

# Phase Changes and Interactions



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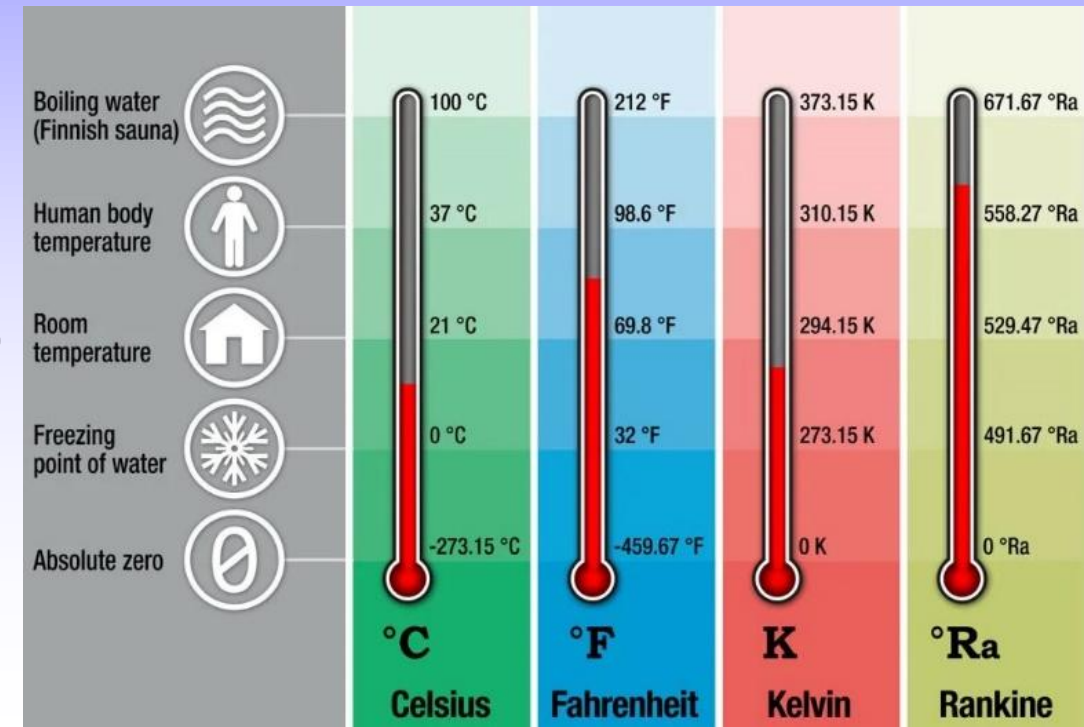
# **By end of this unit I can...**

- **A.1 Create and/or evaluate a claim about the relationship between transfer of thermal energy and the temperature change in different samples.**
- **A.2 Perform calculations using data gathered from a simple constant-pressure calorimetry experiment.**
- **B.1 Use data to explain the direction of energy flow into or out of a system.**
- **C.1 Explain the relationship between changes in states of matter and the attractions among particles.**
- **C.2 Create and/or interpret models representing phase changes.**
- **D.1 Create and/or interpret heating and cooling curves and/or phase diagrams of pure substances.**
- **D.2 Calculate the energy transferred when a substance changes state.**



# Temperature

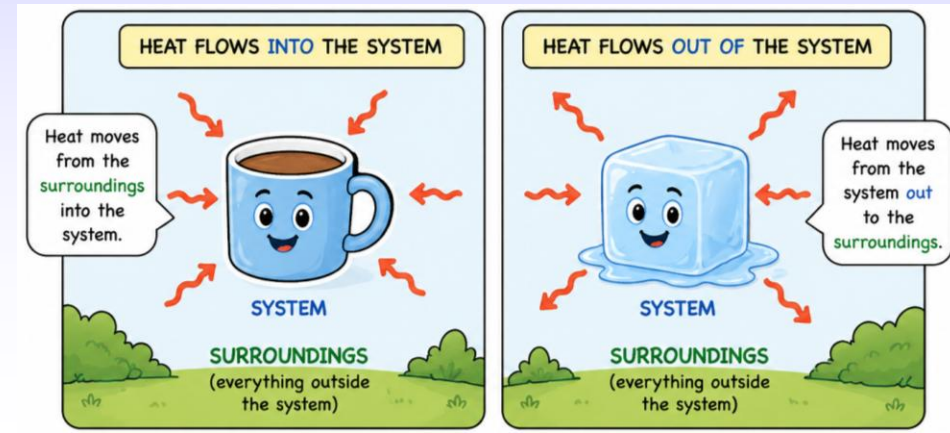
- **Temperature: Quantifiable measure of the average Kinetic Energy of the particles in a substance.**
- **Two common scales with an *absolute*:**
  - **Centigrade-°C (H<sub>2</sub>O: 0→100)**
    - **Kelvin-K (273.15/373.15)**
    - $C \rightarrow K: T_K = T_C + 273.15$
  - **Fahrenheit-°F (Brine: 0→ Human 100)**
    - **Recalibrated for H<sub>2</sub>O (32→212: 180°)**
    - **Rankine-°Ra (491/671)**
    - $F \rightarrow C: T_F = (9/5)T_C + 32$



