



Temperature dependence of the Rate of a reaction

The rate of most of the chemical reactions increases with increase in temperature. For many reactions, the rate constant is nearly doubled for every 10° rise in temp.

The relation between rate constant and temperature is called Arrhenius equation and given as,

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

A - constant known as frequency factor or Arrhenius factor.

E_a - Activation energy

$R \rightarrow$ universal gas constant

$T \rightarrow$ Temperature.

Activation energy (E_a)

The excess of energy which must be supplied to the reactant molecules to undergo chemical reaction is called activation energy.