

# Observation of Adducts in the Reaction of Cl Atoms with XCH<sub>2</sub>I (X = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl, Br, I) Using Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy

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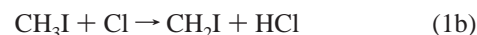
The reactions of Cl atoms with XCH<sub>2</sub>I (X = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl, Br, I) have been studied using cavity ring-down spectroscopy in 25–125 Torr total pressure of N<sub>2</sub> diluent at 250 K. Formation of the XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl adduct is the dominant channel in all reactions. The visible absorption spectrum of the XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl adduct was recorded at 405–632 nm. Absorption cross-sections at 435 nm are as follows (in units of 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>): 12 for CH<sub>3</sub>I, 21 for CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, 3.7 for CH<sub>2</sub>ICl, 7.1 for CH<sub>2</sub>IBr, and 3.7 for CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>. Rate constants for the reaction of Cl with CH<sub>3</sub>I were determined from rise profiles of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct.  $k(\text{Cl} + \text{CH}_3\text{I})$  increases from  $(0.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-11}$  at 25 Torr to  $(2.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 125 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent. There is no discernible reaction of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct with 5–10 Torr of O<sub>2</sub>. Evidence for the formation of an adduct following the reaction of Cl atoms with CF<sub>3</sub>I and CH<sub>3</sub>Br was sought but not found. Absorption attributable to the formation of the XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl adduct following the reaction of Cl atoms with XCH<sub>2</sub>I (X = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Br, I) was measured as a function of temperature over the range 250–320 K.

## 1. Introduction

The atmospheric chemistry of iodine-containing compounds is a topic of current interest.<sup>1</sup> Iodinated source gases (CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI, CH<sub>2</sub>ClI) in the atmosphere are easily photodissociated in the near-UV region.<sup>2</sup> Iodine in its various forms is rapidly converted to iodine atoms. Iodine chemistry may influence tropospheric HO<sub>2</sub>/OH and NO<sub>2</sub>/NO concentration ratios and hence the oxidizing capacity of the atmosphere.<sup>3</sup> Thus, iodine chemistry may play an important role in the oxidation of dimethyl sulfide and destruction of ozone in the marine boundary layer.<sup>4,5</sup>

CH<sub>3</sub>I is the most abundant iodine-containing species in the air and the main source of active iodine compounds.<sup>1,6</sup> Although its major fate in the marine boundary layer is photodissociation, reactions with OH radicals and Cl atoms together account for about 10% of the loss of CH<sub>3</sub>I in the troposphere. Cl atoms are produced from sea salt aerosols in the marine boundary layer.<sup>7</sup> Night-time observations of Cl<sub>2</sub> concentrations at a coastal site during onshore wind flow conditions were reported by Spicer et al.<sup>8</sup> The measured mixing ratios of Cl<sub>2</sub> range from <10 to 150 ppt. The maximum predicted levels of Cl atoms occur shortly after sunrise, peaking at 10<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, while the OH mixing ratio is 4 × 10<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>.

The reaction of Cl atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>I proceeds via two channels: adduct formation and hydrogen atom abstraction



There have been several experimental and theoretical studies of the reaction of CH<sub>3</sub>I with Cl atoms.<sup>9–13</sup> At low temperatures ( $T \leq 250$  K), the adduct-forming reaction 1a is dominant, and the rate constant for the reaction increases with total pressure.<sup>9</sup> At high temperatures ( $T \geq 364$  K) the H-atom abstraction reaction 1b is dominant, and the rate of the reaction is independent of pressure. In the intermediate temperature range of  $263 \leq T \leq 309$  K, the reaction displays complex kinetic behavior caused by reversible formation of the adduct via reactions 1a and -1a.<sup>9</sup> In previous work, the formation of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct was deduced from observation of the kinetic behavior of Cl atoms. In this paper, we present the first direct measurement of the absorption spectrum of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct over the wavelength range 405–532 nm. We report (a) measurements of the visible spectra of the XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl (X = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl, Br, I) adducts and (b) kinetic data for the reaction of Cl atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>I at 250 K in 25–125 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent.

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## 2. Experimental Section

The cavity ring-down spectroscopy (CRDS) technique was introduced by O'Keefe and Deacon<sup>14</sup> and has been applied widely in spectroscopic and chemical kinetic studies.<sup>15–17</sup> The CRDS apparatus used in the present study has been described elsewhere.<sup>5</sup> The system employs photolysis and probe pulsed lasers. After the photolysis laser beam traverses the glass tube reactor, the probe laser beam is injected nearly collinearly to the axis of the photolysis laser through one of two high-reflectivity mirrors (Research Electro Optics, reflectivity > 0.999 at 405, 435, 488, 532, and 632 nm). Absorption by Cl<sub>2</sub> precludes CRDS measurements below 400 nm. Light leaking from the end mirror was detected by a photomultiplier tube (Hamamatsu Photonics, R212UH) with a fast-response photomultiplier socket assembly (Hamamatsu Photonics, E5815–01, 50-Ohm termination) through suitable narrow band-pass filters. The decay of the light intensity was recorded using a digital oscilloscope (Tektronix, TDL-714L, 8-bit digitizer) and transferred to a personal computer. In the presence of an absorbing species, the light intensity within the cavity is given by the expression

