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*Lab Week (even/odd): odd*

*Lab time (10:00, 2:30, 6:30): 2:30*

## **Laboratory Report Form**

### **Experiment 1.**

#### **Determination of the Composition of an Alloy**

##### **Checklist:**

- Raw Data Sheet written in pen, signed by TA and attached**
- Report Form typed and attached**

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## Data Tables

**Table 1. Pure Metal**

Data	Trial 1	Trial 2
Identity of Metal	Magnesium	Magnesium
Mass of metal (g)	0.00248	0.00257
Uncalibrated volume of eudiometer (mL)	-	-
Volume of hydrogen gas (mL)	25.9	28.8
Height of water column (cm)	33.8	23.9
Density of water (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1000	1000
Acceleration due to gravity (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	9.81	9.81
Pressure of water column (Pa)	3315.78	2344.59
Water Temperature (°C)	20	21
Water Vapour pressure (Pa)	2340	2490
Atmospheric Pressure (Torr)	753.81	753.81
Pressure of Hydrogen (Pa)	94844.	95665.
Room Temperature (°C)	22	22
Ideal Gas Constant, R (J/mol.K)	8.314	8.314
Actual Moles of Hydrogen (mol)	1.001 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.123 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Theoretical moles of Hydrogen (mol)	1.02 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.06 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Percent Yield (%)	98.14	102.02

### Observations (Part 1):

- The acid gradually moved down the eudiometer once it was flipped
- Bubbles began forming on the metal once the acid reached it
- The metal gradually started moving upwards
- Bubbles were appearing faster and the metal finally disappeared

**Table 2. Alloy**

<b>Data</b>	<b>Trial 1</b>	<b>Trial 2</b>
<b>Unknown Number</b>	3335	3335
Mass of alloy (g)	0.0401	0.0402
Uncalibrated volume of eudiometer (mL)	-	-
Volume of hydrogen gas (mL)	23.2	23.8
Height of water column (cm)	30.3	38.7
Density of water (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1000	1000
Acceleration due to gravity (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	9.81	9.81
Pressure of water column (Pa)	2972.43	3796.47
Water Temperature (°C)	24	24
Water Vapour pressure (kPa)	2.98	2.98
Atmospheric Pressure (Torr)	753.81	753.81
Pressure of Hydrogen (kPa)	94.5	93.7
Room Temperature (°C)	22	22
Ideal Gas Constant, R (J/mol.K)	8.314	8.314
Moles of Hydrogen (mol)	$8.93 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.09 \times 10^{-4}$
Mass of Zinc (g)	0.0332	0.0328
Mass of Aluminum (g)	0.0069	0.0073
Percent Zinc (%)	82.79	81.84
Percent Aluminum (%)	17.21	18.16
Average Percent (%)	Zn = 82.32    Al = 17.69	

**Observations (Part 2):**

- The acid gradually moved down the eudiometer once it was flipped
- Reaction was much slower than the pure metal
- A grey-ish mixture was formed before the solution cleared up and the alloy disappeared

## **Sample Calculation: Magnesium (Pure Metal)**

### **Calculations shown for Trial 1**

1. Uncalibrated Volume of the Eudiometer:

The eudiometer we used was calibrated

2. Volume of Hydrogen gas:

25.9 mL

3. Pressure exerted by the water column:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= dgh \\ &= 1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.338 \\ &= 3315.78 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

4. Pressure of hydrogen gas:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{H}_2} &= P_{\text{atm}} - P_{\text{water column}} - P_{\text{water vapour}} \\ &= (100.5 \times 10^3) - 3315.78 - (2.34 \times 10^3) \\ &= 94844. \text{ Pa} \\ &= 94.8 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

5. Moles of hydrogen gas (experimental):

$$\begin{aligned} PV &= nRT \\ n &= (PV/RT) \\ &= (94.8 \times 25.9 \times 10^{-3}) / (8.314 \times 295.15) \\ &= 1.001 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

