

## Spontaneous Physical and Chemical Processes

- A waterfall runs downhill.
- A lump of sugar dissolves in a cup of coffee.
- At 1 atm, water freezes below 0°C and ice melts above 0°C.
- Heat flows from a hotter object to a colder object.
- A gas expands in an evacuated bulb.
- Iron exposed to oxygen and water forms rust.

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## Spontaneity and Enthalpy Does a decrease in enthalpy mean a reaction proceeds spontaneously? <u>Spontaneous reactions</u> $CH_4(g)+2O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g)+2H_2O(l) \Delta H^\circ = -890.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $H^*(aq)+OH^-(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(l) \Delta H^\circ = -56.2 \text{ kj/mol}$ $H_2O(s) \rightarrow H_2O(l) \Delta H^\circ = 6.01 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $NH_4NO_3(s) \xrightarrow{H_2O} NH_4^+(aq) + NO_3^-(aq) \Delta H^\circ = 25 \text{ kJ/mol}$

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## Entropy 1

**Entropy (S)** is a measure of how spread out or dispersed the energy of a system is among the different possible ways that system can contain energy.















e 17.1 Standard Entrop	y Values (S°) for			
e Substances at 25°C				
Substance	S° (J/K mol)			
H2O( <i>l</i> )	69.9			
H2O(g)	188.7			
Br2( <i>l</i> )	152.3			
Br2(g)	245.3			
12(s)	116.7			
I2(g)	260.3			
C(diamond)	2.4			
C(graphite)	5.69			
CH4(methane)	186.2			
C2H6(ethane)	229.5			
He(g)	126.1			
Ne(g)	146.2			

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## Example 17.1

Predict whether the entropy change is greater or less than zero for each of the following processes:

a) freezing ethanol

b) evaporating a beaker of liquid bromine at room temperature

c) dissolving glucose in water

d) cooling nitrogen gas from 80°C to 20°C

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## Example 17.1 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

To determine the entropy change in each case, we examine whether the number of microstates of the system increases or decreases. The sign of  $\Delta S$  will be positive if there is an increase in the number of microstates and negative if the number of microstates decreases.

#### Solution

(a) Upon freezing, the ethanol molecules are held rigid in position. This phase transition reduces the number of microstates and therefore the entropy decreases; that is,  $\Delta S < 0$ .

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- (b) Evaporating bromine increases the number of microstates because the Br<sub>2</sub> molecules can occupy many more positions in nearly empty space. Therefore,  $\Delta S > 0$
- (c) Glucose is a nonelectrolyte. The solution process leads to a greater dispersal of matter due to the mixing of glucose and water molecules so we expect  $\Delta S > 0$
- (d) The cooling process decreases various molecular motions. This leads to a decrease in microstates and so  $\Delta S < 0$

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# Example 17.2 1 From the standard entropy values in Appendix 3, calculate the standard entropy changes for the following reactions at 25°C. (a) $CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$ (b) $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ (c) $H_2(g) + Cl(g) \rightarrow 2HCl(g)$

## Example 17.2 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

To calculate the standard entropy of a reaction, we look up the standard entropies of reactants and products in Appendix 3 and apply Equation (17.7). As in the calculation of enthalpy of reaction [see Equation (6.18)], the stoichiometric coefficients have no units, so  $\Delta S^{\circ}_{rxn}$ is expressed in units of J/K · mol.

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Thus, when 1 mole of CaCO<sub>3</sub> decomposes to form 1 mole of CaO and 1 mole of gaseous, CO<sub>2</sub> there is an increase in entropy equal to 160.5 J/K  $\cdot$  mol.

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(b)  $\Delta S^{\circ} rxn = [2S^{\circ}(NH_{3})] - [S^{\circ}(N_{2}) + 3S^{\circ}(H_{2})]$ = (2)(193 J/K·mol) - [(192 J/K·mol) + (3)(131 J/K·mol)] = -199 J/K·mol

This result shows that when 1 mole of gaseous nitrogen reacts with 3 moles of gaseous hydrogen to form 2 moles of gaseous ammonia, there is a decrease in entropy equal to  $-199 \text{ J/K} \cdot \text{mol.}$ 

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## Entropy Changes in the System $(\Delta S_{SYS})_2$ When gases are produced (or consumed) If a reaction produces more gas molecules than it consumes, $\Delta S^{\circ} > 0$ . If the total number of gas molecules diminishes, $\Delta S^{\circ} < 0$ . If there is no net change in the total number of gas molecules, then $\Delta S^{\circ}$ may be positive or negative BUT $\Delta S^{\circ}$ will be a small number.



