

General Chemistry Lab

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Expt 2: DISSOLUTION REACTIONS: HEATS OF DISSOCIATION

- Heats (exothermic or endothermic) are associated with chemical reactions. Quantity of heat evolved or absorbed is directly proportional to the amount reacted. Consider the reaction: $\text{MgSO}_{4(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}_{(aq)} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(aq)} \pm \text{heat}$
- Heat could be generated or absorbed in this reaction. When heat is generated/released from a chemical reaction it is called exothermic reaction (you can feel it by touching the reaction container (warmer) and when heat is absorbed the reaction is called endothermic (colder).

- When reactions occur in a reaction vessel (e.g., Coffee-Cup/plastic Beaker) in aqueous condition, formation and dissociation of chemical bonds occur simultaneously. Bond formation and dissociation involves heat energy of the system which is expressed by the term Q which is called enthalpy.

- Problem statement: Is heat energy related to chemical reactions, how?
- This experiment is subdivided into two parts:
I. Qualitative & II. Quantitative

DATA COLLECTION:

- Place about 30 mL of distilled water into a 50 mL beaker. Suspend a thermometer (having 0.10°C division mark) into the beaker using thermometer clamp and ring stand. Please make sure that the thermometer is not touching the bottom of the beaker, as any movement of the beaker could break the thermometer.
- Record the temperature of water in the beaker in every 30 seconds for 300 seconds.

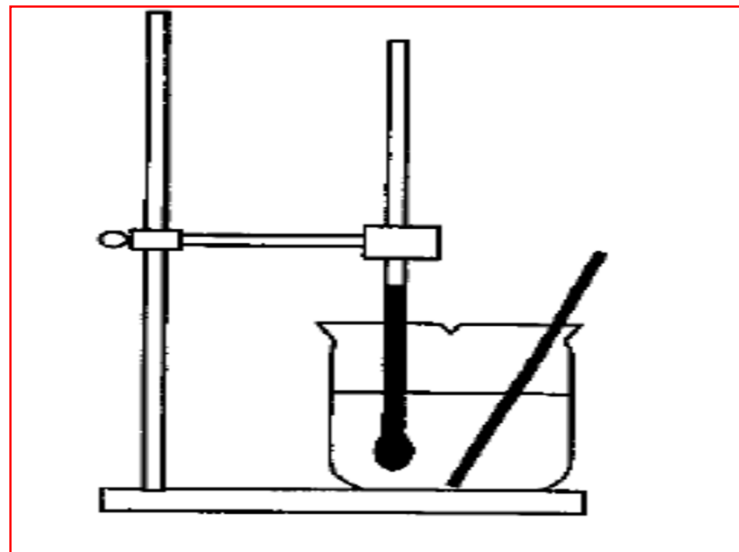


FIGURE 1: Experimental setup for dissolution reaction

Place a moderate amount (which would be 1 to 3 g) of supplied anhydrous magnesium sulfate (MgSO_4) to the beaker. Mix vigorously with the glass rod for 5 minutes. Record your observations.



Repeat this procedure with each of the following compounds:

(5 points)

Observation:

Compound	Initial temp. (only H ₂ O)	Final temp.	Reaction
MgSO ₄	22°C	23°C	Exothermic
NaNO ₃	22°C	21°C	Endothermic
NaCl	22°C	21.5°C	Endothermic
CaCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	22°C	25°C	Exothermic
NH ₄ NO ₃	22°C	21°C	Endothermic



DATA ANALYSIS:

What are the similarities and differences in the behavior of these compounds? Can you find out any generalization concerning all chemical reactions here? What conclusion can be drawn from these data? **(5 points)**

- All of these compounds are different types of salt. While dissolving in water they release their ions which shows different reaction like endothermic or exothermic. They either absorb heat or release heat in the atmosphere.
- Here, the components, NaNO_3 , NaCl , NH_4NO_3 shows similarities by the change of temperature is decreasing.
- On the other hand, MgSO_4 , $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ shows similarity as their temperature is increased.



