

# Chemical Equations and Stoichiometry



The quantitative information drawn from the above balanced chemical equation is

- The molar ratio in which the two reactants ( $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{HCl}$ ) are reacting is 1 : 4.
- The molar ratio between two products can also be known i.e. moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  produced would be double the moles of  $\text{MnCl}_2$  produced.

Remember we can start the reaction with  $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{HCl}$  taken in any molar ratio, but the moles of two reacting will always be in the molar ratio of 1:4.

- The balanced chemical equation should follow the law of conservation of mass.

stoichiometric problems can be solved in just four

simple steps:

- 1. Balance the equation.**
- 2. Convert units of a given substance to moles.**
- 3. Using the mole ratio, calculate the moles of substance yielded by the reaction.**
- 4. Convert moles of wanted substance to desired units.**

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for calculation

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explains limiting reactant

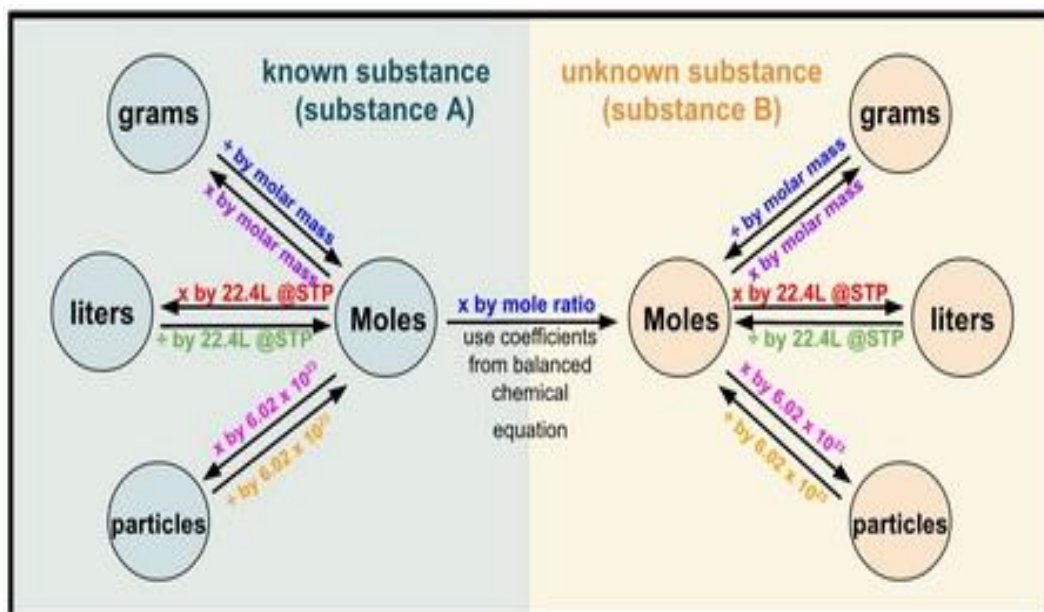
Some more links

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**Graphic organizer** : shows students how to solve stoichiometry problems using a graphic organizer.

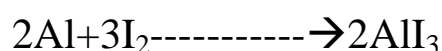


this process includes writing a balanced equation, identifying the known and unknown substances, selecting the correct mole ratio, determining the path to a solution

### Example 1

#### Moles of Reactant Required in a Reaction

How many moles of  $I_2$  are required to react with 0.429 mol of Al according to the following equation

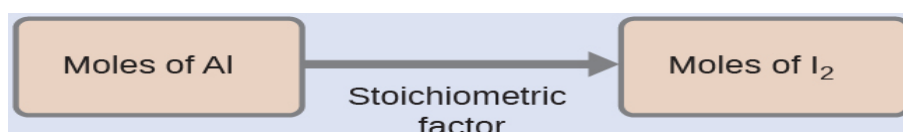


#### Solution

Referring to the balanced chemical equation, the stoichiometric factor relating the two substances of interest is

$$\frac{3 \text{ mol } I_2}{2 \text{ mol Al}}$$

The molar amount of iodine is derived by multiplying the provided molar amount of aluminum by this factor:



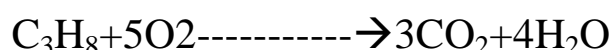
$$\text{mol I}_2 \quad 0.429 \text{ mol Al} \times \frac{3 \text{ mol I}_2}{2 \text{ mol Al}}$$

$$0.644 \text{ mol I}_2$$

## Example 2

### Number of Product Molecules Generated by a Reaction

How many carbon dioxide molecules are produced when 0.75 mol of propane is combusted according to this equation?

