

# GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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pioneer in chemical kinetics; studied decomposition of hydrohalic acids and their formation from  $H_2 + X_2$ ; first to postulate a chain reaction mechanism and that explosions are branched chain reactions; first to elucidate kinetics and mechanisms of heterogeneous reactions, esp. Pt-catalyzed oxidation of  $SO_2$  to  $SO_3$ ,  $CO$  to  $CO_2$ , and  $NH_3$  to nitrogen oxides; studied catalysis in flowing systems and discovered diffusion controlled catalytic reactions; established the importance of termolecular collisions in kinetics; studied photochemical reactions.

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