

**Chemistry 102**

**CHAPTER 14**

**Chemical Kinetics**

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## Chapter 13

### Chemical Kinetics

**Speed of an event:** Change in a given period of time

**Rate of a reaction:** Change in the concentration of a reactant or product in a certain amount of time.

**Units of Rate:** M/s or mol/L s.



Average rate of consumption of  $\text{NO}_2$  ( $v_{\text{NO}_2}$ ):

$$v_{\text{NO}_2} = \frac{-\Delta[\text{NO}_2]}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta[\text{NO}_2] = [\text{NO}_2]_{\text{final}} - [\text{NO}_2]_{\text{initial}}$$

Instantaneous rate of consumption of  $\text{NO}_2$  ( $v_{\text{NO}_2}$ ):

$$v_{\text{NO}_2} = \frac{-d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt}$$

Average rate of appearance of  $\text{NO}$  ( $v_{\text{NO}}$ ):

$$v_{\text{NO}} = \frac{\Delta[\text{NO}_2]}{\Delta t}$$

Instantaneous rate of appearance of  $\text{NO}$  ( $v_{\text{NO}}$ ):

$$v_{\text{NO}} = \frac{d[\text{NO}]}{dt}$$

Initial Rate of reaction: the rate of reaction at  $t = 0$

Initial rate  $\approx$  instantaneous rate

### Reaction Rate and Stoichiometry:



$$\frac{-\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t}$$

$$v_A = v_B$$



$$\frac{-d[A]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{-d[B]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{d[C]}{dt}$$

$$v_A = \frac{1}{2} v_B = \frac{1}{3} v_C$$

In general:



$$\frac{1}{a} v_A = \frac{1}{b} v_B = \frac{1}{c} v_C = \frac{1}{d} v_D$$

Example: For the reaction  $A + 2B \rightarrow 3C$ , the rate of consumption of B is  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M/s. Calculate the rate of production of C.

$$v_A = \frac{1}{2} v_B = \frac{1}{3} v_C$$

$$v_C = \frac{3}{2} v_B$$

$$v_C = \frac{3}{2} \times 2 \times 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M / s}$$

## Factors Affecting Reaction Rate:

1. Physical states of reactants.
2. Concentration of Reactants.
3. The Temperature of the reactants.
4. The presence of a catalyst.

## Concentration of Reactants:

Rule: Reaction rate increases as the concentration of reactants is increased.



$$\text{rate} = k[A]^\alpha [B]^\beta [C]^\gamma \dots$$

k : rate constant.

$\alpha$ : order of reaction in reactant A.

$\beta$ : order of reaction in reactant B.

$\gamma$ : order of reaction in reactant C.

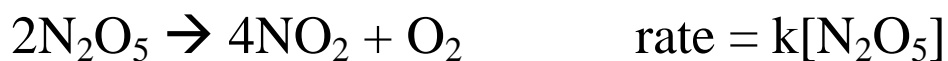
$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \dots =$  overall order of reaction.

**Rule:**  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , .. are empirical constants.

If  $\alpha = 0$ , the reaction is zero order in A.

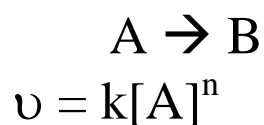
If  $\alpha = 1$ , the reaction is first order in A.

If  $\alpha = 2$ , the reaction is second order in A.



### Units of Rate Constant:

**Rule:** Units of Rate Constant depend on the overall order of reaction.



$$k = \frac{v}{[\text{A}]^n} = \frac{M \text{ s}^{-1}}{M^n} = M^{(1-n)} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k = M^{(1-n)} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

For first order reaction  $k = \text{s}^{-1}$ .

For second order reaction  $k = \text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

For zero order reaction  $k = \text{M} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

## **Determination of Rate Law:**

### **1. Initial Rate Method:**

**Zero order Reaction:** Changing the concentration of reactant has no effect on the rate.

### **First Order reaction:**

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]$$

If the concentration is doubled, rate doubles.

