# Thermodynamic potentials

# Fundamental equation

According to the first law

$$dU = T dS - p dV + \mu dN \tag{*}$$

 $S,\,V$  and N are the natural variables of the internal energy  $U,\,\mathrm{i.e.}$ 

$$U = U(S, V, N).$$

Furthermore, from the law (\*) one can read the relations

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{V,N} &= & T \\ \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{S,N} &= & -p \\ \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{S,V} &= & \mu. \end{split}$$

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Now U, S, V and N are extensive so we have

$$U(\lambda S, \lambda V, \lambda N) = \lambda U(S, V, N) \ \forall \lambda. \tag{***}$$

Let  $S \to S + \epsilon S, \ V \to V + \epsilon V$  and  $N \to N + \epsilon N,$  when  $\epsilon$  is infinitesimal. Then

$$\begin{split} U(S+\epsilon S,V+\epsilon V,n+\epsilon N) &= U(S,V,N) + \\ \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{V,N} \epsilon S + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{S,N} \epsilon V + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{S,V} \epsilon N. \end{split}$$

On the other hand, according to the equation (\*\*\*) we have

$$U(S + \epsilon S, V + \epsilon V, N + \epsilon N) = U(S, V, N) + \epsilon U(S, V, N).$$

We end up with the Euler equation for homogenous functions

$$U = S \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_{V,N} + V \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{S,N} + N \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right)_{S,V}.$$

Substituting the partial derivatives (\*\*) this takes the form

$$U = TS - pV + \mu N$$

or

$$S = \frac{1}{T}(U + pV - \mu N).$$

This is called the fundamental equation.

Internal energy and Maxwell relations Because

$$T = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{VN}$$

and

$$p = -\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{S,N},$$

so

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial}{\partial S} \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial S}$$

Similar relations can be derived also for other partial derivatives of U and we get so called Maxwell's relations

In an irreversible process

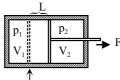
$$T \Delta S > \Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$$
,

so

$$\Delta U < T \Delta S - p \Delta V + \mu \Delta N.$$

If S, V and N stay constant in the process then the internal energy decreases. Thus we can deduce that In an equilibrium with given S, V and N the internal energy is at the minimum.

We consider a reversible process in an isolated system



equilibrium position

We partition  $\Delta W$  into the components

$$\int p \, dV = \begin{bmatrix} \text{work due to the} \\ \text{change of the} \\ \text{volume} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta W_{\text{free}} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{work done by the} \\ \text{gas against the} \\ \text{force } \pmb{F} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \Delta W_{\rm free} & = & \Delta W_1 + \Delta W_2 = p_1 \Delta V_1 + p_2 \Delta V_2 \\ & = & (p_1 - p_2) \Delta V_1 = (p_1 - p_2) A \Delta L \\ & = & -F \Delta L. \end{array}$$

According to the first law we have

$$\Delta U = \Delta Q - \Delta W = \Delta Q - \int p \, dV - \Delta W_{\text{free}}$$
$$= \Delta Q - \Delta W_{\text{free}}.$$

Because now  $\Delta Q = 0$ , we have

$$\Delta U = -\Delta W_{\text{free}} = F \Delta L,$$

i.e. when the variables  $S,\,V$  and N are kept constant the change of the internal energy is completely exhangeable with the work.  $\Delta U$  is then called *free energy* and U thermodynamic potential.

Note If there are irreversible processes in an isolated system (V and N constants) then

$$\Delta W_{\rm free} \leq -\Delta U$$
.

## Enthalpy

Using the Legendre transform

$$U \to H = U - V \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{S,N} = U + pV$$

We move from the variables (S, V, N) to the variables (S, p; N). The quantity

$$H = U + pV$$

is called enthalpy.

