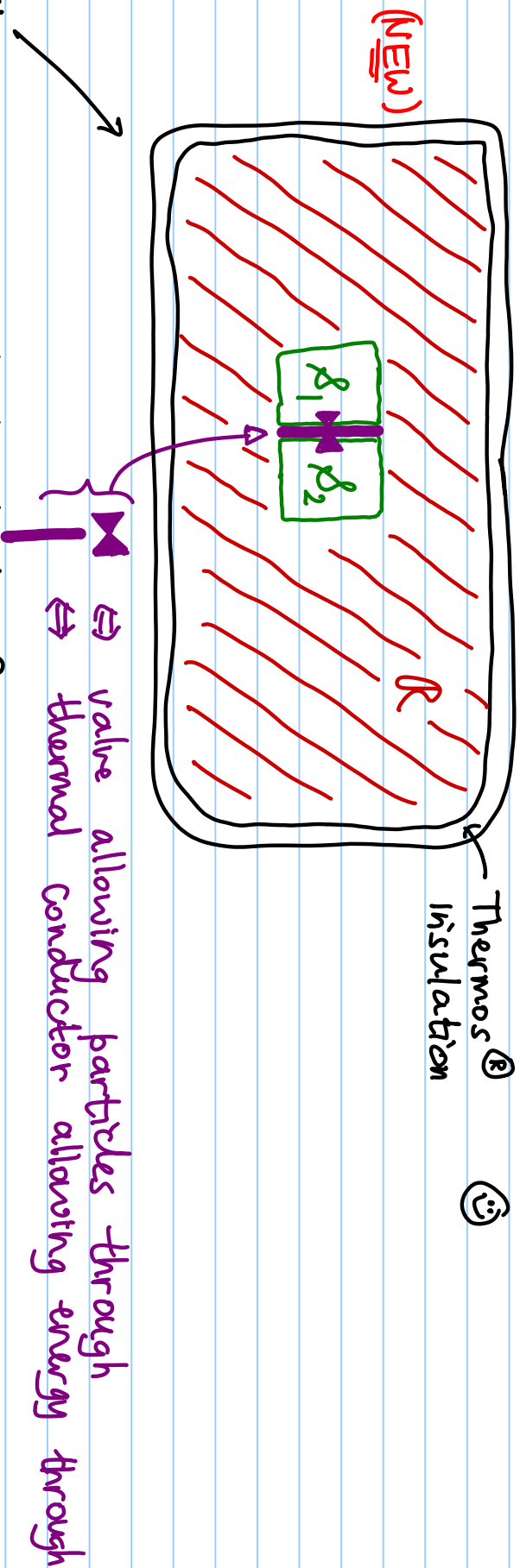


CHEMICAL POTENTIAL

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We want to maximize entropy, with U_i & N_i varying ($i=1,2$).
 Previously, we learned that maximizing $\sigma \leftrightarrow$ minimizing F
 at fixed (τ, V)

\Rightarrow if we want to use all we know about F , we had better make sure τ is kept constant via a reservoir R :



- We want subject to $dF = 0$ with $F = F(N, \tau, V)$
 $dN = 0 = dN_1 + dN_2$

⇒ Define

$$\mu_i := \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N_i} \right)_{T, V, \dots}$$



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Then $dF = dF_1 + dF_2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial N_1} \right)_{N_2, T, V} dN_1 + \left(\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial N_2} \right)_{N_1, T, V} dN_2 \\ &= \mu_1 dN_1 + \mu_2 dN_2 \\ &= (\mu_1 - \mu_2) dN_1 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

← (because T & V are additive)
for independent systems
← (because (T, V) fixed)

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2$$



for diffusive
equilibrium

Thermal equilibrium also requires

$$T_1 = T_2$$

, of course. 😊

More than 2 component systems:

- In fact, for n systems in diffusive & thermal equilibrium,
 $\begin{cases} T_i = T_j \\ \mu_i = \mu_j \end{cases}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$

where $\mu_i = \left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial N_i} \right)_{N_{j \neq i}, T, V, \dots}$

* A prototypical example: 3 different kinds of gas molecules in one box.

- Recall that, if $T_1 > T_2$, energy moves from hotter to colder body.
i.e. down the T -gradient.

