

## Chapter 14

# Chemical Kinetics

Deals w. **rate** of chem. rx.,  
**factors** that influence the  
rate, & an explanation of  
the rate in terms of the  
**reaction mechanism**

## Reaction Mechanism

**Details** of how reactants  
change to products, at a  
**molecular level**.

# I) Four Factors that Influence Rates

a) Characteristics of reactants & products

- bond strengths
- arrangement of atoms
- surface area of solid reactant or catalyst

b) Concentration of reactants

c) Temperature

- rx's usually speed up as temp. inc.

d) Catalyst

- substance that inc. the rate w/o being consumed in overall rx.

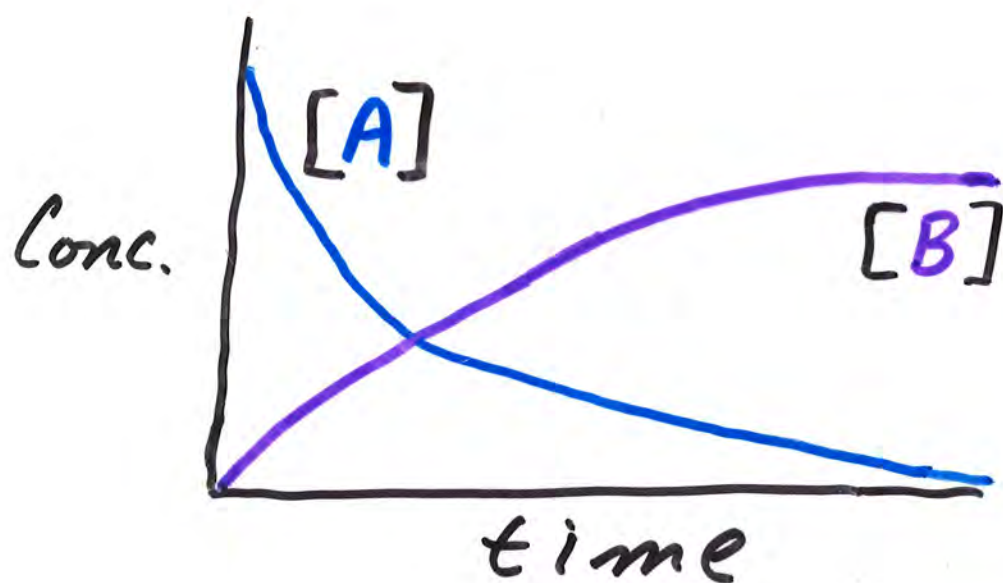
## II) Reaction Rate

Change in conc. of reactants  
or products w. time

Measure conc. during course of rx.

- monitor pressure for gas rx.
- monitor intensity of color  
in spectrophotometer
- titration

# A) Rx. Rate



$$\text{rate} = \frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$$

rate is a positive number

([A] dec. : negative change)

Usual Units :  $\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}\cdot\text{s}}$  or  $\text{M}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

For this case:

$$\frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$$

1) General Rx



$$\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \frac{-\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right) \frac{-\Delta[B]}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{1}{c}\right) \frac{\Delta[C]}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{1}{d}\right) \frac{\Delta[D]}{\Delta t}$$

- Depends on stoichiometry

a) Ex:

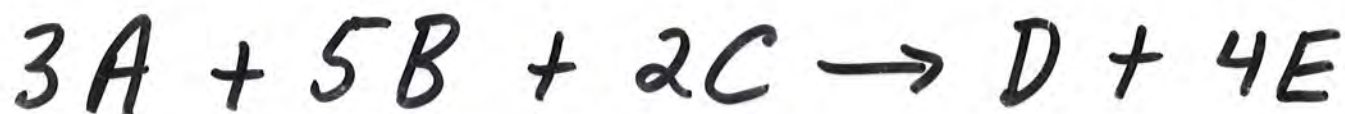


$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} \right) = \frac{\Delta[N_2O_4]}{\Delta t}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t} = 2 \frac{\Delta[N_2O_4]}{\Delta t}$$

b) Ex:

The rate of disappearance of B ( $-\frac{\Delta[B]}{\Delta t}$ ) is 0.5 m/s. What is the rate of appearance of E ( $\frac{\Delta[E]}{\Delta t}$ )?



## 2) Average rate

$$\text{Avg. rate} = \frac{\text{dec. in conc. of reactant}}{\text{time interval}}$$

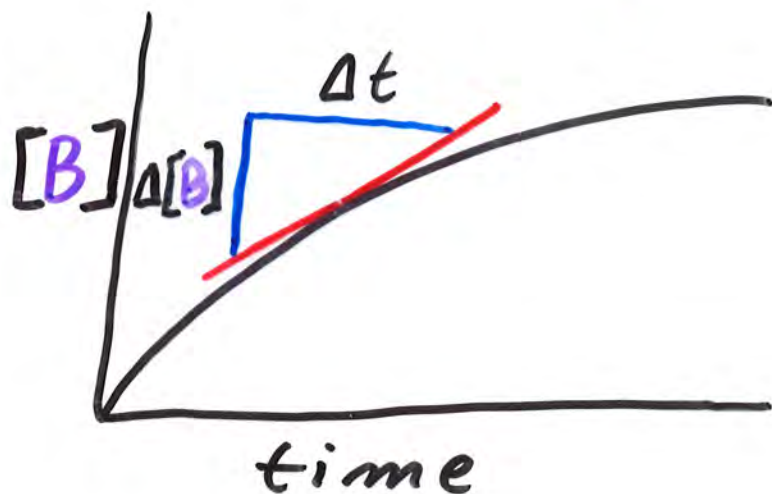
$$= \frac{-\Delta[A]}{\Delta t}$$

<u>Time (s)</u>	<u>[A] (m)</u>	<u>Avg. rate (m/s)</u>
0	1.000	$9.00 \times 10^{-3}$
10	0.910	$8.00 \times 10^{-3}$
20	0.830	$7.00 \times 10^{-3}$
30	0.760	$7.00 \times 10^{-3}$

$$\text{Avg. rate} = - \frac{[A]_{10s} - [A]_{0s}}{10s - 0s}$$

### 3) Instantaneous rate

rate at a particular time



Instant. rate = slope of tangent to curve at some time

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta [B]}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{d[B]}{dt}$$



