

A Comprehensive Study on The Significance of Enthalpy and Entropy Diagram in Analyzing Thermodynamic System

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Abstract

A thermodynamic graphical depiction known as an enthalpy-entropy (H-S) diagram depicts changes in a substance's enthalpy (H) and entropy (S) while it goes through a physical or chemical transition. The vertical axis shows the enthalpy, which is the heat content of the system under constant pressure, and the horizontal axis represents entropy, which is a measure of the degree of disorder or unpredictability of a system. Phase changes, chemical reactions, and heat transmission are just a few examples of the different thermodynamic processes that may be studied and understood using the H-S diagram. The efficiency of energy conversion procedures like power cycles and refrigeration cycles may also be ascertained using the diagram.

Keywords

Entropy-enthalpy diagrams, Thermodynamics, Phase transitions, Molecular simulation, Clausius-Clapeyron equation.

1. Introduction

Energy and its changes are the subject of thermodynamics. In many branches of engineering, chemistry, and physics, it is a basic branch of study that is crucial. Thermodynamic characteristics, which can be measured and analyzed using a variety of methods, govern how thermodynamic systems behave. The entropy-enthalpy diagram, often known as the Mollier diagram, is one of the best resources for examining thermodynamic parameters. Diagrams illustrating the thermodynamic characteristics of a material are called entropy-enthalpy diagrams. They are based on the basic thermodynamic quantities of entropy and enthalpy, which are shown against one another on a Cartesian coordinate system. Specifically in the fields of power production and refrigeration, these diagrams are used to analyze and comprehend the behaviour of thermodynamic systems.

1.1 Objectives

Gaining a fuller understanding of a system's thermodynamic characteristics and how they relate to chemical processes and phase transitions is the goal of research on entropy-enthalpy diagrams. The precise goals of such study might be: creating new techniques for creating entropy-enthalpy graphs and enhancing the precision of current techniques. employing entropy-enthalpy diagrams to analyze the behaviour of complicated systems, such as mixes and solutions. investigating how pressure and other outside influences affect a system's thermodynamic characteristics and how they appear on a diagram.

developing new methods for planning and optimizing chemical processes by applying entropy-enthalpy diagrams to specific domains, such as materials science, environmental science, and chemical engineering. examining how entropy-enthalpy diagrams relate to other thermodynamic elements like Gibbs free energy and heat capacity to give a more comprehensive view of a system's behaviour. The goal of research on entropy-enthalpy diagrams is to create new methods for predicting and optimizing the behaviour of chemical systems as well as to deepen our grasp of the basic concepts of thermodynamics.

2. Literature Review

In thermodynamics, entropy-enthalpy diagrams are frequently used to explain how chemical processes and phase transitions behave. The creation, interpretation, and uses of these diagrams in numerous domains are covered in a sizable body of literature. We will highlight some of the most important discoveries and advancements in this discipline in this literature review. Plotting a system's entropy and enthalpy against temperature is necessary for creating entropy-enthalpy diagrams. These diagrams may be created using a number of techniques, including as the van't Hoff method and the Clausius-Clapeyron equation. The literature has devoted a great deal of study to both the accuracy and the restrictions of these approaches. The use of molecular simulation techniques is one recent advancement in the creation of entropy-enthalpy diagrams. These methods allow for the molecular-level computation of the thermodynamic characteristics of complicated systems, giving a more precise and thorough understanding of the behaviour of the system

3. Methods

i) Data from experiments: H-S diagrams can be created using data from laboratory tests or applications of thermodynamic processes in the real world. It is possible to visualize the behaviour of the substance or process by plotting experimental data, such as enthalpy and entropy values at various stages or points along a process. The H-S diagram may be used to experimentally quantify and visualize enthalpy and entropy changes that occur during phase transitions or heat transfer processes, for instance.

ii) Thermodynamic tables: For various substances at varying temperatures and pressures, thermodynamic tables contain tabular data about thermodynamic characteristics, including enthalpy and entropy. By extracting the pertinent data and placing it on the diagram, these tables may be utilized to create H-S diagrams. This approach is especially helpful for chemicals for which experimental data are hard to come by or are not widely available.

