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Contents for previous class





Ordered phase: "Long range order (LRO)"

(1)superlattice, 2)intermediate phase, 3)intermetallic compound)

* Solid solution → ordered phase
→ random mixing
→ entropy ↑
negative enthalpy ↓
△H^S_{mix} < 0
Large composition range
→ G ↓





diate phases: (a) for an intermetallic com-(b) for an intermediate phase with a wide

* Compound : AB, A₂B...

 \rightarrow entropy \downarrow

→ covalent, ionic contribution. → enthalpy more negative \downarrow



Small composition range → G ↓



Fig. 1.23 Free energy curves for intermed pound with a very narrow stability range, (| stability range.





Intermediate Phase





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Intermediate Phase



Intermetallic compound

 $\epsilon << 0$, $\Delta H_{mix} << 0 / \Delta H_{mix} \sim -142 \text{ kJ/mol}$



Clustering → "**Phase separation**"

* The degree of ordering or clustering will decrease as temp. increases due to the increasing importance of entropy.

High temp. \longrightarrow Entropy effect $\uparrow \longrightarrow$ Solution stability \uparrow















$\varepsilon >> 0$, $\Delta H_{mix} >> 0 / \Delta H_{mix} \sim +58 \text{ kJ/mol}$



5.5.5 Spinodal Decomposition

Spinodal mode of transformation has no barrier to nucleation

: describing the transformation of a system of two or more components in a metastable phase into two stable phases



Fig. 5.38 Alloys between the spinodal points are unstable and can decompose into two coherent phasees α_1 and α_2 without overcoming an activation energy barrier. Alloys between the coherent miscibility gaps and the spinodal are metastable and can decompose only after nucleation of the other phase.

How does it differ between inside and outside the inflection point of Gibbs free energy curve?

1) Within the spinodal $\frac{d^2G}{dX^2} < 0$



: phase separation by small fluctuations in composition/ "up-hill diffusion"

2) If the alloy lies outside the spinodal, small variation in composition leads to an increase in free energy and the alloy is therefore metastable.

> The free energy can only be decreased if nuclei are formed with a composition very different from the matrix.

- \rightarrow nucleation and growth 14
 - : "down-hill diffusion"



Positive heat of mixing relation among constituent elements

Nucleation and growth ↔ Spinodal decomposition without any barrier to the nucleation process

* La-Zr-Al-Cu-Ni system



FIGURE 5.17

Schematic of the miscibility gap and the sequence of phase formation during cooling in the La–Zr–Al–Cu–Ni system. The positions of letters (a) to (d) in the diagram on the left correspond to the schematic microstructures (a) to (d) on the right. (Reprinted from Kündig, A.A. et al., *Acta Mater.*, 52, 2441, 2004. With permission.)

Q: Microstructure determining parameters of phase separation in metallic glasses

(a) Composition

(b) Critical temperature, T_c

(c) Asymmetry of the spinodal curve/decomposition range

(d) Glass-forming ability of the separated liquid

Contents for today's class

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 - a. $\Delta H_{mix} > 0$ $\Delta H_{mix}^{\alpha} > \Delta H_{mix}^{l}$ Systems with miscibility gab
 - **b.** $\Delta H_{mix} < 0$ $\Delta H_{mix}^{\alpha} < \Delta H_{mix}^{l} < 0$
 - c. Pressure-Temperature-Composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions

Q1: How can we define equilibrium in heterogeneous systems?

1.4

 $G = X_A G_A + X_B G_B$

Equilibrium in Heterogeneous Systems

A, B different crystal structure \rightarrow two free energy curves must be drawn, one for each structure.

We have dealt with the case where the components A and B have the same crystal structure. What would happen when the components A and B have a different crystal structure? → heterogeneous system





Fig. 1.26 The molar free energy of a two-phase mixture (α + β) 21

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Lever rule



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1.4

Equilibrium in Heterogeneous Systems



Variation of activity with composition

The most stable state, with the lowest free energy, is usually defined as the state in which the pure component has unit activity of A in pure α .

when
$$X_A = 1 \rightarrow a_A^{\alpha} = 1$$

when
$$X_B = 1 \rightarrow a_B^\beta = 1$$

when α and β in equil.

$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathsf{A}}^{\alpha} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathsf{A}}^{\beta}$$

 $\mathbf{a}_{\mathsf{B}}^{\alpha} = \mathbf{a}_{\mathsf{B}}^{\beta}$



Unified activity of two phase

Fig. 1.28 The variation of a_A and a_B with composition for a binary system containing two ideal solutions, α and β 24

Activity, a : effective concentration for mass action

Equilibrium in Heterogeneous Systems



Q2: How equilibrium is affected by temperature in complete solid solution?

