

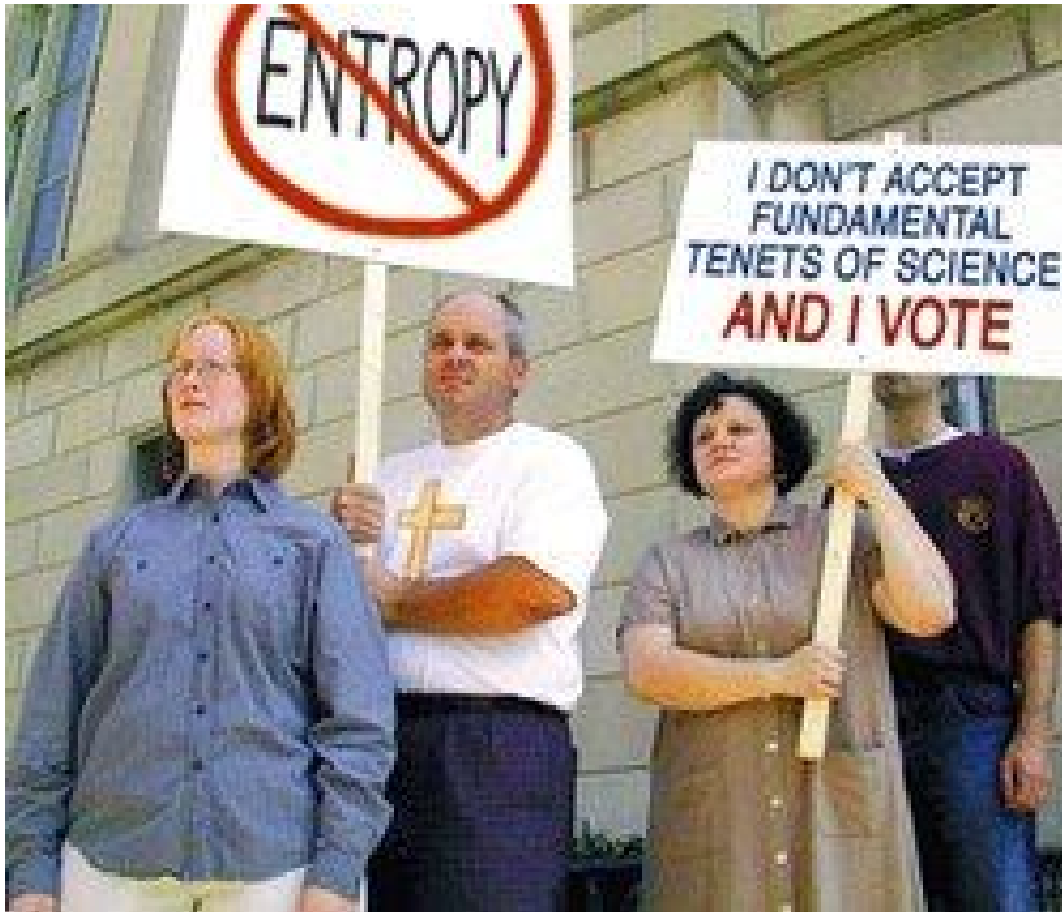
# **Thermodynamic Aspects of Heterogeneous Catalysis Research**

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## Introduction



**One way of dealing  
with thermodynamics!**

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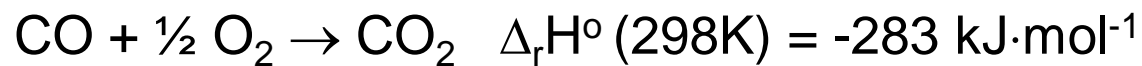
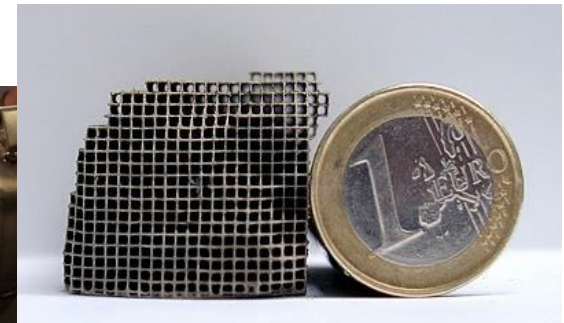
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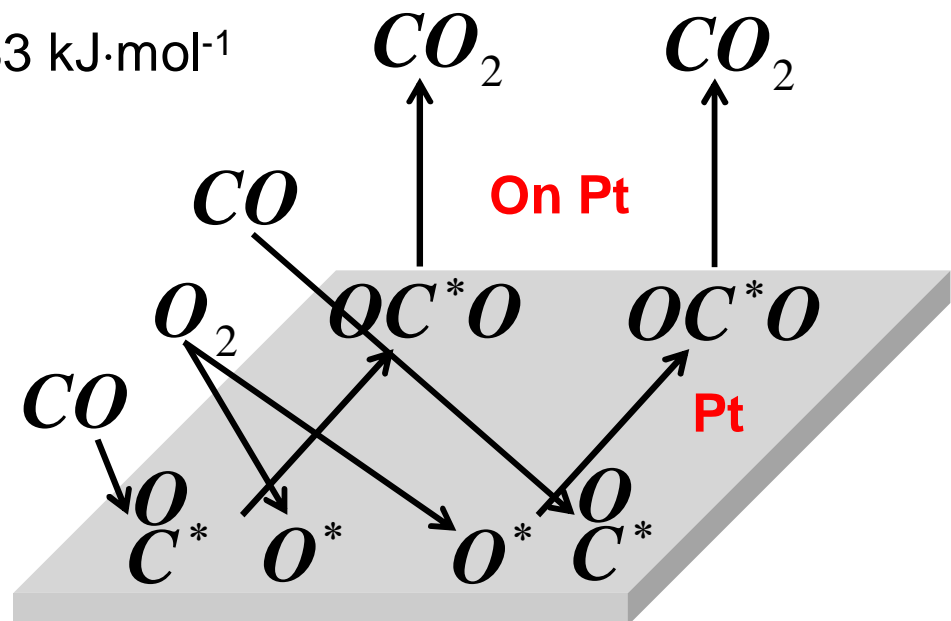
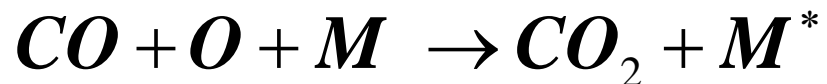
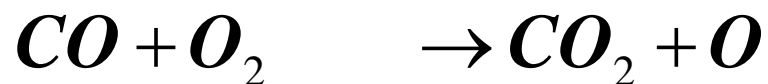
# 1. Why does Thermodynamics matters in Catalysis?

The best-known „catalytic reactor“:

One reaction catalyzed by the catalytic converter:

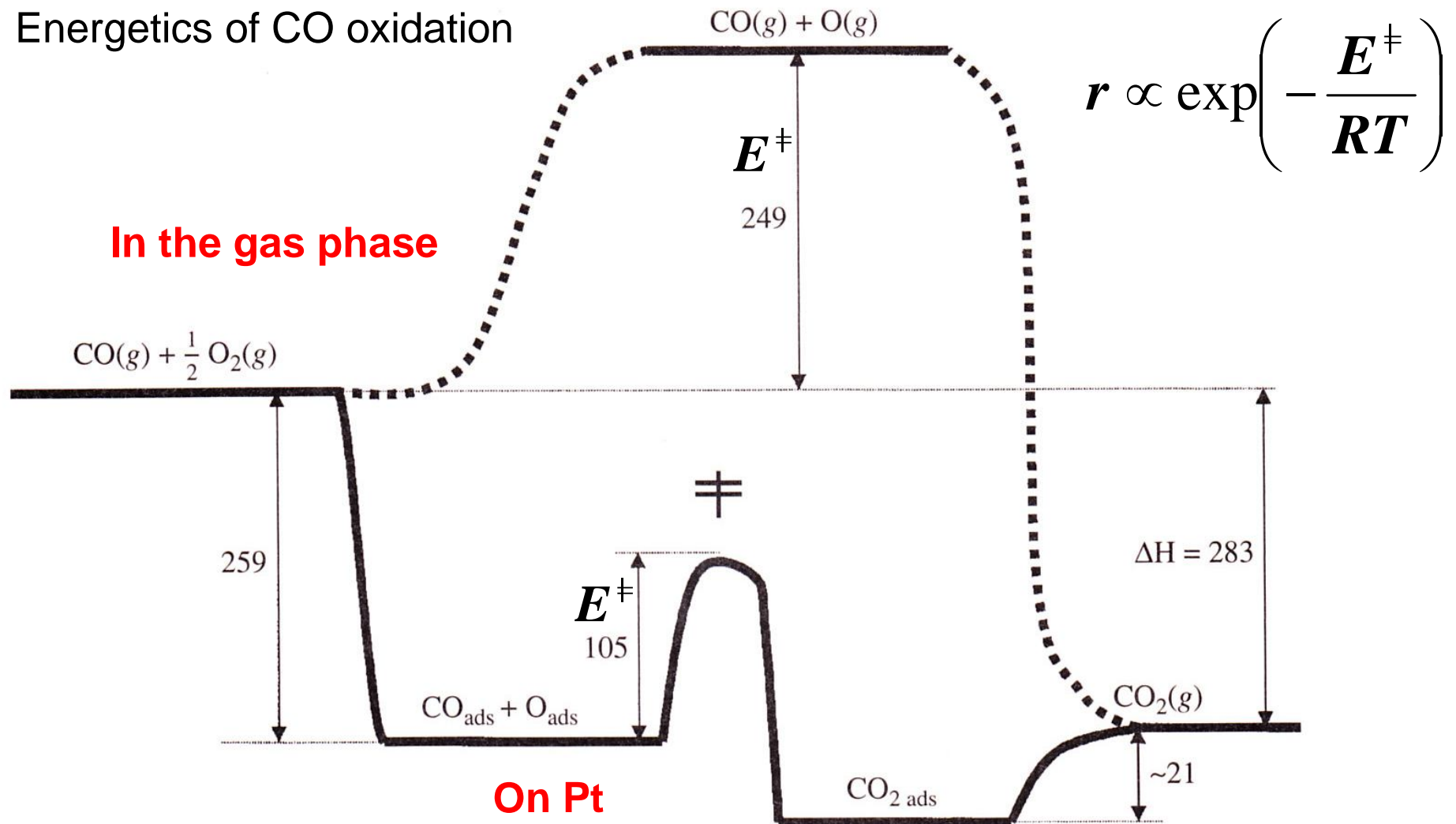


**In the gas phase**



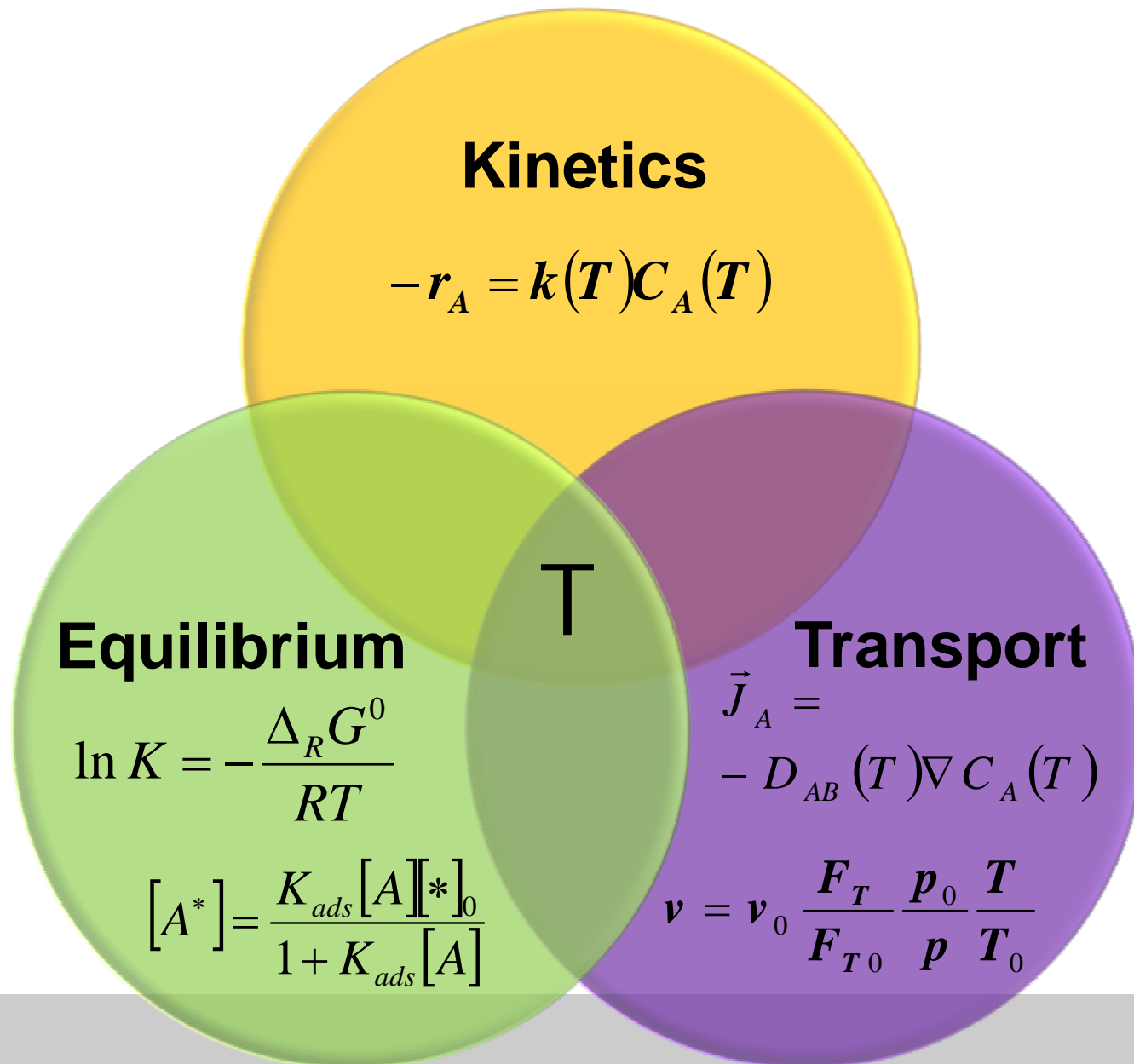
# 1. Why does Thermodynamics matter in Catalysis?

