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An elementary reaction based kinetic model provides mechanistic insight into the reaction mechanisms induced by both hydroxyl and chlorine radicals and can be used as a comprehensive predictive model for any other compounds in the application of aqueous-phase ultraviolet combined with free chlorine advanced oxidation process for direct potable reuse of reclaimed wastewater.

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22 **Abstract**

23 An emerging advanced oxidation process uses ultraviolet light and free chlorine to
24 produce active hydroxyl radicals and chlorine-derived radicals to degrade a variety of
25 organic compounds in water. The use of free chlorine and reactivity of chlorine-derived
26 radicals with many organic compounds have raised concerns about the potential
27 formation of toxic degradation byproducts, e.g., chlorinated byproducts. An elementary
28 reaction-based kinetic model is an attractive and promising approach to predict the
29 degradation of a target organic compound and its degradation products and to provide
30 mechanistic insight into the reaction mechanisms. We developed a UV/free chlorine
31 elementary reaction-based kinetic model for a test compound, acetone, and its
32 transformation products. The elementary reaction pathways were predicted by quantum
33 mechanical calculations, and the reaction rate constants were predicted using previously
34 developed linear free energy relationships. Ordinary differential equations were generated
35 and numerically solved to obtain the time-dependent concentration profiles of acetone
36 and its transformation products. Our experimental results were used to validate the
37 model.

38 Introduction

39 Ultraviolet (UV) light combined with free chlorine (UV/free chlorine) is an
40 emerging advanced oxidation process (AOP) that produces active hydroxyl radicals
41 (HO^\bullet) and chlorine radicals (Cl^\bullet) to degrade a variety of organic compounds in water [1-
42 3]. The UV/free chlorine AOP is an attractive alternative to conventional UV or
43 chlorination disinfection techniques because of the potential to degrade organic
44 compounds via active radicals and the use of residual free chlorine as a secondary
45 disinfectant [4,5]. The UV/free chlorine AOP has recently been shown to degrade some
46 target organic compounds more efficiently than the UV/hydrogen peroxide AOP due to:
47 (1) the larger molar absorptivity of HOCl/OCl^- ($\epsilon_{\text{HOCl}}=59 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{OCl}^-}=66 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ at
48 253.7 nm) [6,7] and (2) the contribution of chlorine-derived radicals (i.e., Cl^\bullet : 2.34 V
49 versus SHE; $\text{Cl}_2^{\bullet-}$: 2.13 V; ClO^\bullet : 2.39 V) [8] to organic compound degradation. For
50 example, UV/free chlorine AOP has been considered as an alternative AOP after RO in
51 wastewater reclamation processes for potable reuse of treated wastewater aiming to
52 degrade low molecular weight neutral trace organic compounds that may be present in
53 the RO permeate. UV/free chlorine does not require the quenching of hydrogen peroxide
54 residue in the current practice of UV/hydrogen peroxide AOP because free chlorine can
55 be used as secondary disinfectant.

56 The use of free chlorine and the reactivity of chlorine-derived radicals with many
57 organic compounds in UV/free chlorine AOP results in the potential formation of toxic
58 degradation byproducts, such as chlorinated byproducts [9,10]. Consequently,
59 experimental investigations on the formation of chlorinated byproducts from some
60 organic compounds have become an active research area. Because a number of organic
61 compounds are used and commercially produced [11], a kinetic model that predicts the
62 fate of these degradation products is needed to preliminarily screen organic compounds
63 and AOP designs.

64 An elementary reaction pathway-based kinetic model is an attractive and
65 promising model that predicts the degradation of a target organic compound and the
66 degradation products and provides mechanistic insight into the reaction mechanisms [12].
67 Many experiment-based kinetic models have been developed for UV/hydrogen peroxide
68 AOPs based on experimentally identified reaction pathways, and the rate constants were
69 determined by fitting the experimentally determined concentration profiles [13,14].
70 However, this type of kinetic model often simplifies the reaction pathways and fails to
71 predict the degradation products of other compounds. In contrast, an elementary reaction
72 pathway-based kinetic model contains all possible elementary reactions and can
73 comprehensively predict the degradation pathways of organic compounds [12]. This is
74 particularly important for the UV/free chlorine AOP because chlorine-derived radicals

75 are very selective and produce different products depending on the elementary reaction
76 pathways [15]. For example, Cl^\bullet reacts by abstracting a hydrogen (H) atom from a C-H
77 bond and reacts with an alcohol functional group via a single electron transfer to produce
78 an alkoxy radical [16], while HO^\bullet favorably abstracts a H atom from a C-H bond to
79 produce a carbon-centered radical. While the overall reactivities of Cl^\bullet and HO^\bullet are very
80 similar (e.g., second-order reaction rate constant, $k=10^8\text{-}10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$) [17-19], their reaction
81 products are different because of the different elementary reaction mechanisms. Thus, the
82 potential formation of typical transformation products such as aldehydes, ketones and
83 carboxylic compounds should be mechanistically understood because of the concern
84 about their toxicity (e.g., halogenated acids).

