

Chemical Reactions of Copper and Percent Yield

Pre lab questions

- 4/4 1. Give an example, other than the ones listed in this experiment, of redox and metathesis reactions.

$$2KCl_{(aq)} + MnO_{2(s)} + 2H_2SO_{4(aq)} \rightarrow K_2SO_{4(aq)} + MnSO_{4(aq)} + Cl_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$$

- any reasonable answer accepted.

$$Pb(NO_3)_{2(aq)} + KI_{(aq)} \rightarrow PbI_{2(s)} + 2KNO_{3(aq)}$$
- 2/2 2. When will reactions proceed to completion?

Is for example, in metathesis reaction proceed to completion whenever one of the products is removed from the solution, such as in the formation of a gas or an insoluble substance.
- 2/2 3. Define percent yield in general terms.

The percent yield is expressed as the ratio of the recovered mass to initial mass, multiplied by 100:

$$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{\text{recovered mass of Cu}}{\text{initial mass of Cu}} \times 100$$
- 6/6 4. Name six methods of separating materials.

Centrifugation, Filtration, Decantation, Evaporation, Simple Distillation, Fractional Distillation, Chromatography, Crystallization, Sublimation
- 4/4 5. Give criteria in terms of temperature changes for exothermic and endothermic reactions.

Exothermic reaction: release heat.
Endothermic reaction: absorbs heat.
- 4/4 6. If 3.35 g of $Cu(NO_3)_2$ are obtained from allowing 2.25 g of Cu to react with excess HNO_3 , what is the percent yield of the reaction?

$$Cu_{(s)} + 4HNO_{3(aq)} \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_{2(aq)} + 2NO_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$$

$$2.25 \text{ g Cu} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Cu}}{63.546 \text{ g Cu}} \right) = 0.0354 \text{ mol Cu} \quad \text{mol Cu} = \text{mol Cu(NO}_3)_2 \text{ Therefore}$$

$$0.0354 \text{ mol Cu(NO}_3)_2 \times \left(\frac{187.56 \text{ g Cu(NO}_3)_2}{1 \text{ mol Cu(NO}_3)_2} \right) = 6.64 \text{ g Cu(NO}_3)_2$$

$$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{3.35 \text{ g Cu(NO}_3)_2}{6.64 \text{ g Cu(NO}_3)_2} \times 100 = 50.5 \% \text{ yield}$$
- 2/2 7. What is the maximum percent yield in any reaction?

100 %.
- 4/4 8. What is the meant by the terms *decantation* and *filtration*?

Decantation is the process of separation of a liquid from a solid by gently pouring the liquid from the solid so as to not disturb the solid.
Filtration is the process of separating a solid from a liquid by means of a porous substance, a filter, which allows the liquid to pass through but not the solid.
- 2/2 9. When $Cu(OH)_2(s)$ is heated, copper(II) oxide and water are formed. Write balanced equation for the reaction.

$$Cu(OH)_{2(s)} \rightarrow CuO_{(s)} + H_2O_{(g)}$$
- 3/3 10. When sulfuric acid and copper(II) oxide are allowed to react, copper(II) sulfate and water are formed. Write a balanced equation for this reaction.

$$CuO_{(s)} + H_2SO_{4(aq)} \rightarrow CuSO_{4(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)}$$

6. If 2.00 g of Zn is allowed to react with 1.75 g of CuSO_4 according to Equation [5], how many grams of Zn will remain after the reaction is complete?

$$2.00 \text{ g Zn} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Zn}}{65.37 \text{ g Zn}} = 0.0306 \text{ mol Zn}$$

$$1.75 \text{ g CuSO}_4 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CuSO}_4}{159.5 \text{ g CuSO}_4} = 0.0110 \text{ mol CuSO}_4. \text{ Hence, Zn is in excess:}$$

$$0.0306 \text{ mol} - 0.0110 \text{ mol} = 0.0196 \text{ mol Zn unreacted}$$

$$0.0196 \text{ mol Zn} \times \frac{65.37 \text{ g Zn}}{1 \text{ mol Zn}} = 1.28 \text{ g Zn}$$

7. What is meant by the term *limiting reagent*?

The substance that is completely consumed in a reaction is called the limiting reagent or limiting reactant because it determines, or limits, the amount of product formed.