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Physical Pharmacy I Phase equilibria and the phase rule

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 A phase is a homogenous physically-distinct portion of a system that is separated from other parts of the system by boundary surfaces.

• A system containing water and its vapor is a two-phase system. An equilibrium mixture of ice, liquid water, and water vapor is a three phase system.

· A phase may be gas, liquid or solid.

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The Phase

A gas or a gaseous mixture is a single phase.

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- Completely miscible liquids constitute a single phase.
- In an immiscible liquid system, each layer is counted as a separate phase.
- Every solid constitutes a single phase except when a solid solution is formed.
- · A solid solution is considered as a single phase.
- Each polymorphic form constitutes a separate phase.

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Phase diagram shows the multisystem state changes with the temperature, pressure, composition and other intensive properties.

Intensive properties are properties that do not depend on

concentration.

Size; e.g. pressure, temperature, density, and

solid liquid

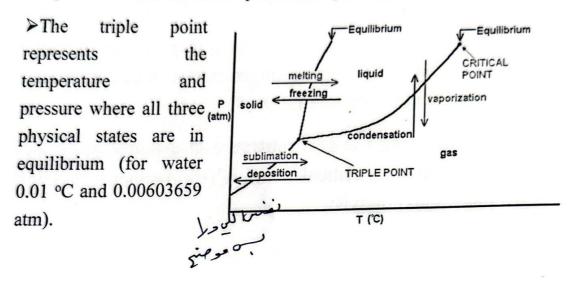
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Solid liquid

Solid

The Phase diagram: One component system

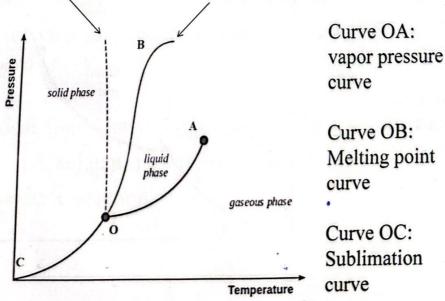
- The simplest phase diagrams are pressure-temperature diagrams of a single simple substance.
- The axes correspond to the pressure and temperature.
- The lines in the phase diagram represent two phase systems, while the spaces between the lines represent one phase systems.



The Phase diagram: One component system

The frozen state of water (ice) is actually less dense than the liquid state. Therefore; increasing pressure (which favors compactness of the molecules) will favor the liquid state.

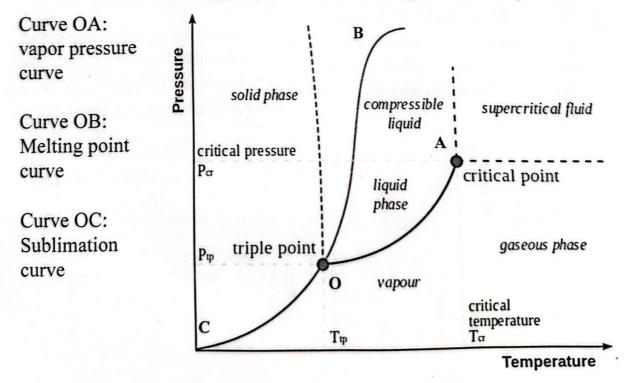
For most substances the solid is denser than the liquid. Therefore; an increase in pressure usually favors the more dense solid phase.



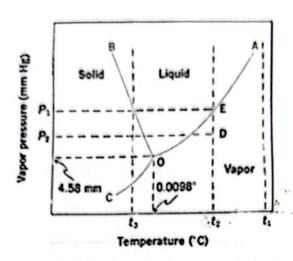
The Phase diagram: One component system

- The critical point is the point on a phase diagram that indicates the critical temperature and pressure.
- The critical temperature of a substance is the temperature above which that substance can no longer exist as a liquid, no matter how much the pressure is increased.
- In the same way, the critical pressure is the pressure above which the substance can no longer exist as a gas, no matter how high the temperature is.
- Supercritical fluid is any substance at a temperature and pressure above its critical point, where distinct liquid and gas phases do not exist.

The Phase diagram: One component system



The Phase diagram: One component system



Phase diagram for water at moderate pressure

The supercritical fluids

- In general terms, supercritical fluids have properties between those of a gas and a liquid.
- Supercritical fluids are suitable as a substitute for organic solvents in a range of industrial and laboratory processes.
- Supercritical fluids have the viscosity of a gas, but the densities and solvent power of a liquid, making SC fluids ideal for extraction.

