

# MATE 664 Lecture 03

## Driving Forces in Irreversible Thermodynamics

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### Recap of Lecture 02

Key ideas from last lecture:

- Crash course on statistical mechanics
  - Microstate in phase space macroscopic property with probability
  - Measurement of microstate entropy Boltzmann formula
  - Explain Boltzmann distribution
  - Explain entropy maximizing principle
- Introduction to irreversible thermodynamics
  - Postulate 1: local equilibrium assumption
  - Postulate 2: rate of entropy production is non-zero
  - Postulate 3: linear coupling between flux and forces
  - Postulate 4: symmetry between coupling coefficients

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### Learning Outcomes

After today's lecture, you will be able to:

- **Recall** the entropy production equation and link to rate
- **Analyze** the formula for entropy production the driving force expression
- **Derive** general equation for driving forces in system
- **Formulate** relationship between reciprocal driving force situations

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## Entropy Balance Equation

General form:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \left( \frac{dS}{dt} \right)_{\text{exchange}} + \left( \frac{dS}{dt} \right)_{\text{production}}$$

- Exchange: entropy flow across system boundaries
- Production: entropy generated internally
- Entropy **can flow** and **can be generated**

## Entropy Production In Microscopic Cells

When applying local equilibrium, we generally consider **entropy density**  $s = S_i/V_i$  for a certain *microscopic cell*.

Using *Balluffi book* notations, entropy balance equation looks like:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_s + \dot{\sigma}$$

- $\vec{J}_s$ : flux of entropy (exchange)
- $\dot{\sigma}$ : entropy generation rate

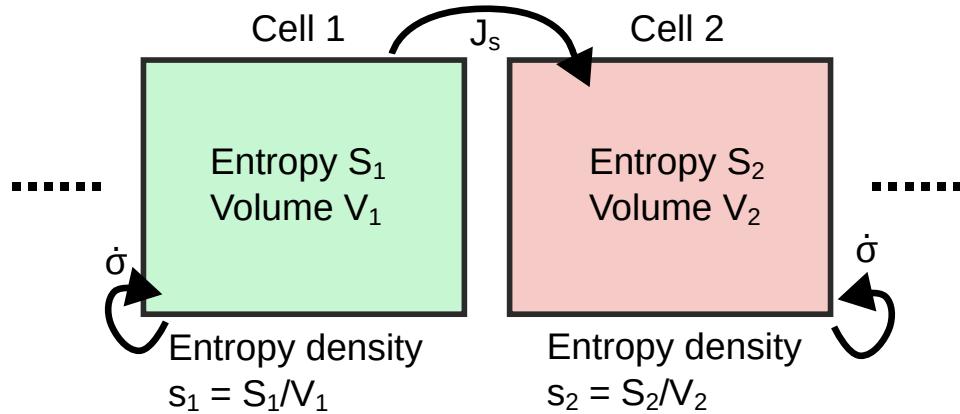


Figure 1: Scheme of microcell and entropy balance

## Irreversible Thermodynamics

Central law:

$$\dot{\sigma} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{J}_s \geq 0$$

- This is the local form of the second law.
- Equilibrium  $\dot{\sigma} = 0$
- Can we have  $\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = 0$ ?

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### Entropy Balance: Solving $\dot{\sigma}$ and $\vec{J}_s$

Chain rule again! For any thermodynamic quantity  $\xi_i$ :

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = \sum_i \frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i} \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i} (-\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_{\xi_i}) \quad (2)$$

- What quantities  $\xi_i$  can be used?
- How do we solve  $\frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i}$ ?

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### Entropy Flux and Production: Results

After arranging the formula for entropy balance and apply laws in vector operations, we get:

$$\vec{J}_s = \sum_i \frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i} \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{\sigma} = \sum_i \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i} \right) \quad (4)$$

- It seems everything has relation with:
  - A flux  $\vec{J}_{\xi_i}$

- An coefficient  $\frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i}$  (Onsager's affinity)
- Non-negative entropy production  $\vec{J}_{\xi_i}$  and gradient (vector)  $\nabla \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial \xi_i} \right)$  have an angle no more than 90 degrees!

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## What Are The Affinities, Anyway?

Consider generalized 1st law of thermodynamics:

$$ds = \frac{1}{T}du - \sum_i \frac{\psi_i}{T}d\xi_i \quad (5)$$

It requires:

- $\xi_i$  is an **extensive property**
- $\psi_i$  is an **intensive property** often called **potential**
- $\xi_i$  is **conjugate** to  $\psi_i$

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## What are $\psi$ and $\xi$ ?

