



Chemistry Fundamentals

Lecture 18: Basic Stoichiometry

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Introduction to Stoichiometry - Recipe Chemistry

Definition: Quantitative relationship between reactants and products in chemical reactions

Etymology: From Greek "stoicheion" (element) + "metron" (measure)

Key Concept: Balanced equations provide molar ratios

Real-World Importance:

- Drug manufacturing dosages
- Industrial chemical production
- Environmental impact calculations
- Economic considerations in manufacturing



Cooking Analogy: Like following a recipe - need right proportions

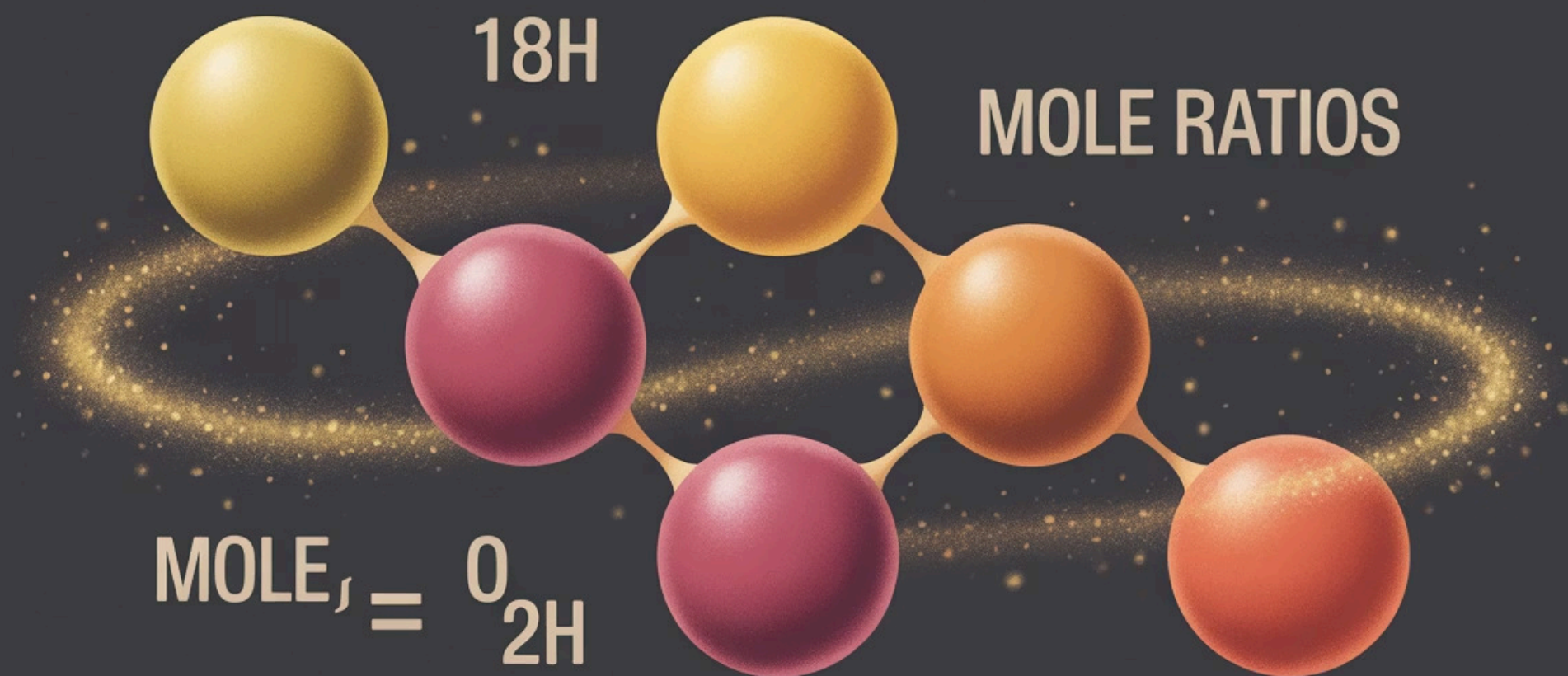
Recipe: 2 slices bread + 1 slice cheese → 1 sandwich

