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# THERMODYNAMICS

The science of energy exploitation

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**Classical thermodynamics** was developed in the first half of the nineteenth century by Carnot, Clausius, Joule, Kelvin, and Mayer (and others), is a *phenomenological* theory, dealing with thermal phenomena.



Prescott Joule  
(1818–1889)



Lothar Mayer  
(1814 – 1878)



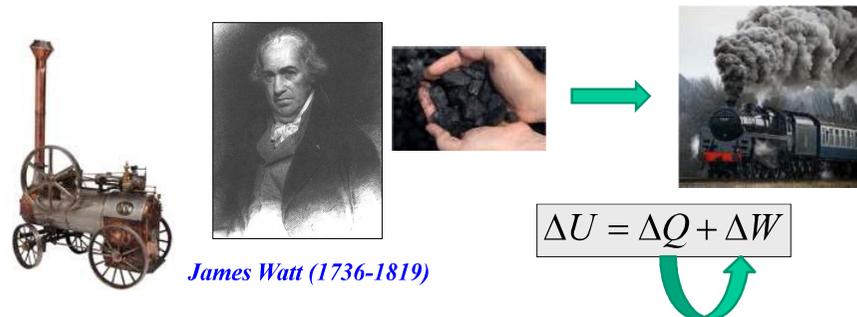
Hermann Helmholtz  
(1821 – 1894)

École Polytechnique	Glasgow school	Berlin school	Edinburgh school
 Sadi Carnot (1796-1832)	 William Thomson (1824-1907)	 Rudolf Clausius (1822-1888)	 James Maxwell (1831-1879)
Vienna school	Gibbsian school	Dresden school	Dutch school
 Ludwig Boltzmann (1844-1906)	 Willard Gibbs (1839-1903)	 Gustav Zeuner (1826-1907)	 Johannes van Waals (1837-1923)

# Thermodynamics

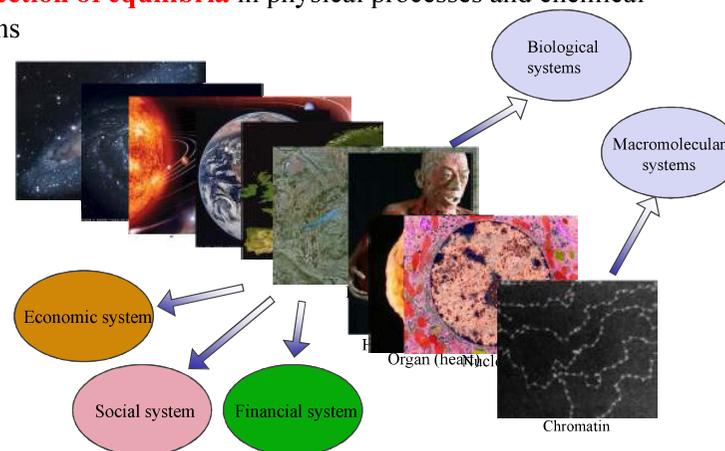
Early definition:

**Thermodynamics is the study of thermal processes in macroscopic systems.**



# Thermodynamics today

General theory of energetic interactions providing useful relationships developed from the laws, that describe the **interchange of energy** and the **direction of equilibria** in physical processes and chemical reactions



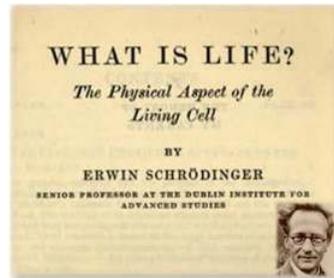
**Bio-thermodynamics** (bioenergetics) deals with how the energy is produced and transformed in living creatures.



(A.L. Lavoisier 1743-1794)



Thermodynamics laws can be applied for living organisms  
Rubner 1894.



“...respiration is nothing but a slow combustion of carbon and hydrogen...”

Thermodynamics can provide a useful way of thinking about many different processes including biological processes.

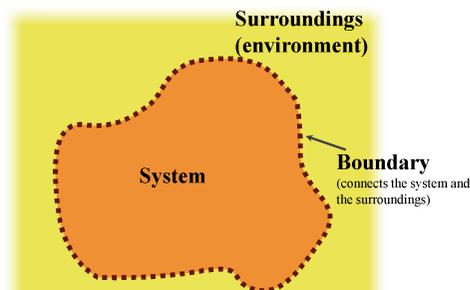
Some examples:

*What reactions and/or physiological processes are possible?  
What are the allowed mechanism in protein synthesis?  
What are the necessary conditions required to cause proteins, nucleic acids and membranes to assume their active structures?*

The beauty of thermodynamics is that a **relatively small number of postulates** are used to develop the description of rather complex systems and utilization of internal energy,

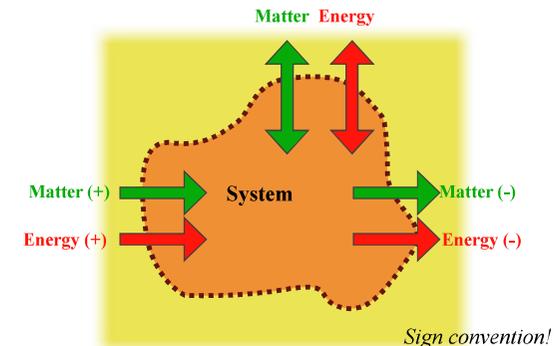
## Abstraction of the thermodynamic system

*Definition:* the thermodynamic system is the part of nature under investigation.

