Lecture 2 The First Law of Thermodynamics (Ch.1)

# **Outline:**

- 1. Internal Energy, Work, Heating
- 2. Energy Conservation the First Law
- 3. Quasi-static processes
- 4. Enthalpy
- 5. Heat Capacity

## **Internal Energy**

The *internal energy* of a system of particles, *U*, is the sum of the kinetic energy *in the reference frame in which the center of mass is at rest* and the potential energy arising from the forces of the particles on each other.





The internal energy is a **state function** – it depends only on the values of macroparameters (the state of a system), not on the method of preparation of this state (the "path" in the macroparameter space is irrelevant).

In equilibrium [f(P,V,T)=0]: U = U(V, T)

**U** depends on the kinetic energy of particles in a system and an average inter-particle distance (~  $V^{1/3}$ ) – interactions.

For an ideal gas (no interactions) : U = U(T) - "pure" kinetic

#### **Internal Energy of an Ideal Gas**

The internal energy of an ideal gas with *f* degrees of freedom:

$$U = \frac{f}{2} N k_B T$$

 $f \Rightarrow$  3 (monatomic), 5 (diatomic), 6 (polyatomic)

(here we consider only trans.+rotat. degrees of freedom, and neglect the vibrational ones that can be excited at very high temperatures)

How does the internal energy of air in this (not-air-tight) room change with T if the external P = const?

$$U = \frac{f}{2} N_{in \ room} k_B T = \left[ N_{in \ room} = \frac{PV}{k_B T} \right] = \frac{f}{2} PV$$

- does not change at all, an increase of the kinetic energy of individual molecules with *T* is compensated by a decrease of their number.

## Work and Heating ("Heat")

We are often interested in  $\Delta U$ , not U.  $\Delta U$  is due to:

• **Q** - energy flow between a system and its environment due to  $\Delta T$  across a boundary and a finite H thermal conductivity of the boundary

- heating (Q > 0) /cooling (Q < 0)

(there is no such physical quantity as "heat"; to emphasize this fact, it is better to use the term "heating" rather than "heat")

W - any other kind of energy transfer across boundary
 - work

Work and Heating are both defined to describe **energy transfer** across a system boundary.

#### Heating/cooling processes:

conduction: the energy transfer by molecular contact – fast-moving molecules transfer energy to slow-moving molecules by collisions;
 convection: by macroscopic motion of gas or liquid

*radiation*: by emission/absorption of electromagnetic radiation.



## The First Law

The first law of thermodynamics: the internal energy of a system can be changed by doing work on it or by heating/cooling it.



# conservation of energy.

Sign convention: we consider Q and W to be positive if energy flows *into* the system.

For a cyclic process  $(U_i = U_f) \Rightarrow Q = -W$ . If, in addition, Q = 0 then W = 0



An equivalent formulation:

Perpetual motion machines of the first type do not exist.



*Quasi-static (quasi-equilibrium) processes* – sufficiently slow processes, *any* intermediate state can be considered as an equilibrium state (the macroparamers are well-defined for all intermediate states).

Advantage: the state of a system that participates in a quasi-equilibrium process can be described with the same (small) number of macro parameters as for a system in equilibrium (e.g., for an ideal gas in quasi-equilibrium processes, this could be *T* and *P*). By contrast, for non-equilibrium processes (e.g. turbulent flow of gas), we need a huge number of macro parameters.

#### *Examples of quasiequilibrium processes*:

- isochoric: V = const
- isobaric: P = const
- isothermal: T = const
- adiabatic: Q = 0

For quasi-equilibrium processes, *P*, *V*, *T* are *well-defined* – the "path" between two states is a *continuous lines* in the *P*, *V*, *T* space.



## Work



W = -PdV - applies to any shape of system boundary

$$W_{1-2} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} P(T, V) dV$$
$$dU = Q - PdV$$

The work is not necessarily associated with the volume changes – e.g., in the Joule's experiments on determining the "mechanical equivalent of heat", the system (water) was heated by stirring.

