

Kinetics of Pb Reactions with N₂O, Cl₂, HCl, and O₂ at High Temperatures

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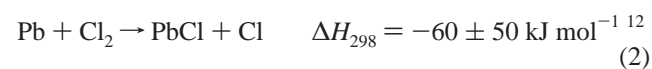
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The title reactions of ground-state lead atoms have been studied in isolation in an HTFFR (high-temperature fast-flow reactor) at pressures in the 10–150 mbar range. Pb consumption rate coefficients were determined using atomic resonance absorption spectrometry at 217.0 and 283.3 nm. The following results, in cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹, have been obtained: Pb + N₂O, $k(650\text{--}1205\text{ K}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-8948\text{ K}/T)$; Pb + Cl₂, $k(530\text{--}1165\text{ K}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-718\text{ K}/T)$; Pb + HCl, $k(1090\text{--}1320\text{ K}) = 8.2 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-17233\text{ K}/T)$. The precision limits vary somewhat between these measurements; the estimated 2σ accuracy limits are all about ±25%. The Pb + HCl result suggests that $D_0(\text{Pb}\text{--}\text{Cl}) = 318 \pm 31\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. In contrast to the above homogeneous processes, the observations on the O₂ reaction indicate the dominance of heterogeneous reactions. It is speculated that these lead primarily to PbO₂ below 1000 K and to PbO above 1000 K.

Introduction

The presence of metals in many high-temperature environments, such as waste incineration, coal combustion, and many industrial processes, can lead to toxic emissions as particles and gases. Sorbents have been developed to clean flue gases,¹ but their performance is critically dependent on the chemical form of the metals. Influencing the chemistry in a favorable direction for this approach to work again requires knowledge of the metal species kinetics. The removal of lead from gasoline notwithstanding, Pb remains one of the major elements of environmental concern.² Data on the kinetics of the formation of lead oxides and chlorides at combustion temperatures are much needed.³ Most of the available information on ground state Pb(6³P₀) reactions comes from the work of Husain and co-workers, who studied a number of reactions at room temperature^{4–6} and also determined the temperature dependence of the reactions with several alkyl chlorides and SF₆ (594–819 K),⁷ alkyl bromides (640–760 K),⁸ and N₂O (648–783 K).⁹ Husain and Littler determined rate coefficient expressions for the third-order reactions with NO and O₂ between 290 and 570 K,¹⁰ which show a negative activation energy. Their experiments were carried out in a static tubular photochemical reactor. For Pb + O₂ + M Ryason and Smith,¹¹ using a quartz fast-flow reactor, obtained $k(870\text{ K}) = 9.4 \times 10^{-33}\text{ cm}^6\text{ molecule}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$, somewhat higher than extrapolation of Husain's results would predict. However, at that temperature the reaction was thought to be 50% due to wall reactions, which totally dominated at higher temperatures (960 and 992 K).

Here we report on four reactions of ground state lead atoms studied in a high-temperature fast-flow reactor (HTFFR) at temperatures in the range encountered in incinerators (≈700–1500 K):



The inclusion of reaction 1 allows a direct comparison in an overlapping temperature interval with the results of Husain and Sealy⁹ obtained by a radically different technique. Also, it provides an additional wide temperature range measurement of an activation barrier for a group 14 element, to allow future development of the SECI approach for calculating such barriers.^{13–15} This approach has previously been applied to the N₂O reactions of metal atoms of the first three main groups of the periodic table, as well as to some diatomic metal oxides and halides with various oxidants. The measurements on reaction 3 have allowed a reevaluation of the heat of that reaction, as well as of reaction 2, from the above JANAF values. The O₂ results confirm the importance of heterogeneous processes in its reaction with Pb atoms.

Technique

The kinetic measurements were made in a high-temperature fast-flow reactor (HTFFR) using atomic resonance absorption spectrometry (ARAS). The apparatus, procedures, and data analysis methods have been described extensively in many earlier publications.^{15–18} The reaction tube is heated radiatively by SiC resistance heating elements inside a water-cooled steel vacuum housing. Atomic Pb was generated by evaporation of solid lead from an alumina crucible. The vapor was entrained in a stream of bath gas and reacted with an oxidant, introduced through a movable inlet downstream from the Pb source. Except where otherwise mentioned, an industrial-grade quartz reaction tube and N₂ bath gas were used. Temperature was measured with a retractable Pt–Pt/13% Rh thermocouple. Pressure measurements were obtained downstream from the reaction zone using an MKS Baratron pressure transducer. Gas flow rates were determined by calibrated Hastings-Teledyne mass-flow controllers. The Pb resonance radiation was generated by a Buck Scientific hollow cathode lamp, and the absorption was measured with an Oriel monochromator equipped with a Thorn EMI

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9831QA photomultiplier tube, the output of which was transferred to a Keithley 614 electrometer. The transitions $\lambda = 217.0$ nm ($\text{Pb}(6^3\text{D}_1) \leftarrow \text{Pb}(6^3\text{P}_0)$) or $\lambda = 283.3$ nm ($\text{Pb}(7^3\text{P}_1) \leftarrow \text{Pb}(6^3\text{P}_0)$) were observed.

The gas concentrations were chosen such that $[\text{Pb}] \ll [\text{oxidant}] \ll [\text{bath gas}]$, providing for pseudo-first-order conditions in the reaction zone. Rate coefficient measurements were performed in the stationary inlet mode¹⁸ with reaction zone lengths of 10 or 20 cm. Individual rate coefficients, k_i , were obtained from the slope of linear plots of $\ln [\text{Pb}]_{\text{relative}}$ vs $[\text{oxidant}]$.¹⁹ A weighted linear regression was used to determine k_i and σ_{k_i} .²⁰ Typically, five oxidant concentrations, providing variation by a factor of 5, were used. The chemicals used were Pb granules (30 mesh, 99.5+%) from Aldrich; N_2 (99.995%) and Ar (99.998%) bath gases both from the liquid, from Praxair; N_2O (99.99%), Cl_2 (0.029% in Ar), and O_2 (99.99%), all from Matheson; and HCl (99.995%) from Spectra Gases Inc. These oxidants flowed through Drierite (CaSO_4) drying towers.

