

PHASE RULE

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Phase rule:

It state that:

"provided the eq/bm b/w any no. of phases is not influenced by gravity, electrical or magnetic forces or by surface action & only by temp., press. & concn". Then the no. of degrees of freedom (F) of the system is related to the no. of components (C) & phases (P)

$$F = C - P + 2$$

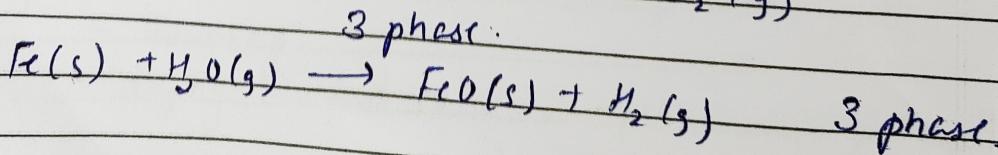
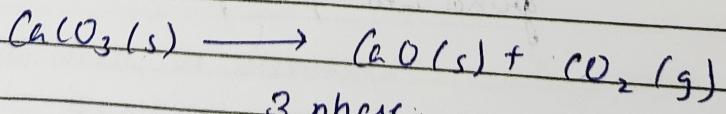
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Phase:

Any homogeneous, physically distinct & mechanically separable portion of system having all the physical & chemical properties the same throughout the system".

→ A system may consist of one or more phases.

- 1) at freezing pt., water consist 3 phases. → Ice (s) → Water (l) → Water vap. (g)
- 2) A gas mixt, will const. only 1 phase
- 3) If two immiscible liq → (e.g. benzene & $H_2O \Rightarrow 2$ phases)
- 4) " " miscible " → (e.g. ethanol & $H_2O \Rightarrow 1$ phase)
- 5) A soln of sub. e.g. glucose in water → 1 phase
- 6) Each solid makes new phase e.g. each form of S.

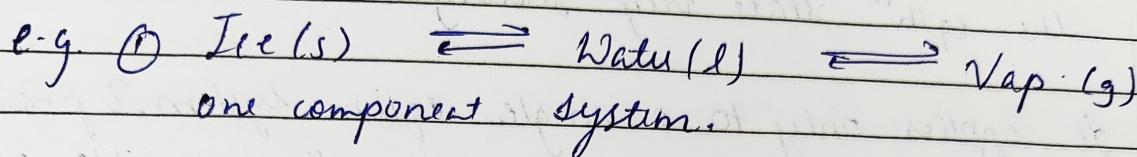


→ A part of a system is homogeneous if it has uniform physical & chemical composition throughout the part

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Component :-

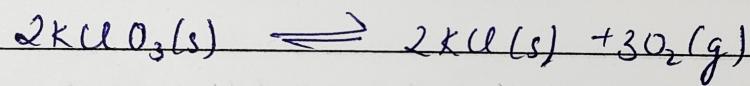
The smallest no. of independent variable constituents taking part in the state of eq/bm, by means of which the composition of each phase can be expressed in the form of chemical eqⁿ.



② Sulphur system (4 phases)

rhombic, monoclinic, liquid & vap.

⇒ no. of components of a system may alternatively be defined as the no. of chemical constituents of the system minus the no. of eqⁿ relating to those constituents in an eq/bm state.



$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\text{KCl}]^2 [\text{O}_2]^3}{[\text{KClO}_3]^2}$$

Degree of freedom :- (or variance)

It is defined as the minimum no. of independently variables factors such as temp., press., concen., which must be arbitrarily fixed in order to define the system completely.

$F = 3$ trivariant

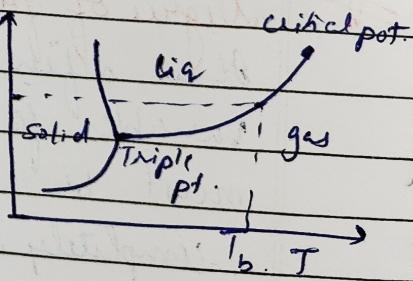
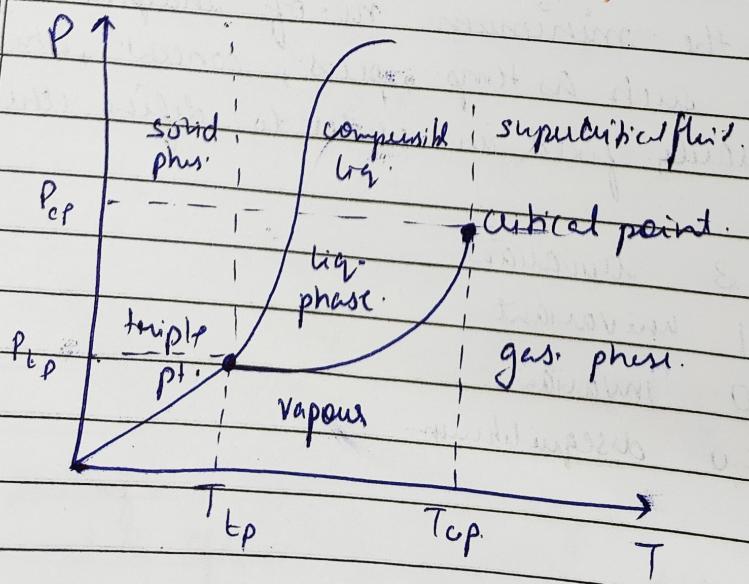
$F = 1$ univariant

$F = 0$ invariant

$F < 0$ disequilibrium.

