

CEE 680: Water Chemistry

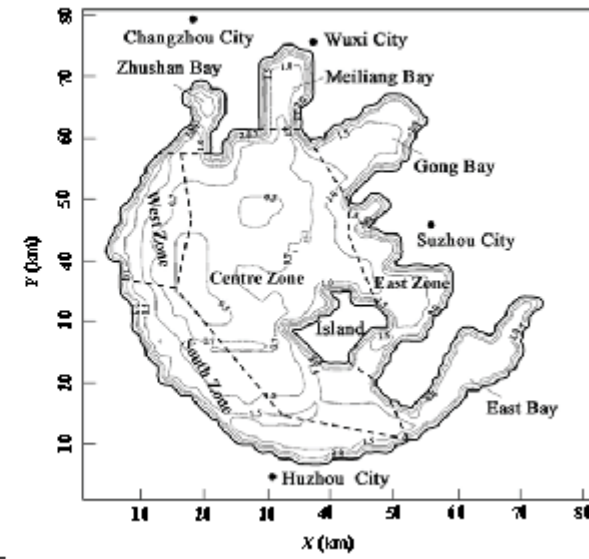
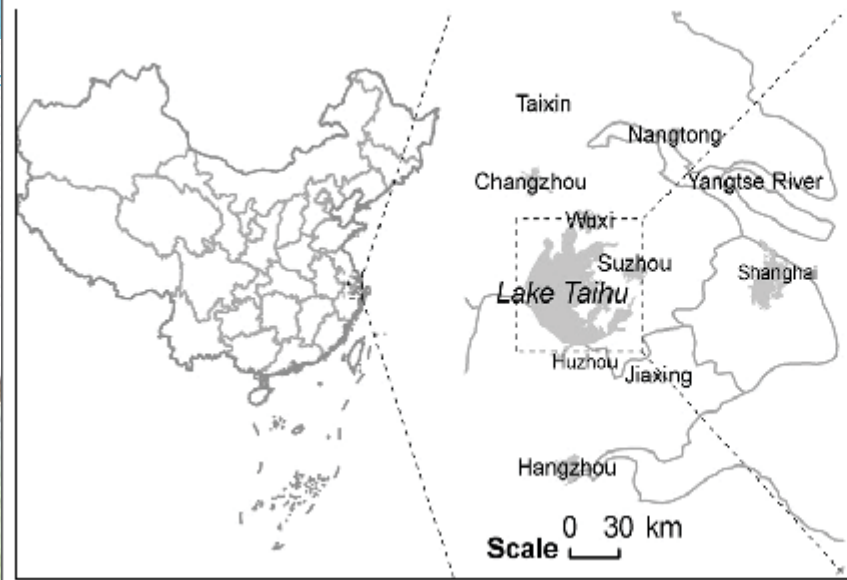
Lecture #25

Dissolved Carbon Dioxide: Open & Closed
Systems VI

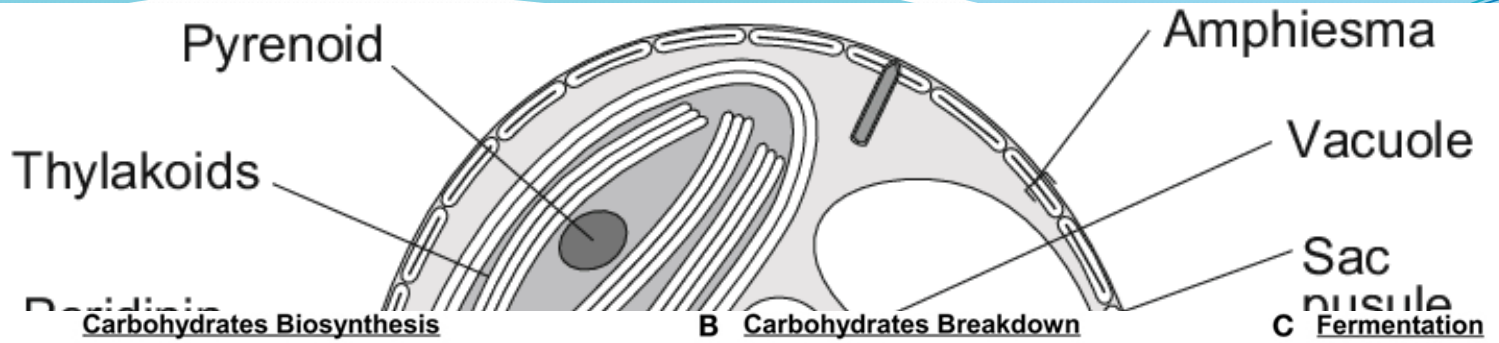
(Stumm & Morgan, Chapt.4)