# Relationships

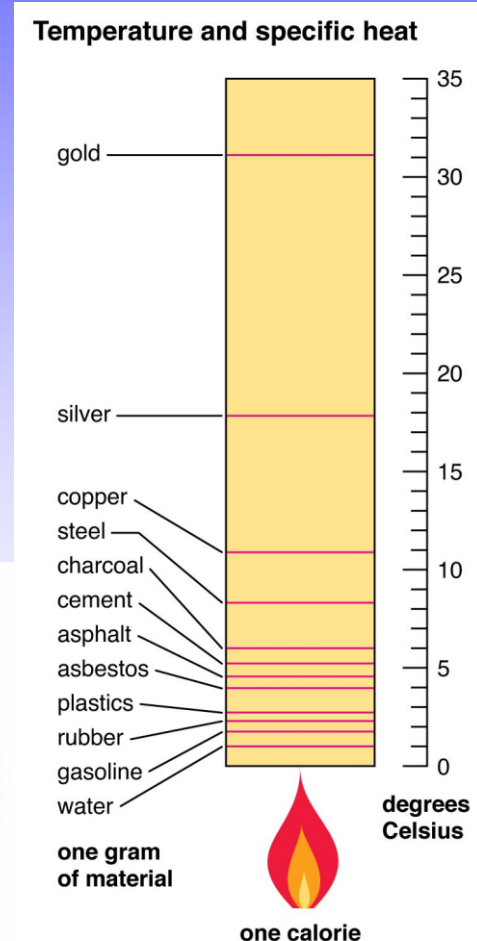


- **Energy:** The capacity to supply heat or do work: Joule
- **Heat:** The transfer of thermal energy between a system and its surroundings.
  - **System:** The reaction or process being studied.
  - **Surrounding:** Everything else not related to the system.
  - Heat flows always from high temperatures to low ones.
- **Quantified Relationship:**  $q = cm\Delta T$



$$q = cm\Delta T$$

- **q**: heat added or removed from the system: Joules or calories
  - $q > 0$ : heat added (exothermic)
  - $q < 0$ : heat removed (endothermic)
- **c**: specific heat capacity is the heat required to change the temperature: Joules/grams $\cdot^{\circ}$ Centigrade
  - For 1 gram H<sub>2</sub>O: 1-cal/g $^{\circ}$ C or 4.184-J/g $^{\circ}$ C
- **m**: mass of the object (system)
- **$\Delta T$** : change in temperature
  - $\Delta$ : final minus initial



# Example 1

How much heat is needed to raise 20.0-g of silver ( $c = .235\text{-J/g}^\circ$ ) to  $1200.0^\circ\text{C}$ ? Assume the silver starts at room temperature ( $20.0^\circ\text{C}$ ).



# Example 1



$$q = cm\Delta T$$

$$q = .235 - \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C} \cdot 20.0 - g \cdot 1180 - ^{\circ}C$$

$$q = 5546 - J$$

$$q =$$

$$c = .235\text{-J/g}\cdot^{\circ}C$$

$$m = 20\text{-g}$$

$$\Delta T = (1200\text{-}20)\text{-}^{\circ}C$$

$$\Delta T = 1180\text{-}^{\circ}C$$

$$q = 5550 - J$$

## Example 2



A 1.3-kg watermelon (assume same  $c$  as water) is left out on a hot ( $35^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) day. To cool it down it is placed in a cooler containing 1500.0-g of ethanol at  $-10.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Equilibrium in the cooler occurs and the temperature is found to be  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What is the specific heat of ethanol?

Assume there is no loss of heat outside the cooler, so this is a closed system ( $q=0$ )

## Example 2

$$q_{system} = q_{watermellon} + q_{ethanol}$$

$$0 = q_{watermellon} + q_{ethanol}$$

$$-q_{watermellon} = q_{ethanol} \quad q = cm\Delta T$$

$$-cm\Delta T = cm\Delta T$$

$$-4.184 - \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C} \cdot 1300 - g \cdot -20 - ^{\circ}C = c \cdot 1500 - g \cdot 35 - ^{\circ}C$$

$$108784-J = 52500 - g \cdot ^{\circ}C$$

$$q = 2.07 - \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$$

$$c = 4.184-J/g \cdot ^{\circ}C$$

$$m = 1300-g$$

$$\Delta T = (15-35)-^{\circ}C$$

$$\Delta T = -20-^{\circ}C$$

$$c =$$

$$m = 1500-g$$

$$\Delta T = (15-(-20))-^{\circ}C$$

$$\Delta T = 35-^{\circ}C$$

$$q = 2.1 - \frac{J}{g^{\circ}C}$$

# Phase Changes

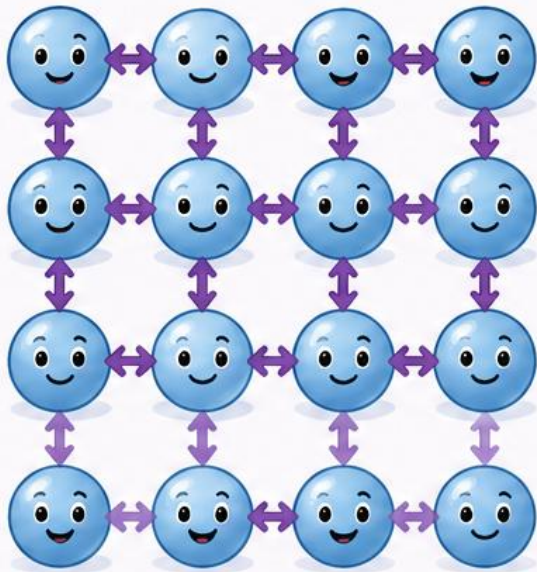
- **Intermolecular Forces: Attractions between molecules.**
  - London, Dipole, Hydrogen: electron based (future topic)
  - Metals: Not IMF, delocalized electrons (future topic)
- **Kinetic Energy tries to pull molecules apart.**
- **Adding heat to a solid/liquid/gas increases Kinetic Energy. This can cause KE to overpower the IMF and change the molecules phase.**
  - Can also be reversed (remove heat: cooling)

# INTERMOLECULAR FORCES (IMFs)

Forces of attraction between particles.

## SOLID

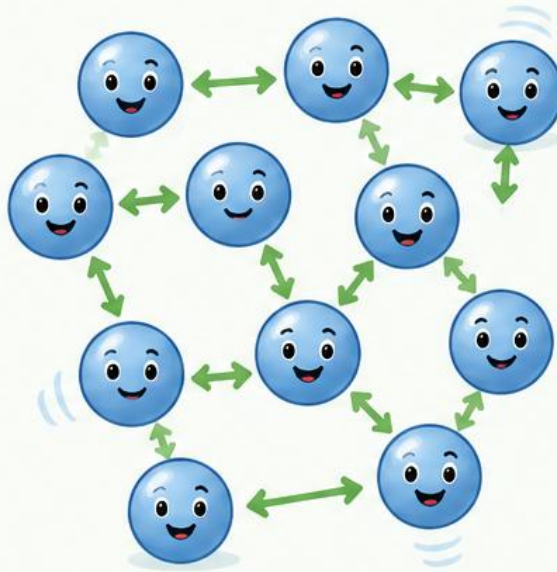
Particles are close together in a fixed position.



IMFs are **STRONG**  
Particles vibrate in place but do not move past each other.

## LIQUID

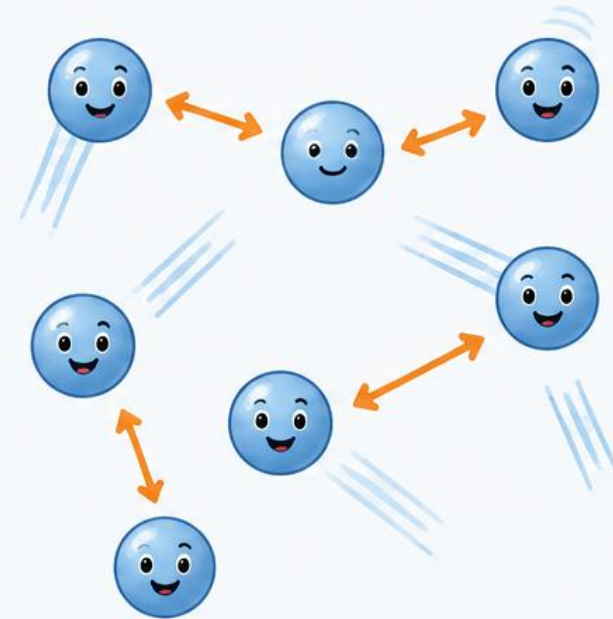
Particles are close together but can move around.



IMFs are **MODERATE**  
Particles move around and slide past each other.

## GAS

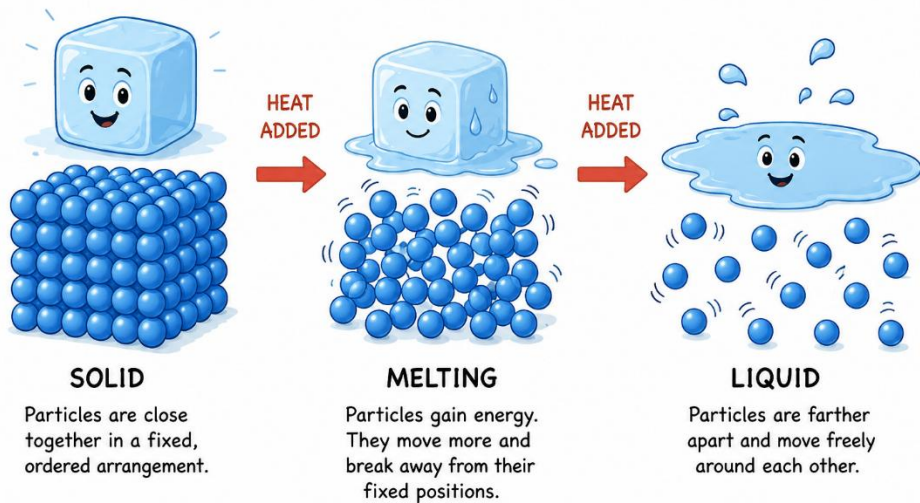
Particles are far apart and move freely.



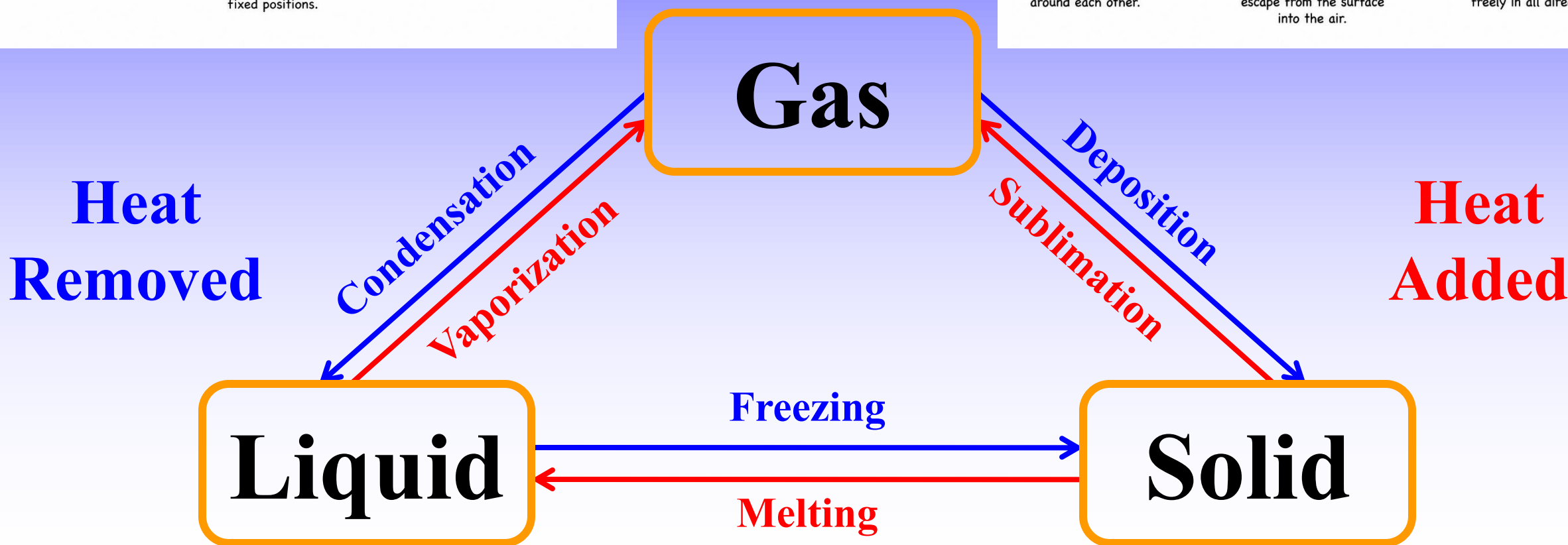
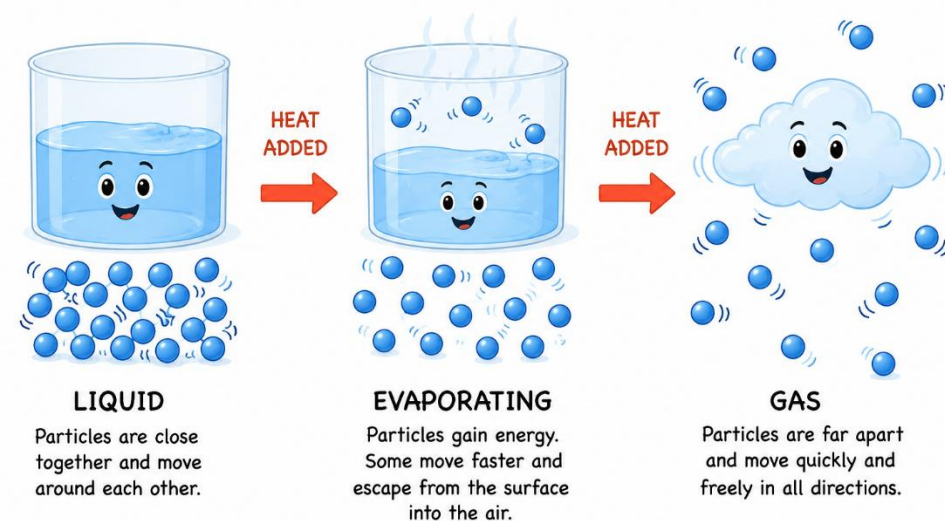
IMFs are **WEAK**  
Particles move quickly in random directions and rarely attract each other.

↔ Arrows represent the strength of intermolecular forces. Purple = strong Green = moderate Orange = weak

## Melting: A Solid Changing to a Liquid



## Evaporation: A Liquid Changing to a Gas



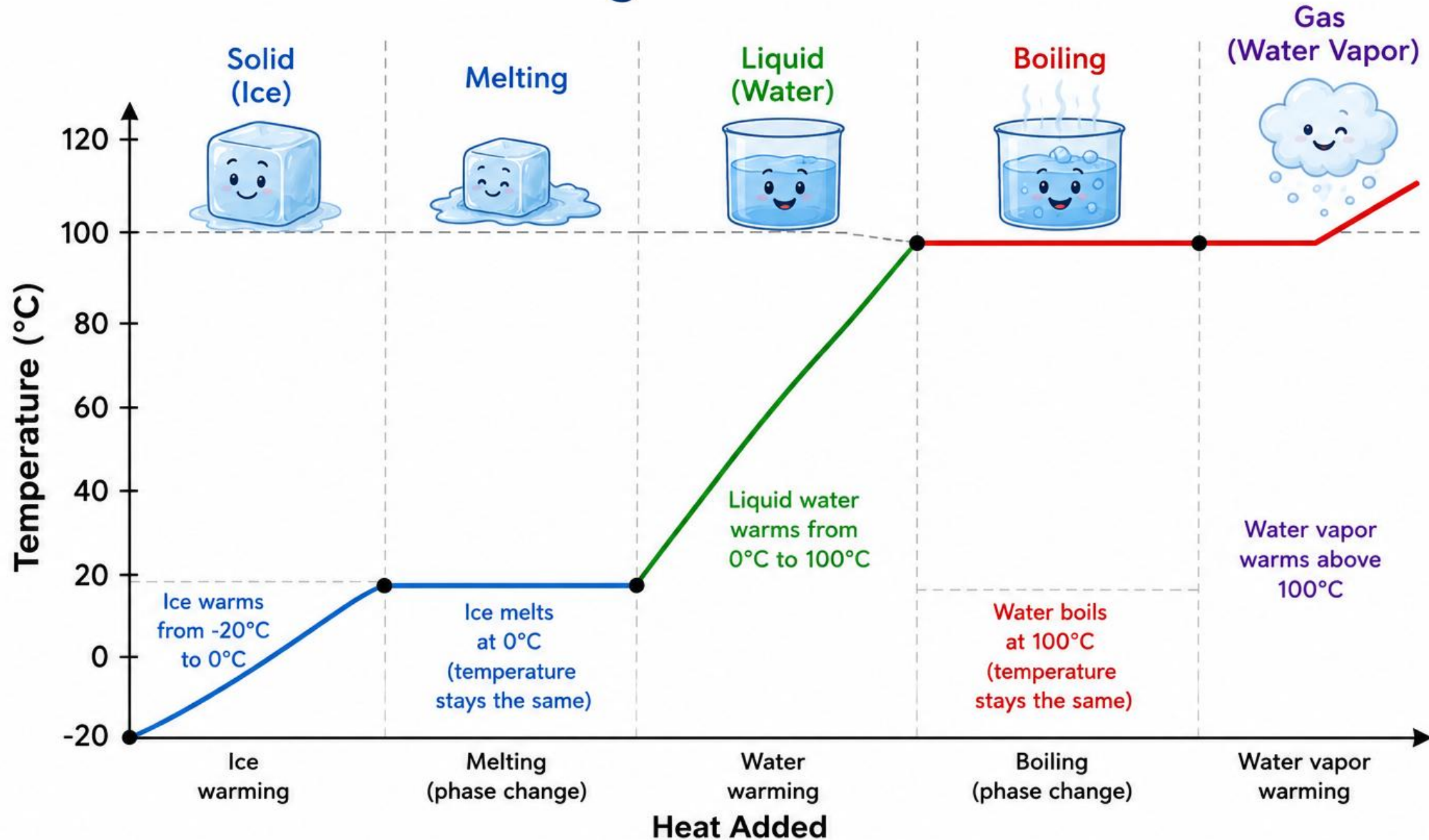
# Phase Change Transitions

- **For a Solid/Liquid/Gas increasing heat increases the KE which can be seen as a temperature increase.**
  - **At some temperature, the IMF can't hold it together.**
    - **Temperature is different for every molecule or metal.**
    - **Causes a transition between phases.**
- **During this transition, all heat is now used to break the IMF's, until the phase change is complete.**
  - **There is no change in temperature during this process.**

# Phase Change Transitions

- **A Heating Curve can show this visually.**
  - **y-axis: Temperature, x-axis: heat or time heating**
- **Solid/Liquid/Gas: Slope represents specific heat of material. ( $q=cm\Delta T$ )**
- **Plateau: Transition, breaking of IMF. ( $q=mL_x$ )**
  - **Heat needed is based on a constant called Latent Heat.**
    - $L_F$  (Fusion) Solid/Liquid or  $L_V$  (Vaporization) Liquid/Gas
- **Cooling curve shows the reverse (same values just -)**

# Heating Curve for Water





## Example 1: Revisited



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**Silver melts at  $961.8^\circ\text{C}$ . The heat needed to break the metallic bonds (not IMF) was not accounted for.**

# Example 1: Revisited



$$q = mL_F$$

$$q = 20\text{ g} \cdot 105 - \frac{J}{g}$$

$$q = 2100 - J$$

$$q =$$

$$m = 20\text{-g}$$

$$L_F = 105\text{-J/g}$$

Added to the heat needed to change the temperature...

