Determining 
$$\Delta H_{rxn}$$
 of  $NH_4Cl + NaOH \rightarrow NH_3 + NaCl + H_2O$ 

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## 1 Abstract

#### 1.1 Purpose

Using the reactants listed in the materials, determine the  $\Delta H_{rxn}$  for the reaction that occurs when these reactants are mixed:

$$\mathrm{NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{NaOH}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \mathrm{NH}_{3(aq)} + \mathrm{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{H_2O}_{(l)}$$

### 1.2 Materials

- 50 ml 2.0 M NH<sub>3(aq)</sub>
- 100 ml 2.0 M HCl<sub>(aq)</sub>
- 50 ml 2.0 M NaOH<sub>(aq)</sub>
- $\bullet~50\,\mathrm{ml}$  Graduated Cylinder
- Calorimeter and Lid
- Deionized/Distilled  $H_2O_{(l)}$
- Thermometer

### 2 Model

$$NH_4Cl_{(aq)} + NaOH_{(aq)}$$

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{HCl}_{(aq)} + \operatorname{NaOH}_{(aq)} &\to \operatorname{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \operatorname{H_2O}_{(l)} \\ & \dots \\ \operatorname{NH}_{3(aq)} + \operatorname{HCl}_{(aq)} &\to \operatorname{NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} \end{split}$$

$$\mathrm{NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} \to \mathrm{NH_3}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{HCl}_{(aq)}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{NaOH}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{HCl}_{(aq)} &\to \mathrm{NH}_{3(aq)} + \mathrm{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{H_2O}_{(l)} + \mathrm{HCl}_{(aq)} \\ \mathrm{NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{NaOH}_{(aq)} &\to \mathrm{NH}_{3(aq)} + \mathrm{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{H_2O}_{(l)} \end{split}$$

# 3 Data

- $\mathrm{HCl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{NaOH}_{(aq)} \to \mathrm{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \mathrm{H_2O}_{(l)}$  has a  $\Delta H_f$  of  $-94.98\,\mathrm{kJ}\,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$
- ${\rm NH_4Cl}_{(aq)} \to {\rm NH}_{3(aq)} + {\rm HCl}_{(aq)}$  has a  $\Delta H_f$  of  $52.80\,{\rm kJ\,mol^{-1}}$

Adding  $-94.98\,\rm kJ\,mol^{-1}$  and  $52.80\,\rm kJ\,mol^{-1}$  gives a total enthalpy of reaction of  $-42.18\,\rm kJ\,mol^{-1}$ 

$$\Delta H_{rxn} = \Delta H_{f_1} + \Delta H_{f_2}$$

# 4 Conclusion

Adding the two reactions above yields the proper equation for the reaction. Thus, adding the respective  $\Delta H_f$  of the two reactions is equivalent to the  $\Delta H_{rxn}$  of  $\mathrm{NH_4Cl_{(aq)}+NaOH_{(aq)}\rightarrow NH_{3(aq)}+NaCl_{(aq)}+H_2O_{(l)}}$