

## MOLES

- The mole**
- the standard unit of amount of a substance
  - the number of particles in a mole is known as **Avogadro's constant** (L)
  - Avogadro's constant has a value of  **$6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$** .

*Example* If one atom has a mass of  $1.234 \times 10^{-23} \text{g}$   
 one mole of atoms will have a mass of  $1.234 \times 10^{-23} \text{g} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23} = 7.432 \text{g}$

**Q.1** Calculate the mass of one mole of carbon-12 atoms. [ mass of proton  $1.672 \times 10^{-24} \text{g}$ , mass of neutron  $1.674 \times 10^{-24} \text{g}$ , mass of electron  $9.109 \times 10^{-28} \text{g}$  ]

### MOLE CALCULATIONS

Substances	mass	<b>g</b>	or	<b>kg</b>
	molar mass	<b><math>\text{g mol}^{-1}</math></b>	or	<b><math>\text{kg mol}^{-1}</math></b>

$\text{moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}}$
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*Example* Calculate the number of moles of oxygen molecules in 4g

oxygen molecules have the formula  $\text{O}_2$   
 the relative mass will be  $2 \times 16 = 32$  so the molar mass will be  $32 \text{g mol}^{-1}$

$$\text{moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{4 \text{g}}{32 \text{g mol}^{-1}} \quad \text{ANS. } 0.125 \text{ moles}$$

**Q.2** Calculate the number of moles in

10g of Ca atoms

10g of  $\text{CaCO}_3$

36g of water molecules

4g of hydrogen atoms

4g of hydrogen molecules

Calculate the mass of...

2 moles of  $\text{CH}_4$

0.5 moles of  $\text{NaNO}_3$

6 moles of nitrogen atoms

6 moles of nitrogen molecules

20 moles of  $\text{NH}_3$

**Solutions**      molarity      concentration /  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$   
                          volume       $\text{dm}^3$  or  $\text{cm}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{moles} &= \text{concentration} \times \text{volume} \\ &= \text{molarity} \times \text{volume in dm}^3 \\ &= \frac{\text{molarity} \times \text{volume in cm}^3}{1000} \end{aligned}$$

The 1000 takes into account that there are 1000  $\text{cm}^3$  in  $1\text{dm}^3$

**Example 1** Calculate the number of moles of sodium hydroxide in  $25\text{cm}^3$  of 2M NaOH

$$\begin{aligned} \text{moles} &= \frac{\text{molarity} \times \text{volume in cm}^3}{1000} \\ &= \frac{2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \times 25\text{cm}^3}{1000} \quad \quad \quad \text{ANS. } 0.05 \text{ moles} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** What volume of 0.1M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  contains 0.002 moles ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{volume in cm}^3 &= \frac{1000 \times \text{moles}}{\text{molarity}} \quad (\text{re-arrangement of above}) \\ &= \frac{1000 \times 0.002}{0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}} \quad \quad \quad \text{ANS. } 20 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3** 4.24g of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  are dissolved in water and the solution made up to  $250 \text{ cm}^3$ . What is the concentration of the solution in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$  ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{molar mass of } \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 &= 106 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \\ \text{no. of moles in } 250\text{cm}^3 &= 4.24\text{g} / 106 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 0.04 \text{ moles} \\ \text{no. of moles in } 1000\text{cm}^3 (1\text{dm}^3) &= 0.16 \text{ moles} \quad \quad \quad \text{ANS. } 0.16 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

### Q.3

Calculate the number of moles in

$1\text{dm}^3$  of 2M NaOH

$250\text{cm}^3$  of 2M NaOH

$5\text{dm}^3$  of 0.1M HCl

$25\text{cm}^3$  of 0.2M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

Calculate the concentration (in moles  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ ) of solutions containing

0.2 moles of HCl in  $2\text{dm}^3$

0.1 moles of NaOH in  $25\text{cm}^3$

## EMPIRICAL FORMULAE AND MOLECULAR FORMULAE

### Empirical Formula

**Description** Expresses the elements in a simple ratio (e.g. CH<sub>2</sub>).  
It can sometimes be the same as the molecular formula (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>)

**Calculations** You need

- mass, or percentage mass, of each element present
- relative atomic masses of the elements present

**Example 1** Calculate the empirical formula of a compound containing C (48%), H (4%) and O (48%)

	C	H	O
1) Write out percentages (by mass)	48%	4%	48%
2) Divide by the relative atomic mass	48/12	4/1	48/16
... this gives a molar ratio	4	4	3
3) If not whole numbers then scale up			
4) Express as a formula	<b>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b>		

**Example 2** Calculate the empirical formula of a compound containing C (1.8g), O (0.48g), H (0.3g)

	C	H	O
1) Write out ratios by mass	1.8	0.3	0.48
2) Divide by relative atomic mass	1.8 / 12	0.3 / 1	0.48 / 16
(this gives the molar ratio)	0.15	0.3	0.03
3) If not whole numbers then scale up			
- try dividing by smallest value (0.03)	5	10	1
4) Express as a formula	<b>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O</b>		

### Molecular Formula

**Description** Exact number of atoms of each element in the formula (e.g. C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)

**Calculations** Compare the empirical formula with the relative molecular mass. The relative molecular mass of a compound will be an exact multiple (x1, x2 etc.) of its relative empirical mass.

