2. Chemical and Phase Equilibria

(Gas-phase Chemical Equilibrium)

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

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

For an ideal gas, by using (0.6),

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

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

$$T/K$$
 $\Delta_t G^{\circ}[H_2O(g)]/kJ \text{ mol}^{-1}$ [JANAF] 3000 -77.2

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 reaction $\xi_r = \frac{p(H_2O)}{p(H_2) + p(H_2O)}$.

Solution to Exercise 2.1

- 1) $K = \exp(-\Delta_r G^{\circ} / RT) = \exp[77.2 \times 1000 / (8.3145 \times 3000)] = 22.09 [-] (or bar^{-1/2})$
- 2) Let $x = p(O_2)/p^{\circ}$. $\rightarrow x = (0.05 / K)^{2/3} = 0.0172$, $p(O_2) = 0.0172$ bar, $\xi_r = 0.744$

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 $V_{\rm m}(1){\rm d}p - S_{\rm m}(1){\rm d}T = V_{\rm m}(2){\rm d}p - S_{\rm m}(2){\rm d}T$, and then,

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

where
$$\Delta_{trs}S = S_m(2) - S_m(1)$$
, $\Delta_{trs}V = V_m(2) - V_m(1)$

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.

	ρ (273.15 K, 1 bar) / g cm ⁻³
$H_2O(1)$	0.9998
$H_2O(s)$	0.9168

Solution to Exercise 2.2

- 1) $\Delta_{\text{fus}} S^{\circ} = 6.008 \times 1000 / 273.15 = 22.00 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
- 2) $\Delta_{\text{fus}}V^{\circ} = (18.02/0.9998) (18.02/0.9168) = -1.632 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $dT/dp = -1.632 \times 10^{-6} / 22.00 = -7.418 \times 10^{-8} \text{ K Pa}^{-1} = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \text{ K bar}^{-1}$ $dT = -7.418 \times 10^{-3} \times (136 - 1) = -1.00 \text{ K}$ $\Leftrightarrow \neg T_{\text{fus}}(136 \text{ bar}) \sim -1.00 \text{ °C } (272.15 \text{ K})$

(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),

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

Exercise 2.3

1) Calculate the vapor pressure of water at 298 K from the following data.

(298 K)	$\Delta_{\rm f} H^{\circ} / {\rm kJ \ mol}^{-1}$	$S_{\rm m}^{\circ}$ / J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹	$C_{p, m}^{\circ}$ / J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹
H ₂ O(l)	-285.8	69.9	75.3
$H_2O(g)$	-241.8	188.8	33.6

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.

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 $\Delta_t G^\circ$.
- 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 into account the temperature dependence of $\Delta_{\text{vap}}H^{\circ}$ and $\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^{\circ}$, 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)