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Experiment

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Devices:

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Mass of Calorimeter: 373,3 g (with cover)

251,9 g

Preexperiment: (specific heat capacity of the calorimeter)

~~mass of calorimeter with water: 442,0 g~~ experiment failed!

measurement:

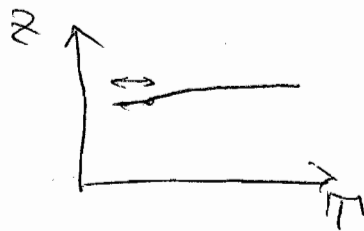
~~start initial temperature: 0,00 1,0 °C~~

initial temperature of calorimeter: 18,6 °C

initial temperature of water: 0,0 °C

temperature development:

time	temperature
30 s	1,3 °C
60 s	1,3 °C
90 s	1,4 °C
120 s	1,5 °C
150 s	2,1 °C



← water mixed!

mass of calorimeter with water: 579,0 g

Additional Devices:

Ampere meter: Error: 3% and 2d

Voltmeter: Error: 3% and 2d

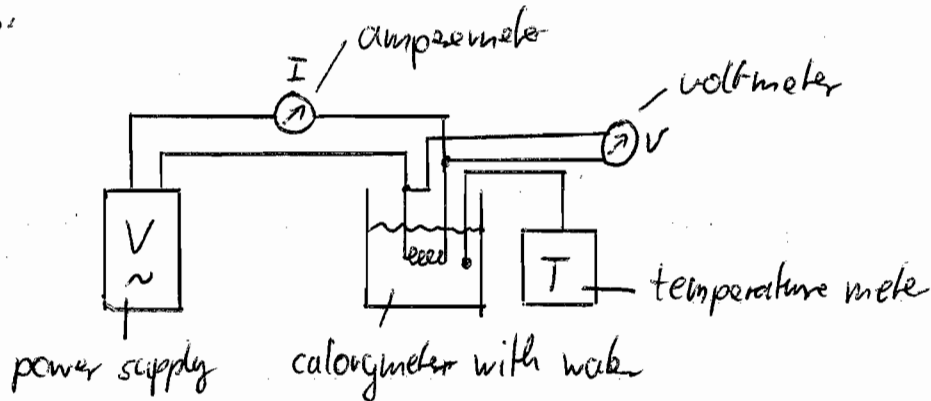
On Assignment 1: (specific heat capacity of water)

mass of calorimeter: 550,5 g after the experiment: 544,1 g
 room temperature: 22,7 °C

measurement:

time [min]	voltage [V]	current [A]	temperature [°C]
0	0	0	10,8 12,7
1	6,15	2,42	13,4
2	6,15	2,42	14,1
3	6,14	2,42	14,8
4	6,04	2,39	15,5
5	6,04	2,38	16,2
6	6,06	2,39	16,9
7	6,04	2,39	17,6
8	6,04	2,39	18,3
9	6,04	2,39	19,0
10	6,04	2,39	19,6
11	6,04	2,39	20,4
12	6,04	2,38	21,1
13	6,03	2,39	21,7
14	6,03	2,38	22,3
15	6,02	2,38	22,9

measurement setup:



additional measurements:

time [min]	voltage [V]	current [A]	temperature [°C]
16	6,12	2,42	23,6
17	6,11	2,41	24,2
18	6,10	2,41	24,9
19	6,11	2,41	25,5
20	6,10	2,42	26,2
21	6,09	2,40	26,8
22	6,10	2,39	27,4
23	6,10	2,44	28,0
24	6,10	2,39	28,6
25	6,11	2,38	29,3
26	6,00	2,37	29,9
27	6,00	2,39	30,5

time [min]	voltage [V]	current [A]	temperature [°C]
28	6,00	2,39	33,1
29	5,98	2,39	31,7
30	5,98	2,37	32,2
31	5,98	2,37	32,8

Assignment 3:

~~mass of the calorimeter: 474,7 g~~
~~initial temperature: 31,6 °C~~
~~min. temperature: 29,9 °C~~
~~mass of the calorimeter with ice: 478,3 g~~

} measurement failed,
because of wrong device usage!

second measurement:

mass of calorimeter: 478,3 g
 initial temperature: 29,4 °C
 min temperature: 28,3 °C
 mass of calorimeter with ice: 480,5 g

Assignment 2:

weight of the metals:

iron: 946,6 ± 0,5 g
 copper: ~~88~~ 833,8 ± 0,5 g
 aluminium: 313,4 g ± 0,5 g
 plexiglas: 129,9 g ± 0,5 g

room temperature: 23,2 °C

weight of the calorimeter: 490,9 g at the beginning

measurement for iron:

t [s]	temperature [°C]
15	2,1
30	3,6
45	4,5
60	4,4
75	4,6
90	5,5
105	4,8
120	5,8
135	6,1
150	6,3

initial temperatures:

water: $0,44^{\circ}\text{C}$

iron: $23,2^{\circ}\text{C}$

weight of the calorimeter:

