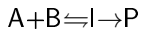


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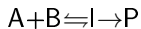
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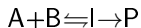
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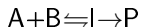


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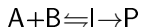
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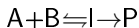
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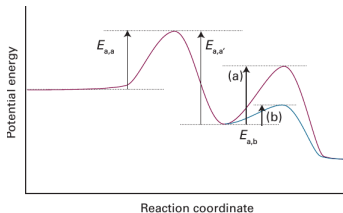
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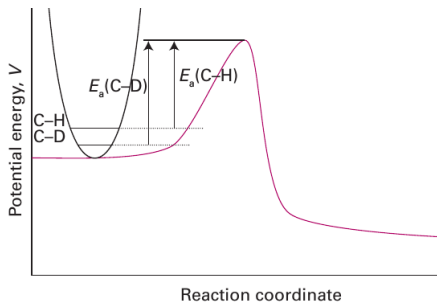
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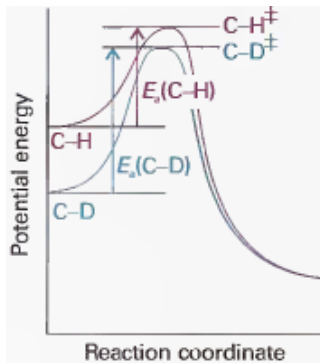
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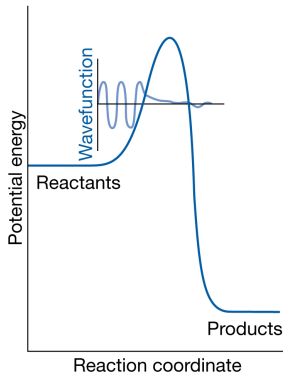
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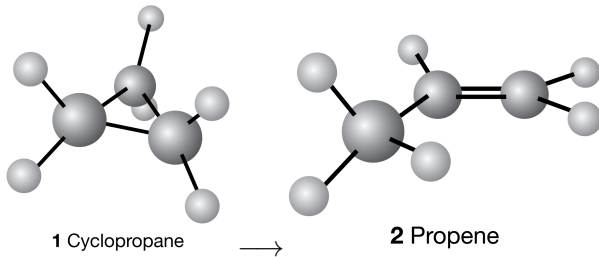
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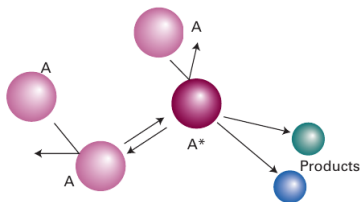
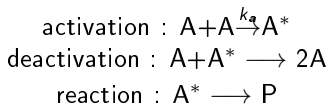


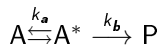
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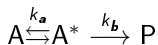




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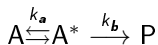
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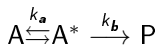
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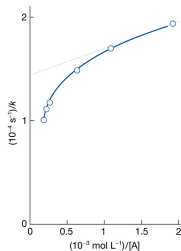
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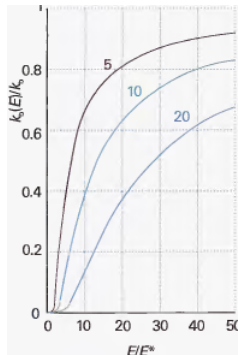
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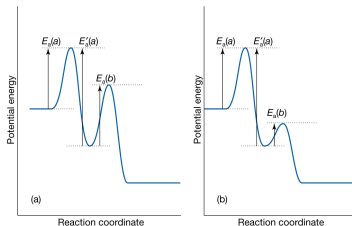
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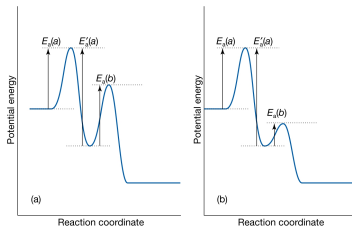
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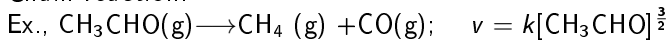


