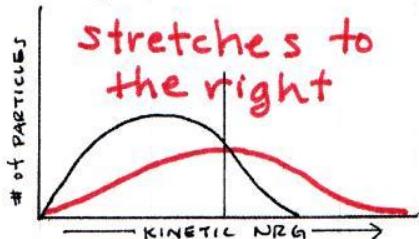


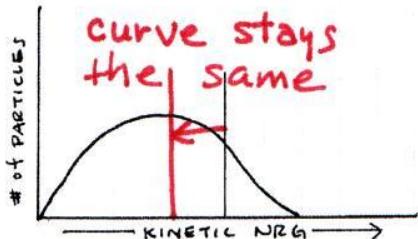
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Draw how the KE diagram would change if:

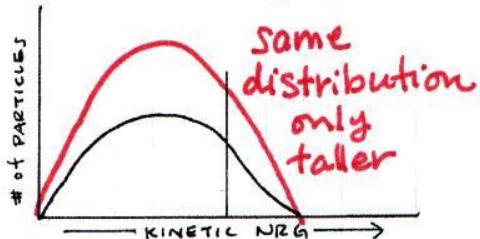
the temperature of the sample is increased.



a catalyst is added to the reaction mixture.



more chemical is added at the same temperature.



What is the name of the vertical line intersecting the graph? threshold energy

Why do particles need kinetic energy to react?

The particles need to collide hard enough to form the higher potential energy activated complex.

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The energy of the reactants is 30 kJ/mol.

$\Delta H = -20 \text{ kJ/mol}$  exothermic; downhill

$E_a = +40 \text{ kJ/mol}$

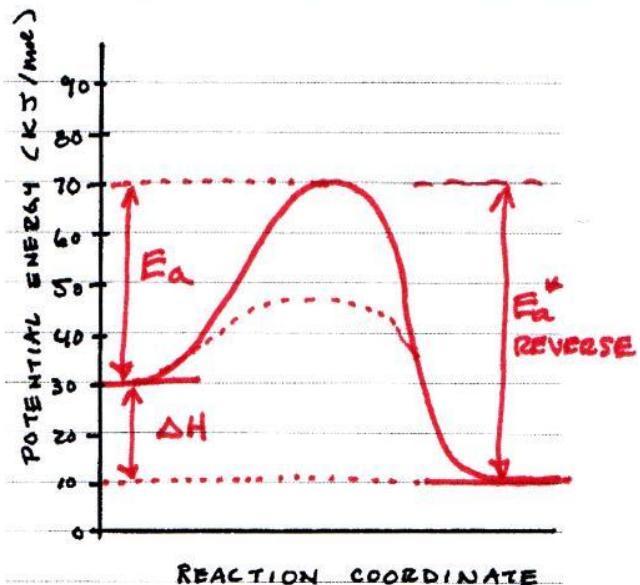
Draw the PE curve.

The energy of the products is 10 kJ/mol

The activation energy for the reverse reaction is 60 kJ/mole

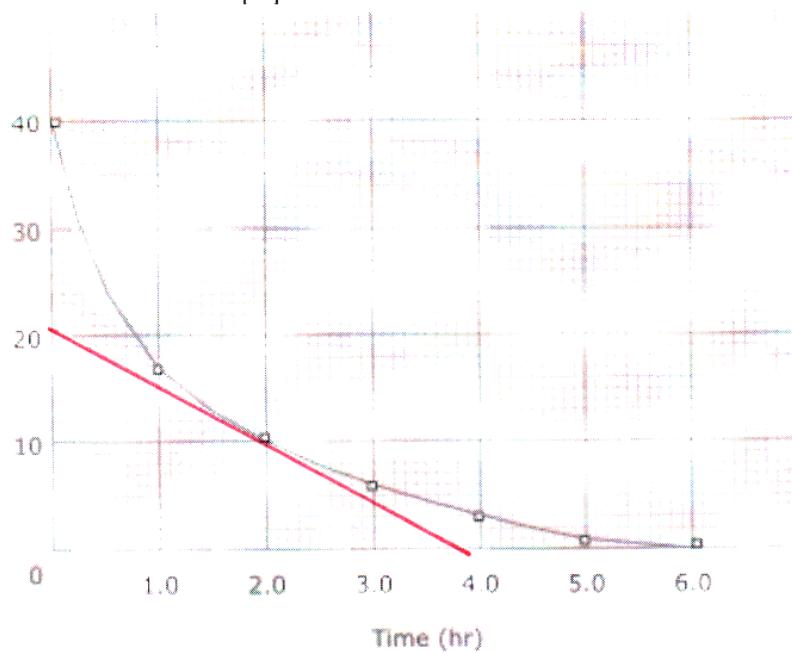
Draw the same curve with a catalyst included. (- - - -)

Any lower energy line is OK.



