

Chapter 9

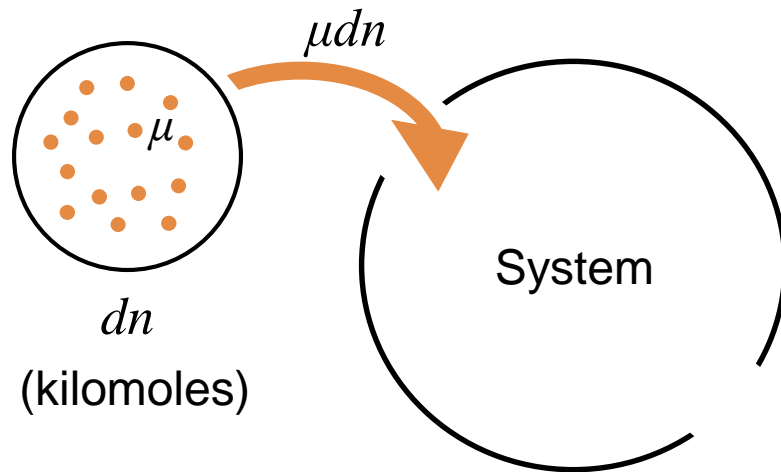
**The Chemical Potential
and Open Systems**

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9.1 The Chemical Potential

Suppose that dn kilomoles of matter are introduced into a system.



Chemical reaction \longrightarrow Internal energy ($\sim T$)

Added energy $\sim \mu dn$

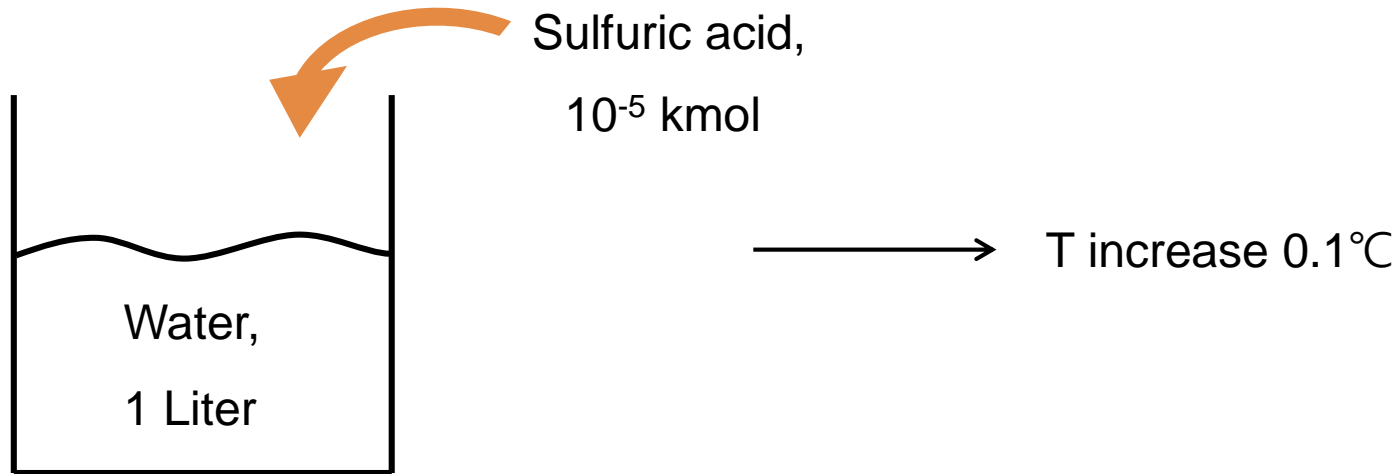
Each kilomole of added matter has its own internal energy that is released to the rest of the system, possibly in a chemical reaction.

The added energy is proportional to dn and may be written as μdn .

The quantity μ is called the **chemical potential**.

