

Combustion Thermodynamics.

Thermodynamics, specifically chemical thermodynamics, provides the foundation of all of combustion science. Thermodynamic equilibrium tells us what happens to our reactive system if time is not a factor.

Mixtures and Stoichiometry

Air? is a mix of nitrogen and oxygen, plus lots of trace gases: CO_2 , Ar, etc.

We assume that air is 79% N_2 and 21% O_2 so that

$$4.76 \text{ Air} = 1 \text{ O}_2 + 3.76 \text{ N}_2. \text{ (moles)}$$

The normalization of air by oxygen simplifies other calculations to come.

Fuels: Most practical fuels are hydrocarbons



Alkanes: $m = 2n + 2$

Methane: CH_4

Heptane: $\text{C}_7 \text{H}_{16}$

Stoichiometric Ratio.

Fuel-Air ratio is $F/A = \frac{N_F}{N_A}$

where N_F is # of moles (molecules) of fuel
and N_A is # of moles (molecules) of
air (oxygen + nitrogen) in the mixture.

Fuel-Air ratio is not very useful, since different
fuels require different F/A for complete
combustion. Thus, we define the

Stoichiometric ratio:

$$\phi = \frac{(F/A)}{(F/A)_{st.}}$$

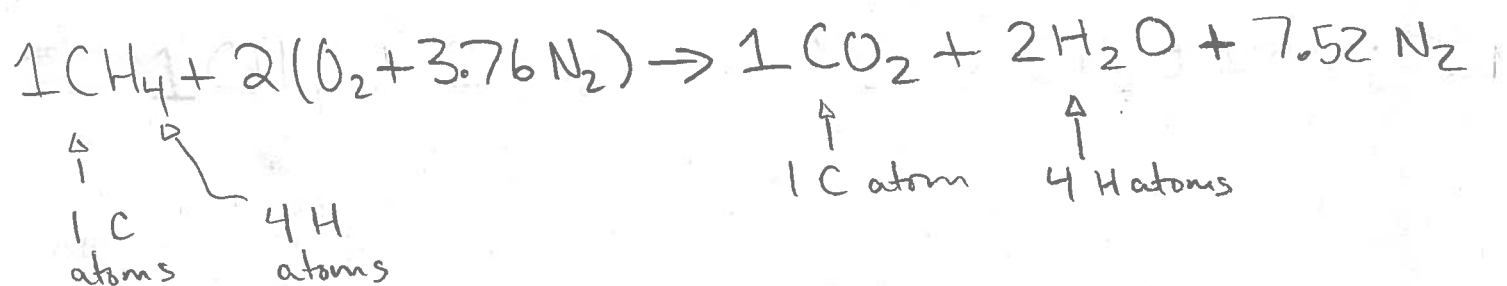
$\phi < 1$: Fuel lean mixture

$\phi > 1$: Fuel rich mixture

$\phi = 1$: Stoichiometric mixture

Stoichiometric F/A %

$(F/A)_{st}$ is a mixture of fuel and air that gives (nearly) the maximum combustion intensity as all air and all fuel are consumed to produce water (steam) and carbon dioxide.



Thus, for methane

$$(F/A)_{st} = \frac{1 \text{ mole CH}_4}{9.52 \text{ moles air}} = \frac{1}{9.52}$$

Coefficients are found by conservation of atoms.

Normalized equivalence ratio

$0 < \phi < 1$: Fuel lean

$1 < \phi < \infty$: fuel rich

Thus, plots of quantities $\nu \phi$ show asymmetrical behavior between lean & rich side. To correct this, can define:

$$\bar{\Phi} = \frac{\phi}{1 + \phi}$$

$$\phi \rightarrow 0 \quad \bar{\Phi} \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\phi = 1 \quad \bar{\Phi} = 1/2$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \infty \quad \bar{\Phi} \rightarrow 1.$$

