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COURSENAME:PHYSICALCHEMISTRY-I	CODE:FCH53
UNIT-II PHASE RULE Definition of the terms - Phase, Components and Degrees of freedom - Derivation of Gibbs phase rule - Applications of phase rule - One component system - Water and 77 Sulphur system - Thermal Analysis and Cooling Curves- Reduced phase rule - Two components system - Simple eutectic system - Lead-silver system. Compound formation with congruent and incongruent melting points. Zn-Mg, Na-K, FeCl ₃ -H ₂ O, KI-H ₂ O systems. Freezing Mixtures.	
Learning Objective: To impart knowledge about the Phase diagram, Phase Rule and its Applications	
Learning Outcome: To understand the phase diagrams of one Component and two Component systems having congruent and incongruent melting points.	

PHASE RULE:

The phase rule, also known as Gibbs' phase rule, is a thermodynamic principle that describes the relationship between the number of phases, components, and degrees of freedom in a system

The phase rule is used to characterize the chemical state of geologic systems and predict the equilibrium relations of the phases present. It also allows the construction of phase diagrams to represent and interpret phase equilibria.

UNIT- II PHASE RULE

- The phase rule is used for quantitative treatment of systems in equilibrium,
- **J.W.Gibbs** propose the **phase rule in 1876**, he investigate, the behaviour of heterogeneous system in equilibrium,
- According to phase rule, for a system in complete internal equilibrium,

$$F = C - P + 2$$

Where F- degree of freedom,

C- Number of components,

P- Number of phases,

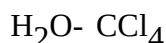
Definition of the terms

Phase:

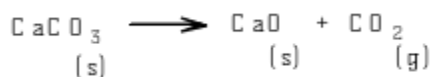
It is defined as any **homogeneous part** bounded on surface which is physically distinct and mechanically separable from other part (Heterogeneous) of the system in equilibrium.

Ex:

- 1) Gas has single phase since it is completely miscible,
- 2) Completely miscible liquid make one-phase systems,
- 3) Immiscible liquid form different phases



- 4) Decomposition of calcium carbonate has three phases



Components:

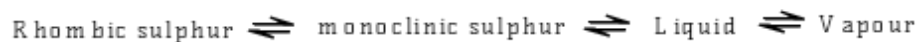
It is defined as smallest number of independently variable constituents by means of which “**the composition of each phase** can be expressed in terms of chemical equations”.

Ex:

- 1) **Water** exist three phase expressed as H_2O . hence, it is a **one- componentsystem**.



- 2) **Sulphur** exist four phase expressed as sulphur (S). so, it is a **one- componentsystem**.



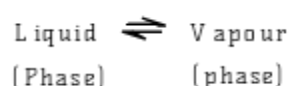
- 3) An aqueous sucrose solution is **two- component system**. The composition of the solution expressed by the amount of sugar and water.

Degree of freedom (F)

It is defined as the number of **independent variables** such as **temperature**, **pressure** and **concentration** (or composition) which must be denoted in order defines the system completely.

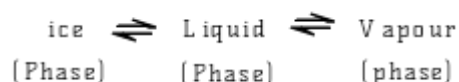
Ex:

- 1) Pure gas has **two degree of freedom(F)**, the state of the gas denoted by two variables T or P and V [volume is related to mass (or concentration) calculated for m chemical equation of state]
- 2) Consider one- component system (Ex: water) having two phases in equilibrium, it has **one degree of freedom(F)**,



Because the equilibrium will have only one fixed value (either T or P variable),

- 3) Consider one- component system (Ex: water) having three phases in equilibrium,



It has **zero degree of freedom(F)** due to these three phases coexist only

at one particular temperature under one particular pressure.

If $F = 0$, the system is called invariant

$F = 1$ univariant (monvariant), $F = 2$ bivariant, $F = 3$ trivariant, etc.

- The number of **component is greater** in system, the number of degree of freedom (F) is **greater** for a given number of phases.
- The number of **phases are greater**, the number of degree of freedom (F) is **smaller**
- A one- component have maximum **three phases** and a two- component system have **four phases**.

