

## Ch 18 – [Thermodynamics and Equilibrium](#)

Thermodynamics is the study of the relationship between heat and other forms of energy that are involved in a chemical reaction.

### Internal Energy (U)

- Internal energy is the sum of the kinetic and potential energies of the individual molecules.
- Both internal energy (U) and enthalpy (H) are state functions. That is, they depend only on the present state, not on their history.
- A state function is completely determined by other state functions. For example, U is determined by T and P.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

- $\Delta U$  can be used to describe thermodynamic changes to a system due to a reaction.  
 $\Delta U = U_f - U_i = q + w$  where q is heat and w is work
- q is positive when heat is added to system, negative when heat is released
- w is positive when work is done to system, negative when work is done by the system
- For constant force, work is force times distance.  $w = F(\Delta x)$
- In a gravitational field,  $F = mg$  where m is mass and g is the gravitational constant,  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
- Work done by gravity is found by  $w = F(\Delta h) = mg(\Delta h)$ , where  $(\Delta h)$  is change in height.
- For an expanding gas that is doing work by making a gas piston move upwards:  $w = -F(\Delta h)$
- Volume of a cylinder is area times height.  $V = A \times h$   $\Delta V = A(\Delta h)$   
So, work is a function of  $\Delta V$  for the gas.  $w = -F(\Delta h) = -F\left(\frac{\Delta V}{A}\right) = -\left(\frac{F}{A}\right)(\Delta V)$
- Pressure is force over area:  $P = F/A$ . This gives us  $w = -P(\Delta V)$  for an expanding gas piston.
- Suppose a 1.0 kg weight pushes a gas piston downwards by 1.5 m, and 2.0 J are released as heat due to friction during the process. Find the q, w, and U for the gas piston.  
 $w = -mg(\Delta h) = -(1.0 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(-1.5 \text{ m}) = +14.7 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2 = +14.7 \text{ J}$  (Gas absorbs E)  
 $q = -2.0 \text{ J}$  (Gas releases E)  $\Delta U = q + w = (-2.0) + (+14.7) = +12.7 \text{ J}$

### [Enthalpy](#)

- $H = U + PV$  and  $\Delta H = H_{\text{final}} - H_{\text{initial}} = \Delta U + \Delta(PV)$
- If pressure is constant, then  $\Delta P = 0$ . This gives us  $\Delta H = \Delta U + P(\Delta V)$ .
- $\Delta U = q - P(\Delta V)$  can be substituted into the equation.  
The result is:  $\Delta H = q - P(\Delta V) + P(\Delta V) = q_p$   
So, the change in enthalpy is equal to the heat of reaction at constant pressure.
- See [Appendix G](#) or [here](#) for standard enthalpies of formation ( $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ) for chemical substances.
- Standard enthalpy of reaction ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ) is at 1 atm and 298 K.  
It can be found by the difference between enthalpies of formation for products and reactants.
- $\Delta H^\circ = \sum n\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{prod}) - \sum m\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{react})$  where n and m are stoichiometric coefficients.

### Example 18.01 Enthalpy for Decomposition of Urea into Ammonia and Carbon Dioxide

- $1(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}_{(s)} + 1\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(L)} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3_{(g)} + 1\text{CO}_2_{(g)}$  (Except for urea, refer to [Appendix G](#))
- $\Delta H^\circ = [2 \times \Delta H^\circ_f(\text{NH}_3_{(g)}) + 1 \times \Delta H^\circ_f(\text{CO}_2_{(g)})] - [1 \times \Delta H^\circ_f((\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}_{(s)}) + 1 \times \Delta H^\circ_f(\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(L)})]$
- $\Delta H^\circ = [2 \times (-45.9) + (-393.51)] - [(-333.2) + (-285.83)] = +133.7 \text{ kJ per mol of urea}$

### Entropy

- Entropy (S) is a measure of the randomness or disorder in a system.
- It measures how dispersed the energy of a system is among the possible energy states. That is, it describes how randomly the energy is distributed.
- Randomized energy is disordered and is not usable to perform work (w).
- Entropy is equivalent to the amount of randomized (unusable) energy per unit temperature and is measured in units of energy divided by temperature (J/K).