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The vertical axis is  $[R]$  in  $\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$



### Station 3 – RATE FROM GRAPHS

Show your work for these two problems.

The average rate of the reaction for the first 2.0 hours is \_\_\_\_\_.

$$\frac{\Delta \text{Reactant}}{\Delta \text{time}} = \frac{40 - 10}{2.0 \text{ hr}} = \frac{30}{2.0}$$
$$= [15 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1}]$$

The instantaneous rate of the reaction at 2.0 hours is \_\_\_\_\_.

SLOPE OF A TANGENT LINE  
at 2.0.

$$\frac{\text{RISE}}{\text{RUN}} = \frac{20 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}}{3.8 \text{ hr}} =$$
$$[5.26 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1}]$$

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### Station 4 – CALCULATING RATES OF REACTION

Consider the combustion of propane,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8(\text{g}) + 5 \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 3 \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$

The rate of disappearance of  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  is  $6.4 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

What is the rate of disappearance of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8(\text{g})$ ?

$$\text{Rate}_{\text{C}_3\text{H}_8} = \frac{1}{5} 6.4 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} = [1.28 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}]$$

What is the rate of appearance of  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ ?

$$\frac{1}{5}(6.4) = \frac{1}{3} \text{Rate}_{\text{CO}_2} = [3.84 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}]$$

What is the rate of appearance of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$ ?

$$\frac{1}{5}(6.4) = \frac{1}{4} \text{Rate}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = [5.12 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}]$$

NOTE: Signs are not necessary because the words "disappearance" and "appearance" are used.

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### Station 5 – RATE LAWS – THE METHOD OF INITIAL RATES

Here is some initial rate data for the reaction,  $A + B \rightarrow 2C$ .

[A]	[B]	Rate ( $\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )
0.40	0.10	$3.5 \times 10^3$
0.20	0.10	$1.8 \times 10^3$
0.20	0.50	$4.5 \times 10^4$

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- a) Determine the **orders** of reactants A 1 and B 2

- b) Write the **rate law** for this reaction:  $\text{Rate} = k[A][B]^2$

- c) Calculate the value of the **rate constant, k**, with **units**.

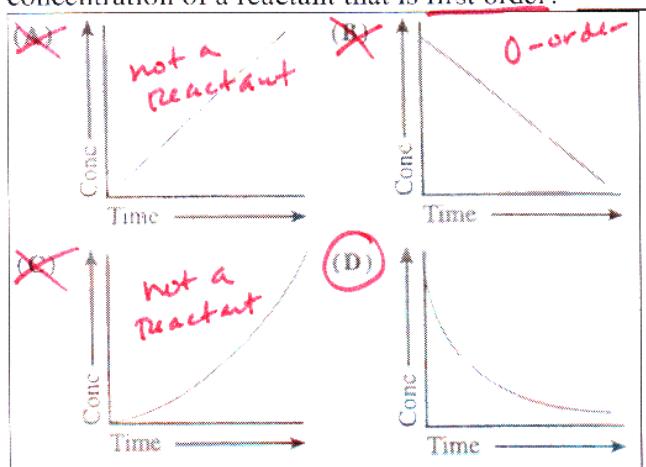
$$k = \frac{\text{Rate}}{[A][B]^2} = \left[ 8.75 \times 10^5 \text{ L}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \right]$$

$$\frac{\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{\text{mol}^3 \cdot \text{L}^{-3}} = \text{mol}^{-2} \cdot \text{L}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

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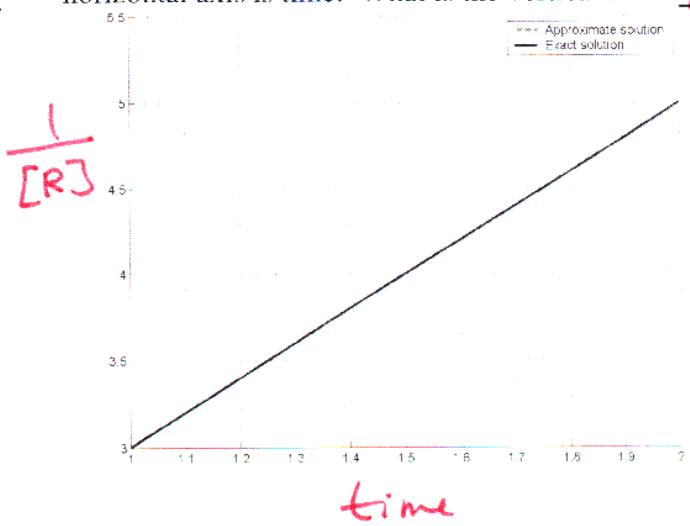
### Station 6 – ORDERS OF REACTIONS – GRAPHICAL METHODS

Which graph corresponds to the change in concentration of a reactant that is first order?



