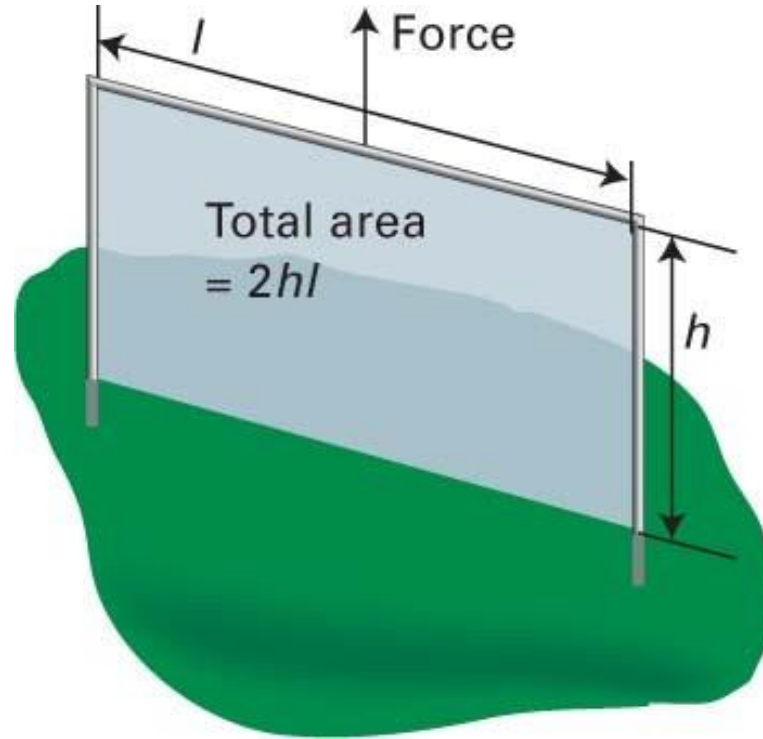


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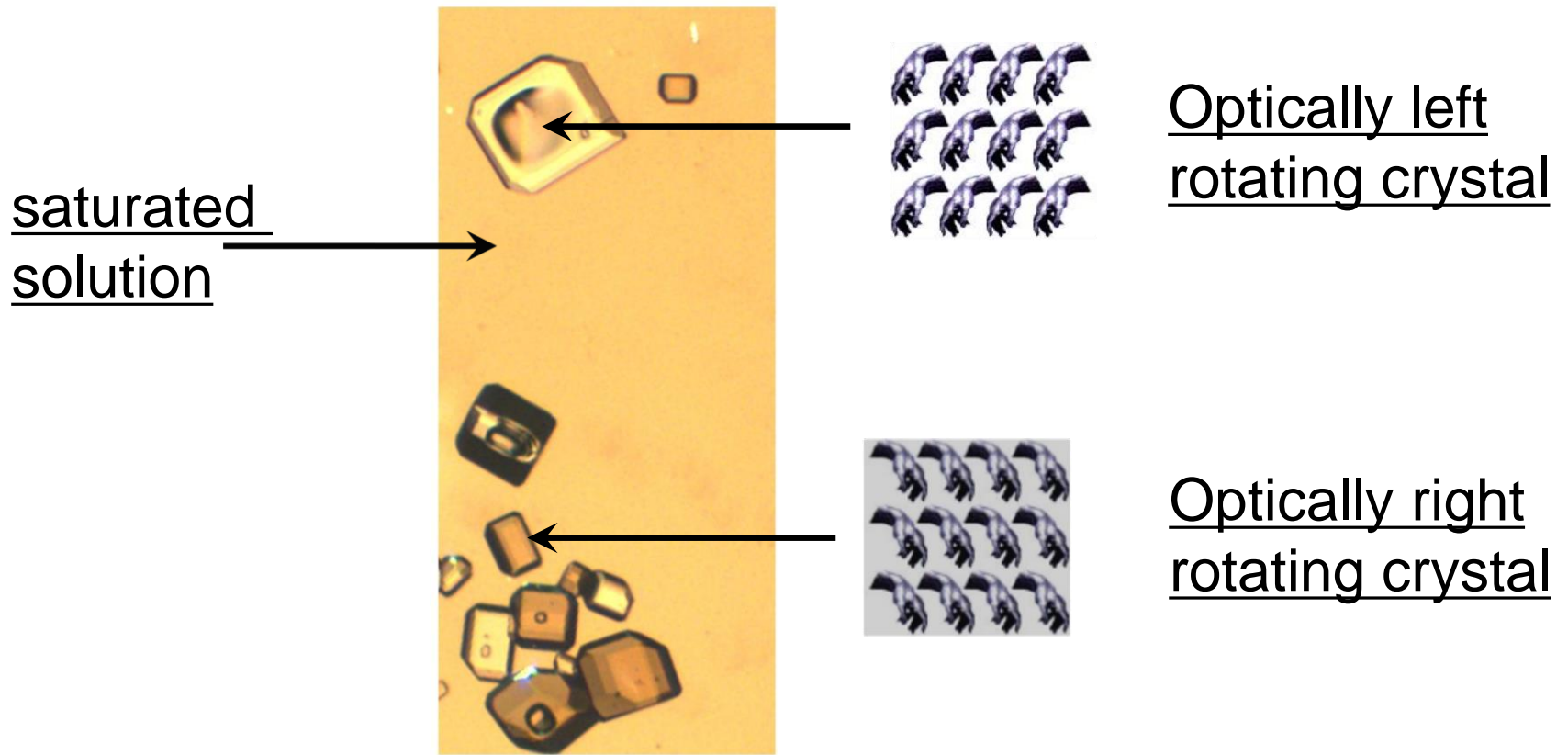
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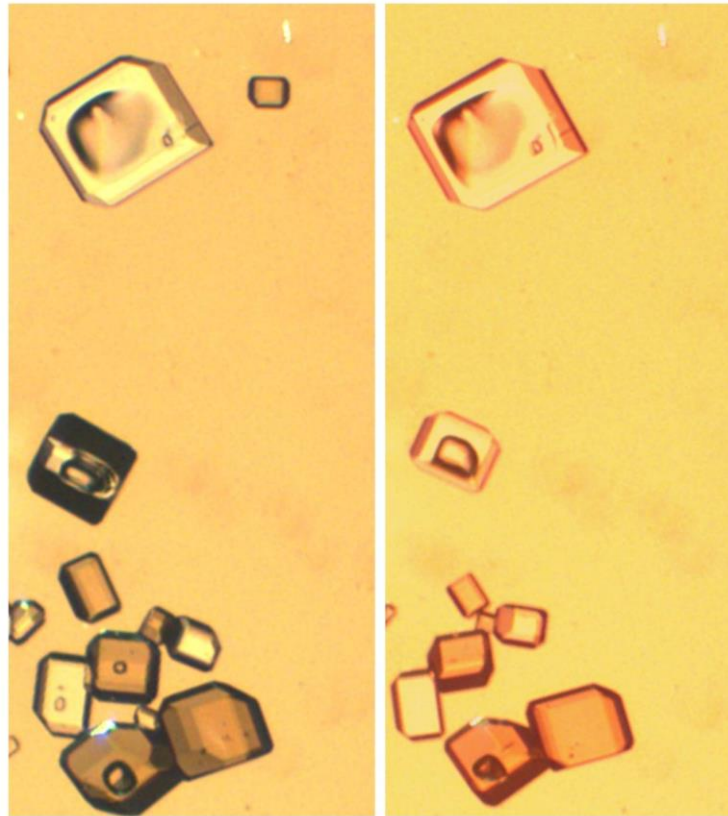
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# Na<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> crystals in a saturated solution



Optical active crystals under polarizing microscope

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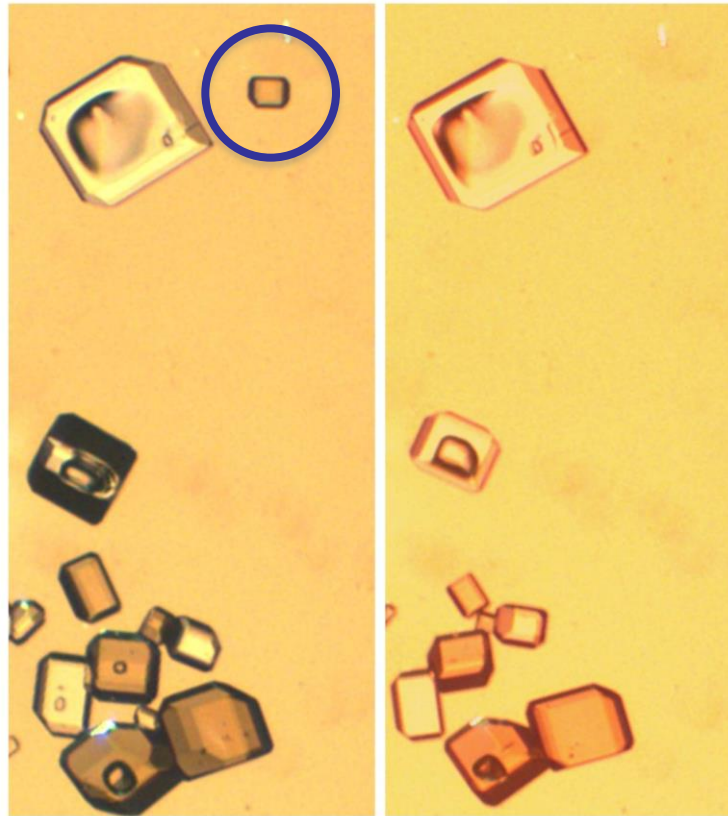


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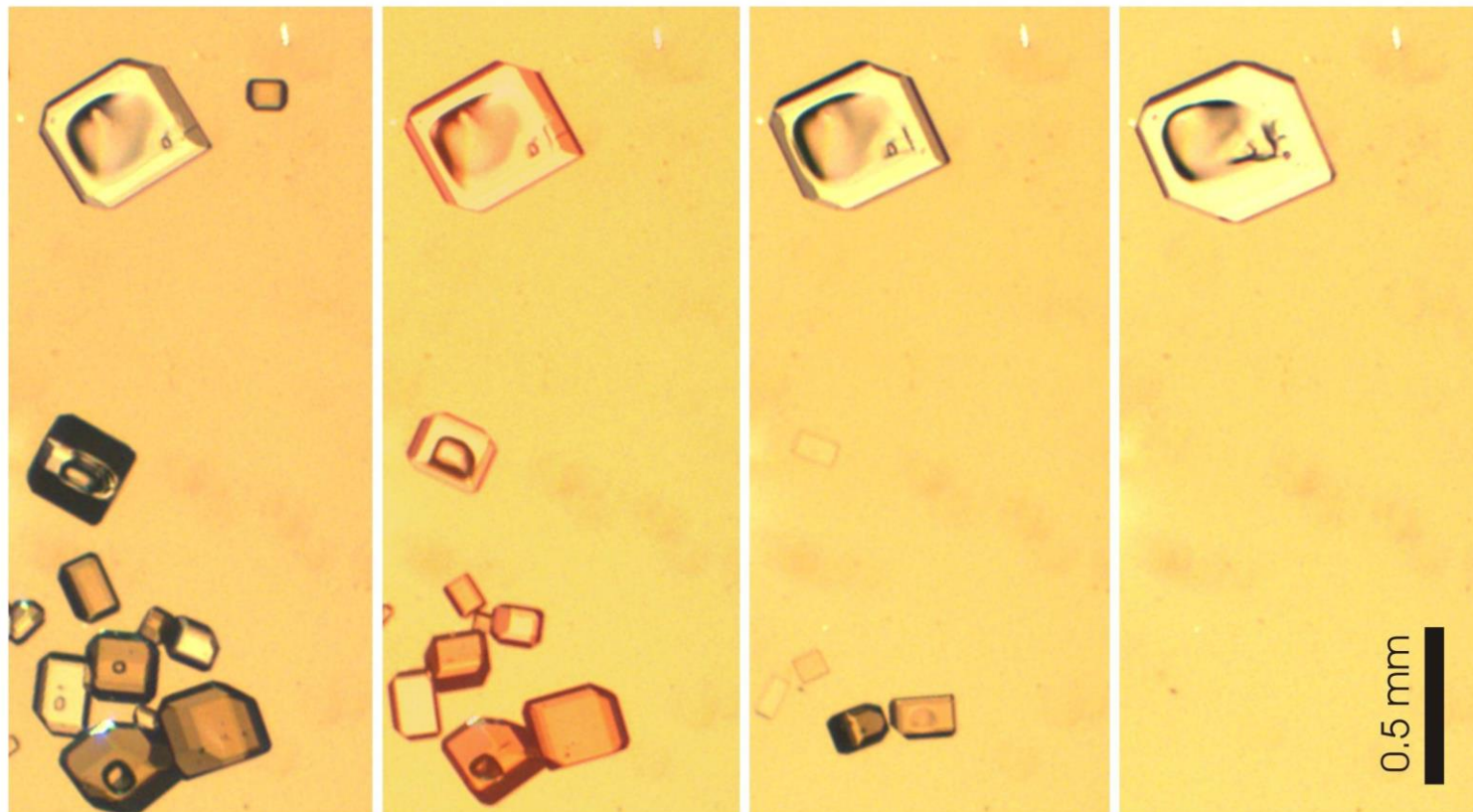


**Wilhelm Ostwald**  
(1853-1932)

Ostwald ripening  
(1896)

