

## Zeroth Law of TD

- **History**

- as a “formal” postulate of TD in came after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Laws
- was implicitly buried in common thinking of temperature

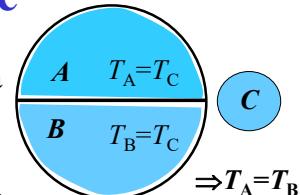
- **Observation**

- Sets of bodies can be ordered according to their degree of “hotness” (e.g., how hot they “feel”)

- **Postulate**

- if bodies A and B are in thermal equilibrium with a 3<sup>rd</sup> body C, then A&B are in thermal equilibrium with each other

## Temperature

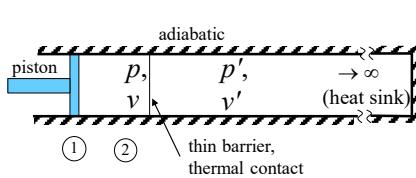


- A TD property must exist that is a measure of (quantifies) “hotness”
  - call it **temperature**
- Under this definition, temperature is a property of matter and can only be defined when a body (matter) is in equilibrium
- Defining a temperature scale
  - later we will examine TD definition and scale for temperature
  - for now look at earlier (historical) scale, the **“perfect-gas temperature scale”** *“luckily” it agrees with TD temp. scale*

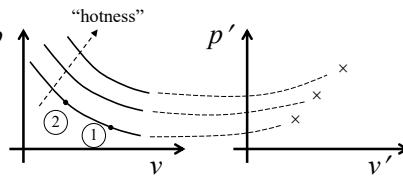
## PG Temperature Scale

- Empirical observation
  - temperature of a gas confined at a constant volume is monotonically increasing function of gas pressure

### Experiment



### Results



- $p', v'$  are constants for a given  $p$ - $v$  hyperbola
  - each hyperbola has different “hotness”, i.e, an isotherm
- so  $pv =$  function of hotness

## PG Temperature Scale

- We can “choose” to use these isotherms to define temperature  $T \equiv pv/c$  ***T is inten. (fn of 2 inten. props.)***
- Then
  1.  $T \geq 0$
  2.  $T$  monotonic with “hotness”
  3.  $T$  a simple function
- Temperature scale ( $c=?$ )
  - since we can accurately measure ratios of temperatures, it is sufficient to select a temperature of just one point on the scale (effectively defines  $c$ )

## SI (PG) Temperature Scale

- The *SI* scale (one of various single point scales) uses the **triple-point of water**
  - the temperature at which three phases of water (liquid, gas and solid-ice) all exist in thermal equilibrium
  - easily reproducible standard
  - “declared” (by Intl. agreement) to be **273.16 K**
- Why such a “strange” value?
  - chosen to agree with earlier two-point scale
  - $T_{\text{H}_2\text{O,boil}} - T_{\text{H}_2\text{O,freeze}} = 100\text{K} (=100\text{C})$