

chemical potential, $\mu_{\mathbf{B}}$

The chemical potential of a substance **B** in a mixture of substances **B**, **C** ... is related to the Gibbs energy G of the mixture by:

$$\mu_{\mathbf{B}} = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial n_{\mathbf{B}}} \right)_{T,p,n_{\mathbf{C}} \neq \mathbf{B}}$$

where T is the thermodynamic temperature, p is the pressure and $n_{\mathbf{B}}$, $n_{\mathbf{C}}$, ... are the amounts of substance of **B**, **C**, For a pure substance **B**, the chemical potential $\mu_{\mathbf{B}}^*$ is given by:

$$\mu_{\mathbf{B}}^* = \frac{G^*}{n_{\mathbf{B}}} = G_{\mathbf{m}}^*$$

where $G_{\mathbf{m}}^*$ is the molar Gibbs energy, and where the superscript * attached to a symbol denotes the property of the pure substance. The superscript \ominus or \circ attached to a symbol may be used to denote a standard thermodynamic quantity.

See also: standard chemical potential

Source:

PAC, 1994, 66, 533 (*Standard quantities in chemical thermodynamics. Fugacities, activities and equilibrium constants for pure and mixed phases (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 535

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