

# Thermochemistry

The study of energy transfers and chemical driving forces

# HEAT FLOW

Heat flowing into or out of a system always results in some kind of change to the system

1. The temperature of the system could change
2. There could be some other change, like a change in physical state, for instance

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- When heat flowing into or out of a substance results in a  $\Delta T$ , we can calculate the amount of heat with the equation:  $q = ms \Delta T$
- But sometimes heat flowing into or out of a substance results in a different kind of change – without a temperature change
  - Melting, freezing, chemical reactions, etc.
  - Measured as  $\Delta H$  – a change in enthalpy

# Enthalpy

- Enthalpy (H)  $\Rightarrow$  the total E (KE + PE) of a system at constant P
- when a system reacts,
  - $\Delta H = H_{\text{final}} - H_{\text{initial}}$
- for a chemical reaction:
  - $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = H_{\text{products}} - H_{\text{reactants}}$

# *The only problem is...*

- The enthalpy of a system (H) cannot actually be measured
- $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ 
  - the velocity of any object is always relative to a *frame of reference*
  - the absolute velocity of the earth *cannot be determined*

# *But, we do know...*

- For an endothermic reaction,  $\Delta H$  is (+)
- For an exothermic reaction,  $\Delta H$  is (-)
- so,  $\Delta H$  is all that is really important, and it can be measured *if we assume all the energy gained or lost is heat*

$$\Delta H = q / n$$

At constant pressure

*or...*  $q = n\Delta H$

# Measuring $\Delta H$

- Because  $\Delta H = q/n$ , the **heat** lost or gained *per mole*, if we can measure the heat lost or gained, we can know the value of  $\Delta H$



