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The reaction mechanism of dichloromethane reaction (DCM) with atomic hydrogen in a flow reactor at room temperature (300 K) and low pressure  $(2.1 - 2.7 \text{ torr})$ , argon bath gas, has been developed in this research to analyze the above reaction system. The important addition reactions of radicals (or atoms) to olefins and the radical/radical (atom/radical) combination reactions have been analyzed using the bimolecular version of the Quantum-Rice-Ramsperger-Kassel (QRRK) theory.

The detailed reaction mechanism satisfactorily fits the experimental data for the reagent (DCM) conversion from previous experimental over a initial ratio (atomic hydrogen to dichloromethane) range of 6.8 to 40. The initiation reactions are abstraction by atomic hydrogen on the romethane. One channel is for hydrogen atom to abstract chlorine atom in DCM to form methyl chloride radical and HC1, the other is to abstract hydrogen atom in DCM to form hydrogen molecule and dichloromethane radical. After

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initiation, combination reactions, such as H+CH2C1, H+CHC12, CHC12+CHC12, CHC12+CH2C1, CHC12+CH3, CH2C1+CH2C1, CH2C1+CH3, and CH3+CH3 follow. The adducts formed are all treated as chemically activated complexes, with reaction from these complexes to products versus stabilization analyzed with QRRK theory. The major products are HCL and CH4, which agree with experiment.

The kinetic reaction mechanism is based on thermochemical principles and Transition State Theory. The rate constant obtained for the primary steps at 300 K are:



A second detailed mechanism was developed for the reaction of Chloroform with atomic hydrogen, argon bath gas, at room temperature  $(300 K)$  and low pressure  $(2.22 - 2.82)$ torr). The rate constants obtained for the initially important steps at 300 K are :

 $k$  (  $cm3$  mole-1 sec-1 )

 $CHC13 + H$  ---->  $CHC12 + HC1$  3.72 \*  $10^{10}$ CHC13 + H ----> CC13 + H2 2.52 \*  $10^8$ 

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The reaction between hydrogen atoms and chloromethanes has received some kinetic attention, but not much. These reactions are now known to be important in the fuel rich stage of chlorocarbon combustion ( incineration ) and pyrolysis. It has been shown that a "Super Equilibrium" concentration of H atoms exists in these systems, due to very rapid reaction of  $Cl + H2$  -->  $HCl + H$ , where  $H2$  is pressent as a fuel or formed in hydrocarbon pyrolysis reactions <1,2>. The purpose of this research is to study the chemical kinetics of atomic hydrogen with dilute concentration of dichloromethane and chloroform in a tubular flow discharge reactor, at low pressure, room temperature. And used a detailed mechanism to analyze the reaction systems.

To develop detailed mechanisms, the Activated Complex Quantum Rice-Ramsperger-Kassel ( QRRK ) method <3> was utilized for

- . Addition
- . Beta scission
- . Recombination

reactions. We evaluate these reactions under low pressure ( 0.76 - 10.0 torr ) and low temperature ( 273 - 400 K ) conditions. The Activated Complex Quantum RRK theory calcu-

lates probability of reaction versus stabilization as function of pressure and temperature. In the pressent study, mechanisms were developed to describe the experimentally observed reagents conversion and product formation.

These two overall reaction systems,  $H + CH2Cl2$  and  $H +$ CHC13, can be considered as a model for hydro-dechlorination of chlorinated methanes, which is of interest as a method for detoxification of these chlorocompounds. The hydrogen atoms react with dichloromethane to form HC1 and useful CH4:



Hydrogen atoms react with chloroform,

- $CHC13 + H \le = \implies CHC12 + HCl$  (5)
- $CHC12 + H \le = \implies CH2CL + C1$  (6)

then reaction (2), (3), (4) follow to again form HC1 and CH4.

It have been shown in the previous experimental studies <4,5> that the primary stable-end products of these two reaction systems are CH4 and HC1, the HC1 can be readily scrubbed ( neutralized ) with caustic.

In the current study, the detailed mechanisms have been developed and compared with the experimental data. Rate constants ( at 300 K ) for the primary reactions were ob-

tained:

CH2C12 + H <===> HC1 + CH2C1  $k = 2.41 * 10<sup>9</sup>$  cm<sup>3</sup> mole<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  $CH2Cl2 + H \leq ==> H2 + CHCl2$  $k = 2.17 * 10<sup>7</sup>$  cm<sup>3</sup> mole<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  $CHC13 + H \leq ==> HCl + CHCl2$  $k = 3.72 * 10^{10} cm^3$  mole<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  $CHC13 + H \le = = > H2 + CC13$  $k = 2.52 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

# **II. PREVIOUS STUDY**

A surprisingly small number of reactions of atomic hydrogen with halomethanes have been studied in the past five decades, and very little detailed mechanistic information is available on these reaction systems.

In 1933, Chadwell and Titani<6> investigated the reactions of methyl halides with hydrogen atoms, which were produced in a Wood's discharge flow system. They identified the products of the reactions and generated some data for the heat of reactions and proposed a general reaction process:  $H_+ + RX \leq x == > HX + R_+$ . The heat of reactions were reported as followed,





Polanyi et. al. <7> made a report on the similar reactions in the same year, and only identified hydrogen halide products. Due to the limitations of their apparatus, there was no direct measurement of the rate constant, but Polanyi and his co-woirkers were able to make an estimate of the activation energy, as for reaction  $H + CCl4 \leq ==> HCl + CCl3$ , the activation energy was estimated to be less than 2.8 Kcal.

Vance and Baumann <8> in 1938 studied the reaction of hydrogen atom with CC14 at torr pressure and reported a formula for rate constant k (as a function of temperature),

 $k = SZe^{-A/RT}$  where  $Z = 3.1 * 10^{13} / T$ 

$$
S = Steric Factor
$$

# A = Activation Energy

in Vance and Baumann's experiment, they indicated that the complete conversion of H into HC1 occurred at 0.8 torr, 150-200 oC, with a CC14:H ratio of about 10:1 and five minutes reaction time. Where the Steric Factor is 0.007 the Activation Energy is 3.45 Kcal/mole and Arrhenius A factor is 2.2  $*$  10<sup>11</sup>.

Clark and Tedder <9> in 1964 examined the reactions of hydrogen atom with some halomethanes, at pressure of 0.23 torr and room temperature, and proposed a reaction sequence for these reactions. They considered the initial step in the reaction system is chlorine abstraction by hydrogen atoms. But in this study, they didn't measure the concentration of hydrogen atoms and there was no absolute rate constant reported.

Gaydon and Wolfhard <10> were the first to report flame- like emission when atomic hydrogen reacted with several halocarbons in 1952. They have characterized the emitting species as  $C2^{\#}$  and  $CH^{\#}$ . In 1975, Arnold, Kimbell,

and Snelling <11> observed C2 visible and infrared emissions in the reactions of atomic hydrogen with halomethanes, supporting the identification of Gaydon and Wolfhard. Arnold et. al. concluded that these were probably due to the exothermic reaction  $C + CX$  --->  $C2 + X$  (where X is halogen or hydrogen ). We can obtain some important information as to the existance of intermediates from the various emission observed. This is helpful as we first formulate the reaction mechanism. The disadventage to their studies is that neither the concentrations, stoichiometry, nor the stable end-products were precisely.