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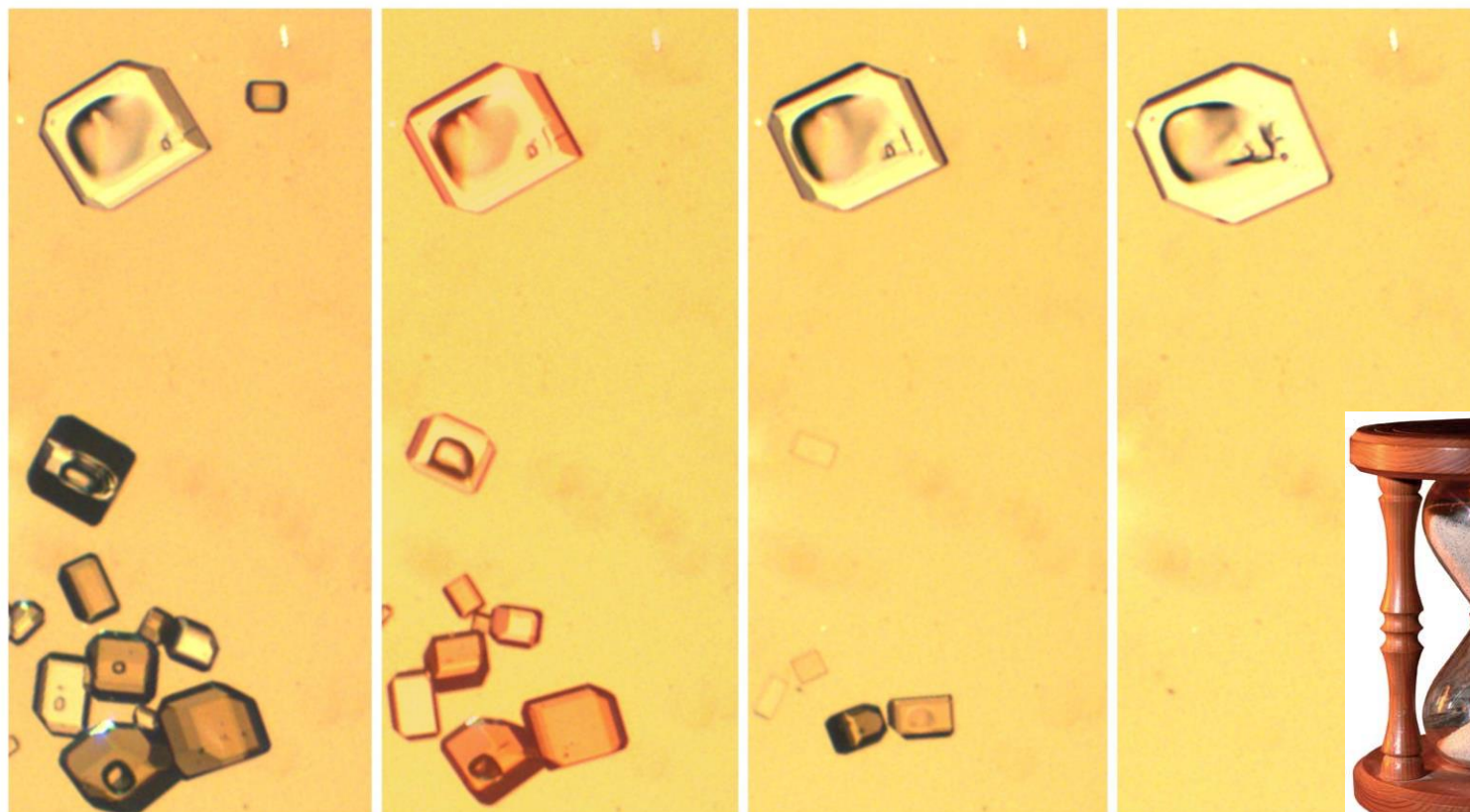
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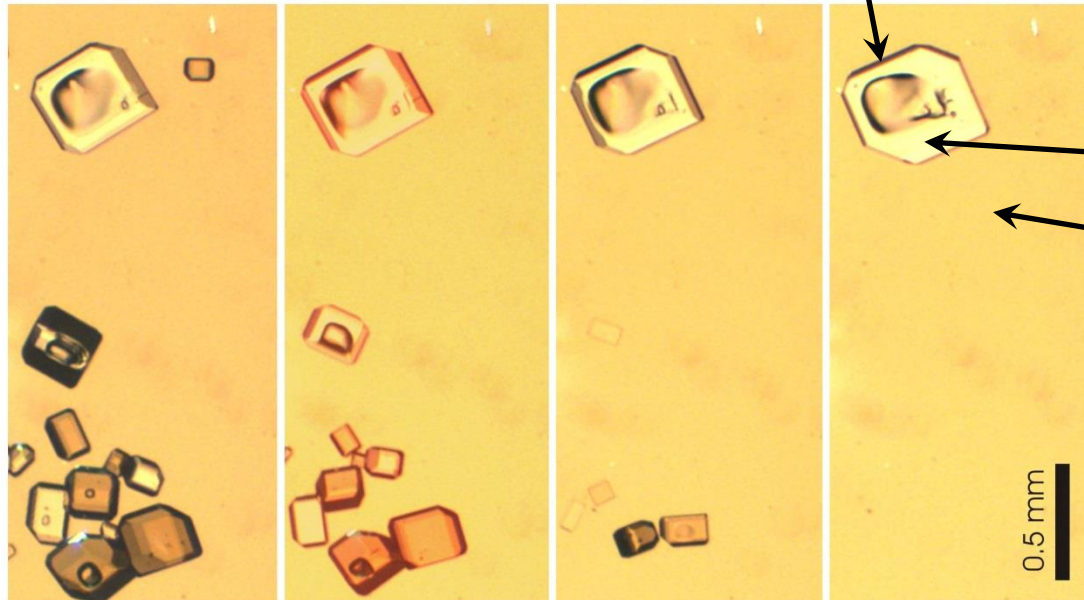
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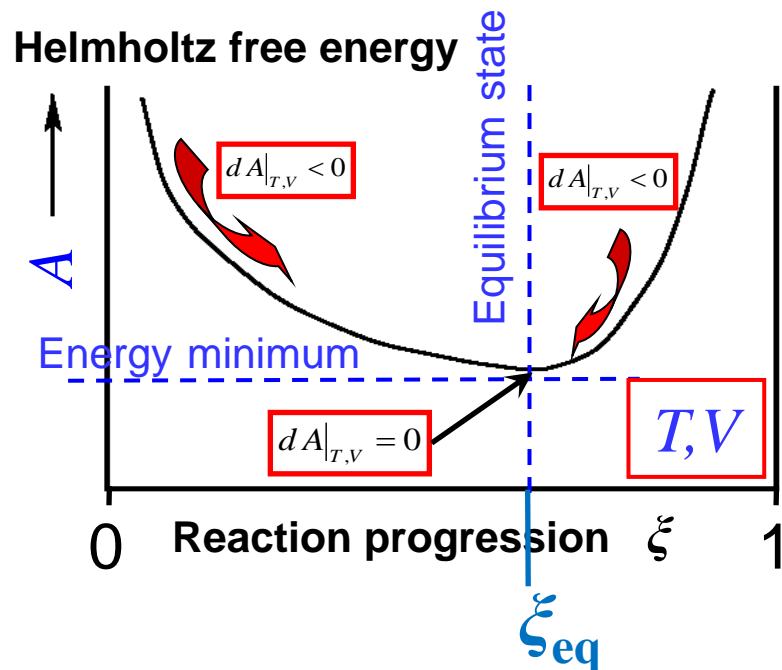
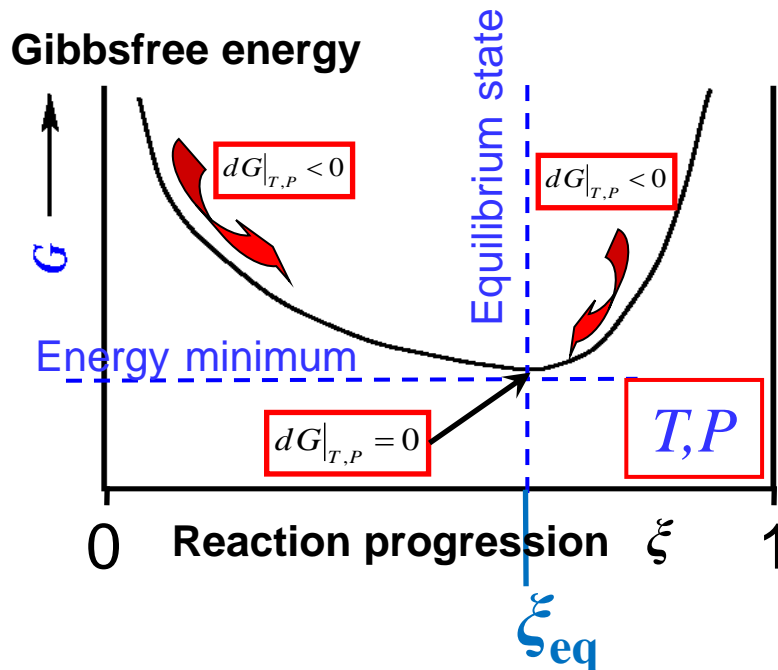
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$\sigma$  (m<sup>2</sup>): surface

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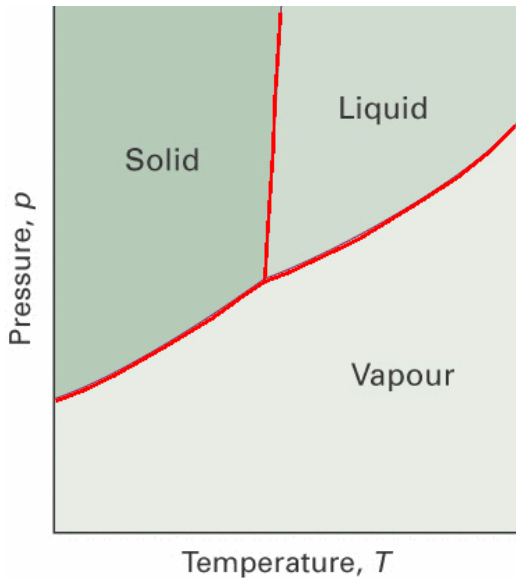
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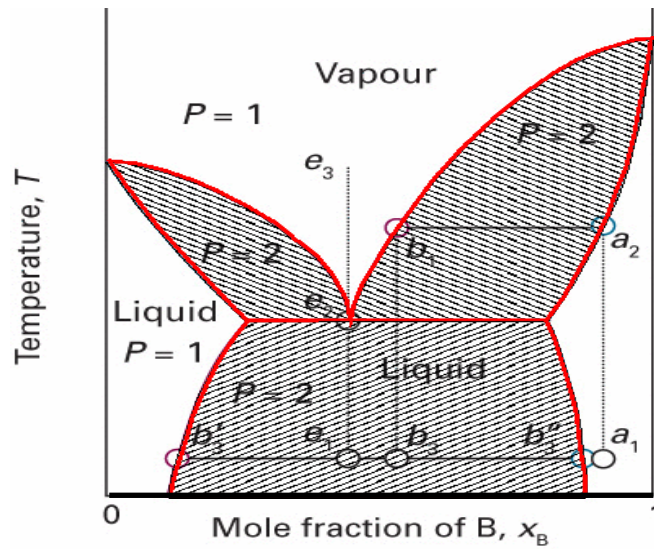
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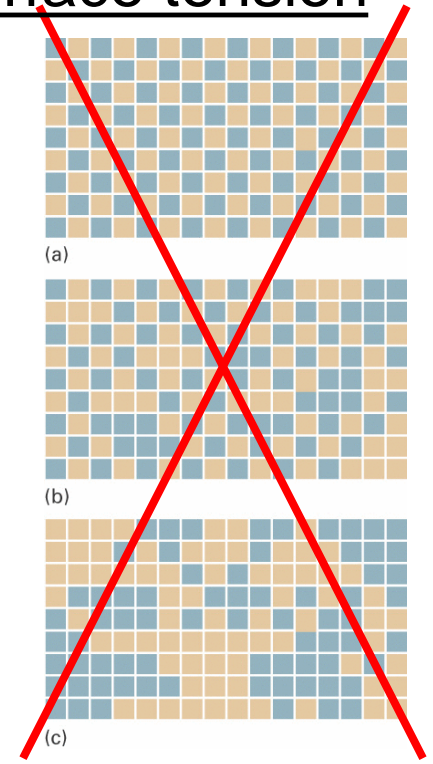
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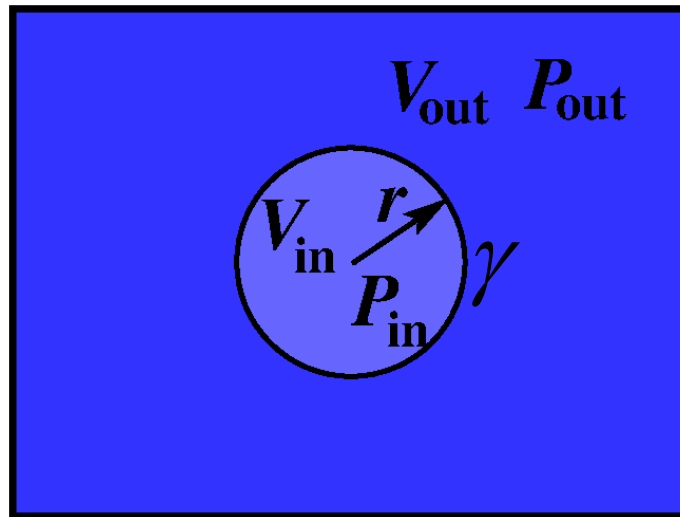
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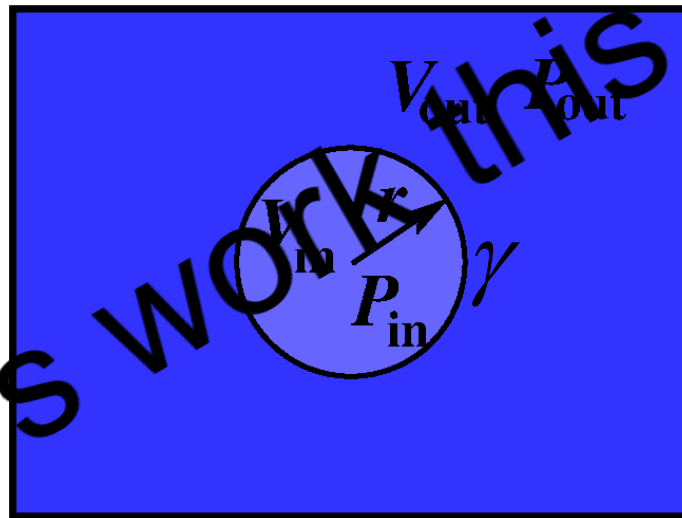
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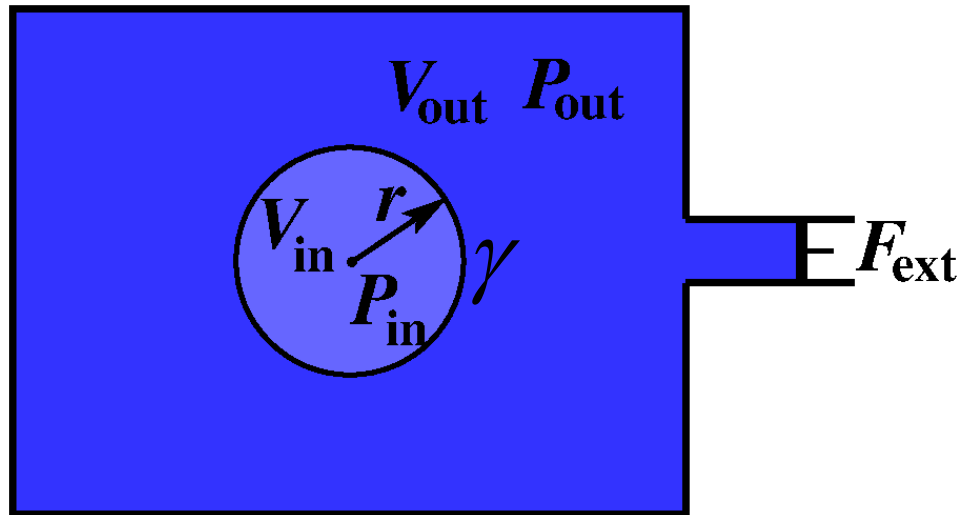
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$$\rightarrow dA_T = -P_{\text{in}} dV_{\text{in}} - P_{\text{out}} dV_{\text{out}} + \gamma d\sigma$$

