

Rate

$$R = \frac{\Delta[\]}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{average})$$

$$R = k [\] [\] \dots$$

rate constant

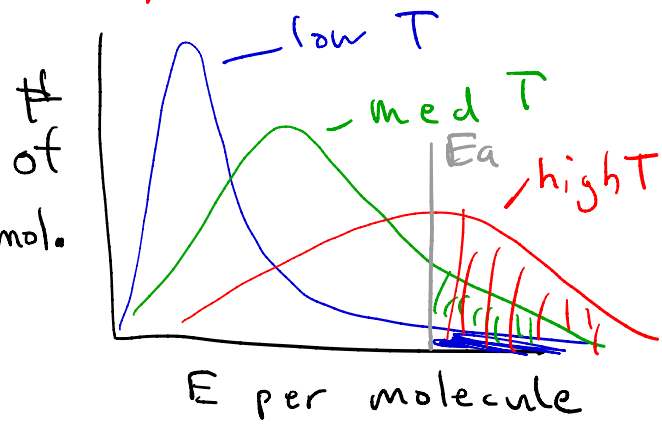
reagents that participate in the rate-limiting step

Arrhenius expression

temperature

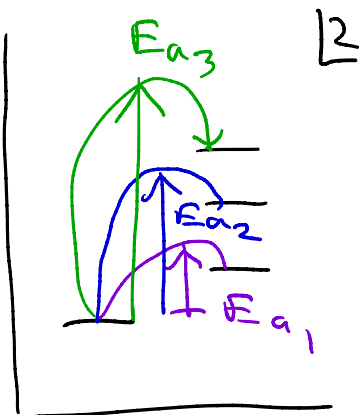
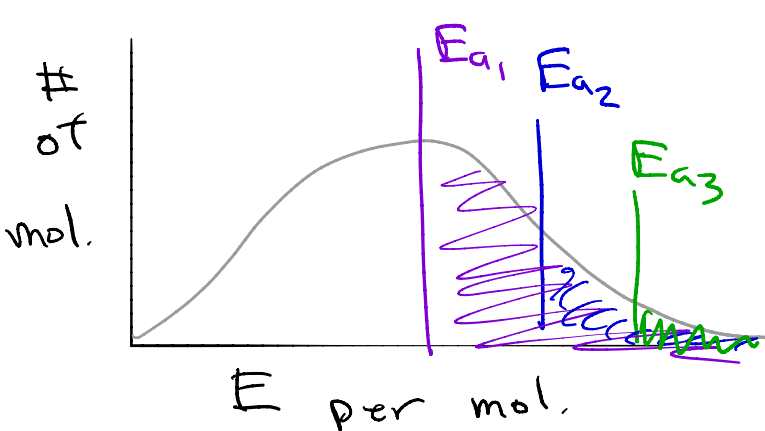
$$k = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

rate constant (under k)
 steric factor (under A)
 activation energy (under E_a)
 constant (under RT)



As temperature increases, the number of molecules with enough E to react also increases,
 → rate increases

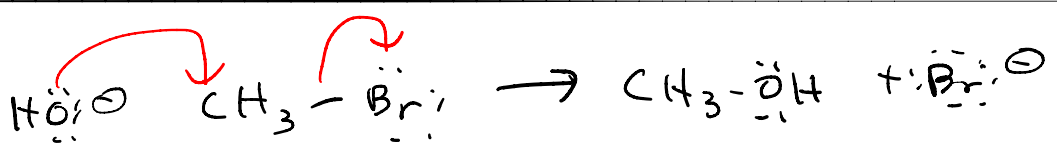
$$k \propto e^{-1/T} \quad T \uparrow \quad \frac{1}{T} \downarrow \quad -\frac{1}{T} \uparrow \quad e^{-1/T} \uparrow \quad k \uparrow$$



At the same temperature, all other factors being equal, the higher the activation energy, the fewer the molecules with enough energy to react, \rightarrow slower reaction

Graph of one reagent making three different products

$$k \propto e^{-E_a} \quad E_a \uparrow \rightarrow e^{-E_a} \downarrow \rightarrow k \downarrow$$



In this reaction, both molecules participate at the same time \rightarrow bimolecular

$$R = k [\text{CH}_3\text{Br}]^1 [\text{OH}^-]^1 = 2 \quad | 3$$

Both reagents participate in the one rxn step, so both reagent concentrations affect rxn rate.

first-order \rightarrow linear relation
(first-power) between concentration and rate

In this rxn, the rate is first-order in CH_3Br and first-order in OH^- .

The reaction overall is second-order

order \uparrow math

molecularity \downarrow chemistry

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termolecular

In this rxn, the RLS is unimolecular in CH_3Br and unimolecular in OH^- .

The reaction overall is bimolecular.

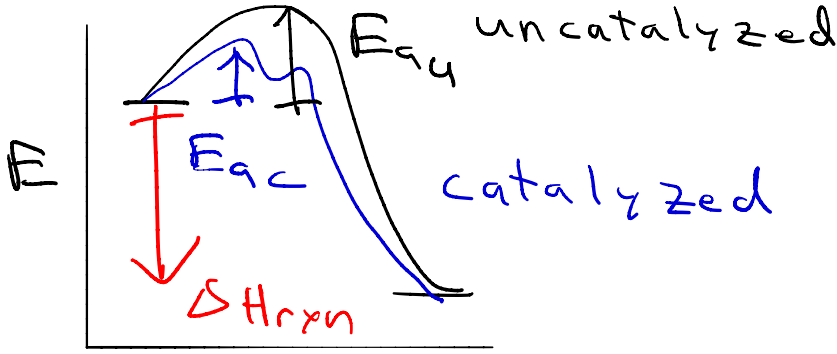


What if this rxn occurs in only one step?

$$R = k [\text{H}\cdot] [\text{H}\cdot] = k [\text{H}\cdot]^2$$

bimolecular

second-order



RC

A catalyst is a substance that speeds up a reaction by creating a new reaction pathway that has a lower activation energy.

A catalyst only changes how a reaction occurs, it does not change the identities of the reactants or products. \longrightarrow A catalyst has no effect on an equilibrium constant.