

# Thermodynamics + Entropy

~~(Star)~~t with a question:

Stars have different colors:

Red ... Orange ... Yellow ... White ... Blue

why? → Temperature

~~So why are there no green stars?~~

## Thermodynamics

(10m)

branch of physics dealing with heat, temperature, and disorder, and their relation to energy, radiation, and properties of matter

Thermodynamics developed originally to increase efficiency of steam engines

↳ Sadi Carnot (1824) → Carnot cycle, cannot increase efficiency

Steam engines responsible for basically to cause industrial revolution

↳ What is an engine?

# Engines (10m)

An engine is a device to convert thermal energy to mechanical energy

Stirling engine or coffee mug

Engine moves hot  $\rightarrow$  cold and extracts work in the process

$\hookrightarrow$  Can't just be hot: has to have a temperature gradient

$\hookrightarrow$  a Dam built on a high lake can only extract energy from  $\Delta h$

## Examples of engines

car

Steam engine  
power stations

Stirling engine

earth's atmosphere  
refrigerators (reverse)

$\nearrow$  mass solar heat around  
 $\hookrightarrow$  work exterrable as  
hydroelectric, wind etc.

## Ideal gas law (10m)

$$PV = n(\beta)T \rightarrow \text{ideal gas constant}$$
$$\beta \approx 8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow R = (k_B) N_A$$

derived empirically  
at first

$$\text{Boltzmann constant}$$
$$k_B \approx 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$$

wants KE  $\propto T$ :

$$KE \propto k_B T$$

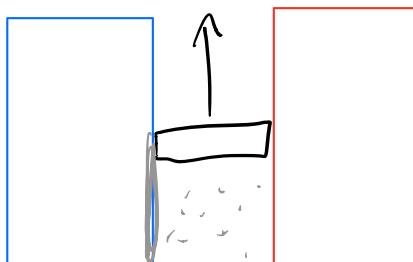
Do vector for gas demo

Expansion / contraction of ideal gases  
is what goes down over ... cannot cycle

# Carnot cycle (15m)

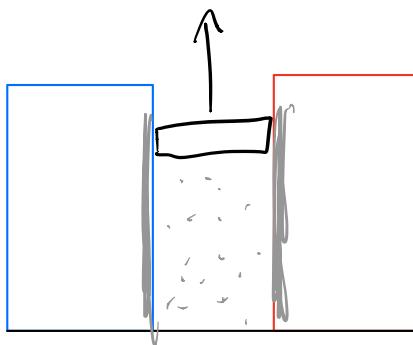
cycles generating power in 4 stages:

1.



expansion of gas  
(isothermal)  
↳ piston goes up, does work

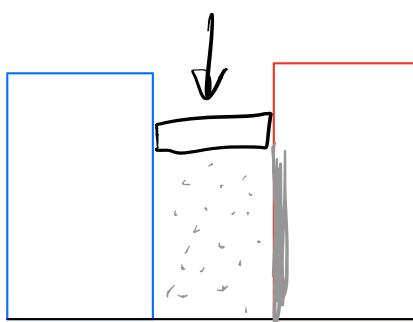
2.



continued expansion of  
gas (isentropic)

↳ piston goes up until  
pressure equals outside, does work,  
gas cools

3.

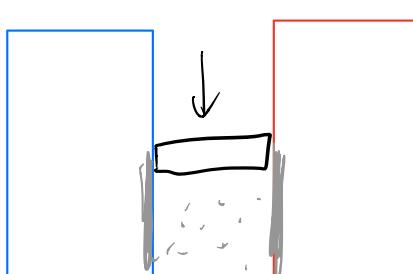


continuation of gas  
(isothermal)

↳ push piston down at same  
rate that gas cools,  
keeping T constant

↳ environment does work on  
cycle!

4.



compression of gas  
(isentropic)

↳ piston pushes down  
until pressure equals, receives  
work, heats up

What is Max efficiency of an engine?

