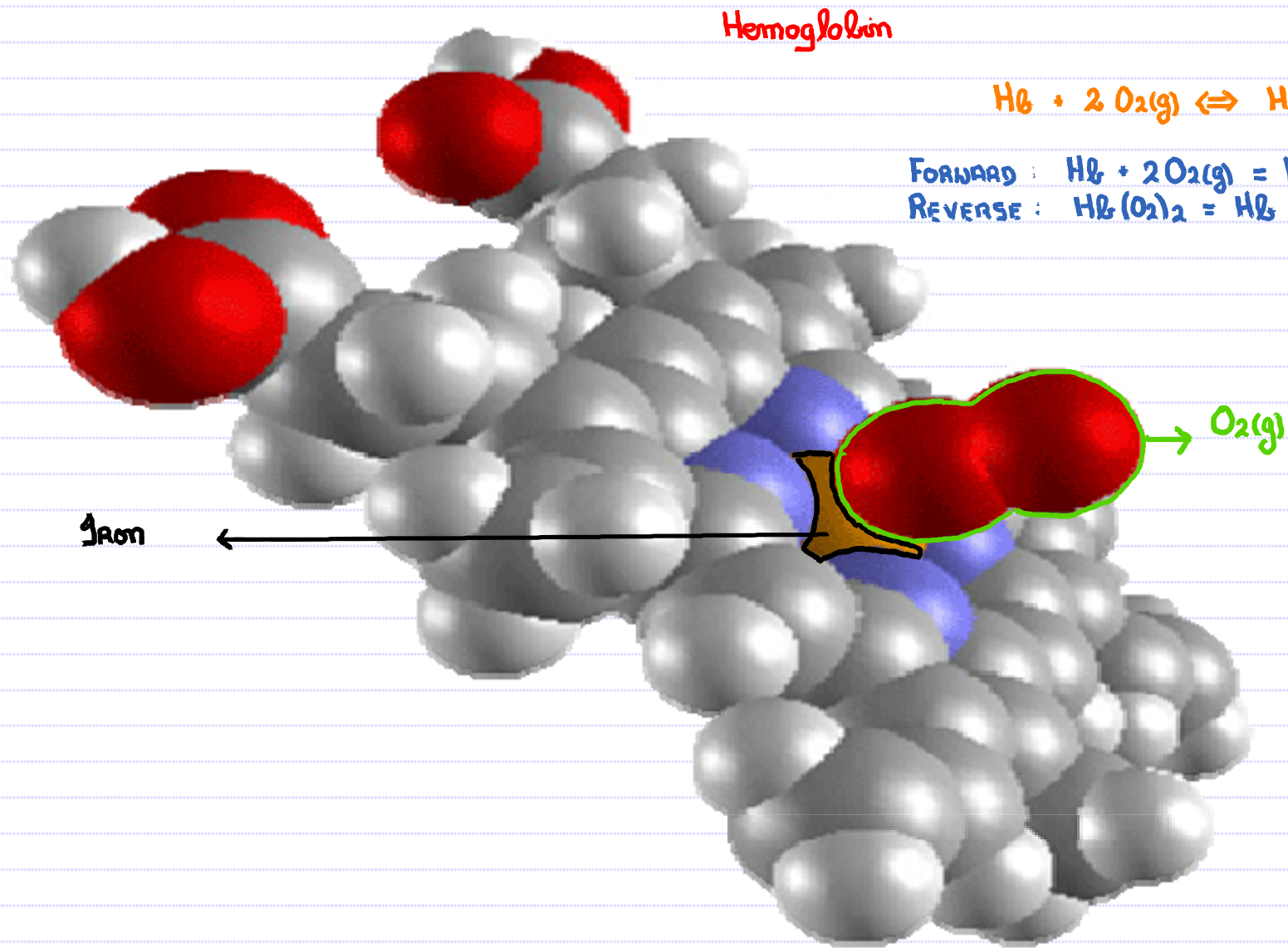


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$\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{SCN}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FeSCN}^{2+}$   
At equilibrium: initial rate of forward reaction = initial rate of the reverse reaction.

$$k_f [\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^-] = k_r [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$$

$$\frac{k_f}{k_r} = \frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^-]}$$

→ constant.


$$\frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^-]} = \text{constant} = K$$

? Is this true ... don't take my word for it! ... experiment

## 15.2 The Equilibrium Constant, K The Equilibrium State


**The Equilibrium State** Description

$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]$




0.0000 M

$[\text{SCN}^-]$



0.0000 M

$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$



0.0000 M

React

Reset

Concentration (mol/L)

See class web site.

