#### Announcements

- Help room hours (1248 BPS)
  - Ian La Valley(TA)
  - Mon 4-6 PM (except not Monday Sept 17)
  - Tues 12-3 PM
  - Wed 6-9 PM
  - Fri 10 AM-noon
- Answers for exam 1 posted on course webpage
  - no scores returned from scoring office yet
- LON-CAPA #5 due Oct. 11
- Final Exam Tuesday Dec 11 7:45-9:45 AM

#### Back to thermodynamics: specific heat capacity

- The specific heat capacity (sometimes just called specific heat) of a substance is the quantity of heat required to change the temperature of a unit mass by 1 degree C
  - can think of it as thermal inertia since it signifies the resistance of a substance to a change in temperature
- Heat an oven up to 400° F
- Would you stick your hand in the oven?
- Would you stick your hand on the metal rack inside the oven?
- Both are at the same temperature
- But the rack has a higher specific heat (more thermal energy stored)...that it's quite willing to transfer to your hand

- Take a piece of apple pie straight from the oven and eat it immediately
- The filling will burn your tongue while the crust will not
  - the filling has a larger specific heat
- Water has a high specific heat
  - it takes 8 times as much energy to raise the temperature of a gram of water by 1° C than it does 1 gram of iron
  - the specific heat of water is 8 times that of iron
  - water is very useful for the cooling systems of cars because it absorbs a large amount of heat for a small increase in temperature

### Joule-Kelvin effect

- Rapidly expanding gases get colder
- Used for producing the cold temperatures discussed in the video
- You can do an experiment at home; take a metal spray can; spray it for a while; the can will become noticeable colder
- Remember in the video where Dewar and Onnes were able to liquefy gases by first compressing them and then rapidly relieving the pressure
- This caused the gases to rapidly cool->liquify





# Specific heat

 If the specific heat capacity c is known for a substance, then the heat transferred is equal to the specific heat capacity X mass X change in temperature

$$Q = cm\Delta T$$

 where Q is the quantity of heat

- Suppose I mix 50 grams of 20° C water with 50 grams of 40° C water
- What is the final temperature of the water?
- The heat gained by the cooler water = the heat lost by the warmer water
  - conservation of energy again
- Since the masses are the same, the final temperature is midway
- We'll end up with 100 grams of 30° C water

#### Another example

- Suppose I mix 100 grams of 25° water and 50 grams of 40° C water
- Show that the final temperature is 31.4°
  C
- How would I approach this problem?

- Start by noting again that the heat gained by the cool water is equal to the heat lost by the hot water  $cm_1\Delta T_1 = cm_2\Delta T_2$
- Now \Delta T<sub>1</sub> does not equal \Delta T<sub>2</sub> because of the different masses of water
- Let T be the final temperature
  - T will be between 25° and 40°
- Then I can write

c(100g)(T-25) = c(75g)(40-T)

## Our friend, water

- Water has a much higher capacity for storing energy than almost any other substance
  - because of the different ways that water molecules can store energy
  - in particular, in internal degrees of freedom such as rotation or vibration of the atoms inside a water molecule
- Water's high heat capacity affects the world's climate
- Northern Canada and northern Europe receive about the same amount of sunlight
  - Europe is warmer because of the Gulf Stream
  - 4.18 J for every g of water

It takes a lot more energy to warm the water than to warm the land...and the water stays warmer longer





#### **Thermal expansion**

- As the temperature of a substance increases, the molecules vibrate faster and move further apart
- Most substances expand when heated and contract when cooled
- Railroad tracks laid on a cold winter day can buckle on a hot summer day
- If you look at a bridge closely, you can see expansion joints to prevent any damage from expansion/contraction





## Water

- Water is an very unusual substance
- It expands when heated (normal), but it shrinks when cooled from 4° to 0° C
  - so 4° C water has the highest density, and therefore sinks to the bottom
- And it expands when it freezes
  - due to its crystalline structure
- So the density of ice is less than the density of water
  - so ice floats
  - and the bottoms of lakes tend to stay unfrozen
  - ...and the fish are happy



### Heat transfer

#### Heat transfers from warmer to cooler things

#### • This process occurs in 3 ways

- conduction
- convection
- radiation

### Conduction

- Thermal conduction occurs by collisions between particles and their immediate neighbors
- If you put one foot on a tile floor and one foot on a wooden floor, the tile feels cold, even though the two are at the same temperature
  - because the tiles are a better conductor of heat
- If the heat travels quickly through a material, we say that it is a good conductor of heat
- If the heat does not travel well, we say the material is a poor conductor, or a good insulator
- Good heat conductors have outer electrons that are loosely bound; good insulators have electrons that are tightly bound



We'll find the same is true for electrical conductors and insulators

# Firewalking

- How does fire-walking work?
- Is it mental/psychic control?
- Luckily for the firewalkers, it's physics
- Wood, even hot coals, is a very poor conductor of heat, so even though the coals are hot, little heat is transferred to the feet



