

# 3.020 Lecture 14

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# 1 Gas phase reaction at equilibrium at fixed $T$ & $P$



$$dG' = -S' \underbrace{dT}_0 + V' \underbrace{dP}_0 + \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

Equilibrium determined by :

- chemical potentials  $\mu_i$
- mole #s  $dn_i$

- At equilibrium  $dG' = \sum_i \mu_i dn_i = 0$

Q. How many independent variables ?

Reaction balance means there's only 1 degree of freedom

from L/O

e.g. reaction extent  $d\xi$

- Apply constraints, here using  $n_c$  as independent variable

$$dn_A = \frac{v_A}{v_C} dn_C = -\frac{1}{2} dn_C, \quad dn_B = \frac{v_B}{v_C} dn_C = -\frac{1}{2} dn_C$$

$$dG' = \underbrace{\left( \mu_A \frac{v_A}{v_C} + \mu_B \frac{v_B}{v_C} + \mu_C \right)}_{\text{coefficient must be 0 @ equilibrium}} \times \underbrace{dn_C}_{\text{unconstrained internal variable}} = 0$$

- Substitute ideal gas mixture expression for  $\mu_i$ 's

$$dG' = \left[ \left( \mu_A^0 + RT \ln\left(\frac{P_A}{P_0}\right) \right) \frac{V_A}{V_C} + \left( \mu_B^0 + RT \ln\left(\frac{P_B}{P_0}\right) \right) \frac{V_B}{V_C} + \left( \mu_C^0 + RT \ln\left(\frac{P_C}{P_0}\right) \right) \right] dn_C = 0$$

$\mu_i^0$  = reference chem. potential for gas  $i$  at partial pressure  $P_0$  and temp.  $T$

- Collect like terms and multiply through by  $V_C$

$$(V_A\mu_A^0 + V_B\mu_B^0 + V_C\mu_C^0) + RT \ln \left(\frac{P_A}{P_0}\right)^{V_A} \left(\frac{P_B}{P_0}\right)^{V_B} \left(\frac{P_C}{P_0}\right)^{V_C} = 0$$

- Define  $\underbrace{\Delta G^0}_{\text{free energy change of reaction when all components are in their standard state}} = \sum_i v_i \mu_i^0 = 2\mu_C^0 - \mu_A^0 - \mu_B^0$

free energy change of reaction when all components are in their standard state

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- Define equilibrium constant  $K_P = \prod_i \left(\frac{P_i}{P_0}\right)^{V_i}$
- Simplify by assuming that total pressure  $P = P_0$ , so that :

$$P_i/P_0 = X_i$$

$$K_P = \prod_i X_i^{V_i} = \frac{X_C^2}{X_A X_B}$$


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- Collect terms to write concise expression for reaction equilibrium condition:

$$\ln K_P = -\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT}, \quad \text{or} \quad K_P = e^{-\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT}}$$


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Notes on reaction equilibrium

- Negative  $\Delta G^0$  drives reaction to the right
  - Adding more at a given component shifts reaction balance to maintain equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  Le Chatelier principle
  - Any change in the status  $qv0$  prompts an opposing reaction in the responding system
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## 2 Temperature dependence of reaction equilibrium

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T}_P \ln K_P = \frac{\partial}{\partial T}_P \left( -\frac{\Delta G^0}{RT} \right) = \frac{\Delta H^0}{RT^2} - \frac{1}{RT} \frac{\partial \Delta H^0}{\partial T}_P + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\Delta S^0}{\partial T}_P$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta H^0}{\partial T}_P = \Delta C_P, \quad \frac{\partial \Delta S^0}{\partial T}_P = \frac{\Delta C_P}{T} \quad \text{-- show this}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln K_P}{\partial T} = \frac{\Delta H^0}{RT^2} \quad \text{van't Hoff equation}$$

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ex. endothermic reaction  $Q > 0$

$$\Delta H = Q_{rev}$$

$$\Delta H > 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \ln K_P}{\partial T}_P > 0$$

- reax. moves to the right ( $K_P$  increases) with increasing temperature
- system “tries” to oppose temperature rise taking up heat in endothermic reaction

Le Chatelier !!

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