

APPLIED REACTION KINETICS

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Resources and references

- Notes from lectures

- Internet

web.vscht.cz/bernaudem/

- Textbooks

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- Journals (on-line)

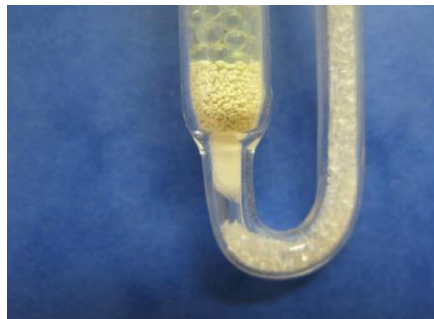
- Software

MS Excel, (Matlab, Octave, Athena Visual Studio, FORTRAN, Maple....)

Fischer-Tropsch (SASOL, RSA)



N₂O decomposition (IPC AS, CZ)



WGS (BASF, FRG)



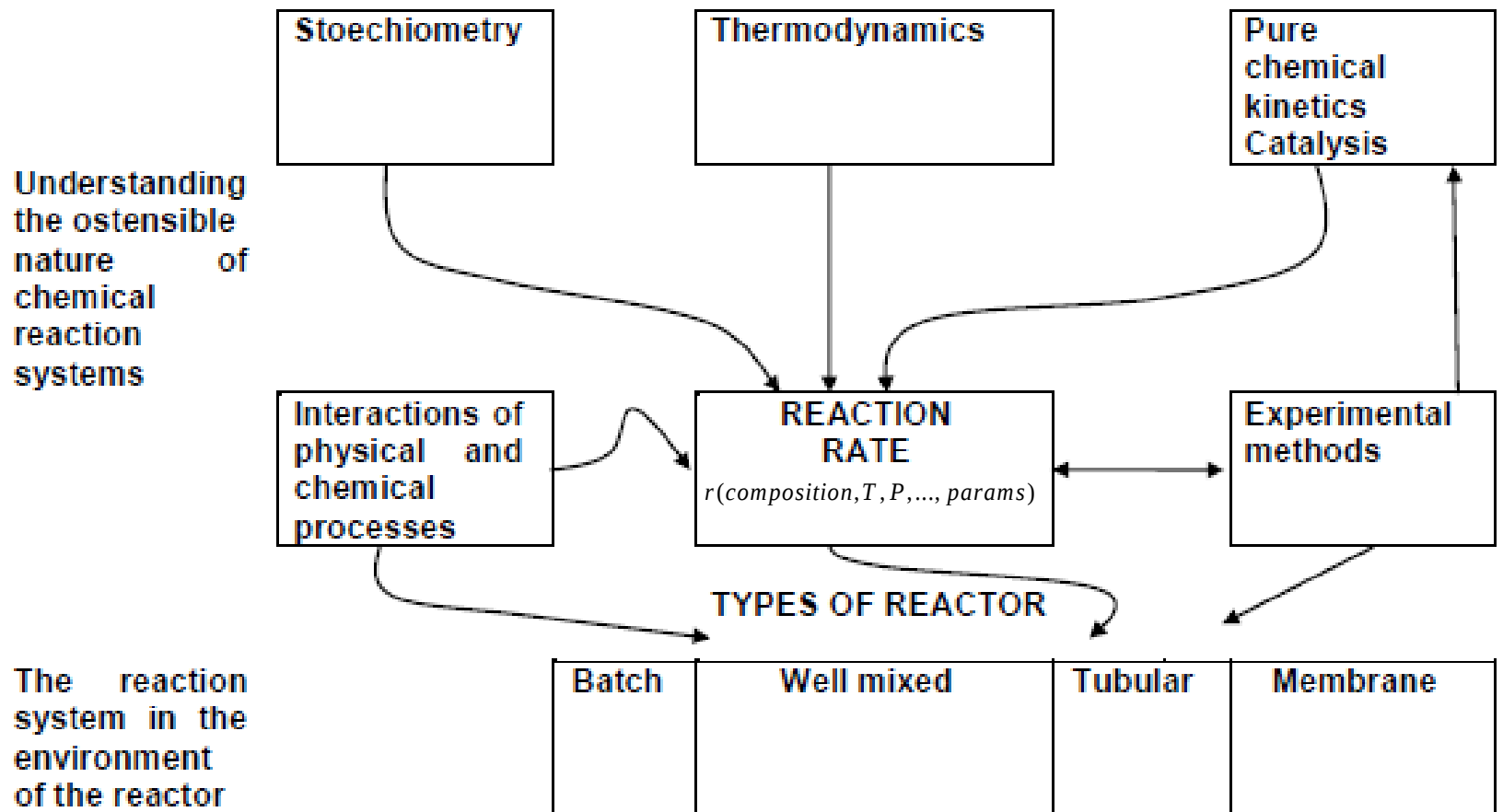
Chemical **reactor**(s) → **heart** of
chemical process