## Example 17.3 $_{2}$

#### Strategy

We are asked to predict, not calculate, the sign of entropy change in the reactions. The factors that lead to an increase in entropy are: (1) a transition from a condensed phase to the vapor phase and (2) a reaction that produces more product molecules than reactant molecules in the same phase. It is also important to compare the relative complexity of the product and reactant molecules. In general, the more complex the molecular structure, the greater the entropy of the compound.

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#### Solution

(a) Two reactant molecules combine to form one product molecule. Even though H<sub>2</sub>O is a more complex molecule than either H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, the fact that there is a net decrease of one molecule and gases are converted to liquid ensures that the number of microstates will be diminished and hence  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  is negative.

(b) A solid is converted to two gaseous products. Therefore,  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  is positive.

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(c) The same number of molecules is involved in the reactants as in the product. Furthermore, all molecules are diatomic and therefore of similar complexity. As a result, we cannot predict the sign of  $\Delta S^{\circ}$ , but we know that the change must be quite small in magnitude.

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 $\Delta G_{f}^{\circ}$  of any element in its stable form is zero

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Gibbs Free Energy						
Spontaneous process: $\Delta S_{univ} = \Delta S_{sys} + \Delta S_{surr} > 0$						
Equilibrium process: $\Delta S_{univ} = \Delta S_{sys} + \Delta S_{surr} = 0$						
$\frac{For a constant temperature and}{constant pressure process:}$ $Gibbs free \\ energy (G) \qquad \Delta G = \Delta H_{sys} - T \Delta S_{sys}$						
$\Delta G \leq 0$ The reaction is spontaneous in the forward direction						
$\Delta G > 0$ The reaction is nonspontaneous as written. The						
reaction is spontaneous in the reverse direction.						
$\Delta G = 0$ The reaction is at equilibrium.						
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## Example 17.4 1

Calculate the standard free-energy changes for the following reactions at  $25^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

(a)  $CH_4(g) + 2O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(l)$ 

(b)  $2MgO(s) \rightarrow 2Mg(s) + O_2(g)$ 

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## Example 17.4 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

To calculate the standard free-energy change of a reaction, we look up the standard free energies of formation of reactants and products in Appendix 3 and apply Equation (17.12). Note that all the stoichiometric coefficients have no units so  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{rxn}$  is expressed in units of kJ/mol, and  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{f}$  for O<sub>2</sub> is zero because it is the stable allotropic element at 1 atm and 25°C.

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Relationship of $\Delta G$ , $\Delta H$ and $\Delta S$ $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$							
Tuble	Δ <sub>H</sub>	$\Delta_{s}$	$\Delta_{g}$	E xample			
	+	+	Reaction proceeds spontaneously at high temperatures. At low temperatures, reaction is spontaneous in the reverse direction.	$2\text{HgO}(s) \rightarrow 2\text{Hg}(l) + \text{O}_2(g)$			
	+	-	$ \Delta G \ is always \ positive. \ Reaction \ is \ spontaneous in the reverse Direction at all temperatures. \\ \Delta G \ is always \ negative. \ Reaction \ proceeds $	$3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2O_3(g)$			
	-	+	ΔG is always negative. Reaction proceeds spontaneously at all Temperatures. Reaction proceeds spontaneously	$2\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{2}(aq) \rightarrow 2\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}(l) + \mathrm{O}_{2}(g)$			
	-	+	at low temperatures. At high Temperatures, the reverse reaction becomes spontaneous	$\operatorname{NH}_{3}(g) \rightarrow \operatorname{HCl}(g) + \operatorname{NH}_{4}\operatorname{Cl}(g)$			
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## Example 17.5 1

The molar heats of fusion and vaporization of benzene are 10.9 kJ/mol and 31.0 kJ/mol, respectively. Calculate the entropy changes for the solid  $\rightarrow$  liquid and liquid  $\rightarrow$  vapor transitions for benzene. At 1 atm pressure, benzene melts at 5.5°C and boils at 80.1°C.

