

# Advanced Reactor Design

## Week 5 Catalysts and Catalysis

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# Introduction

- This presentation covers catalysts and catalysis, including catalytic mechanisms, data analysis, and chemical vapor deposition (CVD).

# Topics to be Addressed

- - Introduction to Catalysts and Catalysis
- - Catalytic Steps
- - Catalytic Mechanisms
- - Data Analysis
- - Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)

# Objectives

- - Understand the role of catalysts in chemical reactions
- - Analyze catalytic mechanisms and reaction steps
- - Apply data analysis methods for catalytic processes
- - Explore applications of Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)

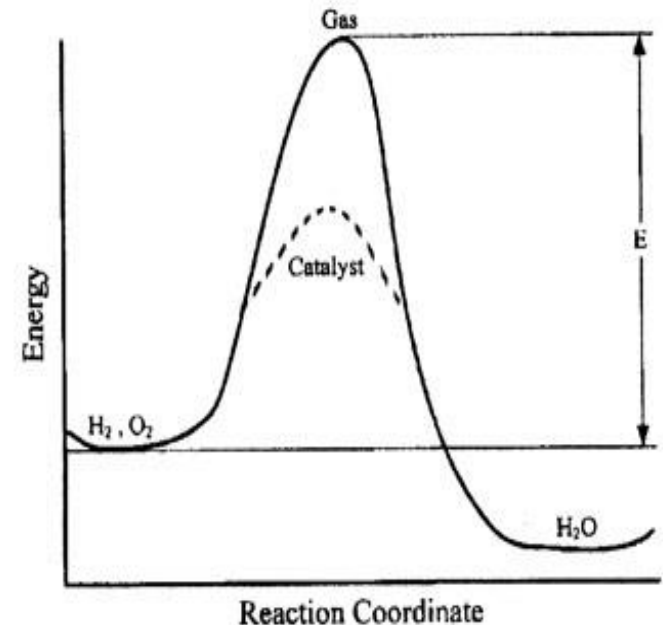
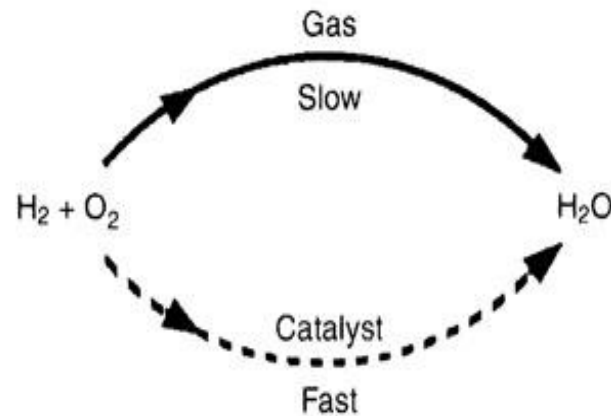
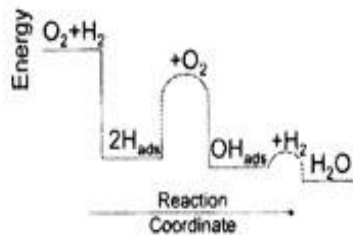
# Catalysts and Catalysis

- A **Catalyst** is a substance that affects the **rate** of chemical reaction but emerges from the process unchanged.
- **Catalysis** is the occurrence, study, and use of catalysts and catalytic processes.

Approximately 1/3 of the GNP of materials produced in the U.S. involves a catalytic process.

# Catalysts and Catalysis

Catalysts affect both selectivity and yield



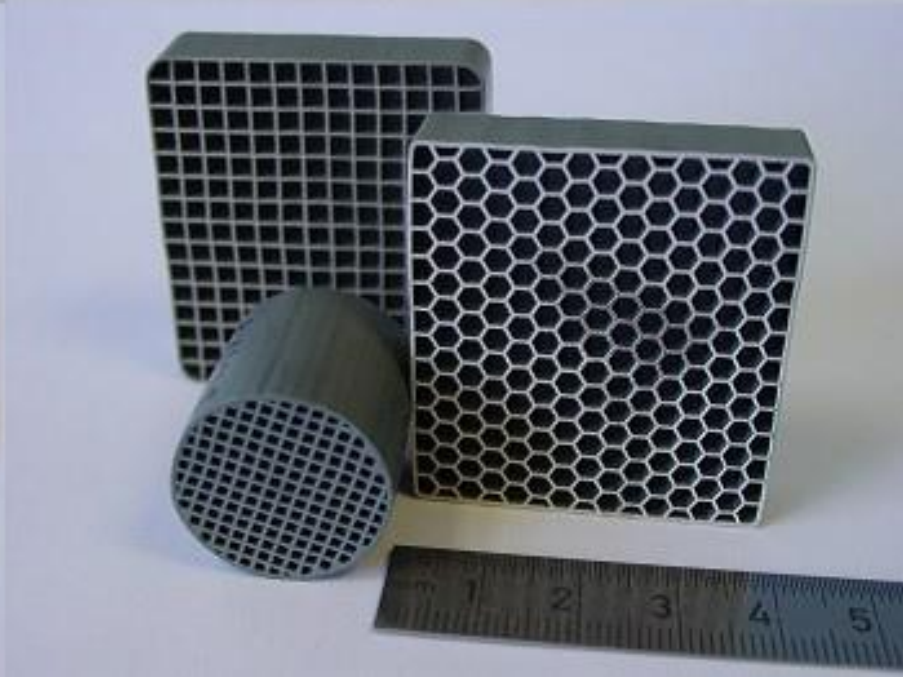
Different reaction paths

# Catalysts and Catalysis



Different shapes and sizes of catalyst.



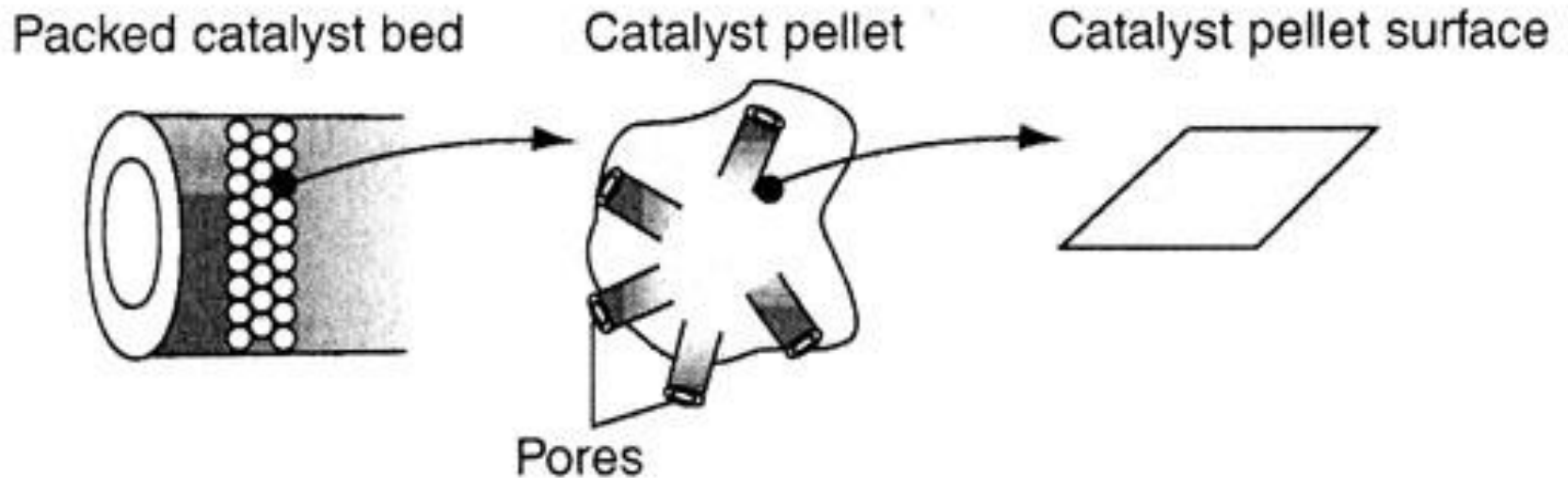






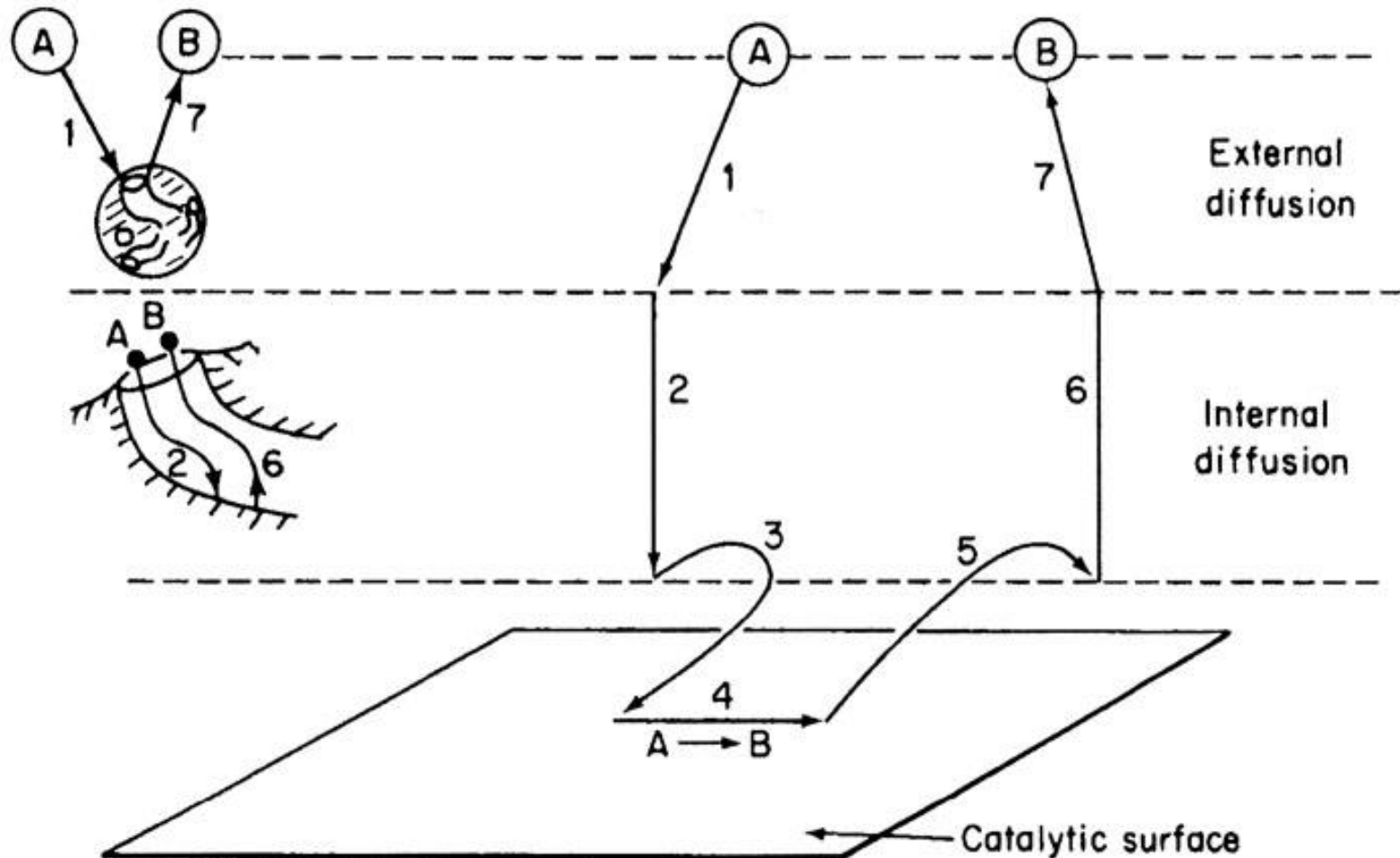


# Catalysts and Catalysis

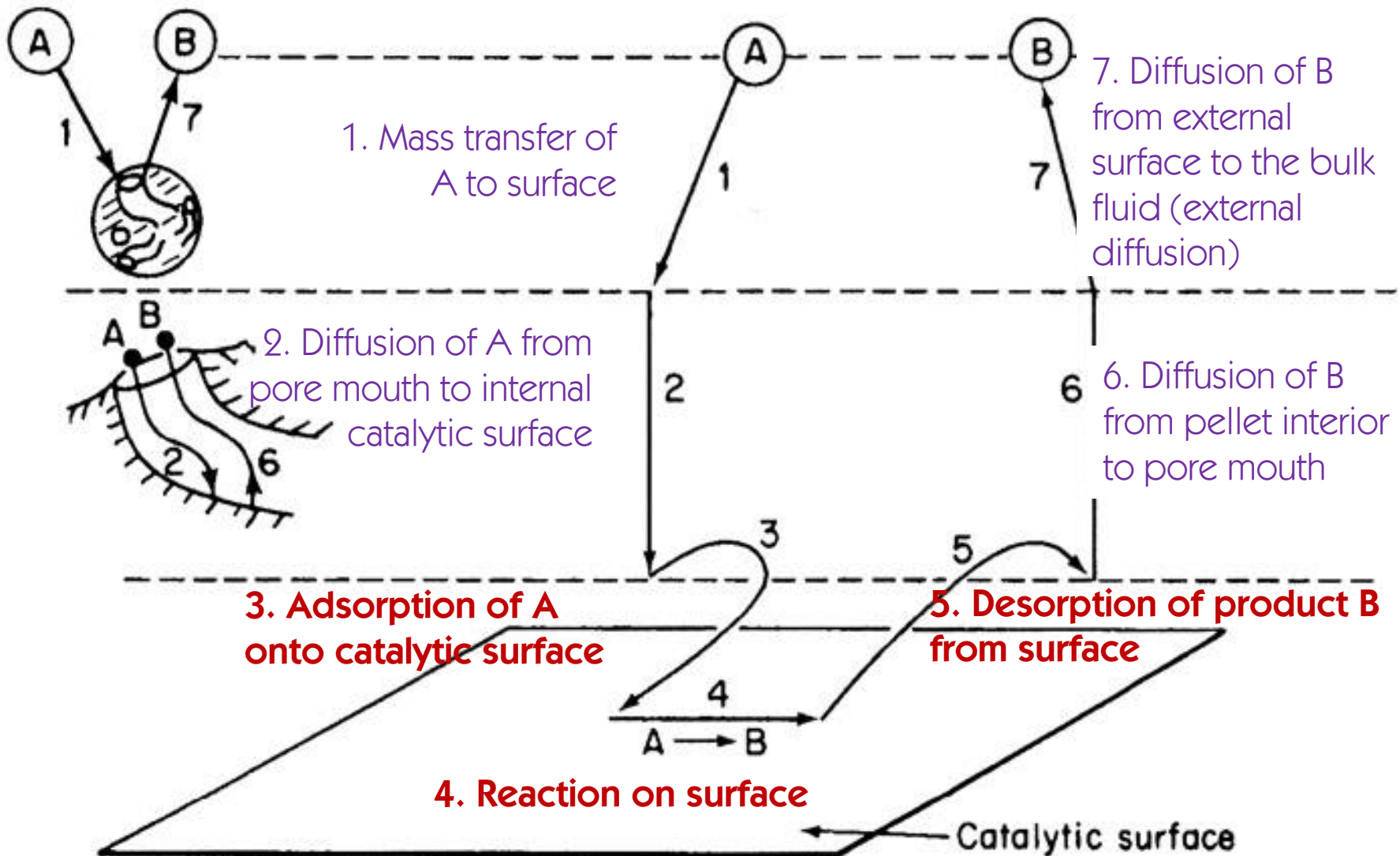


Catalytic packed-bed reactor, schematic.

