Using Integrated Rate Laws

Example One

The decomposition of HI (g) is shown below

HI (g) $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ H₂ (g) + $\frac{1}{2}$ I₂ (g) The rate is given by: Rate = k [HI]²

If k=30. $M^{-1}min^{-1}$ at 443°C, how much time does it take for the concentration of HI to drop from 0.020 M to 0.010 M at 443°C?

Example Two

When heated, gaseous azomethane (CH₃N₂CH₃) decomposes to ethane and nitrogen:

 $CH_{3}N_{2}CH_{3}(g) \rightarrow CH_{3}CH_{3}(g) + N_{2}(g)$

This is a first order reaction where $k = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (at 600 K).

(a) What fraction of the initial sample of gaseous CH₃N₂CH₃ remains after 120 s at 600 K?
(b) How long will it take for 98% of the sample to decompose?
Answer
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Example Three

A chemical decomposes according to first order kinetics with a rate constant of $3.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 500 °C. What fraction of the chemical will remain after 2.0 minutes?