

Thinking Like a  
Chemist About  
Kinetics I

How fast reactions happen

UNIT 7 DAY 4

CAN TELL US HOW  
CHEMISTRY TAKES PLACE

What are we going to learn today?

Reaction Rates and the Rate Law

Method of Initial Rates

Must be measured!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LM27 & LM28 due Th 9AM

Rate  
Laws  
(TODAY)

Integrated  
Rate Laws  
(NEXT)

## Quiz: Clicker Question

Hydrogen-3 (tritium, H-3) is sometimes formed in the primary coolant water of a nuclear reactor. Tritium is a beta emitter with a  $t_{1/2} = 12.3$  years. For a given sample containing tritium, after how many years will only about 12% of the sample remain?

- A) 12.3 years
- B) 24.6 years
- C) 36.9 years ✓
- D) 49.2 years
- E) 61.5 years

$$\begin{aligned}1 \times t_{1/2} &= 50\% \\2 \times t_{1/2} &= 25\% \\3 \times t_{1/2} &= 12.5\% \\3 \times 12 &\sim 36\end{aligned}$$

Quiz: Clicker Question

Positron Emission Tomography (PET Scans) are generally used?

- A) make 3-D images with radio-labeled molecules
- B) to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients
- C) collect 3-D x-ray images
- D) to track radio-labeled metabolites in urine
- E) to measure half-lives of rare radioactive nuclei

Radio-label  
= molecule isotopically  
labelled w/ radioactive isotope

Quiz: Clicker Question

Which of the following is not important for C-14 dating?

- A) the half-life of carbon-14
- B) the generation of carbon-14 in the upper atmosphere
- C) the exchange of  $\text{CO}_2$  by living organisms
- D) the ratio of  $^{14}\text{C} : ^{13}\text{C}$  in a sample

$^{14}\text{C} : ^{12}\text{C}$   
important ratio

constant in  
living organisms  

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start to change  
after death

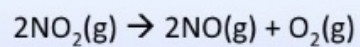
## Kinetics

Kinetics is about how fast chemical reactions occur.

Measuring the rates of reactions (macroscopic) gives us insight into the way reactions are actually happening (microscopic)

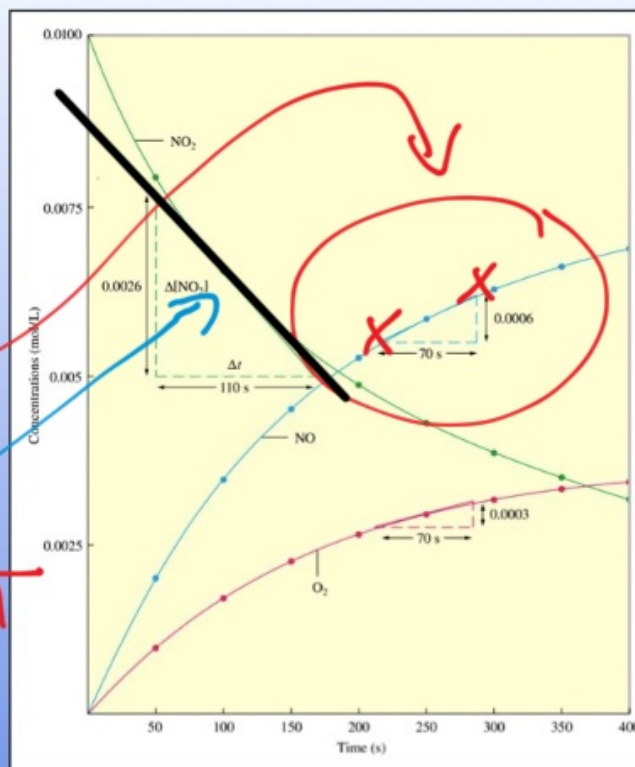
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## Average, Instantaneous, Initial, Reaction Rate



