

## Lecture 3

### Matter and Energy

Reading: Chapter 4

*Reminder:* 20min Quiz on Thursday  
from Lecture 1,2,3.

## Goals for learning in Chapter 4

- What's energy?
  - Scientific view
  - Conservation of energy
- What's matter?
  - Atoms
  - Phases
- Understanding energy and matter is crucial to understanding the Universe.

## Units of Energy

- Perhaps the most familiar units of energy in daily life is *Calories*.
  - A typical male adult uses about 2,500 Calories of energy each day.
- In science, we use *Joules*.
  - 1 Calorie = 4,184 Joules
- *Watts* are the units of energy (measured in joules) consumed per second.
  - 1 Watt = 1 Joule per second
  - 40-watt light bulbs consume 40 joules per second, or about 1/105 calories per second.
  - Therefore, in order to consume the energy used by a male each day, you will need to turn on a 40-watt bulb for about 260,000 seconds, or 3 days!

## Forms of Energy

- Kinetic Energy : Energy of Motion
- Thermal Energy : Energy of Heat
- Potential Energy : Energy of Force
  - Gravitational
  - Electric
  - Magnetic
- Mass Energy : Energy of Stuff
  - Einstein's formula

## Kinetic Energy

- The faster, the heavier... the more energy!
  - Kinetic Energy of a moving object is given by a half of its mass times (velocity of motion)<sup>2</sup>
  - $E_{kinetic} = (1/2) m v^2$
- Maurice Greene: weighs 80kg(= $m$ ), runs 100m for 9.79 sec
  - His velocity is calculated as  
 $v = 100m/(9.79 \text{ sec}) = 10.2m/sec$
  - Now we know his *mass* and *velocity*; thus, his kinetic energy is  
 $E_{kinetic} = (1/2)*80*(10.2)^2 = 4160 \text{ Joules} \sim 1 \text{ Calorie}$
  - If he could run twice as faster, then his kinetic energy would be A: 2, B: 4, C: 8 times larger.



## Thermal Energy

- What's causing heat?
  - A: Thermal energy
- Example: Air
  - The air contains numerous microscopic particles, each having its own mass and velocity and moving randomly
    - each has kinetic energy of  $E_{kinetic} = (1/2)m v^2$
  - The *average* kinetic energy of particles determines temperature of the air.
  - The higher the temperature, the faster the particles move in the air.
- Thermal energy is simply the sum of kinetic energy of all particles. Suppose that there are  $N$  particles:  $E_{thermal} = N E_{kinetic} = (1/2)N m v^2$

## Temperature and Heat

- Temperature measures the *average* kinetic energy. So, if 10 particles had the same kinetic energy  $E_1$ , then temperature would also be given by  $E_1$ .
- Heat is, on the other hand, given by **thermal energy**, or the *total* kinetic energy of all particles. Therefore, heat is given by  $10E_1$  as opposed to  $E_1$ .
- Using this fact, the book explains why boiling water could be more dangerous than a cooking oven.

## Potential Energy

- When forces act on a substance, it acquires *potential energy*.
- Example: gravitational force acting on a ball (mass  $m$ ) at height  $h$  from the ground.
- $E_{gravity} = m g h$ 
  - $g$  is the *gravitational acceleration*.
  - $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  on Earth
- Maurice Greene (80kg= $m$ ) falls from the top of 5-m(= $h$ ) high building (oops!)
  - $E_{gravity} = m g h = 80*9.8*5 = 3920 \text{ Joules} \sim 1 \text{ Calorie}$
  - If he had fallen from 10-m high building (ooooops!), then potential energy would be A: 2, B: 4, C: 6 times larger.



## Potential --> Kinetic Energy

- As Maurice Greene falls, he acquires speed. The potential energy is converted to the kinetic energy!!
  - When he hits the ground, the potential energy is zero (because height,  $h$ , is zero).
  - Where did the energy go?
- All the energy was converted into the kinetic energy: Before he fell from the 5-m building, he had about 1 Calorie of potential energy. By the time he hits the ground, he has converted 1 Calorie of potential energy into 1 Calorie of kinetic energy; thus, he hits the ground at velocity of 10m/s, as if he were running 100m at his best time.
  - The conversion and conservation of energy explain many physical phenomena. (The book -- throwing a ball...)

## Mass Energy

- You've got enormous energy!
  - $E_{mass} = m c^2$
  - $c = 300,000,000$  meter per second (m/s)
- Compare it to:
  - $E_{kinetic} = (1/2) m v^2$
  - for Mr. Greene's best speed,  $v \sim 10$  m/s
- Since velocity of light is so large, the mass energy is enormous: some 60,000,000 times larger for Mr. Greene.
- A small mass can be a gigantic source of energy.

