Lecture Notes EE: Kinetic Demo's

1) Decomposition of H₂O₂ catalyzed by KI

The reaction mechanism is:

$$H_2O_2 + I^- \rightarrow H_2O + IO^-$$
 slow
 $H_2O_2 + IO^- \rightarrow H_2O + O_2 + I^-$ fast
 $2 H_2O_2 \longrightarrow 2 H_2O + O_2$

We will add either concentrated KI or 0.1M KI

- a) the rate will be the same for both
- b) the rate will be higher for concentrated KI
- c) the rate will be higher for 0.1M KI

2) Supermarket rockets

3% H₂O₂ + yeast + rubbing alcohol (90% isopropanol in water)

3) Ethanol rockets

Oxidation of ethanol in oxygen.

Based on the demo, the order of this reaction with respect to oxygen is:

- a) less than 0
- b) 0
- c) greater than 0
- d) can't tell from the demo

4) Space Shuttle rockets

Rocket 1: mixture of 2 parts H₂ to 1 part air (by volume) Rocket 2: mixture of 2 parts H₂ to 1 part oxygen (by volume)

Is there enough oxygen in the first rocket to consume all of the hydrogen?

a) yes

b) no

5) Lyco on spoon

Lyco is a powder of club moss spores. The size of the spores is about $30x10^{-6}$ meters.

When we compare burning lyco on a spoon, with spraying it into a flame:

- a) the burn rate will be much lower in the flame
- b) the burn rate will be the same
- c) the burn rate will be much faster when we blow it into the flame

6) Ostwald reaction

Reaction of NH₃ and O₂ to form NO and H₂O

Based on your observations of the demonstration, is this reaction exothermic or endothermic?

- a) exothermic
- b) endothermic