

A High Temperature Experimental and Theoretical Study of the Unimolecular Dissociation of 1,3,5-Trioxane

Awad B.S. Alquaity¹, Binod Raj Giri^{1*}, John M. H. Lo², Aamir Farooq^{1*}

¹Clean Combustion Research Center, Division of Physical Sciences and Engineering,
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Thuwal, 23955-6900, Saudi Arabia

²Department of Chemistry, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB T2L 2K8, Canada

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Table IS: Rotational constants (A , B , and C) and harmonic frequencies (ν_i) of the stationary points calculated at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory.

Species	A, B, C (cm^{-1})	ν_i (cm^{-1})
1,3,5-Trioxane	0.175543 0.175543 0.097382	290, 290, 454, 532, 532, 757, 933, 946, 946, 982, 1078, 1078, 1184, 1184, 1243, 1249, 1328, 1328, 1402, 1441, 1441, 1507, 1507, 1523, 2926, 2926, 2943, 3133, 3133, 3136
TS	0.141915 0.141899 0.078413	439i, 199, 200, 279, 279, 337, 449, 449, 517, 861, 897, 897, 1131, 1222, 1223, 1236, 1236, 1246, 1419, 1456, 1456, 1585, 1625, 1625, 2959, 2960, 2960, 3086, 3086, 3088
CH ₂ O	9.514482 1.305073 1.147653	1203, 1268, 1536, 1824, 2877, 2931

Table IIS: Rotational constants (A , B , and C) and harmonic frequencies (ν_i) of the stationary points calculated at the MP2/cc-pVTZ level of theory.

Species	A, B, C (cm ⁻¹)	ν_i (cm ⁻¹)
1,3,5-Trioxane	0.177047 0.177047 0.098673	307, 307, 481, 532, 532, 761, 979, 979, 1000, 1005, 1096, 1096, 1211, 1211, 1255, 1268, 1348, 1348, 1416, 1454, 1454, 1522, 1522, 1540, 2993, 2993, 3005, 3202, 3202, 3205
TS	0.143419 0.143418 0.079685	535i, 211, 211, 284, 284, 359, 455, 455, 510, 870, 915, 915, 1148, 1242, 1242, 1256, 1256, 1267, 1453, 1485, 1485, 1616, 1660, 1660, 3002, 3003, 3003, 3151, 3151, 3152
CH ₂ O	9.514482 1.305073 1.147653	1209, 1280, 1553, 1772, 2970, 3043

Table IIIS: Rotational constants (A , B , and C) and harmonic frequencies (ν_i) of stationary points calculated at the CBS-QB3 level of theory.

Species	A, B, C (cm^{-1})	ν_i (cm^{-1})
1,3,5-Trioxane	0.175199 0.175199 0.097237	293, 293, 457, 532, 532, 760, 935, 949, 949, 981, 1078, 1078, 1186, 1186, 1243, 1252, 1332, 1332, 1402, 1447, 1447, 1504, 1504, 1520, 2921, 2921, 2940, 3143, 3143, 3146
TS	No convergence	
CH ₂ O	9.485972 1.301575 1.144533	1202, 1270, 1539, 1827, 2869, 2918

