

Thermal Physics

EE1

Lecture 1

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Recommended books

- Benson – University Physics
 - Chapters 18-20 and parts of 21
- Extra info in C.B.P. Finn - Thermal Physics

Thermodynamics

- Understanding the words
 - ✱ Temperature
 - ✱ Heat
 - ✱ Heat capacity
 - ✱ The 0, 1, 2 laws of thermodynamics
- (one of) Kelvin's legacy's



William Thomson
(Lord Kelvin)

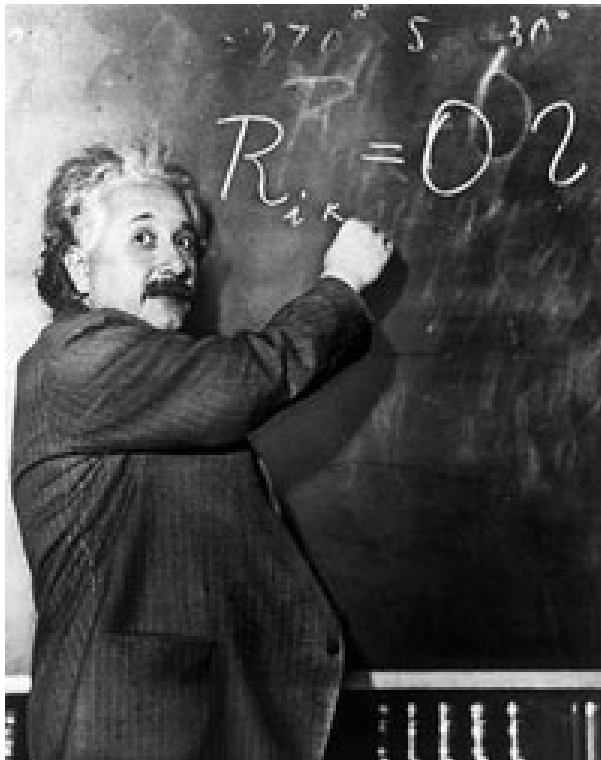
Why study thermal physics???

- Temperature affects material properties, dimensions
- Electrical or electronic components need cooling
 - ✱ Transformers
 - ✱ ICs
- Thermodynamic effects often used
 - ✱ E.g. heat pump in refrigeration
- Efficiency - why can't I turn all my energy into useful work???

What is it all about?

- Describe a system in terms of simple *State Variables*
 - ✱ E.g. Temperature, pressure, volume, amount of substance
- Independent of microscopic structure
- But consistent with microscopic understanding
- Very powerful for all sorts of systems!!

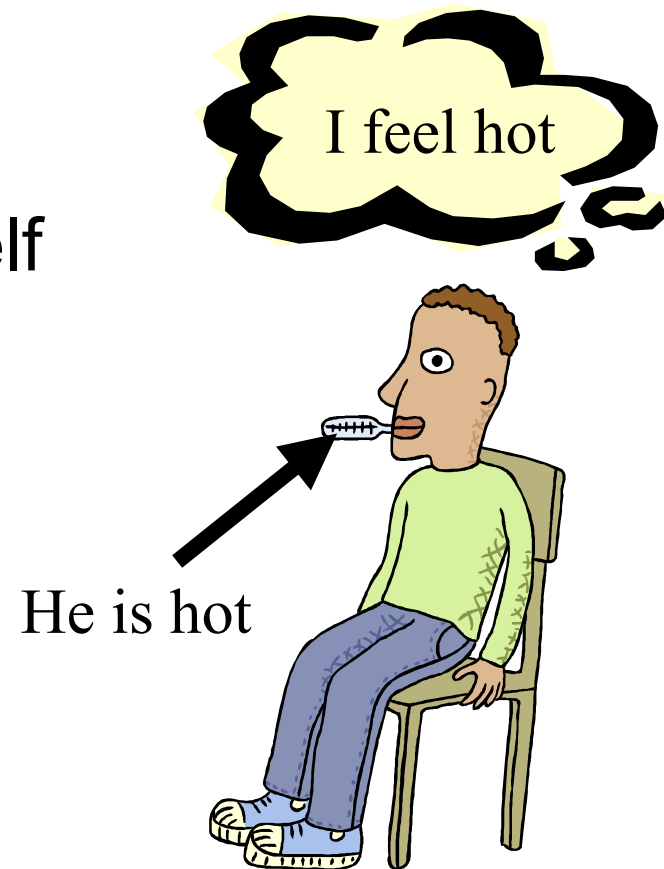
Einstein thought:



A theory is the more **impressive** the greater the **simplicity** of its premises, the more **varied** the kinds of things it relates and the more **extended** the area of its applicability. Therefore classical thermodynamics has made a **deep impression** upon me. It is the only physical theory of **universal** content which I am convinced, within the areas of the applicability of its basic concepts, will **never be overthrown**.

What is Temperature?

- Perception as to hot and cold defined relative to our own body temperature, i.e. object is hotter or colder than oneself
- Own perception misleading
 - ✱ Door and doorhandle
 - ✱ 21°C air and water
 - ✱ Hand in hot then lukewarm water
 - ✱ Hand in cold then lukewarm water



What is Temperature - 2?

- Objective measurement of temperature
 - ✱ Macroscopic, display of temperature gauge
 - ✱ Microscopic behaviour of atoms and molecules

Measuring temperature

- Properties of materials change with temperature
 - ✱ Length
 - ✱ Volume
 - ✱ Electrical Resistance

Hotter things become longer

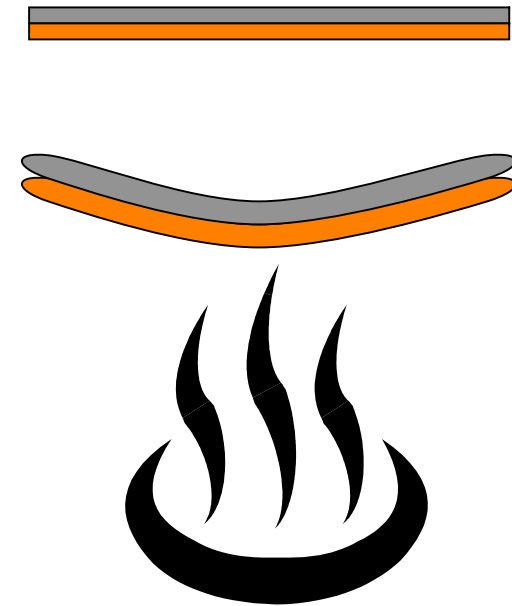
- Most solids get bigger when they get hot
 - ✱ A 1 metre long bar heated by 1 degree gets bigger by
 - Steel ≈ 0.01 mm
 - Glass ≈ 0.001 mm
 - Zerodur ≈ 0.0001 mm



Rails expand and may buckle on a hot summer day

A bimetallic strip

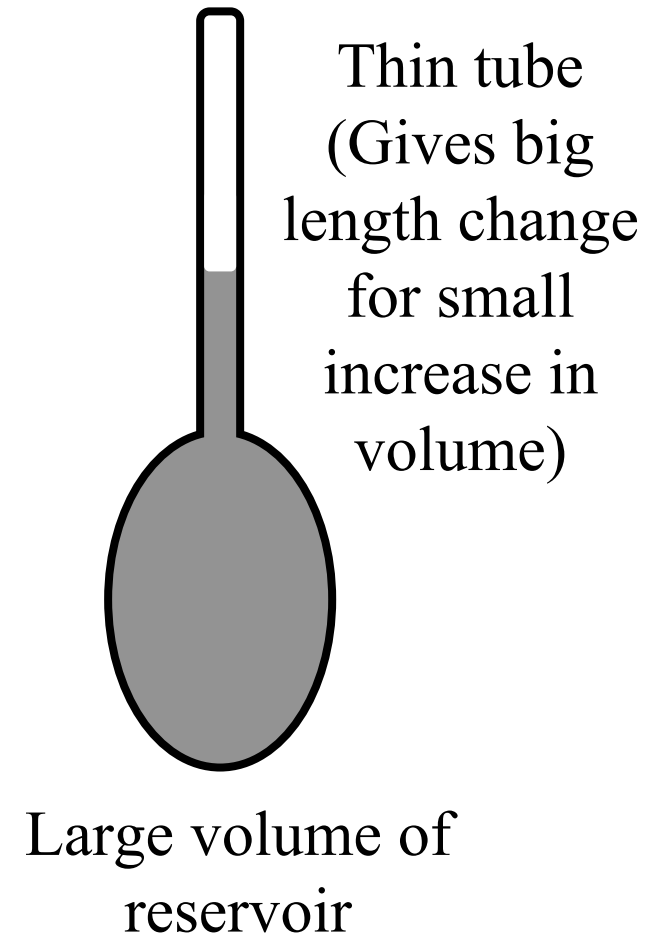
- Join two metals with different coefficient of thermal expansion



