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8.21 Lecture 7

Chemical (and Biological) Energy

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Chemical and Biological Energy

How can we analyze statements like

- “Burning ethanol produces less CO₂ than burning gasoline.”
- “Why does cement manufacturing produce so much more CO₂ per Joule of energy consumption than other manufacturing?”
- “Hydrogen is the fuel of the future!”

Chemical (and Biological) Energy

A course unto itself

SOURCES

- Fossil fuels
- Biofuels
- Wood, waste, etc.

TRANS FORMATION AND STORAGE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries • Fuel Cells • Engines • Working fluids • Photosynthesis | Chemical ↔ Electrical
Chemical ↔ Electrical
Bio Chemical } ↔ Mechanical
Mechanical ↔ Heat
Radiation ↔ Biochemical | |
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USES

- Heating & Cooling
- Transportation
- Manufacturing
- ...

- Emphasize physics issues, especially as they impact the rest of the course
- Almost all chemistry (apologies!)
- Review basic thermochemistry!

CO₂!

Outline

- A tour of the internal energy of matter
 - Change of internal energy with temperature — heat capacities
 - Solid \Leftrightarrow liquid \Leftrightarrow gas — changes of phase or *latent heat*
 - Molecules \Leftrightarrow atoms — heat of formation
 - Atoms \Leftrightarrow electrons and nuclei — atomic binding
 - Nuclei \Leftrightarrow protons and neutrons — nuclear binding
 - Matter \Leftrightarrow Rest mass energy
- Case Studies
 - Energy content of ethanol versus gasoline or natural gas
 - Making cement
 - Hydrogen as a fuel or an energy storage system
- Thermodynamic asides
 - Internal energy — a state variable
 - Enthalpy — separating work from internal energy
- Thermodynamic aside
 - Enthalpies of reaction and combustion.

A little thermodynamics

Looking back to Unit 4

And ahead to future work

- System — very large numbers of molecules ($\sim N_0 \sim 10^{24}$)

Settle down. Achieve equilibrium **state**.

- **STATE VARIABLE:** intrinsic characteristic of system in equilibrium

- State variables: Pressure p
 Density $\rho = N/V$
 Temperature T

- For **single phase systems** (like a gas or a liquid) two of p, ρ, T specify the state of the system.

Equation of state like $P = \frac{N}{V}k_B T = \rho k_B T$ determines the other.

- Work and heat **not** state variables
Add work and extract heat and leave system in exactly the same state it began
- Internal energy — U — is a state variable

$$dU = dQ - dW = dQ - pdV$$

HEAT ADDED MINUS WORK DONE BY

- $U = U(T, \rho)$ or $U = U(T, p)$.
- Internal energy can be viewed the sum of **thermal energy** plus all the energy stored in the binding energy of molecules, atoms, and nuclei.

Internal energy =

- (1) Energy necessary to assemble material at $T = 0$: energy in nuclear, atomic, and chemical bonds,

+

- (2) Thermal energy necessary to raise material to temperature T .

I. Internal energy

- Energy is conserved (First Law)
- What is the energy content of material?
- It depends on the context

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Consider a block of ICE

and add energy

THERMAL ENERGY I	Motions of molecules	WARM
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WARM	38.1 J/mol-K
MELT/VAPORIZE	6.01/40.7 kJ/mol
ELECTROLYZE	241 kJ/mol
IONIZE	199.8 MJ/mol
DISSASSEMBLE NUCLEI	3 TJ/mol
REST MASS	1.6 PJ/mol

How to relate these energies to the atomic world and the world of electromagnetic radiation?

Energy per mole \Rightarrow Energy per molecule (or atom, or nucleus)

Conversion factor: $1 \text{ MJ/mole} = 10.4 \text{ eV/molecule}$

Or: $1 \text{ eV/molecule} = 96.5 \text{ KJ/mol}$

Shorter wavelength
↑
Higher energy

Relate to type of electromagnetic radiation...

