

What happens when? – Course Syllabus Document

Week Starting Date	Tentative Schedule for Lecture Topics	Lab Schedule	Tutorial Schedule
September 12	Introduction How fast are reactions? <i>Chemical Kinetics (Chapter 14)</i>	Orientation for odd-numbered lab sections	No Tutorials <i>**Look ahead: next week's tutorial quiz will require reviewing a lot of material.**</i>
September 19	How fast are reactions? <i>Chemical Kinetics (Chapter 14)</i>	Orientation for even-numbered lab sections	Tutorial 1 Quiz Review Material (Ch. 1 – 4) <i>**See “CHEM 209 Preparation” handout**</i>
September 26	How fast are reactions? <i>Chemical Kinetics (Chapter 14)</i> How far does a reaction proceed? <i>Equilibrium (Chapter 15)</i>	Experiment 1 for odd-numbered lab sections	Tutorial 2A <i>In-class Assignment</i> Kinetics (Ch. 14.1-14.3)

Video: Burning Steel Wool



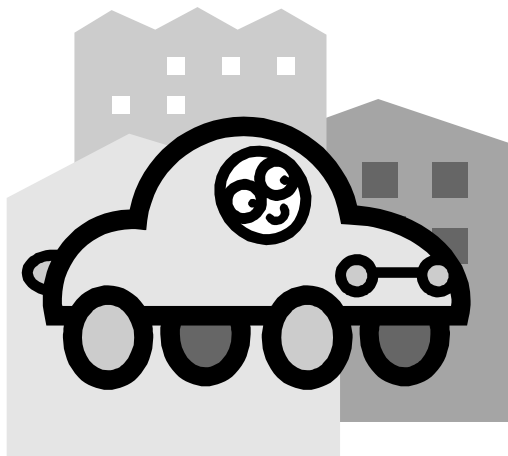
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How Fast do Reactions Go?

Questions you should be able to answer by the end of this topic:

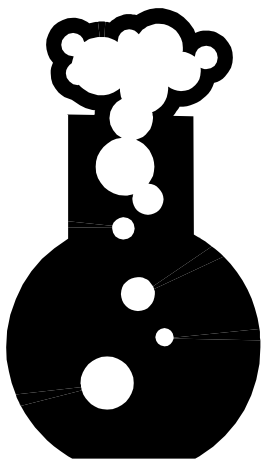
- Why does steel wool burn, while an iron nail does not?
 - Why does “fluffing” the steel wool make it burn faster?
 - Why does adding KClO make the steel wool burn faster?
 - Why doesn't steel wool burn until it is heated?
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- Why didn't H_2 and O_2 react when they were mixed?
 - Why did the H_2/O_2 balloon react differently than the H_2/air balloon?

Expressing Reaction Rates



Rate of travel

$$\frac{m}{s} \text{ or } \frac{km}{h}$$



Rate of reaction

$$\frac{mol/L}{s} = \frac{M}{s} \text{ or } \frac{bar}{s}$$

These reaction rates describe a specific reactant or product, not the entire reaction:



If the reaction starts with $[\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 0.0200 \text{ M}$ and $[\text{Fe}^{2+}] = 0 \text{ M}$, and after 10s $[\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 0.0100 \text{ M}$:

We can write the **rate of disappearance** of a reactant:

Or the **rate of appearance** of a product:

*Either the sign of the rate or the words “appearance” or “disappearance” may be used to describe the direction of change

✓ Qualitatively *describe* what the speed of a reaction depends upon.

The **general rate of reaction** normalizes these values to make them comparable.

