

N7 - THERMODYNAMICS

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Target: I can use the relationships between Gibbs Free Energy, Enthalpy, Entropy, and Equilibrium to solve for a variety of things.

PART 1

**HOW WE GOT THE GIBBS
EQUATION AND MENTAL
MATH USING IT**

Gibbs Free Energy



Gibbs free energy, G - the maximum amount of work energy that can be released to the surroundings by a system for a constant temp and pressure system.

Gibbs free energy is often called the **chemical potential** because it is similar to the storing of energy in a mechanical system.

Gibbs Free Energy

We saw last time that:

$$\Delta S_{\text{univ}} = \Delta S_{\text{sys}} - \frac{\Delta H_{\text{sys}}}{T}$$

This turns into...

Gibbs Free Energy

$$-T\Delta S_{\text{univ}} = \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

This should remind you of something!!!

Gibbs Free Energy

$$\begin{aligned} -T\Delta S_{\text{univ}} &= \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}} \\ \Delta G_{\text{sys}} &= \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore...

$$\Delta G_{\text{sys}} = -T\Delta S_{\text{univ}}$$

Another helpful rearrangement!

Gibbs Free Energy

$$\Delta G_{\text{sys}} = -T\Delta S_{\text{univ}}$$

- Because ΔS_{univ} determines if a process is spontaneous, ΔG also determines spontaneity.
- ΔS_{univ} is positive when spontaneous,
so ΔG is negative when spontaneous

Gibbs-Helmholtz Equation

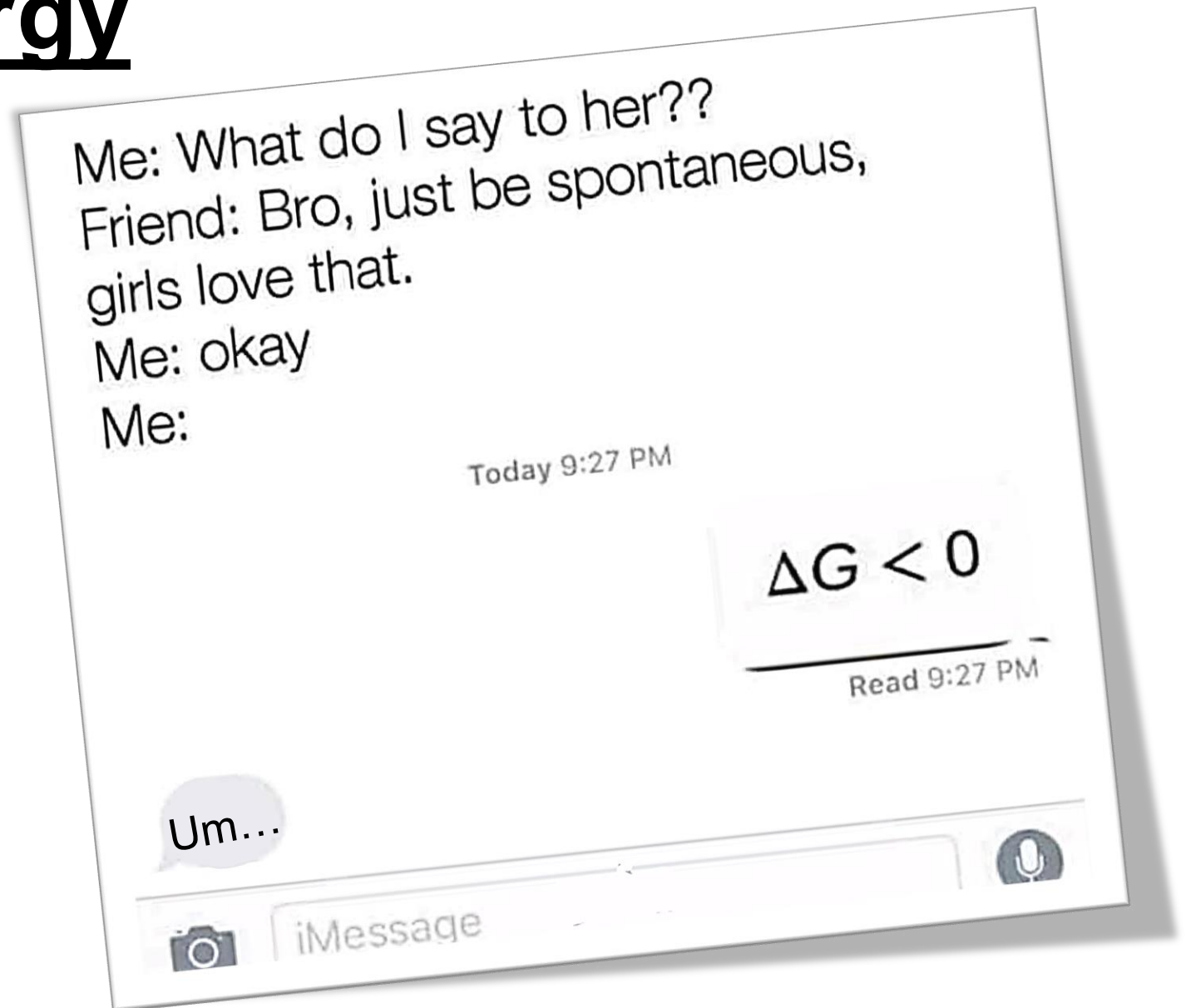
$$\Delta G_{\text{sys}} = \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

