

# The Chemistry of Chlorine Monoxide (Dichlorine Monoxide)

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## I. Introduction

In the first reported synthesis of chlorine monoxide (1834), A. J. Balard, a French chemist, prepared a concentrated solution of hypochlorous acid by treating an aqueous chlorine solution with mercuric oxide. Then, upon careful addition of anhydrous calcium nitrate, he observed the evolution of a gas. Its composition was determined by Balard<sup>1,2</sup> and by Gay-Lussac,<sup>3</sup> who showed that on thermal decomposition the new compound yielded chlorine and oxygen in the volume ratio of 2 to 1. Since a vapor density of 86.92 was found, relative to hydrogen (=2), the formula Cl<sub>2</sub>O was assigned to the gas.

Chlorine monoxide is a compound of considerable scientific interest. As a simple triatomic molecule belonging to the C<sub>2v</sub> symmetry group, Cl<sub>2</sub>O is a classical example of nonlinear XY<sub>2</sub> molecules and has therefore been extensively studied by spectroscopists. Also, conflicting reports on its stability have stimulated many investigations of its thermal decomposition as well as of its photolysis. Paradoxically, however, although this compound has been known for 140 years, its chemical reactivity has been relatively neglected. Indeed, its reactivity toward organic compounds has been the subject of only 14 publications. This neglect may be due to Balard's original report that chlorine monoxide gave violent reactions with all the organic compounds with which he brought it into contact, or to a general tacit assumption that all its reactions (in solution) would be the same as those of hypochlorous acid, of which it is the anhydride. The latter assumption is justifiable to a degree, since it has of late been suggested<sup>4</sup> that Cl<sub>2</sub>O is the active species in the well-known reactions of HOCl with olefins and aromatic compounds. Indeed, it is to be noted that the conversion of HOCl into Cl<sub>2</sub>O is believed to be the rate-controlling step in these reactions. Hence, one purpose of this review is to stimulate further research on the reactivity of chlorine monoxide with organic compounds, particularly on the mechanism of chlorination by HOCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

Another purpose is to examine comprehensively and critically the present state of knowledge of the chemistry of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, in the light of growing industrial interest in this gas. For some years, chlorine monoxide has been made on a limited industrial scale as an intermediate in the manufacture of hypochlorite-based disinfectant powders,<sup>5</sup> but has had no other major use. Recently, however, Cl<sub>2</sub>O has been found to be an effective reagent for the bleaching of wood pulp and textiles.<sup>6,7</sup> The use of chlorine monoxide in bleaching wood pulp promises not only to increase process efficiency, but also to significantly reduce stream pollution.

Thus, a review is timely, particularly since chlorine monoxide has hitherto only been the subject of short reviews in treatises of inorganic chemistry<sup>8,9</sup> and in the "Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology".<sup>5</sup>

It should be pointed out that in recent publications, Cl<sub>2</sub>O is referred to as dichlorine monoxide; this name is more correct than chlorine monoxide and appears to be gaining currency.

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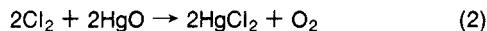
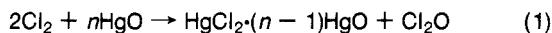
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Nevertheless, in accordance with the bulk of the cognate literature, and with technological usage, the designation chlorine monoxide is retained in the present review.

## II. Preparation

### A. Mercuric Oxide Method

The laboratory technique<sup>10,11</sup> in widest current use for directly preparing gaseous chlorine monoxide is a reaction (eq 1) based essentially on Balard's original method<sup>1,2</sup>: a stream of chlorine, which may be diluted in an unreactive gas, is passed slowly (2.1<sup>10</sup> to 15 l./h<sup>11</sup>) through a column containing mercuric oxide thoroughly mixed with a suitable supporting material, and kept at 18–25 °C, preferably 20 °C.<sup>10</sup> This method gives very high levels (90+%) of conversion of chlorine into chlorine monoxide. At low flow rates of diluted chlorine, nearly quantitative conversion is reported.<sup>10,11</sup> Nevertheless, losses of yield can occur through the side reaction shown as eq 2, and, if they are to be minimized, several precautions must be observed, including: (1) adequate preparation of the mercuric oxide; (2) thorough mixing of the latter with its inert solid support; and (3) use of pure chlorine and diluent gas.



It was recognized very early that proper preparation of the mercuric oxide was crucial for attaining a high level of conversion of chlorine into Cl<sub>2</sub>O. The first workers in the field<sup>1–3</sup> used freshly precipitated, dried, yellow mercuric oxide, but soon recommended that it be heated for about 1 h at 300–400 °C before use. Later, the recommended temperature of pretreatment was reduced to 250 °C.<sup>12,13</sup> A subsequent investigation of the drying conditions led to the conclusion that heating above 300 °C for a long time was detrimental to the reactivity of the reagent.<sup>14</sup> At the same time it was found that commercially available mercuric oxide was generally unsuitable for the efficient production of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, and tended to promote reaction 2 unless heated before use at a temperature between 100 and 200 °C.<sup>14</sup> These conclusions have been substantiated by other workers, and current practice calls for heating the mercuric oxide for 10 h at 125–130 °C.<sup>10</sup> In special cases, when Cl<sub>2</sub>O of high purity is desired, the HgO can be degassed, either by conducting the preheating under reduced pressure<sup>15</sup> or by evacuating the flask containing the reagent, prior to adding pure chlorine.<sup>16</sup>

Mixing the mercuric oxide with an inert solid increases the surface of contact with chlorine and gives a further improvement in yield. The particles of inert material must be large enough to give a porous bed which will not impede the flow of gas. They should not exceed 1 cm in any dimension, and fines must be removed by screening through a 10-mesh sieve;<sup>11</sup> the optimum size of the particles was found to be 1–3 mm.<sup>10</sup> Materials proposed as the inert component include sand, potassium sulfate,<sup>3</sup> crushed glass tubing,<sup>11</sup> Kieselguhr,<sup>17</sup> pumice, and crushed building bricks.<sup>10</sup> The proportions of the mixture do not seem to be critical, but current practice tends to a greater volume of supporting material: for example, equal weights of HgO and glass,<sup>11</sup> or 1 vol of HgO for 4 vol of brick or pumice fragments.<sup>10</sup>

The gas with which the chlorine is diluted serves to moderate the reaction and to displace the high-density Cl<sub>2</sub>O as it is formed.<sup>18</sup> Commercially available chlorine and diluents have usually been found satisfactory, but impurities sometimes cause low conversion ratios. Purification can be effected by bubbling the gases through 18 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>,<sup>11</sup> and further improved by passing the chlorine through anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and the air, or other diluent, through a column of granular KOH.<sup>10</sup> In a special

instance, when very pure chlorine was required, it was prepared directly by the reaction of chlorine trifluoride, ClF<sub>3</sub>, with sodium chloride.<sup>15</sup>

The gas emerging from the column of mercuric oxide contains chlorine monoxide diluted with inert gas, but often contaminated with various amounts of unreacted chlorine. Preliminary purification is achieved by condensing the Cl<sub>2</sub>O in a trap cooled with mixtures of dry ice and alcohol,<sup>12,13</sup> acetone,<sup>11</sup> or carbon tetrachloride-chloroform (1:1).<sup>10</sup> At a low flow rate (2.1 l./h) of an incoming mixture of Cl<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> (1:1), a trap cooled at –60 °C will quantitatively condense the product Cl<sub>2</sub>O, with only traces of chlorine present in the condensed liquid.<sup>10</sup> Further purification can be achieved by passing the gas over phosphorus pentoxide<sup>13</sup> or dry calcium nitrate, or by fractional distillation at low temperature under reduced pressure. By maintaining the liquid under vacuum at –80 °C, most of the contaminating chlorine can be pumped off.<sup>19</sup>

If the presence of diluent gas is undesirable, high conversion of pure chlorine can be achieved by passing it through a very long tube (25 m) coated with a layer of mercuric oxide.<sup>20</sup> Alternatively, the reaction vessel may be a fractionating column, with HgO on Kieselguhr spread on its plates; the Cl<sub>2</sub>O formed is condensed after each cycle, and the unreacted chlorine is recycled.<sup>15,17</sup>

When only small quantities of Cl<sub>2</sub>O are required, the flow-through technique need not be employed. Instead, a static system<sup>16</sup> can be used. In one method, a predetermined quantity of chlorine is condensed at –196 °C into an evacuated flask containing HgO. The reaction is left to proceed overnight at the temperature of a dry ice-trichloroethylene bath. After distillation of the mixture at low temperature, Cl<sub>2</sub>O is obtained in 60% yield. A higher yield (94%) is reported from another method<sup>6</sup> wherein a mixture of air and chlorine is introduced into an evacuated flask containing a mixture of yellow mercuric oxide and phosphorus pentoxide. The chlorine-air mixture is agitated by means of a motor-driven stirrer, and additional air is periodically admitted to replace the chlorine consumed. The Cl<sub>2</sub>O-air mixture is then transferred to an evacuated flask where it can be diluted and stored.

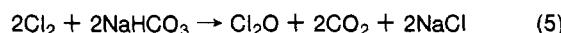
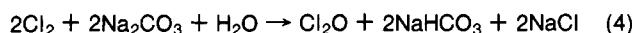
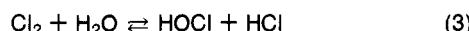
The reaction of chlorine with mercuric oxide can also be used to prepare solutions of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in carbon tetrachloride. Mercuric oxide, pretreated under optimal conditions (10 h at 120–130 °C), is added to a solution of Cl<sub>2</sub> in CCl<sub>4</sub> at room temperature.<sup>11,14,21</sup> The reaction is fast, and, after separation of the basic mercuric chloride, a stable solution of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> is obtained. Yields are in the range of 90–95%,<sup>14,21</sup> provided that pure CCl<sub>4</sub> is used. An elaborate method for purifying the solvent has been described,<sup>22</sup> but a simpler method, requiring only distillation of commercial AR CCl<sub>4</sub> over phosphorus pentoxide, is reported to give satisfactory results.<sup>23</sup>

At the end of the reaction, whatever the technique of preparation, the mercuric oxide may be regenerated<sup>11</sup> from the residual basic mercuric chloride (HgCl<sub>2</sub>·nHgO) by treatment with an excess of alkali; a pH of 10.5 is said to be optimal for the final supernatant.<sup>14</sup> The temperature must be kept from rising during the addition of alkali, since mercuric oxide precipitated at 102 °C showed a marked loss of reactivity. The recovered HgO is washed extensively and finally dried at 120–130 °C.<sup>11</sup> The reactivity of the oxide is said to increase after each regeneration.<sup>10</sup>

### B. Sodium Carbonate and Allied Methods

In the sodium carbonate method used industrially for preparing chlorine monoxide, the well-known equilibrium of the reversible hydrolysis of chlorine (eq 3) is displaced to the right by removing hydrochloric acid as sodium chloride. Provided that only a small amount of water is present, the solubility of HOCl is rapidly exceeded and chlorine monoxide is evolved. Although sodium carbonate is generally used in this reaction, other alkali metal

carbonates and other alkaline compounds of alkali metals<sup>25</sup> (such as phosphates, stannates, silicates, aluminates, or oxides) may be employed. Increasing the surface of gas-solids contact by grinding the alkali salts and agitating the bed has been found to be beneficial.<sup>24,25</sup> The reaction with sodium carbonate is described by eq 4 and 5.



Under the optimal conditions of reaction,<sup>24</sup> sodium carbonate, containing approximately 10% of water, is allowed to fall slowly down a reaction tower and contacted with an upward flow of chlorine diluted to about 25% in a gas such as air, nitrogen, or carbon dioxide. The humidity in the reaction zone must be maintained at around 10%, either by saturating the incoming gas with water or by injecting steam into the reactor at regular intervals. The temperature of the reaction zone is preferably maintained at about room temperature (20–30 °C), but may be raised to as high as 200 °C.

The reaction can be adapted to the preparation of solutions of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in carbon tetrachloride.<sup>11,24</sup>

Chlorine monoxide can also be formed when chlorine is brought into contact with dry carbonates or bicarbonates at temperatures above 150 °C, preferably 200 °C.<sup>24</sup>

### C. Preparation from Hypochlorous Acid Solutions

Since, as shown by distribution experiments, Cl<sub>2</sub>O is several times more soluble in CCl<sub>4</sub> than in water,<sup>26</sup> solutions of the gas may be prepared by liquid-liquid extraction (shaking in a separatory funnel) of aqueous solutions of HOCl.

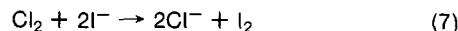
Pure, anhydrous, liquid chlorine monoxide can be prepared by distilling, in vacuo over HgO, a 25% aqueous solution of hypochlorous acid.<sup>26</sup> The distillate is collected in three receivers in series, cooled at 0, -20, and -80 °C, respectively. The first two receivers condense only the initial 25% hypochlorous acid solution, while the third condenses the Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

Pure gaseous Cl<sub>2</sub>O can also be prepared by the classical method of treating concentrated solutions of HOCl with anhydrous calcium nitrate.<sup>1</sup>

An alternative method for producing the gas is to pass a stream of air through an aqueous solution of HOCl. The nature of the entities present in the emerging stream of wet air is a matter of controversy and is discussed later (see section IV.C). However, when the air stream is dried over anhydrous calcium nitrate, chlorine monoxide is obtained.<sup>27,28</sup>

### III. Analysis

An iodometric method is generally used for the titrimetric determination of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, which reacts with potassium iodide to yield 4 equiv of iodine and 2 equiv of hydroxide ion (eq 6). Since conditions must be acidic for the titration of iodine with thiosulfate, a known excess of acid can be added. After titration, the residual acid can be back-titrated with standard alkali. The possibility of back-titration is useful when the Cl<sub>2</sub>O is to be determined in the presence of chlorine, which does not generate hydroxide ion on reaction with iodide (eq 7). Thus the iodometric titration gives the sum of chlorine monoxide and chlorine, and the back-titration gives a measure of Cl<sub>2</sub>O alone.



Several reagents have been proposed for the back-titration. Standard alkali and methyl orange indicator have been used,<sup>21</sup> as well as 0.1 N Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> with phenolphthalein.<sup>29</sup> However, the

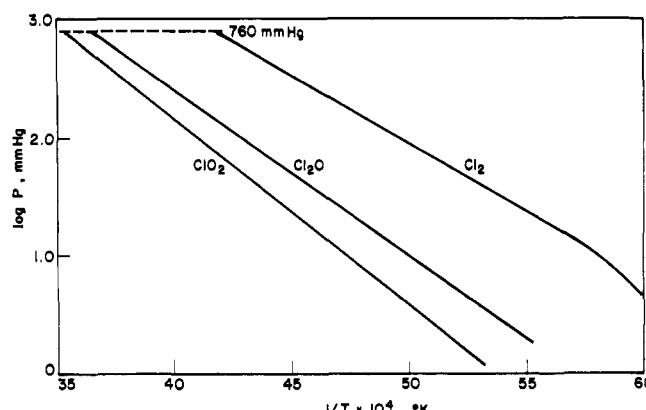
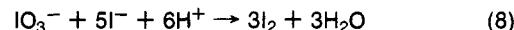


Figure 1. Vapor pressure of chlorine and chlorine oxides.

simplest method to estimate the excess of acid is to add a slight excess of potassium iodate solution after the first iodometric titration (eq 8), and then titrate the liberated iodine with additional thiosulfate.<sup>30</sup>



In addition to titration, several instrumental methods are used for the analysis of chlorine monoxide, although they have not all been fully explored and developed.

The use of vapor-phase chromatography has been reported.<sup>16</sup> The gas chromatograph employed was specially built to resist highly corrosive gases (Cl<sub>2</sub>, ClO<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, CIF, CIF<sub>3</sub>), all the parts being made of stainless steel, Monel, or nickel. The stationary phase in the column was a halocarbon oil, 13-21, on a Kel-F300 support.<sup>31</sup>

As to other instrumental methods, Spurny<sup>32</sup> has reported that the oxides of chlorine, including Cl<sub>2</sub>O, can be photolyzed quantitatively to chlorine which can then be determined spectrophotometrically. Infrared spectroscopy (section V.F) is a potentially useful method for the direct determination of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, but a possible disadvantage is that, especially at low concentrations of the gas, excessively long cells may be required to produce absorption bands intense enough to be useful. The ultraviolet spectrum of Cl<sub>2</sub>O has been described (section V.E) but has not been used for quantitative measurements; the photolytic decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O by ultraviolet light (section VI.A) is likely to have an adverse effect on precision and reproducibility.

