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120 vibrational relaxation rate constants $k_{u,v-1}^Q$ are measured at 298 K for HCl $(v \le 7)$ collisions with six diatomics: N2, CO, NO, HCl, DCl, and HF; three triatomics: CO2, N2O, NO2; and eleven polyatomics: CH4, C₂H₆, C₃H₈, iso-C₄H₁₀, CH₃Cl, CH₃F, CF₄, SF₆, CF₃Cl, CF₂Cl₂ and CFCl₃. For most quenchers, k^Q increases with increasing v independent of whether the vibrational energy gap is reduced or increased. Large collisional relaxation probabilities for high v, of order 0.1 to 1 gas kinetic, are encountered for 11 of 20 quenchers. For Q = HC1 (v = 0), the relaxation is shown experimentally to be mainly V-R, T for high v. The rates reflect a mix of effects due to dipole and dispersion interactions, energy gap, rotation, and complex formation, and present interesting problems of interpretation.

INTRODUCTION

Although substantial progress has been achieved in experimental measurement and theoretical understanding of collisional V-V energy transfer processes, large gaps remain. Laser methods have provided accurate data for selected relaxation steps, but they are neither well adapted to reach many upper v levels of a donor molecule nor have they been applied to cover a wide range of acceptor molecules. Thus, there may have been a tendency to oversimplify the V-V process in terms of the energy gap model without sufficient attention to the importance of other physical mechanisms such as dipole-dipole, dispersion, rotation effects, and complex formation.

The preceding paper has shown how the infrared chemiluminescence method of Smith and co-workers1-3 was modified to measure V-V relaxation rates of HCl (v=1 to 7) by CO₂ or N₂O under fast flow conditions, and the present paper extends these measurements to 18 additional quencher molecules ranging from diatomics to polyatomics. The limitations of the present method should be kept in mind: it is applicable only to relatively fast processes, i.e., $P \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-4}$, where P is the probability of relaxation per collision; it is not highly accurate, $\gtrsim \pm 25\%$ – 30% single standard deviation; it assumes stepwise, $\Delta v = 1$, relaxation; and it is not well adapted to temperature variation, although this last point is not a rigorous restriction. Its advantages are that it generates rate data for several v levels, including the high ones, of a given donor in one experiment and is easily repeated for a large variety of acceptor molecules provided that they do not react with the precursor species of the generating reactions and that the relaxation occur by $\Delta v = 1$ steps. The last condition is well obeyed for donors with large vibrational quanta and has been proven experimentally for HF in two recent studies.4

The principal goals of this work are thus (a) to clarify the v dependence of HCl (v=1 to 7) relaxation rates and (b) to examine their dependence on the nature of the acceptor molecules for series of related compounds. These series include: nonpolar diatomics N2, CO, and NO; polar (HX) diatomics HCl, DCl, and HF; triatomics CO2, N2O, and NO2; hydrocarbons CH4, C2H6, C₃H₈, and iso-C₄H₁₀; halomethanes CH₃Cl and CH₃F; and fully halogen substituted nonpolar and polar compounds CF₄, SF₆, CF₃Cl, CF₂Cl₂, and CFCl₃.

EXPERIMENTAL

The apparatus, infrared chemiluminescence measurements, and data analysis were described in the preceding paper. Cylinder gases of high purity were used without further purification in most cases. NO was purified by slow passage through ascarite at atmospheric pressure to remove higher oxides of nitrogen. Since most measured quenching rate constants were of order 10⁻¹² cm³ s⁻¹ or larger, small impurities ($\ll 1\%$) as indicated in source analyses could not affect the results.

Two complicating effects need to be discussed briefly: For some quenchers such as CO, NO, and NO2, slow recombination reactions of atomic reactant with quencher upstream of the chemiluminescence cell were minimized and taken into account by calculation. For CO or NO, for example, the low pressure, three-body reactions $H + CO + M \rightarrow HCO + M$ or $H + NO + M \rightarrow HNO + M$ followed by reaction of HCO or HNO with another H would lower the rate of formation of HC1[†] and thus mimic a quenching process by its dependence on [Q]. This effect was controlled by moving the quencher injector tube closer to the chemiluminescence cell and noting any dependence of the quenching effect on injector distance at constant [Q]. Furthermore, since the relevant recombination rate constants are well known, a simple calculation showed that the removal rate of H was negligible in the short residence time. For $Q = NO_2$, H atom precursor could, of course, not be used because of the very fast $\mathrm{H} + \mathrm{NO}_2$ reaction. The $\mathrm{Cl} + \mathrm{HI}$ and $\mathrm{CI} + \mathrm{HBr}$ generating reactions had to be used which restricted the attainable HCl v levels to ≤ 4 . The reduction of [Cl] and thereby of $[HC1^{\dagger}]$ by the fast $C1 + NO_2 + M$ reaction (k_r) = 7.2×10⁻³¹ cm⁶ s⁻¹) was calculated by $N_{\nu}(\text{corr})$ $=N_v \exp\left[-k_r[NO_2][M](a/\bar{u})\right]$, where a is the quencher

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TABLE I. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{v_1v_1}$ by N_2 , CO, and NO.

