



Stability (Chapter 3)

why wasn't stability an issue in the Al_2SiO_5 phase diagram?

Reversible processes $\Rightarrow dU = \dots \Rightarrow$ external influence required!!

Spontaneous process $\Rightarrow d\mathcal{S}^{\text{universe}} > 0 \Rightarrow$ possible w/o external influence.

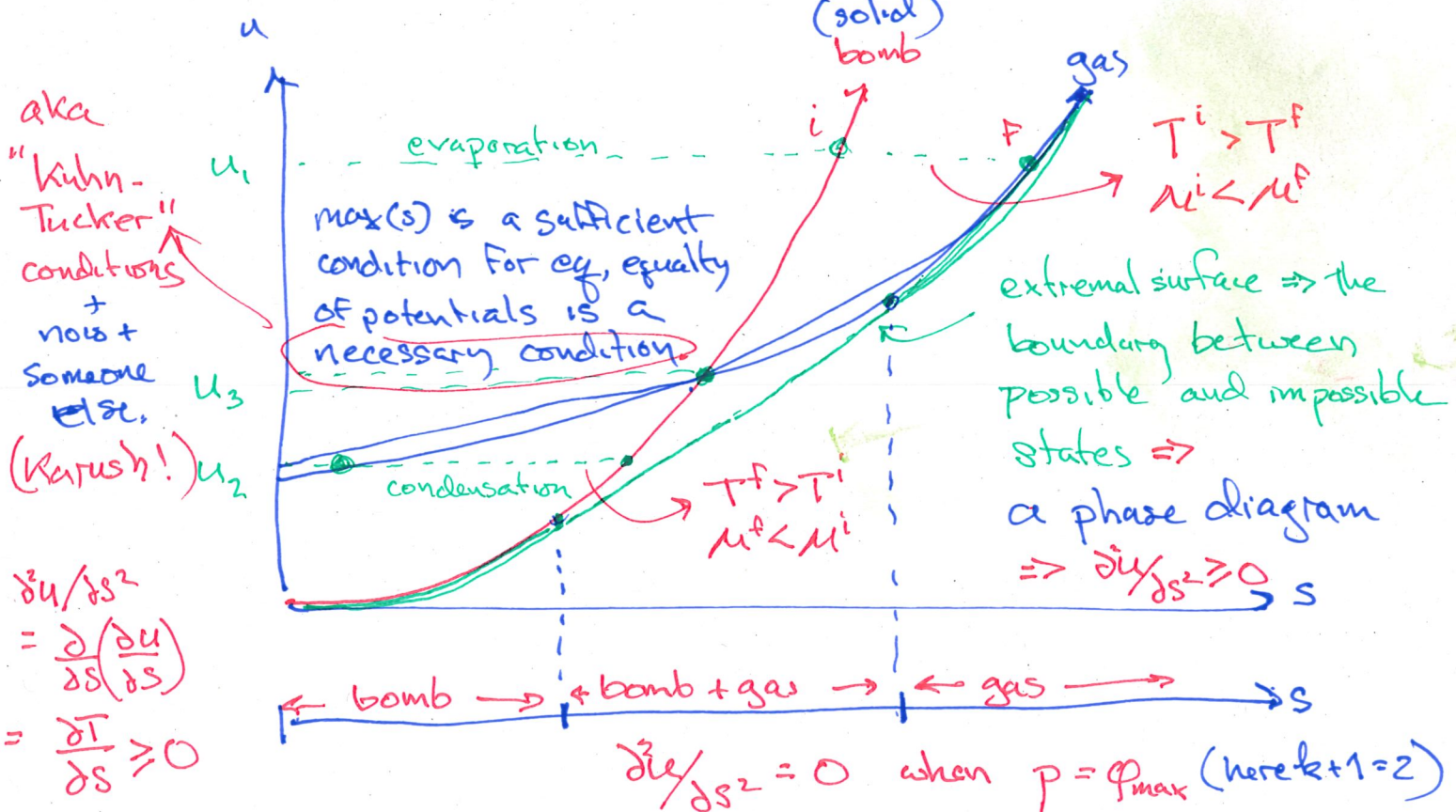
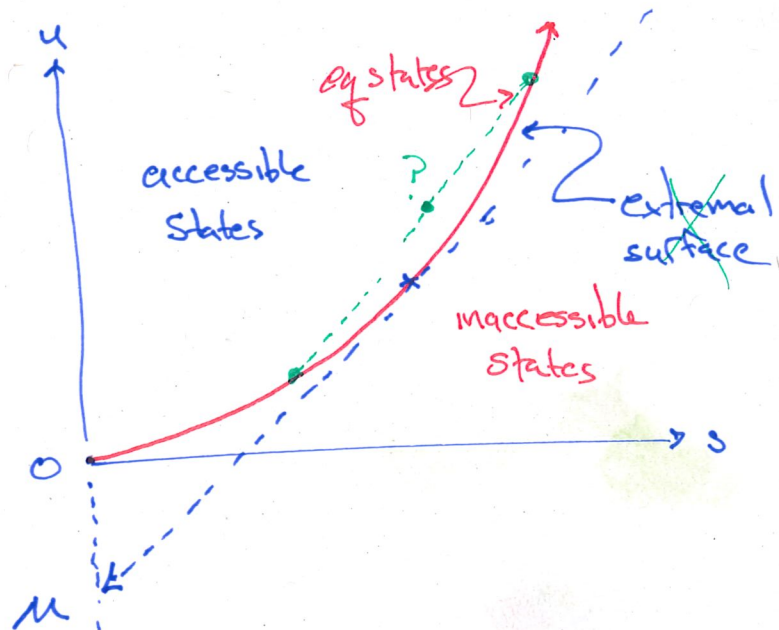
Isolated system $\Rightarrow$ no external influence possible, $dQ = dW = 0$, $dS > 0$

a simplified universe with no mechanics:

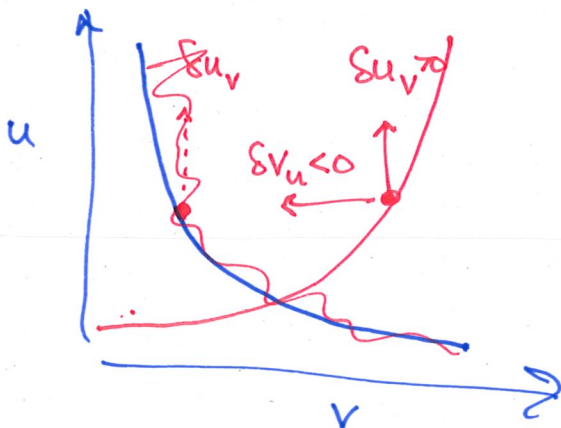
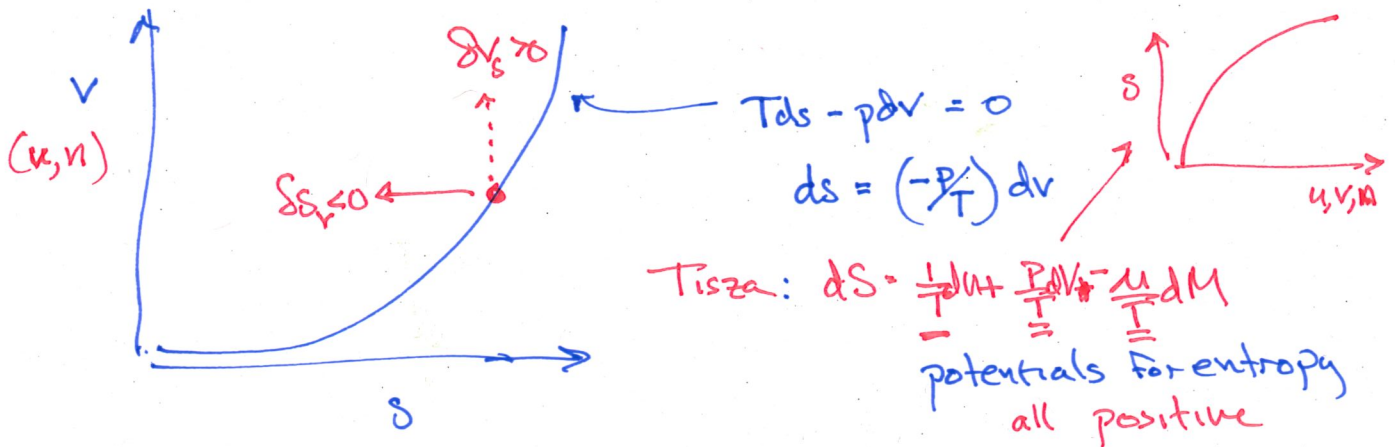