↳ Cannot efficiency  $\eta_{\max} = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$

why? need to understand max thermodynamics first...

## Laws of Thermodynamics (10m)

Law 0: if two systems are each in formal equilibrium with a third, they are in formal equilibrium with each other

→ no net transfer motion  
→ molecules!

Law 1: Energy  $\rightarrow$  conserved

$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad \begin{matrix} Q: \text{heat supplied to system} \\ W: \text{work done by system} \end{matrix}$$

↳  $\Delta U = 0$   
full cycle

Law 2: in any thermodynamic process, the total entropy of all interacting systems never decreases

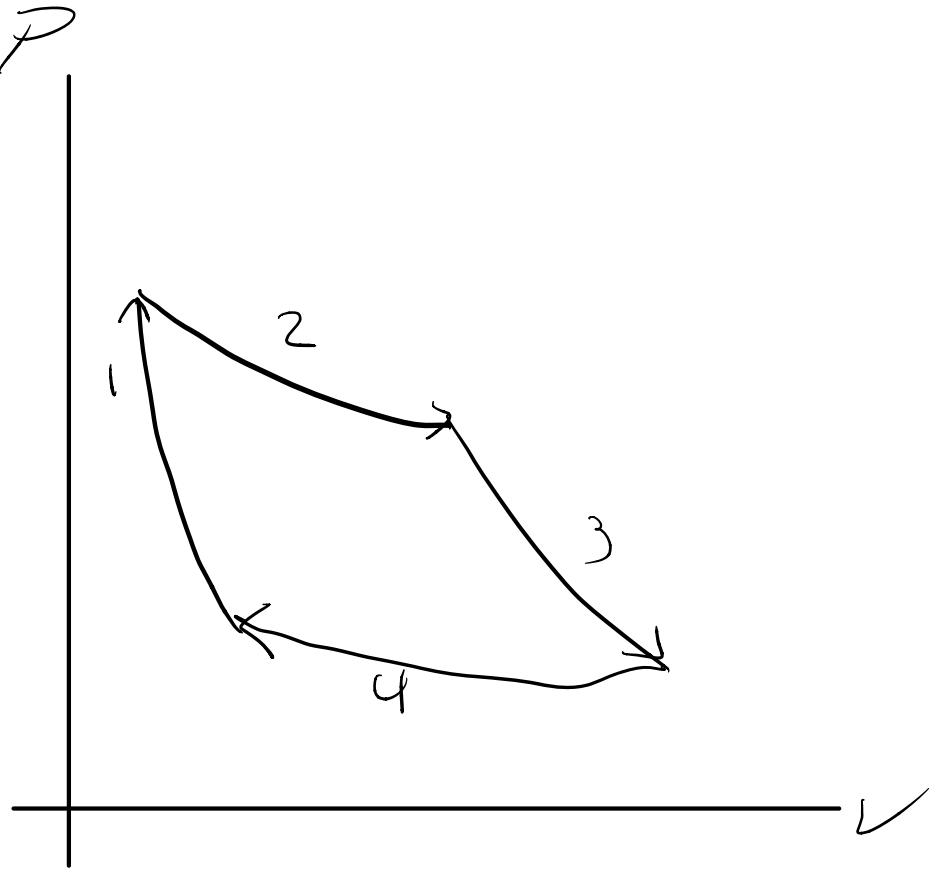
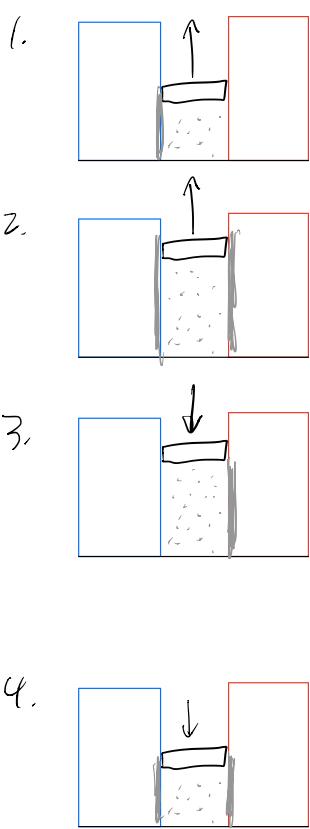
entropy  
talking in a moment

$$\sum_i \Delta S_i \geq 0$$

"systems evolve from less probable states to more probable states"

