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Linear Free Energy Relationships (LFERs) (REVIEW) 153

Marcus-Hush (1950s–1960s)

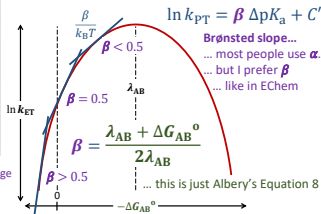
theoretical (semiclassical) rate constant equation

Brønsted-Pedersen (1924)

empirical LFER for proton transfer

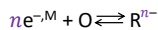
$$\ln k_{PT} = -\beta pK_a + C$$

$$\ln k_{PT} = \beta \Delta pK_a + C'$$



J. Albery, *Ann. Rev. Phys. Chem.*, **1980**, 31, 223–263
R. A. Marcus, *Fund. Discuss. Chem. Soc.*, **1982**, 74, 7–15

Butler-Volmer equation (REVIEW) 154



$$j_E = nF(k'_{b,E}c_{R,x_0} - k'_{f,E}c_{O,x_0}) \quad \dots \text{for this example, let's assume that } n = 1 \dots$$

$$j_E = Fk^0 \left\{ c_{R,x_0} \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F(E-E^{0'})}{RT}\right) - c_{O,x_0} \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F(E-E^{0'})}{RT}\right) \right\} \quad \text{Current-Potential Characteristic}$$

$$j_E = j_0 \left\{ \frac{c_{R,x_0}}{c_R^*} \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \frac{c_{O,x_0}}{c_O^*} \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\} \quad \eta = (E - E_{eq}) = E_{app} \quad \text{Current-Overpotential Equation}$$

$$j_0 = Fk^0 c_R^{\beta} c_O^{(1-\beta)}$$

... c^* means bulk concentration... conversion is trivial using $E_{eq} = E^{0'} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{c_R^*}{c_O^*}$

$$j_E = j_0 \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\} \quad \text{Butler-Volmer Equation}$$

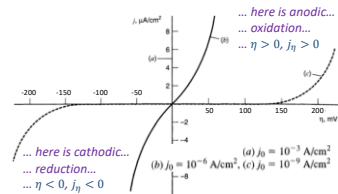
$$\text{Tafel Slopes}_{\text{TS}_{\text{cath}}^{-1}} = \left(\frac{d(\log |j_E|)}{d|\eta|}\right)_{\text{cath}} = \frac{-\beta F}{2.303RT}$$

$$\text{Tafel Slopes}_{\text{TS}_{\text{an}}^{-1}} = \left(\frac{d(\log |j_E|)}{d\eta}\right)_{\text{an}} = \frac{(1-\beta)F}{2.303RT}$$

... assuming a rapidly stirred solution

Butler-Volmer equation

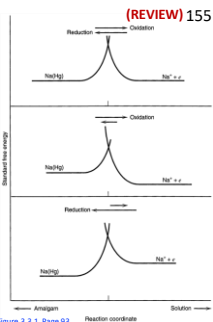
... let's examine effects of j_0 (or k^0)...



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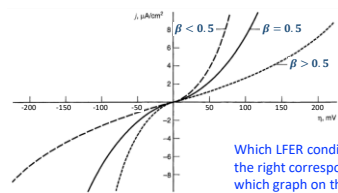
... recall that... $\eta = (E - E_{eq}) = E_{app} - \frac{\Delta G^0}{nF}$

Bard & Faulkner, Chapter 3, Figure 3.3.1, Page 93



Butler-Volmer equation

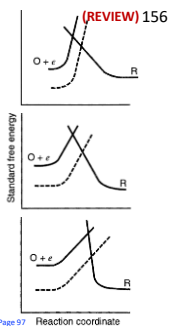
... let's examine effects of β (or Tafel slope)...



Bard & Faulkner, Chapter 3, Figure 3.4.3, Page 101

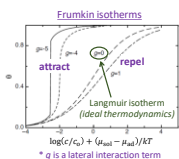
... recall that... $\eta = (E - E_{eq}) = E_{app} - \frac{\Delta G^0}{nF}$

Bard & Faulkner, Chapter 3, Figure 3.3.4, Page 97



Charge Transfer across Electrified Interfaces 157

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Schmickler & Santos, Chapter 6, Figure 6.1, Page 53

Symmetry Factor and Transfer Coefficient

A source of confusion in electrode kinetics

Symmetry factor (β): change in the activation free energy of the cathodic elementary reaction step, expressed as a fraction of E_{app}

Transfer coefficient (α): change in the (cathodic)/(anodic) reaction rate expressed as a change in the activation free energy as a fraction of E_{app}

Do the two transfer coefficients always have to sum to one?

