

1 **UV and Infrared Absorption Spectra, Atmospheric Lifetimes, and Ozone Depletion and**
2 **Global Warming Potentials for CCl₂FCCl₂F (CFC-112), CCl₃CClF₂ (CFC-112a), CCl₃CF₃**
3 **(CFC-113a), and CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a)**

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23 **Abstract** The potential impact of CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a) and the recently observed CCl₂FCCl₂F
24 (CFC-112), CCl₃CClF₂ (CFC-112a), and CCl₃CF₃ (CFC-113a) chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), on
25 stratospheric ozone and climate are presently not well characterized. In this study, the UV
26 absorption spectra of these CFCs were measured between 192.5–235 nm over the temperature
27 range 207–323 K. Precise parameterizations of the UV absorption spectra are presented. A 2-D
28 atmospheric model was used to evaluate the CFC atmospheric loss processes, lifetimes, ozone
29 depletion potentials (ODPs), and the associated uncertainty ranges in these metrics due to the
30 kinetic and photochemical uncertainty. The CFCs are primarily removed in the stratosphere by
31 short wavelength UV photolysis with calculated global annually averaged steady-state lifetimes
32 (years) of 63.6 (61.9–64.7), 51.5 (50.0–52.6), 55.4 (54.3–56.3), and 105.3 (102.9–107.4) for
33 CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a, respectively. The range of lifetimes given in
34 parentheses are due to the 2σ uncertainty in the UV absorption spectra and O(¹D) rate
35 coefficients included in the model calculations. The 2-D model was also used to calculate the
36 CFC ozone depletion potentials (ODPs) with values of 0.98, 0.86, 0.73, and 0.72 obtained for
37 CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a, respectively. Using the infrared absorption
38 spectra and lifetimes determined in this work, the CFCs global warming potentials (GWPs) were
39 estimated to be 4260 (CFC-112), 3330 (CFC-112a), 3650 (CFC-113a), and 6510 (CFC-114a) for
40 the 100-year time-horizon.

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44 1. Introduction

45 Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are potent ozone depleting and greenhouse gases that were
46 phased-out of production under the Montreal Protocol Agreement (1987) and its subsequent
47 amendments and adjustments. Laube et al. (2014) recently reported the first observation of
48 tetrachloro-1,2-difluoroethane ($\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$, CFC-112), tetrachloro-1,1-difluoroethane
49 ($\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$, CFC-112a), and 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2,2-trifluoroethane (CCl_3CF_3 , CFC-113a) in the
50 atmosphere with emission sources dating back to the 1960s. The atmospheric mixing ratios in
51 the year 2000 were found to be ~ 0.5 ppt (parts per trillion) (CFC-112), ~ 0.08 ppt (CFC-112a),
52 and ~ 0.3 ppt (CFC-113a), which are minor compared to a total chlorine mixing ratio of 3.3 ppb
53 (parts per billion) (year 2012), where CCl_3F (CFC-11), CCl_2F_2 (CFC-12), and $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCClF}_2$
54 (CFC-113) account for $\sim 60\%$ of the total (WMO, 2014). The atmospheric mixing ratio of CFC-
55 112 and CFC-112a was found to have leveled off in the late 1990's, while the mixing ratio of
56 CFC-113a was found to be increasing through to the present day, which is contrary to the
57 objectives of the Montreal Protocol. Laube et al. (2014) estimated the stratospheric lifetimes for
58 these substances, using a tracer-tracer analysis, to be 51 (37–82), 44 (28–98), and 51 (27–264)
59 years for CFC-112, CFC-112a, and CFC-113a, respectively, where the values in parentheses are
60 the range of the lifetimes determined in their analysis. The inferred ozone depletion potentials
61 (ODPs) were 0.88 (0.62–1.44), 0.88 (0.5–2.19), and 0.68 (0.34–3.79) for CFC-112, CFC-112a,
62 and CFC-113a, respectively, where the range in parentheses was derived from the range in the
63 CFC lifetime given above. Atmospheric measurements of CFC-114 are estimated to include a
64 $\sim 10\%$ fraction due to CFC-114a (WMO, 2014). The atmospheric lifetime of CFC-114a is
65 estimated to be similar to that of CFC-12, i.e., ~ 100 years (WMO, 2014). It is clear that the
66 CFCs are long-lived compounds and potent ozone depleting substances and greenhouse gases. It
67 is expected that these compounds would be predominantly removed from the atmosphere via
68 short wavelength UV photolysis, primarily in the stratosphere. However, to date, there are no
69 UV absorption spectra for these compounds available, which are needed to better evaluate their
70 atmospheric impact.

71 In this study, UV absorption spectra were measured for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a,
72 and 1,1-dichlorotetrafluoroethane (CCl_2FCF_3 , CFC-114a) between 192.5 and 235 nm over the
73 temperature range 207–323 K. The Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) 2-D atmospheric
74 model was used to evaluate the reactive and photolytic loss processes and calculate globally

75 averaged lifetimes and ozone depletion potentials. In addition, infrared absorption spectra were
76 measured at 296 K for these compounds and used to estimate their global warming potentials
77 (GWPs). The present results are compared with results from the previous infrared studies of
78 Olliff and Fischer (1992; 1994) (CFCs 112, 112a, 113a, and 114a) and Etminan et al. (2014)
79 (CFC-113a).

80 **2. Experimental Details**

81 **2.1 UV Measurements**

82 The experimental apparatus has been described in detail previously (McGillen et al.,
83 2013; Papadimitriou et al., 2013a; 2013b) and is only briefly discussed here. The output of a
84 stable 30 W deuterium (D₂) lamp light source was collimated and directed through a jacketed
85 90.4 ± 0.3 cm single pass absorption cell. The beam exiting the cell was focused onto the
86 entrance slit (150 μm) of a 0.25 m monochromator (~1 nm resolution) and detected using a
87 photomultiplier tube (PMT). The temperature of the absorption cell was controlled to within ±1
88 K. Absorption measurements were made at 10 discrete wavelengths at temperatures between
89 207 and 323 K to enable spectrum parameterizations appropriate for stratospheric conditions.

