

# ENERGY CHANGES & **RATES OF REACTION**

STUDYING THE RATES OF CHEMICAL  
REACTIONS IS KNOWN AS "KINETICS"

# WHAT IS KINETICS?

- THE RATE AT WHICH CHEMICAL REACTIONS OCCUR
- THE CHANGE IN CONCENTRATION OF REACTANTS OVER TIME
- THE CHANGE IN CONCENTRATION OF PRODUCTS OVER TIME

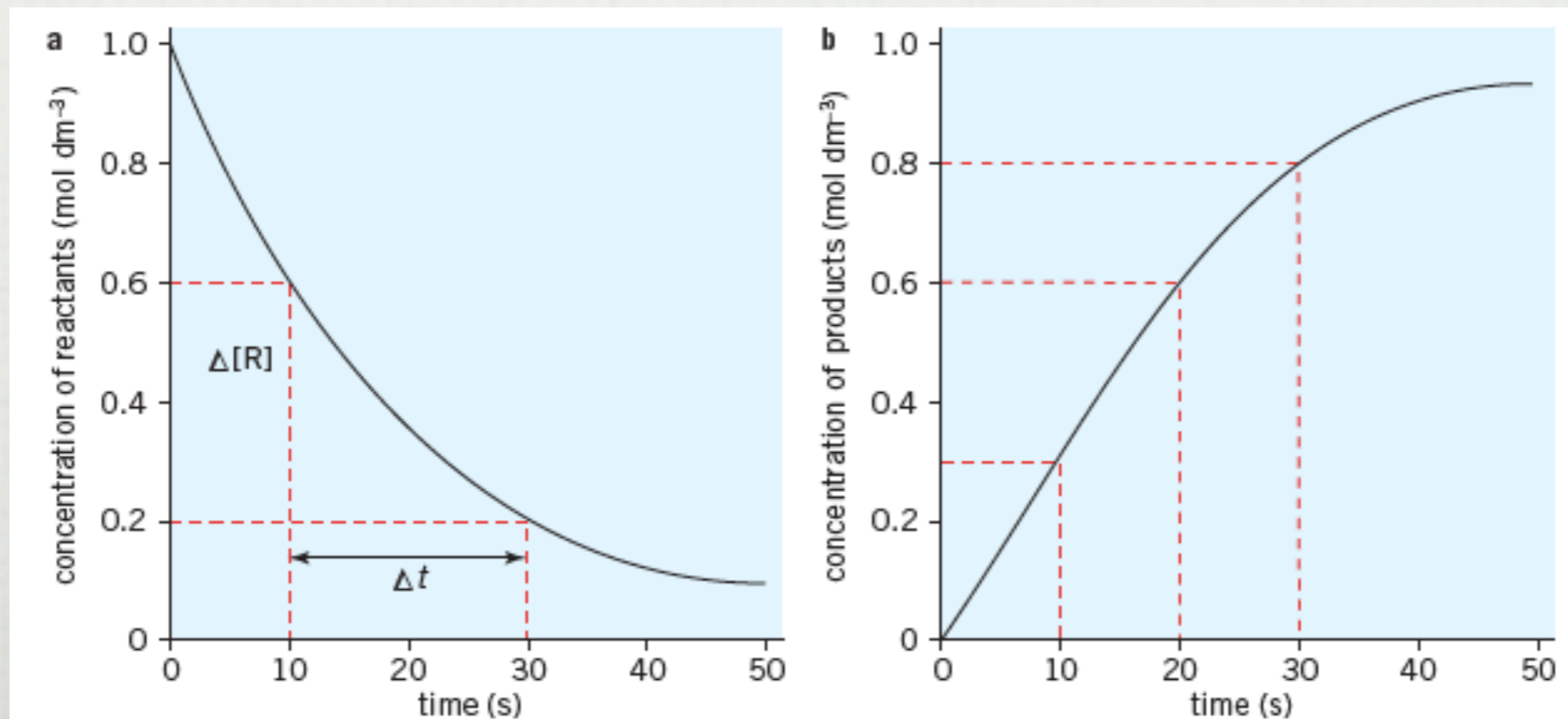


Figure 7.1.1 As a reaction proceeds (a) the concentration of reactants decreases and (b) the concentration of products increases.

# HOW DO WE MEASURE RATES?

Chemical reactions indicate the overall change that is observed. Most reactions take place through a series of steps which are usually too quick to observe.

- CHANGE IN MASS
- CHANGE IN CONCENTRATION
- CHANGE IN VOLUME
- CHANGE IN PRESSURE
- CHANGE IN COLOUR
- CHANGE IN CONDUCTIVITY
- CHANGE IN LIGHT ABSORPTION

