

Chapter 19

I. Thermodynamics

A. Thermodynamics the capacity to produce heat or do work

1. Allows a prediction of whether a reaction is spontaneous based on the relative energies of reactants and products

↳ Spontaneous: product - favored

2. No rate kinetics involved

B. Spontaneous

1. Spontaneous reactions proceed without any outside assistance

↳ Processes that are spontaneous in one direction are non-spontaneous in the other

2. First Law of Thermodynamics: energy cannot be created or destroyed, just transferred or transformed

$$\Delta E = q + w$$

3. Enthalpy: the heat lost or absorbed by a system during a constant-pressure process

↳ Plays a role in whether the process is spontaneous

1. $\Delta H < 0$, exothermic

2. $\Delta H > 0$, endothermic

4. Some endothermic processes are spontaneous

a. Entropy plays a role in whether a process is spontaneous

1. Ice melting is sometimes endothermic and spontaneous when $T > 0^\circ\text{C}$

C. Entropy, Second Law of Thermodynamics

1. Entropy: ΔS of the universe increases in a spontaneous process; $\Delta S_{\text{sys}} + \Delta S_{\text{sur}} > 0$

(universe)

↳ Work may be used to overcome entropy

↳ Multiplicity: # of arrangements

2. $S = k \ln W$ in which $k = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$, $W = \#$ of microstates
Boltzmann's const.