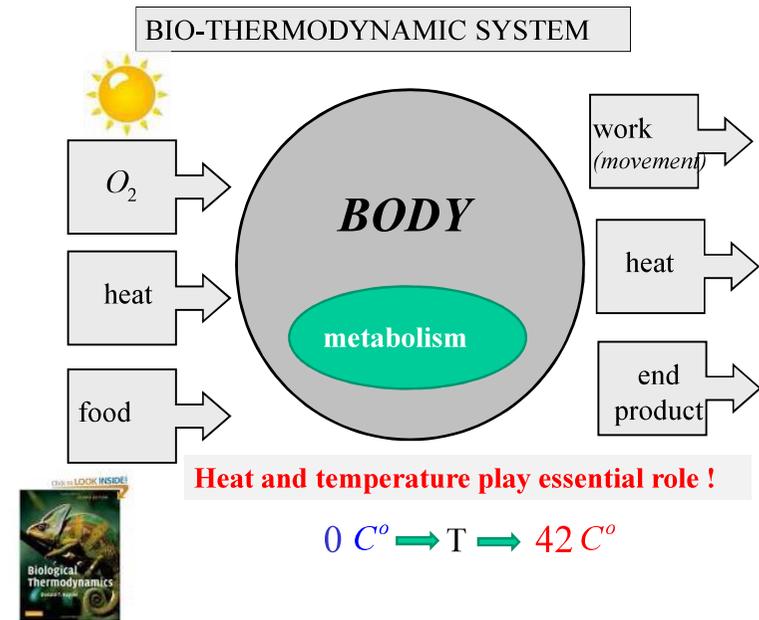
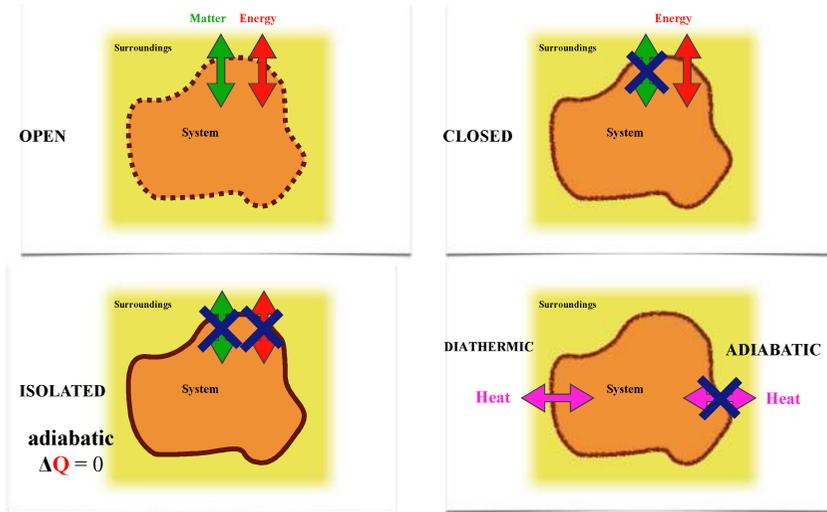


## The thermodynamic system interacts with the surroundings

Exchange of matter and energy may occur across the boundary.



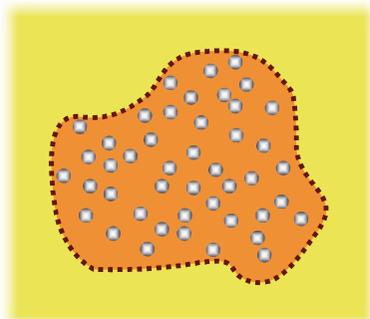
# Types of thermodynamic systems



## Characterization of the thermodynamic system

Macroscopic characterization: **state variables**  
 - explicitly determine the *state* of the system.

Pressure:  $p$   
 Volume:  $V$   
 Temperature:  $T$   
 Concentration:  $c$



- **Thermodynamic variables** are the observable macroscopic variables of a system, such as  $P$ ,  $V$  and  $T$ .
- If they are used to describe an equilibrium state of the system, they are known as **state variables**.
- **Extensive variables** depend on the size of the system; e.g. energy, mass, volume, charge, entropy,...
- **Intensive variables** do not depend on size; e.g. pressure, temperature, concentration,...

- Temperature and heat are different.  
(**Joseph Black**)

- First thermometer  
(**Galileo Galilei**)

- First clinical thermometer  
(**Jean Rey 1631**)

- Early temperature scale  
(**Anders Celsius 1742**).

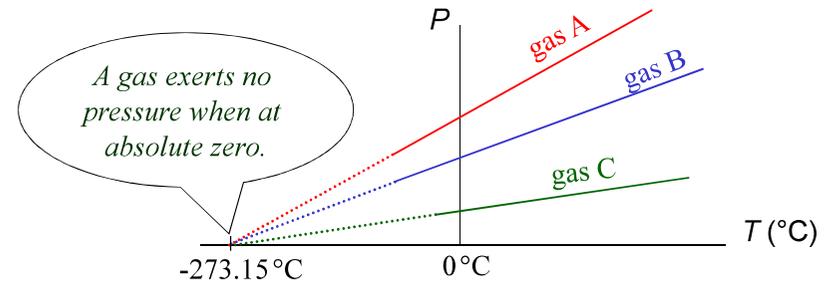
- Temperature scale  
(**Carl von Linne**)



$$F = 1.8C + 32$$

$$K = C + 273.15$$

**The Kelvin scale** is setup so that its zero point is the coldest possible temperature--absolute zero, at which point a substance would have zero internal energy. This is  $-273.15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Absolute zero can never be reached, but there is no limit to how close we can get to it.