90 Beer's law was applied to determine the absorption cross section, $\sigma(\lambda, T)$, at each
91 wavelength and temperature:

$$92 \quad A(\lambda, T) = \ln \left[\frac{I_0(\lambda) - I_d}{I(\lambda) - I_d} \right] = \sigma(\lambda, T) \times L \times [\text{CFC}] \quad (1)$$

93 where $A(\lambda, T)$ is the absorbance at wavelength λ and temperature T , I_d is the signal recorded in
94 the absence of light, $I_0(\lambda)$ and $I(\lambda)$ are the measured signal in the absence and presence of the
95 CFC sample, L is the cell pathlength, and $[\text{CFC}]$ is the gas-phase CFC concentration. The PMT
96 signal was recorded with a 1 kHz sampling rate and a ~20 s average was used in the data
97 analysis. $I_0(\lambda)$ was recorded at the beginning and end of each measurement, which typically
98 agreed to 0.1%, or better. Absorbance measurements were made at each wavelength over a
99 range of CFC concentration under static conditions. The CFCs were added to the absorption cell
100 from dilute mixtures and the CFC concentration was determined using the sample mixing ratio,
101 the absorption cell pressure and temperature, and the ideal gas law. A linear least-squares fit of
102 $A(\lambda, T)$ versus $[\text{CFC}]$ was used to obtain $\sigma(\lambda, T)$.

103 For the CFC-112 and CFC-112a measurements, an optical neutral density filter was
104 inserted between the D₂ lamp and the absorption cell to attenuate the probe beam and minimize

105 CFC loss due to photolysis (sample photolysis was not observed for CFC-113a and CFC-114a).
106 In addition, a mechanical shutter blocked the D₂ lamp beam while the absorption cell was being
107 filled. Under most conditions, photolytic loss of the CFC-112 and CFC-112a was undetectable.
108 However, at the higher concentrations used in this study minor photolytic loss (<2%) was
109 observed. In these cases, a least-squares fit of the first ~20 s of the PMT signal was used in the
110 data analysis to obtain the initial $I(\lambda)$ signal.

111 2.2 Infrared Absorption Measurements

112 Infrared absorption spectra at 296 K for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a
113 were measured over the 500 to 4000 cm⁻¹ wavenumber range using Fourier transform infrared
114 (FTIR) spectroscopy. Measurements were made using a 15 cm single pass Pyrex absorption cell
115 and a MCT detector at a resolution of 1 cm⁻¹ with 100 co-adds. The CFC sample was introduced
116 into the absorption cell from a dilute mixture prepared off-line and the CFC concentration was
117 determined using the ideal gas law. Absorption cross sections were determined using Beer's
118 law, equation 1, with the spectrum measurements consisting of ~10 different concentrations.
119 The concentration ranges used were (in 10¹⁶ molecule cm⁻³): (0.348–10.2), (0.453–3.84), (0.376–
120 1.90), and (0.279–4.02) for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a, respectively. The
121 infrared absorption spectra recorded for CFC-112 and CFC-112a were corrected for the presence
122 of a minor (~4%) isomer impurity as determined from a ¹⁹F NMR sample analysis.

123 2.3 Materials

124 Samples of CCl₂FCCL₂F (CFC-112, 97% stated purity), CCl₃CCIF₂ (CFC-112a, 96%
125 stated purity), CCl₃CF₃ (CFC-113a, 99% stated purity), and CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a, 99.9% stated
126 purity) were obtained commercially. The samples were processed in several freeze (77 K)-
127 pump-thaw cycles prior to use. The CFC-114a sample was also treated with freeze (197 K)-
128 pump-thaw cycles to remove CO₂ from the sample. The liquid CFC-112, CFC-112a, and CFC-
129 113a samples were stored under vacuum in Pyrex reservoirs. The CFC-112 and CFC-112a
130 samples contained minor isomeric impurities, which were quantified using ¹⁹F NMR to be
131 0.960/0.040 (CFC-112a/CFC-112) for the CFC-112a sample and 0.963/0.0368 (CFC-112/CFC-
132 112a) for the CFC-112 sample. Dilute mixtures of the CFCs in a He (UHP, 99.999%) bath gas
133 were prepared manometrically in 12 L Pyrex bulbs and used to deliver the CFC sample to the
134 UV and infrared absorption cells. Over the course of the study, multiple gas mixtures were
135 prepared for each of the CFCs with mixing ratios ranging between 0.5 and 27%. The dilute

136 mixtures were prepared with an estimated accuracy of $\pm\sim 1\%$. The UV and infrared spectra
137 obtained for the CFCs were independent of the sample mixing ratio and absorption cell total
138 pressure. Pressures were measured using calibrated capacitance manometers. Uncertainties
139 given throughout the paper are 2σ unless noted otherwise.

140 3. Results and Discussion

141 The absorption spectrum, $\sigma(\lambda, T)$, measurements obeyed Beer's law with fit precisions of
142 $\sim 1\%$, or less, for all wavelengths and temperatures included in this study. Replicate
143 measurements using different sample mixing ratios, bath gas, range of absorption, and optical
144 filtering agreed to within the measurement precision and were combined in a global linear least-
145 squares fit in the final data analysis.

146 The UV absorption spectra of the CFC-112 and CFC-112a samples were measured at 10
147 discrete wavelengths between 192.5 nm and 235 nm at 5 discrete temperatures between 230 and
148 323 K. The results, not corrected for the isomeric impurity present in the samples, are
149 summarized in Tables S1 and S2 and shown in Figures S1 and S2 of the Supporting Information.
150 To account for the isomeric impurity, $\sigma(\lambda, T)$ for CFC-112 and CFC-112a were parameterized
151 using the empirical formula:

$$152 \quad \ln(\sigma(\lambda, T)) = \sum_i A_i \lambda_i^i + (T - 296) \sum_i B_i \lambda_i^i \quad (2)$$

153 The parameterizations reproduced the experimental data to better than $\sim 2\%$ over the wavelength
154 range most critical to atmospheric photolysis, i.e., between 195 and 215 nm. The results from
155 the ^{19}F NMR sample analysis were then used to obtain the final spectrum parameterizations.

