

REB, The Book

Example 4.8.1 Calculations

Rates of the mechanistic steps:

$$r_j = k_{j,f} \prod_{i_r} [i_r]^{-\nu_{i_r,j}} - k_{j,r} \prod_{i_p} [i_p]^{\nu_{i_p,j}}$$

$$r_2 = k_{2,f} [O_2] - k_{2,r} [O\cdot]^2 \quad (6)$$

$$r_3 = k_{3,f} [O\cdot][N_2] - k_{3,r} [NO][N\cdot] \quad (7)$$

$$r_4 = k_{4,f} [N\cdot][O_2] \quad (8)$$

$$r_5 = 0 \quad (9)$$

Rate of generation of NO:

$$r_{i,j_{non}} = \sum_{j'} \nu_{i,j'} r_{j'}$$

$$r_{NO,1} = r_3 + r_4 \quad (10)$$

Bodenstein steady state approximations for $O\cdot$ and $N\cdot$:

$$0 = \sum_{j_{step}} \nu_{i_{RI}, j_{step}} r_{j_{step}}$$

$$0 = 2r_2 - r_3 + r_4 \quad (11)$$

$$0 = r_3 - r_4 - 2r_5 \quad (12)$$

To solve equations (11) and (12) for $[O\cdot]$ and $[N\cdot]$, start by adding equations (11) and (12). Substituting equations (6) and (9), and solving for $[O\cdot]$ gives equation (13).

$$0 = 2r_2 - 2r_5$$

$$0 = 2k_{2,f}[O_2] - 2k_{2,r}[O\cdot]^2$$

$$[O\cdot] = \sqrt{\frac{k_{2,f}}{k_{2,r}}} [O_2] \quad (13)$$

Substituting equations (7), (8), and (9) into equation (12) and solving for $[N\cdot]$ gives equation (14).

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] - k_{3,r}[NO][N\cdot] - k_{4,f}[N\cdot][O_2] \\ k_{3,r}[NO][N\cdot] + k_{4,f}[N\cdot][O_2] &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] \\ [N\cdot] \left(k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2] \right) &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] \\ [N\cdot] &= \frac{k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Substituting equation (13) into equation (14) gives equation (15).

$$[N\cdot] = \frac{k_{3,f} \sqrt{\frac{k_{2,f}}{k_{2,r}}} [O_2] [N_2]}{\left(k_{3,r} [NO] + k_{4,f} [O_2] \right)} \quad (15)$$

Substitute equations (7) and (8) into equation (10).

$$\begin{aligned} r_{NO,1} &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] - k_{3,r}[NO][N\cdot] + k_{4,f}[N\cdot][O_2] \\ r_{NO,1} &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] - \left(k_{3,r}[NO] - k_{4,f}[O_2] \right) [N\cdot] \end{aligned}$$

Substitute equation (14).

$$\begin{aligned} r_{NO,1} &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] - \left(k_{3,r}[NO] - k_{4,f}[O_2] \right) \frac{k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \\ r_{NO,1} &= k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] \left(1 - \frac{k_{3,r}[NO] - k_{4,f}[O_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$r_{NO,1} = k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] \left(\frac{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2] - k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \right)$$

$$r_{NO,1} = k_{3,f}[O\cdot][N_2] \left(\frac{2k_{4,f}[O_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \right)$$

Substitute equation (13) and rearrange to get the rate expression, equation (16).

$$r_{NO,1} = k_{3,f} \sqrt{\frac{k_{2,f}}{k_{2,r}}} [O_2] [N_2] \left(\frac{2k_{4,f}[O_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \right)$$

$$r_{NO,1} = \left(\frac{2k_{3,f}k_{4,f} \sqrt{\frac{k_{2,f}}{k_{2,r}}} [O_2]^{\frac{3}{2}} [N_2]}{k_{3,r}[NO] + k_{4,f}[O_2]} \right) \quad (16)$$