$$dA_T = -P_{\text{ext}} dV = -P_{\text{out}} dV = -P_{\text{out}} (dV_{\text{in}} + dV_{\text{out}})$$



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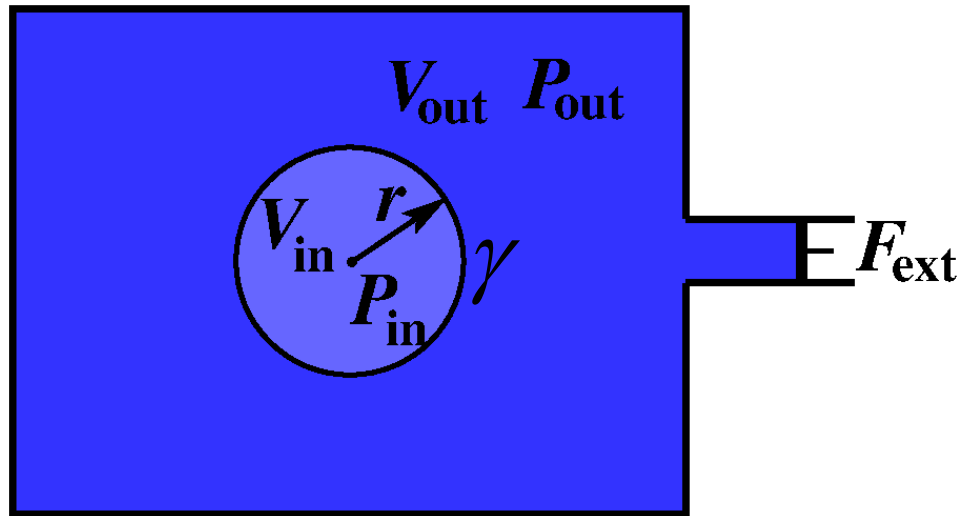
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Equilibrium and isotropic  $\gamma$ :

$$dV_{\text{in}} = \frac{dV_{\text{in}}}{dr} dr = \frac{d4\pi/3 r^3}{dr} dr = 4\pi r^2 dr$$

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Laplace equation

$$P_{\text{in}} 4\pi r^2 dr = P_{\text{out}} 4\pi r^2 dr + \gamma 8\pi r dr$$

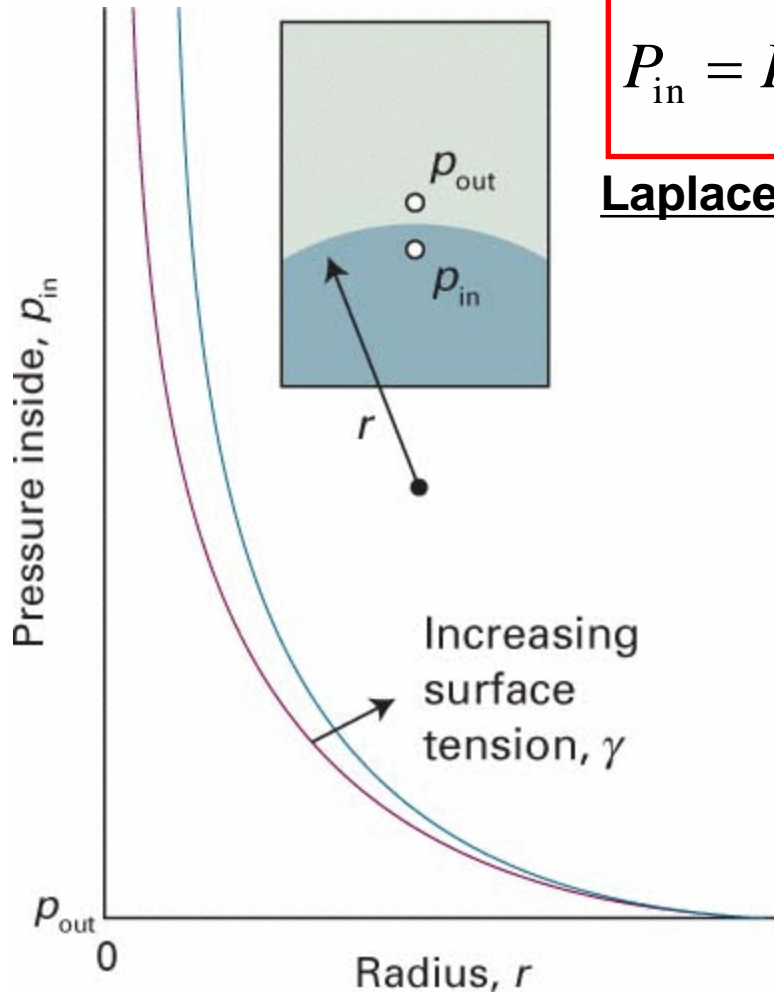
$$P_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{out}} + \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

# Gibbs-Thomson effect: Laplace equation

Surface tension  $\gamma$  ( $\text{Jm}^{-2} = \text{Nm}^{-1}$ )

$$P_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{out}} + \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

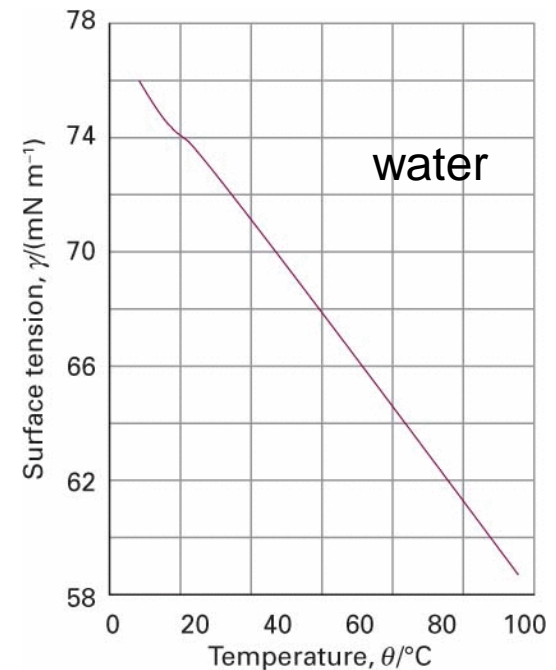
Laplace equation



(293 K, in air)  $\gamma/(\text{mN m}^{-1})$

Benzene	28.88
Mercury	472
Methanol	22.6
Water	72.75

\* More values are given in the *Data section*.  
Note that  $1 \text{ N m}^{-1} = 1 \text{ J m}^{-2}$ .

