



Week 9

Internal Energy & Dissipation

Topics for this week

1. Potential energy of a spring
2. Air drag and dissipation
3. Thermal energy

By the end of the week

1. Predict the change in energy for systems with a spring
 2. Model drag
 3. Find the change in temperature
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Macroscopic Springs

- What is the potential energy change when a spring is in our system?
 - Hooke's Law provides a modeled for the force
 - The magnitude of the force is equal to the stretch times the spring stiffness
- Consider a spring where $x = 0$ is at the rest length of the spring

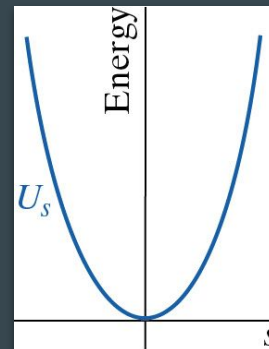
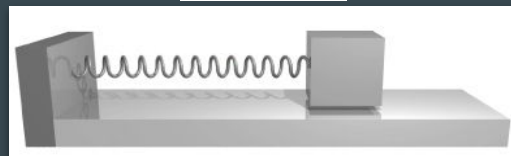
$$\Delta U_{spring} = - \int_i^f -kx dx$$

$$\Delta U_{spring} = \frac{1}{2}k \left(s_f^2 - s_i^2 \right)$$

Initial State



Final State

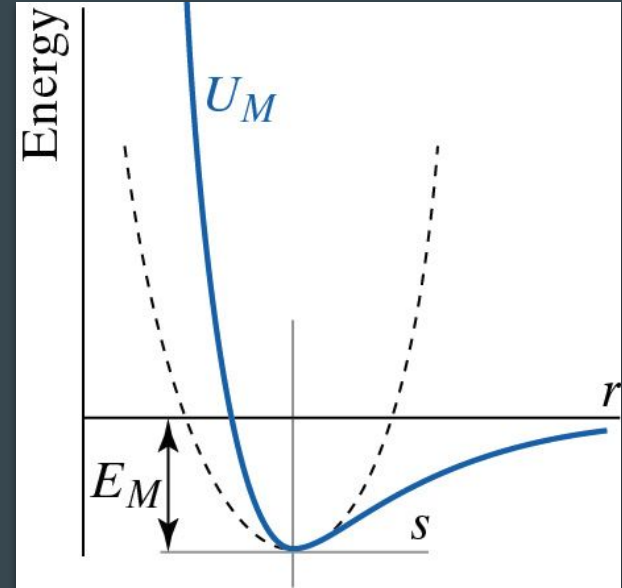


Potential Energy for Neutral Atoms

- Two neutral atoms will interact very little when far apart, attract each other at intermediate distances, and repel each other at very short distances
- Quantum Mechanics gives us a model for the potential energy of two neutral atoms
 - The Morse Potential Energy

$$U_M = E_M \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(r-r_{eq})} \right)^2 - E_m$$

- An idealized potential energy function for a real spring or interatomic bond is a good fit as long as the oscillations about equilibrium are small
 - This is what motivated the ball and spring model for a solid



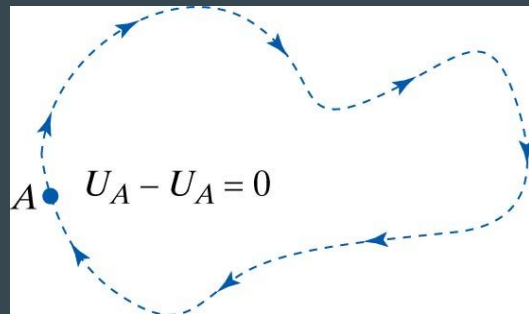
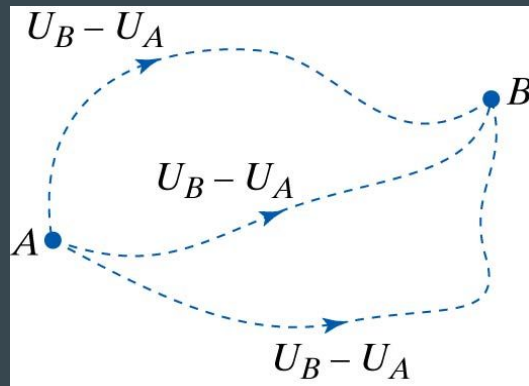
Example: The Bungee Jumper

