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#### Lecture – 28 Lewis and Randall Rule

#### Welcome!

In the last class we started looking at multi-component systems. We initially started out with the ideal gas, and since we are doing everything in terms of the chemical potential, we had written down the chemical potential expressions for an ideal gas, which we had already seen in the earlier module, the third module.

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And then we said that the real gas ... in the expression for the real gas, you replace the pressure here,

### $\mu = \mu^0 + R T \ln P$

where  $\mu^0$  is a function of temperature alone. This was for an ideal gas, and when you write it for the real gas, it becomes

$$\mu = \mu^0 + RT \ln f$$
 and  $\frac{f}{P} \rightarrow 1$  as  $P \rightarrow 0$ 

Then we looked at something called perfect gas mixtures and imperfect gas mixtures. Then we looked at something called ideal gas mixtures and non-ideal gas mixtures. And with that formulation we saw that we could expand them or extend that to ideal mixtures of liquids and solids as well as non-ideal mixtures of liquids and solids.

So, essentially, ideal gas, real gas that was initial formulation where we went from P to f and then we used the perfect and imperfect gas mixtures. That is only a concept, which we will kind of borrow on from time to time. So, let us keep it aside for the time being. We will go through it and see how we defined it in a little bit. Then we went into ... ideal gas mixtures and real gas mixtures. Then we saw that we could extend that formulation to ideal mixtures of liquids and solids as well as non-ideal mixtures of liquids and solids.

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So, we have already seen this. The ideal gas is

 $\mu = \mu^0 + RT \ln P$ 

For the real gas it was

$$\mu = \mu^0 + RT \ln f \text{ and } \frac{f}{p} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } P \rightarrow 0$$

Concept-wise, the perfect mixture of gases is something for which the following can be used ... as the chemical potential. For every component i

### $\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + R T \ln p_i$

This is the partial pressure of the component i in the gas mixture.

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And then for the imperfect gas mixture ... we said we should replace this partial pressure with f i hat, the fugacity of the species i in the mixture.

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + RT \ln \hat{f}_i \qquad \frac{\hat{f}_i}{p_i} \to 1 \text{ as } P \to 0$$

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The fugacity coefficient for the species i in the mixture becomes

$$\frac{\hat{f}_i}{p_i} \equiv \phi_i$$

The earlier one the pure gas fugacity coefficient we had defined as f by total pressure P has been equal to phi.

Therefore, we could write

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + RT \ln \phi_i p_i = \mu_i^0 + RT \ln \phi_i P y_i$$

for an imperfect gas mixture.

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Then, this one is what we need to focus on, the ideal gas solution. The formulation that we had used is

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^{\#} + R T \ln y_i$$

The important thing being that mu i hash is a function of both temperature and pressure. And here we have a convenient formulation in terms of the mole fraction. This is for an ideal gas solution.

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For the ideal solutions of liquids and solids, we use x i as the mole fraction of the component i in the liquid or the solid solution.

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Then, for the non-ideal gas solution ... I had earlier said real gas solution, make it non-ideal gas solution. We write

 $\mu_i = \mu_i^{\#} + RT \ln \phi_i y_i$ 

This phi i brings in the non-ideality of the component in the gas solution. And for the non-ideal liquid or solid solution we could write

 $\mu_i = \mu_i^{\#} + RT \ln \gamma_i x_i \text{ and } \gamma_i \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x_i \rightarrow 1$ 

This is what we had essentially seen yesterday and reinforced and again reinforced this morning in this class.

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Then we found that that definition especially for the non-ideal liquid and solid solutions work well in most liquid solution cases. Whereas, when the when the component happens to be either a gas or a solid at the temperature and pressure of the solution in question, then we may run into some difficulties, because as we change the mole fraction of the component in the solution, the phase could change. Therefore, we have to come up with a different formulation. We had used two equation for that. For the solvent we had used a subscript o and the solute we had used the subscript i.

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And therefore, we could write for the solvent

$$\mu_o = \mu_o^{\#} + RT \ln \gamma_o x_o \quad and \gamma_o \rightarrow 1 as \ x_o \rightarrow 1$$

This is for the solvent and for the solute

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^{\#} + RT \ln \gamma_i x_i$$
 and  $\gamma_i \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x_i \rightarrow 0$ 

This was equation 4.9 and this is where we had finished up in the last class.

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Now, let us return or look back at ideal solutions for a little bit. We are going to develop something important here. So, let us concentrate on ideal solutions. You know that equation 4.2, you can go back to your notes; it is already given here,

## $\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + R T \ln \hat{f}_i$

This works for the ideal solution case where mu i naught is the function of temperature alone. Now, we know that ideality is nothing but the special case of reality. Therefore, the expression for the real case must also be valid here.