Now

$$dH = dU + p dV + V dp$$
  
=  $T dS - p dV + \mu dN + p dV + V dp$ 

or

$$dH = T dS + V dp + \mu dN.$$

From this we can read the partial derivatives

$$T = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial S}\right)_{p,N}$$

$$V = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}\right)_{S,N}$$

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial N}\right)_{S,V}$$

Corresponding Maxwell relations are

$$\begin{split} & \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{S,N} & = & \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_{p,N} \\ & \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial N}\right)_{S,p} & = & \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial S}\right)_{p,N} \\ & \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial N}\right)_{S,p} & = & \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial p}\right)_{S,N}. \end{split}$$

In an irreversible process one has

$$\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W - \mu \, \Delta N < T \, \Delta S.$$

Now  $\Delta U = \Delta (H - pV)$ , so that

$$\Delta H < T \Delta S + V \Delta p + \mu \Delta N.$$

We see that

In a process where S, p and N are constant spontaneous changes lead to the minimum of H, i.e. in an equilibrium of a (S, p, N)-system the enthalpy is at the minimum. The enthalpy is a suitable potential for an isolated system

The enthalpy is a suitable potential for an isolated syst in a pressure bath (p is constant).

Let us look at an isolated system in a pressure bath. Now

$$dH = dU + d(pV)$$

and

$$dU = dQ - dW + \mu \, dN.$$

Again we partition the work into two components:

$$dW = p dV + dW_{\text{free}}$$
.

Now

$$dH = dQ + V dp - dW_{\text{free}} + \mu dN$$

and for a finete process

$$\Delta H \le \int T \, dS + \int V \, dp - \Delta W_{\mathrm{free}} + \int \mu \, dN.$$

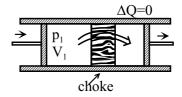
When (S, p, N) is constant one has

$$\Delta H < -\Delta W_{\rm free}$$

i.e.  $\Delta W_{\rm free}$  is the minimum work required for the change  $\Delta H.$ 

**Note** An other name of enthalpy is *heat function* (in constant pressure).

#### Joule-Thomson phenomenon



 $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are temporal constants,  $p_1 > p_2$  and the process irreversible. When a differential amount of matter passes through the choke the work done by the system is

$$dW = p_2 dV_2 + p_1 dV_1$$
.

$$egin{array}{c|ccc} & V_1 & V_2 \\ \hline ext{Initial state} & V_{ ext{init}} & 0 \\ ext{Final state} & 0 & V_{ ext{final}} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The work done by the system is

$$\Delta W = \int dW = p_2 V_{\text{final}} - p_1 V_{\text{init}}.$$

According to the first law we have

$$\Delta U = U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{init}} = \Delta Q - \Delta W = -\Delta W,$$

so that

$$U_{\text{init}} + p_1 V_{\text{init}} = U_{\text{final}} + p_2 V_{\text{final}}$$
.

Thus in this process the enthalpy H = U + pV is constant, i.e. the process is *isenthalpic*,

$$\Delta H = H_{\text{loppu}} - H_{\text{alku}} = 0.$$

We consider now a reversibel isenthalpic (and dN = 0) process init $\rightarrow$ final. Here

$$dH = T dS + V dp = 0.$$

so

$$dS = -\frac{V}{T} dp. \tag{*}$$

Now T = T(S, p), so that

$$dT = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial S}\right)_p dS + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_S dp.$$

On the other hand

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial S}\right)_p = \frac{T}{C_p},$$

where  $C_p$  is the isobaric heat capacity (see thermodynamical responses). Using the Maxwell relation

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_T$$

and the partial derivative relation

$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_p = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial S}\right)_p}{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_p}$$

we can write

$$dT = \frac{T}{C_p} dS + \frac{T}{C_p} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p dp.$$

Substituting into this the differential dS in constant enthalpy (\*) we get so called Joule-Thomson coefficients

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{H} = \frac{T}{C_{p}} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p} - \frac{V}{T} \right].$$

Defining the heat expansion coefficient  $\alpha_p$  so that

$$\alpha_p = \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_p,$$

we can rewrite the Joule-Thomson coefficient as

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{H} = \frac{V}{C_{p}}(T\alpha_{p} - 1).$$

We see that when the pressure decreases the gas

- cools down, if  $T\alpha_p > 1$ .
- warms up, if  $T\alpha_p < 1$ .