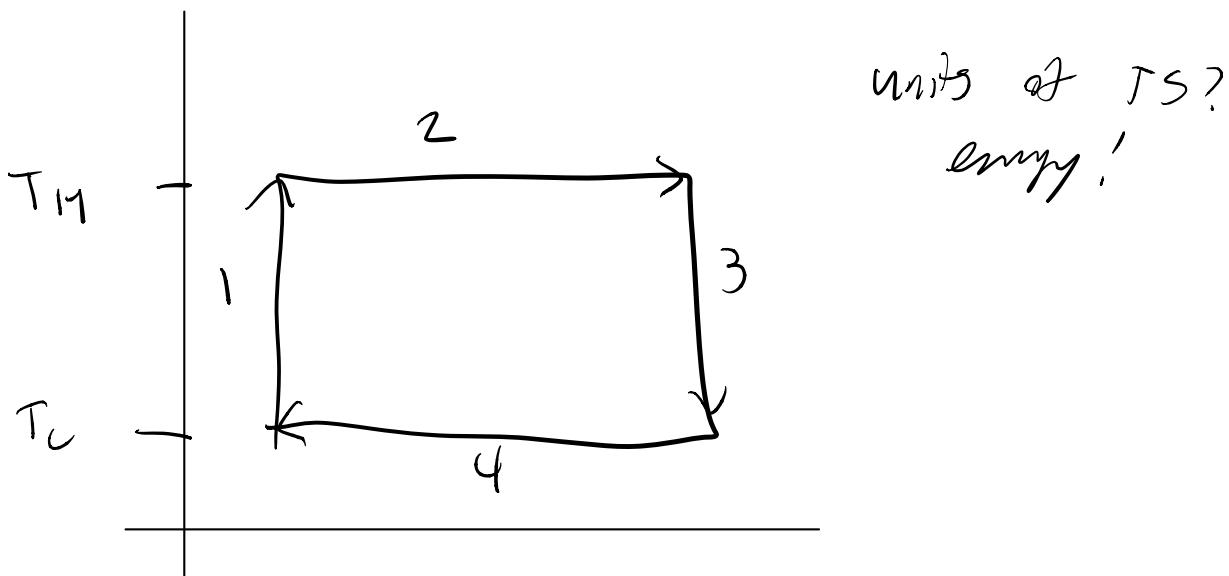
Law 3: the entropy of a perfect crystal at absolute zero is  $S=0$

$$\text{Law 1: } \Delta U = Q - W \quad (10\text{m})$$



Units of  $PV$ ?  $\frac{N}{m^2} m^3 = N_m = J$

Can also plot this on TS  $\rightarrow Q$   
 $\rightarrow S$ , entropy, units  $J/K$



Fundamental thermodynamic relations

$$\delta U = Q - W$$



$$dU = T dS - P dV$$

What is entropy?  $\rightarrow$  Cosmology: heat death of universe

## A history (10m)

1854

Rudolf Clausius: "the internal property which changes as heat may crowd in a system"

$$\Delta S = \frac{\Delta Q}{T} \rightarrow \frac{\text{heat going into/but of reservoir}}{\text{temperature of reservoir}}$$

- for a closed cycle,  $\Delta S = 0$
- anything less efficient,  $\Delta S > 0$
- an increase in temperature means heat reservoir
- approaching same temperature, reducing capacity to do useful work
- measure of how evenly spread out energy is

1877

Ludwig Boltzmann: Statistical mechanics

$\hookrightarrow$  Kinetic Theory of Gases  
explained thermodynamical behavior  
as result of microscopic particles  
under Newton's laws of motion

# Statistical mechanics (5m)

Fundamental postulate:

"For a system with a given set of macroscopic properties, every possible configuration of particles that could yield those properties is equally likely"

macrostate:

Temp, pressure, volume, etc..

