

N28 - Limiting Reagent S → when you run out of one reactant too soon, and have some of the other reactant left over.

### Limiting Reagent

(LR) the one you run out of too soon

### Excess Reagent

(XS) the one you have left over

ALL ABOUT MOLE RATIOS!  
"THE KEY TO STOICHIOMETRY!"

### Suggestions

- ① Label EVERYTHING!
  - Formulas, units, "@ start", "made", "have", "need", "left"
- ② use lots of space!
- ③ moles, moles, moles... the key!
- ④ One part of the Q at the time... dont get overwhelmed

### STEPS

① grams to moles for reactants

② check mole ratios

NEEDED      v.s      ACTUAL  
(coefficients      (Answers  
in balanced eq.)      to step #1)

③ Identify LR & XS  
(look @ Answer to Step #2)

④ Finding amount of product made

(Dimensional Analysis)  
using moles of LR

⑤ Finding amount of XS left over

1<sup>st</sup> Find moles of XS used  
mol LR + mol ratio  
@ Start       $\frac{XS}{LR}$

2<sup>nd</sup> Subtract  
mol XS @ Start - mol XS used  
= mol XS left

⑥ Convert answer to Step #5 to desired unit if not moles (grams is common)

### Summary

FINDING LIMITING }

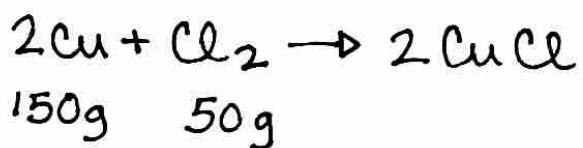
STEPS  
1, 2, 3

AMOUNT PRODUCT MADE }

STEP  
4

AMOUNT XS LEFT OVER }

STEPS  
5, 6



Qs

- (A) Which is XS, which is LR
- (B) How many g of product(s) made
- (C) How many mol XS left?
- (D) How many g XS left?

$$\frac{150\text{g Cu}}{63.55\text{g Cu}} \left| \begin{array}{l} 1\text{ mol Cu} \\ \hline \end{array} \right. = 2.36\text{ mol Cu @ START}$$

$$\frac{50\text{g Cl}_2}{70.91\text{g Cl}_2} \left| \begin{array}{l} 1\text{ mol Cl}_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \right. = 0.71\text{ mol Cl}_2 @ \text{START}$$

STEP ②

TRICK:  $\frac{\text{Big Coefficient}}{\text{small Coefficient}}$  → Reduce to  $\frac{x\text{ mol}}{1\text{ mol} \quad 1\text{ mol}}$  (just use calculator)

NEED: HAVE:  $\frac{2\text{ mol Cu}}{1\text{ mol Cl}_2}$        $\frac{2.36\text{ mol Cu}}{0.71\text{ mol Cl}_2} \rightarrow \frac{3.32\text{ mol Cu}}{1\text{ mol Cl}_2}$

STEP ③ Top # is bigger! we have extra!

Cu = XS  
Cl<sub>2</sub> = LR

(B) STEP ④ USE LR AS KNOWN VALUE!

$$\frac{0.71\text{ mol Cl}_2}{1\text{ mol Cl}_2} \left| \begin{array}{l} 2\text{ mol CuCl} \\ \hline 1\text{ mol Cl}_2 \end{array} \right. = \boxed{140.58\text{ g CuCl MADE}}$$

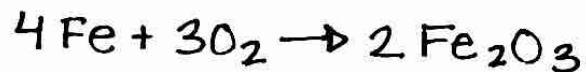
(C) STEP ⑤ ~~1st~~ find XS used ~~2nd~~ subtract

$$\frac{0.71\text{ mol Cl}_2}{1\text{ mol Cl}_2} \left| \begin{array}{l} 2\text{ mol Cu} \\ \hline 1\text{ mol Cl}_2 \end{array} \right. = 1.42\text{ mol Cu USED} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2.36\text{ mol @ START} \\ - 1.42\text{ mol used} \end{array} \quad \boxed{0.94\text{ mol Cu LEFT}}$$

(D) STEP ⑥

$$\frac{0.94\text{ mol Cu}}{1\text{ mol Cu}} \left| \begin{array}{l} 63.55\text{g Cu} \\ \hline \end{array} \right. = \boxed{59.74\text{ g Cu LEFT}}$$

(~~If~~ it only asked for grams of XS left over & not moles, you can combine step 5 & 6 into one dimensional analysis set up)



2.32 g 6.34 g

Step

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{2.32 \text{ g Fe}}{55.85 \text{ g Fe}} \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 \text{ mol Fe} \\ \text{mol Fe} \end{array} \right. = 0.0415 \quad @ \text{START}$$

$$\frac{6.34 \text{ g O}_2}{32 \text{ g O}_2} \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 \text{ mol O}_2 \\ \text{mol O}_2 \end{array} \right. = 0.198 \quad @ \text{START}$$

Step NEED:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{4 \text{ mol Fe}}{3 \text{ mol O}_2} \rightarrow \frac{1.33 \text{ mol Fe}}{1 \text{ mol O}_2}$$

HAVE:

$$\frac{0.0415 \text{ mol Fe}}{0.198 \text{ mol O}_2} \rightarrow \frac{0.21 \text{ mol Fe}}{1 \text{ mol O}_2}$$

Step

$\textcircled{3}$  Top is too small! We don't have enough!

$$\boxed{\text{Fe} = LR}$$

$$\boxed{\text{O}_2 = XS}$$

Step

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \frac{0.0415 \text{ mol Fe}}{4 \text{ mol Fe}} \left| \begin{array}{c} 2 \text{ mol Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \\ 1 \text{ mol Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \end{array} \right| = 3.314 \text{ g Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \quad \boxed{\text{made}}$$

Step

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \frac{0.0415 \text{ mol Fe}}{4 \text{ mol Fe}} \left| \begin{array}{c} 3 \text{ mol O}_2 \\ \text{USED} \end{array} \right. = 0.0311 \text{ mol O}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 0.198 \text{ mol O}_2 @ \text{START} \\ - & 0.0311 \text{ mol O}_2 \text{ USED} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{0.167 \text{ mol O}_2 \text{ LEFT}}$$

Step

$\textcircled{6}$

$$\frac{0.167 \text{ mol O}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} \left| \begin{array}{c} 32 \text{ g O}_2 \\ \text{mol O}_2 \end{array} \right. = \boxed{5.34 \text{ g O}_2 \text{ LEFT}}$$