# Energy on all scales

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# What is energy?



Summer Science Program 1960

Richard Feynman

on

Physics

# Energy, the rise of a concept Part I - Historical sketch

English: energy German: energie French: énergie Italian: energia

Greek: ¿vépysia, energeia Lat

Latin: energia

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### Origins in Physics (Natural Philosophy)



Outlines of the Science of Energetics

Read before the Philosophical Society of Glasgow on May 2, 1855

#### On the phrase "Potential Energy", and on the Definitions of Physical Quantities

Read before the Philosophical Society of Glasgow on January 23, 1867

7. About the beginning of the present century, the word "energy" had been substituted by Dr. Thomas Young for "vis viva," to denote the capacity for performing work due to velocity; and the application of the same word had at a more recent time been extended by Sir William Thomson to capacity of any sort for performing work. There can be no doubt that the word "energy" is specially suited for that purpose; for not only does the meaning to be expressed harmonise perfectly with the etymology of  $\epsilon\nu\epsilon\rho\gamma\epsilon\iotaa$ , but the word "energy" has never been used in precise scientific writings in a different sense; and thus the risk of ambiguity is avoided. **\*1807** 

#### Miscellaneous Scientific Papers by W. J. Macquorn Rankine London, Charles Griffin and Company, 1881

### Origins in Physics (Natural Philosophy)

Late introduction of the word "Energy" in physics (Nineteenth century)

... but

Notions of "force", "work", ""vis viva" already used in Mechanics

Capacity of performing work <u>Steam engines</u> (Development in eighteen century)

Mid-nineteenth century Development of "Thermodynamics" Relations between "heat" and "work"

### Thermodynamics



Mid Nineteenth Century



Rudolf Clausius (1822 - 1888)

### Thermodynamics - Clausius

- 1822 Born in Pomerania (Prussia)
- 1844 Graduate From University of Berlin
- 1848 Doctorate from University of Halle (Reflected light in the sky)
- 1850 Professor at Berlin (Royal Artillery School)
- 1855 Chair of Mathematical Physics at ETH Zurich
- 1867 University of Würzburg
- 1869 University of Bonn (Rector in 1884 and 1885)



1888 Died in Bonn

1850 On the motive power of heat and on the laws which can be deduced from it for the theory of heat\*

- I. Consequences of the principle of the equivalence of heat and work
- II. Consequences of Carnot's principle in connection with the one already introduced

\*Ueber die bewegende Kraft der Wärme und die Gesetze, welche sich daraus für die Warmelehre selbst ableitenlassen (Annalen der Physik und Chemie)

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### Equivalence of Heat and Work

Several actors in the 1840s "Work" "Force" "Power" "Energy"

#### "Precursors"

- Benjamin Thompson (Count Rumford) (1753 - 1814) American-born. England. Bavaria. France. Interest in gunnery and explosives An Experimental Enguiry Concerning the Source of the Heat which is Excited by Friction (1798)

- Karl Friedrich Mohr (1806 - 1879) German chemist Uber die Natur der Wärme (1837) Transformation of "Kraft"

#### Julius Robert von Mayer

German physician and natural philosopher (1814 - 1878) Travel on boat as a ship's doctor. Idea of equivalence of heat and work (1840) 4 papers: 1 rejected (1841) 1 published (1842)

2 printed at his own expense (1845 and 1848)

No personal experiment but use of existing results to obtain the First figure for equivalence between heat and work



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#### James Prescott Joule

English brewer and physicist (1818 - 1889)

Interest in electricity (Heat and current => Joule's law)

On the Mechanical Equivalent of heat (1845 and 1847) (Reports of the British Association for the advancement of Science)



### Equivalence of Heat and Work

Several actors in the 1840s "Work" "Force" "Power" "Energy"

#### "Others"

- Ludwig August Colding (1815 - 1888) Danish civil engineer and physicist

- Gustave-Adolphe Hirn (1815 - 1890) French manufacturer and physicist

#### Hermann von Helmholtz

German physiologist and physicist (1821 - 1894)

On the Conservation of Force (1847) Über die Erhaltung der Kraft

Considerations on heat and human action versus the impossibility of perpetual motion Formulation of the concept of "Conservation (Erhaltung)" in the framework of mechanics



## Carnot's principle ? Sadi Carnot

- 1796 Born in Paris (Son of Lazare Carnot)
- 1812 Ecole Polytechnique
- 1814 Ecole de Metz and (weak) military activities
- 1819 Paris (General Staff). Personal works
- 1828 Retired (without pension) from the army
- 1832 Died of cholera



### Carnot's principle ?

#### RÉFLEXIONS SUR LA PUISSANCE MOTRICE DU FEU

ET

#### SUR LES MACHINES

PROPRES A DÉVELOPPER CETTE PUISSANCE,

PAR S. CARNOT,

ANCIEN ÉLÈVE DE L'ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE.