## Energetics of CO oxidation



Taken from: G. Ertl, Catalysis: Science and Technology Vol. 4 1983 p. 245ff, all enthalpies in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>

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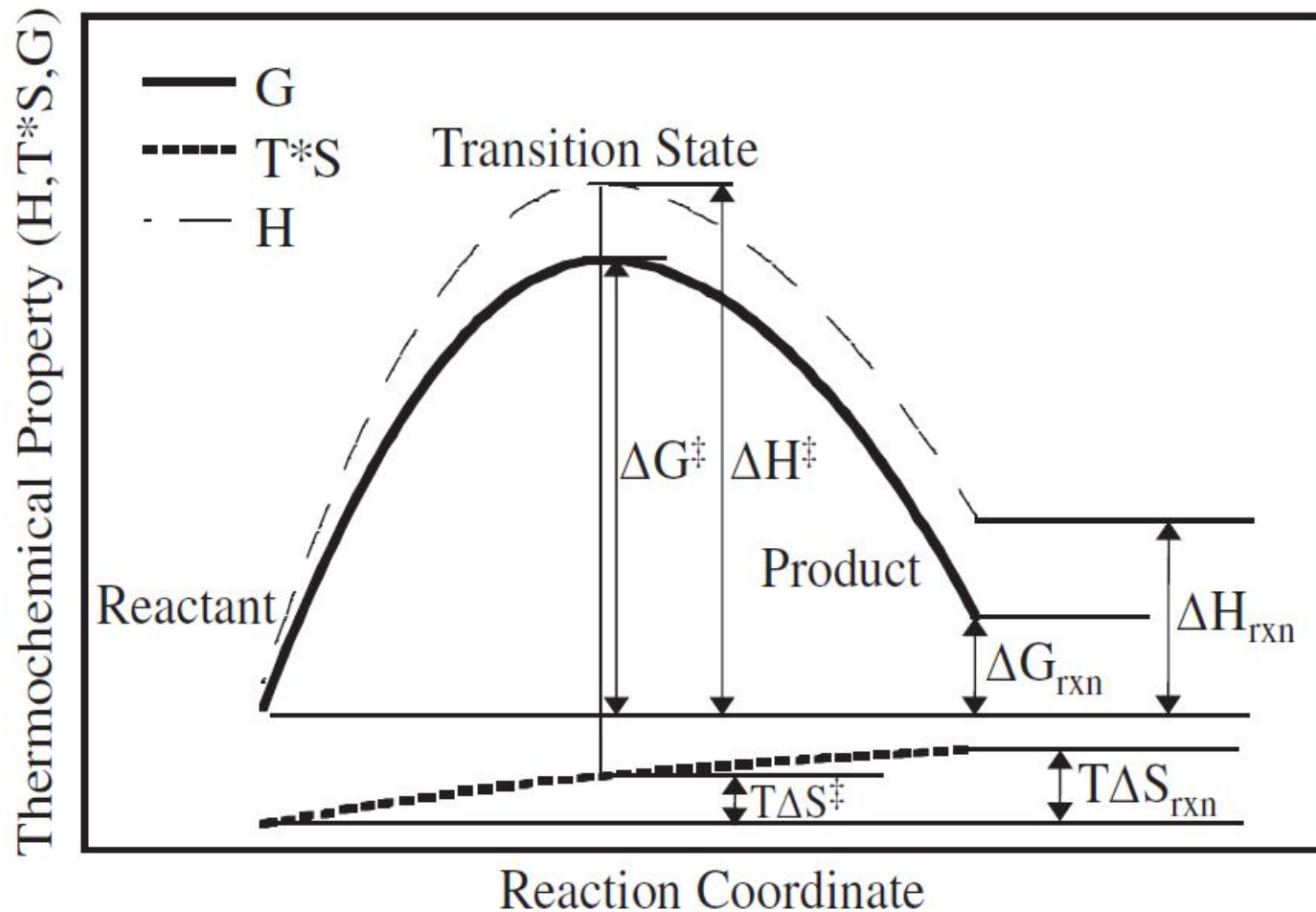


# 1. Why does Thermodynamics matters in Catalysis?

## Thermodynamics matters in Catalysis because

- Thermodynamics determines the maximum extent of any given reaction
  - The reaction rate decreases with  $A \leftrightarrow B$   $-r_A = k_f \left( C_A - \frac{C_B}{K_C} \right)$
  - Heat release or uptake by chemical reactions leads to complex non-isothermal reactor behavior
  - Adsorption/Desorption thermodynamics determines the concentration of adsorbed species and in turn the rate of surface reactions (e.g. Langmuir Hinshelwood rate expressions)
  - The kinetics of elementary steps are related to their thermodynamics
- macroscopic
- microscopic

# 1. Why does Thermodynamics matter in Catalysis?



$$k_i = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G_i^\ddagger}{k_B T}\right) = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S_i^\ddagger}{k_B}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta H_i^\ddagger}{k_B T}\right)$$





Equilibrium Conversion and Selectivity  
Calculations for Multiple Reactions  
(Examples)

Consequences for Reactor Design (Examples)

Chemical Conversion for a Single Reaction (Example)

Chemical Equilibrium and Law of Mass Action

Chemical Potential  $\mu$

Clausius Inequality and Gibbs Free Energy  $G$

Entropy  $S$  and Second Law of TD

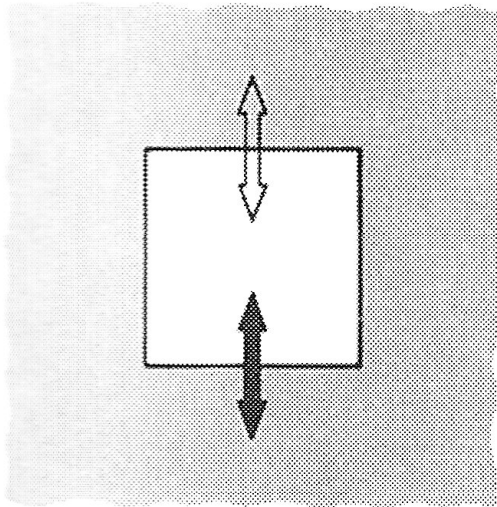
First Law of TD,  $U$ ,  $H$ ,  $C_V$ ,  $C_p$

Quantities, Concepts and Tools

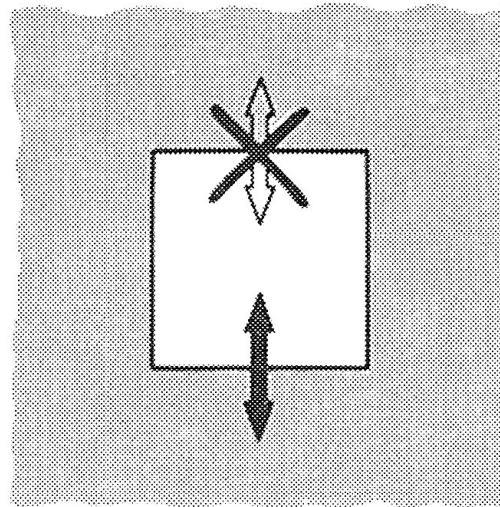
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### 2.1) Systems in Thermodynamics

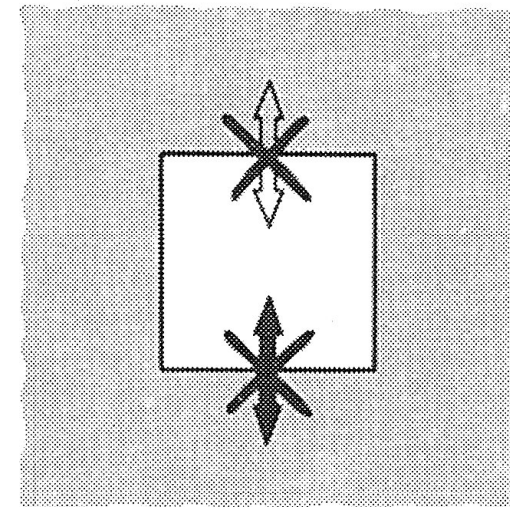
open system



closed system



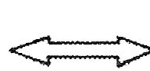
isolated system



System



Surroundings



Exchange of  
Matter



Exchange of  
Energy

e.g. a heated  
flow reactor

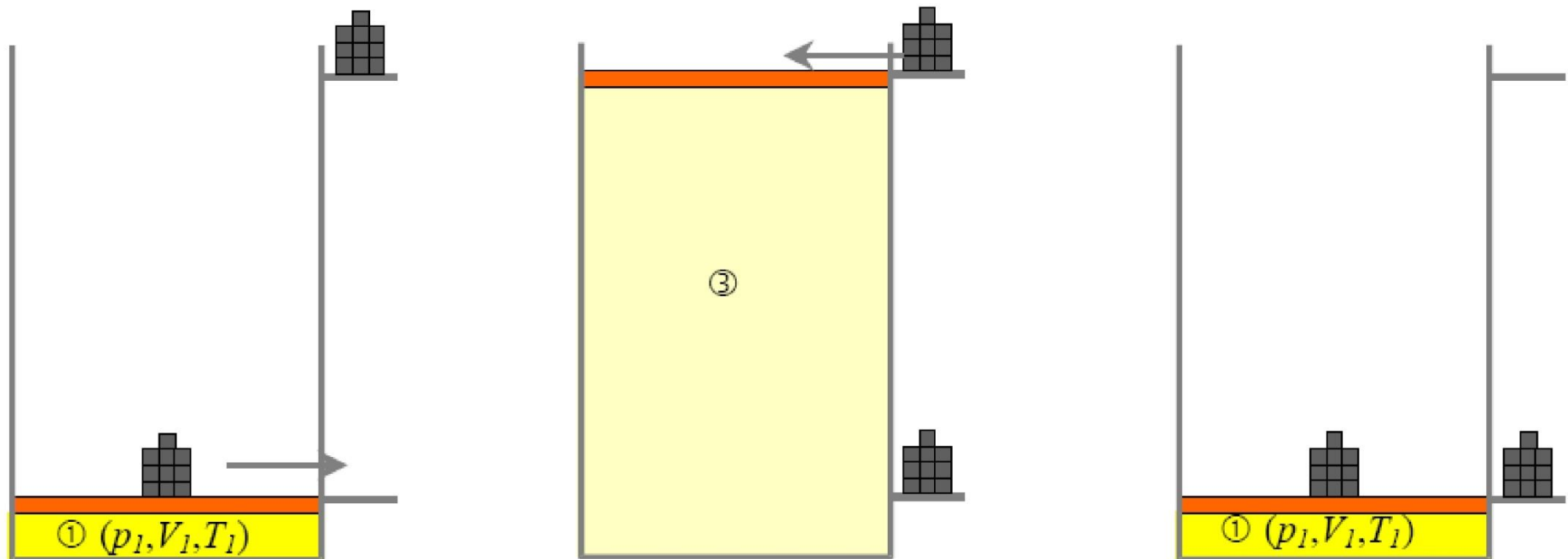
e.g. an  
autoclave

e.g. a thermos bottle  
or the universe

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### 2.2) Processes

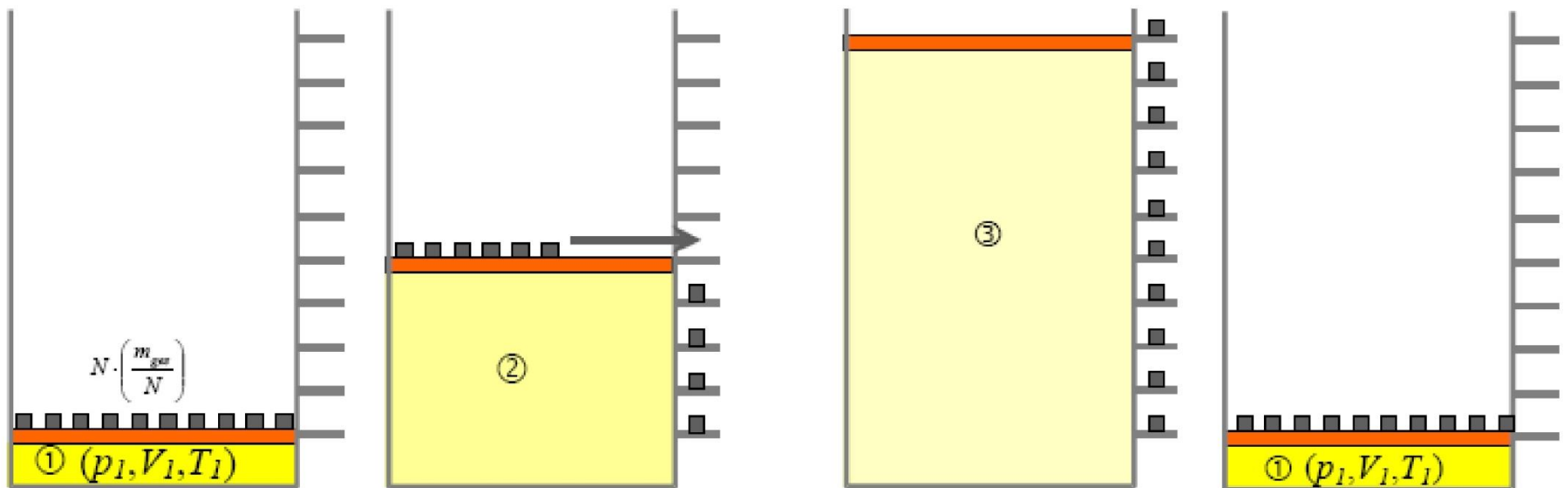
#### Irreversible Processes



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### 2.2) Processes

#### Reversible Processes



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### 2.3) Important Quantities

Thermodynamic Quantity	Symbol	Intensive or Extensive?	SI Unit
mass	m	extensive	kg
molar mass	M	intensive	kg·mol <sup>-1</sup>
temperature	T	intensive	K
pressure	P, p	intensive	Pa
fugacity	f	intensive	Pa
density	$\rho$	intensive	kg·m <sup>-3</sup>
volume	V	extensive	m <sup>3</sup>
molar volume	$V_m, v, \dots$	intensive	m <sup>3</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
heat	Q	extensive	J
work	W	extensive	J
inner energy	U	extensive	J
enthalpy	H	extensive	J
free energy, Helmholtz free energy	F, A	extensive	J
free enthalpy, Gibbs free energy	G	extensive	J

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### 2.4) Important Quantities

Thermodynamic Quantity	Symbol	Intensive or Extensive	SI Unit
entropy	S	extensive	J·K <sup>-1</sup>
molare inner energy	U <sub>m</sub> , u	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup>
molar enthalpy	H <sub>m</sub> , h	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup>
molar free energy	A <sub>m</sub> , a, F <sub>m</sub> , f	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup>
molar free enthalpy	G <sub>m</sub> , g	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup>
chemical potential	μ	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup>
molar entropy	S <sub>m</sub> , s	intensive	J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
heat capacity at constant volume	C <sub>V</sub>	extensive	J·K <sup>-1</sup>
heat capacity at constant pressure	C <sub>P</sub>	extensive	J·K <sup>-1</sup>
specific heat capacity	c <sub>(V,p)</sub>	intensive	J·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>
molar heat capacity	C <sub>m(V,p)</sub> , c <sub>m(V,p)</sub>	intensive	J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>



## 2. Thermodynamic Quantities, Concepts and Tools?

### 2.4.1) Internal Energy U in J

$$U = U_{trans} + U_{vib} + U_{rot} + U_{chem} + U_{nuc} + U_{el} + U_{magn} + \dots$$

$$U = f(T, V, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$$

$$dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_{V, n_j} dT + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{T, n_j} dV + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial n_1} \right)_{T, V, n_{j \neq 1}} dn_1 + \dots + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial n_k} \right)_{T, V, n_{j \neq k}} dn_k$$

  $C_V$        (internal pressure  $\pi$ )

0 for ideal gases

$$dU = \delta W + \delta Q$$

First Law of Thermodynamics:

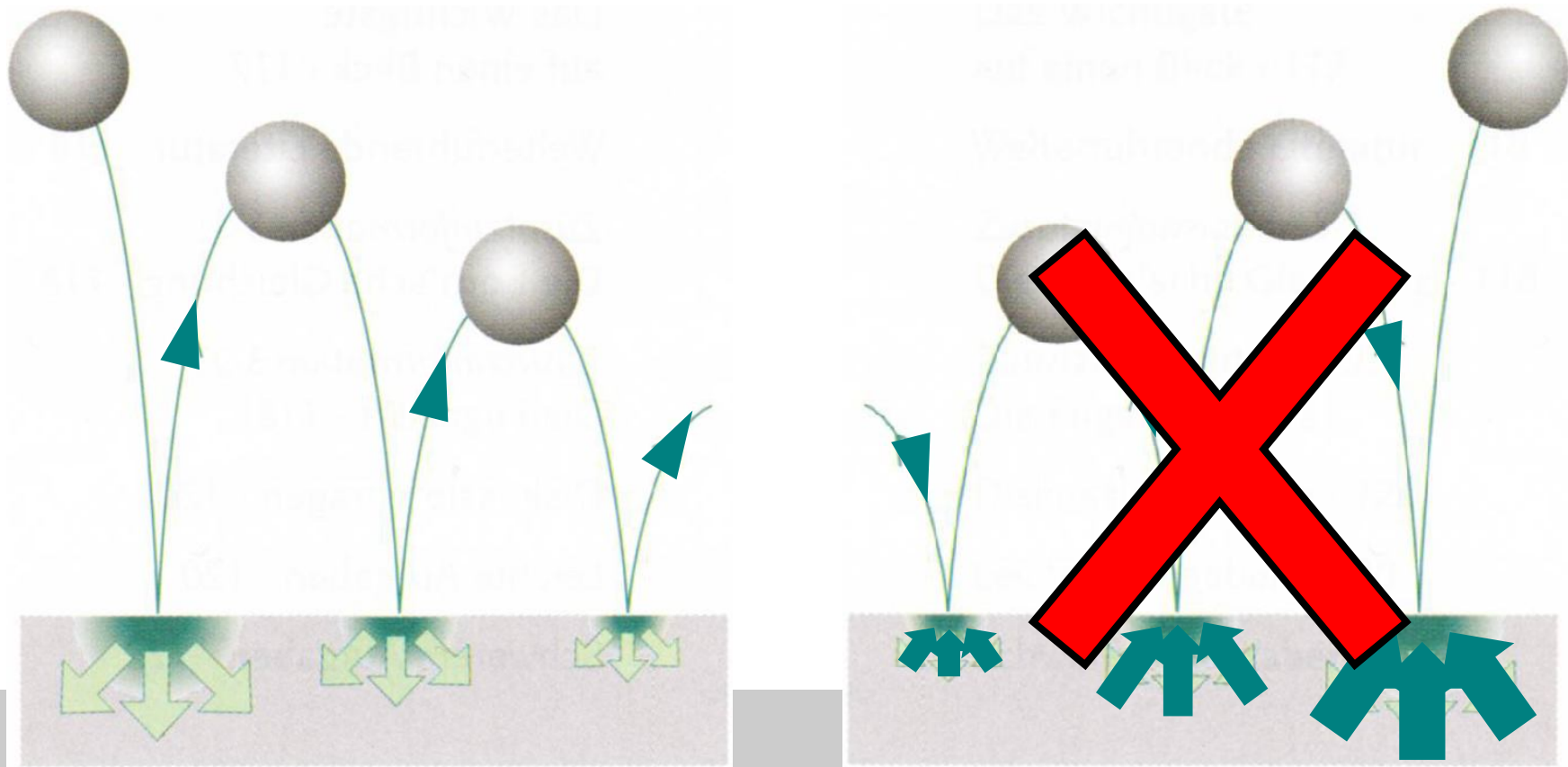
$$\Delta U = Q + W$$

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### 2.4.2) Internal Energy U in J

The First Law of Thermodynamics is important for describing non-isothermal reactors (energy balance) but says nothing about the direction of a physical or chemical process!

$$\Delta U = Q + W$$





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### 2.4.3) Enthalpy H in J

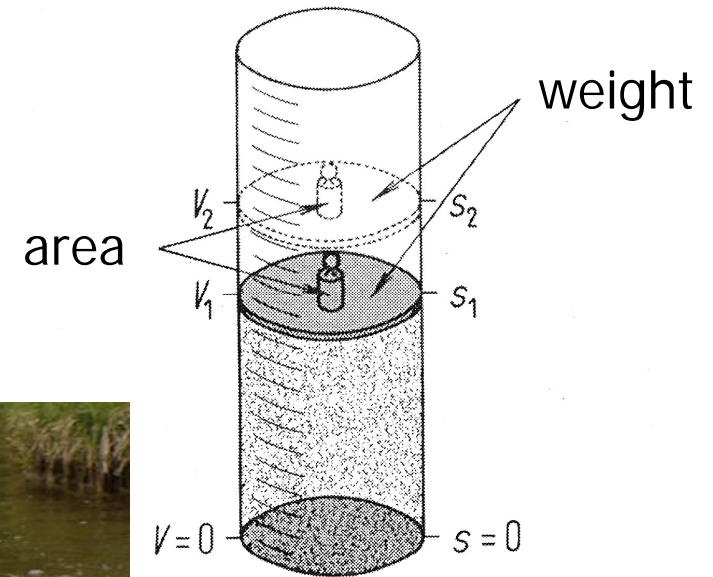
$$(dU)_p = \delta Q_p - pdV$$

$$U_{II} - U_I = Q_p - p(V_{II} - V_I)$$

$$Q_p = (U_{II} + pV_{II}) - (U_I + pV_I)$$

$$H = U + pV$$

$$Q_p = H_{II} - H_I$$



$$H = H(T, p, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$$

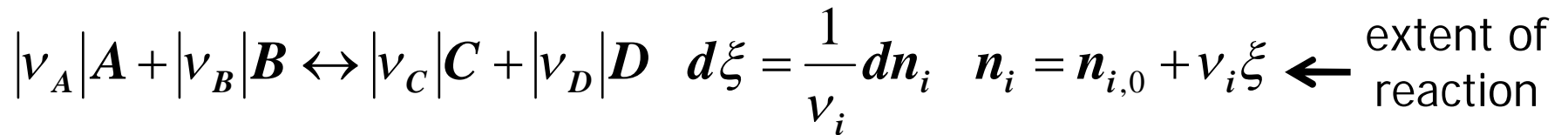
$$dH = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_{p, n_j} dT + \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_{T, n_j} dp + \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial n_1} \right)_{p, T, n_{j \neq 1}} dn_1 + \dots$$

↑  
 $C_p$

↑  
(isothermer drosseneffekt  $\varepsilon$  in  $\text{m}^3$ ) 0 for ideal gases

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### 2.4.3) Enthalpy H in J



$$\left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi} \right)_{p,T} = \Delta H \quad \text{enthalpy of reaction} \quad \Delta H = \sum_i \nu_i H_i \quad \text{Hess Law}$$



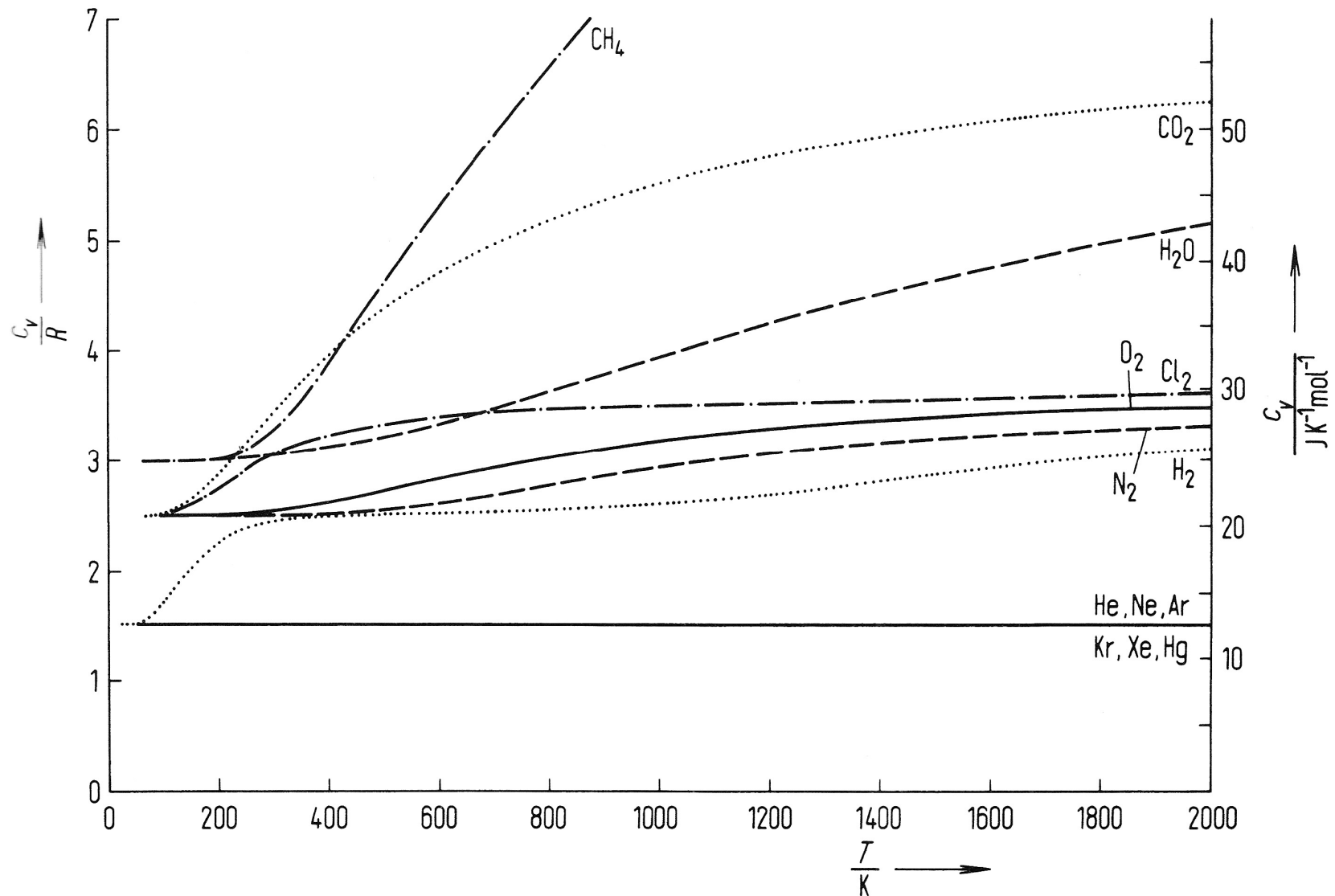
The standard enthalpy of formation  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  or standard heat of formation of a compound is the change of [enthalpy](#) that accompanies the formation of 1 [mole](#) of the compound from its elements, with all substances in their [standard states](#). The standard state of a gas is the (hypothetical) ideal gas at 1bar and 298.15K. For liquids and solids it is the pure substance at 1bar and 298.15K.

$$H_{NH_3} \equiv \Delta H_f^\circ (NH_3) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot H_{N_2} + \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right) \cdot H_{H_2} + 1 \cdot H_{NH_3}$$

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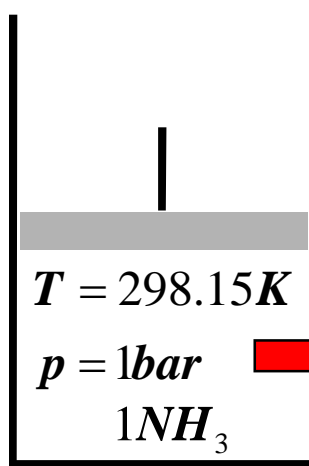
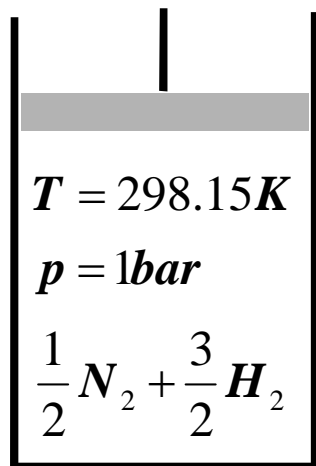
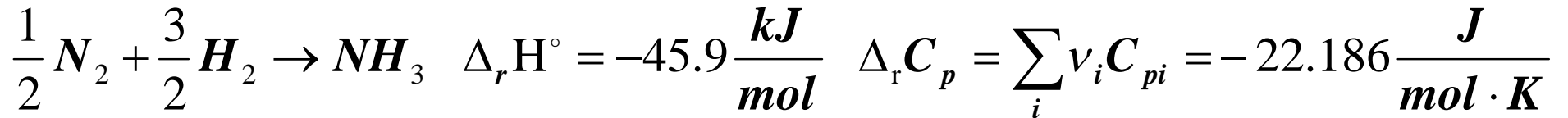
### 2.4.4) Heat capacities $C_V$ , $C_p$ in J/K

for ideal gases  $C_{p,m} = C_{V,m} + R$



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### 2.4.4) Heat capacities $C_v$ , $C_p$ in J/K



$45.9 \frac{kJ}{mol}$

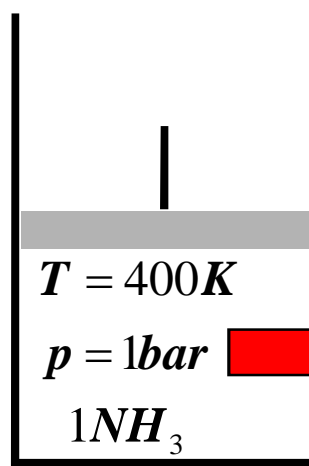
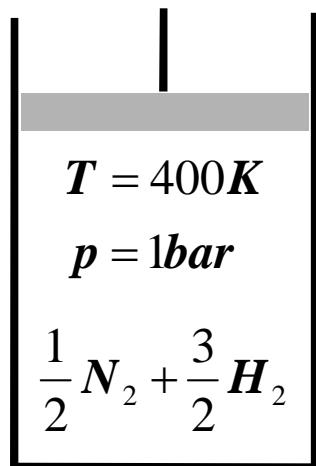
Kirchhoff's law



$$\left( \frac{\partial(\Delta_r H)}{\partial T} \right)_p = \Delta_r C_p$$



$$\Delta_r H(T_2) = \Delta_r H(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \Delta_r C_p dT$$



$\approx 48.2 \frac{kJ}{mol}$

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### 2.4.5) Entropy

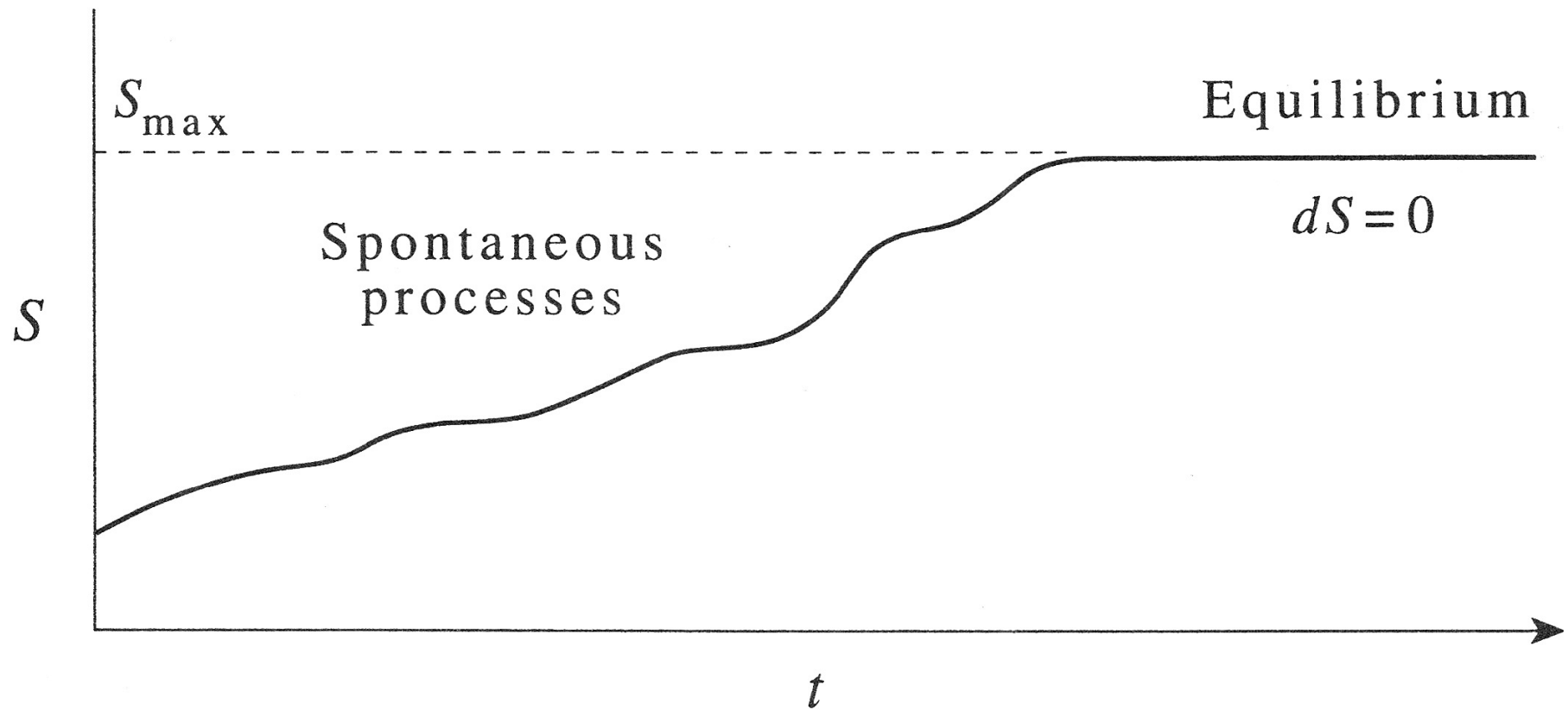
Example: 3 Molecules (A,B,C) distributed among 4 energy states

