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## Chapter 15

# Principles of Reactivity: Chemical Kinetics

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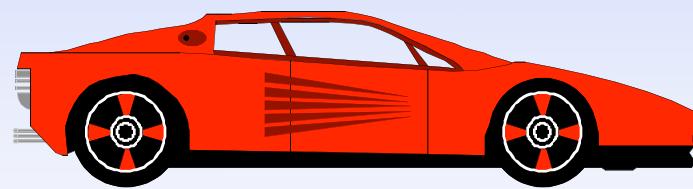
# Chemical Kinetics

- We can use **thermodynamics** to tell if a reaction is product- or reactant-favored.
- But this gives us no info on **HOW FAST** reaction goes from reactants to products.
- **KINETICS** – the study of **REACTION RATES** and their relation to the way the reaction proceeds, i.e., its **MECHANISM**.
- **The reaction mechanism is our goal!**

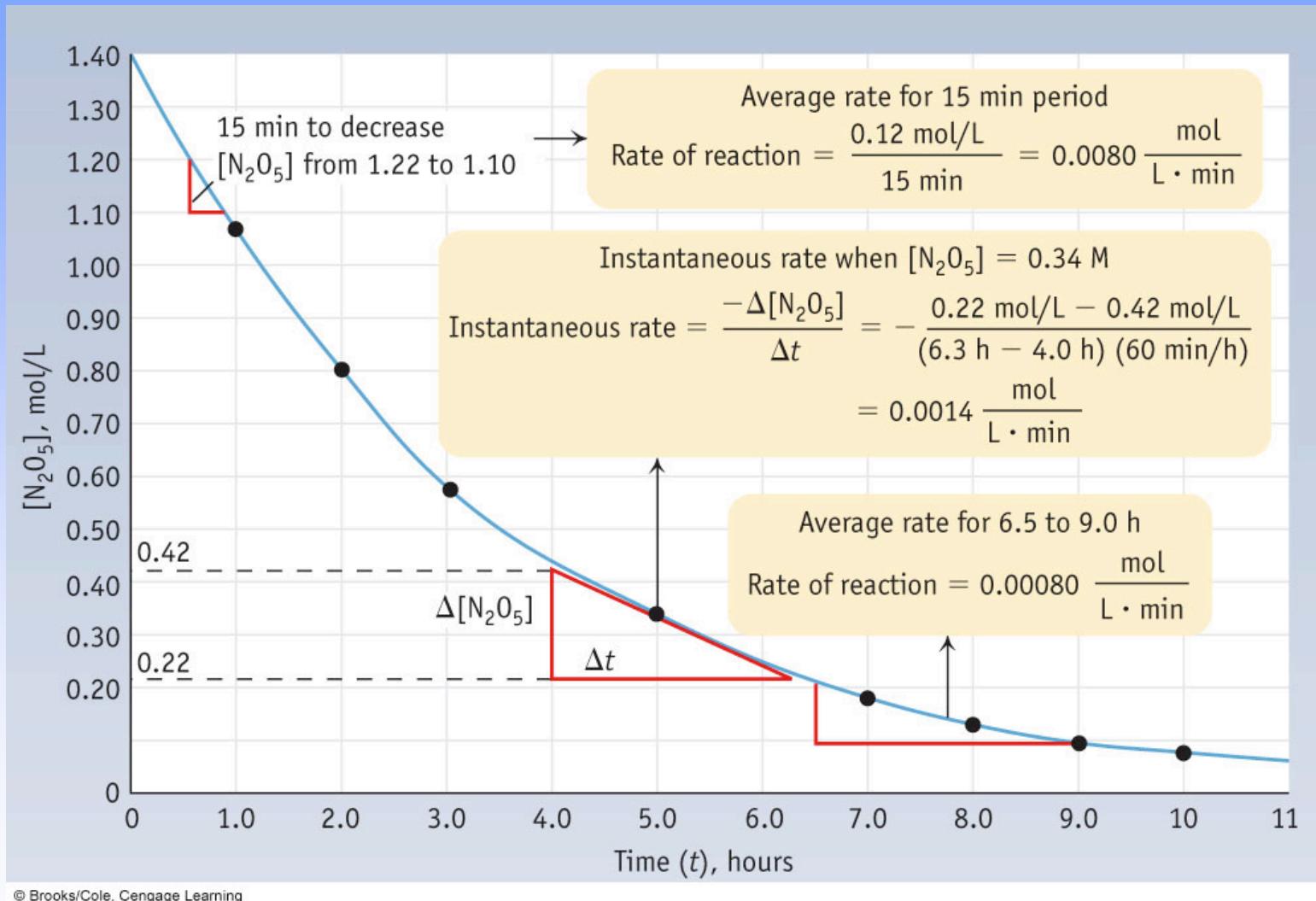
# Reaction Rates

*Section 15.1*

- **Reaction rate = change in concentration of a reactant or product with time.**
- Three “types” of rates
  - initial rate**
  - average rate**
  - instantaneous rate**



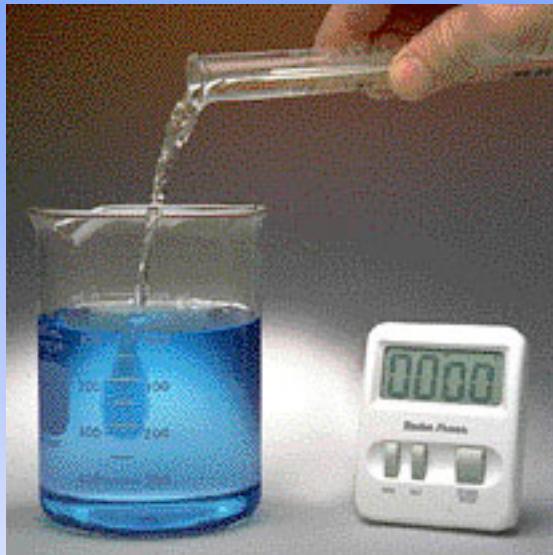
# Determining a Reaction Rate



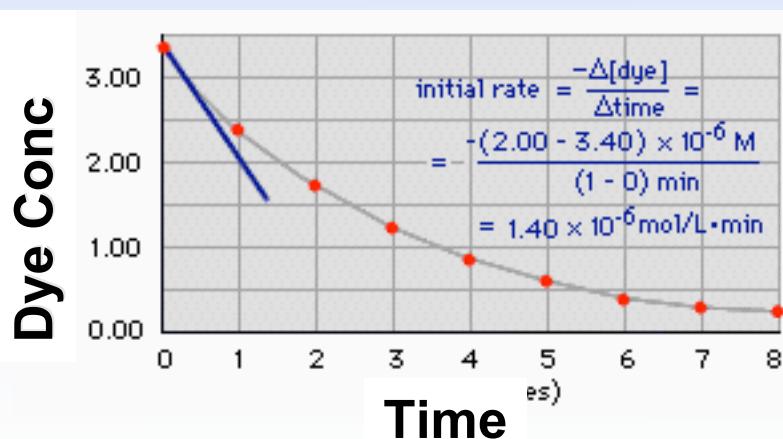
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See Active Figure 15.2

# Determining a Reaction Rate



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**Blue dye is oxidized with bleach.**  
**Its concentration decreases with time.**

**The rate — the change in dye conc with time — can be determined from the plot.**

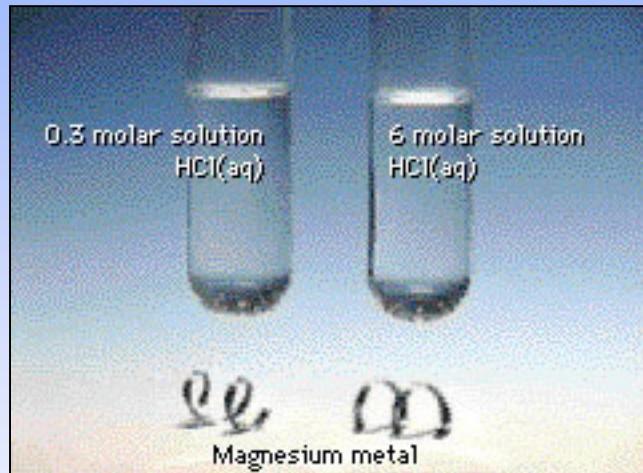
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# Factors Affecting Rates

- Concentrations
- and physical state of reactants and products
- Temperature
- Catalysts

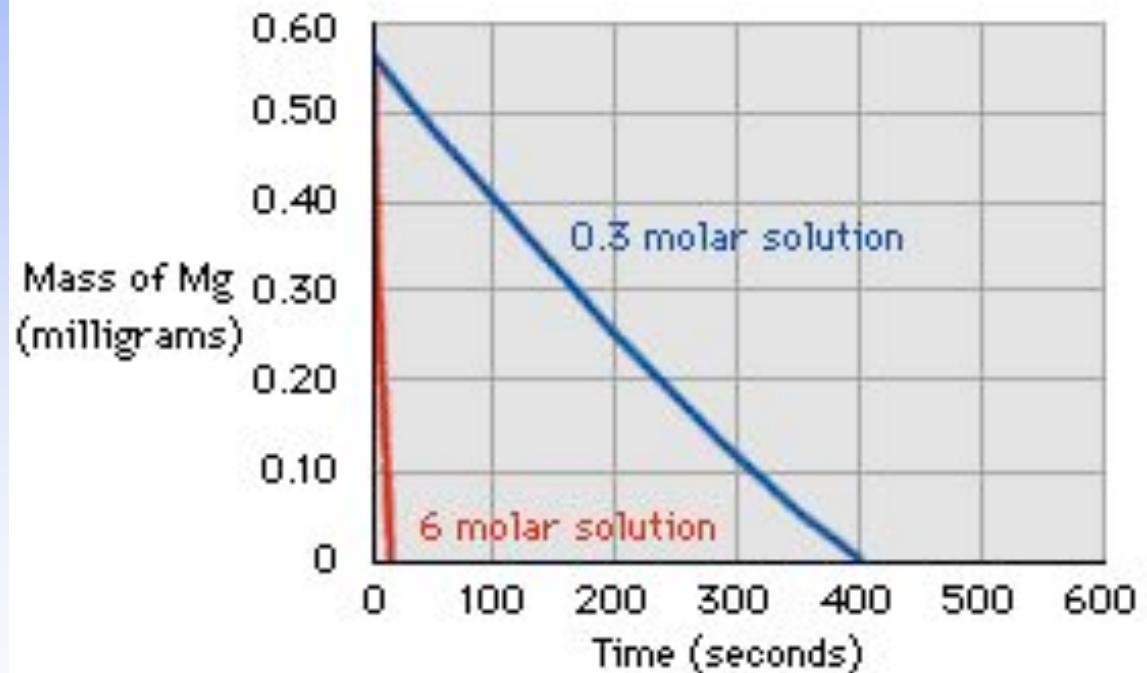
# Concentrations & Rates

*Section 15.3*



0.3 M HCl      6 M HCl

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# Concentrations and Rates



To postulate a reaction mechanism, we study

- **reaction rate** and
- its **concentration dependence**

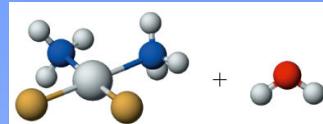
# Concentrations and Rates

Take reaction where  $\text{Cl}^-$  in cisplatin  
 $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_3]$  is replaced by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



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Rate of change of conc of Pt compd  
 $= \frac{\text{Am't of cisplatin reacting (mol/L)}}{\text{elapsed time (t)}}$



# Concentrations & Rates

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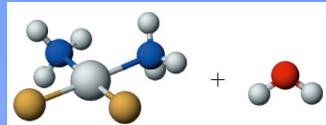
Rate of reaction is proportional to  $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2]$

We express this as a **RATE LAW**

**Rate of reaction =  $k [\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2]$**

where  **$k$  = rate constant**

$k$  is independent of conc. but increases with  $T$



## Concentrations, Rates, & Rate Laws

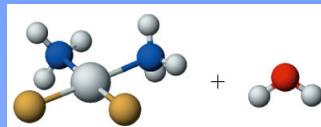
In general, for



$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^m [B]^n [C]^p$$

The exponents m, n, and p

- are the **reaction order**
- can be 0, 1, 2 or fractions
- must be determined by experiment!



