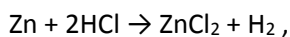


Task:

For the reaction



what is the maximum amount of ZnCl_2 which could be formed from 10.58 g of Zn and 10.9 g of HCl?

Solution:

From the periodic table of elements:

$$\text{MW}(\text{Zn}) = 65.39 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{MW}(\text{ZnCl}_2) = 136.4 \text{ g/mol}$$

The number of moles of Zn is

$$n(\text{Zn}) = m(\text{Zn}) / \text{MW}(\text{Zn}) = 10.58 / 65.39 = 0.1618 \text{ mol}$$

The number of moles of HCl is

$$n(\text{HCl}) = m(\text{HCl}) / \text{MW}(\text{HCl}) = 10.9 / 36.5 = 0.299 \text{ mol}$$

According to the chemical equation the number of moles of Zn is half the number of moles of HCl.

$$n(\text{Zn}) = n(\text{HCl}) / 2 = 0.299 / 2 = 0.150 \text{ mol (we have 0.1618 mol of Zn).}$$

That means that HCl is the limiting reactant.

The number of moles of ZnCl_2 in this reaction is

$$n(\text{ZnCl}_2) = n(\text{HCl}) / 2 = 0.299 / 2 = 0.150 \text{ mol}$$

The mass of ZnCl_2 is

$$m(\text{ZnCl}_2) = n(\text{ZnCl}_2) \cdot \text{MW}(\text{ZnCl}_2) = 0.150 \cdot 136.4 = 20.46 \text{ g}$$

Answer: $m(\text{ZnCl}_2) = 20.46 \text{ g}$