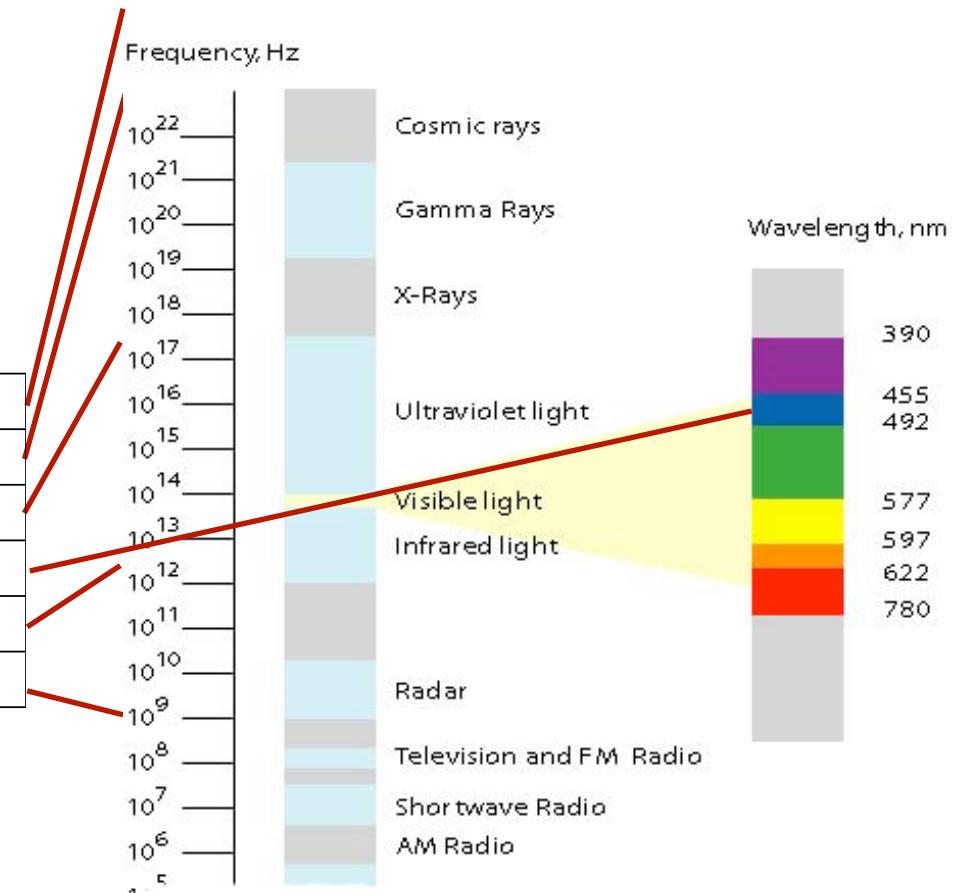
$$\lambda = c/\nu = 2\pi\hbar c/E$$

$$\nu = E/(2\pi\hbar)$$

$$1 \text{ MJ/mole} \Leftrightarrow 10.4 \text{ eV/atom} \Leftrightarrow \lambda = 119 \text{ nm}$$

$$1 \text{ MJ/mole} \Leftrightarrow 2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$$

ANNIHILATE	1.6 PJ/mol	4 YHz
FUSE	3 TJ/mol	387.5 ZHz
IONIZE	199.8 MJ/mol	500 PHz
ELECTROLYZE	241 kJ/mol	.6 PHz \Leftrightarrow 470 nm
MELT/VAPORIZE	6.01/40.7 kJ/mol	15 – 90 THz
WARM	38.1 J/mol-K	95 GHz



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THERMAL ENERGY — MOTION OF MOLECULES

- Add energy to the system.

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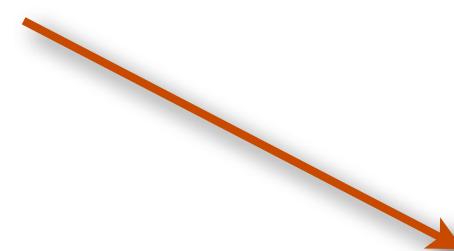
- \Rightarrow Kinetic:
 - Liquid/gas: translational and rotational
 - Solid: vibration
- \Rightarrow Potential
 - Solid: stretching of bonds
 - Liquid/gas: increasing average separation

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Vibration of atoms in a crystal lattice

Kinetic energy of a gas

Proportionality between change in internal energy and change in temperature defines



Heat capacity (as discussed in Lecture 4)

A Little More Thermodynamics

As described in Unit 4 (on Heat)

Remember difference between *constant volume* and *constant pressure*.

Add heat at constant volume $dQ = dU$

Defines heat capacity at constant volume

$$\left. \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \right|_V = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_V \equiv C_V$$

Add heat at constant pressure $dQ = dU + pdV$

So heat added at constant pressure does not *all* go into increasing the internal energy of a system.

Some goes into *work* against the environment.

Remember **enthalpy**: $H \equiv U + pV$

Add heat at constant pressure $dQ = dH = dU + pdV$

Defines heat capacity at constant pressure

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The distinction matters most for gases where volume changes can be significant!

Some useful heat capacities

Substance	Specific Heat Capacity KJ/kg K	Molar Heat Capacity J/mol K
Ice	2.09	37
Water	4.19	75
Steam	2.01	34
Ethanol(l)	2.42	113
Copper	0.38	33
Liquid sodium	1.39	32
Air	0.73	21
Helium	3.125	12.5

Substance	Specific Heat Capacity KJ/kg K
Steel	0.51
Glass	0.78
Granite	0.80
Wood	1.67
Soil	1.05

Lots of stories here!

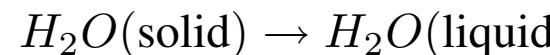
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MELT OR VAPORIZE — INTERMOLECULAR BINDING ENERGY

Energy derived from change of phase — breaking the “bonds” of intermolecular forces.

Latent heat of melting or vaporization

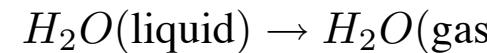
MELT



6.01 kJ/mol at 0° C and 1 atm

$$\Delta H \approx \Delta U = + 6.01 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

