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CEE 680: Water Chemistry

Lecture #5

Kinetics and Thermodynamics: Fundamentals of
Kinetics and Analysis of Kinetic Data

(Stumm & Morgan, Chapt.2)
(pp.16-20; 69-81)

(Benjamin, 1.6)

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Elementary Reactions

Starting out with some A and B, we observe that E and F are the end products

- When reactant molecules collide with the right orientation and energy level to form new bonds
- Many “observable” reactions are really just combinations of elementary reactions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A + B \rightarrow C + D & \text{slow} \\ 2C \rightarrow E & \text{fast} \\ A + D \rightarrow C + F & \text{fast} \end{array} \right.$$

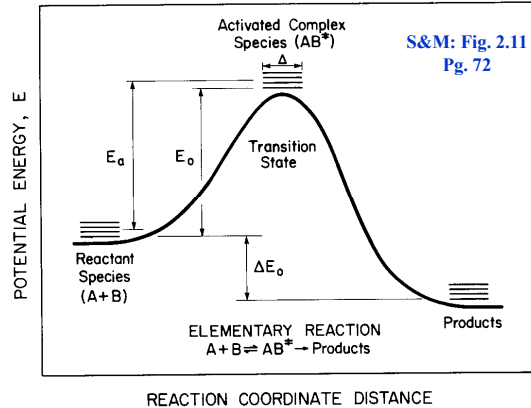
$$2A + B \rightarrow E + F$$

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Cont.

- Elementary reactions

- A single step in a reaction sequence
- Involves 1 or 2 reactants and 1 or 2 products
- Can be described by classical chemical kinetics

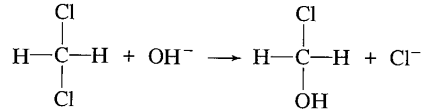


Kinetics

- Examples
 - Fe^{+2} oxidation by O_2
 - almost instantaneous at high pH
 - quite slow at low pH
 - high D.O. may help
 - Oxidation of organic material
 - Formation of solid phases
 - Aluminum hydroxide
 - Quartz sand

Kinetics

- Base Hydrolysis of dichloromethane (DCM)
 - Forms chloromethanol (CM) and chloride



- Classic second order reaction (molecularity of 2)

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{DCM}][\text{OH}^-] = \frac{-d[\text{DCM}]}{dt} = \frac{-d[\text{OH}^-]}{dt} = \frac{d[\text{CM}]}{dt} = \frac{d[\text{Cl}^-]}{dt}$$

- First order in each reactant, second order overall

Reaction Kinetics

- Irreversible reaction
 - is one in which the reactant(s) proceed to product(s), but there is no significant backward reaction,
 - In generalized for, irreversible reactions can be represented as:
 - **aA + bB ⇒ Products**

i.e., the products do not recombine or change to form reactants in any appreciable amount. An example of an irreversible reaction is hydrogen and oxygen combining to form water in a combustion reaction. We do not observe water spontaneously separating into hydrogen and oxygen.

Reaction Kinetics: Reversibility

- A **reversible reaction**
 - is one in which the reactant(s) proceed to product(s), but the product(s) react at an appreciable rate to reform reactant(s).
 - $aA + bB \leftrightarrow pP + qQ$
 - Most reactions must be considered reversible

An example of a reversible biological reaction is the formation of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) and adenosine diphosphate (ADP). All living organisms use ATP (or a similar compound) to store energy. As the ATP is used it is converted to ADP, the organism then uses food to reconvert the ADP to ATP.

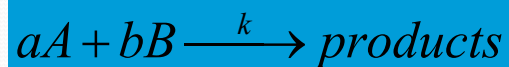
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Kinetic principles

- Law of Mass Action
 - For elementary reactions



$$\text{rate} = kC_A^a C_B^b$$

where,

C_A = concentration of reactant species A, [moles/liter]

C_B = concentration of reactant species B, [moles/liter]

a = stoichiometric coefficient of species A

b = stoichiometric coefficient of species B

k = rate constant, [units are dependent on a and b]

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Reaction Kinetics (cont.)