e.g. fire alarm

Hotter things take up more volume -1

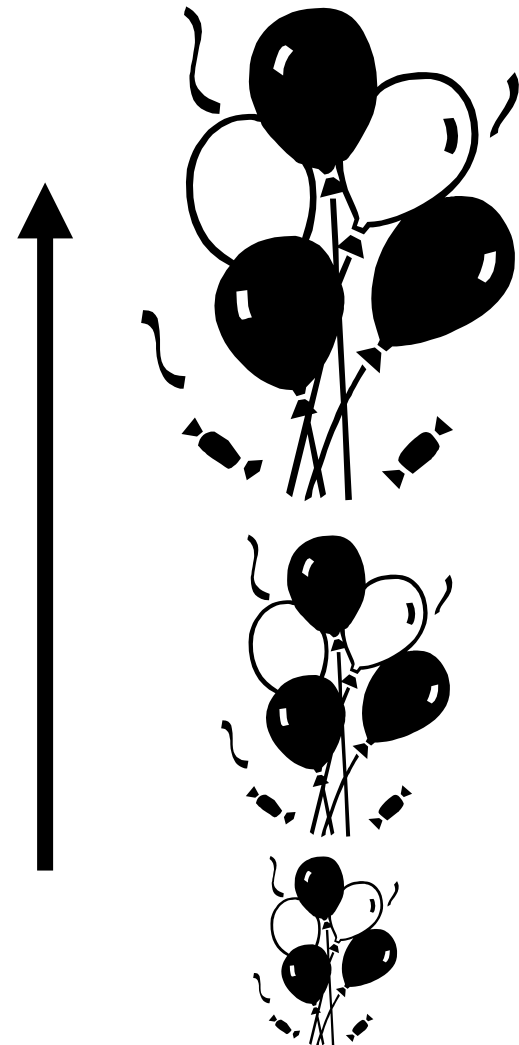
- Most materials get bigger when they get hot (but not water $0^{\circ}\text{C} - > 4^{\circ}\text{C}$ gets smaller!)
 - ✱ Thermometer relies on a thermal expansion of a liquid (e.g. mercury)



Hotter things take up more volume -2

- Gases (as we will see) can behave near perfectly

Hotter



Hotter things change their resistance

- All hotter metals have a higher electrical resistance
 - ✱ e.g. platinum resistance thermometer
- Hotter (undoped) semiconductors have a lower electrical resistance
 - ✱ key distinction between metals and insulators!
- Superconductors lose all electrical resistance at low T

How long do you have to leave a thermometer in your mouth?

- Hot things stay hot if you insulate them, e.g.
 - ✱ coffee in a vacuum flask (keeps things cold too)
 - ✱ an explorer in a fur coat
- The mercury in the thermometer must reach the same temperature and you



Insulation

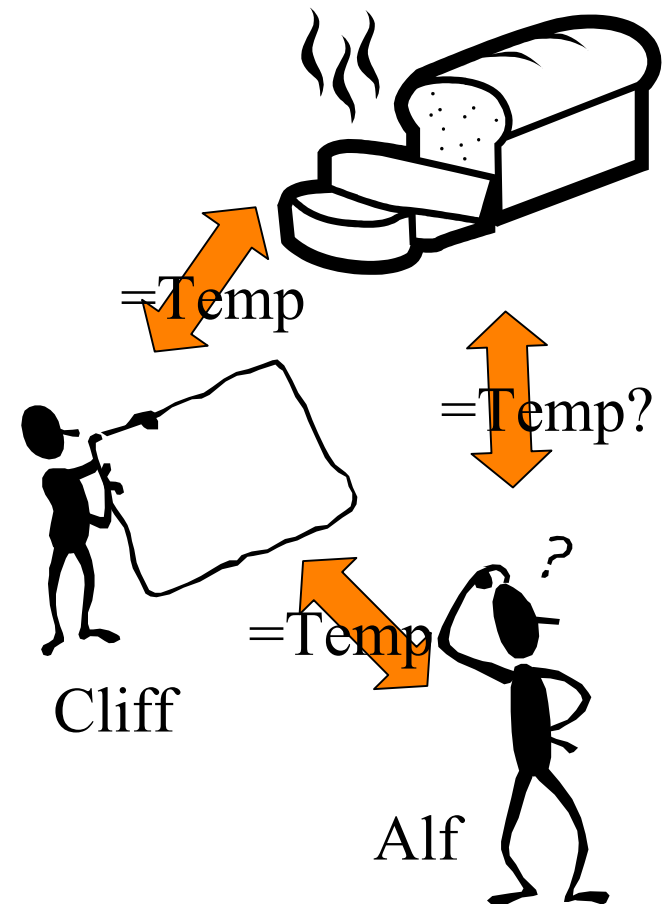
- Example of good (thermal) insulators
 - ✱ A vacuum, polystyrene, fibreglass, plastic, wood, brick
 - ✱ (low density/foam structure, poor electrical conductors)
- Examples of poor insulators, i.e. good conductors
 - ✱ Most metals (but stainless steel better than copper) e.g. gold contact used within IC chips to prevent heating
 - ✱ Gases, liquids
 - ✱ (high density, “mobile”, good electrical conductors)

Ask a friend if it's cool enough to eat

- Your friend eats the “hot” loaf and says it cool enough to eat (i.e it is “close” enough to their own temperature that it does not burn)
- Is it safe for you to eat too?
- If it is safe for them, it's safe for you!

The 0th law of thermodynamics

- If A and B are each in thermal equilibrium with C then A and B are in thermal equilibrium with each other
- If Alfred and the Bread are the same temperature as Cliff then Alf is the same temperature as the Bread.



So what is temperature?

- *A State Variable*
 - ✱ *Independent of structure, path to current state etc.*
- Describes thermal equilibrium
- Two objects in thermal contact will reach thermal equilibrium only when they have the same temperature
- Microscopically – to do with motion or vibration of atoms and molecules

Temperature and scales

- We need a linear scale for temperature
- Could use any two fixed points
- Temperature scales in historical order (melting & boiling of water)
 - ✱ Degrees Fahrenheit (MP 32°F BP 212°F)
 - 0°F – cold day, 100°F – body temperature (with a cold!!)
 - ✱ Degrees Celsius (MP 0°C 100°C)
 - ✱ Degrees Kelvin (MP 273.15 K BP 373.15 K)

Converting between scales

■ Kelvin to Celsius

- ✱ $K = C + 273.15$

- ✱ $C = K - 273.15$

■ Fahrenheit to Celsius

- ✱ $F = C \times (9/5) + 32$

- ✱ $C = (F - 32) \times (5/9)$

Example

- Convert the following temperatures into °F and K
- Boiling water, 100°C 212°F, 373.15K
- Freezing water, 0°C 32°F, 273.15K
- Absolute zero, -273.15°C -460°F, 0K

Types of thermometer

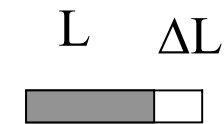
- Change in electrical resistance (convenient but not very linear)
- Change in length of a bar (bimetallic strip)
- Change in volume of a liquid
- Change in volume of gas (very accurate but slow and bulky)
- Thermocouple

Linear expansion

- Objects get longer when they get hotter
- Approximately linear over small range
- Their *fractional* change in length is proportional to the change in temperature

✱ $\Delta L/L = \alpha \Delta T$ or $\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$

✱ or $\frac{dL}{dT} = \alpha L$



$$\Delta L/L = \alpha \Delta T$$



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Thermal expansion ($\alpha[\text{K}^{-1}]$)

- Aluminium, $\alpha = 2.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Steel, $\alpha = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Glass, $\alpha \approx 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Invar, $\alpha \approx 9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Quartz, $\alpha \approx 4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Example

- Metre rules are calibrated at 20°C
- What is the error in a measurement of 500mm if made at 45°C?
- $\alpha_{\text{steel}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

$$\Delta L/L = \alpha \Delta T$$

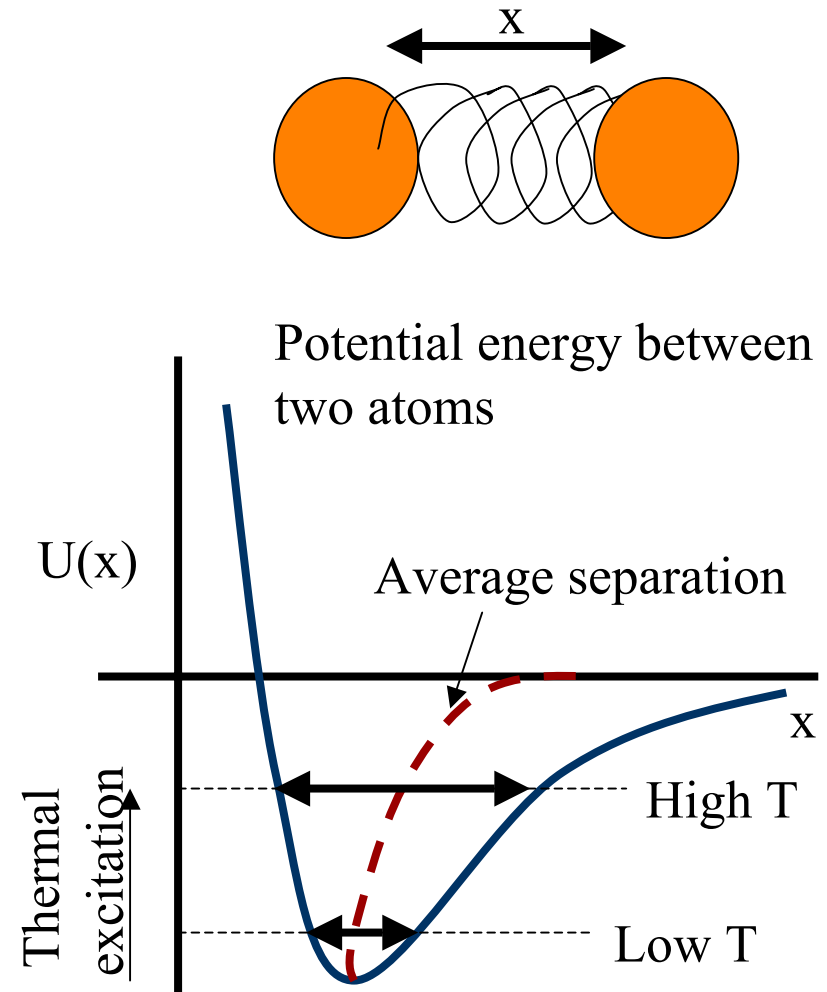
$$\Delta L = L \alpha \Delta T$$

$$\Delta L = 500 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \times 25$$

$$\Delta L = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$$

Thermal expansion, why?

