Question: Suppose you synthesized a Salt with formula $Ni(en)_2(H_2O)_2SO_4\cdot 5H_2O$. In your synthesis you used 0.037mol of NiSO_4.6H_2O and 0.007mol of en. The actual yield (salt weighed out after synthesis) is 0.824g. Calculate the percent yield. Report your answer in % but don't report the units (e.g. 58 for 58%)

Solution:

en is ligand with chemical formula $C_2H_8N_2$.

 $Ni(en)_2(H_2O)_2SO_4 \cdot 5H_2O = Ni(C_2H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2SO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$

A reaction of synthesis the salt:

 $NiSO_4 \cdot 6H_2O + 2C_2H_8N_2 \rightarrow Ni(C_2H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2SO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$

0.037 mol of **NiSO₄** · **6H**₂**0** > $\frac{0.007 \text{ mol of } \mathbf{en}}{2} = 0.0035 \text{ mol of } \mathbf{en}$

Therefore, **en** is limiting reagent.

Theoretical yield of the salt in moles $=\frac{0.007 \text{ mol}}{2} = 0.0035 \text{ mol}$

 $M(C_2H_8N_2) = 60.10 \text{ g/mol}$

 $M(Ni(C_2H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2SO_4 \cdot 5H_2O) = 401.06 \text{ g/mol}$

 $n(salt) = \frac{m(salt)}{M(salt)} = \frac{0.824 \text{ g}}{401.06 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}} = 0.00205 \text{ mol} - \text{actual yield in moles}$

 $\% yield = \frac{0.00205 \ mol}{0.0035 \ mol} \times 100\% = 59\%$

Answer: 59.

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