#### Limiting Reactants and Percent Yield

- 1. Aluminum metal reacts with chlorine gas in a synthesis reaction.
  - a. Write the balanced equation for this reaction.
  - b. If 15.2 g of aluminum reacts with 39.1g of chlorine, identify the limiting reactant.
  - c. Determine the mass in grams of the product formed.
  - d. Determine the mass in grams of excess reactant remaining when the reaction is complete.
  - e. If you made 50.0g of  $AlCl_3$  in the lab, what is your percent yield?
  - f. If the percent yield were 83.65%, how much could be expected to be made in the experiment?
- 2. Fe(s) + O<sub>2</sub>(g) → Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>(s)
  a. When 13.54 g of O<sub>2</sub> is mixed with 12.21 g of Fe, which is the limiting reactant?
  - b. What mass in grams of iron oxide is produced?
  - c. What mass in grams of excess reactant remains when the reaction is complete?
  - d. Kelly performed completed this reaction in a lab and made15.88 g of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, what was her percent yield?

3. Diiodine pentoxide is useful in devices such as respirators because it reacts with the dangerous gas carbon monoxide, CO, to produce relatively harmless CO<sub>2</sub> according to the following equation:

 $I_2O_5 + CO \rightarrow I_2 + CO_2$ 

- a. In testing a respirator, 2.00g of carbon monoxide gas is passed through diiodine pentoxide. Upon analyzing the results, it is found that 3.17g of I<sub>2</sub> was produced. Calculate the percent yield of the reaction.
- b. Assuming that the yield in part a resulted because some of the CO did not react, calculate the mass of CO that passed through.
- 4.  $Cu(s) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow CuCl_2(s)$ 
  - a. If 12.5 g Cu reacts with excess chlorine, calculate the theoretical yield of  $CuCl_2$ .

- b. If ony 25.4g of  $CuCl_2$  was produced, what is the percent yield?
- 5. Sodium hyperchlorite, NaClO, the main ingredient in household bleach, is produced by bubbling chlorine gas through a strong lye(sodium hydroxide, NaOH) solution. The following equation shows the reaction that occurs.
  - $NaOH + Cl2 \rightarrow NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$
  - a. What is the percent yield of the reaction if 1.2kg of  $Cl_2$  reacts to form .90kg of NaClO?

6. The percent yield for the reaction  $PCl_3 + Cl_2 \rightarrow PCl_5$  is 83.2%. What mass of  $PCl_5$  is expected from the reaction of 73.7 g of  $PCl_3$  with excess chlorine?

#### Conservation of Mass Worksheet

#### Example:

A compound containing carbon and hydrogen is analyzed. When a 1.2543 gram sample is burned completely in excess oxygen, 3.671 grams of  $CO_2(g)$  is formed. What is the empirical formula of this compound?

- a) Write a skeleton equation for this reaction. If you do not know the formula for every compound, put information about what you do know in parenthesis.
- b) How many grams of carbon are in 3.671 g of  $CO_2$ ? Where did all of this carbon come from? How much carbon was in the original sample of the unknown compound?
- c) What is the percent composition of carbon and hydrogen in the unknown compound?
- d) Determine the empirical formula of this compound, now that you know the percent composition.
- e) The molar mass of this compound is determined to be 30.08 g/mol. What is the correct molecular formula of the unknown compound?

#### ONE

A compound containing carbon and hydrogen is analyzed. Combustion of a 16.81 g sample of this compound produces 38.91 g of  $CO_2(g)$ . What is the empirical formula of this compound? What is the molecular formula if the molar mass of the compound is determined to be 38.03 g/mol?

#### TWO

A compound containing carbon and hydrogen is analyzed. Combustion of a 0.213 g sample of this compound yields 0.2132 g of water. What is the empirical formula of this compound? What is the molecular formula if the molar mass of the compound is 81.15 g/mol?

#### THREE

A compound containing carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen is analyzed. Combustion of a 3.4 g sample of this compound produces 6.79 g of  $CO_2(g)$  and 2.7843 g of water vapor. What is the empirical formula of this compound? What is the molecular formula if the molar mass of the compound is 44.06 g/mol?

## Percent Composition and Molecular Formula Worksheet

1) What's the empirical formula of a molecule containing 65.5% carbon, 5.5% hydrogen, and 29.0% oxygen?

2) If the molar mass of the compound in problem 1 is 110 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula?

3) What's the empirical formula of a molecule containing 18.7% lithium, 16.3% carbon, and 65.0% oxygen?

4) If the molar mass of the compound in problem 3 is 73.8 grams/mole, what's the molecular formula?