and Darnall et al.¹³⁸ for the alkanes in general and shows that the principal of additive $-CH_3$, $-CH_2$, and $\text{CH}-$ (and -CD_3 , -CD_2 , and $\text{CD}-$) group rate constants^{207,214} holds to a high degree of accuracy.

f. **2,2-Dimethylpropane and 2,2-Dimethylpropane-d12.** The available data are listed in Table I and those of Greiner,²¹ Paraskevopoulos and Nip,²¹¹ Anderson and Stephens,¹⁹⁸ Atkinson et al.,¹⁴⁷ and Tully et al.^{203,215} for 2,2-dimethylpropane are plotted in Figure 8. The rate constant of Darnall et al.¹³⁸ has not been included since this work has been superseded by the more recent results of Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ using a more reliable and precise technique. As noted above for propane, n-butane, and 2-methylpropane, the rate constants obtained by Anderson and Stephens¹⁹⁸ for 2,2-dimethylpropane are consistently \sim 30% lower than those of Greiner,²¹ Paraskevopoulos and Nip,²¹¹ Tully et al.,^{203,215} and Atkinson et al.,¹⁴⁷ which are in excellent agreement.

Thus the rate constant for this reaction is evaluated from the data of Greiner,²¹ Paraskevopoulos and Nip,²¹¹ Atkinson et al., 147 and Tully et al. 203,215 Since the Arrhenius expression clearly exhibits significant curvature (Figure 8), a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of

these data^{21,147,203,211,215} to the expression $k = A T^2 e^{-E^2/RT}$ yields the recommendation of

$$
k(2,2\text{-dimethylpropane}) = (1.75^{+0.25}_{-0.22}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(179\pm50)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(2,2$ -dimethylpropane) =

$$
8.52 \times 10^{-13}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

As expected on the basis of the higher bond dissociation energy for C-D vs. C-H bonds, the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 2,2-dimethylpropane- d_{12} are significantly lower than those for 2.2 -dimethylpropane^{203,215} and, as discussed by Tully et al., $203,215$ are in accord with theoretical predictions.

g. **2,3-Dimethylbutane.** The available data are listed in Table I and are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 9. The sole absolute rate constant study is that of Greiner,²¹ while four relative rate determinations have been carried out by Darnall et al.,^{138,219} Cox et al.,¹³⁹ and Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ The room-temperature rate constant determined by Greiner²¹ is 20% higher than that derived by Atkinson et al.,¹⁴⁷ the most recent and precise of the relative rate studies. Furthermore, these rate constants of Greiner²¹ lead to a negative Arrhenius activation energy of -0.26 kcal mol^{-1,21} Since the relative rate constant data of Atkinson and co-workers^{147,207,214} generally agree very well with the absolute values obtained by Greiner²¹ and Tully et al.,^{203,208,215} and since the earlier relative rate constant measurements for 2,3-dimethylbutane^{138,139,219} lead to a still lower room-temperature rate constant of \sim (4–5) \times 10⁻¹² cm^3 molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, the recent room-temperature rate constant obtained by Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ is recommended. Taken in conjunction with the rate constants obtained by Greiner²¹ at elevated temperatures, it is recommended for the temperature range \sim 300-500 K that $k(2,3$ -dimethylbutane) =

$$
6.2\times 10^{-12}~{\rm cm}^3~{\rm molecule}^{-1}~{\rm s}^{-1}
$$

independent of temperature, with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

h. 2,2,3-Trimethylbutane. The available rate constants^{21,214,219} are listed in Table I and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 10. There is seen to be a significant degree of scatter in the reported data. Analogous to the situation for 2,3-dimethylbutane, the recent relative rate constant of Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ is weighted heavily in recommending that

$$
k(2,2,3\text{-trimethylbutane}) =
$$

$$
4.1 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$. While no firm recommendation concerning the Arrhenius parameters can be made, an Arrhenius activation energy of ~ 0.6 kcal mol-1 yields an Arrhenius preexponential factor of 1.1×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, a value in the range expected by analogy with other alkanes (Table I). A tentative recommendation of

 $k(2,2,3\text{-trimethylbutane}) =$

$$
1.12 \times 10^{-11} e^{-300/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is shown as the dashed line in Figure 10 and is likely

Figure 9. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 2,3-dimethylbutane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (■) Darnall et al.;¹³⁸ (□) Cox et al.;¹³⁹ (●) Atkinson et al.; 147 (-) recommendation (see text).

Figure 10. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 2,2,3-trimethylbutane and 2,2,3,3-tetramethylbutane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (\blacksquare) Darnall et al.;²¹⁹ (\blacksquare) Atkinson
et al.;²¹⁴ (Δ) Tully et al.;²¹⁵ (---) tentative recommendation for 2,2,3-trimethylbutane (see text); (—) recommendation for 2,2,3,3-tetramethylbutane (see text).

to be applicable only over the temperature range \sim 290-500 **K.**

i. *n* **-Octane.** The available kinetic data are listed in Table I, and those of Greiner²¹ and Atkinson et al.²⁰⁷ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 11. The rate constant derived by Behnke et al.²¹² at 302 K is in excellent agreement with those of Greiner²¹ and Atkinson et al.²⁰⁷ Since there is no evidence of curvature in the Arrhenius plot (Figure 11), a unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of the data of Greiner²¹ and Atkinson et al.²⁰⁷ yields the recommended Arrhenius expression of

$$
k(n\text{-octane}) = (3.12^{+0.88}_{-0.69}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(380 \pm 87)/T}
$$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(n\text{-octane}) =
$$

$$
8.72 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

Figure 11. Arrhenius plots of the rate constants for the reactions of \overline{OH} radicals with *n*-octane and 2,2,4-trimethylpentane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (\bullet) Atkinson et al.²⁰⁷ (*n*-octane), Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ (2,2,4-trimethylpentane); (—) recommendations (see text).

j. 2,2,4-Trimethylpentane. The available rate constants^{21,214} are given in Table I and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 11. The relative rate measurement of Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ at room temperature is in excellent agreement with that determined by G reiner²¹ using flash photolysis-kinetic spectroscopy. A unitweighted least-squares analysis of these data yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

 $k(2,2,4\text{-}trimethylpentane) =$ $(1.62^{+0.44}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(443 \pm 84)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(2,2,4$ -trimethylpentane) =

$$
3.66 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

k. 2,2,3,3-TetramethyIbutane. The available data of Greiner,²¹ Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ and Tully et al.²¹⁵ are listed in Table I and plotted in Figure 10. Again, the agreement at room temperature between the relative rate constant obtained by Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ and the absolute rate constants of Greiner 21 and Tully et al. 215 is excellent. The Arrhenius plot clearly exhibits curvature (Figure 10) and hence a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of these data^{21,214,215} to the expression $k =$ $A''T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation

 $k(2,2,3,3\text{-tetramethylbutane}) =$ $(1.87^{+0.31}_{-0.26}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(133\pm 57)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(2,2,3,3\text{-tetramethylbutane}) =$

$$
1.06 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.
1. Cyclohexane.

1. Cyclohexane. The available rate con- ${\rm status}^{21,136,143,147,206,208,223}$ are given in Table II and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 12. These data are seen

Figure 12. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with cyclohexane: (O) Greiner;²¹ (\square) Gorse and Volman;²⁰⁶ (\square) Wu et al.;¹³⁶ (\triangle) Atkinson et al.;²²³ (\bullet) Tully et al.;²²⁸ (\square) recommendation (see text).

to be in generally good agreement. The relative rate constants of Gorse and Volman²⁰⁶ and Wu et al.¹³⁶ are subject to large uncertainties (of the order of $\sim \pm 25\%$), and hence the rate constants of Greiner,²¹ Atkinson et al. 147,223 Tuazon et al. 143 and Tully et al. 208 have been used in the evaluation of this rate constant. No unambiguous evidence for curvature in the Arrhenius plot over this relatively limited temperature range (292-497 K) is evident from Figure 12, and hence a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these rate constant data^{21,143,147,208,223} yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

 k (cyclohexane) = $(2.73^{+1.03}_{-0.74}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(390 \pm 81)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (cyclohexane) =

 7.38×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

m. Other Acyclic and Cycloalkanes. For the remaining acyclic alkanes and cycloalkanes for which rate constants are available (Tables I and II), data are available only at room temperature. Apart from the absolute rate constants determined for cyclopropane, cyclopentane, and cycloheptane by Jolly et al.²²¹ and for cyclopropane by Zetzsch,²²⁰ the available data for these acyclic alkanes and cycloalkanes have been obtained from relative rate studies.

For these acyclic alkanes, the most recent and precise data are from the relative rate studies of Atkinson and co-workers^{143,207,214} and Behnke et al.²¹² For the alkanes which have been studied by both of these groups (i.e., n -butane, n -hexane, n -heptane, n -octane, n -nonane, and n -decane), the agreement is excellent. Hence the room-temperature recommendations are based on these studies.

n. u-Pentane. There is a significant degree of scatter in the available rate constant data. However, on the basis of the rate constant obtained by Atkinson et al.,²⁰⁷ it is recommended that

 $k(n$ -pentane) =

 4.06×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 299 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$. An estimated

Arrhenius activation energy of 1.0 kcal mol⁻¹ has been used to derive rate constants for this reaction at other temperatures.

o. 2-Methylbutane. The available rate constants (Table I) are in reasonable agreement, and on the basis of that obtained by Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ it is recommended that

 $k(2\text{-methvlbutane}) =$

 3.9×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of ±30%.

p. n-Hexane. The available rate constants^{136,144,147,153,212,216-218} (Table I) are in excellent agreement. In the recommendation the rate constant of Atkinson et al.,¹⁴⁷ corrected to 298 K by using an estimated Arrhenius activation energy of 0.80 kcal mol-1 , is used to obtain

 $k(n$ -hexane) =

 5.58×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 20\%$.

q. **2-Methylpentane.** The available rate constants^{139,144,214} (Table I) are in good agreement, and it is recommended, on the basis of the datum of Atkinson et al., 214 that

 $k(2\text{-methylpentane}) =$

 5.5×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$.

r. **3-Methylpentane.** The two relative rate studies^{144,214} are in agreement within the experimental errors, and it is recommended, on the basis of the recent rate constant derived by Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ that

 $k(3$ -methylpentane) =

$$
5.6 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$.

For *n*-heptane through *n*-tridecane, the sole data available are those of Atkinson et al.²¹⁴ and Behnke et al.²¹² Tentative recommendations at room temperature are as follows:

 $k(n$ -heptane) =

 7.2×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

 $k(n$ -nonane) =

 1.00×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

 $k(n$ -decane) =

 1.12×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

all with estimated uncertainties of $\pm 25\%$.

For n-undecane, n-dodecane, and n-tridecane the values obtained by Behnke et al.²¹² are recommended, with estimated uncertainties of $\pm 30\%$.

s. Cyclopentane. The available data^{138,147,221,222} (Table II) show significant discrepancies. However, the rate constant obtained by Jolly et al.²²¹ using a flash photolysis-resonance absorption technique is in excellent agreement with the relative rate constant derived by Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ It is thus recommended that k (cyclopentane) =

$$
5.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3
$$
 molecule $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$.

For the remaining cycloalkanes, until further data become available, only the single determinations available for each cycloalkane can be used. Obviously, confirming data are necessary before any firm recommendations can be made.

t. Reactions of OD Radicals with Alkanes. To date, kinetic data are available (Table III) for only four alkanes and then only at room temperature. By comparison with the data given in Table I, it is evident that the rate constants at room temperature for the reactions of OD radicals with methane, ethane, and n -butane are essentially identical with those for the reactions of OH radicals with these alkanes. This is to be expected, since the thermochemistries of these OD radical reactions are essentially identical with those for the corresponding OH radical reactions.²²⁶ However, as with the OH radical reactions, the rate constant for the reaction of OD radicals with *n*-butane- d_{10}^{211} is lower by a factor of ~3 than that for the reaction of OD radicals with *n*butane and is essentially identical with that for the reaction of OH radicals with *n*-butane- d_{10} . This is again expected on thermochemical grounds, since the abstraction of D atoms from C-D bonds by OH or OD radicals are less exothermic by ~ 0.9 kcal mol⁻¹ than are the corresponding abstractions of H atoms from C-H bonds.²²⁶

2. Mechanism

These reactions obviously proceed via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds, with the room-temperature rate constants increasing with decreasing C-H bond dissociation energy.²²⁷ These reactions are all exothermic, with reaction exothermicities of 15 kcal mol^{-1} for methane,²²⁶ 21 kcal mol⁻¹ for ethane and primary C-H bonds, 226 25 kcal mol⁻¹ for secondary C-H bonds,²²⁶ and 27 kcal mol⁻¹ for tertiary C-H bonds.²²⁶ This is consistent with the low Arrhenius activation energies encountered, and for alkanes containing tertiary C-H bonds the temperature dependencies are small. For the $\geq C_3$ alkanes it is obvious that more than one alkyl radical is formed from the reaction of OH radicals with the parent alkane, and estimation techniques are available for calculating the distribution of the individual alkyl radicals formed. The simplest of these techniques is that of Greiner²¹ who derived rate these techniques is that of Greiner²¹ who derived rate constants per primary, secondary, and tertiary C-H bond of

 $k(\text{primary}) = 1.02 \times 10^{-12} e^{-823/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 k (secondary) = 2.34 \times 10⁻¹²e^{-428/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(\text{tertiary}) = 2.09 \times 10^{-12} e^{96/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

More recently, Darnall et al.¹³⁸ derived modified values of

 $k(\text{primary}) = 1.01 \times 10^{-12} e^{-623/1} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 k (secondary) = 2.41 \times 10⁻¹²e^{-428/1} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(\text{tertiary}) = 2.10 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

independent of temperature. These later expressions of Darnall et al.¹³⁸ are applicable over the temperature range \sim 300-500 K and, from a knowledge of the overall OH radical rate constant, the distribution of individual alkyl radicals formed from $\geq C_3$ alkanes (except cyclopropane and cyclobutane and other strained cycloalkanes) can be readily estimated. More recently, Atkinson and co-workers^{207,214,224} have shown that the above estimation techniques are too simplistic since they neglect the effects of differing neighboring groups^{207,214} and, for cycloalkanes, of ring strain²²⁴ (see section IV for a more detailed discussion of these top i cs). Based upon the most recent study²¹⁴ and taking into account the slightly lower recommended rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with n-butane

$$
k(\text{primary}) = 2.79 \times 10^{-12} e^{-823/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

 k (secondary) =

$$
5.31 \times 10^{-12} e^{-(528-70n\beta)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

[a typographical error exists in ref 214 for the preexponential factor for k (secondary)] and

$$
k(\text{tertiary}) = 1.7 \times 10^{-12} e^{70n\beta/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where $n\beta$ is the number of next nearest neighbors.²¹⁴

These expressions are applicable to the acyclic alkanes and nonstrained cycloalkanes. For cycloalkanes with ring strain, at room temperature the above three expressions are reduced in accordance with the equa- $\text{tion}^{214,224}$

$$
\frac{k^{\text{strained}}}{k^{\text{unstrained}}} = 1.31 e^{-(0.062 E_{\text{strain}})}
$$

for values of $E_{\text{strain}} \geq 5$ kcal mol⁻¹, where E_{strain} is the overall ring strain energy.²²⁴ As an example, use of the above expressions yield the following distribution of alkyl radicals from the reaction of OH radicals with 2-methylpentane at room temperature:

$$
OH + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{3} \longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \quad (6\%)
$$
\n
$$
\longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{3}CCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \quad (38\%)
$$
\n
$$
\longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \quad (38\%)
$$
\n
$$
\longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \quad (33\%)
$$
\n
$$
\longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \quad (20\%)
$$
\n
$$
\longrightarrow H_{3}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2} \quad (3\%)
$$

The detailed discussion in section IV concerning the a priori estimation of OH radical rate constants leads to slightly different expressions for $k_{\text{primary}}, k_{\text{secondary}},$ and k_{tetiary} and hence to slightly differing alkyl radical distributions. For example, use of the estimation procedures discussed in section IV (applicable only at 298 K) leads to a distribution of the hexyl radicals shown above of 7, 44, 26, 20, and 3%, respectively. These minor differences from the differing estimation techniques illustrate the likely uncertainties in these alkyl radical distributions.

3. Atmospheric Reactions

Reaction with the OH radical is the almost exclusive loss process for the alkanes in the troposphere (nighttime reaction with the $NO₃$ radical can contribute a small portion, $\langle 10\% \rangle$, of the overall loss processes²²⁸) and is a major loss process in the stratosphere. In the troposphere the alkyl radicals initially formed from OH radical reaction react rapidly with $O₂$

$$
R + O_2 \xrightarrow{M} RO_2
$$

with rate constants at atmospheric pressure and room temperature of $\gtrsim 1 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹.^{3,30,229-232}

The subsequent reactions of these alkylperoxy $(RO₂)$ radicals in the troposphere depend on the NO to $HO₂$ radical concentration ratio. If the NO concentration is sufficiently high $\left[\gtrsim 30\right]$ parts per trillion (ppt)],² then the $RO₂$ radicals will react with NO:

$$
RO2 + NO \rightarrow products
$$

However, at lower NO concentrations, $RO₂$ radicals will react primarily with $HO₂$

$$
RO2 + HO2 \rightarrow ROOH + O2
$$

and other $RO₂$ radicals. Present ambient atmospheric data indicate that the tropospheric NO concentrations are \lesssim 200 ppt in clean continental air,²³³⁻²³⁸ with values of \sim 4 ppt having been measured in maritime equatorial Pacific regions.²³⁹ Hence both loss processes for $RO₂$ radicals are expected to occur in the troposphere.

The alkylperoxy radicals derived from methane and ethane react with NO with rate constants of \sim 4.2 \times $10^{-12}e^{180/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s^{-1,3,30} to yield the corresponding alkoxy radical and $\mathrm{NO_2}^3$ as, for example

$$
C_2H_5O_2 + NO \rightarrow C_2H_5O + NO_2
$$

Under tropospheric conditions the resulting methoxy and ethoxy radicals react solely with $O₂$ to yield formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, respectively, together with an \mathbf{HO}_2 radical,³ for example

$$
C_2H_5O + O_2 \rightarrow CH_3CHO + HO_2
$$

The reaction of the HO_2 radical with NO

$$
HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2
$$

completes the chain regeneration of OH radicals, and the overall reaction can be written, taking ethane as an example, as

$$
OH + C2H6 + CH3CHO + OH
$$

$$
2NO2
$$

For the larger $(\geq C_3)$ alkylperoxy radicals it has been shown^{28,29,240,241} that the reaction with NO also proceeds via the direct formation of alkyl nitrates (pathway b)

$$
RO2 + NO \rightarrow RO + NO2 \t (a)
$$

$$
RO2 + NO \xrightarrow{M} RONO2 \t\t (b)
$$

For the n -alkane series the alkyl nitrate yield at 735 torr total pressure of air and 299 ± 2 K increases monotonically from ≤ 0.014 for ethane to ~ 0.33 for n-octane.²⁸ Furthermore, as expected for an overall addition reaction, the alkyl nitrate yields for n-pentane and n-heptane have been shown to be a function of the temperature and pressure, increasing with increasing pressure and with decreasing temperature. 241 The most recent study of Atkinson et al. 29 concerning the alkyl nitrate yields from a series of branched and cyclic al-

 a From Atkinson et al., 28 299 K, 735-torr total pressure. b From Atkinson et al., 29 300 K, 740-torr total pressure. c From Atkinson et al., 241 298 K, 735-torr total pressure

kylperoxy radicals shows that, to a first approximation, the alkyl nitrate yields for secondary alkylperoxy radicals are a function of the carbon number of the $RO₂$ radical.²⁴² Furthermore, the available data show that the alkyl nitrate yields from primary and tertiary alkylperoxy radicals are significantly lower than those from secondary alkylperoxy radicals of the same carbon number,^{29,242} by factors of \sim 2.5 and 4, respectively, at room temperature and \sim 735-740 torr total pressure of air.^{29,242} Table IV gives the rate constant ratios $k_b/(k_a)$ $+k_h$) obtained^{28,29,241} at room temperature and atmospheric pressure for the alkylperoxy radicals studied to μ and μ are detectively date, as reanalyzed²⁴² to be consistent with the CH₃-, $-CH_{2}$, and $\geq CH$ - group rate constants presented in section IV below.

The yields of secondary alkyl nitrates, Y_s , from the corresponding alkylperoxy radicals, i.e., the rate constant ratios $k_b/(k_a + k_b)$, as a function of temperature, pressure, and the size of the molecule, are fit by the following expression²⁹

$$
Y_{\rm s} = \left\{ \frac{Y_0^{300} \left[M\right] (T/300)^{-m_0}}{Y_0^{300} \left[M\right] (T/300)^{-m_0}} \right\} F^Z
$$

where

$$
Z = \left[1 + \left\{\log_{10}\left[\frac{Y_0^{300}[M](T/300)^{-m_0}}{Y_m^{300}(T/300)^{-m_m}}\right]\right\}^2\right]^{-1}
$$

 Y_s is the secondary alkyl nitrate yield at a concentration $[M]$ (molecule cm⁻³) of air and a temperature $T(K)$, n is the number of carbons in the alkane, and $Y_0^{300} = \alpha e^{\beta n}$. From a nonlinear least-squares fit of this equation to the data of Atkinson et al., 28,29,241 Carter and Atkinson²⁴² derived the following values of these parameters

$$
Y_{\infty}^{300} = 0.435 \qquad \alpha = 1.95 \times 10^{-22} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1}
$$

$$
\beta = 0.947 \qquad m_0 = 2.99 \qquad m_{\infty} = 4.69 \qquad F = 0.556
$$

For the $\geq C_3$ alkanes, reaction pathways for the alkoxy radicals produced from the reaction of RO₂ radicals with NO, other than that with O_2 discussed above, become significant. As discussed by Atkinson and Lloyd, 3,243 these $\geq C_3$ alkoxy radicals can react with O_2 ,^{3,242,244-247} unimolecularly decompose^{3,242,244,245,248,249} or unimolecularly isomerize via a $1,5$ -H atom shift.^{3,145,242,244,250,251} These reactions are shown, for example, for the 2 pentoxy radical

and methods for estimating the absolute and relative rates of these processes are available.3,242,244-246,248-250

The reaction pathways subsequent to the initial isomerization process have not been experimentally delineated but are expected to include, at least part of the time, a second isomerization. As an example, the expected isomerization reaction sequence for the 2 pentoxy radical is shown (alkyl nitrate formation from the reaction of the $CH_3CHOHCH_2CH_2CH_2OO$ radical with NO has been neglected for simplicity)

o«

$$
\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} \text{CH}_3\text{CHOHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2
$$

CH3C(OH)CH2CH2CH2OH

Figure 13. The major reaction pathways occurring during the tropospheric degradation resulting from the reaction of n-butane with OH radicals.³

The resulting α -hydroxy radicals have been shown to react rapidly with O_2 to yield the carbonyl and an HO_2 radical, $3,146,252-256$ as, for example

$$
CH_3C(OH)CH_2CH_2CH_2OH + O_2 \rightarrow
$$

$$
HO_2 + CH_3COCH_2CH_2CH_2OH
$$

As an example of the reaction degradation pathways of alkanes under atmospheric conditions, Figure 13 shows those for the reaction of OH radicals with *n*-butane.

B. Haloalkanes

1. Kinetics

The available rate constant data are listed in Table V. The relative rate constants obtained by Cox et al.²⁷⁴ and Butler et al.²⁷⁵ are not included, since the rate constants derived in the study of Cox et al.²⁷⁴ have a stated accuracy of approximately a factor of 2, due to uncertainties in the number of molecules of NO oxidized per OH radical reacted,²⁷⁴ and the rate constants obtained by Butler et al.²⁷⁵ were derived from a complex expression which cannot be reevaluated in the light of more recent rate constant data for the reference reactions. It can then be seen that these data listed in Table V for the C_1 and C_2 haloalkanes all arise from absolute rate constant studies.

As discussed below for the individual haloalkanes, apart from $CH₃Cl₃$ for which significant discrepancies appear to have arisen in all but the most recent studies^{71,72,186} due to problems associated with the presence of reactive impurities, these data are in general agreement, apart from those from the study of Clyne and Holt.²⁶¹ As noted in previous evaluations,^{1,30} for several of the haloalkanes studied by Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ the room-temperature rate constants and the Arrhenius activation energies are significantly higher than the other absolute literature values given in Table V. Furthermore, the derived Arrhenius preexponential factors (Table V) appear in many cases to be unreasonably high. Thus these data of Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ are not included in the evaluations and recommendations

Figure 14. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₃F: (@) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (**A**) Nip et al.;²⁵⁷ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;^{186,193} (—) recommendation (see text).

for the individual haloalkanes given below.

In the evaluations and recommendations, it is apparent that for most of these haloalkanes the Arrhenius plots exhibit distinct curvature. In accordance with the $NASA$ evaluation, 30 in most cases least-squares analyses of the data for these haloalkanes have been carried out by using the expression $k = A T^2 e^{-E'/RT}$ and the recommendations are generally in this form. The use of this expression is consistent with previous evaluations¹⁸⁷ and theoretical expectations¹⁹³ and yields good fits to the experimental data over the temperature ranges studied (i.e., \sim 240-500 K). Furthermore, the use of this expression is generally consistent with nonlinear leastsquares analyses of the kinetic data for several of these haloalkanes. It should be noted that the recommended expressions are strictly applicable only over the temperature ranges for which data are available.

The kinetic data for the individual haloalkanes are discussed below.

a. CH₃F. The available rate constants^{186,191,193,257} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in

Figure 15. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₃Cl: (\blacksquare) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (Δ) Perry et al.;²⁵⁸ (\bigcirc) Davis et al.;²⁵⁹ (\Box) Paraskevopoulos et al.;²⁶⁰ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (-) recommendation (see text).

Figure 14. These rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Nip et al.,²⁵⁷ and Jeong and Kaufman^{186,193} are in reasonably good agreement at room temperature. A unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data yields the recommended expression

 k (CH₃**F**) =

 $(5.51^{+3.36}_{-2.08}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1005 \pm 168)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{CH}_3\text{F}) = 1.68 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

b. CH₃Cl. The available rate constants^{191,193,258-260} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 15. It can be seen that these rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Perry et al.,²⁵⁸ Davis et al.,²⁵⁹ Paraskevopoulos et al.,²⁶⁰ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ are in excellent agreement. A unit-weighted leastsquares analysis yields the recommended expression k (CH₃Cl) =

$$
(3.50^{+0.71}_{-0.58}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(585 \pm 59)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k
$$
(CH₃Cl) = 4.36 × 10⁻¹⁴ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. This recommendation is essentially identical with that recommended by the recent NASA evaluation.³⁰

c. CH_3Br . The available rate constants^{191,259} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 16. The only two absolute studies carried out191,259 are in good agreement. The Arrhenius plot does not show any evidence of curvature over the relatively small temperature range (244-350 K) studied, and hence a unit-weighted least-squares analysis yields

Figure 16. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₃Br: (\bullet) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (O) Davis et al.;²⁵⁹ (—) recommendation (see text).

the recommended Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{CH}_3\text{Br}) = (7.40^{+5.31}_{-3.09}) \times 10^{-13} e^{-(875 \pm 155)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{CH}_3\text{Br}) = 3.93 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. Alternatively, using the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$,

a unit-weighted least-squares analysis yields

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_3\mathrm{Br}) =
$$

 $(1.17^{+0.91}_{-0.51}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(296 \pm 164)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k
$$
(CH₃Br) = 3.85 × 10⁻¹⁴ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. This is essentially identical with the recent NASA recommendation.³⁰

Since these two- and three-parameter expressions are almost indistinguishable (within 2-3%) over the temperature range studied (244-350 K), we recommend the use of either expression. The recommended Arrhenius line is plotted in Figure 16.

d. $\mathbf{CH}_2\mathbf{F}_2$. The available rate constants^{191,193,257,261} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 17. In this case the rate constants of Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ are in reasonably good agreement with those of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Nip et al.,²⁵⁷ and Jeong and Kaufman,¹⁹³ although their room-temperature rate constant^{261} is the lowest of those measured. In accordance with the discussion above, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis, using the expression $k =$ $A T^2 e^{-E'/RT}$, of the data of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Nip et al., 257 and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ yields the recommended expression of

$$
k(\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2) = (5.06^{+2.66}_{-1.74}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1107 \pm 142)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{CH}_2\text{F}_2) = 1.09 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$ with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

TABLE V. Rate Constants *k* and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Haloalkanes

TABLE V (Continued)

 a Arrhenius expression estimated after allowance for possible contributions to the observed OH radical decay rates from the observed impurity levels present 271 (see text). b From the recommendation.

Figure 17. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₂F₂: (Δ) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\bullet) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (\blacktriangle) Nip et al.;²⁵⁷ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (--) recommendation (see text).

Figure 18. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₂FCl: (A) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\bullet)
Watson et al.;²⁶² (Δ) Handwerk and Zellner;²⁶³ (\Box) Paraskevopoulos et al.;²⁶⁰ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (-) recommendation (see text).

e. $\text{CH}_2\text{FCl.}$ The available rate constants^{191,193,260,262,263} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 18. The rate constants from the studies of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Watson et al.,²⁶² Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ Paraskevopoulos et al.,²⁶⁰ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ are in reasonably good agreement, though there is a significant discrepancy between the rate constants obtained by Watson et al.²⁶² and by Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ at \sim 250 K. Although it is not obvious from

Figure 19. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₂Cl₂: (Δ) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\blacktriangle)
Perry et al.;²⁵⁸ (\blacktriangleright) Davis et al.;²⁵⁹ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (--) recommendation (see text).

Figure 18 whether or not the Arrhenius plot exhibits curvature, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data has been carried out, using the equation *k* $= A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, to yield the recommended expression k (CH₂FCl) =

$$
(3.77^{+1.65}_{-1.15}) \times 10^{-18}T^2e^{-(604\pm 115)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{FCl}) =
$$

 4.41×10^{-14} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. This recommendation is identical with that of the recent NASA evaluation.³⁰

f. CH_2Cl_2 . The available kinetic data^{191,193,258,259} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 19. While the room-temperature rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Perry et al.,²⁵⁸ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ are in excellent agreement, the rate constants obtained by Davis et al.²⁵⁹ are uniformly lower than those of Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ by \sim 20–40% over the temperature range common to both studies. However, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data from all four of these studies^{191,193,258,259} was carried out. using the equation $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, to derive the recommended expression

$$
k(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2) =
$$

(8.54^{+8.18}) × 10⁻¹⁸T²e^{-(500±212)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{Cl}_2) =
$$

 1.42×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$. This recommendation is virtually identical with that of the

Figure 20. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CHF₃: (Δ) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\bullet) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (\square) Nip et al.;²⁵⁷ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;^{186,193} (---) recommendation (see text).

 ${\bf r}$ recent NASA evaluation, 30 but with slightly higher estimated uncertainty limits at 298 K.

g. CHF₃. The available rate constants^{186,191,193,257,261} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 20. The reaction of OH radicals with CHF_3 is seen to be very slow at room temperature, and the rate constants determined by Howard and Evenson¹⁹¹ and Nip et al. 257 are subject to large uncertainties. This appears to be also true for the rate constants reported by Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$ since their data show no significant effect of temperature and differ by factors of >2 from the other literature data. In view of the significant uncertainties associated with the rate constants measured by Howard and Evenson¹⁹¹ and Nip et al., 257 a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data of Jeong and Kaufman186,193 has been carried out, using the $\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k} = A' T^2 e^{-E'/RT}$, to yield the recommended expression

$$
k({\rm CHF}_3) =
$$

$$
(2.1^{+0.88}_{-0.62}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(2048 \pm 148)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{CHF}_3) = 2.0 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$ with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 50\%$. This recommended expression yields a rate constant at 296 K in excellent (though no doubt fortuitous) agreement with that measured by Howard and Evenson¹⁹¹ and in agreement, within the error limits, with that of Nip et al.²⁵⁷ Since this recommendation is based upon data

Figure 21. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CHF₂Cl: (Δ) Atkinson et al.;²⁶⁴ (\blacksquare) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\square) Watson et al.;²⁶² (\spadesuit) Chang and Kaufman;²⁶⁵ (A) Handwerk and Zellner;²⁶³ (+) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (∇) Paraskevopoulos et al.;²⁶⁰ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (--) recommendation (see text).

obtained over the limited temperature range 387-480 K, it should be used with caution for temperatures ≤ 300 K.

h. CHF₂Cl. The available rate constants^{191,193,260–265} are listed in Table V and plotted in Figure 21. It can be seen that the rate constants of Atkinson et al., 264 Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Watson et al.,²⁶² Chang and Kaufman, ²⁶⁵ Handwerk and Zellner, ²⁶³ Paraskevopoulos et al.,²⁶⁰ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ are in good agreement. While the rate constants measured by Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ agree well with those studies at \sim 294-321 K, their rate constants at higher temperatures are increasingly higher than the consensus values from these other studies.^{191,193,260,262-265} A unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of the rate constant data of Atkinson et al., ²⁶⁴ Howard and Evenson.¹⁹¹ Watson et al., ²⁶² Chang and Kautman,²⁶⁵ Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ Paraskevo- $_{\rm{poulos\,et\,al.}^{260}}$ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ vields the recommended expression

$$
k(\text{CHF}_2\text{Cl}) = (1.51^{+0.51}_{-0.39}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1000 \pm 94)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\mathrm{CHF}_2\mathrm{Cl}) =
$$

$$
4.68 \times 10^{-15}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

i. CHFCl₂. The available rate con- ${\rm stants}^{191,193,258,260-262,265}$ are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 22. Analogous to $CHF₂Cl$,

Figure 22. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CHFCl₂: (\square) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\blacktriangle)
Perry et al.;²⁵⁸ (\blacktriangleright) Watson et al.;²⁶² (\triangle) Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ (x) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (v) Paraskevopoulos et al.;²⁶⁰ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (-) recommendation (see text).

the rate constants measured by Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ at elevated temperatures are significantly higher than those of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Perry et al.,²⁵⁸ Watson et al.,²⁶² Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ Paraskevopoulos et al.,²⁶⁰ and Jeong and Kaufman,¹⁹³ all of which are in reasonably good agreement. A unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of these latter data^{191,193,258,260,262,265} yields the recommended expression

$$
k(\text{CHFCI}_2) = (1.70^{+0.47}_{-0.37}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(479 \pm 76)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\text{CHFCI}_2) = 3.03 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}
$$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. This recommendation is essentially identical with that of the recent NASA evaluation.³⁰

j. CHCl₃. The available kinetic data^{191,193,259} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 23. It can be seen that these rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹¹ Davis et al.,²⁵⁹ and Jeong and Kaufman¹⁹³ are in excellent agreement, and a unitweighted least-squares analysis of these data yields the recommended expression

$$
k(\text{CHCl}_3) =
$$

(6.30⁺_{1.00}^{1.17}) × 10⁻¹⁸T²e^{-(504±56)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{CHCl}_3) = 1.03 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

This recommendation is identical with that of the recent NASA evaluation.³⁰

k. CH3CH2Cl. The rate constants obtained by Howard and Evenson¹⁹⁶ and Paraskevopoulos et al.²⁶⁰ at room temperature are in excellent agreement, and

Figure 23. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CHCl₃: (\square) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹¹ (\bullet) Davis et al.;²⁵⁹ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁹³ (-) recommendation (see text).

it is recommended that

$$
k(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}) =
$$

4.0 × 10⁻¹³ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$. No temperature dependence is available.

1. CH3CHF2. Rate constants have been determined for the reaction of OH radicals with CH_3CHF_2 by Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$ and Nip et al.²⁵⁷ The rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ and Nip et al. 257 are in reasonable agreement but are significantly lower than the room-temperature rate $\frac{1}{2}$ constant of Clyne and Holt.²⁶¹ Since the data of Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$ are neglected in these evaluations, it is recommended that

$$
k
$$
(CH₃CHF₂) =
3.4 × 10⁻¹⁴ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at ~295 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$.

m. $\text{CH}_3\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$. The available rate constants^{196,260–263} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 24. It is evident that the rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Watson et al.,²⁶² Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ and Paraskevopoulos et al.²⁶⁰ are in reasonably good agreement, though significantly lower than those measured by Clyne and Holt.²⁶¹ A unitweighted least-squares analysis of these data of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Watson et al.,²⁶² Handwerk and Zellner,²⁶³ and Paraskevopoulos et al.²⁶⁰ yields the recommended expression

 $k(\text{CH}_3\text{CF}_2\text{Cl})$ = $(2.05_{-1.51}^{+5.75}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1171 \pm 413)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Figure 24. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH_3CF_2Cl : (Δ) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹⁶ (O) Watson et al.;²⁶² (\bullet) Handwerk and Zellner;²⁶³ (\times) Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$ (A) Paraskevopoulos et al.;²⁶⁰ (-) recommendation (see text).

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (CH₃CF₂Cl) = 3.58×10^{-15} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 50\%$.

 $n.$ CH₃CCl₃. The available kinetic data are listed in Table $\rm \breve{V}$. As discussed previously, $\rm ^{30,71,72}$ it now appears that the earlier rate constants determined by Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Watson et al.,²⁶² Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ and Clyne and Holt,²⁶⁶ which yield a room-temperature rate constant of \sim (1.5-2.2) \times 10⁻¹⁴ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and an Arrhenius activation energy of \sim 2.6-3.2 kcal mol⁻¹, were erroneously high due to contamination by small amounts of highly reactive (relative to CH_3CCl_3) $CH_2=CCl_2$ impurity. The most recent studies of Jeong and Kaufman^{71,186} and Kurylo et al.^{72} in which the CH_3CCl_3 samples were extensively purified, are in excellent agreement and yield significantly lower rate constants than did these previous studies.^{196,262,265,266} The rate constant measured by Kurylo et al.⁷² at 222 K, which is significantly higher than expected by extrapolation of the higher temperature data, $7^{1,72,186}$ may still have been affected by $CH_2=CCl_2$ impurity problems.⁷²

Thus, only the data of Jeong and Kaufman^{71,186} and those of Kurylo et al.⁷² at \geq 253 K (which are plotted in Figure 25) are used in the evaluation. A unitweighted least-squares analysis of these data yields the recommended expression

$$
k(\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_3) =
$$

(5.90±1.28) × 10⁻¹⁸T²c^{-(1129±71)/T} cm³ mol

 $(5.92^{+1.28}_{-1.05}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(1129 \pm 71)/T} \text{ cm}^3$ molecule⁻¹ s^{-1}

Figure 25. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of \overline{OH} radicals with CH_3CCl_3 and $CH_2CICHCl_2$: (O) Jeong and Kaufman;^{71,186} (\bullet) Kurylo et al.⁷² (the rate constant at 222 K has been neglected⁷²); $(-)$ recommendations (see text).

