

is stopped by injection of  $\alpha$ -naphthylamine. This fact indicates that these products are formed via a chain mechanism.

Acetophenone is formed in recombination of the peroxide radicals and in decomposition of the oxycumene radicals. Basically, dimethylphenylcarbinol is produced in decomposition of the hydroperoxide. The rate of cumene hydroperoxide decomposition into radicals is not affected by the addition of dimethylphenylcarbinol and acetophenone.

In the presence of benzoic acid, the hydroperoxide decomposition rate,  $v$ , is described by the equation:

$$v = k[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OHH}][\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}].$$

With chlorobenzene as the solvent, the value of  $k$  is  $7.1 \times 10^6 \exp(-20600/RT)$  liter/mol-sec.

#### Kinetics of Reaction of Divalent Ions of Iron with Diphenylpicrylhydrazyl

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A spectrophotometric study was made of the general kinetic relationships governing reactions of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions with diphenylpicrylhydrazyl (DPhPH). In a mixture with a 74% alcohol—26% water solution, the reaction rate is expressed by the equation:  $W = kRM$ , where  $R$  is concentration of the radical and  $M$  is concentration of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions. The reaction products are  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and diphenylpicrylhydrazyl only, which is in agreement with the published data. The effective activation energy and the preexponential factor values are  $8.1 \pm 0.5$  kcal/mol and  $1.2 \times 10^8$  liter/mol  $\times$  sec, respectively.

Qualitative data were obtained of the effects of pH of the media and the nature of the solvents and the ligands on the reaction rate.

#### Interaction of Atomic Oxygen, Produced in the Gas Phase, with Solid Hydrocarbons: Reactions of the Atomic Oxygen with Solid Propylene at Temperatures of 77°–67°K

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The effects of the temperature of a solid hydrocarbon and of the degree of atomic oxygen conversion on the reaction rate of the oxygen were determined for the case of solid propylene at 77°–67°K. The results show that the yields of

the principal reaction products are: propylene oxide, 54%; propion aldehyde, 43%; and acetone, 3%. The product distribution remains unchanged at the conditions covered in this study.

#### Alteration by Additives of Physico-Chemical Properties of Solids: Effect of Admixed Heterophase Semiconductors on Thermal Stability of Silver Azide

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A study was made of the effect of admixed heterophase semiconductors:  $\text{CdO}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{NiO}$ ,  $\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CdS}$ ,  $\text{CoO}$ ,  $\text{Co}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  — on the rate and activation energy of thermal decomposition of  $\text{AgN}_3$ . In this reaction, catalytic activity of the semiconductors for production of the respective compounds increases with increasing electron work function of the semiconductors at the decomposition conditions employed.

The changes in activity of the semiconductors were determined following the irradiation and partial thermolysis of the  $\text{AgN}_3$  — semiconductor mixtures. The effect of the admixed semiconductors on the  $\text{AgN}_3$  decomposition rate is compared with the effect of static electric field on the rate of decomposition of "pure"  $\text{AgN}_3$ . The results obtained are discussed in the light of the concepts advanced by the authors regarding the decisive role played in catalytic thermolysis of solids by the contact phenomena and by the processes on the border of separation of solid-semiconductor mixtures onto the phases.

The nature of the elementary limiting stage of the  $\text{AgN}_3$  decomposition process is considered.

#### Effect of Admixtures on Radiolysis of Potassium Nitrate

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The effect of admixtures of  $\text{Ti}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  was determined in radiolysis of potassium nitrate by the  $\gamma$ -rays of  $\text{Co}^{60}$ . The results show that in the radiation-chemical conversion of  $\text{KNO}_3$ , the yield of the end product, potassium nitrite, is increased by small dosages of the  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , whereas in large dosages these additives decrease the  $\text{KNO}_2$  yield. In addition, the  $\text{Ti}^{2+}$  in