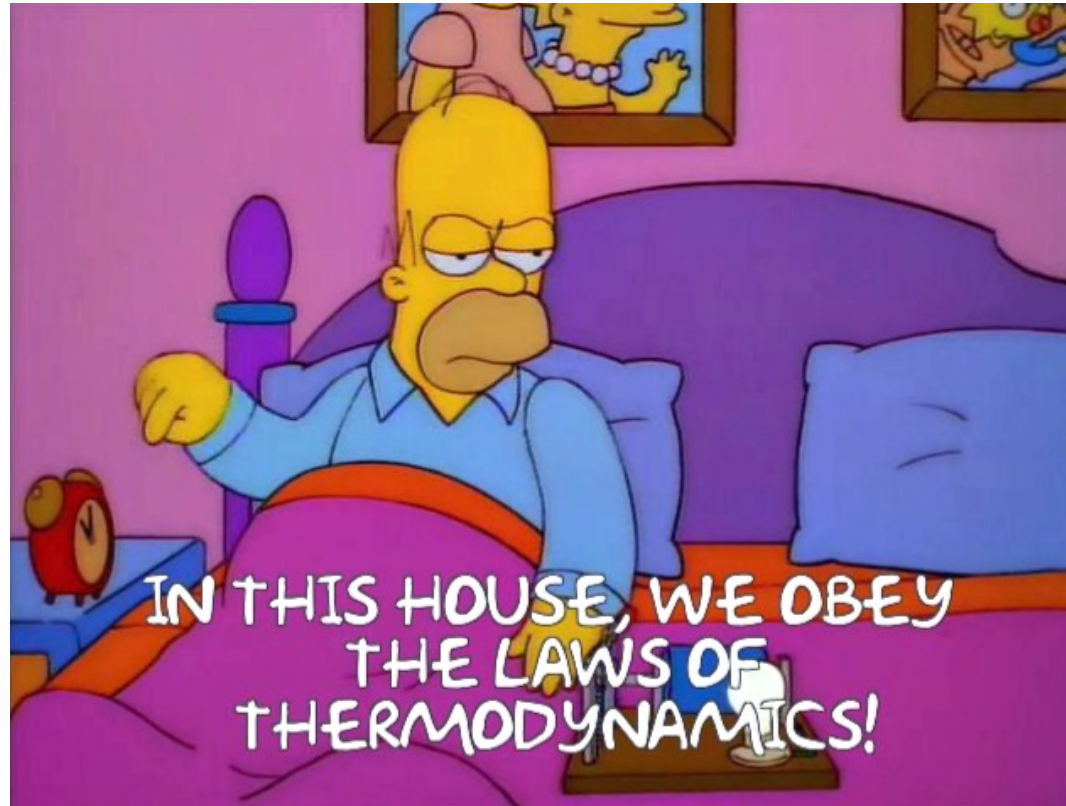


# Thermodynamics



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# Required tools

- Mathematics
  - Integration (by parts), differentiation, total differentials, partial derivatives, ...
  - see Dr Maarten van Puijssen's lectures
- Pen and paper
- Your brain
- Practise (lots of it)

# Lectures, tutor hours and problem classes

- Lectures
  - Mondays 10:30 – 12:15 (LIN 1)
- Tutor hours:
  - Wednesday 8:30 – 9:15
  - Same tutor groups as 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Problem classes
  - Wednesdays 9:30 – 12:15

***... this is where you practice, so  
this is where you learn thermo ...***

*Problems for problem classes (& locations & answers & study guide)*

<http://www.dullenslab.com/teaching/thermo-1/> and also Brightspace

# Literature

## Main textbook:

- Physical Chemistry by Atkins, Oxford University Press, 11<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2018)

## Other (useful) books (that I used):

- Thermodynamics and Chemistry by Devoe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Pearson Education, Inc. (2020)
- Concepts in Thermal Physics by Blundell and Blundell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., OUP (2010)
- Molecular driving forces by Dill & Bromberg, Garland Science, New York (2003)
- Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics by Greiner, Springer (1995)
- Molecular Thermodynamics by McQuarrie and Simon, University Science Books (1999)