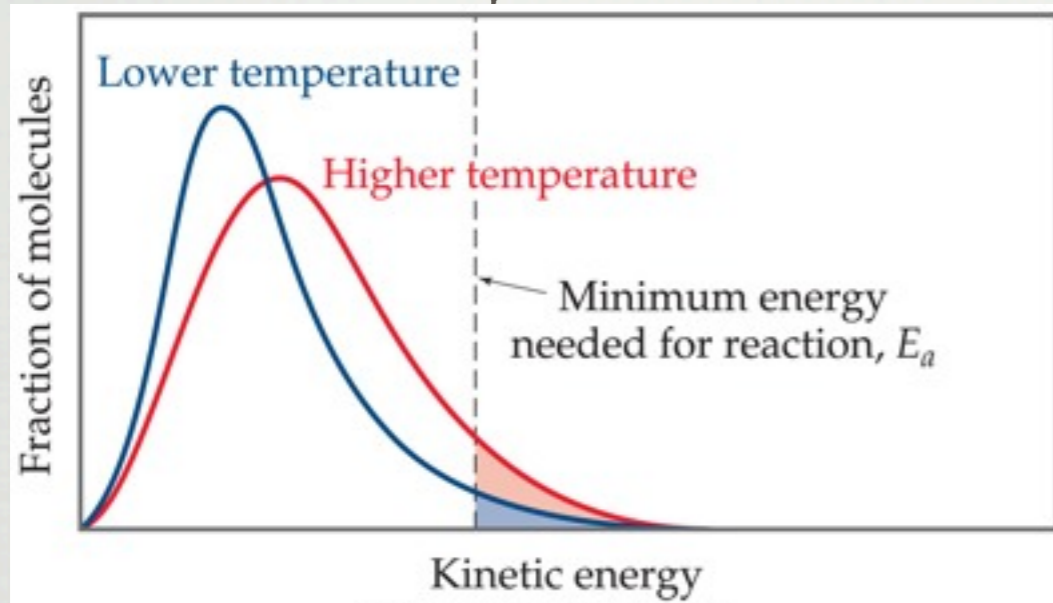
# what affects rates?

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- Temperature
- Concentration of Reactants
- Surface area
- Catalysts
- The Nature of the Reactants
  - Chemical compounds vary considerably in their chemical reactivities

# but why?

- Increase temperature, increase rate of reaction & vice versa



- At higher temperature, molecules have more energy
- therefore, more molecules will have enough energy to overcome  $E_a$  and to form products

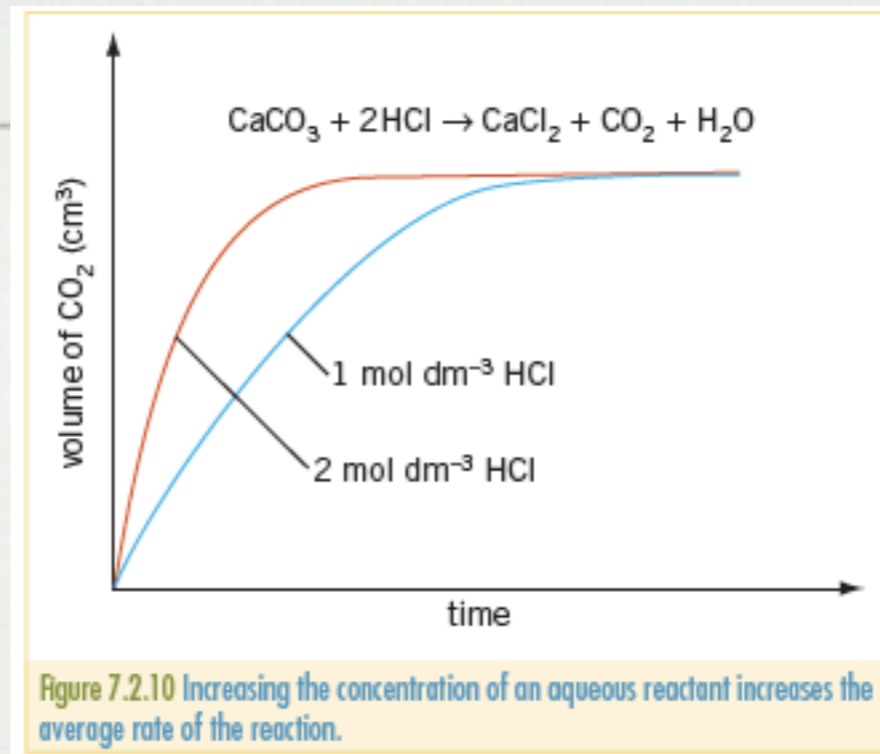


# Temperature & Rates

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# effect of concentration



- Increase concentration, increase rate of reaction & vice versa
- Recall - concentration is mol/volume ( $c = n/v$ )
- increasing pressure of a gas has the same effect as increasing concentration:
  - more particles in a particular space means more chances of colliding

# effect of surface area

- increase surface area, increase rate of reaction & vice versa
- what dissolves faster: a lump of sugar or a spoonful of fine sugar?
- more surface area will give more opportunities for the reaction to take place. What about particle size???





