

## 1 Molybdenum thiolation kinetic calculations

### 1.1 $\text{MoO}_4^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{MoO}_3\text{S}^{2-}$

$$[A]_o = \text{MoO}_4^{2-}$$

$$[A] = \text{MoO}_3\text{S}^{2-}$$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_i[A] \quad (1)$$

Using separation of variables (Forier Method) I solve for  $[A]$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} &= -k_i dt \\ \int_{[A]}^{[A]_o} \frac{1}{[A]} d[A] &= \int -k_i dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln [A] - \ln [A]_o = -k_i t$$

$$\ln \frac{[A]}{[A]_o} = -k_i t$$

$$[A] = [A]_o e^{-k_i t}$$

### 1.2 $\text{MoO}_3\text{S}^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{MoO}_2\text{S}_2^{2-}$

$$[B] = \text{MoO}_2\text{S}_2^{2-}$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = k_i[A] - k_{ii}[B] \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} + k_{ii}[B] = k_i[A]$$

Recognizing that this is a non homogeneous first order differential equation I use variation of parameters I solve for  $[B]$ . First solving the **complimentary solution**:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[B]}{dt} + k_{ii}[B] &= 0 \\ \frac{d[B]}{dt} &= -k_{ii}[B] \\ \int \frac{1}{[B]} d[B] &= \int -k_{ii} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln |[B]| = -k_{ii}t + C_o$$

$$[B] = e^{-k_{ii}t + C_o}$$

$$[B] = C_o e^{-k_{ii}t}$$

Using variation of parameters, the **particular solution** is formed by multiplying the complementary solution by an unknown function C(t):

$$[B] = C(t)e^{-k_{ii}t}$$

I substitute the **particular solution** into the original equation:

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} + k_{ii}[B] = k_i[A]$$

this simplifies to:

$$\begin{aligned} C'(t)e^{-k_{ii}t} &= k_i[A]_o e^{-k_i t} \\ C'(t) &= \frac{k_i[A]_o e^{-k_i t}}{e^{-k_{ii}t}} \\ C'(t) &= k_i[A]_o e^{(k_{ii}-k_i)t} \\ \int C'(t)dt &= k_i[A]_o \int e^{(k_{ii}-k_i)t} dt \\ C(t) &= \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} e^{k_{ii}t-k_i t} + C_1 \end{aligned}$$

I set C(t) = to B as a function of time:

$$B(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} e^{k_{ii}t-k_i t} + C_1$$

to find  $C_1$  I assume that [B] is 0 when the experiment begins (e.g., t=0):

$$B(0) = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} e^{k_{ii}0-k_i0} + C_1$$

$$0 = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} + C_1$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i}$$

B(t) then becomes:

$$B(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} e^{k_{ii}t-k_i t} - \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i}$$

substitute B(t) into **particular solution**:

$$[B] = \left( \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} e^{k_{ii}t-k_i t} - \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} \right) e^{-k_{ii}t}$$

$$[B] = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} \left( e^{k_{ii}t-k_i t} e^{-k_{ii}t} - e^{-k_{ii}t} \right)$$

$$[B] = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii}-k_i} \left( e^{-k_i t} - e^{-k_{ii}t} \right)$$

### 1.3 $\text{MoO}_2\text{S}_2^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{MoOS}_3^{2-}$

$$[\text{C}] = \text{MoOS}_3^{2-}$$

$$\frac{d[\text{C}]}{dt} = k_{ii}[\text{B}] - k_{iii}[\text{C}] \quad (3)$$

This can be solved using variation of parameters the same method as eq. (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[\text{C}]}{dt} + k_{iii}[\text{C}] &= 0 \\ \frac{d[\text{C}]}{dt} &= -k_{iii}[\text{C}] \\ \int \frac{1}{[\text{C}]} d[\text{C}] &= \int -k_{iii} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln |[\text{C}]| = -k_{iii}t + C_o$$

$$[\text{C}] = e^{-k_{iii}t + C_o}$$

$$[\text{C}] = C_o e^{-k_{iii}t}$$

Using variation of parameters, the **particular solution** is formed by multiplying the complementary solution by an unknown function  $C(t)$ :

$$[\text{C}] = C(t)e^{-k_{iii}t}$$

I substitute the **particular solution** into the original equation:

$$\frac{d[\text{C}]}{dt} + k_{iii}[\text{C}] = k_{ii}[\text{B}]$$

this simplifies to:

$$C'(t)e^{-k_{iii}t} = \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left( e^{-k_i t} - e^{-k_{iii}t} \right)$$

$$C'(t)e^{-k_{iii}t} = \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{-k_i t} - \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{-k_{iii}t}$$

$$C'(t) = \frac{\left( \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \right) e^{-k_i t} - \left( \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \right) e^{-k_{iii}t}}{e^{-k_{iii}t}}$$

$$C'(t) = \left( \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \right) e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} - \left( \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \right) e^{k_{iii}t - k_{iii}t}$$

$$\int C'(t) dt = \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \int e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} dt - \frac{k_i[\text{A}]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \int e^{k_{iii}t - k_{iii}t} dt$$

$$C(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_i)}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} - \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{k_{iii}t - k_{ii}t} + C_2$$

to find  $C_2$  I assume that  $[C]$  is 0 when the experiment begins (e.g.,  $t=0$ ):

$$C(0) = \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_i)}{k_{ii} - k_i} - \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{k_{ii} - k_i} + C_2$$

$$C_2 = \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{k_{ii} - k_i} - \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_i)}{k_{ii} - k_i}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} (k_i - k_{ii})$$

$C(t)$  then becomes:

$$C(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_i)}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} - \frac{k_i[A]_o(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{k_{ii} - k_i} e^{k_{iii}t - k_{ii}t} + \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} (k_i - k_{ii})$$

$$C(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left[ (k_{iii} - k_i) e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} - (k_{iii} - k_{ii}) e^{k_{iii}t - k_{ii}t} + (k_i - k_{ii}) \right]$$

substitute  $C(t)$  into **particular solution**:

$$[C] = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left[ (k_{iii} - k_i) e^{k_{iii}t - k_i t} - (k_{iii} - k_{ii}) e^{k_{iii}t - k_{ii}t} + (k_i - k_{ii}) \right] e^{-k_{iii}t}$$

$$[C] = \frac{k_i[A]_o}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left[ (k_{iii} - k_i) e^{-k_i t} - (k_{iii} - k_{ii}) e^{-k_{ii}t} + (k_i - k_{ii}) e^{-k_{iii}t} \right]$$

#### 1.4 $\text{MoOS}_3^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{MoS}_4^{2-}$

$[D] = \text{MoS}_4^{2-}$

$$\frac{d[D]}{dt} = k_{iii}[C] \quad (4)$$

$$D'(t) = k_{iii}[C]$$

$$D(t) = k_{iii} \int [C] dt$$

$$D(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o k_{iii}}{k_{ii} - k_i} \int \left( (k_{iii} - k_i) e^{-k_i t} - (k_{iii} - k_{ii}) e^{-k_{ii}t} + (k_i - k_{ii}) e^{-k_{iii}t} \right) dt$$

$$D(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o k_{iii}}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left( \frac{(k_{iii} - k_i)}{-k_i} e^{-k_i t} - \frac{(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{-k_{ii}} e^{-k_{ii}t} + \frac{(k_i - k_{ii})}{-k_{iii}} e^{-k_{iii}t} \right) + C_3$$

to find  $C_3$  I assume that  $[D]$  is 0 when the experiment begins (e.g.,  $t=0$ ):

$$0 = \frac{k_i[A]_o k_{iii}}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left( \frac{(k_{iii} - k_i)}{-k_i} - \frac{(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{-k_{ii}} + \frac{(k_i - k_{ii})}{-k_{iii}} \right) + C_3$$

$$D(t) = \frac{k_i[A]_o k_{iii}}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left( \frac{(k_{iii} - k_i)}{-k_i} e^{-k_i t} - \frac{(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{-k_{ii}} e^{-k_{ii} t} + \frac{(k_i - k_{ii})}{-k_{iii}} e^{-k_{iii} t} \right) - \frac{k_i[A]_o k_{iii}}{k_{ii} - k_i} \left( \frac{(k_{iii} - k_i)}{-k_i} - \frac{(k_{iii} - k_{ii})}{-k_{ii}} + \frac{(k_i - k_{ii})}{-k_{iii}} \right)$$