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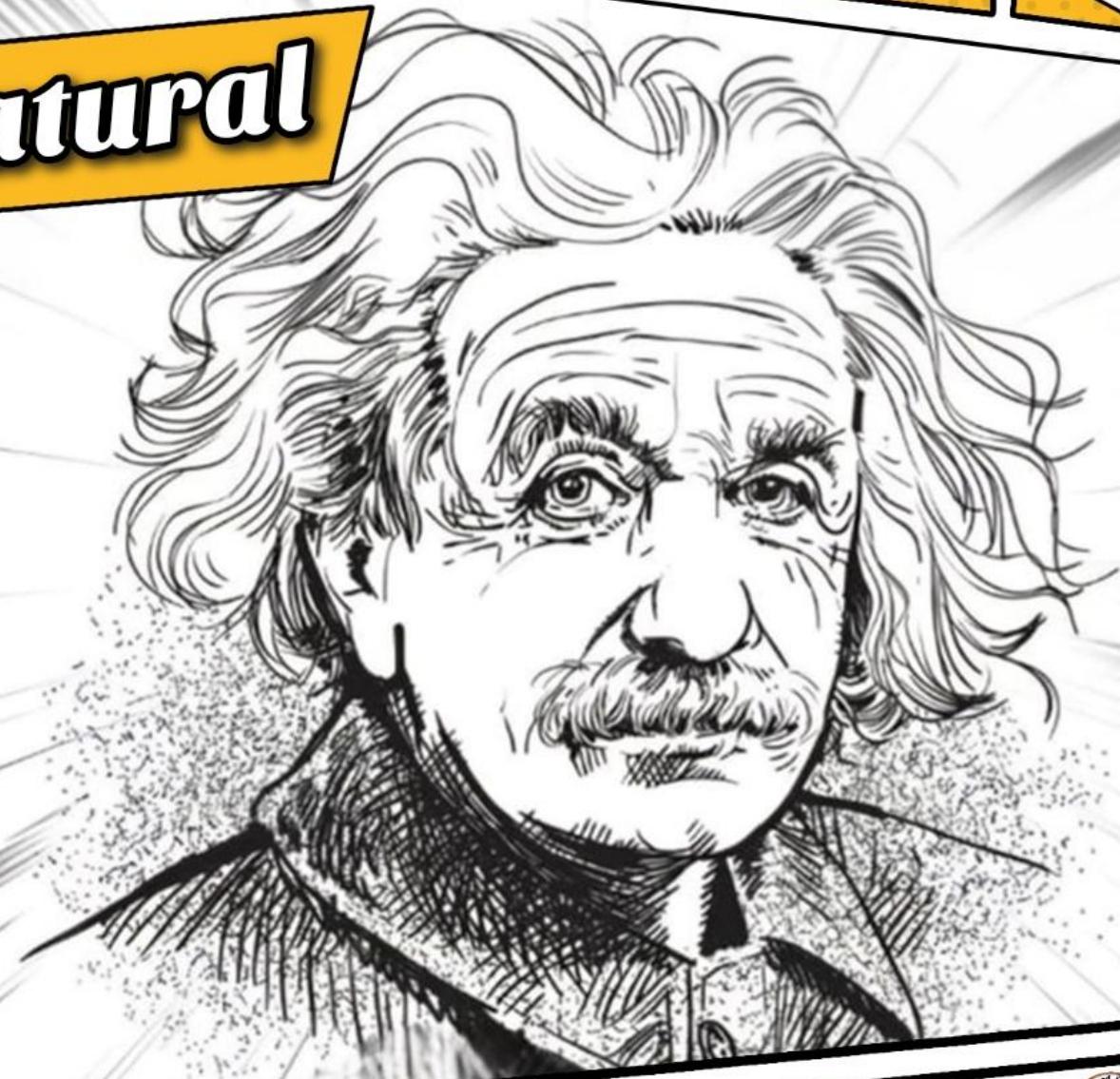
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**Heat
(Specific heat
capacity)**



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Specific Heat Capacity

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(The heat energy required to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance by 1°K without a change in state)

☞ SI units for specific heat capacity → **J / kg K.**

Note

The specific heat capacity of water is **$4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$** , which means that it takes **4200 J** of heat energy to raise the temperature of 1 kg of water by **1°K**.

$$Q = m c \Delta T$$

$$\text{Power (P)} = \frac{\text{energy (Q)}}{\text{time (t)}}$$

Where:

- ☞ Q → heat energy supplied (**J**)
- ☞ M → mass of substance heated (**kg**)
- ☞ c → specific heat capacity of substance
- ☞ ΔT → change in temperature of substance

Example 1

Calculate the heat required to raise the temperature of 4 kg of water from 20°C to its boiling point. (Specific heat of water = $4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

Solution

$$Q = ? , m = 4 \text{ kg} , c = 4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} , \Delta T = 100 - 20 = 80^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\therefore Q = m c \Delta T = 4 \times 4200 \times 80 = 1.34 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

Example 2

If 6.7 kJ of energy are supplied to 100 g of glass which is initially at 20°C, what is its final temperature? (Specific heat capacity of glass = $670 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

Solution

$$Q = 6.7 \text{ kJ} = 6700 \text{ J}, \quad m = 100 \text{ g} = 0.1 \text{ kg},$$

$$c = 670 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}, \quad \Delta T = ?$$

$$\therefore Q = m c \Delta T$$

$$\therefore 6700 = 0.1 \times 670 \times \Delta T$$

$$\therefore 6700 = 67 \times \Delta T$$

$$\therefore 6700/67 = \Delta T = 100^\circ\text{K}$$

$$\therefore T_i = 20^\circ\text{C}, \quad \Delta T = 100^\circ\text{K}$$

$$\therefore T_f = (20 + 273) + 100\text{K} = 393^\circ\text{K}$$

Example 3

A 40 kg iron vat contains 10 kg of water at 15°C.

- Calculate the heat required to raise the temperature to 75°C.
- How long will take if a 5 kW heater is used. ($S_w = 4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$),
 $S_i = 460 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

Solution

$$(I) \because Q_{total} = (m c \Delta T)_{water} + (m c \Delta T)_{iron}$$

$$\therefore Q_{total} = (10 \times 4200 \times 60) + (40 \times 460 \times 60)$$

$$\therefore Q_{total} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$(ii) \because Power = energy/time$$

$$\therefore P = Q/t$$

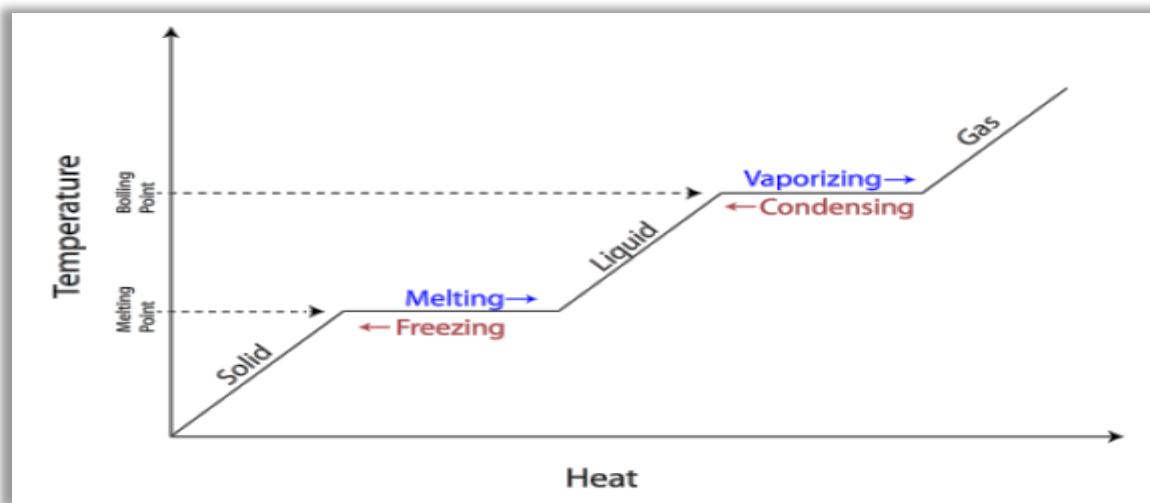
$$\therefore t = Q/P$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{3.6 \times 10^6}{5000} = 7200 \text{ s}$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{7200}{60} = 120 \text{ min}$$

Changing State and Latent Heat

- Heat which produces a change in state without any change in temperature.



- ☞ **Section A** : the solid is heated and its temperature rises
- ☞ **Section B** : at the materials melting point,
- ☞ **Section C** : the liquid rises in temperature until
- ☞ **Section D** : at the materials boiling point,
- ☞ **Section E** : when all the liquid has been converted to gas.