Gibbs phase rule

J. Willard Gibbs, states that if the equilibrium in a heterogeneous system is not affected by gravity or by electrical and magnetic forces,

According to phase rule $F = C - P + 2$

Where F- degree of freedom,

C- Number of components,

P- Number of phases,

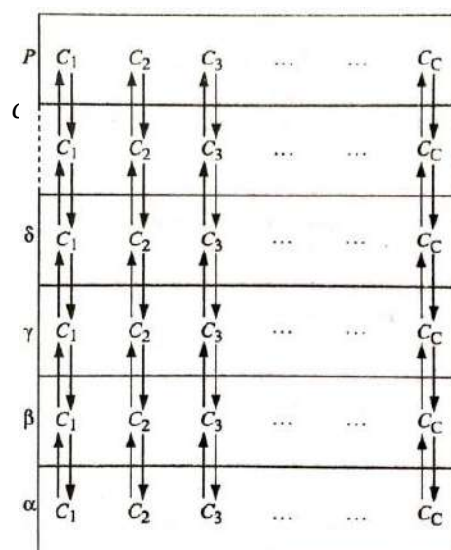
Derivation:

1) Consider a system $(C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_C)$ distributed between phases $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \dots, P)$ as shown in figure,

2) The system and its each phases is denoted by

$$T, P, (x_{1\alpha}, x_{2\alpha}, \dots, x_{C\alpha}), (x_{1\beta}, x_{2\beta}, \dots, x_{C\beta}), \dots, (x_{1P}, x_{2P}, \dots, x_{CP}) \quad [2]$$

Where x_{CP} is composition of component



A system of C components distributed through P phases.

- 3) The total number of variable **[degree of freedom(F)]** in system is $CP + 2$
- 4) All the variables are not independent since in each phase, sum of mole fraction(x_{CP}) must equal unity,

$$(x_{1,\alpha} + x_{2,\alpha}) + (x_{1,\beta} + x_{2,\beta}) = 1$$

The Equ: 2 become

$$\sum_i x_i P = 1 \quad (i = C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_C) \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

- 5) The chemical potential of each component must be the same in each phase for complete equilibrium exist between the phase,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_{1,\alpha} = \mu_{1,\beta} = \mu_{1,\gamma} = \mu_{1,P} \\ \mu_{2,\alpha} = \mu_{2,\beta} = \mu_{2,\gamma} = \dots = \mu_{2,P} \\ \mu_{c,\alpha} = \mu_{c,\beta} = \mu_{c,\gamma} = \dots = \mu_{c,P} \end{array} \right\} \mu_{3,P} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

- 6) For each component has $P - 1$ separate equations, for C components, the number of equations is $C(P - 1)$
- 7) Equilibrium of chemical reaction require chemical affinity ($A_{f,i}$), it must be zero for each reaction at equilibrium,

$$(A_f)_i = 0 \quad (i = C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, r') \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Where r' is chemical reaction equation

- 8) So total number of restricting conditions is

$$P + C(P - 1) + r' \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

- 9) The degree of freedom (F) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (\text{the number of variables in system}) - (\text{the number of restrictions}) \\ &= (CP + 2) - [P + C(P - 1) + r'] \\ &= (CP + 2) - (P + CP - C + r') \\ &= (\cancel{CP} + 2) - P - \cancel{CP} + \cancel{C} - r' \end{aligned}$$

$F = 2 + (C - r') - P$

10) The Equ: ⑥ is known as Gibbs Phase rule

11) if there is no reaction take place in system then $r' = 0$, so the Phase rule become $F = (C - P)$

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Applications of Phase rule

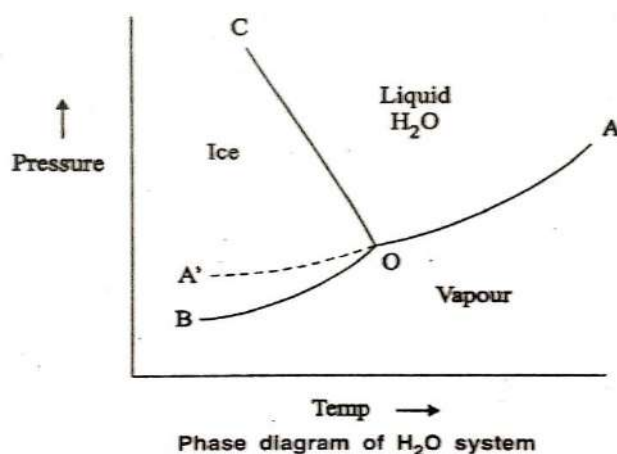
One component system

Water system

- i. water exist three possible phases, solid, liquid and vapour phases, it has following equilibrium



- ii. Each equilibrium has two phases, if one- component system has two phases, the degree of freedom is one, either temperature or pressure,
- iii. it is explained by phase diagram is shown in figure, contains curve, areas and triple point,



Curves

- the each curve OA, OB, OC have only one degree of freedom (F)
$$F = (C - P) + 2$$
$$F = (1 - 2) + 2 \Rightarrow 1$$
- Hence each curve of the system is univariant (monovariant)

Curve OA:

- it shows the equilibrium between liquid and vapour called as **vapourisation curve**,



- This equilibrium stay until **critical temperature** (374°C), Beyond that temperature equilibrium disappear and only vapour phase will exist.