# Interpreting Rate Laws

$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^m[B]^n[C]^p$$

- If  $m = 1$ , rxn. is 1st order in A

$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^1$$

If  $[A]$  doubles, then rate goes up by factor of \_\_\_\_\_

- If  $m = 2$ , rxn. is 2nd order in A.

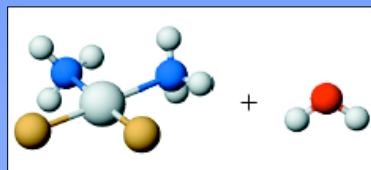
$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^2$$

Doubling  $[A]$  increases rate by \_\_\_\_\_

- If  $m = 0$ , rxn. is zero order.

$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^0$$

If  $[A]$  doubles, rate \_\_\_\_\_



# Deriving Rate Laws

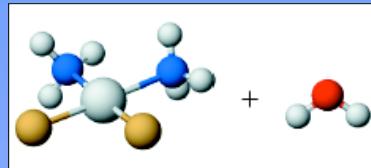
Derive rate law and  $k$  for



from experimental data for rate of disappearance of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$

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Expt.	$[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}]$ (mol/L)	Disappear of $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ (mol/L•sec)
1	0.10	0.020
2	0.20	0.081
3	0.30	0.182
4	0.40	0.318



# Deriving Rate Laws

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$$\text{Rate of rxn} = k [\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}]^2$$

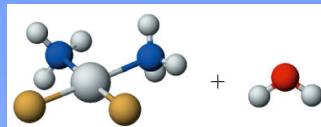
Here the rate goes up by \_\_\_\_\_ when initial conc. doubles. Therefore, we say this reaction is \_\_\_\_\_ order.

Now determine the value of  $k$ . Use expt. #3 data—

$$0.182 \text{ mol/L}\cdot\text{s} = k (0.30 \text{ mol/L})^2$$

$$k = 2.0 \text{ (L / mol}\cdot\text{s)}$$

Using  $k$  you can calc. rate at other values of  $[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}]$  at same  $T$ .



# Concentration/Time Relations

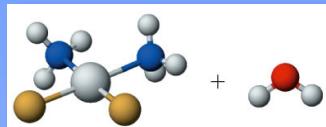
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What is concentration of reactant as function of time?

Consider **FIRST ORDER REACTIONS**

The rate law is

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta\text{time}} = k [A]$$



# Concentration/Time Relations

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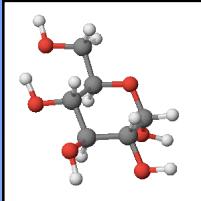
Integrating  $-(\Delta [A] / \Delta \text{ time}) = k [A]$ , we get

**ln** is natural logarithm

$$\ln \frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = -kt \quad [A] \text{ at time } = 0$$

$[A] / [A]_0$  = fraction remaining after time  $t$  has elapsed.

Called the **integrated first-order rate law**.



# Concentration/Time Relations

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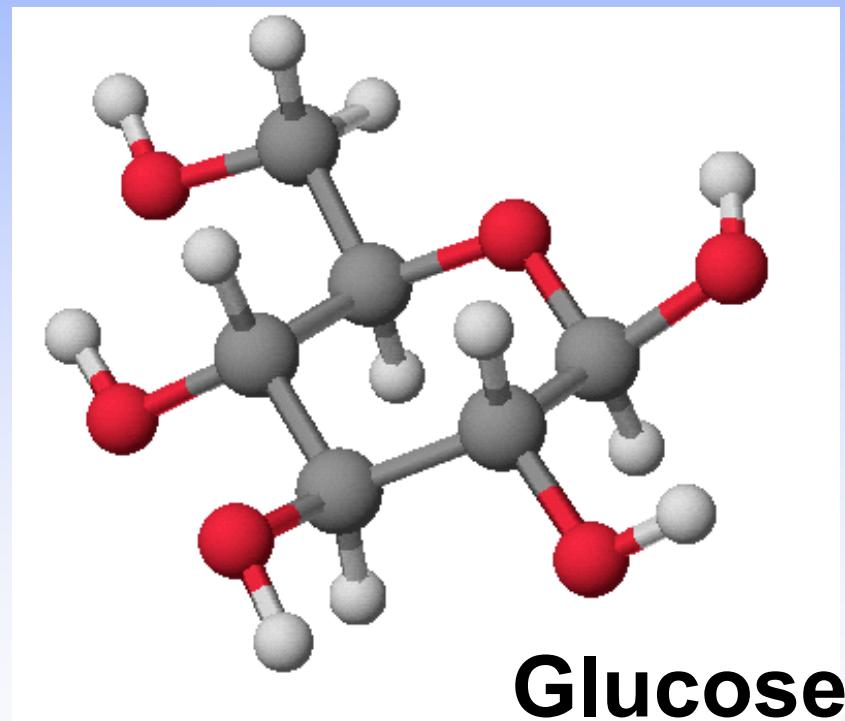
**Sucrose decomposes to simpler sugars**

**Rate of disappearance of sucrose =  $k$  [sucrose]**

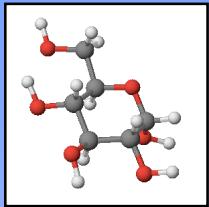
If  $k = 0.21 \text{ hr}^{-1}$

and  $[\text{sucrose}] = 0.010 \text{ M}$

How long to drop 90%  
(to  $0.0010 \text{ M}$ )?



# Concentration/Time Relations



Rate of disappear of sucrose =  $k$  [sucrose],  $k = 0.21 \text{ hr}^{-1}$ . If initial [sucrose] = 0.010 M, how long to drop 90% or to 0.0010 M?

Use the first order integrated rate law

$$\ln \left( \frac{0.0010}{0.010} \right) = - (0.21 \text{ h}^{-1}) t$$

$$\ln (0.100) = - 2.3 = - (0.21 \text{ hr}^{-1})(\text{time})$$

**time = 11 hours**

# Integrated 1<sup>st</sup> order rate law

- Use to find either time to reach a particular concentration or to find a concentration after a certain time, t
- Zero order and 2<sup>nd</sup> order have different equations

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

## Using the Integrated Rate Law

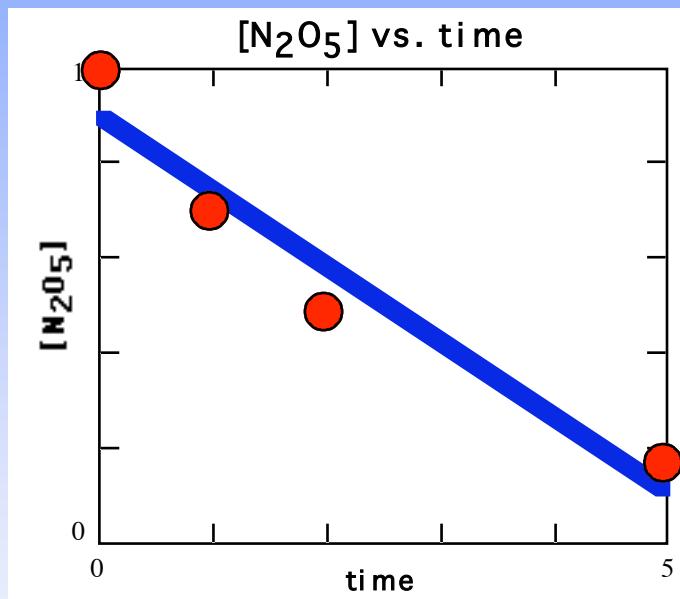
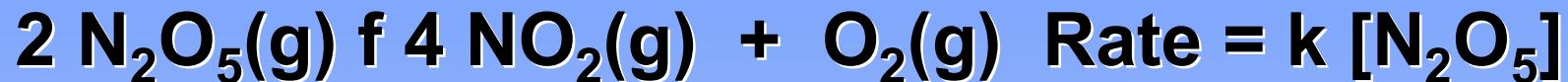
The integrated rate law suggests a way to tell the order based on experiment.



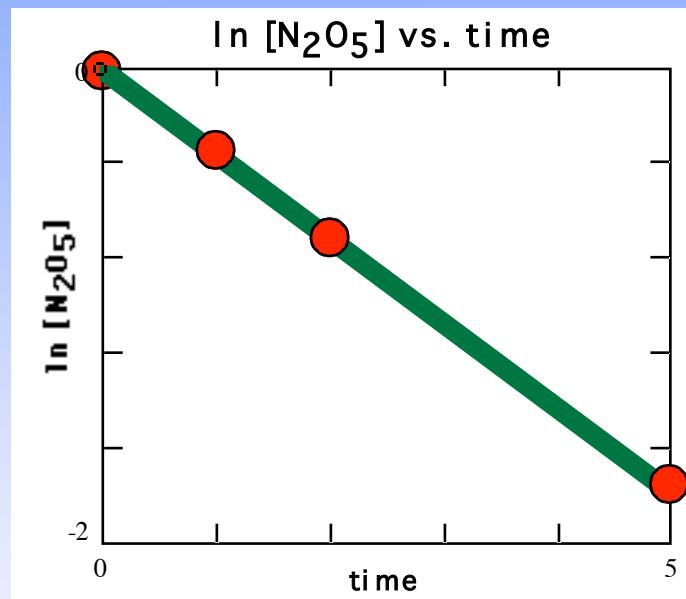
Time (min)	$[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0 \text{ (M)}$	$\ln [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0$
0	1.00	0
1.0	0.705	-0.35
2.0	0.497	-0.70
5.0	0.173	-1.75

$$\text{Rate} = k [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$$

# Using the Integrated Rate Law

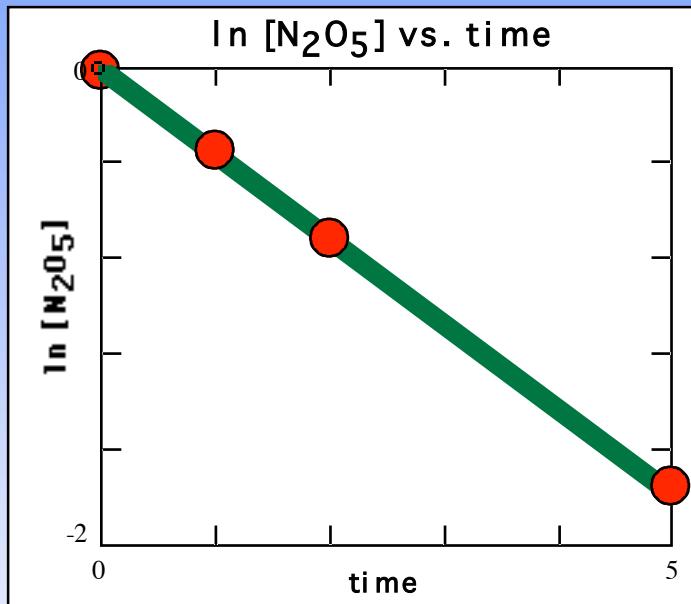


Data of conc. vs. time plot do not fit straight line.