490,9 g

measurement for copper:

t [s]	temperature [°C]
15	2,8
30	3,9
45	4,8
60	5,3
75	5,5
90	5,6
105	5,7
120	5,8
135	5,8
150	5,8

initial temperatures:

water: $0,4^{\circ}\text{C}$

copper: $23,2^{\circ}\text{C}$

weight of the calorimeter:

518,4 g

measurement for aluminium:

t [s]	temperature [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]
15	3,0
30	4,6
45	4,4
60	4,5
75	4,7
90	4,7
105	4,8
120	4,8
135	4,9
150	4,9

initial temperatures:

aluminium: $23,2^{\circ}\text{C}$

water: $0,3^{\circ}\text{C}$

weight of the calorimeter:

502,6 g

measurement for plexiglas:

t [s]	temperature [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]
15	0,7
30	1,1
45	1,3
60	1,7
75	1,7
90	1,9
105	2,1
120	2,2
135	2,3
150	2,4

initial temperatures:

plexiglas: $23,2^{\circ}\text{C}$

water: $0,9^{\circ}\text{C}$

weight of the calorimeter:

486,2 g

Analysis

Heat capacity of the calorimeter:

In the preexperiment we examine the mixture temperature of water (cold) and the calorimeter (nearly room temperature). This measurement leads to a value for the specific heat capacity of the calorimeter. One problem is the unknown parameter c_w (specific heat capacity of water) which will be determined later on. Therefore we are only able to determine an equivalent mass which will replace the mass of water in further experiments. First we know, that the rate of change of heat is zero:

$$dQ = 0$$

From the definition of heat capacity we get:

$$dQ = c \cdot m \cdot \Delta T$$

From this follows:

$$c_w \cdot m_w \cdot (T_m - T_w) = +c_c \cdot m_c \cdot (T_c - T_m)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c_c}{c_w} m_c = m_w \frac{T_m - T_w}{T_c - T_m} = m_e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_e = \frac{c_c}{c_w} = m_w \frac{T_m - T_w}{T_c - T_m}$$

During the experiment we found a stabilized mixture temperature at $1,3^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1^\circ\text{C}$. $\rightarrow T_m = 1,3^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1^\circ\text{C}$

The other values are: $T_w = 9,0^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1^\circ\text{C}$ and

$$T_c = 18,6^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1^\circ\text{C}$$

The mass was measured as follows: $m_{\text{new}} = 579,0 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}$
 $= 327,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m_e &= (327,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}) \cdot \frac{1,3 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}}{17,3 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}} \\ &= (327,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}) \cdot (0,075 \pm 0,012) \\ &= \underline{\underline{24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}}} \end{aligned}$$

This means, that we need $24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$ water to "simulate" the heat capacity of the calorimeter.

Assignment 1: Specific Heat Capacity of Water:

From the equations in the introduction we get:

$$\Delta Q = U \cdot I \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\text{and } \Delta Q = c_w \cdot m_w' \Delta T \quad \text{where } m_w' = m_w + m_e$$

from this follows:

$$U \cdot I \cdot \Delta t = c_w \cdot (m_w + m_e) \cdot (T_2 - T_i)$$

T_i being the initial temperature with respect to an area of constant current and voltage.

$$\Rightarrow c_w = \frac{U \cdot I \cdot \Delta t}{(m_w + m_e) (T_2 - T_i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Measured values: } m_w &= -(251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + (550,5 \pm 6,5 \text{ g}) \\ &= 298,6 \pm 6,5 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

The error of this mass regards the loss of water during the experiment with respect to the measured values before and after the experiment.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m_w' &= (298,6 \pm 6,5) \text{ g} + (24,5 \pm 4,0) \text{ g} \\ &= \underline{\underline{323,1 \pm 7,7 \text{ g}}} \end{aligned}$$

The error of voltage- and amperemeter are 3% of the value and 2d, which means that all mesured values ~~for~~ of the current are ~~between~~ in that ^{area} error of 2 digits and can't be distinguished.

The voltage is ~~char~~ characterized by 4 areas:

$$U_1 = 6,15 \pm 0,02 \text{ V}$$

$$U_2 = 6,10 \pm 0,02 \text{ V}$$

$$U_3 = 6,04 \pm 0,02 \text{ V}$$

$$U_4 = 5,88 \pm 0,02 \text{ V}$$

U_1 :

~~$$U_1 = 6,15 \pm 0,02 \text{ V}$$~~

$$c_w = (6,15 \pm 0,21 \text{ V}) \cdot (2,40 \pm 0,08 \text{ A}) \cdot \frac{180 \text{ s}}{(2,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ K})(323,1 \pm 7,7 \text{ g})}$$

$$= 3,92 \pm 0,44 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

The error of in time can be ignored, because of the slow rate of change of the mesured temperature.

