

**79 Define limiting reagent and excess reagent.**

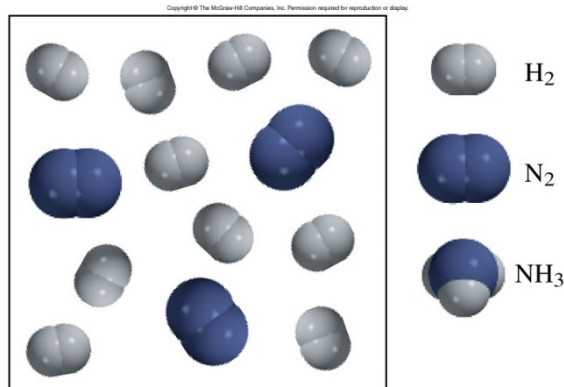
Limiting reagent is the reactant that is depleted; excess reagent is a reagent that is not depleted.

**What is the significance of the limiting reagent in predicting the amount of the product obtained in a reaction?** In a reaction, since the reaction stops when one reactant is depleted, the amount of limiting reagent determines the amount of each product possible.

**Can there be a limiting reagent if only one reactant is present?** If there is only one reactant, then technically it must be the limiting reagent since it will be depleted.

**82  $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$  From diagram, one sees that you have 3 moles of  $N_2$  and 10 moles of  $H_2$**

**Finding limiting reagent:** The number of  $N_2$  molecules shown in the diagram is 3. The balanced equation shows 3 moles  $H_2 \approx 1$  mole  $N_2$ . Therefore, we need 9 molecules of  $H_2$  to react completely with 3 molecules of  $N_2$ . There are 10 molecules of  $H_2$  present in the diagram.  $H_2$  is in excess.

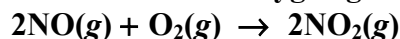


**$N_2$  is the limiting reagent.**

**Number of moles of product produced:** The mole ratio between  $N_2$  and  $NH_3$  is 1:2. When 3 molecules of  $N_2$  react, 6 molecules of  $NH_3$  will be produced.

**Number of moles of excess reagent left:** 9 molecules of  $H_2$  will react with 3 molecules of  $N_2$ , leaving 1 molecule of  $H_2$  in excess.

**83 Nitric oxide reacts with oxygen gas to form nitrogen dioxide, a dark-brown gas:**



**In one experiment 0.886 mole of  $NO$  is mixed with 0.503 mole of  $O_2$ . Calculate which of the two reactants is the limiting reagent. Calculate also the number of moles of  $NO_2$  produced.**

$$0.886 \text{ mol NO} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol NO}_2}{2 \text{ mol NO}} = 0.886 \text{ mol NO}_2$$

$$0.503 \text{ mol O}_2 \times \frac{2 \text{ mol NO}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} = 1.01 \text{ mol NO}_2$$

**$NO$  is the limiting reagent;** it limits the amount of product produced. The amount of product produced is **0.886 mole  $NO_2$ .**

**84** The depletion of the ozone in the stratosphere has been a matter of great concern among scientists in recent years.  $\text{O}_3 + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{NO}_2$  If 0.740 g of  $\text{O}_3$  reacts with 0.679 g of  $\text{NO}$ ...

- How many grams of  $\text{NO}_2$  produced?

$$\text{equiv. O}_3 = \frac{0.740 \text{ g O}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O}_3}{48.00 \text{ g O}_3}}{1 \text{ mol O}_3} = 0.0154 \text{ equiv. O}_3$$

$$\text{equiv. NO} = \frac{0.670 \text{ g NO} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NO}}{30.01 \text{ g NO}}}{1 \text{ mol NO}} = 0.0223 \text{ equiv. NO}$$

The equiv. of  $\text{O}_3 < \text{equiv. NO}$ ; therefore, it is the **limiting reagent**.

$$? \text{ g NO}_2 = 0.0154 \text{ mol O}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NO}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_3} \times \frac{46.01 \text{ g NO}_2}{1 \text{ mol NO}_2} = \mathbf{0.709 \text{ g NO}_2}$$

- How many moles of excess reagent remain?

$$\text{mol NO reacted} = 0.0154 \text{ mol O}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NO}}{1 \text{ mol O}_3} = 0.0154 \text{ mol NO reacted}$$

$$\text{mol NO initial} = 0.670 \text{ g NO} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NO}}{30.01 \text{ g NO}} = 0.0223 \text{ mol NO}$$

$$\text{mol NO remaining} = \text{mol NO initial} - \text{mol NO reacted.}$$

$$\mathbf{\text{mol NO remaining} = 0.0223 \text{ mol NO} - 0.0154 \text{ mol NO} = \mathbf{0.0069 \text{ mol NO}}$$

**88** Why is the actual yield of a reaction almost always smaller than the theoretical yield?

The actual yield of a reaction is usually less than the theoretical yield because not all reactants form products (reversible reactions or side products), and not all product may be recovered.

