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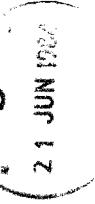
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phase states in radical-chain proc-  
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of the medium in chain-initiation,  
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valuable oxygen-containing compoun-  
products formed.

The monograph is intended for sci-  
field of radical reactions and in  
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problems of oxidation processes.

TABLE 78 Dependence of  $k_{\text{H}}^{\text{sec}}/k_{\text{H}}^{\text{cyclo}}$  on the relative concentration of cyclohexane and heptane

T (°C)	Molar ratio of cyclohexane : heptane		
	1.4	1.097	0.0655
85	1.5 ± 0.11	1.4 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1
55	1.3 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.1	—

### 6.7 THE ROLE OF IONIC REACTIONS IN THE ELEMENTARY PROCESSES OF CHAIN-PROPAGATION AND CHAIN-TERMINATION

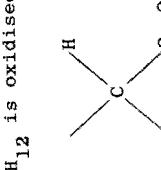
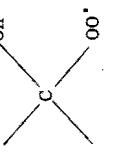
The influence of both specific solvation and unspecific solvation on the rate constants of the reactions and on the mechanism of the elementary steps of chain-propagation and chain-termination was examined in the preceding sections of this chapter and in Chapter 5. In doing this, however, a problem which was not tackled was the possible occurrence of other processes which may take place in solvents with high dielectric constants. The rôle of ionic reactions in the radical chain processes of the oxidation of organic compounds in the presence of solvents has not been very widely investigated. Until recently, it was assumed (see Chapter 5) that when organic compounds undergo oxidation in aqueous solutions of electrolyte (acids, alkalis, salts) the rôle of ions consisted in changing the rates and mode of decomposition of hydroperoxides; it had been observed as a rule that ions influence the heterolytic decomposition of ROOH and only recently was it shown that they could influence the mode of homolytic decomposition of a hydroperoxide.

It is now evident that ions can participate in chain-propagation reactions and also inhibit radical chain processes of oxidation of a number of organic compounds. In particular examples exist (67, 68) of a negative catalytic effect by the bicarbonate ion on the radical chain process involved in the oxidation of cyclohexanol.

Thus, sodium bicarbonate introduced at  $4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$  in the oxidation of cyclohexanol, reduces the rate of oxidation at 75°C by a factor of 3. The

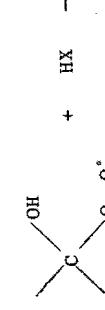
compound can be considered an ideal inhibitor during inhibition as opposed to, for the constancy of the inhibition rate of negative homogeneous catalysis in the substance (negative catalyst) which consumed (\*).

Inhibition of oxidation by bicarbonate hydroxy-peroxy radicals :



When  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}$  is oxidised, a radical is formed and no inhibition is introduced (Table 79).

The difference between the  $\alpha$ -hydroxy radicals consists in the fact (68) that it is a reducing agent and take part in re-



(\*) It has been shown that it is the

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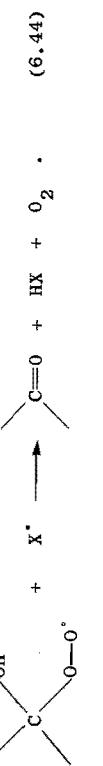


Fig. 102

Kinetic curves relating to the absorption of oxygen in the oxidation of cyclohexanol in the presence of 9 vol % of water.

1. without additive;
2.  $[\text{NaCO}_3] = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol l}^{-1} \ell^{-1}$   
Temperature  $75^\circ\text{C}$   
 $W_{2n\bar{h}} = 6.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol l}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$

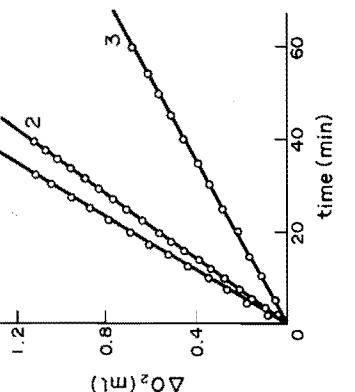


Fig. 102 Structure of System

TABLE 79  
The Influence of  
Oxidation of A  
and Cyclohexanone  
compounds. Ten  
 $[\text{NaCO}_3] = 1.4$