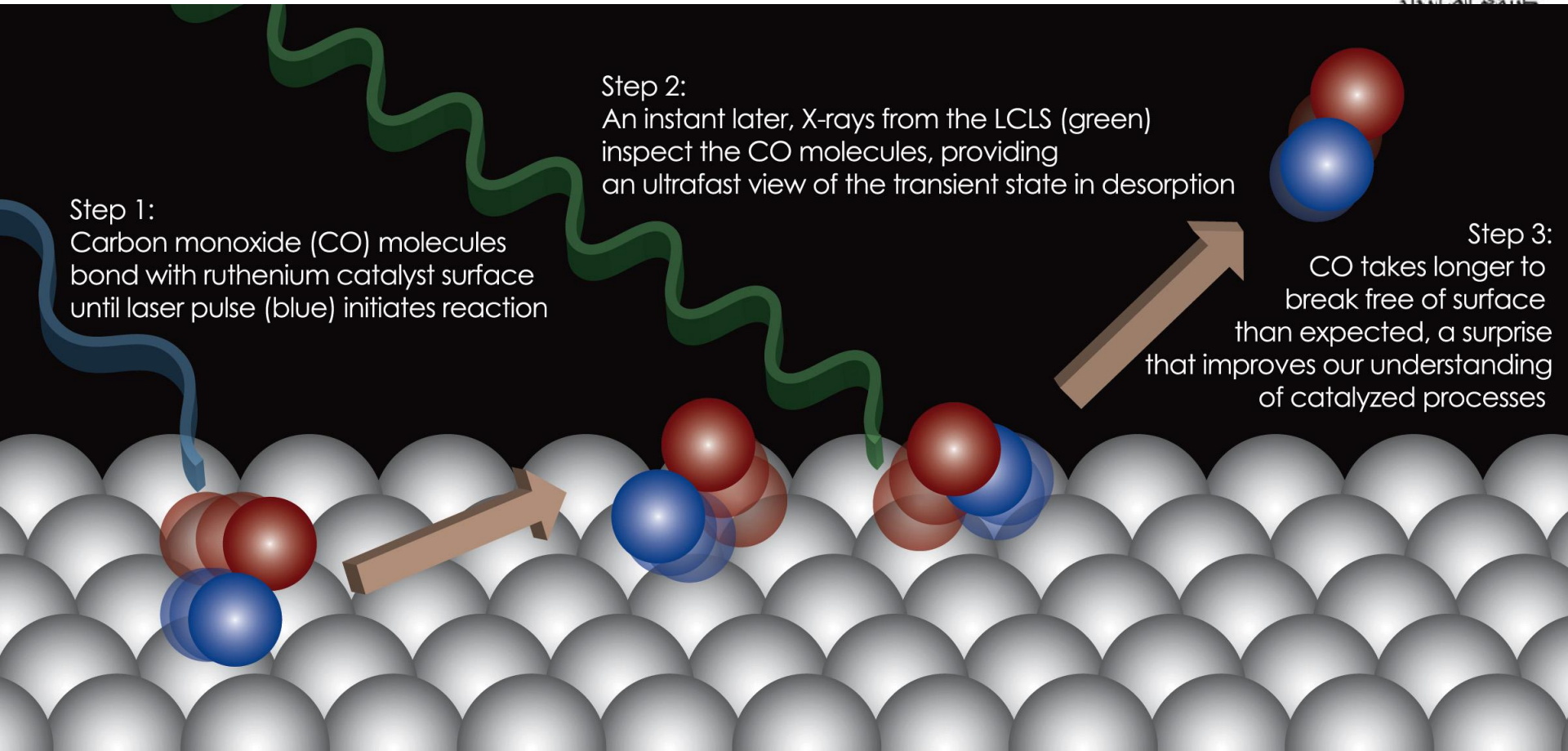
# Steps in a Catalytic Reaction



# Steps in a Heterogeneous Catalytic Reaction



Assumes steps 1, 2, 6 & 7 are fast, so only steps 3, 4, and 5 need to be considered

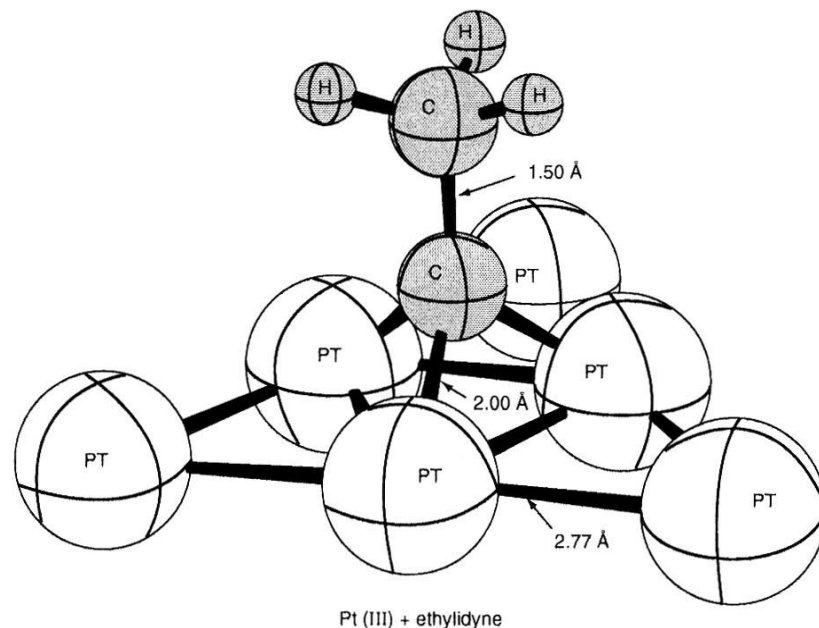
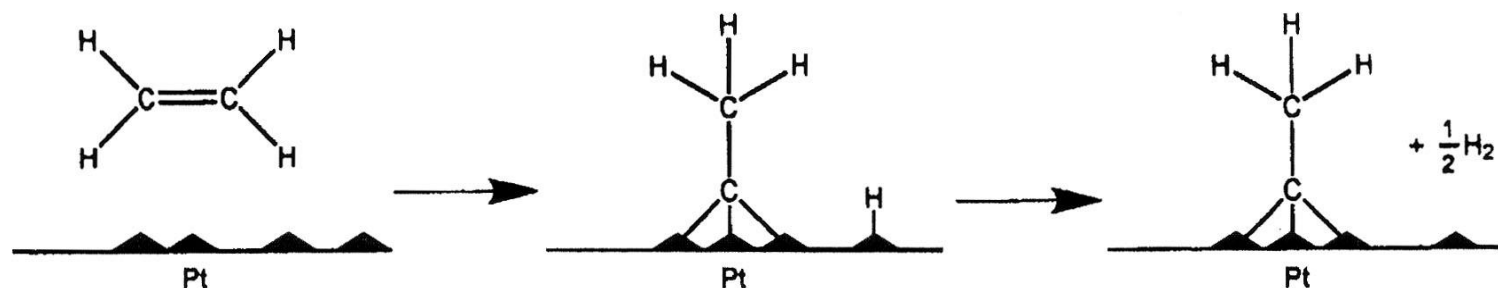


# Active Sites

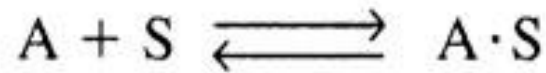
- Reactions are not catalyzed over the entire surface but only at certain active sites or centers that result from unsaturated atoms in the surface.
- An **active site** is a point on the surface that can form strong chemical bonds with an adsorbed atom or molecule.



# Active Sites – Ethynidyne on Platinum



# The Adsorption Step



Vacant and occupied sites

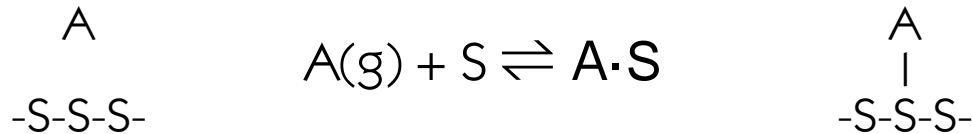
For the system shown, the total concentration of sites is

$$C_t = C_v + C_{A.S} + C_{B.S}$$

# Adsorption Step



The adsorption of A (gas phase) on an active site S is represented by:



S: open (vacant) surface site    A·S: A bound to a surface site

Rate of adsorption = rate of attachment – rate of detachment

$$r_{AD} = k_A P_A C_v - k_{-A} C_{A \cdot S}$$

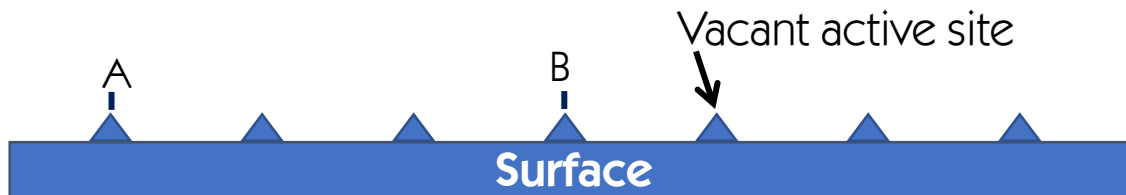
partial pressure of A    Molar conc of vacant sites on surface

Using adsorption equilibrium constant ( $K_A$ )

$$K_A = \frac{k_A}{k_{-A}}$$

$$r_{AD} = k_A \left( P_A C_v - \frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{K_A} \right) \quad \text{Equation I}$$

## Site Balance



$C_v$  is not measurable, but the total # of sites,  $C_t$  can be measured

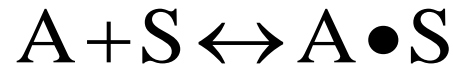
Assume the total # of active sites remains constant (no catalyst deactivation occurs):

**Site balance:**

$$C_t = C_v + C_{A \cdot S} + C_{B \cdot S}$$

Use to express  $C_v$  in terms of measurable species

# The Adsorption Step



$$r_{AD} = k_A P_A C_v - k_{-A} C_{A \bullet S} = k_A [P_A C_v - C_{A \bullet S} / K_A]$$

$$K_A = k_A / k_{-A} \quad [\text{atm}^{-1}]$$

@ equilibrium:  $r_{AD} = 0$

$$C_{AS} = k_A P_A C_v$$

$$r_{AD} / k_A \approx 0$$

$$C_{AS} = k_A P_A C_v$$

$$C_t = C_v + C_{A \bullet S} = C_v + K_A P_A C_v = C_v (1 + K_A P_A)$$

# Langmuir Adsorption Isotherm

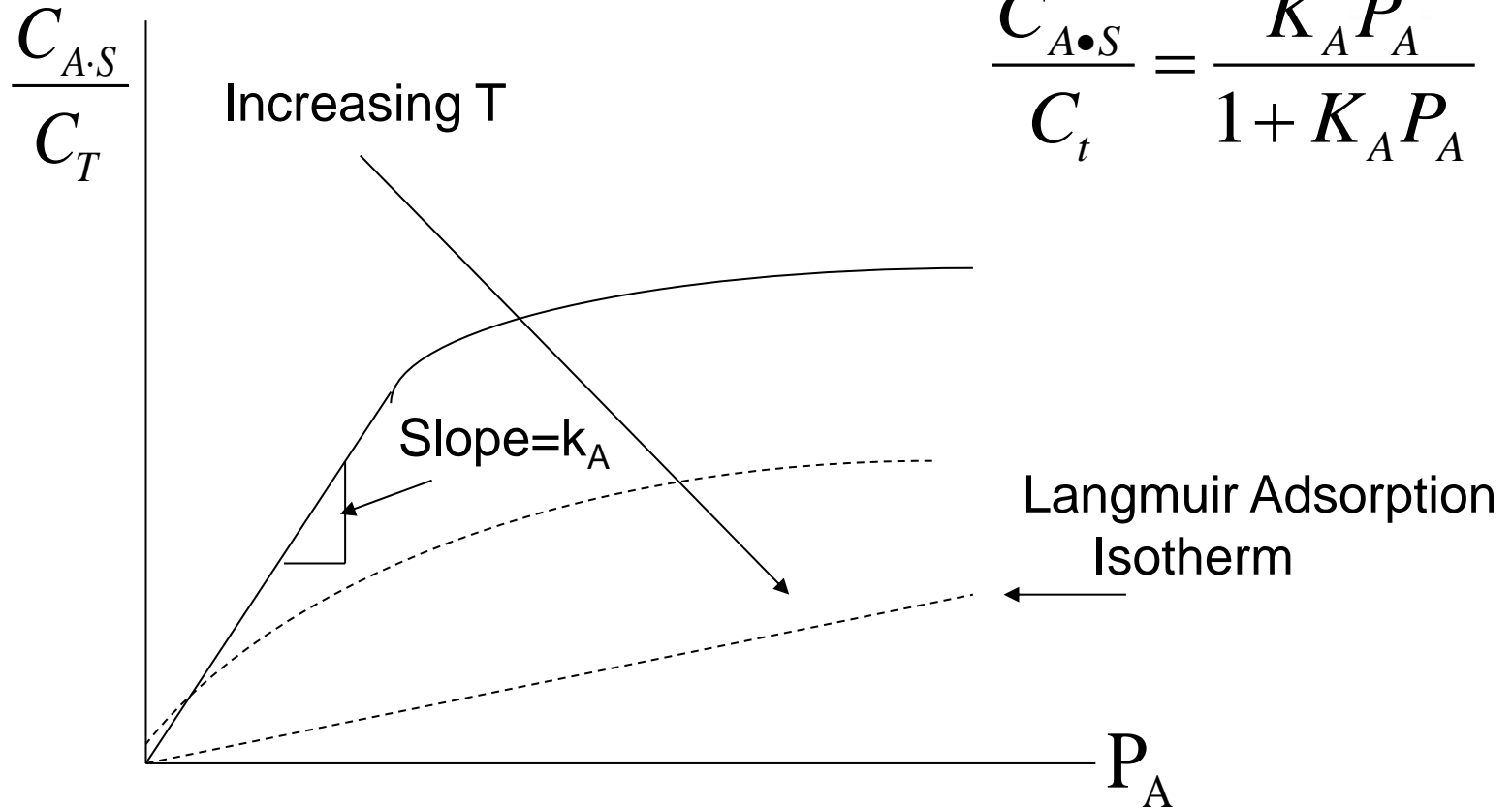
$$C_V = \frac{C_t}{1 + K_A P_A}$$

$$C_{A \cdot S} = K_A P_A C_V$$

$$C_{A \cdot S} = \frac{K_A P_A}{1 + K_A P_A} C_t$$

$$\frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{C_t} = \frac{K_A P_A}{1 + K_A P_A}$$

