## LATENT HEAT

The specific and the latent heat of a substance are among the basic properties of matter. They determine the amount of heat required to increase a body's temperature and to melt or evaporate it.

GOALS

You are able to set up and solve the energy equation for a mixing problem including a phase change. You measure reasonably precise values for the heat of transformation.

DEVICES

- copper calorimeter with stirrer
- notebook computer with LabPro interface and temperature probe
- crushed ice
- gas torch, kettle with attached tube

## EXPERIMENT

- A Using the barometer and the tables in the lab room determine the boiling temperature of water under the current conditions.
- B Measure the empty calorimeter's mass (with stirrer). Fill the cup to about two thirds with water and measure the water's mass.
- c Heat of fusion: Prepare some 60 g of crushed ice on a tissue.

*Heat of vaporisation:* Heat the water in the kettle over the gas torch until it starts boiling. Wait until vapour leaves the tube at a constant rate.

- D Start the measurement ("Collect").
- E *Heat of fusion:* Make sure that the ice does not contain any melted water by dabbing off the liquid with a tissue. Pour the ice into the calorimeter and start stirring immediately. Continue until all the ice is melted.

*Heat of vaporisation:* Conduct the vapour into the water in the calorimeter. Wait until the temperature has increased by about 40 °C.

- F Continue measuring for some more minutes.
- G Measure the calorimeter's final mass (with its content) to determine the mass of the added ice or vapour.

## **ANALYSIS**

- 1. Use the diagram in Logger Pro to determine the initial and mixing temperature with the method presented by the teacher.
- 2. Derive a formal expression for the heat of fusion/vaporisation, which includes only measured values and specific heats.
- 3. Calculate the numerical values for both the heat of fusion and vaporisation.
- 4. Estimate the errors of all measured quantities. Decide which errors are most significant and calculate the error of the respective latent heat.
- 5. Compare your results to the accepted values.

## REQUIREMENTS

If you write a short report on this experiment, work at least on steps 1 to 3 for one of the measurements. The complete interpretation is required for a full report.

Hand in your report and the lab journal by Tuesday, 21 June 2011.