# effect of catalysts

- a catalyst is a substance that speeds up a reaction without actually being used up itself
- catalysts provide an alternate pathway for the reaction with lower energy

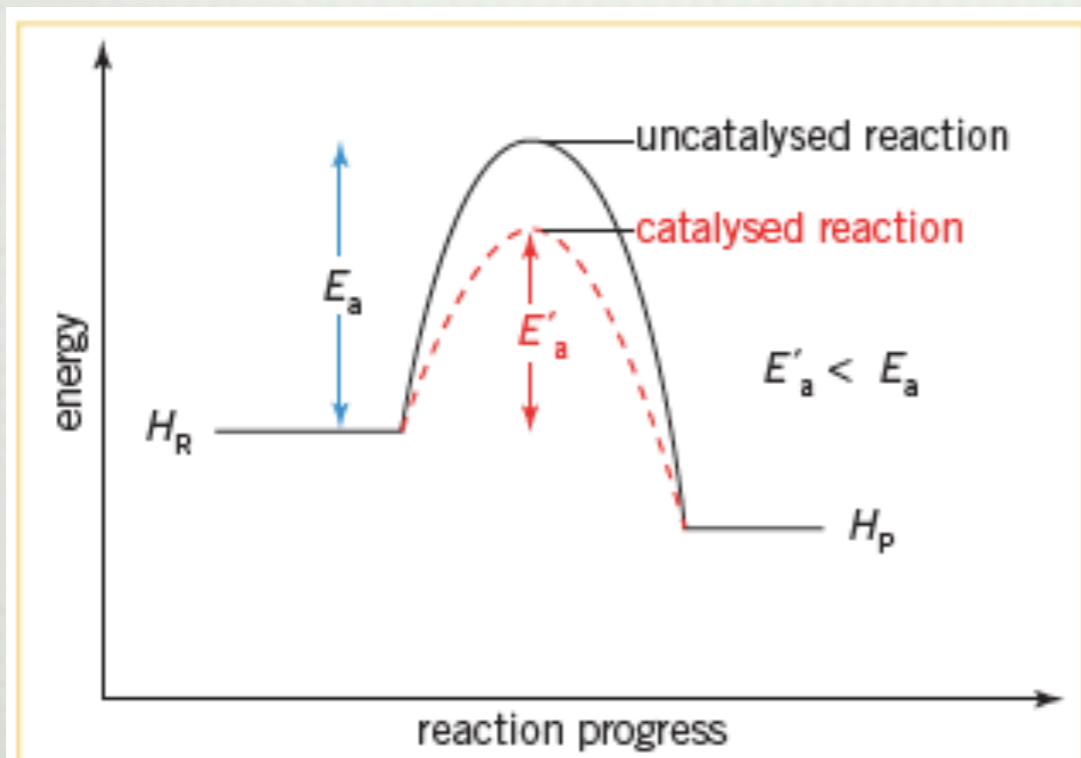


Figure 7.2.16 Catalysts lower the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) and so increase the rate of reaction.