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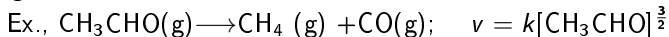
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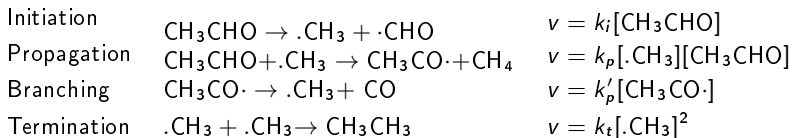
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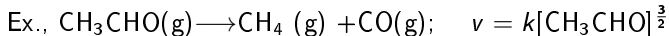
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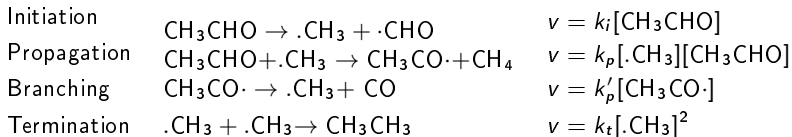
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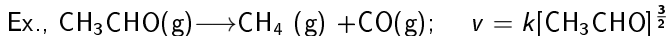


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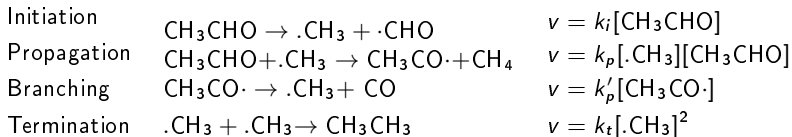


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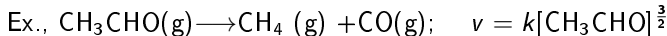
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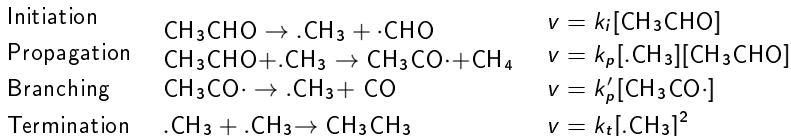
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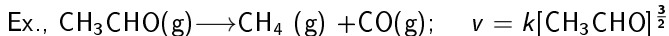
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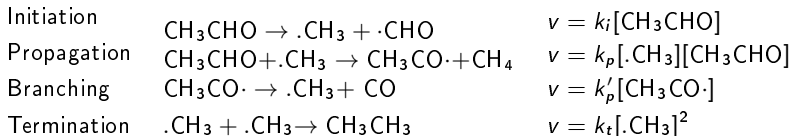
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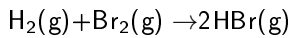
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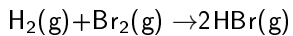
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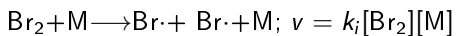
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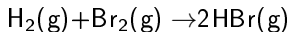




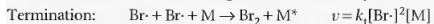
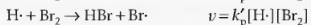
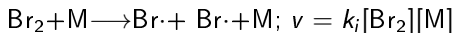
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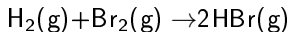




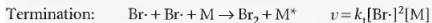
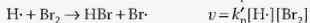
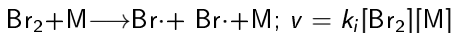
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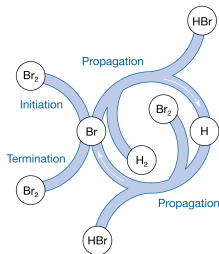
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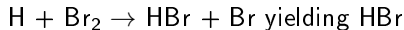
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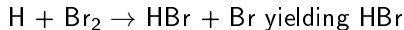
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$$\Rightarrow [H] = \frac{k_p \sqrt{\frac{k_i}{k_t}}[H_2][Br_2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_{p'}[Br_2] + k_r[HBr]}$$

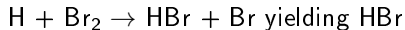
using  $k_{p'}[H][Br_2] = k_p[Br][H_2] - k_r[H][HBr]$