# Now then ... Thermodynamics ...

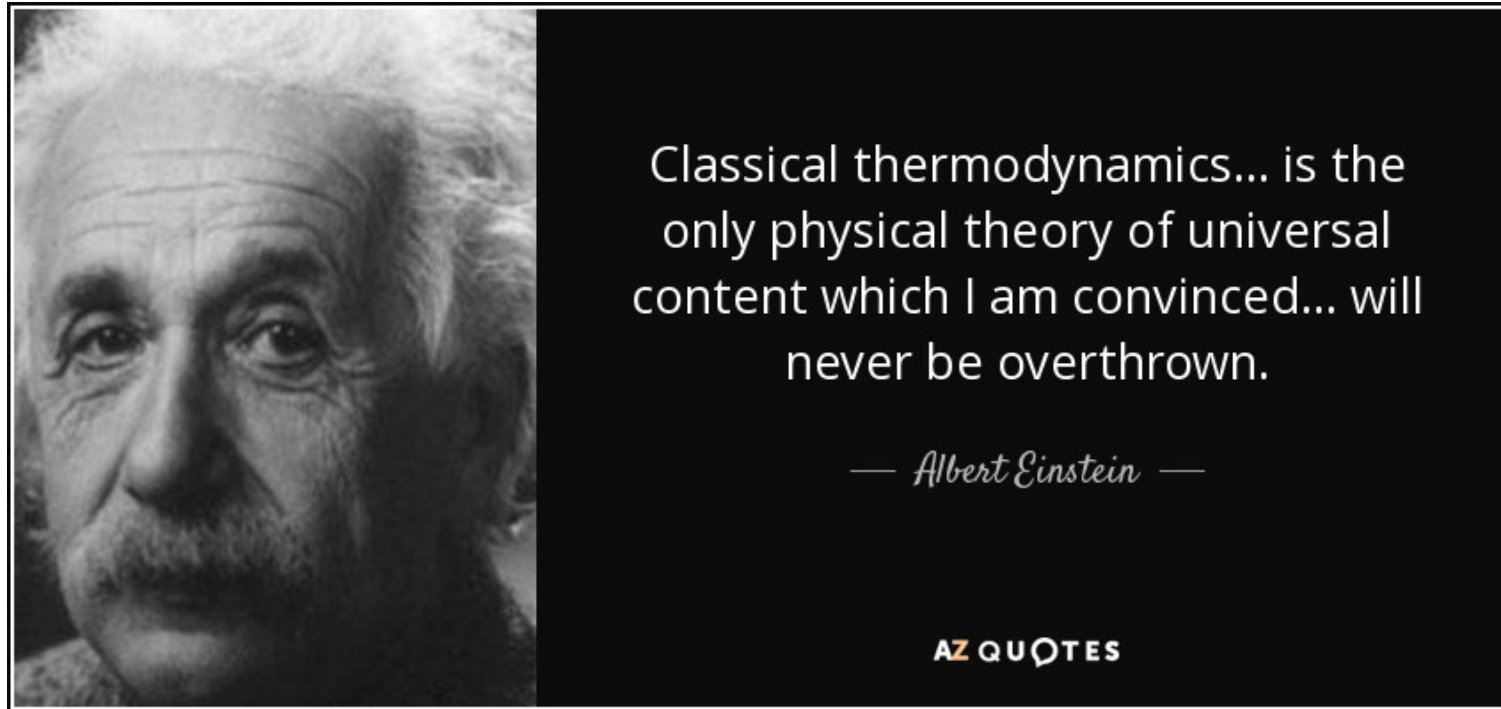


Thermodynamics is a funny subject. The first time you go through it, you don't understand it at all. The second time you go through it, you think you understand it, except for one or two small points. The third time you go through it, you know you don't understand it, but by that time you are so used to it, it doesn't bother you any more.

— *Arnold Sommerfeld* —

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So here we go ...



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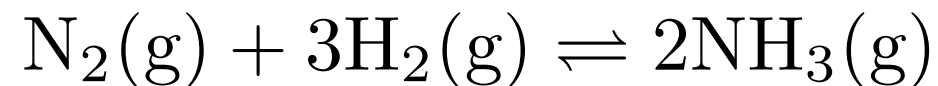
# Le Chatelier's Principle

*"A system at equilibrium will respond to a perturbation so as to relieve the effect of the perturbation"*



Henry Louis Le Chatelier  
(1850 – 1936)

## 1. Chemical reaction, e.g. Haber process



### Thermodynamics:

- **calculate** the yield as function of  $T$  and  $p$  (lecture 6)
- tells us equilibrium position, but **nothing** about the rate

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## 2. Phase diagram of water



