

Chemical reactions



ν_i - stoichiometric coefficients (order)

$$\text{chemical potential } \mu_x = -T \frac{\partial S}{\partial N_x} \Big|_{E, N_{\neq x}} = k_B T \ln \frac{c_x}{c_0} + \mu^\circ(x)$$

$$\Delta G_i \equiv -\nu_1 \mu_1 - \dots - \nu_k \mu_k + \nu_{k+1} \mu_{k+1} + \dots + \nu_m \mu_m \quad \text{"chemical free energy"}$$

$-\Delta G$ free energy change for forward step

$\Delta G < 0 \Rightarrow$ forward reaction $\Delta G^\circ:$

$\Delta G > 0 \Rightarrow$ backward reaction isolated

$\Delta G = 0 \Rightarrow$ equilibrium open

Luxropy
Helmholtz Free E
Gibbs Free Energy

Standard free energy change ΔG°

$$\Delta G^\circ = -\nu_1 \mu_1^\circ - \dots - \nu_m \mu_m^\circ$$

at equilibrium
 $(\Delta G=0)$

$$\frac{\left[X_{k+1} \right]^{\nu_{k+1}} \cdots \left[X_m \right]^{\nu_m}}{\left[X_1 \right]^{\nu_1} \cdots \left[X_k \right]^{\nu_k}} = K_{eq} = e^{-\Delta G^\circ / k_B T}$$

Mass action rule

μ_x° ΔG° found in tables

ΔG° at room temperature

$[X] = c/c_0$ where $c_0 = 1 \text{ M}$

Units (exercise)

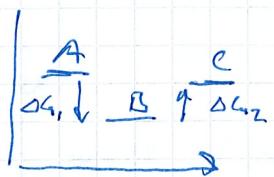
$$\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{k_B T} \quad \square \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} \quad \square \text{mole}$$

$$\cdot \quad k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} \quad \frac{1}{N_A k_B}$$

$$N_A = 6 \cdot 10^{23}$$

$$R = 8.32 \text{ J/mole \cdot K}$$

Multiple reactions

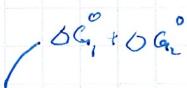


equilibrium

$$\frac{C_B}{C_A} = K_{eq1} = e^{-\Delta G_1^\circ / k_b T}$$

$$\frac{C_C}{C_B} = K_{eq2} = e^{-\Delta G_2^\circ / k_b T}$$

$$\frac{C_C}{C_A} = \frac{C_B K_{eq2}}{C_B / K_{eq1}} = K_{eq1} \cdot K_{eq2} = K_{eq} = e^{-\Delta G_{eq}^\circ / k_b T}$$



\therefore Details of the intermediate steps are immaterial for overall equilibrium

Note: May change kinetics (how to reach equilibrium)
Are reactions in equilibrium?

[example 1] $2H_2 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2H_2O$ at room temp (must be heated)

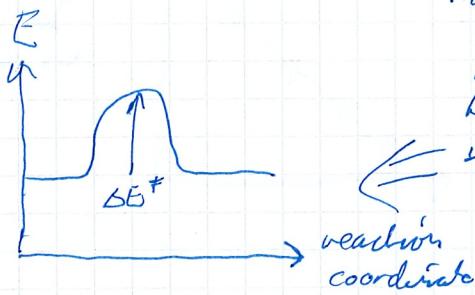
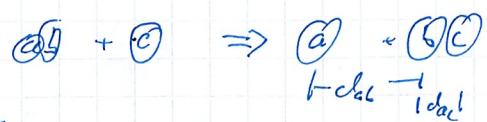
[example 2] our bodies \Rightarrow energy from sun
(H_2 to fuel cars, food for our work)

Reaction rates 3.2.4, 6.6.2, 10.3.2

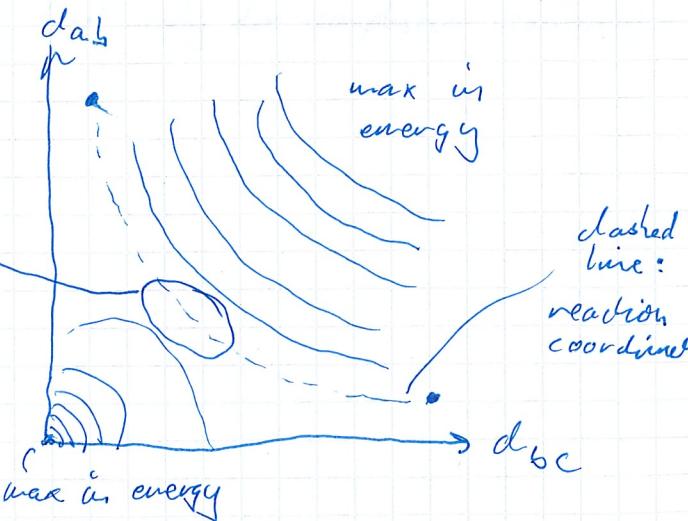
Reaction coordinate

- chemical reactions reflect random walk on a free energy landscape of molecular configurations
- assume a valley in the landscape \Rightarrow reaction coordinate
- transition state = highest point along reaction path