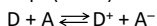
$$TS_{cath}^{-1} = \left(\frac{d(\log |j_c|)}{d\eta} \right)_{cath} = \frac{-\alpha_{cath} F}{2.303RT}$$

$$TS_{an}^{-1} = \left(\frac{d(\log |j_a|)}{d\eta} \right)_{an} = \frac{\alpha_{an} F}{2.303RT}$$

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Rate-Determining Step (RDS)

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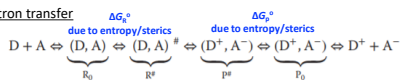
Poisson's Equation (from Gauss's law)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad E = -\frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x}$$

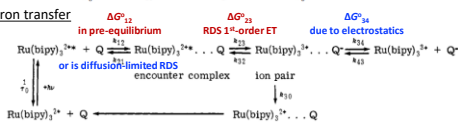
$$\phi(r) = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon r}$$

But wait... is this the elementary reaction step for electron transfer between a (D)onor and an (A)ceptor in solution? **Nope!**

Ground-state electron transfer



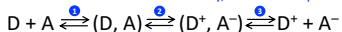
Excited-state electron transfer



RDS: Pre-Equilibrium Approximation

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... seemingly totally unrelated... how does one determine the **observed** resistance of 3 resistors in parallel, or 3 capacitors in series? ... it's approximately equal to the smaller one... okay... but mathematically, add their reciprocals... and reciprocate



... so how does one determine the **observed** rate constant for 3 reactions in series? ... it's the same general idea... $\frac{1}{k_{f,obs}} = \frac{1}{k_{1f}} + \frac{1}{k_{2f}} + \frac{1}{k_{3f}}$... where $\frac{\partial[D]}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial[A]}{\partial t} = -k_{f,obs}[D][A]$... except that Step 2 is preceded by Step 1... and Step 3 is preceded by Steps 1 and 2 ... and only one of those Steps will dominate the observed rate when it is the slowest step ... so the (pre)ceding steps must be much faster... thus assume they are in equilibrium...

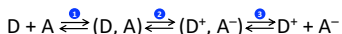
$$\frac{1}{k_{f,obs}} = \frac{1}{k_{1f}} + \frac{1}{K_1 k_{2f}} + \frac{1}{K_1 K_2 k_{3f}} = \frac{1}{k_{1f}} + \frac{k_{1b}}{k_{1f} k_{2f}} + \frac{k_{1b} k_{2b}}{k_{1f} k_{2f} k_{3f}}$$

... and for completion, what if 3 (same-order) reactions occur simultaneously, i.e. in parallel? ... it's as easy as it seems... $k_{f,obs} = k_{1f} + k_{2f} + k_{3f} = \frac{1}{\tau_{1f}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{2f}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{3f}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{f,obs}}$

RDS: Steady-State Approximation

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... but what if we want to determine $\frac{\partial[D^+]}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial[A^-]}{\partial t}$... and some preceding steps are fast? ... when all are fast, except Step 1, won't $k_{f,obs} = k_{1f}$ then?... not always...



Assume that the middle steps come and go quickly... so each has a small steady-state conc...

$$\frac{\partial[(D,A)]}{\partial t} = 0 = -k_{2f}[(D,A)] + k_{1f}[D][A] \dots \text{and thus } [(D,A)] = \frac{k_{1f}[D][A]}{k_{2f}}$$

$$\frac{\partial[(D^+,A^-)]}{\partial t} = 0 = -k_{3f}[(D^+,A^-)] + k_{2f}[(D,A)] \dots \text{and thus } [(D^+,A^-)] = \frac{k_{2f}[(D,A)]}{k_{3f}}$$

... which means that $[(D^+,A^-)] = \frac{k_{1f}k_{2f}[D][A]}{k_{2f}k_{3f}} = \frac{k_{1f}[D][A]}{k_{3f}}$

... since $\frac{\partial[D^+]}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial[A^-]}{\partial t} = k_{3f}[(D^+,A^-)]$... this is just equal to $k_{1f}[D][A]$... and $k_{f,obs} = k_{1f}$... which is what the pre-equilibrium approximation would have predicted too, so... consistent!