( $\varepsilon_0=0$ ,  $\varepsilon_1= \varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2=2\cdot\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_3=3\cdot\varepsilon_1$ ) with a total energy of  $\varepsilon_{\text{total}}=3\cdot\varepsilon_1$  (isolated system)

Energy State	Energy	Macrostate									
<b><math>S = k \cdot \ln W</math></b>		I			II						III
		A	B	C							
$\varepsilon_3$	$3\cdot\varepsilon_1$										
$\varepsilon_2$	$2\cdot\varepsilon_1$				C	B	C	A	B	A	
$\varepsilon_1$	$1\cdot\varepsilon_1$				B	C	A	C	A	B	ABC
$\varepsilon_0$	$0\cdot\varepsilon_1$	BC	AC	AB	A	A	B	B	C	C	
# of Microstates (statistical weight W)		3			6						1

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### 2.4.5) Entropy

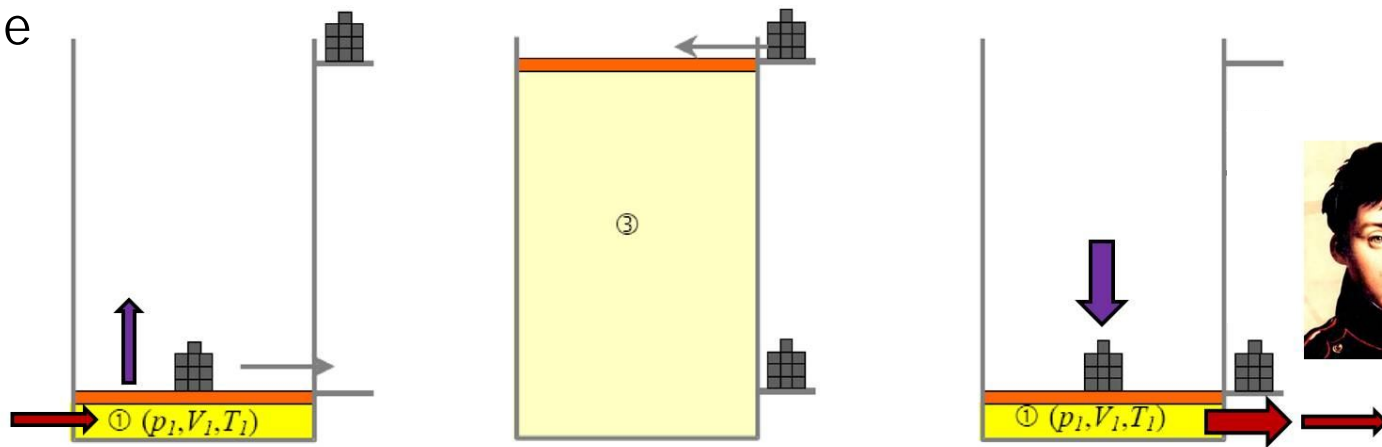


$$dS \geq 0 \quad \text{Second Law of Thermodynamics}$$

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### 2.4.5) Entropy

irreversible process

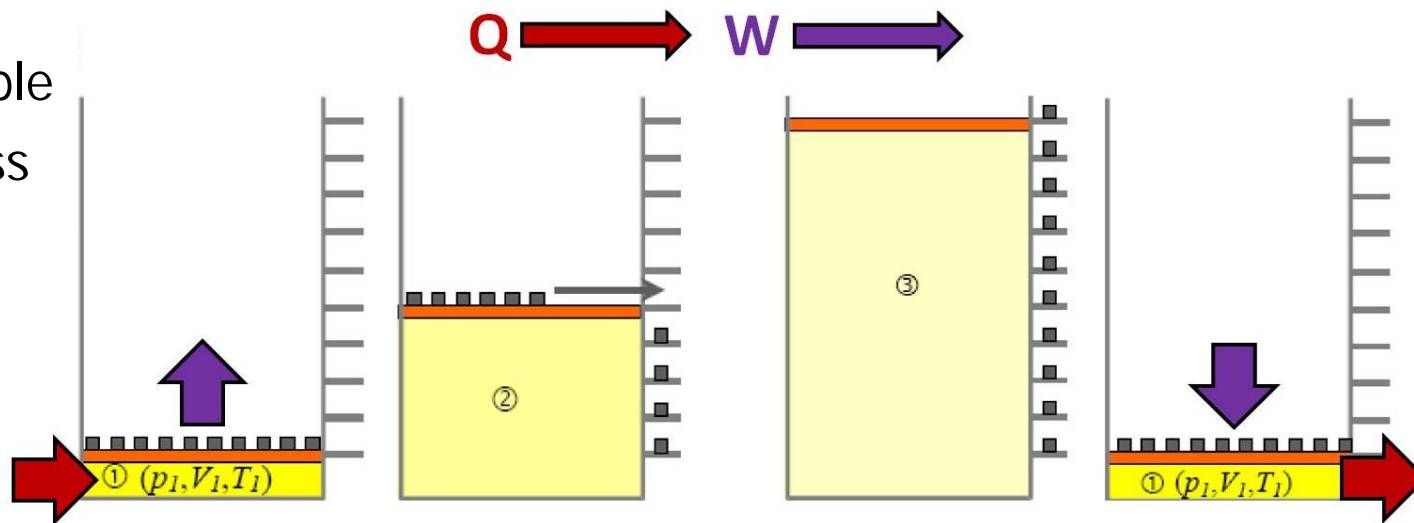


$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_{low}}{T_{high}}$$



Sadi Carnot

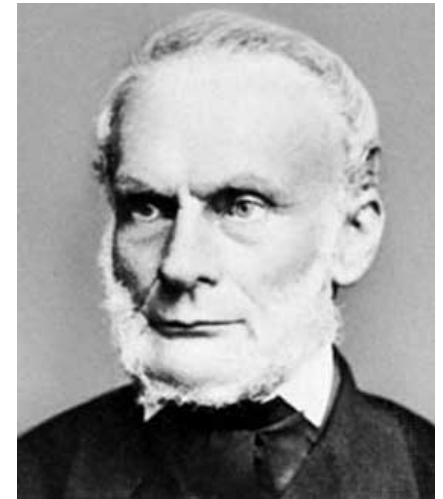
reversible process



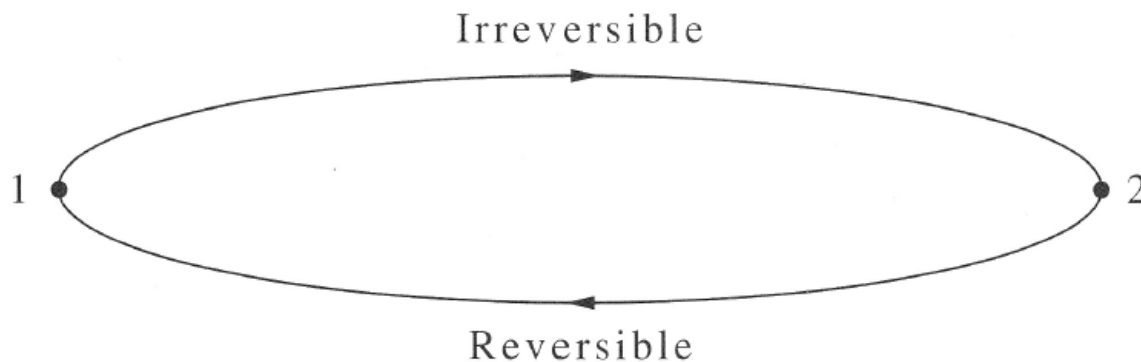
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### 2.4.5) Entropy

Rudolph Clausius



$$\frac{dQ_{rev}}{T} = dS \quad \oint \frac{dQ_{rev}}{T} = 0 \quad \oint \frac{dQ_{irrev}}{T} < 0$$



$$\oint_{irrev} \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_1^2 \frac{dQ_{irr}}{T} + \int_2^1 \frac{dQ_{rev}}{T} < 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \oint_{irrev} \frac{dQ}{T} = \int_1^2 \frac{dQ_{irr}}{T} + \int_2^1 dS < 0$$

Clausius Inequality

$$dS \geq \frac{dQ}{T}$$

$$\int_1^2 \frac{dQ_{irr}}{T} < \int_1^2 dS$$



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### 2.4.6) Helmholtz Free Energy (Free Energy) and Gibbs Free Energy (Free Enthalpy)

Clausius Inequality  $dS \geq \frac{dQ}{T} \Rightarrow 0 \geq dQ - TdS$   $(\delta Q)_v = dU$   
 $(\delta Q)_p = dH$

spontaneous process at constant volume  $dU - TdS < 0$

spontaneous process at constant pressure  $dH - TdS < 0$

Helmholtz Free Energy (Free Energy):  $A = U - TS$   
 $dA = dU - TdS$

Gibbs Free Energy (Free Enthalpy):  $G = H - TS$   
 $dG = dH - TdS$

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2.4.7) Dependencies of G by Combining the First and Second Law of Thermodynamics

$$G = H - TS$$

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W = \delta Q_{rev} + \delta W_{rev} = TdS - pdV$$

$$H = U + pV \Rightarrow dH = dU + pdV + Vdp$$

$$dH = TdS - pdV + pdV + Vdp = TdS + Vdp$$

$$dG = dH - TdS - SdT = TdS + Vdp - TdS - SdT = VdP - SdT$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial p} \right)_T = V \quad \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial T} \right)_p = -S$$

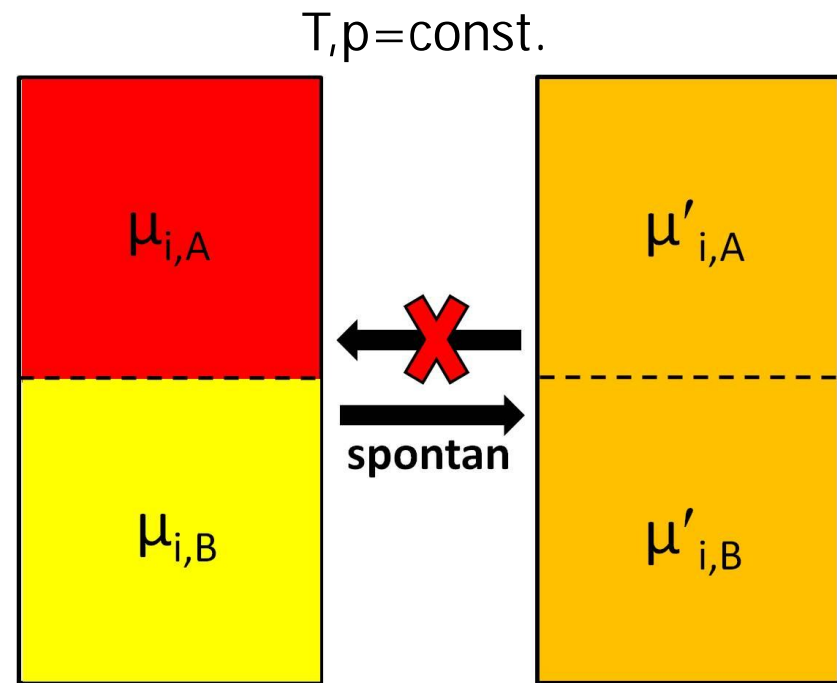
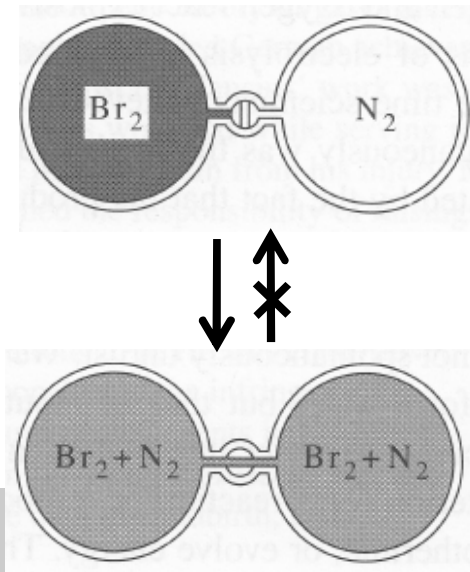
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### 2.4.8) Gibbs Free Energy in Mixtures and the Chemical Potential

$$dG = VdP - SdT + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_1} \right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq 1}} dn_1 + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_2} \right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq 2}} dn_2 + \dots + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq i}} dn_i$$

$$\mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq i}}$$

chemical potential of i



$$dG = \mu_{i,A} dn_{i,A} + \mu_{i,B} dn_{i,B}$$

$$= (\mu_{i,B} - \mu_{i,A}) dn_{i,B} < 0$$

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### 2.4.8) Gibbs Free Energy in Mixtures and the Chemical Potential

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial T}\right)_p = \left(\frac{\partial(-S)}{\partial n_i}\right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq i}} = -S_{m,i}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial p}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial n_i}\right)_{p,T,n_{j \neq i}} = V_{m,i}$$

Example: pure ideal gas

$$\int_{p_1}^{p_2} \mu^{id} = \int_{p_1}^{p_2} V_m^{id} dp \Rightarrow pV = nRT \Rightarrow V_m = \frac{V}{n} = \frac{RT}{p}$$
$$\mu^{id}(p_2) = \mu^{id}(p_1) + RT \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{p} dp = \mu^{id}(p_1) + RT \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