### Entropy of a Phase Change

- Heat flow is needed for a phase change, and it involves entropy because it disperses energy.
- Heat flow randomizes energy, and entropy associated with heat flow equals  $q/T$ .
- For a phase change, or for any process that occurs only near equilibrium (Q stays near K), no other entropy is created and  $\Delta S = q/T$ .
- **$\Delta S = \Delta H/T$  for a phase change** (melting, freezing, etc.)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

- **The total combined entropy of a system and its surroundings always increases for a spontaneous process, that is (Entropy Created) > 0**
- A spontaneous process is one which randomizes (releases) energy and creates disorder.
- For a spontaneous process:  $\Delta S = (\text{entropy created}) + q/T$ .  
The result is that  $\Delta S > q/T$  because (entropy created) > 0.
- If  $\Delta S > \Delta H/T$ , then  **$\Delta H - T\Delta S < 0$  for a spontaneous process.**
- $\Delta H - T\Delta S > 0$  for a nonspontaneous process
- $\Delta H - T\Delta S = 0$  for an equilibrium process.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics

- **A perfectly crystalline solid at absolute zero (0 K) has  $S = 0$ . That is, it has no disorder.**
- Standard Entropy ( $S^\circ$ ) for an atom, molecule, or ion is measured at 1 atm and 298 K.
- See [Appendix G](#) or [here](#) for standard entropy values ( $S^\circ$ ) of chemical substances.
- There is no “ $\Delta$ ” or “ $f$ ” in  $S^\circ$  because it is not measured the same way as  $\Delta H^\circ_f$ .
- $S^\circ$  is actual total entropy. It is measured by integrating from absolute zero (0 K), where  $S = 0$ , up to the final T of 298 K.
- $\Delta H^\circ_f$  is based completely on chemical reactions at 298 K.
- Unlike  $\Delta H^\circ_f$ , values of  $S^\circ$  are nonzero and positive for elements.
- For a chemical reaction:  **$\Delta S^\circ = \sum nS^\circ(\text{prod}) - \sum mS^\circ(\text{react})$**   
where n and m are stoichiometric coefficients.

### $\Delta S^\circ$ (Entropy of Reaction)

- Entropy generally increases ( $\Delta S^\circ > 0$ ) if any of the following occur:
  - o A molecule is broken into two or more smaller molecules. (decomposition or elimination)
  - o There is an increase in moles of gas.
  - o The phase changes from solid to liquid or gas, or from liquid to gas. (phase becomes less condensed)
- If the reverse of these conditions occur, then  $\Delta S^\circ < 0$ .

#### Example 18.02 Is $\Delta S^\circ$ positive or negative?

- One mol of fructose (s) ferments into two mol of ethanol (liq) and two mol of  $\text{CO}_2$  (g).  
This is a decomposition reaction. Total moles and moles of gas both increase.  $\Delta S^\circ > 0$
- $2\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{L}) + (\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}(\text{aq})$   
The total number of moles and the number of gas moles both decrease.  $\Delta S^\circ < 0$
- $\text{CH}_4(\text{g}) + 2\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$   
The sign cannot be determined easily because both the total moles and the gas moles do not change. However, the absolute value would be a relatively small number ( $< 50 \text{ J/K}$ ).

#### Example 18.03 Calculating $\Delta S^\circ$ for a Reaction (Except for urea, refer to [Appendix G](#))

- $1(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}(\text{s}) + 1\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{L}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + 1\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
- $\Delta S^\circ = [2 \times S^\circ(\text{NH}_3(\text{g})) + 1 \times S^\circ(\text{CO}_2(\text{g}))] - [1 \times S^\circ((\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}(\text{s})) + 1 \times S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{L}))]$
- $\Delta S^\circ = [2 \times (192.8) + (213.8)] - [(104.6) + (70.0)] = (424.8 \text{ J/K}) \left( \frac{1 \text{ kJ}}{1000 \text{ J}} \right) = + 0.4288 \text{ kJ/K}$

#### Gibb's Free Energy (G), named after J. Willard Gibbs, is found by $G = H - TS$

- For a chemical reaction, the change in free energy is  $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$ .
- $\Delta G^\circ$  is the maximum energy available to do useful work ( $\Delta G^\circ = w_{\text{max}}$ ) because it is the difference between the total energy change and the randomized (unusable) energy change.
- The degree sign symbol ( $^\circ$ ) is for standard state, where  $T = 298 \text{ K}$  and each solute's concentration is  $1 \text{ mol/L}$ . For a reaction involving only liquids and/or solids, the standard total pressure is  $1 \text{ atm}$ . If gases are involved, each gas has a partial pressure equal to  $1 \text{ atm}$ .
- If a reaction is **spontaneous**, then  $\Delta G < 0$  (**negative**).  
 $\Delta H - T\Delta S < 0$  for all spontaneous processes according to the 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics.
- $\Delta G^\circ_f$  is the free energy of formation from elements in their reference forms at standard state.
- Note:  $\Delta G^\circ_f \neq \Delta H^\circ_f - TS^\circ$  does not work for individual substances because  $S^\circ$  is not  $\Delta S^\circ_f$ .
- For a reaction  $\Delta G^\circ = \sum n\Delta G^\circ_f(\text{prod}) - \sum m\Delta G^\circ_f(\text{react})$  where  $n$  and  $m$  are stoich coeffs.
- $\Delta G^\circ$  can be found from either the summation equation or the enthalpy/entropy equation.
- See [Appendix G](#) or [here](#) for standard Gibb's free energy values ( $\Delta G^\circ_f$ ) of substances.
- Convert  $S$  to  $\text{kJ/K}$  when using  $G = H - TS$  equations, where  $G$  and  $H$  are already in  $\text{kJ}$ .