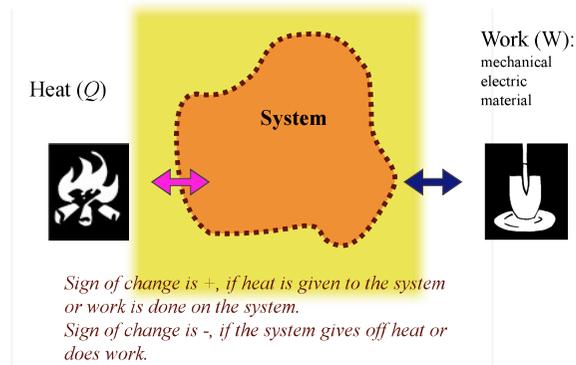
**Spontaneous process** **equilibrium**

*that can proceed without any outside intervention*

### Change in the state

Thermodynamics is interested in the changes within the system.  
Changes may be evoked by: energetic interactions  
Result: **internal energy of the system changes.**

Surroundings



- **In equilibrium state** the properties of the system do not change with time.
- In many cases, an **equilibrium state** has intensive variables which are uniform throughout the system.
- A **non-equilibrium state** may contain intensive variables which vary in space and/or time.

- An **isobaric** process is one in which the pressure is constant.
- An **isochoric** process is one in which the volume is constant.
- An **isothermal** process is one in which the temperature is constant.
- An **adiabatic** process is one in which no heat enters or leaves the system; i.e.  $Q = 0$ .

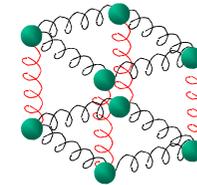


change in the **internal energy**

## Internal energy

Internal energy is the energy an object or substance is due to the molecular **kinetic** and **potential** energies associated with the random motions of all the particles that make it up.

The kinetic energy is due to the motion of the particles. The potential energy is due to interactions between atoms, ions and molecules.

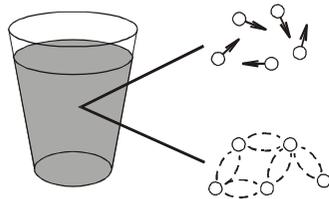


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$$E = E_{pot} + E_{kin} + U$$

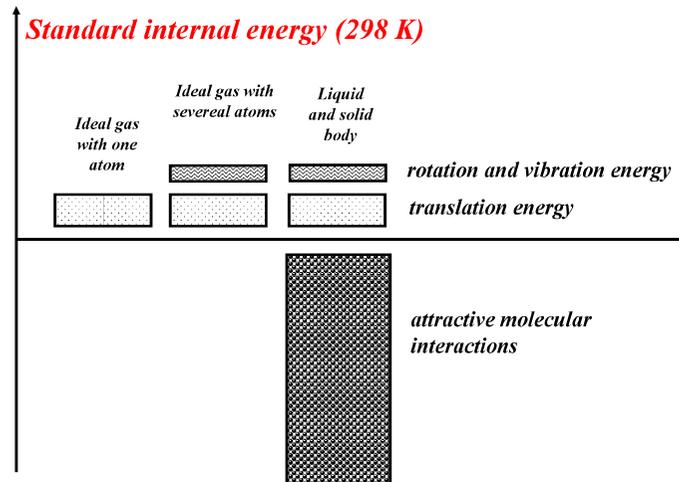
Microscopic characterization: **internal energy ( $U$ )**

Macroscopic potential- and kinetic energies are not included in the internal energy.

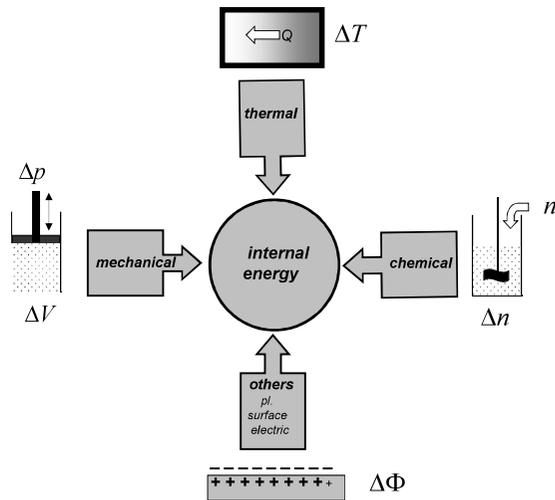


**Molecular potential- and kinetic energies are in the internal energy.**

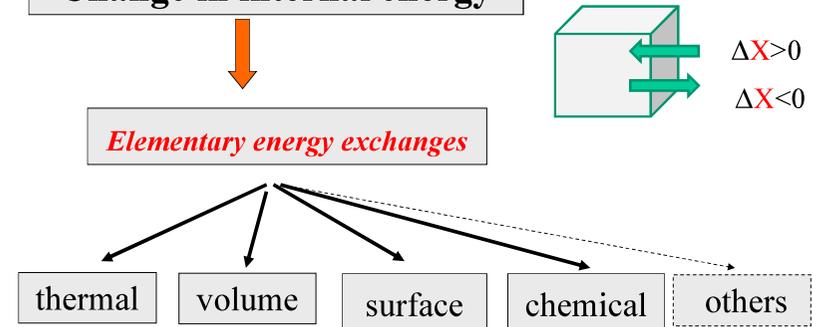
*Internal energy does not contain the potential and kinetic energy of the macroscopic body.*