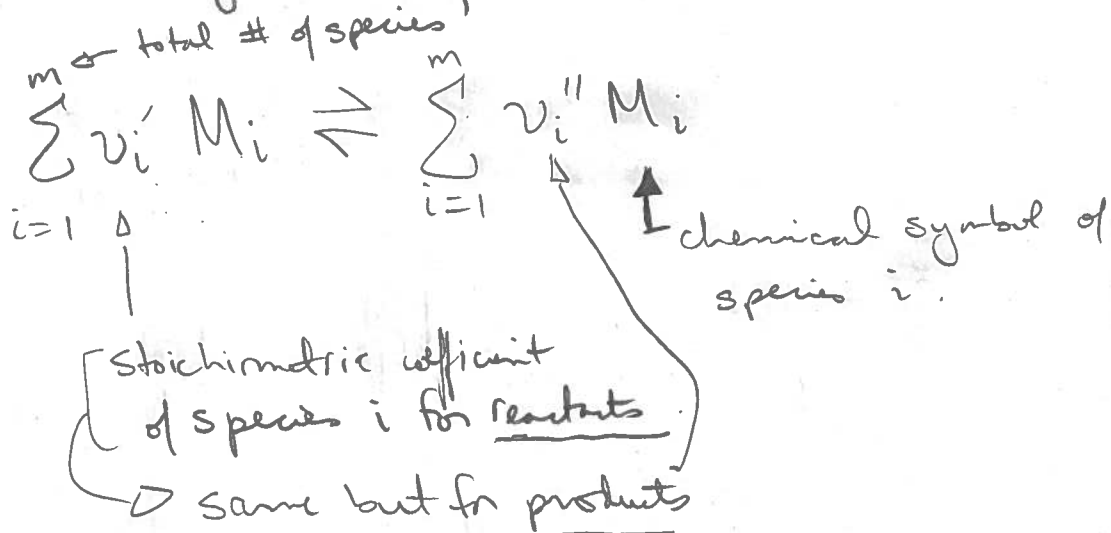
Generalized Chemical Reaction Notation

Take a reaction, such as



← Must conserve atoms!

This can be generally written as

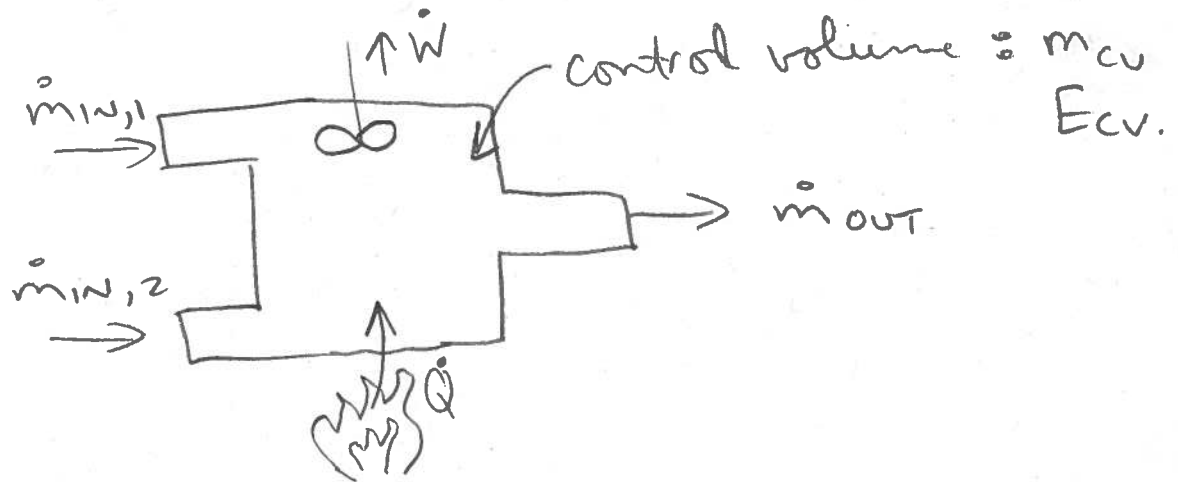


<u>with</u> °	M_i	v_i'	v_i''
	CO	2	0
	O ₂	1	0
	CO ₂	0	2

$m = 3$ total species

Conservation of Energy & Mass

For a control volume:



$$\frac{dE_{cv}}{dt} = \sum \dot{m}_{in} h_{in} - \sum \dot{m}_{out} h_{out} + \dot{Q}_{in} - \dot{W}_{out}$$

$$\frac{dm_{cv}}{dt} = \sum \dot{m}_{in} - \sum \dot{m}_{out}$$

These are conservation equations for open systems from Thermo I.

Chemical Energy Release

In Thermo I, we apply the conservation equations without considering chemical energy release (assume this is a \dot{Q}_{in} term). To bring this in, we need to expand our definition of enthalpy.

$$h_i(T) = \underbrace{\Delta_f h_i^0}_{\substack{\text{Heat of formation} \\ \text{of species } i. \\ \text{at } T_0}} + \underbrace{h_i(T) - h_i(T_0)}_{\substack{\Delta H \text{ due to} \\ \text{temperature} \\ \text{reference temp.} \\ = \int_{T_0}^T C_p(T') dT'}}$$

$$h_i(T) = \underbrace{\Delta_f h_i^0}_{\substack{\text{or } h_i^0 \text{ in Law's book}}} + h_i(T) - h_i(T_0)$$

$\Delta_f h_i^0$ is zero for all stable elements at standard T & p .
(O_2 , N_2 , H_2 , $C(s)$, etc.)

