Question #61118 – Chemistry – Physical Chemistry

Question:

State the assumptions made by Langmuir to obtain the absorption isotherm.

Answer:

Assumptions of Langmuir Isotherm

Langmuir proposed his theory by making following assumptions.

1. Fixed number of vacant or adsorption sites are available on the surface of solid.
2. All the vacant sites are of equal size and shape on the surface of adsorbent.
3. Each site can hold maximum of one gaseous molecule and a constant amount of heat energy is released during this process.
4. Dynamic equilibrium exists between adsorbed gaseous molecules and the free gaseous molecules.

$$A(g) + B(S) \underset{\text{desorption}}{\overset{\text{Adsorption}}{\rightleftharpoons}} AB$$

Where A (g) is unadsorbed gaseous molecule, B(s) is unoccupied metal surface and AB is Adsorbed gaseous molecule.

5. Adsorption is monolayer or unilayer.