

## Chemistry 12 - Notes on Unit 1 - Reaction Kinetics

### **Reaction Kinetics** <http://jchemed.chem.wisc.edu/JCESoft/CCA/CCA0/MOVIES/NI3IOD.html>

- study of **rates** of rx. and the **factors** which affect the rates.

(note: "rx" = reaction(s))

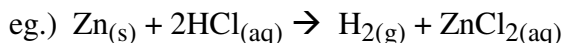
### **Expressing Rates**

**rate** =  $\frac{\text{quantity of a product formed}}{\text{unit time}}$

or **rate** =  $\frac{\text{quantity of a reactant consumed}}{\text{unit time}}$

in general: **rate** =  $\frac{\Delta \text{amount (a reactant or product)}}{\Delta \text{time}}$

Note: A **time unit** is always in the denominator of a rate equation.



$$r = \frac{\Delta \text{ mass of Zn}}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

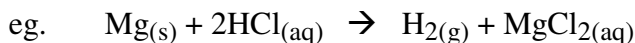
$$r = \frac{\Delta [\text{HCl}]}{\Delta \text{ time}} \quad (\text{note: } [ ] = \text{molar concentration})$$

$$r = \frac{\Delta \text{ volume H}_2}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

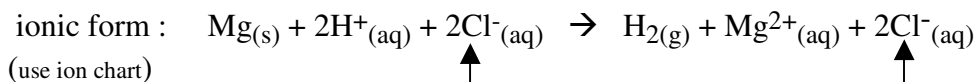
Do ex. 1-5 p.2 S.W. (SW is Hebden's Student Workbook)

### Note

- some rxs, when written in **ionic form** show that some ions don't change concentration.



NOTE: To write an equation in IONIC FORM, dissociate all the aqueous (aq) compounds:



[Cl<sup>-</sup>] does not change as rx. proceeds (spectator ion)

Write 4 possible equations which express rate.

Calculations Involving Reaction Rates

When doing calculations involving rate, amount (grams, moles, Litres etc.) use the general equation:

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{ amount (g, mol, L)}}{\Delta \text{ time (s, min)}}$$

$$\text{or } \Delta \text{ amount} = \text{Rate} \times \Delta \text{ time}$$

$$\text{or } \Delta \text{ time} = \frac{\Delta \text{ amount}}{\text{Rate}}$$

WHEN YOU USE ONE OF THESE FORMULAS, MAKE SURE YOUR **UNITS** CAN CANCEL OUT PROPERLY!

to help solve for what you need.

ALWAYS use conversion factors to cancel units you don't want and replace them with ones you do want!

$$\text{Eg.) } 0.020 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{min.}} = ? \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{0.020 \text{ mol}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = \frac{3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}}{\text{s}}$$

The 60 in 60 s/1min is an exact number by definition. Therefore, we don't consider it using significant digits. The 0.020 has 2 sig. digs., therefore the answer has 2.

**You also must use molar mass to go grams  $\leftrightarrow$  moles.**

$$\text{Eg.) } \frac{0.26 \text{ mol Zn}}{\text{min}} = ? \frac{\text{g of Zn}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{0.26 \text{ mol Zn}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{65.4 \text{ g Zn}}{1 \text{ mol Zn}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} = \frac{0.28 \text{ g of Zn}}{\text{s}}$$

**You would use  $\frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}}$  for conversions moles  $\leftrightarrow$  L (STP) for gases.**

$$\text{eg.) } 0.030 \text{ mol O}_2/\text{s} = \text{_____ L/s (STP)}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{0.030 \text{ mol O}_2}{1 \text{ s}} \times \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{\text{mol}} = \frac{0.67 \text{ L O}_2}{\text{s}}$$

(The 0.030 has 2 sig digs so the answer must have 2 sig. digs.)

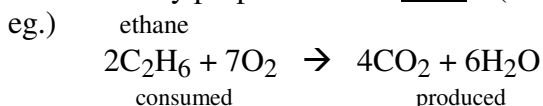
NOTE: This conversion is only used for **gases** at STP!

Try this problem:

The rate of a reaction is 0.034 g of Mg per second. Calculate the number of moles of Mg used up in 6.0 minutes.

### Comparing rates using balanced equations

-use **coefficient ratios** - only proportional to mol/s (not to g/s)



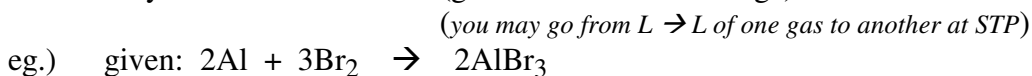
eg.) if ethane is consumed at a rate of 0.066 mol /s, calculate the rate of consumption of O<sub>2</sub> in mol /s

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{0.066 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_6}{\text{s}} \times \frac{7 \text{ mol O}_2}{2 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_6} = \frac{0.23 \text{ mol O}_2}{\text{s}}$$

if ethane is consumed at a rate of 0.066 mol /s calculate rate of production of CO<sub>2</sub>

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{0.066 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_6}{\text{s}} \times \frac{4 \text{ mol CO}_2}{2 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_6} = \frac{0.13 \text{ mol CO}_2}{\text{s}}$$

- when other units used – you must use **moles** to (go over the “mole” bridge)



if 67.5 g of Al are consumed per second - calculate the rate of consumption of Br<sub>2</sub> in g/s.

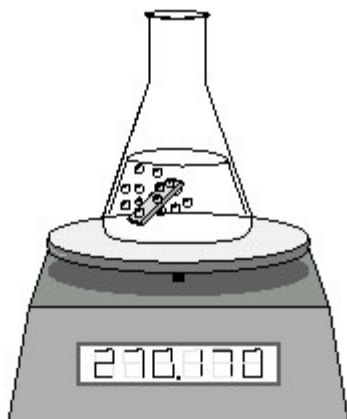
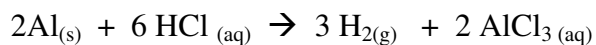
$$\text{Solution: } \frac{67.5 \text{ g Al}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Al}}{27.0 \text{ g Al}} \times \frac{3 \text{ mol Br}_2}{2 \text{ mol Al}} \times \frac{159.8 \text{ g Br}_2}{1 \text{ mol Br}_2} = \frac{599 \text{ g Br}_2}{\text{s}}$$

You may have to use a few conversions and the “rate equation” to arrive at an answer. As you did in Chem. 11, make a “plan” first and make sure your units all cancel the correct way!

Here’s an example on the next page...

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An experiment is done to determine the rate of the following reaction:

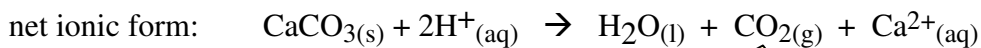
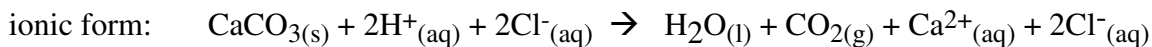
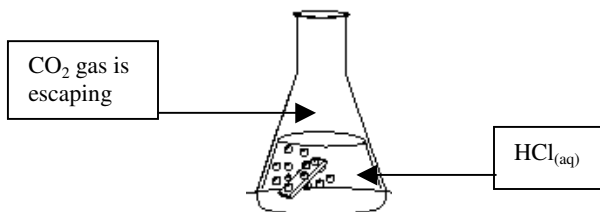
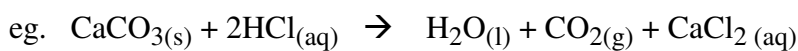


It is found that the rate of production of  $\text{H}_{2(g)}$  is 0.060 g/s.

Calculate the mass of Aluminum reacted in 3.0 minutes.

### Measuring Reaction Rates

- different methods for different reactions.
- must look at subscripts & use common sense.



in an open system  $\text{CO}_{2(g)}$  escapes

- as  $\text{CO}_2$  escapes, **mass** of the rest of the system will \_\_\_\_\_

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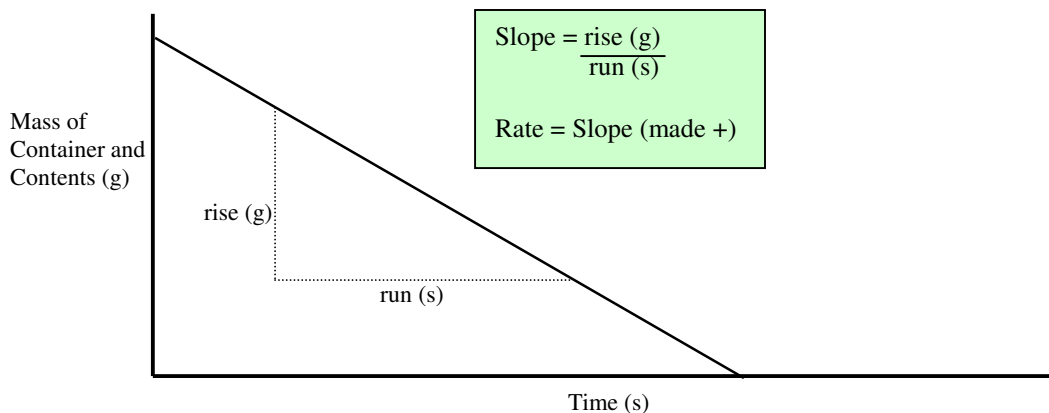
- so rate could be expressed as..

$$r = \frac{\Delta \text{ mass of container and contents}}{\Delta \text{ time}} \quad (\text{open system})$$

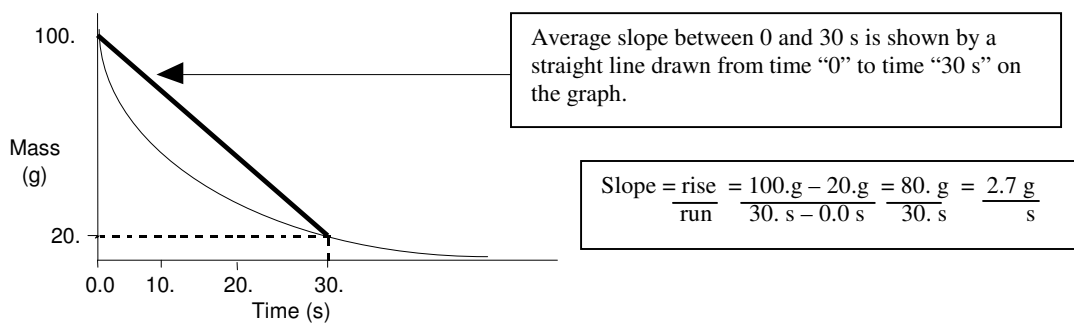
Note

**rate = slope of amount. vs. time graph**

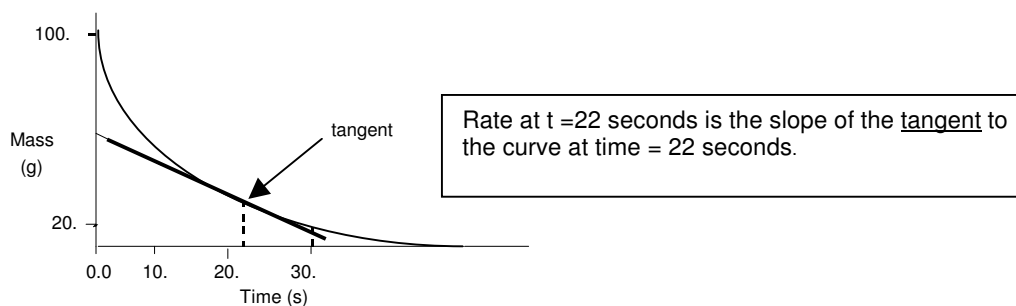
(disregard sign of slope. Slope will be negative if something is being consumed and positive if something is being produced. Rate is just the  $\Delta \text{amount}/\Delta \text{time}$  )



Note - for a changing rate (slope) –which is more realistic -rate could be expressed over a certain interval



or rate at a certain point in time is the slope of the tangent at that point.



[ do ex.6 on page 3 of SW.] [Read page 11 and do ex. 18-19 on p. 11 SW.]  
[ do experiment on measuring rx. rates]

## Monitoring Reaction Rates

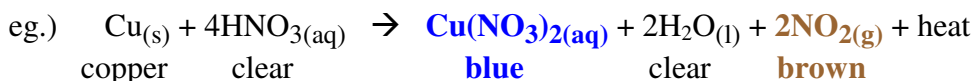
- properties which can be monitored (measured at specific time intervals) in order to determine rx. rate.

Note : Must consider -subscripts (s) (l) (g) (aq)  
- coefficients of gases  
- heat (endo or exo?)

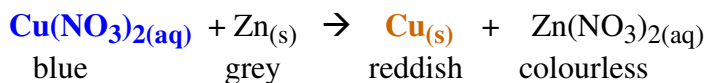
- Do demo with Cu & HNO<sub>3</sub>  
discuss colour, mass, conc., pressure (volume) change

### 1.) Colour changes

- only in reactions where coloured reactant is consumed or new coloured product formed.



- in this case could measure - intensity of **blue**  
- intensity of **brown** gas



- as this reaction proceeds the blue colour fades

in ionic form:  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + 2\text{NO}_3^-(aq) + \text{Zn}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_{(s)} + \text{Zn}^{2+}(aq) + 2\text{NO}_3^-(aq)$

net ionic:  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + \text{Zn}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_{(s)} + \text{Zn}^{2+}(aq)$

[**Cu<sup>2+</sup> is blue!**]

- colour intensity can be measured quantitatively using a spectrophotometer  
(see p. 4 S.W.)

eg. of rate equation

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{ colour intensity}}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

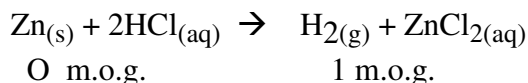
2.) **Temp changes**

- in exothermic reaction temperature of surroundings will \_\_\_\_\_
- in endothermic reaction temperature of surroundings will \_\_\_\_\_
- measured in insulated container (calorimeter)

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{temp}}{\Delta \text{time}}$$

3.) **Pressure changes** (constant volume or sealed container)

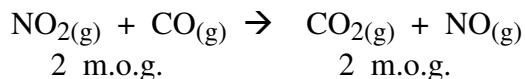
- if more **moles of gas** (coefficient) in **products** pressure will go **up**



- If more MOG in reactants - pressure will \_\_\_\_\_

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{pressure}}{\Delta \text{time}} \quad (\text{constant volume})$$

- If equal MOG, pressure will **not** change:



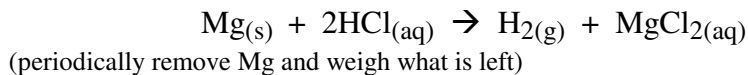
4.) **Volume change** (constant pressure eg. balloon or manometer)

- eg.) if more gas is produced, volume of balloon will increase

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{volume}}{\Delta \text{time}} \quad (\text{constant pressure})$$

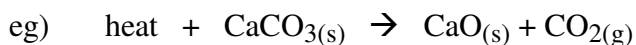
5.) **Mass changes**

- if only one solid is used up
- could remove periodically and weigh it:



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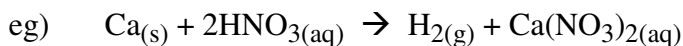
- if one gas is produced and escapes, measure mass of what's left in container (mass of container and contents)



$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{ mass of container \& contents}}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

Only CO<sub>2</sub> gas escapes. So as CO<sub>2</sub> escapes, the mass of the container and contents will decrease.