- Two-Phase Equilibrium

1) Simple Phase Diagrams

Assumption: (1) completely miscible in solid and liquid.

(2) Both are ideal soln. (3) $T_m(A) > T_m(B)$ $\Delta H_{mix}^{L} = 0 \ \Delta H_{mix}^{S} = 0$

T

Α

Liquid (L)

Solid (α)

Fig 22

TB

B

At equilibrium

$$\mathrm{d} G^s = \mathrm{d} G^l, \quad \mu^s_\mathrm{A} = \mu^l_\mathrm{A} \quad \mathrm{and} \quad \mu^s_\mathrm{B} = \mu^l_\mathrm{B}.$$

 $\mathrm{d}G^{s} = V^{s}\mathrm{d}P - S^{s}\mathrm{d}T + \mu_{\mathrm{A}}^{s}\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}^{s} + \mu_{\mathrm{B}}^{s}\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{B}}^{s}$

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At constant P

$$-(S^{s}-S^{l}) dT = (\mu_{\mathrm{A}}-\mu_{\mathrm{B}}) (dX^{l}_{\mathrm{A}}-dX^{s}_{\mathrm{A}}).$$

Differentiating with respect to X_A ,

$$(S^{s} - S^{l}) \frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}} = (\mu_{\mathrm{A}} - \mu_{\mathrm{B}}) \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}^{s}}{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}} - \frac{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}^{l}}{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{A}}} \right). \tag{102}$$

If the boundary between liquid and solid were as shown in Fig. 22, then $X_A^s = X_A^l$ (the liquid and solid would have the same composition when in equilibrium at a point on the line $T_A T_B$). From eqn. (102)

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Since $S^s \neq S^l$, then $dT/dX_A = 0$. Thus the condition $X_A^s = X_A^l$ is only associated with $dT/dX_A = 0$, *i.e.* with a minimum or a maximum in the line $T_A T_B$ of Fig. 22. Except for this particular case therefore $X_A^s \neq X_A^l$. There is a difference between the composition of the liquid and solid phase in the general case.



* Consider the free energy curves for liquid and α phase at a temperature T, where $\underline{T_A} > \underline{T} > \underline{T_B}$. The standard states are <u>pure solid A and pure liquid B at</u> temperature T. \rightarrow Derive the free energy curves for the liquid and α phases.

1) Free energy curve for the liquid phase

For an ideal solution with a reaction

 $X_{\rm A}$ moles of liquid A + $X_{\rm B}$ moles of liquid B = 1 mole liquid solution

$$\Delta G_m = RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l)$$
(61)

But the standard state for A is pure solid A. To obtain the free energy change, ΔG_m^l , for the formation of the liquid solution, we must allow for the conversion of X_A moles of solid A into X_A moles of liquid A, *i.e.*

 X_A moles solid A = X_A moles liquid A

$$\Delta G = X_{\rm A}^l \Delta G_{\rm A}$$

where ΔG_A is the difference in free energy between liquid and solid A (the free energy of fusion of A).

Hence for the reaction

 $X_{\rm A}$ moles of solid A + $X_{\rm B}$ moles of liquid B = 1 mole liquid solution

 $\Delta G_m^l = X_A^l \Delta G_A + RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l).$

2) Free energy curve for a phase

For an ideal solid solution formed according to the equation

 $X_{\rm A}$ moles of solid A + $X_{\rm B}$ moles of solid B = 1 mole α solid solution

 $\Delta G_m = RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s).$

Since the standard state for B is pure *liquid* B, allowance must be made for the free energy change on transforming X_B moles of liquid B to X_B moles of solid B, *i.e.*

 $\Delta G = -X_{\rm B}^{\,s} \Delta G_{\rm B}$

where $\Delta G_{\rm B}$ is the difference in free energy between liquid and solid B. It is a negative quantity since the liquid phase is the more stable at temperature *T*.

For the reaction

 $X_{\rm A}$ moles of solid A + $X_{\rm B}$ moles of liquid B = 1 mole α solid solution

 $\Delta G_m^s = -X_B^s \Delta G_B + RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s).$

At temperature T the chemical potential of component B is identical in the α and liquid phases. Therefore

$$\frac{\partial \Delta G_m^s}{\partial X_{\rm B}} = \frac{\partial \Delta G_m^l}{\partial X_{\rm B}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta G_m^s}{\partial X_B} = -\Delta G_B + RT \ln \frac{X_B^s}{X_A^s} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \Delta G_m^l}{\partial X_B} = -\Delta G_A + RT \ln \frac{X_B^l}{X_A^l}.$$

