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Things you should know when you leave Discussion today:

$$1. aA_{(aq)} + bB_{(aq)} \rightarrow cC_{(aq)} \quad \text{Rate} \left(\frac{M}{sec} \right) = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\Delta[C]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{d} \frac{\Delta[D]}{\Delta t} = k[A]^x[B]^y$$

2. Pathways or reaction mechanisms

- Individual steps
- Elementary reactions
- Rate determining step (RDS)
- Derivation of the rate law from reaction mechanisms

$$3. \text{Reaction rate temperature dependence: } k = Ae^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}} \text{ and } \ln k = -\frac{E_a}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \ln A$$

where: • k is rate constant • E_a is activation energy • A is Arrhenius frequency factor

4. Kinetic and thermodynamic connections

a. Connection between enthalpy and activation energy: $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}} = E_a(\text{forward}) - E_a(\text{reverse})$

- If $E_a(\text{forward}) > E_a(\text{reverse})$ then $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}} > 0$; Endothermic process
- If $E_a(\text{forward}) < E_a(\text{reverse})$ then $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}} < 0$; Exothermic process
- If $E_a(\text{forward}) = E_a(\text{reverse})$ then $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}} = 0$; no heat transferred

b. Connection between Reaction Rate and Equilibrium: $\text{Rate}_{(\text{forward})} = \text{Rate}_{(\text{reverse})}$ at equilibrium
(NOTE: $k_{\text{reverse}} \neq k_{\text{forward}}$)c. Connection between rate constant (k) and equilibrium constant (K): $K = \frac{k_{\text{forward}}}{k_{\text{reverse}}}$, Where k_{forward} and k_{reverse} are the rate constants of the forward and reverse reaction respectively and K is the equilibrium constant.

At standard conditions:

- If $k_f < k_r$ then $K < 1$, $\ln K < 0$, $\Delta G^\circ_{\text{rxn}} = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln K > 0$, not spontaneous
- If $k_f = k_r$ then $K = 1$, $\ln K = 0$, $\Delta G^\circ_{\text{rxn}} = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln K = 0$, equilibrium
- If $k_f > k_r$ then $K > 1$, $\ln K > 0$, $\Delta G^\circ_{\text{rxn}} = -R \cdot T \cdot \ln K < 0$, spontaneous

Since Rate constant: $k = Ae^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$ and $\ln k = -\frac{E_a}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \ln A$

$$K = \frac{k_{\text{forward}}}{k_{\text{reverse}}} = \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}} e^{-\left(\frac{E_a(\text{forward}) - E_a(\text{reverse})}{RT}\right)} = \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}} \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}}}{RT}\right)}$$

$$\ln \frac{k_{\text{forward}}}{k_{\text{reverse}}} = \frac{-\left(E_a(\text{forward}) - E_a(\text{reverse})\right)}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \ln \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}}$$

$$\ln K = \frac{-\Delta H^\circ_{\text{sys}}}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \frac{\Delta S^\circ_{\text{sys}}}{R}$$

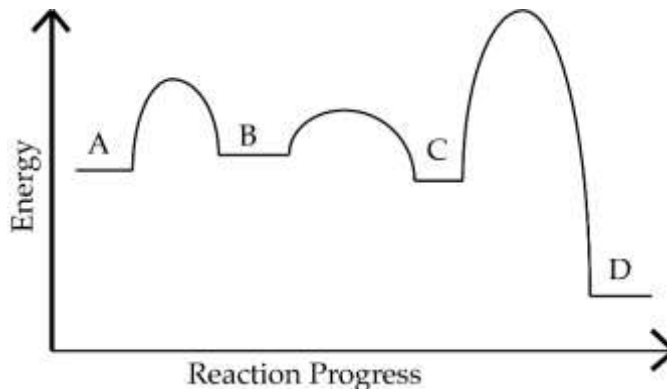
d. Connection between entropy and Arrhenius frequency factor: $\frac{\Delta S^\circ_{\text{sys}}}{R} = \ln \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}}$

$$\ln \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}} = \ln \frac{k_{\text{forward}}}{k_{\text{reverse}}} \text{ at } T \rightarrow \infty$$