$\therefore$  net rate:  $\frac{d[HBr]}{dt} = 2k_{p'}[H][Br_2]$

$$= \frac{2k_p \sqrt{\frac{k_i}{k_t}}[H_2][Br_2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}{[Br_2] + \frac{k_r}{k_{p'}}[HBr]} = \frac{k[H_2][Br_2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}{[Br_2] + k'[HBr]}$$

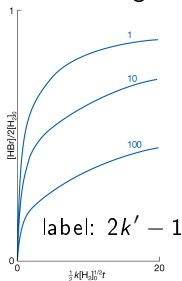
Reaction slows down as HBr forms,  $\frac{[HBr]}{[Br_2]}$  increases  $\Leftarrow$

$Br_2$  competes with HBr for H atoms, with propagation



retardation  $H + HBr \rightarrow H_2 + Br$  converts HBr back to  $H_2$

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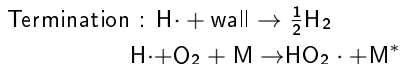
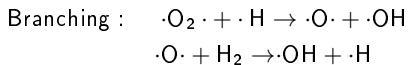
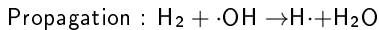
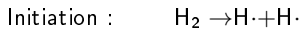
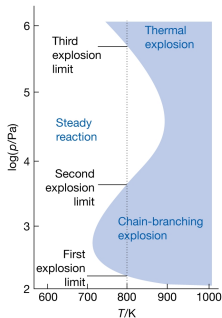


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Ex.  $2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$



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constant ( $v_{\text{init}}$ )

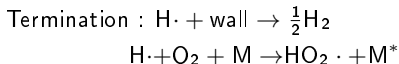
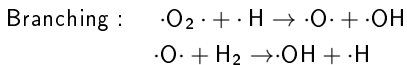
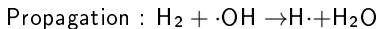
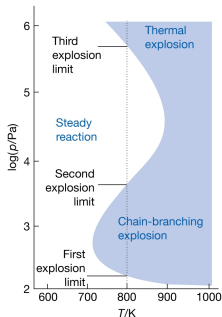
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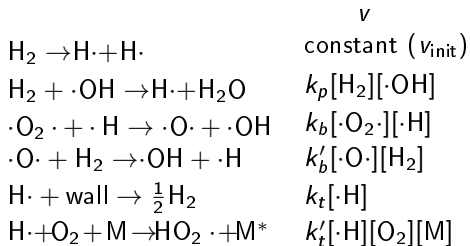
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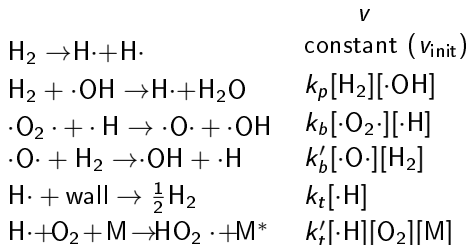
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branching step :

elementary reaction producing more than one chain carrier

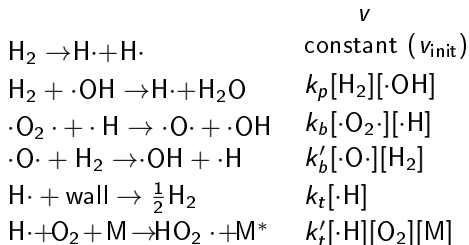




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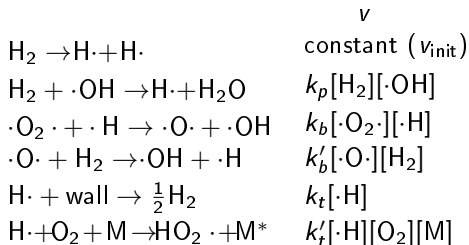
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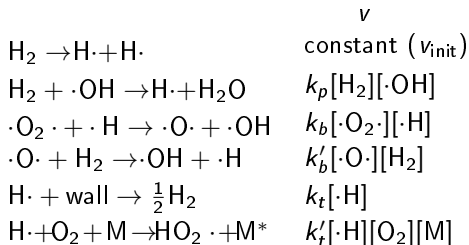


