Techniques for Data Collection calorimetry

Calorimeters

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 Technique described using automated commercially available calorimeters but other setups feasible

Isothermal titration calorimetry



- Often used to study binding:
 - Guest in syringe is titrated into host in calorimeter cell

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 Heat effects of guest binding to host are measured and interpreted to give thermodynamic binding parameters

Kinetics by calorimetry



- Kinetics:
 - Reactant in syringe is titrated into solution containing other reactant or catalyst (enzyme) in calorimeter cell

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 Reaction heat effects are measured and interpreted in terms of rate equations

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Kinetics by calorimetry

- Advantages
 - Measures rates
 - Label free (requires no chromophores or solution transparency)
 - High sensitivity: μcal s⁻¹ (reaction heats typically kcal mol⁻¹, requires rates typically 1-10 nM s⁻¹)
 - Automated data collection

Kinetics by calorimetry

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- Disadvantages
 - High sensitivity (measures everything)
 - Requires matched solvents in syringe and cell
 - Cell is typically metal: less inert than glass
 - Cell is not fully closed (inert atmosphere difficult)

Kinetics by calorimetry

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• Are you sure you know what your products are? (also true for, *e.g.*, UV-visible)

heat flow linear with reaction rate

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$$power = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$Q = n \cdot \Delta H_{app} = [P]_{total} \cdot V_o \cdot \Delta H_{app}$$

$$power = \frac{d[P]_{total}}{dt} \cdot V_o \cdot \Delta H_{app}$$

$$\frac{d[P]_{total}}{dt} = \frac{1}{V_o \cdot \Delta H_{app}} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$[R]_t = [R]_{t=0} - \frac{\int_0^t \frac{dQ}{dt} dt}{V_o \cdot \Delta H_{app}} \cdot$$

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Rate as function of [reactant]