- If $A_f < A_r$ then $\frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}} < 1$ and $\ln \frac{A_{\text{forward}}}{A_{\text{reverse}}} < 0$ hence $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{sys}} < 0$

- If $A_f > A_r$ then $\frac{A_{forward}}{A_{reverse}} > 1$ and $\ln \frac{A_{forward}}{A_{reverse}} > 0$ hence $\Delta S^\circ_{sys} > 0$
- If $A_f = A_r$ then $\frac{A_{forward}}{A_{reverse}} = 1$ and $\ln \frac{A_{forward}}{A_{reverse}} = 0$ hence $\Delta S^\circ_{sys} = 0$

1. Consider the reaction progress diagram for $A \rightleftharpoons D$.

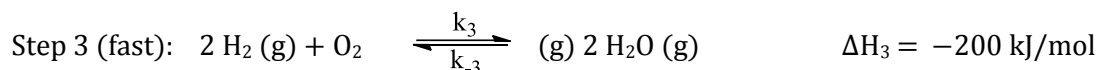
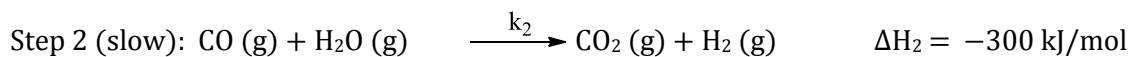
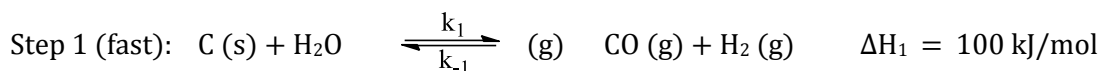


- a. Circle the reaction step below that corresponds to the rate limiting step (i.e. rate determining step)



- b. Is the $A \rightleftharpoons D$ reaction endothermic or exothermic?
- c. Which step is an endothermic reaction?

2. Below are the proposed elementary steps and enthalpies for the mechanism of burning coal, $C(s)$.



Net Reaction:

$\Delta H_{net} =$

- a. Identify each of the following molecules as either a reactant, product, intermediate, or catalyst for the net reaction.

$C_{(s)}$: _____ $H_2O_{(g)}$: _____ $CO_{(g)}$: _____

$H_2_{(g)}$: _____ $O_{2(g)}$: _____ $CO_{2(g)}$: _____

- b. Write the rate law for the reaction corresponding to the mechanism above. *Hint: Remove intermediates.*

- c. Sketch the reaction progress profile with appropriate relative energies.

3. The following reaction (elementary step) has a favored frequency factor $A_F = 5.0 \cdot 10^6 / \text{M} \cdot \text{sec}$. Forward and reverse activation energies are 80. kJ/mol and 60. kJ/mol, respectively. Assume $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$



- What is ΔH° of the reaction?
 - If the reverse frequency factor is 5 times smaller than the forward frequency factor, what is ΔS° of the reaction?
 - Draw the line on the graph of $\ln K$ versus $1/T$ for this reaction? And answer the following questions using two expressions below. *Hint: $y = mx + b$*
 - Discuss which one of the following is true for this reaction and at what temperatures:
 - $k_f < k_r$
 - $k_f = k_r$
 - $k_f > k_r$
 - Decide which one of the following is true for this reaction you drew and at what temperatures:
 - $A_f < A_r$
 - $A_f > A_r$
 - $A_f = A_r$
 - Are E_a and the Arrhenius factors (A) temperature-dependent?
4. Consider the following *exothermic* reaction: $3A_{(g)} \rightleftharpoons B_{(g)} + C_{(l)}$
If the temperature is increased, what will happen to each of the quantities below?