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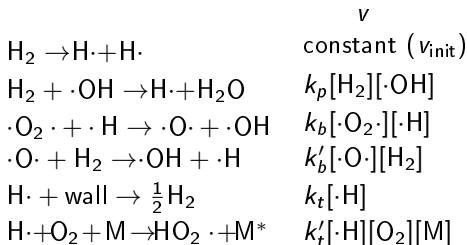
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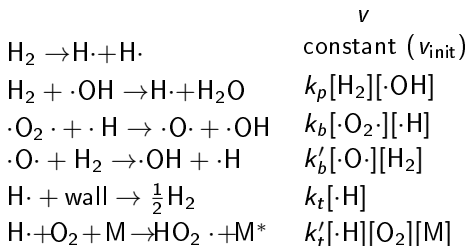
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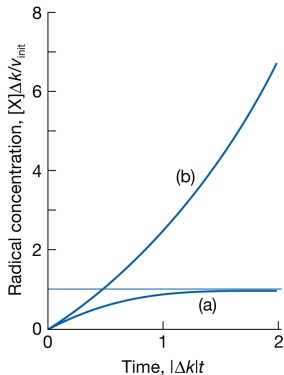
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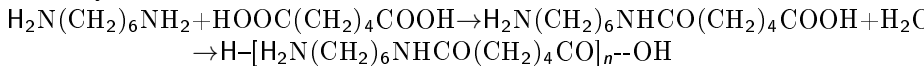


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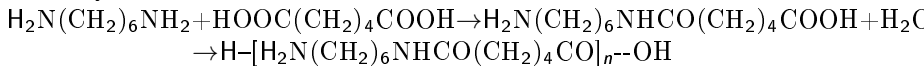
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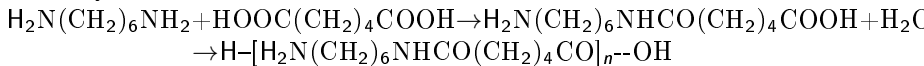


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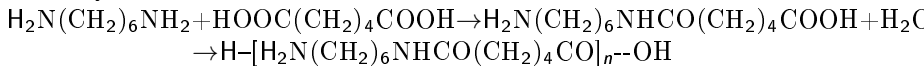
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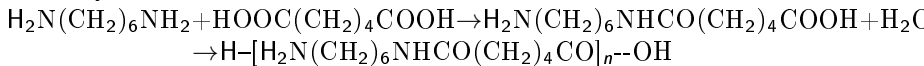
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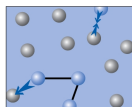
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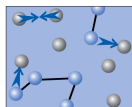
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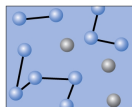
average molar mass increases in time



(a)



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(c)

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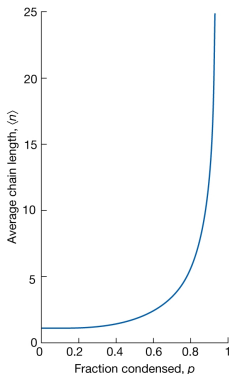
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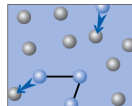
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$\therefore$  longer a stepwise polymerisation proceeds, higher  
the average molar mass of product

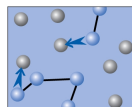


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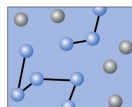
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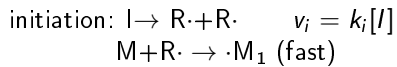


(c)

rate,  $v = k\sqrt{[I]}[M]$ ;  $I \equiv$  initiator

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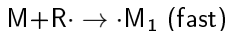
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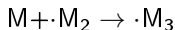
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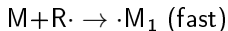

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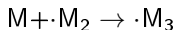


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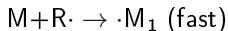
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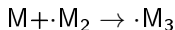
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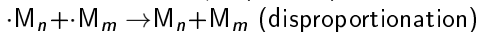
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