

**05 Molar Mass of a Metal Lab (1257234)**

Question

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Purpose: To determine the molar mass of an unknown metal using stoichiometry and the gas laws.

Materials: Eudiometer, 1.5 - 2.0 cm piece of metal, 400 mL beaker, copper wire gauze, distilled water, 6.0 M HCl, buret clamp and stand, balance, gas pressure sensor, logger lite software and computer, temperature probe, ruler

**Hints:**

1. The reaction of the metal with the HCl produces hydrogen gas in a one to one ratio with the metal.
2. About 5 mL of 6.0 M HCl should be placed in the eudiometer first, followed by distilled water.
3. The wire gauze should be wrapped around the metal and wedged into the opening of the eudiometer.
4. Use about 150 mL of tap water in the beaker.
5. The pressure of the gas in the eudiometer is not the same as the atmospheric pressure. There are two factors which must be considered.
6. Assume the temperature of the gas in the eudiometer is the same as the temperature of the room.
7. Clean up: Neutralize the acid solution in the beaker with baking soda before disposing of it in the sink. Retrieve the copper gauze (it can be reused).

**Calculations:**

1. Calculate the molar mass of the metal.
2. If the metal is pure magnesium, calculate the percent error.

**Instructions**

Density of mercury = 13.56 g/ml

Density of water = 1.00 g/ml

**1.** Question Details

Lab Partners [1837468]

Enter the name(s) of your lab partner(s). (If you worked by yourself, enter "none").

## 2. Question Details

Objective and procedure summary [3413760]

Restate the objective in your own words using complete sentences. Summarize the steps in your procedure. (Be sure and include any safety concerns).

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Upload Lab Photo [3413757]

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## 4. Question Details

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Enter the temperature of the room:  4.0 ✓ °C  
Enter the mass of the unknown metal:  4.0 ✓ g  
Enter the pressure in the room:  4.0 ✓ kPa  
Enter the volume of the gas in the eudiometer:  4.0 ✓ mL  
Convert the pressure in the room to mmHg:  4.0 ✓ mmHg  
Enter the water vapor pressure:  4.0 ✓ mmHg  
Enter the difference in the height between the water levels.  4.0 ✓ mm  
Convert the distance to mmHg  4.0 ✓ mmHg  
Calculate the pressure of the gas:  4.0 ✓ mmHg  
Calculate the moles of the gas:  4.0 ✓ mol  
Calculate the experimental molar mass of the metal:  4.0 ✓ g/mol  
Using Mg as the accepted value, calculate the percent of error.  %

## 5. Question Details

Upload Calculations (Show Work) [3418656]

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Error discussion [3413763]

What are some specific sources of error, and how do they influence the data? Which measurement was the least precise? Does the error make the final value obtained larger or smaller than it should be (give at least one example and trace the steps)? If your calculated percent errors are significant, you must propose valid explanations here.

Instrumental error and human error exist in all experiments, and should not be mentioned as a source of error unless they caused a significant fault. Significant digits and mistakes in calculations are NOT a valid source of error. In writing this section it is sometimes helpful to ask yourself what you would do differently if you were to repeat the experiment and wanted to obtain better precision and accuracy. Use complete sentences.

## 7. Question Details

Observations, Skills utilized and learning [3413764]

What observations did you make during the lab? What chemistry concepts, laws, and/or skills were necessary to complete this lab? What did you learn or re-learn? Use complete sentences.

## Assignment Details

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