156 The UV absorption spectra for CFC-113a and CFC-114a were measured at 10 discrete
157 wavelengths between 192.5 and 235 nm at 6 discrete temperatures between 207 and 323 K. The
158 cross section results are given in Tables 1 and 2 and shown in Figures 1 and 2. The CFC UV
159 absorption spectra were parameterized using equation 2. The parameterizations reproduced the
160 experimental data to within $\sim 4\%$, or better, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

161 The fit parameters are given in Table 3 and a comparison of the parameterized 296 K
162 spectra is shown in Figure 3. The UV absorption spectra of the CFCs are continuous over the
163 wavelength range included in this study with a precipitous decrease in cross section with
164 increasing wavelength. A decrease in $\sigma(\lambda, T)$ with decreasing temperature was observed at
165 nearly all wavelengths included in this study with the temperature dependence being greatest at

166 the longer wavelengths, see Figures 1, 2, and S1 and S2. The inclusion of the $\sigma(\lambda, 323 \text{ K})$
167 measurements, although not entirely atmospherically relevant, was included in the study to better
168 define the absorption spectrum temperature dependence and its parameterization. As shown in
169 Figure 3, the UV absorption spectra for the CFCs show distinct differences in their absolute cross
170 sections and wavelength dependence over the region most critical for determining their
171 atmospheric photolysis rates, i.e., lifetimes. The spectra demonstrate that CFCs with increased
172 chlorine content are stronger absorbers in this wavelength region, although the molecular
173 structure of the molecule also plays an important role. For example, the $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4\text{F}_2$ isomer with
174 more chlorine atoms on a carbon atom, CFC-112a ($\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$), absorbs more strongly than
175 CFC-112 ($\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$).

176 The spectrum parameterizations given in Table 3 reproduce the experimental data very
177 well. The overall 2σ uncertainty in $\sigma(\lambda, T)$ for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113, and CFC-114a,
178 including estimated systematic errors, is estimated to be $\sim 4\%$ over the range of wavelengths and
179 temperatures included in this study.

180 The measured infrared spectra for each of the CFCs obeyed Beer's law with a fit
181 precision of $\sim 0.3\%$ and were independent of total pressure over the pressure range 20–250 Torr
182 (He bath gas). The infrared spectra are shown in Figure 4 and digitized spectra are available in
183 the Supporting Information. Table S3 in the Supporting Information provides a detailed
184 comparison of our results with those of Olliff and Fischer (1992; 1994) for all the CFCs and
185 Etminan et al. (2014) for CFC-113a. Overall the agreement between the studies is better than
186 10%.

187 **4. Atmospheric Implications**

188 The atmospheric loss processes, lifetimes, ODPs, and associated uncertainties for the
189 CFCs included in this study were quantified using the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) 2-D
190 atmospheric model (Fleming et al., 2011). The calculations used the UV spectrum
191 parameterizations obtained in this work with an assumed unit photolysis quantum yield at all
192 wavelengths. As discussed in section 3, an overall 2σ uncertainty of 4% was used at all
193 wavelengths and temperatures for the UV cross sections of the four CFCs. For Lyman-
194 α (121.567 nm), absorption cross sections are not available for these CFCs and values (in units
195 of $10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$) of 13, 15, 9.8, and 2 were estimated for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-

196 113a, and CFC-114a, respectively, based on values available for similar molecules (see Ko et al.
197 (2013), Chapter 3). An estimated Lyman- α cross section uncertainty factor of 2 (2σ) was used.
198 Rate coefficients for the O(¹D) reaction with CFC-113a and CFC-114a were taken from
199 Baasandorj et al. (2011) with 2σ uncertainty factors of 1.25 and 1.2, respectively (Burkholder et
200 al., 2015b). Rate coefficients for the O(¹D) reaction with CFC-112 and CFC-112a were
201 estimated to be $3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ with a 0.9 reactive branching ratio and an uncertainty
202 factor of 1.5 (2σ). All other kinetic and photochemical parameters were taken from Sander et al.
203 (2011). All model results presented in this study are for year 2010 steady-state conditions.
204 Surface mixing ratio boundary conditions for 2010 are based on the Laube et al. (2014) results
205 for CFC-112, CFC-112a, and CFC-113a; for CFC-114a, a 2010 value of 1.6 ppt is used, based
206 on measurements of CFC-114 which are a combination of CFC-114 and CFC-114a, with an
207 assumed relative contribution of 10% for CFC-114a (WMO, 2014).

208 Model calculations of the CFC fractional atmospheric loss processes are given in Table 4
209 and the altitude profiles for CFC-112 are shown in Figure 5. The calculated atmospheric profiles
210 for CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a are provided in the Supporting Information. UV
211 photolysis is the predominant atmospheric loss process for each of the CFCs. Lyman- α
212 photolysis is important only in the mesosphere above 65 km; it has a negligible contribution to
213 the overall global loss (<0.001). The O(¹D) reaction is a minor stratospheric loss process, $\sim 2\%$,
214 for CFC-112, CFC-112, and CFC-113a, but more significant for CFC-114a, $\sim 7\%$. The UV
215 photolysis and O(¹D) reactive loss of the CFCs leads to the direct release of reactive chlorine and
216 the formation of chlorine containing radicals (Burkholder et al., 2015a).

217 The CFC lifetimes were computed as the ratio of the annually averaged global
218 atmospheric burden to the vertically integrated annually averaged total global loss rate (Ko et al.,
219 2013). The total global lifetime (τ_{Tot}) was also separated by the troposphere (τ_{Trop} , surface to the
220 tropopause, seasonally and latitude-dependent), stratosphere (τ_{Strat}), and mesosphere (τ_{Meso} , <1
221 hPa) using the total global atmospheric burden and the loss rate integrated over the different
222 atmospheric regions such that

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Tot}}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Trop}}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Strat}}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Meso}}} \quad (2)$$

224 The 2-D model total global annually averaged lifetimes and the range in lifetimes are given in
225 Table 5. The 2σ range in the lifetime was calculated using the absolute 2σ maximum and

226 minimum in the UV absorption spectra and estimated Lyman- α cross sections reported in the
227 present work, along with the 2σ uncertainties in the O(¹D) rate coefficients taken from Sander et
228 al. (2011). The CFCs are long-lived and primarily removed in the stratosphere by UV
229 photolysis. The uncertainty in the calculated lifetime due to the uncertainty in the UV absorption
230 spectra measured in this work is small, <2%. The absolute lifetime uncertainty due to the kinetic
231 and photochemical input parameters is expected to be small compared to that calculated using
232 different atmospheric models due to the individual model treatment of dynamics, chemistry,
233 radiation, numerics, and other processes (Chipperfield et al., 2014; Ko et al., 2013). In general,
234 the lifetime uncertainty due to the kinetic and photochemical input parameters is also expected to
235 be small compared to the uncertainty due to transport processes and actinic fluxes (due to, for
236 example, uncertainty in the J[O₂] cross sections; e.g., see Ko et al. (2013)). However, evaluation
237 of all processes that contribute to uncertainty in the total CFC lifetime is beyond the scope of the
238 present paper.

