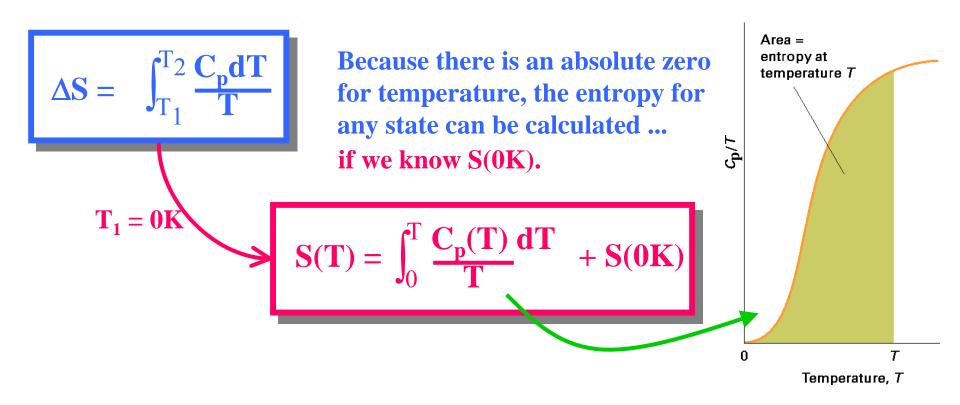
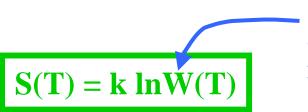
The third law: Absolute entropies



We also defined entropy statistically:

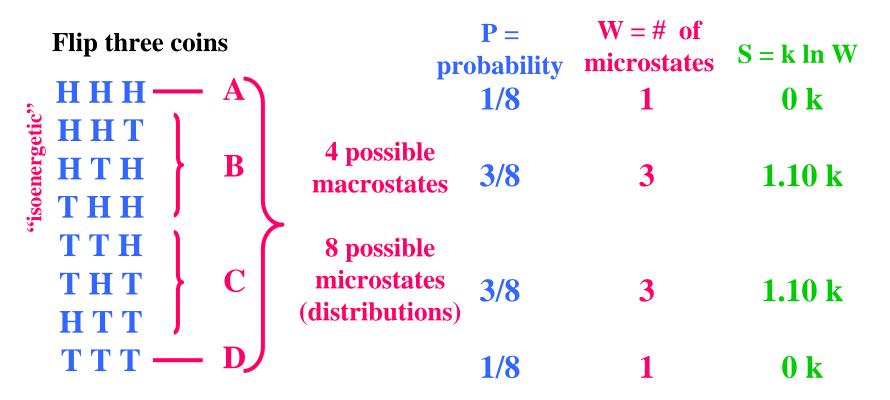


W(T) = number of accessible microstates at T W(T) depends on T through the <u>Boltzmann distribution</u> (fewer states accessible at low T):

$$P_n \propto e^{\Delta E/kT}$$



This definition gives us a useful S(T = 0K)



If there is only one accessible microstate, the entropy of the system (macrostate) is given by:

$$S = k \ln W = k \ln 1 = 0$$

This is consistent with our view of entropy as a measure of disorder. No disorder (only one possible state) \Rightarrow S = 0 @ T = 0 K

The third law of thermodynamics

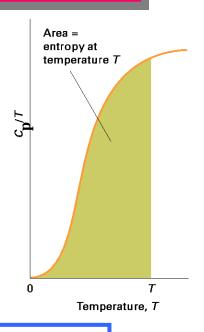
S = 0 for all perfectly crystalline materials at T = 0 K

If there is only one possible arrangement of atoms (i.e., in a perfect crystal):

$$S = k \ln W = k \ln 1 = 0$$

Since every substance has a finite (nonzero) heat capacity

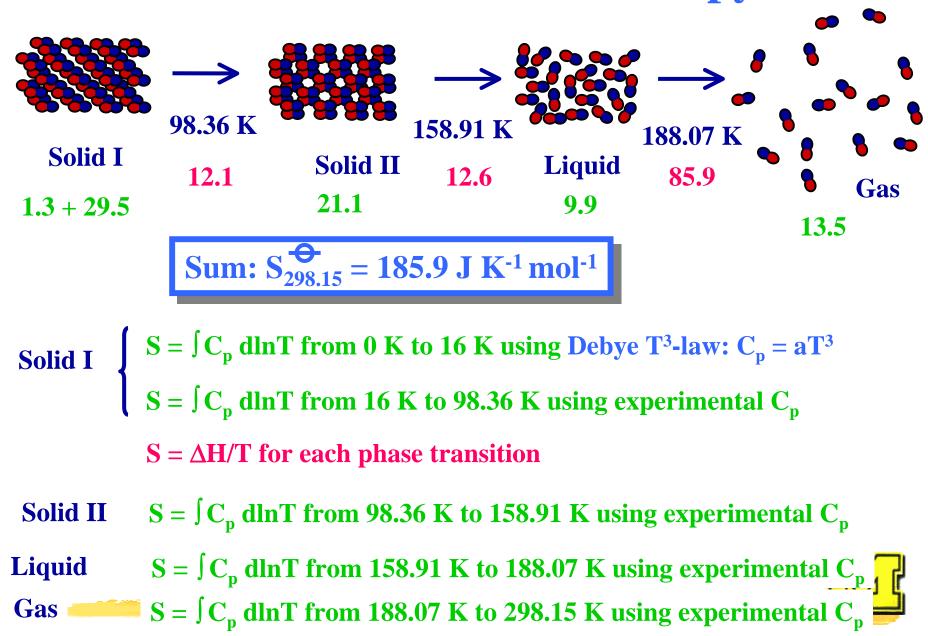
and
$$S(T) = \int_0^T \frac{C_p(T) dT}{T} + S(0K)$$



⇒ except for a perfect crystal at absolute zero, every substance has a finite positive entropy

Standard absolute or "third law" molar entropies are tabulated, generally at 1 bar and 298 K (↔)

One can calculate the molar entropy of HCl

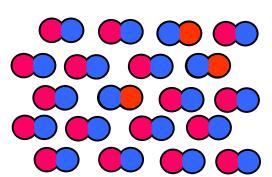


The exception:

An imperfect crystal still has residual entropy







If there were no preferred orientation $W = 2^N$

For one mole: $W = 2^{N_A}$

$$S = k \ln W$$

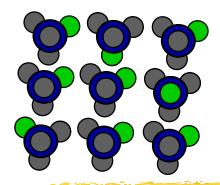
$$= k \ln 2^{N_A}$$

$$= N_A k \ln 2$$

$$= R \ln 2 = 5.8 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$= 6.8 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

b) Consider CH₃D



No dipole moment, same number of electrons No preferred orientation!

$$W = 4^{N}$$
 or for one mole $W = 4^{N}A$ Actual value:
 $S = R \ln 4 = 11.5 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

The three laws of thermodynamics

Atkins

Moore

 $\Delta U = q + w$ Energy Conservation

The internal energy of an isolated system is constant

You can't construct a perpetuum mobile that generates energy from nothing

 $\Delta S \ge 0$ everything tends toward increasing disorder

The entropy of the universe tends to increase

You can't construct a machine that does nothing but convert heat into work

S > 0 except for perfect crystals at T = 0 K

The entropy of a perfectly crystalline substance is zero at T = 0 K

You can never reach absolute zero

Summary:

The energy of the universe is constant; the entropy of the universe tends always toward a maximum.

Rudolf Julius Clausius (1822-1888)