- Reactions of order "n" in reactant "c" $\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^n$
- When n=0, we have a simple zero-order reaction

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -k$$

$c = c_o - kt$

$k = 10 \text{ mg/l/min}$

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Reaction Kinetics (cont.)

- When n=1, we have a simple first-order reaction
- This results in an "exponential decay"

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^1$$

$c = c_o e^{-kt}$

$k = 0.032 \text{ min}^{-1}$

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Reaction Kinetics (cont.)

- This equation can be linearized
- good for assessment of “k” from data

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^1$$

$\ln c = \ln c_o - kt$

Slope

$k = 0.032 \text{ min}^{-1}$

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Reaction Kinetics (cont.)

- When n=2, we have a simple second-order reaction
- This results in an especially wide range in rates
- More typical to have 2nd order in each of two different reactants

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^2$$

$c = c_o \frac{1}{1 + kc_o t}$

$k = 0.0015 \text{ L / mg / min}$

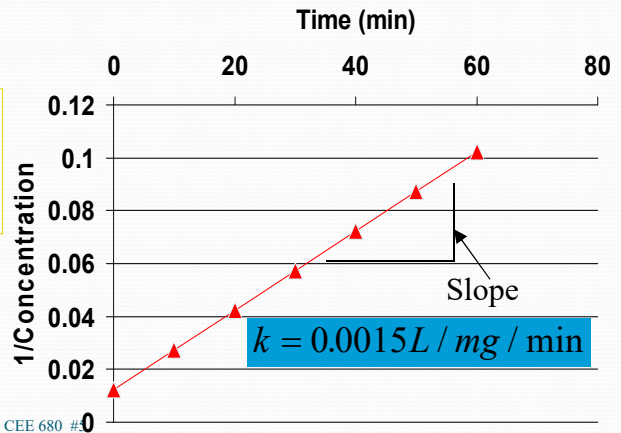
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Reaction Kinetics (cont.)

- Again, the equation can be linearized to estimate “k” from data

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^2$$

$$\frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{c_0} + kt$$



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Comparison of Reaction Orders

