

# Kinetics & Dynamics of Chemical Reactions

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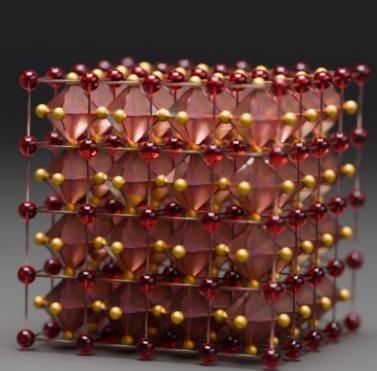
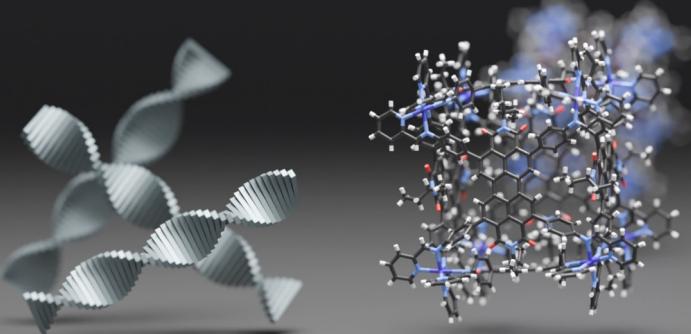
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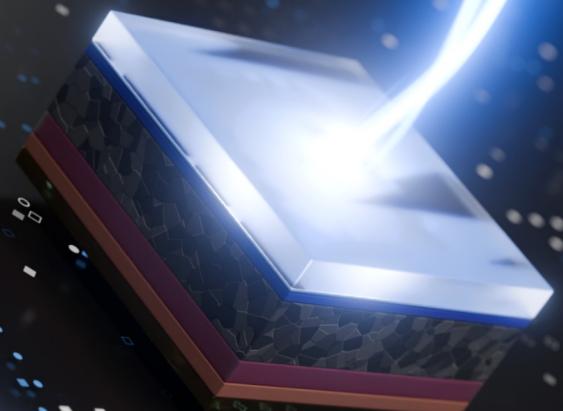
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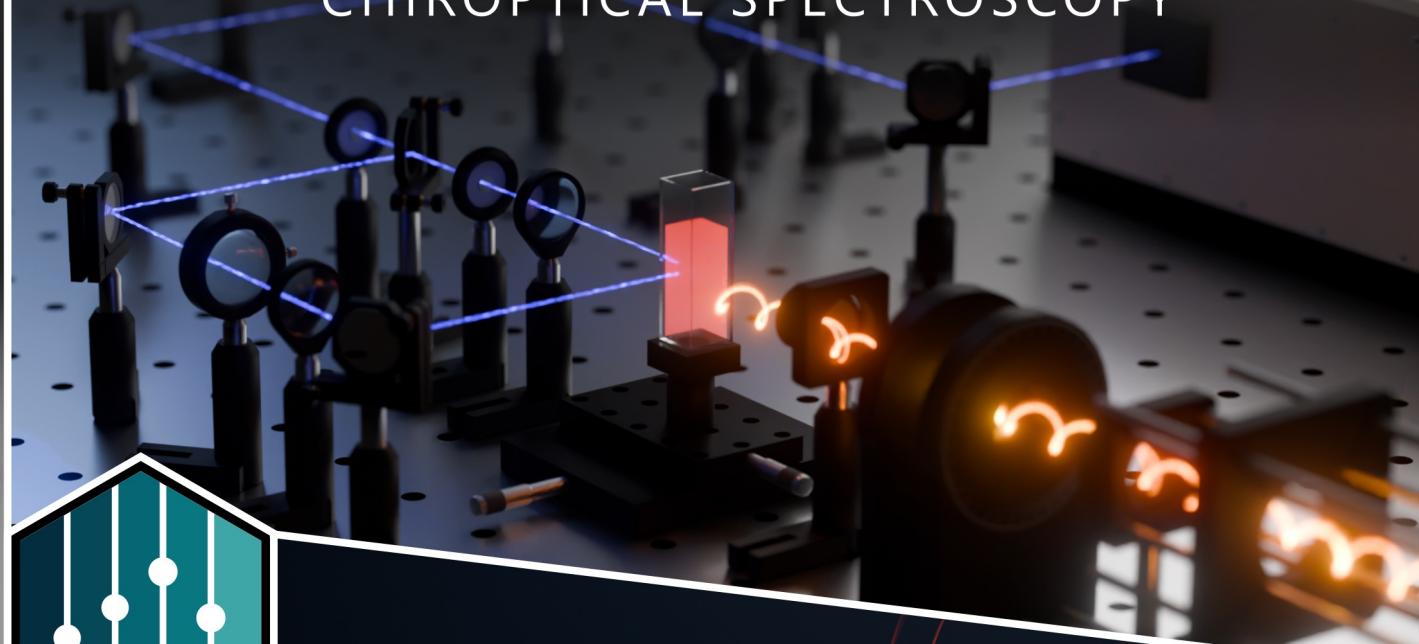
