



Lecture # 5.2 CHE331A

- Rate as a function of conversion
- Developed stoichiometric table for single reaction
- **Determined the relationship between concentration versus conversion for constant volume systems**
- Need to determine concentration vs. conversion for variable volume system

GOUTAM DEO

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

IIT KANPUR



In gas phase reactions with change in total number of moles \dot{v} changes with residence time

- ▶ For gas-phase systems we can use the following equation of state:

In general, for Batch: $PV = ZN_TRT$ or for Flow: $P\dot{v} = ZF_TRT$

- ▶ Above equation of state is also valid for the initial state/inlet

For Batch: $P_0V_0 = Z_0N_{T0}RT_0$ or for Flow: $P_0\dot{v}_0 = Z_0F_{T0}RT_0$

- ▶ Thus, $V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0}\right) \frac{N_T}{N_{T0}}$ OR $\dot{v} = \dot{v}_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0}\right) \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}}$ 

- ▶ Using the definition of δ (change in total moles per mol A reacted)

$$\delta = \frac{d}{a} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} - 1, \quad \text{then } N_T = N_{T0} + \delta N_{A0}X \quad \text{OR} \quad F_T = F_{T0} + \delta F_{A0}X$$

The volume/volumetric flowrate can be further generalized

► $N_T = N_{T0} + \delta N_{A0}X$ OR $F_T = F_{T0} + \delta F_{A0}X$ can be presented as

$$\frac{N_T}{N_{T0}} = 1 + \epsilon X \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{F_T}{F_{T0}} = 1 + \epsilon X$$

where $\epsilon = y_{A0}\delta$ and y_{A0} is the initial/inlet mol fraction of limiting reactant A

► Thus, $V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0}\right) (1 + \epsilon X)$ OR $\dot{v} = \dot{v}_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0}\right) (1 + \epsilon X)$

► For gas-phase systems with compressibility factor not changing

$$V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} (1 + \epsilon X) \quad \text{OR} \quad \dot{v} = \dot{v}_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right) \frac{T}{T_0} (1 + \epsilon X)$$



Concentrations in terms of conversion for variable volume systems

- ▶ For Batch systems: $V = V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P} \right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0} \right) (1 + \varepsilon X)$
- ▶ And the Volume, Temp., Pressure and conversion are related
 - e.g., for constant volume system the pressure is related to temp. and conv.
- ▶ With $C_j = \frac{N_j}{V}$ also $C_T = \frac{N_T}{V} = \frac{P}{ZRT}$ and $C_{T0} = \frac{N_{T0}}{V_0} = \frac{P_0}{Z_0RT_0}$
- ▶
$$C_j = \frac{N_j}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}[\theta_j + (\mu_j/a)X]}{V} = \frac{N_{A0}[\theta_j + (\mu_j/a)X]}{V_0 \left(\frac{P_0}{P} \right) \frac{T}{T_0} \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0} \right) (1 + \varepsilon X)} = C_{A0} \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right) \frac{T_0}{T} \left(\frac{Z_0}{Z} \right) \frac{[\theta_j + (\mu_j/a)X]}{(1 + \varepsilon X)}$$
- ▶ The same expression will be obtained for flow reactors



After determining the relationship between vol. & conv. then $-r_A = f(X)$ can be determined

► For a rate law $-r_A = k \cdot C_A \cdot C_B$ and after substituting for C_A and C_B

► For a constant volume system:

$$-r_A = k C_{A0}^2 (1 - X) \cdot \left(\theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right) = f(X)$$

► And for a variable volume system

$$-r_A = k \cdot C_{A0}^2 \cdot \frac{(1-X) \left(\theta_B - \frac{b}{a} X \right)}{(1+\varepsilon X)^2} \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)^2 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^2 \left(\frac{Z_0}{Z} \right)^2 = g(X)$$



The rate law can be simplified further

- ▶ For equimolar amounts of A and B, $\theta_B = 1$, and $A + B \rightarrow \text{products}$
 - For constant vol. system: $-r_A = k C_{A0}^2 (1 - X)^2 = f_1(X)$
 - For variable vol. system: $-r_A = k \cdot C_{A0}^2 \cdot \frac{(1-X)^2}{(1+\varepsilon X)^2} \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{Z_0}{Z}\right)^2 = g_1(X)$
 - With $P = P_0, T = T_0$ and $Z = Z_0$
$$-r_A = k \cdot C_{A0}^2 \cdot \frac{(1 - X)^2}{(1 + \varepsilon X)^2}$$
- ▶ Thus, $\frac{1}{-r_A}$ versus X can be determined and, from Levenspiel plots the volume of the CSTR or PFR can be determined

Please go through Ex. 3.5, 4th Edition



Example 3.5

- ▶ A mixture of 28% SO_2 and 7.2% air is charged to a flow reactor where the total pressure is 1485 kPa (14.7 atm) and $T = 227^\circ\text{C}$. Make the Levenspiel plot from which the volume of isothermal flow reactors can be determined for various conversion.