$$I(t) = I_0 \exp(-t/\tau) = I_0 \exp(-t/\tau_0 - \sigma n c L_R t / L_C) \quad (2)$$

where  $I_0$  and  $I(t)$  are the light intensities at time 0 and  $t$ ,  $\tau_0$  is the cavity ring-down time without photolysis laser light,  $L_R$  is the length of the reaction region (0.46 m),  $L_C$  is the cavity length (1.04 m),  $\tau$  is the cavity ring-down time with photolysis laser light,  $c$  is the velocity of light, and  $n$  and  $\sigma$  are the concentration and absorption cross-sections of the absorbing species.

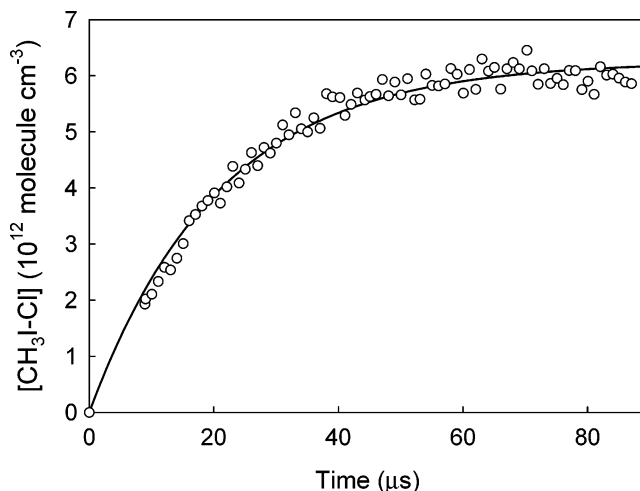
The 355-nm output of a Nd<sup>3+</sup>:YAG laser was used to dissociate Cl<sub>2</sub> to generate Cl atoms. The laser power was measured in each experiment and was typically 20 mJ/pulse. Shot-to-shot fluctuation of the laser power was less than 10%. Absorption by the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct was monitored with a dye laser (Lambda Physik, SCANMATE, spectral resolution < 0.01 nm). The absorption profile was measured typically between 5 and 85  $\mu$ s after the photolysis laser pulse for kinetic measurements. A large excess of CH<sub>3</sub>I, 10<sup>15</sup>–10<sup>16</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>, ensured that loss of Cl atoms, and formation of products, followed pseudo-first-order reaction conditions.

The reaction cell consisted of a Pyrex glass tube (21 mm i.d.). The temperature of the gas flow region was controlled over  $T = 218$ –298 K. Experiments below 240 K were difficult to conduct because of low vapor pressure of the parent compounds (except CF<sub>3</sub>I and CH<sub>3</sub>Br). The difference between the temperature of the sample gas at the entrance and exit of the flow region was < 1 K. The total flow rate was adjusted so that the gas in the cell was replaced completely within the 0.5-s time interval between photolysis laser pulses.

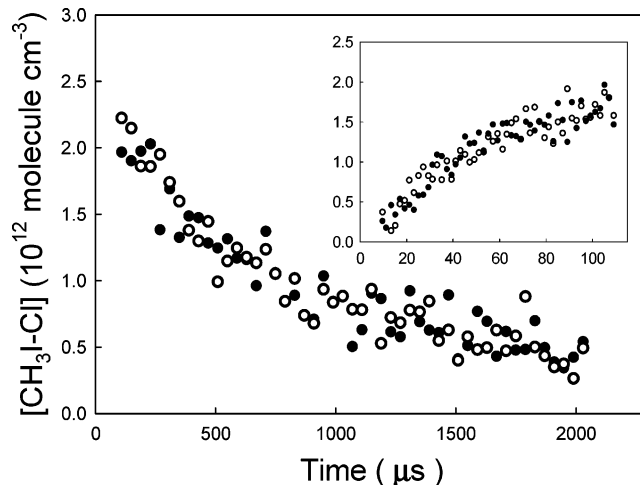
To estimate the initial concentration of the Cl atoms, [Cl]<sub>0</sub>, the production of ClO at 273 K was measured at 266 nm using Cl<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>3</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> mixtures with photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub> at 355 nm and [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = (1–10) × 10<sup>15</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>.



O<sub>3</sub> was produced by irradiating an oxygen gas flow (slightly higher than 760 Torr) with a low-pressure Hg lamp (Hamamatsu Photonics, L937–02). [Cl]<sub>0</sub> was (1–10) × 10<sup>12</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> at 273 K. Formation of ClOO is negligible at 273 K.<sup>18</sup> The initial chlorine atom concentrations, [Cl]<sub>0</sub>, in experiments at 250 K were estimated from the calibration at 273 K and literature data for the temperature dependence of the Cl<sub>2</sub> absorption cross-sections.<sup>19</sup>



**Figure 1.** Typical rise profile of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct monitored at 435 nm for an experiment conducted in 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent at 250 K with [CH<sub>3</sub>I] = 1.8 × 10<sup>15</sup> and [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 3.3 × 10<sup>15</sup> molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. Adduct concentrations were calculated using  $\sigma(\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}) = 1.2 \times 10^{-17}$  cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>. See text for details. The smooth curve is a fit of eq 7 to the data.