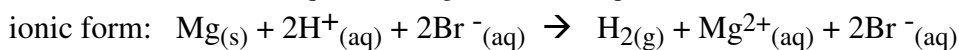
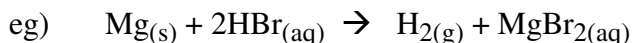
Note: it's not practical to measure masses of (aq) substances separately since they are mostly water.



$$\frac{\Delta \text{ mass of HNO}_3(\text{aq})}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

not acceptable

6.) **Changes in molar concentration of specific ions**



- could monitor [H<sup>+</sup>] - it will \_\_\_\_\_crease

eg.)  $\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta [\text{Mg}^{2+}]}{\Delta \text{ time}}$  [Mg<sup>2+</sup>] - will \_\_\_\_\_crease

Note: Does the [Br<sup>-</sup>] change? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain.

- the concentration of a specific ion can be measured:
  - using spectrophotometer
  - periodic samples taken and titrated to measure conc.

7.) **Changes in Acidity** [H<sup>+</sup>]

- special case of #6

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta [\text{H}^+]}{\Delta \text{ time}}$$

**pH is a measure of acidity**

pH	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>
	<----->		
	more acidic		more basic
	(less basic)		(less acidic)



if  $H^+$  is a reactant (or any acid HCl,  $HNO_3$  etc.)

$[H^+]$  will **decrease** so pH will **INCREASE!**  
(less acidic)

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta \text{pH}}{\Delta \text{time}}$$

Measured with a  
pH meter

(read p. 4-5 SW. Ex. 7-9 page 5)

- Do Hand-In Assignment on Reaction Rates

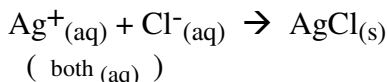
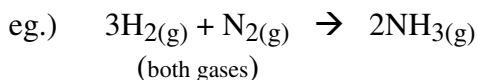
- Do expt 18-B (or A) To look at factors affecting rx rates.

- **Factors affecting reaction rates**

- 2 kinds of reactions:

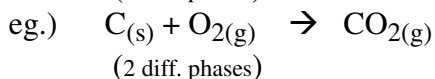
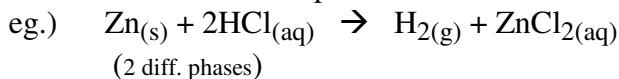
**Homogeneous reactions**

- all **reactants** are in the **same phase**  
(don't consider products)



**Heterogeneous Reactions**

- more than one phase in reactants.



**Factors that affect both homogeneous & heterogeneous. reactions**

1.) **Temperature** - as temperature increases, rate \_\_\_\_\_

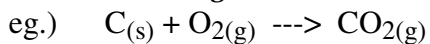
2.) **Concentration of reactants**

- as cons. of one or more reactants increases, rate \_\_\_\_\_

- also **partial pressure** of a gas (partial pressure of a gas is the pressure exerted by that gas in a mixture of gases - it's proportional to concentration)

3.) **Pressure**

- affects reactions with ***gases in reactants.***

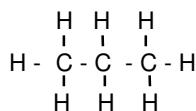
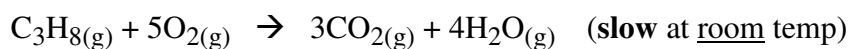


- as pressure increases, rate \_\_\_\_\_

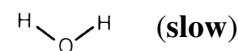
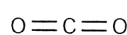
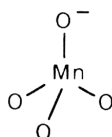
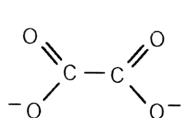
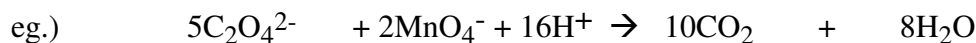
**Note:** a **decrease in the volume** of reaction container **increases the pressure** (therefore rate)

#### 4.) Nature of reactants

-rate depends on **how strong & how many bonds in reactants** need to be broken.  
in general **covalent bonds** are **strong** and **slow** to break.



strong **covalent**  
bonds between C-C  
and C-H atoms



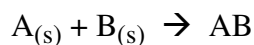
Many bonds have to be broken and many new bonds have to form. So this reaction is **slow** at room temperature.



covalent bonds

**slow** at room temp.

#### Consider Phase



both solids

**slow** at room temp.

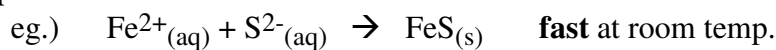
#### Fast reactions at room temperature:

-simple **electron transfer** (no bonds broken)



**fast** at room temp

-**precipitation** reactions:

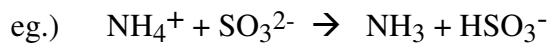


both reactants (aq) - no bonds to break.

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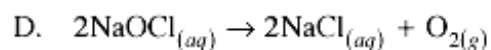
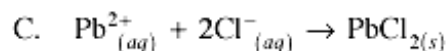
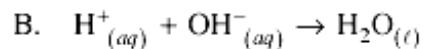
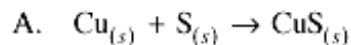
-**acid base** (proton transfers)

-intermediate in rate



- Do ex. 10 p.7 SW. Also, do this question:

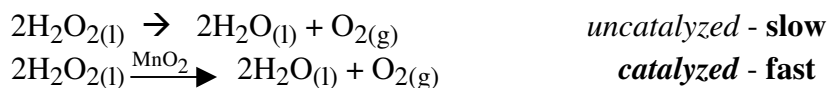
Which of the following reactions will be slowest at 25°C?



5.) **Catalysts**

- a substance which can be added to increase the rate of a rx. without being consumed itself. (reactants are consumed)

Demo with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{MnO}_2$



**Inhibitors**

- a substance which can be added to reduce the rate of a reaction.  
(can combine with a catalyst or a reactant & prevent it from reacting)

-eg. poisons (cyanide) - organophosphates (diazinon)

-antibiotics

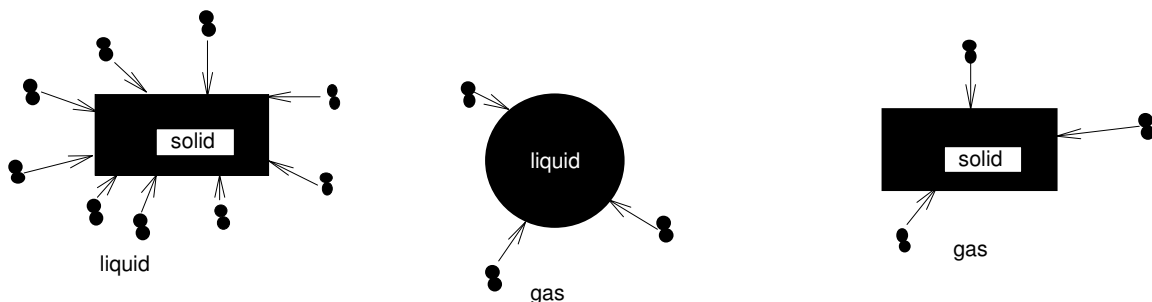
-antidepressants (serotonin uptake inhibitors)

-sunscreens

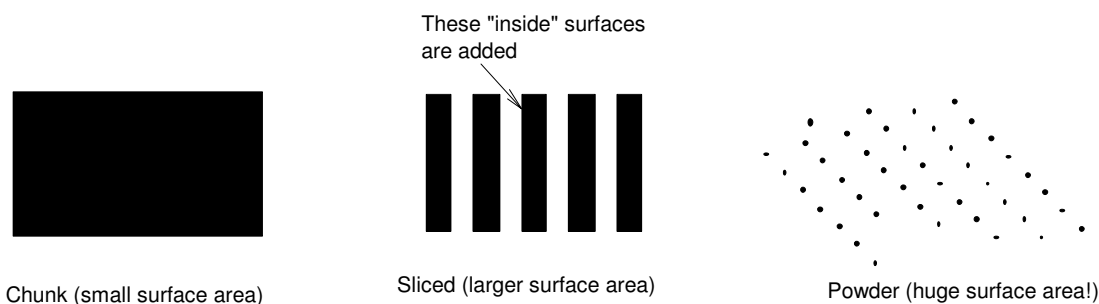
**Factor which affects only heterogeneous reactions** (more than one phase)

6.) **Surface area**

-when 2 different phases react, reaction can only take place on **surface**.



- increase **surface area** by cutting solid into smaller pieces (liquids in smaller droplets)



- do lycopodium powder demo

- **In general**

- reactants with **solids** are **slow** (except powdered)
  - **gaseous** reactants are **faster** (but watch for **diatomic bonds!**)
  - reactants in **ionic solution** are **fastest** if **no bonds to break**
- eg. ppt<sup>n</sup>  $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{AgCl}(\text{s})$

(aqueous ions are mobile (unlike in a solid) and more concentrated than molecules in a gas)

- Read pages 5-9 SW.
- do ex. 12-14 SW. (page 8)

**Some points**

- 1.) **Temperature** affects rate of **all** reactions
- 2.) **Pressure** (or **volume**) affect reactions with **gaseous reactants**
- 3.) **Concentration** only affects (**aq**) or (**g**) reactants
- 4.) **Surface area** - affects only **heterogeneous** reactions.

- do ex. 15-17 p. 9-10 SW. ***Pay close attention to the graphs in question 17!***

**Everyday situations which require control of reaction rate**

**- Body chemistry**

- eg.) - metabolism
  - fever can destroy bacteria
  - neurotransmitters - awareness, sleep etc.
  - hormones - messengers (adrenaline, sex hormones)
  - catalysts - enzymes (digestive etc)
- aging

**- Fuels**

- concentration of O<sub>2</sub> important
- to **increase** combustion rate - increase [ O<sub>2</sub> ]
  - increase surface area
  - increase temperature
  - catalyst (wood stoves etc)
- to **decrease** combustion rate
  - water on fire - smothers it (decreases O<sub>2</sub>)
  - cools it
  - fire retardant - forest fires
  - children's clothing
  - airplane fuels- when spilled

**-Industrial Processes**

**- produce product quickly**

- eg.) - fiberglass - uses catalyst (hardener)
  - hardens fast but not too fast
- glue - epoxy uses catalyst
  - contact cement fast
- concrete - ceramics - paint
- oxy- acetylene welding (must be very hot)
- oil refining
- sewage treatment - use microbes to speed up breakdown

**- slow down reactions.**

- eg.) nitroglycerine - keep cool - if too warm explodes

**-Rusting**

- (oxidation) of cars etc.
- paint, sealers, etc. prevents O<sub>2</sub> from contact with surface
- keep cool & dry

**- Cooking**

- improves taste
- kills some bacteria
- if too hot causes burning and productions of carcinogens (benzopyrenes)

**- Food preservation**

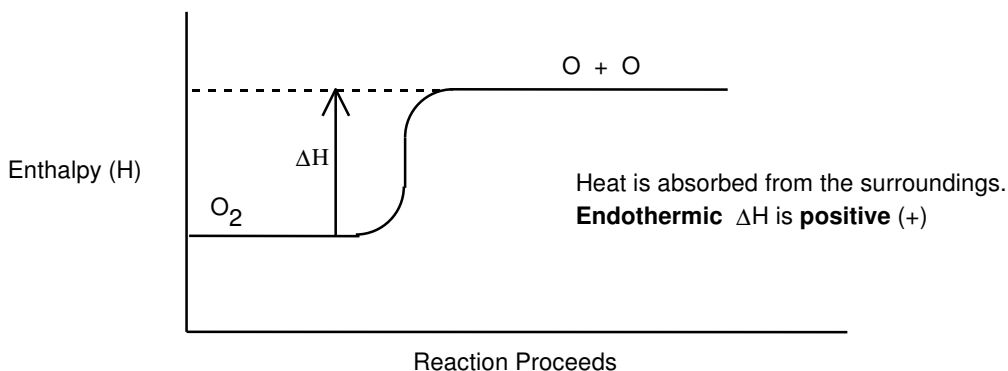
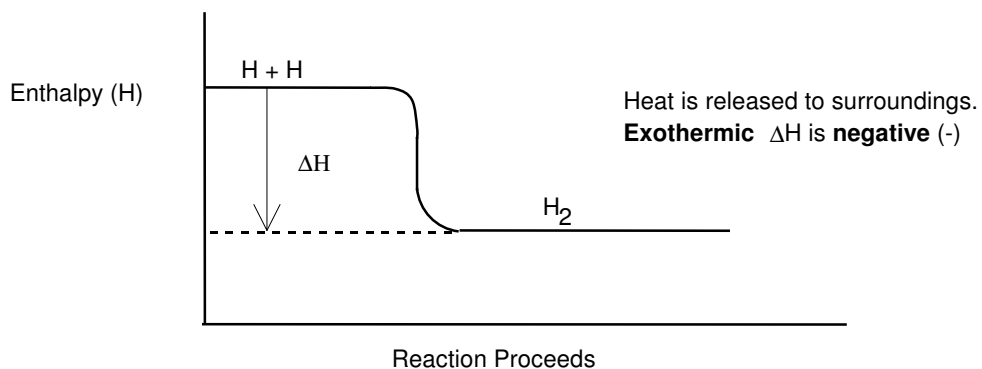
- lower temperature
- anti-oxidants (eg. ascorbic acid)
- keep from O<sub>2</sub> (sealing)
- preservatives (nitrates, nitrites) Think of more!



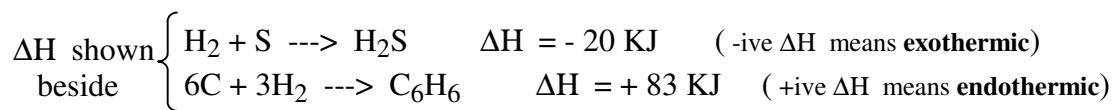
**Enthalpy (H) & enthalpy change (ΔH)**

**Enthalpy** - the “heat content” of a substance  
 or - the total KE & PE of a substance at const. pressure.

Chemists interested in **enthalpy changes (ΔH)**



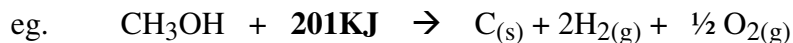
**Equations and heat**



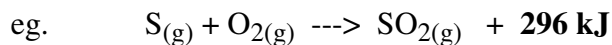
**Thermochemical equations:**

(“**Heat Term**” is right in the equation. NO “ΔH” shown beside the equation!)

