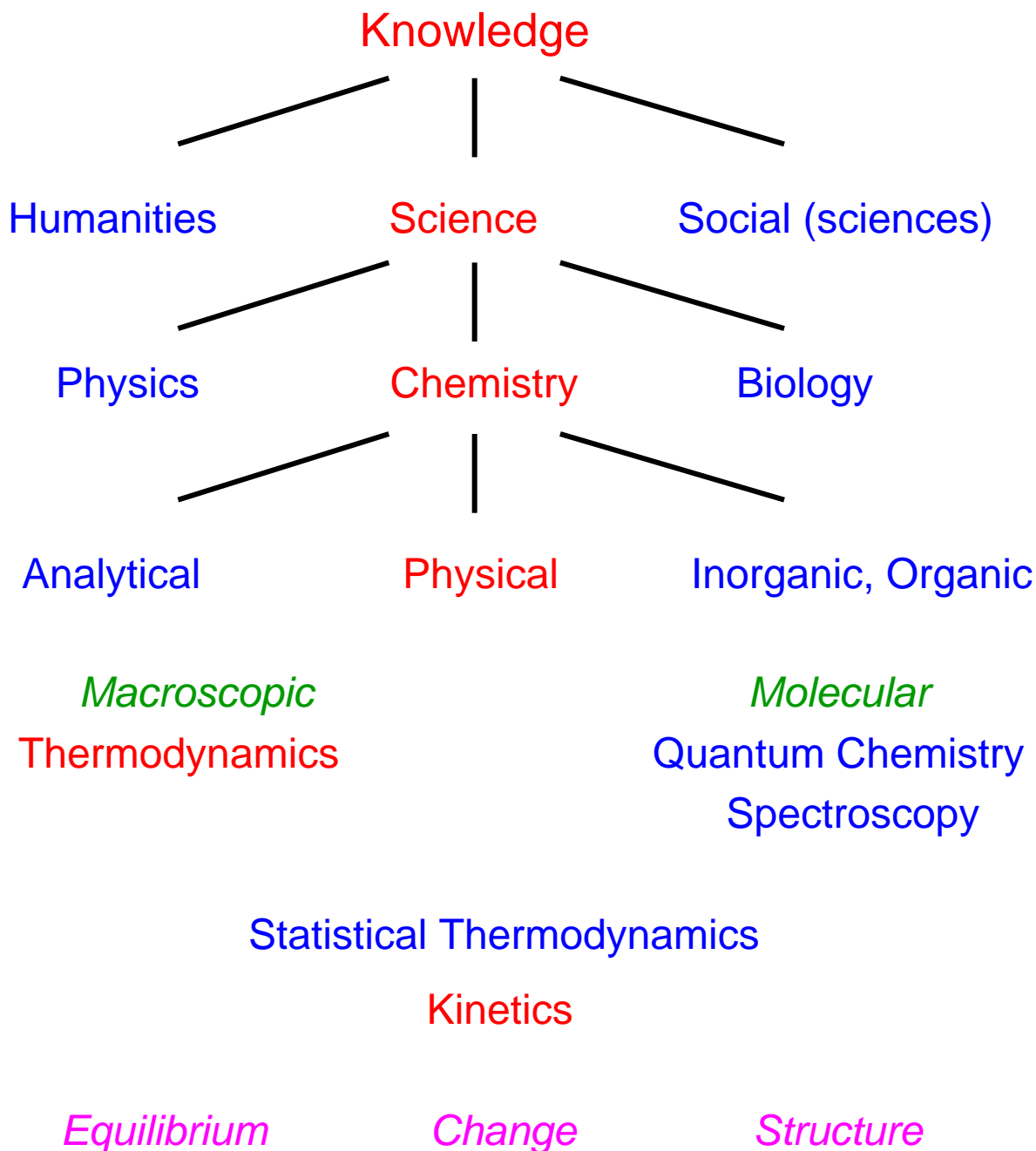


# What is Thermodynamics?



# Energy, Work and Heat

**Energy** is the capacity to do work.

Its classification into:

	<b>kinetic</b>	<b>potential</b>
	(by motion)	(by position)
e.g.	<b>thermal</b>	<b>chemical, electrical</b>

Is purely arbitrary!