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### 2.4.8) Gibbs Free Energy in Mixtures and the Chemical Potential

$$\mu_i(p, T) = \mu_i^*(p_i, T)$$

Membrane permeable for  $i$   
(e.g. Pd and  $i=H_2$ )

for ideal gaseous and  
liquid mixtures

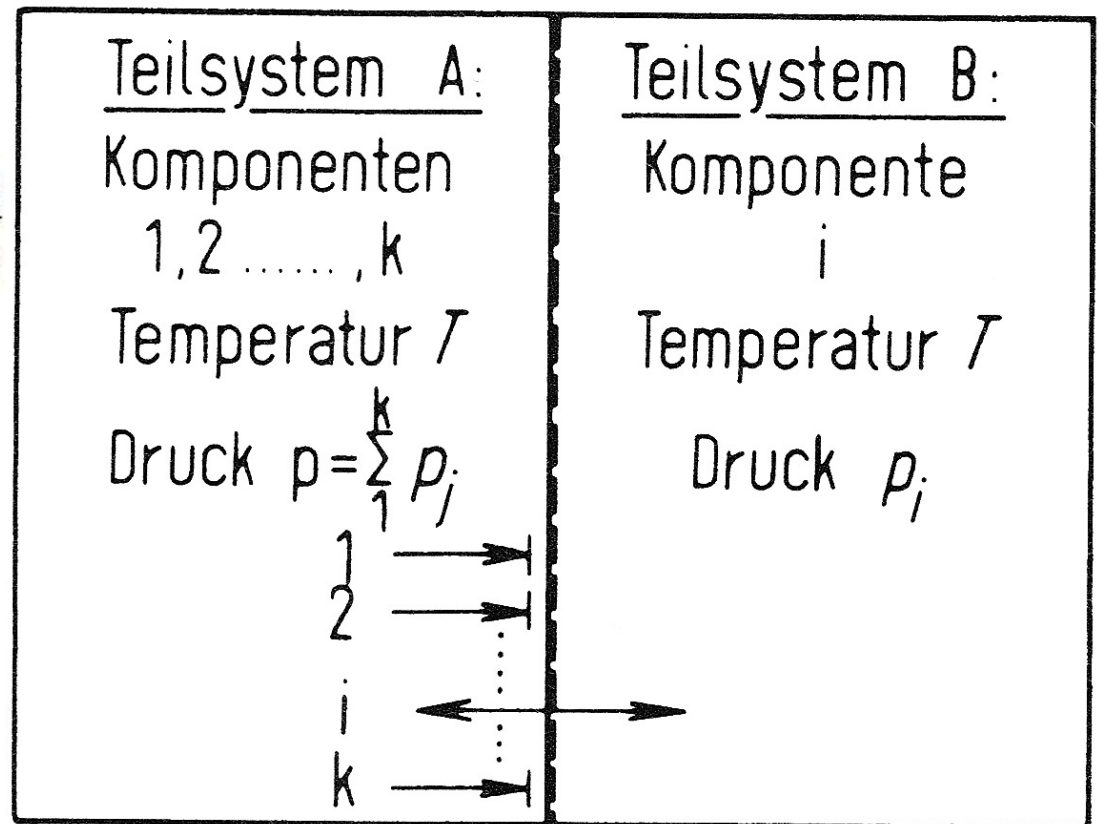
$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i(p, T) &= \mu_i^*(p, T) + RT \ln \frac{p_i}{p} \\ &= \mu_i^*(p, T) + RT \ln x_i\end{aligned}$$

for real systems

$$\mu_i(p, T) = \mu_i^*(p, T) + RT \ln a_i$$

$$a_i = f_i \cdot x_i$$

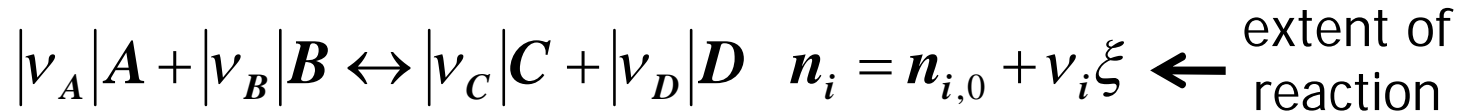
in any case



$$\mu_i(p, T) < \mu_i^*(p, T)$$

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### 2.5) Chemical Equilibrium



$$dn_i = \nu_i d\xi$$

$$(dG)_{p,T} = \sum \mu_i dn_i = \sum \mu_i \nu_i d\xi \Rightarrow (\Delta G)_{p,T} = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi} \right)_{p,T} = \sum \nu_i \mu_i$$

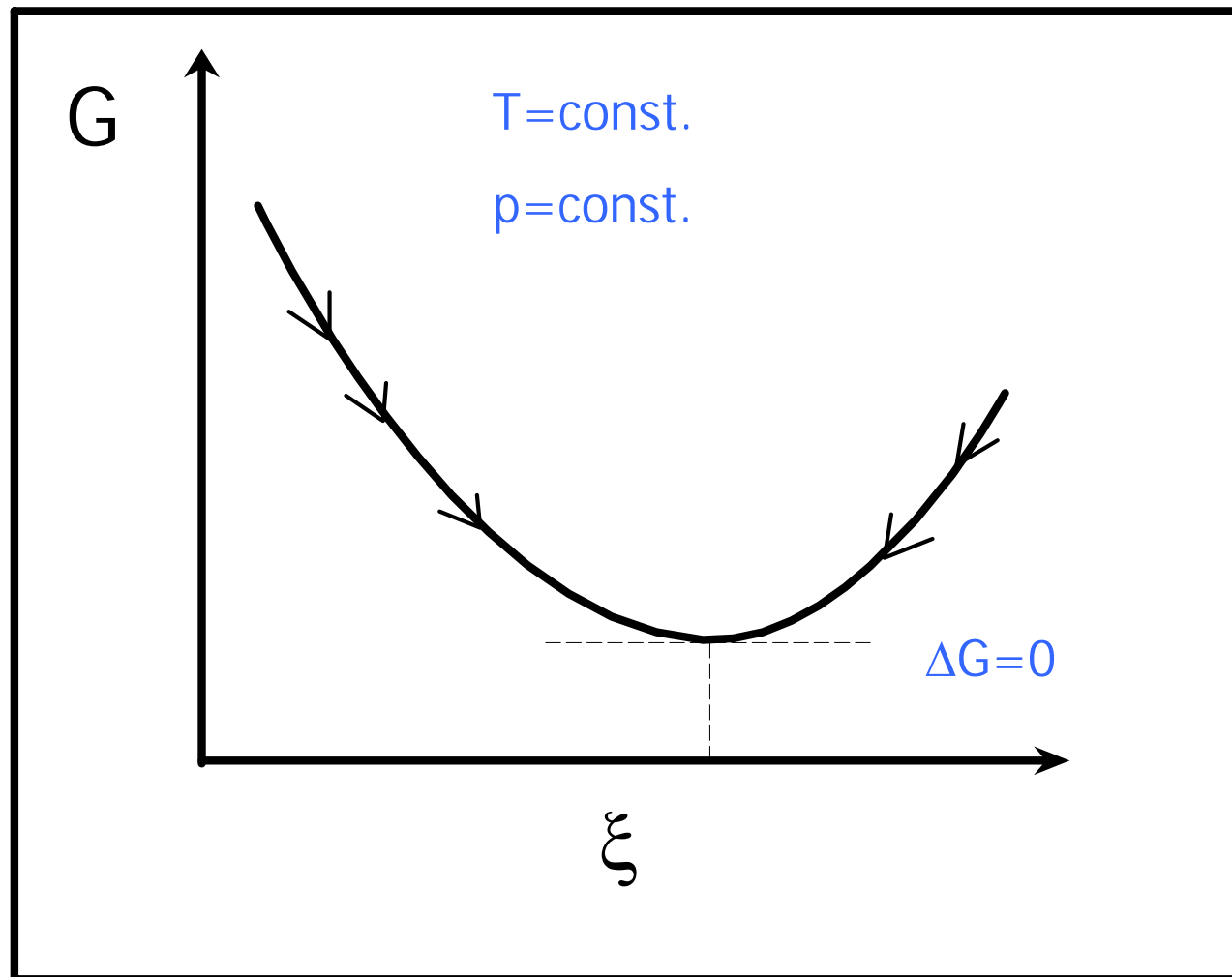
$$\text{in equilibrium} \quad (\Delta G)_{p,T} = 0$$

$$\mu_i^{real}(p, T) = \mu_i^0(p, T) + RT \ln a_i \quad \Delta G = \sum \nu_i \mu_i^0 + RT \sum \nu_i \ln a_i$$

$$\Delta G = \sum \nu_i \mu_i^0 + RT \sum \nu_i \ln[a_i] = 0$$

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### 2.5) Chemical Equilibrium



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### 2.5) Chemical Equilibrium

$$\Delta G = \sum \nu_i \mu_i^0 + RT \sum \nu_i \ln[a_i] = 0$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln \prod [a_i]^{\nu_i} = 0$$

law of mass action

$$\ln \prod [a_i]^{\nu_i} = -\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT} = \ln K \Rightarrow K = \prod [a_i]^{\nu_i}$$

standard state for all gases is the pure ideal gas at 1bar

activity of an ideal gas

$$a_i = \frac{p_i}{p^0} \quad K = \underbrace{\prod [p_i]^{\nu_i}}_{K_p} \cdot (p^0)^{-\sum \nu_i}$$



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### 2.5) Chemical Equilibrium

$$\mathbf{K} \neq f(p) \leftarrow K = \underbrace{\prod [p_i]^{\nu_i}}_{K_p} \cdot (p^\circ)^{-\sum \nu_i}$$

$$K_p \rightarrow K_p \neq f(p)$$

$$K = \prod_i [x_i p]^{\nu_i} (p^\circ)^{-\sum \nu_i} = \prod_i [x_i]^{\nu_i} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^{\sum \nu_i} = \underset{\downarrow}{K_x} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^{\sum \nu_i}$$

$$p_i V = n_i RT \Rightarrow p_i = c_i RT \quad K_x = f(p)$$

$$K = \prod_i [c_i RT]^{\nu_i} (p^\circ)^{-\sum \nu_i} = \prod_i [c_i]^{\nu_i} \cdot \left(\frac{RT}{p^\circ}\right)^{\sum \nu_i} = \underset{\downarrow}{K_c} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^{\sum \nu_i}$$

$$K_c = f(p)$$

## 2. Thermodynamic Quantities, Concepts and Tools?

### 2.5) Chemical Equilibrium

Temperature Dependence of K:

Gibbs Helmholtz Equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Delta G^0/T}{\partial T}\right)_p = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{T^2} \quad \Delta G^0(T) = -RT \ln K$$

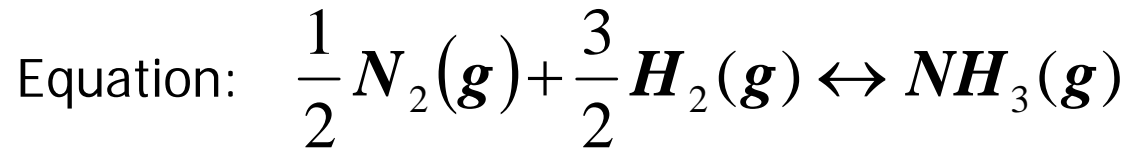
$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{\Delta H^0}{RT^2} \quad \text{van't Hoff Equation}$$

$$\ln K(T) = \ln K(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \frac{\Delta H^0(T') dT'}{RT'^2}$$

$$\Delta H^0(T) = \Delta H^0(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \Delta C_p^0(T') dT'$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

Example: Calculate the maximum  $\text{NH}_3$  yield of the Haber-Bosch-Process for  $25^\circ\text{C} \leq \vartheta \leq 600^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1\text{bar} \leq p \leq 500\text{bar}$ ! Assume a stoichiometric feed and ideal gases for simplicity!



Thermodynamic Data (NIST Chemistry Webbook, CRC Handbook, PC books...):

Species	$\Delta H_f^\circ / \text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$S^\circ / \text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$	$C_p^\circ / \text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$		
			A	B / $10^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$	C / $10^{-6} \text{K}^{-2}$
$\text{N}_2$	0	191.6	24.98	5.912	-0.3376
$\text{H}_2$	0	130.7	29.07	-0.8368	2.012
$\text{NH}_3$	-45.9	192.8	25.93	32.58	-3.046

$$C_p^\circ / \text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} = A + B \cdot T + C \cdot T^2$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

Calculate K for 25°C:  $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T \cdot \Delta S^\circ$   $-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = \ln K$

Species	$\nu_i$	$\Delta H_f^\circ / \text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	$S^\circ / \text{J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$C_p^\circ / \text{J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$		
				A	B / $10^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$	C / $10^{-6} \text{K}^{-2}$
N <sub>2</sub>	-1/2	0	191.6	24.98	5.912	-0.3376
H <sub>2</sub>	-3/2	0	130.7	29.07	-0.8368	2.012
NH <sub>3</sub>	1	-45.9	192.8	25.93	32.58	-3.046

$$\Delta H^\circ = \left[ -1/2 \cdot 0 + (-3/2) \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-45.9) \right] \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} = -45.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta S^\circ = \left[ -1/2 \cdot 191.6 + (-3/2) \cdot 130.7 + 1 \cdot 192.8 \right] \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} = -99.05 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -45.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}} - 298.15 \text{K} \cdot (-99.05 \cdot 10^{-3}) \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} = -16.37 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$K = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{16.37 \cdot 10^3 \text{J} \cdot \text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}{\text{mol} \cdot 8.314 \text{J} \cdot 298.15 \text{K}}\right) = 738$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

Calculate X from K: 
$$d\xi = \frac{1}{\nu_i} dn_i \Rightarrow \int_{n_{i0}}^{n_i} dn_i = \nu_i \int_0^\xi d\xi \Rightarrow n_i = n_{i0} + \nu_i \xi$$

Species	$\nu_i$	$n_{i0}/\text{mol}$	$n_i/\text{mol}$	$x_i$
N <sub>2</sub>	-1/2	1/2	1/2 - 1/2ξ	(1/2 - 1/2ξ)/(2 - ξ)
H <sub>2</sub>	-3/2	3/2	3/2 - 3/2ξ	(3/2 - 3/2ξ)/(2 - ξ)
NH <sub>3</sub>	1	0	ξ	ξ/(2 - ξ)
Σ		2	2 - ξ	1

$$X = \frac{n_{N_2,0} - n_{N_2}}{n_{N_2,0}} = \frac{-\nu_{N_2} \xi}{n_{N_2,0}} = \frac{-(-1/2)\xi}{1/2} = \xi$$

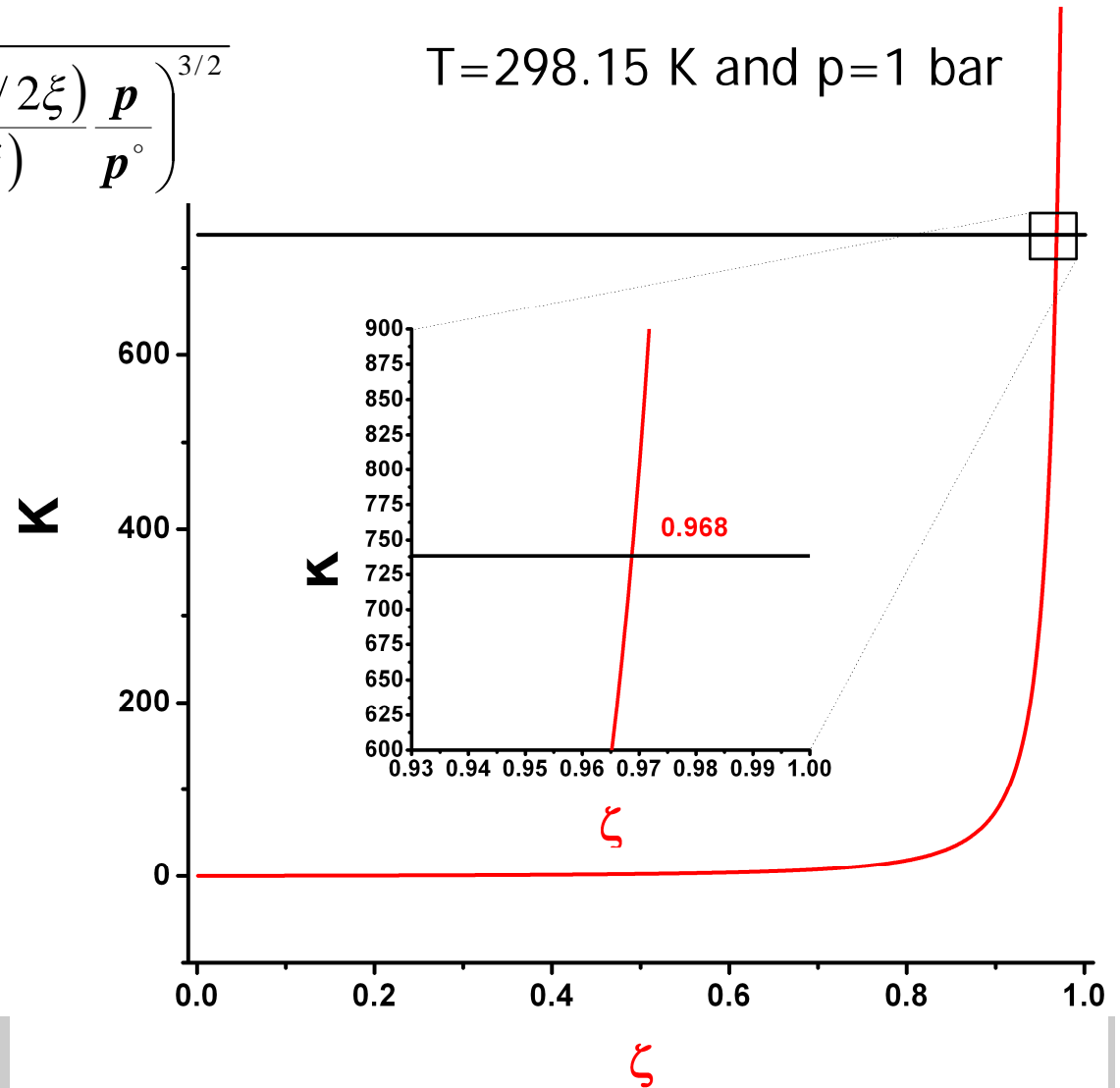
$$K = \prod_i a_i^{\nu_i} = \frac{\left(\frac{p_{NH_3}}{p^\circ}\right)^1}{\left(\frac{p_{N_2}}{p^\circ}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{p_{H_2}}{p^\circ}\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{\left(\frac{\xi}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^1}{\left(\frac{(1/2 - 1/2\xi)}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{(3/2 - 3/2\xi)}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ}\right)^{3/2}}$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

$$738 = \frac{\left( \frac{\xi}{2-\xi} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^1}{\left( \frac{(1/2 - 1/2\xi) p}{2-\xi} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{(3/2 - 3/2\xi) p}{2-\xi} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^{3/2}}$$

T=298.15 K and p=1 bar

Solution: Graphical Solution  
(e.g. with Excel, Origin....)



### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

T dependance of K:

$$\left( \frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial T} \right)_p = \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT^2} \Rightarrow \ln K(T) = \ln K(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \frac{\Delta H^\circ(T')}{RT'^2} dT'$$

$$\Delta H^\circ(T) = \Delta H^\circ(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \Delta C_p^\circ(T') dT'$$

Species	$\nu_i$	$\Delta H_f^\circ /$ kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$S^\circ /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>	$C_p^\circ /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>		
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$$\Delta C_p^\circ(T) = \Delta A + \Delta B \cdot T + \Delta C \cdot T^2 \quad \Delta A = \sum_i \nu_i A_i \dots$$

$$\Delta C_p^\circ(T) = -30.17 + 30.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot T - 5.90 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot T^2$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

T dependance of K: 
$$\Delta H^\circ(T) = \Delta H^\circ(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \Delta C_p^\circ(T') dT'$$

$$\Delta C_p^0(T) = \Delta A + \Delta B \cdot T + \Delta C \cdot T^2$$

$$\Delta H^\circ(T) = \Delta H^\circ(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T (\Delta A + \Delta B \cdot T' + \Delta C \cdot T'^2) dT'$$

$$= \Delta H^\circ(T_1) + \Delta A(T - T_1) + \frac{\Delta B}{2}(T^2 - T_1^2) + \frac{\Delta C}{3}(T^3 - T_1^3)$$

$$= \Delta H^\circ(T_1) - \Delta A \cdot T_1 - \frac{\Delta B}{2} T_1^2 - \frac{\Delta C}{3} T_1^3 + \Delta A \cdot T + \frac{\Delta B}{2} T^2 + \frac{\Delta C}{3} T^3$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \ln K}{\partial T} \right)_p = \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT^2} \Rightarrow \ln K(T) = \ln K(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \frac{\Delta H^\circ(T')}{RT'^2} dT'$$



### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

T dependance of K:

$$\Delta H^\circ(T) = \Delta H^\circ(T_1) - \Delta A \cdot T_1 - \frac{\Delta B}{2} T_1^2 - \frac{\Delta C}{3} T_1^3 + \Delta A \cdot T + \frac{\Delta B}{2} T^2 + \frac{\Delta C}{3} T^3$$

$$\frac{\Delta H^\circ(T)}{RT^2} = \frac{\text{const.}}{RT^2} + \frac{\Delta A}{RT} + \frac{\Delta B}{2R} + \frac{\Delta C}{3R} T$$

$$\text{const.} = \Delta H^\circ(T_1) - \Delta A \cdot T_1 - \frac{\Delta B}{2} T_1^2 - \frac{\Delta C}{3} T_1^3$$

$$\ln K(T) = \ln K(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^T \left[ \frac{\text{const.}}{RT'^2} + \frac{\Delta A}{RT'} + \frac{\Delta B}{2R} + \frac{\Delta C}{3R} T' \right] dT'$$

$$\ln K(T) = \ln K(T_1) + \frac{\text{const.}}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T} \right] + \frac{\Delta A}{R} \ln \frac{T}{T_1} + \frac{\Delta B}{2R} (T - T_1) + \frac{\Delta C}{6R} [T^2 - T_1^2]$$

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

T dependance of K:

$$\ln \mathbf{K}(T) = \ln \mathbf{K}(T_1) + \frac{\mathbf{const.}}{\mathbf{R}} \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T} \right] + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{R}} \ln \frac{T}{T_1} + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{B}}{2\mathbf{R}} (T - T_1) + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{C}}{6\mathbf{R}} [T^2 - T_1^2]$$

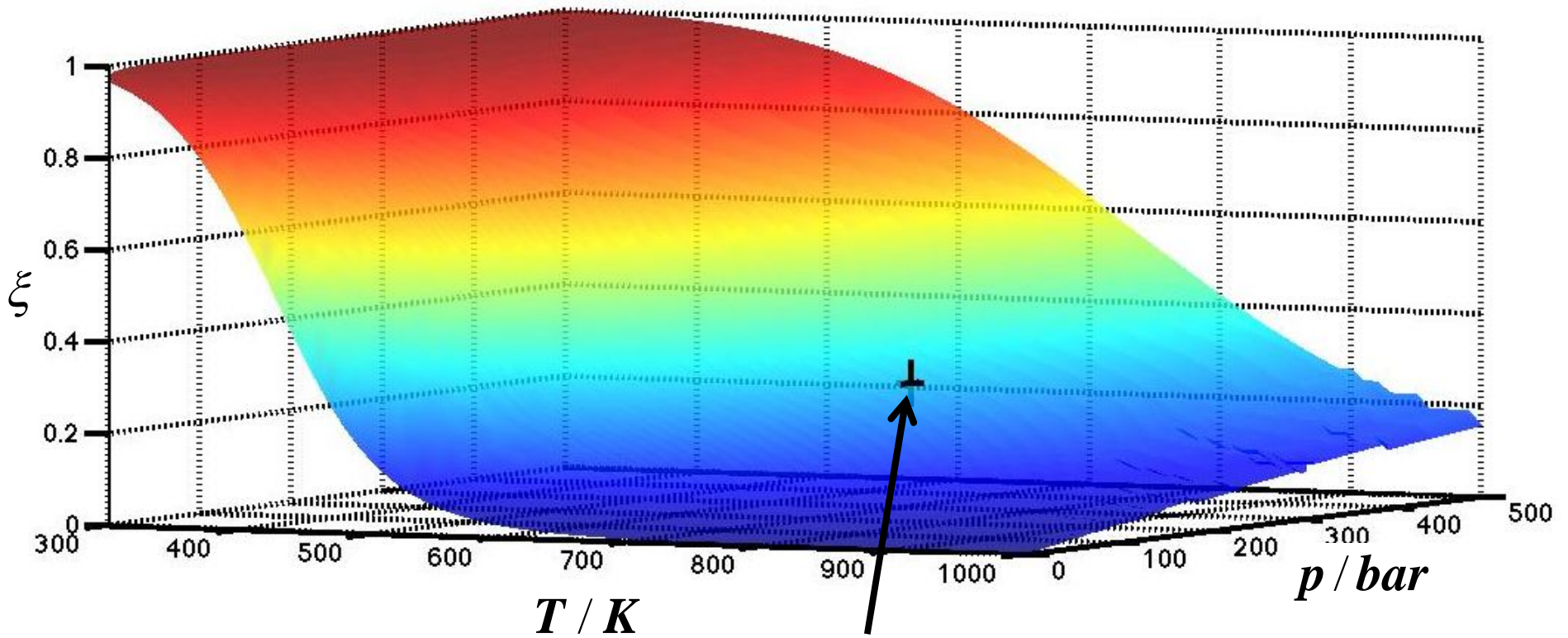
Solve

$$\exp(\ln \mathbf{K}(T)) = \frac{\left( \frac{\xi}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^1}{\left( \frac{(1/2 - 1/2\xi)}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{(3/2 - 3/2\xi)}{(2-\xi)} \frac{p}{p^\circ} \right)^{3/2}}$$

numerically or graphically with p and T as parameters gives  $\xi = \xi(p, T)$ !

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

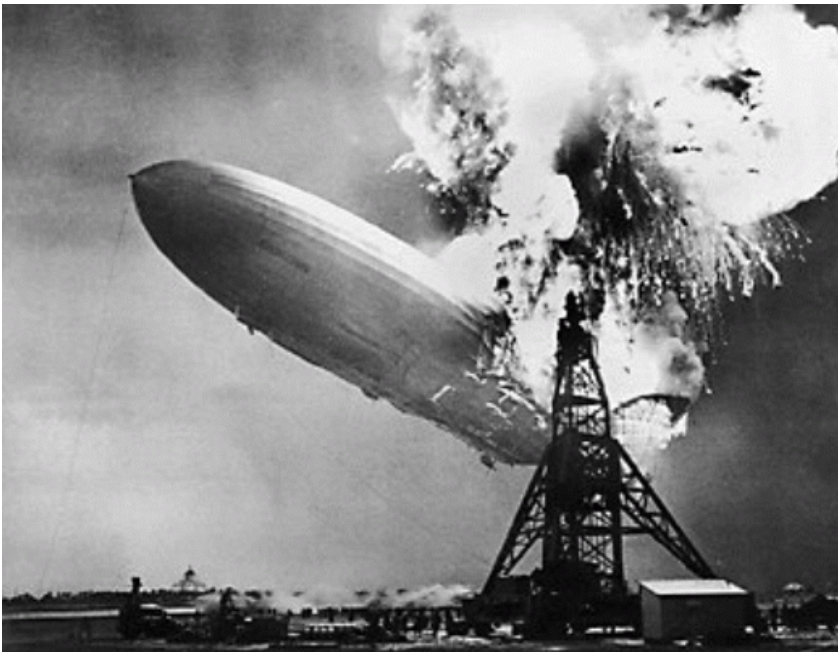
Solution: Numerical Solution (e.g. with Matlab, Mathematica...)



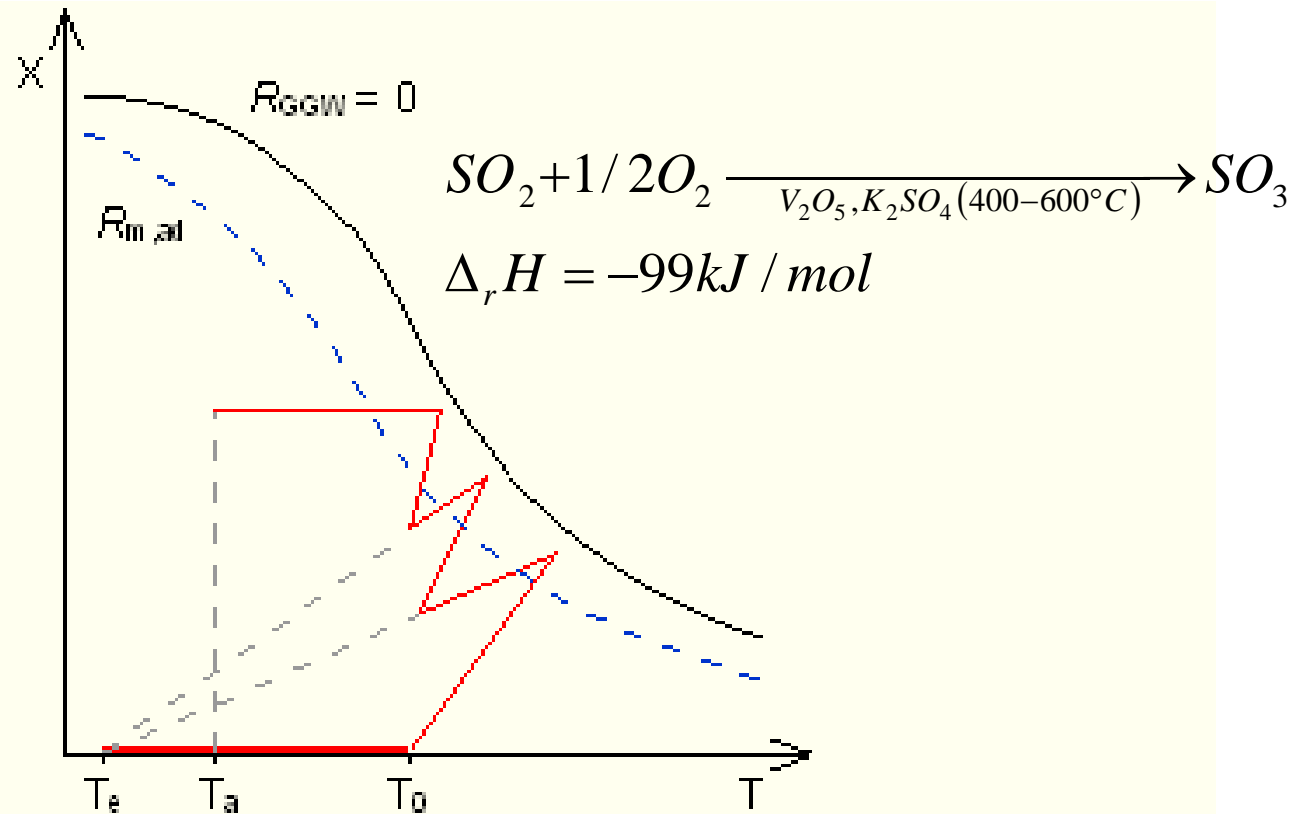
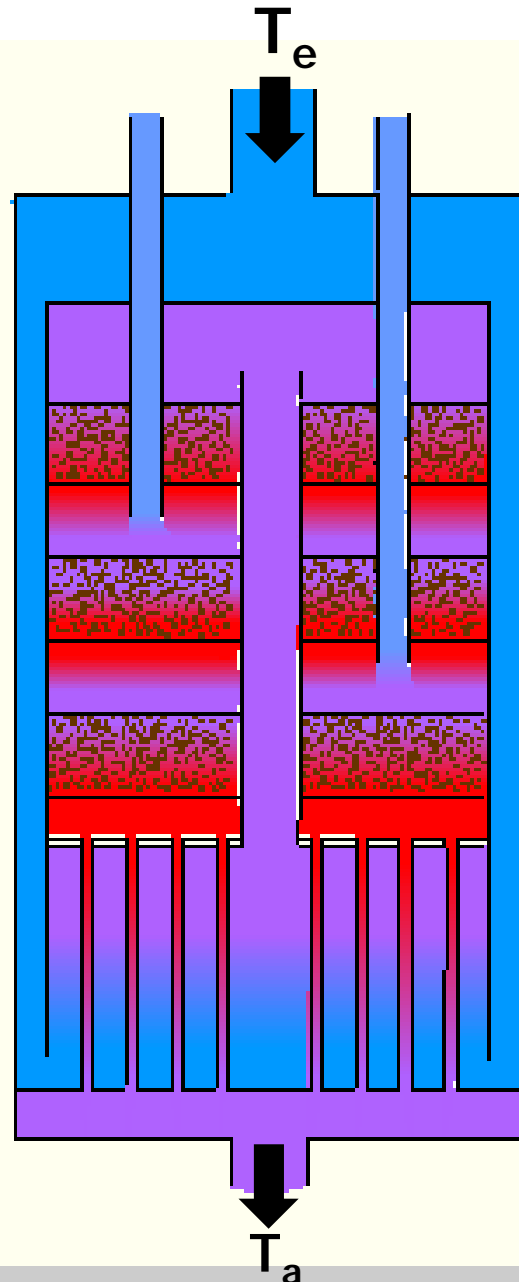
typical process conditions for  
industrial ammonia synthesis

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

Thermodynamics says nothing about the rate at which a process proceeds!



### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction

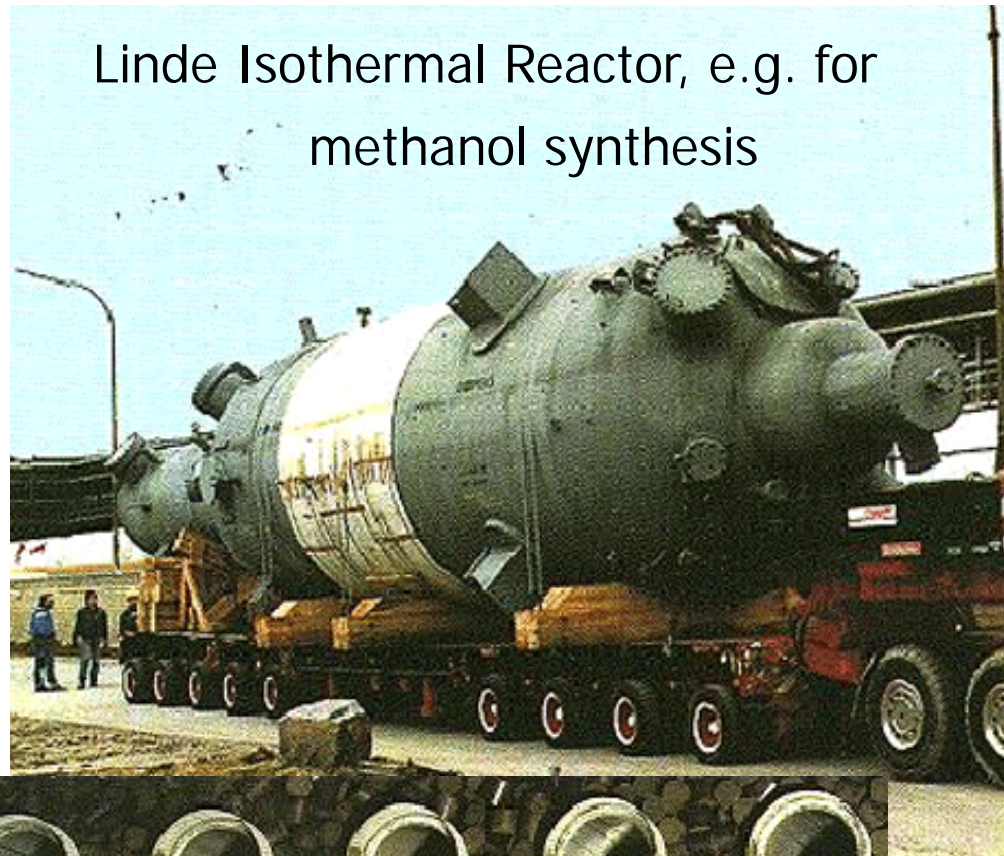


- $X$  - Umsatz
- $T$  - Temperatur
- $T_0$  - Hordeneintrittstemperatur
- $T_e$  - Kaltgaseintrittstemperatur
- $T_a$  - Austrittstemperatur des Reaktionsgemisches
- $R_{GGW}$  - Reaktionsgeschwindigkeit im Gleichgewichtszustand
- $R_{m,ad}$  - maximale adiabate Reaktionsgeschwindigkeit

### 3. Chemical Equilibrium: Reactor Conversion for a Single Reaction



Linde Isothermal Reactor, e.g. for methanol synthesis



## 4. Chemical Equilibrium: Conversion and Selectivity Calculations for Multiple Reactions?

### 4.1 Theory

$$(G)_{T,p} = G(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N) = \min$$

but the  $n_i$  cannot vary independently because they have to fulfill the materials balances

moles of species  $i$  in the reaction mixture

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i = b_k$$

total moles of atoms of element  $k$  in the reaction mixtures

number of atoms of element  $k$  in species  $i$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i - b_k = 0 \quad \lambda_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i - b_k \right) = 0 \quad \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i - b_k \right) = 0$$

Lagrange Multipliers

## 4. Chemical Equilibrium: Conversion and Selectivity Calculations for Multiple Reactions?

### 4.1 Theory

$$F = (G)_{T,p} + \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i - b_k \right)$$

Lagrange Function

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,p,n_{j \neq i}} = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,p,n_{j \neq i}} + \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k a_{ki} = \mu_i + \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k a_{ki} = 0$$

$$G_i^0 + RT \ln a_i + \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k a_{ki} = 0$$

set of N equations  
(1 for each of the N species)

$$\lambda_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ki} n_i - b_k \right) = 0$$

set of M equations  
(1 for each of the M elements)

N + M unknowns (n - mole numbers + m - lambdas)



## 4. Chemical Equilibrium: Conversion and Selectivity Calculations for Multiple Reactions?

4.2 Example: Calculate the equilibrium composition of a steam reforming mixture consisting of  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  at  $T=1000\text{K}$  and  $p=1\text{bar}$ .  $n_{0,\text{CH}_4}=2\text{mol}$ ,  $n_{0,\text{H}_2\text{O}}=3\text{mol}$ . Ideal gases can be assumed.

From thermodynamic tables (e.g. CRC Handbook) we extract:

Species	$\text{CH}_4$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{CO}$	$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{H}_2$
$\Delta G_f^\circ (1000\text{K}) / \text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	19475	-192603	-200281	-395865	0

From the species formulas we obtain:

Species	$\text{CH}_4$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{CO}$	$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{H}_2$
# of C atoms	$a_{\text{C},\text{CH}_4}=1$	$a_{\text{C},\text{H}_2\text{O}}=0$	$a_{\text{C},\text{CO}}=1$	$a_{\text{C},\text{CO}_2}=1$	$a_{\text{C},\text{H}_2}=0$
# of O atoms	$a_{\text{O},\text{CH}_4}=0$	$a_{\text{O},\text{H}_2\text{O}}=1$	$a_{\text{O},\text{CO}}=1$	$a_{\text{O},\text{CO}_2}=2$	$a_{\text{O},\text{H}_2}=0$
# of H atoms	$a_{\text{H},\text{CH}_4}=4$	$a_{\text{H},\text{H}_2\text{O}}=2$	$a_{\text{H},\text{CO}}=0$	$a_{\text{H},\text{CO}_2}=0$	$a_{\text{H},\text{H}_2}=2$

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### 4.2 Example: Formulating the equations

$$\frac{\Delta G_{f,i}^0}{RT} + \ln a_i + \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\lambda_k}{RT} a_{ki} = 0 \quad \left| \quad a_i = \frac{p_i}{p^\circ} = x_i \frac{p}{p^\circ} = \frac{n_i}{\sum_i n_i} \frac{1 \text{ bar}}{1 \text{ bar}} = \frac{n_i}{\sum_i n_i}$$

$$\text{CH}_4: \frac{19475}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \ln \left( \frac{n_{\text{CH}_4}}{\sum_i n_i} \right) + \frac{\lambda_{\text{C}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \frac{4\lambda_{\text{H}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}: \frac{-192603}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \ln \left( \frac{n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{\sum_i n_i} \right) + \frac{2\lambda_{\text{H}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \frac{\lambda_{\text{O}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0$$

$$\text{CO}: \frac{-200281}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \ln \left( \frac{n_{\text{CO}}}{\sum_i n_i} \right) + \frac{\lambda_{\text{C}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \frac{\lambda_{\text{O}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0$$

$$\text{CO}_2: \frac{-395865}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \ln \left( \frac{n_{\text{CO}_2}}{\sum_i n_i} \right) + \frac{\lambda_{\text{C}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} + \frac{2\lambda_{\text{O}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0$$

$$\text{H}_2: \ln \left( \frac{n_{\text{H}_2}}{\sum_i n_i} \right) + \frac{2\lambda_{\text{H}}}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0$$

#### starting values

$$n_{0,\text{CH}_4} = 2 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{0,\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 3 \text{ mol.}$$

atom balance on C

$$n_{\text{CH}_4} + n_{\text{CO}} + n_{\text{CO}_2} - 2 = 0$$

atom balance on O

$$n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + n_{\text{CO}} + 2n_{\text{CO}_2} - 3 = 0$$

atom balance on H

$$4n_{\text{CH}_4} + 2n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 2n_{\text{H}_2} - 14 = 0$$

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4.2 Example: Solving the system of nonlinear equations e.g in Matlab (fsolve)

$$n_{CH_4} = 0.175$$

$$n_{H_2O} = 0.856$$

$$n_{CO} = 1.507$$

$$n_{CO_2} = 0.319$$

$$n_{H_2} = 5.795$$

$$\sum_i n_i = 8.651$$

$$x_{CH_4} = 0.0202$$

$$x_{H_2O} = 0.0990$$

$$x_{CO} = 0.1742$$

$$x_{CO_2} = 0.0368$$

$$x_{H_2} = 0.6698$$

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



The most difficult thing is to find starting values that work. Make educated guesses based on physical or chemical knowledge ( $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$ ), e.g.

$$\ln\left(\frac{n_{H_2}}{\sum_i n_i}\right) + \frac{2\lambda_H}{8.314 \cdot 1000} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{H,0} = \frac{-8.314 \cdot 1000 \cdot \ln 0.5}{2} = 2881$$

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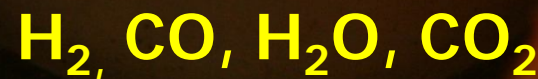
### 4.3 Another Example: Equilibrium Calculations with CHEMKIN

Methan Oxidation on Rh and Pt Coated Foam Catalysts  
( $T \approx 1000^\circ\text{C}$ )