Results and Discussion

The Pb + N_2O Reaction. The temperature and pressure ranges covered in this study were 660–1205 K and 10–85 mbar, respectively. The low-temperature limit was determined by the small value of the rate coefficients. The high-temperature limit was imposed by thermal decomposition of nitrous oxide. In previous HTFFR work,^{21,22} with Ar as bath gas, that limit was found to be around 1000 K. This study showed that with N_2 as bath gas, which helps stabilize N_2O by reducing its equilibrium dissociation,²³ the temperature limit could be increased to 1200 K.²⁴ The other reaction conditions including pressure and correspondingly total concentration $[\text{M}]$, maximum N_2O concentration $[\text{N}_2\text{O}]_{\text{max}}$, observed reaction zone length z , average velocity \bar{v} , and initial Pb absorption were also varied; their values are listed in Table 1 together with the individual rate coefficients k_i measured. Residual analysis based on examination of $[k(T) - k_i]/k(T)$ plots showed that the rate coefficients were independent of any of the listed variables and the absorption line used. The data are well fitted by a weighted linear regression^{25,26} of the form $k(T) = A \exp(-E/T)$ to yield

$$k_1(660\text{--}1205 \text{ K}) = 1.76 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-8921 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (5)$$

This activation energy is equivalent to 74 kJ mol⁻¹. The calculated variances and covariance are $\sigma_A^2 = 3.13 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}^2$, $\sigma_E^2 = 2.50 \times 10^4$, and $\sigma_{AE} = 2.76 \times 10 \text{ A}$, corresponding to $\pm 2\sigma_k$ precision limits varying from 14% at 660 K to 11% at 1205 K. Allowing $\pm 20\%$ for possible systematic errors and $\pm 10\%$ for the uncertainty associated with the flow profile factor $\eta^{1,4,18,27,28}$ yields $\pm 2\sigma_k$ confidence limits varying from 27% to 25%.

The reaction of Pb with N_2O was previously studied by Husain and Sealy⁹ in the 648–783 K temperature interval, at pressures around 100 mbar. They used time-resolved ARAS following the pulsed irradiation of PbBr_2 and determined

$$k_1(648\text{--}783 \text{ K}) = 6 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-8179 \pm 1203 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (6)$$

There is a misprint in their Table 1, where the rate coefficients were assigned the power 10^{-11} instead of 10^{-16} . That the latter was meant can be concluded from eq 6. In Figure 1 the data sets are compared. The agreement is excellent,

allowing a combined expression

$$k_1(648\text{--}1205 \text{ K}) = 1.80 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-8948 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (7)$$

Adding their individual data points to the present set, we arrive at accuracy limits equal to those of eq 5.

The pressure independence is in accord with the suggested abstraction reaction 1. These results may be compared to those of the group 14 elements Sn and Ge with N_2O , the temperature dependence of which was studied most extensively in previous HTFFR experiments to yield, respectively^{21,29}

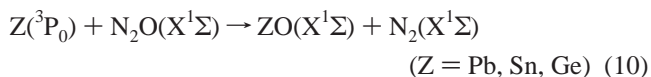


$$k_8(300\text{--}950 \text{ K}) = 8.9 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-2260 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



$$k_9(475\text{--}920 \text{ K}) = 1.7 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-470 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The ground states of these group 14 elements are $^3\text{P}_0$, and their reactions with N_2O are spin-forbidden for formation of ground state products



but allowed for production of triplet ZO. Spin conservation does not have to play a major role for as heavy an element as Pb, and reaction 1 is insufficiently exothermic^{12,30} to populate a PbO triplet level. Indeed the preexponential of k_1 is of the same magnitude as that measured at similar temperatures for the spin-allowed N_2O reactions with Cr,³¹ Cu,³² and Al.¹³

The preexponentials of the Sn and Ge reactions are considerably smaller. These reactions, as witnessed by their chemiluminescence, are known to lead in part to triplet states.^{21,29} They have been extensively discussed and compared to each other²⁹ and are thought to proceed through intermediate formation of $\text{Sn}(^3\text{P}_1)$ and $\text{Ge}(^3\text{P}_1)$, respectively. Indeed their activation energies compare well to the $^3\text{P}_0\text{--}^3\text{P}_1$ energy splits of 20 and 6.7 kJ mol⁻¹, respectively. This, in addition to the sequence of their reaction exothermicities,⁹ has been advanced²⁹ as the reason for the greater activation energy for Sn compared to Ge. The lower preexponential of Sn relative to Ge has been attributed to its reaction being more selective in producing ZO to a major degree in one state, a $^3\Sigma$, resulting in a lower entropy of activation.²⁹

The $\text{Pb}(6^3\text{P}_0\text{--}6^3\text{P}_1)$ split is 93.5 kJ mol⁻¹, considerably more than the Pb + N_2O activation energy. This makes it likely that this reaction proceeds directly from 6^3P_0 atoms and does not go through intermediate 6^3P_1 formation. The equilibrium population of $\text{Pb}(6^3\text{P}_1)$ also should be negligible at the temperatures investigated. Thus eq 10 appears to correctly represent the reaction path for the Pb + N_2O reaction studied, allowing for intermediate complex formation.