Thermodynamics:

- **calculate** the slope of the ice-water phase boundary (lecture 5)

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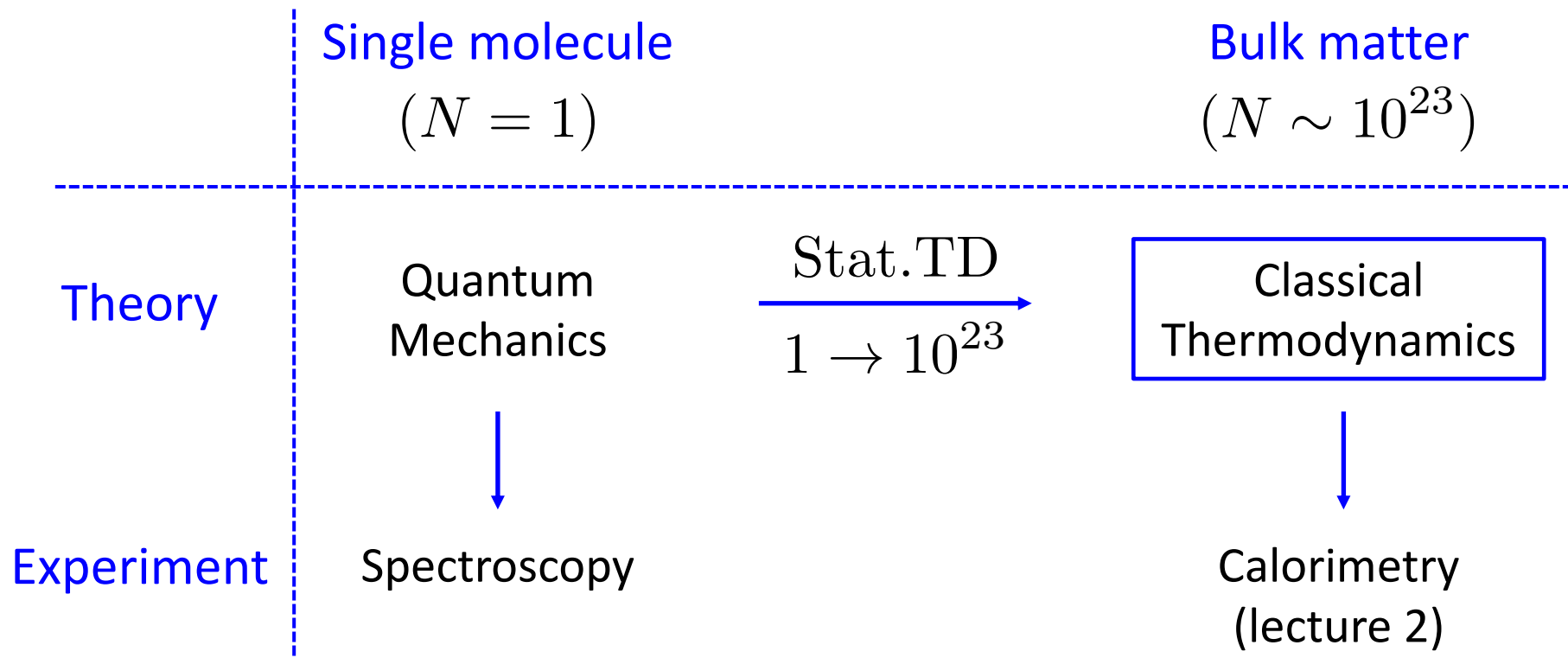
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## Thermodynamics

- **Quantifies** Le Chaterlier's Principle
- Tells us whether a process will run or not
- In which direction it will run (spontaneously)
  - Arrow of Time ... <https://youtu.be/uQSoaiubuA0> (lecture 3)

# Classical vs Statistical Thermodynamics

- This course: **classical** TD (*independent* of molecular hypothesis)
- Years 2 and 3: statistical TD (based on molecular hypothesis)



# State variables and Equations of State

Thermodynamic properties (e.g. heat capacity) vary with:

- Pressure  $p$
- Temperature  $T$
- Volume  $V$
- No. of moles  $n$

These ***state variables*** are related for all substances by an

**Equation of State:**

$$p = p(n, V, T)$$

# Perfect gas equation

$$p = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

- Point-like particles
- No interactions
- Holds for any gas as  $p \rightarrow 0$



Robert Boyle  
(1627 – 1691)

$$pV = cst$$



Jacques Charles  
(1746 – 1823)

$$\frac{V}{T} = cst$$



Amedeo Avogadro  
(1776 – 1856)


$$\frac{V}{n} = cst$$



# Real gases

- Perfect gas: no condensation ... (no interactions)
- Deviations from perfect gas (at high  $p$  and low  $T$ )
- Different Equation of State required ...