**Heat** and **work** are *not* “types” of energy, but are processes involving *transfer* of energy. They appear and disappear at the system boundary. They are **path variables**.

**Heat** is the transfer of energy from one body to another of lower temperature.

**Convention:** if heat flows **into** the system,  $q > 0$ .

**Work** is the transfer of energy by some mechanism other than temperature difference.

**Convention:** if work is done **on** the system,  $w > 0$ .

Heat stimulates random motion.

Work stimulates organized motion.

Work “degrades” into heat.

- qualitative observations by Count Rumford (Ben Thompson)
- quantitative measurements by James Joule

# Terminology 1

A **system** is a particular sample of matter or region of space.

An **isolated system** does not interact with its **surroundings**.

$$\text{system} + \text{surroundings} = \text{universe}$$

A **closed system** does not allow passage of mass over its boundaries, in contrast to...

An **open system**.

An **adiabatic system** has boundaries which permit no flow of heat. **It is insulated.**

A system is in a definite **state** when all its properties have definite values.

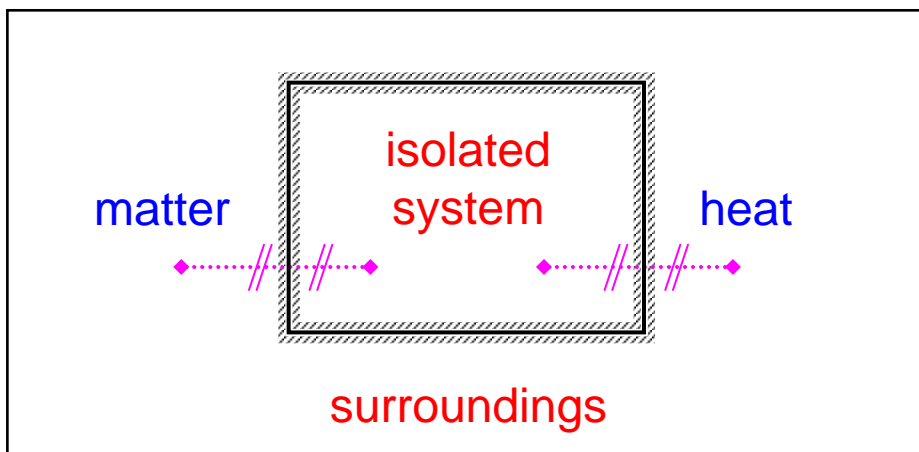
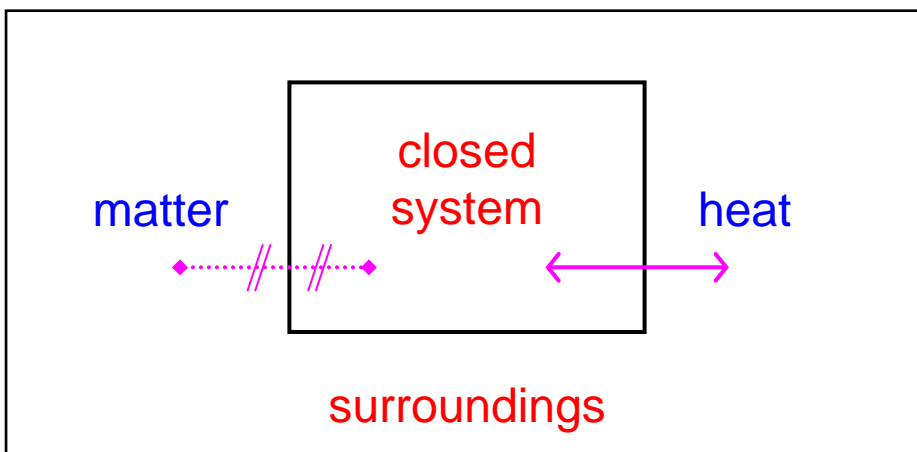
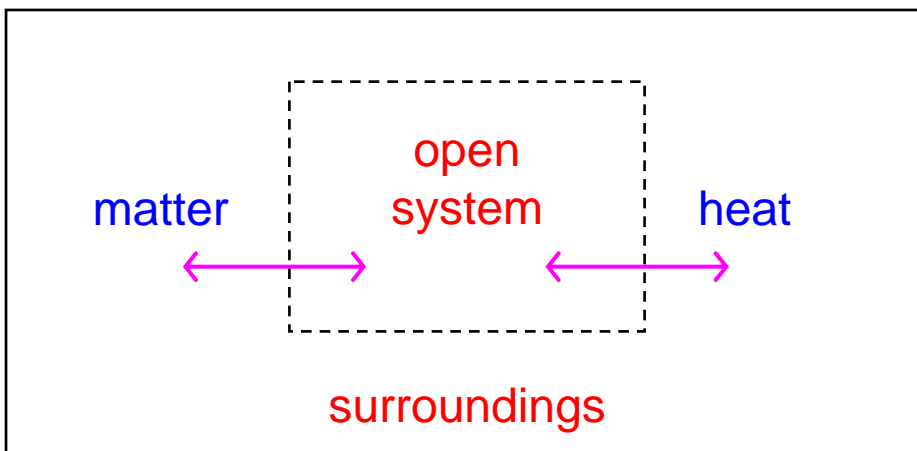
A system at **equilibrium** is time independent; it is not affected by the history of the system.

