

Supplemental Material

Figure S1. Mass spectra on a linear scale taken with MgF₂ window ~150 μs after the shock front arrival in a 0.06% C₈H₈/99.94% Ar mixture. Mass spectra are integrated from 8 – 10.5 eV.

Figure S2. Mass spectra on a linear scale from photoionization (top) and electron impact (bottom) TOF-MS experiments ~150 μs post-shock. PI spectra were taken at 1875 ± 25 K, 11.3 ± 0.2 atm, 0.25% C₈H₈/99.75% Ar, and integrated from 8 – 10.5 eV. EI spectra were taken at 1830 ± 25 K, 368 ± 7 Torr, 0.5% C₈H₈/1.0% Ar/98.5% Ne and 21 eV.

Figure S3. Mass spectra on a linear scale from photoionization (top) and electron impact (bottom) TOF-MS experiments pre-shock/non-reactive. PI spectra were taken at 1875 ± 25 K, 11.3 ± 0.2 atm, 0.25% C₈H₈/99.75% Ar, and integrated from 8 – 10.5 eV. EI spectra were taken at 1830 ± 25 K, 368 ± 7 Torr, 0.5% C₈H₈/1.0% Ar/98.5% Ne and 21 eV.

Figure S4. EI time history of m/z 74 at 1830 ± 25 K, 368 ± 7 Torr, 0.5% C₈H₈/1.0% Ar/98.5% Ne and 21 eV. Symbols represent the data, lines are experimental fits for clarity only, and shading is the 95% confidence interval of the experimental fit.

Figure S5. PI time history of m/z 74 with the MgF₂ filter at 1875 ± 25 K, 11.3 ± 0.2 atm, 0.25% C₈H₈/99.75% Ar, and integrated from 8 – 10.5 eV. Symbols represent the data, lines are experimental fits for clarity only, and shading is the 95% confidence interval of the experimental fit.

Figure S6. Simulation of [C₈H₆]/[C₈H₈] at 150 μs in a constant volume reactor showing the effect of pressure.

Figure S7. Percentage that R2: C₈H₈ → β-C₈H₇ + H comprises of the total styrene decomposition rate based upon the current mechanism. The conditions of the current study and literature studies are emphasized.

Figure S8. Percentage that R3: C₈H₈ → o-C₈H₇ + H comprises of the total styrene decomposition rate based upon the current mechanism. The conditions of the current study and literature studies are emphasized.

Figure S9. Percentage that R4: C₈H₈ → m-C₈H₇ + H comprises of the total styrene decomposition rate based upon the current mechanism. The conditions of the current study and literature studies are emphasized.

Figure S10. Percentage that R5: C₈H₈ → p-C₈H₇ + H comprises of the total styrene decomposition rate based upon the current mechanism. The conditions of the current study and literature studies are emphasized.

Figure S11. CHEMKIN-based normalized [C₈H₈] sensitivity of the current mechanism while simulating the Müller-Markgraf and Troe study.

Table S1. Species name translations for mechanism names, chemical names, and InChI. InChiKey is suitable for internet and PubChem database searching.

Table S2. List of density, refractive index, and molar refractivity for mixture species.

Table S3. List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for k_{decomp} (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 60 Torr.

Table S4. List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for k_{decomp} (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 120 Torr.

Table S5. List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for k_{decomp} (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 240 Torr.

Table S6. Stationary point energies for the thermal decomposition reactions of Styrene.

Table S7. Structures and frequencies for relevant molecules and reactions on the C₈H₈ PES at the M06-2X/cc-pvtz level of theory.

Styrene - PLOG.ck– Full mechanism