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^a$ | ••• | • • • | (0.14)b | 0.45 | 0.81 | 1.2 | 0.70 |
| | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.02 | 3.06 | 3.10 | 3.14 | 3,19 | 3.24 | 3,29 |
| N_2 | P(10 ⁻²) | 8.9×10^{-3} | • • • | (0.045) | 0.14 | 0.24 | 0.37 | 0.21 |
| 2330 cm ⁻¹ | vZ | 1.12×10^4 | • • • | (6600) | 2900 | 2000 | 1600 | 3300 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 556 | 452 | 349 | 246 | 143 | 41 | -61 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | $0.027^{\rm c}$ | | | | | | |
| | $k^{\mathbf{Q}} \ (10^{-12} \ \mathrm{cm}^3 \ \mathrm{s}^{-1})$ | • • • | (1.2) | 1.7 | 4 | 17 | 35 | 38 |
| CO | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.07 | 3,11 | 3.15 | 3.20 | 3.25 | 3.30 | 3, 35 |
| 2143 cm ⁻¹ | $P(10^{-2})$ | 0.026 | (0.4) | 0.54 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 10.6 | 11.3 |
| | vZ | 3800 | (500) | 560 | 310 | 96 | 57 | 62 |
| | $\Delta E (\text{cm}^{-1})$ | 743 | 639 | 536 | 433 | 330 | 228 | 126 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 0.08d | | | | | | |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 0.29 | 0.68 | 2.5 | 10 | 27 | 51 | 37 |
| NO | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 2.99 | 3.03 | 3.07 | 3.11 | 3.16 | 3.20 | 3, 25 |
| 1876 cm ⁻¹ | $P(10^{-2})$ | 0.10 | 0.22 | 0.81 | 3.2 | 8.5 | 16 | 11.4 |
| | v Z | (1000) | 910 | 370 | 125 | 59 | 38 | 61 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 1010 | 906 | 803 | 700 | 597 | 495 | 393 |

^aFor each Q, top line k^Q from this work, bottom line k^Q from given references.

injector to cell distance. This further reduces the accuracy of the quenching rate constants.

A second complication arose for inefficient quenchers, in experiments where [Q] was no longer negligibly small, i.e., of order $\gtrsim 10\%$ of total flow. Since with added Q, the total pressure rose fractionally less than the total flow, all concentrations decreased, and k_p increased slightly with increasing [Q] giving the appearance of quenching when the effect was only one of dilution. Simple analysis shows that in terms of the correction factor $D \equiv (p'\phi_T)/(p\phi_T') \lesssim 1$, where primes denote the presence of added quencher, the simple Stern-Volmer equation (for the highest populated v level) becomes

$$D^{3} \frac{N_{\nu}^{0}}{N_{\nu}} = 1 + \frac{k^{Q} D^{2}[Q]}{k_{b}} \quad . \tag{1}$$

Since all N_{ν} 's as well as the precursor concentrations, say, [H] and [IC1], are equally affected by the dilution effect, the D^3 and D^2 adjustments can be applied also in the more general cascade expression to provide a first-order correction for k^Q . When [Q] is small, i.e., for $k^Q \gtrsim 10^{-12}$ cm³ s⁻¹, the correction is negligible, but it was included where $\phi_Q \gtrsim 10\%$ of total flow.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, our experimental results are presented, grouped together for related quenchers, in a series of tables and, in some cases, also in the form of Lambert-Salter plots. Each table shows the quenching rate constants for the particular v states, a Lennard-Jones collision frequency $k_{\rm LJ} = \pi d_{AB}^2 \Omega^{(2,2)} [8RT/\pi\mu]^{1/2}$, where $d_{AB} = (d_A + d_B)/2$ and $\epsilon_{AB} = (\epsilon_A \epsilon_B)^{1/2}$ were obtained from transport properties, 5 and $\Omega^{(2,2)}$ as function of ϵ_{AB} from Hirschfelder, Curtiss, and Bird, ⁶ the relaxation probability $P = k^Q/k_{\rm LJ}$, $vZ = vP^{-1}$ for the Lambert-Salter plots, and ΔE (cm⁻¹), the vibrational energy gap, where simply defined. Inclusion of the $\Omega^{(2,2)}$ integral makes k_{LJ} larger than its corresponding hard sphere collision frequency by factors ranging from 1.2 (N2) to 1.72 (CH₃Cl). As indicated in the preceding paper, d_{AB} was corrected for the increasing size of HCl^{\dagger} which increased k_{LJ} (v = 7) about 20% over k_{LJ} (v = 0). The vibration frequencies of polyatomic quenchers are also given in the tables. Unless otherwise stated, the accuracy of the k^2 's is about $\pm 30\%$ (single standard deviation). In the few cases where other measurements are available, their results are also included.

N_2 , CO, and NO

For $Q=\mathrm{N_2}$, the only published data pertain to $k_{1,0}^{\mathrm{N_2}}$, where three measurements⁷⁻⁹ have given $(2.7-2.9)\times 10^{-14}$ cm³ s⁻¹, too slow for us to measure. Three experiments, two with H+ICl and one with H+Cl₂, gave the k^{Q} values for v=3 to 7 shown in Table I. These include fairly large corrections for the dilution effect, and some of them, especially that for v=3, have larger uncertainties. The k^{Q} 's show the expected increase with de-

^bBracketed values are less accurate,

cReferences 7-9.

dReferences 7 and 8.