**Figure 2.** Decay and rise profiles of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct at 250 K in either 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> (filled symbols) or 90 Torr N<sub>2</sub> and 10 Torr O<sub>2</sub> (open symbols) diluent.

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources. CH<sub>3</sub>I (99.5%), CH<sub>2</sub>ClI (>97%), CH<sub>2</sub>BrI (>98.4%), and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> (>98%) were obtained from Sigma Aldrich. CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I (>99%) and CH<sub>3</sub>Br (>99%) were obtained from Tokyo Kasei Kogyo. CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>ClI, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI, CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>Br, and CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I were subjected to freeze–pump–thaw cycling before use. Cl<sub>2</sub> (high purity, Sumitomo Seika), CF<sub>3</sub>I (>97%, Lancaster), N<sub>2</sub> (99.999%, Teisan), and O<sub>2</sub> (>99.995%, Teisan) were used without further purification.

## 3. Results

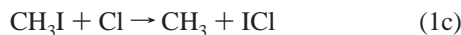
**3.1. Adduct Formation.** As described already, the reaction of Cl atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>I proceeds via two channels: 1a and 1b. Absorption at 405–532 nm was observed following the UV irradiation of CH<sub>3</sub>I/Cl<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> mixtures. Figure 1 shows a typical rise profile of this absorption in 100 Torr total pressure of N<sub>2</sub> diluent at 250 K. As shown in Figure 2, addition of 5 or 10 Torr of O<sub>2</sub> had no discernible effect on either the rise or decay time profiles. These results show that the observed absorption is not attributable to the CH<sub>2</sub>I radical produced via the abstraction reaction 1b, because this radical is consumed

rapidly by reaction with O<sub>2</sub>.<sup>20</sup>



According to our previous work on the reaction of CH<sub>2</sub>I with O<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, IO radicals are produced in reaction 4.<sup>20</sup> In the present experiments, the structured (3,0) band of IO radicals at 435.63 nm was not observed at 250 K, while it was observed at higher temperatures. These results indicate that for temperatures below 250 K the hydrogen abstraction path 1b is negligible, while above 250 K, its contribution becomes appreciable.

The formation of ICl might contribute to absorption in the probing wavelength region and complicate the present analysis.



However, reaction 1c is endothermic by 28.5 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>21,22</sup> and hence, ICl is not expected to be a significant product of reaction 1. In agreement with the previous work of Ayhens et al.,<sup>9</sup> we conclude that under the present experimental conditions (250 K, 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent) the reaction of Cl atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>I proceeds largely, if not exclusively, via adduct formation. Hence, absorption observed at 400–532 nm following the UV irradiation of CH<sub>3</sub>I/Cl<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> mixtures is attributable to the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct.

### 3.2. Visible Absorption Spectrum of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl Adduct.

Absorption cross-sections of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct were determined using the following equation

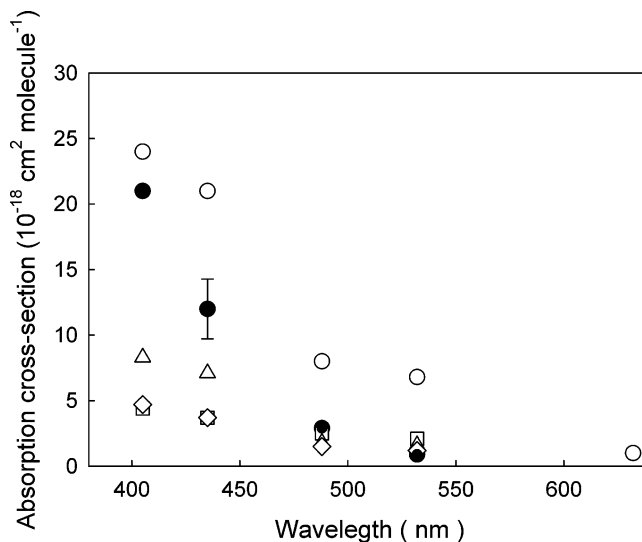
$$1/\tau - 1/\tau_0 = [\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}]\sigma cL_R/L_C \quad (5)$$

where  $\tau$  is the ring-down time in the presence of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct. As discussed in the previous section, the results from Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> and the present work show that, at 250 K in the presence of 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent, the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct is essentially the sole product of reaction 1. Decomposition of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct occurs slowly at 250 K,  $k_{-1a} = 87 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,<sup>9</sup> and is not significant over the experimental time scales employed in the present experiments. Cl atoms are lost by reaction with CH<sub>3</sub>I and diffusion out of the detection region. For the concentrations of CH<sub>3</sub>I employed in the present experiments,  $[\text{CH}_3\text{I}] = 10^{15} - 10^{16} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ , reaction 1 dominates the loss of Cl atoms, and the maximum concentration of CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl can be equated to  $[\text{Cl}]_0$ .