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A source of confusion in electrode kinetics

Volmer-Tafel mechanism
V(E): $\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{M-H}$
T(C): $2 \text{M-H} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2 + \text{M}$

Volmer-Heyrovsky mechanism
V(E): $\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{M-H}$
H(E): $\text{M-H} + \text{e}^- + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2 + \text{M}$

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Case 1: V = pre-equilibrium; H = RDS; E = E_{eq}; rapidly stir solution

Volmer-Heyrovsky mechanism
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H(E): $\text{M-H} + \text{e}^- + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2 + \text{M}$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left(\frac{c_{\text{H}_2, \text{aq}}}{c_{\text{H}_2}} \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \frac{c_{\text{M-H}_{\text{aq}}}}{c_{\text{M-H}_{\text{ads}}} c_{\text{H}^+}} \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right)$$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \theta_{\text{M-H}} \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\}$$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \frac{c_{\text{H}_2, \text{aq}}}{c_{\text{H}_2}} \exp\left(\frac{-F\eta}{RT}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\}$$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-(1+\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{cath}} + \alpha_{\text{an}} = (1+\beta) + (1-\beta) = 2!$$

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Case 2: V = RDS; H = pre-equilibrium; E = E_{eq}; rapidly stir solution

Volmer-Heyrovsky mechanism
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H(E): $\text{M-H} + \text{e}^- + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2 + \text{M}$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left(\frac{c_{\text{M-H}_{\text{aq}}}}{c_{\text{M-H}_{\text{ads}}} c_{\text{H}^+}} \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \frac{c_{\text{H}_2, \text{aq}}}{c_{\text{H}_2}} \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right)$$

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$$j_E = 2j_0 \left\{ \frac{c_{\text{H}_2, \text{aq}}}{c_{\text{H}_2}} \frac{c_{\text{H}^+}}{c_{\text{H}_2, \text{aq}}} \exp\left(\frac{F\eta}{RT}\right) \exp\left(\frac{(1-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\}$$

$$j_E = 2j_0 \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{(2-\beta)F\eta}{RT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-\beta F\eta}{RT}\right) \right\}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{cath}} + \alpha_{\text{an}} = \beta + (2-\beta) = 2!$$



Photophysical Processes

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Today's Critical Guiding Question

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What continuity/conservation laws are most important for photophysical processes like absorption and emission of photons?

Photophysical Processes

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- **Blackbody radiation, Photon properties, Light–Matter interactions, Conservation laws**, Einstein coefficients
- **Jablonski diagram, Spin multiplicity, Internal conversion, Intersystem crossing, Thexi state, Kasha–Vavilov rule, Stokes shift, PL**
- Born–Oppenheimer approximation, Franck–Condon principle, Transition dipole moment operator, Franck–Condon factors, Beer–Lambert law, Absorption coefficient, Oscillator strength, Absorptance
- Luminescence processes, Selection rules, Charge-transfer transitions, Spin–Orbit coupling, Heavy-atom effect, $E-k$ diagrams, Jortner energy gap law, Conical intersections, Energy transfer, Exciplex/Excimer
- Photoluminescence spectrometer, Emission/Excitation spectra, Inner filter effects, Anisotropy, Excited-state lifetime, Emission quantum yield

Schrödinger Equation

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Elegant master equation that allows one to determine internal energies, E_n , of a system

$$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$$

... but this is not good enough for photochemists where **time-varying** oscillating electromagnetic fields often interact with matter...

$$\hat{H}\Psi_n(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_n(x, t)$$

$E = h\nu = h\omega$ (Planck)
 $E = mc^2 = pc$ (Einstein)
 $p = \frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda} = h k = \hbar k$ (de Broglie)

... so, how does one solve either of these Schrödinger equations?... We need to know \hat{H} !

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}$$

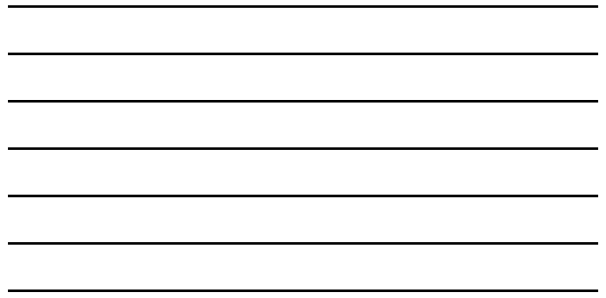
... um... well that didn't really help us at all... anyway, so instead, we need to know \hat{T} and \hat{V} ?