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Here, if $\mu_1 > \mu_2$, particles move down the μ -gradient. (cosmology)

NEW 1ST LAW

[KK's "Thermodynamic Identity"]

The most straightforward way I know of deriving this is to concentrate on entropy (σ), in two stages:

- (i) first consider $\sigma(U, N)$ keeping T & V fixed;
- (ii) then bring in V as well \rightarrow consider $\sigma(U, N, V)$ at fixed T .

- If $\sigma = \sigma(U, N)$ then $d\sigma = \left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial U}\right)_{N,V} dU + \left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial N}\right)_{U,V} dN$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial N}\right)_{U,V} = -\left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial U}\right)_{N,V,T} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial N}\right)_{U,V,T}}_{\text{not same as } (\partial\sigma/\partial N)_{U,V}}$$

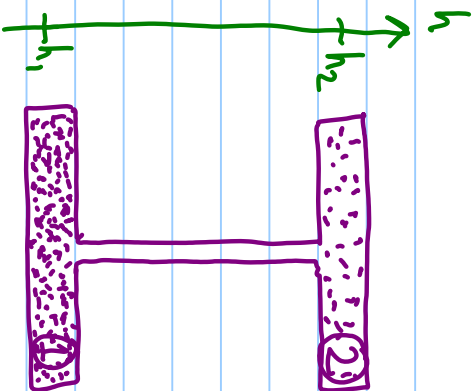
$$= -\frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V} + \left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial N}\right)_{U,V,T} \quad (*)$$

(Hmmm... seems we're stuck. Let's bring in μ !) $\mu = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V}$

μ as an energy

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- Consider a thought experiment in which 2 bits of gas start at heights $h_1 \neq h_2$, and have chemical potentials $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$. Let $T_1 = T_2 = T$.



- Suppose that $\mu_1 > \mu_2$.

(?) Equilibrium requires $\mu_1 = \mu_2$, so particles move down μ -gradient, which happens to be upwards \uparrow in this experiment setup.

- Work we do taking ΔN particles $① \rightarrow ②$ is $\Delta W = - \int_{\text{path}} \mu dN$

i.e. $\Delta W = - (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \Delta N$

but work done against gravity is $\Delta W = \Delta N \cdot mg(h_2 - h_1)$!

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1 - \mu_2 = mg(h_2 - h_1) \quad (\Delta W_{\text{total}} = 0)$$

⊗ μ has units of energy. Also, note that $\mu_1 + mgh_1 = \mu_2 + mgh_2$.

- Quite generally:

$$\mu = \mu_{\text{int}} + \mu_{\text{ext}}$$



internal μ_{int} + external $\mu_{\text{ext}} = \mu_2 + mgh_2$.
($\partial \mu / \partial N$) potential energy

Example: Isothermal Ideal Gas Atmosphere

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Ideal gas : $Z_1 = n_0 V$ with $n_0 = \sqrt{\frac{mT}{2\pi\hbar^2}}$ (in 3 dimensions of space)

$$\text{Also : } F = -T \log Z_N = -T \log \left(\frac{Z_1^N}{N!} \right) = + T N \log N - T N - N T \log(n_0 V) \\ = -N T \log \left(\frac{n_0}{n} \right) - T N \quad \text{where } n \equiv \frac{N}{V}$$

$$\text{Know } \mu = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N} \right)_{V, T, \dots} = + \frac{\partial}{\partial N} \left[-N T \log \left(\frac{n_0 V}{N} \right) - T N \right] \\ = -T \left[\log \left(\frac{n_0 V}{N} \right) - 1 + 1 \right] = -T \log \left(\frac{n_0}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \mu = \mu_{\text{int}} + \mu_{\text{ext}}$$

$$= T \log \left(\frac{n}{n_0} \right) + mgh = \text{constant } \Delta h$$

and $T = \text{constant } \Delta h$ ("isothermal")

$$\text{Rearranging } \Rightarrow n(h) = n_0 \left(\frac{h}{h_0} \right) \exp \left(\frac{\mu}{T} - \frac{mgh}{T} \right)$$

$$\text{or } n(h) := n_0 e^{-mgh/T} \quad \text{where } n_0 = \sqrt{\frac{mT}{2\pi\hbar^2}} e^{\mu/T}$$

Exercise: work out how low atmospheric pressure would be on Everest by comparison to Toronto, assuming (unrealistic) that $T = \text{const}$.

Next time: GIBBS FACTOR 😊