

Introduction to Energy Systems

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Energy Systems

Interaction between: -- Society -- Economy -- Technology -- Policy that shape both -- Demand -- Supply in terms of quantity, quality, costs, impacts.

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Definitions & IS Units

- Energy: Capacity to do work
- Power: Rate of energy transfer
- Newton (N): 1 kg m/s² (force)
- Joule (J): 1 N applied over 1 m (energy)
- Watt (W): 1 J/second (power)
- Example: 1 HP = 745 W (745 J/s) for 1 hr = 0.745 kWh

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Examples of Power and Energy (ranked by power ratings)

	Power	Time	Energy
	W	Sec's	J (W/s)
Solar energy to earth per year	1.8 E 17	3.2 E 7	5.5 E 24
Earthquake 8 Richter scale	2.0 E 15	3.0 E 1	6.0 E 16
Global energy use for 2000	1.4 E 13	3.2 E 7	4.4 E 20
Thunderstorm (kinetic energy)	1.0 E 11	1.2 E 3	1.2 E 14
Space shuttle lift-off	1.2 E 10	1.2 E 2	1.4 E 12
B 747 flight Tokyo-Frankfurt	1.1 E 8	4.0 E 4	4.4 E 12
Energy/day for a supermarket	2.0 E 5	4.3 E 4	8.6 E 9
Daily metabolism of adult	1.0 E 2	8.6 E 4	8.6 E 6
Burning a small candle	3.0 E 0	1.8 E 3	5.4 E 3

E = exponent to basis 10, i.e. $E 2 = 10^2 = 100$

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Based on Smil, 1991

Some Orders of Magnitude (EJ = 10¹⁸ J)

5,500,000 EJ Annual solar influx 1,000,000 EJ Fossil occurrences 50,000 EJ Fossil reserves 440 EJ World energy use 2000 <1 EJ NY city energy use/yr 0.000004 EJ B-747 flight **Tokyo-Frankfurt**

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Energy Units and Scales (Source: IPCC Energy Primer)



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Rough Equivalences

10 Gtoe = 420 EJ1 Gtoe = 42 EJ1 Quad = 1 EJ1 Mtoe = 42 PJ1 toe = 42 GJ1 boe = 6 GJ1 m 3 gas = 40 MJ $1 \,\mathrm{kWh} = 4 \,\mathrm{MJ}$ 1 Btu = 1 kJ

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Energy Flow Characteristics

- Physical: chemical, kinetic, electric, radiant,...
- Processing depth: primary→secondary→final
- Transaction levels: producer→producer producer→consumer consumer→consumer (future?)
- System boundaries: secondary→final→useful→service

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Examples of Energy Conversions, Devices and (1st Law) Efficiencies

Source: SciAmer, 1972

What means....

- Primary energy: Resources as extracted from nature (crude oil, solar heat)
- Secondary energy: Processed/converted energy (gasoline from crude oil, electricity from coal or hydropower)
- Final energy (as delivered to consumer)
- Useful energy (converted by final appliances (heat from radiator, light from bulb)
- Services = actual demand: comfort, illumination, mobility,... (units ephemeral)

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System Boundaries

- Energy sector: Primary→ Final (domain of supply bias)
- Energy end-use: Final→Useful (domain of consumer bias)
- Energy Integration (IRM, LC): Primary→Useful/Services
- Full Integration (IA): Whole environment (incl. "externalities")

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Global Energy Flows 1990 (in Gtoe)



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Global Energy Flows (EJ in 1990)



*ALS = Autoconsumption, losses, stock changes

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Laws of Thermodynamics (no policy can escape from)

- 1st (conservation) Law
- 2nd (entropy) Law

Thermodynamically, no machine (conversion process) operates in a closed system: i.e. energy exchanges with the environment (friction losses, waste heat)

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Perpetuum Mobile: Impossible in a Thermodynamically Open System