U_3 :

$$c_w = (6,04 \pm 0,21 \text{ V}) \cdot (2,40 \pm 0,08 \text{ A}) \cdot \frac{660 \text{ s}}{(7,4 \pm 0,2 \text{ K})(323,1 \pm 7,7 \text{ g})}$$

$$= 4,00 \pm 0,24 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

U_2 :

$$c_w = (6,10 \pm 0,21 \text{ V}) \cdot (2,40 \pm 0,08 \text{ A}) \cdot \frac{540 \text{ s}}{(5,7 \pm 0,2 \text{ K})(323,1 \pm 7,7 \text{ g})}$$

$$= 4,29 \pm 0,26 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

U4:

$$c_w = (5,98 \pm 0,20 \text{ V}) \cdot (2,40 \pm 0,08 \text{ A}) \cdot \frac{300 \text{ s}}{(2,9 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}) \cdot (323,1 \pm 7,7)}$$
$$= 4,60 \pm 0,42 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

We get an average value for this four measurements:

$$\underline{\underline{c_w = 4,20 \pm 0,21 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}}}$$

This value is equal to the literature value of the specific heat capacity for water ($c_w = 4,18 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$).

Assignment 2: Specific and Molar Heat Capacity of Aluminium, Copper, Iron and Plexiglas

The ~~mixture temperature~~ experiment analysis in this case is very close to the analysis in the preexperiment. Again we have the following equation:

$$c_w m_w' \Delta T_w = m_m \cdot c_m \cdot \Delta T_m$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c_m = \frac{c_w (m_w + m_e) (T_m - T_w)}{m_m (T_m - T_m)}$$

Iron:

$$m_w' = (490,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + \overset{24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}}{\cancel{251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}}}$$
$$= \cancel{239 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}} + 17,9 \pm 2,0 \text{ g}$$
$$= 263,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \quad = \cancel{256,3 \pm 2,9 \text{ g}}$$

$$T_m = 23,2^\circ \pm 0,1^\circ \text{C}$$

$$T_w = 0,4 \pm 0,1^\circ \text{C}$$

The stabilized mixture temperature was $4,5 \pm 0,1^\circ \text{C}$

$$m_m = 346,6 \pm 0,5 \text{ g}$$

From this we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_m &= 4,20 \pm 0,21 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{250,9 \pm 2,9 \text{ g}}}{\cancel{263,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}}} \cdot 4,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ K} \cdot \frac{1}{946,6 \pm 0,5 \text{ g} \cdot 18,7 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}} \\
 &= \cancel{0,26 \pm 0,02 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}} = \underline{\underline{0,26 \pm 0,02 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}}} \\
 &= \cancel{0,26 \pm 0,02 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

This value is significant different from the literature value ($0,46 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$). The error will be discussed later on.

The molar heat capacity can be ^{determined} ~~determined~~ as follows:

The amount of substance is given as the quotient of mass (kg) and atomic weight (u):

$$\nu_E = \frac{m_E}{m_a} \quad \text{where } m_E = 0,9466 \pm 0,0005 \text{ kg}$$

The literature value of m_a for iron is $55,8 \text{ u} \Rightarrow \nu_E = 1,70 \cdot 10^{-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow C &= \frac{c_m \cdot m_E}{\nu_E} = \frac{0,26 \pm 0,02 \cdot 0,9466 \pm 0,0005 \text{ kg}}{1,7 \cdot 10^{-2}} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{14,5 \pm 1,2 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

As expected, this value is again significant different from the literature value and does not follow the law of Dulong-Petit.

Copper:

$$\text{measured values: } m_w' = (518,4 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,8 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + 24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$$

$$= 291,0 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$$

$$T_m = 23,2 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_w = 0,4 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{mixture temperature: } 5,5 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

$$m_m = 833,5 \pm 0,5 \text{ g}$$

From this we get:

$$c_m = 4,70 \pm 0,21 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}} \cdot 291,0 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \cdot \frac{5,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}}{833,5 \pm 0,5 \text{ g} \cdot 17,7 \pm 0,21}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{0,42 \pm 0,03 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}}}$$

This value is in correspondence to the literature value of $0,386 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$

The molar heat capacity is: $C = \frac{c_m \cdot m_m}{n}$

$$\rightarrow C = \frac{0,42 \pm 0,03 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}} \cdot 0,8335 \pm 0,0005 \text{ kg}}{1,3 \cdot 10^{-2}} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{26,9 \pm 2,2 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}}}$$

