Answer on Question #71290, Chemistry / General Chemistry

If 150ml of 0.35M barium chloride is reacted with 150ml of 0.4M sodium sulphate.

- a) Write the balanced chemical equation.
- b) Determine the limiting reagent.
- c) What mass of precipitate could form?

Solution

$$BaCl_2 + Na_2SO_4 \rightarrow BaSO_4 + 2NaCl$$

1 mole of barium chloride requires 1 mole of sodium sulphate for the reaction

Determine what amounts of compounds react with each other.

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v (BaCl_2) = 0.15 \times 0.35 = 0,0525 (mole)

v (Na_2SO_4) = 0.15 \times 0.4 = 0.06 (mole)
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The amount of sodium sulphate is more than the one of barium chloride. That's why **barium chloride is the limiting reagent.**

BaSO₄ is precipitate. 1 mole of BaSO₄ is formed from 1 mole of BaCl₂. Thus 0.0525 mole of BaSO₄ is formed from the amount of BaCl₂ given. Molar mass of BaSO₄ is 233 g/mole.

$$m(BaSO_4) = 233 \times 0.0525 = 12.23 (g).$$

Answer

Barium chloride is the limiting reagent. 12.23 g of precipitate could form.

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