- Every microscopic object moves due to thermal excitation - Brownian motion
- Atoms too vibrate with respect to each other
- Hotter atoms vibrate more
 - ✱ Asymmetric potential means average separation increases



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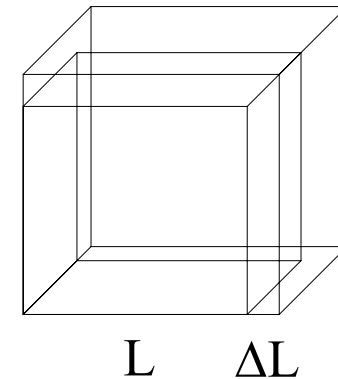
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Volume Expansion

- Every length goes from L to $L + \Delta L = L + L\alpha \Delta T$
- Old volume = L^3
- New volume = $(L + \Delta L)^3$
- Ignore terms like ΔL^2 and ΔL^3
 - ✱ $V_{\text{new}} = (L + \Delta L)^3 \approx L^3 + 3L^2 \Delta L$
- But $\Delta L = L\alpha \Delta T$
 - ✱ $V_{\text{new}} = L^3 + 3L^2 \Delta L = L^3 + 3L^2 \alpha L \Delta T = L^3 + 3L^3 \alpha \Delta T$
 - ✱ $\Delta V = 3L^3 \alpha \Delta T$
 - ✱ $\Delta V / V = 3\alpha \Delta T$ or $\Delta L = 3\alpha V \Delta T$
- 3α often called β



Example

- If whisky bottles are made to be exactly 1 litre at 20°C
- but, whisky is bottled at 10°C
- How much whisky do you actually get if it is served at 20°C?
 - ✱ $\beta_{\text{glass}} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$
 - ✱ $\beta_{\text{whisky}} = 75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$

$$V_{\text{bottle@10}^\circ\text{C}} = V_{\text{bottle@20}^\circ\text{C}} (1 + \Delta T \beta)$$

$$V_{\text{bottle@10}^\circ\text{C}} = 1 (1 - 10 \times 2 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$V_{\text{bottle@10}^\circ\text{C}} = 0.9998 \text{ litres}$$

What does 0.9998 litres of whisky at 10°C occupy at 20°C?

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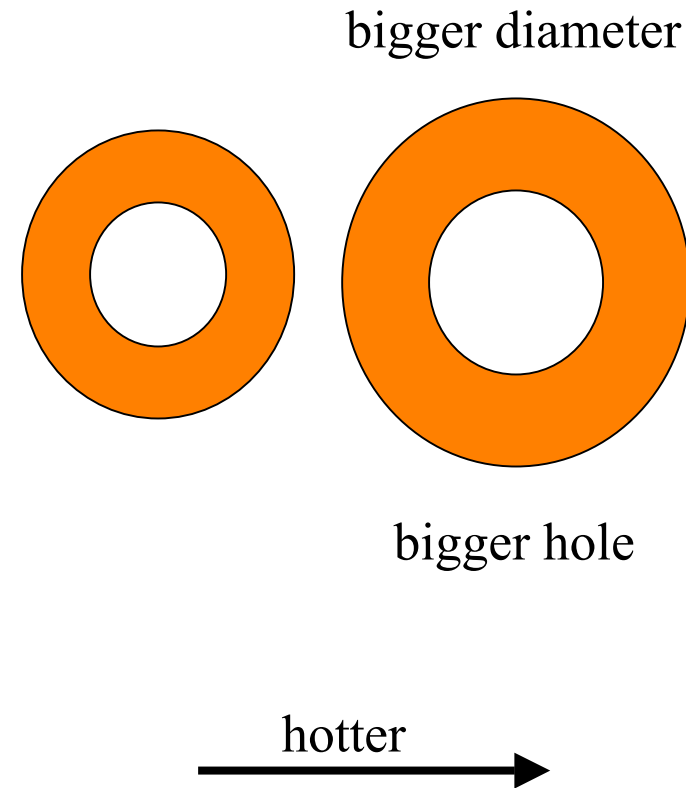
$$V_{\text{whisky@20}^\circ\text{C}} = 0.9998 (1 + 10 \times 2 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$V_{\text{whisky@20}^\circ\text{C}} = 0.9998 (1 + 10 \times 75 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$V_{\text{whisky@20}^\circ\text{C}} = 1.0073 \text{ litres}$$

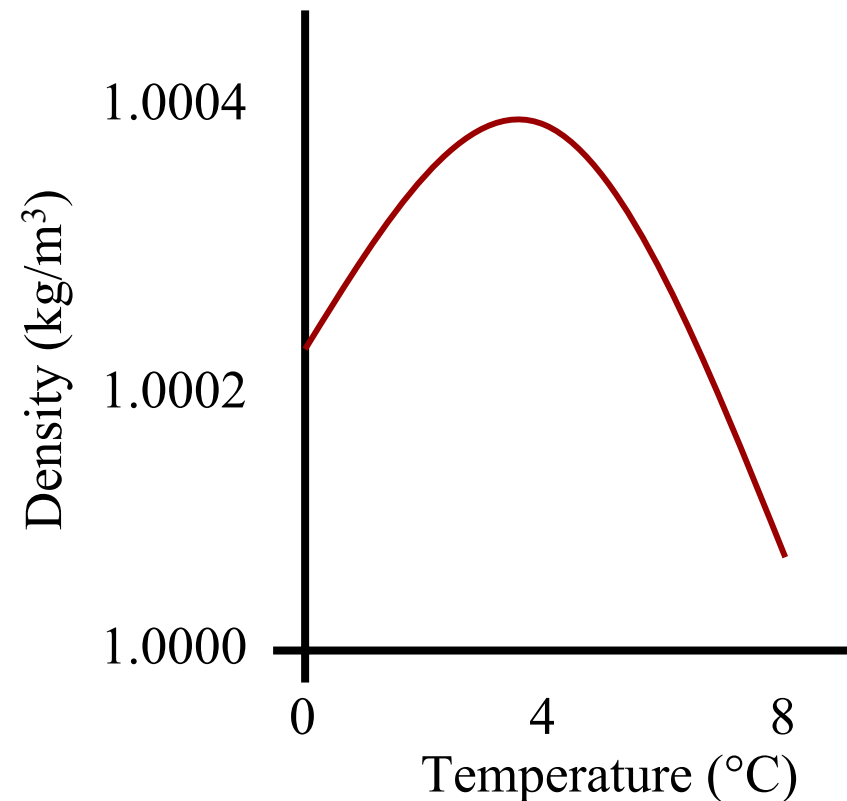
Shape change on expansion

- This can be very complex for mismatched materials
- Single material (or matched α) much simpler



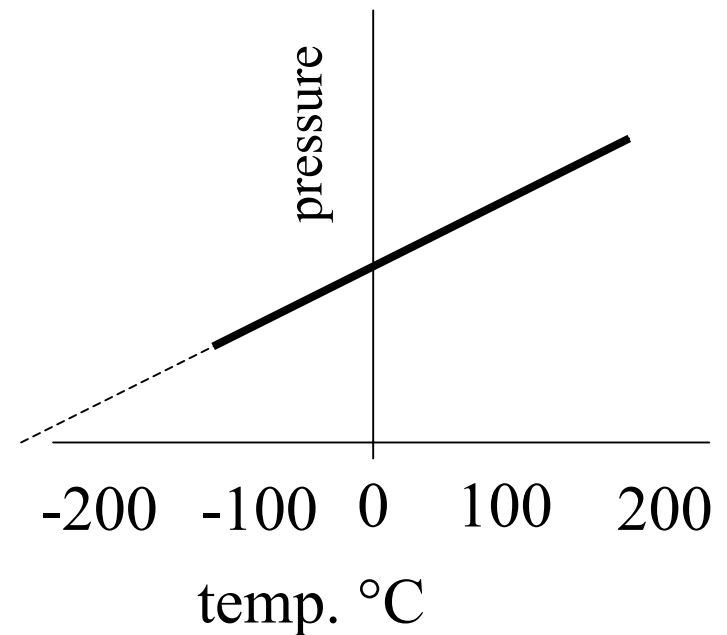
Thermal expansion of water

- Density of ice is less than water!!!
 - ✱ Icebergs float
- Density of water maximum at 4°C
 - ✱ Nearly frozen water floats to the top of the lake and hence freezes at surface