### IV. Physical Properties

#### A. General

At ordinary temperatures, chlorine monoxide is a gas, pale orange-yellow with a slight greenish tinge. Its vapor density has been reported as 2.977<sup>33,34</sup> and 3.007,<sup>35</sup> air being taken as unity. It condenses to a reddish-brown liquid whose vapor pressures have been measured by means of a mercury manometer protected by a dry air buffer.<sup>13</sup> The results, plotted in Figure 1, were in agreement with eq 9 ( $p$ , pressure in mmHg;  $T$ , temperature in K) in the range of 173–288 K. The figure also shows corresponding data for Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>36</sup> and ClO<sub>2</sub>,<sup>37</sup> the most common contaminants of Cl<sub>2</sub>O. It illustrates how purification of the latter by fractionation will be easy when the impurity is chlorine, but difficult when it is chlorine dioxide.

$$\log p = (-1373/T) + 7.87 \quad (9)$$

The boiling point of Cl<sub>2</sub>O has been reported as 3.8 °C,<sup>26</sup> but was subsequently determined as 2.0 °C, at 760 mmHg from the vapor pressure data.<sup>13</sup> The higher value, now unacceptable, was attributed<sup>13</sup> to the frequently observed superheating of the liquid.

By a method of correlating increments,<sup>38</sup> the critical constants

TABLE I. Thermodynamic Functions for the Reaction  
 $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$

$T, \text{K}$	$\Delta H^\circ_T, \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta G^\circ_T, \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\circ_T, \text{cal deg}^{-1}$	$S^\circ_T, \text{cal deg}^{-1}$	Ref
291	18.26				42
298.16	18.26	21.207	-9.93	67.9	43
273.16	18.10	21.950	-14.06	63.8	44
298	23.50	21.870	+5.47	83.3	45

of 15 inorganic compounds of Cl, O, and N were calculated.<sup>39</sup> The results for Cl<sub>2</sub>O, based on increments for O and Cl computed from experimental values of the thermodynamic properties of O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>F, ClF<sub>3</sub> and FeClO<sub>3</sub>, were:  $t_c = 192.2^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_c = 64.9 \text{ atm}$ ,  $v_c = 169 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ ,  $d_c = 0.519 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . It is difficult to assess the predictive power of this method, since very few experimental data were available for comparison with the calculated constants for most of the 15 compounds. Nevertheless, the calculated heat of vaporization of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, 5588 cal/mol, agrees moderately well with the experimental value of 6200 cal/mol.<sup>13</sup> By the same method of calculation, eq 10 represents the equation of state for Cl<sub>2</sub>O, in its van der Waals approximation, where  $p$  is pressure in atmospheres and  $V$  is volume in cm<sup>3</sup>.

$$p = \frac{nRT}{(V - 73.5n)} - \frac{n^2 \times 9.47 \times 10^{-6}}{V} \quad (10)$$

The melting point of Cl<sub>2</sub>O was found to be  $-116 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ , when determined with a standard pentane thermometer. Subsequent investigation<sup>40</sup> on freshly prepared Cl<sub>2</sub>O, dried over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and purified by fractionation, and with a carefully calibrated copper-constantan thermocouple, gave a freezing point of  $-120.6^\circ\text{C}$ .

## B. Thermodynamic Properties

### 1. Heat of Vaporization

The straight-line slope of the logarithm of the vapor pressure plotted against the reciprocal of the absolute temperature, in the range of 173–288 K, has given the latent heat of vaporization of Cl<sub>2</sub>O as 6.2 kcal/mol,<sup>13</sup> which agrees with a later, independently determined value<sup>41</sup> of  $6.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ kcal/mol}$ . The corresponding Trouton's constant ( $\lambda V/T_b$ ) is therefore 22.5 cal deg<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>, and indicates very little, if any, association of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in the liquid state.

### 2. Heat of Formation

Table I shows various published values of the heat of formation of chlorine monoxide, and the thermodynamic functions derived from them.

From the heat of solution, at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ , in a large excess of water, the heat of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O(g) was calculated as  $\Delta H^\circ_{291} =$

18.26 kcal/mol.<sup>42</sup> This value—as well as the heat of solution of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> computed from vapor pressure measurements, the free energies of chlorine hydrolysis,<sup>45</sup> solution of chlorine in water, formation of HCl(aq) and H<sub>2</sub>O(l), hydrolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, and partition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O between water and CCl<sub>4</sub><sup>46</sup>—was used to calculate the free energy of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O:  $\Delta G^\circ_{298} = 21.207 \text{ kcal/mol}$ . The corresponding entropy of gaseous Cl<sub>2</sub>O at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and 1 atm is 67.9 cal deg<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>43</sup>

These derived quantities agree rather well with those calculated<sup>44</sup> by taking  $18.1 \pm 0.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$  as the best value for the heat of formation:  $\Delta G^\circ_{273.16} = 21.95 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ;  $S^\circ_{298.16} = 63.76 \text{ cal deg}^{-1}$ .

The figures in the last row of Table I do not accord with the others. Here, the heat of formation was derived<sup>45</sup> by considering the enthalpies and free energies of the following processes: H<sub>2</sub>O(l) formation, HOCl(aq) formation, and dissolution of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in water (calculated from vapor pressure measurements). This gave  $\Delta H^\circ_{291} = 23.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$ , and the corresponding  $\Delta G^\circ_{298} = 21.87 \text{ kcal/mol}$ . The consequent entropy for Cl<sub>2</sub>O in the standard state, 83.3 cal deg<sup>-1</sup>, is undoubtedly too high (see section IV.A.3), probably owing to the large value found for  $\Delta H^\circ$ . Another possible source of error is that the heats of solution used in the computation of  $\Delta H^\circ$  are of doubtful validity; they differ appreciably from those found by other workers and exhibit an anomalously large dependence on temperature.

Nevertheless, rather high values of the heat of formation were obtained by measuring the amount of heat liberated from the explosion of Cl<sub>2</sub>O:  $21.735 \pm 0.560$ ,<sup>47</sup>  $20.050 \pm 1.000$ ,<sup>48</sup> and  $25.100 \pm 0.100$ <sup>49</sup> kcal/mol.

### 3. Thermodynamic Functions from Spectroscopic Data

Various authors have used spectroscopic data to calculate the molar thermodynamic functions such as heat content, free energy, entropy, and heat capacity. In computing these functions for an ideal gaseous state at 1 atm, a rigid rotator, harmonic oscillator model was assumed; nuclear spins and isotopic mixing were neglected. Table II shows the functions calculated for  $T = 298.16 \text{ K}$ , as well as the frequencies and product of the three principal moments of inertia used in the computation of partition functions. It is to be noted that the values of  $S^\circ$  agree best with that in the third line of Table I.

Tabulations of these thermodynamic functions over a large range of temperatures can be found in the original papers.

## C. Solubility

### 1. In Water

Gaseous chlorine monoxide readily dissolves in water (eq 11) where it hydrolyzes as shown in eq 12. Its solubility, at a given partial pressure of solute and at temperatures between 0 and  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , may be conveniently estimated from the nomograph in Figure 2.<sup>54</sup> The nomograph was derived from previously pub-

TABLE II. Thermodynamic Functions of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, Calculated from Spectroscopic Data

	Reference				
	50	51	44	52	53
Absorption frequencies, $\nu_1$ cm <sup>-1</sup>	688	688	684	640	630.7
$\nu_2$	320	320	320	300	296.4
$\nu_3$	969	969	973	686	671
Product of moments of inertia, $I_A \cdot I_B \cdot I_C$ ( $\times 10^{-114}$ )	1.165		1.173	1.171	
$(H_0 - E^\circ)/T$ , kcal deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	9.12	9.114	9.12		9.23
$-(G_0 - E^\circ)/T$ , kcal deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	54.51	55.014	54.52		53.76
$C_p^\circ$ , cal deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	10.85	10.842	10.90	11.427	11.20
$S^\circ$ , cal deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	63.63	64.128	63.64	64.019	62.99

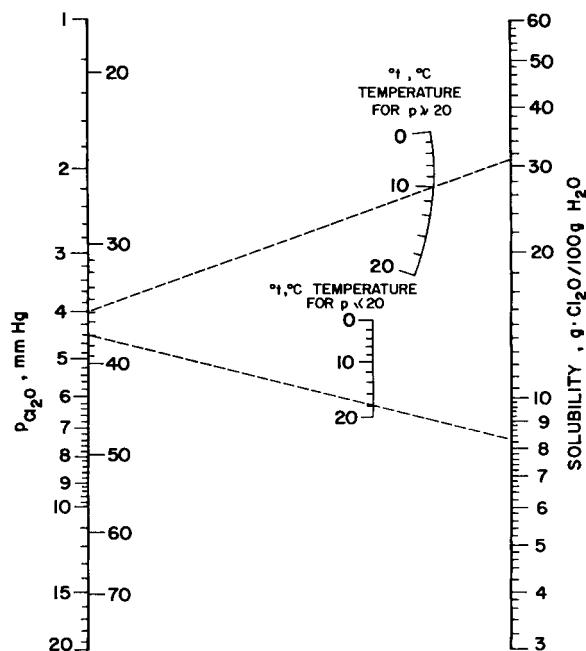
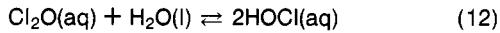
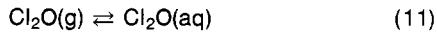


Figure 2. Nomograph for the solubility of chlorine monoxide in water.

lished<sup>45</sup> measurements of vapor pressure. It was the observation<sup>26</sup> that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  could be extracted by carbon tetrachloride from a concentrated (aqueous) hypochlorous acid solution which suggested that reaction 11 represents an equilibrium condition.



The heat of solution of chlorine monoxide in a large excess of water has been determined calorimetrically as 9.439 kcal/mol at 18 °C<sup>42</sup> and 8.940 kcal/mol at room temperature.<sup>55</sup> The thermodynamic functions reported in Table III were calculated by extrapolating to zero molality the curves obtained by plotting the measured vapor pressure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  against the molality. This procedure also gave the equilibrium constant for eq 11.

The values of  $\Delta H$  in this table differ significantly from those found by direct, calorimetric measurements.<sup>42,55</sup> They also exhibit an unusually large temperature dependence. Critical reexamination<sup>56</sup> of the treatment of the vapor pressure measurements<sup>45</sup> has taken into account the equilibrium of hydrolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (eq 12) and has given Henry's constant for  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  over its aqueous solution as  $0.00937 \pm 0.00005$  ( $P_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}}$  expressed in mmHg). Thus, the true solubility of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is five times greater than that of chlorine. From the best available values for the heats of formation of  $\text{HOCl}(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$ , the heat of solution of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in water was computed as 9.44 kcal/mol, in good agreement with values determined by calorimetry.

Liquid  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and water are only partially miscible. Figure 3 shows the temperature-concentration diagram for the system. When the fraction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  exceeds 11.7 mol % (39%  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  by weight), a solid phase forms, which has the composition  $\text{HOCl}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . When chlorine monoxide and water are mixed in stoichiometric proportions to give  $\text{HOCl}$ , two liquid phases are formed which, on freezing, give the hydrate  $\text{HOCl}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as the solid phase.<sup>40</sup>

The equilibrium constant  $K$  for the hydration of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (eq 13) and the partition coefficient  $R$  of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  between water and carbon tetrachloride (eq 14) can be computed by resolving a system of two equations formed by substituting in eq 13 and 14 experimental values for  $[\text{HOCl}] + [\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{aq})]$  and  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{CCl}_4)]$  for two experiments at different initial concentrations of  $\text{Cl}(\text{l})$  compounds

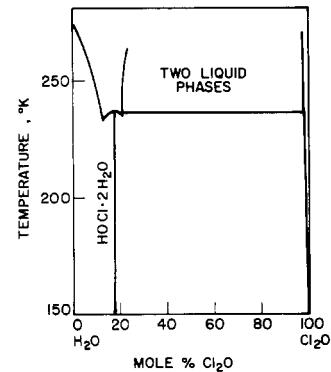
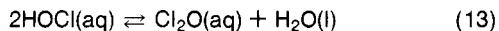


Figure 3. Temperature-concentration diagram for the system chlorine monoxide-water.

TABLE III. Heat of Solution of 1 Mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in an Excess of Water

Temp, K	$\Delta H_T$ , kcal/mol	$\Delta G_T$ , kcal/mol
278	9.3	
283	11.4	
291	16.0	3.73
298		3.35

in the aqueous phase. Goldschmidt<sup>26</sup> obtained values of 1/1040 for  $K_{273.16}$  and 8 for  $R$ . However, Roth<sup>46</sup> later remarked that the experimental values selected by Goldschmidt for his computation were obtained for only slightly different initial concentrations of  $\text{Cl}(\text{l})$  compounds, leading to gross errors in the determination of  $K$  and  $R$ . Using Goldschmidt's experimental results, Roth computed lower values, i.e.,  $K_{273.16^\circ} = 1/282$  and  $R = 2.22$ , by selecting sets of experiments with a wider range of initial concentrations.



$$K = [\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{aq})]/[\text{HOCl}]^2$$



$$R = [\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{CCl}_4)]/[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{aq})]$$

The value  $K_{273.16} = 1/282$  was used by Roth<sup>46</sup> to estimate  $K_{292}$  as 1/115 and the heat of solution of chlorine monoxide in water as 8.34 kcal/mol in reasonable agreement with the experimental value of 8.94 kcal/mol.<sup>55</sup>

Figure 4 summarizes the results of measuring the vapor pressures of chlorine(l) compounds above aqueous hypochlorous acid in very dilute solutions ( $10^{-3}$ – $10^{-1}$  mol in 1000 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at 15 °C,<sup>57</sup> in dilute solutions ( $10^{-1}$ –2 mol in 1000 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at 10 and 20 °C,<sup>58</sup> and concentrated solutions (1–20 mol in 1000 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at 3.46, 6.00, 9.92, 16.00, and 19.98 °C.<sup>45</sup> Despite the differences in experimental methods, the results of Secoy and Cady,<sup>45</sup> obtained under static conditions, and those of Ourisson and Kastner,<sup>58</sup> obtained under dynamic conditions, are in very good agreement.

The authors clearly disagree, however, in the interpretation of their results. Since solid  $\text{HOCl}$  could not be prepared at low temperature, Secoy and Cady<sup>45</sup> inferred that  $\text{HOCl}$  could not exist in the gaseous state and, therefore, that the vapor above an aqueous solution of  $\text{HOCl}$  should consist of only  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . This point of view has also been advanced by Noyes and Wilson<sup>27</sup> who passed a stream of air through 0.27 N hypochlorous acid and measured the weight of water trapped by anhydrous calcium nitrate, and of chlorine monoxide trapped in an NaOH solution. Since the weight of water collected in the drying tube corresponded almost exactly to the theoretical amount in the given volume of saturated air, Noyes and Wilson concluded that the chlorine(l) species present in the vapor is  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and not  $\text{HOCl}$ .

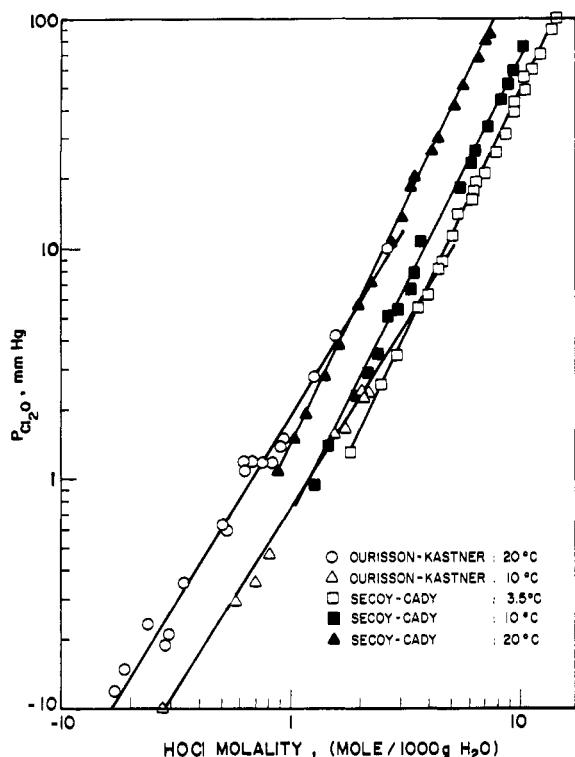


Figure 4. Vapor pressure of chlorine(I) compounds above their aqueous solution.