For ideal gases  $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_H = 0$  holds. For real gases  $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_H$  is below the *inversion temperature* positive, so the gas cools down.

### Free energy

The Legendre transform

$$U \to F = U - S \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{V,N}$$

or

$$F = U - TS$$

defines the (Helmholtz) free energy.

Now

$$dF = -S dT - p dV + \mu dN,$$

so the natural variables of F are T, V and N. We can read the partial derivateves

$$\begin{split} S &=& -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N} \\ p &=& -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N} \\ \mu &=& \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial N}\right)_{T,V}. \end{split}$$

From these we obtain the Maxwell relations

In an irreversible change we have

$$\Delta F < -S \Delta T - p \Delta V + \mu \Delta N$$

i.e. when the variables  $T,\,V$  and N are constant the system drifts to the minimum of the free energy. Correspondingly

$$\Delta W_{\rm free} \leq -\Delta F$$
,

when (T, V, N) is constant.

Free energy is suitable for systems where the exchange of heat is allowed.

## Gibbs' function

The Legendre transformation

$$U \to G = U - S \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{VN} - V \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{SN}$$

defines the Gibbs function or the Gibbs free energy

$$G = U - TS + nV$$
.

Its differential is

$$dG = -S dT + V dp + \mu dN,$$

so the natural variables are T, p and N. For the partial derivatives we can read the expressions

$$S = -\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial T}\right)_{p,N}$$

$$V = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial p}\right)_{T,N}$$

$$\mu = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N}\right)_{T,n}.$$

From these we obtain the Maxwell relations

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial p}\right)_{T,N} &= &- \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p,N} \\ \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N}\right)_{T,p} &= &- \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}\right)_{p,N} \\ \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial N}\right)_{T,p} &= &\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial p}\right)_{T,N}. \end{split}$$

In an irreversible process

$$\Delta G < -S \Delta T + V \Delta p + \mu \Delta N$$
,

holds, i.e. when the variables T, p and N stay constant the system drifts to the minimum of G. Correspondingly

$$\Delta W_{\rm free} < -\Delta G$$
,

when (T, p, N) is constant.

The Gibbs function is suitable for systems which are allowed to exchange mechanical energy and heat.

## Grand potential

The Legendre transform

$$U \to \Omega = U - S \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial S}\right)_{VN} - N \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N}\right)_{SV}$$

defines the grand potential

$$\Omega = U - TS - \mu N.$$

Its differential is

$$d\Omega = -S dT - p dV - N d\mu,$$

so the natural variables are T, p and  $\mu$ . The partial derivatives are now

$$S = -\left(\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial T}\right)_{p,\mu}$$

$$p = -\left(\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial V}\right)_{T,\mu}$$

$$N = -\left(\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\mu}\right)_{T,\mu}$$

We get the Maxwell relations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \end{pmatrix}_{T,\mu} &=& \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p}{\partial T} \end{pmatrix}_{V,\mu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mu} \end{pmatrix}_{T,V} &=& \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial N}{\partial T} \end{pmatrix}_{V,\mu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \end{pmatrix}_{T,V} &=& \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial N}{\partial V} \end{pmatrix}_{T,\mu}$$

In an irreversible process

$$\Delta\Omega < -S\,\Delta T - p\,\Delta V - N\,\Delta\mu,$$

holds, i.e. when the variables T, V and  $\mu$  are kept constant the system moves to the minimum of  $\Omega$ . Correspondingly

$$\Delta W_{\rm free} \leq -\Delta \Omega$$
,

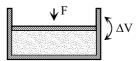
when  $(T, V, \mu)$  is constant.

