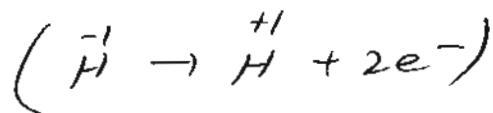
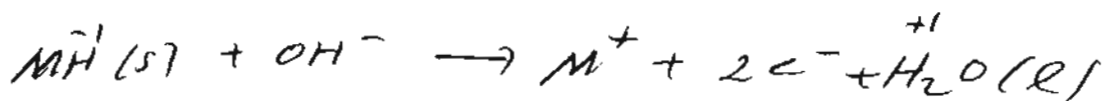


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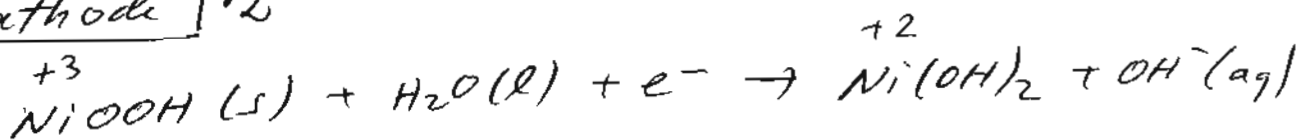
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Anode



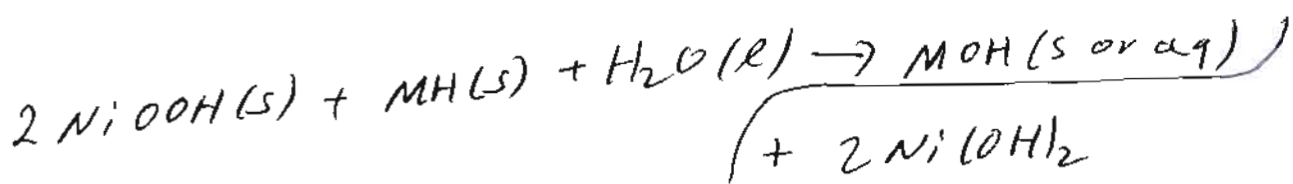
$$E^\circ = 0.83 \text{ V}$$

Cathode |  $\cdot 2$



$$E^\circ = 0.52 \text{ V}$$

overall = Anode + Cathode  $\cdot 2$



$$E^\circ = 1.35 \text{ V}$$

~~Actually course #2 was planned~~ (15) - 1  
shifted to (16)

Switch from Electrochemistry to Kinetics

= Study of rates = speeds and mechanisms of chemical reaction

obj: Introduction, reaction rates, rate laws

Thermodynamics: Gibbs or Helmholtz energies

for equilibrium constants:

→ direction of a reaction

→ concentrations in equilibrium

nothing about the time scale for a reaction

reactants → products  $\hat{=}$  concentration changes

example reactant A → product B

[A] decreases (reactant), [B] increases (product)

reaction rate: concentration change with time

important: reaction rate and dependence on system

parameters like T, concentrations, and P

→ information about mechanism

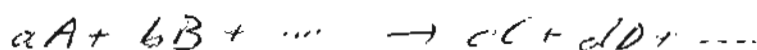
needed: methods to measure and analyze reaction dynamics

also theory for mechanisms & Physics involved

mechanism: sequence of elementary one-step reactions leading from reactants to products

Reaction rates

general chemical reaction:



A, B, C, D, ... chemical molecules = species

no. of moles of any species  $i$  at any point in time:

$$n_i = n_i^0 + \nu_i \xi$$

$n_i$ : number of moles of  $i$  at any time

$n_i^0$ : initial number of moles

$\nu_i$ : stoichiometric coefficient of  $i$  in equation  
(reactants:  $\nu_i < 0$ , products:  $\nu_i > 0$ )

$\xi$ : extent of reaction

start of reaction  $\xi = 0$ , completion of reaction:  $\xi = 1$

differentiation  $\rightarrow \frac{dn_i}{dt} = \nu_i \frac{d\xi}{dt}$ ,  $\frac{dn_i^0}{dt} = 0$

reaction rate Rate: Rate  $R = \frac{d\xi}{dt}$  R for "Rate"

$$\rightarrow \text{rate } R_{\text{rate}} = \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt}$$

example:  $4\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{g})$

$$R_{\text{Rate}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{dn_{\text{NO}_2}}{dt} = -\frac{dn_{\text{O}_2}}{dt} = +\frac{1}{2} \frac{dn_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}}{dt}$$

no. of reactant moles decreases in time

$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{|\nu_i|}$  for reactants  $\Rightarrow$  all Rates are positive

can be defined with respect to reactants and products:

4 mol  $\text{NO}_2$  react with 1 mol  $\text{O}_2$  to form 2 mole  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$

$\Rightarrow$  rate of conversion is 4x rate of  $\text{O}_2$  conversion

conversion rates are different, but because of  $\frac{1}{\nu_i}$  the reaction rates are all equal

rates change if all stoichiometric coefficients in a reaction equation are multiplied (all) by the same factor

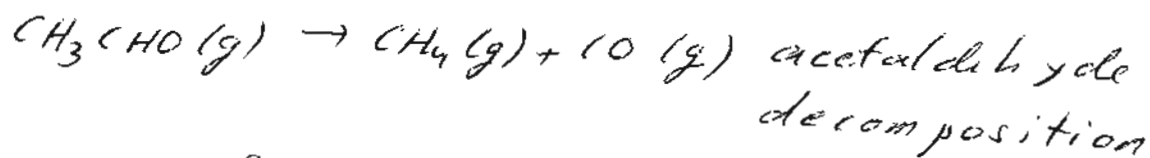
$\Rightarrow$  it is important to use 1 specified set of coefficients for a balanced reaction in the complete kinetic study

(depends on amounts)

by division by an extensive quantity such as the volume  $V$  of the reaction mixture, it becomes intensive:  $R$

$$R = \frac{1}{V} \cdot \text{Rate} = \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{\nu_i} \frac{dc_i}{dt}$$

$c_i = [i]$  molarity of  $i$ , also for gases



$$n_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}} = n_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}^0 - \xi$$

ideal gas law:

$$P_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}} = \frac{n_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}}{V} RT = [\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}] \cdot RT$$

$$R = \frac{1}{V} \text{Rate} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dn_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}}{dt} = - \frac{1}{V_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}} \frac{d[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}]}{dt}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{RT} \frac{dP_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}} \frac{dP_{\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}}}{dt}$$

Rate laws

$\rightarrow \cong$

In general a rate will depend on  $T$ ,  $P$ , concentrations, and on the phase (l, g, s) in which a reaction occurs

homogeneous: reaction in 1 phase.

heterogeneous: " " more than 1 phase (surface reactions)

for those reactions in most cases an empirical relation between rate and reactant concentrations can be written

this relation is a rate law:

$$R = k[A]^{\alpha}[B]^{\beta}$$

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one term for each reactant

$\alpha$ : order of the reaction with respect to A

overall order: sum of all orders:  $\alpha + \beta + \dots$

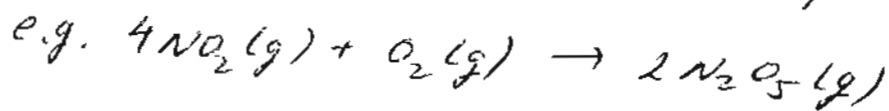
k: rate constant of the reaction

general  $k = k(P, T)$  but depends not on concentrations

an order can be an integer, a fraction, also negative

NO relation between orders and stoichiometric coefficients exists.

orders must be measured in experiments



experimental rate law:  $R = k[NO_2]^2[O_2]$

2. order with respect to  $NO_2$ , 1. order with respect to  $O_2$ , 3. order overall

rate constant = proportionality factor between concentrations and rate

unit of reaction rate R: always  $M/s$

unit of k changes with change in order

$$R = k \text{ zero order } [k] = M/s = [R]$$

$$R = k[A] \text{ 1. order in A } [k] = s^{-1}$$

$$R = k[A]^2 \text{ 2. order in A } [k] = \frac{1}{Ms}$$

$$R = k[A]^n \text{ nth order in A } [k] = \frac{1}{M^{n-1}s}$$

$$R = k[A][B] \text{ 1. order in A and also in B } [k] = \frac{1}{Ms}$$

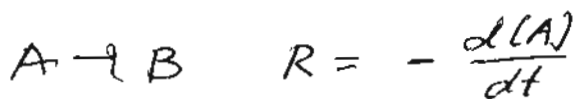
(2. order overall)

$$R = k[A][B][C] \text{ 1. order in A and also in B and C}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{3. order overall } [k] = \frac{1}{M^2s} \quad 1M = 1 \frac{\text{mol}}{L}$$

$$R = k[A]^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \frac{M}{s} = [k] \cdot M^3 \Rightarrow [k] = \frac{1}{M^2 s}$$



$$R = k[A]^n$$

~~$[k] = \frac{1}{M^2 s}$~~

at some  $T, P$ : the reaction is 1 order in A and 1 order overall

while experimentally it is found that  $k = 40 s^{-1}$

$$\rightarrow R = k[A] = (40 s^{-1})[A]$$

transparency (A) as measured at different times

$\frac{d[A]}{dt}$  = slope of a tangent at the concentration curve at different times

$\Rightarrow R$  depends on time

Plot of tangents at  $t=0$  and  $t=30ms$ :

~~$[A]_0 = 1M$~~

$$R_{t=0} = - \frac{d[A]}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = 40 \cancel{M} s^{-1} [A]_{t=0} = 40 s^{-1} \cdot 1M$$

results:  ~~$R_{t=0}$~~   $R_{t=0} = - \frac{d[A]}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = 40 M/s$

$$R_{t=30ms} = - \frac{d[A]}{dt} \Big|_{t=30ms} = 12 M/s$$

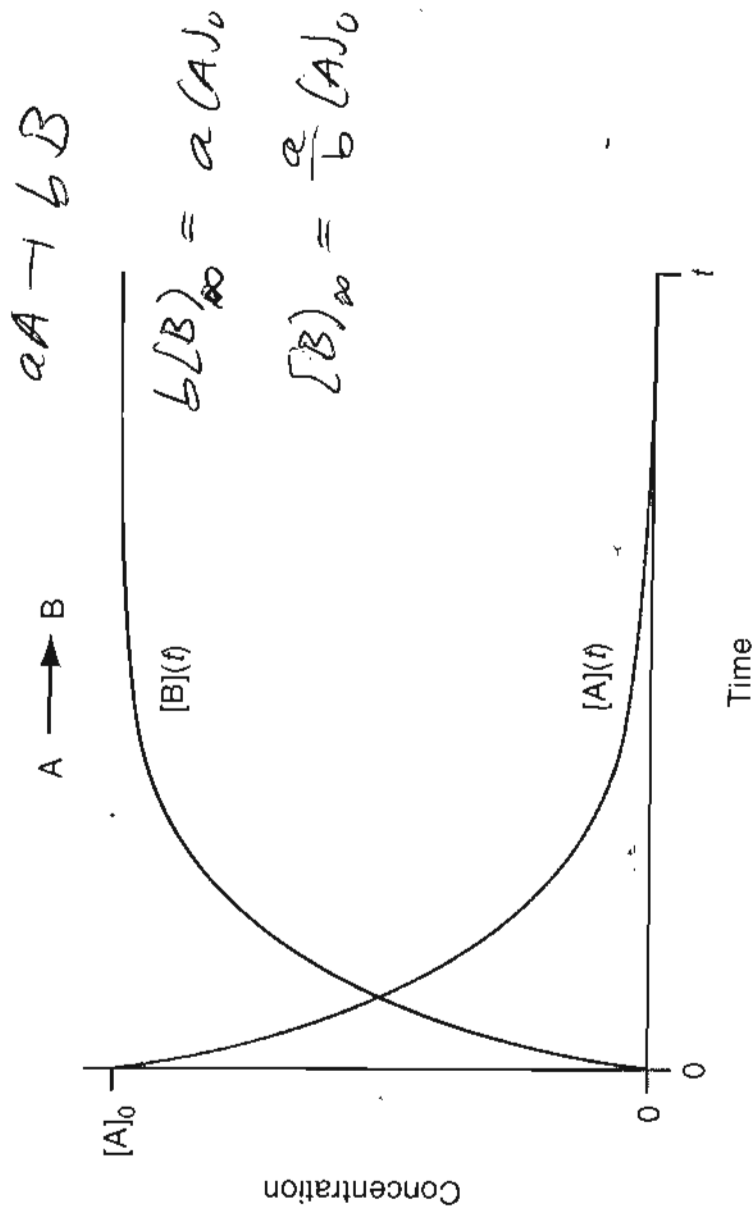
$\rightarrow$  rate decreases with time

from change of [A] with time and rate law equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } t=0: [A]_{t=0} = 1M &\Rightarrow R_{t=0} = 40 s^{-1} [A]_0 = 40 s^{-1} \cdot 1M \\ &= 40 \frac{M}{s} \end{aligned}$$

## 35.1

Concentration as a function of time for the conversion of reactant A into product B. The concentration of A at  $t=0$  is  $[A]_0$ , and the concentration of B at  $t=0$  is 0. As the reaction proceeds, the concentration of A decreases and the concentration of B increases.



introduced in introductory chemistry: the conversion of reactant "A" into product "B." The figure illustrates that, as the reaction proceeds, a decrease in reactant concentration and a corresponding increase in product concentration are observed. One way to describe this process is to define the rate of concentration change with time, a quantity that is referred to as the reaction rate.

The central idea behind chemical kinetics is that by monitoring the rate at which chemical reactions occur and determining the dependence of this rate on system parameters such as temperature, concentration, and pressure, we can gain insight into the mechanism of the reaction. Experimental chemical kinetics includes the development of techniques that allow for the measurement and analysis of chemical reaction dynamics. In addition to experiments, theoretical work has been performed to understand reaction mechanisms and the underlying physics that govern the rates

found at 30 ms:  $[A]_{t=30\text{ms}}$   $\approx 0.3\text{M}$

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$$\rightarrow R_{t=30\text{ms}} = 40\text{s}^{-1} [A]_{t=30\text{ms}} = 40\text{s}^{-1} \cdot 0.3\text{M} = 12 \frac{\text{M}}{\text{s}}$$

convention define R at the beginning before large concentration changes = initial rate

initial rate in example before:  $R_{t=0}$

always rate of reaction = initial rate

However, the rate constant is independent of concentrations

$\Rightarrow$  if rate constant  $k$ , concentrations, orders of the reaction are all known

$\rightarrow$  reaction rate can be calculated at all times



**TABLE 35.1** Relationship between Rate Law, Order, and the Rate Constant  $k^*$ 

Rate Law	Order	Units of $k$
$R = k$	Zero	$M s^{-1}$
$R = k[A]$	First order with respect to A	$s^{-1}$
$R = k[A]^2$	First order overall	$M^{-1} s^{-1}$
	Second order with respect to A	
$R = k[A][B]$	Second order overall	$M^{-1} s^{-1}$
	First order with respect to A	
$R = k[A][B][C]$	First order with respect to B	$M^{-2} s^{-1}$
	Second order overall	
$R = k[A][B][C]$	First order with respect to A	$M^{-2} s^{-1}$
	First order with respect to B	
	First order with respect to C	
	Third order overall	

*units of k*  
*order n:*  
 $(k) = \frac{1}{M^{n-1} s}$

\*In the units of  $k$ ,  $M$  represents mol  $L^{-1}$  or moles per liter.

The rate of this reaction in terms of  $[A]$  is given by

$$R = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} \quad (35.12)$$

Furthermore, suppose experiments demonstrate that at a certain temperature and pressure the reaction is first order in A, first order overall, and  $k = 40 s^{-1}$  so that

$R = k[A] = (40 s^{-1})[A]$

with respect to B

with respect to C

overall

liter.

iven by

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} \quad (35.12)$$

ate that at a certain temperature and pressure  
all, and  $k = 40 \text{ s}^{-1}$  so that

$$(40 \text{ s}^{-1})[A]$$

reaction is equal to the negative of the time  
ar experiment in which  $[A]$  is measured as

The derivative in Equation (35.12) is sim-  
tration curve at a specific time. Therefore,  
t which the rate is determined. Figure 35.2  
time points,  $t = 0 \text{ ms}$  ( $1 \text{ ms} = 10^{-3} \text{ s}$ ) and  
is given by the negative of the slope of the  
h time, per Equation (35.12):

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = 40 \text{ M s}^{-1}$$

is

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = 12 \text{ M s}^{-1}$$

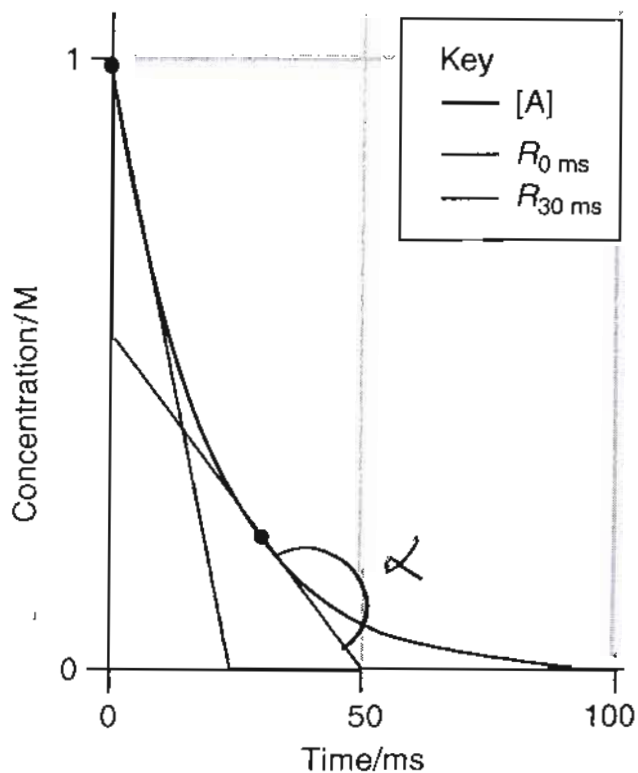
with time. This behavior is a direct conse-  
of time, as expected from the rate law of

$$40 \text{ s}^{-1}(1 \text{ M}) = 40 \text{ M s}^{-1}$$

f A has decreased to 0.3 M so that the rate is  
 $= 40 \text{ s}^{-1}(0.3 \text{ M}) = 12 \text{ M s}^{-1}$

ont an important issue in kinetics: how does  
s with time? One convention is to define the  
ve undergone any substantial change from  
ned under such conditions is known as the  
example is that determined at  $t = 0$ . In the

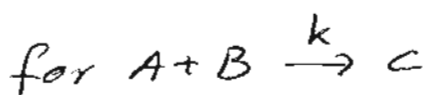
tangent to get  
 $\frac{d[A]}{dx} = \text{tangent slope}$



**FIGURE 35.2**

Measurement of the reaction rate. The  
concentration of reactant A as a function  
of time is presented. The rate  $R$  is equal to  
the slope of the tangent of this curve. This  
slope depends on the time at which the  
tangent is determined. The tangent deter-  
mined 30 ms into the reaction is presented  
as the blue line, and the tangent at  $t = 0$   
is presented as the purple line.

- Determination of reaction orders (17)-1  
- Mechanisms



the rate law is  $R = k[A]^\alpha[B]^\beta$

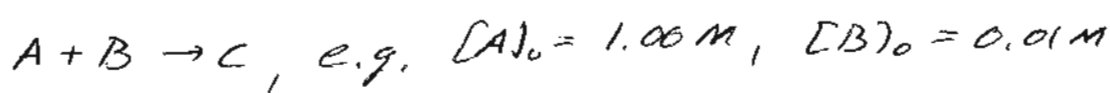
$\Rightarrow$  rate measurement for 1 set of concentrations is not enough, because then 1 equation, but 2 unknowns  $\alpha, \beta$

$\Rightarrow$  measurement of rates at different sets of concentrations  $[A], [B]$  needed

### 1. Isolation Method

all reactants in excess = with large concentrations  
only 1 reactant with a small concentration

$\rightarrow$  only the small reactant concentration will change much during reaction



$R = 0$  when all  $[B]_0$  has reacted

then  $[A]$  will be  $\approx 0.99 \text{ M}$  = only a small change

excess  $[A]$  will be practically const. in time

$\Rightarrow$  easier rate law:  $R = k'[B]^\beta$ ,  $k' = k[A]_0^\alpha$

$k' = \text{const}$ :  $k = \text{const}$ ,  $[A] = \text{const}$ . (changed very little)

order  $\beta$  for  $[B]$  can be obtained with different values for  $[B]_0$ ,

for  $\alpha$ :  $[B]$  large,  $[A]$  small

## 2. Initial Rates Method

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for 1 reactant  $[R]_0$  is changed, all other reactants  $[R']_0 = \text{const.}$

and initial rates are determined

e.g.  $[A]_0$  is changed,  $[B]_0 = \text{const.}$

then for 2 values of  $[A]_0$  with  $[B]_0 = \text{const.}$ :

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{k [A]_1^\alpha [B]_0^\beta}{k [A]_2^\alpha [B]_0^\beta} = \left( \frac{[A]_1}{[A]_2} \right)^\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \alpha \cdot \ln \left( \frac{[A]_1}{[A]_2} \right)$$

$[B]_0, k = \text{const.} \Rightarrow$  they cancel

for B: 2 initial rates at  $[A]_0 = \text{const.}$  at different  $[B]_1, [B]_2$

determine orders and rate constants for

	$[A]/M$	$[B]/M$	initial rate / $M/s$
(1)	$2.30 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.10 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.25 \cdot 10^{-4}$
(2)	$4.60 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.20 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.20 \cdot 10^{-3}$
(3)	$9.20 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.20 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.68 \cdot 10^{-2}$

$$[B]_2 = [B]_3 \Rightarrow \ln \frac{R_2}{R_3} = \alpha \cdot \ln \frac{[A]_2}{[A]_3}$$

$$\ln \frac{4.20 \cdot 10^{-3}}{1.68 \cdot 10^{-2}} = \alpha \cdot \ln \frac{4.60 \cdot 10^{-4}}{9.20 \cdot 10^{-4}} \quad | \quad -1.386 = \alpha (-0.693)$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha = 2 \text{ (round to next nearest integer)}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{k [A]_1^2 [B]_1^\beta}{k [A]_2^2 [B]_2^\beta} \quad \frac{5.25 \cdot 10^{-4}}{4.20 \cdot 10^{-3}} = \left( \frac{2.30 \cdot 10^{-4}}{4.60 \cdot 10^{-4}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{3.10 \cdot 10^{-5}}{6.20 \cdot 10^{-5}} \right)^\beta$$

$$\rightarrow 0.125 = 0.25 \cdot (0.50)^\beta$$

$$0.500 = (0.500)^\beta$$

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$$\ln 0.5 = \beta \cdot \ln 0.5 \rightarrow \beta = 1$$

2. order in A, 1. order in B, 3. order overall

k can be obtained for (1), (2), or (3), does not matter which one!

