

# Chapter 6 - Kinetics

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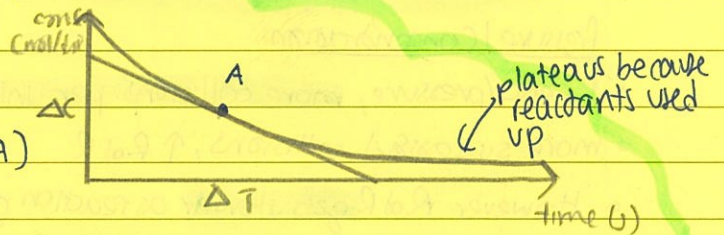
Rate of Reaction [must be +ve]

Def: change in concentration of products/reactants per unit time [ $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]

- can be monitored through vol of gas evolved, mass change, colour change (clock experiment), pH changes, colour change (use of spectrometer to measure colour absorption)

Finding Rate of Reaction at given points on a graph

- plot data onto graph
- $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of graph = to rate of reaction
- Draw tangent to curve at given point (e.g. A)
- $\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta T}$  = Rate at pt A (instantaneous RoR)



Note: initial RoR is at  $x=0$

$E_A$  = minimum amount of energy that particles need to collide successfully leading to reaction  
 Note that K.E (kinetic energy) of particles is directly proportional to temperature (Kelvin)

## Collision Theory

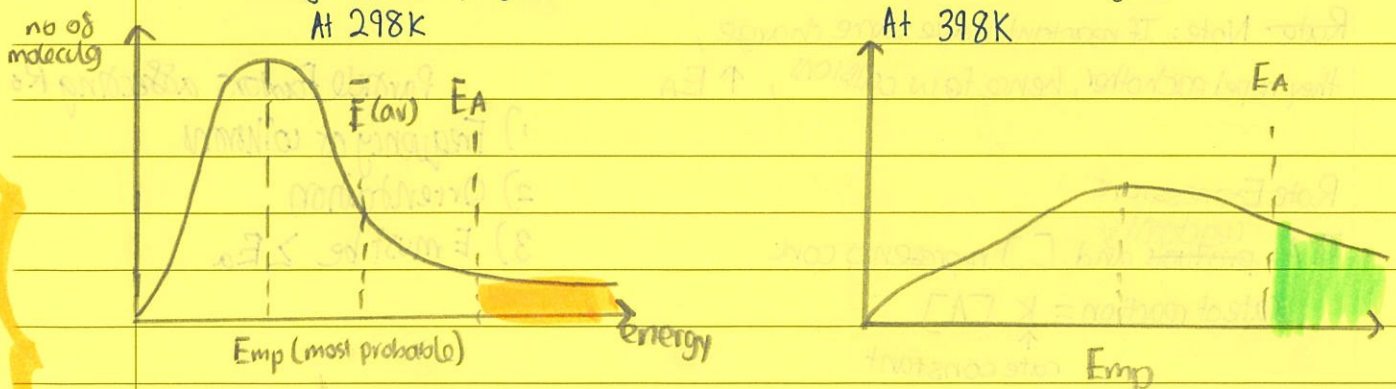
- For reaction to occur
  - Particles must collide
  - must collide with  $E \geq E_A$
  - must collide with appropriate geometry

## Factors Affecting Rate of Reaction

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Concentration
- Catalyst Usage
- Surface Area

## Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution (MBDs)

- representation of distribution of energy amongst reactant particles
- Area under graph ( $\int y dx$ ) = total number of particles [never changes]



$\int y dx$  is the same for both but  $E_{mp}$  is higher at 398 and more particles have  $E \geq E_A$

All MBDs have horizontal asymptote = 0

All have no particles at 0 energy hence moves through origin

No of particles at  $E_{mp}$  (398K) lower to accommodate more particles at  $E \geq E_A$

Explanation Method  $\rightarrow$  more collisions  $\rightarrow$  more successful collisions  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  RoR

## Collisions Per Unit Time!

### Temperature

- $\uparrow T$ ,  $\uparrow$  RoR ( $\uparrow \frac{dy}{dx}$ ), reaches end faster
- More important reason  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  KE of particle, more successful collisions,  $\uparrow$  RoR [more particles with  $E \geq E_A$ ]
- Other  $\rightarrow$  more particles move faster  $\rightarrow$  more collisions, more successful collisions,  $\uparrow$  RoR

