# IUPAC Task Group on Atmospheric Chemical Kinetic Data Evaluation – Data Sheet ROO\_23

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$$CH_{3}O_{2} + CH_{3}C(O)O_{2} \rightarrow CH_{3}O + CH_{3}C(O)O + O_{2}$$
(1)  
$$\rightarrow CH_{3}C(O)OH + HCHO + O_{2}$$
(2)

 $\Delta H^{\circ}(1) = -27.3 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  $\Delta H^{\circ}(2) = -378 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ 

$k/\text{cm}^3$ molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Temp./K	Reference	Technique/ Comments
Absolute Rate Coefficients			
$k_1 = (8.8 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-12}$	298	Roehl, Bauer, and Moortgat, 1996 <sup>1</sup>	PLP-UVAS (a)
$k_2 = (1.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-12}$	298		
$8.5 \times 10^{-13} \exp[(726 \pm$	209-358	Maricq and Szente, 1996 <sup>2</sup>	PLP-UVAS (b)
25)/T		•	
$(1.0 \pm 0.2) \ge 10^{-11}$	298		
$(8.2 \pm 0.6) \ge 10^{-12}$	298	Villenave and Lesclaux, 1996 <sup>3</sup>	FP-UVAS (c)

#### Rate coefficient data ( $k = k_1 + k_2$ )

#### Comments

- (a) Acetyl radicals were produced from the photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>CHO-O<sub>2</sub> mixtures. CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> radicals were produced as secondary products, or through added CH<sub>4</sub>. *k* depends on  $\sigma$ [CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub>] for which values of 3.21 x 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> at 240 nm and 6.67 x 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> at 207 nm were obtained, relative to the UV spectrum of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [ $\sigma$ (240 nm) = 4.36 x 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>]. A value of  $k_1/k = 0.9$  was used in the data analysis.
- (b) Technique as for (a) but with UV spectra recorded on a gated diode array spectrometer.  $\sigma$ [CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub>] = 6.5 x 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> at 206 nm and 2.9 x 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> at 250 nm. On the basis of the HCHO kinetics observed it was concluded that Channel (2) was dominant over the entire temperature range covered (209 K to 358 K). A value of  $k_1/k = 0$  was used in the data analysis.
- (c) CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> radicals were generated simultaneously with CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> radicals from the flash photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>CHO-CH<sub>4</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> mixtures. In the derivation of *k*, the branching ratio,  $\alpha_{c}(=k_{1}/k)$  was assumed to be 0.65 but *k* was found to vary by less than 15% upon varying  $\alpha$  between 0.5 and 1.0. Overall uncertainty was estimated to be 42% from error propagation analysis. A value of  $k_{1}/k = 0.65$  was used in the data analysis.

### **Preferred Values**

 $k = 1.1 \text{ x } 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}.$ 

 $k = 2.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(500/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ over the temperature range 200 K to 350 K.}$  $k_1/k = 0.9; k_2/k = 0.1 \text{ at } 298 \text{ K.}$ 

# Reliability $\Delta \log k = \pm 0.15 \text{ at } 298 \text{ K.}$ $\Delta(E/R) = \pm 250 \text{ K.}$ $\Delta(k_1/k) = \Delta(k_2/k) = \pm 0.1 \text{ at } 298 \text{ K.}$

## Comments on Preferred Values

The three cited studies, which all used UV spectroscopy with similar values of the relevant absorption cross-sections to monitor the progress of the reaction are, apparently, in good agreement. However, the values of k derived depend upon the value of  $k_1/k$  used in the data analysis and since the three studies used values ranging from 0 to 0.9 their close agreement must be, to some degree, fortuitous. Tyndall *et al.*<sup>4</sup> show that, using our preferred value for  $k_1/k$ , the studies of Roehl *et al.*, <sup>1</sup> Maricq and Szente<sup>2</sup> and Villenave and Lesclaux, <sup>3</sup> give values of k in the range (0.98-2) x 10<sup>-11</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. We accept the analysis of Tyndall *et al.*<sup>4</sup> and take the value of k which they recommend, based on the studies of Villenave and Lesclaux<sup>3</sup> and Roehl *et al.*, <sup>1</sup> as our preferred value at 298 K. The temperature dependence is based on that observed for analogous reactions.

There is conflicting evidence on the branching ratios. At 298 K Moortgat *et al.*<sup>5</sup> estimate that  $k_1/k = 0.5$ , whilst Roehl *et al.*<sup>1</sup> find that  $k_1/k = 0.9$  and Maricq and Szente<sup>2</sup> conclude that, essentially, the reaction proceeds entirely by Channel (2). Further information comes from a study of Crawford *et al.*<sup>6</sup> on the HO<sub>2</sub>+CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> reaction in which the yields of the products CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OOH and CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OH were monitored. Tyndall *et al.*<sup>4</sup> have reanalysed the results reported by Crawford *et al.*<sup>6</sup> and have shown that the product yields observed require that the CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> reaction, which could also contribute to the CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OH in the experiments of Crawford *et al.*,<sup>6</sup> must occur with  $k_1/k$  close to unity. Based on the studies of Moortgat *et al.*,<sup>5</sup> Horie and Moortgat,<sup>7</sup> and Roehl *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> Tyndall *et al.*<sup>4</sup> recommend values of  $k_1/k = 0.9$  and  $k_2/k = 0.1$  at 298 K. These are adopted as our preferred values for the branching ratios. Moortgat *et al.*<sup>5</sup> have reported values for the temperature dependence of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  but they imply a difference in activation energy for the two channels of 32 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> which is much greater than found for analogous peroxy radical reactions. No recommendation is made for the temperature dependences of the branching ratios at this stage.

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