239 The model calculated stratospheric lifetimes for CFC-112, CFC-112a, and CFC-113a are
240 in reasonable agreement with the values of 51 (37–82), 44 (28–98), and 51 (27–264) years
241 reported by Laube et al. (2014) (uncertainty ranges in parentheses). The lifetimes reported by
242 Laube et al. were based on a tracer-tracer analysis (see Plumb and Ko (1992) and Volk et al.
243 (1997) for method details) using a reference CFC-11 lifetime of 45 years. Scaling to the 52 year
244 CFC-11 lifetime given in WMO (2014) brings the results into better agreement with the present
245 work. The range of lifetimes obtained in the model results, which was determined solely based
246 on the uncertainty in the kinetic and photochemical input parameters, is, however, significantly
247 less than obtained in the tracer-tracer analysis. It is worth noting that while the total global
248 lifetimes of the isomers CFC-112 and CFC-112a are similar, the lifetimes of CFC-113a (55.4
249 yrs) and CFC-114a (105.3 yrs) are substantially shorter (by ~60%) than those of the isomers
250 CFC-113 (93 yrs) and CFC-114 (189 yrs) (WMO, 2014).

251 **4.1. Ozone Depletion Potentials (ODPs)**

252 The semi-empirical and model calculated ODPs for the CFCs are given in Table 6. The
253 ODP was calculated following the methodology used previously (Fisher et al., 1990; Wuebbles,
254 1983). Steady-state simulations for year 2010 were run with the surface boundary conditions for
255 the four CFCs and CFC-11 (used as the reference compound) increased individually to obtain a
256 ~1% depletion in annually averaged global total ozone. The ODP was then taken as the change

257 in global ozone per unit mass emission of the CFC relative to the change in global ozone per unit
258 mass emission of CFC-11. Each of these compounds is a potent ozone depleting substance. The
259 model calculated ODPs for CFC-112, CFC-112a, and CFC-113a are similar to the semi-
260 empirical values inferred by Laube et al. (2014). The range in the model ODP values due to
261 uncertainty in the UV spectra obtained in this work was found to be small ($\leq \pm 0.015$).

262 Table 6 also includes ODPs for CFC-113 and CFC-114. These are larger than the ODPs
263 for the isomers CFC-113a and CFC-114a (especially CFC-113 vs CFC-113a), likely due in part,
264 to the longer lifetimes of CFC-113 and CFC-114. For comparison with other related compounds,
265 the ODPs of CFC-115, CFC-12, and CCl_4 are also included in Table 6. This shows the general
266 decrease in ODP with decreasing chlorination among CFC-112a, CFC-112, CFC-113a, CFC-
267 113, CFC-114a, CFC-114, and CFC-115. We also note that the model ODPs for CFC-112 and
268 CFC-112a are generally similar, although slightly less, than CCl_4 which also contains 4 chlorine
269 atoms. For most of the compounds listed in Table 6, the model ODPs are larger than the semi-
270 empirical values. The semi-empirical ODPs are dependent on observationally-based fractional
271 release factors for a given stratospheric mean age of air, i.e., the fractional amount of a CFC that
272 has been dissociated at a given point in the stratosphere (and the subsequent release of inorganic
273 chlorine), relative to the amount of a CFC that entered at the tropopause (e.g. (Daniel et al.,
274 2007; Douglass et al., 2008; Laube et al., 2013; Newman et al., 2007; Schauffler et al., 2003)).
275 Differences in the semi-empirical vs. model ODPs in Table 6 are due, at least in part, to
276 differences in the observationally based fractional release factors taken for mid-latitude
277 conditions compared to the global model calculations. Differences in the ODPs may also arise
278 from differences in the Ko et al. (2013) lifetimes used for the semi-empirical ODPs vs. the model
279 lifetimes, although these lifetime differences are small.

280 **4.2. Calculated Radiative Efficiencies (RE) and Global Warming Potentials (GWPs)**

281 Table 6 summarizes the radiative efficiencies (REs) for the CFCs calculated using the
282 methods described in Hodnebrog et al. (2013) and the global warming potentials (GWPs) for the
283 20, 100, and 500-year time-horizons using the lifetimes and infrared spectra from this work. The
284 CFCs are potent greenhouse gases and radiative forcing agents due to their high REs and long
285 atmospheric lifetimes. The GWPs for these long-lived compounds are comparable, or less than,
286 those of the atmospherically most abundant CFCs, e.g. the 100 year time-horizon GWPs for
287 CFC-11 (CCl_3F), CFC-12 (CCl_2F_2), and CFC-113 ($\text{CCl}_2\text{FCClF}_2$) are 4660, 10200, and 5820,

288 respectively (WMO, 2014). Etminan et al. (2014) reported a RE of $0.23 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ ppb}^{-1}$ for CFC-
289 113a and a GWP_{100} of 3310 using a lifetime of 51 years. These values are in reasonable
290 agreement with the present results.

291 **5. Conclusions**

292 Short wavelength UV absorption spectra for $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$ (CFC-112), $\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$ (CFC-
293 112a), CCl_3CF_3 (CFC-113a), and CCl_2FCF_3 (CFC-114a) measured in this work between 192.5
294 and 235 nm and at temperatures in the range 207 to 323 K were combined with 2-D atmospheric
295 model calculations to assess their atmospheric loss processes, lifetimes, and ozone depletion
296 potentials (ODPs). Short wavelength UV photolysis was shown to be the predominant loss
297 process for the CFCs with global annually averaged lifetimes of 63.6, 51.5, 55.5, and 105.3
298 years, for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a, respectively. The uncertainty in the
299 model-calculated lifetimes due to the 2σ uncertainty in the UV absorption spectra reported in this
300 work was found to be small, $<3\%$. These CFCs are potent ozone depleting substances with 2-D
301 model calculated ODPs of 0.98, 0.86, 0.73, and 0.72 for CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and
302 CFC-114a, respectively. The uncertainty in the model calculated ODPs due to the uncertainty in
303 the UV spectra and $\text{O}(^1\text{D})$ reactive loss was small, $<\pm 0.015$. These CFCs are also potent
304 greenhouse gases with GWPs comparable to those of the most abundant CFCs present in the
305 atmosphere.