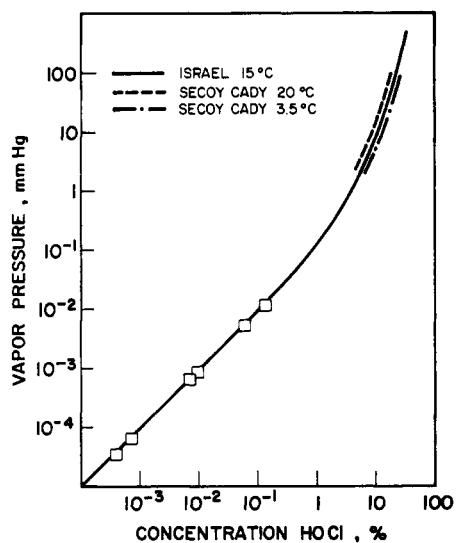


Figure 5. Vapor pressure, expressed as HOCl, above aqueous solutions of chlorine(I) compounds, over a wide range of concentrations.

Indeed, the titrations of the gas collected in the sodium hydroxide showed that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and not HOCl had been trapped in it. However, this result was to have been expected, since any HOCl which might have initially been present in the vapor-laden air would have been dehydrated to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  on passage through the tube of anhydrous calcium nitrate.<sup>1</sup>

The results of Noyes and Wilson clearly exclude the hypothesis that all Cl(I) compounds in the vapor are present as HOCl. However, their experiment II can be reevaluated in the light of subsequent published results,<sup>58</sup> and then it is equally clear that a small amount of HOCl might be present. Thus, when one applies to experiment II the equilibrium constant for eq 15, one finds that approximately 2 mg of water would be combined with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  as HOCl and would contribute to the weight of water (63 mg) collected in the drying tube. This difference of 3% could easily escape observation, particularly since the efficiency of drying does not seem to be absolute: the weights of water ac-

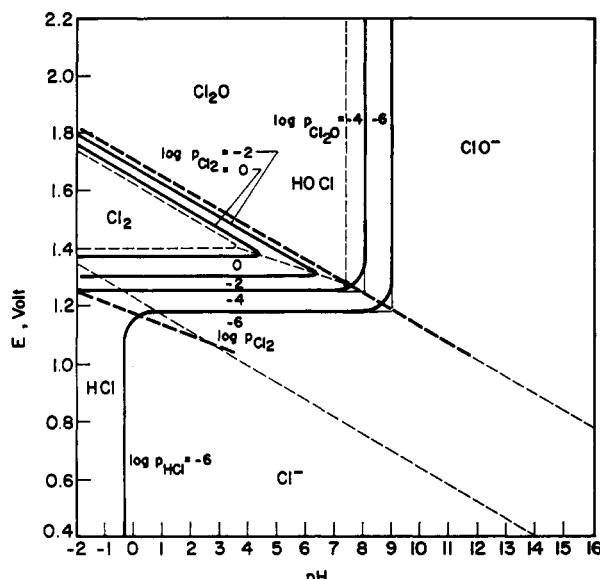


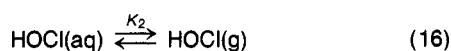
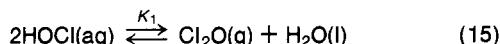
Figure 6. Stability of chlorine(I) compounds in aqueous solutions.

TABLE IV. Values of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  in Eq 17

Temp, °C	$2K_1$	$K_2$
10	0.42	0.24
20	1.30	0.70
30	3.74	1.89

tually found were consistently 1–2% less than theoretical.

The general consensus among authors<sup>57–60</sup> who have written on this subject is that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(g)$  and  $\text{HOCl}(g)$  coexist in the vapor phase above an aqueous solution of HOCl, the former predominating at high concentrations, and the latter at low concentrations. Figure 5 provides experimental support for this view by presenting the vapor pressure of Cl(I) compounds above a solution of HOCl plotted against the concentration (in terms of HOCl) of the solution, over a wide range of concentration. Among very dilute solutions, the vapor pressure varies linearly with the concentration, thus suggesting a predominance of HOCl in the vapor phase. As the concentration increases, the curve deviates from linearity and shows the increasing presence of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . The evaporation process, then, takes place according to eq 15 and 16.<sup>58</sup> The partial pressure of chlorine(I) compounds above the solution (the concentration of which is expressed in terms of HOCl) is given by eq 17. Computed values for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , at different temperatures, are reported in Table IV.<sup>58</sup>



$$P_{\text{Cl(I)}} = 2P_{\text{Cl}_2\text{O}} + P_{\text{HOCl}} = 2K_1[\text{HOCl(aq)}]^2 + K_2[\text{HOCl(aq)}] \quad (17)$$

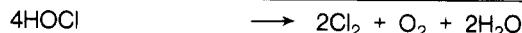
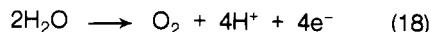
Despite all of the foregoing argument, it must be recognized that the presence of HOCl in the vapor above its solution has not been established by an unambiguous proof, as might be provided by direct spectroscopic measurement. Such proof would be highly desirable.

Not only the composition of the vapor but also the composition and stability of solutions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in water, as a function of pH, are of considerable technical interest. Since the solutions are those of the very weak hypochlorous acid ( $pK = 7.5$ ), we are dealing with solutions of HOCl and  $\text{OCl}^-$  in equilibrium with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at a particular partial pressure above them (Figure 6). Many complex reactions and equilibria can and do occur in these so-

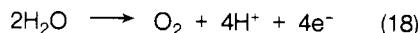
Iolutions and are further complicated when chloride ion is present.<sup>61</sup>

Consideration of the relative positions of the stability domains of HOCl and OCl<sup>-</sup>, as compared with those of water, shows that hypochlorous acid and hypochlorites—while appearing to decompose to oxygen and to chlorine or chloride—actually oxidize water, which is the source of the evolved oxygen. As shown by eq 19–21, the reactions vary with the pH of the solution. The relatively high stability of neutral and alkaline solutions of hypochlorous acid and hypochlorites arises from the slowness of the oxidation of water under alkaline conditions, which in turn is related to the virtual irreversibility of the oxidation reaction (eq 18)

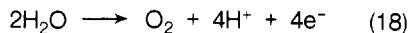
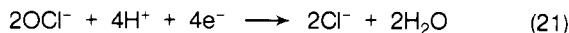
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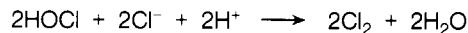
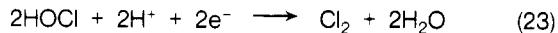
(b) pH ≈ 3.3–7.5:



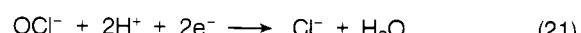
(c) pH >≈ 7.5:



When aqueous solutions of HOCl contain chloride ions, and are acidic, the slow oxidation of water is replaced by the rapid oxidation of the chloride ions to chlorine (eq 22). As shown by eq 23, the stability of an acidic hypochlorous acid solution will decrease with increasing concentrations of chloride ion.



In equilibria involving the higher oxyacids of chlorine, both hypochlorous acid and hypochlorites can decompose into chlorites and chlorides, according to eq 24 and 25. When chloride ions are present, the domain of stability of chlorates completely overlaps that of ClO<sup>-</sup> and HOCl. Hence these latter



species are thermodynamically unstable toward ClO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> and tend to exhibit reaction 26, which, in practice, does not have an appreciable rate at 25 °C. However, at higher temperature (50 °C), the rate increases sufficiently to become significant.

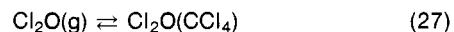
## 2. In Carbon Tetrachloride

As determined by a dynamic method,<sup>43</sup> the vapor pressure of Cl<sub>2</sub>O above dilute solutions in CCl<sub>4</sub> obeys Henry's law. The

TABLE V. Dielectric Constant,  $\epsilon$ , and Molar Polarization,  $P$ , for Cl<sub>2</sub>O in Dilute CCl<sub>4</sub> Solutions<sup>55</sup>

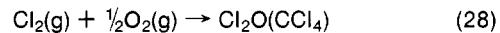
Temp, °C	Mole fractions ( $\epsilon$ )					$P, \text{cm}^{-3}$
	0.00597	0.01197	0.01952	0.02838	0.0390	
-18	2.3160	2.3196	2.3239	2.3294	2.3367	25.42
-8	2.2952	2.2988	2.3025	2.3078	2.3146	24.56
3	2.2728	2.2761	2.2796	2.2843	2.2904	24.16
14	2.2505	2.2535	2.2568	2.2609	2.2662	23.72
24	2.2305	2.2330	2.2360	2.2399	2.2441	23.14

constants, 1830 mmHg/mol % at 25 °C, and 662 mmHg/mol % at 0 °C, have permitted the computation of the thermodynamic function for eq 27:



$$\Delta G^\circ_{298} = -8.864 \text{ kcal/mol}; \Delta H^\circ = 6.59 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Combining these with other thermodynamic data has given the corresponding functions for the formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> (eq 28):



$$\Delta G^\circ_{273} = 20.71 \text{ kcal/mol}; \Delta H^\circ_{298} = 24.85 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

The heat of dilution of Cl<sub>2</sub>O by CCl<sub>4</sub>, determined from 0.5 to 3 × 10<sup>-6</sup> M, was close to zero.<sup>62</sup> It was therefore concluded that the heat of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub>, as calculated from the heat of reaction of Cl<sub>2</sub>O (CCl<sub>4</sub>; 0.45 M) with HO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>(aq)<sup>63</sup> and available thermodynamic data, would also be the heat of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> at infinite dilution. Accordingly,  $\Delta H_7$ , the heat of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub>, was found to be represented by eq 29. Substituting for  $\Delta H_7$  in the van't Hoff equation and integrating gave  $\Delta G^\circ_7$ , the free energy of formation (eq 30). The integration constant,  $I$ , was evaluated as -2.3102 by combining the free energies of formation of Cl<sub>2</sub>O(g) and of solution of Cl<sub>2</sub>O(g) in CCl<sub>4</sub> at 298 K to give a value of  $\Delta G^\circ_{298}$ .

$$\Delta H_7 = 30.52 - 0.4546T + 0.00141T^2 \text{ (kcal/mol)} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G^\circ_7 = 30.52 + 0.4546T \ln T - 0.00141T^2 \\ + IT \text{ (kcal/mol)} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

These equations gave the following values for the thermodynamic constants of Cl<sub>2</sub>O formation in CCl<sub>4</sub> at 298 K:  $\Delta H_{298} = +12.57 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ_{298} = +21.54 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ,  $\Delta S_{298} = -30.1 \text{ cal deg}^{-1}$ .

These values are considerably lower than those previously reported;<sup>43</sup> they give<sup>62</sup> 47.69 cal deg<sup>-1</sup> for the entropy content of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> at 298 K—much lower than  $S^\circ_{298} = 63-64 \text{ cal deg}^{-1}$  derived from spectroscopic data for Cl<sub>2</sub>O gas (see Table II). This difference is too large to be attributable to the entropy of mixing, which, in this practically ideal solution, should be small. Therefore, the published thermodynamic functions for Cl<sub>2</sub>O formation in CCl<sub>4</sub> solution<sup>62</sup> should be accepted only with reservations.

## V. Structure and Spectrochemistry

### A. Dipole Moment

Chlorine monoxide is a nonlinear molecule, with a dipole moment of  $(0.78 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-8}$  esu, as calculated from the temperature dependence of its molar polarization.<sup>64</sup> The supporting experimental data (Table V) show the dielectric constants of dilute solutions of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub>, as determined at various concentrations and at temperatures from -20 to 25 °C. The uncertainty of the measurements was given as 0.01%. Molar polarizations,  $P$ , were computed from densities measured in a quartz dilatometer.

TABLE VI. Mass Spectra of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ 

Reference Mass spectrometer	Fisher <sup>65</sup> Modified AEI-MS2 <sup>66</sup>	Freeman, Phillips <sup>67</sup>	Cordes, Smith <sup>68</sup> "Time of Flight", Bendix Model 12
<i>m/e</i>	Ion	% of the most abundant species	
16	$\text{O}^+$	NR <sup>a</sup>	2.8
17	$\text{OH}^+$	NR	1.3
17.5	$^{35}\text{Cl}^{2+}$	NR	NR
18	$\text{H}_2\text{O}^+$	NR	3.4
18.5	$^{37}\text{Cl}^{2+}$	NR	NR
28	$\text{N}_2^+ \text{CO}^+$	NR	6.0
32	$\text{O}_2^+$	<0.07	NR
35	$^{35}\text{Cl}^+$	<0.7	58.3
36	$(\text{H}^{35}\text{Cl})^+$	NR	23.1
37	$^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	<0.7	18.7
38	$(\text{H}^{37}\text{Cl})^+$	NR	7.4
44	$\text{CO}_2^+$	NR	7.2
51	$(^{35}\text{ClO})^+$	100.0	100.0
52	$(\text{H}^{35}\text{ClO})^+$	NR	9.2
53	$(^{37}\text{ClO})^+$	33.4	32.0
54	$(\text{H}^{37}\text{ClO})^+$	NR	2.9
70	$(^{35}\text{Cl}^{35}\text{Cl})^+$	5.4	15.9
72	$(^{35}\text{Cl}^{37}\text{Cl})^+$	3.6	10.2
74	$(^{37}\text{Cl}^{37}\text{Cl})^+$	0.5	1.6
86	$(^{35}\text{ClO}^{35}\text{Cl})^+$	43.5	41.5
88	$(^{35}\text{ClO}^{37}\text{Cl})^+$	28.3	26.5
90	$(^{37}\text{ClO}^{37}\text{Cl})^+$	4.7	4.2
Electron energy (eV)		NR	50
			70

<sup>a</sup> NR, not reported.TABLE VII. Geometry of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  Molecule

$d_{\text{ClO}}, \text{\AA}$	$d_{\text{Cl-Cl}}, \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = \angle \text{ClOCl}, \text{deg}$	Experimental method	Ref
$1.71 \pm 0.02$	$2.82 \pm 0.02$	$111 \pm 2$	Electron diffraction	69
$1.68 \pm 0.03$	$284 \pm 0.03$	$115 \pm 4$	Electron diffraction	70
$1.70_1 \pm 0.02$	$279_1 \pm 0.02$	$110.8 \pm 1$	Electron diffraction	19
1.701		110.8	Electron diffraction	71
1.701		110.3	Electron diffraction	72
$1.693 \pm 0.003$	$2.795 \pm 0.004$	$111.2 \pm 0.03$	Electron diffraction	73
$1.70038 \pm 0.00069$		$110.86 \pm 0.04$		
$1.70038 \pm 0.00043$		$110.96 \pm 0.08$	Microwave spectroscopy	74

## B. Ionization Potential-Mass Spectroscopy

By means of mass spectrometry, the ionization potential of chlorine monoxide has been measured as  $11.16 \pm 0.10$  eV. The appearance potential of the predominant fragment,  $(\text{ClO})^+$ , was found to be  $12.5 \pm 0.1$  eV, giving by calculation  $32.3 \pm 2$  kcal/mol<sup>65,66</sup> for the dissociation energy of the Cl-OCl bond.

Table VI shows that the reported mass spectra of chlorine monoxide are in fair agreement, considering the differences in experimental conditions. Small discrepancies in the results can be attributed to impurities in the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . Protonated species in the spectrum reported by Freeman and Phillips<sup>67</sup> are probably due to the presence of water and HOCl, and perhaps to products formed in reactions with the phosphoric acid coating on the walls of the spectrometer.