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Laws

- 1st (conservation) Law: In closed system: energy can neither be created or destroyed
 BUT: Energy devices generally operate in open system (→1st Law efficiency)
- 2nd (entropy) Law: General movement towards lower form values of energy (e.g. electricty→high temp.heat→low temp.heat), or increase in 'disorder' (entropy); e.g. candle = flame→light→heat (flame→room) MIND: Efficiency depends on adequacy of energy form value for task at hand (→2nd Law efficiency)

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Energy Efficiency 1

1st Law efficiency: Ratio of energy output to input;

Varying systems boundaries: Conversion (gas furnace): ~100% (gas \rightarrow heat) Device (furnace+exhaust)*: 90% Final/Useful (furnace \rightarrow radiator): 60-80% Total system (house heating): ~5% (\rightarrow 2nd Law)

*Without latent heat from condensation = LHV Including latent heat from condensation = HHV

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Energy Efficiency 2

^{2nd} Law efficiency: Minimum amount of exergy required for a particular task / actual exergy spent in completing the task

Exergy = availability (capacity to do *useful* work) = inverse of entropy

Hence: Quality and adequacy matters.

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Examples for 2nd Law Efficiency

 $I (T - T_0) / T I$

Home heating: outside temp. = 0 °C desired indoor = 21 °C = I (273K-294K)/273K I = 0.077 = 8% Cont. glass furnace (gas) = 1500 °C float glass out = 21 °C = I (1773K-294K)/1773K I = 0.83 = 83%

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First and Second Law Efficiencies of Energy Conversion



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WORLD-Exergy Efficiency (as percent of primary exergy)



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Implications:

Rules of thumb for engineers and policy makers

- Largest leverage: Extending system's boundary for designs and policies
- Look at exergy rather than energy alone
- Largest possible efficiency gains (x20): Enduse and service efficiency, heat cascading (industrial symbiosis)
 BUT:
- Efficiency not all $(\rightarrow$ valuation)
- Main scope outside energy engineering/policy: Architecture, urban & transport planning, lifestyles,....

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Energy Systems Constraints: Integration Demand - Supply

Physical

- Matching form value
- Matching spatial scales
- Matching temporal scales

Societal: Availability of:

- Capital
- Information
- Incentives
- Policy attention

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Energy Constraints

- Spatial mismatch supply-demand: World trade in fuels ~630 Billion \$ (~50% of all primary products exports)
- Temporal mismatch supply-demand (load curves): Need for storage & interconnection (capital intensive)
- Magnitude mismatch supply-demand: Power densities, e.g. renewables vs. urban energy use

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map of major gas trade movements

Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)



Load Curves: Tokyo



Source: Mogouro et al., 2002

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Linking **Space and Time in Tokyo: Power Density of Demand**

Source: Mouguro et al., 2002

Heat Load Curve of a Hotel in Austria Supplied by Cogeneration



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Spatial Power Densities of Energy Production and Consumption



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Valuation: Multicriteria overall performance

- Efficiency (energy, exergy)
- Productivity (per service rendered, e.g. value added) = Energy Intensity
- Costs (money, time, information)
- Externalities (social, environmental)
- Paramount importance of systems boundaries ("who pays")

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Cooking Stoves Energy Efficiency and (Capital and Time) Costs



Source: Adapted from OTA, 1992.

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Examples of Different Costs of Energy

- Supply costs (producer perspective): \$/gal to station
- Consumer purchase costs (incl. taxes, DOE perspective): \$/gal from station
- Direct end-use costs (consumer perspective): purchase & maintenance of car + \$/gal
- IRM: producer + consumer costs
- Neglected costs:
 - -- inconvenience costs: Riding a small, efficient car; heating with gas (\$\$\$), not coal (\$)
 - -- social externalities (accidents)
 - -- environmental externalities (pollution)

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Implications: Rules of thumb for economists and policy makers (very rough orders of magnitude) At wellhead: 1 \$/bbl Before Prod. Gov.: 3 \$/bbl Upstream (trade): 10 \$/bbl Before Cons. Gov.: 30 \$/bbl >100 \$/bbl Consumer: >300 \$/bbl Total energy: >1000 \$/bbl Society: >3000 \$/bbl Total system:

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