

Adsorption

(1)

Rate of physisorption increases with

- a) decrease in temperature
- b) increase in temperature
- c) decrease in pressure
- d) decrease in surface area

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During the adsorption of a gas on the surface of a solid, which of the following is true?

- a) $\Delta G < 0$, $\Delta H > 0$, $\Delta S < 0$
- b) $\Delta G > 0$, $\Delta H < 0$, $\Delta S < 0$
- c) $\Delta G < 0$, $\Delta H < 0$, $\Delta S < 0$
- d) $\Delta G < 0$, $\Delta H < 0$, $\Delta S > 0$

Ans: (c) Adsorption is exothermic $\therefore \Delta H = -ve$
freedom of movement of particles become restricted $\therefore \Delta S = -ve$

Since the process of adsorption is spontaneous, $\Delta G = -ve$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$= -\Delta H - T(-\Delta S)$$

$$= -\Delta H + T\Delta S$$

$$\boxed{\Delta H > T\Delta S}$$

Spontaneous

(2) Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding physisorption? [AIEEE 2009]

- a) It occurs because of Van der Waals forces
- b) More easily liquifiable gases are adsorbed readily.
- c) Under high pressure it results into multilayer on adsorbent surface.
- d) Enthalpy of adsorption is low & positive.

(4) A plot of $\log \frac{x}{m}$ vs $\log P$ for the adsorption of a gas on a solid gives a straight line with slope equal to

- a) n
- b) $\frac{1}{n}$
- c) $\log k$
- d) $-\log k$

$$\frac{x}{m} \propto P^n$$

$$\frac{x}{m} = k P^n$$

$$\log \frac{x}{m} = \log k + \frac{1}{n} \log P$$



