

Worked Example of Percent Yield

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Mass of aluminum for example = 100 g

Mass of alum product for example = 17.364 g

In order to find the percent yield, we need to know the expected or theoretical yield of alum.

Theoretical yield

1. This requires three steps:
2. Convert mass of Al to moles of Al

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ g of Al} &= (1.000 \text{ g Al} \div 26.98 \text{ g/mole}) \\ &= 0.037 \text{ times moles} \end{aligned}$$

3. Convert moles of Al to moles of alum

From the equation $1 \text{ Al} > 1 \text{ alum}$. Thus, moles of alum = 0.037

4. Convert moles of alum to g of alum

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.037) \times [39.10 + 26.98 + 2 \times (32 + 64) + 12 (18)] \\ &= (0.037 \times 474.08) \\ &= 17.54 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Percent yield} = \frac{x}{17.54} \times 100 = \%$$