**Example** Calculate the molecular formula of a compound of empirical formula CH<sub>2</sub> and relative molecular mass 84.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{mass of CH}_2 \text{ unit} &= 14 \\
 \text{divide molecular mass (84) by 14} &= 6 \\
 \text{molecular formula} = \text{empirical formula} \times 6 &= \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

## MOLAR MASS CALCULATIONS

### RELATIVE MASS

#### **Relative Atomic Mass ( $A_r$ )**

The mass of an atom relative to that of the carbon 12 isotope having a value of 12.000

or

$$\frac{\text{average mass per atom of an element} \times 12}{\text{mass of an atom of carbon-12}}$$

#### **Relative Molecular Mass ( $M_r$ )**

The sum of all the relative atomic masses present in an entity  
- even if it is ionic and so not a molecule!

or

$$\frac{\text{average mass of an entity} \times 12}{\text{mass of an atom of carbon-12}}$$

### MOLAR MASS

*Description* The mass of one mole of substance. It has units of  $\text{g mol}^{-1}$  or  $\text{kg mol}^{-1}$ .

e.g. the molar mass of water is  $18 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

**molar mass = mass of one particle x Avogadro's constant** (i.e.  $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )

*Calculations* methods include using

- the ideal gas equation  $PV = nRT$
- the Molar Volume at stp

For 1 mole of gas

$$PV = RT$$

$$PV = nRT$$

for n moles of gas

$$PV = nRT$$

also

$$PV = \frac{mRT}{M}$$

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<i>where</i>	P	pressure	Pascals (Pa) or $\text{N m}^{-2}$
	V	volume	$\text{m}^3$ (there are $10^6 \text{ cm}^3$ in a $\text{m}^3$ )
	n	number of moles of gas	
	R	gas constant	$8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
	T	temperature	Kelvin ( $\text{K} = ^\circ\text{C} + 273$ )
	m	mass	g or Kg
	M	molar mass	$\text{g mol}^{-1}$ or $\text{Kg mol}^{-1}$

<i>Old units</i>	1 atmosphere	is equivalent to	760 mm/Hg or $1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa (Nm}^{-2}\text{)}$
	1 litre ( $1 \text{ dm}^3$ )	is equivalent to	$1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$
	1 Joule	is equivalent to	1 Nm

**Example 1** Calculate the number of moles of gas present in  $500\text{cm}^3$  at  $100\text{ KPa}$  pressure and at a temperature of  $27^\circ\text{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 100\text{ KPa} &= 100000\text{ Pa} \\ V &= 500\text{ cm}^3 \times 10^{-6} &= 0.0005\text{ m}^3 \\ T &= 27 + 273 &= 300\text{ K} \\ R &= 8.31\text{ J K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1} &= 8.31 \end{aligned}$$

$$PV = nRT \quad \therefore n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{100000 \times 0.0005}{300 \times 8.31} = 0.02\text{ moles}$$

**Example 2** Calculate the relative molecular mass of a vapour if  $0.2\text{ g}$  of gas occupy  $400\text{ cm}^3$  at a temperature of  $223^\circ\text{C}$  and a pressure of  $100\text{ KPa}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 100\text{ KPa} &= 100000\text{ Pa} \\ V &= 400\text{ cm}^3 \times 10^{-6} &= 0.0004\text{ m}^3 \\ T &= 227 + 273 &= 500\text{ K} \\ m &= 0.27\text{g} &= 0.27\text{g} \\ R &= 8.31\text{ J K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1} &= 8.31 \end{aligned}$$

$$PV = \frac{mRT}{M} \quad \therefore M = \frac{mRT}{PV} = \frac{0.27 \times 500 \times 8.31}{100000 \times 0.0004} = 28.04$$

### Q.4

- Convert the following volumes into  $\text{m}^3$ 
  - a)  $1\text{dm}^3$                       b)  $250\text{cm}^3$                       b)  $0.1\text{cm}^3$
- Convert the following temperatures into Kelvin
  - a)  $100^\circ\text{C}$                       b)  $137^\circ\text{C}$                       b)  $123^\circ\text{C}$
- Calculate the volume of  $0.5\text{ mol}$  of propane gas at  $298\text{K}$  and  $10^5\text{ Pa}$  pressure
- Calculate the mass of propane ( $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$ ) contained in a  $0.01\text{ m}^3$  flask maintained at a temperature of  $273\text{K}$  and a pressure of  $250\text{kPa}$ .

## MOLAR VOLUME

The molar volume of any gas or vapour at stp is  $22.4 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  ( $0.0224 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )

**stp** Standard Temperature and Pressure (  $273\text{K}$  and  $1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  )

The volume of a gas varies with temperature and pressure. To convert a volume to that which it will occupy at stp (or any other temperature and pressure) one uses the following relationship which is derived from Boyle's Law and Charles' Law.