### III) Dependence of Rx. Rate on Conc.

Rate dec. as A consumed

Dependence given by,

Rate Law

$$\text{rate} \propto [A]$$

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

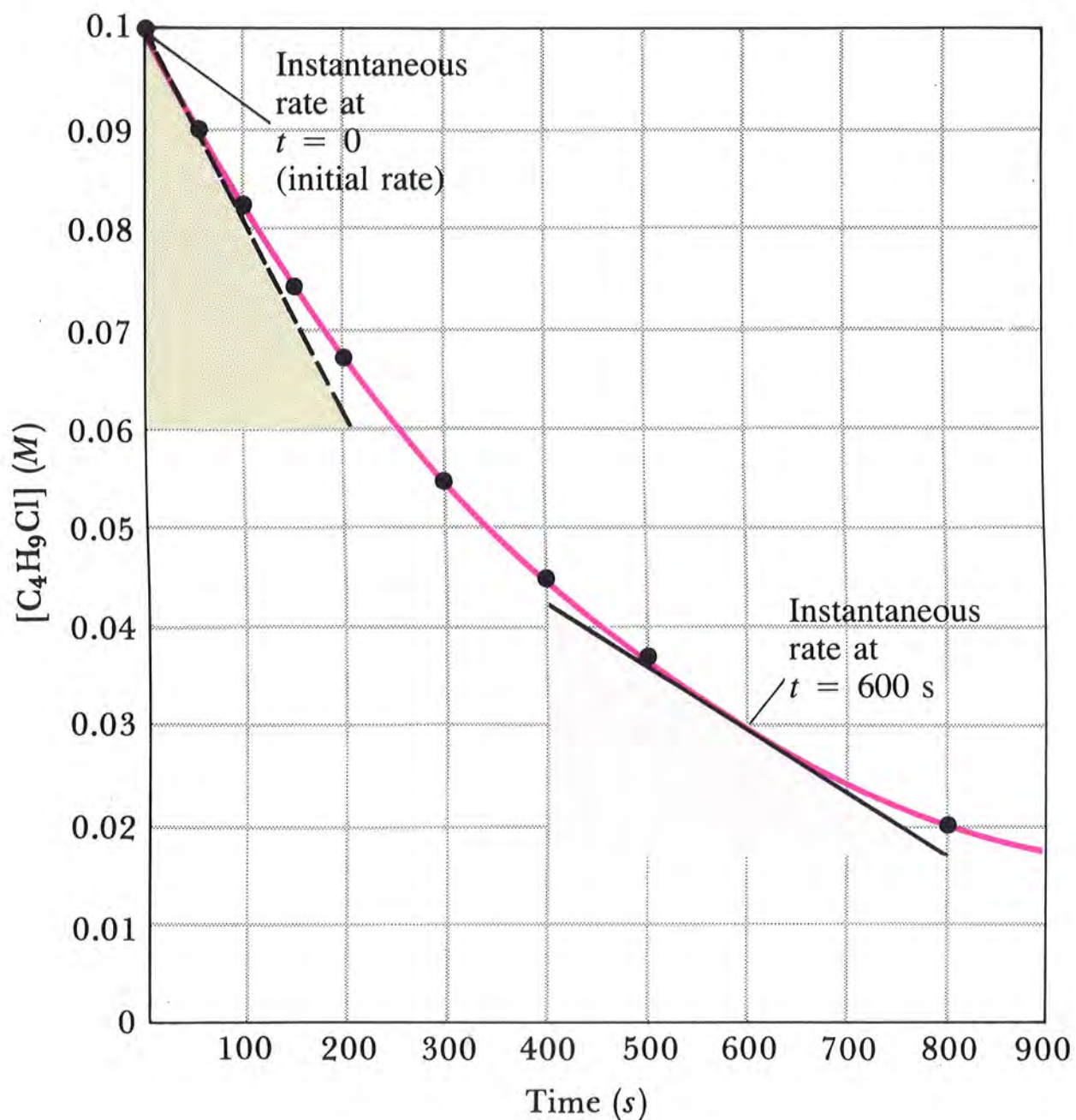
or

$$\frac{-d[A]}{dt} = k[A]$$

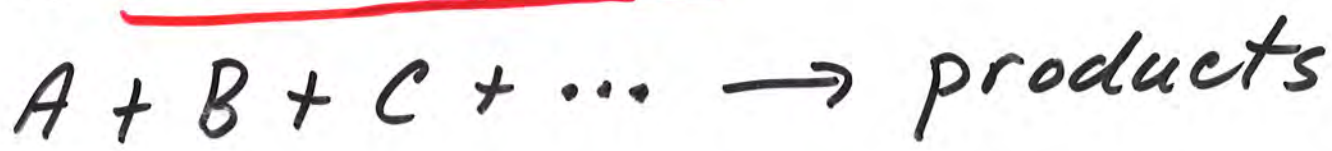
$k \equiv$  rate constant

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## Figure 14.1 Concentration of butyl chloride as a function of time



## A) General Rx.



$$\text{rate} = k [A]^X [B]^Y [C]^Z \dots$$

$X \equiv$  order w/rsp. A

$Y \equiv$  order w/rsp. B

$X + Y + Z + \dots \equiv$  overall reaction order

$X, Y, Z, \dots$  whole numbers,  
simple fractions,  
zero, negative

Generally,  
rate law **MUST** be determined

**EXPERIMENTALLY**

## 2) Initial Rates

Vary initial conc. of each reactant (holding others constant) & measure rate at start of rx. -

initial rate



Initial Conc. ( $\times 10^3$ )

[NO]

[H<sub>2</sub>]

Initial Rate

(mm Hg/min)

6

1

20

6

2

40

6

3

60

1

6

3

2

6

12

3

6

27

$$\text{rate} = k [\text{NO}] [\text{H}_2]$$

Ex



<u>Exp</u>	<u>[A]</u>	<u>[B]</u>	<u>[C]</u>	<u>rate (m/s)</u>
1	1	1	1	X
2	2	1	1	4X
3	1	2	1	X
4	1	2	2	1.41X
5	1	1	4	2X

$$r = k [A]^n [B]^m [C]^p$$

$$r_j = k [A]_j^n [B]_j^m [C]_j^p$$

$$r_i = k [A]_i^n [B]_i^m [C]_i^p$$

$$\frac{r_j}{r_i} = \frac{k [A]_j^n [B]_j^m [C]_j^p}{k [A]_i^n [B]_i^m [C]_i^p}$$

$$\frac{r_j}{r_i} = \left( \frac{[A]_j}{[A]_i} \right)^n \left( \frac{[B]_j}{[B]_i} \right)^m \left( \frac{[C]_j}{[C]_i} \right)^p$$









#### IV) Time Dependence of Reactant Conc.

Equations that give conc. of reactants or products as a function of **time** and **initial conc.**

A) 1<sup>st</sup> order rx.

$$r = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]$$

$$\frac{d[A]}{[A]} = -(ak) dt$$

Integrate,

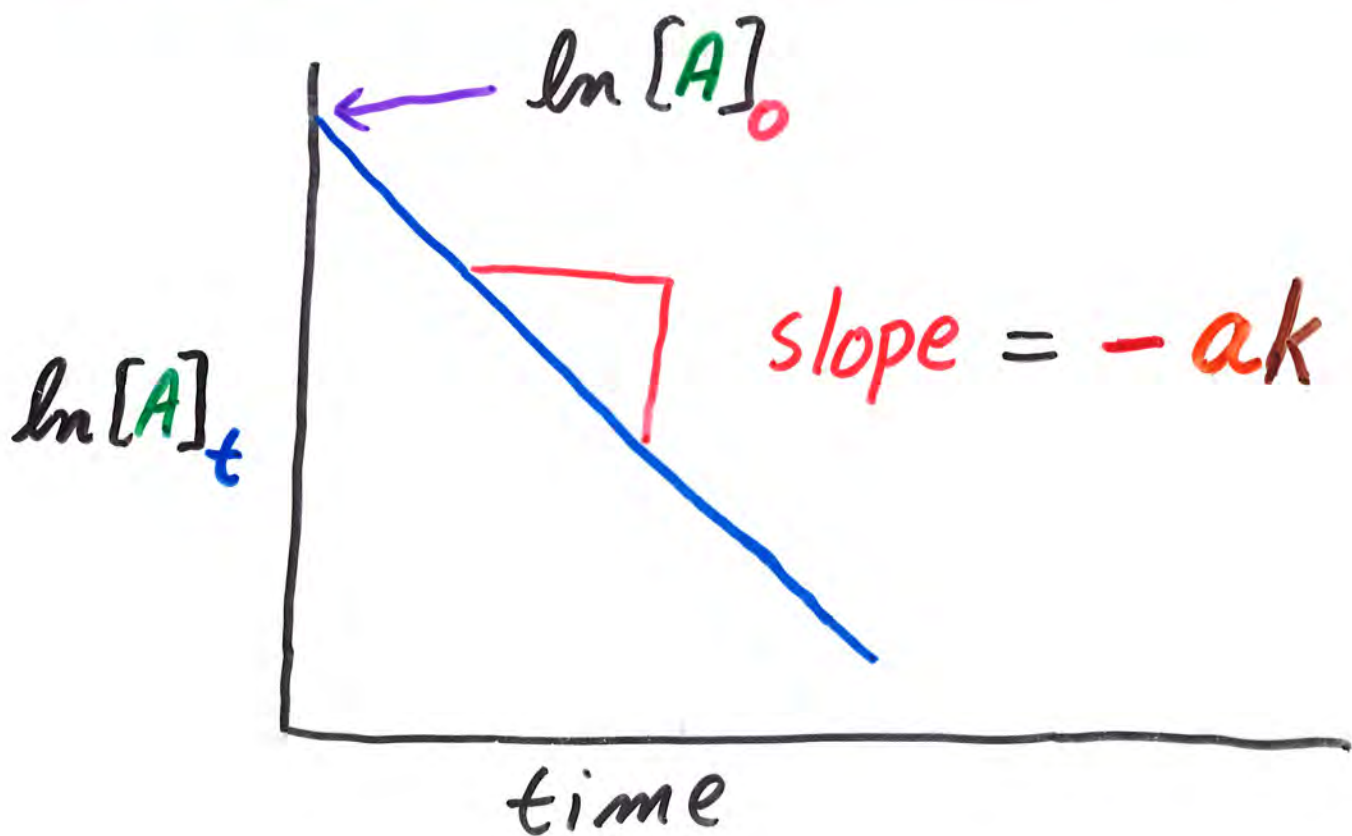
$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A]_t} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} = \int_0^t -(ak) dt$$