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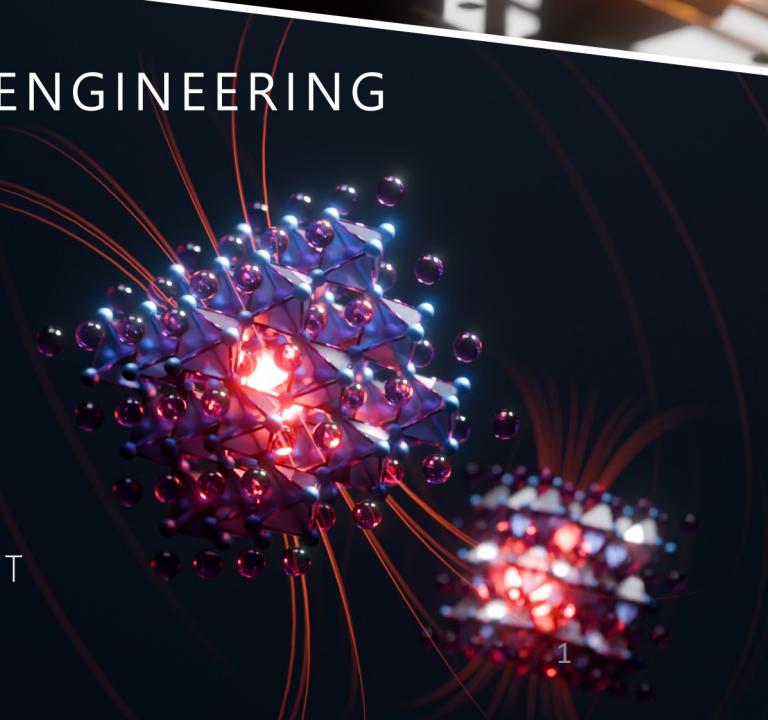
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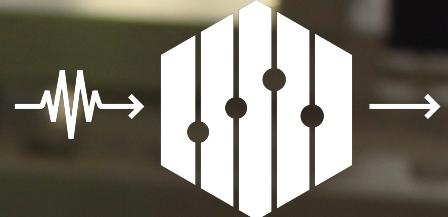
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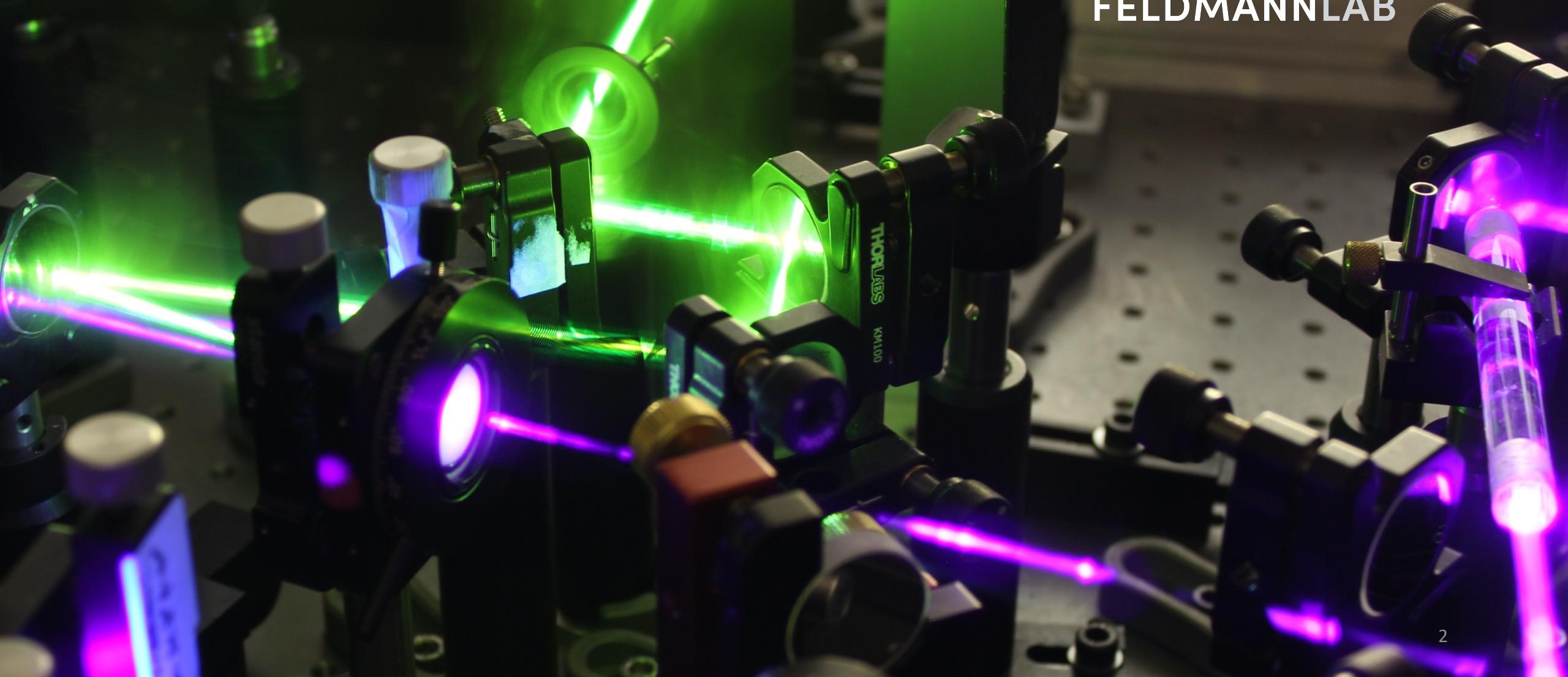
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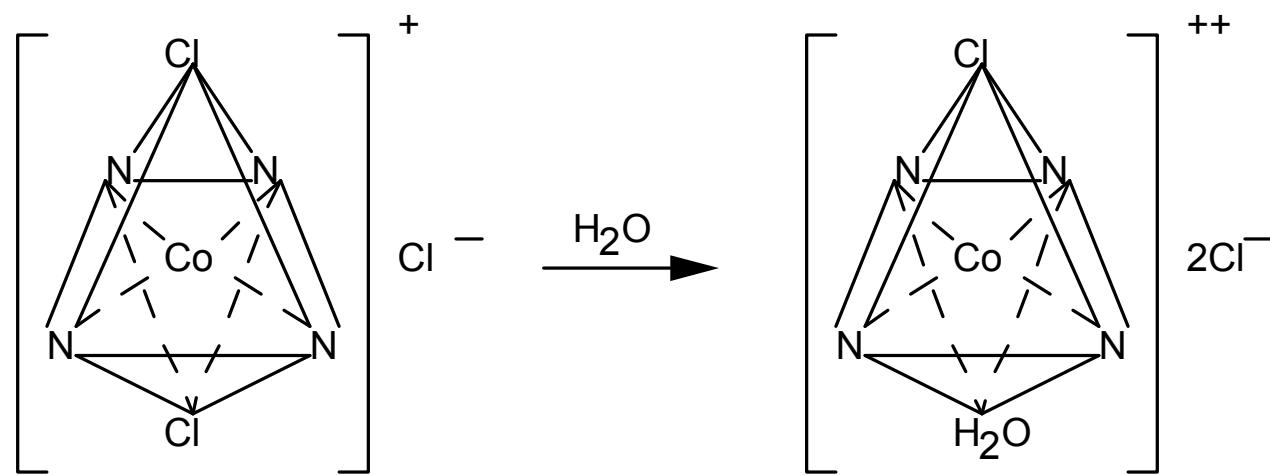
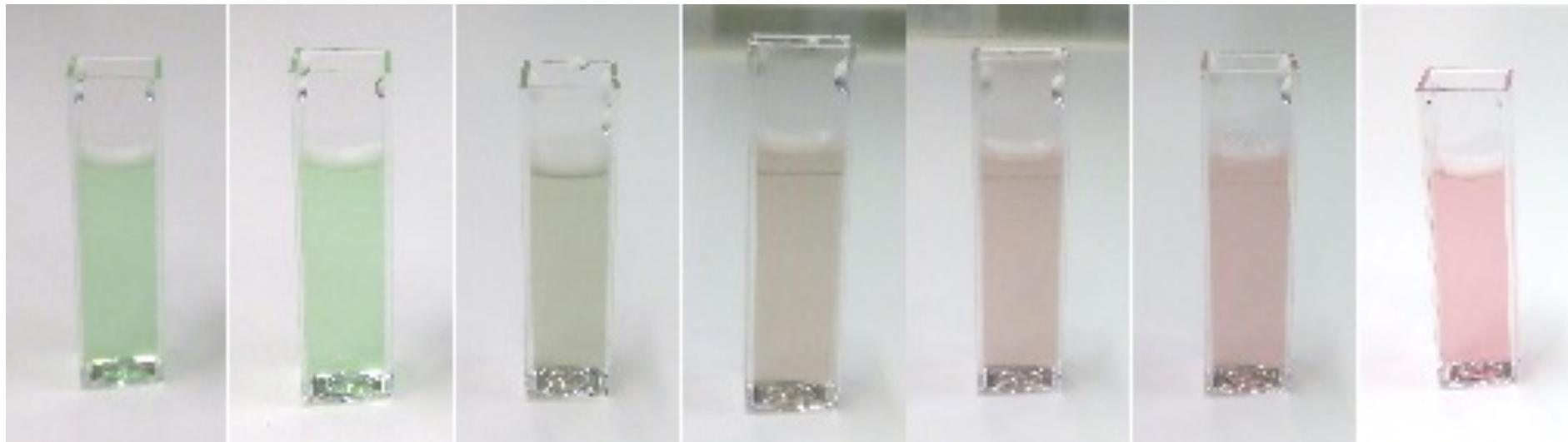