85 Quantum mechanical calculations using *ab initio* and density functional theory
86 (DFT) are attractive techniques to identify elementary reaction pathways by calculating
87 the thermodynamic properties using statistical thermodynamics [20]. Our previous
88 studies used this technique with an implicit solvation model [universal solvation model
89 (SMD)] to identify thermodynamically favorable, aqueous-phase elementary reactions for
90 a series of chlorine-derived inorganic reactions produced in the UV/free chlorine AOP
91 [15]. We also calculated the aqueous-phase free energies of activation for a series of Cl^\bullet
92 reactions with approximately 30 aliphatic organic compounds and found the linear free

93 energy relationships (LFERs) that relate the free energies of activation to the
94 experimental k_{exp} values for H-atom abstraction and Cl-adduct formation [15].

95 In this study, we developed an elementary reaction pathway-based kinetic model
96 for a test compound, acetone, in the UV/free chlorine AOP. The HO \cdot -induced elementary
97 reaction pathways for acetone and the reaction rate constants have been previously
98 investigated [12]. Thus, we focused on the reactions of chlorine-derived radicals with
99 acetone and the degradation products. The ordinary differential equations (ODEs) were
100 developed based on the theoretically identified elementary reaction pathways and
101 reaction rate constants predicted by the LFERs and numerically solved to obtain the time-
102 dependent concentration profiles of acetone and the degradation products. We also
103 performed batch experiments with the UV/free chlorine AOP to validate the model
104 simulation results.

105 **Materials and methods**

106 **Chemicals**

107 All chemicals were ACS grade except for the chemicals that were used for the analytical
108 measurements (HPLC grade). Acetone (>99%), sodium hypochlorite (available chlorine
109 10-15%), formic acid (>95%), sodium chlorate, and potassium chloride were purchased
110 from Sigma Aldrich. Acetic acid (glacial) and sodium thiosulfate were purchased from

111 Fisher Scientific. All solutions used during the experiment were prepared with ultrapure
112 water ($> 18 \text{ } \Omega$) generated from a MilliQ system.

113 **Experimental procedures**

114 The experiments were carried out using an apparatus equipped with a low-pressure UV
115 lamp (Atlantic UV) emitting photons at 254 nm. The intensity of the measured light was
116 4.18×10^{-8} einstein/L•s using an actinometry procedure [21]. The path length was
117 determined to be 44.24 cm based on the photolysis of dilute H_2O_2 [22]. The UV lamp was
118 housed in a double-walled quartz immersion well, and cooling water was passed through
119 the system to control the temperature. The temperature of the reactors was monitored,
120 and the temperature of the solutions did not change by more than 1 °C for the duration of
121 the experiments. A detailed description of this photoreactor setup is available [23]. A
122 67.5 μM solution of acetone was prepared, and sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) was added
123 to obtain 150 μM (10.7 mg/L) of free chlorine. After initiating the experiment, the
124 solutions were sampled at different time intervals. These samples were transferred to
125 vials containing a sodium thiosulfate solution (approximately 220 μM) to quench the
126 chlorine and terminate further reactions. All chemical analyses to measure the acetone
127 and transformation byproducts were performed within 24 h of the experiment.

128 **Analytical methods**

129 Acetone was measured using direct aqueous injection on a gas chromatograph (GC)
130 equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID) and column (8-ft × 0.1-in. ID, stainless-
131 steel column) packed with 1% SP-1000 on Carbopak-B 60/80 mesh. The injector and
132 detector temperatures were 200 °C and 220 °C, respectively. Helium was used as the
133 carrier gas, and hydrogen and air were used for the flame. The analysis method was 60 °C
134 for 2 min followed by a 60 min increase of 2 °C /min and holding at 120 °C for 6 min.
135 The retention time of acetone in this method was 4.6 min. The free chlorine in the
136 aqueous solution was measured using a chlorine meter (Hach DPD colorimeter).
137 Transformation byproducts were measured using an ion chromatograph (Dionex ICS
138 2100 series, IonPac AS17-C anion exchange column, 4 mm). The eluent was a potassium
139 hydroxide (KOH) solution. The flow rate was 1.5 mL/min, and the flow conditions were
140 set as follows: 0-15 min, 1 mM KOH (isocratic); 15-20 min, 1-10 mM KOH (ramp); 20-
141 25 min, 10 mM KOH (isocratic); 25-30 min, 10-15 mM KOH (ramp). The retention
142 times for acetate, formate, chloride and chlorate were 7, 9, 15 and 21 min, respectively.

143 **Computational studies**

144 All of the *ab initio* molecular orbital and DFT-based quantum mechanical calculations
145 were performed with the Gaussian 09 revision D.02 program [24] using the Michigan
146 Tech high-performance cluster “Superior”. The electronic structures of the molecules and
147 radicals in the ground and transition states were optimized at the level of B3LYP/6-

148 31G(2df,p) implemented in Gaussian-4 theory (G4) [25] in both the gaseous and aqueous
149 phases. The aqueous-phase calculations were performed using a universal solvation
150 model (SMD) [26]. We previously verified the combination of G4 with the SMD model
151 by successful applying the combination to other aqueous-phase, radical-involved
152 reactions [27]. Finally, these elementary reactions and rate constants were used to
153 generate the kinetic rate equations in the form of ODEs and were solved using a
154 numerical solver based on the Adam-Gear method from IMSL Roguewave's solver suite
155 [28] by modifying an original UV/H₂O₂ model without assuming constant pH at non-
156 steady-state condition [29].

