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Target: I can determine which substance will run out first during a reaction so that I can perform “limiting reagent stoichiometry.”

Link to YouTube Presentation: <https://youtu.be/iUjL9AVeSnU>



## Pros and Cons to all methods

- ◆ You have to be careful with rounding when using this method.
- ◆ But it is faster, less likely to make mistakes, and safer when it comes to getting partial credit.
- ◆ If you need help – come see me! Don't start looking things up online, it confuses more people than I've seen it help. Please let me help you! 😊

# The “danger” of looking up videos & examples of limiting stoich online...

There are so many weird little tricks, other methods, etc. But they don't all ADEQUATELY show units, concepts, etc.

If you want to demonstrate mastery of the CONCEPTS to get full points, use this method.

Not all teachers use this method, but you're stuck with me...

#sorrynotsorry 😊 Ha!

## Limiting Reagent Stoichiometry:

A type of stoich problem where you run out of one chemical too soon, and have extra of the other chemical left over



*How do I know if it is a  
“regular” stoichiometry problem,  
or a “limiting” reagent problem?*

# Hint!

## How many starting values?

- ◆ One starting value – “regular” stoich
- ◆ Two starting values – “limiting” stoich



# Regular or Limiting?

## Regular

If you react 25 g of hydrogen gas with oxygen gas, how many grams of water can you make?

One

How  
many  
starting  
values?

Two

## Limiting

If you react 25 g of hydrogen gas with 30 g of oxygen gas, how many grams of water can you make?



# Key terms:

## Limiting Reagent

**(LR)**

**The chemical  
you run out of  
too soon**

## Excess Reagent

**(XS)**

**The chemical you  
have extra left  
over of**

## Usually 3 types of problems:

1

Find  
Limiting  
Reagent

2

Find  
Amounts  
Made

3

Find how  
much XS  
left over

# ALL ABOUT MOLE RATIOS!

**“The KEY to Stoichiometry!”**

*Dimensional Analysis, units, labeling, etc  
required!*



Use mole ratios and  
dimensional analysis to compare...

What you \*HAVE\* *versus* What you \*NEED\*



## **Steps**

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1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting ( *if asked* )
5. Find xs left ( *if asked* )

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



1

Find  
Limiting  
Reagent

2

Find  
Amounts  
Made

3

Find how  
much XS  
left over

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



1

Find  
Limiting  
Reagent

If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



150.0 g K	1 mol K	= 3.836 mol K
	39.10 g K	

225 g Br <sub>2</sub>	1 mol Br <sub>2</sub>	= 1.408 mol Br <sub>2</sub>
	159.8 g Br <sub>2</sub>	

### Steps

1. **Grams to moles**
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left



If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	3.836 mol	1.408 mol
<b>NEED:</b>		1.918 mol

3.836 mol K	1 mol Br <sub>2</sub>
	2 mol K

= 1.918 mol Br<sub>2</sub> NEEDED to use up all the K you have!

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. **Have vs. need**
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

Nice thing – it doesn't matter which starting value you try first! Cuts down the length of the problems/work a lot!  
You could have started with 1.408 moles of Br<sub>2</sub> instead!

If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how much KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>3.836</b> mol	<b>1.408</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>		<b>1.918</b> mol

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. **Identify limiting**
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

**You don't have enough Br<sub>2</sub> – that makes it the “limiting reagent” – you will run out of it first!**

**So K is your “excess reagent” – you will have some extra left over when done.**

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



1

Find  
Limiting  
Reagent

2

Find  
Amounts  
Made

3

Find how  
much XS  
left over

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



2

Find  
Amounts  
Made

If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



225 g Br <sub>2</sub>	1 mol Br <sub>2</sub>	2 mol KBr	119 g KBr
	159.8 g Br <sub>2</sub>	1 mol Br <sub>2</sub>	1 mol KBr

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. **Stoich with limiting**
5. Find xs left