The Pb + Cl_2 Reaction. The rate coefficient measurements spanned the 530–1165 K temperature range. The lower temperature limit is due to the heating of the source used for Pb evaporation. The upper temperature limit was set by thermal dissociation of Cl_2 , which became significant only at the temperatures above 1200 K. Residual analyses were, as above, performed to check the dependence of the rate coefficients on

TABLE 1: Summary of Rate Coefficient Measurements of Pb + N₂O^a

<i>T</i> , K	<i>P</i> , mbar	[M], 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	[N ₂ O] _{max} , 10 ¹⁵ cm ⁻³	\bar{v} , m s ⁻¹	reaction zone length, cm	initial Pb absorption, %	$k_i \pm \sigma_{k_i}$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
722	56.0	5.62	37.2	9	20	39	(6.41 ± 0.44) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
725	39.8	3.97	32.2	11	20	36	(1.01 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
729	39.8	3.95	32.0	12	20	36	(9.35 ± 0.62) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
904	70.6	5.65	22.5	8	20	37	(9.46 ± 0.57) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
987	23.4	1.72	8.5	26	20	42	(2.29 ± 0.19) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
988	23.4	1.72	8.5	26	10	45	(2.10 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
978	65.5	4.85	23.9	9	10	23	(1.24 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
971	65.6	4.90	17.2	9	20	45	(1.41 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
799	34.6	3.14	15.5	14	20	46	(2.59 ± 0.18) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
784	34.8	3.21	23.2	14	20	36	(2.43 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
762	76.8	7.30	52.7	6	20	43	(1.23 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
892	17.8	1.44	10.4	31	20	48	(9.25 ± 0.87) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
881	40.0	3.29	23.8	14	10	39	(6.37 ± 0.46) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
880	40.0	3.29	23.8	14	10	37	(6.38 ± 0.45) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
752	40.1	3.86	27.9	12	20	39	(1.45 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
749	85.9	8.31	48.7	5	20	41	(1.08 ± 0.06) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
693	68.9	7.20	41.8	6	20	28	(3.58 ± 0.21) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
700	35.6	3.68	29.6	12	20	32	(6.48 ± 0.51) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
700	48.2	4.99	47.2	8	20	32	(4.60 ± 0.34) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
675	48.2	5.18	49.0	8	20	30	(2.46 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
673	69.7	7.50	71.0	5	20	26	(2.40 ± 0.15) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1205	10.2	0.62	2.0	80	20	31	(1.31 ± 0.20) × 10 ⁻¹³
1201	12.0	0.72	2.7	81	20	26	(9.25 ± 1.35) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1191	11.0	0.67	2.8	80	20	22	(9.67 ± 1.38) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1162	19.5	1.21	5.5	41	20	47	(8.17 ± 0.78) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1160	19.6	1.22	8.1	41	10	52	(6.22 ± 0.59) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1075	31.1	2.10	6.8	23	20	32	(5.32 ± 0.40) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1074	17.3	1.16	3.7	42	20	43	(6.30 ± 0.60) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1064	41.6	2.83	6.6	17	10	30	(3.92 ± 0.30) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1051	41.6	2.87	6.7	17	10	26	(3.87 ± 0.30) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
892	30.4	2.47	11.5	19	20	39	(7.18 ± 0.51) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
903	30.4	2.44	11.4	20	20	40	(8.39 ± 0.60) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
898	57.4	4.63	13.3	10	20	30	(7.47 ± 0.45) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
906	52.4	4.19	12.1	11	20	33	(7.94 ± 0.51) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
840	52.5	4.53	21.2	11	20	36	(3.44 ± 0.23) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
833	18.3	1.59	10.9	30	20	44	(4.77 ± 0.44) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
847	71.4	6.10	24.3	9	10	21	(3.54 ± 0.25) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
743	49.2	4.79	34.4	10	20	54 ^b	(1.11 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
743	49.2	4.79	34.4	10	20	40 ^b	(1.22 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
741	49.2	4.81	34.5	9	20	38 ^b	(1.37 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1095	49.5	3.27	5.1	14	10	56 ^b	(4.33 ± 0.33) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1094	18.1	1.20	5.9	38	10	52 ^b	(6.48 ± 0.71) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
663	33.8	3.69	29.8	12	20	42	(3.03 ± 0.24) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
661	27.7	3.03	30.1	12	20	40	(2.42 ± 0.19) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
813	37.6	3.35	16.5	14	20	51 ^b	(3.35 ± 0.27) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1048	21.8	1.51	7.4	30	20	49 ^b	(4.37 ± 0.44) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1043	22.1	1.54	3.9	29	20	17	(3.07 ± 0.26) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1043	22.1	1.54	3.9	29	20	55 ^b	(3.56 ± 0.32) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
877	32.8	2.71	13.4	17	20	24	(7.84 ± 0.68) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
839	28.4	2.45	12.1	18	20	53 ^b	(4.08 ± 0.30) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
982	28.4	2.09	10.4	22	20	33 ^b	(2.26 ± 0.20) × 10 ⁻¹⁴
1036	28.4	1.98	9.8	23	20	57 ^b	(2.91 ± 0.21) × 10 ⁻¹⁴

^a The measurements are reported in the sequence in which they were obtained. ^b The 217.0 nm absorption line was used in these experiments. In all other experiments the 283.3 nm line was used.

the reaction parameters. Originally, the pressure range used was 10–65 mbar; however, the data at the highest pressures were systematically lower than those from 20 to 50 mbar, and those at the lowest pressures were systematically higher. Only data in this central range, which are independent of the reaction parameters, were retained; cf. Table 2. Because of this problem a few further factors were considered. First, Cl₂ has a wide absorption continuum extending from the visible region to 250 nm with a maximum around 330 nm,³⁰ which could have affected the 283 nm measurements. However, in experiments without Pb no absorption by Cl₂ could be observed at the concentrations used. [Cl₂] several orders of magnitude higher were required to begin to observe absorption. The data may be seen to be independent of the absorption line used; cf. also Figure 2. Second, it was investigated if the flow profile factor

could have influenced the results at the extremes of pressure. However, residual plots of the rate coefficients versus the Reynolds number $Re = (2\bar{v}aP)/(\nu RT)$ ³³ of the individual experiments showed no dependence. Thus this is not a factor.