$$\hat{T}(x) = KE = \frac{1}{2}m\hat{v}^2 = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \dots \text{with } (\hat{p})\text{momentum} = (m)\text{mass} \times (\hat{v})\text{velocity} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \dots \text{Wow, right?}$$

$$\hat{V}(x) = PE = 0 \dots \text{for particle-in-a-box...}$$

$$\hat{V}(x) = \frac{1}{2}k_f x^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 \dots \text{for harmonic oscillator, with } k_f \text{ (force const), } \omega \text{ (angular freq)...}$$

$$\hat{V}(r) = -\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \dots \text{for Hydrogen atom, with } F = qN_A \text{ (Faraday const), } \epsilon_0 \text{ (vacuum permittivity)}$$



Schrödinger Equation

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But you still didn't tell us why we need to recall this equation

$$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = (\hat{T} + \hat{V})\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi(x)$$

... we need to fill **internal energies**, E_n , with particles... okay. for a point charge... $\phi(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ look familiar?

Poisson's Equation (from Gauss's law)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad E = -\frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x}$$

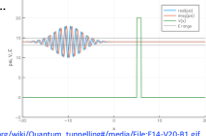
... and that under most chemical conditions, potential energy, $\hat{V}(x)$, is **electrostatic**, $\phi(x)$ which is actually not so limiting because there are only 4-ish forces of Nature

... and while we're at it, let's (re)learn **overlap integral** (S_{nm}), **expectation value** ($\langle p_n \rangle$), **bra-ket notation** ($\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle$), and exponential **tunneling probability**...

Probability Density $(x) = |\psi_n(x)|^2 = \psi_n^*(x)\psi_n(x)$
 ... with $\psi_n^*(x)$ (complex conjugate)

Overlap integral, $S_{nm} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_n^*(x)\psi_m(x) dx = \langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle$
 ... with $\langle \psi_n |$ ("bra") and $|\psi_m \rangle$ ("ket")

Mean Energy, $\langle E_n \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_n^*(x)\hat{H}\psi_n(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_n^*(x)\psi_n(x) dx} = \langle \psi_n | \hat{H} | \psi_n \rangle = \langle \hat{H} \rangle$

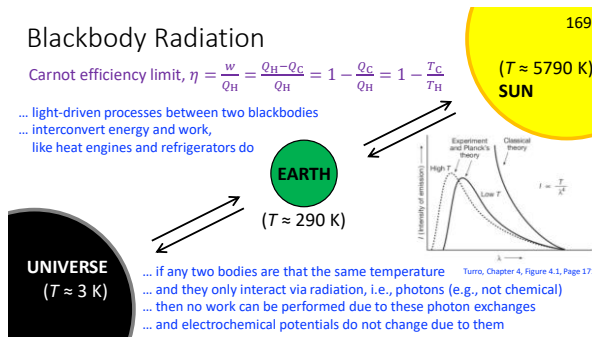


Blackbody Radiation

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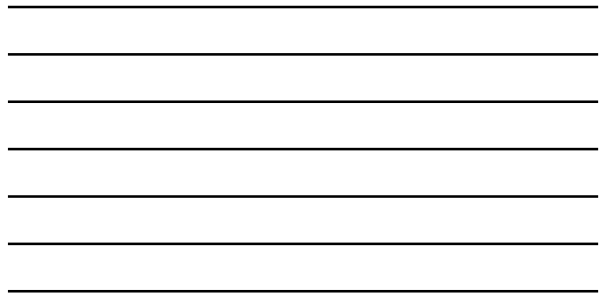
$$\text{Carnot efficiency limit, } \eta = \frac{w}{Q_H} = \frac{Q_H - Q_C}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$$

... light-driven processes between two blackbodies
 ... interconvert energy and work,
 like heat engines and refrigerators do



... if any two bodies are that the same temperature
 ... and they only interact via radiation, i.e., photons (e.g., not chemical)
 ... then no work can be performed due to these photon exchanges
 ... and electrochemical potentials do not change due to them

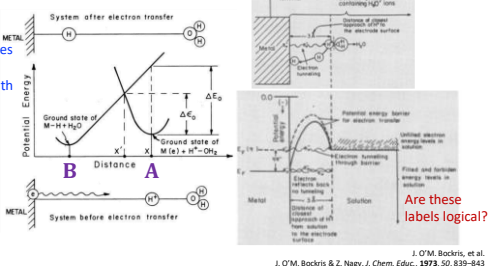
Turno, Chapter 4, Figure 4.1, Page 171



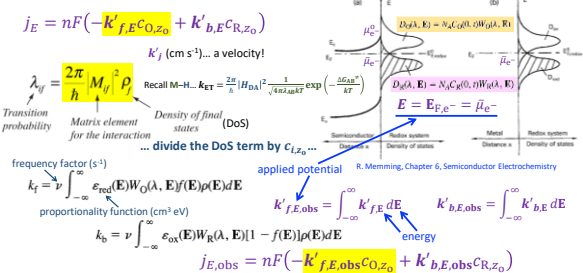
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Why are these "Potential Energy" surfaces so linear and asymmetric with "Distance"?