Gives,

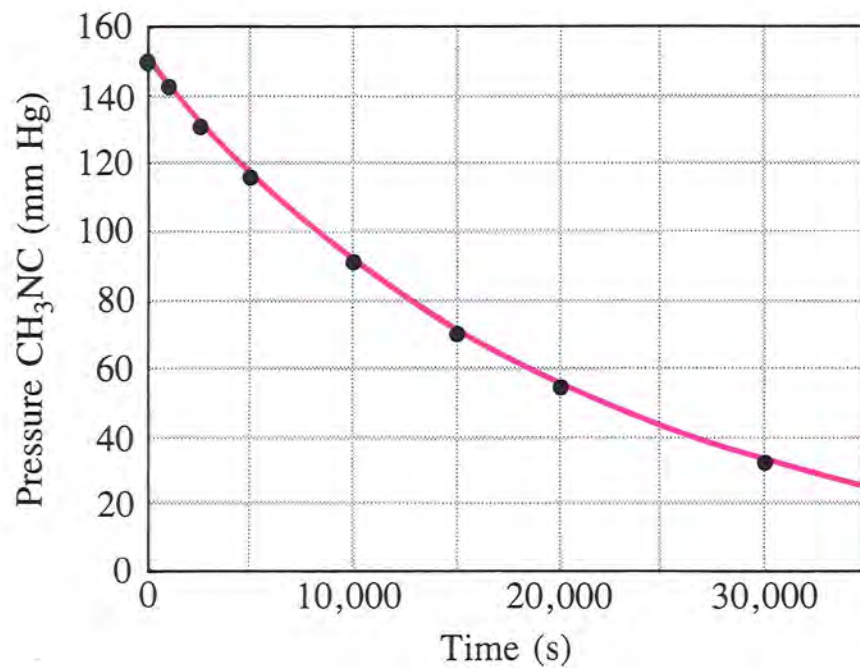
$$\ln \left( \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} \right) = -akt$$

$$\ln [A]_t - \ln [A]_0 = -akt$$

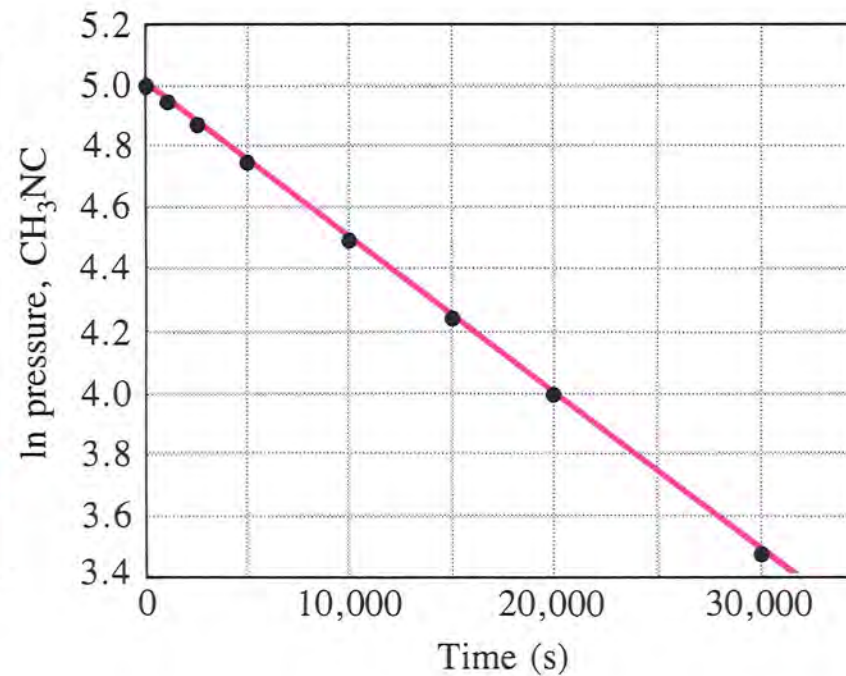
$$\ln [A]_t = -(ak)t + \ln [A]_0$$



Transparency 100 **Figure 14.2** Variation in the pressure of methyl isonitrile with time



(a)



(b)

Ex: The rx.



is 1<sup>st</sup> order, w.  $k = 4.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
at  $45^\circ\text{C}$ .

a) If the initial conc. is  $1.65 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$ ,  
what is the conc. after 825 s.



B) Half-life,  $t_{1/2}$

time required for conc. of reactant to dec. to  $\frac{1}{2}$  its initial value.

$$\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -akt$$

$$\ln \frac{\frac{1}{2}[A]_0}{[A]_0} = -akt_{1/2}$$

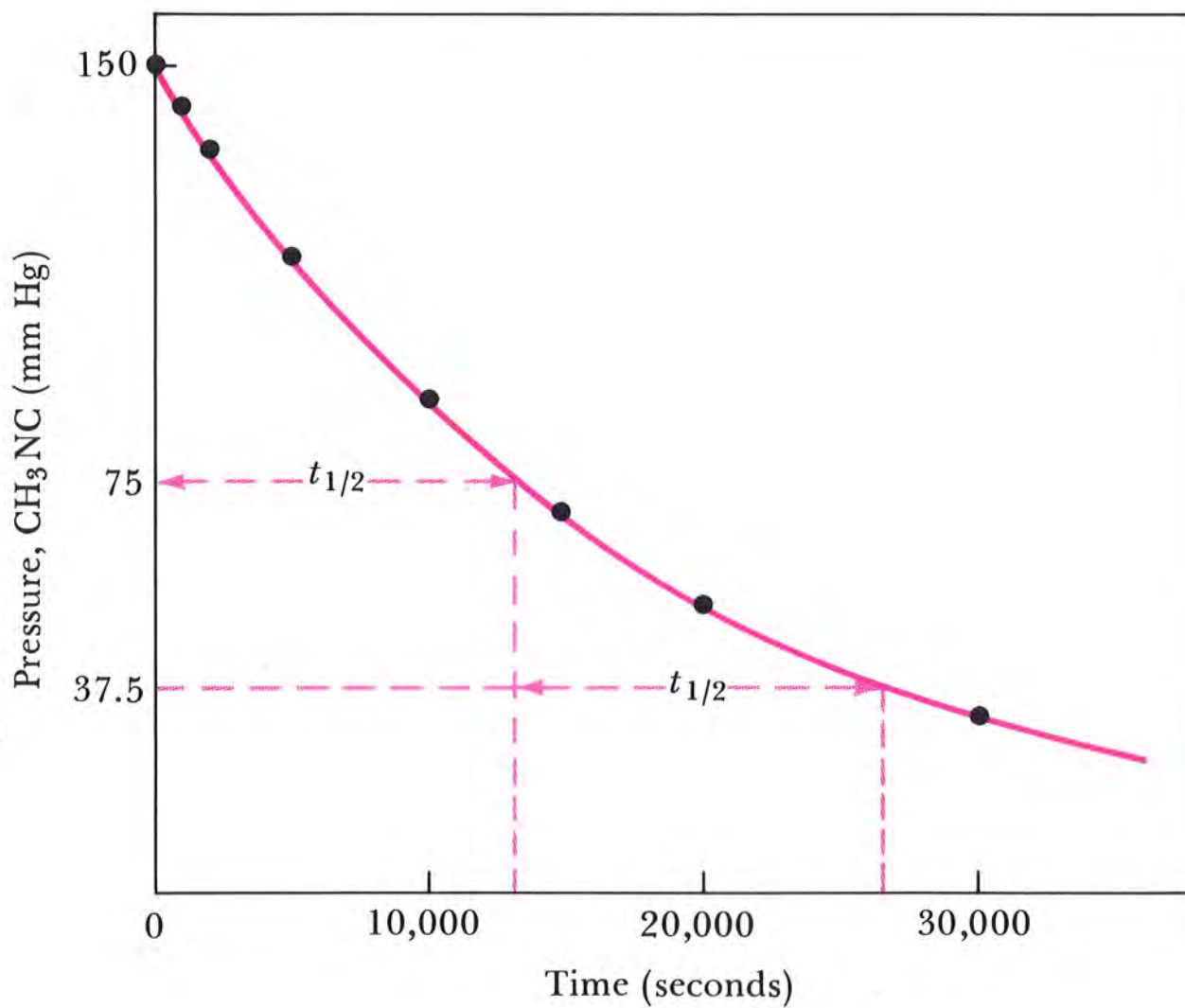
$$\ln \frac{1}{2} = -akt_{1/2}$$

$$-0.693 = -akt_{1/2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{ak}$$

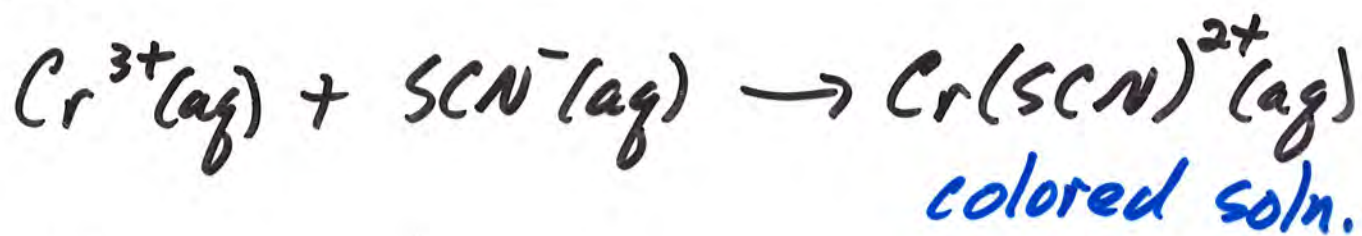
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**Figure 14.3** Pressure of methyl isonitrile as a function of time (half-life)





Ex: The following rx. is 1<sup>st</sup> order w/rsp.  $[Cr^{3+}]$ ; the rate constant is  $2.0 \times 10^{-6} s^{-1}$



If 90% rx. is req. to obtain a noticeable color from  $Cr(SCN)^{2+}$ , how many hours are req.?