One mechanistic report was published in 1973, Combourieu et. al. <12> introduced a mechanism of the reaction of hydrogen atom with dichloromethane. The rate constant of H + CH2C12 was obtained and a mechanism was proposed to describe the production of CH4, HC1, C2H2, and C2H4. They assumed that the initial step is the chlorine abstraction by a hydrogen atom. The feasibility of CH2C12 acting as a flame inhibitor was also recognized in this report. We feel that we can improve this mechanism of Combouriu, by treating the combination reactions with the bimolecular QRRK analysis <13> and adding a number of reaction channels which are easily accessable to the initially formed chemically energized adduct. An example of these for the combourien mechanism is H + CH2C1 ---> CH2C12<sup>#</sup>  $---> CH3 + C1.$ 

Westenberg and deHaas ( 1975 )<14> performed more direct rate measurment for reactions  $H + CH3X$  (  $X = Br$ , Cl, F ) with [H] >> [CH3X] at the temperature range of 298-996 K. This study presented that as methyl halides were added in excess amount, there was always a sharply accelerating decay in the H signal with distance, namely, with complete removal of H atom in a short distance.

In 1979, Costes et. al. <15> showed that carbon atoms can be produced by the reaction of hydrogen atoms with CC14 in a low pressure reactor. It was also proposed that the initial reaction in these H-atom with halocarbons is an initial slow chlorine abstraction by hydrogen atom which is followed by subsequent fast chain branching and termination reactions resulting in a flame and the final products.

Gould et. al. <16> have recently studied the reaction of hydrogen atoms ( generated by photolysis of HBr or HI ) with CDC13. They showed that Cl abstraction from CDC13 by H atom is more accessible than that of D abstraction. They reported a ratio of Cl abstraction is 7.2 times larger than that of D abstraction, as normalized to equal numbers of Cl and D atoms.

Jo and Bozzelli <4> have studied the reaction of H + CHC13 in a flow reactor, at low pressure ( 2.22-2.82 torr ) and room temperature. They have proposed a mechanism for the secondary reactions that almost all chloroform consumed went

toward the production of methane. The kinetics were computer simulated by solving the simultaneous first-order differential equations. Runge-Kutta method and Rosenbrock method were used for integration and optimization of the system. In this study, the rate constant (at 298 K) for the primary reaction is obtained,

H + CHC13 ---> HC1 + CHC12

$$
k = 2.53 * 10^{10} (cm3/mole sec)
$$

Huang and Bozzelli <5> ( 1987 ) studied the kinetics of atomic hydrogen with dichloromethane in a flow reactor at pressure of 2.1 to 2.7 torr and room temperature. A detailed mechanism was developed to fit the experimental data, yet the results of that model is not fully satisfactory as comparing with the experimental data. The rate constants used in Huang's model (298 K) for the initial steps were

H + CH2C12 ---> HCl + CH2C1

 $k = 3.63 * 10^{9}$ cm<sup>3</sup>/mole sec

H + CH2C12 ---> H2 + CHC12

 $k = 2.08 * 10^{7}$ cm<sup>3</sup>/mole sec

The current study may be considered as a follow-up study of the previous research of S.H. Huang and W.K. Jo on their reaction mechanism model. The model necessarily involves the estimation of the rate constants for relevent elementary reactions. We also focus upon the use of Bimolecular Quantum-RRK theory <13> to interpret the

reaction channels. Hopefully, this study may contribute a little to the field of flame inhibition and combustion research.

### III. THEORY

A. Transiton-State Theory

For many kinds of reactions, especially for elementary reactions, their rate constants may be expressed as a product of a temperature dependent term and a composition term.

A more detailed explanation of how the reactants transform into products is given by the Trasition-State Theory. The reactants combining to form unstable intermediates called activated complexes which then decompose spontaneously into products. The Transition-State Theory assumes that an equilibrium exists between the concentration of reactants and activated complex at all times and that the rate of decomposition of complex is the same for all reactions which is given by  $kT/h$  , where  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant and h is the Planck constant. Thus for the forward elementary reaction of a reversible reaction,

$$
A + B \qquad \xleftarrow{\begin{array}{c}\n k_f \\
\hline\n k_f\n \end{array}} \n AB \qquad (1)
$$

we have the following conceptual elementary scheme:

 $A + B$  $k_1$ <br>  $\leq n = 1$  $AB^*$   $x_2$ > AB (2)  $k_{-1}$ 

k1 [AB\*] K \* = k-1 [A][B]

kT  $k<sub>2</sub>$ h

The observed rate of the forward reaction is then

 $r_{AB,forward}$  = (conc. of  $r_{AB,forward}$  = (conc. of x (rate of decomposition activated complex) activated complex) activated complex) kT

$$
= \frac{kT}{h} \quad [\text{AB}^{\star}]
$$

$$
= \frac{kT}{h} \quad \text{K}^{\star} \quad C_{\text{A}} \quad C_{\text{B}} \quad (3)
$$

By expressing the equilibrium constant of activated complex in terms of the standard free energy,

$$
\angle\Delta G^* = \angle H^* - T\angle S^* = -RT \ln K^*
$$
 (4)  

$$
K^* = EXP(-\angle G^*/RT) = EXP(-\angle H^*/RT + \angle S^*/R)
$$

the rate becomes

$$
r_{AB, \text{foward}} = \frac{kT}{h} \exp(\angle s^*/R) \exp(-\angle H^*/RT) \ C_A \ C_B \tag{5}
$$

Theoretically both  $\triangle S^*$  and  $\triangle H^*$  vary very slowly with temperature. Hence, of the three terms that make up the rate constant in Eq. 5, the middle one,  $EXP(\triangle S^*/R)$ , is so much

less temperature-senstive than the other two terms that we may take it to be constant. So for the forward reaction, and similarly for the reverse reaction of Eq. 1, we have approximately

$$
k_f \tT EXP(-\triangle H_f^*/RT)
$$
 (6)

 $k_r$  T EXP( $-\angle\langle H_r^* / RT$ )

where  $\triangle H_f^*$  -  $\triangle H_r^*$  =  $\triangle H_{RXM}$ 

Transition-state theory views the reaction rate to be governed by the rate of decomposition of intermediate. The rate of formation of intermediate is assumed to be governed by collisions plus thermodynamics and it is present on equilibrium concentrations at all times. That is, Transition-state theory considers the second step combined with the determination of complex concentration to be the rate controlling factors.

B. Prediction of Rate Constants for Radical Addition and Recombination Reactions by Bimolecular QRRK Theory

The decomposition of a radical or molecule has a unimolecular, pressure-independent rate constant in the limit of high pressure, but as pressure is reduced the rate constant eventually falls off or decreases with pressure. In the low-pressure limit, it becomes directly proportional to the pressure. Rationalizing and qualifying these effects,

first accomplished in the 1920's <17>, again has become an active area in kinetics research.

Radical combination or radical-molecule addition to an unsaturated molecule would seem to be simply the reverse of decompositon, having the same decay behavior by microscopic reversibility. This is true for the specific reaction channel that leads to formation of the collisionally stabilized adduct. The reason is that the adduct species has an energy distribution where is in thermal equilibrium with surrounding gas molecules, just as for a species that is thermally decomposing.

It is very important to note but not well recognized that additional products can be formed from combination and addition reactions by this chemical activated pathway. The initially formed adduct has a chemical energy distribution, different from a thermal energy distribution because the thermal energies of the reactants are augmented by the chemical energy released by making the new bond. This chemical energy is initially the same as the energy barrier for dissociation of the collisionally stabilized adduct to the original adducts. If the energy in the chemical activation energy distribution extends above the barrier for another dissociation ( or isomerization reaction pathway ) of the adduct, then that reaction pathway can also occur.

Calculation of the bimolecular rate constant involves the concept that the fate of the chemically activated adduct is determined by competition among the possible pathways; stabilization by collision, redissociation to reactants, or formation of new products dy dissociation or isomerization. References are the Dean's paper.<18>

1. Unimolecular QRRK Equation

Dean ( 1985 ) <18> has presented equations for bimolecular rate constants based on the Quantum-RRK or QRRK unimolecular reaction theory of Kassel ( 1928 ), which treats the storage of excess energy ( relative to the ground state ) as quantized vibrational energy.

