

Stoichiometry

– Studies the quantitative aspects of chemical reactions

3.1 The Mole

- Unit for amount of substance in terms of the number of entities (atoms, molecules, ...) in it.

1 mol of entities → # of atoms in 12 g of ^{12}C

1 atom of ^{12}C → 1.99265×10^{-23} g ^{12}C (mass spectrometry)

$12 \text{ g } ^{12}\text{C} \times [1 \text{ atom} / 1.99265 \times 10^{-23} \text{ g } ^{12}\text{C}] = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$

⇒ **1 mol of entities → 6.022×10^{23} entities**

- Avogadro's number (N_A) – number of entities per 1 mol → $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}$

- Conversion between moles and entities
[1 mol entities/ 6.022×10^{23} entities]

Example:

1) How many molecules of water are present in 2.7 mol of water?

2) How many atoms of hydrogen are present in 2.7 mol of water?

$$2.7 \text{ mol } \text{H}_2\text{O} \left(\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molec. } \text{H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ mol } \text{H}_2\text{O}} \right) = 1.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ molec. } \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$1.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ molec. } \text{H}_2\text{O} \left(\frac{2 \text{ atoms H}}{1 \text{ molec. } \text{H}_2\text{O}} \right) = 3.3 \times 10^{24} \text{ atoms H}$$

- The atomic mass (in *amu*) of an element is numerically equal to the mass (in *g*) of 1 mol of the element

– ^{12}C → 12 amu 1 mol ^{12}C → 12 g (definitions)

– C → 12.01 amu 1 mol C → 12.01 g

– H → 1.008 amu 1 mol H → 1.008 g

– O → 16.00 amu 1 mol O → 16.00 g

- The molecular (formula) mass (in *amu*) of a compound is numerically equal to the mass (in *g*) of 1 mol of the compound

– CO_2 → 44.01 amu 1 mol CO_2 → 44.01 g

⇒ 1 mol of a substance has a fixed mass (can be used to measure moles of substances by weighing them)

Molar Mass (*M*)

- Mass of a substance per 1 mol of its entities
 - element → atoms (or molecules for H_2 , O_2 , P_4 , ...)
 - molecular compound → molecules
 - ionic compound → formula units

• Units of *M* → **g/mol**

$$\mathbf{M = m_{particle} \times N_A}$$

Example:

What is the molar mass of ^1H , if the mass of 1 atom ^1H is 1.673×10^{-24} g?

$$\mathbf{M = 1.673 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol} = 1.007 \text{ g/mol}}$$

- *M* is numerically equal to the atomic, molecular, or formula mass of the substance

– For elements, *M* = atomic mass (from per. table)

– For molecular compounds and molecular elements, *M* = molecular mass

– For ionic compounds, *M* = formula mass

⇒ For compounds and molecular elements, *M* equals the sum of the molar (atomic) masses of the elements in the formula

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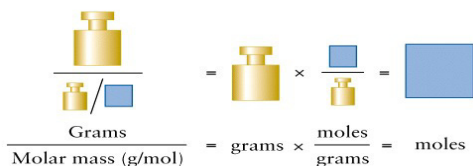
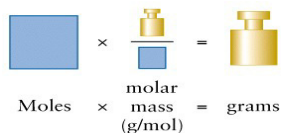
Calculate the molar masses of O_2 and Li_2O .

$$\mathbf{M(\text{O}_2) = 2 \times 16.00 = 32.00 \text{ g/mol}}$$

$$\mathbf{M(\text{Li}_2\text{O}) = 2 \times 6.941 + 1 \times 16.00 = 29.88 \text{ g/mol}}$$

- M can be used as a conversion factor
- Conversion between moles (n) and mass (m)

$$m = n \times M \quad \leftrightarrow \quad n = m/M$$



- Conversion between moles (n) and masses (m) of elements

Example:

What is the mass of 1.221 mol Kr?

$$m = 1.221 \text{ mol} \times 83.80 \text{ g/mol} = 102.3 \text{ g}$$

Example:

How many moles of atoms are present in 1.23 g of Kr?

