

## Focus 2: The First Law

Internal Energy

Enthalpy

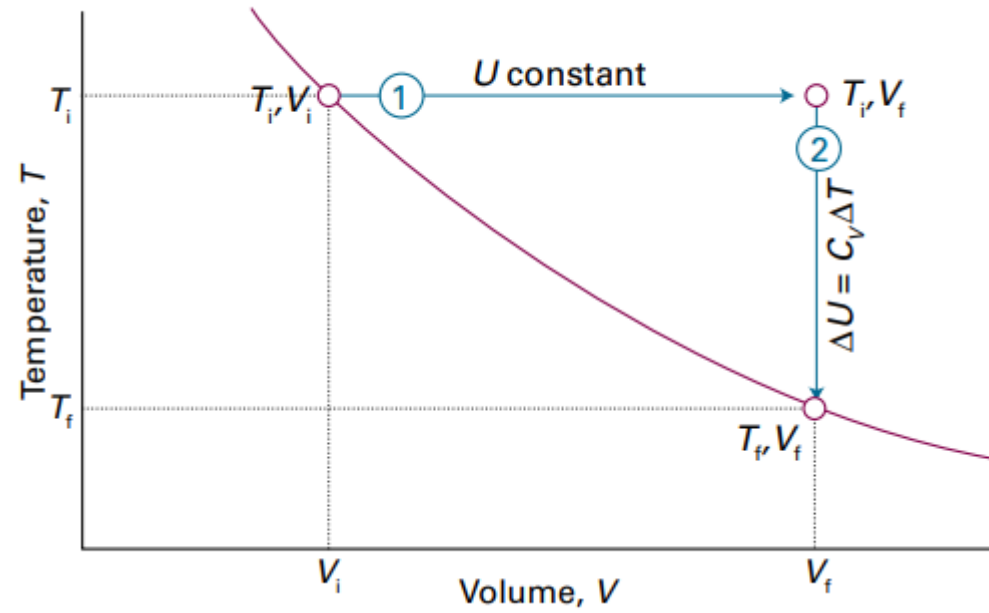
Thermochemistry

State functions

Adiabatic changes

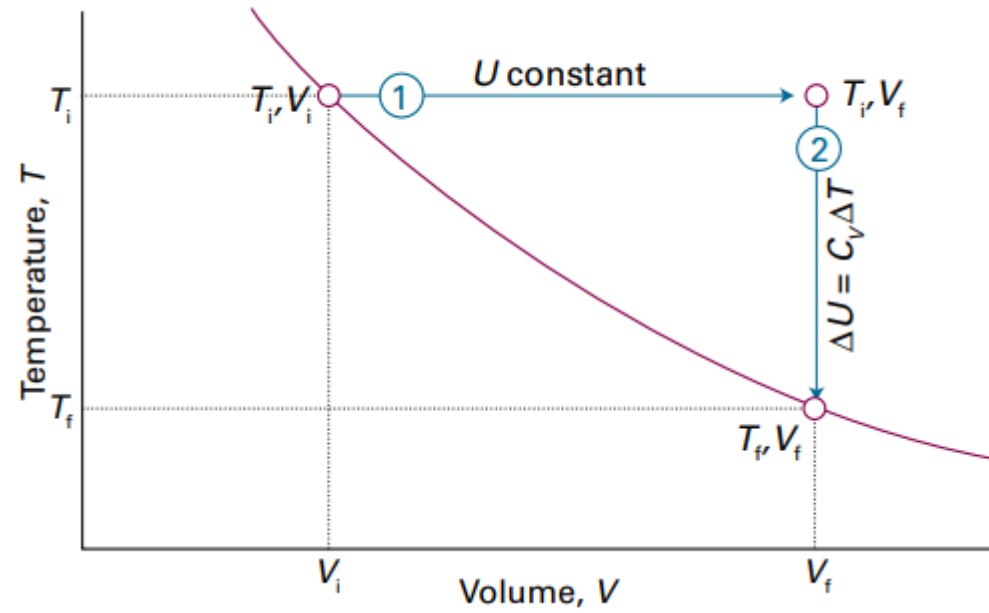
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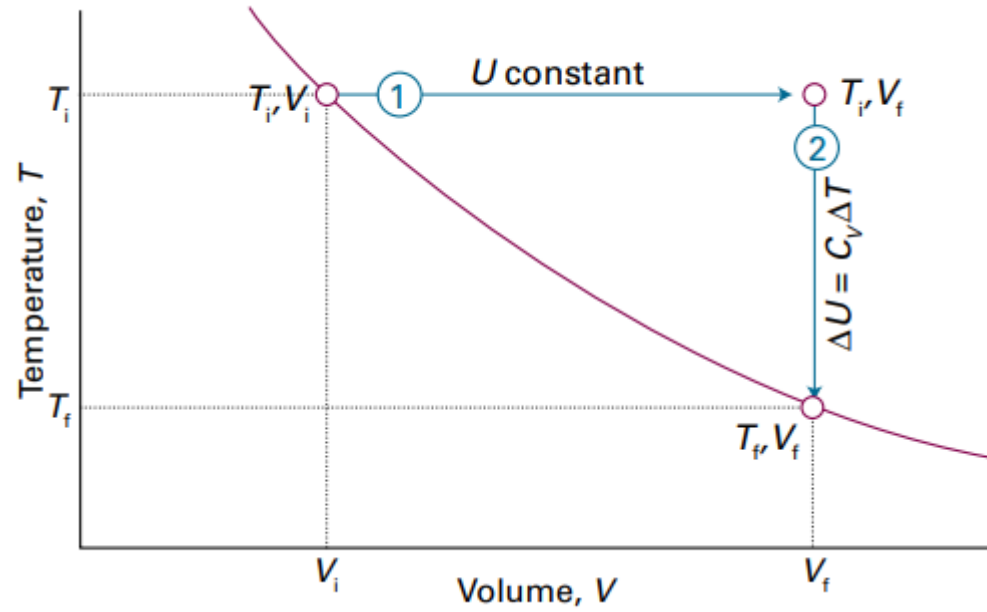