In the simplest form of the theory, the assumption is made that the vibrations of the decomposing molecule can be represented by a single frequency <v>, usually a geometric mean <v> of the molecule's frequencies. Next, energy E initially activated of the complex and each barrier to reaction path relative to the ground state of the stabilized molecule is divided into E/h<v> vibrational quanta. For the total energy variable E, the symbol n is used; and for number of quanta to the energy barrier to reaction Eo, the quantized energy is m quanta; quantum level and the rate processes are illustrated in Figure 1-a. A very general scheme for unimolecular reaction is as follows:



Figure 1. Energy diagrams for pressure-dependent reac**tions.** 

- a. Unimolecular reaction
- b. Bimolecular reaction with chemically activated pathway

A + M  $\langle$  = = = = = = = = >  $A^*$ \*  $+$  M ------> Products  $A^*$ 

Here M stands for the third body and only serves to raise the reacting molecule to its energized state  $A^*$  by collisional activation.

The apparent k<sub>uni</sub>:

1 d [Products]  $k_{\text{uni}} =$   $\frac{1}{2}$  =  $\frac{1}{$ [ A ] dt

is then evaluated by a sum over all energies, assuming pseudo-steady state for each energy level of A\* and collisional excitation or deexcitation with rate constants  $k_{exc}$ and k<sub>deexc</sub>:

$$
k_{\text{uni}} = \frac{1}{[A]} \quad k_{\text{rxn}}(E) \quad [A^*(E)]
$$
\n
$$
= k_{\text{rxn}}(E) \quad \frac{k_{\text{deexc}}[M] \quad K(E, T)}{k_{\text{deexc}}[M] + k_{\text{rxn}}(E)}
$$
\n(2)

where K(E,T) is the thermal-energy distribution function ( $k_{\text{exc}}/k_{\text{deexc}}$ ). Kassel assumed that if a molecule were excited to an energy E, then  $k_{rxn}(E)$  would be proportional to the probability that one of the s oscillators could have energy Eo or greater (sufficient energy to cause reaction); that is, m or more of the n total quanta. The proportionality constant was shown to be A , the Arrhenius

preexponential factor for dissociation of A in the high presure limit, so the energy-dependent rate constant is:

$$
k_{rxn}(E) = A \qquad \begin{array}{c} n! \quad (n-m+s-1)! \\ \hline \quad (n-m)! \quad (n+s-1)! \end{array} \tag{3}
$$

Likewise, he derived the quantized thermal energy distribution K(E,T) to be:

$$
K(E,T) = a^{n} (1-a)^{s} \tbinom{n+s-1!}{n! (s-1)!}
$$
\nwhere  $a = e^{(-h. (4)$ 

In the present development, a collisional efficiency Beta has been applied to modify the traditional but incorrect strong-collision assumption that  $k_{deexc} = 2$  [M], where Z is the collision frequency rate constant. The strong-collision assumption implies that any collision between  $A^*$  and M would have to remove all the excess enrgy from A\*. Note that any species included as M would have to accommodate this energy content, regardless of its capacity for accepting the energy. Analyzing collisional energy transfer for master-equation methods, Troe ( 1977 ) fit most of the temperature dependence of Beta with the equation:

Beta  

$$
=
$$
 $\frac{-<\triangle E_{\text{coll}}}{1-(\text{Beta})^{1/2}}$  $=$  $\frac{-<\triangle E_{\text{coll}}}{F(E) k T}$ (5)

where  $<$   $\text{E}_{\texttt{coll}}$  is the average amount of energy transferred per collision and F(E) is a factor, weakly dependent on energy,that is related to the number of excited states. Over the temperature range of 300-2500 <sup>O</sup>K for a series of reactions ( Troe, 1977 );  $F(E) = 1.15$  was observed as a median value. The value of Beta depends on the specific third-body molecule M through the value of  $\langle\Delta E_{CO}^2\rangle$ .

2. Bimolecular QRRK Equations

The bimolecular QRRK equations follow ( Dean, 1985 ) from unimolecular QRRK and the defintion of the chemical activation distribution function. Consider recombination or addition to occur via the sequence:

 $k_1$   $f(E,T)$ <br>  $\left\langle \text{=} \right\rangle$   $\left\{ RR' \right\}^*$   $\left\{ k_2(E) \right\}$ <br>  $\left\{ P + P' \right\}$  $R^{\dagger}$  $\mathbf{R}$  $k_{-1}$ (E) : Beta  $k_S[M]$ A

Here R is a radical, R' is a radical ( recombination ) or unsaturated molecule ( addition ),  $A^*$  is the energized complex which can either disoociate or be collisionally stabilized, Beta is the collisional deactivation efficiency, and ks is the collisional rate constant for stabilization.  $k_1$  is the high-pressure-limit rate constant for forming adduct and f(E,T) is the energy distribution for chemical activation:

$$
f(E,T) = \frac{k_{-1}(E) K(E,T)}{k_{-1}(E) K(E,T)}
$$
(6)

where K(E,T) is the QRRK thermal distribution from Eq. 4. Rate constants  $k_{-1}(E)$  and  $k_2(E)$  are calculated from the QRRK equation for  $k_{rxn}(E)$  (Eq.3) using  $m_{-1}(E_{-1}/h< v>)$  and  $m_2(E_2/h< v>)$ , respectively. A typical energy diagram for these reactions is shown in Figure 1-b.

To obtain the bimolecular rate constant for a particular product channel, a pseudosteady-state analysis is made as before. The rate constant for forming the addition/stabilization product  $[RR']$  from  $R + R'$  is:

$$
k_{\text{stab}} = \frac{d[\text{RR}^{\prime}]/dt}{[\text{R}][\text{R}^{\prime}]} = \text{Beta } k_{\text{S}}[\text{M}] \text{ ---} \text{S}[\text{M}^{\prime} + k_{-1}(\text{E}) + k_{2}(\text{E})
$$
(7)

and, for forming the addition/decomposition product  $P + P^T$ :

$$
k_{dec} = \frac{d[Prod]/dt}{[R][R']}
$$
 =  $k_2(E)$  1000  
 =  $k_2(E)$  211  
 =  $k_2(E)$  321  
 =  $k_2(E)$  431  
 =  $k_2(M) + k_{-1}(E) + k_2(E)$  (8)

If more decomposition channels are available, the  $k_{rxn}(E)$ for each channel is added in the denominator of Eqs.7 and 8, and an equation in the form of Eq.8 is written for each additional channel, substituting the respective k<sub>rxn</sub>(E) for  $k_2(E)$  as the multiplier term.

# 3. Low- and High-Pressure Limits

The low-pressure and high-pressure limits for these channels may be derived from Eqs. 7 and 8. As pressure changes, the rate constants change because of the relative magnitutes of terms in the denominator,  $Bk_S[M]$  vs.  $k_{-1}(E)$ and  $k_2(E)$ .

The low-pressure limit for addition/stabilization (or recombination) is derived from Eq.7 to be

$$
\lim_{M \to \infty} k_{\text{ftab}} = [M] \quad \text{Beta} \quad k_{\text{stab}} - \text{S} \quad \text{S} \quad k_{\text{atab}} \quad \text{(9)}
$$
\n
$$
\lim_{N \to \infty} k_{\text{gtab}} = [M] \quad \text{Beta} \quad k_{\text{stab}} - \text{S} \quad \text{(10)}
$$

sometimes written as [M]\*ko (as a termolecular reaction ), and the high-pressure limit reduces properly to  $k_1$ . At a given temperature, the falloff curve for stabilization can be plotted as log(kstab) vs. log(P) or log(M).