$$1.23 \text{ g Kr} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Kr}}{83.80 \text{ g Kr}} \right) = 1.47 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol Kr}$$

- Conversion between moles (n) and masses (m) of compounds (same as for elements)

Example:

Calculate the number of moles of urea, $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$, in $2.3 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$ of this compound.

$$M = 2 \times 14.00 + 4 \times 1.008 + 1 \times 12.01 + 1 \times 16.00 = 60.04 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$2.3 \times 10^5 \text{ kg urea} \times \left(\frac{10^3 \text{ g urea}}{1 \text{ kg urea}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol urea}}{60.04 \text{ g urea}} \right) = 3.8 \times 10^6 \text{ mol urea}$$

- Conversion between masses and number of entities of elements and compounds

Example:

Calculate the number of CO_2 molecules and oxygen atoms in 15.8 g of CO_2 .

$$M(\text{CO}_2) = 12.01 + 2 \times 16.00 = 44.01 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$15.8 \text{ g CO}_2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol CO}_2}{44.01 \text{ g CO}_2} \right) \left(\frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molec. CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol CO}_2} \right) = 2.16 \times 10^{23} \text{ molec. CO}_2$$

$$2.16 \times 10^{23} \text{ molec. CO}_2 \left(\frac{2 \text{ atoms O}}{1 \text{ molec. CO}_2} \right) = 4.32 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms O}$$

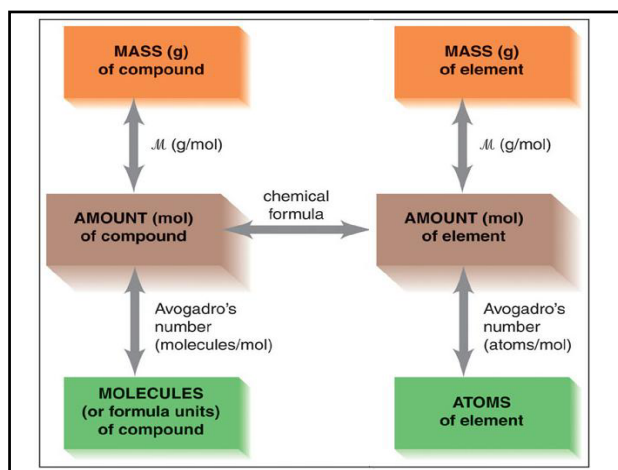
- Conversion between masses of compounds and masses of their elements using chemical formulas (*The subscripts in formulas refer to individual atoms as well as to moles of atoms*)

Example: What is the mass of H in 5.00 g CH_4 ?

$$\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow M = 1 \times 12.01 + 4 \times 1.008 = 16.04 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{H} \rightarrow M = 1.008 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$5.00 \text{ g CH}_4 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol CH}_4}{16.04 \text{ g CH}_4} \right) \times \left(\frac{4 \text{ mol H}}{1 \text{ mol CH}_4} \right) \times \left(\frac{1.008 \text{ g H}}{1 \text{ mol H}} \right) = 1.26 \text{ g H}$$



Mass Percentage Composition

- Percentage by mass of each element in a compound

$$\text{Mass\%} = \left[\frac{m_{\text{element}}}{m_{\text{compound}}} \right] \times 100\%$$

- Calculation of Mass% from chemical formulas

– Consider 1 mol of a compound

$$m_{\text{comp}} = M \text{ of comp}$$

$$m_{\text{elem}} = (\# \text{ moles of elem in 1 mol of comp}) \times (M \text{ of elem})$$

Note: The # of moles of the element in 1 mol of the compound equals the # of atoms of the element in the formula of the compound

$$\text{Mass\% of element} =$$

$$\left[\frac{(\# \text{ atoms of element in formula})(M \text{ of element})}{(M \text{ of compound})} \right] \times 100\%$$

Example:

Calculate the Mass% of O in CO₂.

$$\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow M = 1 \times 12.01 + 2 \times 16.00 = 44.01 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{O} \rightarrow M = 16.00 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{Mass\% O} = \left(\frac{2 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mol}}{44.01 \text{ g/mol}} \right) \times 100\% = 72.71\%$$

