Chemical Equilibria

Why do we care?!!

Put stuff in a beaker and what do you get?

We can use thermodynamics to predict the molecular concentrations at equilibrium (very powerful!)

$$2H_2O(g) \longleftrightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

$\Delta_r G° = +113.4\ \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

What about the opposite reaction?

$$2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longleftrightarrow 2H_2O(g)$$

$\Delta_r G° = -113.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Does everything go to equilibrium as predicted?

What happens if you mix H_2 and O_2 at 298K?

A. The explode and form water

B. They explode and form hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2)

C. Nothing

Why didn’t I get to equilibrium?

Kinetics

Other Reactions

Chemical Equilibria

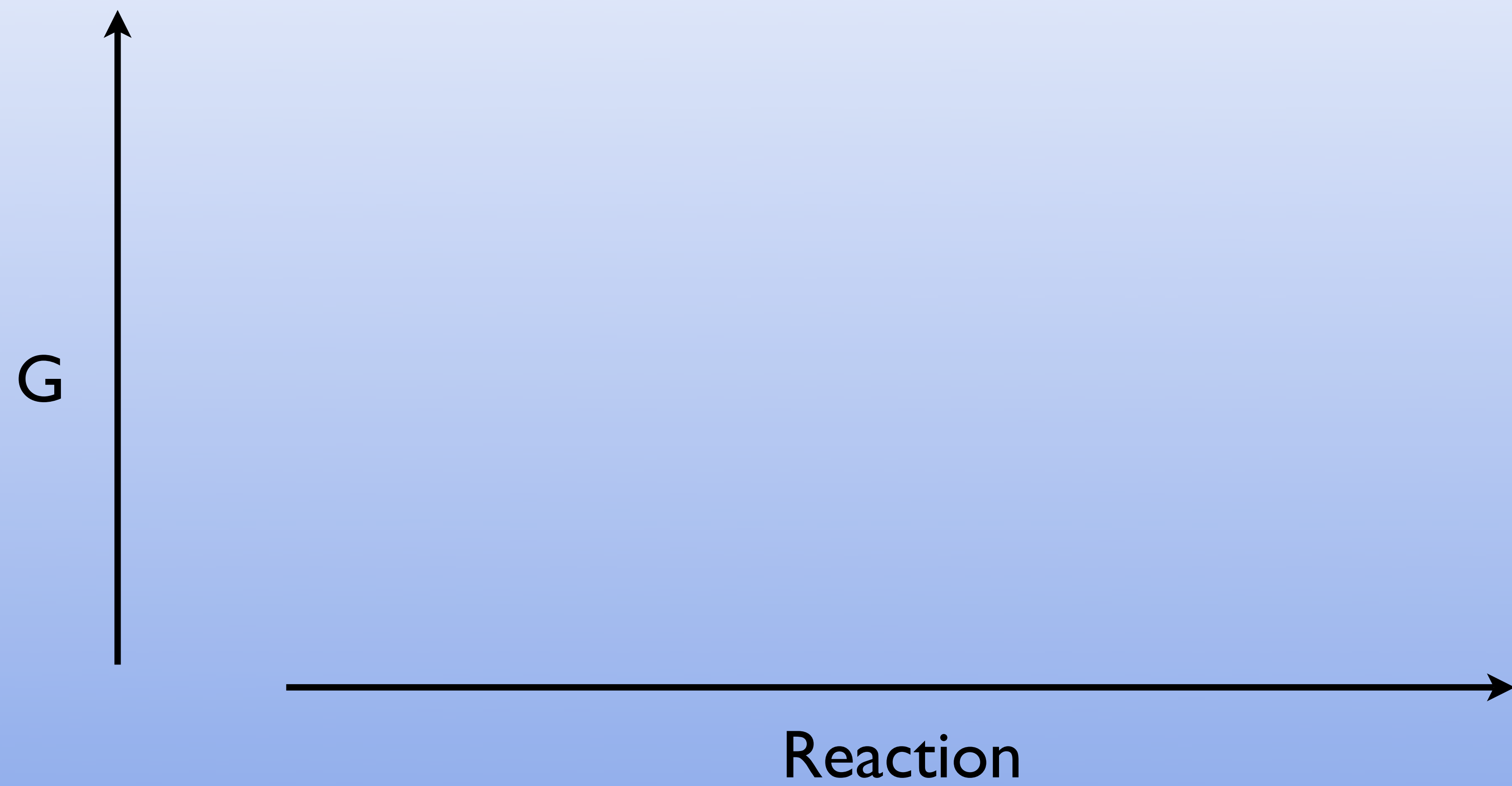
Why do we care?!!