iii) Equations of state, heat capacity equations, and phase equilibrium equations are examples of thermodynamic equations that may be used to compute the enthalpy and entropy values for a material at various stages or points in a process. The H-S diagram can be used to visualize these computed values and the substance or process's thermodynamic behaviour. This approach is frequently employed in theoretical thermodynamics and necessitates a solid grasp of thermodynamic theories and equations.

iv) Software and simulation tools: A variety of thermodynamic simulation and software programmes are available that can produce H-S diagrams based on input information or parameters. These tools simulate and compute thermodynamic parameters, such as enthalpy and entropy, and then plot them on the H-S diagram using thermodynamic equations, data, and mathematical models. This approach works well and is practical for creating H-S diagrams for intricate thermodynamic processes or systems.

v) Reference diagrams: Thermodynamic textbooks, handbooks, or research papers often include reference H-S diagrams for typical substances or processes. These diagrams can be used as a guide to create H-S diagrams for substances or processes that are comparable. The H-S diagram can be created qualitatively or quantitatively by contrasting a substance's or process' behaviour with the reference diagram.

4. Data Collection

The following data must be measured or gathered to fill out an enthalpy-entropy diagram:

i) Experiments, computer simulations, thermodynamic tables, or equations of state for the substance or system of interest can all be used to get specific enthalpy (h) values.

ii) Values of specific entropy (s): Like specific enthalpy, specific entropy can also be calculated by experiments, computer simulations, equations of state, thermodynamic tables, or other methods.

iii) Temperature and other pertinent factors: The values of enthalpy and entropy are often functions of temperature, pressure, and other factors like composition or phase. In order to produce an accurate enthalpy-entropy diagram, it is crucial to measure or gather data on these variables.

It is usual to measure the entropy and enthalpy of a system at various temperatures when gathering data for an entropy-enthalpy diagram. Some typical techniques for gathering information for entropy-enthalpy graphs include the following:

i) Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC): DSC is a method for determining how much heat is moving through a sample in relation to temperature. The enthalpy of a system undergoing phase transitions like melting or crystallization may be calculated using this method.

ii) Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) is a method for calculating how much heat is produced or absorbed during a chemical process. This method may be used to calculate a chemical reaction's enthalpy as a function of temperature.

iii) Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) is a method for calculating a sample's weight in relation to temperature. The entropy of a system undergoing phase transitions, such as the loss of water or other volatile components, may be calculated using this method.

iv) Molecular Simulation: To determine a system's thermodynamic characteristics at the molecular level, one can utilize molecular simulation techniques like molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations. This method can give a clearer, more in-depth view of the system's behaviour.

Once the information has been gathered, it may be displayed on an entropy-enthalpy diagram to show the system's thermodynamic characteristics. Depending on the type of data gathered and the system being researched, other methodologies, such as the Van't Hoff method or the Clausius-Clapeyron equation, can be used to generate the figure.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1 Numerical Results

Specific values of enthalpy (H) and entropy (S) at different places or along different courses on an enthalpy-entropy diagram would normally be required for numerical calculations. These numerical values would depend on the substance being investigated, the conditions of the process or system, and the units of measurement utilized. They could be derived from thermodynamic equations or experimental data.

