

Thermodynamics of materials

23. Chemical Potentials of Solutions I

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Representation of Chemical Composition

- The composition is

$$N_1, N_2, \dots, N_i, \dots, N_n$$

for each component $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ then the mole fraction x_i is

$$x_i = \frac{N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i} = \frac{N_i}{N}$$

where N is the total number of moles of an n -component materials. Subsequently,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1 \quad \sum_{i=1}^n dx_i = 0$$



Representation of Chemical Composition

- The concentration c_i is

$$c_i = \frac{N_i}{V}$$

where V is the total volume of the solution and we have

$$x_i = \frac{c_i}{c}$$

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Multicomponent Solution

- The fundamental equation is

$$dU = TdS - pdV + \mu_1 dN_1 + \mu_2 dN_2 + \cdots \mu_n dN_n$$

the chemical potential is

$$\mu_i = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N_i} \right)_{S, V, N_{j \neq i}}$$

- In other way,

$$dG = -SdT + Vdp + \mu_1 dN_1 + \mu_2 dN_2 + \cdots \mu_n dN_n$$

the chemical potential is

$$\mu_i = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N_i} \right)_{T, p, N_{j \neq i}}$$



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Multicomponent Solution

- Since

$$G = U - TS + pV = \mu N = \mu_1 N_1 + \mu_2 N_2 + \cdots + \mu_n N_n$$

the chemical potential of a homogeneous multicomponent system is

$$\mu = \frac{G}{N} = g = u - Ts + pv = \mu_1 x_1 + \mu_2 x_2 + \cdots + \mu_n x_n$$

and

$$d\mu = -sdT + vdp + \mu_1 dx_1 + \mu_2 dx_2 + \cdots + \mu_n dx_n$$

- The chemical potential of each individual component is

$$d\mu_i = -s_i dT + v_i dp$$

where s_i and v_i are the molar entropy and volume of component i .



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Chemical Potential of a Mixture of Pure Components

- The chemical potential of a mixture of pure components is

$$\mu^\circ(T, p, x_i) = x_1\mu_1^\circ(T, p) + x_2\mu_2^\circ(T, p) + \cdots + x_n\mu_n^\circ(T, p)$$

where $\mu_i^\circ(T, p)$ is the chemical potential of pure component i .

- For example, for a binary mixture of pure A and pure B, chemical potential of mixture is

$$\mu^\circ(T, p, x_B) = x_A\mu_A^\circ(T, p) + x_B\mu_B^\circ(T, p)$$



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Chemical Potential of a Multicomponent Solution

- At given pressure, the chemical potential μ_i of a component i in a solution is expressed by

$$\mu_i(T, x_i) = \mu_i^\circ(T) + RT \ln a_i(T, x_i)$$

where a_i is the activity of component i .

- The activity can be decomposed into

$$a_i = x_i \gamma_i$$

where γ_i is the activity coefficient. For ideal solution $\gamma_i = 1$, which means that an activity is a mole fraction.



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Chemical Potential of a Multicomponent Solution

- For homogeneous binary solution and their components are A and B,

$$\mu(x_B) = x_A \mu_A(x_B) + x_B \mu_B(x_B)$$

where

$$\mu_A = \mu_A^\circ(T) + RT \ln a_A$$

$$\mu_B = \mu_B^\circ(T) + RT \ln a_B$$

- The chemical potential of a solution is

$$\mu(T, x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mu_i(T, x_i)$$

it is

$$\mu(T, x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mu_i^\circ(T) + RT \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln a_i(T, x_i)$$



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Obtaining Chemical Potentials of Components from Chemical Potential of Solution

- The chemical potential of the solution is at given temperature and pressure is

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i \rightarrow d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dx_i$$

- Since $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$,

$$x_i = 1 - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_j$$

therefore,

$$\mu = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_j (\mu_j - \mu_i)$$



Obtaining Chemical Potentials of Components from Chemical Potential of Solution

- We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n dx_i = 0 \quad dx_i = - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n dx_j$$

then we have

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x_j} \right)_{j \neq i} = \mu_j - \mu_i$$

Obtaining Chemical Potentials of Components from Chemical Potential of Solution

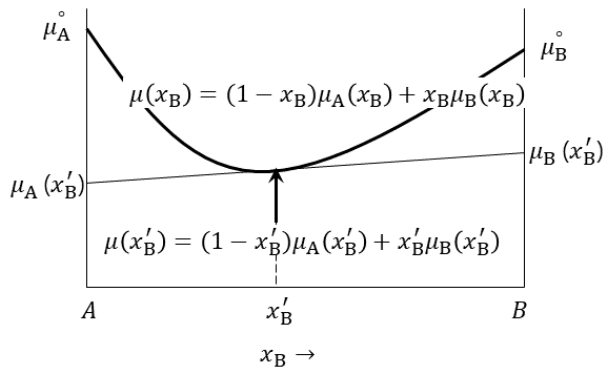
- Therefore,

$$\mu = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_j (\mu_j - \mu_i) = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_j \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x_j}$$

then

$$\mu_i = \mu - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_j \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x_j}$$

Obtaining Chemical Potentials of Components from Chemical Potential of Solution



Obtaining Chemical Potentials of Components from Chemical Potential of Solution

- For binary solution, the chemical potential of the solution is

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(x_B) &= x_A\mu_A(x_B) + x_B\mu_B(x_B) = (1 - x_B)\mu_A(x_B) + x_B\mu_B(x_B) \\ &= \mu_A(x_B) + x_B(\mu_B(x_B) - \mu_A(x_B))\end{aligned}$$

then

$$d\mu(x_B) = \mu_A(x_B)dx_A + \mu_B(x_B)dx_B = (\mu_B(x_B) - \mu_A(x_B))dx_B$$

- At $x_B = x'_B$,

$$\mu_A(x'_B) = \mu(x'_B) - x'_B(\mu_A(x'_B) - \mu_B(x'_B)) = \mu(x'_B) - x'_B \left. \frac{\partial \mu(x_B)}{\partial x_B} \right|_{x'_B}$$

- At $x_A = x'_A$,

$$\mu_B(x'_A) = \mu(x'_A) - x'_A(\mu_B(x'_A) - \mu_A(x'_A)) = \mu(x'_A) - x'_A \left. \frac{\partial \mu(x_A)}{\partial x_A} \right|_{x'_A}$$

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Gibbs-Duhem Equation for Multicomponent Systems

- The differential form of Gibbs free energy is

$$dG = -SdT + Vdp + \mu_1dN_1 + \mu_2dN_2 + \cdots + \mu_ndN_n$$

Since

$$G = -ST + Vp + \mu_1N_1 + \mu_2N_2 + \cdots + \mu_nN_n$$

therefore, we reach the Gibbs-Duhem equation for multicomponent system,

$$-TdS + pdV + N_1d\mu_1 + N_2d\mu_2 + \cdots + N_nd\mu_n = 0$$

- At a given S and V , for a binary solution,

$$N_1d\mu_1 + N_2d\mu_2 = 0$$

divide into N ,

$$x_1d\mu_1 + x_2d\mu_2 = 0$$



Gibbs-Duhem Equation for Multicomponent Systems

- When the chemical potential is given by activity, we have

$$x_1 d \ln a_1 + x_2 d \ln a_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 d \ln \gamma_1 + x_2 d \ln \gamma_2 = 0$$

with fact that

$$x_1 d \ln x_1 + x_2 d \ln x_2 = 0$$