Volume and pressure of a gas

- Gases (at constant pressure) expand with increasing temperature
 - ✱ ideal gases tend to zero volume at -273.15°C !
- Gases (at constant volume) increase pressure with increasing temperature
 - ✱ ideal gases tend to zero pressure at -273.15°C !
- In reality, gases liquefy when they get cold



Pressure

- Pressure is defined as force per unit area
 - ✱ Newtons per square metre $\text{N/m}^2 = \text{Pa}$
- The pressure exerted by a gas results from the atoms/ molecules “bumping” into the container walls
 - ✱ More atoms gives more bumps and higher pressure
 - ✱ Higher temperature gives faster bumps and higher pressure
- At sea level and 20°C , normal atmospheric pressure is
 - ✱ $1\text{atm} \approx 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 0.1 \text{ MPa}$

Volume and Pressure of a Gas

- Ideal gas law:

- ✱ $P V = \text{const.}$

- Can define $PV = NkT$

- ✱ Where N is the number of molecules

- ✱ And k is Boltzmann's constant, $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$

- Alternatively $PV = nRT$

- ✱ Where n is the number of moles of a gas

- ✱ $N = n N_A$

- ✱ where N_A is Avogadro's number, $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

- ✱ $R = k N_A = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Volume and pressure 2

- Any two temperatures defined by the ratio
 - ✱ $P_1 T_2 = P_2 T_1$ or $V_1 T_2 = V_2 T_1$
- Can use this to calculate volume or pressure changes with temperature

Example

- A bottle of hair spray is filled to a pressure of 1 atm at 20°C
- What is the canister pressure if it is placed into boiling water?

$$\begin{aligned}P_1 T_2 &= P_2 T_1 \\1 \times 373 &= P_2 \times 293 \\P_2 &= 373/293 \\P_2 &= 1.27 \text{ atm}\end{aligned}$$

Absolute zero 1

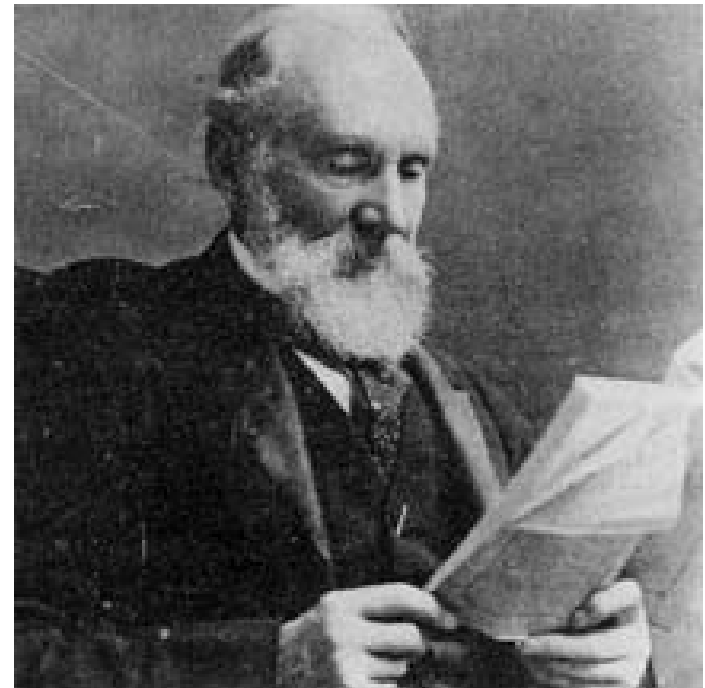
- On the Kelvin scale, the lowest possible temperature is 0 K. (zero volume and zero pressure)
- The zero point is fixed -
 - ✱ Absolute Zero ($\approx -273.15^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Additional point defined at triple point of water (occurs at one temp and pressure where ice, steam and liquid all coexist ($\approx 0.01^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 0.006 atm))
- $T_{\text{triple}} = 273.16\text{K}$
- $T = 273.16 \times (p/p_{\text{triple}})$

Absolute zero 2

- Ideal gas has zero volume
- Resistance of metal drops to zero (superconductivity cuts in above 0K)
- Brownian motion ceases (kinetic energy due to thermal excitation $\approx 3/2 kT$, see later)
- But lowest temperature yet attained in lab is $\approx 10^{-9}\text{K}$
- Very difficult to get really cold!!!

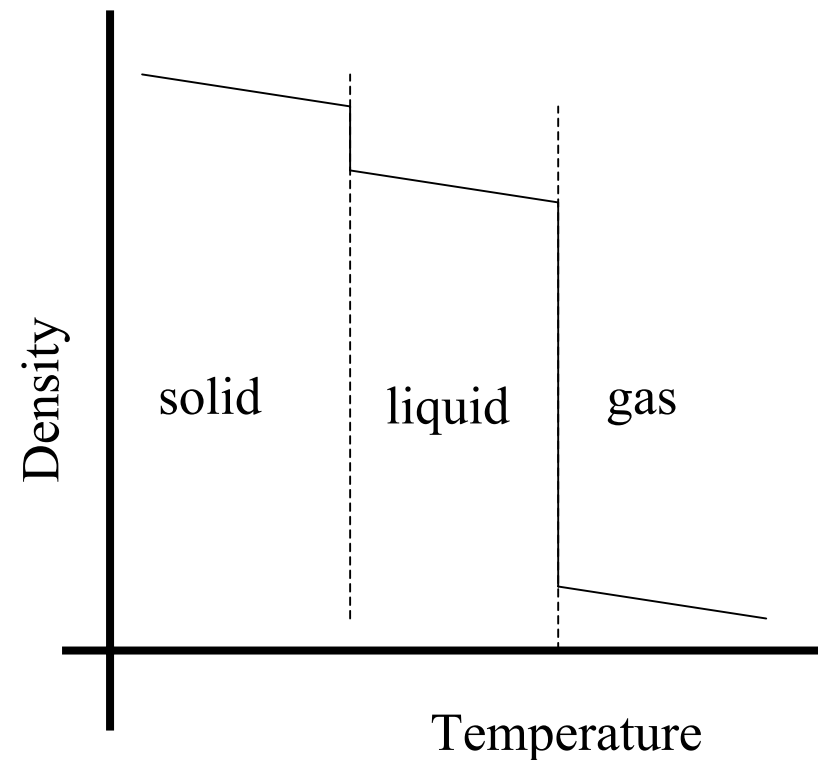
Lord Kelvin

- William Thompson, born Belfast 1824
- Student in Natural Philosophy
- Professor at 22!
- Baron Kelvin of Largs in 1897
- Lived at 11 The Square
- A giant
 - ✱ Thermodynamics, Foams, Age of the Earth, Patents galore!



Thermal expansion solid-liquid-gas

- Normally, density (ρ) changes as

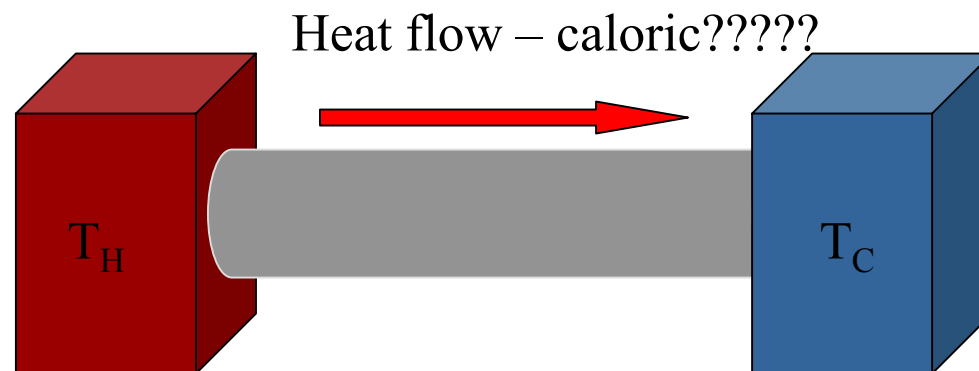


How much energy required to heat object?

- Heat (energy) flows because of temperature difference
 - ✱ Bigger temperature difference - bigger heat flow
 - ✱ Less insulation gives more heat flow for the same temperature difference
- Heat will not flow between two bodies of the same temperature

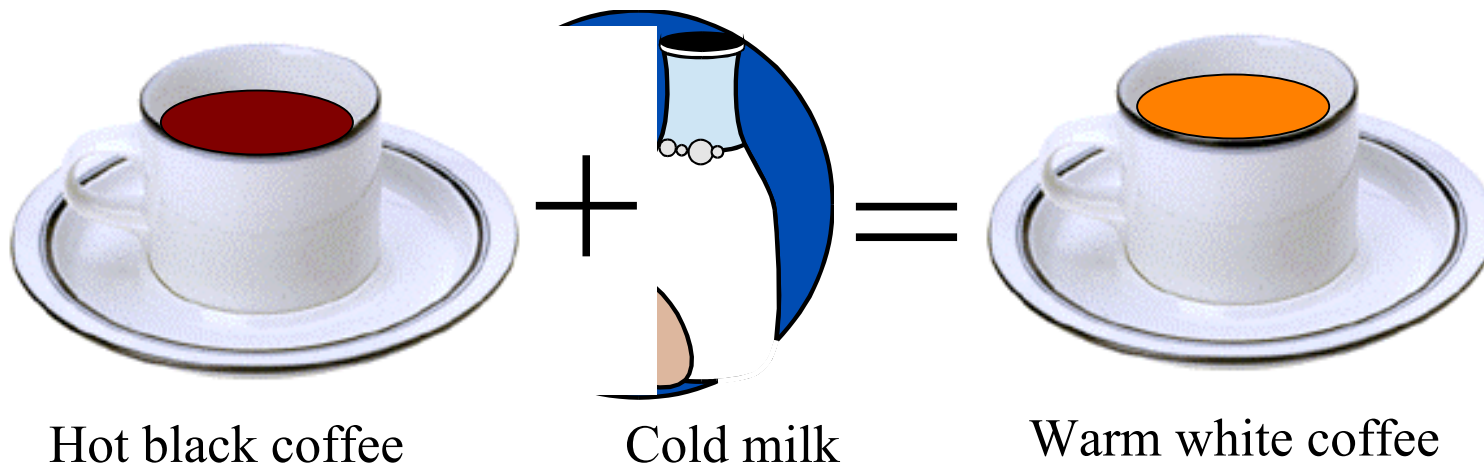
What is heat?