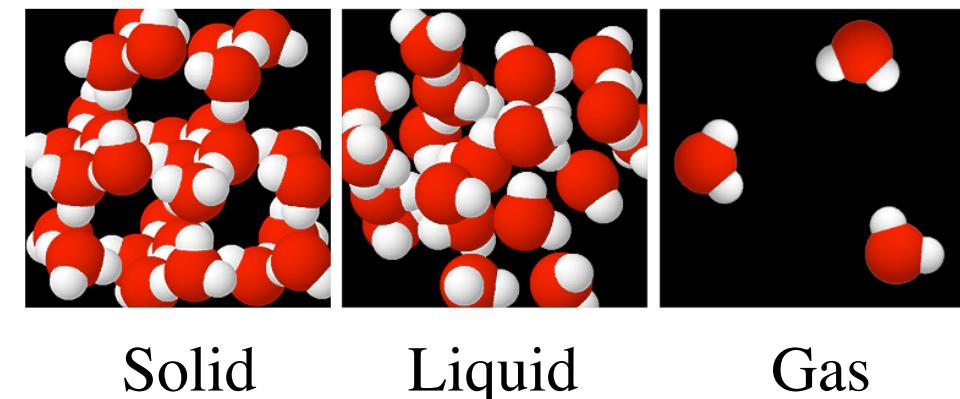
VAPORIZE



40.7 kJ/mol at 100° C and 1 atm

$$\Delta H = + 40.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Even though measurement was made at constant **pressure**, the volume change is so small that the result is very nearly ΔU . Not so for liquid \leftrightarrow vapor



Changing liquid to gas creates $\Delta V_{\text{gas}} \sim 22 \text{ L} = 0.022 \text{ m}^3$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H &= \Delta U + p\Delta V_{\text{gas}} \\ &= \Delta U + RT\Delta n_{\text{gas}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta n_{\text{gas}}RT = 1 \text{ mole} \times 8.31 \text{ Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1} \times 373 \text{ K} = 3.10 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\Delta U = 40.7 \text{ kJ/mol} - 3.1 \text{ kJ/mol} = 37.6 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

- Latent heat of vaporization is much larger than melting.
- $\Delta H \approx \Delta U$

Phase diagrams --- recording information about important substances

Phase diagram of water

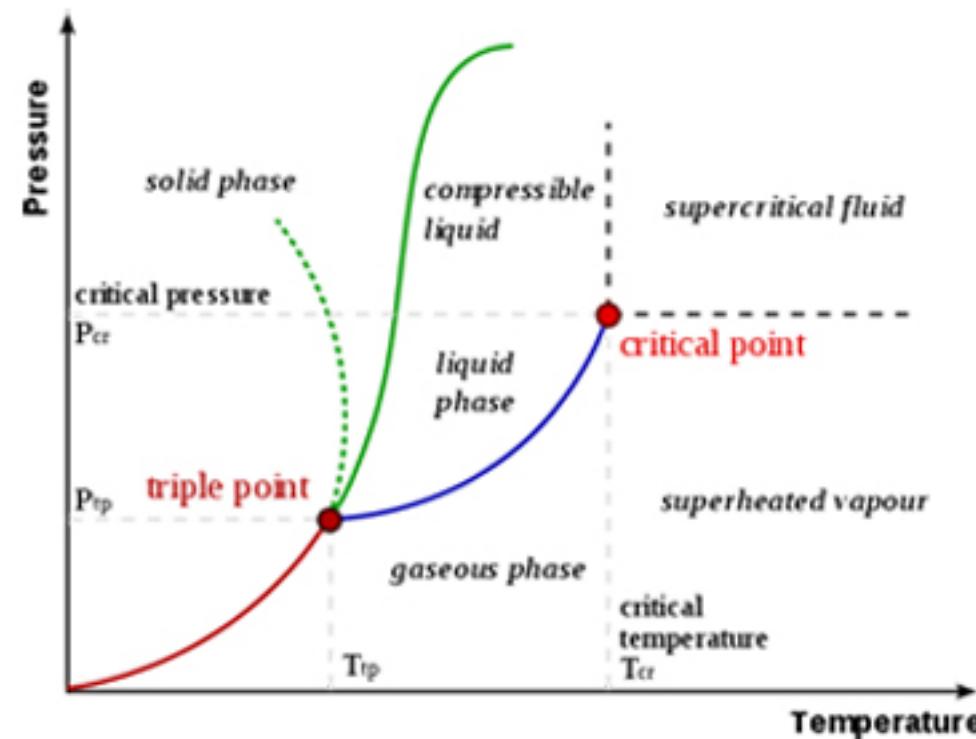


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Phase diagram of carbon dioxide

No liquid phase
at atmospheric
pressure (dry ice)