Things might not get to equilibrium but they never move away from it

Why does K depend on $\Delta_r G°$?

$$A \longleftrightarrow B$$

imagine
$\Delta_r G° = 0$



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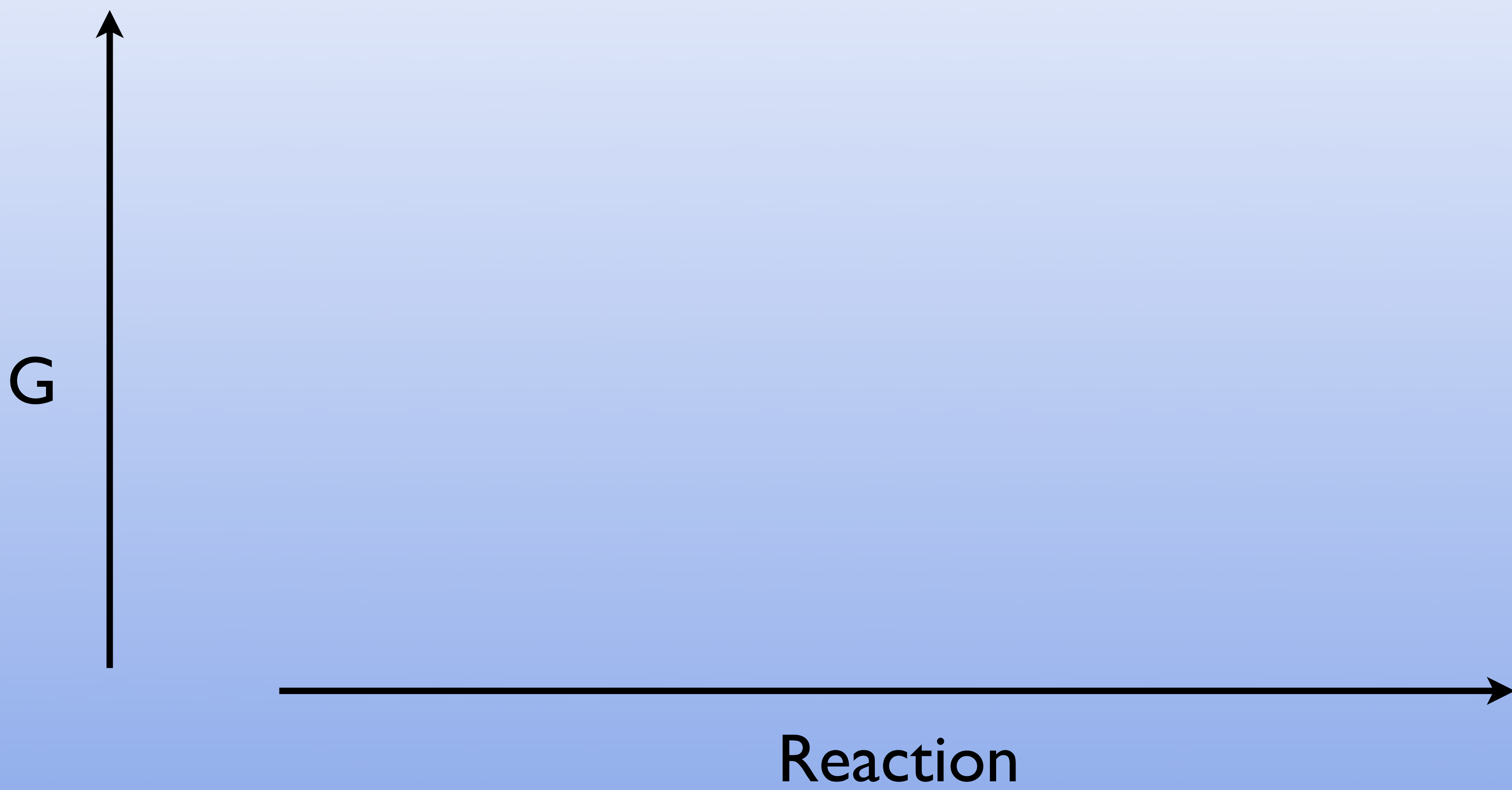

