

# Thermal physics I

**kinetic theory**: world is made up of **moving particles**, which have different types of bonds depending on the **phase** (= Aggregatzustand)

abs. zero  
 $-273,15^\circ\text{C}$   
 $= 0^\circ\text{K}$

**temperature**: measure of **average kinetic energy** of particles

**hot**:  
 - more movement  
 - more vibration  
 - more space  
 - expanding

**heat**: **energy transfer** from hot to cold

$$\text{heat} = W_{\text{thermal}} = W_{\text{internal}} = W_{\text{kin}} + W_{\text{pot}}$$

## **Heat transfer:**

• **conduction**



(due to **electrons** in material)

**conductors**

metals  
 graphite  
 silicon

• **convection**

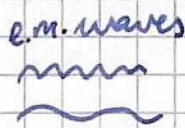


(convection **current**)

**insulators**

plastics  
 rubber  
 wood  
 air

• **thermal radiation**



(e.g. **infrared**)

**shorter = stronger**

**emitter**  
**absorber**

black

**reflector**

white   
 silver

**thermal equilibrium**:

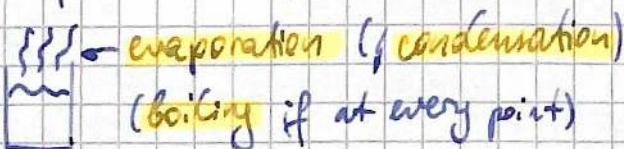
**const. same temperature** as

$$E_{\text{absorbed}} = E_{\text{emitted}}$$

↑  
 from sun

↑  
 IR to env.

## **liquids & vapors**



**Factors:**

- temperature !
- surface area !
- humidity ↓
- wind ↑

**fluid = liquid or gas**

# Thermal physics II

specific heat capacity

→ material-specific const.

$$c_{\text{water}} = 4200 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}$$

$$c = \frac{Q}{m \cdot \Delta T}$$

$$[c] = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{K}}$$

"energy per kilogram per  $^\circ\text{C}$ "

how to measure?

1. **electrical heater** in object → know energy input mass & temp change

! loss of energy, heater & container also warmed up

2. **mix two liquids** of different temperatures

$$\rightarrow m_A c_A (T_A - T_{\text{max}}) = m_B c_B (T_{\text{max}} - T_B)$$

(all energy transferred from A is now in B)

! energy loss, especially at transfer

temperature stays constant during phase transition

specific latent heat

→ material-specific const.

$$L_{\text{ice}} = 330'000 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

$$L_{\text{water}} = 2300'000 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

$$L = \frac{Q}{m}$$

"energy per kilogram"  
for vaporizing/melting

# Gas laws

$$N = \text{const} \rightarrow p \sim T$$

pressure law

$$p = \text{const} \rightarrow V \sim T$$

Charles's law

$$T = \text{const.} \rightarrow p \sim \frac{1}{V}$$

Boyle's law

$$\frac{p \cdot V}{T} = \text{const}$$

or

$$\frac{p_1 \cdot V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 \cdot V_2}{T_2}$$

before after

T in °K

$$\frac{p \cdot V}{n \cdot T} = R = 8,314 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

#particles

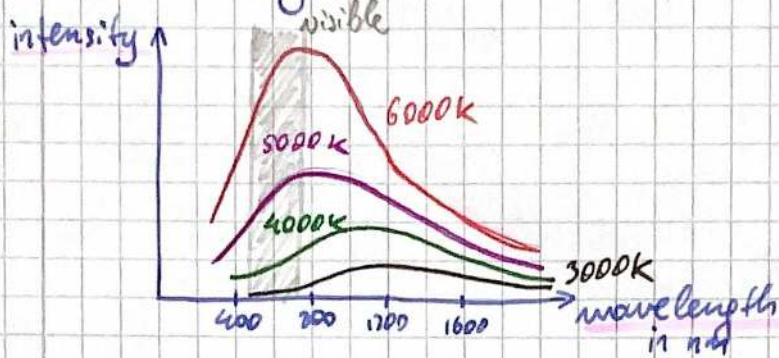
molar gas const.

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

"force per area"

# Radiation

black-body radiation:



Stefan-Boltzmann-law: total power radiated

$$P = \sigma \cdot A \cdot T^4$$

Annotations:  $\sigma$  is Stefan-Boltzmann const.,  $A$  is surface area,  $T$  is temperature (K).

Wien's displacement law:

peak wavelength emitted

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{2.90 \cdot 10^{-3}}{T}$$

intensity

$$I = \frac{P}{A} \quad (\text{power per area})$$

emissivity

$$e = \frac{P_{\text{radiated per area}}}{P_{\text{radiated per area by black-body}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = e \cdot \sigma \cdot A \cdot T^4$$

albedo

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{power reflected}}{\text{power incoming}}$$

greenhouse gases (absorb and re-emit infrared radiation of the Earth): Methane /  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , Nitrous oxide /  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$