# 2. Chemical and Phase Equilibrium

## (Gas-phase Chemical Equilibrium)

In the equilibrium state of a gas-phase reaction,  $A(g) + B(g) \iff C(g)$ ,

$$\mu[C(g)] = \mu[A(g)] + \mu[B(g)]$$
 (2.1)

For an ideal gas, by using (0.6),

$$-\Delta_{r}G^{\circ} = \mu^{\circ} [A(g)] + \mu^{\circ} [B(g)] - \mu^{\circ} [C(g)] = RT \ln K$$
 (2.2)

where 
$$K \equiv \frac{p_{\rm C} / p^{\circ}}{(p_{\rm A} / p^{\circ})(p_{\rm B} / p^{\circ})}$$

### Exercise 2.1

1) Calculate the equilibrium constant  $K = \frac{p(\text{H}_2\text{O})/p^\circ}{[p(\text{H}_2)/p^\circ][p(\text{O}_2)/p^\circ]^{1/2}}$  at 3000 K for the reaction,

 $H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \Leftrightarrow H_2O(g)$ , from the following data.

$$T/K$$
  $\Delta_f G^{\circ}[H_2O(g)]/kJ \text{ mol}^{-1}$  [CEA2] 3000  $-77.49$ 

2) Calculate  $p(O_2)$  in equilibrium with  $H_2O$  of partial pressure 0.1 bar at 3000 K, by assuming  $p(H_2)$ 

= 
$$2p(O_2)$$
. Also, calculate the relative extent of the reaction  $\xi_r = \frac{p(H_2O)}{p(H_2) + p(H_2O)}$ .

### Solution to exercise 2.1

- 1)  $K = \exp(-\Delta_r G^{\circ} / RT) = \exp[77.49 \times 1000 / (8.3145 \times 3000)] = 22.35 [-] (or bar^{-1/2})$
- 2) Let  $x = p(O_2)/p^{\circ}$ .  $\rightarrow x = (0.05 / K)^{2/3} = 0.0171$ ,  $p(O_2) = 0.0171$  bar,  $\xi_r = 0.745$

At high temperatures, the reaction cannot be "completed" even in the equilibrium state.

### (Phase Equilibrium between Condensed Phases)

On the boundary between phase 1 and 2 in p–T plane,

$$\mathrm{d}\mu(1) = \mathrm{d}\mu(2) \tag{2.3}$$

From (0.3) and (0.4), one obtains  $V_{\rm m}(1)\mathrm{d}p - S_{\rm m}(1)\mathrm{d}T = V_{\rm m}(2)\mathrm{d}p - S_{\rm m}(2)\mathrm{d}T$ , and then,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}T} = \frac{\Delta_{\mathrm{trs}}S}{\Delta_{\mathrm{trs}}V} \quad \text{(Clapeyron equation)}$$
 (2.4)

where 
$$\Delta_{\text{trs}}S = S_{\text{m}}(2) - S_{\text{m}}(1)$$
,  $\Delta_{\text{trs}}V = V_{\text{m}}(2) - V_{\text{m}}(1)$ 

From the definition of the entropy,

$$\Delta_{\rm trs}S = \frac{\Delta_{\rm trs}H}{T_{\rm trs}} \tag{2.5}$$

#### Exercise 2.2

- 1) Calculate the standard entropy of fusion  $\Delta_{\text{fus}}S^{\circ}$  of the ice from the standard enthalpy of fusion,  $\Delta_{\text{fus}}H^{\circ} = 6.008 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , at 0 °C.
- 2) Estimate the melting point of ice at a pressure 136 bar from the  $\Delta_{\text{fus}}S$  above and the following densities of ice and water. Ignore the pressure dependence of  $\Delta_{\text{fus}}S$  and density.

