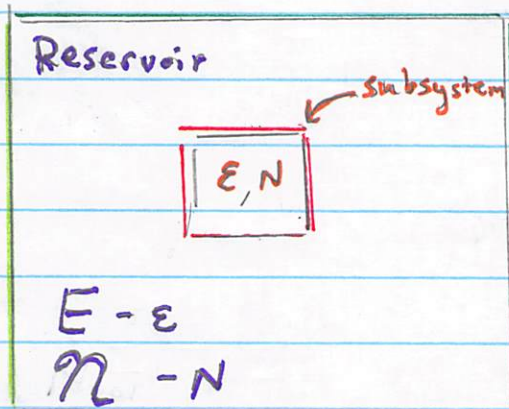


The Grand Canonical Ensemble



- Consider a small system exchanging energy and particles with a reservoir

- The total system (Reservoir + subsystem) has total energy E and total # of particles N

- The number of states in the reservoir is $\Omega_R(E - \varepsilon, N - N)$ and $S_R = k_B \ln \Omega_R$

- Let us require that the subsystem be in one microstate with energy ε and number N

$$\mathcal{P}(E - \varepsilon, N - N; \varepsilon, N) \propto \Omega_R(E - \varepsilon, N - N) \times 1$$

So

$$\ln \mathcal{P} = \ln \Omega_R(E - \varepsilon, N - N) + \text{const}$$

So

$$\frac{S_R(E - \varepsilon, N - N)}{k_B}$$

- we expand using $(\partial S / \partial E)_N = 1/T$, and $(\partial S / \partial N)_E = \mu/T$

$$\frac{S_R(E-\epsilon, \mathcal{N}-N)}{k_B} = \frac{S_R(E, \mathcal{N})}{k_B} - \frac{1}{k_B T} \epsilon + \frac{\mu}{k_B T} N$$

So re-exponentiating: ↖ constant indep of ϵ, N

$$\ln \mathcal{P} = - \frac{(E_s - \mu N)}{k_B T} + \text{const}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = C e^{- (E_s - \mu N) / k_B T}$$

Summary:

The probability for the subsystem to have ϵ and number N is

$$\mathcal{P} \propto e^{- (E - \mu N) / k_B T}$$

- Then we may sum over all states and over all possible values of N

$$\sum_i \mathcal{P}_i = 1$$

$$C \sum_i e^{- (E_i - \mu N_i) / k_B T} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad C = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\tau, \mu)}$$

where script letter \mathcal{Z} is a common notation. Book uses, Z

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_i e^{- (E_i - \mu N_i) / k_B T}$$

← This is known as the grand partition function

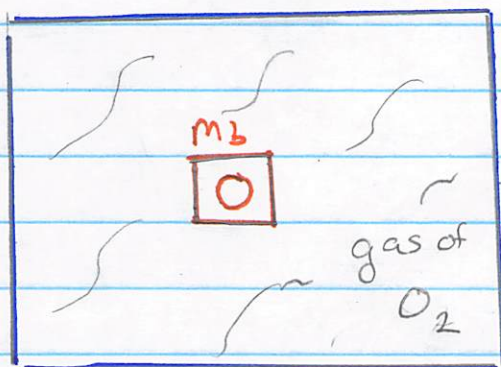
and

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \frac{e^{- \beta (E_i - \mu N_i)}}{\mathcal{Z}}$$

← We will use \mathcal{Z}_G for grand partition fcn. In years past I used \mathcal{Z}

Example : Occupied / Unoccupied (Adapted from Kittel + Kroemer)

- A protein myoglobin, Mb, can absorb O_2 from the surrounding gas raising its energy by Δ

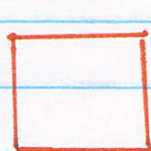


We want to predict the fraction of myoglobin which absorb an O_2 :

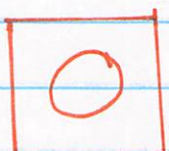
$$\frac{N_{MbO_2}}{N_{Mb} + N_{MbO_2}}$$

The

- Two states of Myoglobin without and with O_2 are



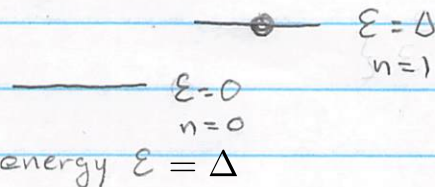
Mb without



Mb with MbO_2

without

with

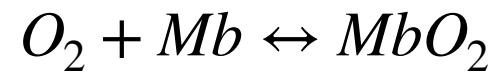


- Why do we need the chemical potential "nonsense"?
Well clearly if the concentration of surrounding O_2^{gas} is low not much Myoglobin will be occupied by O_2 .
If the concentration of O_2 is high but the temperature is low, again not much of the myoglobin will be absorbed. Equilibrium between the myoglobin and the surrounding gas is reached when the chemical potential of the surrounding gas and myoglobins are equal. In that sense the chemical potential is like the temperature, i.e. myoglobin and gas are in equilibrium at constant temperature

Occupied and Unoccupied: Absorption of O_2 by myoglobin



_____ ε



_____ 0

One myoglobin protein in a gas of O_2

• The Grand Partition function is

$$Z_{mb} = e^{-\beta(\epsilon_0 - \mu_0)} + e^{-\beta(\Delta - \mu)} = 1 + e^{-\beta(\Delta - \mu)}$$

So the probability to have absorbed O_2 is

$$P_{\text{absorb}} = \frac{e^{-\beta(\Delta - \mu)}}{2 + 1} = \frac{e^{-\beta(\Delta - \mu)}}{(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_0 - \mu)})}$$