## Virial Equation of State:

$$p = \frac{nRT}{V} \left( 1 + B(T) \left( \frac{n}{V} \right) + C(T) \left( \frac{n}{V} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$


**Virial coefficients:**

parametrise intermolecular interactions



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# Reversible and irreversible processes

Thermodynamics applies to both  
reversible and irreversible processes

Direction of process can be reversed by  
an infinitesimal change of a variable ( $dx$ )

Very slow process via (quasi-static)  
'equilibrium' states

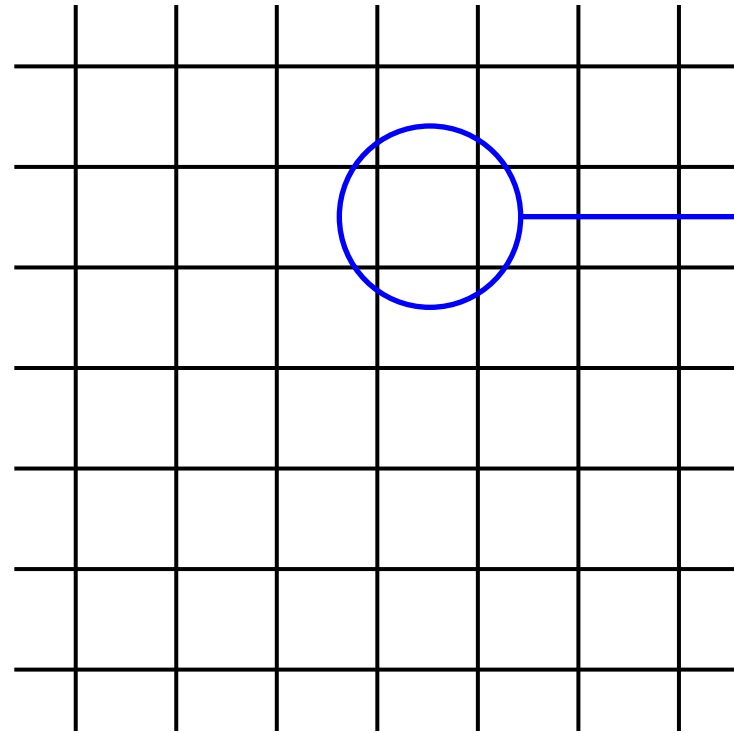
Direction of (spontaneous) process  
**cannot** be reversed

Very fast (spontaneous) process via  
non-equilibrium states

$$\Delta x = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} dx = x_f - x_i$$

A **state function** does not depend on the path,  
only on final and initial states

