

# Chapter 12

# **Chemical Kinetics**



### **Reaction Rate**

 Change in concentration of a reactant or product per unit time.

• 
$$Rate = \frac{[A]_{t2} - [A]_{t1}}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$$



### The Decomposition of Nitrogen Dioxide

Table 12.1Concentrations of Reactant and Products<br/>as a Function of Time for the Reaction<br/> $2NO_2(g) \rightarrow 2NO(g) + O_2(g)$  (at  $300^\circ$ C)

	C	Concentration (mol/L)			
Time (±1s)	NO <sub>2</sub>	NO	<b>O</b> <sub>2</sub>		
0	0.0100	0	0		
50	0.0079	0.0021	0.0011		
100	0.0065	0.0035	0.0018		
150	0.0055	0.0045	0.0023		
200	0.0048	0.0052	0.0026		
250	0.0043	0.0057	0.0029		
300	0.0038	0.0062	0.0031		
350	0.0034	0.0066	0.0033		
400	0.0031	0.0069	0.0035		

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### The Decomposition of Nitrogen Dioxide





### Instantaneous Rate

 Value of the rate at a particular instant of time can be obtained by computing the slope of a line tangent to the rate curve at that point.



#### Rate Law

- Shows how the rate depends on the concentrations of reactants.
- For the decomposition of nitrogen dioxide:

 $2NO_2(g) \rightarrow 2NO(g) + O_2(g)$ 

Rate =  $k[NO_2]^n$ :

- k = rate constant ; n = order of the reactant
- The rate in terms of the concentrations of reactants and products:

• 
$$rate = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta [NO_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta [NO]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta [O_2]}{\Delta t}$$

• 
$$rate = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NO]}{dt} = \frac{d[O_2]}{dt}$$

(instantaneous rate)



Rate Law

- Rate =  $k [NO_2]^n$
- The concentrations of the products <u>do not</u> appear in the rate law because the reaction rate is being studied under conditions where the reverse reaction does not contribute to the overall rate.



Rate Law

Rate =  $k [NO_2]^n$ 

The value of the exponent *n* must be determined <u>experimentally</u>; it cannot be written from the balanced equation.



Types of Rate Laws

 Differential Rate Law (rate law) – shows how the rate of a reaction depends on concentrations.

 Integrated Rate Law – shows how the concentrations of species in the reaction depend on time.



### Rate Laws: A Summary

- Reaction rates are studied under conditions were the reverse reaction is unimportant. So, the concentrations of the products are not part of the rate law equation.
- The differential and integrated rate laws for a given reaction are related in a well–defined way. Therefore, the experimental determination of either of the rate laws is sufficient.

# Section 12.3 Determining the Form of the Rate Law

# Method of Initial Rates

- Several experiments are carried out using different initial concentrations of each of the reactants where the initial rate is determined for each run.
- The results are then compared to see how the initial rate depends on the initial concentrations of each of the reactants.

Section 12.3 Determining the Form of the Rate Law

### **Overall Reaction Order**

- The sum of the exponents in the reaction rate equation.
  Rate = k [A]<sup>n</sup>[B]<sup>m</sup>
  - Overall reaction order = (n + m)
  - k = rate constant
  - [A] = concentration of reactant A
  - [B] = concentration of reactant B



First-Order:

• Consider the reaction:  $A \rightarrow products$ 

- $Rate = k[A]_i = \frac{d[A]}{dt}$  ("A" is a reactant, the power of [A] is one)
- Rearrange:  $\frac{d[A]}{[A]} = k dt$
- Integrate: [A] o to [A] and time t=0 to time t,

 $ln[A] = -kt + ln[A]_{o}$  (this is linear form of the rate law equation)

Plot of In[A] against t give a strait line with negative slope of -k and intercept of In[A]<sub>o</sub>

- [A] = concentration of A at time t
  - k = rate constant
  - t = time
- $[A]_{o}$  = initial concentration of A



# Plot of In[N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>] vs Time

$$slope = -k = \frac{[-5-(-3)]}{400-100} = -0.0133$$
, so, k=0.0133

$ln[N_2O_5]$	Time (s)
-2.303	0
-2.649	50
-2.996	100
-3.689	200
-4.382	300
-5.075	400





First-Order

- Time required for a reactant to reach half its original concentration In[A] = -kt + In[A]<sub>o</sub>
- $In(1/2[A]_{o}) = -k t_{1/2} + In[A]_{o}$
- Half–Life:

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

*k* = rate constant

Half—life <u>does not</u> depend on the concentration of reactants.