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# What is “chemical kinetics”?



# Chemistry – the science of the transformation of atoms & compounds

## **Phenomenological Thermodynamics**

- equilibrium properties of matter
- concepts: Free Energy G, equilibrium constant K, ...
- ensemble averaged properties

## **Statistical Thermodynamics**

- thermodynamics derived from an atomic/molecular picture

## **The chemical bond**

## **Macroscopic or Phenomenological Kinetics**

- chemical transformations
- concepts: rate constant k, molecularity and order of a reaction
- ensemble averaged picture of reactions

## **Microscopic Kinetics or Reaction Dynamics**

- molecular origins of chemical reactions, reaction mechanisms

## **Dynamics of the chemical bond**

## **Quantum Mechanics**

### **Time-independent Schrödinger equation**

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

### **Time-dependent Schrödinger equation**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = H\Psi$$

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# Chapter 1

## Basic Concepts of Kinetics

# 1.1 Definitions

- Homogeneous vs heterogeneous catalysis
- Irreversible reaction:  $2 \text{ H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
- Reversible reaction:  $\text{H}_2 + \text{I}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{ HI}$
- Elementary reaction:  $\text{O} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}$ . vs Complex reactions

- $aA + bB \rightarrow cC + dD$
- Rate of consumption of A:  $v_A = -\frac{d[A]}{dt}$
- Rate of formation of C:  $v_C = \frac{d[C]}{dt}$
- Rate of reaction:  $R = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{d[B]}{dt} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{d} \frac{d[D]}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}$
- $x$ : extent of reaction per unit volume
- Unit of  $R$ : [concentration/time]
- Unit of  $x$ : [concentration]
- $\xi$  ("xi"): extent of reaction  $\xi = xV$
- Or:  $\xi = -\frac{1}{a} (n_A(t) - n_A(t = 0)) = \frac{1}{c} (n_C(t) - n_C(t = 0)) = \dots$

# 1.2 Order and Molecularity of a Reaction

- Unimolecular reaction:  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$
- Bimolecular reaction:  $\text{O} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}$
- Termolecular reaction:  $\text{A} + \text{B} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{AB} + \text{M}$
- What is the *rate equation* for  $\text{A} + \text{B} \rightarrow \text{Products}$  ? (elementary r.)

$$\begin{aligned} R &= -\frac{d[\text{A}]}{dt} = -\frac{d[\text{B}]}{dt} = \frac{d[\text{Products}]}{dt} \\ &= k[\text{A}][\text{B}] \end{aligned}$$

... but such molecularity only applies directly to elementary reactions.  
– Otherwise?

