

Thermodynamics Application In Mechanical Engineering

Although the basic theories of thermodynamics are adequately covered by a number of existing texts, there is little literature that addresses more advanced topics. In this comprehensive work the author redresses this balance, drawing on his twenty-five years of experience of teaching thermodynamics at undergraduate and postgraduate level, to produce a definitive text to cover thoroughly, advanced syllabuses. The book introduces the basic concepts which apply over the whole range of new technologies, considering: a new approach to cycles, enabling their irreversibility to be taken into account; a detailed study of combustion to show how the chemical energy in a fuel is converted into thermal energy and emissions; an analysis of fuel cells to give an understanding of the direct conversion of chemical energy to electrical power; a detailed study of property relationships to enable more sophisticated analyses to be made of both high and low temperature plant and irreversible thermodynamics, whose principles might hold a key to new ways of efficiently covering energy to power (e.g. solar energy, fuel cells). Worked examples are included in most of the chapters, followed by exercises with solutions. By developing thermodynamics from an explicitly equilibrium perspective, showing how all systems attempt to reach a state of equilibrium, and the effects of these systems when they cannot, the result is an unparalleled insight into the more advanced considerations when converting any form of energy into power, that will prove invaluable to students and professional engineers of all disciplines.

Master the principles of thermodynamics, and understand their practical real-world applications, with this deep and intuitive undergraduate textbook.

Thermodynamics is the much abused slave of many masters • physicists who love the totally impractical Carnot process, • mechanical engineers who design power stations and refrigerators, • chemists who are successfully synthesizing ammonia and are puzzled by photosynthesis, • meteorologists who calculate cloud bases and predict föhn, boraccia and scirocco, • physico-chemists who vulcanize rubber and build fuel cells, • chemical engineers who rectify natural gas and distil fermented potato juice, • metallurgists who improve steels and harden surfaces, • nutrition counselors who recommend a proper intake of calories, • mechanics who adjust heat exchangers, • architects who construe – and often misconstrue – chneys, • biologists who marvel at the height of trees, • air conditioning engineers who design saunas and the ventilation of air plane cabins, • rocket engineers who create supersonic flows, et cetera. Not all of these professional groups need the full depth and breadth of thermodynamics. For some it is enough to consider a well-stirred tank, for others a stationary nozzle flow is essential, and yet others are well-served with the partial differential equation of heat conduction. It is therefore natural that thermodynamics is prone to mutilation; different group-specific meta-thermodynamics' have emerged

which serve the interest of the groups under most circumstances and leave out aspects that are not often needed in their fields.

Designed for the course in thermodynamics or for use as a reference for practicing engineers, this book includes the theoretical underpinnings and derivations necessary for advanced study. The book focuses on the mechanical and power engineering applications of thermodynamics. Mathematics is utilized as required, serving as a tool to formulate the concepts, solve problems and applications. Furthermore, numerous examples are provided to demonstrate the applications of thermodynamics for engineering problems and to enhance the use of concepts. It also includes statistical thermodynamic examples when relevant and pertinent. These examples are shown either conceptually or numerically. Features: +Numerous examples are provided to demonstrate the applications of thermodynamics for engineering problems +Includes a comprehensive and generalist view of thermodynamics, along with historical developments in the field +Presents mathematical tools such as the Legendre transformation, the Euler chain rule, the Jacobian methodology and applications for thermodynamic derivatives.

Thermodynamics: Basic Principles and Engineering Applications Springer Nature
An advanced, practical approach to the first and second laws of thermodynamics
Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics bridges the gap between engineering applications and the first and second laws of thermodynamics. Going beyond the basic coverage offered by most textbooks, this authoritative treatment delves into the advanced topics of energy and work as they relate to various engineering fields. This practical approach describes real-world applications of thermodynamics concepts, including solar energy, refrigeration, air conditioning, thermofluid design, chemical design, constructal design, and more. This new fourth edition has been updated and expanded to include current developments in energy storage, distributed energy systems, entropy minimization, and industrial applications, linking new technologies in sustainability to fundamental thermodynamics concepts. Worked problems have been added to help students follow the thought processes behind various applications, and additional homework problems give them the opportunity to gauge their knowledge. The growing demand for sustainability and energy efficiency has shined a spotlight on the real-world applications of thermodynamics. This book helps future engineers make the fundamental connections, and develop a clear understanding of this complex subject. Delve deeper into the engineering applications of thermodynamics
Work problems directly applicable to engineering fields Integrate thermodynamics concepts into sustainability design and policy Understand the thermodynamics of emerging energy technologies Condensed introductory chapters allow students to quickly review the fundamentals before diving right into practical applications. Designed expressly for engineering students, this book offers a clear, targeted treatment of thermodynamics topics with detailed discussion and authoritative guidance toward even the most complex concepts.

Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics is the definitive modern treatment of energy and work for today's newest engineers.

Offers a treatment of applied surface dynamics in relation to contact angles and surface tensions, providing a foundation for the subject and detailed presentations of recent techniques. The work supplies a theoretical framework for the study and measurement of surface tensions and contact angles, and acts as a day-to-day guide for laboratory practice

Presents an updated, full-color, second edition on thermodynamics, providing a structured approach to this subject and a wealth of new problems.

This Book Presents The Systematic Account Of The Concepts And Principles Of Engineering Thermodynamics. The Book Covers Basic Course Of Engineering Thermodynamics And Shall Meet The Requirements Of The Undergraduate Students Of Engineering And Technology Undertaking The Compulsory Course Of Engineering Thermodynamics. Presentation Of The Subject Matter Has Been Made In Very Simple And Lucid Language. The Book Is Written In SI System Of Units And Each Chapter Has Been Provided With Sufficient Number Of Typical Numerical Problems Of Solved And Unsolved Type With Answers.

Intended as a textbook for "applied" or engineering thermodynamics, or as a reference for practicing engineers, the book uses extensive in-text, solved examples and computer simulations to cover the basic properties of thermodynamics. Pure substances, the first and second laws, gases, psychrometrics, the vapor, gas and refrigeration cycles, heat transfer, compressible flow, chemical reactions, fuels, and more are presented in detail and enhanced with practical applications. This version presents the material using SI Units and has ample material on SI conversion, steam tables, and a Mollier diagram. A CD-ROM, included with the print version of the text, includes a fully functional version of QuickField (widely used in industry), as well as numerous demonstrations and simulations with MATLAB, and other third party software.

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This book is intended for undergraduate students in mechanical engineering. It covers the fundamentals of applied thermodynamics, including heat transfer and environmental control. A collection of more than 50 carefully tailored problems to promote greater understanding of the subject, supported by relevant property

tables and diagrams are included along with a solutions manual.

Advanced Engineering Thermodynamics, Second Edition is a five-chapter text that covers some basic thermodynamic concepts, including thermodynamic system equilibrium, thermodynamic properties, and thermodynamic application to special systems. Chapter 1 introduces the concept of equilibrium, maximum work of thermodynamic systems, development of Gibbs and Helmholtz functions, thermodynamic system equilibrium, and conditions for stability and spontaneous change. Chapter 2 deals with the general thermodynamic relations for systems of constant chemical composition; the development of Maxwell relations; the derivatives of specific heats; coefficients of h , p , T , Clausius-Clapeyron equations; the Joule-Thomson effect; and application of van der Waals gas-inversion curves to liquefaction system. Chapters 3 and 4 describe the thermodynamics of ideal gases, ideal gas mixtures, and gas mixtures with variable composition. These chapters also discuss processes involving dissociation-Lighthill ideal dissociating gas, extension to ionization and real gas effects, and characteristics of "frozen" and equilibrium flows. Chapter 5 surveys the thermodynamics of elastic systems, surface tension, magnetic systems, reversible electrical cell, and fuel cell. This chapter also provides an introduction to irreversible thermodynamics, Onsager reciprocal relation, and the concept of thermoelectricity. This book will prove useful to undergraduate mechanical engineering students and other engineering students taking courses in thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

Sample problems cover a review of such topics as thermodynamic properties of fluids, steady and transient flows, Carnot, gas and vapor cycles, psychrometry, refrigeration, combustion and miscellaneous topics

New edition of a standard undergraduate textbook.

