Chemical Equilibrium

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Rate law for elementary reaction

· Law of mass action applies

Rate of reaction α Product of active masses of reactants

Active mass molar concentration raised to power of number of species

Examples:

A
$$\longrightarrow$$
 P+Q rate= $K_1[A]$
A \longrightarrow P+Q rate= $K_2[A]^1[B]^2$
2A + B \longrightarrow E+F+G rate= $K_3[A]^2[B]^1$

Calculation of the equilibrium constant

For the reaction

$$aA + bB = cC + dD$$

The relationship between the value of the equilibrium constant k and the concentrations of reactant and product is given by

$$K_c = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} C \end{bmatrix}^c \begin{bmatrix} D \end{bmatrix}^d}{\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}^a \begin{bmatrix} B \end{bmatrix}^b}$$
 K_c is fixed value for a particular rxn at Sp.Temp.

The equilibrium NO_2 Conc. is $\times M$ and N_2O_4 is y M:

Calculation of the equilibrium constant

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} N_2O_4 \\ NO_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^2$$

Note: K is unitless and only temperature changes the value of K_c

K is measured from the ratio of products to reactants at equilibrium on

Homogeneous equilibrium & Heterogeneous equilibrium

K = Reactants at equilibrium/Products at equilibrium

Homogeneous equilibrium

- substances are in the same phase
- Rxn involving only gases or solution

Heterogeneous equilibrium

- substances are in different phases
- Rxn involving only(s,l, g,aq) of matter.

Homogeneous equilibria:

Ex:
$$N_2O_{4(g)}$$
 2 $N_2O_{(g)}$ =0.212at 100 °c

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} N_2 O_4 \\ NO_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^2$$

Ex:
$$CaCO_{3(s)}$$
 $CaO_{(s)}+CO_{2(g)}$ at $500^{0}c$

Heterogeneous equilibrium
$$K_{c/eq} = (CO_2)$$

$$K_p = PCO_2$$