The spectra have shown that the dissociation of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  yields  $\text{Cl}^+$  as a real fragment, its peak intensity being independent of time and of sample temperature.<sup>68</sup>

## C. Molecular Geometry

The geometric characteristics of the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  molecule have been determined from both electron diffraction studies<sup>19,69-73</sup> and microwave spectroscopy.<sup>74</sup> The two methods have given very good agreement (Table VII) around the values of  $d_{\text{Cl-O}} = 1.70 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $d_{\text{Cl-Cl}} = 2.79 \text{ \AA}$ , and  $\angle \text{ClOCl} = 110.8^\circ$ .

## D. Photoelectron Spectroscopy

The relatively new technique of photoelectron spectroscopy (PES) permits the direct measurement of the energies required to remove valence shell electrons from atoms and molecules and provides information on the bonding characteristics of orbitals (for review, see ref 75). As applied to the chlorine monoxide molecule,<sup>76</sup> the PES technique has given the first ionization potential, under adiabatic ionization conditions, as 10.94 eV, which compares favorably with the potential of 11.16 eV found by mass spectroscopy.<sup>65</sup>

The first PES band shows a vibrational peak structure assigned to both  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$ . Since these frequencies in the ionized molecule ( $\nu_1 = 670 \pm 40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_2 = 300 \pm 40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) are larger than in the neutral molecule ( $\nu_1 = 631 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_2 = 296 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), the ionized orbital is expected to be slightly antibonding.

As shown in Table VIII, the energies of the molecular orbitals as calculated by the CNDO/2 method are in fair agreement with the experimental ionization potentials, where the sharp peak observed at 12.79 eV is attributed to the loss of the 3p non-bonding electron on Cl. The molecular orbital sequence for  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is given as  $a_2^2, a_1^2, b_2^2, b_1^2$ .

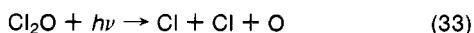
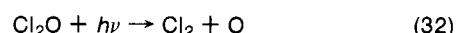
## E. Ultraviolet and Visible Spectroscopy

Two independent investigations<sup>41,77</sup> of the absorption spec-

TABLE VIII. Vertical Ionization Potentials (IP) of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ 

Exptl IP, eV	Calcd IP (MO), eV	MO
11.02	9.0	$b_2$
12.37	10.4	$b_1$
12.65	10.7	$a_2$
12.79	12.5	$a_1$
15.90	17.0	$b_2$
16.65	18.1	$a_1$
17.68	20.3	$b_1$
20.64		

trum, in the ultraviolet and visible range, of gaseous  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  over a large range of pressure (10–600 mmHg) have given results in very good agreement. The absorption begins at 660 nm and is continuous over the entire range, with maxima of increasing intensities at 630, 530, 410, and 255 nm. Initiation of the continuum is attributed to the process in eq 31, but the reaction in eq 32 may also be important.<sup>78</sup> The minimum energies for the occurrence of reactions 31 and 32 have been calculated as 36.5 kcal/mol (784 nm) and 41 kcal/mol (698 nm), respectively. The absorption at 256 nm (112 kcal/mol) may be due to the dissociation shown in eq 33, which requires 99 kcal/mol.<sup>41</sup>



Conflicting results have been published<sup>32,79</sup> on the ultraviolet absorption spectra of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in carbon tetrachloride solution. In

what appears to be the least reliable study, three maxima were reported: 320, 395, and 415 nm. The first, at 320 nm, was attributed to the presence of  $\text{Cl}_2$  in the unpurified sample. Indeed, the relative height of that peak suggests that chlorine was the main species present in solution, possibly because of a low conversion ratio in the preparation. Since the true spectrum of small concentrations of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  may well be masked by the broad absorption of chlorine, the assignment of the other two peaks, 345 and 415 nm, to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is doubtful.

Indeed, those peaks have not been recorded by more careful workers who used purified  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in their study.<sup>79</sup> The latter investigators reported a strong sharp band at 264 nm, with a possible shoulder at 310 nm. This spectrum is quite distinct from that of  $\text{Cl}_2$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$  which exhibits a large maximum at 220 nm and a smaller one at 330 nm.<sup>79,80</sup> To confirm that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was the species responsible for the absorption at 264 nm, anhydrous acetic acid was added to the  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution; the formation of water was observed, and a change in the spectrum to that of acetyl hypochlorite (eq 34).



In confirmation of the second<sup>79</sup> of the two studies just described, the spectrum of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in trichlorotrifluoroethane was found to exhibit a broad maximum centered around 260 nm.<sup>81</sup>

## F. Infrared Spectroscopy

The assignment of the three fundamental vibrations in the infrared spectrum of chlorine monoxide (Table IX) was a matter

TABLE IX. Infrared Spectra of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ 

Authors Reference	Bailey and Cassie 82	Bailey and Cassie 83	Pohlman and Schumacher 84	Hettner and Sutherland 84	Hedberg 87	Andrews and Raymond 88	Rochkind and Pimentel 53					
	Phase	Gas	Gas	Gas			Argon matrix	Argon matrix	$\text{N}_2$ matrix	Gas	Solid	Symmetry
<b>Vibration</b>												
							Observed wave numbers, $\text{cm}^{-1}$					
$\nu_1$	639	1233 1260	680	684 <sup>a</sup> 680 <sup>a</sup>	688	639.7 637.0 634.6	638.6 635.6 637.0	639.9 (640)	630.7	$A_1$	$\perp$	
$\nu_2$	973	628 651	330	(320)			300	296.4	$A_1$	$\perp$		
$\nu_3$	1245	969 973 980	973	973 969 980	677.6 675.6 673.8		677.2 685.9 691.8	671.8 669.8 667.8	$B_1$	$\parallel$		
$\nu_3 - \nu_2$							366 379 389		$B_1$	Hybrid (?)		
$\nu_1 + \nu_3$			1245				1310 1320 1326	1331.6 1327.7 1322.7	$B_1$	$\parallel$ (?)		
$\nu_2 + \nu_3$					965.5 960.0		967.2 971.9 977.1	971.4 965.7 960.4	$B_1$	Hybrid		
$2\nu_1$	1305		1331									
$2\nu_2$		1311 <sup>b</sup>		684 <sup>a</sup> 680 <sup>a</sup>								
$2\nu_3$							(1360)	1331.6 1327.7 1322.7	$A_1$	$\perp$		
$3\nu_3$								1935 1945 1952	1979.4 1973.3	$B_1$	$\parallel$ (?)	

<sup>a</sup>  $\nu_1$  or  $2\nu_2$ . <sup>b</sup> Tentative assignment by original authors.

TABLE X. Fundamental Vibration Frequencies for the Cl<sub>2</sub>O Molecule

Frequencies in wave numbers, cm <sup>-1</sup>			Spectroscopic method	Ref
$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$		
630.7	296.4	670.8	Infrared	53
634	293	673	Raman	91
619.2 ± 5	292.5 ± 1	705 ± 12	Microwave	74

TABLE XI. Force Constants Calculated for the Cl<sub>2</sub>O Molecule

Source of spectroscopic data	Infrared <sup>53</sup>	Microwave <sup>74</sup>	Electron diffraction <sup>92</sup>
$f_d$ , mdyn/Å	2.75 ± 0.02	2.882 ± 0.078	2.75
$f_{dd}$ , mdyn/Å	0.40 ± 0.01	0.308 ± 0.048	0.40
$f_{d\alpha} \times 10^3$ , dyn/rad	0.13 ± 0.01	0.283 ± 0.020	0.26
$f_\alpha \times 10^3$ , erg/rad <sup>2</sup>	1.32 ± 0.02	1.223 ± 0.006	1.32

of controversy among early investigators in the field.<sup>82-88</sup> However, the results of electron diffraction and microwave spectroscopy have latterly been available to establish that Cl<sub>2</sub>O is a nonlinear molecule of point group C<sub>2v</sub>. The rotational constants found by microwave spectroscopy are A = 42 044, B = 3682, and C = 3380 MHz.<sup>89,90</sup> Thus A > B ≈ C, and the species Cl<sub>2</sub>O is a near-prolate symmetric top. In this approximation, the  $\nu_3$  vibration of Cl<sub>2</sub>O (symmetry B<sub>1</sub>) will display parallel rotational structure, while the vibrations  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  (symmetry A<sub>1</sub>) will exhibit a perpendicular rotational structure.

By considering the contours of the absorption bands, comparing experimental spacings of the rotational components with those calculated from the moments of inertia, and comparing observed and calculated isotopic shifts (both oxygen and chlorine), Rochkind and Pimentel<sup>53</sup> established the unambiguous vibration assignments shown in Table IX. Polarized Raman spectroscopy<sup>91</sup> and microwave spectroscopy<sup>74</sup> have subsequently provided confirmation of the assignments (Table X).

Table XI summarizes the force constants of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, expressed in terms of the internal valence coordinates system, and calculated from fundamental vibration frequencies (Table X) by the general harmonic potential function (eq 35) in the valence force field approximation (GVFF).

$$2V = f_d(\Delta d_1^2 + \Delta d_2^2) + f_\alpha(\Delta\alpha)^2 + 2f_{d\alpha}(\Delta d_1 + \Delta d_2)\Delta\alpha + 2f_{dd}\Delta d_1\Delta d_2 \quad (35)$$

Although computed from two independent sources of experimental data, infrared<sup>53</sup> and microwave<sup>74</sup> spectroscopy, the principal force constants,  $f_\alpha$  and  $f_d$ , are in good agreement. The originally discordant results<sup>53,74</sup> for the cross-term  $f_{d\alpha}$  were subsequently resolved by analysis of the force field derivation from vibrational frequencies;<sup>92</sup> the value of  $0.13 \times 10^{-3}$  dyn/rad proved to be in error and was corrected to  $0.26 \times 10^{-3}$  dyn/rad, in good agreement with the  $0.283 \times 10^{-3}$  dyn/rad computed from microwave data. The disagreement between the two values found for  $f_{dd}$  was not considered too significant<sup>74</sup> since the elements of the force constant matrix,  $F_{11} = f_d + f_{dd}$  and  $F_{33} = f_d - f_{dd}$ , which are more closely related to the experimental data in both methods, are in good agreement:  $F_{11} = 3.19$  and  $3.15 \times 10^5$ , and  $F_{33} = 2.57$  and  $2.35 \times 10^5$  dyn/cm.

It is of interest to note here a previously proposed<sup>93</sup> empirical relationship, eq 36, between the Cl–O stretching frequency and the corresponding bond length. If 1.70 Å is taken as the length of the Cl–O bond (see section V.C), then the equation gives a stretching force constant of  $3.39 \times 10^5$  dyn/cm, in relatively good agreement, considering the crudeness of the method, with the  $2.75-2.80 \times 10^5$  dyn/cm shown in Table XI.

$$\log k_{\text{Cl}-\text{O}} = -6.45 \log r_{\text{Cl}-\text{O}} + 7.0 \quad (36)$$

The work of Rochkind and Pimentel<sup>53</sup> rendered obsolete all

TABLE XII. Raman Spectrum of Liquid Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sup>91</sup>

Infrared frequencies, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Raman frequencies, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Depolarization ratio	Symmetry	Vibration
630.7	634	0.25	A <sub>1</sub>	$\nu_1$
296.4	293	0.42	A <sub>1</sub>	$\nu_2$
670.8	673	0.77	B <sub>1</sub>	$\nu_3$

TABLE XIII. Raman Spectrum of Solid Chlorine Monoxide at 77 K<sup>91</sup>

Vibration	Frequencies, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Symmetry
$\nu_2$	301.1; 303.1	A <sub>1</sub>
$\nu_1$	625.3; 627; 628.3; 636.1	A <sub>1</sub>
$\nu_3$	668.5; 669.4; 670.7; 671.3	B <sub>1</sub>
$\nu_3 + \nu_2$	938.7; 941.2; 945.7	B <sub>1</sub>
$\nu_1 + \nu_3$	1308	B <sub>1</sub>
$2\nu_3$	1321.3; 1327.1; 1330.3	A <sub>1</sub>

previously published<sup>52,85-87,94-97</sup> force constants of Cl<sub>2</sub>O calculated from its vibration frequencies. Nevertheless, the calculations themselves remain of interest for having been concerned with improving and comparing computational procedures, mainly in the valence force-field approximation, but also in the Urey–Bradley force field approximation.<sup>52,95</sup>

The results in Table XI, from the GVFF approximation, now seem to constitute a standard against which are compared the various other approximation methods for the computation of force constants.<sup>98-101</sup> However, further discussion of these computations, even where they include chlorine monoxide as examples of XY<sub>2</sub> molecules, is beyond the scope of this review.

### G. Raman Spectroscopy

The assignment of the fundamental infrared vibration frequencies<sup>53</sup> has been confirmed by polarization studies of the Raman spectrum<sup>91</sup> of liquid Cl<sub>2</sub>O (Table XII). The spectrum of solid Cl<sub>2</sub>O (77 K) is more complex, each fundamental being split by the crystal field into two or three components (Table XIII).

The Raman spectrum of Cl<sub>2</sub>O isolated in an argon matrix<sup>102</sup> exhibits three bands, at 638, 298, and 678 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in good agreement with the values shown in Table XII for infrared vibration bands and the Raman bands of the liquid.

### H. Microwave Spectroscopy

Complete analyses<sup>74,89,90</sup> of the microwave spectra of the three species <sup>35</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>37</sup>ClO<sup>35</sup>Cl, and <sup>37</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>O, have yielded the rotational constants, A, B, and C, and the centrifugal distortion constants of the chlorine monoxide molecule. The rotational constants were used to calculate the effective moments of inertia,  $I_A$ ,  $I_B$ , and  $I_C$ , which were, in turn, used for the computation of interatomic distances and bond angle. The results are summarized in Table VII. They agree well with results from electron diffraction studies.

The centrifugal distortion constants are functions of the harmonic force constants and have been used, in their inverse relationship, to compute the corresponding vibration frequencies (Tables X and XI). The latter have provided good confirmation of the results of infrared spectroscopy.

### I. The Cl–O Bond in Cl<sub>2</sub>O

Analysis<sup>89</sup> of the nuclear quadrupole coupling coefficient has shown that the asymmetry about the Cl–O bond is in the direction corresponding to the loss of an electron from the chlorine p orbital, which is perpendicular to the plane of the molecule. The strongly negative coupling constant in this direction has sug-

gested that each of the structures  $\text{Cl}^+\text{O}^-\text{Cl}$  makes at least a 25% contribution to the ionicity of the molecule. Computation from an empirical formula<sup>103</sup> which relates percent ionicity to the electronegativity difference of the bonded atoms gives ionic character as 14%.

However, there is considerable contrary evidence that the Cl-O bond in  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  has little or no ionic character. Thus, for example, a low value was found<sup>53</sup> for the force constant,  $f_d$ —the lowest in the series  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ . Furthermore, the bond length of 1.70 Å (among the highest recorded for a Cl-O bond) has often been taken to indicate that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  provides the prototype of the single covalent Cl-O bond. It is interesting to note that if the currently accepted stretching constant,  $k_{\text{ClO}} = 2.75 \times 10^5 \text{ dyn/cm}$ , is inserted into the empirical relationship<sup>93</sup> (eq 37) derived for Cl-O, Si-O, S-O, and P-O bonds, the bond order of Cl-O in  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  works out to 0.95, in good agreement with the concept of a single bond.

$$N_{\text{Cl}-\text{O}} = 1.02 \times 10^{-6} k_{\text{Cl}-\text{O}} + 0.66 \quad (37)$$

Additional support for the notion that Cl-O is a single covalent bond comes from semiempirical quantum chemical calculations. An internally consistent LCAO-MO method, based on Moffit's "atoms in molecules" method, but with somewhat different parameters, predicts a pure  $\sigma$  bond with no polar  $\pi$ -electron character.<sup>104</sup> The two-center exchange integral [ $\beta(\pi)$ ] is linearly correlated with the Cl-O distance and with the stretching force constants in the series  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2$ . The "extended-Hückel" LCAO-MO approximation also gives a zero  $\pi$  population; it estimates the energy of atomization as 101.2 kcal/mol as compared with an experimental value of 103.0 kcal/mol.<sup>105</sup> By the CNDO/2 approximation, it has been found that there is a very small ( $\approx 1\%$ ) participation of d orbitals in the molecular orbitals of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>76</sup> The energy levels and the symmetries of the molecular orbitals are shown in Table VIII.