# Extensive and intensive variables



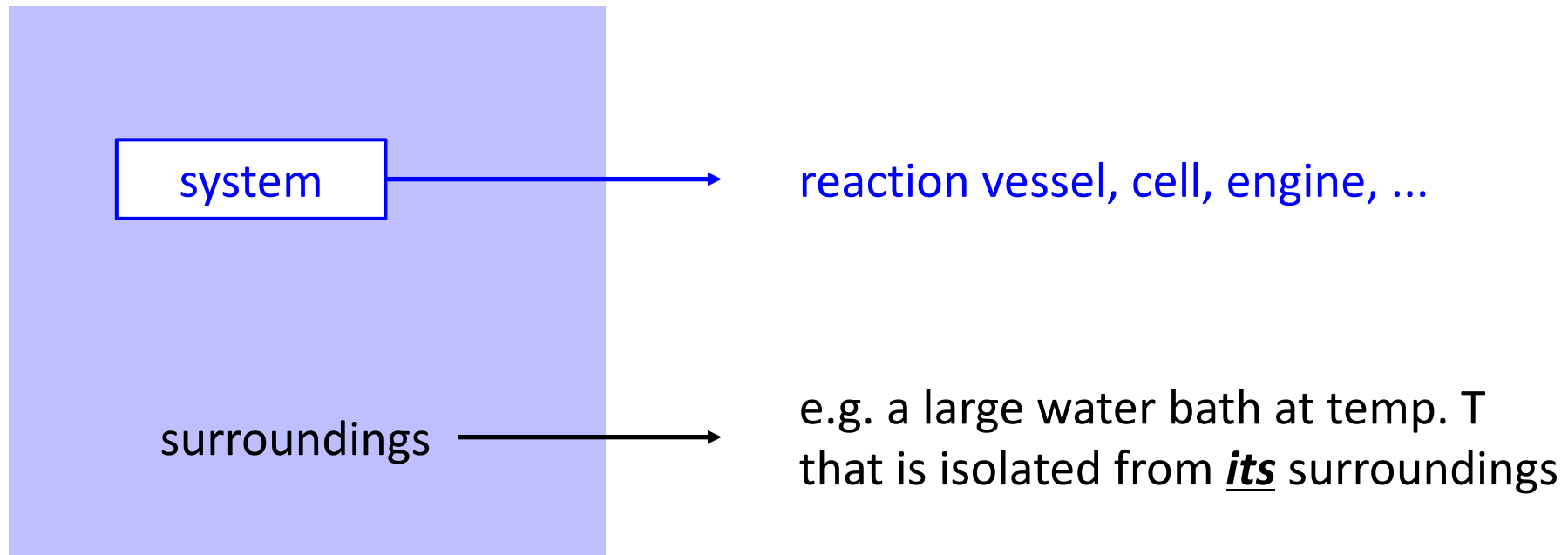
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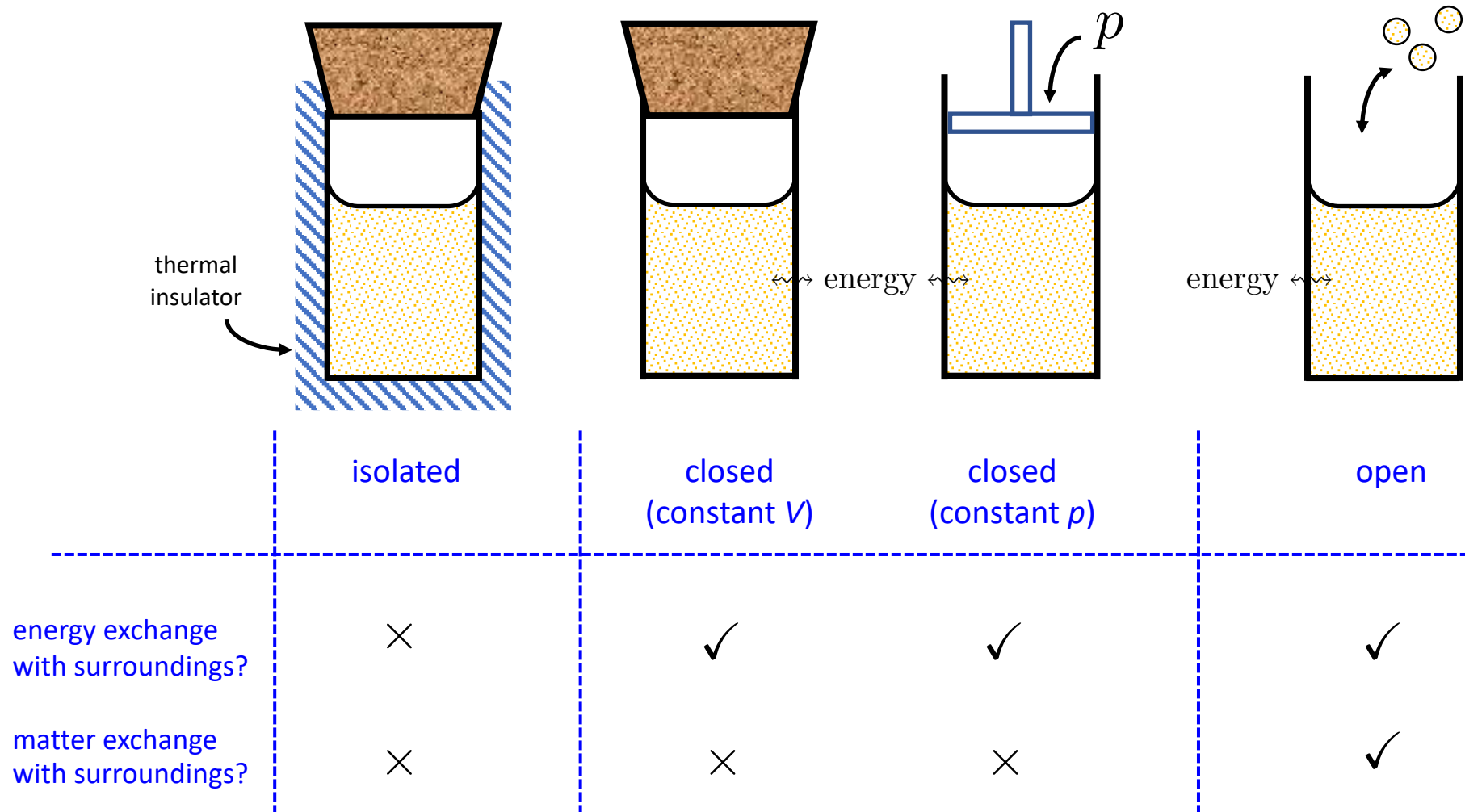
# Systems and surroundings