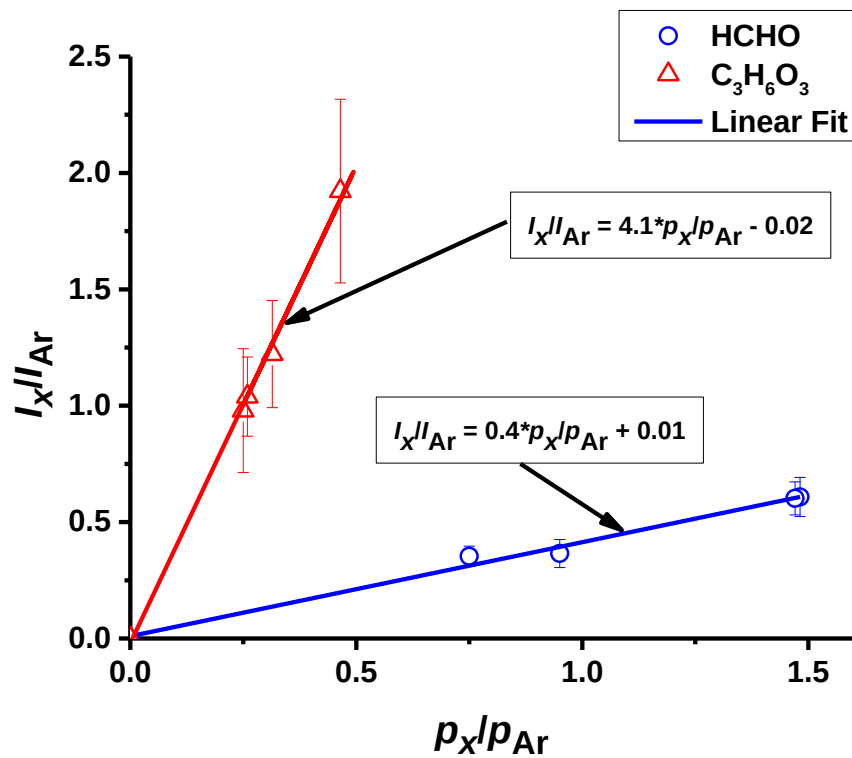


Figure IS: Calibration curves for 1,3,5 trioxane (Δ) and formaldehyde ($\circ$) from ST/TOF-MS measurements. These experiments were carried out around $T_5 = 600$ K (trioxane) or 1200 K (formaldehyde) and $p_5 \approx 900$ Torr.

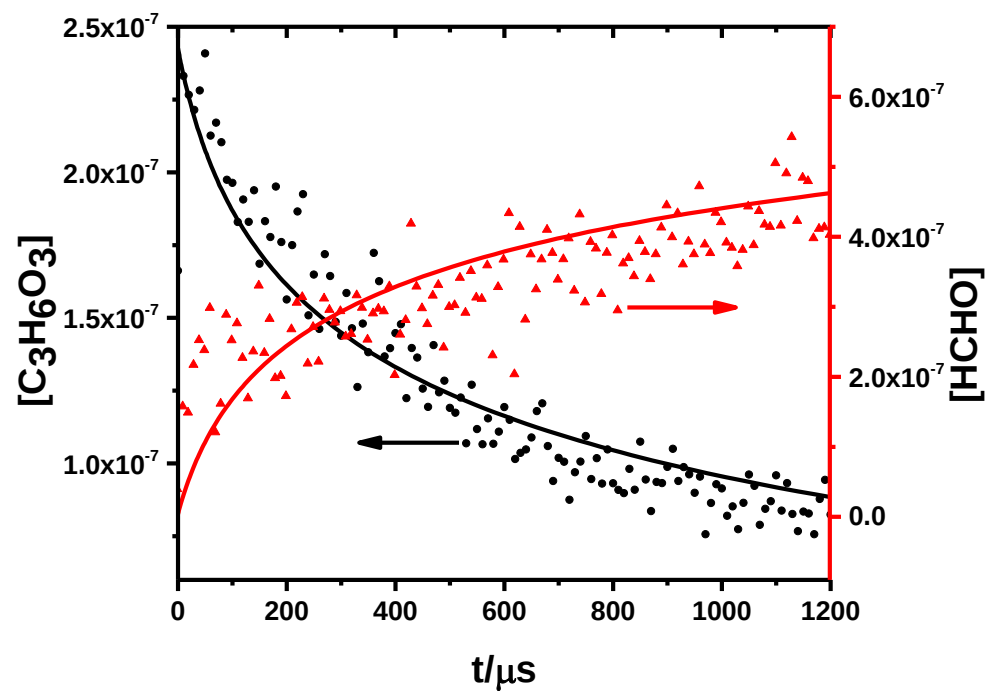


Figure IIS: Concentration-time-profiles measured at $p_5 = 1065$ torr, $T_5 = 911$ K; mixture composition: $[\text{Ar}] = 5.04 \times 10^{-7}$ mol/cm³, $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3] = 2.25 \times 10^{-7}$ mol/cm³, $[\text{Ne}] = 1.80 \times 10^{-5}$ mol/cm³. Solid lines represent the best fit from kinetic simulation.