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408 **Table 1.** CCl₃CF₃ (CFC-113a) UV Absorption Cross Section Data (10⁻²⁰ cm² molecule⁻¹, base e)
 409 Obtained in This Work.

λ (nm)	323 K	296 K	271 K	250 K	232 K	207 K
192.5	131.6 ± 1.5	132.5 ± 1.1	136.9 ± 1.0	137.2 ± 0.9	141.4 ± 1.6	139.7 ± 0.9
195	103.9 ± 0.2	106.6 ± 0.6	106.8 ± 0.9	107.5 ± 1.2	110.2 ± 1.0	111.0 ± 0.3
200	64.3 ± 0.2	63.9 ± 0.6	63.9 ± 1.2	63.6 ± 0.6	64.5 ± 0.6	63.5 ± 0.4
205	35.3 ± 0.14	34.1 ± 0.2	33.5 ± 0.13	33.2 ± 0.2	31.9 ± 0.3	31.3 ± 0.3
210	17.3 ± 0.10	16.2 ± 0.1	15.3 ± 0.1	14.4 ± 0.1	13.9 ± 0.17	12.5 ± 0.2
215	7.99 ± 0.02	7.25 ± 0.01	6.58 ± 0.02	5.94 ± 0.06	5.77 ± 0.06	5.26 ± 0.07
220	3.57 ± 0.014	3.07 ± 0.02	2.65 ± 0.007	2.36 ± 0.02	2.23 ± 0.008	2.09 ± 0.02
225	1.55 ± 0.014	1.29 ± 0.01	1.04 ± 0.004	0.912 ± 0.006	0.813 ± 0.01	0.778 ± 0.04
230	0.673 ± 0.009	0.521 ± 0.004	0.418 ± 0.003	0.357 ± 0.008	0.322 ± 0.003	
235	0.297 ± 0.018	0.208 ± 0.001	0.157 ± 0.006	0.139 ± 0.006		

410 * Quoted uncertainties are 2σ fit precision values (rounded off).

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413 **Table 2.** CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a) UV Absorption Cross Section Data (10⁻²⁰ cm² molecule⁻¹, base
 414 e) Obtained in This Work.

λ (nm)	323 K	296 K	271 K	250 K	232 K	207 K
192.5	32.8 ± 0.2	32.2 ± 0.3	31.6 ± 0.2	30.7 ± 0.2	30.0 ± 0.3	28.2 ± 0.2
195	21.8 ± 0.1	20.7 ± 0.1	19.9 ± 0.1	19.0 ± 0.1	18.4 ± 0.1	17.3 ± 0.1
200	8.72 ± 0.01	7.86 ± 0.045	7.26 ± 0.02	6.70 ± 0.03	6.26 ± 0.04	5.88 ± 0.05
205	3.31 ± 0.01	2.86 ± 0.01	2.50 ± 0.03	2.29 ± 0.02	2.12 ± 0.02	1.91 ± 0.02
210	1.21 ± 0.003	0.991 ± 0.003	0.835 ± 0.006	0.757 ± 0.006	0.655 ± 0.083	0.555 ± 0.002
215	0.440 ± 0.002	0.345 ± 0.001	0.276 ± 0.001	0.246 ± 0.006	0.197 ± 0.001	0.168 ± 0.001
220	0.162 ± 0.002	0.118 ± 0.0004	0.0926 ± 0.0003	0.0786 ± 0.0013	0.0626 ± 0.0003	0.0534 ± 0.0014
225	0.0600 ± 0.001	0.0409 ± 0.0006	0.0307 ± 0.0002	0.0253 ± 0.0002	0.0204 ± 0.0004	0.0176 ± 0.0046
230		0.0147 ± 0.0004	0.0110 ± 0.0002			
235		0.00553 ± 0.00025				

415 * Quoted uncertainties are 2σ fit precision values (rounded off).

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419 **Table 3.** Parameterization of the UV absorption spectra for $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$ (CFC-112), $\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$
 420 (CFC-112a), CCl_3CF_3 (CFC-113a), and CCl_2FCF_3 (CFC-114a) obtained in this work. The
 421 parameterization is for wavelengths between 192.5 to 235 nm and temperatures between 230 and
 422 323 K for CFC-112 and CFC-112a and between 207 and 323 K for CFC-113a and CFC-114a.
 423 Units: $\sigma(\lambda, T)$ ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$, base e), λ (nm), and T (K)

$$424 \quad \ln(\sigma(\lambda, T)) = \sum_i A_i \lambda_i^i + (T - 296) \sum_i B_i \lambda_i^i$$

Molecule	i	A_i	B_i
$\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$ (CFC-112)	0	-1488.6207	6.04688
	1	18.43604	-0.0801501
	2	-0.02897393	0.0001201698
	3	-0.00051504703	2.610366×10^{-6}
	4	2.644261×10^{-6}	$-1.3959106 \times 10^{-8}$
	5	$-3.7258313 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.0719264 \times 10^{-11}$
$\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$ (CFC-112a)	0	-560.3404	10.37492
	1	9.534427	-0.182485408
	2	-0.06987945	0.0011614979
	3	0.0002657157	$-2.9864183 \times 10^{-6}$
	4	-5.491224×10^{-7}	1.547878×10^{-9}
	5	4.993769×10^{-10}	3.36518×10^{-12}
CCl_3CF_3 (CFC-113a)	0	-319.173	2.89174
	1	2.70954	-0.0348043
	2	0.00457404	3.6233×10^{-5}
	3	-0.0001288147	1.08853×10^{-6}
	4	4.71409×10^{-7}	-5.25744×10^{-9}
	5	-5.35388×10^{-10}	7.26095×10^{-12}
CCl_2FCF_3 (CFC-114a)	0	-253.6338	0.52031
	1	2.899454	-0.005044
	2	-0.0081158	1.6142×10^{-6}
	3	-3.68328×10^{-5}	7.2259×10^{-8}
	4	2.071842×10^{-7}	2.4996×10^{-11}
	5	-2.5764×10^{-10}	-5.9642×10^{-13}

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428 **Table 4.** Fractional losses and ranges (in parenthesis) for CCl₂FCCl₂F (CFC-112), CCl₃CClF₂
 429 (CFC-112a), CCl₃CF₃ (CFC-113a), and CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a) calculated using the GSFC 2-D
 430 model and the UV absorption spectra and estimated Lyman- α cross sections reported in this
 431 work