- “heat term” shown on **left** side of arrow - **endothermic** (“it uses up heat like a reactant”)



-“heat term” shown on **right** side of arrow -**exothermic** (“it gives off heat like a product”)



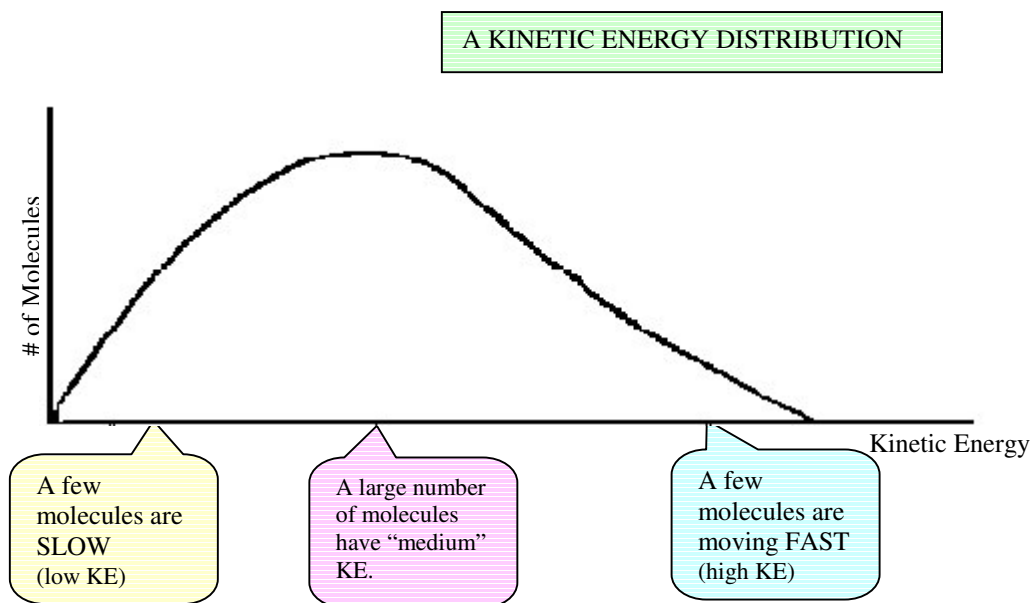
Read page 13-16 in SW. Do ex. 24-28 on page 16 of SW.

**Kinetic energy distributions** <http://www.wnorton.com/chemistry/tutorials/ch14.htm>

(- demo “glass beads” molecular model.)

- look at a graph of kinetic energy & the number of molecules with each KE

reminder:  $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$  <--- if mass is equal KE is proportional to velocity



-when the **temperature is increased**

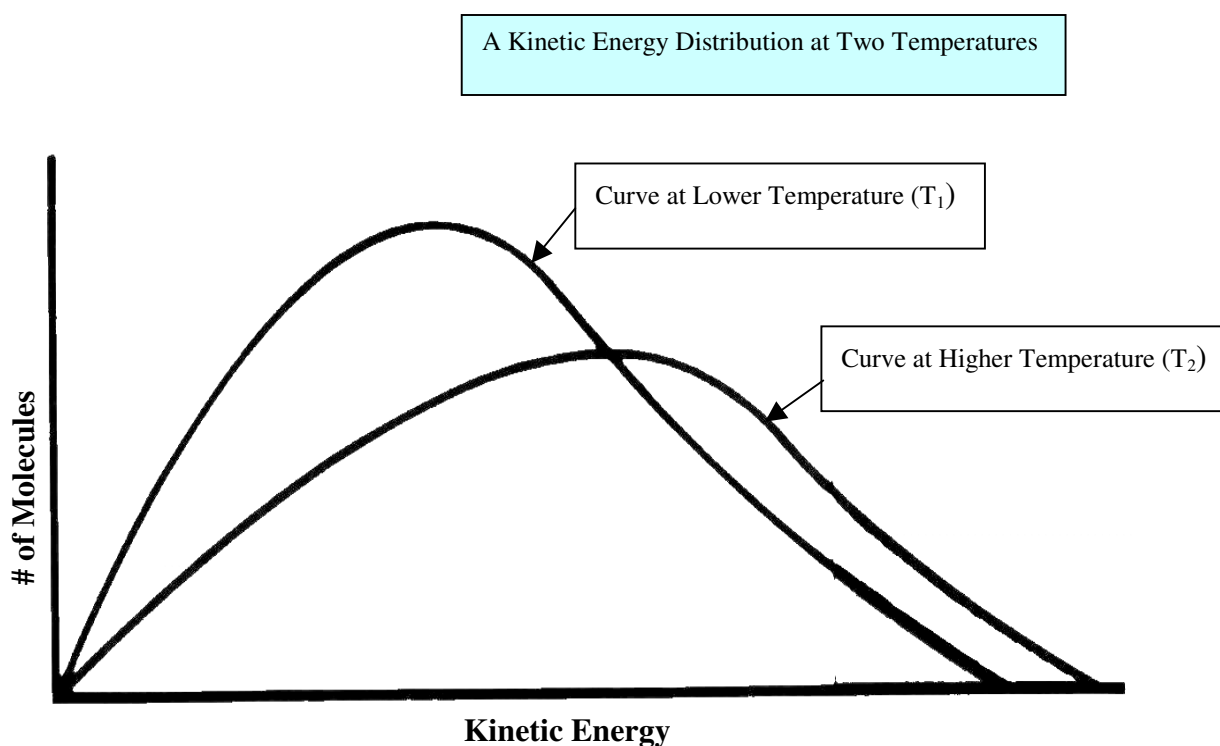
- average KE increases

- fewer slow ones

- more fast ones

See the next page for the Kinetic Energy Distribution at a low and a high temperature...





**NOTICE:** -That at the higher temperature, there are less slow (low KE) molecules and more fast (high KE) molecules

-That the curve is more spread out at the higher temperature.

-The **TOTAL AREA UNDER THE CURVE** is the same for the high temperature as for the low temperature.

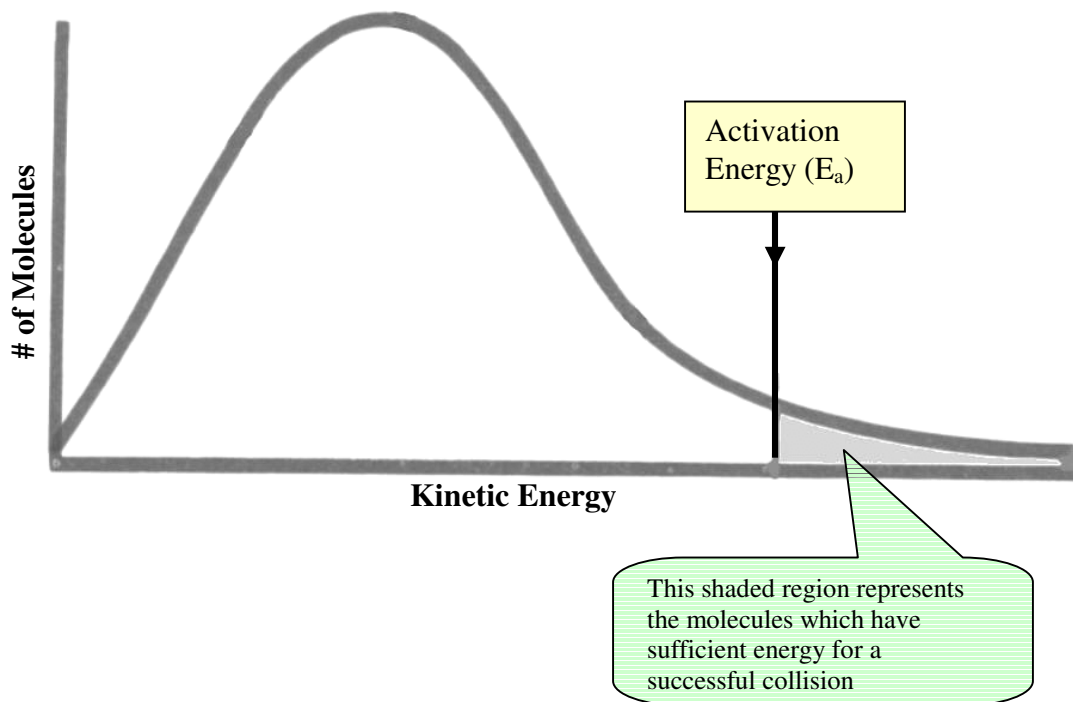
### Activation Energy

-minimum energy needed in a collision before a reaction take place.

- it can also be defined as the minimum energy colliding particles must have in order to have a “successful” collision (ie. one that results in a reaction.) (SW p.19 called M.E.)

A Collision in which the molecules have sufficient energy for a reaction to take place is called a **SUCCESSFUL COLLISION**.

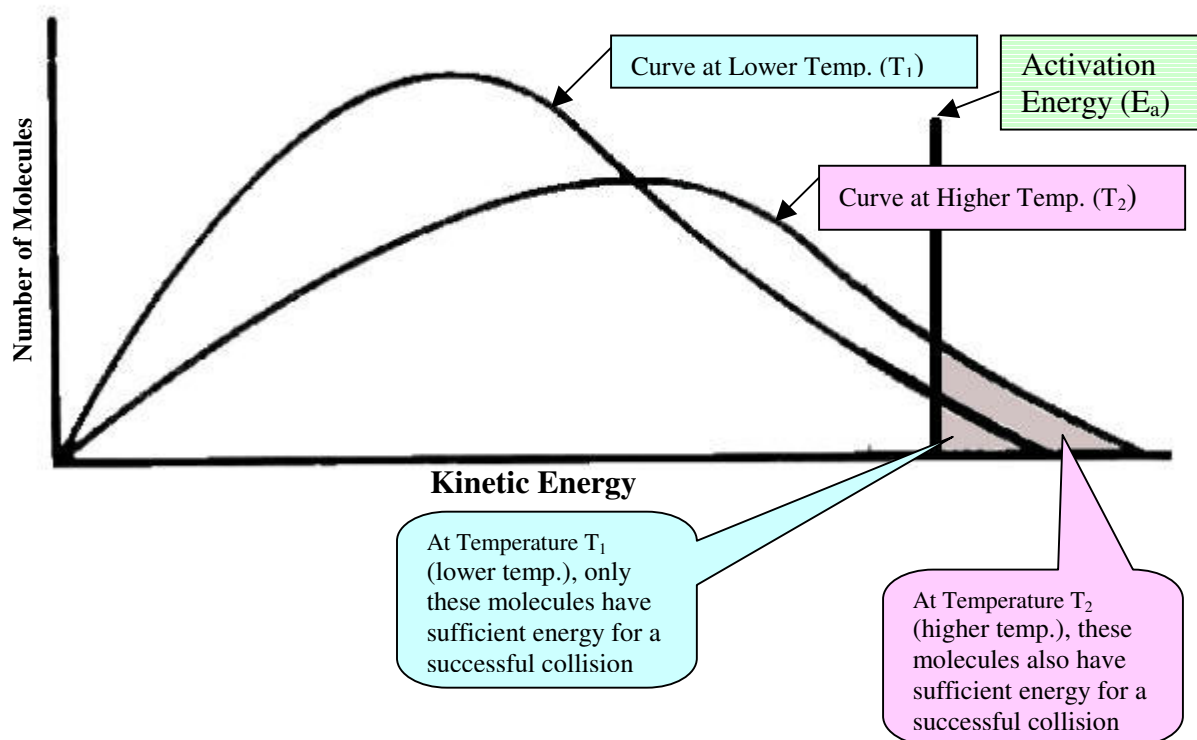
SEE THE GRAPH ON THE NEXT PAGE....



NOTE: - area under curve is proportional to # of molecules with that range of K.E.  
- on the graph above - a small fraction of the molecules (~ 1/10 - 1/15)  
(fraction of shaded area compared to total area under curve) have  
enough energy to react → therefore it is a **slow** reaction

if temp is increased ...

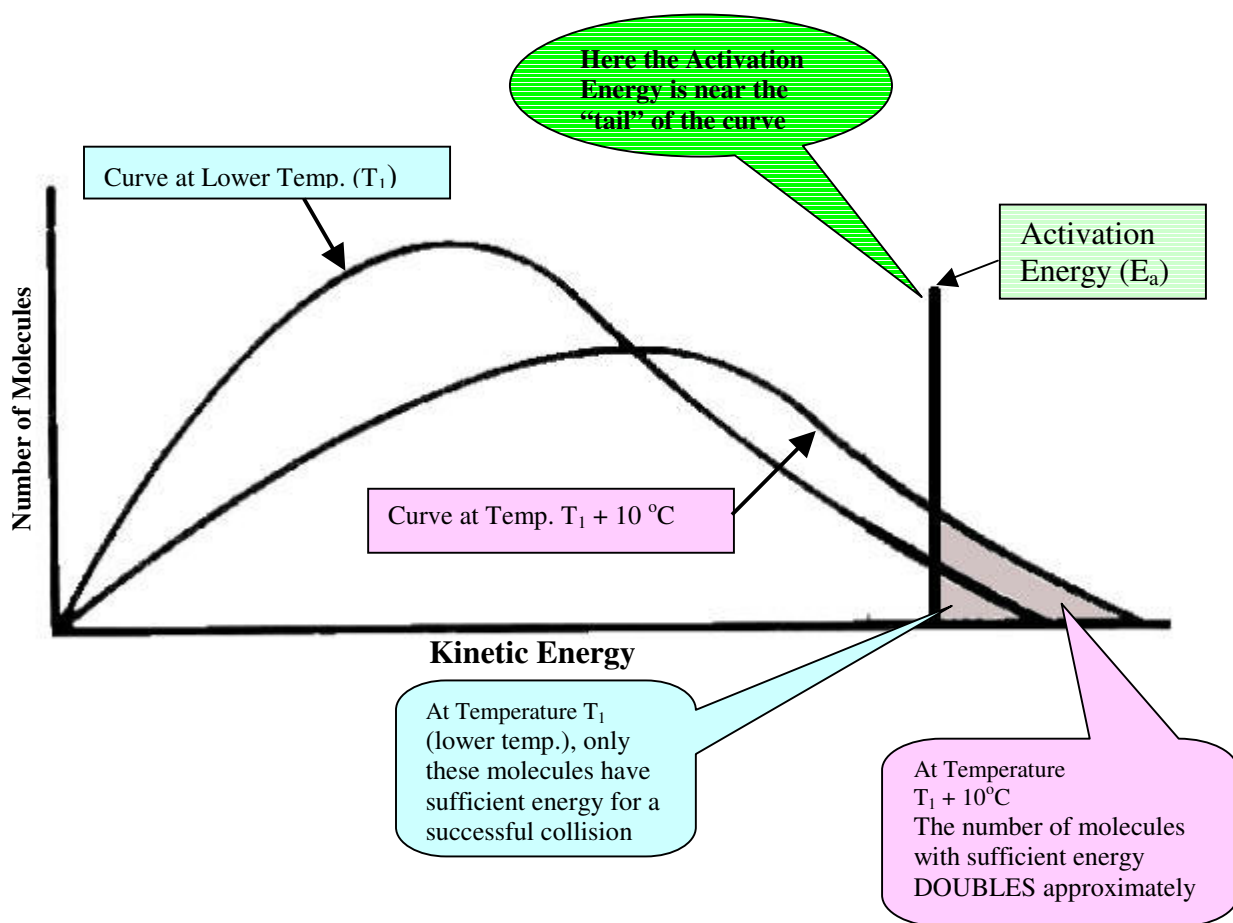
(see what happens on the next page...)