- Calculation of Mass% from chemical analysis

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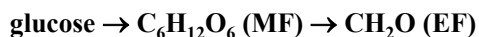
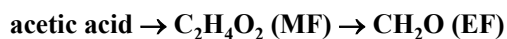
Calculate the mass percentage of C in nicotine, if analysis shows that 5.00 g of nicotine contain 3.70 g C, 0.44 g H and 0.86 g N.

$$\text{Mass\% C} = \left(\frac{3.70 \text{ g C}}{5.00 \text{ g nicotine}} \right) \times 100\% = 74.0\%$$

3.2 Determination of Chemical Formulas

- Molecular formulas** – numbers of atoms of each element in a molecule
- Empirical formulas** – relative numbers of atoms of each element using the smallest whole numbers

Example:



Determining Empirical Formulas

- Elemental analysis** – gives the masses of the elements in a given mass of the compound or the Mass% composition
- EF from Mass% data
 - Consider 100 g of the compound
 - The masses of the elements equal their mass%
 - Convert the masses of the elements to moles
 - Determine the relative number of moles (mol ratio)
 - Simplify the mole ratio to whole numbers
- EF from mass data
 - Omit steps 1 and 2 above

Example:

- Determine the EF of nicotine, if the mass% of C, H and N in it are 74.0, 8.7 and 17.3 %, respectively.

1. Consider 100 g nicotine

2. **74.0 g C, 8.7 g H, 17.3 g N**

3. Convert masses to moles:

$$74.0 \text{ g C} \times (1 \text{ mol C} / 12.01 \text{ g C}) = 6.16 \text{ mol C}$$

$$8.7 \text{ g H} \times (1 \text{ mol H} / 1.008 \text{ g H}) = 8.6 \text{ mol H}$$

$$17.3 \text{ g N} \times (1 \text{ mol N} / 14.01 \text{ g N}) = 1.23 \text{ mol N}$$

4. Mol ratio:



5. Simplify the mole ratio:

(divide by the smallest number, and if necessary, multiply by a factor to get whole numbers)

$$6.16/1.23 = 5.01 \cong 5$$

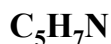
$$8.6/1.23 = 7.0 \cong 7$$

$$1.23/1.23 = 1.00 \cong 1$$

→ simplest whole-number ratio:



→ EF:



Determining Molecular Formulas

- The MF is a whole-number multiple of the EF

$$\Rightarrow M = M_{EF} \times n$$

– M → molar mass

– M_{EF} → EF mass

– n → whole number (number of EFs per molecule)

$$\Rightarrow n = M/M_{EF}$$

- Determining MFs from EFs and molar masses

Example:

- The empirical formula of nicotine is $\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}$ and its molar mass is 162.23 g/mol. MF = ?

$$M_{EF} \rightarrow 5 \times 12.01 + 7 \times 1.008 + 1 \times 14.01 = 81.12 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n = \frac{M}{M_{EF}} = \frac{162.23 \text{ g/mol}}{81.12 \text{ g/mol}} = 2.000 \cong 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{MF} = 2 \times \text{EF}$$



Combustion Analysis

- A method for elemental analysis of combustible organic compounds through their combustion in excess O_2

– The C in the sample is converted to CO_2 which is absorbed in a NaOH absorber and weighed

– The H in the sample is converted to H_2O which is absorbed in a P_4O_{10} absorber and weighed

– If a third element (O, N, ...), it passes through the absorbers



Example:

When 0.236 g aspirin is burned in excess O_2 , 0.519 g CO_2 and 0.0945 g H_2O are formed. Determine the mass % of C, H and O in aspirin.