Molecule	Lyman- α	190-230 nm	O(¹ D)
CCl ₂ FCCl ₂ F (CFC-112)	<0.001	0.978 (0.953–0.99)	0.022 (0.047–0.01)
CCl ₃ CClF ₂ (CFC-112a)	<0.001	0.979 (0.955–0.99)	0.021 (0.045–0.01)
CCl ₃ CF ₃ (CFC-113a)	<0.001	0.979 (0.968–0.986)	0.021 (0.032–0.014)
CCl ₂ FCF ₃ (CFC-114a)	<0.001	0.929 (0.903–0.948)	0.071 (0.097–0.052)

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437 **Table 5.** Atmospheric lifetimes (τ)^a and ranges^b (years) for CCl₂FCCl₂F (CFC-112), CCl₃CClF₂
 438 (CFC-112a), CCl₃CF₃ (CFC-113a), and CCl₂FCF₃ (CFC-114a) calculated using the GSFC 2-D
 439 model and the UV absorption spectra reported in this work

Molecule	Tropospheric		Stratospheric		Mesospheric	Total	
	τ	τ Range	τ	τ Range	τ	τ	τ Range
CCl ₂ FCCl ₂ F (CFC-112)	2276	(1718–2710)	65.4	(64.2–66.3)	>10 ⁶	63.6	(61.9–64.7)
CCl ₃ CClF ₂ (CFC-112a)	1187	(938–1371)	53.8	(52.8–54.6)	>10 ⁶	51.5	(50.0–52.6)
CCl ₃ CF ₃ (CFC-113a)	1476	(1290–1645)	57.5	(56.7–58.3)	>10 ⁶	55.4	(54.3–56.3)
CCl ₂ FCF ₃ (CFC-114a)	8312	(6286–10480)	106.7	(104.7–108.6)	3 × 10 ⁵	105.3	(102.9–107.4)

440 ^a Global annually averaged values; ^b Calculated using 2 σ upper and lower limits of the UV
 441 absorption cross sections and estimated Lyman- α cross sections reported in this work (see text)
 442 and O(¹D) rate coefficient uncertainties from Sander et al. (2011).

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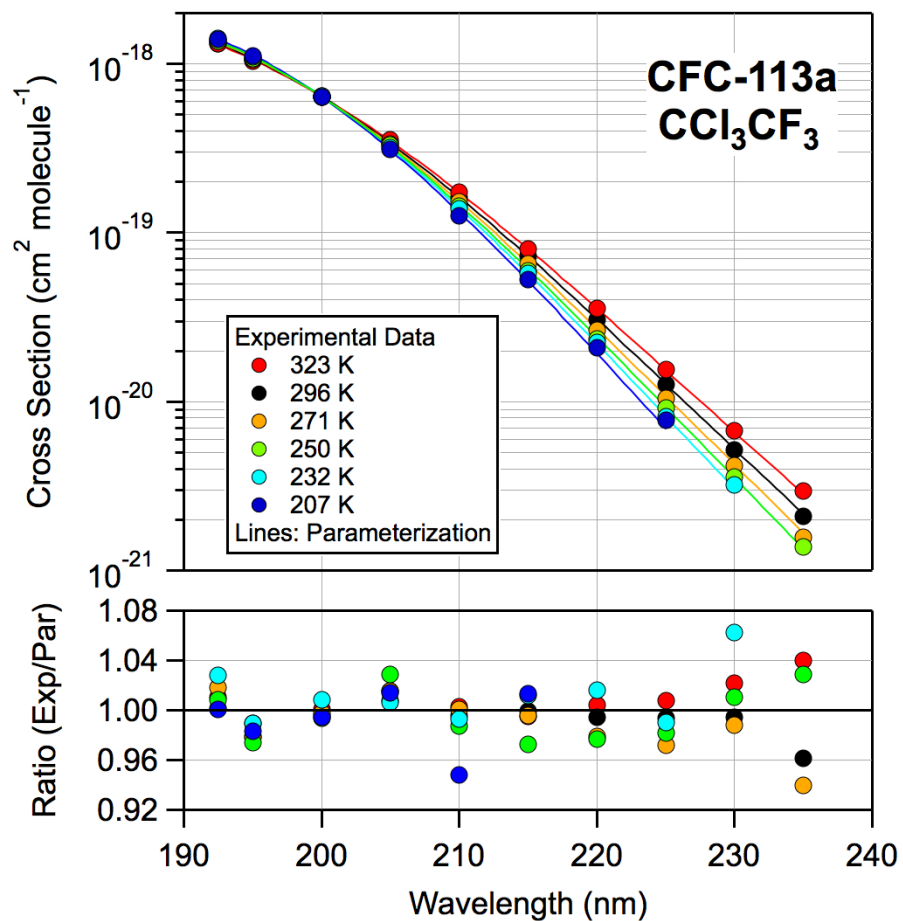
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Table 6. Lifetimes, ozone depletion potentials (ODPs), radiative efficiencies (RE), and global warming potentials (GWPs) obtained in this work and literature values for comparison

Molecule	Lifetime (years)	Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)		Radiative Efficiency (W m ⁻² ppb ⁻¹)	Global Warming Potential Time Horizons (years)		
		semi-empirical	2-D Model ^d		20	100	500
CCl ₂ FCCl ₂ F (CFC-112)	63.6	0.88 (0.62-1.44) ^a	0.98 (±0.015)	0.28	5330	4260	1530
CCl ₃ CClF ₂ (CFC-112a)	51.5	0.88 (0.50-2.19) ^a	0.86 (±0.015)	0.25	4600	3330	1110
CCl ₃ CF ₃ (CFC-113a)	55.4	0.68 (0.34-3.79) ^a	0.73 (±0.01)	0.24	4860	3650	1240
CCl ₂ FCF ₃ (CFC-114a)	105.3		0.72 (±0.01)	0.28	6750	6510	3000
CCl ₂ FCClF ₂ (CFC-113)	93 ^b	0.81-0.82 ^b	0.95	0.30 ^b	6490 ^b	5820 ^b	
CClF ₂ CClF ₂ (CFC-114)	189 ^b	0.50 ^b	0.78	0.31 ^b	7710 ^b	8590 ^b	
CClF ₂ CF ₃ (CFC-115)	540 ^b	0.26 ^b	0.44	0.20 ^b	5860 ^b	7670 ^b	
CCl ₂ F ₂ (CFC-12)	102 ^b	0.73-0.81 ^b	1.01	0.32 ^b	10800 ^b	10200 ^b	
CCl ₄	26 ^{b,c}	0.72 ^b	1.06	0.17 ^b	3480 ^b	1730 ^b	