Note the presence of  $k_2(E)$  in Eq.9. If chemically activated conversion of  $[RR']^*$  is more rapid than decomposition to reactants [ $k_2(E)$  >>  $k_{-1}(E)$  ], then Eq.9 shows that ko<sub>stab</sub> will be divided by  $k_2(E)$  rather than by  $k_ _1(E)$ . thus, ignoring the chemically activated pathway could give incorrect rate constants for "simple" addition.

Similar analysis of Eq.8 implies that chemically activated decomposition has a falloff curve that is the opposite of addition/stabilization, with a rate constant that is pressure-independent at low pressure and inversely

proportional to pressure at high pressure. From Eq.8, the low-pressure limit for the chemically activated pathway to P and P' will be

$$
\lim_{M \to \infty} k_{\text{dec}} = k_1 \qquad \qquad \frac{k_2(E) \ f(E, T)}{k_{-1}(E) + k_2(E)} \tag{10}
$$

and the high-pressure limit will be

$$
\lim_{M \to \infty} k_{\text{dec}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\substack{N=1 \text{ odd}}}^{K} k_2(E) f(E, T) \tag{11}
$$

with an inverse pressure dependence. While this result goes against past tuiotion about low- and high- pressure limits, it is a natural consequence of physics when chemically activated reaction are recognized as possibilities. One consequence is that a reaction of the form  $A + B$  --->  $C + D$ with a rate constant measured to be pressure-independent may be proceeding via addition

# C. Computer Aided Mechanism Modelling by CHEMKIN Program

CHEMKIN <19> program is a general-purpose, problem-independent, transportable chemical kinetics code package, which is written by FORTRAN. This package was designed to facilitate a chemist's interaction with the computer in modelling chemical kinetics. Using the CHEMKIN package requires the manipulation of a number of programs, subroutines and data files.

The general structure of the CHEMKIN package is shown

in Figure 2. The Interpreter of CHEMKIN program is a program whichh reads a symbolic description of a reaction mechanism, and thenb extracts the needed thermodynamic data for each species involved from the Thermodynamic Data Base. The primary output from the Interpreter is a binary file which is called the Linking file. This file contains numerical information which describes the elements, species and reaction mechanism.

Input to the Interpreter may be any number of reversible reactions, including those with arbitrary third bodies, photons or ionic species as reactants or products. And enhanced third body efficiencies may also be specified for any of the species in three body reactions. The input to the Interpreter is in familiar chemical, not so much computational, notation.



# Figure 2. Structure of the CHEMKIN package

#### **IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

A. Detailed Kinetics Mechanism and Modeling

The Reaction mechanism was constructed by determining the initial reaction and then considering plausible reactions of the products from the initial reaction. Thus process continued until the mechanism incorporated all the plausible and likely important reactions leading to the observed stable products; and accounted properly for all the important intermediate species.

1. Reaction of Atomic Hydrogen with Dichloromethane

The possible initial reactions in the reaction system for the reaction of H atom with dichloromethane is a slow abstraction of Cl or H from dichloromethane to produce chloromehtyl radical and HCl or H2,

 $H + CH2Cl2 \leq ==> HCL + CH2Cl$  (1)

 $H + CH2Cl2 \leq ==> H2 + CHCl2$  (2)

The abstraction of Cl from CH2C12 by H atom has been studied previously <12> at pressure near 1 torr and 298-460 oK temperature range, the activated energy was determined as 6.1 Kcal. Gould et. al. <16> have reported that the probabilities of Cl abstraction is 2.6 times larger than that of D abstraction (if normalized to equal numbers of Cl and D
atom), in the reaction of  $H + CDC13$ . That is the Cl abstraction is likely to be the predominant initial step.

The chloromethyl radical, can then react with H2 and H (which are present in relatively high concentration in the system),

 $H2 + CH2Cl \le = \implies CH3Cl + H$  (3)  $H + CH2Cl \le = \implies [CH3Cl] \# \le = \implies CH3 + Cl \ (4)$  $H + CH2Cl \le = \ge [CH3Cl]$   $\ne \le = \ge CH3Cl$  (5)

Reaction (4) and (5), have been discussed in the previous section as analyzed by Quantum-RRK. Thus, two important radicals, Cl and CH3, are generated. And by reaction (3), H atoms are regenerated.

The other initial carbon centered radical CHC12, can also react with H2 and H,

 $CHC12 + H2 \le = \implies CH2CL2 + H$  (6)  $CHC12 + H \le = \ge \text{CH2Cl2}$   $\# \le = \ge \text{CH2Cl2}$  (7)  $CHC12 + H \le = \implies CH2Cl + Cl$  (8)

where reaction (6) is the reverse of reaction (2). The reaction (7) and reaction (8) have been analyzed by QRRK method in the previous section.

As Cl atoms are generated, they will react with H2 or dichloromethane to form HC1 and a H atom or a dichloromethyl radical, respectively.

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CL + H2 \leq == >> HCl + H (9)
CL + CH2Cl2 \leq == >> HCl + CHCl2 (10)
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The reaction of halogen atom with hydrogen molecules bave been studied for nearly a century and have played a contral role in the history of chemical kinetics. Miller and Gordon <22> concluded that the ratio of the forward to the reverse rate constant is indeed equal to the equilibrium constant. Therefore, Miller and Gordon's rate constant for reaction Cl + H2 are used in this study.

The reaction of Cl with CH2C12 is found to be a very important reaction in this mechanism. Clyne and Walker <23> have reported a Cl + CH2Cl2 rate constant of  $3.9*10E+11$  cm<sup>3</sup> <code>mole $^{-1}$  s $^{-1}$  at room temperature.</code>

CH3 also can react with H2, H and dichloromethane,



For CH3, there are also important combination reactions with CH2C1, CHC12 and CH3 itself.

CH3 + CH2C1 <===> [CH3CH2C1]# <===> C2H5C1 (15)  $CH3 + CH2Cl \le ==> [CH3CH2Cl] \# \le ==> C2H4 + HCl$  (16)  $CH3 + CH2Cl \le ==> [CH3CH2Cl]$   $\neq ==> C2H5 + Cl$  (17)

 $CH3 + CHCl2 \leq ==> [CH3CHCl2]$ #  $\leq ==> CH3CHCl2$  (18)  $CH3 + CHCl2 \le ==> [CH3CHCl2]$ #  $<==> CH3CHCl + Cl (19)$  $CH3 + CHCl2 \le ==> [CH3CHCl2]$ #  $<=> CH2CHCl + HCl(20)$ 

 $CH3 + CH3 \leq ==> [C2H6]$   $\# \leq ==> C2H6$  (21)

These reactins all have been calculated by QRRK method (are shown in APPENDIX 1). The two chlorocarbon radicals, CH2CL and CHCL2, may react with themselves and also with each other,

CH2C1+CH2C1<===>[CH2C1CH2C1]#<===> CH2C1CH2C1 (22)

CH2C1+CH2C1<===>[CH2C1CH2C1]#<===>CH2C1CHC1+C1(23)

CH2C1+CH2C1<===>[CH2C1CH2C1]#<===>CH2CHC1+HC1 (24)

CH2C1+CHC12<===>[CH2C1CHC12]#<===>CH2C1CHC12 (25) CH2C1+CHC12<===>[CH2C1CHC12]#<===>CH2C1CHC1+C1(26) CH2C1+CHC12<===>[CH2C1CHC12]#<===>CHC1CHC1+HC1(27)

CHC12+CHC12<===>[CHC12CHC12]#<===>CHC12CHC12 (28)

CHC12+CHC12<===>[CHC12CHC12]#<===>CHC12CHC1+C1(29)

CHC12+CHC12<===>[CHC12CHC12]#<===>CHC1CC12+HC1(30)

The wall recombination steps which may compete with H abstraction from dichloromethane by CL atom are,

 $CL + CL (wall)$  --->  $Cl2$ 

 $H + H$  (wall) ---> H2

The wall recombination of Cl atoms may not be negligible , if an uncoated or imperfectedly coated wall was used.  $<12>$ 

Other heterogeneous wall recombination reaction which effect the mechanism are:

 $H + Cl$  (wall) ---> HCl

 $H$  (wall) +  $Cl$  --->  $HCl$ 

Since the discharge tube and tubular reactor in the experiment were coated with phosphoric acid, and then conditioned under vacoom (2 torr) with H atoms  $CA = 1 * 10^{14}$  /cm<sup>3</sup> for 6 hours. These heterogeneous reaction were consider to be insignificant.

