Answer on Question #64968 - Chemistry / General Chemistry

## Question

A Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> hydrate contains 55.91% H<sub>2</sub>O Find the empirical formula.

## **Solution**

$$M(Na_2SO_4)=142g/mol$$

$$M(H_2O)=18g/mol$$

$$M(Na_2SO_4*x H_2O)=(142+18*x)g/mol$$

$$\frac{(142+18*x)}{100} = \frac{18*x}{55.91}$$

$$0.5591 \cdot (142 + 18 * x) = 18 * x$$

$$79.3922 + 10.0638 \cdot x = 18 \cdot x$$

$$7.9362 \cdot x = 79.3922$$

$$x = 10$$

## **Answer**

$$Na_{2}SO_{4} * 10 H_{2}O$$

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