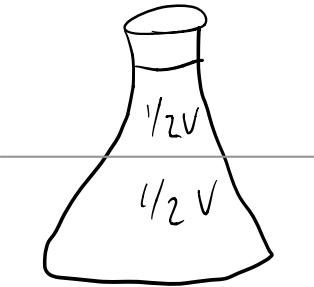
microstate:

for each particle,  
position, velocity, etc

Dye in flask demo

~80 min in?

Micromstates:



$N$  particles of dye  
can be on either top or bottom of flask  
 $2^N$  possible microstates

(20<sub>n</sub>)

microstate	# microstates, $N=10$	# microstates, $N=1000$
(all possible states) "all dye in top half"	$2^{10} = 1024$   low entropy	$2^{1000} \approx 1.07 \times 10^{300}$   low
"50% of dye in each half"	$\binom{10}{5} = 252$ high entropy	$\binom{1000}{500} \approx 2.70 \times 10^{299}$ high

larger  $N$  has tendency to end up in low entropy arrangement

Chances of having a room full of  $10^{26}$  particles of air on one side?  $\frac{1}{2^{26}} \approx 0$

if you have a system alone, states will randomly evolve, but vast majority of states are at classical values we expect:

Thermal equilibrium

2<sup>nd</sup> law: "systems evolve from less probable states to more probable states"

classical mechanics is just average of quantum mechanical behavior as  $N \rightarrow \text{big}$

Relation between entropy & macroscopic properties?

Boltzmann equation

$$S = k_B \log \Omega$$

↓

Entropy

# microstates

Boltzmann constant

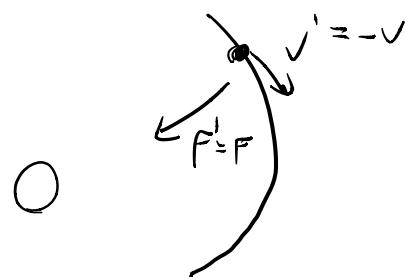
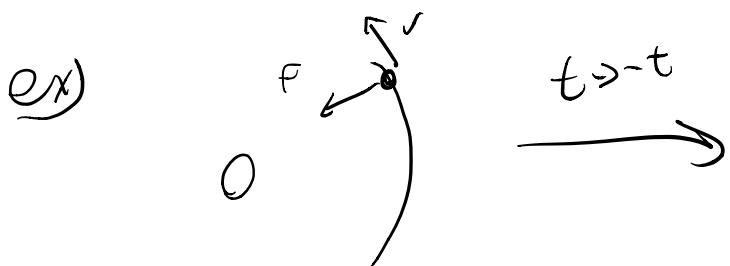
Thermodynamic equilibrium:  $\max S = \max \Omega$

Arrow of time

( $\Omega_{\min}$ )

Most laws of physics don't care about direction of time

$t \rightarrow -t$  law behavior unchanged



How do we distinguish past from future?