The data were fitted by a weighted linear regression, as above, to yield

$$k_2(530-1165 \text{ K}) = 2.28 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-718 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (11)$$

where the 718 K corresponds to 5.97 kJ mol⁻¹. The variances and covariance are $\sigma_A^2 = 4.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}^2$, $\sigma_E^2 = 2.76 \times 10^3$, and $\sigma_{AE} = 3.33 \text{ A}$. The $\pm 2\sigma_k$ precision limits are determined to be 8% at 534 K and 5% at 1186 K yielding confidence limits of 24% and 23%.

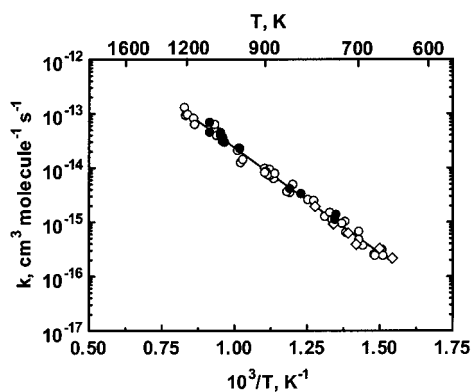


Figure 1. Arrhenius plot of the Pb + N₂O rate coefficients: (○) measurements taken at 283.3 nm; (●) measurements taken at 217.0 nm; (◇) Husain and Sealy; (—) best fit to the joint measurements (eq 7).

The large preexponential and rather small activation energy of eq 11 are typical for exothermic Cl₂ reactions with metal atoms. Several have thus far been measured over a range of temperatures, i.e., those with Al,³⁴ Cr,³¹ Mg,³⁵ Ti,³⁶ and Cu.³⁷ All these are thought to proceed by abstraction, which is also thought to be the dominant mechanism for Pb; cf. eq 2.

The Pb + HCl Reaction. The reaction rates for this system could only be obtained in the narrow temperature range 1090–1320 K. At lower temperatures the rates were too low to be measurable, and above about 1320 K the drop in the observed reaction rate coefficients indicated thermal decomposition of

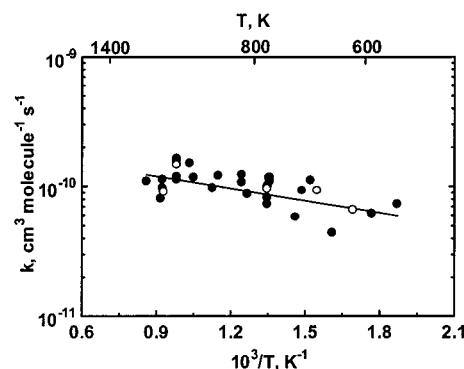


Figure 2. Arrhenius plot of the Pb + Cl₂ rate coefficients: (●) measurements taken at 217.0 nm; (○) measurements taken at 283.3 nm; (—) best fit to the measurements (eq 11).

the relatively weakly bound product PbCl (see below). The rate coefficients fall within the $(1-20) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ range, which largely is lower than could be achieved in previous HTFFR studies. Accordingly, they show a larger scatter than those from the N₂O and Cl₂ reactions; cf. Figure 3. The residual analysis shows the data to be independent of the reaction parameters, Table 3. Linear regression yields

$$k_3(1090-1320 \text{ K}) = 8.22 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-17233 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (12)$$

where 17233 K is equivalent to 143 kJ mol⁻¹. The variances

TABLE 2: Summary of Rate Coefficient Measurements of Pb + Cl₂^a

<i>T</i> , K	<i>P</i> , mbar	[M], 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	[Cl ₂] _{max} , 10 ¹² cm ⁻³	\bar{v} , m s ⁻¹	reaction zone length, cm	initial Pb absorption, %	$k_i \pm \sigma_{k_i}$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
742	52.0	5.08	2.63	12	20	25	$(9.53 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-11}$
742	52.0	5.08	5.06	13	10	25 ^b	$(7.35 \pm 0.48) \times 10^{-11}$
742	34.6	3.37	3.36	19	10	33 ^b	$(9.99 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-11}$
741	34.7	3.39	5.28	19	10	27 ^b	$(1.02 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-10}$
736	34.4	3.39	1.76	19	20	33 ^b	$(1.18 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-10}$
1017	46.9	3.34	1.41	19	20	34 ^b	$(1.58 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10}$
1020	46.9	3.33	3.32	19	10	30 ^b	$(1.14 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-10}$
1017	46.9	3.34	3.33	19	10	30 ^b	$(1.20 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$
1018	28.5	2.03	2.02	31	10	37 ^b	$(1.65 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-10}$
1018	28.7	2.04	3.92	31	10	31 ^b	$(1.59 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-10}$
1019	28.7	2.04	3.92	31	10	61	$(1.47 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-10}$
1019	28.7	2.04	3.92	31	10	59 ^b	$(1.49 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-10}$
534	50.9	6.91	2.91	9	20	23 ^b	$(7.30 \pm 0.68) \times 10^{-11}$
742	30.9	3.02	6.80	18	20	62 ^b	$(8.26 \pm 0.80) \times 10^{-11}$
738	36.5	3.58	10.0	18	10	48 ^b	$(1.17 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-10}$
738	36.5	3.58	6.87	18	10	57 ^b	$(1.16 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$
737	36.1	3.55	3.53	18	10	67 ^b	$(1.10 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$
1081	34.5	2.31	5.17	24	20	49 ^b	$(9.68 \pm 0.70) \times 10^{-11}$
1080	34.2	2.30	2.67	24	20	46 ^b	$(1.14 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$
1079	34.1	2.29	1.12	24	20	46	$(9.16 \pm 0.67) \times 10^{-11}$
1089	48.7	3.24	1.59	17	20	32 ^b	$(8.06 \pm 0.55) \times 10^{-11}$
622	27.7	3.22	7.11	17	20	43 ^b	$(4.39 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-11}$
646	44.5	4.87	6.59	12	20	28	$(9.35 \pm 1.02) \times 10^{-11}$
658	23.1	2.94	3.40	24	20	23 ^b	$(1.11 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-10}$
673	41.4	4.46	2.13	19	20	33 ^b	$(9.33 \pm 0.95) \times 10^{-11}$
790	52.0	5.97	2.55	12	10	25 ^b	$(8.88 \pm 0.99) \times 10^{-11}$
803	37.5	4.11	1.82	25	20	31 ^b	$(1.07 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10}$
804	30.8	3.84	1.60	31	20	34 ^b	$(1.23 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-10}$
591	49.5	7.12	2.99	10	20	39	$(6.58 \pm 0.58) \times 10^{-11}$
566	24.9	3.28	1.59	24	20	45 ^b	$(6.23 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-11}$
889	29.4	2.48	2.88	27	20	39 ^b	$(9.69 \pm 0.81) \times 10^{-11}$
870	22.8	1.92	5.93	47	20	38 ^b	$(1.22 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10}$
685	48.2	4.13	4.45	12	20	40 ^b	$(5.83 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-11}$
1163	35.9	2.28	2.57	26	20	45 ^b	$(1.10 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10}$
965	21.0	1.52	3.09	46	10	45 ^b	$(1.51 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-10}$
951	41.7	3.06	3.41	22	20	35 ^b	$(1.17 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10}$