Reactions:

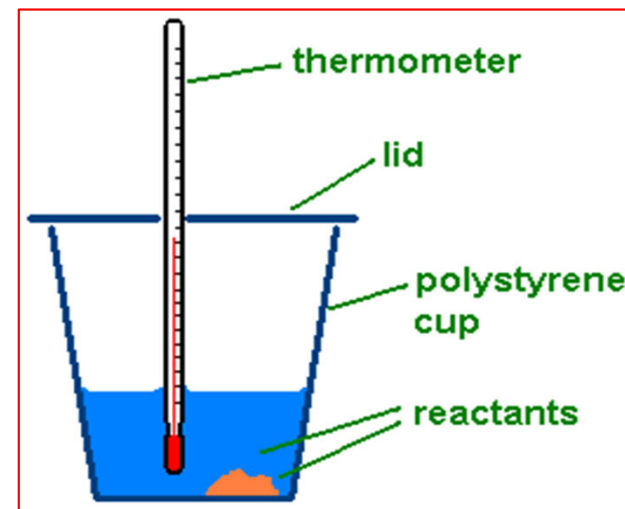


- In conclusion, we can state that solubility of a solid depends on the temperature as we can notice that different solids.

DATA COLLECTION:

a. Accurately weigh a 1 to 3 gm sample of MgSO_4 on the analytical balance. Record the exact mass here. For 4 different trials below measure four different weight samples (e.g., 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 & 2.0 grams respectively).

b. Suspend the thermometer into a polystyrene cup/coffee cup. Make sure of the thermometer is not touching the bottom of the cup. Measure 20 mL of distilled water by a volumetric cylinder into the cup and stir for 240 second. Record the temperature in every 20 seconds. After 240 seconds add MgSO_4 with vigorous mixing while continuing to record data for 5 minutes.



c. Determine the temperature change, ΔT , for the reaction. This can be done from the difference of the highest temperature minus the slope of the line go through the points from first 240 seconds.



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d. Draw a temperature vs. time Table. Draw the best curve through the points and point out what is happening in each part of the curve.

(i) Mass of MgSO_4 : 0.5g

Time	Temp		Time	Temp
20	24		160	27
40	24		180	26.8
60 (Salt added)	24		200	26.8
80	25		220	26.5
100	26		240	26.5
120	26.5		260	26.5
140	27		280	26.5

