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Transition-state Theory (TST)

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Transition-state Theory and Kinetics



TST, Eyring, and Arrhenius Expressions

$$\mathsf{TST} \qquad k = \frac{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}{h} \frac{Q^{\ddagger}}{Q_{\mathrm{R}}} \frac{Q_{\mathrm{R}}^{\circ}}{Q^{\ddagger,\circ}} e^{-\Delta V^{\ddagger}/k_{\mathrm{B}}T} = \frac{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}{h} e^{-\Delta G^{\circ\ddagger}/RT} = \frac{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}{h} e^{-\Delta H^{\circ\ddagger}/RT} e^{\Delta S^{\circ\ddagger}/R}$$

Eyring
$$\ln\left(\frac{k}{T}\right) = -\frac{\Delta H^{o,\ddagger}}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^{o,\ddagger}}{R} + \ln\left(\frac{k_{\rm B}}{h}\right)$$
 Plot $\ln(k/T)$ vs. 1/T

Arrhenius $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$ Plot ln(k) vs. 1/T

$$E_{a} = \Delta H^{\circ,\ddagger} + RT \qquad A = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{h} e^{\left(H \Delta S^{\circ,\ddagger} / R \right)}$$

Be very careful making comparisons

What is a Block CoPolymer?

Situation:

Mixtures of two polymers—even seemingly *very* similar polymers—nearly always phase separate rather than "alloy"

Consequence:

<u>Uses</u>

Thermoplastic elastomers (e.g., running shoe soles) Pressure sensitive adhesives (Post-It[™] Notes) Viscosity modifiers for oils Compatibilizers (the polymer equivalent of a soap)

Challenge:

How can you synthesize a well-defined BCP (e.g., having low polydispersity)?

One Technique for Making Fluorinated BCPs



If One Fluorine is Good... (E. I. DuPont)



Are there concerns?

Carbene Rearrangements in Hydrocarbons



Kinetics 101

Carbene additions typically proceed without an activation barrier. The rates of barrierless reactions in solution are typically "diffusion controlled". Over a reasonable range of viscosities, an appropriate rate expression is:

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Rate<sub>bi</sub> (M sec<sup>-1</sup>) \approx 10^{10} \cdot [A] [B]
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Unimolecular rearrangements typically follow a particularly simple rate law:

Rate_{uni} (M sec⁻¹)
$$\approx 10^{14} \cdot [A] \cdot exp(-\Delta G^{\ddagger} / RT)$$

We would like the ratio of bimolecular reaction to unimolecular rearrangement to be at least a factor of 100, i.e.,

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_{bi} (\text{M sec}^{-1})}{\text{Rate}_{uni} (\text{M sec}^{-1})} = 100 = 10^{-4} \cdot [\text{B}] \cdot \exp(\Delta \text{G}^{\ddagger} / RT)$$

Given a realistic maximum [B] (molar concentration of double bonds) of about 1 M, this implies the minimum activation energy for unimolecular rearrangement cannot be lower than 12.9 kcal/mol at 200 °C

Carbene Rearrangements in Fluorocarbons



Because fluorine holds electrons more "tightly" than hydrogen, it is *much* harder to insert into C–F bonds than into C–H bonds. Interestingly, the accessibility of C–C bonds is relatively unperturbed by H vs. F.

Feasibility Study on Epoxide Cracking





Kinetics 102: Left path preferred by about 5,000,000 to 1 at 200 °C

Feasibility Study on Epoxide Cracking 2



Kinetics 103: Half-life for a unimolecular process (like cracking) is roughly

$$t_{1/2}$$
 (sec) $\approx \ln 2 \cdot 10^{-14} \cdot \exp(\Delta G^{\ddagger} / RT)$

For above reaction at 200 °C, 50% cracking takes 317 years . . . (4.8 hours for previous example via its preferred path)

Cramer and Hillmyer J. Org. Chem. 1999, 64, 4850

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Kinetic Isotope Effects

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Reaction Coordinate

Protein Prenylation

Farnesylation of ras protein key to carcinogenesis



 $c_{\rm f}$ = 0.057 for PFT + GPP

1° ¹³C KIE = 1.039 ± 0.003 2° ²H KIE = 1.068 ± 0.003

What is structure of transition state?

N-Dansyl-GC(S-geranyl)VIA

Choice of Theoretical Model (Validation)

*m*PW1N/6-31+G(d) density functional theory



Modeling Prenylation

mPW1N applied to GPP / ethanethiolate (aq)



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> $S_N 2 \text{ process}$ 1° ¹³C KIE = 1.067 2° ²H KIE = 1.150

Controlling Making and Breaking Bonds



Active Site Influence on TS Structure

Looser — more ionic

Consistent with rate deceleration by electron-withdrawing groups



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Tunneling, Variational Transition-state Theory (VTST), and Marcus Theory

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Quantum Effects on the Rate Constant Reaction Probability Through a Parabolic Barrier



Tunneling and Eyring Plot Curvature



Tunneling in a Nutshell

- Typically only significant for reaction coordinates having large proton, H atom, or hydride motion
- Typically less significant at higher temperatures (but demonstrated to be important in many biological systems at *their* temperatures!)
- Accounting for tunneling is, frankly, hard, although the Skodje-Truhlar approximation is fairly straightforward
- Beware of experimental data that may be interpreted incorrectly because of a failure to consider tunneling!

Skodje-Truhlar

J. Phys. Chem. 1981, 85, 624-628

Parabolic Tunneling Calculations

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A new analytic approximation is presented for thermally averaged transmission coefficients for tunneling through and reflection by truncated parabolic potential barriers. The approximation has a wide range of validity and avoids the spurious singularities of the well-known result for untruncated parabolic barriers. We also apply the analytic result to effective parabolic fits to other barrier shapes. The results are quite encouraging and suggest that the approximation may be useful for a wide variety of chemical applications.

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$$\kappa(T) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\beta}{\beta - \alpha} \{ e^{[(\beta - \alpha)(\Delta V^{\ddagger} - V)]} - 1 \}, & \alpha \le \beta \\ \frac{\beta \pi / \alpha}{\sin(\beta \pi / \alpha)} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha - \beta} e^{[(\beta - \alpha)(\Delta V^{\ddagger} - V)]}, & \alpha \ge \beta \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{h \operatorname{Im}(\nu^{\ddagger})}$$
$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

Methane Metathesis in Lutetiocene (kcal/mol)









*m*PWPW91/ECP 20.3

Eyring plot 11.6

Sherer and Cramer Organometallics 2003, 22, 1682



Fooled by Tunneling

Т, К	$k_{\rm obs} \ge 10^{5}, {\rm s}^{-1}$	L	
300	10.		
330	67.		
340	120.		
350	200.		
360	320.		
370	510.		
380	800.		
390	1200.		
400	1800.		
$\Delta H^{\ddagger} = 11.6$		$\Delta H^{\ddagger} = 19.2$	DFT 20.3 kcal/mol

Variational Transition-state Theory



Reaction Coordinate



$$k_{\rm ET} = Z e^{-\left(\Delta G^{\rm o} + \lambda\right)^2 / 4\lambda RT}$$

Semiclassical effects in ΔG° Quantum (tunneling) effects in Z

THANKS!!