Important Equation!!!

Gibbs Free Energy

A process will be spontaneous when ΔG is negative

Important fact that lets us do a lot of math!



Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy

It is very common for them to ask you to predict if a reaction is spontaneous based on just the algebraic sign on ΔH and ΔS

You need to use the Gibbs equation to see if ΔG ends up + or -

$$\Delta G_{\text{sys}} = \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy

**This always makes my brain feel scrambled...
figure out what works for you.**

- Flat out memorize it (*best, fastest*)
- Write out the equation and +/- and walk through the mental math each time (*what I do because I'm lazy, and I'm not taking timed tests like you are – ha!*)
- Find/make a mnemonic? (*Tell me if you find a good one!*)

***YOU CAN'T LET YOUR BRAIN SHUT DOWN
Don't let it feel confused and shut off...
just walk through it slowly...***

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



BEST COMBO!

$$\Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}} = \Delta G_{\text{sys}}$$

| ΔH | ΔS | ΔG | At... |
|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | | | |
| | | | |

Remember T is in Kelvin, always a positive number

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



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| ΔH | ΔS | ΔG | At... |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| - <i>exothermic</i> | + <i>more disorder</i> | - <i>ALWAYS spont.</i> | Any temperature |

$$\text{(Negative \#)} -_{\text{any}} T(\text{Positive \#}) = \text{Always Negative \#}$$

Remember T is in Kelvin, always a positive number

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



WORST COMBO!

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Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



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$$\text{(Positive \#)} - \text{any } T(\text{Negative \#}) = \text{Always Positive \#}$$

Notice the double negative! \rightarrow (Positive #) + (Positive #)

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



VARIABLE
COMBO!

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Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



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| + <i>endothermic</i> | + <i>more disorder</i> | - <i>spont.</i> | <u>High Temp</u> |

(Positive #) - large T(Positive #) = Negative #

ΔH needs to be a smaller positive number than $T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$

Small # - Big # = Negative #

$$\Delta H < T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



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Mental Math with Gibbs Free Energy



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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| — <i>exothermic</i> | — <i>less disorder</i> | — <i>spont.</i> | <u>Low</u> Temp |

(Negative #) – small T(Negative #) = Negative #

Notice the double negative! → (Negative #) + (Positive #)

ΔH needs to be a larger negative than $T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$

$$\Delta H < T\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

$$\Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T\Delta S_{\text{sys}} = \Delta G_{\text{sys}}$$



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| - <i>exothermic</i> | - <i>less disorder</i> | + <i>NOT spont.</i> | High Temp |
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| | $\Delta H < 0$ | $\Delta H > 0$ |
|----------------|---|--|
| $\Delta S > 0$ | Spontaneous at all T ($\Delta G < 0$) | Spontaneous at high T (when $T\Delta S$ is large) |
| $\Delta S < 0$ | Spontaneous at low T (when $T\Delta S$ is small) | Non-spontaneous at all T ($\Delta G > 0$) |



So many versions online, find one you like! If you find a good one, always share with me! 😊

Now it is time for some math!

