



General Chemistry Laboratory

Heat of Reactions



Preparation

Collect the following items

- Two Styrofoam cups and a plastic lid
- One 50 mL graduated cylinder
- One digital thermometer



From your personal equipment

- One 400 mL beaker
- One 50 mL graduated cylinder



- ✓ The TA will distribute one stop watch to each group
- ✓ Use the warm water in the fume hood for experiment (do not use the water fountain)



Objective and Principles

■ Objective:

- Determine the heat capacity of home-built calorimeter
- Determine the heats of neutralization (HCl, CH₃COOH) and the heat of solution (NH₄Cl)
- Use Hess' law to calculate ΔH_f (enthalpy of formation) of MgO

■ Lab techniques:

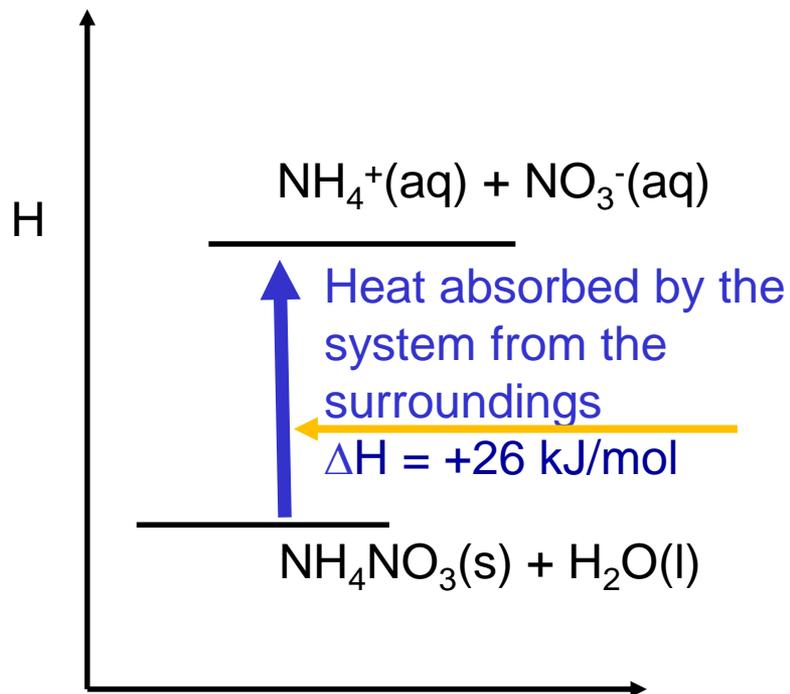
- Operate a simple calorimeter
- Using a graduated cylinder to measure volume
- Using a digital thermometer



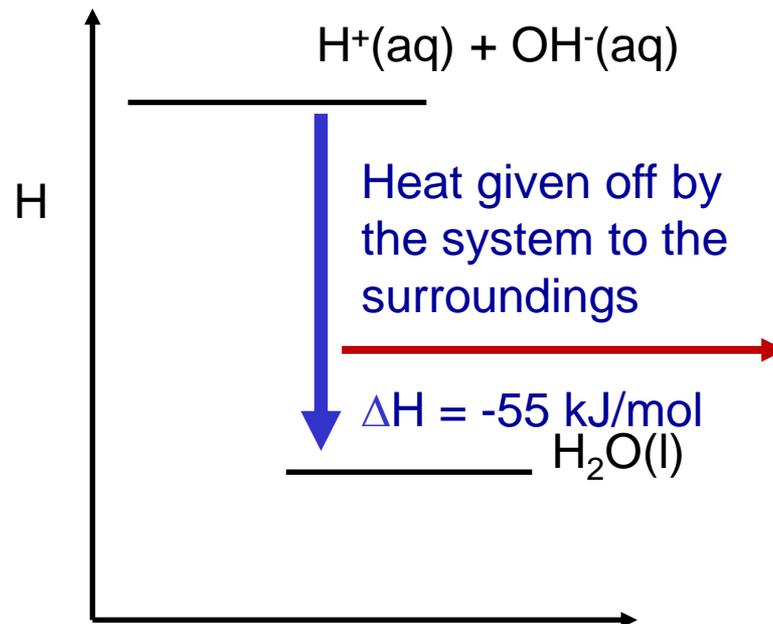
Enthalpy of Reaction

- At constant pressure, the change in enthalpy during a chemical reaction (**enthalpy of reaction**) equals to the heat gained or lost
- $q_p = \Delta H = H(\text{products}) - H(\text{reactants})$