157 **Results and discussion**

158 **Experimental product study**

159 Figure 1 shows the time-dependent concentration profiles of the acetone, free chlorine,
160 and transformation byproducts measured in this experiment. While the free chlorine was
161 completely consumed after 60 min of UV irradiation, only 53.6% of the acetone was
162 degraded. The acetone degradation ceased upon complete photolysis of free chlorine, and
163 no further degradation was observed. This indicates that acetone degradation occurred via
164 acetone directly reacting with free chlorine and/or the photolysis caused by free chlorine.
165 Thermal degradation of acetone by free chlorine is possible only for the enolate form, and
166 the reported acetone enolization is insignificant ($k=0.173 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$) [30] during the observed
167 experimental time. In the dark, only 3% acetone degradation was observed after 2 h.
168 Thus, the degradation of acetone results from the photolysis of free chlorine. The initial
169 150 μM sodium hypochlorite solution contained 15 μM chlorate, 300 μM chloride, and a
170 few micromoles of acetic acid and formic acid to reach the given pH. As we eliminated

171 all possible contamination from the vials, ultrapure water, source water, and ion
172 chromatography measurements, the presence of chlorate, chloride, and trace organic
173 acids seemed to result from the stock sodium hypochlorite chemical. For example,
174 hypochlorite auto decomposes into chlorate [31], which is the method used to form
175 chloride for bleach (NaOCl) production. Previous literature reported trace quantities of
176 perchlorate measured by an ion chromatograph tandem mass spectrometer (0.0003 to
177 0.0005 μM for the method detection limit) [32]. However, we did not detect perchlorate
178 in our free chlorine source due to the higher detection limit using ion chromatography (\sim
179 1 μM). Accordingly, the initial concentrations of these species were at some levels.
180 (Figure 1 goes here)

181 **Elementary reaction pathways and reaction rate constants**

182 The HO^\bullet and Cl^\bullet produced from the photolysis of free chlorine react with the target
183 compound, acetone, to generate Cl-derived radicals, such as Cl_2^\bullet , ClO^\bullet , and ClO_2^\bullet . The
184 HO^\bullet -induced elementary reaction pathways of acetone degradation have been previously
185 identified, and an elementary reaction-based kinetic model has been proposed [12]. Table
186 1 summarizes the elementary reaction pathways that involve Cl-derived radicals with the
187 theoretically calculated aqueous-phase free energy of reaction, $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{react}}$, and free energy
188 of activation, $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$, values and the reaction rate constants. While the $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{react}}$ values
189 indicate the thermodynamical feasibility of elementary reaction pathway (e.g., if the
190 value is negative, the reaction is exothermic and thermodynamically favorable to occur),
191 the $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ values represent the kinetics. It should be noted that the kinetics overruns
192 the thermodynamics for fast radical reactions. The HO^\bullet and Cl-derived radicals react with

193 acetone via H-atom abstraction from a C-H bond in a methyl functional group to produce
194 a carbon-centered radical [15,17,18]. The $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ values for the reactions of HO^\bullet and Cl^\bullet
195 with acetone were previously determined to be 7 kcal/mol and 3.2 kcal/mol, respectively.
196 Our new calculations using the same method obtained a $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ value of 7.8 kcal/mol
197 for $\text{Cl}_2^{\bullet-}$, 1.5 kcal/mol for ClO^\bullet , and 14.1 kcal/mol for ClO_2^\bullet . The second-order reaction
198 rate constant of $\text{Cl}_2^{\bullet-}$ with acetone was experimentally determined and is $1.4 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
199 [33], which indicates the insignificant contribution of this reaction to the overall
200 degradation of acetone. However, as indicated by the $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ value and postulated by
201 several other experimental studies [34-35], the reaction of ClO^\bullet with acetone is not
202 insignificant. More discussion on the reactivity of ClO^\bullet will be provided in the following
203 section and kinetic simulation section.

204 While Cl-derived radicals react with acetone initially, Cl-derived radicals also
205 react with the other transformation byproducts formed during the degradation of acetone.
206 For example, Cl^\bullet and ClO^\bullet abstract H atoms from a C-H bond in HCOOH and HCOO^-
207 with $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ values of 15.0 kcal/mol and 21 kcal/mol, respectively. Additionally, Cl^\bullet
208 reacts with the OH functional group of HCOOH with a $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ value of 6.0 kcal/mol by
209 forming a Cl-adduct and then transferring a single electron to produce the alkoxyl radical
210 HCOO^\bullet . Using the previously developed LFERs: $\ln k = -0.50 \Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}} + 20.53$ for H-atom
211 abstraction and $\ln k = -0.95 \Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}} + 23.43$ for Cl-adduct formation by Cl^\bullet [15], the k_{cal}
212 values were estimated to be $4.56 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ for the H-atom abstraction and $5.01 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
213 for the Cl-adduct formation. The k_{exp} value is $(1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$, and Cl-adduct

214 formation is the dominant reaction. We obtained a similar result for the reaction of Cl^\bullet
215 with CH_3COOH .