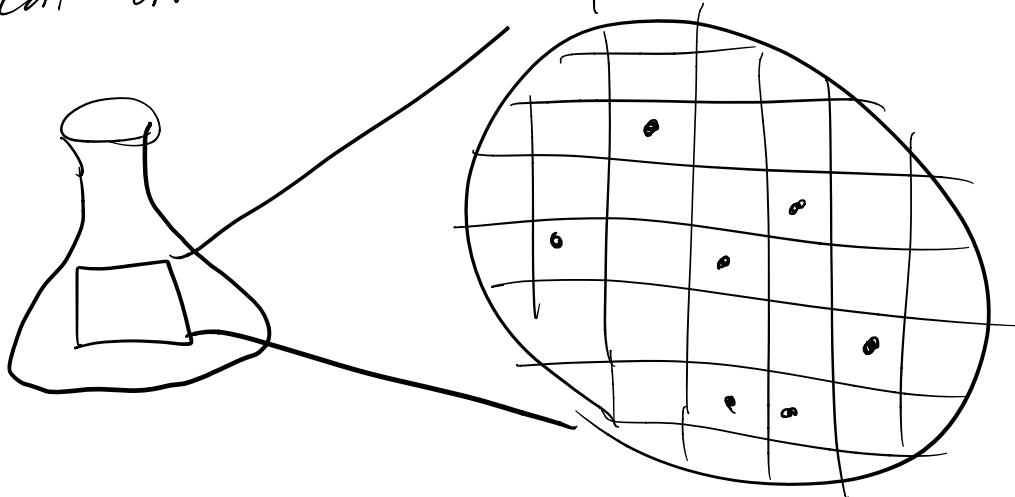
ENTROPY

The only \* quantity in physics which requires a direction of time

Entropy is a measure of ignorance  
measures how much information we don't  
have about a system

### Another analogy

(10 min)  
Let's divide flask - like system into "pixels" which  
can either have a particle of dye or not



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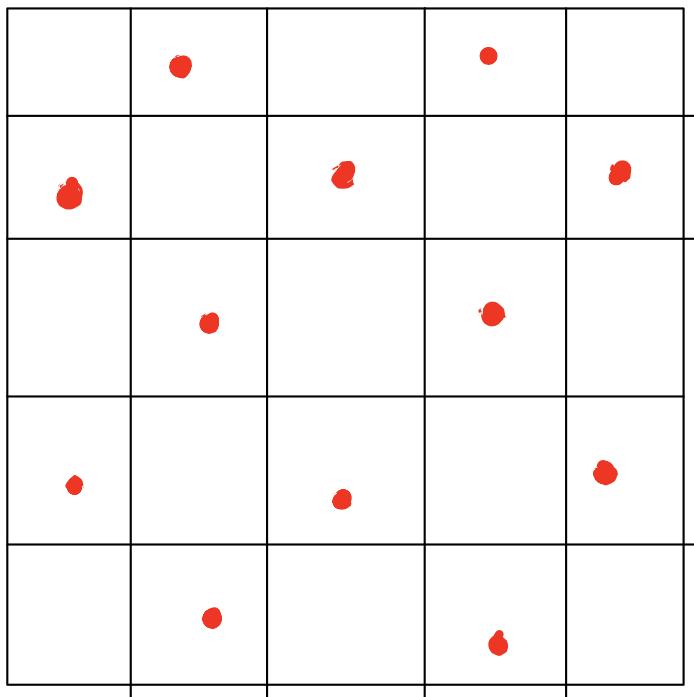
5x5 grid = 25 pixels in space  
Suppose we have 12 dye particles

There are  $\binom{25}{12} = 5200300$   
possible states

Suppose all particles are right  
half of grid  
There are  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$  possible  
states

↳ close to minimum entropy

What about this case?



Low or high entropy?

might think it's low entropy because  $S = 1$

but particles are evenly spread out, so how do you extract energy?

Thermodynamic entropy is related to amount of hidden information based on macroscopic thermodynamic knowledge only.