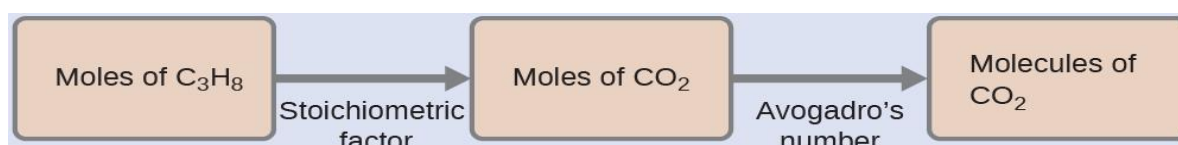


**Solution**, though the absolute number of molecules is requested, not the number of moles of molecules. This will simply require use of the moles-to-numbers conversion factor, Avogadro's number.

The balanced equation shows that carbon dioxide is produced from propane in a 3:1 ratio:

$$\frac{3 \text{ mol CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8}$$

Using this stoichiometric factor, the provided molar amount of propane, and Avogadro's number,

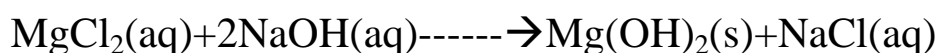


$$0.75 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8 \times \frac{3 \text{ mol CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ CO}_2 \text{ molecules}}{\text{mol CO}_2} = 1.4 \times 10^{24} \text{ CO}_2 \text{ molecules}$$

### Example 3

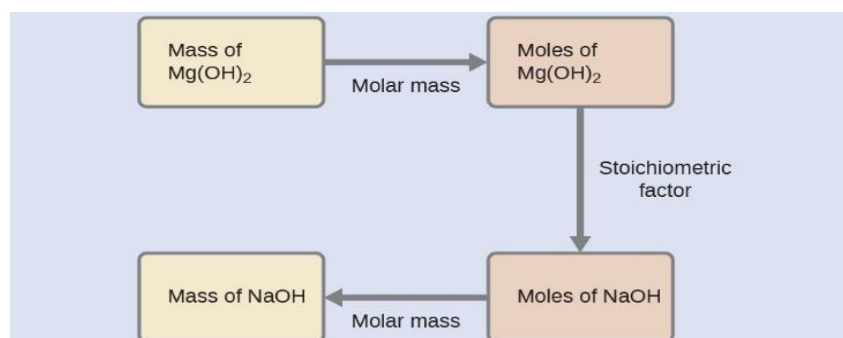
#### Relating Masses of Reactants and Products

What mass of sodium hydroxide, NaOH, would be required to produce 16 g of the antacid milk of magnesia [magnesium hydroxide, Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>] by the following reaction?



#### Solution

we must derive an appropriate stoichiometric factor from the balanced chemical equation and use it to relate the amounts of the two substances of interest. In this case, however, masses (not molar amounts) are provided and requested, so additional steps of the sort learned in the previous chapter are required. The calculations required are outlined in this flowchart:

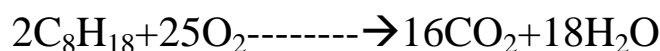


$$16 \text{ g Mg}(\text{OH})_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Mg}(\text{OH})_2}{58.3 \text{ g Mg}(\text{OH})_2} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol NaOH}}{1 \text{ mol Mg}(\text{OH})_2} \times \frac{40.0 \text{ g NaOH}}{1 \text{ mol NaOH}} = 22 \text{ g NaOH}$$