^a The measurements are reported in the sequence in which they were obtained. ^b The 217.0 nm absorption line was used in these experiments. In all other experiments the 283.3 nm line was used.

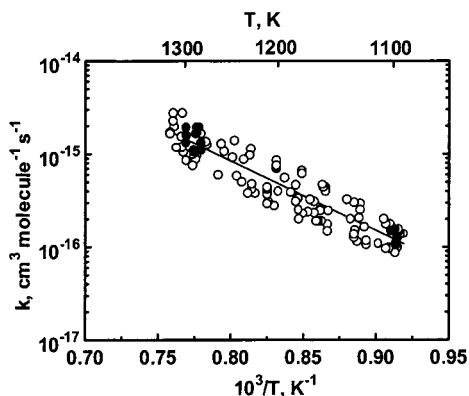


Figure 3. Arrhenius plot of the Pb + HCl rate coefficients: (●) measurements taken at 217.0 nm; (○) measurements taken at 283.3 nm; (—) best fit to the measurements (eq 12).

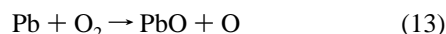
and covariance are $\sigma_A^2 = 2.03 \times 10^{-1} \text{ A}^2$, $\sigma_E^2 = 2.92 \times 10^5$, and $\sigma_{AE} = 2.43 \times 10^3 \text{ A}$. The $\pm 2\sigma_k$ precision limits are 11% at 1090 K and 10% at 1315 K, with corresponding confidence limits of 25% and 24%, when allowing for systematic errors.

Temperature-dependent rate coefficient studies have been made for HCl reactions with K,³⁸ Na,^{39,40} Li,⁴¹ Al,³⁴ Cr,³¹ and Cu⁴² atoms. All have preexponentials in the about 10^{-10} – $10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ range and are assumed to be abstraction reactions. This path may also be assumed for reaction 3. However, in the study of the Cu + HCl reaction, which showed the rate coefficients to be pressure independent, it was shown that an insertion product HCuCl also formed, from a second minor channel beyond the reaction barrier. The pressure-independence of the Pb and other polyvalent atom reactions may thus not guarantee that the metal chloride is the only product. Orbital symmetry calculations are helpful in deciding whether insertion could occur.⁴³ These suggest that HPbCl formation from reaction 3 and Cl–Pb–Cl formation from reaction 2 are possible.⁴⁴ Further investigation would have to establish if such processes occur.

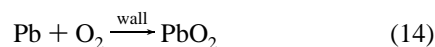
The measured activation energy of reaction 3 of $143 \pm 4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ puts an upper limit on its endothermicity of $136 \pm 50 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ at 1205 K,¹² the midpoint of the temperature range over which k was measured. From this and the enthalpy values from the JANAF tables,¹² an improved value of $-4.4 \pm 31 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ can be recovered for $\Delta_f H_{298}(\text{PbCl}, \text{g})$. This leads to an increase in $D_0(\text{Pb–Cl})$ from¹² 299 ± 48 to $318 \pm 31 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. The enthalpy for reaction 2 accordingly is reassessed to be $-79 \pm 31 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. A factor to be considered in the use of these new figures is the presence of vibrationally excited HCl and its possible effect on the apparent activation energy. Vibrational enhancement of a reaction may become significant at high temperatures, which can result in a sudden upward curvature in Arrhenius plots.³² Assuming equilibrium, the first and the second excited states of HCl ($\nu = 1, 2$), with energies of 33.3 and 65.4 kJ mol^{-1} respectively,¹² together represent 2.5% at 1090 K and 4.8% at 1315 K of the HCl population. Although the concentration of vibrationally excited species thus almost doubles over this temperature range, there is no indication of curvature in the Arrhenius plot, suggesting no substantial influence on the kinetics. If vibrational enhancement is significant, but could not be detected due to the narrowness of the temperature range, the actual E_a for HCl($\nu = 0$) would only be smaller. In that case the figures given above would require further corrections, the enthalpy of formation of PbCl being smaller than the suggested -4.4 kJ mol^{-1} and the bond dissociation energy larger than 318 kJ mol^{-1} .

The Pb + O₂ Reaction. Properly linear $\ln [\text{Pb}]_{\text{rel}}$ versus $[\text{O}_2]$ plots could only be obtained for limited reaction conditions. These were (i) from 660 to 920 K over narrow ranges of $[\text{M}]$, $(0.95\text{--}1.3) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and $\bar{v} 5\text{--}7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and (ii) from 1010 to 1340 K also over a narrow range of $[\text{M}]$, $(6.2\text{--}8.8) \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and a somewhat wider range of \bar{v} , 65–129 m s^{-1} . Use of a mullite reaction tube and Ar as bath gas led to within experimental error to the same results; cf. Tables 4S and 5S in the Supporting Information. These are indications that observations are not predominantly for homogeneous processes, which is in agreement with the results of Ryason and Smith¹¹ mentioned above.