$\tau \sim 10^{-3} \text{ s}$

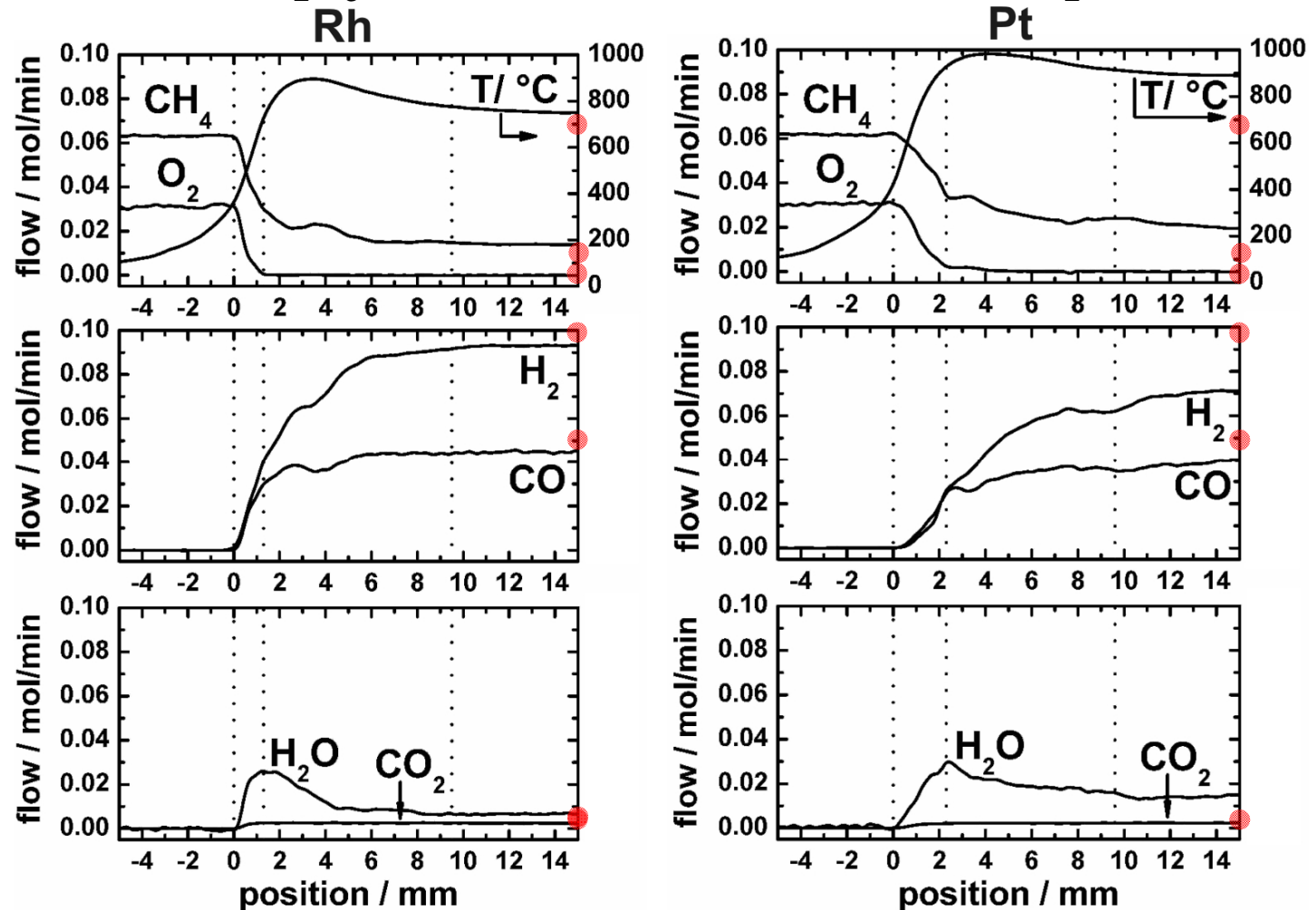
$p, H \text{ const.}$



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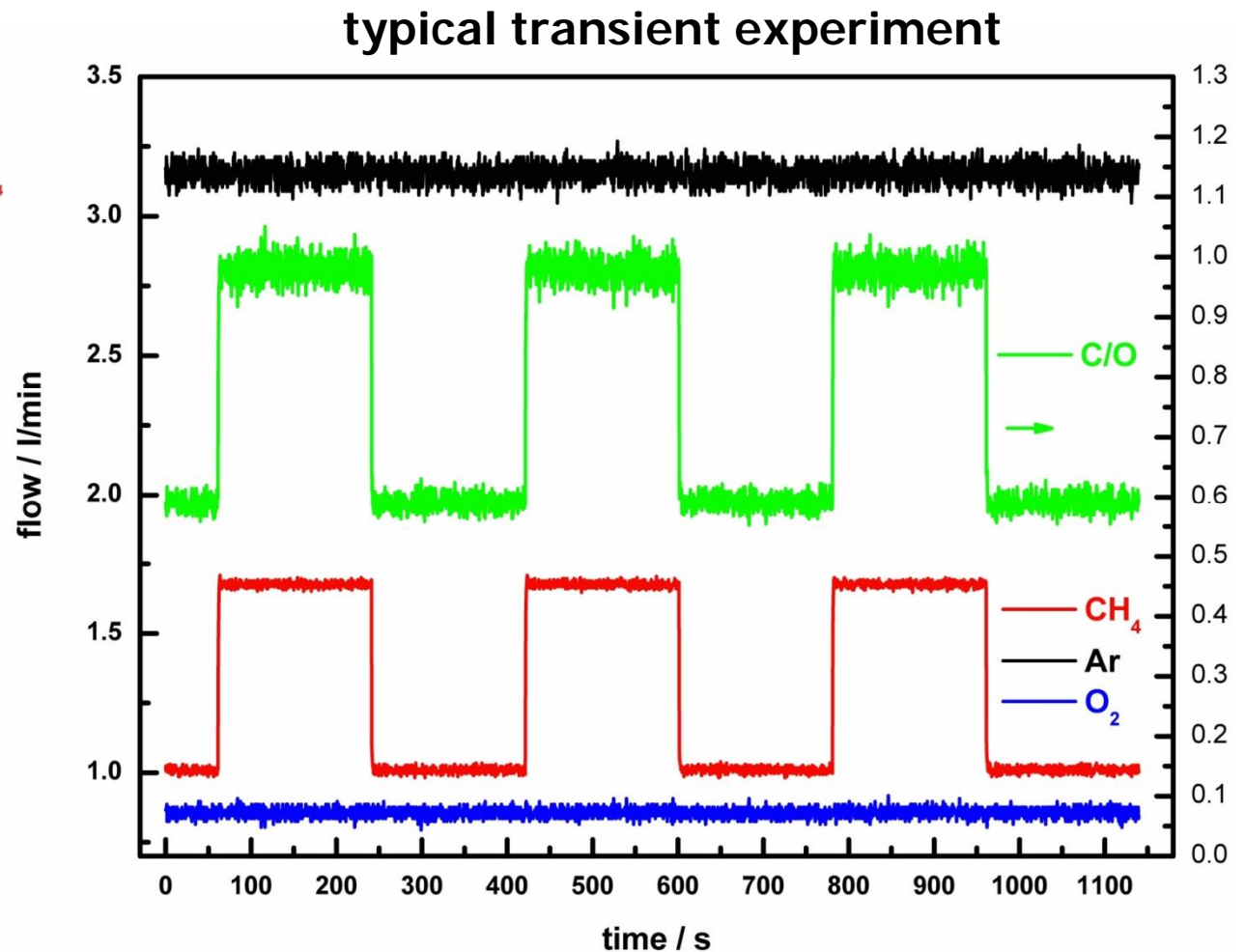
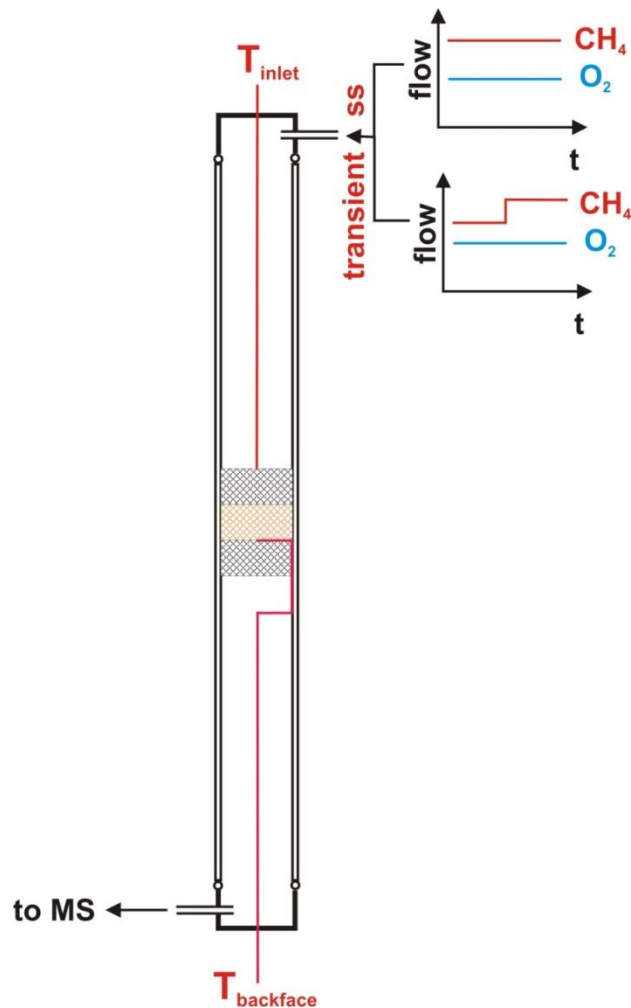
### 4.3 Another Example: Equilibrium Calculations with CHEMKIN

5 wt% Rh on 80ppi  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> foam, feed 5 l/min, C/O = 1.0, Ar/O<sub>2</sub> = 79/21, 1 bar



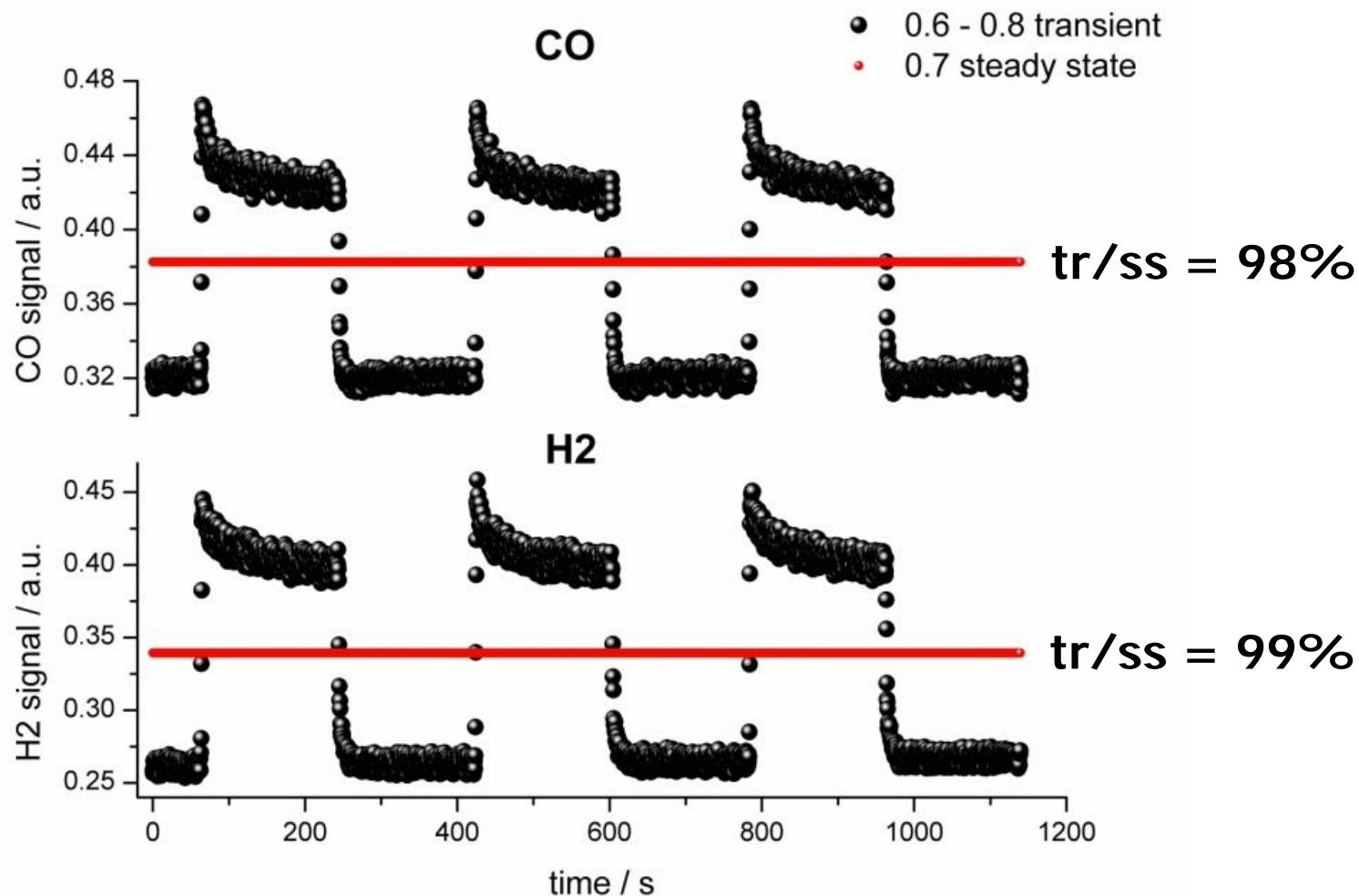
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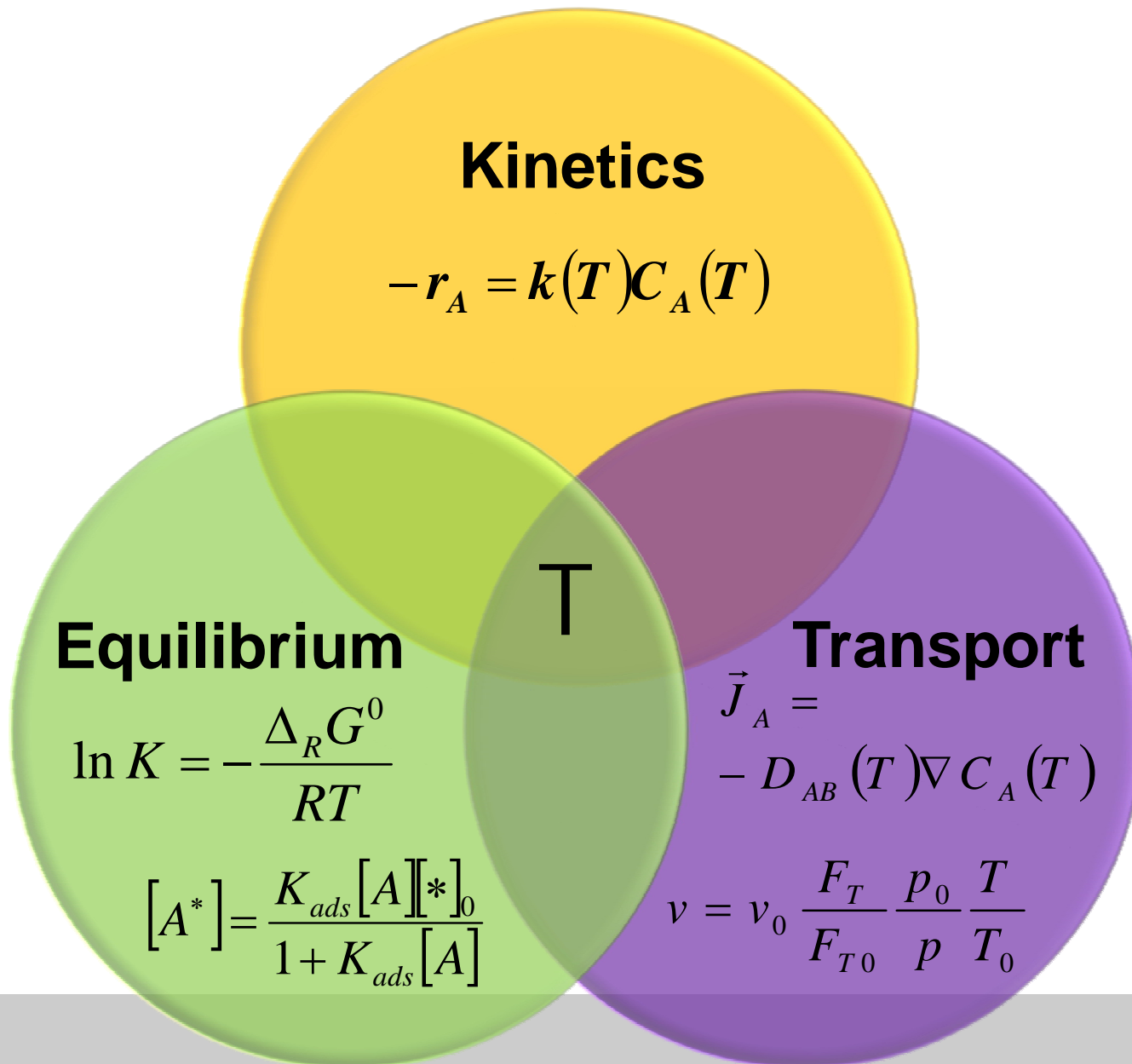


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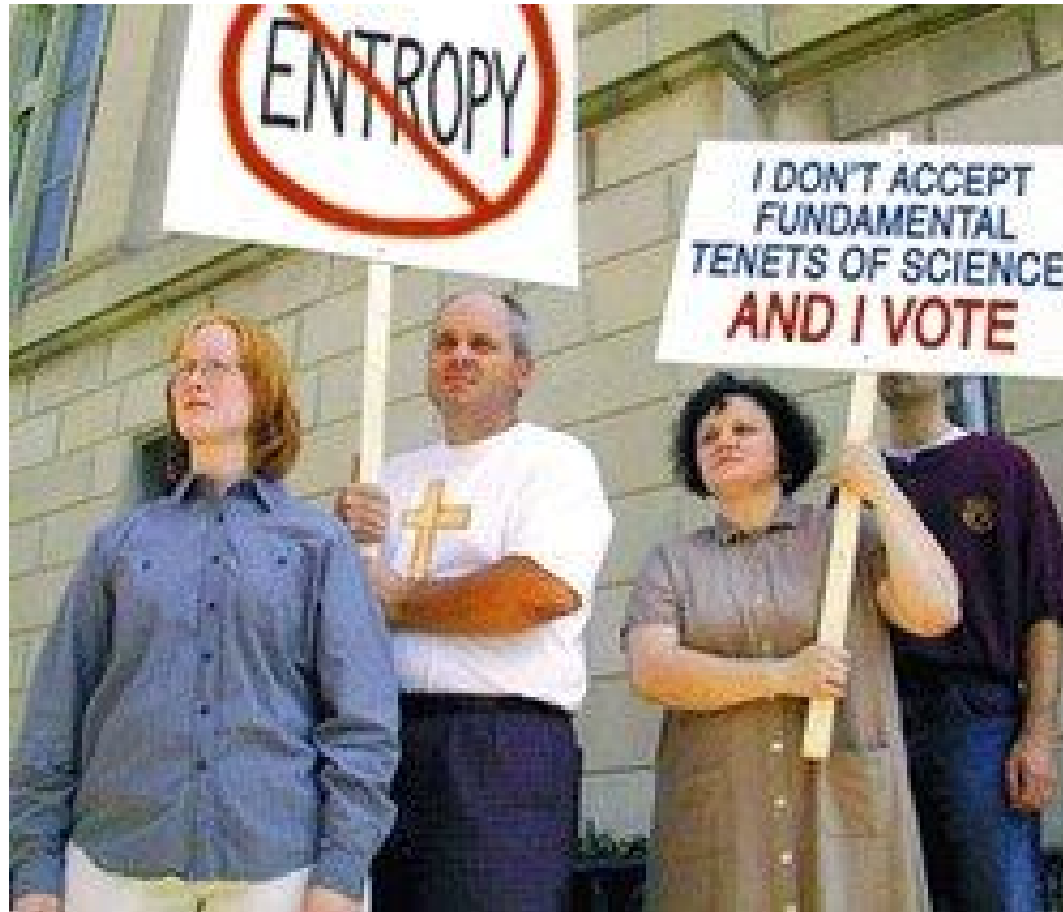


# Thermodynamics matters in Catalysis!!!





**Maybe the better way to deal with Thermodynamics?**



**Thank you very much for your attention!!!**