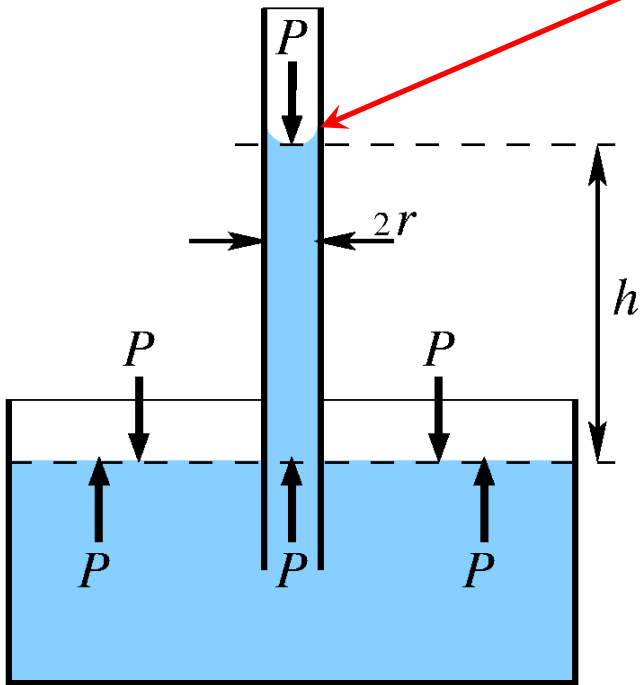


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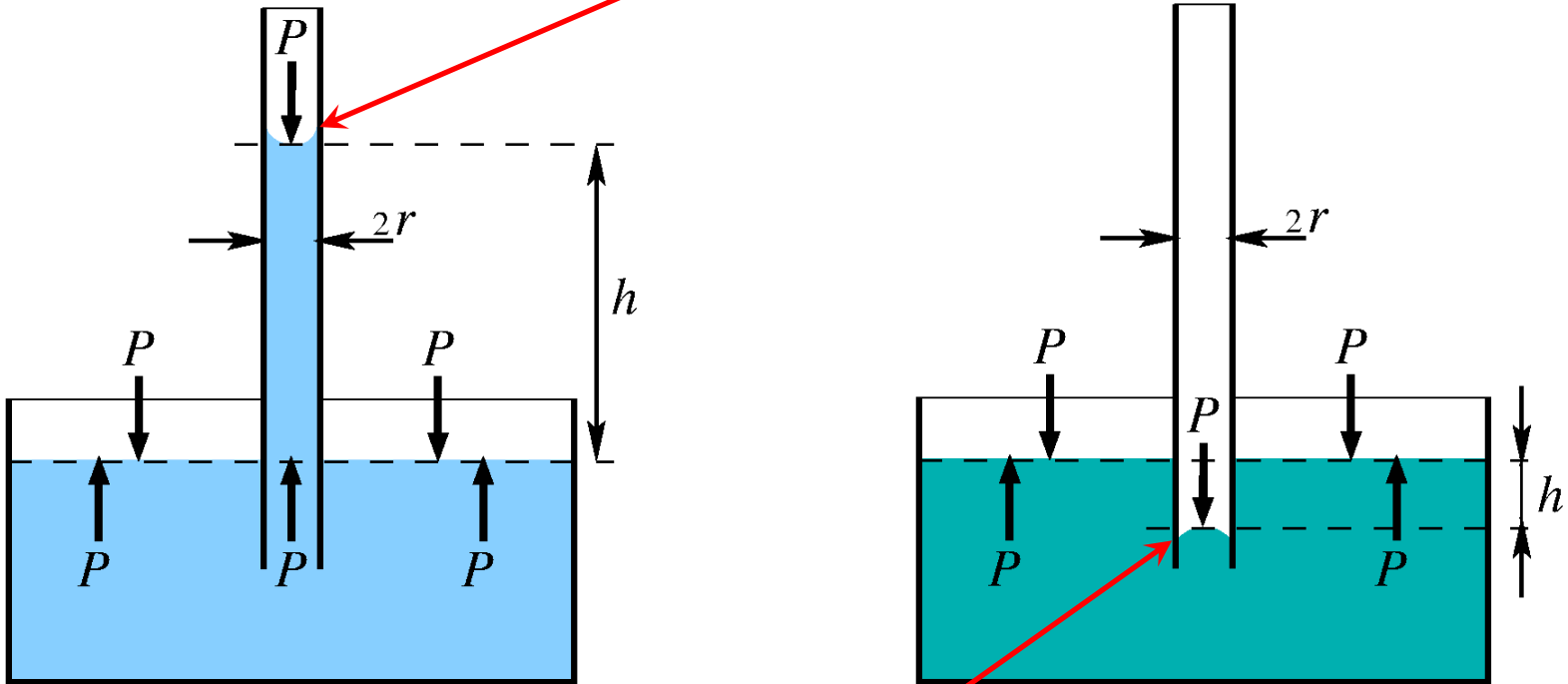
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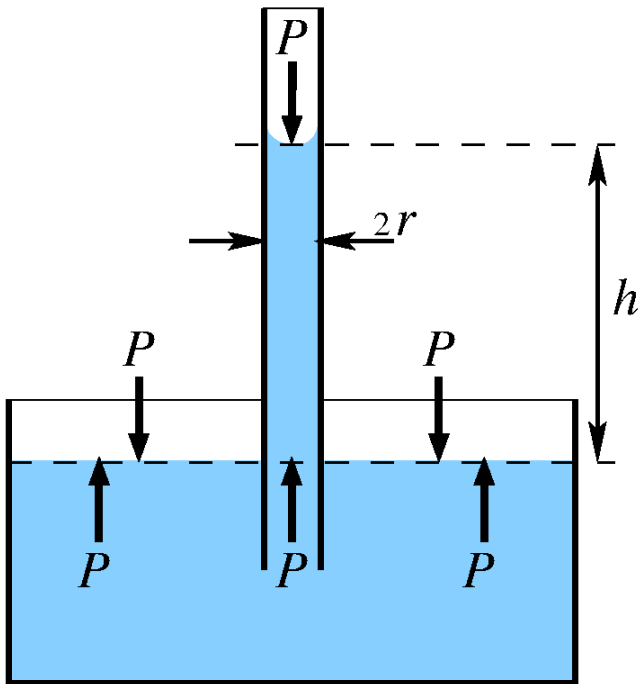
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**Stronger cohesive force within the liquid, e.g. Hg/glass**

# Surface tension and capillary action

## Adhesive force between liquid and capillary



Pressure of a liquid column  
of height  $h$  and mass density  $\rho$

$$P(h) = \frac{F(h)}{A} = \frac{m(h)g}{A} = \frac{m(h)gh}{Ah} = \frac{m(h)gh}{V} = \rho gh$$

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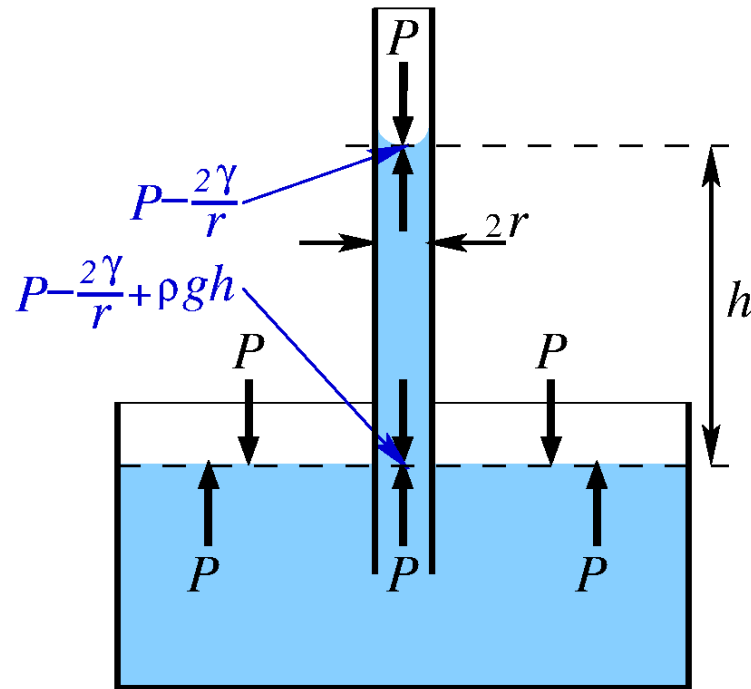
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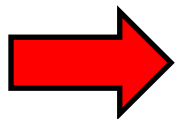
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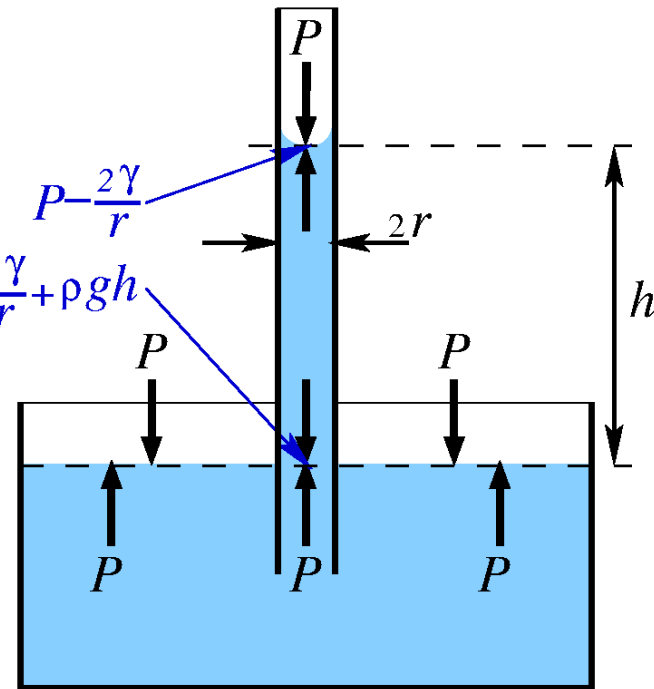
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$$h = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho gr}$$

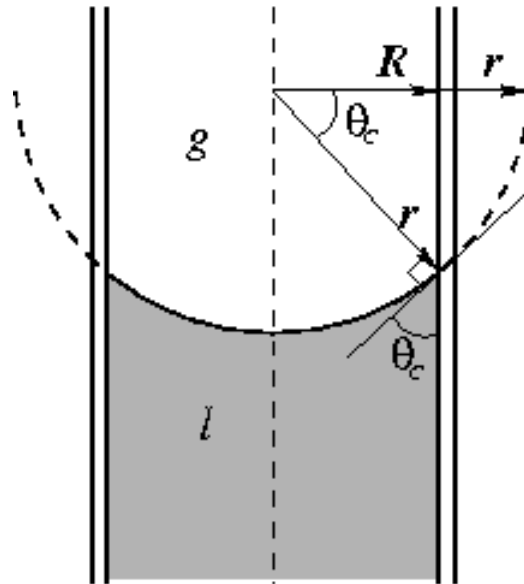
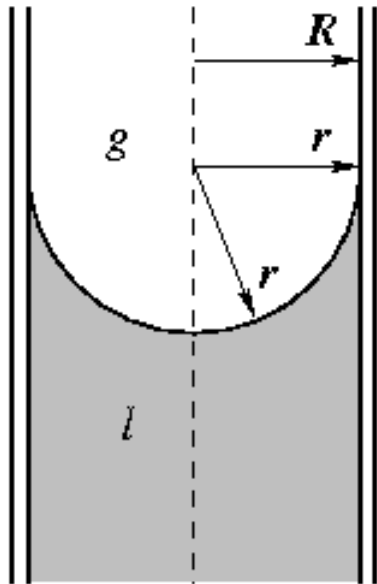
capillary rise

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# Surface tension and capillary action

$$\theta_c = 0$$



$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{R}{r}$$

$$\theta_c = 0$$

$$r = R$$

$$\theta_c \neq 0$$

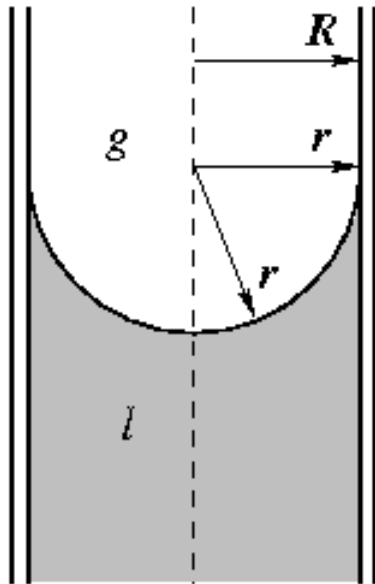
$$r > R$$

$$h = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho g r} = \frac{2\gamma}{\rho g R}$$

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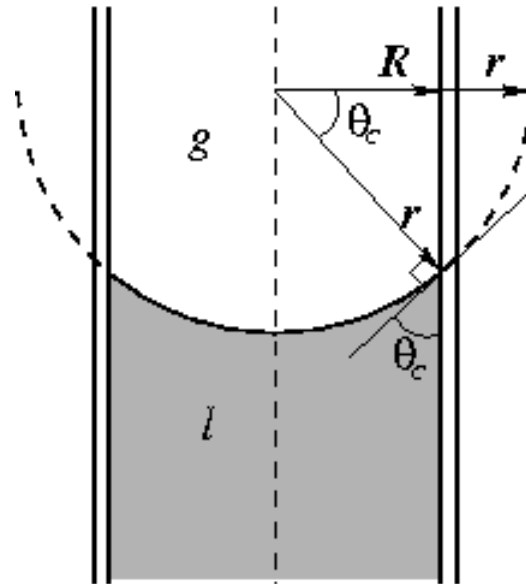
# Surface tension and capillary action

equilibrium situations



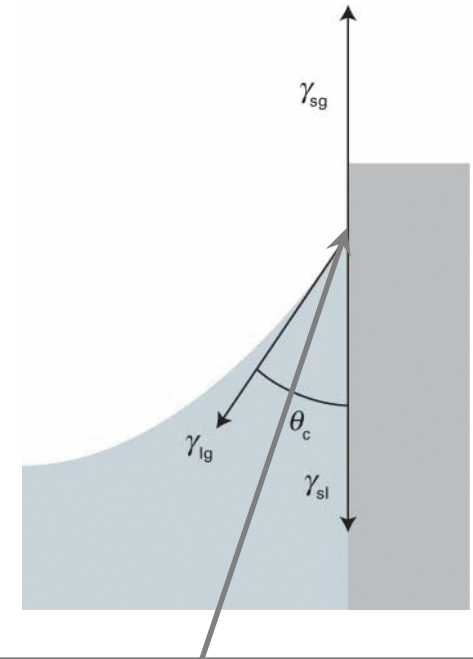
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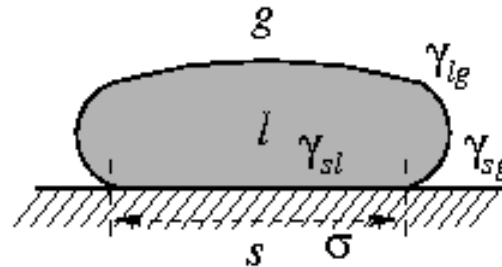
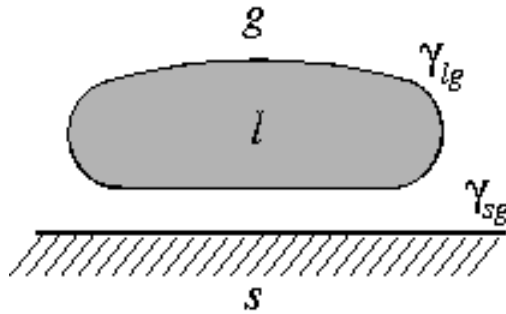
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Each interfacial tension tries to reduce its corresponding surface

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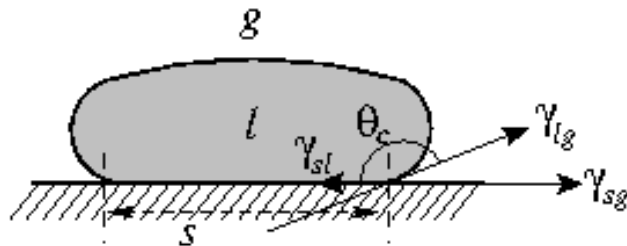
# Surface tension and wetting



$$W_{adh} = -\frac{W}{\sigma} = -\frac{\gamma_{sl}\sigma - \gamma_{sg}\sigma - \gamma_{lg}\sigma}{\sigma} = \gamma_{sg} + \gamma_{lg} - \gamma_{sl}$$

specific  
work (J/m<sup>2</sup>)  
of adhesion

( $\gamma$  is always trying to reduce the corresponding surface)