Curve OB:

- It represents the equilibrium between solid and vapour, called as **sublimation curve**,



- The equilibrium stay upto absolute zero temperature (-273°C), where no vapour phase present and only solid will exist.

Curve OC:

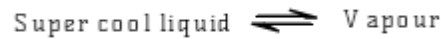
- It denotes the equilibrium between solid and liquid, called as melting point curve.



- This curve slightly inclined towards the pressure axis that shows the melting point of solid decrease with increase of pressure, it is related to **Lechatelier principle**,

Curve OA' (Metastable equilibrium)

- 1) This curve is called vapour pressure curve of super-cool liquid (or) metastable equilibrium,



- 2) Sometime water is cooled below 0°C without formation solid (ice), is **called super cool water**, it is unstable and can be converted into solid

Areas:

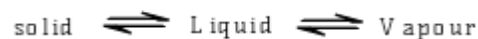
- 1) The areas AOC, BOC and AOB represent liquid, solid and vapour respectively,
- 2) In order to define the system at any point in area, two variants temperature and pressure is need
- 3) The degree of freedom of the system is two, so the system is **Bivariant**

$$F = (C - P) + 2$$

$$= (1 - 1) + 2 \Rightarrow 2$$

Triple point

The three curves OA, OB, and OC meet at a point C where three phases (solid, liquid and vapour) coexist in equilibrium, is called **triple point**,



- 1) The degree of freedom (F) at this point is **zero**, so the system is **non-variant**,
- 2) At this point the variants temperature is 0.0075°C and pressure is 4.58mm.

Sulphur system

- i. Sulphur is **one component system** shows polymorphism and solid-solid transformation,
- ii. It exist **four phases**
 - a) Rhombic sulphur (S_R)
 - b) Monoclinic sulphur (S_M)

c) Liquid sulphur (S_L)

d) Vapour sulphur (S_V)

iii. All four phases cannot coexist, maximum **three phases** can be coexist inequilibrium

$$F = (C - P) + 2$$

$$P = (C - F) + 2$$

$$= (1 - 0) + 2$$

$$F = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{if } F = 0$$

$$C = 1$$

iv. Phase diagram of

sulphur is given below, it consist of

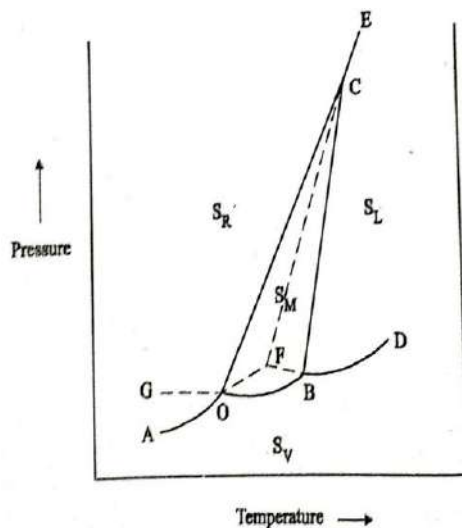
stable curves OA, OB, OC, BC, BD and CE Four

metastable curves OF, BF, CF and OG Four areas

AOCE, OCB, DBCE and AOBD

Triple points O, B, C and F

Six



Phase diagram for sulphur system

Curves

1) When two phase are in equilibrium in one component system, the degree of freedom is one.

$$F = (C - P) + 2$$

$$= (1 - 2) + 2$$

$$F = 1$$

$$\therefore C = 1$$

$$P = 2$$

- 2) Each curve has two phases in equilibrium and it is univariant system

Curve	Name of the curve	Phase in equilibrium
OA	Sublimation curve of S_R	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_V$
OB	Sublimation curve of S_M	$S_M \rightleftharpoons S_V$
OC	Transition point curve of S_R	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_M$
BC	Melting point curve of S_M	$S_M \rightleftharpoons S_L$
BD	Vapourisation curve of S_L	$S_L \rightleftharpoons S_V$
CE	Melting point curve of S_R	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_L$

- 3) The curve OC is sloping towards right shows that the transition point of S_R increases with increase of pressure,
- 4) Similarly the curve BC is also sloping towards right shows that the melting point of S_M increase with increase of pressure,
- 5) When S_L is cooled under ordinary conditions, S_M crystals are formed, but S_L is directly converted into S_R at 428K temperature and 1288 atm pressure.