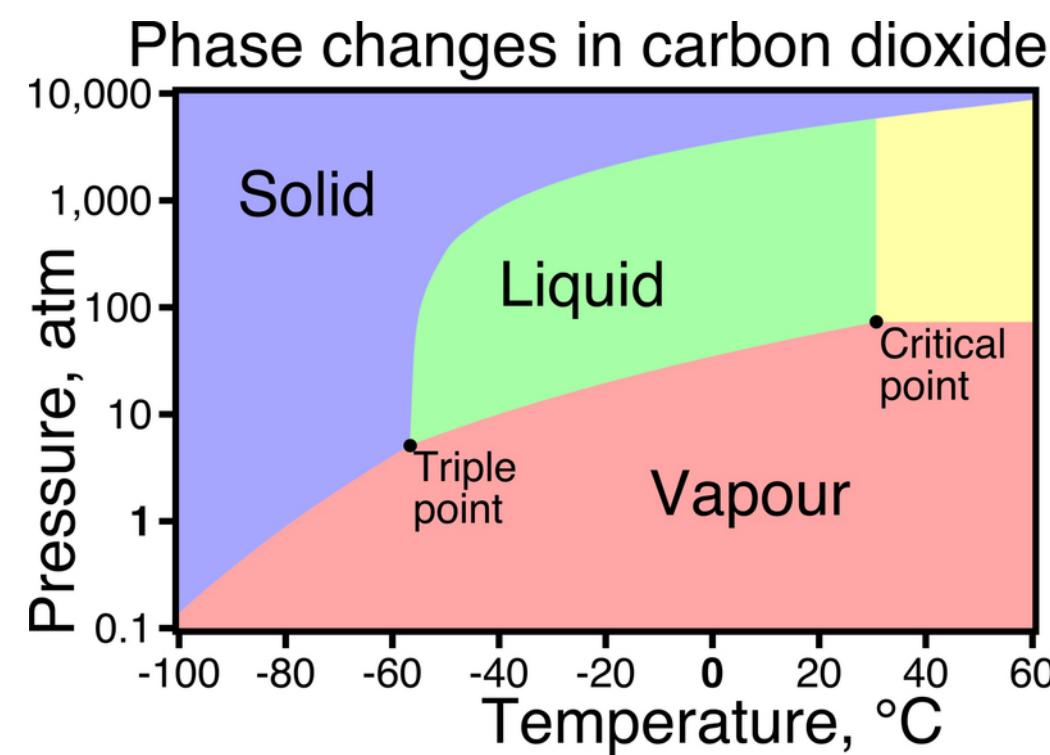
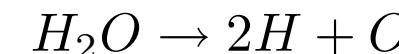


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ELECTROLYZE – INTERATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

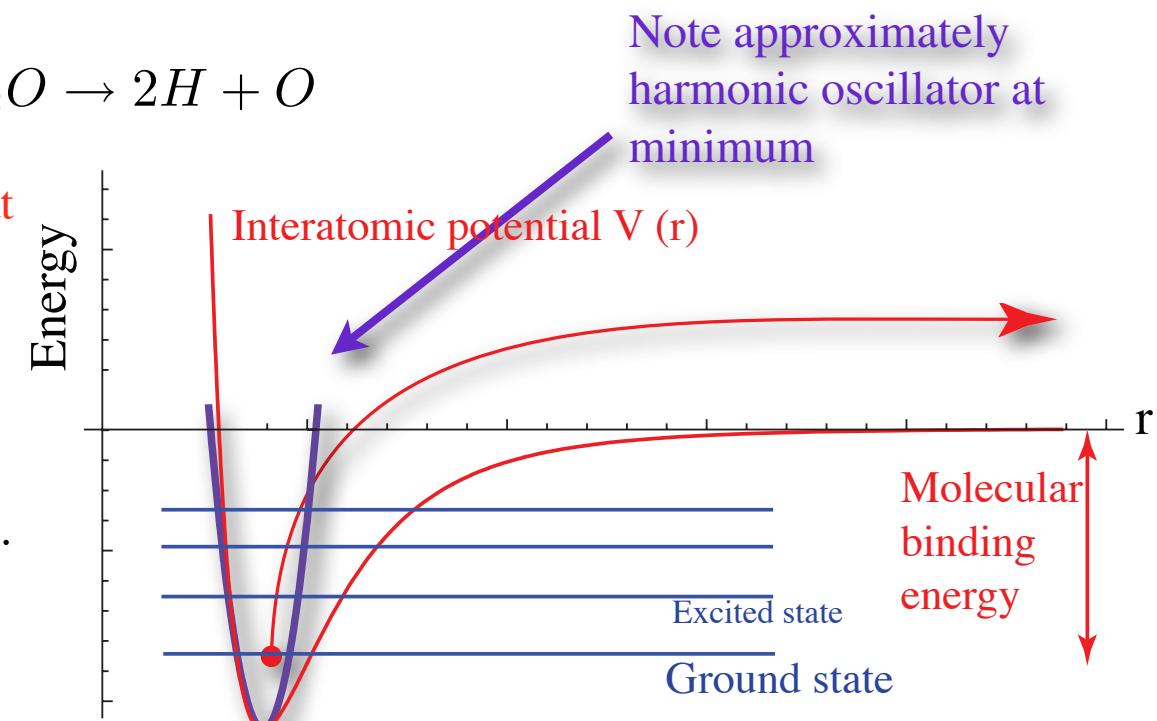
Now that the ice has been vaporized, further addition of energy raises the temperature until the bonds that hold the water molecule together begin to break. Corresponding to the reaction



- Interatomic forces are typically **attractive at long distances** and **repulsive at short distances**.
- Range of bond types from **ionic** when one atom transfers an electron to another to complete an atomic shell — *e.g.* $\text{Na}^+ - \text{Cl}^-$. To **covalent** when atoms share electrons. Typical potential is Lennard-Jones,

$$V(r) = \frac{a}{r^{12}} - \frac{b}{r^6}$$

- Formation or disassociation of molecules involves breaking bonds, or exciting atoms out of the potential well.



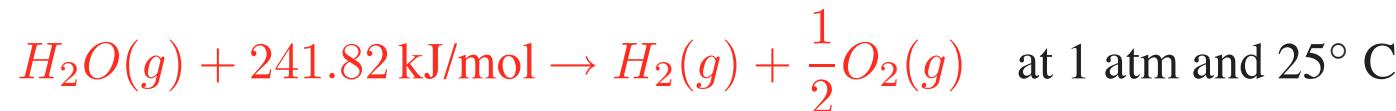
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Polar covalent bond graph removed due to copyright restrictions.