5.2 Graphical Results

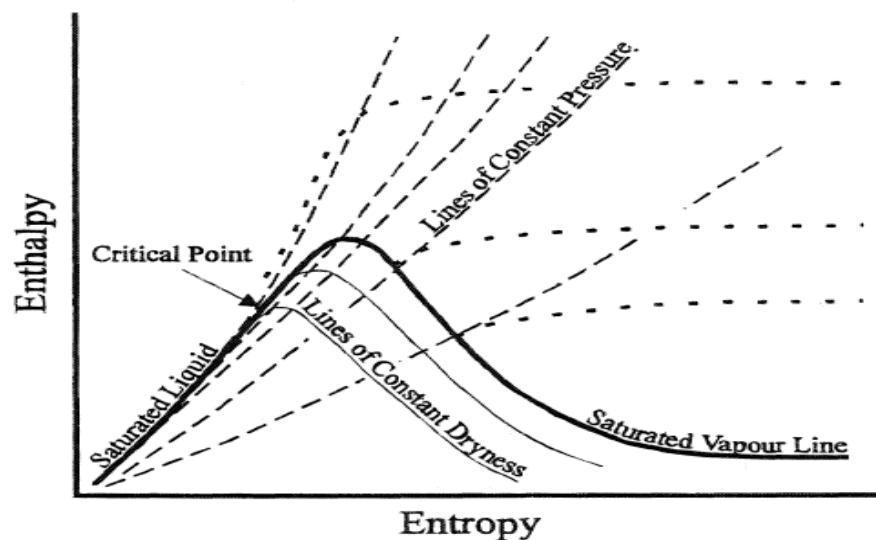


Figure 1. Typical Mollier Enthalpy-Entropy Diagram

The Gibbs-first-proposed T-S diagram (Temperature v. Entropy) was logically extended by Mollier's H-S diagram (Enthalpy v. Entropy), preserving its benefits while adding a number of new ones. Figure 1 depicts a typical H-S Mollier diagram for a thermodynamic fluid like steam.

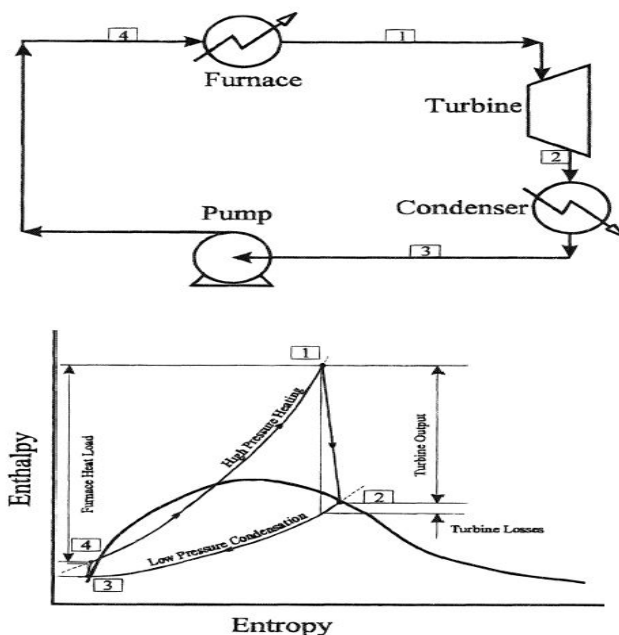


Figure 2. Rankine Cycle shown on H-S Diagram

The vertical lines in this picture depict reversible processes, whereas the horizontal lines stand in for lines of constant energy. Because work can be estimated directly from vertical distances rather than areas on T-S and P-V diagrams, it is most practical to describe power generation and refrigeration cycles using H-S diagrams. Furthermore, as illustrated in Figure 2 to Figure 4, an H-S diagram vividly illustrates the inefficiencies brought on by irreversibility in real operations.

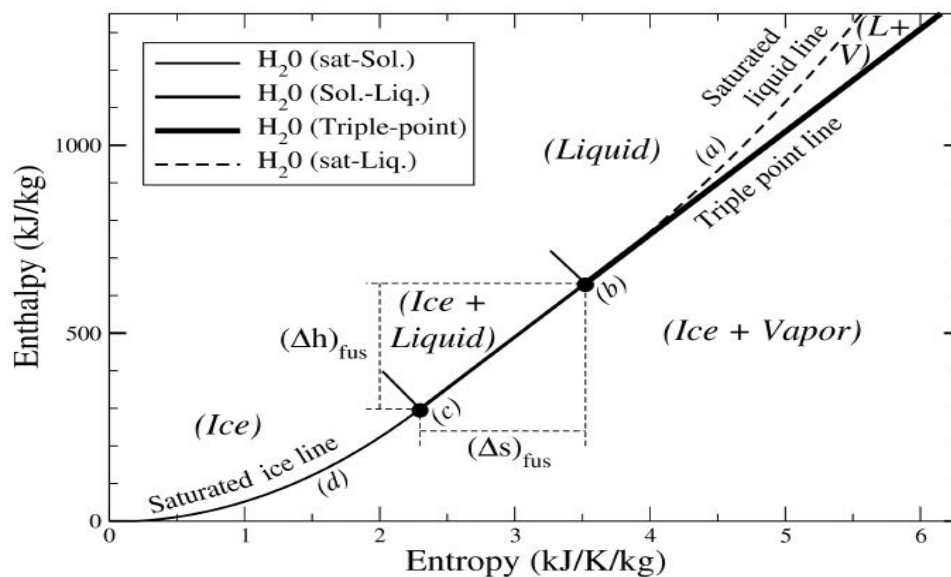


Figure 3. The Mollier (or specific “enthalpy-entropy”) diagram (or chart) for the three water species: ice (Ih), liquid and gases