216 The reactivity of ClO^\bullet with organic compounds is not well understood. A very
217 limited number of k_{exp} values have been reported for ionized aromatic compounds, and
218 these values range from 10^7 - $10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$. The upper limit of the k_{exp} values for aliphatic
219 compounds (e.g., formate ion) is reported to be $1 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$. Our series of theoretical
220 calculations results in a $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ value of approximately 15-25 kcal/mol (Table 1). We
221 obtained a $\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ value of 1.5 kcal/mol for the reaction of ClO^\bullet with acetone, but the
222 reason for this abnormally low free energy of activation is not clear.

223 (Table 1 goes here)

224 **Acetone degradation simulation**

225 **Overall results**

226 Based on newly identified and previously known elementary reaction pathways and the
227 predicted reaction rate constants, we developed a kinetic model by modifying a UV/ H_2O_2
228 kinetic model. To validate the kinetic model, we first simulated the time-dependent
229 concentrations of various initial free chlorine concentrations and a target organic
230 compound, benzoic acid, in the presence or absence of *tert*-butanol (*t*-BuOH), which acts
231 as a radical scavenger for HO^\bullet , without accounting for the transformation byproducts.
232 The simulated concentration profiles were compared to those experimentally obtained
233 and reported in the literature [37] (Figures SI 1-4 of Supporting Information). *t*-BuOH is
234 known to scavenge HO^\bullet , but it also reacts with Cl^\bullet via Cl-adduct formation followed by a
235 single electron transfer [15]. The presence of *t*-BuOH inhibits benzoic acid decay, which

236 is induced only by HO[•]; thus, the difference in the benzoic acid decay observed between
237 the addition and non-addition of *t*-BuOH is due to the reaction with Cl[•] [37].

238 Once we validated our kinetic model with the experimentally obtained
239 concentration profiles of a parent compound and free chlorine at various concentrations
240 in the presence or absence of chloride ion, we added the elementary reaction pathways
241 for acetone degradation induced by both HO[•] and Cl[•] and the predicted reaction rate
242 constants (Table 1 and Table S1 of Supporting Information). Acetone has a small molar
243 absorptivity, $\epsilon=16 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$, at 254 nm, and the degradation of acetone by photolysis is
244 negligible. We solved the ODEs to predict the concentration profiles of acetone, free
245 chlorine and the transformation byproducts. Figure 1 shows the simulated concentration
246 profiles of acetone, free chlorine, acetic acid, formic acid, chlorate, and chloride. The
247 sample deviation (SD) calculated using equation (1) indicates how much the predicted
248 data deviate from the experimental data [27,38].

$$249 \quad \text{SD}_j = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_j - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \left(\frac{C_{\text{exp},i} - C_{\text{calc},i}}{C_{\text{exp},0}} \right)^2} \quad (1)$$

250 where N_j is the total number of data points for compound j , $C_{\text{exp},i}$ and $C_{\text{calc},i}$ are the
251 experimentally determined and simulated concentration at time point i , respectively, and
252 $C_{\text{exp},0}$ is the initial experimental concentration at time zero. The SD was 0.54 for free
253 chlorine, 0.14 for acetone, 1.1 for acetic acid, 0.58 for formic acid, 0.21 for chlorate, and
254 0.014 for chloride. One example of how to calculate the SD for free chlorine was given in
255 SI. Although we did not detect the formations of other transformation products, the
256 simulated concentration profiles of hydroxylacetone, oxalic acid, glycolic acid, pyruvic
257 aldehyde, formaldehyde, and glyoxylic acid are shown in Figure 2 as a comparison to

258 those that were obtained from UV/hydrogen peroxide AOP. The concentrations of these
259 transformation products were smaller by several magnitude of orders than those detected
260 in UV/hydrogen peroxide. Figure S5 shows the predicted concentration of methanol.

261 **Contribution of Cl-derived radicals to acetone degradation**

262 The preliminary simulation of the acetone concentration profile included the reactions of
263 HO^\bullet , Cl_2^\bullet and Cl^\bullet (Figure 3) with acetone (SD of 0.23). However, the simulated acetone
264 degradation was slower than the experimental observation, which indicated that acetone
265 may be degraded by other active Cl-derived radicals, such as ClO^\bullet and ClOH^\bullet . The
266 simulated concentrations of these two radicals in the absence of a target organic
267 compound were approximately 10^{-9} M for ClO^\bullet (Figure S6) and 10^{-16} M for ClOH^\bullet
268 (Figure S7). These results further confirm that ClO^\bullet is the active radical contributing to
269 the degradation of acetone, which was supported by our theoretical calculation. The
270 absolute reaction rate constants of ClO^\bullet with 2,5 dimethoxybenzoate ions and benzoate
271 are $7 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$, and $< 3 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$, respectively. Because no rate constants for ClO^\bullet
272 with aliphatic compounds have been reported, we determined the reaction rate constants
273 of ClO^\bullet with acetone via fitting the experimentally determined concentration profile of
274 acetone by minimizing the SD. The determined rate constant was $3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$. By
275 including this rate constant for the acetone decay, the SD for acetone was 0.14.