Metastable curves:

- 1) **OF** is called the metastable **sublimation curve of S_R** , when S_R is heated rapidly above its transition point, it cannot be converted into S_M . In this curve S_R and S_V are in equilibrium,
- 2) **OG** is metastable **sublimation curve of S_M** , this is a continuation of curve BO, along this curve S_M and S_V are in equilibrium,

- 3) **BF** is metastable **vapour isation curve of S_L** , this is a continuation of curve BD, along this curve S_L and S_V are in equilibrium,
- 4) **FC** is metastable **melting point of S_R** , this curve shows the effect of pressure on the melting point of S_R .

Areas:

- 1) When only one phase exist in a one- component system, the degree of freedom is two,
 $F = (C - P) + 2$

$$= (1 - 1) + 2$$

$$F = 2$$

$$\therefore C = 1$$

$$P = 1$$

- 2) Thus the area represent Bivariant system, to determine the system completely, two variants temperature and pressure must be specified.

Area	Phase
AOCE	S_R
OCB	S_M
DBCE	S_L
AOB D	S_V

Triple points

- 1) In sulphur system points O, B, C and F are called triple points, at this points three phases are coexist in equilibrium, so that the degree of freedom (F) is zero

$$F = (C - P) + 2$$

$$= (1 - 3) + 2$$

$$F = 0$$

$$\therefore C = 1$$

$$P = 3$$

- 2) In this points, either temperature or pressure can be altered without altering the number of phases of the system.

Poin t	Phase in equilibrium
O	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_M \rightleftharpoons S_V$
B	$S_M \rightleftharpoons S_L \rightleftharpoons S_V$
C	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_M \rightleftharpoons S_L$
F	$S_R \rightleftharpoons S_V \rightleftharpoons S_L$

3) The temperature and pressure at this point is

Poin t	Temperatu re	Pressur e
O	368.5	0.006
B	393	0.04
C	428	1288
F	388	0.03

Point F is called **metastable triple point**, is reached when S_R is heated rapidly.

Reduced Phase rule

- 1) For solid- liquid equilibrium, the effect of pressure is negligible since the vapour pressure of solids is small,
- 2) Such system in which solid and liquids alone are considered, are known as **condensed system**.
- 3) **The restriction of constant pressure** introduced in the phase rule equation, it becomes following form

$$F = (C - P) + 1$$

This equation is known as **Reduced Phase rule**.

Two Component systems

- 1) In this if system consists of only one phase, the degree of freedom (F) is 3F

$$= (C - P) + 2$$

$$= (2 - 1) + 2$$

$$F = 3$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 1$$

- 2) Therefore, the three variables (Temperature, pressure and concentration) must be denoted to define the system completely,
- 3) These relations represented by three axes are mutually perpendicular to each other,
- 4) Such a three-dimensional representation of the variables on a paper is not convenient.

Simple Eutectic system

Lead – Silver system

- 1) It is **two component system**
- 2) Molten Ag and molten Pb are miscible to give homogeneous solution, but not react chemically to form compounds,
- 3) The phase diagram of Ag - Pb system is given below.

Curves

- 1) Point A and B represents the melting point of pure Ag and Pb respectively,
- 2) The curve AC is **called as the melting point (or) freezing point curve of Ag** and it shows the effect of addition of Pb on the melting point of Ag.
- 3) Similarly the curve BC is **called as the melting point (or) freezing point curve of Pb** and it shows the effect of addition of Ag on the melting point of Pb.
- 4) In curve AC two phases are in equilibrium



Applying reduced phase rule equation

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 2 + 1$$

$$F' = 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 2$$

So the system is univariant.

- 5) Melting point of Ag decrease up to the lower point C by addition of Pb and it form saturated solution, further addition of Pb solid phase is separate out.
- 6) Similarly in curve BC two phase are in equilibrium and the system is **univariant**.



Areas

- 1) Both areas ACD and BCE has two phases in equilibrium, so the area represents system is **univariant**,
- 2) In above these area, Ag and Pb are in homogeneous liquid solution, so there is only one phase in this area,

Applying reduced phase rule equation,

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 1 + 1$$

$$F' = 2$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 1$$

The system is **bivariant** in this area.

- 3) Below the line DCE, there are two regions
- a) solid Ag + Eutectic region in which crystalline Ag and solid eutectic are stable.
- b) solid Pb + Eutectic region in which crystalline Pb and solid eutectic are stable.