Plot of ln [N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>] vs. time is a straight line!

# Using the Integrated Rate Law



Plot of  $\ln [N_2O_5]$  vs. time is a straight line!  
 Eqn. for straight line:

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\ln [N_2O_5] = -kt + \ln [N_2O_5]_0$$

↑                    ↑                    ↑  
 conc at      rate const      conc at  
 time t            = slope            time = 0

All 1st order reactions have straight line plot for  $\ln [A]$  vs. time.

(2nd order gives straight line for plot of  $1/[A]$  vs. time)

# Properties of Reactions

**Table 15.1** Characteristic Properties of Reactions of the Type “R → Products”

Order	Rate Equation	Integrated Rate Equation	Straight-Line Plot	Slope	<i>k</i> Units
0	$-\Delta[R]/\Delta t = k[R]^0$	$[R]_0 - [R]_t = kt$	$[R]_t$ vs. $t$	$-k$	$\text{mol/L} \cdot \text{time}$
1	$-\Delta[R]/\Delta t = k[R]^1$	$\ln([R]_t/[R]_0) = -kt$	$\ln[R]_t$ vs. $t$	$-k$	$\text{time}^{-1}$
2	$-\Delta[R]/\Delta t = k[R]^2$	$(1/[R]_t) - (1/[R]_0) = kt$	$1/[R]_t$ vs. $t$	$k$	$\text{L/mol} \cdot \text{time}$

# Factors Affecting Rates

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- Temperature
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# Factors Affecting Rates

- Physical state of reactants



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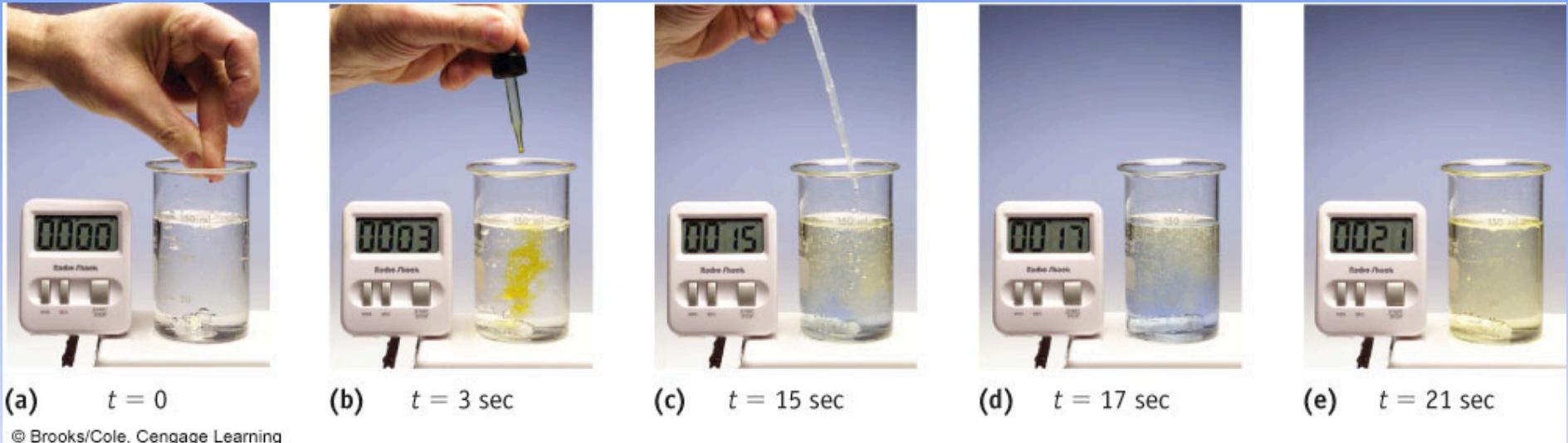
# Factors Affecting Rates

Catalysts: catalyzed decomp of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$



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# Catalysts



1.  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(\text{aq})$
2.  $\text{CO}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{liq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$
3.  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$

- Adding trace of NaOH uses up  $\text{H}^+$ . Equilibrium shifts to produce more  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ .
- **Enzyme in blood (above) speeds up reactions 1 and 2**

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# Factors Affecting Rates

- Temperature

Bleach at 54 °C



Bleach at 22 °C

# Iodine Clock Reaction

## 1. Iodide is oxidized to iodine



## 2. $\text{I}_2$ reduced to $\text{I}^-$ with vitamin C



When all vitamin C is depleted, the  $\text{I}_2$  interacts with starch to give a **blue** complex.

**(a) Initial Experiment.**  
The blue color of the starch-iodine complex develops in 51 seconds.



# Iodine Clock Reaction

**(a) Initial Experiment.**

The blue color of the starch-iodine complex develops in 51 seconds.



Solutions containing vitamin C,  $H_2O_2$ ,  $I^-$ , and starch are mixed.

**(b) Change Concentration.**

The blue color of starch-iodine complex develops in 1 minute, 33 seconds when the solution is less concentrated than A.



Smaller concentration of  $I^-$  than in Experiment A.



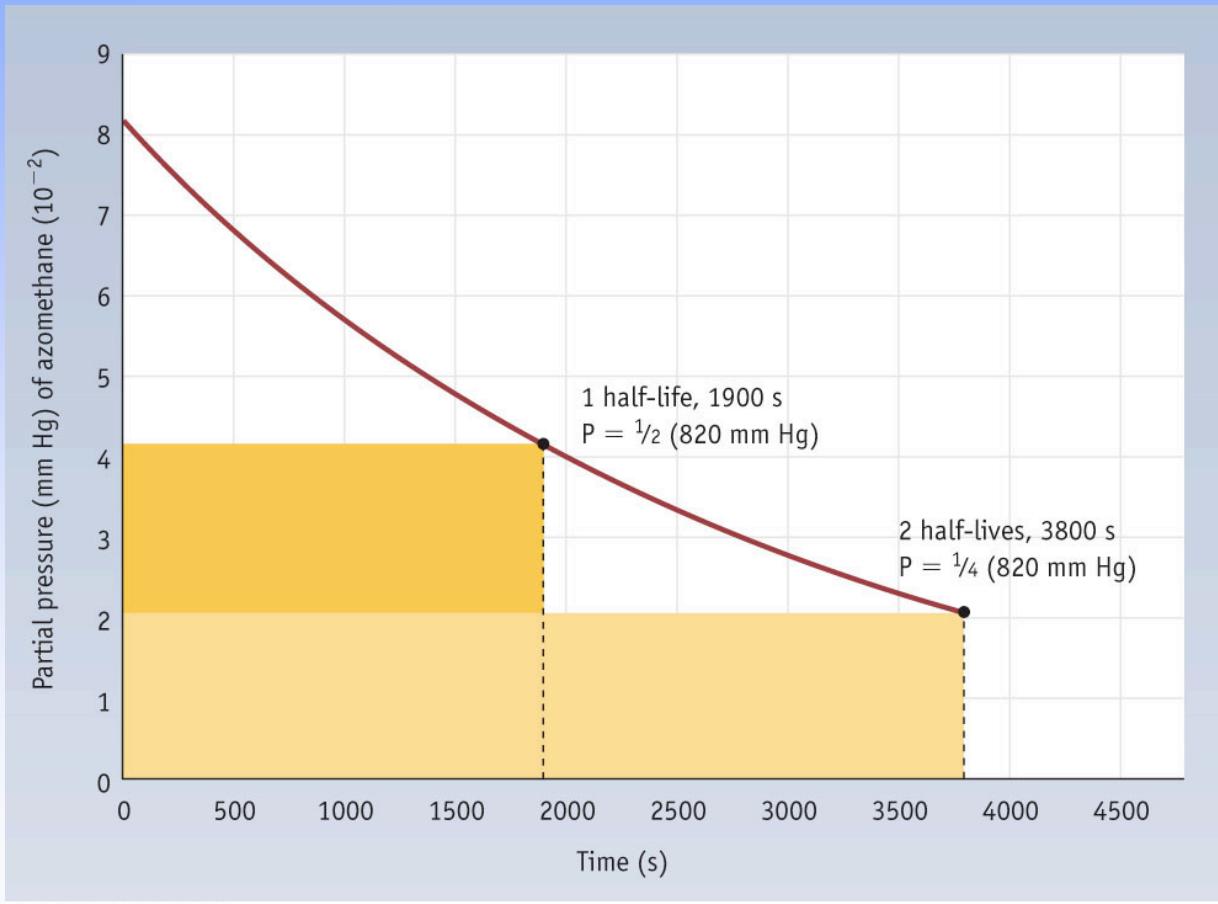
Same concentrations as in Experiment B, but at a higher temperature.



**(c) Change Temperature.**

The blue color of the starch-iodine complex develops in 56 seconds when the solution is the same concentration as in B but at a higher temperature.

