

First Law of TD

- This postulate added internal energy to the existing mechanical concepts of kinetic and potential (e.g., gravitational) energy
 - example for isolated system, $dE = dU + dKE + dPE = 0$
- Empirical Evidence
 - original formulation based on experiments in 1800's, especially those of Joule (1843-1848)
 - Joule performed 4 experiments looking at different ways of using work to increase the temperature of a fixed mass of liquid water at 1 atm in an “adiabatic” enclosure

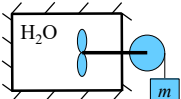
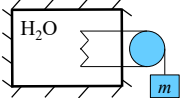
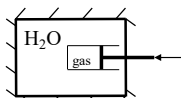
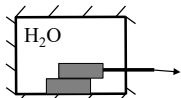
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Joule's Four Experiments

- Based on no change in KE/PE of water

	Method Direct work	W (ft lb _f) 773	1 lb _m of water raised by 1°F at room T
	Work via electricity generation (using poor generator)	883	
	Work (compression) on internal gas	795	Average of closest 3 values 781 ft lb _f /lb _m °F
	Work via friction	775	Accepted value today 778 ft lb _f /lb _m °F (= 4.184 J/kgK)

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Observations from Joule's Experiments

- 1) A closed system (control mass) undergoing an adiabatic change of state (new T in Joule's case) requires the same expenditure of work, regardless of the type of work
 - \Rightarrow a state variable (U) must exist which is related to work (energy transfer), e.g., $W=U_2-U_1$ as the system adiabatically goes from state 1 to state 2
- 2) From experience (experiments), the same change of state can be accomplished (without work) by putting the body in contact with a hotter body, i.e., another mode of energy transfer is **heat transfer**

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1st Law (Control Mass)

• Postulate

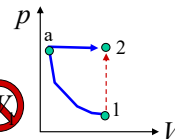
- there exists a function of state U , called internal energy (an extensive property)
- for an infinitesimal state change (with $dKE=dPE=0$) in a closed system [sign convention here](#)

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W$$

$\delta Q > 0$ if heat xfer into system

$\delta W > 0$ if work done on system

- Since U is state variable (property of matter), dU is exact differential; $\int_1^2 dU = U_2 - U_1$
- δQ , δW are inexact; **not properties** but depend on path between states
 - no pdV work in vertical path $\int_1^2 \delta W \neq 0$ ~~$\neq 0$~~ ~~$\neq 0$~~
 - but work in other paths



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1st Law: Integral Form

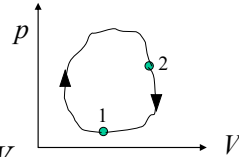
- So undergoing change between states

$$U_2 - U_1 = \Delta U_{12} = Q_{12} + W_{12}$$

- For a cyclic process

$$\oint dU = U_1 - U_1 = 0 = \oint \delta Q + \oint \delta W = Q + W$$

$$\therefore Q = -W$$



- if there is net work produced in cycle, then there must be net heat transfer into system

⇒ no perpetual motion machines

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Fluid Compression (pdV) Work

- Amount of energy transfer as work from surroundings into fluid

$$\delta W = -pdV$$

same sign convention

compression $\delta V < 0$, work in ($\delta W > 0$)

- If compression/expansion work only
(& no KE, PE change)

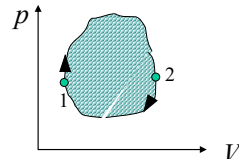
$$dU = \delta Q - pdV$$

- if also cyclic process

$$Q = -W = \oint pdV$$

$$= \int_1^2 pdV + \int_2^1 pdV$$

$$Q = \oint_1^2 pdV - \oint_1^2 pdV \text{ shaded area}$$

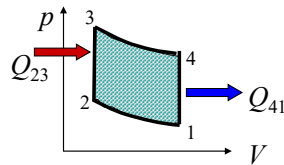


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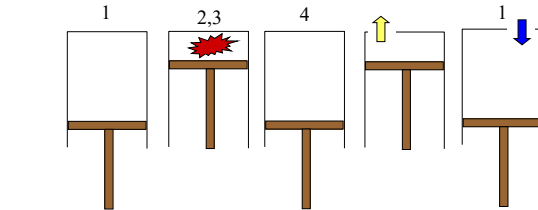
Example: Otto Cycle