### Change of internal energy



### Change in internal energy

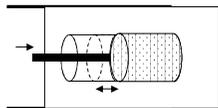


The change of internal energy is the sum of individual energy exchanges  $\rightarrow$  (due to conservation of energy)

$$\Delta U = \Delta Q + \sum_i \Delta W_i$$

### Mechanical interactions (I)

- *mechanikai work*



$$W_{mech} = -f(x) \cdot \Delta x$$

- *Volumertic work*



$$f(x) = p(V) \cdot A_s$$

$$W_{vol} = -p A_s \Delta x = -p \Delta V$$

Elementary energy exchanges:  $W_i = y_i \cdot \Delta x_i$

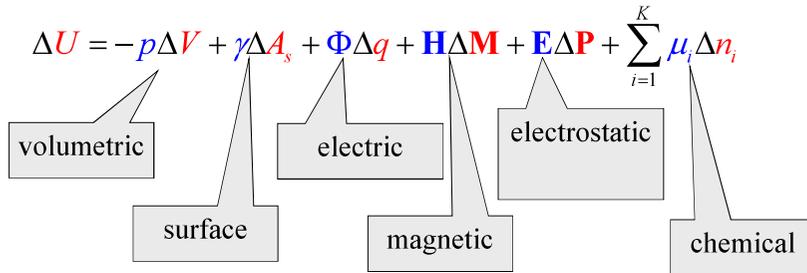
Extensive variable	Intensive variable	Product: energy change
Volume ( $V$ )	Pressure ( $p$ )	Volumetric work ( $p\Delta V$ )
Matter ( $n$ )	Chemical potential ( $\mu$ )	Work of material transport ( $\mu\Delta n$ )
Charge ( $Q$ )	Electric potential ( $\varphi$ )	Heat ?????
?????	Temperature ( $T$ )	



$$\Delta U = -p\Delta V + \Phi\Delta q + \mathbf{H}\Delta\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{E}\Delta\mathbf{P} + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \Delta n_i + \text{thermal ???}$$

The change of internal energy is the sum of individual energy exchanges

$$\Delta U = \sum_i W_i = \sum_i y_i \cdot \Delta x_i$$



- Thermal interactions  $\Delta Q = T\Delta S$  ← entropy

$$\Delta U = -p\Delta V + T\Delta S + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \Delta n_i + \dots +$$

Chemical potential

Where is the thermal interaction????

### First law of thermodynamics

- Law of conservation of energy.
- Energy may be converted into different forms, but the total energy of the system remains constant. .

Work parts: *Volumetric work*  $W_V = -p\Delta V$  *Electric work:*  $W_Q = \phi\Delta Q$  *Material transport:*  $W_n = \mu\Delta n$  *Generalized:*  $W^i = y_{int}^i \Delta x_{ext}^i$

Negative, because in the case of work done on the system  $V_2 < V_1 < 0$ .

$$\Delta U = -p\Delta V + T\Delta S + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \Delta n_i + \dots +$$

chemistry

Isochoric process ( $\Delta V=0$ ):

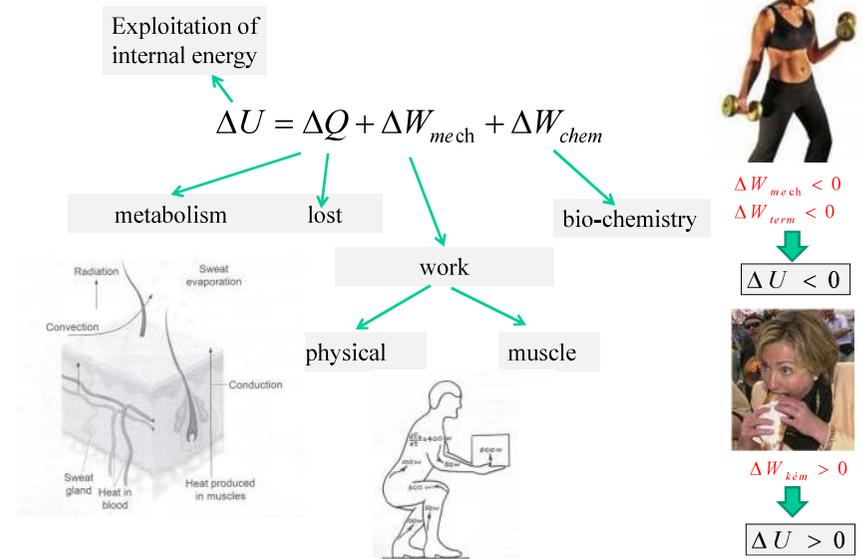
$$\Delta E = Q_V$$

Change in internal energy is caused only by the heat exchange.

