

# 1 Lecture 0: Intro to Reaction Engineering

## 1. Reaction engineering

Understanding, modeling, designing, using, controlling, analyzing, improving anything in which chemical reactions happen.

## 1. Reaction engineering applications

### (a) Traditional

- i. Industrial chemical/petroleum processes
- ii. Fine chemical/pharmaceutical processes
- iii. Emerging, eg biorefinery, shale gas, <http://cistar.us>

### (b) Energy storage, batteries, fuel cells

### (c) Environmental systems

- i. Atmosphere, lake, bioreactor (water purification), catalytic convertor

### (d) Biological systems

- i. Cell, organ, body

### (e) Laboratory reactors - interrogate, quantify

### (f) Research - improved materials (catalysts), improved processes, understand limitations

- i. Sabatier plot, <https://doi.org/10.1038/nchem.121>

## 2. Course structure

### (a) Quantifying chemical reactions

- i. Stoichiometry
- ii. Thermodynamics - heat flow, direction, equilibrium
- iii. Kinetics - rates, mechanisms

### (b) Physical/chemical interactions

- i. Transport, mixing, diffusion resistance, ...

### (c) Chemical reactors

- i. Ideal 0 and 1-dimensional
- ii. Non-ideal
- iii. Non-isothermal
- iv. Non-steady state
- v. Multiphase

### (d) Chemical processes (beyond us)

### (e) Markets (beyond us)

## 2 Stoichiometry and reactions

1. Substances
2. Amounts
  - (a) mass, moles, volumes
  - (b) flow rates
3. compositions
  - (a) amount/total amount
4. Reactions and stoichiometric coefficients
  - (a) Advancements  $n_j = \sum_i \nu_{ij} \xi_i$
  - (b) Limiting reagents

## 3 Chemical thermodynamics and equilibria

1. Chemical reactions  $\sum_j \nu_j A_j = 0$
2. Thermodynamic potential differences
  - (a) Standard states
  - (b) Formation reactions
  - (c) Reaction enthalpy  $\Delta H^\circ(T) = \sum_j \nu_j H_j^\circ(T) = \sum_j \nu_j H_{f,j}^\circ(T)$
  - (d) Reaction entropy  $\Delta S^\circ(T) = \sum_j \nu_j S_j^\circ(T)$
3. Equilibrium-closed system
  - (a) Free energy vs reaction advancement,  $G(\xi, T) = \sum_j n_j \mu_j = \sum_j (n_{j0} + \nu_j \xi) (\mu_j^\circ(T) + RT \ln a(\xi, T))$
  - (b) Equilibrium  $(\partial G / \partial \xi)_{T,P} = 0$
  - (c) Equilibrium constants and algebraic solutions
  - (d) Multiple reactions
4. Le'Chatlier principle - system at equilibrium responds to oppose any perturbation
  - (a) Pressure, composition
  - (b) Temperature: Gibbs-Helmholtz and van't Hoff
5. Equilibrium-open system
  - (a) Reaction phase diagrams, see <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/jacs.6b02651> for an example
  - (b) Electrochemical reactions
6. The molecular interpretation
7. Non-ideal activities
8. Surface adsorption
  - (a) Langmuir

## 4 Empirical kinetics

1. rates
2. reactor mass balance
3. rate expressions
4. rate orders
5. apparent orders
6. integrated rate expressions
7. temperature and Arrhenius expression
8. analyzing reactor data

## 5 Molecular basis

1. reaction pathway, detailed balance
2. bimolecular, collision theory, TST
3. unimolecular reactions

## 6 Mechanisms

1. QSSA
2. Pre-equilibrium

## 7 Heterogeneous reactions

1. adsorption, L-H
2. TPD
3. catalysis
4. Sabatier analysis

## 8 Liquid-phase reactions

**Table 1:** Equilibrium and Rate Constants**Equilibrium Constants**  $a A + b B \rightleftharpoons c C + d D$ 

$$K_{eq}(T) = e^{\Delta S^\circ(T,V)/k_B} e^{-\Delta H^\circ(T,V)/k_B T}$$

$$K_c(T) = \left(\frac{1}{c^\circ}\right)^{\nu_c + \nu_d - \nu_a - \nu_b} \frac{(q_c/V)^{\nu_c} (q_d/V)^{\nu_d}}{(q_a/V)^{\nu_a} (q_b/V)^{\nu_b}} e^{-\Delta E(0)\beta}$$

$$K_p(T) = \left(\frac{k_B T}{P^\circ}\right)^{\nu_c + \nu_d - \nu_a - \nu_b} \frac{(q_c/V)^{\nu_c} (q_d/V)^{\nu_d}}{(q_a/V)^{\nu_a} (q_b/V)^{\nu_b}} e^{-\Delta E(0)\beta}$$

**Unimolecular Reaction**  $[A] \rightleftharpoons [A]^\ddagger \rightarrow C$ 

$$k(T) = \nu^\ddagger \bar{K}^\ddagger = \frac{k_B T}{h} \frac{\bar{q}_\ddagger(T)/V}{q_A(T)/V} e^{-\Delta E^\ddagger(0)\beta}$$

$$E_a = \Delta H^{\circ\ddagger} + k_B T \quad A = e^1 \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{\Delta S^{\circ\ddagger}}$$

**Bimolecular Reaction**  $A + B \rightleftharpoons [AB]^\ddagger \rightarrow C$ 

$$k(T) = \nu^\ddagger \bar{K}^\ddagger = \frac{k_B T}{h} \frac{q_\ddagger(T)/V}{(q_A(T)/V)(q_B(T)/V)} \left(\frac{1}{c^\circ}\right)^{-1} e^{-\Delta E^\ddagger(0)\beta}$$

$$E_a = \Delta H^{\circ\ddagger} + 2k_B T \quad A = e^2 \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{\Delta S^{\circ\ddagger}}$$