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_3) = 1.19 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}
$$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$. This recommendation, though using the same data set as the recent NASA evaluation,³⁰ utilizes the equation $k =$ $A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ rather than the simple Arrhenius expression.³⁰

o. $CH_2CICHCl_2$. The sole reported rate constants for this reaction are those of Jeong and Kaufman, 71,186 and these are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 25. These data yield an excellent straight line Arrhenius plot of

$$
k(\text{CH}_2\text{CICHC1}_2) = (1.66^{+0.21}_{-0.19}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(483 \pm 43)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k\mathrm{(CH_2ClCHCl_2)} =
$$

 3.28×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$. With use of the alternative equation $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis yields

$$
k(\mathrm{CH_2ClCHCl_2})\,=\,
$$

$$
(1.77^{+0.42}_{-0.34}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{(219\pm74)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations, and

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{CICHCl}_2) =
$$

$$
3.28 \times 10^{-13}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

identical with that derived from the simple Arrhenius

Figure 26. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH_2FCF_3 : (Δ) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (\bullet) Martin and Paraskevopoulos;²⁷⁸ (O) Jeong and Kaufman;¹⁸⁶ (—) recommendation (see text).

expression. Since this more complex equation yields a worse fit to the experimental data, the simple Arrhenius expression given above is recommended for use over the limited temperature range studied (277-461 K). This Arrhenius line is plotted in Figure 25.

p. CH_2FCF_3 . The available kinetic data^{186,261,270} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 26. The rate constant of Martin and Paraskevopoulos 270 at 298 K is significantly lower than that of Jeong et al.¹⁸⁶ (though it is in agreement with that of Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$. However, in view of the above discussion regarding the criteria for evaluating these reactions, the rate constants determined by Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ are neglected. A unit-weighted least-squares fit of the data of Martin and Paraskevopoulos²⁷⁰ and Jeong et al.,¹⁸⁶ to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, yields the recommendation

$$
k(\text{CH}_2\text{FCF}_3) = (1.27^{+1.07}_{-0.51}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(769 \pm 163)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\text{CH}_2 \text{FCF}_3) =
$$

8.54 × 10⁻¹⁵ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of +20%, -40%. **q. CH₂ClCF**₃**.** The available rate constants^{196,261,263}

are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 27. Again, the rate constants of Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ exhibit a much higher temperature dependence than do those of Handwerk and Zellner.²⁶³ Hence, from a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate cona announce the state of Howard and Evenson¹⁹⁶ and Handwerk and Zellner, 263 the recommended expression

 $k(\text{CH}_2\text{ClCF}_3)$ =

 $(8.50^{+20.74}_{-6.03}) \times 10^{-19} T^2 e^{-(458 \pm 326)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Figure 27. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₂ClCF₃: (\square) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹⁶ (O) Handwerk and Zellner;²⁶³ (\blacktriangle) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (\longmapsto recommendation (see text).

Figure 28. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH_2ClCF_2Cl : (\bullet) Observed rate constants of Watson et al.; 271 (---) rate constants of Watson et al.²⁷¹ after correction for presence of observed impurities 271 (see text); (O) Jeong et al.¹⁸⁶

is obtained, where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations,

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{ClCF}_3) =
$$

 1.62×10^{-14} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of \pm a factor of 2.

r. CH_2ClCF_2Cl . The available rate constants^{186,271} are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 28. It can be seen that the measured rate constants of Watson et $al.^{271}$ are consistently lower than those of Jeong et al.,¹⁸⁶ especially at lower temperatures. Furthermore, Watson et al., 271 from an analysis of the purity of the CH_2ClCF_2Cl sample used, concluded that the true rate constants for this reaction were lower than those measured, and their estimated Arrhenius expression, after correction for the presence of these impurities, is shown in Figure 28 as the dashed line.

In view of the discrepancies between these data sets,

Figure 29. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH $FCICF_3$: $\textcircled{\bullet}$ Howard and Evenson;¹⁹⁶ (O) Watson et al.;²⁷¹ (--) recommendation (see text).

no recommendation for the rate constants for this reaction is made, except to recommend that further experimental work be carried out.

s. **CHFClCF3.** The rate constants of Howard and Evenson 196 and Watson et al. 271 are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 29. These two studies are in good agreement, and a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

 k (CHFClCF₃) =

$$
(6.38^{+18.14}_{-4.72}) \times 10^{-13} e^{-(1233 \pm 399)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (CHFClCF₃) =

$$
1.02 \times 10^{-14}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$. Using the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, a unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of these data yields

$$
k(\mathrm{CHFCICF}_3) =
$$

$$
(9.12^{+29.26}_{-6.95}) \times 10^{-19} T^2 e^{-(624 \pm 416)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (CHFCICF₃) = 1.00×10^{-14} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

In view of the small temperature range covered (250-375 K), the use of the simple Arrhenius expression (the recommended line in Figure 29) is recommended over this temperature range, with an estimated uncertainty of the rate constant at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

t. CHCl2CF3. The rate constants of Howard and Evenson,¹⁹⁶ Watson et al.,²⁷¹ and Clyne and $Holt²⁶¹$ are listed in Table V and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 30. Watson et al.²⁷¹ estimated that impurity

Figure 30. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction \overline{X} and \overline{X} of OH radicals with CHCl₂CF₃: (\overline{D}) Howard and Evenson;¹⁹⁶ (O) observed rate constants of Watson et al.;²⁷¹ (---) rate constants observed rate constants of watson et al., $(2-2)$ rate constants of Watson et al.²⁷¹ after correction for presence of observed impurities²⁷¹ (see text); (Δ) Clyne and Holt;²⁶¹ (---) recommendation (see text).

contributions could have led to their observed rate constants being somewhat high and estimated the Arrhenius expression shown as the dashed line in Figure 30. These estimated rate constants of Watson et al., 271 taking into account the presence of reactive impurities, are only slightly different from the measured rate constants (which exhibit no unambiguous curvature in the Arrhenius plot). Hence a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate constant data of Howard and Ev- $\frac{20}{100}$ and Watson et al.²⁷¹ has been carried out to yield the tentatively recommended Arrhenius expression of

$$
k(\text{CHCl}_2\text{CF}_3) =
$$

(1.16^{+1.44}_{0.64}) × 10⁻¹²e^{-(1056±237)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\mathrm{CHCl}_2\mathrm{CF}_3) =
$$

 3.35×10^{-14} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of +20%, -40%.

u. CF4, CF3Cl, CF3Br, CF2Cl2, CF2ClBr, CFCl3, CCl4, CF2ClCF2Cl, and CF2ClCFCl2. For these haloalkanes only upper limit rate constants are available (Table V) with room-temperature rate constants $\leq 1 \times$ 10^{-15} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹. For CF_2Cl_2 and $CFCl_3$, Chang and Kaufman²⁶⁹ have obtained upper limit rate constants of $\leq 6 \times 10^{-16}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 478 K and ≤ 5 $\times 10^{-16}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 480 K, respectively, indicating that these two OH radical reactions have Arrhenius activation energies ≥ 7 kcal mol^{-1,269}

For the remaining haloalkanes listed in Table V, only single reliable studies have been carried out (although two studies were carried out for CH_3CF_3 , CH_2FCHF_2 , and CHF_2CF_3 , the rate constant data of Clyne and Holt²⁶¹ are discounted), and no firm recommendations are made.

The rate constant data discussed above show that Cl and Br atom substitution for H atoms in methane lead to enhancement of the room-temperature rate constants, while F atom substitution initially enhances the room-temperature rate constant (in CH_3F), but in more highly substituted halomethanes (CHF₃ and CHF₂Cl) F atom substitution diminishes them. Similar trends are seen in the haloethanes. These substituent effects are discussed in more detail in section IV below.

2. Mechanism

Analogous to the alkanes, for haloalkanes with F, Cl, and Br substituents these reactions must proceed via H atom abstraction.²²⁶ However, Garraway and Donovan²⁶⁸ have reported a room-temperature rate constant of 1.2×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for the reaction of OH radicals with $CF₃I$ and further report that reaction occurs for other, non-hydrogen-containing, iodine-substituted alkanes such as C_2F_5I and C_3F_7I . If these observations are correct, then these reactions must then occur via I atom abstraction to yield HOI and the corresponding C_nF_{2n+1} radical.

3. Mechanism under Atmospheric Conditions

The radicals initially formed after H atom abstraction (or, for CF_3I and its homologues, after I atom abstraction)²⁶⁸ react rapidly under atmospheric conditions with $O₂$

$$
R + O_2 \xrightarrow{M} RO_2
$$

with limiting high-pressure rate constants of $>1 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for R = CF_3 ,²⁷⁶ CFCl₂,^{277,278} and CCl_3 ^{279,280} These halogen-substituted RO_2 radicals then appear to react with NO or $NO₂$

$$
RO2 + NO \rightarrow RO + NO2
$$

$$
RO2 + NO2 \rightleftharpoons RO2NO2
$$

with the haloalkyl peroxynitrates being thermally unstable.281,282 The reactions with NO proceed with room-temperature rate constants of \sim (1.6–1.9) \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for R = CF₃,²⁷⁸ CF₂Cl,²⁷⁸ CFCl₂,^{278,283} and CCI_3 , 278,280 these being approximately a factor of 2 higher than the corresponding rate constants for reaction of NO with $CH₃O₂$ radicals.³

The subsequent reactions of the haloalkoxy radicals are less well understood. For those haloalkoxy radicals containing a hydrogen atom, i.e., CHX_2O where $X = F$, Cl, or Br, it is expected that, analogous to the methoxy and ethoxy radicals,³ H atom abstraction by O_2 will occur

$$
CHX_2O + O_2 \rightarrow HO_2 + CX_2O
$$

thus leading to products such as $COCl₂$, $COFCl$, and $COF₂$ from $CHCl₂O$, CHFClO, and CHF₂O radicals, respectively. For the haloalkoxy radicals which do not contain a hydrogen atom, elimination of a halogen atom appears to occur^{278,284-286}

$$
CX_3O \rightarrow CX_2O + X
$$

where $X = F$ or Cl (and presumably also Br).

C. Alkenes

1. Kinetics

The rate constants obtained in the limiting highpressure second-order kinetic regime are listed in Tables VI (acyclic monoalkenes), VII (acyclic di- and trialkenes), and VIII (cyclic mono-, di-, and trialkenes). The data reported by Cox^{307} from the photolysis of HONO-alkene-air mixtures at 300 K and atmospheric pressure of air have not been included, since the stoichiometric factors were not specified (though, as discussed below, they are expected to be 2) and these rate coefficients are based upon a not accurately known rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with CO under the experimental conditions employed. However, on the basis of our present knowledge of the rate constant for this reference reaction and the reaction stoichiometries for these OH-alkene reactions, these data³⁰⁷ are consistent with the elementary rate constants recom- μ mended below. Simonaitis and Heicklen¹³² obtained rate constants for propene at 373 and 473 K, relative to that for the reaction of OH radicals with CO at total pressures of \sim 400–800 torr (mainly H₂O). Rate constant ratios of $k(OH + propene)/k(OH + CO) = 75 \pm$ stant ratios of κ (OH + propene)/ κ (OH + CO) = 15 ±
8 at 373 K and 55 + 6 at 473 K were determined.¹³² As o at σ/σ K and $\sigma \neq 0$ at σ/σ K were determined.¹ As certainties, mainly concerning the rate constant of the reference reaction under the experimental conditions employed, these data are generally consistent with the empioyeu, these u

In addition, a set of rate constants for isoprene and a series of monoterpenes can be derived from the experimental NO-photooxidation rates of Grimsrud et al.³⁰⁸ at 301 \pm 1 K. These data³⁰⁸ must be viewed as semiquantitative only, $292,304$ since their use assumes that the OH radical concentrations were identical in the separate NO-organic-air irradiations and that O_3 reactions were negligible.

As noted above, the rate constants listed in Tables VI, VII, and VIII are, in most cases, in the limiting high pressure second-order kinetic regime. However, the rate constants determined for the lower (C_3-C_4) alkenes using discharge flow techniques at total pressures of \sim 1 torr may still be in the fall-off regime between secondand third-order kinetics. These data are thus not used in the evaluation of the recommended rate constants, and the most reliable rate constant data in the fall-off regions are indicated for the individual alkenes studied.

a. Ethene and Ethene- d_4 . The limiting highpressure second-order rate constants obtained (other than that of Cox, 307 as noted above) are listed in Table VI. At room temperature this limiting second-order high-pressure kinetic regime for ethene is attained at total diluent pressures of helium, ≥ 400 torr,^{122,309,310} argon, \gtrsim 225 torr,^{218,287,288} and CF₄ and SF₆, \gtrsim 200 torr,¹¹⁹ while Tully³⁰⁵ has shown that for helium diluent the limiting high-pressure second-order kinetic regime appears to be attained at total pressures of $\geq 600-700$ torr at 425 K. Since Atkinson et al.²⁸⁷ observed that the total pressure at which this limiting second-order high-pressure limit is attained for argon diluent does not depend markedly on the temperature over the range 299-425 K, these data indicate (making the reasonable assumption that N_2 has as good, or better, a third-body efficiency as Ar^{218}) that the reaction of OH radicals with

TABLE VI (Continued)

	$10^{12}A$, cm ³		$10^{12}k$, cm ³				temp range
alkene	molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	E , cal mol ⁻¹	molecule ⁻¹ s^{-1}	T , K	technique	ref	covered, K
			37.5 ± 1.1	295 ± 1	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + propene) =$ 2.68×10^{-11} ^a	Atkinson and Aschmann ¹⁵³	
2-methyl-1-pentene			62.6 ± 0.9	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2-methyl-2-butene) =$ 8.69×10^{-11} ^a	Ohta ¹⁵²	
2-methyl-2-pentene			87.8 ± 1.8	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2-methyl-2-butene) =$ 8.69×10^{-11} ^a	Ohta ¹⁵²	
			89.8 ± 1.3	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + cis-2$ -pentene) = 6.51×10^{-11} ^e	Ohta ¹⁵²	
trans-4-methyl-2-pentene			60.8 ± 0.7	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + trans-2$ -pentene) = 6.68×10^{-11}	Ohta ¹⁵²	
3,3-dimethyl-1-butene			28.4	303	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + cis-2-butene) =$ 5.46×10^{-11} ^a	Wu et al. 136	
2,3-dimethyl-2-butene			153	298	DF-MS	Morris and Niki ¹⁰²	
			110 ± 22	298	FP-RF	Perry ³⁰²	
			56.7 ± 1.9	298	FP-RF	Ravishankara et al. ²⁹⁴	
			128 ± 9	300 ± 1	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + cis-2-butene) =$ 5.54×10^{-11} ^a	Atkinson et al. ³⁰¹	
			112 ± 6	299 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + propene) =$ 2.62×10^{-11} ^a	Atkinson et al. ¹⁴⁷	
			115 ± 4	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ 2 -methyl-1,3-butadiene $) =$ 1.01×10^{-10} ^a	Atkinson et al. ¹⁵¹	
			111 ± 2	294 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ 2 -methyl-1,3-butadiene $) =$ 1.02×10^{-10} ^a	Atkinson et al. ³⁰³	
			112 ± 5	295 ± 1	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + propene) =$ 2.68×10^{-11} ^a	Atkinson and Aschmann ¹⁵³	
			103 ± 1	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ 2 -methyl-2-butene) = 8.69×10^{-11} ^a	Ohta ¹⁵²	
			111 ± 3	294	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ 2 -methyl-1,3-butadiene $) =$ 1.02×10^{-10} ^a	Atkinson et al. ³⁰⁴	
1-heptene			36.1 ± 7.2	305 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2-methylpropene) =$ 4.95×10^{-11} ^a	Darnall et al. ²¹⁹	
			40.5 ± 1.6	295 ± 1	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + propene) =$ 2.68×10^{-11} ^a	Atkinson and Aschmann ¹⁵³	
2,3-dimethyl-2-pentene			98.2 ± 0.9	298 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ 2 -methyl-2-butene $) =$	Ohta ¹⁵²	

^a From present recommendations (see text). ^bProbably still in the fall-off regime between second- and third-order kinetics.³⁰⁵ ^c From the expression k(OH + CO) = 1.50 × $10^{-13}[(1 + 9.19 \times 10^{-4}P)/(1 + 2.24 \times 10^{-4}P)]$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹,³ where *P* is the total pressure in torr. ^dFrom the rate constant determined by Ohta¹⁴² (Table VII). ^eFrom the rate constant determined by Ohta.¹⁵² 'From the rate constant determined by Ohta,¹⁴² using an assumed Arrhenius activation energy of -1.0 kcal mol⁻¹.

TABLE VII. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Acyclic Di- and Trialkenes at the High-Pressure Limit**

^a May not be at the high pressure limit.^{1,298} ^b From the present recommendations (see text). ^c From the rate constants determined by Ohta.¹⁴² dcis- and trans-isomers have identical rate constants within $\pm 20\%$

Figure 31. Arrhenius plot of the limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with ethene: (O) Atkinson et al.;²⁸⁷ (×) Overend and Paraskevopou-
los;¹¹⁹ (▲) Atkinson et al.;¹⁴⁷ (△) Tully;¹²² (□) Zellner and Lorenz;²⁸⁸ (∇) Schmidt et al.;¹²⁶ (\bullet) Atkinson and Aschmann;¹⁵³ (\diamond) Klein et al.;²¹⁸ (—) recommendation (see text).

ethene will be at, or close to, the limiting high-pressure second-order kinetic limit throughout the troposphere.

In the fall-off region, rate constants have been obtained by Greiner,^{I11} Morris et al.,⁸⁵ Smith and Zellner,¹¹⁸ Klein et al.,²¹⁸ Pastrana and Carr,²⁹⁰ Davis et al.,³⁰⁹ Howard,⁷⁸ Atkinson et al.,²⁸⁷ Overend and Paraskevopoulos,¹¹⁹ Farquharson and Smith,³¹¹ Tully,^{122,305} and Zellner and Lorenz,²⁸⁸ and these references should be consulted for kinetic data in the fall-off regime.

In the limiting high pressure regime, the available kinetic data for ethene (Table VI) are in reasonable agreement. The most definitive studies are judged to be the absolute rate constant determinations carried out by Atkinson et al. 287 and Tully¹²² and the relative rate studies of Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ and Atkinson and Aschmann.¹⁵³ These data, together with those of Overend and Paraskevopoulos,¹¹⁹ Zellner and Lorenz,²⁸⁸ Schmidt et and Klein et al.²¹⁸ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 31. The remaining limiting high-pressure rate constants listed in Table $VI^{129,144}$ are in agreement, within the experimental errors, with these data. Tully¹²² has observed that for temperatures \geq 438 K (in general agreement with earlier predictions^{1,312} based upon analogy with OH radical reactions with the aromatic analogy with O11 fadical reactions with the aromatic
hydrocarbons^{1,312,313}) the OH-ethene adduct thermally back-decomposes to the reactants on a time scale of $\lesssim 10$ ms. At lower temperatures, i.e., ≤ 438 K, the rate constants obtained by Atkinson et al.²⁸⁷ and Tully¹²² are in excellent agreement (Figure 31). Thus, from a In excenent agreement (rigure 31). Thus, from a
least-squares analysis of these data^{122,287} (but neglecting reast-squares analysis of these data for the hegiecting
the rate constant of Tully¹²² at 438 K, which was almost certainly not at the high-pressure limit^{305})

 k (ethene) =

 $(2.03^{+0.44}_{-0.36}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(411\pm 67)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{ethene}) = 8.06 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

From a recent precise relative rate constant determination, Atkinson et al.¹⁴⁷ derived a value of *k* (ethene) $= (8.34 \pm 0.39) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 299 \pm 2 K relative to the recommendation for n -butane, while Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ have derived a value of $k(\text{ethene}) = 8.66 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 295 \pm 1$ K, relative to the recommendation for propene (see the discussion below concerning propene). Since this latter rate constant was derived from a least-squares analysis of the relative rate constants for a series of alkenes and dialkenes with the corresponding absolute rate constant data (see below), this rate constant at 295 K and the temperature dependence obtained from the studies of Atkinson et al. 287 and Tully¹²² have been used to recommend

 k (ethene) =

 $(2.15^{+0.47}_{-0.38}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(411\pm67)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are equivalent to two standard deviations, and

 $k(\text{ethene}) = 8.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 15\%$.

The sole rate constant obtained for ethane- d_4 at room temperature and approximately atmospheric pressure of air,¹³⁷ which will be the limiting high-pressure value, is essentially identical to that for ethene- h_4 .¹³⁷ Thus, as expected for an addition reaction (see below), this reaction of the OH radical with ethene- d_4 exhibits a negligible kinetic isotope effect.

b. Propene and Propene-d6. The limiting highpressure second-order rate constants obtained (other than that of Cox,³⁰⁷ as noted above) are listed in Table VI. At room temperature this limiting second-order high-pressure kinetic regime is attained at total diluent pressures of helium, ≤ 20 torr,²⁹⁴ argon, $\gtrsim 10$ torr,^{218,288,291} and air. \gtrsim 10 torr.²¹⁸

While there is a significant degree of scatter in the reported, supposedly high-pressure data (ref 126, 129, 136,139,141,144, 206, 218, 288, 289, 291-295, 297), the most definitive limiting high-pressure studies are judged to be the absolute rate constant determinations carried out by Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Nip and Paraskevopoulos,²⁹⁵ and Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ and the relative rate constant study of Atkinson and Aschmann.¹⁵³ The data of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Nip and Paraskevopoulos,²⁹⁵ Zellner and Lorenz,²⁸⁸ Schmidt et al.,¹²⁶ and Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 32. In the rate constant evaluation the absolute rate constants determined by Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Ravishankara et al., 294 Nip and Paraskevopoulos, 295 and Tully and $\frac{1}{100}$ and 1 and the relative rate constants determined for a series of alkenes by Atkinson and determined for a series of alkenes by Atkinson and
Aschmann.¹⁵³ are used. The less precise room tem- $\frac{1}{100}$ at the used. The less precise from tem-
perature data of Lloyd et al., 144 Wu et al., 136 Winer et perature data of Eloyd et al., with et al., while et al., 292,293 Cox et al., 139 Barnes et al., 141 Zellner and al., Cox et al., Barlies et al., Berlier and $\frac{126}{126}$ and Klein et al.²¹⁸ are in good agreement with these rate constants.

From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate constants of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Nip and Paraskevopoulos,²⁹⁵ and Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ for temperatures ≤ 467 K, the Arrhenius expression

k (propene, $T \leq 467$ K) =

 $(4.72^{+0.63}_{-0.58}) \times 10^{-12}e^{(504\pm 45)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is obtained, where the errors are two least-squares

Figure 32. Arrhenius plot of the limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with propene: (O) Atkinson and Pitts;²⁹¹ (Δ) Ravishankara et al.;²⁹⁴ (A) Nip and Paraskevopoulos;²⁹⁵ (\square) Zellner and Lorenz;²⁸⁸ (∇) Schmidt et al.;¹²⁶ (\bullet) Tully and Goldsmith;²⁹⁷ (--) recommendation (see text).

standard deviations. However, in the extensive and precise relative rate constant study of Atkinson and Aschmann,¹⁵³ relative rate constants for a series of alkenes (and n -butane and n -hexane) were obtained at 295 ± 1 K. Following the procedure of Atkinson and Aschmann,¹⁵³ a least-squares fit of these relative rate constants at 295 ± 1 K¹⁵³ to the absolute rate constants at 295 K for ethene,^{122,287} propene,^{291,294,295,297} 1-butene,^{291,294,295} 1-pentene,²⁹⁵ 3-methyl-1-butene,²⁹⁸ 2methylpropene.²⁹¹ cis-2-butene,²⁹¹ trans-2-butene,²⁹¹ methylpropene, etto 2 batene, ³⁰⁰ propadiene, ²⁹⁸ 1,3-butadiene, ²⁹⁸ and 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene³⁰⁶ (using the observed temperature dependencies or an estimated Arrhenius ac- μ tivation energy of -1.0 kcal mol⁻¹ to extrapolate or interpolate these observed absolute rate constants to 295 K) has been used to obtain a value of

 k (propene) =

 $2.68\times10^{-11}~\mathrm{cm^{3}}$ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\sim \pm 15\%$.

Use of this 295 K rate constant, together with the temperature dependence derived above, yields the recommended Arrhenius expression of

 k (propene, $T \leq 467$ K) =

 $(4.85^{+0.65}_{-0.58}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(504\pm45)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\text{propene}) =
$$

 2.63×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 15\%$.

In the discussions below this Arrhenius expression, together with the 295 K relative rate constants derived by Atkinson and Aschmann, 153 is used to derive the rate constants at 295 K for the other alkenes and dialkenes studied by Atkinson and Aschmann.¹⁵³

For temperatures ≥ 700 K, Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ have observed that the rate constant for the reaction

of OH radicals with propene increases with increasing temperature (Figure 32), with an Arrhenius expression in this temperature regime (896 $\lt T \lt 701$ K) of

$$
k(\text{propene}, 896 < T < 701 \text{ K}) =
$$
\n
$$
(3.30^{+0.86}_{-0.68}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(1539 \pm 180)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

Recently, Smith et al.³¹⁴ have determined, using multiphoton infrared laser absorption to heat the reactant mixture and thermally dissociate H_2O_2 , with LIF detection, rate constants for this reaction over the temperature range 960-1210 K [and for the reactions of OH radicals with methane (830-1412 K) and propane (1074 K) . Over this limited temperature range, the rate constants were independent of the total pressure and fitted the Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{propene, } 960 < T < 1210 \text{ K}) =
$$
\n
$$
(8.4 \pm 5.0) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(2870 \pm 600)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

These rate constants exhibit a significantly higher temperature dependence than reported by Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ for temperatures >701 K and are up to a factor of 2 lower than those calculated from the Arrhenius expression of Tully and Goldsmith.²⁹⁷

As discussed in the section below dealing with the mechanism of these reactions, these kinetic data suggest that at temperatures ≤ 467 K the reaction proceeds via OH radical addition to the olefinic double bond while for temperatures $\gtrsim 700$ K the reaction proceeds via H atom abstraction from the $-CH_3$ substituent group. The rate constants of Tully and Goldsmith²⁹⁷ for propene- d_6 are totally consistent with this scenario. Thus for temperatures ≤ 480 K, the rate constants for propene- h_6 and propene- d_6 are essentially identical, while for temperatures $\gtrsim 701$ K the OH radical rate constants for reaction with propene- d_6 are \sim 35% lower than those for propene- h_6 ²⁹⁷ However, it should be noted that these propene- d_6 rate constants for temperatures ≥ 701 K also include other reaction processes, such as OD radical formation, in addition to H atom abstraction.²⁹⁷

c. **1-Butene.** The available rate constants are listed in Table VI. As for propene, the limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants are obtained at total pressures of helium of ≥ 20 torr.²⁹⁴ The most recent .
kinetic data of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Wu et al.,¹³⁶ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Nip and Paraskevopoulos,²⁹⁵ Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ Biermann et al.¹⁷⁶ (which is possibly still in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics), Ohta,¹⁵² and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are in good agreement. The rate constants of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Nip and Paraskevopoulos,²⁹⁵ Ohta, 152 and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 33. Since the sole reported temperature dependence is that of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ this temperature dependence is recommended. As for ethene and propene, the rate constant derived from the best fit analysis of the relative rate constant data of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ for a series of alkenes and dialkenes with the available absolute data (as described above) is recommended. This analysis yields

 $k(1\text{-}b$ utene) =

 3.19×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

This rate constant, when combined with the tempera-

Figure 33. Arrhenius plot of the limiting second-order highpressure rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 1-butene: (O) Atkinson and Pitts;²⁹¹ (A) Ravishankara et al.;²⁹⁴ (Δ) Nip and Paraskevopoulos;²⁹⁵ (\square) Ohta;¹⁵² (∇) Atkinson and

ture dependence reported by Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ leads to the recommendation of

 $k(1\text{-}butene) = 6.53 \times 10^{-12} e^{468/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k(1$ -butene) =

$$
3.14\,\times\,10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

The kinetic data of Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ Biermann et al.,¹⁷⁵ and Ohta,¹⁵² which were not used in the evaluation, are in good^{141,175} or excellent¹⁵² agreement with this recommended rate constant.

d. 2-Methylpropene. The available kinetic data are listed in Table VI. The sole absolute study carried out is that of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ who also carried out the only temperature dependence study. Thus this temperature dependence,²⁹¹ equivalent to an Arrhenius $\frac{1}{2}$ activation energy of -1.00 kcal mol⁻¹, is used in combination with the best-fit rate constant from the relative rate constant data of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ of

 $k(2\text{-methylpropene}) =$

 5.23×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

to yield the recommendation of

 $k(2$ -methylpropene) =

 $9.51 \times 10^{-12} e^{903/7}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

$$
k(2\text{-methylpropene}) =
$$

 5.14×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

The relative rate constants at room temperature obtained by Wu et al.,¹³⁶ Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ and (especially) Ohta¹⁵² are in good agreement with this recommendation.

e. *cis* **-2-Butene.** The available rate constants are listed in Table VI, from which it can be seen that the absolute rate constant study of Atkinson and Pitts²⁹¹ is in excellent agreement with the relative rate constants derived by Lloyd et al.,¹⁴⁴ Ohta,¹⁵² and Atkinson and Aschmann.¹⁵³ As for the simpler alkenes discussed above, the Arrhenius activation energy determined by Atkinson and Pitts²⁹¹ is used, together with the best-fit rate constant at 295 K derived from the relative rate $\frac{1}{2}$ constant data of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ and the available absolute rate data for a series of alkenes and

 $k(cis-2-butene)$ =

 5.71×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

 $k(cis-2-butene) =$

 $1.09 \times 10^{-11} e^{488/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(cis-2-butene) =$

 5.61×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

The relative rate constant of Ohta¹⁵² is in excellent agreement with this recommendation. However, as discussed previously,^{1,153} the rate constant of Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ at 298 K appears to be \sim 20% low, possibly because of wall losses in the static system used.

f. *trans* -2-Butene. The available kinetic data (apart from that of Cox,³⁰⁷ as noted above) are listed in Table VI. The apparently reliable rate constant data of Atkinson and Pitts,²⁹¹ Wu et al.,¹³⁶ Ohta,¹⁴² and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are in reasonable agreement. Consistent with the previous criteria, the temperature dependence determined by Atkinson and Pitts²⁹¹ of an Arrhenius activation energy of -1.09 kcal mol⁻¹ is used, together with the best fit of the relative rate constants of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ to the absolute rate constant data for a series of alkenes and dialkenes (see above), to yield

 $k(trans-2-butene) =$ 6.51×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

k{trans-2-butene) = $1.01 \times 10^{-11} e^{549/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

k(trans-2-butene) = 6.37×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

g. **3-Methyl-l-butene.** The sole data available for this alkene are (Table VI) from the absolute rate constant study of Atkinson et al.²⁹⁸ and the relative rate constant study of Atkinson and Aschmann.¹⁵³ These data are in excellent agreement, and, consistent with the above discussions, lead to the recommendation of

 $k(3$ -methyl-1-butene) = $5.32 \times 10^{-12} e^{533/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(3\text{-methyl-1-butene}) =$

 3.18×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

h. 2-Methyl-2-butene. The available kinetic data are listed in Table VI, and it can be seen that the more recent absolute and relative rate constants of Atkinson and Pitts,³⁰⁰ Atkinson et al.,^{147,301} Ohta,¹⁴² and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are in excellent agreement [the absolute rate constant study of Atkinson et al.²⁹⁹ has been superseded by that of Atkinson and Pitts, 300 although it is in agreement with this later study³⁰⁰ within the experimental error limits].

Again, consistent with the above recommendations for the alkenes, the temperature dependence of Atkinson and Pitts,³⁰⁰ equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -0.895 kcal mol⁻¹, is used together with the best-fit rate constant of

 $k(2\text{-methyl-2-butene}) =$

$$
8.84 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

to recommend

 $k(2\text{-methyl-2-butene}) =$

 $1.92 \times 10^{-11} e^{450/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(2$ -methyl-2-butene) =

 8.69×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

at 298 K, with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

i. 2,3-Dimethyl-2-butene. The available rate constants (all obtained at around room temperature) are listed in Table VI. The most recent rate constants of Atkinson et al.,^{147,151,303,304} Atkinson and Aschmann,¹⁵³ and Ohta¹⁵² are in good agreement, and, using an assumed Arrhenius activation energy of -1.0 kcal mol⁻¹ for this reaction, a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data yields

$$
k(2,3\text{-dimethyl-2-butene}) = 1.10 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}
$$

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 20\%$.

Again, as discussed previously^{1,147,153} the room-temperature rate constant obtained by Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ is low, by a factor of \sim 2, presumably due to wall losses in the static reaction system used.

j. Propadiene. The available rate constants are listed in Table VII, and those of Atkinson et al.,²⁹⁸ Ohta,¹⁴² and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are in good agreement. Atkinson et al.²⁹⁸ showed that at room temperature the rate constant for this reaction is in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics below \sim 25 torr total pressure of argon.

Consistent with the above recommendations for the alkenes, the observed temperature dependence, equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -0.305 kcal $mol⁻¹,²⁹⁸$ is used together with the best-fit rate constant of

 k (propadiene) =

 9.84×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

to recommend

 $k(\text{propadiene}) = 5.86 \times 10^{-12} e^{153/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$$
k(\text{propadiene}) =
$$

$$
9.79\times 10^{-12}\ \mathrm{cm^3\ molecule^{-1}\ s^{-1}\ at\ 298\ K}
$$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$.

The rate constant reported by Bradley et al., 205 obtained at a total pressure of \sim 1 torr, is almost certainly in the fall-off region.

k. 1,3-Butadiene. The available kinetic data are listed in Table VII. It can be seen from this table that the room-temperature rate constants of Lloyd et al.,¹⁴⁴ Atkinson et al.,²⁹⁸ Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ Ohta,¹⁴² and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ are in very good agreement. As in the above recommendations for the alkenes, the sole temperature dependence of Atkinson et al.,²⁹⁸ equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -0.93 kcal mol⁻¹, is used together with the least-squares fit of the rate constants at 295 K of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³ to the available absolute rate constant data (see above) to recommend

 $k(1,3$ -butadiene) =

$$
1.39\times 10^{-11}e^{468/T}~{\rm cm}^3~{\rm molecule}^{-1}~{\rm s}^{-1}
$$

 $k(1,3$ -butadiene) =

 6.68×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

The relative rate constants of Lloyd et al.,¹⁴⁴ Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ and Ohta¹⁴² are in very good agreement with this recommendation.

1. 2-Methyl-l,3-butadiene. The available rate constants are listed in Table VII. The most recent data of Atkinson et al.,¹⁴⁷ Atkinson and Aschmann,¹⁵³ Kleindienst et al., 306 and Ohta 142 are in good agreement. Consistent with the above recommendations, the temperature dependence reported by Keindienst et al., 306 equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -0.813 kcal mol⁻¹, is used, together with the rate constant resulting from a best fit of the relative rate constants of Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁹⁵ to the available rate constant data of

$$
k(2-methyl-1,3-butadiene) =
$$

1.02 × 10⁻¹⁰ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 295 K

to recommend

 $k(2-methyl-1,3-butadiene) =$

 $2.55 \times 10^{-11} e^{409/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

$$
k(2-methyl-1,3-butadiene) =
$$

1.01 × 10⁻¹⁰ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

m. Cyclohexene. While no temperature-dependent data are available, the reported room-temperature rate constants^{136,139,141,142,151,219} (Table VIII) are in good agreement. Using the above recommendation for 2 methyl-l,3-butadiene, it is recommended, based upon the recent study of Atkinson et al.,¹⁵¹ that

$$
k(cyclohexene) =
$$

 6.74×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 20\%$.

n. α -**Pinene.** The available kinetic data are listed in Table VIII and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 34. The room-temperature rate constants of Winer et al.,²⁹² Kleindienst et al.,³⁰⁶ and Atkinson et al.³⁰⁴ are in reasonable agreement. The temperature dependence determined by Kleindienst et al. $30\bar{6}$ is used together with the 294 K rate constant of Atkinson et al.³⁰⁴ to recommend

$$
k(\alpha \text{-prime}) = (1.20^{+0.52}_{-0.37}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(444 \pm 125)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\alpha$ -pinene) =

$$
5.32 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$.

 $o.$ β -Pinene. The available kinetic data are listed in Table VIII and plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 35. The relative rate constant of Atkinson et al. 304 is in excellent agreement with the absolute rate constants of Kleindienst et al.³⁰⁶ and in reasonable agreement with

Figure 34. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with α-pinene: (Δ) Winer et al.;²⁹² (O) Kleindienst
et al.;³⁰⁶ (●) Atkinson et al.;³⁰⁴ (--) recommendation (see text).

Figure 35. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with β -pinene: (Δ) Winer et al.;²⁹² (O) Kleindienst et al.;³⁰⁶ (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;³⁰⁴ (--) recommendation (see text).

that of Winer et al.²⁹² As for α -pinene, the recommendation uses the temperature dependence determined by Kleindienst et al.,³⁰⁶ in conjunction with the 294 K rate constant of Atkinson et al.,³⁰⁴ to derive

 $k(\beta$ -pinene) =

$$
(2.36^{+0.88}_{-0.64}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(357 \pm 110)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(\beta\text{-prime}) =
$$

 7.82×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$.

For the other alkenes, dialkenes, trialkenes, cycloalkenes, cyclodialkenes, and cyclotrialkenes listed in Tables VI through VIII, no specific recommendations are made. However, in general it is recommended that the room-temperature rate constants in Tables VI through VIII derived from the relative rate constant studies of Ohta, $142,152$ Atkinson and Aschmann, 153 and Atkinson et al.^{151,303,304} be used. Thus, as seen from these tables, these data of O hta^{$142,152$} and Atkinson and co-workers¹⁵¹' 153,303 are totally self-consistent, with virtually identical, to within typically \sim 5%, rate constants for a given alkene being derived from a variety of reference organics.

Apart from propadiene, it appears that these OH radical reactions exhibit temperature dependencies equivalent to a negative Arrhenius activation energy of

very close to -1.0 kcal mol $^{-1}$ (equivalent to a temperature dependence of $T^{-1.5}$ for the temperature ranges studied).

Two explanations for these negative temperature dependencies have been discussed,^{1,291,315} these involving either (a) the initial formation of a weakly bound complex which can either decompose back to reactants or evolve to the OH-alkene adduct or (b) a bimolecular process with the negative temperature dependencies arising from a zero or near-zero activation energy combined with a temperature-dependent preexponential factor. In case (a), the presently favored explanation, the mechanism is then

$$
A + B \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}} (AB) \xrightarrow{c} AB^*
$$

where (AB) is the weakly bound complex and AB^* is the OH-alkene adduct. Hence $k_{\text{obsd}} = k_{\text{a}}k_{\text{c}}/(k_{\text{b}} + k_{\text{c}})$ and negative temperature dependencies will arise, when, as expected to be generally the case, $k_b > k_c$ for $E_b >$ *Ec* and *E&* being zero or near-zero.