Thermodynamics: Fundamentals and Applications for Chemical Engineers explores the concepts and properties of thermodynamics and illustrates how they can be applied to solve practical problems. The book introduces the fundamentals of thermodynamics for multi-phase, multi-component systems, providing a framework for dealing with problems in chemical engineering including mixing, compressing, and distilling fluids. The first eight chapters of Thermodynamics focus on single-component thermodynamics, introducing important concepts that will be referenced throughout subsequent chapters. Later chapters introduce modeling for multi-component systems. Topics covered include: properties as a function of state variables; first and second law of thermodynamics; power cycles, combustion, refrigeration cycles, and heat pumps; equilibrium phase relationships; correlations and calculations of vapor-liquid equilibrium data; elementary theories of solutions; and the efficiency of multicomponent separation and reaction processes. The Second Law of Thermodynamics, availability concepts, and process efficiency receive extensive coverage. The clear, well-organized sequence of the chapters helps students successfully learn and retain information. Each of the fifteen chapters includes

updated sample problems that underline key principles and problem-solving steps. The book has numerous appendixes for quick reference on everything from conversion factors to Francis constants, and from properties of pure substances to thermodynamics tables and Diagrams. Thermodynamics can be used by chemical, petroleum, and mechanical engineering departments in introductory and intermediate courses on engineering thermodynamics and thermodynamics fundamentals. Born and raised in Chile, Miguel T. Fleischer earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Houston where he is an adjunct professor and the undergraduate program director of the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Department. Dr. Fleischer worked at Royal Dutch Shell for more than 26 years in research and development, manufacturing, finance, and management. He began teaching when he was an undergraduate student in Chile where he developed a program sponsored by Universidad Catolica de Chile to prepare high school students for college. He was the co-owner and CEO of Fleischer International Trading, a private enterprise that imported and distributed wines from all over the world for 13 years. He continued teaching while he was a graduate student at the University of Houston. He has received the Outstanding Lecturer award of the Cullen College of Engineering four times, the University's Teaching Excellence Award, the Cullen College of Engineering's Career Teaching Award, and the Cullen College of Engineering's Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award. This reference/text provides a solid grounding in the basic principles of the science of thermodynamics - proceeding to practical, hands-on applications in large-scale industrial settings. Containing over 500 references, drawings, tables, and equations, Thermodynamics is an indispensable reference for mechanical, chemical, aerospace, environmental, and marine engineers; physicists; mathematicians; and engineering technologists; and an excellent text or self-study guide for upper-level undergraduate, graduate, and continuing-education students and practitioners of thermodynamic engineering.

Designed for use in a standard two-semester engineering thermodynamics course sequence. The first half of the text contains material suitable for a basic Thermodynamics course taken by engineers from all majors. The second half of the text is suitable for an Applied Thermodynamics course in mechanical engineering programs. The text has numerous features that are unique among engineering textbooks, including historical vignettes, critical thinking boxes, and case studies. All are designed to bring real engineering applications into a subject that can be somewhat abstract and mathematical. Over 200 worked examples and more than 1,300 end of chapter problems provide the use opportunities to practice solving problems related to concepts in the text. Provides the reader with clear presentations of the fundamental principles of basic and applied engineering thermodynamics. Helps students develop engineering problem solving skills through the use of structured problem-solving techniques. Introduces the Second Law of Thermodynamics through a basic

entropy concept, providing students a more intuitive understanding of this key course topic. Covers Property Values before the First Law of Thermodynamics to ensure students have a firm understanding of property data before using them. Over 200 worked examples and more than 1,300 end of chapter problems offer students extensive opportunity to practice solving problems. Historical Vignettes, Critical Thinking boxes and Case Studies throughout the book help relate abstract concepts to actual engineering applications. For greater instructor flexibility at exam time, thermodynamic tables are provided in a separate accompanying booklet. Available online testing and assessment component helps students assess their knowledge of the topics. Email textbooks@elsevier.com for details.

Clearly connects macroscopic and microscopic thermodynamics and explains non-equilibrium behavior in kinetic theory and chemical kinetics.

Thermodynamic Approaches in Engineering Systems responds to the need for a synthesizing volume that throws light upon the extensive field of thermodynamics from a chemical engineering perspective that applies basic ideas and key results from the field to chemical engineering problems. This book outlines and interprets the most valuable achievements in applied non-equilibrium thermodynamics obtained within the recent fifty years. It synthesizes nontrivial achievements of thermodynamics in important branches of chemical and biochemical engineering. Readers will gain an update on what has been achieved, what new research problems could be stated, and what kind of further studies should be developed within specialized research. Presents clearly structured chapters beginning with an introduction, elaboration of the process, and results summarized in a conclusion Written by a first-class expert in the field of advanced methods in thermodynamics Provides a synthesis of recent thermodynamic developments in practical systems Presents very elaborate literature discussions from the past fifty years

Aspiring engineers need a text that prepares them to use thermodynamics in professional practice. Thermodynamics instructors need a concise textbook written for a one-semester undergraduate course—a text that foregoes clutter and unnecessary details but furnishes the essential facts and methods.

