

The Influence of Nitrogen Oxides on the Atmospheric Ozone Content

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Paul Jozef Crutzen



<http://nobelprize.org...>

Personal

- Born December, 3, 1933 in Amsterdam Holland
- Married, two children

Academic Studies

- Civil Engineering, 1951–1954, Amsterdam, Holland.
- Academic Studies and Research Activities 1959–1973 at the University of Stockholm, Sweden.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1995

"for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone"



Paul Jozef Crutzen
*1933
the Netherlands



Mario José Molina
*1943 (Mexico City)
USA



F. S. Rowland
*1927
USA

Balance of O₃

Odd Oxygen

- balance between atomic oxygen and ozone
- reaction is too slow to balance the O₃
- Equation: (5), (7), (8)

OH and HO₂

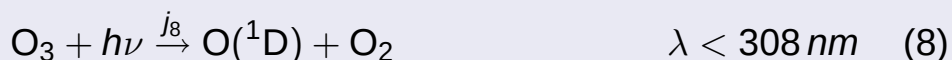
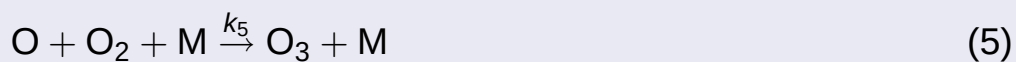
- destruction of ozone by OH or HO₂
- this hypothesis does not explain the ozone observation
- Equation: (14), HO₂ + O₃ not used (very speculative)

Odd Nitrogen (NO and NO₂)

- direct controlling effect on the ozone ⇒ controlling the ozone production rates
- Equation: (1), (2), (3)

Odd Oxygen

Reactions



Rate Constants

$$k_5 = 8 \cdot 10^{-35} e^{(445/T)} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{# s}}$$

$$j_7 = ?$$

$$j_8 = ?$$

$$k_5 : k_0^{300} = 6.0 \cdot 10^{-34}, n = 2.4$$

$$j_7 = ?$$

$$j_{8\infty} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

left: [Crutzen, 1970], right: [Sander, 2006] & [Brasseur & Solomon]

OH and HO₂

Reactions



Rate Constants

$$k_{14} = 10^{-13} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

k_{31} : not used

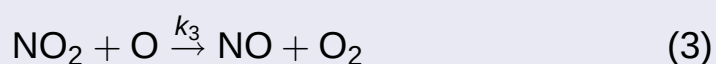
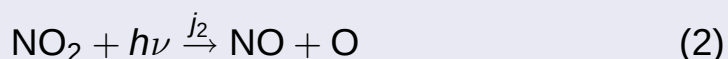
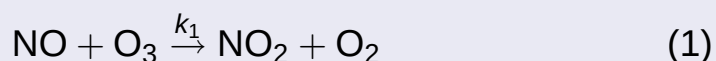
$$k_{14} = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-12} \exp(-940/T) \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$k_{31} = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-14} \exp(-490/T) \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

left: [Crutzen, 1970], right: [Sander, 2006]

Odd Nitrogen (NO and NO₂)

Reactions



Rate Constants

$$k_1 = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{-1310/T} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$j_2 = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

$$k_3 = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{-530/T} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$k_1 = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{-1500/T} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$j_2 = 1 \cdot 10^{-2} \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

$$k_3 = 5.1 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{210/T} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}$$

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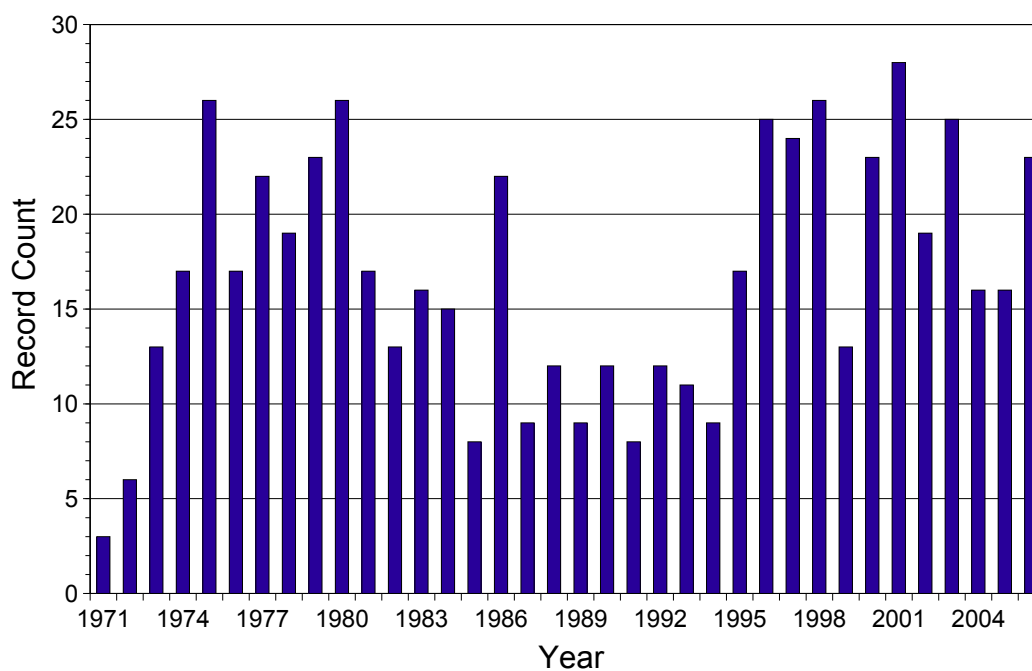
Change of Odd Oxygen (O and O₃)

Time Rate

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt}[\text{O}_x] = & + \underbrace{2j_4[\text{O}_2]}_P \\
 & - \underbrace{2k_3[\text{O}][\text{NO}_2]}_{D_1} \\
 & - \underbrace{\{(k_{11}[\text{O}] + k_{14}[\text{O}_3])[\text{OH}] + k_{13}[\text{O}][\text{HO}_2]\}}_{D_2} \\
 & - \underbrace{2k_6[\text{O}][\text{O}_3]}_{D_3}
 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

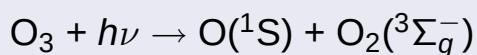
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Discussion

- Nitrogen oxides are of great importance in ozone photochemistry
- Observations of the nitrogen oxides in the stratosphere
- Sources of N₂O
- Photodissociation products of N₂O
- Most of the NO and NO₂ is produced at very high levels, influence by solar cycle?
- What products are formed in the photolysis of ozone below 234 nm?



List of figures I



Portraits of P. J. Crutzen, M. J. Molina and F. S. Rowland

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