Therefore

$$\Delta G_{\rm A} - \Delta G_{\rm B} = RT \left(\ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^l}{X_{\rm A}^l} - \ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^s}{X_{\rm A}^s} \right)$$

or,

$$\Delta G_{\rm A} - \Delta G_{\rm B} = RT \left(\ln \frac{X_{\rm A}^s}{X_{\rm A}^l} - \ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^s}{X_{\rm B}^l} \right).$$

We can relate ΔG_A and ΔG_B to ΔH_A and ΔH_B , T_A and T_B , *i.e.* to the respective molar heats of fusion of pure A and B, and their melting points. For example, for component B at T_B :

$$\Delta G_{\rm B} = \Delta H_{\rm B} - T_{\rm B} \Delta S_{\rm B} = 0$$

or,

$$\Delta S_{\rm B} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm B}}{T_{\rm B}}.$$

At a temperature T,

$$\Delta G_{\rm B} = \Delta H_{\rm B} - T \Delta S_{\rm B} \neq 0.$$

Therefore

$$\Delta G_{\rm B} = \Delta H_{\rm B} - T \, \frac{\Delta H_{\rm B}}{T_{\rm B}}$$

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$$\Delta G_{\rm A} - \Delta G_{\rm B} = RT \left(\ln \frac{X_{\rm A}^{\rm s}}{X_{\rm A}^{\rm l}} - \ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^{\rm s}}{X_{\rm B}^{\rm l}} \right). \qquad \qquad = \Delta H_{\rm B} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm B}} \right).$$

Substituting,

$$\Delta H_{\rm A} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm A}} \right) - \Delta H_{\rm B} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm B}} \right) = RT \left(\ln \frac{X_{\rm A}^{\rm s}}{X_{\rm A}^{\rm l}} - \ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^{\rm s}}{X_{\rm B}^{\rm l}} \right)$$

or,

$$\ln \frac{X_{\mathrm{A}}^{s}}{X_{\mathrm{A}}^{l}} - \ln \frac{X_{\mathrm{B}}^{s}}{X_{\mathrm{B}}^{l}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\mathrm{A}}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\mathrm{A}}}\right) - \frac{\Delta H_{\mathrm{B}}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\mathrm{B}}}\right).$$

As the temperature approaches T_A the quantities X_A^s and X_A^l will approach unity, and 1/T will approach $1/T_A$.

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Hence near T_A :

$$\ln \frac{X_{\rm B}^s}{X_{\rm B}^l} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm B}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\rm B}} \right). \tag{103}$$

Similarly, if the temperature approaches $T_{\rm B}$, $X_{\rm B}^s \simeq X_{\rm B}^l \to 1$ and $1/T \to 1/T_{\rm B}$. Near $T_{\rm B}$:

$$\ln \frac{X_{\rm A}^s}{X_{\rm A}^l} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\rm A}} \right). \tag{104}$$

Knowing ΔH_A , ΔH_B , T_A and T_B , the above two equations can be used to determine the compositions of co-existing phases at a series of temperatures, T, between T_A and T_B . \rightarrow Fig. 23f

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(4)
$$T_1 > T_m(A) > T_2 > T_m(B) > T_3$$



* Consider actual (or so-called regular) solutions

in which $\Delta H_m \neq 0$, but $\Delta S_m = \Delta S_{m,ideal}$

$$\Delta G_m^l = \Delta H_m^l + X_A^l \Delta G_A + RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l).$$

Since

$$\Delta G_{\rm A} = \Delta H_{\rm A} - T \Delta S_{\rm A}$$

then,

$$\Delta G_m^l = \Delta H_m^l + X_A^l \Delta H_A - X_A^l T \Delta S_A + RT(X_A^l \ln X_A^l + X_B^l \ln X_B^l).$$

The free energy curve for the solid phase is:

$$\Delta G_m^s = \Delta H_m^s - X_B^s \Delta G_B + RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s)$$

or,

$$\Delta G_m^s = \Delta H_m^s - X_B^s \Delta H_B + X_B^s T \Delta S_B + RT(X_A^s \ln X_A^s + X_B^s \ln X_B^s).$$

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1) Simple Phase Diagrams a) Variation of temp.: G^L > G^s b) T ↓ → Decrease of curvature of G curve (∵ decrease of -TΔS_{mix} effect)



Fig. 26. Free energy curves for liquid and solid phases in the U-Zr system at 1500°, 1800° and 2000 °K. It was assumed that $\Delta H_m^l = \Delta H_m^s$

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Referring to Fig. 23f, if A is regarded as the solvent, for very dilute solutions of B in A we can write

$$X_{\rm A} \rightarrow 1$$
 and $-\ln X_{\rm A} \simeq X_{\rm B}$

In terms of eqn. (104):