↳ Defines how far a system is from thermal equilibrium & also

↳ defines how much energy can be extracted as you move to equilibrium

$$\Delta S = \frac{\Delta Q}{T} \rightarrow \Delta Q = T \Delta S$$

Thermodynamic entropy is low if few or differences in average thermodynamic properties from one region to another

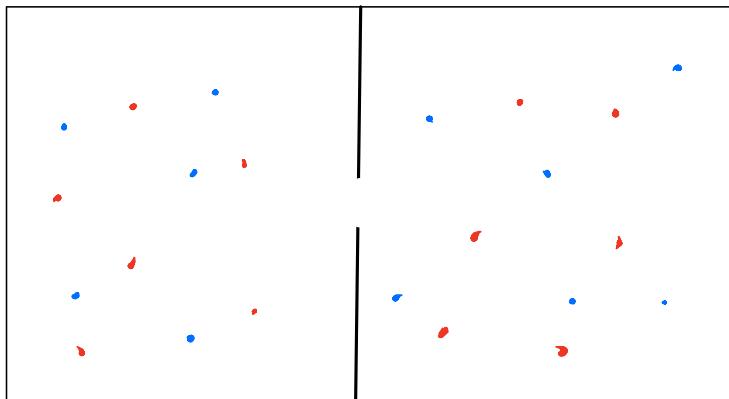
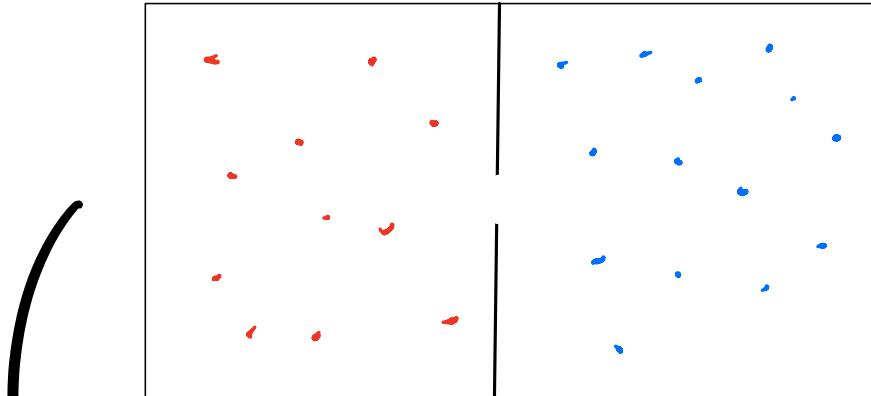
But  $\sigma$  is still 1, so  $S$  should be low? What gives?

High entropy states can be transformed to low entropy states if you gain information about the system

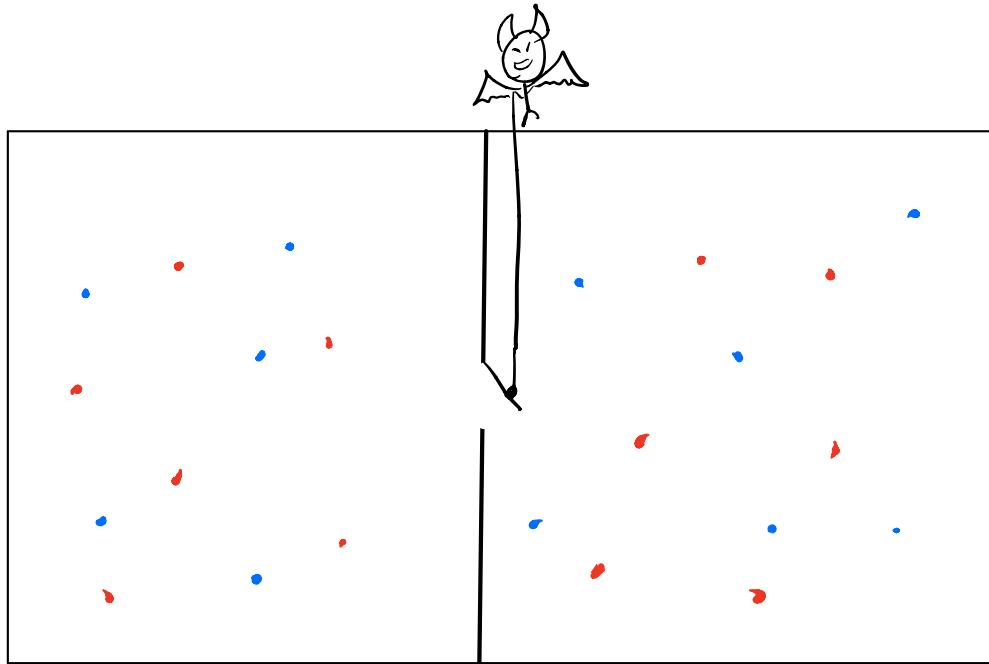
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Break

