

Calculation for calorimetry



CALCULATIONS Determining the amount Limiting Reagent used. $n_{\text{limiting reagent}} = \text{Molarity} \times \text{Volume}$ or $\text{Mass} / \text{Molar Mass}$ Example: Limiting reagent is 5mL of 1.0 M HCl $n_{\text{limiting reagent}} = \text{Molarity} \times \text{Volume}$ $n_{\text{limiting reagent}} = (1.0 \text{ [mol/L]}) \times 0.005 \text{ [L]} = 0.005 \text{ mol}$ Determining the q_{rxn} and q_{cal} . $q_{\text{rxn}} + q_{\text{cal}} = 0$ $-q_{\text{rxn}} = q_{\text{cal}}$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = ?$ $H_{\text{rxn}} \times n_{\text{limiting reagent}}$ $q_{\text{cal}} = C_{\text{cal}} \Delta T$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = -C_{\text{cal}} \Delta T + m_{\text{solid}} \Delta T$ (note: only if there is a precipitate formed in the reaction) Examples: 1) Calibration of the calorimeter given that: $H_{\text{rxn}} = -55.8 \text{ kJ/mol}$ and $n_{\text{LR}} = 0.005 \text{ mol}$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = ?$ $H_{\text{rxn}} \times n_{\text{limiting reagent}}$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = -55.8 \text{ [kJ/mol]} \times 0.005 \text{ [mol]} = -279 \text{ J}$ $q_{\text{cal}} = -(-279 \text{ J}) = 279 \text{ J}$ (2) Determining the q_{rxn} of a given chemical reaction: $\text{NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} + \text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+ \text{ (aq)}$ And given that: $\Delta T = 3.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $C_{\text{cal}} = 111.6 \text{ J/}^\circ\text{C}$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = -C_{\text{cal}} \Delta T + m_{\text{solid}} \Delta T$ $q_{\text{rxn}} = -(111.6 \text{ [kJ/}^\circ\text{C]} \times 3.5 \text{ [}^\circ\text{C]}) = -390.6 \text{ J}$ $q_{\text{cal}} = -(-390.6 \text{ J}) = 390.6 \text{ J}$ Determining the C_{cal} . $C_{\text{cal}} = q_{\text{cal}} / \Delta T$ Example:

Given $q_{\text{rxn}} = -279 \text{ J}$ and $\Delta T = 2.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ $C_{\text{cal}} = -q_{\text{rxn}} / \Delta T$ $C_{\text{cal}} = -(-279 \text{ J}) / (2.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 111.6 \text{ J/}^\circ\text{C}$ Determining the experimental H_{rxn} . $H_{\text{rxn}} = q_{\text{rxn}} / n_{\text{LR}}$ Example: Given: $\text{NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} + \text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+ \text{ (aq)}$ With $q_{\text{rxn}} = -390.6 \text{ J}$ and $n_{\text{LR}} = 0.005 \text{ mol}$ $H_{\text{rxn}} = q_{\text{rxn}} / n_{\text{LR}}$ $H_{\text{rxn}} = -390.6 \text{ J} / 0.005 \text{ mol} = -78.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$ Determining the theoretical H_{rxn} . $H_{\text{rxn}} = ?$ $n_{\text{product}} H_{\text{f product}} - n_{\text{reactant}} H_{\text{f reactant}}$ Example: Given that: $\text{NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} + \text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+ \text{ (aq)}$ Substance? $H_{\text{f}} \text{ (kJ/mol)}$ $\text{NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} -80.9$ $\text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} 0.00$ $\text{NH}_4^+ \text{ (aq)} -132.51$ $H_{\text{rxn}} = ?$ $n_{\text{product}} H_{\text{f product}} - n_{\text{reactant}} H_{\text{f reactant}}$ $H_{\text{rxn}} = \{-132.51 \text{ kJ/mol}\} - \{-80.29 \text{ kJ/mol}\} = ?$ $H_{\text{rxn}} = -52.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$ Determining the %error. $\% \text{error} = (|H_{\text{experimental}} - H_{\text{theoretical}}|) / (H_{\text{theoretical}}) \times 100\%$ Example: Given: $H_{\text{experimental}} = -78.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$ and $H_{\text{theoretical}} = -52.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\% \text{error} = (|H_{\text{experimental}} - H_{\text{theoretical}}|) / (H_{\text{theoretical}}) \times 100\%$

$$100\% \text{ \%error} = |(-78.1 \text{ kJ/mol}) - (-52.2 \text{ kJ/mol}) / -52.2 \text{ kJ/mol}| \times 100\% = 49.$$

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