

A 500 g block of copper ($C_{P,m} = 24.4 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$) at 100°C and a 500 g block of silver ($C_{P,m} = 32.9 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$) at 0°C are brought into contact. What is the final temperature of the system?

- It is tempting to ~~say~~ say 50°C , but remember we must work in units of moles and K

$$n(\text{Cu}) = \frac{500\text{g}}{63.5\text{g/mol}} = 7.87\text{mol}$$

$$n(\text{Ag}) = \frac{500\text{g}}{108\text{g/mol}} = 4.63\text{mol}$$

$$T_c(\text{Cu}) = 373\text{K}$$

$$T_c(\text{Ag}) = 273\text{K}$$

$$q_p(\text{lost, Cu}) = -q_p(\text{gained, Ag})$$

$$n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu}) (T_f - T_c(\text{Cu})) = -n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag}) (T_f - T_c(\text{Ag}))$$

$$T_f (n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu})) - T_c(\text{Cu}) n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu}) = -T_f (n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag})) + T_c(\text{Ag}) n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag})$$

$$T_f = \frac{T_c(\text{Ag}) n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag}) + T_c(\text{Cu}) n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu})}{n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu}) + n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag})}$$

$$n(\text{Cu}) C_{P,m}(\text{Cu}) + n(\text{Ag}) C_{P,m}(\text{Ag})$$

$$T_f = \frac{(273\text{K})(4.63\text{mol})(32.9\text{J/Kmol}) + (373\text{K})(7.87\text{mol})(24.4\text{J/Kmol})}{(7.87\text{mol})(24.4\text{J/Kmol}) + (4.63\text{mol})(32.9\text{J/Kmol})}$$

$$(7.87\text{mol})(24.4\text{J/Kmol}) + (4.63\text{mol})(32.9\text{J/Kmol})$$

$$T_f = 329\text{K}$$

So although Ag has the higher heat capacity, Cu has almost 2x as many moles. So in this problem, intuition doesn't help you, have to actually crunch #'s.