*The Gibbs phase rule

- To understand and define the state of a phase, knowledge of several independent variables is required.
- Independent variables (also called intensive variables) are the variables that do not depend on the volume or size of the phase, e.g. temperature, pressure, density, boiling point and concentration.
- The Gibbs phase rule is expressed as follows:

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F: is the number of <u>degrees of freedom</u> of the system which is the least number of intensive variables required to define the system completely (vary independently).

C: number of components, P: number of phases present

2 Phase solid, liquid

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• What is the number of components in the following systems?

· Mixture of ice, liquid water, and water vapor

- One because the composition of all three phases is described by the chemical formula H2O.
- · Three-phase system CaCO3
 - Two, the composition of each phase can be expressed by a combination of any two of the chemical species present.
 CaO + CO2
- What is the number of phases in the following systems?
- Liquid water, liquid ethyl alcohol, water vapor, and ethyl alcohol vapor
 - Two, because gases are always miscible in all proportions. Moreover, water and ethyl alcohol are completely miscible.

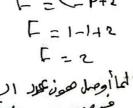
Application of phase rule to one component system

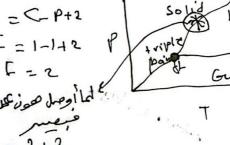
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APPLICATION OF THE PHASE RULE TO SINGLE-COMPONEN	IT SYSTEMS'

System	Number of Phases	Degrees of Freedom	Comments
Gas, liquid, or solid	V	F = C - P + 2 = 1 - 1 + 2 = 2	System is bivariant ($F = 2$) and lies anywhere within the area marked vapor, liquid, or solid in Figure 2–22. We must fix two variables, e.g., P_2 and I_2 , to define system D.
Gas-liquid, liquid-solid, or gas-solid	2	F = C - P + 2 = 1 - 2 + 2 = 1	System is univariant ($F = 1$) and lies anywhere along a line between two-phase regions, i.e., AO, BO, or CO in Figure 2–22. We must fix one variable, e.g., either P_1 or t_2 , to define system E.
Gas-liquid-solid	alpha 1 7	$F = C - P + 2 \\ = 1 - 3 + 2 = 0$	System is invariant (F = 0) and can lie only at the paint of intersection of the lines bounding the three-phase regions, i.e., point O in Figure 2-22.

Systems

- Bivariant
- Univariant





Two component system containing liquid phases

- Systems in which the vapor phase is ignored and only solid and liquid phases are considered are condensed systems.
- Systems containing liquids might be:
- 1. Completely immiscible (such as mercury and water)
- 2. Completely miscible in all proportions (e.g. ethanol and water)
 - 3. Partially miscible (e.g. phenol and water)

Two component system containing liquid phases

For two component systems:

$$C=2$$
 $F=C-P+2 \Rightarrow F=4-P$

$$P \ge 1 \Longrightarrow F \le 3$$

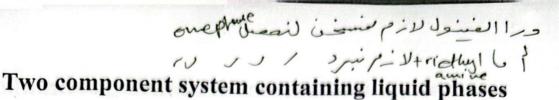
Three variables are required: temperature, pressure, and composition(3)

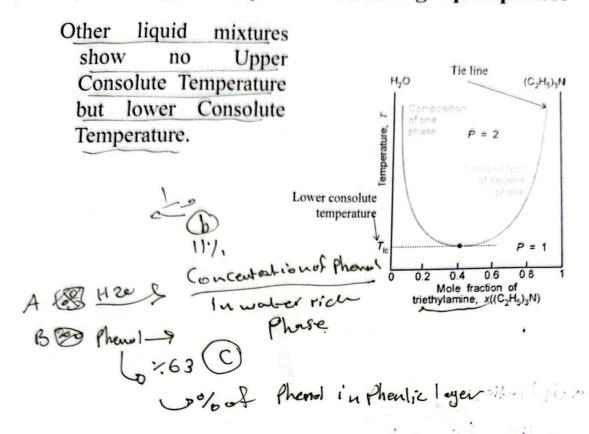
If the pressure is fixed, only temperature and composition are required.