Limitations of phase Rule :-

- 1) It is applicable for only those systems which are in eq/bm.
It is not much use for those systems which attain the eq/bm state very slowly.
- 2) It applies only to a single eq/bm system & provides no information regarding any other possible equilibria in the system.
- 3) It requires still utmost care in deciding, the no. of phases existing in an eq/bm state, since it considers the no. of phases, rather than their amounts. Thus, even if a trace of a phase is present, it accounts towards the total no. of phases.
- 4) It conditions that all the phases of the system must be present simultaneously, under the identical condⁿ of temp. & pres.
- 5) It conditions that S & I must not be in finely divided state; otherwise deviation occurs.



1. **Triple point:** the point on a phase diagram at which the three states of matter coexist.
 2. **Critical point:** the point on a phase diagram at which the substance is indistinguishable b/w liq & gas state.
 3. **Fusion (melting) (or fusing curve):**
The curve that represents transition b/w liq & solid stt.
 4. **Vaporization (or condensatn) curve:**
the curve that represents the transition b/w gaseous & liq. states.
- Sublimation curve that represents the transition b/w gaseous & solid stt.
- Components at triple point → 1
phase at " " → 3
- Gibbs Phase Rule → $F = C - P + 2$
- ⇒ melting point of ice is ↓ by ↑ Pressure.
- ⇒ The melting curve or fusion curve of ice/water is very special. It has a negative slope (or tilted towards pressure axis) due to fact that when ice melts, molar vol. ↓. Ice melts at lower temp. at high press.
- e.g. The liq. formed b/w the skates & ice acts as a lubricant so that the skates moves gracefully across the ice. The skates apply a very high press. on n the ice.

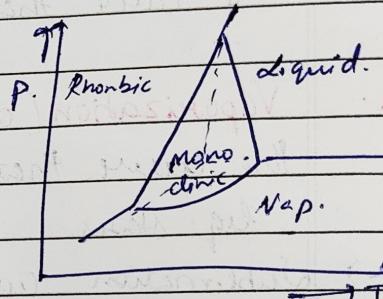
The Sulphur system:-

→ exist in two crystalline forms:
 1) Orthorhombic S_8 2) Monoclinic S_4

⇒ Orthorhombic → yellow Sulphur
 ↳ commonly exist in normal condn.

Melting / Fusion curve:

- negative slope due to the fact that when ice melts, the molar vol. ↓. ~~↑~~ (done already)



Reduced / condensed phase rule:-

→ A solid liquid carbⁿ has practically no gas phase & the effect of p is small. Therefore experiments are conducted under atmospheric press. Thus keeping the press. const. of a system, in which vap. press. is not considered, it is called condensed system.
 It will reduce the degrees of freedom of the system by one.

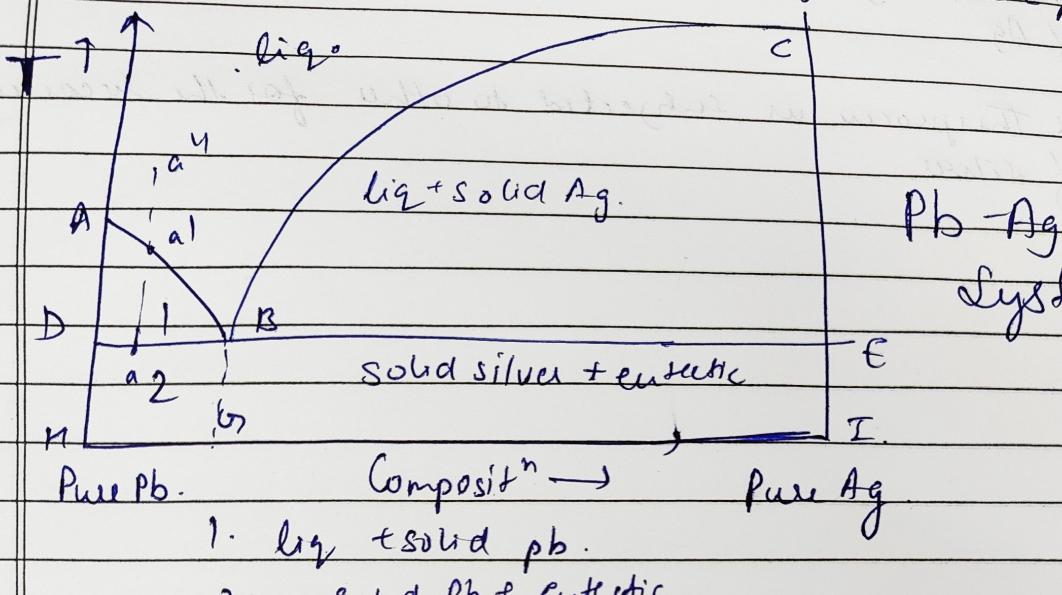
$$F = C - P + 1$$

just two variable → Temp. & conc.

Eutectic System:-

It is a mixt. of chemical compounds or elements that have a single chemical composition that solidifies at a lower temp. This comp. is called Eutectic comp. & temp. at which it solidifies is called Eutectic temp.

On diagram their intersection gives eutectic point



1. liq + solid pb.
2. solid Pb + eutectic

Pattinson's process for desilverisation of Argentiferous lead:-

The process of heating argentiferous lead containing a very quantity of silver & cooling to get pure lead & Ag. richer in silver is known as Pattinson's process

- ⇒ The argentiferous lead is melted & heated to a temp. above the melting pt. of pure Pb. This system is then allowed to cool slowly & the temp. of the melt decreases along a"-a'. At a', solid lead starts separating. As system further cools, more & more lead separates & liq. in cym with the solid lead gets richer in silver.
- ⇒ The lead that separates floats & is continuously removed by ladles.
- ⇒ After removing the lead that separates, the liq. is cooled further when it solidifies to give a mixt. of lead &

(S0_n) + CuCl₂

→ Ag + CuCl₂

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Silver having the eutectic composition of 2.6 mass-% of Ag.

⇒ This process is subjected to others for the recovery of silver.

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