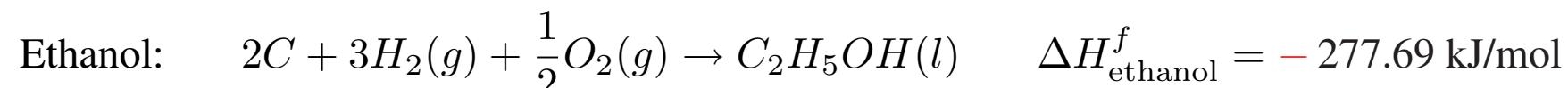
Enthalpies of formation

Instead of quoting changes in internal energy to break molecules up into constituent atoms, it is more useful to

- **Quote enthalpy** since reactions usually occur at constant pressure.
- Use molecular form for elements that are found as molecules in nature: H_2 , O_2 , Cl_2 , etc.
- Specify state (**solid, liquid, gas**), temperature, and pressure of reactants.



- Inverse process (building up molecules) yields “*Heat or Enthalpy of Formation*



Note the **— sign**: The internal energy of H_2O is **less than** that of $H_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$, so energy is **given off to the environment**

A word about signs

Internal energy and enthalpy are **properties of a substance**, so the sign of ΔU and ΔH are chosen so

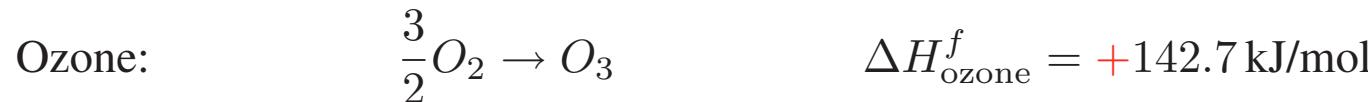
- A **minus sign** corresponds to a **reduction in the internal energy or enthalpy of the substance**, and a corresponding increase in the energy of the environment.

An **exothermic** process. Used for heating, work

- A **plus sign** is the opposite: an increase in the internal energy or enthalpy of the substance. Energy is removed from the environment.

The process is **endothermic**. Used for energy storage

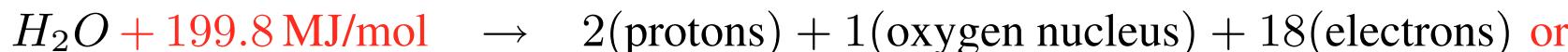
A positive enthalpy of formation is a sign of **instability** and **high energy content**, for example,



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IONIZE – ATOMIC BINDING ENERGY

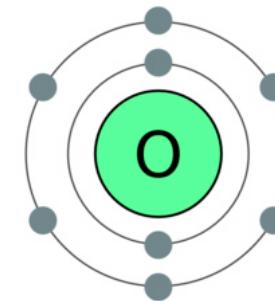
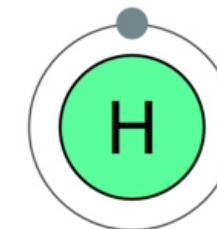
Energy necessary to completely remove all electrons from atoms. Electrons are bound by electrostatic (Coulomb) forces that are stronger than interatomic forces, so *ionization energies* are generally larger than heats of formation.



Note that it requires more energy to remove each successive electron. The innermost electron is bound by

$$E_0 = Z^2 \times 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

For heavy nuclei these energies get large.



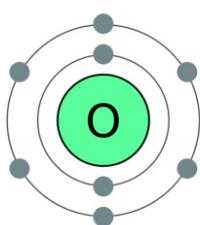


Hydrogen ionisation enthalpy

1312 kJ mol^{-1}

Almost the same as hydrogen. Why?

- Conversion factor: $96.5 \text{ kJ/mole} = 1 \text{ eV/atom}$,
- So ionization enthalpy of hydrogen is $1312/96.5 = 13.6 \text{ ev/atom}$



Oxygen ionisation enthalpy

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1313.9	3388.3	5300.5	7469.2	10989.5	13326.5	71330	84078.0

Ionization enthalpies of oxygen graph removed due to copyright restrictions.

64 times greater than ionization energy of hydrogen

$\approx 1 \text{ keV an X-ray!}$

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Nuclear Binding Energy and Rest Mass Energy

These are really outside the scope of this chemistry/biology energy lecture

And will be covered later in the course

But a few slides are included for anyone who wants to look ahead

FUSE — NUCLEAR BINDING

Nuclear interactions allow nuclei to fuse and fission

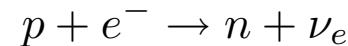
Weak interactions allow protons to turn into neutrons plus electrons and antineutrinos and vica versa



β decay



β^+ decay



electron capture

These processes allow less stable nuclei to react to form ones that have more binding energy (in stars, in nuclear reactors, and in nuclear bombs)

^{56}Fe (26 protons and 30 neutrons) is the most tightly bound nucleus, so everything tends toward iron.

28 H_2O atoms have the same number of protons, neutrons and electrons as ^{56}Fe



Nuclear binding energies are typically ~ 8 MeV/nucleon, so nuclear reactions liberate much more energy than atomic interactions

This reaction goes from weaker to stronger binding, so it's *exothermic*, it liberates energy,

$$3 \times 10^6 \text{ MJ/mol}(H_2O)$$

ANNIHILATE – RESTMASS ENERGY

Mass itself represents incredible reserves of stored internal energy, but it must be annihilated to be made available



Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} mc^2 &= (1 + 1 + 16) \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1} \times (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2 \\ &= 18 \times 9 \times 10^{13} \text{ J} = 1.6 \times 10^{15} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

So half that energy is associated with the rest mass of H_2O .

