

## Work, Heat, and the First Law

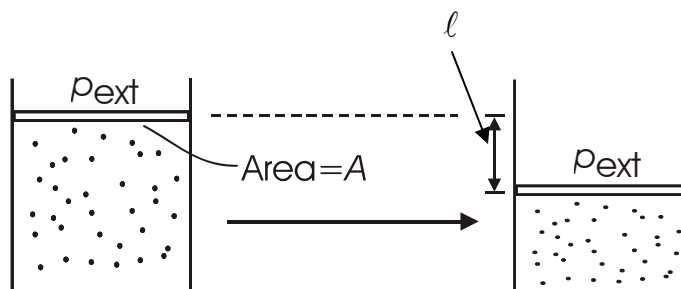
- Work:

$$w = F \cdot \ell$$

↑ applied force      ↑ distance

Expansion work

$$F = p_{\text{ext}} A$$



$$w = -(p_{\text{ext}} A) \ell = -p_{\text{ext}} \Delta V$$

convention:

Having a "-" sign here implies  $w > 0$  if  $\Delta V < 0$ , that is, positive work means that the surroundings do work to the system. If the system does work on the surroundings ( $\Delta V > 0$ ) then  $w < 0$ .

If  $p_{\text{ext}}$  is not constant, then we have to look at infinitesimal changes

$$dw = -p_{\text{ext}} dV \quad d \text{ means this is not an exact differential}$$

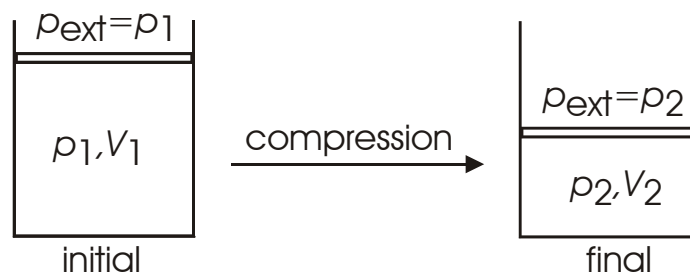
$$\text{Integral } w = -\int_1^2 p_{\text{ext}} dV \quad \text{depends on the path!!!}$$

- Path dependence of  $w$

*Example:* assume a reversible process so that  $p_{\text{ext}} = p$

$$\text{Ar} (g, p_1, V_1) = \text{Ar} (g, p_2, V_2)$$

$$\text{Compression} \quad V_1 > V_2 \text{ and } p_1 < p_2$$

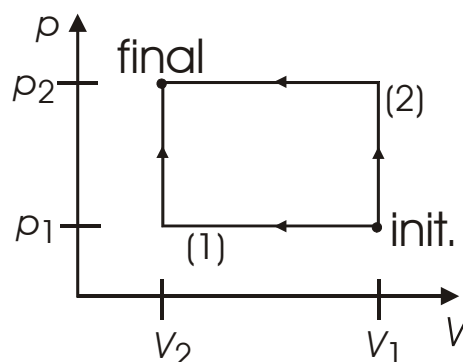


Two paths:

- (1) First  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  at  $p = p_1$  then  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$  at  $V = V_2$
- (2) First  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$  at  $V = V_1$  then  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  at  $p = p_2$

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$$w_{(1)} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV - \int_{V_2}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV$$

$$= -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_1 dV = -p_1(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$w_{(2)} = -\int_{V_1}^{V_1} p_{ext} dV - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_{ext} dV$$

$$= -\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p_2 dV = -p_2(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$w_{(1)} = p_1(V_1 - V_2)$$

$$w_{(2)} = p_2(V_1 - V_2)$$

(Note  $w > 0$ , work done to system to compress it)

$$w_{(1)} \neq w_{(2)} !!!$$

Note for the closed cycle [path (1)] - [path (2)],  $\oint dw \neq 0$

closed cycle

w is not a state function

cannot write  $w = f(p, V)$

WORK
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Work ( $w$ ) is not a function of state.

For a cyclic process, it is possible for  $\oint dw \neq 0$



HEAT
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That quantity flowing between the system and the surroundings that can be used to change the temperature of the system and/or the surroundings.

Sign convention: If heat enters the system, then it is positive.

Heat ( $q$ ), like  $w$ , is a function of path. Not a state function

It is possible to have a change of state

$$(p_1, V_1, T_1) = (p_2, V_2, T_2)$$

adiabatically (without heat transferred)  
or nonadiabatically.

Historically measured in calories

[1 cal = heat needed to raise 1 g H<sub>2</sub>O 1°C,  
from 14.5°C to 15.5°C]

The modern unit of heat (and work) is the Joule.

$$1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$$

## Heat Capacity

C - connects heat with temperature

$$\delta q = C_{\text{path}} dT \quad \text{or} \quad C_{\text{path}} = \left( \frac{\delta q}{dT} \right)_{\text{path}}$$

↑  
heat capacity is path dependent

Constant volume:  $C_V$ Constant pressure:  $C_P$ 

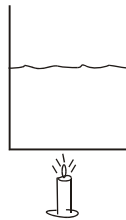
$$\therefore q = \int_{\text{path}} C_{\text{path}} dT$$

## Equivalence of work and heat

[Joule (1840's)]

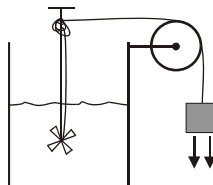
Joule showed that it's possible to raise the temperature of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 

(a) with only heat



$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2$$

(b) with only work  
(weight falls &  
churns propeller)



$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2$$

Experimentally it was found that

$$\oint (\delta w + \delta q) = 0$$

⇒ The sum ( $w + q$ ) is independent of path

⇒ This implies that there is a state function whose differential is  $\delta w + \delta q$


We define it as  $U$ , the "internal energy" or just "energy"

$$\therefore dU = \delta w + \delta q$$

For a cyclic process  $\oint dU = 0$

For a change from state 1 to state 2,

$$\Delta U = \int_1^2 dU = U_2 - U_1 = q + w \quad \text{does not depend on path}$$


  
 each depends on path individually, but not the sum

For fixed  $n$ , we just need to know 2 properties, e.g. ( $T, V$ ), to fully describe the system.

$$\text{So } U = U(T, V)$$

$U$  is an extensive function (scales with system size).

$$\bar{U} = \frac{U}{n} \quad \text{is molar energy (intensive function)}$$



# THE FIRST LAW

Mathematical statement:

$$dU = \delta q + \delta w$$

or

$$\Delta U = q + w$$

or

$$-\oint \delta q = \oint \delta w$$

**Corollary: Conservation of energy**

$$\Delta U_{system} = q + w$$

$$\Delta U_{surroundings} = -q - w$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U_{universe} = \Delta U_{system} + \Delta U_{surroundings} = 0$$

Clausius statement of 1<sup>st</sup> Law:

The energy of the universe is conserved.