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It was with the publication of the paper "Weitere Studien über das ärmegleichgewicht unter Gasmolekülen" that, in 1872, Ludwig Boltzmann began the development of the kinetic theory by introducing the idea of monads in a modern key and by highlighting the necessity of employing statistical methods in physics.

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