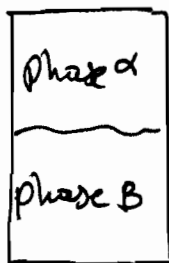


Tracing Coexistence Curves

§ 9.2 F+S



1-component system: α-β coexistence

$$d\mu^\alpha = -S^\alpha dT + V^\alpha dP$$

$$d\mu^\beta = -S^\beta dT + V^\beta dP$$

$$d(\mu^\alpha - \mu^\beta) = -(S^\alpha - S^\beta)dT + (V^\alpha - V^\beta)dP = 0$$

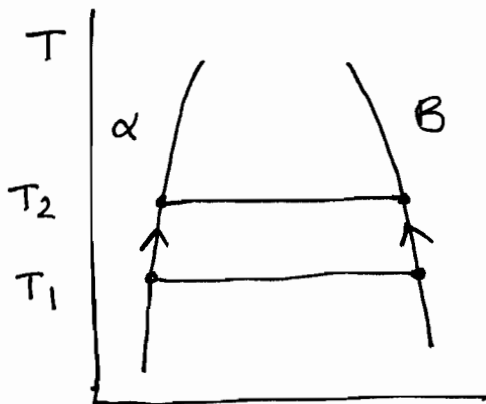
at coex.;  $\mu^\alpha = \mu^\beta$ 

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dP}{dT} \right|_{\alpha-\beta \text{ Coex}} = \frac{S^\alpha - S^\beta}{V^\alpha - V^\beta} = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta V}$$

Since  $G = H - TS \Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = 0$  at coexistence

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dP}{dT} \right|_{\alpha-\beta \text{ Coex}} = \frac{\Delta H}{T\Delta V} \quad \text{① Clapeyron equation; exact}$$

$\Delta H$   
 $\Delta V$  } "mechanical" quantities can be obtained  
Simply in NVT/NPT simulations ( $H = u + PV$ )

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Gibbs-Duhem integration:

Numerically integrate ①,

Starting from point on  
coexistence envelope;For VLE, better accuracy using a modified version  
of ①:

$$\frac{d(\ln P)}{d(1/T)} = - \frac{\Delta H}{P \Delta V / T} \quad (2) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{If we assume } V_G \gg V_L, \\ V_G = RT/P, \text{ (2) is the approx.} \\ \text{Clausius-Clapeyron equation} \end{array} \right]$$

The R.H.S. of (2) varies a lot slower w/ T for VLE. (But no need to use Gibbs-Duhem for VLE!)

Method is much more useful for equilibria involving solids, provided that a single coexistence point has been calculated using the methods described in the next chapter.

Example: Freezing of soft spheres

$$U(r) = \epsilon \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^n \quad \begin{array}{l} n \rightarrow \infty : \text{hard spheres} \\ n = 1 : \text{one-component plasma} \end{array}$$

Parameter  $s = 1/n$

$$dG = -SdT + v dP + \lambda ds \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda : \text{thermodynamic} \\ \text{conjugate to } s \end{array}$$

$$d(\mu^\alpha - \mu^\beta) = (V^\alpha - V^\beta) dP + (\lambda^\alpha - \lambda^\beta) ds \quad \left. \vphantom{d(\mu^\alpha - \mu^\beta)} \right\} \text{const. } T$$

$$\left. \frac{dP}{ds} \right|_{\text{coex}} = - \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\Delta V} \quad : \text{Generalized Clapeyron}$$

How is  $\lambda$  determined? Connection to thermodynamics

$$\lambda = \left. \frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \right|_{T,P} = \frac{1}{Q(N,V,T)} \frac{\partial Q(N,V,T)}{\partial s}$$

$$Q = \sum_{\text{all states}} \exp(-\beta U)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial s} = \sum_{\text{all states}} -\beta \frac{\partial U}{\partial s} \exp(-\beta U) \Rightarrow \lambda = -\beta \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \epsilon \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} \right) \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon \beta}{s^2} \left\langle \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right) \right\rangle = \frac{\beta}{s^2} \langle u(r) \ln \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right) \rangle$$

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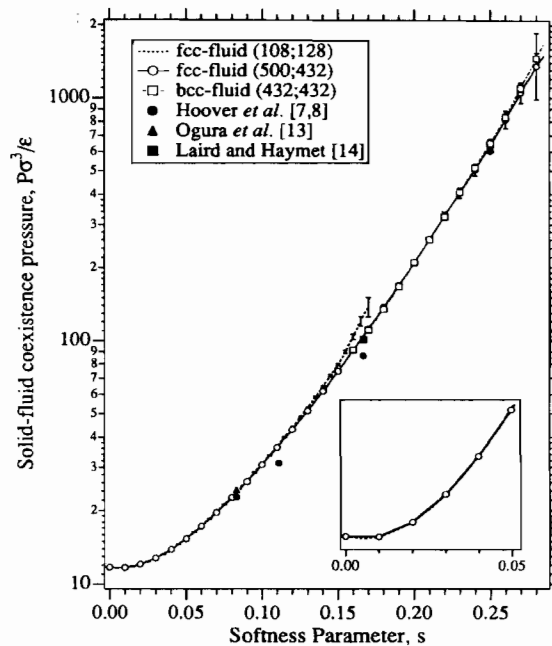


FIG. 1. Coexistence lines determined in this study. Confidence limits (67%) are indicated where they are larger than the plotting symbol. Numbers in the legend refer to the number of spheres used to simulate each phase (solid, fluid). The inset is an expansion of the region near  $s = 0$ .