## Phase rule

- P42. What is the number of components, phases and degrees of freedom for a Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution in equilibrium with its vapor in a closed test tube when the solution is visibly saturated (a) and when it is visibly unsaturated (b)? [(a) P = 3, C = 2, F = 1; (b) P = 2, C = 2, F = 2]
- P43. Blue crystals of CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5 H<sub>2</sub>O lose their crystalline water by heating. How many phases and components are present in a heated tank containing initially only CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5 H<sub>2</sub>O? What is the number of degrees of freedom? [P = 3, C = 2, F = 1]
- P44. Ammonium chloride decomposes when heated.
  - a) Give the number of phases and components in a system containing only ammonium chloride when heated. What is the number of degrees of freedom? [P = 2, C = 1, F = 1]
  - b) Suppose ammonia is also added to the system. What is the number of components, phases, and degrees of freedom? [P = 2, C = 2, F = 2]
- P45. Give the number of components in the following systems:
  - a) Unsaturated NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> solution in equilibrium with water vapor but disregard the dissociation of the salt. [C = 2]
  - b) Unsaturated NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> solution in equilibrium with water vapor but take into account that the salt dissociates and dissociated ions participate in acid-base equilibria. [C = 2]