➤ Calculate the masses of C and H in the sample based on the masses of CO_2 and H_2O :

➤ Calculate the mass of O by subtracting the masses of C and H from the total mass of the sample

$$0.519 \text{ g CO}_2 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol CO}_2}{44.01 \text{ g CO}_2} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{1 \text{ mol CO}_2} \right) \times \left(\frac{12.01 \text{ g C}}{1 \text{ mol C}} \right) = 0.142 \text{ g C}$$

$$0.0945 \text{ g H}_2\text{O} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{18.02 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}} \right) \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol H}}{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1.008 \text{ g H}}{1 \text{ mol H}} \right) = 0.0106 \text{ g H}$$

$$0.236 - 0.142 - 0.0106 = 0.084 \text{ g O}$$

$$\%C = \left(\frac{0.142 \text{ g C}}{0.236 \text{ g sample}} \right) \times 100\% = 60.0\%$$

$$\%H = \left(\frac{0.0106 \text{ g H}}{0.236 \text{ g sample}} \right) \times 100\% = 4.48\%$$

$$\%O = \left(\frac{0.084 \text{ g O}}{0.236 \text{ g sample}} \right) \times 100\% = 35.5\%$$

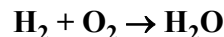
The empirical formula can be determined from the percentage composition in a subsequent step

3.3 Chemical Equations

- Represent chemical reactions

Reactants → Products

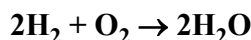
- Skeletal equations – show identities of reactants and products



- Law of conservation of mass
 - Atoms are neither created nor destroyed (they only change bonding partners)
 - Same atoms are present in the reactants as in the products

• Balanced chemical equations

- same number of atoms of each element appear on each side of the equation
- stoichiometric coefficients – needed to balance the equations



- Microscopic view



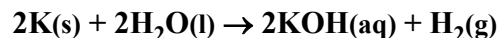
- Macroscopic view



- The stoichiometric coefficients can be treated as relative number of moles of reactants and products

- Physical state symbols

- (s) solid; (l) liquid; (g) gas; (aq) aqueous solution



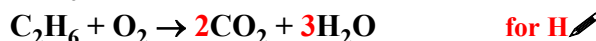
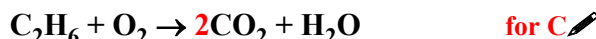
Balancing Chemical Equations

- Balancing by inspection (only simple cases)
 - Change stoichiometric coefficients only
 - Never change subscripts in formulas
 - Never add other substances to the equation

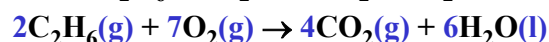
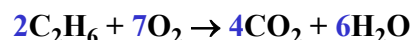
• Systematic method

1. Write the skeletal equation
2. Balance one element at a time using coefficients
 - Start with the elements in the most complex substance and finish with those in the least complex one
 - Alternatively, start with the element present in the fewest number of formulas and finish with the element present in the greatest number of formulas
 - Use fractional coefficients if necessary
3. If necessary multiply the whole equation by a factor to clear the fractional coefficients
4. Verify that the equation is balanced and the coefficients are the smallest whole numbers
5. Specify physical states

Example: Write the balanced equation for the combustion of ethane, C_2H_6 , to carbon dioxide and liquid water.

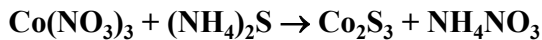


multiply eq. by 2

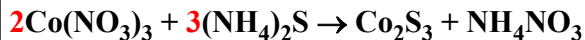


– Often polyatomic ions can be treated as single entities

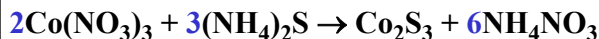
Example: Balance the following skeletal eq. in aqueous solution:



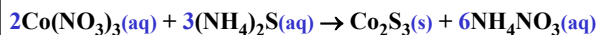
→ balance Co and S:



→ balance NH_4 and NO_3 :



→ add physical state symbols:

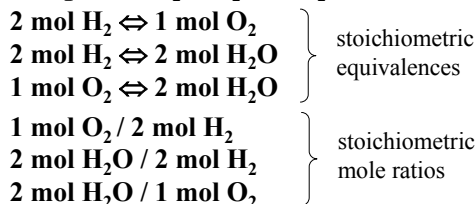


3.4 Calculating Amounts of Reactants and Products

Stoichiometric Equivalences

- Balanced chemical equations contain definite stoichiometric relations between reactants and products → stoichiometric **mole ratios**

Example: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$



Mole-to-Mole Conversions

- Conversion method

– The mole ratios are used as conversion factors

$$(\text{mol given}) \times (\text{mole ratio}) = (\text{mol required})$$

Example: Determine the number of moles of water produced from 3.4 mol O_2 .