If we write it for the real case it should be valid for the ideal case also. The `super' thing should should always include the special case also. Therefore, this 4.5 equation,

## $\mu_i = \mu_i^{\#} + R T \ln y_i$

This equation should also be valid. Now, from equation 4.2, you know, just by transposing this equation, mu i or in other words, subtracting mu i naught from both sides, we get

$$\mu_i - \mu_i^0 = R T \ln \hat{f}_i$$

And doing the same thing to equation 4.5 we could write

$$\mu_i - \mu_i^{\#} = R T \ln y_i$$

Now, what I would like you to do is just subtract the second equation from the first equation and tell me what you get. Take about five minutes – good to juggle, little bit, your brain and your hands and so on so forth. So, just work this out subtract equation two from equation one and tell me what you get. 5 minutes please.

If you subtract equation two from equation one, you would get

$$\mu_i^{\#} - \mu_i^0 = R T \ln \frac{\hat{f}_i}{y_i}$$

Ln a minus ln b equals ln of a by b. Therefore, this becomes R T ln f i hat by y i. Same equation here.

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$$\mu_{i}^{\#} - \mu_{i}^{0} = RT \ln \frac{\hat{f}_{i}}{y_{i}}$$
The LHS is independent of composition  
Therefore, the ratio  $\frac{\hat{f}_{i}}{y_{i}}$  on the RHS must remain constant  
when the composition (mole fraction)  $y_{i}$  is changed  
Recall that  $f_{i}$  is the fugacity of the pure component *i*, at  
the same temperature and pressure as that of the solution,  
i.e. the fugacity when  $y_{i} = 1$ . Thus  

$$\frac{\hat{f}_{i}}{y_{i}} = f_{i} \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{f}_{i} = y_{i}f_{i} \qquad \text{Eq. 4.10}$$

Now, note this argument a little carefully. We will be using this argument a few more times in this particular course.  $\mu_i^{\#} - \mu_i^0$ : this is the left hand side of the equation. You know that in any equation whatever applies to the left hand side must apply to the right hand side. So, we will look at dependencies here.  $\mu_i^{\#}$  is a function of temperature and pressure.  $\mu_i^0$  is a function of temperature alone, and ... the left hand side, therefore, is definitely independent of composition.

So, that is clear here. Therefore, the right hand side must also be independent of composition. Let us let us look at that point alone. It has to be independent of composition. Therefore, see this is R what is on the right hand side R and T here. There is no problem here. If at all we need to worry about composition it has to be in this term. This ratio  $\frac{\hat{f}_i}{y_i}$  on the right hand side must remain constant when the composition is changed, because you have a left hand side, which is independent of composition. Therefore, when you change i here the only way that this remains independent of composition is that this ratio becomes independent of composition.

Therefore,  $\frac{\hat{f}_i}{y_i}$  must remain constant when the composition is changed, or when yi, which represents the mole fraction, is changed. I hope this is clear. fi is the fugacity of the pure component i at the same temperature and pressure as that of the solution – that we know. Or, in other words, fi is fi hat when yi equals 1. fi is pure component fi hat is the fugacity of that component in solution. Now, fi can be considered as fi hat when yi becomes 1. Now, you know where I am getting it. Therefore,

$$\frac{\hat{f}_i}{y_i} = f_i$$

Or, by transposing the equation:

$$\hat{f}_i = y_i f_i$$

We will call this equation 4.10. This is something powerful. Before I go forward, let me go through this argument once again, because we will be using this argument a few times. We have a quantity here on the left hand side, which is independent of composition. Therefore, the right hand side must also be independent of composition. The only term that changes with composition is this. Therefore, this has to remain constant when y i is changed between the ranges that it can take. If we look at one particular value there, which is when y i equals 1, f i hat by y i must equal

f i by 1, ... because when y i becomes 1 f i hat becomes f i, and therefore, f i hat equals y i into f i.

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This says something powerful. It says in an ideal gas solution – we are looking only at ideal gas solution; remember, that is what we decided to focus on earlier – the fugacity of each component

# $\hat{f}_i = y_i f_i$

To repeat, in an ideal gas solution, the fugacity of each component, f i hat, is equal to its mole fraction times of fugacity which it would exhibit as a pure gas at the same temperature and the same total pressure.

This is something powerful. What has it given us? It has given us a way of estimating f i hat if f i is known. This is called the Lewis and Randall rule. This name you may have heard. The Lewis and Randall rule, which essentially says that f i hat equals y i times f i. And as mentioned, the Lewis and Randall rule allows us to know the fugacity of a component in the mixture by knowing the fugacity of the same gas at its pure state, which is quite powerful.

See you in the next class.