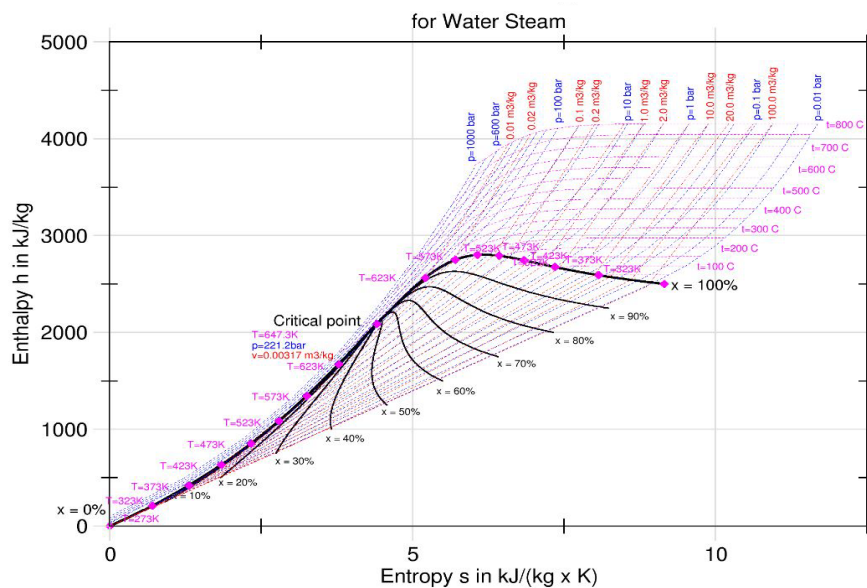


Figure 4. Mollier-h, s Diagram

5.3 Proposal Improvements

i) Addition of temperature scale: A temperature scale would improve comprehension of a substance's behaviour at various temperatures by being included in the H-S diagram. As temperature and entropy are crucial factors in many thermodynamic processes, this would enable a more accurate depiction of a substance's thermodynamic state.

ii) Isotherms could be incorporated, which are lines that show constant temperature, on the H-S diagram. It would be simpler to understand the behaviour of the substance in the figure if isotherms provided a clear indicator of the temperature at which a specific activity or transition was occurring.

iii) Information on the substance's specific heat capacity could be included to the H-S diagram to aid in comprehension of the process's heat transfer components. This may be accomplished by including on the diagram heat capacity values or heat capacity curves, which would reveal information about the quantity of heat used or released throughout a process and how it influences the enthalpy change.

iv) Non-ideal behaviour is incorporated into many thermodynamic processes, such as irreversibilities or deviations from ideal gas or ideal solution behaviour. The H-S diagram may be improved by including information regarding non-ideal behaviour, such as non-linear curves or areas, to more accurately reflect real-world systems and to better understand their thermodynamic behaviour.

v) Adding interactive and dynamic elements that let users change factors like temperature, pressure, or substance qualities could improve the usefulness of H-S diagrams. Users would be able to explore various thermodynamic scenarios in real time and see the accompanying changes on the diagram, which would make it easier to comprehend and analyze thermodynamic processes.

vi) Comparison of various substances or systems: Comparing several substances or systems on a single H-S diagram would make it possible to compare various compounds or processes with one another. This could be accomplished by including numerous curves or data sets on the diagram, allowing for easier examination and comparison of the thermodynamic behaviour of various substances or systems.

vii) Comparison of numerous substances or systems: By allowing comparison of many substances or systems on a single H-S diagram, it would be possible to compare various substances or processes. This might be accomplished by including numerous curves or data sets on the diagram, which would allow for a more accurate comparison and analysis of the thermodynamic behaviour of various substances or systems.