→ balanced equation: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

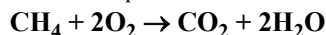
→ mole ratio (conversion factor): $[2 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O} / 1 \text{ mol O}_2]$

$$3.4 \text{ mol O}_2 \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} \right) = 6.8 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}$$

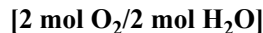
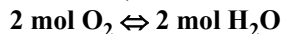
- Stoichiometric conversion factors are reaction specific

Example: Calculate the amount of O_2 needed to produce 3.5 mol H_2O by combustion of methane (CH_4).

→ balanced equation:



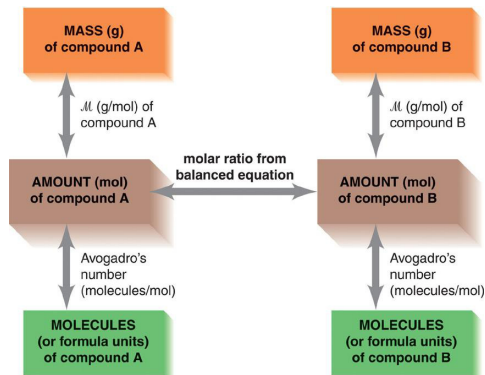
→ mole ratio (conversion factor):



$$3.5 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O} \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol O}_2}{2 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} \right) = 3.5 \text{ mol O}_2$$

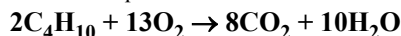
Mass-to-Mass Calculations

- Conversion method



Example: Calculate the mass of oxygen needed to completely burn 5.4 kg of butane (C_4H_{10}).

→ balanced equation:



→ mole ratio: $[13 \text{ mol O}_2 / 2 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10}]$

→ molar masses:



$$5.4 \text{ kg C}_4\text{H}_{10} \times \left(\frac{10^3 \text{ g C}_4\text{H}_{10}}{1 \text{ kg C}_4\text{H}_{10}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10}}{58.1 \text{ g C}_4\text{H}_{10}} \right) \times \left(\frac{13 \text{ mol O}_2}{2 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10}} \right) \times \left(\frac{32.0 \text{ g O}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} \right) = 1.9 \times 10^4 \text{ g O}_2 = 19 \text{ kg O}_2$$

Reaction Yield

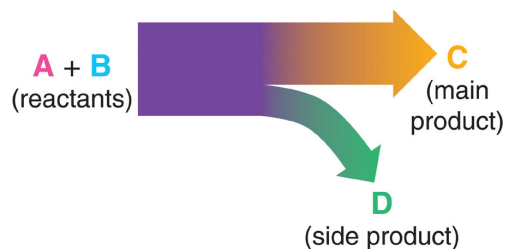
- **Theoretical yield** - the maximum amount of product that can be expected from a given amount of reactant
- **Actual yield** - the actual amount of product isolated in a reaction

$$\text{Actual Yield} \leq \text{Theoretical Yield}$$

- **Percentage yield:**

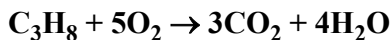
$$\% \text{ Yield} = \frac{\text{Actual Yield}}{\text{Theoretical Yield}} \times 100\%$$

- Reasons for the difference between actual and theoretical yield
 - incomplete reaction
 - loss of product
 - side reactions



Example: Calculate the theoretical yield of carbon dioxide produced by the combustion of **25.0 g** propane (C_3H_8) in excess oxygen.

→ balanced equation:



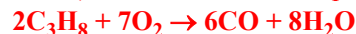
→ mass-to-mass conversion:

$$25.0 \text{ g C}_3\text{H}_8 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8}{44.09 \text{ g C}_3\text{H}_8} \right) \times \left(\frac{3 \text{ mol CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8} \right) \times \left(\frac{44.01 \text{ g CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol CO}_2} \right) = 74.9 \text{ g CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Theor. Yield}$$

Example: Calculate the percentage yield of carbon dioxide, if the combustion of **25.0 g** propane in excess oxygen yields **48.5 g** carbon dioxide.