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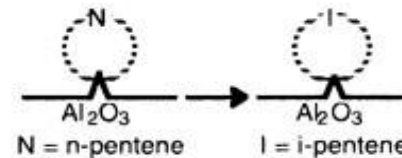
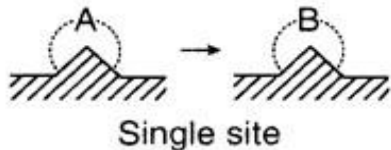


$$\frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{C_t} = \frac{K_A P_A}{1 + K_A P_A}$$



# The Surface Reaction Step

1. *Single site.* The surface reaction may be a single-site mechanism in which only the site on which the reactant is adsorbed is involved in the reaction. For example, an adsorbed molecule of A may isomerize (or perhaps decompose) directly on the site to which it is attached, such as



Because in each step the reaction mechanism is elementary, the surface reaction rate law is

Single Site

$$k_s' = \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)$$

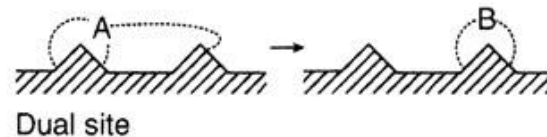
$K_s$  = (dimensionless)

$$r_s = k_s \left( C_{A \cdot S} - \frac{C_{B \cdot S}}{K_s} \right)$$

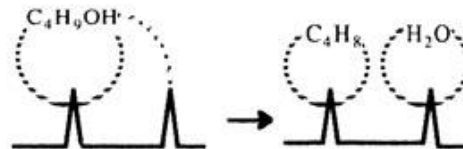
where  $K_s$  is the surface reaction equilibrium constant  $K_s = k_s/k_{-s}$

# The Surface Reaction Step

2. *Dual site*. The surface reaction may be a dual-site mechanism in which the adsorbed reactant interacts with another site (either unoccupied or occupied) to form the product.



For example, adsorbed A may react with an adjacent vacant site to yield a vacant site and a site on which the product is adsorbed, such as the dehydration of butanol.



For the generic reaction



the corresponding surface reaction rate law is

$$r_S = k_S \left( C_{A \cdot S} C_v - \frac{C_{B \cdot S} C_v}{K_S} \right) \quad (10-$$

# The Surface Reaction Step

Dual Site

$$r_s = \left( \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{gcat} \cdot \text{s}} \right)$$

$$k_s = \left( \frac{\text{gcat}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{s}} \right)$$

$K_s = (\text{dimensionless})$

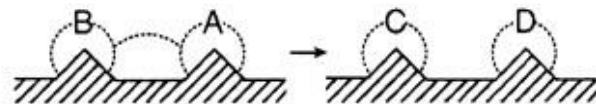
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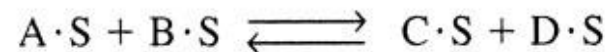
Another example of a dual-site mechanism is the reaction between two adsorbed species, such as the reaction of CO with O



For the generic reaction



Dual site

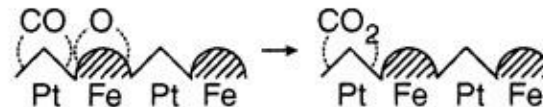


the corresponding surface reaction rate law is

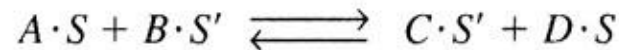
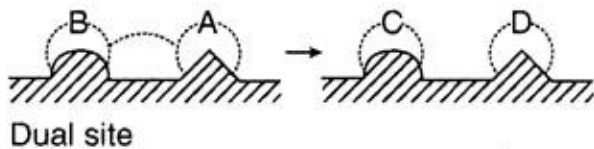
$$r_s = k_s \left( C_{A \cdot S} C_{B \cdot S} - \frac{C_{C \cdot S} C_{D \cdot S}}{K_s} \right)$$

# The Surface Reaction Step

A third dual-site mechanism is the reaction of two species adsorbed on different types of sites  $S$  and  $S'$ , such as the reaction of CO with O.



For the generic reaction



the corresponding surface reaction rate law is

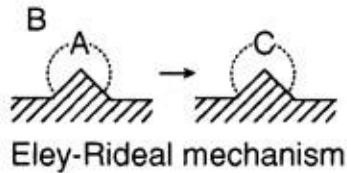
$$r_S = k_S \left( C_{A \cdot S} C_{B \cdot S'} - \frac{C_{C \cdot S'} C_{D \cdot S}}{K_S} \right)$$

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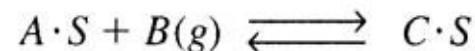
Reactions involving either single- or dual-site mechanisms, which were described earlier are sometimes referred to as following *Langmuir-Hinshelwood kinetics*.

# The Surface Reaction Step

3. *Eley-Rideal*. A third mechanism is the reaction between an adsorbed molecule and a molecule in the gas phase, such as the reaction of propylene and benzene



For the generic reaction



the corresponding surface reaction rate law is

$$r_s = k_s \left( C_{A \cdot S} P_B - \frac{C_{C \cdot S}}{K_S} \right)$$

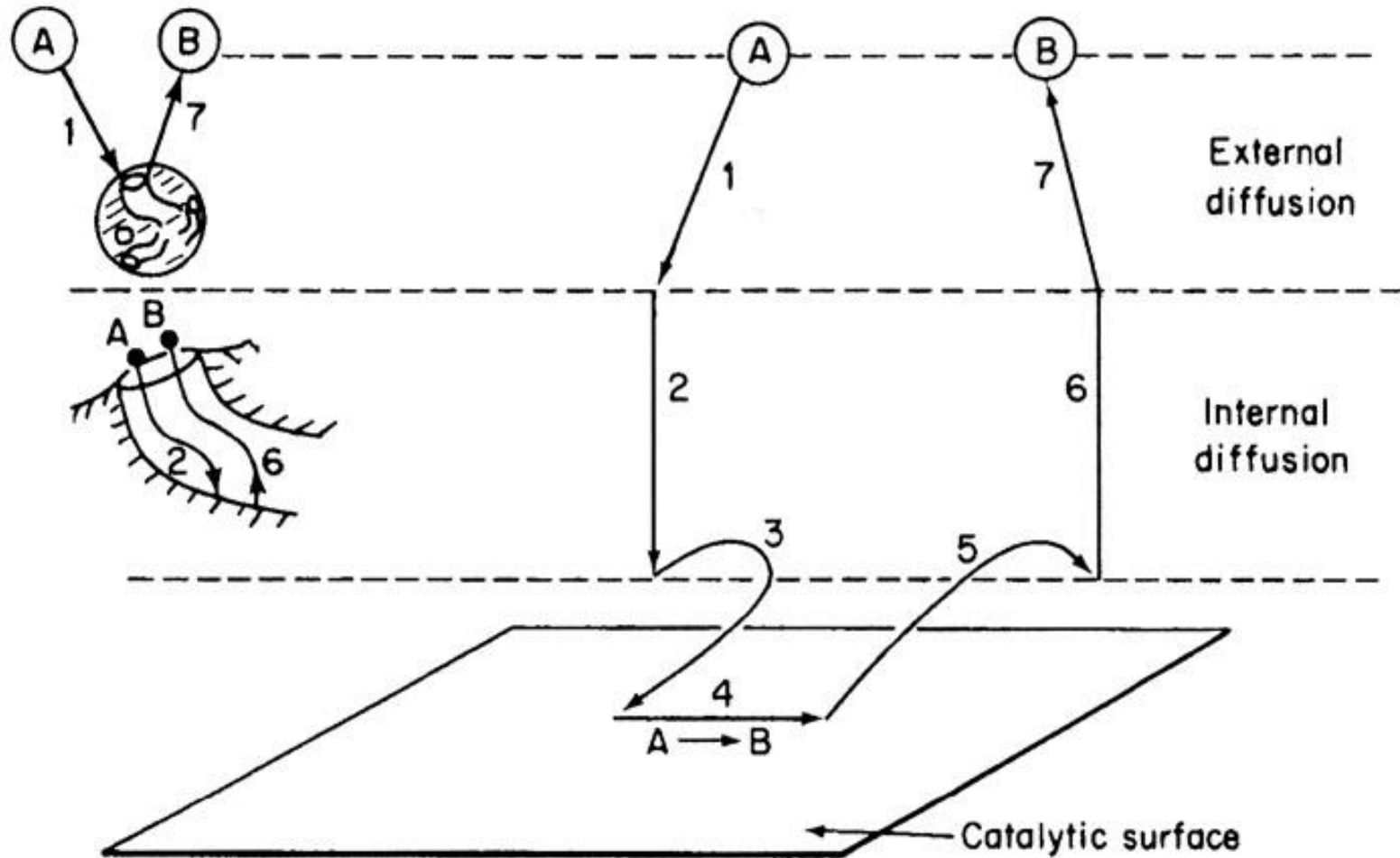
$$k_s = \left( \frac{1}{\text{atm} \cdot \text{s}} \right)$$

$$K_S = \left( \frac{1}{\text{atm}} \right)$$

This type of mechanism is referred to as an *Eley-Rideal mechanism*.

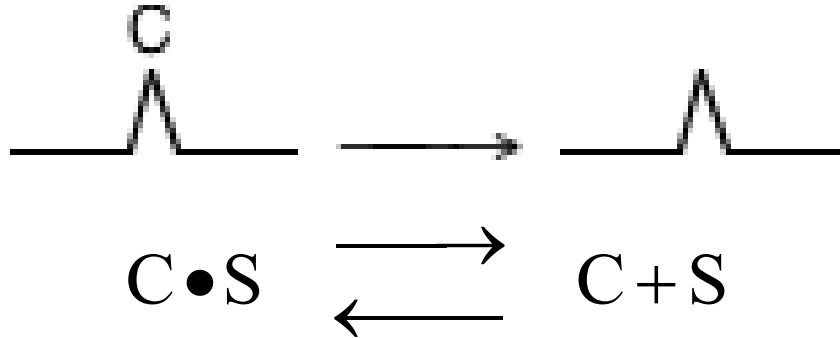
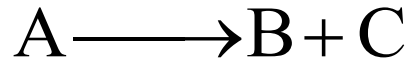


# Steps in a Catalytic Reaction





# Desorption from the Surface for the Reaction



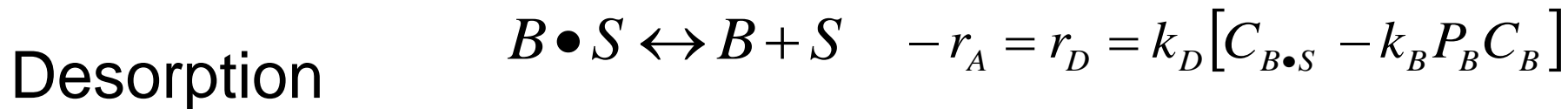
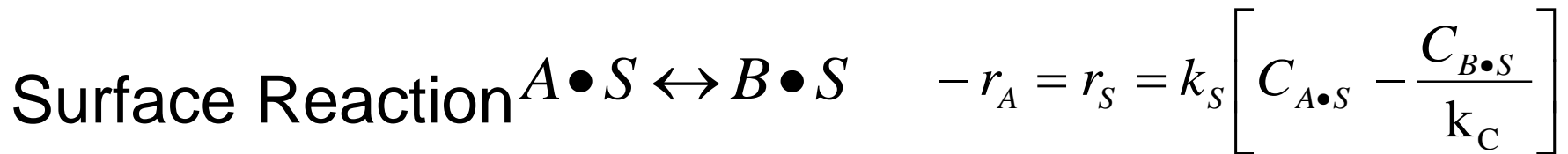
$$r_{DC} = k_D \left[ C_{C \bullet S} - \frac{P_C C_v}{K_{DC}} \right]$$

$$r_{DC} = -r_{ADC}$$

$$K_{DC} = \frac{1}{K_C}$$

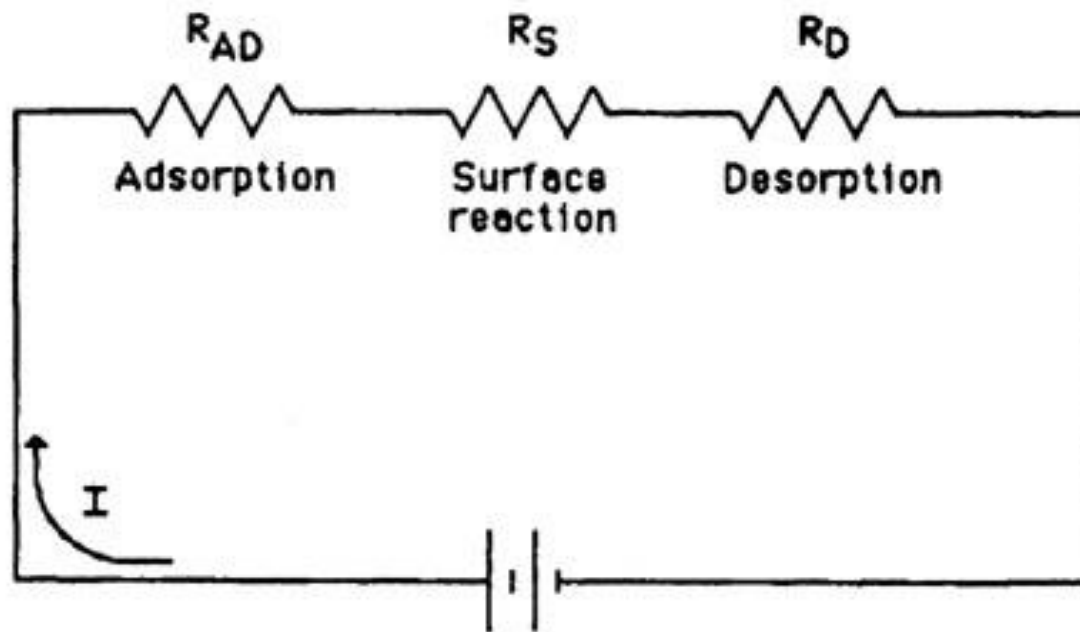
$$r_{DC} = k_D [C_{C \bullet S} - K_C P_C C_v]$$