Endothermic reaction ($\Delta H > 0$)



Exothermic reaction ($\Delta H < 0$)

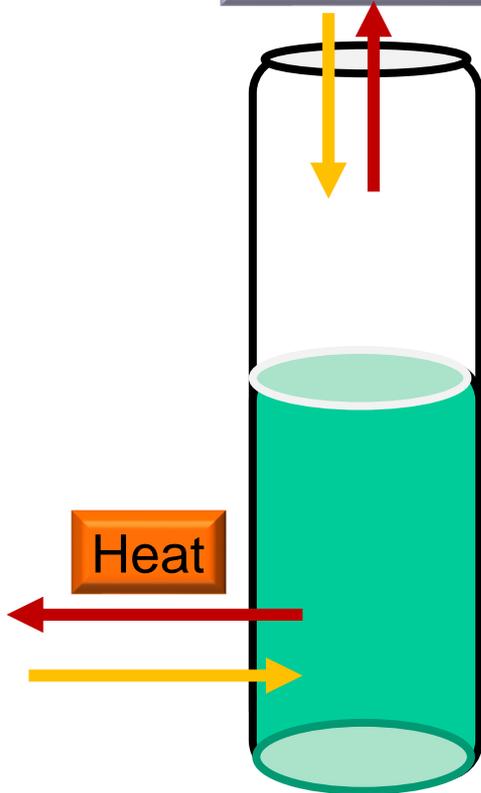




System & Surroundings

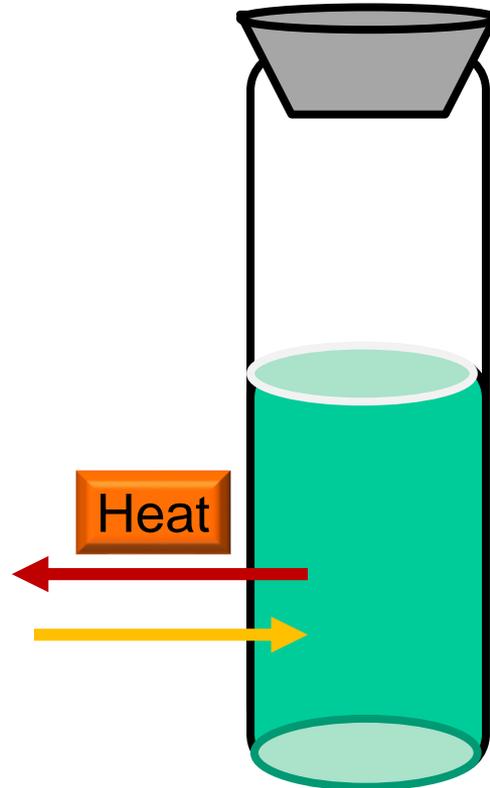
Open system

Water vapor



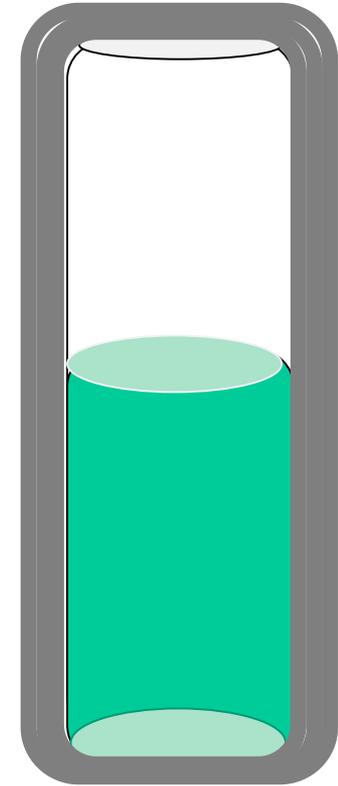
Both mass and energy can exchange

Closed system



Only energy can exchange

Isolated system



Neither mass nor energy can exchange



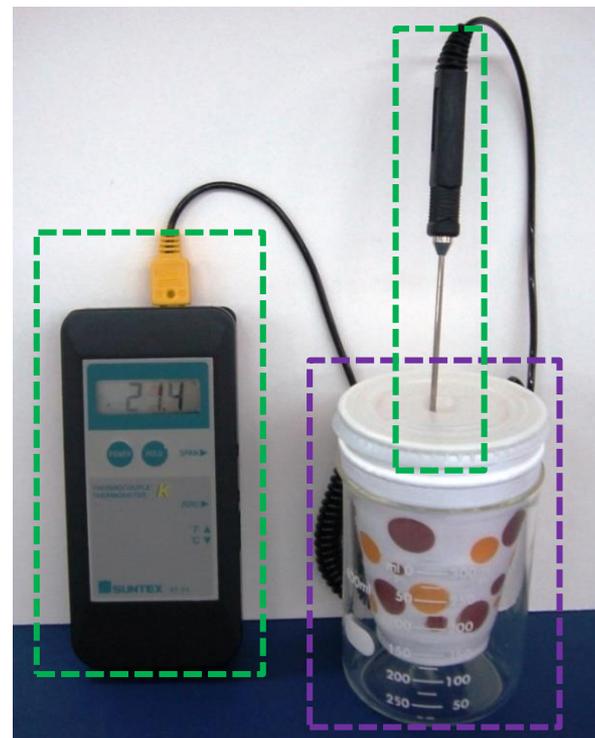
Constant-Pressure Calorimetry

- The simple home-built calorimeter is treated as an isolated system ($q_{\text{sys}} = 0$)

$$q_{\text{sys}} = \underbrace{\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}}_{\substack{\text{enthalpy} \\ \text{of reaction}}} + \underbrace{(q_{\text{soln}} + q_{\text{cal}})}_{\substack{\text{heat transfer} \\ \text{to solution} \\ \text{heat transfer} \\ \text{to calorimeter}}} = 0$$