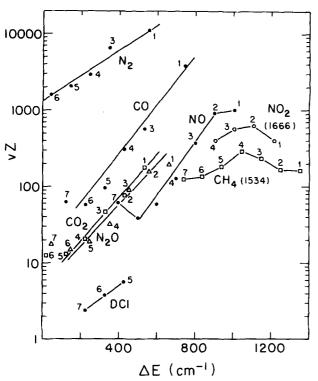


FIG. 1. Lambert-Salter plot.

creasing energy gap and give a fairly normal Lambert – Salter plot in Fig. 1 with a slope $C=3.8\times10^{-3}$ cm and intercept of about 1000, in rough agreement with the plot for $\mathrm{HX}+\mathrm{N_2}$, $\mathrm{O_2}$, $\mathrm{O_2}$ in Lambert's book. ¹⁰ It is reassuring to find that k^Q goes through a maximum at v=6 where $\Delta E=41$ cm⁻¹, in agreement with the energy gap model and is about 40% smaller at v=7 where V-V transfer is 61 cm⁻¹ endothermic.

The only published data for CO, as for N_2 , are those for v=1, $8.3\times 10^{-14.7}$ and 7.3×10^{-14} cm³ s⁻¹. One experiment each with H+ICl and H+Cl₂, gave the rate constants listed in Table I. They are much larger than the corresponding ones for N_2 even though ΔE is nearly 200 cm⁻¹ larger, presumably due to the strong dipole transition moment of CO. Although a tolerably good Lambert-Salter plot is obtained (Fig. 1), its slope is almost twice as large as that of N_2 , and its intercept is a factor of 100 smaller. This is in poorer agreement with Lambert's¹⁰ empirical correlation where it appears that the HX+AB plots fall onto two parallel lines when X=Cl or Br, one for AB infrared inactive and the other for AB infrared active.

No published data seems to be available for HCl^\dagger relaxation by NO where the energy gap is considerably larger, from $1010~\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for v=1 to $393~\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for v=7. Four experiments were run, two with $\mathrm{H+ICl}$ and one each with $\mathrm{H+Cl}_2$ and $\mathrm{Cl+HI}$. The results are shown in Table I and Fig. 1. Because k^NO does not decrease rapidly as v goes from seven to four, the error accumulation in the cascade is small as is shown by the good agreement of the $k_{4,3}^\mathrm{NO}$ value of 1.06×10^{-11} from $\mathrm{H+Cl}_2$, where v=4 is the highest level populated, with 1.00 and $0.82\times10^{-11}~\mathrm{cm}^3~\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ from $\mathrm{H+ICl}$ experiments. Considering the large energy defects, the relaxation is very

fast, levels five to seven being relaxed at 8.5%, 16%, and 11% of gas kinetic (Lennard-Jones) collision frequency or 11%, 21%, and 14% of hard sphere collision frequency. $k^{\rm NO}$, v=2 to 6, lie well on a line in Fig. 1 with a slope $C=8.0\times10^{-3}$ cm similar to that of CO, but strongly displaced towards smaller vZ and extrapolating to an intercept of less than one. Furthermore, the v=1 and 7 points deviate, the former slightly [a plot of $\log Z$ rather than $\log (vZ)$ would show much less of a break] but the latter very strongly, since $k^{\rm NO}$ goes through a maximum at v=6. It is tempting to consider the two reactive channels:

NO+HCl
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
ClNO+H, ΔH_{298}° = +64.9 kcal/mol,
HNO+Cl, ΔH_{298}° = +53.3 kcal/mol,

which become exothermic for HCl, v=6 and 5, respectively, but it is unlikely that they are very important for the following reasons: (a) the reverse of (1) has a total rate constant of about 1.6×10⁻¹¹ cm³ s⁻¹¹¹ which, when combined with the fractional yields of HCl[†] given in Table III of the preceding paper, gives 6.4 $\times 10^{-13}$ and 2.4 $\times 10^{-12}$ cm³ s⁻¹ for the rate constant of formation of HCl, v=6 and 5, not large enough to suggest that the forward reaction represent a major fraction of HCl^{\dagger} removal; (b) the trend in k^{NO} with increasing v does not seem to indicate the opening up of a new channel for v=6. On the contrary, there is a decrease from v=6 to v=7 where the reactive channel should become more important; (c) the removal of HCl $v \ge 5$ by these steps would have complicated the Stern-Volmer analysis which assumes a stepwise cascade, yet the species conservation in the cascade seemed normal. Still, the very efficient quenching process for high v is puzzling. Since rotational effects or strong dipole-dipole forces can be ruled out, and since ΔE is large, one may look to the formation of weakly bound complexes due to the free radical character of NO. Yet, ϵ_{AB} is estimated to be only 400 cal/mol by the simple combination rules, and if such complexes were important, one would expect them to be more prevalent for lower rather than for higher v. The spin-orbit splitting of the $^2\pi_{1/2}$ and $^2\pi_{3/2}$ states of NO (121 cm⁻¹) may be involved in reducing the energy gap as shown by the strikingly parallel Lambert-Salter lines of NO and CO in Fig. 1, but their energy difference of 350 to 400 cm⁻¹ is much larger than the spin-orbit splitting.

HCI, DCI, and HF

The relaxation of HCl[†] by ground-state HCl was the most thoroughly studied quenching process in our laboratory and probably the most successful one. As Table II shows, it has the remarkable property of becoming faster for high v where the endothermic energy defect rises. If the large collisional quenching probability for v=7 (15% per Lennard-Jones, 25% per hard-sphere collision) is ascribed to V-V transfer, it would require a three to five times gas kinetic rate in the exothermic (HCl⁶ + HCl¹ + HCl⁷ + HCl⁰) direction. Combined with the similar findings for Q=DCl where the vibrational energy defect does become small for HCl⁷ and for Q=HF where the V-V process is highly endothermic, these results suggest strongly that the process for high

TABLE II. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{\nu,\nu-1}$ by HCl, DCl, and HF.

