**Question 14:** 

Incomplete conversion of ethylene. Ethylene ( $C_2H_4$ , M=28.05 g/mol) is a gaseous hormone emitted by ripening fruits. In order to control ripening in storage chambers, ethylene is removed by its reaction with ozone ( $O_3$ ):

$$6O_3 + C_2H_4 \rightarrow 6O_2 + 2H_2O + 2CO_2$$

To insure all ethylene is removed, 80% excess  $O_3$  is supplied. Assume ozone reacts instantaneously with ethylene regardless of their concentrations (not strictly true...this is for illustration only). In order to generate ozone, dry air is passed through an ozonator where 7% conversion takes place:

$$3O_2 \rightarrow 2O_3$$

It is desired to control the ripening of 16 tons of apples which generate 6.5 g  $C_2H_4/\text{ton}\cdot h$ .

Determine:

- i. The quantity of ozone which must be generated by the ozonator.
- ii. The quantity of dry air which must be supplied to the ozonator.
- iii. The composition of the gas exiting the storage chamber.

Basis: 100 mol AIR/h in stream A