- Heat flows from hot bodies to cold bodies until the temperature of the two is the same
- Early researchers thought it was a substance called caloric



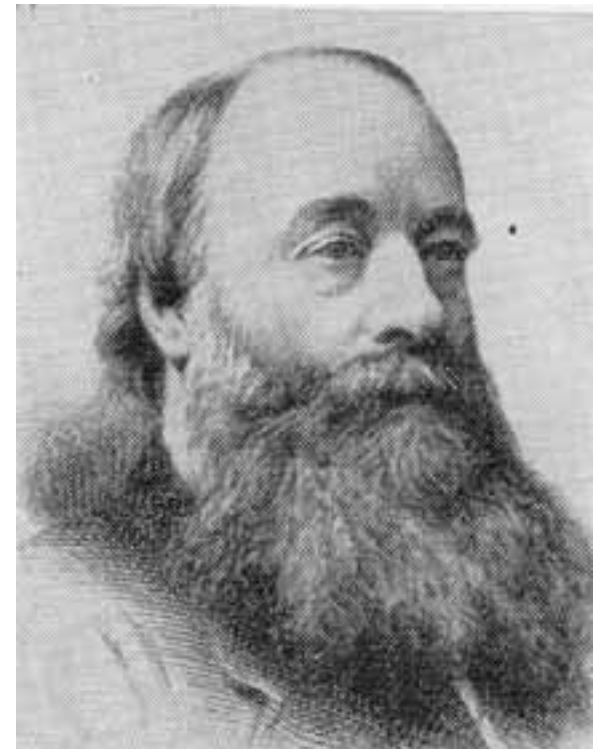
Equilibrium

- Two objects of different temperature when placed in contact will reach the same temperature



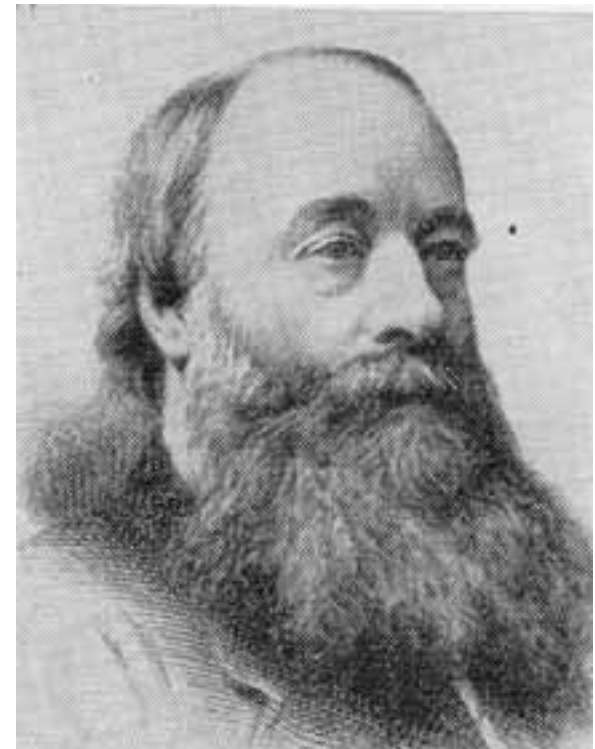
Sir James Joule

- James Joule 1818-1889
- Stirring water made it warm
 - ✱ Change in temperature proportional to work done
 - ✱ Showing equivalence of heat and energy
- Also that electrical current flow through a resistor gives heating



Sir James Joule 2

- Heat and energy are the same thing
- Measured in Joules (J)
- Sometimes measured in calories
 - ✱ One cal raises one gram of water from 14.5°C to 15.5°C
 - ✱ $1 \text{ cal} = 4.186\text{J}$



1st Law of Thermodynamics

Heat transfer = energy transfer

- Doing work on something usually makes it hot
 - ✱ Splash in the bath and the water will get warmer!
- 1st law of thermodynamics heat and work are both forms of energy
- $\Delta U = Q - W$
- Same as conservation of energy
 - ✱ Can neither be created nor destroyed, just changes form

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Lecture 3

Heat capacity and heat transfer

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How quickly do things get hot?

- If you give heat to something
 - ✱ T increases
 - ✱ How fast?
 - ✱ Depends on the substance
 - ✱ Alcohol heats quicker than water
 - ✱ Also depends on how much you have of the substance

Specific heat capacity

- $Q = mc \Delta T$
 - ✱ Q is heat required
 - ✱ m is the mass of substance
- c is called the specific heat capacity
 - ✱ $c_{\text{water}} = 4190 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ - very difficult to heat
 - ✱ $c_{\text{ice}} = 2000 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
 - ✱ $c_{\text{ethanol}} = 2428 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ - easier to heat
 - ✱ $c_{\text{mercury}} = 138 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ - very easy to heat
- The higher c is, the more energy we need for heating

Example – heat capacity

- “thrashing” around in the bath should heat up the water.

Estimate volume of water $\approx 0.5\text{m}^3$

Estimate power of thrashing $\approx 500\text{W}$

- How much will the water heat up after one minute of “thrashing”

$$\Delta T = Q/mc_{\text{water}}$$

$$\Delta T = 500 \times 60 / 500 \times 4190$$

$$\Delta T = 0.015^\circ\text{C}$$

Reaching thermal equilibrium

- Total energy (heat) of a closed system is constant, $\Delta Q_{\text{coffee}} = -\Delta Q_{\text{milk}}$ i.e $\Sigma \Delta Q = 0$
- By convention heat flowing into a body ΔQ +ve



Hot black coffee at T_H

+



Cold milk at T_C

=



Warm white coffee at T_w

$$(T_H - T_w)m_{\text{coffee}}c_{\text{coffee}} = -(T_C - T_w)m_{\text{milk}}c_{\text{milk}}$$

Example 2 – heat capacity

- A 2.5 kg steel bar is heated to 1000 °C
- It is then dropped into a 10 l tank of cold water at 10 °C (approx 10 kg water)
- What is the final temperature of the water?
- $c_{\text{steel}} = 420 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- $c_{\text{water}} = 4190 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
- $m_{\text{water}} c_{\text{water}} \Delta T_{\text{water}} = - m_{\text{steel}} c_{\text{steel}} \Delta T_{\text{steel}}$
- $\Delta T_{\text{steel}} / \Delta T_{\text{water}} = - 39.9$
- $\Delta T_{\text{water}} - \Delta T_{\text{steel}} = 990$
- $\Delta T_{\text{water}} + 39.9 \Delta T_{\text{water}} = 990$
- $\Delta T_{\text{water}} = 990/40.9 = 24.2 \text{ °C} \Rightarrow T_{\text{final}} = 34.2 \text{ °C}$
- $\Delta T_{\text{steel}} = -990/1.025 = 965.8 \text{ °C} \text{ !!!!!}$

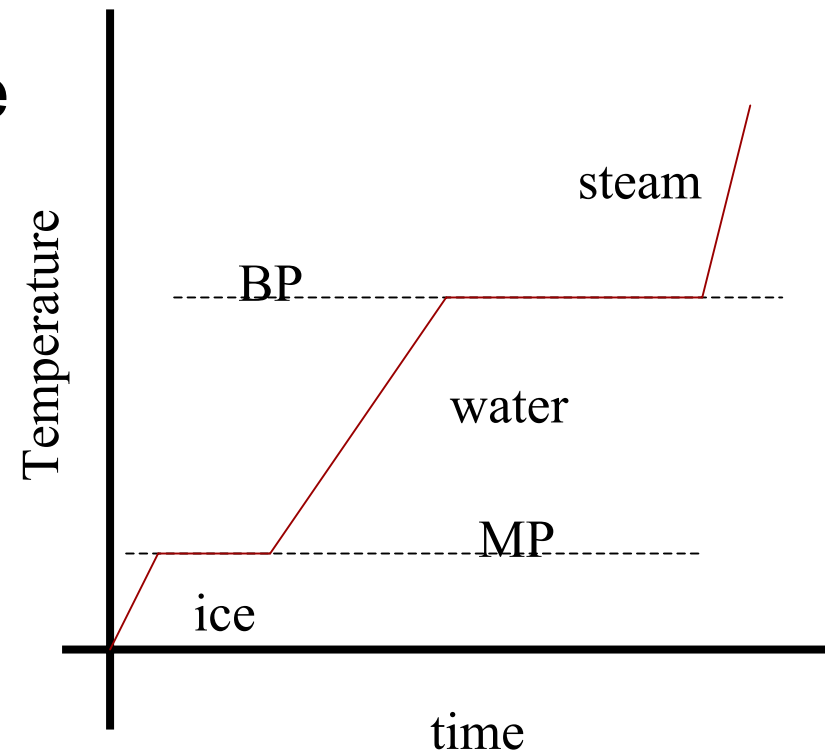
Molar heat capacity

- Quote Joules per mole rather than Joules per kilogram
- i.e. $Q = nMc \Delta T$
 - ✱ n is the number of moles
 - ✱ Mc is the molar heat capacity ($\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$)
- $Mc \approx 25 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ for solids!
 - ✱ i.e. energy required to heat one atom of anything is about the same
 - ✱ Realised by Dulong and Petit