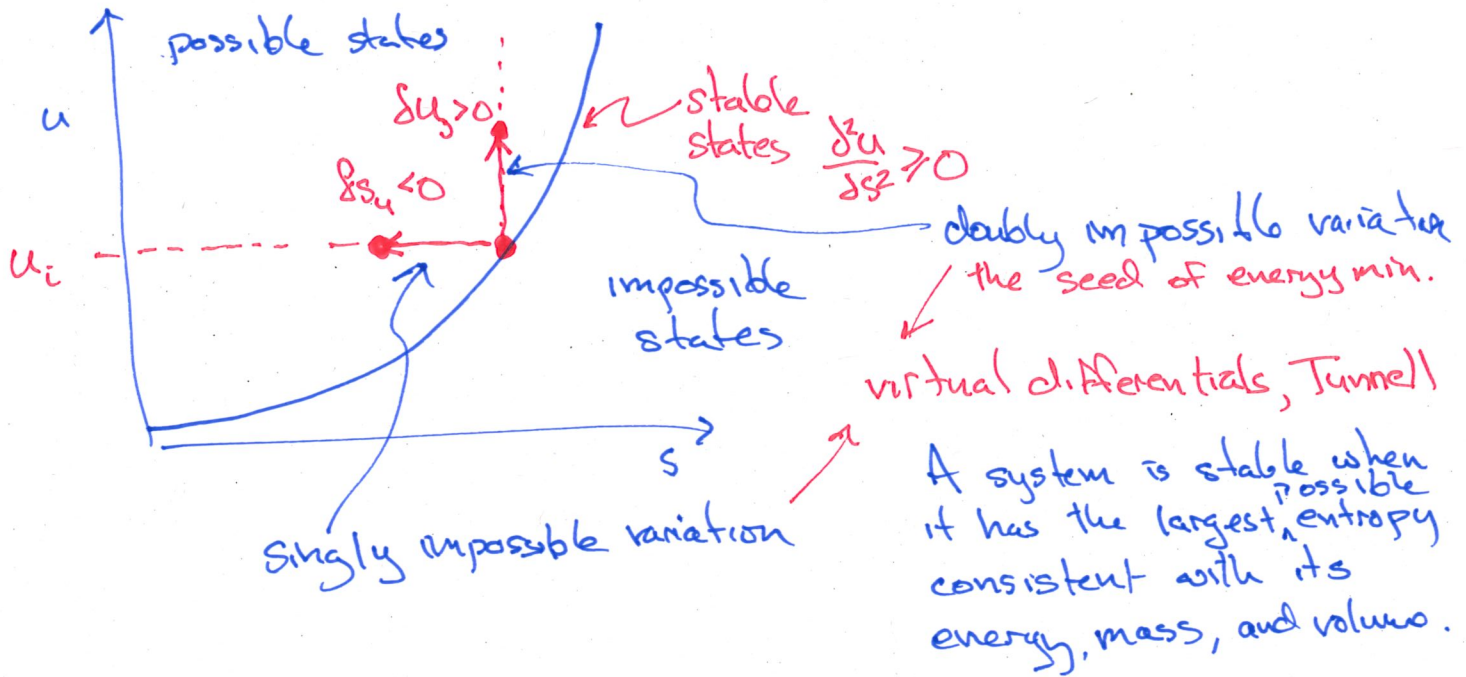
$$U = TS + \mu N \Rightarrow \alpha = N$$

