

Chapter 3 Mass relationships in chemical reactions

Chemical reactions are rearrangements in bonds

Electrons involved in bonds are those with the least energy

Filled orbitals typically remain undisturbed

The unfilled orbitals attempt to fill by bonding with other atoms

This only involves electrons, the atoms themselves remain the same

We describe reactions using balanced equations

Atoms are integers, need to remain whole

Three components of a chemical equation

1. Reactants on the left, products on the right, arrow left to right
2. The equation must also represent the bonds gained and lost
3. A balanced chemical equation shows that the law of conservation of mass is adhered to

In a balanced chem equation, the numbers and kinds of atoms on both sides of the rxn arrow are identical



1. write unbalanced equation using the correct chem formula for each reactant and product
2. find suitable coefficients the numbers placed before formulas to indicate how many formula units of each substance are required to balance the equation
3. reduce the coefficients to their smallest whole number values
4. check your answer by making sure that the numbers and kinds of atoms are the same on both sides of the equation

Once we have a balanced equation, we can set up a balanced reaction, not needed, but wasteful, and excess reactants remain as contaminants

If we know balanced equation, we can substitute moles for number of molecules

2 molecules of hydrogen gas react with 1 molecule of oxygen to yield 2 molecules- microscopic

Macroscopic- 2 moles of H₂ gas react with 1 mole of oxygen

Stoichiometry= element measure

Goals

- 1) Calculate the molecular mass from the formula
- 2) Interconvert mass and moles
- 3) Using a balanced equation and given the mass of one reactant, calculate the mass of the second reactant necessary
- 4) Calculate expected products

Molecular mass = sum of atomic masses of all atoms in a molecule

Formula mass = sum of atomic masses of all atoms in a formula unit of any compound, molecular, or ionic

Grams of A -> moles of A -> moles of B -> grams of B
Molar mass of A mole ratio molar mass of B

Actual yield: the amount actually formed in a reaction

Theoretical yield the amount predicted by calculation

Percent yield = actual yield of product / theoretical yield of product x 100%