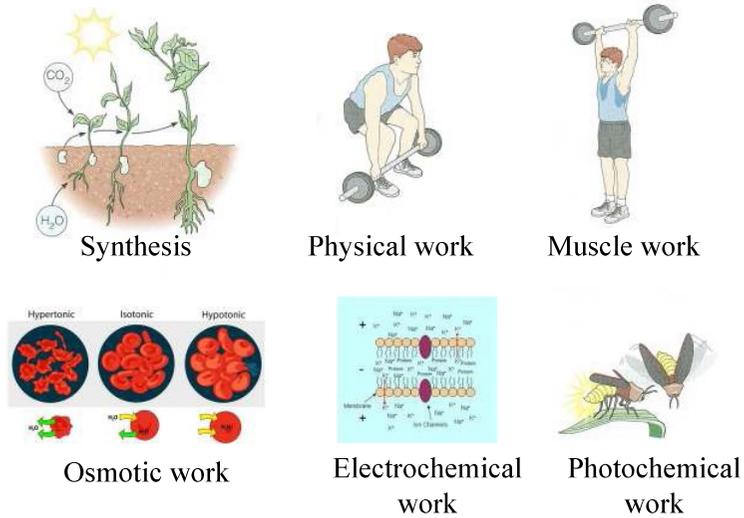
Izobaric process ( $p=\text{constant}$ ):

$$\Delta E = Q_p + W_V = Q_p - p\Delta V$$

### First law of bio-thermodynamics

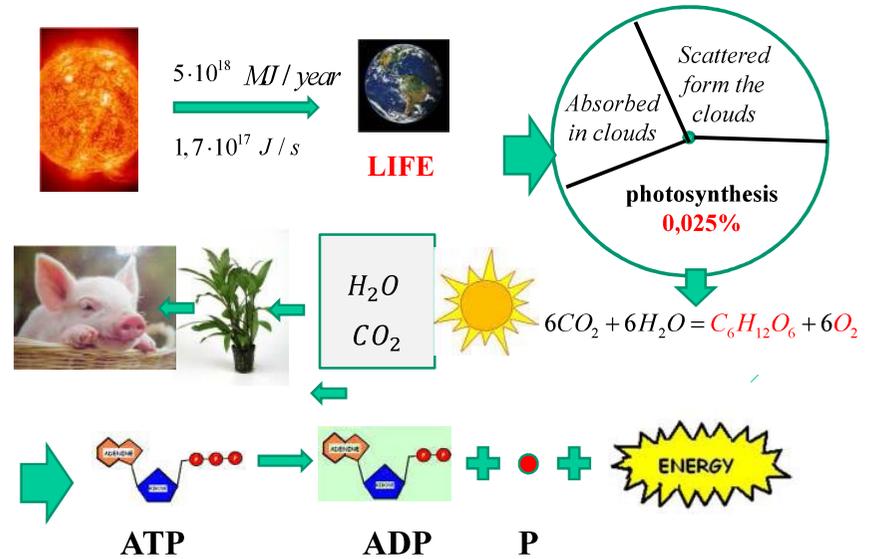


# Biological exploitation of energy



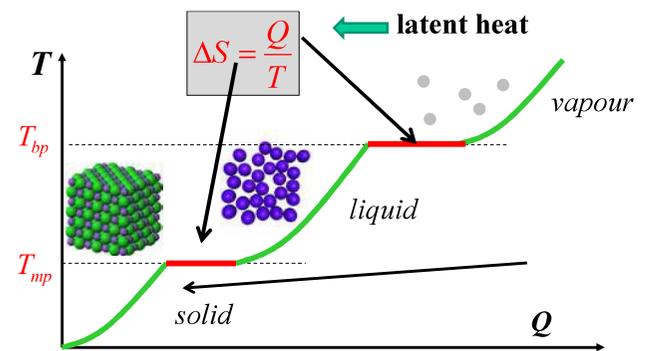
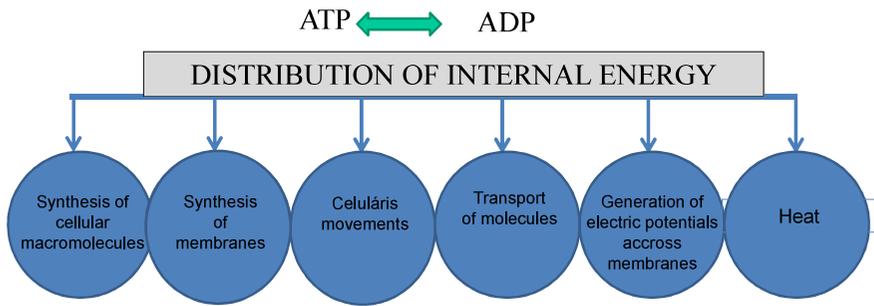
Where does the energy come from?

# The primary energy source is the SUN



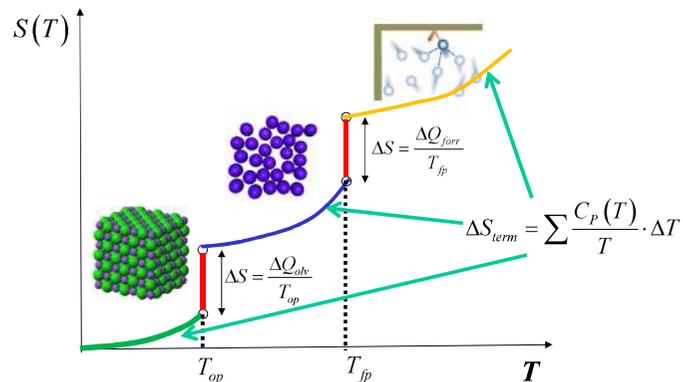
$$\Delta Q = T \Delta S$$

Thermal interactions ↗ temperature changes ↘ temperature does not change



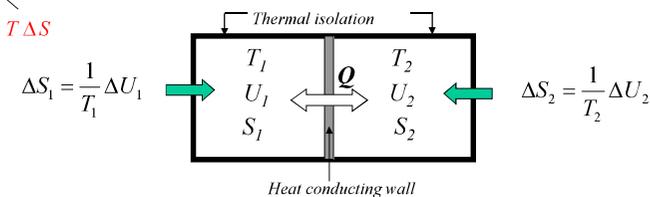
heat  $\rightarrow$  temperature changes  $\rightarrow$  **Thermal entropy**  
 heat  $\rightarrow$  temperature does not change  $\rightarrow$  **Configurational entropy**