A PARIS, CHEZ BACHELIER, LIBRAIRE, QUAI DES AUGUSTINS, N°. 55.

1824.

1824



Reflexions on the **Motive power** of fire and **on machines** fitted to develop that power

### Carnot's principle ?

#### RÉFLEXIONS

SUR LA

#### PUISSANCE MOTRICE

#### DU FEU.

PERSONNE n'ignore que la chaleur peut être la cause du mouvement, qu'elle possède même une grande puissance motrice: les machines à vapeur, aujourd'hui si répandues, en sont une preuve parlante à tous, les yeux.

C'est à la chaleur que doivent être attribués les grands mouvemens qui frappent nos regards sur la terre; c'est à elle que sont dues les agitations de l'atmosphère, l'ascension des nuages, la chute des pluies et des autres météores, les courans d'eau qui sillonnent la surface du globe et dont l'homme est parvenu à employer pour son usage une faible partie; eufin les tremblemens de terre, les éruptions volcaniques, reconnaissent aussi pour cause la chaleur.

C'est dans cet immense réservoir que nous pouvons puiser la force mouvante nécessaire à 1824



#### (2)

nos besoins; la nature, en nous offrant de toutes parts le combustible, nous a donné la faculté de faire naître en tous temps et en tous lieux la chaleur et la puissance motrice qui en est la suite. Développer cette puissance, l'approprier à notre usage, tel est l'objet des machines à feu.

### Steam engines - Historical roots

Condensation of hot steam -> Production of a partial vacuum in a vessel

- ~ 1700 Piston in a cylinder : Denis Papin (1647 1712)
  - 1698 "Fire engine" by Thomas Savery (1650 1715) Pumping water in mines (only few samples)
  - 1712 Engine by Thomas Newcomen (1654 1729) Pumping water in mines (Savery's patent)

~ 75 engines on 1730

"Atmospheric condensing engine"

The "motive power" is the Atmospheric pressure



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### Steam engines - Watt

Work on the Newcomen engine (Model, economy) -> 1765 Introduction of the Condenser



Immersion of the condenser in cold water



James Watt (1736 - 1819)

### Steam engines - Watt



Matthew Boulton (1728 - 1809)

Manufacturer

Other improvements: Sealing the top of the cylinder and injection of steam on the upper part Etc... 1774



James Watt (1736 - 1819)

Engineer

Final quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century

### Steam engines - Industrialisation





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### Steam engines - Industrialisation



Ebley Cloth Mills, Gloucestershire

c.1850

Painting by Alfred Newland Smith

### "Carnot cycle"

1824 S. Carnot

Reflexions on the motive power of fire and on machines fitted to develop that power



### Carnot's work

1824 S. Carnot

1834E. ClapeyronJournal de L'Ecole Polytechnique



Emile Clayperon (1799 - 1864)

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Reflexions on the motive power of fire and on machines fitted to develop that power

Mémoire sur la puissance motrice de la chaleur (Memoir on the motive power of heat)





## Legacy of the Carnot's work

1824	S. Carnot	Reflexions on the <u>motive power</u> of fire and on machines fitted to develop that power (French)
1834	E. Clapeyron	Memoir on the motive power of heat(French)TranslationsEnglish1837German1843
1848	W.Thomson	On an Absolute Thermometric Scale founded on Carnot's Theory of the Motive Power of Heat, and calculated from Regnault's observations (English)
1849	W.Thomson	An Account of Carnot's Theory of the Motive Power of Heat with Numerical Results deduced from Regnault's Experiments on Steam
(English)		
1850	R. Clausius	On the motive power of heat and on the laws which can be deduced from it for the theory of heat (German)