**= 335.1 g KBr  
can be made**

If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



**Or...realize you already did part of it right?!**

1.408 mol Br <sub>2</sub>	2 mol KBr	119 g KBr
	1 mol Br <sub>2</sub>	1 mol KBr

**= 335.1 g KBr  
can be made**

#### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. **Stoich with limiting**
5. Find xs left

**\*Just be careful not to round too much early on if you want to use your earlier answer to continue doing your stoichiometry – you have to use your judgement**

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



1

Find  
Limiting  
Reagent

2

Find  
Amounts  
Made

3

Find how  
much XS  
left over

If you reacted 150 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



3

Find how  
much XS  
left over



If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	3.836 mol	1.408 mol
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<b>NEED:</b>	2.816 mol	1.918 mol
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Br<sub>2</sub> is Limiting, so  
use it to find amount  
of XS used

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

1.408 mol Br<sub>2</sub>

2 mol K

1 mol Br<sub>2</sub>

= 2.816 mol K used  
during the reaction

If you reacted 150.0 g of K with 225 g of Br<sub>2</sub>, how many g of KBr can be made? How much excess reagent is left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>3.836</b> mol	<b>1.408</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>	<b>2.816</b> mol	<b>1.918</b> mol

**LEFT:**      **1.02** mol

**Now subtract to  
see what is left!**

#### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. **Find xs left**

**\* If it doesn't specify a unit (common) – then just leave in moles!  
Otherwise, just do more dimensional analysis to convert**



**Let's  
try one  
more!**

If you reacted 13.2 g of Fe with 6.34 g of O<sub>2</sub>, how many g of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be made? How many grams of excess are left?



$$\frac{13.2 \text{ g Fe}}{55.85 \text{ g Fe}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Fe}}{1} = 0.236 \text{ mol Fe}$$

$$\frac{6.34 \text{ g O}_2}{32 \text{ g O}_2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O}_2}{1} = 0.198 \text{ mol O}_2$$

#### Steps

1. **Grams to moles**
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

If you reacted 13.2 g of Fe with 6.34 g of O<sub>2</sub>, how many g of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be made? How many grams of excess are left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>0.236</b> mol	<b>0.198</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>		<b>0.177</b> mol

<b>0.236 mol Fe</b>	<b>3 mol O<sub>2</sub></b>
	<b>4 mol Fe</b>

**= 0.177 mol O<sub>2</sub> NEEDED to use up all the Fe you have!**

#### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. **Have vs. need**
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

If you reacted 13.2 g of Fe with 6.34 g of O<sub>2</sub>, how many g of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be made? How many grams of excess are left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>0.236</b> mol	<b>0.198</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>		<b>0.177</b> mol

<b>0.236 mol Fe</b>	<b>3 mol O<sub>2</sub></b>
	<b>4 mol Fe</b>

**= 0.177 mol O<sub>2</sub> NEEDED** to use up all the Fe you have!

**You have more than enough O<sub>2</sub>, so it is the excess reagent, so Fe is your limiting reagent!**

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. **Identify limiting**
4. Stoich with limiting
5. Find xs left

If you reacted 13.2 g of Fe with 6.34 g of O<sub>2</sub>, how many g of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be made? How many grams of excess are left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>0.236</b> mol	<b>0.198</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>		<b>0.177</b> mol

0.236 mol Fe	2 mol Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	159.69 g Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	4 mol Fe	1 mol Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

### Steps

1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. **Stoich w/ limiting**
5. Find xs left

**= 18.84 g  
Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can  
be made**

If you reacted 13.2 g of Fe with 6.34 g of O<sub>2</sub>, how many g of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> can be made? How many grams of excess are left?