Maxwell's demon (15 min)

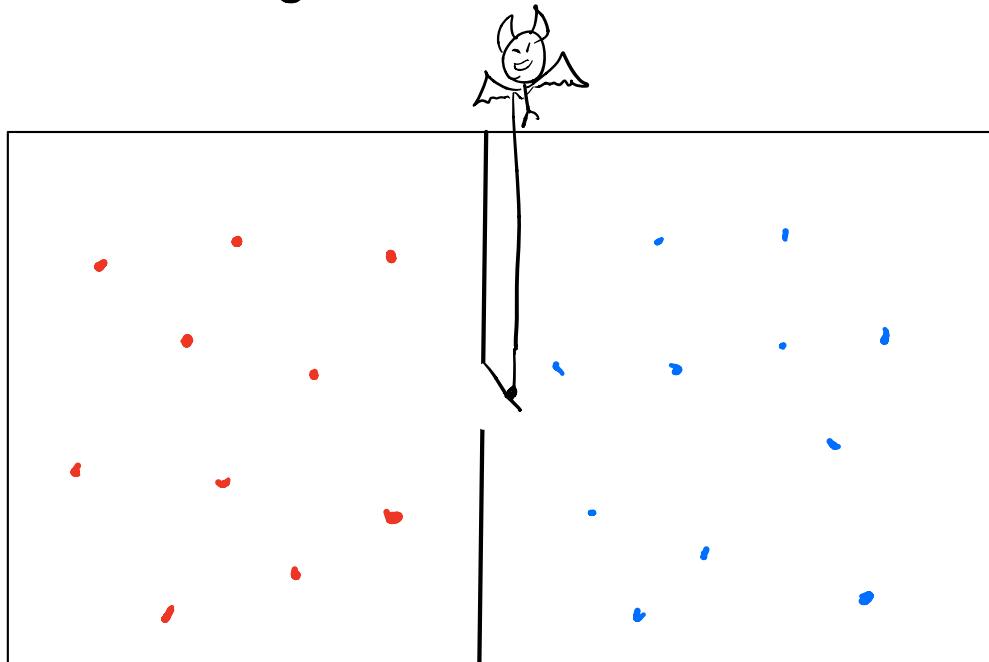
James Clark Maxwell → Maxwell's equations  
→ cofounder of Electromagnetism



Magnit exprmt



eventually --



Problem 1:  $\Delta S < 0$  and no energy was exchanged with outside universe

Problem 2: Left side is hot, right side is cold!

This temp. diff. can be used to drive an engine, violating any conservation!

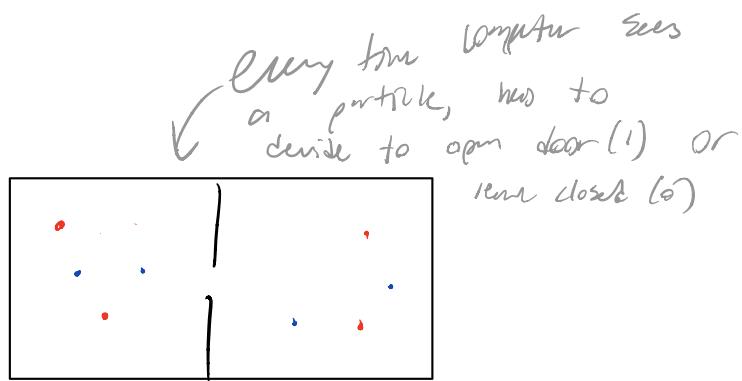
Seen as a serious problem in physics for over a century!