# Steps in a Single-Site Catalytic Reactor



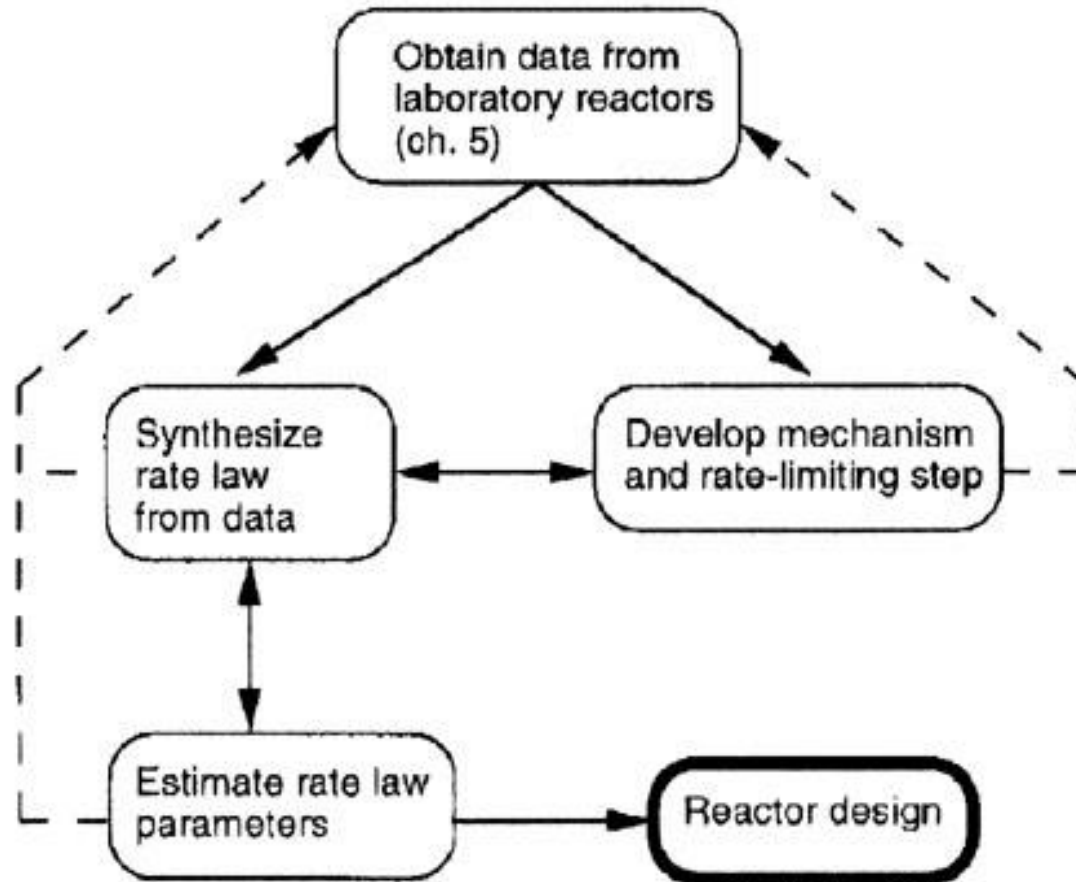
Which step is the Rate Limiting Step (RLS)?

# The **Rate** Limiting Step: Which step has the largest resistance?



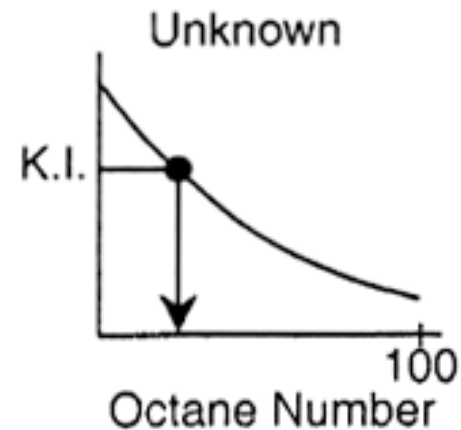
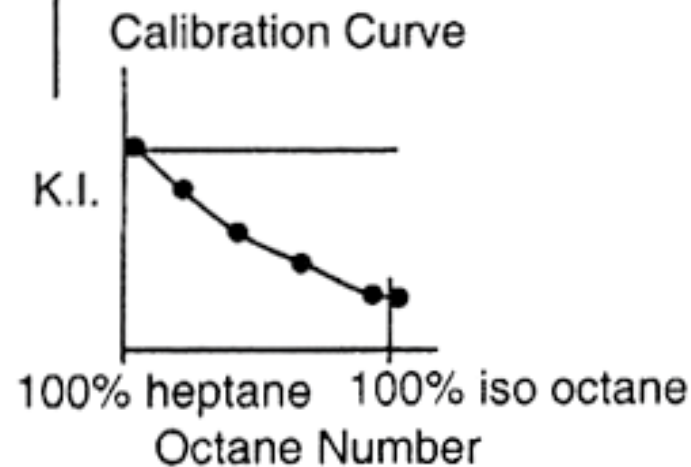
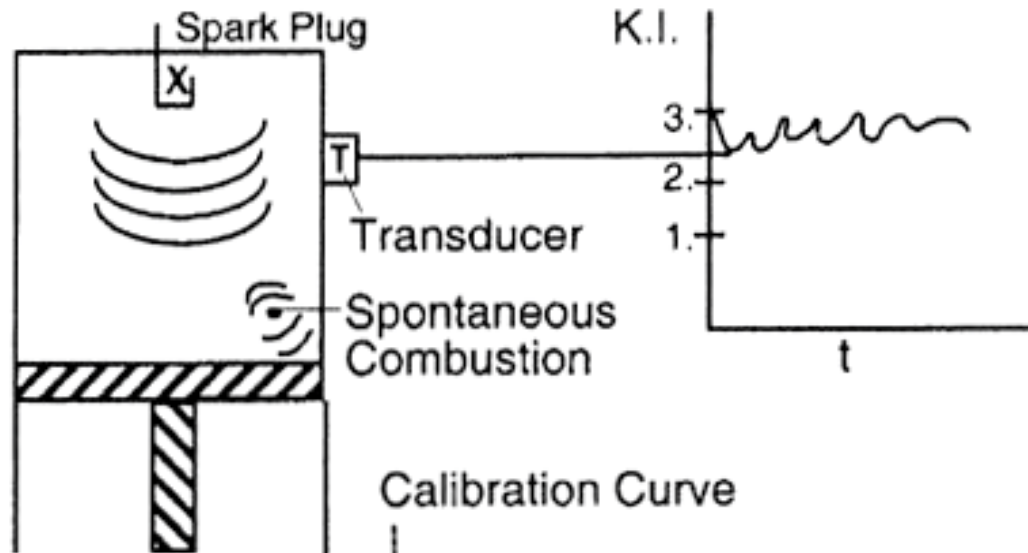
Electrical analog to heterogeneous reactions

# Collecting and Analyzing Data



Collecting information for catalytic reactor design

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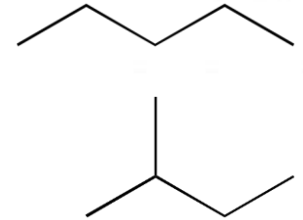




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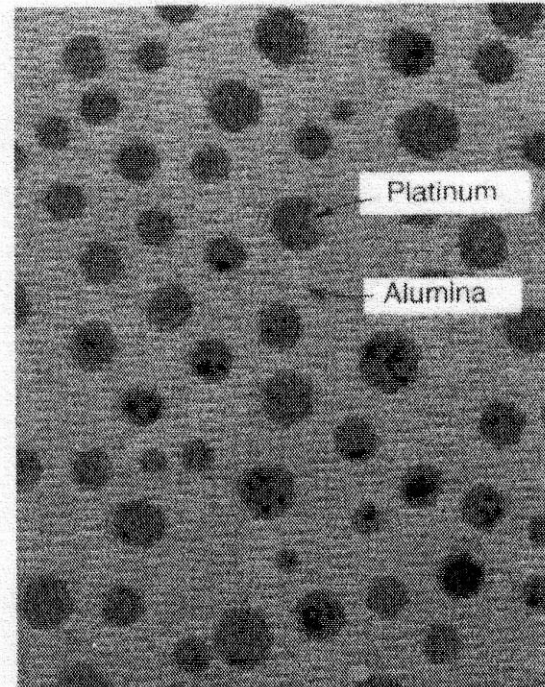
# Catalytic Reformers

- Normal Pentane Octane Number = 62
- Iso-Pentane Octane Number = 95



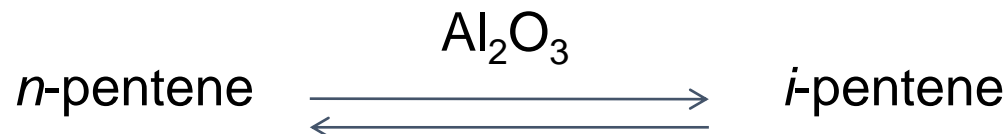
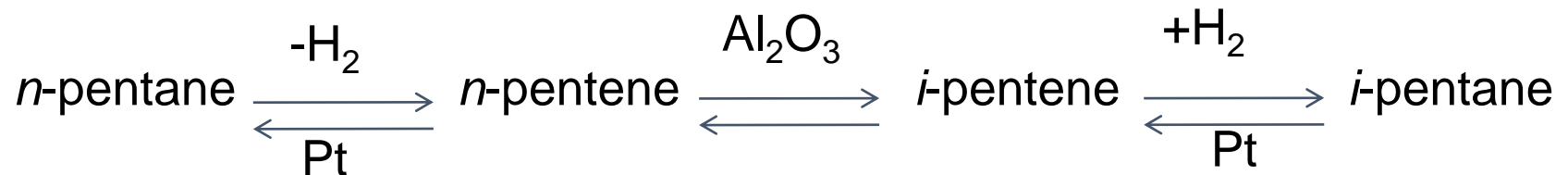
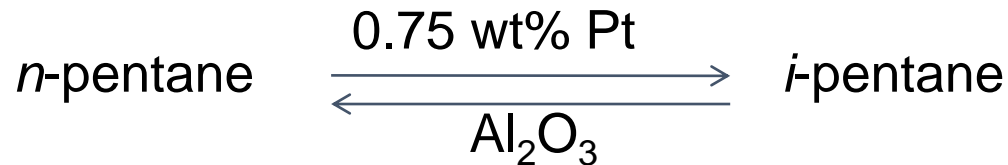
## Gasoline

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| C <sub>5</sub>     | 10% |
| C <sub>6</sub>     | 10% |
| C <sub>7</sub>     | 20% |
| C <sub>8</sub>     | 25% |
| C <sub>9</sub>     | 20% |
| C <sub>10</sub>    | 10% |
| C <sub>11-12</sub> | 5%  |



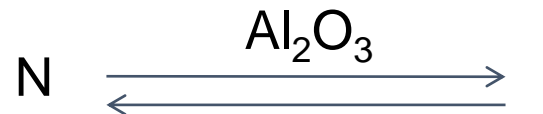


# Catalytic Reformers



# Catalytic Reformers

Isomerization of *n*-pentene (N) to *i*-pentene (I) over alumina



## 1. *Select a mechanism* (Mechanism Single Site)

Adsorption on Surface:  $\text{N} + \text{S} \rightleftharpoons \text{N} \bullet \text{S}$

Surface Reaction:  $\text{N} \bullet \text{S} \rightleftharpoons \text{I} \bullet \text{S}$

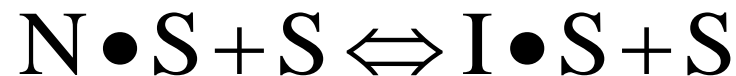
Desorption:  $\text{I} \bullet \text{S} \rightleftharpoons \text{I} + \text{S}$

Treat each reaction step as an elementary reaction when writing **rate laws**.

# Catalytic Reformers

## 2. Assume a *rate*-limiting step.

Choose the surface reaction first, since more than 75% of all heterogenous reactions that are not diffusion-limited are surface-reaction-limited. The *rate law* for the surface reaction step is:



$$-r_N' = r_I' = r_S = k_S \left( C_{N \bullet S} - \frac{C_{I \bullet S}}{K_S} \right)$$

# Catalytic Reformers

3. *Find the expression for the concentrations of the adsorbed species*

$C_{N.S}$  and  $C_{I.S}$ . Use the other steps that are not limiting to solve for  $C_{N.S}$  and  $C_{I.S}$ . For this reaction:



From  $\frac{r_{AD}}{k_A} \approx 0$ :  $C_{N \bullet S} = P_N K_N C_v$



From  $\frac{r_D}{k_D} \approx 0$ :  $C_{I \bullet S} = \frac{P_I C_v}{K_D} = K_I P_I C_v$

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# Catalytic Reformers

4. *Write a Site Balance.*

$$C_t = C_v + C_{N \cdot S} + C_{I \cdot S}$$

5. *Derive the **rate law**.* Combine steps 2, 3 and 4 to arrive at the **rate law** :

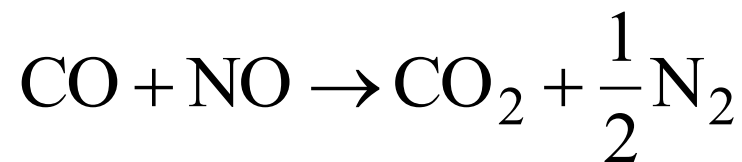
$$-r_N' = r_S = \frac{\overbrace{k_s C_t K_N}^k (P_N - P_I / K_P)}{(1 + K_N P_N + K_I P_I)}$$

$$-r_N' = r_S = \frac{k(P_N - P_I / K_P)}{(1 + K_N P_N + K_I P_I)}$$

# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas

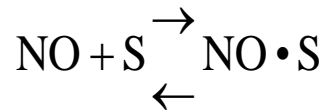


|    | 1994 | 2004  | 2008 |
|----|------|-------|------|
| HC | 0.41 | 0.125 | 0.10 |
| CO | 3.4  | 3.4   | 3.4  |
| NO | 0.4  | 0.4   | 0.14 |

