### Thermodynamics

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The study of energy changes which accompany physical and chemical processes

Why do we care?

-will a reaction proceed spontaneously? -if so, to what extent?

<u>It won't tell us:</u> -how *fast* the reaction will occur -the *mechanism* by which the reaction will occur

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# The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

- "Spontaneous processes are accompanied by an increase in Entropy."
- "The Entropy of <u>the Universe</u> is constantly increasing."

So, what is Entropy?

•<u>Entropy</u> (S): A measure of the degree of disorder or randomness of a system

•Processes will tend towards conditions with the highest probability of occuring







#### Macroscopic Entropy

• For a reversible process at constant pressure:

$$\Delta S_{sys} = \frac{q_{p, rev}}{T} = \frac{\Delta H}{T_{sys}}$$

•And don't forget:

$$\Delta S_{surr} = - \Delta H$$

T<sub>surr</sub>

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Now, let's revisit the freezing process for water . . .











# The 3rd Law of Thermodynamics

We can obtain *absolute* values for Entropy because we have a set reference point:

If W = 1 (only 1 microstate possible), then S = 0
So, the <u>3rd Law</u> says:

"At the *absolute zero of temperature*, the entropy of a perfect crystalline solid is **zero**."

So, we can tabulate  $S^{o}$  (standard molar entropy) values (NOT  $\Delta S^{o}$ ) - unlike H and E and G

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■  $\Delta G$  is temperature dependent, so: <u>At T</u><sub>1</sub>:  $\Delta G^{o}_{1} = \Delta H^{o} - T_{1}\Delta S^{o} = -RT_{1}LnK_{1}$ Solve for  $\Delta S^{o}$ :  $\Delta S^{o} = RLnK_{1} + \Delta H^{o}/T_{1}$ 

**T**<sub>2</sub>: 
$$\Delta S^{\circ} = RLnK_2 + \Delta H^{\circ}/T_2$$

Combine, collect terms, rearrange:

At

Van't Hoff

Equation

#### $Ln(K_2/K_1) = -(DH^0/R)(1/T_2 - 1/T_1)$

**Endothermic:** K *increases* with increasing temp *Exothermic:* K **decreases** with increasing temp

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