Chemistry: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Mole-to-Mole Calculations - The Foundation

Basic Relationship: Coefficients in balanced equations = molar ratios

Example Equation: $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$



Molar Ratios

- 1 mol N_2 : 3 mol H_2 : 2 mol NH_3
- 1 mol N_2 produces 2 mol NH_3
- 3 mol H_2 produces 2 mol NH_3

Conversion Factor Method

- Use coefficients as conversion factors
- Example: $\text{mol NH}_3 = \text{mol N}_2 \times (2 \text{ mol NH}_3 / 1 \text{ mol N}_2)$

Worked Problem: How many moles of NH_3 from 4.5 mol N_2 ?

$$4.5 \text{ mol N}_2 \times (2 \text{ mol NH}_3 / 1 \text{ mol N}_2) = 9.0 \text{ mol NH}_3$$

Reverse Calculation: How many moles N_2 needed for 7.2 mol NH_3 ?

$$7.2 \text{ mol NH}_3 \times (1 \text{ mol N}_2 / 2 \text{ mol NH}_3) = 3.6 \text{ mol N}_2$$

Mass-to-Mass Calculations - Practical Applications

Step 1

Mass of given substance →
moles of given substance

Step 2

Moles of given substance →
moles of desired substance

Step 3

Moles of desired substance
→ mass of desired substance

Example Reaction: $2\text{Al} + 3\text{CuSO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 + 3\text{Cu}$

Problem: How many grams of Cu from 15.0 g Al?

Step-by-Step Solution:

Step 1: $15.0 \text{ g Al} \times (1 \text{ mol Al} / 26.98 \text{ g Al}) = 0.556 \text{ mol Al}$

Step 2: $0.556 \text{ mol Al} \times (3 \text{ mol Cu} / 2 \text{ mol Al}) = 0.834 \text{ mol Cu}$

Step 3: $0.834 \text{ mol Cu} \times (63.55 \text{ g Cu} / 1 \text{ mol Cu}) = 53.0 \text{ g Cu}$



One-Line Setup:

$15.0 \text{ g Al} \times (1 \text{ mol Al} / 26.98 \text{ g Al}) \times (3 \text{ mol Cu} / 2 \text{ mol Al}) \times (63.55 \text{ g Cu} / 1 \text{ mol Cu}) = 53.0 \text{ g Cu}$

Limiting Reagent Concept - The Bottleneck

Definition: Reactant that is completely consumed first, limiting product formation

Sandwich Analogy

- 10 slices bread, 3 slices cheese
- Can make only 3 sandwiches
- Cheese is limiting reagent
- Bread is excess reagent (4 slices left over)



Chemical Example: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- Given: 5 mol H_2 and 2 mol O_2
- Ratio needed: 2 mol H_2 : 1 mol O_2
- Available: 5 mol H_2 : 2 mol O_2 = 2.5:1 ratio
- O_2 is limiting (need 2:1 ratio, have 2.5:1)

Identification Method:

1. Calculate moles of each reactant
2. Determine which runs out first based on stoichiometry
3. Use limiting reagent for product calculations

Economic Importance: Minimize waste, maximize profit in industrial processes

Limiting Reagent Calculations - Step-by-Step

Problem Setup: $2\text{Al} + 3\text{Br}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AlBr}_3$

Given: 25.0 g Al and 100.0 g Br_2

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Convert to moles

Al: $25.0 \text{ g} \div 26.98 \text{ g/mol} = 0.927 \text{ mol Al}$

Br_2 : $100.0 \text{ g} \div 159.8 \text{ g/mol} = 0.626 \text{ mol Br}_2$

2

Calculate required ratios

Need 2 mol Al : 3 mol Br_2

For 0.927 mol Al: need $0.927 \times (3/2) = 1.39 \text{ mol Br}_2$

Have only 0.626 mol Br_2

Br_2 is limiting reagent

3

Calculate products using limiting reagent

AlBr_3 produced: $0.626 \text{ mol Br}_2 \times (2 \text{ mol AlBr}_3 / 3 \text{ mol Br}_2) = 0.417 \text{ mol AlBr}_3$

