

3.14 Thermodynamic Contacts: The isolated system



heat isolation

S2: The world

No interactions with S2:

- fixed volume V
- fixed particle number N
- fixed energy U

Established by the system:

- p : pressure
- T : temperature
- μ : chemical potential

Thermodynamic equilibrium: no changes in time \Rightarrow State(V, N, U)

Example: two kinds of atoms: N_A, N_B in an isolated closed chamber; chemical reactions are allowed, e.g. $2A \rightarrow B$
 μ_A, μ_B, p, T will change as a function of time.

More examples:

- the universe
- our sun system