With the higher temperature, a greater fraction of the molecules have KE which is  $\geq$  the  $E_a$ . In this case about  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  to  $1/6^{\text{th}}$  of the molecules have sufficient KE.  
 (the shaded region is about  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  to  $1/6^{\text{th}}$  the total area under the "Temperature  $T_2$  curve")

### Rule of thumb

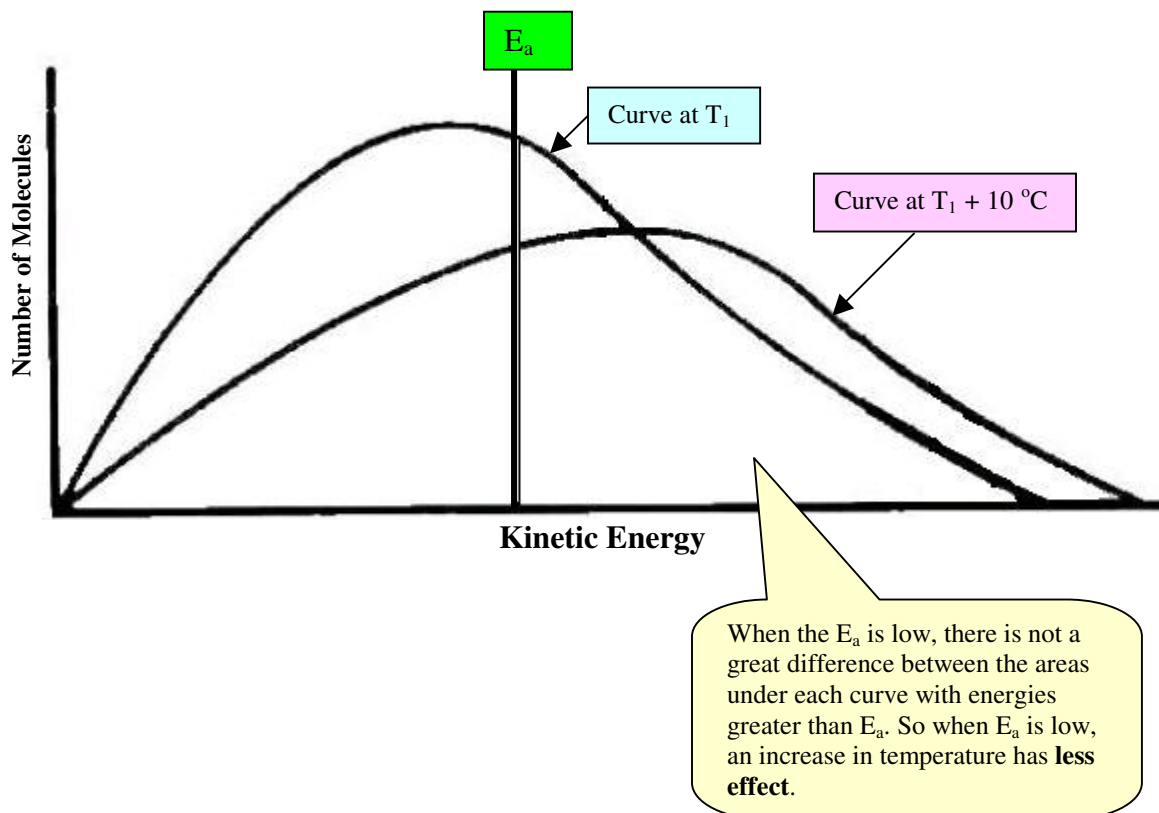
- if the **activation energy** (threshold) is near the **tail** of the curve:
- **if the temperature is increased by  $10^\circ\text{C}$  reaction rate will about double.**  
 (ie. about **twice** the number of molecules have sufficient KE for a successful collision.)



On the graph above, temperature  $T_2$  is about  $10^\circ\text{C}$  higher than  $T_1$ . Notice that the area under the  $T_2$  curve to the right of the Activation Energy is about **twice** the area under the  $T_1$  curve. This means that the number of molecules with sufficient KE at  $T_2$  is about double the number of molecules with sufficient KE at  $T_1$ .

- Note - if Activation Energy or ME is near the middle of the curve (or left side)  
 - reaction is already fast, so an increase in temperature has a **less drastic** effect on the reaction rate.

See the graph on the next page, where  $E_a$  is a lot lower (NOT near the "tail" of the curve)



Read p. 17-19 SW.

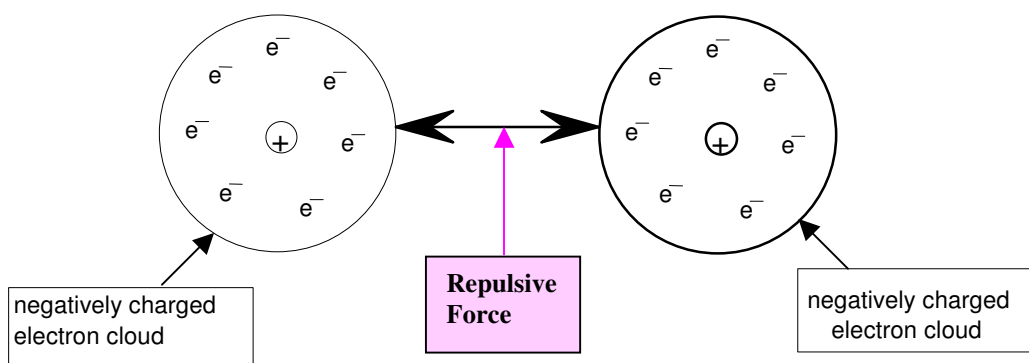
Do Ex. 29-32 on pages 19-20 SW.

### Activation energies

<http://www.wwnorton.com/chemistry/tutorials/ch14.htm>

(back to collision theory.....)

### Potential and Kinetic energy during a collision

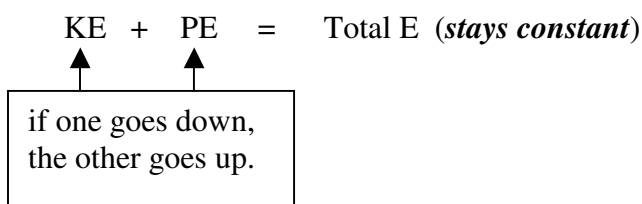


- as colliding molecules approach the repulsion **slows** them down so **kinetic energy decreases**.

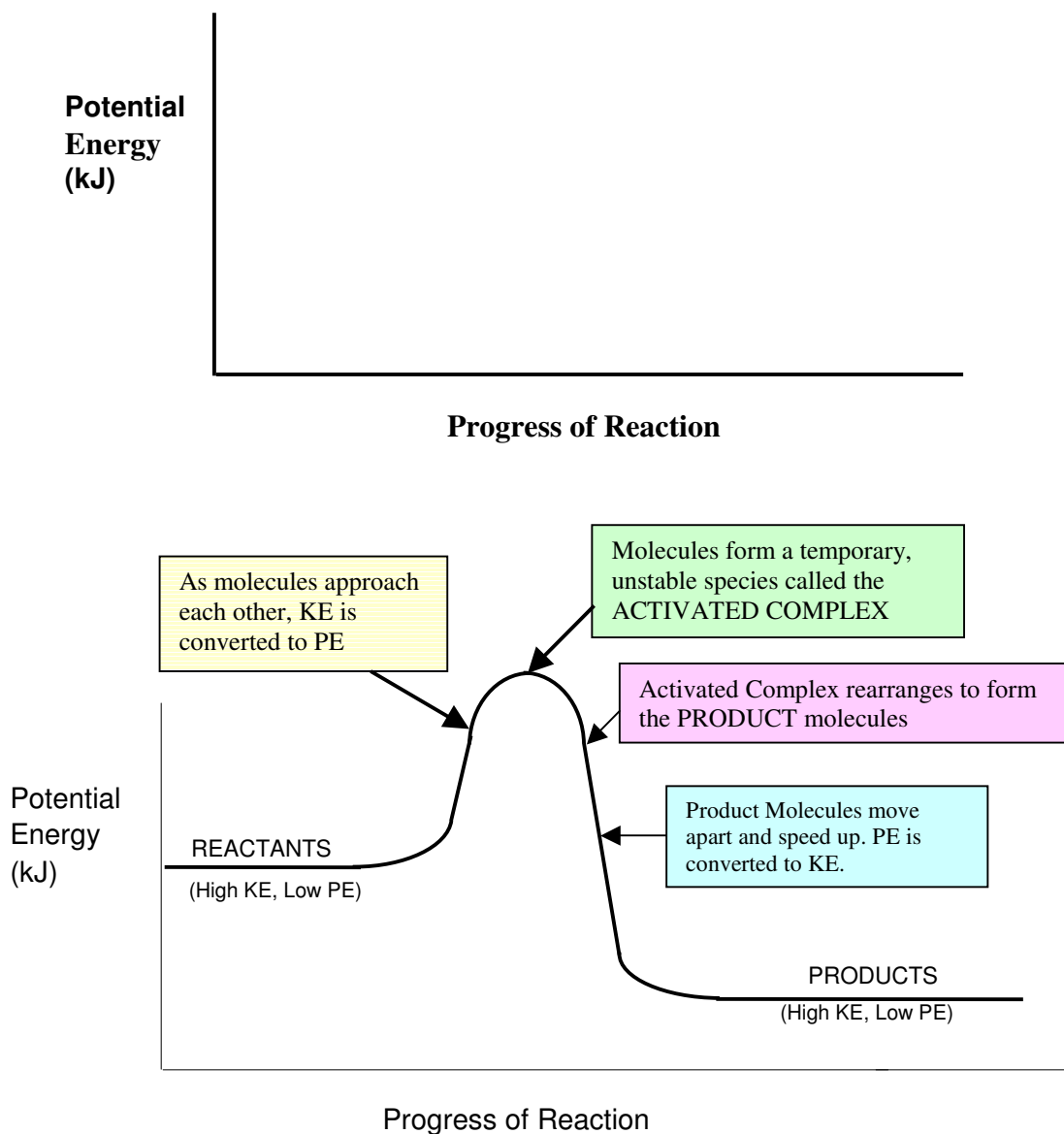
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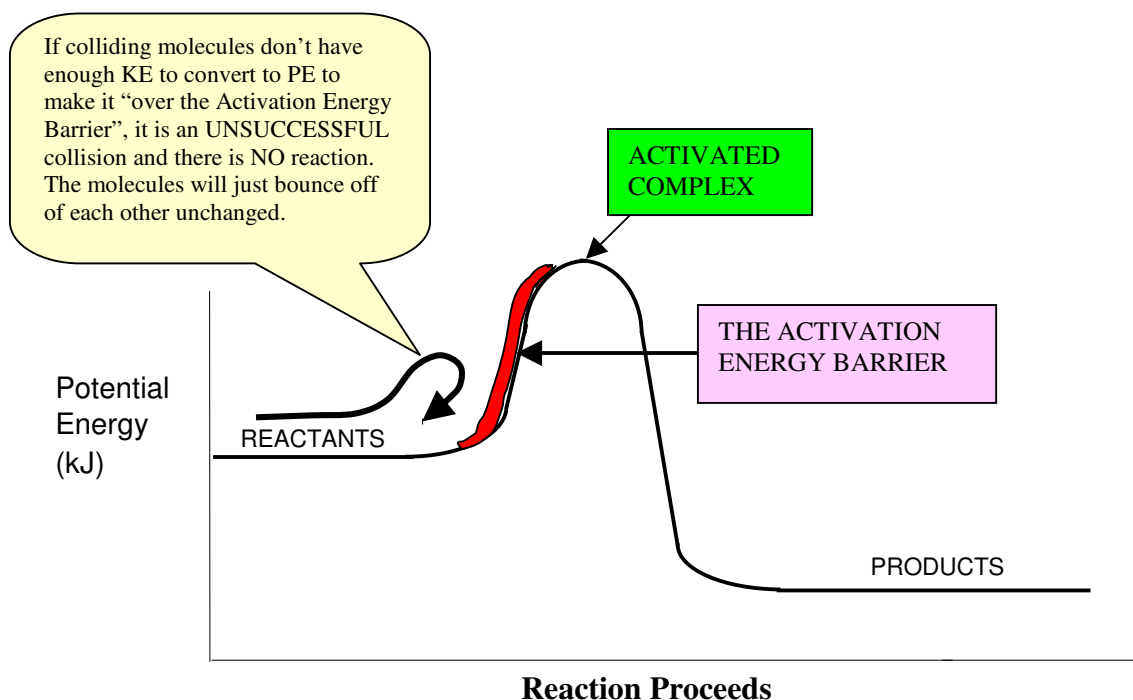
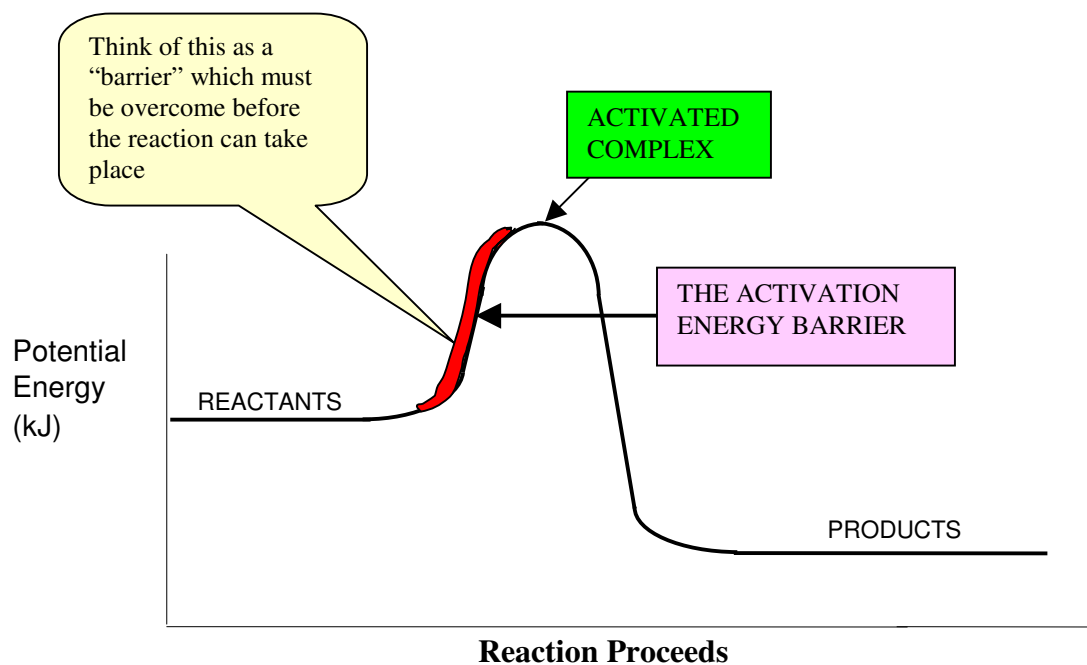
- as they push against the **repulsive force** **potential energy increases**  
(like compressing a spring)

