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this updated edition offers an accessible and richly illustrated study of mexico s political social
economic and cultural history

despite its position at the heart of europe and its quintessentially european nature switzerland s history
is often overlooked within the english speaking world this comprehensive and engaging history of
switzerland traces the historical and cultural development of this fascinating but neglected european
country from the end of the dark ages up to the present the authors focus on the initial confederacy of
the middle ages the religious divisions which threatened it after 1500 and its surprising survival
amongst europe s monarchies the turmoil following the french revolution and conquest which

continued until the federal constitution of 1848 the testing of the swiss nation through the late nineteenth century and then two world wars and the depression of the 1930s and the unparalleled economic and social growth and political success of the post war era the book concludes with a discussion of the contemporary challenges often shared with neighbours that shape the country today

a concise history of the caribbean presents a general history of the caribbean islands from the beginning of human settlement about seven thousand years ago to the present it narrates processes of early human migration the disastrous consequences of european colonization the development of slavery and the slave trade the extraordinary profits earned by the plantation economy the great revolution in haiti movements toward political independence the cuban revolution and the diaspora of caribbean people written in a lively and accessible style yet current with the most recent research the book provides a compelling narrative of caribbean history essential for students and visitors

from one of the world s leading historians a comprehensive narrative of the 3 000 years that have formed asia s people culture and global destiny tracing its origins in mesopotamia to its modern role on the global geopolitical stage historian arthur cotterell offers a compelling lively and readable account of one of the most culturally diverse and often misunderstood parts of the world beginning with the emergence of the world s earliest civilization in 3000 bc asia a concise history provides a fascinating look at the global convulsions like the rise and fall of assyria and persia the medieval states that flourished after the advent of islam and the modern transformations triggered by the lightning conquests of imperial japan that have shaped the continent covers the great events and figures of asian history along with a look at the monumental remains that bear witness to those times the ziggurats of iraq the taj mahal the great wall of china the temple of angkor wat includes fascinating slices of history including funeral arrangements for qin shi huangdi in 210 bc an extract from lord macartney s journal of his 1793 diplomatic mission to the qing emperor qian long and toyotomi hideyoshi s edict of 1587 banning firearms in japan features boxed inserts of special interest like a babylonian recipe for lamb stew circa 1500 bc contains over 100 illustrations maps and photos other books by cotterell the minoan world the first emperor of china the encyclopedia of mythology and chariot destined to become a reference staple for history buffs and students of asian history asia a concise history offers readers a breathtaking narrative and wealth of detail that make the formative periods key events and personalities from this once remote part of the world come alive

this concise illustrated history of portugal offers an introduction to the people and culture of the country its empire and to its search for economic modernisation political stability and international partnership the book studies the effects of the vast wealth mined from portuguese brazil the growth of the wine trade and the evolution of international ties the portuguese revolution of 1820 to 1851 created

a liberal monarchy but in 1910 the king was overthrown and by 1926 had been replaced by a dictatorship in 1975 portugal withdrew from its african colonies and turned north to become a democratic member of the european community in 1986 researched during the years which followed the fall of portugal s dictators in 1974 this book has become the standard single volume work the second edition brings the story up to date and discusses the state of historical writing on portugal at the turn of the millennium

kentucky is most commonly associated with horses tobacco fields bourbon and coal mines there is much more to the state though than stories of feuding families and colonel sanders famous fried chicken kentucky has a rich and often compelling history and james c klotter and freda c klotter introduce readers to an exciting story that spans 12 000 years looking at the lives of kentuckians from native americans to astronauts the klotters examine all aspects of the state s history its geography government social life cultural achievements education and economy a concise history of kentucky recounts the events of the deadly frontier wars of the state s early history the divisive civil war and the shocking assassination of a governor in 1900 the book tells of kentucky s leaders from daniel boone and henry clay to abraham lincoln mary breckinridge and muhammad ali the authors also highlight the lives of kentuckians both famous and ordinary to give a voice to history the klotters explore kentuckians accomplishments in government medicine politics and the arts they describe the writing and music that flowered across the state and they profile the individuals who worked to secure equal rights for women and african americans the book explains what it was like to work in the coal mines and explains the daily routine on a nineteenth century farm the authors bring kentucky s story to the twenty first century and talk about the state s modern economy where auto manufacturing jobs are replacing traditional agricultural work a collaboration of the state historian and an experienced educator a concise history of kentucky is the best single resource for kentuckians new and old who want to learn more about the past present and future of the bluegrass state

