

# Thermodynamics of continua: the challenge of universality

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1. What is non-equilibrium thermodynamics?
2. law or Law?
3. Research methodology

# Non-equilibrium thermodynamics:

Construction of constitutive functions

- classical irreversible: fluxes and forces,  $q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T$

Construction of equation of motion for internal variables

- rational, extended, etc...  $\tau \dot{q}^i + q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T$

*General*, therefore it is universal.

Non-dissipative is a well-defined limit: *ideal* substances.

*Constructive*: not a checking method of empirical formulas.

Independent of mechanics (among others).

Other general principles: important role (e.g. objectivity).

# Failure or challenge?

We need a proper understanding and formulation.

How far can it be generalized?

What is the role of the second law?

How is it related to the entropy principle?

Are there benchmark problems (areas)?

Weakly nonlocal: phase field, Ginzburg-Landau, etc. —▶ panel F.

Relativistic.

How to verify?

Uniform:  
Hierarchical and multiscale



*Nature*

Uniform:  
Hierarchical and multiscale



*Thermostat*

*Thermodynamics  
(discrete)*

*Continuum*

*Kinetic theory*

Uniform:  
Hierarchical and multiscale



*Thermostatistics*

second law A

*Thermodynamics  
(discrete)*

second law B

*Continuum*

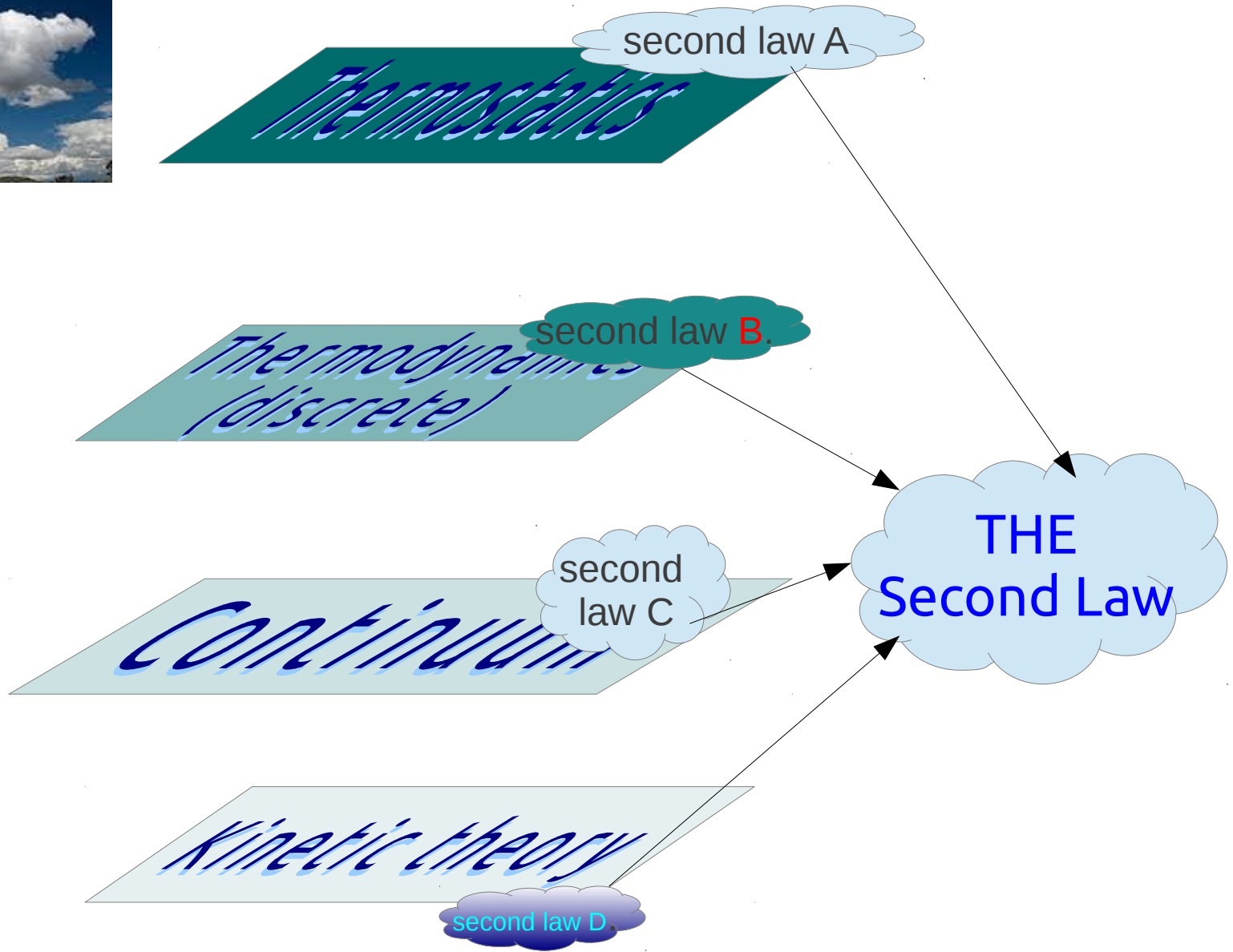
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law C

*Kinetic theory*

second law D



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Overdisciplinary

*Electrodynamics*

*Continuum  
mechanics*

*Weakly nonlocal  
continua*

*Plasticity,  
rheology*

*Chemical  
reactions*





Overdisciplinary

second law C1

*Electrodynamics*

second law C2

*Continuum mechanics*

*Weakly nonlocal continua*

second law C3

*Plasticity rheology*

second law C4

*Chemical reactions*

THE Second Law

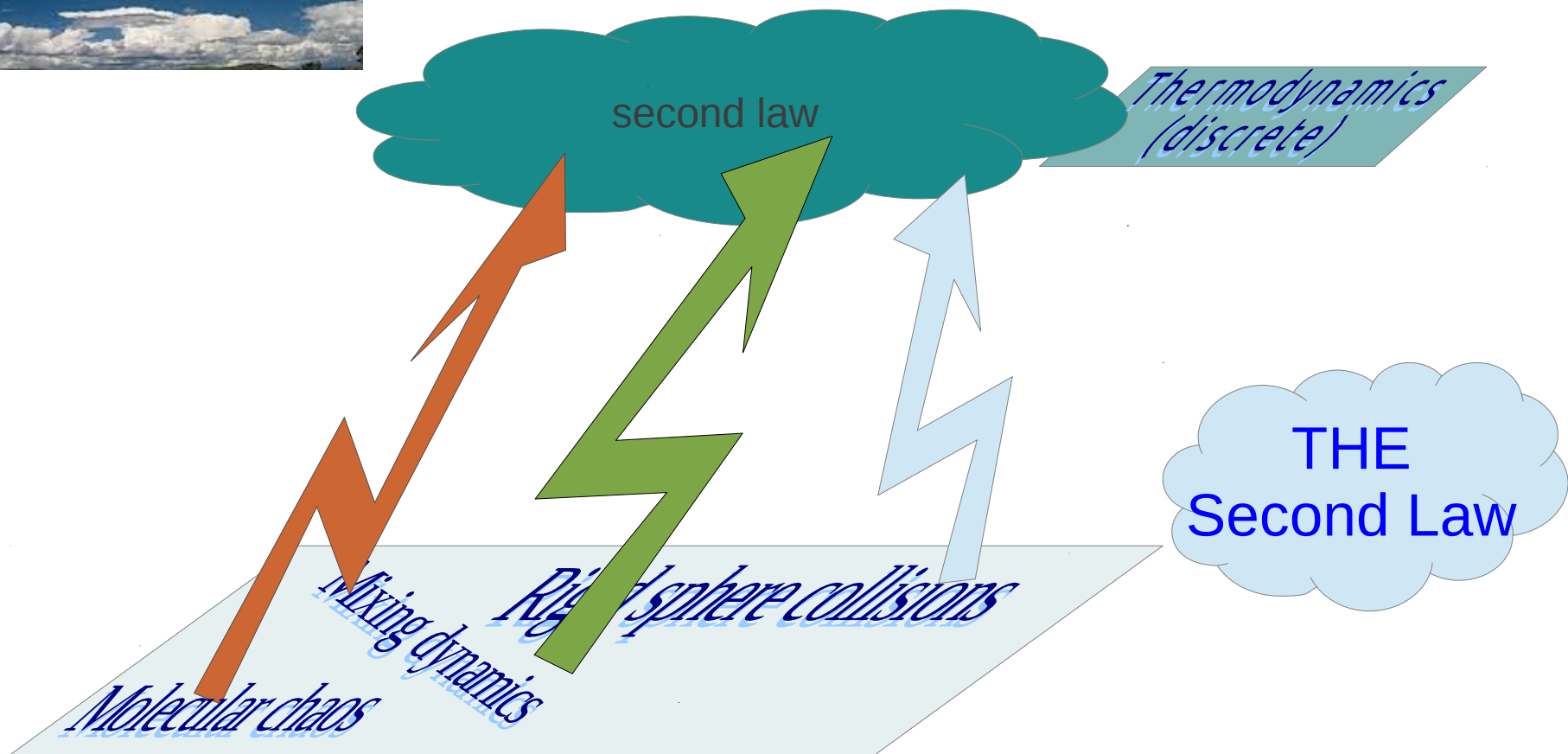
second law

or

Second Law

*of what?*

Mechanism independent



Mechanism independent



# Fourier equation





More levels behind

*Electrodynamics*

*Continuum  
mechanics*

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*Plasticity,  
rheology*

*Chemical  
reactions*

*Quantum*



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THE Second Law

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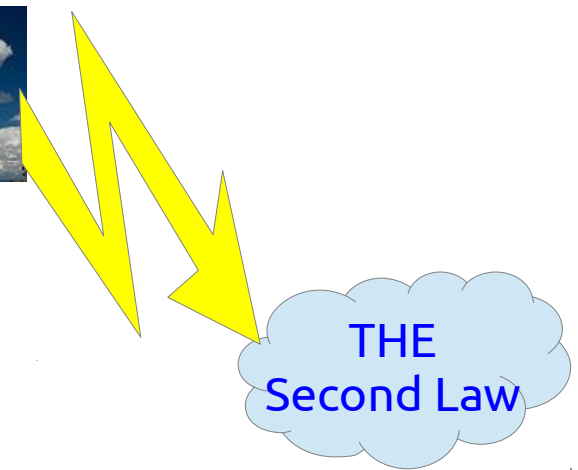
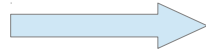
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# *Universal?*



A simple and sound formulation.