A termolecular reaction scheme was proposed to account for the recombination steps in this mechanism,



The rate constants of these termolecular reactions were taken from Kerr and Moss <24> at appropriate pressure.

No visible flame was reported in the experiment. Carbon formation was not monitored under the experimental conditions <15>.

The methane was formed, it may react with the CL atom,

 $CL + CH4 \le = = > CH3 + HCl$  (34)

This reaction competes with reaction of Cl + H2 in the excess H2 and reaction of Cl + CH2C12. It is relatively insignificant, because of the larger concentration of H and CH2C12.

The Cl atoms, besides to react with dichloromethane, will also undergo combination, addition and abstraction reactions as follow:



These reaction were analyzed by Quantum-RRK method. For the abstraction reactions, mostly can be found in the "CRC Handbook of Bimolecular and Termolecular Gas Reactions" by Kerr and Moss <24>.

The other possible reactions which may be helpful to elucidate the complex charactor of the H + CH2C12 reaction system are listed below, (their rate constant were calculated by QRRK method)

H+C2H2C12<===>[C2H3C12]#<===>C2H3C1 + Cl (43)

H+C2H2C12<===>[C2H3C12]#<===>C2H3C12 (44)

H+C2H2C13<===>[C2H3C13]#<===>C2H3C12 + Cl (45)

H+C2H2C13<===>[C2H3C13]#<===>C2H3C13 (46)

H+C2H2C13<===>[C2H3C13]#<===>C2H2C12 + HCl(47)

H+C2H3C12<===>[C2H4C12]#<===>C2H4C1 + Cl (48) H+C2H3C12<===>[C2H4C12]#<===>C2H4C12 ( 4 9 ) H+C2H3C12<===>[C2H4C12]#<===>C2H3C1 + HC1 (50)

H+C2H4C1<===>[C2H5C1]#<===>C2H5 + Cl (51)

H+C2H4C1<===>[C2H5C1]#<===>C2H5C1 (52)

H+C2H4C1<===>[C2H5C1]#<===>C2H4 + HC1 (53)

 $H + C2H3Cl \le = \equiv \ge [C2H4Cl]$   $\ne \equiv \equiv \ge C2H4 + C1$  (54) H+C2H3C1<===>[C2H4C1]#<===>C2H4C1 (55)

Table 1 lists all the reactions considered in the overall reaction mechanism and the rate constants. APPENDIX 1 lists the estimations of rate constant of radical recombination/addition reactions by QRRK theory. This mechanism describes a reasonable path toward to the formation of the major products.

## 2. Reaction of Atomic Hydrogen with Chloroform

The initial step of the reaction system, which is similar to that in CH2C12 mechanism, is an abstraction reaction of CL or H atom from chloroform to produce chloromethyl radical and HC1 or H2,



 $H + CHC13 \leq x \leq x \leq H2 + CC13$  (2)

Gould et. al. <16> show that the ratio of Cl abstraction is 7.2 times larger than that of H abstraction.

Two chloromethyl radicals may react with H2 and H,  $H2 + CHCl2 \leq ==> CH2Cl2 + H$  (3)  $H + CHCl2 \leq ==> [CH2Cl2]$ #  $\leq ==> CH2Cl2$  (4)  $H + CHCl2 \leq ==> [CH2Cl2]$   $\neq ==> CH2Cl + Cl$  (5)  $H2 + CCl3 \leq ==> CHCl3 + H$  (6)  $H + CCl3 \leq ==> [CHCl3]$   $\# \leq ==> CHCl3$  (7)  $H + CCl3 \leq ==> [CHCl3]$   $\# \leq ==> CHCl2 + Cl(8)$  $H + CCl3 \leq ==> [CHCl3]$   $\neq ==> CCl2 + HCl(9)$ 

Reaction (3), (4) and (5) have been discussed in the CH2C12 mechanism. Reaction (6) is endothermic by 14 Kcal/mole, therefore, not significant at room temperature. A QRRK calculation has been done for reaction (7) to reaction (8) to show that CHC12 + Cl is the predominant reaction ( APPENDIX 1, Table 16).

The HCl formed may react with the hydrogen atoms

 $H + HCl \le = = \Rightarrow H2 + Cl$  (10)

Watson and Clyne, et. al. < 25, 23> have shown the occurrence of the following reaction;

 $CL + CHC13 \leq ==> CCl3 + HCl$  (11)

When the concentration of CHC12, CH2C1 and CC13 rises, they will react with one another, or themselves. The possible reactions between CHC12 and CH2C1 have been described in the H + CH2C12 reaction system, here we concentrate on the additional reactions with CC13 only,

 $|CC13 + CHC12 \leq ==> [CHC12CC13]$   $|C12C13 + CHC12$  (12) CC13 + CHC12 <===>  $[CC13CHCl2]$ # <===> C2C14+HC1  $(13)$ 

CC13 + CHC12 <===>  $[CC13CHCl2]$ # <===> C2C14+HC1  $(13)$  $|CC13 + CHC12 \leq ==&~[CC13CHCl2] \# \leq ==&~C2HCl4+Cl (14)$ 

CC13 + CH2C1 <===>  $[CH2ClCC13]$ # <===> C2H2C14 (15)

 $CCl3 + CH2Cl \leq ==> [CH2ClCCl3]$   $# \leq ==> C2HCl3+HCl(16)$ 

CC13 + CH2C1 <===> [CH2C1CC13]# <===> C2H2C13+C1(17)

Analysis by QRRK theory shows that in reaction (12) to reaction (14), stabilization represents the major fraction of collisions. As the pressure is increased, the C2C14 + HC1 and the C2HC14 + Cl reaction become even less important (APPENDIX 1, Table 17). For reaction (15) - reaction (17), the predominant reaction is HC1 + C2HC13 as analyzed by QRRK (APPENDIX 1, Table 19).

For the  $CC13 + CC13$  combination reaction; since it is not easy to generate CC13 (most H + CHC13 goes to CHC12 + HC1), the concentration of CC13 is relatively low, i.e. the probability for a CC13 to meet another CC13 is very low. And it shows in the experimental results that there is no trace of C2C16 in the end product, but we include this reaction in the mechanism for completeness.

The hydrogen atom can then react with some important radicals and olefins generated by the above chloromethyl cobination reactions.

Reactions of H+CH2C1, H+C2H3C1, H+C2H2C12, H+C2H3C12, H+C2H4C1 and H+C2H2C13, have previously been discussed in the CH2C12 mechanism.

Please refer to the CH2C12 discussion for the combination and abstraction reaction with Cl.

