

# Calculations involving concentrations, stoichiometry

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## Mole

- Unit of amount of substance
- **the amount of substance containing as many particles (atoms, ions, molecules, etc.) as present in 12 g of the carbon isotope  $^{12}\text{C}$**
- this amount equals  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles (**Avogadro's Number**)

## **(Relative) Atomic Weight**

- atomic mass unit (u): 1/12 of the mass of one atom of the carbon isotope  $^{12}\text{C}$   
 $1 \text{ u} = 1.66057 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
- relative atomic mass (atomic weight, AW): mass of an atom expressed in u
- molecules: (relative) molecular mass (molecular weight, MW)
- substances that do not form true molecules (ionic salts etc.):  
(relative) formula weight (FW)

## **Molar Mass**

- mass of one mole of given substance
- expressed in g/mol
- **The molar mass of a substance in grams has the same numerical value as its relative atomic (molecular) weight**

## **Molar Volume**

**one mole of any gaseous substance occupies  
the same volume at the same temperature  
and pressure**

**..22.414 litres at 101.325 kPa, 0 °C (273.15 K)  
(Avogadro's Law)**

$$\mathbf{P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T}$$

P: pressure in kPa

V: volume in dm<sup>3</sup> (l)

n: number of moles

R: universal gas constant (8.31441 N.m.mol<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>)

T: temperature in K

Example: what is volume of one mole of gas at 101.325 kPa and 25 °C ?

$$P.V = n.R.T$$

$$V = \frac{n.R.T}{P} = \frac{1 \times 8.31441 \times (273.15+25)}{101.325} =$$
$$= \underline{24.465 \text{ dm}^3}$$

## Solution

- homogeneous dispersion system of two or more chemical entities whose relative amounts can be varied within certain limits
- solvent + solute(s)
- gaseous (e.g. air)
- liquid (e.g. saline, NaCl dissolved in water)
- solid (e.g. metal alloy)

## Concentration of a solution

- mass concentration: grams of substance per litre of solution
- molar concentration: moles of substance per litre of solution
- in %:
  - % (w/v): weight per volume, grams of substance per 100 ml of solution
  - % (v/v) volume per volume, ml of substance per 100 ml of solution

## Conversion from mass to molar

**Example:** Calculate molar concentration of  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  solution  $c = 21 \text{ g/l}$ .  
(AW of Na: 23, P: 31, O: 16, H: 1)

**FW of  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  :**  $46+1+31+4 \times 16 = 142$

**Molar concentration** = Mass conc. (g/l) / FW  
=  $21 / 142 = \underline{0.15 \text{ mol/l}}$

## Conversion from molar to mass

**Example:** Calculate how many g of  $\text{KClO}_4$  is needed for preparation of 250 ml of 0.1 M solution.

(AW of K: 39, Cl: 35.4, O: 16)

**FW of  $\text{KClO}_4$ :**  $39 + 35.4 + 4 \times 16 = 138.4$

**Mass conc. = molar conc. x FW**

**we need  $138.4 \times 0.1 \times 0.25 = \underline{3.46 \text{ g } \text{KClO}_4}$**

## Conversions between mass and molarity: Summary

- Always distinguish between amount of substance in moles (grams) and concentration of substance in mol/l (g/l)
- For conversion from mass to molarity divide the mass (g or g/l) with molar mass (relative AW/MW/FW)
- For conversion from molarity to mass multiply the molarity (mol or mol/l) with molar mass (relative AW/MW/FW)

## Conversion from % to molarity

**Example: The physiological saline is NaCl 0.9 % (w/v)  
What is molar concentration of NaCl in this solution?  
(AW of Na: 23, Cl: 35.5)**