For a reaction

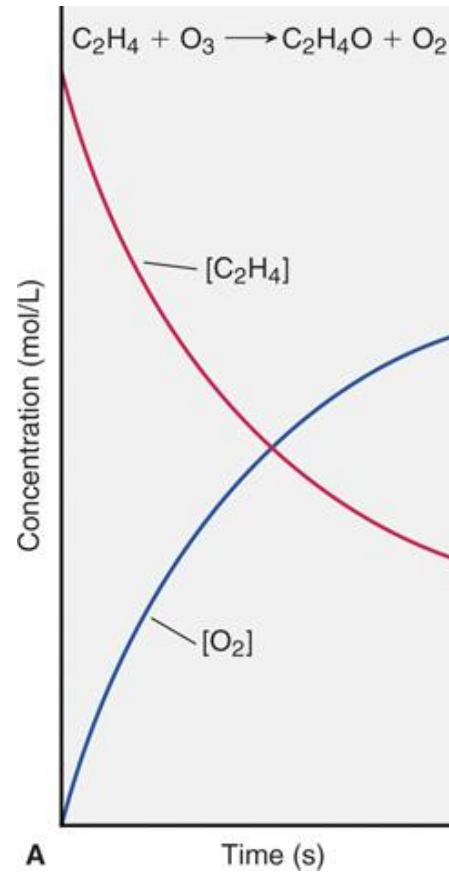


The general rate of reaction is:

$$\text{rate of reaction} = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{g} \frac{\Delta[G]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{h} \frac{\Delta[H]}{\Delta t}$$

This gives a single **positive** value for the reaction rate, and is independent of the compound chosen.

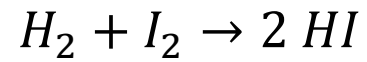
e.g. for the previous reaction $(2 \text{ Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Sn}^{4+}(\text{aq}))$



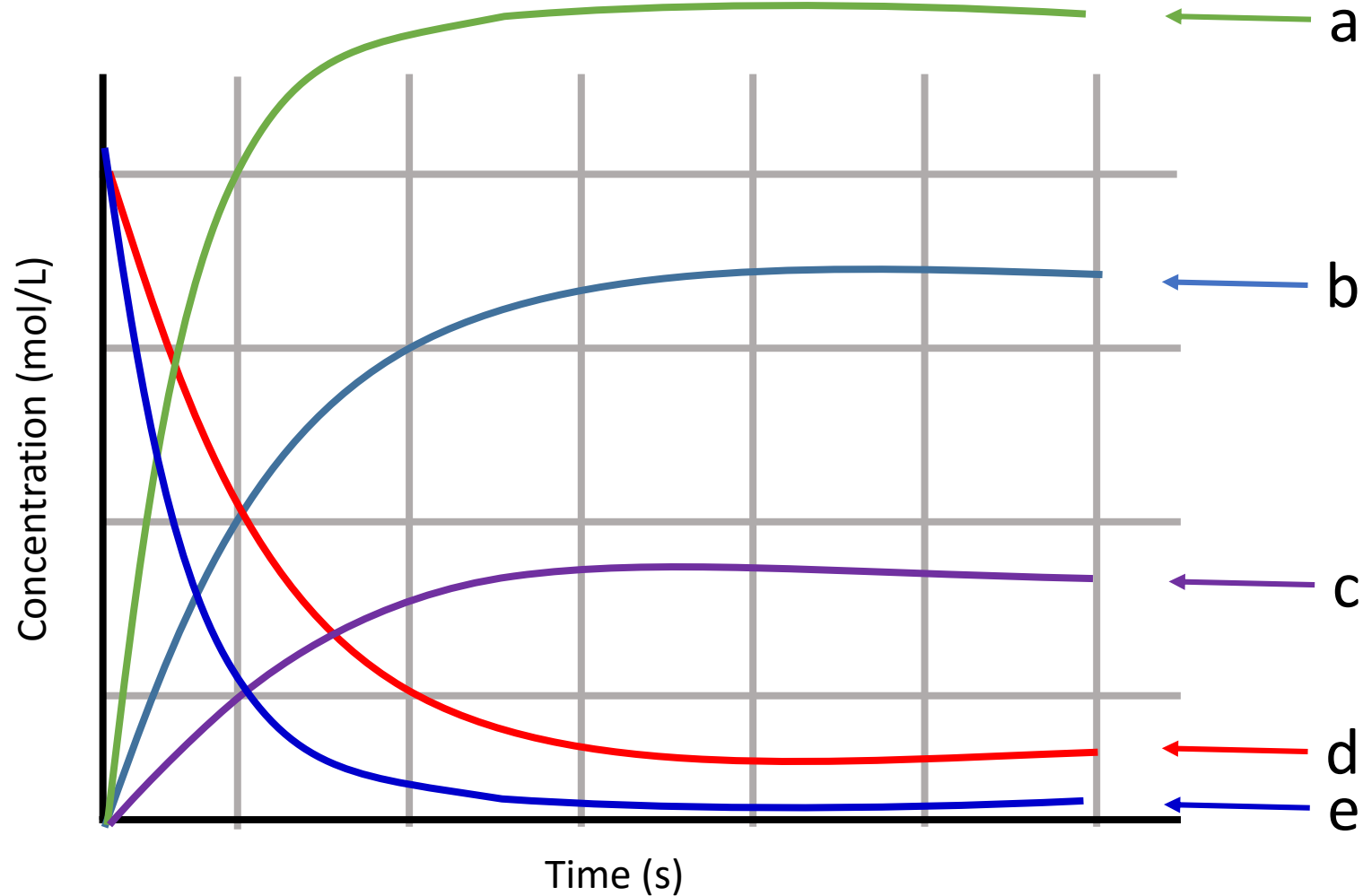
✓ Generate plots of concentration versus time for the chemical species of a reaction.