Summary

- Internal energy is the energy that is stored in the system as potential or kinetic (thermal) energy when a system is put together from its pieces.
- Only *changes in internal energy* are observable. (Usually we omit rest mass energy of protons and neutrons when considering internal energy of H_2O .)
- The kinds of internal energy we should consider are dictated by the circumstances — chemical binding for chemistry, nuclear binding for nuclear processes.
- Enthalpy $H = U + pV$ $\Delta H = \Delta U + p\Delta V$ is the energy that must be added to a mechanical system to change the internal energy. Includes energy needed to perform “pdV work”.
- Enthalpy of formation is the energy necessary to form a chemical compound out of its (molecular) constituents, including pdV work.
- If enthalpy must be added to a system to enable a reaction (eg. ionization) the process is **endothermic**. If energy is given off (eg. condensation of a gas) the process is **exothermic**.

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Case Studies

(1) “Burning ethanol produces less CO₂ than burning gasoline.”

Yes, it produces less CO₂ per kilogram of fuel, but it produces almost exactly the same amount of CO₂ per Joule of energy produced, which is what counts. Methane produces considerably less CO₂ per Joule of produced energy.

(2) “Cement manufacturing uses 1/2 % of all U. S. energy but generates 2 % of CO₂ emissions (even worse 5% of all CO₂ emissions worldwide).”

Cement manufacturing produces CO₂ both from burning hydrocarbon fuel *and* from the basic chemical reaction that makes cement out of limestone.

(3) “Hydrogen is the fuel of the future!”

Strictly speaking, hydrogen isn’t a fuel at all! It is an energy storage system and should be considered in the same context as batteries, flywheels, super capacitors, etc.

(1) “Burning ethanol produces less CO₂ than burning gasoline.”

Need a diversion to introduce the ideas of

Enthalpy of Reaction and Combustion

- Need to know how much energy is liberated when a particular reaction takes place.
- Strategy: Combine **Enthalpies of formation (ΔH^f)** to obtain the reaction of interest:
- Want $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}}$ for $A + B \rightarrow C + D$
- Again note the sign: $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}}$ is the change in the internal enthalpy of the products relative to the reactants, so $-\Delta H_{\text{reaction}}$ is the enthalpy given off to the environment.

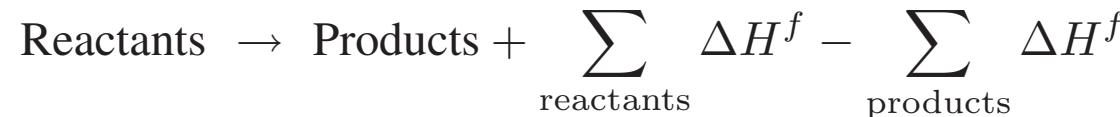
General Result: For a reaction **Reactants \rightarrow products**

- In a reaction you are **forming the products** and **unforming the reactants**
- So (Hess’s Law)

$$\Delta H(\text{Reaction}) = \sum_{\text{products}} \Delta H^f - \sum_{\text{reactants}} \Delta H^f$$

- And **$-H(\text{reaction})$** is given off to the environment

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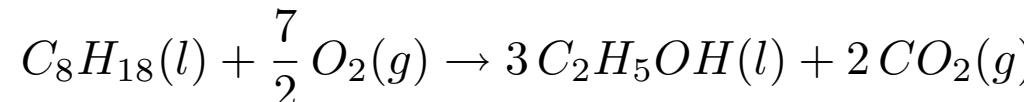


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Some useful enthalpies of formation

Compound	Chemical Formula	Enthalpy of Formation
Diatomeric gases	H ₂ , O ₂ , Cl ₂ ,...	0 kJ/mol (by definition)
Methane	CH ₄ (g)	- 75 kJ/mol
Water vapor	H ₂ O(g)	- 242 kJ/mol
Octane	C ₈ H ₁₈ (l)	- 250 kJ/mol
Ethanol liquid	C ₂ H ₅ OH(l)	- 278 kJ/mol
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂ (g)	- 394 kJ/mol
Calcium oxide	CaO	- 635 kJ/mol
Iron Ore (Hematite)	Fe ₂ O ₃	- 824 kJ/mol
Calcium carbonate	CaCO ₃	- 1207 kJ/mol
Sucrose	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆	- 1270 kJ/mol

Example: Partial oxidation of octane to ethanol. Balanced chemical reaction:



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} &= 3 \Delta H_{\text{ethanol}}^f + 2 \Delta H_{CO_2}^f - \Delta H_{\text{octane}}^f \\ &= 3(-278 \text{ kJ/mol}) + 2(-394 \text{ kJ/mol}) - 1(-250 \text{ kJ/mol}) \\ &= -1372 \text{ kJ/mol}\end{aligned}$$

Energy is given off, an **exothermic** reaction.

A special reaction — Combustion: Complete oxidation

- Examples
 - ★ Combustion of methane $CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O$
 - ★ Combustion of ethanol $C_2H_5OH + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$
 - ★ Combustion of glycine $4C_2H_5NO_2 + 9O_2 \rightarrow 8CO_2 + 10H_2O + 2N_2$
- Reaction enthalpy for combustion is known as **Enthalpy of Combustion**
- Some conventions: Nitrogen is released as N_2 unless otherwise specified; water is assumed to be released as a liquid, CO_2 as a gas.