$A \longleftrightarrow B$

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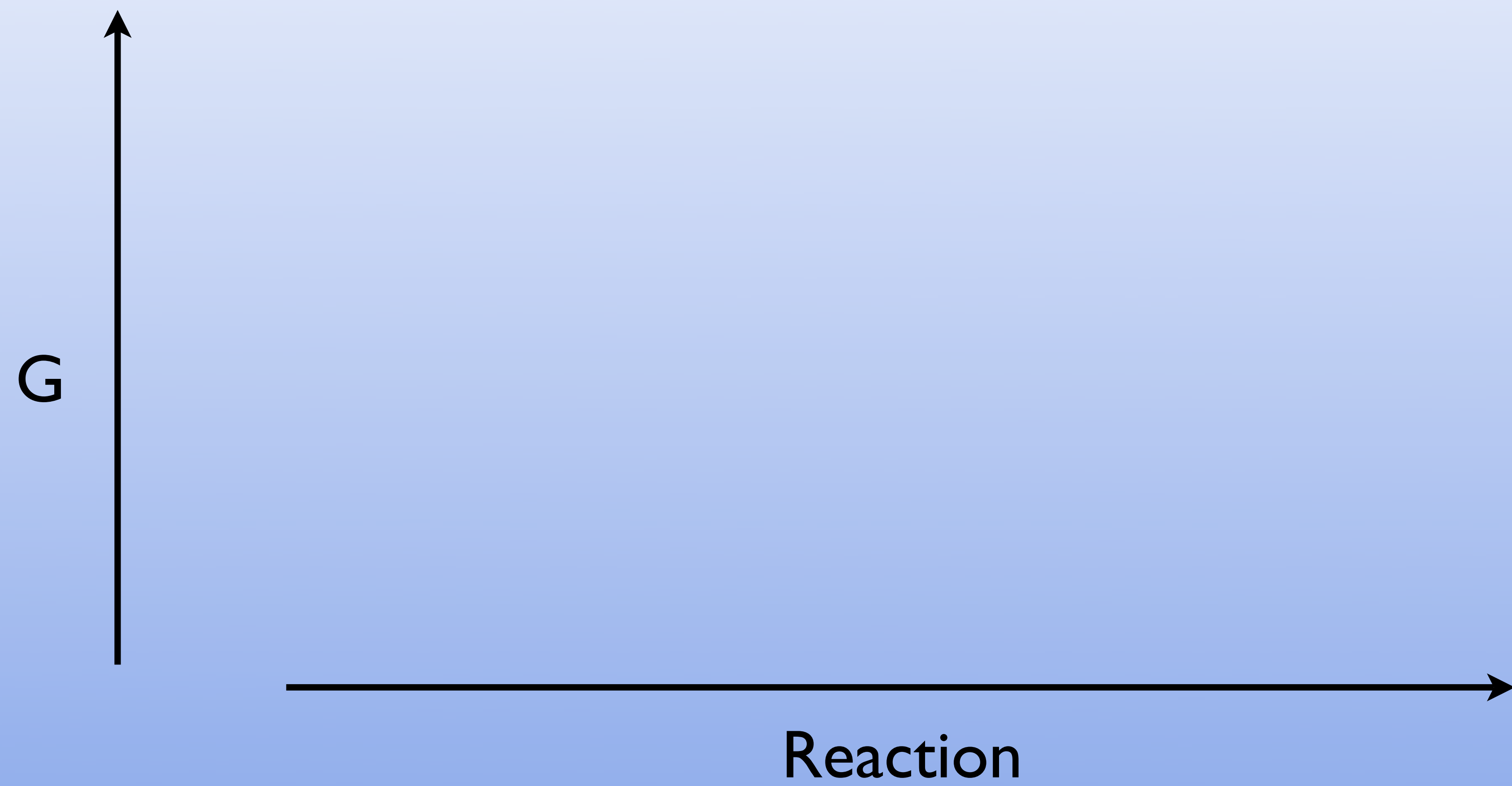
$\Delta_r G° > 0$