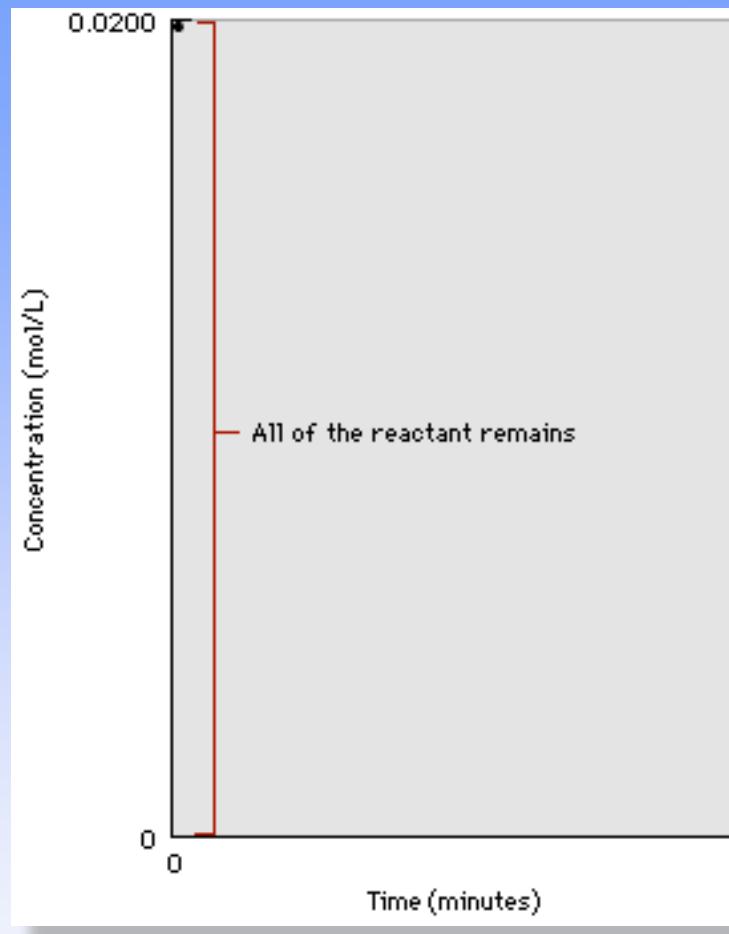
# Half-Life



**HALF-LIFE** is the time it takes for 1/2 a sample to disappear.

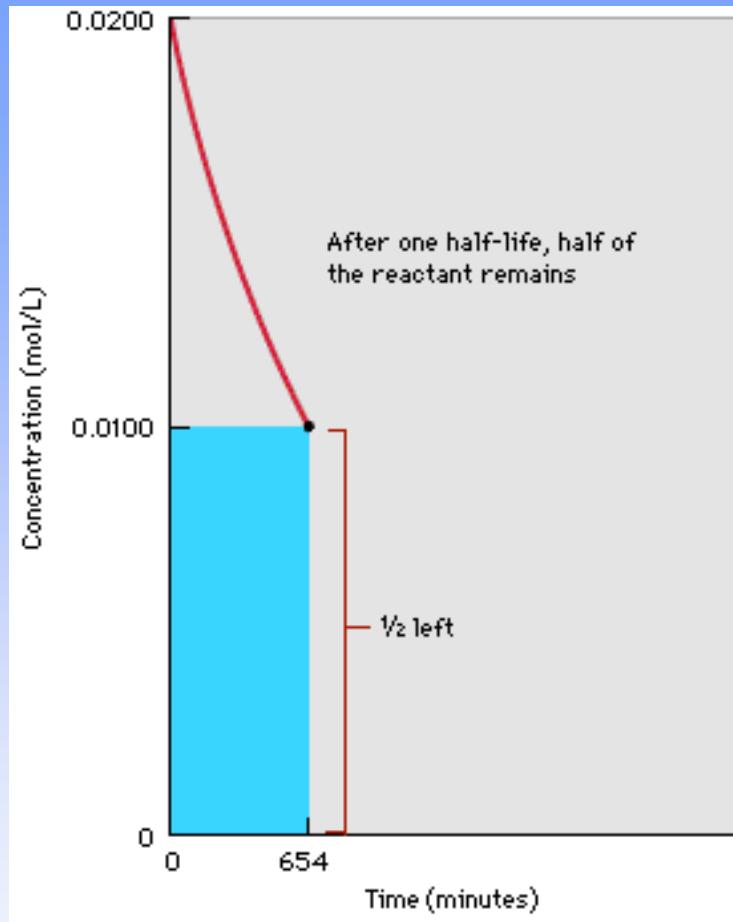
For 1st order reactions, the concept of **HALF-LIFE** is especially useful.

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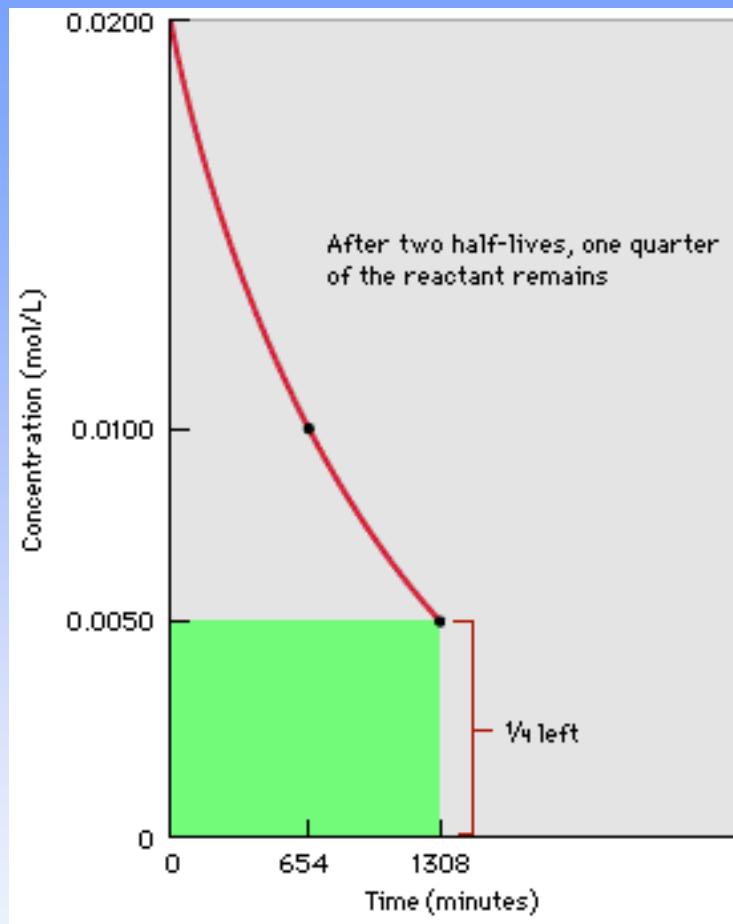
## Half-Life

- Reaction is 1st order decomposition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ .



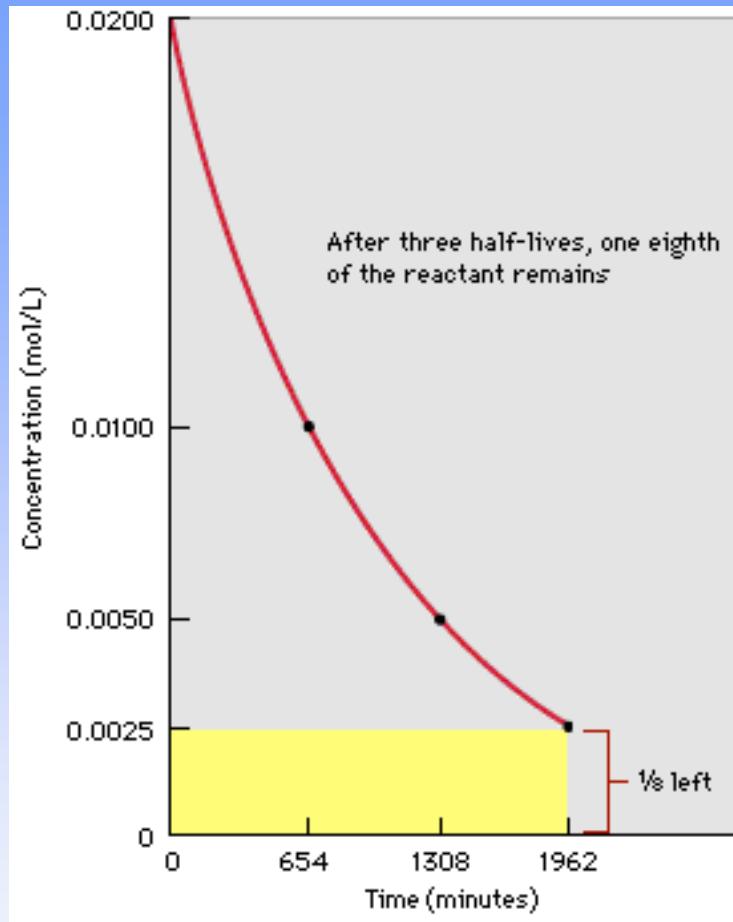
## Half-Life

- Reaction after 1 half-life.
- 1/2 of the reactant has been consumed and 1/2 remains.



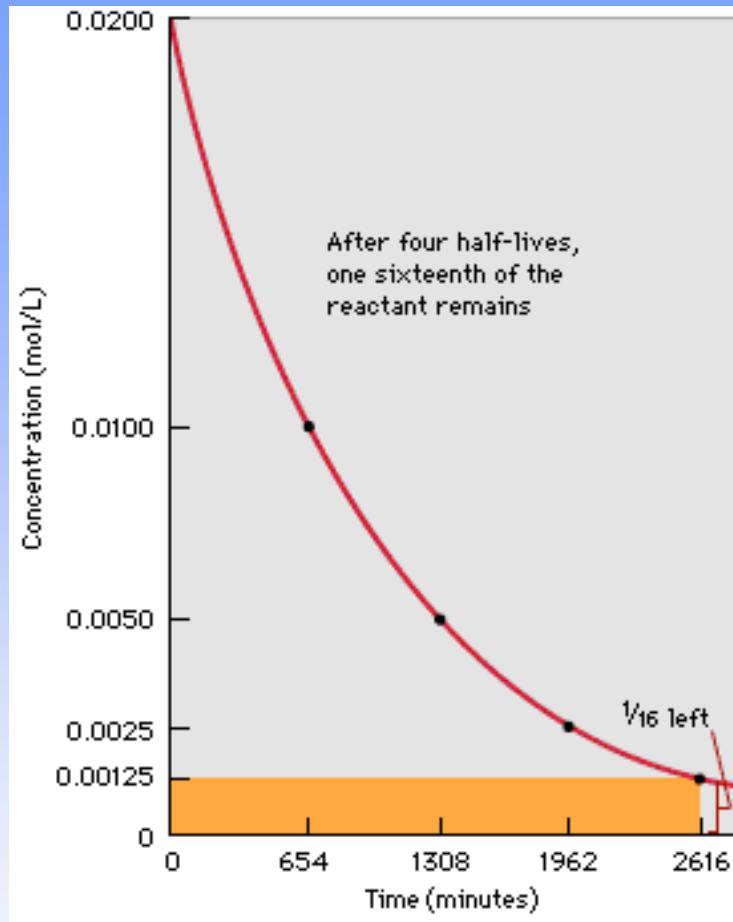
## Half-Life

- **After 2 half-lives  
1/4 of the reactant  
remains.**



## Half-Life

- **A 3 half-lives 1/8 of the reactant remains.**



## Half-Life

- **After 4 half-lives  
1/16 of the  
reactant remains.**

# Half-Life

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Sugar is fermented in a 1st order process (using an enzyme as a catalyst).

*sugar + enzyme  $\rightarrow$  products*

Rate of disappear of sugar =  $k[\text{sugar}]$

$$k = 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

What is the **half-life** of this reaction?

# Half-Life

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Rate =  $k[\text{sugar}]$  and  $k = 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . What is the half-life of this reaction?

**Solution**

$[\text{A}] / [\text{A}]_0 = \text{fraction remaining}$

when  $t = t_{1/2}$  then fraction remaining = \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore,  $\ln(1/2) = -k \cdot t_{1/2}$

$$-0.693 = -k \cdot t_{1/2}$$

$$t_{1/2} = 0.693 / k$$

So, for sugar,

$$t_{1/2} = 0.693 / k = 2100 \text{ sec} = 35 \text{ min}$$

# Half-Life

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Rate =  $k[\text{sugar}]$  and  $k = 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . Half-life is 35 min. Start with 5.00 g sugar. How much is left after 2 hr and 20 min (140 min)?

## Solution

2 hr and 20 min = 4 half-lives

Half-life	Time Elapsed	Mass Left
1st	35 min	2.50 g
2nd	70	1.25 g
3rd	105	0.625 g
4th	140	0.313 g

# Half-Life

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Radioactive decay is a first order process.

Tritium  $\beta$  electron + helium



$$t_{1/2} = 12.3 \text{ years}$$

If you have 1.50 mg of tritium, how much is left after 49.2 years?

# Half-Life

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Start with 1.50 mg of tritium, how much is left after 49.2 years?  $t_{1/2} = 12.3$  years

Solution

$$\ln [A] / [A]_0 = -kt$$

$$[A] = ? \quad [A]_0 = 1.50 \text{ mg} \quad t = 49.2 \text{ y}$$

$$\text{Need } k, \text{ so we calc } k \text{ from:} \quad k = 0.693 / t_{1/2}$$

$$\text{Obtain } k = 0.0564 \text{ y}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \ln [A] / [A]_0 &= -kt = -(0.0564 \text{ y}^{-1})(49.2 \text{ y}) \\ &= -2.77 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Take antilog: } [A] / [A]_0 = e^{-2.77} = 0.0627$$

**0.0627 = fraction remaining**

# Half-Life

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Start with 1.50 mg of tritium, how much is left after 49.2 years?  $t_{1/2} = 12.3$  years

Solution

$$[A] / [A]_0 = 0.0627$$

0.0627 is the **fraction remaining!**

Because  $[A]_0 = 1.50$  mg,  $[A] = 0.094$  mg

**But notice that 49.2 y = 4.00 half-lives**

**1.50 mg      f 0.750 mg after 1 half-life**

**f 0.375 mg after 2**

**f 0.188 mg after 3**

**f 0.094 mg after 4**

## Half-Lives of Radioactive Elements

Rate of decay of radioactive isotopes given in terms of 1/2-life.