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------------------|---|-------|------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| - | $k^{\mathbf{Q}} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^a$ | ••• | 3.4 | 3.1 | (3,6)b | 18 | 39 | 58 |
| HCl 2886 cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 3.52 | 3.56 | 3.60 | 3.65 | 3.69 | 3.75 | 3.79 |
| | $P(10^{-2})$ | ••• | 0.96 | 0.86 | (1.0) | 4.9 | 10.4 | 15.3 |
| | vZ | • • • | 209 | 350 | 400 | 103 | 57 | 46 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 0 | -104 | -207 | ~310 | -413 | - 515 | -617 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{3} \text{ s}^{-1})$ | | 2.6-3.1° 1.4 ² | 1.8 ² | | | | |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | • • • | • • • | • • • | • • • | 33 | 59 | 112 |
| | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.51 | 3.55 | 3.59 | 3.64 | 3.68 | 3.73 | 3.78 |
| DCl 2041 cm ⁻¹ | P (10 ⁻²) | • • • | ••• | • • • | • • • | 9.0 | 16 | 30 |
| 2041 Cm | vZ | ••• | • • • | ••• | • • • | 56 | 38 | 24 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 845 | 741 | 63 8 | 535 | 432 | 330 | 228 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | | (0, 5) | 2,5 | 8 | 25 | 45 | 52 |
| HF | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 3, 90 | 3.95 | 4.00 | 4.05 | 4.10 | 4.15 | 4.20 |
| 3958 cm ⁻¹ | P (10 ⁻²) | | (0.1) | 0.6 | 2 | 6.1 | 10.8 | 12.3 |
| | vZ | | (1600) | 480 | 200 | 82 | 55 | 56 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (em}^{-1})$ | -1072 | - 1176 | -1279 | -1382 | - 1485 | -1587 | - 1689 |

^aFor each Q, top line k^Q from this work, bottom line k^Q from given references.

v is mainly V-R, T, aided by the strong dipole-dipole interaction in the collision.

Seven experiments were performed for $Q=\mathrm{HCl}$, five with $H+\mathrm{ICl}$, and one each with $H+\mathrm{Cl}_2$ and $\mathrm{Cl}+\mathrm{HI}$ as generating reactions. Since the $H+\mathrm{HCl}-H_2+\mathrm{Cl}$ reaction is moderately fast $k^{298} \simeq 4 \times 10^{-14}$ cm³ s⁻¹ the quencher injector-to-cell distance was reduced to 10 cm, and the small loss of H due to that reaction was calculated and taken into account. The results for $k_{2,1}^{\mathrm{HCl}}$ may be compared with published data by both laser l^{2-14} and infrared chemiluminescence methods²; for $k_{3,2}^{\mathrm{HCl}}$ only with chemiluminescence data,² and for $v \geq 4$, ours are the first available data. As discussed in the preceding paper (Table I), the agreement with the laser data is good, while that with Smith's group² is fair, their k's being too small for reasons discussed in the preceding paper.

On the assumption that there is V-V relaxation for low v's but V-R, T relaxation for high v's, the trend in the $k_v^{\rm HC1}$ values is qualitatively explained as the sum of a decreasing or flat k (V-V) and increasing k(V-R, T) bringing about a flat v dependence for v=2 to 4 followed by a sharp rise to v=7. Since the V-R, T quenching of v=1 to v=0 is known to be very slow, $k_{1,0}^{\rm HC1}=2.6\times 10^{-14}$ cm³ s⁻¹, ¹⁵ a direct, experimental confirmation of the above assumption was obtained. If V-V relaxation predominates throughout, the concentration of HCl v=1 must rise sharply as relatively small amounts of HCl quencher are added. Figure 2 shows that this is not so, i.e., that while the v=7, 6, and 5 concentrations drop, there is no equivalent increase of v=1. This is

made more quantitative by calculating the average fraction of V-V relaxation $F_V = -\Delta N_1/\Delta N_T$, where ΔN_1 is the increase in [HCl, v=1] and ΔN_T is the sum of the concentration changes in all $v \ge 2$, i.e., $\Delta N_T = 2\Delta N_2 + \sum_{n=3}^{v_{\max}} \Delta N_v$, where ΔN_2 is doubled because for each N_2 , two N_1 are formed by relaxation with N_0 . In three

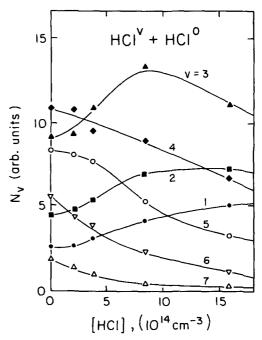


FIG. 2. Relaxation of HCl (v = 1 to 7) by HCl (v = 0).

^bBracketed values are less accurate.

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TABLE III. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{\nu,\nu-1}$ by CO_2 , N_2O , and NO_2 .