### Thermodynamics - Thomson

- 1822 Born at Belfast
- 1833 Family moved to Glasgow
- 1845 High level graduation (Mathematics) at Cambridge
- 1846 Professor at Glasgow (Natural Philosophy)
- 1892 Baron Kelvin of Largs (Knighted in 1866)
- 1907 Died at Largs, Scotland



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### 1854 On another form of the second law of the mechanical theory of heat

#### Zweite Haupsatze der mechanishen Warmetheorie

(Second "main proposition" of the mechanical theory of heat)

Satz von der Aequivalenz der Verwandlungen

("Principle" of the equivalence of transformations)

For all the reversible close cycles, the analytical expression of the second law of the mechanical theory of heat is:

∫dQ/T = 0

### Thermodynamics - Clausius

1850 On the motive power of heat and on the laws which can be deduced from it for the theory of heat

- 1854 On another form of the second law of the mechanical theory of heat
- 1862 On the application of the principle of the equivalence of transformations to internal work



1865 On several convenient forms of the fundamental equations of the mechanical theory of heat

On a reversible cycle : "Equivalence of transformation"  $\int dQ/T = S - S_0$ 

"I propose to name the quantity S the entropy of the system, after the Greek word troom  $\pi\rho\sigma\pi\eta$  transformation.

I have deliberately chosen the word **entropy** to be as similar as possible to the word **energy**: the two quantities to be named by these words are so closely related in physical significance that a certain similarity in their names appears to be appropriate."

### Part I - Summary

### Origins of the concept of energy in physics



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### Industrial revolution



Le Creusot (France) on 1847

Lithography according to the watercolor of Trémaux

### Industrial revolution



Brighton Electric Light Station in 1887.

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Liebig Laboratory at Giessen , 1850's

### Energy - Physics - Nineteenth century

### Mechanics

### Thermodynamics



Michael Faraday (1791 – 1867)

Electricity Magnetism Electromagnetism (Waves)

Chemistry



James Clerk Maxwell (1831 - 1879)

## Energy - Physics - Nineteenth century

#### Mechanics

### Thermodynamics



Wilhelm Ostwald (1853 - 1932)

Electricity Magnetism Electromagnetism (Waves)



Pierre Duhem (1861 - 1916)

Chemistry

Energetik

Energetics

Energétisme

## "Energy in all forms" at our (human) scale

Production Storage Distribution Consumption Efficiency Safety Management

# Energy on all scales

Part II - Energy and atoms

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## Kinetic theory of gases

THEORY OF HEAT							
ВУ							
J. CLERK MAXWELL, M.A.							
LL.D. EDIN., F.R.SS. L. & E.							
Honorary Fellow of Trinity College							
Professor of Experimental Physics in the University of Cambridge							





James Clerk Maxwell (1831 - 1879)

Energy of a hot body <-> Motion of its parts (molecules)

History (Overview by Maxwell)

Pressure of gases due to the impact of molecules on the recipient walls Clausius: "Dynamical theory of gases"

Clausius 1857 "The living force of the translation movement is proportional to the absolute temperature" 1858 Introduction of the notion of "Mean (free) path" ("Mittlere Weglänge")

### Mathematical relation between "macroscopic" and "microscopic" levels

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## Kinetic theory of gases

#### James Clerk Maxwell

- 1860 Illustrations of the Dynamical Theory of Gazes Read at the BAAS, Sept 1859. Published in Philosophical Magazine 1860
- 1866 On the Dynamical Theory of Gazes Proceedings of the Royal Society of London (Received May 1866)

"Maxwell's Distribution"



James Clerk Maxwell (1831 - 1879)

#### Ludwig Boltzmann

- 1844 Born in Vienna, Austria
- 1866 Doctorate with Stefan. Lecturer

#### Professor

- 1869 1873 **Graz** (Mathematical Physics) 1876
  - 1890 **Graz** (Experimental Physics)
- 1894 1900 Vienna (Theoretical Physics)
- 1902 Vienna (Physics and Naturphilosophie)
- 1906 Suicide at Duino

Vienna (Mathematics) Munich (Theoretical Physics) Liepzig (Invited by Ostwald)



Ludwig Boltzmann (1844 - 1906)

### Boltzmann - Entropy and statistics



Ludwig Boltzmann (1844 - 1906)