Methane aromatization (ICTP, CZ)



Raw material → separation → **reaction** → separation → product



Material and energy balances
 Stability, transient behavior
 Imperfections of models
 Industrial chemical reactors, design, optimization, software

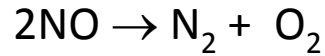
Summary of the 1st lecture

- Stoichiometry
- Extent of reaction
- Fractional conversion of key component
- Stoichiometric matrix
- Balance of chemical elements
- Selectivity, Yield
- Reaction rate definition

Stoichiometry

"στοιχείον" the material element (Plato)

"μέτρον" the count, the quantity



closed (batch) system

	t = 0	t > 0
Atoms of oxygen	$n_{\text{NO}}^o + 2n_{\text{O}_2}^o =$	$n_{\text{NO}} + 2n_{\text{O}_2}$
Atoms of nitrogen	$n_{\text{NO}}^o + 2n_{\text{N}_2}^o =$	$n_{\text{NO}} + 2n_{\text{N}_2}$

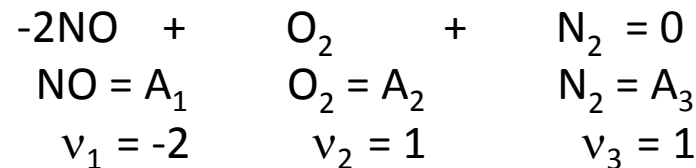
$$n_{\text{NO}}^o + 2n_{\text{O}_2}^o = n_{\text{NO}} + 2n_{\text{O}_2} \quad n_{\text{NO}}^o + 2n_{\text{N}_2}^o = n_{\text{NO}} + 2n_{\text{N}_2}$$

$$n_{\text{NO}} - n_{\text{NO}}^o = -2(n_{\text{O}_2} - n_{\text{O}_2}^o) \quad n_{\text{NO}} - n_{\text{NO}}^o = -2(n_{\text{N}_2} - n_{\text{N}_2}^o)$$

$$\frac{n_{\text{NO}} - n_{\text{NO}}^o}{-2} = \frac{(n_{\text{O}_2} - n_{\text{O}_2}^o)}{1} = \frac{(n_{\text{N}_2} - n_{\text{N}_2}^o)}{1}$$

Symbols for species

Stoichiometric coefficients



$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \nu_i \text{A}_i = 0$$

$\nu_i > 0$	products
$\nu_i = 0$	inerts
$\nu_i < 0$	reactants

Molar extent of the reaction

 ξ

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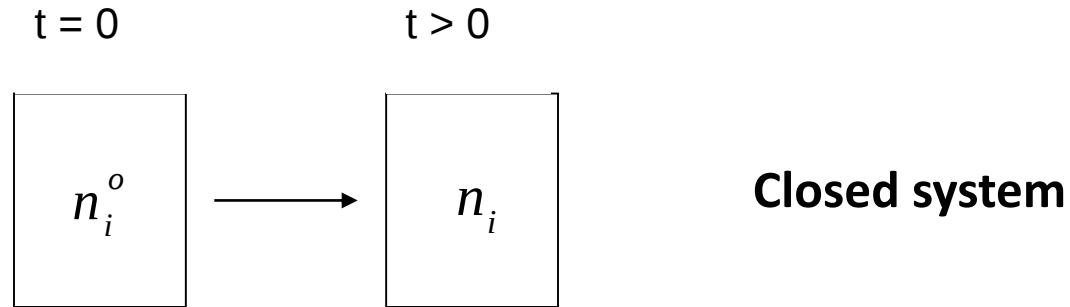
$$\xi = \frac{n_{NO} - n_{NO}^o}{-2} = \frac{(n_{O_2} - n_{O_2}^o)}{1} = \frac{(n_{N_2} - n_{N_2}^o)}{1}$$