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{3} \text{ s}^{-1})^{2}$ | 1.9 | 9.0 | 23 | 70 | 139 | 173 | 102 |
| CO ₂ 1343 cm ⁻¹ 667 2349 | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.47 | 3, 51 | 3.55 | 3.60 | 3.64 | 3.69 | 3.74 |
| | $P(10^{-2})$ | 0.55 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 19.4 | 38 | 47 | 27 |
| | vZ | 180 | 78 | 46 | 20.6 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 26 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 537 | 433 | 330 | 227 | 124 | 22 | - 80 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 2.9 ^b | | | | | | |
| | | 2.05^{2} | 6.8^{2} | 15.5^{2} | | | | |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \mathrm{cm}^{3} \mathrm{s}^{-1})$ | 1.8 | 4.5 | 12 | 45 | 96 | 149 | 152 |
| | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3, 51 | 3, 65 | 3, 59 | 3.64 | 3.68 | 3.73 | 3.78 |
| N ₂ O 1277 cm ⁻¹ | $P(10^{-2})$ | 0.51 | 1.27 | 3, 34 | 12.4 | 26.1 | 40 | 40 |
| 589 | vZ | 195 | 158 | 90 | 32 | 19 | 15 | 17.4 |
| 2224 | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 662 | 558 | 455 | 352 | 249 | 147 | 45 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 1.4° | | | | | | |
| | $k^Q (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 0.95 | (1.2) ^d | 2.0 | 4.0 | | | |
| NO_2 | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3,85 | 3.89 | 3, 94 | 3.99 | 4.04 | 4,09 | 4.14 |
| 1358 cm ⁻¹ 757 | P(10 ⁻²) | 0.25 | (0, 31) | 0.51 | 1.0 | | | |
| 1665.5 | vZ | 400 | (650) | 590 | 400 | | | |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 1220 | 1116 | 1013 | 910 | | | |

^aFor each Q, top line k^{Q} from this work, bottom line k^{Q} from given references.

experiments, with the H+ICl generating reaction and with relatively small added HCl quencher concentrations, F_V was found to be 0.05 to 0.07, whereas with the Cl+HI generating reaction, F_V increased from 0.13 to 0.63 with increasing quencher concentration or decreasing k_p . These experiments provide semiquantitative support for the proposed relaxation mechanism but are not sufficiently precise to allow a calculation of the V-R, T branching ratio for intermediate v levels. For v=6 and 7, v-R, t=0 predominates.

With a small, available supply of DCl, it was possible to conduct only a single experiment whose results (Table II) for v=5-7 show very large relaxation rate constants. Although these three points lie on a good Lambert—Salter line of slope $C=4.3\times10^{-3}$ cm, the magnitude of the k's is out of line with other HX data. ¹⁰ It seems reasonable, therefore, to ascribe the relaxation to the V-R, T process analogous to Q=HCl.

In view of the fast relaxation by HF for which there is a large, endothermic energy defect, the observed process can only be one of V-R, T, since the calculated V-V process in the exothermic direction for v=6 or 7 would have to be about 500 times faster than gas kinetic. Of the seven experiments with various generating reactions, two had to be discarded for experimental reasons, and the others showed somewhat greater scatter than usual. The results shown in Table II are very similar to those for the equivalent Q=HC1 processes

for v=5 to 7, in agreement with the proposed V-R, T mechanism. For v=2, $k^{\rm HF}$ is much smaller than $k^{\rm HC1}$ which is also reasonable, since there is no near-resonant V-V channel available in HF. There are no published data available from other sources for comparison.

CO₂, N₂O, and NO₂

For the sake of completeness and comparison, the data on CO_2 and N_2O from the preceding paper are included here in Table III and Fig. 1.

NO₂ reacts very rapidly with H and could therefore be studied only with HCl ($v \le 4$) using the Cl+HI (two experiments) and Cl+HBr (one experiment) generating reactions. The quenching rate constants are listed in Table III, and the Lambert-Salter plot is shown in Fig. 1. Considering the large vibrational energy defect, based on v_3 of NO₂, the relaxation is very fast. Furthermore, it does not obey the Lambert-Salter correlation. NO₂ has low-lying, highly perturbed excited electronic states, but their energies are too high to be accessible. Yet the quenching rate constants are quite large even for v = 2 and 3.

Overtone or combination frequencies such as $2\nu_1$ (2601, 2667 cm⁻¹)¹⁸ and $\nu_2 + \nu_3$ (2220 cm⁻¹) may be excited. The free radical nature of NO₂ may aid the formation of weakly bound complexes that would favor in-

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^dBracketed values are less accurate.

TABLE IV. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{\nu,\nu-1}$ by CH_4 , C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , and iso- C_4H_{10} .

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| CH ₄ | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{3} \text{ s}^{-1})^{a}$ | (3.8)b | 3.8 | 4,2 | 6.0 | 12 | 20 | 25 |
| 3019(3) cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 4.14 | 4.19 | 4.26 | 4.32 | 4.37 | 4.43 | 4.48 |
| 2916 1534(2) | P(10 ⁻²) | 0,63° | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 5.6 |
| 1306(3) | vZ | 160° | 168 | 237 | 290 | 185 | 133 | 125 |
| | $\Delta E \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ | 133 ^d + 1352 ^e | -237 1248 | -340 1145 | - 443 1042 | - 546 939 | - 648 837 | - 750 735 |
| | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 2.67 | 1210 | 1110 | 101- | | | |
| C ₂ H ₆ | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 20 | 21 | 20 | 23 | 27 | 43 | 53 |
| 2954-85 | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ⁻³ s ⁻¹) | 4.44 | 4.59 | 4.65 | 4.70 | 4.76 | 4.81 | 4.87 |
| 2896 1468/9 | P(10 ⁻²) | 4.5 | 4,6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 10.9 |
| etc. to 289 | vZ | 22 | 44 | 70 | 82 | 88 | 67 | 64 |
| C ₃ H ₈ | $k^{\mathbf{Q}}$ (10 ⁻¹² cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 47 | 41 | 38 | 38 | 53 | 86 | 96 |
| 2900-2980 | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 4.88 | 4,93 | 4.99 | 5.04 | 5.10 | 5.16 | 5.22 |
| etc. to 217 | P (10 ⁻²) | 9.6 | 8,3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 10.4 | 16.7 | 18, 4 |
| | vZ | 10 | 24 | 40 | 53 | 48 | 36 | 38 |
| iso-C ₄ H ₁₀ | $k^Q (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 65 | 55 | 56 | 62 | 75 | 104 | 121 |
| 2850-2970 | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 5.24 | 5,32 | 5.40 | 5.48 | 5, 56 | 5,64 | 5.73 |
| etc. to 225 | P (10 ⁻²) | 12.4 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 13.5 | 18.4 | 21.1 |
| | vZ | 8.1 | 19 | 29 | 35 | 37 | 33 | 33 |