Enthalpies of combustion for some important organic fuels

Compound	Chemical Formula	Enthalpy of Combustion
Methane gas	$\text{CH}_4(\text{g})$	- 890 kJ/mol
Propane gas	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8(\text{g})$	- 2220 kJ/mol
Octane	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18}(\text{l})$	- 5471 kJ/mol
Ethanol liquid	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{l})$	- 1368 kJ/mol
Sucrose	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$	- 5645 kJ/mol

Enthalpy of combustion compared to CO₂ emssions

- Enthalpy of combustion — Gasoline : Ethanol = 4 : 1
- CO₂ produced — Gasoline : Ethanol = 4 : 1
- **The same** (to within accuracy of the calculation!)
- Enthalpy of combustion — Methane : Either = .65 : 1
- CO₂ produced – Methane : Either = .5 : 1
- **CO₂ production per Joule from methane is $.5/.65 = 77\%$.**
- Choice between ethanol and gasoline depends on how they are obtained

Compute actual CO_2 emissions per Joule of energy for octane, ethanol, methane

Alcohol	Ethanol	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	46 gm/mol
Gasoline	Octane	C_8H_{18}	114 gm/mol
Natural Gas	Methane	CH_4	16 gm/mol

Combustion:



Mass of CO_2 (44 gm/mol) per kilogram of fuel:

Ethanol	$2(44) \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2)/46 \text{ gm(ethanol)}$	1.91 gm $\text{CO}_2/\text{gm fuel}$
Octane	$8(44) \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2)/114 \text{ gm(octane)}$	3.09 gm $\text{CO}_2/\text{gm fuel}$
Methane	$44 \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2)/16 \text{ gm(methane)}$	2.75 gm $\text{CO}_2/\text{gm fuel}$

Mass of CO_2 per Joule of energy:

Ethanol	$2(44) \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2) / \text{mole(ethane)}$	$\div 1368 \text{ kJ/mole(ethanol)}$.0643 gm CO_2 / kJ
Octane	$8(44) \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2) / \text{mole(octane)}$	$\div 5471 \text{ kJ/mole(octane)}$.0643 gm CO_2 / kJ
Methane	$44 \text{ gm } (\text{CO}_2) / \text{mole(methane)}$	$\div 890 \text{ kJ/mole(methane)}$.049 gm CO_2 / kJ

(2) “Cement manufacturing uses 1/2 % of all U. S. energy but generates 2 % of CO₂ emissions (even worse 5% of all CO₂ emissions worldwide).”

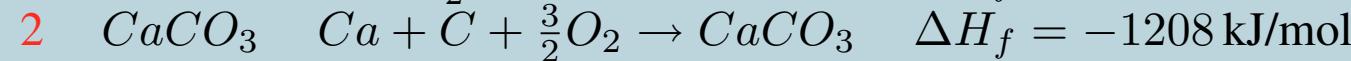
Why is concrete manufacturing so energy and especially CO₂ intensive?

Concrete consists of Portland Cement and aggregate. Portland Cement is 60-70% anhydrous calcium oxide — CaO plus other oxides (~ 25% SiO₂, small % Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, ...)

Drive CO₂ out of limestone with heat!



How to compute a heat of reaction from standard heats of formation.



1 + 3 – 2 $\Delta H(\text{reaction}) = \Delta H_f(1) + \Delta H_f(3) - \Delta H_f(2) = 179 \text{ kJ/mol}$

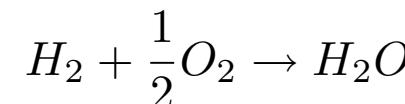
CO₂ budget: per kg of cement.

- Reaction CO₂: 1 kg cement → ~ .65 kg CaO + $\frac{44}{56} \times .65 = .51 \text{ kg } CO_2$.
- Total CO₂ includes fuel for reactor. Need efficiency to compute. Result: 0.95 kg CO₂ per kg cement.

More than half
from reaction.

(3) “Hydrogen is the fuel of the future!”

- If what you mean by a fuel is something that provides primary energy input to human activities, the answer is **NO!**
 - ★ It is not found on earth — there are no hydrogen mines!
 - ★ It takes at least as much energy to create H₂ from other sources as it yields when the hydrogen is burned.
- Hydrogen is a **energy storage system**. And a good one — in principle
- Energy content of hydrogen



$$\Delta H_{\text{water}}^f(l) = -285.83 \text{ kJ/mole}$$

- Enthalpy of H₂O liquid is 285.83 kJ/mole **less than** enthalpy of H₂ and (1/2) O₂, so burning hydrogen in oxygen is quite exothermic.
- Energy density of hydrogen:

$$(286 \text{ kJ/mole}) \div (2 \text{ gm H}_2/\text{mole}) = 143 \text{ MJ/kg}$$

A very large number (because hydrogen is so light.)

- Hydrogen: 143 MJ/kg
- Other energy storage systems:
 - ★ Methane: 56 MJ/kg
 - ★ Octane: 48 MJ/kg
 - ★ Ethanol: 31 MJ/kg
 - ★ Flywheel: ~ 0.5 MJ/kg
 - ★ NiMH Battery: ~ 0.22 MJ/kg
 - ★ Li Ion Battery: ~ 0.25 MJ/kg
- Hot water storage: H₂O at 100°C compared to 25°C: 0.314 MJ/kg. Very much smaller, but water is very easy to heat and very cheap to gather and store!