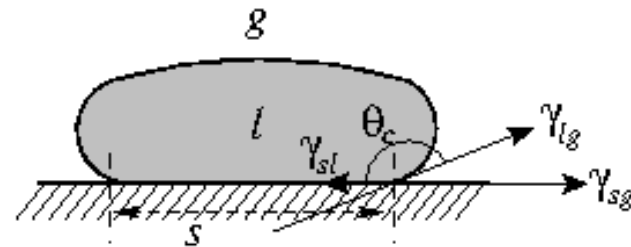
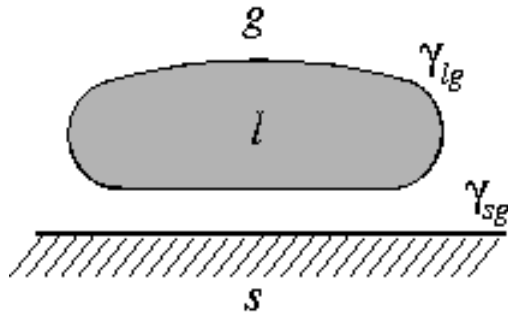
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(equilibrium)

horizontal  
Force (N/m)  
balance



# Surface tension and wetting



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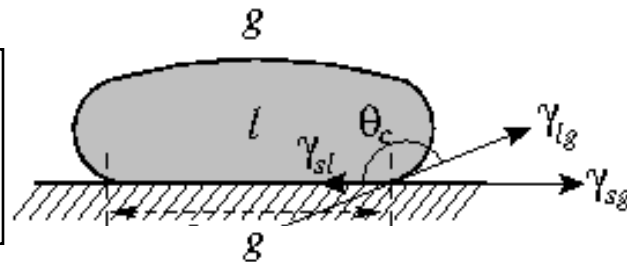
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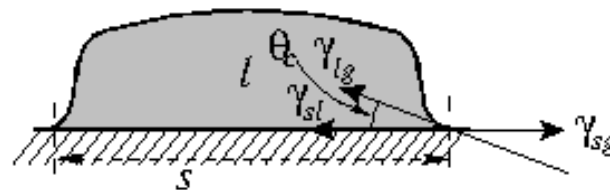
$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{W_{adh}}{\gamma_{lg}} - 1$$

$$0 < \frac{W_{adh}}{\gamma_{lg}} < 1 \Leftrightarrow 180^\circ < \theta_c < 90^\circ$$



partial dewetting

$$1 < \frac{W_{adh}}{\gamma_{lg}} < 2 \Leftrightarrow 90^\circ < \theta_c < 0^\circ$$

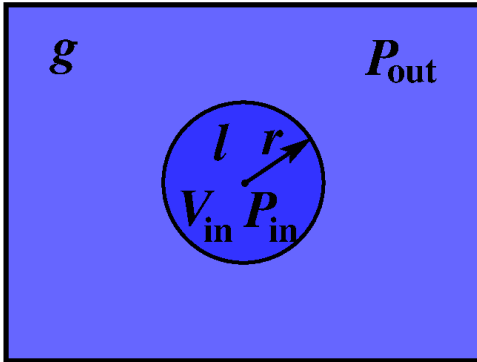


partial wetting<sub>25</sub>

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## nucleation barrier for condensation ( $g \rightarrow l$ )



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Laplace equation

equilibrium

$$d\mu_g = d\mu_l$$

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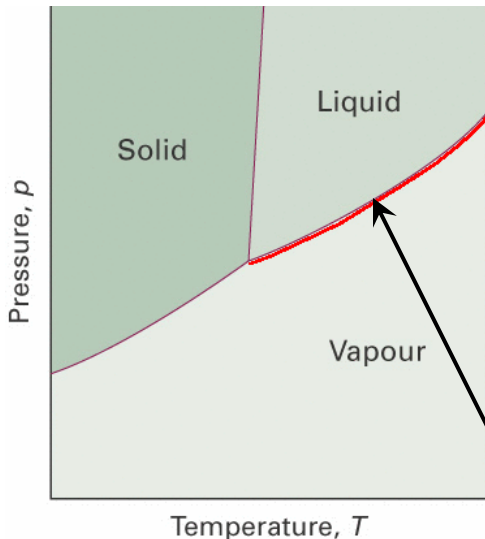
(pure compound)

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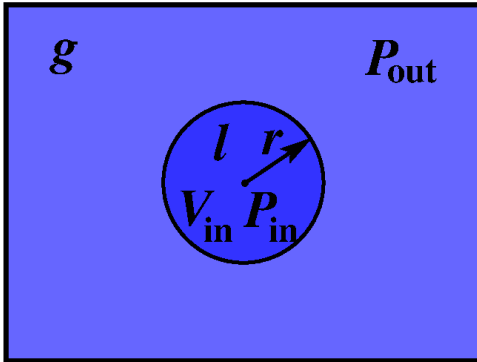
@ constant  $T$

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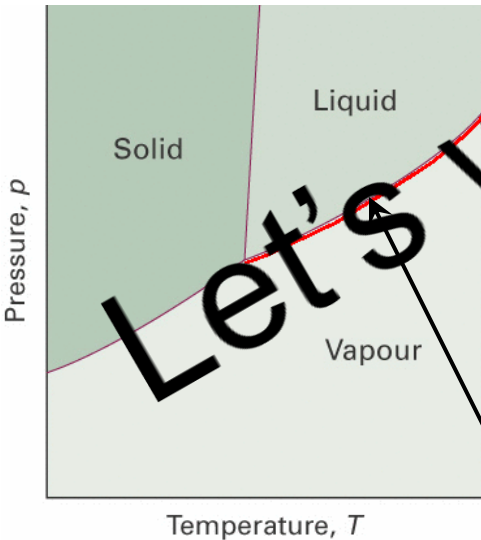
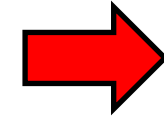
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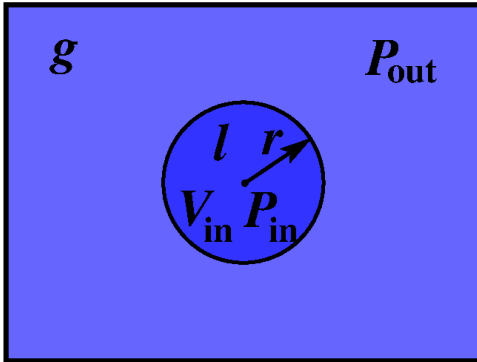
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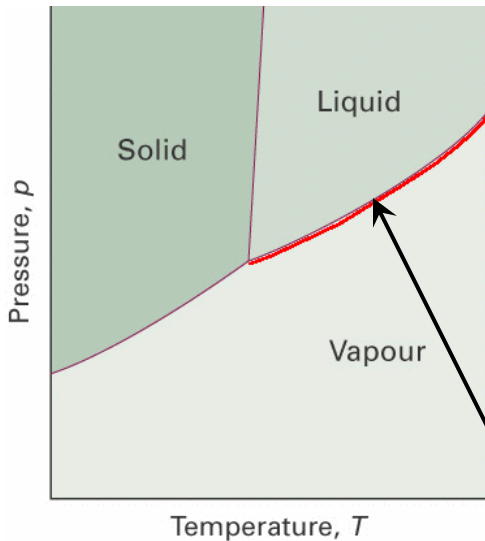
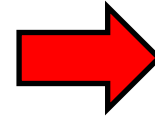
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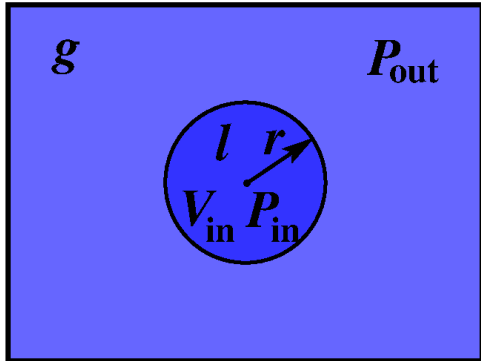
$$\int_{P^*}^{P_g} \frac{RT}{P} dP \approx V_{m,l} \int_{P^*}^{P^* + \Delta P} dP$$

$$RT \ln \frac{P_g}{P^*} \approx V_{m,l} \Delta P = V_{m,l} \frac{2\gamma}{r}$$

$$P^* = P^*(T)$$

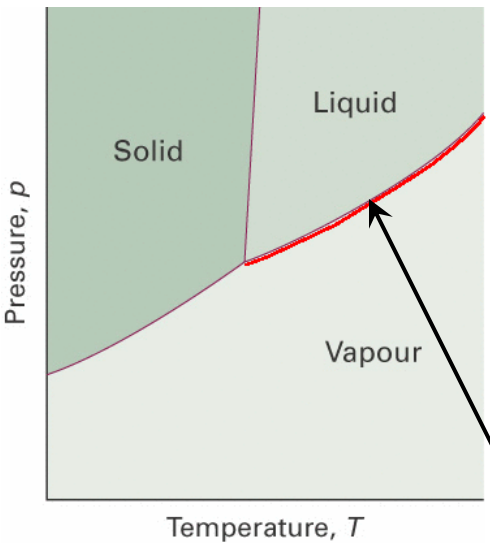
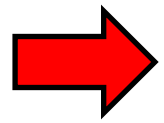
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$$P_g = P^* \exp \left[ \frac{2\gamma V_m(l)}{rRT} \right]$$

Kelvin equation

Consider an undercooled gas:

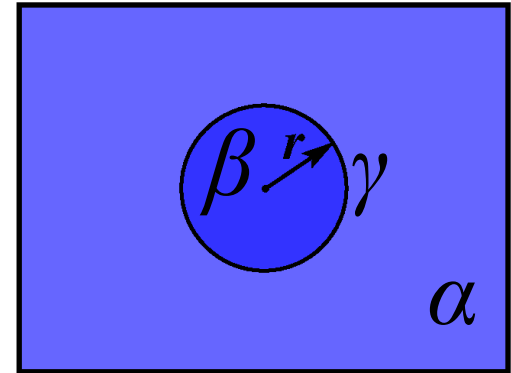
$$\rightarrow P_g > P^*$$

- small droplets evaporate
- condensation nucleation barrier

$$P^* = P^*(T)$$

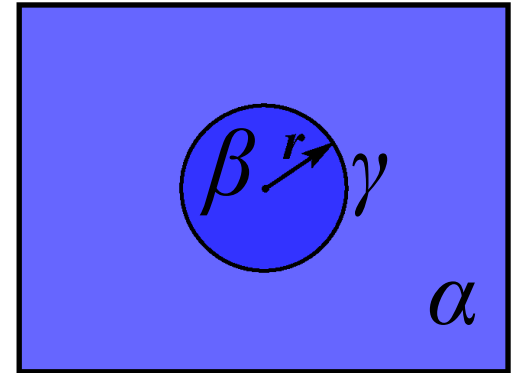
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$$\Delta G_\sigma = +4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

$$\Delta G = -\frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{V_m} \Delta\mu + 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

gain

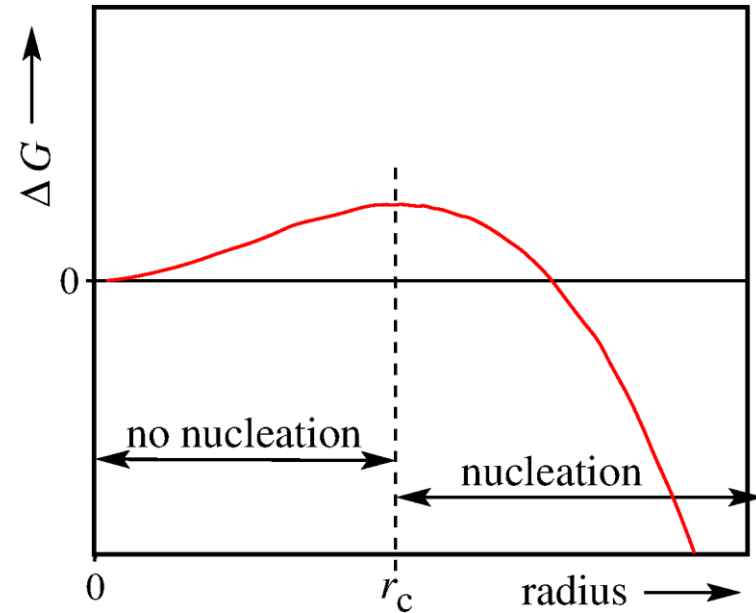
cost

(if  $\Delta\mu = \mu_\beta - \mu_\alpha > 0$ ) 32



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# nucleation of phase $\beta(s)$ from phase $\alpha(l)$

$$\Delta G = -\frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}{V_m} \Delta\mu + 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

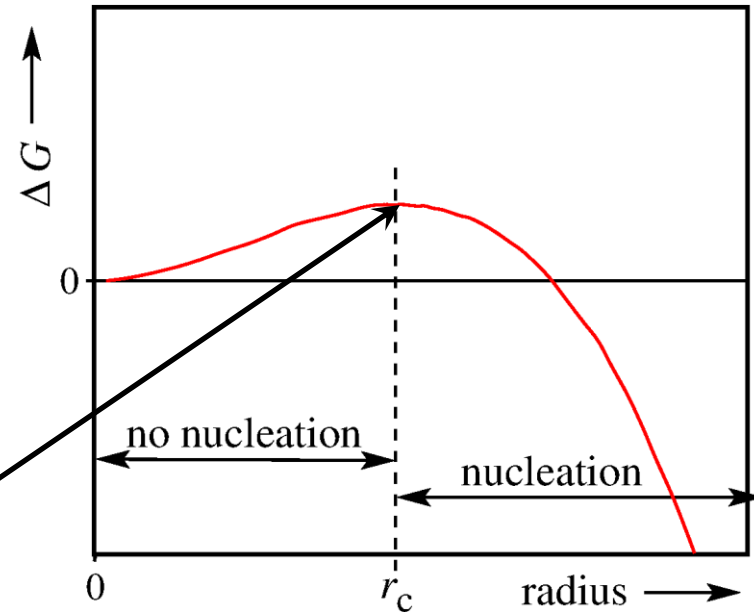
critical radius  $r_c$ :

$$\left. \frac{d\Delta G}{dr} \right|_{r_c} = 0$$



$$G_c = \frac{16\pi^2 V_m^2 \gamma^3}{3\Delta\mu^2}; r_c = \frac{2\gamma V_m}{\Delta\mu}$$