$$\xi = \frac{n_i - n_i^o}{\nu_i}$$

From the definition of the reaction extent follows:

1. The reaction extent has the dimension of moles (number of molecules)
2. The reaction extent value depends on stoichiometry of reaction
3. The reaction extent is an extensive variable

Reaction extent for a single reaction in closed (batch) system

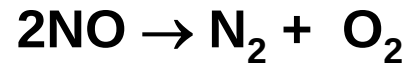


$\sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i A_i = 0$	$\nu_i > 0$	products
	$\nu_i = 0$	inerts
	$\nu_i < 0$	reactants

$$\xi = \frac{n_i - n_i^o}{\nu_i}$$

$$n_i = n_i^o + \nu_i \xi$$

Example



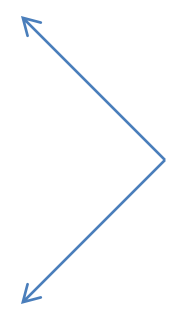
$$A_1 = \text{NO}, A_2 = \text{N}_2, A_3 = \text{O}_2$$

$$\nu_1 = -2, \nu_2 = 1, \nu_3 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{v}^T = (-2 \quad 1 \quad 1), \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} = (-2 \quad 1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Matrix notation



Fractional conversion of key component, j

X_j

$$X_j = \frac{\xi}{\xi_{\max}}$$

$$\xi_{\max} = \frac{n_j^* - n_j^o}{\nu_j}$$

Number of moles of key component in limits (chemical equilibrium or 0)

$$n_j^* = 0$$

$$X_j = \frac{\xi}{\xi_{\max}} = \frac{\frac{n_i - n_i^o}{\nu_i}}{\frac{-n_j^o}{\nu_j}} = \frac{\nu_j}{\nu_i} \frac{n_i^o - n_i}{n_j^o}$$

$i = j$

$$X_j = \frac{n_j^o - n_j}{n_j^o} \quad X_j \in (0,1)$$

$$X_j = 100 \frac{n_j^o - n_j}{n_j^o} \quad X_j \in (0,100)$$

$$\xi = X_j \xi_{\max} = -X_j \frac{n_j^o}{\nu_j}$$

$$n_i = n_i^o - \frac{\nu_i}{\nu_j} n_j^o X_j$$

Stoichiometric matrix in the case of several reactions

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \nu_{ki} A_i = 0 \quad k = 1, NR$$

reaction $\nearrow$ component

Stoichiometric matrix has NR rows and N columns

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{11} & \nu_{12} & \cdots & \nu_{1N} \\ \nu_{21} & \nu_{22} & \cdots & \nu_{2N} \\ . & . & . & . \\ \nu_{NR,1} & \nu_{NR,2} & \cdots & \nu_{NR,N} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ . \\ A_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{vA} = \mathbf{0}$$

Number of moles of i-th component consumed or created in k-th reaction :

$$n_{ki} - n_{ki}^o$$

Molar extent of k-th reaction :

$$\xi_k = \frac{n_{ki} - n_{ki}^o}{\nu_{ki}}$$

Number of moles of i-th components:

$$n_i = n_i^o + \sum_{k=1}^{NR} \nu_{ki} \xi_k$$

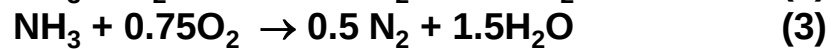
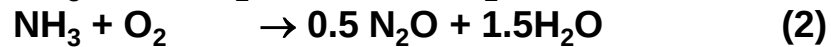
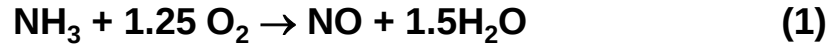
Matrix notation

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}^o + \mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ \vdots \\ n_N \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{n}^o = \begin{pmatrix} n_1^o \\ n_2^o \\ \vdots \\ n_N^o \end{pmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{NR} \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 1.1

Oxidation of ammonia on Pt-Rh catalyst



Task: To write down the stoichiometric matrix.

