



Sequence 5: chemical kinetics



Fiches de synthèse mobilisées (collection en français) :

- Fiche 5 : cinétique chimique



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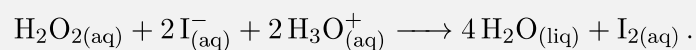
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ACTIVITY 1: Following a reaction using Python

Objective: analyzing a lab experiment in order to acquire vocabulary and determine a half-life

DOCUMENT 1: The reaction

In this activity we study the titration of a hydrogen peroxide solution using iodine ions at pH<7. The iodine ions are in large excess compared to hydrogen peroxide. Hydronium ions, H_3O^+ , are also in large excess.



**DOCUMENT 2: The concentrations**

Here are the concentrations obtained over time:

t (min)	$[I_2]$ ($\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)	$[H_2O_2]$ ($\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)
0	0,0	$9,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
1	$2,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
2	$4,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5,4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3	$5,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4,0 \cdot 10^{-3}$
4	$6,7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,8 \cdot 10^{-3}$
5	$7,6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,9 \cdot 10^{-3}$
6	$8,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
7	$8,7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7,6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
8	$9,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4,3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
9	$9,2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,9 \cdot 10^{-4}$
10	$9,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
11	$9,4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
12	$9,45 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$
13	$9,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$