276 **Fate of the transformation byproducts**

277 The transformation byproducts measured in the experiments included acetic acid, formic
278 acid, chlorate, and chloride. We recently elucidated the fate of HO^\bullet -induced acetone
279 degradation byproducts, including those from peroxy radical reactions. In this study, we
280 added the Cl^\bullet -induced reaction pathways and the reactions of Cl^\bullet with the transformation

281 byproducts. Other than the reaction of ClO^\bullet with acetone, we did not include the reactions
282 of ClO^\bullet with the transformation byproducts because the reaction rate constants are not
283 known. This may have caused the larger SD values in the concentration profiles of acetic
284 acid and formic acid. Our kinetic simulation also predicted other transformation
285 byproducts (e.g., formaldehyde, pyruvic aldehyde, hydroxyacetone and pyruvic acid) that
286 were experimentally identified in the UV/ H_2O_2 AOP (Figures 5-7). These products were
287 simulated at very low concentrations ($\sim 0.1 \mu\text{M}$), and our analytical instruments did not
288 detect these species because of the limitations of our detection capabilities.

289 Chloride was generated from the production of free chlorine, and the initial
290 sample contained approximately $300 \mu\text{M}$ chloride. During the UV/free chlorine AOP,
291 the increase in the chloride concentration was not significant, and a 24.9% increase was
292 observed due to the decay of free chlorine. Chlorate, ClO_3^- , was mainly generated by the
293 reaction of HO^\bullet with the chlorine dioxide radical (ClO_2^\bullet) that was generated via the
294 reaction of HO^\bullet with the chlorite ion, ClO_2^- . ClO_2^- was generated by the
295 disproportionation reaction of ClO^\bullet . Typically, 2 to 17% of photolyzed free chlorine is
296 converted to ClO_3^- . In this study, 12% of the photolyzed free chlorine was converted to
297 ClO_3^- , and ClO_3^- was present at a concentration of 2.5 mg/L until the free chlorine was
298 completely consumed. No ClO_3^- degradation mechanisms are known. ClO_3^- is included in
299 the contaminant candidate list (CCL 4) by the U.S. EPA [39], and a national guideline of
300 1 mg/L of ClO_3^- is used in Canada [40]. Thus, caution must be exercised when using free
301 chlorine.

302 **Conclusions**

303 This study highlights the importance of an elementary reaction-based kinetic model for
304 the UV/free chlorine AOP. The elementary reaction pathways and reaction rate constants
305 were predicted by quantum mechanical calculations. ODEs were numerically solved to
306 predict the concentration profiles of a target organic compound, acetone, and the
307 transformation products. ClO^{\bullet} was identified as a potential oxidant in this system because
308 of its high concentration, and its reaction rate constant with acetone was determined to be
309 $3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Chlorate formation was in the range of 2.5 mg/L with 10.7 mg/L of free
310 chlorine. Although chlorate is not yet regulated, this may be a potential cause for concern
311 when using this treatment technology.

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319 Figure Captions

320 Figure 1: Experimental and predicted time-dependent concentration profiles of acetone,
321 acetic acid, formic acid, free chlorine, chlorate and chloride.

322 Figure 2: Predicted time-dependent concentration profiles of hydroxyacetone, oxalic acid,
323 glycolic acid (left) and pyruvic aldehyde, formaldehyde, and glyoxylic acid (right)