Benjamin; Chapter 7

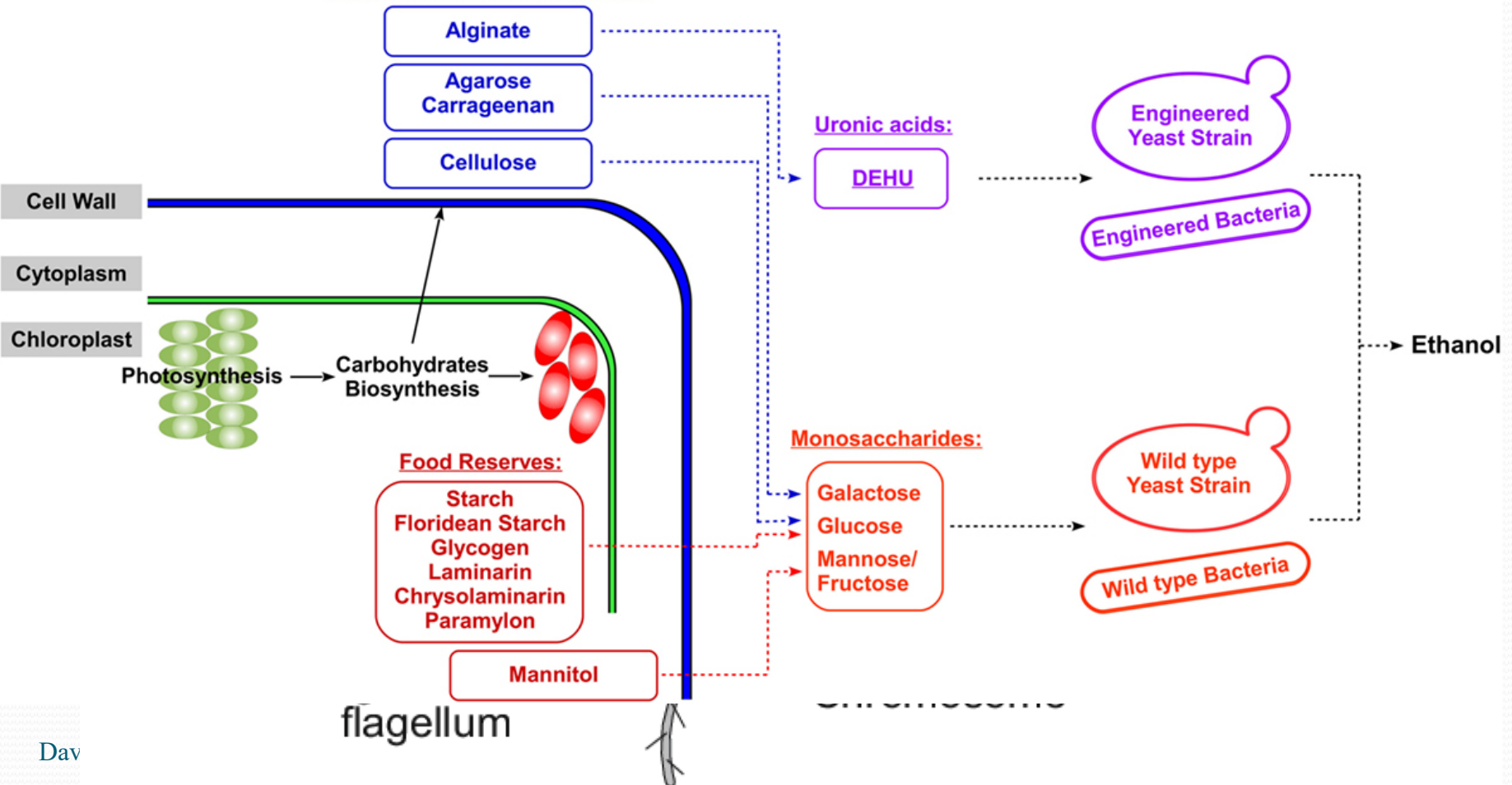








Structural Polysaccharides:

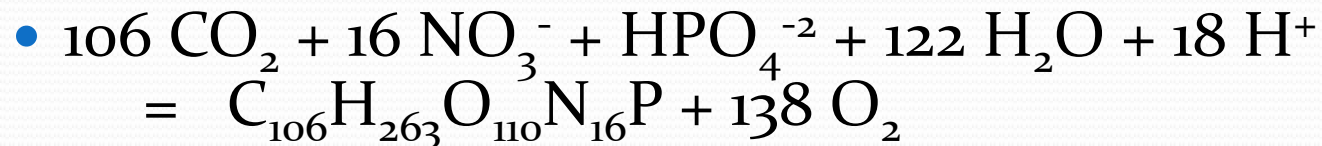


Photosynthesis Problem

- Principles of conservation of Alk and C_T
 - From Stumm & Morgan (example 4.8, pg. 174)
- Approach
 - General: assume that system is closed
 - Simplified: treat alkalinity as constant
 - Alternative: allow alkalinity to vary in accordance with reaction stoichiometry

Problem Statement

- Photosynthesis with nitrate assimilation



- Conditions

- Initial

- $\text{Alk} = 0.85 \text{ meq/L}$

- $\text{pH} = 9.0$

- Final (3 hours later)

- $\text{pH} = 9.5$

- What is the net rate of carbon fixation?

Simplified Solution: (const. alk.)

- Use standard alkalinity equation

$$Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)C_T + [OH^-] - [H^+]$$

- So initially:

$$\begin{aligned} C_T &= \frac{Alk - [OH^-] + [H^+]}{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2} \\ &= \frac{8.5 \times 10^{-4} - 10^{-5} + 10^{-9}}{0.9523 + 2(0.0477)} \\ &= 8.017 \times 10^{-4} M \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]}{K_1} + 1 + \frac{K_2}{[H^+]}} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \frac{10^{-10.3}}{10^{-9}}} \approx 0.9523$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]^2}{K_1 K_2} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_2} + 1} \approx \frac{1}{\frac{10^{-9}}{10^{-10.3}} + 1} \approx 0.0477$$

Simplified Solution: (const. alk.)

- And 3 hours later

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_T &= \frac{Alk - [OH^-] + [H^+]}{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2} \\
 &= \frac{8.5 \times 10^{-4} - 10^{-4.5} - 10^{-9.5}}{0.8632 + 2(0.1368)} \\
 &= 7.199 \times 10^{-4} M
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]}{K_1} + 1 + \frac{K_2}{[H^+]}} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \frac{10^{-10.3}}{10^{-9.5}}} \approx 0.8632$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]^2}{K_1 K_2} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_2} + 1} \approx \frac{1}{\frac{10^{-9.5}}{10^{-10.3}} + 1} \approx 0.1368$$

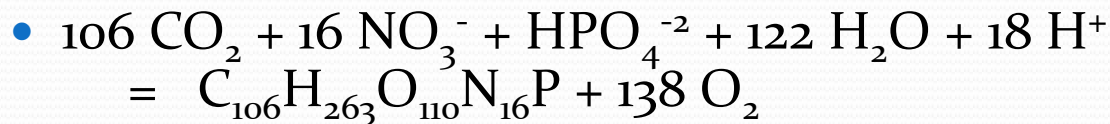
- So the rate is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\Delta C_T}{\Delta t} &= \frac{8.017 \times 10^{-4} M - 7.199 \times 10^{-4} M}{3 \text{ hr}} \\
 &= 2.7 \times 10^{-5} M / \text{hr}
 \end{aligned}$$

Alternative Solution

- Allow alkalinity to vary in accordance with reaction stoichiometry

$$Alk_f = Alk_i + \frac{18}{106} \Delta C_T$$



- Now, incorporating this into the final alkalinity value:

$$Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)C_T + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+]$$

$$Alk_f - [\text{OH}^-]_f = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)_f (C_{T_i} - \Delta C_T)$$

$$8.5 \times 10^{-4} + \frac{18}{106} \Delta C_T - 10^{-4.5} = 1.136 (8.017 \times 10^{-4} - \Delta C_T)$$