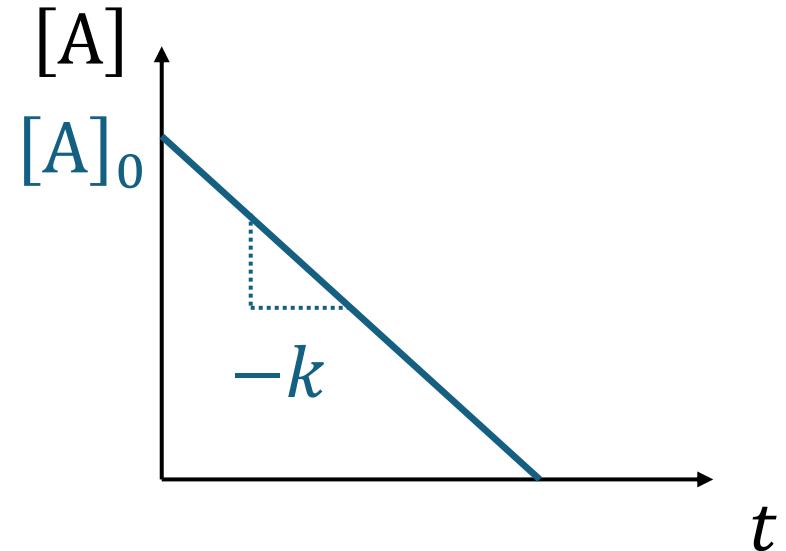
- For complex reactions:  $R = k[A]^m[B]^n$
- This reaction is of *order m* in *A* and of *order n* in *B*
- The *overall order* of this reaction is:  $p = m + n$
- In general:  $R = k \prod_i c_i^{n_i}$  and  $p = \sum_i n_i$
- Example: For  $\text{H}_2 + \text{Br}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{HBr}$  it is found that  $\frac{d[\text{HBr}]}{dt} = k[\text{H}_2][\text{Br}_2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
(already shows you this is a complex r.)
- But under other reaction conditions might find:  $\frac{d[\text{HBr}]}{dt} = \frac{k[\text{H}_2][\text{Br}_2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1+k'[\text{HBr}]}$
- ...for complex reactions everything goes ...even negative exponents  
– inhibition
- Note that  $k$  is now only a mere phenomenological coefficient, not a rate constant (like it is in elementary r.)

# 1.3 Integrated Reaction Rate Laws

## 1.3.1 Zero-order reactions

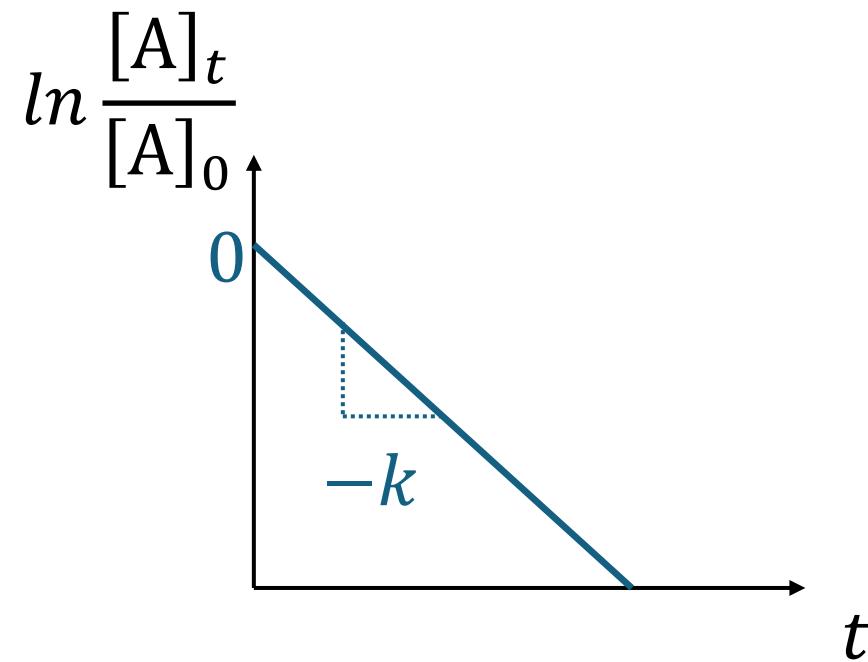
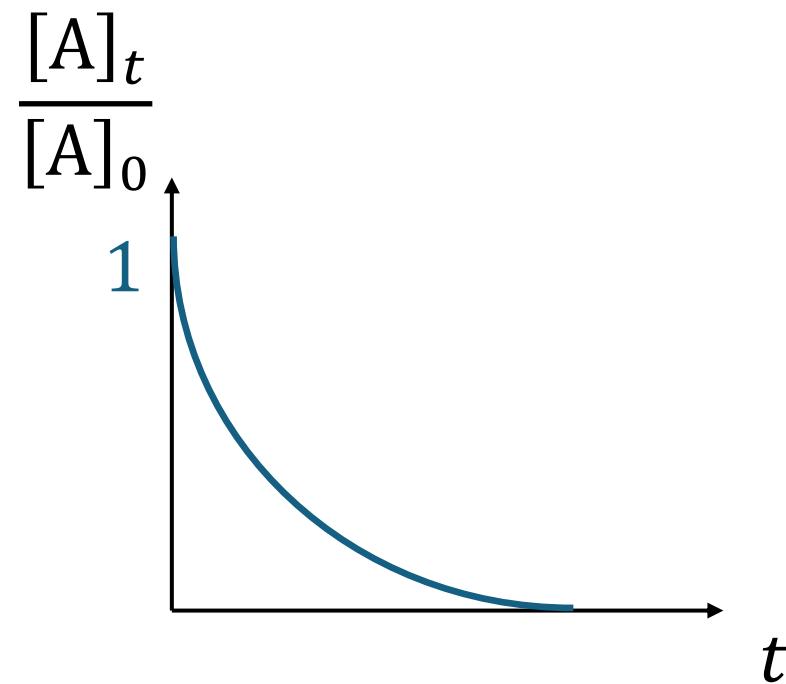
(e.g. heterogeneous catalysis)

- $R = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^0 = k$
- $d[A] = -kdt$
- $\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]_t} d[A] = -k \int_{t_0=0}^t dt$
- $[A]_t = [A]_0 - kt$