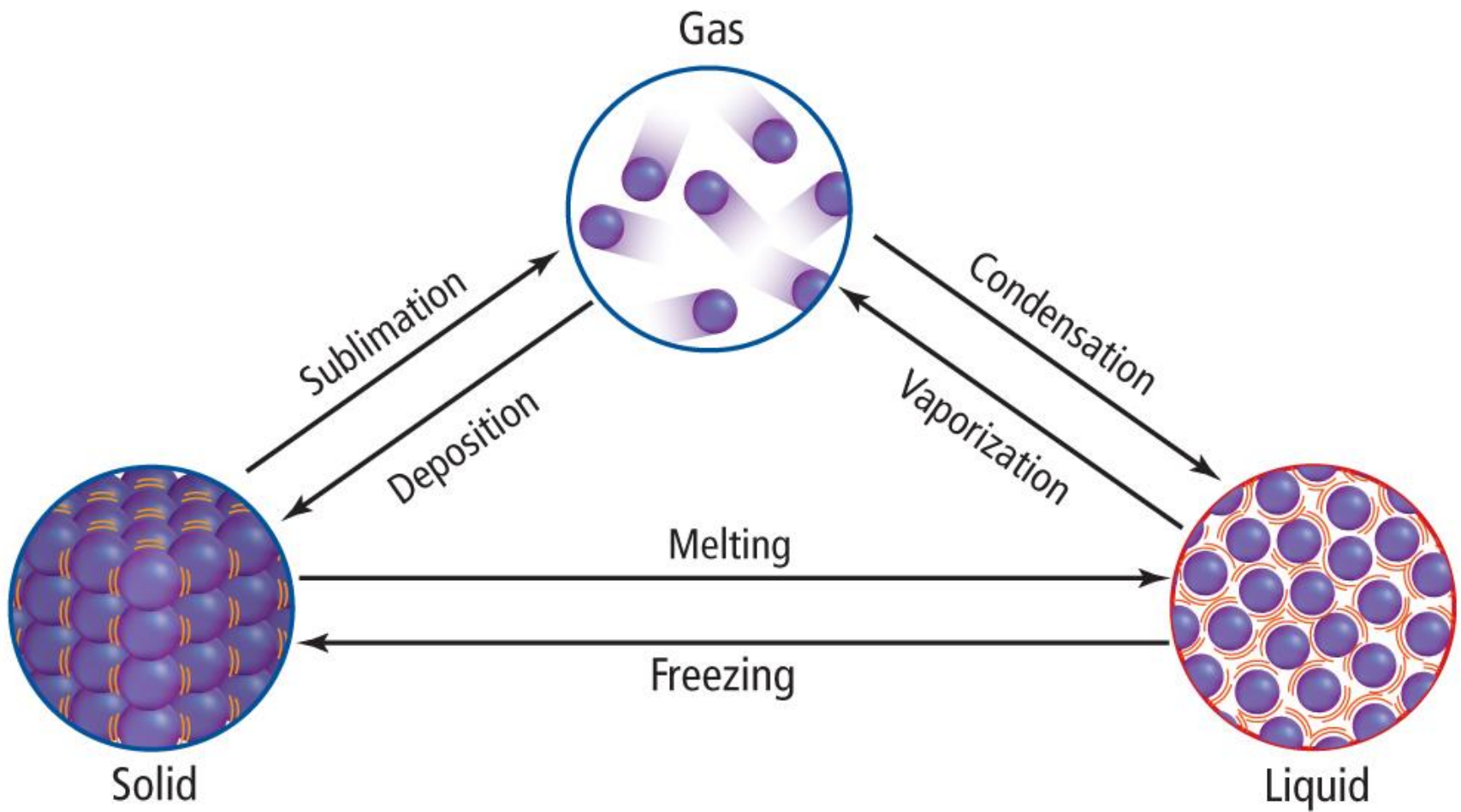
# $\Delta H$

- $\Delta H$  is a *state function* -
  - that is, what is the absolute difference?
- the “history” of how it got there isn’t important
  - ex: T, P, V, etc...

# What are all the $\Delta H$ 's?

- Any energy change for a system that doesn't result in a  $\Delta T$  for the system is measured as a  $\Delta H$
- Ex: melting/freezing, boiling/condensing, dissolving, or the energy that flows into or out of a reacting system

# Changes in state require changes in energy ( $\Delta H$ )



# What do all the $\Delta H$ 's mean?

## ■ Note:

- all  $\Delta H$ 's are usually kJ/mol
- divide the number of kJ of heat that flow by the # of moles
- reverse process = same #, opposite sign

# What do all the $\Delta H$ 's mean?

- $\Delta H_{\text{fus}}$  = the heat that must be added to change 1.0mol of a substance from a **solid** to **liquid** at it's melting point
- For freezing  $\rightarrow$  use a (-) number
  - *Freezing is exothermic*
- For melting  $\rightarrow$  use a (+) number
  - *Melting is endothermic*

# What do all the $\Delta H$ 's mean?

- $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$  = the heat that must be added to change 1.0mol of a substance from a liquid to **gas** at it's boiling point
- For condensing → use a (-) number
  - *condensing is exothermic*
- For boiling → use a (+) number
  - *boiling is endothermic*

# What do all the $\Delta H$ 's mean?

- $\Delta H_{\text{soln}}$  = the heat that is either **absorbed** ( $+ \Delta H_{\text{soln}}$ ) or released by ( $- \Delta H_{\text{soln}}$ ) a substance when it dissolves
- $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  = the heat that is either **absorbed** ( $+ \Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$ ) or released by ( $- \Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$ ) the reactants during the course of a chemical reaction



# Which $\Delta H$ when?

- $\Delta H_{\text{fus}}$  = melting (+) or freezing (-)
- $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$  = boiling (+) or condensing (-)
- $\Delta H_{\text{soln}}$  = dissolving: can be (+) or (-)
- $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  = reacting: can be (+) or (-)



# To Review: Heat flow can result in several things...

- 1) If the heat flow results in a  $\Delta T$ , the equation used is:

$$q = ms \Delta T$$

- 2) IF the heat flow results in a different change – like **melting** or freezing, the equation is:

$$q = n\Delta H$$

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# calorimetry

- A calorimeter is a device used to measure the  $\Delta T$  for a reacting system
- Often, filled with water to absorb or release **heat**
- The apparatus (and any water within in) are part of the **SURROUNDINGS**

- Because the **heat** is absorbed by or released mostly from the water, and a bit from the calorimeter, *measuring  $\Delta T$  of the water allows one to measure  $q$  for the reaction*

Heat out of system = Heat into surroundings

$$q_{\text{rxn}} = -(q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + q_{\text{cal}})$$

$$q_{\text{rxn}} = -(ms\Delta T + C\Delta T)$$