Thermodynamics considers energy transactions between a system and its surroundings



*system + surroundings = "universe"*

# Isolated, closed and open systems

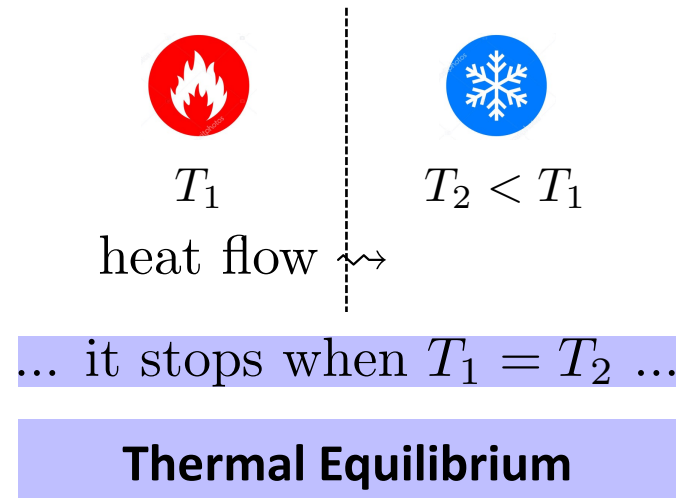


# Heat and work

Closed system can exchange energy with its surroundings as heat ( $q$ ) and work ( $w$ )

## heat

- Flow/transfer of energy down a temperature gradient
- Thermal energy in transit (Blundell and Blundell)
- Statistically distributed energy amongst particles in a system (Greiner)



## Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics:

Two systems, each separately in thermal equilibrium with a third, are in equilibrium with each other

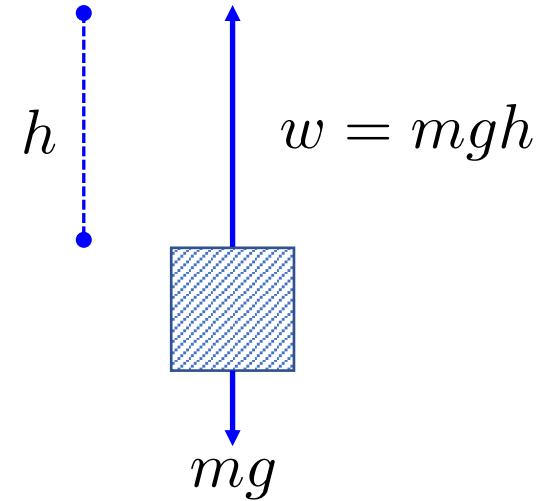


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## work

- Is done to achieve motion against an opposing force
  - lifting a weight in the surroundings



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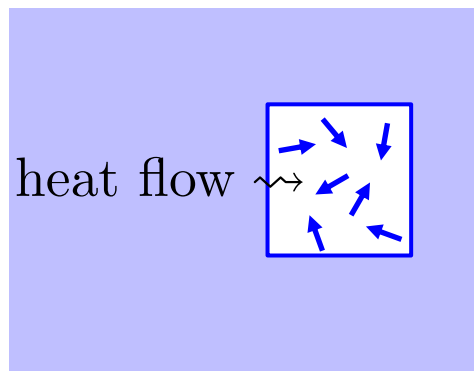
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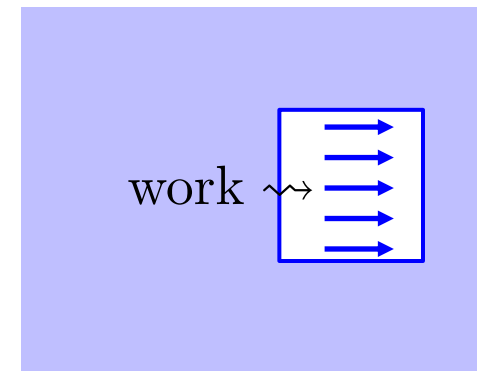
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## molecular interpretation

- Heat leads to random motion



- Work leads to uniform motion



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By convention:

$w > 0$  : work is done on the system (by surr.)