448 ^a Semi-empirical ODPs and uncertainty ranges taken from Laube et al. (2014).
449 ^b Taken from WMO (2014).
450 ^c CCl₄ stratospheric lifetime of 44 years given in WMO (2014).
451 ^d The uncertainty range in the model calculated ODPs reported here is due to the uncertainty in
452 the UV and Lyman- α (estimated) spectra obtained in this work and uncertainty in the O(¹D)
453 rate coefficients taken from Sander et al. (2011).
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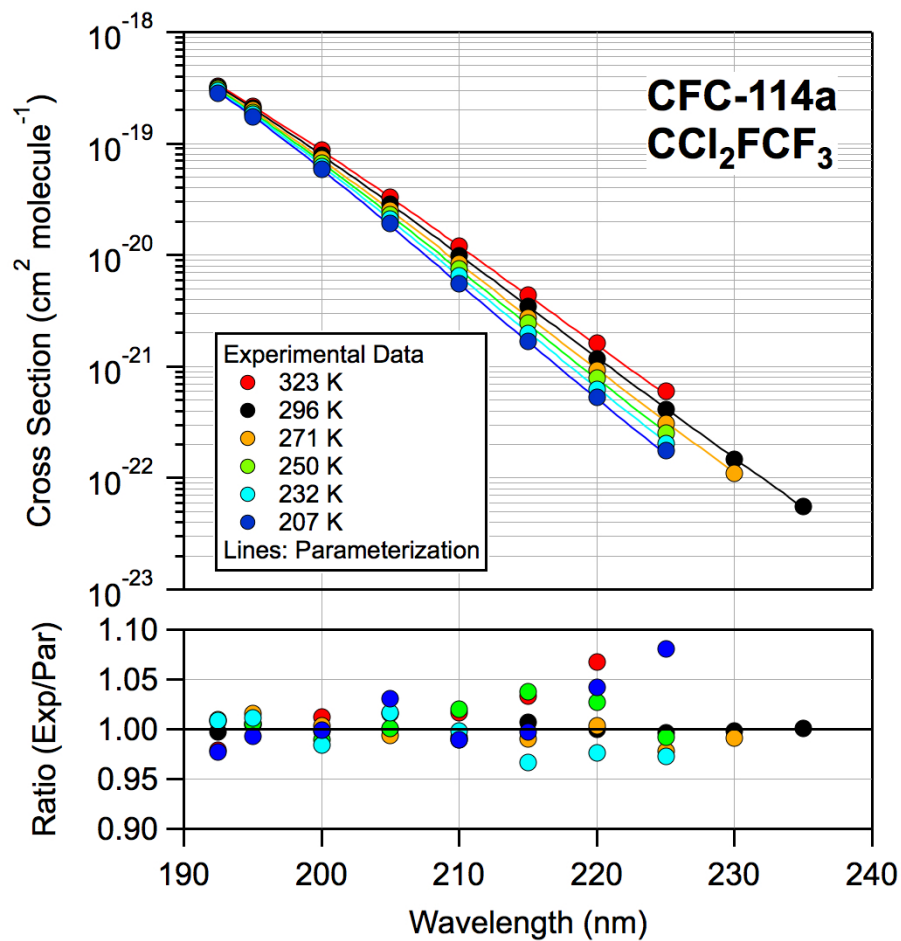


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458 **Figure 1.** CCl_3CF_3 (CFC-113a) UV absorption spectrum (base e) and parameterization obtained
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 460 the empirical formula and parameters given in Table 3 (see text). The lower frame shows the
 461 overall quality of the parameterization.

