

Lec #10: Thermal Energy (Chaps. 3 & 4)

LAST: Start Thermal Energy

- work over lab #1 results
- Internal Kinetic and Potential Energy

TODAY: Thermal Energy. I.

- Temperature and Heat
- Laws of Thermodynamics
- Specific Heat & Phase Transitions

NEXT: Thermal Energy. II.

- Heat Transfer (conduction, convection, radiation)
- Heat Engines & Efficiency
- How Engines Actually Work

Table 4.1 TEMPERATURES OF SOME COMMON PHENOMENA*

	°C	°F	K
Water, ice point	0	32	273
Water, boiling point	100	212	373
Absolute zero	-273	-460	0
Liquid nitrogen boiling point	-196	-319	77
Liquid helium boiling point	-269	-454	4
Zinc, melting point	420	787	693
Gold, melting point	1063	1945	1336
Solid CO ₂ (Dry Ice) sublimation**	-78	-109	195

*At atmospheric pressure

**Process of going from a solid directly to a gas phase

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You should know how to convert between F & C.
Absolute scales: Kelvin (°C) and Rankine (°F).

Temperature

- Temperature **not** measure of **total** internal energy!
- Temperature **is** a measure of **average** kinetic energy of the molecules
- Internal K.E. \rightarrow 0 at “absolute zero”, increases with temperature (but must use absolute scale)
- When 2 objects are brought into contact
 - if $T_1 > T_2$, “thermal energy” transfer (heat) from T_1 to T_2
 - if $T_1 = T_2$, no (net) energy transfer
- “Heat” is the transfer of thermal energy
from higher Temp \rightarrow lower Temp
- thought experiment: why do some objects feel colder?

Temperature (continued)

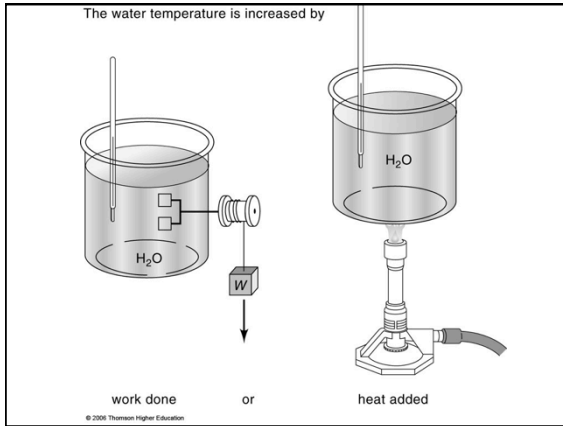
- Temperature parameterizes *average* energy
 - And it’s something we can measure!
- Total internal energy = average * # of particles
 - energy content depends on mass and temperature
 - change in energy \sim change in temperature
- We can “parameterize” other internal energies (kinetic or potential) with temperatures
 - T_k kinetic temperature of molecules
 - electron temperature, ion temperature, atomic excitation temperature, radiation temperature.....

Second Law of Thermodynamics

- 3 equivalent statements
- an isolated system will steadily change until it reaches “THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM”
 - internal energy shared equally among all forms!
 - everything at same temperature, all temps. same!
 - degree of “disorder” always increases until thermal equilibrium
 - state of maximum disorder
 - disorder (“entropy”) never decreases on its own
 - impossible to transfer heat completely into work:
 - $\Delta E = W + Q$ $W \rightarrow Q$ up to 100% $Q \rightarrow W < 100\%$
 - many processes in nature are irreversible
 - even reversible processes aren’t 100% efficient

Thermal Energy Units

- 1 calorie = energy required to change temperature of 1 g of water by 1° Celsius
- 1 food Calorie = 1 kilocalorie (1000 calories)
- 1 BTU = energy required to change 1 pound of water by 1° Fahrenheit
- “Mechanical Equivalent of Heat”:
 - historical reasons for different units
 - 1 calorie = 4.184 Joules
 - 1 BTU = 1055 J = 252 cal = 778 ft-lb



Specific Heat

- Heat “flows” from higher temp. to lower temp.
 - can either do work (mechanical energy)
 - or change internal energy (change in temperature)
- Change in Temperature for given amount of heat depends on substance
- $Q = c_s m \Delta T$
 - Q = heat = energy difference
 - c_s is “specific heat”
 - depends on material (why?)
 - also depends on the nature of the process (e.g. constant volume, constant pressure, ...)
 - it even depends on the temperature and pressure

Table 4.2 SPECIFIC HEATS OF COMMON SUBSTANCES

Material	Specific Heat (J/kg/°C)	Specific Heat (Btu/lb/°F)
Water ←	4186	1.00
Aluminum	900	0.22
Iron	448	0.12
Copper	387	0.093
Concrete	960	0.23
Glass	840	0.20
White pine	2800	0.67
Ice ←	2090	0.50
Air	1004	0.24
Rock	840	0.20

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Specific Heat: amount of energy needed to change the temperature of a fixed mass of a substance by a fixed amount

Note that water has a very high specific heat!
Why? How can we take advantage of this?

Phase Transitions

T increasing -----> <----- P increasing
 SOLID LIQUID GAS PLASMA
 melt-> vaporize-> ionize->
 <-fuse <-condense <-recombine

- generally, $Q = mc\Delta T$
 - c_s = “specific heat” ; m =mass
 - can be different for same material in different phases (e.g. H₂O solid 0.5, liquid 1.0, gas 0.48)
- during phase transition, $Q = mL$
 - L = “latent heat”
 - no change in temperature! (where does energy go?)