mexico s fascinating complexities are difficult to approach this illustrated concise history begins with a brief examination of contemporary issues while the book as a whole ranging from the olmecs to the present day combines a chronological and thematic approach while highlighting long term issues and controversies modern mexico founded after independence from spain in 1821 was created out of a long and disparate historical inheritance which has constantly influenced its evolution this book takes account of that past and pays attention to the pre columbian and spanish colonial influence mexico s economic problems are given historical treatment together with political analysis and attention to social and cultural factors the book s prime objective is accessibility to readers including those interested in gaining a broad general knowledge of the country and those across the professions anxious to secure a rapid but secure understanding of a subject where there are few starting points

for a small prosperous country in the middle of europe modern austria has a very large and complex history extending far beyond its current borders in a gripping narrative supported by beautiful illustrations steven beller traces the remarkable career of austria from german borderland to successful alpine republic

australia is the last continent to be settled by europeans but it also sustains a people and a culture tens of thousands years old for much of the past 200 years the newcomers have sought to replace the old with the new this book tells how they imposed themselves on the land and brought technology institutions and ideas to make it their own it relates the advance from penal colony to a prosperous free nation and illustrates how as a nation created by waves of newcomers the search for binding traditions was long frustrated by the feeling of rootlessness until it came to terms with its origins the third edition of this acclaimed book recounts the key factors social economic and political that have shaped modern day australia it covers the rise and fall of the howard government the 2007 election and the apology to the stolen generation more than ever before australians draw on the past to understand their future

an up to date political social and economic history of finland from medieval times to the present david kirby traces the evolution of finland s distinctive identity and of the finnish national state from the long centuries under swedish rule through self government within the russian empire to independence in the twentieth century

a comprehensive history of sweden covering events from the stone age onwards

a concise history of italy from the fall of the roman empire in the west to the present day

the rich cultural and political life of spain has emerged from its complex history from the diversity of its peoples and from continual contact with outside influences this book traces that history from prehistoric times to the present focusing particularly on culture society politics and personalities written in an engaging style it introduces readers to the key themes that have shaped spain s history and culture these include its varied landscapes and climates the impact of waves of diverse human migrations the importance of its location as a bridge between the atlantic and the mediterranean and europe and africa and religion particularly militant catholic christianity and its centuries of conflict with islam and protestantism as well as debates over the place of the church in modern spain illustrations maps and a guide to further reading major cultural figures and places to see make the history of this fascinating country come alive

this is the most up to date and comprehensive study of french history available ranging from the early

middle ages to the present amongst its central themes are the relationships between state and society the impact of war competition for power and the ways in which power has been used whilst taking full account of major figures such as philip augustus henri iv louis xiv napoleon and de gaulle it sets their activities within the broader context of changing economic and social structures and beliefs and offers rich insights into the lives of ordinary men and women this third edition has been substantially revised and includes a new chapter on contemporary france a society and political system in crisis as a result of globalisation rising unemployment a failing educational system growing social and racial tensions corruption the rise of the extreme right and a widespread loss of confidence in political leaders

the routledge concise history of science fiction provides students with an accessible overview of the genre that explores how it emerged through competing multifarious versions and the struggle to define its limits discussing the place of key works and looking forward to the future of the genre this book is the ideal starting point for students and all those seeking a better understanding of science fiction

this book investigates the major changes in world history and world economy during the past five hundred years and explains to what extent world forces have been responsible for shaping both past and present its underlying theme is the struggle for power in which since the sixteenth century the west has prevailed many of the problems of the contemporary world including terrorism are the legacy of the period of western domination until the rise of the west and its incomparable impact on every branch of human activity the centre of the world has been in asia by the nineteenth century world power was firmly in the hands of the west america s later rise to world status was prompted by the two world wars the most prominent of the western nations the us is now blamed for all the excesses of an earlier colonial age

this book provides a history of the new deal exploring the institutional political and cultural changes experienced by the united states during the great depression

bolivia is an unusual high altitude society created by imperial conquests and native adaptations and it remains today the most indian of the american republics yet it fully participates in the world economy it has also seen the most social and economic mobility of indian and mestizo populations in latin america these are among the themes analyzed in this historical survey in its first spanish edition herbert klein s a concise history of bolivia won immediate acceptance within bolivia as the new standard history of this important nation surveying bolivia s economic social cultural and political evolution from the arrival of early man in the andes to the present this current version brings the history of this society up to the present day covering the fundamental changes that have occurred since the

