

Question #46953 – Chemistry – Inorganic Chemistry

Question:

Calculate the number of moles (of molecules) in the following samples. (Avogadro's # = 6.02×10^{23} molecules per mole)

(A) 9.93 g H₂O

Answer:

The mass of one atom of hydrogen is 1.67×10^{-24} g, the mass of one atom of oxygen is 26.72×10^{-24} g. Hence, the mass of one H₂O molecule is:

$$m(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2 \times (1.67 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}) + 26.72 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} = 30.06 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}.$$

One mole contains 6.02×10^{23} molecules of water, therefore the mass of one mole is:

$$M(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 30.06 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} = 18.096 \text{ g/mole}$$

We have 9.93 g, so corresponding the number of moles can be estimated:

$$N(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = m_x(\text{H}_2\text{O})/M(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 9.93\text{g}/18.096 \text{ g/mole} = 0.55 \text{ moles}$$