

# **Chemical Equilibrium**

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## Rate law for elementary reaction

- Law of mass action applies

Rate of reaction  $\propto$  Product of active masses of reactants

Active mass molar concentration raised to power of number of species

Examples:



## Calculation of the equilibrium constant

For the reaction



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

$$K_c = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b} \quad K_c \text{ is fixed value for a particular rxn at Sp.Temp.}$$

The equilibrium  $\text{NO}_2$  Conc. is  $x \text{ M}$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  is  $y \text{ M}$ :

**Calculation of the equilibrium constant**

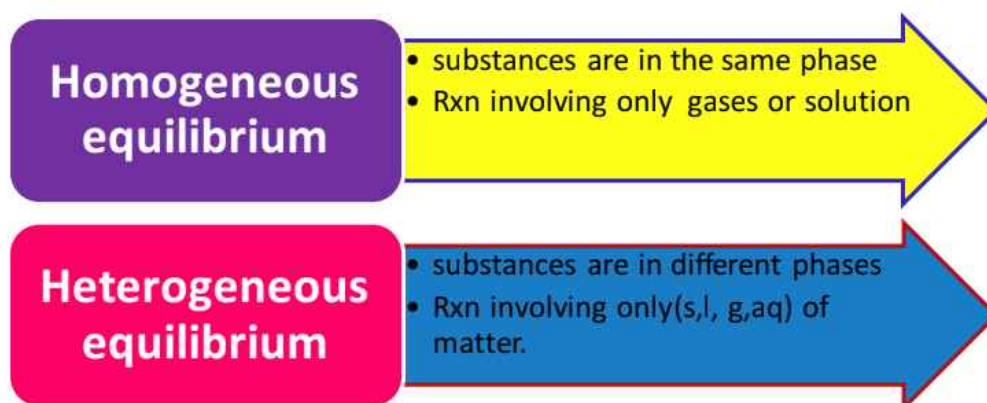
$$K = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]}{[\text{NO}_2]^2} = \frac{[x]}{[y]^2}$$

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

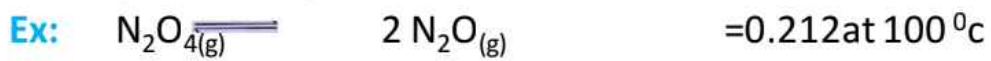
$K$  is measured from the **ratio of products to reactants** at equilibrium on

# Homogeneous equilibrium & Heterogeneous equilibrium

$K = \frac{\text{Reactants at equilibrium}}{\text{Products at equilibrium}}$



### Homogeneous equilibria:



$$K = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]}{[\text{NO}_2]^2} = \frac{[x]}{[y]^2}$$



$$K_p = P \text{CO}_2$$