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

where  $P_1$  initial pressure  
 $V_1$  initial volume  
 $T_1$  initial temperature (in Kelvin)

$P_2$  final (in this case, standard) pressure  
 $V_2$  final volume (in this case, at stp)  
 $T_2$  final (in this case, standard) temperature (in Kelvin)

**Calculations** Convert the volume of gas to that at stp then scale it up to the molar volume.  
 The mass of the gas occupying  $22.4 \text{ dm}^3$  ( i.e.  $22.4 \text{ litres}$  ,  $22400\text{cm}^3$  ) is the molar mass.

**Experiment** It is possible to calculate the molar mass of a gas by measuring the volume of a given mass of gas and applying the above equations.

**Methods**

- Gas syringe method
- Victor Meyer method
- Dumas bulb method

**Example** A sample of gas occupies  $0.25 \text{ dm}^3$  at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and  $5000 \text{ Pa}$  pressure. Calculate its volume at stp [ $273\text{K}$  and  $100 \text{ kPa}$ ].

$P_1$ initial pressure	=	$5000 \text{ Pa}$	$P_2$ final pressure	=	$100000 \text{ Pa}$
$V_1$ initial volume	=	$0.25 \text{ dm}^3$	$V_2$ final volume	=	?
$T_1$ initial temperature	=	$373\text{K}$	$T_2$ temperature	=	$273\text{K}$

thus 
$$\frac{5000 \times 0.25}{373} = \frac{100000 \times V_2}{273}$$

therefore 
$$V_2 = \frac{273 \times 5000 \times 0.25}{373 \times 100000} = 0.00915 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ (} 9.15 \text{ dm}^3 \text{)}$$

### Gay-Lussac's Law of Combining Volumes

*Statement* "When gases combine they do so in volumes that are in a simple ratio to each other and to that of any gaseous product(s) "

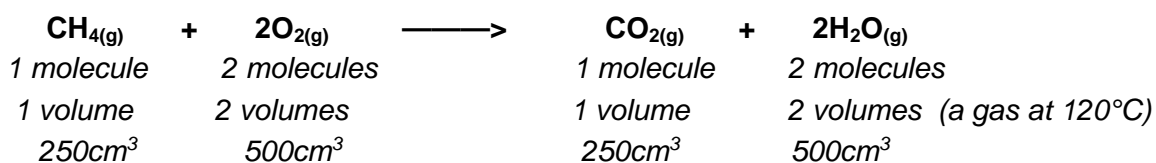
N.B. all volumes must be measured at the same temperature and pressure.

### Avogadro's Theory

*Statement* "Equal volumes of all gases, at the same temperature and pressure, contain equal numbers of molecules "

**Calculations** Gay-Lussac's Law and Avogadro's Theory can be used for reacting gas calculations.

*example 1* What volume of oxygen will be needed to ensure that 250cm<sup>3</sup> methane undergoes complete combustion at 120°C? How much carbon dioxide will be formed?

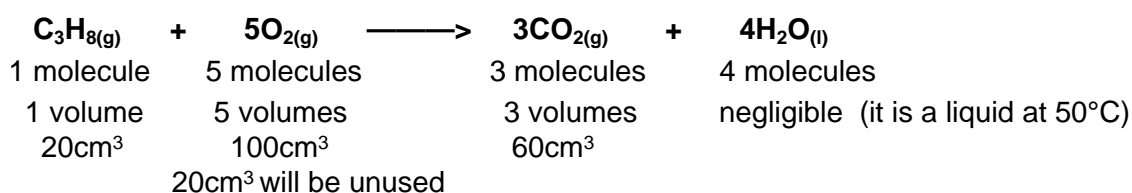


**ANS.** 500cm<sup>3</sup> of oxygen and 250cm<sup>3</sup> of carbon dioxide.

*Special tips* An excess of one reagent is often included; e.g. excess O<sub>2</sub> ensures complete combustion

Check the temperature, and state symbols, to check which compounds are not gases. This is especially important when water is present in the equation.

*example 2* 20cm<sup>3</sup> of propane vapour is reacted with 120cm<sup>3</sup> of oxygen at 50°C. What will be the composition of the final mixture at the same temperature and pressure?



**ANSWER** 20cm<sup>3</sup> of unused oxygen and 60cm<sup>3</sup> of carbon dioxide.

*example 3* 1g of gas occupies 278cm<sup>3</sup> at 25°C and 2 atm pressure. Calculate its molar mass.

$$\text{i) convert volume to stp } \frac{2 \times 278}{298} = \frac{1 \times V}{273} \quad V = \frac{278 \times 2 \times 273}{1 \times 298} = 509 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{ii) convert to molar volume} & 1\text{g} & \text{occupies} & 509\text{cm}^3 & \text{at stp} \\
 & 1/509\text{g} & \text{"} & 1\text{cm}^3 & \text{"} \\
 & 22400 \times 1/509\text{g} & \text{"} & 22400\text{cm}^3 & \text{"} \\
 \text{therefore} & 44\text{g} & \text{occupies} & 22.4 \text{ dm}^3 & \text{at stp}
 \end{array}$$

**ANSWER:** The molar mass is 44g mol<sup>-1</sup>