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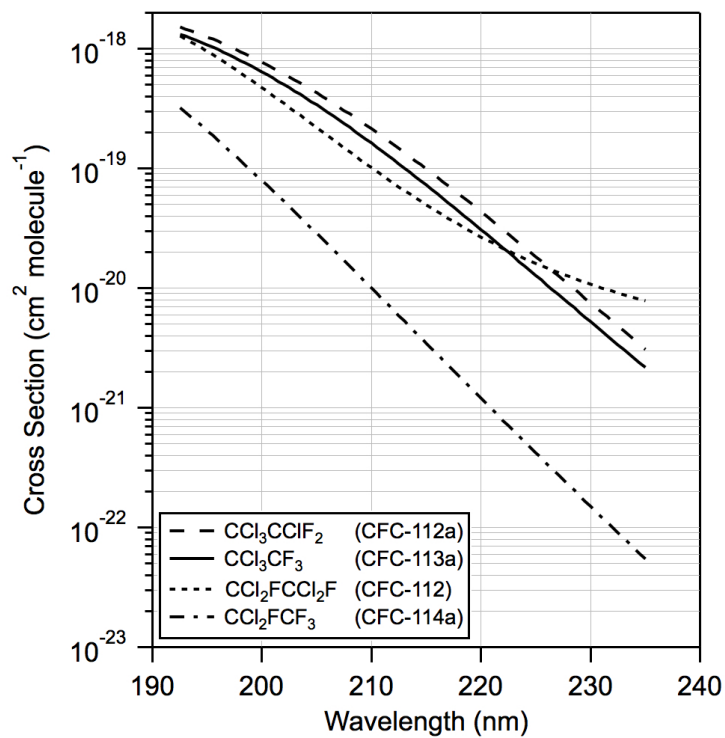
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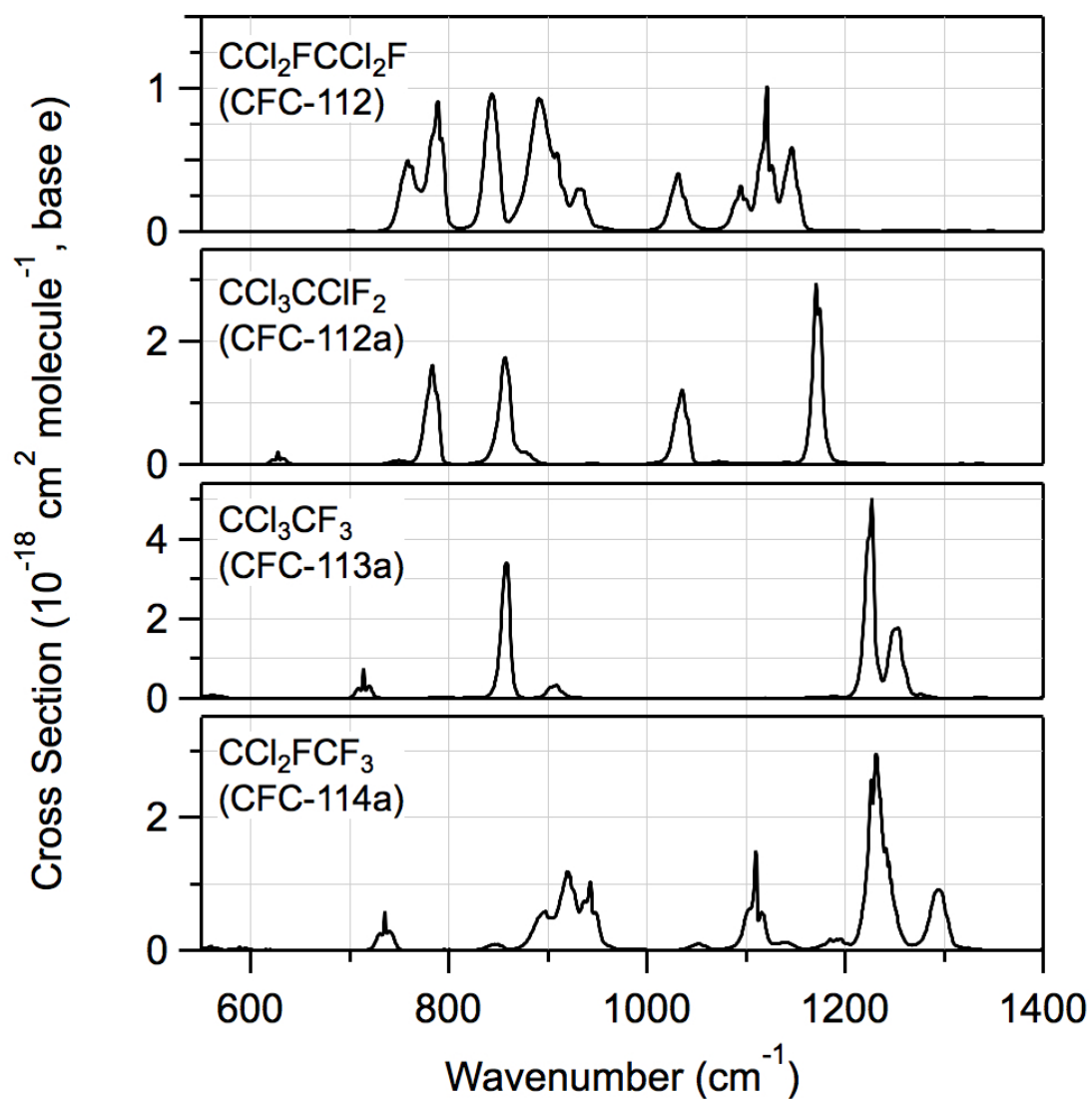
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476 **Figure 3.** UV absorption spectra (base e) of CFC-112, CFC-112a, CFC-113a, and CFC-114a at
477 296 K calculated using the parameterization from this work, Table 3, over the wavelength range
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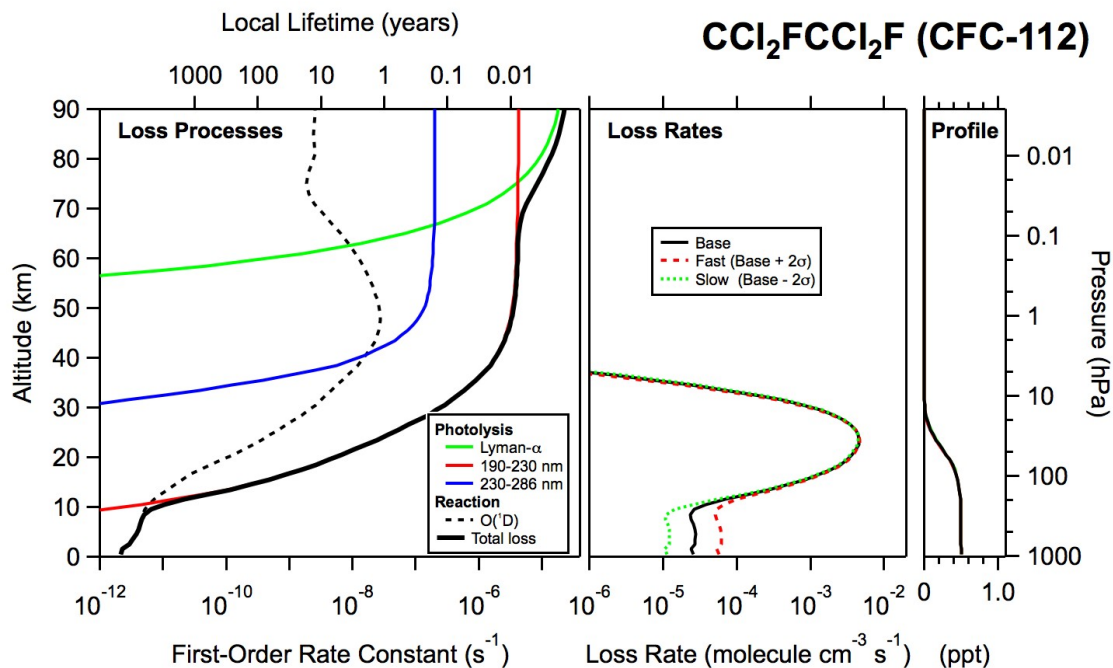
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Figure 4. Infrared absorption spectra of $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$ (CFC-112), $\text{CCl}_3\text{CClF}_2$ (CFC-112a), CCl_3CF_3 (CFC-113a), and CCl_2FCF_3 (CFC-114a) at 296 K obtained in this work.

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Figure 5. Global annually averaged vertical profiles of the atmospheric loss processes, molecular loss rates, and mixing ratio for $\text{CCl}_2\text{FCCl}_2\text{F}$ (CFC-112) calculated using the GSFC 2-D atmospheric model for year 2000. The model calculations were performed using the CFC-112 UV absorption spectrum from this work and other model input parameters taken from the literature as described in the text. The global annually averaged lifetime for CFC-112 was calculated to be 63.6 (61.9–64.7) years.