If the concentration is tripled, rate will triple.

### **Second order reactions:**

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^2$$

Doubling the concentration, rate increase by a factor of 4

Tripling the concentration, rate increase by a factor of 9

**Example:** Given the following kinetic, determine the rate law for the reaction  $A + B \rightarrow C$ .

Experiment number	[A] (M)	[B](M)	Initial rate (M/s)
1	0.10	0.10	$1.23 \times 10^{-3}$
2	0.10	0.20	$2.46 \times 10^{-3}$
3	0.20	0.10	$4.92 \times 10^{-3}$

$$rate = k[A]^\alpha [B]^\beta$$

**Order in A:** From experiments 1 and 3, Doubling the concentration of A, increases the rate by a factor of 4.

$$\alpha = 2$$

**Order in B:** From experiments 1 and 2, Doubling the concentration of A, increases the rate by a factor of 2.

$$\beta = 1$$

**Calculation of k:**

$$rate = k[A]^2[B]$$

From experiment 1:

$$1.23 \times 10^{-3} = k \times 0.1^2 \times 0.1$$

$$k = \frac{1.23 \times 10^{-3}}{0.1^3} = 1.23 \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



## 2. Change of Concentration with Time:

### A. First order Reactions



If the reaction is first order in A:

$$\frac{-d[A]}{dt} = k[A]$$

The concentration of A at time = t is given by:

$$\ln[A] - \ln[A]_0 = -kt$$

or

$$\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -kt$$

or

$$\ln[A] = \ln[A]_0 - kt$$

$$y = a - bx$$

**Rule:** For 1<sup>st</sup> order, reaction, plot of  $\ln[A]_t$  versus time must be straight line.

### B. Second Order Reactions



If the reaction is first order in A:

$$\frac{-d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2$$

The concentration of A at time = t is given by:

$$\frac{1}{[A]_t} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$y = ax + b$$

**Rule:** For 2nd order, reaction, plot of  $\frac{1}{[A]_t}$  versus time must be straight line.

## Half-Life of Reactions:

**Half-Life of Reactions ( $t_{1/2}$ ):** the time needed for the concentration of a reactant to drop to one half of its initial concentration.

$$[A]_{t_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2}[A]_0$$

1. for 1<sup>st</sup> order reactions:

$$\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -kt$$

at  $t_{1/2}$ ,  $[A]_{t_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2}[A]_0$

$$\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -kt$$

$$\ln \frac{\frac{1}{2}[A]_0}{[A]_0} = -kt_{1/2}$$

$$\ln 0.5 = -kt_{1/2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

3. For 2<sup>nd</sup> order reactions:

$$\frac{1}{[A]_t} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$\frac{2}{[A]_0} = kt_{1/2} + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$$

**Example:** The reaction  $A \rightarrow B$  at 500 K is first order with rate constant of  $6.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . if the initial concentration of A is 0.135 M, calculate:

A .The concentration of A after 1420 s.

$$\ln[A]_t = \ln[A]_0 - kt$$

$$\ln[A]_t = \ln 0.135 - 6.8 \times 10^{-4} \times 1420 = -2.97$$

$$[A]_t = e^{-2.97} = 0.051 \text{ M}$$

B. the half-life of the reaction.

For 1<sup>st</sup> order reactions:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{6.8 \times 10^{-4}} = 1019 \text{ s}$$