**Exercise 23**



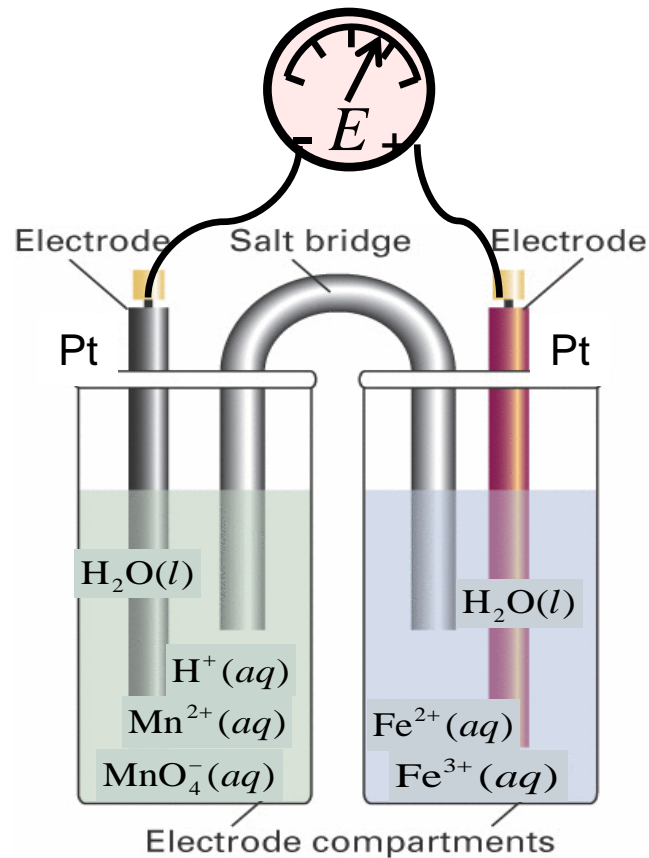
nucleation barrier depends on supersaturation ( $\Delta\mu = \Delta\mu(T)$ )

-low  $\Delta\mu$  : no nucleation

-high  $\Delta\mu$  : easy nucleation

# Electrochemistry and electrolytic solutions

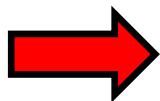
# Electrochemistry and electrolytic solutions



**This is a partly recap from Thermodynamics (Lecture 4)**  
( <https://www.vsc.science.ru.nl/hugom/Thermo/Thermo.html> )

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

$$\mu_i \equiv \mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln a_i$$



$$\Delta_r G = \sum_i \nu_i \mu_i^\ominus + \sum_i \nu_i RT \ln a_i$$

$$\Delta_r G = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi} \right)_{T,P}$$

$$\equiv \Delta_r G^\ominus$$

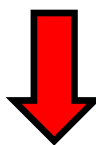
$$\equiv RT \ln Q$$



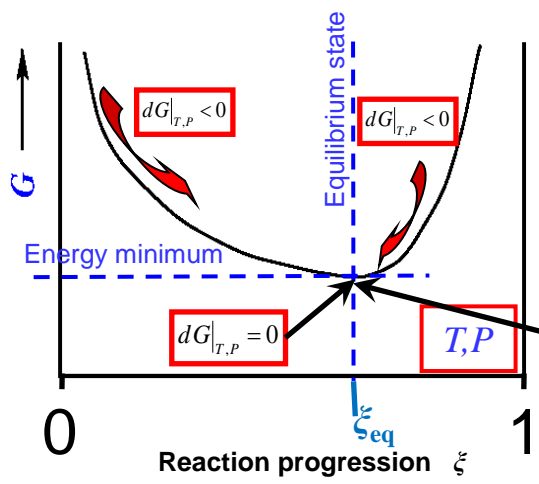
$$Q = \prod_i a_i^{\nu_i}$$

**Equilibrium:**

$$\Delta_r G = 0$$



$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln Q_{\text{eq}} = -RT \ln \left( \prod_i a_i^{\nu_i} \right)_{\text{eq}} \equiv -RT \ln K$$



# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

$$\mu_i \equiv \mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln a_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta_r G = \underbrace{\sum_i \nu_i \mu_i^\ominus}_{\equiv \Delta_r G^\ominus} + \underbrace{\sum_i \nu_i RT \ln a_i}_{\equiv RT \ln Q}$$

perfect gas mixtures

$$a_i = \frac{P_i}{P^\ominus}$$

pure liquids

$$a_l \approx 1$$

pure solids

$$a_s \approx 1$$

$$Q = \prod_i a_i^{\nu_i}$$

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln Q_{\text{eq}} = -RT \ln K$$

solutions

Neutral solutions (Lecture 3)

Electrolytes (ions): [Electrochemistry](#)

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Electrochemistry: a few concepts

### 1) Aqueous dissolution of a sparingly soluble salts



(Note: the equation is overall charge neutral)

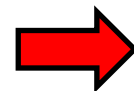
$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln Q_{\text{eq}} = -RT \ln K$$

$$K = \left( \prod_i a_i^{v_i} \right)_{\text{eq}} = \frac{a_{\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq})}^3 a_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}(\text{aq})}^2}{a_{\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{s})}} \approx \frac{b_{\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq})}^3 \cdot b_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}(\text{aq})}^2}{1} = \frac{b_{\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq})}^3 b_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}(\text{aq})}^2}{(b^\ominus)^5}$$

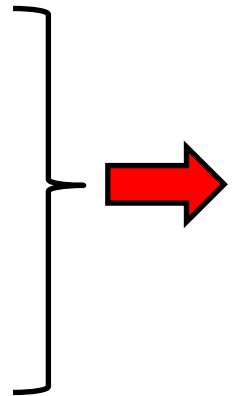
Solubility  $s$  of the salt:

$$s(\text{mol/kg}) = \frac{b_{\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq})}}{3} = \frac{b_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}(\text{aq})}}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow K = \frac{(3s)^3 (2s)^2}{(b^\ominus)^5}$$



$$\rightarrow s = \frac{K^{1/5}}{108} (\text{mol/kg})$$



# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Aqueous dissolution of a sparingly soluble salts



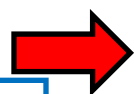
(Note: both sides of the equation are charge neutral)

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln Q_{\text{eq}} = -RT \ln K$$

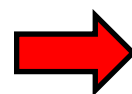
$$s = \frac{K^{1/5}}{108} \text{ (mol/kg)}$$

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = 3\Delta_f G^\ominus_{\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq})} + 2\Delta_f G^\ominus_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}(\text{aq})} - \Delta_f G^\ominus_{\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{s})}$$

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = 3 \cdot (-553.0 \cdot 10^3) + 2 \cdot (-1019 \cdot 10^3) - (-3885 \cdot 10^3) = 188.0 \text{ kJ/mol} \quad (*)$$



$$K = 1.11 \cdot 10^{-33}$$



$$s = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ mol/kg}$$

**Exercise 24**

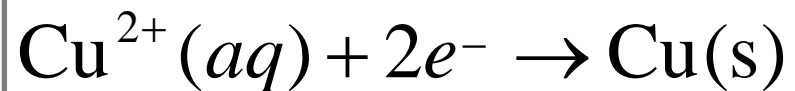
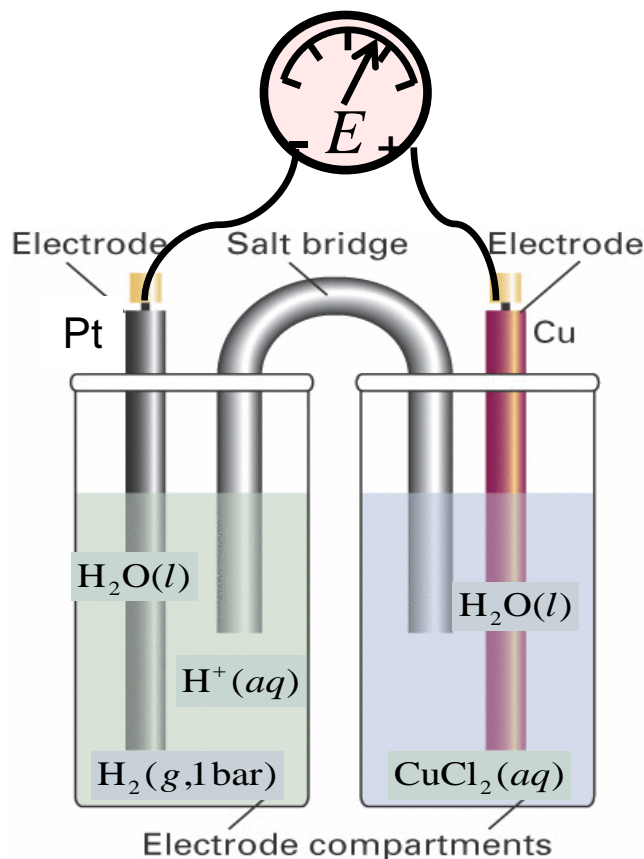
(\*) <https://www.chm.uri.edu/weuler/chm112/refmater/thermtable.html>



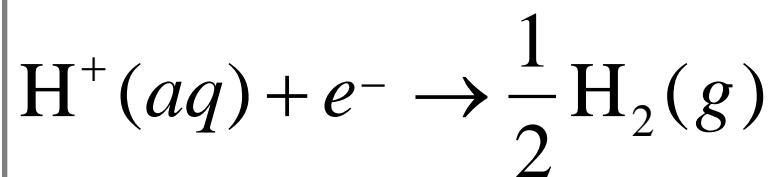
# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Electrochemistry: a few concepts

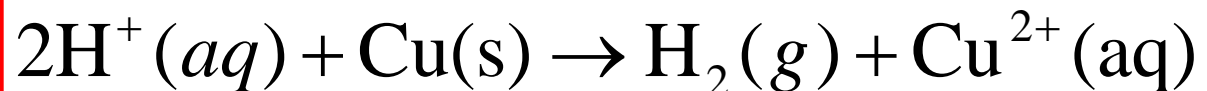
### 2) Electrochemical cells: basic example



(Reduction halfreaction)



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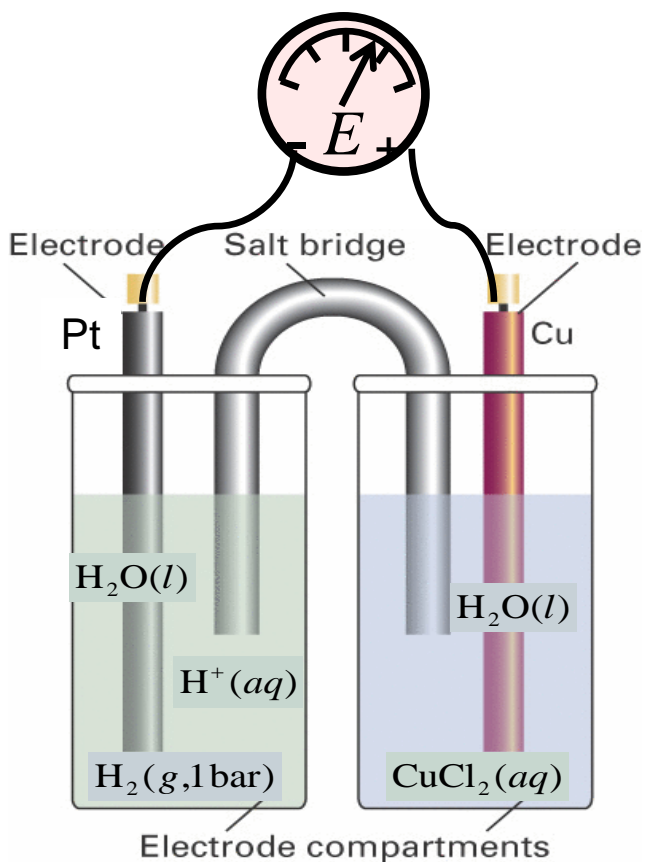
(Total cell reaction)

(Note: the equation is overall charge neutral)

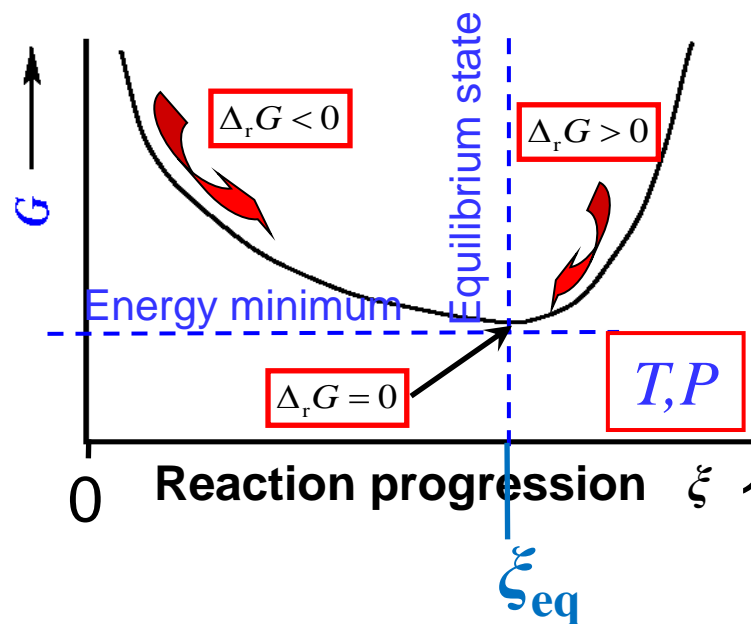
In which direction will the reaction run spontaneously?