<b>HAVE:</b>	<b>0.236</b> mol	<b>0.198</b> mol
<b>NEED:</b>		<b>0.177</b> mol
<b>LEFT:</b>		<b>0.021</b> mol

**Now  
subtract to  
see what is  
left!**

#### Steps

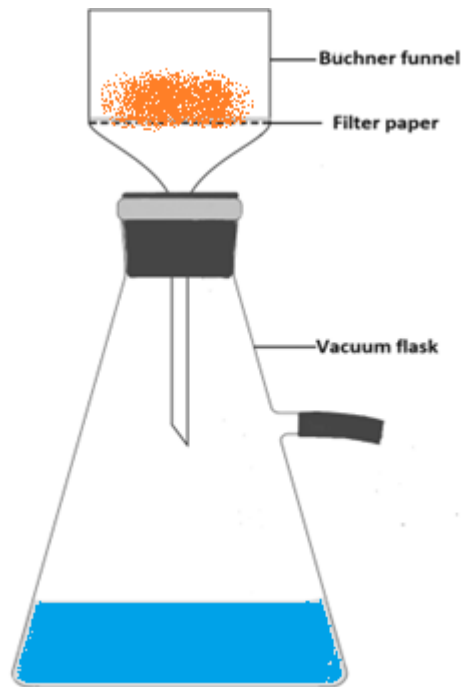
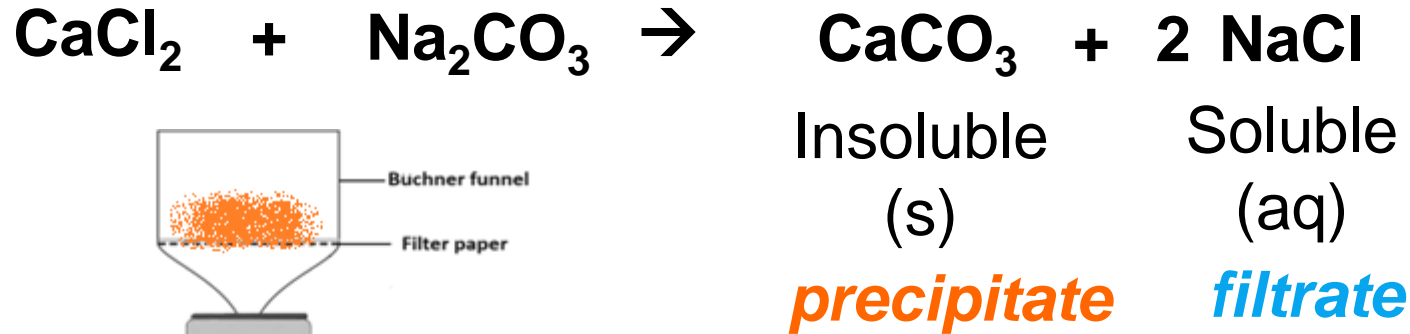
1. Grams to moles
2. Have vs. need
3. Identify limiting
4. Stoich w/ limiting
5. **Find xs left**

$$\frac{0.021 \text{ mol O}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} \times \frac{32 \text{ g O}_2}{1 \text{ mol O}_2} = 0.672 \text{ g O}_2 \text{ left over}$$