6. Moles of hydrogen gas (theoretical):



$$1 \text{ mol of Mg} = 24.31 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{No. of moles of Mg} = (\text{mass Mg} \times 1 \text{ mol of Mg}) / \text{molar mass Mg}$$

$$\text{No. of moles of Mg} = (0.0248 \times 1) / 24.31$$

$$= 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

According to the balanced chemical equation, 1 mol of Mg produces 1 mol of H<sub>2</sub>, therefore,

$$\text{No. of moles of H}_2 = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

7. Percentage Purity of metal (percentage yield of hydrogen):

$$\text{Percentage Purity} = (\text{Actual no. of moles of H}_2 / \text{Theoretical no. of moles of H}_2) \times 100$$

$$\text{Percentage Purity} = (1.001 \times 10^{-3} / 1.02 \times 10^{-3}) \times 100$$

$$= 98.14 \%$$

8. Average Percent Purity:

$$\text{Average Percent Purity} = (98.14 + 105.9) / 2$$

$$= 102.02\%$$

## Sample Calculation: Zinc/Aluminum (Alloy)

### Calculations shown for Trial 2

1. Pressure of water column and hydrogen gas:

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\text{water column}} &= dgh \\ &= 1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.387 \\ &= 3796.47 \text{ Pa}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\text{H}_2} &= P_{\text{atm}} - P_{\text{water column}} - P_{\text{water vapour}} \\ &= (100.5 \times 10^3) - 3796.47 - (2.98 \times 10^3) \\ &= 93723. \text{ Pa} \\ &= 93.7 \text{ kPa}\end{aligned}$$

2. Moles of hydrogen gas:

$$\begin{aligned}PV &= nRT \\ n &= PV / RT \\ &= (93.7 \times 23.8 \times 10^{-3}) / (8.314 \times 295.15) \\ &= 9.09 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}\end{aligned}$$

3. Masses of Zinc and Aluminum in the alloy:

$$n_{\text{H}_2} = (m_{\text{Zn}}/MM_{\text{Zn}}) + (3/2) \cdot (m_{\text{Al}}/MM_{\text{Al}}) \rightarrow 1$$

$$m_{\text{alloy}} = m_{\text{Zn}} + m_{\text{Al}} \rightarrow 2$$

$$m_{\text{Zn}} = m_{\text{alloy}} - m_{\text{Al}} \rightarrow 3$$

Substitute 3 to 1,

$$\begin{aligned}n_{\text{H}_2} &= ((m_{\text{alloy}} - m_{\text{Al}}) / MM_{\text{Zn}}) + (3/2) \cdot (m_{\text{Al}} / MM_{\text{Al}}) \\ 9.09 \times 10^{-4} &= ((0.0402 - m_{\text{Al}}) / 65.38) + (3/2) \cdot (m_{\text{Al}} / 26.98) \\ 0.0594 &= 0.0402 - m_{\text{Al}} + 3.6349m_{\text{Al}} \\ 2.6349m_{\text{Al}} &= 0.0192 \\ m_{\text{Al}} &= 0.0073\text{g}\end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $m_{\text{Al}}$  value in 3,

$$\begin{aligned}m_{\text{Zn}} &= 0.0402 - 0.0039 \\ &= 0.0329 \text{ g}\end{aligned}$$

4. Percent composition of the alloy:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass\%Zn} &= (m_{\text{Zn}}/m_{\text{alloy}}) \times 100 \\ &= (0.0329/0.0402) \times 100 \\ &= 81.84\%\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass\%Al} &= (m_{\text{Al}}/m_{\text{alloy}}) \times 100 \\ &= (0.0073/0.0402) \times 100 \\ &= 18.16\%\end{aligned}$$

5. Average Percent composition of the alloy (average of zinc values and average of aluminum values):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average\% composition of Zn} &= (81.84 + 82.79) / 2 \\ &= 82.32\%\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average\% composition of Al} &= (17.21 + 18.16) / 2 \\ &= 17.69\%\end{aligned}$$

### **Discussion: (within space provided)**

Since we used a eudiometer for the experiment it has to be ensured that it is calibrated as an uncalibrated eudiometer would result in any readings taken being incorrect.