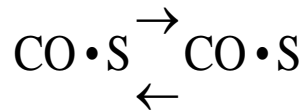




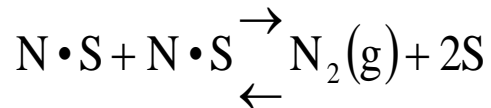
# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas



$$r_{\text{ANO}} = k_{\text{NO}} \left[ P_{\text{NO}} C_V - \frac{C_{\text{NO} \cdot \text{S}}}{K_{\text{NO}}} \right] \quad C_{\text{NO} \cdot \text{S}} = K_{\text{NO}} P_{\text{NO}} C_V$$



$$r_{\text{ACO}} = k_{\text{CO}} \left[ P_{\text{CO}} C_V - \frac{C_{\text{CO} \cdot \text{S}}}{K_{\text{CO}}} \right] \quad C_{\text{CO} \cdot \text{S}} = K_{\text{CO}} P_{\text{CO}} C_V$$



$$r_D = k_D [C_{\text{N} \cdot \text{S}}^2 - K_{\text{N}_2} P_{\text{N}_2} C_V^2] \quad C_{\text{N} \cdot \text{S}} = C_V \sqrt{K_{\text{N}_2} P_{\text{N}_2}}$$



# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas

$$r_S = k_S [C_{NO \cdot S} C_{CO \cdot S}]$$

$$r_S = k_S K_{NO} K_{CO} P_{NO} P_{CO} C_V^2$$

$$C_T = C_V + C_{NO \cdot S} + C_{CO \cdot S} + C_{N \cdot S}$$

$$= C_V + C_V K_{NO} P_{NO} + C_V K_{CO} P_{CO} + C_V \sqrt{K_{N_2} P_{N_2}}$$



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# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas

$$C_V = \frac{C_t}{1 + K_{NO} P_{NO} + K_{CO} P_{CO} + \sqrt{K_{N_2} P_{N_2}}}$$

$$-r'_{NO} = r_S = \frac{\overbrace{k_S K_{NO} K_{CO} C_t^2}^k P_{NO} P_{CO}}{\left(1 + K_{NO} P_{NO} + K_{CO} P_{CO} + \sqrt{K_{N_2} P_{N_2}}\right)^2}$$

$$-r'_{NO} = \frac{k P_{NO} P_{CO}}{\left(1 + K_{NO} P_{NO} + K_{CO} P_{CO} + \sqrt{K_{N_2} P_{N_2}}\right)^2}$$



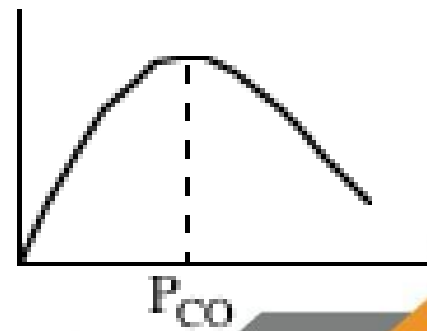
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# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas

$$-r'_{\text{NO}} = \frac{kP_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{CO}}}{\left(1 + K_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{NO}} + K_{\text{CO}}P_{\text{CO}} + \sqrt{K_{\text{N}_2}P_{\text{N}_2}}\right)^2}$$

Neglect  $\sqrt{K_{\text{N}_2}P_{\text{N}_2}}$

$$-r'_{\text{NO}} = \frac{kP_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{CO}}}{\left(1 + K_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{NO}} + K_{\text{CO}}P_{\text{CO}}\right)^2}$$



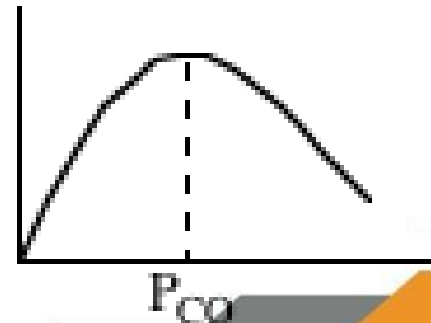
# Catalytic Conversion of Exhaust Gas

$$-r'_{\text{NO}} = \frac{kP_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{CO}}}{(1 + K_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{NO}} + K_{\text{CO}}P_{\text{CO}})^2}$$

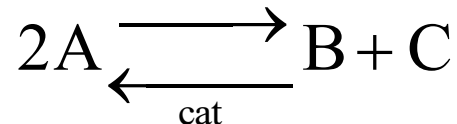
Find optimum partial pressure of CO

$$\frac{d(-r'_{\text{NO}})}{dP_{\text{CO}}} = 0$$

$$P_{\text{CO}} = \frac{1 + K_{\text{NO}}P_{\text{NO}}}{K_{\text{CO}}}$$

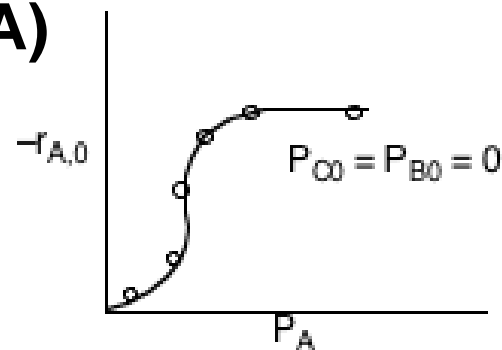


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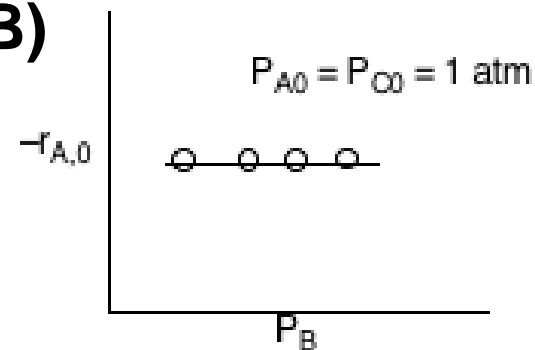


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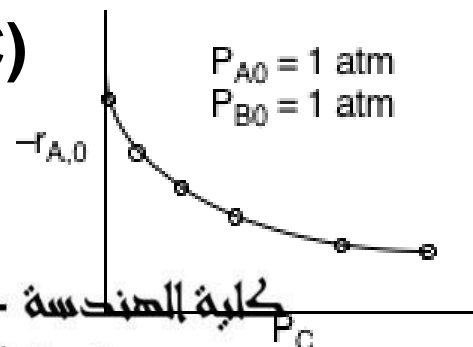
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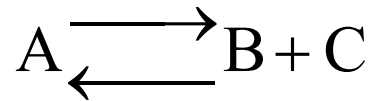


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# Catalytic Mechanisms

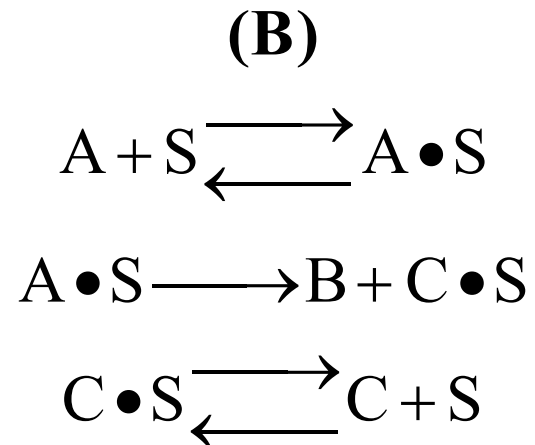
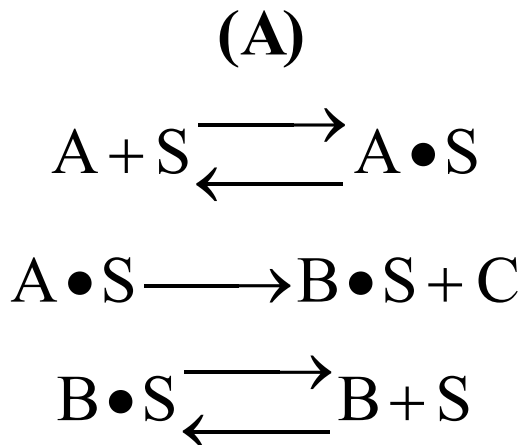


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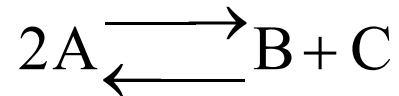
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# Catalytic Mechanisms



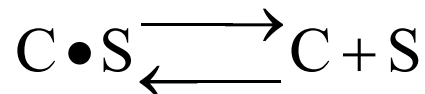
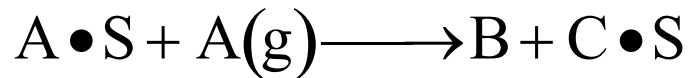
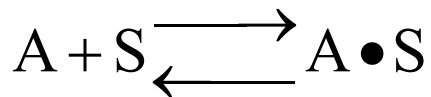
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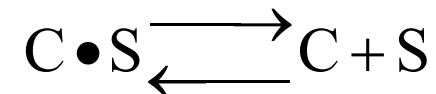
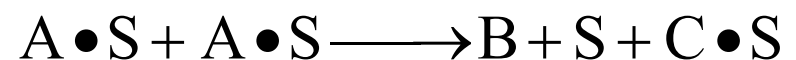
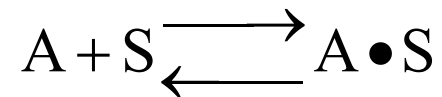
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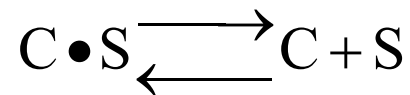
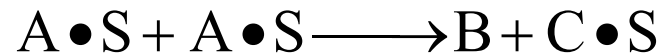
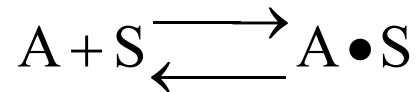
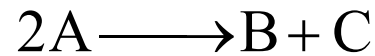
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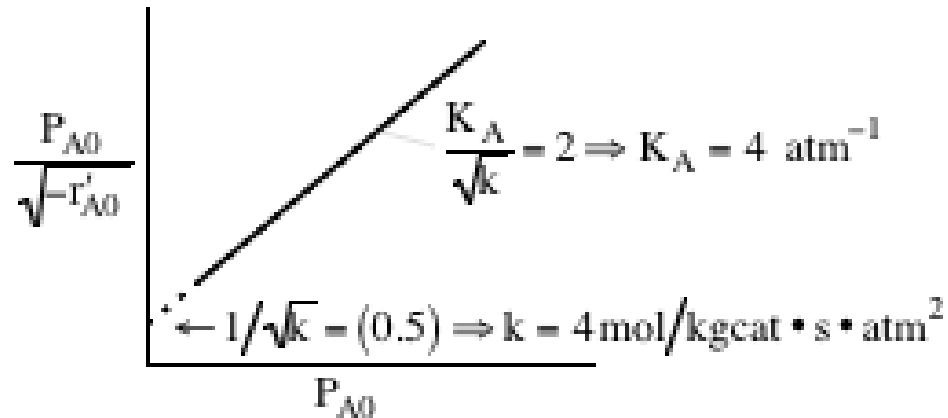


# Catalytic Mechanisms



$$-r'_A = \frac{kP_A^2}{(1 + K_A P_A + K_C P_C)^2}$$

# Catalytic Mechanisms



$$-r'_{A0} = \frac{4P_A^2}{1 + 4P_{A0} + K_C P_{C0}}$$

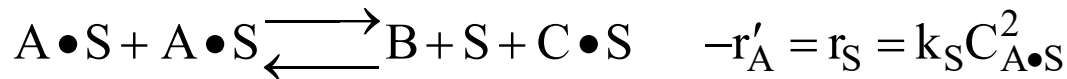
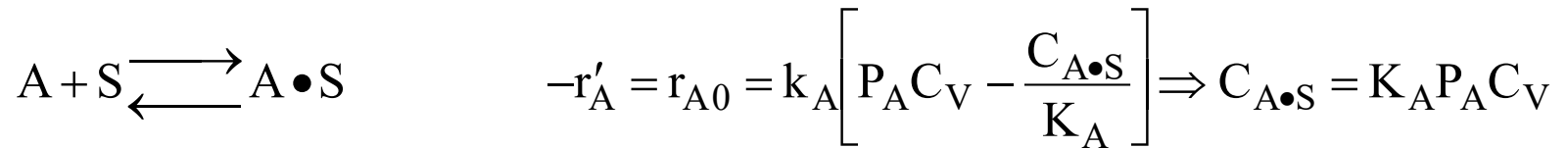
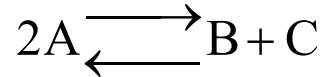
For  $P_{C0} = 2 \text{ atm}$  and  $P_{A0} = 1 \text{ atm}$ , then  $-r'_{A0} = 0.0138 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kgcat} \cdot \text{s}}$

$$-r'_{A0} = \frac{4}{(1 + 4 + 2K_C)^2} = 0.0138$$

One equation and one unknown

$$K_C = 6 \text{ atm}^{-1}$$

# Catalytic Mechanisms

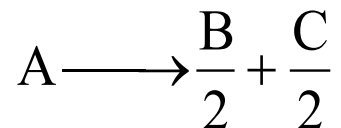
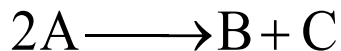


Where  $K_A = 4 \text{ atm}^{-1}$  and  $K_C = 6 \text{ atm}^{-1}$

- 1) At what is the ratio of sites with A adsorbed to those sites with C adsorbed when the conversion is 50%?
- 2) What is the conversion when the sites with A adsorbed are equal to those with C adsorbed?