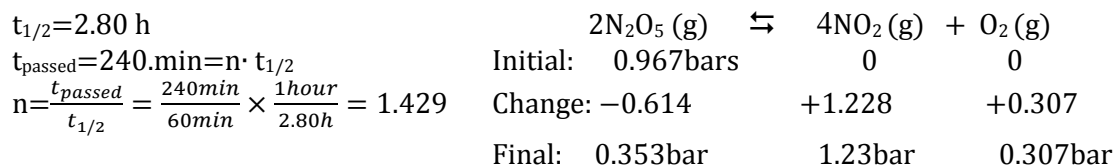
$E_a(\text{forward})$	increase	decrease	stay the same
K	increase	decrease	stay the same
k_f	increase	decrease	stay the same
k_r	increase	decrease	stay the same
A(reverse)	increase	decrease	stay the same
Order of the reaction:	increase	decrease	stay the same
Rate of the reverse reaction:	increase	decrease	stay the same
Rate of the forward reaction:	increase	decrease	stay the same

Which rate constant will increase more with temperature for this reaction? k_f or k_r

5. A first order reaction is 75% complete after 100. seconds. Calculate the rate constant k and $t_{1/2}$ for this reaction. *Half Life:* $\frac{N_n}{N_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ $t_{pass} = n \cdot t_{1/2}$ $t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$

6. The half-life of a radioactive isotope is 11 days. How long does it take the isotope to decay by 10%?

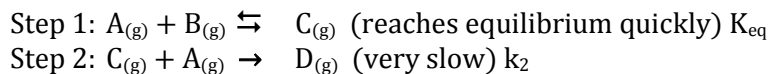
7. Dinitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5) decomposes in the gas phase to form nitrogen dioxide and oxygen gas. The reaction is first order in dinitrogen pentoxide and has a half-life of 2.80 h at 25°C. If initially the pressure of dinitrogen pentoxide in the 1.50L container is 0.967bars at 25°C, what will be the partial pressure of O_2 and N_2O_5 in the container after 240.minutes?



$$\frac{\text{remainig pressure}}{\text{inital pressure}} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1.429} = 0.365$$

Remaining pressure of $N_2O_5 = 0.365 \cdot 0.967 \text{ bars} = 0.353 \text{ bar}$

8. Consider a reaction obeying the overall stoichiometry: $2 A_{(g)} + B_{(g)} \rightarrow D_{(g)}$
The proposed mechanism is:



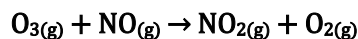
Net RXN:

Which step is a rate determining step (RDS)? Why?

Write the rate law using RDS:

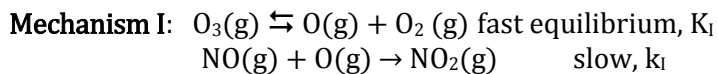
What is the rate law for the overall reaction predicted by this mechanism? *Hint: Remove intermediates.*

9. The net reaction of atmospheric ozone with nitric oxide and its rate law are:



Reaction rate = $k[\text{O}_3(\text{g})][\text{NO}(\text{g})]$ (Predicted by an experiment)

Two pathways were proposed for this reaction:



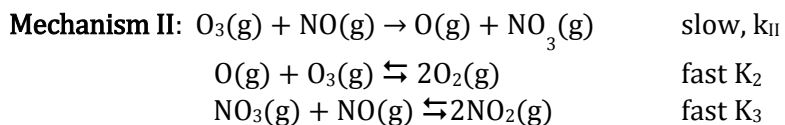
Net RXN:

Which step is the RDS? Why?

Write the rate law using RDS:

What is the rate law for the overall reaction that is predicted by this **Mechanism I** (remove intermediates)?

Sketch the reaction progress diagram for **Mechanism I** (assuming that reaction is exothermic):



Net RXN:

Which step is the RDS? Why?

Write the rate law using RDS:

What is the rate law for the overall reaction predicted by this mechanism? How does this compare to the rate law determined with RDS? Is it different, why/why not?