## VI. Chemical Properties

### A. Photochemistry

#### 1. Photochemical Stability

Various observations of the stability of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in the presence of light seem to disagree, probably because of differences in the initial purity of the samples being studied. In any event, some level of shielding from intense light sources would seem to be a desirable precaution when working with this substance.

Balar had noted that diffuse daylight did not decompose  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ; exposure to bright sunlight, however, did cause decomposition within a few minutes, but there was no detonation. Later investigators in the 19th century<sup>35</sup> said that the gas did not suffer appreciable decomposition during a 15-min exposure to the direct rays of the sun.

One group of investigators in the 1930's<sup>47</sup> observed that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  tended to explosive behavior in the presence of strong light. They were challenged by another group<sup>106</sup> who claimed that a light of 500 candle power, placed 2.5 cm from the wall of a spherical vessel, 7.6 cm in diameter, containing  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at a pressure of 0.5 atm, did not trigger an explosion.

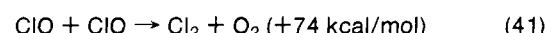
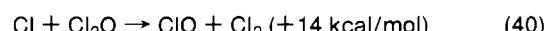
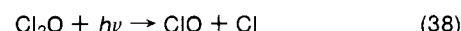
The literature does not appear to contain any other observations on this topic that are either more recent or more systematic.

#### 2. Photolysis of Gaseous Chlorine Monoxide

In one of the earliest studies of the photolysis of chlorine monoxide, which decomposes principally to  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ , chlorine dioxide was identified as a minor product.<sup>12</sup> Of particular concern, however, was the influence of chlorine, almost always present initially as an impurity, on the course of the reaction. It was soon found that the rate of photolytic decomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was independent of the partial pressure of the free chlorine in

the gas<sup>12,41,107,108</sup> and proportional to the total amount of energy absorbed,<sup>12,107</sup> whether absorbed by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  itself or by  $\text{Cl}_2$ . Thus, photochemical decomposition is sensitized by  $\text{Cl}_2$ .

A mechanism was proposed in 1929<sup>109</sup> to account for the quantum yield of approximately 2 which had been obtained from investigations using violet light in the range of 410–470 nm.<sup>12,107</sup> It was suggested that  $\text{ClO}$  was a significant intermediate in the reaction. Only the initiation step would be affected by the presence of chlorine, the unsensitized initiation being described by eq 38 and the chlorine-sensitized initiation by eq 39. The propagation (eq 40) and termination (eq 41) reactions would be the same, whether the initiation was sensitized or not.



Subsequent studies of the visible and ultraviolet absorption spectra of chlorine monoxide revealed that absorption begins at 660 nm and is continuous through the entire ultraviolet region, with maxima at 630, 530, 410, and 256 nm.<sup>41,77</sup> Accordingly, the kinetics of photodecomposition was reinvestigated at 436, 365, and 312 nm<sup>41</sup> and at 235–275 nm.<sup>108</sup> At 365 nm, the average quantum yield was 3.5, and the 10° temperature coefficient, which was 1.09 at 10 °C, increased to 1.1 at 25 °C, and continued to rise as the temperature was increased.<sup>41</sup> The formation of a higher oxide of chlorine, in addition to  $\text{ClO}_2$ , was observed. At the shorter wavelengths, the quantum yield was 4.5, and the presence of oxygen or ozone had no influence on the rate of decomposition.<sup>108</sup> The mechanism advanced<sup>41</sup> to account for these observations, and shown in Table XIV, contains additional initiation, and propagation steps, of which reactions 45 and 40a are certainly infrequent, and reactions 40 and 44 would represent the principal paths of chain propagation. The quantum yield suggests short chains, and hence several termination reactions.

The photodecomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at 564 nm has been found to be sensitized by bromine, with a quantum yield of 4.3 at 19 °C.<sup>110</sup> The process involves short chains and is accompanied by an appreciable dark reaction. The similar quantum yields, virtually equal within experimental error, of the sensitized and unsensitized reactions suggest that energy exchange between  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is very specific and takes place at nearly every collision. The same efficiency has been observed for the bromine-sensitized photodecomposition of  $\text{ClO}_2$ <sup>111</sup> and was interpreted as an example of the ability of molecules with permanent dipoles to be efficient deactivators of molecules activated by light.<sup>112</sup> The mechanism in Table XIV was adapted to explain

TABLE XIV. Mechanism of Photolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ <sup>41</sup>

Initiation:		
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{Cl} + \text{O}$	( $\lambda < 306 \text{ nm}$ )	(42) <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{Cl}$	( $\lambda < 630 \text{ nm}$ )	(38)
$\text{Cl}_2 + h\nu \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}$		(39)
Propagation:		
$\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{ClO}$	(+14 kcal/mol)	(40)
$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2$	(+30 kcal/mol)	(43)
$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{Cl}$	(+31.5 kcal/mol)	(44)
$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}$	(-43 kcal/mol)	(45)
$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O}$	(-14 kcal/mol)	(40a)
Termination:		
$\text{Cl} + \text{Cl} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2$		(46)
$\text{ClO} + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$	(+74 kcal/mol)	(41)
$\text{Cl} + \text{ClO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{O}$		(47)
$\text{Cl} + \text{ClO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$		(48)

<sup>a</sup> Equation numbers in parentheses.

TABLE XV. Mechanism of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  Photolysis ( $\lambda > 306 \text{ nm}$ )

Step	Reaction	Rate constant, l. mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Eq no.
Initiation	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{ClO}$ (unsensitized)		38
	$\text{Cl}_2 + h\nu \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}$ (sensitized)		39
Propagation	$\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{ClO}$	$k_{40} > 4 \times 10^8$	40
	$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$k_{44} = 5.3 \times 10^4$	44
	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{ClO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{ClO}$	$k_{51} \approx 10^5$	51
Termination	$\text{ClO} + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$k_{41} = 2.4 \pm 0.4 \times 10^7$	41
	$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2$	$k_{48} \approx 10^7$	43

TABLE XVI. Mechanism of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  Photolysis<sup>114</sup> ( $\lambda > 310 \text{ nm}$ )

Step	Reaction	Rate constant, l. mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		Eq no.
		Ref 114	Ref 113	
Initiation	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{Cl}$			38
	$\text{Cl}_2 + h\nu \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}$			39
Propagation	$\text{Br}_2 + h\nu \rightarrow 2\text{Br}$			53
	$\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2$	$k_{40} = 4.1 \times 10^8$	$k_{40} > 4 \times 10^8$	40
Termination	$\text{Br} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{ClBr}$	$k_{54} = 6.1 \times 10^8$	$k_{54} = 5.3 \times 10^4$	54
	$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$k_{44} = 6.5 \times 10^5$		44
Termination	$\text{Cl} + \text{ClO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{ClO}$			52
	$\text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2$	$k_{43} = 2.6 \times 10^5$	$k_{43} \approx 10^5$	43
	$2\text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$k_{41} = 2.8 \times 10^7$	$k_{41} = 2.4 \times 10^7$	41

TABLE XVII. Mechanism of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  Photolysis<sup>114</sup> ( $\lambda < 280 \text{ nm}$ )

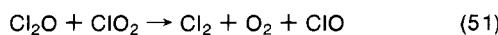
Step	Reaction	Rate constant, l. mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Eq no.
Initiation	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow 2\text{Cl} + \text{O}$		42
	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}$		55
Propagation	$\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO} + \text{Cl}_2$	$k_{40} = 4.1 \times 10^8$	40
	$\text{O} + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{O}_2^* (\nu'' \leq 14)$	$k_{56} = 7.5 \times 10^3$	56
Relaxation	$\text{ClO} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{Cl} + \text{O}$		57
	$\text{O}_2^* (\nu'' = 12) + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{O}_2^* (\nu'' \leq 12) + \text{Cl}_2\text{O}$	$k_{58} = 1 \times 10^8$	58
	$\text{O}_2^* (\nu'' = 12) + \text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{O}_2^* (\nu'' \leq 12) + \text{Cl}$	$k_{59} = 2 \times 10^9$	59
	$\text{O}_2^* (\nu'' = 12) + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{O}_2^* (\nu'' \leq 12) + \text{ClO}$	$k_{60} = 2 \times 10^8$	60

sensitization by bromine, reaction 39 being replaced by reactions 49 and 50.



In the presence of hydrogen, the photolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  gives  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ , and  $\text{Cl}_2$  as the main products, but small amounts of  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are also found.<sup>106</sup> Acceleration of the photodecomposition can occur to the point where the production of  $\text{HCl}$  becomes predominant. The chain propagators are thought to be  $\text{ClO}$  radicals, and not  $\text{H}$  radicals.

Experiments with flash photolysis<sup>113</sup> have tended to support the mechanism in Table XIV. The flash photolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in a large excess of an inert gas ( $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{SF}_6$ ) can conveniently be divided into three stages. During the flash ( $100 \mu\text{s}$ ), the concentration of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  falls sharply, while  $[\text{ClO}]$  reaches a maximum. In the  $10 \text{ ms}$  following the flash,  $[\text{ClO}]$  decreases rapidly, while  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}]$  falls only slowly. At the end of  $10 \text{ ms}$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2$  begins to appear; its concentration builds up rapidly in the first seconds, then more slowly, reaches a maximum at  $30 \text{ s}$ , and then slowly decays. From the decay of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and the  $\text{ClO}$  radical, the rate of formation of  $\text{ClO}_2$ , and other data available in the literature, the mechanistic details shown in Table XV were worked out.<sup>113</sup> All but one of these reactions (eq 51) are in the previously presented mechanism.<sup>41</sup>



By combining  $k_{40}$ ,  $k_{41}$ ,  $k_{43}$ , and the quantum yield of  $3.5$ ,<sup>41</sup>  $k_{44}$  was computed as  $2 \times 10^4 \text{ l. mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , which, considering

the possible sources of error, was in reasonable agreement with the experimental value of  $5.3 \times 10^4$ .

However, the interpretation represented by Table XV is limited because it carries the assumptions that the propagation reaction 52 and the termination step 48 do not occur, and that the decay of  $\text{ClO}_2$  occurs via reaction 51. More recent experimental evidence<sup>114</sup> suggests that reaction 51 is not present, and that reaction 52 is much faster than reaction 48. Flash photolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , both unsensitized, and sensitized by  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Br}_2$ , at a wavelength greater than  $310 \text{ nm}$  led to proposal of the mechanism in Table XVI. An average quantum yield of  $4.9 \pm 1$ , re-determined under flash photolysis conditions, agrees well with the value of 4.0 calculated from the rate constants in the table.



In flash photolysis at  $\lambda < 280 \text{ nm}$ , vibrationally excited oxygen,  $\text{O}_2^*$ , was observed. Its concentration increased with increasing pressure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and energy of the flash, and was higher in a quartz than in a glass vessel.<sup>114</sup> The mechanism in Table XVII was suggested. As indicated by the constants, the rate of relaxation would be determined essentially by the concentration of chlorine atoms in the reaction.

### 3. Photolysis of $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ in Carbon Tetrachloride Solution

Compared to gas-phase photolysis, scant attention has been paid to the photolysis of chlorine monoxide in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution, and only two investigations have been reported,<sup>21,22</sup> each giving a different quantum yield. The difference may be explicable by the observation that the course of photolysis is strongly influenced

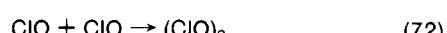
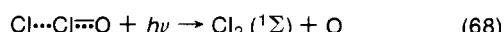
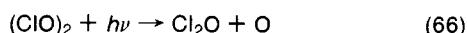
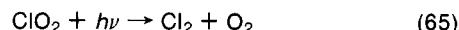
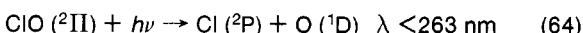
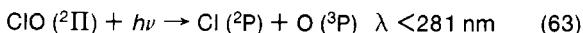
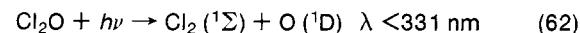
by the purity of the solvent.<sup>22</sup>

In the first of the two investigations<sup>21</sup> a quantum yield close to 1 was obtained by photolysis in violet light (410–470 nm). In the second investigation,<sup>22</sup> the yield was found to be at least 1.8 molecules of Cl<sub>2</sub>O decomposed per quantum absorbed. Significant quantities of chlorine dioxide were formed in this reaction, with an initial rate estimated as 0.35 mol/quantum.

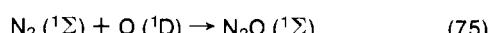
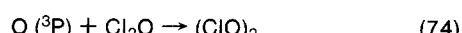
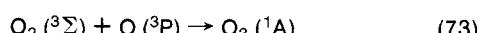
No mechanisms have been proposed for these photolyses, and there is no report of any experiment performed at 264 nm, the absorption maximum of Cl<sub>2</sub>O in CCl<sub>4</sub> (see section V.E).

#### 4. Photolysis of Matrix-Isolated Cl<sub>2</sub>O

Chlorine monoxide has been photolyzed while suspended in matrices of solid nitrogen or argon, with the formation of products observed by means of infrared spectroscopy.<sup>115,116</sup> It was concluded that five products were formed: three chlorine-containing products, ozone, and (in the N<sub>2</sub> matrix) N<sub>2</sub>O. Analysis of chlorine and oxygen isotopic shifts suggested that the three chlorine-containing products are Cl...Cl...O and two dimers, (ClO)<sub>2</sub>, of different isomeric structures. The mechanism of the photolysis is rationalized as in eq 61–75. Cl...Cl...O is formed through recombination (eq 69) within the matrix cage. One of the (ClO)<sub>2</sub> dimers can be formed through the photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>O pairs (eq 70–72), because of incomplete isolation in the matrix.



Ozone and the second dimer, which are formed simultaneously, arise from the mechanisms in eq 73 and 74, respectively. Nitrous oxide comes from the reaction in eq 75.



Raman spectra<sup>102</sup> of the species obtained by laser photolysis (488 nm) of Cl<sub>2</sub>O isolated in an argon matrix have confirmed the formation of the photoisomerism product Cl...Cl...O. The latter gave strong bands at 962, 373, and 241 cm<sup>-1</sup>, while a dimer, (ClO)<sub>2</sub>, gave a band at 850 cm<sup>-1</sup>. When the Cl<sub>2</sub>O was photolyzed in an ozone matrix another dimer, (ClO)<sub>2</sub>, was found; it gave an intense doublet at 995 and 986 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The photoisomer of Cl<sub>2</sub>O would have formed by eq 69, and the two dimers by eq 72 and 74, respectively.

## B. Thermochemistry

### 1. Mechanism of Thermal Decomposition

The thermal decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, which, like photolysis, yields primarily Cl<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, was at first said to be homogeneous, its rate being unchanged when the reactive surface provided by

the containing vessel was greatly augmented by the addition of glass wool.<sup>117</sup> However, evidence for a wall effect was later found,<sup>118–120</sup> so that the reaction is indeed heterogeneous. The decomposition begins after an induction period whose length is inversely proportional to the initial concentration of Cl<sub>2</sub>O, while the initial velocity of decomposition depends upon the purity of the material, the dimensions of the container, and the temperature.<sup>121</sup> An increase observed<sup>117</sup> in the velocity of the reaction as it proceeds might be attributed to autocatalysis by either the Cl<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>2</sub> formed, except that the presence of added Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, or air does not influence the course of the reaction.