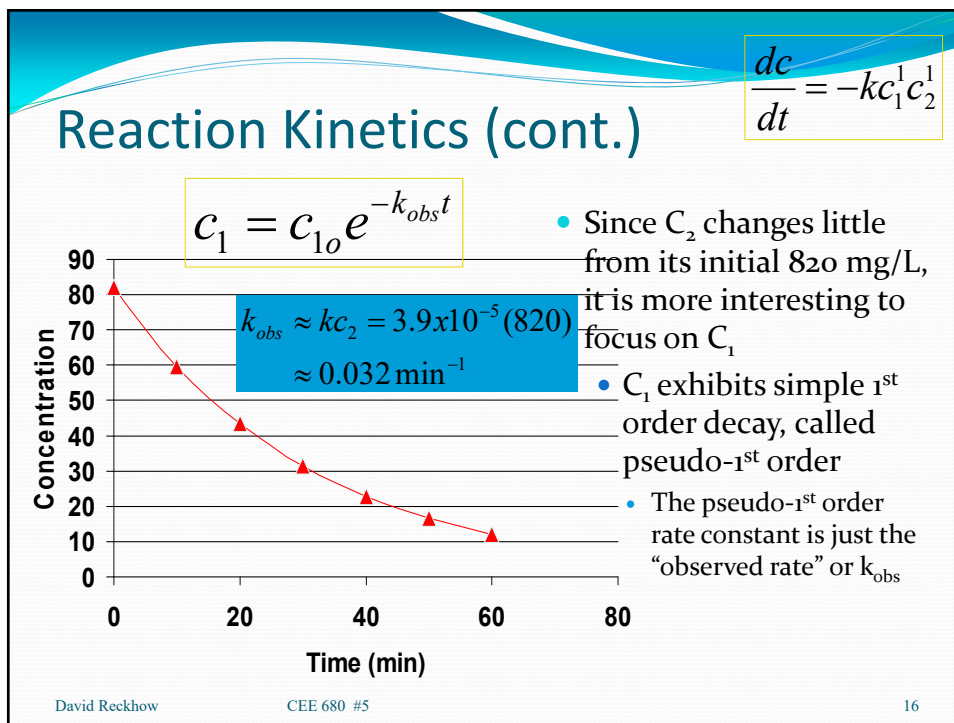
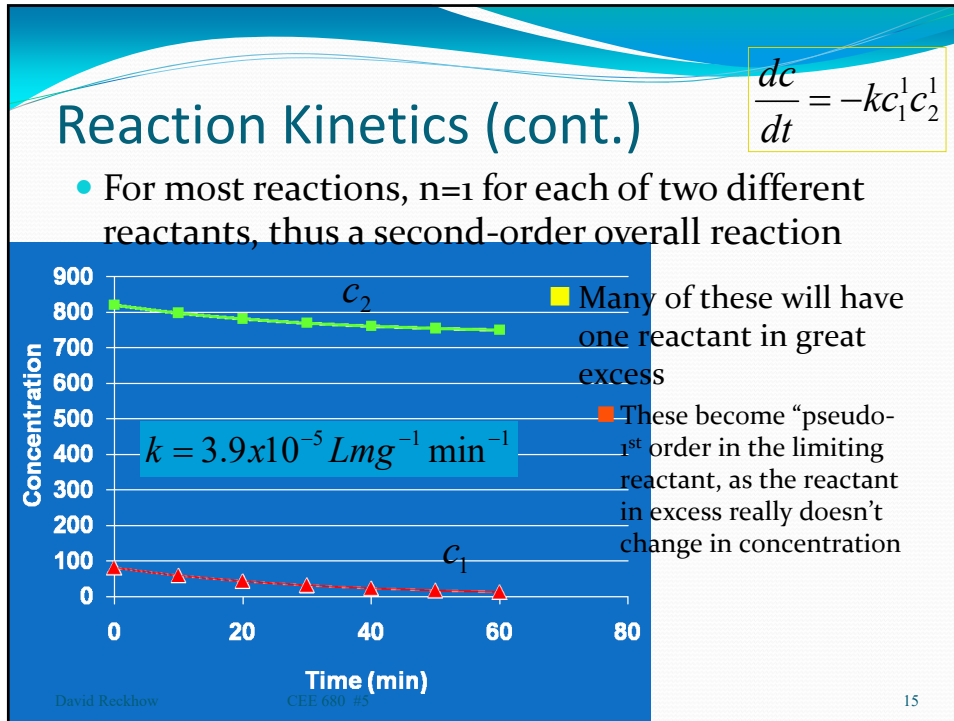
- Curvature as order changes: 2nd>1st>zero



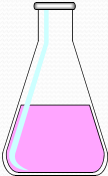
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Variable Kinetic Order



- Any reaction order, except $n=1$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^n$$

$$\frac{1}{c^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{c_o^{n-1}} + (n-1)kt$$

$$c = c_o \frac{1}{\left[1 + (n-1)kc_o^{n-1}t\right]^{1/(n-1)}}$$

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Half-lives

- Time required for initial concentration to drop to half, i.e., $c=0.5c_o$
 - For a zero order reaction:

$$c = c_o - kt$$

$$0.5c_o = c_o - kt_{1/2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.5c_o}{k}$$
 - For a first order reaction:

$$c = c_o e^{-kt}$$

$$0.5c_o = c_o e^{-kt_{1/2}}$$

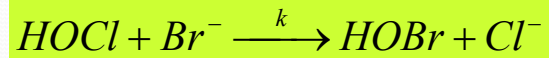
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k}$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{k}$$

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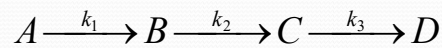
Kinetic problem

- If the half-life of bromide in the presence of excess chlorine is 13 seconds (pseudo-1st order reaction,

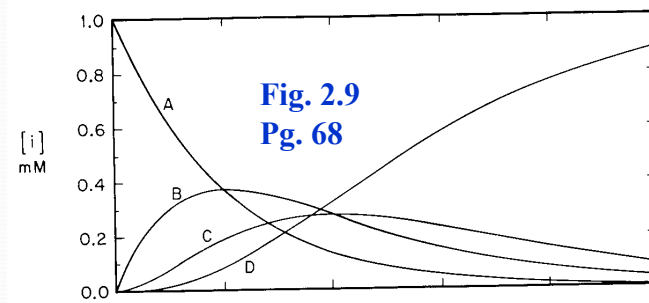


- What is the pseudo-1st order rate constant
- how long does it take for 99% of the bromide to be oxidized?