$$[\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}]_{\text{max}} = [\text{Cl}]_0 \quad (6)$$

The absorption spectrum of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct was measured in 0.05-nm steps over the wavelength ranges 434–437 and 485–489 nm. There was no discernible structure in the spectrum. Measured absorption cross-sections at 405, 435, 488, and 532 nm are shown in Figure 3 and Table 1. Allowing for fluctuation of laser power, uncertainties in pressure and mass measurements, and diffusion loss of the adduct, we estimate that the absorption cross-sections given in Figure 3 are accurate to within  $\pm 19\%$ . The spectrum for the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct measured herein is consistent with the charge-transfer (CT) absorption bands calculated by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup>

**3.3. Adduct Formation in Reactions of Cl Atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI, and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>.** The absorption spectra of the adducts of Cl atoms with CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI, and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> were also observed at 405–532 nm at 250 K and 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent. The absorption cross-sections are shown in Figure 3 and Table 1. The reaction of the CH<sub>2</sub>BrI–Cl adduct with O<sub>2</sub> was investigated by adding 5 or 10 Torr of

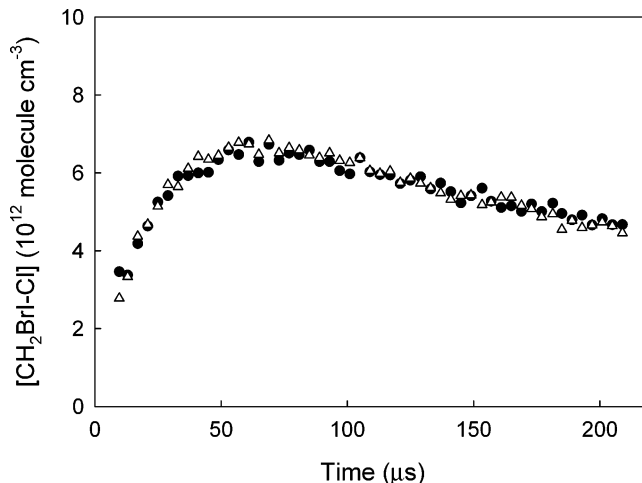


**Figure 3.** Absorption spectra of XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl adducts. X = H, closed circles; Cl, triangles; Br, squares; I, diamonds; and CH<sub>3</sub>, open circles. Error bars are 19% for all points.

**TABLE 1: Absorption Cross-Sections of Cl Adducts with CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI, and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> at 250 K**

wavelength (nm)	absorption cross-section <sup>a</sup> (10 <sup>-18</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> )				
	CH <sub>3</sub> I–Cl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> I–Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> I–Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> BrI–Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub> –Cl
405	21	24	4.4	8.3	4.7
435	12	21	3.7	7.1	3.7
488	2.9	8.0	2.5	1.8	1.5
532	0.9	6.8	2.1	1.6	1.2
632		1.0			

<sup>a</sup> Error bars are 19%.



**Figure 4.** Time profiles of the CH<sub>2</sub>BrI–Cl adduct at 250 K in either 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> (filled circles) or 90 Torr N<sub>2</sub> and 10 Torr O<sub>2</sub> (open triangles) diluent.

O<sub>2</sub> to the reaction mixtures. As shown in Figure 4, there was no discernible change in either the rise or decay time-profiles in the presence of O<sub>2</sub>. We conclude that the spectra are attributable to adducts and not to alkyl radicals (which react rapidly with O<sub>2</sub>) and that there is no discernible reaction of the adducts with O<sub>2</sub>. The spectra were calibrated by assuming that at 250 K the adduct is the sole reaction product. As seen from Table 1, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl has the largest cross-section, about twice that of CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl. The cross-sections for CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl, CH<sub>2</sub>BrI–Cl, and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>–Cl are indistinguishable.

Experiments were conducted for CF<sub>3</sub>I and CH<sub>3</sub>Br at temperatures as low as 218 K in 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent in an attempt

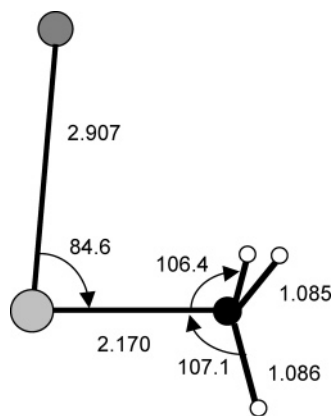


Figure 5. Optimized structure of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct.