Sketch the reaction progress diagram for **Mechanism II** (assuming that reaction is exothermic)

Which mechanism I or II best supported by an experiment?

10. Bromophenol blue decomposes by a first-order process with a half-life of 33 minutes. What fraction remains after 75 minutes?

$$n = 75/33 = 25/11 = 2.2727$$

$$\frac{A_t}{A_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2.27} ; \log(A_t/A_0) = 2.2727 \log(1/2); \quad A_t/A_0 = 0.2069 \quad \text{or} \quad 21\%$$

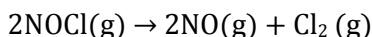
11. A certain flu virus can thermally decompose in humans in 6.00 days at normal body temperature, 37 °C. If a person has a fever, with temperature of 41°C, the same virus can decompose in 2.00 days. What is the activation energy of the virus decomposition reaction? Express your answer in kJ/mol, to one significant figure. *Hint k=1/time.*

$$k = 1/\text{time}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_{310}}{k_{314}}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{Ae^{-E_a/R \cdot 310}}{Ae^{-E_a/R \cdot 314}}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{310} - \frac{1}{314}\right)$$

$$\ln(1/3) = -\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{310} - \frac{1}{314}\right) \quad E_a = 222 \text{ kJ}$$

12. The following reaction $k_1(\text{at } T_1 = 350.\text{K}) = 9.4 \cdot 10^{-6} (1/\text{s})$ and $k_2(\text{at } T_2 = 400.\text{K}) = 6.90 \cdot 10^{-4} (1/\text{s})$



- What is the overall rate order of the reaction? Hint :look at the units of k
- Write and calculate an expression to solve for activation energy of the forward reaction that does not include Arrhenius factor.

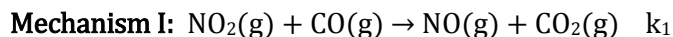
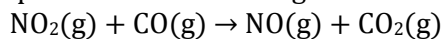
$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{Ae^{-\frac{E_A}{RT_1}}}{Ae^{-\frac{E_A}{RT_2}}} ; \quad \ln \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{E_A}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right) = \frac{E_A}{R} \left(\frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1 T_2}\right)$$

$$E_A = \ln \frac{k_1}{k_2} \cdot R T_1 T_2 / (T_1 - T_2) = 100 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

- What is E_a of the forward reaction?
- Write an expression to calculate Arrhenius factor of the forward reaction. What is A of the forward reaction?

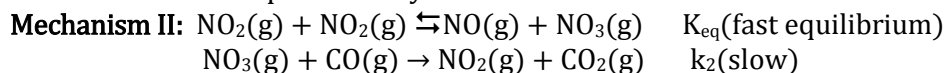
$$A = \frac{k_1}{e^{-\frac{E_A}{RT_1}}} = 7.9 \cdot 10^9 \quad 1/\text{s}$$

13. Three different mechanisms proposed for the following reaction:



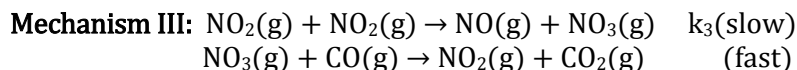
Net RXN:

What is the rate law predicted by this mechanism?



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What is the rate law predicted by this mechanism?

How you could experimentally distinguish between the different mechanisms?

14. Metastable thallium-201 decays with a half-life of 48 hr by γ emission to stable thallium-201. The detected γ radiation is used to diagnose heart function. What fraction of metastable thallium-201 *remains* after 24 hr?