Reactions in Series

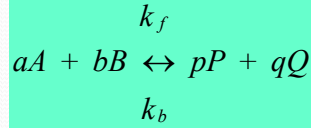


$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$$



Reversible reaction kinetics

For a general reversible reaction:



And the rate law must consider both forward and reverse reactions:

$$r_A = k_f C_A^a C_B^b - k_b C_P^p C_Q^q$$

where,

- k_f = forward rate constant, [units depend on a and b]
- k_b = backward rate constant, [units depend on a and b]
- C_P = concentration of product species P, [moles/liter]
- C_Q = concentration of product species Q, [moles/liter]
- p = stoichiometric coefficient of species P
- q = stoichiometric coefficient of species Q

Reversible 1st order reactions

- Kinetic law

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = k_1[A] - k_2[B]$$

- Eventually the reaction slows and,

- Reactant concentrations approach the equilibrium values

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = 0 = k_1[A] - k_2[B]$$

$$\frac{[B]}{[A]} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \equiv K_{eq}$$

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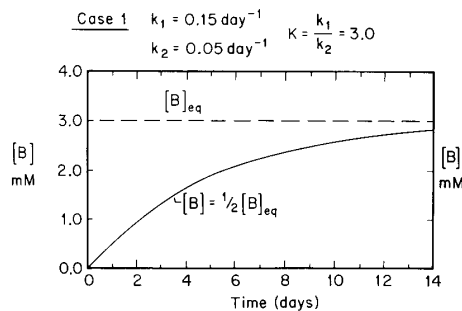
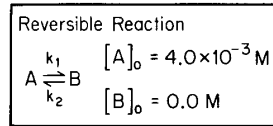


Figure 2.10. Single reversible reaction.

Analysis of Rate Data

- Integral Method
 - Least squares regression of linearized form
- Differential Method
 - estimate instantaneous rate at known time and reactant concentration
- Initial rate Method
 - more rigorous, but slow
- Method of Excess
 - only when 2 or more reactants are involved

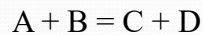
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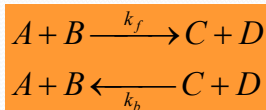
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Kinetic model for equilibrium

- Consider a reaction as follows:



- Since all reactions are reversible, we have two possibilities



- The rates are:

$$r_f = k_f \{A\} \{B\} \qquad r_b = k_b \{C\} \{D\}$$

- And at equilibrium the two are equal, $r_f = r_b$

$$k_f \{A\} \{B\} = k_b \{C\} \{D\}$$

- We then define an equilibrium constant (K_{eq})

$$K_{eq} \equiv \frac{k_f}{k_b} = \frac{\{C\} \{D\}}{\{A\} \{B\}}$$

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Kinetic model with moles

- In terms of molar concentrations, the rates are:

$$r_f = k_f [A] \gamma_A [B] \gamma_B$$

$$r_b = k_b [C] \gamma_C [D] \gamma_D$$

- And at equilibrium the two are equal, $r_f = r_b$

$$k_f [A] \gamma_A [B] \gamma_B = k_b [C] \gamma_C [D] \gamma_D$$

- And solving for the equilibrium constant (K_{eq})

$$K_{eq} \equiv \frac{k_f}{k_b} = \frac{[C] \gamma_C [D] \gamma_D}{[A] \gamma_A [B] \gamma_B} = \frac{[C][D] \left(\gamma_C \gamma_D \right)}{[A][B] \left(\gamma_A \gamma_B \right)}$$

- To next lecture