Heat of reaction / combustion

$$\Delta H_R = \sum_{\text{products}} N_i H_i - \sum_{\text{reactants}} N_i H_i \quad \text{Heat of reaction}$$

If product & reactant concentrations, N_i , are known, then this can be solved using tabulated ΔH_f° values.

$$\Delta H_R = \sum_{i=1}^m (v''_i - v'_i) h_i^\circ(T_0) \quad \{q_p(T_0)\}$$

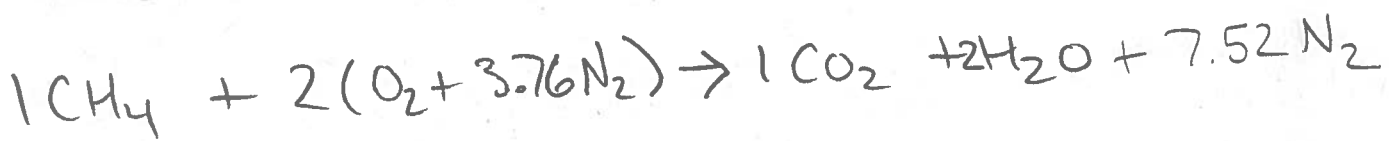
If $\Delta H_R < 0$, products have less chemical potential energy than reactants and energy is released: exothermic rxn.

vice versa for $\Delta H_R > 0$: endothermic rxn.

Heat of combustion

q_c is defined as ΔH_R for 1 mole of fuel at its standard state to form H_2O , CO_2 & N_2 .

q_c for methane at $T = 298.15\text{ K}$ at 1 atm.



species	$h_f^0 \left[\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kmol}} \right]$	v_i''	v_i'
CH_4	-74,850	0	1
O_2	0	0	2
N_2	0	7.52	7.52
CO_2	-393,520	1	0
$\text{H}_2\text{O (vapor)}$	-241,820	2	0

↑ Cengel & Boles Table A-26,
or equivalent

Stable products have large negative enthalpies of formation. Fuels have values closer to zero, or even positive.

Heat of Combustion - II

q_c for methane:

$$q_c = 2(-241,820) + 1(-393,520) - 1(-74,850) \\ = -802,310 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kmol.}}$$

The lower heating value is the heat of combustion per kg of fuel, when water is in vapor state.

$$\text{LHV} = \frac{q_c \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kmol}}}{m \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{kmol}} \right)} = \frac{-802,310}{16} = -50,144 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$$

The higher heating value is the heat of combustion per kg fuel with water in liquid state.

$$\text{HHV} = \text{LHV} + \alpha h_{fg/\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{kg H}_2\text{O produced}}{\text{kg fuel consumed.}}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{heat of vaporization of water}}$

Estimating heat of reaction.

Knowing bond energies (see Table 1.5 in Law's book), we can estimate ΔH_r by sum of bonds (energies) formed less sum of bonds broken (energies).

Adiabatic Flame Temperature.

If products are known (assumed / approximated), we have $\Delta h_p \approx q_c$.

For a constant-pressure process, the 1st law for no heat or work & one inlet & one outlet reduces to

$$H_{\text{prod}} = H_{\text{reac}}.$$

H_{reac} is known since initial state is specified.

$$\sum n_p (h_f^\circ + h - h_o) = \sum n_R (h_f^\circ + h - h_o).$$

\uparrow
moles of product

$h - h_o$ is a function of T only for all product species, and thus we can find T_{ad} , adiabatic flame temperature, by assuming n_p & trial & error for the $T_{\text{prod}} = T_{\text{ad}}$ that balances this equation.

Adiabatic Flame Temperature - II.

$$h - h_0 = \int_{T_0}^T c_p(T) dT$$

So can calculate this using $c_p(T)$.

For small T ranges, could assume

$$c_p \approx \langle c_p \rangle = \text{constant}$$

Δ "average" c_p between T_0 & T .

$$(h - h_0)_i \approx \langle c_p \rangle_i (T_{ad} - T_0)$$

Δ specific heat per mole for species i .

This will be bad for CO_2 & H_2O where c_p vary strongly from room temp to typical flame temperatures, so need to use computer.

What if we don't know the product composition \rightarrow chemical equilibrium needed!

Constant-Volume Explosion Pressure.