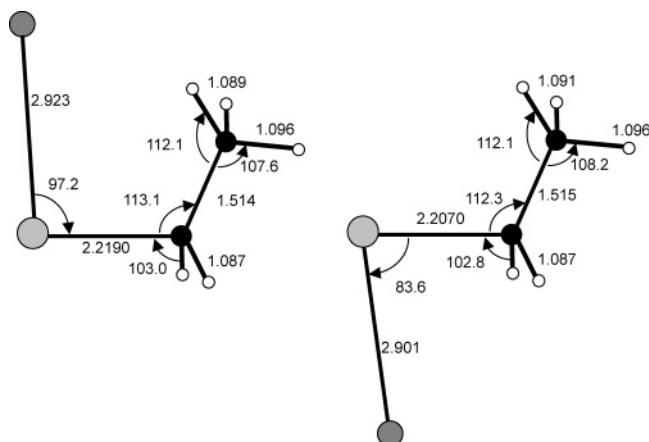


Figure 6. Optimized structures of *cis*- and *trans*- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adducts. The *trans* isomer is  $3.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  more stable than the *cis* isomer.

to observe evidence for adduct formation in the form of absorption at 405 and 435 nm. No such evidence was observed, and we conclude that adduct formation is not significant for the reaction of Cl atoms with  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  at temperatures of  $> 218 \text{ K}$ . This conclusion is consistent with work by Piety et al.<sup>23</sup> suggesting that  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  reacts with Cl to form  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{HCl}$  at 250 K and by Kaiser et al. suggesting that  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  reacts with Cl to form  $\text{CF}_3 + \text{ICl}$  at 271–363 K.<sup>24</sup>

**3.4. Theoretical Calculation of Electronic Excitation Energies of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  Adducts.** All calculations were carried out with the *Gaussian 03* Revision B.04 program packages.<sup>25</sup> The equilibrium geometries of the ground state of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adducts were optimized employing a hybrid density functional theory B3LYP, based on Becke's three-grid integration<sup>26–28</sup> and exchange functional and the correction functional of Lee, Yang, and Parr.<sup>29</sup> A 6-311++G(d,p) basis set was used for carbon and hydrogen, while a 6-311G(d,p) basis set was used for iodine and chlorine. Electronic transitions of the adducts were investigated employing time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations.<sup>30</sup>

The calculations were based on the  ${}^2\text{A}'$  ground-state equilibrium.<sup>31</sup>  $C_s$  molecular symmetry was assumed for the equilibrium geometry of the ground state that is shown in Figures 5 and 6. There are *cis* and *trans* isomers for  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$ . The present calculations predicted that the *trans* isomer is  $3.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  more stable than the *cis* isomer. Vibrational analyses showed an imaginary frequency for the *cis* isomer but no imaginary frequency for the *trans* isomer. The theoretically determined I–Cl bond strengths for  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  are  $59.0$  and  $61.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , respectively. The value for

TABLE 2: Electronic Transition Energies and Oscillator Strengths of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}-\text{Cl}$

state	energy (eV)	wavelength (nm)	oscillator strength
$\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$			
$1^2\text{A}'$	0		
$1^2\text{A}''$	1.1255	1101.6	0.0002
$2^2\text{A}'$	1.2778	970.33	0.0003
$2^2\text{A}''$	2.2693	546.35	0
$3^2\text{A}'$	3.6539	339.32	0.1753
$4^2\text{A}'$	4.0378	307.06	0.1750
$3^2\text{A}''$	4.2250	293.46	0
$4^2\text{A}''$	4.6975	263.94	0
$5^2\text{A}'$	4.8237	257.03	0.0012
$6^2\text{A}'$	4.9350	251.23	0.0112
<i>trans</i> - $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$			
$1^2\text{A}'$	0		
$1^2\text{A}''$	1.1500	1078.09	0.0002
$2^2\text{A}'$	1.3124	944.73	0.0003
$2^2\text{A}''$	2.2364	554.39	0
$3^2\text{A}'$	3.6241	342.11	0.1589
$4^2\text{A}'$	3.9913	310.64	0.1675
$5^2\text{A}'$	4.1805	296.58	0.0333
$3^2\text{A}''$	4.1894	295.95	0
$4^2\text{A}''$	4.6582	266.17	0
$6^2\text{A}'$	4.8829	253.91	0.0077

$\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  is in good agreement with the previously reported theoretical calculation,  $59.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup>

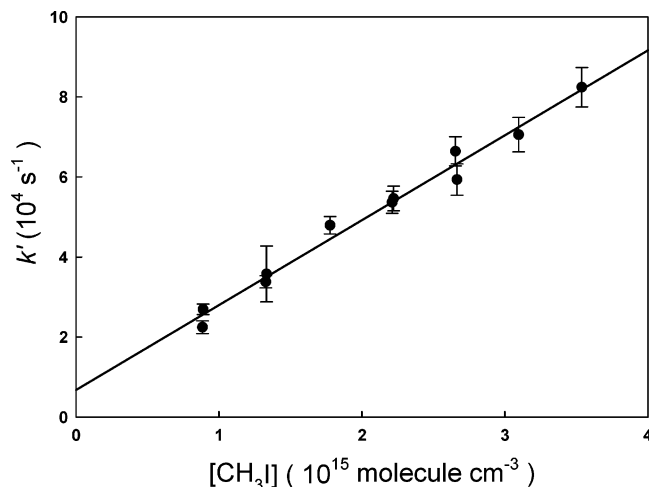
For  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$ , photoabsorption appears at 339.32 nm with an oscillator strength  $f = 0.1753$  and at 307.06 nm with  $f = 0.1750$ . This oscillator strength corresponds to the absorption cross-section of  $1.8 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$  when the absorption spectrum is assumed to have a Gaussian shape with a full-width at half-maximum of 100 nm. These transitions are assigned to a  $\sigma-\sigma^*$  transition localized on the I–Cl bond and a  $\sigma^*-\sigma^*$  transition from the  $\sigma^*$  orbital on the I–Cl bond to the  $\sigma^*$  orbital on the I–Cl bond, respectively. Similarly, for  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$ , absorption appears at 342.11 nm with  $f = 0.1589$  and 310.64 nm with  $f = 0.1675$ . Detailed results are listed in Table 2. The experimental observations (see Figure 3) are attributable to the red wing of these transitions.