The lower temperature rate coefficients have a negative temperature dependence, Figure 4a. Linear regression yields $k_{4,1}(660\text{--}920 \text{ K}) = 2.2 \times 10^{-17} \exp(2330 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Residual analysis does not show any definite dependence on the reaction condition parameters, although because of the narrow ranges some dependence would probably not show. The lack of an $[\text{M}]$ dependence indicates that this is not a homogeneous addition reaction. Such reactions for a simple triatomic system could not be at their high-pressure limit at these temperatures. The abstraction reaction



would be $124 \pm 7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ endothermic¹² and thus have rate coefficients $< 1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, too slow to be measurable in this temperature range. Yet, a slow reaction with rate coefficients $(3\text{--}8) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ occurs, suggesting a heterogeneous process. The aforementioned Husain and Littler¹⁰ results show very different Arrhenius factors for the three bath gases used, He, CO₂, and C₂H₆. Though there is considerable uncertainty in their data, the strong dependence on the nature of M could indicate participation of a PbM + O₂ type of three-body mechanism, rather than the more common energy-transfer process. In that case the function of M at higher temperatures apparently gets substituted by the walls. Ryason and Smith interpreted their 870 K data as being in part due to homogeneous reaction.¹¹ Their $9.4 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ is about 2 orders of magnitude higher than $k_{4,1}/[\text{M}]$ at that temperature. However, the wide scatter shown in their $k_{\text{obs}}/[\text{O}_2]$ vs $[\text{Ar}]$ plot makes it doubtful that any meaningful data could have been obtained from their measurements. Their¹¹ and our measurements may be taken as phenomenological for the particular reactors used. It may be concluded that



is the likely dominant mechanism observed in the 660–920 K range.

The higher temperature data show a positive temperature dependence; cf. Figure 4b. Linear regression leads to $k_{4,h}(1010\text{--}1340 \text{ K}) = 3.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-4823 \text{ K}/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Residual analysis does not show any definite dependence on the reaction parameters, which might suggest the homogeneous reaction 13. However, in addition to the discussed factors arguing against this possibility, the above activation energy corresponds to only 40 kJ mol^{-1} , much less than the endothermicity. This indicates a wall-catalyzed reaction. As the difference in temperature dependence from the lower temperature data would suggest a change in mechanism, one may speculate that the observed higher-temperature process is