Equilibrium does not depend on starting conditions

TABLE 6.1 Results of Three Experiments for the Reaction $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$

Experiment	Initial Concentrations	Equilibrium Concentrations	$K = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[N_2][H_2]^3}$
I	$[N_2]_0 = 1.000\ M$ $[H_2]_0 = 1.000\ M$ $[NH_3]_0 = 0$	$[N_2] = 0.921\ M$ $[H_2] = 0.763\ M$ $[NH_3] = 0.157\ M$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\ L^2/mol^2$
II	$[N_2]_0 = 0$ $[H_2]_0 = 0$ $[NH_3]_0 = 1.000\ M$	$[N_2] = 0.399\ M$ $[H_2] = 1.197\ M$ $[NH_3] = 0.203\ M$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\ L^2/mol^2$
III	$[N_2]_0 = 2.00\ M$ $[H_2]_0 = 1.00\ M$ $[NH_3]_0 = 3.00\ M$	$[N_2] = 2.59\ M$ $[H_2] = 2.77\ M$ $[NH_3] = 1.82\ M$	$K = 6.02 \times 10^{-2}\ L^2/mol^2$

Each equilibrium has different concentrations, but the same value for Kc

A convention to keep things straight

we'll be doing a lot of aqueous problems
C denote concentrations initially
[ ] denote concentrations at equilibrium

Reaction	$3H_2(g) + N_2(g)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial			
Change			
Equilibrium			

Really Easy problems

At equilibrium you find

$[H_2]$ = .1 M, $[N_2]$ = 0.2 M, and $[NH_3]$ = .2M

K =

Reaction	$3H_2(g)$ +	$N_2(g)$ ⟷	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial			
Change			
Equilibrium			

Fairly Easy problem

Given K = 200 and
$[H_2]$ = .2 M, $[N_2]$ = 0.4 M, and C_{NH_3} = .1M
fill in the rest

Reaction	$3H_2(g)$ + $N_2(g)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial			
Change			
Equilibrium			

Typical problem

Given K = 200 and
C_{H2} = .2 M, N_2 = 0.2 M what are the concentrations at equilibrium

Reaction	$3H_2(g) + N_2(g)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial			
Change			
Equilibrium			

Reaction	$3H_2(g)$ +	$N_2(g)$ $\longleftrightarrow$	$2NH_3(g)$
Initial	.2	.2	0
Change	-3x	-x	+2x
Equilibrium	.2-3x	.2-x	+2x

I thought you said we need to use

K_p for gases

and

K_c for solutions?

Relating K_p and K_c

$$2NO_2(g) \longrightarrow N_2O_4(g)$$

$K_c = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

$K_p = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

$P_{N2O4} = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

Relating K_p and K_c

$$2NO_2(g) \longrightarrow N_2O_4(g)$$

$$K_p = \frac{P_{N2O4}}{P_{NO2}^{2}} = \frac{[N_2O_4]RT}{[NO_2]^2(RT)^2} =$$

In general $K_P = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$

Δn is the change in the number of moles of gas

Time out for activities

That is what we are actually putting into the equilibrium constant

Gas

$a_i =$

Free Energy Changes with P

Compound in solution

$a_i =$

Free Energy Changes with Concentration

What about the activity of a pure liquid or solid?