- so: **Kinetic Energy** is converted to **Potential Energy**



**Potential energy diagrams**



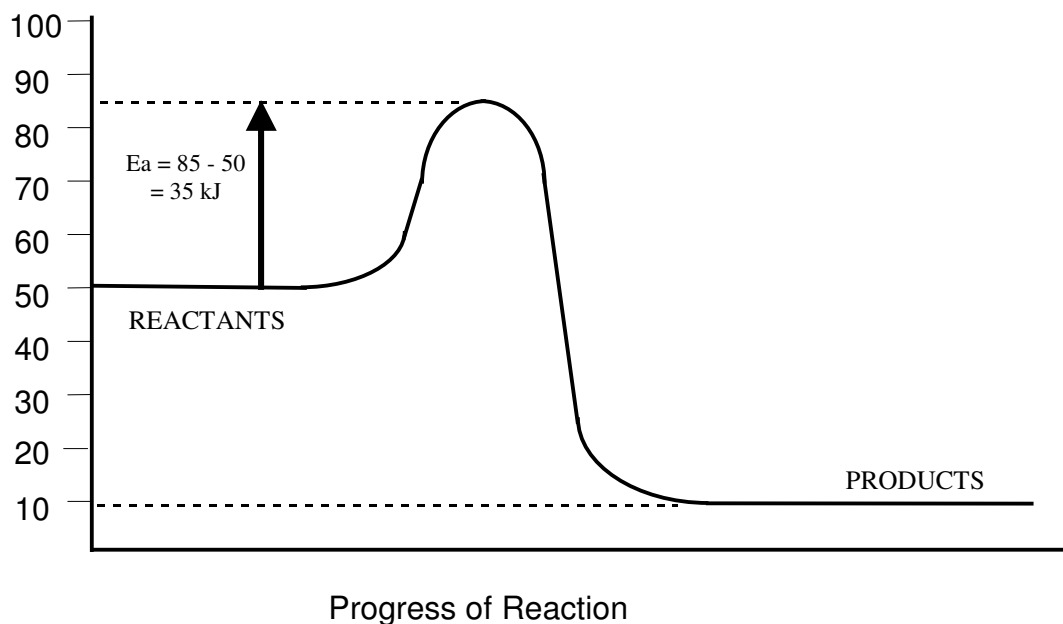


**ACTIVATION ENERGY ( $E_a$ )** <http://chem.salve.edu/chemistry/temp2a.asp>

- The minimum energy required for a successful collision. (or) The minimum energy reacting molecules must have in order to form the **Activated Complex**.

The **Activated Complex** can be defined as a very **short-lived, unstable** combination of reactant atoms that exists before products are formed.

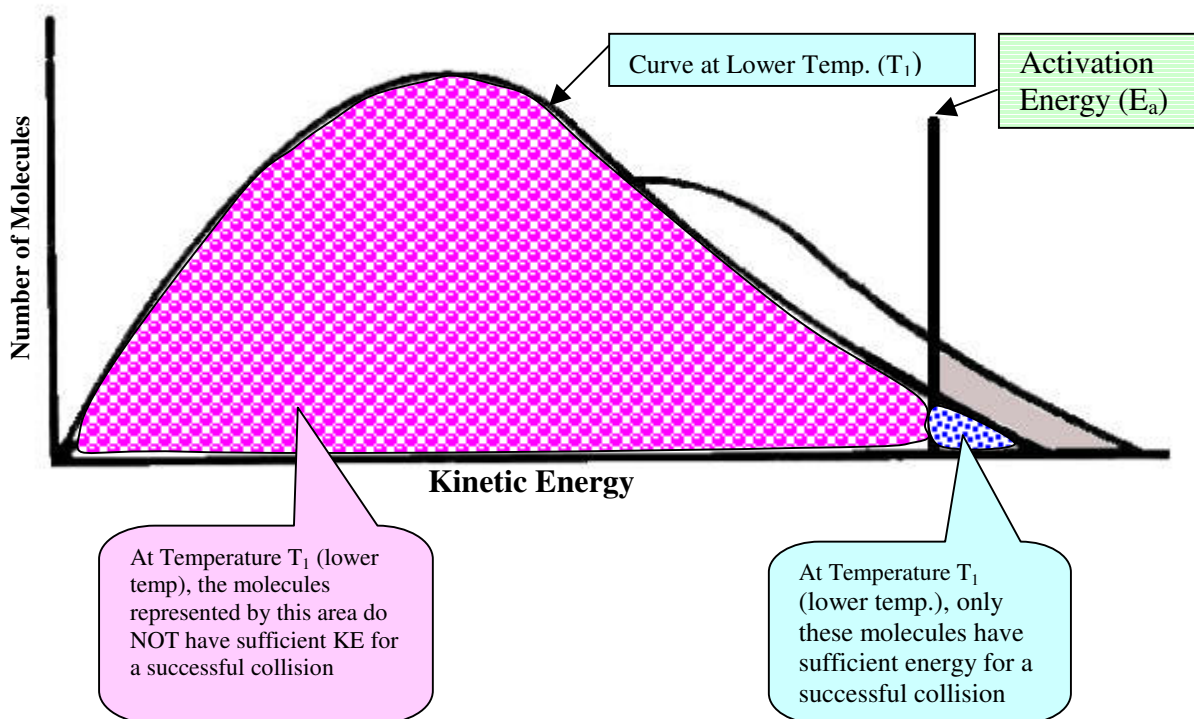
**NOTE:** The Activation Energy ( $E_a$ ) is fixed by the **nature of the reactants** (#'s and strengths of bonds in reactants.)  
 $E_a$  is **NOT** affected by  $\Delta$ temperature or  $\Delta$  concentration.!



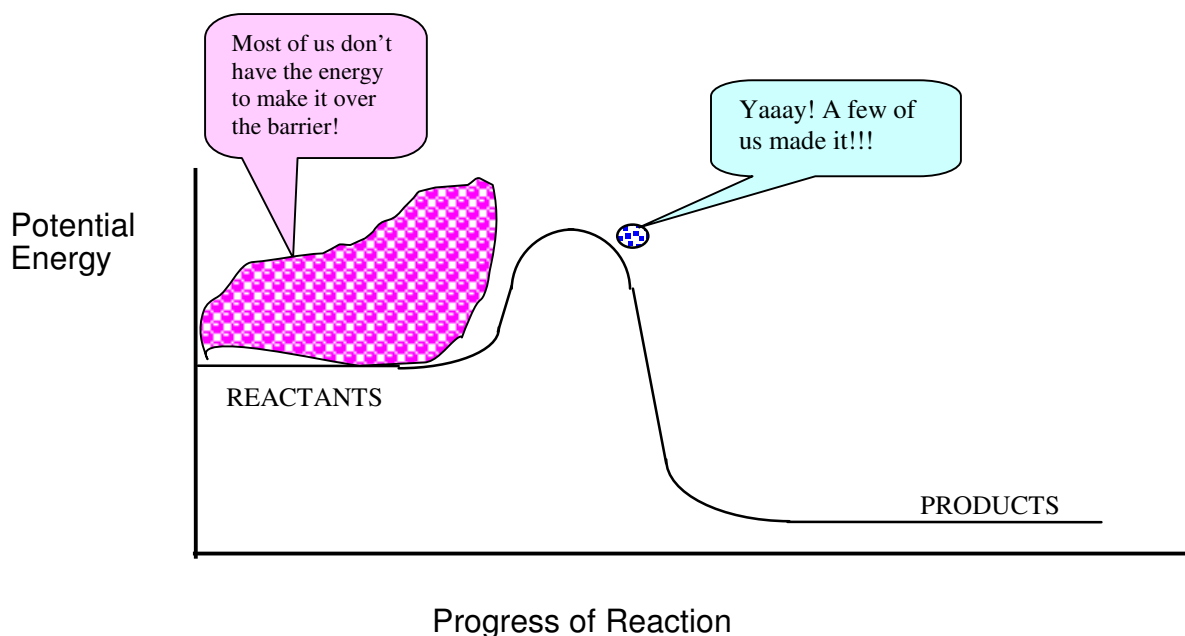
**Temperature's role**

- the temperature determines how many (or what fraction of the) molecules will have energy  $\geq E_a$  (to make it over the barrier & have a successful collision)

Recall KE distributions: eg.) At a **LOW** temperature:

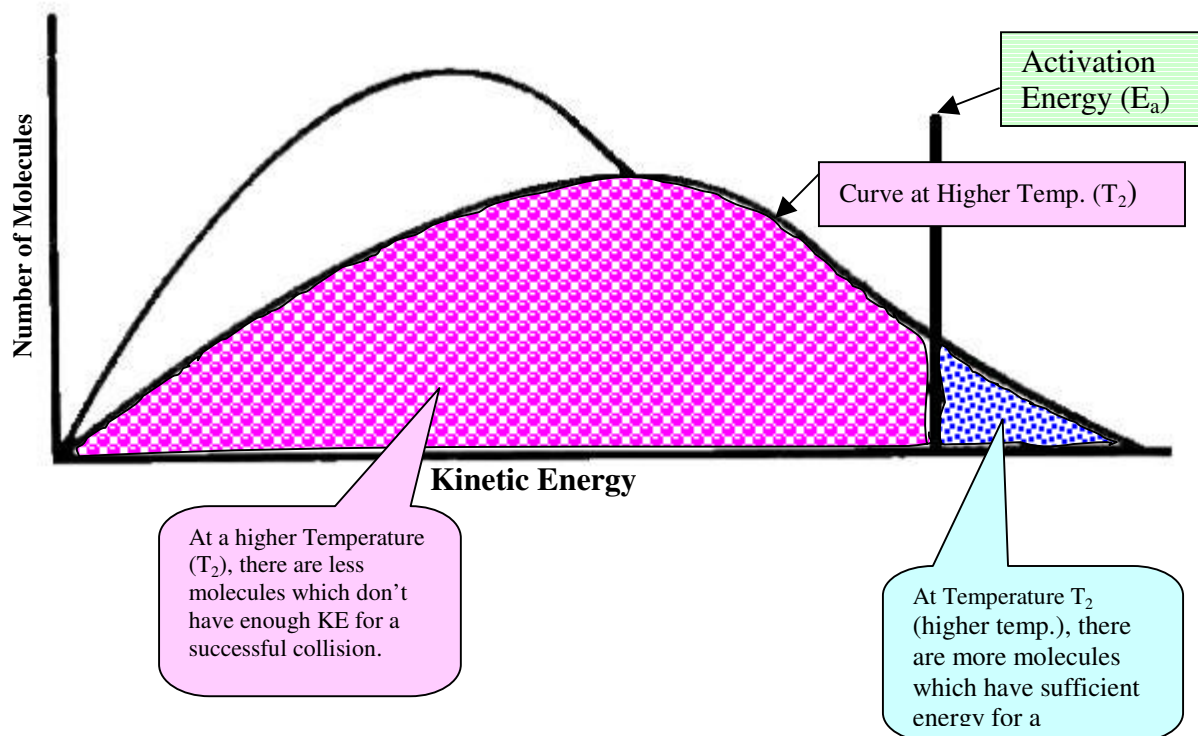




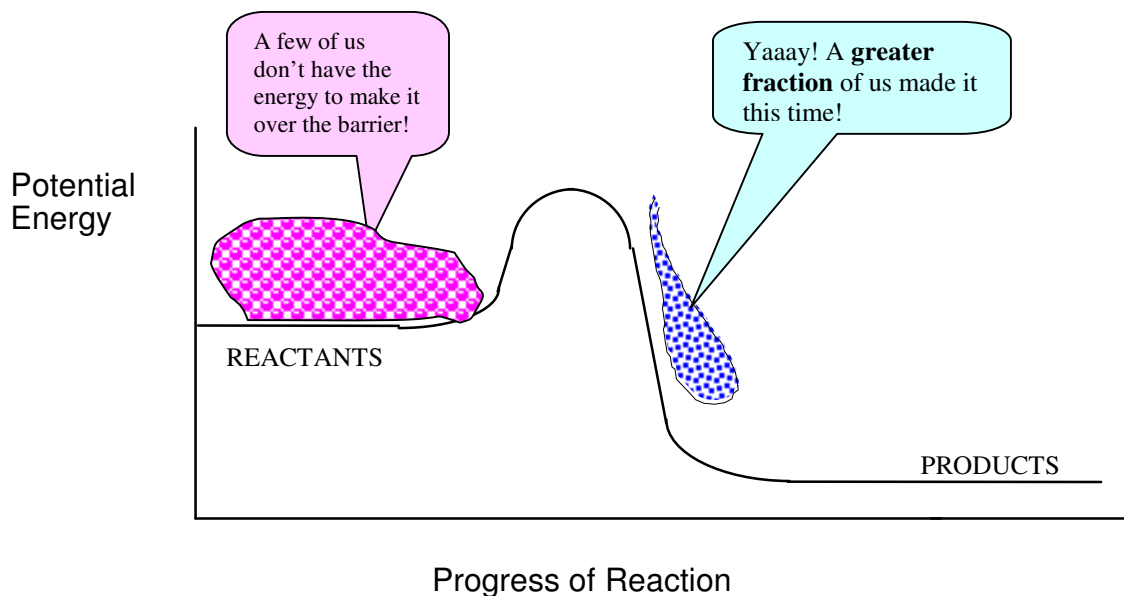


Notice in the diagrams on the previous page and above, that only a **small fraction** of the molecules had enough energy to overcome the **Activation Energy barrier**.

**Now, at a Higher Temperature:**



At the higher temperature, a **greater fraction** of the molecules have sufficient energy to “make it over” the **Activation Energy barrier**. (ie. a greater fraction of the molecules possess enough energy to form the **Activated Complex**):



Looking at the diagram above, you can see that at a higher temperature, a **greater fraction** of the molecules have **sufficient energy** to make it over the barrier. Therefore the reaction is **faster**.

