

In sulphur estimation, 0.157 g of an organic compound gave 0.4813 g of barium sulphate. What is the percentage of sulphur in the compound?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Molecular mass of BaSO}_4 &= 137+32+64 \\ &= 233 \text{ g}\end{aligned}$$

233 g BaSO₄ contains 32 g sulphur

$$0.4813 \text{ g BaSO}_4 \text{ contains } \frac{32 \times 0.4813}{233} \text{ g}$$

sulphur

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percentage of sulphur} &= \frac{32 \times 0.4813 \times 100}{233 \times 0.157} \\ &= 42.10\%\end{aligned}$$