### Example 4

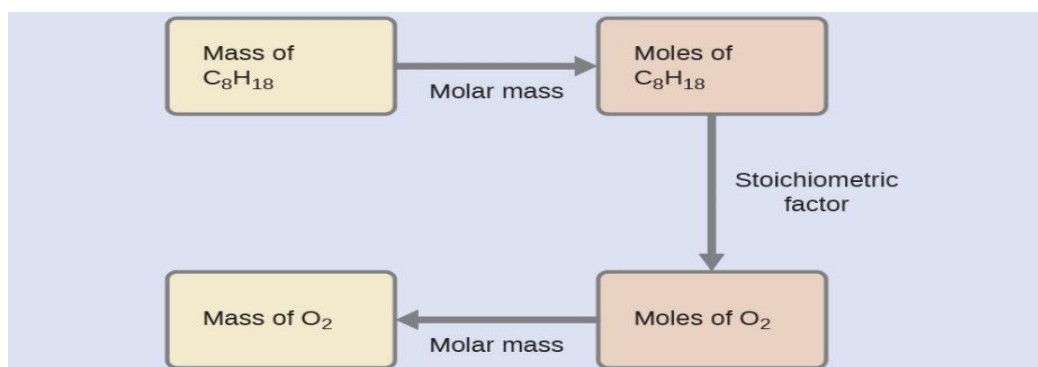
#### Relating Masses of Reactants

What mass of oxygen gas, O<sub>2</sub>, from the air is consumed in the combustion of 702 g of octane, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>, one of the principal components of gasoline?



## Solution

The approach required here is the same as for the [Example 3](#), differing only in that the provided and requested masses are both for reactant species.



$$702 \text{ g C}_8\text{H}_{18} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol C}_8\text{H}_{18}}{114.23 \text{ g C}_8\text{H}_{18}} \times \frac{25 \text{ mol O}_2}{2 \text{ mol C}_8\text{H}_{18}} \times \frac{32.00 \text{ g O}_2}{\text{mol O}_2} = 2.46 \times 10^3 \text{ g O}_2$$

**Figure 3.** Airbags deploy upon impact to minimize serious injuries to passengers. (credit: Jon Seidman)

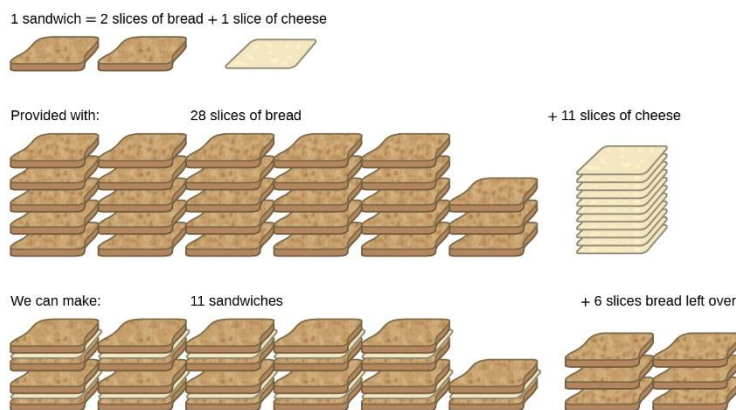
## LIMITING REACTANT

**Hands-On Manipulative Activity/ analogy method** : students can use a hands-on manipulative (beads ) to represent the stoichiometric relationships in a compound and in a balanced equation. They will determine the limiting reactant for a given amount of two reactants and they will identify the excess reactant.

Consider another food analogy, making grilled cheese sandwiches :



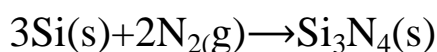
Stoichiometric amounts of sandwich ingredients for this recipe are bread and cheese slices in a 2:1 ratio. Provided with 28 slices of bread and 11 slices of cheese, one may prepare 11 sandwiches per the provided recipe, using all the provided cheese and having six slices of bread left over. In this scenario, the number of sandwiches prepared has been *limited* by the number of cheese slices, and the bread slices have been provided in *excess*.



## Identifying the Limiting Reactant

### Example 1

Silicon nitride is a very hard, high-temperature-resistant ceramic used as a component of turbine blades in jet engines. It is prepared according to the following equation:



Which is the limiting reactant when 2.00 g of Si and 1.50 g of  $\text{N}_2$  react?