Ex : What is the half-life  
for the previous ex., in hours.

$$k = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

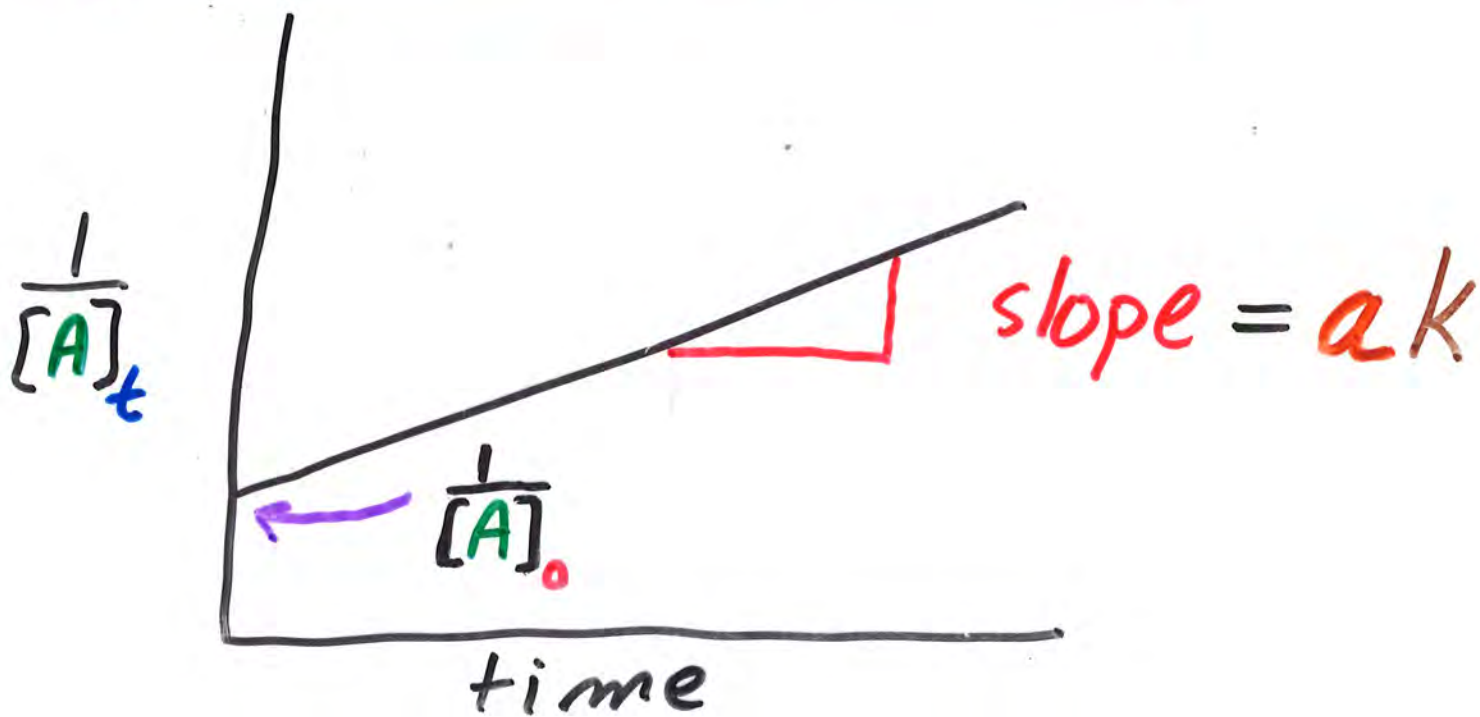
B) 2<sup>nd</sup> order rx.

$$r = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2$$

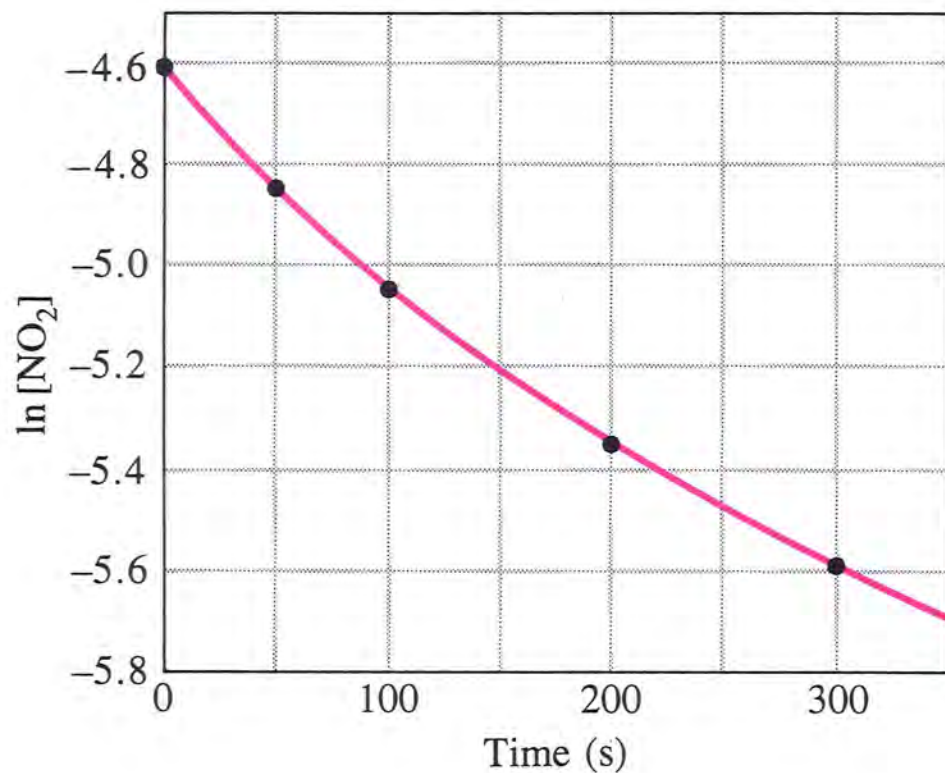
$$-\frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = (ak) dt$$

⇓ integrate + rearrange

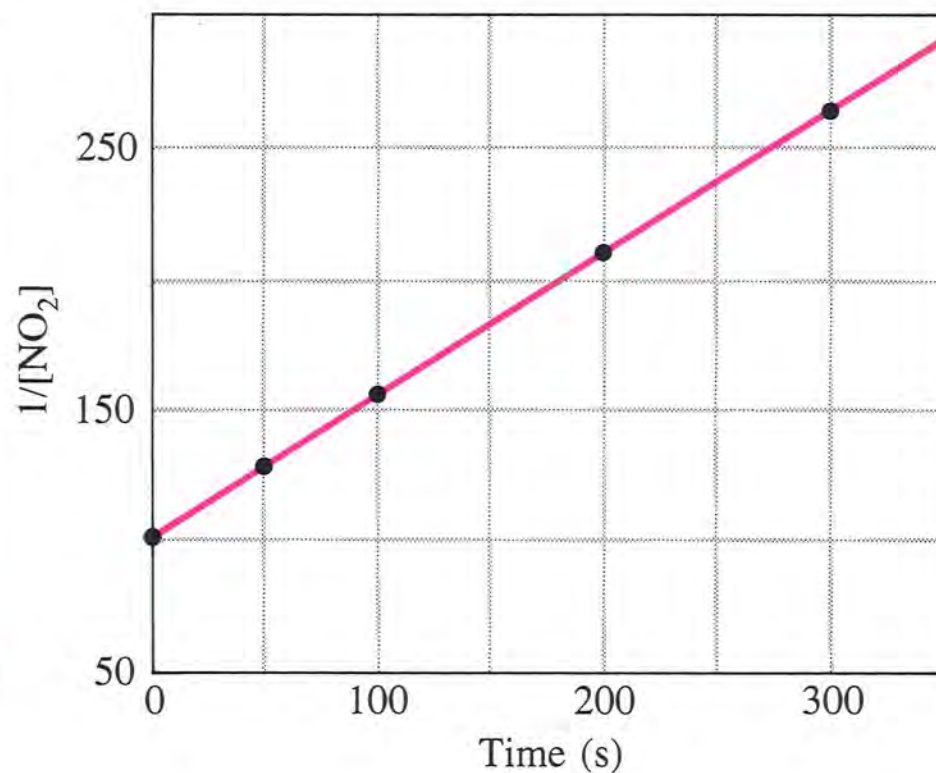
$$\frac{1}{[A]_t} = (ak)t + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$