Energetics of making hydrogen

Electrolysis:

It all depends on the original energy source

- Pass a current through a solution of an electrolyte in water, producing hydrogen gas and oxygen gas at the electrodes.
- Efficiency depends on source of electric current.
 - ★ Efficiency for conversion of original energy source (hydro, nuclear, solar, wind, coal?) to electricity, including transmission losses: η_1 .
 - ★ Efficiency of electrolysis: η_2 .
 - ★ Efficiency of infrastructure (recovery, compression, transport, storage): η_3 .
 - ★ Efficiency for useful work from combustion of hydrogen (or fuel cell): η_4 .
 - ★ Efficiency if original energy source were converted directly to useful work, η^* .
 - ★ Typically $\eta^* \gg \eta_1 \times \eta_2 \times \eta_3 \times \eta_4$

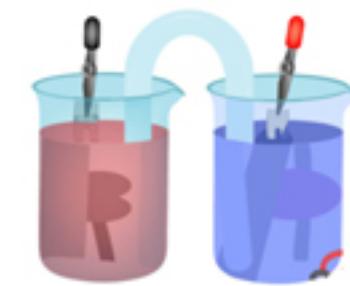


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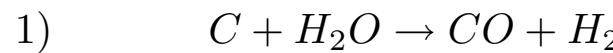
Right now the principal way to make hydrogen is from reaction that start with hydrocarbons and/or coal

- A variety of processes
- Some ancient technologies: $C + H_2O \rightarrow H_2 + CO$ produced “coal gas” throughout the world up through the middle of the 20th century
- Much research on new processes, but hydrocarbon based processes are either energy intensive or CO_2 emitting.

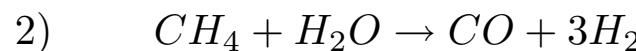
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Commonly used reactions:

★ Syngas generation (the old gashouse!)

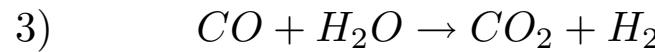


“Steam Reforming Coal”

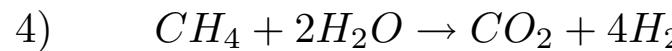


“Steam Reforming Methane”

★ “Shift reaction”



applied to CO from syngas



Steam reforming plus shift reaction on CH_4

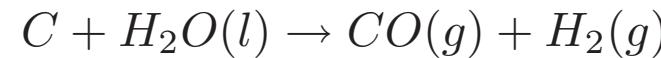
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Analyze coal reforming (Reaction 1)

- Figure of merit, just burn the coal to heat water, generate electricity, etc.

$$\Delta H_{\text{combustion}}^{\text{carbon}} = -394 \text{ kJ/mole}$$

- Make syngas by coal reforming,



$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = +176 \text{ kJ/mole}$, so steam reforming coal is endothermic.

Energy from combustion of produced hydrogen: 286 kJ/mole

Energy from combustion of produced carbon monoxide: 283 kJ/mole

- Carbon monoxide is toxic and also poisons the catalysts used in today's hydrogen fuel cells.
- If the CO is not recovered and burned the hydrogen production cycle produces a net of $286 - 176 = 110 \text{ kJ/mole}$ compared to direct combustion, which generates 394 kJ/mole.
- So what are the advantages of the “hydrogen economy”?

And now, the advantages of hydrogen **as an energy storage medium**

- Low pollution: combustion yields water and small amounts of nitrogen oxides.
- Controllability: at ambient temperatures hydrogen combustion is very slow; catalysts allow for great reaction rate adjustment.
- Safety(!): lighter than air → disperses; auto-ignition temperature is much higher than gasoline (580°C versus 280°C); will not burn in concentrations less than 4% (limit for gasoline is 1%); hydrogen is not toxic.
- Very high specific energy density, 143 MJ/kg.

Big disadvantage: Hydrogen is very diffuse at $p = 1 \text{ atm}$ and $T = 300 \text{ K}$.

- At NTP 1 kg is $22,400 \text{ L} = 22.4 \text{ m}^3$, for a volumetric energy storage of

$$(143 \text{ MJ/kg}) \div (22.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}) = 6.4 \text{ MJ/m}^3$$

- Compare octane (density $\approx .75 \text{ kg/L}$):

$$(48 \text{ MJ/kg}) \div (\approx 1.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}) = 3.6 \text{ GJ/m}^3$$

- High pressure storage? (Materials)
- Liquify (Cryogenics)
- Adsorb hydrogen onto metals or advanced materials (Research)

Summary

- Internal energy: Useful definition depends on context
- Ignore those processes that are frozen out (like nuclear energy in chemical processes)
- But don't forget them when they become active!
- Enthalpy: $H = U + PV$, energy input at constant pressure
- Heat capacity, latent heat of phase change, ionization...
- Enthalpies of formation, reaction, and combustion
- Energy balance in chemical reactions is easy

WARM	38.1 J/mol-K
MELT/VAPORIZE	6.01/40.7 kJ/mol
ELECTROLYZE	241 kJ/mol
IONIZE	199.8 MJ/mol
DISSASSEMBLE	3 TJ/mol
NUCLEI	
REST MASS	1.6 PJ/mol