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### Example 17.5 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

At the melting point, liquid and solid benzene are at equilibrium, so  $\Delta G = 0$ . From Equation (17.10) we have  $\Delta G = 0 = \Delta H - T\Delta S$  or  $\Delta S = \Delta H/T$ To calculate the entropy change for the solid benzene  $\rightarrow$  liquid benzene transition, we write  $\Delta S_{\text{fus}} = \Delta H_{\text{fus}}/T_{\text{f}}$ . Here  $\Delta H_{\text{fus}}$ is positive for an endothermic process, so  $\Delta S_{\text{fus}}$  is also positive, as expected for a solid to liquid transition. The same procedure applies to the liquid benzene  $\rightarrow$  vapor benzene transition. What temperature unit should be used?

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## Example 17.5 3

Solution

The entropy change for melting 1 mole of benzene at 5.5°C is

 $\Delta S_{\rm fus} = \frac{\Delta H_{\rm fus}}{\rm T_f}$  $=\frac{(10.9 \text{ kJ/mol})(1000 \text{ J/l kJ})}{(5.5+273) \text{ K}}$  $= 39.1 \text{ J} / \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}$ 

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Q is the reaction quotient



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Ti	Relationship of $\Delta G$ and $K$ $\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$ Table 17.4 Relation Between $\Delta G^\circ$ and $K$ as Predicted by the equation $\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$						
	K	ln K	$\Delta G^{\circ}$	Comments			
	> 1	Positive	Negative	Products are favored over reactants at equilibrium.			
	= 1	0	0	Products and reactants are equally favored at Equilibrium			
	< 1	Negative	Positive	Reactants are favored over products at equilibrium.			
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## Example 17.6 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

According to Equation (17.14), the equilibrium constant for the reaction is related to the standard free-energy change; that is,  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$ . Therefore, we first need to calculate  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  by following the procedure in Example 17.4. Then we can calculate  $K_p$ . What temperature unit should be used?

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#### Comment

This extremely small equilibrium constant is consistent with the fact that water does not spontaneously decompose into hydrogen and oxygen gases at 25°C. Thus, a large positive  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  favors reactants over products at equilibrium.

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## Example 17.7 1

In Chapter 16 we discussed the solubility product of slightly soluble substances. Using the solubility product of silver chloride at 25°C ( $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$ ), calculate  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  for the process

 $\operatorname{AgCl}(s) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Ag}^+(aq) + \operatorname{Cl}^-(aq)$ 

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## Example 17.7 2

#### Strategy

According to Equation (17.14), the equilibrium constant for the reaction is related to standard free-energy change; that is,  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$ . Because this is a heterogeneous equilibrium, the solubility product  $(K_{sp})$  is the equilibrium constant. We calculate the standard free-energy change from the  $K_{sp}$  value of AgCl. What temperature unit should be used?

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## Example 17.8 1

The equilibrium constant  $(K_p)$  for the reaction

 $N_2O_4(g) \leftrightarrow 2NO_2(g)$ 

is 0.113 at 298 K, which corresponds to a standard freeenergy change of 5.40 kJ/mol. In a certain experiment, the initial pressures are

 $P_{\rm NO_2} = 0.122$  atm and  $P_{\rm N_2O_4} = 0.453$  atm.

Calculate  $\Delta G$  for the reaction at these pressures and predict the direction of the net reaction toward equilibrium.

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### Example 17.8 <sup>2</sup>

#### Strategy

From the information given we see that neither the reactant nor the product is at its standard state of 1 atm. To determine the direction of the net reaction, we need to calculate the freeenergy change under nonstandard-state conditions ( $\Delta G$ ) using Equation (17.13) and the given  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  value. Note that the partial pressures are expressed as dimensionless quantities in the reaction quotient  $Q_p$  because they are divided by the standard-state value of 1 atm (see Table 17.2).

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## Example 17.8 3

#### Solution

Equation (17.13) can be written as



Because  $\Delta G < 0$ , the net reaction proceeds from left to right to reach equilibrium.

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