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## Open Systems and Chemical Potential



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# Limitations of the Fundamental Equation of Chemical Thermodynamics:

$$dG = Vdp - SdT$$

Does not apply

- When composition is changing due to exchange of matter with surroundings (open system)
- Irreversible chemical reaction
- Irreversible inter-phase transport of matter

**For one phase and multi-component system, in thermal and mechanical equilibrium but not in material equilibrium,  $G = f(T, p, n_1, n_2, \dots)$ ,**

$$(T, p, n_1, n_2, \dots) \xrightarrow{\text{Irreversible}} (T+dT, p+dp, n_1+dn_1, n_2+dn_2, \dots)$$

$$dG = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial p} \right)_{T, n_i} dp + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial T} \right)_{p, n_i} dT + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_1} \right)_{T, p, n_j \neq n_1} dn_1 + \dots + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T, p, n_j \neq n_i} dn_i$$

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T, p, n_j \neq n_i} dn_i$$

$G$  is state function,  $dG$  is same if the process was reversible

# Chemical Potential

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T, p, n_j \neq n_i} dn_i$$

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

$$\mu_i = f(T, p, n_1, n_2, \dots)$$

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

Applicable to single phase, multi component system at thermal and mechanical equilibrium but *not material equilibrium*.

$$dG_{p,T} = \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

$$dw_{\text{add, max}} = \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

For pure substance

$$\mu \text{ (Chemical Potential)} = G_m = G/n$$

Maximum additional work that can arise from changing the components of the system.

# Fundamental Equations of Thermodynamics or Gibbs Equations - Revisited

$$dU = TdS - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dn_i \quad \text{where, } \mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial n_i} \right)_{S,V,n_j}$$

$$dH = TdS + Vdp + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dn_i \quad \text{where, } \mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial n_i} \right)_{S,p,n_j}$$

$$dA = -SdT - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dn_i \quad \text{where, } \mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,V,n_j}$$

$$dG = -SdT + Vdp + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dn_i \quad \text{where, } \mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,p,n_j}$$

Applicable  
to single  
phase multi-  
component  
open system  
in thermal  
and  
mechanical  
equilibrium  
and  $pV$   
work only.

$$\mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial n_i} \right)_{S,V,n_{j \neq i}} = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial n_i} \right)_{S,p,n_{j \neq i}} = \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,V,n_{j \neq i}} = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,p,n_{j \neq i}}$$

## Multi-phase Multi-Component System:

$$dG^\alpha = V^\alpha dp - S^\alpha dT + \sum_i \mu_i^\alpha dn_i^\alpha$$

For one phase ( $\alpha$ ) system,  
in thermal and mechanical  
equilibrium  $pV$  work only

For multiple phases

$$dG = \sum_\alpha dG^\alpha = \sum_\alpha V^\alpha dp - \sum_\alpha S^\alpha dT + \sum_\alpha \sum_i \mu_i^\alpha dn_i^\alpha$$

$$\mu_i^\alpha = \left( \frac{\partial G^\alpha}{\partial n_i^\alpha} \right)_{p, T, n_{j \neq i}^\alpha}$$

Since,  $S$  and  $V$  are extensive properties,

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_\alpha \sum_i \mu_i^\alpha dn_i^\alpha$$

Thermal and mechanical  
equilibrium.  $p$ - $V$  work only

# Material Equilibrium

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_i \mu_i^{\alpha} dn_i^{\alpha}$$

Thermal and mechanical equilibrium.  $p$ - $V$  work only

For a liquid and vapor mixture of water and acetone,

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \mu_w^v dn_w^v + \mu_{ac}^v dn_{ac}^v + \mu_w^l dn_w^l + \mu_{ac}^l dn_{ac}^l$$

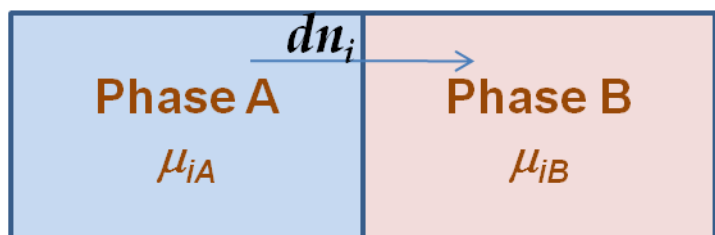
$$dG_{p,T} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_i \mu_i^{\alpha} dn_i^{\alpha}$$

Thermal and mechanical equilibrium and constant  $T$  and  $p$ .  $p$ - $V$  work only

At complete equilibrium (thermal, mechanical, and material) at constant  $T$  and  $p$ ,  $pV$  work only,  $dG = 0$ .

$$\sum_{\alpha} \sum_i \mu_i^{\alpha} dn_i^{\alpha} = 0$$

# Chemical Potential and Phase Equilibrium



$$dG^A = \mu_{i,A}(-dn_i) \text{ and } dG^B = \mu_{i,B}dn_i$$

$$dG = dG^A + dG^B = (\mu_{i,B} - \mu_{i,A})dn_i$$

Change taking place  
at constant  $T, p$

If  $\mu_{i,A} > \mu_{i,B}$ , then  $dG < 0$

If  $\mu_{i,A} < \mu_{i,B}$ , then  $dG > 0$

If  $\mu_{i,A} = \mu_{i,B}$ , then  $dG = 0$

• Spontaneous transport of  $i$  from phase A to phase B

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• Phase Equilibrium

• Substance  $i$  flows spontaneously from a phase with higher chemical potential to a phase with lower chemical potential .

# Gibbs-Duhem Equation

$$G_{p,T} = n_1\mu_1 + n_2\mu_2 + \cdots = \sum_i n_i\mu_i$$

$$dG_{p,T} = \sum_i \mu_i dn_i + \sum_i n_i d\mu_i$$

$$dG_{p,T} = \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

At thermal and mechanical equilibrium.

At constant  $p$  and  $T$

$$\sum_i n_i d\mu_i = 0$$

**Gibbs-Duhem Equation**

For a binary mixture,  $n_1 d\mu_1 + n_2 d\mu_2 = 0$

Hence,  $d\mu_1 = - (n_2/n_1) d\mu_2$

If  $n_2 > n_1$ , a small change in  $\mu_2$  causes a large change in  $\mu_1$

Chemical potential of one component of a mixture can not change independently of the chemical potentials of other components.