Phase changes (e.g. solid to liquid)

- When heating ice into water and then into steam the temperature does not go up uniformly

- ✱ Different gradients ($c_{\text{water}} > c_{\text{ice}}$)
- ✱ Flat bits at phase changes
- ✱ Need heat to convert
 - Solid to liquid
 - Liquid to vapour



Energy required for phase change

■ Heat of fusion (Q), solid -> liquid

✱ $Q = mL_f$ (L_f is latent heat of fusion)

- $L_{f(\text{water})} = 334 \times 10^3 \text{ J/kg}$
- $L_{f(\text{mercury})} = 11.8 \times 10^3 \text{ J/kg}$

■ Heat of vapourisation (Q), liquid -> gas

✱ $Q = mL_v$ (L_v is latent heat of vapourisation)

- $L_{v(\text{water})} = 2256 \times 10^3 \text{ J/kg}$
- $L_{v(\text{mercury})} = 272 \times 10^3 \text{ J/kg}$

■ Heat of sublimation (Q), solid -> gas

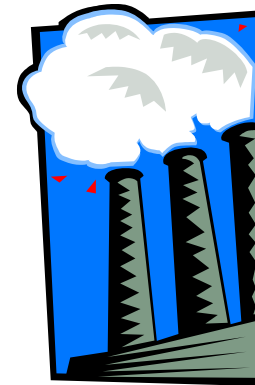
✱ $Q = mL_s$ (L_s is latent heat of sublimation)

Other phase changes

- Magnetic transitions
 - ✱ Iron is paramagnetic at high temperature
 - Can be magnetised
 - Not permanently magnetised
 - ✱ Is ferromagnetic at lower temperatures
 - ✱ Change happens at the *Curie Temperature*
- Changes in crystal structure, ferroelectrics etc.
- May also have latent heats associated

Using condensation to transfer energy

- Steam has two contributions to its stored thermal energy
 - ✱ The energy it took to heat it to 100°C
 - ✱ The energy it took turn it from water at 100°C to steam at 100°C
- Same idea with sweating
 - ✱ Sweat forms on the skin
 - ✱ It evaporates and this requires energy
 - ✱ Your skin gets cooler



Turning water into steam is a thermally efficient way of cooling things down

Example

- If it takes 2 mins for your kettle to begin boiling how much longer does it take to boil dry?

- ✱ Assume kettle is 3kW
- ✱ Starting temp of water 20°C

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Work done by kettle} &= \text{power} \times \text{time} \\ &= 2 \times 60 \times 3000 = 360\,000\text{J}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \text{Work to boil water of mass } M \\ &= \Delta T \times M \times c_{\text{water}} \\ &= 80 \times M \times 4190 = 335200\,M\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Mass of water} = 1.07\text{kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Energy to boil water} &= M \times L_v (\text{water}) \\ &= 1.07 \times 2256 \times 10^3 = 2420\,000\text{J}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time required} &= \text{Energy} / \text{power} \\ &= 2420\,000 / 3000 = 808\,\text{s} \approx 13\text{mins}\end{aligned}$$

Transferring heat energy

■ 3 mechanisms

✱ Conduction

- Heat transfer through material

✱ Convection

- Heat transfer by movement of hot material

✱ Radiation

- Heat transfer by electromagnetic radiation (light, IR, etc.)

Conduction of heat

■ Conduction in solids

- ✱ Heat energy causes atoms to vibrate, a vibrating atom passes this vibration to the next and so on

■ Conduction in metal

- ✱ Have free electron “gas”
- ✱ Conduction electrons can move where they wish
- ✱ Heat energy causes electrons to gain energy
- ✱ This energy is rapidly spread out through entire free electron gas
 - Metals are good conductors of both heat and electricity

Rate of heat flow

- Heat flow (H) is energy transfer per unit time, depends on

- Temperature difference

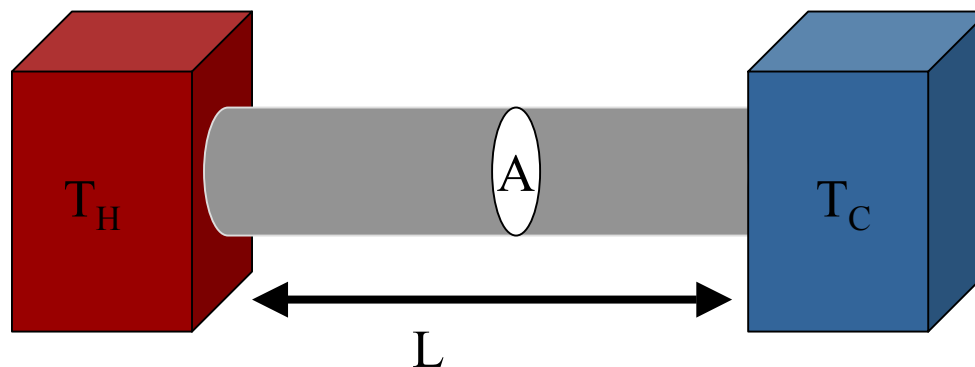
- Thermal conductivity (κ)

- $k_{\text{(copper)}} = 385 \text{ W/(m K)}$

- $k_{\text{(glass)}} = 0.8 \text{ W/(m K)}$

- $k_{\text{(air)}} = 0.02 \text{ W/(m K)}$

$$H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \kappa A \frac{T_H - T_C}{L}$$



Example

- You poke a 1.2m long, 10mm dia. copper bar into molten lead
- How much heat energy flows through the bar to you?
 - ✱ Lead melts at 600K

Temperature difference along rod

$$\Delta T = 600 - 311 = 289\text{K}$$

$$H = k_{\text{copper}} A (\Delta T/L)$$

$$A = \pi \times r^2 = 3.142 \times 0.005^2 = 0.000078\text{m}^2$$

$$H = k A (\Delta T/L) = 7.3 \text{ units?}$$

$$\text{Units} = \{W/ (mK)\} \text{ m}^2 \text{ K} / \text{m} = \text{Watts}$$

Thermal conduction vs thermal resistance

- Can also use thermal resistance, R

$$H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \kappa A \frac{T_H - T_C}{L} = A \frac{T_H - T_C}{R} \quad \text{i.e. } R = \frac{L}{\kappa}$$

- R values often quoted for household insulation (in absurd imperial units!!)
- Can make equation of heat flow more general

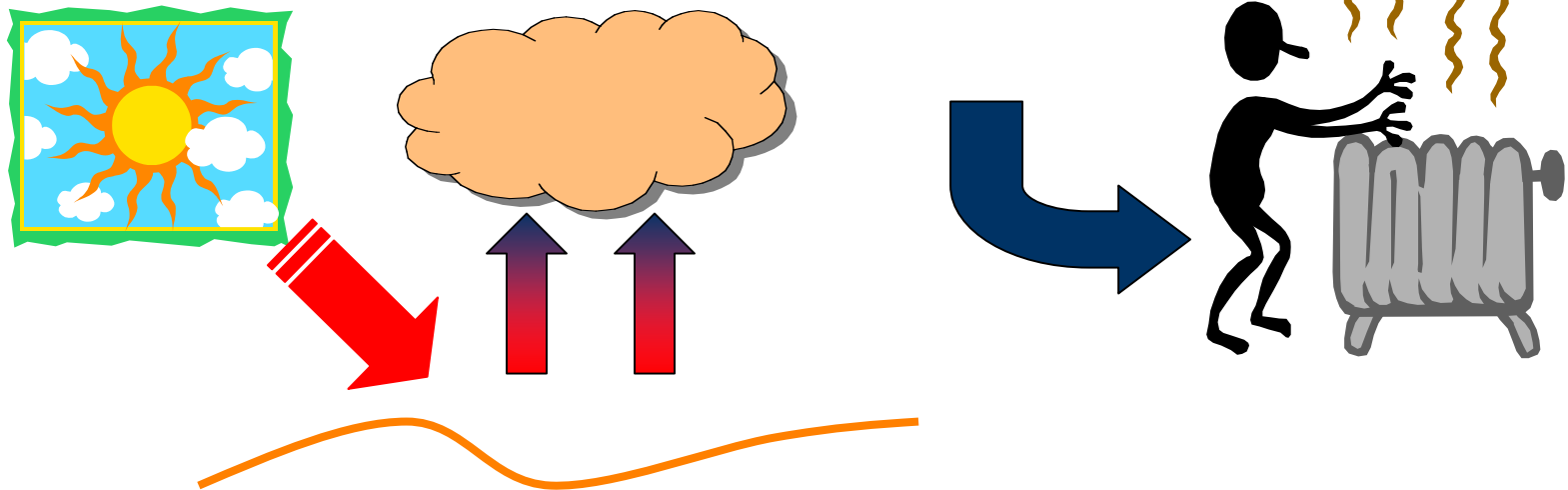
$$H = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \kappa A \frac{dT}{dx}$$

Convection of heat

- “Hot air rises” (and takes its heat with it!)