**92** Ethylene, can be prepared by heating hexane at  $800^\circ\text{C}$ :  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{other products}$   
If the yield of ethylene production is 42.5 percent, what mass of hexane must be reacted to produce 481 g of ethylene?

$$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%$$

$$42.5\% \text{ yield} = \frac{481 \text{ g C}_2\text{H}_4}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{theoretical yield C}_2\text{H}_4 = 1.13 \times 10^3 \text{ g C}_2\text{H}_4$$

The mass of hexane that must be reacted is:

$$(1.13 \times 10^3 \text{ g C}_2\text{H}_4) \times \frac{1 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_4}{28.05 \text{ g C}_2\text{H}_4} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol C}_6\text{H}_{14}}{1 \text{ mol C}_2\text{H}_4} \times \frac{86.15 \text{ g C}_6\text{H}_{14}}{1 \text{ mol C}_6\text{H}_{14}} = \mathbf{3.47 \times 10^3 \text{ g C}_6\text{H}_{14}}$$

- 94 Disulfide dichloride is used in the vulcanization of rubber. It is prepared by heating sulfur in an atmosphere of chlorine:  $S_8(l) + 4Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 4S_2Cl_2(l)$

What is the theoretical yield of  $S_2Cl_2$  when 4.06 g of  $S_8$  are heated with 6.24g of  $Cl_2$

$$4.06 \text{ g } S_8 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } S_8}{256.6 \text{ g } S_8} \times \frac{4 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2}{1 \text{ mol } S_8} = 0.0633 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2$$

$$6.24 \text{ g } Cl_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } Cl_2}{70.90 \text{ g } Cl_2} \times \frac{4 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2}{4 \text{ mol } Cl_2} = 0.0880 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2$$

$$? \text{ g } S_2Cl_2 = 0.0633 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2 \times \frac{135.04 \text{ g } S_2Cl_2}{1 \text{ mol } S_2Cl_2} = \mathbf{8.55 \text{ g } S_2Cl_2}$$

If the actual yield of  $S_2Cl_2$  is 6.55 g, what is the percent yield?

$$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\% = \frac{6.55 \text{ g}}{8.55 \text{ g}} \times 100\% = \mathbf{76.6\%}$$

- 108  $Fe_2O_3 + 3 CO \rightarrow 2 Fe + 3 CO_2$

One obtains  $1.64 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe$  from a  $2.62 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$  sample of  $Fe_2O_3$ . What is % purity of sample?

ONE METHOD: Find mass of pure  $Fe_2O_3$  needed to get amount of Fe obtained.

$$1.64 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe \times \frac{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe}{55.85 \text{ kg } Fe} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe_2O_3}{2 \text{ kg-mol } Fe} \times \frac{159.7 \text{ kg } Fe_2O_3}{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe_2O_3} = 2.34 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe_2O_3(\text{pure})$$

$$\text{percent purity of sample} = \frac{\text{grams of pure } Fe_2O_3}{\text{grams of } Fe_2O_3 \text{ sample}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{percent purity} = \frac{2.34 \times 10^3 \text{ kg pure } Fe_2O_3}{2.62 \times 10^3 \text{ kg sample of } Fe_2O_3} \times 100\% = \mathbf{89.6\% = \text{purity of } Fe_2O_3}$$

ANOTHER METHOD: Calculate kg of Fe that theoretically could be produced if the  $Fe_2O_3$  sample was pure.

Theoretical yield of Fe =

$$\begin{aligned} (2.62 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe_2O_3) \times \frac{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe_2O_3}{159.7 \text{ kg } Fe_2O_3} \times \frac{2 \text{ kg-mol } Fe}{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe_2O_3} \times \frac{55.85 \text{ kg } Fe}{1 \text{ kg-mol } Fe} \\ = 1.83 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{percent yield} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{percent yield} = \frac{1.64 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe}{1.83 \times 10^3 \text{ kg } Fe} \times 100\% = \mathbf{89.6\% = \text{purity of } Fe_2O_3}$$