Without the metal being present the acid will have no reaction in the water. Therefore, it is important to measure the mass of metal as accurately as possible because if the measurement was not accurate the result of calculations may be higher or lower than expected. The only gas that should be collected in the eudiometer is  $H_2$ . If any air enters the eudiometer during the course of the experiment our calculations will include not only  $H_2$  but also the air that entered the eudiometer, hence leading to errors in calculations. As mentioned earlier the metal is the most important component of the experiment, so if some metal sticks to the walls or does not react the experiment will be affected as the weighed amount of metal has not totally reacted with the acid. This will lead to further errors in calculations.

If the calculated percent yield is greater than 100% it means that the metal may contain certain impurities causing readings taken to be wrong. A 100% percent yield signifies a perfect experiment with no errors as the experimental values are the same as the theoretical values. Obtaining a percent yield less than 100% is a sign of errors such as spills, losses due to an incomplete reaction and human errors. The percent yield being less than 100% is the most common result as it is difficult to carry out an experiment without any flaws.

An alloy is a metal made by melting and mixing two or more metals or a metal and another material together. (*Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary*) An alloy would normally take longer to react than a pure metal and this was proven through the observation of the acid reacting with an alloy and a pure metal in this experiment. If multiple trials are carried out with an alloy similar results should be produced. However, there will always be variations due to various errors that can occur. As mentioned previously the mass of the metal and alloy used does affect the results of the experiment because the acid would not react if not for the metal and the alloy present in the experiment.

Any deviation from expected results is due to flaws in experimental work such as incorrect measurements or spills occurring during the experiment.

### **Conclusion: (no more than two lines)**

The composition of the alloy was 0.0329g of Zinc and 0.0073g of Aluminium with a percentage composition of 82.32% and 17.69% respectively.

## Raw Data Sheet (Pure Metal)

1<sup>st</sup> Trial (Magnesium)

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mass of Mg = 24.8 mg

V of HCl = 10 mL

T of water = 20°C

V of H<sub>2</sub> = 25.9 mL

V of water = 22.5 mL

H of water =  $33.8 \times 10^{-2}$  m

Water Vapour Pressure = 2.34 kPa

Observations:

- HCl gradually moved down the eudiometer
- Bubbles formed on the metal & started moving up slowly at first & then faster until the metal dissolved.

2<sup>nd</sup> Trial (Magnesium)

mass of Mg = 25.7 mg

V of HCl = 10 mL

T of Water = 21°C

V of H<sub>2</sub> = 28.8 mL

V of Water = 15.9 mL

H of Water =  $23.9 \times 10^{-2}$  m

Water Vapour Pressure = 2.49 kPa

Observations:

- same as 1<sup>st</sup> Trial

Room T = 22°C

Atmospheric Pressure = 100.5 kPa



## Raw Data Sheet (Alloy)

1<sup>st</sup> Trial (Alloy)

Unknown number = 3335  
mass of Alloy = 40.1 mg

V of HCl = 10 mL

T of Water = 24°C

V of H<sub>2</sub> = 23.2 mL

V of water = 20.2 mL    H of Water = 30.3 ~~cm~~ cm

Water Vapour Pressure = 2.98 kPa

2<sup>nd</sup> Trial (Alloy)

Unknown number = 3335  
mass of Alloy = 40.2 mg

V of HCl = 10 mL

T of water = 24°C

V of H<sub>2</sub> = 23.8 mL

V of water = 25.8 mL    H of Water = 38.7 cm

Water Vapour Pressure = 2.98 kPa

Room T = 22°C

Atmospheric Pressure = 100.5 kPa

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Observations:

- Reaction was much slower than for magnesium
- A grey-ish mixture was formed before it cleared up completely.

Observations:

- same as 1<sup>st</sup> Trial