Overall, the suggested modifications to H-S diagrams are meant to increase their usability, correctness, and efficacy in examining and comprehending thermodynamic processes. H-S diagrams can be made even more effective tools for studying thermodynamics and analyzing complicated thermodynamic systems by adding more data, dynamic characteristics, and better visualization.

5.4 Validations

The validation of H-S diagrams can be done through several approaches, including:

1.Theoretical support: The first and second laws of thermodynamics, as well as the definitions of enthalpy and entropy, are just a few of the well-established thermodynamic principles and equations upon which H-S diagrams are based. The depicted data on the H-S diagram is validated theoretically by ensuring that it follows these basic thermodynamic laws and equations. For instance, the entropy change (S) between two points on the diagram should represent the change in the system's thermodynamic entropy, while the enthalpy change (H) between two points on the diagram should represent the heat transfer throughout a process.

2.Experimental data can be used to validate H-S diagrams by contrasting the displayed data with the outcomes of the experiments. Experimental evidence can be used to confirm that the behaviour of a substance or process on the H-S diagram corresponds to the behaviour observed in experimental situations. Experimental evidence can be gathered from laboratory experiments or from real-world applications of thermodynamic processes. For instance, it is possible to compare experimental data on a substance's phase transition temperatures, enthalpy changes, and entropy changes with the corresponding values on the H-S diagram.

3.Comparison with thermodynamic properties: The enthalpy and entropy of substances, as well as other thermodynamic properties, provide the basis of H-S diagrams. The H-S diagram data can be validated by comparing it to thermodynamic parameters of the substance that are known or calculated, such as enthalpy and entropy values using thermodynamic tables or formulae. This can help guarantee that the data plotted on the H-S diagram is in line with the substance's anticipated thermodynamic properties.

4. H-S diagrams are frequently used in conjunction with other thermodynamic diagrams, including temperature-entropy (T-S) diagrams and pressure-enthalpy (P-H) diagrams. To ensure consistency and coherence across the various thermodynamic diagrams, validation can be carried out by comparing a substance's or process' behaviour on the H-S diagram with its behaviour on other thermodynamic diagrams.

5. Comparison with other thermodynamic diagrams: Pressure-enthalpy (P-H) diagrams and temperature-entropy (T-S) diagrams are two examples of other thermodynamic diagrams that are frequently used with H-S diagrams. A thermodynamic diagram's validity can be checked by comparing a substance's or process' behaviour on the H-S diagram to that behaviour on other thermodynamic diagrams to guarantee consistency and coherence.

Enthalpy-entropy diagrams must be validated in order to ensure that the plotted data is consistent with accepted thermodynamic principles, experimental results, known thermodynamic attributes, and anticipated thermodynamic behaviour of substances or processes. H-S diagrams can be certified as useful tools for analyzing and comprehending thermodynamic systems by guaranteeing the quality and dependability of the displayed data.

5.5 Applications of Enthalpy-Entropy Diagrams

Entropy-enthalpy diagrams have a wide range of applications in various fields of thermodynamics. One of the most common applications is in the study of phase transitions, such as melting, crystallization, and solid-state transformations. These diagrams provide insight into the behavior of the system during these transitions, such as the heat required to melt a substance or the temperature at which a phase transition occurs.

Another important application of entropy-enthalpy diagrams is in materials science. These diagrams are used to study the behavior of materials during phase transitions, such as the formation of alloys and the transformation of polymers. They also provide insight into the thermodynamic stability of materials, which is critical in the design and optimization of new materials.

Entropy-enthalpy diagrams are also used in environmental science to study the thermodynamics of pollutant adsorption and desorption. These diagrams can help predict the effectiveness of different adsorbent materials in removing pollutants from contaminated water or air.

6. Conclusion

Entropy-enthalpy diagrams are a powerful tool in thermodynamics for understanding the behavior of chemical reactions and phase transitions. The construction and interpretation of these diagrams have been extensively studied in the literature, and new methods and techniques are constantly being developed. These diagrams have applications in various fields, including materials science, environmental science, and chemical engineering. Further research in this area is necessary to advance our understanding of thermodynamics and develop new techniques for predicting and optimizing the behavior of chemical systems.

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