#### Pancakes



## Leidenfrost effect

Drop of liquid held up

by layer of vapor

0.2 mm

Hot surface

- If a drop of liquid is in contact with a surface significantly hotter than the boiling point of the liquid, then a vapor layer forms between the drop and the surface
- The heat conductivity of the vapor is poor, causing the drop to take longer to vaporize than at lower temperatures
- Also works with molten lead
  - but don't try this at home



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#### Convection

- On a hot day, you can see ripples in the air as hot air rises from an asphalt road
- Transfer of heat by the motion of fluid as it rises or sinks is called convection
- Convection involves bulk motion of a fluid
- Convection currents stir the atmosphere and produce winds







#### Radiation

- Energy travels from the Sun through space and then through the Earth's atmosphere to warm the Earth's surface
- This can't involve conduction or convection, so it must involve another mechanism: radiation
- Radiant energy exists in the form of electromagnetic waves, ranging from the longest wavelengths to the shortest
  - radio waves
  - microwaves
  - infrared waves
  - visible waves
  - X-rays
  - gamma rays
- The wavelength of a wave is related to its frequency
- If I shake a rope at a high frequency, I get a shorter wavelength



### Radiation

- Every object above absolute zero emits radiant energy
- The peak frequency for the radiation is proportional to the temperature
- If an object is hot enough, it emits light in the visible range of the spectrum
- If an object is at a temperature of 500° C, it emits enough radiation in the visible region of the spectrum to appear to be 'red-hot'
- Higher temperatures produce a yellowish light
- At still higher temperatures, all the visible wavelengths are present and the object appears 'white-hot'





#### THE ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM

#### Radiation

- Every object above absolute zero emits radiant energy
- The peak frequency for the radiation is proportional to the temperature
- If an object is hot enough, it emits light in the visible range of the spectrum
- The Sun is very hot, on the order of 6000° K; it emits most of its radiation in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, with the peak at wavelengths corresponding to yellow light
- It should be no surprise that our eyes have evolved to have maximum sensitivity to the yellow portion of the spectrum



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#### Different stars have different colors

...in the constellation Orion

Betelgeuse (noticeably red; it's a red supergiant star)



blue)

#### Back to the Sun

- Energy is transported in the Sun both by radiation and by convection
- It takes about 20 million years for the energy produced by nuclear fusion in the interior of the Sun to come to the

surface



#### iclicker question

- By what means of energy transport does light from the Sun reach the Earth?
  - a) conduction
  - b) convection
  - c) radiation
  - e) transduction
  - e) CATA

# Infrared (or night vision) goggles

- As stated before, every object above absolute zero emits electromagnetic radiation
- The Sun emits mostly in the visible region of the spectrum (but also infrared and ultraviolet)
- Our bodies, at 300°K, emit mostly in the infrared portion of the spectrum
- The Earth absorbs the (mostly visible) solar radiation and emits it as IR (since it is at a much lower temperature than the Sun)



#### Greenhouse effect

- Why is a greenhouse hot? Short wavelength light is transmitted through the glass, absorbed by soil and plants inside and is reradiated as longer wavelength radiation (which is reflected by the glass and stays inside)
- Same thing happens with the Earth's atmosphere
  - because of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide
- Responsible for increasing Earth's average temperature
- With the greenhouse effect, the average temperature is 14°C; without it would be -18°C





#### Penzias and Wilson

- Penzias and Wilson were two physicists working for Bell Labs in the 1960's
- One of their assignments was to try to understand the source of the background noise (hiss) on transatlantic phone calls
- They used a radio telescope sensitive to microwave frequencies
- They found the radiation was everywhere they pointed in the sky
- It was then realized that they were observing radiation left over from the Big Bang (or actually 400,000 years after the Big Bang, when the universe became transparent)
- Originally corresponding to a temperature of millions of degrees (with the radiation consisting of gamma rays), it had since cooled down to 3°K (microwave region)
- This had been predicted

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#### Your very own Big Bang Radiation detector

- The remnant radiation from the Big Bang fills all of the universe
- It's been cooled down to microwave wavelengths
- Take your tv, disconnect the cable (and antenna)
- The screen is filled with static
- About 2% of that static is radiation from the Big Bang



### WMAP

- The mission of the WMAP spacecraft was to make a detailed map of the temperature variations for the microwave radiation left over from the Big Bang
- The map on the right is one of the results
- Blue indicates cooler regions of the sky and yellow warmer regions
  - but the temperature differences are small, of the order of a few hundred millionths of a degree
- It's these fluctuations/ variations that allowed galaxies to form





#### Timeline of the universe



### **Conclusions from WMAP**

- Most of the universe is composed of stuff we don't understand
- Dark matter and dark energy
- The dark energy is the stuff that trying to pull the universe apart
- We'll talk about it more towards the end of the semester





#### It gets weirder

 There's something incredibly massive beyond the observable universe that is exerting a gravitational attraction on some parts of the universe





"Most likely to create such a coherent flow they would have to be some very strange structures, maybe some warped space-time."

Maybe another universe, somehow intersecting with our own.