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## THERMODYNAMICS

"... the only physical theory of universal content concerning which I am convinced that, within the framework of the applicability of its basic concepts, it will never be overthrown."

A. Einstein

## THERMODYNAMICS <br> * * * the laws * * *

I. When energy passes (work, heat, matter) into or out from a system, the system's internal energy changes in accord with the law of conservation of energy.
II. In a natural thermodynamic process, the sum of the entropies of the interacting thermodynamic systems increases.
(+ two laws for consistency)

## Q U I Z

## WHICH IS MORE NATURAL?

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## ENTROPY

$\varepsilon \boldsymbol{v}$ - 'in' and $\tau \rho о \pi \varepsilon$ ' 'turning, transformation'

\# microscopic configurations of a system (microstates)
Many microstates $=$ one macrostate

## THERMODYNAMIC SYSTEMS

"enclosed system described by a set of variables"


VOLUME spacial extension

TEMPERATURE average kinetic energy

PRESSURE
force per area
ENTROPY

# CLASSICAL DEFINITION 

(change of entropy)

## CHANGE OF ENTROPY

## Two isolated systems

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T_{1}>T_{2}
$$



## CHANGE OF ENTROPY

## Two systems in contact

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T_{1}>T_{2}
$$



CHANGE OF ENTROPY
Heat flow

$$
T_{1}>T_{2}
$$



CHANGE OF ENTROPY
Heat flow


CHANGE OF ENTROPY
equilibrium


## Q U I Z



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Overall entropy would decrease
$\rightarrow$ violates II. law


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Maxwell-demon is part of the system.
$\rightarrow$ his entropy increases (demon heats up)
$\rightarrow$ the total entropy rises
II. LAW IS NOT VIOLATED