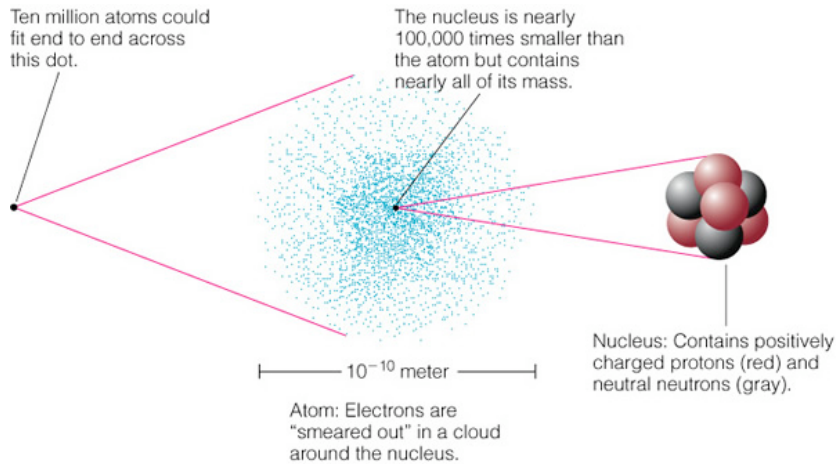
## Ultimate source of energy, or Disaster...?

- Applications of the mass energy includes:
  - Nuclear fission ---> Nuclear power plants
  - Nuclear fusion ---> Atomic bombs
- It's Einstein's finding. How do you think he felt about his finding after Hiroshima?
- Stars shine by energy from nuclear fusion. It is  $E_{mass} = m c^2$  that makes stars shine.

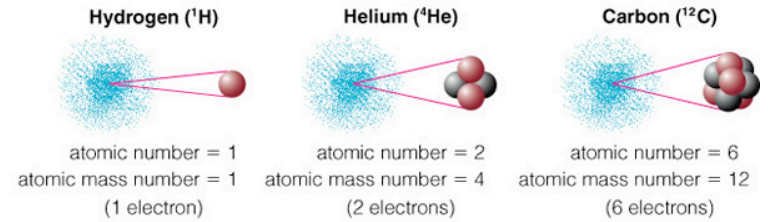
## The Material World

- Matter in different *phases*:
  - Solid
  - Liquid
  - Gas
  - Plasma
- Why are there such phases?
  - Atomic structure
  - Thermal energy

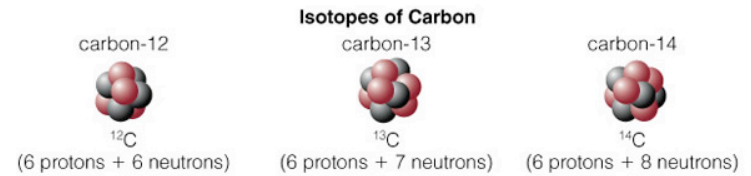
# Atomic Structure: Protons(+), Neutrons(0), Electrons(-)



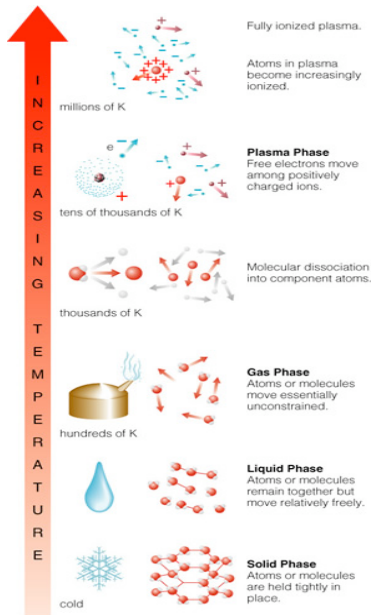
atomic number = number of protons  
atomic mass number = number of protons + neutrons



The number of electrons in a neutral atom equals its atomic number.



Different isotopes of a given element contain the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons.



- At a **solid phase**, molecules are held tightly together (**low thermal energy**).
- As temperature is raised, the thermal motion of molecules within a solid becomes more active, partially breaking bond between molecules --> a **liquid state** (**medium thermal energy**).
- A liquid state becomes a **gas state** for higher temperature (**high thermal energy**).
- A gas state becomes a **plasma state** for very high temperature. Even atoms are broken up into protons, neutrons and electrons.

## Phase transition ain't instantaneous

- Evaporation and Sublimation
  - Atoms and molecules are always trying to free themselves up!
  - Constant escape of molecules from a solid: **sublimation**
  - Constant escape of molecules from a liquid state: **evaporation**

## 20min Quiz on Thursday

- 11 Multiple-choice Problems
  - you choose the right answer from multiple choices (a) through (d). Problems will be chosen from “*Does It Make Sense?*” at the end of each chapter. Make sure that you know not only “yes” or “no”, but also **why** it is “yes” or “no”. (There will be two “yes” and two “no” in multiple choices!)
  - 3 problems from Chapter 1
  - 4 problems from Chapter 2
  - 4 problems from Chapter 4
- 2 Short-answer Problems
  - you answer in short sentences.
  - 1 problem from Chapter 2 on eclipses.
  - 1 problem from Chapter 4 on conservation of energy.