$^{238}\text{U}$  f  $^{234}\text{Th} + \text{He}$   $4.5 \times 10^9 \text{ y}$

$^{14}\text{C}$  f  $^{14}\text{N} + \text{beta}$   $5730 \text{ y}$

$^{131}\text{I}$  f  $^{131}\text{Xe} + \text{beta}$   $8.05 \text{ d}$

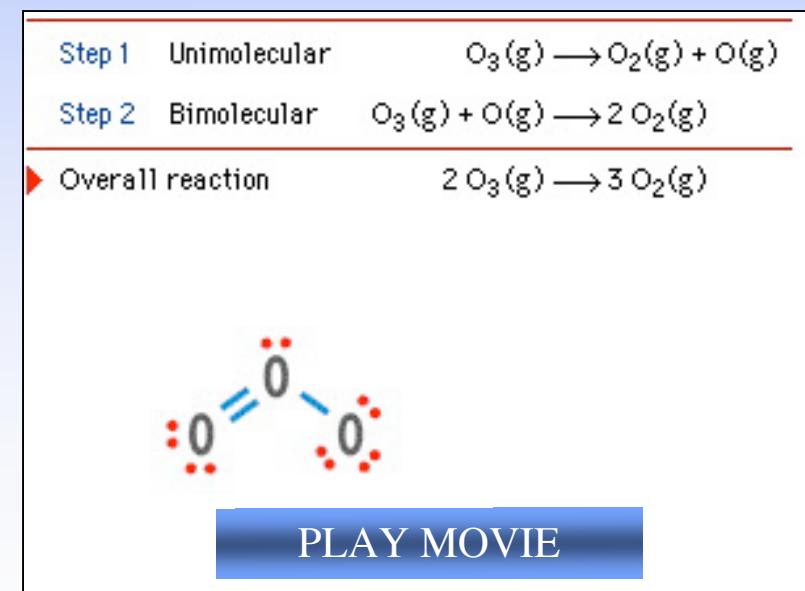
**Element 106 - seaborgium -  $^{263}\text{Sg}$**   
**0.9 s**

# MECHANISMS

## A Microscopic View of Reactions

**Mechanism:** how reactants are converted to products at the molecular level.

**RATE LAW** f                    **MECHANISM**  
**experiment** f **theory**



# Reaction Mechanisms

**The sequence of events at the molecular level that control the speed and outcome of a reaction.**

**Br from biomass burning destroys stratospheric ozone.**

(See R.J. Cicerone, *Science*, volume 263, page 1243, 1994.)



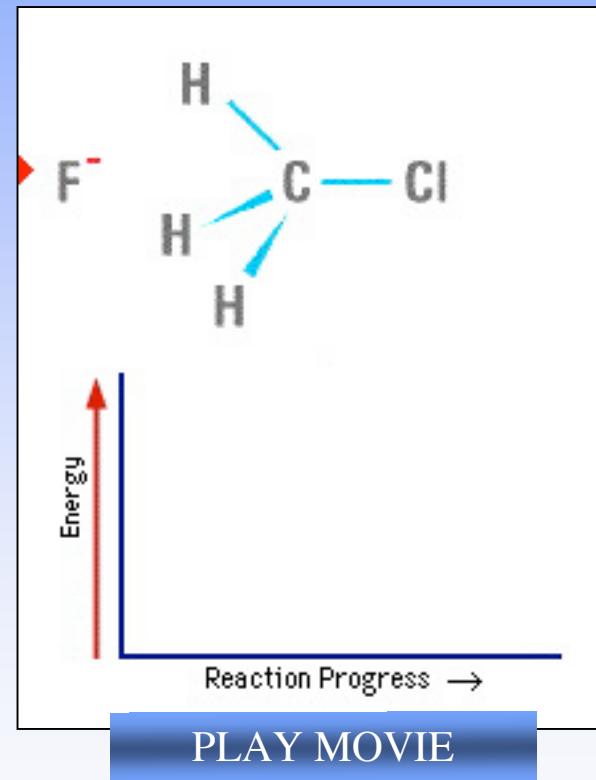
# Activation Energy

Molecules need a minimum amount of energy to react.

Visualized as an energy barrier - **activation energy,  $E_a$** .



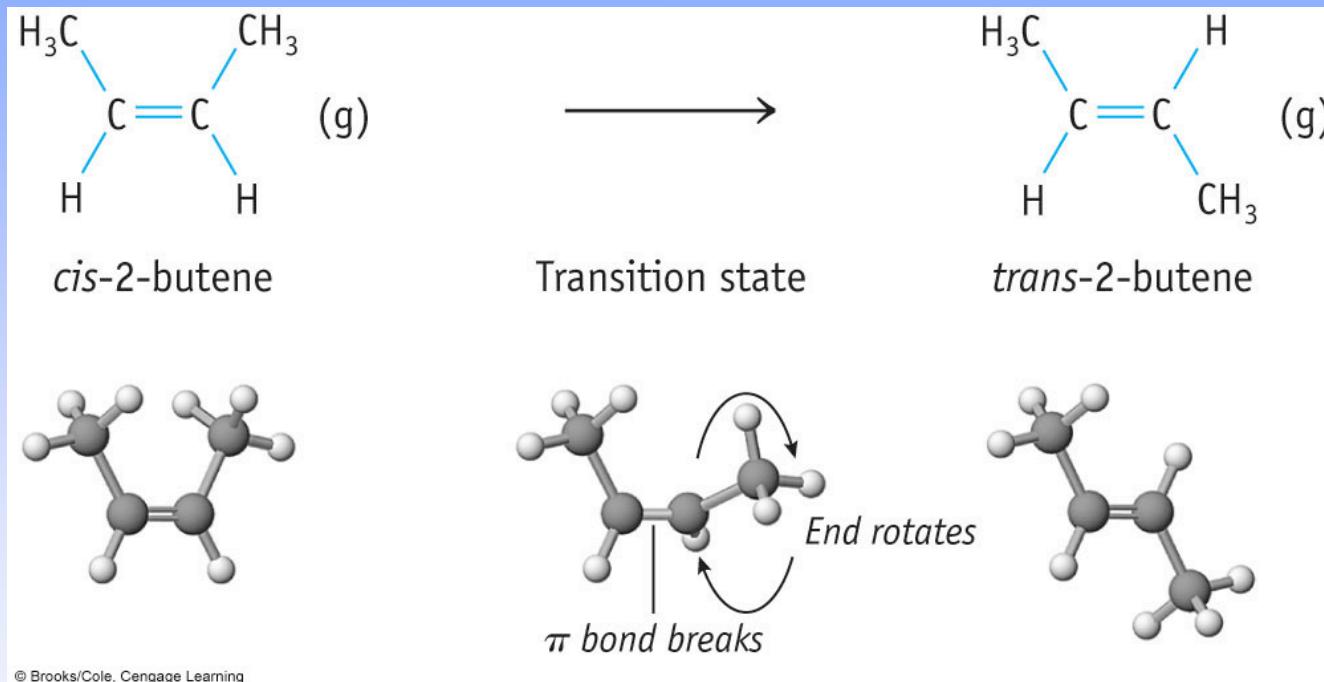
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## Reaction coordinate diagram

# MECHANISMS & Activation Energy



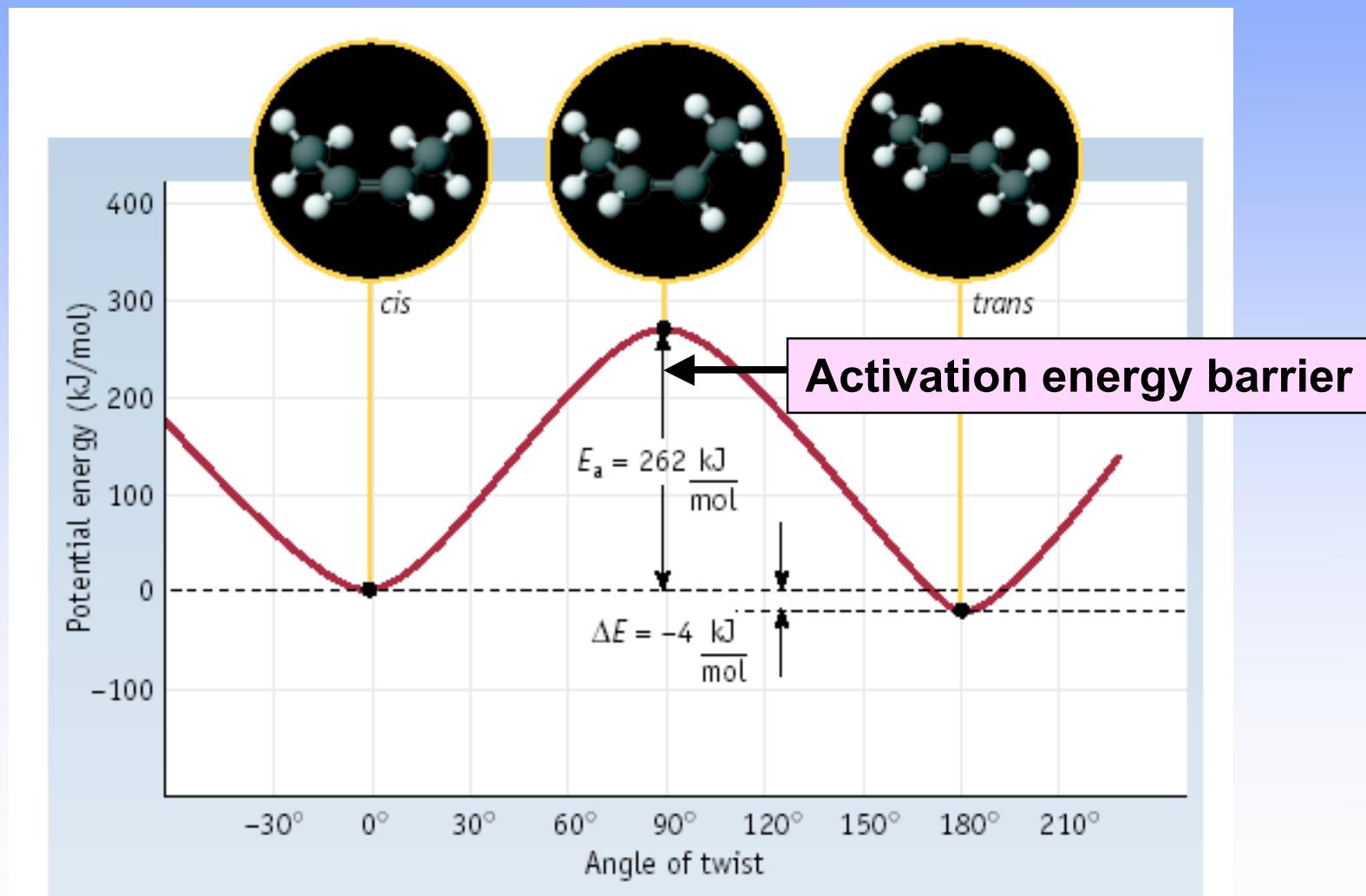
**Conversion of *cis* to *trans*-2-butene requires twisting around the C=C bond.**

