

Chapter 14

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this chapter, $A \rightarrow B$

etics: the study of reaction rates

Allows us to predict whether a reaction occurs on a reasonable time scale

Allows us to determine how long until equilibrium

Allows us to see how a reaction proceeds from reactants to products, to better harness useful reactions

vs. Fast Reactions

$H_2O_2(l) \rightarrow O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l)$: slow reaction

Adding a catalyst: fast reaction

Where equilibrium lies is determined by whether products are downhill/uphill in energy relative to reactants

All reactions have an uphill barrier to get the ball rolling. Small barrier, fast reaction

a. k = rate constant

ΔE is the energy difference for reactants and products

Determines K , the equilibrium constant

E_a : the energy barrier for reactants to products

Determines k , the rate of reaction

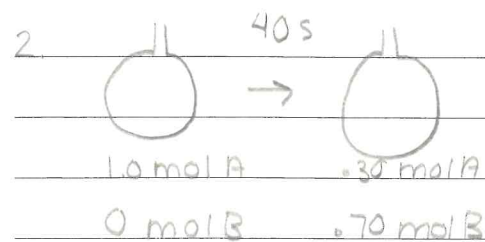
a. $\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{concentration}}{\text{time}} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta \text{concentration}}{\Delta \text{time}}$

b. Types of rates measured: average, instantaneous, initial

↳ In initial, ignore back reaction

Rates are always positive!

Rate = $-\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = +\frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t}$



$$\frac{0.70 \text{ mol B} - 0 \text{ mol B}}{40 \text{ s}} = 0.18 \text{ mol/s}$$

Instantaneous Rate

1. Slope of the line (derivative) = instantaneous rate

1. Reactions slow down over time

2. Rate depends on stoichiometry

a. Divide by coefficient of reaction stoichiometry



1. $\text{Rate} = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$