	$\rho$ (273.15 K, 1 bar) / g cm <sup>-3</sup>		
$H_2O(1)$	0.9998		
$H_2O(s)$	0.9168		

#### Solution to exercise 2.2

- 1)  $\Delta_{fus}S^{\circ} = 6.008{\times}1000~/~273.15 = 22.00~J~K^{-1}~mol^{-1}$
- 2)  $\Delta_{\rm fus}V^{\circ} = (18.02/0.9998) (18.02/0.9168) = -1.632 \, {\rm cm}^3 \, {\rm mol}^{-1} = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} \, {\rm m}^3 \, {\rm mol}^{-1}$   ${\rm d}T/{\rm d}p = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} / 22.00 = -7.418 \times 10^{-8} \, {\rm K \ Pa}^{-1} = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \, {\rm K \ bar}^{-1}$   ${\rm d}T = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \times (136 1) = -1.00 \, {\rm K}$   ${\rm Loc} \subset T_{\rm fus}(136 \, {\rm bar}) \sim -1.00 \, {\rm °C} \, (272.15 \, {\rm K})$

## (Phase Equilibrium between Gas and Condensed Phases)

On the boundary between a condensed phase 1 and a gas phase,

$$\mu(1) = \mu(g) \tag{2.6}$$

By ignoring the small pressure dependence of the chemical potential of a condensed phase, and using (0.6),

$$-\Delta_{\text{vap}}G^{\circ} = \mu^{\circ}(1) - \mu^{\circ}(g) = RT \ln(p/p^{\circ}) \tag{2.7}$$

#### Exercise 2.3

- 1) Calculate the vapor pressure of water at 298 K from the following data.
- 2) Estimate the vapor pressure of water at 100 °C (= 373 K) assuming that  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ}$  are independent of temperature.

(298 K)	$\Delta_{\rm f} H^{\circ} / {\rm kJ \ mol}^{-1}$	$S_{\rm m}^{\circ}$ / J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$C_{p, \mathrm{m}}^{\circ}$ / J K $^{-1}$ mol $^{-1}$
$H_2O(1)$	-285.8	69.9	75.3
$H_2O(g)$	-241.8	188.8	33.6

#### Solution to exercise 2.3

- 1)  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ} = -241.8 (-285.8) = 44.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ} = 188.8 69.9 = 118.9 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$   $\Delta_{\text{vap}}G^{\circ} = \Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ} - T\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ} = 44.0 - 298 \cdot 118.9 / 1000 = 8.57 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$   $p / p^{\circ} = \exp(-8.57 \times 1000 / 8.3145 \cdot 298) = 3.15 \times 10^{-2}$ , thus p = 0.0315 bar
  - \* The pressure dependence of  $\mu[H_2O(1)]$  is, from (0.9),  $V_m(p-p^\circ) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} (3160-100000) = -1.7 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ , which is smaller than the smallest significant digit of  $\Delta_f G^\circ$ .
- 2)  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}G^{\circ} = \Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ} T\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ} = 44.0 373 \cdot 118.9/1000 = -0.35 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  $p / p^{\circ} = \exp(+0.35 \times 1000 / 8.3145 \cdot 373) = 1.119$ , thus p = 1.119 bar (10% higher than 1 atm!)

Better approximation can be achieved by taking the temperature dependence of  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ}$  into account, but assuming constant  $\Delta_{\text{vap}}C_{p, \text{m}}{}^{\circ} = C_{p, \text{m}}{}^{\circ}(g) - C_{p, \text{m}}{}^{\circ}(1)$ .

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ}(T) = \Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ}(T^{*}) + \Delta_{\text{vap}}C_{p, \, \text{m}}^{\circ}(T - T^{*})$$
(2.8)

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}} S^{\circ}(T) = \Delta_{\text{vap}} S^{\circ}(T^*) + \Delta_{\text{vap}} C_{p, \, \text{m}} \, \ln \left( \frac{T}{T^*} \right)$$
(2.9)

where  $T^*$  is a reference temperature.

### Exercise 2.4

Estimate the vapor pressure of water at 100 °C (= 373 K) by using  $C_{p, m}$ ° shown in the table of Exercise 2.3.

#### Solution to exercise 2.4

$$\Delta C_p = 33.6 - 75.3 = -41.7 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}.$$

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ} = 44.0 - 41.7 \times (373 - 298) / 1000 = 40.87 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}.$$

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ} = 118.9 - 41.7 \ln(373 / 298) = 109.54 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}.$$

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}}G^{\circ} = 40.87 - 373 \times 109.54 / 1000 = 0.012 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}.$$

 $p/p^{\circ} = \exp(-0.012 \times 1000 / 8.3145 \cdot 373) = 0.996$ , thus p = 0.996 bar (1.7% smaller than 1 atm)