For the reaction:

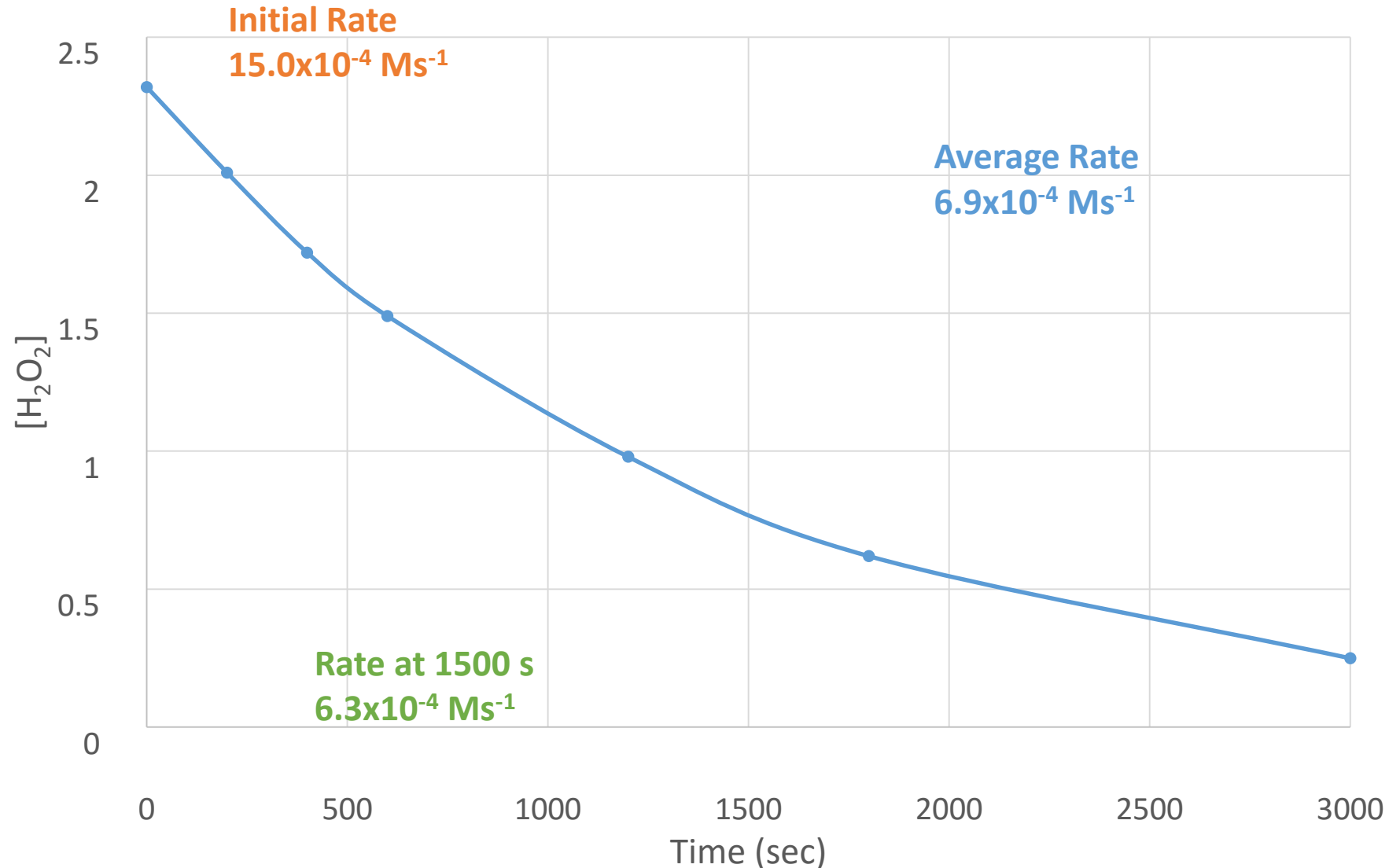


Which line in the plot below would best represent $[HI]$ during the course of the reaction?
The red line represents $[I_2]$.