In case (b), the preexponential factor *A* is given from transition state theory by1,291

$$
A = \tau \left(\frac{kT}{h}\right) \frac{Q^*_{\text{OH-alkene}}}{Q_{\text{alkene}} Q_{\text{OH}}}
$$

where τ is the transmission factor, kT/h is the frequency factor, and $Q_{\rm OH}$, $Q_{\rm alkene}$, and ${Q^*}_{\rm OH\text{-}alkene}$ are the partition functions for the OH radical, the alkene, and the OH-alkene transition state, respectively. For temperature ranges below \sim 500 K, this reduces to^{1,291}

$$
A \alpha \tau \left(\frac{Q^*_{\text{OH-alkene}}}{Q_{\text{alkene}}} \right) T^{-1.5}
$$

Hence if $\tau(Q^*_{\text{OH-alkene}}/Q_{\text{alkene}})$ is temperature independent, then the preexponential factor *A* will vary as $T^{-1.5}$ and so, for zero activation energy, will the rate constant. While at present nothing can be stated with any certainty about the vibrational partition function for the OH-alkene transition state, or its temperature dependence, this $T^{-1.5}$ dependence is essentially identical with the experimentally observed temperature dependencies for the reaction of OH radicals with unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.

The room-temperature rate constants for the monoalkenes increase monotonically with the number of substituents around the double bond, and, as discussed by Atkinson et al.¹⁵¹ for the acyclic and cyclic monoalkenes and the nonconjugated di- and trialkenes, the rate constants can be estimated to a high degree of accuracy $(\pm 30\%)$ from the degree and position of alkyl substituents around the double bond(s).¹⁵¹ Similarly, for alkenes containing conjugated double-bond systems, reasonably accurate predictions of the room temperature rate constants can be made from the rate constants for $>C=C-C=C<$ systems with the varying numbers of substituents around this double bond system. As an example, the OH radical rate constant for 3 methylene-7-methyl-l,6-octadiene (myrcene) can be estimated by addition of the rate constants for the $>C=CH-$ group (2-methyl-2-butene) to that for the $CH_2=CHC=CH_2$ group (2-methyl-1,3-butadiene).¹⁵¹ This estimation technique is discussed below in section IV in more detail.

2. Mechanism

The available kinetic and mechanistic data show that at ≤ 500 K the reaction of OH radicals to the alkenes proceeds predominantly via addition of the OH radical to the carbon-carbon double bond(s). Thus in the discharge flow-mass spectrometric study of Morris et al.,⁸⁵ mass peaks corresponding to the OH-alkene adducts were observed for ethene and propene. These adduct peaks increased in intensity as the total pressure was increased from 1 to 4 torr,⁸⁵ showing that OH radical addition was occurring and that these addition adducts were being collisionally stabilized.

As noted above, numerous kinetic stud i es^{78,119,218,287,288,297,309,311} have shown for ethene^{78,119,218,287,288,309,311} and propene^{218,288} that the rate constants are in the fall-off region between second-order and third-order kinetics at total pressures of argon below \sim 225 torr for ethene^{218,287,288} and below \sim 10 torr for propene.218,288 These observations show that these reactions proceed via initial addition of OH radicals to the alkene to form an initially energy-rich OH-alkene adduct, which can decompose back to the reactants or be collisionally stabilized, e.g., for ethene

$$
OH + C_2H_4 \rightleftarrows HOC_2H_4^*
$$

$$
HOC_2H_4^* + M \rightarrow HOC_2H_4 + M
$$

For ethene, Howard⁷⁸ has shown from a kinetic study over the total pressure range 0.7-7 torr of helium that the rate constant extrapolates to essentially zero at zero pressure. Thus, as expected from the high C-H bond energy of \sim 108 kcal mol⁻¹ in ethene,²²⁶ H atom abstraction from ethene is essentially negligible at room temperature.

This prediction from kinetic studies is confirmed by the recent discharge flow-mass spectrometric study of Bartels et al.,³¹⁶ in which the abstraction channel was shown to account for <2.5% of the overall reaction channels at \sim 2-torr total pressure and 295 K. These investigations78,316 thus show, in contradiction to the earlier product study of Meagher and Heicklen¹⁶³ (involving a difficult to interpret final product analysis which can be reinterpreted as indicating an \sim 10% H atom abstraction route at the high-pressure limit), that H atom abstraction from ethene under atmospheric conditions is totally negligible.

For propene and the butenes, Hoyermann and Sievert^{173,176} have shown from discharge flow-mass spectroscopy studies that H atom abstraction from these alkenes is also insignificant, being <5% for propene and 2-methylpropene and <10% for 1-butene and *cis* and *trans-*2-butene. That H atom abstraction from propene is negligible is totally consistent with the product study of Cvetanovic,¹⁶² who, from a comprehensive investigation of the products formed and their formation reactions (mainly via radical-radical processes), concluded that the OH radical addition pathway was the major, if not exclusive reaction pathway, and that addition to the terminal carbon atom

$$
OH + CH_2CH = CH_2 \rightarrow CH_3CHCH_2OH
$$

occurs $\sim 65\%$ of the time at room temperature.¹⁶²

While it has been apparent for some time that H atom abstraction from ethene and the methyl-substituted alkenes is negligible at room temperature,¹ there have been questions concerning the importance of H atom abstraction from acyclic alkenes with $\geq C_2$ side chains containing weak allylic hydrogens. Thus Atkinson et al.²⁹⁸ postulated from a correlation between the $O(^3P)$ atom and OH radical rate constants for a series of alkenes that H atom abstraction from 1-butene accounted for \sim 30% (19 ± 6% using the more recent rate constant data 152,153 of the overall OH radical reaction at room temperature, and this postulate appeared to be confirmed by the photoionization-mass spectroscopy study of Biermann et al. 175 However, the recent definitive discharge flow-mass spectroscopic and final product studies of Hovermann and Sievert¹⁷⁶ and Atkinson et al. 317 show that H atom abstraction from 1-butene accounts for <10% of the overall OH radical reaction at room temperature. In the recent study of reaction at room temperature. In the recent study of
Atkinson et al.³¹⁷ a complete product balance was obtained, within the experimental error limits.

Hence it now appears that H atom abstraction from acyclic alkenes containing $\geq C_2$ side chains is also of minimal importance and that at room temperature the reactions of OH radicals with these alkenes can be considered to proceed almost totally via OH radical addition to the olefinic double bonds. Of course, for the 1-alkenes and other alkenes with long side chains it must be expected that H atom abstraction from the $>\mathbf{CH}$ -, $-\mathbf{CH}_2$ -, and $-\mathbf{CH}_3$ groups will occur, but with rate constants for H abstraction from these groups approximately similar to those for the corresponding alkane groups.

However, Ohta³¹⁸ has shown that benzene is a minor, but significant, product formed during irradiations of CH3ONO-NO-cyclohexadiene-air mixtures, accounting for 8.9% and 15.3% of the overall reaction pathways for 1,3-cyclohexadiene and 1,4-cyclohexadiene, respectively. These data show that H atom abstraction from the allylic C-H bonds (of bond dissociation energy 73 \pm 5 kcal mol⁻¹³¹⁹) in these cyclohexadienes does occur. with a rate constant per allylic C-H bond of $\sim 3.7 \times$ 10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for both 1,3- and 1,4-cyclohexadiene.

The formation of the OH-ethene adduct is calculated to be \sim 32 kcal mol⁻¹ exothermic²²⁶ (formation of the other OH-alkene adducts have similar calculated exothermicities) and formation of an H atom together with HOCH=CH₂ is endothermic from the reactants by \sim 7 $kcal$ mol^{-1,226} Melius et al.³²⁰ have calculated that the thermochemically most favorable decomposition pathway for the OH-ethene adduct involves redissociation back to the reactants. Indeed, at elevated temperatures decomposition of the thermalized OH-ethene adduct, and the thermalized OH-alkene adducts in general, is expected to occur, with a calculated lifetime at 660 K of \sim 1 ms.^{1,312} This situation is analogous to that for the OH radical reactions with the aromatic hydrocarbons³¹²' 313 and has been experimentally observed by Tully¹²² and Tully and Goldsmith.²⁹⁷ Thus in the recent flash photolysis studies of Tully¹²² and Tully and $\frac{1}{2}$ Goldsmith²⁹⁷ for ethene¹²² and propene.²⁹⁷ nonexponential OH radical decays were observed to occur for temperatures $\geq 438-481$ K, and the derived rate constants decreased rapidly with increasing temperature over the temperature range \sim 450-700 K.

This is totally consistent with the increasing importance of thermal decomposition of the thermalized OH-alkene adducts at elevated temperature, with the

adduct decomposing within the time scale of the experimental observations for temperatures \geq 435-480 K. At still higher temperatures the addition pathway becomes unimportant due to the extremely rapid decomposition rate of the OH-alkene adduct back to reactants, and for ethene the reaction is then expected to proceed via H atom abstraction,³²⁰ with a positive temperature dependence.

For the higher alkenes, as noted above, other decomposition pathways of the OH-alkene adducts (e.g., $CH₃$) radical elimination and isomerization followed by decomposition reactions) may also become of importance in this temperature regime, and the situation at elevated temperatures where thermal decomposition of the OHalkene adduct becomes important may be more com- $_{\rm plex.}^{297,320}$

Furthermore, at low total pressures other reactions of the chemically activated OH-alkene adducts can occur. Thus, for example, Bartels et al.³¹⁶ have observed the formation of $H\dot{CHO} + CH_3$ and $CH_3CHO + H$ as decomposition products of the OH-ethene adduct at total pressures of \sim 2 torr. Under these low-pressure conditions the reaction sequence appears to be³¹⁶

$$
OH + C2H4 \xrightarrow{\text{LCH}_{2}CH_{2}OH} \xrightarrow{\text{M}} HOCH_{2}CH_{2}
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow \text{isom}
$$
\n
$$
ICH_{3}CH_{2}OJ^* \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_{3}} CH_{3} + HCHO
$$
\n
$$
\xrightarrow{\text{CH}_{3}CH_{2}OH} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_{3}H HCHO} HOH
$$

Clearly, at low total pressures and/or high temperatures, the reaction dynamics of these reactions, even for ethene, are complex, and further experimental and theoretical studies are required.

3. Mechanism under Atmospheric Conditions

As discussed above, the initial reaction of OH radicals with the alkenes at around room temperature leads to the formation of a rapidly thermalized OH-alkene adduct

Analogous to alkyl radicals, this β -hydroxyalkyl radical is expected to react rapidly with O_2 under atmospheric conditions³ to yield a (β -hydroxyalkyl)peroxy radical

$$
R_1 > C-C
$$
 R_3 $R_2 > C-C$ R_4 R_5 R_6 R_7

As discussed above for the alkylperoxy radicals, in the presence of NO these $(\beta$ -hydroxyalkyl) peroxy radicals react to form the corresponding β -hydroxyalkoxy radicals, together with the formation of $NO₂$

$$
R_{1} > C - C < R_{3} + NO \longrightarrow R_{1} > C - C < R_{3} + NO_{2}
$$

While formation of the hydroxyalkyl nitrates

is also expected to occur from the $\geq C_3$ (β -hydroxyalkyl)peroxy radicals, no unambiguous evidence has been presented for this reaction pathway (partly because few, if any, data concerning such products have been reported for these $\geq C_3$ alkene reactions). As for the alkoxy radicals formed from the alkanes, these β hydroxyalkoxy radicals can in principal react via three routes, i.e., reaction with O_2 (if an α -H atom is present), decomposition, and isomerization via a 1,5-H atom shift.³

Taking the $CH_3CH_2CH(OH)CH_2O$ radical formed subsequent to the internal addition of an OH radical to 1-butene as an example, these reactions are

Obviously isomerization can only occur for alkenes with \geq C₂ side chains, and, at least for the CH₃CH₂CH- $(OH)CH₂O$ radical formed from 1-butene, isomerization does not appear to be of importance. 317 This experimental observation is in accord with the arguments of Atkinson and Lloyd³ that decomposition should dominate over isomerization for the β -hydroxyalkoxy radicals formed from the reaction of OH radicals with the alkenes.

Despite earlier theoretical thermochemical estimates,^{244,245,248,321} the experimental data show that under atmospheric conditions decomposition of these β -hydroxyalkoxy radicals dominates over reaction with O_2 ^{3,146,164,317} For the β -hydroxyalkoxy radical formed from ethene, Niki and co-workers¹⁶⁴ have shown that both reaction with O_2 and decomposition occur

HOCH₂CH₂° + O₂
$$
\longrightarrow
$$
 HOCH₂CHO + HO₂
\nHOCH₂CH₂° \longrightarrow \cdot CH₂OH + HCHO
\n
$$
\downarrow 0_2
$$
\nHCHO + HO₂

with the reaction with O_2 occurring $22 \pm 5\%$ of the time at 760 torr total pressure of air and 298 K.¹⁶⁴ For the β -hydroxyalkoxy radicals formed from the higher alkenes, Niki and co-workers¹⁴⁶ and Atkinson and coworkers³¹⁷ have shown that decomposition predominates, ultimately forming aldehydes and HO_2 (see also Atkinson and $L\log d^3$). As an example, the reaction sequence following OH radical addition to propene is shown in Figure 36.

D. Haloalkenes

1. Kinetics

The available limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants are listed in Table IX. In addition, Howard⁷⁸ has determined, using a discharge flow laser magnetic resonance (DF-LMR) technique, rate constants for the reactions of OH radicals with CH_2 =CHCl, CH_2 =CF₂,

Figure 36. The reaction sequence under atmospheric conditions (in the presence of NO) following OH radical reaction with propene (stable products are underlined and the possible formation of minor amounts of hydroxyalkyl nitrates has been neglected).

Figure 37. Arrhenius plot of the limiting high-pressure rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with trichloroethene
and tetrachloroethene: (●) Howard;⁷⁸ (O) Chang and Kaufman;²⁶⁵ (Δ) Davis et al.;³²³ (---) Arrhenius line of Davis et al.³²³ for tetrachloroethene; (\Box) Kirchner;³²⁴ (---) Arrhenius line of Kirchner³²⁴ for tetrachloroethene; (--) recommendations (see text).

and $CF_2=$ CFCl at 296 K over the total pressure range of 0.7-7 torr of helium. For these haloalkenes the rate constants are in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics,⁷⁸ with limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants at 296 K of \gtrsim 2 \times 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for $CH_2=CF_2$ and $\gtrsim 7 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for CF_2 = $CFCl.^{78}$ For $CHCl$ = CCl_2 the reaction at 296 K is in the fall-off region below ~ 2 torr total pressure of helium.⁷⁸

Rate constant data for the individual haloalkenes are discussed below.

a. Trichloroethene. The available rate constants^{78,265,292,323,324} are listed in Table IX, and those of

haloalkene	$10^{12}A$, cm ³ $\rm molecule^{-1}$ $\rm s^{-1}$	E , cal mol ⁻¹	10^{12} k, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	T , K	technique	ref	temp range covered, K
$CH_2=CHF$			5.56 ± 0.56	299.2	FP-RF	Perry et al. ³²²	299-426
			4.44 ± 0.45	346.8			
	1.48	-775 ± 300	3.76 ± 0.38	426.1			
$CH2=CHCl$			6.60 ± 0.66	299.2	FP-RF	Perry et al. ³²²	299–423
			5.01 ± 0.51	357.8			
	1.14	-1045 ± 300	3.95 ± 0.40	422.5			
$CH2=CHBr$			6.81 ± 0.69	298.6	FP-RF	Perry et al. ³²²	299–424
			6.00 ± 0.60	350.0			
	1.79	-805 ± 300	4.56 ± 0.46	423.7			
$CHCl=CCl2$			4.4 ± 1.3	305 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2$ -methylpropene) = 4.95×10^{-11} ^a	Winer et al. 292	
			2.0 ± 0.4	296	DF-LMR	Howard ⁷⁸	
			2.35 ± 0.25	298	FP-RF	Davis et al. ³²³	
			3.12 ± 0.24	234	DF-RF	Chang and Kaufman ²⁶⁵	234-420
			3.65 ± 0.21	237			
			3.73 ± 0.18	243			
			3.14 ± 0.16	250 260			
			3.06 ± 0.07 2.78 ± 0.17	268			
			2.37 ± 0.10	296			
			1.74 ± 0.04	343			
			1.86 ± 0.13	357			
			1.67 ± 0.03	420			
			1.55 ± 0.06	420			
	0.532 ± 0.071	-884 ± 81	1.68 ± 0.04	420			
			2.11	305	DF-MS	Kirchner ³²⁴	
$\text{CCl}_2=\text{CCl}_2$			2.2 ± 0.7	305 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2$ -methylpropene) = 4.95×10^{-11}] ^a	Winer et al. ²⁹²	
			0.170 ± 0.034	296	DF-LMR	Howard ⁷⁸	
	10.5 ± 5.0	2573 ± 298	0.155 ± 0.015	298	FP-RF	Davis et al. ³²³	250-375
			0.169 ± 0.007	297	DF-RF	Chang and Kaufman ²⁶⁵	297-420
			0.270 ± 0.009	341			
			0.276 ± 0.010	341			
			0.303 ± 0.034	350			
			0.424 ± 0.016	378			
			0.477 ± 0.014	403			
	9.44 ± 1.34	2382 ± 109	0.526 ± 0.061	420			
	5.53	2055	0.179	305	DF-MS	Kirchner ³²⁴	\sim 305–430 b
Z-CH ₂ ClCH=CHCl			7.48 ± 0.12	295 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + n\text{-octane}) =$ 8.71×10^{-12} ^a	Tuazon et al. ²⁷²	
E -CH ₂ ClCH--CHCl			12.6 ± 0.4		295 ± 2 rel rate [rel to $k(OH + n\text{-octane}) =$ 8.71×10^{-12} ^a	Tuazon et al. ²⁷²	
$(CH_2Cl)_2C=CH_2$			40.2 ± 5.4	295 ± 2	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + 2$ -methyl-1,3-butadiene) = 1.02×10^{-10} ^a	Tuazon et al. ²⁷²	
					^a From the present recommendations (see text). ^h Temperature range covered estimated from the graphical presentation. ³²⁴		

TABLE IX. Rate Constants and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Haloalkenes at the High-Pressure Limit

Howard,⁷⁸ Davis et al.,³²³ Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ and Kirchner,³²⁴ which are in good agreement, are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 37. The relative rate constant of Winer et al. 292 was at, or close to, the lower limit of values able to be derived by their technique and has hence been neglected in the evaluation. The rate $constant$ recently reported by Kirchner³²⁴ at 305 K has not been used in the evaluation because of the general lack of details available.

From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data of Howard,⁷⁸ Davis et al.,³²³ and Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ the recommended Arrhenius expression k (trichloroethene) =

$$
(5.63^{+1.54}_{-1.20}) \times 10^{-13} e^{(427\pm70)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is obtained, where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (trichloroethene) =

 2.36×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of ±30%.

b. Tetrachloroethene. The kinetic data^{78,265,292,323,324} are listed in Table IX, and those of Howard,⁷⁸ Davis et al.,³²³ Chang and Kaufman,²⁶⁵ and Kirchner,³²⁴ which are in good agreement, are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 37. (Only the reported rate constants at 298 K and 305 K for the studies of Davis et al.³²³ and Kirchner,³²⁴ respectively, can be plotted, together with the reported Arrhenius expressions.^{323,324}) Analogous to the case for trichloroethene, the relative rate constant obtained by Winer et al.²⁹² has been neglected and the kinetic data of Kirchner³²⁴ have not been used in the evaluation.

From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data of Howard,⁷⁸ Chang, and Kaufman²⁶⁵ and the 298 K rate constant of Davis et al., 323 it is recommended that

 k (tetrachloroethene) =

$$
(9.64_{-2.20}^{+2.85}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(1209 \pm 88)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (tetrachloroethene) = 1.67×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

For the remaining haloalkenes, no recommendations are made. It is of interest to note that for vinyl fluoride, vinyl chloride, vinyl bromide, and trichloroethene, the reported temperature dependencies are negative, with Arrhenius activation energies of \sim -1 kcal mol⁻¹ (similar) to those for the alkenes), while tetrachloroethene has a positive Arrhenius activation energy of \sim 2.4 kcal mol^{-1} .

2. Mechanism

The available kinetic and product data show that, analogous to the alkenes, these reactions proceed via OH radical addition to the carbon-carbon double bonds. This is totally consistent with the observed fall-off dependence of several of these rate constants,⁷⁸ and hence, taking the vinyl halides as an example, these reactions proceed via addition of the OH radical to the haloalkenes to form an initially energy-rich OH-halo-

alkene adduct. This adduct can decompose back to the reactants or be collisionally stabilized, as shown, for example, for the vinyl halides $(X = F, Cl, or Br)$.

$$
OH + CH_2=CHX \rightleftarrows HOC_2H_3X^*
$$

$$
HOC_2H_3X^* + M \rightarrow HOC_2H_3X + M
$$

This reaction to form the OH-haloalkene adduct is \sim 35 kcal mol⁻¹ exothermic for all three halogen substituents²²⁶ (similar to the situation for the alkenes). The elimination of an F atom from the OH-vinyl fluoride adduct

$$
HOC2H3F* \rightarrow CH2=CHOH + F
$$

is endothermic by \sim 19 kcal mol^{-1,322} Hence for the reactions of OH radicals with vinyl fluoride, and for other haloalkenes containing no Cl or Br atoms attached to the double bond, the rate constant will exhibit similar behavior to that for ethene, showing fall-off behavior from second- to third-order kinetics as the total pressure decreases.

For the reaction of OH radicals with vinyl chloride and vinyl bromide (any by analogy, probably also for other haloalkenes with Cl or Br atoms attached to the olefinic double bond) the elimination of Cl or Br atoms from the OH-haloalkene adducts are thermochemically favorable,⁷⁸ with the overall reactions being exothermic by \sim 11 and \sim 24 kcal mol⁻¹ for X = Cl and Br, respectively. 322 In order for these Cl or Br atom eliminations to occur, the OH radical must add at the carbon atom to which the halogen substituent is located (the α -carbon atom) or, after OH radical addition to the β -carbon atom, a rapid 1,2-migration of OH must occur. If these elimination reactions occur, then the observed rate constants will exhibit second-order kinetics, even at low total pressures where collisional stabilization of the OH-haloalkene adducts is not effective. At higher total pressures collisional stabilization of the adducts will become competitive with Cl or Br atom elimination, although the observed rate constant will remain pressure independent and still be that for the initial reaction to form the adduct.

However, Howard⁷⁸ has shown that for the reaction of OH radicals with vinyl chloride at 296 K the rate constant approaches a limiting low-pressure value of \sim 1 \times 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, a factor of \sim 7 lower than the limiting high-pressure rate constant.³²² Thus the elimination of a Cl atom is a relatively minor reaction pathway. This then implies that for the reaction of OH radicals with vinyl chloride (and presumably for other haloalkenes with Cl or Br atoms attached to the double bond) the two extreme reaction pathways involve either (a) OH radical addition only to the β -carbon atom and that a 1,2-migration of OH has an activation energy of \approx 35 kcal mol⁻¹, so that this 1.2-migration becomes rate determining, or (b) OH radical addition occurs at both the α - and β -positions, but mainly at the β -position, the 1,2-migration of OH is negligible slow, and hence the elimination reaction occurs only after OH radical addition at the α -position. While this latter situation is the most likely, 322 further work concerning both the pressure dependencies of the overall rate constants and the amount of reaction proceeding via halogen atom elimination is required for this class of organic compounds.

3. Mechanism under Atmospheric Conditions

Little information is available concerning the products and mechanisms of these reactions under atmospheric conditions. By analogy with the alkenes, the OH-haloalkene adducts are expected to rapidly add $O₂$ and then react with NO to yield the alkoxy radical, as shown, for example, for vinyl chloride

$$
OH + CH2=CHCl
$$

$$
HO = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}
$$

However, the subsequent reactions of these alkoxy radicals under atmospheric conditions are not known. A recent product study³²⁵ has shown the formation of HC(O)Cl from vinyl chloride and trichloroethene and of phosgene $(COCl₂)$ from trichloroethene and tetrachloroethene, though in less than unit yields (especially so for COCl_2 from tetrachloroethene).³²⁵ Thus, although decomposition of these hydroxyhaloalkoxy radicals does occur, other reaction pathways also appear to be operative, e.g.

$$
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& & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & & \
$$

Further work concerning the products and mechanisms, subsequent to the initial OH radical addition, of the haloalkenes under atmospheric conditions is clearly necessary.

E. Alkynes

1. Kinetics

The available kinetic data, reported to be at the high-pressure limit, are listed in Table X. Wilson and Westenberg¹⁸⁸ also measured an effective rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with acetylene of *nk =* 1.0×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 300 K and \sim 1-torr total pressure of argon and helium, where *n* is the stoichiometry number, which was not measured. The data for the individual reactions are discussed below.

a. Acetylene. Despite earlier evidence that the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with acetylene did not exhibit a pressure dependence, 118,309,333,334 the more recent flash or laser photolysis studies of Perry et al.,⁹⁶ Michael et al.,³²⁶ Perry and Williamson,³²⁷ Schmid; et al.,¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch³²⁹ show conclusively that this rate constant exhibits fall-off behavior below \sim 200-torr (and probably below \sim 1000-torr126,329) total pressure of argon or nitrogen at around room temperature.

The reported limiting second-order high-pressure rate constants are listed in Table X and those of Perry et al.,⁹⁶ Michael et al.,³²⁶ Perry and Williamson,³²⁷ Atkinson and Aschmann,³²⁸ Schmidt et al.,¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch³²⁹ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 38. It can be seen that the room-temperature limiting

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Figure 38. Arrhenius plot of the limiting high-pressure rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with acetylene: (O) Perry
et al.;⁹⁶ (■) Michael et al.;³²⁶ (▲) Perry and Williamson;³²⁷ (●)
Atkinson and Aschmann;³²⁸ (□) Schmidt et al.;¹²⁶ (△) Wahner and Zetzsch; 329 (--) limting high-pressure recommendation; $(--)$ 760-torr total pressure of air recommendation (see text).

high-pressure rate constants show a spread of $\sim 30\%$ and that the temperature dependence reported by Michael et al.³²⁶ of \sim 1.3 kcal mol⁻¹ is significantly higher than those determined by Perry et al.⁹⁶ and Perry and Williamson³²⁷ of $\sim 0.3-0.6$ kcal mol⁻¹.

On the basis of the more recent studies of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch,³²⁹ which extended to higher total pressures, it is likely that the rate constants reported by Perry et al.⁹⁶ and Perry and Williamson³²⁷ were not completely at the high-pressure limit. The recommended limiting high-pressure rate constant for this reaction utilizes the temperature dependence obtained by Perry et al.⁹⁶ and Perry and Williamson,³²⁷ together with the mean of the room-temperature limiting high-pressure rate constants of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch.³²⁹ vielding

 k (acetylene, limiting high pressure) =

 $1.90 \times 10^{-12} e^{-(233 \pm 127)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limit in the Arrhenius activation energy is two least-squares standard deviations

 k (acetylene, limiting high pressure) =

 8.7×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

At atmospheric pressure (i.e., 760-torr total pressure of air), the recommended rate constants are $\sim 10\%$ lower, based upon the kinetic studies of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch, 329 i.e.

$$
k(actylene, 760 torr of air) =
$$

 $1.7 \times 10^{-12} e^{-(233 \pm 127)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limit in the Arrhenius activation energy is again two least-squares standard deviations and

 k (acetylene, 760 torr of air) =

 7.8×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻

at 298 K, with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$.

In the fall-off region, rate constants have been obtained by Perry et al.,⁹⁶ Michael et al.,³²⁶ Perry and Williamson,³²⁷ Schmidt et al.,¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch. 329 The data of Perry et al., 96 Perry and Wil-

TABLE X. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Alkynes at the High-Pressure Limit**

^a From the present recommendations (see text). ^b Rate constants of $(8.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-13}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and $(8.1 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-13}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ were determined at tota pressures of N_2 diluent of 749 and 771 torr, respectively.³²⁹ ^cProbably in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics.¹ dRoom temperature, not reported.

liamson,³²⁷ Schmidt et al.,¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch³²⁹ are in reasonably good agreement and show that the limiting low-pressure second-order rate constant at room temperature is \lesssim 3 \times 10⁻¹³ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and may in fact be much lower [Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ estimate a limiting low-pressure second-order rate constant at room temperature of \sim (5 \pm 3) \times 10⁻¹⁴ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s^{-1}]. This is in contrast to the data of Michael et al., 326 which indicate a limiting low-pressure second-order rate constant of $\sim 4 \times 10^{-13}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, independent of temperature over the range 228-413 K. Consistent with the high-pressure rate constant recommendations, the data of Perry et al.,⁹⁶ Perry and Williamson,³²⁷ Schmidt et al.,¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch³²⁹ in the fall-off regime are recommended. These room-temperature rate constants of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ and Wahner and Zetzsch³²⁹ for $M = N_2$ or air can be reasonably well fit by the equation

 k (acetylene, 298 K) =

$$
\left(\frac{k_0[M]}{1+\frac{k_0[M]}{k_{\infty}}}\right) 0.6^{11+} \left[\log k_0[M]/k_{\infty} \right]^{2}^{-1}
$$

with

$$
k_0 = 4 \times 10^{-30}
$$
 cm⁶ molecule⁻² s⁻¹

$$
k_{\infty} = 8.7 \times 10^{-13}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

For the remaining alkynes studied to date (propyne, 1-butyne, and butadiyne), no firm recommendations are made. The rate constant obtained by Bradley et al.²⁰⁵ for propyne at \sim 1-torr total pressure is almost certainly in the fall-off kinetic regime.¹ The room-temperature rate constants increase markedly from acetylene to propyne, with a further small increase to 1-butyne, 328 totally consistent with these reactions proceeding via OH radical addition to the $-C=$ C- bond.^{96,328}

For butadiyne, the most recent studies of Atkinson and Aschmann³³¹ and Perry³³² indicate that the roomtemperature rate constant is \sim 2 \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s^{-1} . The sole temperature dependence reported³³² yields a negative Arrhenius activation energy of -0.4 kcal $mol⁻¹$, consistent with the temperature dependencies observed for the alkenes which have similar room temperature rate constants.

2. Mechanism

As discussed above, the observations of a fall-off in the rate constants for acetylene below \sim 200-1000-torr total pressure of argon or nitrogen^{96,126,326,327,329} show that the initial reaction of OH radicals with acetylene proceeds via OH radical addition to the $-C=$ C- bond to form an initially energy-rich adduct

$$
OH + C2H2 \rightarrow [HOCH=CH]*
$$

This addition reaction to form the adduct is estimated to be exothermic by \sim 30 kcal mol⁻¹.²²⁶ Hence, analogous to the situation for the alkenes and haloalkenes, this energy-rich $HOC₂H₂$ radical adduct can then back-decompose to reactants or be collisionally stabilized

$$
[HOCH=CH]^* \rightarrow OH + C_2H_2
$$

$$
[HOCH=CH]^* + M \rightarrow HOCH=CH + M
$$

A further possible decomposition pathway for the adduct is via the elimination of an \overline{H} atom^{1,96,335}

$$
[HOCH=CH]^* \rightarrow \rightarrow H + C_2H_2O
$$

The overall reaction

$$
OH + C_2H_2 \rightarrow H + C_2H_2O
$$

is exothermic by \sim 26 kcal mol⁻¹ if the C₂H₂O product is ketene, but if the initial product formed after H atom elimination is $HOC=CH$, then the elimination reaction will be much less exothermic.1,96

The formation of C_2H_2O and C_2DHO from the reaction of OH radicals with C_2H_2 and C_2D_2 , respectively, has been observed by Gutman and co-workers¹⁷⁰ using crossed molecular beams with photoionization mass spectrometric detection. These observations indicate that this elimination reaction does occur, with the H (or D) atom eliminated originating from the acetylene.¹⁷⁰ More recently, the C_2H_2O product has been identified as ketene by Hack et al.³³⁶ from a discharge flow-mass spectrometry study of this reaction at a total pressure of \sim 2 torr. The low-pressure room temperature rate constant estimated by Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ may then be associated with that for the overall elimination reaction, although further work is obviously necessary concerning this issue. Under these low-pressure conditions, the initially formed, energy-rich, $OH-C₂H₂$ adduct can thus either be stabilized or isomerize (presumably to the vinoxy radical) with subsequent decomposition.³³⁶ This reaction sequence explains the

$$
OH + C_{2}H_{2} \implies \text{LCH} = \text{CHOH1*} \quad \stackrel{M}{\longrightarrow} \text{CH} = \text{CHOH}
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow \text{isom}
$$
\n
$$
\text{ICH}_{2}\text{CHO1*} \quad \longrightarrow \text{CH}_{2}\text{CO} + H
$$

observed formation of CHDCO from the reactions of OH radicals with $\mathrm{C_2D_2}^\mathrm{170}$ and OD radicals with $\mathrm{C_2H_2}^\mathrm{.336}$

Recent product data at higher pressure and room temperature¹²⁶ (see below) indicates that the thermalized $OH-C_2H_2$ adduct can also isomerize to the vinoxy radical, followed by secondary reactions of this vinoxy radical.

However, at elevated temperatures, where back-decomposition of the thermalized $OH-C₂H₂$ adduct becomes rapid, the reaction will then be expected to switch over from predominant initial formation of the thermalized OH-C₂H₂ adduct to formation of CH_2CO + H via a direct reaction involving initial OH radical addition followed by isomerization and H atom elimination.335,337 (It should be noted that no direct reaction not involving the formation of an $OH-C₂H₂$ adduct is postulated to occur.) In the transition region between these two temperature regimes, nonexponential OH radical decays may be observed (as for the alkenes^{122,297} and the aromatic hydrocarbons 312,313). The expected kinetic and mechanistic behavior of this OH radical reaction with acetylene has been recently discussed in detail from a theoretical viewpoint by Lin and Lin³³⁵ and Smith et al., 337 and this latter study 337 has also provided important experimental kinetic data over the temperature range 900-1300 K. Clearly, the products and their distributions arising from this reaction (and from OH radical reactions with the alkynes and alkenes in general) are highly dependent upon the pressure and temperature regimes encountered.

For the higher alkynes, the reactions are also expected to proceed via initial OH radical addition,³²⁸ although at elevated temperatures elimination processes will probably become more complex.³³²

3. Mechanism under Atmospheric Conditions

The only information concerning the reaction mechanism and products formed under atmospheric conditions for this class of organics arises from the recent study of the reaction of OH radicals with acetylene carried out by Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ In this study, with argon or air as the diluent gas, it was evident that OH radicals were regenerated from the reaction of OH radicals with $C_2\overline{H}_2$ (in the presence of O_2), and the vinoxy (CH_2CHO) radical was directly observed by laser-induced fluorescence.¹²⁶ Glyoxal was the major stable product observed.

The observation that vinoxy radicals were formed in the absence and presence of O_2 shows that the initial $OH-C₂H₂$ adduct must rearrange to yield the vinoxy radical.¹²⁶ This formation of glyoxal and OH radicals suggests that the reaction of the vinoxy radical with $O₂$ proceeds via¹²⁶

$$
CH_2CHO + O_2 \rightarrow (CHO)_2 + OH
$$

Gutman and Nelson³³⁸ have recently shown that the reaction of CH_2CHO with O_2 probably proceeds via initial addition to form a $\rm O_2CH_2CHO$ complex, with a rate constant of $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{-13}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 100-torr total pressure of N_2 . They further postulated that this O_2CH_2CHO adduct could decompose to formaldehyde, CO and OH radicals, in addition to being collisionally stabilized.³³⁸ Their postulate of OH radical formation³³⁸ is hence in agreement with the observations of Schmidt et al.¹²⁶

However, Schmidt et al.¹²⁶ concluded that a variety of reaction pathways subsequent to the initial reaction of OH radicals with C_2H_2 were necessary to explain their results, and this reference should be consulted for further details. Clearly, further experimental work is necessary concerning the mechanistic details of, and the products formed from, the OH radical reactions with $C₂H₂$ and the higher alkynes under atmospheric conditions.

F. Oxygen-Containing Organics

1. Kinetics

The available kinetic data are listed in Table XL The rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with formaldehyde reported by Smith,³⁷² relative to those for the self-reaction of the OH radical, have not been included since their derivation from more recent OH radical self-reaction rate constants³⁰ cannot be undertaken with the available information. The kinetic data listed in Table XI for the individual reactions are discussed below, by class of oxygen-containing organics.

a. Aldehydes. i. Formaldehyde, Formaldehyde-¹³C, and Formaldehyde-d₁. The available data (except those of Smith, 372 as noted above) are listed in Table XI. The rate constants obtained by Morris and Niki, 103 Niki et al., 137 Atkinson and Pitts, 340 Stief et al., 341 and Temps and Wagner 342 for $^{12}\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{O}$ and of Niki et al. 343 for $13CH_2O$ are plotted in Figure 39. A

Figure 39. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with formaldehyde and formaldehyde- ${}^{13}C$: (A) Morris and Niki;¹⁰³ (Δ) Niki et al.;¹³⁷ (O) Atkinson and Pitts;³⁴⁰ (e) Stief et al.;³⁴¹ (\square) Temps and Wagner;³⁴² (∇) Niki et al.³⁴³ (for formaldehyde- ${}^{13}C$; (--) recommendation (see text).

Figure 40. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with acetaldehyde: (Δ) Morris et al.;⁸⁵ (A) Niki et al.;³⁴⁶ (--) recommendation (see text).

significant amount of scatter in these data at room temperature is evident. The room-temperature rate constants of Atkinson and Pitts, 340 Stief et al., 341 Temps and Wagner,³⁴² and Niki et al.³⁴³ are in good agreement (making the reasonable assumption that the kinetic isotope effect for formaldehyde- $15C$ is negligible³⁴³), with a mean value of 8.94×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 $±$ 2 K. However, the earlier room-temperature rate $\frac{1}{2}$ constants of Morris and Niki^{102,103} and Niki et al.¹³⁷ are \sim 50% higher, for reasons which are not presently known. From the rate constant data of Atkinson and $Pits^{340}$ and Stief et al., 341 it is clear that the temperature dependence is essentially zero, within the experimental errors, although it is possible that the Arrhenius plot exhibits curvature with a shallow minimum at room temperature.

On the basis of the rate constants obtained by Atkinson and Pitts, ³⁴⁰ Stief et al., ³⁴¹ Temps and Wagner, ³⁴² and Niki et al.³⁴³ and with the assumption of no temperature dependence, it is recommended that

 k (formaldehyde) = 9.0×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

independent of temperature over the range \sim 228-426 K. In view of the somewhat higher reported rate constants at both higher and lower temperatures, an overall uncertainty of $\pm 15\%$ at 298 K and $\pm 30\%$ at other temperatures over this limited temperature range is estimated.

At higher temperatures, i.e., ≥ 700 K, the available data indicate that an Arrhenius plot of this reaction rate constant must exhibit significant curvature,³⁴⁰ with the rate constant at \sim 700-1800 K being in the range \sim (4-8) × 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹.³⁷³⁻³⁷⁷

As expected, the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with formaldehyde- $13C$ is, within the likely

TABLE XI. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Oxygen-Containing Organics**

ii. Acetaldehyde. The available data are listed in Table XI, and those of Morris et al.,⁸⁵ Niki et al.,¹³⁷ Atkinson and Pitts, 340 and Semmes et al.³⁴⁶ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 40. Within the cited experimental errors, these data are in reasonably good agreement. From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate constants determined by Atkinson and Pitts³⁴⁰ (which are in excellent agreement with that of Niki et al.¹³⁷ at 298 K) it is recommended that

 k (acetaldehyde) =

 $(6.87^{+1.46}_{-1.20}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(256 \pm 68)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{acetaldehyde}) = 1.62 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

at 298 K, with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

The recent rate constant data of Semmes et al.³⁴⁶ were not included in this analysis since they reported difficulties in adequately determining the acetaldehyde concentrations in their reactant mixtures.

For the higher aldehydes, recommendations are made only for propionaldehyde (1-propanal) and benzaldehyde at room temperature.

iii. 1-Propanal. From the recent room-temperature rate constants of Niki et al.,¹³⁷ Kerr and Sheppard,³⁴⁵ and Semmes et al.,³⁴⁶ a mean value of

 $k(1$ -propanal) =

 1.96×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

is recommended, with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$.

iv. Benzaldehyde. From the same room temperature rate constant studies of Niki et al.¹³⁷ and Kerr and Sheppard,³⁴⁵ it is recommended that

 k (benzaldehyde) =

Niki and co-workers.^{137,146,164}

 1.30×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$.

Benzaldehyde is included in the aldehydes rather than with the aromatics since it is apparent^{1,3,137} that the reaction proceeds predominantly via interaction with the -CHO group, and not with the aromatic ring.

For the other aldehydes listed in Table XI, it is evident that in several instances significant discrepancies exist between the data of Kerr and Sheppard³⁴⁵ and Semmes et al.³⁴⁶ and those of Audley et al.;¹⁶⁰ for example, for 1-pentanal, 2,2-dimethyl-l-propanal, 2 methyl-1-propanal, and 3-methyl-l-butanal (Table XI). Thus no firm recommendations for these aldehydes are made. However, in view of the fact that for 1-propanal and benzaldehyde the experimental data of Kerr and Sheppard³⁴⁵ also agree well with those of Niki et al., 137 it is recommended that further studies of the heterogeneous reaction system used by Campbell and co-

workers¹⁶⁰ be carried out. In the meantime, the roomtemperature rate constants obtained by Kerr and Sheppard³⁴⁵ and Semmes et al.³⁴⁶ for 1-butanal, 2methyl-1-propanal, 1-pentanal, 3-methyl-l-butanal and 2,2-dimethyl-l-propanal are tentatively recommended, combined with the temperature dependencies (all of which are negative, equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -0.8 kcal mol⁻¹) obtained by Semmes et al.³⁴⁶

b. Ketones. The available kinetic data are listed in Table XI. No temperature dependencies have been determined, and only for acetone, 2-butanone, 4 methyl-2-pentanone, and 2,6-dimethyl-4-heptanone have more than a single study been carried out. The recommendations for these ketones are as follows.

i. **Acetone.** The room-temperature rate constant determined by Zetzsch, 347 using a flash photolysisresonance fluorescence technique, is recommended, i.e.

 $k(a \text{cetone}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 300 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 40\%$.

This rate constant is consistent with the upper limit derived by Cox et al.¹³⁹ from photolysis of HONO-NO-organic-air mixtures and is of the magnitude expected from the fact that the C-H bond dissociation energies in acetone (98.3 \pm 1.8 kcal mol⁻¹³¹⁹) are essentially identical with those in ethane.^{226,319} The reasons for the higher rate constant reported by Chiorboli et al.³⁴⁸ are not known.

ii. 2-Butanone. The reported room-temperature rate constants (Table XI) vary by a factor of \sim 4. However, the two most recent values of Cox et al.¹⁴⁵ and Zetzsch³⁴⁷ are in reasonable agreement and are totally consistent with the rate constants reported by Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ for the higher ketones. Thus it is recommended that

 $k(2$ -butanone) =

 1.0×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 300 K

with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$.

iii. 4-Methyl-2-pentanone. The four reported room-temperature rate constants are in good agreement, and the average of the two most recent (and supposedly accurate) determinations of Cox et al.¹⁴⁵ and Atkinson et al. 349 of

 $k(4-methyl-2-pentanone) =$

$$
1.41 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 297 ± 4 K

is recommended, with an estimated uncertainty of $±20\%$.

iv. 2,6-Dimethyl-4-heptanone. The two reported room-temperature rate constants of Winer et al.²⁹² and Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ are in good agreement, and the most recent and precise rate constant of Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ of

$$
k(2.6\text{-dimethyl-4-heptanone}) =
$$

$$
2.71 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 299 ± 2 K

is recommended, with an estimated uncertainty of $±25\%$.

For the remaining ketones no firm recommendations are made.

c. α, β -Unsaturated Carbonyls. The available rate constant data of Cox et al.,¹³⁹ Maldotti et al.,³⁵⁰ Kerr and Sheppard,³⁴⁵ Kleindienst et al.,³⁰⁶ and Atkinson et al.²²³ are listed in Table XI. For all four of the α,β unsaturated carbonyls investigated, two or more studies

have been carried out. The recommendations are as follows.

i. Acrolein. The three room-temperature studies^{223,345,350} are in reasonable agreement. The mean of the two most recent studies of Kerr and Sheppard³⁴⁵ and Atkinson et al.²²³ of

$$
k(\text{acrolein}) =
$$

$$
1.96 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

is recommended, with an estimated uncertainty of ±25%.

By analogy with the saturated aldehydes, with which this recommended rate constant is in good agreement, it is expected that this reaction will have a negative temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of $-(0.5^{+0.5}_{-0.3})$ kcal mol⁻¹.

ii. Crotonaldehyde. The two room-temperature rate constants of Kerr and Sheppard³⁴⁵ and Atkinson et al.²²³ are in excellent agreement, and a rate constant of

$$
k(crotonaldehyde) =
$$

 3.6×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

is recommended, with an estimated uncertainty of $±25\%$.

By analogy with methacrolein (see below) a negative temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of $-(0.3 \pm 0.2)$ kcal mol⁻¹ is expected.

iii. Methacrolein. The rate constants of Kleindienst et al.³⁰⁶ and Atkinson et al.²²³ are in excellent agreement (Table XI) and are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 41. From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these data, the Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{methacrolein}) =
$$

 $(1.96^{+0.74}_{-0.53}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(134 \pm 106)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is recommended, where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations and

 k (methacrolein) =

 3.07×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±25\%$.

iv. Methyl Vinyl Ketone. The reported rate constants^{139,223,306} are plotted in Figure $\overline{41}$ and show an \sim 35% spread at room temperature. As above for methacrolein, from a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data of Kleindienst et al.³⁰⁶ and Atkinson et al.²²³ the Arrhenius expression

 k (methyl vinyl ketone) =

$$
(3.29^{+2.15}_{-1.30})\,\times\,10^{-12}e^{(514\pm167)/T}\,\,\mathrm{cm^{3}\,molecule^{-1}\,s^{-1}}
$$

is recommended, where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations, and

 k (methyl vinyl ketone) =

$$
1.85 \times 10^{-11}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±30\%$.

d. Ketenes, a-Dicarbonyls, and Unsaturated 1,4-Dicarbonyls. No recommendations are made for these compounds.

e. Alcohols and Glycols. Again the relevant kinetic data are listed in Table XI. Only for methanol and ethanol have temperature dependence studies been carried out, while for 1- and 2-propanol two room-tem-

Figure 41. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of the OH radical with methacrolein and methyl vinyl ketone:
(△) Cox et al.;¹³⁹ (○) Kleindienst et al.;³⁰⁶ (●) Atkinson et al.;²²³ (—) recommendations (see text).

Figure 42. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants (≤ 625 K) for the reaction of OH radicals with methanol and ethanol: (@) Overend
and Paraskevopoulos;³⁵³ (Δ) Ravishankara and Davis;³⁵⁴ (▲) Barnes et al.;¹⁴¹ (□) Tuazon et al.;¹⁴³ (×) Zetzsch;³⁵⁷ (○) Hägele
et al.³⁵⁵ (for methanol), Lorenz et al.³⁶⁰ (for ethanol); (---) Meier
et al.;^{87,356,359} (--) recommendations (see text).

perature rate constants have been obtained for each of these alcohols. The recommendations are as follows.

i. **Methanol.** The available rate constant $\rm data^{87,141,143,216,353-357}$ are listed in Table XI. and those of Overend and Paraskevopoulos, 353 Ravishankara and Davis, 354 Barnes et al., ¹⁴¹ Tuazon et al., ¹⁴³ Hägele et al., 355 Meier et al., $87,356$ and Zetzsch³⁵⁷ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 42. In addition to these rate $\frac{1}{278}$ constants, Osif et al. $\frac{378}{218}$ also determined rate constants at 298 and 345 K, relative to those for the reaction of OH radicals with CO, at total pressure of 28-203 torr of $CH₃OH + N₂O + CO$. While no quantitative estimate of this reference reaction rate constant can be

made, a lower limit of 1.5×10^{-13} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K is applicable, and hence

$$
k(\text{CH}_3\text{OH}) \ge (9.5 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}
$$

is obtained, with an upper limit at this temperature of \lesssim 2 \times 10⁻¹³ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹.⁹²⁻¹⁰¹ This is lower by a factor of \sim 4-10 than the room-temperature rate constants listed in Table XI and is hence neglected in the evaluation.

At room temperature the rate constants of Overend and Paraskevopoulos, 353 Ravishankara and Davis, 354 Barnes et al.,¹⁴¹ Tuazon et al.,¹⁴³ Hägele et al.,³⁵⁵ Meier et al., $87,356$ and Zetzsch³⁵⁷ show a spread of \sim 50%, and on the basis of this divergent data set, it can only be recommended that

 k (methanol) = $(9 \pm 3) \times 10^{-13}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

at 298 K, with a temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of ~ 1.6 kcal ${\rm mol}^{-1}$.87,355,356 This then yields the provisionally recommended Arrhenius expression of

 $k(\text{methanol}) = 1.34 \times 10^{-11} e^{-805/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

with the rate constant at any temperature over the range 298-420 K being uncertain by \pm a factor of \sim 1.5. This Arrhenius preexponential factor appears somewhat large, by a factor of \sim 2-5, and further work concerning the kinetics of this reaction is obviously necessary.

ii. Ethanol. The available data are listed in Table XI, and those of Overend and Paraskevopoulos, 353 Ravishankara and Davis, 354 Lorenz et al., 360 and Meier et al. $356,359$ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 42. A significant degree of scatter, in excess of a factor of 2 at room temperature, is evident. The rate constant at room temperature reported by Meier et al.^{356,359} is significantly lower than the remaining absolute^{353,354,360} and relative³⁵⁸ rate constants, and until further information becomes available, these rate constants^{356,359} have been neglected in the evaluation.

On the basis of a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the data of Overend and Paraskevopoulos, 353 Ravishankara and Davis, 354 and Lorenz et al., 360 the Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{ethanol}) =
$$

$$
(5.27^{+1.97}_{-1.43}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(176 \pm 114)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is provisionally recommended, where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations, and

 $k(\text{ethanol}) = 2.9 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 40\%$.

For the remaining alcohols and for the glycols no recommendations are made.

f. Ethers. The available kinetic data are listed in Table XI, and it can be seen that only for dimethyl ether, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, and furan have studies been carried out by more than one research group. The data for dimethyl ether, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, and furan are discussed as follows.

i. Dimethyl Ether. Two studies have been carried out by Perry et al.³⁶³ and Tully and co-workers,³⁶⁴ both using flash or laser photolysis techniques. However, the rate constants determined by Perry et al.³⁶³ are uniformly 15% higher than the recent values of Tully and

Figure 43. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with furan: (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;²¹⁷ (\blacktriangle) Tuazon et al.;²⁷² (O) Wine and Thompson;³⁶⁵ (--) recommendation (see text).

co-workers³⁶⁴ over the entire temperature range studied. This implies the existence of a systematic error in the earlier work,³⁶³ possibly associated with the presence of a reactive impurity. Although further studies are necessary, the most recent rate constants of Tully and co-workers³⁶⁴ are used to recommend, from a unitweighted least-squares analysis, that

 k (dimethyl ether) =

$$
(1.04_{-0.10}^{+0.11}) \times 10^{-11} e^{-(372 \pm 35)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (dimethyl ether) =

 2.98×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

ii. Diethyl Ether. Rate constants have been obtained by Lloyd et al.³⁶¹ using a relative rate method and recently by Tully and co-workers³⁶⁴ using a LP–LIF technique. The room-temperature rate constant of Tully and co-workers³⁶⁴ is significantly higher (by \sim 45%) than that of Lloyd et al.³⁶¹ In the absence of further data, no firm recommendations are made. However, it is noteworthy that the data of Tully and co-workers³⁶⁴ indicate a small negative temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -230 cal mol⁻¹. If confirmed, this finding is of interest with regards to the reaction dynamics of this apparently H atom abstraction process.

iii. Tetrahydrofuran. The room-temperature rate constants of Winer et al.²⁹³ and Ravishankara and Davis³⁵⁴ are in good agreement. The mean of these rate constants

 k (tetrahydrofuran) =

 1.5×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at \sim 300 K

is recommended, with an estimated uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$. The temperature dependence of this reaction is expected, a priori, to be small.

iv. Furan. Rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with furan have been determined by Lee and Tang,¹⁹⁹ Atkinson et al.,²¹⁷ Wine and Thompson,³⁶⁵ and Tuazon et al.²⁷² The room-temperature rate constants from the latter three studies^{217,272,365} are in excellent agreement but are a factor of \sim 2.5 lower than that of Lee and Tang.¹⁹⁹ It should be noted that a similar discrepancy occurs for the analogous reaction of OH radicals with thiophene (see Table XII below), sug-

gesting the occurrence of a systematic error in this discharge flow system study of Lee and Tang,¹⁹⁹ at least for these two heterocycles [their room-temperature rate constant for ethane¹⁹⁹ is consistent with other literature data (Table I)].

The rate constants of Atkinson et al.,²¹⁷ Wine and Thompson,³⁶⁵ and Tuazon et al.²⁷² are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 43, and a unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of these data yields the recommended Arrhenius expression of

 k (furan) = $(1.32^{+0.30}_{-0.24}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(334 \pm 62)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (furan) = 4.05 \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

For the remaining ethers no recommendations are made. The reported room-temperature rate constants for the saturated ethers are analogous to the alkanes in that they increase with the number of primary and secondary (especially the latter) C-H bonds. Comparison of the rate constants for these ethers with those for the corresponding alkanes containing the same numbers of primary and secondary C-H bonds shows that the rate constants per C-H bond are enhanced in the ethers. This implies that the C-H bonds are weakened due to proximity to the oxygen atom, and this is consistent with the reported bond dissociation energies of 93 ± 1 kcal mol⁻¹ for H-CH₂OCH₃³¹⁹ and 91.7 \pm 0.4 kcal mol⁻¹ for H-CH(CH₃)OC₃H₅.³⁷⁹ which are significantly lower than typical primary and secondary C-H bond energies in the alkane series of \sim 98 and \sim 95 $\rm kcal \ mol^{-1}$ respectively.^{226,319}

For vinyl methyl ether and furan, the reactions almost certainly proceed via initial OH radical addition to the \geq C \leq double bond (see below), and this is consistent with the magnitude of the room-temperature rate constants and the negative temperature dependencies (equivalent to Arrhenius activation energies of \sim -0.6 to -1.0 kcal mol^{-1 363,365}).

g. **Esters.** The available data are listed in Table XL Since, apart from ethyl acetate, only single studies have been carried out for each of these esters, no recommendations are made. With the assumption that these data are correct, the observation that the rate constants for methyl acetate and methyl propionate are similar, as are those for ethyl acetate and ethyl propionate, indicates that the reaction with $R_1C(0)$ O R_2 occurs mainly at the $-OR_2$ entity rather than at the R_1CO entity. The magnitude of the rate constants for the acetate series further shows that they increase with the number of secondary and tertiary C-H bonds, as expected for H atom abstraction reactions. Furthermore, analogous to the ethers, the rate constants per C-H bond for the $-OR_2$ entities are higher than those for the corresponding alkanes.

h. Carboxylic Acids. The available data are listed in Table XI. While the first four members of this homologous series have been studied, only for formic acid has more than one study been carried out. The extensive investigation of Wine et al.³⁶⁷ yields a roomtemperature rate constant ${\sim}50\%$ higher than that of Zetzsch and Stuhl.³⁶⁶ However, considering the diffi-

culties involved with measuring the concentrations of formic acid (which is prone to dimerization) in the reactant mixtures, this may be considered to be reasonable agreement.

The data of Wine et al.³⁶⁷ show that the reaction of OH radicals with formic acid has an essentially zero temperature dependence and, when compared with the corresponding data for DCOOH at 298 \hat{K} ,³⁶⁷ that there is no significant deuterium isotope effect.

From the study of Zetzsch and Stuhl³⁶⁶ it can be seen that the room-temperature rate constants increase along the homologous series.

i. Oxides and Hydroperoxides. The available kinetic data are listed in Table XI. Apart from ethene oxide and propene oxide, for which the data are not in good agreement (Table XI), only single studies have been carried out for each of these organics and thus no recommendations are made. The available mechanistic^{368,370} data are discussed in the following section.

2. Mechanisms and Subsequent Reactions under Atmospheric Conditions

a. Aldehydes. The available mechanistic and product data show that these reactions proceed via overall H atom abstraction. Thus for formaldehyde, the reaction can proceed via the pathways

$$
OH + HCHO \rightarrow HCO + H2O
$$
 (a)

$$
OH + HCHO \rightarrow HCOOH + H
$$
 (b)

$$
OH + HCHO \rightarrow H + CO + H2O
$$
 (c)

and Morrison and Heicklen,³⁸⁰ Temps and Wagner,³⁴² and Niki et al.³⁴³ have shown that reaction pathway b is negligible, accounting for $\leq 2\%$ of the overall reaction.³⁴³ Morrison and Heicklen³⁸⁰ did not observe HCOOH formation (<10%) but concluded that reaction pathways a and c occurred with approximately equal probability. More recently Temps and Wagner, 342 using a discharge flow technique with LMR detection to monitor both OH and HCO radicals, have shown that reaction pathway a accounts for $100 \pm 5\%$ of the overall reaction.

While such definite evidence is not available for the higher aldehydes, the observation of peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN) from the reaction of OH radicals with $CH₃CHO$ in air in the presence of NO_x ,³ i.e.

$$
OH + CH_3CHO \rightarrow H_2O + CH_3CO
$$

$$
CH_3CO + O_2 \rightarrow CH_3C(O)OO.
$$

$$
CH_3C(O)OO \cdot + NO_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_3C(O)QONO_2
$$

$$
PAN
$$

shows that this reaction must also proceed via overall H atom abstraction from the $-CHO$ group. This is consistent with the observation that the room-temperature rate constants for the $\geq C_2$ aldehydes are reasonably similar, increasing only slightly with the length sonably similar, increasing only slightly with the length α ^f the ellerl of the alkyl side chain³⁴⁵⁵⁵ substituent group has only a minimal effect on the OH radical rate constant) and with the fact that the H-CO radical rate constant) and with the fact that the H-CO bond dissociation energy is also essentially invariant for the aldehyde series. 319,381

Thus the reactions of the OH radical with the aliphatic aldehydes, including benzaldehyde for which OH radical addition to the aromatic ring is expected to occur less rapidly than for benzene (i.e., $\leq 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$) $\rm cm^3$ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K),³ proceed essentially totally via H atom abstraction from the -CHO group. For the \geq C₂ aldehydes, these reactions exhibit negative temperature dependencies equivalent to Arrhenius activation energies of $-(0.3-0.8)$ kcal mol^{-1,340,346} It is possible that this indicates that, although the overall reactions proceed via H atom abstraction, the initial reaction involves the formation of a complex³⁴⁶ which rapidly decomposes to the observed products.

Subsequent to the initial OH radical reaction, the resulting RCO radicals react further with O_2 . The reaction of HCO with O_2 is unique for these RCO radicals in that a metathesis reaction to yield $HO₂$ radicals and CO occurs:³

$$
HCO + O_2 \rightarrow HO_2 + CO
$$

For the higher RCO radicals, O_2 addition occurs to form the acyl radical³

$$
R\dot{C}O + O_2 \rightarrow RC(O)OO\cdot
$$

These acyl radicals can then react with $NO₂$, to form the thermally unstable (with a lifetime at 298 K of \sim 45 min)³ acyl peroxynitrates

$$
RC(0)OO·+NO2 \rightleftarrows RC(0)OONO2
$$

or with NO

$$
RC(0)OO· + NO \rightarrow RC(O)O· + NO2
$$

The RC(O)O· radicals rapidly decompose to yield the alkyl radical and $CO₂$

$$
RC(0)O\cdot \rightarrow R\cdot + CO_2
$$

followed by the reactions of the alkyl radicals, as discussed above under the section dealing with the alkanes.

b. Ketones. The available kinetic^{3,349} and product^{139,145} data show that the ketones not containing unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds react with OH radicals via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds. The most recent and extensive kinetic study of Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ shows that the $\geq C=0$ group decreases the reactivity of C—H bonds on the α -carbon atom toward attack by the OH radical, relative to those in the analogous alkane, but increases the reactivity of the C—H bonds on the β -carbon atom. This effect is somewhat unexpected, since the available thermo- $\frac{1}{2}$ chemical data³¹⁹ for the primary C-H bond strengths in acetone and the secondary C-H bond strengths in 2-butanone do not indicate any increase in C-H bond strengths on the α -carbon; in fact for 2-butanone the reverse has been observed.319,382

An a priori predictive technique has been developed from the available, but rather limited, data base, 349 which allows the estimation of the distribution of initially formed radicals, and this topic is discussed in further detail in section IV below.

Under atmospheric conditions, the radicals initially formed will rapidly add $\mathrm{O_{2}}$; 3 e.g., for the $\mathrm{CH_{3}CHCOCH_{3}}$ radical formed from 2-butanone

oo-CH3CHCOCH3 + O2 CH3CHCOCH³

Reaction with NO will lead mainly to the formation of the corresponding alkoxy radical (though nitrate formation may occur to a small, presently unknown, but still possibly significant extent³)

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n& & & & \\
& & & \\
& & & & \\
\text{CH}_3 \text{CHCOCH}_3 + \text{NO} & \longrightarrow & \text{CH}_3 \text{CHCOCH}_3 + \text{NO}_2 \\
& & & \\
& & & \\
& & & \\
\text{CH}_3 \text{CHCOCH}_3 & & \\
& & & \\
\text{CH}_3 \text{CHCOCH}_3 & & \\
\end{array}
$$

As for alkoxy radicals in general, the alkoxy radicals resulting from such reaction sequences can react with $O₂$, decompose, or isomerize. The available information regarding these processes for the alkoxy radicals generated from the ketones is limited, though estimation techniques are available.^{244,248} For example, for the $CH₃CH(O·)COCH₃$ radical discussed above, the dominant reaction under atmospheric conditions is via de- ${\rm composition}^{3,145,244,245,248}$

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n & 0 \\
 \mid \\
 & \text{CH}_3\text{CHCOCH}_3 & \longrightarrow \\
 & \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \\
 & \text{CH}_3\text{CO}\n\end{array}
$$

c. α , β -Unsaturated Carbonyls. For this class of oxygen-containing organics, the OH radical reaction can proceed via two pathways, namely, OH radical addition to the >C=C< bond or via H atom abstraction. For the α,β -unsaturated ketones this latter route, i.e., H atom abstraction, is expected to be negligible, and hence for this subclass OH radical addition will be the essentially exclusive reaction pathway, e.g.

$$
OH + CH2=CHCOCH3 \rightarrow \text{HOCH}2CHCOCH3 \text{ and } CH2CH(OH)COCH3
$$

However, for the α,β -unsaturated aldehydes the overall H atom abstraction pathway from the -CHO group is expected to be significant, e.g., for acrolein

 $OH + CH_2=CHCHO \rightarrow H_2O + CH_2=CHCO$ (a)

$$
OH + CH2=CHCHO \rightarrow
$$

HOCH₂CHCHO and CH₂CH(OH)CHO (b)

While no definitive product data for these α, β -unsaturated aldehydes are available, the kinetic data for the OH radical²²³ and O_3 ³⁸³ reactions and the observation of a peroxyacyl nitrate, presumed to be $CH_2=CC$. H_3)C(O)OONO₂, from the NO_x-air photooxidation of methacrolein³⁸⁴ indicates that H atom abstraction is important. Thus while for acrolein the overall roomtemperature OH radical rate constant is close to that for the aliphatic aldehydes, for crotonaldehyde and methacrolein the room-temperature rate constants are approximately a factor of 1.5-1.8 higher. Assuming that the rate constant for the H atom abstraction pathway is similar to those for acetaldehyde or 1-propanal, this suggests that the H atom abstraction pathway accounts for most of the overall reaction for acrolein and for \sim 55-70% of the overall reaction for crotonaldehyde and methacrolein. This conclusion is consistent with predictions from correlations between OH radical and O_3 reactions for this class of organics³⁸³ (but see also ref 385).

The reaction mechanisms of methacrolein and methyl vinyl ketone under atmospheric conditions have been discussed by Lloyd et al.¹⁴ and Killus and Whitten¹⁵ as an integral part of the isoprene (2-methyl-l,3-butadiene) atmospheric degradation scheme. The reaction scheme

of Lloyd et al. for methacrolein,¹⁴ which is consistent with the chemical mechanisms discussed by Atkinson and Lloyd³ for the various classes of organics, is used to illustrate the chemistry subsequent to the initial OH radical reaction.

As discussed above, the initial reaction almost certainly proceeds via the two pathways

$$
OH + CH2=CHO
$$
\n
$$
CH3
$$

The subsequent fates of these radicals under atmospheric conditions in the presence of NO are analogous to those formed in the alkene and aldehyde reaction mechanisms, respectively. Thus, for example, for the OH radical addition pathway the reaction scheme is expected to be

followed by decomposition of this alkoxy radical

HOCH₂CHO

\n
$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n & \downarrow & \\
 & \downarrow
$$

A totally analogous reaction sequence, leading to the same products, is expected to occur for the $\cdot \text{CH}_2\text{C}$ - $(CH₃)(OH)CHO$ radical.

The expected reactions of the CH_2 = $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)$ CO radical are as follows,¹⁴ involving the rapid addition of O_2

$$
CH_2CCO + O_2 \longrightarrow CH_2=CH_3
$$

\n $CH_2CCO + O_2 \longrightarrow CH_2=CC=O$
\n OO

followed by reaction with $NO₂$

$$
CH_2 = C H_3
$$

\n $CH_2 = C = 0 + NO_2 \implies CH_2 = C H_3$
\n OMO_2
\n OMO_2

to form a thermally unstable peroxyacyl nitrate, which has been tentatively observed,³⁸⁴ and with NO

$$
CH_2C = O + NO \longrightarrow CH_2 = \begin{matrix} CH_3 & CH_2 & CH_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ CO \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{matrix}
$$

This $CH_2=C(CH_3)CO_2$ radical is expected to decom-

pose to yield $CO₂$ and the $CH₂=\dot{C}CH₃$ radical, followed by the following speculative reactions of this $CH₂$ = CCH_3 radical with O_2 and NO:

As discussed by Atkinson and Lloyd,³ the \cdot OCH₂COCH₃ radical will react under atmospheric conditions with $O₂$ to yield methylglyoxal

$$
CH_3COCH_2O \cdot + O_2 \rightarrow HO_2 + CH_3COCHO
$$

Since for the α , β -unsaturated ketones the OH radical reaction involves solely addition to the $\geq C=\leq C$ bond. the subsequent reaction sequences are analogous to those following OH radical addition to the α,β -unsaturated aldehydes. It should be noted, however, that multiple decomposition pathways may be available for the ketoalkoxy radicals. Thus for the reaction of OH radicals with methyl vinyl ketone, while the alkoxy radical $CH₃COCH(OH)CH₂O$ decomposes as follows

CHJCOCH(OH)CH2O CHJCOCHOH **k** HCHO CH3COCHO + HO²

 $CH₃COC(O)HCH₂OH$ can decompose via

$$
CH_3COCHCH_2OH
$$
\n
$$
CH_3COCHCH_2OH
$$
\n
$$
CH_3COCHCH_2OH
$$
\n
$$
CH_3COCHCH_2OH
$$
\n
$$
CH_3COCHO + CH_2OH
$$
\n
$$
(b)
$$

Pathway a is favored thermochemically, as observed experimentally.¹³⁹ Thus, in contrast to the alkenes, where identical products are formed after OH radical addition at either of the unsaturated carbon atoms, differing final products can be formed for the α,β -unsaturated carbonyls, depending on the position of initial OH radical addition to the $>C=CC$ entity.

d. α -**Dicarbonyls.** The reactions of these organics subsequent to the initial OH radical reaction are expected to be analogous to those for the simple aldehydes and ketones. The initial reaction involves overall H atom abstraction from the -CHO group (glyoxal and methylglyoxal) or the $-CH_3$ group (biacetyl). The magnitude of the OH radical rate constants thus reflect the corresponding C-H bond energies, with those in biacetyl being similar to those in acetone and ethane.¹⁶⁵

Taking glyoxal as an example, the initial reaction proceeds via

$$
OH + (CHO)_2 \rightarrow HCOCO + H_2O
$$

Recently Niki et al.³⁸⁶ have shown, from an FT-IR spectroscopic study of the Cl atom initiated reaction of

$$
HCOCO \longrightarrow HOO + CO
$$
\n
$$
HO2
$$
\n
$$
HO2 + CO
$$
\n
$$
COCO + O2 \longrightarrow CO + HO2
$$
\n
$$
CO + O2 \longrightarrow CO + HO2
$$
\n
$$
CO + O2 \longrightarrow CO + HO2
$$

with $k_b \approx k_c$ and $k_a/k_b \approx 3.5 \times 10^{18}$ molecule cm⁻³.³⁸⁶ Thus at 298 K and 760-torr total pressure of air, O_2 addition occurs \sim 40% of the time, while formation of CO and HO_2 occurs the remaining $\sim 60\%$. The HCO- $CO₃$ radical is expected to react with $NO₂$ and $NO₃$ analogous to $RCO₃$ (R = alkyl) radicals. Similar reaction schemes are expected for methylglyoxal.

e. Unsaturated 1,4-Dicarbonyls. The sole product and mechanistic study concerning this class of organics is that recently carried out by Tuazon et al.³⁵² using FT-IR absorption spectroscopy. While obviously for the 3-hexene-2,5-diones the OH radical reaction must proceed via OH radical addition to the $\geq C=C \leq$ bond, the data obtained did not allow the mechanism to be elucidated, except to suggest that the alkoxy radical $CH₃COCH(OH)\dot{C}(\dot{O})HCOCH₃$ isomerizes or reacts with O_2 rather than decomposing.³⁵² The expected atmospheric chemistry of this class of organics has been $\frac{1}{2}$ discussed in detail by Atkinson and Lloyd³ and parallels very closely the chemistry of the unsaturated α , β carbonyls. Further experimental data concerning the atmospheric chemistry of this class of organics are clearly necessary before any firm recommendations regarding the reactions subsequent to the initial OH radical reaction under atmospheric conditions can be made.

f. Alcohols. For the saturated alcohols, the reactions with OH radicals proceed via H atom abstraction from both the C-H and O-H bonds. On the basis of the thermochemistry of H atom abstraction from -OH bonds (with a bond dissociation energy of 100.9 ± 1.0^{387} or 104.4 ± 1 kcal mol⁻¹³¹⁹) and the C-H bonds in $CH₃OH$ (of bond dissociation energy 94 \pm 2 kcal $mol⁻¹³¹⁹$, the predominant reaction process in CH₃OH is expected to be exclusively via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds. This is consistent with the observations that the corresponding Cl atom reaction with CH3OH proceeds solely via H atom abstraction from the $C-H$ bonds^{87,388}). For the higher saturated alcohols, H atom abstraction from the strong 0-H bonds would be expected to be even less important.

However, the two recent studies of Hägele et al.³⁵⁵ and Meier et al.87,356 have elucidated the relative importance of pathways a and b

$$
OH + CH3OH \rightarrow H2O + CH3O.
$$
 (a)

$$
OH + CH3OH \rightarrow H2O + CH2OH
$$
 (b)

and derived, from LIF measurements of the $CH₃O$ radical, ratios of $k_a/(k_a + k_b)$ at \sim 298 K of 0.11 \pm 0.03³⁵⁵ (increasing to $0.\overline{2}2 \pm 0.07$ at 393 K³⁵⁵) and 0.17 ± 1 $0.08^{87,356}$

Thus for $CH₃OH$ it appears that H atom abstraction from both C-H and 0-H bonds occurs, with that from

the stronger O-H bonds increasing in importance with increasing temperature. However, since under atmospheric conditions both the $CH₃O$ and $CH₂OH$ radicals react with O_2 to yield HO_2 and $HCHO^{3,1\bar{3}7,254}$

$$
CH_3\dot{O} + O_2 \rightarrow HCHO + HO_2
$$

 $k(298 \text{ K}) \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ^{3,246,247,389}

$$
CH_2OH + O_2 \rightarrow HCHO + HO_2
$$

 $k(298 \text{ K}) \simeq (1-12) \times$

 $10 - cm³$ molecule $18 - 55$, 125 , 155

the ultimate products formed from the two reaction pathways are identical.

Interestingly, while the $CH₂OH$ radical appears to react with $O₂$ via an overall abstraction reaction, the reaction of $HO₂$ radicals with HCHO leads to formation of the HOCH₂OO radical which would arise from O_2 addition to $\rm \dot{C}H_2OH$. This occurs via initial $\rm HO_2$ radical addition to HCHO, followed by isomerization of the initially formed $\text{HO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ radical $^{3,390-392}$

$$
HO2 + HCHO \rightleftarrows HO2CH2O \rightarrow [HOCH2OO·]+ \xrightarrow{M} HOCH2OO·
$$

as evidenced by formation of the thermally labile peroxynitrate $HOCH₂OONO₂.³⁹²$ While the formation of the $HOCH₂O\dot{O}$ radical obviously occurs, the reaction pathway to form this radical from $\dot{C}H_2OH$ and O_2 is exothermic by \sim 33 kcal mol⁻¹.^{226,319} Under atmospheric conditions, it may be that elimination of $HO₂$ from the initially formed energy rich $HOCH₂OO₁$ radical competes with collisional stabilization.

$$
O2 + \dot{C}H2OH \longrightarrow \text{LOOCH}2OHJ† \longrightarrow HO2 + HCHO
$$
\n
$$
M
$$
\n
$$
O2 + HCHO
$$
\n
$$
O2 + HCHO
$$

The higher alcohols, after reaction with OH radicals at the α -carbon atom, also yield exclusively, within the experimental error limits, the corresponding carbonyls and an HO_2 radical^{252,254}

$$
OH + RCH2OH \nightharpoonup H2O + RCHOH
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow 0_2
$$
\n
$$
RCHO + HO2
$$

However, experimental data are available only up to the C_4 alcohols, 252 and on the basis of our above discussion, it is evident that further data are required for the higher RCHOH radicals before these observations can be extended to higher alcohols or to other classes of organics which yield RCHOH radicals during their atmospheric degradation pathways.

For ethanol, Meier et al.^{356,359} have recently shown from a mass spectrometric investigation of the reaction products that the initial OH radical reaction forming the CH₃CHOH radical accounts for $75 \pm 15\%$ of the overall reaction at 300 K. For these higher alcohols, H atom abstraction from the carbon atoms other than the α -carbon is also expected to occur; the subsequent reactions are then analogous to those for the alkyl radicals.

For allyl alcohol, the magnitude of the OH radical reaction indicates, as expected, that this reaction occurs

prodominantly via OH radical addition to the \geq C \leq bond.

g. Ethers. For the saturated ethers, the OH radical reactions apparently proceed via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds. As noted above, the C-H bonds for CH_{*x*} ($x = 1-3$) groups adjacent to the oxygen atom have significantly lower bond dissociation energies than do the corresponding C-H bonds in the alkanes.^{226,319,379} Since the bond dissociation energies per primary, secondary, or tertiary C-H bond are expected to increase as these CH_x groups become more distant from the oxygen atom,³⁶³ the distribution of initially formed radicals from these OH radical reactions cannot as yet be reliably calculated for any but the simplest ethers (but see section IV below for presently available a priori predictions).

The subsequent reactions are expected to be totally analogous to those for the alkanes. Thus, for example, for dimethyl ether the reaction sequence under atmospheric conditions appears to be

$$
OH + CH3OCH3 \longrightarrow H2O + CH2OCH3
$$

$$
-CH2OCH3 + O2 \longrightarrow -OOH2OCH3
$$

$$
NO \longrightarrow NO2 \longrightarrow NO2
$$

$$
-OCH2OCH3
$$

For this particular alkoxy radical, under atmospheric conditions, reaction with O_2 dominates over decomposition to yield methyl formate³⁹³

1983, Vol. 83, No. 3^H* ⁺ ° * ~ ~ H0 * + CH 3 0 C H For vinyl methyl ether and furan, the magnitude of the rate constants and the negative temperature dependencies^{363,365} indicate that the reaction of OH radicals with these unsaturated ethers proceed via initial OH radical addition to the $>C=C<$ double bonds, e.g.