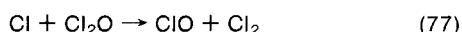
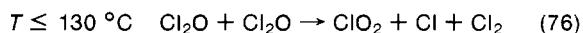
At low temperatures (60–100 °C), the reaction is slow, reaching completion in 12 to 24 h. Above 100 °C, the rate increases so that at 150 °C, the reaction is complete within a few minutes.<sup>117–121</sup> At temperatures below 130 °C, the rate of decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O is proportional to its concentration,<sup>117,118</sup> while at 140 °C the rate is proportional to [Cl<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>0.75</sup>.<sup>118</sup> All reactions above 110 °C were found to end with an explosion.<sup>118</sup>

To account for all of these observations, two different mechanisms have been proposed. One interprets the shape of the pressure-time curves by postulating two consecutive bimolecular reactions, the first producing a pressure change less than that from the second,<sup>117–122</sup> with an unknown oxide of chlorine proposed as an intermediate. Since the individual stages of the reaction are not clearly defined, it is suggested that both stages must have similar rate constants, on the one hand, and activation energies, on the other. The activation energy, *E* = 21 kcal/mol, calculated from the slope of an experimentally determined Arrhenius plot, was found in good agreement with the values computed by applying collision theory of gas reactions,<sup>123,124</sup> or Eyring's empirical rule (expressing activation energy of a homogeneous bimolecular gas reaction as a function of both the heat of dissociation and the heat of reaction).<sup>125</sup> In the Damjanovitch relationship dealing with the activation energies of isokinetic reactions, the activation energy of the thermal decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O has been found to correlate well with the activation energies of the decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O and HI.<sup>126</sup>

The other mechanism proposed to account for the observed data is a chain reaction, in which Cl atoms and ClO radicals are the chain carriers,<sup>118–121,127</sup> and adequately explains the explosion occurring at the end of the decomposition, the wall effect, and the acceleration that takes place as the reaction proceeds. On the negative side is the observation that diluent gases, such as Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, or air, which could be expected to interfere with a chain reaction, actually had a negligible effect. Nevertheless, relatively recent evidence supports the chain mechanism, since ClO has been observed in the mass spectrum of products from the pyrolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>O at 350 °C,<sup>65</sup> and in the emission spectrum of Cl<sub>2</sub>O subjected to shock-wave treatment.<sup>128</sup>

One chain mechanism has been proposed<sup>129</sup> on the basis of similarities between the behavior of the rate of decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O and of the rate of oxidation of ethane by oxygen. It has also been proposed that "nascent oxygen" could act as an autocatalyst in the thermolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub>O.<sup>130</sup> However, the most favored mechanism is that illustrated in eq 76 to 83.<sup>118</sup> At temperatures below 130°, initiation occurs according to eq 76 and 77, but above 140°, when the order of reaction changes, reaction 78 becomes operative. In accordance with the chain-reaction mechanism, mathematical expressions, approximately fitting the experimental curves, have been derived<sup>121,127</sup> for the rate of decomposition of Cl<sub>2</sub>O.

Initiation:



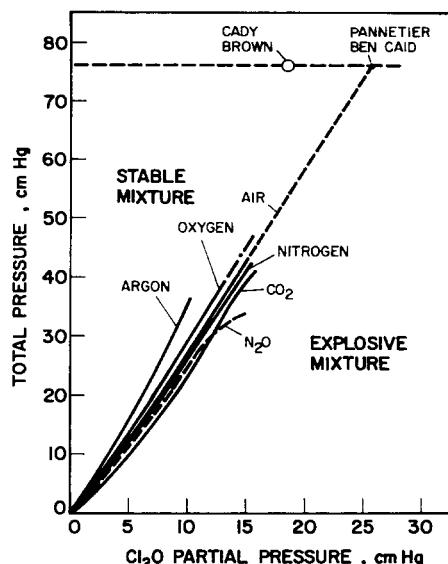
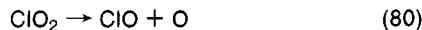
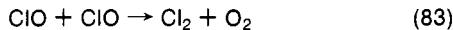


Figure 7. Explosive limit for chlorine monoxide in the presence of diluent gas.

Propagation:



Termination:



## 2. Explosive Decomposition

The question of whether  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was so unstable as to explode spontaneously was the subject of controversy among those who did the early research on this substance. Reports of extreme instability<sup>3,33,34</sup> were later denied;<sup>35</sup> the observed instability was attributed to the presence of organic impurities. Nonetheless, chlorine monoxide should itself be regarded as an explosive substance, since its detonation can be easily triggered by an electric spark, heating above  $120^\circ\text{C}$ , or a rapid rate of heating at lower temperatures. The liquid is said to be particularly shock-sensitive, explosions having been encountered during the purification of gram quantities.<sup>131</sup> The quantity of energy liberated by the explosion of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  has been variously estimated as  $21\ 735 \pm 560\ \text{cal/mol}$ ,<sup>47</sup>  $20\ 050 \pm 1000\ \text{cal/mol}$ ,<sup>48</sup> and  $25\ 100 \pm 100\ \text{cal/mol}$ .<sup>49</sup>

In mixtures of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and oxygen (760 mmHg total pressure) at  $23^\circ\text{C}$ , an electric spark induces an explosion when the concentration of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  exceeds 23.5%. Mixtures containing 25–30%  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  explode weakly, with a yellow band moving up the tube. Concentrations of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  above 30% give violent explosions, with an orange-colored flash of light.<sup>132</sup> The pressure threshold for the spark-induced decomposition of pure  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was determined as  $4.0 \pm 0.1\ \text{mmHg}$ .<sup>133</sup>

The presence of diluent gases tends to inhibit the explosion process. As shown in Figure 7, argon is the poorest inhibitor, while  $\text{CO}_2$  is the best, for a partial pressure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  below 12.5 mmHg. The anomalous behavior of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  is attributed to the formation of a molecular complex with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>133</sup> The discrepancy, seen in Figure 7, between the experimental results of Cady and Brown<sup>132</sup> and the corresponding extrapolated value from the work of Pannetier and Ben Caid<sup>133</sup> can be explained by a possible contribution of light: Cady and Brown operated in "faint day light"; Pannetier and Ben Caid in complete darkness.

An empirical relationship has been established<sup>134</sup> which re-

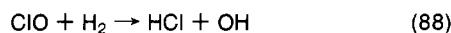
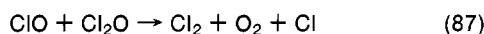
lates the temperature at the critical point of explosion to the partial pressure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . It is shown as eq 84, where  $P_m$  is expressed in mmHg, and  $T$  in K,  $A = 2500$  and  $B = -6.81$ . A similar relationship can be derived from the collision theory of gas reactions, giving  $A = 2250$ , in good agreement with experiment.

$$\log(P_m/T) = (A/T) + B \quad (84)$$

## C. Reactions with Inorganic Substances

### 1. Hydrogen Atoms

In his original investigation, Balard<sup>1</sup> found that no reaction occurred when  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2$  were mixed, but that the approach of a flame caused a violent explosion, which produced hydrochloric acid. The effect of hydrogen on the photolytic decomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (section VI.A.2) is to accelerate it and to cause the formation of  $\text{HCl}$ .<sup>106</sup> Under conditions where all the  $\text{Cl}_2$  is not converted into  $\text{HCl}$ , small quantities of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are also formed, in addition to the main products, which are  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ . These reactions have not been investigated in detail, but the mechanism described by eq 85–88 has been proposed, where  $\text{ClO}$  is still the main chain carrier. No termination reactions were suggested.

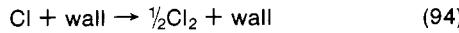
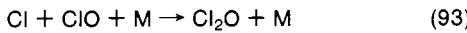
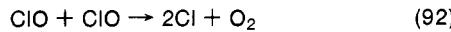


In the reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with atomic hydrogen, the formation of products has been followed by mass spectrometry<sup>135</sup> and infrared chemiluminescence.<sup>136,137</sup> The reaction is complex. If  $\text{H}$  is in excess,  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  predominate as major products with  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  appearing as only minor products. With  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in excess, after 100 msec,  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  are the main products, and smaller amounts of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HCl}$  are detected. With an excess of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , or an equimolar ratio, the formation of  $\text{HOCl}$  is observed, even at the shortest reaction time. Independent of the conditions used,  $1.11 \pm 0.1$  mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is consumed per atom of  $\text{H}$ . Molecular hydrogen is also consumed in smaller proportions. The primary step is conceived as a competition between reactions 89 and 90.



In this reaction,  $\text{HCl}$  is produced with a distribution of vibrational energy that is markedly lower than its thermochemical limit. The seeming anomaly can be attributed, in part, to the energy required for the reorganization of the  $\text{Cl}-\text{O}$  bond from  $1.70\ \text{\AA}$  in  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  to  $1.57\ \text{\AA}$  in  $\text{ClO}$ .<sup>137</sup>

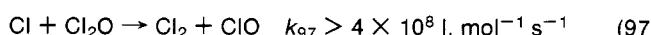
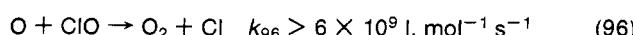
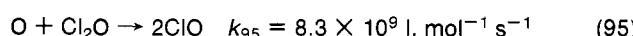
Following pulsed electric discharges in a mixture of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (0.5 mmHg) and  $\text{H}_2$  (5 mmHg), a laser emission of 50–100  $\mu\text{s}$ , with an output range of 3.6–4.0  $\mu$  was observed.<sup>138</sup> It was attributed to the chain reaction described by eq 89–94.



### 2. Other Atoms

Just as in the reactions with  $\text{H}$  atoms, or with  $\text{Cl}$  atoms during pyrolysis, or during chlorine- and bromine-sensitized photolysis, the production of the radical  $\text{ClO}$  has been found to be the most important primary process in the reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with atoms of  $\text{O}$ ,  $\text{N}$ , and alkali metals.

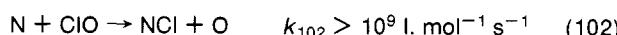
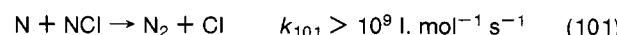
The reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with O atoms, in a fast-flow system at room temperature, has been monitored by mass spectrometry and appears to follow the scheme described by eq 95–99.<sup>67</sup>



Under the same conditions, when  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was reacted with N atoms,  $0.93 \pm 0.1$  mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was decomposed per mole of atoms of nitrogen.<sup>139</sup> The presence of relatively long-lived ClO radicals was observed, but neither NO nor NCl was detected. The mechanism for the reaction with nitrogen atoms is summarized by eq 100–102 followed by reactions 95–99.



$$k_{96} = (9.1 \pm 1.5) \times 10^8 \text{ l. mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

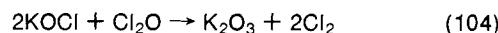


The matrix reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with alkali metal atoms at high dilution in argon leads to absorptions in the infrared region, which are attributed to the corresponding metal chloride, and to other absorption peaks attributed to ClO on the basis of frequency analysis, isotopic shift, and literature data.<sup>88</sup> The primary process can be described by eq 103, which can be considered to represent the most important process in the reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with atomic species, i.e., M = Li, Na, K, H, O, N, Cl, and Br.



### 3. Alkaline and Alkali Earth Hydroxides

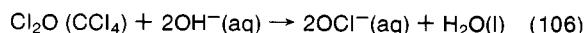
As the anhydride of hypochlorous acid, chlorine monoxide forms hypochlorites with alkaline and alkali earth metal hydroxides. By extracting a carbon tetrachloride solution of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with an aqueous suspension or solution of  $\text{M(OH)}_n$  (M = Li, Na, K, Sr, Ca, Ba), and evaporating the resulting extract in vacuo at 40–50 °C, the pure hypochlorite,  $\text{M(ClO)}_n$ , or one of its crystalline hydrates, can be obtained.<sup>140</sup> Li, Ca, Ba, and Sr hypochlorites are stable. Sodium hypochlorite shows some tendency to decompose on drying, while the potassium salt is even less stable and, during drying, is oxidized to the peroxide by any excess of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (eq 104).



Generally, the dry hypochlorites react with chlorine monoxide to form chlorates, according to eq 105.<sup>141</sup> The rate of chlorate formation decreases in the order Na > Ba > Sr > Li > Ca. After 8 h, the reaction is complete for NaOCl, but only 30% complete for  $\text{Sr}(\text{OCl})_2$ .



The heat of reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution with aqueous hydroxyl ions (eq 106) was determined<sup>142</sup> calorimetrically at 5, 10, 25, and 35 °C to give the thermodynamic properties shown as eq 107 and 108. By comparing  $\Delta G^\circ_{298}$ , computed according to eq 108 with data available in the literature, the integration constant was evaluated as  $I = 1.8874$ .



$$\Delta H^\circ_T = -80.86 + 0.3204T - 0.000420T^2 \quad (107)$$

$$\Delta G^\circ_T = -80.86 - 0.3204T \ln T + 0.000420T^2 + IT \quad (108)$$

### 4. Alkaline Hydrogen Peroxide

The heat of reaction of chlorine monoxide with basic aqueous solutions of hydrogen peroxide (eq 109), as determined<sup>63,143</sup> calorimetrically at 5, 10, 25, and 35 °C, gave the thermodynamic functions in eq 110 and 111. By computation of  $\Delta G^\circ_{298}$  from the free energies of formation of  $\text{HO}_2^- (\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^- (\text{aq})$ , and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4)$ , it was found that  $I = -0.1788$



$$\Delta H^\circ_T = -70.50 - 0.2677T + 0.000740T^2 \quad (110)$$

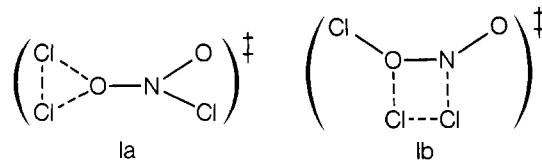
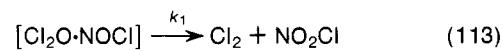
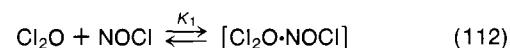
$$\Delta G^\circ_T = -70.50 + 0.2677T \ln T - 0.000740T^2 + IT^2 \quad (111)$$

### 5. Nitrogen Oxides

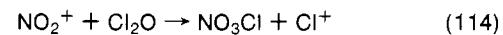
Table XVIII summarizes the reactions of chlorine monoxide with nitrogen dioxide and dinitrogen pentoxide in the gas phase, in solution in an inert solvent (1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane), and in the melt.<sup>81,144–148</sup> Nitrosyl chloride ( $\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$ ) and nitryl chloride ( $\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$ ) have been identified as the main products.

The ratio of the rate constants at 20 °C, for the same reaction in the gas phase and in solution, has been discussed in terms of both the collision theory and the transition state theory of chemical kinetics.<sup>147</sup>

The activation energy (−7500 kcal/mol) and the Arrhenius factor ( $1.46 \times 10^4 \text{ l. mol}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ ) for the reaction of chlorine monoxide with nitrosyl chloride in trichlorotrifluoroethane were both much lower than expected for a bimolecular reaction. Nevertheless, the values found were shown to be consistent with the reaction mechanism described by eq 112 and 113. Two structures, Ia and Ib, were proposed for the activated complex  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{NOCl}]$  shown in these equations, but the available evidence did not permit any definite assignment.



The reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{NO}_2$  in the melt (−25 °C) was interpreted as proceeding in two steps, the first being the formation of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ , which, in the second, further reacts with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  to form  $\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$ .<sup>146,149</sup> It has recently been proposed that the reaction of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is a nitration by  $\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{s}) \equiv \text{NO}_2^+ \text{NO}_3^-$ ) according to eq 114. This proposal was based on the observation that yields of  $\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$  obtained by nitration of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  by various  $\text{NO}_2\text{X}$  compounds decreases in the order  $\text{X} = \text{NO}_3^- > \text{BF}_4^- > \text{ClO}_4^- = \text{SO}_3\text{F}^-$ . This order is the same as the order of ionicity of the  $\text{NO}_2\text{X}$  bond.<sup>150</sup>



### 6. $\text{AsF}_5$ and $\text{SbF}_5$

Chlorine monoxide reacted with  $\text{AsF}_5$  to give a complex at −78 °C, which, at about −50 °C, eliminated chlorine to yield what was first believed to be an odd-electron molecule,  $\text{ClOAsF}_5$ .<sup>145</sup> It was later proven that the product was, in fact, the ionic compound  $\text{ClO}_2^+\text{AsF}_6^-$ ,<sup>151,152</sup> for which eq 115–118 give the postulated mechanism of formation.<sup>152</sup>

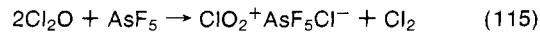


TABLE XVIII. Reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ 

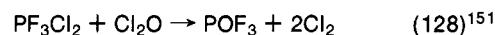
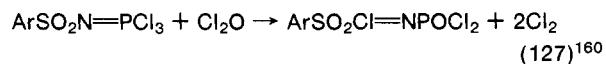
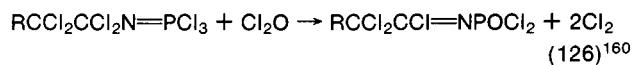
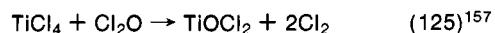
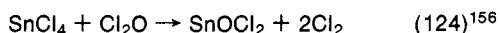
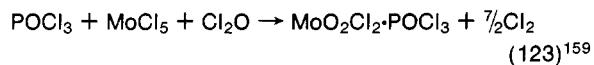
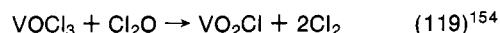
Reactions	Rate equation	Phase	Frequency factor, $\text{l. mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	Activation energy, kcal/mol	Ref
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + 2\text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3\text{Cl} + \text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$	$-\text{d}[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}] = k[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}][\text{NO}_2]$	Gas	$4.35 \times 10^7$	11.6	146
Mechanism					
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2\text{Cl} + \text{ClO}$		Solution			
$\text{NO}_2 + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$		(Freon 113)	$3.50 \times 10^7$	10.4	145
$2\text{NO}_2 + 2\text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_3\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}_2$		Melt			146
Mechanism		( $-25^\circ\text{C}$ )			149
$2\text{NO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{Cl}_2$					
$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$					
$2\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + 2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_3\text{Cl} + 2\text{NO}_2\text{Cl} + \text{O}_2$	$-\text{d}[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}]/\text{dt} = k[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$	Gas	$3.6 \times 10^{13}$	24.6	147
Mechanism					
$2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 \rightarrow 4\text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_2$		Solution			
$\text{NO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NO}_3\text{Cl} + \text{ClO}$					
$\text{NO}_2 + \text{ClO} \rightarrow \text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$					
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$		Melt			146, 149
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{NOCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$		Gas			147
	$-\text{d}[\text{NOCl}]/\text{dt} = k[\text{Cl}_2\text{O}][\text{NOCl}]$	Solution	$1.46 \times 10^4$	7.5	147
		(Freon 113)			148
$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{NOCl} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{NO}_2$		Melt			147



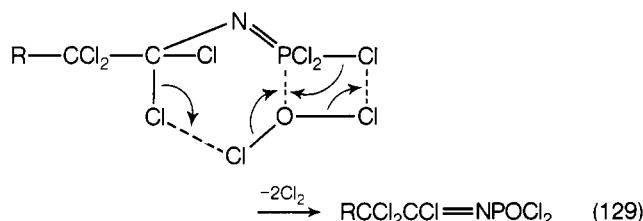
The reaction of  $\text{SbF}_5$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is also complicated. The main products identified were  $\text{ClO}_2\text{SbF}_6$ ,  $\text{SbOF}_3$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , and  $\text{ClO}_2\text{Sb}_3\text{F}_{16}$ .<sup>153</sup> Except for the last, the products formed are similar to those from  $\text{AsF}_5$ . Thus the reaction of  $\text{SbF}_5$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  can proceed by a mechanism similar to that in eq 115–118. However, the reaction is not specific to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , but general to all chlorine oxides;  $\text{ClO}_2\text{SbF}_6$  and  $\text{SbOF}_3$  are also formed when  $\text{SbISbF}_5$  is reacted with  $\text{ClO}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_6$ , and  $\text{ClO}_2\text{Sb}_{13}\text{F}_{16}$  is also formed during the reaction of  $\text{SbF}_5$  with  $\text{ClO}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$ . Hence, a more general scheme is required to rationalize these observations.

### 7. Metallic and Metalloidal Halides

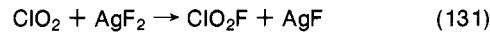
Metallic and metalloidal oxyhalides, which are often polymeric substances,<sup>154–159</sup> may be prepared by treating the corresponding halides with chlorine monoxide. In these reactions, 2 mol of chlorine is liberated for every mole of chlorine monoxide consumed. Reactions of this type are illustrated by eq 119–128. The reactions may be completed by the oxidation of the metal or metalloid to its highest oxidation state.



The mechanism of these reactions is not known in detail, but a cyclic intermediate (eq 129) has been postulated<sup>160</sup> for the trichlorophosphate compounds (eq 126 and 127).

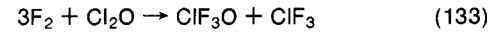
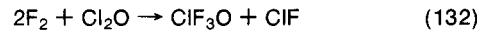


The reaction of silver difluoride with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  at  $65\text{--}70^\circ\text{C}$  has been reported as resembling the reactions of the chlorides.<sup>15</sup> However, since it is known that chlorine dioxide gives the same products on reaction with  $\text{AgF}_2$ , the mechanism in eq 130 and 131 has been proposed.



### 8. Fluorine

The reaction of chlorine monoxide with fluorine has been investigated as a route for the preparation of chlorine trifluoride oxide,  $\text{ClF}_3\text{O}$ .<sup>131</sup> It was found that alkali metal fluorides catalyzed the reactions described by eq 132 and 133.



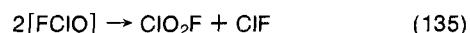
High yields (40–80%) of  $\text{ClF}_3\text{O}$  were obtained by reacting fluorine with liquid  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , in the presence of alkali metal fluorides, at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for several days in a stainless steel vessel passivated with  $\text{ClF}_3$ . When no catalyst is used or when  $\text{KF}$  or  $\text{NaF}$  are present as catalyst,  $\text{ClF}$  is the main product. When  $\text{CsF}$  or  $\text{RbF}$  are the catalysts,  $\text{ClF}_3$  is the favored product.

With a mixture of yellow mercuric oxide and chlorine, which is mainly  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  absorbed in mercuric salts, the presence of fluorine produces only a small yield of  $\text{ClOF}_3$ , while  $\text{ClF}_3$  and  $\text{ClO}_2\text{F}$

are the main products. Gaseous fluorine, except when activated in a glow discharge, does not react with solid  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , but then it does give a low yield (1–2%) of  $\text{ClF}_3\text{O}$ .

That less than theoretical yield of  $\text{ClF}_3\text{O}$  is obtained in its synthesis from  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  has been explained, at least in part, by a slow reaction which occurs between both compounds.<sup>161</sup> When an equimolar mixture of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{ClF}_3\text{O}$  was allowed to stand for 15 h at room temperature, only 88% of the starting compounds was recovered, and the presence of small quantities of  $\text{ClF}$  and  $\text{ClO}_2\text{F}$  was observed.

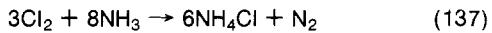
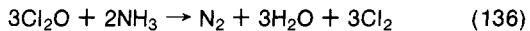
This result was explained by means of the reaction sequence 134–135, in which  $\text{FCIO}$  is an unstable intermediate.



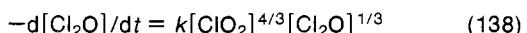
### 9. Miscellaneous

Chlorine monoxide and sulfur trioxide have been found to form an addition compound which was first described as  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}\cdot 4\text{SO}_2$ .<sup>162</sup> It was later discovered that  $\text{ClO}_2$  gives the same compound, whose formula was now given<sup>163</sup> as  $(\text{ClO})(\text{ClO}_2)\cdot \text{S}_3\text{O}_{10}$ .

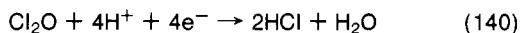
Mixtures of chlorine monoxide and ammonia explode violently, possibly by the reactions<sup>164</sup> shown in eq 136 and 137.



Chlorine monoxide appears to play a role in some of the reactions of chlorine dioxide and catalyzes its hydrolytic decomposition.<sup>165</sup> The catalytic effectiveness of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is characterized by a sharp maximum at  $0.2 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/l. of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . It has also been found to catalyze the thermal decomposition of gaseous  $\text{ClO}_2$  at 85 °C. Since the photolysis of  $\text{ClO}_2$  follows the same kinetic law as the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ -catalyzed thermolysis, it has been suggested<sup>166</sup> that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is an early product of the photolysis. This notion was later strengthened by the results of a study<sup>167</sup> of the stability of  $\text{ClO}_2$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution. However, it was found that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was slowly consumed, and the disappearance of  $\text{ClO}_2$  follows the kinetics shown in eq 138.



Electrochemical reduction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  can be achieved in 97 and 74% aqueous  $\text{HClO}_4$ , where it is not hydrolyzed and  $\text{HOCl}$  is dehydrated to  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>168</sup> The polarization curves for the Pt electrode, in these solutions, show an inflection at –1.70 V which is interpreted as resulting from the reduction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  according to eq 139 and 140.



When chlorine monoxide was first discovered, its reactivity toward various elements and compounds was tested.<sup>169–171</sup> Few details are available, but what little is known is summarized in Table XIX.

## D. Reactions with Organic Compounds

### 1. Saturated Compounds

The predominant reaction  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with organic compounds is chlorination, similar to that effected by chlorine, but differing significantly in that the by-product is not  $\text{HCl}$ , but water. Since the formation of a benign by-product may often be an advantage, it is surprising that the literature contains little evidence of efforts to develop chlorination by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  as an industrial process. In the USSR, the use of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  to produce chlorinated solvents, particularly carbon tetrachloride, has been found to give very good yields.<sup>172,173</sup> The procedure was conducted in two connected

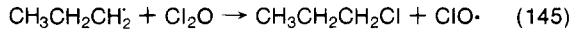
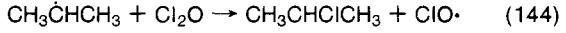
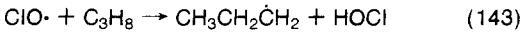
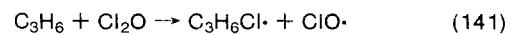
TABLE XIX. Miscellaneous Inorganic Reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$

Reactant	Nature of reaction	Products	Ref
Se	Violent		1
P	Violent	$\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , $\text{POCl}_3$	1
As	Violent	$\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ , $\text{AsCl}_3$	1
$\text{Br}_2$	Slow	$\text{CIBr}$ , $\text{ClO}_2$ , $\text{BrO}_2$	1, 169, 170
$\text{I}_2$	Slow	$\text{ClI}$ , $\text{I}_2\text{O}_5$ , $\text{IOCl}_3$	1, 169, 170
S	Violent	$\text{SO}_2$ , $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$	1
S (soln in $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )	Slow	$\text{SOCl}_2$	171
$\text{CS}_2$	Violent	$\text{SOCl}_2$ , CO $\text{Cl}$ , $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , $\text{SO}_2$	1
$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	Violent		1
C	Violent	$\text{O}_2$ , $\text{Cl}_2$ , $\text{CO}_2$	1
$(\text{CN})_2$	Slow	$\text{CO}_2$ , $\text{N}_2$ , $\text{CNCI}$	1
$\text{PH}_3$	Violent		1
CO		$\text{COCl}_2$ , $\text{CO}_2$	1
HCl		$\text{Cl}_2$ , $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1
Hg	Slow	$(\text{HgO})_n$ , $\text{HgCl}_2$	1
Ag	Slow	$\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{Cl}_2$	1
S Ba			
S Sn	Violent	$\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$	1
S Hg			
$\text{CaCl}_2$ (moist)	Slow	$\text{Ca}(\text{ClO})_2$ , $\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$	1

steps, of which the first was the preparation of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  by passing a mixture of chlorine and methane, at 20 °C, through a column containing  $\text{HgO}$  on pumice particles.<sup>10</sup> The emerging mixture, which contained methane (acting here as an inert diluting gas),  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , some unconverted  $\text{Cl}_2$ , and possibly some chlorinated methane, was then passed through a U-tube reactor, filled with an inert material and heated at high temperature. By this procedure, an initial mixture of 1 vol of  $\text{CH}_4$  to 4 vol of  $\text{Cl}_2$ , reacting in the U-tube at 350 °C, gave quantitative conversion of the methane into  $\text{CCl}_4$ . At lower concentrations of chlorine, or lower temperatures, the chlorinated products were mixtures of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and  $\text{CCl}_4$  in various proportions.

The gas-phase chlorination of propane by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , at 100 °C, has been found to yield only 1- and 2-chloropropane (7:1 molar ratio) and hypochlorous acid.<sup>174</sup> Although the presence of oxygen, as a product of the straight pyrolysis of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , might be predicted, none was detected. The mechanism proposed for the chlorination was a free-radical chain reaction, with  $\text{ClO}\cdot$  as the main chain carrier, and the unimolecular decomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  as the initiation step.

Later, however, the activation energy of the reaction was measured<sup>175</sup> as 11 kcal/mol, considerably lower than the 36 kcal/mol required for the homogeneous unimolecular decomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . Hence it was necessary to postulate another initiation step. The new proposal<sup>175</sup> was based on the presence of propene ( $\approx 0.1\%$ ) as an impurity in the propane used in these experiments. The propene would react as in eq 141 to initiate the formation of the chain-carrying (eq 142–145)  $\text{ClO}\cdot$  radicals. From this hypothesis, the overall rate of the reaction was calculated as  $10^{-7.1} \text{ mol l}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 100°, in good agreement with the observed rate of  $10^{-6.9}$ .

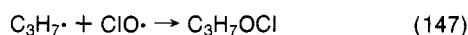


The absence of the products of conceivable reactions constituting chain termination (eq 146–148) tends to confirm the

TABLE XX. Reactions of Unsaturated Compounds with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ 

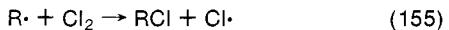
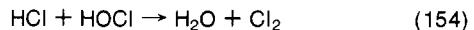
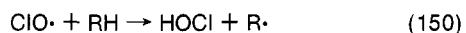
Reactant	Reagent	Products	Ref
$\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CHCl}$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4)$	$\text{Cl}_3\text{CCHCl}_2 + \text{Cl}_3\text{CCHO} + (\text{Cl}_3\text{CCHCl})_2\text{O}$	177
$\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4)$	$\text{Cl}_3\text{CCCCl}_3 + \text{Cl}_3\text{CCHO} (?)$	177
	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4)$		177
	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4)$		177
$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{CF}=\text{CF}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{Cl}_2 (\text{CCl}_4)$	$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{CFCICOF} + \text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{CFCICF}_2\text{Cl}$	178
$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{CF}=\text{CF}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{CCl}_4) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{CFCICOOH}$	178
$\text{CFCI}=\text{CFCI}$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} (\text{H}_2\text{O})$	$(\text{CFCIH})_2 + \text{CHF}_2\text{COOH}$	178
$\text{CF}_2=\text{FCFCI}$	$\text{Cl}_2\text{O} + \text{Cl}_2 (\text{CCl}_4)$	$\text{CF}_2\text{COF}$	178

large chain length ( $\approx 10^4$ ) suggested by the kinetics of the gas-phase chlorination.



Dissolved in  $\text{CCl}_4$ , each mole of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  will produce nearly 2 mol of chlorinated products and 1 mol of water (with a small amount of  $\text{HCl}$  accounting for the balance of the chlorine atoms) from various saturated compounds, such as 1-chlorobutane, 1-chloropropane, and *n*-butyronitrile.<sup>23</sup> When the reaction is conducted in the dark, there is a very long induction period. It is lengthened by the presence of oxygen or a decrease in temperature and shortened by exposure to light or addition of  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN). These observations suggest that the reaction in the dark is initiated by a slow thermal decomposition of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (eq 149).

Another significant aspect of the liquid-phase chlorination is the selectivity exhibited by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in abstracting hydrogen; the ratio is 1:11:24 for primary:secondary:tertiary. Thus,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is more selective than  $\text{Cl}_2$  (1:3.9:5.1), but less selective than *tert*-butyl hypochlorite (1:8:44). However, in various stages of the reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , changes occur in the product distribution and are such as to indicate an initial buildup of HOCl, with concomitant formation of products in a ratio indicative of the action of  $\text{ClO}$  radicals, followed by a decrease, accompanied by a less selective formation of chlorinated products, which indicates the action of Cl radicals. The mechanism proposed for chlorination in the liquid phase was accordingly proposed as a mixed radical chain (eq 149–155).