Thermodynamics for Engineers, Second Edition continues to fill both those needs. Paying special attention to the learning process, the author has developed a unique, practical guide to classical thermodynamics. His approach is remarkably cohesive. For example, he develops the same example through his presentation of the first law and both forms of the second law—entropy and exergy. He also unifies his treatments of the conservation of energy, the creation of entropy, and the destruction of availability by using a balance equation for each, thus emphasizing the commonality between the laws and allowing easier comprehension and use. This Second Edition includes a new chapter on thermodynamic property relations and gives updated, expanded problem sets in every chapter. Accessible, practical, and cohesive, the text builds a solid

foundation for advanced engineering studies and practice. It exposes students to the "big picture" of thermodynamics, and its streamlined presentation allows glimpses into important concepts and methods rarely offered by texts at this level. What's New in This Edition: Updated and expanded problem sets New chapter on thermodynamic property relations Updated chapter on heat transfer Electronic figures available upon qualifying course adoption End-of-chapter poems to summarize engineering principles

Case Studies in Mechanical Engineering: Decision Making, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer Stuart Sabol, Engineering Manager - Power Engineering at Power, Energy - USA Using a case study approach, this reference tests the reader's ability to apply engineering fundamentals to real-world examples and receive constructive feedback Case Studies in Mechanical Engineering provides real life examples of the application of engineering fundamentals. They relate to real equipment, real people and real decisions. They influence careers, projects, companies, and governments. The cases serve as supplements to fundamental courses in thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, instrumentation, economics, and statistics. The author explains equipment and concepts to solve the problems and suggests relevant assignments to augment the cases. Graduate engineers seeking to refresh their career, or acquire continuing education will find the studies challenging and rewarding. Each case is designed to be accomplished in one week, earning up to 15 hours of continuing education credit. Each case study provides methods to present an argument, work with clients, recommend action and develop new business. Key features: • Highlights the economic consequences of engineering designs and decisions. • Encourages problem solving skills. • Application of fundamentals to life experiences. • Ability to practice with real life examples. Case Studies in Mechanical Engineering is a valuable reference for mechanical engineering practitioners working in thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer and related areas.

This text provides an overview of important theory, principles, and concepts in the field of thermodynamics, making this abstract and complex subject easy to comprehend while building practical skills in the process. It enhances understanding of heat transfer, steam tables, energy concepts, power generation, psychrometry, refrigeration cycles, and more. Practical, easily accessible case studies illustrate various thermodynamics principles. Each chapter concludes with a list of questions or problems, with answers at the back of the book.

Provides a solid grounding in the basic principles of the science of thermodynamics proceeding to practical, hands-on applications in large-scale industrial settings. Presents myriad applications for power plants, refrigeration and air conditioning systems, and turbomachinery. Features hundreds of helpful example problems and analytical exercises.

"History of the American society of mechanical engineers. Preliminary report of the committee on Society history," issued from time to time, beginning with v. 30,

Feb. 1908.

This textbook comprehensively covers the fundamentals and advanced concepts of thermodynamics in a single volume. It provides a detailed discussion of advanced concepts that include energy efficiency, energy sustainability, energy security, organic Rankine cycle, combined cycle power plants, combined cycle power plant integrated with organic Rankine cycle and absorption refrigeration system, integrated coal gasification combined cycle power plants, energy conservation in domestic refrigerators, and next-generation low-global warming potential refrigerants. Pedagogical features include solved problems and unsolved exercises interspersed throughout the text for better understanding.

This textbook is primarily written for senior undergraduate students in the fields of mechanical, automobile, chemical, civil, and aerospace engineering for courses on engineering thermodynamics/thermodynamics and for graduate students in thermal engineering and energy engineering for courses on advanced thermodynamics. It is accompanied by teaching resources, including a solutions manual for instructors. FEATURES Provides design and experimental problems for better understanding Comprehensively discusses power cycles and refrigeration cycles and their advancements Explores the design of energy-efficient buildings to reduce energy consumption Property tables, charts, and multiple-choice questions comprise appendices of the book and are available at <https://www.routledge.com/9780367646288>.

Provides an essential treatment of the subject and rigorous methods to solve all kinds of energy engineering problems.

Tough Test Questions? Missed Lectures? Not Enough Time? Fortunately for you, there's Schaum's Outlines. More than 40 million students have trusted Schaum's to help them succeed in the classroom and on exams. Schaum's is the key to faster learning and higher grades in every subject. Each Outline presents all the essential course information in an easy-to-follow, topic-by-topic format. You also get hundreds of examples, solved problems, and practice exercises to test your skills. This Schaum's Outline gives you Practice problems with full explanations that reinforce knowledge Coverage of the most up-to-date developments in your course field In-depth review of practices and applications Fully compatible with your classroom text, Schaum's highlights all the important facts you need to know. Use Schaum's to shorten your study time-and get your best test scores! Schaum's Outlines-Problem Solved.

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About the Book: This book presents a systematic account of the concepts and principles of engineering thermodynamics and the concepts and practices of thermal engineering. The book covers basic course of engineering thermodynamics and also deals with the advanced course of thermal engineering. This book will meet the requirements of the undergraduate students of engineering and technology undertaking the compulsory course of engineering thermodynamics. The subject matter is sufficient for the students of Mechanical Engineering/Industrial-Production Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, undertaking advanced courses in the name of thermal engineering/heat engineering/applied thermodynamics etc. Presentation of the subject matter has been made in very simple and understandable language. The book is written in SI system of units and each chapter has been provided with sufficient number of typical numerical problems of solved and unsolved questions with answers.

Contents: Fundamental Concepts and Definitions Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics First Law of Thermodynamics Second Law of Thermodynamics Entropy Thermodynamic Properties of Pure Substance Availability and General Thermodynamic Relations Vapour Power Cycles Gas Power Cycles Fuel and Combustion Boilers and Boiler Calculations Steam Engine Nozzles Steam Turbines Steam Condenser Reciprocating and Rotary Compressor Introduction to Internal Combustion Engines Introduction to Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Jet Propulsion and Rocket Engines Multiple Answer type Questions

Introduction to Applied Thermodynamics is an introductory text on applied thermodynamics and covers topics ranging from energy and temperature to reversibility and entropy, the first and second laws of thermodynamics, and the properties of ideal gases. Standard air cycles and the thermodynamic properties of pure substances are also discussed, together with gas compressors,

combustion, and psychrometry. This volume is comprised of 16 chapters and begins with an overview of the concept of energy as well as the macroscopic and molecular approaches to thermodynamics. The following chapters focus on temperature, entropy, and standard air cycles, along with gas compressors, combustion, psychrometry, and the thermodynamic properties of pure substances. Steam and steam engines, internal combustion engines, and refrigeration are also considered. The final chapter is devoted to heat transfer by conduction, radiation, and convection. The transfer of heat energy between fluids flowing through concentric pipes is described. This book will appeal to mechanical engineers and students as well as those interested in applied thermodynamics.

This textbook is for a one semester introductory course in thermodynamics, primarily for use in a mechanical or aerospace engineering program, although it could also be used in an engineering science curriculum. The book contains a section on the geometry of curves and surfaces, in order to review those parts of calculus that are needed in thermodynamics for interpolation and in discussing thermodynamic equations of state of simple substances. It presents the First Law of Thermodynamics as an equation for the time rate of change of system energy, the same way that Newton's Law of Motion, an equation for the time rate of change of system momentum, is presented in Dynamics. Moreover, this emphasis illustrates the importance of the equation to the study of heat transfer and fluid mechanics. New thermodynamic properties, such as internal energy and entropy, are introduced with a motivating discussion rather than by abstract postulation, and connection is made with kinetic theory. Thermodynamic properties of the vaporizable liquids needed for the solution of practical thermodynamic problems (e.g. water and various refrigerants) are presented in a unique tabular format that is both simple to understand and easy to use. All theoretical discussions throughout the book are accompanied by worked examples illustrating their use in practical devices. These examples of the solution of various kinds of thermodynamic problems are all structured in exactly the same way in order to make, as a result of the repetitions, the solution of new problems easier for students to follow, and ultimately, to produce themselves. Many additional problems are provided, half of them with answers, for students to do on their own.

