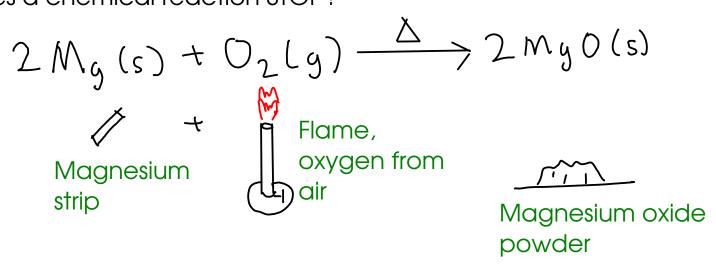
- When does a chemical reaction STOP?



- When does this reaction stop? When burned in open air, this reaction stops when all the MAGNESIUM STRIP is gone. We say that the magnesium is LIMITING.
- This reaction is controlled by the amount of available magnesium
- At the end of a chemical reaction, the LIMITING REACTANT will be completely consumed, but there may be amount of OTHER reactants remaining. We do chemical calculations in part to minimize these "leftovers".



## LIMITING REACTANT CALCULATIONS

- To find the limiting reactant, calculate how much product would be produced from ALL given reactants. Whichever produces the SMALLEST amount of product is the limiting reactant, and the smallest amount of product is the actual amount of produced.

Example: 
$$56.08$$
 12.01  $\triangle$  64.10 <- Formula weights  $\triangle (a)(s) + 3(s) \rightarrow (a(z(s) + 0)(y))$ 

If you start with 100. g of each reactant, how much calcium carbide would be produced?

114 grams of calcium carbide could be produced. Calcium oxide runs out when this amount of product is made, and no further reaction can occur. We say that calcium oxide is the limiting reactant, and carbon (some of which will still be there when the reaction stops) is present in excess.

- Chemical reactions do not always go to completion! Things may happen that prevent the conversion of reactants to the desired/expected product!
  - 1) SIDE REACTIONS:

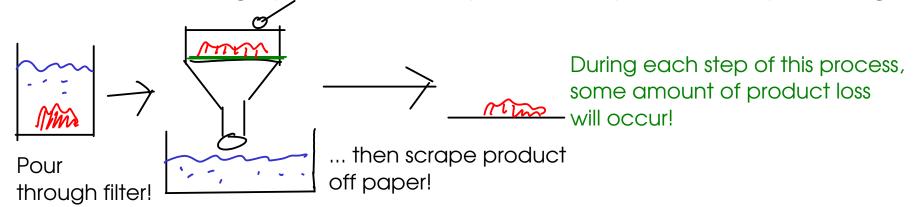
$$C + D_2 \longrightarrow CD_2$$
 | This reaction occurs when there is a large amount of oxygen available

$$2C + O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$$
 | ... while this reaction is more favorable in low-oxygen environments!

... so in a low-oxygen environment, you may produce less carbon dioxide than expected!

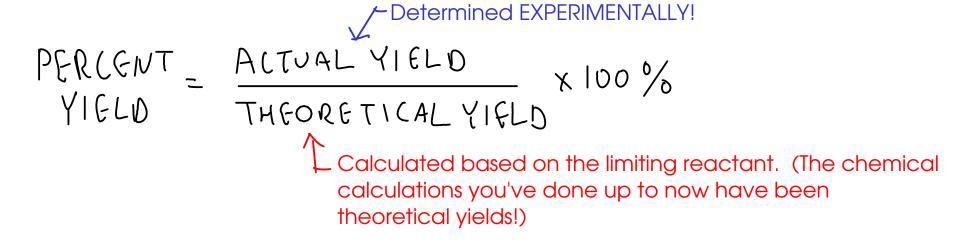
TRANSFER AND OTHER LOSSES

- When isolating a product, losses may occur in the process. Example: filtering





- Reactions may reach an equilbrium between products and reactants. We'll talk more about this in CHM 111. The net results is that the reaction will appear to stop before all reactants have been consumed!
- All of these factors cause a chemical reaction to produce LESS product than calculated. For many reactions, this difference isn't significant. But for others, we need to report the PERCENT YIELD.



... the percent yield of a reaction can never be greater than 100% due to conservation of mass! If you determine that a percent yield is greater than 100%, then you've made a mistake somewhere - either in a calculation or in the experiment itself!

78.114 g | mu\ 
22.4 g 
31.6 g ACTUAL

(6 H 6 + H NO<sub>3</sub> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 C 6 H 5 NO<sub>2</sub> + H 2 b benzene nitric acid nitrobenzene

22.4 grams of benzene are reacted with excess nitric acid. If 31.6 grams of nitrobenzene are collected from the reaction, what is the percent yield?

To determine the percent yield, we need to calculate the THEORETICAL YIELD based on the 22.4 grams of benzene we started with.

25.0 mL of acetic acid solution requires 37.3 mL of 0.150 M sodium hydroxide for complete reaction. The equation for this reaction is:

What is the molar concentration of the acetic acid?

Since we already know the volume of the acetic acid, all we have to do is calculate the MOLES of acetic acid in that volume - then we can get the concentration by simple division.

To get concentration, divide moles and volume OF ACETIC ACID: