

4.3 Equilibrium conditions for pure substances and second law

The general condition for equilibrium is $(dS)_{U,V,n} = 0$, i.e. S at maximum. We have

$$dU(S, V, n) = -p dV + T dS + \sum_i \mu_i dn_i \Rightarrow dS(U, V, n) = \frac{dU}{T} + \frac{p}{T} dV - \frac{1}{T} \sum_i \mu_i dn_i \quad (4.2)$$

Assuming two phases of a pure substance (α, β) inside an ISOLATED system (const. U, V, n) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow dS(U, V, n) &= dS^\alpha + dS^\beta = 0 \\ &= \frac{dU^\alpha}{T^\alpha} + \frac{p^\alpha}{T^\alpha} dV^\alpha - \frac{\mu^\alpha}{T^\alpha} dn^\alpha + \frac{dU^\beta}{T^\beta} + \frac{p^\beta}{T^\beta} dV^\beta - \frac{\mu^\beta}{T^\beta} dn^\beta \\ U &= U^\alpha + U^\beta = \text{const.} \Rightarrow dU^\alpha = -dU^\beta; \quad dV^\alpha = -dV^\beta; \quad dn^\alpha = -dn^\beta \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{T^\alpha} - \frac{1}{T^\beta} \right) dU^\alpha + \left(\frac{p^\alpha}{T^\alpha} - \frac{p^\beta}{T^\beta} \right) dV^\alpha - \left(\frac{\mu^\alpha}{T^\alpha} - \frac{\mu^\beta}{T^\beta} \right) dn^\alpha &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow T^\alpha = T^\beta \quad \text{and} \quad p^\alpha = p^\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^\alpha = \mu^\beta \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

which means that 1) thermal equilibrium, 2) mechanical equilibrium, and 3) chemical/phase equilibrium holds.