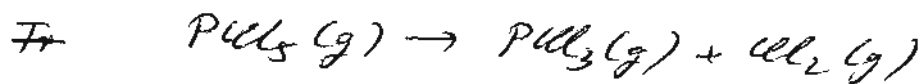
$$\text{e.g. (1): } R_1 = k[A]^2[B],$$

$$k = \frac{5.25 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ M/s}}{(2.30 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ M})^2 (3.10 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M})} = 3.20 \cdot 10^8 \frac{1}{\text{M}^2 \text{s}}$$

error in book, p. 915: not 3.17 but 3.20!

$$R = (3.20 \cdot 10^8 \frac{1}{\text{M}^2 \text{s}}) [A]^2 [B]$$

at different times  $t$ , stop the reaction in a sample of the reaction mixture by rapid cooling or by a reaction which removes <sup>one</sup> of the reactants usually not easy and can be used only for slow  $r$ .  
mostly: monitoring a physical property of the system with time, like  $P$  or  $V$  when the number of gas molecules changes:



because in reaction 1 mol gas  $\rightarrow$  2 mol gas

$\Rightarrow$   $P$  and  $V$  will increase as reaction proceeds

=  $P$  increase when container volume = const.

Spectroscopic methods can yield  $[ ] = f(t)$  directly

e.g. by electronic absorption (color change) with

the ~~L~~ Lambert-Beer law  $A \sim \epsilon l [ ]_{\text{abs}}$

$A = \text{absorbance: } A = \frac{I_0}{I}$ ,  $l$  light path,  $\epsilon = \text{const.}$

also NMR or IR or Raman Spectroscopy (17)-4  
can be used vibrational Spectr,

important for ps ( $10^{-12}$ s) or fs ( $10^{-15}$ s) reactions  
ms ( $10^{-3}$ s): stopped flow methods for solutions

transparency: stopped flow

reactants A and B mixed in reaction chamber  
detector used at different times for measurement  
use is limited by mixing times

flash photolysis for reactions which can be  
started by a light pulse

short light pulse  $\rightarrow$  reaction starts

pulses of  $\approx 10$  fs ( $10^{-14}$ s) duration possible

$3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  vibrations need  $\approx 10$  fs for a period

$\rightarrow$  femto second chemistry with 10 fs pulses

ultrafast processes are e.g.,

vision, photosynthesis, atmospheric processes,

charge carrier dynamics in semi conductors

now also for X-rays fs pulses possible

for photo initiated structure changes:

vibrational spectroscopy in 100 fs time scale

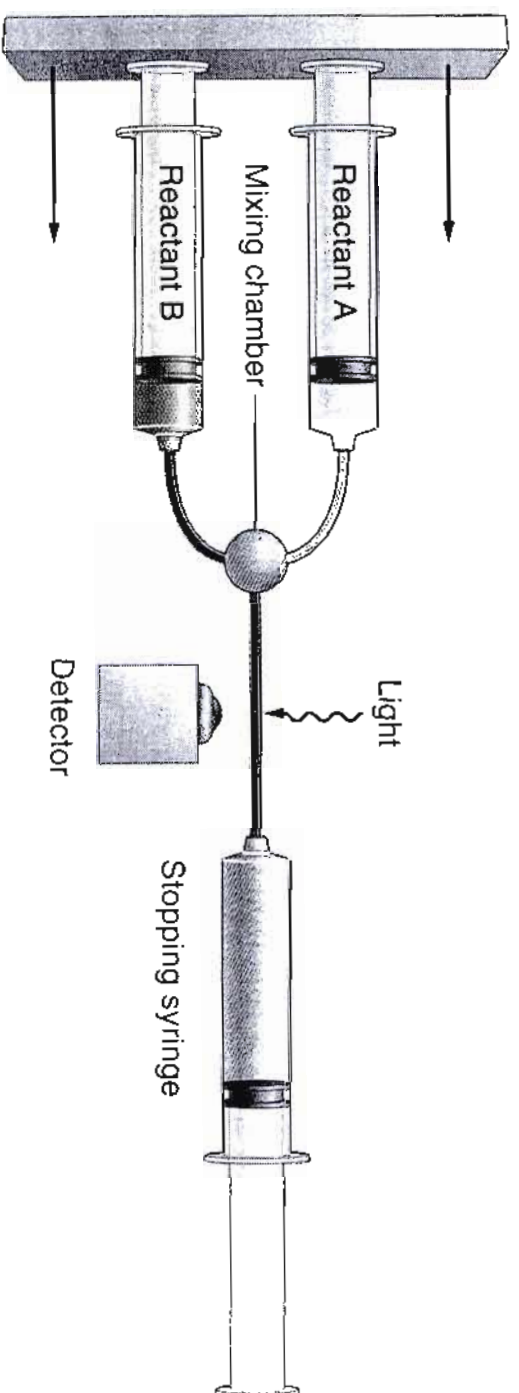
NMR useful for  $\mu\text{s}$  ( $10^{-6}$ s) time scales

Perturbation - Relaxation Methods

System in equilibrium is brought out of  
equilibrium by a P, T, or pH jump and then the  
relaxation to the new equilibrium is followed

syringes, and the reactants are mixed at the junction indicated in the figure. The reaction is monitored by observing the change in absorbance of the reaction mixture as a function of time. The temporal resolutions of stopped-flow techniques are generally limited by the time it takes for the reactants to mix.

Reactions that can be triggered by light are studied using **flash photolysis techniques**. In flash photolysis, the sample is exposed to a temporal pulse of light that initiates the reaction. Ultrafast light pulses as short as 10 femtoseconds ( $10\text{ fs} = 10^{-14}\text{ s}$ ) in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum are available such that reaction dynamics on this extremely short or ultrafast timescale can be studied. For reference, a  $3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  vibrational mode has a period of roughly 10 fs; therefore, using short optical pulses, reactions can be initiated on the same timescale as vibrational molecular motion, and this capability has opened up many exciting fields in chemical kinetics, referred to as **femtochemistry**. This capability has been used to determine the ultrafast chemical kinetics associated with vision, photosynthesis, atmospheric processes, and charge-carrier dynamics in semiconductors. Very recently, femtochemical techniques have been extended to the X-ray region of the spectrum, allowing for the direct interrogation of photoinitiated structural changes using time-resolved scattering techniques. Recent references to some of this work are included in the "For Further Reading" section at the end of this chapter



**FIGURE 35.3**

Schematic of a stopped-flow experiment. Two reactants are rapidly introduced into the mixing chamber by syringes. After mixing, the reaction kinetics are monitored by observing the change in sample concentration versus time, in this example by measuring the absorption of light as a function of time after mixing.

stoichiometric coefficients in reaction equations

≠ orders of the reaction

the balanced overall equations gives no information about the mechanism

mechanism: series of elementary reaction steps from reactants to products

a correct mechanism contains only elementary (1 step) reactions

the rate law and thus the orders depend strongly on the mechanism of a reaction

mechanism: series of elementary reaction steps

elementary: reactions which occur in 1 single step

molecularity of such a step: no. of molecules involved in the step

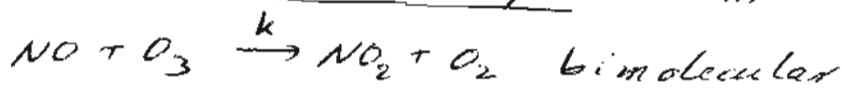
unimolecular reaction steps: only 1 molecule involved

e.g. decompositions of diatomic molecules are

mostly unimolecular:  $I_2 \xrightarrow{k} 2I$

but enthalpy changes in the reaction lead to heat transport by collisions with other molecules (Khap. 36, Sec. 3)

bimolecular reaction steps: 2 molecules involved



important rate law of such a step follows directly from its molecularity



unimolecular steps : 1. order reactions (17)-6

$$R = - \frac{d[I_2]}{dt} = k[I_2]$$

bimolecular steps : 2. order reactions

$$R = - \frac{d[NO]}{dt} = k[NO][O_3]$$

only for elementary (1 step) reactions

order of reaction = stoichiometric coefficients

but order = molecularity

only for elementary reactions

if order = molecularity then the reaction is not sure elementary (only can be)

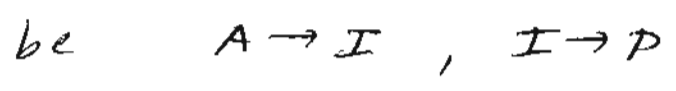
common problem to identify the correct mechanism among the proposed ones

the design of experiments which can decide between proposed mechanism can be very difficult

general : sometimes it is possible to rule out a mechanism as incorrect, but it is never possible to prove for sure that a mechanism is correct

$A \rightarrow P$  can be a simple 1. order reaction with just 1 elementary reaction step

or it can be that first A forms an intermediate I  
intermediates I cancel from overall reaction equation and they are no reactants and no products, but they are formed by a step and consumed in another one



check detection of  $I$  in the reaction mixture  
(e.g. by spectroscopy)

but if  $I \rightarrow P$  is very fast as compared to  $A \rightarrow I$ ,  
then  $[I]$  will be very small and it can be  
difficult to detect

When  $I \rightarrow P$  is very fast, then the overall  
kinetics are the same as for a onestep  
mechanism

usual procedure: the simplest mechanism that  
yields the correct ~~re~~ orders (experimental) is  
considered as correct,

until a clever chemist finds a way to prove  
the stepwise nature of a reaction

if orders of a reaction predicted by a mechanism  
= measured orders, then the mechanism can  
be correct

if the orders from mechanism  $\neq$  ords from experiment  
 $\Rightarrow$  mechanism is wrong!

# Integrated Rate Laws

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## 1. order

decay of reactant:  $A \xrightarrow{k} P$

if 1. order in A (many decay reactions, all radioactive decays), then rate  $R = k[A]$

k: rate constant, further:

$R = -\frac{d[A]}{dt}$  rate of consumption (-) since

A decay  $\Rightarrow \frac{d[A]}{dt} < 0$ ,  $R > 0$

both expressions for R are the same

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A] \quad (- \text{ to other side})$$

homogeneous first order differential equation  
(no term without [A] = homogeneous)

→ separation of variables:

all with [A] to the left, all with t (dt) to the right:

$$\frac{d[A]}{[A]} = -k dt \quad k = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \text{integration}$$

$$[A]_{t=0} = [A]_0, \quad [A]_t = [A]$$

$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} = - \int_0^t k dt = -k \int_0^t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln[A] - \ln[A]_0 = -k(t-0) = -kt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = -kt \Rightarrow [A] = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$$

when we start with only  $[A] = [A]_0$

then for each P formed, 1 A is consumed

$$\Rightarrow [A]_0 = [P] + [A], \quad [P] = [A]_0 - [A]$$

$$[P] = [A]_0 (1 - e^{-kt})$$

[A]: exponential decay with time

must be checked by experiment if 1. order is correct.

e.g. measure [A] at different times

then since  $\ln [A] = \ln [A]_0 - kt$

if 1. order decay is correct

and a plot of  $\ln [A]$  vs  $t$  must give a straight line if 1. order decay

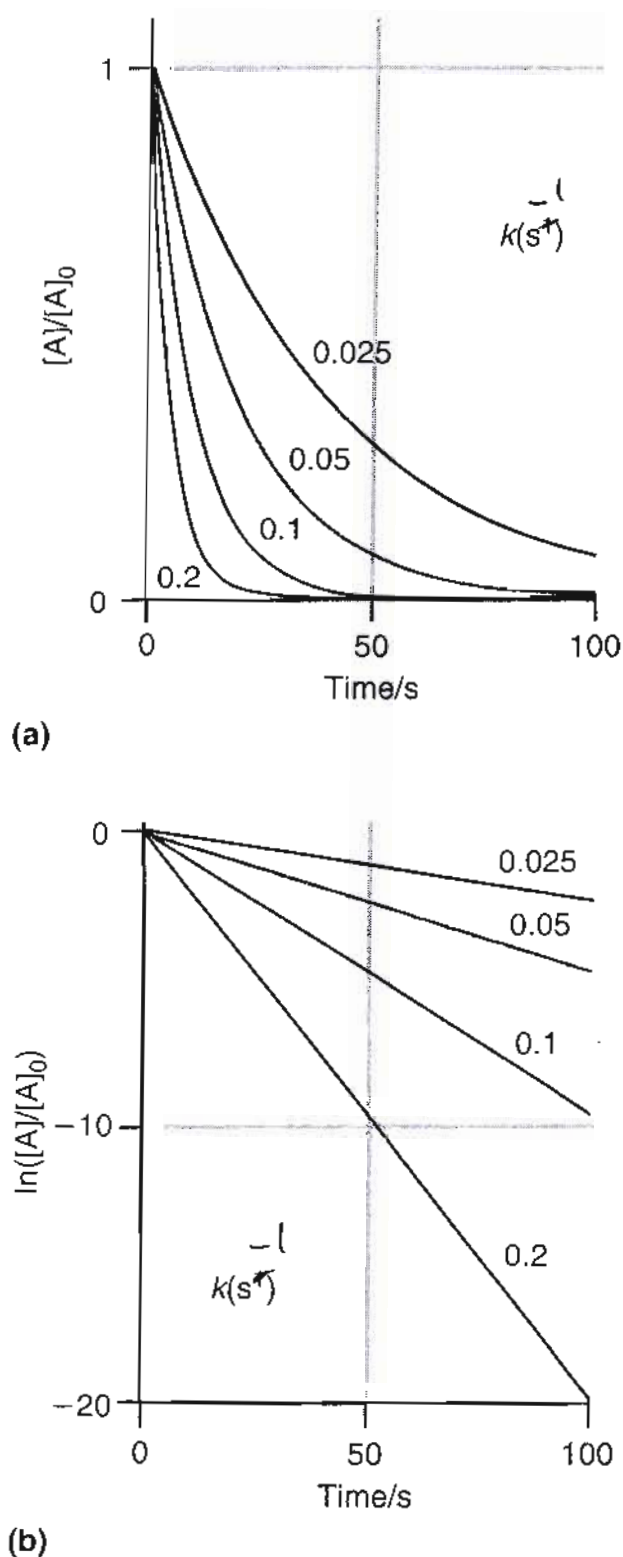
with slope =  $-k$ , intercept =  $\ln [A]_0$

Transparency  $\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}$  vs  $t$ ,  $\ln\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}\right)$  vs  $t$

$[A] = f(t)$  must be measured over the full time range of the reaction to be sure about 1. order decay

since sometimes it happens that at later times also the products P take part in the reaction

$$\ln [A] - \ln [A]_0 = \ln\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}\right) = -kt$$



**FIGURE 35.4**

Reactant concentration as a function of time for a first-order chemical reaction as given by Equation (35.27). (a) Plots of  $[A]$  as a function of time for various rate constants  $k$ . The rate constant of a given curve is provided in the figure. (b) The natural log of reactant concentration as a function of time for a first-order chemical

Equation (35.29) predicts that for a first-order reactant concentration versus time will be a straight line equal to the natural log of the initial concentration of the concentration dependences predicted by order reactions. It is important to note that the integrated rate law expression requires that the rate constant is accurately known over a wide range of reaction times indeed follows a certain order dependence.

### 35.5.2 Half-Life and First-Order Reaction

The time it takes for the reactant concentration to decrease to half its initial value is called the **half-life** of the reaction and is denoted by  $t_{1/2}$ . Substitution of the definition for  $t_{1/2}$  into Equation (35.29) gives

$$-kt_{1/2} = \ln\left(\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}\right)$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

Notice that the half-life for a first-order reaction is independent of the initial concentration, and only the rate constant of the reaction determines the half-life.

#### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 35.3

The decomposition of  $N_2O_5$  is an important reaction. The half-life for the first-order decomposition of  $N_2O_5$  is 2.05 hours. How long will it take for a sample of  $N_2O_5$  to decay to 60% of its initial concentration?

#### Solution

Using Equation (35.29), the rate constant for the decomposition of  $N_2O_5$  is determined using the half-life as follows:

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{2.05 \times 10^4 \text{ s}}$$

The time at which the sample has decayed to 60% of its initial concentration is determined using Equation (35.27):

$$[N_2O_5] = 0.6[N_2O_5]_0 = [A]$$

$$0.6 = e^{-kt}$$

$$-\ln(0.6) = -kt$$

$$t = \frac{-\ln(0.6)}{-k}$$

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⇒ as long as the organism is alive,  
its  $^{14}\text{C}$  level is constant, which corresponds  
to 15.3 decays/m

after death: no more exchange and  $^{14}\text{C}$   
decays in the dead organism

fossilized wood (turned to stone) shows  
2.40  $^{14}\text{C}$  decays per minute, how old is the  
wood?

When the tree died:  $[^{14}\text{C}]_0$

$$\text{decay ratio: } \frac{[^{14}\text{C}]}{[^{14}\text{C}]_0} = \frac{2.40 \text{ m}^{-1}}{15.3 \text{ m}^{-1}} = 0.157$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{5760 \text{ y}} = \frac{\ln 2}{1.82 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ s}} = 3.81 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$5760 \text{ y} \cdot 365.25 \frac{\text{d}}{\text{y}} \cdot 24 \frac{\text{h}}{\text{d}} \cdot 60 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{h}} \cdot 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{m}} = 1.82 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ s}$$

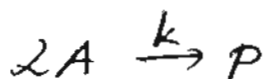
$$\frac{[^{14}\text{C}]}{[^{14}\text{C}]_0} = e^{-kt} \quad -kt = \ln\left(\frac{[^{14}\text{C}]}{[^{14}\text{C}]_0}\right)$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{[^{14}\text{C}]}{[^{14}\text{C}]_0}\right) = \frac{\ln(0.157)}{3.81 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s}^{-1}} = 4.86 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ s}$$

$$\approx 15400 \text{ y}$$

2. order reactions : 2 types

type I



type I: 2. order with 1 reactant A

type II: 2. order with 2 reactants A and B

for type I:  $R = k[A]^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[A]}{dt}$  (B)-5

$\forall A \rightarrow R = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[A]}{dt}$  (consumption  $\Rightarrow -$ )

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = 2k[A]^2$$

separation of variables:

$$-\frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = 2k dt$$

$$\rightarrow -\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = 2k \int_0^t dt \quad \int \frac{dx}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{x} + C$$

$\Rightarrow$  - sign cancels

$$\frac{1}{[A]} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = 2kt$$

$$\frac{1}{[A]} = \frac{1}{[A]_0} + 2kt$$

Transpar.  $\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}$  vs  $t$  and  $\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}\right)^{-1}$  vs  $t$

if 2. order type I, then

plot of  $\frac{1}{[A]}$  vs  $t$  must give a straight line:

slope =  $2k$ , intercept =  $\frac{1}{[A]_0}$

$\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$  vs  $t$ : straight line also, but

slope =  $2k[A]_0$ , intercept = 1

$$\frac{1}{[A]} = \frac{1}{[A]_0} + 2kt \quad \left| \cdot [A]_0 \quad \frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = 1 + 2k[A]_0 t \right.$$

"  $\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}\right)^{-1}$

Half-life  $t_{1/2}$ : time it takes for (18)-3  
 $\frac{1}{2}[A]_0$  to be consumed

$\Rightarrow$  put  $t_{1/2}$  for  $t$  and  $\frac{1}{2}[A]_0$  for  $[A]$

$$-kt_{1/2} = \ln\left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}[A]_0}{[A]_0}\right) = -\ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

only for 1. order reactions  $t_{1/2}$  does not depend on  $[A]_0$  and so does not increase later on after  $\frac{\ln 2}{k}$ ,  $[A]_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}[A]_0$

after again  $\frac{\ln 2}{k}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}[A]_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}[A]_0$

tropospheric chemistry: decomposition of  $N_2O_5$

half-life of  $N_2O_5$  (1. order decay):  $2.05 \cdot 10^4$  s

how long does it take for 60%  $[N_2O_5]_0$  to decompose?

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{2.05 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}} = 3.38 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

60% decay:

$$[N_2O_5] = 0.4 [N_2O_5]_0 = [N_2O_5]_0 e^{-3.38 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot t}$$

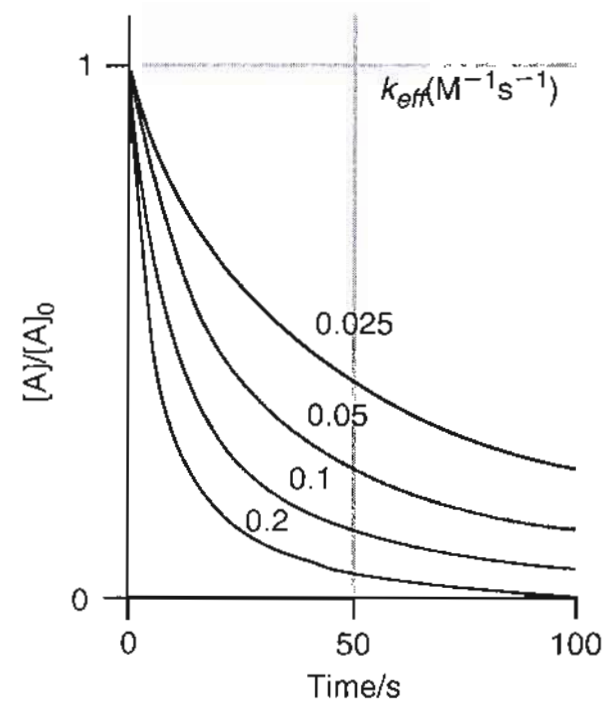
$$0.4 = \exp(-3.38 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot t)$$

$$t = \frac{-\ln(0.4)}{3.38 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}} = 1.51 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s} = 252 \text{ min} = 4.19 \text{ h}$$

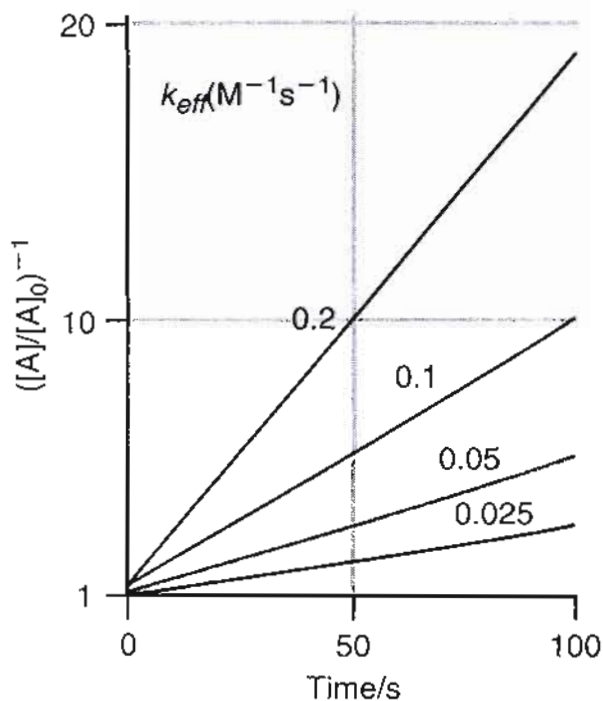
the radioactive  $^{14}\text{C}$  nucleus decays with  $t_{1/2} = 5760$  y

living organisms exchange C with the surroundings (e.g. as  $\text{CO}_2$  into plants, by eating into animals)





(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 35.5**

Reactant concentration as a function of time for a type I second-order chemical reaction. (a) Plots of  $[A]$  as a function of time for various rate constants. The rate constant of a given curve is provided in the figure. (b) The inverse of reactant concentration as a function of time as given by Equation (35.35).