**3.5. Measurement of  $k(\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl})$  at 250 K.** The absorption of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct was monitored at 435 nm. In the presence of a large excess of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  over Cl atoms, the rise profile follows pseudo-first-order kinetics. For the experimental conditions used in the present work, at 250 K the forward reaction 1a is dominant and the reverse reaction ( $-1a$ ) is sufficiently slow that it can be neglected ( $k_{-1a} = 87 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).<sup>9</sup> The rise of absorption at 435 nm provides kinetic information regarding the overall rate constant for reaction 1 (i.e.,  $k_{1a} + k_{1b}$ ). However, as discussed in section 3.1, under the present experimental conditions (250 K in 100 Torr of  $\text{N}_2$ ), reaction channel 1b is of minor importance and hence  $k_1 \approx k_{1a}$ . The formation of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct may be analyzed using the following equations

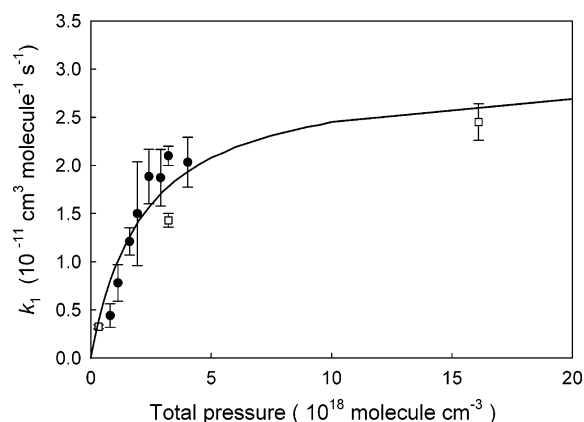
$$[\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}]_t = [\text{Cl}]_0 \{1 - \exp(-k't)\} \quad (7)$$

$$k' = k_{1a}[\text{CH}_3\text{I}] + k_d \quad (8)$$

where  $[\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}]_t$  is the concentration of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  at time  $t$ .  $k_{1a}$  and  $k'$  are the second-order and pseudo-first-order rate constants for reaction 1a, respectively.  $k_d$  is the rate constant for diffusion from the observation region, which is experimentally obtained as the intercept at  $[\text{CH}_3\text{I}] = 0$ . Figure 1 shows a typical rise profile of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct at 250 K with  $[\text{CH}_3\text{I}] = 1.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$ . The smooth curve is a fit of eq 7 to the data. The concentration of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  was determined



**Figure 7.** Second-order plot for reaction of Cl with CH<sub>3</sub>I in 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent at 250 K.



**Figure 8.** Rate constants of the reaction of Cl with CH<sub>3</sub>I as a function of total pressure of N<sub>2</sub> diluent at 250 K. Open squares are taken from Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> The solid curve is the fit of eq 9 to the data.

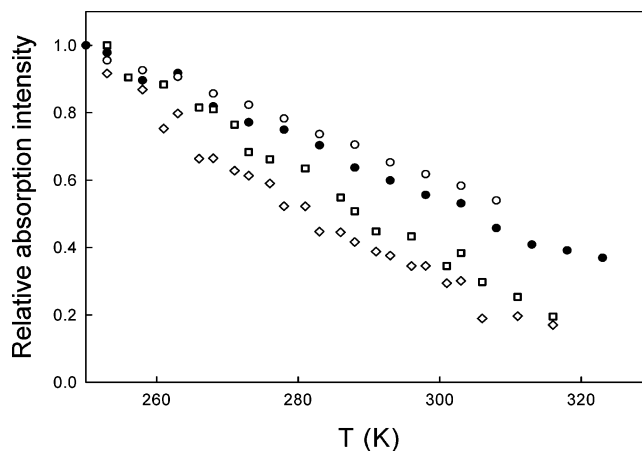
using the absorption cross-section given in Table 1. Figure 7 shows a plot of  $k'$  versus  $[\text{CH}_3\text{I}]$  at 250 K in 100 Torr total pressure of N<sub>2</sub> diluent. Linear least-squares analysis of the data in Figure 7 gives the second-order rate constant  $k_{1a} = (2.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The y-axis intercept in Figure 7 is  $k_d = 6800 \pm 2000 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and is consistent with our previous experimental results.<sup>32</sup>

Figure 8 shows a plot of  $k_{1a}$  versus total pressure. The rate constant increases from  $(0.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-11}$  to  $(2.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  as the total pressure of the N<sub>2</sub> diluent was increased from 25 to 125 Torr. These results are typical for a three-body reaction and support the formation of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct. The curve in Figure 8 is a fit of the equation for the simple hard-collision mechanism to the combined data.

$$k_{1a} = \frac{k_{1a}^{\text{low}} [\text{M}]}{1 + (k_{1a}^{\text{low}} [\text{M}] / k_{1a}^{\text{high}})} \quad (9)$$

The best fit is achieved with  $k_{1a}^{\text{low}} = (1.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_{1a}^{\text{high}} = (3.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . More data at high pressure are needed to more accurately define the high-pressure limiting rate constant for this reaction.