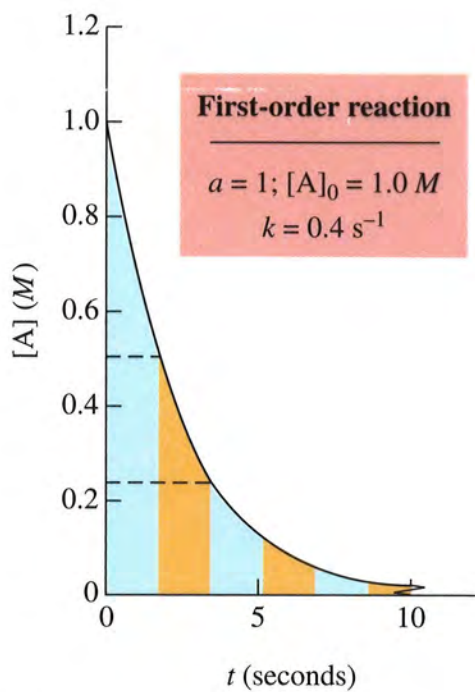
Transparency 102 **Figure 14.4** Plots of the kinetic data for the reaction  $2\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$



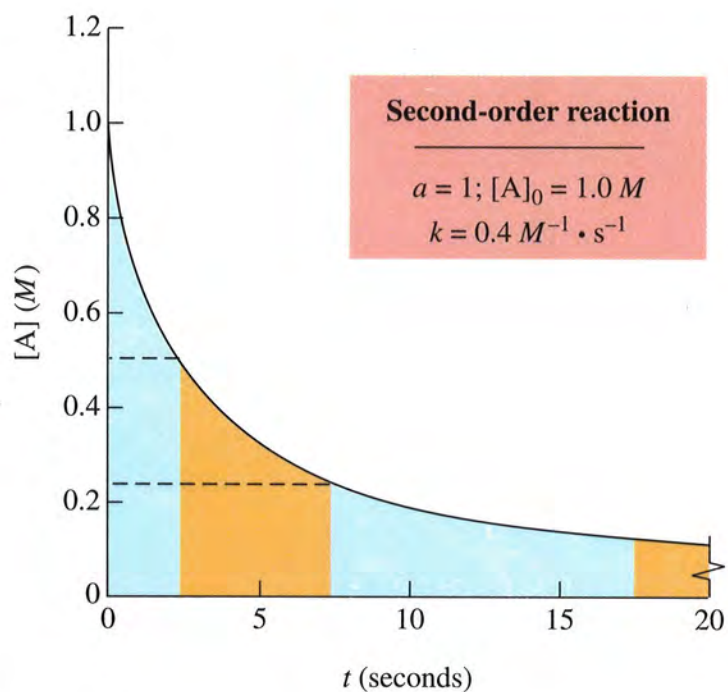
(a)



(b)



(a)



(b)

1) Half-life for 2<sup>nd</sup> order

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} [A]_0} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = a k t_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{[A]_0} = a k t_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{a k [A]_0}$$

Depends on initial conc.

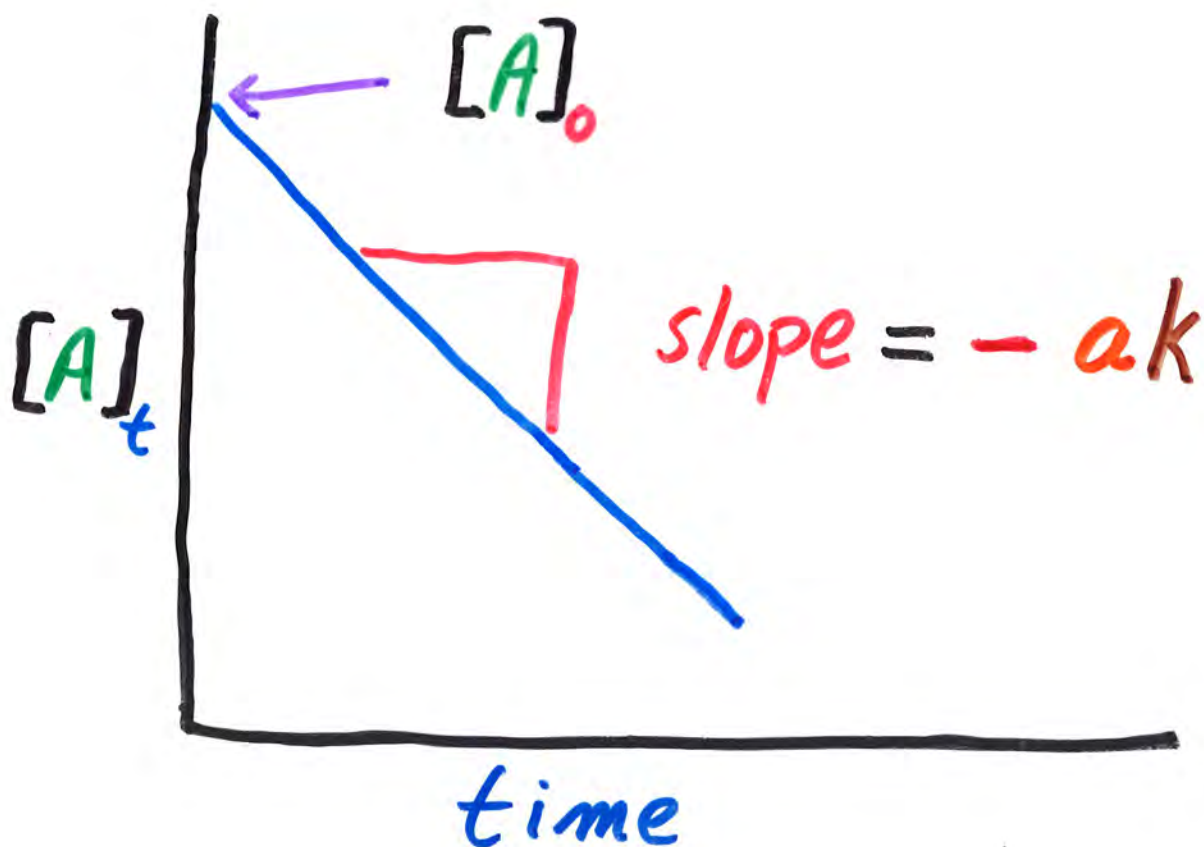
$[A]_0$  dec. ,  $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$  inc.

### C) Zero Order Rx

$$r = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d[A]}{dt} = k$$

Integrated rate eqn.:

$$[A]_t = -(ak)t + [A]_0$$



# 1) Half-life for Zero Order

$$\frac{1}{2}[A]_0 - [A]_0 = -akt_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}[A]_0 = -akt_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{[A]_0}{2ak}$$

Depends on initial conc.

$[A]_0$  dec. ,  $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$  dec.



