

# Phase Transitions

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- First-Order Phase Transitions
  - Three Phases: Solid, Liquid, Gas (Vapor)
  - Liquid and Gas/Vapor are known as fluids
  - From liquid to gas, solid to gas, and solid to liquid, the process would be isothermal
  - Phase Changes:
    - \* Solid to Liquid  $\rightarrow$  Melting
    - \* Liquid to Solid  $\rightarrow$  Crystalization
    - \* Solid to Gas  $\rightarrow$  Sublimation
    - \* Gas to Solid  $\rightarrow$  Deposition
    - \* Liquid to Gas  $\rightarrow$  Boiling
    - \* Gas to Liquid  $\rightarrow$  Condensation
- Coexistence of two phases ( $l$  and  $g$ )

$$G = G_l + G_g = N_l \mu_l(P, \tau) + N_g \mu_g(P, \tau)$$
$$N_g + N_l = N \quad (\text{constant})$$

- This expression may be rewritten as:

$$G = N_l(\mu_l - \mu_g) + N\mu_g$$

- If  $l$  and  $g$  coexist, then:
  - \*  $\tau_l = \tau_g$  (thermal equilibrium)
  - \*  $P_l = P_g$  (mechanical equilibrium)
  - \*  $\mu_l = \mu_g$  (chemical equilibrium)
- Thus, for coexistence of  $l$  and  $g$ , we may write:

$$\mu_l(\tau, P) = \mu_g(\tau, P)$$

- The pressure differential with respect to  $\tau$  may be written as:

$$\frac{dP}{d\tau} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial\mu_l}{\partial\tau}\right)_P - \left(\frac{\partial\mu_g}{\partial\tau}\right)_P}{\left(\frac{\partial\mu_g}{\partial\tau}\right)_\tau - \left(\frac{\partial\mu_l}{\partial\tau}\right)_\tau}$$

- Furthermore, implementing pressure and volume per molecules ( $s$  and  $v$ ), we may write:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{s_g - s_l}{v_g - v_l}$$

- We can recall that, in a reversible process:

$$\delta Q = \tau d\sigma$$

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$$\Delta Q = \tau(s_g - s_l)$$

- Thus, we may described the heat gained from moving 1 molecule from  $g$  to  $l$
- This  $\Delta Q$  term is referred to as  $L$ , or the latent heat of vaporization per molecule

- This leads us to the Clausius-Clapeyron Equation:

$$\frac{dP}{d\tau} = \frac{L}{\tau(v_g - v_l)}$$

- This is used in liquid-gas coexistence
- We assume the gas is ideal
- We also assume  $v_l \ll v_g$
- Also,  $L$  is assumed to be constant
- In assuming this, we may write:

$$\frac{dP}{d\tau} = \frac{LP}{\tau^2}$$

- Solving this, we get:

$$P(\tau) = P_o e^{-\frac{L}{\tau}}$$