So if you study the graphs on the previous pages, you will see that:

Increasing the **temperature** increases the **fraction of molecules which have sufficient energy to form the Activated Complex** (ie. sufficient energy to “make it over” the **activation energy barrier**.)

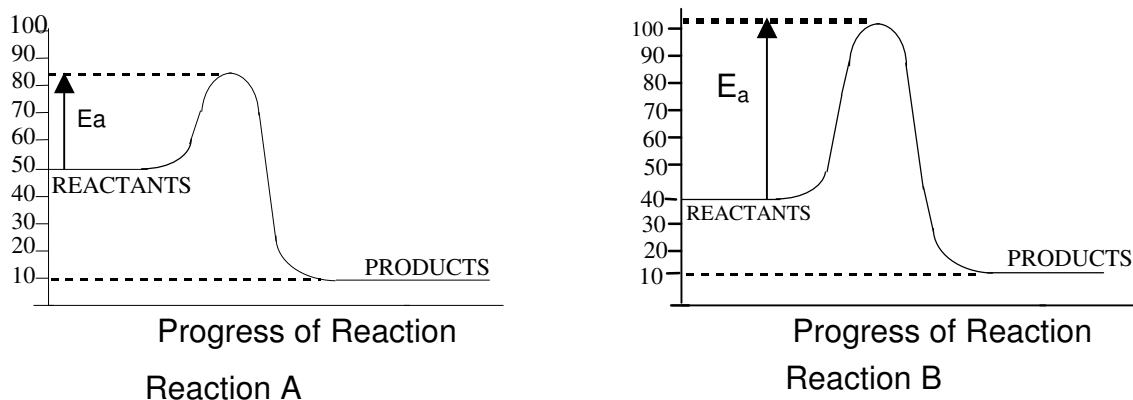
This is **one** reason that increasing the temperature will INCREASE the rate of reaction.

**Also, NOTICE that a change in temperature does NOT change the Potential Energy diagram at all. Temperature does NOT affect the Activation energy or the  $\Delta H$ !!**

Review the difference between “**Activated Complex**” and “**Activation Energy**” on the top of page 21 of SW.

See: The 3 “Cases” on Page 21 of SW. Also study the diagram at the bottom of page 21, where it compares the KE distribution and the PE diagram

Consider two reactions **AT THE SAME TEMPERATURE**:

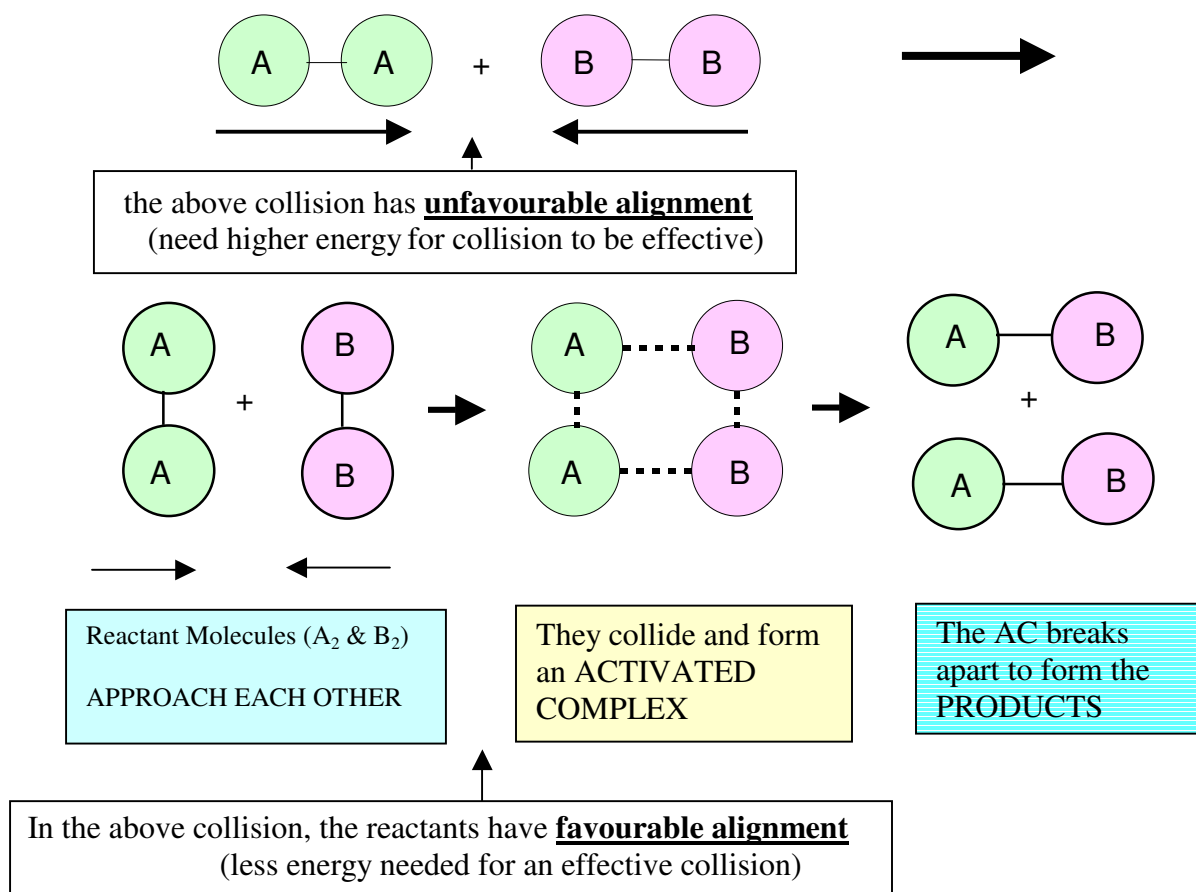


Which reaction is faster? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain why.

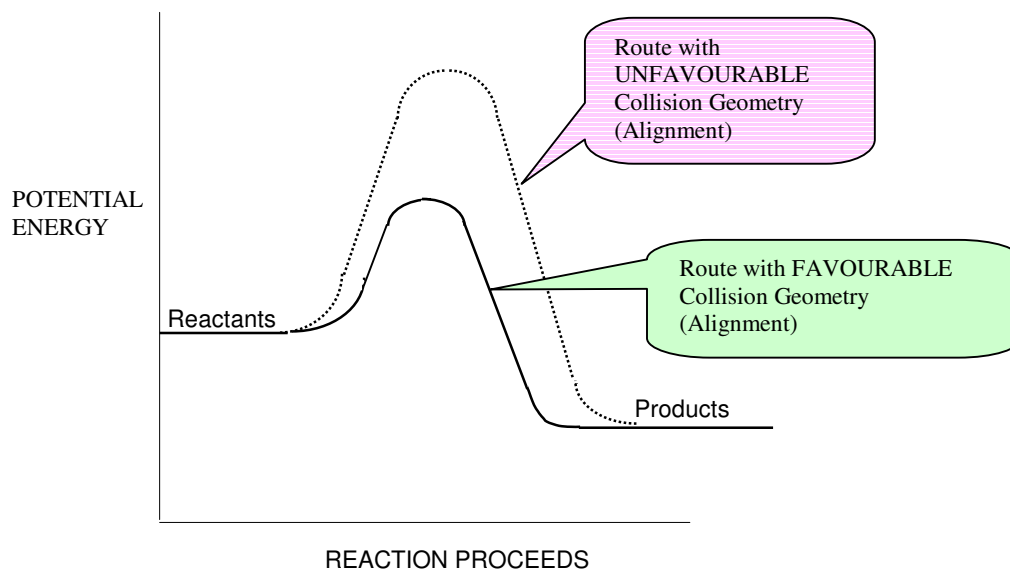
**Collision Geometry**

(correct alignment) <http://chem.salve.edu/chemistry/temp2a.asp>

eg. for the rx.  $A_2 + B_2 \rightarrow 2AB$ :



Potential energy diagram



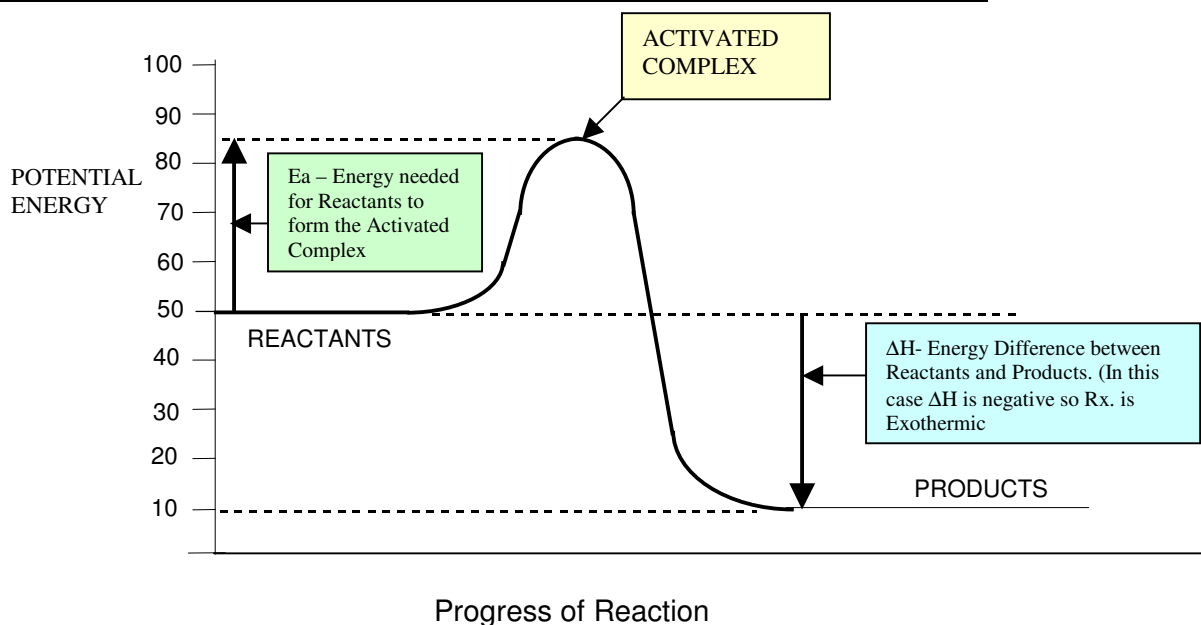
To Summarize Collision Theory so far:

For any **successful collision** (one resulting in a reaction):

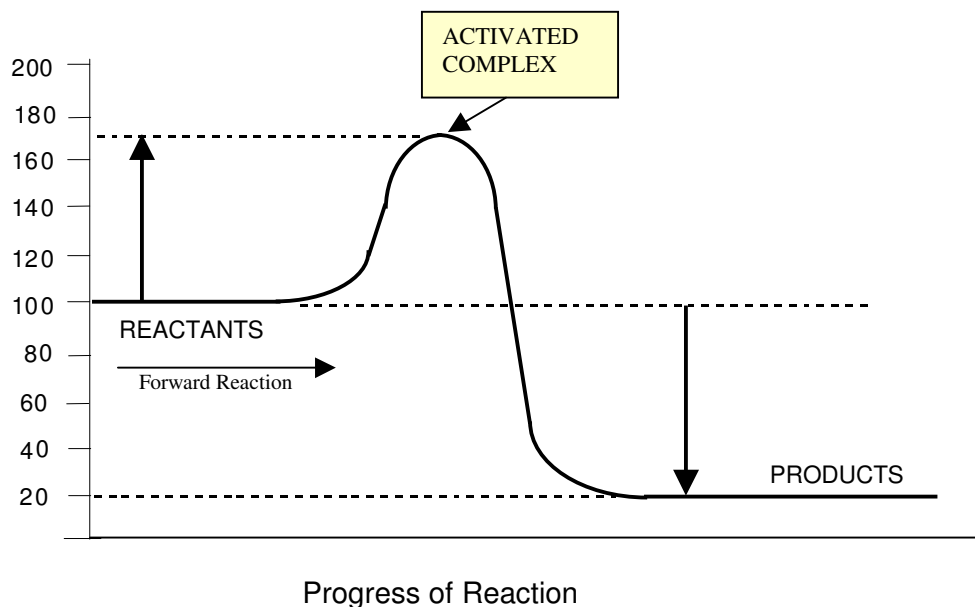
3 Requirements:

- 1.) - particles must **collide**
- 2.) - they must collide with **sufficient energy** >  $E_a$
- 3.) - they need to have **correct alignment** (collision geometry)  
(to keep  $E_a$  as low as possible)

$E_a$ ,  $\Delta H$  and bond strengths for forward and reverse reactions



Try this question:

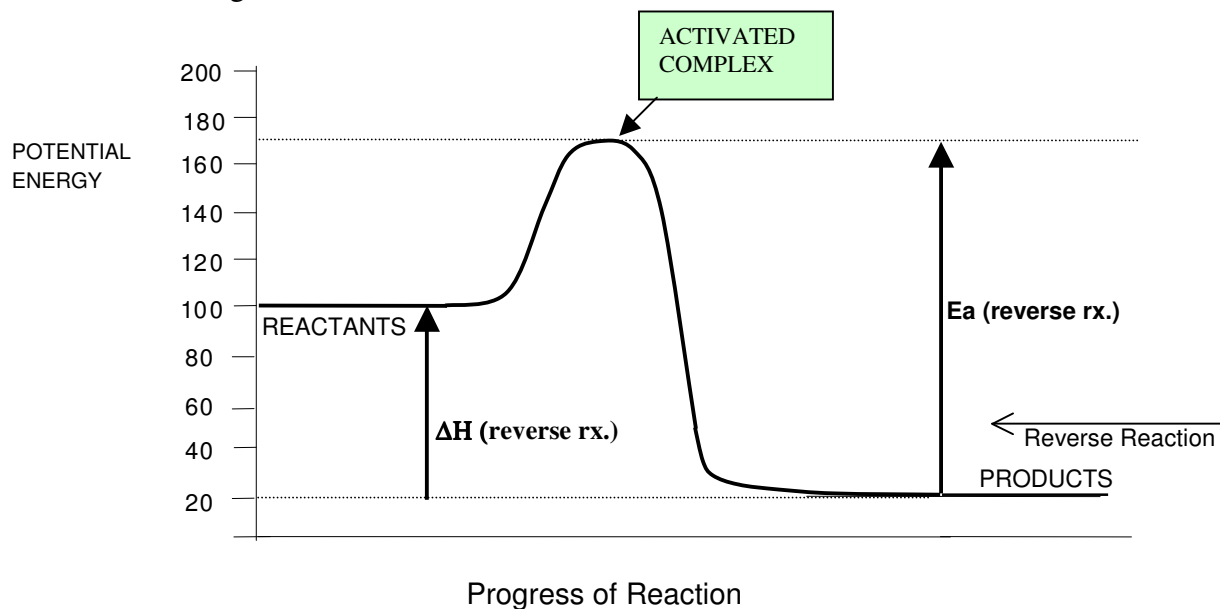


Using the graph above, find:

$E_a$  (forward rx.) = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ       $\Delta H$  (forward rx. ) = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ

This forward reaction is \_\_\_\_\_ thermic

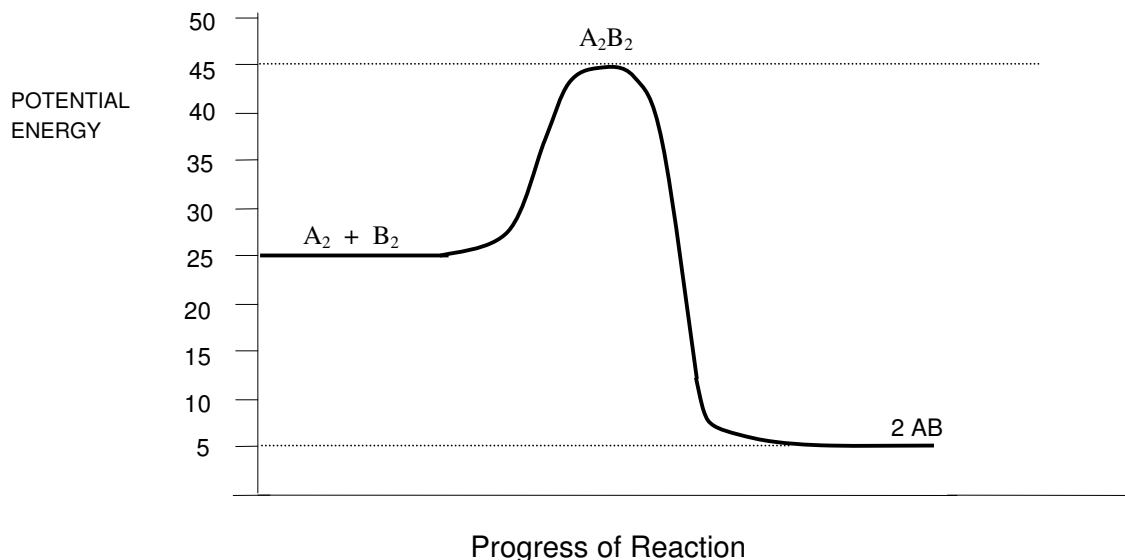
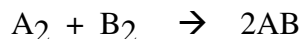
-Considering reverse rx.



$E_a$  (reverse rx.) = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ       $\Delta H$  (reverse rx. ) = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ

This reverse reaction is \_\_\_\_\_ thermic

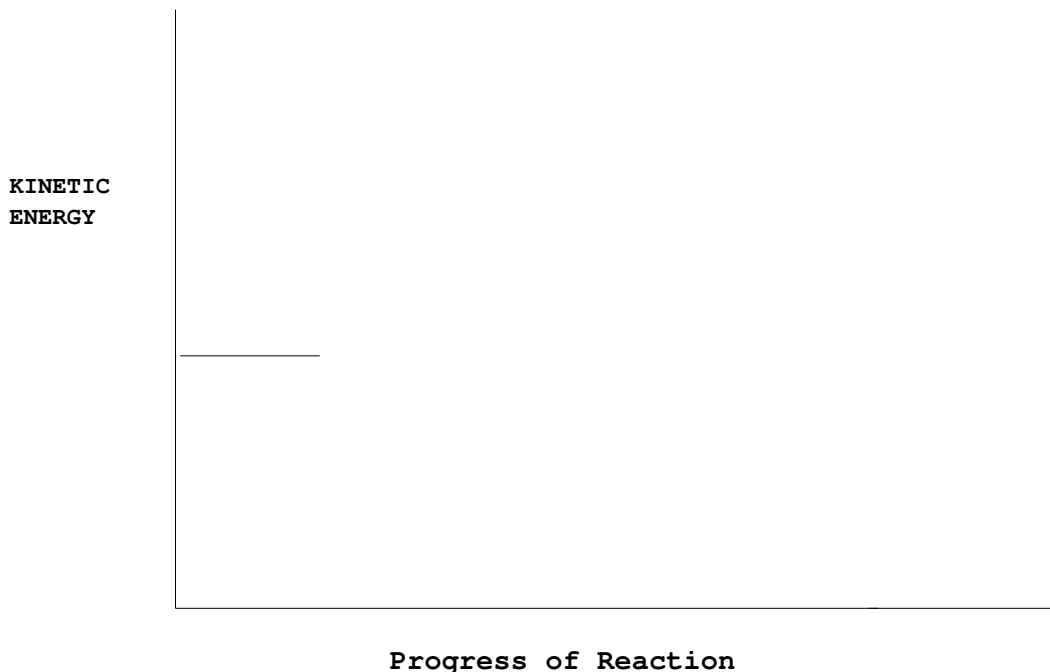
Given the following Potential Energy Diagram for the Reaction:



- $E_a$  (forward) = \_\_\_\_\_ KJ
- Energy needed to break bonds in  $A_2$  &  $B_2$   

A-A	B-B	_____ KJ
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- $E_a$  (reverse) = \_\_\_\_\_ KJ
- Energy needed to break bonds in AB (A-B) \_\_\_\_\_ KJ
- Which has the stronger bonds  $A_2$  &  $B_2$  or  $2AB$ ?
- On a PE diagram, species with stronger bonds (more stable) are  
 (low/high) \_\_\_\_\_ er on the graph
- Which set of species ( $A_2$  &  $B_2$ ,  $A_2B_2$ , or  $2AB$ ) have the weakest bonds?  
 \_\_\_\_\_. This species is the most \_\_\_\_\_ stable. It is called the  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Which set of species has the highest PE? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which set of species has the highest KE? \_\_\_\_\_

j) Draw a graph of **KE** vs. reaction proceeds for the same forward rx.



Read pages 20-22 and 24-25 in SW  
Do Ex. 33-45 on pages 23 - 25 of SW  
Do **Worksheet 1-2** (Potential Energy Diagrams)

## Reaction Mechanisms

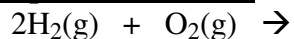
“every long journey begins with a \_\_\_\_\_”  
-Car building analogy

In a chemical rx.



involves **23** reacting particles  
-chances of this taking place in one step are almost “0”

even a 3 particle collision



probably **doesn't** take place in a single step.  
(1,000 times less probable than a 2 particle collision)

Most reactions (other than simple 2 particle collisions eg.  $\text{Ag}^+ + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{AgCl}(\text{s})$ )  
take place in a **series** of simple steps.

each step depends on the others before it

### Reaction Mechanism

- the series (sequence) of steps by which a reaction takes place.

- **cannot** be determined by just looking at **overall reaction**.
- deduced through much study and research (up to years)
- you will **not** be asked to come up with mechanism from scratch.
- some mechanisms are known, many are yet to be discovered.

### Example (known mechanism)

for the overall reaction:  $4\text{HBr} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{Br}_2$

**5 reactant particles. Doesn't** take place in a single step!

### Mechanism (determined from lots of research)

step 1:  $\text{HBr} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOBr}$  (found to be slow) see p. 26 for AC & products

step 2:  $\text{HBr} + \text{HOBr} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (fast) see page 27 SW

step 3:  $\text{HOBr} + \text{HBr} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Br}_2$  (very fast)

- Each step is called an Elementary Process

Rate determining step - the **slowest** step in the mechanism.

- the overall reaction can never be faster than the RDS
- the only way to speed up an overall reaction is to speed up the RDS (eg. by increasing the concentration of a reactant in the RDS)

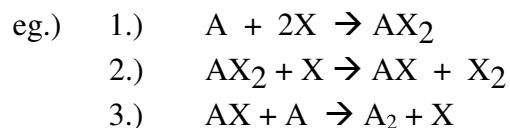
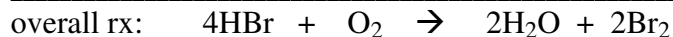
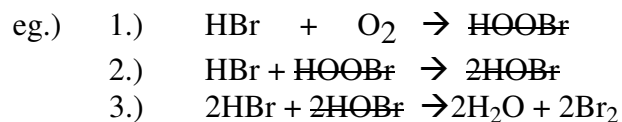
eg.) in this case, increasing [HBr] or [O<sub>2</sub>] would speed up Step 1 (the RDS) and hence the overall rate.

- speeding up a **fast** step (not RDS) will have **no effect on the overall rate**. (eg. adding HOBr or H<sub>2</sub>O has **no effect**)



**Determining overall reaction given steps (mechanism)**

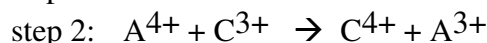
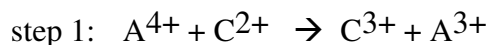
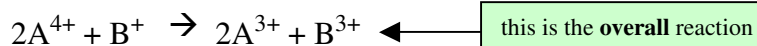
- cancel stuff which is identical on both sides - add up what's left.



overall rx: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question**

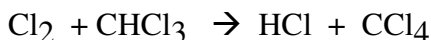
the following reaction occurs in a **3 step mechanism**:



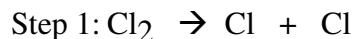
step 3: ? find step 3.

**Another Example:**

Consider the following reaction for the formation of HCl in the presence of light.



The following is the proposed reaction mechanism:



Step 2:



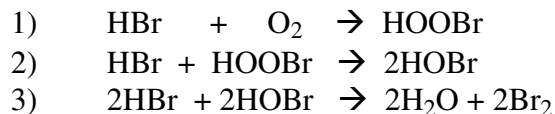
Determine **Step 2** of the reaction mechanism.

Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reaction intermediate

-a **species** (atom, molecule or ion) which is **produced in one step** and **used up** in a **later step**. (appears on **right** & also **lower on left**)

eg.) For the mechanism:



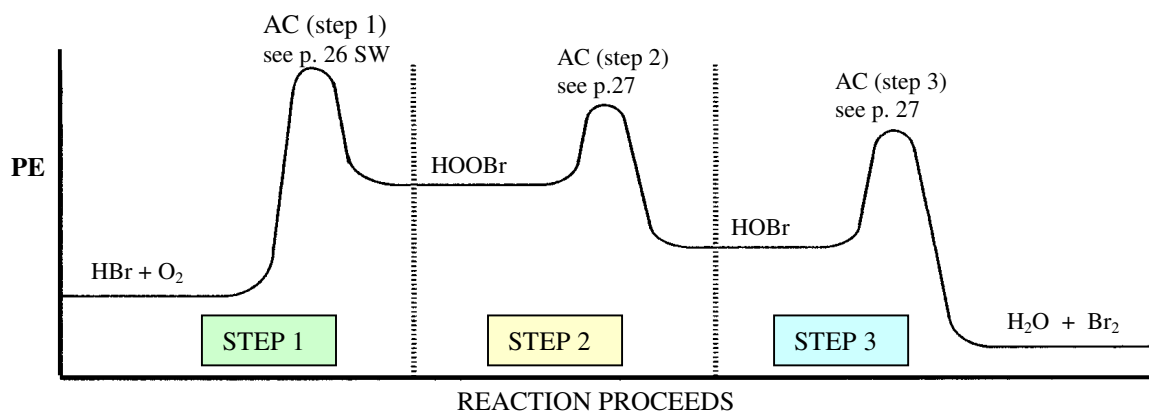
intermediates are \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes:

- an **intermediate** doesn't accumulate (like a product) because as soon as it is formed, it gets used up again (like money)
- **intermediates** are not necessarily unstable. (in other circumstances, they may last a while)
- an **activated complex** is *very* unstable and *short-lived*. It doesn't usually obey bonding "rules".  
(see diagrams p. 26 & 27) (very high PE, temporary arrangement)

Read pages 26-27 in SW      Do ex. 46-53 p.28 of SW.

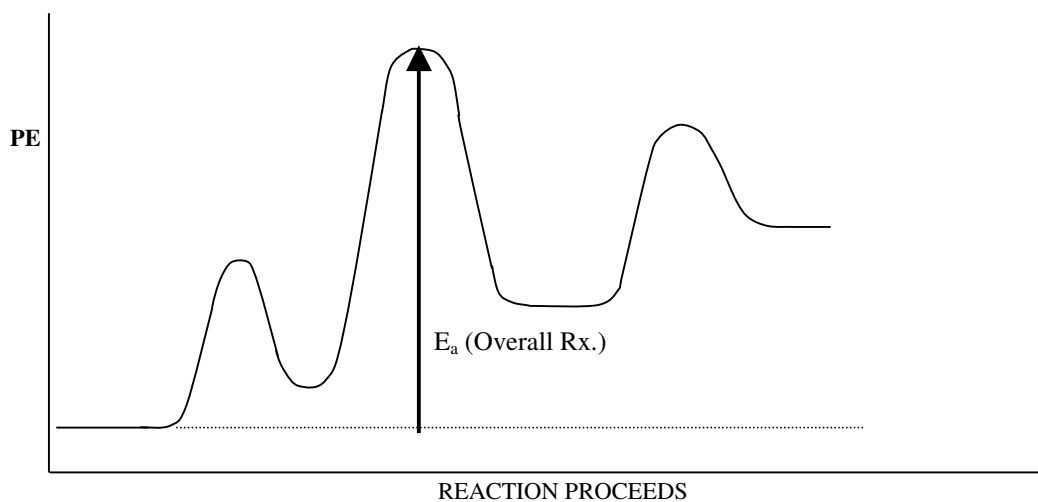
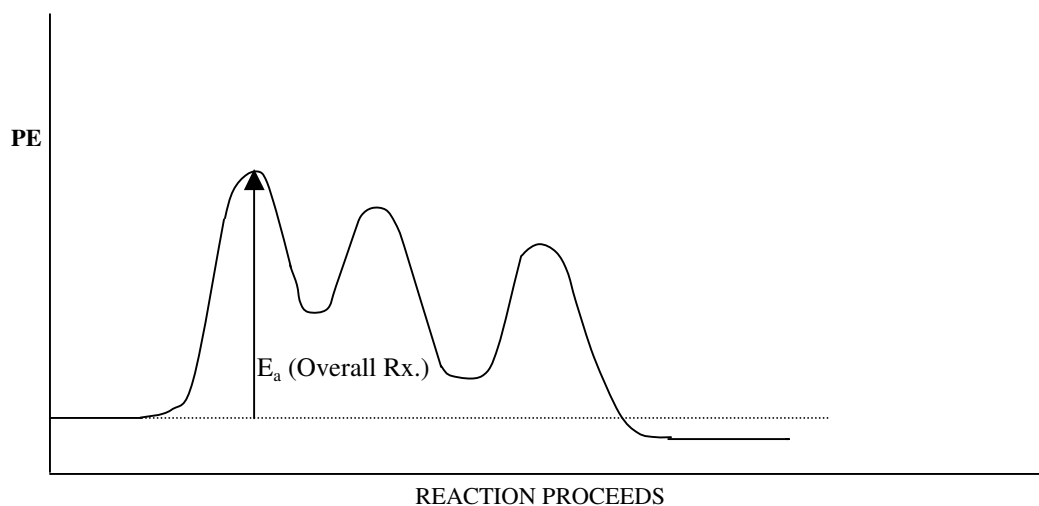
## PE diagram for a reaction mechanism