Order	0 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
rate law	$r = k$	$r = k[A]$	$r = k[A]^2$
units for k  ex.:	$\frac{\text{conc}}{\text{time}}$  $\frac{M}{\text{sec}}$  $M \cdot s^{-1}$	$\frac{1}{\text{time}}$  $\frac{1}{\text{min}}$  $\text{min}^{-1}$	$\frac{1}{\text{conc} \cdot \text{time}}$  $\frac{1}{M \cdot \text{sec}}$  $M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$
integrated rate expression	$[A]_t = -kt + [A]_0$	$\ln[A]_t = -kt + \ln[A]_0$ or $\ln \frac{[A]_t}{[A]_0} = -kt$ or $[A]_t = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$	$\frac{1}{[A]_t} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$
plot as y	$[A]$	$\ln [A]$	$\frac{1}{[A]}$
plot as x	t	t	t
slope	$-k$ (neg. slope)	$-k$ (neg. slope)	$k$ (pos. slope)
y-intercept	$[A]_0$	$\ln[A]_0$	$\frac{1}{[A]_0}$
$t_{1/2}$	$\frac{[A]_0}{2k}$	$\frac{0.693}{k}$	$\frac{1}{k[A]_0}$



## II) How Chemical Rx's Occur

(Temp. Dependence of Rx. Rates)

Two generally accepted theories that can explain relationship between rate and conc. & temp.

Collision Theory

Transition State Theory

## A) Collision Theory

Molecules **must** collide for a rx. to occur

$$\text{rate} \propto \frac{\text{no. collisions/vol.}}{\text{sec.}}$$

Can use KMT to calc. collision frequency for gases.

Results predict coll. freq on order of  $10^{10}$  -  $10^{20}$  greater than **exp.** rx. rates.

- Simple collision is not enough to cause rx.

In order for collision to be effective the molecules **must**:

- (1) possess some **min. energy**
- (2) have a particular orientation

Rate constant reflects these requirements,

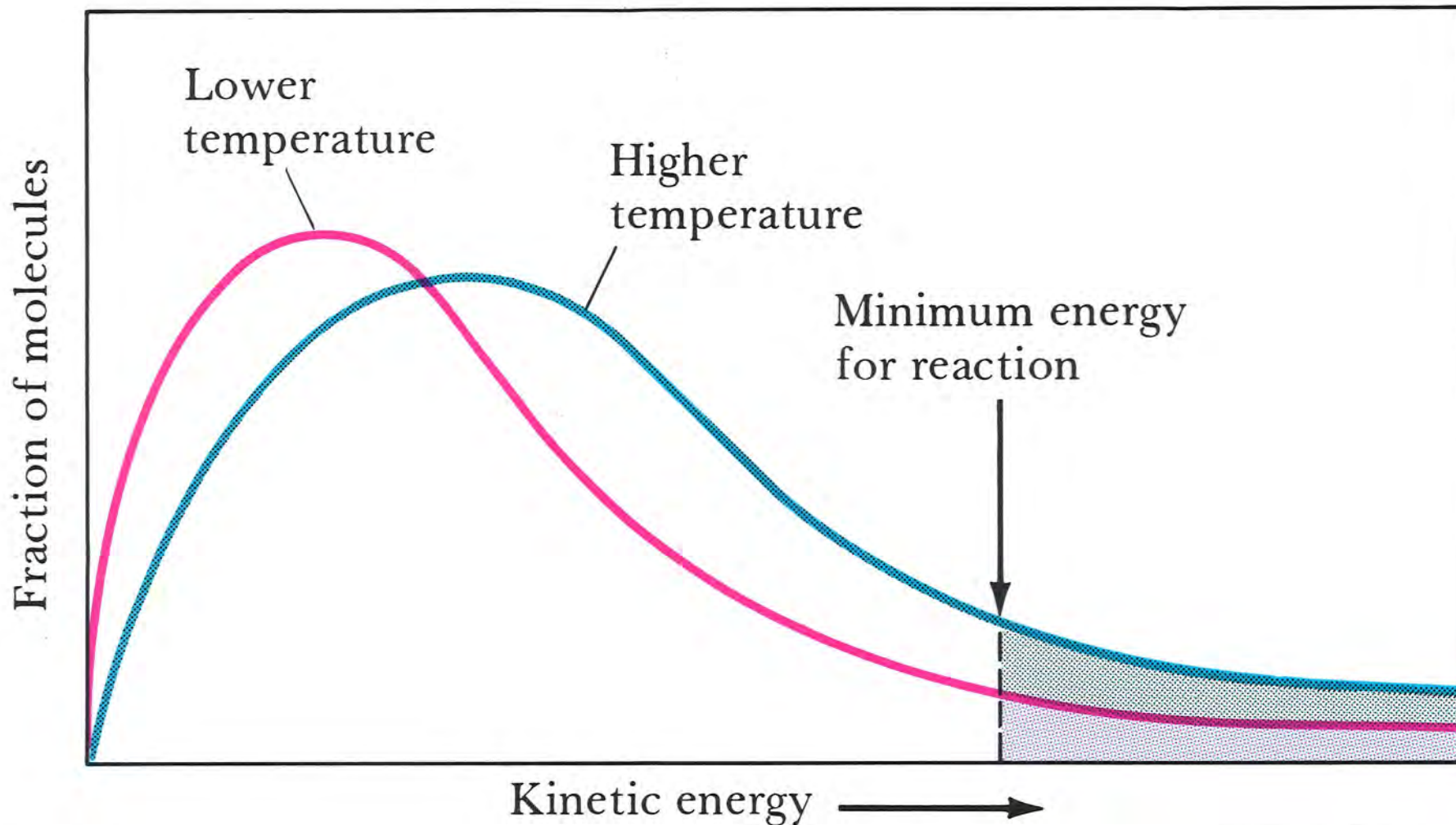
$$k = z \cdot f \cdot p$$

**z**  $\equiv$  collision freq.

**f**  $\equiv$  fraction of coll. w.  
some **min. energy**,  $E_a$   
- related to  $e^{-(E_a/RT)}$

**p**  $\equiv$  probability that molecules have required orientation.

Transparency 104 **Figure 14.9** Distribution of kinetic energies at two temperatures

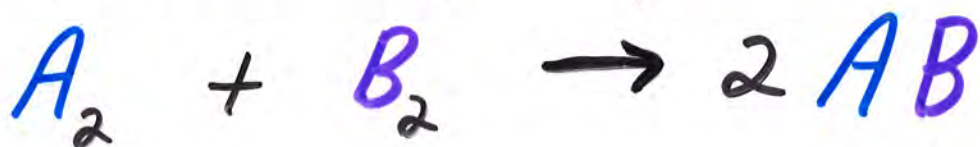


## B) Transition State Theory

Need two factors as modifications on coll. freq. in coll. theory.

- Energy & Geom. of reactants upon collision

Consider gas phase rx:



1) Energy of molec. is too low  
- cannot overcome repulsion

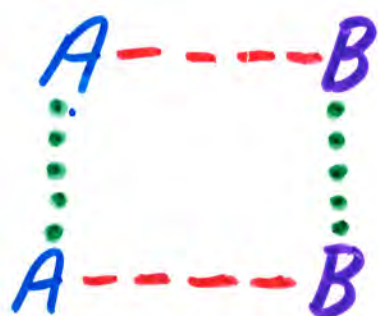
Bounce off each other

2) High energy molec. formed

Activated Complex

or

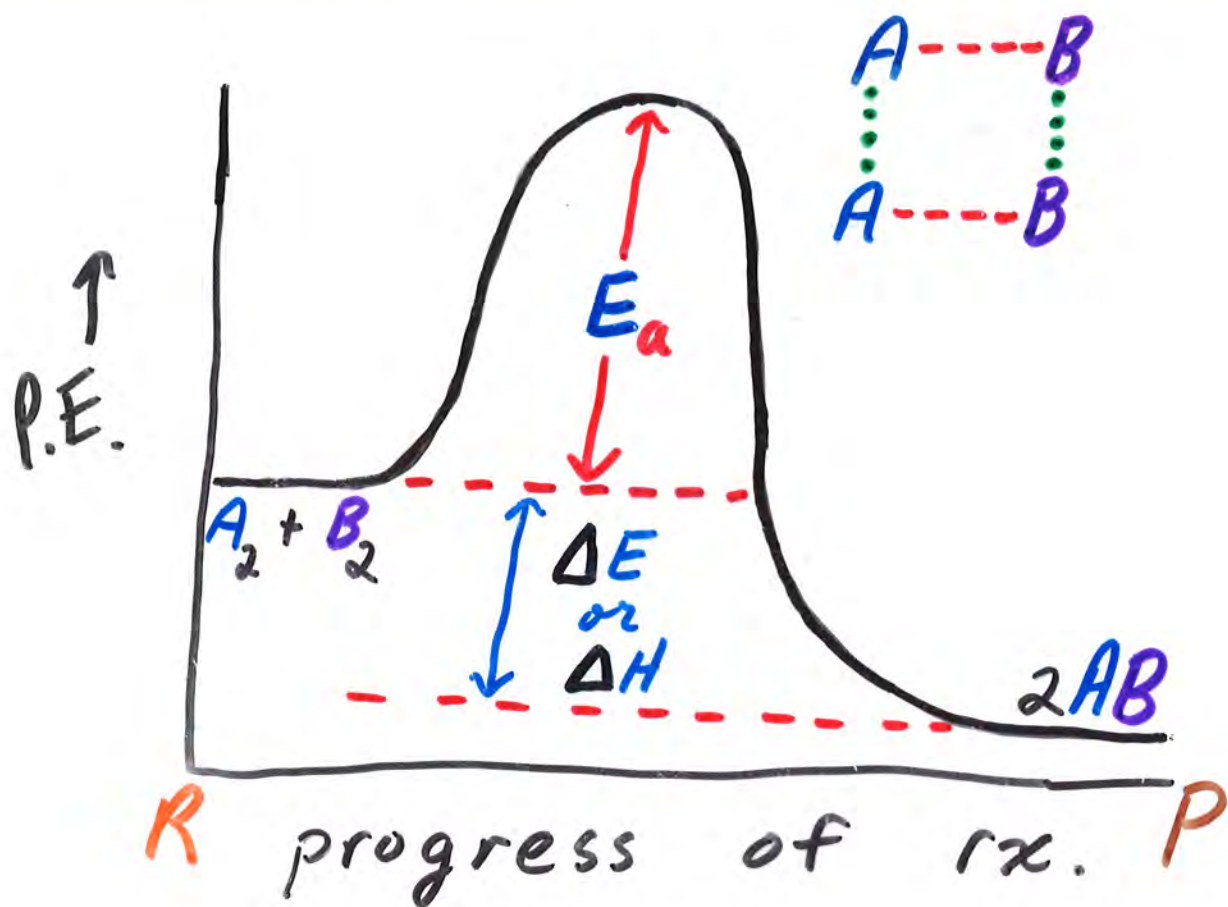
Transition State



Particular configuration  
w. only a  
transient existence

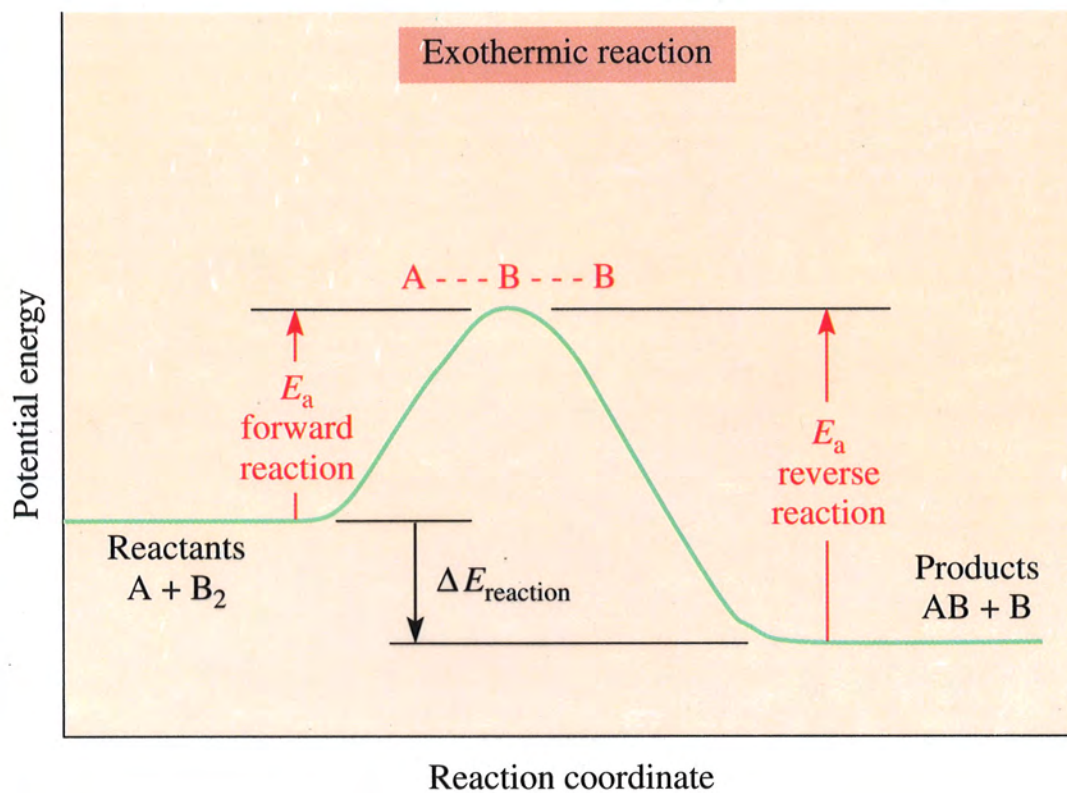
- inherently unstable



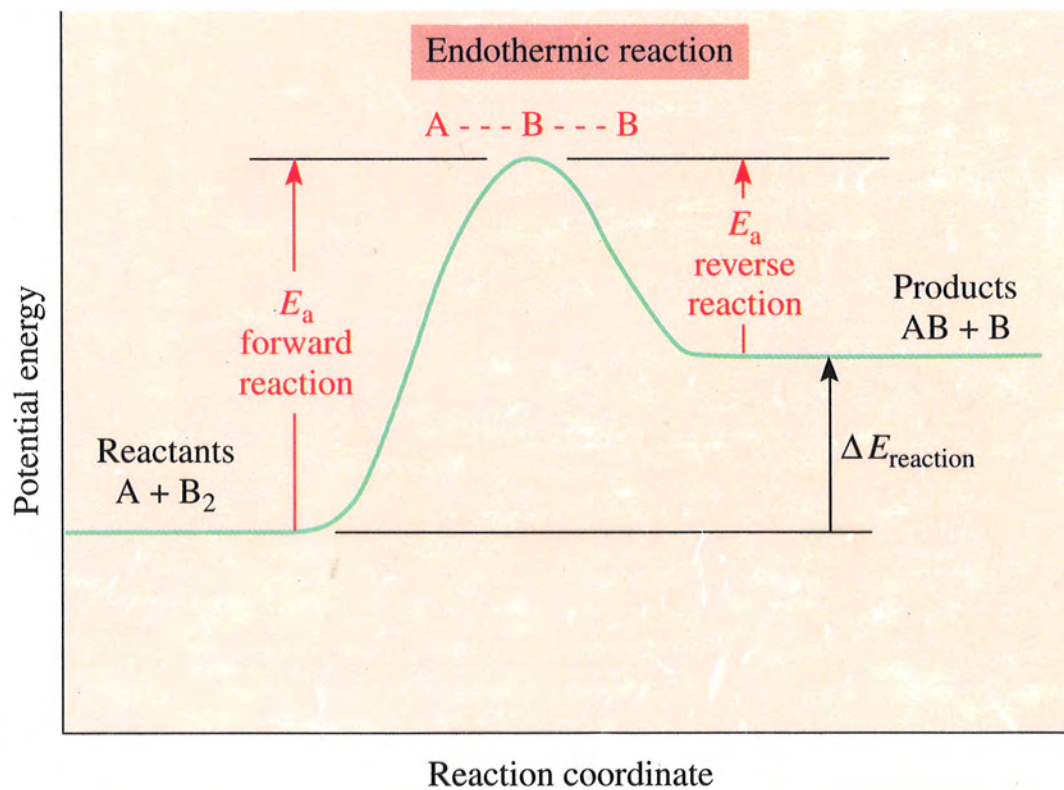


Rate of rx. is given by rate of passage through the transition state.