Equation (35.35) demonstrates that for a second-order reaction the reactant concentration versus time will result in a curve with a y intercept of  $1/[A]_0$ . Figure 35.5 presents plots of  $[A]$  versus time for a second-order reaction and  $1/[A]$  versus time. Equation (35.35) is evident.

### 35.5.4 Half-Life and Reactions of Type I

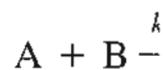
Recall that “half-life” refers to when the concentration of reactant is half its initial value. With this definition, the half-life for a type I reaction is given by

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k_{eff}}$$

In contrast to first-order reactions, the half-life for a type I reaction is dependent on the initial concentration of reactant, with an increase in  $[A]_0$  resulting in a decrease in  $t_{1/2}$ . This behavior is consistent with a unimolecular process, whereas the process that involves the interaction of two species, such as the concentration dependence of the reaction rate for a type II reaction.

### 35.5.5 Second-Order Reaction (Type II)

Second-order reactions of type II involve two reactants:



Assuming that the reaction is first order in both reactants, the rate law is

$$R = k[A][B]$$

In addition, the rate with respect to the time decrease in reactant concentration is

$$R = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{d[B]}{dt}$$

The loss rate for the reactants is equal, so

$$\begin{aligned} [A]_0 - [A] &= [B]_0 - [B] \\ [B]_0 - [A]_0 + [A] &= [B]_0 - [B] \\ \Delta + [A] &= [B] \end{aligned}$$

Equation (35.40) provides a definition for  $[B]$  in terms of  $[A]$ . The initial concentration of  $[B]$  is denoted as  $[B]_0$ , and the initial concentration of  $[A]$  is denoted as  $[A]_0$ . If the initial concentrations of A and B are not equal, the reaction rate (35.39) equal results in the following expression

Half-life for 2. order, type I:

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$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}[A]_0} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = \frac{1}{[A]_0} + 2k t_{1/2}$$

$$\frac{2}{[A]_0} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = 2k t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$\rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{2k[A]_0}$$

$$t_{1/2} \text{ when } [A] = \frac{1}{2}[A]_0?$$

bimolecular reaction: collision of 2 reactants

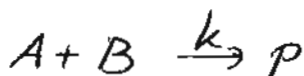
necessary  $\rightarrow t_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{[A]_0}$  expected

$t_{1/2}$  increases as  $[A]_0$  decreases

$\Rightarrow$  during reaction  $[A]_0$  gets smaller

$\rightarrow t_{1/2}$  gets longer

2. order, type II 2 reactants



$$R = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{d[B]}{dt} = k[A][B]$$

loss rate equal for A and B

$$[A]_0 - [A] = [B]_0 - [B]$$

$$\rightarrow [B] = [B]_0 - [A]_0 + [A], \Delta = [B]_0 - [A]_0$$

$$A + [A] = [B]$$

case  $[A]_0 \neq [B]_0 \Rightarrow \Delta \neq 0$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A][B] = -k[A](\Delta + [A])$$

$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{[A](\Delta + [A])} = -k \int_0^t dt = -kt$$

formula collection:  $\int \frac{dx}{x(c+x)} = -\frac{1}{c} \ln\left(\frac{c+x}{x}\right) + D$

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta} \ln \frac{\Delta + [A]}{[A]} \Big|_{[A]_0}^{[A]} = -kt$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ \ln \frac{\Delta + [A]}{[A]} - \ln \frac{\Delta + [A]_0}{[A]_0} \right] = kt$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Delta = [B]_0 - [A]_0 \rightarrow \Delta + [A]_0 = [B]_0$$

$$\Delta + [A] = [B]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[ \ln \frac{[B]}{[A]} - \ln \frac{[B]_0}{[A]_0} \right] = kt$$

$$\frac{1}{[B]_0 - [A]_0} \ln \left( \frac{[B][A]_0}{[A][B]_0} \right) = kt$$

good for  $[A]_0 \neq [B]_0$ , not for  $[A]_0 = [B]_0$  ( $\frac{1}{\Delta} = \frac{1}{0}$ )

then  $[A] = [B]$  at all times

$$\rightarrow -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A][B] = k[A]^2$$

goes same way as type I

$\Rightarrow$  well defined  $t_{1/2}$  exists only if there

is a stoichiometric mixture, i.e.  $[A]_0 = [B]_0$

however, a  $t_{1/2}$  different for different

reactants could be defined

- Numerical Methods

- Sequential 1. order reactions

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In a large number of kinetic problems it is not possible to derive an integrated Rate Law

Then how is comparison to experiment possible?  
Numerical methods can help.

Example: 1. ord reactions where integration can be done for comparison



time derivative: change in [A] per infinitesimally small time interval

Thus for a finite time  $\Delta t$  (small, but not infinitesimally small as  $dt$ ) it is:

$$\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = -k[A] \Rightarrow \Delta[A] = -k[A]\Delta t$$

[A]: concentration at time  $t$

$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} = -k \int_0^t dt$$

$\Rightarrow$  change of [A] =  $\Delta[A]$  in time  $\Delta t$

$\Rightarrow$  [A] at time  $t + \Delta t$

$$\ln \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = -k \Delta t$$

$\Rightarrow$  is used again for next  $\Delta t$

until reaction is finished

$$\begin{aligned} [A]_{t+\Delta t} &= [A]_t + \Delta[A] \\ &= [A]_t - k[A]_t \Delta t \\ &= (1 - k\Delta t)[A]_t \end{aligned}$$

$[A]_t$ : concentration of [A] at the beginning  $t$  of interval  $\Delta t$

$[A]_{t+\Delta t}$ : concentration of [A] at the end of  $\Delta t$ :  $t + \Delta t$

Transp. Illustration of Method

## roaches

preceding section, an integrated rate law  
 ever, there is a wide variety of kinetic prob-  
 pression cannot be obtained. How can one  
 in the absence of an integrated rate law? In  
 nother approach by which to determine the  
 ted by a kinetic model. To illustrate this  
 er reaction:



action is

$$= -k[A] \quad (35.43)$$

ange in  $[A]$  for a time duration that is infini-  
 state that for a finite time duration  $\Delta t$ , the

$$= -k[A]$$

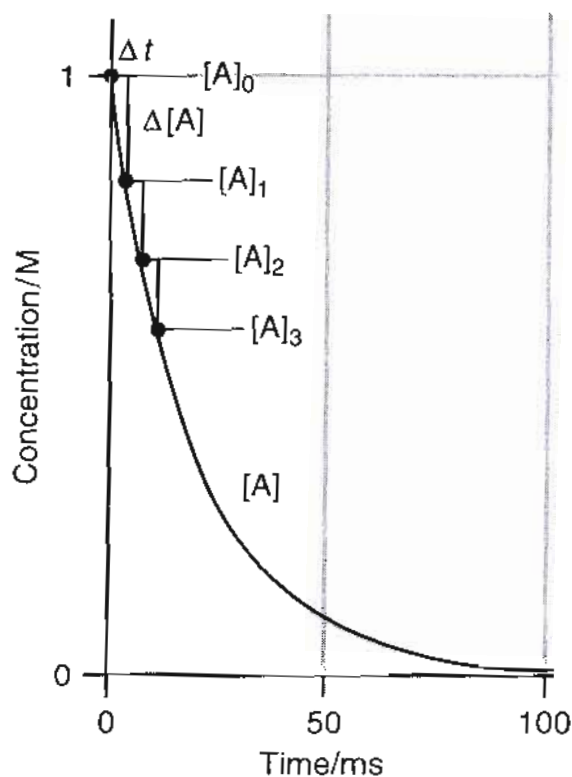
$$= -\Delta t(k[A]) \quad (35.44)$$

ation of  $[A]$  at a specific time. Therefore, we  
 ange in the concentration of A, or  $\Delta[A]$ , over  
 on change to determine the concentration  
 v concentration can be used to determine the  
 time period, and this process is continued until

$$[A]_t + \Delta[A]$$

$$[A]_t - k\Delta t[A]_t \quad (35.45)$$

ration at the beginning of the time interval, and  
 of the time interval. This process is illustrated in  
 concentration is used to determine  $\Delta[A]$  over the  
 this next time point,  $[A]_1$ , is used to determine



**FIGURE 35.6**  
 Schematic representation of the numerical  
 evaluation of a rate law.

For the use of the numerical method (19) - 2  
we must ~~no~~ know the time-scale in which  
the reaction happens

to be able to select  $\Delta t$  small enough to obtain  
all details of the reaction in the reaction time

Transp. comparison of different  $\Delta t$  + integrated  
time law

When  $\Delta t$  gets smaller, the accuracy is getting  
better.

One has to reduce  $\Delta t$  until convergence

= no more changes in  $[A](t)$  on further decrease of  $\Delta t$

Euler's Method used is the simplest one and  
quite brute force, because  $\Delta t$  must be small  
enough to get the desired accuracy

$\Rightarrow$  it is possible that a very large number of  
iterations is needed

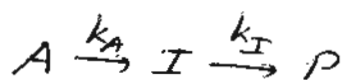
$\rightarrow$  long calculations

better are more sophisticated methods like

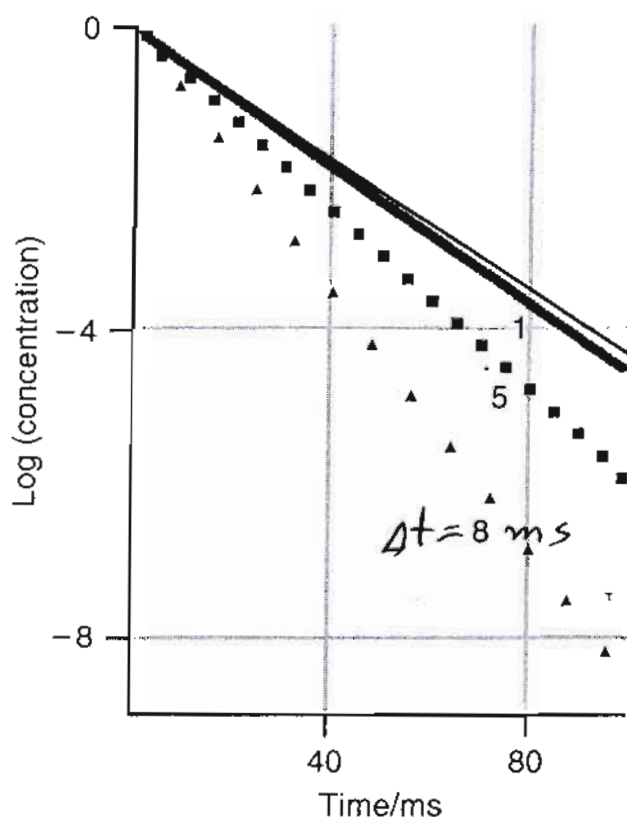
the Runge-Kutta method which allows larger  $\Delta t$

Sequential 1. order reactions

= series of steps one after the other (step # 2  
cannot occur before step # 1 has happened):



I = intermediate: no reactant and also no  
product in the overall reaction ( $A \rightarrow P$ )



**FIGURE 35.7** Comparison of the numerical approximation method to the integrated rate law expression for a first-order reaction. The rate constant for the reaction is  $0.1 \text{ M s}^{-1}$ . The time evolution in reactant concentration determined by the integrated rate law expression of Equation (35.27) is shown as the solid red line. Comparison to three numerical approximations is given, and the size of the time step (in ms) employed for each approximation is indicated. Notice the improvement in the numerical approximation as the time step is decreased.

$\Delta[A]$  over the next time interval, resulting in a new concentration profile.

The specific example discussed here is numerically integrating differential equations. Euler's method requires some knowledge of a time interval  $\Delta t$  that is sufficiently small. Figure 35.7 presents a comparison of the integrated rate law expression for a first-order reaction for three different choices for  $\Delta t$ . The method is highly dependent on an appropriate choice of the numerical model is demonstrated by the fact that a small change in concentration does not change the rate of change.

The numerical method can be applied to any rate expressions can be prescribed. Euler's method is a way by which to predict how reactant and product concentrations change over time. However, this method is only accurate if the time step must be chosen to accurately capture the time steps may be quite small, requiring a large number of steps to produce the full time course of the reaction. As a result, it is often more demanding. More elegant approaches, such as Runge-Kutta, allow for larger time steps to be performed. The reader is encouraged to investigate these approaches.

## 35.7 Sequential First-Order Reactions

Many chemical reactions occur in a series of steps, eventually leading to products through multiple sequential elementary steps. Consider the following **sequential reaction** scheme:



In this scheme, the reactant A decays to form an intermediate I, which then undergoes subsequent decay resulting in the final product. The sequential reaction involves a series of elementary first-order reactions. The rate expressions for each species can be written as follows:

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_A[A]$$

$$\frac{d[I]}{dt} = k_A[A] - k_I[I]$$

I cancels for the overall equation (19) - 3

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_A [A]$$

$$\frac{d[I]}{dt} = k_A [A] - k_I [I]$$

I formed  $\rightarrow \oplus$       I consumed  $\rightarrow \ominus$

$$\frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_I [I]$$

These follow from the elementary steps of the mechanism. The decay of A into I and the formation of P from I are both elementary 1. order processes

I <sup>plays a role</sup> ~~appears~~ both in the decay of A and in the formation of P

beginning: only  $[A]_0$  at  $t=0$ :  $[A]_0 \neq 0$ ,  $[I]_0 = [P]_0 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow [A] = [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d[I]}{dt} = k_A [A] - k_I [I] = k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} - k_I [I]$$

inhomogeneous differential equation

solution by variation of constant:

1. Solve homogeneous part  $\frac{d[I]}{dt} = -k_I [I]$

2. Then put your homogeneous solution back into the full equation, assuming that the integration constant  $C$  depends on time:  $C = C(t)$  and solve for  $C(t)$   $\Rightarrow$

$$[I] = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} (e^{-k_A t} - e^{-k_I t}) [A]_0$$



Since only A at  $t=0$

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$\Rightarrow [A]_0 = \text{sum of all concentrations at } t > 0 :$

$$[A]_0 = [A] + [I] + [P], \quad [P] = [A]_0 - [A] - [I]$$

$$\Rightarrow [P] = \left[ \frac{k_A e^{-k_I t} - k_I e^{-k_A t}}{k_I - k_A} + 1 \right] [A]_0$$

Transp.  $[I]$  as  $f(t)$

(a)  $k_A = 2k_I$

$[A]$  falls off exponentially  $\rightarrow$  rise of  $[I]$  from

0

after maximum of  $[I]$ , it decays when forming P

(b)  $k_A = 8k_I$  ( $k_A \gg k_I$ )

$[I]_{\text{max}}$  is larger than before because now

A decays faster than before

$\rightarrow$  rise of  $[I]$  is more quick

$[P] = [A]_0$  always at the end of reaction

(no equilibrium  $\Rightarrow$  reaction until complete)

(c)  $k_A = 0.25k_I$ ,  $k_A < k_I$

$[I]$  much lower than when  $k_A > k_I$ , because

now it I is formed slowly, then it decays

very fast immediately after its formation

$\Rightarrow [I]$  will rise to a small and almost

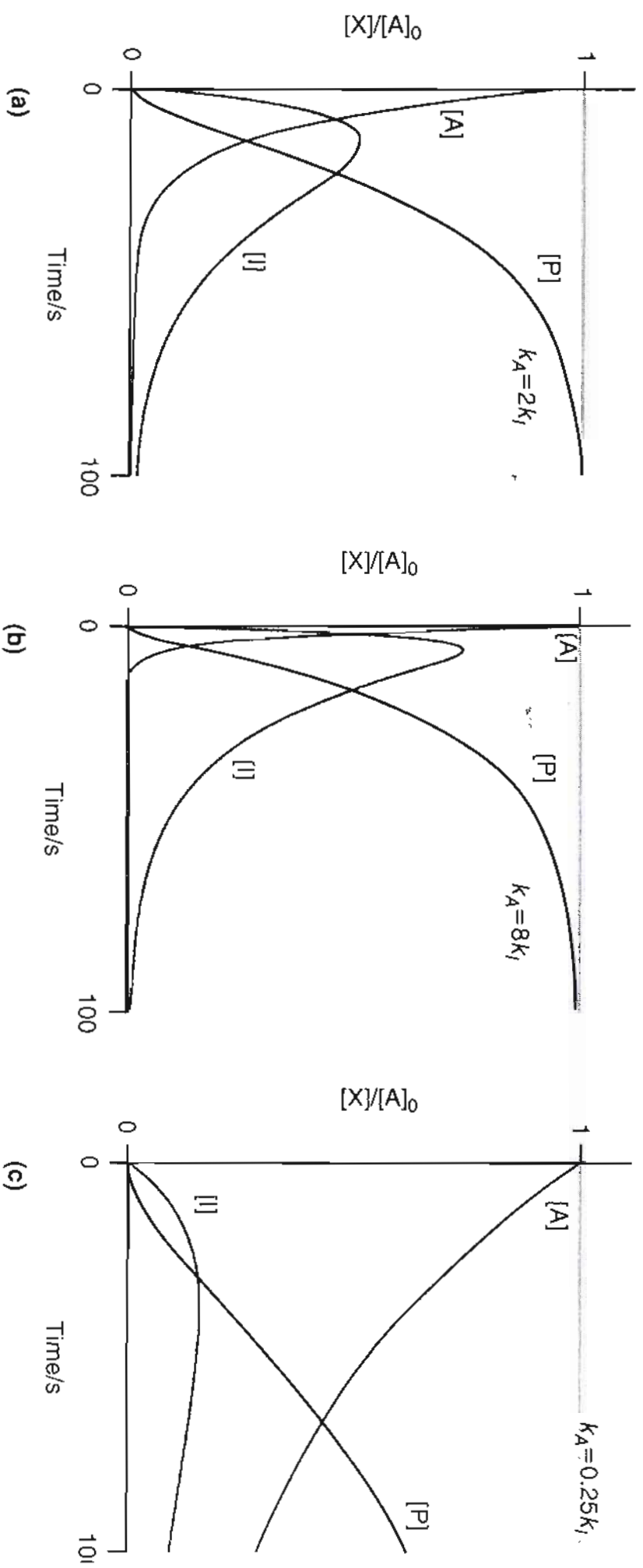
not changing value throughout the reaction

time = steady state

Figure 35.8 shows the evolution in concentration when  $k_A = 2k_I$ . Notice that A undergoes exponential decay resulting in the production of I. The intermediate in turn undergoes subsequent decay to form the product. The temporal evolution of [I] is extremely dependent on the relative rate constants for the production  $k_A$  and decay  $k_I$ . Figure 35.8b presents the case where  $k_A > k_I$ . Here, the maximum intermediate concentration is greater than in the first case. The opposite limit is illustrated in Figure 35.8c, where  $k_A < k_I$  and the maximum in intermediate concentration is significantly reduced. This behavior is consistent with intuition: if the intermediate undergoes decay at a faster rate than the rate at which it is being formed, then the intermediate concentration will be small. Of course, the opposite logic holds as evidenced by the  $k_A > k_I$  example presented in the Figure 35.8b.

reaction in which the reactant (A, blue line) forms an intermediate (I, purple line) that undergoes subsequent decay to form the product (P, red line) where (a)  $k_A = 2k_I = 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and (b)  $k_A = 8k_I = 0.4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Notice that both the maximal amount of I in addition to the time for the maximum is changed relative to the first panel.

(c)  $k_A = 0.025k_I = 0.0125 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . In this case, very little intermediate is formed and the maximum in [I] is delayed relative to the first two examples.



