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### Thermodynamics

- A practical science initially concerned with economics, industry, real life problems.
- DYNAMICS -- Concerned with the concepts of energy transfers between a system and its environment and the resulting temperature variations
- Concerns itself with the physical and chemical transformations of matter in all of its forms: solid, liquid, and gas
- Concerns the processes that "violate" conservation of mechanical energy -- friction -- via the conversion between thermal and mechanical energy.

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# Physics 207, Lecture 25, Nov. 29 Agenda: Chapter 19, Temperature Heat Thermal Expansion Temperature and Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics Temperature scales Kinetic Theory of Gases (Ch. 22) Question: What has more internal energy, a 10 kg bar of glowing red hot iron (at ~800 C) or a 100 kg person (at 37 C)? Which can effect a larger heat transfer? Assignments: Problem Set 9 due Tuesday, Dec. 5, 11:59 PM Monday, Chapter 20 (Heat & the First Law of Thermodynamics)

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- Temperature: A standardized measure of the motion of the individual atoms and molecules in a gas, liquid, or solid.
   \* related to average kinetic energy of constituents
- High temperature: The constituents are moving around energetically
  - In a gas at high temperature the individual gas molecules are moving about independently at high speeds.
  - In a solid at high temperature the individual atoms of the solid are vibrating energetically in place.
- The converse is true for a "cold" object.
- In a gas at low temperature the individual gas molecules are moving about sluggishly.
- There is an absolute zero temperature at which the classical motions of atoms and molecules practically stop. Quantum zero point energy cannot be removed (Planck's constant is not zero.)

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