Lab Report<br>Dystan Medical Company - Cold Packs and Hot Packs<br>Colin Hancock<br>Wolfgang Allred<br>1225-\#202<br>18 March 2017

## Introduction

In this lab, we are employed by the Dystan Medical Supply Company. Our task is to design an efficient and cost effective hot pack and cold pack for medical usage. We simply must find out: what salt will most effectively increase or reduce heat, and which salt turns back the most profit while doing so? Looking at the equations and the placement of the heat, it seems that LiCl will be the best for heating packs while KCl will be the best for cooling packs.

This experiment is important because it is necessary to determine what materials are to be used in medical-grade hot and cold packs. These packs are very important medically to treat burns or inflammation, as well as in athletics for sports-related injuries. This experiment will effectively allow these packs to be produced, eventually making it to the market and allowing many consumers to treat a variety of injuries. This will be very beneficial to many people, as they now have access to easy medical treatment.

Hot packs and cold packs work by having an internal packet of a salt surrounded by a solvent. When the packet is broken, the salt is dissolved and depending upon the ionic compound it is either an endothermic or exothermic process. If the dissolution is endothermic then the temperature of the solution will drop, and if it is exothermic the temperature of the solution will rise. The cold pack and hot pack must have temperatures of $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ respectively, with 100 mL of water in them each. Calorimetry will be used exclusively in this experiment. Using this technique, we will first find the calorimeter constant by combining hot and cool water in the calorimeter and recording the
temperature. After calculating the constant, we can then move on to using the calorimeter to determine the heats of dissolution of each of the salts. This will be done by adding salt to cool water and measuring the temperature, followed by a series of calculations resulting in the heat of dissolution. We will compare these heats to determine which salt will be most effective in each of the packs. Using the data, the exact mass of salt necessary for the desired temperature in a cold pack or hot pack can be calculated. Once we have determined the mass required of each salt, the cost for each pack can be determined using the cost chart provided in the lab manual. The total cost for each pack must be under $\$ 5.00$ in order to return a profit. We will then compare the prices and use that comparison to decide which salt is the most effective and yet maximizes profits.

## Experimental

Following is a table of the chemicals to be used during this experiment. As they are all given as solid salts, molarity will not be applicable.

| Reagents |
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| Ammonium Nitrate $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)$ |
| Calcium Chloride $\left(\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}\right)$ |
| Lithium Chloride $(\mathrm{LiCl})$ |
| Potassium Chloride $(\mathrm{KCl})$ |

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Two styrofoam cups, a lid, a temperature probe, a ring stand, a utility clamp, a two-hole stopper, a stir bar, a magnetic stir plate, a hot plate, and heat-proof gloves.

## PART A - DETERMINATION OF A CALORIMETER CONSTANT

Once you have prepared the MeasureNet system to record a thermogram, set up the hot plate at least two feet away from the MeasureNet system and set it to medium heat. Add 45-50 grams of water to the calorimeter, writing down the exact mass, and write down the temperature of the cool water given by the temperature probe.

Add about 100 mL of water to a 500 mL beaker and place it on the hot plate, closely monitoring its temperature. Once the temperature has reached $80-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ use the heat-proof gloves and a graduated cylinder to measure out about 50 mL of hot water, writing down the exact volume and converting it to grams. Take the temperature of the hot water using a thermometer and write it down, and then press Start on the MeasureNet system. Quickly open the lid of the calorimeter and pour all of the hot water into the calorimeter, replacing the lid afterwards. Once the temperature has stabilized, press Stop on the MeasureNet system.

Press File Options and F3 and use the given number keys to assign the data a three-digit code. Write down this code and press Display to clear the previous scan. Use a magnetic rod to remove the stir bar, decant the water into the sink, and dry the calorimeter thoroughly. Perform a second trial using the previous steps and write down all relevant
information. Afterwards, make sure to email the files to yourself. Follow the Calculations instructions following to complete the experiment.

## PART B - DETERMINATION OF THE ENTHALPY OF DISSOLUTION OF VARIOUS SALTS

Once you have prepared the MeasureNet system to record a thermogram, choose a salt to perform a thermogram on and measure out about one gram of it, writing down the exact mass. Add 45-50 grams of water to the calorimeter, writing down the exact mass, and write down the temperature of the cool water given by the temperature probe.

Press Start, and after a few seconds have elapsed, pour all of the salt into the water-filled calorimeter and quickly close the lid. Once the temperature has stabilized at an equilibrium, press Stop. Press File Options and F3 and use the given number keys to assign the data a three-digit code. Write down this code and press Display to clear the previous scan. Use a magnetic rod to remove the stir bar, decant the solution into the sink, rinse off the temperature probe, and dry the calorimeter thoroughly. Perform two trials using these instructions for each of the salts, writing down all relevant information, and once you have done so make sure to email all of the files to yourself. Follow the Calculations instructions following to complete the experiment.

## CALCULATIONS

Use the following equation to calculate calorimeter constant, where $\mathrm{C}_{\text {warm water }}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\text {cool water }}$ are equal to $4.18 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{T}}$ is the change in temperature depending on which water is required. The mass is also required and is shown as " $m$ ".


Use the following equations for the calculation of molar heat for each of the salts.

The mass and cost will be found by rearranging the previous equation for the change of heat of reaction to solve for grams of salt, excluding the calorimeter portion, and adding $\$ 1.28$ for labor, overhead cost, and plastic bag cost.

