

CHEMICAL REACTION ENGINEERING (SKF3223)

Chapter 3: Rate Laws and Stoichiometry

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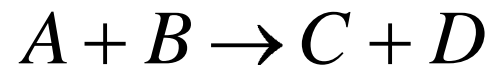
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TYPES OF REACTION

- Homogenous reaction – one phase reaction
- Heterogeneous reaction – more than one phase
- Irreversible reaction:



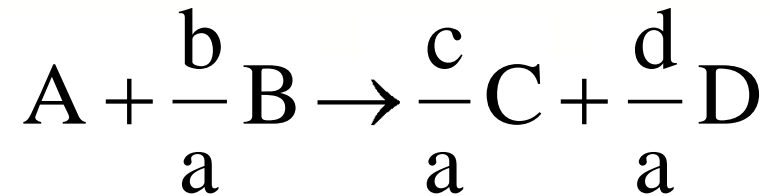
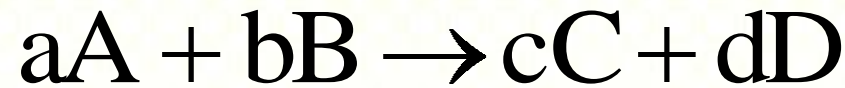
(one direction)

- Reversible reaction:



(forward or backward)

Relative rates of reaction



For every mole of A that is consumed/reacted, c/a moles of C appear

$$\frac{-r_A}{a} = \frac{-r_B}{b} = \frac{r_C}{c} = \frac{r_D}{d}$$

or

$$\frac{r_A}{-a} = \frac{r_B}{-b} = \frac{r_C}{c} = \frac{r_D}{d}$$

RATE LAWS

The rate law:

$$-r_A = k_A C_A^\alpha C_B^\beta$$

- Order with respect to A = α
- Order with respect to B = β
- Overall reaction order,
 $n = \alpha + \beta$
- $k = \frac{(\text{Concentration})^{1-n}}{\text{Time}}$

Zero – order:

$$-r_A = k_A : \{k\} = \text{mol}/(\text{dm})^3 .s$$

First - order

$$-r_A = k_A C_A : \{k\} = s^{-1}$$

Second - order

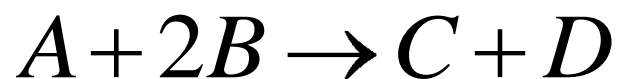
$$-r_A = k_A C_A^2 : \{k\} = (\text{dm})^3 / \text{mol}.s$$

Third – order

$$-r_A = k_A C_A^3 : \{k\} = (\text{dm}^3 / \text{mol})^2 .s^{-1}$$

Elementary rate laws

- The stoichiometry coefficients are the same as the individual reaction order of each species.
- For the reaction:



- The rate law would be:

$$-r_A = k_A C_A C_B^2$$

NonElementary rate laws

- The stoichiometric coefficients are **not** the same as the individual reaction order of each species.

- For the reaction: $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

- The rate law would be:

$$-r_A = k_A C_A^2 C_B$$

Then the reaction is said to be 2nd order in A, 1st order in B, and 3rd order overall.

REVERSIBLE REACTIONS

- For general reaction: $aA + bB \leftrightarrow cC + dD$
- The net rate of formation A

$$r_A \equiv r_{A,net} = r_{A,forward} + r_{A,reverse}$$

$$r_{A,forward} = -k_A C_A^a C_B^b \quad \text{and} \quad r_{A,reverse} = k_{-A} C_C^c C_D^d$$

- At **equilibrium**, $r_{net}=0$. Thus,

$$k_A C_A^a C_B^b = k_{-A} C_C^c C_D^d$$

$$\frac{k_A}{k_{-A}} = K_{equilibrium}$$

K = thermodynamic equilibrium constant

$$r_A \equiv r_{A,net} = r_{A,forward} + r_{A,reverse}$$

$$r_A = -k_A C_A^a C_B^b + k_{-A} C_C^c C_D^d$$

- Multiplying both sides of equation by (-1), we obtain the rate law for the rate of disappearance of A:

$$-r_A = k_A C_A^a C_B^b - k_{-A} C_C^c C_D^d$$

- Replacing with K $\frac{k_A}{k_{-A}} = K_{equilibrium} \quad \frac{k_{-A}}{k_A} = \frac{1}{K}$

$$-r_A = k_A \left(C_A^a C_B^b - \frac{k_{-A}}{k_A} C_C^c C_D^d \right)$$

$$-r_A = k_A \left(C_A^a C_B^b - \frac{C_C^c C_D^d}{K} \right)$$

- At equilibrium, $-r_A = 0$:

$$k_A \left(C_A^a C_B^b - \frac{C_C^c C_D^d}{K} \right) = 0$$

$$C_A^a C_B^b - \frac{C_C^c C_D^d}{K} = 0$$

$$C_A^a C_B^b = \frac{C_C^c C_D^d}{K}$$

$$K = \frac{C_C^c C_D^d}{C_A^a C_B^b}$$

- Specific reaction rate or the rate constant
- *k* is temperature dependent, described by **Arrhenius equation**:

$$k_A(T) = Ae^{-E/RT}$$

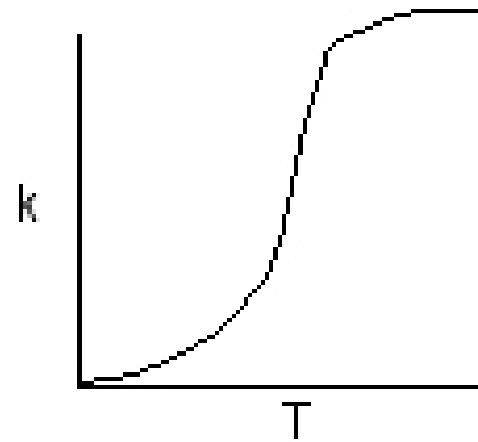
where

A = pre-exponential factor or frequency factor

E = activation energy, J/mol or cal/mol

R = gas constant= 8.314 J/mol.K
 = 1.987 cal/mol.K

T = absolute temperature, K

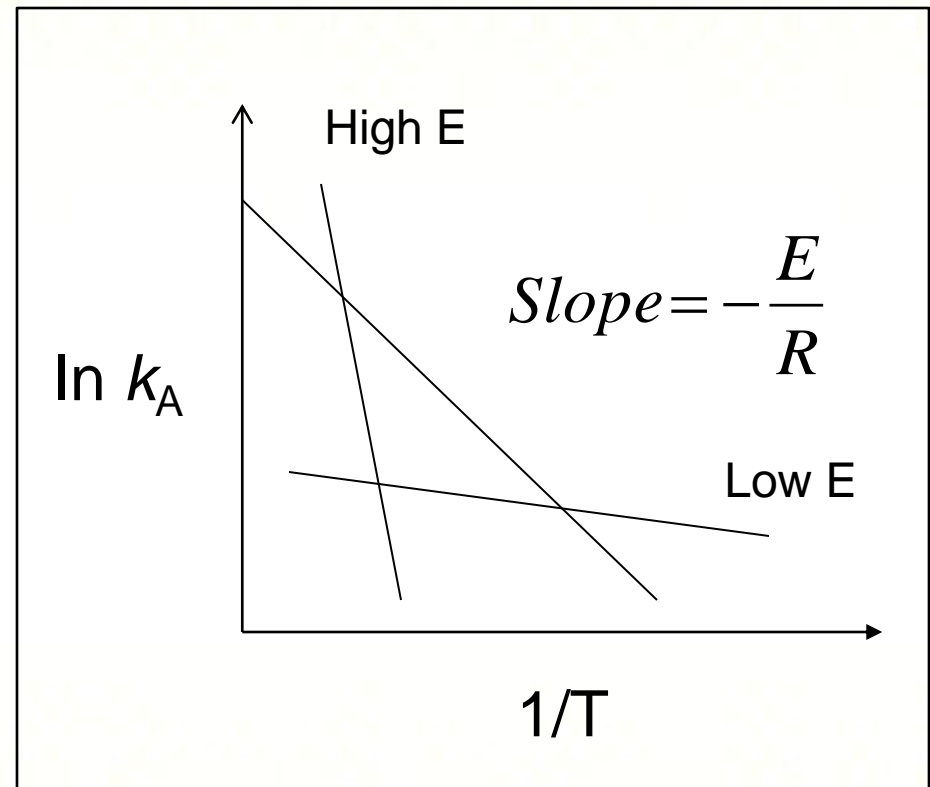


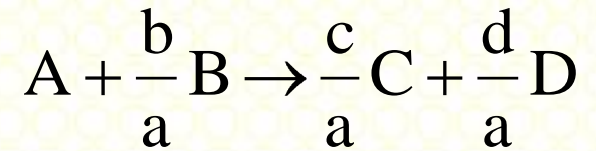
□ The activation energy is a measure of the minimum energy a that the reacting molecules must have in order for the reaction to occur.

