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本套教材适用于各级各类举办高职高专教育的院校使用。希望各用书学校积极选用这批经过系统论证、严格审查、正式出版的规划教材,并组织本校教师以对事业的责任感对教材教学开展研究工作,不断推动规划教材建设工作的发展与提高。

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# 前 言

随着中国化学工业的发展以及加入世界贸易组织 (WTO) 后的需要, 社会对化学化工人才的素质要求越来越高, 既掌握化工专业知识和技能, 又能熟练地掌握化工专业英语的技术人才受到大中型化工企业尤其是中外合资企业的欢迎。为适应新时期高职高专化工专业对学生的能力培养和综合素质的要求, 全国高等职业教育化工专业教材编审委员会和化学工业出版社组织全国部分高等院校编写本书。

本教材特点如下。

1. 所选内容通俗易懂, 专业适应性强, 覆盖面宽。选文侧重实际工艺及技术操作, 内容涵盖了化学基础知识、化工单元操作、化工设备、无机工艺、石油化工及有机工艺、高分子材料、精细化工、环境保护、计算机在化工中的应用、生物技术、电化学工程、化工安全、化工产品说明书等。全书共 16 课, 分四部分 (PART)。第一部分介绍化学基础知识和化学工业概述; 第二部分为化工典型单元操作和化工设备; 第三部分介绍化工产品的生产工艺; 第四部分为选修内容, 包括生物化工、化工安全技术、环境保护、计算机在化工中的应用、新材料和电化学工程等。为提高学生的专业英语的阅读、翻译和写作能力, 在本书中还介绍了专业英语的特点和学习方法、专业英语翻译、专业英语的写作。为适应加入 WTO 后的需要, 在本书的最后还增加了化工市场方面的内容。附录内容有化学化工常用构词和总词汇总表。

2. 本书对课文中出现的生词、化工技术术语、操作用语等专门列出进行注释。

3. 本书练习着重化工专业技术术语及操作用语的英汉对译训练, 练习内容大多选用产品说明书、设备说明书、化工产品市场等内容, 突出高职特色。

本书内容广泛, 知识介绍循序渐进, 图文并茂便于学生学习。可作为化工工艺、应用化学等专业高职高专学生的教材, 也可作为广大科技人员的参考书。

本书 1、2、7、12、13、14、15、16 课及化工产品市场部分由焦作大学符德学编写, 3、4、5、6、8、9、10、11 课由吉林职业技术学院的李雨名编写, 全书由符德学统稿, 南京化工职业技术学院的张小军主审。化学工业出版社对本书的编写给予了支持。南京化工职业技术学院丁志平副院长, 吉林工业职业技术学院的杨春华、魏安邦、马涛及许多高校的同志对本书稿也提出了许多宝贵的意见, 在此一并感谢。

由于编者水平有限, 疏漏和不妥之处在所难免, 恳请提出宝贵意见, 以便完善。

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## 内 容 提 要

本书根据高等职业教育化学工程专业英语教学大纲由全国化工类高职高专教材编委会组织编写。本书选文侧重于实际工艺操作、设备及产品使用说明书、技术操作等,涵盖了化学化工基础、化工单元操作、化工设备、无机与有机物生产工艺、精细化工、高分子材料、环境保护、计算机在化工中的应用、生物技术、安全生产、化工贸易等。全书分4部分16课,内容由浅入深。第一、二部分为化学化工基础,化工单元操作及典型化工产品工艺,为必讲内容;第三部分为环保、计算机应用、生物技术、安全技术、化工贸易为扩展部分,可选讲。书后配有化学化工常用构词表及总词汇表供检阅。

本书为高职院校化学化工专业英语教材,也可供相关人员参考使用。

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## PART 1 CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

### Lesson One Elements and Compounds

Elements are pure substances that can not be decomposed into simpler substances by ordinary chemical changes. At present there are 109 known elements. Some common elements that are familiar to you are carbon, oxygen, aluminum, iron, copper, nitrogen, and gold. The elements are the building blocks of matter just as the numerals 0 through 9 are the building blocks for numbers. To the best of our knowledge, the elements that have been found on the earth also comprise the entire universe.