$[I]$  is maximum, when  $\left. \frac{d[I]}{dt} \right|_{t=t_m} = 0$

$$\rightarrow t_m = \frac{1}{k_A - k_I} \ln \frac{k_A}{k_I}$$

determine  $t_m$  when  $k_A = 2k_I = 0.15^{-1}$  as in (a)

$$t_m = \frac{1}{0.15^{-1} - 0.055^{-1}} \ln \frac{0.1}{0.05} = 13.95$$

$$\left. \frac{d[I]}{dt} \right|_{t=t_m} = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} \left[ -k_A e^{-k_A t_m} + k_I e^{-k_I t_m} \right] [A]_0 = 0$$

$$-k_A e^{-k_A t_m} + k_I e^{-k_I t_m} = 0$$

$$[I] = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} \left( e^{-k_A t} - e^{-k_I t} \right) [A]_0$$

$$k_A e^{-k_A t_m} = k_I e^{-k_I t_m}$$

$$e^{(k_I - k_A)t_m} = \frac{k_I}{k_A}$$

$$\cancel{t_m} (k_I - k_A) t_m = \ln \frac{k_I}{k_A}$$

$$t_m = -\frac{1}{k_A - k_I} \left( -\ln \frac{k_A}{k_I} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k_A - k_I} \ln \frac{k_A}{k_I}$$

$$\frac{d[I]}{dt} = k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} - k_I [I]$$

homogeneous part:  $\frac{d[I]}{dt} = -k_I [I]$

$$\int \frac{d[I]}{[I]} = -k_I \int dt$$

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$$\ln[I] = -k_I t + C$$

$$[I] = C e^{-k_I t}$$

assume  $C = C(t)$  and insert in full equation:

$$\frac{dC(t)}{dt} e^{-k_I t} - k_I C e^{-k_I t} = k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} - k_I C e^{-k_I t}$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} e^{-k_I t} = k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} - k_I C e^{-k_I t}$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = k_A [A]_0 e^{+(k_I - k_A)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dC = k_A [A]_0 \int e^{+(k_I - k_A)t} dt$$

$$C = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} [A]_0 e^{(k_I - k_A)t} + D$$

$$[I] = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} [A]_0 e^{(k_I - k_A)t} e^{-k_I t} + D e^{-k_I t}$$

(since  $[I] = C e^{-k_I t}$ )

$$[I] = \frac{k_A}{k_I - k_A} e^{-k_A t} [A]_0 + D \cdot e^{-k_I t}$$

$$[I]_{t=0} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{k_A [A]_0}{k_I - k_A} + D$$

$$D = - \frac{k_A [A]_0}{k_I - k_A}$$

turn

- rate ~~control~~ step determining (20)-1

- steady state approximation (SSA)

In the sequential reaction before: the rate of formation of product P depends on the time-scales for the formation and decay of the intermediate I

1. limit  $k_I \gg k_A$

every I molecule formed decays fast to P

⇒ rate of I formation from reactant decay ( $k_A$  small) slow, while formation of P from I fast

2. limit:  $k_A \gg k_I$

Intermediate formation ( $k_A$ ) much faster than I decay

A produces I fast, but decay of I to P is slow

⇒ rate determining or rate limiting step:

if 1 step of a sequence is much slower than all others, the slow step will control the rate of P formation

⇒ slow step (small  $k$ ) is rate determining

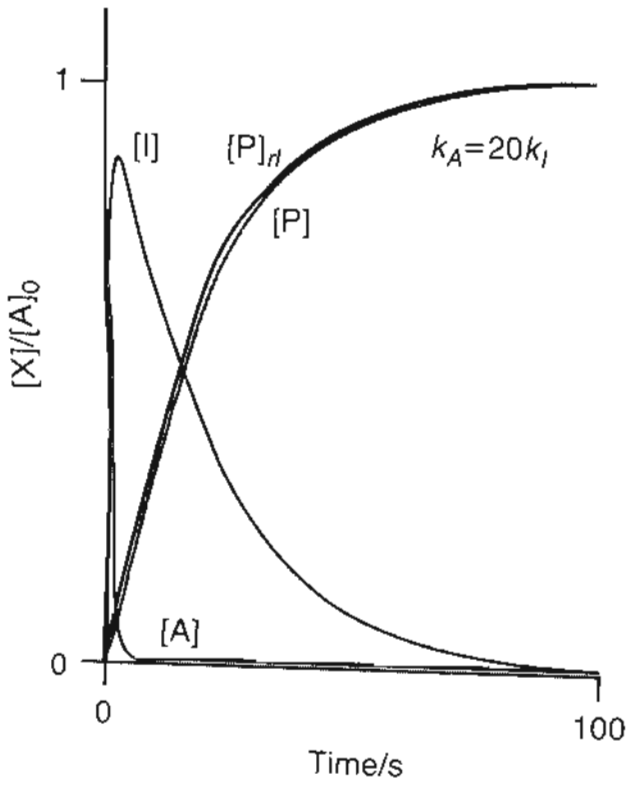
$k_A \gg k_I$  I decay is slow and rate limiting

$$\Rightarrow e^{-k_A t} \ll e^{-k_I t}$$

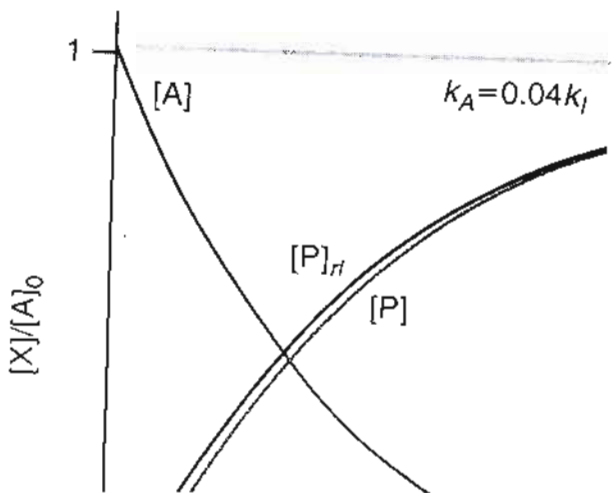
$$\lim_{k_A \gg k_I} [P] = \lim_{k_A \gg k_I} \left[ \left( \frac{k_A e^{-k_I t} - k_I e^{-k_A t}}{k_I - k_A} + 1 \right) [A]_0 \right]$$

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(b)

$$e^{-k_A t} \ll e^{-k_I t} \text{ and } k_A \gg k_I \Rightarrow (k_I - k_A) \approx -k_A$$

$$\lim_{k_A \gg k_I} [P] \approx \left( \frac{k_A e^{-k_I t}}{-k_A} + 1 \right) [A]_0$$

$$= (1 - e^{-k_I t}) [A]_0$$

$[P](t)$  when I decay is limiting step, same as in a 1. order decay  $I \rightarrow P$

2. limit  $k_I \gg k_A$ ,  $e^{-k_I t} \ll e^{-k_A t}$

$$\lim_{k_I \gg k_A} [P] = \lim_{k_I \gg k_A} \left[ \left( \frac{k_A e^{-k_I t} - k_I e^{-k_A t}}{k_I - k_A} + 1 \right) [A]_0 \right]$$

$$\approx \left( \frac{-k_I e^{-k_A t}}{k_I} + 1 \right) [A]_0 = (1 - e^{-k_A t}) [A]_0$$

$k_I (\gg k_A)$  must be large enough that  $k_I e^{-k_A t} \gg k_A e^{-k_I t}$

then  $[P](t)$  is identical to a 1. order decay of A to P, at least for the example  $k_I \approx 20 k_A$

Transp. Comparison of  $[P]_{re}$  from rate limiting step approximation with  $[P]$  from the exact integration in the 2 limits

$k_A = 1 s^{-1} = 20 k_I$  (a) decay of I rate limiting in P formation: fast decay of A  $\rightarrow$  large  $[I]_{max}$  which then decays slow to product P

$[P]_{re}$ ,  $[P]$  very similar  $\Rightarrow$  approx. valid!

$$(b) k_A = 0.004 \text{ s}^{-1}, k_I = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

thus  $k_A \ll k_I$

Transp.

A decay is rate limiting

→ very small  $[I]$  is formed from A

slow loss of A is mirror image of the

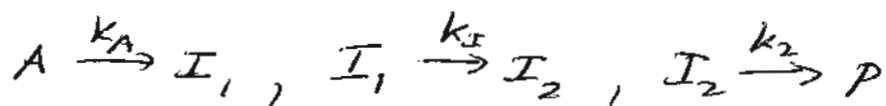
P formation

again  $[P]_{ss}$  and  $[P]$  very similar

also here approx. is valid

### Steady State Approximation (SSA)

series of steps:



overall:  $A \rightarrow P$ ,  $I_1, I_2$  are intermediates

P formation from decay and formation

of intermediates  $I_1$  and  $I_2$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_A [A]$$

$$\frac{d[I_1]}{dt} = k_A [A] - k_I [I_1] \quad \frac{d[I_2]}{dt} = k_I [I_1] - k_2 [I_2]$$

$$\frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_2 [I_2]$$

integration not easy

1. method to use: numerical Euler method



when a substantial difference in rate constants exists.

**Approximation**

Assume:



On the formation and decay of two intermediates, the expressions for this scheme are as follows:

$$[A] \quad (35.61)$$

$$[I_1] - k_1[I_1] \quad (35.62)$$

$$[I_2] + k_2[I_2] \quad (35.63)$$

$$[P] \quad (35.64)$$

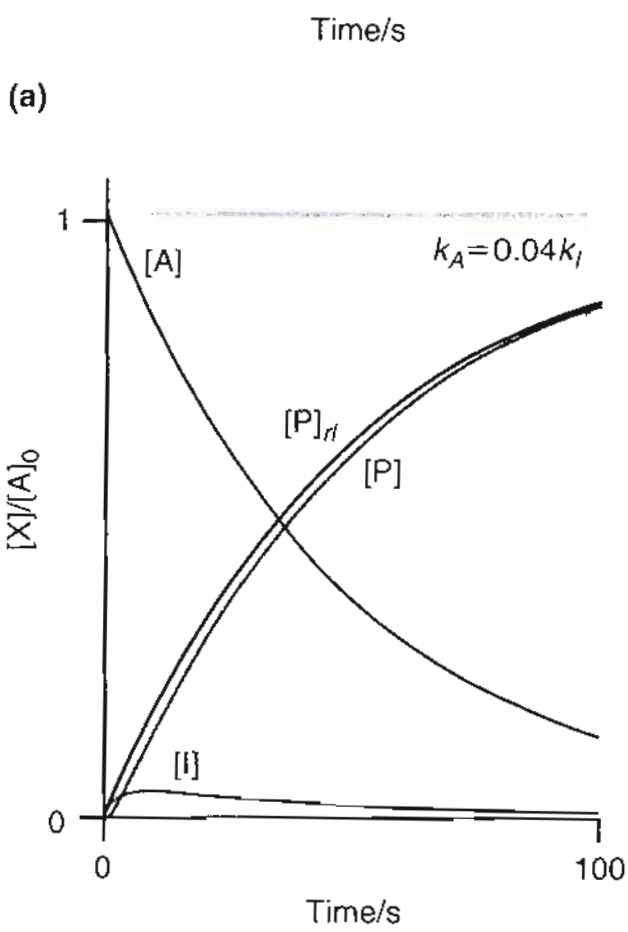
Calculations for the species involved in this reaction scheme is not trivial; therefore, how can the student use Euler's method (Section 35.6) and as a function of time. The result of this approach is presented in Figure 35.10. Notice that the relative only modest intermediate concentrations. Intermediate  $[I_1]$  and  $[I_2]$  undergo little change with time and their concentrations is approximately equal to zero:

$$[I] \approx 0 \quad (35.65)$$

**Rate limiting approximation.** This approximation is made by simply setting the time derivative of the concentration of the intermediate to zero. This is particularly good when the decay rate of the intermediate is much faster than its rate of production so that the intermediates are in a steady state (as in the case illustrated in the rate limiting approximation to  $I_1$  in our example reaction

$$[A] - k_1[I_1]_{ss} = 0$$

$$[A] = \frac{k_A}{k_1} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} \quad (35.66)$$



**FIGURE 35.9** Rate-limiting step behavior in sequential reactions. (a)  $k_A = 20k_I = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$  such that the rate-limiting step is the decay of intermediate I. In this case, the reduction in  $[I]$  is reflected by the appearance of  $[P]$ . The time evolution of  $[P]$  predicted by the sequential mechanism is given by the purple line, and the corresponding evolution assuming rate-limiting step behavior,  $[P]_{rl}$ , is given by the red curve. (b) The opposite case from part (a) in which  $k_A = 0.04k_I = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  such that the rate-limiting step is the decay of reactant A.

Transp. Euler method for  $k_A = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (20)-9

$$k_1 = k_2 = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

again  $k_A < k_1, k_2 \rightarrow$  only small  $[I_1], [I_2]$

$[I_1], [I_2]$  do not change much in time

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d[I_1]}{dt} \approx 0, \quad \frac{d[I_2]}{dt} \approx 0$$

= Steady State Approximation (SSA)

setup rates for each intermediate and set those rates equal 0 to calculate the almost constant intermediate concentrations

( $\approx$  const. in most of reaction time)

intermediate concentrations must never appear in the final rate (product formation)

$$\frac{d[I_1]_{\text{SSA}}}{dt} = 0 = k_A [A] - k_1 [I_1]_{\text{SSA}}$$

$$\rightarrow [I_1]_{\text{SSA}} = \frac{k_A}{k_1} [A] = \frac{k_A}{k_1} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

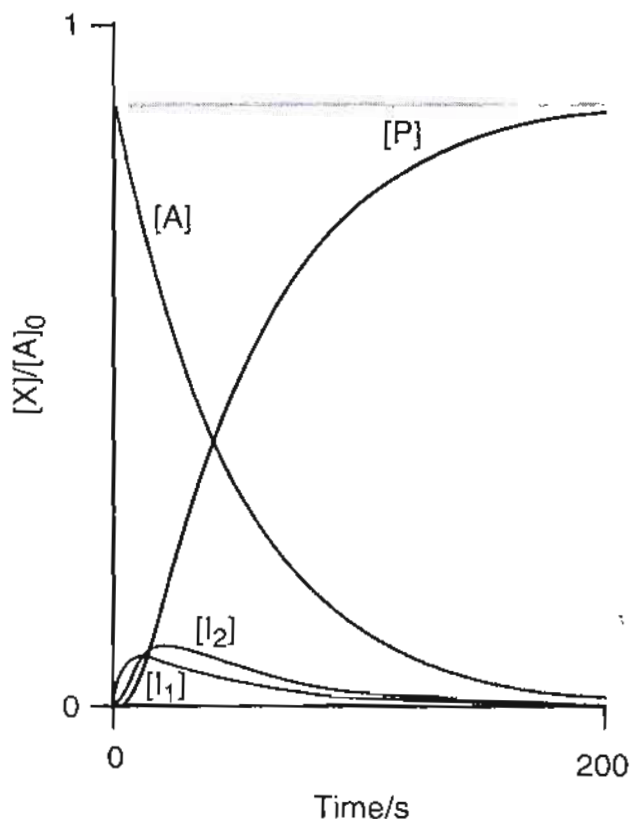
expression for A, integrated with  $[A]_0 \neq 0$

$$\text{and } [I_1]_0 = [I_2]_0 = [P]_0 = 0$$

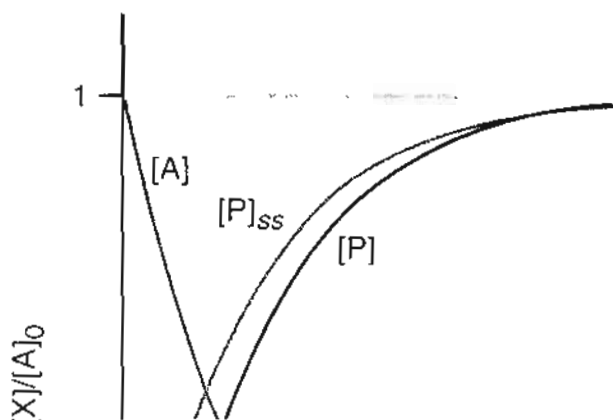
$$\frac{d[I_2]_{\text{SSA}}}{dt} = k_1 [I_1]_{\text{SSA}} - k_2 [I_2]_{\text{SSA}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow [I_2]_{\text{SSA}} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} [I_1]_{\text{SSA}} = \frac{k_A}{k_2} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

$k_1$  cancels


**FIGURE 35.10**

Concentrations determined by numerical evaluation of the sequential reaction scheme presented in Equation (35.60) where  $k_A = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



where the subscript *ss* indicates that the steady-state approximation. The final equation of the differential rate expression for  $[A]$  and all other initial concentrations are zero under the steady-state approximation is

$$\frac{d[I_2]_{ss}}{dt} = 0 = k_1[I_1]_{ss} - k_2[I_2]_{ss}$$

$$[I_2]_{ss} = \frac{k_1}{k_2}[I_1]_{ss}$$

Finally, the differential expression for  $P$  is

$$\frac{d[P]_{ss}}{dt} = k_2[I_2]_{ss}$$

Integration of Equation (35.68) results in the

$$[P]_{ss} = [A]_0$$

Equation (35.69) demonstrates that within the steady-state approximation, the concentration of intermediate  $I_2$  is constant.

When is the steady-state approximation valid? The concentration of intermediate  $I_1$  under the steady-state approximation is the derivative of  $[I_1]_{ss}$  is

$$\frac{d[I_1]_{ss}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{k_A}{k_1} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} \right)$$

The steady-state approximation is valid when the derivative is small compared to the concentration of  $I_1$ . This is true when  $k_1 \gg k_A^2 [A]_0$ . In other words,  $k_1$  is small at all times. Similar logic applies to  $I_2$  and the steady-state approximation is valid when  $k_2 \gg k_A^2 [A]_0$ .

Figure 35.11 presents a comparison between the concentration of  $[P]$  determined by numerical evaluation and those predicted using the steady-state approximation. The concentration of  $[P]$  for the sequential reaction where  $k_A = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  is evident. For the examples presented, the steady-state approximation is relatively easy to implement; however, for many reactions, the concentration of intermediate with time is not approximated well by the steady-state approximation. It is difficult to implement if the intermediate concentration is not constant.

$$\rightarrow \frac{d[P]_{SSA}}{dt} = k_2 [I_2]$$

$$= k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

$$[P]_{SSA} = k_A [A]_0 \int_0^t e^{-k_A t} dt = -[A]_0 e^{-k_A t} \Big|_0^t$$

$$= -[A]_0 (e^{-k_A t} - 1) = [A]_0 (1 - e^{-k_A t})$$

looks in SSA, like P comes from a 1, order decay of A directly

When is SSA valid?

$$\frac{d[I_1]_{SSA}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{k_A}{k_1} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} \right) = -\frac{k_A}{k_1} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

SSA ok, when  $[I_1]_{SSA} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow$  when  $\frac{d[I_1]_{SSA}}{dt} = 0$

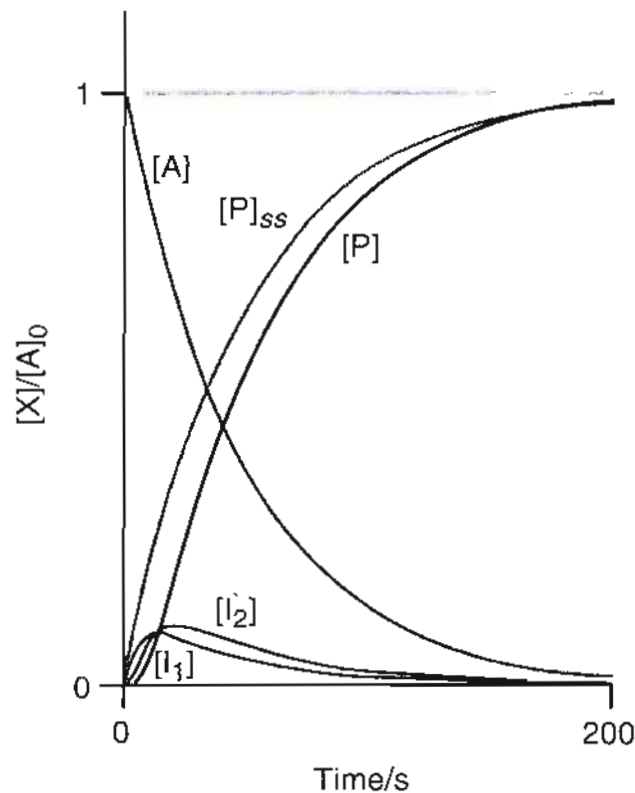
this is the case when  $k_1 \gg k_A^2 [A]_0$ , and

$$\frac{d[I_2]_{SSA}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{k_A}{k_2} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t} \right) = -\frac{k_A}{k_2} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

ok when  $k_2 \gg k_A^2 [A]_0$

Transp. Comparison of numerical concentrations with  $(P)_{SSA}$ , when  $k_A = 0.02 s^{-1}$ ,

$k_1 = k_2 = 0.2 s^{-1}$ ; conditions such that SSA should be ok



**FIGURE 35.11**

Comparison of the numerical and steady-state concentration profiles for the sequential reaction scheme presented in Equation (35.44) where  $k_A = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Curves corresponding to the steady-state approximation are indicated by the subscript *ss*.

value which  $k_2 \gg k_1$ . Figure 35.11 presents those predicted partial reaction where  $k_1$  conditions where the  $k_2$  between  $[P]$  determine value,  $[P]_{ss}$ , is evident relatively easy to in intermediate concentration is difficult to two of the differential

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Consider the following

Assuming that only the presence of  $[P]$  using the

### Solution

The differential rate equations (35.48), and (35.49):

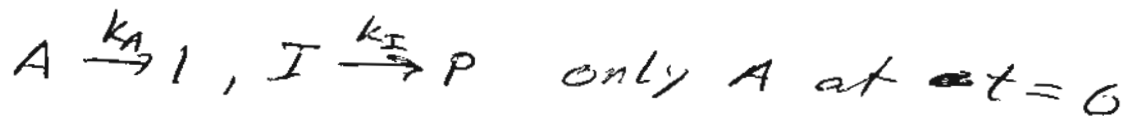
but relatively large error in

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$[P]_{SSA}$

many reactions: SSA not very good

SSA can also be difficult to use



What is  $[P]$  in SSA?

$$\frac{d[I]_{SSA}}{dt} = 0 = k_A [A] - k_I [I], \quad [I] = \frac{k_A}{k_I} [A]$$
$$= \frac{k_A}{k_I} [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_I [I] = k_A [A]_0 e^{-k_A t}$$

$$\int_0^t d[P] = [P] = k_A [A]_0 \int_0^t e^{-k_A t} dt$$
$$= k_A [A]_0 \left[ -\frac{1}{k_A} (e^{-k_A t} - 1) \right]$$
$$= [A]_0 (1 - e^{-k_A t})$$

$[P]$  is same as when derived from rate limiting step (decay of A)

$\Rightarrow$  ok

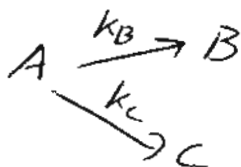
- Parallel Reactions

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- T dependence of rate constants

in many cases, 1 reactant yields several products

parallel reactions: each reactant A forms products B, C:



differential rate expressions:

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_B[A] - k_C[A] = -(k_B + k_C)[A]$$

both consumption

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = k_B[A] \quad \frac{d[C]}{dt} = k_C[A] \quad \text{formation}$$

with  $[A]_0 \neq 0$ ,  $[B]_0 = [C]_0 = 0$ :

$$[A] = [A]_0 e^{-(k_B + k_C)t}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d[B]}{dt} = k_B [A]_0 e^{-(k_B + k_C)t}$$

Integration:

$$[B] = \frac{k_B}{k_B + k_C} (1 - e^{-(k_B + k_C)t})$$

$$[C] = -\frac{k_C}{k_B + k_C} (e^{-(k_B + k_C)t} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{k_C}{k_B + k_C} (1 - e^{-(k_B + k_C)t})$$

Transp.  $(A), [B], [C]$  vs  $t$  for  $k_B = 2k_C = 0.15^{-1}$  (2) - 2

General features of such branching reactions:

- 1) Decay of A with effective rate constant  $(k_B + k_C)$
- 2) The ratio of products  $\frac{[B]}{[C]}$  is the same in all times, does not depend on time

equation:  $\frac{[B]}{[C]} = \frac{k_B}{k_C}$  Rest cancels

if  $k$  of 1 of the branching reaction increases, then the product of that branch increases also

The extent of P formation depends on the ratio of rate constants

The larger the rate constant of a ~~branch~~ branch becomes, the more likely the product of that branch will be formed

yield  $\phi_i$ : probability that product  $i$  is formed in the reactant decay

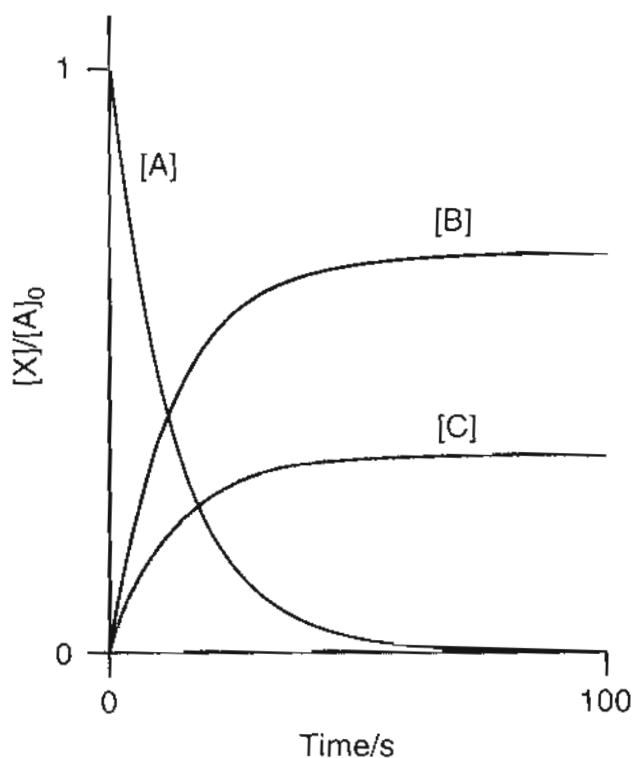
$$\phi_i = \frac{k_i}{\sum_j k_j}$$

In the figure with  $k_B = 2k_C$ , the yield of C

is:  $\phi_C = \frac{k_C}{k_B + k_C} = \frac{k_C}{2k_C + k_C} = \frac{1}{3}$

since  $\sum_i \phi_i = 1$   $\Rightarrow \phi_B = \frac{2}{3}$  Figure  $[B]_{\infty} = 2[C]_{\infty}$





**FIGURE 35.12**  
Concentrations for a parallel reaction  
where  $k_B = 2k_C = 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

Figure 35.12 provides an illustration of the branching reaction where  $k_B = 2k_C = 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The branching reactions are evident in the figure. First, the apparent rate constant for the decay of [A] is equal to  $k_B + k_C$ , the sum of the rate constants for the two branches. Second, the ratio of product concentrations at any time point is identical to the ratio of the rate constants,  $k_B/k_C = 2$ . This behavior is consistent with Equation (35.77) where this ratio of product concentrations is given by

$$\frac{[B]}{[C]} = \frac{k_B}{k_C} = 2$$

Equation (35.78) is a very interesting result. The apparent rate constant for one of the reaction branches increases as the rate constant for the other branch increases. The concentration of the corresponding product increases as the rate constant for the other branch increases. Therefore, the product ratio will be the same throughout the reaction.