Yay!



Calculating Free Energy

Method #1 - Standard Free Energy of Formations

$$\Delta G^0 = \sum n_p \Delta G_{f(\text{products})}^0 - \sum n_r \Delta G_{f(\text{reactants})}^0$$

ΔG_f° of an element in its standard state is zero

Calculating Free Energy

Method #2- Gibbs-Helmohotz Equation

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ}$$

For reactions at a constant temperature

Calculating Free Energy

Method #3- A variation of Hess's Law



PART 2

CONNECTION TO EQUILIBRIUM

Free Energy and Equilibrium

The value of ΔG° can indicate the ratios of products to reactants at equilibrium.

The ratio of products to reactants is also indicated by a value you already know from equilibrium....

K

“Rat Link Equation”



$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln(K)$$

where $R=8.314\text{J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$



CAREFUL!!!

ΔG° in kJ but.... R in J
CONVERT UNITS TO MATCH!

Solving for K

$$\ln(K) = \frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{RT}$$

Isolate $\ln(K)$.

Do you remember how to “undo” a natural logarithm???


CAREFUL!!!

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**CONVERT UNITS TO
MATCH!**

Solving for K

$$K = e^{\frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{RT}}$$

Make sure it
is an
EXPONENT!



e raised to all that other “stuff” gives you what is inside the natural logarithm!

CAREFUL!!!

ΔG° in kJ but.... R in J
**CONVERT UNITS TO
MATCH!**

Careful!

Not always at standard state!

In that case you would use ΔG instead of ΔG°

Like using Q instead of K if you weren't at equilibrium!

Gibbs at Equilibrium

When $\Delta G = 0$
the reaction is at **equilibrium**.

