Part C: Energy in an Electrical Circuit

Chemical Potential Energy

Any energy that can be released by a chemical reaction.

Electrochemical Potential Energy

A type of chemical potential energy in which energy is released by a chemical reaction *and* electrons are exchanged during the reaction.

Electrochemical potential energy is stored in a *battery*!

Electrical Energy

A type of *kinetic energy*. Any time that electrons move, they have electrical energy.

Light Energy (also called Electromagnetic Energy)

Energy contained in a ray of light.

Thermal Energy

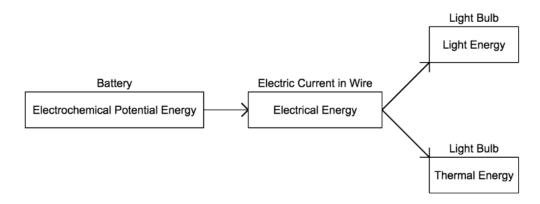
Caused by moving molecules, the faster molecules move, the more thermal energy they release.

Energy Transfer in an Electrical Circuit

The battery contains *electrochemical potential energy*.

When it is connected to a wire, it turns into *electrical energy*.

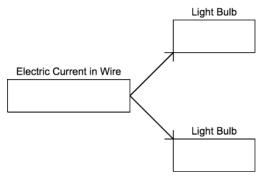
When electric current passes through the light bulb, it is converted into *light energy* and *thermal energy*.



You should memorize this diagram!

Questions

- **C.1** What type of energy do you put into a circuit?
- **C.2** What two types of energy are released from an incandescent light bulb?
- **C.3** What type of energy is able to move through an electrical wire?
- **C.4** What type of energy is contained within a battery?
- **C.5**Draw an energy transfer diagram for a light bulb changes energy: (use the boxes to show how energy changes)



Answers:

- ${f C.1}$ Electrochemical potential energy
- **C.2** Heat energy and light (electromagnetic) energy
- **C.3** Electrical Energy
- **C.4** Electrochemical potential energy