• 
$$t\frac{1}{2} = \frac{0.693}{0.0133} = 52.1 \ s$$

A first order reaction is 35% complete at the end of 55 minutes. What is the value of k?

 $\ln[A] = -kt + \ln[A]_{o}$  (first-order reaction)

 $\ln (0.65[A_o]) = -k (55 \text{ min.}) + \ln[A]_o.$ 

$$\ln \frac{0.65[Ao]}{[Ao]} = -kt$$

$$k = -\frac{\ln(0.65)}{55\min} = -\frac{-0.431}{55\min} = 7.8 \times 10^{-3} \min^{-1}$$



#### Second-Order

• Consider the reaction  $A \rightarrow \text{products}$ 

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

$$\frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = kdt$$

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

[A] = concentration of A at time t; k = rate constant; t = time [A]<sub>o</sub> = initial concentration of A

plot of  $\frac{1}{[A]}$  against t produces straight line with slope k and intercept of 1/[A].



# Plot of $\ln[C_4H_6]$ vs Time and Plot of $1/[C_4H_6]$ vs Time





Second-Order Use the data (slide 18) to calculate the half-life?

For second-order reaction, K=slope of the line

• 
$$slope = k = \frac{400 - 100}{5000 - 0} = 0.06 \frac{L}{mol.s}$$

From the plot [A]<sub>o</sub> = 100 M

• 
$$t(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{k[A]_o} = \frac{1}{(0.06)(100)} = 0.167 \ s.$$
  
 $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{k[A]_o}$ 

- Half—life gets longer as the reaction progresses and the concentration of reactants decrease.
- Each successive half—life is double the preceding one.



#### Zero-Order

- Consider the reaction:  $A \rightarrow Products$
- $Rate = \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k [A]^o = k$  rearrange,
- d[A] = k dt , integrate,  $[A] = -kt + [A]_{o}$

Plot of [A] against t gives straight line of slope –k and intercept [A]<sub>o</sub>

[A] = concentration of A at time t

k = rate constant; t = time;  $[A]_o = initial concentration of A$ 

Plot of [A] vs Time



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Zero-Order

• Half-Life:  $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{[A]_{0}}{2k}$ 

> k = rate constant (s/M); I/M = L/mol.[A]<sub>o</sub> = initial concentration of A

 Half–life gets shorter as the reaction progresses and the concentration of reactants decrease.



### **CONCEPT CHECK!**

How can you tell the difference among 0<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> order rate laws from their graphs?

How can you tell the difference among 0<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> order rate laws from the units of their rate constant?

How can you tell the difference among 0<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> order rate laws from the dependence of the half-life on the initial concentration?



### Summary of the Rate Laws

Table 12.6 S	Summary of the Kinetics for	Reactions of the	Type aA $\rightarrow$ Products	That Are Zero,	First, or Second	Order in [A]
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		Order			
	Zero	First	Second		
Rate law	Rate = k	Rate $= k[A]$	Rate = $k[A]^2$		
Integrated rate law	$[A] = -kt + [A]_0$	$\ln[A] = -kt + \ln[A]_0$	$\frac{1}{[A]} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$		
Plot needed to give a straight line	[A] versus t	ln[A] versus t	$\frac{1}{[A]}$ versus t		
Relationship of rate constant to the slope of straight line	Slope = -k	Slope = -k	Slope $= k$		
Half-Life	$t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$	$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$	$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$		

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### EXERCISE!

Consider the reaction  $aA \rightarrow Products$ .  $[A]_0 = 5.0 M and k = 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  (assume the units are appropriate for each case). Calculate [A] after 30.0 seconds of the reaction, assuming the reaction is:

- a) Zero order 4.7 M
- b) First order 3.7 M
- c) Second order 2.0 M

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# Activation Energy, *E*<sub>a</sub>

Energy that must be overcome to produce a chemical reaction.



### Change in Potential Energy





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Arrhenius Equation

$$k = A e^{-E_a/RT}$$

- A = frequency factor
- $E_a$  = activation energy
- R = gas constant (8.3145 J/K·mol)
- T = temperature (in K)



Linear Form of Arrhenius Equation

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



Linear Form of Arrhenius Equation





### EXERCISE!

Chemists commonly use a rule of thumb that an increase of 10 K in temperature doubles the rate of a reaction. What must the activation energy be for this statement to be true for a temperature increase from 25° C to 35° C?

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

 $k_2=2k_1 \ and \ T_1=298k$  ,  $T_2=308k$ 



Catalyst

- A substance that speeds up a reaction without being consumed itself.
- Provides a new pathway for the reaction with a lower activation energy.



Energy Plots for a Catalyzed and an Uncatalyzed Pathway for a Given Reaction

