Question:

How many mLof 6.0 M hydrochloric acid, HCl is needed to generate 940 mL of carbon dioxide gas at room temperature and pressure. (Hint: gas law to determinate moles carbon dioxide with given variables, moles carbon dioxide to moles HCl, solve for volume of HCl using Molarity and the moles HCl

Solution:

Room temperature: T = 15 − 25 °C = 288 − 298 K;

Room pressure: p = 101325 Pa;

V (CO₂) = 940 mL = 940 cm³ = 0.00094 m³;

The equation of state of an ideal gas (sometimes the Mendeleev-Clapeyron equation or the Clapeyron equation):

$$p \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T;$$

For carbon dioxide: $n = \frac{p \cdot V}{R \cdot T}$

$$n = \frac{101325 \cdot 0.00094}{8.314 \cdot 288} = 0.040 \ mol;$$
$$n' = \frac{101325 \cdot 0.00094}{8.314 \cdot 298} = 0.038 \ mol;$$

 $n(HCl) = 2n(CO_2) = 0.080 mol (0.076 mol);$

$$V(HCl) = \frac{n}{c};$$

$$V = \frac{0.080}{6} = 0.0133 L = 13.3 mL;$$
$$V = \frac{0.076}{6} = 0.0127 L = 12.7 mL;$$

Answer: V(HCl) = 12.7 – 13.3 mL.

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