### Solution

Compute the provided molar amounts of reactants, and then compare these amounts to the balanced equation to identify the limiting reactant.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mol Si} &= 2.00 \text{ g Si} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Si}}{28.09 \text{ g Si}} = 0.0712 \text{ mol Si} \\ \text{mol N}_2 &= 1.50 \text{ g N}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol N}_2}{28.09 \text{ g N}_2} = 0.0535 \text{ mol N}_2 \end{aligned}$$

The provided Si:N<sub>2</sub> molar ratio is:

$$\frac{0.0712 \text{ mol Si}}{0.0535 \text{ mol N}_2} = \frac{1.33 \text{ mol Si}}{1 \text{ mol N}_2}$$

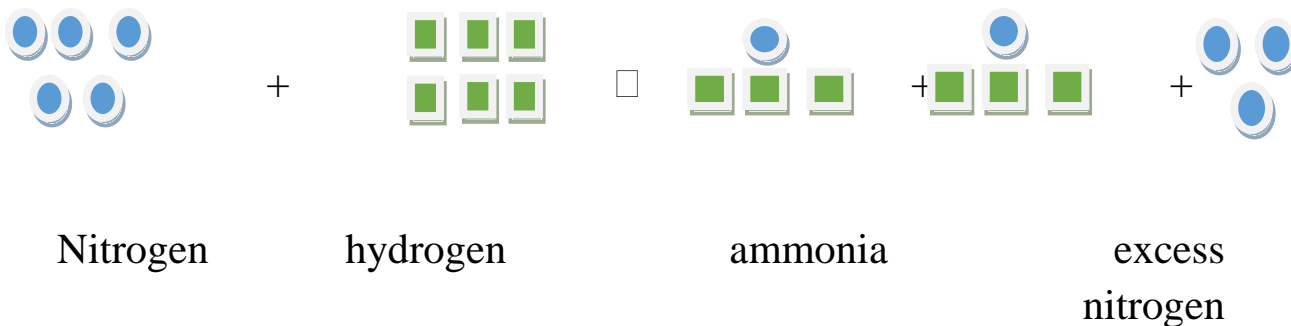
The stoichiometric Si:N<sub>2</sub> ratio is:

$$\frac{3 \text{ mol Si}}{2 \text{ mol N}_2} = \frac{1.5 \text{ mol Si}}{1 \text{ mol N}_2}$$

Comparing these ratios shows that Si is provided in a less-than-stoichiometric amount, and so is the limiting reactant.

### Example 2

Nitrogen reacts with hydrogen to form ammonia. Represent each nitrogen atom by a circle and each hydrogen atom by a square. Starting with SIX molecules of both nitrogen and hydrogen, show pictorially what you have after the reaction is completed.



### Thus we can conclude that

The reactant which is completely consumed when a reaction goes to completion and which decides the yield of the product is called limiting reagent.



## Practice Problems: Stoichiometry coefficient

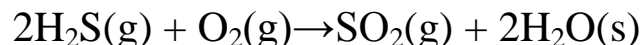
**Q1 Problem:** Given the following equation at STP:



**Determine what volume of  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  is needed to produce 224 L of  $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ .**

**Q2 How many atoms of oxygen do I need in order to get 18 g of ice?**

Given the following reaction:



**Q3 Problem :**  $2\text{Al} + 3\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3$

When 80 grams of aluminum is reacted with excess chlorine gas, how many formula units of  $\text{AlCl}_3$  are produced?

**Q4 Problem :**  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3(\text{s}) + 3\text{Fe}(\text{s}) \rightarrow 2\text{Sb}(\text{s}) + 3\text{FeS}(\text{s})$

If  $3.87 \times 10^{23}$  particles of  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3(\text{s})$  are reacted with excess  $\text{Fe}(\text{s})$ , what mass of  $\text{FeS}(\text{s})$  is produced?

**Q5. Problem :**  $\text{CO}(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{g})$

At STP, what volume of  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  is needed to react completely with  $8.02 \times 10^{23}$  molecules of  $\text{CO}(\text{g})$ ?

### Practice Problems: Limiting Reagents

1. Take the reaction:  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{NO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . In an experiment, 3.25 g of  $\text{NH}_3$  are allowed to react with 3.50 g of  $\text{O}_2$ .
  - a. Which reactant is the limiting reagent?
  - b. How many grams of  $\text{NO}$  are formed?
  - c. How much of the excess reactant remains after the reaction?
  
2. If 4.95 g of ethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ) are combusted with 3.25 g of oxygen.
  - a. What is the limiting reagent?
  - b. How many grams of  $\text{CO}_2$  are formed?