Mass AlBr_3 : $0.417 \text{ mol} \times 266.7 \text{ g/mol} = 111 \text{ g AlBr}_3$

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Calculate excess reagent remaining

Al used: $0.626 \text{ mol Br}_2 \times (2 \text{ mol Al} / 3 \text{ mol Br}_2) = 0.417 \text{ mol Al}$

Al remaining: $0.927 - 0.417 = 0.510 \text{ mol Al} = 13.8 \text{ g Al}$

Theoretical and Percent Yield

Key Concepts:

- **Theoretical Yield:** Maximum amount of product possible based on limiting reagent
- **Actual Yield:** Amount of product actually obtained in experiment
- **Percent Yield:** $(\text{Actual yield} / \text{Theoretical yield}) \times 100\%$

Why Yields Are Less Than 100%:

- Incomplete reactions
- Side reactions
- Product lost during purification
- Measurement errors
- Reversible reactions



Example Calculation:

- Theoretical yield: 111 g AlBr_3
- Actual yield: 95.2 g AlBr_3
- Percent yield: $(95.2 \text{ g} / 111 \text{ g}) \times 100\% = 85.8\%$

Interpreting Percent Yield:

- 90%: Excellent yield
- 70-90%: Good yield
- 50-70%: Fair yield
- <50%: Poor yield (investigate problems)

Industrial Considerations: Higher yields = greater profitability

Gas Stoichiometry - Working with Gas Volumes

Key Relationships at STP

- 1 mole of any gas = 22.4 L
- Gas volumes are directly proportional to moles

Modified Stoichiometry Steps

1. Convert gas volume to moles ($\div 22.4$ L/mol)
2. Use molar ratios from balanced equation
3. Convert back to volume if needed ($\times 22.4$ L/mol)

Example Reaction: $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Problem: What volume of O_2 (at STP) reacts with 15.0 L H_2 ?

Step-by-Step Solution:

1. $15.0 \text{ L H}_2 \div 22.4 \text{ L/mol} = 0.670 \text{ mol H}_2$
2. $0.670 \text{ mol H}_2 \times (1 \text{ mol O}_2 / 2 \text{ mol H}_2) = 0.335 \text{ mol O}_2$
3. $0.335 \text{ mol O}_2 \times 22.4 \text{ L/mol} = 7.50 \text{ L O}_2$

Direct Volume Ratio:

At same T and P, volume ratios = molar ratios

$$15.0 \text{ L H}_2 \times (1 \text{ L O}_2 / 2 \text{ L H}_2) = 7.50 \text{ L O}_2$$

Real-World Application: Industrial gas reactions, fuel combustion calculations

Complex Stoichiometry Problems - Putting It All Together

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Multi-Step Problem Strategy

Write and balance the equation

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Identify given information and what to find

3

Determine limiting reagent if multiple reactants given

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Use appropriate stoichiometric relationships

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Check units and significant figures