	A ₁	A ₂	A ₃	A ₄	A ₅	A ₆
Reaction	NH ₃	O ₂	NO	N ₂ O	N ₂	H ₂ O
(1)	-1	-1.25	1	0	0	1.5
(2)	-1	-1	0	0.5	0	1.5
(3)	-1	-0.75	0	0	0.5	1.5

Molar balance table of component in closed (batch) system

Component	t = 0	t > 0
NH₃	n_1^o	$n_1 = n_1^o - (\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)$
O₂	n_2^o	$n_2 = n_2^o - 1.25\xi_1 - \xi_2 - 0.75\xi_3$
NO	n_3^o	$n_3 = n_3^o + \xi_1$
N₂O	n_4^o	$n_4 = n_4^o + 0.5\xi_2$
N₂	n_5^o	$n_5 = n_5^o + 0.5\xi_3$
H₂O	n_6^o	$n_6 = n_6^o + 1.5(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)$
Σ	$\sum_{i=1}^6 n_i^o$	$\sum_{i=1}^6 n_i^o + 0.25(\xi_1 + \xi_3)$

e.g. molar fraction of NH₃

$$y_1 = \frac{n_1^o - (\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)}{\sum_{i=1}^6 n_i^o + 0.25(\xi_1 + \xi_3)}$$

Independent reactions

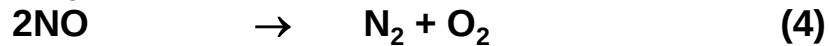
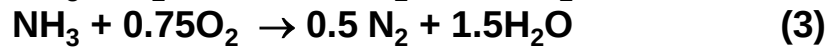
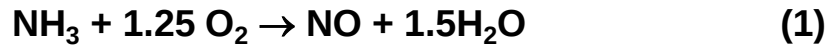
Set of NR reactions in reaction network is independent if

$$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{v}) = \text{NR}$$

or

$$\text{number of independent reactions} = \text{Rank}(\mathbf{v})$$

Problem 1.2



Task: To calculate the number of independent reactions.

We determine the rank of stoichiometric matrix by Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1.25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.5 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 1.5 \\ -1 & -0.75 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1.25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0.25 & -1 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & -1 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$
$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1.25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0.25 & -1 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1.25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0.25 & -1 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Rank(v)=3 → only 3 reactions
are independent**

Extent of the reaction in a flow system



$$\sum_{i=1}^N \nu_{ki} A_i = 0$$

$k = 1, NR$ **Open (flow) system in a steady state**

$$F_i = F_i^o + \sum_{k=1}^{NR} \nu_{ki} \dot{\xi}_k \quad \dot{\xi}_k = \frac{\xi_k}{\bar{\tau}}$$

F_i, F_i^o - outlet, inlet molar flow rates of i-th species [mole/s]

$\dot{\xi}_k$ - extent of k-th reaction per unit of time [mole/s]

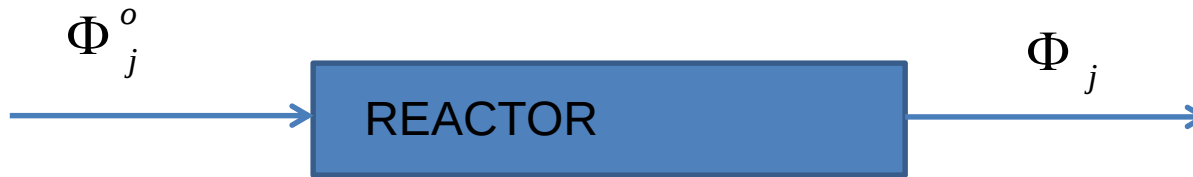
$\bar{\tau}$ - mean residence time [s]

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^o + \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \\ F_N \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{F}^o = \begin{pmatrix} F_1^o \\ F_2^o \\ \vdots \\ F_N^o \end{pmatrix}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\xi}_1 \\ \dot{\xi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\xi}_{NR} \end{pmatrix}$$

A reaction is at steady-state if the concentration of all species in each element of the reaction space (i.e. volume in the case of homogeneous reaction or surface of catalyst in the case of catalytic heterogeneous reaction) does not change in time.