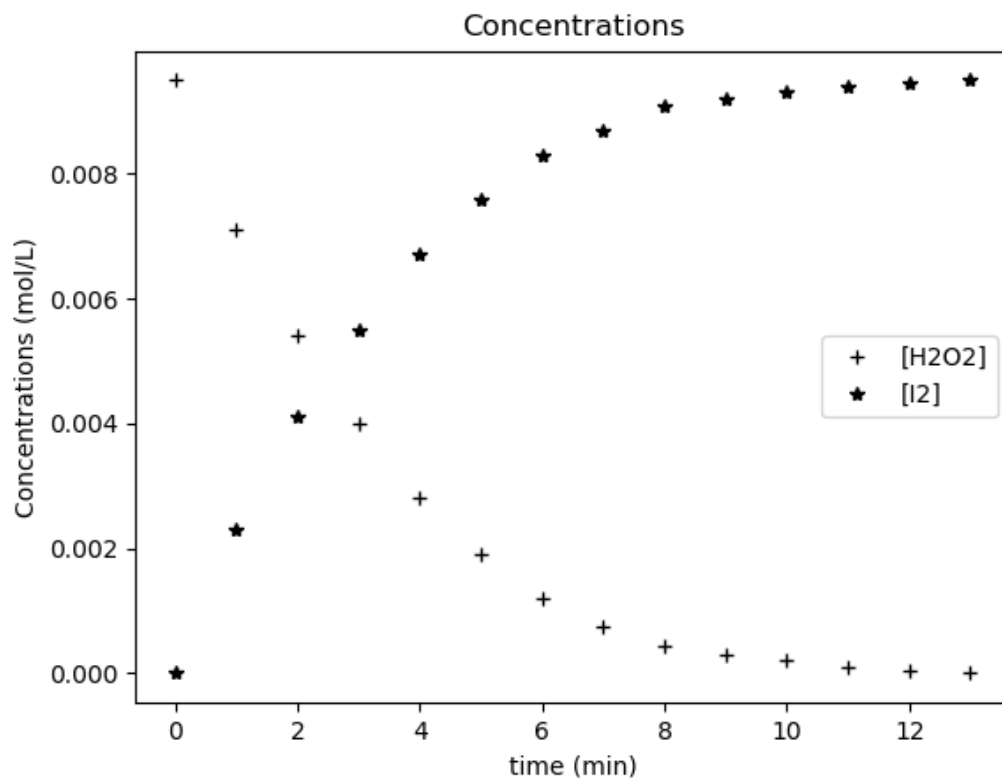


DOCUMENT 3: The results

One can plot these results using Python:

```
t = [i for i in range(14)]#min
I2 =
[0,2.3E-3,4.1E-3,5.5E-3,6.7E-3,7.6E-3,8.3E-3,8.7E-3,9.1E-3,9.2E-3,9
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E-4,2.0E-4,1.0E-4,5.0E-5,2.0E-5]
```

```
plt.figure(1)
plt.plot(t,H2O2,'k+',label="[H2O2]")
plt.plot(t,I2,'k*',label="[I2]")
plt.title ("Concentrations")
plt.xlabel("time (min)")
plt.ylabel("Concentrations (mol/L)")
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("Concentrations")
plt.show()
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**DOCUMENT 4: First order kinetics half-life**

In first order reactions, the concentration of the reactant will decrease exponentially

$$[A] = [A]_0 \exp(-kt)$$

as time progresses until it reaches zero, and the half-life will be constant, independent of concentration.

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$$[A]_0/2 = [A]_0 \exp(-kt_{1/2})$$

It can be solved for

$$kt_{1/2} = -\ln\left(\frac{[A]_0/2}{[A]_0}\right) = -\ln\frac{1}{2} = \ln 2$$

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$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

The half-life of a first order reaction is independent of its initial concentration and depends solely on the reaction rate constant, k .

Source: wikipedia

■ Analyzing and acquiring vocabulary:

In your opinion and using document 3, which is the reactant, which is the product?

Are your answers on accordance with document 1?

Using document 4, give an estimation of the reaction half-life:

ACTIVITY 2: Obtaining an integrated rate law

Objective: to obtain an integrated rate law

DOCUMENT 1: A integrated rate law

The integrated rate law for a first-order reaction is:

$$\ln [A] = -kt + \ln [A]_0,$$

Where $[A]_0$ is the initial concentration at zero time and [A] is the concentration of A at time t . The first-order rate law is confirmed if $\ln[A]$ is in fact a linear function of time. In this case the rate constant k is equal to the slope with sign reversed.

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ACTIVITY 3: Determining a reaction order

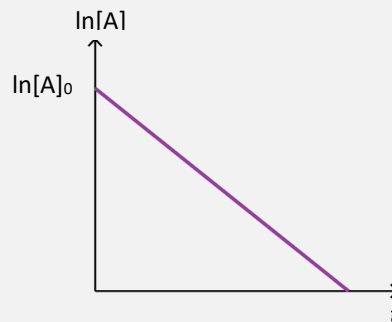
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DOCUMENT 1: Using the integrated rate law

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Source: wikipedia, collection SPCL PCM terminale

DOCUMENT 2: searching for the reaction order using Python

We decide to test the validity of a first order reaction using Python, therefore we type:

```
from os import chdir
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #

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H2O2 =
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lnH2O2 = np.log(H2O2/H2O2[0])

#model
k,b = np.polyfit(t,lnH2O2,1)
lnH2O2_mod = [k*tps+b for tps in t]

