

THEORY

The theory of the present experiment is based on the fact that the rate of reaction between a metal and an acid is directly proportional to the surface area of the metal. In this experiment, the rate of reaction between zinc and hydrochloric acid is studied. The reaction is as follows:

$$\text{Zn} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$$

The rate of reaction is measured by the volume of hydrogen gas evolved in a given time. The rate of reaction is found to be directly proportional to the surface area of the metal. This is because a larger surface area provides more contact points for the acid molecules to react with the metal atoms.

APPARATUS

The apparatus used in this experiment is as follows:

- Reaction flask
- Delivery tube
- Gas jar
- Stopcock
- Water trough
- Standard solution of hydrochloric acid
- Zinc granules

EXPERIMENT

