

**relaxation**

If a system is disturbed from its state of equilibrium it relaxes to that state, and the process is referred to as relaxation. The branch of kinetics concerned with such processes is known as relaxation kinetics. Relaxation techniques include *temperature jump* and pressure jump.

See also *chemical relaxation*.

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