#### W and Q are not State Functions

$$W_{1-2} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} P(T, V) dV$$

- we can bring the system from state 1 to state 2 along infinite # of paths, and for each path P(T, V) will be different.



Since the work done on a system depends not only on the *initial* and *final* states, but also on the *intermediate* states, it **is not a state function**.



**U** is a state function, **W** - is not  $\Rightarrow$  thus, **Q** is not a state function either.

$$\begin{split} W_{net} = & W_{AB} + W_{CD} = -P_2 \left( V_2 - V_1 \right) - P_1 \left( V_1 - V_2 \right) \\ = & - \left( P_2 - P_1 \right) \left( V_2 - V_1 \right) < 0 \end{split}$$

- the work is negative for the "clockwise" cycle; if the cyclic process were carried out in the reverse order (counterclockwise), the net work done on the gas would be positive.

## **Comment on State Functions**

U, P, T, and V are the state functions, Q and W are not. Specifying an initial and final states of a system does not fix the values of Q and W, we need to know the whole process (the intermediate states). Analogy: in classical mechanics, if a force is not conservative (e.g., friction), the initial and final positions do not determine the work, the entire path must be specified.

In math terms, **Q** and **W** are not exact differentials of some functions of macroparameters. To emphasize that **W** and **Q** are NOT the state functions, we will use sometimes the curled symbols  $\delta$  (instead of **d**) for their increments ( $\delta Q$  and  $\delta W$ ).

dU = T dS - P dV - an exact differential



 $dz = A_x(x, y)dx + A_y(x, y)dy - it is an exact differential if it is the difference between the values of some (state) function <math>z(x,y)$  at these points: dz = z(x + dx, y + dy) - z(x, y)A necessary and sufficient condition for this:  $\frac{\partial A_x(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial A_y(x, y)}{\partial x}$  $A_{x}(x,y) = \frac{\partial z(x,y)}{\partial x} \quad A_{y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial z(x,y)}{\partial y} \quad dz = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right) dy$ e.g., for an ideal gas:  $\delta Q = dU + PdV = Nk_B \left(\frac{f}{2}dT + \frac{T}{V}dV\right)$  - cross derivatives are not equal

#### **Problem**

Imagine that an ideal monatomic gas is taken from its initial state A to state B by an *isothermal* process, from B to C by an *isobaric* process, and from C back to its initial state A by an *isochoric* process. Fill in the signs of Q, W, and  $\Delta U$  for each step.



$$U = \frac{f}{2} N k_B T \qquad PV = N k_B T$$

## **Quasistatic Processes in an Ideal Gas**





| isochoric (V = const)  |
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| $W_{1\rightarrow 2}=0$   |
| $Q_{1\to 2} = \frac{3}{2} N k_B (T_2 - T_1) > 0  (= C_V \Delta T)$ |
| $dU = Q_{1 \rightarrow 2}$ (see the last slide)                    |
| isobaric ( P = const )   |
| $W_{1\to 2} = -\int_{1}^{2} P(V,T) dV = -P(V_2 - V_1) < 0$         |
| $Q_{1\to 2} = \frac{3}{2} N k_B (T_2 - T_1) > 0  (= C_P \Delta T)$ |
| $dU = W_{1 \to 2} + Q_{1 \to 2}$                                   |

#### **Isothermal Process in an Ideal Gas**



• isothermal (T = const):

$$dU=0$$

$$W_{1\to 2} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} P(V,T) dV = -Nk_B T \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{dV}{V} = -Nk_B T \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

$$W_{i-f} = Nk_B T \ln \frac{V_i}{V_f}$$

$$Q_{1\to 2} = -W_{1\to 2}$$

 $W_{i-f} > 0$  if  $V_i > V_f$  (compression)  $W_{i-f} < 0$  if  $V_i < V_f$  (expansion)

#### **Adiabatic Process in an Ideal Gas**

adiabatic (thermally isolated system)

$$Q_{1\to 2} = 0 \qquad dU = W_{1\to 2}$$

The amount of work needed to change the state of a thermally isolated system depends **only** on the *initial* and *final* states and not on the *intermediate* states.



#### Adiabatic Process in an Ideal Gas (cont.)



$$PV^{\gamma} = P_1 V_1^{\gamma} = const$$

An adiabata is "steeper" than an isotherma: in an adiabatic process, the work flowing out of the gas comes at the expense of its thermal energy  $\Rightarrow$  its temperature will decrease.

$$W_{1\to2} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} P(V,T) dV = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{P_1 V_1^{\gamma}}{V^{\gamma}} dV = -P_1 V_1^{\gamma} \frac{1}{-\gamma + 1} V^{-\gamma + 1} \bigg|_{V_1}^{V_2}$$
$$= P_1 V_1^{\gamma} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \bigg( \frac{1}{V_2^{\gamma - 1}} - \frac{1}{V_1^{\gamma - 1}} \bigg)$$

 $\gamma \Rightarrow 1+2/3 \approx 1.67$  (monatomic), 1+2/5 = 1.4 (diatomic),  $1+2/6 \approx 1.33$  (polyatomic) (again, neglecting the vibrational degrees of freedom)

Prove 
$$W_{1\to 2} = \frac{f}{2} \Delta (PV) = \frac{f}{2} N k_B \Delta T = \Delta U$$

## Summary of quasi-static processes of ideal gas

$$\Delta U \equiv U_f - U_i$$

| Quasi-Static<br>process                             | $\Delta U$  | Q                        | W                               | Ideal gas<br>law                      |
|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>isobaric</li> <li>(Δ<i>P</i>=0)</li> </ul> | $\Delta U = \frac{f}{2} N k_{B} \Delta T = \frac{f}{2} P \Delta V$              | $\frac{f+2}{2}P\Delta V$ | $-P\Delta V$                    | $\frac{V_i}{T_i} = \frac{V_f}{T_f}$   |
| • isochoric $(\Delta V=0)$                          | $\Delta U = \frac{f}{2} N k_B \Delta T = \frac{f}{2} (\Delta P) V$              | $\frac{f}{2}(\Delta P)V$ | 0                               | $\frac{P_i}{T_i} = \frac{P_f}{T_f}$   |
| • isothermal $(\Delta T=0)$                         | 0   | -W                       | $-Nk_{B}T\lnrac{V_{f}}{V_{i}}$ | $P_i V_i = P_f V_f$                   |
| • adiabatic<br>( <b>Q=0</b> )                       | $\Delta U = \frac{f}{2} N k_B \Delta T = \frac{f}{2} \Delta \left( P V \right)$ | 0                        | $\Delta U$                      | $P_i V_i^{\gamma} = P_f V_f^{\gamma}$ |

#### **Problem**

Imagine that we rapidly compress a sample of air whose initial pressure is  $10^5$  Pa and temperature is  $22^{0}$ C (= 295 K) to a volume that is a quarter of its original volume (e.g., pumping bike's tire). What is its final temperature?

Rapid compression – approx. *adiabatic*, no time for the energy exchange with the environment due to thermal conductivity

$$P_{1}V_{1} = Nk_{B}T_{1}$$

$$P_{2}V_{2} = Nk_{B}T_{2}$$

$$P_{2} = \frac{P_{1}V_{1}^{\gamma}}{V_{2}^{\gamma}} \qquad \frac{P_{1}V_{1}^{\gamma}}{V_{2}^{\gamma-1}} = Nk_{B}T_{2} = \frac{P_{1}V_{1}}{T_{1}}T_{2} \implies \left(\frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}}\right)^{\gamma-1} = \frac{T_{2}}{T_{1}}$$
For adiabatic processes:
$$T_{1}V_{1}^{\gamma-1} = T_{2}V_{2}^{\gamma-1} = const$$
also
$$P^{\gamma-1}/T^{\gamma} = const$$

$$T_{2} = T_{1}\left(\frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}}\right)^{\gamma-1} = 295 K \times 4^{0.4} \approx 295 K \times 1.74 \approx 514 K$$

- poor approx. for a bike pump, works better for diesel engines

#### **Non-equilibrium Adiabatic Processes**

### Free expansion



- 1.  $TV^{\gamma-1} = const$  V increases $\Rightarrow$  **T**-decreases (cooling)
- 2. On the other hand,  $\Delta U = Q + W = 0$  $U \sim T \Rightarrow T$  – unchanged (agrees with experimental finding)

Contradiction – because approach #1 cannot be justified - violent expansion of gas is not a quasistatic process. T must remain the same.