**3.6. Temperature Dependence of CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl Adduct Formation.** The observed absorbance at 435 nm following flash photolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> mixtures was measured at the maximum concentration (typically,  $t = 80 \mu\text{s}$ ) as a function of

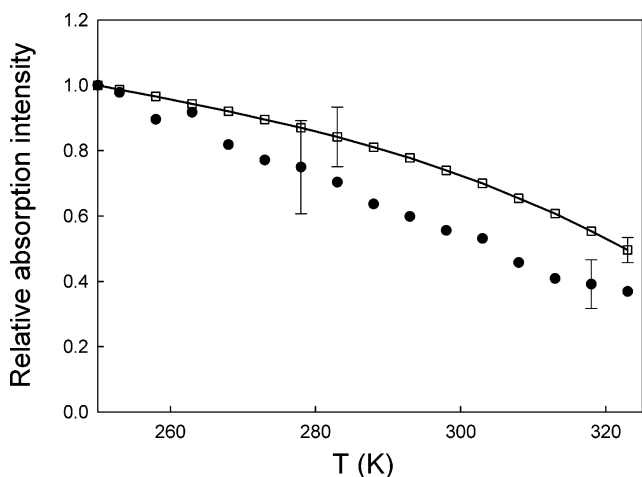


**Figure 9.** Absorbance at 435 nm (relative to that at 250 K) for XCH<sub>2</sub>I–Cl adducts as a function of temperature; X = H, closed circles; Br, squares; I, diamonds; and CH<sub>3</sub>, open circles. All experiments were performed in 100 Torr of N<sub>2</sub> diluent.

temperature over the range 250–325 K in 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent. The absorbance was normalized to that observed at 250 K and plotted versus temperature in Figure 9. As seen from Figure 9, the absorbance attributable to the formation of CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl decreases almost linearly with increasing temperature. The ratios of absorbance at 435 and 488 nm were measured at three different temperatures, 250, 273, and 318 K and were  $\sigma(488 \text{ nm})/\sigma(435 \text{ nm}) = 0.24 \pm 0.04$ ,  $0.27 \pm 0.04$ , and  $0.27 \pm 0.04$ , respectively. The shape of the absorption spectrum does not change over the temperature range 250–318 K. We conclude that the decrease in absorbance at 435 nm with increasing temperature shown in Figure 9 reflects a decreasing yield of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct with increasing temperature.

Linear extrapolation of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl data in Figure 9 gives an x-axis intercept,  $356 \pm 10 \text{ K}$ , at which there will be no appreciable adduct formation. This result is consistent with the previous report by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> that adduct formation is not significant at 364 K in 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent. In the present experiment, the observed decrease in concentration of CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl above 250 K,  $\Delta[\text{CH}_3\text{I–Cl}]_{\text{obs}}$ , is attributable to increased rates of reactions –1a and 1b as temperature is increased. To provide insight into the relative importance of these factors and a more quantitative comparison of our results with those reported by Ayhens et al.,<sup>9</sup> a modeling exercise was undertaken. The model consisted of reactions 1a, –1a, and 1b with rate constants  $k_{1a}$ ,  $k_{-1a}$ , and  $k_{1b}$  reported by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> in 100 Torr N<sub>2</sub> diluent. The loss of Cl atoms via diffusion from the viewing zone was included in the model. The IBM *Chemical Kinetics Simulator* program was used to calculate the maximum concentration (at typically  $t = 80 \mu\text{s}$ ) of the CH<sub>3</sub>I–Cl adduct for “experiments” conducted at different temperatures. In the calculations, uncertainties in the diffusion constant,  $k_d = 6800 \pm 2000 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , were taken into account, but those of the reported rate constants were not. The squares in Figure 10 show the results of the modeling exercise.

The solid curve in Figure 10 is a fit through the model results to aid visual inspection of the data trend. The magnitude of uncertainties in the experimental data is indicated by the error bars for the data points (circles) at 279 and 318 K, while uncertainties in the model results are indicated for the data points (squares) at 283 and 323 K. As seen from Figure 10, the experimental observations in the present work are, within the combined uncertainties, consistent with those predicted using the kinetic data reported by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> Examples of rate constants used in the calculation are the following:  $k_{1a} = 1.38$



**Figure 10.** Temperature dependence of the relative absorbance of  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  at 435 nm; circles are experimental data measured herein, squares and solid curve were calculated from the kinetic data reported by Ayhens et al.<sup>9</sup> (see text for details).