After earning an 'A' in 2211 you land a job with Guinness World Records! For your first project, they ask you to estimate the spring stiffness k_s required for the cords on their new jump challenge. The requirements are that a jumper of mass 200 kg will only fall 73 m. The standard length of an un-stretched cord is 20 m



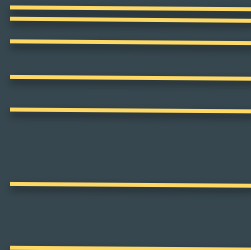
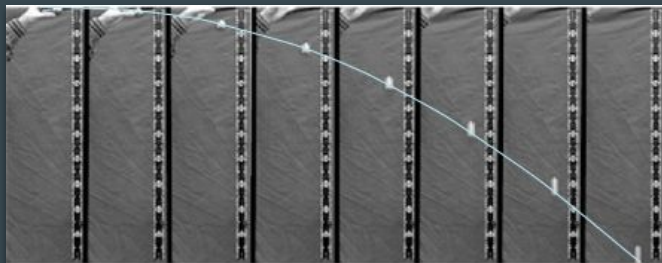
Conservative Forces vs dissipation

- For a spring mass system the internal interaction depended only on relative position not on velocity
 - We say that the force doing internal work is conservative (not time dependent)
 - As a consequence, the change in potential energy does not depend on the path taken but only on the relative position of objects within the system
- What if the interaction is time dependent?
 - Such as sliding friction or air resistance
- Instead of using potential energy we describe the flow of energy into and out of the system using the concept of work
 - The surroundings do negative work on the system causing irreversible energy dissipation



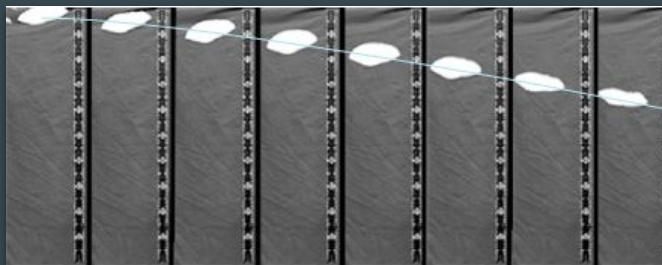
Snapshots of dropped objects

- Consider two different experiments in which we record the position of a falling mass as a function of time
 - A small heavy ball



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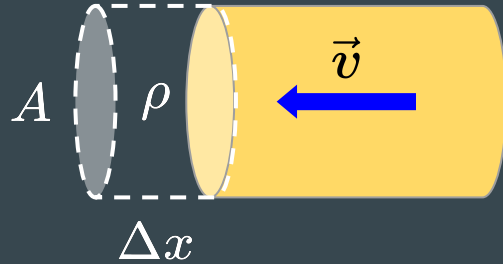
- A large piece of tissue paper



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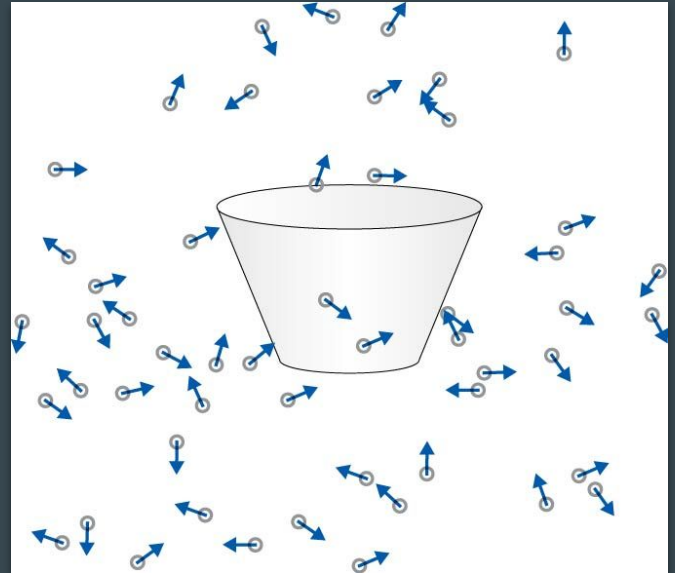
Air resistance