The unique (non CH2C12) part of the H+CHC13 system, are the CC13 reactions and the formation of carbon at room temperature. We have to consider the steps by which carbon may be generated.

As CC12 generated by H+CC13, reaction (8), it may undergo the reactions,



 $H + CCl \le = = > C + HCl$  (19)

Though these two reactions the formation of the carbon atoms as observed in Costes et. al. and in our studies on the tip of the movable injection tube can be explained.

Since CH2C12 is formed in CHC13 reaction system, the other reactions listed in CH2C12 reaction system can be also taken, i.e. CH2C12 system can be considered as a sub-system to this CHC13 reaction system.

# B. QRRK Calculations :

The decomposition and stabilization of the energized redical or molecule complexes was modeled by using the Quantum RRK calculation <3,13>. The details of the bimolecular QRRK method and its application to a number of chemically activated reaction system have been previously discussed in the theory section.

Energized complex/ QRRK theory, which was presented by Westmoreland and Dean <3> is used for modeling of radical addition and combination reactions. And this method has been modified by Ritter and Bozzelli <1> to use gamma function instead of factorials. The QRRK computer code was need to determine the energy dependant rate constants for all chemicals. The program incorporates QRRK theory to calculate rate constant as a function of temperature and pressure. It is important in determination of the accurate rate constant needed for input to the mechanism and in the choice of the important reaction paths.

A QRRK analysis of the chemically activated system, using generic estimates or literature values for high pressure rate constants and species thermodynamic properties for the enthalpies of reaction, yields thermodynamically and kinetically plausible apparent rate constants are shown in Figure 3, 4, 5 and 6. The results from the calculations input rate parameters used in these calculations are

summarized in Appendix 1 Table 1 to 20. The calculation were performed for each of six pressure between 0.76 torr and 10 torr (since the current study is under low presure, and we focus on temperature 300 K, which is the temperature condition of the experiments.)

1. QRRK Calculation for Reaction H + CH2C1

For the reaction of hydrogen atom with Dichloromethane, one of the initial steps is for the hydrogen atom to abstract the chlorine atom from DCM molecule. Thus, the methyl chloride radical, and HC1 are formed. The methyl Chlorine radical will then react with the other hydrogen atoms to form other products. Under this circumstant we therefore consider the H + CH2CL reaction as the first combination reaction in the system,

> H + CH2Cl <=====>  $[CH3Cl]^{\#}$  -----> CH2 + HCl (70.29)  $3$ <br>-----> CH3 + Cl (64.02)  $(81.20)$  $-1$  $\ddot{\cdot}$  $:$   $Ks$  $\overline{V}$ CH3C1  $(-19.59)$

The hydrogen and CH2C1, first form a energized complexe (# denotes energized). The energized complex can further decomposes as shown in reaction (2) and (3), be stabilized or return to initial reactants. The reaction (2) does not

likely to occur due to the thermo limitations (the high energy barrier can not be overcomed under our experimental conditions), as it is endothermicily. The reactants to lower energy as reaction (3) is the thermodynamically favorable channel relative to the initial energy of the reaction.

The calculation results, pressure dependent rate constants and an energy diagram for H atom and CH2C1 radical combination are shown in Figure 3.

The QRRK calculations for presure range of 0.76 to 10 torr and at 298 oK show that the CH3 + Cl channel is the dominant channel. Under low pressure the stabilization reaction cannot compete with the other channels (k-1 and k2) but it becomes more important as the pressure raised).

2. QRRK Calculation for Reaction CHC12 + H

For the reaction of atomic hydrogen with chloroform, the initial step is for the hydrogen atom to abstract the chlorine atom from the choroform molecule, forming HC1 and CHC12. The CHC12 will undergoing a series of addition or combination reactions. Reaction with hydrogen atoms may be considered as most probable because [H] >> [CHC12], i.e. the concentraction of H is higher than the other radicals.



Although the products from reaction (2) are at a lower energy level, the energy barrier (Ea) is very high and it is very difficult to see H + CHCL2 goes to HC1 + CHC1.

Figure 4 shows that CH2C1 + Cl is the dominant channel over pressure range of 0.76 to 10 torr and it also shwqws that the stabilization reaction is more likely to occur than the k-1 reaction in the pressure range > 10 torr.

3. QRRK Calculation for Reaction CHC12 + CH2C1

Another important reaction in the reaction systems is CH2C1 + CHC12. For reaction of hydrogen atom with Dichloromethane, CHC12 is generated when the dichloromethane molecule loses one hydrogen atom by abstraction with atomic hydrogen (H + CH2C12 --> CHC12 + H2). This is considered as a second initial step in the H + dichloromethane reaction system. And for H + Choroform reaction system, it is generated by H + CHC12 --> Cl + CH2C1.



Where the energized complex can further decompose to products as shown by reacction (2) and (3). The energy diagram is illustrated in Figure 5. It must be noted that reaction (3) corresponds to the composite behavior of fourcenter 1,2 and three- center 1, 1 (or 2, 2) HCl elimination processes, because the CH2C1CC1: (or :CHCHC12) formed in the latter case rapidly isomerize to CHC1CHC1. Both 1, 2 and 1, 1 (or 2, 2) HCl elimination process are expected to have similar A factors <20> and a slightly lower activated energy for 1, 2 HC1 elimination process <21>.

4. QRRK Calculation for Reaction H + C2H3C1

H + C2H3C1 is an important additional reaction in these two system. C2H4, which is the one of the important stable end products can be generated, through this reaction.

H + C2H3Cl <=====>  $[CAAC1]^{\#}$  -----> C2H4 + Cl (41.44)  $\mathbf{1}$  $(60.5)$  $-1$  $:$  Ks C2H4Cl  $(17.51)$ 

The energy diagram for these reactions is illustrated in Figure 6-a and the calculation results for pressure dependant are show in Figure 6-b. We can see that the beta scission reaction is the dominant exit channel. And it is more likely to become stabilized than to dissociate back to the reactants (pressure of 1.26 torr). The C2H4C1 complex contains relatively higher energy resulting from formation of a new chemical bond, Prior to stabilization it may unimolecularly isomerize. And the results of the addition may form two kinds of energized complex [CH3CHC1]\* or [CH2CH2C1]\*. For the former one, if undergoing beta siccision, it will shift the H atom spontaneously and then release the Cl atom.



Figure 3. Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + CH2CL <==> Product





 $(a)$ 



Figure 4. Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction  $H + CHCL2 \leq 2$  Product





 $(a)$ 



Figure 5. Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CH2CL + CHCL2 <==> Product



 $(a)$ 



Figure 6. Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + C2H3CL

C. Mechanism Modeling by CHEMKIN Program

The input data requirement to run the CHEMKIN program included:

\* Detailed reaction mechanism (mass balance).

\* Mole fraction of gases present in the reaction system.

\* Pressure and temperature of the reaction system.

\* Time increment at which the concentration of species present in the system need to be reported.

\* A thermodynamic data base for all species in the reaction mechanism.

A thermodynamic data base for species eith C/H/Cl elements is developed at NJIT and used for modeling of the kinetic scheme of reaction system investigated. For those species that thermodynamic information were not available in the data base, thermodynamic data was generated utilizing JANAFIT program. This program requires heat capacities in the temperature rang of interest, as input. Heat of formation and entropies, as well as heat capacities, were calculated by group additivity method of Benson <20> when not available in literature.

This computer work was executed at Digital VAX/VMS 11/785 computer of NJIT.

The detailed mechanism for the two reactions are shown in Table 1 (H + CH2CL2) and Table 2 (H + CHCL3). The modeling results are found reasonably fit the experimental results, which are shown in figure 7, 8, 9 (H + DCM) and figure 10, 11 (H + chloroform).