Equation (35.78) demonstrates that the yield of a product is dependent on the rate constants. As the rate constant for one reaction branch increases, the yield of that product will be formed. The **yield**  $\Phi$  is defined as the fraction of reactant that will be formed by decay of the reactant:

$$\Phi_i = \frac{k_i}{\sum_n k_n}$$

In Equation (35.79),  $k_i$  is the rate constant for the product of interest indicated by the subscript  $i$ . The denominator is the sum of the rate constants for the reaction branches. The total yield of all products is 1, and it is normalized such that

$$\sum_i \Phi_i = 1$$

In the example reaction depicted in Figure 35.12, the yield of product C is

$$\Phi_C = \frac{k_C}{k_B + k_C} = \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 0.1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Because there are only two branches in this reaction, Figure 35.12 reveals that  $[B] = 2[C]$ , which is consistent with the yield of product C being 1/2.

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 35.7

In acidic conditions, benzyl penicillin (BP) un-

$$\sum_i \psi_i = 1 \quad (35.80)$$

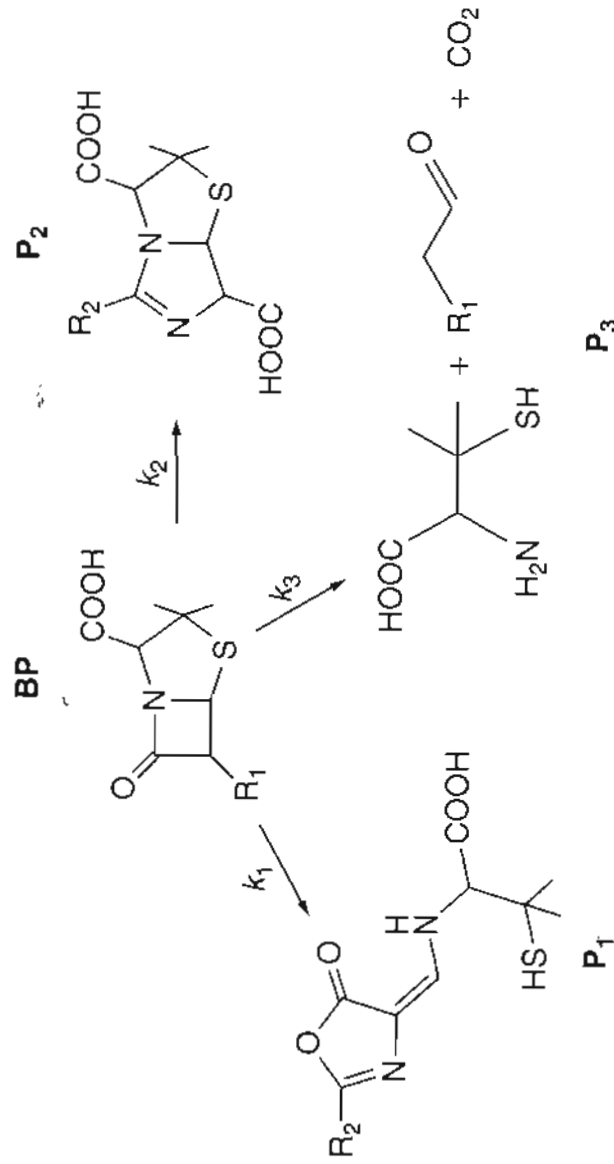
In the example reaction depicted in Figure 35.12 where  $k_B = 2k_C$ , the yield for the formation of product C is

$$\Phi_C = \frac{k_C}{k_B + k_C} = \frac{k_C}{(2k_C) + k_C} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (35.81)$$

Because there are only two branches in this reaction,  $\Phi_B = 2/3$ . Inspection of Figure 35.12 reveals that  $[B] = 2[C]$ , which is consistent with the calculated yields.

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 35.7

In acidic conditions, benzyl penicillin (BP) undergoes the following parallel reaction:



In Equation (35.80)  $\psi_i$  is the preexponential factor for the reaction  $i$ , which is dependent on the activation energy  $E_i$  (for example, in the Arrhenius equation) and the preexponential factor  $A_i$ .

Equation (35.81) provides an expression for the yield of product C for a reactor.

**EXAMPLE**  
The temperature dependence of the rate constants  $k_i$  is given in the example problem. The preexponential factor  $A_i$  is given in the example problem.

Transp. Branching decay of  
Benzylpenicillin (BP)

$R_1, R_2$  are alkyl substituents  $H_3C-(CH_2)_n-$

swallow BP then you get  $pH=3$  in your stomach

At  $pH=3, 22^\circ C$ :  $k_1 = 7.0 \cdot 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ ,  $k_2 = 4.1 \cdot 10^{-4} s^{-1}$ ,  
 $k_3 = 5.7 \cdot 10^{-3} s^{-1}$

yield of  $P_1$  formation?

$$\phi_{P_1} = \frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3} = \frac{7.0 \cdot 10^{-4} s^{-1}}{(0.70 + \frac{4.1}{0.41} + 5.7) \cdot 10^{-3} s^{-1}} = 0.067$$

$$x \cdot 10^{-4} = x \cdot 10^{-1} \cdot 10^1 \cdot 10^{-4} = \frac{x}{10} \cdot 10^{-3}$$

→ in acid dissociation of BP, 6.7%  $P_1$  is formed

T-dependence of k

in general a rate constant  $k = f(T)$

observed for many reaction:  $\ln k$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$  is linear

→ Arrhenius expression (late 1800s)

$$k = A e^{-E_a / RT}$$

$A$  = frequency factor or Arrhenius pre-exponential factor

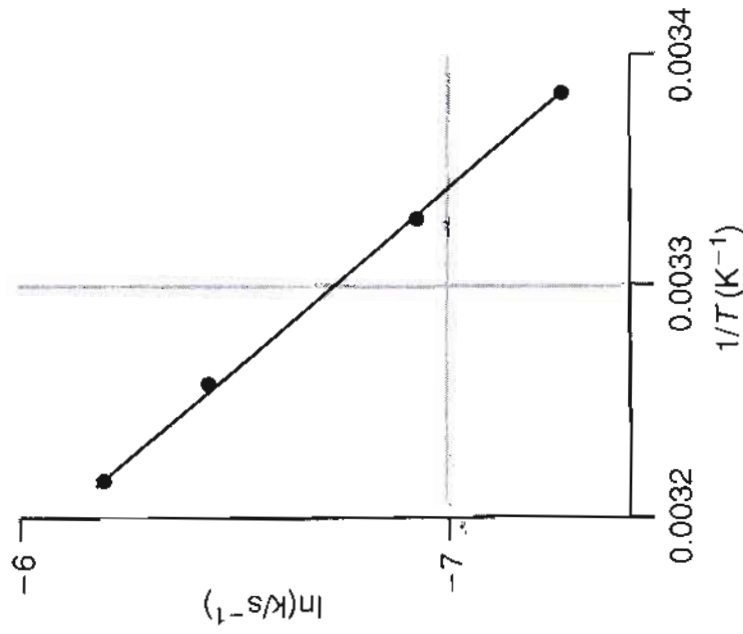
$E_a$  = activation energy

$A$ : unit of a rate constant  $\Rightarrow$  changes with order

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

**Solution**

A plot of  $\ln(k_1)$  versus  $T^{-1}$  is shown here:



The data are indicated by the points, and the solid line corresponds to the linear least-squares fit to the data. The equation for the line is

$$\ln(k) = (-6300 \text{ K}) \frac{1}{T} + 14.1$$

As shown in Equation (35.83), the slope of the line is equal to  $-E_a/R$  such that

$$6300 \text{ K} = \frac{E_a}{R} \Rightarrow E_a = 52,400 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = 52.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$\ln k$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$ : straight line

slope =  $-\frac{E_a}{R}$ , intercept  $\ln A$

example as before: hydrolysis of BP:

$t$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$k$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
22.2	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
27.2	$9.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
33.7	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
38.0	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$

Transp. plot  $\ln\left(\frac{k}{\text{s}^{-1}}\right)$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$

linear regression:  $\ln k = (-6300 \text{ K}) \cdot \frac{1}{T} + 14.1$

intercept:  $14.1 = \ln A \Rightarrow A = e^{14.1} \text{ s}^{-1} = 1.33 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$E_a$  is the energy needed that a reaction can occur

Transp. Boltzmann distributions of molecular speeds at 200 K and at 500 K:

$E$  vs fraction of molecules with  $E_k = E$

+  $E_{\text{pot}}$  vs  $q$   $E(q = \text{reactants}) \rightarrow E_a \rightarrow E(q = \text{products})$

reaction coordinate  $q$ . describes changes in a molecule going from  $R \rightarrow P$  = bond and geometry changes as they must happen from  $R$  to  $P$

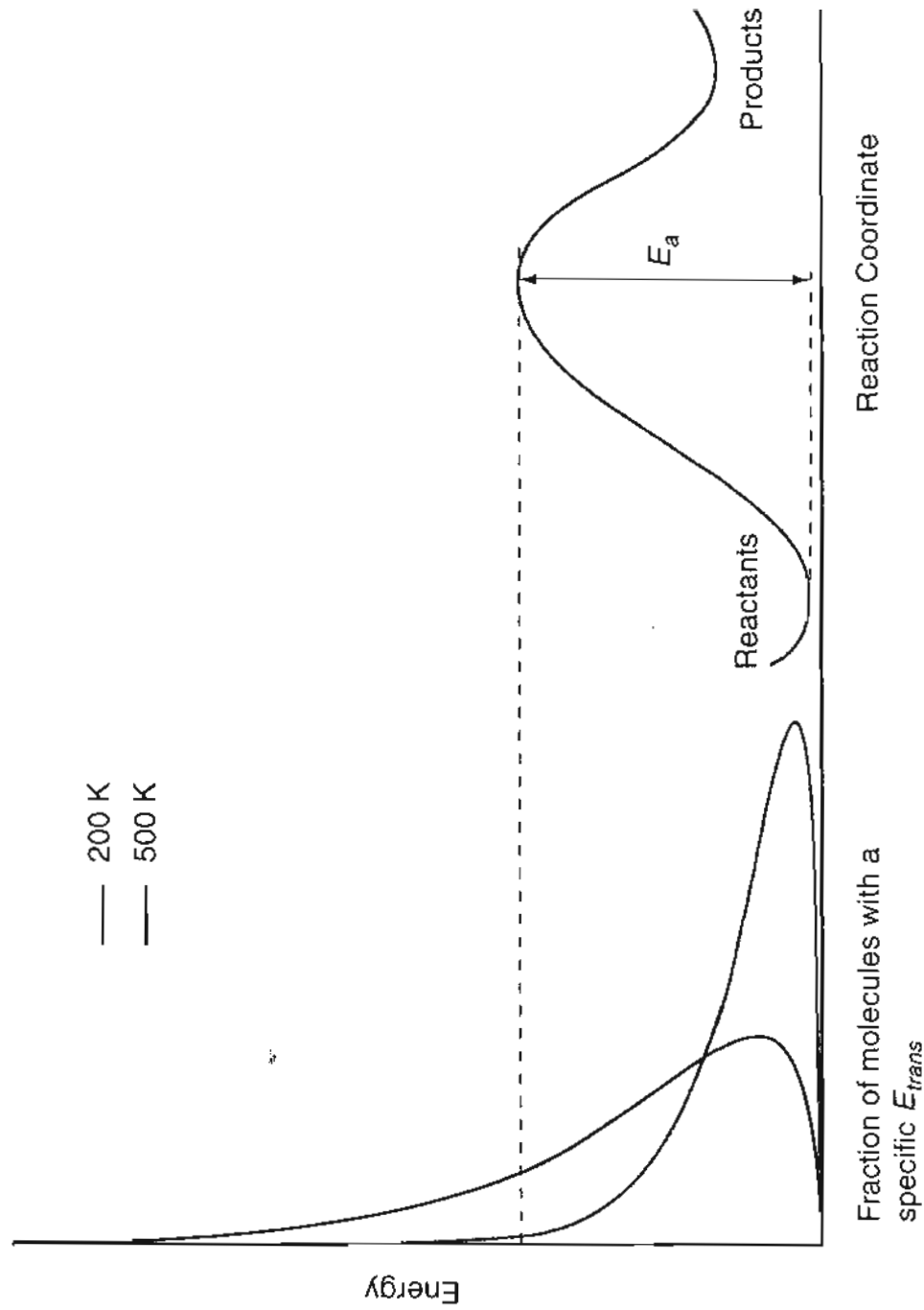
e.g. for  $A-B + C \rightarrow A-C + B$ ,  $q$  can be

$R_{A-B}$  or also  $R_{A-C}$

The y intercept is equal to  $\ln(A)$  such that

$$A = e^{14.1} = 1.33 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The origin of the energy term in the Arrhenius expression can be understood as follows. The activation energy corresponds to the energy needed for the chemical reaction to occur. Conceptually, we envision a chemical reaction as occurring along an energy profile as illustrated in Figure 35.13. If the energy content of the reactants is greater than the activation energy, the reaction can proceed. In Figure 35.13 Boltzmann distribution



**FIGURE 35.13**

A schematic drawing of the energy profile for a chemical reaction. Reactants must acquire sufficient energy to overcome the activation energy  $E_a$  for the reaction to occur. The reaction coordinate represents the bonding and geometry changes that occur in the transformation of reactants into products. Shown here are Boltzmann distributions of molecular translational energy ( $E_{trans}$ ) at 200 and 500 K. Notice that the fraction of molecules with translational energy greater than  $E_a$  increase with temperature.

The no. of molecules with  $E_k > E_a$  (21)-5  
increases when  $T$  increases, fraction of  
molecules with  $E_k \geq E_a$  is  $e^{-E_a/RT}$

When at fixed  $T$ ,  $E_a$  increases, then the  
fraction of molecules with  $E_k$  large enough for  
reaction decreases

not all reactions follow the Arrhenius law

Reason:  $E_a$  and  $A$  can be  $f(T)$

while the law assumes them to be independent  
of  $T$

→ no straight line plot of  $\ln k$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$

more modern theories:

$$k = aT^m e^{-E'/RT}$$

~~$a$~~  and  $E'$  are assumed independent of  $T$

$m$  can be  $1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$ , depending on the  
details of the theory used

activated complex theory:  $m=1$  predicted

with  $m=1$  a plot of  $\ln\left(\frac{k}{T}\right)$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$  gives a  
straight line with slope =  $-E'/R$  and intercept =  $\ln a$

The limitations of the Arrhenius law are  
clearly known and it gives a good description  
for a large number of reactions.

A = collision frequency factor?

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2. order in solution:

$$k_1 = 5.70 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}} \quad | \quad 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$$k_2 = 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}} \quad | \quad 40^\circ\text{C}$$

slope of  $\ln k$  vs  $\frac{1}{T}$ :

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\ln k_1 - \ln k_2}{\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}}$$

$$= \frac{-9.772 - (-8.716)}{(3.354 - 3.1934) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}} = \frac{-1.056}{0.1606} \cdot 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$= -6.576 \cdot 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$E_a = -R \cdot \text{slope} = 8.3145 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}} \cdot 6.576 \cdot 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$= 54676 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}} = 54.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$k = A e^{-E_a/RT} \quad A = k e^{E_a/RT}$$

any 1 of the 2 given  $k$  values is ok

$$A = 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{ms}} \exp \left[ \frac{54.68 \cdot 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}}}{8.3145 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}} \cdot 313.15 \text{ K}} \right]$$

$$= 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{ms}} \exp(+21) \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ 40^\circ\text{C} \end{matrix}$$

$$= 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{ms}} \cdot 1.3188 \cdot 10^9$$

$$= 2.16 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{ms}} = 2.16 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}}$$

$$[A] = [k] !$$



# Reversible Reactions: Equilibrium

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so far was assumed:

When product P is formed, no backward reaction takes place

Transp.  $E_{pot} = f(q)$

$E_{pot}(q)$  suggests: with enough energy, the backward reaction can occur.

$R \rightarrow P$  if reactants have enough energy to overcome the activation energy  $E_a$

then reactants form products

But, if the products have enough energy to overcome the barrier  $E_a'$

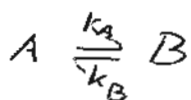
then reaction in reverse direction occurs also:



Then we have a reversible reaction which can occur in both directions:  $R \rightleftharpoons P$

forward reaction: 1. order in ~~A~~ A

backward reaction: 1. order in B:



$k_A, k_B$ : forward and backward rate constants

differential rate equations:

$$\frac{d(A)}{dt} = -k_A[A] + k_B[B]$$

consumption of A formation of A

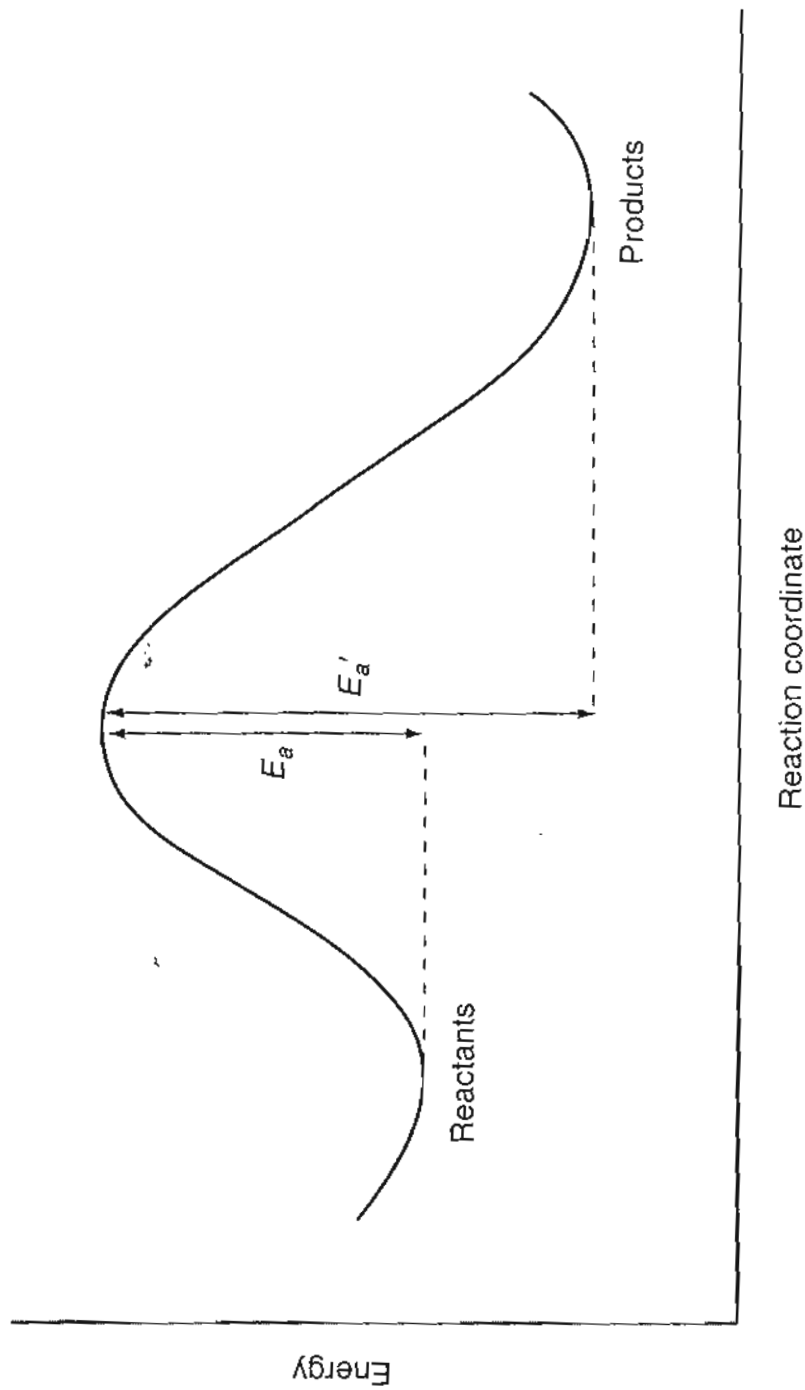
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A consumed with  $k_A (-k_A[A])$ , B consumed with  $k_B$  ( $k_B[B]$ ) producing A again

form products, are opposite of each other. **coordinate** presented in Figure 35.14 suggests that, depending on the energetics of the reaction, such reactions can indeed occur. Specifically, the figure illustrates that reactants form products if they have sufficient energy to overcome the activation energy for the reaction. But what if the reaction coordinate is viewed from the product's perspective? Can the coordinate be followed in reverse, with products returning to reactants by overcoming the activation energy barrier from the product side  $E'_a$  of the coordinate? Such **reversible reactions** are discussed in this section.