The grand potential is suitable for systems that are allowed to exchange heat and particles.

#### Bath

A bath is an equilibrium system, much larger than the system under consideration, which can exchange given extensive property with our system.

Pressure heat



The exchanged property is the volume or a corresponding generalized displacement; for example magnetization in a magnetic field.

Heat bath



Particle path



Baths can also be combined; for example a suitable potential for a pressure and heat bath is the Gibbs function G.

# Thermodynamic responses

### 1) Volume heat expansion coefficient

$$\alpha_p = \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_{p,N}$$

or

$$\alpha_p = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right)_{n,N},$$

where  $\rho = N/V$ .

#### 2) Isothermic compressibility

$$\kappa_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_{T,N}$$

## 3) Adiabatic compressibility

$$\kappa_S = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \right)_{S,N} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_{S,N}.$$

The velocity of sound depends on the adiabatic compressibility like

$$c_S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m\rho\kappa_S}},$$

where m the particle mass.

One can show that

$$\kappa_T = \kappa_S + VT \, \frac{\alpha_p^2}{C_p}.$$

### 4) Isochoric heat capacity

In a reversible process we have

$$\Delta Q = T \Delta S$$
.

The heat capacity C is defined so that

$$C = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T} = T \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta T}.$$

In constant pressure we define

$$C_V = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N}.$$

In constant volume and the number particles being fixed, according to the first law

$$dU = T dS - p dV + \mu dN = T dS,$$

we can write

$$C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_{VN}.$$

#### 5) Isobaric heat capacity

$$C_p = T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{p,N}$$

Because

$$dH = T dS + V dp + \mu dN,$$

one can write

$$C_p = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_{n,N}.$$

Now

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_p &= \left(\frac{\partial S\left(V\left(p,T\right),T\right)}{\partial T}\right)_p \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_V + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p \end{split}$$

and (a Maxwell relation)

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_V,$$

so

$$C_p = C_V + T \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial T} \right)_V \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_{x}$$

Since

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_{V} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_{p} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p}\right)_{T} = -1$$

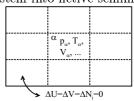
or

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial T}\right)_{V} = -\frac{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}}{\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p}\right)_{T}} = \frac{\alpha_{p}}{\kappa_{T}},$$

so

$$C_p = C_V + VT \frac{\alpha_p^2}{\kappa_T}.$$

Thermodynamic equilibrium conditions We divide the system into fictive semimicroscopic parts:



Extensive variables satisfy

$$S = \sum_{\alpha} S_{\alpha}$$

$$V = \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}$$

$$U = \sum_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$$

$$N_{j} = \sum_{\alpha} N_{j\alpha}$$

Since each element is in equlibrium the state variables are defined in each element, e.g.

$$S_{\alpha} = S_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha}, V_{\alpha}, \{N_{i\alpha}\})$$

and

$$\Delta S_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{T_{\alpha}} \Delta U_{\alpha} + \frac{p_{\alpha}}{T_{\alpha}} \Delta V_{\alpha} - \frac{\mu_{j\alpha}}{T_{\alpha}} \Delta N_{j\alpha}.$$

We suppose that the system is composed of two parts:  $\alpha \in \{A, B\}$ . Then

$$\Delta U_B = -\Delta U_A$$
,  $\Delta V_B = -\Delta V_A$  and  $\Delta N_{jB} = -\Delta N_{jA}$ 

so

$$\Delta S = \sum_{\alpha} \Delta S_{\alpha}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{T_A} - \frac{1}{T_B}\right) \Delta U_A + \left(\frac{p_A}{T_A} - \frac{p_B}{T_B}\right) \Delta V_A$$

$$-\sum_{j} \left(\frac{\mu_{jA}}{T_A} - \frac{\mu_{jB}}{T_B}\right) \Delta N_{jA}.$$

In an equilibrium S is at its maximum, so  $\Delta S = 0$  and

$$T_A = T_B$$

$$p_A = p_B$$

$$\mu_{jA} = \mu_{jB}.$$

This is valid also when the system consists of several phases.