About 85% of the elements can be found in nature, usually combined with other elements in minerals and vegetable matter or in substances like water and carbon dioxide. Copper, silver, gold, and about 20 other elements can be found in highly pure forms. Sixteen elements are not found in nature; they have been produced in generally small amounts in nuclear explosions and nuclear research. They are man-made elements.

Pure substances composed of two or more elements are called compounds. Because they contain two or more elements, compounds, unlike elements, are capable of being decomposed into simpler substances by chemical changes. The ultimate chemical decomposition of compounds produces the elements from which they are made.

The atoms of the elements in a compound are combined in whole number ratio, not in fractional parts of an atom. Atoms combined with one another to form compounds which exist as either molecule or ions. A molecule is a small, uncharged individual unit of a compound formed by the union of two or more atoms, if we subdivide a drop of water into smaller and smaller particles, we ultimately obtain a single unit of water known as a molecule of water. This water molecule consists of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom bonded together. We cannot subdivide this unit further without destroying the molecule, breaking it up into its elements. Thus, a water molecule is the smallest unit of the compound water.

An ion is a positive or negative electrically charged atom or group of atoms. The ions in a compound are held together in a crystalline structure by the attractive forces of their positive and negative charges. Compounds consisting of ions do not exist as molecules. Sodium chloride is an example of a non-molecular compound. Although this type of compound consists of large numbers of positive and negative ions, its formula is usually represented by the simplest ratio of the atoms in the compound. Thus, the ratio of ions in sodium chloride is one sodium ion to one chlorine ion.

Compounds exist either as molecules which consist of two or more elements bonded together or in the form of positive and negative ions held together by the attractive force of

their positive and negative charges.

The compound carbon monoxide (CO) is composed of carbon and oxygen in the ratio of one atom of carbon to one atom of oxygen. Hydrogen chloride (HCl) contains a ratio of one atom of hydrogen to one atom of chlorine. Compounds may contain more than one atom of the same element. Methane ( "natural gas" CH<sub>4</sub>) is composed of carbon and hydrogen in a ratio of one carbon atom to four hydrogen atoms; ordinary table sugar (sucrose, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>) contains a ratio of 12 atoms of carbon to 22 atoms of hydrogen to 11 atoms of oxygen. These atoms are held together in the compound by chemical bonds.

There are over three million known compounds, with no end in sight as to the number that can and will be prepared in the future. Each compound is unique and has characteristic physical and chemical properties. Let us consider in some detail two compounds—water and mercuric oxide. Water is a colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid that can be changed to a solid, ice, at 0°C and to a gas, steam at 100°C. It is composed of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen per molecule, which represents 11.2 percent hydrogen and 88.8 percent oxygen by mass. Water reacts chemically with sodium to produce hydrogen gas and sodium hydroxide, with lime to produce calcium hydroxide, and with sulfur trioxide to produce sulfuric acid. No other compound has all these exact physical and chemical properties; they are characteristic of water alone.

Mercuric oxide is a dense, orange-red powder composed of a ratio of one atom of mercury to one atom of oxygen. Its composition by mass is 92.6 percent mercury and 7.4 percent oxygen. When it is heated to temperatures greater than 360°C, a colorless gas, oxygen, and a silvery liquid metal, mercury, are produced. Here again are specific physical and chemical properties belonging to mercuric oxide and to no other substance. Thus, a compound may be identified and distinguished from all other compounds by its characteristic properties.