**Rate = k [*cis*-2-butene]**

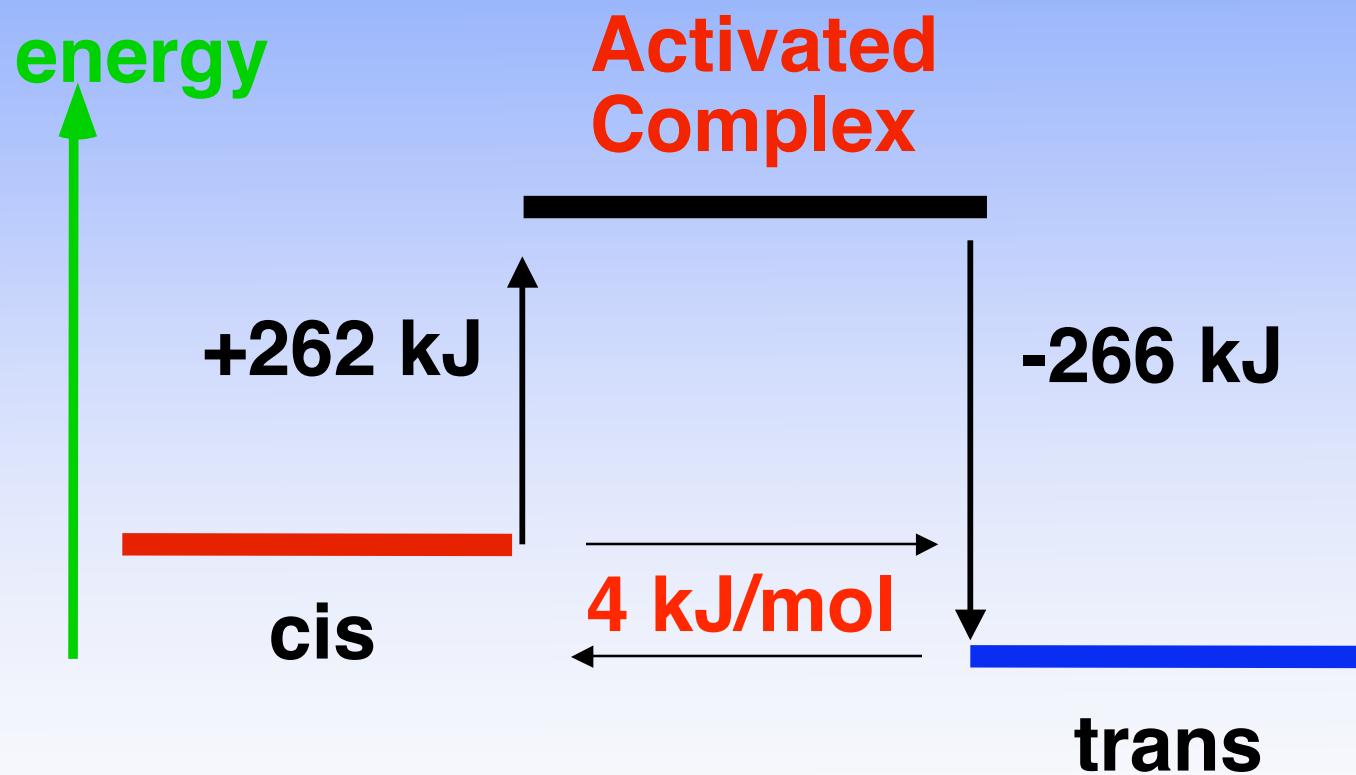
# MECHANISMS

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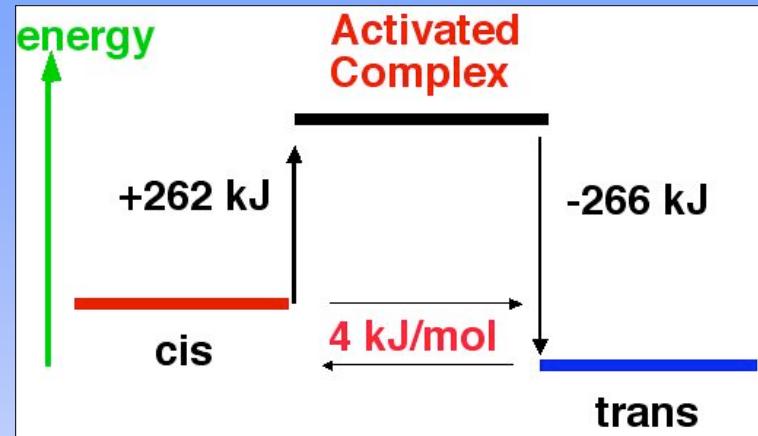
Cis      **Transition state**      Trans



Energy involved in conversion of cis to trans butene



- Reaction passes thru a **TRANSITION STATE** where there is an **activated complex** that has sufficient energy to become a product.



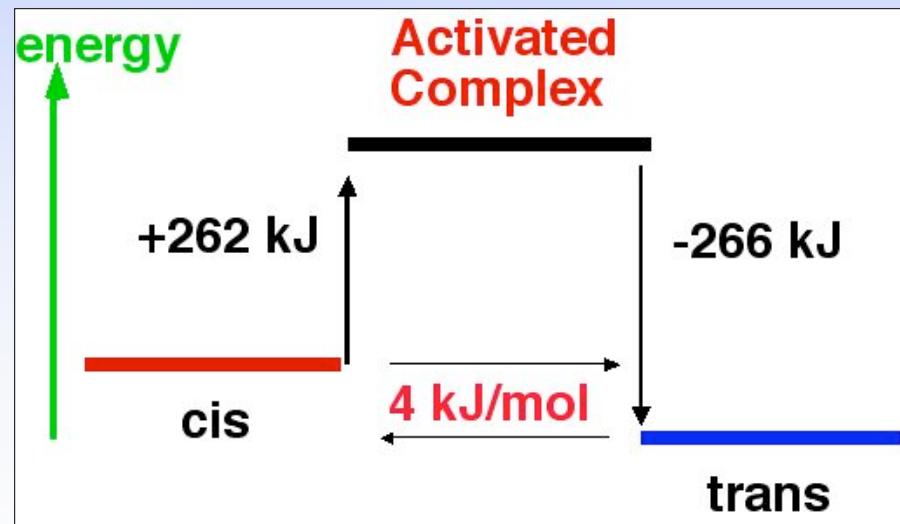
## ACTIVATION ENERGY, $E_a$

= energy req'd to form activated complex.

Here  $E_a = 262 \text{ kJ/mol}$

Also note that trans-butene is **MORE STABLE** than cis-butene by about 4 kJ/mol. Therefore, cis  $\rightleftharpoons$  trans is **EXOTHERMIC**

This is the connection between thermo-dynamics and kinetics.



# Collision Theory

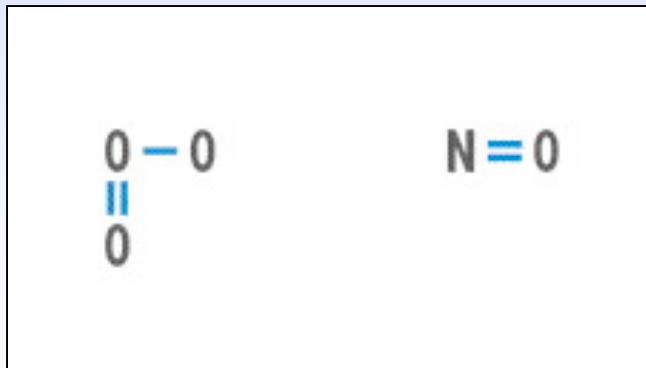
- **Molecules must collide in order to react**
- **Must collide with sufficient energy to break bonds ( $E_a$ )**
- **Must collide in the proper orientation**

Reactions require

- (a) activation energy and
- (b) correct geometry.

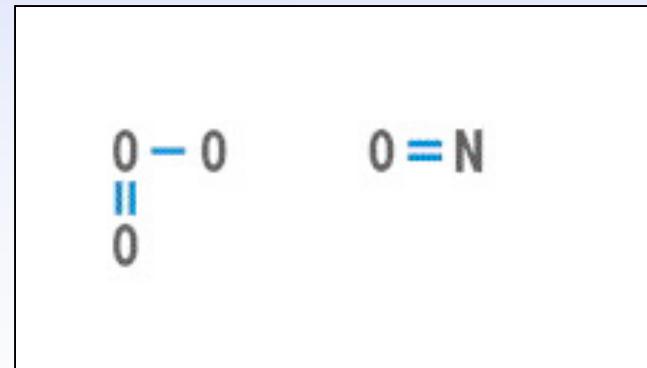


## 1. Activation energy



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## 2. Activation energy and geometry



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# Effect of Temperature

- Reactions generally occur slower at lower T.



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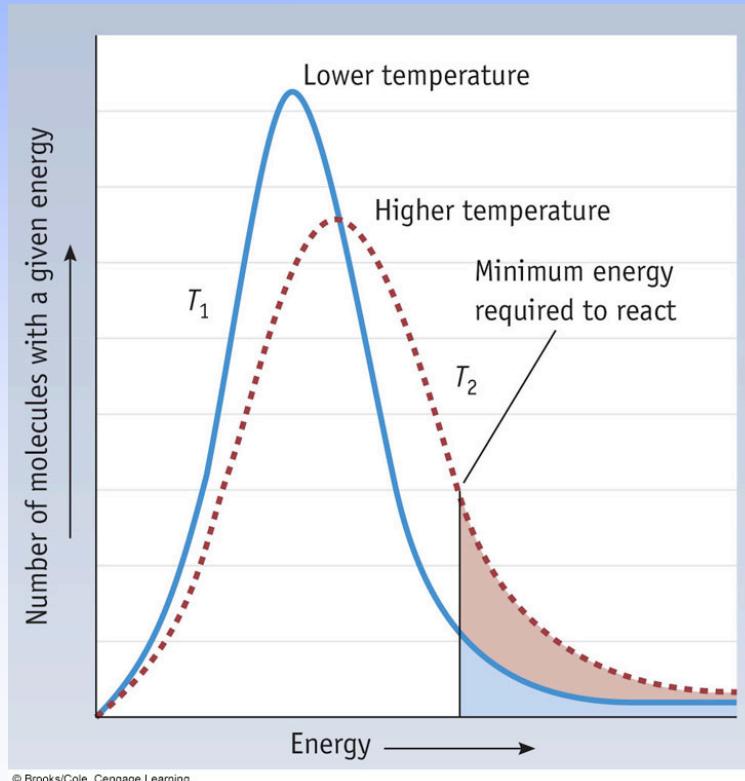
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Iodine clock reaction. See  
Chemistry Now, Ch. 15  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2 \text{I}^- + 2 \text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{I}_2$

# Activation Energy and Temperature

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Reactions are **faster at higher T** because a larger fraction of reactant molecules have enough energy to convert to product molecules.



In general,  
**differences in activation energy** cause reactions to vary from fast to slow.

**1. Why is *cis*-butene e *trans*-butene reaction observed to be 1st order?**

As [cis] doubles, number of molecules with enough E also doubles.

**2. Why is the *cis* e *trans* reaction faster at higher temperature?**

Fraction of molecules with sufficient activation energy increases with T.