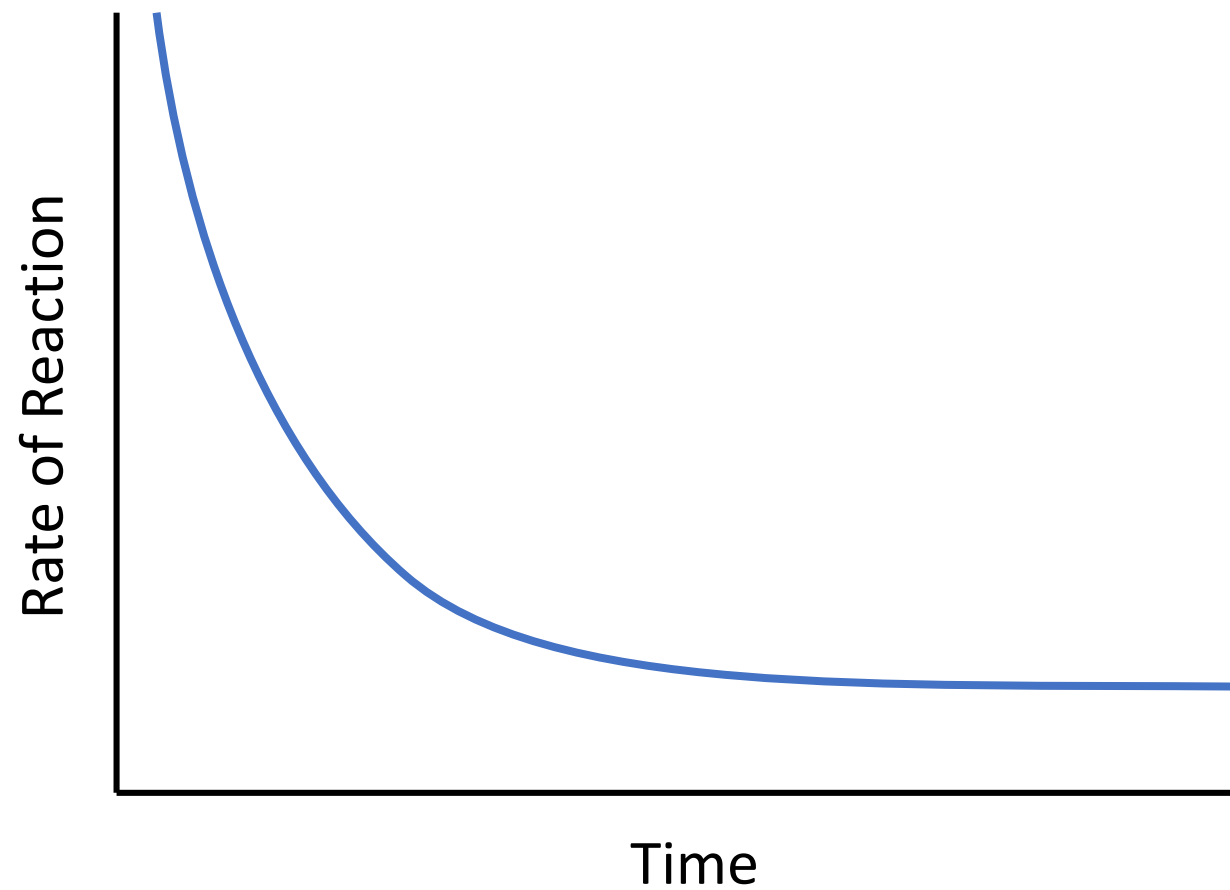


Reaction rates can be **instantaneous** or **average**. That is, the rate of a reaction may change over time, and the rate quoted may either represent the rate at a specific moment, or across a longer time frame.

Peroxide Decomposition



- ✓ Generate plots of concentration versus time for the chemical species of a reaction.
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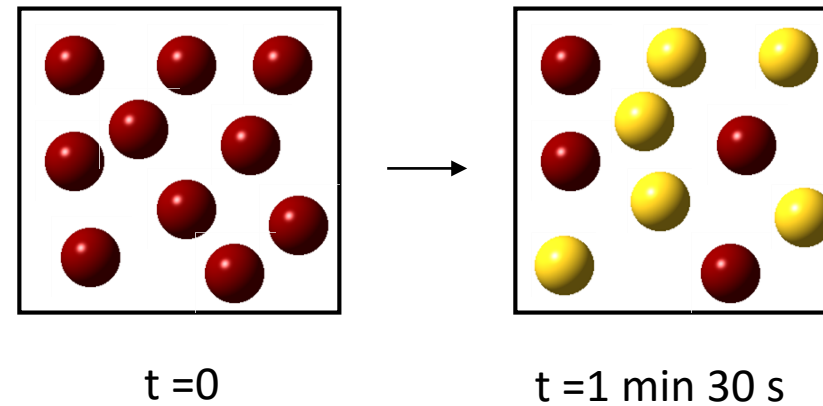
The reaction:

Red \rightarrow Yellow

was monitored over a period of time. The figure below summarizes the experimental results. Each sphere represents 3.0 mol L^{-1} .

