

“Recitation”

CHMG 142

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$$R=0.082058 \frac{L \text{ atm}}{\text{mol K}}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)$$

$$R=8.314 \frac{J}{\text{mol K}}$$

$$k = Ae^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

The following data was collected for the reaction of nitrogen gas and chlorine gas to form nitrogen trichloride gas.

Experiment	Initial Nitrogen (atm)	Initial Chlorine (atm)	Initial Rate (atm/min)	Temp (K)
1	0.250	0.250	0.012	300 K
2	0.500	0.500	0.047	300 K
3	0.500	0.250	0.011	300 K
4	0.250	0.500	0.072	500 K

Piece #1 (1/2 pt) Compare experiment 2 to experiment 3. What is the order of the reaction with respect to chlorine?

Doubling chlorine caused the rate to quadruple. 2<sup>nd</sup> order.

Piece #2 (1/2 pt) Compare experiment 1 to experiment 3. What is the order of the reaction with respect to nitrogen?

Doubling nitrogen caused essentially no change in the rate. 0<sup>th</sup> order.

Piece #3 (1/2 pt) Use the orders determined in Piece #1 and Piece #2 to construct a general rate law for the reaction.

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{Cl}_2]^2$$

Piece #4 (1/2 pt) Use the rate law from Piece #3 and the data from Experiments 1, 2, and 3 to calculate the rate constant (k) for each of the experiments. Determine the average k from all of the data at 300 K.

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{Cl}_2]^2$$
$$0.012 \text{ atm/min} = k_1[0.250 \text{ atm}]^2$$

$$k_1 = 0.192 \frac{1}{\text{atm min}}$$

$$0.047 \text{ atm/min} = k_2[0.50 \text{ atm}]^2$$

$$k_2 = 0.188 \frac{1}{\text{atm min}}$$

$$0.011 \text{ atm/min} = k_3[0.250 \text{ atm}]^2$$

$$k_3 = 0.176 \frac{1}{\text{atm min}}$$

$$k_{\text{avg}} = 0.185 \frac{1}{\text{atm min}} \text{ at } 300 \text{ K}$$

Piece #5 (1/2 pt) Use the rate law from Piece #3 and the data from Experiment 4 to calculate the rate constant for the reaction at 500 K

$$.072 \text{ atm/min} = k_4[0.50 \text{ atm}]^2$$

$$k_4 = 0.288 \frac{1}{\text{atm min}} \text{ at } 500 \text{ K}$$

Piece #6 (1/2 pt) Use the two-point Arrhenius expression and the rate constants from Piece #4 and Piece #5 to calculate the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) for the reaction.

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{0.288}{0.185}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{8.314 \frac{J}{mol K}}\left(\frac{1}{500 K} - \frac{1}{300 K}\right)$$

$$0.4426 = -\frac{E_a}{8.314 \frac{J}{mol K}}(-1.333 \times 10^{-3} K^{-1})$$

$$E_a = 2760 \frac{J}{mol}$$

Piece #7 (1/2 pt) Use the average rate constant at 300 K from Piece #4 and the activation energy from Piece #6 to calculate the Arrhenius factor (collision frequency factor) in the Arrhenius equation.

$$k = Ae^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

$$0.185 = Ae^{-\frac{2760}{(8.314)(300 K)}}$$

$$0.185 = A(0.3307)$$

$$A = 0.559 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Piece #8 (1/2 pt) Use the two-point Arrhenius equation to calculate the rate constant at 400 K.

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{0.288}{k_{400}}\right) = -\frac{2760 \frac{J}{mol}}{8.314 \frac{J}{mol K}}\left(\frac{1}{500 K} - \frac{1}{400 K}\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{0.288}{k_{400}}\right) = -\frac{2760 \frac{J}{mol}}{8.314 \frac{J}{mol K}}(-5 \times 10^{-4} K^{-1}) = 0.16598$$

$$e^{\ln\left(\frac{0.288}{k_{400}}\right)} = e^{0.16598}$$

$$\left(\frac{0.288}{k_{400}}\right) = 1.18$$

$$k_{400} = 0.244 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Puzzle #1 (1 pt) 0.666 atm of nitrogen gas and 0.333 atm of chlorine gas are put in a 2 L flask at 400 K.  
What is the initial rate of the reaction?

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{Cl}_2]^2$$

$$\text{Rate} = (0.244 \text{ min}^{-1})(0.333 \text{ atm})^2$$

$$\text{Rate} = 0.0271 \frac{\text{atm}}{\text{min}}$$

Bonus Question (1 pt) What is the rate of the reaction from Puzzle #1 after 1 hour?

It's a second order rate law, so the integrated rate law is:

$$\frac{1}{[\text{Cl}_2]} = kt + \frac{1}{[\text{Cl}_2]_0}$$

1 hour is 60 minutes. The chlorine concentration after 1 hour is:

$$\frac{1}{[\text{Cl}_2]} = (0.244)(60 \text{ min}) + \frac{1}{0.333 \text{ atm}} = 17.643$$

$$[\text{Cl}_2] = 0.0567 \text{ atm}$$

$$\text{Rate} = (0.244 \text{ min}^{-1})(0.0567 \text{ atm})^2$$

$$\text{Rate} = 7.84 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{atm}}{\text{min}}$$