(ii) Mass of MgSO_4 : 1.0g

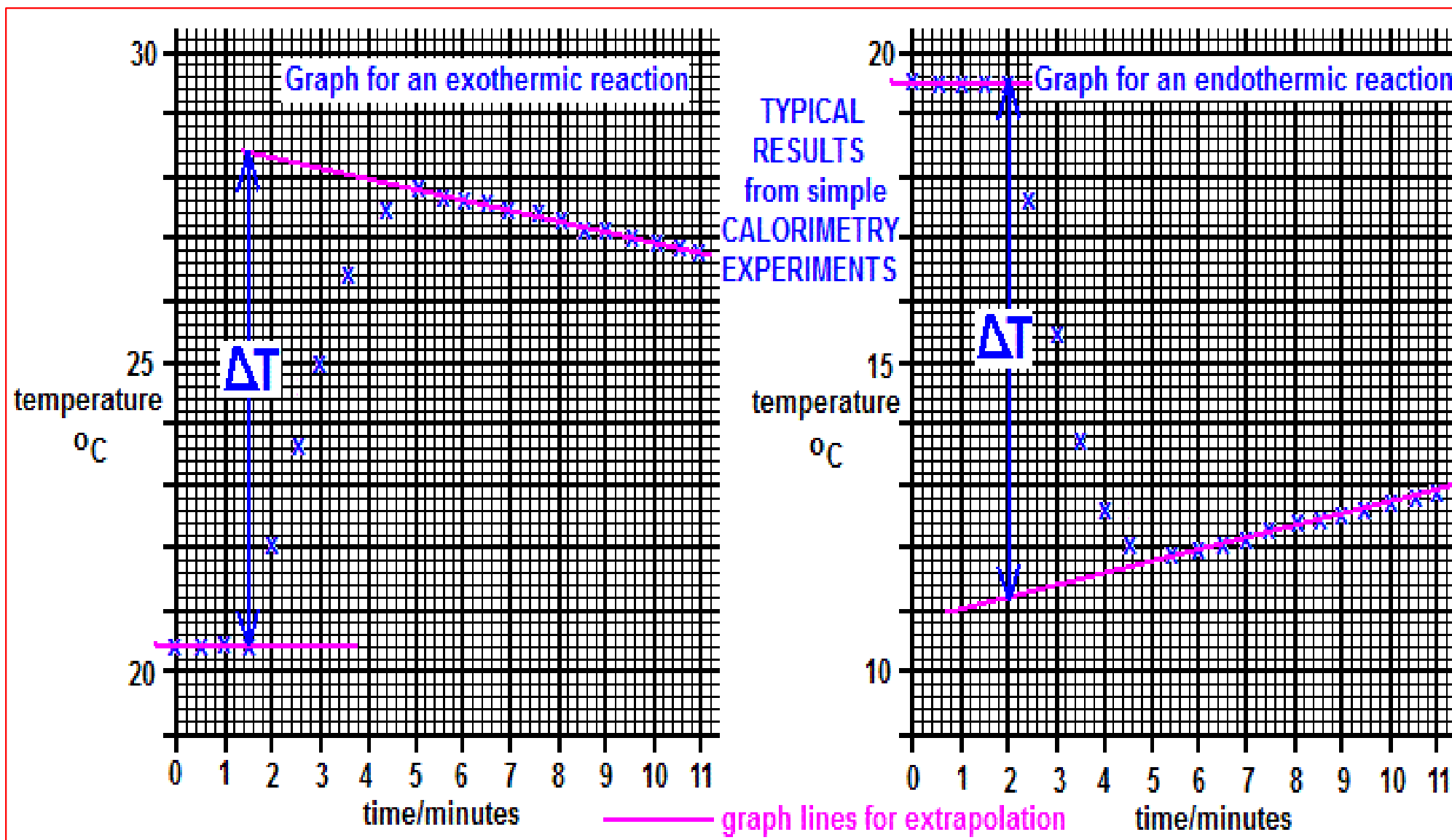
Time	Temp		Time	Temp
20	22.7		160	27.5
40	22.8		180	27.4
60 (Salt added)	23		200	27.2
80	26		220	27.6
100	28.2		240	27.6
120	29		260	27.6
140	28		280	27.8

(ii) Mass of MgSO_4 : 1.5 g

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
20	23.8	160	31
40	23.8	180	31
60 (Salt added)	23.8	200	31.1
80	27	220	31.1
100	30.5	240	31.1
120	30.5	260	31.1
140	31	280	31.1
		300	31.1

(iii) Mass of MgSO_4 : 2.0g

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
20	23	160	33
40	23.1	180	33
60 (Salt added)	24	200	32.8
80	27	220	32.8
100	30	240	31
120	32	260	30.9
140	32.5	280	30.9
		300	30.9





DATA COLLECTION:

1. What do you understand from the data you recorded and from the other trials? (5 points)

Variations in temperature are found after adding MgSO_4 to the solution. For different mass 0.5 g, 1.0 g, 1.5 g and 2.0g up to 240 seconds, temperature of water was observed. We recorded the highest temperature and lowest temperature at specific time. Reaction is observed and recording up to 300 seconds. It is showing exothermic or endothermic change, it is depending to change in temperature.



DATA COLLECTION:

2. Calculate the heat, Q & moles, n , of the reaction.

Take help from the equation $Q = C \times M \times \Delta T$. Assume $C = 4.18 \text{ Joules /gram } ^\circ\text{C}$ and M is the mass of water (take the water density as 1.00 grams/cm^3).