Eutectic Point

- 1) Both curves AC and BC meet at point C is **known as Eutectic point**,

- 2) It is lower temperature at which the liquid is in equilibrium with solids of Ag and Pb,
- 3) At this point three phases coexist,

Applying reduced phase rule equation,

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 3 + 1$$

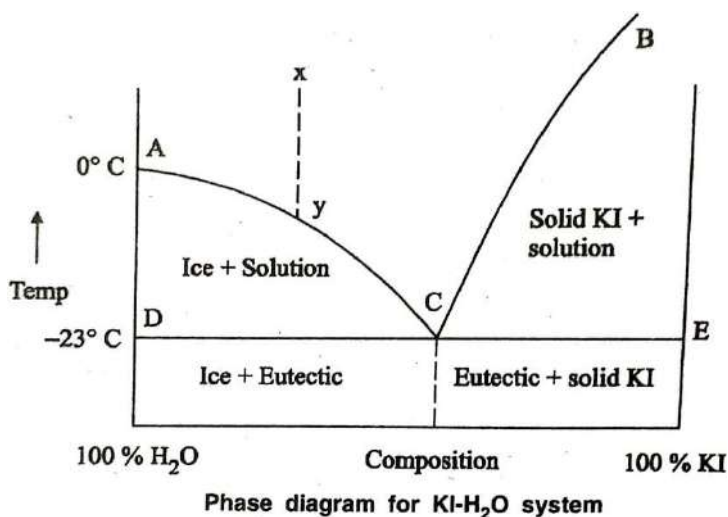
$$F' = 0$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 3$$

- 4) Eutectic temperature is 303°C and Eutectic composition Ag(2.6%) and Pb(97.4%)
- 5) The eutectic point represents system is **invariant**.
- 6) The phase diagram of Ag - Pb system is utilized in the separation of Ag from argentiferous Pb by **Pottinson's process**.

KI - H₂O System



1 It is **two component system**, its phase diagram closely resemble to Ag - Pb system,

2 The phase diagram contains following

Curves

AC- Freezing point curve of H₂O

BC- Solubility curve of KI

Areas

- ACD, BCE

Cryohydric point, C

a) Curves

Curve AC:

- 1) Point A is the pure melting point of ice, its freezing point decreases by addition of KI,
- 2) This curve AC is called as the freezing point curve of H₂O, has two phase in equilibrium



The degree of freedom (F') is one, so the curve shows the system is **monovariant**

Applying reduced phase rule equation,

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 2 + 1$$

$$F' = 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 2$$

Curve BC:

- 1) Point B is the pure melting point of KI, its solubility is increase slowly with rising temperature,
- 2) This curve is called solubility curve of KI, has two phase in equilibrium



The degree of freedom(F') is **one**, so the curve shows the system is **monovariant**

Areas

- 1) The areas ACD and BCE shows that the system is **univariant** because of both areas have two phases in equilibrium,

In A C D area: Solid (ice) $\rightleftharpoons$ Liquid

In B C E area: Solid K I $\rightleftharpoons$ Liquid

Applying reduced phase rule equation, $F' =$

$$C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 2 + 1$$

$$F' = 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 2$$

- 2) But the area ACB represents the system **is bivariant** since one phase exists,
- 3) Below the line DCE, solid (ice)+eutectic are present to the left of C and solid KI and eutectic are present to the right of C.

b) Cryohydr ic point

- 1) The two curves AC and BC meet at the point C **is known as the eutectic point**, it is also called as the **cryohydr ic point**,
- 2) At this point three phases [solid (ice), solid KI and liquid) are in equilibrium
- 3) At this point temperature is -23°C

Composition is KI (52%), Ice (48%)

- 4) The degree of freedom(F') at this point is zero, so the system is non-variant, Applying reduced phase rule equation,

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 3 + 1$$

$$F' = 0$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 3$$

Freezing mixtures

- 1) Mixture of salt and ice are used to get low temperature, such mixtures are **known as freezing mixtures**,
- 2) Addition of salts to ice results in the melting of some ice and lowering of

temperature,

- 3) The greater the amount of salt, greater will be the lowering of temperature,
- 4) This lowest temperature is called **cryohydric point**.

Criteria for a good mixture

- 1) The cryohydric point should be low,
- 2) The materials should be cheap,
- 3) The solubility of salts must be increases with increase of temperature,
- 4) Easy to mix the solid components,

Ex:

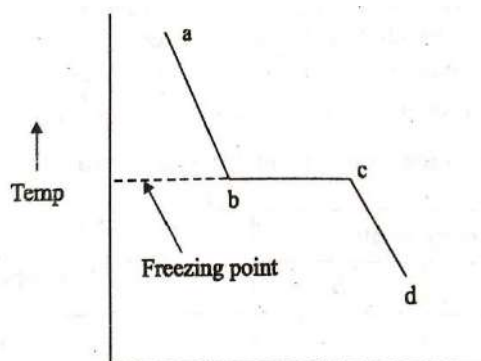
Components		% of A	Cryohydric temperature
A	B		
NH ₄ Cl	Ice	20	- 15.4 ⁰ C
NH ₄ NO ₃	Ice	43	- 17.5 ⁰ C
NaNO ₃	Ice	33.3	- 17.8 ⁰ C
KI	Ice	52	- 23 ⁰ C
NaCl	Ice	23.3	- 21 ⁰ C
NaBr	Ice	40.3	- 28 ⁰ C

Thermal analysis and cooling curves

- 1) It helps to determining the equilibrium between solid and liquid phase in twocomponent system,
- 2) It is based on cooling curves,
- 3) By studying cooling curves during solidification, various composition of any system can be determined by thermal analysis.