Consider the following reaction in which the forward reaction is first order in A, and the back reaction is first order in B:



**FIGURE 35.14**  
Reaction coordinate diagram showing activation energy for reactants  $E_a$  and the back reaction  $E'_a$  which products form reactants.

further:  $\frac{d[B]}{dt} = k_A[A] - k_B[B]$

$\oplus$  formation of B       $\ominus$  consumption of B

1. order decay reaction was discussed before:

then the reactant decay term  $-k_A[A]$  here similar to 1. order decay reaction

but here we have a second term,  $k_B[B]$ , which describes reactant formation by product decay.

initially at  $t=0$ :  $[A]_0 \neq 0$ ,  $[B]_0 = 0$

then at all times  $t > 0$ :  $[A]_0 = [A] + [B]$

$\Rightarrow$  integration possible:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[A]}{dt} &= -k_A[A] + k_B[B] \\ &= -k_A[A] + k_B([A]_0 - [A]) \\ &= -(k_A + k_B)[A] + k_B[A]_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{(k_A + k_B)[A] - k_B[A]_0} = - \int_0^t dt = -t$$

formula collection:

$$\int \frac{dx}{a+bx} = \frac{1}{b} \ln(a+bx) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{[A]_0}^{[A]} \frac{d[A]}{(k_A + k_B)[A] - k_B[A]_0} = \frac{1}{k_A + k_B} \ln \frac{(k_A + k_B)[A] - k_B[A]_0}{(k_A + k_B)[A]_0 - k_B[A]_0}$$

cancel!

$$b = k_A + k_B$$

$$a = -k_B[A]_0$$

$$\ln \frac{(k_A + k_B)[A] - k_B[A]_0}{k_A[A]_0} = -(k_A + k_B)t$$

$$(k_A + k_B)[A] - k_B[A]_0 = k_A[A]_0 e^{-(k_A + k_B)t}$$

$$(k_A + k_B)[A] = \left[ k_B + k_A e^{-(k_A + k_B)t} \right] [A]_0$$

$$[A] = \frac{k_B + k_A e^{-(k_A + k_B)t}}{k_A + k_B} [A]_0$$

$$[B] = [A]_0 - [A]$$

$$= \left[ 1 - \frac{k_B + k_A e^{-(k_A + k_B)t}}{k_A + k_B} \right] [A]_0$$

Transp.  $[A], [B]$  vs  $t$  with  $k_A = 2k_B = 0.06 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$[A]$  decays exponentially with rate constant  $(k_A + k_B)$  and  $[B]$  appears exponentially also with rate constant  $(k_A + k_B)$

at  $t_{eq}$  the concentrations become constant and equilibrium is reached

forward + backward reactions  $\rightarrow [A]_{\infty}, [B]_{\infty} \neq 0$   
both not zero

equilibrium concentrations  $[A]_{eq}, [B]_{eq}$ :

$$[A]_{eq} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [A] = [A]_0 \frac{k_B}{k_A + k_B} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\alpha t} = 0$$

$$[B]_{eq} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [B] = [A]_0 \left( 1 - \frac{k_B}{k_A + k_B} \right)$$

at  $t_{eq}$ :  $[A], [B]$  so close to  $[A]_{eq}, [B]_{eq}$  that they change only little at  $t > t_{eq}$

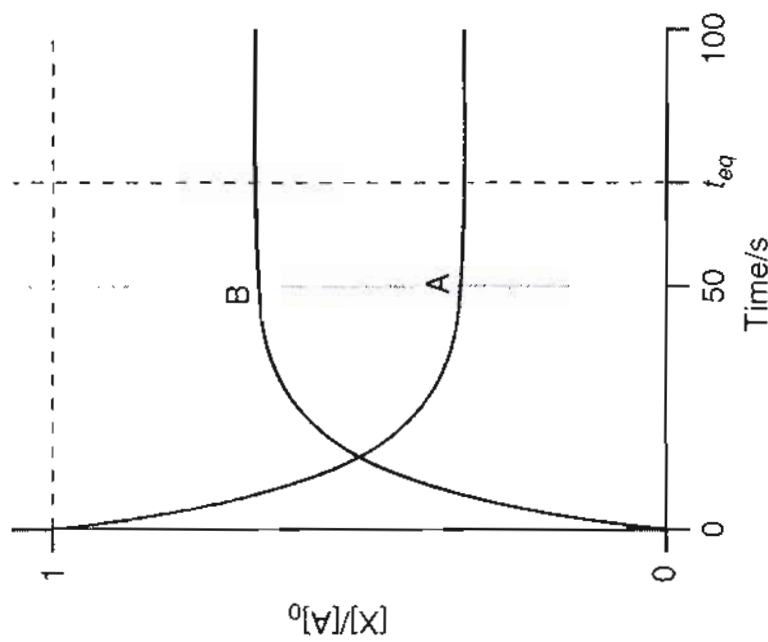
product concentrations are sufficiently close to equilibrium, and the change in these concentrations with time is so modest that approximating the system as having reached equilibrium is reasonable. This time is indicated by  $t_{eq}$  in Figure 35.15, where inspection of the figure demonstrates that the concentrations are at their equilibrium values for times  $> t_{eq}$ . After equilibrium has been established, the reactant and product concentrations are time independent such that

$$\frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{d[B]_{eq}}{dt} = 0 \quad (35.93)$$

The subscripts in Equation (35.93) indicate that equality applies only after equilibrium has been established. A common misconception is that Equation (35.93) states that at equilibrium the forward and back reaction rates are zero. Instead, at equilibrium the forward and back reaction rates are equal, but not zero, such that the macroscopic concentration of reactant or product does not evolve with time. That is, the forward and back reactions still occur, but they occur with equal rates at equilibrium. Using Equation (35.93) in combination with the differential rate expressions for the reactant [Equation (35.85)], we arrive at what is hopefully a familiar relationship:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{d[B]_{eq}}{dt} = 0 &= -k_A[A]_{eq} + k_B[B]_{eq} \\ \frac{k_A}{k_B} = \frac{[B]_{eq}}{[A]_{eq}} &= K_c \end{aligned} \quad (35.94)$$

In this equation,  $K_c$  is the equilibrium constant defined in terms of concentrations. This quantity is identical to that first encountered in thermodynamics (Chapter 6) and statistical mechanics (Chapter 32). We now have a definition of equilibrium from the kinetic perspective; therefore, Equation (35.94) is a remarkable result in which the concept of equilibrium as described by these three different perspectives is connected into one



**FIGURE 35.15**

Time-dependent concentrations in which both forward and back reactions exist between reactant A and product B. In this example,  $k_A = 2k_B = 0.06 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Note that the concentrations reach a constant value at longer times ( $t \cong t_{eq}$ ) at which point the reaction reaches equilibrium.

⇒ system has practically reached equilibrium at  $t_{eq}$  (22) - 4

$t > t_{eq}$ :  $[A], [B]$  constant = time independent

$$\frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{d[B]_{eq}}{dt} = 0$$

but forward and backward rates are not 0

in equilibrium, they are just equal

so that  $[A]_{eq}, [B]_{eq}$  do not change anymore in equilibrium

forward and backward <sup>reactions</sup> ~~rates~~ still happen in equilibrium, but with equal rates, so that concentrations do not change for  $t > t_{eq}$

$$\frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{d[B]_{eq}}{dt} = 0 = -k_A[A]_{eq} + k_B[B]_{eq}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k_A}{k_B} = \frac{[B]_{eq}}{[A]_{eq}} = K_c$$

The equilibrium constant in concentration form as ~~from~~ known from thermodynamics and also from statistical mechanics is now written in terms of rate constants:

the larger is  $k_A$ , the more  $K_c$  is on the product side ( $[B]$ ) <sup>and formation</sup>

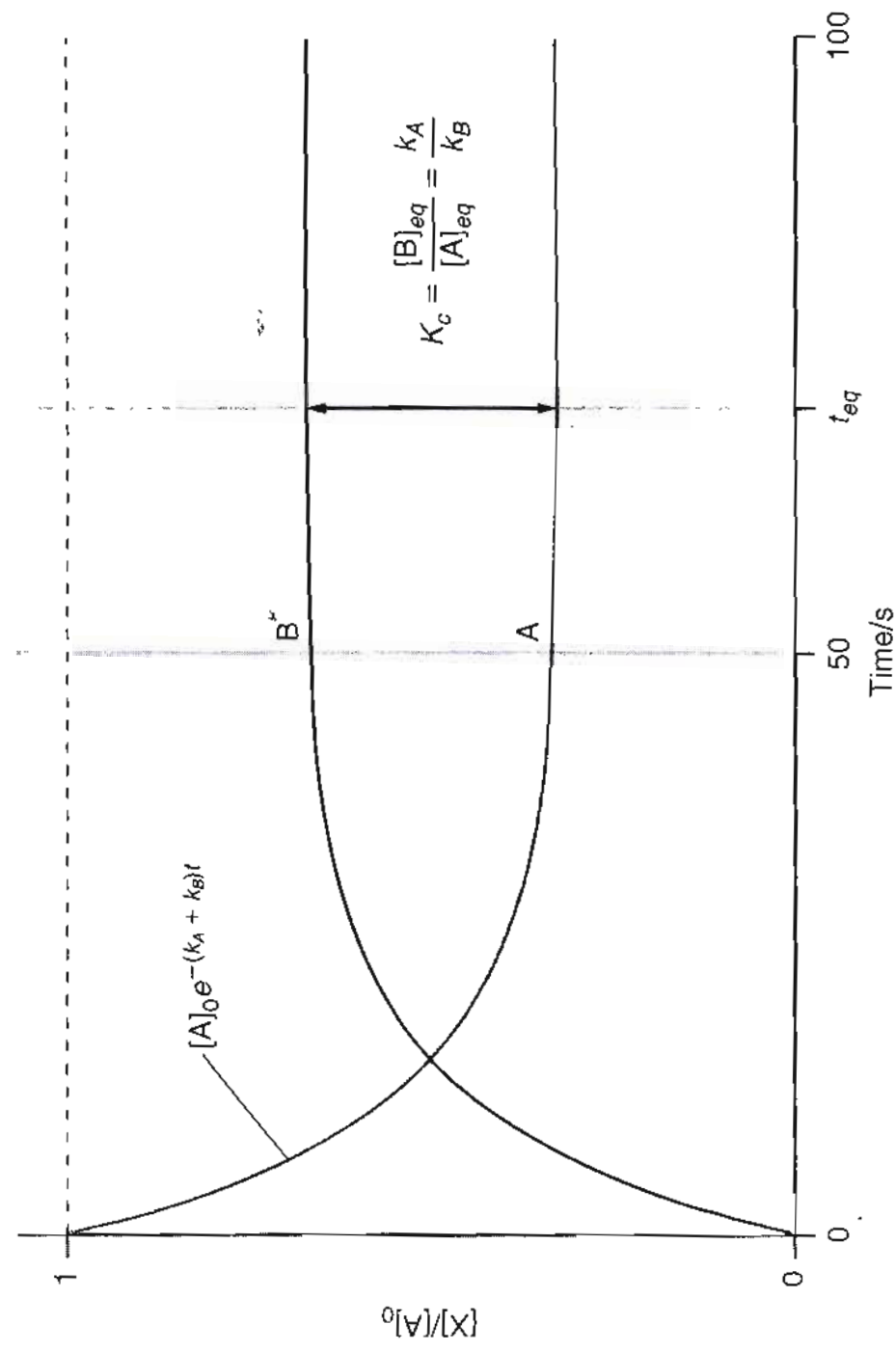
measurement: decay <sup>e</sup> (rate) of A and B

→ apparent rate constant  $k_A + k_B$

measurement of  $K_c$  → ratio of forward and backward rate constants ⇒  $k_A$  and  $k_B$  separately

deceptively simple equation. From the kinetic standpoint,  $K_c$  is related to the ratio of forward and backward rate constants for the reaction. The greater the forward rate constant relative to that for the back reaction, the more equilibrium will favor products over reactants.

Figure 35.16 illustrates the methodology by which forward and backward rate constants can be determined. Specifically, measurement of the reactant decay kinetics (or equivalently the product formation kinetics) provides a measure of the apparent rate constant,  $k_A + k_B$ . The measurement of  $K_c$ , or the reactant and product concentrations at equilibrium, provides a measure of the ratio of the forward and backward rate constants.



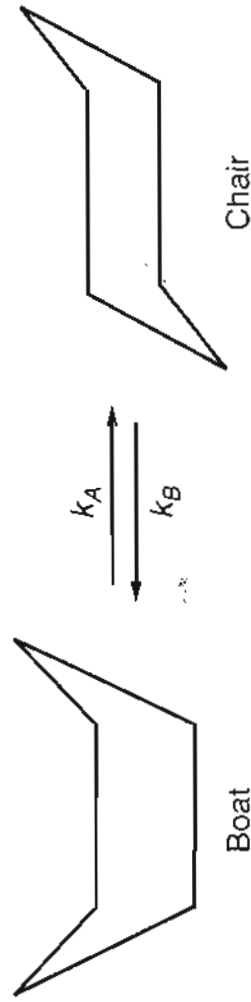
**FIGURE 35.16**

Methodology for determining forward and backward rate constants. The apparent rate constant for reactant decay is equal to the sum of forward  $k_A$  and backward  $k_B$  rate constants. The equilibrium constant is equal to  $k_A/k_B$ . These two measurements provide a system of two equations and two unknowns that can be readily evaluated to produce  $k_A$  and  $k_B$ .

Together, these measurements represent a system of two equations and two unknowns that can be readily solved to determine  $k_A$  and  $k_B$ .

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 35.9

Consider the interconversion of the “boat” and “chair” conformations of cyclohexane:



The reaction is first order in each direction, with an equilibrium constant of  $10^4$ . The activation energy for the conversion of the chair conformer to the boat conformer is 42 kJ/mol. Assuming an Arrhenius preexponential factor of  $10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , what is the expected observed reaction rate constant at 298 K if one were to initiate this reaction starting with only the boat conformer?

### Solution

Using the Arrhenius expression of Equation (35.82),  $k_B$  is given by

$$k_B = A e^{-E_a/RT} = 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1} \exp \left[ \frac{-42,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}}{(8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})(298 \text{ K})} \right]$$

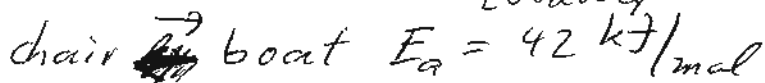


Transp. Measurement of  $k_A + k_B$  from (28) - 5  
 reactant decay, and of  $k_A/k_B = K_c$   
 $\rightarrow k_A$  and  $k_B$



1. order forward and backward,

$$K_c = 10^4 = \frac{[\text{chair}]_{eq}}{[\text{boat}]_{eq}}$$



Arrhenius factor  $A = 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$

starting with only boat, what is the  
 apparent rate constant  $k_{app} = k_A + k_B$ , 298K

$E_a$  is for ~~boat~~ chair  $\rightarrow$  boat

$$\Rightarrow k_B = A e^{-E_a/RT}$$

$$= 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1} \exp\left[\frac{-42000 \text{ J/mol}}{8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{Kmol}} \cdot 298 \text{ K}}\right]$$

$$= 4.34 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$K_c = 10^4 = \frac{k_A}{k_B}$$

$$k_A = 10^4 k_B = 10^4 \cdot 4.34 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$= 4.34 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{app} = k_A + k_B = 4.34 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- Perturbation - Relaxation Methods (23) - 1
- Auto ionization of water

Equilibrium reactions: the concentration values near equilibrium will occur at later times than the initial rates suggest.

rate constant measurement: concentration evolutions with time + measurement of equilibrium concentrations

that is not possible if the initial conditions cannot be controlled exactly

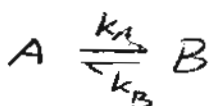
for example: reaction start at a specific time is maybe not possible

However, one can wait for equilibrium to be established and then one perturbs the equilibrium by a fast change of  $P$ ,  $T$ , or concentrations, like pH value

then after the change the system will not be in equilibrium anymore: it is in old equilibrium, but now equilibrium is changed ( $K$  changed)

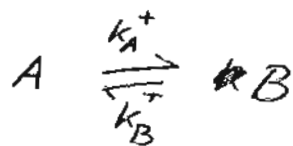
so the system will change (relax) until a new equilibrium is reached

then the relaxation kinetics can be measured.



forward, backward reactions of 1. order

rapid T-jump  $\Rightarrow$  according to Arrhenius (23)-2  
 the rate constants will change to  $k_A^+$  and  $k_B^+$   
 (+ indicator values valid after T jump)  
 and there will be a new equilibrium:



initial T and  $\Delta T$  can be fixed such that  
 the final T is the one at which we want to  
 do our experiment

At new equilibrium:  $[A]_{eq} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d[A]_{eq}}{dt} = 0 = -k_A^+ [A]_{eq} + k_B^+ [B]_{eq}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_A^+ [A]_{eq} = k_B^+ [B]_{eq}$$

subscript eq denotes the new equilibrium  
 after the T-jump

$\xi$ : extent by which the pre T-jump (before  
 T-jump) concentrations are shifted

$$[A] - \xi = [A]_{eq} \quad -\xi \text{ since A is consumed}$$

$$[B] + \xi = [B]_{eq}$$

if T is higher after the jump

then  $k_A^+$  after jump is larger than  $k_A$  before

$\Rightarrow$  new  $[A]_{eq} < [A]$  before jump equilibrium

$$\rightarrow [A] - \xi = [A]_{eq}$$

$$\frac{d(A)}{dt} - \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{d(A)_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{d(A)_{eq}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{d(A)}{dt} = -k_A^+ (A) + k_B^+ (B)$$

rate constants are for after T-jump

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\xi}{dt} &= -k_A^+ (\xi + (A)_{eq}) + k_B^+ (-\xi + (B)_{eq}) \\ &= -k_A^+ (A)_{eq} + k_B^+ (B)_{eq} - \xi(k_A^+ + k_B^+) \end{aligned}$$

rates equal (in new equilibrium)

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -\xi(k_A^+ + k_B^+)$$

relaxation time  $\tau = \frac{1}{k_A^+ + k_B^+}$

Transp. time evolutions in T-jump experiment

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -\frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t dt'$$

$$\ln \frac{\xi}{\xi_0} = -t/\tau$$

$$\xi = \xi_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

relaxation time: time it takes for  $\xi$  to reach  $\frac{1}{e} \xi_0$  ( $\frac{1}{e}$  of its initial value.)

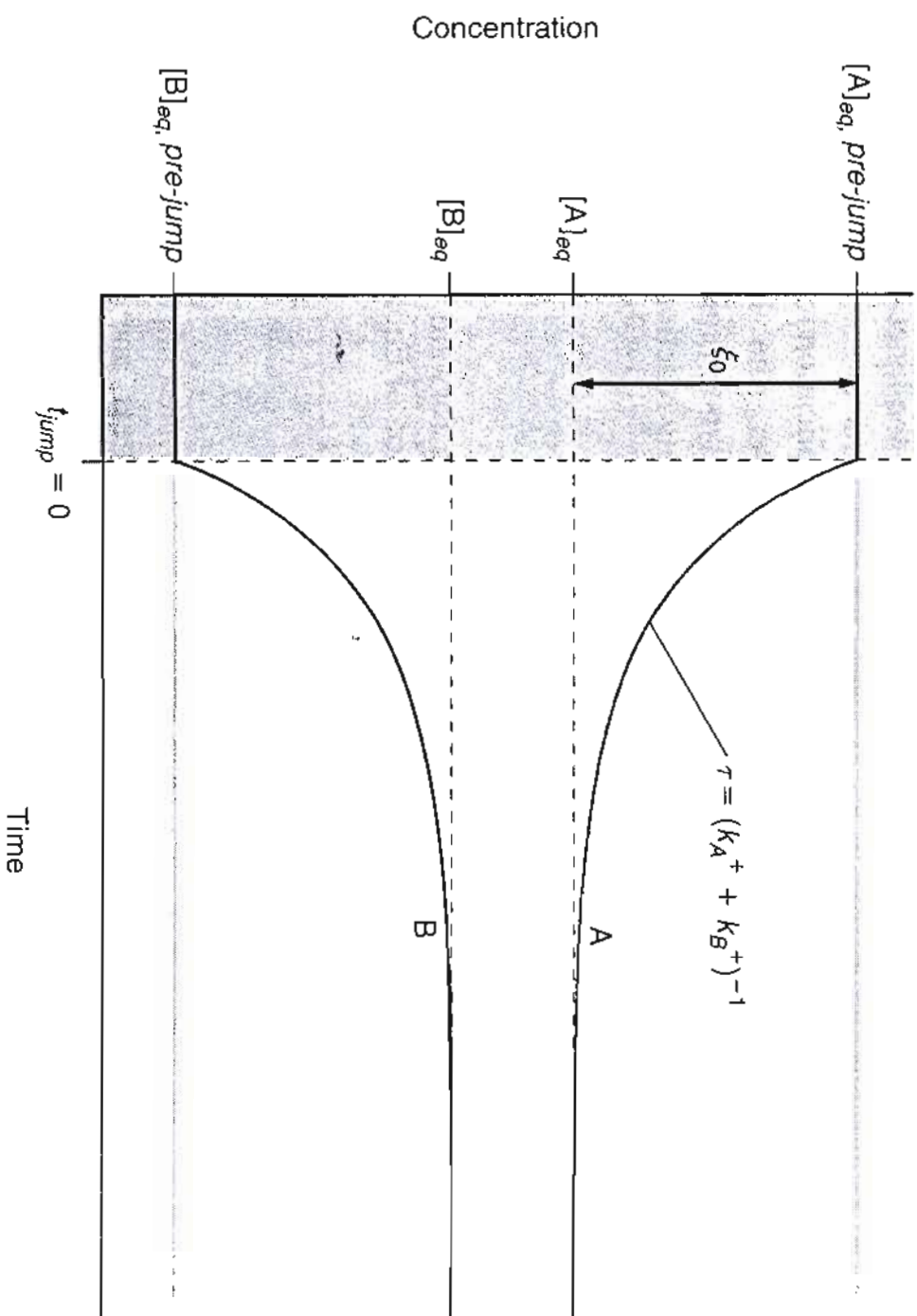
the time scale of the relaxation is related to  $k_A^+ + k_B^+$

= measure  $\tau, K_c$  (new equilibrium):  $\tau = \frac{1}{k_A^+ + k_B^+}, K_c = \frac{k_A^+}{k_B^+}$

$$k_A^+ = k_B^+ K_c \quad k_B^+ K_c + k_B^+ = \frac{1}{\tau} \quad k_B^+ = \frac{1}{\tau(1+K_c)} \quad k_A^+ = k_B^+ K_c = \frac{K_c}{\tau(1+K_c)}$$

**FIGURE 35.17**

Example of a temperature-jump experiment for a reaction in which the forward and backward rate processes are first order. The orange and light green portions of the graph indicate times before and after the temperature jump, respectively. After the temperature jump, [A] decreases with a time constant related to the sum of the forward and backward rate constants. The change between the pre-jump and post-jump equilibrium concentrations is given by  $\xi_0$ .