**FW of NaCl:  $23+35.45 = 58.5$**

**0.9 % (w/v) is 0.9 g/100 ml = Mass conc. 9 g/l**

**Molar concentration = Mass conc. (g/l) / FW  
=  $9/58.5 = 0.154 \text{ mol/l}$**

## Diluting solutions

**Example: How many ml of water should be added to 100 ml of NaCl 1 mol/l, in order to get 0.15 mol/l ('physiological saline') ?**

$$c_1 \cdot v_1 = c_2 \cdot v_2$$

$$1 \times 100 = 0.15 \times v_2$$

$$v_2 = 100/0.15 = 666.67 \text{ ml}$$

**Volume that needs to be added:**

$$666.67 \text{ ml} - 100 \text{ ml} = \underline{566.67 \text{ ml}}$$

## Diluting solutions

Example II: You need to prepare 1 liter of 0.1 M HCl. How many ml of concentrated HCl (12 M) do you need to take ?

$$c_1 \cdot v_1 = c_2 \cdot v_2$$

$$12 \times v_1 = 0.1 \times 1000$$

$$v_1 = 100/12 = \underline{\underline{8.33 \text{ ml}}}$$

## What is molarity of pure water?

Molar concentration: moles of substance per liter of solution

1 liter of water weighs 997 g at 25 °C

FW of H<sub>2</sub>O: 2+16=18

997 g H<sub>2</sub>O is 997/18 = 55.4 moles

Molarity of pure water is **55.4 mol/l**

## Calculations with molar volume

Example: What is weight (in grams) of 1 liter of oxygen at atmospheric pressure and ambient temperature ?

(AW of O: 16)

Molar volume at 101.325 kPa and 25 °C: 24.5 l/mol

1 liter of oxygen is  $1/24.5 = 0.040816$  mol

Conversion to mass:  $0.040816 \times 32 = \mathbf{1.306\text{ g}}$

## Stoichiometric calculations

Example: In the reaction between barium nitrate and sodium sulfate, how many grams of barium sulfate can be prepared from 10 ml of 10 % (w/v) barium nitrate? Take into account that about 5% of the product is lost.

(AW of barium: 137.3, sulfur: 32.1, nitrogen: 14.0, oxygen: 16.0)

equation:  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 + 2\text{NaNO}_3$

FW  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ : 261.3          FW  $\text{BaSO}_4$ : 233.4

10 ml of 10% (w/v)  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ : 1 g ...  $1/261.3 = 0.003827$  moles

amount of  $\text{BaSO}_4$  formed: 0.003827 moles ....

...  $0.003827 \times 233.4 = 0.8932$  g (theoretical yield, 100%)

Actual yield:  $0.8932 \times 0.95 = \mathbf{0.849\text{ g}}$

## Stoichiometric calculations

Example II: Reaction between hydrochloric acid and solid zinc can be used to prepare hydrogen gas in the laboratory. Calculate how many grams of solid zinc and how many mL of 1 M HCl is needed for preparation of 5 L of hydrogen gas. Take into account that about 8% of the product is lost in your apparatus.

(AW of Zn: 65.4, Cl: 35.5, molar volume 24.5L/mol)



$$5 \text{ L H}_2: 5/24.5 = 0.204 \text{ mol}$$

$$+ 8\% \text{ loss: } 0.204/92 \times 100 = 0.222 \text{ mol}$$

Amount of 1 M HCl needed: 0.444 mol, present in **444 mL**

Amount of solid Zn needed:  $0.222 \times 65.4 = \mathbf{14.5 \text{ g}}$

## Titration calculations

Example: An unknown sample of sulfuric acid  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  was titrated with the known KOH solution. It was found that 12 mL of the KOH  $c=0.1 \text{ mol/L}$  was needed for just complete neutralisation of 10 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  unknown sample.

What is concentration of sulfuric acid in the sample?



Calculation:



$$c_1 \cdot v_1 = c_2 \cdot v_2$$

$$c_1 = c_2 \cdot v_2 / v_1$$

$$c_1 = 0.1 \cdot 12 / 10 = 0.12$$

Including stoichiometry :  $c(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) = 0.12/2 = \mathbf{0.06 \text{ mol/L}}$

## Further reading and practice

- Hand-outs on <http://che1.lf1.cuni.cz>
- Stoker: General, Organic and Biological Chemistry, 4th edition:
  - Chapter 6 (p.125-147) ... mole, stoichiometry
  - [Chapter 7 (p.148-175) ... gas laws]
  - Chapter 8 (p.176-203) ... solutions (covers also osmotic pressure and osmolarity needed later)