## Limiting Reagent and Percentage Yield

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2) What is the percentage yield of a chemical reaction in which 41.5 g of solid tungsten (VI) oxide reacts with excess hydrogen to produce metallic tungsten and 9.5 mL of water? The density of water is 1.00 g/mL

 $\_$  WO<sub>3</sub> (s) +  $\_$  H<sub>2</sub> (g)  $\rightarrow$   $\_$  W (s) +  $\_$  H<sub>2</sub>O (l)

3 Arsenic (III) oxide is heated with carbon, which reduces the oxide to arsenic metal according to the following unbalanced equation:

 $As_2O_3 + C \rightarrow CO_2 + As$ 

Balance the equation. Suppose 8.87 g of  $As_2O_3$  is used in the reaction and 5.33 g of As is produced. What is the percentage yield?

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## **Answers**

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$$4 C_3H_5(NO_3)_3(I) \rightarrow 6 N_2(g) + 12 CO_2(g) + 10 H_2O(g) + 0_2(g)$$

5.55 g 
$$C_3H_5(NO_3)_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } C_3H_5(NO_3)_3}{277.1 \text{ g } C_3H_5(NO_3)_3} \times \frac{6 \text{ mol } N_2}{4 \text{ mol } C_3H_5(NO_3)_3} \times \frac{28.02 \text{ g } N_2}{1 \text{ mol } N_2} = 1.03 \text{ g } N_2 \text{ (theoretical)}$$

Percentage yield = 
$$\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100 = \frac{0.991 \text{ g}}{1.03 \text{ g}} \times 100 = 96.2\%$$

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 WO $_3$  (s) +  $\underline{$ 3 H $_2$  (g)  $\longrightarrow$   $\_$  W (s) +  $\underline{$ 3 H $_2$ O (I)

41.5 g WO<sub>3</sub> × 
$$\frac{1 \text{ mol WO}_3}{231.9 \text{ g WO}_3}$$
 ×  $\frac{3 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ mol WO}_3}$  ×  $\frac{18.02 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}$  ×  $\frac{1 \text{ mL H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}}$  = 9.67 mL H<sub>2</sub> (theoretical)

Percentage yield = 
$$\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100 = \frac{9.5 \text{ mL}}{9.67 \text{ mL}} \times 100 = 98.2\%$$

Arsenic (III) oxide is heated with carbon, which reduces the oxide to arsenic metal according to the following unbalanced equation:

$$\underline{2}$$
 As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> +  $\underline{3}$  C  $\rightarrow$   $\underline{3}$  CO<sub>2</sub> +  $\underline{4}$  As

Balance the equation. Suppose 8.87 g of  $As_2O_3$  is used in the reaction and 5.33 g of As is produced. What is the percentage yield?

8.87 g 
$$As_2O_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } As_2O_3}{197.84 \text{ g } As_2O_3} \times \frac{4 \text{ mol } As}{2 \text{ mol } As_2O_3} \times \frac{74.92 \text{ g As}}{1 \text{ mol As}} = 6.72 \text{ g As (theoretical)}$$

Percentage yield = 
$$\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100 = \frac{5.33 \text{ g}}{6.72 \text{ g}} \times 100 = 79.3\%$$