□ From Arrhenius equation: $k_A(T) = Ae^{-E/RT}$

□ Activation energy is determined experimentally:

$$\ln k_A = \ln A - \frac{E}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right)$$





STOICHIOMETRY TABLE - BATCH SYSTEMS

Species	Initially (mol)	Change (mol)	Remaining (mol)
A	N_{A0}	$-(N_{A0}X)$	$N_A = N_{A0} - N_{A0}X$
B	N_{B0}	$-\frac{b}{a}(N_{A0}X)$	$N_B = N_{B0} - \frac{b}{a}N_{A0}X$
C	N_{C0}	$\frac{c}{a}(N_{A0}X)$	$N_C = N_{C0} + \frac{c}{a}N_{A0}X$
D	N_{D0}	$\frac{d}{a}(N_{A0}X)$	$N_D = N_{D0} + \frac{d}{a}N_{A0}X$
I (inerts)	N_{I0}	-	$N_I = N_{I0}$
TOTALS	N_{T0}	$N_T = N_{T0} + \delta N_{A0}X$, $\delta = \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1$	

* -ve = disappearing from the system



1. To express the **concentration** of each component in terms of the **conversion X**:

$$C_A = \frac{N_A}{V}$$

2. Therefore,

$$C_A = \frac{N_A}{V} = \frac{N_{A0} - N_{A0}X}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(1-X)}{V}$$

$$C_B = \frac{N_B}{V} = \frac{N_{B0} - (b/a)N_{A0}X}{V}$$

$$C_C = \frac{N_C}{V} = \frac{N_{C0} + (c/a)N_{A0}X}{V}$$

$$C_D = \frac{N_D}{V} = \frac{N_{D0} + (d/a)N_{A0}X}{V}$$

3. Simplify,

$$\Theta_i = \frac{N_{i0}}{N_{A0}} = \frac{C_{i0}}{C_{A0}} = \frac{y_{i0}}{y_{A0}}$$

$$C_B = \frac{N_{A0} \left(\frac{N_{B0}}{N_{A0}} - \frac{b}{a} X \right)}{V}$$

$$\Theta_B = \frac{N_{B0}}{N_{A0}}$$

$$C_C = \frac{N_{A0} \left(\frac{N_{C0}}{N_{A0}} + \frac{c}{a} X \right)}{V}$$

$$C_D = \frac{N_{A0} \left(\frac{N_{D0}}{N_{A0}} + \frac{d}{a} X \right)}{V}$$

CONSTANT-VOLUME

BATCH SYSTEMS

$$V = V_0$$

$$C_A = \frac{N_A}{V} = \frac{N_{A0} - N_{A0}X}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(1-X)}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(1-X)}{V_0} = C_{A0}(1-X)$$

$$C_B = \frac{N_B}{V} = \frac{N_{B0} - (b/a)N_{A0}X}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(\Theta_B - (b/a)X)}{V_0} = C_{A0}\left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a}X\right)$$

$$C_C = \frac{N_C}{V} = \frac{N_{C0} + (c/a)N_{A0}X}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(\Theta_C + (c/a)X)}{V_0} = C_{A0}\left(\Theta_C + \frac{c}{a}X\right)$$

$$C_D = \frac{N_D}{V} = \frac{N_{D0} + (d/a)N_{A0}X}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}(\Theta_D + (d/a)X)}{V_0} = C_{A0}\left(\Theta_D + \frac{d}{a}X\right)$$

EXAMPLE

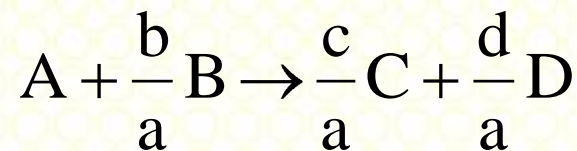
$$-r_A = kC_A C_B$$

$$C_A = C_{A0}(1 - X)$$

$$C_B = C_{A0} \left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right)$$

$$-r_A = kC_{A0}(1 - X)C_{A0} \left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right)$$

$$-r_A = kC_{A0}^2 (1 - X) \left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right)$$



STOICHIOMETRY TABLE - FLOW SYSTEMS

Species	Feed rate to reactor (mol/time)	Change within reactor (mol/time)	Effluent rate from reactor (mol/time)
A	F_{A0}	$-(F_{A0}X)$	$F_A = F_{A0}(1 - X)$
B	$F_{B0} = \Theta_B F_{A0}$	$-\frac{b}{a}(F_{A0}X)$	$F_B = F_{A0}\left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a}X\right)$
C	$F_{C0} = \Theta_C F_{A0}$	$\frac{c}{a}(F_{A0}X)$	$F_C = F_{A0}\left(\Theta_C + \frac{c}{a}X\right)$
D	$F_{D0} = \Theta_D F_{A0}$	$\frac{d}{a}(F_{A0}X)$	$F_D = F_{A0}\left(\Theta_D + \frac{d}{a}X\right)$
I (inerts)	$F_{I0} = \Theta_I F_{A0}$	-	$F_I = F_{A0}\Theta_I$
TOTALS	F_{T0}	$F_T = F_{T0} + \delta F_{A0}X$	$\delta = \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1$