System	Structure of
91% I — 9% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	
94.3% II — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	
89.3% III — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	
84.3% IV — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	
74.3% V — 5.7 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ — 20.0% I	
89.3% VI — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ — 5.0% iso-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> OH	
94.3% VII — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ — 0.15 mol l <sup>-1</sup> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	
74.3% VIII — 5.7% $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ — 20.0% tert-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> OH	

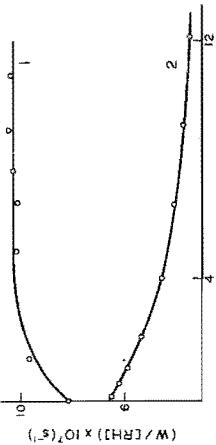


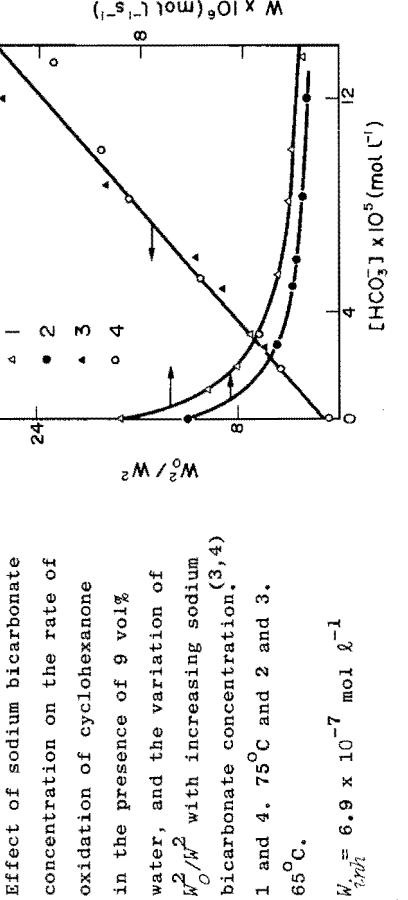
Fig. 103

The influence of water on the rate of oxidation of cyclohexanone.

1. no sodium bicarbonate present;
2. bicarbonate concentration  $= 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol l}^{-1} \ell^{-1}$   
Temperature  $75^\circ\text{C}$

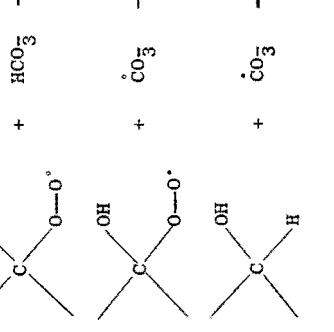
bicarbonate (Fig. 103) shows that, with increasing water content, the inhibitory effect of sodium bicarbonate also increases. This is evidently due to the increased degree of dissociation of the bicarbonate into ions. The increase in bicarbonate ion concentration results in a reduction in the rate of oxidation (Fig. 104).

Fig. 104



$\alpha = 1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ l mol}^{-1}$  and  $b =$  (see Fig. 104).

The kinetic relations which were obtained in the scheme:



Assuming

$$k_7 [\text{HCO}_3^-] [\text{EO}^\cdot] = k_9 [\text{EO}^\cdot]$$

the following expression is obtained

$$\frac{W_O^2}{W_0^2} = 1 + \frac{k_7 k_8 [\text{HCO}_3^-]}{k_9 k_t [\text{RH}]}$$

$$\text{or } W = \frac{k_p [\text{RH}]}{(k_t + k_7 k_8 [\text{HCO}_3^-]/k_9)} \text{ l min}^{-1}$$

From these equations

$$\frac{W_O^2}{W_0^2} = 1 + \alpha [\text{HCO}_3^-] \quad (6.\text{LXXI})$$

in which  $W_O$  is the rate of oxidation in the absence of sodium bicarbonate.

$$W_O = \frac{k_p}{\sqrt{k_t}} \frac{[\text{RH}]}{\sqrt{W_{initial}}} \sqrt{W_{final}} \quad (6.\text{LXXII})$$

Addition of hydrogen peroxide weak-

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