1872 Weitere Studien über das Wärmegleichgewicht unter Gasmolekülen Wiener Berichte 66 (1872) 275-370 (Complementary studies on the thermal equilibrium of gas molecules)

"Boltzmann equation" Evolution of the distribution [f] of the kinetic energy of molecules in collisions

"H Theorem" It exists a quantity [  $H = \int f \cdot \log(f)$  ] which never increase

1877 Über die Beziehung swischen dem zweiten Hauptsatze der mechanischen Wärmetheorie und der Wahrscheinlichkeitsrechung respektive den Sätzen über das Wärmegleichgewicht. Wiener Berichte 76 (1877) 373-435 (About the relation between the second law of the mechanical theory of heat and the probability calculations applied to the thermal equilibrium)

Proportionality of entropy and distribution of states of kinetic energy

1891 & 1893 (2 Vol.) Vorlesungen über Maxwells Theorie der Elektrizität und des Lichts

1896 & 1898 (2 Vol.) Vorlesungen über Gastheorie

1897 & 1904 (2 Vol.) Vorlesungen über Prinzipien der Mechanik

### In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Atomism was not prevailing in Physics... and Chemistry

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# Energy - Beginning of 20th century - Overview

Max Planck



1858	Born i	n Kiel, Germany	
1879	Educa Docto Über de	ted at Munich and Berlin rate dissertation (Munich): en zweiten Hauptsatz der mechanischen Wärmetheori	e
1889 -	- <b>1926</b> Book "T	Professor at Berlin University hermodynamik" (Thermodynamics) (1897)	
1947	Died a	it Göttingen	

Black-body radiation Empirical laws (Wien) 1900... Planck Calculations based on a set of N resonators with frequency v. (Energy element:  $\varepsilon = h.v$ )

Publications: mainly in Annalen der Physik Book: Theorie der Wärmestrahlung (Theory of heat radiation) (1906)

1918 Nobel Prize in Physics "in recognition of the services he rendered to the advancement of Physics by his discovery of energy quanta".

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# Energy - Beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century - Overview



### Albert Einstein

- 1879 Born in Ulm, Germany
- 1896 1900 Student at ETH Zurich (Polytechnic institute) 1896 - Stateless
- 1902 1909 Patent office at Bern 1901 – Swiss citizenship
- 1908 1914 Teaching positions at Bern, Zurich, Prague

1914 Professor at Berlin University

1932 Professor at IAS Princeton1933 Emigration in US1940 - US citizenship (Still Swiss)1955 Died at Princeton

First publications in Annalen der Physik

1901 and 1902 2 papers on intermolecular forces

- 1902 Kinetische Theorie des Wärmegleichgewichtes und des zweiten Hauptsatzes der Thermodynamik (Kinetic Theory of Thermal Equilibrium and of the Second Law of Thermodynamics)
- 1903 Eine Theorie der Grundlagen der Thermodynamik (A Theory of the Foundations of Thermodynamics)

1904 Zur allgemeine molekulare Theorie der Wärme (On the General Molecular Theory of Heat)

### Albert Einstein - 1905 - Overview

Light quanta	Ther einen die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes betreffenden uristischen Gesichtspunkt On a Heuristic Point of View about the Creation and Conversion of Light	Received AdP 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Brownian motif	The die von der molekularkinetischen Theorie der Wärme geforderte wegung von in ruhenden Flüssigkeiten suspendierten Teilchen On the Movement of Small Particles Suspended in Stationary Liquids Required by the Molecular-Kinetic Theory of Heat	Received AdP 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Relativity	On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies	Received AdP 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Relativity	Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?	Received AdP 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Brownian motif	On the Theory of Brownian Motion	Received AdP 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
<u>)octoral disser</u>	<u>Completed on 30<sup>th</sup> April - Printed in Bern (Buchdruckerei K. J. Wyss, Bern, 1</u> Submitted at Zurich University - Accepted on July - Published in J	906) AdP

Eine neue Bestimmung der Moleküldimensionen A New Determination of Molecular Dimensions

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### Albert Einstein - 1905 - Overview

Über einen die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes betreffenden heuristischen Gesichtspunkt On a Heuristic Point of View about the Creation and Conversion of Light