Example 18.04 Calculating  $\Delta G^\circ$  from  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  for a reaction

- Use  $\Delta H^\circ_f$  and  $S^\circ$  values from [Appendix G](#).
- $1\text{N}_{2(\text{g})} + 3\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_{3(\text{g})}$
- $\Delta H^\circ = [2 \times (-45.9)] - [1 \times (0.0) + 3 \times (0.0)] = -91.8 \text{ kJ (exothermic)}$
- $\Delta S^\circ = [2 \times (192.8)] - [(191.6) + 3 \times (130.7)] = (-198.1 \text{ J/K}) \left( \frac{1 \text{ kJ}}{1000 \text{ J}} \right) = -0.1981 \text{ kJ/K}$
- $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ = (-91.8 \text{ kJ}) - (298 \text{ K})(-0.1981 \text{ kJ/K}) = -32.8 \text{ kJ}$
- The reaction is spontaneous at standard state because  $\Delta G^\circ$  is negative.

Example 18.05 Calculating  $\Delta G^\circ$  for a reaction by using  $\Delta G^\circ_f$  for each substance

- Use  $\Delta G^\circ_f$  values from [Appendix G](#).
- $1\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}_{(\text{L})} + 3\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{CO}_{2(\text{g})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{g})}$
- $\Delta G^\circ = [2 \times (-394.36) + 3 \times (-228.59)] - [1 \times (-174.8) + 3 \times (0.0)] = -1299.7 \text{ kJ (Spontaneous)}$

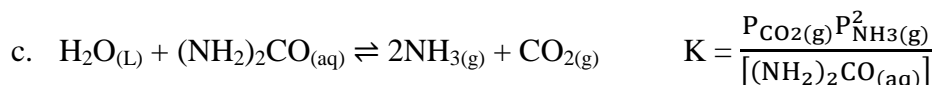
Criterion for Spontaneity (This is similar to interpreting  $K_c$ )

- If  $\Delta G^\circ$  is a **negative** number with a large magnitude, the reaction is **spontaneous** as written, and the reactants transform almost completely to form products.
- If  $\Delta G^\circ$  is a large **positive** number, the reaction is **not spontaneous** as written, and the reactants do not form significant amounts of products.  
The reaction is generally spontaneous in reverse.
- If  $\Delta G^\circ$  has a **small** magnitude (pos. or neg.), the reaction gives an equilibrium mixture containing significant amounts of **both reactants and products**.

Thermodynamic Equilibrium Constant (K)

- Includes **gas** concentrations expressed as the **partial pressure** (P, in atm), and dissolved (aqueous) **solute** concentrations expressed as **molarity** (M).
- The expression for K can include both gas pressures and solute molarities together.
- Solids and pure liquids are still omitted from the expression.
- If a reaction includes only gases, then  $K = K_p$ .
- If a reaction includes only aqueous solutes, then  $K = K_c, K_a, K_b, K_{sp}, K_f$  or  $K_d$ .

Example 18.07 Writing Expressions for Thermodynamic K



### Thermodynamic Reaction Quotient (Q)

- Q has the same form as K, but uses interim concentrations:  $[A]_i$ .
- $\Delta G$  at nonstandard concentrations and pressures is found by  $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + (RT)\ln[Q]$   
R = 8.314 J/(K·mol) is the universal gas constant. The result for  $\Delta G$  is in Joules.

