

A First Course on Kinetics and Reaction Engineering

Unit 2. Reaction Thermochemistry

Definitions

standard heat of reaction - enthalpy change that occurs when stoichiometric amounts of reactants in their standard state are isothermally converted to stoichiometric amounts of products without any work being done

endothermic reaction - a reaction with a positive heat of reaction, that is, energy must be added when the reaction takes place

exothermic reaction - a reaction with a negative heat of reaction; energy is released when the reaction takes place

state function - a quantity, such as enthalpy, that is determined by the temperature pressure and composition (i. e. the state); when a system is transformed from one state to another, the change in the quantity is the same no matter what path the transformation followed

adiabatic process - a process wherein no heat or energy is added to or removed from the system

adiabatic temperature change/rise - the change in system temperature that occurs during an adiabatic reaction process

sensible heat - energy that is added/removed to/from a system and causes the temperature of the system to increase/decrease

latent heat - energy that is added/removed to/from a system and causes an isothermal phase change in the system

Nomenclature

$\Delta G_{f,i}^0(298\text{ K})$ standard Gibbs free energy change for the formation of species i at 298 K

$\Delta G_j^0(298\text{ K})$ standard Gibbs free energy change for reaction j at 298 K

$\Delta H_{c,i}(T)$ heat of combustion of species i at temperature T ; a superscripted 0 indicates all species are in their standard states

$\Delta H_{f,i}(T)$ heat of formation of species i at temperature T ; a superscripted 0 indicates all species are in their standard states

$\Delta H_j(T)$ heat of reaction j at temperature T ; a superscripted 0 indicates all species are in their standard states

$\Delta H_{a \rightarrow b}$ sensible heat associated with a temperature change from a to b

$\nu_{i,j}$ stoichiometric coefficient of species i in reaction j ; value is positive for products and negative for reactants

ξ_j extent of reaction j in a batch system (i. e. with units of moles)

$\hat{C}_{p,i}$ constant pressure specific molar heat capacity of species i

N_{ind} the number of mathematically independent chemical reactions taking place in a system

T temperature

n_i moles of species i ; a superscripted 0 denotes an initial or starting value

Equations

$$\Delta H_j^0(298 \text{ K}) = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{species}}} v_{i,j} \Delta H_{f,i}^0(298 \text{ K}) \quad (2.1)$$

$$\Delta H_j^0(298 \text{ K}) = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{species}}} v_{i,j} (-\Delta H_{c,i}^0(298 \text{ K})) \quad (2.2)$$

$$\Delta H_{T \rightarrow 298 \text{ K}}^0 = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{reactants}}} \left(-v_{i,j} \int_T^{298 \text{ K}} \hat{C}_{p,i} dT \right) = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{reactants}}} \left(v_{i,j} \int_{298 \text{ K}}^T \hat{C}_{p,i} dT \right) \quad (2.3)^1$$

$$\Delta H_{298 \text{ K} \rightarrow T}^0 = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{products}}} \left(v_{i,j} \int_{298 \text{ K}}^T \hat{C}_{p,i} dT \right) \quad (2.4)^1$$

$$\Delta H_j^0(T) = \Delta H_j^0(298 \text{ K}) + \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{species}}} \left(v_{i,j} \int_{298 \text{ K}}^T \hat{C}_{p,i} dT \right) \quad (2.5)^1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_{ind}} \xi_j (-\Delta H_j(T_1)) = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{species}}} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \hat{C}_{p,i} (n_i^0 + v_{i,j} \xi_j) dT \quad (2.6)^2$$

$$\Delta G_j^0(298 \text{ K}) = \sum_{\substack{i=\text{all} \\ \text{species}}} v_{i,j} \Delta G_{f,i}^0(298 \text{ K}) \quad (2.7)$$

¹ This equation is only valid if there is no phase change between 298 K and T .

² This equation is only valid for an adiabatic reaction where no phase change occurs between T_1 and T_2 .