- General entropy differential (extended variables):

$$ds = \frac{1}{T}du - \frac{p}{T}dv - \sum_i \frac{\psi_i}{T}d\xi_i$$

- $\xi_i$ : **extensive variables**

- volume  $v$
- charge  $q$
- concentration  $c$
- surface area  $A$
- dipole moment  $\mathbf{p}$
- magnetic moment  $\mathbf{b}$

- $\psi_i$ : **conjugate intensive variables**

- pressure  $p$
- electric potential  $\phi$

- chemical potential  $\mu$
- surface energy  $\gamma$
- external electric field  $\mathbf{E}$
- magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$

Each  $(\psi_i, \xi_i)$  pair contributes to entropy change.

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## Entropy Flux and Production In Driving Force Terms

We can rewrite the entropy balance equation using individual fluxes:

$$\vec{J}_s = - \sum_i \frac{\psi_i}{T} \vec{J}_{\xi_i} = \frac{1}{T} \vec{J}_u - \sum_i \frac{\psi_i}{T} \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{\sigma} = - \sum_i \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\psi_i}{T} \right) = \vec{J}_u \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) - \sum_i \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\psi_i}{T} \right) \quad (7)$$

- If  $u$  also have an corresponding potential, what will it be?

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## Entropy Production: With Flux of Heat Term

Often we wanted to write entropy generation using flux of heat  $\vec{J}_Q = T\vec{J}_s$ :

$$T\dot{\sigma} = - \frac{\vec{J}_Q}{T} \cdot \nabla T - \sum_i \vec{J}_{\xi_i} \cdot \nabla \psi_i \quad (8)$$

- Why is there a negative sign before each term?
- Can you generalize this term?

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## General Formula for Entropy Production

$$\boxed{\dot{\sigma} = - \sum_i [\text{flux of } \xi_i] \cdot [\nabla(\text{conjugate potential } \psi_i)]} \quad (9)$$

- $\xi_i$  must be **extensive**  $\Rightarrow$  scales with system size  $V_i$
- $\psi_i$  is the **conjugate intensive potential**
  - does *not* scale with  $V_i$
- $\nabla\psi_i$  acts as the **thermodynamic driving force**

This compact form unifies all irreversible transport processes.

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## What Are The Driving Forces (From Irreversible Thermodynamics)?

Some quantities and their driving forces, see *Balluffi Table 2.1*

Extensive quantity $\xi_i$	Flux $\vec{J}_{\xi_i}$	Conjugate force	Potential $\psi_i$
Heat $Q$	$\vec{J}_Q$	$-\frac{1}{T}\nabla T$	$\frac{1}{T}$
Chemical component $i$	$\vec{J}_i$	$-\nabla\mu_i$	$\mu_i$
Electric charge $q$	$\vec{J}_q$	$-\nabla\phi$	$\phi$

- Each row represents one irreversible transport process
- Force = gradient of the conjugate intensive potential
- Flux  $\cdot$  Force contributes to entropy production

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## Empirical Laws of Fluxes

We also know that fluxes are having empirical relation to the driving force (in a gradient form):

$$\text{Flux} = (\text{transport coefficient}) \times (\text{driving force})$$

**Fourier's law (heat conduction)**

$$\vec{J}_Q = -k\nabla T = -kT^2 \nabla \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$

**Fick's law (mass diffusion)**

$$\vec{J}_i = -D_i \nabla c_i = -\mu_i c_i \nabla \mu_i$$

**Ohm's law (electrical conduction)**

$$\vec{J}_q = -\rho \nabla \phi$$

### Entropy Production in the Uncoupled Case

If each flux is influenced by only **one dominant driving force (D.F.)**:

$$\text{entropy production} = (\text{flux}) \cdot (\text{driving force})$$

Using linear response:

$$\vec{J} = (\text{coefficient}) \times (\text{D.F.})$$

we obtain

$$T\dot{\sigma} = (\text{coefficient}) \|\text{D.F.}\|^2$$

### Consequences of Irreversible Dynamics (Uncoupled Driving Force)

- Empirically, all transport coefficients are **positive** from irreversible thermodynamics
- Therefore:

$$\sigma \geq 0$$

- Entropy production vanishes only when:

$$\vec{\sigma} = 0 \iff \|\text{D.F.}\| = 0$$

- The second law constrains transport coefficients

- Positivity of entropy production  $\Rightarrow$  positivity of coefficients
- This reasoning will be generalized when **fluxes are coupled**

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### Linear Irreversible Thermodynamics: Coupled Fluxes

- Extensive quantities:  $\xi_i$
- Conjugate driving forces:

$$\vec{F}_i \equiv -\nabla \psi_i$$

- Associated fluxes:  $\vec{J}_i$

We write them in a matrix form as shown in [Lecture 2](#)

$$\vec{J} = \mathbf{L} \vec{F}$$

or, component-wise,

$$\vec{J}_i = \sum_j L_{ij} \vec{F}_j$$


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### Entropy Production with Coupling

$$\dot{\sigma} = \sum_i \vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{F}_i = \sum_{i,j} L_{ij} \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{F}_j$$

- Second law requires:

$$\dot{\sigma} \geq 0$$

- **L** must be **positive semi-definite**

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## Onsager Reciprocity (Again!)