If we have a closed vessel, the energy equation is

$$\frac{dE_{\text{system}}}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{\text{IN}} - \dot{W}_{\text{OUT}}.$$

In constant volume, $\dot{W}_{\text{OUT}} = 0$

and adiabatic system (no heat loss) $\dot{Q} = 0$

$$E_{\text{system}} (\text{final}) = E_{\text{system}} (\text{initial}).$$

$$\sum N_i E_i (T_{\text{prod}}) = \sum N_i E_i (T_{\text{reac}}).$$

What is internal energy of formation?

$$E = H - pV = H - NR_u T.$$

$$\therefore e_i^0 = h_i^0 - \underbrace{R_u T \Delta N_{\text{rxn}}}_{\text{work term due to creation/destruction of molecules}}.$$

$\Delta N_{\text{rxn}} = \sum (v_i'' - v_i')$ for 1 mole of substance being formed

typically $h_i^0 \gg R_u T \Delta N_{\text{rxn}}$ $\{$
 $e_i^0 \approx h_i^0$

Constant- γ Explosion Pressure - II.

Find T_p , similar to process for T_{ad} ,

then use

$$p\gamma = N R_u T \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{P_p}{N_p R_u T_p} = \frac{P_R}{N_R R_u T_R}$$

$$P_p = \frac{N_p T_p}{N_R T_R} P_R$$

↑ contribution from heat release.
contribution from creation
of molecules

Thermodynamics of Ideal Gas Mixtures

We will assume ideal gases throughout this course for simplicity.

For a gas mixture, we have

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^m N_i$$
$$n = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i$$

$m = \text{total \# of species}$

where: $N = \text{total \# of molecules}$

$n = \text{total \# of moles}$

$N_i, n_i = \text{moles/molecules of species } i.$

Mole fraction:

$$X_i = \frac{N_i}{N}$$

Ideal Gas Law:

$$pV = Nk_B T \quad pV = nR_u T$$

$$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}} \quad \text{Boltzmann's constant}$$

$$R_u = 8.314 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kmol K}} \quad \text{Ideal gas constant}$$

Partial Pressure

$$p = \sum p_i$$

↑ partial pressure of species i .

Follows from $N = \sum N_i$

$$\S \quad p_i = \frac{N_i k_B T}{V}$$

Mixture properties

Mean molar mass

$$\bar{m} = \sum_{i=1}^m m_i X_i$$

↑ molar mass of species i ($\frac{g}{mol}$ or $\frac{kg}{kmol}$)

Mass Fractions (don't use! Molecules & moles are better unit for reacting mixtures)

$$y_i = \frac{m_i X_i}{\bar{m}}$$

First & Second Laws. - Differential Form

From Thermo I, we learn that.

$$\underbrace{\delta Q}_{\text{heat (+ when heat goes in)}} - \underbrace{\delta W}_{\text{work (+ when system does work)}} = d \underbrace{E}_{\text{Internal energy}}$$

$\delta W = p dV$ for closed system with boundary work.

$\delta Q_{\text{rev}} = T ds$ for reversible heat addition.

$$\therefore dE = T ds - p dV \quad (\text{Gibbs equation})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ de & = & T ds & - & p dv \\ \text{specific internal} & & \text{specific} & & \text{specific volume} \\ \text{energy.} & & \text{entropy} & & \end{array}$$

Since e, T, s, p, v are all state variables, Gibbs equation holds true for all processes (both reversible & irreversible).

Chemical Potential

The energy of a simple compressible system can be generally written as:

$$E = E(S, V)$$

according to Gibbs equation, or any other 2 independent state properties.

$$E = E(T, p) \text{ etc.}$$

However, when the mixture reacts, energy contained in molecular bonds can be released and converted to thermal energy (heat) or work.

We define a chemical potential as

$$\mu_i = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial N_i} \right)_{S, V, N_j (j \neq i)}$$

Which is the change in energy of our system as the moles of species i are changed, keeping other species and thermodynamic state fixed.

Generalized First Law Relations

Thus, for a chemically reacting system:

$$dE = TdS - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i$$

Using definitions of

Enthalpy: $H = E + pV$

Helmholtz function $A = E - TS$

Gibbs function $G = H - TS$

[Note that we won't use the terms "free energy" in this course as this is misleading terminology.]

We can also obtain:

$$dH = TdS + Vdp + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i$$

$$dA = -SdT - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i$$

$$dG = -SdT + Vdp + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i$$

Chemical Potential - II

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i &= \left(\frac{dE}{dN_i} \right)_{S, \forall, N_j (j \neq i)} = \left(\frac{dH}{dN_i} \right)_{S, P, N_j (j \neq i)} \\ &= \left(\frac{dA}{dN_i} \right)_{T, \forall, N_j (j \neq i)} = \left(\frac{dG}{dN_i} \right)_{T, P, N_j (j \neq i)}.\end{aligned}$$

And is the energy associated with changing the # of molecules of species i , holding thermodynamic state constants.

