# Templates for MECSim input file: Master.inp

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The following examples and associated input file templates will show the user how to set up a range of commonly used mechanisms. This should give the user a good idea of how to edit the Master.inp file to model any desired mechanism. To use one of these templates copy the file (e.g. Master\_E.inp) into the same directory as MECSim.exe and rename it Master.inp to run it.

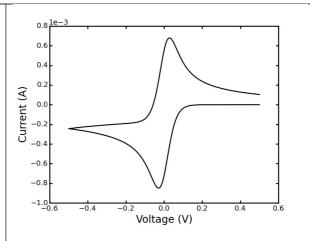
#### **Mechanism 1 (E):**

Master\_E.inp

A + e = B

;  $E^0 = 0.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

where [A] =  $10^{-6}$  mol/cm<sup>3</sup>.



#### Mechanism 2 (EC):

Master\_EC.inp

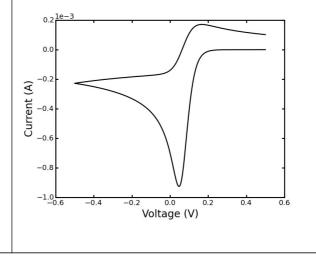
A + e = B

;  $E^0 = 0.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

B = C

;  $k_f = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$  ,  $k_f = 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

where [A] =  $10^{-6}$  mol/cm<sup>3</sup>.



### **Mechanism 3 (EE):**

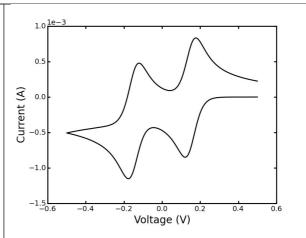
Master\_EE.inp

A + e = B ;  $E^0 = 0.15 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

B + e = C ;  $E^0 = -0.15 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

A + C = 2B ;  $k_f = 10^4$ ,  $k_f = 10^2$ 

where [A] =  $10^{-6}$  mol/cm<sup>3</sup> and the rate constants are in units of cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.



#### **Mechanism 4 (ECE):**

Master\_ECE.inp

A + e = B ;  $E^0 = 0.15 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

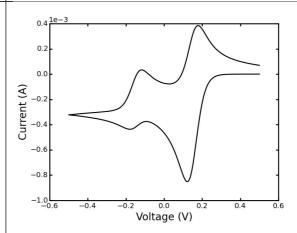
B = C ;  $k_f = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_f = 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

C + e = D ;  $E^0 = -0.15 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

A + D = B + C;  $k_f = 10^{-6}$ ,  $k_f = 10^{-10}$ 

where [A] =  $10^{-6}$  mol/cm<sup>3</sup> and the second order rate constants are in units of cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

Note that pre-equilibrium is turned off for this mechanism.



#### **Mechanism 5 (Parent-child):**

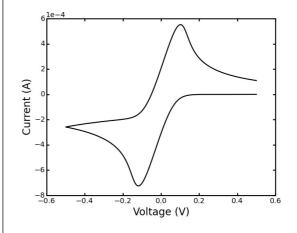
Master\_PC.inp

A + e = B ;  $E^0 = 0.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

A + B = AB ;  $k_f = 10^{-6}$ ,  $k_f = 10^{-10}$ 

AB + e = BB ;  $E^0 = 0.1 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

where [A] =  $10^{-6}$  mol/cm<sup>3</sup> and the rate constants are in units of cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. In the code AB is the same as C and BB is the same as D.  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{100} \ \Omega$ 

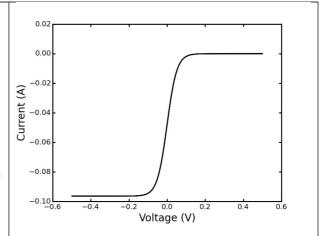


## **Mechanism 6 (Surface confined catalytic):**

Master\_SCCat.inp

$$\begin{split} A+e&=B\\ C^*+e&=D^*\\ A+D^*&=B+C^*\;;\; E^0=1.0\;V\;,\; k_s=0\;s^{\text{-}1}\\ E^0&=0.0\;V\;,\; k_s=10^4\;s^{\text{-}1}\\ E^0&=1.0^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\\ E^0&=1.0^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\\ E^0&=1.0^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\\ E^0&=1.0^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}\;\;\text{c}^{\text{-}1}$$

where [A] =  $1 \text{ mol/cm}^3$ , [C\*] =  $10^{-9} \text{ mol/cm}^3$  and the rate constants are in units of cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The first of these electron transfer reactions is used to ensure the correct total current, if not included MECSim will recommend one to use.



#### **Mechanism 7 (EAC):**

Master\_EAC.inp

$$A + e = B$$
 ;  $E^0 = 0.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $k_s = 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

same as the E mechanism above, but with an additional ac sinusoid with amplitude 50~mV and frequency 180~Hz.