**Extensive properties** depend on the amount of substance in the system, e.g.  $n$ ,  $V$ .

$$\text{Total Property} = \sum \text{property}(\text{part})$$

**Intensive properties** are independent of amount, e.g.  $P$ ,  $T$ .

$$\text{Total Property} = \text{property of part}$$



# Terminology 2

**State variables (state functions)** uniquely determine the state of a system at equilibrium. **Two samples of a substance with the same state variables are in the same state.**

The change in a state variable depends only on the initial and final states, *independent of path*.

**Path functions** depend on the **process** and therefore vary with **path**.

A **cyclic process** is one in which the initial and final states are the same, *i.e. no change in the state variables*.

In contrast, path functions generally have non-zero values for cyclic processes, dependent on the path.

A **reversible** process is one that can be reversed by an infinitesimal modification of a variable. The system is in equilibrium with the surroundings at all times. **This is an idealized situation, useful as a theoretical limit, but...**

All real processes are irreversible. It is possible to restore the system or the surroundings to their original states but not both.

An **equation of state** is the functional relationship between the properties of a system, *e.g, the ideal gas law*.

# Ideal Gases -- Review

Ideal gases obey the ideal gas law:

$$PV = nRT$$

Pressure Pa  $\equiv 1 \text{ N m}^{-2} \equiv 1 \text{ J m}^{-3} \equiv 1 \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$

Volume  $\text{m}^3$   $\equiv 10^3 \text{ dm}^3 \equiv 10^3 \text{ litres}$

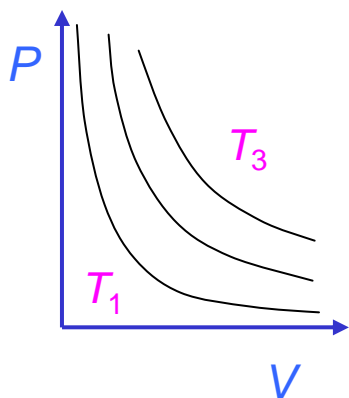
Temperature K

number of moles  $n = \frac{w}{M} = \frac{N}{L}$   $L = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  no. of atoms in 12 g  $^{12}\text{C}$

