

### Edexcel International Chemistry A Level

CP9 - Following the rate of the iodine-propanone reaction by a titrimetric method and investigating a 'clock reaction' (Harcourt-Esson, iodine clock) (A Level only)

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I_2(aq) + CH_3COCH_3(aq) \rightarrow CH_3COCH_2I(aq) + H^+(aq) + I^-(aq)
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# What is the catalyst for the reaction between propanone and iodine?







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### Sulfuric acid







### Why is a large excess of propanone and sulfuric acid used in the reaction between iodine and propanone?







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To ensure that their concentrations remain constant throughout the reaction. This means that the influence of iodine alone on the rate of reaction can be measured.







### How can the rate of the iodine-propanone reaction be measured?







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Make up a single reaction mixture.

Withdraw samples at regular intervals, quench and titrate them against sodium thiosulfate.

Plot a graph of titres against the time of quenching.







### What is used to quench a sample taken from the iodine-propanone reaction mixture?







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Sodium hydrogencarbonate







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Starch

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#### Zero order







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First order







# Write the rate equation for the reaction between iodine and propanone







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### Rate = $k[H^+][CH_3COCH_3]$







### If the concentration of iodine is doubled during the iodine-propanone reaction, what will happen to the rate of reaction?







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Rate will remain the same







### How will the rate of the iodine-propanone reaction be affected if the concentration of hydrogen ions is doubled?







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#### Rate will double







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### The first step is not the slowest step.







### What safety precautions should be taken when investigating the rate of the iodine-propanone reaction?







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- Propanone is irritant so avoid contact with skin. It is also highly flammable so keep away from naked flames.
- Sulfur dioxide is released during the reaction so ensure the room is well ventilated or use a fume cupboard.

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Linear (increasing time decreases titre volume)





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$$S_2O_8^{2-} + 2I^- \rightarrow 2SO_4^{2-} + I_2$$







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### $2I^{-} + H_2O_2 + 2H^{+} \rightarrow I_2 + 2H_2O$







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$$I_2 + 2S_2O_3^{2-} \rightarrow 2I^- + S_4O_6^{2-}$$

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# What is measured during the iodine clock reaction?







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# The time taken for the blue-black colour to appear







A straight line graph is plotted after an iodine clock reaction showing 1/t and the concentration of I<sup>-</sup>. What can be concluded about the order of the reaction with respect to I<sup>-</sup>?







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The reaction is first order with respect to







### What is the initial rate proportional to in an iodine clock reaction?







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1/t

### Where t is time taken for colour change







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- Total volume of solution
- Volume of persulfate
- Concentration of persulfate
- Volume of potassium iodide

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# What are the possible sources of inaccuracy in an iodine clock reaction?







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- Timing may lead to inaccuracy as individuals may disagree upon the exact point at which the blue-black colour appears.
- Adding starch slightly increases the volume which affects the concentrations of reactants at the beginning. This will have an impact on how the concentrations change during the reaction.
- All measurement apparatus has a small uncertainty which may mean errors occur when measuring volumes.



