

# Spontaneity, Entropy, & Free Energy

## Chapter 16

### Review: Thermodynamics

- The study of energy and its conversions

### First Law of Thermodynamics:

- The change in a systems internal energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is equal to the heat gained by the system ( $q$ ) plus the work done on the system ( $w$ )

$$\Delta E = q + w$$

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### Spontaneous Change

- A change that occurs at given conditions without outside intervention
- Could be fast changes or slow changes but change does occur

### Entropy (S)

- A measure of a substance's randomness or disorder
- In nature, systems tend to change from more ordered to less ordered states
- One way to measure entropy is by considering "positional probability"
- The greater the number of positions that the particles can be in, the greater the entropy

Ex. Solid  $\rightarrow$  Liquid  $\rightarrow$  Gas  
 $\rightarrow$  Entropy increases  $\rightarrow$

16.1 (p783) Which has the highest positional entropy?

a)  $\text{CO}_2(\text{s})$  vs.  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$

b)  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  at 1 atm vs.  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  at  $1.10 \times 10^{-2}$  atm

16.2 (p783) What is the sign on the entropy change when:

a) sugar is dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

b)  $\text{I}_2(\text{g})$  condenses on a cold surface

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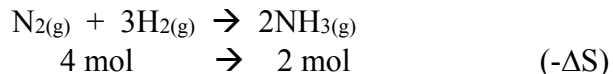
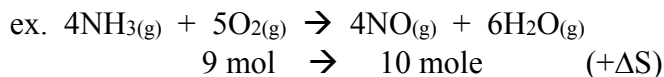
### Second Law of Thermodynamics

- In any spontaneous change, there is always an increase in the entropy of the universe.  
(The entropy of the universe is increasing)
- $\Delta S = \Delta S_{\text{surroundings}} + \Delta S_{\text{system}}$

- In truth, we really do not deal with this law in any problem solving. We will find ourselves mainly dealing with the entropy changes in chemical reactions. One note, to calculate the  $\Delta S_{\text{surroundings}}$ 
  - $\Delta S_{\text{surroundings}} = -\Delta H/T$

## Entropy Changes in Chemical Reactions

- For gaseous systems
  - if the number of moles of gases increases during the reaction, positional probability increases (+ $\Delta S$ )
  - because there are more particles, there are more different positions the particles could be in.



## Absolute Entropy ( $S^0$ )

- At a given temperature, every substance has a measurable entropy value
- many of these values are listed in appendix 4 in your textbook
- the more organized and colder a substance is, the lower its absolute entropy value

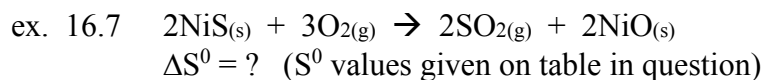
## Third Law of Thermodynamics

The entropy of a perfect crystal at 0 k is zero

- $S^0$  is measured in j/mol k
- $S^0$  is a “state function” (independent of path)
- so:  $\Delta S^0_{\text{rxn}} = \sum S^0_{\text{products}} - \sum S^0_{\text{reactants}}$

or:

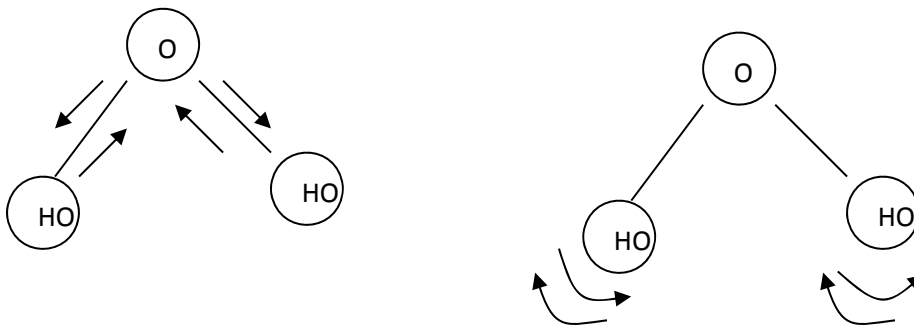
$$\Delta S^0_{\text{rxn}} = \sum S^0_{\text{P}} - \sum S^0_{\text{R}}$$



## Entropy vs. Structure

- the more complex a molecule is, the higher its entropy value.
- the more complex the molecule the greater the types of motion in its atoms

ex.



## Gibbs Free Energy (G)

- this is a thermodynamic function used to predict whether or not a reaction is spontaneous
  - this is sometimes defined as the energy available to do useful work.
- $G = H - TS$ 
  - so:  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$  (T= Kelvin)
  - if  $-\Delta G$ , the reaction is spontaneous
  - if  $+\Delta G$ , the reaction does not occur
  - if  $\Delta G = 0$ , the system is at equilibrium

ex. For  $\text{Br}_2(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{Br}_2(\text{g})$   $\Delta H^0 = 31.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$  and  $\Delta S^0 = 93.0 \text{ J/mol K}$ . Is this reaction spontaneous at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta G &= \Delta H - T\Delta S \\ \Delta G &= 31,000 \text{ J/mol} - (298\text{K})(93 \text{ J/mol K}) \\ &= 31,000 - 27,714 = +3286 \text{ J/mol No reaction (+}\Delta G\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

## Standard Free Energy Change ( $\Delta G^0$ )

- This is the free energy change that occurs if the reactants, in their standard states, are converted to products, in their standard states.
- from section 6.4: Standard states: gases:  $P = 1 \text{ atm}$ , solutions =  $1 \text{ M}$ , liquid or solid = liq. or sol.

Basically there are 2 ways to calculate  $\Delta G^0$

1.  $\Delta G^0 = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0$   
ex. 16.9  $2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$

Using the given values of  $\Delta H^0_f$  and  $S^0$ , calculate  $\Delta H^0$ ,  $\Delta S^0$ , and  $\Delta G^0$  for this reaction.

2. Manipulating reactions with known  $\Delta G^0$ 's to produce the desired reaction  
(we did this in Chapter 6 and Chapter 8 with  $\Delta H$ 's)

Ex. For  $2\text{CO}_{(g)} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_{2(g)}$   $\Delta G^0 =$

Given:  $2\text{CH}_{4(g)} + 3\text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_{(g)} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$   $\Delta G^0 = -1088\text{kJ}$

$\text{CH}_{4(g)} + 2\text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(g)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$   $\Delta G^0 = -801\text{kJ}$

Ex. 16.10 Given:  $\text{C}_{\text{diamond}} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(g)}$   $\Delta G^0 = -397\text{kJ}$

$\text{C}_{\text{graphite}} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(g)}$   $\Delta G^0 = -394\text{kJ}$

for  $\text{C}_{\text{diamond}} \rightarrow \text{C}_{\text{graphite}}$   $\Delta G^0 = ?$

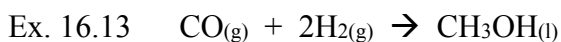
### Standard free Energy of Formation ( $\Delta G^0_f$ )

- this is the standard free energy change when 1 mole of a substance is formed from its elements
- it works the same as other Gibbs free energy problems

- $\Delta G^0_{\text{rxn}} = \Delta G^0_{\text{P}} - \Delta G^0_{\text{R}}$
- your references must be for  $\Delta G^0_{\text{f}}$

Ex. 16.11 & 16.12

- Sometimes you have to determine  $\Delta G$  for a reaction at nonstandard conditions:
- to do this you use the equation:  $\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln Q$ 
  - where:  $\Delta G$  = free energy change at nonstandard conditions
    - $\Delta G^0$  = the standard free energy change
    - $R$  = gas constant = 8.31 J/mol K
    - $T$  = temperature, K
    - $Q$  = reaction quotient (or mass action expression)



If  $\text{CO} = 5.0 \text{ atm}$  and  $\text{H}_2 = 3.0 \text{ atm}$ , (nonstandard conditions)

Calculate  $\Delta G$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$

Appendix 4:  $\Delta_f^0 \text{CH}_3\text{OH} = -166 \text{ kJ}$        $\text{H}_2 = 0$        $\text{CO} = -137 \text{ kJ}$

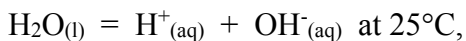
## Free Energy and equilibrium

- at equilibrium  $G_{\text{products}} = G_{\text{reactants}}$ 
  - $\therefore \Delta G = 0$

Here Comes a derivation:

- We know:  $\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln Q$
- but at equilibrium:  $\Delta G = 0$  and  $Q = K_{\text{eq}}$
- so:  $0 = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln Q$
- or:  $\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln K$  \*\*found on equation sheets\*\*
- this means that you can use  $\Delta G^0$  to calculate  $K_{\text{eq}}$  at nonstandard conditions.

Ex. For the reaction



$\Delta G^0 = 79.83 \text{ kJ/mol}$

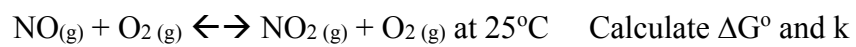
Calculate the value of  $k$  for this reaction

$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln k$

$$\ln k = \frac{\Delta G^0}{-RT} = \frac{79,830 \text{ J/mol}}{-(8.31 \text{ J/mol})(298 \text{ K})} = -32.24$$

$$k = \text{anti ln} - 32.24 = 9.96 \times 10^{-15} = \boxed{1.0 \times 10^{-14}} \quad (=K_w)$$

Ex. For the reaction



Given  $\Delta G^\circ_f$

NO 87 kJ/mol

NO<sub>2</sub> 52 kJ/mol

O<sub>2</sub> 0

O<sub>3</sub> 163 kJ/mol