

## A note about the calculations on Lab 1:

The heat of fusion of ice, it is true, can be measured through the cooling of water in contact with ice in a calorimeter.

Thus  $\Delta H_{\text{fusion}} = q_{\text{melting ice}}$  which works if you assume the ice started off at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , which it did in our case – note that by the time you used the ice, it had been in contact with the room environment for an hour, so any negative ice temperature was brought up to  $0^\circ$  by the room temperature.

So, in theory, the ice melts and the hot water in contact with it cools. Thus,  
 $q_{\text{melting ice}} = -q_{\text{cooling water}} = -m_{\text{hot water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{hot water}}$

where  $\Delta T_{\text{hot water}} = T_{\text{hot water, final}} - T_{\text{hot water, initial}} = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{hot water}}$

Note that in class, I forgot the minus sign – your values should all have been positive (because  $\Delta T_{\text{hot water}}$  is negative).

Recall that  $m_{\text{hot water}} = (\text{density}_{\text{hot water at that temperature}}) (\text{volume}_{\text{hot water}})$ , and you looked up the proper density in the CRC.

Note that there is a problem with this analysis – I forgot that the ice melts, and that melted water heats up to  $T_{\text{final}}$ ! Thus

$$\Delta H_{\text{melting ice and warming water}} = \Delta H_{\text{fusion}} + q_{\text{warming melt water}} = -q_{\text{cooling water}}$$

So, taking only the right-hand equality:

$$\Delta H_{\text{fusion}} + q_{\text{warming melt water}} = -q_{\text{cooling water}}$$

$$\text{or, } \Delta H_{\text{fusion}} = -q_{\text{warming melt water}} - q_{\text{cooling water}}$$

Replacing the q's with their definitions:

$$\Delta H_{\text{fusion}} = -m_{\text{melted water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{melted water}} - m_{\text{hot water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{hot water}}$$

where  $m_{\text{melted water}} = m_{\text{ice}}$

$$\text{and } \Delta T_{\text{melted water}} = T_{\text{melted water, final}} - T_{\text{melted water, initial}} = T_{\text{final}} - 0^\circ\text{C}$$

How do you calculate  $m_{\text{ice}}$ ? Use the density definition again:

$m_{\text{ice}} = (\text{density}_{\text{water at the final temperature}}) (\text{volume}_{\text{final}} - \text{volume}_{\text{hot water}})$   
Notice that  $(\text{volume}_{\text{final}} - \text{volume}_{\text{hot water}}) = \text{volume}_{\text{melt water}}$

So, putting it all together then,

$$\Delta H_{\text{fusion}} (\text{J/g}) = \frac{- m_{\text{melted water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{melted water}} - m_{\text{hot water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{hot water}}}{m_{\text{ice}}}$$

How did I notice this? It seemed that the class's values, on the whole, were higher than expected (in the 350 to 400+ J/g range, regardless of type of setup). This is a classic example of a systematic error. Since the error did not seem to be affected by the type of setup, the error source must lie in the calculations, which is when I thought of that extra melted water term.