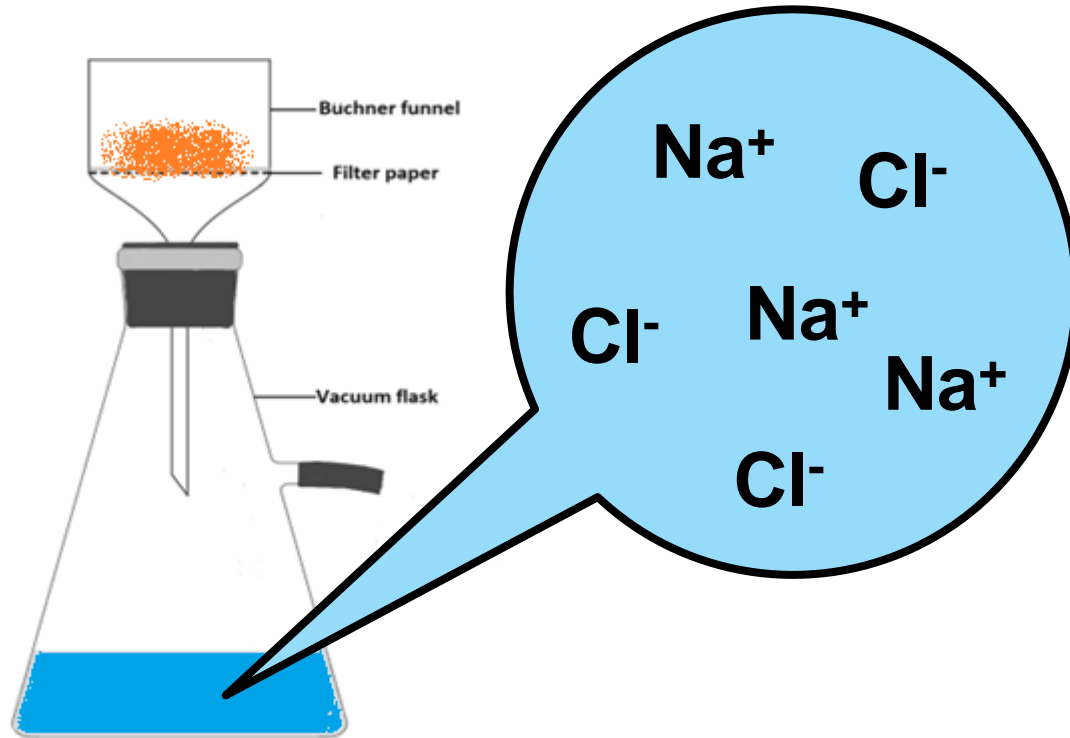


# Limiting Reagent Lab

# Calcium Chloride + Sodium Carbonate



# Calcium Chloride + Sodium Carbonate



**NaCl**

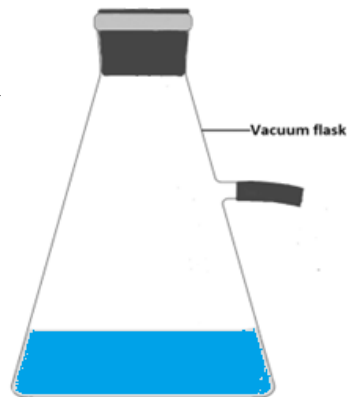
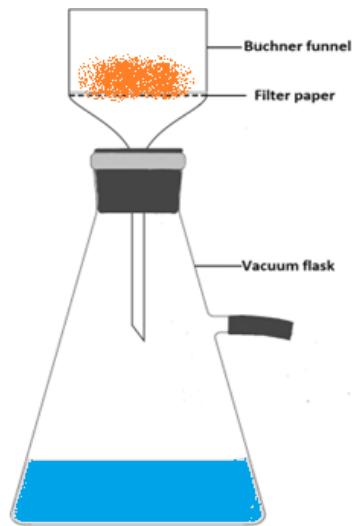
Soluble  
(aq)

*filtrate*

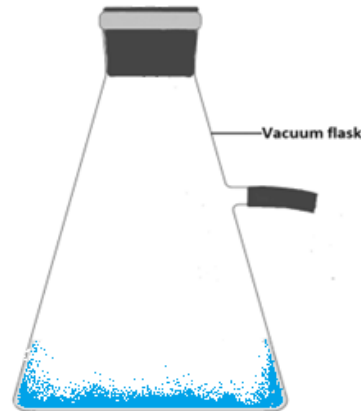
Can't really weigh the NaCl product when it is in the aqueous filtrate. Need to somehow remove the water so the ions go back together leaving solid NaCl...how can we remove the water???

# ***Boil and/or Evaporate the water away!***

**NaCl (aq)**  
***filtrate***



**NaCl (s)**  
***Now it is solid salt left over!***



# Vacuum Filtration



[https://youtu.be/  
ZwER7qEuRow](https://youtu.be/ZwER7qEuRow)



**YouTube Link to Presentation**  
**<https://youtu.be/iUjL9AVeSnU>**