The average reaction rate over the 1.5 min is:

- a. $5.0 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- b. $1.0 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- c. 1.0 s^{-1}
- d. $0.20 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- e. 0.20 s^{-1}



What Factors affect Rate?

1. Concentration

2. Physical State

3. Temperature

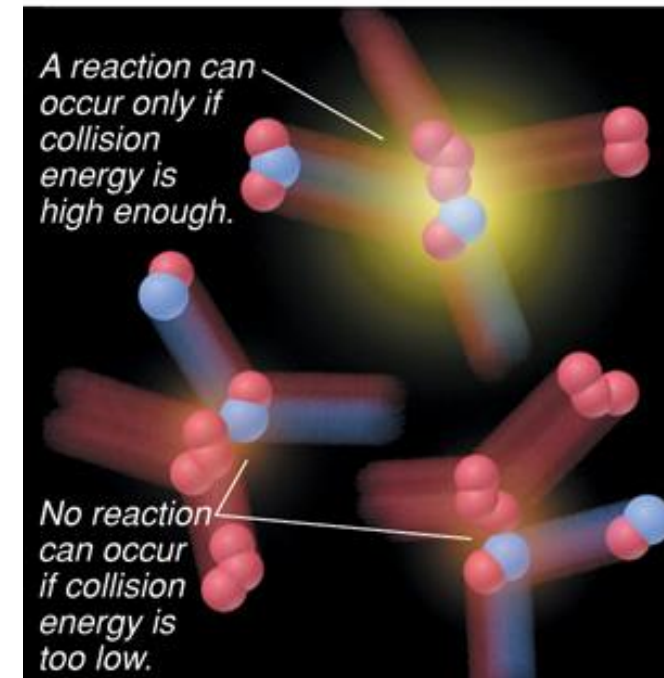
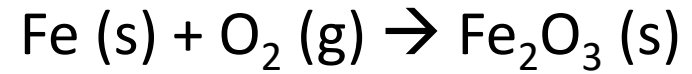


Fig. 14.4, Silberberg 1st ed.

Back to the steel wool:



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