

# Supporting Information

## Thermodynamically-stable two-phase equilibrium calculation of hydrocarbon mixtures with capillary pressure

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### Thermodynamic stability of the numerical algorithm

The second law of thermodynamics indicates the entropy increment is nonnegative over the time. According to the relation  $dS = -dF/T - p_c dV_1/T$  that is the eq (8) in the article, we can derive

$$\frac{dF}{dt} + p_c \frac{dV_1}{dt} \leq 0 \quad (1)$$

with  $dS/dt \geq 0$ . By integrating the inequality (1) over the time interval  $(t^k, t^{k+1}]$ , it becomes

$$F^{k+1} - F^k + \hat{p}_c (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k) \leq 0 \quad (2)$$

with  $\widehat{p}_c = p_c^k$  or  $\widehat{p}_c = p_c^{k+1}$ . It is considered the numerical algorithm is thermodynamically stable if the inequality (2) is satisfied for each time step.

By multiplying  $(\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1})$  on the both sides of mole evolution equation, the summation over all components yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \frac{N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k}{\delta t} &= \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_{i,j} (\mu_{j,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{j,1}^{k+1}) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \psi_{i,M+1} (p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Applying the convex-concave splitting of chemical potential, the left-hand side of the above equation is expanded as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \frac{N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k}{\delta t} &= \sum_{i=1}^M \left( \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) + \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) \right) \frac{N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k}{\delta t} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^M \left( \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) + \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) \right) \frac{N_{i,2}^{k+1} - N_{i,2}^k}{\delta t} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Due to the property of the convex function and concave function, the following inequalities are satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} F_1^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) - F_1^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) (N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k) \\ F_1^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) - F_1^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) (N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k) \\ F_2^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) - F_2^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) (N_{i,2}^{k+1} - N_{i,2}^k) \\ F_2^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) - F_2^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) (N_{i,2}^{k+1} - N_{i,2}^k) \end{aligned}$$

and we can derive

$$\frac{F_1^{k+1} - F_1^k}{\delta t} \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \left( \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) + \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) \right) \frac{N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k}{\delta t} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{F_2^{k+1} - F_2^k}{\delta t} \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \left( \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) + \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) \right) \frac{N_{i,2}^{k+1} - N_{i,2}^k}{\delta t} \quad (6)$$

Finally, the following inequality is obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F^{k+1} - F^k}{\delta t} &= \frac{(F_1^{k+1} + F_2^{k+1}) - (F_1^k + F_2^k)}{\delta t} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \frac{N_{i,1}^{k+1} - N_{i,1}^k}{\delta t} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_{i,j} (\mu_{j,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{j,1}^{k+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \psi_{i,M+1} (p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Similarly, multiplying the volume evolution equation by  $(p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1})$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \frac{V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k}{\delta t} &= (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_{M+1,j} (\mu_{j,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{j,1}^{k+1}) \\ &\quad + (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \psi_{M+1,M+1} (p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The left-hand side of the above equation is expanded as

$$(p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \frac{V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k}{\delta t} = -p_2^{k+1} \frac{V_2^{k+1} - V_2^k}{\delta t} - p_1^{k+1} \frac{V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k}{\delta t} + p_c^{k+1} \frac{V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k}{\delta t} \quad (9)$$

Applying the convex-concave property, we can derive the inequalities as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) - F_1^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) &\leq \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,1}^{k+1} \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) + f_1^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) \right] (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k) \\
F_1^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^{k+1}) - F_1^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) &\leq \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,1}^k \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) + f_1^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_1^k) \right] (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k) \\
F_2^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) - F_2^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) &\leq \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,2}^{k+1} \mu_i^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) + f_2^{\text{convex}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) \right] (V_2^{k+1} - V_2^k) \\
F_2^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^{k+1}) - F_2^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) &\leq \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,2}^k \mu_i^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) + f_2^{\text{concave}}(\mathbf{n}_2^k) \right] (V_2^{k+1} - V_2^k)
\end{aligned}$$

By combination of the above inequalities, the following inequality holds

$$F^{k+1} - F^k \leq (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1}) (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k) \quad (10)$$

With eq (7), eq (8) and eq (10), it can be derived

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{F^{k+1} - F^k + p_c^{k+1} (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k)}{\delta t} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_{i,j} (\mu_{j,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{j,1}^{k+1}) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,1}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,2}^{k+1}) \psi_{i,M+1} (p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1}) \\
&\quad + (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_{M+1,j} (\mu_{j,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{j,1}^{k+1}) \\
&\quad + (p_2^{k+1} - p_1^{k+1} + p_c^{k+1}) \psi_{M+1,M+1} (p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1})
\end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The right-hand side of the above inequality can be reduced into a more concise vector-matrix form

$$-\left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,1}^{k+1}) \\ p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1} \end{array} \right]^T \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \psi_{i,j} & \psi_{i,M+1} \\ \psi_{M+1,j} & \psi_{M+1,M+1} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^M (\mu_{i,2}^{k+1} - \mu_{i,1}^{k+1}) \\ p_1^{k+1} - p_2^{k+1} - p_c^{k+1} \end{array} \right] \leq 0 \quad (12)$$

with the coefficient matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{i,j} & \psi_{i,M+1} \\ \psi_{M+1,j} & \psi_{M+1,M+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

being positive definite. At the end, we can derive

$$F^{k+1} - F^k + p_c^{k+1} (V_1^{k+1} - V_1^k) \leq 0. \quad (13)$$

It has been proved the proposed numerical algorithm is thermodynamically stable. Equation (13) can be extended to the case where capillary pressure  $p_c$  is treated explicitly.