

# Atmospheric Chemistry

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## 0. Introduction

### 0.1 Concept

### 0.2 Atmospheric pressure and composition

### 0.3 Units for quantification of atmospheric trace substances

## 1. Reaction types, kinetics (*some 45 slides*)

### 1.1 Reaction rate coefficient

### 1.2 Homogeneous gas-phase reactions

### 1.3 Combinations of thermic reactions- Quasi steady state approximation

### 1.4 Photochemical reactions

### 1.5 Heterogeneous reactions (*following 2.2.3*)

#### 1.5.1 On solids

#### 1.5.2 In the gas/water droplet system (*following 3.3.4*)

##### 1.5.2.1 Phase equilibrium

##### 1.5.2.2 Deviation from phase equilibrium due to kinetic limitations – mass transport considerations

## 2. Stratospheric ozone chemistry (*some 35 slides*)

### 2.1 Chapman's reactions

### 2.2 Homogeneous catalysis of the ozone sink reaction

#### 2.2.1 OH

#### 2.2.2 Cl, Br

#### 2.2.3 NO

### 2.3 Heterogeneous reactions in polar stratospheric clouds

### 2.4 Long-term trends

## 3. Tropospheric chemistry

### 3.1 Tropospheric ozone and hydrocarbon chemistry (*some 60 slides*)

#### 3.1.1 Tropospheric ozone trends

#### 3.1.2 Ozone formation: Photosmog chemistry

##### 3.1.2.1 In CO oxidation

##### 3.1.2.2 In aliphatic hydrocarbons oxidation

##### 3.1.2.3 In aromatic hydrocarbons oxidation

#### 3.1.3 Radical sources

##### 3.1.3.1 O<sub>3</sub>

##### 3.1.3.2 Peroxides

##### 3.1.3.3 Aldehydes

##### 3.1.3.4 NO<sub>2</sub>

##### 3.1.3.5 HNO<sub>2</sub>

- 3.1.4 Sinks of tropospheric ozone
  - 3.1.4.1 Hydrocarbon and CO chemistry in the absence of NO<sub>x</sub>
  - 3.1.4.2 Ozone as oxidizer
    - 3.1.4.2.1 Alkene ozonations
    - 3.1.4.2.2 Halogen oxidation
  
- 3.2 Nitrogen oxides chemistry (*some 25 slides*)
  - 3.2.1 Nitric oxide chemistry
  - 3.2.2 Nitrogen dioxide chemistry
    - 3.2.2.1 Reaction with OH and HO<sub>2</sub> (,odd H<sup>•</sup>)
    - 3.2.2.2 Reactions with hydrocarbons
  - 3.2.3 Nitrate radical
  - 3.2.4 Nitrous acid
  - 3.2.5 Overview
  
- 3.3 Acids: formation reactions and cloud chemistry (*some 30 slides*)
  - 3.3.1 Sulfuric acid formation in the gas-phase
  - 3.3.2 Cloudwater - introduction, significance
  - 3.3.3 Sulfuric acid formation in the aqueous phase
    - 3.3.3.1 Dissolution of gases - thermodynamic equilibrium
    - 3.3.3.2 Bulk aqueous phase chemistry
  - 3.3.4 Dimethylsulfide
    - 3.3.4.1 Formation of carbonyl sulfide
    - 3.3.4.2 Formation of SO<sub>2</sub>
  - 3.3.5 Deviation from air/water equilibrium due to organic films
  - 3.3.6 Tropospheric ozone and clouds
  - 3.3.7 Nitrogen compounds in the aqueous phase
  - 3.3.8 Organic chemistry in the aqueous phase
  - 3.3.9 Impacts of atmospheric acidity in ecosystems
  
- 3.4 Atmospheric aerosol, its composition, surface and bulk particle reactions (*some 50 slides*)
  - 3.4.1 Introduction, significance, sources
  - 3.4.2 Chemical composition
    - 3.4.2.1 Inorganic, major components
    - 3.4.2.2 Inorganic, minor components
    - 3.4.2.3 Particulate organic matter
    - 3.4.2.4 Soot
    - 3.4.2.5 Water
  - 3.4.3 Heterogeneous chemistry in atmospheric aerosols
    - 3.4.3.1 Secondary inorganic aerosol (SIA)
      - 3.4.3.1.1 SIA formation through condensation
      - 3.4.3.1.2 SIA formation through radical or ionic reactions
      - 3.4.3.1.3 SIA formation through catalysis by particle surfaces
      - 3.4.3.1.4 SIA formation through homogeneous nucleation

- 3.4.3.2 Secondary organic aerosol (SOA)
  - 3.4.3.2.1 SOA formation through condensation of semivolatile organic compounds (SOC)
  - 3.4.3.2.2 SOA formation through oxidation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to SOCs and subsequent condensation
    - 3.4.3.2.2.1 Aliphatic hydrocarbons
    - 3.4.3.2.2.2 Aromatic hydrocarbons
- 3.4.4 Gas-particle partitioning of organics
  - 3.4.4.1 Condensation
  - 3.4.4.2 Absorption
  - 3.4.4.3 Adsorption
  - 3.4.4.4 Complete approach: poly-parameter linear free-energy relationship
  
- 4. Trace substance mass budgets and surface cycling (*some 35 slides*)
  - 4.1 Mass budget equation, residence time
  - 4.2 Emissions
  - 4.3 Deposition
    - 4.3.1 Wet deposition
    - 4.3.2 Dry deposition
  - 4.4 Gas exchange, re-volatilisation
    - 4.4.1 Atmosphere/ocean
    - 4.4.2 Vegetation/atmosphere
  - 4.5 Multicompartmental chemistry
    - 4.5.1 Emissions to the multicompartmental system
    - 4.5.2 Total environmental residence time
    - 4.5.3 Global distribution of re-volatilising substances, grasshopper effect