

## Lec #8: Thermal Energy (Chaps. 3 & 4)

### LAST: Mechanical Energy

- Laws of Motion; Forces
- Work, Kinetic Energy, Potential Energy, Power

### TODAY: Thermal Energy. I.

- Internal Kinetic and Potential Energy
- Temperature and Heat
- Laws of Thermodynamics
- Specific Heat & Phase Transitions

### THURSDAY: Thermal Energy. II.

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

## Recap

- Work = Force x Distance x (cos  $\theta$ )
- Power = d/dt (Work) (instantaneous)
- KE = (1/2) m v<sup>2</sup>
  - change in speed -> change in KE
  - note: can change velocity w/out change in KE
- PE = Force x Distance (e.g. mgh for gravity)
- If forces are “conservative”:
  - Mechanical KE + Mechanical PE = constant
  - Work = change in Mechanical Energy
- If *not* conservative, where does the energy go?

## How Do We Measure Total Energy?

- Total Energy = External (M.E.) + Internal
- Internal *Kinetic*: Thermal
- Internal *Potential*: Chemical; Nuclear
  - molecular bonds
  - atomic bonds
  - nuclear bonds
- We can't measure Total Energy, but we know that it's huge and takes many forms
- We can, however, measure *changes*....

## First Law of Thermodynamics

- $\Delta E = \Delta E_{\text{External}} + \Delta E_{\text{Internal}} = \text{Work} + \text{Heat}$
- In practice, “**heat**” usually refers only to a **change** in internal (thermal) energy, not a basic property of a substance.
  - objects don't contain *heat*, but they do contain *energy*
- “Thermal energy” usually refers only to internal *kinetic* energy, though this is only a small fraction of the total internal energy
- To measure thermal energy, we use “temperature”

## Temperature

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- Temperature **is** a measure of **average** kinetic energy of the molecules
- Internal K.E. -> 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 energy transfer
- “Heat” is the transfer of thermal energy  
from higher Temp ---> lower Temp

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 <sub>2</sub> (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).

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- thought experiment: why do some objects feel colder?

## Temperature (continued)

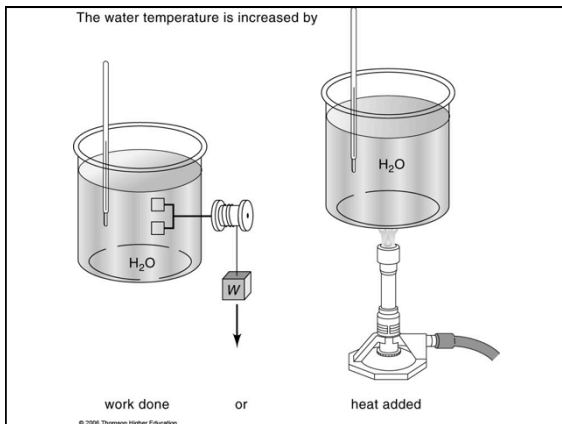
- Temperature parameterizes *average* energy
  - And it’s something we can measure!
- Total internal energy = average \* # of particles
  - energy content depends on mass and temperature
  - change in energy  $\sim$  change in temperature
- We can “parameterize” other internal energies (kinetic or potential) 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. H<sub>2</sub>O 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?)