OH OH + CH2=CHOCH3 — - HOCH ²CHOCH J (and CH2CHOCH3)

followed by

Obviously further product and mechanistic data under atmospheric conditions are necessary before anything approaching a complete understanding of these reaction sequences will become available.

h. **Esters.** As discussed above, the limited data set (which includes, as discussed elsewhere in this article, i.e., those sections dealing with the aldehydes and the

TABLE XII. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameter s for the Gas-Phas e Reaction of OH Radicals with Sulfur-Containing Organic s**

alkyl nitrites, the possibly dubious data of Campbell and co-workers¹⁵⁹) indicates that these OH radical reactions proceed via H atom abstraction from the -OR entity, e.g.

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n & 0 & 0 \\
 & 0 & 0 \\
 & 0 & 0\n\end{array}
$$
 $0 + c_{13}c_{0}c_{12}$

The subsequent reactions under atmospheric conditions have not been elucidated but are expected to involve rapid $O₂$ addition, followed by reaction sequences such as that shown:

$$
CH_3COCH_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow CH_3COCH_2OO
$$

\n
$$
NO \longrightarrow NO_2
$$

\n
$$
COCH_2O + O_2 \longrightarrow HCHO + CH_3CO_2 \longrightarrow CH_3COCH_2O
$$

\n
$$
CH_3COCH_2O \longrightarrow HCHO + CH_3CO_2 \longrightarrow CH_3 + CO_2
$$

Again, further kinetic, mechanistic, and product data are needed before a complete understanding of the atmospheric chemistry of this class of organics becomes available.

i. Carboxylic Acids. The sole mechanistic information available for the reaction of OH radicals with the carboxylic acids arises from the study of Wine et al.³⁶⁷ for formic acid. Using resonance fluorescence detection of H atoms, the H atom production yield was estimated³⁶⁷ to be 0.75 ± 0.25 , indicating that the major reaction pathway proceeds via

$$
OH + HCOOH \rightarrow H_2O + CO_2 + H
$$

The detailed reaction dynamics are not known, i.e., initial formation of a HO-HCOOH adduct followed by direct H atom production or subsequent decomposition to $H₂O$ + HOCO* (followed by decomposition of this energized HOCO* radical) or by direct H atom abstraction to yield $H₂O$ and HOCO. The lack of a kinetic deuterium isotope effect for the reaction of OH radicals with DCOOH and the observation of an essentially zero temperature dependence of the rate constant for HCOOH supports the initial formation of an HO-HC-OOH adduct as the major reaction pathway.³⁶⁷

Again, it is clear that further kinetic, mechanistic, and product data for the higher carboxylic acids are needed.

j. Oxides. The kinetic data set for this class of organics, which are clearly a subset of the ethers, is limited (Table XI), and only for ethene oxide has a product and mechanistic study been carried out.³⁶⁸ For all of the oxides studied to date, the initial reaction is expected to involve H atom abstraction, e.g.

Due to the high ring strain energy of \sim 27 kcal mol⁻¹,²²⁶ the initially formed radical is expected to rapidly un-

dergo ring cleavage, with or without a 1,2-H atom $\mathrm{shift},^{368}$ e.g.

Lorenz and Zellner³⁶⁸ have recently determined, by using LIF detection to monitor the vinoxy radical, CH_2 CHO yields at 298 K of 0.08 \pm 0.03 and 0.23 \pm 0.08 at 10- and 60-torr total pressure of helium, respectively.

For the higher oxides, radicals such as RCOCH_2 and RCHCHO may be formed; their subsequent reactions have been dealt with in the above discussions of other oxygen-containing organics.

k. Hydroperoxides. As shown in Table XI, kinetic data have been obtained only for $CH₃OOH$ and (C- H_{3} ₃COOH. For CH₃OOH, Niki and co-workers³⁷⁰ have shown that both of the reaction channels

 $OH + CH₃OOH \rightarrow H₂O + \cdot CH₂OOH$ (a)

$$
OH + CH3OOH \rightarrow H2O + CH3OO.
$$
 (b)

are operative, with a rate constant ratio at room temperature of $k_a/(k_a + k_b) \approx 0.42 \pm 0.09$. The subsequent reactions of the $CH₃O₂$ radical have been dealt with previously, while the \cdot CH₂OOH radical will decompose

$$
\cdot \text{CH}_2\text{OOH} \rightarrow \text{HCHO} + \text{OH}
$$

to regenerate an OH radical. Thus, interestingly, while the relative rate measurements yield the overall rate constant $(k_a + k_b)$, absolute flash photolysis or discharge flow measurements may yield (depending on the lifetime of the \cdot CH₂OOH radical, which may be short relative to the experimental measurement period) only the rate constant *kh.*

For $(CH₃)₃COOH$, because of the stronger C-H bonds than the 0-H bond, the reaction is expected to proceed mainly via H atom abstraction from the weak 0-H bond

$$
\mathrm{OH} + (\mathrm{CH}_3)_3\mathrm{COOH} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} + (\mathrm{CH}_3)_3\mathrm{COO}.
$$

and this is consistent with the magnitude of the rate constant measured by Anastasi et al.³⁷¹ This $(CH₃)₃COO$ radical will react with NO as follows (together with a small amount of alkyl nitrate formation), followed by decomposition of the alkoxy radical:

$$
CH_{3}^{3}COO- + NO \longrightarrow (CH_{3}^{3}CO- + NO_{2}
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow
$$
\n
$$
CH_{3}COCH_{3} + CH_{3}
$$

G. Sulfur-Containing Organics

/. Kinetics

The available kinetic data for this class of organic compounds are listed in Table XII. Most of these data deal with the reactions of OH radicals with thiols, sulfides and thioethers, and the sulfur-containing organics for which recommendations are made are discussed individually below.

a. Thiols, i. Methanethiol. The available kinetic data are listed in Table XII. Rate constants have been

determined by Atkinson et al.,³⁹⁴ Wine et al.,^{396,400} Mac Leod et al.,^{397,398} and Lee and Tang³⁹⁹ using flash photolysis^{394,396,400} and discharge flow^{397–399} techniques and by Cox and Sheppard³⁹⁵ using a relative rate technique. While the absolute rate constant data, $394,396-400$ which were obtained in the absence of O_2 at total pressures of \leq 200 torr, are in general agreement, the rate constant derived by Cox and Sheppard³⁹⁵ from relative rate measurements in one atmosphere of synthetic air is a factor of \sim 3 higher. Although this could be due to an enhancement by oxygen, as observed for the reaction of OH radicals with CS_2 , $^{409-411}$ Wine et al.⁴⁰⁰ conclude, from their observations of exponential OH radical decays over the entire temperature range studied and the lack of a deuterium isotope effect, that any kinetic enhancement due to ${\rm O}_2$ is unlikely. Thus the data obtained in the absence of O_2 should be applicable to atmospheric pressure.

Of the absolute rate constants obtained (plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 44), the flash photolysisresonance fluorescence data of Atkinson et al.³⁹⁴ and Wine et al.^{396,400} are in excellent agreement. However, these rate constants^{394,396,400} are somewhat higher, by up to 50%, than the room-temperature values of Mac Leod et al.^{397,398} and Lee and Tang.³⁹⁹ Similar discrepancies occur for ethanethiol.

From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence data of Atkinson et al.³⁹⁴ and Wine et al.,^{396,400} the Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{methanethiol}) =
$$

(9.70⁺_{1.90}^{19.8}) × 10⁻¹²e^{(366±56)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is recommended, where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations, and

 k (methanethiol) =

$$
3.31
$$
 \times 10^{-11} $\rm cm^3$ molecule $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

ii. **Ethanethiol.** Rate constants have been determined by Mac Leod et al.,^{397,398} Lee and Tang,³⁹⁹ and Wine et al.,⁴⁰⁰ with the sole temperature dependence study being that of Wine et al.⁴⁰⁰ These data are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 45. As for methanethiol, the two discharge flow studies³⁹⁷⁻³⁹⁹ yield somewhat lower room-temperature rate constants. From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate constant data of Wine et a!.,⁴⁰⁰ the Arrhenius expression

 k (ethanethiol) =

$$
(1.23^{+0.37}_{-0.29}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(396 \pm 84)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is tentatively recommended, where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations, and

 k (ethanethiol) =

 4.65×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$.

The remaining thiols for which data are available (Table XII) have been studied only by Wine et al.⁴⁰⁰ These thiols (1- and 2-propanethiol, 1- and 2-butanethiol, 2-methyl-l-propanethiol, and 2-methyl-2 propanethiol) all have room-temperature rate constants and negative temperature dependencies similar to those for methanethiol and ethanethiol, indicating no significant effect of the alkyl side chain on the kinetics of

Figure 44. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with methanethiol: (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;³⁹⁴ (\triangle) Wine et al.;³⁹⁶ (\blacktriangle) Mac Leod et al.;^{397,398} (\Box) Lee and Tang;³⁹⁹ (O) Win et al.;⁴⁰⁰ (--) recommendation (see text).

Figure 45. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with ethanethiol: (Δ) Mac Leod et al.;^{397,398} (\bullet)
Lee and Tang;³⁹⁹ (O) Wine et al.;⁴⁰⁰ (---) recommendation (see text).

these reactions. Furthermore, the rate constants for $CH₃SD$ are virtually identical with those for $CH₃SH₄400$ indicating no kinetic deuterium isotope effect within the experimental error limits.

b. Sulfides, i. Dimethyl Sulfide. The available kinetic data are listed in Table XII. Rate constants have been obtained using absolute rate constant techniques in the absence of $O_2^{396-398,401,402,404-406}$ and by relative rate techniques at room-temperature and atmospheric pressure of air.^{395,403,404} There are significant discrepancies in the measured rate constants within this data set, and this is approached by first evaluating the rate constants obtained in the absence of O_2 and then those in the presence of O_2 (for example, in one atmosphere of air).

In the absence of O_2 the available rate constants, plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 46, have all been obtained by using absolute rate constant techniques and fall into two groups, namely, those of Atkinson et al.,⁴⁰¹ Kurylo,⁴⁰² and Mac Leod et al.^{397,398} which exhibit a room-temperature rate constant of $\sim (9-10) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ and a negative temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of approximately -0.6 kcal mol⁻¹ and those of Wine et

Figure 46. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with dimethyl sulfide in the absence of O₂: (□)
Atkinson et al.;⁴⁰¹ (■) Kurylo;⁴⁰² (○) Wine et al.;³⁹⁶ (△) MacLeod
et al.;^{397,398} (●) Atkinson et al.;⁴⁰⁴ (---) Wine et al.;⁴⁰⁵ (▽) Martin et al.;⁴⁰⁶ (—) recommendation (see text).

al.,^{396,405} Wallington et al.,⁴⁰⁴ and Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶ which have a room-temperature rate constant of \sim 4 \times 10^{-12} cm^3 molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and a zero or slightly positive temperature dependence.396,404-406 For the reasons discussed below, the most recent data sets of Wine et al., $396,405$ Wallington et al.,⁴⁰⁴ and Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶ are used in the evaluation of this rate constant.

While even for this data set there are significant discrepancies, it is recommended that in the absence of O_2 the Arrhenius expression of Wine et al.³⁹⁶ be used, i.e.

 k (dimethyl sulfide) = $(6.78^{+1.18}_{-1.01}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(137 \pm 48)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (dimethyl sulfide) =

 4.28×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 of $\pm 30\%$.

The reported relative rate constant studies of Cox and Sheppard³⁹⁵ and Atkinson et al.,⁴⁰³ carried out in 1 atm of air, have derived a rate constant of $\sim 9.7 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at room temperature.^{395,403} Since these data were obtained by monitoring the relative decay rates of dimethyl sulfide and a reference organic (eth- ϵ and ϵ or n -hexane⁴⁰³), problems associated with impurities can be discounted. The possibility of an $O₂$ effect has been investigated at 298 K by Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ using a laser photolysis-laser-induced fluorescence $(LP-LIF)$ technique and by Wallington et al.⁴⁰⁴ using two relative rate techniques at \sim 740-torr total pressure. Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ have observed that for $M =$ air the rate constant does exhibit a small " $O₂$ effect", increasing from 4.8×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ in the absence of air to 5.18×10^{-12} and 5.8×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ in the presence of 343- and 593-torr total pressure of air, respectively.⁴⁰⁵ In contrast, in the absence of O_2 the rate constant is independent of the diluent gas pressure, $396,401,402,404,405$ up to 500 -torr total pressure of $SF₆$, 405

Recently Wallington et al.⁴⁰⁴ have used two relative rate techniques to study the kinetics of this reaction at 296 \pm 2 K as a function of the O₂ pressure (over the range 0-740 torr) at a constant total pressure of \sim 740

torr. The rate constants obtained from these relative rate measurements were observed to increase with increasing O_2 concentration.⁴⁰⁴ However, for a given O_2 concentration the rate constants obtained by using the dark $N_2H_4-O_3$ reaction to generate OH radicals were lower by $10-25\%$ than those obtained by using irradiated $CH₃ONO-NO-air mixtures to generate OH radi$ cals.⁴⁰⁴ The rate constants at 740 torr total pressure of air were $(8.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-12}$ and $(9.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for these two methods of generation of OH radicals, respectively. Extrapolation to zero O_2 leads⁴⁰⁴ to a rate constant of $(8.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for the irradiated $CH₃ONO-NO-air$ system and $(5.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for the dark $N_2H_4-O_3$ system.

These extrapolated rate constants in the absence of $O₂$ are lower than the room-temperature absolute values determined by Atkinson et al.,⁴⁰¹ Kurylo,⁴⁰² and Mac Leod et al., 397,398 thus supporting the above recommendation of the lower absolute rate constants of Wine et al.,^{396,405} Wallington et al.,⁴⁰⁴ and Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶ Furthermore, the discrepancies between the rate constants obtained by these two relative rate techniques, which at 740 torr total pressure of O_2 are well outside of the two standard deviation combined error limits, suggest that secondary reactions may be involved, leading to a stoichiometry factor in excess of unity for the disappearance of $CH₃SCH₃$ in these relative rate measurements. This possibility is further suggested by recent product data for the reactions of $NO₃$ radicals with $\mathrm{C}\mathrm{\dot{H}_3SH^{412}}$ in air in the presence of part per million concentrations of $NO₂$, which show the formation of $CH₃SSCH₃$ from CH₃SH. These data⁴¹² indicate that even in the presence of air CH3S radicals can undergo self-recombination reactions. Thus it appears that the data from relative rate constant measurements involving the thiols, sulfides, and disulfides are probably suspect, leading to erroneously high rate constants. This may also impact the detailed elucidation of reaction mechanisms and products.

In view of the above discussion, it is recommended, based on the above recommendation for this reaction in the absence of O_2 and the LP-LIF measurements of Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ in the presence of O_2 , that at 298 K

$$
k(\text{dimethyl sulfide}) =
$$

 $4.28 \times 10^{-12} (1 + 2.6 \times 10^{-3} P)$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where *P* is the pressure of air in torr, and

 k (dimethyl sulfide) = 6.3 \times 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

at 760-torr total pressure of air. It is expected that any temperature dependence will be small. Clearly, further experimental studies are necessary to better define the kinetics of this reaction.

For the remaining sulfides, data are available only from the recent study of Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ for a series of sulfides and of Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶ for diethyl sulfide, with the two room-temperature rate constants for this sulfide being in good agreement.405,406 There is a significant isotope effect for dimethyl sulfide, with the room-temperature rate constant for CD_3SCD_3 being lower than that for CH_3SCH_3 by a factor of $\sim 2^{,405}$ For CH_3SCH_3 , $CH_3SC_2H_5$, and $C_2H_5SC_2H_5$ the room-temperature rate constants increase with the size of the alkyl substituent groups, while for di-tert-butyl sulfide $[[(CH₃)₃Cl₂S]$

Figure 47. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with thiophene: (\bullet) Atkinson et al.;²¹⁷ (O) Wine and Thompson;³⁶⁵ (\triangle) Wallington;⁴⁰⁸ (\Box) Martin et al.;⁴⁰⁶ (\Box) recommendation (see text).

non-Arrhenius behavior is observed, with a room-temperature rate constant similar to that for $CH₃SC₂H₅$, but with the rate constant increasing both above and below room temperature.⁴⁰⁵

c. **Disulfides.** The only kinetic data available for this class of sulfur-containing organics (Table XII) arise from the flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence rate constants determined by Wine et al.³⁹⁶ and the roomtemperature relative rate constant of Cox and Sheppard³⁹⁵ for dimethyl disulfide. These room-temperature rate constants are in reasonable agreement within the error limits, and it is tentatively recommended, based upon the rate constant data of Wine et al., 396 that

 k (dimethyl disulfide) =

$$
(5.12^{+2.43}_{-1.65}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(414 \pm 112)/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares stapdard deviations (note that this expression is different to that cited by Wine et al.³⁹⁶ for unknown reasons)

 k (dimethyl disulfide) =

 2.05×10^{-10} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 50\%$.

d. Thioethers. i. Thiophene. Rate constants have been determined for thiophene by Lee and Tang,¹⁹⁹ Atkinson et al.,²¹⁷ Mac Leod et al.,^{398,407} Wine and Thompson,³⁶⁵ Wallington,⁴⁰⁸ and Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶ The two earlier discharge flow measurements^{199,398,407} yield room-temperature rate constants higher by a factor of \sim 5 than those determined from the flash photoly- \sin ,^{365,408} the most recent discharge flow,⁴⁰⁶ and the relative rate 217 studies. To some extent this situation is analogous to that for furan, and the rate constants of Lee and Tang¹⁹⁹ and Mac Leod et al.^{398,407} are not used in the rate constant evaluation.

While the rate constants of Atkinson et al.,²¹⁷ Wine and Thompson, 365 Wallington, 408 and Martin et al. 406 (plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 47) are in good agreement at temperatures \leq 298 K, significant discrepancies arise between those of Wine and Thompson³⁶⁵ and Wallington⁴⁰⁸ at elevated temperatures. Since the Arrhenius preexponential factor for this reaction should be in the upper 10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

region, it is recommended, based upon a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate constant data of Atkinson et al.²¹⁷ and Wine and Thompson,³⁶⁵ that

$$
k(\hbox{thiophene}) =
$$

 $(3.20^{+0.73}_{-0.59}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(324 \pm 65)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations, and

$$
k(\hbox{thiophene}) =
$$

 9.49×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 20\%$.

Two studies have been carried out for tetrahydrothiophene, $365,406$ with good agreement at room temperature (the only temperature studied by Martin et al.⁴⁰⁶). However, no firm recommendation for this sulfur-containing organic is made.

2. Mechanisms and Subsequent Reactions under Atmospheric Conditions

a. Thiols. There are three possible pathways for the reaction of OH radicals with the thiols, taking methanethiol as an example:

$$
OH + CH_3SH \longrightarrow H_2O + \dot{C}H_2SH
$$
 (a)

$$
\longrightarrow H_2O + CH_3\mathring{S} \qquad (b)
$$

$$
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\bullet \\
\bullet \\
\end{array}\n\end{array}
$$

$$
f_{\rm{max}}
$$

The observation that the room-temperature rate constants and the temperature dependencies are essentially invariant of the alkyl group, including the $(CH_3)_3C$ group (Table XII), shows that H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds cannot be the major reaction pathway.⁴⁰⁰ Thus these reactions must proceed via either H atom abstraction from the weak S-H bonds (of bond dissociation energy 91 ± 1.5 kcal mol^{-1319,413}) or by the formation of an OH-thiol adduct. While no definitive information is available concerning this issue, Wine et al.⁴⁰⁰ conclude from the lack of a deuterium isotope kinetic effect for CH3SH and CH3SD and from the product data of Hatakeyama and A kimoto¹⁷⁷ that adduct formation involving OH radical addition to the sulfur atom is the primary reaction pathway.

Hatakeyama and Akimoto¹⁷⁷observed the formation of CH3SNO and ROH, with essentially identical formation yields, from the irradiation of $CH₃SH-RONO-$ NO-air mixtures. The dark formation of CH₃SNO and ROH was observed to be of minor importance and based upon a series of control experiments, including the predominant formation of $CH₃S¹⁴NO$ in irradiated CH3SH-RONO-¹⁵NO-air mixtures, Hatakeyama and A kimoto 177 concluded that the OH-thiol adduct reacted in their experimental system with $RCH₂ONO$:

$$
RCH2ONO + hv — RCH2O + NO
$$

\n
$$
RCH2O + O2 — RCHO + HO2
$$

\n
$$
HO2 + NO — P OH + NO2
$$

\n
$$
OH + CH3SH — CH3SH
$$

\n
$$
CH3SH + RCH2ONO — P CH3SDO + RCH2OH + OH
$$

\n
$$
OH
$$

followed by rapid photolysis of $CH₃SNO$ to yield $CH₃S$ radicals and NO:414

$$
CH_3SNO + h\nu \rightarrow CH_3S + NO
$$

Subsequent reactions of CH_3S with O_2 (probably via the formation of $CH₃SO₂$) were postulated to lead to $SO₂$ and HCHO, the major ultimate products.¹⁷⁷ Since irradiataion of $CH₃SH-2$ -methyl-2-butene–NO–air mixtures give rise to the same yield $(\sim 29\%)$ of SO_2 ¹⁷⁷ (though Grosjean⁴¹⁵ has reported a 100% SO₂ yield from irradiation of a CH₃SH-NO-air mixture), this implies that the $CH₃S$ radical is also formed in this system, presumably from decomposition of the CH₃S(OH)H adduct:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\nCH_3SH & \xrightarrow{\quad} CH_3S & + H_2O \\
 & \uparrow & \\
& \circ H & \\
\end{array}
$$

Clearly, further experimental data are required concerning the dynamics of the initial OH radical with thiols and of the subsequent reaction pathways operative under atmospheric conditions.

b. **Sulfides.** The reaction of OH radicals with the sulfides, RSR, can proceed via either H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds $(96 \pm 1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} \text{ in}$ $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_3^{\cdot 416}$ or OH radical addition to the sulfur atom:

$$
OH + CH3SCH3 \longrightarrow H2O + CH3SCH2 (a)
$$

OH
OH
CH₃SCH₃ (b)

The most recent extensive kinetic study of Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ shows that in the absence of O_2 there is a significant deuterium isotope effect for dimethyl sulfide and that the room-temperature rate constant increases along the series CH_3SCH_3 , $\text{CH}_3\text{SC}_2\text{H}_5$, and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{SC}_2\text{H}_5$ ⁴⁰⁵ This strongly suggests that for these particular sulfides, and in the absence of O_2 , H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds is the dominant reaction pathway. For $(CH_3)_3$ - $\text{CSC}(\text{CH}_3)$ ₃ the Arrhenius plot shows marked curvature, with the rate constant increasing both above and below 298 K, thus exhibiting a minimum value at \sim 298 K.⁴⁰⁵ 255 is observation suggests⁴⁰⁵ that OH radical addition to the sulfur atom may become significant for this sulfide for temperatures \lesssim 298 K.

However, it is expected, by analogy with the $O(^3P)$ atom reactions with $\text{CH}_3\text{SH}_2^{417-421}$ $\text{C}_2^{\circ}\text{H}_5\text{SH}_2^{417-421}$ the higher thiols,⁴¹⁹ CH₃SCH₃,^{417,418,420-423} and CH₃SSC- $H_3^{420,421,424}$ that if OH radical addition to the thiols occurs, then so would OH radical addition to the sulfides, with the addition rate constants for the sulfides being markedly higher than those for the thiols. [Thus these reactions all proceed via $O(^{3}P)$ atom addition to the sulfur atom^{418,421,422} with rate constants which increase markedly from CH_3SH to CH_3SCH_3 to CH_3SS - $CH₃⁴²⁰$ but are to a first approximation invariant of the alkyl group in the thiols.⁴¹⁹]

Indeed, the recent observation of an effect of $O₂$ on the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with dimethyl sulfide⁴⁰⁵ shows that OH radical addition to this sulfide does occur, with the resulting $CH_3S(OH)$ - $CH₃$ adduct radical being intercepted by $O₂$:

$$
OH + CH3SCH3 \longrightarrow H2O + CH3SČH2
$$
\n
$$
OH
$$
\n
$$
CH3CH3 \longrightarrow CH2 products
$$
\n
$$
(b. -b)
$$

As discussed above, the kinetic data of Wine et al.⁴⁰⁵ indicate that at 298 K the rate constant for the OH radical addition pathway increases approximately linearly with the O_2 concentration and has a value of ~ 2 \times 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 760-torr total pressure of air. Thus at atmospheric pressure of air the H atom abstraction process accounts for \sim 70% of the overall reaction, with the initial OH radical addition process intercepted by O_2 accounting for the remainder.

Product data for the reaction of OH radicals with dimethyl sulfide under atmospheric conditions have been obtained from numerous studies,^{177,178,415,425-427} with the major final products being HCHO, SO_2 , and CH_3 - $SO₃H$, together with $CH₃SNO$ as an intermediate product. While the most recent product studies^{177,178,415} all postulate that the CH₃S radical is the main intermediate giving rise to SO_2 and CH_3SO_3H , the detailed reaction steps are still a matter of discussion.177,178,415 The discussion above of the relative importance of the H atom abstraction and OH radical addition pathways indicates that the majority of the reaction $(\sim 70\%)$ may proceed via

$$
OH + CH3SCH3 \longrightarrow H2O + CH3SCH2
$$

\n
$$
CH3SCH2 + O2 \longrightarrow CH3SCH2OO
$$

\n
$$
NO \longrightarrow NO2
$$

\n
$$
CH3SCH2O
$$

\n
$$
CH3SC + CO2
$$

\n
$$
CH3SC + CO2
$$

with the CH₃S radical giving rise to SO_2 and CH_3SO_3H [as well as possibly being involved in secondary reactions with $CH₃SCH₃$ (see above)]. Although the products arising from the initial OH radical addition reaction are not presently known, the overall product distribution under atmospheric conditions (for example, the yield of $SO₂$) may be similar to that arising from the photolysis of CH_3 SNO.⁴¹⁴ This indeed appears to be so, since the SO_2 yields $({\sim}21-22\%)^{177,178,425,427}$ are very similar to that observed from the irradiation of CH3SNO-air mixtures.⁴¹⁴

c. Disulfides. Only for dimethyl disulfide have kinetic^{395,396} and product¹⁷⁷ data been reported. On the basis of these data, it appears that the initial reaction proceeds via OH radical addition to form an adduct,^{177,395,396} followed by rapid decomposition of this adduct to CH_3S and CH_3SOH radicals¹⁷⁷

$$
OH + CH3SSCH3 \longrightarrow CH3SSCH3J†
$$

CH₃SOH + CH₃S

Subsequent reactions of these $CH₃SOH$ and $CH₃S$ radicals then lead to the observed products $(SO₂)$, HCHO, $CH₃SO₃H$).¹⁷⁷

d. Thioethers. Kinetic data are available only for tetrahydrothiophene365,406 and thiophene (ref 199, 217, 365, 398, 406-408) and no product studies have been carried out to date. Thus any assessments concerning the initial reaction pathways must be based on these kinetic data and analogies with the reaction mechanisms for other classes of organics.

For thiophene the initial reaction can proceed via OH radical addition to either the sulfur atom or the $>C=$

TABLE XIII. Rate Constants *k* **and Arrhenius Parameters for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Nitrogen- and Phosphorus-Containing Organics at the High-Pressure Limits**

296–433
297–424

 $250 - 363$

 $298 - 423$

TABLEXIII (Continued)

pressure in torr.

C< bonds, while for tetrahydrothiophene the reaction can proceed via OH radical addition to the sulfur atom or by H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds. The available kinetic data do not allow unambiguous decisions to be made regarding these possibilities, except to note that the negative temperature dependence for the tetrahydrothiophene reaction³⁶⁵ suggests that OH radical addition to the sulfur atom is an important route for this thioether.³⁶⁵

Since any discussion regarding the subsequent reactions under atmospheric purposes is purely speculative, we can only recommend that further product and mechanistic studies be carried out.

The observation that for thiophene at room temperature the rate constant obtained in the presence of one atmopshere of air^{217} is in agreement with those obtained at lower total pressures of argon or $SF₆$ diluent gas^{365,408} shows that there is no oxygen-enhancement effect and that the OH-thiophene adduct is collisionally thermalized at relatively low total pressures $(\leq 30$ torr of argon). This, together with the well behaved OH radical kinetic behavior in the flash photolysis studies,365,408 then shows that this OH-thiophene adduct is thermally stable for \geq 0.1 s at temperatures \leq 425 K.³⁶⁵

H. Nitrogen-and Phosphorus-Containing Organics

7. Kinetics

The available rate constants at the high-pressure second-order limit are given in Table XIII (only for HCN have rate constant data in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics been obtained435,436,443,444). As can be seen from Table XIII, for most of these nitrogen-containing organics only a single kinetic study has been carried out, the exceptions being 2-(dimethylamino)ethanol, hydrazine, methyl nitrite, acetonitrile, acrylonitrile, and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN). For 2-(dimethylamino)ethanol, hydrazine, methyl nitrite, and acetonitrile there are significant discrepancies in the reported rate constant data, and only for acrylonitrile^{357,437} and peroxyacetyl nitrate^{293,442} are the studies carried out consistent, with, for peroxyacetyl nitrate, one of these yielding only an upper limit rate constant.²⁹³

Only for acetonitrile $(CH₃CN)$ is a firm recommendation made, based upon the agreement between the room-temperature rate constants of Fritz et al.,⁴³⁵ Zetzsch, 357 Kurylo and Knable, 438 and Poulet et al., 439 and these data^{357,435,438,439} are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 48. From a unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these rate constants of Fritz et al.,⁴³⁵ Kurylo and Knable, 438 Zetzsch, 357 and Poulet et al., 439 the Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_3\mathrm{CN}) =
$$

 $(6.78^{+7.37}_{-3.53}) \times 10^{-13} e^{-(1040 \pm 214)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

is recommended, where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations, and

$$
k(\mathrm{CH}_3\mathrm{CN}) =
$$

 2.07×10^{-14} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

The reasons for the significantly higher rate constants obtained by Harris et al.,⁴³⁷ using a similar experimental

Figure 48. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with CH₃CN: (\bullet) Fritz et al.;⁴³⁶ (O) Kurylo and Knable;⁴³⁸ (\Box) Zetzsch;³⁵⁷ (Δ) Poulet et al.;⁴³⁹ (\leftarrow) recommendation (see text).

technique, are not presently known but may involve radical formation by the photolysis flash, leading to enhanced OH radical decay rates.

For the remaining nitrogen- and phosphorus-containing organics listed in Table XIII no firm recommendations are made. Since the trends of these rate constants along homologous series are used to assist in elucidating the reaction mechanisms in the section below, these kinetic data are not discussed any further in this section, except to note that for methyl nitrite there is a major discrepancy of a factor of \sim 7 between the rate constants obtained by Campbell and co-work- $\text{er}_5^{157,158,434}$ and Tuazon et al.¹⁴³ The room-temperature rate constant determined by Tuazon et al.¹⁴³ is consistent with H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds and is of the general magnitude to that expected for $CH₃ONO₂$.¹⁵⁵ Clearly further work on the kinetic data for CH_3O and the higher alkyl nitrites is necessary, and indeed a thorough examination of the experimental and museu a morough examination of the experimental
technique used by Campbell and co-workers^{135,157-160,216} is needed.

2. Mechanisms and Subsequent Reactions under Atmospheric Conditions

a. Amines. As shown in Table XIII, the OH radical reactions with the aliphatic amines are rapid, with room-temperature rate constants being in the range $(2-6) \times 10^{-11}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and with negative temperature dependencies equivalent to Arrhenius activation energies of \sim -(0.4–0.5) kcal mol⁻¹. For the methyl-substituted amines, the trend of the room-temperature rate constants suggests that these reactions proceed via abstraction from the C-H bonds and, where possible, the N-H bonds. From the rate constants measured by Atkinson et al.^{394,428} and the C-H (93.3 \pm 2, 87 ± 2 , and 84 ± 2 kcal mol⁻¹ in CH₃NH₂, (CH₃)₂NH, and $(CH_3)_3N$, respectively³¹⁹) and N-H bond strengths $(100.0 \pm 2.5 \text{ and } 91.5 \pm 2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} \text{ in } CH_3NH_2 \text{ and }$ $(CH₃)₂NH$, respectively³¹⁹), it is expected that for CH_3NH_2 , and probably also $C_2H_5NH_2$, H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds predominates, while for $(CH₃)₂NH$, H atom abstraction from the N-H bond is

competitive with H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds.⁴²⁸

Indeed, from a product study of irradiated $HONO-(CH₃)₂NH-air$ mixtures, utilizing long path length FT-IR absorption spectroscopy, Lindley et al.⁴⁴⁵ determined that at room temperature $k_a/(k_a + k_b)$ = 0.37 ± 0.05 , where k_a and k_b are the rate constants for reaction pathways a and b, respectively

$$
\mathrm{OH} + (\mathrm{CH}_3)_2\mathrm{NH} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} + (\mathrm{CH}_3)_2\dot{\mathrm{N}} \qquad \text{(a)}
$$

$$
OH + (CH3)2NH \rightarrow H2O + CH2NHCH3
$$
 (b)

However, the observation of negative temperature dependencies for these reactions suggests that these OH radical reactions may proceed via the initial formation of an addition complex, which then rapidly decomposes to the observed products. Clearly, further experimental work concerning the reaction dynamics of these systems is needed.

For substituted amines, rate constants have been obtained for diethylhydroxylamine,⁴²⁹ 2-(dimethylamino)ethanol,^{430,431} 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol,⁴³¹ N-nitrosodimethylamine,¹⁴⁹ dimethylnitramine,¹⁴⁹ and aziridine.²²⁰ While these reactions almost certainly proceed via overall H atom abstraction, the position of the H atom abstracted cannot be predicted in all cases, since the C-H and N-H bond strengths are not known. Obviously for N -nitrosodimethylamine and dimethylnitramine, any H atom abstraction must occur from the C-H bonds.

The subsequent reactions of the radicals formed from dimethylamine under atmospheric conditions are reasonably well understood.⁴⁴⁵ The dimethylamino radicals are expected to react with O_2 , NO, and NO₂.

$$
(CH_3)_2\dot{N} + O_2 \xrightarrow{M} (CH_3)_2NOO
$$

\n
$$
CH_3N = CH_2 + HO_2
$$

\n(a)

 $(CH_3)_2N + NO \xrightarrow{M} (CH_3)_2NNO$ (b)

$$
(CH_3)_2\overset{\circ}{N} + NO_2 \xrightarrow{M} (CH_3)_2NNO_2
$$
 (c)

 \leftarrow CH₃N=CH₂ + HONO (d)

Lindley et al.⁴⁴⁵ have shown, following the formation of (CH_3) ^N radicals from the photolysis of (CH_3) ₂NNO and $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ NN=NN(CH₃)₂, that the reactions of the $(CH₃)₂N$ radical with NO and NO₂ occur and that k_d/k_c $= 0.22 \pm 0.06$ at atmospheric pressure and room temperature. Furthermore, analogous to the situation for the NH₂ radical,^{446,447} reaction with O_2 is extremely slow, with $k_a/k_c = (3.90 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-7}$ and $k_a/k_b = (1.48 \pm 0.28)$ $(0.07) \times 10^{-7.445}$ Thus at atmospheric pressure of air, reactions of the $(CH_3)_2$ N radical with NO and NO₂ will predominate over reaction with O_2 for NO_x concentrations $\gtrsim 7 \times 10^{11}$ molecule cm⁻³ (30 ppb). For the CH_2NHCH_3 radical, Lindley et al.⁴⁴⁵ have shown that reaction with O_2 occurs to yield $CH_2=NCH_3$:

$$
CH2NHCH3 + O2 \rightarrow HO2 + CH2=NCH3
$$

Pitts and co-workers,^{448,449} utilizing GC-MS and FT-IR absorption spectroscopic techniques, have carried out product studies of irradiated NO_x -amine-air mixtures for the amines dimethylamine,^{448,449} diethyl- $\text{amine},^{448,449}$ trimethylamine, 448 and triethylamine. 449 A variety of products were identified, with, for example, large yields of acetaldehyde being observed from the NO_x -air photooxidations of di- and triethylamine.⁴⁴⁸ Plausible reaction pathways for this and other products

observed are as follows (taking diethylamine as an example)

Clearly, only for the dimethylamino radical have the reaction pathways under atmospheric conditions been reasonably well delineated; for the other amines much further experimental data are needed.

b. Hydrazines. To date, only for hydrazine and methylhydrazine are kinetic data available for the OH radical reactions (Table XIII), and no unambiguous product data are available. The reactions of OH radicals with hydrazine and methylhydrazine are expected to occur via overall H atom abstraction from the weak N-H bonds (of bond strength \sim 75 kcal mol^{-1 226,450,451}). This is consistent with the magnitude of the rate constants observed,⁴³³ although it is possible that the reaction proceeds via initial formation of an addition complex followed by rapid decomposition to the RNHNH or RNNH_2 radical and H_2O . A general idea of the subsequent reactions of these radicals under atmospheric conditions arises from the studies of Tuazon et al.452,453 While these product studies were concerned with the reactions of \overline{O}_3 with these hydrazines, OH radicals were determined to be formed in these reactions,⁴⁵³ and hence the observed products reflected the OH radical as well as the O_3 reactions. The radicals N_2H_3 , CH_3NNH_2 , and CH_3NHNH were postulated to react under atmospheric conditions as $\rm{follows}\rm^{453}$

$$
RNNH_2 + O_2 \rightarrow RN=NH + HO_2 (R = H or CH_3)
$$

$$
CH3NHNH + O2 \rightarrow CH3N = NH + HO2
$$

followed by subsequent reactions of RN=NH with OH radicals or O_3 .⁴⁵³

c. **Nitrites.** As noted above, there is a large discrepancy between the rate constants determined by Campbell and co-workers^{157,158,434} and by Tuazon et al.¹⁴³ for $CH₃ONO$. These reactions may proceed via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds, e.g.

$$
OH + CH3ONO \longrightarrow H2O + CH2ONO
$$

+
HCHO + NO

However, Cox et al.³⁸⁹ and Zabarnick and Heicklen⁴⁵⁴ have postulated from studies of alkyl nitrite photooxidations, using the rate constants of Campbell and co-workers,^{157,158} that OH radical addition also occurs to a significant extent. This postulate is open to reexamination depending upon the magnitude of the rate constants, and, while it is possible that the overall reaction solely involves H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds, for the $\geq C_2$ alkyl nitrites the C-H bond from which H atom abstraction occurs cannot be a priori predicted.