**Change in molecular order**



**Entropy change in isolated system when the temperature equalizes**

~~$\Delta U = -p\Delta V + T\Delta S$~~   
 $\Delta U = Q = T\Delta S$



$U = U_1 + U_2 = \text{állandó} \quad \Delta U = 0 \quad \Delta U_1 = -\Delta U_2$

$S = S_1 + S_2 = ? \quad \Delta S = \Delta S_1 + \Delta S_2 = ? \quad \Delta S = \frac{1}{T_1} \Delta U_1 + \frac{1}{T_2} \Delta U_2 = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_2 T_1} \cdot \Delta U_1 \neq 0$

ha  $T_2 > T_1$  akkor  $\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_2 T_1} > 0$  és  $\Delta U_1 > 0 \rightarrow \Delta S > 0$

ha  $T_2 < T_1$  akkor  $\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_2 T_1} < 0$  és  $\Delta U_1 < 0 \rightarrow \Delta S > 0$

ha  $T_2 = T_1$  akkor  $\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_2 T_1} = 0$  és  $\Delta U_1 = 0 \rightarrow \Delta S = 0$

**Due to temperature equalization the entropy increases!**

**Entropy change in isolated system when the pressure equalizes**

$\Delta U = T\Delta S - p\Delta V + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \Delta n_i + \dots \rightarrow \Delta S = \frac{\Delta U}{T} + \frac{p}{T} \Delta V - \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{\mu_i}{T} \Delta n_i + \dots$

~~$\Delta S = \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right) \Delta U_1 + \left( \frac{p_1}{T_1} - \frac{p_2}{T_2} \right) \Delta V_1 - \left( \frac{\mu_1}{T_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{T_2} \right) \Delta n_1$~~

Isotherm equalisation process :

ha  $p_1 > p_2$  akkor  $\frac{p_1}{T} - \frac{p_2}{T} > 0$  és  $\Delta V_1 > 0 \rightarrow \Delta S > 0$

ha  $p_1 < p_2$  akkor  $\frac{p_1}{T} - \frac{p_2}{T} < 0$  és  $\Delta V_1 < 0 \rightarrow \Delta S > 0$

ha  $p_1 = p_2$  akkor  $\frac{p_1}{T} - \frac{p_2}{T} = 0$  és  $\Delta V_1 > 0 \rightarrow \Delta S = 0$

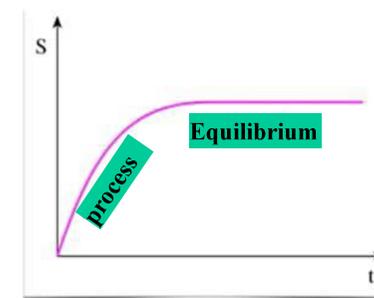
In isolated system during temperature and/or pressure equalization process the entropy increases!

**Second Law of Thermodynamics**

- The entropy of an isolated system never decreases; i.e.

$\Delta S \geq 0,$

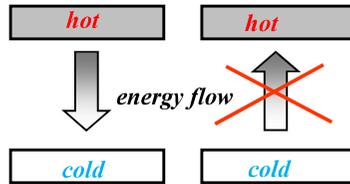
approaching equilibrium,  $S \rightarrow S_{max}$ .



- Examples of real processes:
  - temperature equalization;
  - mixing of gases;
  - conversion of macroscopic (ordered) KE to thermal (random) KE.

## Second law of thermodynamics

- During spontaneous processes entropy increases. Thermodynamic equilibrium is characterized by entropy maximum.
- Heat flows spontaneously from regions of high to low temperature.
- In an isolated system only such processes occur spontaneously which tend to equilibrate the respective intensive variables. .
- Spontaneous processes proceed towards the most probably state.

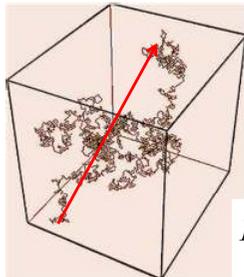


The essentially endless heat content of oceans cannot be used to spontaneously produce useful work.

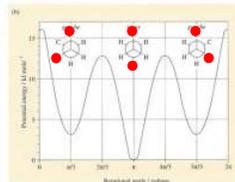
entropy  $\rightarrow$  arrow of time

$\Omega$  thermodynamic probability gives the number of microstates for a given macrostate.

2. example: **macrostate** : end-to-end distance  
**microstate**: number of conformation



coiled,  $c$



$$N_{C-C} = 10^4$$

$$\Omega = 3^{10000}$$

$$S_g = k_B T \ln(3^{10000})$$

$$S_c = 10^4 k_B T \ln 3$$

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega$$

extended,  $e$



$$N_{C-C} = 10^4$$

$$\Omega = 1$$

$$S_{my} = k_B T \ln 1$$

$$S_e = 0$$

$$\Delta S > 0$$

Entropy increases

Related to order – disorder transition?