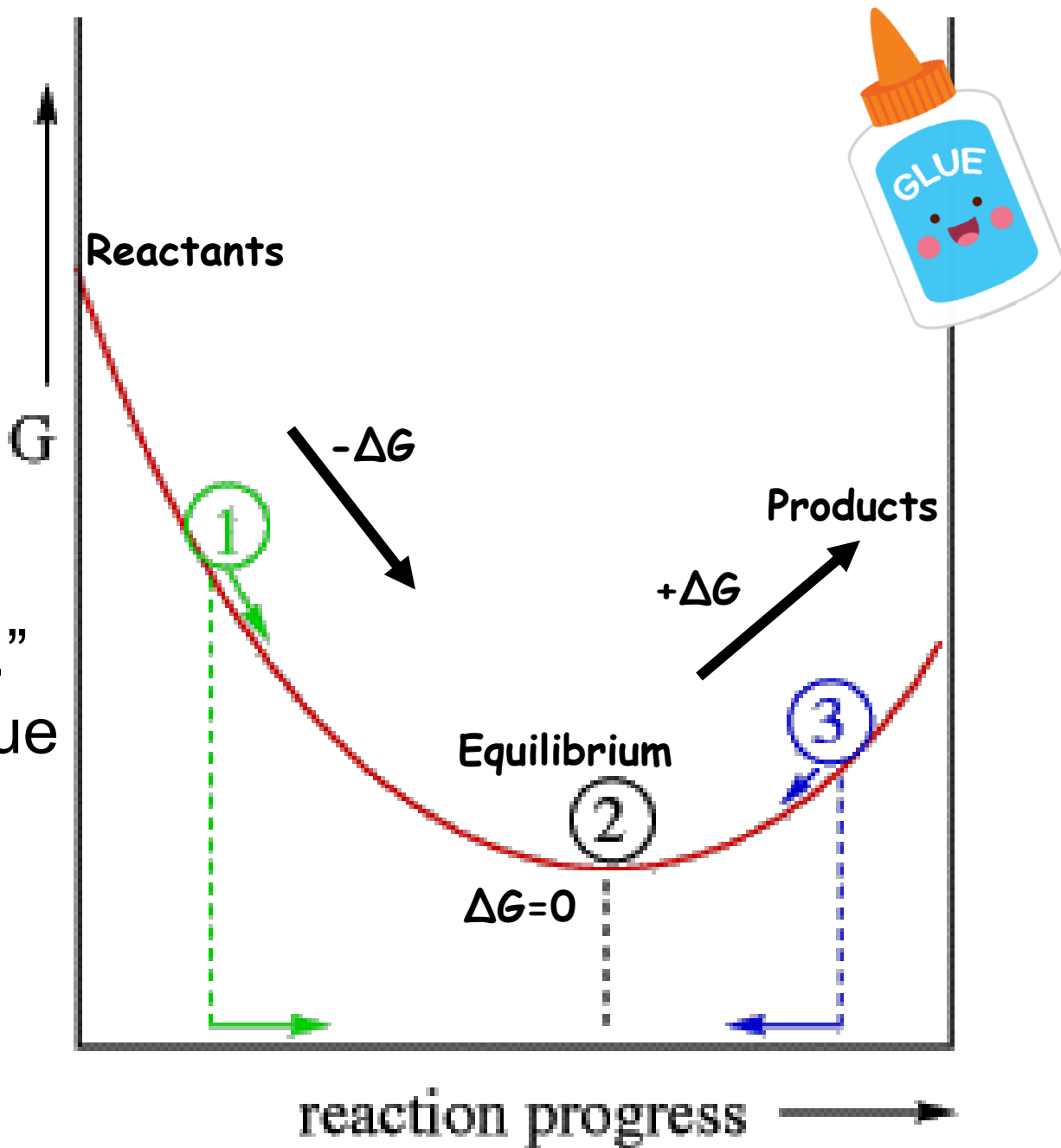
$\Delta G = 0 \rightarrow @$ equilibrium!

BUT ΔG° does NOT always = 0 at equilibrium!

$\Delta G^\circ = 0$ only if [reactants] = [products] when at equilibrium.

