Thermodynamics
Heat & Work
The First Law of Thermodynamics

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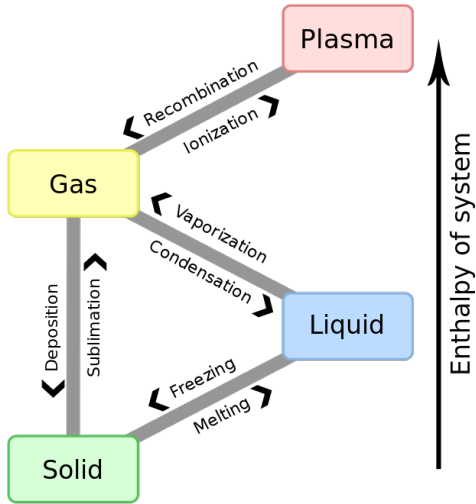
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Last time

- applying the ideal gas equation

- thermal energy

- heat capacity

- phase changes

- latent heat

Overview

- more about phase changes

- work, heat, and the first law of thermodynamics

Phase Change paths

Evaporation

evaporation

the process by which a liquid changes to a gas at the liquid surface

Since changing from a liquid to a gas requires heat, when a liquid evaporates it takes heat from its surroundings.

This is why humans sweat in hot weather, pigs wallow puddles, and dogs pant. All are trying to use evaporation of water to reduce body temperature.

Evaporation

Ben Franklin noticed that a wet shirt kept him feeling cool on a hot day.

He decided to experiment to see if the temperature of objects could be lowered by this process.

In 1758 he and John Hadley took a mercury thermometer and repeatedly wet the bulb with ether while using bellows to keep air moving over it.

Despite it being a warm day, they recorded temperatures as low as 7° F (-14°C) at the bulb of the thermometer.

This is the basic idea behind refrigeration!

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energy needed for vaporization:

$$Q = mL_{v,ea} = (2 \text{ kg})(200 \text{ cal/g}) = 4.0 \times 10^5 \text{ cal}$$

assuming this same amount of energy was taken from the water:

$$m = \frac{Q}{L_f} = \frac{4.0 \times 10^5 \text{ cal}}{80 \text{ cal/g}} = 5000 \text{ g} = 5 \text{ kg} \checkmark$$
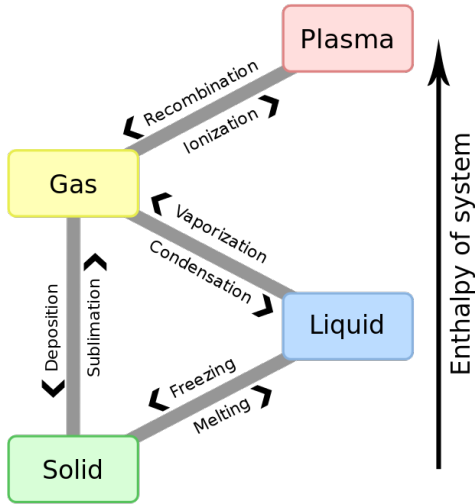
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Regelation

This is a phenomenon seen in water because its density is lower in its solid state.
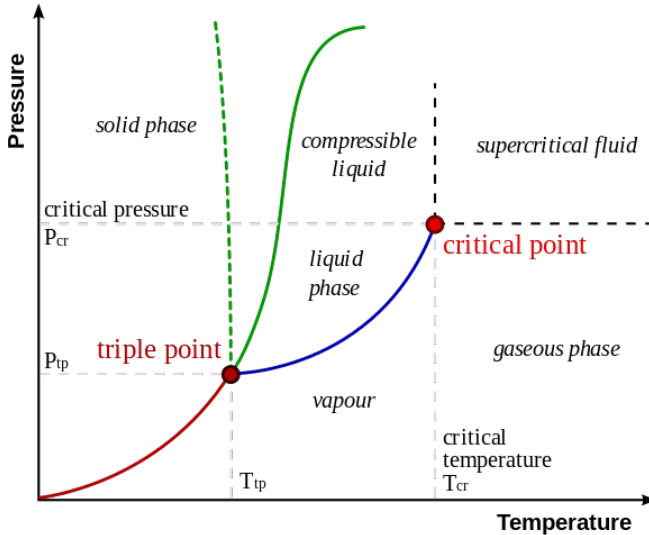
High pressure applied to solid water causes it to melt, even at low temperatures.

This makes ice skating work.

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Phase Diagrams

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[1]A typical phase diagram. The dashed green line shows the unusual behavior of water. Diagram by Matthieumarechal, Wikipedia.

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As a liquid is cooled, it will generally start to freeze at one point before another. (Symmetry breaking.) For example, ice cubes in a freezer freeze from the top down.

As water freezes solid crystals form and spread throughout.

If the water is very pure and cooled without shaking, it can be cooled below $0°C$ without freezing.

This is called **supercooling** and can happen in some other liquids also under the right conditions.