## 5. Effect of Temperature:

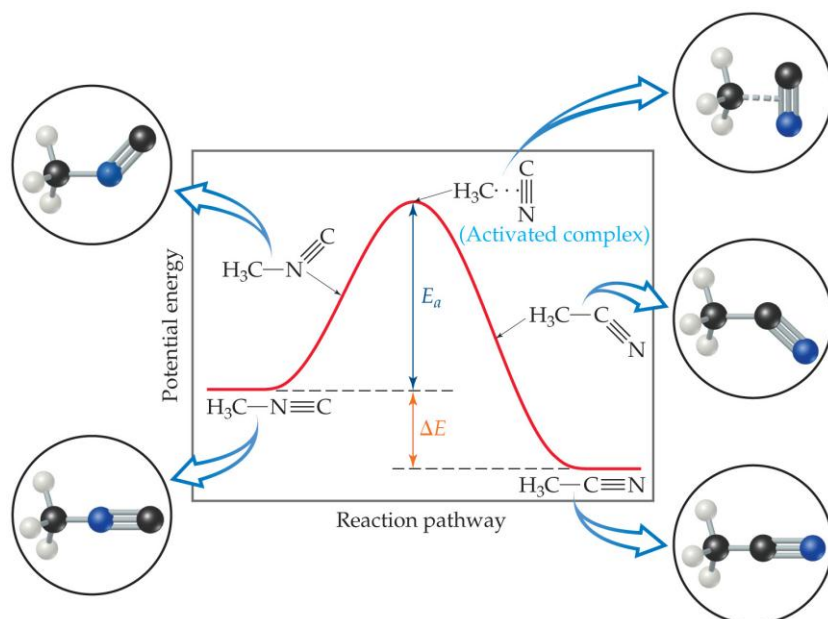
**Rule:** Rates of chemical reaction increases as temperature is increased.

### The Collision Theory:



1. Molecules must collide to react.
2. The colliding molecules must have enough energy.
3. Colliding molecules must have a suitable orientation.

## The Activation Energy:



**Activation Energy ( $E_a$ ):** the minimum amount of energy reacting molecules must process in order react.



**Rule:** The rate of the reaction decreases as the activation energy increases. The lower the activation energy, the faster the reaction.

## The Arrhenius Equation:

$$k = Ae^{\frac{-Ea}{RT}}$$

or

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{Ea}{RT}$$

Where Ea: the activation energy.

A: the frequency factor.

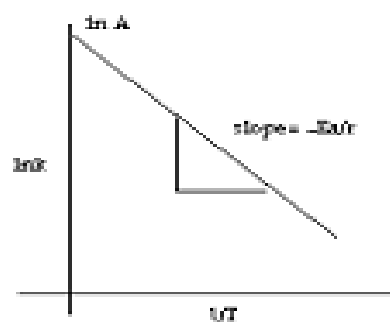
## Determination of Activation Energy:

Method (1)

$$\ln k = \frac{-Ea}{RT} + \ln A$$

$$\ln k = \frac{-Ea}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) + \ln A$$

$$y = -ax + b$$



Method (2)

$$\ln k_1 = \frac{-Ea}{RT_1} + \ln A$$

$$\ln k_2 = \frac{-Ea}{RT_2} + \ln A$$

Subtract the first equation from the second:

$$\ln k_2 - \ln k_1 = \frac{-Ea}{RT_2} - \frac{-Ea}{RT_1}$$

$$\ln \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{Ea}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

**Example:** The rate constant for a reaction is  $1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 320 K and  $3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 340 K. Calculate the activation energy and the frequency factor for this reaction.

1. Calculation of  $E_a$ :

$$\ln \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

$$\ln \frac{3 \times 10^{-8}}{1 \times 10^{-9}} = \frac{E_a}{8.314} \left( \frac{1}{320} - \frac{1}{340} \right)$$

$$3.40 = \frac{E_a}{8.314} \times 1.83 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$E_a = \frac{3.40 \times 8.314}{1.83 \times 10^{-4}} = 153775 \text{ J} = 153.8 \text{ kJ}$$

6. Calculation of  $A$

$$\ln k = \frac{-E_a}{RT} + \ln A$$

$$\ln 1 \times 10^{-9} = \frac{-153775}{8.314 \times 320} + \ln A$$

$$-20.7 = -57.8 + \ln A$$

$$\ln A = 57.8 - 20.7 = 37.1$$

$$A = e^{37.1} = 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}$$