Balance of chemical elements



$$\sum_{i=1}^N \nu_{ki} A_i = 0 \quad k = 1, NR \quad \text{Open (flow) system at steady state}$$

$$\Phi_j = \Phi_j^o$$

Φ_j, Φ_j^o -outlet, inlet molar flows

of j-th chemical element [mole/s]

$$\Phi = \Phi^o$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Phi_{NEL} \end{pmatrix}, \Phi^o = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1^o \\ \Phi_2^o \\ \vdots \\ \Phi_{NEL}^o \end{pmatrix}$$

NEL - Number of
chemical elements

Formula matrix E

NEL elements → NEL=3

N components ↓ N=6	N	H	O
NH ₃	1	3	0
O ₂	0	0	2
NO	1	0	1
N ₂ O	2	0	1
N ₂	2	0	0
H ₂ O	0	2	1

Formula vector of NH₃

There are no creation or annihilation of chemical elements in chemical reactions:

$$\mathbf{vE} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & \dots & v_{1N} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & \dots & v_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{NR,1} & v_{NR,2} & \dots & v_{NR,N} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{11} & E_{12} & \dots & E_{1,NEL} \\ E_{21} & \dots & \dots & E_{2,NEL} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_{N,1} & E_{N,2} & \dots & E_{N,NEL} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{NEL}} \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \right\} \text{NR}$$

Molar* weight (relative molecular mass) of i-th species:

$$M_i = \sum_{j=1}^{NEL} E_{ij} m_j$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{m}$$

Atomic weights (relative atomic mass) of j-th element

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ \vdots \\ M_N \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ \vdots \\ m_{NEL} \end{pmatrix}$$

and we have for molar weights of species

$$\mathbf{v} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{m} = 0$$

$$\text{because } \mathbf{v} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

**The mole is the amount of substance of a system which contains as many elementary entities as there are atoms in 0.012 kilogram of carbon 12.*

Avogadro constant = $6.022\,141\,29(27) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

(<http://www.nist.gov>)

Balances of atoms in batch and flow systems

Closed (batch) system:

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}^0 + \mathbf{v}^T \xi$$

$$\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{n}^0 + \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{v}^T \xi = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{n}^0 + (\mathbf{vE})^T \xi = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{n}^0$$

Open (flow) system at steady state:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^0 + \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\xi}$$

$$\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{F}^0 + \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\xi} = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{F}^0 + (\mathbf{vE})^T \dot{\xi} = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{F}^0$$

because $\mathbf{vE} = \mathbf{0}$

Finally

$$\mathbf{E}^T (\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}^0) = \mathbf{E}^T (\mathbf{n}^0 - \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{E}^T (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}^0) = \mathbf{E}^T (\mathbf{F}^0 - \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{0}$$

These equations are used in data reconciliation tasks around chemical reactors.

The last equation (flow system) is valid only at steady state.

Problem 1.3

Selective reduction of NO_x by C_3H_8



Steady state,
unknown
stoichiometry
of reactions

	NO	NO_2	CO	C_3H_8	CO_2	H_2O	O_2	N_2
F_i^o [$\mu\text{mole} / \text{min}$]	4.563	0.1845	0	2.943	0	0	90	0
F_i [$\mu\text{mole} / \text{min}$]	2.2905	2.3355	0	2.898	x	x	x	x

Calculate the missing outlet molar flow rates

$$\mathbf{E}^T (\mathbf{F}^o - \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{E}^T \Delta \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