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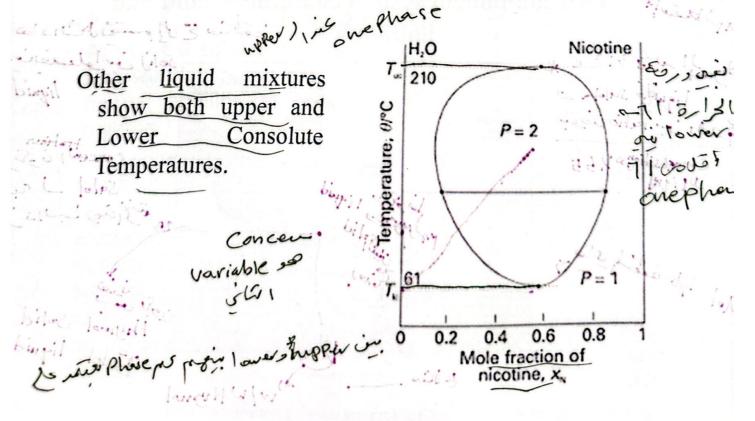
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Two component system containing liquid phases



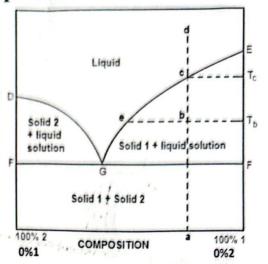
Two component system containing solid and liquid phases

The points of D and E represent the melting points of solids 2 and 1.

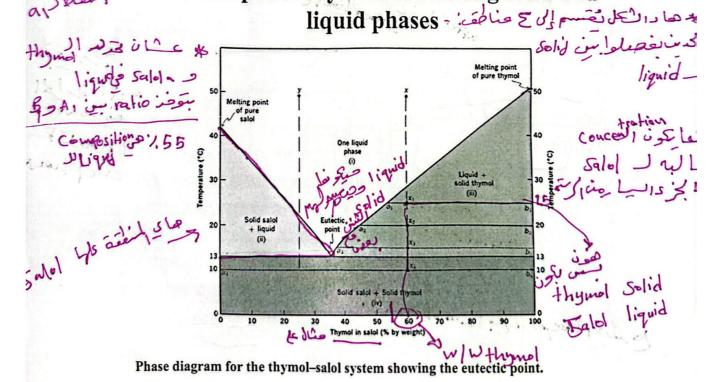
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Two component system consisting of two solids (2 and 1) when heated to a temperature above the melting m points of both (point d), a one p phase system will form consisting R of a liquid solution of 2 and 1.

When the temperature fall to point c. pure solid 1 will form dispersed ir a liquid solution of 1 and 2.



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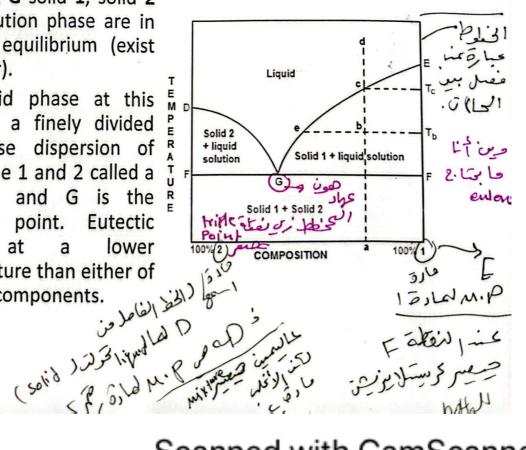
- Suppose we prepare a system containing 60% by weight of thymol in salol and raise the temperature of the mixture to 50°C.
- Such a system is represented by point x.
- On cooling the system, we observe the following sequence of phase changes. The system remains as a single liquid until the temperature falls to 29°C, at which point a minute amount of solid thymol separates out to form a two-phase solid-liquid
- At 25°C (room temperature), system x (denoted in as x1) is composed of a liquid phase, a1 (composition 53% thymol in salol), and pure solid thymol, b1.
- The weight ratio of al to b1 is (100 60)/(60 53) = 40/7, that is, a1:b1 = 5.71:1.
- When the temperature is reduced to 20°C (point x2), the composition of the liquid phase is a2 (45% by weight of thymol in salol), whereas the solid phase is still pure thymol, b2. The phase ratio is a2:b2 = (100-60)/(60-45)=40/15=2.67:1. entictic mixture -> intil

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liquid phases

At point G solid 1, solid 2 and solution phase are in mutual equilibrium (exist together).

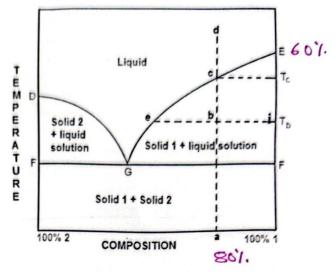
The solid phase at this point is a finely divided two-phase dispersion of crystalline 1 and 2 called a eutectic, and G is the eutectic Eutectic point. melts lower a temperature than either of its pure components.