This value is also in correspondence to the literature value and follows the rule of Dulong - Petit by being approximately $25 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$

Aluminium:

measured values:

$$m_w' = (502,6 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + 24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} = 275,2 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$$

$$T_m = 23,2 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} \quad ; \quad T_w = 0,3 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

mixture temperature: $4,5 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$

$$m_m = 313,4 \pm 0,5 \text{ g}$$

Again we get:

$$c_m = 4,20 \pm 0,21 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}} \cdot 275,2 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \cdot \frac{4,2 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}}{313,4 \pm 0,5 \text{ g} \cdot 18,8 \pm 0,2 \text{ K}}$$
$$= 0,82 \pm 0,07 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

This value is in correspondence to the literature value of $0,9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$

$$\text{molar heat capacity: } C = \frac{0,82 \pm 0,02 \cdot 0,3134 \pm 0,0005}{1,2 \cdot 10^{-2}} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$
$$= 22,1 \pm 2,0 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$

This value is also in correspondence to the literature value and the law of Dulong-Petit.

Plexiglas:

measured values:

$$m_w' = (486,7 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,2 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + 24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} = 259,3 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$$

$$T_m = 23,2 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} \quad ; \quad T_w = 0,1 \pm 0,1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

mixture temperature: $1,5 \pm 0,2 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$ (hard to determine, therefore the high error)

$$m_m = 129,9 \pm 0,5 \text{ g}$$

Specific heat capacity:

$$c_m = 4,20 \pm 0,21 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}} \cdot 259,3 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \cdot \frac{1,4 \pm 0,3 \text{ K}}{129,9 \pm 0,5 \text{ g} \cdot 21,7 \pm 0,3 \text{ K}}$$
$$= 0,54 \pm 0,13 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{kg}}$$

Because, the molecular weight of plexiglas is unknown, I can't find a value for the molar heat capacity.

Assignment 3: Specific Heat of Fusion of Ice

The equations mentioned in the introduction lead us to the following relationship:

$$\underbrace{(m_a + m_w)}_{m_w'} \cdot c_w (T_{\text{mixed}} - T_{\text{water}}) = m_{\text{ice}} \cdot c_w (T_{\text{mixed}} + T_{\text{ice}}) + \delta_{\text{ice}} \cdot m_{\text{ice}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{\text{ice}} = \frac{c_w m_w' (T_{\text{water}} - T_{\text{mixed}}) - m_{\text{ice}} c_w T_{\text{mixed}}}{m_{\text{ice}}}$$

measured values:

$$m_w' = (478,3 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 251,9 \pm 0,1 \text{ g}) + 24,5 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \\ = 250,9 \pm 4,0 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{ice}} = 480,5 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} - 478,3 \pm 0,1 \text{ g} = 2,2 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}$$

$$T_{\text{water}} = 29,4 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \quad ; \quad T_{\text{ice}} = 0,0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_{\text{mixed}} = 28,3 \pm 0,1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{\text{ice}} = \frac{4,20 \pm 0,24 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \cdot 250,9 \pm 4,0 \text{ g} \cdot 1,1 \pm 0,2 \text{ K} - 2,2 \pm 0,2 \text{ g} \cdot 4,20 \pm 0,24 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{2,2 \pm 0,2 \text{ g}} \\ = \underline{\underline{408,0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \pm 86,0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}}$$

This value is in correspondence to the literature value.

Conclusion

The purpose of this experiment was to determine the specific and molar heat capacity of different materials. Considering the large influence of systematic errors (described later on), it is surprising how close the results are to the literature values, except of the specific and molar heat capacity of iron. Most of this systematic errors can be found in the experiment setup itself. The calorimeter for example hasn't got sufficient isolation to avoid heat exchange during a measurement. In case of the heater the loss of electric energy in the cables is another source of systematic error. The second part of this error analysis should have a closer look to the specific experiments:

On Assignment 1:

As I already mentioned we have a loss of electric energy.

~~Additional~~ Additional errors occurred, when we ~~mixed the water~~ heat up the water which causes a loss of water during the time of 30 min.

On Assignment 2:

$28,3 \pm 0,1 \text{ K}$

The error made during this experiment, specifically in the measurement with iron can be explained with an insufficient distribution of the water in the calorimeter. Therefore significant different values of the "stabilized" temperature could be measured.

On Assignment 3:

The small amount of ice used, results into a high relative error of the measured values, which explained it explains the high error of the final value.

In general this experiment is useful to compare the different specific heat capacities of the materials, ~~but should~~ ~~not~~ But another setup should be used to determine more accurate values for the quantities.