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Stoichiometry

Stoichiometry is the relationship between the quantities of substances in a reaction.

We look at:

- Mass, [Molar mass](#), and the [Mole](#)
- Concentration, Volume, and the [Mole](#)
- Number of Particles, [Avogadro's Number](#), and the [Mole](#)
- Volume, Molar volume, and the [Mole](#).

We can use *balances chemical formulas* to work out these substances, as the chemical formula shows us the *mole ratio* of substances.

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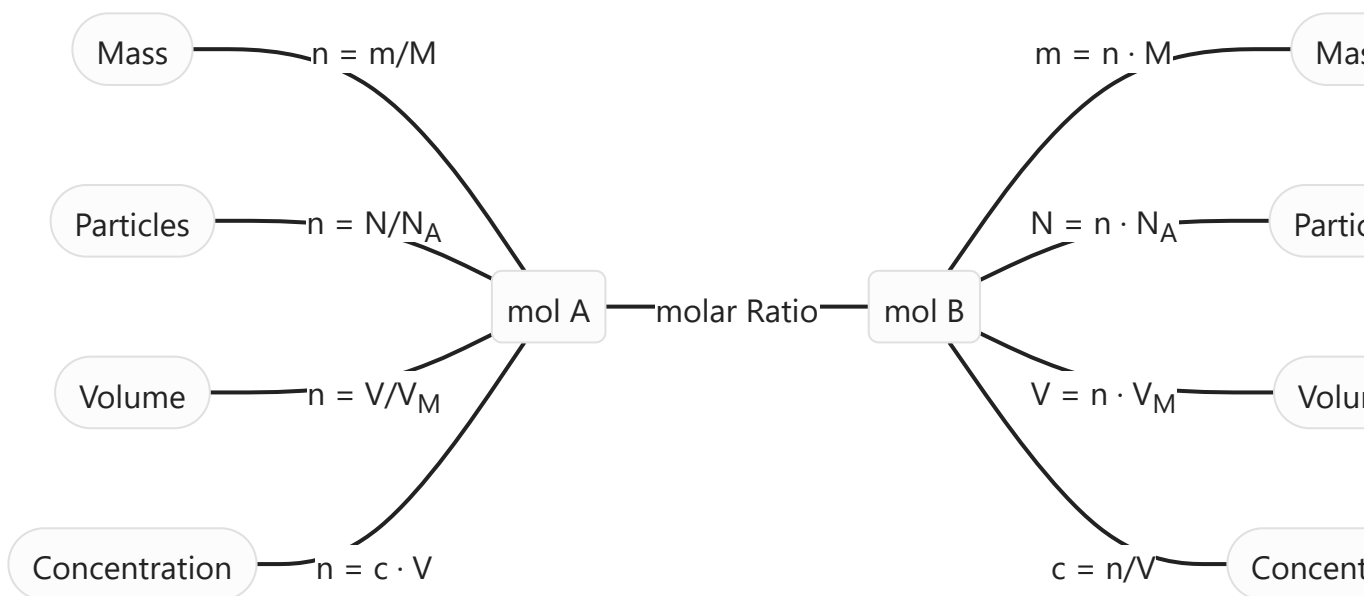
The formula: $4\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ means that:

For every mole of $2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ there is 4H_2 mole and 1O_2 mole

We can also state this as: $4 : 1 : 2 = \text{H}_2 : \text{O}_2 : \text{H}_2\text{O}$

This becomes very useful when we try to convert between different amounts of substances. We can use formulas that dictate the relationship between the number of moles and other quantities to convert from one quantity to another, even across chemical reactions.

This means we can take the mass of our reactants, convert it into moles, and then use the molar ratios to find the amount of moles in our product. From there we can find the mass, number of particles, volume, or concentration of our product. These relationships are shown in this diagram:



Conversion Formulas

Mass

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

Where:

n = moles (*mol*)

m = mass (*grams*)

M = Molar Mass ($g \cdot mol^{-1}$)

Particles

$$n = \frac{N}{N_A}$$

Where:

n = Moles (*mol*)

N = Particles (*particles*)

N_A = Avogadro's Constant (6.02×10^{23})

Volume

$$n = \frac{V}{V_m}$$

Where:

n = Moles (*mol*)

m = Volume (dm^3)

V_m = Molar Volume ($22.4 dm^3$)

Concentration

$$n = c \times V$$

Where:

n = Moles (mol)

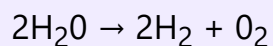
c = Concentration ($mol.dm^{-3}$)

V = Volume (dm^3)

Steps to Stoichiometry

1. Balance your Equation – always check it is balanced
2. Convert given information into moles
3. Find the Molar Ratio between the given substance and the substance you are trying to calculate
4. Convert moles of the substance you are trying to calculate into the wanted unit

Example



14g of O_2 reacts with hydrogen. Find out the mass of H_2 will react to form $2H_2O$

Given: Mass of O_2 (14g)

Needed: Mass of H_2

$$\text{Finding Moles of } O_2: n = \frac{m}{M} \rightarrow n = \frac{14}{2(16)} = 0.4375mol$$

Finding Molar Ratio: $2H_2 : O_2 = 2 : 1$

$$2 : 1 = n_{H_2} : n_{O_2}$$

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$$n_{H_2} = 0.875mol$$

$$\text{converting to mass: } m = n(M) \rightarrow m = 0.875(2) = 1.75g$$