**YES!**

**Boltzmann equation:**

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega$$

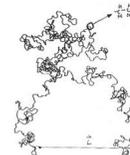
thermodynamic probability

$k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

$$k_B = \frac{R}{N_{Av}}$$

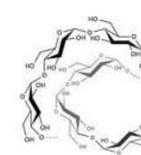
## Conformation and entropy

constitution - configuration - conformation



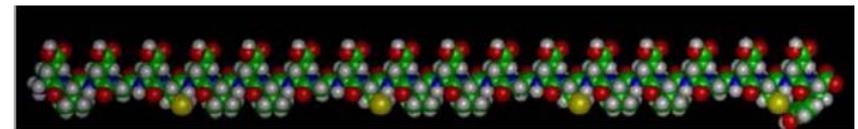
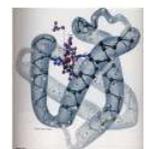
Random coil

Higher conformational entropy



Ordered conformations

Much smaller conformational entropy



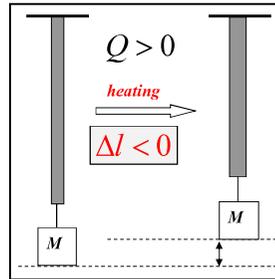
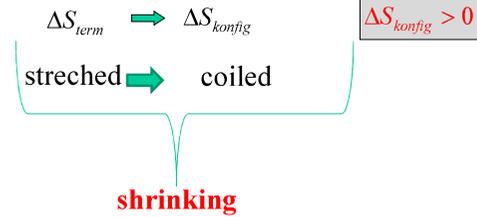
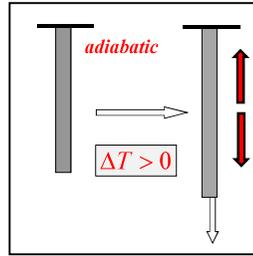
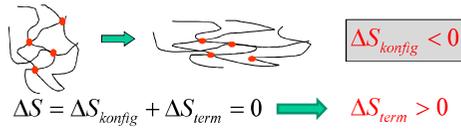
$$\Omega = 1$$



$$S_{konf} = 0$$

## Flexibility of macromolecules

### Entropic elasticity



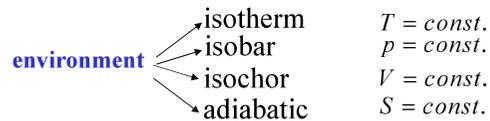
## Third law of thermodynamics

- The entropy of one-component, crystallizing material at 0 K temperature is 0.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Law fixes the absolute value of the entropy; i.e.  $S \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

### The unattainability of absolute zero

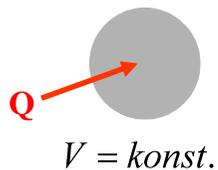
It is impossible to reach  $T = 0$  in a finite number of steps.

## Environmental effects



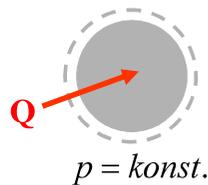
Certain part of internal energy is devoted to maintain the constancy of environment.

Usable energy  $\neq$  Internal energy change



$$\left(\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T}\right)_V < \left(\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T}\right)_p$$

$$C_V < C_p$$



## Useable part of internal energy at constant pressure:

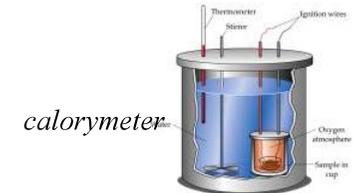
In order to maintain the constancy of pressure in isobaric situation there is energy exchange with the environment.

The remaining useable part of internal energy is called: **enthalpy**.

**H** enthalpy  $\rightarrow H = U + pV$

$$\Delta H = \Delta U + p\Delta V$$

$$\Delta H = T\Delta S - \cancel{p\Delta V} + \cancel{p\Delta V} = T\Delta S = Q \leftarrow \text{Heat!}$$



The enthalpy is the useable part of internal energy at constant pressure.

$$\Delta H = Q$$

**Useable part of internal energy at constant temperature:**

In order to maintain the constancy of temperature in isotherm process there is energy exchange with the environment.

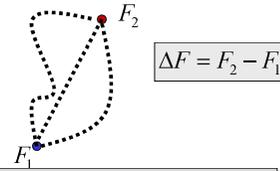
The remaining useable part of internal energy is called: **free energy**

**free energy** →  $F = U - TS$

extenzív mennyiség

$$\Delta F = \Delta U - T\Delta S$$

$$\Delta F = \cancel{T\Delta S} - p\Delta V - \cancel{T\Delta S} = -p\Delta V = W_{mech}$$



The free energy is the useable part of internal energy at constant temperature.

$$\Delta F = W_{mech}$$

**Useable part of internal energy at constant temperature and pressure:**

In order to maintain the constancy of temperature and pressure of the environment, there is energy exchange with the environment.

The remaining useable part of internal energy is called: **free enthalpy** or **Gibbs free energy**.