(5 points)

1. $Q_1 = C \times M \times \Delta T_1 = 4.18 \text{ joule/gram} \times 20 \text{ g} \times 3^\circ\text{C} = 250.8 \text{ joule}$; Here, $\text{mass} = m = \text{density} \times \text{volume} = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3 \times 20 \text{ cm}^3 = 20 \text{ g}$, $\Delta T_1 = (27^\circ\text{C} - 24^\circ\text{C}) = 3^\circ\text{C}$
2. Q_2 , Q_3 and Q_4 determined using previous Table.

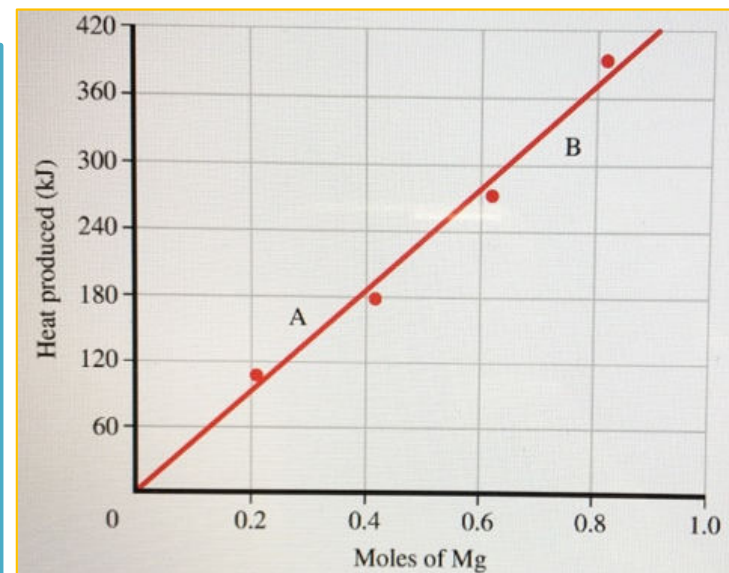
DATA COLLECTION:

3. Plot the collected data as moles, n vs. heat, Q . Number of moles can be calculated as $n = (\text{mass of sample in gram})/(\text{molecular weight in grams/mole})$. Try to find an algebraic equation. (5 points)

Molar mass of $\text{MgSO}_4 = 120.366 \text{ g/mol}$

Here, $n_1 = m/M = 0.5 \text{ g}/120.366 \text{ g/mol}$
 $= 4.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$

1. Similarly we will determination of n_2 , n_3 and n_4 .



The slope of the best fit line gives the heat produced per mole of Mg. Use the two points indicated on the line to determine the slope.

$$m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$$

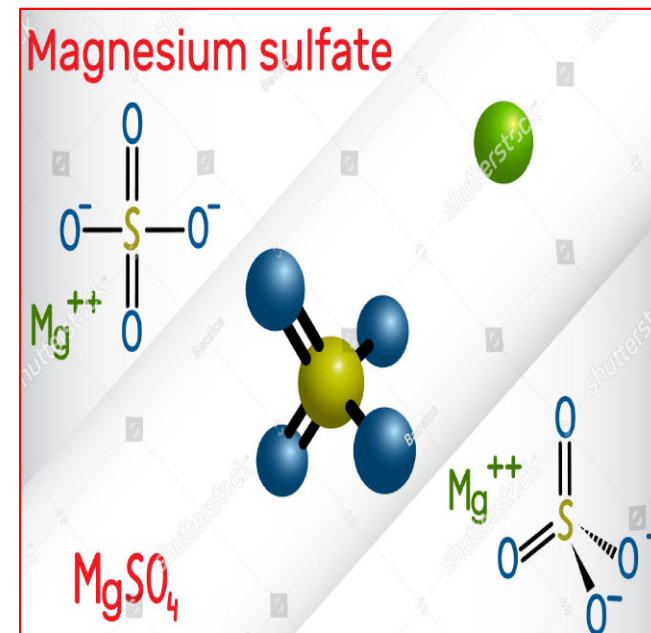
$$\text{Equation: } y = mx + c$$

MENTAL MODEL: Use the chemical equation given above to represent the dissolution reaction in this experiment. Draw a picture(s) which describes what is happening in atomic or in molecular level. How heat release or absorbed can be described from these pictures?