The pure compound is the reference state!

a_i =

Pure solids and liquids “don’t show up” in the equilibrium constant

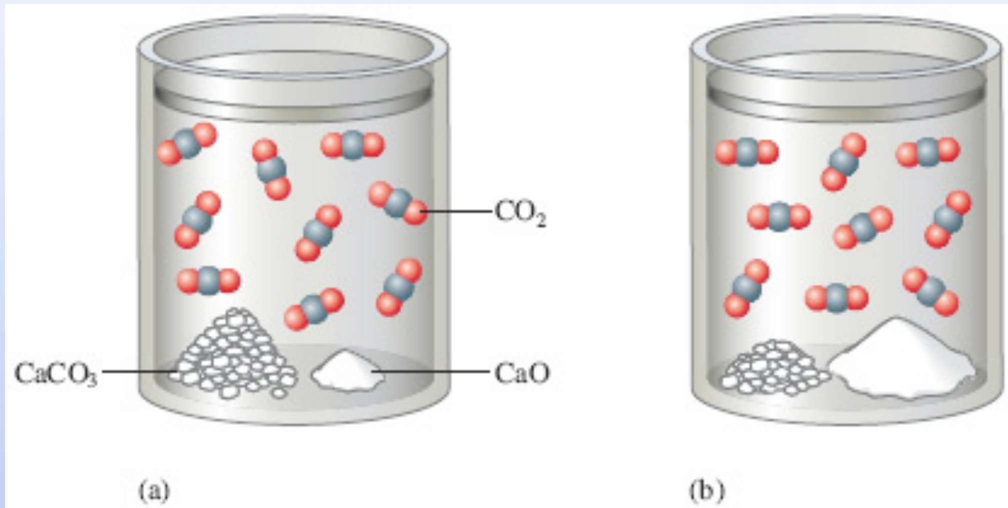
(they are there. they are just always = 1)

What is the equilibrium constant for this reaction?

$$H_2O(l) \longleftrightarrow H_2O(g)$$

K =

Equilibria with more than one phase are called Heterogeneous Equilibria



$$CaCO_3(s) \longleftrightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

K=

For the following reaction $\Delta_R G° = +740\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$ at 298K
In air will I form any solid iron?