Under microscopic reversibility:

$$L_{ij} = L_{ji}$$

- Symmetry of  $\mathbf{L}$  reduces number of independent coefficients
- Fundamental constraint linking kinetics and thermodynamics

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## Physical Examples of Coupling

- Thermoelectric effects (Seebeck / Peltier)
- Thermodiffusion (Soret / Dufour)
- Electrokinetic transport

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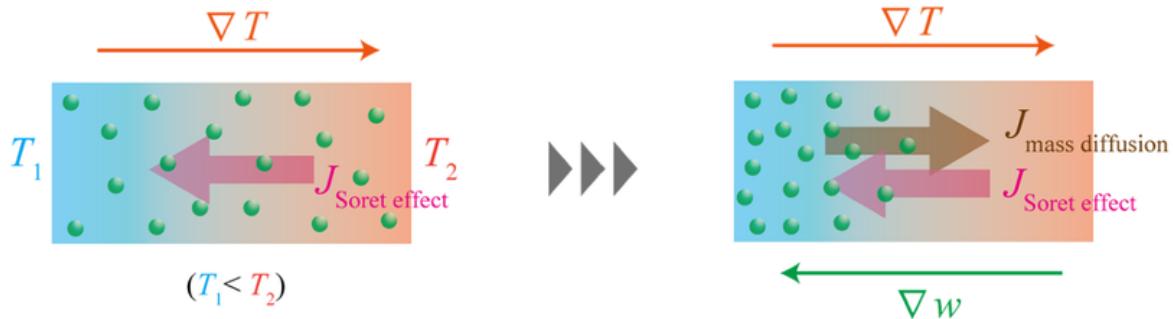
## Coupling: Mass Thermal – Soret / Dufour Effects

Coupled flux–force relations

- Mass flux driven by temperature gradient (Soret effect)
- Heat flux driven by concentration gradient (Dufour effect)

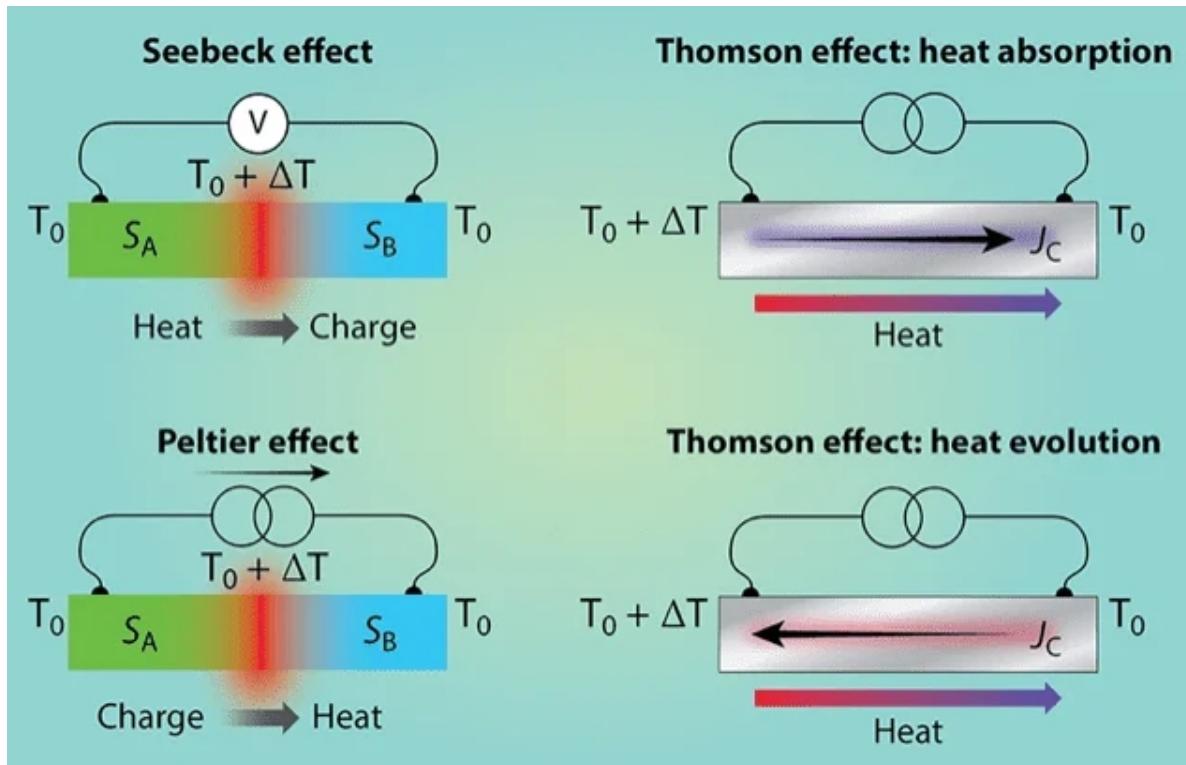
*Derivation of Soret thermal conductivity please see lecture handwritten notes*