### New Words

- compound ['kɒmpaʊnd] *n.* 化合物  
decompose [ˌdi:kəm'pəʊz] *vt.* 分解  
carbon ['kɑ:bən] *n.* 碳  
oxygen ['ɒksɪdʒən] *n.* 氧  
aluminum [ə'lju:mɪnəm] *n.* 铝  
nitrogen ['naɪtrɪdʒən] *n.* 氮  
copper ['kɒpə] *n.* 铜  
silver ['sɪlvə] *n.* 银  
gold [gəʊld] *n.* 金  
nuclear ['nju:kliə] *a.* 核的, 核能的  
ion ['aɪən] *n.* 离子  
positive ['pɒzətɪv] *a.* 正的, 阳性的  
negative ['negətɪv] *a.* 负的, 阴性的

bond [bɒnd]	n. 键; vt. 结合
chlorine [ˈklɔːrɪn]	n. 氯
methane [ˈmeθeɪn]	n. 甲烷, 沼气
mercury [ˈmɜːkjʊəri]	n. 汞
mercuric [mɜːˈkjʊərɪk]	a. 汞的, 水银的
sodium [ˈsəʊdjəm]	n. 钠
calcium [ˈkælsiəm]	n. 钙
sulfur [ˈsʌlfə]	n. 硫

### Expressions and Technical Terms

be composed of	由……组成
be decomposed into	被分解成
whole number ratio	整数比
percent by mass	质量百分比
identified and distinguished	鉴别和区别
ratio of	比率
carbon dioxide	二氧化碳
positive and negative charges	正电荷和负电荷
ordinary table sugar	普通方糖

### Notes

- ① The ultimate chemical decomposition of compounds produces the elements from which they be made. 化合物化学分解的最终产物为组成它们的元素。
- ② No end in sight as to the number that can and will be prepared in the future. 在未来能够和将要被制造(化合物)的数目是数不清的。as to 对于……, 关于……, that…引出定语从句修饰 number.
- ③ Water is a colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid that can be changed to a solid, ice, at 0°C and to a gas, steam, at 100°C. 水是无色、无嗅、无味的液体, 它在 0°C 变成冰, 100°C 变成水蒸气。
- ④ Water reacts chemically with sodium to produce hydrogen gas and sodium hydroxide, with lime to produce calcium hydroxide, and with sulfur trioxide to produce sulfuric acid. 水与钠反应生成氢氧化钠和氢气, 与石灰反应生成氢氧化钙, 与三氧化硫反应生成硫酸。with…, with…表示并列关系。

### Exercises

#### 1. Put the following into Chinese

Magnesia (MgO) is generally derived from the mineral magnesite (magnesium carbonate,  $MgCO_3$ ) or from magnesium salts in seawater and some naturally occurring brines. Magnesite deposits account for approximately 80% of total magnesia production. Two types of magnesia are used by industry: caustic calcined magnesia and refractory magnesia.

Caustic calcined magnesia is produced by calcining magnesite in furnaces, typically at temperatures of 800~900°C. Global production is estimated at around 1.6~1.7Mt/a, of which China accounts for 35%~40%. It has a variety of agricultural, environmental, chemical and industrial applications and is also the precursor for refractory magnesias.

2. Put the following into English

硫酸 硝酸 盐酸 硫酸铜 氧化铁 氯化钠

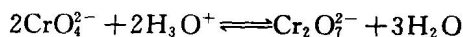
## Reading Material

### Chemical Equilibrium

Recognizing equilibrium systems

1. They can be approached from either end.

e. g. chromate ions can be changed into dichromate ions by adding acid, and dichromate ions can be turned into chromate ions by adding hydroxide ions, which remove the hydroxonium ions.



2. If the temperature is changed, an equilibrium system will change, but if the original temperature is restored, the system will go back to its original state.

#### Proving the dynamic nature of an equilibrium system

This is done using radioactive tracers.

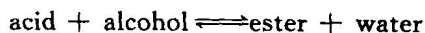
1. Set up an equilibrium system and allow it to reach equilibrium.
2. By sampling and measuring, find the exact composition of the whole system.
3. Now set up an identical system by adding the exact amount you have just measured, but with one component made of a radioactive isotope, say one of the reactants.
4. Leave the system for a time and sample them again and show that there are radioactive products, thus proving that even at equilibrium matter is being converted either way.

#### Reversible reactions

Reversible reactions make products which themselves react to give back the products. These reactions never stop because once some product is made, it can regenerate the reactants from which it came.

e. g. acid reacts with alcohol to make ester and water, but ester reacts with water to make acid and alcohol.

