

Answers - Diffusion/Effusion Questions

1. $N_2(g)$ 28.02 g/mol 20.8 cm
 $Kr(g)$ 83.80 g/mol _____ cm \leftarrow heavier, won't travel as far.
 $d = \text{distance}$

$$\frac{d_{Kr}}{d_{N_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}} \quad d_{Kr} = d_{N_2} \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}}$$

d_{Kr} should be $< d_{N_2}$, so put smaller M on top.

$$d_{Kr} = 20.8 \text{ cm} \sqrt{\frac{28.02}{83.80}} = \textcircled{12.0 \text{ cm}} \text{ makes sense}$$

2. $He(g)$ 4.003 g/mol 3.0 min
 $Cl_2(g)$ 70.90 g/mol _____ min. Cl_2 is heavier.
 should take more time to travel the same distance.

$$\frac{t_{Cl_2}}{t_{He}} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}} \quad t_{Cl_2} = t_{He} \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}}$$

$t_{Cl_2} > t_{He}$ so larger M on top.

$$t_{Cl_2} = 3.0 \text{ min} \sqrt{\frac{70.90}{4.003}} = \textcircled{13 \text{ min}} \text{ time for } Cl_2$$

3. $3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol } O_2$ 32.00 g/mol
 _____ mol CH_4 16.042 g/mol \leftarrow lighter - so more will effuse in the same amt of time.

$$\frac{\text{mol } CH_4}{\text{mol } O_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}}$$

$$\text{mol } CH_4 = \text{mol } O_2 \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}} = (3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}) \sqrt{\frac{32.00}{16.042}} = \textcircled{4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol } CH_4}$$

$\text{mol } CH_4 > \text{mol } O_2$
 so larger m on top. will effuse

4. Ne 20.18 g/mol $2.18 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol/min}$
 unk $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $8.66 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/min}$ & smaller rate.
 unk gas is slower than Ne, so it must be
heavier. $MM_{\text{unk}} > MM_{\text{Ne}}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{M_{\text{Ne}}}} = \frac{\text{rate}}{\text{rate}} = \frac{2.18 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol/min}}{8.66 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/min}} = 2.517$$

$M_{\text{unk}} > M_{\text{Ne}}$ so put larger rate
smaller rate

$$\sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{20.18}} = 2.517 \quad \text{square both sides}$$

$$\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{20.18} = (2.517)^2 = 6.337$$

$$M_{\text{unk}} = 20.18 \times \underset{\text{g/mol}}{6.337}$$

$$M_{\text{unk}} = 128 \text{ g/mol}$$

5. $\text{CO}_{(g)}$ effuses in 3.8 min. $MM = 28.01 \text{ g/mol}$
 unk effuses in 6.0 min $MM = ?$
 unk takes longer to effuse, so unk must be heavier
 than CO.

$$\frac{\text{time}_{\text{unk}}}{\text{time}_{\text{CO}}} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{M}}$$

$$\text{time}_{\text{unk}} > \text{time}_{\text{CO}}$$

so larger MM on top $\Rightarrow M_{\text{unk}}$
 to preserve equality

$$\frac{6.0 \text{ min}}{3.8 \text{ min}} = \sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{28.01}}$$

$$1.579 = \sqrt{\frac{M}{28.01}}$$

square both sides

$$2.493 = \frac{M}{28.01}$$

$$M = 2.493(28.01 \text{ g/mol}) = 69.8 \text{ g/mol} \Rightarrow 70 \text{ g/mol}$$

6. Ar_{gas} 39.95 g/mol 12.0 cm
unk _____ ? 37.9 cm ← unk travels
more distance in the same time,
so it travels faster.
Unknown must be lighter.

$$\sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{M_{\text{Ar}}}} = \frac{12.0 \text{ cm}}{37.9 \text{ cm}} = 0.317 = \sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{unk}}}{39.95}}$$

$M_{\text{unk}} < M_{\text{Ar}}$ so put smaller # cm on top.

Square both sides

$$0.100 = \frac{M}{39.95}$$

$$M = 0.100 \times 39.95 = 4.00 \text{ g/mol}$$