

Lec #12: finish Thermal Energy. start E&M  
LAST: Thermal Energy. II.

- Phase Transitions and Latent Heat
- Heat Transfer (conduction, convection, radiation)

TODAY: Heat Engines; start Electricity & Magnetism

- Thermodynamic Efficiency
- Heat Engines
- Electric and Magnetic Forces and Fields
- Electromagnetic Induction

NEXT: Electrical Energy. II. (Chapters 10.11)

- Electricity and Circuits
- Introduction to the Electric Power Grid

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### Thermodynamic Efficiency

Efficiency = 100% x (useful energy out) / (available energy)

- What is "useful" energy (or work) out?
- What is "available" energy in?
- For a heat engine, useful work out is always *less than* the available energy input

Maximum ("Carnot") efficiency:  
Maximum Efficiency = 100% x  $(T_H - T_C) / T_H$

- caution: must use absolute temperature scale!
- $T_H > T_C$  so ratio is always <1

Examples:

$T_H$	$T_C$	$\eta$
1000	373	63%
813	293	64%
4000	300	93%

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but what happens at 4000 degrees?  
 how low can  $T_C$  go?  
 how high can  $T_H$  go?

Work out =  $Q_H - Q_C$

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### Energy Conversion Efficiency

Table 3.1 EFFICIENCIES OF SOME ENERGY CONVERSION DEVICES AND SYSTEMS

Device	Efficiency
Electric generators (mechanical → electrical)	70-99%
Electric motor (electrical → mechanical)	50-90%
Gas furnace (chemical → thermal)	70-95%
Wind turbine (mechanical → electrical)	35-50%
Fossil fuel power plant (chemical → thermal → mechanical → electrical)	30-40%
Nuclear power plant (nuclear → thermal → mechanical → electrical)	30-35%
Automobile engine (chemical → thermal → mechanical)	20-30%
Fluorescent lamp (electrical → light)	20%
Incandescent lamp (electrical → light)	5%
Solar cell (light → electrical)	5-28%
Fuel cell (chemical → electrical)	40-60%

- Efficiency = 100% x (useful energy out) / (available energy in)
- seldom, if ever, 100%
- Net efficiency = **product** of individual efficiencies
- Chain that is weaker than its weakest link!

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### Ideal Gas Law

- Pressure = Force / Area (not a vector)
- "ideal gas": energy exchange dominated by elastic collisions  
 equation of state:  
 Pressure x Volume = k x Temperature  
 (k= Boltzman's constant)
- solids and liquids (and some gasses) have different equations of state; related to potential energy of bonds, elasticity of collisions, etc.

Table 4.3 EXAMPLES OF HEAT ENGINES

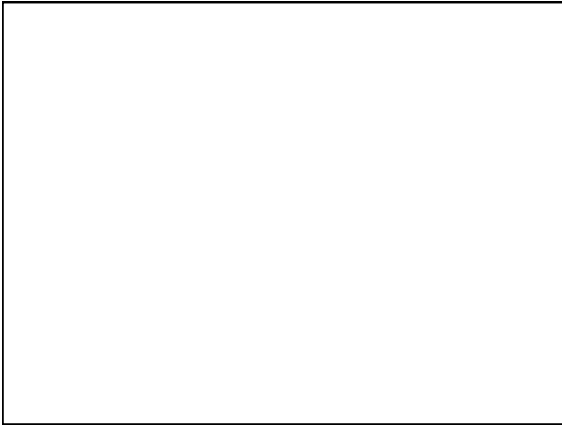
**Vapor or Rankine cycle**  
 Steam engine (electrical power plant, old train locomotive)  
 Refrigerator, heat pump (using Freon)

**Gas cycle**  
 Internal combustion: Otto, Diesel cycles (automobiles, trucks)  
 External combustion: gas turbine (airplanes, electrical power plant), Stirling cycle

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(heat->work)	(work->heat)
steam engine	air conditioners
gasoline engine	dehumidifiers
diesel engine	heat pumps
gas turbine	refrigerators

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### Examples of Electromagnetic Induction

- **Electrical Current --> Magnetic field**
  - compass needle deflection
  - electromagnet
  - planetary magnetic fields (where is the current?)
- **Changing Magnetic field --> Current**
  - generator
  - motor
- **Lenz's Law**
  - “Will of Landru” demo
  - jumping rings