- When an object moves through the air it collides with more air molecules from the front than from behind
 - There is a change of momentum for the air in front of the object



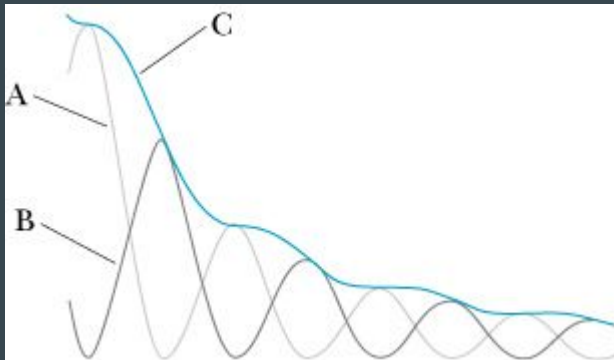
$$|\Delta \vec{p}| = (A \Delta x \rho) |\vec{v}|$$

$$\vec{f}_{air} = -\frac{1}{2} C A \rho |\vec{v}|^2 \hat{v}$$



A real spring mass system

- When we include a force of air resistance on the mass the mass eventually stops moving!
 - https://www.glowscript.org/#/user/ed/folder/My_Programs/program/3DSpring/edit
- Where did the energy go?
 - Some of the “lost” energy goes into the surroundings, the rest goes into increasing the atomic motion of the system
 - This increases the total energy for each atom
 - It is not realistic to think that we can measure these energies one by one



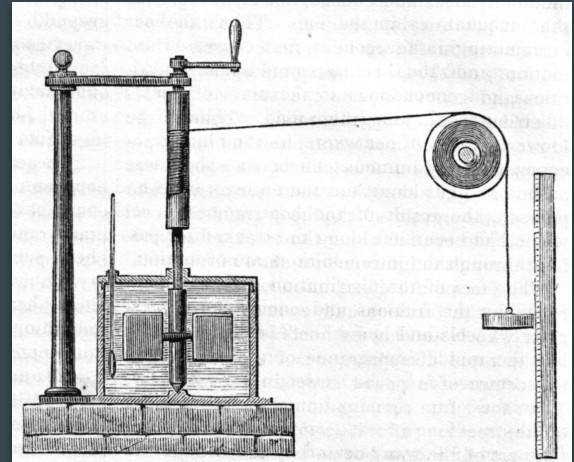
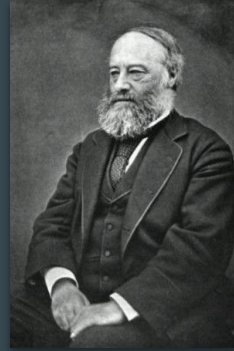
- A. The Spring Potential Energy
- B. The Kinetic Energy of the block
- C. The Total Energy of the system

Temperature

- Instead of measuring the energy of each atom we measure the temperature of the system
 - Related to the average kinetic energy due to the random motion of atoms in the system
 - A thermometer measures thermal expansion measured in degrees C, F, or K
- A change in energy is proportional to the change in temperature
 - C is the specific heat of the material

$$\Delta E_{therm} = mC\Delta T$$

- James Prescott Joule (1818 – 1889)
 - Physicist and Master Brewer who demonstrated the mechanical equivalent of heat

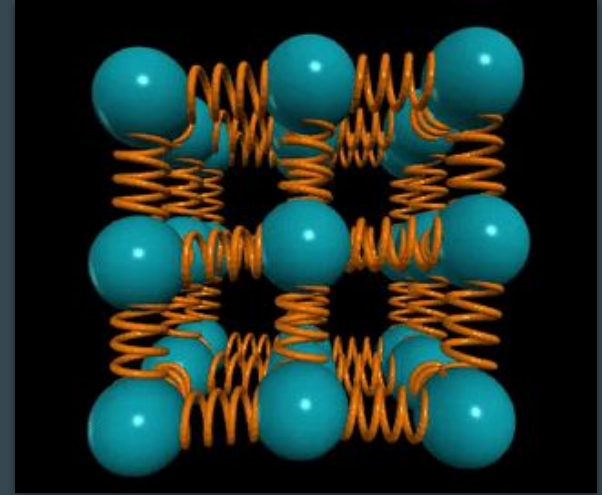


Fundamental energy changes

- There are only three times of fundamental energy in our multiparticle system
 - Rest Energy, Kinetic Energy, Potential Energy