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Ex) Let's assume sulfuric acid is added to water, producing an increase in temperature.



$$Q = mc_p \Delta T = 5 \times 10^{-2} \times 80 \text{ kJ/kmol} \cdot \text{K} \times 0.1 \text{ K} = 400 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{chemical potential, } \mu = \frac{Q}{\Delta n} = \frac{400 \text{ J}}{10^{-5} \text{ kmol}} = 4 \times 10^7 \text{ J/kmol}$$

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To account for the effect of adding mass to a system, we need to add a term to our fundamental equation of thermodynamics:

$$dU = TdS - PdV + \mu dn$$

from
$$dU = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right) dS + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right) dV + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial n}\right) dn,$$

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial n}\right)_{S,V}$$

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Euler's theorem

if $\lambda f(x, y, z) = f(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z)$

then $f = x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$

$$\longrightarrow U = S \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V,n} + V \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S,n} + n \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial n} \right)_{S,V}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V,n} = T, \quad \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S,n} = -P, \quad \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial n} \right)_{S,V} = \mu$$

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then

$$U = ST - PV + \mu n,$$

and

$$dU = Tds + SdT - PdV - VdP + \mu dn + nd\mu,$$

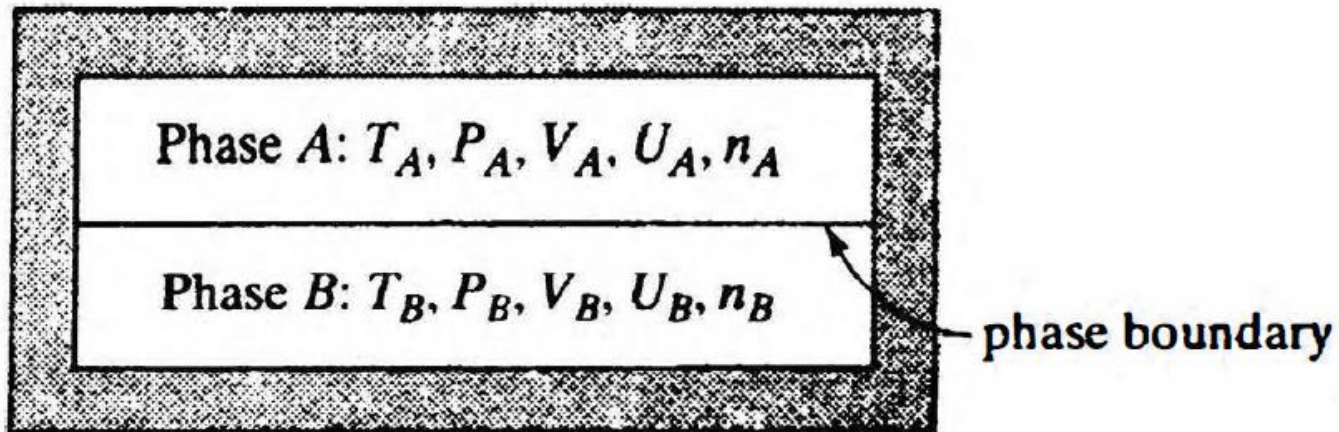
Since

$$dU = TdS - PdV + \mu dn,$$

$$SdT - VdP + nd\mu = 0$$

Gibbs-Duhem equation!

9.2 Phase Equilibrium



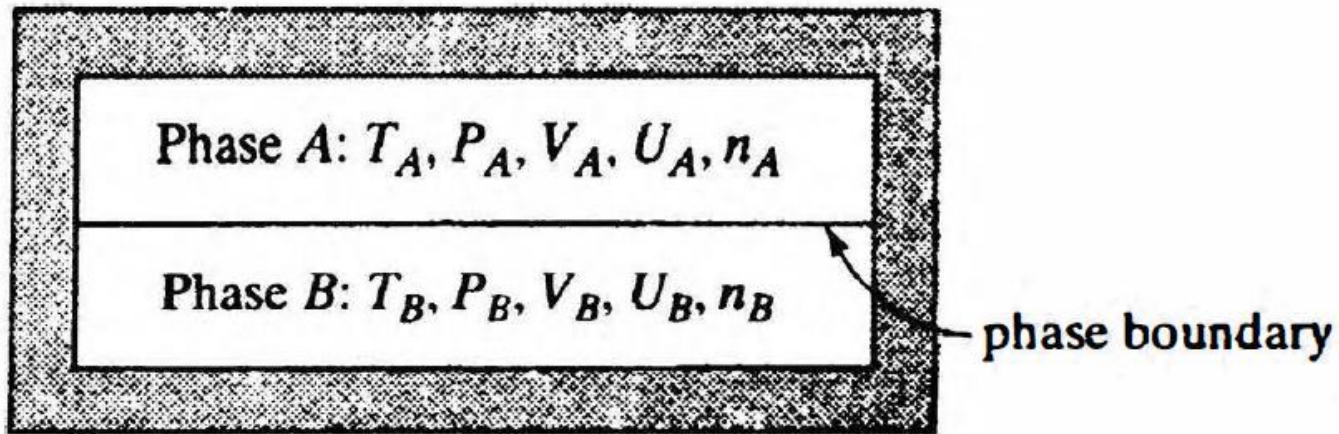
We wish to find the **condition of equilibrium** for two subsystems under particle exchange where the subsystems are **two phases of the same substance**.