# Catalytic Mechanisms



$$K_A = 4 \text{ and } K_C = 6$$

Ratio of site concentrations

$$\frac{C_{A \bullet S}}{C_{C \bullet S}} = \frac{K_A P_A C_V}{K_C P_C C_V} = \frac{K_A P_A}{K_C P_C}$$

$$P_A = P_{A0} (1 - X) / (1 + \varepsilon X)$$

$$P_C = P_{A0} \frac{X}{2(1 + \varepsilon X)}$$

$$\frac{C_{A \bullet S}}{C_{C \bullet S}} = \frac{K_A P_{A0} \left( \frac{1 - X}{1 + \varepsilon X} \right) \frac{P}{P_0}}{K_C P_{A0} \left( \frac{X/2}{1 + \varepsilon X} \right) \frac{P}{P_0}} = 2 \frac{K_A (1 - X)}{K_C X}$$

# Catalytic Mechanisms

1) At  $X = 0.5$

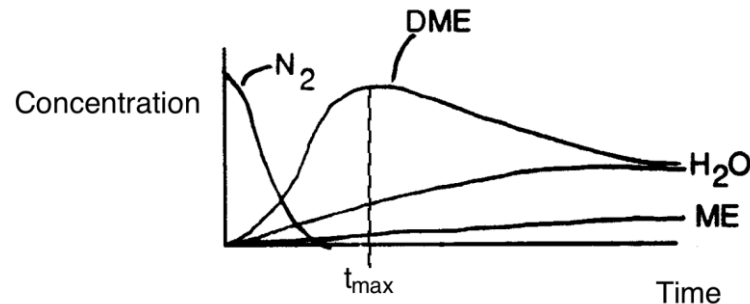
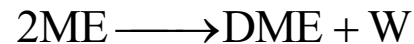
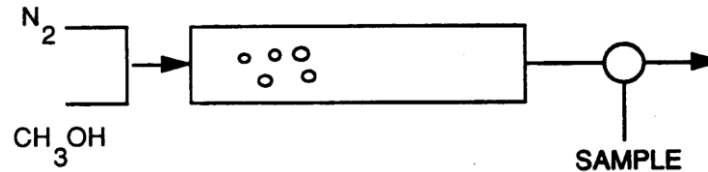
$$\frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{C_{C \cdot S}} \approx \frac{(2)(4)(1 - 0.5)}{6(0.5)} = 1.33$$

2) At an equal concentrations of A and C sites, the conversion will be

$$\frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{C_{C \cdot S}} = 1 = \frac{2K_A(1 - X)}{K_C X}, \text{ then } X = \frac{2K_A}{K_C + 2K_A} = \frac{(2)(4)}{6 + (2)(4)} = \frac{8}{14}$$

$$X = 0.57$$

# Dimethyl Ether



Initially water does not exit the reactor the same as DME because  
Which of the following best describes the data

- A There is more DME than water.
- B Steady state has been reached.
- C Water reacts with ME.
- D Water is adsorbed on the surface.

# Guidelines for Deducting Mechanisms



- More than 70% of heterogeneous reaction mechanisms are surface reaction limited
- If a species appears in the numerator of the rate law, it is probably a reactant
- If a species appears in the denominator of the rate law, it is probably adsorbed in the surface

The overall reaction for the hydrogenation (H) of ethylene (E) with a cobalt-molybdenum catalyst to form ethane (A) is  $H_2(g) + C_2H_4(g) \rightarrow C_2H_6(g)$  and the observed rate law is:

$$-r'_E = \frac{k P_E P_H}{1 + K_E P_E}$$

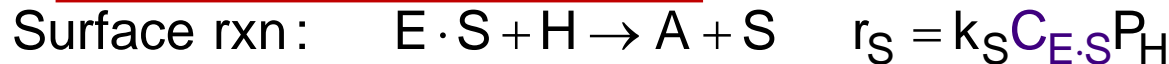


Suggest a mechanism and rate-limiting step that is consistent with the rate law

$P_E$  appears in the denominator of the observed rate eq, so  $P_E$  is adsorbed on the surface. Neither  $P_H$  or  $P_A$  are in the denominator, so neither H or A are adsorbed on the surface.



We'll assume that the surface reaction is rate limiting



No desorption step -  $P_A$  isn't in the denominator. Eliminate conc of occupied & vacant sites on surface:

site balance:  $C_t = C_V + C_{E \cdot S} \rightarrow C_t = C_V + K_{AD} P_E C_V \rightarrow \frac{C_t}{1 + K_{AD} P_E} = C_V$

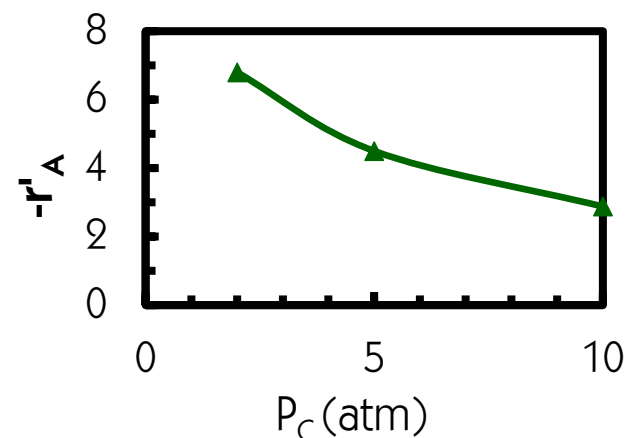
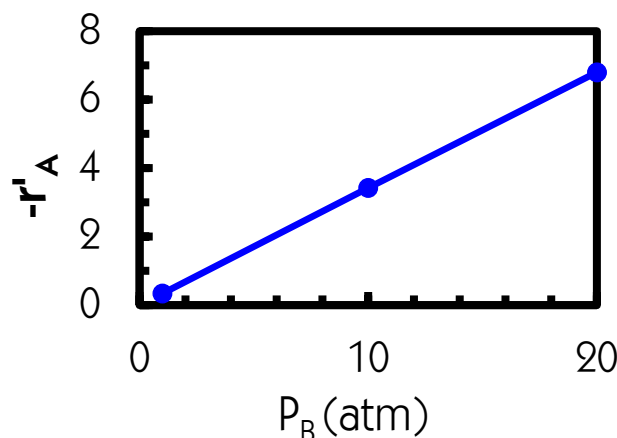
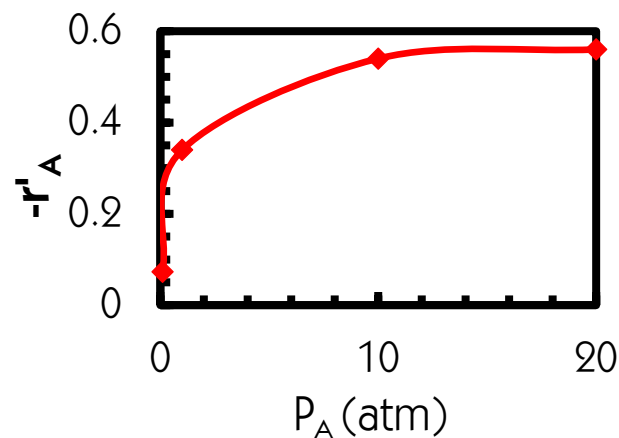
$r_S = k_S C_{E \cdot S} P_H \rightarrow r_S = \frac{k_S K_{AD} P_E P_H C_t}{1 + K_{AD} P_E}$   $k = k_S K_{AD} C_t$  &  $K_{AD} = K_E \rightarrow r_S = \frac{k P_E P_H}{1 + K_E P_E}$



The experimental data for the gas-phase, catalytic, irreversible reaction  $A + B \rightarrow C$  is given in the table. Suggest a rate law & mechanism consistent with the data.

Approach: Use graphs to show how  $-r'_A$  varies with  $P_i$  when  $P_j$  and  $P_k$  are held constant

| Run1 | $P_A$ (atm) | $P_B$ (atm) | $P_C$ (atm) | $-r'_A$ (mol/g.s) |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1    | 0.1         | 1           | 2           | 0.073             |
| 2    | 1           | 10          | 2           | 3.42              |
| 3    | 10          | 1           | 2           | 0.54              |
| 4    | 1           | 20          | 2           | 6.80              |
| 5    | 1           | 20          | 10          | 2.88              |
| 6    | 20          | 1           | 2           | 0.56              |
| 7    | 1           | 1           | 2           | 0.34              |
| 8    | 1           | 20          | 5           | 4.5               |

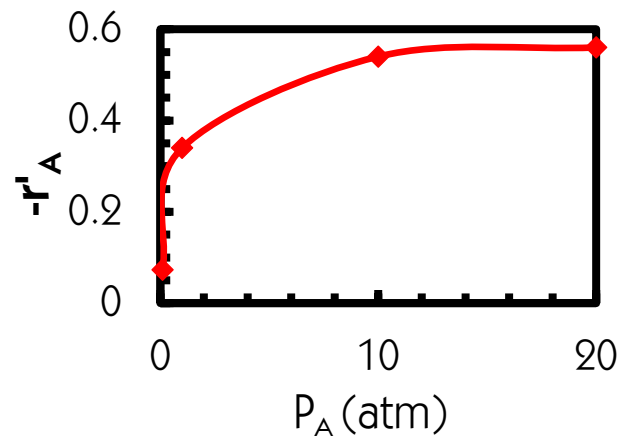


We need to use these graphs to determine whether A, B, & C are in the numerator, denominator, or both.

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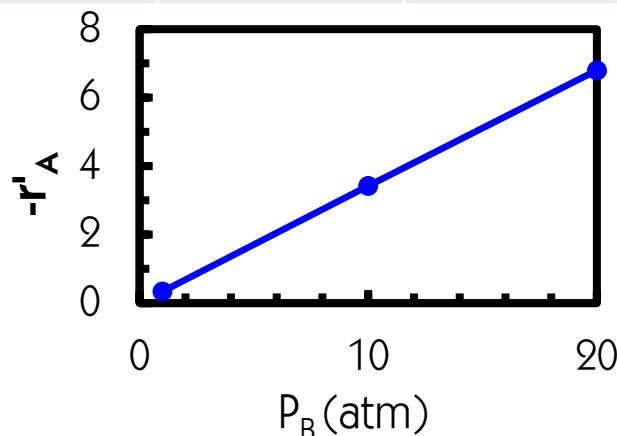
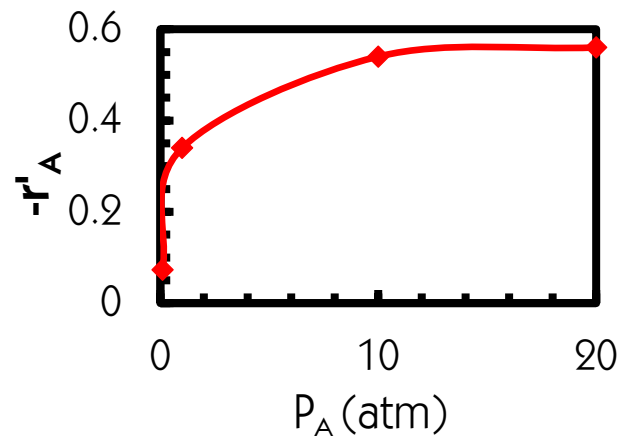


$-r'_A$  increases rapidly at low  $P_A$  (means its in the numerator), but it levels off at high  $P_A$  (means its in the denominator)  $\rightarrow P_A$  in numerator & denominator of  $r'_A$

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$-r'_A$  increases linearly as  $P_B$  increases  $\rightarrow P_B$  is only in the numerator

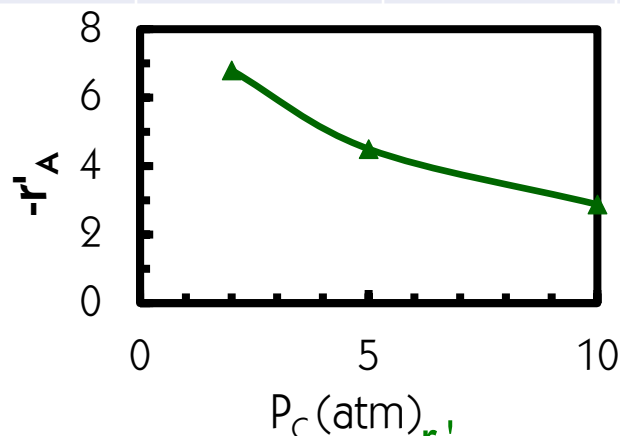
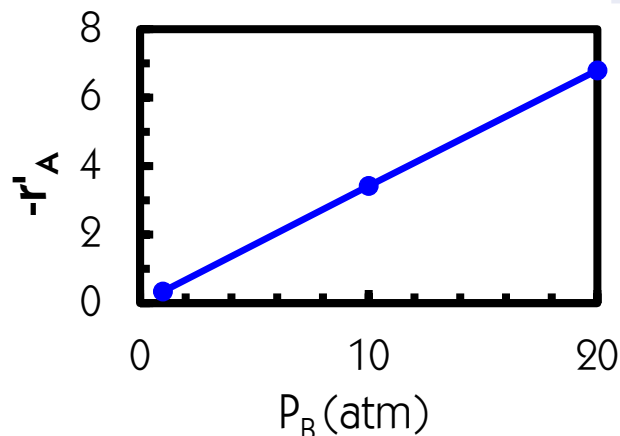
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$-r'_A \downarrow$  with  $\uparrow P_C \rightarrow$  rxn is irreversible so  $P_C$  must be in the denominator of  $-r'_A$ . Therefore, C is adsorbed on surface

$$-r'_A = \frac{kP_AP_B}{1 + K_AP_A + K_CP_C}$$

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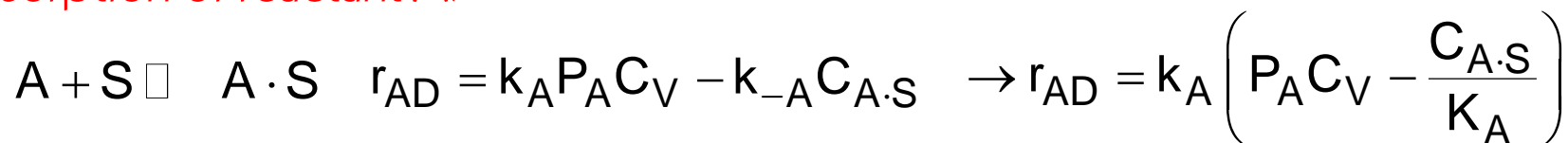
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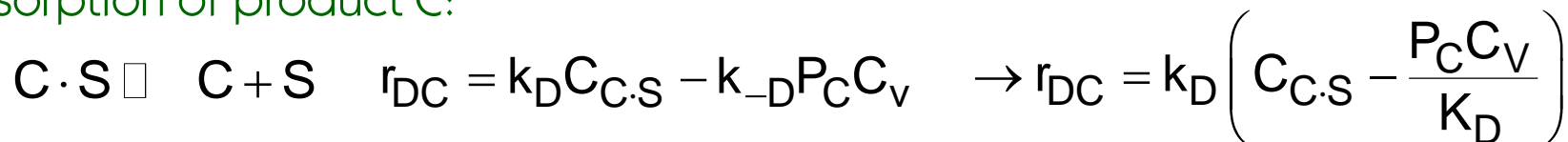
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Adsorption of reactant A:



Desorption of product C:





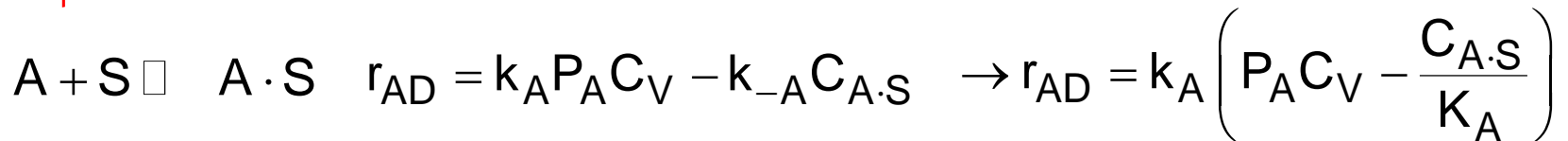
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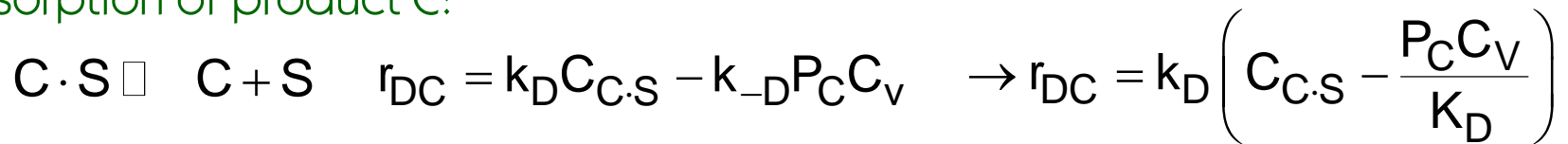
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Adsorption of reactant A:



Desorption of product C:



Surface reaction step: B is not adsorbed on the surface, so B must be in the gas phase when it reacts with A adsorbed on the surface.