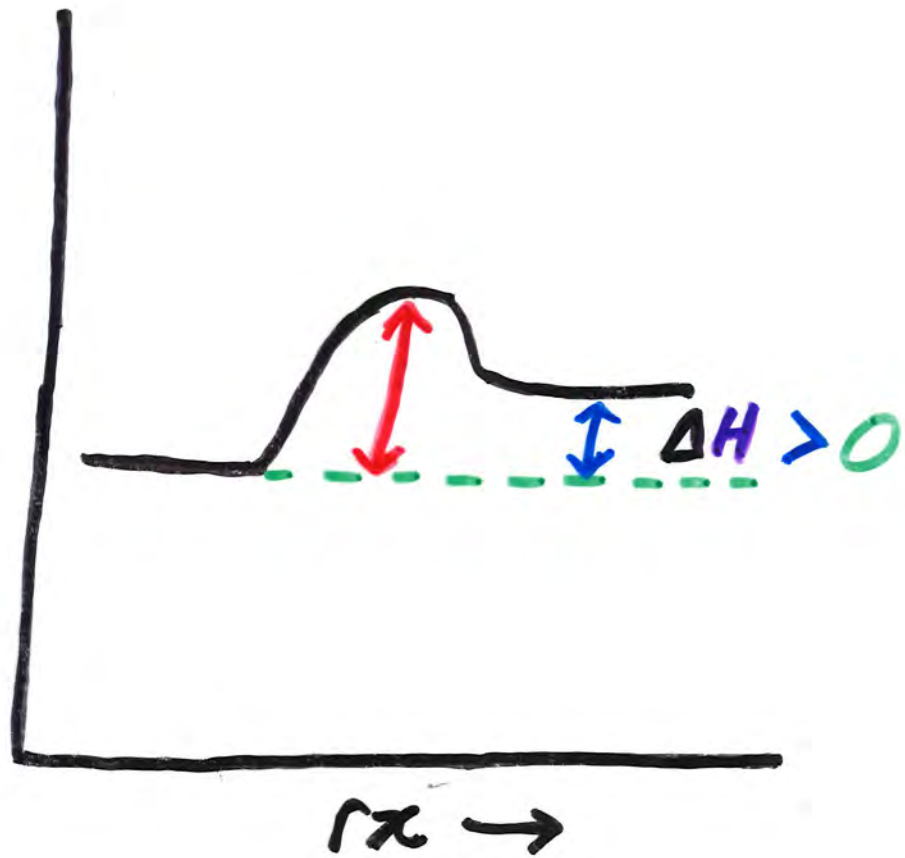
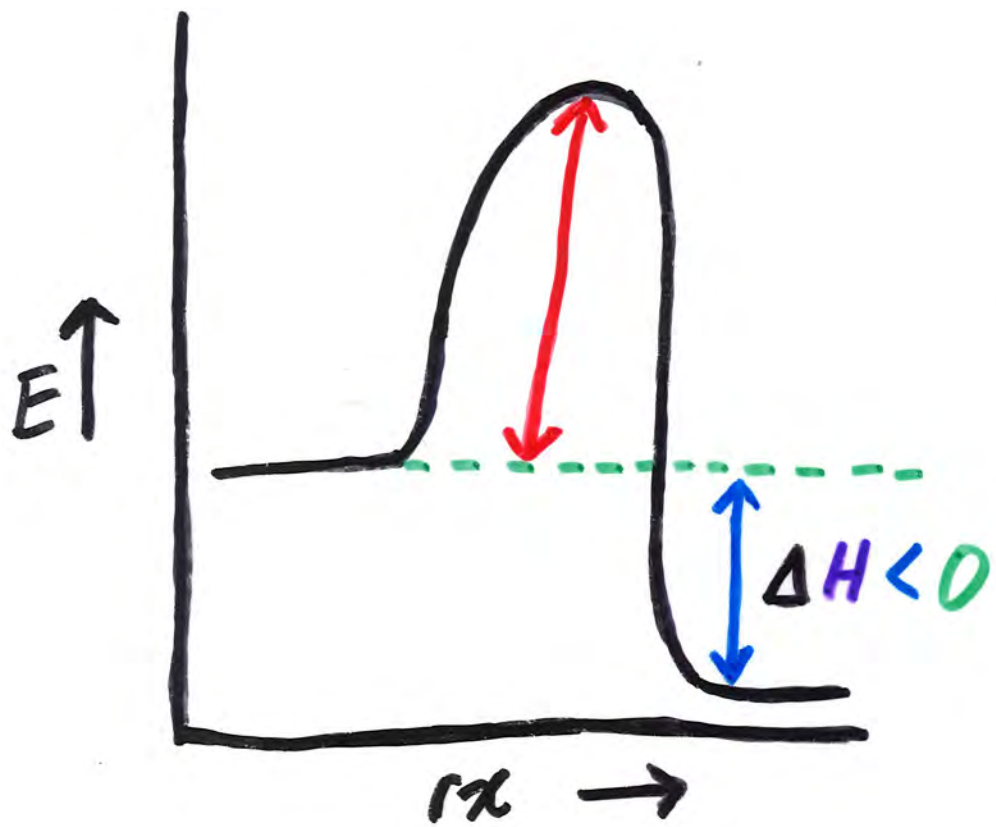
$E_a$  - Activation Energy  
 min. energy necessary to cause rx.  
 - form T.S.



(a)



(b)



## C) Effect of Temperature

Arrhenius Egn.

$$k = A e^{-(E_a/RT)}$$

$A$   $\equiv$  constant, characteristic of the rx. - frequency factor

$E_a$   $\equiv$  Activation Energy

$R$   $\equiv$  gas constant (8.314 J/mol-K)

$T$   $\equiv$  Temp. (Kelvin)

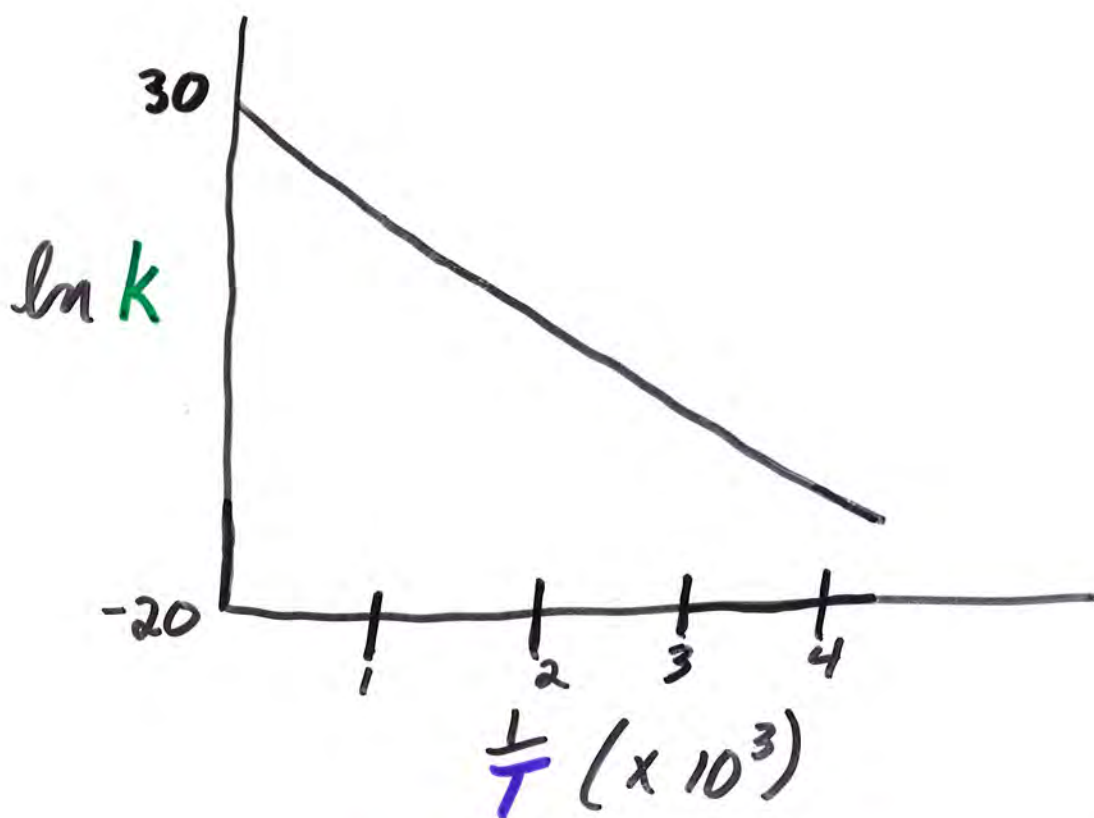
$e^{-(E_a/RT)}$   $\Rightarrow$  related to fraction of molec. that have  
 $E \geq E_a$

As,  $E_a$  inc.,  $k$  dec., rate dec.

$T$  inc.,  $k$  inc., rate inc.

# 1) Straight-line Form

$$\ln k = \frac{-E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) + \ln A$$



$$\ln A = 30, \quad A = 1.1 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{slope} = -1.216 \times 10^4 \text{ K}, \quad E_a = 101 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

## 2) Two-Point Form

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

3) Ex: What is  $E_a$  &  $A$



$$k_1 = 2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 300 \text{ K}$$

$$k_2 = 7.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 400 \text{ K}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{7.0 \times 10^{-1}}{2.8 \times 10^{-5}}\right) = \frac{E_a}{8.314 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kJ/mol-K}} \left( \frac{1}{300 \text{ K}} - \frac{1}{400 \text{ K}} \right)$$

$$E_a = 101 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