$$n_A + n_B = n = \text{constant} \quad (\text{conservation of mass})$$

$$V_A + V_B = V = \text{constant} \quad (\text{conservation of volume})$$

$$U_A + U_B = U = \text{constant} \quad (\text{conservation of energy})$$

9.2 Phase Equilibrium



At equilibrium, the entropy of the combined system will be a maximum:

$$S_A + S_B = S \quad (\text{maximum})$$

Let all the quantities n , V , U and S change by infinitesimal amounts. Then,

$$dS = dS_A + dS_B = 0$$

9.2 Phase Equilibrium

Here,

$$dS_A = \frac{1}{T_A} (dU_A + P_A dV_A - \mu_A dn_A)$$

and

$$dS_B = \frac{1}{T_B} (dU_B + P_B dV_B - \mu_B dn_B)$$

We can eliminate three infinitesimals

$$dn_B = -dn_A, \quad dV_B = -dV_A, \quad dU_B = -dU_A$$

Then,

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B} \right) dU_A + \left(\frac{P_A}{T_A} - \frac{P_B}{T_B} \right) dV_A + \left(\frac{\mu_A}{T_A} - \frac{\mu_B}{T_B} \right) dn_A$$

9.2 Phase Equilibrium

Since the equation must be true for arbitrary increments dU_A , dV_A , dn_A all of the coefficients must be zero:

$$T_A = T_B \quad (\text{thermal equilibrium})$$

$$P_A = P_B \quad (\text{mechanical equilibrium})$$

$$\mu_A = \mu_B \quad (\text{diffusive equilibrium})$$

We conclude that if we have two phases or subsystems in thermal and mechanical equilibrium, then they will also be in diffusive equilibrium (equilibrium against particle exchange) if their chemical potentials are equal.

9.3 The Gibbs Phase Rule

Consider a system in equilibrium with k constituents in π phases.

*note

1. Only one gaseous phase can exist because of diffusion.
2. Several liquids can coexist in equilibrium if they are immiscible.
3. Several solids can coexist.
4. Only rarely do more than three phases of a given constituent coexist.

The Gibbs function is

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\gamma=1}^{\pi} \mu_i^{\gamma} n_i^{\gamma}$$

component phase

9.3 The Gibbs Phase Rule

For equilibrium, $(dG)_{T,P} = 0$

So,

$$dG = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\gamma=1}^{\pi} \mu_i^{\gamma} dn_i^{\gamma} = 0, T \text{ and } P \text{ fixed}$$

If we consider the special case of a closed system in which mass dn_i of the i th constituent is transferred from one phase to another with the total mass of the constituent unchanged, then

$$\sum_{\gamma=1}^{\pi} dn_i^{\gamma} = 0, \quad \text{for all } i$$

9.3 The Gibbs Phase Rule

For a multiconstituent, multiphase system with T and P fixed, the condition for equilibrium is

$$\mu_i^\alpha = \mu_i^\beta = \mu_i^\gamma \cdots = \mu_i^\pi, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

The kilomole fractions are:

$$x_i^\gamma = \frac{n_i^\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i^\gamma}$$

Thus, there would be $k\pi$ kilomole fractions were it not for the identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^\gamma = 1$$