*Handwritten:* Avg = 2 data points

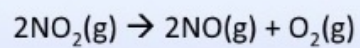
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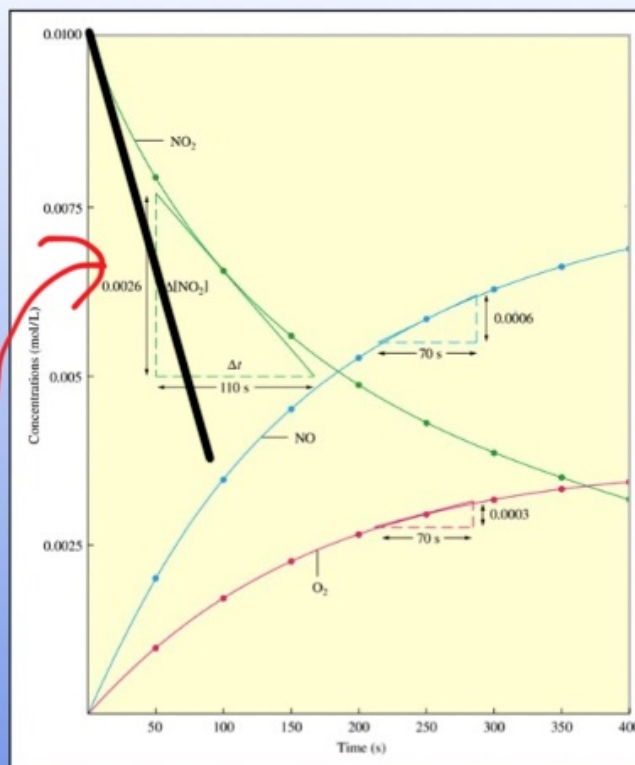
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## Average, Instantaneous, Initial, Reaction Rate



Initial  
= tangent  
@  $t = 0$



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### Concentrations

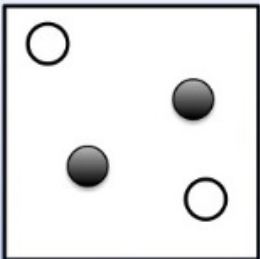
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LOWEST      more  $\text{OH}^-$       more  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$       HIGHEST

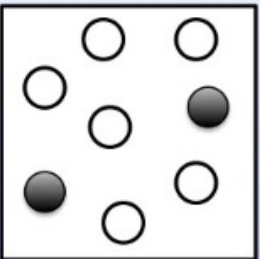
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### Comparing 1 and 2

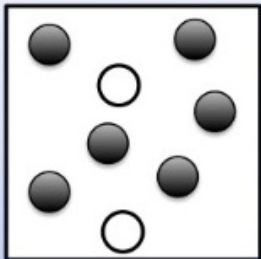
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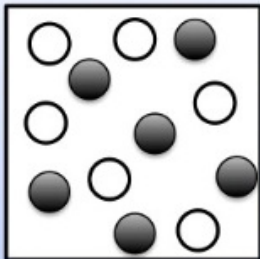
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3



4



$[OH^-]_1 < [OH^-]_3$

$[OH^-]_3 = 3 \times [OH^-]$

3 → More Collisions  
 ↓  
 Faster

Check in 6 & 7

### Comparing 2 and 3

1      2      3      4

Same # of collisions  
Same rate (3x #1)

9x rate,

Check in Question 8

## Kinetics

Imagine the following reaction



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Macroscopic} \\ \text{IN THE LAB} \\ \frac{-\Delta[\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{-d[\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}]}{dt} \end{array} = \text{RATE} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Microscopic} \\ \text{what is happening} \\ \text{with the molecules} \\ k[\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}][\text{OH}^-] \end{array}$$

Measured in lab

Tells us about "how"  
The reaction occurs

Check at end of activity

Similar but different reaction:

Imagine the following reaction



Macroscopic

$$-\frac{\Delta[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{-d[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]}{dt} = \text{RATE}$$

Measured in lab

Microscopic

$$\text{RATE} = k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]^x[\text{OH}^-]^y$$

*unknown*

Tells us about "how"  
The reaction occurs

Poll: Clicker Question

## Method of Initial Rates-Empirically Determine Rate Law



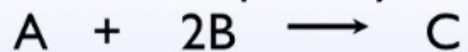
What is the rate law for this reaction?