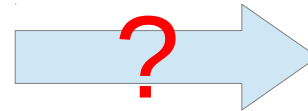
## Thermodynamic equilibrium is stable.

This is a discipline related exact statement.

Dynamic stability, open systems, total entropy, Lyapunov function(al).

Parts of the second law:

- There is entropy: statics.
- It is concave: statics.
- Entropy is not decreasing: dynamics.



Stability

# Eckart theory: relativistic Navier-Stokes-Fourier

Entropy balance – conditional inequality:

$$\partial_a S^a = \dot{s}(e, n) + s \partial_a u^a + \partial_a J^a \geq 0$$

$$ds + \alpha dn = \beta de$$

$$J^\mu = \beta q^\mu - \alpha j^\mu$$

$$u^\mu \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = \dot{e} + e \partial_\mu u^\mu + \partial_\mu q^\mu + u_\mu \dot{q}^\mu + u_\mu \partial_\nu P^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu = \dot{n} + n \partial_\mu u^\mu + \partial_\mu j^\mu$$

$$\sigma = -j^\mu \partial_\mu \alpha + \beta \Pi^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu u_\mu + q^\mu \left( \partial_\mu \beta - \beta \dot{u}_\mu \right) \geq 0$$

Eckart term

Unstable (Hiscock-Lindblom 1980-85).