Cooling curve for pure substance

1) Fused state of a pure substance (A) is



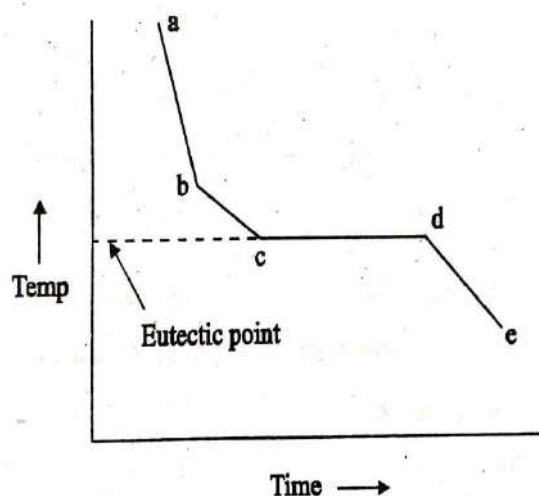
Cooling curve for pure substance (A)

allowed to cool and temperature is noted at different time interval.

The graph is plotted temperature against time,

- 2) At initial, cooling is continuous, when it reaches the point b solid begins to appear, the temperature remains constant until the liquid completely solidified at the point c.
- 3) The **horizontal line bc** represents the equilibrium between the solid and the liquid,
- 4) After the point C, the temperature of the solid decreases from c to d
- 5) The temperature corresponding to the line bc is the **melting point of the solid** or **freezing point** of the liquid.

Cooling curve for mixture of two substances



Cooling curve for mixture of two substances (A&B)

If a **mixture of two substances** (A and B) in the fused state is allowed to cool slowly, the cooling curve is obtained,

Initially the rate of cooling is continuous, when it reaches the point b one of the substance (either A or B) begins to solidify,

On further cooling at point c, the second compound also begins to solidify.

The temperature remains constant from point c to d until the liquid melt is completely solidified that point that horizontal line is known as **Eutectic point**,

The experiment is repeated for different compositions of mixtures and the various cooling curves are recorded,

From the cooling curves the composition and phase diagram of system can be drawn by plotting temperature against composition.

Uses of cooling curves

- 1) Melting point and Eutectic temperature can be noted
- 2) Purity of compound is noted
- 3) Behaviour of compounds can be found out
- 4) It is used to derive the phase diagram of any two component system.

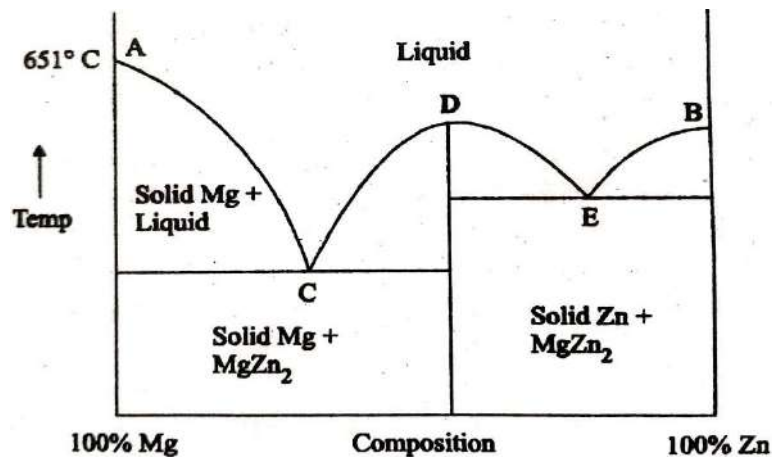
Compound forming with Congruent melting point

When two components are melted together, **at constant temperature** it has same composition that temperature **is known as congruent melting point**. On cooling, they form one or more compounds of crystals,

Ex: Zn - Mg system

- 1) The phase diagram of Zn - Mg is shown in figure,
- 2) It binary alloy system consist of two phase diagrams placed side-by-side.
 - i. Left side consists of Mg - MgZn_2 system,
 - ii. Right side consists of Zn - MgZn_2 system,

3) The phase diagram contains curves, Areas, Eutectic points and melting point,



Curves

1) 1 In respectively,

- 2) The curve AC is called as the freezing point curve of Mg caused by addition of Zn to Mg, it reduces freezing point along AC,
- 3) At any point on AC, two phases are in equilibrium



Applying reduced phase rule equation, $F' =$

$$C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 2 + 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 2$$

$F' = 1$ so the curve shows the system is **univariant**.

