

## LAW OF MASS ACTION, PART 2: KINETICS

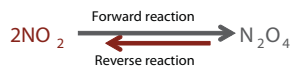
### EQUILIBRIUM SYSTEMS ARE DYNAMIC

REACH A STEADY STATE WHERE:

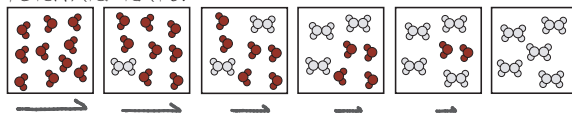
- \*REACTIONS CONTINUE TO OCCUR
- \*CONCENTRATIONS NO LONGER CHANGE

HOW CAN THIS BE?

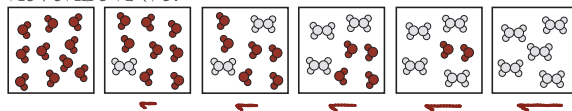
- \*AT EQUILIBRIUM, FORWARD AND REVERSE REACTIONS HAPPEN AT THE SAME RATE
- \*MAKING PRODUCT AS FAST AS YOU BREAK IT DOWN



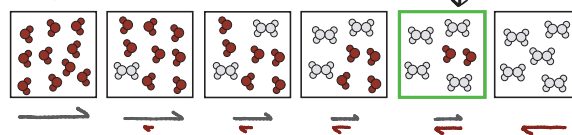
FORWARD RATE:



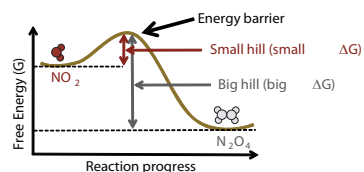
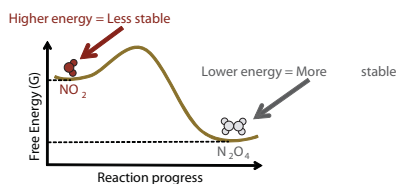
REVERSE RATE:



FORWARD RATE = REVERSE RATE



### CHEMISTRY REQUIRES ENERGY



FORWARD REACTION IS FASTER!

MOLECULAR COLLISIONS PROVIDE THE ENERGY TO 'CLIMB' THE HILL  
SMALLER HILL = MORE PRODUCTIVE COLLISIONS

THE RATE CONSTANT,  $k$ , IS HOW FAST THE CHEMISTRY CAN HAPPEN

$k = \# \text{ OF COLLISIONS} \times \text{PROBABILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL COLLISION}$   
HIGHER TEMP MEANS HIGHER  $k$

$k_1$  FORWARD REACTION  
 $k_{-1}$  REVERSE REACTION

RATE CONSTANTS  $\neq$  RATES OF REACTION

RATE OF REACTION,  $r$

$r = \text{HOW FAST} \times \text{HOW MUCH} = k \times \text{CONCENTRATION}$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\text{forward}} &= k_1[\text{NO}_2] \\ r_{\text{reverse}} &= k_{-1}[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] \end{aligned}$$

UNITS ARE M/S

RATE OF REACTION CHANGES UNTIL EQUILIBRIUM IS REACHED

$$r_{\text{forward}} = r_{\text{reverse}}$$

$$k_1[\text{NO}_2] = k_{-1}[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]}{[\text{NO}_2]} = K$$