	1-NO	2- NO_2	3-CO	4- C_3H_8	5- CO_2	6- H_2O	7- O_2	8- N_2
N	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
O	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	0
C	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
H	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	0

$$\mathbf{E}_1^T$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_1 \\ \Delta F_2 \\ \Delta F_3 \\ \Delta F_4 \\ \Delta F_5 \\ \Delta F_6 \\ \Delta F_7 \\ \Delta F_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{known} \\ \Delta F_i \\ \text{unknown} \\ \Delta F_i \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_1^T \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{KNOWN}} + \mathbf{E}_2^T \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{UNKNOWN}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2^T \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{UNKNOWN}} = -\mathbf{E}_1^T \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{KNOWN}}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{UNKNOWN}} = -(\mathbf{E}_2^T)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_1^T \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{KNOWN}} = \mathbf{Q} \Delta \mathbf{F}_{\text{KNOWN}}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = -(\mathbf{E}_2^T)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_1^T$$

We obtain using Excel (**homework 1**)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ -0.5 & -1 & 0.5 & 5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and taking $\Delta F_2 = -(\mathbf{E}_2^T)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_1^T \Delta F_1 = \mathbf{Q} \Delta F_1$ we have

	NO	NO ₂	CO	C ₃ H ₈	CO ₂	H ₂ O	O ₂	N ₂
$F_i^o [\mu mole / min]$	4.563	0.1845	0	2.943	0	0	90	0
$F_i [\mu mole / min]$	2.2905	2.3355	0	2.898	0.135	0.18	88.76	0.061

Selectivity

Moles of a particular product generated per mole of key reactant consumed

Yield

Moles of a particular product generated per one initial mole of key reactant

Ammonia oxidation

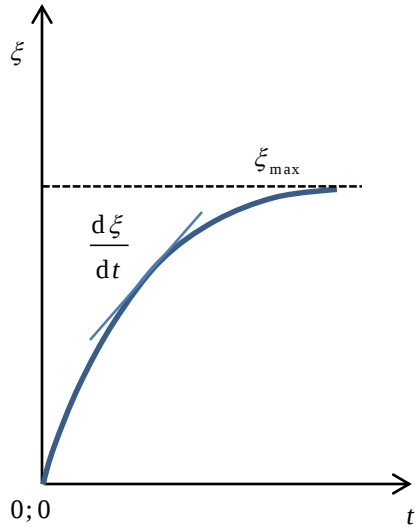
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N_2	n_5^o	$n_5 = n_5^o + 0.5\xi_3$
H_2O	n_6^o	$n_6 = n_6^o + 1.5(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)$

$$S_{\text{NO}-\text{NH}_3} = \frac{n_3^o + \xi_1}{(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)} = \frac{\xi_1}{(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)}$$

$$Y_{\text{NO}-\text{NH}_3} = \frac{n_3^o + \xi_1}{n_1^o} \stackrel{(n_3^o=0)}{=} \frac{\xi_1}{n_1^o}$$

Reaction rate

(IUPAC Gold Book = rate of conversion)



$$r = \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \quad \text{mole.s}^{-1}$$

$$r_k = \frac{d\xi_k}{dt}$$

Closed system
of uniform
pressure,
temperature
and
composition.

Rate of generation (consumption) of component A_i

$$R_{A_i} = \frac{dn_i}{dt} = \nu_i \cdot \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \nu_i \cdot r$$

one reaction

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{v} r$$

$$R_{A_i} = \sum_{k=1}^{NR} \nu_{ki} \cdot \frac{d\xi_k}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^{NR} \nu_{ki} \cdot r_k$$

several reactions

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{r}$$

We measure usually the rates of generation (consumption) of components R and we want to calculate r

