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Chapter 1 : Kinetics of Reactions in Solution - Chemistry LibreTexts

This book is devoted to Gas-Phase Thermal Reactions (GPTRs), and especially combustion reactions, which take place in engines, burners and industrial chemical reactors to produce mechanical or thermal energy to incinerate pollutants or to manufacture chemical substances, and which play an important part due to the consequences they have on the.

Arrhenius equation Temperature usually has a major effect on the rate of a chemical reaction. Molecules at a higher temperature have more thermal energy. Although collision frequency is greater at higher temperatures, this alone contributes only a very small proportion to the increase in rate of reaction. Much more important is the fact that the proportion of reactant molecules with sufficient energy to react energy greater than activation energy: This involves using a sharp rise in temperature and observing the relaxation time of the return to equilibrium. Catalysis Generic potential energy diagram showing the effect of a catalyst in a hypothetical endothermic chemical reaction. The presence of the catalyst opens a different reaction pathway shown in red with a lower activation energy. The final result and the overall thermodynamics are the same. A catalyst is a substance that alters the rate of a chemical reaction but remains chemically unchanged afterwards. The catalyst increases the rate of the reaction by providing a different reaction mechanism to occur with a lower activation energy. In autocatalysis a reaction product is itself a catalyst for that reaction leading to positive feedback. Proteins that act as catalysts in biochemical reactions are called enzymes. Michaelis-Menten kinetics describe the rate of enzyme mediated reactions. A catalyst does not affect the position of the equilibrium, as the catalyst speeds up the backward and forward reactions equally. In certain organic molecules, specific substituents can have an influence on reaction rate in neighbouring group participation. This is because the activity of a gas is directly proportional to the partial pressure of the gas. This is similar to the effect of increasing the concentration of a solution. In addition to this straightforward mass-action effect, the rate coefficients themselves can change due to pressure. The rate coefficients and products of many high-temperature gas-phase reactions change if an inert gas is added to the mixture; variations on this effect are called fall-off and chemical activation. These phenomena are due to exothermic or endothermic reactions occurring faster than heat transfer, causing the reacting molecules to have non-thermal energy distributions non- Boltzmann distribution. Increasing the pressure increases the heat transfer rate between the reacting molecules and the rest of the system, reducing this effect. Condensed-phase rate coefficients can also be affected by very high pressure; this is a completely different effect than fall-off or chemical-activation. It is often studied using diamond anvils. This involves making fast changes in pressure and observing the relaxation time of the return to equilibrium. Presence of Light[edit] Light provides necessary activation energy to the starting materials, therefore, most of the reactions becomes faster in the presence of light Experimental methods[edit] The experimental determination of reaction rates involves measuring how the concentrations of reactants or products change over time. For example, the concentration of a reactant can be measured by spectrophotometry at a wavelength where no other reactant or product in the system absorbs light. For reactions which take at least several minutes, it is possible to start the observations after the reactants have been mixed at the temperature of interest. Fast reactions[edit] For faster reactions, the time required to mix the reactants and bring them to a specified temperature may be comparable or longer than the half-life of the reaction. In a reversible reaction , chemical equilibrium is reached when the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal [the principle of dynamic equilibrium] and the concentrations of the reactants and Products no longer change. This is demonstrated by, for example, the Haber-Bosch process for combining nitrogen and hydrogen to produce ammonia. Chemical clock reactions such as the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction demonstrate that component concentrations can oscillate for a long time before finally attaining the equilibrium. A reaction can be very exothermic and have a very positive entropy change but will not happen in practice if the reaction is too slow. If a reactant can produce two different products, the thermodynamically most stable one will in general form, except in special circumstances when the reaction is said to be under

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kinetic reaction control. The Curtin-Hammett principle applies when determining the product ratio for two reactants interconverting rapidly, each going to a different product. It is possible to make predictions about reaction rate constants for a reaction from free-energy relationships. The kinetic isotope effect is the difference in the rate of a chemical reaction when an atom in one of the reactants is replaced by one of its isotopes. Chemical kinetics provides information on residence time and heat transfer in a chemical reactor in chemical engineering and the molar mass distribution in polymer chemistry. Applications and models[edit] The mathematical models that describe chemical reaction kinetics provide chemists and chemical engineers with tools to better understand and describe chemical processes such as food decomposition, microorganism growth, stratospheric ozone decomposition, and the chemistry of biological systems. These models can also be used in the design or modification of chemical reactors to optimize product yield, more efficiently separate products, and eliminate environmentally harmful by-products. When performing catalytic cracking of heavy hydrocarbons into gasoline and light gas, for example, kinetic models can be used to find the temperature and pressure at which the highest yield of heavy hydrocarbons into gasoline will occur. Chemical Kinetics is frequently validated and explored through modeling in specialized packages as a function of ordinary differential equation -solving ODE-solving and curve-fitting.

