Answer on Question #63452 - Chemistry – General Chemistry

 $3Cu + 8HNO_3 -> 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$ If 400 grams of Cu is reacted with 650 grams of HNO₃, which is the limiting reagent? How many grams of Cu(NO₃)₂ will be produced?

Solution.

$$3Cu + 8HNO_3 \rightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$$
1) M(Cu) = 64 g/mol; M(HNO₃) = 1 + 14 + 16×3 = 63 g/mol; M(Cu(NO₃)₂) = 64 + (14 + 48)×2 = 188 g/mol

2)
$$v(Cu) = m/M = 400/(3\times64) = 2.08 \text{ mol}$$

 $v(HNO_3) = m/M = 650/(8\times63) = 1.29 \text{ mol}$
 $v(Cu) > v(HNO_3)$
 HNO_3 is the limiting reagent

3)
$$(8\times63)$$
 g HNO₃ - (3×188) g Cu(NO₃)₂
650 g HNO₃ - x g Cu(NO₃)₂

$$x = (650 \times 3 \times 188)/(8 \times 63) = 727 g$$

Answer: $m(Cu(NO_3)_2) = 727 g$