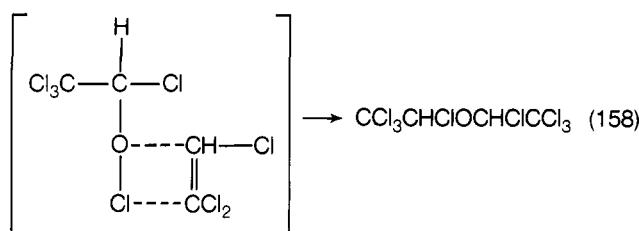
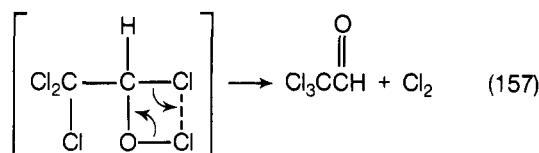
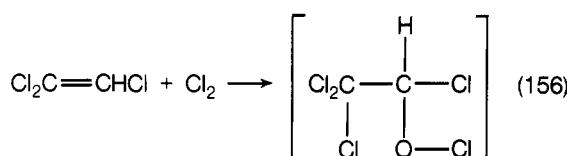


## 2. Unsaturated Compounds

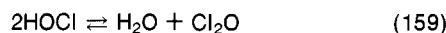
Benzene was the first organic compound whose reaction with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was investigated in any degree of detail.<sup>176</sup> It was reported to yield  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -benzene hexachlorides, and oxygen-containing compounds of the general formula  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_4\text{O}$ ; 2,4,6-trichlorophenol was identified as a minor product. Since 1900 there has been no published description of any attempt to repeat this reaction and confirm its results.

Research on the reactions of other unsaturated compounds

has also been limited. The known results<sup>177,178</sup> are summarized in Table XX and accounted for by the speculative mechanism<sup>177</sup> (using trichloroethylene as an illustration) in which the chlorine monoxide first adds to the double bond (eq 156) and then either chlorine is split off leaving a carbonyl group (eq 157) or another molecule of olefin is added to yield an ether (eq 158).



It should be pointed out here that the rate of addition of HOCl to olefins has been found to be second order with respect to  $[\text{HOCl}]$ .<sup>179</sup> Therefore it was suggested that the rate-determining step was the dehydration of HOCl (eq 159), and that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  is the active species in the chlorination.



## 3. Phenols and Aryl Ethers

Table XXI shows the yields of products identified from the reaction of phenol, anisole, *o*- and *p*-cresol, respectively, with 0.5 mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>180</sup> The reactions were conducted in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solutions kept in the dark.

From the reaction of phenol, the ratio of *o*:*p*-chlorophenols produced, 2.9:1, is practically the same as that (2.8:1) obtained from the reaction with chlorine in carbon tetrachloride. This similarity was taken to indicate that chlorination with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  might follow a free-radical mechanism. The hypothesis was further reinforced by the isolation of *o*,*o*'-diresol derivatives (I–III) and 2-chloro-4a,9b-dihydro-8,9b-dimethyl-3(4*H*)-dibenzofuranone (IV; a Pummerer's ketone) from the reaction with *p*-cresol, since these products are typical of those obtained from free-radical coupling reactions of phenols.<sup>181</sup>

When solutions ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) of *p*-cresol and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  were mixed, an

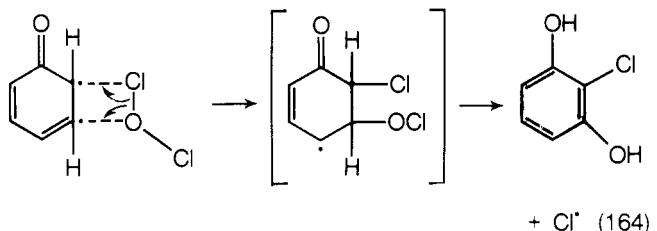
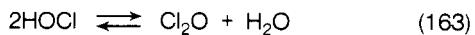
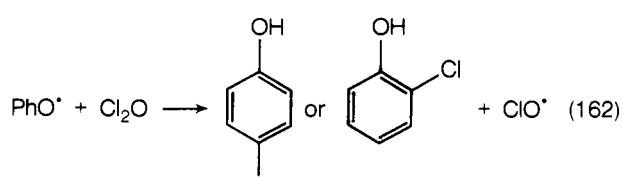
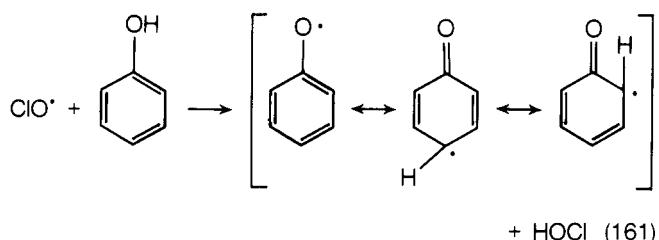
TABLE XXI. Reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with Phenols and Aromatic Ethers

REACTANT	PRODUCTS							OTHER PRODUCTS
	UNREACTIONED							
$R_1 = H$ $R_2 = H$ $R_4 = H$	O	21.9	64.5	4.7	0.05	0.2	—	—
$R_1 = H$ $R_2 = H$ $R_4 = \text{CH}_3$	20	—	46	—	TRACES	0.35	—	 1 %  0.27 %  IV : 1.5 %    I : X=Y=H : 0.25 % II : X=Y=Cl : 1.5 % III : X=H, Y=Cl : 4 %
$R_1 = H$ $R_2 = \text{CH}_3$ $R_4 = H$	8.2	22	55	4	—	0.4	—	—
$R_1 = \text{CH}_3$ $R_2 = H$ $R_4 = H$	24	41.2	20.1	TRACES	TRACES	0.05	0.1	 0.2 %  0.7 %  0.5 %

electron spin resonance signal was observed. Failure to detect free-radical signals from the reactions of phenol, *o*-cresol, and anisole was attributed to the short lifetime of the postulated free-radical intermediates.

Color changes observed when diphenylpicrylhydrazyl (DPPH) was present in the reaction mixtures also suggested that free-radical intermediates played a role in the reaction.

Taken together, all this evidence suggested a free-radical mechanism (eq 160–163), akin to the one proposed for alkanes. The formation of hydroxylated products was accounted for by a reaction such as in eq 164.



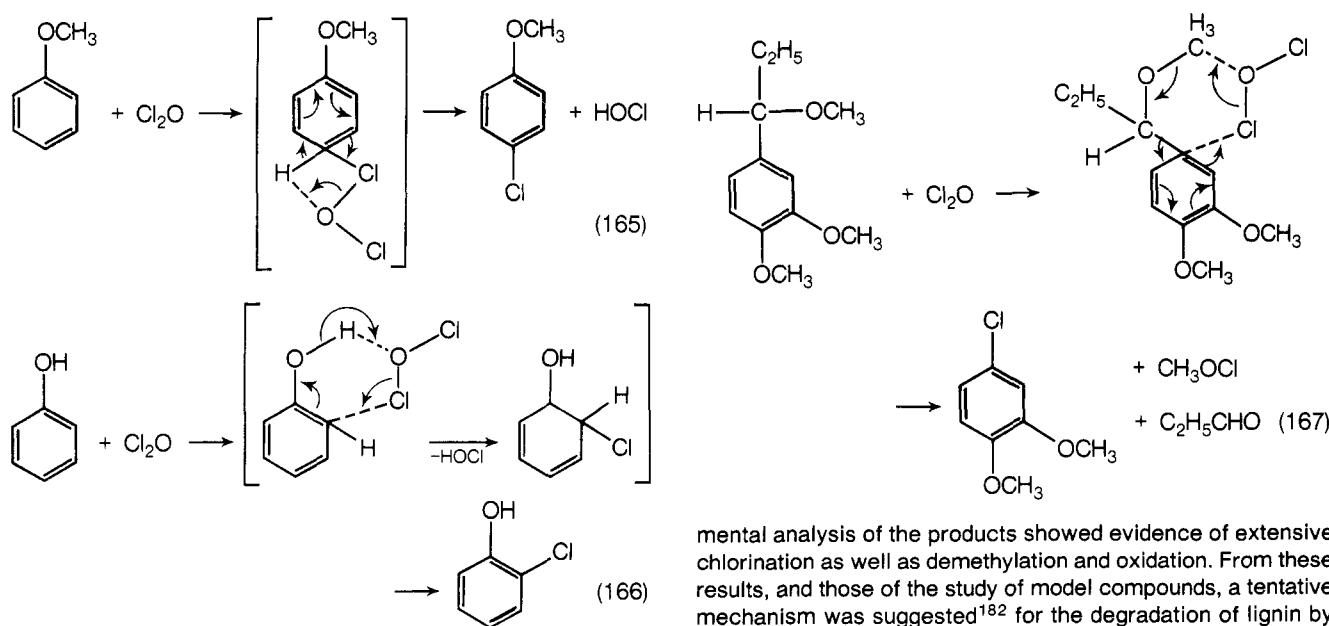
Later, the free-radical mechanism was seriously questioned.<sup>182</sup> Contrary evidence included the observation that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  reacts with DPPH, which is therefore not a good indicator of free radicals in the presence of this reagent. Moreover, the reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with chlorobenzene was not accelerated by the addition of a free-radical initiator (AIBN) or retarded by the presence of a free-radical scavenger ( $\text{O}_2$ ). It was also observed that the rate of chlorination increased with the polarity of the solvent used and a large increase in the rate occurred when 5% trichloroacetic acid was added. Therefore, in place of the free-radical mechanism, an alternative was proposed, in which a polarized  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  molecule attacked the aromatic ring. Equation 165 shows the mechanism as applied to anisole. Preponderance of the ortho chlorination of phenol by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  can be explained by the mechanism in eq 166.

As noted in section I, chlorine monoxide has recently been found to be an effective agent for the bleaching of wood pulps.<sup>6,7</sup> Accordingly, Table XXII presents the main results of reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with several compounds representing characteristic reactive units in the lignin macromolecule. As the table shows, a significant fraction of products come from displacement of the side chain, R, as might occur by the mechanism in eq 167.

When insoluble lignin, isolated from wood by dissolution of the polysaccharides through periodate oxidation, was subjected

TABLE XXII. Reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with Lignin Model Compounds

REACTANT	PRODUCTS								
	UNREACTIONED								OTHER PRODUCTS
$R = \text{CHO}$ $R' = \text{H}$	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$R = \text{CHO}$ $R' = \text{CH}_3$	48	3.0	6.8	3.3	—	1.2	—	—	37.7 % 
$R = \text{CHOH-C}_2\text{H}_5$ $R' = \text{H}$	—	3	4	—	20	3	2	TRACES	0.7
$R = \text{CH(OCH}_3\text{)-C}_2\text{H}_5$ $R' = \text{H}$	—	15-20	10	—	—	8-10	—	—	—
$R = \text{CHOH-C}_2\text{H}_5$ $R' = \text{CH}_3$	—	—	20-30	—	—	8-10	TRACES	TRACES	—
$R = \text{CH(OCH}_3\text{)-C}_2\text{H}_5$ $R' = \text{CH}_3$	—	—	II	—	TRACES	5	3.7	2.4	—
$R = \text{CHOH-CH-CH}_2\text{OH}$ 	—	—	—	—	R' = H: TRACES 10-15 R' = CH <sub>3</sub> : 30-35	R' = H: 15-20	R' = H: 10	—	—



to the action of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$  solution, the presence of moisture (10% on lignin) was found essential for obtaining a solubilizing, degradative reaction, such as occurs in bleaching. At least 3 mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  was required per mole of lignin building block in order to ensure complete solubility of the treated lignin in dioxane. Gel permeation chromatography of the solubilized lignin showed two main fractions: one, at molecular weights narrowly distributed around 500, was interpreted as representing dimers and trimers of phenylpropane units; the other fraction was of a higher molecular weight, with its distribution centered around 5000. Ele-

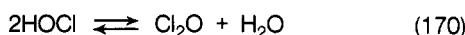
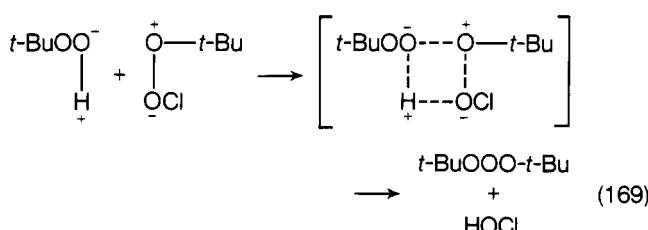
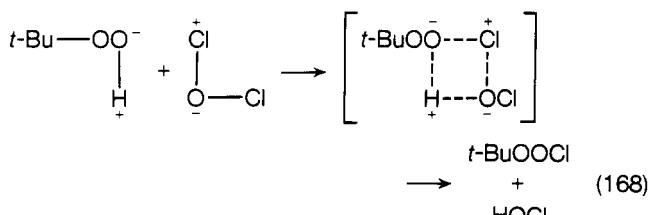
mental analysis of the products showed evidence of extensive chlorination as well as demethylation and oxidation. From these results, and those of the study of model compounds, a tentative mechanism was suggested<sup>182</sup> for the degradation of lignin by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ .

#### 4. Miscellaneous

One other reaction of an aromatic compound, *N,N*-dimethylaniline, has been reported in the literature,<sup>183</sup> but few details were given. Products isolated included 50.5 mol % of unreacted starting material, 18.9 mol % of 2-chloro-*N,N*-dimethylaniline, 3.2 mol % of 4-chloro-*N,N*-dimethylaniline, and 1.2 mol % of 2,4-dichloro-*N,N*-dimethylaniline. This selectivity was comparable to that obtained by treating the same starting material with *tert*-butyl hypochlorite.

Other reactions of chlorine monoxide examined only superficially were those with acetone and ethyl acetoacetate, which yielded 1-chloro-2-propanone and  $\alpha$ -chloroethyl acetoacetate, respectively.<sup>177</sup>

The reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide, in  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  solution at 0 °C, is characterized by an instantaneous liberation of oxygen.<sup>184</sup> At reaction temperatures below -30 °C, no oxygen is evolved at all. Since NMR spectroscopy at low temperature permitted the identification of *tert*-butylperoxy hypochlorite (*t*-BuOOCl) and di-*tert*-butyl trioxide (*t*-BuOO*t*-Bu) as the main products, the reactions were formulated as in eq 168-170.



Initiation of the polymerization of methyl acrylate by the reaction mixture, as well as trapping experiments with an antioxidant, suggested that oxygen evolution proceeds via a peroxy radical whose formation is induced by di-*tert*-butyl trioxide.

## VII. Addendum

Several pertinent articles and patents have appeared since this review was originally completed. One patent<sup>185</sup> deals with an improvement in the sodium carbonate method for generating  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  gas. It claims that yields of over 90% were obtained by passing mixtures of chlorine and moist air, at room temperature and atmospheric pressure, over a highly porous form of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  prepared by calcining pulverized  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  at 150–400 °C.

It is encouraging to note that another patent,<sup>186</sup> as well as recent journal articles, describes reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with organic compounds, a subject largely neglected in the past. The patent describes a process for making 1,1,1-trichloroethane by means of the anhydrous reaction, in the liquid phase, in the dark, and at temperatures ranging from -20 to about 80 °C, of chloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, or a mixture of both with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ . Ethyl iodide, however, on treatment with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , was found<sup>187</sup> to yield a complex mixture of ethyl chloride, diethyl ether, and ethyl acetate.

The reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  with cyclohexene has been reinvestigated,<sup>188</sup> and, with the advantage of modern methods of analysis, nine products were detected, of which only two had been isolated in the previous investigation.<sup>177</sup> The main products have now been identified as 3-chlorocyclohexene (yield: 0.79 mol/mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ) and *trans*-2-chlorocyclohexanol (0.53 mol/mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ). Neither of these was reported as a product in the 1925 work, but the compound then assigned the postulated structure of chloroepoxycyclohexene may have been an artifact formed in the distillation of either the *trans*-2-chlorocyclohexanol or of the intermediate 2-chlorocyclohexyl hypochlorite. The mechanism proposed to account for the formation of nine products suggests that  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  adds directly to the olefin to yield *trans*-2-chlorocyc-

clohexyl hypochlorite, and simultaneously undergoes homolysis induced by the olefin, with which the free radicals then form addition and substitution products. Although the experimental evidence indicates that a free-radical mechanism predominates, ionic addition reactions cannot be ruled out for two of the products, the major product 3-chlorocyclohexene and the lesser product *trans*-1,2-dichlorocyclohexane (0.082 mol/mol of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ).

The potential of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  as a bleaching agent for wood pulp has recently been confirmed.<sup>189</sup>

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