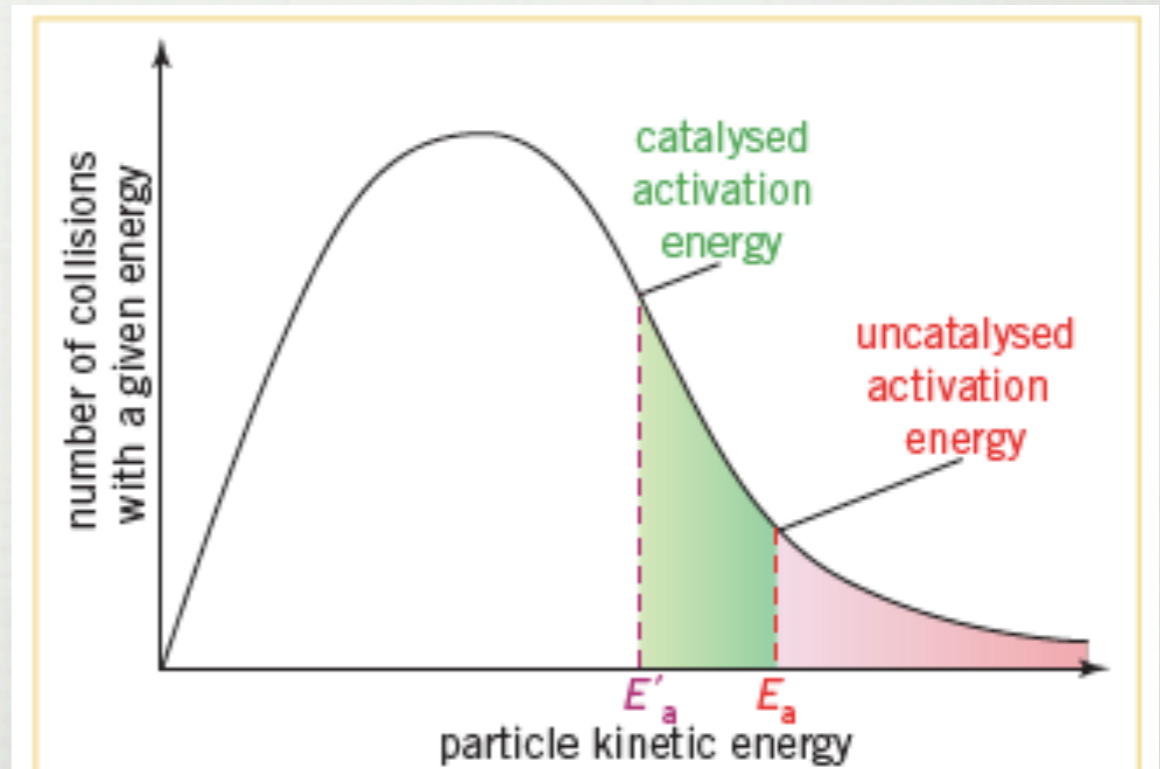
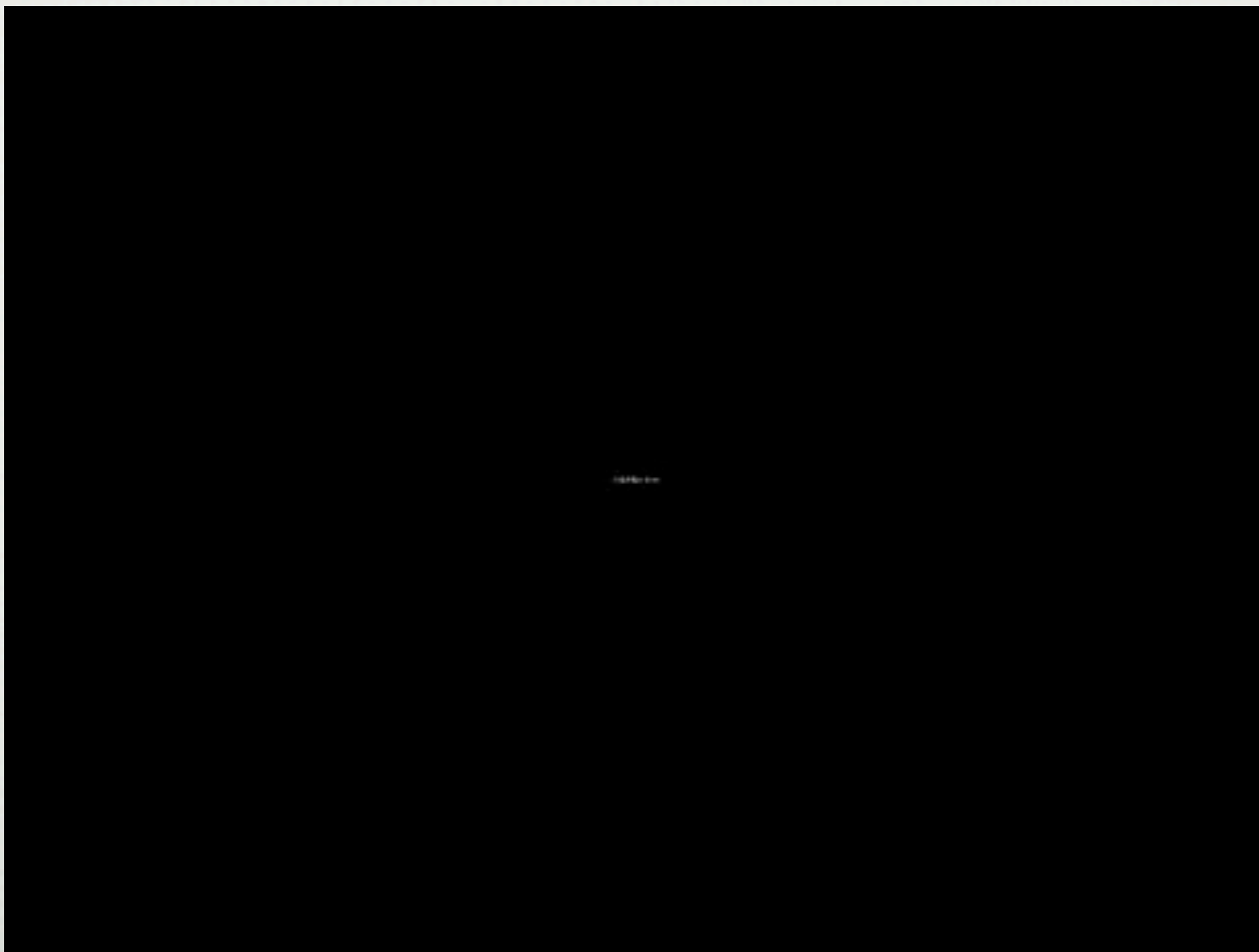