Received AdP 17<sup>th</sup> March

"Photoelectric effect" Proposal of the photon as a quantum of energy

1921 Nobel Prize in Physics "for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect"

The "Quantum discontinuity" was introduced in relation with radiation

ÜberZur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies Received AdP 30<sup>th</sup> June

"Special relativity"



### Albert Einstein - 1905 - Overview

Ist die Trägheit eines Körpers von seinem Energieinhalt abhängig? Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content? Received AdP 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

 13. Ist die Trägheit ei Energieinh von A.

Die Resultate einer jün publizierten elektrodynamische sehr interessanten Folgerung, Ich legte dort die Maxw den leeren Raum nebst dem elektromagnetische Energie d dem das Prinzip:

Die Gesetze, nach dene kalischen Systeme ändern, sin von zwei relativ zueinander lationsbwegung befindlichen Standsänderungen bezogen wei Gestützt auf diese Grund das nachfolgende Resultat ab Ein System von ebenen 1 ordinatensystem (x, y, z) bezog richtung (Wellennormale) bild des Systems. Führt man ein in gleichförmiger Paralleltran system  $(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  ein, dessen Urs keit v längs der z-Achse bewe menge — in System  $(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  s

 $l^* = l - l$ 

wobei V die Lichtgeschwindig sultat machen wir im folgende

 A. Einstein, Ann. d. Phy
 Das dort benutzte Prinzip keit ist natürlich in den Maxwella Gibt ein Körper die Energie L in Form von Strahlung ab, so verkleinert sich seine Masse um  $L/V^2$ . Hierbei ist es offenbar unwesentlich, daß die dem Körper entzogene Energie gerade in Energie der Strahlung übergeht, so daß wir zu der allgemeineren Folgerung geführt werden:

A. Einstein.

Die Masse eines Körpers ist ein Maß für dessen Energieinhalt; ändert sich die Energie um L, so ändert sich die Masse in demselben Sinne um  $L/9.10^{20}$ , wenn die Energie in Erg und die Masse in Grammen gemessen wird.

Es ist nicht ausgeschlossen, daß bei Körpern, deren Energieinhalt in hohem Maße veränderlich ist (z. B. bei den Radiumsalzen), eine Prüfung der Theorie gelingen wird.

Wenn die Theorie den Tatsachen entspricht, so überträgt die Strahlung Trägheit zwischen den emittierenden und absorbierenden Körpern.

Bern, September 1905.

639

640

(Eingegangen 27. September 1905.)

Trägheit eines Körpers von seinem Energieinhalt abhängig? 641

hergien H und E abhängt. Wir können

 $-E_0 = K_0 + C$ ,  $-E_{1} = K_{1} + C$ ,

r Lichtaussendung nicht ändert. Wir

 $= L \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{V}\right)^2}} - 1 \right\}$ 

des Körpers in bezug auf  $(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  nimmt dung ab, und zwar um einen von den unabhängigen Betrag. Die Differenz von der Geschwindigkeit ebenso ab wie des Elektrons (l. c. § 10). gung von Größen vierter und höherer tzen:

 $K_{1} = \frac{L}{V^{2}} \frac{v^{2}}{2}$ .

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1905.

ngen 27. September 1905.)

E = mc<sup>2</sup> was introduced as a consequence of "relativity" (radiation & motion)

### Energy - Beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century - Overview What about energy in atoms? Atomic nucleus

1911 Rutherford. Explanation of the diffusion of alpha particles

1913 Bohr. Introduction of the quantum of action (levels of energy)

#### Binding energy - Mass excess

J.J. Thomson. Neon20 and 22. Notion of "Isotopes", "same place" (F. Soddy)
Aston. Mass spectrograph. Precise "atomic weights" measurement

Aston. Mass spectrograph. Precise "atomic weights" measurement

Huge energy in the nuclei (E = mc<sup>2</sup>)... but not accessible !

#### Neutron and nuclei models

1932 Chadwick. Discovery of the neutron Heisenberg Model of nuclei with protons and neutrons

#### Atom Fission and nuclear energy

- 1938 Hahn and Strassmann Experimental discovery of fission
- 1942 Fermi at Chicago First experimental nuclear reactor
- 1945 "Atomic bomb" Trinity site. Hiroshima and Nagasaki