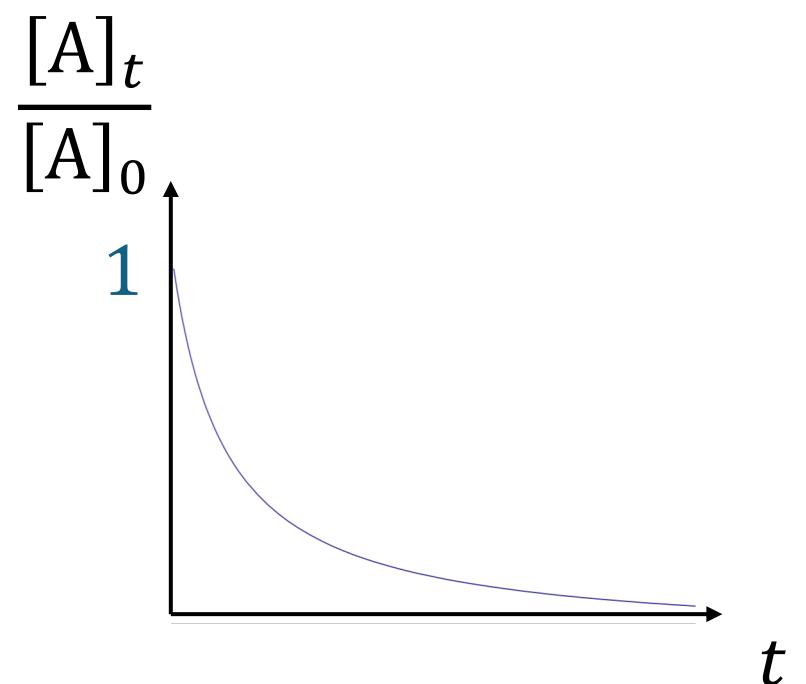
### 1.3.2 First-order reactions

- $\text{MeNC} \rightarrow \text{MeCN}$
- $\text{A} \rightarrow \text{B}$
- $R = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^1$
- $\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A]$
- $\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]_t} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} = -k \int_{t_0=0}^t dt$
- $\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -kt$
- $[A]_t = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$
- Characteristic decay time:  $\tau = \frac{1}{k}$
- Half-life:  $t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$



### 1.3.3 Second-order reactions

- First case:  $2A \rightarrow \text{products}$
- Rate equation:  $R = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2$
- $\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]_t} \frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = -2k \int_{t_0=0}^t dt$
- $\frac{1}{[A]_t} = \frac{1}{[A]_0} + 2kt$
- $[A]_t = \frac{[A]_0}{1+2[A]_0 kt}$
- Rearranged to some useful form:  
$$\frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = \frac{1}{1+2[A]_0 kt}$$



- Second case:  $A + B \rightarrow \text{products}$

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

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

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)$$

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

- $\frac{dx}{dt} = k([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)$

- $\frac{dx}{([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)} = k dt$

- $\int_0^{x_t} \frac{dx}{([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)} = k \int_{t_0=0}^t dt$

Reminder:  
 $x$  = extent of reaction  
in units of concentration

- $\int_0^{x_t} \frac{dX}{([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)} = k \int_{t_0=0}^t dt$
- Apply method of *Partial Fractions*:
- $\frac{1}{([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)} = \frac{\alpha}{[A]_0 - x} + \frac{\beta}{[B]_0 - x}$
- $\alpha([B]_0 - x) + \beta([A]_0 - x) = 1$
- Try to look for the zeros! Set:  $x = [B]_0 \rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{([A]_0 - [B]_0)}$
- Or, set  $x = [A]_0 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{([B]_0 - [A]_0)}$
- $\int_0^{x_t} \frac{dX}{([A]_0 - x)([B]_0 - x)} = \frac{1}{[A]_0 - [B]_0} \left\{ \int_0^{x_t} \frac{dX}{x - [A]_0} - \int_0^{x_t} \frac{dX}{x - [B]_0} \right\}$

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$\ln|x - [A]_0|_0^{x_t}$        $- \ln|x - [B]_0|_0^{x_t}$

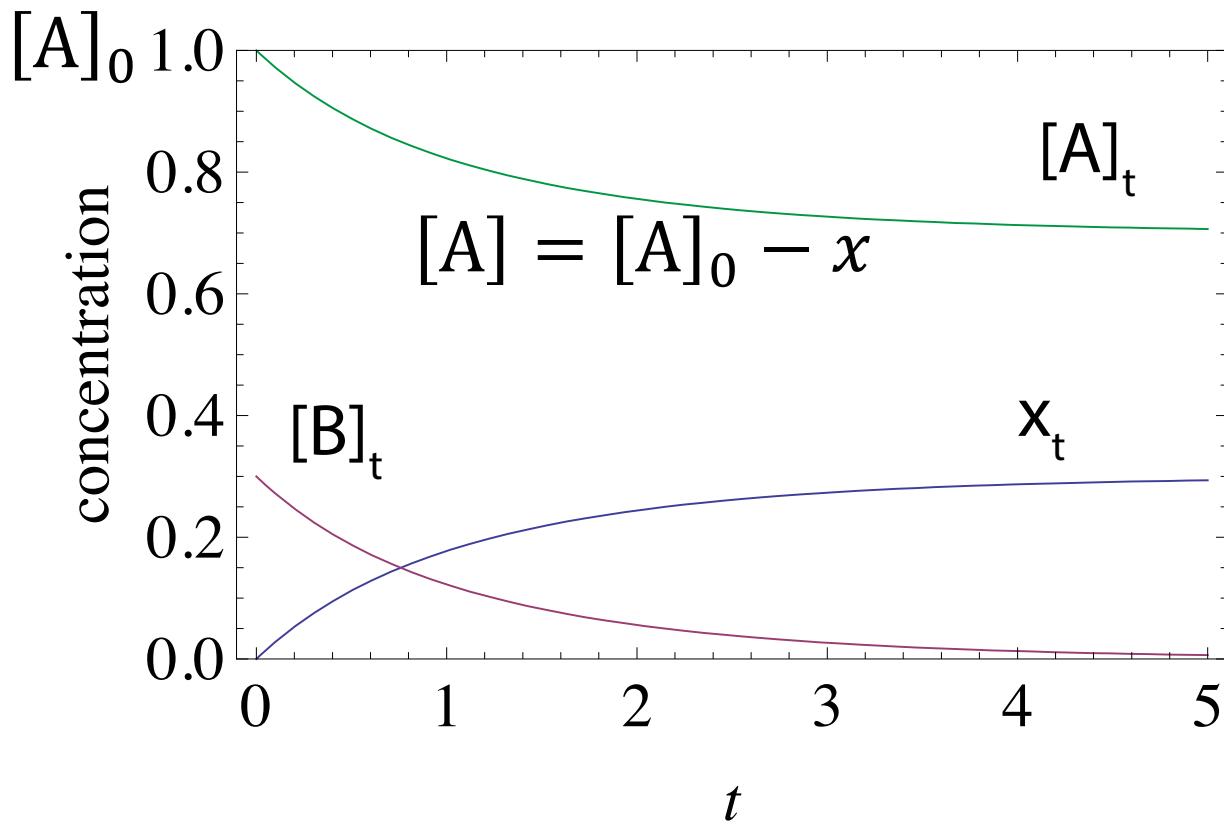


$$\bullet = \frac{1}{[A]_0 - [B]_0} \ln \frac{([A]_0 - x_t)[B]_0}{([B]_0 - x_t)[A]_0} = kt$$

$$\bullet \text{ and } x_t = \frac{[A]_0[B]_0 (e^{[A]_0 kt} - e^{[B]_0 kt})}{[A]_0 e^{[A]_0 kt} - [B]_0 e^{[B]_0 kt}}$$