Comprehensive Example: Combustion of propane

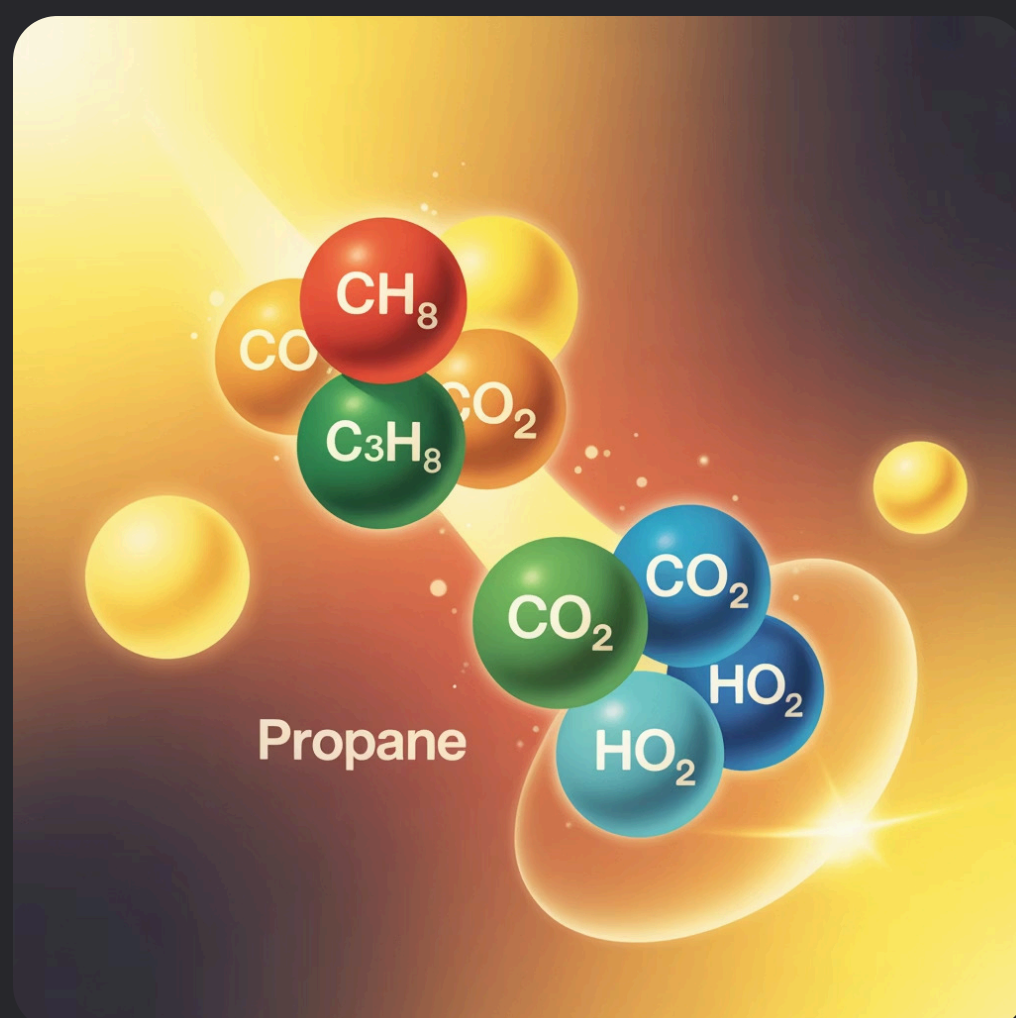
Equation: $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 3\text{CO}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Given: 50.0 g C_3H_8 burns in 120.0 g O_2

Find: Mass of CO_2 produced and percent yield if 125 g CO_2 obtained

Solution:

- Convert to moles:
 - C_3H_8 : $50.0 \text{ g} \div 44.10 \text{ g/mol} = 1.134 \text{ mol}$
 - O_2 : $120.0 \text{ g} \div 32.00 \text{ g/mol} = 3.75 \text{ mol}$
- Find limiting reagent:
 - Need $1.134 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8 \times (5 \text{ mol O}_2 / 1 \text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8) = 5.67 \text{ mol O}_2$
 - Have only 3.75 mol $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2$ is limiting



- Calculate theoretical yield:
 - CO_2 : $3.75 \text{ mol O}_2 \times (3 \text{ mol CO}_2 / 5 \text{ mol O}_2) = 2.25 \text{ mol CO}_2$
 - Mass: $2.25 \text{ mol} \times 44.01 \text{ g/mol} = 99.0 \text{ g CO}_2$
- Calculate percent yield:
 - Percent yield: $(125 \text{ g} / 99.0 \text{ g}) \times 100\% = 126\%$
 - Error Check:** $>100\%$ suggests experimental error

I hope that you all
enjoyed the course

Looking forward to
seeing you soon!

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