[example]



reaction coordinate



dashed line:

reaction coordinate

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Collision theory

For a reaction $A + B \xrightarrow{k} C$ to occur

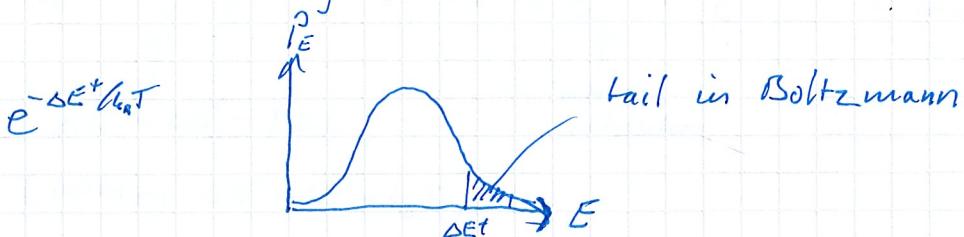
- an A and a B molecule must meet (collide)
- the kinetic energy of the molecules must exceed an energy barrier ΔE^+



- probability that A and B meet per time

$$P_{\text{col}} \propto c_A c_B$$

- fraction of colliding particles with $E > \Delta E^+$



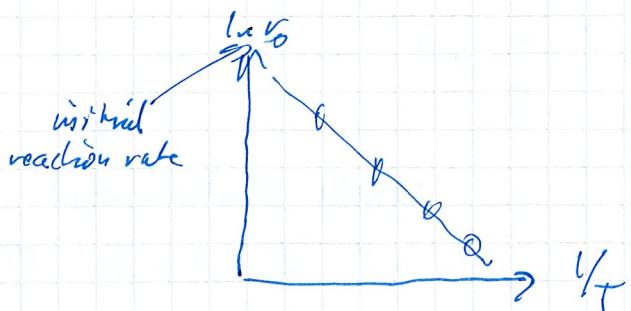
- other "constant" factors, e.g. steric factor

reaction rate $r = k c_A c_B$ ($\frac{dc_A}{dt} = \frac{dc_B}{dt} = -\frac{dc_C}{dt} = -k c_A c_B$)

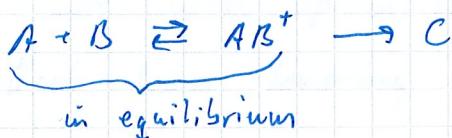
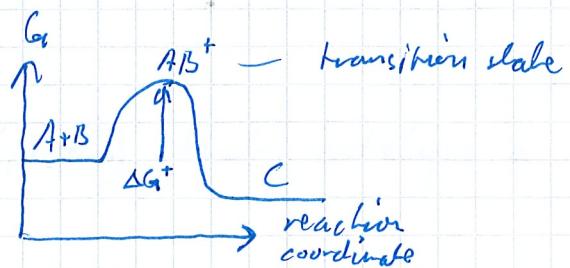
$$k = A e^{-\Delta E^+ / k_B T}$$

Arrhenius rate law

often seen in experiments (not only for simplistic reactions)



Transition state theory



$$K_{\text{eq}}^+ = \frac{C_{AB^+}}{C_A C_B}$$

$$\text{rate } r \propto C_{AB^+} = K_{\text{eq}}^+ C_A C_B = e^{-\Delta G_0^+/k_b T} C_A C_B$$

$$\underbrace{k_{\text{obs}} = \frac{k_b T}{h} e^{-\Delta H^+/k_b T}}_{\text{Eyring equation}}$$

$$k_b = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

$$h = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$T_r \sim 300 \text{ K}$$

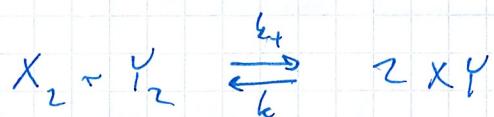
ΔG‡ vs ΔE‡

$$e^{-\Delta G_0^+/k_b T} = e^{-(\Delta H^+ - T\Delta S^+)/k_b T} = e^{\Delta S^+/k_b} e^{-\Delta H^+/k_b T} = \text{const. } e^{\Delta S^+/k_b} e^{-\Delta E^+/k_b T}$$

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

$$(\text{enthalpy } \Delta H^\circ = \Delta E^\circ + k_b T)$$

'Problems' example



1st order in X_2, Y_2

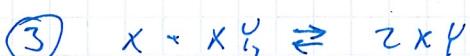
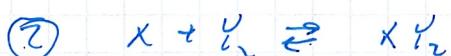
$$\text{theory} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{forward rate } v_+ = k_+ C_{X_2} C_{Y_2} \\ \text{backward rate } v_- = k_- C_{XY}^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{experiments } C_{X_2} \rightarrow 2 C_{X_2} \Rightarrow v_+ \rightarrow 4 v_+ \quad (\text{2nd order})$$