# Stability conditions of matter

In a steady equilibrium the entropy has the true maximum so that small variations can only reduce the entropy. We denote the equilibrium values common for all fictive parts by the symbols T, p and  $\{\mu_j\}$  and the equilibrium values of other variables by the superscript  $^0$ .

We write the entropy  $S_{\alpha}$  of the fictive partial system  $\alpha$  close to an equilibrium as the Tatlor series

$$S_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha}, V_{\alpha}, \{N_{j\alpha}\}) = S_{\alpha}^{0}(U_{\alpha}^{0}, V_{\alpha}^{0}, \{N_{j\alpha}^{0}\}) + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U_{\alpha}}\right)_{V,N}^{0} \Delta U_{\alpha} + \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V_{\alpha}}\right)_{U,N}^{0} \Delta V_{\alpha} + \sum_{j} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_{j\alpha}}\right)_{U,V}^{0} \Delta N_{j\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \Delta \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U_{\alpha}}\right)_{V,N}^{0} \Delta U_{\alpha} + \Delta \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V_{\alpha}}\right)_{U,N}^{0} \Delta V_{\alpha} + \sum_{j} \Delta \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_{j\alpha}}\right)_{U,V}^{0} \Delta N_{j\alpha} \right\} + \cdots$$

Here  $\Delta U_{\alpha}=U_{\alpha}-U_{\alpha}^{0}$  and correspondingly for other quantities. The variations of partial derivatives stand for

$$\Delta \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U_{\alpha}}\right)_{V,N}^{0} = \left(\frac{\partial^{2} S}{\partial U^{2}}\right)_{V,N}^{0} \Delta U_{\alpha} + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial V}\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U}\right)_{V,N}\right]_{U,N}^{0} \Delta V_{\alpha} + \sum_{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial N_{j}}\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U}\right)_{V,N}\right]_{U,V}^{0} \Delta N_{j\alpha}$$

and similarly for other partial derivatives. In an equilibrium

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial U}\right)^0 = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)^0 = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_s}\right)^0 = 0,$$

so

$$\Delta S_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \Delta \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U_{\alpha}} \right)_{V,N}^{0} \Delta U_{\alpha} + \Delta \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V_{\alpha}} \right)_{U,N}^{0} \Delta V_{\alpha} + \sum_{j} \Delta \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial N_{j\alpha}} \right)_{U,V}^{0} \Delta N_{j\alpha} \right\}.$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\Delta S_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \Delta \left( \frac{1}{T_{\alpha}} \right) \Delta U_{\alpha} + \Delta \left( \frac{p_{\alpha}}{T_{\alpha}} \right) \Delta V_{\alpha} - \sum_{j} \Delta \left( \frac{\mu_{j\alpha}}{T_{\alpha}} \right) \Delta N_{j\alpha} \right\}.$$

Using the first law we get

$$\Delta S = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ -\Delta T_{\alpha} \Delta S_{\alpha} + \Delta p_{\alpha} \Delta V_{\alpha} \right.$$

$$-\sum_{j}\Delta\mu_{j\alpha}\Delta N_{j\alpha}\bigg\}.$$

This can be further written as

$$\Delta S = -\frac{1}{2T} \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \frac{C_V}{T} (\Delta T_{\alpha})^2 + \frac{1}{\kappa_T V} [(\Delta V_{\alpha})_{N_{\alpha}}^2] + \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N}\right)_{p,T}^0 (\Delta N_{\alpha})^2 \right\},$$

where

$$(\Delta V_{\alpha})_{N_{\alpha}} = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{N,n}^{0} \Delta T_{\alpha} + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p}\right)_{N,T}^{0} \Delta p_{\alpha}.$$

Since  $\Delta S \leq 0$ , we must have

$$C_V \ge 0, \ \kappa_T \ge 0, \ \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N} \ge 0.$$