^aFor each Q, top line k^Q from this work, bottom line k^Q from given references.

tramolecular V-V redistribution and V-R transfer upon dissociation. A reactive channel $HCl^v+NO_2-HONO+Cl$ is thermodynamically open for $v\geq 3$, but, in view of the gradual increase of k^{NO_2} with v, it is unlikely to be of major importance. None of these rationalizations seem entirely satisfactory.

CH_4 , C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , and iso- C_4H_{10}

Relaxation rate constants by the paraffin hydrocarbons, shown in Table IV, present another puzzling problem of interpretation. The data for CH4 are based on eight experiments, three with H+ClI, four with H + Cl2, and one with Cl+HBr. The only point of comparison is a laser experiment⁷ for v=1 whose $k_{1,0}^{CH_4}=2.6$ $imes 10^{-12}$ cm³ s⁻¹ is probably to be preferred over our 3.8 $\times 10^{-12}$ that includes a downward correction for the Cl + CH₄ reaction. k^{CH_4} is fairly constant for v = 2 to 4 and then rises to 2.5×10⁻¹¹ for v=7, where the energy defect with respect to the C-H stretching vibrations of CH₄ has become about - 750 cm⁻¹ so that the process would have to proceed at more than twice the gas kinetic collision rate in its exothermic direction, which is most unlikely. If the infrared-inactive H-C-H bending vibration (1534 cm⁻¹) is taken to be the acceptor, the energy defect is extremely large and positive, and the Lambert-Salter correlation is wrong both in shape and general position. Several alternate explanations may be advanced, none of them entirely satisfactory: (a) CH, has a large rotational constant $(B = 5.2 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ and can carry off a substantial part of the energy defect as rotational energy. For the nearly spherical CH, molecule, however, the required collision dynamics would seem unusual. Furthermore, the comparison with the higher paraffins leads to difficulties discussed below. (b) Overtone or combination frequencies may be excited. Although there are such frequencies, e.g., 2600 cm⁻¹ $(2\nu_4)$ and 2823 cm⁻¹ $(\nu_2 + \nu_4)$, the transition moments are too weak to explain the high efficiency of the relaxation process. (c) A weakly bound complex may be formed as suggested for NO and NO2 above. This seems even less probable for CH4 whose Lennard-Jones well depth, $\epsilon \simeq 300 \text{ cal/mol.}$ Studies of the temperature dependence may be helpful, although results for HCl $(v=1)+N_2$, CO, and D_2^8 all indicate a very slight drop of k^0 with increasing T followed by a slow rise, not very dependent on the nature of Q.

Six experiments were performed for C_2H_6 , four with H+ClI and two with $H+Cl_2$, (The Cl+HBr generating reaction cannot be used with the higher paraffins because the Cl+RH reaction is too fast); two for C_3H_8 (one each for H+ClI and Cl_2); and three for iso- C_4H_{10} (one H+ClI and two $H+Cl_2$). No published data are available for comparison.

The trends of k^{Q} for C_2H_8 , C_3H_8 , and iso- C_4H_{10} are

^bBracketed values are less accurate.

^cBased on laser value, Ref. 7.

 $^{^{}d}\Delta E$ for transfer to 1534 cm⁻¹.

 $^{^{\}circ}\Delta E$ for transfer to 3019 cm⁻¹.

TABLE V. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{\nu,\nu-1}$ by CH_3Cl , CH_3F , CF_4 , and SF_6 .

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|-------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| CH ₃ CI | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | | 9.5 | 30 | 110 | 170 | 285 | 330 |
| 3042(2) cm ⁻¹ 2928 1460(2) 1355 1020(2) 732 | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 4.17 | 4.23 | 4.29 | 4.36 | 4.42 | 4.49 | 4.56 |
| | $P (10^{-2})$ | , | 2,2 | 7.0 | 25 | 3 8 | 63 | 72 |
| | vZ | ••• | 89 | 43 | 16 | 13 | 9.4 | 9.6 |
| CH₃F | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | < 9 | 11 | 26 | 35 | 72 | 98 | 80 |
| 3006(2) cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.48 | 3, 53 | 3, 59 | 3,65 | 3.70 | 3.76 | 3, 82 |
| 2965 1467(2) | $P(10^{-2})$ | < 2,6 | 3.1 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 19.4 | 26 | 21 |
| 1464 1182(2) 1049 cm ⁻¹ | vZ | > 39 | 64 | 41 | 42 | 26 | 23 | 33 |
| CF4 | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | • • • | ••• | 0.18 | 0.36 | 0.27 | 0.39 | 0.47 |
| 1283(3) cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 3, 38 | 3.43 | 3.49 | 3.55 | 3.60 | 3,65 | 3.70 |
| 909 631(3) | P (10 ⁻²) | ••• | • • • | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.075 | 0.1 | 0,13 |
| 435(2) | vZ | • • • | ••• | 5800 | 3900 | 6700 | 5600 | 5500 |
| SF_6 | $k^{Q} (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 0.55 | $(0.1)^a$ | ≲0.1 | ≤0.1 | ≲0.1 | ~ 0.1 | ~0.16 |
| 947(3) cm ⁻¹ | $k_{LJ} (10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | 4.00 | 4.06 | 4.12 | 4.18 | 4.24 | 4.30 | 4.37 |
| 770 640(2) 615(3) 522(3) 345(3) | P (10 ⁻²) | 0.14 | (0.02) | (≤0.02) | ≲0.02 | ≤0.02 | ~0.02 | ~ 0.037 |
| | vZ | 730 | (8000) | ≳12 000 | ≳16 000 | ≳20 000 | 25 000 | 19 000 |