Thus, since no product data are presently available, no reliable assessment of the initial reaction pathway can be made until more reliable kinetic or unambiguous product data are available. However, since the alkyl nitrites photolyze rapidly,³ these OH radical reactions are of limited importance under atmospheric conditions.

d. **Nitrates.** No product or direct mechanistic data are available for this class of organics, and mechanistic information can only be based upon the kinetic data of Atkinson et al.^{29,155} H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds appears to be the only reaction pathway,^{29,155} with the $-ONO₂$ group severely decreasing the rate constant for H atom abstraction from \geq CH- or \sim CH₂- groups bonded to the $-\text{ONO}_2$ group¹⁵⁵ and decreasing those for the $\beta > CH-, -CH_2-,$ or $-CH_3$ groups.^{29,155} While significant uncertainties remain, at room temperature the expected reaction pathways for OH radical reaction with, for example, 2-pentyl nitrate are¹⁵⁵

$$
OH + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \longrightarrow H_{2}O + CH_{2}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \sim 5\%
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$$
H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \sim 22\%
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H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \sim 22\%
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ONO_{2}
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$$
H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CHCH_{3} \sim 62\%
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$$
ONO_{2}
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\n
$$
H_{2}O + CH_{3}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}^{*}M_{2} \sim 11\%
$$

followed by subsequent reactions of these radicals. For the above radicals, reaction with O_2 followed by reaction of the resulting peroxy radicals to yield the corresponding alkoxy radical and $NO₂$ (neglecting reaction to yield dinitrates, which is of unknown importance) is expected. The \cdot OCH₂CH(ONO₂)CH₂CH₂CH₃ and $CH₃CH(ONO₂)CH(O)CH₂CH₃$ radicals are expected to rapidly decompose

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\text{OON}_2
$$
\n

\n\n $\text{OCH}_2 \text{CH}_2 \text{CH}_2 \text{CH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{HCHO} + \text{CH}_3 \text{CH}_2 \text{CH}_2 \text{CHO} + \text{NO}_2$ \n

\n\n ONO_2 \n

\n\n $\text{CH}_3 \text{CH}_1 \text{CH}_2 \text{CH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3 \text{CHO} + \text{CH}_3 \text{CH}_2 \text{CHO} + \text{NO}_2$ \n

\n\n $\text{CH}_3 \text{CH}_1 \text{CH}_2 \text{CH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3 \text{CHO} + \text{CH}_3 \text{CH}_2 \text{CHO} + \text{NO}_2$ \n

while the remaining two alkoxy radicals will react via more complex reaction pathways. However, it is likely that these reactions of OH radicals with the alkyl nitrates (at least for the smaller alkyl nitrates for which isomerization of the alkoxy radicals cannot occur) will ultimately yield $NO₂$ together with aldehydes. These reactions are of importance for long-range transport and acid deposition computer modeling studies, since alkyl nitrates are formed in significant yields from the atmospheric photooxidation of the parent alkanes.28,29,241

e. **Nitriles.** As shown in Table XIII, rate constant data have been obtained for HCN, $CH₃CN$, $C₂H₅CN$, and $CH₂=CHCN$. For HCN, at temperatures between 296 and 433 K the rate constants are in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics below

 \sim 400 torr of N_2 diluent,^{435,436,443} with bimolecular rate constants which extrapolate to zero (within the experimental error limits) as the total pressure approaches zero.⁴⁴³ This shows that this OH radical reaction with HCN must proceed via initial OH radical addition to HCN,435,436,455 to form an initially energized adduct which can back decompose to reactants or be collisionally stabilized

OH + HCN

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$$
\begin{array}{c}\n\begin{array}{c}\n\text{OH} \\
\text{OH} \\
\text{HC} \\
\text{
$$

followed by subsequent reactions of this HO-HCN adduct under atmospheric conditions.435,436,455 For the higher nitriles such as $CH₃CN$ and $C₂H₅CN$ not con t_{A} taining $>C=C<$ bonds, the higher Arrhenius activation energies (with respect to that for HCN) and the dramatic increase in the room-temperature rate constant from $CH₃CN$ to $C₂H₅CN$ strongly suggests that these reactions proceed via H atom abstraction from the C-H bonds.

For nitriles containing $>C=C<$ double bonds, OH radical addition to the $>C=CC$ bond is expected. This is totally consistent with the observed pressure dependent rate constant and essentially zero temperature dependence for $CH_2=CHCN^{437}$ and with the recent product data of Hashimoto et al.⁴⁵⁶ In this product study, Hashimoto et al.⁴⁵⁶ utilized long pathlength FT-IR absorption spectroscopy to investigate the reactions of $CH_2=CHCN$, $CH_2=C(CH_3)CN$, and $CH_2=CHC H_2CN$ with OH radicals in the presence of NO. Formaldehyde was observed as a major product for all three reactions, together with $CH₃COCN$ from $CH₂=C(C H_3)$ CN, HCOCN from CH₂=CHCN, and HCOCH₂CN $from CH₂=CHCH₂CN.$ The high yields of these products (for example, unit yields of HCHO and CH3COCN being determined for the reaction of OH radicals with $CH_2=CCCH_3)CN^{456}$ and the observation that approximately two molecules of NO were consumed per molecule of nitrile reacted for $CH_2=CHCN$ and $CH_2=C(CH_3)CN$ indicates that these reactions proceed via pathways analogous to those for the alproceed via pathways analogous to those for the al-
kenes.⁴⁵⁶ For example, the postulated reaction pathways for the reaction of OH radicals with $CH₂=C(C H_3$)CN are⁴⁵⁶

 $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$

 \degree Nonexponential OH radical decays observed (see text). \degree From the present recommendations (see text). ^a Nonexponential OH radical decays observed (see text). ^b From the present recommendations (see text). ^cA temperature-dependent rate constant of $k = (4.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-13} e^{(217\pm60)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ is repo Totally analogous reaction sequences can explain the primary products observed from $CH₂=CHCN$ and $CH₂=CHCH₂CN.⁴⁵⁶$

I. Aromatic Compounds

1. Kinetics

The available kinetic data are listed in Table XIV. Perhaps surprisingly, these rate constant data, obtained from both absolute and rate constant studies, are generally in reasonably good agreement. Room-temperature rate constant data are available for a wide variety of aromatic hydrocarbons and substituted aromatics. Additionally, temperature dependence studies have been carried out for benzene, $121,313,459,460$ toluene, $313,459$ the xylene isomers, $3^{13,463}$ the trimethylbenzene isomers,³¹³ methoxybenzene,³¹² o-cresol,³¹² aniline,⁴⁴¹ N.Ndimethylaniline,⁴⁴¹ o-nitrophenol,³⁵⁷ 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 462 naphthalene, $121,460$ and phenanthrene⁴⁶⁰ and for benzene- d_c , 121,459 toluene- d_3 , 459 toluene- d_5 , 459 and $_{\rm{toluene-}d_{\rm{e}},\rm{^{313,459}}}$

For the aromatic hydrocarbons, methoxybenzene, o-cresol, aniline, and N , N -dimethylaniline, three distinct temperature regimes have been observed with the flash or laser photolysis techniques employed to date: 121,312,313,441,459,460,463 (a) at low temperatures, i.e., \leq 325 K for the monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and \leq 410 K for naphthalene and phenanthrene, exponential OH radical decays are observed, and the rate constants change only slightly with temperature, with negative temperature dependencies being obtained in many cases; (b) at elevated temperatures, $\gtrsim 400-450$ K for the monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and $\gtrsim 600$ K for naphthalene and phenanthrene, exponential OH radical decays are also observed. Except for aniline⁴⁴¹ the derived rate constants increase rapidly with increasing temperature, with the values at \sim 400–450 K (or \sim 600 K for naphthalene and phenanthrene) being typically a factor of 5-10 lower than those at \sim 325 K; and (c) at intermediate temperatures of \sim 325-400 K for the monocyclic aromatics, and \sim 410-600 K for naphthalene and phenanthrene, nonexponential decays of OH radicals are observed,^{121,312,313,441,459,463} with the decay rate decreasing with the reaction time. In this temperature regime any rate data obtained are a combination of the forward and reverse reaction steps (see below) and are dependent on the experimental conditions (for example, the observation time) employed.

As discussed below, for the aromatic hydrocarbons, methoxybenzene, o-cresol, and N , N -dimethylaniline, the available kinetic and mechanistic data show that in the low-temperature regime, OH radical addition is the dominant reaction pathway, while at elevated temperatures H atom abstraction (or a direct reaction involving H atom or substituent group elimination) occurs. The intermediate temperature regime where nonexponential OH radical decays occur is characterized by formation and redissociation of the OH-aromatic adducts. Furthermore, this precise intermediate temperature range where nonexponential decays are observed is dependent to some extent on the time resolution of the experimental technique. For these reasons we do not discuss the reported kinetic data in this intermediate temperature regime, apart from tabulating in Table XIV these data as reported.

Figure 49. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with benzene: (A) Davis et al.;⁴⁵⁷ (\square) Hansen et
al.;⁴⁵⁸ (O) Perry et al.;³¹³ (+) Cox et al.;¹³⁹ (●) Tully et al.;⁴⁵⁹ (△)
Lore rate constants derived from exponential OH radical decays are plotted); (—) recommendations (see text).

Furthermore, although exponential OH radical decays were observed by Perry et al.^{312,313} for the monocyclic aromatics for temperature \gtrsim 380 K, Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ report that the OH radical addition process continues to contribute to the high-temperature reaction pathway up to \sim 450 K. Hence in our discussion and derivation of temperature-dependent rate constants for the individual aromatic compounds in the sections below, we have utilized rate constants in the temperature regimes ≤ 325 and \geq 450 K for the monocyclic aromatics and \leq 410 and ≥ 600 K for naphthalene and phenanthrene.

a. Benzene. The available rate constant data are listed in Table XIV. The most recent kinetic data show that at room temperature this reaction is at the second-order high-pressure limit for total pressures of argon diluent $\geq 40-50$ torr^{121,458,459,461} and for total pressures of helium diluent \gtrsim 25 torr.^{459,462} This finding is contrary to the earlier observations of Davis et al.,⁴⁵⁷ where the rate constant at 298 K was reported to be pressure dependent up to 100-torr total pressure of helium diluent. Hence the limiting high-pressure rate constants given in Table XIV will be applicable for tropospheric conditions.

The limiting high-pressure rate constants of Davis et al.,⁴⁵⁷ Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ Cox et al.,¹³⁹ Tully et al.,⁴⁵⁹ Lorenz and Zellner,^{121,460} Wahner and Zetzsch,⁴⁶¹ and Rinke and Zetzsch⁴⁶² are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 49. At room temperature the reported rate constants exhibit a significant scatter of almost a factor of 2. The reasons for these discrepancies are not known but may be due, at least in part, to the relatively low magnitude of this rate constant. The recommendations are based on the flash and laser photolysis-resonance fluorescence studies of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ Tully et al.,⁴⁵⁹ and Lorenz and Zellner.^{121,460} For temperatures \leq 325 K, from a unitweighted least-squares analysis of the rate constants from these studies, the Arrhenius expression

$k(\text{benzene}, T \leq 325 \text{ K}) =$

 $(7.57^{+7.72}_{-3.82}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(529\pm 201)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Figure 50. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with benzene- d_6 : (\bullet) Tully et al.;⁴⁵⁹ (Δ) Lorenz and Zellner¹²¹ (only the rate constants derived from exponential OH radical decays are plotted); (—) recommendations (see text).

is recommended, where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations [the relatively high uncertainties in the Arrhenius preexponential factor and activation energy arise largely from the small temperature range (250-325 K) considered]

 $k(b \text{enzene}) =$

 1.28×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$.

At temperatures \geq 450 K the only reported rate constants are those of Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ and Lorenz and Zellner,^{121,460} and these are in good agreement. Consistent with the recommendations for the alkanes and haloalkanes, these data have been unit-weighted least squares fitted to the expression $k = A T^2 e^{-E^2/RT}$ to yield the recommendation of

$$
k(\text{benzene}, T \ge 450 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(3.25_{-1.03}^{+1.53}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(344 \pm 253)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the error limits are two least-squares standard deviations. The rate constants reported by Perry et al.³¹³ between 396 and 422 K are, as expected,⁴⁵⁹ somewhat higher than predicted from this recommendation, though within agreement within the experimental errors.

b. Benzene- d_6 . The rate constants reported by Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ and Lorenz and Zellner¹²¹ are listed in Table XIV, and the rate constants in the low and elevated temperature regimes (as discussed above) are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 50. It can be seen that the rate constants obtained by Lorenz and Zellner¹²¹ at 298 and 524 K are in excellent agreement with those of Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹

A unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these rate constants over the temperature range 250-298 K yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

$$
k(\text{benzene-}d_6, T \le 325 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(1.54^{+1.76}_{-0.82}) \times 10^{-12} e^{-(90 \pm 212)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations

 $k(\text{benzene-}d_{6}) =$

$$
1.14 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

Figure 51. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction
of OH radicals with toluene: (▲) Davis et al.;⁴⁵⁷ (□) Hansen et
al.;⁴⁵⁸ (○) Perry et al.;³¹³ (+) Cox et al.;¹³⁹ (●) Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ (for the flash photolysis techniques, only rate constants derived from exponential OH radical decays are plotted); (—) recommendations (see text).

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 30\%$. Again, the significant uncertainties in the above Arrhenius parameters are largely due to the small temperature range (250-298 K) covered.

At elevated temperatures, using the criteria discussed above, the recommendation is based on the rate constants obtained at temperatures >450 K. From a unit-weighted least-squares fit of these data^{121,459} to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$, it is recommended that

 $k(\text{benzene-}d_6, T \geq 450 \text{ K}) =$ $(2.23^{+1.14}_{-0.75}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(582 \pm 298)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated error limits are two least-squares standard deviations.

It can be seen from Table XIV and Figures 49 and 50 that at temperatures ≤ 325 K the rate constants for benzene and benzene- d_6 are essentially identical within the experimental errors. However, for temperatures \geq 450 K the rate constants for benzene- d_6 are significantly lower than those for benzene- h_6 . As discussed below, these observations are totally consistent with OH radical addition to the aromatic ring dominating for temperatures ≤ 325 K, while H atom abstraction (or a direct reaction involving H atom elimination) dominates for temperatures \geq 450 K, with the corresponding expected kinetic isotope effect.

c. **Toluene.** The available limiting second-order high-pressure rate constants are listed in Table XIV, and those of Davis et al.,⁴⁵⁷ Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ Cox et al.,¹³⁹ and Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 51 for the temperature regimes for which exponential OH radical decays have been observed in the two temperature-dependent flash photolysis studies.^{313,459} Davis et al.⁴⁵⁷ and Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ have reported that at room temperature this reaction is in the fall-off kinetic regime between second- and third-order kinetics below \sim 100-torr total pressure of helium^{457,459} or argon⁴⁵⁹ diluent.

For temperatures ≤ 325 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of the flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence data of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ and Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ (the rate constant of Davis et al.⁴⁵⁷ has not been included since the corresponding rate constant for benzene appears to be anomalously high; see above) yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

k (toluene, $T \leq 325$ K) =

 $(2.10^{+1.59}_{-0.90}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(322 \pm 149)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Figure 52. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants (obtained from exponential OH radical decays) for the reaction of OH radicals with toluene- d_8 : (O) Perry et al.;³¹³ (\bullet) Tully et al.;⁴⁵⁹ (--) recommendations (see text).

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (toluene) =

 6.19×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

For temperatures ≥ 450 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of the rate constants obtained by Perry et al.³¹³ and Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation of

$$
k(\text{toluene}, T \ge 450 \text{ K}) =
$$

(7.58⁺₁¹³⁵₁) × 10⁻¹⁸T²e^{(11±106)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

(i.e., essentially a pure T^2 dependence), where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations. It may be noted that, although the rate constant obtained by Perry et al.³¹³ at 473 K is in good agreement with those of Tully et al.,⁴⁵⁹ the rate constants of Perry et al.³¹³ at temperatures between 378 and 424 K are \sim 25% higher than predicted from the above expression. This may well be due to a continuing (but decreasing with increasing temperature) contribution of the addition process to the observed overall rate constant, as discussed by Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹

d. Toluene-d8. Rate constants have been obtained for toluene- d_8 at the high-pressure limit by Perry et al.³¹³ and Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ These data are listed in Table XIV, and the rate constants obtained in the temperature regimes corresponding to exponential OH radical decays are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 52. The rate constants from these two studies^{313,459} are in excellent agreement. At temperatures ≤ 325 K, a unitweighted least-squares analysis of these rate constants yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

$$
k \text{(toluene-}d_8, T \le 325 \text{ K)} =
$$

(7.31^{+3.62}₄₂) × 10⁻¹²e^{-(44±112)/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (toluene- d_8) =

$$
6.31 \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

Figure 53. Arrhenius plot of the elevated $(\geq 378 \text{ K})$ temperature rate constants (obtained from exponential OH radical decays) for the reactions of OH radicals with toluene, toluene- d_3 , toluene- d_5 , and toluene- d_8 . For $C_6H_5CH_3$: (O) Tully et al.;⁴⁵⁹ (D) Perry et al.³¹³ For $C_6H_5CD_3$: (Δ) Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ For $C_6D_5CH_3$: (\bullet) T recommendations for $C_6H_5CH_3$ and $C_6D_5CD_3$ (see text).

with an estimated overall uncertainty at 298 K of $±20\%$.

For temperatures ≥ 450 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of the rate constants of Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation

 $k(\text{toluene-}d_8, T \geq 450 \text{ K}) =$

 $(6.85^{+2.55}_{-1.85}) \times 10^{-18} T^2 e^{-(276 \pm 215)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations.

As for benzene and benzene- d_6 , the rate constants at \leq 325 K for toluene and toluene- $d_{\bf{a}}$ are essentially identical, consistent with the dominance of OH radical addition to the aromatic ring. However, for temperatures \geq 450 K the OH radical rate constant for toluene- d_8 is significantly lower than that for toluene- h_8 . This is shown more clearly in Figure 53, in which the reported elevated temperature $(\geq 378 \text{ K})$ rate constants for toluene.^{313,459} toluene- d_3 ⁴⁵⁹ (C₆H₅CD₃), toluene- d_5 ⁴⁵⁹ $(C_eD_zCH₃)$, and toluene- $d₉^{313,459}$ are plotted in Arrhenius form, together with the recommended expressions for toluene and toluene- d_8 for temperatures ≥ 450 K. It can be seen that to a first approximation these data fall into two sets, those for $C_6H_5CH_3$ and $C_6D_5CH_3$, and those for $C_6H_5CD_3$ and $C_6D_5CD_3$, with the rate constants for toluene and toluene- d_5 being significantly higher than those for toluene- d_3 and toluene- d_8 (at least up to 1000 K). While there may be consistent differences between the rate constants for toluene and toluene- d_5 and between those for toluene- d_3 and toluene- d_8 , these are

Figure 54. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with o-xylene: (□) Hansen et al.;⁴⁵⁸ (○) Perry et
al.;³¹³ (△) Ravishankara et al.;²⁹⁴ (+) Cox et al.;¹³⁹ (●) Nicovich
et al.⁴⁶³ (for the flash photolysis studies, only rate constants obtained from exponential OH radical decays are plotted); $(-)$ recommendations (see text).

minor and are probably within the experimental errors. This deuterium isotope substitution behavior shows that in this temperature regime the OH radical reaction must proceed predominantly via H (or D) atom abstraction from the substituent $-CH_3$ (or $-CD_3$) $group.^{1,313,459}$

e. *o* **-Xylene.** The available limiting high-pressure second-order rate constants are listed in Table XIV, and those of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Cox et al.,¹³⁹ and Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 54. In general, the agreement between these studies is good. The somewhat lower rate constant obtained by Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ at 298 K in their flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence study may have been due to o-xylene losses to the walls in the static reaction vessel used. 463 Thus this rate constant (and the corresponding rate constants for *m*- and *p*-xylene²⁹⁴) are not used in the evaluations.

For temperatures \leq 325 K rate constants have been reported only over the very limited temperature range 298-320 K with, within the experimental error limits, a zero or near-zero temperature dependence. Hence a unit-weighted average of the absolute rate constants of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.³¹³ and Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ yields the recommendation of

$$
k
$$
(o-xylene, 298 \leq T \leq 320 K) =
1.47 \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

independent of temperature over the range 298-320 K, with an estimated overall uncertainty over this temperature range of $\pm 25\%$. At room temperature, this rate constant is at the limiting high-pressure value at total pressures of helium or argon diluent of \gtrsim 20 torr.²⁹⁴

For temperatures ≥ 450 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of the \geq 450 K rate constants of Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation of

 k (o-xylene, $T \geq 450$ K) =

 $(1.75_{-0.22}^{+0.25}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(35\pm90)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Figure 55. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with m-xylene: (\Box) Hansen et al.;⁴⁶⁸ (\blacktriangle) Lloyd
et al.;¹⁴⁴ (O) Perry et al.;³¹³ (\triangle) Ravishankara et al.;²⁹⁴ (+) Cox
et al.;¹³⁹ (\blacktriangleright) Nicovich et al.;⁴⁶³ (\normalfonttriangle) Atkinson et al.²²⁴ photolysis studies, only rate constants obtained from exponential OH radical decays are plotted); (—) recommendations (see text).

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations. Again, as is the case for m - and p-xylene (see below) the rate constants determined by Perry et al.³¹³ over the small temperature range \sim 379-432 K are somewhat higher (by up to \sim 50%) than predicted from the recommended ≥ 450 K expression.

f. *m* **-Xylene.** The available limiting second-order high-pressure rate constants are listed in Table XIV, and those of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Lloyd et al.,¹⁴⁴ Perry et al.,³¹³ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ Cox et al.,¹³⁹ Nicovich et al., 463 and Atkinson et al. 224 are plotted in Arrhenius f_{form} in Figure 55. Ravishankara et al. 294 have shown that at 298 K this reaction is in the fall-off regime between second- and third-order kinetics at 3-torr total pressure of argon, with the limiting high-pressure value being attained at \sim 20-torr total pressure of helium or argon.²⁹⁴

For temperatures ≤ 325 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares analysis of the absolute rate constant data of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ and Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ (that of Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ has been omitted for the reasons discussed above) yields the recommended Arrhenius expression of

$$
k(m\text{-xylene}, T \le 325 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(1.66^{+0.58}_{-0.39}) \times 10^{-11} e^{(116 \pm 87)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations

$$
k(m\text{-xylene}) =
$$

 2.45×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated uncertainty at 298 K of $\pm 25\%$. It should be noted that the more recent relative rate constants of Lloyd et al.,¹⁴⁴ Cox et al.,¹³⁹ and Atkinson et al.²²⁴ are somewhat lower (by up to \sim 20%) than this expression.

For temperatures \geq 450 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of the data of Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation

 $k(m\text{-xylene}, T \geq 450 \text{ K}) =$

 $(1.71^{+0.71}_{-0.50}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(127 \pm 235)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Figure 56. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants (obtained from exponential OH radical decays) for the reaction of OH radicals
with *p*-xylene: (\square) Hansen et al.;⁴⁵⁸ (\square) Perry et al.;³¹³ (\triangle) Ra-
vishankara et al.;²⁹⁴ (\bullet) Nicovich et al.;⁴⁶³ (\square) recommendations (see text).

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations.

g. *p* **-Xylene.** The available limiting high-pressure rate constants are listed in Table XIV, and those of Hansen et al.,⁴⁵⁸ Perry et al.,³¹³ Ravishankara et al.,²⁹⁴ and Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 56. As for *m*-xylene, Ravishankara²⁹⁴ have reported that at 298 K the rate constant for this reaction is in the fall-off regime between second- and third-order kinetics at 3-torr total pressure of argon, with the rate constants at 20-torr total pressure of helium or argon being in the high-pressure kinetic regime. Omitting the rate constant determined by Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ for the reasons discussed above, a unit-weighted average of the limiting high-pressure rate constants at tem p_{ref} peratures \leq 325 K determined by Hansen et al., 458 Perry et al., 313 and Nicovich et al. 463 yields the recommended value of

 $k(p\text{-xylene}, 297 \leq T \leq 320 \text{ K}) =$ 1.52×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

over the temperature range 297-320 K, with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 35\%$.

At temperatures ≥ 450 K, a unit-weighted leastsquares fit of the rate constants reported by Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ to the expression $k = A' \overline{T}^2 e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the recommendation

$$
k(p\text{-xylene}, T \ge 450 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(1.74^{+0.70}_{-0.50}) \times 10^{-17}T^{2}e^{-(99\pm 215)/T} \text{ cm}^{3} \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations.

h. Naphthalene. The available limiting highpressure rate constants are listed in Table XIV and are plotted in Arrhenius form in Figure 57. Lorenz and Zellner¹²¹ have shown that at 378 ± 2 K the rate constant for this reaction is in the fall-off region between second- and third-order kinetics below \sim 50 torr total pressure of helium but that no such fall-off behavior is observed at 525 ± 1 K.

At temperatures ≤ 410 K the rate constants obtained by Lorenz and Zellner^{121,460} and Atkinson and co-

Figure 57. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with naphthalene: (\bullet) Lorenz and Zellner;^{121,460} (Δ) Atkinson et al.;¹⁴⁸ (O) Biermann et al.;¹⁵⁴ (A) Atkinson and Aschmann⁴⁶⁸ (for the laser photolysis study of Lorenz and ZeIl ner,^{121,460} only rate constants obtained at temperatures ≤ 410 and ≥ 600 K are platted see tauth $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ recommendations (see tauth) >600 K are plotted; see text); (-) recommendations (see text).

workers^{148,154,468} are in good agreement, and a unitweighted least-squares analysis of these data^{121,148,154,460,468} yields the recommended Arrhenius expression

 k (naphthalene, $T \leq 410$ K) = $(1.05^{+1.11}_{-0.54}) \times 10^{-12} e^{(902 \pm 240)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations

 k (naphthalene) =

 2.17×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$ at 298 K.

It should be noted that this negative temperature dependence, equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -1.8 kcal mol⁻¹, is the most negative encountered for the reactions of OH radicals with organics, and, when compared to other recommended negative Arrhenius activation energies of ~ -1 kcal mol⁻¹, may indicate an erroneously high temperature dependence in this temperature regime for this reaction rate constant.

At elevated temperatures, ≥ 600 K for this particular aromatic hydrocarbon,¹²¹ the only rate constants available are those of Lorenz and Zellner,⁴⁶⁰ and a unit-weighted least-squares fit of these to the expression $k = A' T^2 e^{-E'/RT}$ yields the tentative recommendation of

$$
k(\text{naphthalene}, T \ge 600 \text{ K}) =
$$

$$
(1.12^{+2.12}_{-0.73}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(969 \pm 752)/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

where the indicated errors are two least-squares standard deviations.

For the remaining aromatic compounds, fewer data are available, and in many of these cases only tentative recommendations can be made.

i. Ethylbenzene. Only two rate constants^{144,294} are available (Table XIV) at around room temperature. Within the experimental error limits these are in agreement, and it is tentatively recommended that

 $k(\text{ethylbenzene}) = 7.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
at \sim 298–305 K, with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\sim \pm 35\%$.

j. *n* **-Propylbenzene.** The room-temperature rate constants of Lloyd et al.¹⁴⁴ and Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ are in good agreement (Table XIV), and it is tentatively recommended that

 $k(n$ -propylbenzene) = 5.7×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

at \sim 298-305 K, with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$.

k. **Isopropylbenzene.** Again, the only two measurements of this rate constant are those of Lloyd et al.¹⁴⁴ and Ravishankara et al.²⁹⁴ (Table XIV). However, in this case the agreement is not good, with a discrepancy of $\sim 50\%$ being evident. A room-temperature (298-305 K) rate constant of $\sim 6.6 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ is indicated.

These room-temperature rate constants for ethylbenzene, n-propylbenzene, and isopropylbenzene are similar to that for toluene and thus indicate that the rate constants for toluene are reasonably applicable to the higher monoalkylbenzenes.

1. o-, *m-,* and p-Ethyltoluene. While only a single room-temperature rate constant study has been carried out for each of these isomers,¹⁴⁴ the rate constants at \sim 305 K are similar to those for o-, m-, and p-xylene. respectively. This again indicates that to a first approximation the rate constants depend on the number of alkyl substituent groups, and not on their identity [as expected since (see below) OH radical addition to the aromatic ring is the dominant reaction pathway for the aromatic hydrocarbons].

m. o -, m -, and p -Cresol. Only for the ortho cresol isomer has more than a single kinetic study been carried out. The room-temperature rate constants for this isomer^{312,465} show a discrepancy of \sim 20%, although they agree within the combined experimental error limits. As noted by Atkinson et al.,⁴⁶⁵ the rate constants determined by Perry et al.³¹² may have been somewhat low due to wall adsorption problems (especially in the small optical calibration cells used). Since the higher overall error limits assigned by Perry et al.³¹² take into account (at least in part) such adsorption problems, a weighted least-squares analysis of these room-temperature rate constants^{312,465} yields the recommendation that at 300 \pm 1 K

 k (o-cresol) = 4.0 \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

with an estimated overall uncertainty of $\pm 30\%$.

On the basis of this recommendation, it is recommended that the rate constants for o-cresol as a function of temperature be those of Perry et al.³¹² multiplied by a factor of 1.17. [Because of the small temperature ranges covered for which exponential OH radical decays were observed (299-335 K and 393-423 K), no temperature dependent expressions are recommended.] For *m*- and *p*-cresol the recommendations at 300 ± 1 K then become

 $k(m\text{-cresol}) = 5.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k(p\text{-}crossol) = 4.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

both with estimated overall uncertainties of $\pm 35\%$.

n. Phenanthrene. Rate constants have been determined only by Biermann et al.¹⁵⁴ at 298 and 319 K

Figure 58. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants at <410 and >600 K for the reaction of OH radicals with phenanthrene: (@) Lorenz
and Zellner;⁴⁶⁰ (O) Biermann et al.;¹⁵⁴ (---) rate constants recommended for naphthalene increased by a factor of 1.3 (see text).

and by Lorenz and Zellner⁴⁶⁰ at temperatures \geq 338 K, and these are plotted for temperatures <410 and >600 K in Figure 58. Although the rate constants obtained by Lorenz and Zellner⁴⁶⁰ exhibit a significant degree of scatter, these rate constants, together with those of Biermann et al.¹⁵⁴ at 298 and 319 K, are uniformly higher than those for naphthalene by $\sim 30\%$ in both of the temperature regimes, ≤ 400 and ≥ 600 K, as shown by the dashed lines in Figure 58. While no definite recommendation is made, the above discussion indicates the magnitude of the OH radical reaction rate constants for this three-ring polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon.

o. Biphenyl. Three room-temperature rate constant studies have been carried out for biphenyl.148,466,467 These reported rate constants are in reasonably good agreement, considering the difficulties of working with such relatively low volatility organics.¹⁴⁸ On the basis of these data, it is recommended that

 k (biphenyl) =

$$
(7 \pm 2) \times 10^{-12}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K

For the remaining aromatic compounds for which rate constants have been reported, no firm recommendations are made.

Rate constants as a function of temperature have been determined by using the flash photolysis-resonance fluorescence technique for the trimethylbenzenes,³¹³ methoxybenzene,³¹² aniline,⁴⁴¹ N,N-dimethylaniline,⁴⁴¹ o-nitrophenol,³⁵⁷ and 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene.⁴⁶² For the trimethylbenzenes,³¹³ methoxybenzene, 312 and N,N-dimethylaniline⁴⁴¹ the reported temperature dependencies are qualitatively similar to those discussed above for the aromatic hydrocarbons. Because of the small temperature ranges over which exponential OH radical decays were observed, recommendations regarding the temperature dependencies are not warranted.

In the case of aniline, the room-temperature rate constants obtained by Rinke and Zetzsch⁴⁶² and Atkinson et al.⁴⁴¹ are in good agreement. However, while the general temperature-dependent behavior of this rate constant is similar to those described above for the aromatic hydrocarbons, the elevated temperature $(\gtrsim 350$

K) rate constants continue to decrease with increasing temperature,⁴⁴¹ with an extrapolated rate constant at 298 K of \sim 55% of that measured. While further data are clearly necessary, this may suggest that two reaction pathways, involving OH radical addition to the aromatic ring and interaction with the $-NH_2$ group, are occurring with approximately equal probability at room temperature.

For o-nitrophenol and 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, the reported rate constants^{357,462} vary monotonically with temperature over the relatively limited temperature ranges studied. Additional data at higher temperatures are necessary before conclusions concerning the temperature dependencies and the resulting implications for the mechanisms of these reactions can be drawn.

2. Mechanism

The available kinetic^{121,133,154,294,312,313,441,457-463,465-468} and product and mechanistic (ref 1, 3, 12, 13, 16, 17, 165-169, 172, 174, 180, 469-479) data show that in general two reaction pathways are operative at around room temperature: namely, OH radical addition to the aromatic ring to form an initially energy rich OH-aromatic adduct, e.g.

and a direct reaction involving either H atom abstraction

or substituent group (including H atom) elimination

The OH radical addition pathway yields an initially energy rich OH-aromatic adduct which, for the case of benzene, has very recently been observed in the gas phase by Fritz et al.⁴⁷⁹ using long path length ultraviolet laser absorption at 308 nm. This adduct can either decompose back to the reactants or be collisionally $\scriptstyle{\mathrm{stabilized}^{1,3,313,457}}$

A further reaction step involves the unimolecular decomposition of this thermalized OH-aromatic adduct back to the reactants

and this reaction pathway obviously becomes more rapid as the temperature increases.

Indeed, it is this thermal back-decomposition of the OH-aromatic adduct which gives rise to the observed nonexponential OH radical decays in the flash or laser photolysis kinetic studies^{121,312,313,441,459,461,463} and to the occurrence of distinct temperature regimes with differing kinetic behavior.^{121,312,313,441,459,463} Since the OHaromatic adducts were rapidly deactivated to an essentially thermal energy population at the total pressures used in the studies of Perry et al., 312,313 Tully et al.,⁴⁵⁹ Nicovich et al.,⁴⁶³ and Lorenz and Zellner,¹²¹ the thermal back-decomposition rate constant, k_d , is given by

$$
k_{\rm d} = A_{\rm d}e^{-E_{\rm d}/RT}
$$

In the flash photolysis studies of Perry et al.,³¹³ Tully et al.,⁴⁵⁹ and Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ of the kinetics of the reactions of the reactions of the OH radical with the aromatic hydrocarbons, OH radical concentrations were monitored for \sim 1-30 ms after the flash. Significant nonexponentialities of the OH radical decay curves were observed at temperatures from \sim 320 to 380 K in the study of Perry et al.³¹³ and from \sim 320 to 400–450 K in those of Tully et al. 459 and Nicovich et al. 463 Hence the half-life of the OH-aromatic adduct was of the order of \sim 5-10 ms in this temperature range, corresponding to $k_d \approx 100 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 350 K.³¹³ For an assumed preexponential factor of $A_3 = 3 \times 10^{13}$ s^{-1 313} the Arrhenius activation energy for thermal decomposition of the activation energy for thermal decomposition of the
OH-aromatic adducts is then $E_a \approx 18$ kcal mol⁻¹ for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$ atomatic adducts is then $E_d \sim 10$ field into the tribelizelie, toluelle, the *xylelie* isomers, the tri-
methylbenzene isomers ³¹³ methoxybenzene ³¹² and 0metry increase isomers, increasingled the aromatic ring
cresol³¹² Since OH redical addition to the aromatic ring has no significant temperature dependence, this value reas no significant temperature dependence, this value of \sim 18 kcal mol⁻¹ is essentially that for the C-OH bond α \sim 10 KCal mol⁻¹ is essentially that for the C-OH point of α ³

Recently, Wahner and Zetzsch⁴⁶¹ have directly monitored the equilibrium behavior of the OH radicalbenzene-hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical system and determined values of $k_d = 1.95 \pm 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298 K and 11.5 ± 1 s⁻¹ at 312 ± 3 K. The Arrhenius activation energy for decomposition of the hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical derived from these data of E_d = 17.8 \pm 1.4 kcal mol-1 (using the assumed preexponential factor of *A^d* $= 3 \times 10^{13}$ s⁻¹)^{313,461} is in excellent agreement with those derived by Perry et al.³¹³ using the quite different (and more indirect) procedure described above.

For naphthalene, Lorenz and Zellner¹²¹ have estimated an Arrhenius activation energy for the thermal decomposition of the OH-naphthalene adduct of E_d = 22.7 ± 1.5 kcal mol⁻¹ using the same procedure as Perry et al.312,313 For benzene and the monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, the thermalized hydroxycyclohexadienyl and methyl-substituted hydroxycyclohexadienyl radicals are then calculated to have lifetimes of ~ 0.5 s at 298 K, \sim 0.04 s at 325 K, \sim 0.8 ms at 380 K, and \sim 0.2

ms at 400 K. These lifetimes are then totally consistent with the above discussion of the reaction dynamics of these OH radical reactions.

Thus, at around room temperature, i.e., ≤ 325 K, OH radical addition to the aromatic ring dominates, while for temperatures $\gtrsim 450$ K (~ 600 K for the OHnaphthalene adduct¹²¹) back-dissociation of the OHaromatic adducts becomes so rapid that on the time scale of the flash or laser photolysis studies carried out to date only the direct reaction involving H atom abstraction or H atom, or other substituent group, elimination is observed.

At elevated temperatures these reaction pathways are, for example, for benzene

On the basis of the heat of formation of the hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical^{313,461} and the observation⁴⁸⁰ that the Arrhenius activation energies for H atom addition to a series of substituted benzenes are \sim 3-4 kcal mol⁻¹,⁴⁸⁰ it can be estimated that H atom elimination from the thermalized hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical is endothermic by \sim 21-22 kcal mol⁻¹. Hence the direct H atom elimination reaction will have a barrier height of only 3-4 kcal mol⁻¹. Indeed, for benzene Lin and Lin³³⁵ have calculated that at elevated temperatures $(\gtrsim 400 \text{ K})$ it is the H atom elimination process which has been observed in the kinetic studies carried out to date^{313,459} with a rate constant of

$$
k = 1.84 \times 10^{-18} T^{2.11} e^{-449/T}
$$
 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

which is in good agreement with the above recommendation for temperatures >450 K. The calculations of Lin and Lin³³⁵ show that the H atom abstraction pathway is insignificant at temperatures below at least 1000 K. Analogous elimination processes, for example, elimination of a Cl atom, possibly occur in the reaction of OH radicals with chloro-⁴⁶¹ and bromo benzenes, for example

$$
OH + C_6H_5Cl \rightarrow C_6H_5OH + Cl
$$

For the methyl-substituted benzenes, Atkinson et al.¹ have estimated that direct elimination of a $-CH_3$ group is exothermic by ~ 6 kcal mol⁻¹. However, phenol has not been detected (an upper limit yield of <1% has been reported⁴⁸¹) at room temperature from the reaction of OH radicals with toluene, and hence this direct elimination pathway is, at least for toluene, very minor. Rather, for the alkyl-substituted benzenes the kinetic and product data show that H atom abstraction from the alkyl substituent groups occurs, and this process is almost certainly the major contributor to the reaction rate constants measured at temperatures ≥ 450 K. Thus for toluene, benzaldehyde is observed as a product under atmospheric conditions with a yield of \sim 7% at room temperature^{17,475} and can only arise following H atom abstraction from the substituent $-CH_3$ group. The kinetic data for toluene and the deuterated toluenes totally supports this observation (see above and Figure 53).