$$Fe_2O_3(s) \longrightarrow 2Fe(s) + (3/2)O_2(g)$$

A. all the iron oxide will convert to iron

B. about half of the iron oxide will convert to iron

C. a very small amount of the iron oxide will convert to iron

D. not a single atom of iron will form

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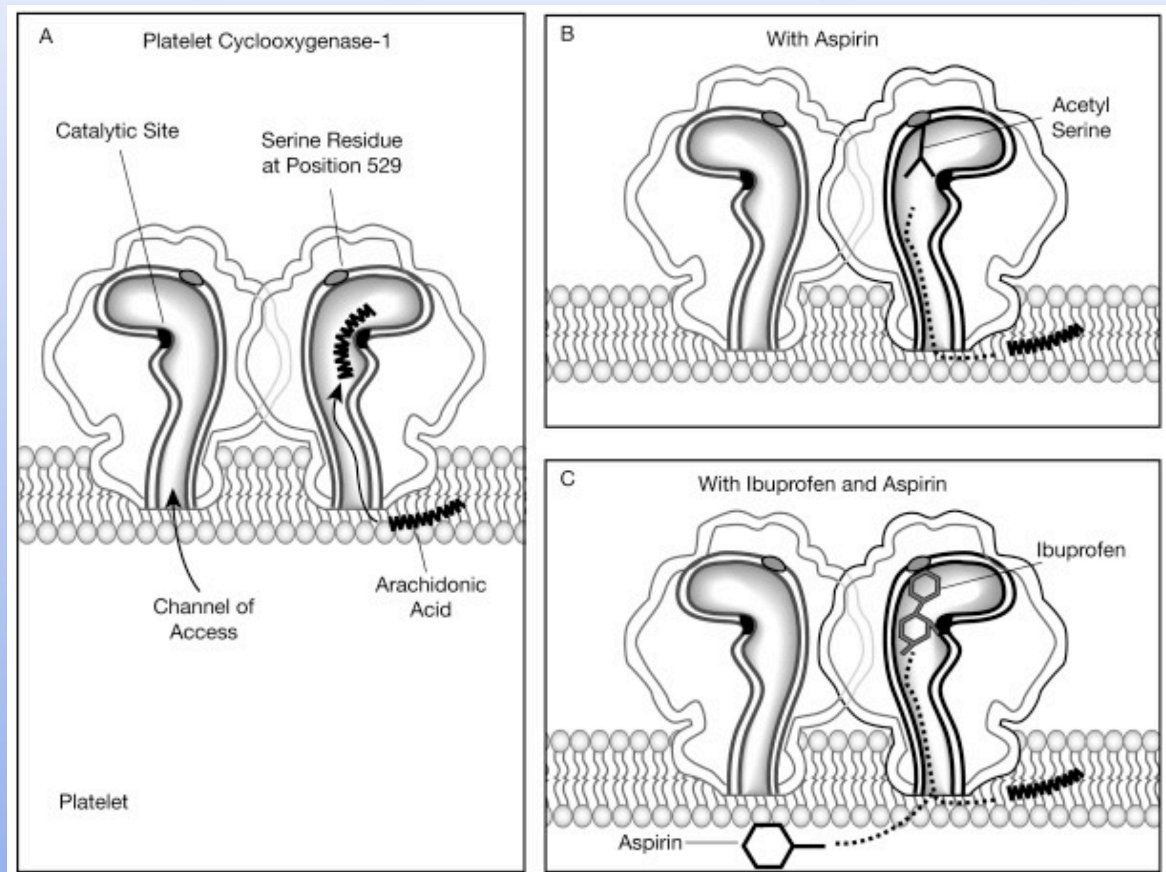
$$Fe_2O_3(s) \longrightarrow 2Fe(s) + (3/2)O_2(g)$$

$$K = \exp[-740{,}000/(8.314)(298)] = 2 \times 10^{-130}$$

What is Q?

What is equilibrium good for?

Drug + Protein $\longleftrightarrow$ Drug-Protein Complex



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Drug Binding
How "strongly" should it bind to work?

Drug + Protein $\longleftrightarrow$ Drug-Protein Complex

K =

Do an experiment

Measure K

Drug + Protein $\longleftrightarrow$ Drug-Protein Complex

For ibuprofin binding to the COX channel

$K \sim 10^{8}$

If we want 100x more complexed protein than free protein what concentration of drug do we need?

A. 10^{-8} M

B. 10^{-6} M

C. 10^{-4} M

D. 10^{-2} M

$$K = \frac{[\text{complex}]}{[\text{drug}][\text{protein}]}$$

How much is that?

Person is 50 kg = 50 L of water

MW of ibuprofin is ~200 g mol^{-1}

For the following reaction what is the change value for H_2O?

$$2C_2H_6(g) + 7O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(g)$$

R	C_2H_6	O_2	CO_2	H_2O
I	1.0	1.4	1.8	0
C	-2x	?	?	?

A. -2x

B. +2x

C. +3x

D. +6x

For the following reaction what is the equilibrium value for CO_2?

$$2C_2H_6(g) + 7O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(g)$$

R	C_2H_6	O_2	CO_2	H_2O
I	1.0	1.4	1.8	0
C	-2x	?	?	?

A. 1.8 - 2x

B. 1.8 + 2x

C. 1.8 + 4x

D. 1.0 + 6x