3.020 Lecture 13

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1 Gas mixtures: Homogeneous, multicomponent systems



2 Dalton's law of partial pressures

In a gas mixture, each component contributes a partial pressure to the total pressure in proportion to its mole fraction e.g. 2 component $P = P_1 + P_2$ and $P_i = P \frac{n_i}{n_{TOT}} = P X_i$ mole fraction

3 Reactions can change: components & phase

ex. reaction that changes components but not phase

but not elements

$$\frac{1}{2}N_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) = NO_2(g)$$

ex. reaction that changes components and phase

$$H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) = H_2O(l)$$

4 Ideal gas mixtures (a.k.a solutions)

Ideal gas molecules don't interact

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Each component acts as if it undergoes isothermal expansion

$$\Delta G'_i = n_i RT \ln(\frac{P_i}{P})$$
$$G_i = G^o_i + RT \ln(\frac{P_i}{P^o})$$

 $(G_i^o,P^o)=$ some standard state. e.g. 1 atm

5 Notation

 $G_i = \text{molar}$, intensive property $= G'_i/n_i$, "Gibbs free energy per mole of i" $G'_i = \text{extensive property of component i}$ $G_i^o = \text{molar Gibbs free energy of component i in its standard state}$ Stendard state for gasses. Dues gas at standard prossure $P_i^o = 1$ has and some

Standard state for gases: Pure gas at standard pressure $P^o = 1$ bar and same temperature as the system in question

6 Chemical potential and ideal gas mixtures

$$dG' = -S'dT + V'dP + \sum_{i} \mu_{i}dn_{i} \implies \mu_{i} = \frac{\partial G'}{\partial n_{i}} \prod_{T,P,n_{j\neq i}} \mu_{i}dn_{i}$$

using result from board 4

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^o + RT \ln(\frac{P_i}{P^o})$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mu_i: \mbox{ chemical potential at component i;} \\ \mu_i^o: \mbox{ relative to standard state;} \\ RT\ln(\frac{P_i}{P^o}): \mbox{ at temp. T and partial pressure } P_i \end{array}$

Q. Do ideal gases mix spontaneously ? Q. What is the driving force for mixing ?

7 Balancing chemical reactions

ex. gas phase reaction A + B = 2C

• reax. balance

$$O = 2C - A - B = V_cC + V_AA + V_BB$$

defines stoichiometric coeffs. V_i

- $V'_i s$ come from conservation of atoms constraints on $dn'_i s$
- Constraints on $dn_i's$

$$\frac{dn_A}{V_A} = \frac{dn_B}{V_B} = \frac{dn_C}{V_C} = d\xi, \quad \xi = \text{reax. extent}$$

This is a mixture of A, B, C at a given T, P

M-1 equations in M variables

reduces to 1 independent variable

ex. $dn_A = \frac{V_A}{V_C} dn_C$, $dn_B = dn_A$ using either one of n_A , n_B , or n_C as indep. var.

8 Coupled reactions

e.g.

$$HNH_3 + 5O_2 = 4NO + 6H_2O \tag{1}$$

$$HNH_3 = 2N_2 + 6H_2 \tag{2}$$

$$2N_2 + 3O_2 = 4NO \tag{3}$$

$$6H_2 + 3O_2 = 6H_2O \tag{4}$$

$$(1) = (2) + (3) + (4)$$

- Overall change in state variables is the sum of changes between intermediate states e.g. $\Delta G^{[1]} = \Delta G^{[2]} + \Delta G^{[3]} + \Delta G^{[4]}$
- Each reaction will obey its own equilibrium balance (next time)

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