

# ENV-413: Thermodynamics of the Earth systems

## Exercise session for Lecture 10

4. Consider a two-component system consistent of  $H_2O$  and  $NaCl$ . Write the Gibbs phase rule for this two-component system.

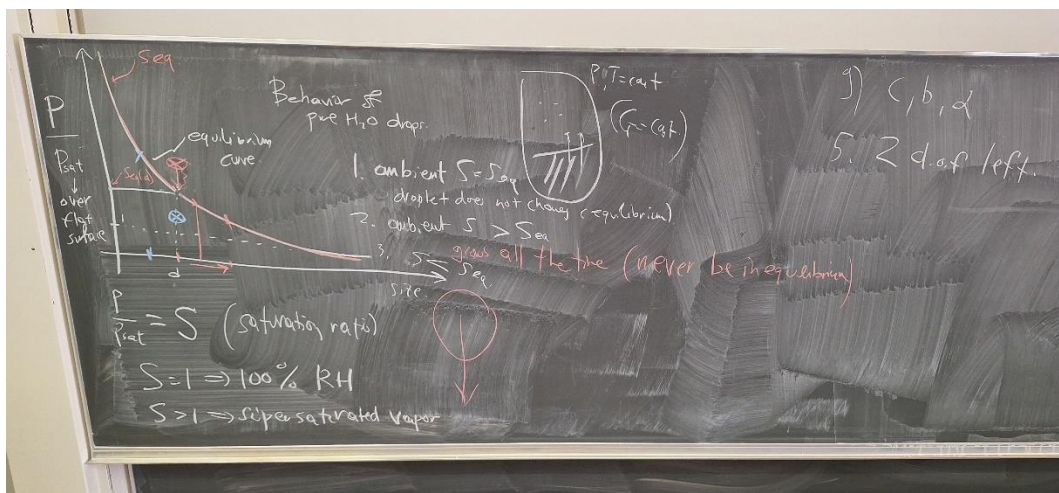
5. To conveniently represent the phase diagram on a graph, we can eliminate one degree of freedom if we examine the system only at constant pressure. For the two-component system at constant pressure, what is the maximum number of thermodynamic degrees of freedom for this system?

9. Matching:

_____ latent heat of fusion	a. $677 \text{ cal g}^{-1}$
_____ latent heat of vaporization	b. $597.3 \text{ cal g}^{-1}$
_____ latent heat of sublimation	c. $77.7 \text{ cal g}^{-1}$

10. During a phase change from liquid to vapor, state whether the following variables increase, decrease, or remain the same

Temperature	_____
Pressure	_____
Specific Volume	_____
Entropy	_____
Enthalpy	_____
Gibbs energy	_____



1. Nucleation of a pure phase of one component is referred to as  
 a) homogeneous  
 b) heterogeneous

2. Most of the nucleation processes in the atmosphere is:  
 a) homogeneous nucleation  
 b) heterogeneous nucleation

### Surface tension work

3. Write an expression for surface tension work

$$dW = \sigma dA$$

4. What are the units for surface tension?

energy / surface  $(J m^{-2})$  or  $(Nm^{-1})$

- 5a. The effect of surface tension on the internal energy of a droplet is  
 (greater than, less than, the same) for a smaller drop.

As drop becomes larger  $\rightarrow$  surface tension effect on  $u(arg)$  is smaller.

- 6a. How much work is required to break a 1 cm cube of water into drops with radius 10  $\mu m$ ?  
 (use surface tension 0.076  $N m^{-1}$ ).  $\Delta W = \sigma \Delta A \leftarrow$  difference in droplet area before and after splitting.

Surface area of 10  $\mu m$  drop:  $4\pi r^2 = 4\pi (10 \times 10^{-6})^2 = 1.256 \times 10^{-9} m^2$

Surface area of cube 1 cm  $= 6 \times 1 cm^2 = 6 \times (10^{-2})^2 = 6 \times 10^{-4} m^2$

Volume of 10  $\mu m$  drop  $= \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi (10 \times 10^{-6})^3 = 4.18 \times 10^{-15} m^3$

# of drops:  $\frac{10^{-6} m^3}{4.18 \times 10^{-15}} = 2.392 \times 10^8$

$dW = \sigma dA \sim \Delta W = \sigma \Delta A = 0.076 \times (2.392 \times 10^8 \times 1.256 \times 10^{-9} - 6 \times 10^{-4}) = 2.26 \times 10^{-2} J$

16. Refer to Fig. 5.3, which is a graph of Kelvin's equation

$$r^* = \frac{2\sigma_n}{\rho_l R_v T \ln S}$$

(5.14a)

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- a) Has a drop with radius  $1 \times 10^{-3} \mu m$  and  $S=1.5$  been activated (i.e. will it grow spontaneously)?

$r^* = \frac{2 \times 10^{-2}}{1000 \times 8.314 \times 298 \times \ln 1.5} = 2.75 \times 10^{-9} m = 2.75 \times 10^{-3} \mu m$   $r < r^* \Rightarrow$  no growth

- b) Has a drop with radius  $1 \times 10^{-3} \mu m$  and  $S=4$  been activated (i.e. will it grow spontaneously)?

$r^* = \frac{2 \times 10^{-2}}{1000 \times 8.314 \times 298 \times \ln 4} = 0.8 \times 10^{-9} m = 0.8 \times 10^{-3} \mu m$   $r > r^* \Rightarrow$  spontaneous growth

17. The formation of pure water droplets requires a vapor pressure that is (less than, equal to, greater than) the saturation vapor pressure over a plane surface of pure water

18. If the relative humidity of the air is 100%, droplets of pure water will

- a) evaporate b) grow further by condensation c) remain the same size

19. Are values of  $S=1.5$  and  $S=4$  observed in the atmosphere? What is a realistic maximum value of  $S$  that is observed in the atmosphere?

No. realistic  $S = 1.001 - 1.01$