Process of elimination.  
You can't really tell if  
this is 1st or 2nd order.

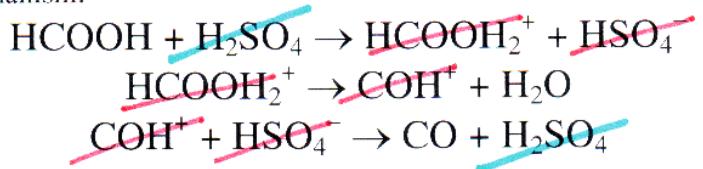
This graph is a chemical that is second order. The horizontal axis is time. What is the vertical axis?  $\frac{1}{[R]}$



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### Station 7 – REACTION MECHANISMS

Consider this reaction mechanism:



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- a) What is the overall reaction?  $\text{HCOOH} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

- b) List any “intermediates.”  $\text{HCOOH}_2^+$ ,  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{COH}^+$

- c) List any catalysts.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

- d) If the first step is the slow step, what is the rate law?  $\text{Rate} = k[\text{HCOOH}]$

NOTE:  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is not a reactant.

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### Station 8 – HALF LIFE PROBLEMS

- a) A first-order chemical has a half-life of 8.00 minutes.  
How long will it take for 93.75% of this chemical to decay?

$$100 \xrightarrow{8.00 \text{ min}} 50 \xrightarrow{8.00 \text{ min}} 25 \xrightarrow{8.00 \text{ min}} 12.5 \xrightarrow{8.00 \text{ min}} 6.25 \quad 4 \times 8 \text{ min} = \boxed{32.0 \text{ min}}$$

$$100 - 93.75\% = 6.25\% \text{ LEFT!}$$

- b) The reaction  $\text{X} \rightarrow \text{Y}$  follows first-order kinetics with a half-life of 4.00 minutes. What is the value of  $k$ ?  
If the initial concentration of  $\text{X}$  is 3.6 M, what is the concentration after 15.0 minutes?

$$\begin{aligned}\ln 2 &= kt_1/2 \\ k &= \frac{0.693}{4.00 \text{ min}} = \\ &= 0.17325 \text{ min}^{-1} \\ k &= \boxed{0.173 \text{ min}^{-1}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\ln(x) - \ln(3.6) = -(0.173 \text{ min}^{-1})(15.0 \text{ min})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln x - 1.28 &= -2.595 \\ + 1.28 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + 1.28\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln x &= -1.315 \\ x &= e^{-1.315} = \boxed{0.268 \text{ M}}\end{aligned}$$

Formula:

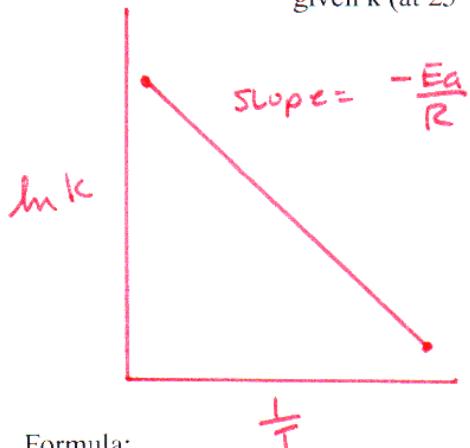
$$\ln[A]_t - \ln[A]_0 = -kt$$

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### Station 9 – THE ARRHENIUS EQUATION

Calculate the activation energy,  $E_a$ , for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2 \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2(\text{g})$

given  $k$  (at 25°C) =  $3.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k$  (at 50°C) =  $1.10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



Formula:

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

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

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THIS  
REVERSED

$$(-10.27) - (-6.812)$$

$$25^\circ\text{C} \quad \frac{1}{298\text{K}} = .0033557 \quad \ln(3.46 \times 10^{-5}) = -10.27$$
$$50^\circ\text{C} \quad \frac{1}{323\text{K}} = .00309597 \quad \ln(1.10 \times 10^{-3}) = -6.812$$
$$\frac{\text{RISE}}{\text{RUN}} = \frac{(-6.812) - (-10.27)}{.0033557 - .00309597} = \frac{-3.458}{.00025973}$$
$$= 13,313.8 = \frac{-E_a}{R}$$

$$E_a = + (13,313.8) \times 8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$$
$$= + 110,437 \text{ J/mol}$$
$$= \boxed{+ 111 \text{ kJ/mol}}$$