national revolution of 1952 and the return of democracy in 1982 these changes have included the introduction of universal education and the rise of the mestizos and indian populations to political power for the first time in national history containing an updated bibliography a concise history of bolivia remains an essential text for courses in latin american history and politics the second edition brings this story through the first administration of the first self proclaimed indian president in national history and the major changes that the government of evo morales has introduced in bolivia society politics and economy

new zealand was the last major landmass other than antarctica to be settled by humans the story of this rugged and dynamic land is beautifully narrated from its origins in gondwana some 80 million years ago to the twenty first century philippa mein smith highlights the effects of the country s smallness and isolation from its late settlement by polynesian voyagers and colonisation by europeans and the exchanges that made these people maori and pakeha to the dramatic struggles over land and recent efforts to manage global forces a concise history of new zealand places new zealand in its global and regional context it unravels key moments the signing of the treaty of waitangi the anzac landing at gallipoli the sinking of the rainbow warrior showing their role as nation building myths and connecting them with the less dramatic forces economic and social that have shaped contemporary new zealand

the routledge concise history of canadian literature introduces the fiction poetry and drama of canada in its historical political and cultural contexts in this clear and structured volume richard lane outlines the history of canadian literature from colonial times to the present key texts for canadian first peoples and the literature of quebec the impact of english translation and the canadian immigrant experience critical themes such as landscape ethnicity orality textuality war and nationhood contemporary debate on the canon feminism postcoloniality queer theory and cultural and ethnic diversity the work of canonical and lesser known writers from catherine parr traill and susanna moodie to robert service maria campbell and douglas coupland written in an engaging and accessible style and offering a glossary maps and further reading sections this guidebook is a crucial resource for students working in the field of canadian literature

this book presents in a single volume a comprehensive history of the language sciences from ancient times through to the twentieth century while there has been a concentration on those traditions that have the greatest international relevance a particular effort has been made to go beyond traditional eurocentric accounts and to cover a broad geographical spread for the twentieth century a section has been devoted to the various trends schools and theoretical framework developed in europe north america and australasia over the past seventy years there has also been a concentration on those

approaches in linguistic theory which can be expected to have some direct relevance to work being done at the beginning of the twenty first century or those of which a knowledge is needed for the full understanding of the history of linguistic sciences through the last half of this century the last section of this book reviews the applications of some of these findings based on the foundation provided by the award winning encyclopedia of language and linguistics this volume provides an excellent focal point of reference for anyone interested in the history of the language sciences

presents an account of chinese history from prehistoric times through the post revolution era

afghanistan literature is world s greatest and richest without afghan literature no european german french spanish or english literature would exist today the vedas zoroastrian and buddhist among the oldest known literature of afghanistan originating from the great capital of bactria present day balkh and aria present day herat sanskrit is the reference to the original history of afghanistan the saxon europeans influence during the great games of the mid nineteenth century affected the afghan language religion and territories size which previously had extended from india to north africa at 2 6 million square kilometers the great games continued at any cost evolving into present day conflicts of 2013

the routledge concise history of southeast asian writing in english traces the development of literature in the region within its historical and cultural contexts this volume explores creative writing in english across different genres and media establishing connections from the colonial activity of the early modern period through to contemporary writing across southeast asia focusing especially on the philippines malaysia singapore and hong kong in this critical guide rajeev s patke and philip holden interweave text and context through the history of creative writing in the region examine language use and variation making use of illuminating examples from speech poetry and fictional prose trace the impact of historical political and cultural events engage with current debates on national consciousness globalization modernity and postmodernism provide useful features including a glossary further reading section and chapter summaries direct and clearly written this concise history guides readers through key topics while presenting a unique original synthesis of history and practice in southeast asian writing in english it is the ideal starting point for students and all those seeking a better understanding of southeast asian literatures and cultures

the global economy a concise history traces the history of the global economy over the past thousand years in doing so it explores all the main waves of globalization from the trade revolution of the middle ages to the great and little divergence between the west and the east as well as the north and the south of the world this book examines the industrial revolution and the world wars and their respective consequences as well as the interaction between technological shifts and the transition in