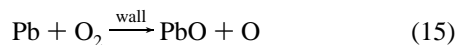


TABLE 3: Summary of Rate Coefficient Measurements of Pb + HCl^a

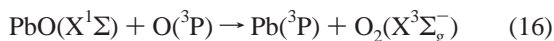
<i>T</i> , K	<i>P</i> , mbar	[M], 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	[HCl] _{max} , 10 ¹⁶ cm ⁻³	\bar{v} , m s ⁻¹	reaction zone length, cm	initial Pb absorption, %	$k_i \pm \sigma_{k_i}$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
1194	44.3	2.68	2.76	19	20	30	(5.46 ± 0.39) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1178	44.3	2.72	2.56	17	20	19	(6.16 ± 0.69) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1183	34.7	2.12	2.00	22	20	46	(4.61 ± 0.54) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1178	132.0	8.11	7.64	6	20	33	(6.66 ± 0.39) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1088	107.7	7.17	6.96	6	20	30	(1.38 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1092	58.0	3.85	3.73	12	20	42	(1.52 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1092	136.6	9.06	8.79	5	20	31	(1.56 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1091	93.3	6.19	6.01	7	20	36	(1.36 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1203	76.3	4.59	4.27	10	20	51	(7.48 ± 1.04) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1203	100.3	6.04	5.61	8	20	50	(7.32 ± 0.62) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1203	142.0	8.55	7.94	6	20	43	(8.56 ± 0.72) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1203	90.5	5.45	5.06	9	20	46	(6.88 ± 0.67) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1158	91.0	5.69	5.29	8	20	39	(4.68 ± 0.33) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1157	138.6	8.67	8.06	5	20	30	(4.43 ± 0.37) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1156	111.2	6.96	6.47	7	20	32	(4.02 ± 0.35) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1156	66.4	4.16	3.86	11	20	35	(4.41 ± 0.39) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1228	45.1	2.66	3.53	15	20	8	(1.12 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1230	46.0	2.71	3.60	15	20	8	(9.67 ± 0.67) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1314	55.2	3.04	4.04	13	20	28	(1.95 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1305	61.3	3.40	4.52	12	20	25	(1.54 ± 0.13) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1136	141.3	9.13	8.69	5	20	49	(3.21 ± 0.20) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1130	74.0	4.78	4.55	10	20	48	(2.97 ± 0.20) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1124	122.4	7.88	7.50	6	20	44	(2.52 ± 0.18) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1124	98.3	6.33	6.03	7	20	45	(2.94 ± 0.29) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1304	104.8	5.82	3.78	8	20	41	(2.73 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1315	85.0	4.68	3.05	10	20	50	(2.73 ± 0.16) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1315	137.3	7.56	3.51	6	20	47	(2.23 ± 0.15) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1288	88.0	4.95	3.22	9	20	48	(1.91 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1283	88.0	4.97	3.23	9	20	42	(1.64 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1277	89.7	5.09	3.31	9	20	39	(1.35 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1276	130.6	7.41	3.44	6	20	31	(1.25 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1246	132.0	7.67	3.56	6	20	15	(1.38 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1236	84.4	4.94	2.29	9	20	16	(8.85 ± 0.85) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1104	128.4	8.42	8.25	6	20	38	(2.00 ± 0.22) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1099	95.8	6.31	6.18	7	20	41	(1.74 ± 0.18) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1103	145.0	9.52	9.33	5	20	37	(1.78 ± 0.19) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1092	145.3	9.82	9.61	5	20	28	(1.45 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1248	138.6	8.04	7.64	6	20	39	(9.28 ± 0.76) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1257	138.6	7.99	7.59	6	20	40	(1.06 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1181	121.2	7.43	7.06	6	20	23	(3.32 ± 0.31) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1183	140.5	8.60	8.17	5	20	20	(3.06 ± 0.23) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1212	142.2	8.50	4.48	5	20	19	(3.97 ± 0.24) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1212	141.3	8.44	4.45	5	20	19	(4.22 ± 0.27) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1212	62.4	3.73	3.54	12	20	28	(3.71 ± 0.24) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1212	146.6	8.76	8.32	5	20	20	(4.42 ± 0.25) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1160	121.0	7.56	7.17	6	20	25	(2.47 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1160	142.4	8.89	8.43	5	20	23	(2.53 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1166	124.0	7.70	7.30	6	20	27	(2.33 ± 0.13) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1172	97.0	6.00	5.69	8	20	31	(2.39 ± 0.15) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1318	111.3	6.12	5.80	8	20	43	(1.67 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1318	112.9	6.20	5.88	7	20	44	(1.69 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1292	135.4	7.59	4.31	7	20	21	(1.03 ± 0.06) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1292	136.6	7.66	4.35	7	20	20	(1.00 ± 0.06) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1287	136.6	7.69	5.22	7	10	23	(9.63 ± 0.62) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1304	136.2	7.57	7.14	6	20	27	(1.18 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1289	138.0	7.75	5.65	8	20	16	(8.75 ± 0.54) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1303	71.7	3.99	3.66	12	10	46	(1.04 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1311	71.7	3.96	3.64	12	20	48	(1.17 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1227	106.6	6.29	5.11	9	20	51	(4.21 ± 0.31) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1227	106.6	6.29	5.11	9	20	53	(4.70 ± 0.27) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1238	136.6	7.99	7.60	7	10	47	(4.96 ± 0.40) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1244	137.0	7.98	7.58	7	20	44	(5.79 ± 0.47) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1263	73.0	4.19	3.99	11	20	49	(6.02 ± 0.49) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1093	138.4	9.17	9.56	5	20	38	(9.88 ± 0.72) × 10 ⁻¹⁷
1093	138.4	9.17	9.56	5	20	39	(1.00 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1100	111.7	7.35	7.67	7	20	44	(9.48 ± 0.65) × 10 ⁻¹⁷
1100	111.7	7.35	7.67	7	20	45	(9.80 ± 1.03) × 10 ⁻¹⁷
1103	110.6	7.26	6.49	7	20	47	(9.59 ± 0.71) × 10 ⁻¹⁷
1119	110.2	7.13	6.37	7	20	46	(1.17 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1119	81.8	5.30	4.73	9	20	52	(1.07 ± 0.14) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1127	81.8	5.26	4.70	9	20	53	(1.15 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1130	121.3	7.77	6.95	6	20	49	(1.27 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1130	138.1	8.85	7.91	6	20	48	(1.36 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁶

TABLE 3 (Continued)

<i>T</i> , K	<i>P</i> , mbar	[M], 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	[HCl] _{max} , 10 ¹⁶ cm ⁻³	\bar{v} , m s ⁻¹	reaction zone length, cm	initial Pb absorption, %	$k_i \pm \sigma_{k_i}$, cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
1154	138.2	8.67	7.75	6	20	33	(1.78 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1154	81.3	5.10	4.56	10	20	43	(1.48 ± 0.18) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1162	81.0	5.05	4.51	10	20	44	(1.89 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1164	132.1	8.22	6.69	7	20	31	(1.91 ± 0.11) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1159	132.9	8.30	6.76	7	10	32	(1.90 ± 0.24) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1177	133.3	8.20	6.68	7	10	39	(2.30 ± 0.24) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1181	134.0	8.21	6.69	7	20	38	(2.48 ± 0.23) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1180	107.3	6.59	5.36	8	20	41	(2.00 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1204	107.2	6.45	5.25	8	20	50	(2.81 ± 0.23) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1211	82.9	4.96	4.04	11	20	45	(3.05 ± 0.26) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1212	83.2	4.97	4.05	11	20	45	(2.96 ± 0.28) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1232	82.9	4.87	3.97	11	20	38	(3.81 ± 0.48) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1224	135.7	8.03	6.54	7	10	32	(3.74 ± 0.28) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1299	105.9	5.90	4.81	9	20	49	(1.00 ± 0.06) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1292	115.3	6.46	5.73	9	10	45	(7.47 ± 0.57) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1300	115.7	6.45	5.71	9	20	40	(8.56 ± 0.63) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1260	101.3	5.82	4.39	10	20	51	(1.27 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1188	101.3	6.18	4.66	9	20	31	(3.91 ± 0.42) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1153	102.1	6.41	4.84	9	20	34	(2.43 ± 0.17) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1170	60.1	3.72	3.01	15	20	51	(3.27 ± 0.59) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1166	121.3	7.53	6.10	7	20	42	(3.04 ± 0.27) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1201	121.3	7.31	5.92	7	20	37	(3.95 ± 0.32) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1095	122.6	8.11	6.56	7	20	38	(8.69 ± 0.75) × 10 ⁻¹⁷
1109	120.0	7.83	6.34	7	20	44	(1.09 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1121	116.1	7.50	6.07	7	20	47	(1.61 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1133	112.0	7.16	5.79	8	20	52	(2.02 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1129	115.7	7.42	6.00	7	20	48	(1.52 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1125	144.5	9.30	7.53	6	20	32	(2.05 ± 0.21) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1285	62.37	4.69	4.21	10	20	46 ^b	(1.90 ± 0.27) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1288	95.58	7.17	2.94	5	20	63 ^b	(1.70 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1283	97.23	7.32	6.05	5	10	61 ^b	(1.30 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1283	106.33	8.01	6.63	5	10	61 ^b	(1.10 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1289	106.10	7.95	3.23	5	20	58 ^b	(1.60 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1290	76.36	5.72	6.52	7	10	70 ^b	(1.00 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1291	77.22	5.78	6.60	7	10	61 ^b	(1.10 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1299	76.78	5.71	3.18	7	20	61 ^b	(1.60 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1300	69.60	5.17	2.89	7	20	61 ^b	(1.90 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1300	85.32	6.34	3.54	6	20	61 ^b	(1.30 ± 0.08) × 10 ⁻¹⁵
1095	70.28	6.20	7.06	6	20	42 ^b	(1.60 ± 0.12) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1098	72.11	6.35	7.07	6	20	40 ^b	(1.50 ± 0.10) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1093	105.29	9.31	9.62	5	10	40 ^b	(1.20 ± 0.09) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1094	104.28	9.21	9.71	5	10	41 ^b	(1.10 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁶
1094	104.28	9.21	9.71	5	10	41 ^b	(1.10 ± 0.07) × 10 ⁻¹⁶