^aBracketed numbers are less accurate.

simple: there is an increase of k^Q for the high v levels roughly proportional to the number of C atoms or to the dispersion energy, polarizability, etc. There is a somewhat larger increase for the low v's from CH4 to C_2H_8 followed by a moderate rise for C_3H_8 and C_4H_{10} . Thus, the total range of k^Q for iso- C_4H_{10} is less than a factor of 2 from v = 1 to 7. Although the characteristic stretching and bending frequencies shift very little, decreasing about 100 cm⁻¹ from CH₄ to C₄H₁₀, the larger carbon skeleton gives rise to low frequency torsion and C-C-C bending modes, and there are many more frequencies available altogether, albeit of similar magnitude. The low frequency modes may be collisionally excited along with the 1300-1400 cm⁻¹ CH₃ bending and deformation modes to take up the large HCl quantum. However, it is not only the low frequency motions that seem to be required, but the presence of hydrogen atoms whose large vibrational amplitudes couple with those of the HCl donor. This is shown below in the comparison with $Q = CF_4$ and SF_6 . The excitation of external rotation, explanation (a) for CH4, does not carry over to C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , and C_4H_{10} , since their Bvalues are small. If (a) is important for CH4, we must assume that the torsional motions more than make up for the loss of rotational excitation for the higher paraffins. It is also tempting to invoke density of states arguments for the higher paraffins even though only ~2300-2600 cm⁻¹ is being transferred, but this explanation runs into difficulties with SF6 below.

CH₃Cl, CH₃F, CF₄, and SF₆

This group of quenchers probes the effects of dipole moment, dispersion forces, and density of vibrational states. The data for CH3Cl and CH3F in Table V should be compared with those of CH4 in Table IV. Six experiments were run for CH3Cl, two each with H+ClI, H+Cl2, and Cl+HI; and three for CH3F, one each for the above three generating reactions. Interference by the Cl + CH3Cl or CH3F reactions makes the results of the Cl+HBr experiments unreliable. For the upper v's there is a dramatic increase of kQ from CH4 to CH3F to CH₃Cl. Since the vibration frequencies are unaffected except for the addition of C-X stretching modes at 1048 (CH₃F) and 732 cm⁻¹ (CH₃Cl), this effect must be ascribed to dipole moment (1.85 and 1.87 D) and dispersion forces ($\epsilon_{LJ} = 290$ cal mol⁻¹ for CH₃F, 700 for CH₃Cl). The dipole-dipole interaction should be cleanly applicable in CH₃F, where the dispersion forces are small and whose k^{Q} should be comparable to the Q = HXcases discussed above. It is reassuring to note that the k^{Q} 's are indeed comparable for v=5-7, and we suggest V-R, T relaxation for CH_3F . For the lower levels, V-V relaxation should be faster in CH₃F than in HF and probably also in HCl. The further increase of k^{Q} from $\mathrm{CH_3F}$ to $\mathrm{CH_3Cl}$ for high v levels is probably due to the additional dispersion forces, since the dipole moments are equal. The efficiency of CH3Cl for relaxing HCl, v=6 and 7, is surprisingly large, 60%-70% of the Lennard-Jones collision rate or 100%-120% of the hard

TABLE VI. Quenching rate constants for $HCl_{\nu,\nu-1}$ by CF_3Cl , CF_2Cl_2 , and $CFCl_3$.

| | | v = 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--|---|-------|------------|---------|--------|------|------|------|
| CF ₃ Cl | k ^Q (10 ⁻¹² cm ³ s ⁻¹) | • • • | ••• | 0.14 | 0.34 | 0.65 | 0.95 | 1.2 |
| 1212(2) cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 3.86 | 3, 92 | 3,98 | 4.04 | 4.10 | 4.16 | 4.23 |
| 1105 | P(10 ⁻²) | ••• | | 0.035 | 0.084 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 0.28 |
| 560(2) 476 350(2) | vZ | ••• | ••• | (8500) | (4800) | 3200 | 2600 | 2500 |
| CF_2Cl_2 | $k^Q (10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | ••• | • • • | < 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 4.9 |
| 1162 cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ}$ (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ s ⁻¹) | 4.23 | 4.29 | 4.36 | 4.43 | 4.49 | 4.56 | 4.63 |
| 1099 922 | P(10 ⁻²) | ••• | ••• | < 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.36 | 0.70 | 1.06 |
| 667 457 446 435 322 262 | vZ | | ••• | > 13000 | 5700 | 1400 | 860 | 660 |
| CFCl ₃ | $k(10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ | | $(0.02)^a$ | 0.28 | 0.75 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 15 |
| 1085 cm ⁻¹ | $k_{\rm LJ} \ (10^{-10} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm s}^{-1})$ | 4.82 | 4.89 | 4.96 | 5.04 | 5.11 | 5.19 | 5.27 |
| 847 535 | P(10 ⁻²) | | (0.03) | 0.056 | 0.15 | 0.47 | 1.29 | 2.8 |
| 398(2) 350(2) 241(2) | vZ | | (6500) | 5300 | 2700 | 1060 | 460 | 246 |

^aBracketed numbers are less accurate.

sphere collision rate.