We have to choose which state variables to hold fixed, and thus define a partial molar property, ψ_i , as:

$$\psi_i = \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial N_i} \right)_{T, P, N_j (j \neq i)} \quad \text{Where } \Psi \text{ is an extensive thermodynamic property.}$$

ψ_i is an intensive property of mixture

Thus, by inspection, we see that

$$\mu_i = g_i = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N_i} \right)_{T, P, N_j (j \neq i)}$$

Thermodynamic Equilibrium

The Second Law says that entropy (probability of macro-state - see Adv. Thermo) is maximized at equilibrium.

Entropy: $S = k_B \ln W$

↑ probability of macro state is related to # of ways (microstates) that yield macrostate.

2nd Law: $dS \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T}$

Entropy of a system always increases unless heat is extracted from it.

For an adiabatic system, $\delta Q = 0$

$$dS \geq 0$$

↑ entropy of an isolated system always increases.

Chemical Equilibrium

What happens when we allow the mixture to react (or change phases)?

$$dE = \delta Q - \delta W.$$

In general,

$$dS \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T} \quad \left(= \frac{\delta Q}{T} \text{ only for reversible process} \right)$$

$$dE + \delta W = \delta Q \leq T dS.$$

$$dE \leq T dS - p dV. \quad (1)$$

We showed:

$$dE = T dS - p dV + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i \quad (2)$$

Therefore, comparing (1) & (2) tells us that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i \leq 0$$

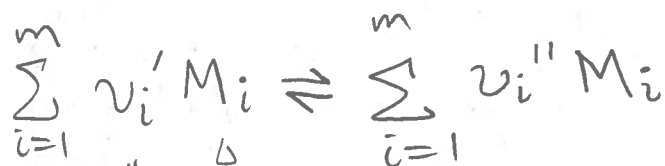
In a closed system. Equilibrium is reached when the dN_i all equal zero (composition stops changing) and is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i = 0 \quad @ \text{ equilibrium.}$$

Chemical Equilibrium - II

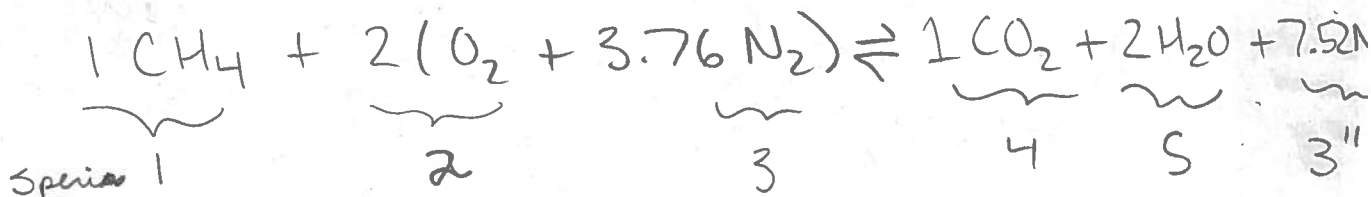
The definition of equilibrium based on chemical potentials is general and applies to any thermodynamic process.

Defining a general chemical reaction



↑
chemical symbol of species i (CH_4, CO_2 , etc.)
↑
molar coefficient in reaction

eg.



	i	ν_i'	ν_i''
CH_4	1	1	0
O_2	2	2	0
N_2	3	7.52	7.52
CO_2	4	0	1
H_2O	5	0	2

Of course, we'll have to add more species soon...

Chemical Equilibrium - III

Now, assume the reaction progresses by some amount, $d\lambda$. (some portion of initial CH_4 is consumed, for instance).

Conservation of atoms implies that.

$$\underbrace{\frac{dN_{\text{CH}_4}}{v_1'' - v_1'}} = \underbrace{\frac{dN_{\text{O}_2}}{v_2'' - v_2'}} = \underbrace{\frac{dN_i}{v_i'' - v_i'}} = \underbrace{d\lambda}_{\text{reaction progress.}}$$

CH_4 is species #1. O_2 is species #2

$$dN_i = (v_i'' - v_i') d\lambda$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i = \left[\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (v_i'' - v_i') \right] d\lambda = 0.$$

Valid for all $d\lambda$, so

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (v_i'' - v_i') = 0 \quad \text{@ equilibrium}$$

Chemical potential of reactants is equal to that of products at equilibrium.

Equilibrium continued

For a system at constant temperature.

$$dS^t \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

← constant - T.

$$dE = \delta Q - \delta W$$

For a constant temperature, constant volume process

$$dE^t \leq T dS^t - p dV^t$$

$$(dE^t - T dS^t) \leq 0$$

$$d(E^t - TS^t) \leq 0$$

$$dA^t \leq 0$$

Helmholtz function is minimized for equilibrium at constant volume & constant temperature.