^a The measurements are reported in the sequence in which they were obtained. ^b The 217.0 nm absorption line was used in these experiments. In all other experiments the 283.3 nm line was used.

The activation energy for the equivalent homogeneous reaction 13 is likely to be higher than the 124 ± 7 kJ mol⁻¹ figure, based on observations of the reverse process. Golomb and Best released tetraethyllead at 100–150 km altitude from a sounding rocket. The resulting sunlight-induced PbO fluorescence persisted for a considerable time, indicating PbO reaction with O atoms to be slow.⁴⁵ Oldenberg et al.⁴⁶ argued from this, and consideration of the reaction path, that a barrier is present. They concluded that the ground-state process



should proceed on a triplet surface, with the PbO₂ triplet intermediate lying above its singlet ground state.

Two other metal oxidation reactions, studied in the temperature range of the present work, have shown a change from a (third order) association reaction at low temperatures to a predominantly (second order) abstraction reaction at high temperatures. These are Cr + O₂, for which abstraction is 40 ± 42 kJ mol⁻¹ endothermic, studied⁴⁷ from 290 to 1510 K and AlO + O₂, for which abstraction is 96 ± 40 kJ mol⁻¹ endothermic, and which was studied⁴⁸ from 305 to 1690 K. In

that respect the Pb + O₂ system thus may be similar. However, there was no evidence for a heterogeneous component in those reactions. The rate coefficients obtained there were several orders of magnitude higher than that obtained for Pb + O₂ at comparable temperatures, which would dwarf any similarly slow heterogeneous reaction. The Cr reaction was studied in an, essentially wall-less, HTP (high-temperature photochemistry) reactor⁴⁷ where no wall reaction could affect the measurements. The “nearest neighbor” to Pb/O₂ is the very fast, exothermic Sn + O₂ abstraction reaction. Its $k(380\text{--}1840\text{ K}) = 5.1 \times 10^{-13} \cdot (T/\text{K})^{0.79} \exp(-437\text{ K}/T)$ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹,⁴⁹ which would also dominate any much slower heterogeneous reactions.

Conclusions

The Pb(⁶3P₀) reactions with N₂O, Cl₂, and HCl have been studied. In the temperature domains investigated no curvature is evident in their Arrhenius plots. Three parameter fits $k(T) = AT^n \exp(-E/RT)$ have also been made but did not further improve the precision limits of the results. Many other metal oxidation reactions studied in this laboratory show the predicted⁵⁰ Arrhenius plot curvature, but these were usually studied over wider temperature ranges than was possible for the Pb reactions.

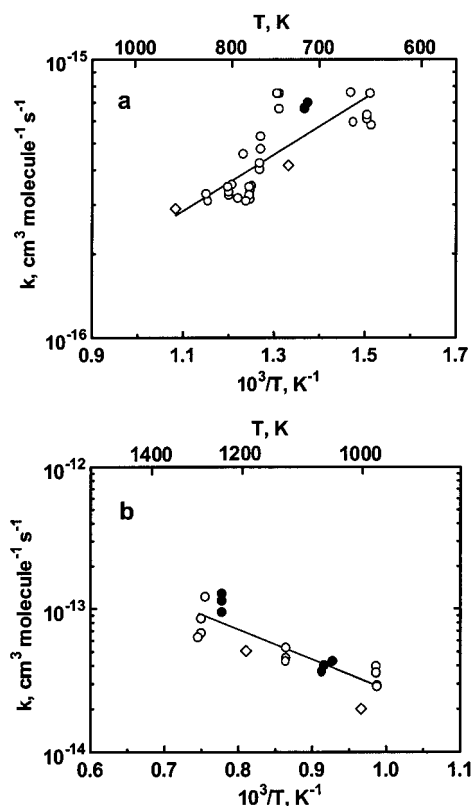


Figure 4. Arrhenius plots of the Pb + O₂ rate coefficients: (○) measurements taken using N₂ and quartz reaction tube; (●) measurements taken using Ar and quartz reaction tube; (◇) measurements taken using N₂ and mullite reaction tube; (—) best fits to the measurements at (a) 660–920 and (b) 1010–1340 K.

The Pb/O₂ system appears dominated by heterogeneous processes, and the apparent rate coefficient values obtained should be considered as phenomenological for the reactor used. In the combustion of solids such processes would dominate for the combination of these reactants. Further studies of homogeneous reactions of this system would require the use of reactors that operate essentially wall free. Such an environment can be provided for example at lower temperatures by the equipment in Husain's laboratory,^{7–10} from 300 to 1800 K in an HTP reactor,^{15,16,47} or in a shock tube.

Supporting Information Available: Tables 4S and 5S. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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