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{t_{\text{passed}}}{n} = 48; \quad n=0.5$$

$$\frac{N_n}{N_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/2} \quad \log(N_{\text{in}}/N_{\text{final}}) = 1/2 \log(1/2) = -0.15; \quad \frac{N_n}{N_0} = 10^{-0.15} = 0.71$$

15. The first order reaction is 20.% complete after 100. seconds. What is rate constant k and $t_{1/2}$ for this reaction? *Hint: what percent is remaining?*

$$\frac{N_n}{N_0} = \frac{80}{100} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n; \quad n=0.3219=0.3 \quad ; \quad t_{1/2} = t/n = 310.6 \text{ s} = 300\text{s}; \quad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ 1/s}$$

16. A sample decays 25% in 15 minutes. What is the half-life of this first-order process?

$$\ln \frac{25}{100} = -kt \quad ; \quad k = 13.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ 1/s} \quad \text{Or} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} = 0.693 / 13.8 \cdot 10^{-3} = 50 \text{ s}$$

17. A first order reaction is 40.% complete in 120.s. What are the values of k and $t_{1/2}$?

Numerical Answers

1.

- C → D
- Exo
- A → B

2. C_(s): reactant; H₂O_(g): catalyst; CO_(g): intermediate; H₂(g): intermediate; O₂(g): reactant; CO₂(g): product

$$\text{a. Rate} = k_2 \cdot \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} \sqrt{\frac{k_3}{k_{-3}}} \cdot [\text{H}_2\text{O}] \cdot [\text{O}_2]^{1/2}$$

3.

- 20 kJ/mol
- 13.4
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- $k_f > k_r$ at high T
- $A_f > A_r$ independent of temperature
- No

4. Stay the same, Decrease, Increase, Increase, Stay the same, Stay the same, Increase, Increase; k_r

5. $k = 13.9 \times 10^{-3}$; $t = 50$ s

6. 1.7 days

7. 0.307bar, 0.353bar

8. $\text{rate} = k_2 \cdot K \cdot [\text{A}]^2 [\text{B}]$

9.

- $\text{O}_3(\text{g}) + \text{NO}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- Step 2, because it is the slowest
- $\text{Rate} = k_i(\text{NO})(\text{O})$
- $\text{Rate} = k_i K(\text{NO})(\text{O}_3)/(\text{O}_2)$
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- $\text{O}_3(\text{g}) + \text{NO}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- Step 1, because it is the slowest
- $\text{Rate} = k_2(\text{O}_3)(\text{NO})$
- $\text{rate} = k_2(\text{O}_3)(\text{NO})$
-
- Mechanism 2

10. 20%

11. 222kJ

12.

- a. 1st order
- b. 100 kJ/mol
- c. 7.9×10^9

13.

14. 0.2069 or 21%

15. $t_{1/2} = 300\text{s}$; $k = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ 1/s}$

16. 36min

17. $t_{1/2} = 163\text{s}$; $k = 4.26 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ 1/s}$

Useful information: $N_A = 6.022140857 \times 10^{23}/\text{mol}$, $R = 8.314 \text{ J}/(\text{mol K}) = 0.08206 \text{ L atm}/(\text{mol K})$, $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2/\text{s}^2$, $1 \text{ L} = (0.1 \text{ m})^3$, $1 \text{ atm} = 1.01325 \text{ bar}$, $1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$, $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ kg}/(\text{m s}^2)$, $u_{rms} = \sqrt{3RT/M} = u_{mp}\sqrt{3/2}$, $[p + a(n/V)^2](V - nb) = nRT$, $\Pi = icRT$, $\Delta T_{fp} = -imK_{fp}$, $\Delta T_{bp} = +imK_{bp}$, $p_{solvent} = x_{solvent}p^{\circ}_{solvent}$, $1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ J/C}$, $F = 96,485 \text{ C/mol}$, $\ln(x) = \ln(10) \log(x) = 2.303 \log(x)$, $\Delta G = -n_eFE = RT \ln(Q/K) = \Delta H - T\Delta S$, $\ln(K) = -\frac{\Delta H^{\circ}}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^{\circ}}{R}$, at 25°C $E = -(0.05912/n_e) \text{ V} \log(Q/K)$, $S = (R/N_A) \ln(W) = k_B \ln(W)$, $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{[A]_n}{[A]_0}$, $\ln\left(\frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0}\right) = -kt$, $nt_{\text{half}} = t$, $k = A e^{-E_a/(RT)}$