The overall reaction is irreversible, so this step is likely irreversible.



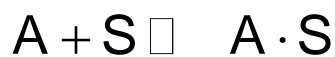


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$$-r'_A = \frac{kP_A P_B}{1 + K_A P_A + K_C P_C}$$

Suggest a mechanism for this rate law.

Adsorption of reactant A:



$$r_{AD} = k_A \left( P_A C_V - \frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{K_A} \right)$$

Surface reaction:



$$r_S = k_S C_{A \cdot S} P_B$$

Desorption of product C:



$$r_{DC} = k_D \left( C_{C \cdot S} - \frac{P_C C_V}{K_D} \right)$$

Postulate that the surface reaction is the rate limiting step since that is true the majority of the time. Check if that is consistent with the observed kinetics

$$-r'_A = r_S = k_S C_{A \cdot S} P_B$$

Eliminate  $C_{A \cdot S}$  &  $C_V$   
from rate eq

$$C_t = C_V + C_{A \cdot S} + C_{C \cdot S}$$

$$\frac{r_{AD}}{k_A} = 0 = P_A C_V - \frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{K_A}$$

$$\rightarrow P_A C_V = \frac{C_{A \cdot S}}{K_A}$$

$$\rightarrow K_A P_A C_V = C_{A \cdot S}$$

$$\frac{r_{DC}}{k_D} = 0 = C_{C \cdot S} - \frac{P_C C_V}{K_D}$$

$$\rightarrow C_{C \cdot S} = \frac{P_C C_V}{K_D}$$

Insert into site balance  
and solve for  $C_V$

The rate law suggested for the experimental data given on slide 13 for the gas-phase, catalytic, irreversible reaction  $A + B \rightarrow C$  is:

$$-r'_A = \frac{kP_A P_B}{1 + K_A P_A + K_C P_C}$$



Suggest a mechanism for this rate law.

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Desorption of product C:



$$r_{DC} = k_D \left( C_{C \cdot S} - \frac{P_C C_V}{K_D} \right)$$

Postulated surface reaction is rate limiting

$$r_A = r_S = k_S C_{A \cdot S} P_B = k_S K_A P_A C_V P_B$$

$$C_{A \cdot S} = K_A P_A C_V$$

$$C_{C \cdot S} = P_C C_V / K_D$$

$$C_t = C_V + C_{A \cdot S} + C_{C \cdot S} \rightarrow C_t = C_V + K_A P_A C_V + \frac{P_C C_V}{K_D} \rightarrow \frac{C_t}{1 + K_A P_A + P_C / K_D} = C_V$$

$$-r'_A = r_S = k_S C_{A \cdot S} P_B = k_S K_A P_A C_V P_B \rightarrow r_S = \frac{k_S K_A P_A C_t P_B}{1 + K_A P_A + P_C / K_D}$$

$$\rightarrow r_S = \frac{k P_A P_B}{1 + K_A P_A + K_C P_C}$$

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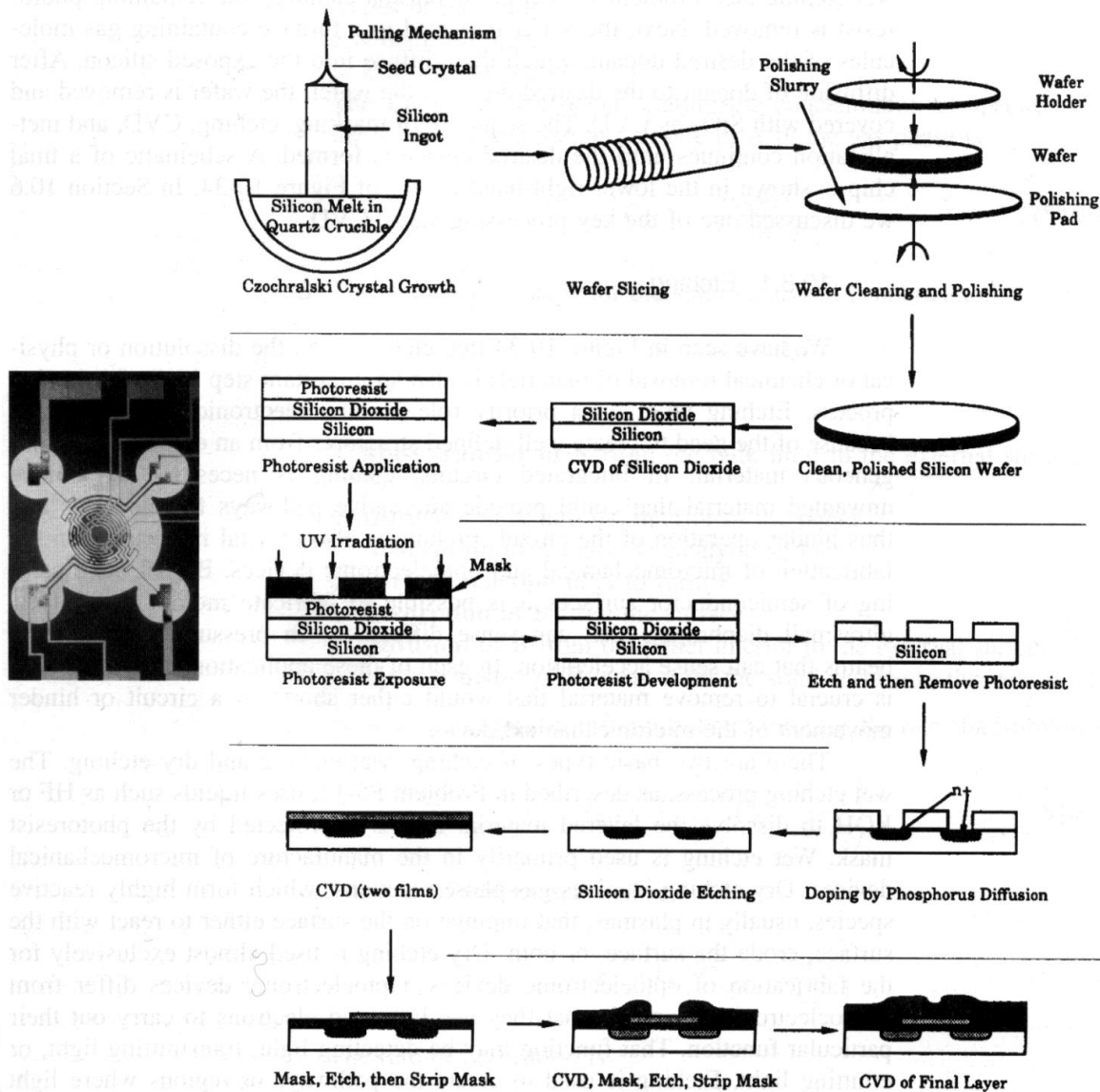
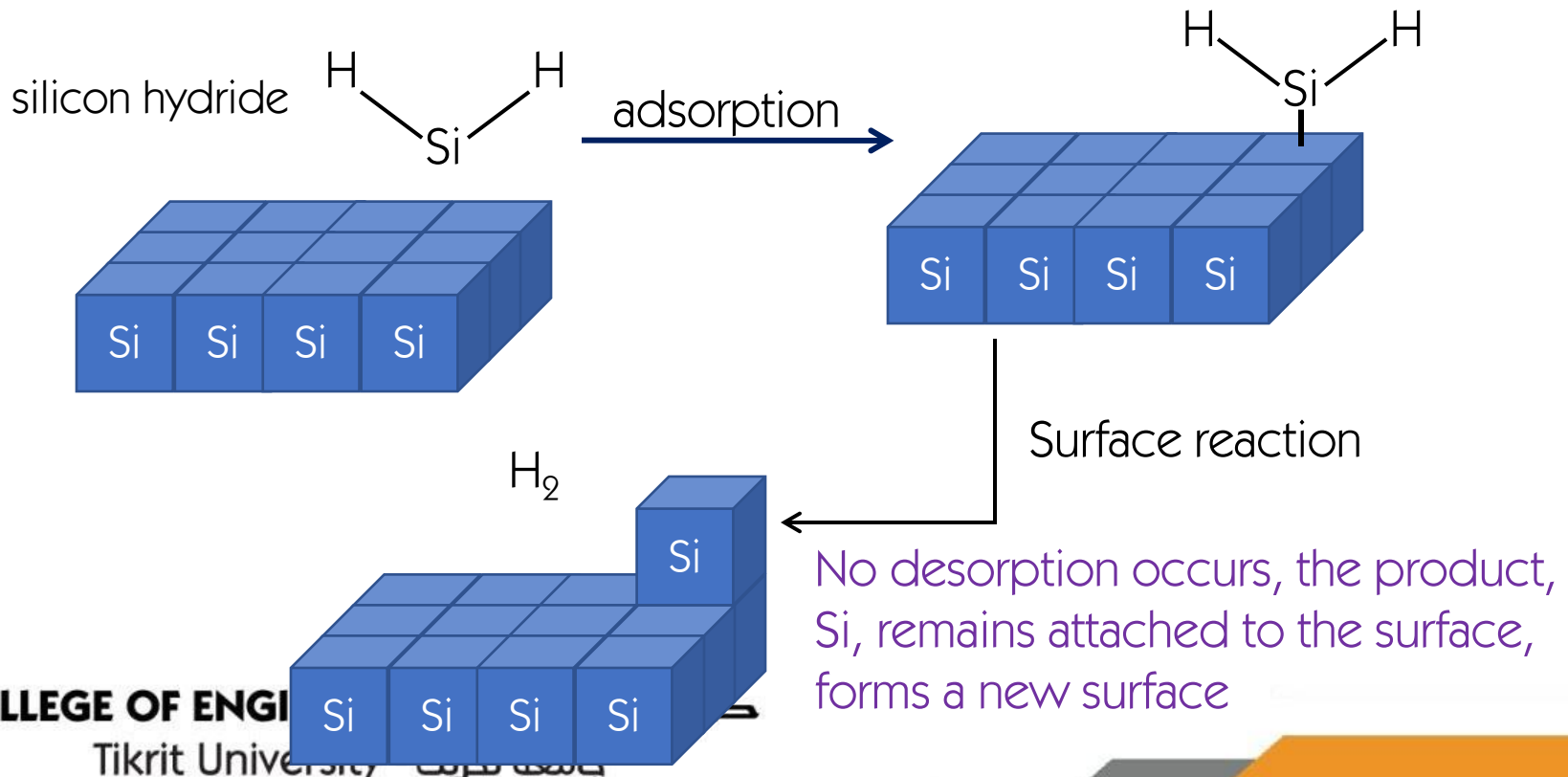


Figure 10-34 Microelectronic fabrication steps.

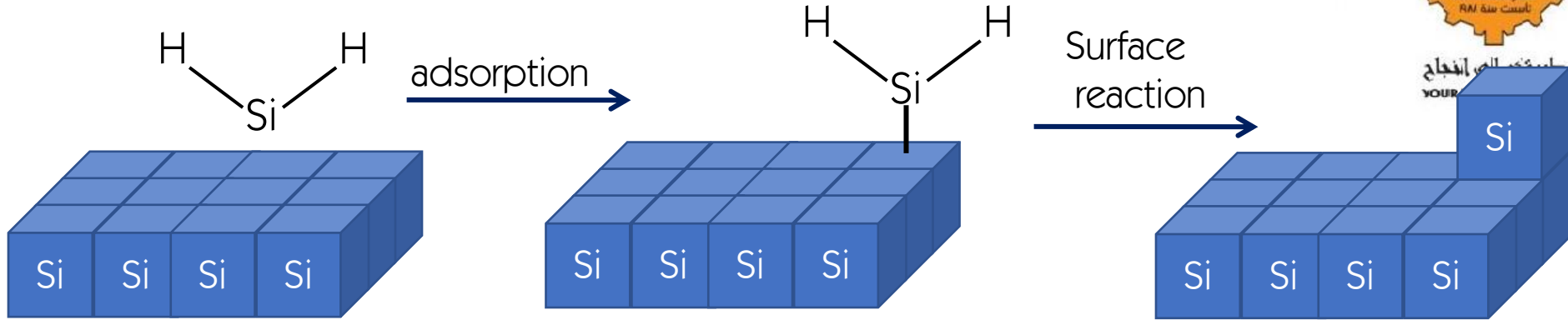
# Chemical Reaction Engineering in the Electronics Industry



- Chemical vapor deposition (CVD)
  - Important process in the formation of microcircuits (electrically interconnected films ICs), microprocessors & solar cells
  - Used to deposit thin films of material, such as Si, SiO<sub>2</sub>, & germanium (Ge)
  - Mechanism of CVD is similar to those of heterogeneous catalysis **except** that site concentration ( $C_v$ ) is replaced w/ fraction of surface coverage ( $f_v$ )



# Growth of Silicon Film by CVD



Write out elementary reactions and assume a rate-limiting step

1. Adsorption



Rate of adsorption = rate of attachment – rate of detachment

$$r_{\text{AD}} = k_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2} f_v - k_{-\text{SiH}_2} f_{\text{SiH}_2} \rightarrow r_{\text{AD}} = k_{\text{SiH}_2} \left( P_{\text{SiH}_2} f_v - \frac{f_{\text{SiH}_2}}{K_{\text{SiH}_2}} \right)$$