$$u = Ts + \mu \rightarrow \alpha = 1$$

$$du = Tds \quad p = ?$$



A family of irrational stability criteria



$du = -p dv \Rightarrow$ if u is a minimum

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial v} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial(-p)}{\partial v} > 0$$

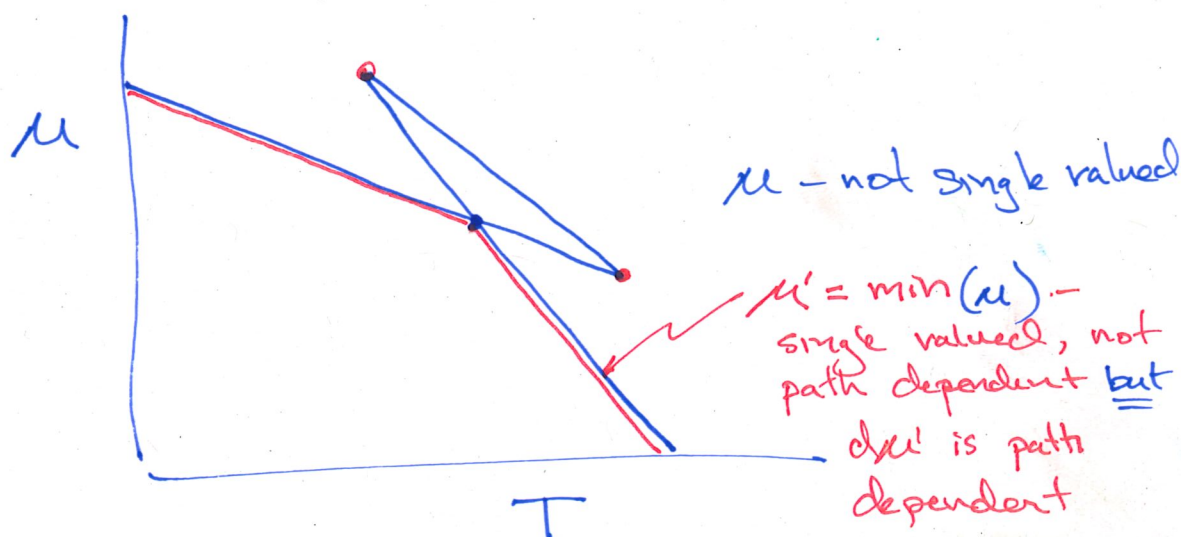
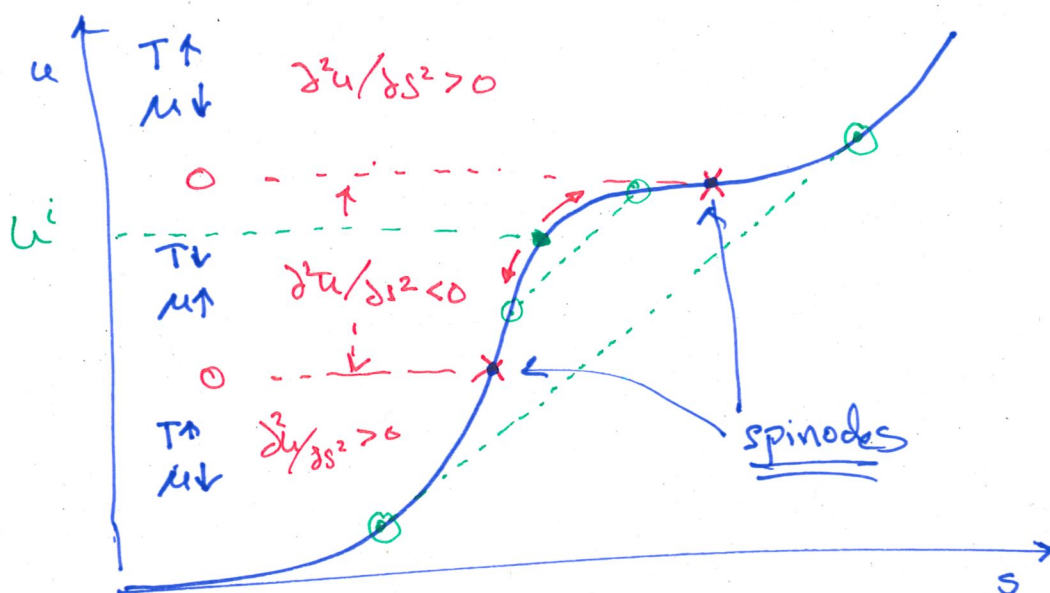
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right) = \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial n} > 0$$

if $s(v, u, n)$ is convex
 $\partial^2 s / \partial v^2 < 0$

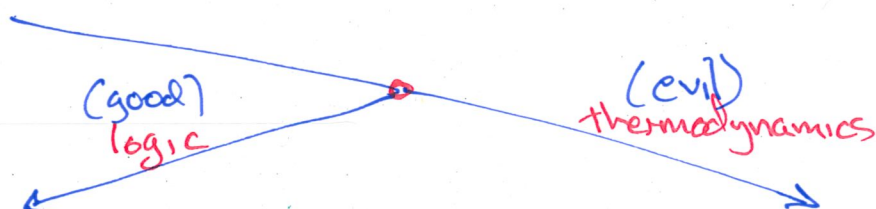
then $u(s, v, n)$
 $v(s, u, n)$
 $n(s, u, v)$ must be concave

$\partial^2 u / \partial v^2 > 0$
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why can't $\partial^2 u / \partial s^2$ be < 0 ?



Stability criterion: a system is stable when NO processes are possible



if there is a state such that $\delta S_{u,v,m} > 0$ then a process is possible.

$\delta S_{u,v,m} > 0$ is a criterion for possible processes [Clausius]

A system is stable when any variation [by definition an impossible variation] to a possible state at u, v, m decreases entropy, i.e. $\delta S_{u,v,m} < 0$