→ theoretical yield (from prev. problem): **74.9 g CO_2**

→ **side reaction (consumes some of the propane):**



→ actual yield: **48.5 g CO_2**

→ percentage yield:

$$\% \text{ Yield} = \frac{48.5 \text{ g CO}_2}{74.9 \text{ g CO}_2} \times 100\% = 64.8\%$$

Limiting Reactants

- Reactants present in equivalent amounts
 - All reactants are consumed at the same time
- Nonequivalent amounts of reactants
 - One reactant, called **limiting reactant**, is consumed before the others
 - The other reactants are **in excess**
- Limiting reactant
 - The reaction stops when the limiting reactant is consumed
 - Limits the maximum amount of product achievable (limits the theoretical yield)
 - Stoichiometric calculations based on the limiting reactant give the **lowest amount of product** compared to calculations based on the other reactants

Example: Identify the limiting reactant in the reaction of **5.0 mol H_2** with **3.0 mol N_2** , and determine the theoretical yield of NH_3 in this reaction.

→ balanced equation: $3\text{H}_2 + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$

→ calculate the theoretical yield based on each of the reactants and chose the **smaller result**:

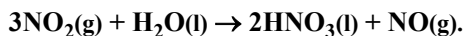
$$3.0 \text{ mol N}_2 \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol NH}_3}{1 \text{ mol N}_2} \right) = 6.0 \text{ mol NH}_3$$

$$5.0 \text{ mol H}_2 \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol NH}_3}{3 \text{ mol H}_2} \right) = 3.3 \text{ mol NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Theor. Yield}$$

↖ smaller amount

⇒ **H_2 is the limiting reactant**

Example: Calculate the theoretical yield of HNO_3 in the reaction of **28 g NO_2** and **18 g H_2O** by the chemical equation:



→ Calculate the theoretical yield based on each of the reactants and chose the smaller result:

$$18 \text{ g } \text{H}_2\text{O} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol } \text{H}_2\text{O}}{18.0 \text{ g } \text{H}_2\text{O}} \right) \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol } \text{HNO}_3}{1 \text{ mol } \text{H}_2\text{O}} \right) \times \left(\frac{63.0 \text{ g } \text{HNO}_3}{1 \text{ mol } \text{HNO}_3} \right) = 130 \text{ g } \text{HNO}_3$$

$$28 \text{ g } \text{NO}_2 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol } \text{NO}_2}{46.0 \text{ g } \text{NO}_2} \right) \times \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol } \text{HNO}_3}{3 \text{ mol } \text{NO}_2} \right) \times \left(\frac{63.0 \text{ g } \text{HNO}_3}{1 \text{ mol } \text{HNO}_3} \right) = 26 \text{ g } \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \textit{Theor. Yield}$$

smaller amount

⇒ The smaller amount of product results from the calculation based on NO_2

⇒ NO_2 is the limiting reactant and 26 g HNO_3 is the theoretical yield

3.5 Solution Stoichiometry

- Solutions – homogeneous mixtures
 - Solvent and solute(s)
 - Solution concentration

Molarity (M)

- Measure of the solute concentration

$$M = \left(\frac{\text{amount of solute (mol)}}{\text{volume of solution (L)}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad M = \frac{n}{V}$$

- Units – molar (M) 1 M = 1 mol/L

- Preparation of solutions with known molarity
 - Transfer a known mass of solute in a volumetric flask
 - Dissolve in small amount of water
 - Add water to the mark



Example:

Calculate the molarity of a solution prepared by dissolving **5.33 g NaOH** in water using a **100.0 mL** volumetric flask.