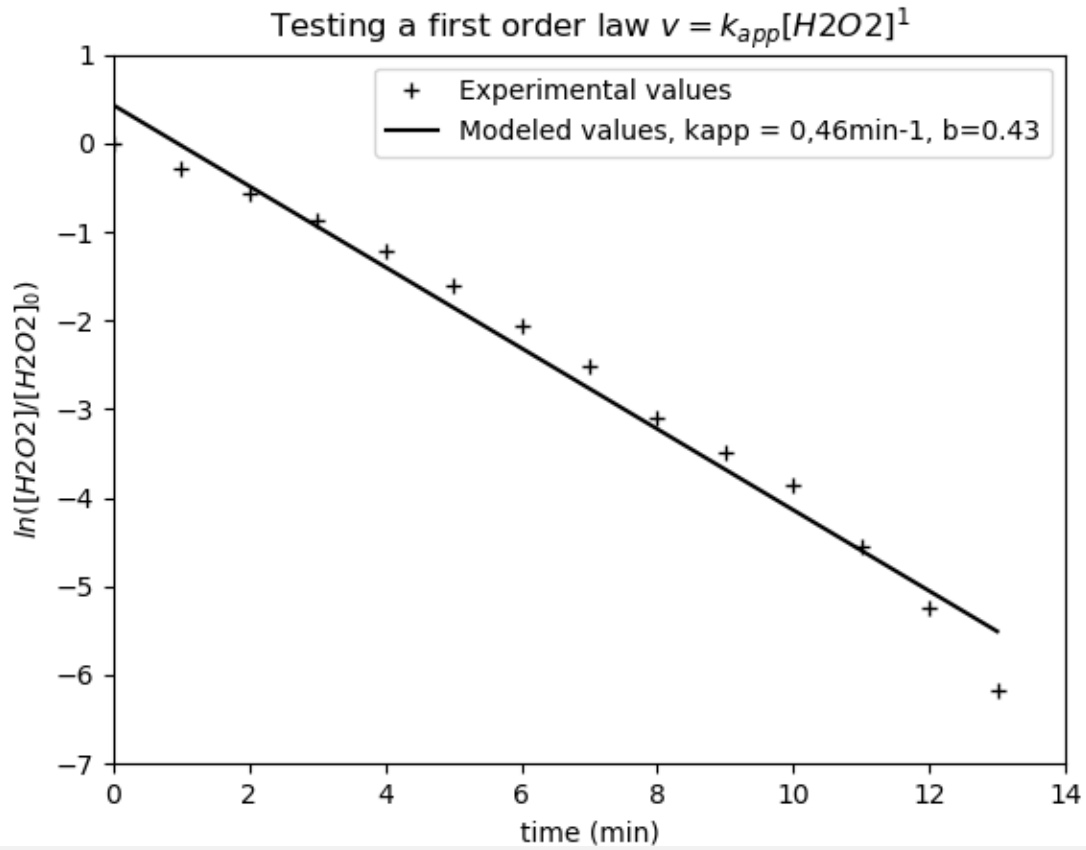
plt.figure(2)
plt.plot(t,lnH2O2,'k+',label='Experimental values')
plt.plot(t,lnH2O2_mod,'k-',label='Modeled values, kapp = 0,46min-1,
b=0.43')

plt.title ("Testing a first order law $v = k_{app}[H2O2]^1$")
plt.xlabel("time (min)")
plt.ylabel("$\ln([H2O2]/[H2O2]_0)$")
plt.xlim(0,14)
plt.ylim(-7,1)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("Kinetics-order1")
plt.show()
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DOCUMENT 3: results

The previous code gives:



■ **Analyzing:**

Using all documents, document 3 in particular, explain whether a first order was a good hypothesis.

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■ Analyzing:

Using document 4, give an estimation of the reaction half-life:



ACTIVITY 4: Where have all the honeybees gone?

DOCUMENT 1: The case of the vanishing honeybees



Sources : <http://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-case-of-the-vanishing-honeybees-emma-bryce>

According to the Emma Bryce investigation about honeybees, answer the following questions:

1. Which trivial detail enables to understand why honeybees are vanishing?
2. What are the four elements you can find on the crime scene?

1	2	3	4

3. What are the enigmatic names given by beekeepers for occasional bee disappearance?
4. What are the roles of the bees and why is their disappearance a calamity?
5. What are the three reasons that could explain massive bee disappearance?

Exhibits	A	B	C
Names			
Explanations			



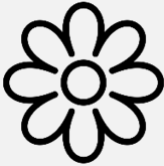




ACTIVITY 5: Pheromones and kinetic monitoring

Within a single hive, thousands of individuals can live in a seamless organization. Honeybees have developed many communication ways:

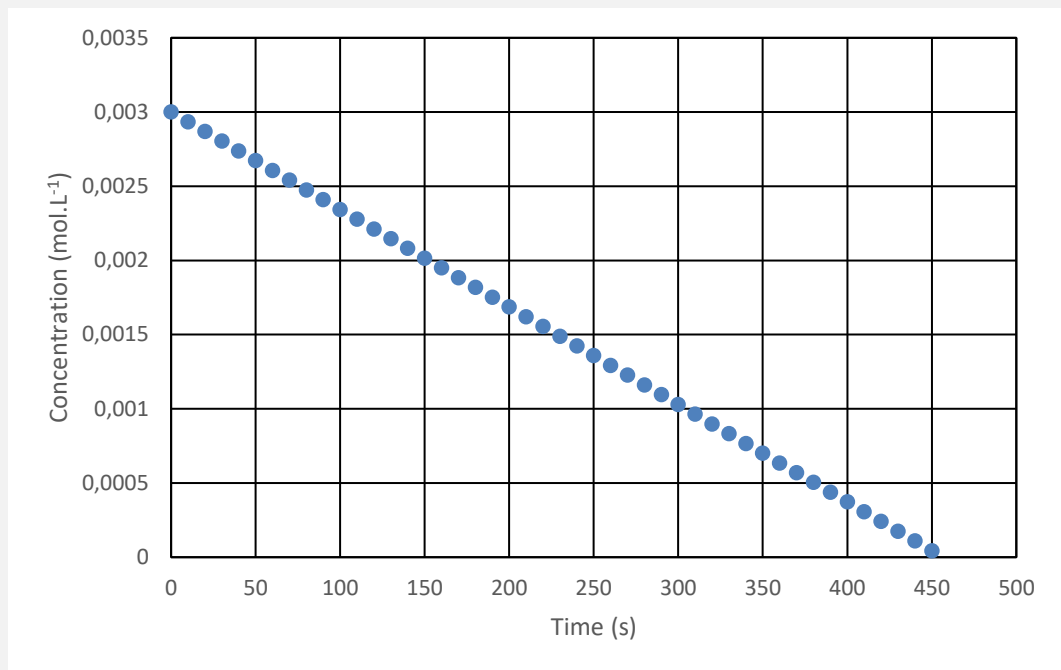
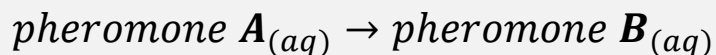
- chemical communication (through pheromones);
- physical communication (through antennal contact);
- symbolic communication (through dance);

We are interested in the structure of pheromones used by bees to search for food, to locate, to defend themselves or to reproduce.

DOCUMENT 1: Pheromones, roles and structure					
Pheromones	trans-9-oxodec-2-enoïc acid (A)	trans-9-hydroxydec-2-enoïc acid (B)	Ethyl cis-octadec-9-enoate	Heptan-2-one	3-methylbutyl ethanoate
Structures					
Secreting bees	Queen	Queen	Queen	Workers	Workers
Signal	Cohesion of the hive, and command to the workers	Queen fertilization	Foraging and rearing behaviour of young bees	Warning	Danger, attack to defend the colony
Symbol					

**DOCUMENT 2: Kinetic monitoring of a pheromone transformation**

We focus on the rate of biochemical transformation of pheromone **A** to pheromone **B** in the presence of the oxydaze enzyme.



1. Draw the structure of the pheromones in skeletal formula.
2. Which reaction's conditions could be used to transform pheromone **A** to pheromone **B**?
3. Write the volume rate of the reduction reaction of pheromone **A** to pheromone **B**.
4. Using document 2, deduce the order of the reduction reaction.
5. Write the rate law for this reaction.
6. Give the expression of the evolution of the concentration of pheromone **A**: $[A]$ as a function of time.
7. Determine the value of the rate constant k of this reaction and indicate its unit.
8. Give the definition of $t_{1/2}$ the half-reaction time.
9. Graphically and by calculation, determine $t_{1/2}$ the half-reaction time.
10. Without the oxydaze enzyme the half-reaction time $t_{1/2}$ is near 90 hours. What is the role of the enzyme?
11. Why is the study of this reaction potentially interesting to save honeybees?



Activity summary

What you must remember:

- **rate law**
- **half-life**
- **integrated rate law**

Skills linked to the curriculum:

Compétences	Capacités à maîtriser	Où dans cette séquence ?
APP	Utiliser du vocabulaire spécifique	Activités 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Lire et comprendre des documents scientifiques	Activités 1, 2, 3, 4 et 5
ANA	Mettre en lien des documents pour émettre des hypothèses en réponse à une question scientifique	Activités 1, 3, 5
COM	S'exprimer à l'écrit en utilisant le vocabulaire adapté	Activités 1, 2, 3 et 5
REA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Etablir la loi d'évolution de la concentration d'une espèce en fonction du temps pour une réaction d'ordre 0 ou d'ordre 1.	Activité 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Déterminer l'ordre d'une réaction et la constante de vitesse en exploitant des données issues d'un suivi cinétique.	Activité 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Déterminer le temps de demi-réaction.	Activités 1 et 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacités numériques : exploiter un suivi cinétique pour déterminer l'ordre de réaction.	Activité 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effectuer des conversions d'unité	Activité 5