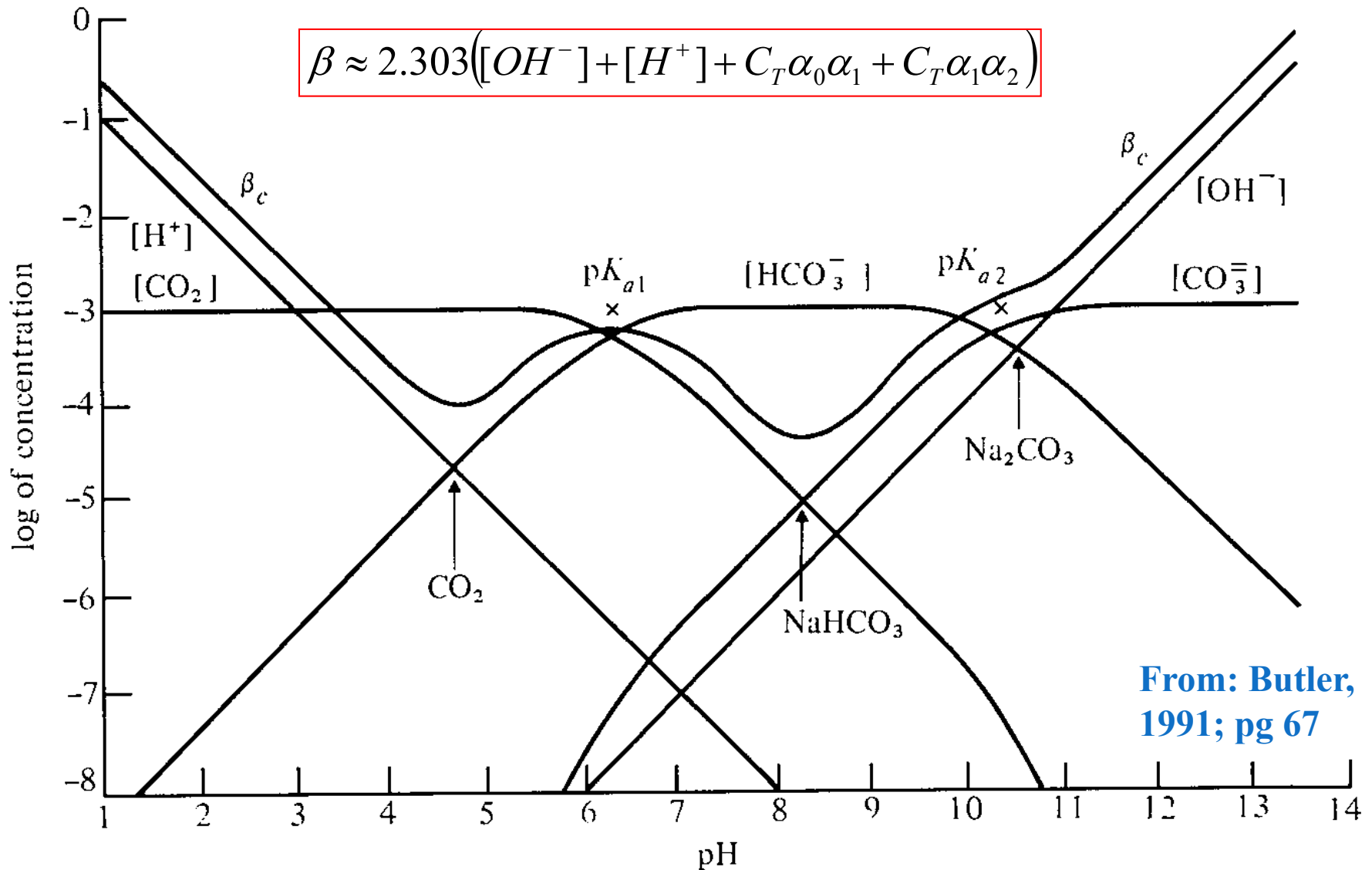
$$1.3066 \Delta C_T = 9.2995 \times 10^{-5}$$