-let's plot the last expressions

- $\frac{1}{[A]_0 - [B]_0} \ln \frac{([A]_0 - x_t)[B]_0}{([B]_0 - x_t)[A]_0} = kt \quad \text{and} \quad x_t = \frac{[A]_0[B]_0 (e^{[A]_0 kt} - e^{[B]_0 kt})}{[A]_0 e^{[A]_0 kt} - [B]_0 e^{[B]_0 kt}}$



**But what happens, if  $[A]_0 = [B]_0$  ?!**

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

**But what happens if  $[A]_0 = [B]_0$  ?!**

- $\rightarrow [A] = [B]$  ...we had this case before!
- $R = k[A][B] = k[A]^2$  phew, no more work.

### 1.3.4 Reactions of General Order

- for completeness (no known reactions higher than 3<sup>rd</sup> order):



$$R = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^n$$

separation & integration yields

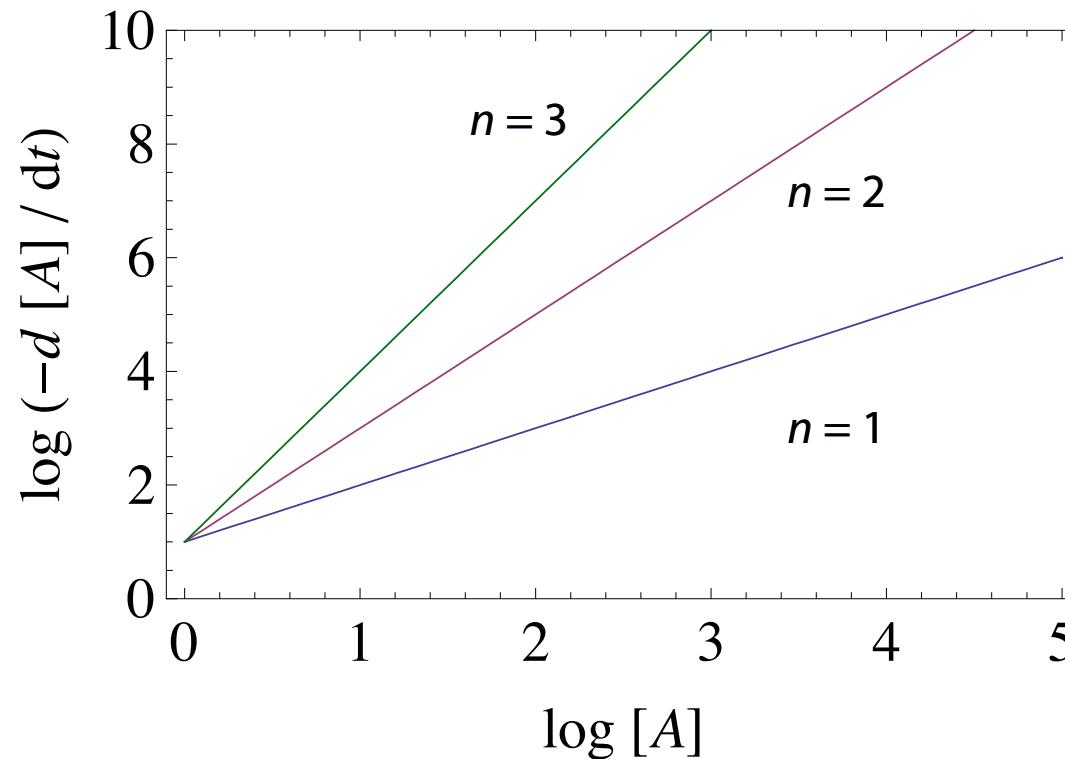
$$\frac{1}{[A]^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{[A]_0^{n-1}} = akt (n - 1)$$

(for  $n \neq 1$ )

- To figure out the order of a reaction: do a van't Hoff plot by plotting as a log-log plot:

$$\ln \left( -\frac{d[A]}{dt} \right) = n \ln[A] + \ln ak$$

- Note: this plots the *rate*, *not* a concentration



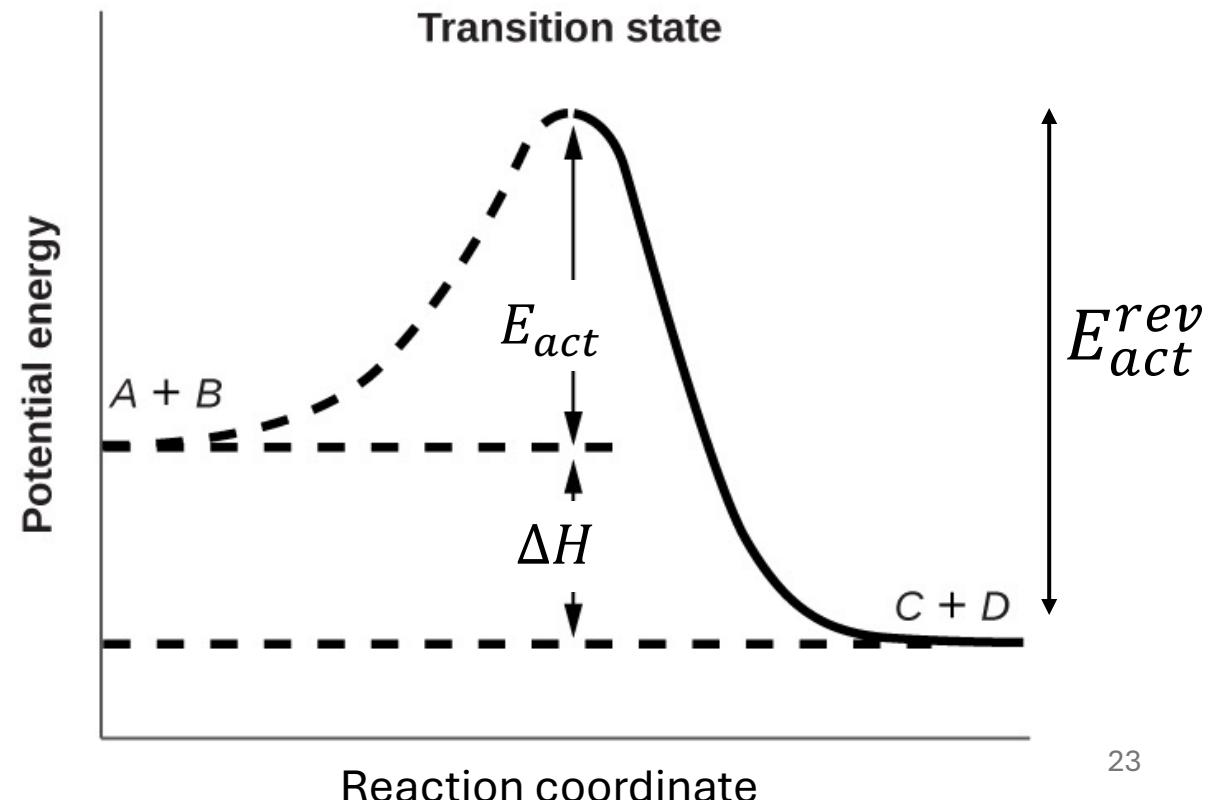
Change of topic (a bit):

What factors *besides* concentrations determine reaction rates?



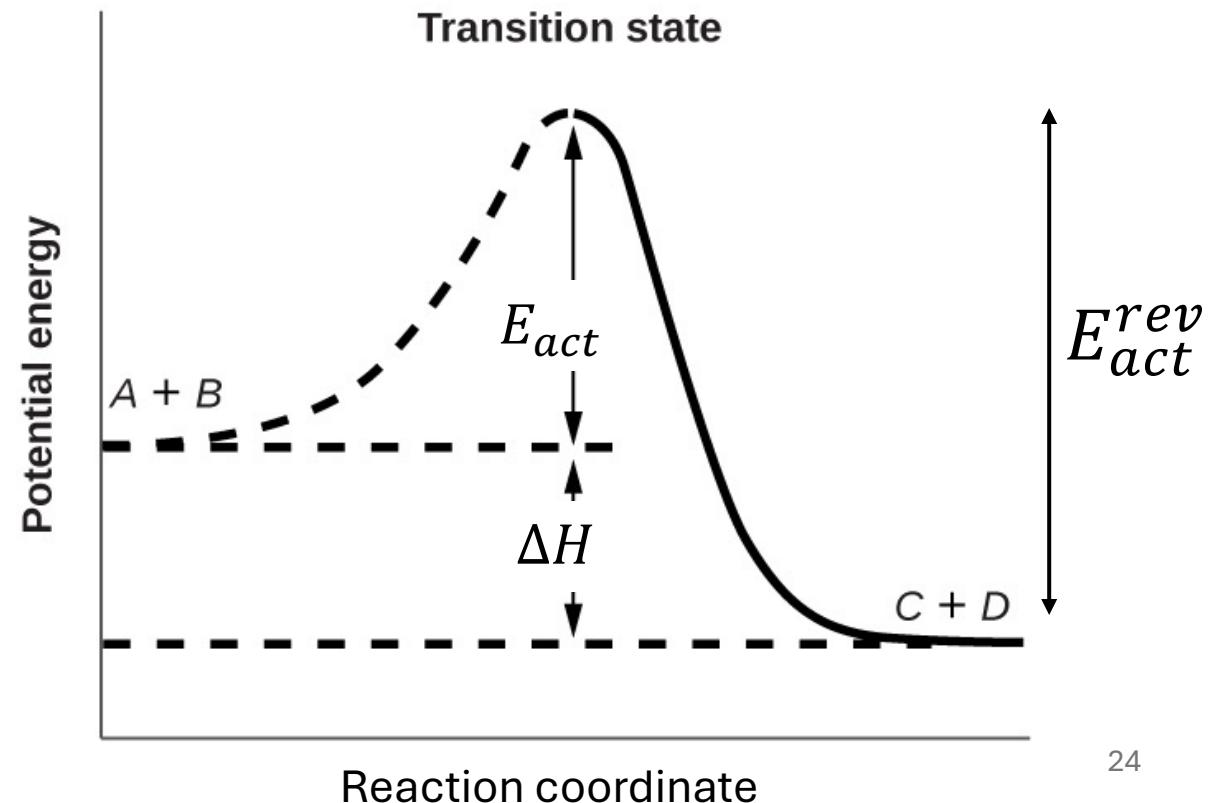
# 1.4 Temperature Dependence of Rate Constants: The Arrhenius Equation

- Arrhenius found:  $k(T) = Ae^{-\frac{E_{act}}{RT}}$
- Prefactor  $A$  : different interpretations
- Activation energy  $E_{act}$
- What is the probability that a molecule has enough energy to react?



