

Finding the Rate Law with Initial Rates

Consider the reaction $2 \text{NO} + 2 \text{H}_2 \longrightarrow \text{N}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Rate = $k[\text{NO}]^m[\text{H}_2]^n$ A complete rate law needs the values of k , m , and n .

Rate data at 350K

| exp | [NO] /M | [H ₂] /M | initial rate /Ms ⁻¹ |
|-----|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 1.23×10^{-3} |
| 2 | 0.10 | 0.20 | 2.46×10^{-3} |
| 3 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 4.92×10^{-3} |