Example:

Suppose we prepare a mixture of containing 80% of 1 (point a) and the temperature was raised to point d.

- At point c solid 1 starts to separate out to form solid 1 phase and mixture liquid phase
- At point b the system is composed of liquid 1 in 2 (point e (60%) and pure solid 1 (i)
- The W ratio of **e** to $\mathbf{i} = (100-80)/(80-60)$ • =20/20 = 1



Two component system containing solid and liquid phases

Examples of such systems:

- Salol-thymol - Salol-camphor

- Acetaminophen-propyphenazone

- Importance of the phase diagram
 - Determine the composition at any temperature
- The intimacy of the mixture gives rise to the phenomenon of "contact melting," which
 results in the lowest melting temperature over a composition range.
- Below the eutectic no liquid phase exist
- The eutectic point therefore denotes an invariant system because, in a condensed system, F = 2 3 + 1 = 0.
- The eutectic point is the point at which the liquid and solid phases have the same composition (the eutectic composition)
- The melting of the eutectic composition is lower than that of any other mixture of the compounds.

Phase equilibria in three-component systems

For three component systems:

C=3 $F=C-P+2 \Longrightarrow F=5-P$

Four variables are required: temperature, pressure, and two compositions.

If the temperature and pressure are both fixed then, only two compositions are required

Because we are dealing with a three-component system, it is more convenient to use triangular coordinate graphs

Rules relating to triangular diagram

• Each of the three corners represent 100% by weight of one component.

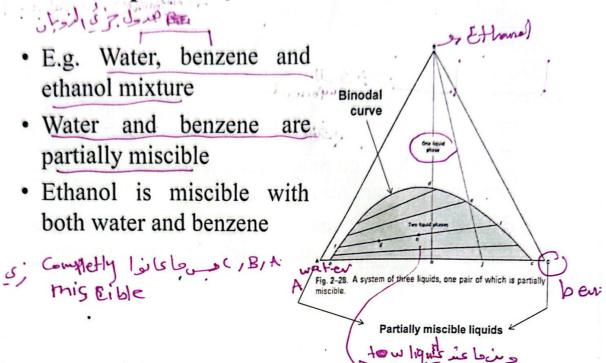
• The three lines joining the corner points represent two component mixture.

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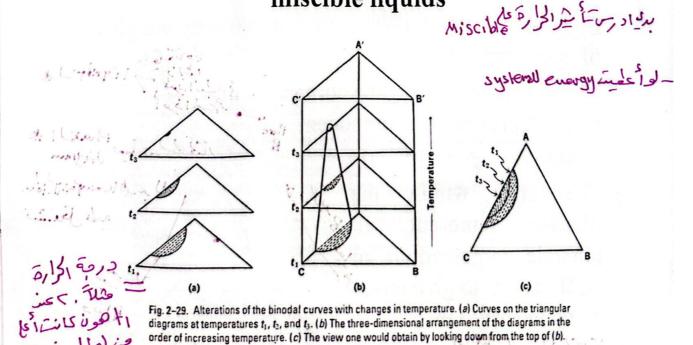
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Ternary systems with one pair of partially miscible liquids



Ternary systems with one pair of partially miscible liquids



Ternary systems with two or three pairs of partially miscible liquids

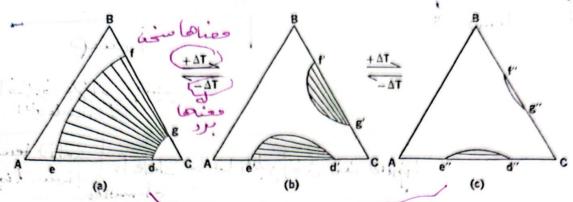


Fig. 2–30. Effect of temperature changes on the binodal curves representing a system of two pairs of partially miscible liquids.

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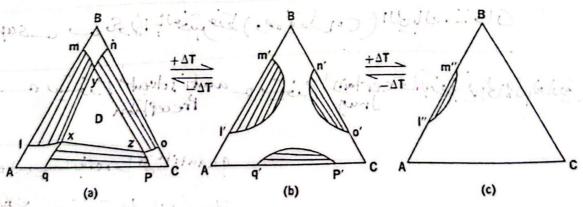


Fig. 2-31. Temperature effects on a system of three pairs of partially miscible liquids.

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