To show a system, like this the equilibrium sign  $\rightleftharpoons$  is used



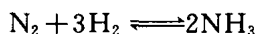
Look at the way concentration and rate change with time here.

After time  $t$ , products are being made at exactly the same rate as they are reacting to make reactants. Because the two opposite rates are exactly equal, there is no external change and the system is said to be in dynamic equilibrium.

### The equilibrium law

The equilibrium law states that for any systems in equilibrium, there is a numerical relationship between the concentrations of the products, raised to the power of their stoichiometric numbers, and the concentrations of the reactants, raised to the powers of their stoichiometric numbers. This relationship is called the equilibrium constant,  $K_c$  (when trying to explain this in an answer you must give an example like this).

e. g. for the system



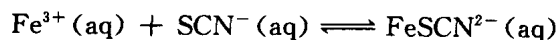
The equilibrium law states that:

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3}$$

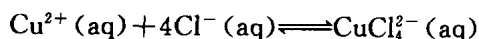
Square brackets, [ ], mean concentration of whatever is inside them.

### The equilibrium constant, $K_c$ , for homogeneous liquid systems

Many equilibrium systems are made up of ions in solution. They are all in the same liquid phase. Here  $K_c$  is written in terms of concentration. For example:



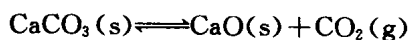
$$K_c = \frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2-}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^{-}]}$$



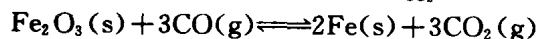
$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CuCl}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]^4}$$

### The equilibrium constant for heterogeneous systems

Many systems contain more than one phase and so are heterogeneous. If one of the phase is a pure solid or liquid, then although the amount of the solid or liquid may change, its concentration will not. In these cases it is usual to write an equilibrium law expression that does not contain the pure solid or liquid phase's concentration (which is actually included in the modified equilibrium constant). These examples show this point:



$$K_c = [\text{CO}_2] \text{ and } K_p = p_{\text{CO}_2}$$



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CO}_2]^3}{[\text{CO}]^3} \text{ and } K_p = \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}^3}{p_{\text{CO}}^3}$$

### The equilibrium constant, $K_p$ , for homogeneous gaseous systems

For gases it is usually more convenient to measure the pressure of the gas than its concentration. In a mixture of gases the gas is causing only part of the pressure, so the idea of partial pressure is used.

**The partial pressure of a gas in a mixture is the pressure that the gas would exert, if it alone occupied the space containing the mixture.**

The partial caused by a gas is proportional to the number of particles of the gas, so we can write:

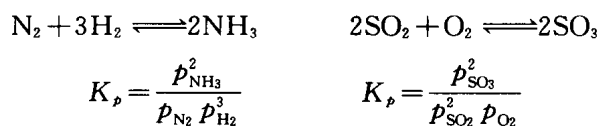
$$\frac{\text{partial pressure of the gas, } p_g}{\text{total pressure of the gas mixture, } p_T} = \frac{\text{number of particles of the gas, } n_g}{\text{total number of particles in the mixture, } n_T}$$

which can be rearranged to give  $p_g = n_g/n_T \times p_T$

$n_g/n_T$  is the mole fraction of the gas.

So the partial pressure of a gas equals the mole fraction of that gas multiplied by the total pressure.

Using partial pressures, a form of the equilibrium law can be written in terms of a different equilibrium constant  $K_p$ . For example:



### The equilibrium constant

#### The size of the equilibrium constant

The value of size of  $K_c$  tell us whether there are more reactants or products in the systems at equilibrium. So

If  $K_c$  is  $>10^2$ , there will be far more products than reactants

If  $K_c$  is  $<10^{-2}$ , there will be far more reactants than products

If  $K_c$  is between  $10^{-2}$  and  $10^2$ , both reactants and products will be in the system in noticeable amounts.

