

Question #62507, Chemistry / General Chemistry |

A glass vessel fitted with a stopcock has a mass of 337.428 g when evacuated. When filled with Ar, it has a mass of 339.857 g. When evacuated and refilled with a mixture of Ne and Ar, under the same conditions of temperature and pressure, it weighs 339.076 g. What is the mole percent of Ne in the gas mixture?

Answer:

According to Mendeleev-Clapeyron equation the volume of the flask equals:

$V = (nRT)/p$, where n – the number of moles for Ar, T – the temperature, p – the pressure.

$$n = m(\text{Ar})/M_r(\text{Ar}) = (339.857 \text{ g} - 337.428 \text{ g})/40 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 60.725 \text{ mmol}$$

$$V = 60.725 \times 10^{-3} (RT)/p$$

The mass of the gas mixture is defined:

$$m = m(\text{Ne}) + m(\text{Ar}) = M_r(\text{Ne}) \times n_1 + M_r(\text{Ar}) \times n_2 = 339.076 \text{ g} - 337.428 \text{ g} = 1.648 \text{ g}$$

where n_1 – the number of moles for Ne and n_2 – the number of moles for Ar.

At the same time the total volume is:

$$V = [(n_1 + n_2)RT]/p = 60.725 \times 10^{-3} (RT)/p$$

$$n_1 + n_2 = 60.725 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$20n_1 + 40n_2 = 1.648$$

$$n_1 = 60.725 \times 10^{-3} - n_2$$

$$1.2145 - 20n_2 + 40n_2 = 1.648$$

$$n_2 = 21.675 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$n_1 = 60.725 \times 10^{-3} - 21.675 \times 10^{-3} = 39.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

Thus, the mole percent of Ne is:

$$\mu = (100n_1)/(n_1 + n_2) = (100 \times 39.05 \times 10^{-3}) / 60.725 \times 10^{-3} = 64.31 \%$$