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# **Mini lecture**

## **Second law and entropy**


SYMPOSIUM

Teaching and Learning Thermodynamics in a Time of Change

# How we lecture the 2<sup>nd</sup> law in BSc-courses

– usually along a historical path

First statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> law heat does not by itself transfer from a body of low temperature to a body of high temperature

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- This development is deductive
  - However only, if temperature is introduced and a notion of reversible and irreversible processes is already established

We then develop 2<sup>nd</sup> law

$$dS = \frac{\delta Q}{T} + \delta\sigma$$

↑  
entropy

↑  
entropy production

$\delta\sigma = 0$     reversible process

$\delta\sigma > 0$     irreversible process

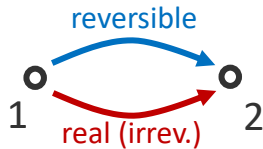
## The 2. law – entropy production $\boxed{\vec{d}\sigma}$

$$dS = \frac{\vec{d}Q}{T} + \vec{d}\sigma$$

$$\vec{d}\sigma = 0 \quad \text{reversible process}$$

$$\vec{d}\sigma > 0 \quad \text{irreversible process}$$

- Permits real (irreversible) processes spontaneous in one direction, but not the other



$$dU_{12} = \vec{d}Q_{12}^{rev} + \vec{d}W_{12}^{rev}$$

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$$dU_{12} = \vec{d}Q_{12} + \vec{d}W_{12}$$

$$= \vec{d}Q_{12} + \vec{d}W_{12}^{rev} + \vec{d}W_{12}^{diss}$$

$$dS_{12} = \frac{\vec{d}Q_{12}^{rev}}{T}$$

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$$dS_{12} = \frac{\vec{d}Q_{12}}{T} + \vec{d}\sigma_{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{d}Q_{12}^{rev} = \vec{d}Q_{12} + \vec{d}W_{12}^{diss}$$

$$\Rightarrow T \cdot \vec{d}\sigma_{12} = \vec{d}W_{12}^{diss} > 0$$

- We see that entropy production is equivalent to lost (dissipated) work
- Dissipated work is what makes technical processes non-sustainable
- Minimize  $T \cdot \vec{d}\sigma_{12}$  to systematically minimize non-sustainability of a process

## The 2. law – entropy $S$

$$S = k \ln \Omega$$

number of microscopic (molecular) states

1<sup>st</sup> law of thermodynamics

$$E$$

Principle of nature:

For equilibrium, minimize  $E$   
(if  $S$  permits)

2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics

$$S = k \ln \Omega$$

Principle of nature:

For equilibrium, maximize  $S$   
(if  $E$  permits)

combining both principles

Actually combining both balance equations and applying a Legendre transform

$$F = E - TS$$

For equilibrium, minimize  $F$

⇒ what really happens for defined  $(T, V, n)$ :  
A balance between 2 principles of nature