Experiment	$[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]_0$	$[\text{OH}^-]_0$	initial rate ( $\text{M s}^{-1}$ )
1	0.1M	0.1M	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$
2	0.2M	0.1M	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$
3	0.1M	0.2M	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$

- A. Rate =  $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}][\text{OH}^-]$   
B. Rate =  $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}][\text{OH}^-]^2$   
C. Rate =  $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]^2[\text{OH}^-]$   
**D.** Rate =  $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]$   
E. Rate =  $k[\text{OH}^-]$

Poll: Clicker Question

## Method of Initial Rates-Empirically Determine Rate Law



The reaction is what order in B?

Experiment	[A] <sub>0</sub>	[B] <sub>0</sub>	initial rate (M s <sup>-1</sup> )
→ 1	0.1M	0.1M	2.73
2	0.15M	0.1M	6.14
→ 3	0.1M	0.2M	2.74

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 1.5
- D. 2
- E. 3

Keep [A] = const  
change [B]  
rate = const





The reaction is what order in B?

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$$\frac{\text{rate 3}}{\text{rate 1}} = \frac{k[A]_3^x [B]_3^y}{k[A]_1^x [B]_1^y} = \frac{k(\cancel{.1})^x (.2)^y}{k(\cancel{.1})^x (.1)^y} = \left(\frac{.2}{.1}\right)^y = 2^y = 1$$

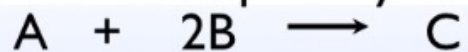
$\frac{2.74}{2.73}$

$$= \frac{2.74}{2.73} = 1$$

$$y = 0!$$

Poll: Clicker Question

## Method of Initial Rates-Empirically Determine Rate Law

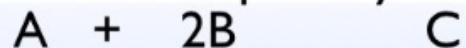


The reaction is what order in A?

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## Method of Initial Rates-Empirically Determine Rate Law



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$$\frac{\text{rate 2}}{\text{rate 1}} = \frac{6.14}{2.73} = \frac{k (.15)^x (.1)^0}{k (.1)^x (.1)^0} = (1.5)^x$$

$x=2$

What is k?

	A + 2B		C
Experiment	[A] <sub>o</sub>	[B] <sub>o</sub>	initial rate (M s <sup>-1</sup> )
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$$\text{rate} = k [A]^2 [\cancel{B}]^1$$
$$2.73 \text{ M s}^{-1} = k (0.1 \text{ M})^2$$
$$k = 273 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

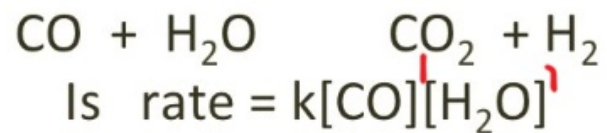
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Poll: Clicker Question

The empirical rate law for the reaction



This reaction is best described as

- A. First order in CO and first order in H<sub>2</sub>O
- B. First order in CO only
- C. Second order in CO
- D. Second order in CO and second order in H<sub>2</sub>O

Poll: Clicker Question

The empirical rate law for the reaction



$$\text{Is rate} = k[\text{CO}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]$$

What units will the rate constants have?

A.  $\text{M s}^{-1}$ B.  $\text{s}^{-1}$ C.  $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ D.  $\text{s}^{-2}$ 

2nd order overall  
rate has units  
 $\text{M s}^{-1}$

## Learning Outcomes

Understand the concept of rate of change associated with chemical change, recognizing that the rate of change for a chemical reaction can be determined by experimentally by monitoring the change in concentration of a reactant or product with time.

Be able to identify the reaction order for a chemical change.

Apply integrated rate equations to solve for the concentration of chemical species during a reaction of different orders