- 4) Similarly the curve BE shows the effect of addition of Mg on the freezing point of Zn

- 5) At any point on the curve BE, two phases (solid Zn + liquid alloy) are in equilibrium, so the system is **univariant**.

Areas:

- 1) Below the line AC contains solid Mg and the liquid
- 2) Below the line BE contains solid Zn and the liquid
- 3) Below the line CDE contains solid MgZn_2 and the liquid

- 4) Below the point C and E contains solid Mg + solid MgZn_2 and solid Zn + solid MgZn_2 respectively,
- 5) Above the line ACDEB consists of only liquid phase.

Eutectic points

- 1) Zn - Mg system has two eutectic points C and E
- 2) At these points (C and E) three phases are in equilibrium

At point C: Solid Mg $\rightleftharpoons$ Liquid alloy $\rightleftharpoons$ MgZn_2 compound

At point E: Solid Zn $\rightleftharpoons$ Liquid alloy $\rightleftharpoons$ MgZn_2 compound

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

$$= 2 - 3 + 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 3$$

$F' = 0$ So these points shows the

system is **invariant (or) non-**

variant

- 3) The eutectic temperature at point C is 345°C and E is 400°C .
- 4) Along the curves CD and DE, the pure compound MgZn_2 is present.

Melting point

- 1) The point D is the maximum at the curve CDE, called as the melting point (575°C) of the pure compound MgZn_2 .
- 2) At point D both the solid and liquid phases have the same composition, is called as congruent melting point; it means, two component system becomes one component at this point,

Applying reduced phase rule equation, $F' =$

$$C - P + 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 + 1$$

$$\therefore C = 1$$

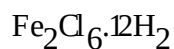
$$P = 2$$

$F' = 0$ so the point D is **non-variant**.

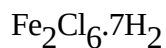
- 3) The humps in the temperature and composition phase diagram shows the presence of a compounds, the number of humps shows number of compounds formed.

Ferric chloride – water system

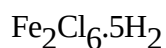
1) Ice and anhydrous Fe_2Cl_6 make following hydrates as solid phases in $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$ system.



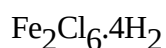
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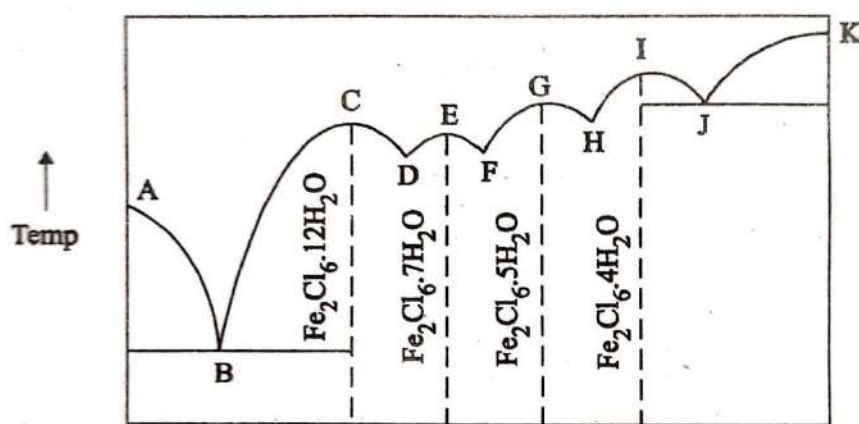


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2) All the hydrates have congruent melting points, its phase diagram is given in figure.

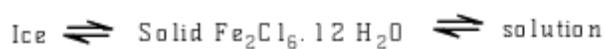


Phase diagram for Ferric chloride - water system

3) The phase diagram contains curves, areas, eutectic points and congruent melting points

Curves

- 1) Point A is the melting point of pure H_2O , the curve AB is called as freezing point of H_2O obtained by addition of Fe_2Cl_6 decreases its freezing point,
- 2) At point B, solid $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ formed as new phase and three phases are in equilibrium called as **Cryohydric point or Eutectic point**,



Applying reduced phase rule equation,

$$F' = C - P + 1$$

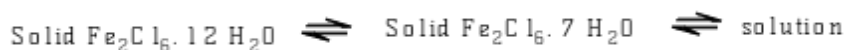
$$= 2 - 3 + 1$$

$$\therefore C = 2$$

$$P = 3$$

$F' = 0$ So the point B is **invariant or non-variant**.