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Chapter 2 : Chemical kinetics - Wikipedia

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Skills to Develop Make sure you thoroughly understand the following essential ideas: Describe some of the major differences between the kinetics of reactions in the gas phase, compared with those in liquid solutions. What role do solvent cages play in solution kinetics? Explain the distinction between diffusion-control and activation-control of reaction rates in solutions. How can the polarity of a solvent affect the energetics of a reaction mechanism? The kinetics fundamentals we covered in the earlier sections of this lesson group relate to processes that take place in the gas phase. But chemists and biochemists are generally much more concerned with solutions. This lesson will take you through some of the extensions of basic kinetics that you need in order to understand the major changes that occur when reactions take place in liquid solutions. Most of the added complications of kinetics and rate processes in liquid solutions arise from the much higher density of the liquid phase. In a typical gas at atmospheric pressure, the molecules occupy only about 0. In a liquid, molecules may take up more than half the volume, and the "empty" spaces are irregular and ever-changing as the solvent molecules undergo thermal motions of their own. This trapping becomes especially important when the solvent is strongly hydrogen-bonded as is the case with water or alcohol. Brownian motion of a particle in solution When thermal motions occasionally release a solute molecule from this trap, it will jump to a new location. The jumps are very fast 10^{-12} - 10^{-13} sec and short usually a few solvent-molecule diameters, and follow an entirely random pattern, very much as in Brownian motion. The reactant molecules will generally be jumping from hole to hole in the solvent matrix, only occasionally finding themselves in the same solvent cage where thermal motions are likely to bring them into contact. Solvent cages and encounter pairs A pair of reactants end up in the same solvent cage, where they bounce around randomly and exchange kinetic energy with the solvent molecules. Eventually the two reactants form an encounter pair. If they fail to react the first time, they have many more opportunities during the lifetime of the cage. The products form and begin to move away from each other. Finally, after about 10^{-11} sec, the solvent cage breaks up and the products diffuse away. However, if the collision should fail to be energetically or geometrically viable, the reactant molecules fly apart and are unlikely to meet again anytime soon. In a liquid, however, the solute molecules are effectively in a constant state of collision \hat{c} if not with other reactants, then with solvent molecules which can exchange kinetic energy with the reactants. So once an A-B encounter pair forms, the two reactants get multiple whacks at each other, greatly increasing the probability that they will obtain the kinetic energy needed to kick them over the activation hump before the encounter pair disintegrates. Diffusion-Controlled and Activation-Controlled Reactions The encounter pair model introduces some new rate parameters: Diffusion is the transport of a substance through a concentration gradient; that is, from a region of higher concentration to one of lower concentration. Think of the way the color of tea spreads out when a tea bag is immersed in hot water. Diffusion occurs because random thermal motions are statistically more likely to move molecules out of a region of higher concentration than in the reverse direction, simply because in the latter case fewer molecules are available to make the reverse trip. Eventually the concentrations become uniform and equilibrium is attained. As molecules diffuse through a liquid, they must nudge neighboring molecules out of the way. The work required to do this amounts to an activation energy, so diffusion can be thought of as a kinetic process with its own rate constant k_d and activation energy. These parameters depend on the sizes of the solute and solvent molecules and on how strongly the latter interact with each other. This suggests two important limiting cases for reactions in solution. Such a process is said to be diffusion controlled. Several general kinds of reactions are consistently very "fast" and thus are commonly found to be diffusion-controlled in most solvents: Conversion between them depends on a number of

assumptions and is non-trivial. The most famous of these is one of the fastest reactions known: Polar solvents such as water and alcohols interact with ions and polar molecules through attractive dipole-dipole and ion-dipole interactions, leading to lower-energy solvated forms which stabilize these species. In this way, a polar solvent can alter both the thermodynamics and kinetics rate of a reaction. Solvent Thermodynamic Effect If the products of the reaction are markedly more or less polar than the reactants, solvent polarity can change the overall thermodynamics equilibrium constant of the reaction. Nowhere is this more apparent than when an ionic solid such as salt dissolves in water. In contrast, dissolution of NaCl in water is slightly exothermic and proceeds spontaneously. The solvent thermodynamics effect for table salt in water. The water facilitates this process in two important ways. Secondly, the water molecules form a solvation shell around the ions lower left, rendering them energetically thermodynamically more stable than they were in the NaCl solid. Solvent Kinetic Effect In the same way, a reaction whose mechanism involves the formation of an intermediate or activated complex having a polar or ionic character will have its activation energy, and thus its rate, subject to change as the solvent polarity is altered. As an example we will consider an important class of reactions that you will hear much about if you take a course in organic chemistry. When an aqueous solution of a strong base such as KOH is added to a solution of tertiary-butyl chloride in ethanol, the chlorine is replaced by a hydroxyl group, leaving t-butyl alcohol as a product: This reaction is one of a large and important class known as SN1 nucleophilic substitution processes that are discussed in most organic chemistry courses. In these reactions, a species that possesses a pair of non-bonding electrons also called a nucleophile or Lewis base uses them to form a new bond with an electrophile "a compound in which a carbon atom has a partial positive charge owing to its bonds to electron-withdrawing groups. In the example here, other nucleophiles such as NH₃ or even H₂O would serve as well. In step 1, which is rate-determining, the chlorine leaves the alkyl chloride which becomes an intermediate known as a carbocation "cat-ion". These ions, in which the central carbon atom lacks a complete octet, are highly reactive, and in step 2 the carbocation is attacked by the hydroxide ion which supplies the missing electron. The immediate product is another cation in which the positive charge is on the oxygen atom. This oxonium ion is unstable and rapidly dissociates into the alcohol and a hydrogen ion. Polar solvent molecules interact most strongly with species in which the electric charge is concentrated in one spot. Thus the carbocation is stabilized to a greater degree than are the activated complexes in which the charge is spread out between the positive and negative ends. As the heavy green arrows indicate, a more polar solvent will stabilize the carbocation more than it will either of the activated complexes; the effect is to materially reduce the activation energy of the rate-determining step, and thus speed up the reaction. Because neither the alkyl chloride nor the alcohol is charged, the change in solvent polarity has no effect on the equilibrium constant of the reaction. This is dramatically illustrated by observing the rate of the reaction in solvents composed of ethanol and water in varying amounts: