

# \*Unit 7. States of Matter

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## **Unit Summary**

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Chemical reactions usually absorb or release energy. Energy can change form and flow, but it is always conserved. The enthalpy change for a reaction is the enthalpy of the product minus the enthalpy of the reactants. Thermochemical equations express the amount of heat released or absorbed by chemical reactions. Gases expand, diffuse, exert pressure, and can be compressed because they are in a low-density state consisting of tiny, constantly-moving particles. The particles in solids and liquids have a limited range of motion and are not easily compressed. Matter changes phases when energy is added or removed or when pressure changes occur. For a fixed amount of gas, a change in one variable (pressure, temperature, or volume) affects the other two. The ideal gas law relates the number of particles to pressure, temperature and volume. When gases react, the coefficients in the balanced chemical equation represent both molar amounts and relative volumes.

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Energy is neither created nor destroyed.

Forces attract, hold together, or repel matter.

Know that states of matter depend on the arrangement of atoms and molecules and on their freedom of motion.

The type and arrangement of atoms and their bonds determine macroscopic properties.

## **Essential Questions**

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How can you support the law of conservation of mass using a chemical equation?

How is the enthalpy of a reaction calculated?

How do you qualitatively interpret a heating curve in terms of kinetic and potential energy and phase changes?

What are the differences between an exothermic reaction and an endothermic reaction?

How can you summarize the difference in the particle arrangement and average particle energy among particles in the solid, liquid, or gaseous form of a substance?

How do intermolecular forces between particles explain the bulk properties of substances?

How do intermolecular forces of attraction affect the rate of evaporation, boiling point and melting point of a

liquid?

How does Kinetic Molecular Theory predict the relationship between particles of a gas, and in turn the behavior of a gas?

What are the factors that determine which gas law to use, to solve word problems?

What label(s) is (are) appropriate for each parameter for each gas law?

Under what conditions will a real gas deviate from an ideal gas (or, the Ideal Gas Law)?

How do these different states behave, and what conditions change the characteristics of these states?

## **Student Learning Objectives (PE, SEP, DCI, CCC) & Aligned Standards**

### **Performance Expectations**

HS-PS1-2: Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based on the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties. [Clarification Statement: Examples of chemical reactions could include the reaction of sodium and chlorine, of carbon and oxygen, or of carbon and hydrogen.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to chemical reactions involving main group elements and combustion reactions.]

HS-PS1-4: Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the idea that a chemical reaction is a system that affects the energy change. Examples of models could include molecular-level drawings and diagrams of reactions, graphs showing the relative energies of reactants and products, and representations showing energy is conserved.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include calculating the total bond energy changes during a chemical reaction from the bond energies of reactants and products.]

HS-PS1-7: Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on using mathematical ideas to communicate the proportional relationships between masses of atoms in the reactants and the products, and the translation of these relationships to the macroscopic scale using the mole as the conversion from the atomic to the macroscopic scale. Emphasis is on assessing students' use of mathematical thinking and not on memorization and rote application of problemsolving techniques.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include complex chemical reactions.]

HS-PS3-4: Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on analyzing data from student investigations and using mathematical thinking to describe the energy changes both quantitatively and conceptually. Examples of investigations could include mixing liquids at different initial temperatures or adding objects at different temperatures to water.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to investigations based on materials and tools provided to students.]

HS-ESS3-1: Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards and changes in climate have influenced human activity.

HS-ESS3-5: Analyze geoscience data and the results from global climate models to make an evidence-based forecast of the current rate of global or regional climate change and associated future impacts to Earth systems.

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HS-ETS1-1: Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.

HS-ETS1-2: Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.

HS-ETS1-3: Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural and environmental impacts.

9.4.12.IML.5: Evaluate, synthesize and apply information on climate change from various sources appropriately.

8.2.12.ED.4: Design a product or system that addresses a global problem and document decisions made based on research, constraints, trade-offs and aesthetic and ethical considerations and share this information with an appropriate audience.

## **Science and Engineering Practices**

### **Planning and Carrying Out Investigations**

Planning and carrying out investigations in 9-12 builds on K-8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.

- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data (e.g., number of trials, cost, risk, time), and refine the design accordingly.

### **Analyzing and Interpreting Data**

Analyzing data in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to introducing more detailed statistical analysis, the comparison of data sets for consistency, and the use of models to generate and analyze data.

- Consider limitations of data analysis (e.g., measurement error, sample selection) when analyzing and interpreting data.

### **Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking**

Mathematical and computational thinking at the 9–12 level builds on K–8 and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis, a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms, and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.

- Use mathematical representations of phenomena to support claims.

### **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.

- Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the

assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

## **Engaging in Argument from Evidence**

Engaging in argument from evidence in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using appropriate and sufficient evidence and scientific reasoning to defend and critique claims and explanations about the natural and designed world(s). Arguments may also come from current scientific or historical episodes in science.

- Compare and evaluate competing arguments or design solutions in light of currently accepted explanations, new evidence, limitations (e.g., trade-offs), constraints, and ethical issues.

## **Cross Cutting Concepts**

Patterns.

Observed patterns of forms and events guide organization and classification, and they prompt questions about relationships and the factors that influence them.

Cause and effect: Mechanism and explanation.

Events have causes, sometimes simple, sometimes multifaceted. A major activity of science is investigating and explaining causal relationships and the mechanisms by which they are mediated. Such mechanisms can then be tested across given contexts and used to predict and explain events in new contexts.

Scale, proportion, and quantity.

In considering phenomena, it is critical to recognize what is relevant at different measures of size, time, and energy and to recognize how changes in scale, proportion, or quantity affect a system's structure or performance.

Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation.

Tracking fluxes of energy and matter into, out of, and within systems helps one understand the systems' possibilities and limitations.

Structure and function.

The way in which an object or living thing is shaped and its substructure determine many of its properties and functions.

Stability and change.

For natural and built systems alike, conditions of stability and determinants of rates of change or evolution of a system are critical elements of study.

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP4.1	Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP7.1	Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP8.1	Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

## **Concepts & Skills**

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identify a reaction as endothermic or exothermic depending upon the location of the energy term in the chemical equation.

identify a reaction as exothermic or endothermic when given a value of change in enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ).

understand that all chemical reactions either produce energy (exothermic) or absorb energy (endothermic) as a result of the breaking and making of chemical bonds.

predict if the energy is flowing from system to surroundings (exothermic) or surroundings to system (endothermic).

explain how the addition and removal of energy can cause a phase change.

describe the changes in kinetic (thermal) and potential energy that occur along various parts of the heating

curve and/or phase diagram.

distinguish between vaporization, boiling, and evaporation.

predict the response of a gas to changes in pressure, volume, or temperature, using the appropriate gas law.

understand and use the ideal gas law to solve word problems.

explain the difference between an ideal gas and a real gas.

explain the difference between heat and temperature

convert between the various units of pressure (atm, kPa, Pa, mmHg, psi)

## Resources

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Explore States of Matter- (phet on-line simulation) <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/states-of-matter> or basic <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/states-of-matter-basics>

Explore Gas Variables (phet on-line simulation- Java) <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/legacy/gas-properties>

Lab: Gas Laws

[Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change Data Analysis Virtual Lab](#): [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#), [Link 6](#), [Link 7](#)

[Engineering Design Process Water filtration and water testing](#): [Link 1](#), [teacher guide](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#),

## Prior Learning

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### *Physical science*

- Substances are made from different types of atoms, which combine with one another in various ways. Atoms form molecules that range in size from two to thousands of atoms.
- Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.
- Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.
- In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.

- Solids may be formed from molecules, or they may be extended structures with repeating subunits (e.g., crystals).
- The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.
- Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.
- The total number of each type of atom is conserved, and thus the mass does not change.
- Some chemical reactions release energy, others store energy.
- When light shines on an object, it is reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through the object, depending on the object's material and the frequency (color) of the light.
- The path that light travels can be traced as straight lines, except at surfaces between different transparent materials (e.g., air and water, air and glass) where the light path bends.
- A wave model of light is useful for explaining brightness, color, and the frequency-dependent bending of light at a surface between media.
- However, because light can travel through space, it cannot be a matter wave, like sound or water waves.

### *Earth and space science*

- Patterns of the apparent motion of the sun, the moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, predicted, and explained with models.
- Earth and its solar system are part of the Milky Way Galaxy, which is one of many galaxies in the universe.
- All Earth processes are the result of energy flowing and matter cycling within and among the planet's systems. This energy is derived from the sun and Earth's hot interior. The energy that flows and matter that cycles produce chemical and physical changes in Earth's materials and living organisms.
- The planet's systems interact over scales that range from microscopic to global in size, and they operate over fractions of a second to billions of years. These interactions have shaped Earth's history and will determine its future.
- Weather and climate are influenced by interactions involving sunlight, the ocean, the atmosphere, ice, landforms, and living things. These interactions vary with latitude, altitude, and local and regional geography, all of which can affect oceanic and atmospheric flow patterns.
- Because these patterns are so complex, weather can only be predicted probabilistically.
- The ocean exerts a major influence on weather and climate by absorbing energy from the sun, releasing it over time, and globally redistributing it through ocean currents.

## **Connections to Other Courses**

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### *Physical science*

- Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons.
- The periodic table orders elements horizontally by the number of protons in the atom's nucleus and places elements with similar chemical properties in columns. The repeating patterns of this table reflect patterns of outer electron states.

- The structure and interactions of matter at the bulk scale are determined by electrical forces within and between atoms.
- A stable molecule has less energy than the same set of atoms separated; one must provide at least this energy in order to take the molecule apart.
- Nuclear processes, including fusion, fission, and radioactive decays of unstable nuclei, involve release or absorption of energy. The total number of neutrons plus protons does not change in any nuclear process.
- Energy is a quantitative property of a system that depends on the motion and interactions of matter and radiation within that system. That there is a single quantity called energy is due to the fact that a system's total energy is conserved, even as, within the system, energy is continually transferred from one object to another and between its various possible forms.
- Conservation of energy means that the total change of energy in any system is always equal to the total energy transferred into or out of the system.
- Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be transported from one place to another and transferred between systems.
- Mathematical expressions, which quantify how the stored energy in a system depends on its configuration (e.g., relative positions of charged particles, compression of a spring) and how kinetic energy depends on mass and speed, allow the concept of conservation of energy to be used to predict and describe system behavior.
- The availability of energy limits what can occur in any system.
- Uncontrolled systems always evolve toward more stable states—that is, toward more uniform energy distribution (e.g., water flows downhill, objects hotter than their surrounding environment cool down).
- When two objects interacting through a field change relative position, the energy stored in the field is changed.
- Although energy cannot be destroyed, it can be converted to less useful forms—for example, to thermal energy in the surrounding environment.
- Electromagnetic radiation (e.g., radio, microwaves, light) can be modeled as a wave of changing electric and magnetic fields or as particles called photons. The wave model is useful for explaining many features of electromagnetic radiation, and the particle model explains other features.
- When light or longer wavelength electromagnetic radiation is absorbed in matter, it is generally converted into thermal energy (heat). Shorter wavelength electromagnetic radiation (ultraviolet, X-rays, gamma rays) can ionize atoms and cause damage to living cells.
- Photoelectric materials emit electrons when they absorb light of a high-enough frequency.

### *Earth and space science*

- The star called the sun is changing and will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years.
- The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth.
- The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and nonstellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe.
- Other than the hydrogen and helium formed at the time of the Big Bang, nuclear fusion within stars produces all atomic nuclei lighter than and including iron, and the process releases electromagnetic energy. Heavier elements are produced when certain massive stars achieve a supernova stage and explode.
- Continental rocks, which can be older than 4 billion years, are generally much older than the rocks of the ocean floor, which are less than 200 million years old.
- Although active geologic processes, such as plate tectonics and erosion, have destroyed or altered most of the very early rock record on Earth, other objects in the solar system, such as lunar rocks, asteroids, and meteorites, have changed little over billions of years. Studying these objects can provide



information about Earth's formation and early history.

## **Connections to NJSL**

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### ***English Language Arts/Literacy -***

- RST.11-12.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important ideas and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account. (HS-ESS1-1)
- WHST.9-12.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, and technical processes. (HS-ESS1-3),(HS-ESS1-2)
- SL.11-12.4** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant data, reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

### ***Mathematics -***

- MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2), (HS-ESS1-3), (HS-PS1-8)
- MP.4** Model with mathematics. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSN-Q.A.1** Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose units that are appropriate to the context; consistently use units in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSN-Q.A.2** Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSN-Q.A.3** Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSA-SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. (HS-ESS1-1)
- HSA-CED.A.2** Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on Cartesian coordinates; solve systems of linear equations and inequalities. (HS-ESS1-1), (HS-ESS1-2)
- HSA-CED.A.4** Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest, using the same reasoning as in solving equations. (HS-ESS1-2)