Momentum balance must also be a constraint.

# *Universality with surprises*

Quantum continuum?

Schrödinger-Madelung fluid. Weakly nonlocal in density:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho} + \rho \nabla \cdot v &= 0 \\ \rho \dot{v} - \nabla \cdot P(\rho, \nabla \rho, \nabla^2 \rho) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$P(\rho, \nabla \rho, \nabla^2 \rho) = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m^2} \left( \Delta \rho I + \nabla^2 \rho - \frac{2 \nabla \rho \circ \nabla \rho}{\rho} \right)$$

Let us wonder about this fact.

- 1) No interpretation.
- 2) Quantum field theories (R. Jackiw).

# Summary

## Entropy principle for continuum physics:

- Entropy inequality is conditional.  
Balances are constraints. Coleman-Noll or Liu procedures.
- The entropy current density is constitutive.  
The entropy four-vector is a constitutive quantity. Objectivity!
- Momentum is a state variable.  
Total energy, internal energy.
- Space and time derivatives of the basic state may appear in the constitutive state space.  
Evolution and dynamics. —► Ruggeri/Trovato/Hütter
- Stability is a benchmark.  
Linear stability is necessary.

# Outlook

Let us recognize the interconnections.

Schools are isolation, isolation is ignorance.

Subfields are restrictive.

Thermodynamics is autonomous.

(Panel discussions are great.)

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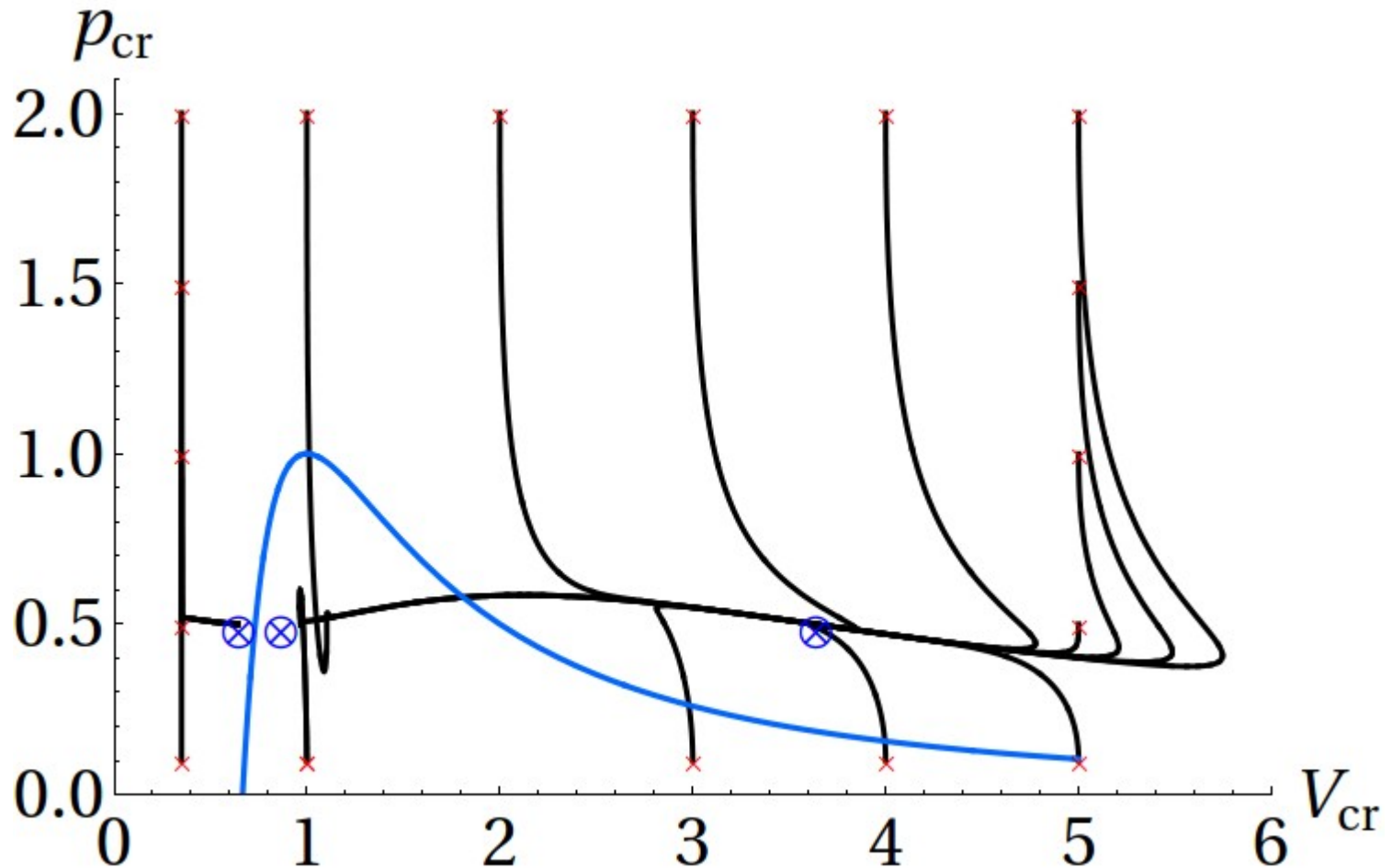
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universal?