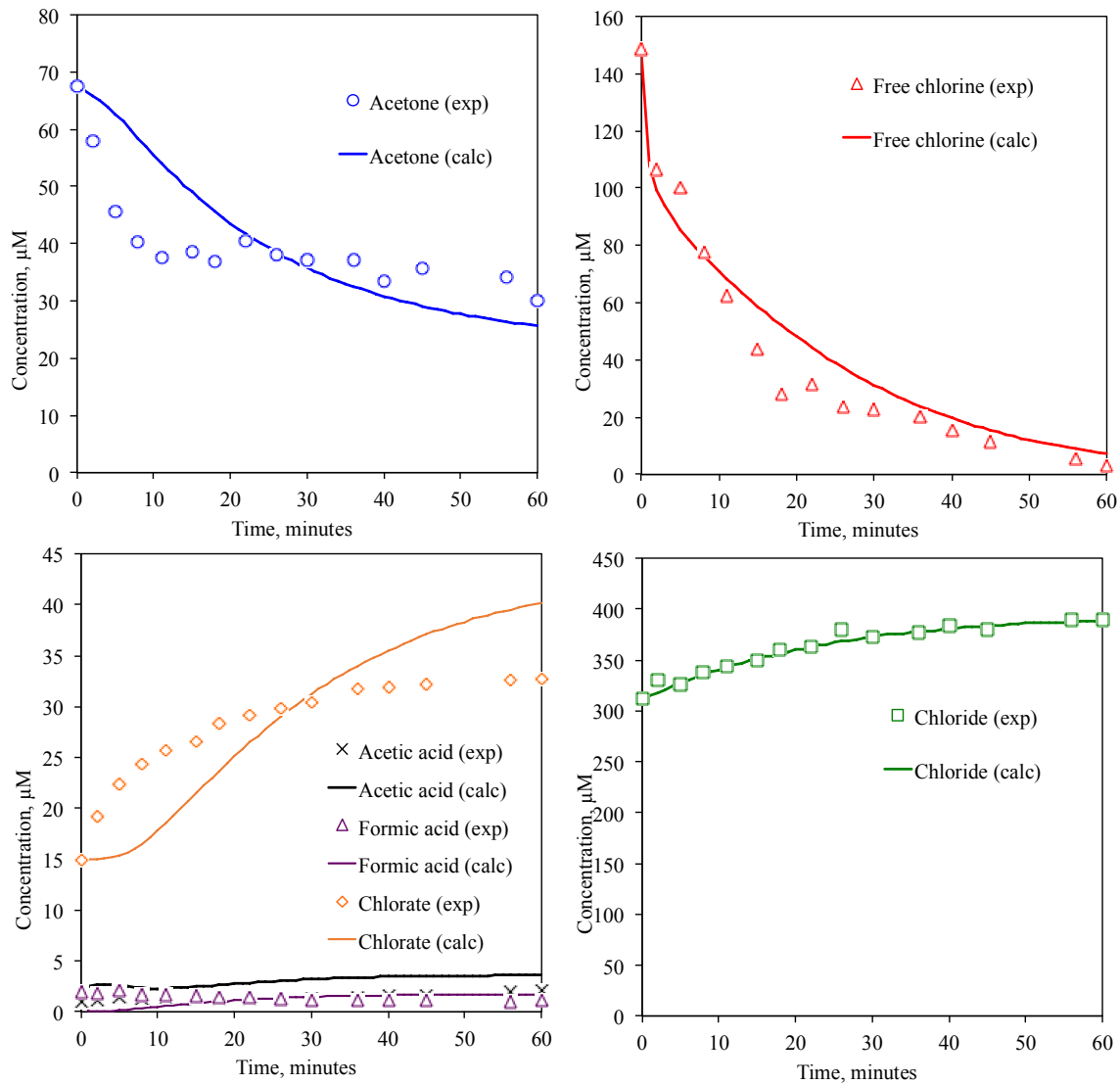
324 Figure 3: Predicted time-dependent concentration profiles of HO^\bullet , Cl^\bullet and $\text{Cl}_2^{\bullet-}$ radicals.

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326 Table Caption

327 Table 1: Theoretically identified elementary reaction pathways and predicted reaction
328 rate constants for Cl-derived radical reactions with organic compounds.