⇒ convert the mass to moles:

$$5.33 \text{ g } \text{NaOH} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}}{40.00 \text{ g } \text{NaOH}} \right) = 0.133 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}$$

⇒ convert volume to liters: 100.0 mL = 0.1000 L

⇒ divide moles by solution volume:

$$\frac{0.133 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}}{0.1000 \text{ L solution}} = 1.33 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH/L} \rightarrow 1.33 \text{ M } \text{NaOH}$$

- Molarity as a conversion factor

Example:

Calculate the mass of NaOH in **2.50 L** of **1.33 M NaOH** solution.

$$2.50 \text{ L} \left(\frac{1.33 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \left(\frac{40.00 \text{ g } \text{NaOH}}{1 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}} \right) = 133 \text{ g } \text{NaOH}$$

Example:

Calculate the volume of **1.33 M NaOH** solution that contains **5.00 mol NaOH** .

$$5.00 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ L}}{1.33 \text{ mol } \text{NaOH}} \right) = 3.76 \text{ L}$$

Dilution

- Reducing the concentration of the solute by adding more solvent
- Stock solutions – concentrated solutions used to store reagents
- Dilution Procedure
 - Use a pipette to measure a small volume of the concentrated solution and transfer it to a volumetric flask
 - Add solvent to fill the volumetric flask to the mark

Dilution calculations

- dilution doesn't change the total # of moles of solute in the solution

$$n = M \times V \quad n_d = n_c \quad M_d \times V_d = M_c \times V_c$$

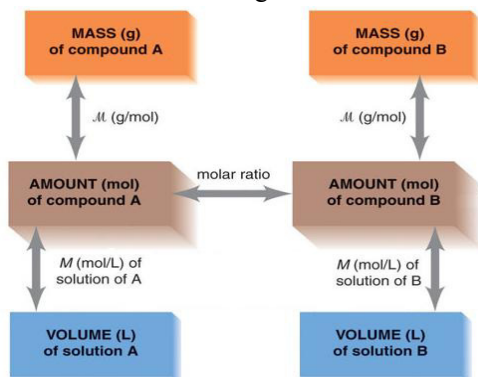
Example:

Calculate the molarity of a solution prepared by dilution of **5.00 mL 2.0 M HCl** stock solution to **100.0 mL**.

$$M_d = \frac{M_c \times V_c}{V_d} = \frac{2.0 \text{ M} \times 5.00 \text{ mL}}{100.0 \text{ mL}} = 0.10 \text{ M}$$

Stoichiometric calculations in solution

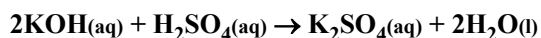
– For a reaction involving substances A and B



Example:

What volume of **0.0836 M H₂SO₄** solution will react completely with **16.4 mL 0.255 M KOH**.

⇒ balanced equation:



⇒ mole ratio: [1 mol H₂SO₄/2 mol KOH]

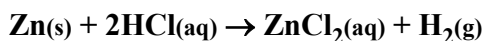
$$16.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} \times \left(\frac{0.255 \text{ mol KOH}}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{SO}_4}{2 \text{ mol KOH}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ L}}{0.0836 \text{ mol H}_2\text{SO}_4} \right) = 25.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} = 25.0 \text{ mL}$$

Limiting reactant problems in solution

Example:

What mass of **H₂** gas can be produced by the reaction of **2.5 g Zn** with **2.0 L 0.15 M HCl** solution. The other product is **ZnCl₂(aq)**.

⇒ balanced equation:



⇒ mole ratios: [1 mol H₂/2 mol HCl]

[1 mol H₂/1 mol Zn]

⇒ Calculate the mass of **H₂** produced based on both reactants and choose the smaller amount

⇒ calculation based on HCl:

$$2.0 \text{ L} \times \left(\frac{0.15 \text{ mol HCl}}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2}{2 \text{ mol HCl}} \right) \times \left(\frac{2.02 \text{ g H}_2}{1 \text{ mol H}_2} \right) = 0.30 \text{ g H}_2$$

⇒ calculation based on Zn:

$$2.5 \text{ g Zn} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Zn}}{65.4 \text{ g Zn}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2}{1 \text{ mol Zn}} \right) \times \left(\frac{2.02 \text{ g H}_2}{1 \text{ mol H}_2} \right) = 0.077 \text{ g H}_2 \leftarrow \text{smaller amount}$$

⇒ The calculation based on Zn yields less product so Zn is the limiting reactant