Figure 59. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants obtained at $t_{\text{temperature}} \geq 400$ K obtained by Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ for the reaction of OH radicals with o-xylene (O), m-xylene (\bullet), and p-xylene (Δ).

Figure 60. Arrhenius plot of the rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with 1,2,3- (O), 1,2,4- (\bullet), and 1,3,5 (Δ) trimethylbenzene,³¹³ obtained from exponential OH radical decays.

Furthermore, as seen in Figures 59 and 60, the elevated temperature rate constants for the three xylene isomers are essentially identical, as are those for the three trimethylbenzene isomers. The observed rate constants for the xylene isomers are almost exactly a factor of 2 higher than those for toluene- h_8 and toluene- d_5 (C₆D₅CH₃) over the temperature range 450-1000 K. A unit-weighted least-squares analysis of the rate

constants of Nicovich et al.⁴⁶³ for temperatures ≥ 450 K to the expression $k = A'T^2e^{-E'/RT}$ yields

$$
k(xylenes, T \ge 450 \text{ K}) =
$$

 $(1.74^{+0.39}_{-0.32}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(89 \pm 134)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

where the errors are two least-squares standard deviations.

For the trimethylbenzenes, rate constants (which may be somewhat high⁴⁵⁹) in this temperature regime are available only at \sim 400 K³¹³ and are a factor of \sim 4 higher than that for toluene at this temperature, consistent with the above discussion. The available kinetic data for o-cresol suggests that H atom abstraction from the -OH substituent group occurs $\sim 8\%$ of the overall reaction of room temperature.³³¹²

For benzaldehyde the available kinetic data³ (Table XI) show that the H atom abstraction pathway dominates at room temperature, and this is expected to be the case over a wide temperature range. This is also expected to be the case for the other aromatic aldehydes and possibly for certain other substituted aromatics such as aniline and other aromatic amines.⁴⁴¹

Table XV gives estimated rate constant ratios *ka/(k^a* $+ k_b$ at 298 K for benzene, the substituted benzenes and naphthalene and phenanthrene for which estimates can be made, where *kh* and *ka* are the rate constants for the OH radical addition reaction and the H atom abstraction/substituent elimination reaction, respectively. Apart from toluene, these estimates are derived from extrapolations of the elevated temperature (generally \geq 450 K) rate constants, using the recommendations discussed above or previous literature estimates.

3. Mechanisms under Atmospheric Conditions

The reaction mechanisms of the OH radical reactions with the aromatic compounds subsequent to the initial reaction under atmospheric conditions are presently incompletely understood. For the aromatic hydrocarbons toluene and m -xylene a detailed discussion has been given by Atkinson and Lloyd,³ and this review should be consulted for details. To date, only for benzene, toluene, the xylene isomers, and the trimethylbenzene isomers are product and mechanistic data available, and in this section the present status of this topic is summarized, concentrating on toluene since to date this is the most studied aromatic.

As discussed above, for the aromatic hydrocarbons at room temperature the initial OH radical reaction proceeds via two pathways; namely, OH radical addition to the aromatic ring

to yield a hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical,⁴⁷⁹ and H atom abstraction (for the alkyl-substituted benzenes) or H atom elimination (for benzene and presumably naphthalene and the higher polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), i.e.

$$
OH + \overrightarrow{CH_3} \qquad \qquad \overrightarrow{CH_2}
$$
\n
$$
OH + \overrightarrow{O} \qquad \longrightarrow \overrightarrow{CH_2O} + H_2O
$$

(a)

TABLE XV. Rate Constant Ratios $k_a/(k_a + k_b)$ at 298 K **for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with a Series of Aromatic Compounds**

aromatic	$k_a/(k_a + k_b)$ at 298 K ^a
benzene	0.07, 0.05 ^b
benzene- $d_{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}$	0.02
toluene	$0.11, 0.08^c$
toluene- d_{8}	0.08
o-xylene	0.09
m -xylene	0.04
p-xylene	0.07
1,2,3-trimethylbenzene	$0.05^{d} 0.04^{e}$
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	$0.04^{d} 0.03^{e}$
1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	$0.03^{d} 0.02^{e}$
methoxybenzene	0.20^{f}
o-cresol	0.08^{0}
aniline	~10.5
N . N -dimethylaniline	~ 0.001 ^s
naphthalene	0.002
phenanthrene	~ 0.002

" From extrapolation of the elevated temperature rate constant data to 298 K, using the recommendations (see text) for the rate constants k_a and k_b , unless indicated. These extrapolated values are expected to be subject to uncertainties of the order of $\pm 50\%$. ^b From Lin and Lin,³³⁵ using a calculated rate constant for the re-
action OH + C₆H₆ → C₆H₅OH + H of $k_a = 1.84 \times 10^{-18} T^{2.11} e^{-449/T}$
cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ [which can be compared to the ≥450 K recommendation above of $k_{\rm s} = 3.25 \times 10^{-18} \tilde{T}^2 e^{-344/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ for the direct (and unspecified) reaction pathway]. c From the product study of Atkinson et al.⁴⁷⁵ (see also Akinson and Lloyd^3). ^dCalculated by multiplying the direct reaction rate constant for the three xylene isomers of $k_a = (1.74 \frac{+0.39}{1.33}) \times 10^{-17} T^2 e^{-(89 \pm 134)/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ = 1.15 \times 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298 K), by a factor of 1.5 to take into account the number of substituent $-CH_3$ groups. "As given by Perry et al.³¹³ from extrapolation of their rate constants at ≥ 380 K to 298 K. 'As given by Perry et al.³¹² from extrapolation of their rate constants at >385 K (methoxybenzene) and >400 K (o-cresol) to 298 K. ϵ From Atkinson et al.,⁴⁴¹ from extrapolation of rate constants to 298 K.

[or for benzene

$$
OH + \bigodot \longrightarrow \bigodot \qquad H \qquad (a')
$$

although this postulate needs to be experimentally confirmed]. The rate constant ratios, $k_a/(k_a + k_b)$ or $k_a^2/(k_a^2 + k_b)$, or estimates thereof are given in Table XV.

The reaction pathways subsequent to the H atom abstraction reaction pathway a are reasonably well understood.³ Thus the benzyl radical is expected to react under atmospheric conditions via the following sequence of reactions

(with a rate constant of 1.0×10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s^{-1} , $482,483$ independent of temperature, 483 with similar rate constants for the o - and p -methylbenzyl radicals⁴⁸²)

TABLE XVI. Formation Yields of the α -Dicarbonyls, Glyoxal, Methylglyoxal, and Biacetyl, from Benzene and the **Methyl-Substituted Benzenes at Room Temperature**

	α -dicarbonyl yield ^a				
aromatic	glyoxal	methylglyoxal	biacetyl	ref	
benzene	0.207 ± 0.019			478	
toluene	0.15 ± 0.04	0.14 ± 0.04		476	
	0.111 ± 0.013	0.146 ± 0.014		180	
	0.105 ± 0.019	0.146 ± 0.006		478	
o-xylene			0.18 ± 0.04	165	
			0.260 ± 0.102	166	
			0.137 ± 0.016	475	
	0.08 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.02	476	
	0.087 ± 0.012	0.246 ± 0.020		478	
m -xylene	0.13 ± 0.03	0.42 ± 0.05		476	
	0.104 ± 0.020	0.265 ± 0.035		180	
	0.086 ± 0.011	0.319 ± 0.009		478	
p-xylene	0.24 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.02		476	
	0.120 ± 0.020	0.111 ± 0.015		180	
	0.225 ± 0.039	0.105 ± 0.034		478	
1,2,3-trimethylbenzene	0.072 ± 0.001	0.18 ± 0.01	0.45 ± 0.02	476	
	0.057 ± 0.008	0.152 ± 0.025	0.316 ± 0.036	478	
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	0.078 ± 0.005	0.37 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	476	
	0.048 ± 0.005	0.357 ± 0.017	0.048 ± 0.009	478	
$1,3,5$ -trimethylbenzene		0.64 ± 0.03		476	
		0.602 ± 0.033		478	

with $k_d/(k_c + k_d) \approx 0.1$ at atmospheric pressure and room temperature,⁴⁷⁰ followed by reaction of the C_{6} - H_5CH_2O radical with O_2 to yield benzaldehyde and an $HO₂$ radical:

Analogous reaction pathways are expected to be applicable to the other aromatic hydrocarbons, after H atom abstraction from the substituent alkyl groups.³

The major area of uncertainty concerns the reaction mechanisms of the OH-aromatic adducts (A) [i.e., the hydroxycyclohexadienyl and alkylhydroxycyclohexadienyl radicals] under atmospheric conditions. Two pathways, involving reaction with O_2 , have been postulated.^{1,3,12,13,16,17} One leads to the formation of phenol and its homologues

although this reaction may well be more complex than the simple H atom abstraction route shown above (see, for example, the liquid-phase ¹⁸O incorporation study of Narita and Tezuka⁴⁸⁴). This overall reaction does occur, as evidenced by the observation of o-, m-, and p -cresol from the photooxidation of toluene, 167,470,475 with a total yield of $\sim 16\%$ ($\sim 13\%$ o-cresol⁴⁷⁵ together with much smaller amounts of p - and m -cresol^{167,470}) under atmospheric conditions. For the other aromatic hydrocarbons, the hydroxyaromatic yields are not reliably known at present.

Clearly a major portion of the reaction pathways are not accounted for by these above reaction sequences (for example, $\sim 80\%$ for the case of toluene), and the available data show that other reactions of the OHaromatic adducts (A), leading to ring cleavage, occur. This is evidenced by the observation of significant yields

of the α -dicarbonyls glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl from benzene and the alkyl-substituted benz e nes^{165,166,180,475,476,478} (given in Table XVI) and by the observation of the unsaturated 1,4-dicarbonyls butene-1,4-dial from toluene¹⁸⁸ and 3-hexene-2,5-dione from p-xylene and 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene⁴⁷⁴ (though in small yields).

The actual reaction pathways leading to these α -dicarbonyls are not known but have been postulated^{3,12} to proceed via, taking toluene as an example:

followed by decomposition of this alkoxy radical

However, other reaction pathways may well be involved. The α -dicarbonyl yields given in Table XVI show that the total α -dicarbonyl yields are appreciably less than unity, being \sim 21% for benzene, 25-29% for toluene, \sim 40% for the three xylene isomers, and \sim 50-60% for the three trimethylbenzene isomers. For toluene, this then leads to only $\sim 50\%$ of the reaction pathways being accounted for, and the two recent product studies of Shepson et al.¹⁶⁹ and Dumdei and O'Brien, 477 utilizing $GC-MS¹⁶⁹$ and $MS-MS⁴⁷⁷$ analytical techniques, have identified a wide variety of other ring cleavage products, including $CH_3COCOCH=CH_2$, 169 CHOCOCH=CH₂, 169 $CH_3COCH=CH_2,477 \text{ } CH_3COCH=CHCH=CH_2,477$ $CHOC(OH)$ =CHCHO,⁴⁷⁷ and CH₃COCH=CHCH=C-HCHO.⁴⁷⁷ Possible reaction schemes have been proposed by Dumdei and O'Brien.477

TABLE XVII. Rate Constants *k* for the Gas-Phase Reaction of OH Radicals with Organometallic Compounds

organometallic	$10^{12}k$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s^{-1}	T. K	technique	ref
dimethylmercury	19.7 ± 1.5	\sim 300	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + e$ thene] = 8.45 $\times 10^{-12}$] ^a	Niki et al. ¹⁷⁹
	18.5 ± 1.5	\sim 300	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + propene) = 2.60 \times 10^{-11}$] ^a	Niki et al. ¹⁷⁹
tetramethyllead	9.4	295 ± 3	rel rate [rel to $k(OH +$ toluene) = 6.26 \times 10 ⁻¹²] ^a	Harrison and Laxen ⁴⁸⁷
	6.3 ± 1.3	296	PR-RA	Nielsen et al. ⁴⁸⁸
tetraethyllead	83.1	295 ± 3	rel rate [rel to $k(OH + m\text{-xylene}) = 2.45 \times 10^{-11} a $	Harrison and Laxen ⁴⁸⁷
	11.6 ± 1.7	296	PR-RA	Nielsen et al. ⁴⁸⁸
	\overline{a} and			

"From the present recommendations (see text).

Recent experimental studies of Zellner et al.⁴⁸⁵ concerning the reactions of the hydroxycyclohexadienyl radical (HCHD) with NO, $NO₂$, and $O₂$ have shown that this radical reacts with NO and $NO₂$ with room-temperature (298 K) rate constants of $h(NO + HQ_{\text{H}})$

$$
R(NO + HCHD) =
$$

 $(1.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

$$
k(\text{NO}_2 + \text{HCHD}) =
$$

(8.5 ± 2.1) × 10⁻¹² cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Clearly, even for toluene (to date the most studied aromatic) the reaction mechanisms and products formed under atmospheric conditions are incompletely understood. This is more so for benzene and the other methyl-substituted benzenes, and, apart from benzaldehyde which reacts by pathways analogous to the aliphatic aldehydes,^{3,12,486} essentially no product and mechanistic data subsequent to the initial OH radical reaction are available for other substituted aromatics.

For styrene and its homologues $C_6H_5C(R_1)=CR_2R_3$ (where $R_{1-3} = H$ or CH_3), the studies of Chiorboli et al. 348 and $\dot{\text{Big}}$ nozzi et al. 464 have shown that OH radical reaction proceeds via addition to the olefinic double bond:

$$
OH + C_{6}H_{5}C = C \begin{bmatrix} R_{2} & R_{1} & 0H & R_{1} \ R_{3} & - & C_{6}H_{5}C - C - R_{2} & and C_{6}H_{5}C - C \ R_{3} & 0H & 2O_{2} \ \end{bmatrix}
$$

\n
$$
NO \longrightarrow NO_{2}
$$

\n
$$
C_{6}H_{5}C_{1} + R_{2}C_{1}R_{3} + HO_{2}
$$

as evidenced by the observations of the formation of benzaldehyde in essentially unit yield from styrene and β -dimethylstyrene and of acetone from β -dimethylstyrene.

J. Organometallic Compounds

1. Kinetics

The available rate constant data are listed in Table XVII. Only three organometallics have been studied to date and for tetramethyl- and tetraethyllead two kinetic studies have been carried out at room temperature by Harrison and Laxen⁴⁸⁷ and Nielsen et al.⁴⁸⁸ However, the two rate constants reported for tetraethyllead^{487,488} disagree by a factor of \sim 7. Although the two rate constants for tetramethyllead (obtained from the same studies as those for tetraethyllead $487,488$) are in reasonable agreement, we do not make any recommendations.

However, the room-temperature rate constants are higher, by factors of ~ 50 ,¹⁷⁹ ~ 9 ,⁴⁸⁸ and ~ 2 ,⁴⁸⁸ than those for the corresponding alkanes containing the same numbers of primary and secondary C-H bonds.²¹⁴

2. Mechanisms and Reaction Products under Atmospheric Conditions

The sole product study carried out concerning the reactions of OH radicals with organometallic compounds under atmospheric conditions is that of Niki et al.¹⁷⁹ for CH₃HgCH₃. It was concluded¹⁷⁹ from this FT-IR absorption spectroscopic study that the initial reaction proceeds via

$$
OH + CH3HgCH3 \rightarrow CH3HgOH + CH3
$$

followed by subsequent oxidation of $CH₃$ radicals to formaldehyde and other minor products and by further homogeneous and/or heterogeneous reactions of $\rm CH_{3}$ - $HgOH$ to yield compounds such as $[(CH₃Hg)₃O]NO₃.¹⁷⁹$ The occurrence of such a displacement reaction is consistent with the magnitude of the rate constant observed.¹⁷⁹ Clearly, a temperature dependence study would be useful to further confirm this postulate.

For the tetraalkyllead compounds studied, neither the initial reaction pathways nor the products under atmospheric conditions are known, although again displacement mechanisms leading to the initial formation of $(CH_3)_3PbOH$ and $(C_2H_5)_3PbOH$ are possible.

IV. Discussion and Conclusions

A. Rate Constant Trends and Correlations

As can be seen from the above sections, kinetic data are available for the gas-phase reactions of the OH radical with a wide variety of organics. For certain classes of organics, these data allow possible rate constant trends and correlations to be examined. In the following sections, discussion and evaluations of OH radical rate constant trends, correlations with other electrophilic reactants such as $O(^3P)$ atoms, NO_3 radicals, and O_3 , and a priori predictive techniques are given for the classes of organics for which sufficient kinetic data are available.

1. Correlation with $O(^3P)$ Atom, NO₃ Radical, and O₃ Rate Constants

As noted previously, $¹$ the OH radical is electrophilic</sup> in character, as are $O(^3P)$ atoms, NO₃ radicals, and O₃, and it may be expected that the rate constants for the addition reactions of these species to unsaturated car-

Figure 61. Linear free energy plot of log *k0i* p) against log *k0ii* at room temperature for a series of acyclic and cyclic alkenes and dialkenes, vinyl methyl ether, and the vinyl halides [the OH radical rate constants are from this work, while the O(3P) atom reaction rate constants are from ref 300 and 489 through 501].

bon-carbon bonds will exhibit some degree of correlation. Figures 61, 62, and 63 show such correlations of $O(^3P)$ atom, NO_3 radical, and O_3 reaction rate constants with the corresponding OH radical reaction rate constants for a series of unsaturated organics. It can be seen that the correlation between the OH radical and 0(³ P) atom reaction rate constants is excellent, with a least-squares expression of (with the rate constants in $cm³$ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ units)

$$
\ln k^{\text{O(3P)}} = -4.09 + 1.76 \ln k^{\text{OH}}
$$

Similar correlations have been presented and discussed previously, 151,227,298,489,508 and it is evident that this α correlation between OH radical and $O(^{3}P)$ atom reaction rate constants is sufficiently good for the estimation of OH radical reaction rate constants for alkenes, cycloalkenes, and a variety of other organics containing $>C=C<$ bonds.

However, for the correlations of the OH radical and $NO₃$ radical or $O₃$ reaction rate constants, a considerable amount of scatter is evident, although obviously correlations do occur. The correlation between O_3 and OH radical reaction rate constants is made more complex by the observed effects of ring strain energy on the O_3 reaction rate constants⁵⁰⁹ and by the observation that the rate constants for the reaction of O_3 with conjugated di- and trialkenes are significantly lower than may be expected based upon the monoalkenes and nonconjugated dialkenes.303,506 These effects, which give rise, at least in part, to the significant degree of scatter in the plot shown in Figure 63 and which are largely incidental with the present discussion, have been discussed in more detail by Atkinson and Carter.⁵⁰⁶

The observation that the correlations of $O(^3P)$ atom (and to a lesser extent of $NO₃$ radical) reaction rate constants are significantly better than the corresponding correlation between O_3 and OH radical reaction rate constants is expected due to the different reaction pathways occurring.⁵⁰⁶ Thus $O(^3P)$ atom, NO_3 radicals,

Figure 62. Linear free-energy plot of $\log k^{\text{NO}_3}$ against $\log k^{\text{OH}}$ at room temperature for a series of acyclic and cyclic alkenes, dialkenes and trialkenes [the OH radical rate constants are from this work; the $\rm NO_3$ radical reaction rate constants are from ref 502 through 505]. The line drawn is merely to indicate the trend of the data.

and OH radicals react with the $>C=C<$ double bonds to form a radical (or in the case of $O(^3P)$ atoms, a biradical) species, e.g.

while O_3 adds across the unsaturated $\geq C=C<$ (or $-C=CC$) bond to form a nonradical ozonide

$$
0_3 + > C = C < -\text{ and } 0 < C
$$

The O_3 reactions are hence not totally analogous to either the $O(^3P)$ atom or OH radical reactions.⁵⁰⁶

While there is an excellent correlation between the 0(³ P) atom and OH radical reaction rate constants for the acyclic and cyclic alkenes and dialkenes, certain other classes of organics with unsaturated $\geq C$ = C bonds, and for organics where the reactions proceed via

Figure 63. Linear free energy plot of log *k°³* against log *k0H* at room temperature for a series of acyclic and cyclic alkenes, dialkenes, and trialkenes and methyl vinyl ether [the OH radical rate constants are from this work; the O₃ reaction rate constants
are from Atkinson and Carter⁵⁰⁶ and Bahta et al.⁵⁰⁷]. The line drawn is merely to indicate the trend of the data for the nonconjugated alkenes.

H atom abstraction pathways,⁵⁰⁸ it should be noted that such correlations should in general only be used for use within homologous series. Thus Atkinson²²⁷ has shown that $O(^3P)$ atom and OH radical correlations are significantly different for the alkenes and the aromatic hydrocarbons. Furthermore, in the use of these correlations, care must be exercised to make sure that the reaction mechanisms are the same (i.e., abstraction or addition) for both reactant species. Clearly, this may not always be the case. Thus, for example, it appears that the reactions of OH radicals and $O(^{3}P)$ atoms with the α,β -unsaturated aldehydes proceed via both overall H atom abstraction from the -CHO group and addition to the $>C=CC$ bond, but with these reaction pathways being of significantly differing importance for these two reactants.^{227,383,385}

2. Further Correlations Involving OH Radical Rate **Constants**

In order to carry out the above correlations, a knowledge of the corresponding $O(^3P)$ atom, NO_3 radical, and/or O_3 reaction rate constants is necessary for a given homologous series of organic reactions, and hence such correlations cannot be considered as a priori predictive techniques. However, a number of other correlations between OH radical reaction rate constants and physical or chemical properties of the organic reactants have been investigated.

Thus, for example, OH radical addition reaction rate constants have been observed to correlate well with the ionization potential for unsaturated^{508,510,511} and saturated⁵¹¹ organics, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.¹⁵⁴ Furthermore, for aromatic compounds the OH radical rate constants for addition to the ring correlate well with the Hammett electrophilic substituent constants, $\sigma^{+,156,466}$ Clearly, as discussed in detail in $\frac{154,156,466,508,510,511}{1000}$ these predictive techniques are of great utility in the a priori prediction of OH radical addition rate constants. In particular, the correlation between the room-temperature rate constants for the addition of OH radicals to aromatic compounds and the electrophilic substituent constants compounds and the electrophing substituent constants
of Brown and Okamoto⁵¹² is used below in the development of an a priori predictive scheme for OH radical rate constants with organic compounds.

For OH radical reactions which proceed via H atom abstraction, the most used correlation to date has been that between the OH radical rate constant and the C-H bond dissociation energy^{1,21,138,191,221,225,227,270,508,513,514} or the (sometimes 257) related quantity, the C-H bond stretching frequencies $\gamma_{\text{C-H}}$ ^{257,270} The first application of this essentially a priori predictive technique was that of Greiner,²¹ who derived the rate constants for the reactions of the OH radical with a series of alkanes based upon the numbers of primary, secondary, and tertiary C-H bonds. This approach assumed that the C-H bond dissociation energies are essentially identical for all primary, secondary, and tertiary C-H bonds, respectively, and that

$$
k_{\text{total}} = N_{\text{prim}} k_{\text{prim}} + N_{\text{sec}} k_{\text{sec}} + N_{\text{tert}} k_{\text{tert}}
$$

where N_{prim} , N_{sec} , and N_{tert} are the numbers of primary, secondary, and tertiary C-H bonds, respectively, and k_{prim} , k_{sec} , and k_{tert} are the corresponding rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with these C-H bonds. For the alkanes, the original equation due to G reiner²¹ was slightly modified by Darnall et al.^{1,138} to take into account more recent (through late 1978) kinetic data. This approach, though of great utility to the acyclic alkanes and the non-strained cycloalkanes (e.g., cyclohexane), is now known to be somewhat too simplistic in its assumption that all primary, secondary, and tertiary C-H bonds have correspondingly identical bond dissociation energies, even within the alkanes.

In more recent such a priori approaches to estimating (or rationalizing) H atom abstraction rate constants by OH radicals, Atkinson, 227 Heicklen, 513 Cohen, 225 Atkinson et al.,^{29,155,207,214,224,349} Martin and Paraskevopoulos,²⁷⁰ and Jolly et al.²²¹ have extended this earlier method^{1,21,138} to take into account the dependence of differing C-H bond dissociation energies on the particular C-H bonds from which H atom abstraction occurs. In certain of these studies, use has been made of literature C-H bond dissociation energies, $2^{21,225,227,270,513}$ while in the extensive studies of Atkinson et al. concerning the alkanes, 207,214,224 ketones, 349 and alkyl nitrates, 29,155 –CH₃, $-CH_2$, and $>CH$ group rate constants have been derived from the experimental kinetic data.

It has been shown (see, for example, Atkinson,²²⁷ Heicklen,⁵¹³ and Jolly et al.221) that the H abstraction rate constant per C-H bond by OH radicals for a wide

variety of organics correlates extremely well with the C-H bond dissociation energies. While similar correlations using the C-H bo d stretching frequencies have been shown to apply, $257,27\nu$ this approach is of less utility than that employing the corresponding C-H bond dissociation energies because of the limited number of C-H bond stretching frequencies available,²²¹ and, in general, the complexity of this approach for any but the simpler organics.²⁷⁰

While several of the above approaches have used literature C-H bond dissociation energies in their analyses, 221,225,227,270 Heicklen 513 has used the available literature kinetic data to develop the following expression allowing the C-H bond dissociation energies, and hence the overall H atom abstraction rate constants, to be estimated

$$
k_{\text{total}} = \left(\frac{8\pi\kappa T}{\mu}\right)^{1/2} \sigma_R^2 \sum_i \gamma_i \exp\left\{\frac{-a[D_i - D_0(T)]}{RT}\right\}
$$

where μ is the reduced mass, κ is Boltzmann's constant, σ_R is the reaction radius for reaction of an OH radical with a C-H bond (\sim 1.5 \times 10⁻⁸ cm⁵¹³), γ_i the number of equivalent C-H bonds of each type, D_i is the C-H bond dissociation energy at 298 K for each type of C-H bond, $a = 0.323$, and \overline{D}_0 is given by

$$
D_0^{-1}~(\text{kcal mol}^{-1})\,=\,1.062\,\times\,10^{-2}\,+\,3.52\,\times\,10^{-6}T~(\text{K})
$$

This approach,⁵¹³ which is one of the most general presented to date,^{513,514} appears to be able to yield OH radical reaction rate constants proceeding via H atom abstraction which are reliable to within \pm a factor of \sim 3 for the alkanes and oxygenates, but of significant less accuracy (approximately an order of magnitude) for the haloalkanes, aromatic hydrocarbons, and alkenes.

In this context, it should be noted that this general method of relating the H atom abstraction rate constant to the C-H bond dissociation energy greatly overestimates the contribution of H atom abstraction to the overall OH radical reaction rate constants for the alkenes and the aromatic hydrocarbons,²²¹ unless rather drastic and arbitrary correction factors are included.⁵¹³

The more recent, and to date more restricted, approach of Atkinson et al.^{29,155,207,214,224,349} has been aimed at deriving, from the experimentally observed overall rate constants, the group rate constants for H atom abstraction appropriate to the alkanes, $207,214,224$ alkyl nitrates, $29,155$ and ketones. 349 While to date this technique has been restricted in its application, it yields more accurate predictions for a given homologous series than does the more general a priori predictive methods exemplified by that of Heicklen.⁵¹³

Güsten et al.⁵¹⁵ have proposed another predictive technique based upon the observed correlation between gas-phase and aqueous-phase OH radical rate constants, with an estimated overall uncertainty of \pm a factor of \sim 5.

Kaufman and co-workers^{186,516} and Cohen²²⁵ have derived, from transition-state theory^{186,225,516} (including tunneling effects calculated from the bond energy-bond order (BEBO) model^{186,516}), Arrhenius preexponential factors for a series of alkanes and haloalkanes. Cohen²²⁵ has combined these calculated Arrhenius preexponential factors with the experimental room-temperature rate constants to extrapolate the existing rate constants for the reactions of the OH radical with a series of

alkanes to high $(\geq 2000 \text{ K})$ temperatures. Again, while this technique²²⁵ clearly has great utility, it has to reply on either experimental or a priori predicted rate constants at one temperature in order to "calibrate" the reaction rate constants.

Thus in these recent investigations involving the development of predictive techniques,^{225,513,514} reliance has been placed upon the experimental determination or the a priori prediction of H atom abstraction rate constants by OH radicals. In the following sections, the available a priori predictive techniques for the estimation of OH radical reaction rate constants are discussed by the class of organic compound, and an up-to-date and extended predictive technique is presented.

B. Estimation of OH Radical Rate Constants

In the following sections, the available a priori techniques advanced for the prediction of OH radical reaction rate constants with the various classes or organic compounds are discussed. At the present time these techniques have been applied to only a limited number of classes of organic compounds, and their extension to a wider variety of organic compounds is explored in the sections below.

1. H-Atom Abstraction from Alkanes, Carbonyls, Alkyl Nitrates, and Other Saturated Organics

A relatively wide kinetic data base is available for the reaction of OH radicals with alkanes (Table I), haloalkanes (Table V), carbonyls (Table XI), alkyl nitrates (Table XIII), and other saturated organics. The following discussion of a priori predictive techniques is analogous to that developed by Atkinson et al. 29,155,207,214,224,349 and is based upon the estimation of CH_{3}^- , $-CH_{2}^-$, and $-CH<$ group rate constants. This approach, which is analogous to the group additivity thermochemical technique of Benson,²²⁶ is complementary to the OH radical estimation technique of Heicklen⁵¹³ based upon measured or estimated C-H bond dissociation energies. However, the technique α described by Heicklen⁵¹³ only considers the effects of substituent groups or atoms on the α -carbon, whereas the methods of Hendry and Kenley⁵¹⁴ and of Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ takes into account, at least in certain cases, the effects of β -substituents, although at the expense of the need for a much larger data base.

This a priori estimation technique is based upon the premise that the $-CH_3$, $-CH_2$, and $\geq CH$ - group rate constants depend on the identity of the α - and β -substituents. In the simplest case, for example in the *n*alkane series, the room-temperature $-CH_{2}$ - group rate constants are dependent on the neighboring groups, increasing from a $-CH_2$ - group bonded to two $-CH_3$ groups through a $-CH_2$ -group bonded to one $-CH_3$ and one $-CH_2$ - group to a $-CH_2$ - group bonded to two $-CH_2$ - groups.²⁰⁷

In the most general symbolism, these group rate constants are given by, at room temperature

$$
k(\text{CH}_3 - \text{X}) = k^0_{\text{prim}} F(\text{X})
$$

$$
k(\text{Y} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{X}) = k^0_{\text{sec}} F(\text{X}) F(\text{Y})
$$

$$
k(\text{X} - \text{CH}(\text{Z}) - \text{Y}) = k^0_{\text{tert}} F(\text{X}) F(\text{Y}) F(\text{Z})
$$

TABLE XVIII. Group Rate Constants, k^0 , and Substituent Factors, *F(X),* at 298 K Derived from the Available Kinetic Data (See Text)

group rate constants, k^0	10^{12} k, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
k^0 primary	0.144
secondary	0.838
k^0 tertiary	1.83
k^0 -OH	0.13 ^a
substituent group, X	factor $F(X)$
$-CH3$	1.00^{b}
$-CH_{2}$ -	
>CH- > <	1.29 ^c
–F	0.099
-Cl	0.38
$-Br$	$\sim 0.30^{d}$
-CH ₂ Cl	
$-CHCl2$	0.57 ^e
$-CH2Br$	
$-CCl3$	${\sim}0.083'$
$-CH_2F$	${\sim}0.85^g$
$-CHF2$	$\sim 0.10^h$
$-CF2Cl$	~ 0.025
$-CF3$	0.075
$=0$	8.8
$-$ CHO \mathcal{L}	0.76
$-C(O)-$ $-CH_2C(O)-$	4.4
\angle CHC(O)- λ	
$>C(C(0)$ -	4.4^k
$-C_6H_5$	~ 1.0
$-OH$	3.6
$-0-$	8.3
$-C(0)$ OR	$\sim\!0.0$
$-OC(0)R$	1.3
$-CH_2ONO_2$	
$>$ CHONO ₂	0.34^{m}
$>$ CONO ₂	
$-ONO2$	0.050
ł $>c = c$ –C≡C–	$\lesssim 1^n$
$-CN$	0.14°
$-CH_2CN$	0.5°
three-membered ring	0.017
four-membered ring	0.22
five-membered ring	0.80
six-membered ring	1.00
seven-membered ring	\sim 1.0

"Derived from the product analysis data for $\mathrm{CH_{3}OH.}^{87,355,356}$ b By definition (see text). c A non-linear least squares fit, with F- $(-CH₂-) \neq F(\geq CH-) \neq F(\geq CC)$ yielded similar values of these group factors, with no trend along the group. The factor given arises from assuming that $F(-CH_2^-) = F(>CH^-) = F(>C₊)$. ^{*d*} Derived from the recommended rate constants for CH₃Br and $CH_2BrCH_2Br.$ ^e Because of lack of data, $F(-CH_2Cl), F(-CHCl_2),$ and $F(-CH₂Br)$ are assumed to be equal. 'Derived from the recommended rate constant for CH_3CCl_3 . ⁸ Derived from the available rate constants for $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{F}$ and $\text{CH}_2\text{FCH}_2\text{F}$. ^h Derived from the available rate constants for CH_3CHF_2 and CH_2FCHF_2 . ^{*i*} Derived from the recommended rate constant for CH_3CF_2Cl . ^{*j*} \overline{F} -(-CHO) assumed to be identical with $F(-C(==0))$, which is de-
rived from the product data of Cox et al.¹⁴⁵ ^kAssumed equal due to paucity of data. ' Approximate value to fit the rate constant for benzaldehyde and the abstraction rate constants derived from the data in Table XV. "Because of lack of wide data base, assumed equal. " Based upon observation of negligible H atom abstraction from allylic C-H bonds (see text). ^o Derived from the recommendation for acetonitrile (CH_3CN) and the reported rate constant for $CH₃CH₂CN$

where $k^0_{\,\,\rm prim},\, k^0_{\,\rm sec},$ and $k^0_{\,\,\rm tert}$ are the rate constants per -CH₃, -CH₂-, and >CH- group for a given "standard" substituent, X, Y, and Z are the substituent groups, and $F(X)$, $F(Y)$, and $F(Z)$ are the corresponding group factors. While obviously the values of k^0_{prim} , k^0_{sec} , and k^0_{tert} can be adjusted for any given substituent group X (=

 $Y = Z$), the most appropriate standard substituents are H- or CH_3 - groups. For practical use, $X = -CH_3$ is clearly the most useful, leading to $F(-CH_3) = 1.00$ by definition.

Using the recommended rate constants at 298 K together with the other available room-temperature rate constants given in the relevant data tabulations, nonlinear least-squares analyses of these kinetic data have been carried out, minimizing the sum of the percentage errors, to derive values of $F(X)$ for a variety of substituent groups. Because the available kinetic data generally involve only single types of substituent groups, with few data available for difunctional and polyfunctional organics, the kinetic data have been analyzed sequentially for the various classes of organic compounds, i.e., alkanes, haloalkanes, aldehydes, carbonyls, alcohols, ethers, esters, and nitrates, etc., separately. The more extensive data set for the alkanes has been first analyzed to obtain $k^0_{\,\,\rm prim}$, $k^0_{\,\,\rm sec}$, and $k^0_{\,\,\rm tert}$ and $F(CH_2$ -), F (>CH-), and F (>C<), and these quantities have then been used to derive values of $F(X)$ for other substituent groups. Values of $F(X)$, where, for example, $X = -CH_2$, $>CH$, $>CC$, $-F$, $-Cl$, $-Br$, $-CH_2F$, $-CH_2Cl$, $-CH_2Br$, $-CHF_2$, $-CHCl_2$, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2Cl$, $-CCl_3$, $=0$, $-CHO$, $-C_6H_5$, $-C(O)$ –, $-CH_2C(O)$ –, $-O$ –, $-OC(O)$ –, $-C$ -(O)O-, $-OH$, $-ONO₂$, and $-CN$ are derived, as discussed below.

a. Alkanes. In a manner analogous to the recent study of Atkinson et al.,²¹⁴ the recommended roomtemperature rate constants for the acyclic alkanes and for cyclohexane (the sole essentially strain-free cycloalkane²²⁶ for which a recommendation has been made) have been used to carry out a nonlinear least-squares fit to the general equation

$$
k_{\text{total}} = \sum [k^0_{\text{prim}} F(\mathbf{X})] + \sum [k^0_{\text{sec}} F(\mathbf{X}) F(\mathbf{Y})] + \sum [k^0_{\text{tert}} F(\mathbf{X}) F(\mathbf{Y}) F(\mathbf{Z})]
$$

As an example, the expression for 2,2,4-trimethylpentane is

$$
k_{\text{total}} = 3k^0_{\text{prim}}F(\text{>C<)} + 2k^0_{\text{prim}}F(\text{>CH-}) + k^0_{\text{sec}}F(\text{>C=H-}) + k^0_{\text{tert}}[F(-CH_3)]^2 F(-CH_2)
$$

with $F(-CH_3) = 1.00$, by definition (see above).