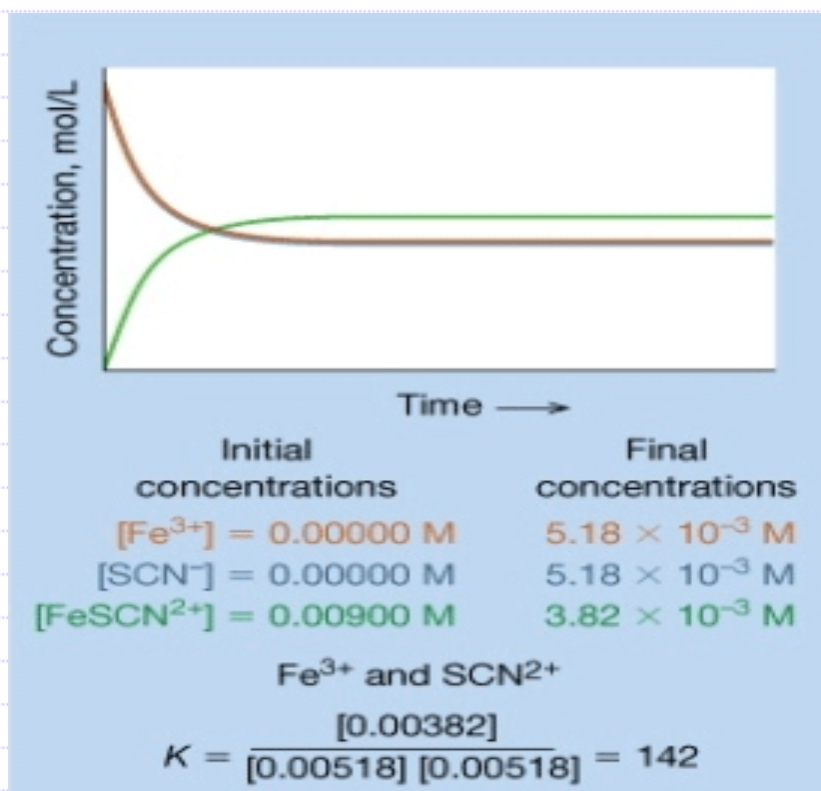
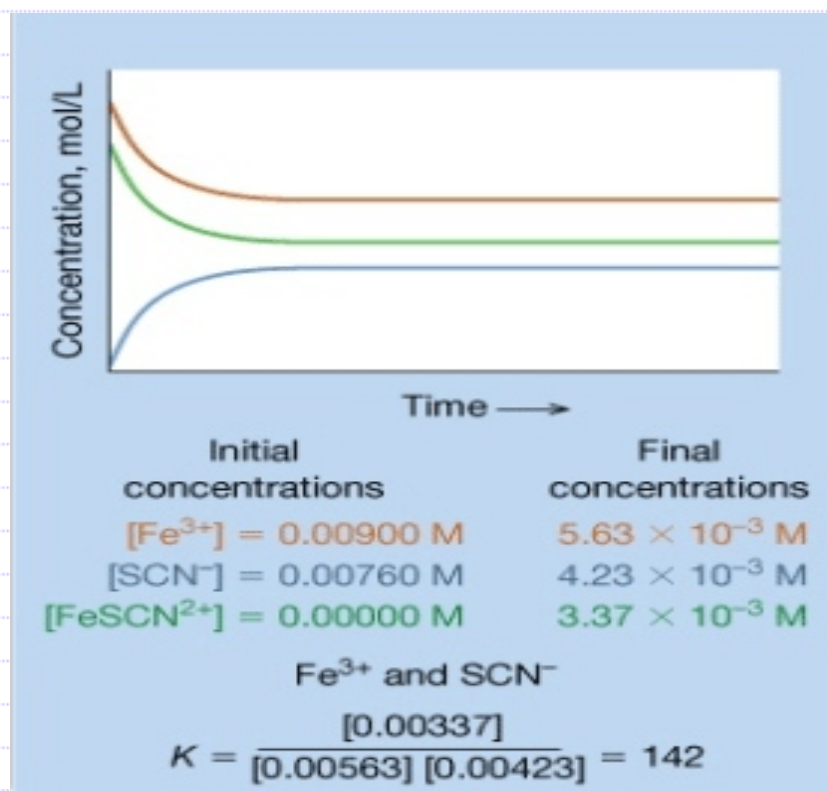
Time