 $TV^{\gamma-1} = const$  - applies only to *quasi-equilibrium* processes !!!

## **The Enthalpy**

Isobaric processes (*P* = const):

$$dU = Q - P \Delta V = Q - \Delta (PV) \implies Q = \Delta U + \Delta (PV)$$

 $\Rightarrow \qquad \mathsf{H} \equiv U + \mathsf{P}V \quad - \quad the \; enthalpy$ 

The enthalpy is a *state function*, because U, P, and V are state functions. In isobaric processes, the energy received by a system by heating equals to the change in enthalpy.

isochoric: isobaric:



in both cases, **Q** does not depend on the path from 1 to 2.



**Consequence**: the energy released (absorbed) in chemical reactions at constant volume (pressure) depends only on the initial and final states of a system.

**The enthalpy of an ideal gas:** 
$$H = U + PV = \frac{f}{2}Nk_BT + Nk_BT = \left(\frac{f}{2} + 1\right)Nk_BT$$
 (depends on **T** only)

#### **Heat Capacity**

*The heat capacity of a system* - the amount of energy transfer due to heating required to produce a unit temperature rise in that system

**C** is NOT a state function (since **Q** is not a state function) – it depends on the path between two states of a system  $\Rightarrow$ 

 $C \equiv \frac{\delta Q}{\Delta T}$ 



(isothermic  $-\mathbf{C} = \infty$ , adiabatic  $-\mathbf{C} = 0$ )

The specific heat capacity 
$$c \equiv \frac{C}{m}$$

## $C_V$ and $C_P$



## **Another Problem**

During the ascent of a meteorological helium-gas filled balloon, its volume increases from  $V_i = 1 \text{ m}^3$  to  $V_f = 1.8 \text{ m}^3$ , and the pressure inside the balloon decreases from 1 bar (=10<sup>5</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup>) to 0.5 bar. Assume that the pressure changes linearly with volume between  $V_i$  and  $V_f$ .

- (a) If the initial **T** is 300K, what is the final **T**?
- (b) How much work is done by the gas in the balloon?
- (c) How much "heat" does the gas absorb, if any?



$$P(V) = -0.625 \text{ bar/m}^3 \times V + 1.625 \text{ bar}$$

(a) 
$$PV = Nk_B T$$
  $T = \frac{PV}{Nk_B}$   $T_f = T_i \frac{P_f V_f}{P_i V_i} = 300 \text{K} \frac{0.5 \text{bar} \times 1.8 \text{m}^3}{1 \text{bar} \times 1 \text{m}^3} = 270 \text{K}$   
(b)  $\delta W_{ON} = -\int_{V_i}^{V_f} P(V) dV$  - work done on a system  $\delta W_{BY} = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P(V) dV$  - work done by a system  
 $\overline{\delta W_{ON} = -\delta W_{BY}} \delta W_{BY} = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P(V) dV = (0.5 \times 0.8 \text{bar} \cdot \text{m}^3 + 0.5 \times 0.4 \text{bar} \cdot \text{m}^3) = 0.6 \text{bar} \cdot \text{m}^3 = 6 \cdot 10^4 \text{J}$   
(c)  $\Delta U = \delta Q + \delta W_{ON}$   
 $\delta Q = \Delta U - \delta W_{ON} = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B (T_f - T_i) - W_{ON} = \frac{3}{2} P_i V_i (\frac{T_f}{T_i} - 1) + \delta W_{BY} = 1.5 \cdot 10^5 \text{J} \times (-0.1) + 6 \cdot 10^4 \text{J} = 4.5 \cdot 10^4 \text{J}$