- 3) Further addition of Fe_2Cl_6 to the solution and warm, the curve BC is obtained known as solubility curve of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$. At point C ice phase disappears, only solid phase and solution (same composition) exist is known as **congruent melting point** of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (dodecahydrate)
- 4) Further addition of Fe_2Cl_6 , the melting point of dodecahydrate decreases until point D and another compound $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is formed, the curve CD is called as the melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, **the point D is eutectic point** have three phases, so this point is invariant.



- 5) On further addition of Fe_2Cl_6 , $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is disappeared and the curve DE is formed called as solubility curve of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, **Point E is congruent melting point** of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$,
- 6) Further addition of Fe_2Cl_6 , the melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ decreases along EF until point D is reached and another compound $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is formed, the curve EF is called as the melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, **the point F is eutectic point** have three phases, so this point is invariant.
- 7) The curve FG is the solubility curve of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and point **G is congruent** melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 8) The curve GH is the melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and point **H is eutectic point** and also invariant, in this point $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ hydrate is appeared,
- 9) The curve HI is the solubility curve of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and point **I is congruent** melting point of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 10) Point **J is eutectic point** at which anhydrous Fe_2Cl_6 is formed and it is invariant

point.

- 1) The curve JK is the solubility curve of anhydrous Fe_2Cl_6 . No other solid phase formed along this curve.
- 2) The number of humps indicate the number of hydrates exist as the solid state,
- 3) In the phase diagram, the **maximum points C, F, G and I are congruent points** of various Fe_2Cl_6 hydrates and **minimum points B, D, F, H and J are Eutectic points.**

Point	Temperature	Phases in equilibrium
Eutectic point B	-55°C	Ice, $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Congruent melting point C	37°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Eutectic point D	26°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Congruent melting point E	32.5°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Eutectic point F	30°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Congruent melting point G	56°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Eutectic point H	55°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Congruent melting point I	73.5°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, solution.
Eutectic point J	66°C	$\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, anhydrous Fe_2Cl_6 , solution.

Formation of compound with incongruent melting point

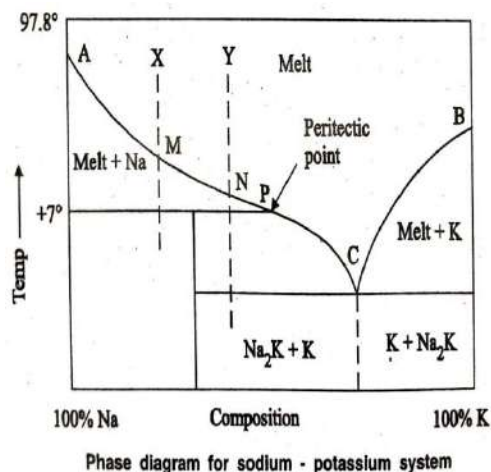
- 1) In certain system, combination of two components for m compounds on decompose it by heating instead of melting congruently,
- 2) The temperature at which the compound decomposes to give new solid phase and a solution with different composition from the solid phase is known as **incongruent melting point**. it is also called as **peritectic (or) meritectic temperature**.

Ex:

- 1) Benzene – Picric acid system
- 2) Sodium – Bismuth system
- 3) Sodium chloride – water system

4 Sodium – Potassium system

Sodium – Potassium system



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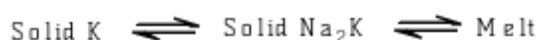
1) The phase diagram of Na - K system is given below

2) Point A and B are the melting point of Na and K respectively,

3) On curve AP, solid Na is in equilibrium with melt (mixture of Na and K) which is a solution of K in Na

4) Similarly, along BC solid K is in equilibrium with melt which is a solution of Na in K

By continuous addition of Na to K, the compound Na_2K is formed at point C (-12°C) is the **eutectic point**, at this point three phases are in equilibrium.



Further addition of Na at point C more and more Na_2K compound is formed with disappearance of solid K, so that only two phases remain (solid Na_2K and melt) at point C and the system becomes unvariant.

On adding more Na and heating, the curve CP is obtained, in this curve compound NaK is in equilibrium with melt. Point P (7°C) is the incongruent melting point of Na_2K , at this temperature, the compound decomposes as the equation.

The compound Na_2K is stable only between -12°C and 7°C .

PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

1. Define phase rule
2. Explain one component system
3. Discuss about Simple eutectic system
4. Evaluate the application of Phase rule
5. Draw and explain Lead -silver system

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