$\times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{-1a} = 87.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{1b} = 3.85 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 250 K, and  $k_{1a} = 6.87 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{-1a} = 1.42 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{1b} = 1.13 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 323 K. The branching ratio for adduct formation  $k_{1a}/(k_{1a} + k_{1b})$  decreases from 0.97 to 0.86 over the temperature range 250–323 K. In 100 Torr of  $\text{N}_2$  diluent at 323 K, the pseudo-first-order rate of adduct formation via reaction 1a is  $1.27 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , while decomposition of the adduct via reaction  $-1a$  occurs at a rate of  $1.42 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Unimolecular decomposition of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct via reaction  $-1a$  is the main reason for the observed temperature dependence shown in Figure 10.

**3.7. Temperature Dependence of Adduct Formation in Reactions of Cl with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrI}$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$ .** Similarly to the case of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adduct, assuming that the absorption cross-section of the  $\text{XCH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{CH}_3$ , Br, and I) adducts at 435 nm do not change significantly over the temperature range studied, the decrease in absorption with temperature is attributable to an increase in the rates of both the abstraction reaction and the back reaction. The  $x$ -intercepts of linear extrapolation in Figure 9 are  $377 \pm 8$ ,  $333 \pm 11$ , and  $315 \pm 12$  K for  $\text{XCH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{CH}_3$ , Br, and I), respectively. At these decomposition temperatures, no discernible adduct formation is expected.

#### 4. Discussion

It has been established previously that adduct formation plays an important role in the reaction of F atoms with  $\text{CHF}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ .<sup>34–36</sup>  $\text{CHF}_2\text{Br}-\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}-\text{F}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}-\text{F}$  adducts display strong UV absorption with a maximum absorption cross-section of approximately  $2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$  at 290 nm. The reaction of  $\text{Cl} + \text{CH}_2\text{ClI}$  has a small negative activation energy, suggesting the importance of long-range attractive forces in its reaction dynamics.<sup>21</sup> Wine and co-workers have reported that reactions of Cl atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ , and  $\text{CD}_3\text{CD}_2\text{I}$  proceed via two channels: adduct formation and direct hydrogen abstraction.<sup>9,23</sup> We report herein the formation of adducts in the reactions of Cl atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClI}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{IBr}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}$ . It appears that the formation of short-lived adducts is a common facet of the reactions of F and Cl atoms with bromo- and iodo-compounds.

Ab initio calculations by Piety et al. predict an adduct bond strength of  $59.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  for  $\text{CD}_3\text{CD}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$ .<sup>23</sup> Kambanis et al.

reported the existence of stable adducts of Cl atoms with HI,  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{I}$  at 298 K with bond strengths of 31.1, 52.4, and  $51.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , respectively.<sup>10</sup> In the present work,  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adducts are calculated to have bond strengths of 59.0 and  $61.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and are characterized by decomposition temperatures ( $x$ -axis intercepts in Figure 9) of 356 and 377 K, respectively. The decomposition temperatures of  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrI}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2-\text{Cl}$  adducts are 333 and 315 K, respectively, indicating lower bond strengths than for the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adducts.

Absorption cross-sections of  $\text{XCH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  adducts at 405 and 435 nm decrease in the order  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I} > \text{CH}_3\text{I} > \text{CH}_2\text{BrI} \approx \text{CH}_2\text{I}_2 \approx \text{CH}_2\text{ClI}$ . No adduct formation was observed in the reaction of Cl atoms with  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ . CT complex formation offers a qualitative explanation of the observed trends, because the ionization potentials ( $I_p$ ) of the parent compounds are as follows:  $I_p(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}) = 9.4 \text{ eV}$ ,  $I_p(\text{CH}_3\text{I}) = 9.5 \text{ eV}$ ,  $I_p(\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2) = 9.5 \text{ eV}$ ,  $I_p(\text{CH}_2\text{BrI}) \approx 9.6 \text{ eV}$ ,  $I_p(\text{CH}_2\text{ClI}) = 9.7 \text{ eV}$ ,  $I_p(\text{CF}_3\text{I}) = 10.3 \text{ eV}$ , and  $I_p(\text{CH}_3\text{Br}) = 10.5 \text{ eV}$ .<sup>37–40</sup>

Piety et al. reported that the reaction of Cl atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  proceeds with a rate constant which is independent of total pressure and that the dominant reaction pathway at  $T > 213 \text{ K}$  is hydrogen transfer and not adduct formation.<sup>23</sup> Consistent with the findings of Piety et al., no evidence was observed in the present work for the formation of a  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}-\text{Cl}$  adduct at temperatures of  $>218 \text{ K}$ .

The present work improves our understanding of the kinetics and mechanisms of the reaction of Cl atoms with halogenated methanes in three respects. First, we report the first measurements of the visible spectra of the  $\text{XCH}_2\text{I}-\text{Cl}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ , Cl, Br, I) adducts. The experimentally observed spectra are supported by our theoretical calculations. Second, we confirm the literature kinetic data for the reaction of Cl atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  at 250 K.<sup>9</sup> Third, we confirm that at temperatures greater than 218 K adduct formation does not play a significant role in the reaction of Cl atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ .

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