$$q = 2100 - J + 5546 - J$$

$$q = 7646 - J$$

$$q = 7650 - J$$

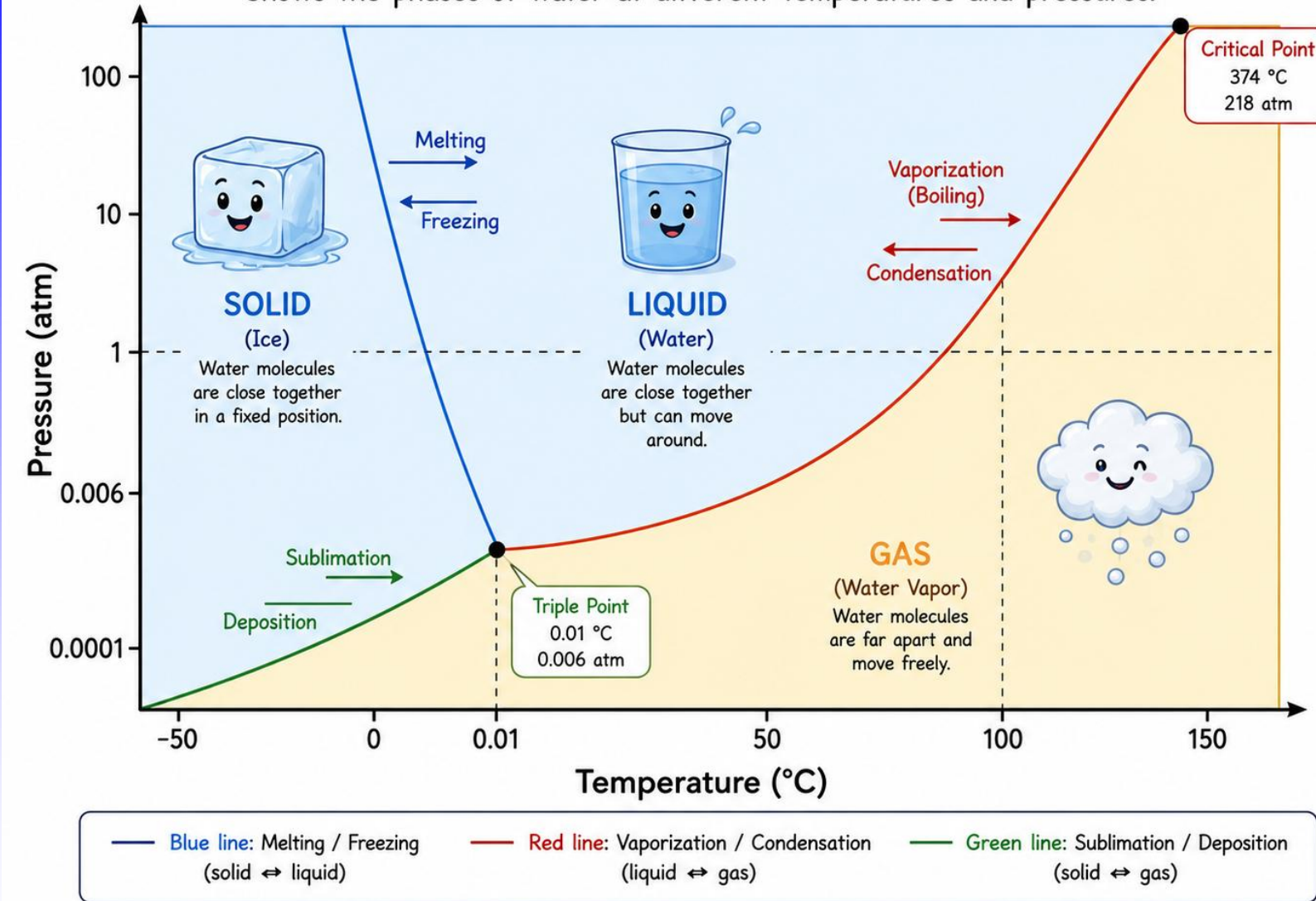


# Phase Diagrams

- **Pressure: A force applied over an area.**
- **Kinetic Energy tries to break apart IMF/Metallic bonds.**
- **Pressure can help IMFs**
  - This can keep phases from changing.
- **Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac published the work of Jacques Charles and developed a visual look at phases which included the effects of pressure.**

# States of Matter Phase Diagram of Water

Shows the phases of water at different temperatures and pressures.