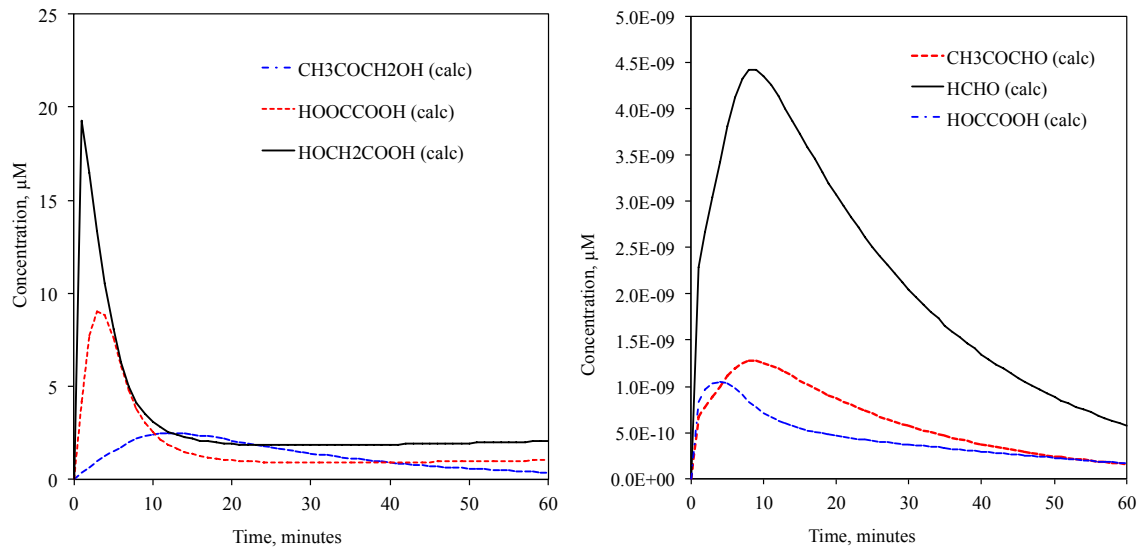
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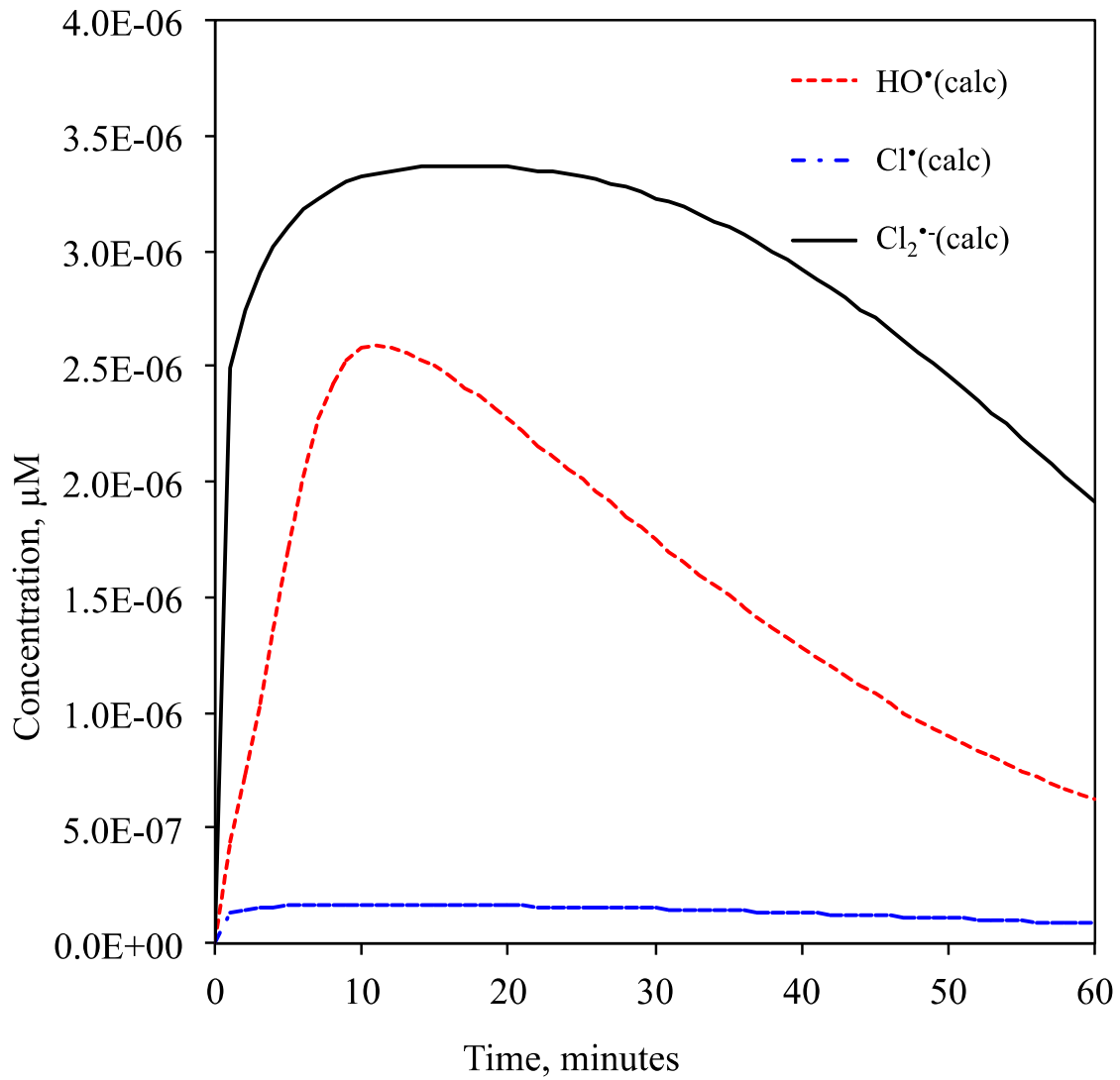
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343 Table 1

Elementary reaction pathways	k_{exp} $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	k_{calc} $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{act}}$ kcal/mol	$\Delta G_{\text{aq,calc}}^{\text{react}}$ kcal/mol
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 + \text{HO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.1×10^8 [17]	7.5×10^7	7.0	-25.4 [12]
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3 + \text{HCl}$	$(7.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^7$ [36]	1.66×10^8	3.2	-12.2 [15]
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 + \text{Cl}_2^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3 + \text{HCl} + \text{Cl}^\bullet$	1.4×10^3 [33]		7.8*	
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3 + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$		3.0×10^4	1.5	
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 + \text{ClO}_2 \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3 + \text{HCl}$		< 10	14.1	
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCHO} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCHO} + \text{HCl}$		6.12×10^7	5.2	-1.5
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCHO} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCHO} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			20.0	-1.9
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{HCl}$		1.75×10^8	3.1	-11.3
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			20.0	-11.7
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}\cdot\text{CHOH} + \text{HCl}$		6.77×10^7	5.0	-24.8
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}\cdot\text{CHOH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			14.4	-25.2
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{O}(\cdot\text{Cl})\text{H}$		7.88×10^8	3.1	0.74
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{HCl}$		1.23×10^8	3.8	-12.8
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			18.5	-13.2
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}\cdot\text{CH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{HCl}$			-18.8	-26.4
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}\cdot\text{CH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			14.7	-26.8
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}(\text{OH})\text{O}(\cdot\text{Cl})\text{H}$		5.79×10^9	1.0	0.71
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCOOH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCOOH} + \text{HCl}$		3.53×10^7	6.3	-11.4
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCOOH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \cdot\text{CH}_2\text{COCOOH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			22.5*	-11.8