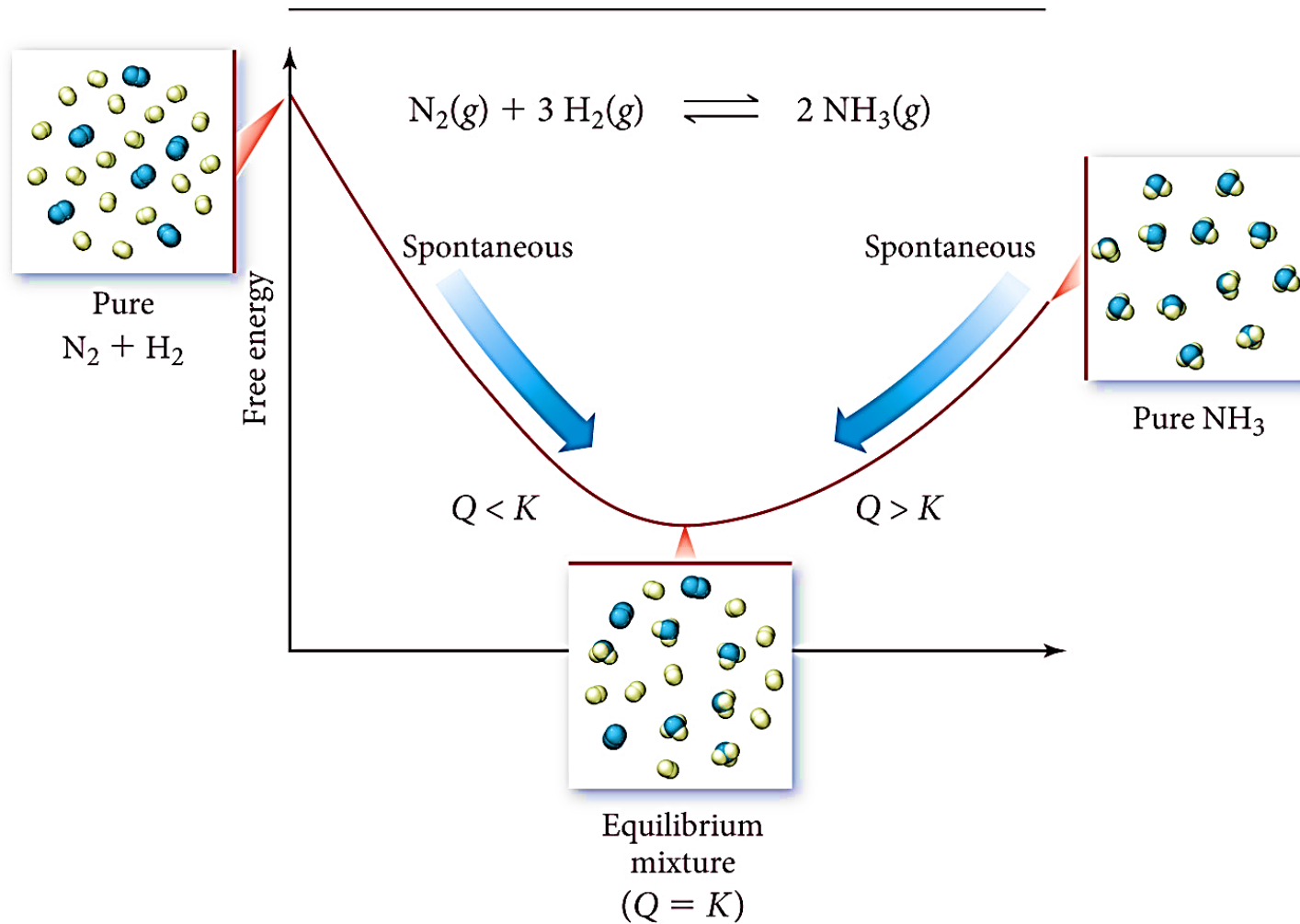
$\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$

- 1** G decreasing, forward direction
“thermodynamically favorable,”
spontaneous, will proceed.
- 2** ΔG , at equilibrium.
No net change in rxn.
- 3** G increasing, forward direction
NOT “thermodynamically favorable.”
Non-spontaneous, rxn won’t continue
forward on its own.



Gibbs at Equilibrium

Gibbs Free Energy Determines the Direction of Spontaneous Change



Free Energy and Equilibrium



Equilibrium point occurs at the lowest value of free energy available to the reaction system

At equilibrium: $\Delta G = 0$ and $K = Q$

| ΔG | K vs Q | |
|----------------|---------|---------------|
| $\Delta G = 0$ | $K = Q$ | @ equilibrium |
| $\Delta G < 0$ | $K > Q$ | Shift right |
| $\Delta G > 0$ | $K < Q$ | Shift left |

Free Energy and Equilibrium

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln(Q)$$

Where ΔG is at some non standard condition,
and ΔG° is standard 1 atm,

Q is some condition not at equilibrium

Remember K = equilibrium, Q = not at equilibrium
 K = Q at equilibrium

Free Energy and Equilibrium

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln(Q)$$

So if at equilibrium $\Delta G = 0$ and $K = Q$...

$$0 = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln(K)$$

Then rearrange...look what we are back to! 😊

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln(K)$$

where $R=8.314\text{J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$

Free Energy and Equilibrium

So if...

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln(K)$$

And if...

