

PHYS 320/420 Lecture 14

Doing chemistry "exactly" ...

a.k.a. "The Horror!"



chemical state:

$$\vec{n} = (n_S, n_E, n_{ES}, n_{S^*})$$

Conservation laws: $n_\alpha \geq 0$ for all α

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n_E + n_{ES} &= M_E \\ n_S + n_{ES} + n_{S^*} &= M_S \end{aligned} \right\} \text{const.}$$

example: $M_E = 2, M_S = 2$

allowed states:

- $\vec{n} = (2, 2, 0, 0)$
 $(1, 1, 1, 0)$
 $(1, 2, 0, 1)$
 $(0, 0, 2, 0)$ etc.
- binding unbinding
- lots of possible combos!

probability $P_{\vec{n}}(t)$ to be in \vec{n} at time t

$$\frac{dP_{\vec{n}}(t)}{dt} = \sum_{\vec{m}} \Omega_{\vec{n}, \vec{m}} P_{\vec{m}}(t)$$

$\Omega_{\vec{n}, \vec{m}}$ for $\vec{n} \neq \vec{m}$ is
trans. rate $\vec{m} \rightarrow \vec{n}$

columns of Ω sum to zero

$$\sum_{\vec{n}} \Omega_{\vec{n}, \vec{m}} = 0$$

off-diag. entries of Ω :

categories: $\vec{m} \rightarrow \vec{n}$ ($\vec{m} \neq \vec{n}$)

(i) binding

if $\left(\begin{array}{l} n_S = m_S - 1 \\ n_E = m_E - 1 \\ n_{ES} = m_{ES} + 1 \\ n_{S^*} = m_{S^*} \end{array} \right)$ is true

then entry is:

$$\alpha_b K_S \frac{m_S}{V} m_E \equiv \tilde{k}_b m_S m_E$$

$$K_S = 4\pi DR$$

\hookrightarrow vol. of cell

$$\tilde{k}_b \equiv \frac{\alpha_b K_S}{V}$$

(ii) unbinding

$$\text{if } \left(\begin{array}{l} n_E = m_E + 1 \\ n_S = m_S + 1 \\ n_{ES} = m_{ES} - 1 \\ n_{S^*} = m_{S^*} \end{array} \right) \text{ true}$$

$$\text{entry: } k_u m_{ES}$$

b/c any of the ES complexes can unbind

(iii) catalysis ($S \rightarrow S^*$):

$$\text{if } \left(\begin{array}{l} n_E = m_E + 1 \\ n_S = m_S \\ n_{ES} = m_{ES} - 1 \\ n_{S^*} = m_{S^*} + 1 \end{array} \right) \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{entry: } k_{cat} m_{ES}$$

some portion of Ω matrix:

Ω	(2,2,0,0)	(1,1,1,0)	(1,2,0,1)
(2,2,0,0)	\sim	k_u	
(1,1,1,0)	$4\tilde{k}_b$	\sim	
(1,2,0,1)		k_{cat}	\sim
...			...

giant complex mess
 (but good if only a
 few proteins exist in cell)

How can we make progress?

Let's use our diffusion example
 trick of focusing on the
 moments (averages):

recall:
$$\langle i \rangle_t = \sum_i i P_i(t)$$

$$\frac{d\langle i \rangle_t}{dt} = \sum_{i,j} (j-i) \Omega_{ji} P_i(t)$$

general version:

$$\frac{d\langle n_s \rangle}{dt} = \sum_{\vec{m}, \vec{n}} (n_s - m_s) \Omega_{\vec{n}, \vec{m}} P_{\vec{m}}$$

$$\frac{d\langle n_E \rangle}{dt} = \sum_{\vec{m}, \vec{n}} (n_E - m_E) \Omega_{\vec{n}, \vec{m}} P_{\vec{m}}$$

etc.

to derive:

$$\langle n_s \rangle_t = \sum_{\vec{n}} n_s P_{\vec{n}}(t)$$

take deriv. of both sides +
plug in master equ.

next step: plug in our Ω matrix

some algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\langle n_s \rangle_t}{dt} &= \sum_{\vec{m}} \left[-\tilde{k}_b m_s m_E P_{\vec{m}}(t) + k_u m_{ES} P_{\vec{m}}(t) \right] \\ &= -\tilde{k}_b \langle n_s n_E \rangle_t + k_u \langle n_{ES} \rangle_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle n_S n_E \rangle_t = \sum_{\vec{n}} n_S n_E P_{\vec{n}}(t)$$

$$\langle n_{ES} \rangle_t = \sum_{\vec{n}} n_{ES} P_{\vec{n}}(t)$$

similarly for other equations:

$$\frac{d\langle n_E \rangle_t}{dt} = -\tilde{k}_b \langle n_S n_E \rangle_t + k_u \langle n_{ES} \rangle_t + k_{cat} \langle n_{ES} \rangle_t$$

etc.

Equations are intuitive but not useful in current form:

unknowns on left:

$$\langle n_S \rangle_t, \langle n_E \rangle_t, \langle n_{ES} \rangle_t, \langle n_{S^*} \rangle_t$$

more unknowns on right:

$$\langle n_S n_E \rangle_t, \text{ etc.}$$

4 equations for 5 unknowns
 \Rightarrow problem!