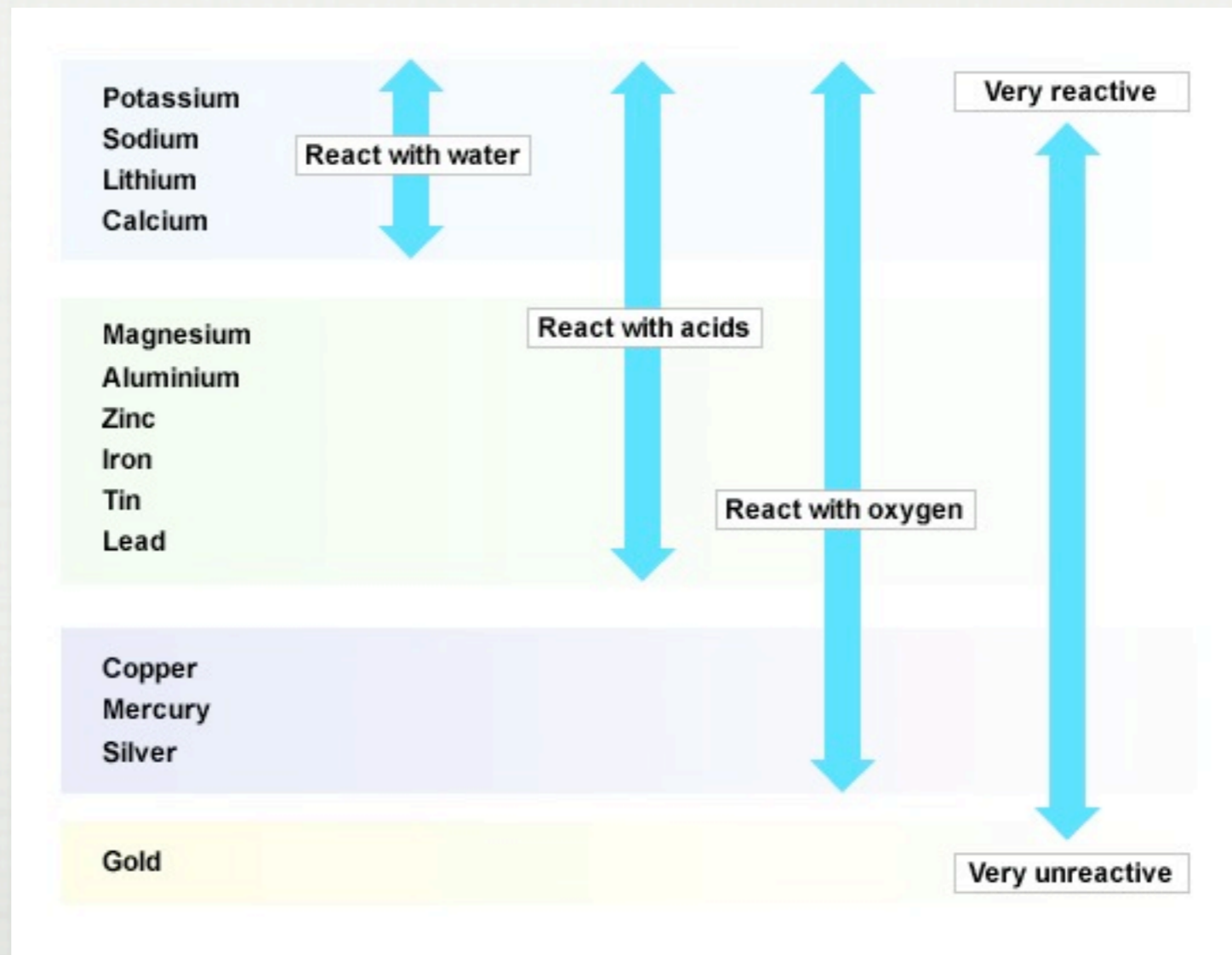
Figure 7.2.17 Catalysts lower the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) so that more collisions will result in product formation.

# What catalysts can do!

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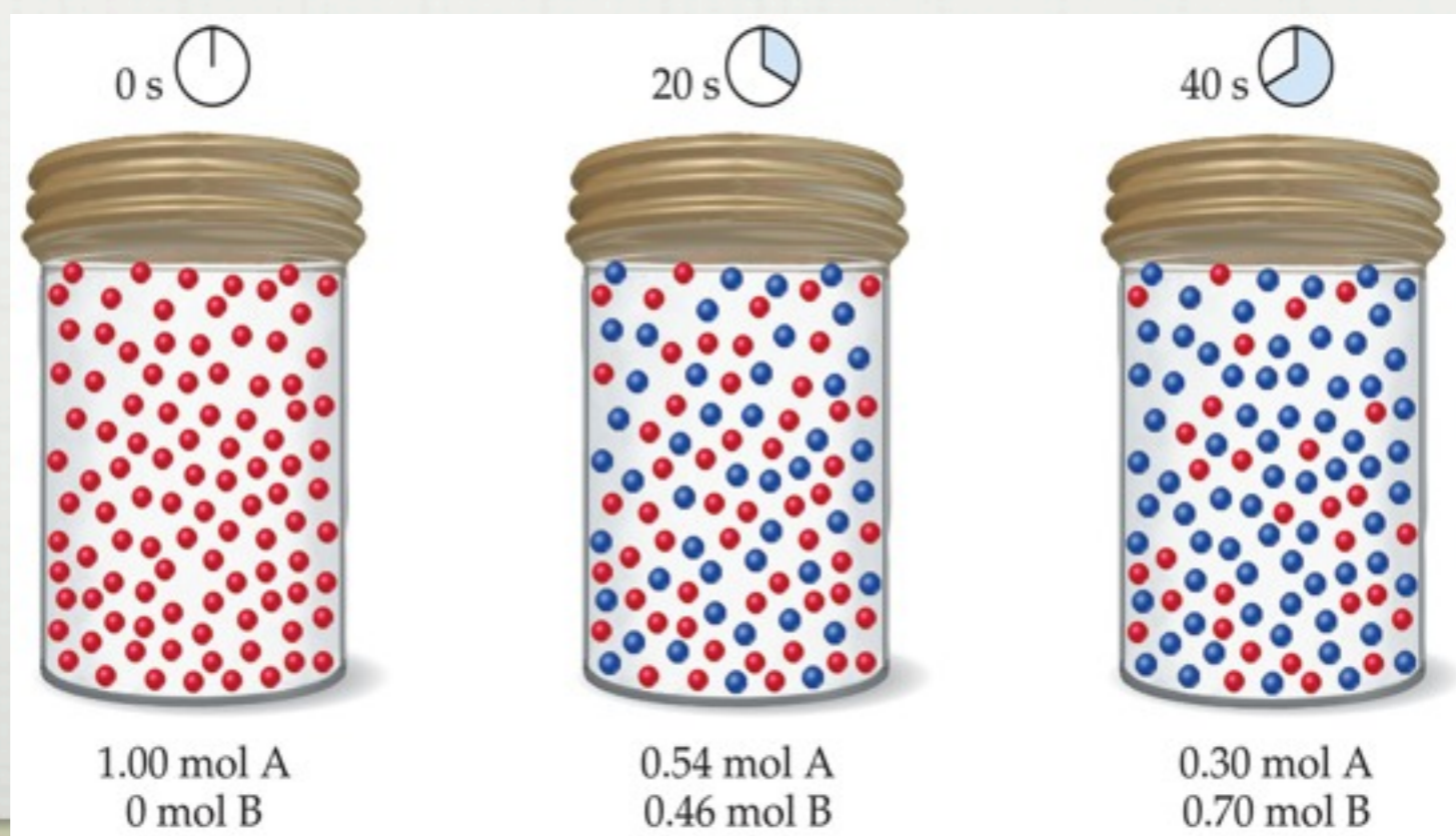