• So what is μ ? T

• That is set by the properties of the surrounding gas. (The β is also set by the properties of the surrounding gas.) From the ideal gas

$$\mu = k_B T (\ln(n \lambda_{th}^3)) \Rightarrow e^{\beta \mu} = n \lambda_{th}^3$$

← density of O_2

And

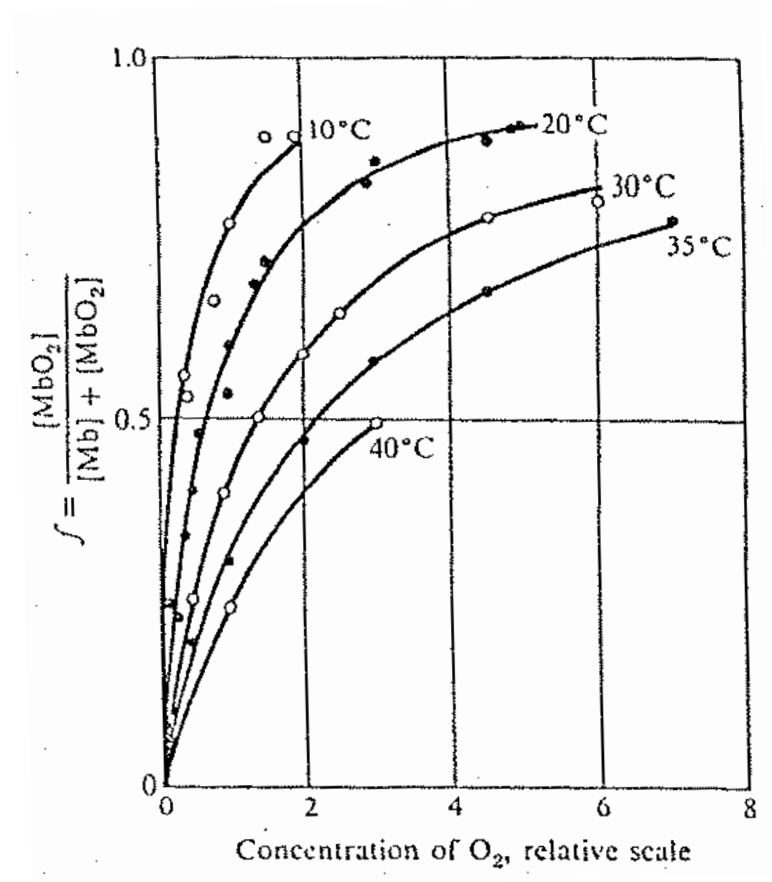
$$P_{\text{absorb}} = \frac{e^{-\beta \Delta} n \lambda_{th}^3}{1 + e^{-\beta \Delta} n \lambda_{th}^3} = \frac{n}{e^{\beta \Delta} / \lambda_{th}^3 + n}$$

Calling $n_0 = e^{\beta \Delta} / \lambda_{th}^3$ we have denominator by n

$$P_{\text{absorb}} = \frac{n}{n_0(T) + n}$$

↘ this prediction for the absorption fraction vs. the concentration of O_2 is shown on the next slide.

Fraction of Occupied Mb Protein



So How do we use The Grand Sum 2?

- You use it like the partition function

$$\langle N \rangle = \sum_i N_i P_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i N_i e^{-(E_i - \mu N_i) / kT}$$

now

$$k_B T \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \right)_T \left(e^{-(E_i - \mu N_i) / kT} \right) = N_i e^{-(E_i - \mu N_i) / kT}$$

So:

$$\langle N \rangle = k_B T \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \ln 2}{\partial \mu} = k_B T \frac{\partial \ln 2}{\partial \mu}$$

Now similarly to the partition function

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E - \mu N \rangle &= \sum_i (E_i - \mu N_i) P_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (E_i - \mu N_i) e^{-\beta (E_i - \mu N_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Using

$$(E_i - \mu N_i) e^{-\beta (E_i - \mu N_i)} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} e^{-\beta (E_i - \mu N_i)}$$

So

$$\langle E - \mu N \rangle = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta} \right)_{\mu}$$

or

$$\langle E - \mu N \rangle = -\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta} \Rightarrow \langle E \rangle = \langle E - \mu N \rangle + \langle \mu N \rangle$$

Finally

I usually find this the easiest to use.

$$S = -k_B \sum_i P_i \ln P_i$$

$$P_i = \frac{e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}}{\mathcal{Z}}$$

like in homework

$$= \frac{U - \mu N}{T} + k_B \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

Rearranging

$$k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z} = TS + \mu N - U$$

Gibbs Duhem

$$k_B T \ln \mathcal{Z} = -pV$$

the book calls this $-\Phi_G$

So

$$\mathcal{Z} = e^{-\beta \Phi_G} = e^{\beta pV}$$

Φ_G is the "grand potential" i.e. $-pV$

Deriving Everything else from $\bar{\Phi}_G$

- Once we know $\bar{\Phi}_G$ we can derive everything else from it. It is analogous to the partition function and free energy

$$\begin{aligned} F &\equiv U - TS \\ \bar{\Phi}_G &= F - \mu N \end{aligned}$$
$$dU = T ds - p dV + \mu dN$$
$$dF = -SdT - p dV + \mu dN$$
$$d\bar{\Phi}_G = -SdT - N d\mu - p dV$$

From the Gibbs Duhem: $\bar{\Phi}_G = -pV = U - TS - \mu N$
 $= F - \mu N$

- From these derivatives we find several results

$$S = - \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}_G}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu, V}$$
$$N = - \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}_G}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T, V}$$
$$P = - \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\Phi}_G}{\partial V} \right)_{T, \mu}$$