## **Chemical Stoichiometry**

Stoichiometry - The study of quantities of materials consumed and produced in chemical reactions.

#### **Atomic Masses**

Elements occur in nature as mixtures of isotopes

Carbon =

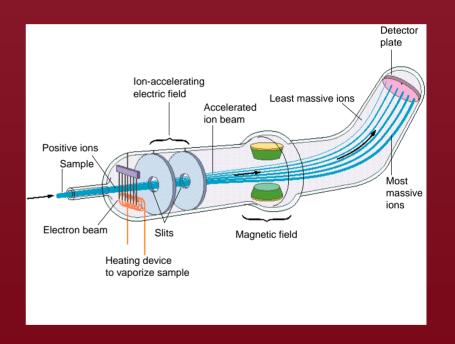
98.89% <sup>12</sup>C

1.11% <sup>13</sup>C

<0.01% <sup>14</sup>C

Carbon atomic mass = 12.01

amu



Mass spectrometer

#### The Mole

The number equal to the number of carbon atoms in exactly 12 grams of pure <sup>12</sup>C.

1 mole of anything =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  units of that thing

# Avogadro's number equals $6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ units}$

#### Molar Mass

A substance's molar mass (molecular weight) is the mass in grams of one mole of the compound.

 $CO_2 = 44.01$  grams per mole

## Percent Composition

Mass percent of an element:

mass % = 
$$\frac{\text{mass of element in compound}}{\text{mass of compound}} \times 100\%$$

For iron in iron (III) oxide, (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

mass % Fe = 
$$\frac{111.69}{159.69} \times 100\% = 69.94\%$$

### Formulas

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molecular formula = (empirical formula)_n

[n = integer]
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molecular formula =  $C_6H_6 = (CH)_6$ 

empirical formula = CH

## **Empirical Formula Determination**

- 1. Base calculation on 100 grams of compound.
- 2. Determine moles of each element in 100 grams of compound.
- 3. Divide each value of moles by the smallest of the values.
- 4. Multiply each number by an integer to obtain all whole numbers.

## Chemical Equations

Chemical change involves a reorganization of the atoms in one or more substances.

## Chemical Equation

A representation of a chemical reaction:

$$CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$$
  
reactants products

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$$CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$$

The equation is balanced.

- 1 mole of methane reacts with 1 mole of water to produce
- 1 mole of carbon oxide and 3 moles of hydrogen

## Calculating Masses of Reactants and Products

- 1. Balance the equation.
- 2. Convert mass to moles.
- 3. Set up mole ratios.
- 4. Use mole ratios to calculate moles of desired substituent.
- 5. Convert moles to grams, if necessary.

## Limiting Reactant

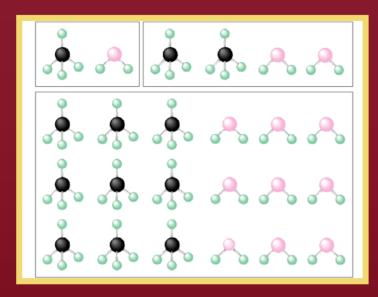
The limiting reactant is the reactant that is consumed first, limiting the amounts of products formed.

## Limiting Reactant

Let's start from the same reaction:

$$CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$$
  
reactants products

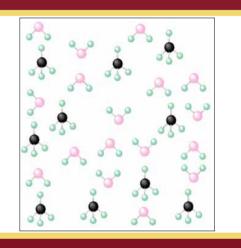
## How does it work?



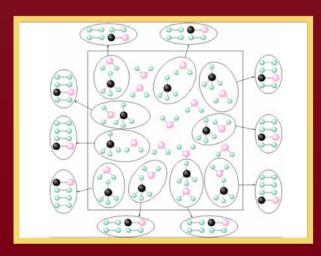
No problem, if they are mixed in stoichimetric ratio







But, if one reactant is in excess (H<sub>2</sub>O) not all molecules react



## Solving a Stoichiometry Problem

- 1. Balance the equation.
- 2. Convert masses to moles.
- 3. Determine which reactant is limiting.
- 4. Use moles of limiting reactant and mole ratios to find moles of desired product.
- 5. Convert from moles to grams.