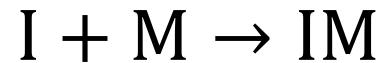
- Arrhenius Equation  $k(T) = A e^{-\frac{E_{act}}{RT}}$
- $p(E \geq E_{act})$  ? Boltzmann distribution!
- $p(E \geq E_{act}) \propto \int_{E_{act}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{E}{RT}} dE \sim e^{-\frac{E_{act}}{RT}}$

fraction of molecules with enough energy to react



$$\text{Arrhenius Equation } k(T) = A \ e^{-\frac{E_{act}}{RT}}$$

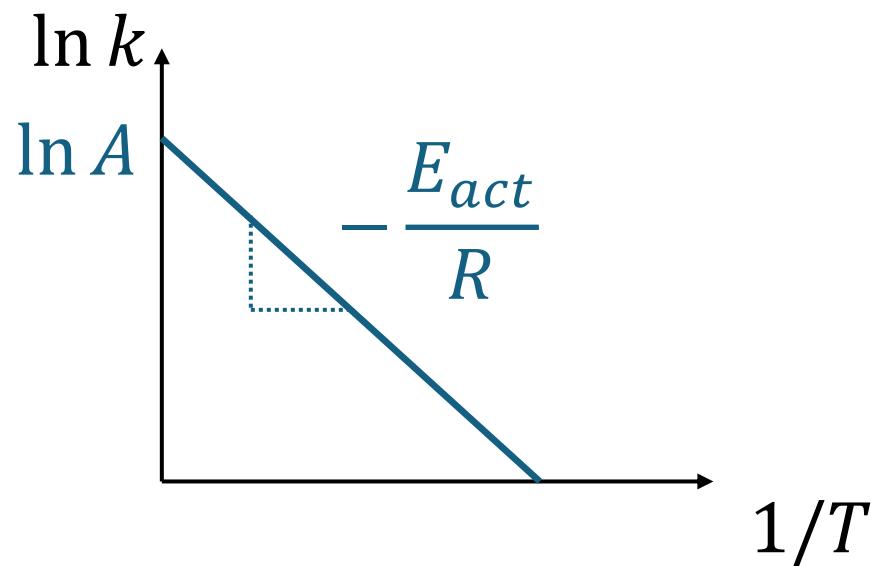
- The activation energy can even be *negative*, e.g., in the following complex reaction, where weakly bound iodine atoms recombine:



- Here, if we heat up, the weakly bound intermediate I-M is actually *less likely* to survive, thus hampering the overall reaction progress

**Arrhenius Equation**  $k(T) = A e^{-\frac{E_{act}}{RT}}$

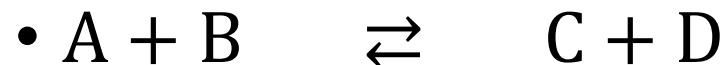
- To obtain  $A$  and  $E_{act}$ , plot in logarithmic form:  $\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_{act}}{RT}$



“Arrhenius plot”

- Let's consider a reversible reaction in equilibrium, e.g.

$k_{\text{forward}}$



$k_{\text{reverse}}$

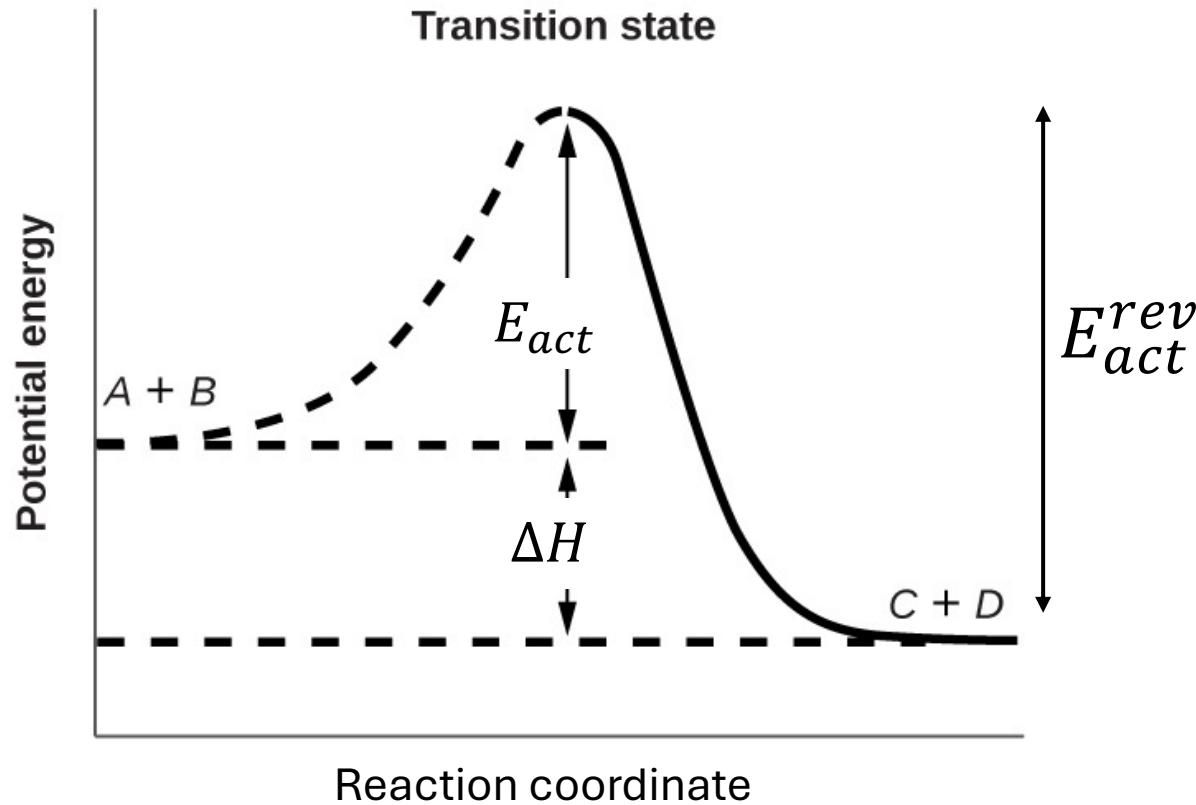
- In equilibrium:  $k_{\text{forward}}[A][B] = k_{\text{reverse}}[C][D]$

- Equilibrium constant then is:

- $K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[C][D]}{[A][B]} = \frac{k_{\text{forward}}}{k_{\text{reverse}}}$

$$= \frac{^A_{\text{forward}}}{^A_{\text{reverse}}} e^{-\frac{(E_{\text{act, forward}} - E_{\text{act, reverse}})}{RT}} = \frac{^A_{\text{forward}}}{^A_{\text{reverse}}} e^{-\frac{\Delta H^0}{RT}}$$

nice! But this only works in equilibrium, don't forget.



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