Mechanism of the reaction $C_2H_6+H_2 \longrightarrow 2CH_4$ can be presented as

$$C_2H_6 \longrightarrow 2CH_3$$

Equilibrium constant *K*

$$CH_3 \cdot + H_2 \xrightarrow{k_1} CH_4 + H \cdot$$

$$C_2H_6 + H \cdot \xrightarrow{k_2} CH_4 + CH_3 \cdot$$

H· is at steady state

Try to prove
$$\frac{\mathbf{d}[\mathbf{CH}_4]}{\mathbf{d}t} = 2k_1 K^{1/2} [\mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_6]^{1/2} [\mathbf{H}_2]$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{d} \left[\mathbf{CH}_{4} \right]}{\mathbf{d}t} = k_{1} \left[\mathbf{CH}_{3} \cdot \right] \left[\mathbf{H}_{2} \right] + k_{2} \left[\mathbf{H} \cdot \right] \left[\mathbf{C}_{2} \mathbf{H}_{6} \right]$$

$$\frac{d[CH_4]}{dt} = k_1[CH_3 \cdot][H_2] + k_2[H \cdot][C_2H_6]$$

$$C_2H_6 \rightleftharpoons 2CH_3 \cdot CH_4 + H \cdot CH_3 \cdot CH_4 + H \cdot CH_4 + CH_3 \cdot CH_6$$

$$\mathbf{d} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{J} / \mathbf{d}t = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \cdot \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_2 \end{bmatrix} - k_2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_6 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{H} \cdot \text{ is at steady state}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \cdot \mathbf{J}^2 / \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_6 \end{bmatrix} = K \quad \text{Equilibrium constant } K$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{d} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_4 \end{bmatrix}}{\mathbf{d}t} = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \cdot \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_2 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_6 \end{bmatrix} = 2k_1 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \cdot \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2k_1 K^{1/2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_6 \end{bmatrix}^{1/2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Mechanism of the decomposition reaction of N_2O_5 can be presented as

$$N_2O_5 \xrightarrow{k_1} NO_2 + NO_3$$
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$$NO_2 + NO_3 \cdot \xrightarrow{k_2} NO \cdot + O_2 + NO_2$$
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$$NO + NO = \frac{k_3}{2} \cdot 2NO$$

 $NO \cdot + NO_3 \cdot \xrightarrow{k_3} 2NO_3$

(1) If NO and NO₃ are active intermediates, try to give the production rate of O₂ by

Steady State Approximation

(2) Suppose the step 2 is the rate-controlled step, try to give the production rate of O_2 under the **Pre-Equilibrium Approximation**



Mechanism of the reaction $CH_3CHO \longrightarrow CH_4 + CO$ can be presented as

$$CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{k_{1}} CH_{3} \cdot + CHO \cdot \qquad \qquad E_{1}$$

$$CH_{3} \cdot + CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{k_{2}} CH_{4} + CH_{2}CHO \cdot \qquad \qquad E_{2}$$

$$CH_{2}CHO \cdot \xrightarrow{k_{3}} CO + CH_{3} \cdot \qquad \qquad E_{3}$$

$$CH_{3} \cdot + CH_{3} \cdot \xrightarrow{k_{4}} C_{2}H_{6}$$

$$E_{4}$$

Try to give the express of $\frac{dc_{CH_4}}{dt}$ and the apparant activation energy of the reaction?

Ex. 29

For reaction $A \rightarrow C$, there are two possible reeaction mechanisms:

- (1) the reaction took place directly, and displayed the characterizations of first oeder reaction. the half time at 294K is 1000min, while at T=340K, the time needed to reduce the concentration of A to 1/1024 C_{A0} is 0.1min.
- (2) the reaction took place by two steps:

$$\mathbf{A} \xrightarrow{k_1} \mathbf{A}^* \qquad \mathbf{A}^* \qquad \mathbf{C}$$

the activation energies of each step were $E_{a,l}=125.52$ kJ/mol, $E_{a,-l}=120.3$ kJ/mol and

$$E_{a,2} = 167.36 \text{kJ/mol}$$

Try to determine which one is the most possible mechanism at T=500K?

(1)
$$\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = k_2[NO_2][NO_3]$$

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{d [NO]}{dt} = k_2 [NO_2][NO_3] - k_3 [NO][NO_3] = 0 \\
\frac{d [NO_3]}{dt} = k_1 [N_2O_5] - k_{-1} [NO_2][NO_3] - k_2 [NO_2][NO_3] - k_3 [NO][NO_3] = 0
\end{cases}$$
NO·+NO₃· - k₃ > 2 NO₂

$$[NO_3] = \frac{k_1[N_2O_5]}{(k_{-1} + 2k_2)[NO_2]} \qquad \frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = \frac{k_1k_2}{k_{-1} + 2k_2}[N_2O_5]$$

 $N_2O_5 \xrightarrow{k_1} NO_2 + NO_3$.

 $NO_2 + NO_3 \cdot \xrightarrow{k_2} NO \cdot + O_2 + NO_2$

(2)
$$K = \frac{[NO_2][NO_3]}{[N_2O_5]} = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}}$$
 $\frac{d[O_2]}{dt} = k_2[NO_2][NO_3] = \frac{k_1k_2}{k_{-1}}[N_2O_5]$

(1)
$$dc_{CH_4}/dt = k_2[CH_3 \cdot][CH_3CHO]$$

 $d[CH_3 \cdot]/dt = k_1[CH_3CHO] - k_2[CH_3 \cdot][CH_3CHO]$
 $+k_3[CH_2CHO \cdot] - 2k_4[CH_3 \cdot]^2 = 0$
 $d[CH_2CHO \cdot]/dt = k_2[CH_3 \cdot][CH_3CHO] - k_3[CH_2CHO \cdot] = 0$
 $[CH_3 \cdot] = \sqrt{\frac{k_1[CH_3CHO]}{2k_4}}$
 $\therefore d[CH_4]/dt = k_2[CH_3CHO]\sqrt{k_1[CH_3CHO]/2k_4}$
 $= k_2(k_1/2k_4)^{1/2}[CH_3CHO]^{3/2}$
(2) $E_a = \frac{1}{2}E_1 + E_2 - \frac{1}{2}E_4$

$$k(294 \text{ K}) = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{1000 \text{ min}} = 6.93 \times 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$k(340 \text{ K}) = \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{1}{1-y} = \frac{1}{0.10 \text{ min}} \ln \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1023}{1024}} = 69.31 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

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$$k(340 \text{ K}) = \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{1}{1 - y} = \frac{1}{0.10 \text{ min}} \ln \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1023}{1024}} = 69.31 \text{ min}^{-1} \qquad \ln \frac{69.31}{6.93 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{294 \text{ K}} - \frac{1}{340 \text{ K}} \right)$$

$$E_a(1) = 208.0 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

(2)
$$r_2 = k_2[A^*] = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_{-1}}[A] = k[A]$$

$$k_1[A] = k_{-1}[A^*], [A^*] = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}}[A],$$

$$k = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_{-1}}$$

$$E_{a}(2) = E_{a,1} + E_{a,2} - E_{a,-1} = (125.52 + 167.36 - 120.30) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} = 172.58 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$