To Study the Reaction Rate Of Reaction Of Iodide Ions with Hydrogen Peroxide at Different Concentrations Of Iodide Ions

Theory

Hydrogen peroxide oxidizes iodide ions to iodine in acidic medium

 $H_2O_2 + 2I^- + 2H^+ \longrightarrow 2H_2O + I_2$

The reaction is monitored by adding a known volume of sodium thiosulphate solution and starch solution to the reaction mixture. Iodine liberated at once reacts with sodium thiosulphate solution and is reduced to iodide ions

$$I_2$$
+ $2S_2O_3^2$ —fast—> $S_8O_6^2$ + $2I$

When thiosulphate ions are completely consumed, the liberated iodine reacts with starch solution and gives blue colour

I₂ + Starch ——-> Blue complex

The time elapsed before the appearance of blue colour, gives an idea about the rate of the reaction.

Apparatus and Chemicals

4 Conical flasks (250 ml), measuring cylinder, burette, pipette (25 ml), stop-watch, 0.1 M KI t solution, 2.5 M H_2SO_4 , starch solution. '3%' H_2O_2 solution, 0.05 M sodium thiosulphate solution.

Procedure

- 1. Take four 250 ml conical flasks and label them as A, B, C and D.
- 2. Add 10 ml, 20 ml, 40 ml and 60 ml of 0.1 M KI solution to the flasks A, B, C and D respectively.
- 3. Add 10 ml of to each flask.
- 4. Add water to make the volume of solution 100 ml in each flask.
- 5. Add 5 ml starch solution to each flask.
- 6. Add 10 ml of 0.05 M sodium thiosulphate solution to each flask.
- 7. Add 5 ml of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution to flask A with the help of a pipette and start the stop watch immediately. Stir the mixture and watch for the blue colour to appear. Note the time when the blue colour just appears.
- 8. Repeat the step 7 with the solutions in flasks B, C and D.

Observations

Flask	0.1 M KI solution (ml)	2.5 M H ₂ SO ₄ (ml)	Water (ml)	Starch solution (ml)	0.5 M sodium thiosulphate solution (ml)	
A	10	10	80	5	10	5
В	20	10	70	5	10	5
C	40	10	50	5	10	5
D	60	10	30	5	10	5

Time required for the blue colour to first appear in:

Flask A —s Flask B —s Flask C — ...s Flask D — ...s

Conclusion

The rate of the reaction increases with increase in concentration of iodide ions.

Precautions

- 1. Always use a freshly prepared solution of sodium thiosulphate.
- 2. Concentration of KI solution should be higher than the concentration of sodium thiosulphate solution.
- 3. Use freshly prepared starch solution.