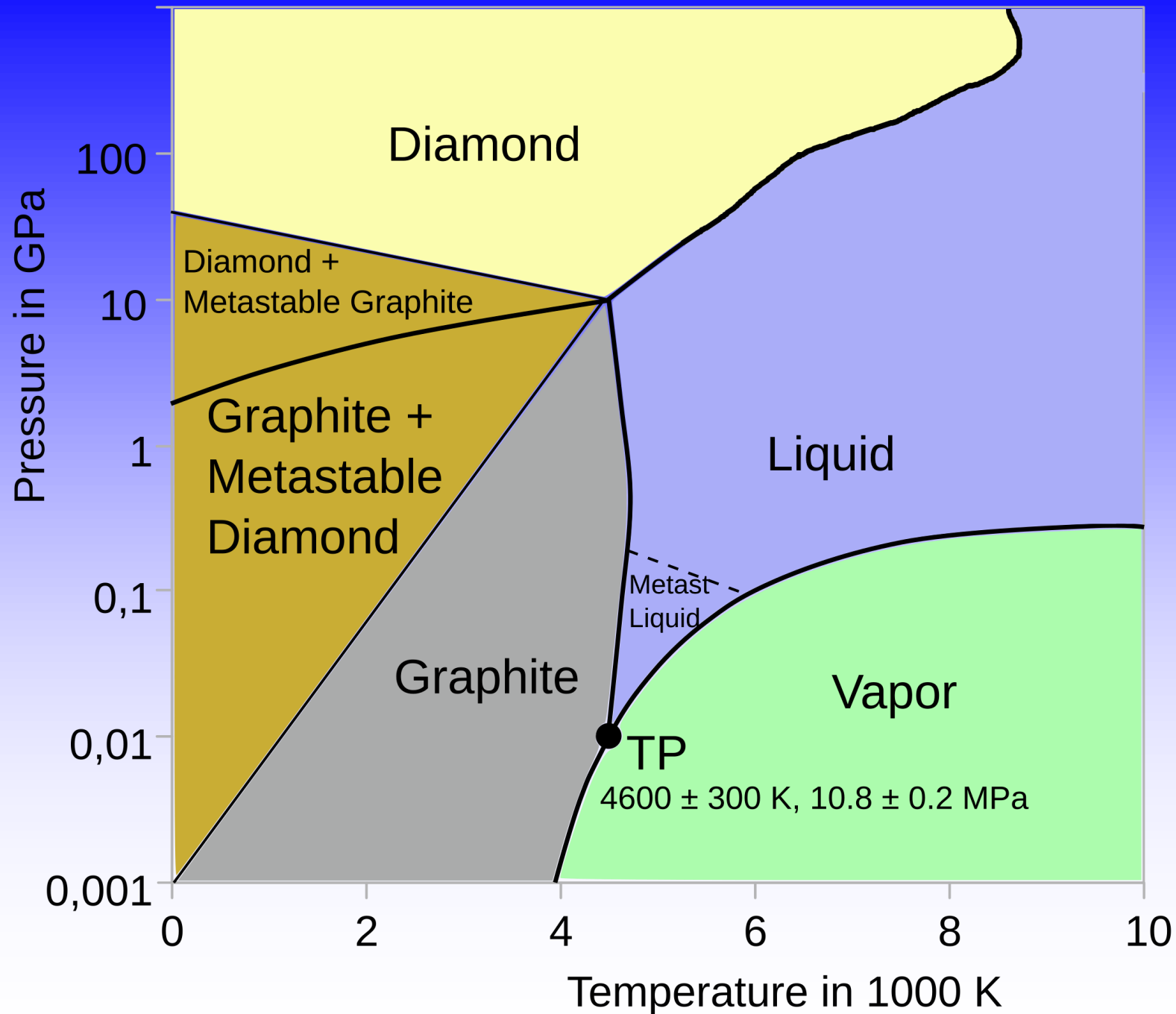
**Triple Point: All three phases in equilibrium.**

**Critical Point: Physical properties of liquid and gas break down.**

**Supercritical Fluid**

**No Liquefaction**

**Vanishing Meniscus**



**Some materials only have phases in extreme conditions.**

**Diamond: Extreme pressure/temp (Stable)**

**Liquid Carbon: Extreme pressure/temp (unstable)**

**Carbon Vapor: At 3900-K solid carbon sublimates.**

**Even H<sub>2</sub>O has exotic forms!**