geopolitical equilibria the last chapters are dedicated to an in depth examination of the transformation which occurred in the global economy after 1989 the chronological structure of the book is designed to help students memorize and understand key events this book also discusses broader themes such as convergence divergence growth and decline development and industrial revolutions this will make it of interest not only to students and academics but to all readers wishing to gain a deeper understanding of the history and current state of the global economy

when the british occupied the tiny island of hong kong during the first opium war the chinese empire was well into its decline while great britain was already in the second decade of its legendary imperial century from this collision of empires arose a city that continues to intrigue observers melding chinese and western influences hong kong has long defied easy categorization john m carroll s engrossing and accessible narrative explores the remarkable history of hong kong from the early 1800s through the post 1997 handover when this former colony became a special administrative region of the people s republic of china the book explores hong kong as a place with a unique identity yet also a crossroads where chinese history british colonial history and world history intersect carroll concludes by exploring the legacies of colonial rule the consequences of hong kong s reintegration with china and significant developments and challenges since 1997

accessible to students tourists and general readers alike this book provides a broad overview of russian history since the ninth century paul bushkovitch emphasizes the enormous changes in the understanding of russian history resulting from the end of the soviet union in 1991 since then new material has come to light on the history of the soviet era providing new conceptions of russia s pre revolutionary past the book traces not only the political history of russia but also developments in its literature art and science bushkovitch describes well known cultural figures such as chekhov tolstoy and mendelev in their institutional and historical contexts though the 1917 revolution the resulting soviet system and the cold war were a crucial part of russian and world history bushkovitch presents earlier developments as more than just a prelude to bolshevik power

a comprehensive history of the land people society culture and economy of hungary

in a second edition of their successful concise history of modern india barbara metcalf and thomas metcalf explore india s modern history afresh and update the events of the last decade these include the takeover of congress from the seemingly entrenched hindu nationalist party in 2004 india s huge advances in technology and the country s new role as a major player in world affairs from the days of the mughals through the british empire and into independence the country has been transformed by its institutional structures it is these institutions which have helped bring about the social cultural and economic changes that have taken place over the last half century and paved the way for the modern

success story despite these advances poverty social inequality and religious division still fester in response to these dilemmas the book grapples with questions of caste and religious identity and the nature of the indian nation

this remarkably broad and informative book offers an introduction to and overview of world literature tracing the term from its earliest roots and situating it within a number of relevant contexts from postcolonialism to postmodernism this book is the ideal guide to an increasingly popular and important term in literary studies it is accessible and engaging and will be invaluable to students of world literature comparative literature translation and postcolonial studies and anyone with an interest in these or related topics

a third edition of this book is now available now in a fully updated edition this knowledgeable and reader friendly text gives a conceptual and historical overview of american foreign relations from the founding to the present providing students with a solid and readily understandable framework for evaluating american foreign policy decisions joyce p kaufman clearly explains key decisions and why they were made compact yet thorough the book offers instructors a concise introduction that can be easily supplemented with other sources

the second edition of a concise history of brazil offers a sweeping yet accessible history of latin america s largest country boris fausto examines brazil s history from the arrival of the portuguese in the new world through the long and sometimes rocky transition from independence in 1822 to democracy in the twentieth century in a completely new chapter his son sergio fausto a prominent political scientist brings the history up to the present focusing on brazil s increasing global economic importance as well as its continued democratic development and the challenges the country faces to meet the higher expectations of its people

this book offers a comprehensive yet compact history of this surprisingly little known but fascinating country from pre history to the present

lays emphasis on the continuing influence of the country s african heritage whilst also chronicling the processes of colonial conquest and of economic development stemming from the industrial revolution this is followed by an analysis of the fundamental political changes south africa has undergone and a background for understanding those many things which have not changed

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The Hammond Postulate: A Sneak Peek into Transition States

Imagine a high-speed chase – a thrilling pursuit where the outcome hangs in the balance. The chase itself is fleeting, a blur of motion barely perceptible to the naked eye. Yet, the characteristics of this fleeting moment dramatically influence the eventual capture. In the world of chemistry, this "chase" is a chemical reaction, and the fleeting moment is the transition state – a pivotal point determining the reaction's outcome. The Hammond Postulate, a cornerstone of physical organic chemistry, provides a powerful lens through which we can understand and predict the properties of these elusive transition states.

