Intro to Chemical Kinetics

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What is kinetics?

Kinetics is the study of rates of chemical reactions.





Experiment 4:

Reaction of zinc with iodine

- $Zn + I_2 \rightarrow ZnI_2$
- Boiled for 20 minutes (color change)
- Why does the reaction take <u>so long?</u>

Physical Processes

- Changes that occur at the physical level, atoms interacting with other atoms
 - Can imagine them as atomic collisions
 - ➤ examples:





Chemical Reaction

✤ We still have collisions, just like with physical changes

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> Collisions result in chemical rearrangement, or reaction

 For a reaction to occur, there must be enough energy, this is called activation energy



Rate of Reaction

Now that we have an understanding of collisions causing reactions, we can consider how fast these reactions occur, or the rate of reaction.

What things might affect this rate of reaction?



Frequency of collision Probability of reaction occurring with collision

Iodine clock reaction

Solution A: KIO₃

Solution B: NaHSO₃, H₂SO₄, starch

- 1. $IO_3^- + 3HSO_3^- \rightarrow I^- + 3HSO_4^-$
- 2. $5I^{-} + 6H^{+} + IO_{3}^{-} \rightarrow 3I_{2} + 3H_{2}O$
- 3. $I_2 + HSO_3^- + H_2O \rightarrow 2I^- + HSO_4^- + 2H^+$
- We see the color change when bisulfite * is completely converted.
- Color change marks end of reaction.



Temperature Effects

- Concept of temperature
 - \circ Kinetic energy
 - vibrational energy of molecules
- Some kind of analogy, "ping pong balls"
- Higher temperature
 - More frequent collisions
 - More likely that collision will result in reaction



Concentration Effects

• Higher concentration \rightarrow More crowded \rightarrow More collision