# More About Activation Energy

## Arrhenius equation —

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

Rate constant → **Rate constant**  
 Frequency factor → **Frequency factor**  
 Activation energy → **Activation energy**  
 Temp (K) → **8.31 x 10<sup>-3</sup> kJ/K·mol**

Frequency factor related to frequency of collisions with correct geometry.

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

**Plot  $\ln k$  vs.  $1/T$  f straight line.**  
**slope =  $-E_a/R$**

# Arrhenius equation

- Find  $k$  at different temp, then:
- Plot  $\ln k$  vs  $1/T$ —slope =  $-E_a/R$
- To det'n slope, use “rise over run” ( $y/x$ )
- $R = 8.314 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kJ/mol}\cdot\text{K}$  or  
 $8.314 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$ . See overhead
- $y$ -intercept =  $\ln A$

**Catalysts speed up reactions by altering the mechanism to lower the activation energy barrier.**

**Dr. James Cusumano, Catalytica Inc.**



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**What is a catalyst?**

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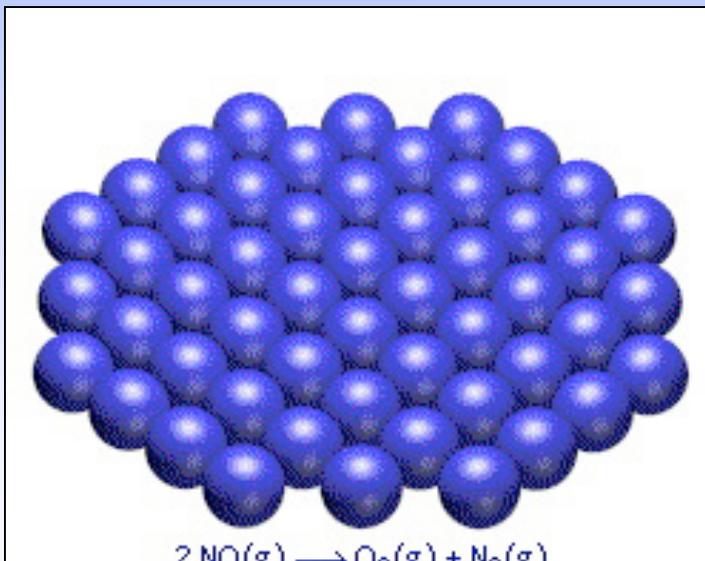
**Catalysts and the environment**



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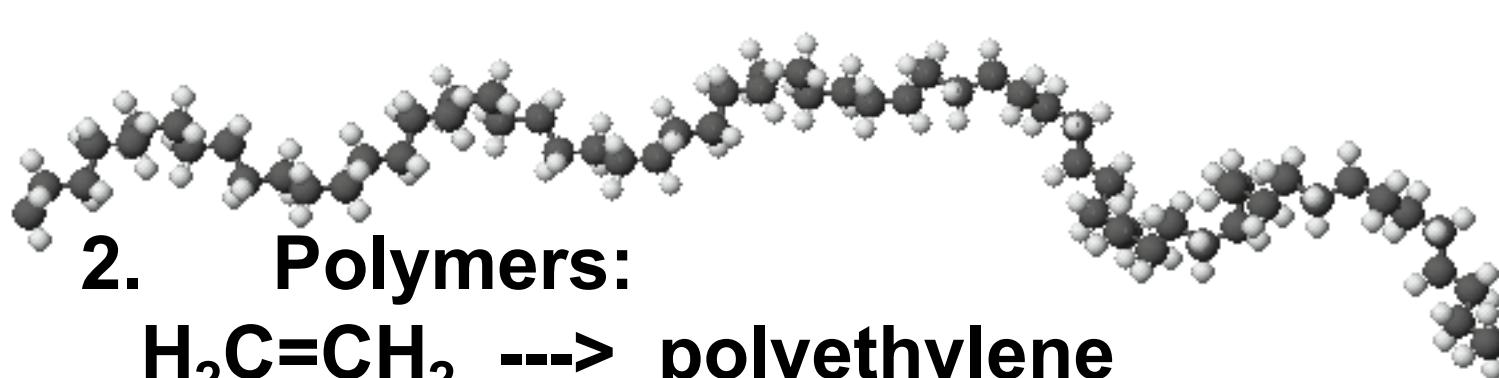
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In auto exhaust systems — Pt, NiO



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3. Acetic acid:



4. Enzymes — biological catalysts

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Catalysis and activation energy

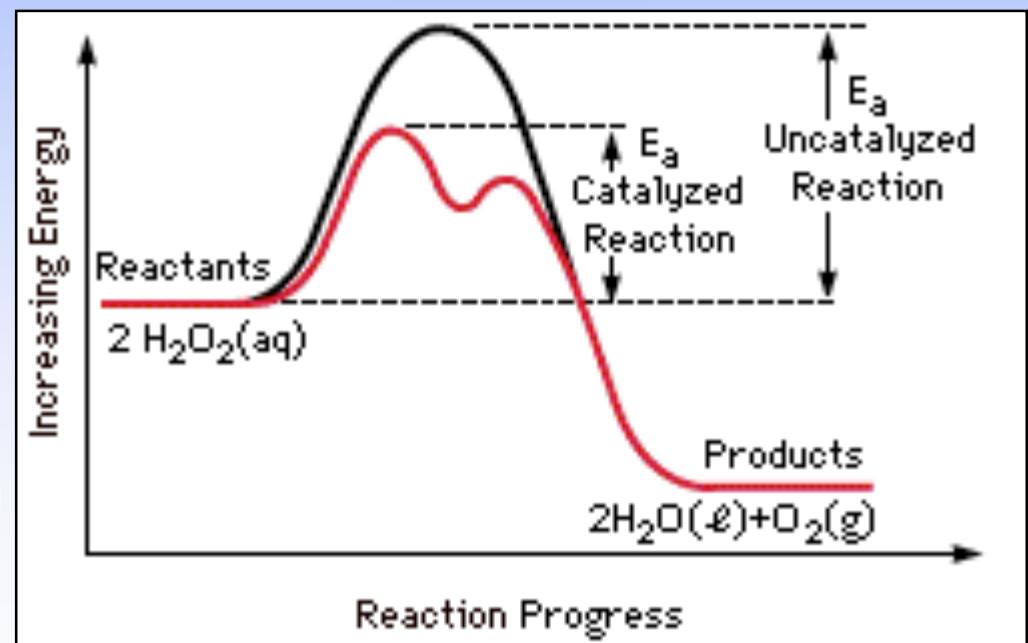


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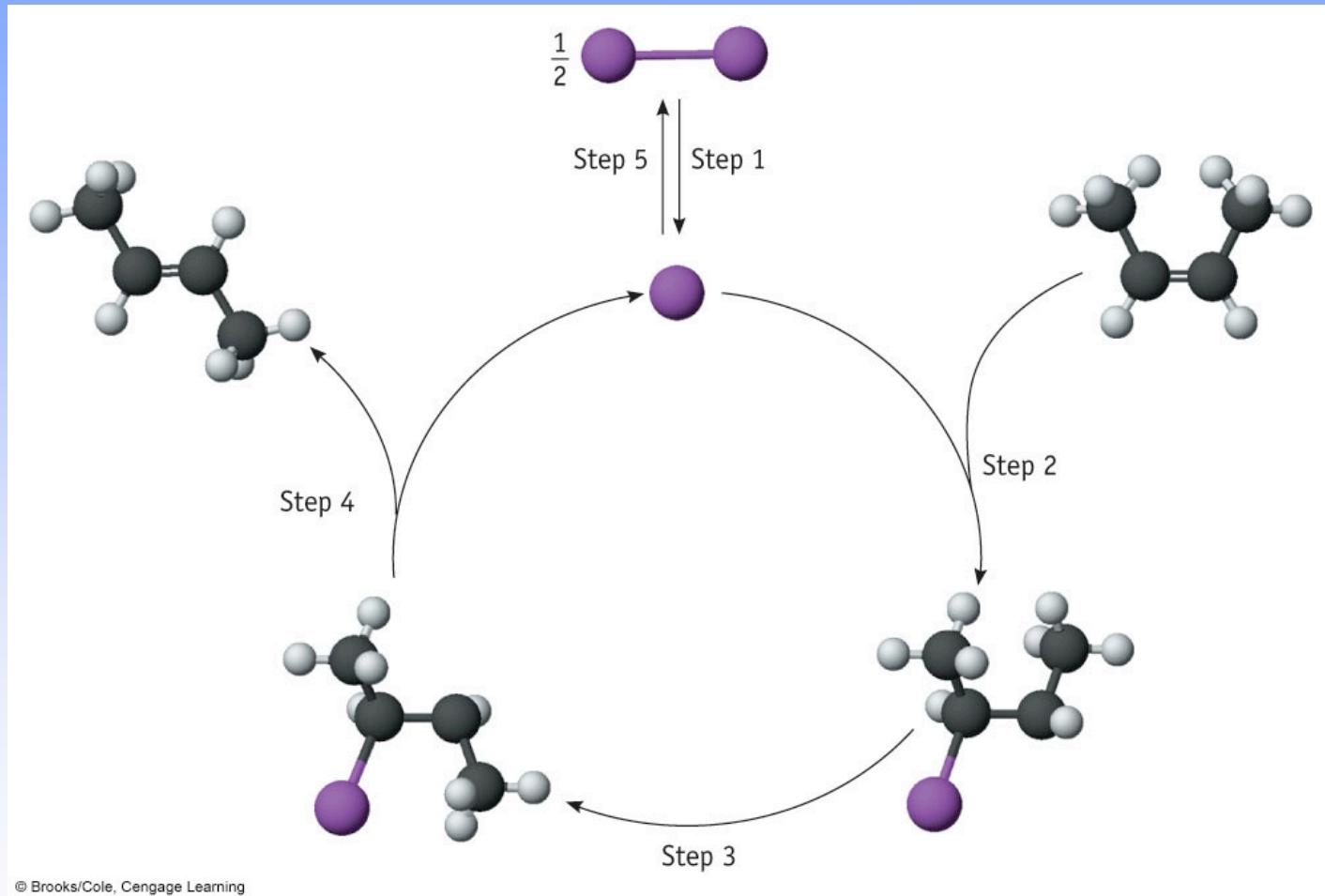
Uncatalyzed reaction

Catalyzed reaction

**MnO<sub>2</sub> catalyzes decomposition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**  
 $2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$



