

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

### 12: Chemical Kinetics II

#### *Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics*

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In the previous chapter, we discussed the rates of chemical reactions. In this chapter, we will expand on the concepts of chemical reaction rates by exploring what the rate law implies about the mechanistic pathways that reactions actually follow to proceed from reactants to products. Typically, one determines a rate law that describes a chemical reaction, and then suggests a mechanism that can be (or might not be!) consistent with the observed kinetics. This chapter will be concerned with reconciling reaction mechanisms with predicted rate laws.

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