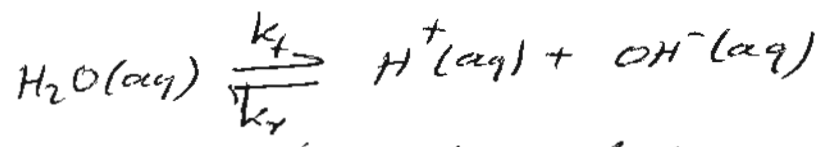


Employing the relaxation time, Equation (35.100) is readily evaluated:

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -\frac{\xi}{\tau}$$

$$\int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{\xi'} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t dt'$$

Auto ionization of water :



forward reaction: 1. order  
reverse reaction: 2. order

before  
A = H<sub>2</sub>O

$$[A] - \xi = [A]_{eq}$$

$$\Rightarrow [A]_{eq} + \xi = [A]$$

$$\frac{d[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{dt} = -k_f[\text{H}_2\text{O}] + k_r[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] - k_f[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = -k_f^+ (\xi + [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq})$$

$$\frac{d[\text{H}^+]}{dt} = k_f[\text{H}_2\text{O}] - k_r[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] - k_r[\text{H}^+] = k_r^+ (\xi - [\text{H}^+]_{eq})$$

since (B) + \xi = (B)<sub>eq</sub>  
B = H<sup>+</sup>

$$[\text{B}] = [\text{B}]_{eq} - \xi$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = (\xi - [\text{H}^+]_{eq})$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = -(\xi - [\text{OH}^-]_{eq})$$

example: pH = 7, \tau = 37 \mu s after T-jump to 298K

after (post-) T-jump:

$$K_c^{post} = \frac{k_f^+}{k_r^+} = \frac{[\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq}}{[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq}} \equiv K_c$$

$$\frac{d[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{dt} = \frac{d\xi}{dt} = -k_f^+ [\text{H}_2\text{O}] + k_r^+ [\text{OH}^-][\text{H}^+]$$

since  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = \xi + [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq}$

$$= -k_f^+ (\xi + [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq}) + k_r^+ (\xi - [\text{H}^+]_{eq}) (\xi - [\text{OH}^-]_{eq})$$

$$[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq} = \frac{k_r^+}{k_f^+} = [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq} \text{ from } K_c$$

$$[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{eq} = \frac{k_r^+}{k_f^+} [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq}$$

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -k_f^+ \left( \xi + \frac{k_r^+}{k_f^+} [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq} \right) + k_r^+ (\xi - [\text{H}^+]_{eq}) (\xi - [\text{OH}^-]_{eq})$$

$$= -k_f^+ \xi - k_r^+ [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq} - k_r^+ \xi ([\text{H}^+]_{eq} + [\text{OH}^-]_{eq}) + k_r^+ [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq} + k_r^+ \xi^2$$

$k_r^+ (\xi - [\text{H}^+]_{eq}) (\xi - [\text{OH}^-]_{eq})$	$=$	$k_r^+ [\text{H}^+]_{eq} [\text{OH}^-]_{eq}$	$+$	$k_r^+ \xi^2$	$-$	$k_r^+ \xi ([\text{OH}^-]_{eq} + [\text{H}^+]_{eq})$
$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$		$\uparrow$		$\downarrow$
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$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -k_f^+ \xi - k_r^+ \xi ([H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq}) + O(\xi^2)$$

↓  
terms of order (with)  $\xi^2$

$$\text{here: } O(\xi^2) = k_r^+ \xi^2$$

$\xi$  is small if there is only a small perturbation of equilibrium by the T-jump

then the  $O(\xi^2)$  term can be neglected

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\xi}{dt} = -\xi [k_f^+ + k_r^+ ([H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq})]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{relaxation time } \frac{1}{\tau} = k_f^+ + k_r^+ ([H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq})$$

$\xi = f(t)$  identical to before, only new  $\tau$  for  $k_f^+$  and  $k_r^+$ :  $\tau$  and  $K_c$  after jump not must be measured

$$\tau = 37 \mu\text{s} = 37 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{3.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}} = k_f^+ + k_r^+ ([H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq})$$

$$\text{in equilibrium: } \text{pH} = 7 \Rightarrow [H^+]_{eq} = [OH^-]_{eq} = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

$$[H_2O]_{eq} = 55.5 \text{ M at } 298 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{k_f^+}{k_r^+} = K_c = \frac{[H^+]_{eq} [OH^-]_{eq}}{[H_2O]_{eq}} = \frac{(1.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ M})^2}{55.5 \text{ M}} = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ M}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = K_c k_r^+ + k_r^+ ([H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq}) \quad \text{since } K_c = \frac{k_f^+}{k_r^+}$$

$$\frac{1}{3.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}} = \frac{1.8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ M} + 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ M}}{K_c} k_r^+ \quad [H^+]_{eq} + [OH^-]_{eq}$$

$$k_f^+ = \frac{1}{3.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s} \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ M}}$$

$1.8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ M} \ll 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  is neglected

$$\rightarrow k_f^+ = 1.4 \cdot 10^{11} \frac{1}{\text{M s}}$$

$$k_f^+ = K_c k_r^+ = 1.4 \cdot 10^{11} \frac{1}{\text{M s}} \cdot 1.8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ M}$$

$$= 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$k_f^+ \ll k_r^+ \Rightarrow$  small extent of autoionization  
in water

$k_f^+, k_r^+$  are  $f(T)$

$\Rightarrow K_c$  is also  $f(T)$



- Potential Energy Surfaces

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- Activated Complex Theory

The energetics in a reaction are important to determine the rates!

reaction kinetics are related to energetics

→ Potential Energy Surfaces

Example: bimolecular reactions:



$AB, BC$  are stable, assume that  $ABC$  and  $AC$  are not formed (not very stable) in the reaction

Interaction of 3 atoms → potential energy  $E_p$

$$E_p = f(R_{AB}, R_{BC}, \theta = \angle ABC)$$

Transparency coordinates for  $AB + C \rightarrow A + BC$

plotting  $E_p \rightarrow$  four-dimensional plot, 3 coordinates and  $E_p$

Reduction of dimensions: keeping  $\theta$  fixed at  $180^\circ$

(A, B, C in linear arrangement)

above the  $R_{AB}, R_{BC}$  plane  $E_p$  is plotted: the larger is  $E_p$  the higher is the point above the plane

Transp. the minima in a) and b) correspond to the stable diatomics AB and BC

easier is a 2D contour plot (c)

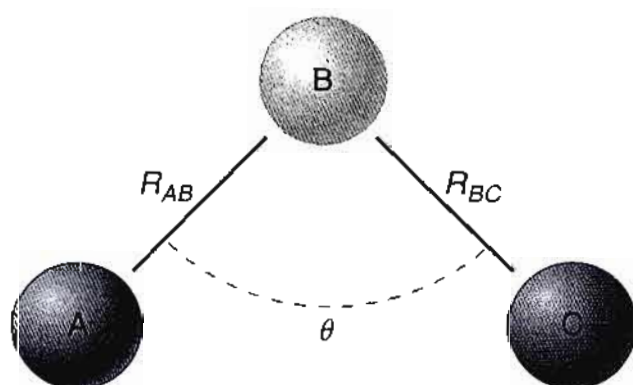
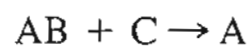
view straight down on the 3D surface

lines are drawn between points of equal  $E_p$

Notice the substantial difference between the forward and reverse rate constants are temperature dependent also demonstrates temperature dependence

## 35.13 Potential Energy

In the discussion of the Arrhenius equation, the potential energy is defined as an important factor determining the rate of a reaction. In reaction kinetics and energetics is central to the study of reaction rates. To illustrate this concept, consider the following



**FIGURE 35.18**  
Definition of geometric coordinates for the  $AB + C \rightarrow A + BC$  reaction.

The diatomic species  $AB$  and  $BC$  are stable, but the triatomic species  $ABC$  and the diatomic species  $AC$  are not. This reaction can be viewed as the interaction of three atoms. The potential energy of this collection of atoms can be defined in a three-dimensional space. The geometric relationship between the distances  $R_{AB}$  and  $R_{BC}$  with respect to the distance between two of the three atoms is defined by the angle  $\theta$  formed between these two distances, as illustrated in Figure 35.18.

The potential energy of the system can be expressed as a function of the geometric coordinates. The variation of the potential energy with respect to the geometric coordinates can then be presented as a graph or surface (referred to as a potential energy surface). Formally, for our example reaction this surface is defined by the potential energy as a function of the geometric coordinates and energy). The dimensions of the potential energy surface are energy, distance, and distance.

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**FIGURE 35.19**

Illustration of a potential energy surface for the  $AB + C$  reaction at a colinear geometry ( $\theta = 180^\circ$  in Figure 35.18).

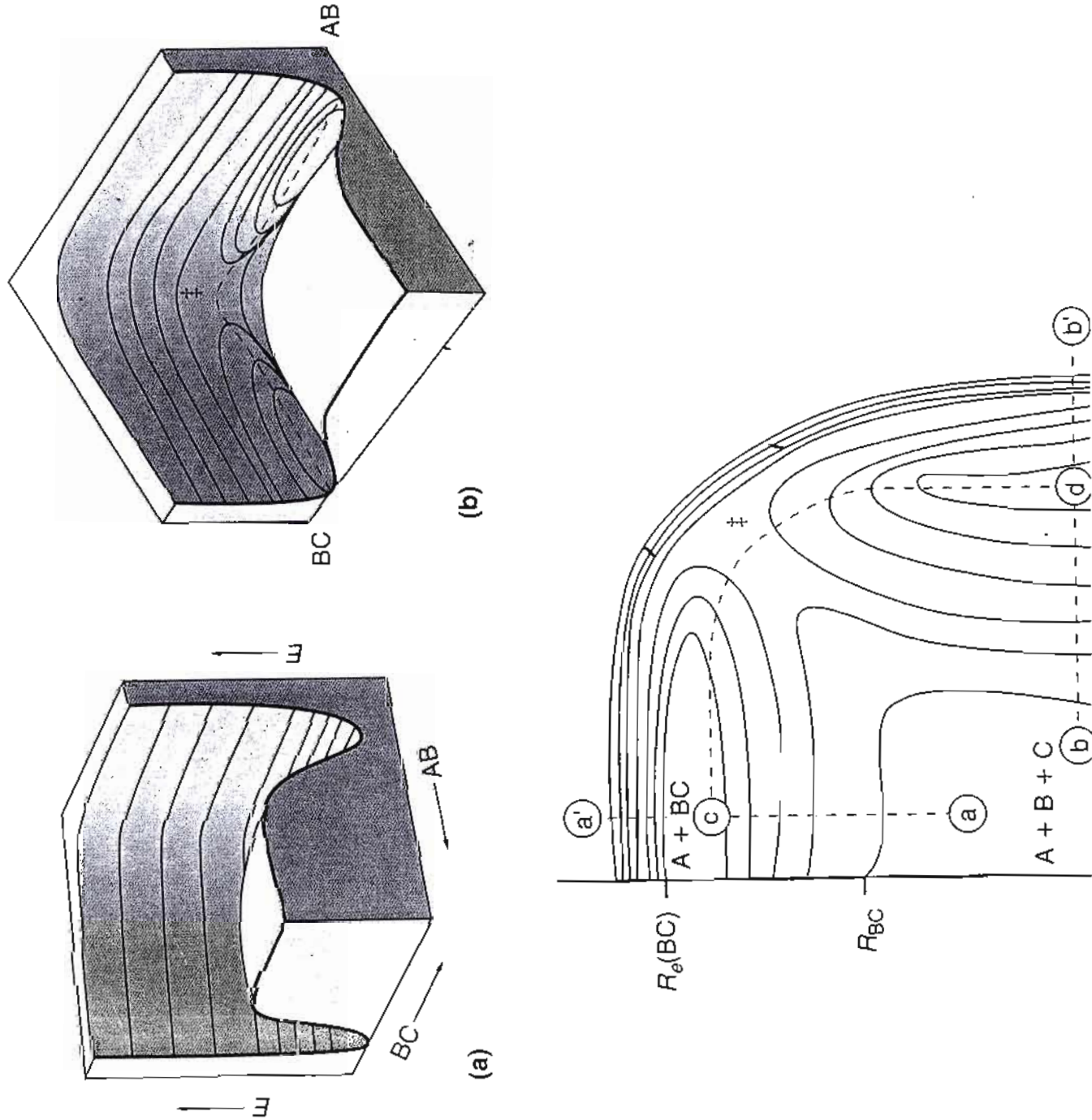
(a, b) Three-dimensional views of the surface. (c) Contour plot of the surface with contours of equipotential energy.

The curved dashed line represents one possible path of a reactive event, corresponding to its reaction coordinate.

The transition state for this coordinate is

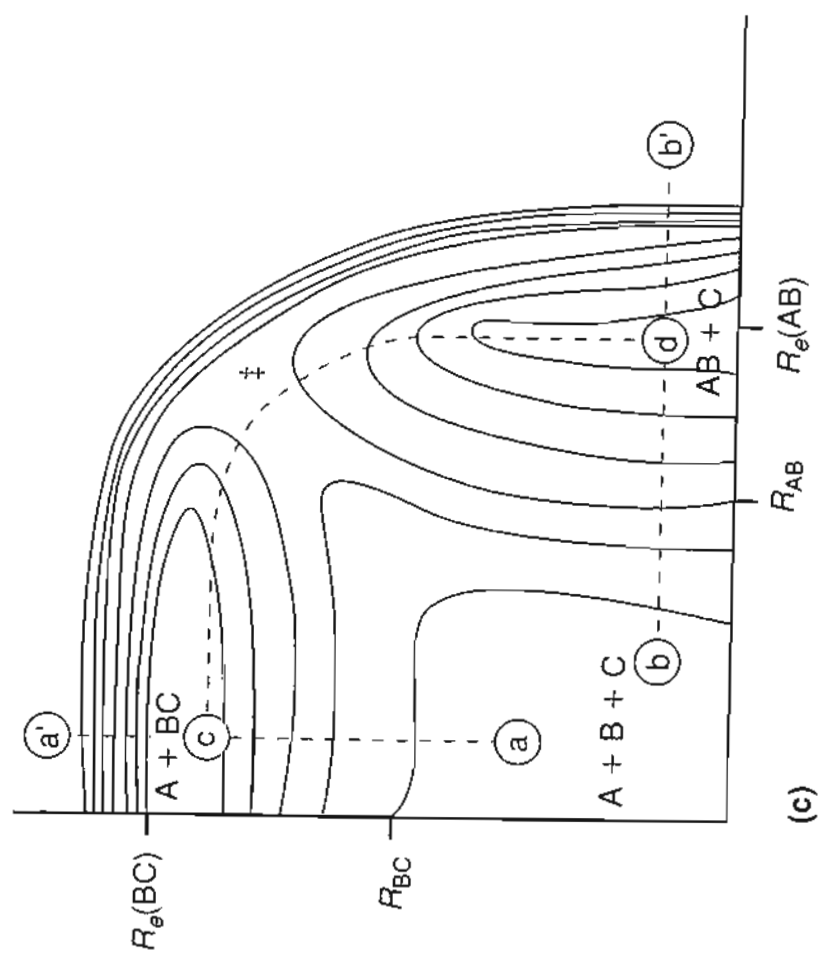
indicated by the symbol  $\ddagger$ . (d, e) Cross sections of the potential energy surface along the lines  $a' - a$  and  $b' - b$ , respectively.

These two graphs correspond to the potential for two-body interactions of B with C, and A with B. [Adapted from J. H. Noggle, *Physical Chemistry*, 3rd Edition, © 1996. Reprinted and electronically reproduced by permission of Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.]

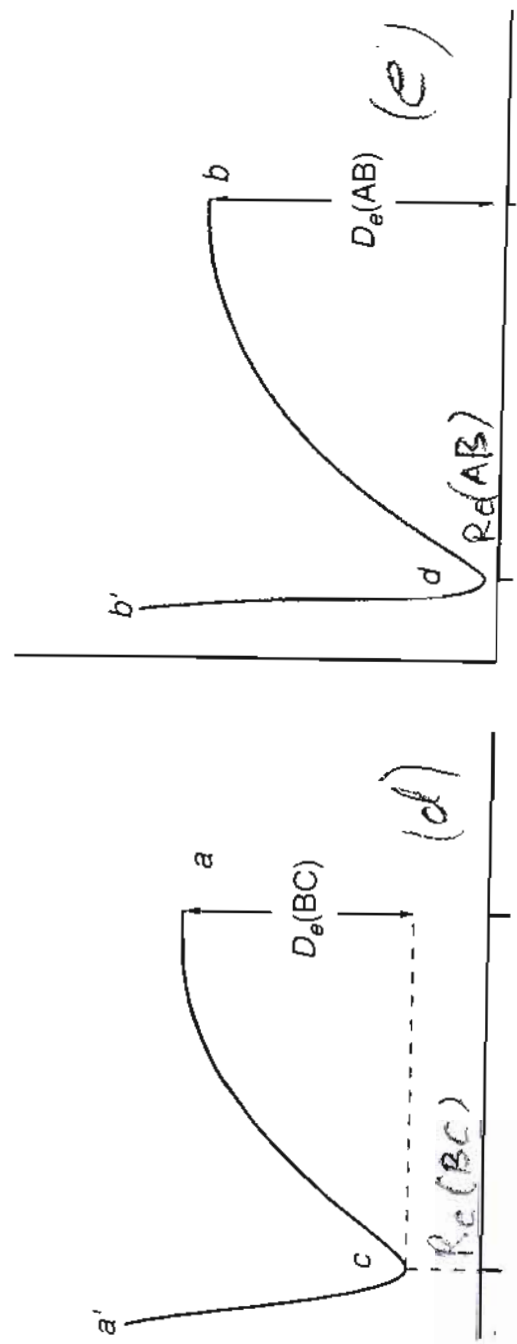




(a)



(b)



(c)

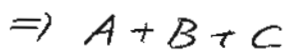
The transition state for this coordinate is indicated by the symbol ‡. (d, e) Cross sections of the potential energy surface along the lines  $a'-a$  and  $b'-b$ , respectively. These two graphs correspond to the potential for two-body interactions of B with C, and A with B. [Adapted from J. H. Noggle, *Physical Chemistry*, 3rd Edition, © 1996. Reprinted and electronically reproduced by permission of Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.]

lower left corner

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Plateau where both  $R_{AB}$  and  $R_{BC}$  are large.

Here the atoms are separated or dissociated



dashed lines: path  $a-a'$ :  $R_{AB} = \text{const.}$

$R_{BC}$  decreases

formation of diatomic  $BC$  at

$R_e(BC)$

$R_e(BC)$  = equilibrium value of  $R_{BC}$  in molecule  $BC$

In (d) cross-section of the surface along  $a-a'$

= potential energy diagram

→ dissociation energy of the diatomic  $BC$

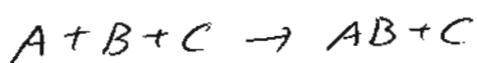
= depth  $D_e$  of potential

$D_e$  = dissociation energy of  $BC$

minimum at  $R_e(BC)$

(e) cross-section along  $b-b'$ :  $R(BC) = \text{const.}$

$R(AB)$  decreases along  $b-b'$ :



$E_p$  minimum  $R_e(AB)$ : equilibrium bond length of  $AB$

note  $R_{BC}$  increases from up to down

and  $R_{AB}$  increases from right to left

the pathway from  $AB+C$  to  $A+BC$  with lowest  $E_p$

is the dashed line (curved)  $c-d$

curved dashed line c-d

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= reaction pathway (lowest energy path)

the maximum of  $E_p$  along this path is called the transition state shown by the  $\ddagger$  symbol

Transp.  $E_p$  vs reaction coordinate  $q$  (c-d path)

transition state = maximum of  $E_p$  along the c-d pathway (reaction pathway)

$\Rightarrow$  FS: no stable intermediate. but the unstable activated complex

kinetics and the yields of products depend on the energy of reactants and on the orientation of the reactants relative to each other

experimental check: crossed molecular beams

reactants with well-defined energies in 1 beam, which interacts with another beam of reactants in well-defined geometries

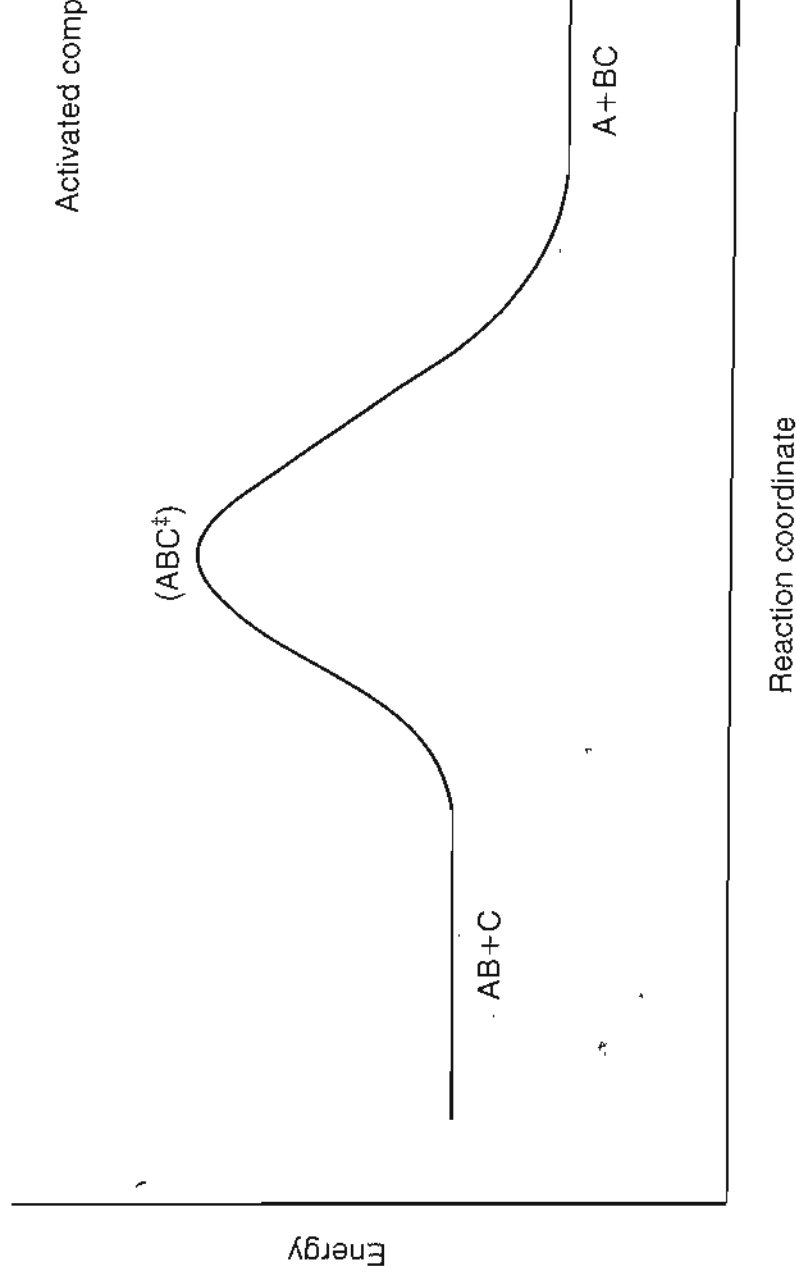
the products formed are then analyzed in terms of their energetics and distribution of products in space and beam geometry

= complicated and large analysis = lot of work

$\rightarrow$  construction of a potential energy surface

**FIGURE 35.20**

Reaction coordinate diagram involving an activated complex and a reactive intermediate. The graph corresponds to the reaction-coordinate derived from the dashed line between points *c* and *d* on the contour plot of Figure 35.19c. The maximum in energy along this coordinate corresponds to the transition state, and the species at this maximum is referred to as an activated complex.