To express the **concentration** of each component in terms of the entering molar flow rate, **F**, the conversion **X**, and the volumetric flow rate, **v**:

$$C_A = \frac{F_A}{v} = \frac{F_{A0} - F_{A0}X}{v} = \frac{F_{A0}(1-X)}{v}$$

$$C_B = \frac{F_B}{v} = \frac{F_{B0} - (b/a)F_{A0}X}{v}$$

$$C_C = \frac{F_C}{v} = \frac{F_{C0} + (c/a)F_{A0}X}{v}$$

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{v} = \frac{F_{D0} + (d/a)F_{A0}X}{v}$$

$$C_A = \frac{F_A}{v} = \frac{\text{moles/time}}{\text{liters/time}} = \frac{\text{moles}}{\text{liter}}$$

$$\Theta_B = \frac{F_{B0}}{F_{A0}} = \frac{C_{B0}v_0}{C_{A0}v_0} = \frac{C_{B0}}{C_{A0}} = \frac{y_{B0}}{y_{A0}}$$

LIQUID-PHASE REACTIONS

$$v = v_0$$

$$C_A = \frac{F_A}{v} = \frac{F_{A0}(1-X)}{v} = \frac{F_{A0}(1-X)}{v_0} = C_{A0}(1-X)$$

$$C_B = C_{A0} \left(\Theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right)$$

$$C_C = C_{A0} \left(\Theta_C + \frac{c}{a} X \right)$$

$$C_D = C_{A0} \left(\Theta_D + \frac{d}{a} X \right)$$

*similar with constant-volume batch systems

BATCH REACTORS with VARIABLE VOLUME

- Equation of state:

$$PV = ZN_T RT$$

P=total pressure (atm)

V=volume

Z=compressibility factor

N_T =total number of moles

R=gas constant=0.08206
dm³.atm/mol.K

T=temperature (K)

- At t=0:

$$P_0 V_0 = Z_0 N_{T0} RT_0$$

$$\frac{N_T}{N_{T0}} = 1 + \varepsilon X$$

$$\varepsilon = \left(\frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1 \right) \frac{N_{A0}}{N_{T0}} = y_{A0} \delta$$

- At any time t, the volume of gas ($Z_0=Z$):

$$V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P} \right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0} \right) \frac{N_T}{N_{T0}}$$

$$V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P} \right) (1 + \varepsilon X) \frac{T}{T_0}$$

FLOW REACTORS with VARIABLE VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE

□ Total concentration found from the gas law:

$$C_T = \frac{F_T}{v} = \frac{P}{ZRT}$$

□ At any time t, the volume of gas ($Z_0=Z$):

$$v = v_0 \left(\frac{F_T}{F_{T0}} \right) \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)$$

$$v = v_0 (1 + \varepsilon X) \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)$$

□ At t=0:

$$C_{T0} = \frac{F_{T0}}{v_0} = \frac{P_0}{Z_0 RT_0}$$

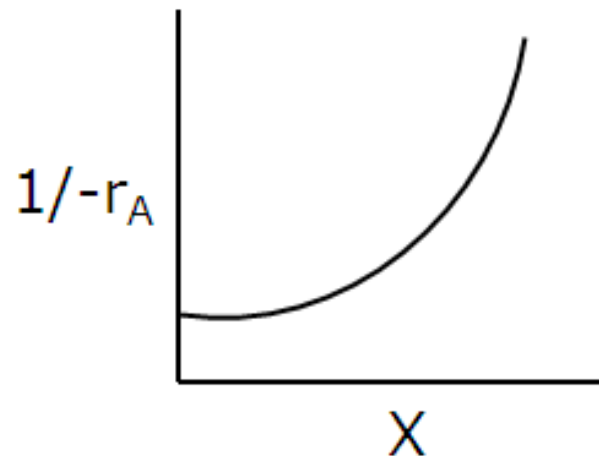
CONCENTRATION IN TERMS OF THE CONVERSION X

$$C_j = \frac{F_j}{v} \quad , \quad F_j = F_{A0} (\Theta_j + \nu_j X) \quad , \quad v = v_0 (1 + \varepsilon X) \frac{P_0}{P} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)$$

$$C_j = \frac{F_{A0} (\Theta_j + \nu_j X)}{v_0 \left[(1 + \varepsilon X) \frac{P_0}{P} \frac{T}{T_0} \right]}$$

$$C_j = \frac{C_{A0} (\Theta_j + \nu_j X)}{(1 + \varepsilon X)} \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right) \frac{T_0}{T}$$

We now have $-r_A$ as a function of X and can use the methods in Chapter 2 to design reactors.



Expressing concentration in terms other than conversion

- Membrane reactors and gas-multiple reaction:

$$C_j = C_{T0} \left(\frac{F_j}{F_T} \right) \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right) \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)$$

For $j = A, B, C, D, I$

$$F_T = F_A + F_B + F_C + F_D + F_I$$

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