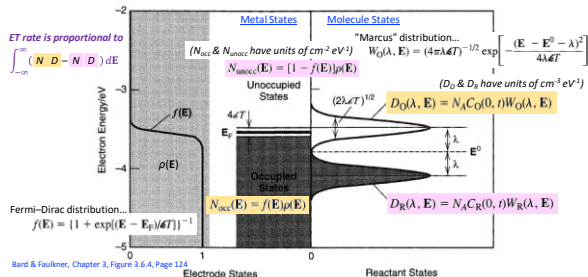
$E_{app} \ll \frac{\lambda_{AB}}{2}$
... with a transition state that is more reactant-like, i.e. A



Fermi's (Second) Golden Rule (REVIEW) 174

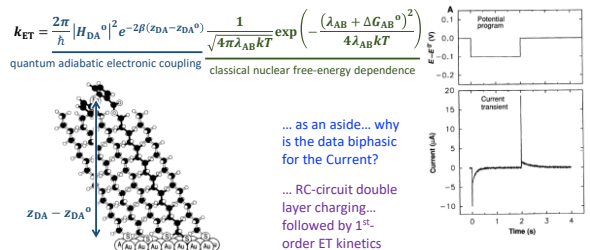


Marcus-Gerischer Theory (REVIEW) 175



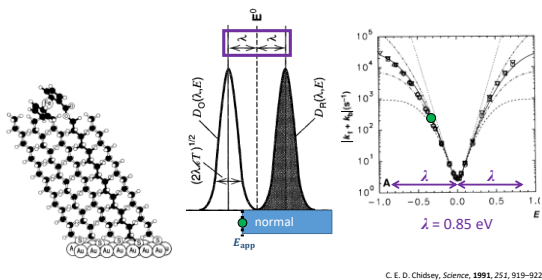
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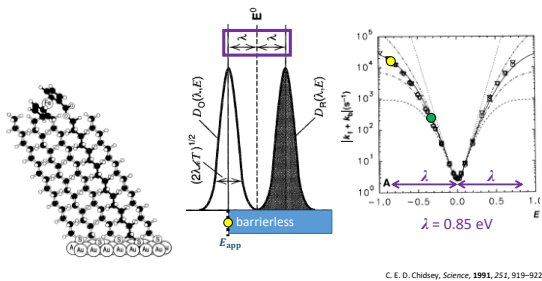
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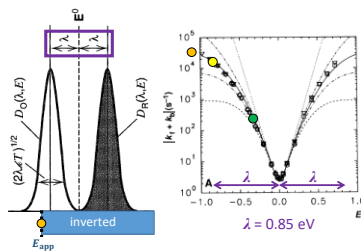
• It is easy to sweep/vary the driving force, ΔG_{app} , by simply changing the electrochemical potential of electrons (e^-) in the (M)etal working electrode, $\mu_{e^-}^M$, through variations in E_{app}

• But evidence of the inverted region is a little challenging to clearly observe

... what if Chidsey had plotted the derivative of his data on the right?

... what do you expect that would have looked like?
... a nice Marcus parabola!

... I wish he had done that!



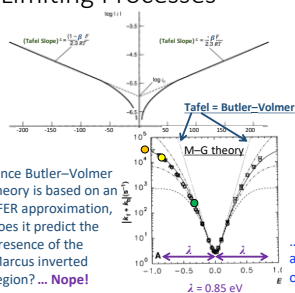
C. E. D. Chidsey, Science, 1991, 251, 919-922

anyway... why is λ so small in water? ... think about the metal!



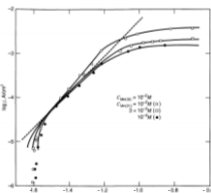
Limiting Processes

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Since Butler-Volmer theory is based on an LFER approximation, does it predict the presence of the Marcus inverted region? ... Nope!

B-V theory (Current-Overpotential Equation)



Bard & Faulkner, Chapter 3, Figure 3.4.5, Page 104

... but why do these current densities, j_E , and rate constants, $k'_{j_E,obs}$, plateau at large overpotential, η ? ... Not for the same reasons!

