Answer on Question #79489, Chemistry/ General Chemistry

the mass of carbon produced by 1 tonne of octane

Solution

Decomposition of octane under certain conditions leads to formation of carbon and hydrogen:

$$C_8H_{18} \rightarrow 8C + 9H_2$$

n=m/M

$$M(C_8H_{18}) = 12 \times 8 + 1 \times 18 = 114 (g/mol)$$

$$n(C_8H_{18}) = \frac{1 \times 10^6 g}{114 \frac{g}{mol}} = 8772 \ mol$$

According to equation mole ratio $n(C_8H_{18})$: n(C) = 1:8, then $n(C) = 8 \times n(C_8H_{18})$;

$$n(C) = 8772 \text{ mol } \times 8 = 70176 \text{ mol}$$

$$m(C) = M \times n$$

$$m(C) = 12 \text{ g/mol} \times 70176 \text{ mol} = 842112 \text{ g} \cong 0.84 \text{ tons}$$

Answer: 0.84 tons

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