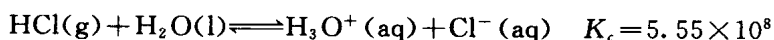
#### The equilibrium position

The position of an equilibrium system is a term used to describe qualitatively what the equilibrium constant does quantitatively. It gives an indication of whether the reactants or products are more plentiful in the system. Remember, reactants are written on the left, products on the right in an equation, so:

if the position lied to the left then the reactants dominate:

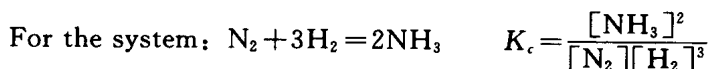


if the position lied to the right the reactants dominate:



#### The units of the equilibrium constant

Equilibrium constants for different systems can have different units. Just remembers that the units of concentration are  $\text{mol dL}^{-1}$  and that the units on each side of the equation must balance, so:



So the units of  $K_c$  will be  $\frac{\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \times \text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \times \text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}}$

### New Words

equilibrium [i:kwi'libriəm] *n.* 平衡

dynamic [dai'næmik] *a.* 动力的, 动态的

converted [kən'və:tɪd] *a.* 改装的

regenerate [ri'dʒenərit] *a.* 再生的; *n.* 再生; *v.* 再生

ester ['estə] *n.* 酯

### Expressions and Technical Terms

chemical equilibrium 化学平衡

chromate ions and dichromate ions 铬酸根离子和重铬酸根离子

radioactive isotope 放射性同位素

reversible reaction 可逆反应

homogeneous gaseous system 均相气体系统

dynamic equilibrium 动态平衡

stoichiometric number 化学计量数

equilibrium constant 平衡常数



## Lesson Two The Anatomy of a Chemical Manufacturing Process

The basic components of a typical chemical process are shown in Fig. 1, in which each block represents a stage in the overall process for producing a product from the raw materials. Fig. 1 represents a generalized process; not all the stages will be needed for any particular process, and the complexity of each stage will depend on the nature of the process. Chemical engineering design is concerned with the selection and arrangement of the stages, and the selection, specification and design of the equipment required to perform the stage functions.

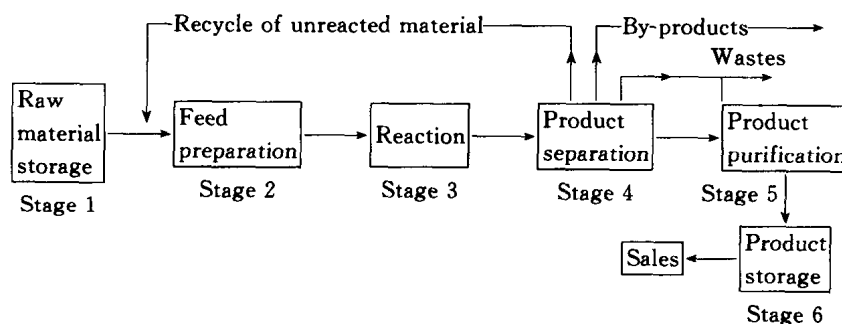


Fig. 1 Anatomy of a chemical process

### Stage 1. Raw material storage

Unless the raw materials (also called essential materials, or feedstocks) are supplied as intermediate products (intermediates) from a neighboring plant, some provision will have to be made to hold several days, or weeks storage to smooth out fluctuations and interruptions in supply. Even when the materials come from an adjacent plant, some provision is usually made to hold a few hours, or even a few days, supply to decouple the processes. The storage required will depend on the nature of the raw materials, the method of delivery, and what assurance can be placed on the continuity of supply. If materials are delivered by ship (tanker or bulk carrier), several weeks stocks may be necessary; whereas if they are received by road or rail, in smaller lots, less storage will be needed.

### Stage 2. Feed preparation

Some purification, and preparation, of the raw materials will usually be necessary before they are sufficiently pure, or in the right form, to be fed to the reaction stage. For example, acetylene generated by the carbide process contains arsenical and sulphur compounds, and other impurities, which must be removed by scrubbing with concentrated sulphuric acid (or other processes) before it is sufficiently pure for reaction with hydrochloric acid to produce dichloroethane. Liquid feeds will need to be vaporized before being fed to gas-phase reactors, and solids may need crushing, grinding and screening.