The values of k^0_{prim} , k^0_{sec} , k^0_{tert} , $F(-CH_2^-)$, $F(>CH_-)$, and $F(\geq C \leq)$ obtained at \sim 298 K are given in Table XVIII, and these quantities are used in an extension of this predictive approach to other classes of organic compounds. The experimental and predicted roomtemperature rate constants for the acyclic alkanes and for cyclohexane (which has essentially zero ring strain energy²²⁶) are compared in Table XIX. The agreement between the experimental and predicted rate constants is seen to within $\pm 50\%$.

b. Haloalkanes. Analogous to the situation for the alkanes discussed above, the values of $k^0_{\text{ prim}}, k^0_{\text{ sec}}, k^0_{\text{ tert}},$ $F(-CH_2-)$, $F(>CH-)$, and $F(>C<)$ derived above and the recommended room-temperature rate constants for the haloalkanes have been used to obtain from a nonlinear least-squares analysis the factors $F(X)$ given in Table XVIII. The experimental and predicted roomtemperature rate constants are compared in Table XIX, and again the agreement is seen to be good, typically to within \pm a factor of 2, except for CHF₃ and CH₃CF₃, for which the discrepancies are factors of \sim 11 and \sim 6, respectively.

 a While this overall rate constant agrees well with that experimentally observed, 257 the calculated distribution of H atom abstraction from the α - and β -carbon atoms do not. Thus only \sim 42% H atom abstraction from the α -carbon is calculated, compared with the experimental observation of 85 \pm 3%.⁵¹⁷

c. Oxygen- and Nitrogen-Containing Organics. The recommended room-temperature rate constants for formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and 1-propanal have been used to derive a value of $F(=0)$. Since the earlier kinetic study of Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ concerning the ketones showed that the $-C(O)$ - group affects the β -substituents as well as the α -substituents, the factors F- $(-C(O)-), F(-CH₂C(O)-), F(>\text{CHC}(O)-),$ and $F(\text{>CC}-$ (O)-) have been utilized in the present estimation technique. Due to the limited data base available, it has been assumed that $F(-CH_2C(O)) = F(>\text{CHC}(O)-)$ $= F(\ge CC(O)-)$ in the derivation of these factors. The recommendations for 2-butanone, 4-methyl-2-pentanone, and 2,6-dimethyl-4-heptanone and the rate constants of Atkinson et al.³⁴⁹ for a series of ketones have been used to derive these factors. Similarly, the rate constants for the ethers, esters, alcohols, nitrates, and nitriles have been used to derive the factors $F(-O-)$, $F(-OC(O)-)$, $F(-C(O)O-)$, $F(-OH)$, $F(-ONO₂)$, $F(-C-O(O))$ H_2ONO_2), $F(\geq CKONO_2)$, $F(\geq CONO_2)$ and $F(-CN)$ given in Table XVIII. The calculated rate constants at \sim 298 K using these factors for a series of organics are compared with the experimental values in Table XIX, and good agreement, typically to within a factor of \sim 2, is seen.

d. Alkenes, Alkynes, and Aromatics. The observations that at room-temperature H atom abstraction from propene and 1-butene are negligible $(22\%^{173})$ and $\langle 10\%, 176, 317 \rangle$ respectively) allow upper limit values of *F(>C=C<)* to be derived. Since H atom abstraction from C-H bonds in the \geq CHC \equiv C- structural unit is expected to be less important than from C-H bonds in \geq CHC=C \leq , we use this latter value for abstraction from the \geq CHC \equiv C- unit also. Similarly, for the aromatic hydrocarbons, the rate constants for H atom abstraction from the substituent $-CH_3$ groups (Table XV) allow the factor $F(-C_6H_5)$ to be derived.

e. Effects of Ring Strain. Atkinson et al.²²⁴ and Jolly et al.²²¹ have shown that in the cycloalkanes the presence of a ring strain energy of \geq 5 kcal mol⁻¹²²⁴ leads to a decrease of the experimental rate constants, compared to those predicted in the absence of ring strain. This is primarily due to the fact that the C-H bond dissociation energies in these strained cycloalkanes are significantly higher than those in the acyclic alkanes, 319 and hence a knowledge of the precise bond dissociation energies in these cycloalkanes again allows the H atom abstraction rate constants to be reliably estimated.²²¹ However, such data are available for only a small number of cycloalkanes, and for a priori predictive purposes a more parametric approach is necessary.

Atkinson et al.²²⁴ have shown that a total ring strain energy in excess of \sim 5 kcal mol⁻¹ leads to a decrease in the observed room-temperature rate constants for a series of bi- and tricycloalkanes, over those predicted in the absence of ring strain, with k_{obs}/k_{cal} decreasing approximately exponentially with increasing ring strain energies. Since for polycyclic systems the overall ring strain energies are approximately the sum of the ring strain energies per ring,²²⁶ a correction factor per ring can be derived. For polycyclic systems these correction factors, F_{ring} , are then multiplicative. For example, for bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane the rate constant is given by

$$
k_{\text{total}} = \{3k^0_{\text{sec}}[F(-\text{CH}_2^-)]^2 + 4k^0_{\text{sec}}F(-\text{CH}_2^-)F(\text{>CH}^-) + 2k^0_{\text{tert}}[F(-\text{CH}_2^-)]^2 F(\text{>CH}^-)]F_5F_6
$$

where F_6 and F_5 are the correcton factors for six-membered and five-membered rings, respectively. From an analysis of the room-temperature rate constants for the C_3-C_7 cycloalkanes, and the bi- and tricycloalkanes studied by Atkinson et al.,²²⁴ the ring correction factors given in Table XVIII are derived. These ring strain correction factors then allow the estimation of H atom abstraction rate constants for strained ring systems. Furthermore, since the ring strain energies for ring systems containing O, N, and S heteroatoms are similar to the corresponding cycloalkane rings, 226 they can be used for the estimation of H atom abstraction rate constants for heteroatom-containing rings, such as the oxides and cycloethers.

However, the strained $C_3 - C_7$ alkanes and the bi- and tricycloalkanes from which these ring correction factors were obtained contain no substituent side chains. Thus it is expected that these correction factors *F3* through F_7 are applicable only to the $-CH_2$ - and $\geq CH$ - groups involved in the ring(s), with the group rate constants for nonring $-CH_3$, $-CH_2$, and $\geq CH$ - groups being calculated without the ring correction. For example, for ethylcyclopentane

$$
k_{\text{total}} = \{2k_{\text{sec}}^{0}[F(-\text{CH}_{2}-)]^{2} + 2k_{\text{sec}}^{0}[F(-\text{CH}_{2}-)F(\text{H}_{2}-)]^{2} + 2k_{\text{sec}}^{0}[F(-\text{CH}_{2}-) + k_{\text{ter}}^{0}[F(-\text{CH}_{2}-)]^{3}]F_{5} + k_{\text{sec}}^{0}[F(\text{H}_{2}-) + k_{\text{prim}}^{0}[F(-\text{CH}_{2}-)]^{3}]F_{6}
$$

Clearly, for organics involving six-membered rings (for example, methylcyclohexane) this is immaterial since $F_6 = 1.00.$

A comparison of the experimentally observed and calculated room-temperature rate constants is given in Table XIX for the OH radical reactions which proceed via H atom abstraction. Of the 138 organics listed, only for five do the experimental and calculated rate constants disagree by more than a factor of 2.

There are only a limited number or organics (all alkanes) for which OD radical rate constants are available and which proceed via H atom abstraction. From these data, assuming that deuterium isotope substitution leads to a constant decrease in the abstraction rate constant per $-CD_3$, $-CD_2$, and $\geq CD$ groups, relative to the corresponding $-CH_3$, $-CH_2$, and $\geq CH$ - groups, this factor is 0.28 at room temperature. Thus (in units of 10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹), at room temperature $k_{\text{primary}}^0(-CD_3) = 0.04$; $k_{\text{secondary}}^0(-CD_2-) = 0.23$, and $k^0_{\text{tertiary}}(>\text{CH-}) = 0.51$, with $F(-CD_2-) = F($>CD$ -) =$ 1.29 being set equal to the corresponding factors for $F(-CH₂-) = F(\text{>}CH₋)$. These group rate constants fit the room-temperature rate constants of Paraskevopoulos and Nip²¹¹ and Tully et al.^{203,208,215} for n -C₄D₁₀,²¹¹ $\text{(CD}_3)_3\text{CH}$, 208 $\text{(CH}_3)_3\text{CD}$, 208 $\text{(CD}_3)_3\text{CD}$, 208 and $(CD_3)_4C^{203,215}$ to within ~30%.

2. OH Radical Addition to Unsaturated $>C=CC$ and $-C \equiv C -$ Bonds

a. Alkenes and Alkynes. The a priori prediction of room-temperature OH radical reaction rate constants involving OH radical addition to alkenes has been discussed recently by Ohta^{142,152} and Atkinson and coworkers.151,153 The approach used by these authors is analogous to that presented earlier by Hendry and Kenley⁵¹⁴ and is based upon the number of unconjugated double bonds or conjugated double-bond systems and the degree, identity and configuration of substitution around these double bonds.¹⁵¹ As an example,

2-methyl-1,4-pentadiene $(CH_2=C(CH_3)CH_2CH=CH_2)$ contains a 1,1-dialkyl-substituted double bond $(CH₂=$ C<) plus a monoalkyl-substituted double bond $(CH_2=$ CH-) and the overall rate constant is given by the sum of the rate constants for 2-methylpropene (for $CH₂$ = C \lt) and propene (for CH₂=CH-).¹⁵¹

For the conjugated dialkenes the approaches used by Ohta^{142,152} and Atkinson et al.¹⁵¹ differ somewhat but yield similar results for the data set presently available. Atkinson et al.¹⁵¹ consider the $>C=C-C=C<$ moiety as a single unit with the rate constant depending solely on the number of alkyl substituents around this structural unit. Thus, for example, for 2-methyl-6 methylene-2,7-octadiene $[(CH₃)₂C=CHCH₂CH₂C=CC H₂$)CH=CH₂] the overall OH radical addition rate constant is given by the sum of the rate constants for 2-methylpropene (CH₂=C<) and the CH₂=CH-C= CH_2 entity. Ohta^{142,152} rather considers this conjugated $>C=C-C=C<$ unit as being comprised of the individual \geq C=C- and \sim C=C< monoalkene units, with the rate constants for the corresponding monoalkene units rate constants for the corresponding monoantene units
multiplied by a factor of 1.24.¹⁴² Thus, for example, the rate constant for 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene $\text{[CH}_{2}=\text{CH}_{2}$ $C(CH_3)$ = CH₂] is derived from that for the CH₂=CHunit (propene) plus that for $CH_2=CC$ (2-methylpropene), multiplied by 1.24.

Both approaches yield similar results (see Table XX) and both are equally applicable. Only when kinetic data become available for non-alkyl-substituted $\geq C$ = $C-C=C<$ systems will it become evident which of these two approaches to the a priori prediction of addition rate constants for conjugated dialkene systems is superior.

The group rate constants, their derivations, and a comparison of predicted and experimental room-temperature rate constants for the acyclic and cyclic monoalkenes and conjugated dialkenes are given in Table XX. For the dialkenes and cyclodialkenes containing nonconjugated $\geq C=C$ bonds and for other alkenes and cycloalkenes containing both $>C=C<$ and $>C=$ C—C=C< units, calculated and experimental data are given in Table XXI. These experimental data utilized include those given in Tables VI, VII, and VIII (the recommendations whenever possible, otherwise the rate constants determined by Ohta,¹⁴²' 152 and Atkinson et al.^{151,303,304} and Atkinson and Aschmann¹⁵³), together with the rate constants derived from the NO_x photowith the rate constants derived from the \log_{χ} photo-
oxidation rates of Grimsrud et al.³⁰⁸ at 301 \pm 1 K. These latter data³⁰⁸ must be viewed as semiquantitative only292,304 since their use assumes that the OH radical concentrations were identical in the separate NO-organic-air irradiations and that O_3 reactions were negligible.

The agreement between the calculated and experimental room-temperature rate constants is seen to be generally excellent. Furthermore, for the alkenes containing \geq C=C-C=C \lt structural units, the use of the techniques advanced by Ohta^{142,152} and Atkinson et al.¹⁵¹ yield very similar predicted rate constants. The use of either is recommended. For use at temperatures other than room temperature, a temperature dependence equivalent to an Arrhenius activation energy of -1.0 kcal mol⁻¹ should be used.

Insufficient data exist for reliable a priori predictions for the 1,2-dialkenes and the alkynes, since only the group rate constants $CH_2=CH^-$, $CH_2=CC=CC$, and

 $HC=CC$ - can be derived from the rate constants presently available. These group rate constants are included in Table XX and are used for comparison with the experimental data in Table XX. While the conjugated trialkenes are not dealt with due to insufficient data, the general technique of Ohta¹⁴² may be applicable to this class of alkenes.

b. Haloalkenes and Oxygen-Containing Organics with Unsaturated $>C=C<$ Bonds. In order to predict the rate constants for the haloalkenes and for various classes of oxygenates containing $\geq C=C<$ double bonds, factors are employed to account for the bonding of halogen and oxygen atoms and of carbonyl groups to the \geq C=C< double bond. The use of these factors is illustrated as follows: the rate constant for vinyl chloride (CH₂=CHCl) is that for CH₂=CH- (i.e., propene) multiplied by the factor C(Cl); that for trichloroethene $(CHCl=CCl₂)$ is that for $-CH=CC$ (i.e., 2-methyl-2-butene) \times [C(Cl)].³

The factors derived from the fairly limited data set available [the haloalkenes, including those studied by ${\rm Howard, ^{78}CH}_{2}$ =CHOCH $_{3}$, CH $_{2}$ =CHCOCH $_{3}$, CH $_{2}$ =C-HCN, cis - and $trans$ -1,3-dichloropropene, $CH₂=C(C$ - H_2Cl ₂, and *cis-* and *trans-CH₃COCH*=CHCOCH₃ (the α , β -unsaturated aldehydes such as CH₂=CHCHO cannot be used directly due to the concurrent reaction pathway involving H atom abstraction from the -CHO group)] are given in Table XX. A comparison of calculated and experimentally determined rate constants is given in Table XXI. It should be noted that since most of the available data have been utilized in deriving these factors, the observed reasonable agreement may be fortuitous. For the $-CHO$ group an approximate factor has been estimated which yields OH radical addition (and hence by difference the H atom abstraction) rate constants for $CH₂=CHCHO$, $CH₃CH=CHCHO$, and $CH₂=C(CH₃)CHO$ consistent with the discussion above dealing with these α,β -unsaturated aldehydes.

3. OH Radical Addition to Aromatic Rings

On the basis of the literature data, the optimum approach to the a priori prediction of room-temperature rate constants for OH radical addition to the aromatic ring appears to be that of Zetzsch.⁴⁶⁶ This a priori predictive technique utilizes the excellent correlation^{156,466} between the OH radical rate constants for addition to the aromatic ring, k^{add} , and the sum of the electrophilic substituent constants, $\sum \sigma^{+}$, of Brown and Okamoto.⁵¹² Thus Zetzsch⁴⁶⁶ reported that for benzene, a series of substituted monocyclic aromatics (excluding benzaldehyde since H atom abstraction is the major reaction pathway for this aromatic) and biphenyl

 $\log k^{\text{add}}(\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) = -11.4 - 1.39 \sum \sigma^+$

In Table XXII the available room-temperature rate constants for the addition of OH radicals to benzene, substituted monocyclic aromatics, and biphenyl are listed (using the recommended values where possible). Benzaldehyde has been omitted from this list since H atom abstraction is the major reaction route for this compound and aniline, p-chloroaniline, and n-propylpentafluorobenzene were not used in the correlation, since significant, and presently unknown, amounts of the OH radical reactions with these substituted aromatics may proceed via H atom abstraction from the

"Derived from propene. ^bDerived from 2-methylpropene. 'Derived from cis-2-butene. "Derived from trans-2-butene. "Derived from 2-methyl-2-butene. *'*Derived from the NO-air photooxidation data of Grimsrud et al.³⁰⁸ (see text and ref 151 and 304). *"*Derived from 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene. ^hDerived from the dialkenes or alkynes shown. ⁱRate constants in parentheses are those calculated by the technique
described by Ohta^{142,152} (see text). ^jNo experimental data available; derive $>C$ ==C $-C$ =C $<$ structure by a factor of 1.3 per alkyl substituent based upon the recommendations for the one and two alkyl-substituted $>$ C==C—C==C< entities. *Derived from the rate constants for CH₂==CHF, CH₂==CHCl, CH₂==CHBr, CH₂CF₂, CHCl==CCl₂, CCl₂==CCl₂ and CFCl=CF² . 'Derived from fitting experimental and calculated rate constants for *cis-* and trans-l,3-dichloropropene and 2-(chloromethyl)-3-chloro-1-propene. ^{*m*} Derived from the rate constant for CH₂==CHCN. ⁿ Derived from the rate constants for CH₂==CHCHO, $CH₃CH=CHCHO$, and $CH₂=C(CH₃)CHO$, consistent with the discussion in the text. $^{\circ}$ Derived from the rate constants for CH₂=CHCO-CH₃ and *cis-* and *trans-3-hexene-2,5-dione.* ^p Derived from the rate constant for CH₂==CHOCH₃.

TABLE XXI. Comparison of Experimental and Calculated Room-Temperature Rate Constants for Alkenes Containing Multiple >C=C< or >C=CC=C< Structural Units and for Heteroatom-Containing Alkenes

	$10^{11}k$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s^{-1}		
alkene or substituted alkene	calcd	obsd	
1,4-pentadiene	5.26	5.33	
trans-1,4-hexadiene	9.00	9.1	
1.5-hexadiene	5.26	6.2	
2-methyl-1,4-pentadiene	7.77	7.9	
2-methyl-1,5-hexadiene	7.77	9.6	
2,5-dimethyl-1,5-hexadiene	10.3	12.0	
1,4-cyclohexadiene	11.2	9.9	
bicyclo[2.2.1]-2,5-heptadiene	11.2	12.0	
d-limonene	13.8	16.9	
γ -terpinene	17.4	17.6	
3,7-dimethyl-1,6-octadiene	11.3	18 ^a	
3-methylene-7-methyl-1,6-octadiene	$19.2(18.3)^{b}$	21.3	
$cis-3.7$ -dimethyl-1,3,6-octatriene	$22.2(22.7)^b$	25.0	
terpinolene	19.7	$66^{a,c}$	
vinyl fluoride	0.66	0.556	
vinyl chloride	0.66	0.660	
vinyl bromide	0.66	0.681	
1,1-difluoroethene	0.32	$0.2 - 0.25$	
trichloroethene	0.14	0.24	
tetrachloroethene	0.042	0.017	
chlorotrifluoroethene	0.042	~ 0.7	
cis-1,3-dichloropropene	1.1	0.75	
trans-1,3-dichloropropene	1.3	1.26	
2-(chloromethyl)-3-chloro-1-propene	$3.3\,$	4.0	
methyl vinyl ketone	2.4	1.85	
cis -3-hexene-2,5-dione	4.5	6.3	
trans-3-hexene-2,5-dione	5.2	5.3	
acrylonitrile (CH ₂ =CHCN)	0.39	~ 0.4	
vinyl methyl ether	3.4	3.35	

"Derived from the NO photooxidation study of Grimsrud et al.³⁰⁸ (see text). ^{*h*} Calculated by using the technique of Ohta^{142,152} (see text). ϵ Probably high due to contribution from O_3 reaction.

substituent groups. Furthermore, because of the limited information available, the reported data for fluorobenzene, bromobenzene, iodobenzene, and o-nitrophenol were also not used in the derivation of the best-fit correlation. The observed overall OH radical reaction rate constants for the contribution due to the H atom abstraction pathway have been corrected, wherever possible, by use of the data in Table XV. Additionally, the recommended rate constant for biphenyl has been divided by a factor of 2 to take into account the two identical aromatic rings to which OH radical addition can take place.

The values of $\sum \sigma^+$ listed in Table XXII were calculated as described by Zetzsch,⁴⁶⁶ i.e., (a) steric hindrance was neglected and the electrophilic substituent constant of the ortho position was set equal to that for the para position, (b) the total substituent constant $\sum \sigma^+$ was the sum of all substituent constants of the substituents connected to the aromatic ring, (c) the OH radical adds to the position yielding the most negative value for $\sum \sigma^+$ (preferably a free position), and (d) if all positions are occupied, the ipso position was treated as a meta position.

A unit-weighted least-squares analysis of these values of k^{add} and $\sum \sigma^+$ yields the expression

 $\log k^{\text{add}}$ (cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹) = -11.64 - 1.31 $\sum \sigma^+$

which is only slightly different from that given by Zetzsch.⁴⁶⁶

The OH radical addition rate constants at room temperature calculated from this equation are com**TABLE XXII. Comparison of Experimentally Observed and Calculated Room-Temperature Rate Constants for the Addition of OH Radicals to Benzene, Biphenyl, and a Series of Substituted Monocyclic Aromatics**

"Account has been taken, wherever possible, for the H atom abstraction pathway using the data in Table XV. δ Not used in deriving the correlation (see text).

pared to the experimental values in Table XXII and Figure 64, and it can be seen that only for 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, fluorobenzene, bromobenzene, *N,N*dimethylaniline, p-chloroaniline, o-nitrophenol, and n-propylpentafluorobenzene are the discrepancies between the measured and calculated value of \bar{k}^{add} greater than a factor of 2. For the other 31 aromatics given in Table XXII, the estimated values of k^{add} are within a factor of 2 of the measured rate constants, even though the absolute magnitude of these measured rate constants vary by a factor of \sim 700.

Clearly, this correlation can be used to a priori predict the room-temperature rate constants for the addition of OH radicals to the aromatic ring to within \pm a factor of typically ≤ 2 . As an example of interest, this correlation predicts room temperature rate constants for OH radical addition to aniline and p-chloroaniline of $1.2 \times$ 10^{-10} and 3.5×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively, which can be compared to the measured overall rate constants of 1.2×10^{-10} and 8.3×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively. This suggests that the OH radical addition process is dominant for aniline and significant for p -chloroaniline. For aniline the sole data available⁴⁴¹ indicate that the room-temperature rate constant for

Figure 64. Plot of log k_{addition} against the overall electrophilic substituent constants for a series of aromatic compounds (see text).

OH radical addition to the aromatic ring is $\sim 6 \times 10^{-11}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, a factor of \sim 2 lower than the predicted value.

The use of the above a priori predictive techniques, namely, those applicable to H atom abstraction from C-H (and, to a lesser extent from O-H) bonds, and OH radical addition to double and triple carbon-carbon bonds and to aromatic rings, enables OH radical reaction rate constants to be estimated with apparently reasonable reliability. It should, however, be noted that the available kinetic data base for sulfur-, nitrogen, and phosphorus-containing organics, and for organometallics, is presently insufficient for the extension of the predictive techniques discussed above to these important classes of organics. Hopefully, this deficiency will be reduced with the development of the necessary data base in future years. However, the present predictive technique appears to be able to estimate, solely from the chemical structure of the organic compound, room-temperature rate constants to within a factor of \leq 6 (and often to within a factor of 2 or better) for a number of classes of organic compounds.

C. Atmospheric Lifetimes

The lifetimes of organic chemicals with respect to reaction with the OH radical, τ_{OH} , can be determined from a knowledge of the OH radical reaction rate constant k^{OH} and the atmospheric OH radical concentration, [OH], from the equation

$$
\tau_{\text{OH}} = (k^{\text{OH}}[\text{OH}])^{-1}
$$

However, in general this equation only yields the instantaneous lifetime, since the OH radical concentration exhibits seasonal, altitudinal, diurnal, and geographical variations, and *k0H* typically varies with temperature, which decreases with increasing altitude in the troposphere. Variations in *k0H* due to pressure are expected to be minor, except possibly for HCN and acetylene, since most organic compounds studied to date are in the limiting high-pressure second-order kinetic regime at total pressures of \sim 200 torr of air or lower.

Chang and Kaufman²⁶⁵ and Altshuller⁵¹⁸ have discussed the derivation of atmospheric OH radical lifetimes for a series of organics. As discussed,^{265,518} differing assumptions of tropospheric OH radical concentration profiles as a function of altitude affect the resulting calculated lifetimes. Altshuller⁵¹⁸ used a weighted average tropospheric temperature of 265 K to calculate lifetimes due to reaction with OH radicals and an average OH radical concentration derived from tropospheric halocarbon measurements. While this use of an average tropospheric temperature of 265 K is reasonably appropriate for the alkanes and other organics which exhibit positive temperature dependencies, its use may lead to discrepancies for those organics whose temperature dependencies are negative (an obvious example being trichloroethene).

As discussed earlier in this paper, based upon the recent modeling study of Crutzen,³² seasonally and diurnally averaged tropospheric northern and southern hemispheric OH radical concentrations are \sim 5 \times 10⁵ and $\sim 6 \times 10^5$ molecule cm⁻³, respectively. These estimates are in good agreement with previous estimates based upon, for example, the observed concentrations of CHCl₃ and CH₃CCl₃^{56–58,60,65,66,71,72} and of ¹⁴CO⁶¹ and can be used to derive the lifetimes due to OH radical reaction of organics which are well-mixed throughout the troposphere. For organics which have lifetimes short with respect to the tropospheric mixing time, for example, of the order of a few days or less, the use of averaged temperatures and OH radical concentrations will lead to errors. However, since the actual instantaneous OH radical concentrations are not known to within at least a factor of 2, such errors may not be significant at the present time.⁵¹⁹

Of course, in addition to reaction with OH radicals, organic compounds can be homogeneously removed from the troposphere by photolysis and reaction with $NO₃$ radicals and $O₃$ (and for certain basic amines and hydrazines⁴⁵³ and other nitrogen-containing heterocy c les,⁴⁴¹ by reaction with gas-phase $HNO₃$). While for the majority of organic compounds the reaction with OH radicals is expected to be the major homogeneous tropospheric loss process, these other reactions can dominate over OH radical reaction for certain classes of organics, e.g., photolysis for the alkyl nitrites^{3,389} and nitrosamines, 149 reaction with O_3 for the higher alkenes (including the monoterpenes), 506 reaction with the NO_3 radical for the higher alkenes^{502,520} (including the monoterpenes^{503,504,521}), dimethyl sulfide⁴⁰³ and the lower $\frac{1}{2}$ furan and pyrrole $\frac{522}{2}$ and the hydroxy-substituted aromatics.^{523,524}

As an illustrative example, Table XXIII gives calculated atmospheric lifetimes for a series of organics for reaction with OH and $NO₃$ radicals and with $O₃$. For these approximate estimates, the room-temperature O_3 and $NO₃$ and OH radical rate constants and OH radical, $NO₃$ radical, and $O₃$ concentrations of 5×10^5 molecule cm⁻³,³² 2.4 \times 10⁸ molecule cm⁻³ (over continental areas),⁵²⁵⁻⁵³¹ and 7.2×10^{11} molecule cm^{-3532,533} have been used.

These estimated, and approximate, lifetimes are consistent with our above discussion and show that the OH radical reactions are the major tropospheric loss process for the alkanes, haloalkanes, the lower alkenes,

TABLE XXIII. Comparison of Room-Temperature Rate Constants and Loss Rates of Selected Organics in the Presence of 7.2 \times 10¹¹ molecule cm⁻³ of 0₃, 5 \times 10⁵ molecule cm⁻³ of OH Radicals, and 2.4 \times 10⁸ molecule cm⁻³ of NO₃ Radicals

	OH		O_3		NO ₃	
Organic	k^{OH} , ^a cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	loss rate, day^{-1}	$k^{O_3,b}$ cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	loss rate. day^{-1}	$k^{NO_3,c}$ cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	loss rate, day^{-1}
			Alkanes and Haloalkanes			
<i>n</i> -butane	2.5×10^{-12}	0.11	10^{-23}	$\leq 6 \times 10^{-7}$	3.6×10^{-17}	0.0007
1,2-dibromoethane	2.5×10^{-13}	0.01	${<}10^{-23}$	$< 6 \times 10^{-7}$		
			Alkenes and Haloalkenes			
ethene	8.5×10^{-12}	0.37	1.8×10^{-18}	0.11	1.1×10^{-16}	0.002
propene	2.6×10^{-11}	1.1	1.1×10^{-17}	0.7	7.6×10^{-15}	0.16
2-methyl-2-butene	8.7×10^{-11}	3.8	4.2×10^{-16}	25	9.9×10^{-12}	205
d -limonene	1.7×10^{-10}	7.3	6×10^{-16}	36	1.4×10^{-11}	290
trichloroethene	2.4×10^{-12}	0.10	$<\!\!3\times10^{-20}$	< 0.002		
			Alkynes			
acetylene	7.8×10^{-13}	0.03	7.8×10^{-21}	0.0005		
O, S, N Containing						
acetaldehyde ^d	1.6×10^{-11}	0.7	≤6 × 10 ⁻²¹	≤0.0004	2.5×10^{-15}	0.05
methyl vinyl ketone	1.8×10^{-11}	0.8	4.8×10^{-18}	0.3		
furan	4.0×10^{-11}	1.7	2.4×10^{-18}	0.15	1.4×10^{-12}	29
dimethyl sulfide	6.3×10^{-12}	0.27	$< 8 \times 10^{-19}$	< 0.05	9.7×10^{-13}	20
thiophene	9.7×10^{-12}	0.4	$< 6 \times 10^{-20}$	< 0.004	3.2×10^{-14}	0.7
dimethylamine ^e	6.5×10^{-11}	2.8	2.6×10^{-18}	0.16		
hydrazine ^e	6.5×10^{-11}	2.8	\sim 3 \times 10 ⁻¹⁷	\sim 2		
pyrrole	1.2×10^{-10}	5.2	1.6×10^{-17}	1.0	4.9×10^{-11}	1000
			Aromatics			
toluene	6.2×10^{-12}	0.27	$<\!1\times10^{-20}$	< 0.0006	3.6×10^{-17}	0.0007
o-cresol	4.0×10^{-11}	1.7	2.6×10^{-19}	0.02	2.2×10^{-11}	450

 a From this work. b From Atkinson and Carter. 506 c From ref 228, 403, 502, 503, 522, and 524. d Photolysis will also occur, but OH radical reaction will be dominant. *'* Reaction with gas-phase HNO₃ will also occur⁴⁶³ and may be the dominant loss process in urban atmospheres.

the aromatic hydrocarbons, and a majority of the oxygen-containing organics. The recent review article of Atkinson and Carter,⁵⁰⁶ dealing with the kinetics and mechanisms of O_3 reactions under atmospheric conditions, and ref 228, 403, 502-505, 520, 522-524, 534, and 535, dealing with $NO₃$ radical reaction rate constants, should be consulted for the available kinetic data concerning O_3 and NO_3 radical reactions with organic compounds.

V. Conclusions

In the above sections the available kinetic and mechanistic data concerning the reactions of OH radicals with organic compounds under atmospheric conditions have been compiled and evaluated, and previous a priori predictive schemes have been extended to develop an up-to-date estimation procedure which will hopefully prove useful for room-temperature rate constant and atmospheric lifetime calculations. Since our earlier review,¹ which covered the literature through mid-1978, a large number of experimental kinetic product and mechanistic studies have been carried out. While these have, of course, greatly enlarged the available data base, it is an attribute to the earlier studies that few major changes have occurred in the past 7 years. Rather these recent years have proved to be a time of refinement in the area dealing with the kinetics of OH radical reactions and a beginning of reliable product and mechanistic studies and of the development of techniques for studying even more difficult to handle (for example, those of low volatility) organic compounds. Hopefully, this process will continue.

VI. Addendum

Since the revision of this paper in mid-1985 and the end of 1985, data have been published concerning the reactions of the OH radical with organic compounds which were not included in this review. These data are briefly discussed here by the same organic compound classes as in the text. For further details, the references cited should be consulted.

A. Alkanes

In addition to determining rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with C_2H_6 over the temperature range $292.5-705$ K (Table I), Tully and co-workers²⁰³ have determined OH radical reaction rate constants for $CH₃CD₃$ and $C₂D₆$ over the temperature range 293-705 K by LP-LIF. The room temperature rate constants obtained are given in Table XXIV, and the following temperature dependent expressions are given by Tully and co-workers²⁰³

$$
k_{\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{D}_3} = 7.65 \times 10^{-19} T^{2.38} e^{-411/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

$$
k_{\text{C}_2\text{D}_6}
$$
 = 2.43 × 10⁻¹⁹T^{2.56}e^{-663/T} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

Using a PR-RA technique, Nielsen et al.⁵³⁶ have studied the kinetics of the reaction of OH radicals with ethane over the temperature range 300-400 K. The 300 K rate constant, which is in reasonable agreement with the recommendation, is given in Table XXIV. The Arrhenius expression cited⁵³⁶ is

$$
k_{\rm C_2H_6} = 1.61 \times 10^{-11} e^{-1173/T} \, \text{cm}^3 \, \text{molecule}^{-1} \, \text{s}^{-1}
$$

in good agreement with that of Greiner²¹ over a similar temperature range.

² From recommendations. ^b From Table XI. ^c At 1 atm of air.

B. Haloalkanes and Other Halo Organics

Nielsen et al.⁵³⁶ have determined rate constants for the reactions of the OH radical with CH_3Cl , CH_2Cl_2 , and CHFCl₂ over the temperature range 300-400 K, using a PR-RA technique. The 300 K rate constants are given in Table XXIV, and the cited Arrhenius expressions are

 $k(\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}) = 5.3 \times 10^{-12} e^{-1263/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2) = 6.8 \times 10^{-12} e^{-1117/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k(\text{CHFCI}_2) = 1.8 \times 10^{-12} e^{-1787/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

While these rate constants for CH_2Cl_2 and $CHFCl_2$ are in reasonable agreement with the other literature data discussed above, the rate constants for $CH₃Cl$ are higher, by a factor of approximately 1.7 at 300 K, possibly due to initial fragmentation of $CH₃Cl$ by the radiolysis source.⁵³⁶

Nelson et al.⁵³⁷ have used a relative rate method to measure the OH radical rate constants for $CH₃CCl₃$, CH₃CClO, and CCl₃CHO at 298 \pm 3 K. For CH₃CCl₃ their rate constant is in agreement with previous room temperature data71,72,186 and the recommendation. For the other two halo organics studied no previous litera ture measurements are available for comparison.

Shepson et al.⁵³⁸ have identified and measured the

yields of hydroxy nitrates from the reaction of the OH radical with propene in the presence of NO at atmospheric pressure of air. These hydroxy nitrates $[CH_3CHOHCH_2ONO_2$ and $CH_3CH(ONO_2)CH_2OH]$ were shown to be formed from the corresponding $RO₂$ radicals via reaction with NO, with formation yields of 0.015-0.017. These nitrate formation yields are a factor of \sim 2 lower than those for alkyl nitrate formation from secondary C_3 -alkylperoxy radicals.

D. Alkynes

Using a relative rate method, Hatakeyama et al.,⁵³⁹ have determined rate constants at 297 ± 2 K for the reaction of OH radicals with acetylene, propyne, and 2-butyne in 1 atm of air (Table XXIV). The rate constants for acetylene and propyne are in good agreement with those of Atkinson and Aschmann.³²⁸ The increase in the room temperature rate constant with the degree of alkyl substitution around the carbon-carbon triple bond is expected for an initial OH radical addition re- α action. Hatakeyama et al.⁵³⁹ also investigated the products of these reactions under atmospheric conditions, and showed that glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl are formed in relatively high yields in both the presence and absence of NO.

C. Alkenes E. Oxygen-Containing Organics

Rate constants, or upper limits, have been reported

for the reactions of the OH radical with acetaldehyde, 540 propanal,⁵⁴¹ and a series of ketenes.⁵⁴² The room temperature rate constants obtained are listed in Table XXIV. Michael et al.⁵⁴⁰ have used a DF-RF technique to determine the rate constants for acetaldehyde over the temperature range $244-528$ K, with k (acetaldehyde) = $5.52 \times 10^{-12} e^{307/T}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹. These rate constants are in good agreement with the FP-RF data of Atkinson and Pitts³⁴⁰ and the recommendation. The data of Hatakeyama et al.⁵⁴² for the ketenes are given in Table XXIV, and these rate constants indicate that these reactions proceed via OH radical addition to the >C=C< bond. Products were also studied under simulated atmospheric conditions.⁵⁴²

F. Sulfur-Containing Organics

Barnes et al.⁵⁴³ have used relative rate techniques to study the kinetics of the reactions of the OH radical with several sulfur-containing organics at 300 K and atmospheric pressure in the presence of varying O_2 concentrations. For CH_3SH and CH_3SCH_3 , the rate constants were observed to increase with the $O₂$ concentrations, yielding rate constants in 1 atm of air of \sim 1.2 \times 10⁻¹⁰ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and \sim 5 \times 10⁻¹¹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively.⁵⁴³ On the basis of the discussions above concerning the kinetics and mechanisms of these reactions, it is almost certain that these anomolously high rate constants are due to the occurrence of secondary reactions leading to an enhanced consumption of the sulfur-containing compounds in the relative rate systems utilized. However, for thiophene no dependence of the observed rate constant on the O_2 concentration was observed 543 and the value of 9.6 \times concentration was observed, and the value of 3.0 N
 10^{-12} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 300 K in 1 atm of air is in good agreement with the recommendation.

G. Aromatics

The product data reported by Bandow et al.⁴⁷⁶ have been published.⁵⁴⁴⁻⁵⁴⁶ In addition to the α -dicarbonyl yields from toluene, the xylenes, and the trimethylbenzenes (given in Table XVI), data are presented for the hydroxy aromatic yields from toluene⁵⁴⁴ and the xylenes.⁵⁴⁵ Product data for toluene have also been reported by Gery et al.⁵⁴⁷

Kinetic studies have been carried out by Madronich and Felder⁵⁴⁸ and Ohta and Ohyama.⁵⁴⁹ Madronich and Felder⁵⁴⁸ obtained rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with benzene over the temperature range 787-1409 K using a FP-RF method. The rate constants determined are $\sim 30\%$ higher than those of Tully et al.⁴⁵⁹ However, of particular interest is the evidence presented to show that at these elevated temperatures the reaction proceeds predominantly via H atom abstraction from the aromatic ring, rather than by an elimination reaction as proposed by Lin and Lin.³³⁵

Ohta and Ohyama⁵⁴⁹ have used a relative rate method to obtain rate constants for the reaction of the OH radical with a series of aromatic compounds at room temperature (Table XXIV). For benzene, toluene, and the xylenes these rate constants are in reasonable agreement with, though those for the xylenes are somewhat lower than, the recommendations and previous data. However, for the trimethylbenzenes and methoxybenzene these rate constants of Ohta and Oh-

yama⁵⁴⁹ are significantly lower than the previous literature data, and this may indicate wall adsorption/desorption problems in this recent study.⁵⁴⁹

Using a FP-RF technique, Witte and Zetzsch⁵⁵⁰ have determined absolute rate constants for the reaction of OH radicals with benzene, aniline, and nitrobenzene over the temperature range 239-359 K. Nonexponential OH radical decays were observed, even at room temperature, and the initial OH radical reaction rate constants and the OH-aromatic adduct decay rates were obtained. For the initial OH radical reactions, the following Arrhenius expressions were obtained

$$
k(\text{benzene}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-12} e^{-192/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}
$$

 k (aniline) = 1.7 \times 10⁻¹²e^{005/2} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹

 $k(\text{nitrobenzene}) = 6 \times 10^{-13} e^{-445/T} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

These rate constants for benzene and aniline are in reasonable agreement with the previous data discussed above. Those for nitrobenzene are the first temperature dependent data reported, and the previous rate constant of Zetzsch⁴⁶⁶ has been reevaluated to take into account a new determination of the vapor pressure for this compound.⁵⁵⁰

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