### Surface Area

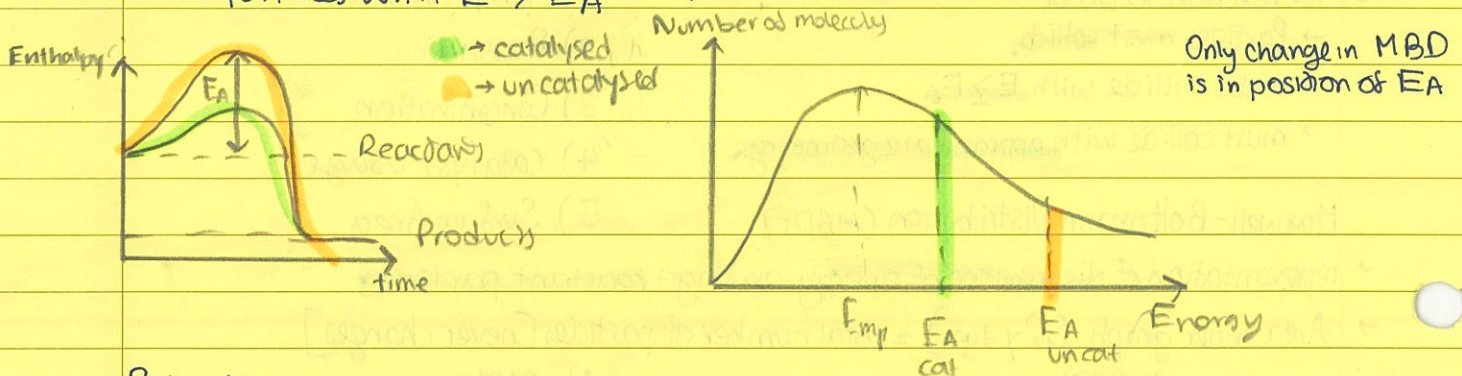
- More S.A, more particles that can come into contact with surrounding reactant
- more collisions  $\rightarrow$  more successful collisions  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  RoR

### Pressure / Concentration

- $\uparrow$  conc / pressure, more collisions per unit time, per unit vol
- more successful collisions,  $\uparrow$  RoR
- However RoR gets slower as reaction proceeds as  $\downarrow$  conc of reactants, hence  $\downarrow$  collisions

### Catalysts

- substances that  $\uparrow$  RoR while without being chemically changed
- bring reactant molecules closer together, hence reducing  $E_A$ , by providing alternative reaction pathway
- More particles with  $E > E_A \therefore \uparrow$  rate because  $\uparrow$  successful collisions



Rate Note: If reactant have same charge, they repel each other, hence few collisions,  $\uparrow E_A$

Particle Factors affecting RoR

- 1) Frequency of collisions
- 2) Orientation
- 3)  $E$  must be  $\geq E_A$

### Rate Expressions

If  $A =$  ~~products~~ <sup>reactants</sup> and  $[ ]$  represents conc

$$\text{rate of reaction} = k [A]$$

$\uparrow$   
rate constant

If you double the  $[A]$ , and the rate doubles  $\rightarrow R = k[A]$

If you double the  $[A]$ , and rate  $\times 4 \rightarrow R = k[A]^2$

You can have  $[B]$  influencing reaction as well.

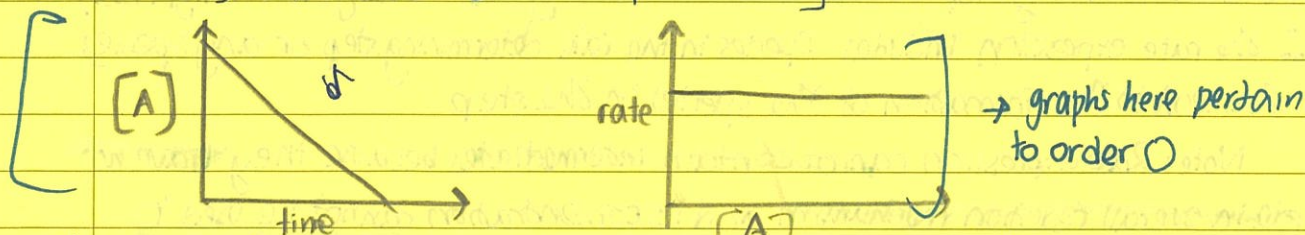
If no change in R when  $[A]$  is doubled,  $R = k[A]^0 = R = k$

Orders [= sum of exponents]

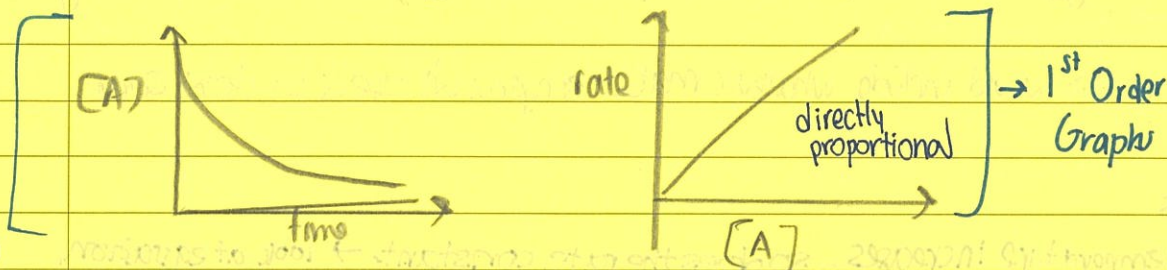
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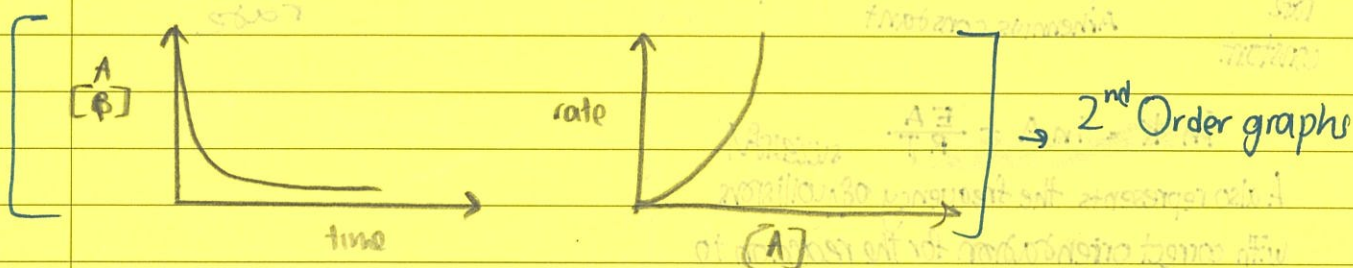
1<sup>st</sup> →  $R = k[A]$  where  $k = s^{-1}$  [sum of exponents = 1]