## Results

Following is a table for the first portion of the experiment: the determination of a calorimeter constant.

| Trial | Mass of Cool |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water | Temperature <br> of Cool <br> Water | Mass of Hot <br> Water | Temperature <br> of Hot Water | Final |  |
| 1 | 45.9 g | $23.44^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50.0 g | $71.78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $44.48{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |


| 2 | 45.5 g | $22.58{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50.0 g | $75.00^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $45.75{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
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Work for Finding Calorimeter Constant for Both Trials:







Calorimeter Constant for Trial 1: _ $79.4 \mathrm{~J} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Calorimeter Constant for Trial 2: _ $73.8 \mathrm{~J} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Average Calorimeter Constant: $\quad \ldots 76.6 \mathrm{~J} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Following is a set of tables for the second part of the experiment: the determination of the enthalpy of dissolution of various salts.

Ammonium Nitrate

| Trial | Mass of DI | Temperature of | Mass of Salt | Final |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water | DI Water |  | Temperature |  |


| 1 | 45.0 g | $23.48{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.0030 g | $22.17{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 45.0 g | $24.84^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.0027 g | $23.19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Work for Finding Heat of Dissolution for Both Trials：





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Heat of Dissolution for Trial 1：＿ $28.14 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Heat of Dissolution for Trial 2：$\ldots 35.45 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Average Heat of Dissolution： $\qquad$ $31.80 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$

Mass For $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$ 35．69g

Cost For $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$
Calcium Chloride

| Trial | Mass of DI | Temperature of | Mass of Salt | Final |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water | DI Water |  | Temperature |  |


| 1 | 45.0 g | $24.64^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.012 g | $27.04{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 45.8 g | $24.58^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 0.9500 g | $26.94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Work for Finding Heat of Dissolution for Both Trials：
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Heat of Dissolution for Trial 1：＿－ $70.85 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Heat of Dissolution for Trial 2：＿$-75.07 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Average Heat of Dissolution： $\qquad$ $-72.96 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$

Mass For $65.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$ 34.17 g

Cost For $65.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$
Lithium Chloride

| Trial | Mass of DI | Temperature of | Mass of Salt | Final |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water | DI Water |  | Temperature |  |


| 1 | 44.9 g | $24.84^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.004 g | $28.29^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 44.9 g | $25.07^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.001 g | $28.94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Work for Finding Heat of Dissolution for Both Trials：


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Heat of Dissolution for Trial 1：＿＿－39．16kJ／mol
Heat of Dissolution for Trial 2：＿＿－44．05kJ／mol
Average Heat of Dissolution：＿＿$-41.60 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Mass For $65.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$
Cost For $65.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ：＿＿\＄3．95

| Trial | Mass of DI <br> Water | Temperature of <br> DI Water | Mass of Salt | Final |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 45.0 g | $25.31^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.004 g | $24.05^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 2 | 45.1 g | $25.88^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1.085 g | $24.56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Work for Finding Heat of Dissolution for Both Trials：
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Heat of Dissolution for Trial 1： $\qquad$ $25.18 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$

Heat of Dissolution for Trial 2：$\ldots \underline{24.49 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}}$
Average Heat of Dissolution：＿＿ $24.83 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$
Mass For $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$
Cost For $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ： $\qquad$ \＄3．86

## Discussion

These results clearly show that calcium chloride is the best salt for the Dystan hot packs, while ammonium nitrate is the best salt for the cold packs. This is shown by the price of each salt. Of the endothermic salts, ammonium nitrate is the least expensive when attempting to reach $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, at only $\$ 3.15$. Of the exothermic salts, calcium chloride is the least expensive when attempting to reach $65.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, at only $\$ 3.45$. Regardless, for every salt, Dystan medical company would return a profit, at a maximum of $\$ 1.85$ profit and a minimum of $\$ 1.05$, assuming the price is $\$ 5.00$.

I am fairly confident in these results. Checking with the standard heats of dissolution of each of the salts, we are fairly accurate. Similarly, the results are fairly close to one another and therefore pretty precise. I feel like both accuracy and precision can be approved by doing additional trials. Also, the speed of pouring the salt into the calorimeter can be increased, therefore adding accuracy to the results. Another source of error is leaving excess water in the calorimeter, which could be reduced by thorough drying. Another source is the slowing down of the stir bar, which happened occasionally. This can be prevented by using a more reliable stir plate.

## Conclusion

This experiment consisted of first finding a calorimeter constant using hot and cold water. We then poured various salts into the calorimeter as well as water to calculate the heats of dissolution. Once these were found, the mass and then the cost could then be calculated.

The most important results of this experiment were that ammonium nitrate was the most
efficient and cost-effective salt for the cold packs, while calcium chloride is that for the hot packs. Every salt will still return a profit, however, with ammonium nitrate being the most profitable and lithium chloride being the least, regardless of their hot and cold abilities.

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## Graphs

Thermogram for the Calorimeter Constant Trial One


Thermogram for the Calorimeter Constant Trial Two


Thermogram of Ammonium Nitrate Trial One


Thermogram of Ammonium Nitrate Trial Two


Themogram of Calcium Chloride Trial One


Thermogram of Calcium Chloride Trial Two


Thermogram of Lithium Chloride Trial One


Thermogram of Lithium Chloride Trial Two


Thermogram of Potassium Chloride Trial One


Thermogram of Potassium Chloride Trial Two


