

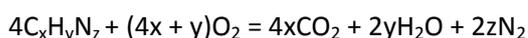
Task:

0.90 g of an organic compound containing only carbon, oxygen & nitrogen on combustion gives 1.1 g of CO₂ & 0.3 g of water. What is %C, %H and %N in the organic compound?

Solution:

“containing only carbon, oxygen & nitrogen” – Maybe you meant **hydrogen** instead of oxygen?

The chemical equation for combusting reaction is



Let's find the amount of CO₂ and H₂O

$$n(\text{mol}) = m(\text{g}) / MW(\text{g/mol})$$

$$MW(\text{CO}_2) = MW(\text{C}) + 2MW(\text{O}) = 12 + 2 \cdot 16 = 44 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$MW(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2MW(\text{H}) + MW(\text{O}) = 2 \cdot 1 + 16 = 18 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n(\text{CO}_2) = 1.1 / 44 = 0.025 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.3 / 18 = 0.017 \text{ mol}$$

The number of moles of C is equal to the number of moles of CO₂

$$n(\text{C}) = n(\text{CO}_2) = 0.025 \text{ mol}$$

The number of moles of H is twice the number of moles of H₂O

$$n(\text{H}) = 2 \cdot n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2 \cdot 0.017 = 0.034 \text{ mol}$$

The mass of C is

$$m(\text{C}) = n(\text{C}) \cdot MW(\text{C}) = 0.025 \cdot 12 = 0.300 \text{ g}$$

The mass of H is

$$m(\text{H}) = n(\text{H}) \cdot MW(\text{H}) = 0.034 \cdot 1 = 0.034 \text{ g}$$

The mass of N is

$$m(\text{N}) = m(\text{compound}) - m(\text{C}) - m(\text{H}) = 0.9 - 0.3 - 0.034 = 0.566 \text{ g}$$

The yield of C, N, H is

$$w(\text{C}) = m(\text{C}) / m_{\text{compound}} \cdot 100\%$$

$$w(\text{C}) = 0.300 / 0.9 \cdot 100\% = 33.3 \%$$

$$w(\text{H}) = m(\text{H}) / m_{\text{compound}} \cdot 100\%$$

$$w(\text{H}) = 0.034 / 0.9 \cdot 100\% = 3.8 \%$$

$$w(\text{N}) = m(\text{N}) / m_{\text{compound}} \cdot 100\%$$

$$w(\text{N}) = 0.566 / 0.9 \cdot 100\% = 62.9 \%$$

Answer: $w(\text{C}) = 33.3 \%$; $w(\text{H}) = 3.8 \%$; $w(\text{N}) = 62.9 \%$