Equilibrium, continued II.

For equilibrium at constant temperature, T ,
& pressure:

$$dT = 0 \quad dp = 0.$$

$$dH^t = \delta Q \leq T ds^t.$$

$$(dH^t - T ds^t) \leq 0.$$

$$d(H^t - TS^t) \leq 0.$$

$$dG^t \leq 0$$

Gibbs function is minimized at equilibrium for a constant $-T, -p$ process.

Chemical Potential of an Ideal Gas.

We see that the chemical potential plays a key role in determining the equilibrium composition of a mixture.

The chemical potential of species, i , is:

$$\mu_i = g_i = h_i - T s_i$$

The enthalpy of a species i is given by.

$$h_i(T) = h_{f,i}^{\circ} + \Delta h_i(T - T_0).$$

[for an ideal gas $h = h(T)$ only].

where $h_{f,i}^{\circ}$ is the heat of formation of species i at a reference temperature, T_0 .

$h_{f,i}^{\circ}$ is related to bond energies in molecules.

$\Delta h_i(T - T_0)$ is change in enthalpy from reference temperature to temp. of interest.

Chemical Potential of Ideal Gas - II.

$$h_i(T) = h_{f,i}^0 + \underbrace{\int_{T_0}^T C_{p,i}(T') dT'}_{\Delta h(T-T_0)}$$

$$ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{v}{T} dp. \quad (\text{Gibbs function})$$

$$S_2 - S_1 = \underbrace{\int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{C_p(T') dT'}{T'}}_{\substack{\text{molar specific} \\ \text{heat}}} - \underbrace{R_u \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)}_{\substack{\text{molar gas constant}}}$$

Be consistent!

Define a standard entropy at 1 atm of pressure

$$S^0(T) = \int_0^T \frac{C_p(T') dT'}{T'}$$

$$\therefore \Delta S = \underbrace{S^0(T_2) - S^0(T_1)}_{T \text{ variations}} - \underbrace{R_u \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)}_{p \text{ variations}}$$

Chemical Potential of Ideal Gas - III

$$\therefore S_i = S_i^0 - R_u \ln \left(\frac{P_i}{P_0} \right)$$

\uparrow reference pressure
is 1 atm, typically.

$$\mu_i(T, P_i) = h_{f,i}^0 + \underbrace{\Delta h_i(T-T_0) - TS_i^0}_{h_i - TS_i^0} - R_u T \ln \left(\frac{P_i}{P_0} \right)$$

\uparrow
partial
pressure
of species i

$$h_i - TS_i^0 = \mu_i^0(T) \quad \text{or} \quad g_i^0(T)$$

\uparrow
Standard chemical potential

$\mu_i^0(T)$ is the Gibbs energy of species i at temperature T and standard pressure (typically 1 atm).

$$\mu_i(T, P_i) = \mu_i^0(T) - R_u T \ln \left(\frac{P_i}{P_0} \right)$$

Equilibrium Constants.

We can now go back to our general criteria
for chemical equilibrium

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dN_i = 0$$

↑
of molecules of species i

↑
chemical potential per molecule for species i

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i dn_i = 0$$

↑
of moles

↑
chem. potential per mole.

Using p_i in atm and $p_0 = 1 \text{ atm}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (v_i'' - v_i') \mu_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (v_i'' - v_i') \mu_i^0(T) + R_u T \sum_{i=1}^m (v_i'' - v_i') \ln(p_i) = 0.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (v_i'' - v_i') \ln(p_i) = \ln \left(\prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{(v_i'' - v_i')} \right)$$

Equilibrium Constants - II

$$\ln \left[\prod_{i=1}^m P_i^{(v_i'' - v_i')} \right] = - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(v_i'' - v_i') \mu_i^0(T)}{R_u T}$$

$$K_p(T) = \prod_{i=1}^m P_i^{(v_i'' - v_i')} = \exp \left[- \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (v_i'' - v_i') \mu_i^0(T)}{R_u T} \right]$$

Which is the equilibrium constant for partial pressures.

To illustrate, take reaction



$$K_p = \frac{P_C^c P_D^d}{P_A^a P_B^b}$$

$(v_i'' - v_i')$ if you prefer

$$\Delta G^0 = \sum v_i \bar{G}_i^0(T).$$

↓
stoich
coefficients

$$\rightarrow K_p(T) = \exp \left(- \frac{\Delta G^0}{R_u T} \right)$$

Note that K_p can be found from partition functions based on Quantum Energy Levels - See Advanced Thermo

Equilibrium Changes with Thermodynamic State.