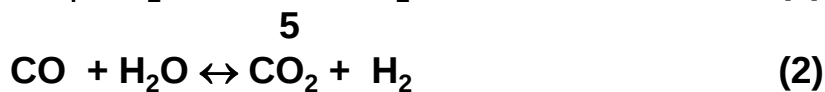
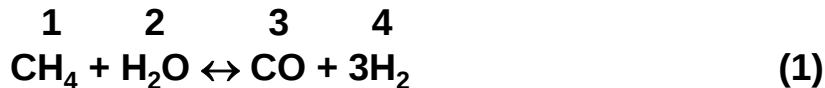
$$\mathbf{R}^{\text{exp}} \cong \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{r} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Objective function} \quad \Omega(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\mathbf{R}^{\text{exp}} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{r} \right)^T \left(\mathbf{R}^{\text{exp}} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{r} \right)$$

minimization of $\Omega(\mathbf{r})$ = least squares solution of overdefined system ($N > NR$)

$$\mathbf{r} = \left(\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T \right)^{-1} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{R}^{\text{exp}}$$

Problem 1.4

Steam reforming of methane (5 species, $N=5$, 2 reactions, $NR=2$)



Measured $\mathbf{R}$: $(-0.97572, -2.88778, -1.02127, 4.832804, 2.078537)^T$ (mol/s)

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left(\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T \right)^{-1} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.10256 & -0.02564 & 0.179487 & 0.230769 & -0.07692 \\ 0.076923 & -0.23077 & -0.38462 & 0.076923 & 0.307692 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.94619 \\ 1.99546 \end{pmatrix}$$

Specific reaction rate

The reaction rate $\frac{d\xi}{dt}$ is, like ξ , an extensive property of the system, a specific rate (intensive property) is obtained by dividing $\frac{d\xi}{dt}$ by the total volume, mass, surface of the system:

Reaction rate per volume

$$r_V = \frac{1}{V} r = \frac{1}{V} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \quad \text{mole.m}^{-3}.\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$r_{V,k} = \frac{1}{V} r_k = \frac{1}{V} \frac{d\xi_k}{dt}$$

Reaction rate per mass

$$r_M = \frac{1}{m} r = \frac{1}{m} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \quad \text{mole.kg}^{-1}.\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$r_{M,k} = \frac{1}{m} r_k = \frac{1}{m} \frac{d\xi_k}{dt}$$

Reaction rate per surface

$$r_s = \frac{1}{S} r = \frac{1}{S} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{S} \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \quad \text{mole.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$r_{s,k} = \frac{1}{S} r_k = \frac{1}{S} \frac{d\xi_k}{dt}$$

Reaction rate per active center (turnover number)

$$r_{RS} = \frac{1}{n_{RS}} r = \frac{1}{n_{RS}} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{n_{RS}} \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \quad \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$r_{RS,k} = \frac{1}{n_{RS}} r_k = \frac{1}{n_{RS}} \frac{d\xi_k}{dt}$$

Central problem of APPLIED CHEMICAL KINETICS

$r = \text{function}(T, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N, P, \text{catalytic activity, transport parameters,} \dots)$

Rule 1: The rate function r at constant temperature generally decreases in monotonic fashion with time (or extent or conversion).

Rule 2: The rate of irreversible reaction can be written as

$$r = k(T)g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)$$

Rule 3: The rate constant k depends on temperature (Svante Arrhenius, 1889):

$$k(T) = Ae^{-\frac{E}{RT}}$$

Rule 4: The function g is independent of temperature:

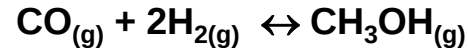
$$g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N) = c_1^{\alpha_1} c_2^{\alpha_2} \dots c_N^{\alpha_N} = \prod_{i=1}^N c_i^{\alpha_i}$$

Rule 5: When a reaction is reversible:

$$r = r_f - r_b = k_f(T)g_f(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N) - k_b(T)g_b(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)$$

Problem 1.5 (homework 2)

In flow catalytic reactor the synthesis of methanol is carried out



The inlet mass flow rate of CO is 1000 kg.h⁻¹ of CO and the inlet flow rate of hydrogen is supplied so that the inlet molar ratio H₂:CO is equal to 2:1. 1200 kg of the catalyst is placed in the reactor.

The outlet mass flow of CO is 860 kg.h⁻¹.