# Verification?

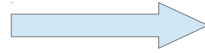
*Thermodynamics  
(discrete)*

- 1) Ordinary thermodynamics –  
Time dependent, internal variables or else. Processes of a Van der Waals gas.





*Verification?*



*Challenge!*

Relativistic thermostatics?

Momentum is a state variable.

Quantum continuum?

Only density? What kind of weak nonlocality is quantum like?

Violation of the second law of violation of the Second Law?

Perpetuum mobiles of different kind...

Stability of gradient equations?

Failure of rational mechanics...

Stability of dissipative relativistic fluids.

**Is that universal??**

# Heat conduction:

$$\rho \dot{e} + \partial^i q^i = 0$$

$$q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T,$$

$$\tau \dot{q}^i + q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T,$$

$$\tau \dot{q}^i + q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T + a_1 \partial^{ij} q^j + a_2 \partial^{jj} q^i, \quad \text{Guyer and Krumhansl (1966)}$$

$$\tau \dot{q}^i + q^i = -\lambda \partial^i T + l \partial^i \dot{T},$$

$$\dot{q}^i = -\lambda \partial^i T + a_2 \partial^{jj} q^i.$$

Fourier (1822)

Cattaneo (1948),  
(Vernotte (1958), Maxwell ~1880)

Guyer and Krumhansl (1966)

Jeffreys type

(Joseph and Preziosi, 1989))

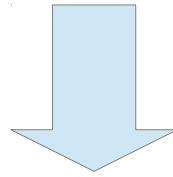
Green-Naghdi type (1991)

$$(\rho c \ddot{\alpha} = k_1 \partial^{ii} \alpha + k_2 \partial^{ii} \dot{\alpha}, \quad T = \dot{\alpha})$$

there are more...

$$c_1 \dot{T}_1 - \partial^i (\lambda \partial^i T_1) = -\beta (T_1 - T_2)$$

$$c_2 \dot{T}_2 = -\beta (T_2 - T_1)$$



$$\frac{c_1 c_2}{c_1 + c_2} \frac{1}{\beta} \ddot{T}_1 + \dot{T}_1 = \frac{\lambda}{c_1 + c_2} \partial^{ii} T_1 + \frac{\lambda}{\beta} \frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2} \partial^{ii} \dot{T}_1$$

$$\tau \ddot{T}_1 + \dot{T}_1 = \hat{\lambda} \partial^{ii} T_1 + a \partial^{ii} \dot{T}_1$$

Guyer-Krumhansl, Jeffreys type