Pressure :

$$K_p(T) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{R_u T}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^m X_i^{v_i} \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{\sum v_i}$$

$\neq f(P).$

$$\therefore \prod X_i^{v_i} = \frac{K_p(T)}{P^{\Delta v}}$$

\downarrow
in atm

$\sum v_i = \Delta v$ is # of moles (molecules) created (+) or destroyed (-) during reaction.

Products have more molecules than reactants (eg $O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2O$)
 $\Delta v > 0$

$P \uparrow \Rightarrow$ less products.

Le Chatelier's Rule

"A system in chemical equilibrium attempts to minimize the effect of disturbances."

Temperature

$$K_p(T) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{R_u T}\right)$$

$$\frac{dK_p}{dT} = \left(\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{R_u T^2} - \frac{1}{R_u T} \frac{\partial \Delta G^\circ}{\partial T}\right) \overbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{R_u T}\right)}^{K_p}$$

$$\frac{dK_p}{dT} = \frac{K_p}{R_u T^2} \left(\Delta G^\circ - T \frac{\partial \Delta G^\circ}{\partial T} \right)$$

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

$$S^\circ(T) = \int_{T_r}^T \frac{C_p(T')}{T'} dT'$$

↑ usually OK but can be defined anywhere.

$$\Delta H = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} C_p(T') dT' \cong C_p \Delta T$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta G^\circ}{\partial T} = \cancel{\langle C_p \rangle} - \Delta S^\circ - T \cancel{\langle C_p \rangle} \frac{1}{T}$$

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

Temperature Equilibrium, II

$$\frac{\partial K_p}{\partial T} = - \frac{K_p}{R_u T^2} \underbrace{(\Delta G^\circ - T \Delta S^\circ)}_{\Delta H_r}$$

$$\frac{\partial K_p}{\partial T} = - \frac{\Delta H_r}{R_u T^2} K_p$$

Endothermic:

$$\text{if } \Delta H_r > 0 \quad \frac{\partial K_p}{\partial T} > 0$$

Thus $T \uparrow$ leads to more products

Exothermic:

$$\text{if } \Delta H_r < 0 \quad \frac{\partial K_p}{\partial T} < 0$$

$\uparrow T$ leads to less products.

Statistical Thermodynamics Interpretation

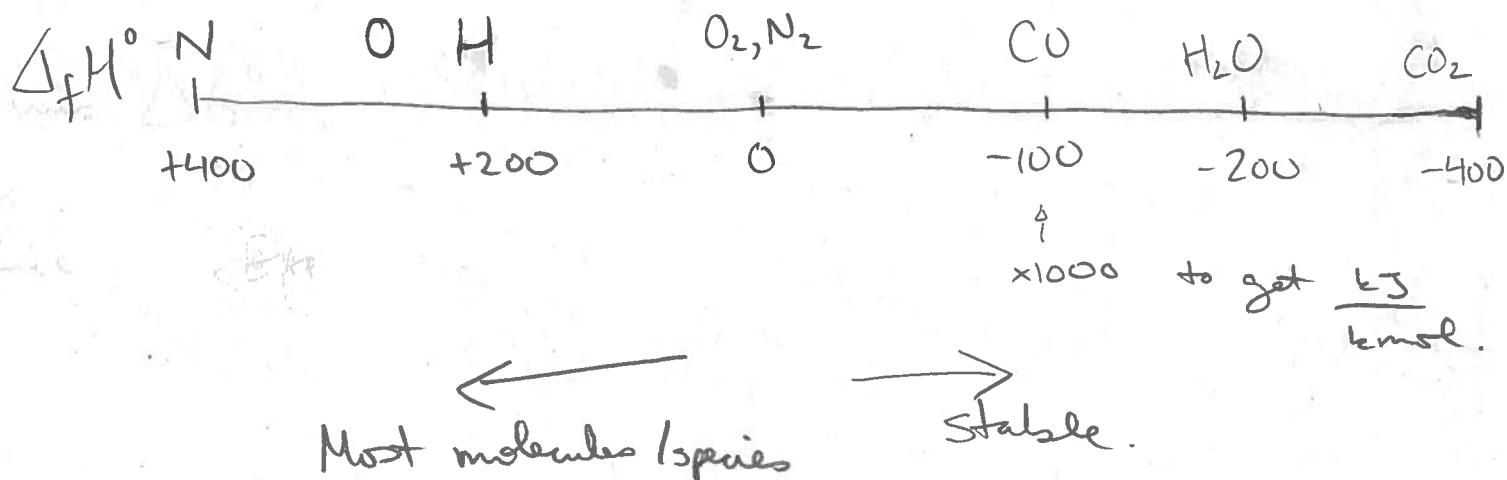
$$G^t = H^t - TS^t$$

$$H^t = \sum N_i H_i(t)$$

$$S^t = \sum N_i S_i(t)$$

Minimize G two ways:

1) Minimum H means going to most stable products.