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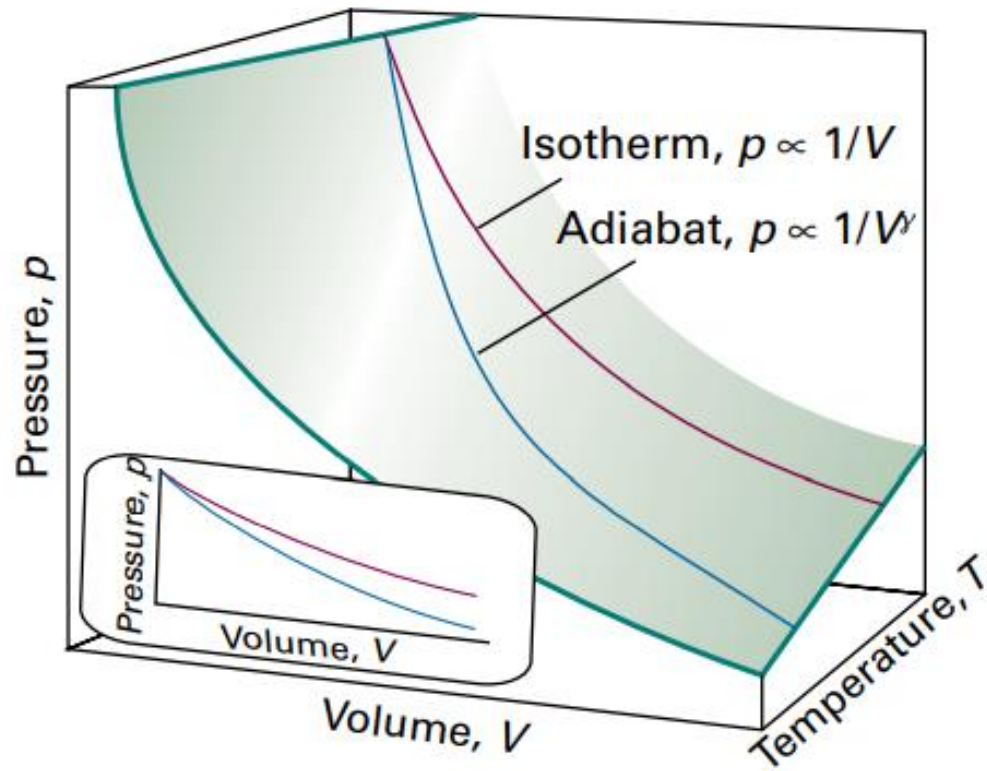
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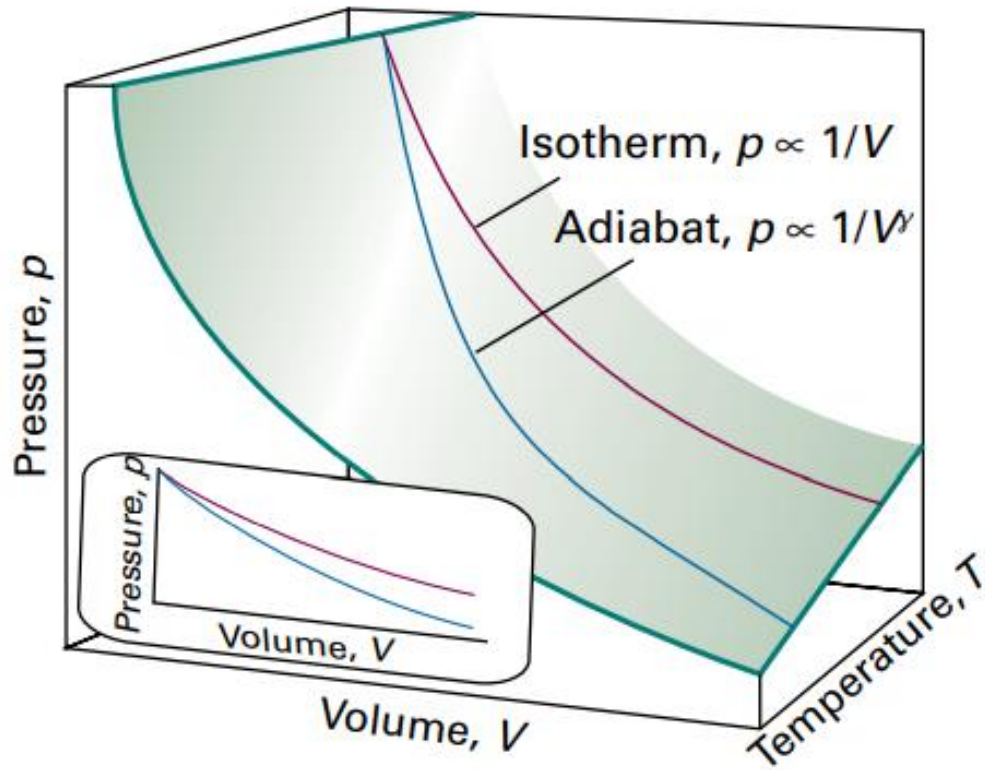
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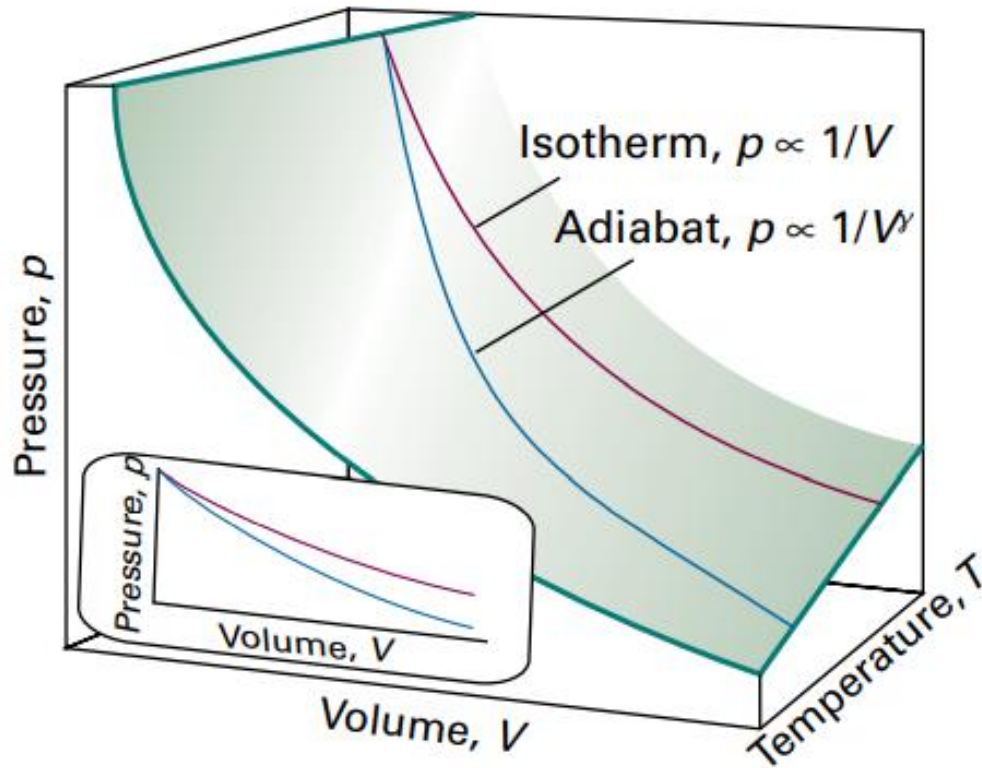
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For a gas of nonlinear polyatomic molecules

$$C_{V,m} = 3R$$

$$\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$C_{p,m} = 4R$$

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