→ Where is the equilibrium?

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry



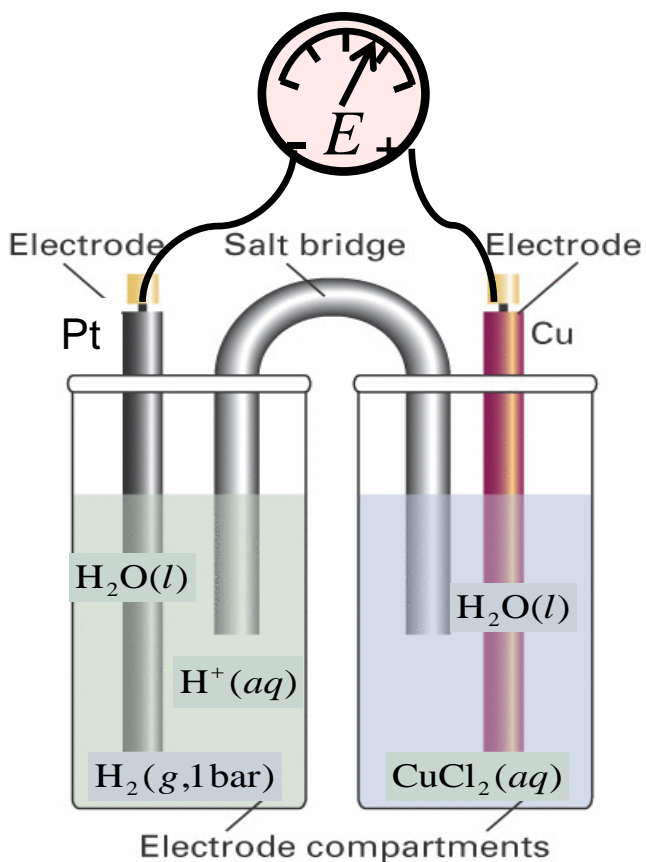
Voltage  $E$  represents a 'driving force' like  $\Delta_r G$



Ideal volt meter has an infinitely large internal resistance

→ measures  $E$  with zero current

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry



Voltage  $E$  represents a 'driving force' like  $\Delta_r G$

$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^\ominus + RT \ln Q$$

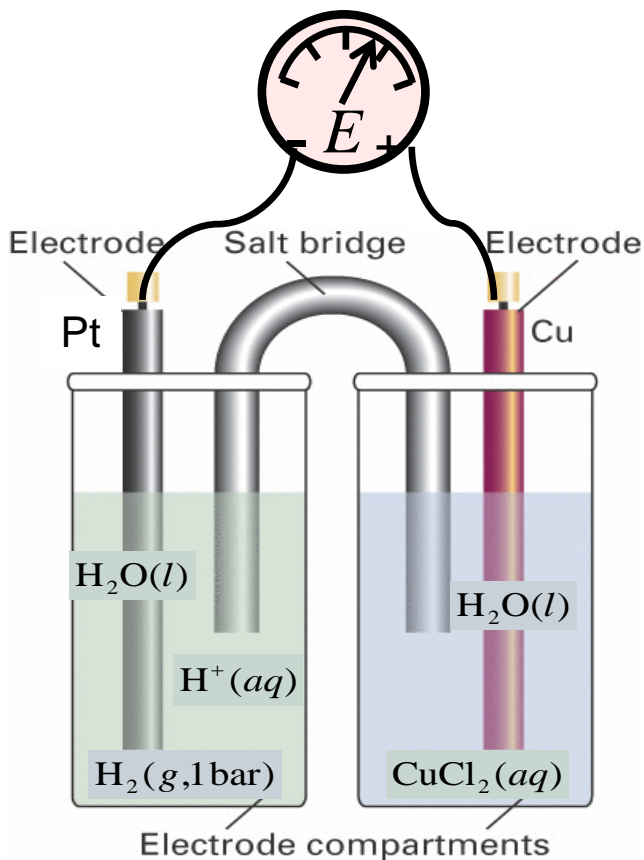
$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = \sum_i \nu_i \Delta_f G_{m,i}^\ominus$$

Equilibrium:

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln K$$

Relation between  $E$  and  $\Delta_r G$

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry



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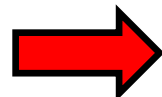
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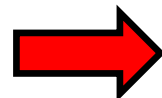
# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

$$\Delta_r G = -\nu F E$$



$$E = -\frac{\Delta_r G}{\nu F}$$

$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^\ominus + RT \ln Q$$



$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{RT}{\nu F} \ln Q$$

**Equilibrium:**

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = -RT \ln K$$



**Equilibrium:**

$$E^\ominus = +\frac{RT}{\nu F} \ln K$$

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = \sum_i \nu_i \Delta_f G_{m,i}^\ominus = -\nu F E^\ominus$$

Number of electrons transferred  
in chemical equation

Faraday constant  
(charge of 1 mole of electrons)

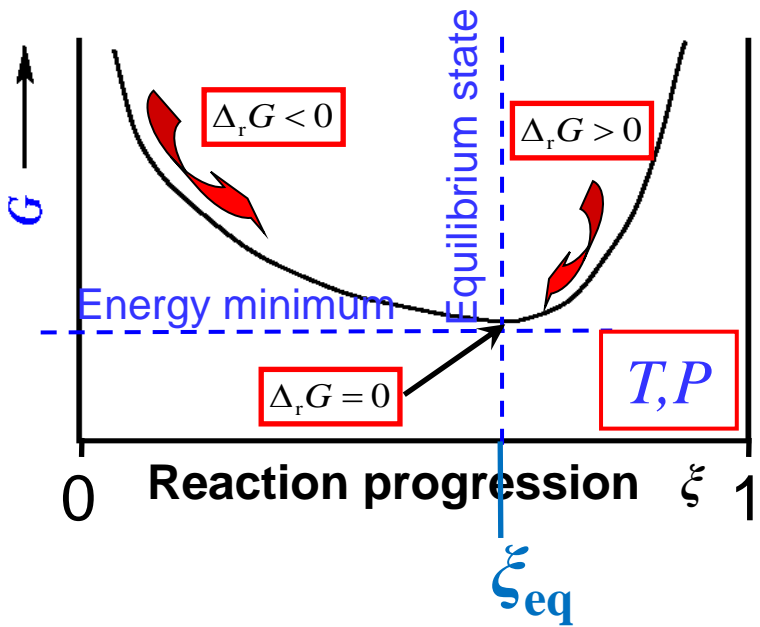
# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^\ominus + RT \ln Q$$

$$\Delta_r G = -vFE$$

$$E = E^\ominus - \frac{RT}{vF} \ln Q$$

**Nernst equation**



**reaction**

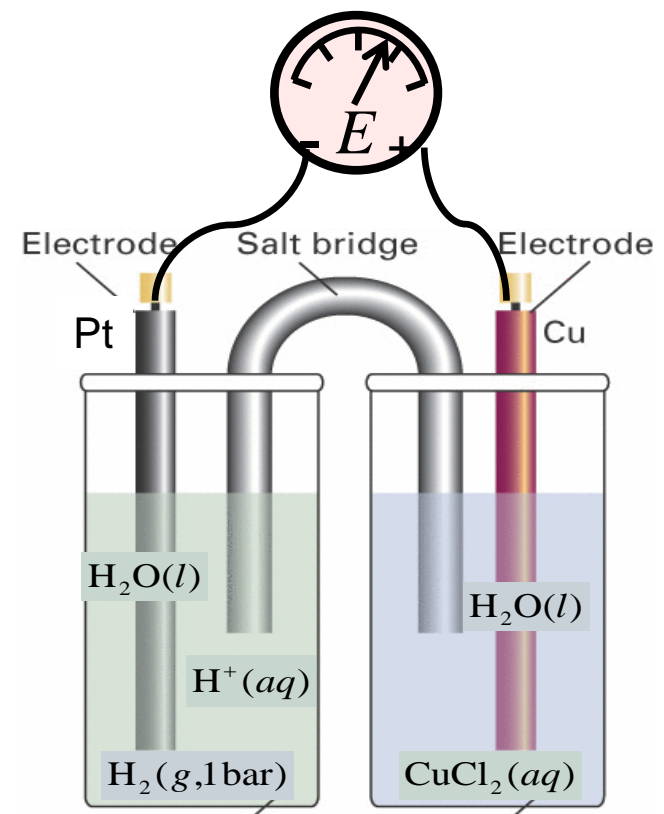
$$\Delta_r G < 0 \quad E > 0$$



$$\Delta_r G > 0 \quad E < 0$$



$$\Delta_r G = 0 \quad E = 0$$



# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

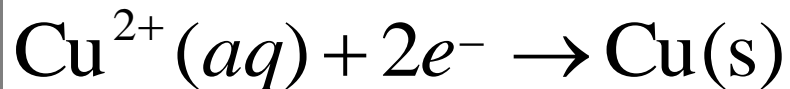
Nernst equation

$$E = E^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{\nu F} \ln Q$$

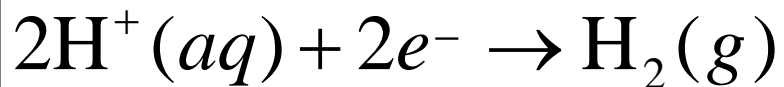
with

$$Q = \prod_i a_i^{\nu_i}$$

Nernst also holds for half reactions:



$$E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}} = E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Cu}(\text{s})}}{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})}}$$

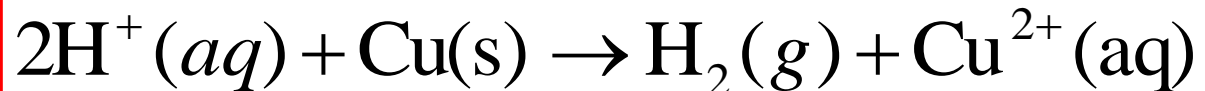
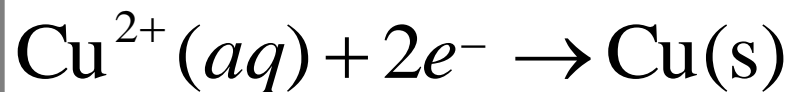
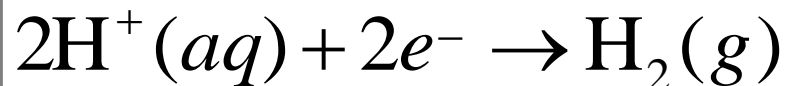


$$E_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})/2\text{H}^{+}} = E_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})/2\text{H}^{+}}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})}}{a_{\text{H}^{+}(\text{aq})}^2}$$

Note: reduction half reaction

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

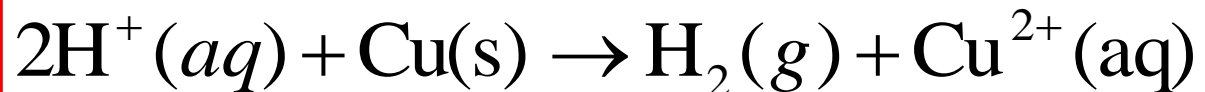
**Nernst also holds for half reactions**





# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Nernst also holds for half reactions



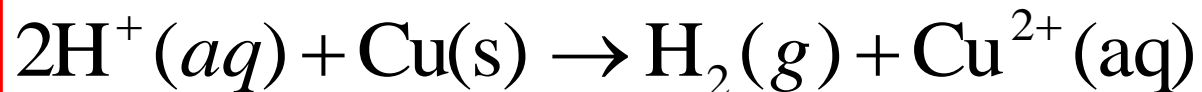
$$E_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})/2\text{H}^+} = E_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})/2\text{H}^+}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})}}{a_{\text{H}^+(\text{aq})}^2}$$

$$E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}} = E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Cu}(\text{s})}}{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})}}$$

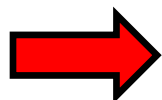
$$E_{\text{total cell}} = E_{\text{H}_2/2\text{H}^+}^{\ominus} - E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \left[ \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})}}{a_{\text{H}^+(\text{aq})}^2} - \ln \frac{a_{\text{Cu}(\text{s})}}{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})}} \right]$$

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

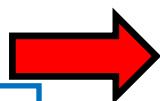
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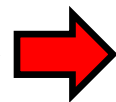


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### Exercise 25

$$E_{\text{H}_2/2\text{H}^+}^{\ominus} \equiv 0 \text{ for all } T$$

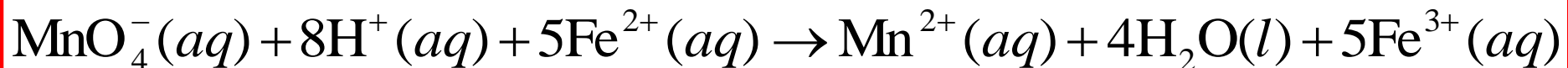
$$a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})} (\text{H}_2 | \text{Pt} | \text{H}_{\text{aq}}^+) \equiv \frac{P^{\ominus}}{P^{\ominus}} = 1$$



$$E_{\text{totalcell}} = 0 - E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\ominus} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})}}{a_{\text{H}^+(\text{aq})}^2}$$