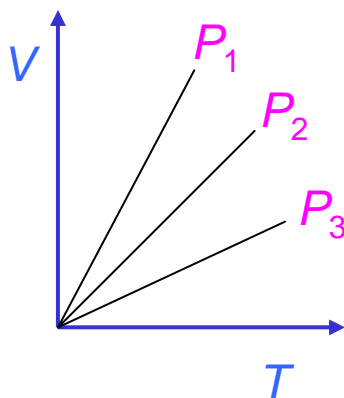
gas constant  $R = 8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

but if  $P$  is in atm ( $\equiv 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ) and  $V$  in litres,

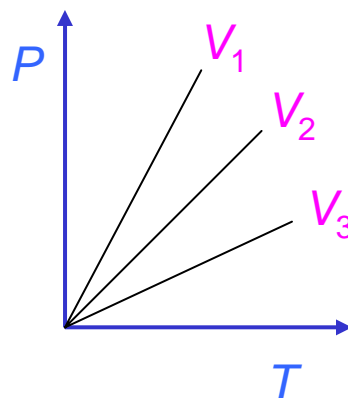
$$R = 0.08206 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$



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# Mixtures of Ideal Gases

If the ideal gas law applies  
to each component,  $i$

$$P_i V = n_i RT$$

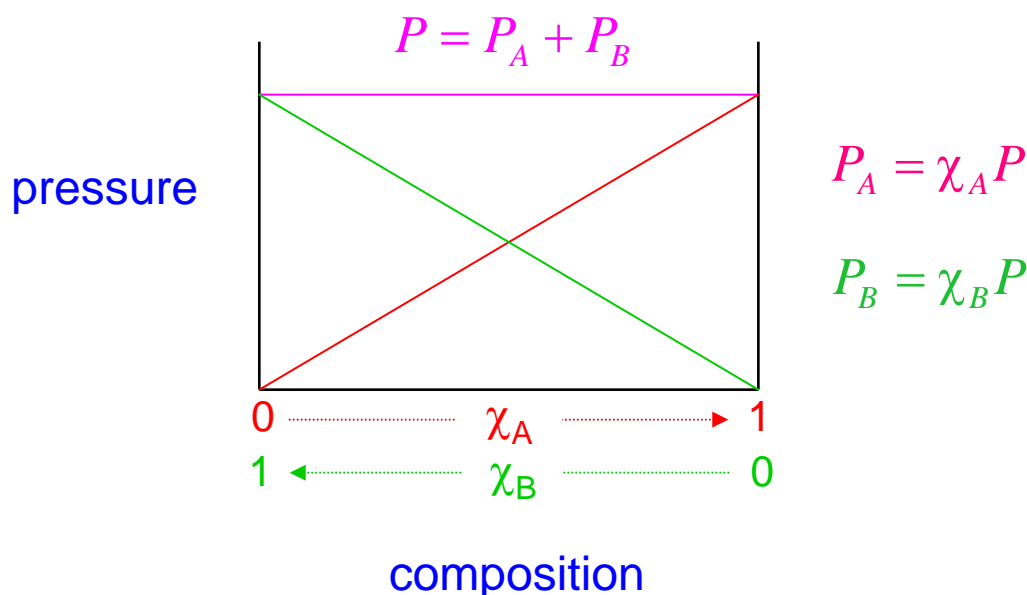
partial pressure

$$P_i = \frac{n_i RT}{V} = \frac{n_i P_{\text{tot}}}{n_{\text{tot}}} = \chi_i P_{\text{tot}}$$

Dalton's Law of  
Partial Pressures

$$\sum_i P_i = \frac{P_{\text{tot}}}{n_{\text{tot}}} \sum_i n_i = P_{\text{tot}}$$

e.g. for two components:



Real gases are ideal only at the low density limit. Why?