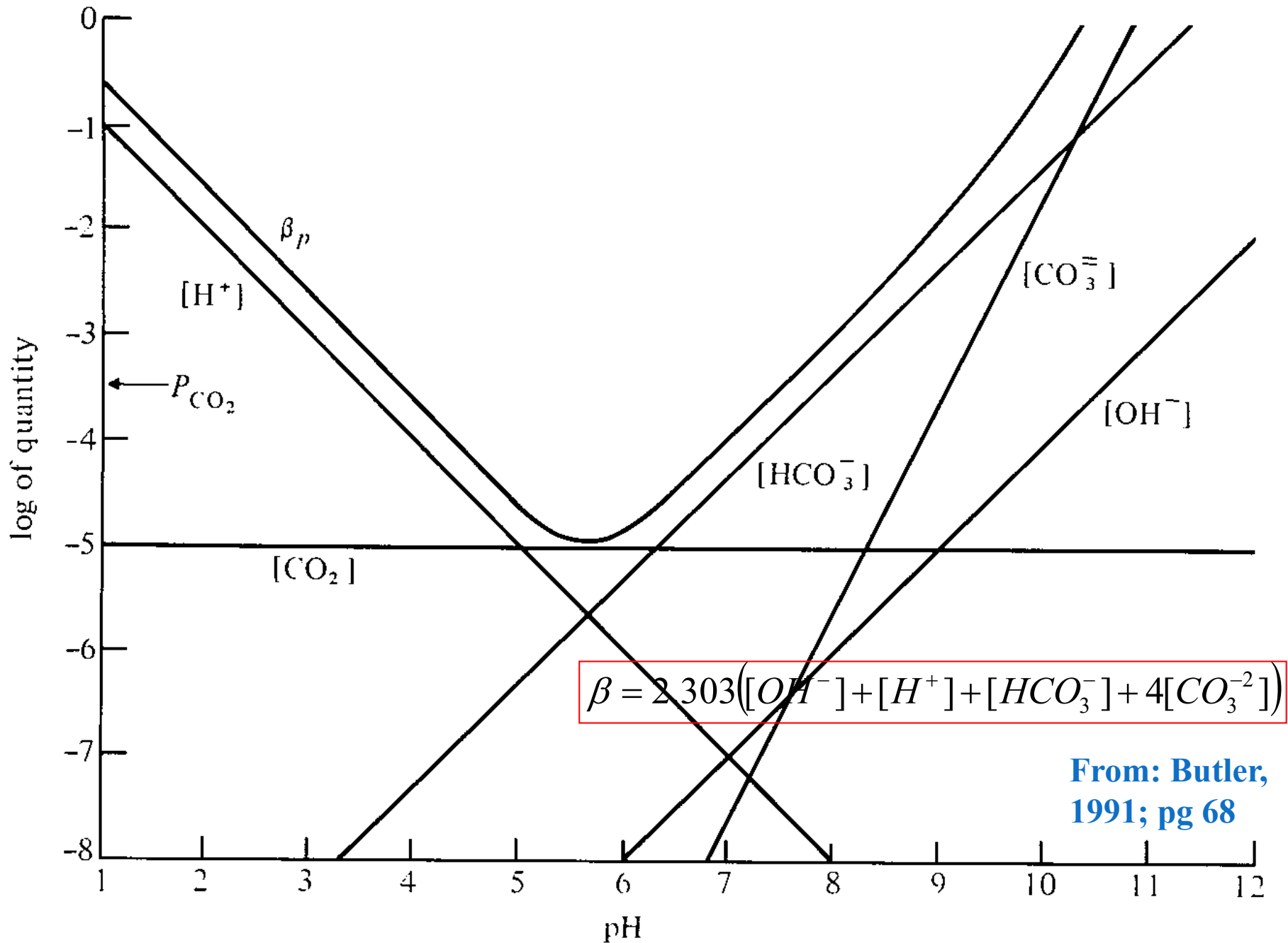
$$\Delta C_T = 7.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

- And the rate becomes:

$$\frac{\Delta C_T}{\Delta t} = \frac{7.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}}{3 \text{ hr}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M / hr}$$

Buffer Intensity & Closed System





- To next lecture

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