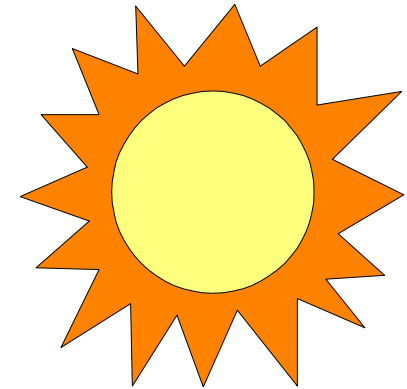
- ✱ Radiators

- ✱ Cumulus clouds



Radiation of heat

- Don't confuse with radioactivity
- Instead realise that EM radiation (light etc.) carries heat (e.g. the sun heats the earth)
- Anything above absolute zero radiates heat
 - ✱ Heat energy emitted $\propto T^4$



Not all things emit heat the same

- Heat emission from an object of surface area A

- ✱ $H = Ae\sigma T^4$

- σ = Stefan's constant = $5.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$)
- e = emissivity of a body, 0 -1
- $e_{\text{copper}} = 0.3$
- $e_{\text{charcoal}} \approx 1$

Example

- Estimate the upper limit to the heat emission of the sun

- ★ Sun's surface temperature 6000k
- ★ Sun's radius $7 \times 10^8 \text{m}$

$$\text{Emission, } H = Ae\sigma T^4$$

$$\text{Area} = 4\pi r^2 = 6.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^2$$

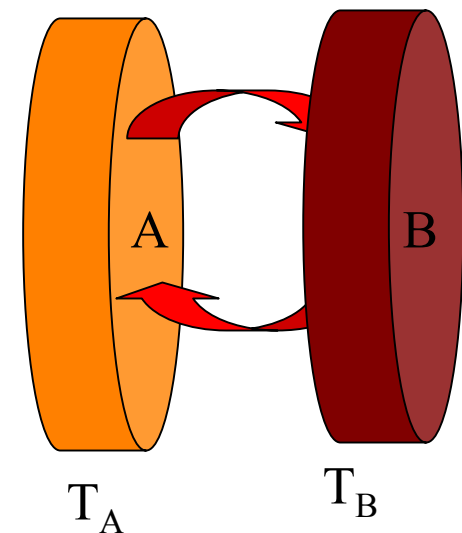
$$\text{Emissivity} \approx 1$$

$$H = 6.2 \times 10^{18} \times 5.6 \times 10^{-8} \times 6000^4$$

$$\text{Sun's output} = 4.5 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$$

Are heat emitters also good absorbers?

- Two bodies close
 - ✱ All heat emitted from A hits B
 - ✱ All heat emitted from B hits A
 - ✱ A is a perfect absorber & emitter
 - ✱ B emissivity e , absorptivity η
- B in thermal equilibrium with A, i.e. heat in = heat out
 - ✱ Area $\eta_B \sigma T_A^4 = \text{Area } e_B \sigma T_B^4$
 - ✱ $T_A = T_B$ therefore $e_B = \eta_B$



The “colour” of heat

- Peak wavelength of EM radiation emitted depends on temperature
- Spectrum includes all wavelength longer than the peak but not many above
 - ✱ 20°C - peak in infrared (need thermal imaging camera to see body heat)
 - ✱ 800°C - peak in red (electric fire glows red)
 - ✱ 3000° - peak in blue (but includes green and red light hence appears white)
 - ✱ 2.7K peak in microwave (background emission in the universe left over from the Big Bang)

Thermal Physics – EE1

Lecture 4

Ideal gases

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Equations of state

- State, identifies whether solid liquid or gas
- Key parameters or state variables
 - ✱ Volume, V (m^3)
 - ✱ Pressure, P (N/m^2)
 - ✱ Temperature, T (K)
 - ✱ Mass, M (kg) or number of moles, n
- Equation of state relates V , P , T , M or n

Equation of state for a solid

- Increasing the temperature causes solid to expand
- Increasing the pressure causes solid to contract (0 subscript indicates initial value)
 - ✱ $V = V_0 [1 + \beta(T - T_0) - k(p - p_0)]$
 - β = thermal (volume) expansion coefficient
 - k = pressure induced volume expansion coefficient

Amount of gas

- Better to describe gas in terms of number of moles (we shall see that all gases act the same!)
- Mass, m related to number of moles, n
 - ✱ $m = nM$
 - M = molecular mass (g/mole, 1mole = 6×10^{23} atoms or molecules)

Equation of state for a gas

- All gases behave nearly the same

- ✱ $pV = nRT$

- $R = 8.3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ for all gases (as long as they remain a gas)
 - T is in K!!!!!!

- Re-express

- ✱ $pV = (m/M) RT$

- Density $\rho = (m/V)$

- ✱ $\rho = pM/RT$

Example

- What is the mass of a cubic metre of air?

- ✱ Molecular weight of air ≈ 32 g

$$pV = nRT$$

Atmospheric pressure = 10^5 Pa

Atmospheric temp. = 300 K

For a volume of 1 m^3

$$n = pV/RT = 10^5 / (8.3 \times 300) \\ = 40 \text{ moles}$$

$$M = 40 \times 0.032 = 1.3 \text{ kg}$$

Constant mass of gas

- For a fixed amount of gas, its mass or number of moles remains the same
 - ✱ $pV/T = nR = \text{constant}$
- Comparing the same gas under different conditions
 - ✱ $p_1V_1/T_1 = p_2V_2/T_2$
 - Hence can use pressure of a constant volume of gas to define temperature (works even if gas is impure - since all gases the same)
 - Must use T in K!!!!!!

Example

- A hot air balloon has a volume of 150m^3
- If heated from 20°C to 60°C how much lighter does it get?
 - ✱ Molecular weight of air $\approx 32\text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$$pV/T = nR$$
$$n = pV/RT$$

Balloon has constant volume and constant pressure

$$n_{\text{cool}} = 10^5 \times 150 / (8.3 \times 293) = 6168$$

$$n_{\text{hot}} = 10^5 \times 150 / (8.3 \times 333) = 5427.1$$

$$\Delta n = 7409 \text{ moles}$$

$$\Delta M = 740.9 \times 0.032 = 23.7\text{kg}$$

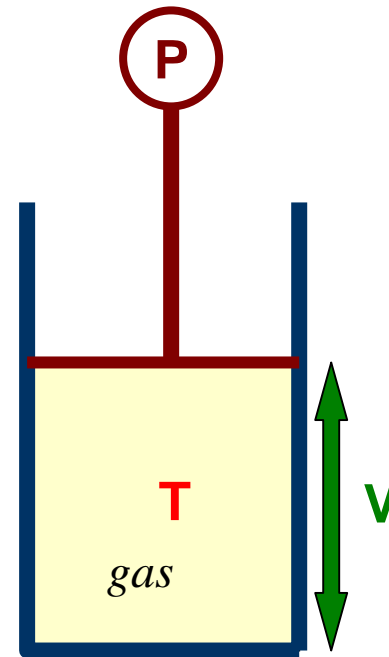
Work on and by gases

■ Compress

- ✱ $V \rightarrow V-dV$
- ✱ Work done on the gas by the piston
- ✱ W is -ve

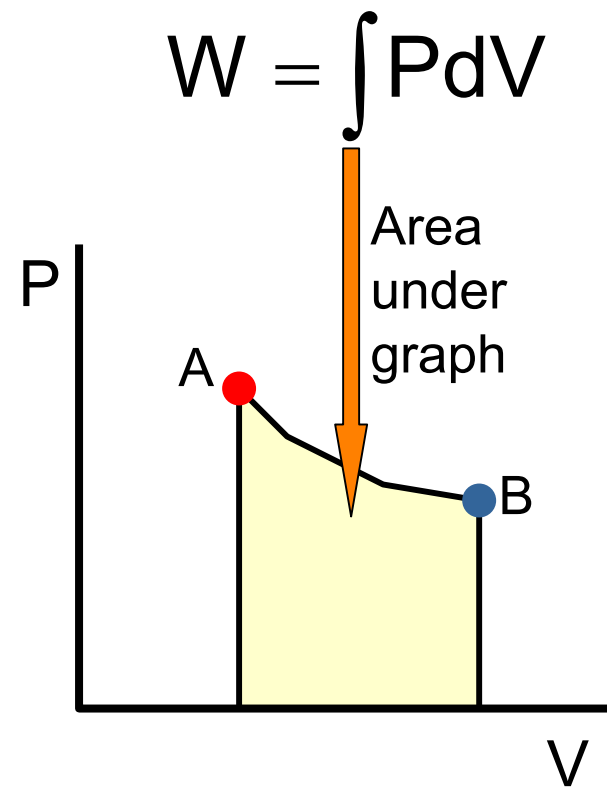
■ Expand

- ✱ $V \rightarrow V+dV$
- ✱ Work done on the piston by the gas
- ✱ W is +ve



Work done on/by gas

- $dW = F dx$
- $P = F/A$
- $dW = P A dx$
- $A dx = dV$
- $dW = P dV$
- $P = nRT/V$ so P depends on V