$w < 0$  : work is done by the system (on surr.)

$q > 0$  : heat is transferred to the system (from surr.)

$q < 0$  : heat is transferred from the system (to surr.)

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# First Law of Thermodynamics

The internal energy  $U$  of the system keeps track of these energy transactions:

$$\Delta U = q + w$$

change in internal energy of the system = heat added to the system + work done on the system

1<sup>st</sup> Law in infinitesimal changes:

$$dU = dq + dw$$

# Properties of the internal energy $U$

- $U$  is sum of  $E_{\text{kin}}$  and  $E_{\text{pot}}$  of molecules  $\rightarrow f(V, T)$

For example: Internal energy of perfect gas\*

$$U_{\text{pg}} = \frac{3}{2}nRT \quad \text{for } n \text{ moles of atomic perfect gas}$$
$$= \frac{3}{2}Nk_B T \quad \text{for } N \text{ molecules of atomic perfect gas}$$

**$U_{\text{pg}}$  only depends on the temperature**

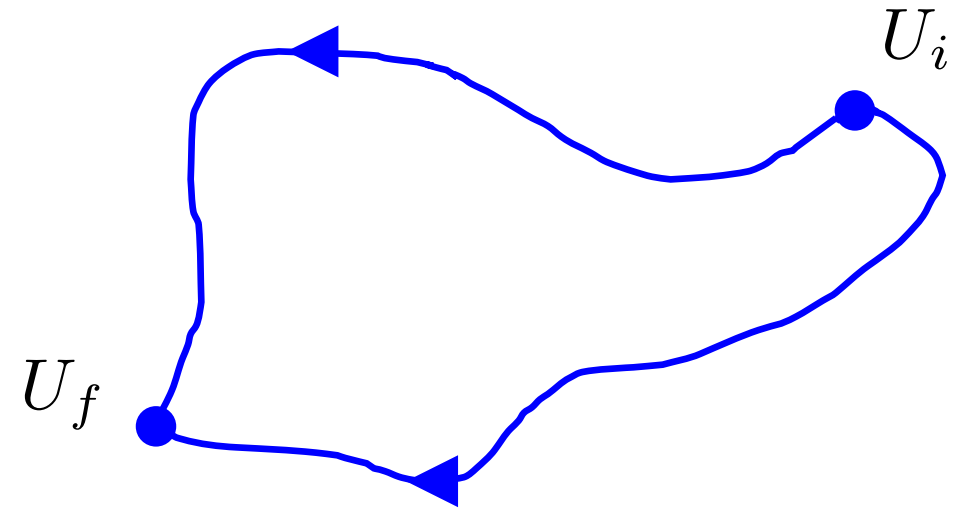
# Properties of the internal energy $U$

- $U$  is sum of  $E_{\text{kin}}$  and  $E_{\text{pot}}$  of molecules  $\rightarrow f(V, T)$
- $U$  is a state function
  - Independent of the path
  - Total (exact) differential

$$dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_V dT + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_T dV$$

see Dr Maarten van Puijssen's lectures & lecture 4

- Note that:  $q$  and  $w$  are **NOT** state functions
  - Dependent upon the path



# Different types of work

- Expansion work
- Chemical work
- Many others:
  - Electric work
  - Surface work
  - ...