Understanding the Essence of the Hammond Postulate

The Hammond Postulate, proposed by George S. Hammond in 1955, states: "If two states, as for example, a transition state and an unstable intermediate, occur consecutively during a reaction process and have nearly the same energy content, their interconversion will involve a small reorganization of the molecular structure." In simpler terms: the transition state of a reaction will resemble the structure of the species (reactant or product) to which it is closest in energy. This seemingly simple statement has profound implications for understanding reaction mechanisms and predicting reaction rates. It essentially links the structure of the transition state to the relative energies of the reactants, products, and the transition state itself.

Exothermic vs. Endothermic Reactions: A Structural Perspective

The postulate's power shines through when considering exothermic (heat-releasing) and endothermic (heat-absorbing) reactions. Exothermic Reactions: In an exothermic reaction, the reactants are higher in energy than the products. The Hammond Postulate suggests that the transition state will resemble

the reactants more closely than the products because it's energetically closer to the reactants. This means the transition state will have a structure more akin to the starting materials. Endothermic Reactions: Conversely, in an endothermic reaction, the products are higher in energy than the reactants. Here, the transition state will resemble the products more closely since it's energetically closer to them. Its structure will therefore bear a greater resemblance to the final molecular arrangement.

Visualizing the Concept with Energy Diagrams

Reaction energy diagrams are invaluable tools for visualizing the Hammond Postulate. These diagrams plot the potential energy of a reaction system against the reaction coordinate (progress of the reaction). The peak of the curve represents the transition state, while the valleys represent the reactants and products. The relative positions of the transition state and the reactants/products on the energy diagram visually demonstrate the postulate's principle. A transition state closer in energy to the reactants will structurally resemble the reactants, and vice versa.

Real-World Applications: From Drug Design to Industrial Processes

The Hammond Postulate is not just a theoretical concept; it finds practical applications in diverse fields: **Drug Design:** Understanding transition state structures allows medicinal chemists to design more effective drugs. By manipulating the structure of a drug molecule to better resemble the transition state of a crucial biological reaction, they can enhance the drug's binding affinity and efficacy. For example, designing transition-state analogs as enzyme inhibitors is a powerful strategy. **Catalysis:** Industrial catalysts are often designed based on the Hammond Postulate. By creating a catalyst that stabilizes the transition state, the activation energy of a reaction can be lowered, leading to faster reaction rates and improved efficiency in industrial processes. **Organic Synthesis:** In organic chemistry, the postulate helps predict the regioselectivity and stereoselectivity of reactions. By understanding the structure of the transition state, chemists can better control the outcome of a reaction and synthesize desired products with high yield and purity.

Limitations and Refinements

While highly useful, the Hammond Postulate isn't without limitations. Its applicability is strongest when the energy difference between the transition state and the reactant/product is relatively small. If the energy difference is significant, the resemblance might not be as pronounced. Moreover, the postulate primarily deals with structural similarities; it doesn't provide quantitative predictions about the degree of resemblance. Advanced computational methods are often employed to obtain more precise information about transition state structures.

Reflective Summary

The Hammond Postulate offers a powerful conceptual framework for understanding the structure and energetics of chemical reactions. By relating the structure of the transition state to the relative energies of reactants and products, it provides valuable insights into reaction mechanisms, reaction rates, and reaction selectivity. Its applications extend from drug design and catalysis to various aspects of organic synthesis, making it a cornerstone of modern chemistry. While possessing limitations, particularly in cases with large energy differences, the postulate remains a remarkably useful tool for both qualitative and quantitative analysis of chemical processes.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is the Hammond Postulate always applicable? No, its accuracy depends on the energy difference between the transition state and the nearest reactant/product. The closer the energies, the better the approximation. 2. How can I visualize the Hammond Postulate? Reaction energy diagrams are crucial. The closer the transition state is to a reactant/product on the energy diagram, the more closely it resembles that species structurally. 3. What are the limitations of the Hammond Postulate? It doesn't provide quantitative predictions of structural resemblance and is most accurate when the energy difference between the transition state and the nearest species is small. 4. How does the Hammond Postulate relate to reaction rates? By stabilizing the transition state (lowering its energy), the activation energy is reduced, leading to a faster reaction rate. 5. Can the Hammond Postulate predict the stereochemistry of a reaction? While not directly predicting stereochemistry, understanding the transition state geometry can provide clues about the stereochemical outcome of a reaction, particularly in cases of stereoselective reactions.

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