## Answer on the question #42044, Chemistry, Physical Chemistry

## **Question:**

A 6.11g sample of Cu-Zn alloy reacts with HCL to produce hydrogen gas. If the hydrogen gas has a volume of 1.26L, temperature of 22 C and a pressure of 728 mm Hg, what is the percent of Zn in the alloy? (Copper does not react with HCL.)

## Solution:

 $Zn + 2HCl = ZnCl_2 + H_2$ 

According to the reaction equation, the amounts of zinc and hydrogen relate as:

 $n(Zn) = n(H_2)$ 

According to ideal gas law, the amount of gas and its volume at temperature T and pressure p relate as:

$$pV = nRT$$

728 mm Hg = 133,322 368 4\*728 Pa = 97.0587 kPa

$$n(H_2) = \frac{pV}{RT} = \frac{97058.7 \text{ Pa} * 1.26 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3}{8.314 \frac{J}{\text{mol} * \text{K}} * (273.15 + 22) \text{ K}} = 0.04984 \text{ mol}$$
$$n(Zn) = 0.04984 \text{ mol}$$
$$m(Zn) = n(Zn) * M(Zn) = 0.04984 * 65.38 = 3.258 \text{ g}$$

w(Zn) = 
$$\frac{m(Zn)}{m(alloy)} * 100\% = \frac{3.258}{6.11} * 100\% = 53.3\%$$

Answer: 53.3%