$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$

Then...

$$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln(K) = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0$$

Free Energy and Equilibrium

$$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln(K) = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0$$

Rearrange to solve for $\ln(K)$

$$\ln(K) = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^0}{R} = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) + \frac{\Delta S^0}{R}$$

So.... $\ln(K) \propto 1/T$

AND...that equation looks like $y = mx + b$

Free Energy and Equilibrium

You can find ΔH° and ΔS° by graphing!

$$\ln(K) = -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R}$$

$$y = m x + b$$

1st - Graph $\ln(K)$ vs $\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$

2nd - Find line of best fit (Excel or graphing calculator)

3rd - Slope = $-\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{R}$ Intercept = $\frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R}$

Soooo many rearrangements...

- There are so many ways to rearrange, substitute, and solve for various things when it comes to Thermodynamics.

You HAVE to have decent algebra skills!

- My best advice if algebra is not your strong suit...
 - Practice over and over until it becomes “muscle memory” how to rearrange.
 - Every time you have a question that requires a different equation rearrangement/substitution, write it down! Start making your own equation cheat sheet.

A Few Odds and Ends Reminders

If you use the Hess's Law style method for Gibbs problems, where you have to add together various rxns, you need to edit your Keq value when you add/multiply your equations!

Multiplying an Equation – Raise K to that exponent

$$\text{Double the Rxn} = K^2 \quad \text{Half the Rxn} = K^{1/2}$$

Adding Reactions at the End – Multiply K values

$$K_{\text{overall}} = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3, \text{ etc}$$

Reversing a reaction – take reciprocal of K value

$$K' = 1/K$$

Then you can do things like $\Delta G^\circ = -RTL\ln(K)$

Free Energy and Pressure

- Enthalpy, H, is not pressure dependent
- Entropy, S – yes pressure dependent
 - Depends on volume, so also depends on pressure
- So Gibbs will change because S changes

$$S_{\text{large volume}} > S_{\text{small volume}}$$

$$S_{\text{low pressure}} > S_{\text{high pressure}}$$

Phase Changes

- **Phase changes are equilibriums!**
- **So during a phase change $\Delta G = 0$**
 - **Helps you do calculations to figure out the temperature at which phase changes can happen!**

Technically...

We shouldn't be using $\Delta G = 0$ with ΔH° and ΔS° values, since ΔH° and ΔS° would usually be at the "standard" 25°C...but we just pretend they are not temperature dependent to be able to approximate our answer. Is that "bad" ??? Sure...but do we care??? Apparently not! 😊



Some Practice Problems

#1 - For the following Rx: $\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$

Calculate the standard Free Energy, ΔG° for the rxn at 25°C .

$\Delta H^\circ = -264\text{kJ/mol}$ $\Delta S^\circ = -278\text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$

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$$\Delta G^\circ = (-264) - 298(-0.278)$$

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Careful about units matching!
H and S usually don't match!
Convert before you use them!

#2 - Calculate the Boiling Point of BCl_3 .

$\text{BCl}_{3(l)} \leftrightarrow \text{BCl}_{3(g)}$. Given:

| | H_f kJ/mol | S J/mol k |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| $\text{BCl}_3 (l)$ | -418 | 209 |
| $\text{BCl}_3 (g)$ | -395 | 290 |

A 352 K

B 275 K

C 322 K

D 284 K

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Phase change - at equilibrium!

So $\Delta G = 0$

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$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$0 = (-395 - -418) - T(0.290 - 0.209)$$

$$T = 284 \text{ K}$$

#3 - Under standard conditions (1 atm of NH_3 , N_2 and H_2) and at 298 K, what substance(s) will be formed? ($\Delta G^\circ = 33.4 \text{ kJ}$)



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$\Delta G = +$ so not spontaneous in forward direction, reactants will be produced not products

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#4 - Calculate the equilibrium constant for this reaction at 298 K.



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- C 1.397 E-6
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$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln(K)$$

$$33400 = -(8.314)(298)\ln(K)$$

$$-13.48 = \ln(K)$$

$$\ln(y) = x \quad e^x = y$$

$$e^{-13.48} = K$$

$$K = 1.397 \times 10^{-6}$$

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