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# The Route of Physics

(Interpretation of equilibrium condition)

How systems exchange  $E$ ?

Does  $E$  flows from higher  $E$  to lower  $E$ ?

Not always!

Considering this issue leads to LT(!)  
when 2 systems in contact (isolated):

$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_1 + E_2 = \text{const.}$$

control parameter}  $\Leftarrow$  from Init. Conditions

$E_j$  - not fixed

Question: how do they go to "equilibrium"?  
i.e.,  $E_1^*, E_2^*$

Answer: depends on  $S_{\text{tot}}(E_1, E_2)$

focus on  $\rightarrow S_{\text{tot}} = S_1 + S_2$   
neglect interaction  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_1 = S_1(E_1) \\ S_2 = S_2(E_2) \end{array} \right.$   
 $E!$

entropy of whole system subject to partition  $(E_1, E_2)$

$\Rightarrow$  not trivial because  $S_1^* \neq S_2^*(E_1, E_2)!$

For what partition  $S_{\text{tot}} = \text{max}$ ?

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dS_{\text{tot}}}{dE_1} \Big|_{E_1^*} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dS_1}{dE_1} \Big|_{E_1^*} = \frac{dS_2}{dE_2} \Big|_{E_2^*}$$

since  $dE_1 = -dE_2$

$\Rightarrow$  The most probable partition is when

$$\beta_1(E_1^*) = \beta_2(E_2^*) \rightarrow \text{need to relate } \beta \rightarrow T!$$

How?

$\Rightarrow$  We know  $Z(\beta)$  - normalization factor to  $\Omega(E)$  for canon. micro  
 $\Rightarrow$  Associated potential:  $LT(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\beta) = \beta E - S[E(\beta)]$ .

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# Thermodynamics

Definitions of thermo variables

Steady state:

Equilibrium:

State functions:  
(or state variable)

Extensive

Intensive

Thermodynamic  
limit

Spontaneous process

Quasistatic

Reversible

In equilibrium: state variables connected  
by EOS

Time independent

{ steady state + no  
macroscopic change

{ equilibrium quantity  
depends on thermo  
variables but  
independent of history  
state function  $\propto N$   
independent of  $N$

$V \rightarrow \infty$     $\frac{N}{V} \rightarrow \text{finite}$   
 $N \rightarrow \infty$

Does not involve  
change in external  
constraints (internal  
dynamics)

Infinite slow

Quasistatic + allows  
a path in state space  
which may be reversed

## Zeroth Law

A in equilibrium with B

B in — " — " — " — " — C

⇒ A in — " — " — " — " — C

Alternatively: intensive quantities constant throughout system

⇒  $T = \text{const.} \Rightarrow$  thermal eq.;  $P = \text{const.} \rightarrow$  mech. eq.  
 $\mu = \text{const.} \rightarrow$  chem. eq.

## First Law

Conservation of energy

$dE =$  increase in internal energy

$$dE = dQ - dW$$

$dW$  - work done by the system

$dQ$  - heat added to the system

$x_i$  - state variable ( $V, M$ ) ⇒ generalized displacements

$X_i$  - conjugate — " — ( $P, H$ ) ⇒ generalized forces

$$dW = - \sum X_j dx_j$$

## Adiabatic

$$dQ = 0 \Rightarrow dW = -dE$$

no heat exchanged!  
 between system and surrounding

## Second Law

a state variable: entropy such that  
for any process

$$dQ \leq T dS$$

Equality  $\Rightarrow$  reversible process

For adiabatic process ( $dQ=0$ ):

$$\rightarrow dS \geq 0$$

### Helmholtz Free Energy

what is the maximal amount of work  
extractable in an isothermal process

state function  $\Rightarrow A \equiv E - TS$  "A" related to E  
via  $LT$

Then  $dA = dE - T dS - \underbrace{S dT}_{=0}$  isothermal process

$$dA = dE - T dS \rightarrow \text{isothermal (from I law)}$$

$= -P dV \rightarrow -dW$   $dE = dQ - dW$

$$dW = dQ - dE = (dQ - T dS) - dA$$

Use 2nd law:  $dQ \leq T dS$  } the max work that  
 $\Rightarrow dW \leq -dA$  } can be extracted  
at  $T = \text{const.}$   
(equality for reversible process!)

$\Rightarrow$  "A" is the available amount of  
energy which can be converted  
to work.

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$dW = 0$   
 $-dA \geq 0$   
 or  $dA \leq 0$

$\rightarrow$  for  $T = \text{const.}$   
 spontaneous process can only decrease  $A$   
 Equilibrium at  $T = \text{const.}$   
 $W = \text{const.}$

Free energy is minimized for  $\Rightarrow \min A$  isothermal process if all external parameters fixed.

Note: For such processes the intensive parameters, conjugated to those kept fixed, have to change

e.g.  $V$  fixed  $\Rightarrow P$  changes  
 intensive (conjugate) para.

**Gibbs Free Energy**  $\Rightarrow G = A + PV$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  state function

Sometimes useful to keep these conjugates fixed, rather than the parameters

$$G \equiv E - TS - \underbrace{\sum_i X_i x_i}_{A - \sum_i X_i x_i}$$

If  $X_i, T$  fixed:

$$\Rightarrow dG = dE - TdS - \sum_i X_i dx_i$$

By definition,  $dG = dQ - TdS$

$\Rightarrow \{dG \leq 0\}$  in spontaneous process with  $\begin{cases} T = \text{const.} \\ P = \text{const.} \end{cases}$

When all the  $X_i$  are not fixed, subtract only these,

e.g., when  $\mu$  fixed, but not others

grand potential  $\Omega_G = E - TS - \mu N \Rightarrow d\Omega_G = -SdT + PdV - Nd\mu$

$d\Omega_G \leq 0$

Various thermo. potentials determine equilibrium under different physical conditions

- isolated  $T$  fixed  $dS \geq 0$
- $T, P$  fixed  $dG \leq 0$
- $T, \mu$  fixed  $d\Omega_G \leq 0$