(5 points)

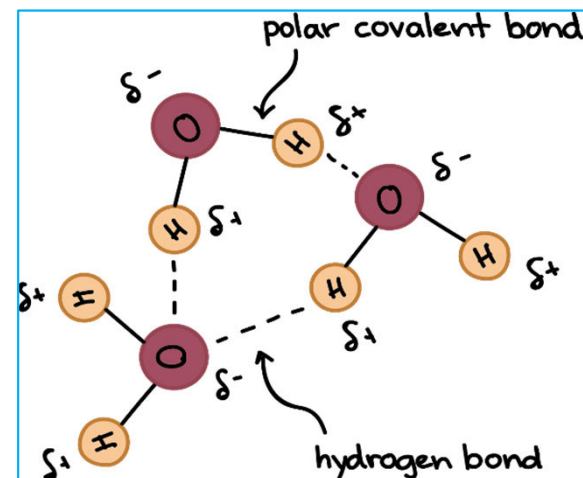
BEFORE REACTION:

- Here, there is strong electrostatic force of attraction between ions (Mg^{2+} and SO_4^{2-}) and energy required to break this force is called lattice energy. Breaking this structure is endothermic process since it absorbs heat energy.



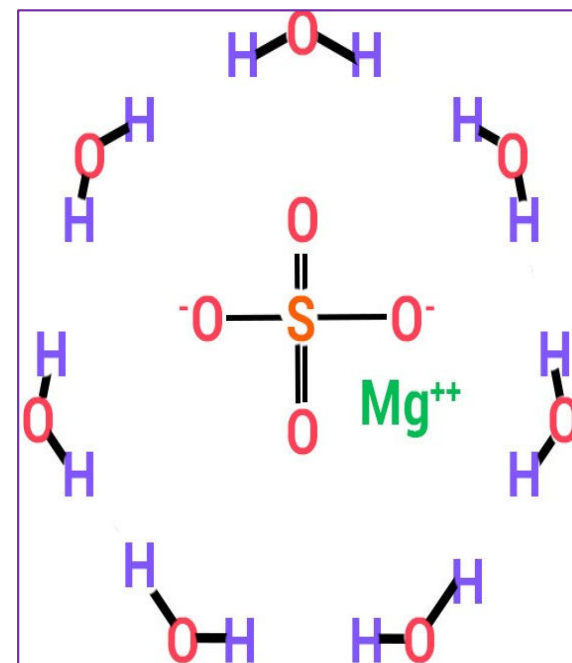
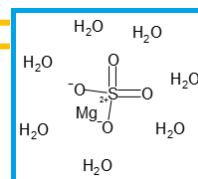
BEFORE REACTION:

- On the other hand, water molecules are held together by hydrogen bonds. When this hydrogen bonding is broken, it requires energy. So, it is an endothermic process.



AFTER REACTION:

- When MgSO_4 is added in water, the negative dipole of oxygen ($\text{O}^{\delta-}$) gets surrounded by the positive ion (Mg^{2+}). The ordered arrangement of water releases energy called hydration enthalpy and this process is exothermic.
- The positive dipole of hydration ($\text{H}^{\delta+}$) surrounds the negative ion (SO_4^{2-}) and releases energy. Here, the hydration enthalpy is greater than the lattice energy. So the solid structure breaks and gets dissolved, showing increasing temperature (Exothermic reaction occurs).



Thank You for Listening
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