# Nature of Reactants

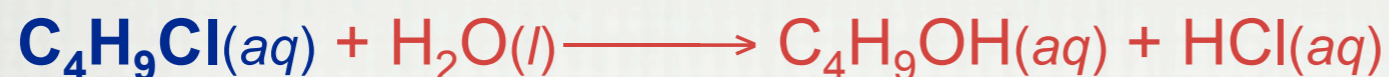


# REACTION RATES

- THE RATE OF A CHEMICAL REACTION CAN BE DETERMINED BY MONITORING THE CHANGE IN CONCENTRATION OF EITHER REACTANTS DISAPPEARING OR BY THE PRODUCTS APPEARING AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
- REACTION RATE =  $-[A] / \Delta T$  OR  $[B] / \Delta T$



# Example I: Reaction Rates



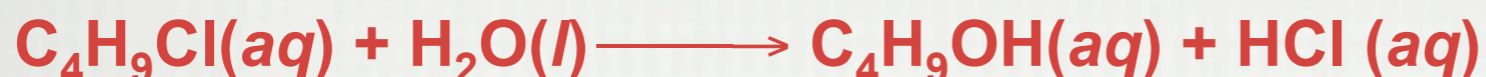
Time, $t$ (s)	$[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}]$ M
0.0	0.1000
50.0	0.0905
100.0	0.0820
150.0	0.0741
200.0	0.0671
300.0	0.0549
400.0	0.0448
500.0	0.0368
800.0	0.0200
10,000	0

**In this reaction, the concentration of butyl chloride,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$ , was measured at various times,  $t$ .**

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{-\Delta[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}]}{\Delta t}$$

- Note: by convention, rates are positive. So, if you are working with reactants disappearing, you must multiply by -1!

# Calculating Reaction Rates



Time, $t$ (s)	$[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}]$ (M)	Average Rate, M/s
0.0	0.1000	
50.0	0.0905	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$
100.0	0.0820	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
150.0	0.0741	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
200.0	0.0671	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$
300.0	0.0549	$1.22 \times 10^{-4}$
400.0	0.0448	$1.01 \times 10^{-4}$
500.0	0.0368	$0.80 \times 10^{-4}$
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The **average rate** of the reaction over each interval is the change in concentration divided by the change in time

The most common method of changing a reaction rate is through changing the concentration of reactants.

Mathematically:

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

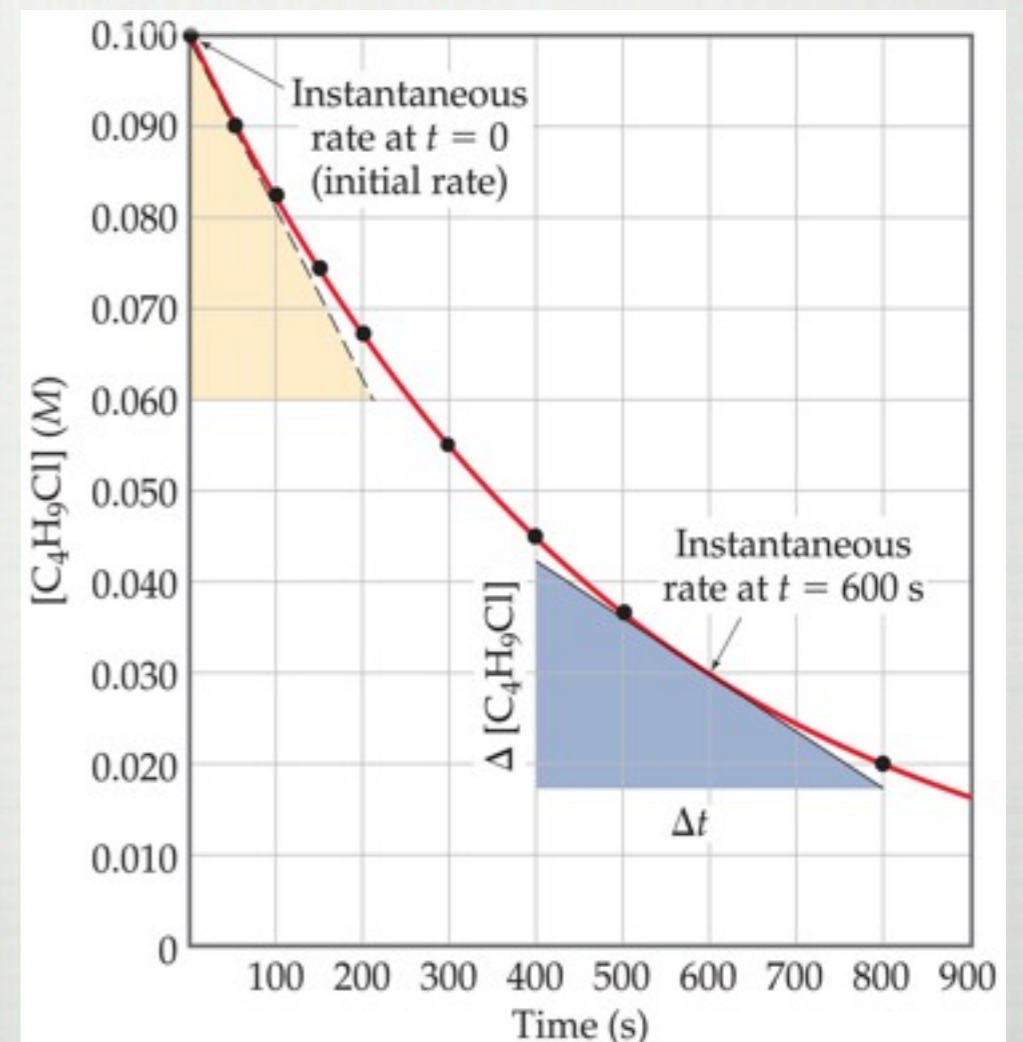
Units?

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{mol} / \text{s} \\ & \text{mol} / \text{L} \cdot \text{s} = \text{M} / \text{s} \end{aligned}$$

# Reaction Rates



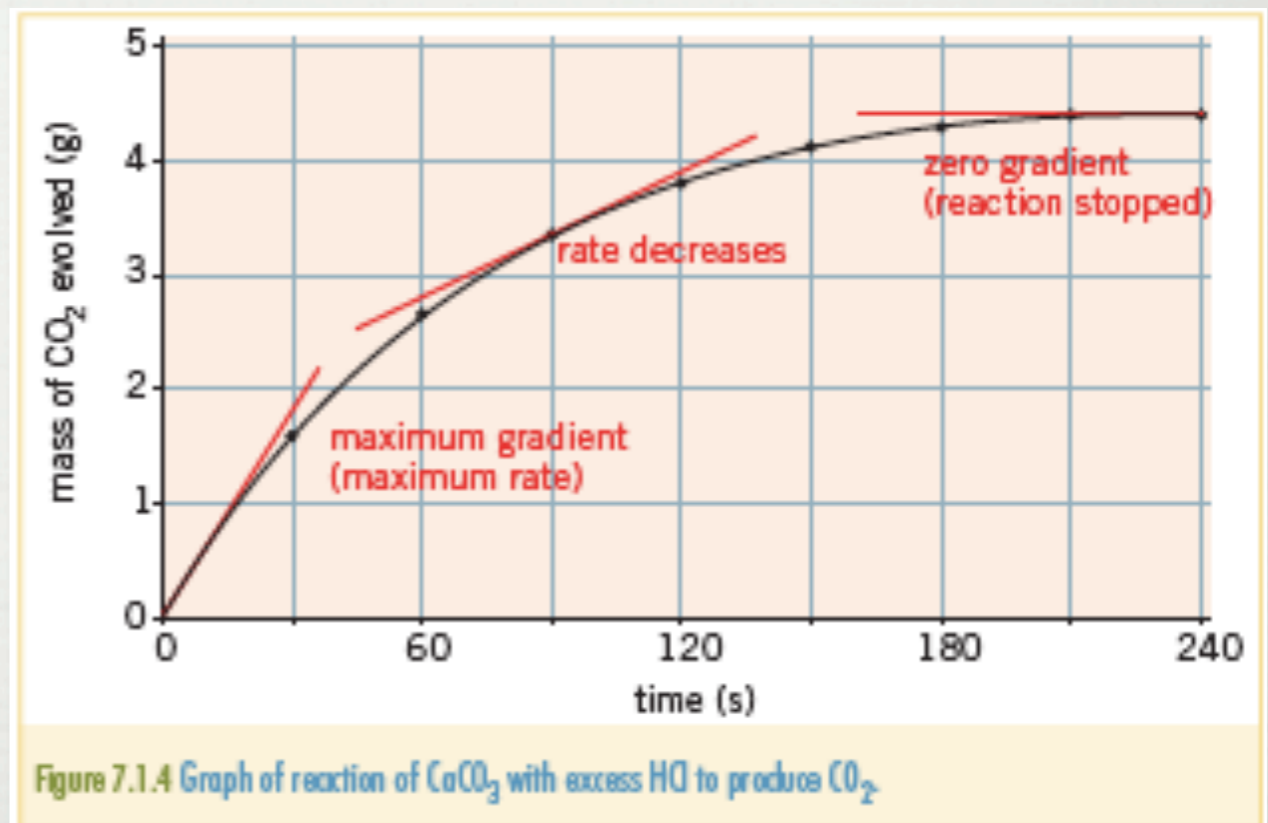
- A plot of concentration vs. time for this reaction yields a curve like this.
- The slope of a line tangent to the curve at any point is the instantaneous rate at that time.
- Secants yield the average rate