Shaded Area

= Net Heat Transfer in
($Q_{23} - Q_{41}$)

= Net Work done by system
($W_{34} - W_{12}$)



- 1→2 Compression (adiabatic)
- 2→3 Heat transfer into fluid
 - “from” combustion (no work, $dV=0$)
- 3→4 Expansion (adiabatic)
- 4→1 Exhaust and refill strokes
 - “=” heat transfer out, “ideally” no net work

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Examples: Combustion Problems

- Combustion (CM) at fixed volume

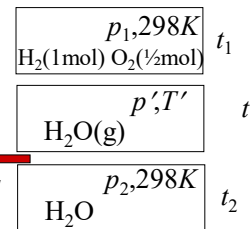
$$- dV=0 \Rightarrow dU=\delta Q$$

$$- \text{or } \Delta U_{12} = Q_{12}$$

– by cooling products to initial
(reactant) temperature

$$Q = 57.5 \text{ kcal} = 241 \text{ kJ}$$

$$U_2 - U_1 = Q \equiv Q_V$$



- $Q_V \equiv$ **heat of reaction (combustion) at constant volume**
 - like state function (since $W=0$)
- For our case $U\left\{H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)\right\} = U\{H_2O(g)\} + 57.5 \text{ kcal}$
 - $Q_V = -57.5 \text{ kcal/mol}_{H_2O} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{exothermic}$
 $1 \text{ kcal} = 4.186 \text{ kJ}$

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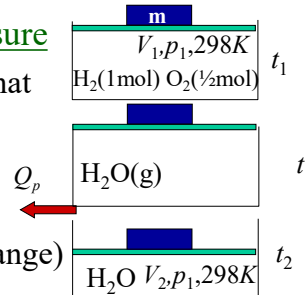
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Examples: Combustion Problems

- Combustion (CM) at fixed pressure

- assume reaction slow enough that we can keep constant p
- again extract heat to cool products to initial T
- what is Q now? (note V can change)



- 1st Law

if thermally perfect gas (tpg) $pV = n\bar{R}T$

$$dU = \delta Q - p dV \Rightarrow \Delta U_{12} = Q_p - p \Delta V_{12}$$

$$d(pV) = p dV = d(n\bar{R}T) = \bar{R}T dn$$

$$p \Delta V_{12} = \bar{R}T \Delta n_{12} = -\bar{R}T \left(n_{H_2O} - \left(n_{H_2} + \frac{1}{2} n_{O_2} \right) \right)$$

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Examples: Combustion Problems

- Combustion (CM) at fixed pressure

- so work DONE on system per mole H_2O made

$$W = -p \Delta V \quad W/n_{H_2O} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{R}T$$

- to get Q , need ΔU ; $Q_p = \Delta U_{12} - W_{12}$

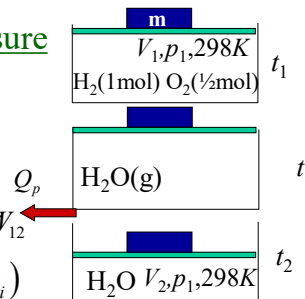
$$\Delta u = \frac{\Delta U}{m} = f(v, T, \chi_i) = f(T, \chi_i) \quad \text{for tpg}$$

- but T and composition same as constant volume case, so for 1 mole H_2O produced

$$Q_p = \Delta U_{12} - W_{12} = Q_v - \frac{1}{2} \bar{R}T = -57.5 \text{ kcal} - \frac{1}{2} \left(1.956 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{molK}} \right) 298K$$

$$Q_p = -57.8 \text{ kcal/mol}_{H_2O} = -241.8 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

because less moles of products, final volume is less, work done TO gas, and more energy must be extracted by heat transfer to reach 298K



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