In sharp contrast, both CF4 and SF6 are very inefficient quenchers, so much so that their rate constants are less accurate, because so much quencher gas had to be added that there were substantial dilution corrections. For CF4, three H+ICl and two H+Cl2 experiments were run, and for SF8 two H+ICl, two $H+Cl_2$, and one Cl+HBr. There seems to be a small increase of k^{Q} with increasing v for CF₄, but even for v=7, k is less than 5×10^{-13} , and the relaxation probability is about 10-3 per collision. The comparison with CH, is instructive. Since it was concluded that V-V transfer to the high C-H stretching frequencies could not be involved for high v's of HCl (see above), the large difference (factor of ~50) between CH4 and CF4 cannot be explained simply on the basis of vibration frequencies, because, except for the C-H stretches, these are not very different. The explanation must then rest on rotational effects (B=0.18 cm⁻¹ for CF₄ vs 5.2 cm⁻¹ for CH₄) or on a hydrogen amplitude effect since other interactions (dipole, polarizability) would predict opposite trends.

SF₆, which is often used as an efficient vibrational relaxer, is still more inefficient and appears to have a barely observable k^0 for v=6 and 7. Quite unexpectedly, both H+Cl₂ experiments and the Cl+HBr experiment showed that the lowest v=1 state of HCl was the most rapidly quenched of all v levels. We are unable to explain this fact which is unique among our 20 quenchers. The high density of vibrational levels at 2300 to 2800 cm⁻¹ excitation energy does not result in a fast quenching process.

CF₃Cl, CF₂Cl₂, and CFCl₃

Lastly, we report the results of a few experiments with three chlorofluoromethane quenchers that, together with CF4, are intended to shed light on dipole moment and dispersion effects in the absence of high H-stretching frequencies. Two H+ClI and one H+Cl2 for CF3Cland CF2Cl2 and one H+ClI and two H+Cl2 for CFCl3 experiments were run. Table VI shows the expected increase of k with increasing Cl-substitution for the highest v levels, especially for v = 7. This effect has a surprisingly strong dependence on v, i.e., the ratio $k^{\text{CFC}_{13}}/k^{\text{CF}_{3}\text{Cl}}$ goes from about 12 for v=7 to 7 for v=6 to less than 4 for v=5 and to about 2 for v=4. If CF4 is also included in the series, the overall ratio $k^{\text{CFC13}}/k^{\text{CF4}}$ is larger still, as would be expected (~30 to ~ 20 to ~ 9 for v=7, 6, 5) and seems to wash out towards the lower v's. The dipole moments of the three chlorofluoromethanes are roughly equal, 0.50, 0.51, and 0.45D with increasing Cl, so that the rise of k^{Q} with Cl-substitution must be ascribed to dispersion force effects. Cl-substitution also adds more low frequency vibrations and lowers the higher frequency ones. It seems surprising, then, that the k^{Q} ratio increases so sharply towards the highest v levels if it is due to dispersion forces, since these should not be very dependent on v.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Approximately 120 vibrational relaxation rate constants are reported in these two papers. They need to be compared with theoretical prediction, particularly regarding the relative effects of donor excitation and

quencher structure. There is an abundance of theoretical work on vibrational relaxation, but it deals mainly with isolated cases where the success of calculating a given k^Q more or less accurately does not assure the correctness of the basic physical model. Furthermore, the theoretical models cannot, in general, be extended to take account of the complexities of polyatomic quencher molecules.

Most of the theories calculate the probability of collisional energy transfer on the basis of an interaction potential by perturbation or detailed trajectory methods. while others use a phenomenological, e.g., information-theoretic19 approach. The former cover interactions of simple repulsion, 20,21 long range multipole attraction, 22 detailed semiclassical, 23 or ab initio quantum mechanical24,25 potential energy surfaces, and they use various approximate treatments of the collision trajectories. Recent results have been particularly encouraging in the HF (v) + HF (0) case^{24,25} where the calculations have predicted the preponderance of V-R, Trelaxation for high v levels and have given reasonable numerical results25 for the absolute magnitude of the total relaxation rate constant and of its v dependence. These findings are directly applicable to and supported by the HCl (v) + HCl (0) data presented here.

It seems obvious that calculations which include such detailed description are not feasible for most polyatomic quenchers for lack of information on potential energy surfaces and on trajectories. Even if that information were available, the requirements of computer time to carry out the trajectory calculations would be excessive. On the other hand, the appealing phenomenological approach based on the controlling importance of the energy gap seems not to be supported by our data. It is tempting to appeal to complex formation²⁶ as the deus ex machina to rationalize fast relaxation rates, but neither the v nor Q dependence appear to fit. The observed rates are thus probably the reflection of a complicated superposition of V-V, V-R, T, dipole-dipole, dispersion forces, and weakly bound complex formation effects. If so, it is important to try to isolate the different effects experimentally as we have tried to do here and are continuing to do in a series of HF(v) quenching experiments; and it is particularly important that theoretical work be initiated to calculate the contributions of the different mechanisms to overall relaxation processes using the best ab initio and semiempirical models.

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