# Percent Yield \& Limiting Reactant 

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Our Goals for the Day

## Reactants $\Rightarrow$ Products

- 2 Questions to Answer...
- How much product should a reaction create?
- At what point will a reaction end?


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## Percent Yield

- Percentage Yield
- A ratio comparing the actual amount of product to the amount that should be produced


## $\%$ Yield $=\frac{\text { Actual Yield }}{\text { Theol }} \times 100$ Theoretical Yield

- Actual = from experimentation
- Theoretical = predicted by mass/mass problem


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- Steps:
- 1. Write a balanced equation
- 2. Start with a reactant mass
- 3. Set goal at mass of known product
- 4. Solve mass-mass problem
- 5. Use result of mass-mass problem as theoretical yield in \% yield equation


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- When 15.5 grams of $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ is combusted with excess oxygen, 32.1 grams of water is collected. What is the percent yield?

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\underset{15.5 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{CH}_{4}}{\mathrm{CH}_{4}}+2 \mathrm{O}_{2} \Longrightarrow \mathrm{CO}_{2}+2 \mathrm{H}_{32.1 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}}^{2 \mathrm{O}}
$$

|  | $1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{CH}_{4}$ | $\underline{1} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $18.0 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $16.0 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{CH}_{4}$ | $\underline{1} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{CH}_{4}$ | $1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |$=34.9 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$

$\%$ Yield $=\frac{\text { actual }}{\text { theor }} \times 100=\square \times 100=92.0 \%$

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- A limiting reactant is the reactant that is completely consumed in a chemical reaction
- It limits the extent to which the reaction proceeds



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- Steps:
- 1. Balanced Equation
- 2. Convert mass to moles (account for mass)
- 3. Divide by coefficients (account for ratio)
- 4. Smallest is limiting


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## Limiting Reactant

- 25.0 grams HCl reacts with 25.0 grams of zinc to form zinc chloride and hydrogen gas. Which is the limiting reactant?

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2 \mathrm{HCl}+\mathrm{Zn} \Rightarrow \mathrm{ZnCl}_{2}+\mathrm{H}_{2}
$$

| 25.0 g HCl | 1 mol HCl |
| :--- | :--- |$=0.685 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{HCl} \div 2=0.343 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{HCl}$

HCl is the Limiting Reactant

| 25.0 g Zn | 1 mol Zn |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 65.4 g Zn |$=0.382 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Zn} \div 1=0.382 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Zn}$