## 35.14 Activated Complex Theory

The concept of equilibrium is central to a theoretical description of reaction developed principally by Henry Eyring in the 1930s. This theory, known as **activated complex theory** or **transition state theory**, provides a theoretical description of reaction rates. To illustrate the conceptual ideas behind activated complex theory, consider the following bimolecular reaction:

# Activated Complex Theory

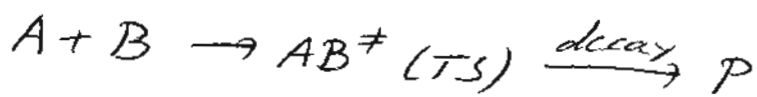
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Henry Eigen in the 1930-s

activated complex or transition state (TS) theory

bi molecular reactions:  $A + B \xrightarrow{k} P$

Transp.  $E$  vs reaction coordinate  $q$



TS is not stable lifetime of TS = few vibrations  
 $\cdot 10^{-14} \text{ s}$

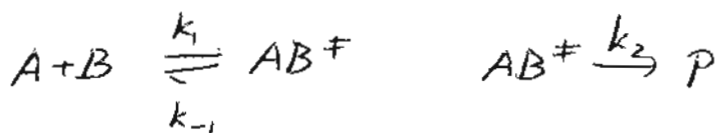
1930, only theory, no experiments available in the  
fs time scale  $\rightarrow$  in that time no experimental  
evidence for existence and nature of TS available

But now such transition complexes can be investigated

## Assumptions

1. (most important): equilibrium between reactants and the TS
2.  $q$  that describes the decay of the TS can be seen as 1 degree of freedom of the TS  
e.g. if the breaking of a bond is involved in the decay, then the degree of freedom is the stretching vibration of this bond.

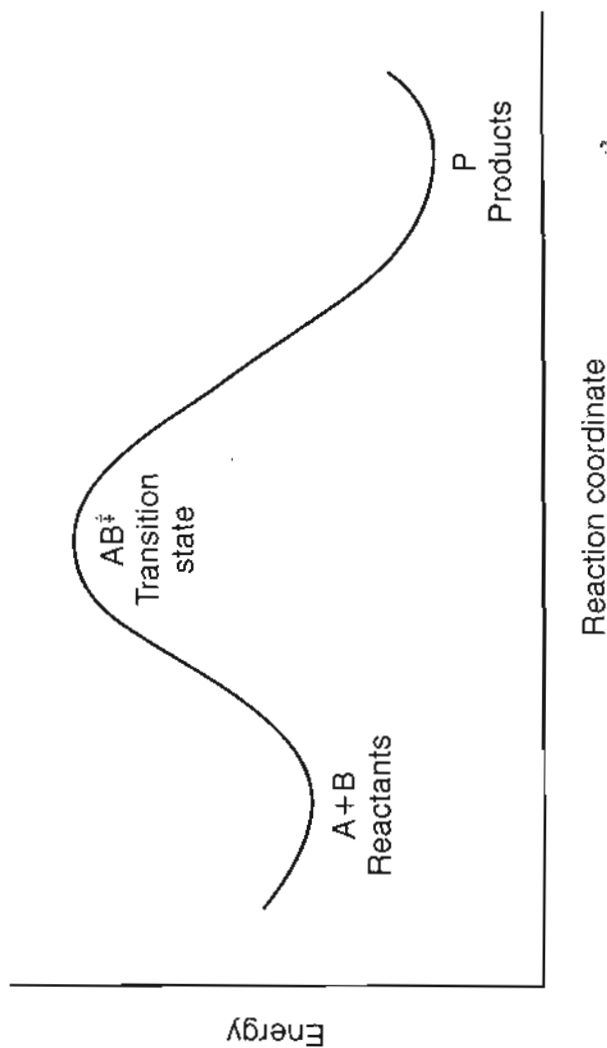
Kinetic mechanism:





**FIGURE 35.21**

Illustration of transition state theory. Similar to reaction coordinates depicted previously, the reactants (A and B) and products (P) are separated by an energy barrier. The transition state is an activated reactant complex envisioned to exist at the free-energy maximum along the reaction coordinate.



differential rate expression for one of the reactants (A in this case) is set equal to zero consistent with equilibrium, and an expression for  $[AB^\ddagger]$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = 0 &= -k_1[A][B] + k_{-1}[AB^\ddagger] \\ [AB^\ddagger] &= \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}}[A][B] = \frac{K_c^\ddagger}{c^\circ}[A][B] \end{aligned} \quad (35.116)$$

In Equation (35.116),  $K_c^\ddagger$  is the equilibrium constant involving the reactants and the activated complex, and it can be expressed in terms of the molecular partition functions of these species as described in Chapter 31. In addition,  $c^\circ$  is the standard state concentration (typically 1 M), which appears in the following definition for  $K_c^\ddagger$ :

$$K_c^\ddagger = \frac{[AB^\ddagger]/c^\circ}{([A]/c^\circ)([B]/c^\circ)} = \frac{[AB^\ddagger]c^\circ}{[A][B]}$$

$k_1, k_{-1}$ : equilibrium between reactants and TS

$k_2$ : decay of TS into products P

equilibrium:  $\frac{d[A]}{dt} \Big|_{eq} = 0$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = 0 = -k_1 [A][B] + k_{-1} [AB^\ddagger]$$

$$\Rightarrow [AB^\ddagger] = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} [A][B] = \frac{K_c^\ddagger}{c^0} [A][B]$$

$c^0$  = standard state concentration, = 1 M

$K_c^\ddagger$  equilibrium constant for the TS

$$K_c^\ddagger = \frac{[AB^\ddagger] / c^0}{([A] / c^0) ([B] / c^0)} = \frac{[AB^\ddagger] c^0}{[A][B]}$$

reaction rate  $R$  = rate of product formation:

$$R = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_2 [AB^\ddagger]$$

$$\rightarrow R = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = \frac{k_2 K_c^\ddagger}{c^0} [A][B]$$

$k_2$  rate of TS decay

P formation can require the breaking of a weak bond in TS

TS not stable  $\rightarrow$  dissociation along the corresponding bond stretching vibration

$\rightarrow k_2$  must be related to the frequency of that bond stretching vibration

$k_2 \gg$  if always when TS is formed, it dissociates with P formation

However, because of equilibrium with reactants, TS can also react back to the reactants

⇒ only a fraction of TS formed lead to P formation

⇒ a transmission coefficient  $\kappa$  is needed:

$$k_2 = \kappa \nu$$

$$R = \frac{\kappa \nu K_c^\ddagger}{c^0} [A][B]$$

$$K_c^\ddagger = q_{rc} \overline{K_c^\ddagger} = \frac{k_B T}{h\nu} \overline{K_c^\ddagger}$$

↑  
reaction coordinate

$q_{rc}$  so-called partition function for the decay vibration (sum over all states relative to  $kT$ )<sup>-1</sup>

here only 1 stretch →  $q_{rc} = \frac{k_B T}{h\nu} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}}}$

$\overline{K_c^\ddagger}$  equilibrium constant without the factor  $q_{rc}$

$k_B$ : Boltzmann's constant

weak bond:  $h\nu \ll kT$

$$\rightarrow k = \kappa \frac{k_B T}{h c^0} \overline{K_c^\ddagger}$$

$\nu$  cancels because  $R = \frac{\kappa \nu \overline{K_c^\ddagger}}{c^0} [A][B]$

and  $\overline{K_c^\ddagger} = \frac{k_B T}{h\nu} \overline{K_c^\ddagger}$

→ determination of  $\overline{K_c^\ddagger}$  is necessary

$q_{rc}$  partition function, sum of states

$$q_{rc} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{h\nu(n+\frac{1}{2})}{k_B T}}$$

$$E_n \text{ relative to } E_0: E_n' = h\nu(n+\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{h\nu}{2} = h\nu n$$

$$q_{rc} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{h\nu n}{k_B T}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}}}$$

weak bond:  $h\nu \ll k_B T$

$\& e^{-x} \approx 1-x$  when  $x$  small

$\rightarrow$  high  $T$  approx:

$$q_{rc} \approx \frac{1}{1 - 1 + \frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} = \frac{k_B T}{h\nu}$$

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Obj. - to finish activated complex theory (25) - 1  
to relate Arrhenius law to theory (sorry for  
- Diffusion controlled reactions not mentioned)

activated complex theory: connection of  
kinetic results to thermodynamic description  
of chemical reactions!

equilibrium constant  $K_c^\ddagger$  is related to the  
corresponding change in Gibbs energy:

$$\Delta G^\ddagger = -RT \ln K_c^\ddagger \quad \text{for } A+B \rightleftharpoons AB^\ddagger$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} e^{-\Delta G^\ddagger / RT} \quad (K=1 \text{ assumed})$$

$c^\circ = 1M$

further from thermodynamics:

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

$$\rightarrow k = \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} e^{-\Delta H^\ddagger / RT} \quad \text{Eyring equation}$$

T-dependence different from Arrhenius equation

there: A T independent

here: pre-exponential factor  $\sim T$

both describe  $k = f(T)$

$\Rightarrow$  parameters here ( $\Delta H^\ddagger, \Delta S^\ddagger$ ) should be connected  
to parameters there ( $A, E_a$ )

Arrhenius:  $k = A e^{-E_a / RT}$

$$\Rightarrow \ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d \ln k}{dT} = \frac{E_a}{RT^2} \quad \Rightarrow E_a = RT^2 \frac{d \ln k}{dT}$$

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} \bar{K}_c^\ddagger \quad (R=1)$$

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$$E_a = RT^2 \frac{d}{dT} \ln \left( \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} \bar{K}_c^\ddagger \right)$$

$$= RT^2 \left[ \frac{d}{dT} \left( \ln \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} \right) + \frac{d}{dT} \ln (\bar{K}_c^\ddagger) \right]$$

$$= RT^2 \left[ \frac{h c^\circ}{k_B T} \left( \frac{k_B}{h c^\circ} \right) + \frac{d}{dT} \ln \bar{K}_c^\ddagger \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x} \quad \frac{1}{x} h c^\circ = \frac{h c^\circ}{k_B T}$$

$$\frac{d}{dT} \frac{k_B T}{h c^\circ} = \frac{k_B}{h c^\circ} \quad \frac{h c^\circ}{k_B T} \frac{k_B}{h c^\circ} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_a = RT^2 \cdot \frac{1}{T} + RT^2 \frac{d}{dT} \ln \bar{K}_c^\ddagger$$

$$= RT + RT^2 \frac{d \ln \bar{K}_c^\ddagger}{dT}$$

thermodynamics:  $\frac{d}{dT} \ln \bar{K}_c = \frac{\Delta U}{RT^2} \quad (\cdot RT^2)$

$$\Rightarrow E_a = RT + \Delta U^\ddagger \quad \text{since } H = U + PV$$

$$\Delta U^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger - \Delta(PV)^\ddagger$$

$$\Delta(PV)^\ddagger = PV(AB^\ddagger) - (PV)(A+B) \text{ (reactants)}$$

reactions in solutions (no gases involved)

liquids like  $H_2O$  rather incompressible

→ no change in volume without gases involved

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger \text{ for reactions in solutions (no gases)}$$

$$E_a = \Delta H^\ddagger + RT \text{ for solution reactions (without gases)}$$

→ (by comparison) Arrhenius pre-exponential factor:

$$A = e \frac{k_B T}{h c^0} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} \quad \text{for bimolecular reactions in solution (no gases)}$$

unimolecular reactions in solution:  $E_a = \Delta H^\ddagger + RT$

but without  $c^0$  which came from:

$$K_c^\ddagger = \frac{[AB^\ddagger] / c^0}{([A] / c^0)([B] / c^0)} = \frac{[AB^\ddagger]}{[A][B]} c^0$$

but now we have (unimolecular):  $A \rightleftharpoons AB^\ddagger$

$$\rightarrow K_c^\ddagger = \frac{[AB^\ddagger] / c^0}{[A] / c^0} = \frac{[AB^\ddagger]}{[A]}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = e \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} \quad \text{unimolecular solution-reactions without gases}$$

remember Eyring equation (bimolecular)

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h c^0} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} e^{-\Delta H^\ddagger / RT}$$

$$E_a = \Delta H^\ddagger + RT \quad \text{bimolecular in solutions}$$

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = E_a - RT$$

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h c^0} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} e^{-\frac{E_a - RT}{RT}} = e \frac{k_B T}{h c^0} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R} e^{-E_a / RT}$$

⇒ A as above!

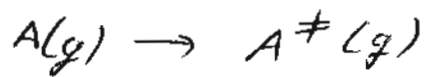
gas-phase reactions

$$\Delta(PV)^\ddagger = \Delta(n_g^\ddagger RT) = \Delta n_g^\ddagger RT$$

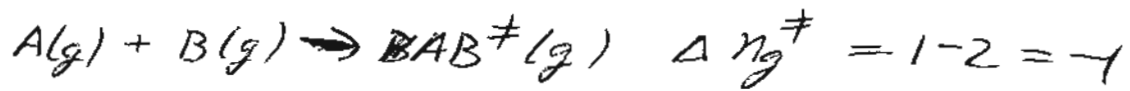
$\Delta n_g^\ddagger$  = no of gas moles in transition state (TS)

- no. of gas moles in reactants

unimolecular gas-phase reactions:  $\Delta n_g^\ddagger = 0$  (25) - 4



bimolecular gas-phase reactions:  $\Delta n_g^\ddagger = -1$



→ unimolecular gas phase reactions

$$E_a = \Delta H^\ddagger + RT, \quad A = e \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R}$$

bimolecular gas phase reactions

$$E_a = \Delta H^\ddagger + 2RT, \quad A = e^2 \frac{k_B T}{h^2} e^{\Delta S^\ddagger / R}$$

both,  $E_a$  and  $A$  should depend in principle on  $T$

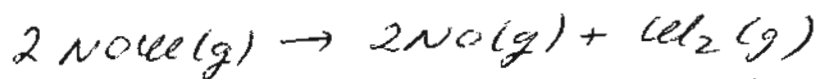
if  $\Delta H^\ddagger \gg RT$ : only small  $T$ -dependence of  $E_a$

if  $H(AB^\ddagger) < H(\text{reactants}) \Rightarrow \Delta H^\ddagger$  negative  
and the reaction can get faster  $e^{-\Delta H^\ddagger / RT}$   
on  $T$ -decrease

if  $\Delta S^\ddagger > 0$  and  $E_a$  very small

⇒ reaction is entropy-controlled

important in the higher atmosphere is the thermal decomposition of nitrosyl halides like  $\text{NOCl}_2$ :



for this reaction  $A = 1.00 \cdot 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{ms}}$  (bimolecular)

$$E_a = 104.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

what are  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  at 300K?

bimolecular gas-phase reaction ⇒

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = E_a - 2RT = 104.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} - 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 8.314 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{Kmol}} \cdot 300 \text{K}$$

$$= 104.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} - 4.99 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} = 99.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$



$$\Delta S^\ddagger = R \ln \frac{A h c^0}{e^2 k_B T} \quad (2.5) - 5$$

$$= 8.314 \frac{J}{K \text{ mol}} \cdot \ln \left[ \frac{1 \times 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{ms}} \cdot 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Js} \cdot 1 \text{ M}}{e^2 \cdot (1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}) \cdot 300 \text{ K}} \right]$$

$$= -12.7 \frac{J}{K \text{ mol}}$$

$\Delta S^\ddagger < 0 \rightarrow$  activated complex has smaller entropy (is more ordered) than the reactants  
consistent with: 2 NOCl form a complex (more ordered than 2 free gas molecules) which decays to NO and Cl<sub>2</sub>

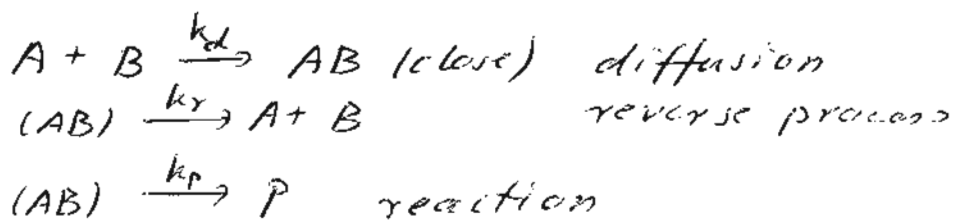
### Diffusion controlled reactions

Transp. A+B in gas-phase and in solution

The average translational energy of A and B is the same in gas-phase and solution:  $\frac{3}{2} RT$   
~~( $\frac{1}{2} RT$ )~~ for each degree of freedom: x, y, z)

but due to the solvent molecules, many solvent-solute collisions happen before A and B can collide in solution: reactants must diffuse before a reactive collision  
 in gas-phase: direct approach of A to B

$\Rightarrow$  the reaction rate in solution can be determined by the diffusion rate constant  $k_d$



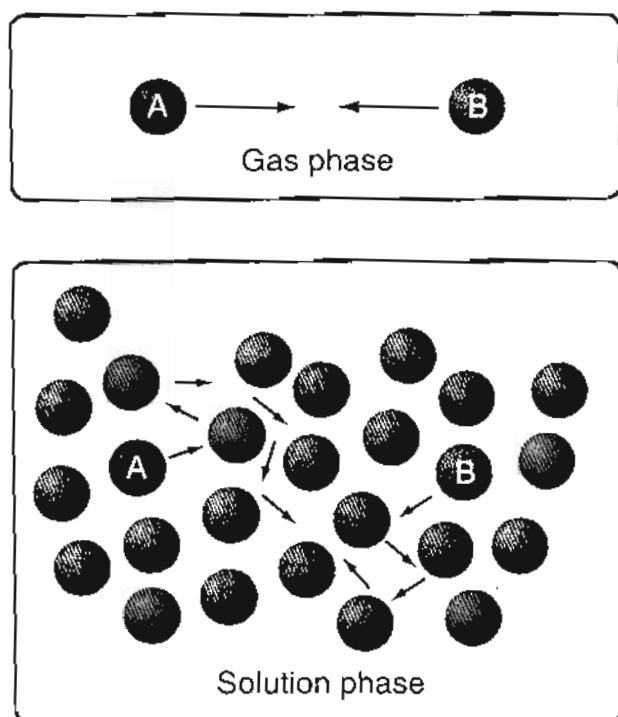
$$= 104.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} - (4.99 \times 10^4 \text{ J mol}^{-1})$$

$$\Delta S^\ddagger = R \ln \left( \frac{Ahc^\circ}{e^2 kT} \right)$$

$$= (8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}) \ln \left( \frac{(1.00 \times 10^{13})}{e^2 (1.3)} \right)$$

$$= -12.7 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

One of the utilities of this calculation is that the sign provides information on the structure of the activated complex relative to the reactants. The negative value in this example illustrates that the activated complex has a lower entropy (or is more ordered) than the reactants. This is characteristic of a mechanism in which the two NOCl reactants form a cyclic intermediate to produce NO and Cl.



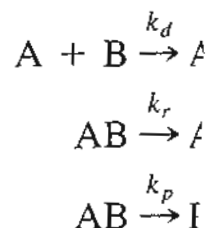
**FIGURE 35.22**

Top: Reactants A and B approach each other and collide in the gas phase. Bottom: In solution, the reactants undergo a series of collisions with the solvent. In this case, the approach of the reactants is dependent on the rate of reactant diffusion in solution.

## 35.15 Diffusion Control

For bimolecular chemical reactions in solution, the rate of reaction can be limited by the rate of diffusion of the reactants. In this case, the activation energy and relative orientation of the reactants are less important than in the gas phase. For example, the activation energy and relative orientation being key factors in defining the rate constant in the gas phase. Imagine a reaction occurring in solution as illustrated in Figure 35.22. If the average kinetic energy of the reactants is  $3/2 RT$ , the average relative velocity of the reactants is the same as in the gas phase. However, in solution the presence of solvent molecules greatly increases the number of solvent-solute collisions before the reactants can approach each other. The rate of reaction is then determined by the rate of diffusion of the reactants. The rate of diffusion can determine the rate of reaction.

The role of diffusion in solution-phase chemical reactions is illustrated in the following kinetic scheme:



In this scheme, reactants A and B diffuse with relative velocity  $v$  and form the intermediate complex AB. Once formed, the complex AB can either react to form the product P or be converted to the intermediate I.

$$\text{rate: } R = k_p [AB]$$

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AB is an intermediate  $\Rightarrow$  SSA for AB

$$\frac{d[AB]}{dt} = k_d [A][B] - k_r [AB] - k_p [AB] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [AB] = \frac{k_d [A][B]}{k_r + k_p}$$

$$\rightarrow R = \frac{k_p k_d}{k_r + k_p} [A][B]$$

if  $k_p \gg k_r$  faster product formation than reactant re-formation

$k_r$  neglected,  $k_p$  cancels

$$\rightarrow R = k_d [A][B]$$

diffusion controlled limit

= diffusion of A and B limit the rate of product formation

$$k_d = 4\pi N_A (r_A + r_B) D_{AB}$$

$r_A, r_B$  radius of A and B

$D_{AB}$  diffusion coefficient for the reactants:

$$D_{AB} = D_A + D_B$$

Fick's law,  $J = \frac{dn}{dt} = -DA \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$

spherical particle in solution, Stokes-Einstein eqn.:  
flux along diffusion dir

$$D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta r}$$

$\eta$ : solvent viscosity,  $r$  radius of the diffusing particle

$\Rightarrow$  reaction rate constant  $\sim \frac{1}{\eta}$