Liquids below their melting point & above their boiling point

The same thing can happen when water (or other liquids) are heated just above their boiling points.

As the liquid starts to boil, bubbles of vapor form inside it. This happens most easily at defects in the edges of the container.

If the container is very smooth and not shaken, the only way the liquid can vaporize is from the middle. Surface tension opposes this.
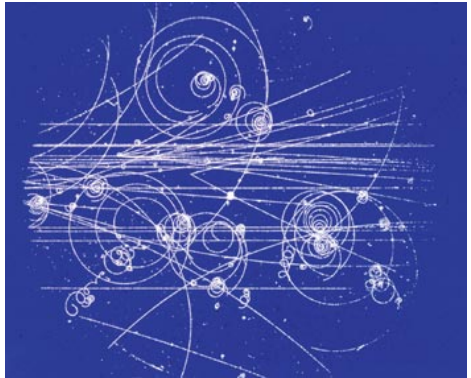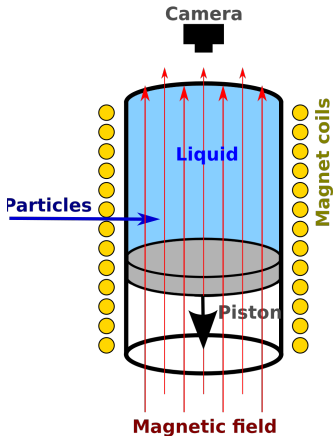
The liquid can be heated a bit above its boiling point.

This is called **superheating**.

It is used in **bubble chambers** to observe charged particles.

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Bubble chambers:

Heat and Work

We now take a closer look at the first law of thermodynamics.

To do this, we will take a deeper look at work and heat.

We also need to consider our system more carefully.

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In particular, for our present discussion we will be considering an **ideal gas**. (Can use $PV = nRT$.)

Ideal Gases

Ideal gas assumptions (kinetic theory model).

We make the following assumptions in the ideal gas model:

- the volume of the gas particles is negligible compared to the total gas volume
- molecules are identical hard spheres (will relax this later)
- collisions between molecules are elastic
- there are no intermolecular forces (aside from hard-sphere collisions)
- there are no long-range forces from the environment (can be relaxed)

A real gas is behaves as an idea gas when it is at high temperature and low density (far from condensation).

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intensive variables – variables that don't change value when the system is doubled in size – P, T, ρ, c

extensive variables – variables that double their value when the system is doubled in size – V, E_{int}, m, C

Work done <u>on</u> a gas

Imagine compressing or expanding a gas in a piston
quasi-statically (meaning slowly enough so the gas remains in
thermal equilibrium).
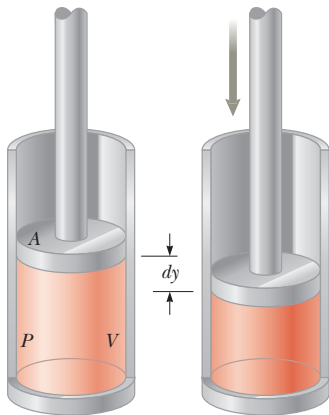
How much work is done **on** the gas?

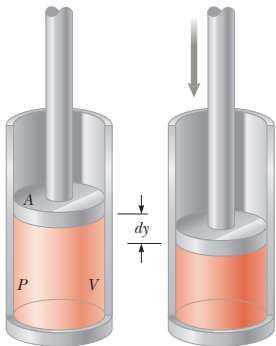[1]Figure form Serway & Jewett.

Work done <u>on</u> a gas

Definition of work:

$$W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

For this system:

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\begin{aligned}
W &= \int (-F\mathbf{j}) \cdot dy\,\mathbf{j} \\
&= -\int F\,dy \\
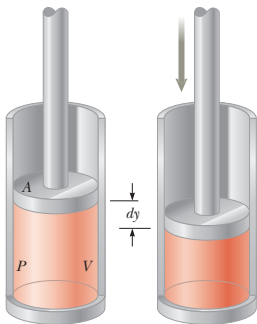&= -\int P A\,dy \\
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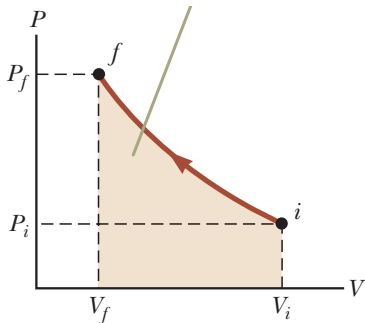\end{aligned}
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$$W = -\int_{V_i}^{V_f} P\,dV$$

Work done on a gas

Here, the volume decreases, so the work done on the gas is positive.

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The work done is the area under the *P-V* curve (with the appropriate sign).

Summary

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- work, heat, and the first law of thermodynamics

Homework Serway & Jewett:

- Read chapter 20 and look at the examples.
- new: Ch 20, (Probs: 25, 27, 29, 31, 35, 39, 41, 59 - can wait until tomorrow to do)