$\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{SCN}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FeSCN}^{2+}$

	Initial Concentrations	Final Concentrations
$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]$	0.0000 M	0.0000 M
$[\text{SCN}^-]$	0.0000 M	0.0000 M
$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$	0.0000 M	0.0000 M

## 15.2 The Equilibrium Constant, K

### Equilibrium Constants



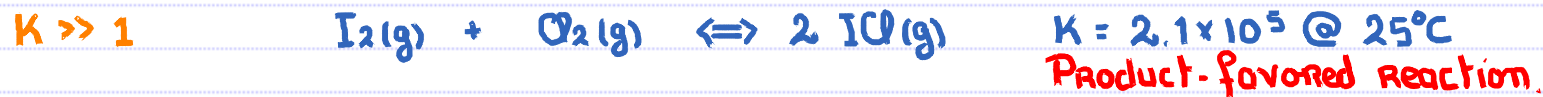
$$K = \frac{[\text{PRODUCTS}]}{[\text{REACTANTS}]} = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

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### Equilibrium Constants – Meaning of the Magnitude of K

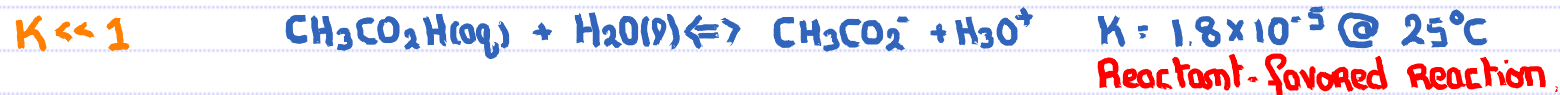
$$K : \quad K \gg 1 \quad ; \quad K \ll 1 \quad ; \quad K \approx 1$$

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@ Equilibrium :- very little  $I_2(g)$  and  $Cl_2(g)$  remaining.

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@ Equilibrium :- very little  $CH_3CO_2^-$  and  $H_3O^+$  produced

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@ Equilibrium :- significant amounts of  $NO_2(g)$  and  $N_2O_4(g)$  present.

## 15.2 The Equilibrium Constant, K

### Equilibrium Constants – Meaning of the Magnitude of K

The equilibrium constant,  $K_c$ , for the following reaction is  $1.29 \times 10^{-6}$  at 600 K.



Assuming that you start with only  $\text{COCl}_2$ , describe the relative abundance of each species present at equilibrium.



[ $\text{COCl}_2(\text{g})$ ]

a. Higher ✓

b. Lower

c. Can't tell



[ $\text{CO}(\text{g})$ ]

a. Higher

b. Lower ✓

c. Can't tell

$$K = 1.29 \times 10^{-6} @ 600\text{K}$$

→ Reactant-favored reaction.

## 15.2 The Equilibrium Constant, K

### Writing Equilibrium Constant Expressions



$$K = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

However: a) Pure solids do not appear in the expression.

b) Pure liquids and solvents do not appear in the expression.



$$K = \frac{[H_2][CO]}{[H_2O]}$$



$$K = \frac{[CH_3CO_2^-][H_3O^+]}{[CH_3CO_2H]}$$