#### **Table 1. Detailed Mechanism For Reaction Of Atoimc Hydrogen With Dichloromethane**





#### Table 2. Detailed Mechanism For Reaction Of Atomic Hydrogen With Chloroform





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<b> A factors for reaction of CHC12+H2 and CH2C1+H2 taken from linear extrapolation between H2+CH3 log  $A = 11.7$ , (Kerr), and H2+CCl3 log A = 12.72, (Kerr), thus  $A_{CHC12+H2}$  =  $3.67E12$  and  $A_{CH2Cl+H2}$  = 2.08E12. A factors for reverse reactions are taken from thermodynamics.

Ea is from Evans-Polanyi Plot, in APPENDIX 2, Figure 1.

<c> CHEMACT 1, in APPENDIX 1, Table 1.

<d> CHEMACT 2, in APPENDIX 1, Table 2.

<e> CHEMACT 6, in APPENDIX 1, Table 6.

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<g> CHEMACT 3, in APPENDIX 1, Table 3.

<h> CHEMACT 8, in APPENDIX 1, Table 8.

<i> CHEMACT 4, in APPENDIX 1, Table 4.

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Conversion (%)

Figure 7. Modeling Result for Atomic Hydrogen with DCM,  $[H] = 4.37E14$  atom/cc



Conversion (%)





Conversion (%)

Figure 9. Modeling Result for Atomic Hydrogen with DCM  $[H] = 2.9E14$  atom/cc



Conversion of CHCI3 (%)









## **V. CONCLUSION**

Detailed mechanisms were developed for the reaction of atomic hydrogen with dichloromethane and with chloroform. The two reaction systems were under low pressure (2.1-2.7 torr for dichloromethane, 2.22-2.82 torr for chloroform system) and at room temperature (298 K).

The unimolecular and bimolecular versions of Quantum RRK theory were used to develop kinetic mechanisms for the reaction of atomic hydrogen with dichloromethane and with chloroform. Sensitivity <19> analysis on these reaction mechanism was performed to identify the important reaction channels and to improve the fit of the mechanism on experimental observation.

The model results for the reaction of hydrogen atom with dichloromethane, gives a satisfactory fit for the conversion of dichloromethane with the experimental data. The fit is very good over a range of initial H/CH2C12 ratio above 6.8. This mechanism also indicated an acceptable path toward the formation of the major products, CH4 and HCl. Through the computer modeling of the reaction scheme and comparison with the experimental data, the rate constants of the initial reactions are,



The reaction of atomic hydrogen with chloroform is more complicated than the first one since the formation of carbon and emission from excited  $c2^{\frac{+}{+}}$  been reported in previous experimental research. The model results of this mechanism also give a reasonable fit for the conversion of chloroform vs. CHC13 flow rate.

The rate constants obtained by this model for the initial important reaction steps are:



The detailed mechanism of these reactions provide important imformation for understanding of the chemistry of these species in incineration and in pyrolysis atmospheres. It is hoped that the present study will make the future studies in kinetic modeling for all reactions with chlorocarbons more fruitful.

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APPENDIX

1. Input Parameters to Chemical Activation ( QRRK ) and Dissociation Reactions

2. Evans-Polanyi Plot for Abstraction Reactions

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# 1. Input Parameters to Chemical Activation ( QRRK )

And

Dissociation Reactions

## **TABLE** 1-a



## **TABLE 1-b**

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





**TABLE 2-a** 

critical property data tabulated in Reid, Prausnitz and Sherwood( The Properties of Gases and Liquids, 3rd. ed.)

#### TABLE 2-b

#### APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





**TABLE 3-a** 





 $(a)$ 



Figure 1 Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CH2CL + CH2CL

#### TABLE 3-b

#### APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





#### TABLE 4-b

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

#### USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





## **TABLE 5-a**





 $: CHCL2 + CHCL2$  $(a)$ 

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Figure 2 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CHCL2 + CHCL2 <==> Product

#### TABLE 5-b

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





## **TABLE 6-a**



: CH3 + CH2CL ENERGY DIAGRAM  $(a)$ 



Figure 3 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CH3 + CH2CL

#### TABLE 6-b

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )



#### **TABLE 7-a**





#### ENERGY DIAGRAM : CH3 + CHCL2

 $(a)$ 



Figure 4 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CH3 + CHCL2

## TABLE 7-b

#### APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )



Bath Gas: Ar Temperature: 300 K



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ENERGY DIAGRAM  $: CL + C2H4CL$ 

 $(a)$ 



Figure 5 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CL + C2H4CL

#### **TABLE 8-b**

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





#### **TABLE 9-b**

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )



Bath Gas: Ar Temperature: 300 K

## TABLE 10-a





**ENERGY DIAGRAM** 

: CHCLCHCL + H  $(a)$ 



Figure 6 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + CHCLCHCL

#### **TABLE 10-b**

## APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

#### USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )







ENERGY DIAGRAM (a) : CH2CLCHCL + H



Figure 7 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Result (b) for Reaction H + CH2CLCHCL <==> Product

#### TABLE 11-b

#### APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )



## TABLE 12-a









Figure 8 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Result (b) for Reaction  $H + CHCLCL2 \leq )$  Product

#### TABLE 12-b

#### APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

## USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )






: CHCL2CHCL + H **ENERGY DIAGRAM** 



Figure 9 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + C2H2CL3

# TABLE 13-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr)



**TABLE 14-a** 

1 CL + CH2C1CH2 <===> [CH2C1CH2C1]#  $---> C2H3CL + HCL(2)$ ----> C2H4CL2 (stab.) k A Ea source 1 1.0E13 0.0 a -1 2.5E15 76.8  $b$ 2 3.98E13 58.0 **c**   $\langle V \rangle = 797.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  $\mathbf d$ Lennard-Jones Parameters:  $\mathbf e$ Sigma = 5.12 A<sup>o</sup> e/k = 471.2 <sup>o</sup>K a. A factor is based on CH3 + CH3CH2, log  $A = 13.3$ , and we estimated  $A_1 = 1/2 + 10^{13.3}$ . Ref: Allara, D.L. and Shaw, R., J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data, 9, 1980. b. Calculated from thermodynamics and reverse A. c. From Weissman and Benson, I. J. Chem. Kinetics, Vol. 16, 1984. d. Shimanouchi, T., Tables of Molecular Vibration Frequencies Consolidated Vol. I, Natl. Stand. Ref. Data Ser.(U. S. Natl. Bur. Stand.) 1972, NSRDS-NBS 39. e. Activated complex L-J parameters are estimated using crtitical property data tabulated in Reid, Prausnitz and Sherwood (The Properties of Gases and Liquids, 3rd ed).