This textbook provides a strong foundation in the basic thermodynamics needed to analyze real-world engineering applications of thermodynamics in the field of energy systems. Written in a format readable to students new to the subject, this book will also help entrepreneurs venturing into the world of energy and power without a background in mechanical engineering. This book presents the basic theories of thermodynamics by focusing on the application of the subject matter to the most common applications of thermodynamics. It takes real-world problems from the author's over 40 years of experience as a practical, professional engineer and provides in-depth solutions to each problem using concepts the student has learned from earlier chapters. The case studies provide both examples of how thermodynamics is used in state-of-the-art tools to solve the case studies' problems, as well as ideas for future energy-efficient systems.

The 4th Edition of Cengel & Boles Thermodynamics: An Engineering Approach takes thermodynamics education to the next level through its intuitive and innovative approach. A long-time favorite among students and instructors alike because of its highly engaging, student-oriented conversational writing style, this book is now the most widely adopted thermodynamics text in the U.S. and in the world.

Mechanical Engineer's Data Handbook provides a comprehensive yet concise set of

information relevant in the practice of mechanical engineering. The book is comprised of eight chapters that cover the main disciplines of mechanical engineering. The text first details the strengths of materials, and then proceeds to discussing applied mechanics. Next, the book talks about thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. The fifth chapter presents manufacturing technology, which includes cutting tools, metal forming processes, and soldering and brazing. The next two chapters deal with engineering materials and measurements, respectively. The last chapter of the text presents general data, such as units, symbols, and fasteners. The book will be most useful to students and practitioners of mechanical engineering.

Fatigue is probabilistic in nature and involves a complex spectrum of loading history with variable amplitudes and frequencies. Yet most available fatigue failure prediction methods are empirical and concentrate on very specific types of loading. Taking a different approach, *Introduction to Thermodynamics of Mechanical Fatigue* examines the treatment of fatigue via the principles of thermodynamics. It starts from the premise that fatigue is a dissipative process and must obey the laws of thermodynamics. In general, it can be hypothesized that mechanical degradation is a consequence of irreversible thermodynamic processes. This suggests that entropy generation offers a natural measure of degradation. An Entropic Approach to Fatigue and Degradation Drawing on recent cutting-edge research and development, the authors present a unified entropic approach to problems involving fatigue. They introduce the fundamentals of fatigue processes and explore a wide range of practical engineering applications. *Fundamental Concepts and Methodologies* The book reviews commonly observed failure modes, discusses how to analyze fatigue problems, and examines the deformation characteristics of a solid material subjected to fatigue loading. It also looks at how to use thermodynamics to determine the onset of fatigue failure. In addition, the book presents methodologies for improving fatigue life and for accelerated fatigue testing. *Learn How to Apply the Entropic Approach to Fatigue Problems* Comprehensive and well organized, this work helps readers apply powerful thermodynamics concepts to effectively treat fatigue problems at the design stage. It offers an accessible introduction to a new and exciting area of research in the field of fatigue failure analysis.

Considered as particularly difficult by generations of students and engineers, thermodynamics applied to energy systems can now be taught with an original instruction method. *Energy Systems* applies a completely different approach to the calculation, application and theory of multiple energy conversion technologies. It aims to create the reader's foundation for understanding and applying the design principles to all kinds of energy cycles, including renewable energy. Proven to be simpler and more reflective than existing methods, it deals with energy system modeling, instead of the thermodynamic foundations, as the primary objective. Although its style is drastically different from other textbooks, no concession is made to coverage: with encouraging pace, the complete range from basic thermodynamics to the most advanced energy systems is addressed. The accompanying Thermoptim™ portal (<http://thermoptim.org>) presents the software and manuals (in English and French) to solve over 200 examples, and programming and design tools for exercises of all levels of complexity. The portal explains to the user how to build appropriate models to bridge the technological reality with the theoretical basis of energy engineering. Offering quick overviews through e-learning modules moreover, the portal is user-friendly and enables users to quickly improve their proficiency. Students can freely download the Thermoptim modeling software demo version (available in seven languages), and extended options are available to lecturers. A professional edition is also available and has been adopted by many companies and research institutes worldwide (www.s4e2.com). This volume is intended as a textbook for courses in applied thermodynamics, energy systems, energy conversion and thermal engineering taken by senior undergraduate and graduate-level students in mechanical, energy, chemical and petroleum engineering. Students should already have taken a first-year course in

thermodynamics. The refreshing approach and exceptionally rich coverage make it a great reference tool for researchers and professionals as well.

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