To determine:

1. Mean reaction rate per mass of catalyst in mol.kg⁻¹.s⁻¹ .
2. If specific internal surface of catalyst is 55 m².g⁻¹, calculate mean reaction rate per surface of catalyst in mol.m⁻².s⁻¹.
3. If per 1 m² of catalyst contains 10¹⁹ active sites, calculate mean reaction rate per active site in s⁻¹.
4. Calculate inlet and outlet gas mixture composition in molar fractions.

Data:

$$M_{\text{CO}} = 28.010 \text{ kg.kmol}^{-1}$$

$$N_A = 6.0221413 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ (Avogadro number)}$$

$$CO = A_1, H_2 = A_2, CH_3OH = A_3$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} r$$

$$F_i = F_i^o + \sum_{k=1}^{NR} \nu_{ki} \dot{\xi}_k \Rightarrow F_i = F_i^o + \nu_i \dot{\xi} \Rightarrow$$

$$\bar{r}_M = \frac{\dot{\xi}}{m_{CAT}} = \frac{F_i - F_i^o}{\nu_i m_{CAT}}, \bar{r}_S = \frac{\dot{\xi}}{S} = \frac{F_i - F_i^o}{\nu_i S}, \bar{r}_{RS} = \frac{\dot{\xi}}{n_{RS}} = \frac{F_i - F_i^o}{\nu_i n_{RS}}$$

Fractional conversion of key component

1 = key component

$$X_1 = \frac{\dot{\xi}}{\dot{\xi}_{MAX}} = \left(\frac{F_i - F_i^o}{\nu_i} \right) / \left(\frac{-F_1^o}{\nu_1} \right) \Rightarrow F_i = F_i^o - \frac{\nu_i}{\nu_1} F_1^o X_1$$

	inlet	y_i^o	outlet	y_i	
1-CO	F_1^o	$y_1^o = \frac{F_1^o}{3F_1^o} = \frac{1}{3}$	$F_1 = F_1^o + (-1)\dot{\xi}$	$y_1 = \frac{F_1^o + (-1)\dot{\xi}}{3F_1^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}}$	$F_1 = F_1^o (1 - X_1)$
2-H2	$2F_1^o$	$y_2^o = \frac{2F_1^o}{3F_1^o} = \frac{2}{3}$	$F_2 = F_2^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}$	$y_2 = \frac{2F_1^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}}{3F_1^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}}$	$F_2 = 2F_1^o - 2F_1^o X_1$
3-CH3OH	0	0	$F_3 = F_3^o + (+1)\dot{\xi}$	$y_3 = \frac{\dot{\xi}}{3F_1^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}}$	$F_3 = F_1^o X_1$
Σ	$F^o = 3F_1^o$	1	$F = F^o + (-2)\dot{\xi}$	1	$F = 3F_1^o - 2F_1^o X_1$

$$i=1, \dot{\xi} = \frac{(860 - 1000) / 0.02801 / 3600}{-1} = 1.38839 \text{ mol.s}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{r}_M = \frac{1.38839}{1200} = 1.157 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol.kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, \bar{r}_S = \frac{1.38839}{55 \times 10^3 \times 1200} = 2.104 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{r}_{RS} = \frac{1.38839 \times 6.0221413 \times 10^{23}}{55 \times 10^3 \times 1200 \times 10^{19}} = 1.267 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$X_1 = \frac{(1000 - 860)}{1000} = 0.14$$

	inlet y_i^o	outlet y_i
1-CO	$y_1^o = \frac{F_1^o}{3F_1^o} = \frac{1}{3}$	$y_1 = \frac{F_1^o(1 - X_1)}{3F_1^o - 2F_1^oX_1} = \frac{1 - X_1}{3 - 2X_1} = 0.3162$
2-H ₂	$y_2^o = \frac{2F_1^o}{3F_1^o} = \frac{2}{3}$	$y_2 = \frac{2F_1^o - 2F_1^oX_1}{3F_1^o - 2F_1^oX_1} = \frac{2(1 - X_1)}{3 - 2X_1} = 0.6324$
3-CH ₃ OH	0	$y_3 = \frac{F_1^oX_1}{3F_1^o - 2F_1^oX_1} = \frac{X_1}{3 - 2X_1} = 0.05147$
Σ	1	1

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