If  $S_T$  of component 1 is positive:



## Coupling: Charge Thermal – Seebeck / Peltier Effects

**Coupled flux–force relations** - Electric current driven by temperature gradient (Seebeck effect) - Heat flux driven by electric field (Peltier effect)



## Coupling: Charge Mass – Electrokinetic Phenomena

**Coupled flux–force relations** - Charge and mass transport are interdependent in ionic systems

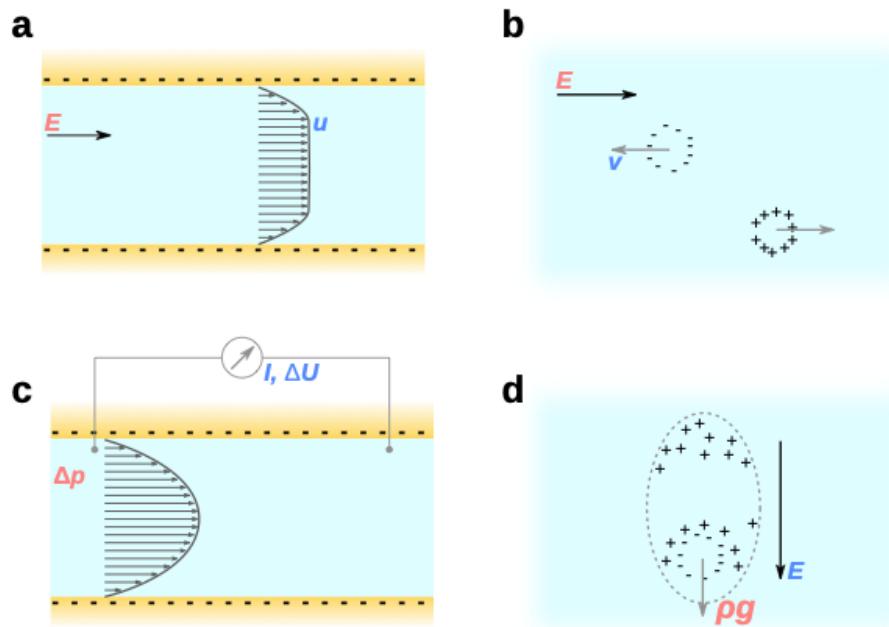


Figure 14.1: Typical electrokinetic phenomena. (a) electroosmosis. (b) electrophoresis. (c) streaming current / potential. (d) sedimentation potential.

### General Matrix for Coupling Effects

Example coupling effect matrix given in *J. Phase Equilib. Diffus.* 2022 43, 640

Flux	Heat	Electric	Diffusion
Force			
Temperature gradient	Fourier	Seebeck	Soret Thermal migration
Voltage	Peltier	Ohm	Electro migration
Chemical potential gradient	Dufour	Volta (galvanic cell)	Fick

**Fig. 1** Classical cross effects

## Some Additional Consequence of Onsager Reciprocity

There are some consequences of Onsager's reciprocity. As Curie's symmetry principle (1894, *Pierre Curie, not Marie*) stated, the cause of an effect needs to follow tensor rank selection rule, that:

Flux – Driving Force pair can only be induced when they have the same tensor rank, or differ by 2.

**Table 10-1 Flux–Driving Force Relations**

Fluxes	Velocity Gradient	Temperature Gradient	Concentration Gradient	Chemical Affinity
Momentum (tensor, 9 components)	$\tau_{yx} = \mu dv/dy$			
Heat (vector, 3 components)		$q_y = k dT/dy$ Fourier's Law	Dufour effect	
Mass (vector, 3 components)		Soret effect, thermal diffusion	$J_{A_y} = D_{AB} dC_A/dy$ Fick's Law	
Chemical reaction (scalar)				rate = $k_r C_A^n$

*Note:* All equations shown are one-dimensional form.

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Figure 2: Tensor rank coupling from Griskey Book 2002

The coupling of momentum-transfer (fluid, 2nd-order) and chemical reaction (0th-order) has only been recently proposed! See *J. Chem. Phys.* **2022**, 157, 084901.

## Summary

- Entropy balance equation solutions for flux of entropy and entropy production
- Entropy production rate flux of quantity driving force
- Flux of quantity Coefficient Driving Force
- Examples of reciprocal relation in transport phenomena
- Brief introduction of diffusion