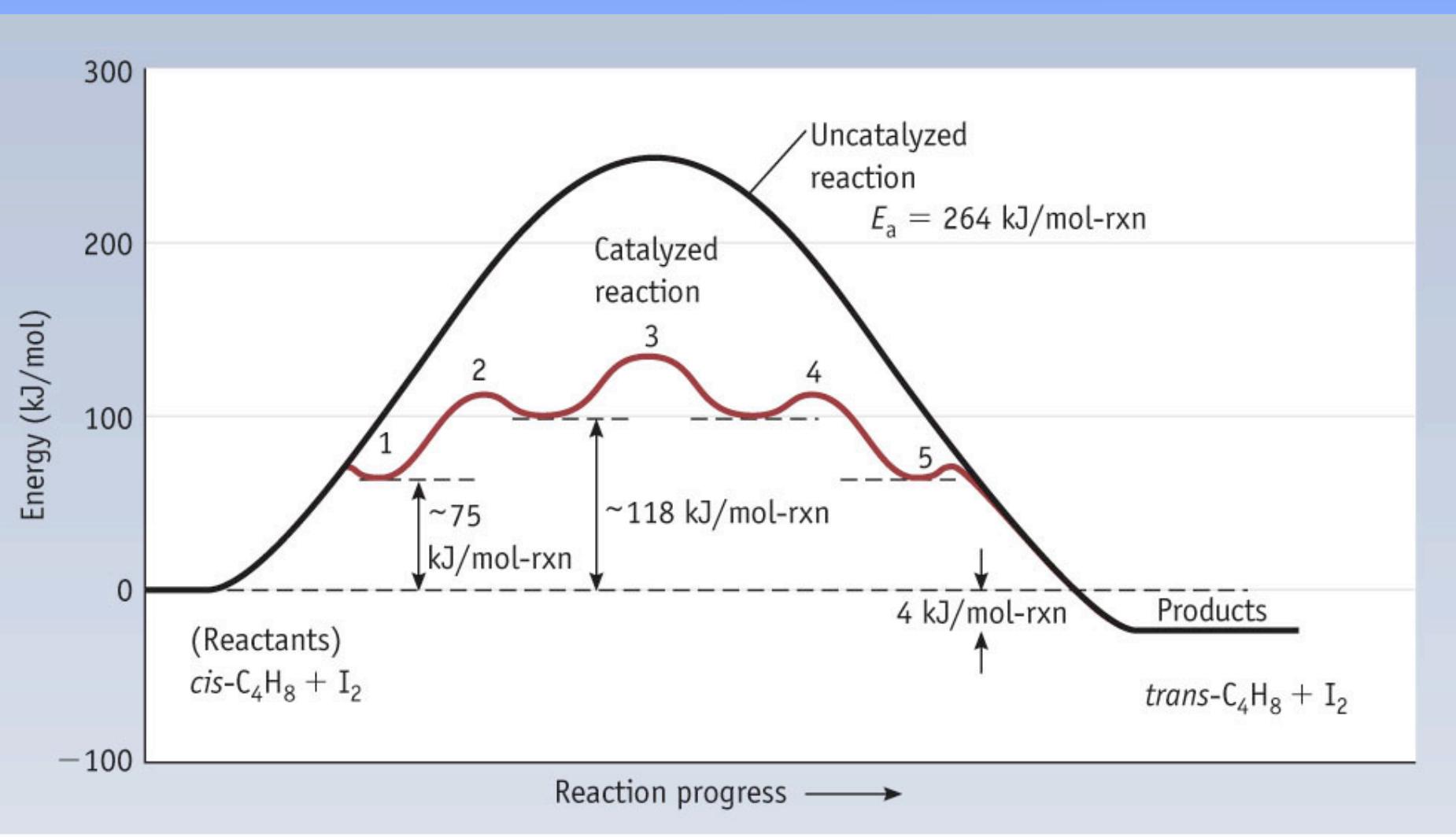
# Iodine-Catalyzed Isomerization of cis-2-Butene



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See Figure 15.15

# Iodine-Catalyzed Isomerization of cis-2-Butene

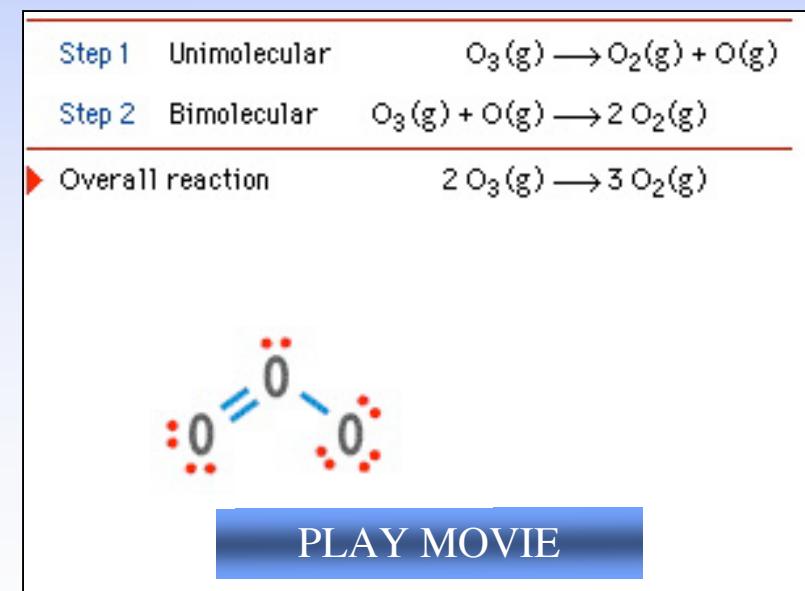


# MECHANISMS

## A Microscopic View of Reactions

**Mechanism:** how reactants are converted to products at the molecular level.

**RATE LAW** f                    **MECHANISM**  
**experiment** f **theory**



# Reaction Mechanisms

**The sequence of events at the molecular level that control the speed and outcome of a reaction.**

**Br from biomass burning destroys stratospheric ozone.**

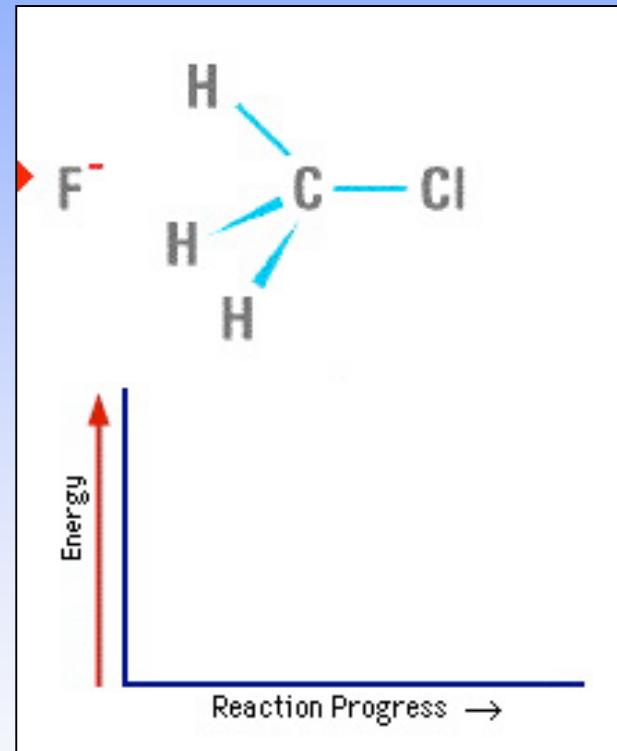
(See R.J. Cicerone, *Science*, volume 263, page 1243, 1994.)



Reaction of  
cis-butene f trans-butene is  
**UNIMOLECULAR** - only one  
reactant is involved.

**BIMOLECULAR** — two different  
molecules must collide f  
products

A bimolecular reaction



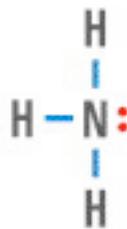
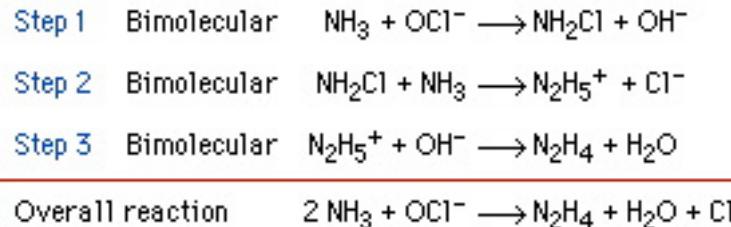
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**Exo- or endothermic?**

Some reactions occur in a single **ELEMENTARY** step.

Most rxns involve a sequence of elementary steps.

Adding elementary steps gives **NET** reaction.



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## Elementary steps (Steps in a mechanism)

- $A \rightarrow \text{Products}$    Uni      Rate =  $k[A]$
- $A + B \rightarrow \text{Prod}$    Bi      Rate =  $k[A][B]$
- $A + A \rightarrow \text{Prod}$    Bi      Rate =  $k[A]^2$
- $2A + B \rightarrow \text{Prod}$    Ter      Rate =  $k[A]^2[B]$
  
- **Note: add “molecular” to each prefix in middle column**

Most rxns. involve a sequence of elementary steps.



$$\text{Rate} = k [\text{I}^-] [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$$

## **NOTE**

1. Rate law comes from experiment
2. Order and stoichiometric coefficients not necessarily the same!
3. Rate law reflects all chemistry down to and including the slowest step in multistep reaction.

Most rxns. involve a sequence of elementary steps.



## Proposed Mechanism



Rate of the reaction controlled by slow step —

**RATE DETERMINING STEP, rds.**

Rate can be no faster than rds!

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$$\text{Rate} = k [I^-] [H_2O_2]$$

**Step 1 — slow**  $HOOH + I^- \rightarrow HOI + OH^-$  **Step**

**2 — fast**  $HOI + I^- \rightarrow I_2 + OH^-$

**Step 3 — fast**  $2 OH^- + 2 H^+ \rightarrow 2 H_2O$

**Elementary Step 1** is **bimolecular** and involves  $I^-$  and  $HOOH$ . Therefore, this predicts the rate law should be

$\text{Rate} \propto [I^-] [H_2O_2]$  — as observed!!

The species  $HOI$  and  $OH^-$  are **reaction intermediates**.

**Rate law written in terms of reactants.**

# Rate Laws and Mechanisms

$\text{NO}_2 + \text{CO}$  reaction:  
 Rate =  $k[\text{NO}_2]^2$

Two possible mechanisms

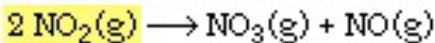
► **Step 1.** (slow, rate-determining step)  
 $2 \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{CO}(\text{g}) \longrightarrow \text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$



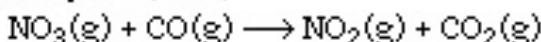
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Single step

► **Step 1.** (slow, rate-determining step)



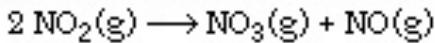
► **Step 2.** (fast)



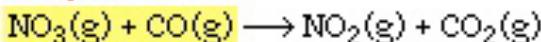
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Two steps: step 1

► **Step 1.** (slow, rate-determining step)

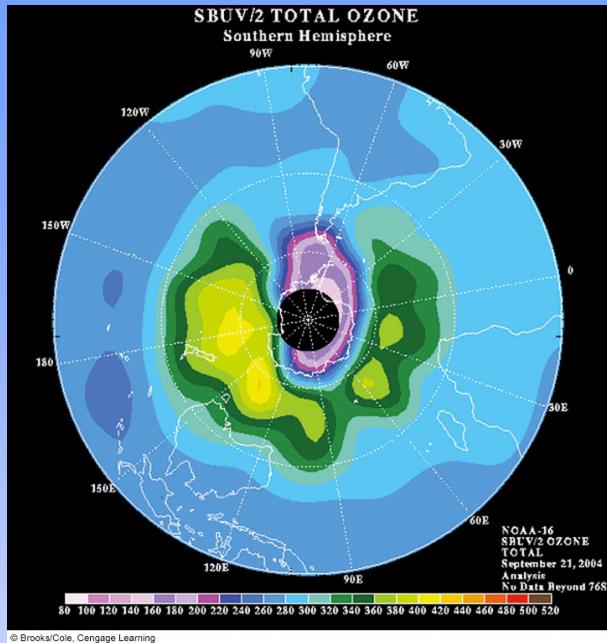


► **Step 2.** (fast)



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Two steps: step 2



## Ozone Decomposition Mechanism



*Proposed mechanism*

**Step 1: fast, equilibrium**



**Step 2: slow**



$$\text{Rate} = k \frac{[\text{O}_3]^2}{[\text{O}_2]}$$