$$\rightarrow \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = - (q_{\text{soln}} + q_{\text{cal}})$$

- $q_{\text{soln}} = m \times s \times \Delta T$
m: mass (g), s: specific heat (cal/g·°C)
 ΔT : temperature change (°C)
- $q_{\text{cal}} = C_{\text{cal}} \times \Delta T$
 C_{cal} : heat capacity of calorimeter (cal/°C)

Thermometer and probe



Two Styrofoam cups and a 400 mL beaker stacked together

(here we assume the density and specific heat of solutions are identical to that of H₂O)⁶



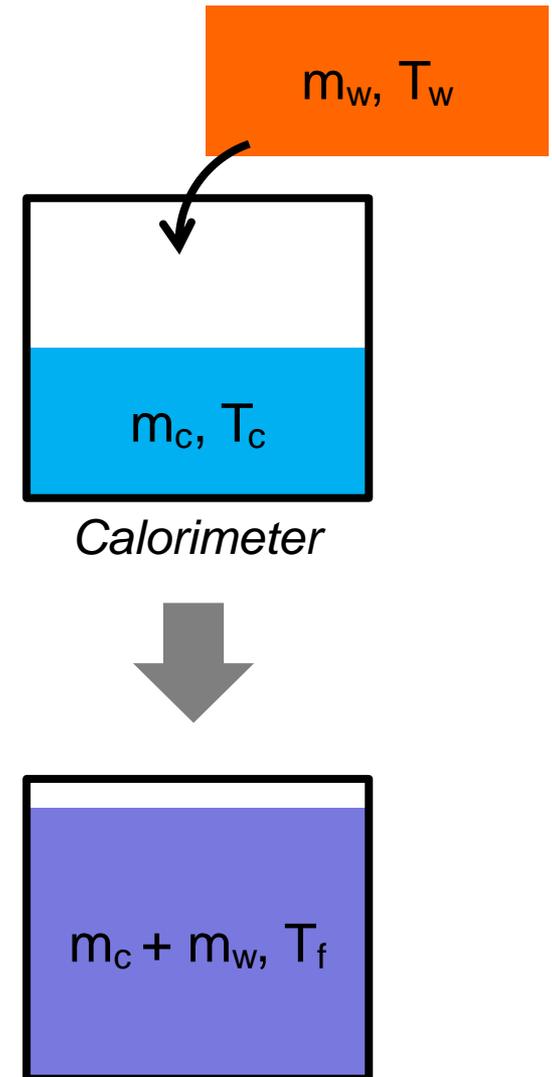
How to Determine C_{cal}

- m_w grams of warm water (temperature T_w) is added to m_c grams of cold water (temperature T_c) in a calorimeter
- The final temperature at equilibrium: T_f
- For an isolated system:

$$0 = q_1 \text{ (heat released by the warm water)} \\ + q_2 \text{ (heat gained by the cold water)} \\ + q_3 \text{ (heat gained by the calorimeter)}$$