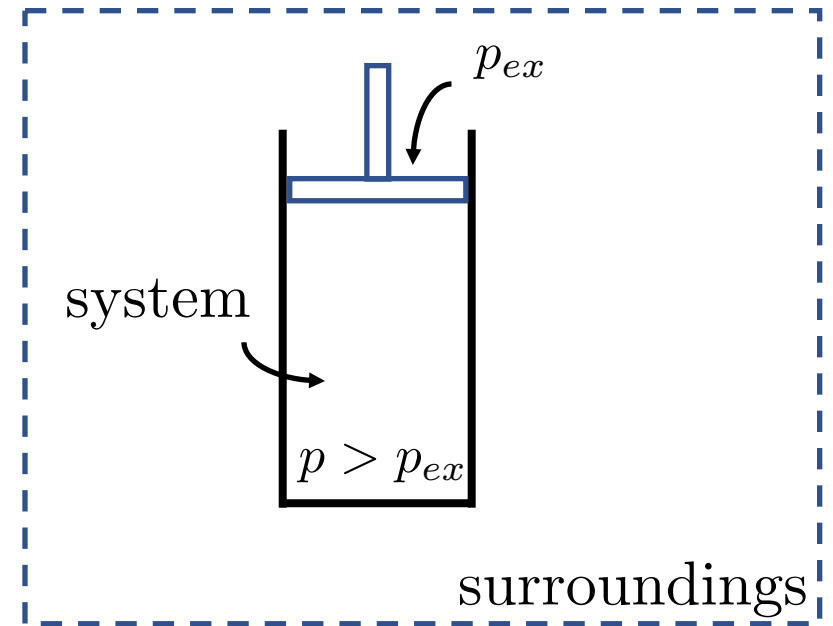
# Expansion work

- *Constant external pressure (irreversible)*
- *Reversible isothermal ( $dT=0$ ) expansion*

$$p = p_{ex} \xrightarrow{\text{in general}} p_1 = p_2$$

**Mechanical Equilibrium**

- *$w$  is not a state function*
- *Reversible processes achieve maximum work*

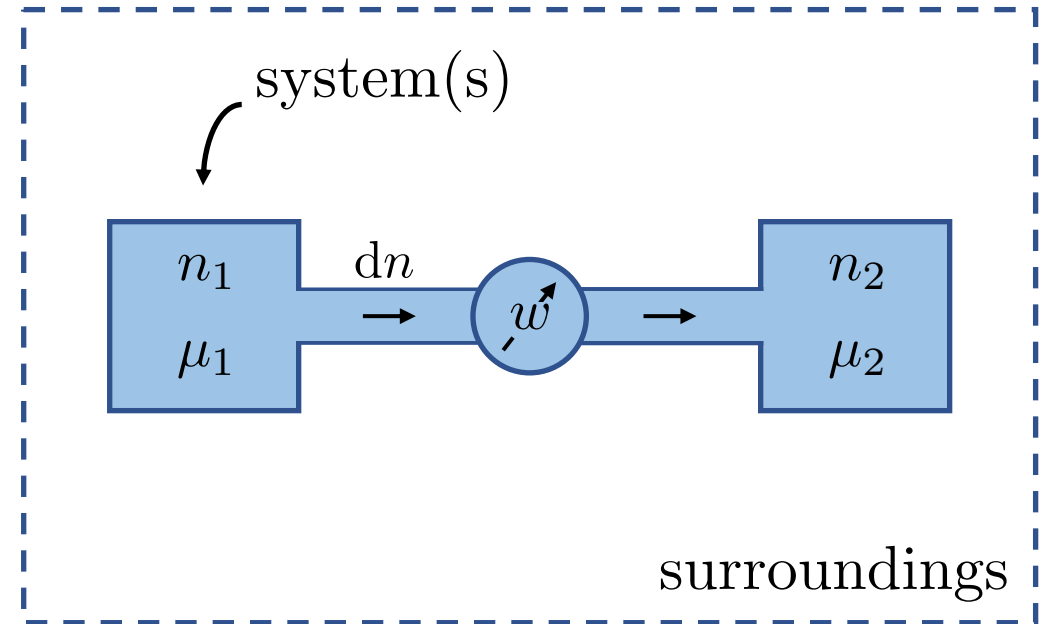


$$\delta w = -p_{ex} dV$$

$$w = - \int p_{ex} dV$$

# Chemical work

- $\mu$ : chemical potential [ $\text{J mol}^{-1}$ ]
- $\mu$ : work required to add one mole (to a system)



$$\mu_1 = \mu_2$$

**Chemical Equilibrium**

$$\dot{d}w = \mu dn$$

# Different types of work

- Expansion work  $dw = -p_{\text{ex}}dV$
- Chemical work  $= \mu dn$
- Many others:
  - Electric work  $= \phi dQ$
  - Surface work  $= \gamma d\sigma$
  - ...

Into thermodynamic machinery  
... via the 1<sup>st</sup> Law ...

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