$\text{CH}_3\text{COCO}^\bullet\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COCO}(\bullet\text{Cl})\text{OH}$		6.06×10^7	5.8	2.2
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCO}^\bullet\text{O}^- + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COCO}^\bullet\text{O}^- + \text{HCl}$		9.34×10^8	-0.25	-1.57
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCO}^\bullet\text{O}^- + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COCO}^\bullet\text{O}^- + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			2.5*	-1.95
$\text{HCOOH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{COOH} + \text{HCl}$	(1.3 ± 0.1)	4.56×10^5	15.0	-3.5
$\text{HCOOH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{HCOO}(\bullet\text{Cl})\text{H}$	$\times 10^8$ [18]	5.01×10^7	6.0	37.2
$\text{HCOOH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{COOH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			21.0	-3.9
$\text{HCOO}^- + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{COO}^- + \text{HCl}$	(4.2 ± 0.5)		-10.1	40
$\text{HCOO}^- + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{HCOO}(\bullet\text{Cl})^-$	$\times 10^9$ [18]	3.96×10^9	1.4	3.0
$\text{HCOO}^- + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			-6.4	39.1
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} + \text{HCl}$	(3.2 ± 0.2) $\times 10^7$ [18],	5.82×10^7	5.3	-8.3
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COO}(\bullet\text{Cl})\text{H}$	(1.0 ± 0.2) $\times 10^8$ [36]	8.67×10^8	3.0	29.7
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			26.3*	-9.1
$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^- + \text{HCl}$	(3.7 ± 0.4)	5.15×10^8	0.94	-7.5
$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COO}(\bullet\text{Cl})^-$	$\times 10^9$ [18]	4.79×10^9	1.2	-3.3
$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			18.7	-7.9
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{HCl}$	(1.0 ± 0.2) $\times 10^9$ [18],	5.82×10^7	5.3	-5.0 [15]
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O}(\bullet\text{Cl})\text{H}$	(1.0 ± 0.1) $\times 10^9$ [36]	9.53×10^8	2.9	27.1 [15]
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			15.7	-5.4
$\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{CHO} + \text{HCl}$	(6.3 ± 0.4) $\times 10^8$ [18]	7.86×10^7	4.7	-0.89
$\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{ClO}^\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\text{CH}_2\text{CHO} + \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$			-1.56	-1.27

344 *estimated based on the gaseous phase free energy of activation

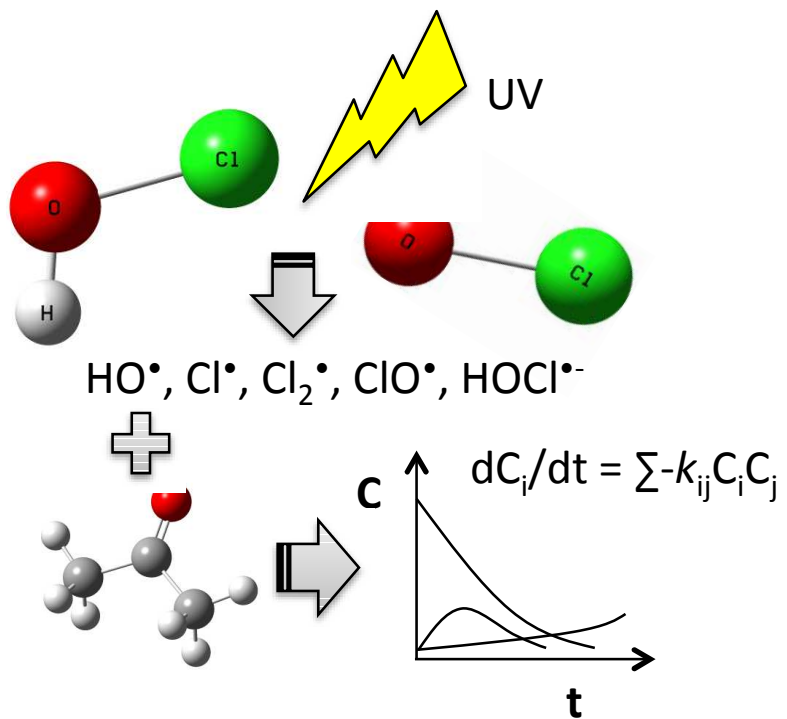
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