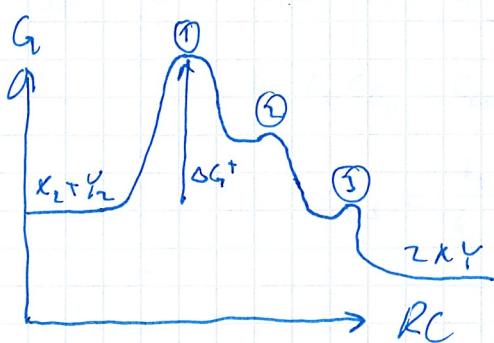
$$C_{Y_2} \rightarrow 2 C_{Y_2} \Rightarrow v_+ \rightarrow v_+ \quad (\text{0th order})$$

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Intermediate steps:



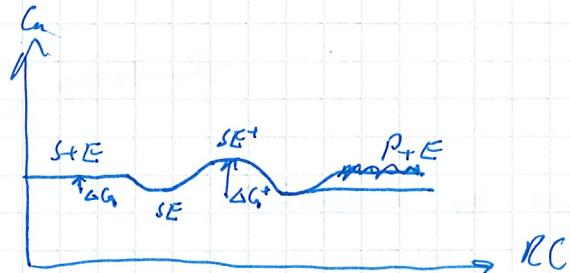
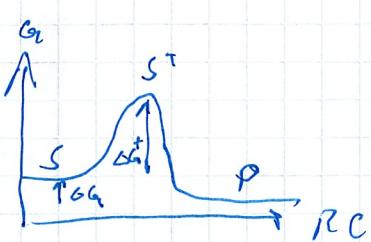
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⊗ Enzymes (10.3.3, 10.4.1)

- * molecules created by cells (proteins) which catalyze a reaction
 - i.e. increase the rate
- * is not used up in the reaction (cyclic machine)
- * Effect from lowering activation barrier

Example



ΔG^{\ddagger} decreased while ΔG unchanged!

Michaelis-Menten rule

- * Describes kinetics of simple enzymatic reactions



Assume :
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{- second reaction rate limiting} \\ (\text{SE in quasi equilibrium}) \\ \text{- fixed amount of enzyme } C_E = C_E + C_{SE} \end{array} \right.$

Goal : describe production of P by C_S

$$\frac{dc_S}{dt} = -k_1 c_S c_E + k_{-1} c_{SE}$$

$$\frac{dc_E}{dt} = -k_1 c_S c_E + (k_{-1} + k_2) c_{SE} \quad C_E = C_E + C_{SE}$$

$$\frac{dc_{SE}}{dt} = k_1 c_S c_E - (k_{-1} + k_2) c_{SE} \stackrel{\text{quasi eq}}{=} 0 = k_1 c_S (C_{E0} - c_{SE}) - (k_{-1} + k_2) c_{SE}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_2 c_{SE}$$

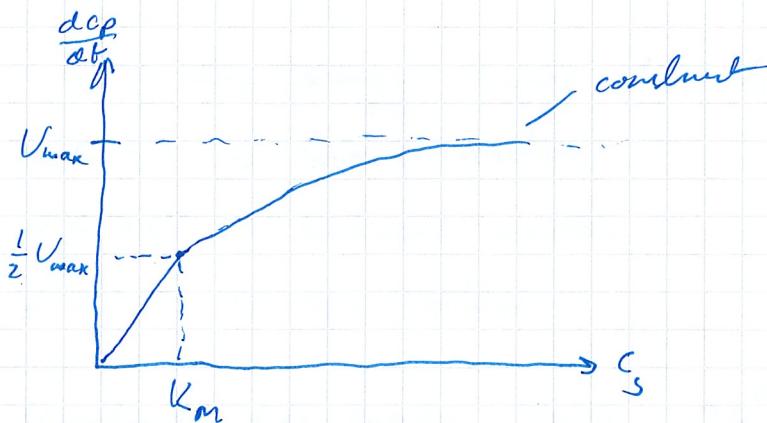
$$k_1 c_S C_{E0} = C_{SE} (k_1 c_S + k_{-1} + k_2)$$

$$C_{SE} = \frac{k_2 c_S C_{E0}}{k_{-1} + k_2 + k_1 c_S}$$

$$\frac{dc_p}{dt} = \frac{k_2 c_s C_{E0}}{\frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1} + C_s} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{max} = k_2 C_{E0} \\ K_m = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dc_p}{dt} = \frac{V_{max} C_s}{K_m + C_s}}$$

Michaelis-Menten equation



saturation at high C_s

e.g. gene transcription