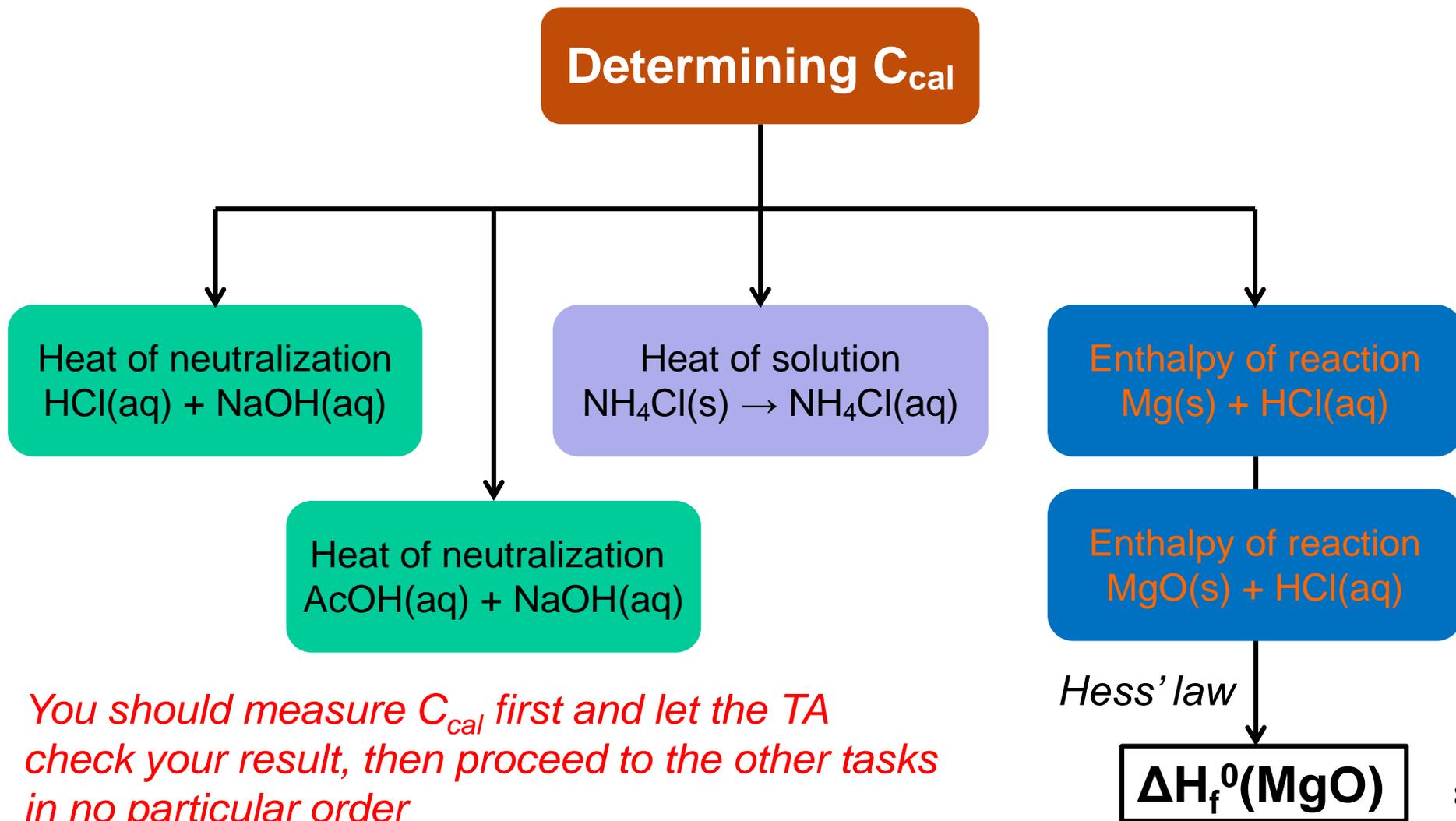
$$0 = [m_w \times s \times (T_f - T_w)] + [m_c \times s \times (T_f - T_c)] + [C_{\text{cal}} \times (T_f - T_c)]$$