**ENERGY DIAGRAM** : CH2CLCH2  $+$  H



Figure 10. Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + CH2CLCH2

### **TABLE 14-b**

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )







**ENERGY DIAGRAM**  $: CHCL2 + CL$ 



Figure 11 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CL + CHCL2

### TABLE 15-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )









**ENERGY DIAGRAM**  $:H + CCL3$ 

 $(a)$ 



Figure 12 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for  $R$ eaction  $H + CCL3$ 

### TABLE 16-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





# TABLE 17-a



**ENERGY DIAGRAM** : CHCL2 + CCL3





#### TABLE 17-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

(At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr)









Figure 14- Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction CCL3 + CCL3

#### TABLE 18-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )













### TABLE 19-b

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )





#### TABLE 20-a





**ENERGY DIAGRAM**  $:H + C2H5$ 



Figurel6 . Energy Diagram (a) and CHEMACT Results (b) for Reaction H + C2H5

# **TABLE 20-a**

# APPARENT REACTION RATE CONSTANTS PREDICTED

# USING BIMOLECULAR QRRK ANALYSIS

( At Pressure of 0.76, 2.69, 7.6 torr )









**RECOMBINATION AND DECOMPOSITION (WITH ISOMERIZATION) USING QRRK** 

**P5**  $P<sub>2</sub>$ **P3**  $\frac{7}{15}$ j ĸ5  $K<sub>2</sub>$ K6  $K1$  $K4$  $\dot{\mathbf{B}}$ \* **P6**  ${\bf R}$  $K-4$  $K-1$ 1  $\mathbf{B}$  $\mathbf{A}$ **R (REACTANTS) CH3 + CH3 A\* (RECOMBINATION) P2 (1ST A\* DECOMP) P3 (2ND A\* DECOMP) C2H6 C2H5 + H B\* (ISOMER STABIL) P5 (1ST 8\* DECOMP) P6 (2ND B\* DECOMP) FREQ.(FREQUENCY)(HZ) NS (WAVENUMBERS) 1509.0, 18, HIGH PRESSURE RATE CONSTANT: A (M-CC-S) N E (KCAL) 2.72E+13, 0.0, 0.43, COLLISION COMPLEX MASS(A.U.) DIAMETER (A) WELL DEPTH (CAL) 30., 4.342, 246.8, THIRD BODY MASS (A.U.) DIAMETER (A) WELL DEPTH (CAL) ENERGY TRANS (CAL)** 40.0, 3.542, 93.3, 630.0, **40.0, 3.542, 93.3, 630.0, A(M-CC-S) E (K CAL)**   $7.94E+16$ , 90.3, K-1 **1.26E+16, 98.0, K2 0., 0., K3 0., 0., K4 0., 0., K-4 0., 0., K5 0., 0., K6 DELTA H FOR A\* === B\* (KCAL/MOL)** XLAM (COLLISION COEFF)  $0.$ , **0.0, 0.,**  NUMBER OF TEMPERATURES T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 (K)<br>6. 273., 300., 325., 350., 400., 450., **6, 273., 300., 325., 350., 400., 450.,**  NUMBER OF PRESSURES P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 (TORR)<br>2, 2.4, 2.7, **2, 2.4, 2.7,** 



**CHCL3 DISSOCIATION \*\*\*\*DISSOCIATING SPECIES\*\*\*\* CHCL3 \*\*\*\*PRODUCT CHANNEL 1 (LOWEST ENERGY)\*\*\*\* CCL2 f HCL \*\*\*\*PRODUCT CHANNEL 2 \*\*\*\* CHCL2 + CL \*\*\*\*PRODUCT CHANNEL 3 \*\*\*\* \*\*\*GEOMETRIC MEAN FREQUENCY; # OF OSCILLATORS (S)\*\*\*\*\* 880.0, 9, \*\*\*COLLISION COMPLEX MASS; DIAMETER; WELL DEPTH\*\*\*\*\* 119.5, 5.39, 340.2 \*\*\*THIRD BODY (COLLISION PARTNER)\*\*\*\*\***  AR<br>\*\*\*THIRD BODY MASS; **\*\*\*THIRD BODY MASS; DIAMETER; WELL DEPTH; ENERGY TRANSFERRED\*\*\*\*\*\* 40.0, 3.542, 93.3, 630.0 \*\*\*\*COLLISION COEFFICIENT\*\*\*\* 0.0**  \*\*\*\*CHANNEL 1: HIGH PRESSURE A FACTOR; EA(KCAL/MOL)\*\*\*\*\*<br>2.37E+13. 67.1 2.37E+13, 67.1<br>H PRESSURE A FACTOR; EA(KCAL/MOL)\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*CHANNEL 2: HIGH PRESSURE A FACTOR; EA(KCAL)<br>74.6 74.6 2.52E+16, 74.6<br>**H** PRESSURE A FACTOR: EA(KCAL/MOL)\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*CHANNEL 3: HIGH PRESSURE A FACTOR; EA(KCAL)<br>0.0  $0.0$ , **NUMBER OF TEMPERATURES T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 (K)**<br>6 273, 300., 325., 350., 375., 400., **6, 273., 300., 325., 350., 375., 400., NUMBER OF PRESSURES P1** P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 (TORR)<br>6. 0.76, 2.4, 2.7, 5.0, 7.6, 10.0, **6, 0.76, 2.4, 2.7, 5.0, 7.6, 10.0, Tdist (FOR DISTRIBUTION Ki(E) vs. E AT THIS TEMP (K)) 300., Pdist (FOR DISTRIBUTION Ki(E) vs. E AT THIS PRESS (TORR))**  2.7, OUTPUT **OPTION (-1,0,1,2,3,4,5,6, or** 7)  $-1$ ,<br>NOTE: E: OUTPUT OPTION<br>-1 - DISTRIBUTIO **-1 - DISTRIBUTION ONLY FOR Tdist and Pdist 0 - ALL DISTRIBUTIONS 1 - DISTRIBUTION AT Tdist AND ALL PRESSURES**  2 - **DISTRIBUTION AT Pdist AND ALL TEMPERATURES**  CHANNEL SUMMARY ONLY: ALL TEMP & PRESSURES **4 - CHANNEL SUMMARY ONLY FOR Tdist & Pdist ONLY**  5 - **CHANNEL SUMMARY FOR Tdist AND ALL PRESSURES**  6 - **CHANNEL SUMMARY FOR Pdist AND ALL TEMPERATURES**  SUPPRESS ALL DISTRIBUTIONS AND CHANNEL SUMMARIES

**2. Evans-Polanyi Plot for Abstraction Reactions** 

Evans-Polanyi Plot<br>Cl + RH ---> HCl + R.



Figure 1. Evans-Polanyi Plot for Cl. + RH  $\leftarrow$  ---> HCl + RH.



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Figure 2. Evans-Polanyi Plot for H2 + R. ---> H. + R

# **2. Experimental Data Used in Modeling**

A. Atomic Hydrogen with Dichloromethane (2.69 torr, 300 K) Experimental 2 :



Initial H Concentration =  $4.21 \times 10^{14}$  molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial H2 Concentration =  $5.6 \times 10^{14}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial Argon Concentration = 8.39 \*  $10^{16}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Dissociation Efficiency = 37.6 % Residence Time = 0.067 sec.

Experimental 3 :



Initial H Concentration =  $2.90 * 10^{14}$  molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial H2 Concentration =  $6.22 \times 10^{14}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial Argon Concentration =  $8.39 \times 10^{16}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Dissociation Efficiency = 23.3 % Residence Time = 0.077 sec.

Experimental 5 :



Initial H Concentration =  $4.37 \times 10^{14}$  molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial H2 Concentration =  $6.39 \times 10^{14}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial Argon Concentration =  $8.62 \times 10^{16}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Dissociation Efficiency = 34.2 % Residence Time =  $0.069$  sec.
B. Atomic Hydrogen with Chloroform ( 300 K ) Experimental 1 :



Initial H Concentration =  $3.18 \times 10^{14}$  molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial H2 Concentration =  $5.88 \times 10^{14}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial Argon Concentration = 7.94  $*$  10<sup>16</sup> molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Dissociation Efficiency = 27.04 % Residence Time = 0.0544 sec. Pressure = 2.47 torr

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Experimental 5 :



Initial H Concentration =  $3.81 \times 10^{14}$  molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial H2 Concentration =  $5.73 \times 10^{14}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Initial Argon Concentration =  $7.71 \times 10^{16}$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> Dissociation Efficiency = 33.24 % Residence Time =  $0.053$  sec. Pressure = 2.4 torr

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