2<sup>nd</sup> →  $R = k[A]^2$  or  $k[A][B]$ , where  $k = mol^{-1}dm^3 s^{-1}$



3<sup>rd</sup> →  $R = k[A]^2[B]$  or  $k[B]^2[A]$  or  $k[B][A][C]$ , where  $k = dm^6 mol^{-2} s^{-1}$



Reaction Mechanisms (construct of how overall reaction occurs)

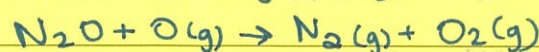
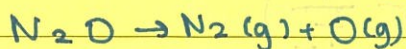
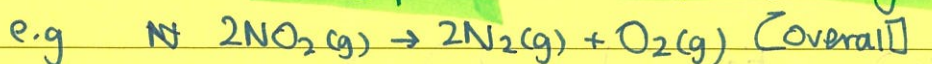
- comprise of all the elementary steps that lead to the occur in the reaction
- Elementary steps outline overall reaction mechanism

Molecularity

- Number of species (reactant particles) involved in that step, uni, bi and termolecular process.
- Uni → 1 reactant, Bi, 2, Ter, 3.
- Termolecular reactions are rare and unlikely because of 3 molecules are needed to collide with sufficient energy and correct orientation, very unlikely for this to occur. [statistically unlikely]

Note: Rate equations can only be determined experimentally

Intermediate - substance produced and consumed during elementary steps



} elementary

O is an intermediate, as it is produced and consumed.

Determining the expression → by number of molecules involved in the steps → coefficient

State what are the reactants in rate determining step.

Say if overall equation matches stoichiometric too. Rate of slow step with respect to intermediate, then replace

The rate determining step is the **slowest elementary step** (usually low v. high  $E_a$ )  
 $\therefore$  the rate expression includes species in the rate determining step or any species that lead to the formation of the species in the step

Note: Rate expression cannot contain intermediates because they have no role in overall reaction mechanism and its concentration cannot be used to assess change in rate because it is produced and consumed in elementary steps

Rate expression would include whatever makes compounds used in slow step

### Arrhenius

As the temperature increases, so does the rate constant.  $\rightarrow$  look at equation, explain how  $k$  must increase to increase rate

$$k = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

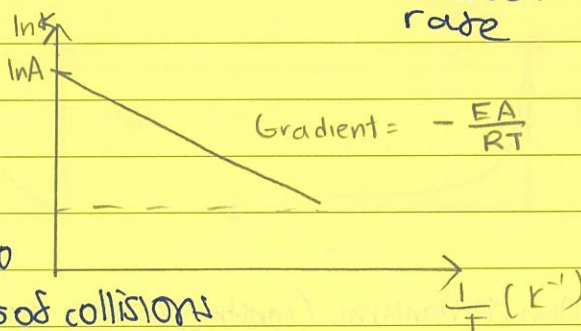
rate constant  $\rightarrow$   $k$   
 $A$   $\leftarrow$  Arrhenius constant  
 $e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$   $\leftarrow$  activation energy  
 $R$   $\leftarrow$  8.31 and Temp

look at equation, explain how  $k$  must increase to increase rate

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

successful

Also represents the frequency of collisions with correct orientation for the reaction to occur and relates to energy requirements of collisions



$$\ln A = y \text{ intercept}$$

$$-\frac{E_a}{RT} = \text{gradient}$$

### Dependence of temperature

- If  $E_a$  low, then  $\uparrow$  temp would have a small increase on  $k$  as less small increase in particles with  $E \geq E_a$ , small change in rate
- If  $E_a$  is high,  $\uparrow$  temp, big  $\uparrow$   $k$  because large increase in particles with  $E \geq E_a$ , hence large change in rate

### Simultaneous Arrhenius

$$\ln \left( \frac{k_1}{k_2} \right) = -\frac{E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

$E_a$  is in  $\text{J mol}^{-1}$