- Measure $T_w, T_c, T_f \rightarrow$ Calculate C_{cal}





Experiment Tasks

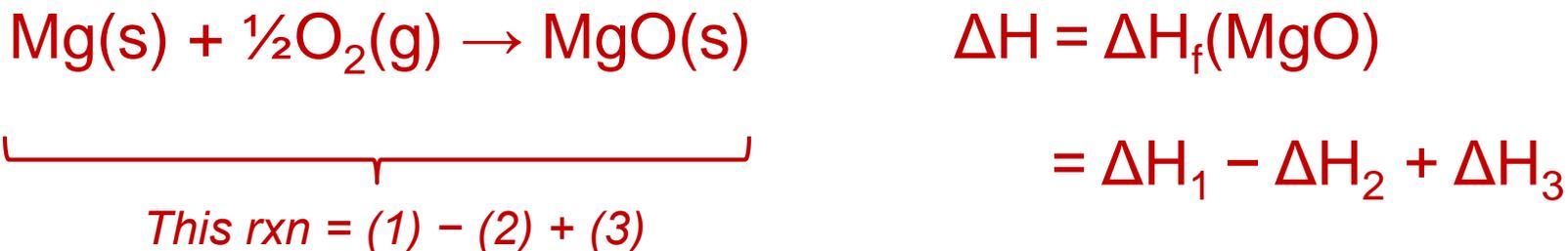


You should measure C_{cal} first and let the TA check your result, then proceed to the other tasks in no particular order



Hess' Law

1. $\text{Mg(s)} + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g}) \quad \Delta H_1$
2. $\text{MgO(s)} + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \quad \Delta H_2$
3. $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \quad \Delta H_3 = \Delta H_f(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = -68.4 \text{ kcal/mol}$



ΔH_1 and ΔH_2 are measured experimentally in this lab
→ **$\Delta H_f(\text{MgO})$ can then be calculated**



Task 1: Determining C_{cal}

- Use a graduated cylinder to measure 50.0 mL room temperature DI water (use a drop pipet to adjust the liquid level if needed)
- Transfer the water into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid, and insert the thermoprobe
- Wait 3 minutes, then record the water temperature

✓ Place the graduated cylinder away from the bench edge to avoid knocking it over accidentally





Task 1: Determining C_{cal}



- Use a beaker to take some hot water from the fume hood
- Adjust the water temperature with cold water until it is $10 - 15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ higher than the cold water

- Use a graduated cylinder to measure 50.0 mL warm water
- Use the thermoprobe to check whether the water temperature is even at different heights
- Record the water temperature at the middle part



Task 1: Determining C_{cal}



Example:

Time (s)	Temp. (°C)
0	17.5
5	25.3
10	25.3
15	25.0

- Pour the warm water quickly into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid
- Insert the thermoprobe
- Swirl the calorimeter to mix the water
- Record the temperature readings at a fixed time interval, find out what the equilibrium temperature is (take the highest reading for exothermic reactions and the lowest point for endothermic reactions)



Task 2: Heat of Neutralization (HCl+NaOH)



- Measure 50.0 mL of 1.0 M HCl into the calorimeter, then record its equilibrium temperature
- Measure 50.0 mL of 1.0 M NaOH, then record its equilibrium temperature in the graduated cylinder
- Pour NaOH quickly into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid and insert the thermoprobe
- Mix the solution; Record the evolution of temperature

Example:

Time (s)	Temp.(°C)
0	17.9
5	22.3
10	23.6
15	23.7
20	23.6

✓ Wash the graduated cylinder thoroughly between use, or use separate graduated cylinder for measuring HCl and NaOH



Task 3: Heat of Neutralization (AcOH+NaOH)



- Measure 50.0 mL of 1.0 M CH_3COOH into the calorimeter, then record its equilibrium temperature
- Measure 50.0 mL of 1.0 M NaOH, then record its equilibrium temperature in the graduated cylinder
- Pour NaOH quickly into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid and insert the thermoprobe
- Mix the solution; Record the evolution of temperature



Task 4: Heat of Solution (NH_4Cl)



Example:

Time (s)	Temp.(°C)
0	29.4
30	26.7
60	25.5
90	25.6
120	25.6

- Measure 50.0 mL of DI water into the calorimeter, then record its equilibrium temperature
- Weigh ca. **3** g ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl) and record the exact weight
- Add $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(s)$ to the calorimeter, close the plastic lid and insert the thermoprobe
- Swirl the calorimeter to mix the solution thoroughly, record the time evolution of temperature

✓ All solid must be dissolved completely



Task 5.1: Enthalpy of Reaction (Mg + HCl)