### Relating $\Delta G$ to Thermodynamic K

- What if  $Q = K$ ?  
Then, no changes in concentration are spontaneous, which means  $\Delta G = 0$ .  
Implies:  $0 = \Delta G^\circ + (RT)\ln[K]$  or  $\Delta G^\circ = - (RT)\ln[K]$
- Also:  $K = \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT}\right] = e^{[-\Delta G^\circ/RT]}$
- $\Delta G = - (RT)\ln[K] + (RT)\ln[Q] = - (RT)\ln\left[\frac{K}{Q}\right]$

### Example 18.08 Find Thermodynamic K at 298 K from $\Delta G^\circ$

- $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}_{(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_{3(g)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)}$
- $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  were calculated in Examples 18.01 and 18.03.
- $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ = (+ 133.7 \text{ kJ}) - (298 \text{ K})(+ 0.4288 \text{ kJ/K}) = + 5.9 \text{ kJ}$
- $\Delta G^\circ = (+ 5.9 \text{ kJ}) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ kJ}}\right) = + 5,900 \text{ J}$
- $K = \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT) = \exp\left[\frac{- (+5,900 \text{ J})}{\left(8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}\right)(298 \text{ K})}\right] = \exp[- 2.38] = 9.26 \times 10^{-2}$

### Example 18.09 Calculate $K_{sp}$ from $\Delta G^\circ$ for $1\text{AgCl}_{(s)} \rightleftharpoons 1\text{Ag}^+_{(aq)} + 1\text{Cl}^-_{(aq)}$

- $\Delta G^\circ = [1 \times (77.1) + 1 \times (-131.2)] - [1 \times (-109.8)] = (+ 55.7 \text{ kJ}) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ kJ}}\right) = + 55,700 \text{ J}$
- $K = \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT) = \exp\left[\frac{- (+ 55,700 \text{ J})}{\left(8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}\right)(298 \text{ K})}\right] = \exp[- 22.48] = 1.7 \times 10^{-10}$
- This value approximately matches the  $K_{sp}$  value in [Appendix J](#).

Standard State Concentrations and Partial Pressures at Temperatures other than 298 K ( $\Delta G_T^\circ$ )

- If  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  are approximately constant as T changes, then the equation at other temperatures simplifies to  $\Delta G_T^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$ .
- The spontaneity of a reaction at other temperatures can then be determined from the sign on  $\Delta G$ , which is a function of the signs on  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$ .

$\Delta H$	$\Delta S$	$\Delta G$	Spontaneity
-	+	Always $\Delta G < 0$	Reaction is spontaneous at all T's.
+	-	Always $\Delta G > 0$	Reaction is not spontaneous at any T.
+	+	$\Delta G < 0$ if $T > \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S}$	Reaction is spontaneous only at T's above that value.
-	-	$\Delta G < 0$ if $T < \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S}$	Reaction is spontaneous only at T's below that value.

Example 18.10 Find  $\Delta G_T^\circ$  and K at 1227 °C for  $\text{CaCO}_{3(s)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CaO}_{(s)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)}$

- $\Delta H^\circ = +191.6 \text{ kJ}$        $\Delta S^\circ = (+141.9 \text{ J/K})\left(\frac{1 \text{ kJ}}{1000 \text{ J}}\right) = +0.1419 \text{ kJ/K}$
- $\Delta G^\circ_{1500 \text{ K}} = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ = +191.6 \text{ kJ} - (1500 \text{ K})(0.1419 \text{ kJ/K}) = -21.3 \text{ kJ}$
- $\Delta G^\circ_{1500 \text{ K}} = (-21.3 \text{ kJ})\left(\frac{1000 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ kJ}}\right) = -21,300 \text{ J}$
- $\Delta G^\circ_{1500 \text{ K}} < 0$       So, the reaction is spontaneous at 1500 K.

$$- K_{1500 \text{ K}} = \exp\left[\frac{-\Delta G^\circ_{1273 \text{ K}}}{RT}\right] = \exp\left[\frac{-(-21,300 \text{ J})}{\left(8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}} \times 1500 \text{ K}\right)}\right] = \exp[+1.708] = 5.5$$

$K_{1500 \text{ K}} > 1$       This also indicates that the reaction is spontaneous at 1500 K.

- The equilibrium constant expression includes only the  $\text{CO}_2$  gas and not the solids.

$$K_{1500 \text{ K}} = P_{\text{CO}_2} = 5.5 \text{ atm}$$

- Also, since  $\Delta H^\circ > 0$  and  $\Delta S^\circ > 0$ ,  $\Delta G_T^\circ$  is negative only at high temperatures.

$$\Delta G_T^\circ < 0 \text{ at } T > \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S} \text{ because } \Delta G_T^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S} = \frac{(+191.6 \text{ kJ})}{\left(0.1419 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K}}\right)} = 1350 \text{ K}$$

Reaction is spontaneous ( $\Delta G_T^\circ < 0$ ) only at  $T > 1350 \text{ K}$ .