Answer on Question #66707 - Chemistry -General Chemistry

Table salt, NaCl(s), and sugar, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s)$, are accidentally mixed. A 4.00-g sample is burned, and 2.10 g of $CO_2(g)$ is produced. What was the mass percentage of the table salt in the mixture?

Solution:

$$\begin{split} C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + 12\,O_2 &= 12\,CO_2 + 11H_2O \\ n(CO_2) &= \frac{m(CO_2)}{M(CO_2)} = \frac{2.10}{44} = 0.0477 \text{ mol} \\ n(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) : n(CO_2) &= 1 : 12 \\ n(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) &= \frac{n(CO_2)}{12} = \frac{0.0477}{12} = 0.004 \text{ mol} \\ M(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) &= 12 \cdot \text{Ar}(C) + 22 \cdot \text{Ar}(H) + 11 \cdot \text{Ar}(O) = 12 \cdot 12 + 22 + 11 \cdot 16 = 342 \text{ g/mol} \\ m(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) &= n(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) \cdot M(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) = 0.004 \cdot 342 = 1.368 \text{ g} \\ m(NaCl) &= m(\text{mixture}) - m(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) = 4.00 - 1.368 = 2.632 \text{ g} \\ w(NaCl) &= \frac{m(NaCl)}{m(\text{mixture})} \cdot 100 \% = \frac{2.632}{4.00} \cdot 100 \% = 65.8 \% \end{split}$$

Answer:

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