Common types of phase change

- ☞ Solid → Liquid (fusion) or melting
- ☞ Liquid → Solid (Solidification)
- ☞ Liquid → Vapor (Vaporization)
- ☞ Vapor → Liquid (condensation)
- ☞ Solid → Vapor (sublimation)

- The heat required to melt a substance of mass "m" with no change in its temp is proportional to the mass of the substance.

$$\therefore Q \propto m$$

$$\therefore Q = Lm$$

Where:

$$L \rightarrow \text{latent heat (J/Kg)}$$

Latent heat of fusion (L_f):

It is the amount of heat required to convert 1 kg of the substance from solid state to liquid state without change in temp. (at the melting point)

$$L_f = \frac{Q_f}{m} = 3.30 \times 10^5 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

Latent heat of vaporization (L_v):

It is the amount of heat required to convert 1 kg of the substance from Liquid state to Vapor state without change in temp. (at the boiling point)

$$L_v = \frac{Q_v}{m} = 2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

Example 1

How much heat energy is required to convert 2 kg of ice at 0°C to water at the same temperature? (Specific latent heat of fusion for water = $3.3 \times 10^5 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$)

Solution

$$Q = ? , m = 2 \text{ kg} , L_f = 3.30 \times 10^5 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

$$Q = m L_f = 2 \times 3.3 \times 10^5 = 6.6 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

Example 2

5 kg of water at 80°C have to be converted to steam at 100 °C. Determine: -

- the quantity of heat required
- how long will take with a 1.5 kW heater

Solution

$$Q_1 = m c \Delta T,$$

$$m = 5 \text{ kg}, \quad c = 4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}, \quad \Delta T = 100 - 80 \\ = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$Q_1 = 5 \times 4200 \times 20 = 420000 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_2 = m L_V$$

$$L_V = 2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

$$Q_2 = 5 \times 2.25 \times 10^6 = 11.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_{total} = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$Q_t = 420000 + 11.25 \times 10^6 = 11.65 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

(ii) Power of heater, $P = 1.5 \text{ kW} = 1500 \text{ W}$ Q

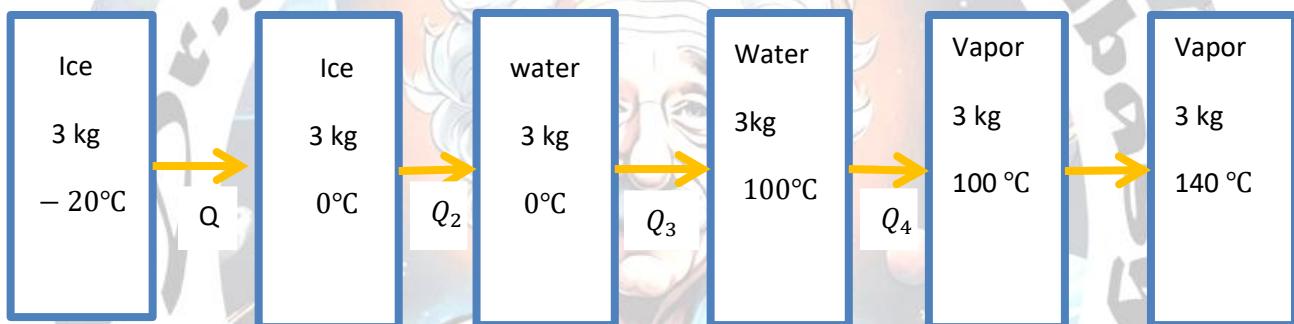
$$= 17.4 \times 106 \text{ J},$$

$$t = ? \text{ Power, } P = Q/t$$

$$t = \frac{Q}{P} = \frac{11.65 \times 10^6}{1500} = 7766.66 \text{ s} = 129.4 \text{ mins} = 2.15 \text{ h}$$

Example 3

How much heat energy is required to convert 3 kg of ice at -20°C to steam at 140°C .



Solution

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + Q_4 + Q_5$$

$$Q = (mS\Delta t)_{ice} + (mL)_{ice} + (mS\Delta t)_w + (mL)_w + (mS\Delta t)_{vapor}$$

$$Q_1 = 3 \times 2100 \times 20 = 126000 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_2 = 3 \times 3.3 \times 10^5 = 9.9 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_3 = 3 \times 4200 \times 100 = 1.26 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_4 = 3 \times 2.25 \times 10^6 = 6.75 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_5 = 3 \times 1400 \times 40 = 168000 \text{ J}$$

$$Q_{total} = 9.294 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$