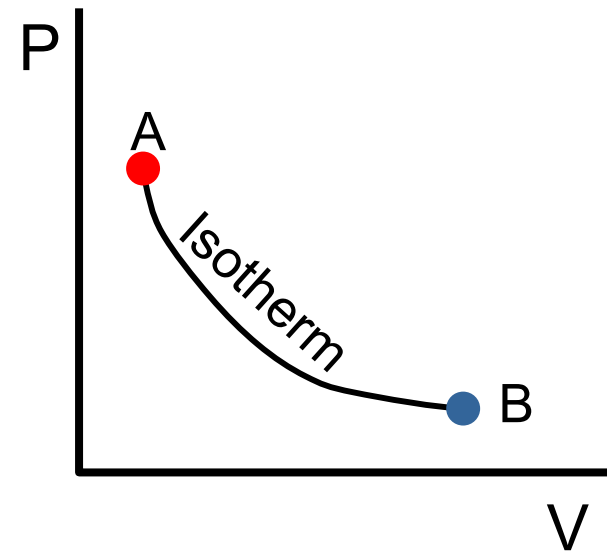


Change of State processes

- How to get “there” from “here”
- Isothermal
 - ✱ Same temperature
- Isobaric
 - ✱ Same pressure
- Isovolumetric
 - ✱ Same volume
- Can relate to first law of thermodynamics
 - ✱ $\Delta U = Q - W$

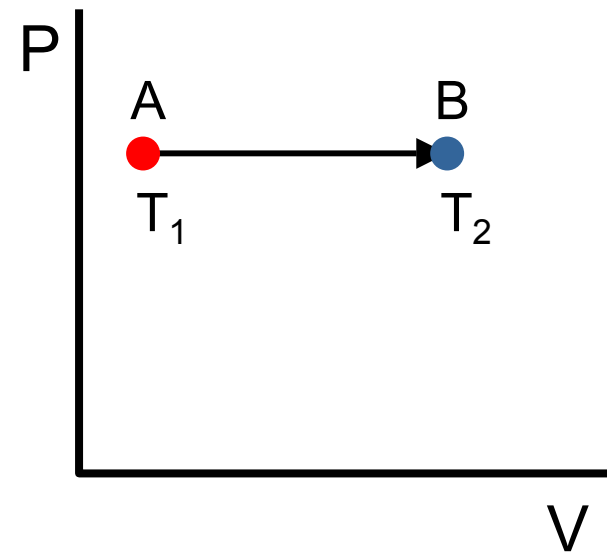
Isothermal

- Iso – same
- Thermal – temperature
- Pressure and volume change inversely
- $PV = \text{const}$
 - ✱ Boyle's law
- For ideal gas, if T is constant, U is constant
- $\Delta U = 0 = Q - W \Rightarrow Q = W$
- Heat input = Work done



Isobaric

- Iso – same
- Baric – pressure
- V increases with T or vice versa



Isovolumetric

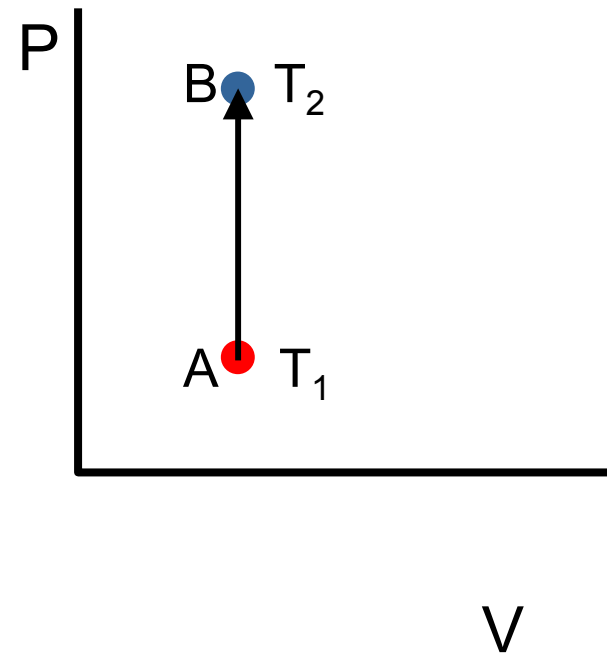
- Iso – Same
- Volumetric – volume
- As P increases, T increases

- $V_1 = V_2$

$$W = \int P dV = 0$$

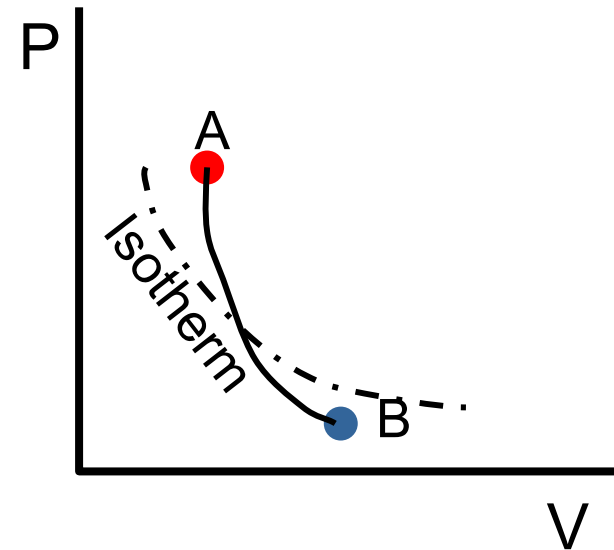
$$\Delta U = Q$$

- All heat converted to internal energy



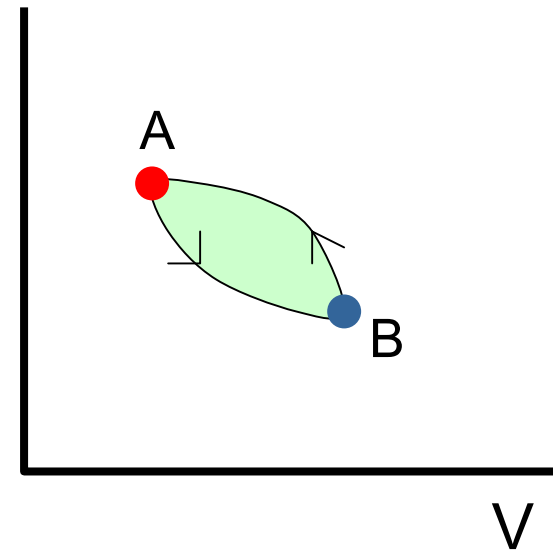
Adiabatic

- A – not
 - Dia – through
 - Batic – passable
 - i.e. No heat flow
 - $Q = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta U = -W$
 - Process occurs fast
- or
- Container is well insulated
 - Adiabats obey $PV^\gamma = \text{const.}$



Cyclic processes

- Go from one state (point) to another and return by different route
- Net work: area of cycle (shaded)
- Quasistatic process
 - ✱ Slow change in state variables P , V , T



Example

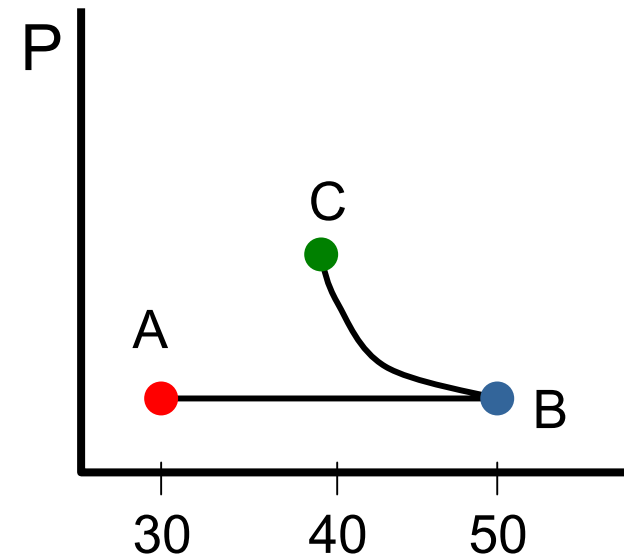
- Ideal gas expands isobarically at $P = 120 \text{ kPa}$ from A to B
- It is then compressed isothermally from B to C
- Find the work done

$$W = \int P dV$$

- A to B: P const

$$W = P \int dV = P(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$= 120 \times 10^3 \times (50 - 30) \times 10^{-3} = 2400 \text{ J}$$



Example continued

- B-C: T constant

$$W = \int_{V_1}^{V_2} P dV = nRT \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{dV}{V}$$

$$= nRT(\ln V_2 - \ln V_1)$$

- At B

$$PV = 120 \times 10^3 \times 50 \times 10^{-3} = 6000 \text{ J} = nRT$$

$$W = 6000(\ln V_2 - \ln V_1) = 6000 \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1} = -1339 \text{ J}$$

$$W_{\text{total}} = 2400 - 1339 = 1061 \text{ J} \quad \text{Done by the gas}$$