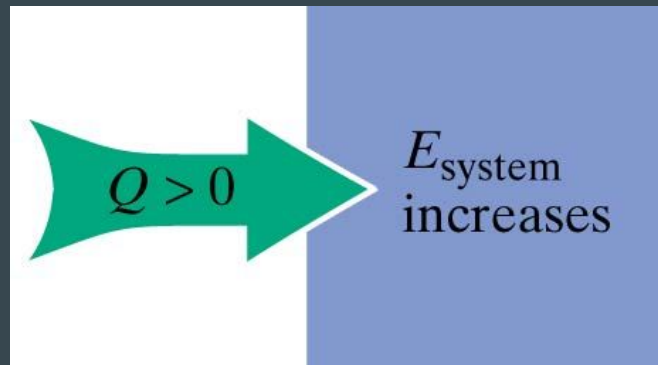
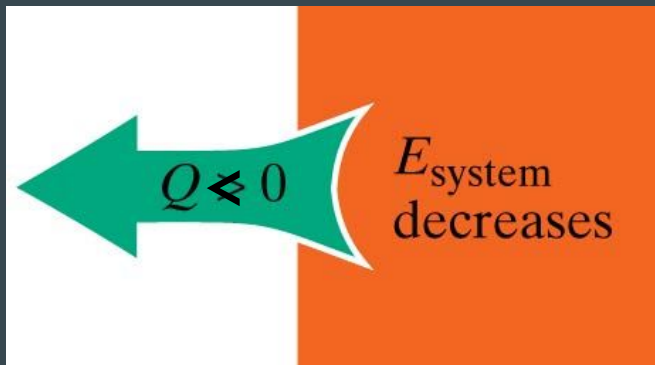
$$\Delta E_{sys} = \Delta E_{rest} + \Delta K_{total} + \Delta U_{total}$$

- Internal energy is a way of describing the rest energy of a multiparticle system
 - We can model some of the internal energy changes to make predictions when convenient
 - Rotational, Vibrational, Chemical, Thermal, etc.
 - Thermal energy is a measure of the **random** microscopic energy of the atoms and their bonds
 - We associate this energy with a temperature!



Energy Transfer Q

- An energy transfer Q can flow between a system and the surroundings when they are in contact and at a different temperature
 - This is microscopic work at the atomic level
 - The fast moving atoms (hot) collide with the slow moving atoms (cold) and transfer energy
 - We don't have a simple way of modelling this
 - If we wait long enough the system and surroundings will reach an equilibrium temperature



Example: The White Russian

The Dude and Walter have gotten into an argument about how much ice to add to a white russian cocktail. They agree that a white russian taste best at a cool 10 degrees Celsius and that they keep there cream, vodka and kahlua in the fridge at 15 degrees Celsius. Ice from a standard freezer is at a temperature of -10 degrees Celsius. If a white russian calls for 0.06 L of cream and 0.14 L of a vodka/kahlua mix, how much ice is needed to bring the drink down to its optimum temperature without melting the ice?



Example: The White Russian Soln.

- Assume the system of liquids is isolated from the environment and at steady state

$$\Delta E_{therm}^{cream} + \Delta E_{therm}^{ethanol} + \Delta E_{therm}^{ice} = 0$$

- Calculate the mass of the liquid by using density
 - Note that each liquid has the same final temperature

$$\Delta E_{therm}^{liquid} = (\rho V C)_{liquid} (T_f - T_i)$$

- Solve for the volume of ice

$$-1.132 \text{ J} - 1.366 \text{ J} + V_{ice} * 38.04 \text{ J/L} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad V_{ice} = 0.066 \text{ L}$$

- Use approximately three ice cubes and wait until just before the ice melts

	Density	Specific Heat
Ice	0.91 kg/L	4.18 J/Cg
Ethanol	0.80 kg/L	2.44 J/Cg
Cream	1 kg/L	3.77 J/Cg