Defining Chemistry and Equilibrium

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Studying the Transformation of matter (Reaction):

- → through time: chemical kinetics
- \longrightarrow **through space**: chemical engineering

Using a catalyst to increase the rate of a chemical reaction:

$$A + B \longrightarrow D \quad slow$$
 (1)

$$A + B + C \longrightarrow E \quad fast$$
 (2)

$$E \longrightarrow D + \left(\begin{array}{c} C \end{array} \right) \quad fast$$
 (3)

A chemical reaction happens between atoms.

Chemistry is the preservation of the atom \neq nuclear physics

$$H_2SO_4 + 2 NaCl \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2 HCl$$

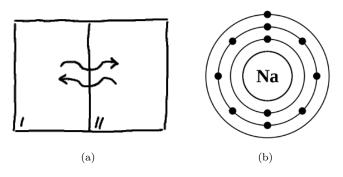


Figure 1: (A) The goal of osmosis is equilibrium (B) Rutherford's model

I: high concentration solution II: low concentration solution

the position of electrons in layers: 2 - 8 - 18 - 32

The lowest point of energy consumption within a system is the state of physical equilibrium. Minimas are equilibrium points: The sum of vectorial forces is equal to 0. The state of optimization of system is the abscence of fluctuation over time of certain parameters.

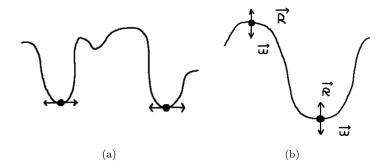


Figure 2: (A) ROLLERCOASTERS (B) THE MINIMA IS THE STABLE EQUILIBRIUM POINT