### Notes:

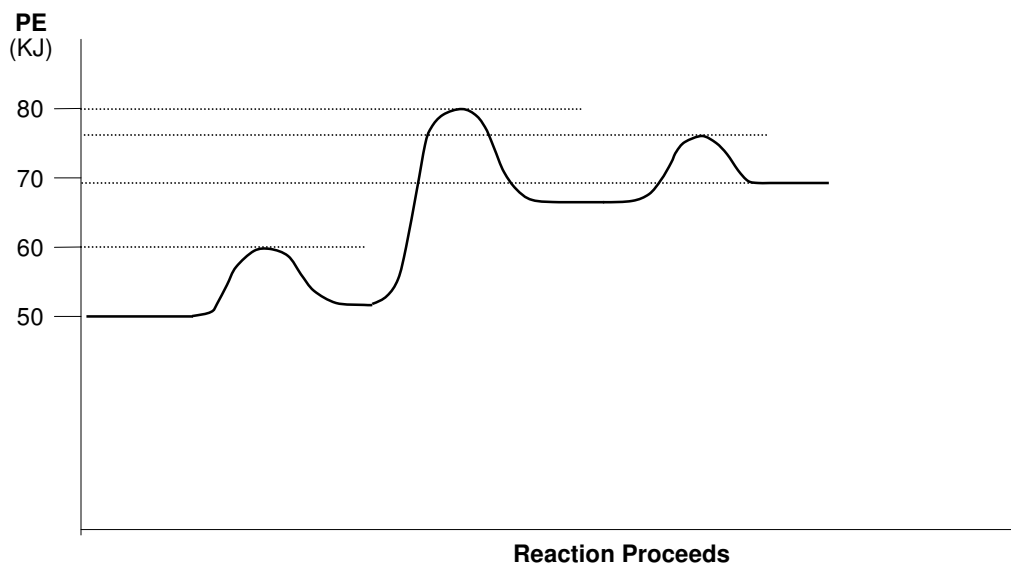
- each "bump" is a step
- the **higher** the bump, (greater  $E_a$ ) the **slower** the step
- the **highest** bump (from the reactants level) is for the **RDS**
- **AC's** at **top** of bumps, **intermediates** in middle "valleys", **products** in the final "valley"
- the  $E_a$  for the forward **overall rx.** is vertical distance from **reactants** to **top of highest bump**.

On the diagram for this mechanism on the previous page, label the **Rate Determining Step**. Draw an arrow to show the  **$E_a$  (overall reaction)**. Label it. Draw another labeled arrow to show the  **$E_a$  for Step 1**. Draw a labeled arrow to show  **$\Delta H$  for the overall reaction**.



In each of the reactions in the diagram above, the  **$E_a$  for the overall forward reaction** is the **difference in energy** between the **reactants** and the **top of the highest peak**.

**Question:** Given the following Potential Energy Diagram for a reaction mechanism:



1. This mechanism has \_\_\_\_\_ steps
2.  $E_a$  for overall rx = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ
3. Step \_\_\_\_\_ is the RDS
4. Step \_\_\_\_\_ is the fastest step.
5. The overall rx. is \_\_\_\_\_ thermic
6.  $\Delta H$  = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ
7.  $\Delta H$  for **reverse** rx. = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ
8.  $E_a$  (reverse rx.) = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ
9. RDS for **reverse** rx. is step \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a **Potential Energy Diagram** for a **reaction mechanism** with **2 steps**. The first step is **fast** and the second step is **slow**. The overall reaction is **exothermic**. With **labeled arrows** show the **overall Activation Energy ( $E_a$ )** and the  $\Delta H$  for the **forward** reaction.

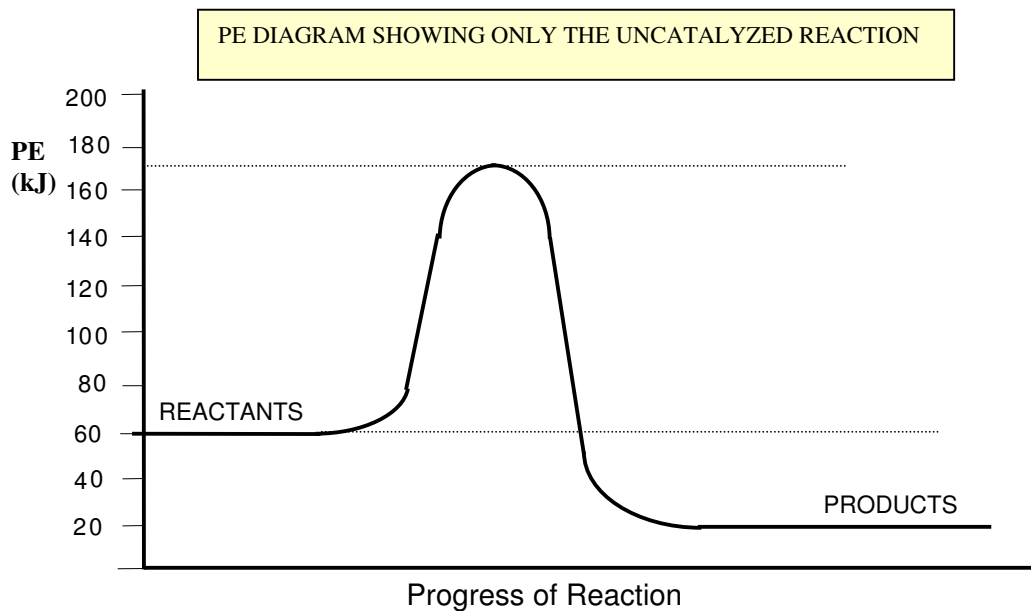


Read p. 29-30 in SW. Do Ex. 54 and 55 on page 30 of SW.

## How catalysts work

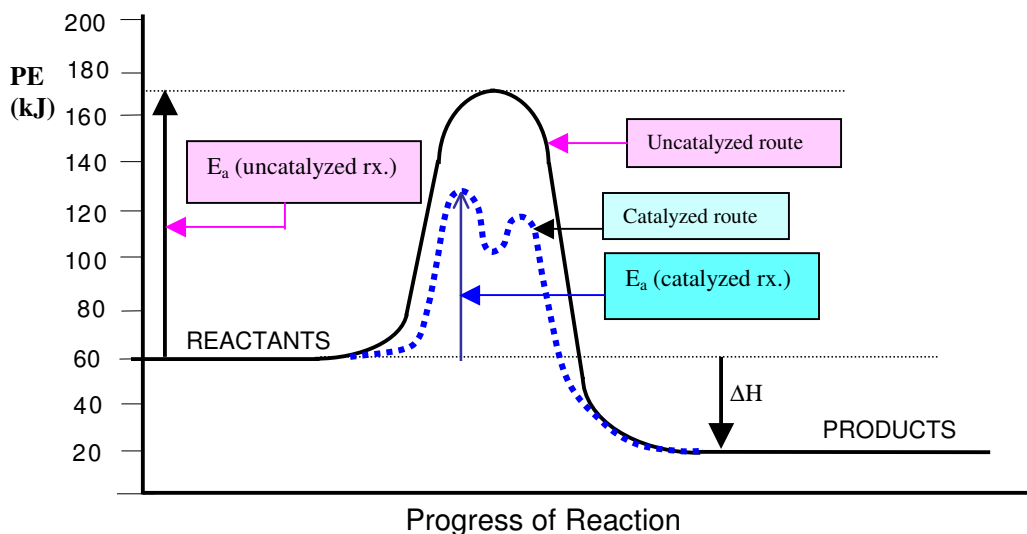
- “to avoid a hill, build a \_\_\_\_\_”

**catalyst**- an introduced substance which produce an **alternate mechanism** with a **lower activation energy**.



Look on the next page to see the PE diagram showing the **uncatalyzed** and the **catalyzed** “routes” for the same reaction....

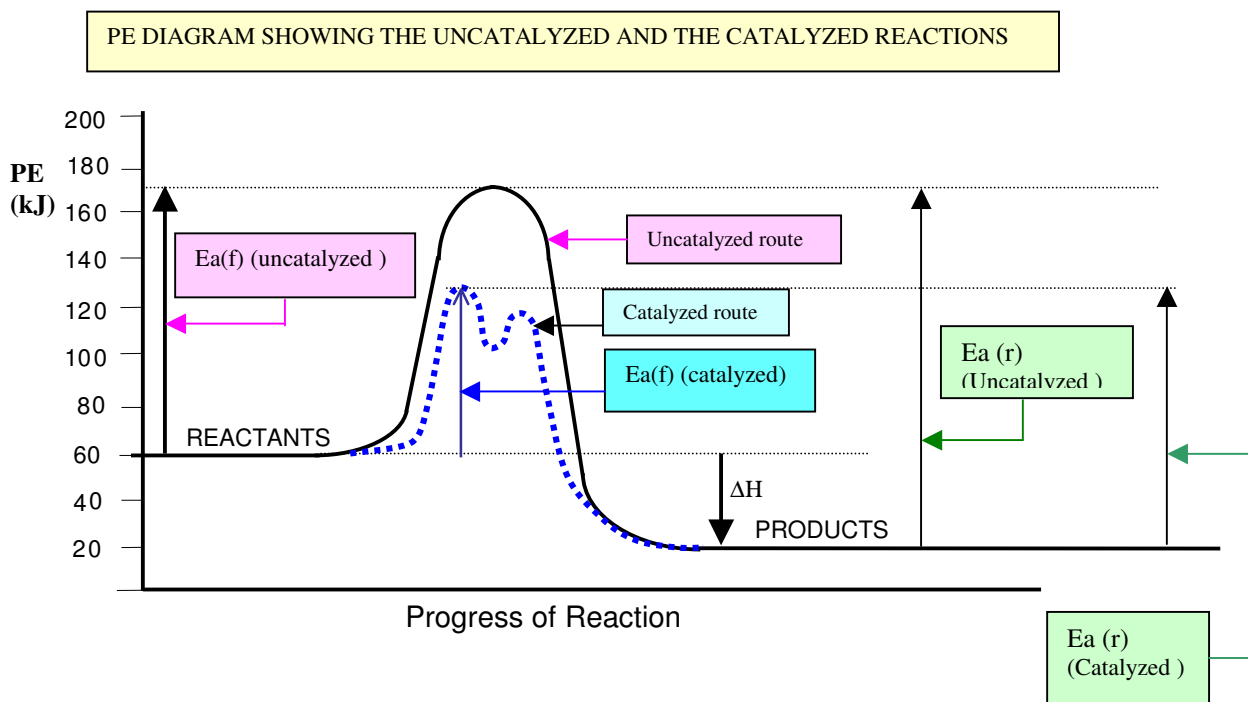
PE DIAGRAM SHOWING THE UNCATALYZED AND THE CATALYZED REACTION



### Notes

- energy required ( $E_a$ ) is **less with the catalyst**, so at the same temperature, **more** molecules can make it over the “barrier” so **reaction rate speeds up** (eg. lower standards for a pass, eg. 30% will let more students pass!)
- catalyzed reactions usually involve **more steps** but it’s highest  $E_a$  (highest bump) is never as high as the uncatalyzed reaction
- a catalyst **NEVER changes the PE of reactants of products** - only the **route** between them. (**no change in  $\Delta H$ !** )
- **uncatalyzed** reaction **still continues** at its own slow rate when a catalyst is added. (usually insignificant compared to catalyzed rate)
- if catalyst speeds up **forward** reaction, it also speeds up (reduces  $E_a$  for) the **reverse** reaction.

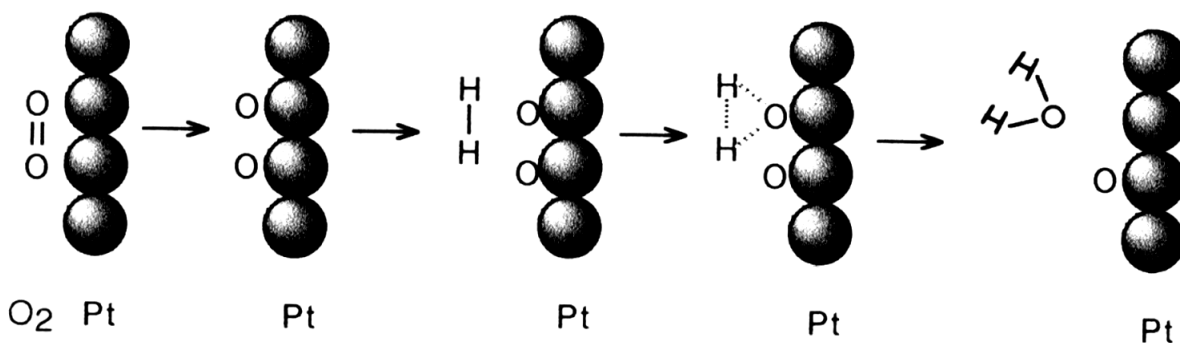
Study the PE diagram on the next page which compares the  $E_a$ 's for the forward and reverse uncatalyzed and catalyzed reactions...



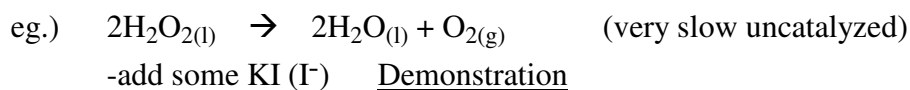
**Catalysts sometimes work by...**

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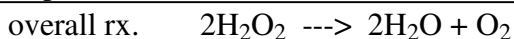
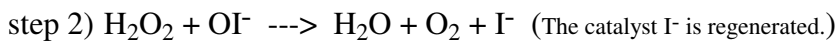
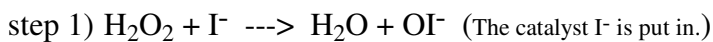
- providing a **surface** whose spacing of atoms is just right to break a reactant molecule and hold it for an attack from another reactant.



- helping to form an intermediate which can react more easily to form products.



**Catalyzed Mechanism:**



See the example in the textbook on p. 32-33. In the diagrams on page 33, the Activated Complexes are also shown in the square brackets. Also compare the PE diagram for the uncatalyzed reaction (bottom of p. 32 SW.) and the PE diagram for the catalyzed reaction (middle of p. 33 SW.)

- **Read** pages 30-36 in SW.
- Do ex. 56-61 on page 34 SW
- See Examples of real Catalysts p.34-36 SW.
- Get **hand-out on catalysts** from teacher
- Do ex. 62 & 63 on page 36 of SW
- Do **Worksheet 1-3** (Reaction Mechanisms)
- Do **Provincial Questions on Unit 1**

**THIS IS THE END OF UNIT 1**