

Boltzmann and the Origins of Statistical Mechanics

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O X F O R D U N I V E R S I T Y

Boltzmann's 1872 attempt to provide a mechanical account of the irreversible approach to equilibrium in gases soon came under fire.

In this talk the relative strength of these early criticisms is analysed, and emphasis is put on the moment, some years after 1872, when probability truly entered the mechanical treatment of irreversible processes.



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