

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
M.Sc. CHEMISTRY (CSS PATTERN) - SEMESTER I

CH1CO4 – THERMODYNAMICS, KINETICS AND CATALYSIS

(3 Credits, 54hrs)

Unit 1: Thermodynamics (9hrs)

Review of First and Second law of thermodynamics, Third law of thermodynamics, Need for third law, Nernst heat theorem, Apparent exceptions to third law, Applications of Third law, Determination of Absolute entropies, Residual entropy.

Thermodynamics of Solutions: Partial molar quantities, Chemical potential, Variation of chemical potential with temperature and pressure, Partial molar volume and its determination, Gibbs-Duhem equation, Thermodynamics of ideal and real gases and gaseous mixtures, Fugacities of gases and their determinations, Activity, Activity coefficient, standard state of substance (for solute and solvents), Duhem-Margules equation and its applications. Thermodynamics of ideal solutions, Deduction of the laws of Raoult's ebullioscopy, cryoscopy, and osmotic pressure. Non ideal solutions, Deviations from Raoult's law, Excess functions- excess free energy, excess entropy, excess enthalpy, excess volume.

Unit 2: Thermodynamics of Irreversible Processes (9 hrs).

Simple examples of irreversible processes, general theory of non –equilibrium processes, entropy production, the phenomenological relations, Onsager reciprocal relations, application to the theory of diffusion, thermal diffusion, thermo-osmosis and thermo-molecular pressure difference, electro-kinetic effects, the Glansdorf -Pregogine equation.

Unit 3: Chemical Kinetics (9 hrs)

Kinetics of reactions involving reactive atoms and free radicals - Rice - Herzfeld mechanism and steady state approximation in the kinetics of organic gas phase decompositions (acetaldehyde & ethane); Kinetics of chain reactions – branching chain and explosion limits (H₂-O₂ reaction as an example); Kinetics of fast reactions- relaxation methods, molecular beams, flash photolysis; Solution kinetics: Factors affecting reaction rates in solution, Effect of solvent and ionic strength (primary salt effect) on the rate constant, secondary salt effects.

Unit 4: Molecular Reaction Dynamics (9 hrs)

Reactive encounters: Collision theory, diffusion controlled reactions, the material balance equation, Activated Complex theory – the Eyring equation, thermodynamic aspects of ACT; Comparison of collision and activated complex theories; The dynamics of molecular collisions – Molecular beams, principle of crossed-molecular beams; Potential energy surfaces - attractive and repulsive surfaces, London equation, Statistical distribution of molecular energies; Theories of unimolecular reactions - Lindemann's theory, Hinshelwood's modification, Rice -Ramsperger and Kassel (RRK) model.

Unit 5: Surface Chemistry (9 hrs)

Adsorption: Adsorption isotherms, Langmuir's unimolecular theory of adsorption, BET equation, derivation, determination of surface area of adsorbents, heat of adsorption and its determination; Experimental methods for studying surfaces – SEM, TEM, and ESCA

Unit 6: Catalysis (9hrs)

Homogeneous catalysis – mechanism -Arrhenius intermediates and van't Hoff intermediates - acid base catalysis – specific and general acid catalysis – enzyme catalysis- Michaelis-Menten Mechanism- Auto catalysis - oscillating reactions – mechanisms of oscillating reactions (Lotko -Volterra, brusselator and oregonator) Heterogeneous catalysis –adsorption and catalysis- unimolecular surface reactions – bimolecular surface reaction –Langmuir-Hinshelwood mechanism and Eley-Rideal mechanism – illustration using the reaction $2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2$

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