9.3 The Gibbs Phase Rule

- Independent variable $2 + k\pi - \pi$
- Equilibrium conditions $k(\pi - 1)$

There are therefore $2 + k\pi - \pi$ independent variables and $k(\pi - 1)$ equilibrium conditions (Equation (9.42)). The number of remaining “degrees of freedom” called the variance f , is

$$f = [2 + k\pi - \pi] - [k(\pi - 1)]$$

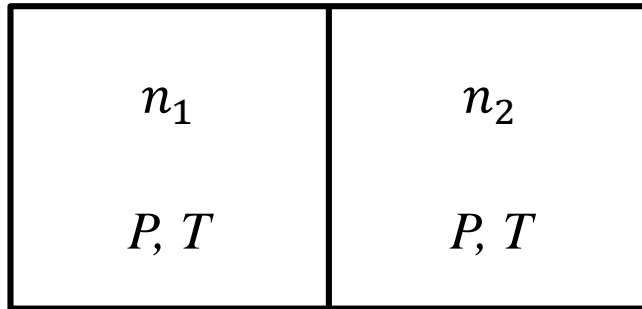
or

$$f = k - \pi + 2 \text{ (no chemical reaction)}$$

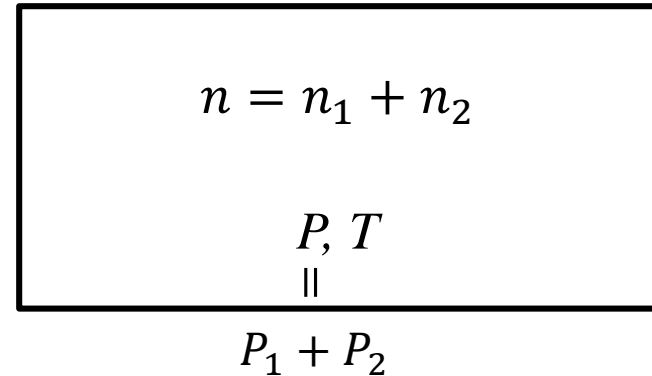
Gibbs phase rule!

9.5 Mixing processes

Initial



Final

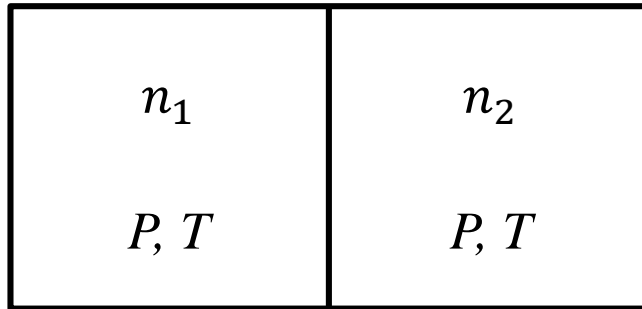


Dalton's law of partial pressure

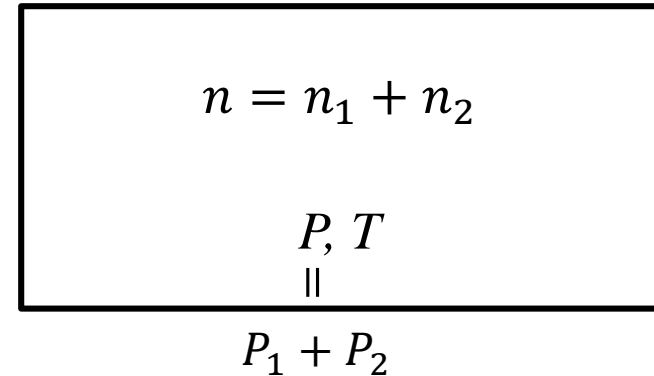
$$P_j = x_j P \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Pressure of the mixture} \\ \text{mole fraction} \end{array}$$

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For ideal gas,

$$h = c_p T + h_0$$

$$s = c_p \ln T + R \ln P + s_0$$

$$g = h - Ts = c_p T - c_p T \ln T + RT \ln T - Ts_0 + h_0$$

9.5 Mixing processes

$$G_i = n_1 g_{1,i} + n_2 g_{2,i} = n_1 RT(\ln P + \phi_1) + n_2 RT(\ln P + \phi_2)$$

$$G_f = n_1 g_{1,f} + n_2 g_{2,f} = n_1 RT(\ln P_1 + \phi_1) + n_2 RT(\ln P_2 + \phi_2)$$

$$\Delta G = RT(n_1 \ln x_1 + n_2 \ln x_2)$$

$$= nRT(x_1 \ln x_1 + x_2 \ln x_2)$$

$$\Delta S = -nR(x_1 \ln x_1 + x_2 \ln x_2)$$

└→ entropy of mixing