

AQA Chemistry A-Level

RP7 - Measuring rate of a reaction

Flashcards



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The change in concentration of reactants or products over time.



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- Initial rates method- i.e. the iodine clock reaction
- A continuous monitoring method- i.e. measuring the volume of gas released in a reaction over time.



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The method involves measuring the initial rate of reaction for multiple different concentrations to observe how rate of reaction varies.

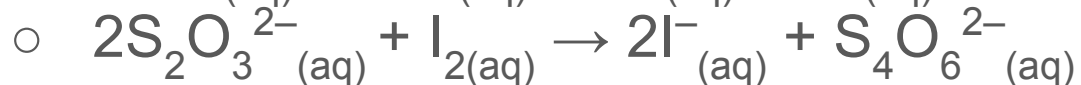
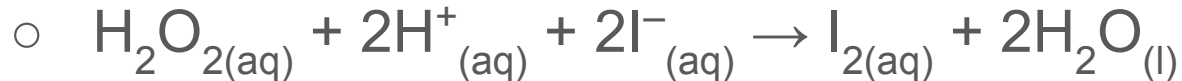


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- The 'Iodine Clock' experiment:



- The I_2 produced reacts with all of the thiosulfate ions present. Excess I_2 remains in solution which then reacts with starch to form a blue-black solution.
- Time how long it takes for this blue-black colour to appear. You can vary $[\text{I}^-]$ to then determine the order with respect to the iodide ions.



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- Some low I^- concentrations may take too long to react.
- Delayed stopwatch reactions.
- Concentrations may not be exact due to measuring apparatus.



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This involves measuring the change in concentration of a reactant or product over time (or measuring volume of gas released) as the reaction progresses.



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- Add a 6 cm strip of magnesium ribbon into a conical flask containing HCl, place a bung in the top of the flask and start the timer.
- Note down the volume of hydrogen gas collected every 15 seconds for a period of 2.5 minutes.
- Repeat for different HCl concentrations.



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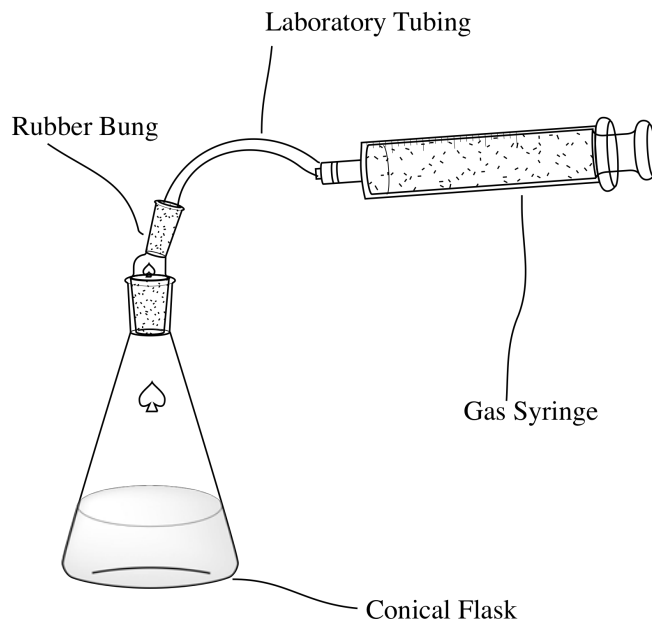
- Plot a graph of volume of hydrogen gas produced (y-axis) against time (x-axis) for each concentration of HCl. Draw a line of best fit.
- Draw a tangent at $t = 0\text{s}$ for each line.
- To deduce the rate of each reaction, calculate the gradient of each tangent.
- Compare the calculated rate values.



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- Some gas may escape before the bung is added.
- The magnesium strips may be of different mass and surface area etc. which will affect the rate of reaction.



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Place the solid reactant upright inside a sample tube in the conical flask, tipping the tube over by moving the conical flask around to start the reaction.

