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Abstract

This is an extensive review of recent work on the foundations of statistical mechanics.

Statistical mechanics, Boltzmann, Gibbs, probability, typicality, microcanonical distribution,

thermodynamics, second law, recurrence, reversibility, Loschmidt, Zermelo, time reversal,

Keywords: ergodicity, mixing, coarse graining, past hypothesis, reductionism, ensemble, phase average,

thermodynamic limit, Khinchin, Interventionism, entropy, Shannon, Jaynes, Albert, Goldstein,

Lebowitz.

Specific Sciences: Probability/Statistics

Subjects: Specific Sciences: Physics: Classical Physics

General Issues: Reductionism/Holism

Specific Sciences: Physics: Statistical Mechanics/Thermodynamics

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