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## 2) Electrochemical cells: another example



$$E_{\text{totalcell}} = E_{\text{MnO}_4^- / \text{Mn}^{2+}}^\ominus - E_{\text{Fe}^{3+} / \text{Fe}^{2+}}^\ominus - \frac{RT}{5F} \left[ \ln \frac{a_{\text{Mn}^{2+}} a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^4 a_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^5}{a_{\text{MnO}_4^-} a_{\text{H}^+}^8 a_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^5} \right]$$

**Standard electrochemical potentials of redox couples are in tables as reduction half reactions**

$$v = 5$$

**- sign as we need a reduction and an oxidation half reaction**

# Chemical reaction equilibria: ions in solution

	$M/(\text{g mol}^{-1})$	$\Delta_f H^\ominus/(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$	$\Delta_f G^\ominus/(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$	$S_m^\ominus/(\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1})^\dagger$	$C_{p,m}^\ominus/(\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1})$
<b>Fluorine</b>					
F <sub>2</sub> (g)	38.00	0	0	202.78	31.30
F(g)	19.00	+78.99	+61.91	158.75	22.74
F <sup>-</sup> (aq)	19.00	-332.63	-278.79	-13.8	-106.7
HF(g)	20.01	-271.1	-273.2	173.78	29.13
<b>Gold</b>					
Au(s)	196.97	0	0	47.40	25.42
Au(g)	196.97	+366.1	+326.3	180.50	20.79
<b>Helium</b>					
He(g)	4.003	0	0	126.15	20.786
<b>Hydrogen (see also deuterium)</b>					
H <sub>2</sub> (g)	2.016	0	0	130.684	28.824
H(g)	1.008	+217.97	+203.25	114.71	20.784
H <sup>+</sup> (aq)	1.008	0	0	0	0
H <sup>+</sup> (g)	1.008	+1536.20			
H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	18.015			37.99	
H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	18.015	-285.83	-237.13	69.91	75.291
H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	18.015	-241.82	-228.57	188.83	33.58
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (l)	34.015	-187.78	-120.35	109.6	89.1
<b>Iodine</b>					
I <sub>2</sub> (s)	253.81	0	0	116.135	54.44
I <sub>2</sub> (g)	253.81	+62.44	+19.33	260.69	36.90
I(g)	126.90	+106.84	+70.25	180.79	20.786
I <sup>-</sup> (aq)	126.90	-55.19	-51.57	+111.3	-142.3
HI(g)	127.91	+26.48	+1.70	206.59	29.158
<b>Iron</b>					
Fe(s)	55.85	0	0	27.28	25.10
Fe(g)	55.85	+416.3	+370.7	180.49	25.68
Fe <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	55.85	-89.1	-78.90	-137.7	
Fe <sup>3+</sup> (aq)	55.85	-48.5	-4.7	-315.9	
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (s) (magnetite)	231.54	-1118.4	-1015.4	146.4	143.43
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (s) (haematite)	159.69	-824.2	-742.2	87.40	103.85
FeS(s, α)	87.91	-100.0	-100.4	60.29	50.54
FeS <sub>2</sub> (s)	119.98	-178.2	-166.9	52.93	62.17
<b>Krypton</b>					
Kr(g)	83.80	0	0	164.08	20.786
<b>Lead</b>					
Pb(s)	207.19	0	0	64.81	26.44
Pb(g)	207.19	+195.0	+161.9	175.37	20.79
Pb <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	207.19	-1.7	-24.43	+10.5	
PbO(s, yellow)	223.19	-217.32	-187.89	68.70	45.77
PbO(s, red)	223.19	-218.99	-188.93	66.5	45.81
PbO <sub>2</sub> (s)	239.19	-277.4	-217.33	68.6	64.64

$$\Delta_r G^\ominus = \sum_i \nu_i \Delta_f G_{m,i}^\ominus = -vFE^\ominus$$

$$\Delta_f G_{m,\text{H}^+}^\ominus \equiv \Delta_f H_{m,\text{H}^+}^\ominus \equiv 0 \text{ all } T$$

**Standard  
thermodynamic  
data**

**(@ 298K)**

**(Ed.11: Table 2C.7)**

# Standard electrochemical potentials $E^\ominus$ of redox couples

(@ 298K)  
alphabetical order  
(Ed.11: Table 6D.1b)



for all  $T(\text{aq})$

Reduction half-reaction	$E^\ominus/\text{V}$	Reduction half-reaction	$E^\ominus/\text{V}$
$\text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}$	+0.80	$\text{I}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{I}^-$	+0.54
$\text{Ag}^{2+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+$	+1.98	$\text{I}_3^- + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 3\text{I}^-$	+0.53
$\text{AgBr} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag} + \text{Br}^-$	+0.0713	$\text{In}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}$	-0.14
$\text{AgCl} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag} + \text{Cl}^-$	+0.22	$\text{In}^{2+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}^+$	-0.40
$\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Ag} + \text{CrO}_4^{2-}$	+0.45	$\text{In}^{3+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}^+$	-0.44
$\text{AgF} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag} + \text{F}^-$	+0.78	$\text{In}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}$	-0.34
$\text{AgI} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag} + \text{I}^-$	-0.15	$\text{In}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}^{2+}$	-0.49
$\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Al}$	-1.66	$\text{K}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{K}$	-2.93
$\text{Au}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Au}$	+1.69	$\text{La}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{La}$	-2.52
$\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Au}$	+1.40	$\text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Li}$	-3.05
$\text{Ba}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ba}$	+2.91	$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mg}$	-2.36
$\text{Be}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Be}$	-1.85	$\text{Mn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}$	-1.18
$\text{Bi}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Bi}$	+0.20	$\text{Mn}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+}$	+1.51
$\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Br}^-$	+1.09	$\text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.23
$\text{BrO}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Br}^- + 2\text{OH}^-$	+0.76	$\text{MnO}_4^- + 8\text{H}^+ + 5\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.51
$\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ca}$	-2.87	$\text{MnO}_4^- + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{MnO}_4^{2-}$	+0.56
$\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cd} + 2\text{OH}^-$	-0.81	$\text{MnO}_4^{2-} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{OH}^-$	+0.60
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cd}$	-0.40	$\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}$	-2.71
$\text{Ce}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ce}$	-2.48	$\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ni}$	-0.23
$\text{Ce}^{4+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ce}^{3+}$	+1.61	$\text{NiOOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{OH}^-$	+0.49
$\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-$	+1.36	$\text{NO}_3^- + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.80
$\text{ClO}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}^- + 2\text{OH}^-$	+0.89	$\text{NO}_3^- + 4\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NO} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+0.96
$\text{ClO}_2^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{ClO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.23	$\text{NO}_3^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^- + 2\text{OH}^-$	+0.10
$\text{ClO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{ClO}_2^- + 2\text{OH}^-$	+0.36	$\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$	+0.40
$\text{Co}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Co}$	-0.28	$\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.23
$\text{Co}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Co}^{2+}$	+1.81	$\text{O}_2 + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}_2^-$	-0.56
$\text{Cr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}$	-0.91	$\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{HO}_2^- + \text{OH}^-$	-0.08
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 14\text{H}^+ + 6\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cr}^{3+} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.33	$\text{O}_3 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	+2.07
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}$	-0.74	$\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-$	+1.24
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{2+}$	-0.41	$\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pb}$	-0.13
$\text{Cs}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cs}$	-2.92	$\text{Pb}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}$	+1.67
$\text{Cu}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}$	+0.52	$\text{PbSO}_4 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pb} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	-0.36
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}$	+0.34	$\text{Pt}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pt}$	+1.20
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}^+$	+0.16	$\text{Pu}^{4+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pu}^{3+}$	+0.97
$\text{F}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{F}^-$	+2.87	$\text{Ra}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ra}$	-2.92
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$	-0.44	$\text{Rb}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Rb}$	-2.93
$\text{Fe}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$	-0.04	$\text{S} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{S}^{2-}$	-0.48
$\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$	+0.77	$\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	+2.05
$[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow [\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$	+0.36	$\text{Sc}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sc}$	-2.09
$2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$	0, by definition	$\text{Sn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sn}$	-0.14
$2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-$	-0.83	$\text{Sn}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+}$	+0.15
$2\text{HBrO} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Br}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.60	$\text{Sr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sr}$	-2.89
$2\text{HClO} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.63	$\text{Ti}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ti}$	-1.63
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.78	$\text{Ti}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ti}^{2+}$	-0.37
$\text{H}_4\text{XeO}_6 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{XeO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+3.0	$\text{Ti}^{4+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ti}^{3+}$	0.00
$\text{Hg}_2^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Hg}$	+0.79	$\text{Ti}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ti}$	-0.34
$\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Hg} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	+0.27	$\text{U}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{U}$	-1.79
$\text{Hg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Hg}$	+0.86	$\text{U}^{4+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{U}^{3+}$	-0.61
$2\text{Hg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Hg}_2^{2+}$	+0.92	$\text{V}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{V}$	-1.19
$\text{Hg}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Hg} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	+0.62	$\text{V}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{V}^{2+}$	-0.26
		$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Zn}$	-0.76

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## 3) Standard hydrogen electrode

$$\Delta_f G_{\text{H}^+(\text{aq})}^\ominus \equiv 0 \text{ for all } T$$

$$E_{2\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2}^\ominus \equiv 0 \text{ for all } T$$

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

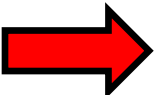
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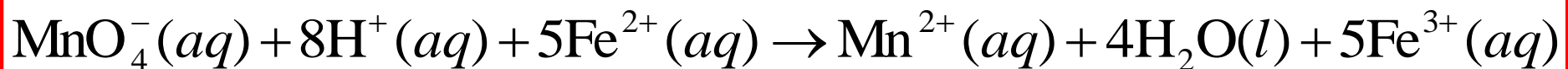
$$E_{2\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2(\text{g})} = E_{2\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2(\text{g})}^\ominus - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})}}{a_{\text{H}^+}^2} \equiv - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}_2(\text{g})}}{a_{\text{H}^+}^2}$$

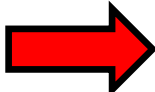

$$\text{pH} \equiv -^{10} \log a_{\text{H}^+} = -^{10} \log [\text{H}^+] -^{10} \log \gamma_{\text{H}^+}$$

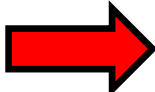




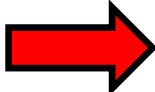
# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry




$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.74 \text{ V} - \frac{RT}{5F} \left[ \ln \frac{a_{\text{Mn}^{2+}} a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^4 a_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^5}{a_{\text{MnO}_4^-} a_{\text{H}^+}^8 a_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^5} \right]$$


$$E_{\text{cell}} \approx 0.74 \text{ V} - \frac{RT}{5F} \left[ \ln \frac{a_{\text{Mn}^{2+}} a_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^5}{a_{\text{MnO}_4^-} a_{\text{H}^+}^8 a_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^5} \right]$$

Very dilute solutions  $\rightarrow a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 1$


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Very very dilute solutions  $\rightarrow a_i \approx [i]$

**Exercise 24-25**

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Activity as an effective concentration

$$\mu_i \equiv \mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln a_i$$

$$\mu_i \equiv \mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln \gamma_i \frac{c_i}{c^\ominus} = \underbrace{\mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln \frac{c_i}{c^\ominus}}_{\text{ideal or dilute behaviour}} + \underbrace{RT \ln \gamma_i}_{\text{deviation from ideal}}$$

$$a_i \equiv \gamma_i \frac{c_i}{c^\ominus}$$

$$c^\ominus \equiv 1 \text{ mol/L}$$

ideal or dilute  
behaviour

deviation  
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$\gamma_i$

activity coefficient on the concentration scale

Molarity (mol/L):

$$c_i = \frac{\text{\# mol solute } i}{\text{volume } V \text{ solution}} = \frac{n_i}{V}$$

# Chemical reaction equilibria: electrochemistry

## Activity as an effective concentration

$$\mu_i \equiv \mu_i^\ominus + RT \ln a_i$$

**Molarity**  
**(mol/L)**

$$c_i = \frac{\text{\# mol solute } i}{\text{volume } V \text{ solution}} = \frac{n_i}{V}$$

$$a_i = \gamma_i^{(c)} \frac{c_i}{c^\ominus}$$

$$c^\ominus \equiv 1 \text{ mol/L}$$

**Molality**  
**(mol/kg)**

$$b_i = \frac{\text{\# mol solute } i}{\text{mass } m \text{ solvent}} = \frac{n_i}{m}$$

$$a_i = \gamma_i^{(b)} \frac{b_i}{b^\ominus}$$

$$b^\ominus \equiv 1 \text{ mol/kg}$$

**Mole fraction** ( )

$$x_i = \frac{\text{\# mol solute } i}{\text{total \# mol in solution}} = \frac{n_i}{n}$$

$$a_i = \gamma_i^{(x)} x_i$$

**example**

$$\text{pH} \equiv -\log a_{\text{H}^+} = -\log \frac{c_{\text{H}^+}}{c^\ominus} - \log \gamma_{\text{H}^+}$$