$f_v$  &  $f_{\text{SiH}_2}$ : **fraction** of the surface covered by vacant sites or  $\text{SiH}_2$ , respectively

2. Surface reaction:



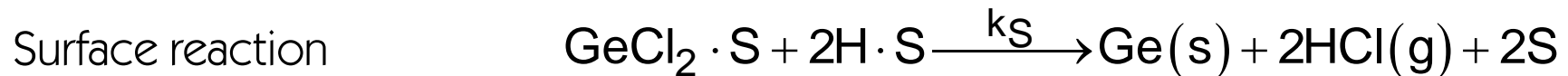
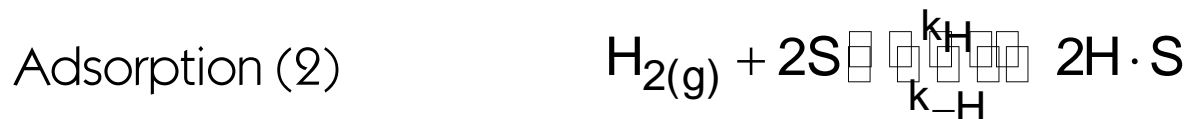
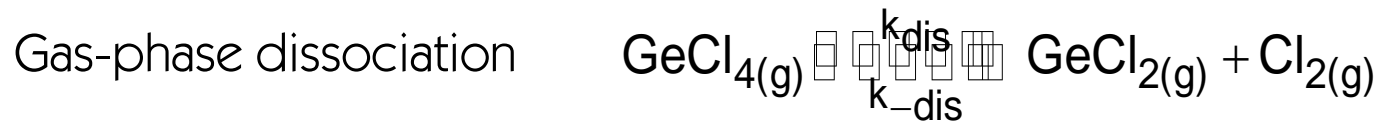
$$r_{\text{S}} = k_{\text{S}} f_{\text{SiH}_2} - k_{-\text{S}} C_{\text{Si}} P_{\text{H}_2} f_v \rightarrow r_{\text{S}} = k_{\text{S}} \left( f_{\text{SiH}_2} - \frac{C_{\text{Si}} C_{\text{H}_2} f_v}{K_{\text{S}}} \right)$$



# Growth of Germanium Film by CVD



Germanium films have applications in microelectronics & solar cell fabrication



**Surface reaction is believed to be the rate-limiting step**

What is the rate of Ge deposition if the surface reaction is rate limiting?

a)  $r''_{\text{Dep}} = k_{\text{dis}} P_{\text{GeCl}_4} - k_{-dis} P_{\text{GeCl}_2} P_{\text{Cl}_2}$

b)  $r''_{\text{Dep}} = k_A P_{\text{GeCl}_2} f_v - k_{-A} f_{\text{GeCl}_2}$

c)  $r''_{\text{Dep}} = k_H P_{\text{H}_2} f_v^2 - k_{-H} f_H^2$

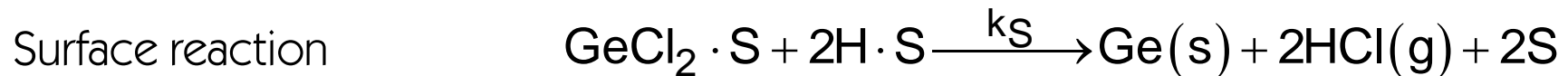
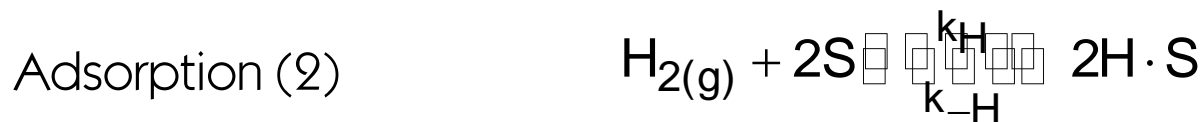
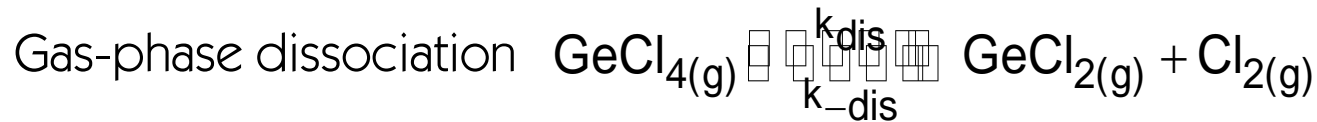
d)  $r''_{\text{Dep}} = k_S f_{\text{GeCl}_2} f_H^2 - k_{-S} C_{\text{Ge}} P_{\text{HCl}}^2 f_v^2$

e)  $r''_{\text{Dep}} = k_S f_{\text{GeCl}_2} f_H^2$

# CVD



Germanium films have applications in microelectronics & solar cell fabrication



**Surface reaction is believed to be the rate-limiting step:**

Rate of Ge deposition (nm/s):  $r_{\text{Dep}}'' = k_S f_{\text{GeCl}_2} f_{\text{H}}^2$

$k_S$ : surface specific reaction rate (nm/s)

$f_{\text{GeCl}_2}$ : **fraction** of the surface covered by  $\text{GeCl}_2$

$f_{\text{H}_2}$ : **fraction** on the surface occupied by  $\text{H}_2$

\*Surface coverage is in terms of fraction of surface, not conc of active sites

# Chemical Vapor Deposition

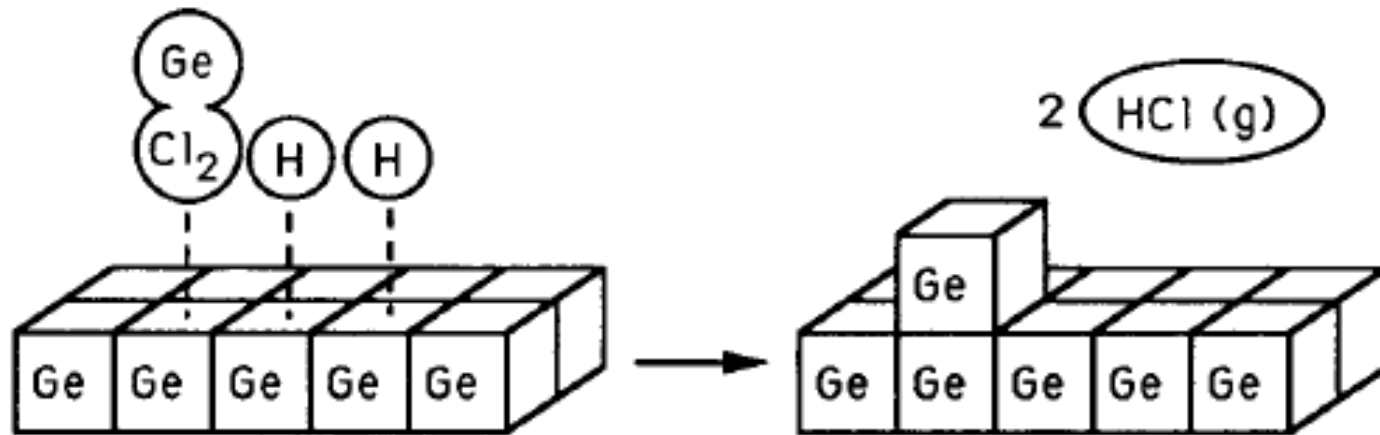
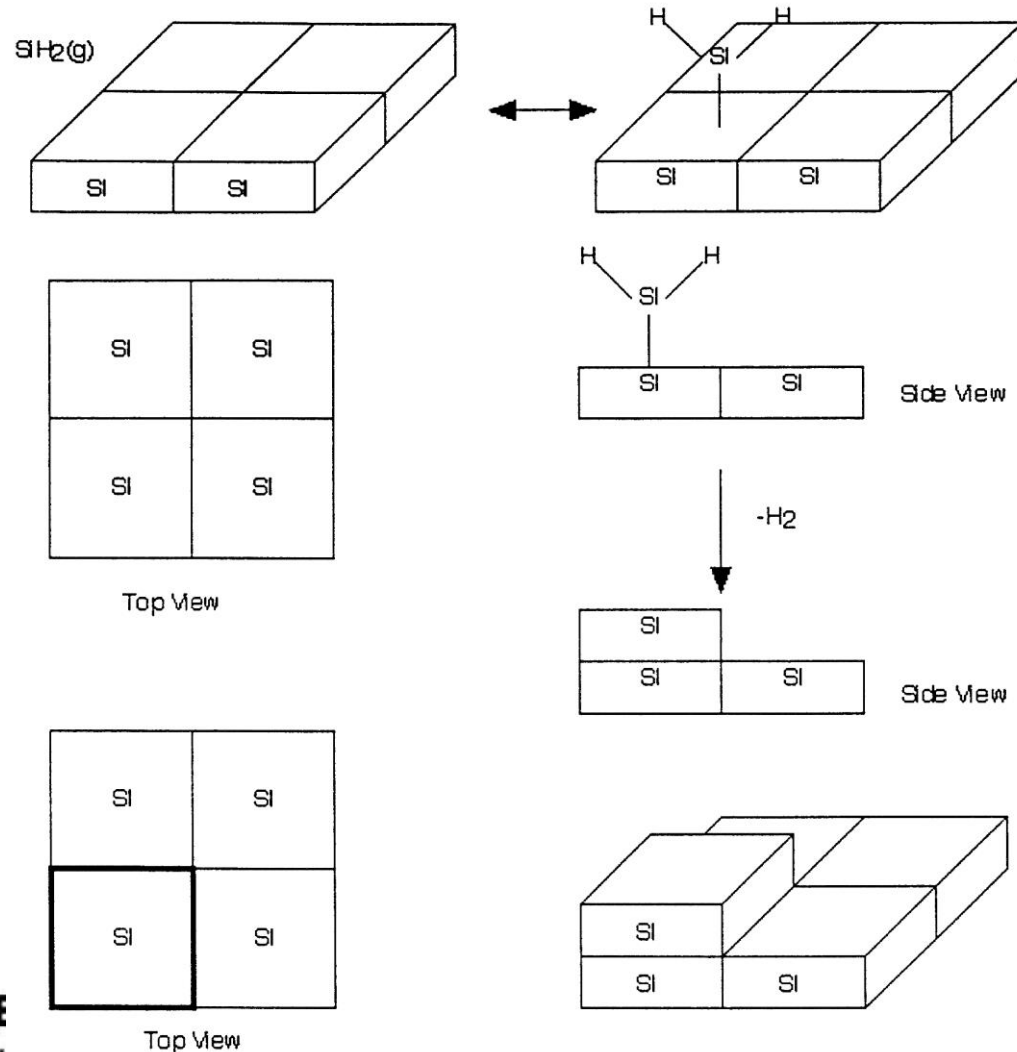


Figure 10-21 CVD surface reaction step for Germanium.

# Chemical Vapor Deposition

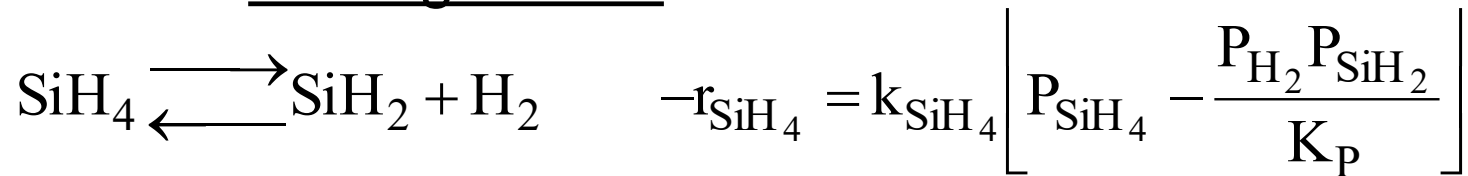


# Chemical Vapor Deposition

## 1) Mechanism

Gas Phase

Homogeneous



Heterogeneous



**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**  $f_V$  = fraction of surface that is vacant

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# Chemical Vapor Deposition

## 2) Rate Limiting Step

$$r_{\text{Dep}} = r_s = k_s f_{\text{SiH}_2}$$

## 3) Express $f_i$ in terms of $P_i$

$$\frac{r_{\text{AD}}}{k_A} \approx 0$$

$$f_{\text{SiH}_2} = K_{\text{SiH}_2} f_V P_{\text{SiH}_2}$$

## 4) Area Balance

$$1 = f_V + f_{\text{SiH}_2} = f_V + K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2} f_V$$



# Chemical Vapor Deposition

## 4) Area Balance

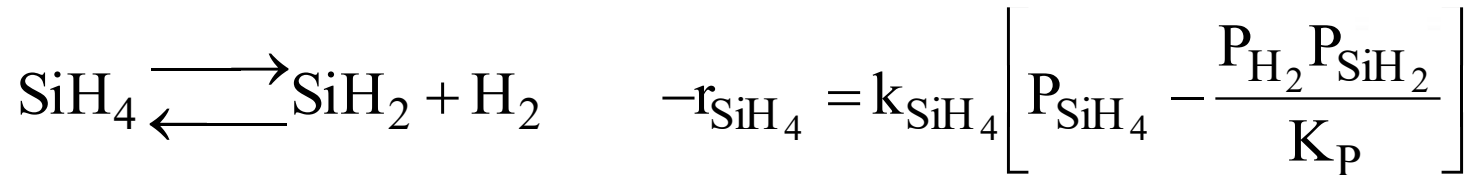
$$1 = f_V + f_{\text{SiH}_2} = f_V + K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2} f_V$$

$$f_V = \frac{1}{1 + K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2}}$$

## 5) Combine

$$r_{\text{Dep}} = \frac{k_S K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2}}{1 + K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_2}}$$

# Homogeneous Reaction



$$\frac{-r_{\text{SiH}_4}}{k_{\text{SiH}_4}} \approx 0 \Rightarrow P_{\text{SiH}_2} = \frac{K_p P_{\text{SiH}_4}}{P_{\text{H}_2}}$$

$$r_{\text{Dep}} = \frac{k_s K_p K_{\text{SiH}_2} P_{\text{SiH}_4}}{P_{\text{H}_2} + K_{\text{SiH}_2} K_p P_{\text{SiH}_4}} = \frac{k_1 P_{\text{SiH}_4}}{P_{\text{H}_2} + K_1 P_{\text{SiH}_4}}$$

# Summary

- This presentation discussed catalysts and catalysis, catalytic mechanisms, and data analysis, with a focus on CVD applications.