

anhydrous salt to be 208.3 g. Using Equation 2, determine the number of moles of the anhydrous salt.

Equation 2

Number of moles of anhydrous salt after heating, mol =

$$\frac{\text{mass of anhydrous after heating, g}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol anhydrous salt}}{\text{mass of 1 mol anhydrous salt, g}} =$$

$$\frac{1.060 \text{ g BaCl}_2}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol BaCl}_2}{208.3 \text{ g BaCl}_2} = 5.089 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol BaCl}_2$$

From the mass of water lost, calculate the number of moles of water present in the original sample of the hydrate, using Equation 3.

Equation 3

Number of moles of water lost =

$$\frac{\text{mass of water lost, g}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol water}}{18.02 \text{ g}} =$$

$$= \frac{0.190 \text{ g}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol water}}{18.02 \text{ g}}$$

$$= 1.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol water}$$

Using Equation 4, determine the water of hydration by comparing the number of moles of water with the number of moles of anhydrous salt.

Equation 4

Waters of hydration =

$$\frac{\text{number of moles water, mol}}{\text{number of moles anhydrous salt, mol}} =$$

$$= \frac{1.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol water}}{5.09 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol BaCl}_2}$$

$$= 2.06 \approx 2$$

Thus, the formula of the hydrate that we analyzed is $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$