

WJEC (Eduqas) Chemistry A-level

SP C2.3a - Investigation of a Rate of Reaction by a Gas Collection Method

Flashcards

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Since carbon dioxide gas is produced, the volume of gas can be collected in a gas syringe. The amount of gas collected can be measured at regular intervals to investigate the rate of reaction.



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- Digital mass balance
- 250 cm³ conical flask
- Gas syringe with delivery tube
- 50 cm³ measuring cylinder
- Weighing boat
- Spatula
- Stopwatch
- Clamp and stand



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1. Measure 50 cm^3 of HCl of known concentration into the conical flask.
2. Measure out 2.0 g of CaCO_3 powder.
3. Set up the gas syringe in a clamp and stand.
4. Put the CaCO_3 powder into the conical flask and immediately attach the rubber stopper and delivery tube to the conical flask. Simultaneously, start the stopwatch.
5. Stop the stopwatch when the volume of gas in the syringe reaches 100 cm^3 .
6. Record this result in a table and calculate the average rate for this reaction.
7. Repeat steps 2 through to 6 using a different concentration of HCl solution.
8. Use your data to plot a graph of rate ($1/t$) against concentration of HCl solution.



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The reaction will start straight away and CO_2 will be produced immediately. The rubber stopper must be fitted as quickly as possible to avoid losing too much CO_2 .



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Weighing by difference ensures that the mass of a solid is measured as accurately as possible.

The calcium carbonate is weighed in a weighing boat before it is added to the acid. The empty weighing boat is then reweighed after the calcium carbonate is added to the acid, to calculate exactly how much solid was added to the reaction mixture.



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As the concentration of HCl increases, the rate of reaction will increase.



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Increasing the concentration of HCl will increase the number of reactant particles in the same volume. This means the particles will be closer together, so there will be more frequent collisions. This will lead to more successful reaction collisions, increasing the rate of reaction.



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Temperature also has an effect on the rate of reaction. An increase in temperature will cause an increase in the rate of reaction. Therefore, it is important that temperature is controlled during the reactions, to ensure that any trends in the results are only as a result of the changing concentration of HCl.



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The effect of surface area could be investigated by carrying out the same experiment between CaCO_3 and HCl - but keep the concentration of HCl constant and change the surface area of CaCO_3 . The surface area of CaCO_3 can be increased by grinding it up into a fine powder.



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Rate of reaction =

Amount of reactant used or product formed

Time (s)



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Carbon dioxide is soluble in water so it will not effectively fill the measuring cylinder.



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A change in temperature will affect the volume of the gas. An increase in temperature will cause the gas to expand, causing the volume recorded to be larger than it should be.



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The gas syringe will only hold 100 cm^3 of gas. It is important that the expected volume of CO_2 produced does not exceed this value because any volume above 100 cm^3 will not be measured accurately.