Since
$$X_{A}^{l} - X_{A}^{s} = \frac{\Delta H_{A}}{R} \left(\frac{T_{A} - T}{TT_{A}}\right)$$
.
 $X_{B}^{l} - X_{B}^{l} = 1 - X_{B}^{l}$
 $X_{B}^{s} - X_{B}^{l} = \frac{\Delta H_{A}}{R} \left(\frac{T_{A} - T}{TT_{A}}\right)$. (105)

As T approaches T_A (in dilute solutions of B in solvent A), the denominator on the right-hand side of eqn. (105) can be written RT_A^2 . Therefore

$$X_{\rm B}^{\rm s} - X_{\rm B}^{\rm l} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm A}}{RT_{\rm A}^2} \left(T_{\rm A} - T\right) \tag{106}$$

or,

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{B}}^{s}}{\mathrm{d}T} - \frac{\mathrm{d}X_{\mathrm{B}}^{l}}{\mathrm{d}T}\right)_{T=T_{\mathrm{A}}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\mathrm{A}}}{RT_{\mathrm{A}}^{2}}.$$
(107)

Equations (106) and (107) are referred to as the Van't Hoff relation. They give the depression of the freezing point for a liquid solution in equilibrium with a solid solution. The difference in initial slopes of the solidus and liquidus curves, the slopes at $T = T_A$ and $X_A = 1$, are dependent on the latent heat of fusion of pure A (ΔH_A) but independent of the nature of the solute.

1) Simple Phase Diagrams

The simplest type of binary phase diagrams is the isomorphous system, in which the two constituents form a continuous solid solution over the entire composition range. An example is the Ni-Cu system.

Solidification of alloy C_0 starts on cooing at T₁. The first solid formed has a composition of C_{s1} and the liquid C_0 . On further cooling the solid particles grow larger in size and change their composition to C_{s2} and then C_0 , following the solidus whereas the liquid decrease in volume and changes its composition from C_0 to C_{L3} following the liquidus. The solidification completes at T₃.



Cooling Curves determination of Phase diagrams





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At temperature T1, alloy C₀ is in the dual phase region, comprising the liquid phase and the α-phase.

(i) Determine the compositions of the two phases;(ii) Determine the weight fractions of the two phases

Read from the tie line: Liquid phase:Cu-30%Ni α-phase: Cu-55%Ni

$$W_L = \frac{C_s - C_o}{C_s - C_L} = \frac{55 - 50}{55 - 30} = 0.2 = 20\%$$

$$\begin{split} W_{\alpha} &= \frac{C_o - C_L}{C_s - C_L} = \frac{50 - 30}{55 - 30} = 0.8 = 80\% \\ or \\ W_{\alpha} &= 1 - W_L = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8 = 80\% \end{split}$$





2) Variant of the simple phase diagram

 $\Delta H_{mix} > 0 \quad \Delta H_{mix}^{\alpha} > \Delta H_{mix}^{l}$



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2) Variant of the simple phase diagram



Fig. 30. Derivation of the phase diagram (Fig. 29b) from free energy curves for the liquid and solid phases. $T_A > T_B > T_1 > T_2 > T_3$.



2) Variant of the simple phase diagram

 $\Delta H_{mix} < 0$



Fig. 32. Phase diagram with a maximum in the liquidus.



 $\Delta H_{mix}^{\alpha} < \Delta H_{mix}^{l} < 0$

Fig. 33. Appearance of an ordered α' phase at low temperatures.

3.2.6 Pressure-Temperature-Composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions



Fig. 35. Pressure-temperature-composition phase diagram for a system with continuous series of solutions





Fig. 36. Formation of a three-phase tie line Vla.





Fig. 37. Two-dimensional projection of Fig. 35 on the P-T plane for component A. $P_A O_A$ — equilibrium between V_A and α_A ; $P_B O_B - V_B$ and α_B ; $O_A T_A - l_A$ and α_A ; $O_B T_B - l_B$ and α_B ; $O_A K_A - V_A$ and l_A ; $O_B K_B - V_B$ and l_B ; $O_A O_B - V_{AB}$, l_{AB} and α_{AB} ; $O_A - V_A$, l_A and α_A ; $O_B - V_B$, l_B and α_B ; $K_A K_B - V_{AB} = l_{AB}$.

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Fig. 41. *T*-X section through Fig. 35 at a pressure P_3 where $O_A > P_3 > O_B$.



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 $G_0^{\beta} > G_0^{\alpha} > G_0^{\alpha+\beta} \implies \alpha + \beta$ separation \implies unified chemical potential



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