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 $H(^{2}S) + CH(X^{2}\Pi) \rightarrow C(^{3}P) + H_{2}(X^{1}\Sigma_{g})$

Thermodynamic Data

 $\Delta H^{\circ}_{298} = -97.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} (1)$

Rate Coefficient Data k

k/cm^3 molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	<i>T /</i> K	Reference	Ref
Rate Coefficient Measurements			
	298 297 1500-2500	Grebe and Homann 1982 Becker <i>et al.</i> , 1989 Dean <i>et al.</i> , 1991	(2) (3) (4)
Theory k = $1.24 \times 10^{-10} \times (T/300)^{0.26}$	50-500K	Rob van Harrevelt et al, 2002	(5)



The reactants correlate with two singlet and two triplet surfaces ^{1,3}(A'+A") and products with three triplet surfaces ³(2A'+A"). Moreover ab-initio calculations (5) show no barrier for CH₂ formation only for ³A", ¹A' and ¹A" surfaces. There is then a 3/8 electronic degeneracy factor. Quasiclassical calculations (5) show that most collisions (\approx 80%) are nonreactive, because of a too-weak excitation of the CH vibration after a H–CH collision with H approaching CH with HCH angles larger than 60 deg leading to a smaller value than capture rate theory.

There are few scattered measurements for this reaction. Two are direct measurements of the

global rate coefficient near 300 K and one is an indirect measurement, a priori less reliable, at higher temperature. There are also various theoretical studies, the latest one by Rob van Harrevelt et al (5) being very complete. Their calculated rate constant is in agreement with the indirect measurement by Dean et al (4) but not with the, a priori, more precise direct measurement by Becker et al (3). Becker et al. used micro wave dissociation to produce H atoms from H₂ molecules and determine H atoms concentrations with the $H + NO_2$ reaction. As CH radical reacts with the H₂ molecule, this is a quite delicate system. We propose a preferred value issue from the calculated values with a uniform error distribution to take in account the experimental data.

Preferred Values

 $k(T) = 1.24 \times 10^{-10} \times (T/300)^{0.26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Reliability F(10-500K) = 3 (g=14)

(g defined byF(T)=F(298)*exp(-g(1/T-1/298)) with uniform distribution (constant probability to found k between 6×10^{-11} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹ and 2×10^{-10} cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹) The theoretical calculations have been performed only down to 50 K in the article but have been performed down to 10 K by the authors for this datasheet (personal communication)

Comments on Preferred Values

As there are few measurements, the reliability of this rate constant is quite low.

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