What is the resolution? we're missing entropy somewhere...

entropy is transferred into the memory of the demon!

Suppose daemon  $\rightarrow$  computer. There are (15m)  
 $N$  particles and computer has  $N$  bits of  
 memory

memory starts in  
 known, predictable  
 state, altered by  
 interaction with a  
 particle into an unknown  
 state



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Initial

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$$\Omega = \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{2} = 36$$

$$S \approx S_{\text{max}} = 5.17$$

Final

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$$\Omega = 1$$

$$S = 0$$

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$$\Omega = 1$$

$$S = \log 1 = 0$$

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$$\Omega = \binom{8}{4} = 70$$

$$S \approx 6.13$$

$\Delta S > 0$ !

information entropy is physical!

This solves problem #1

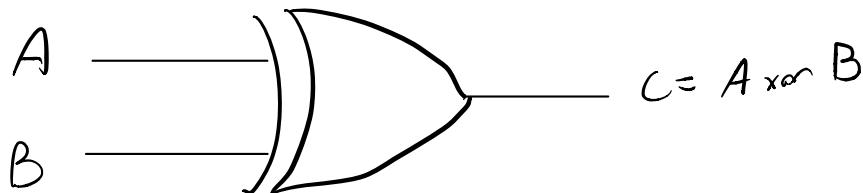
daemon processes need for this

What about problem #2?

Demon has finite memory & eventually must  
overwrite (erase) information.

How much energy to erase 1 bit? (15m)

consider a XOR gate



A	B	C
0	0	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	0

This erases one bit of information!

$$(A, B) \rightarrow (C)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ for } A, B: 2^2 = 4 \rightarrow S = \log 4 = 2 \log 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ for } C: 2^1 = 2 \rightarrow S = \log 2$$

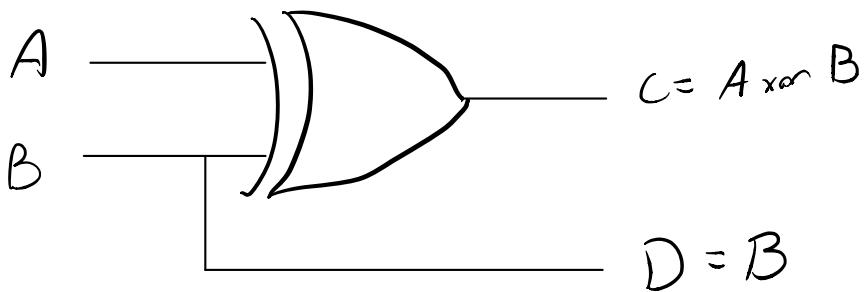
$$DS = \log 2, \text{ so}$$

$$\Delta E = k_B T \log 2$$

Landauer limit!

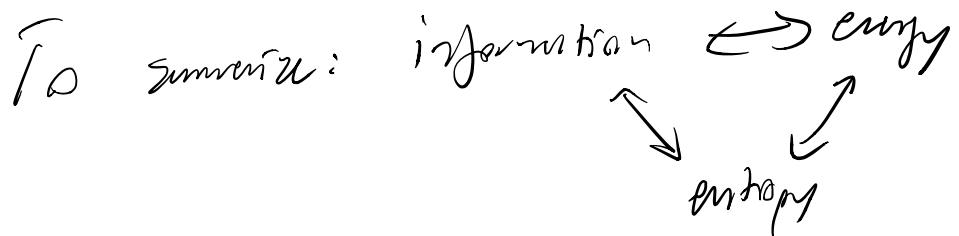
## Reversible computing

(10 min)



Can reconstruct inputs from outputs  
↳ no information lost!

Reversible computers require no fluctuation  
energy cost!



perfect knowledge of every particle in the box  
allows you to turn information into work  
or into structure.