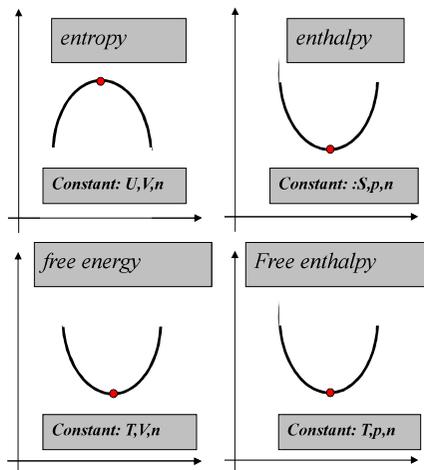
**free enthalpy** →  $G = H - TS$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$\Delta G = \sum_i \mu_i \Delta n_i = W_{kém}$$

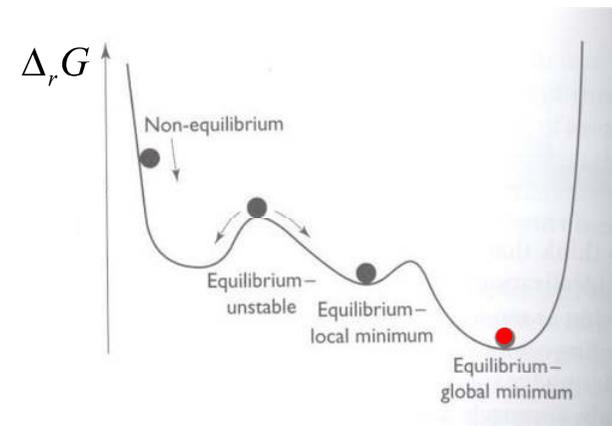
chemical potential

**Conditions of thermodynamic equilibrium**

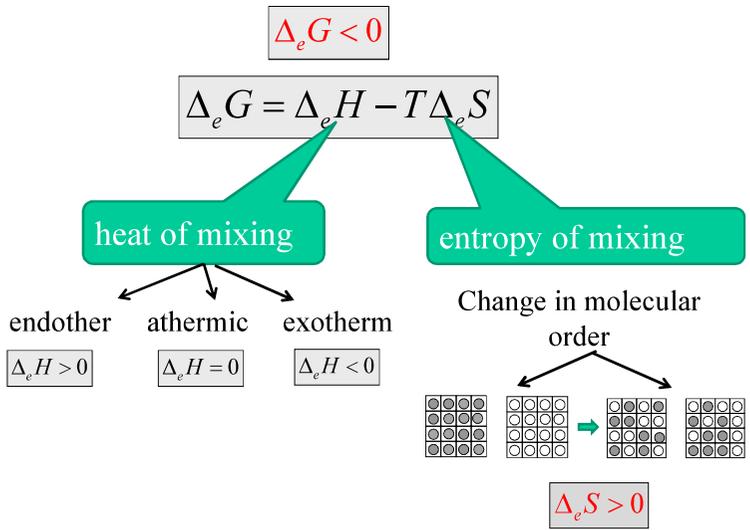


Thermodynamic equilibrium ↔ Mathematical extremum problem

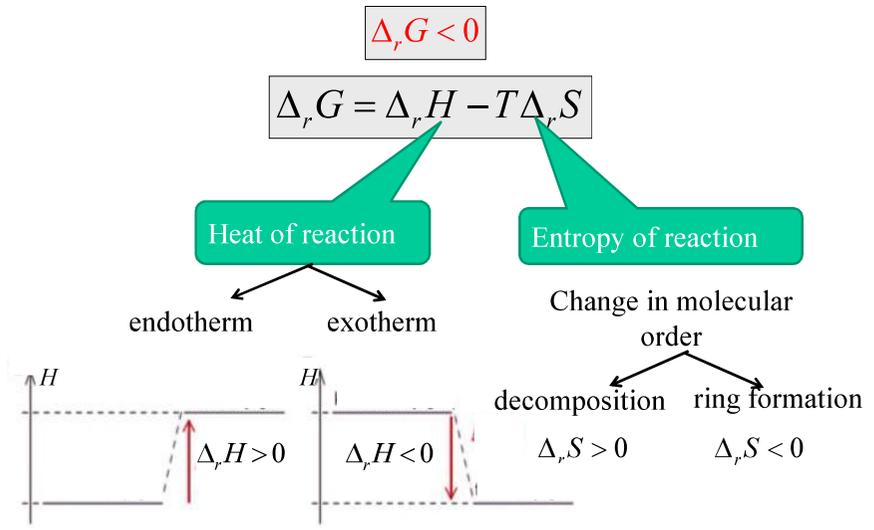
**Stable and nonstable equilibrium condition**



**DRIVING FORCE OF MIXING**



**Driving force of chemical and biochemical reactions**



**Looking back**

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**1st law of thermodynamics:**  $\Delta U = T\Delta S - p\Delta V + \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \Delta n_i + \dots +$   
*(Conservation of energy)*

**2nd law of thermodynamics:** During spontaneous processes entropy increases. Thermodynamic equilibrium is characterised by entropy maximum.  
*(Non-conservation of entropy)*

**3rd law of thermodynamics:** The entropy of one-component, crystallizing material at 0 K temperature is 0  
*(Absolute scale of entropy)*

- enthalpy**  $H=U+PV$   $\rightarrow$  heat
  - free energy**  $F=U-TS$   $\rightarrow$  work
  - free enthalpy**  $G=H-TS$   $\rightarrow$  chemistry
- (Gibbs free energy)*