- Measure **100.0 mL** of 1.0 M HCl into the calorimeter, then record its equilibrium temperature
- Weigh ca. **0.2 g** magnesium (Mg) and record the exact weight
- Add Mg(s) into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid and insert the thermoprobe
- Swirl the calorimeter to mix the solution thoroughly, record the time evolution of temperature

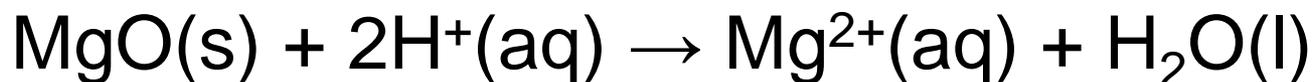


✓ Solid reactants must be mixed and reacted completely



Task 5.2: Enthalpy of Reaction (MgO + HCl)

- Measure **100.0 mL** of 1.0 M HCl into the calorimeter, then record its equilibrium temperature
- Weigh ca. **0.7 g** magnesium oxide (MgO) and record the exact weight
- Add MgO(s) into the calorimeter, close the plastic lid and insert the thermoprobe
- Swirl the calorimeter to mix the solution thoroughly, record the time evolution of temperature



✓ Solid reactants must be mixed and reacted completely



Additional Notes

- The tip of the thermoprobe should be in the center of the solution, as it may give inaccurate reading when touching the container wall
- After measuring the temperature of warm water, rinse the thermoprobe with tap water (so it can cool down) before inserting it into the calorimeter
- The reactions between cold and warm water and acid-base neutralization occur quite fast, so the temperature recording should start immediately after mixing
- Wash and dry the Styrofoam cups after each experiment
- Solid reactants (NH_4Cl , Mg, MgO) must be reacted completely → observe if any solid remains in the calorimeter after each experiment



Additional Notes

- How to determine the equilibrium temperatures:
 - ❖ Exothermic reactions: the solution temperature would increase to a **highest reading** then start to decrease
 - ❖ Endothermic reactions: the solution temperature would decrease to a **lowest reading** then start to increase
- Assume the solution density is identical to that of water (1.0 g/cm^3) ← this is an experimental value (two s.f.)
- Assume the specific heat of solution is identical to that of water ($1 \text{ cal/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$) ← this is an exact value (infinite s.f.)
- List calculations in details in the lab report (including amount of heat, # moles of reactants, and enthalpy of reactions)
- Use correct significant figures and units



Clean-Up and Check-Out

- Salt solutions resulted from acid-base neutralization can be disposed into the sink
- Clean the Styrofoam cups and plastic lid for reuse
- Return the stop watch to TA
- Clean up the lab bench and check personal equipment inventory (have an associate TA sign the check list)
- This is a **Full Report** experiment:
 - Member A: **Hand in prelab to the TA**
 - Member B: **Have the lab notes and results checked by the TA, and hand in the report next week**
- Groups on duty shall stay and help clean up the lab



Final Report (Full Version)

- Four experiments (E3, E8, E10, E12)
- Complete the data analysis and calculation part in the lab manual
- Plot data correctly and discuss potential sources of errors
- Hand in the report in the following week together with the prelab and lab records
- 50 points per report (5 pts deduction for late submission < 1 week)

I. Prelab exercise

- ✓ Objectives
- ✓ Principles
- ✓ Chemicals
- ✓ Procedures

15 pts

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II. Lab Notes

- ✓ Observation
- ✓ Operation
- ✓ Reaction condition
- ✓ Data and results

10 pts

III. Final report

- ✓ Data analysis
- ✓ Elaborate results
- ✓ Error analysis
- ~~✓ Questions and discussion~~

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25 pts



Lab Report Grading Rubrics

Category	Guidelines	Pts
I. Prelab exercise	1. Briefly summarize main principles and relevant equations	5
	2. List the chemicals' toxicity and physical and chemical properties	5
	3. Use flow chart to explain the experimental procedures	5
II. Lab notes	4. Record data with correct significant figures and units	5
	5. Record observations, operations, and reaction conditions in details	5
III. Final report	6. Process data correctly (calculation included)	5
	7. Present final results with correct significant figures and units	5
	<i>8. Analyze the results with appropriate error discussions*</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>9. Plot the results with correct XY axes and labeling*</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>10. Elaborate findings and provide constructive suggestions*</i>	<i>5</i>

**Only for full reports*