# Reaction Rates



- The reaction slows down with time because the concentration of the reactants decreases.
- So there are less molecules to collide and react





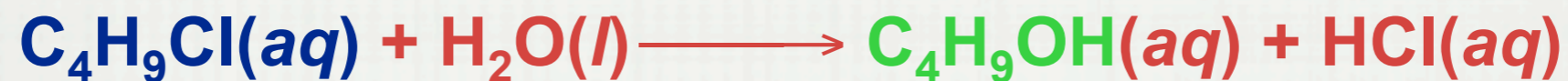
# Reaction Rate Determination



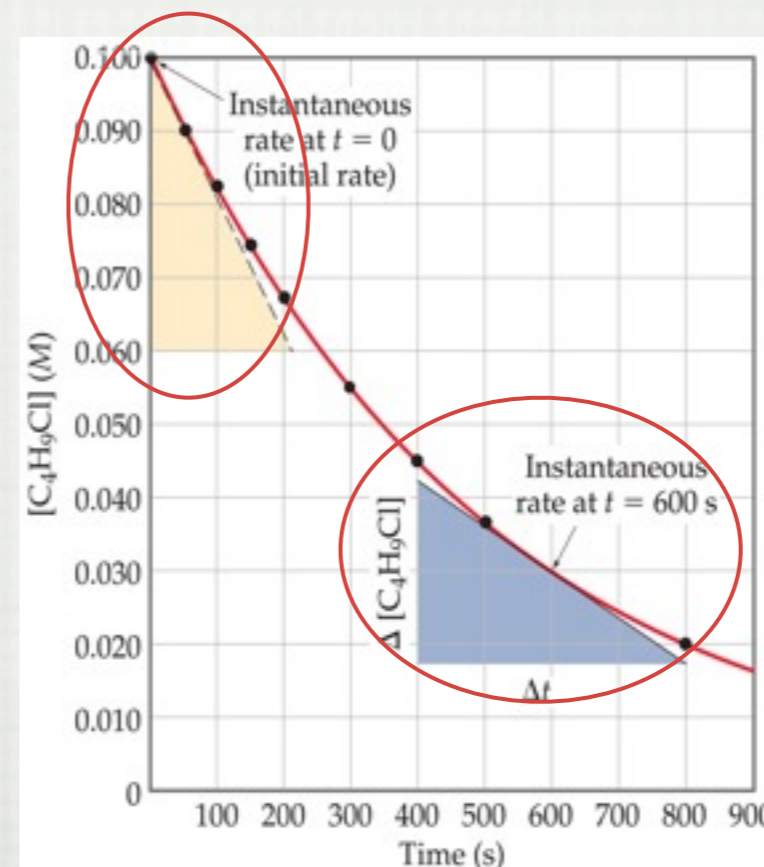
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- Note that the average rate decreases as the reaction proceeds.
- This is because as the reaction goes forward, there are fewer collisions between the reacting molecules.

# Reaction Rates and Stoichiometry



- In this reaction, the ratio of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$  to  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$  is 1:1.
- Thus, the rate of disappearance of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$  is the same as the rate of appearance of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$ .



$$\text{Rate} = \frac{-\Delta[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}]}{\Delta t}$$

# Reaction Rates & Stoichiometry

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**Suppose that the mole ratio is *not* 1:1?**

**Example**



2 moles of HI are produced for each mole of H<sub>2</sub> used.

$$\text{rate} = -\frac{\Delta [\text{H}_2]}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta [\text{HI}]}{\Delta t}$$

The rate at which H<sub>2</sub> disappears is only half of the rate at which HI is generated

# TRY IT!



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$\text{NO}_2$  IS BEING PRODUCED AT A RATE OF  $5.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M/S}$ .  
WHAT IS THE RATE OF DECOMPOSITION OF  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ?

1) WRITE THE RATE EXPRESSION:

$$\text{RATE} = \Delta [\text{NO}_2] / \Delta T = 5.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M/S}$$

2) LOOK AT THE RATIO IN THE EQUATION: FOR EVERY MOLE OF  $\text{NO}_2$  MADE,  $1/2 \text{ N}_2\text{O}_5$  IS DECOMPOSED

$$\text{RATE} = - \Delta [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] / \Delta T = 1/2 \Delta [\text{NO}_2] / \Delta T$$

$$\text{SUB IN! } \Delta [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] / \Delta T = 1/2 (5.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M/S})$$

$$= 2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M/S}$$

# TRY IT!

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