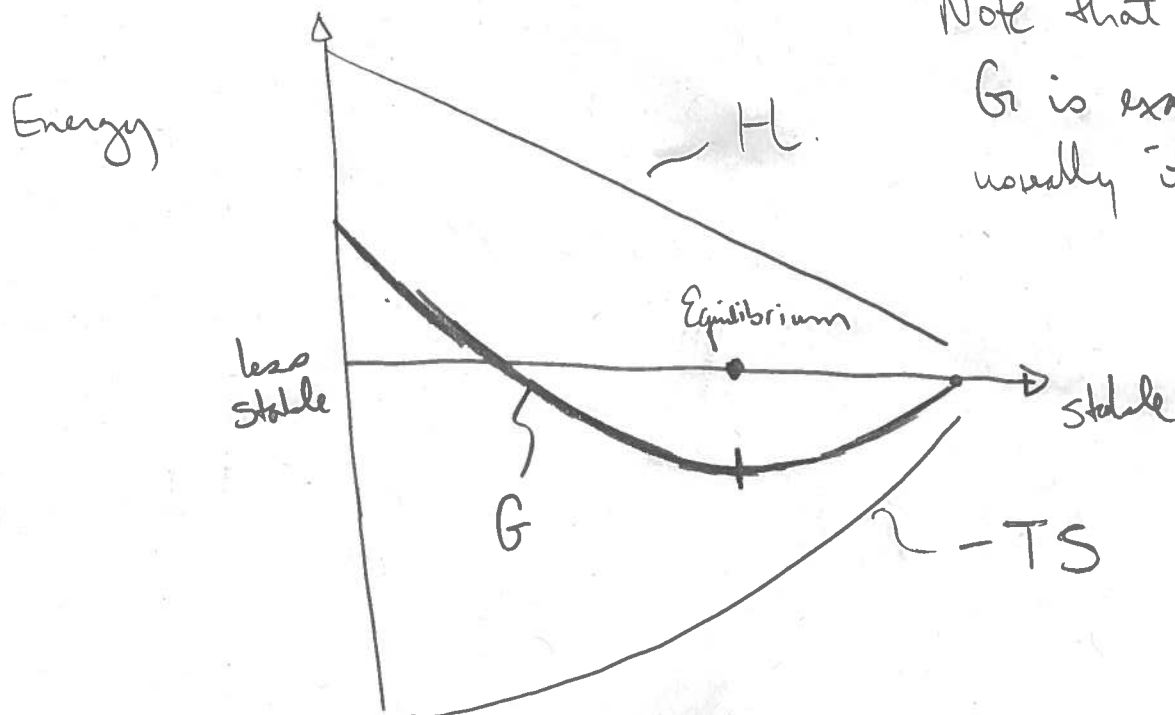
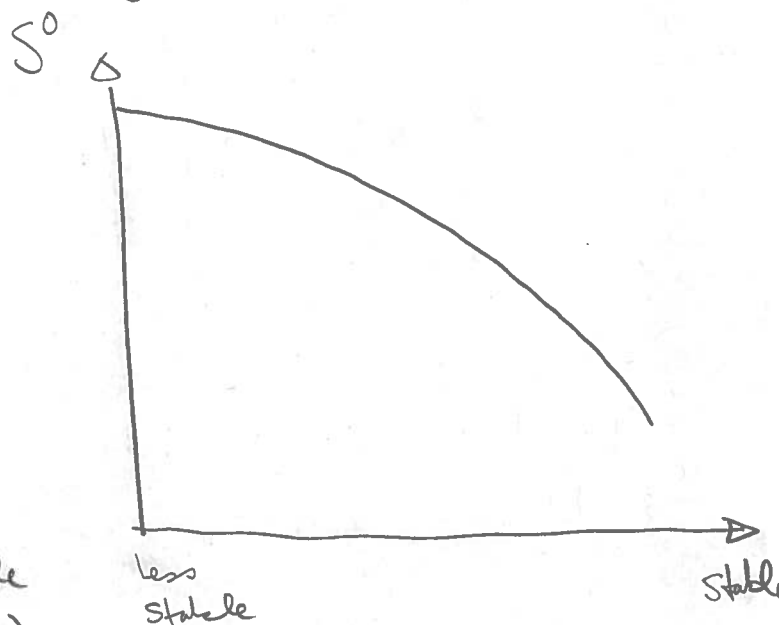
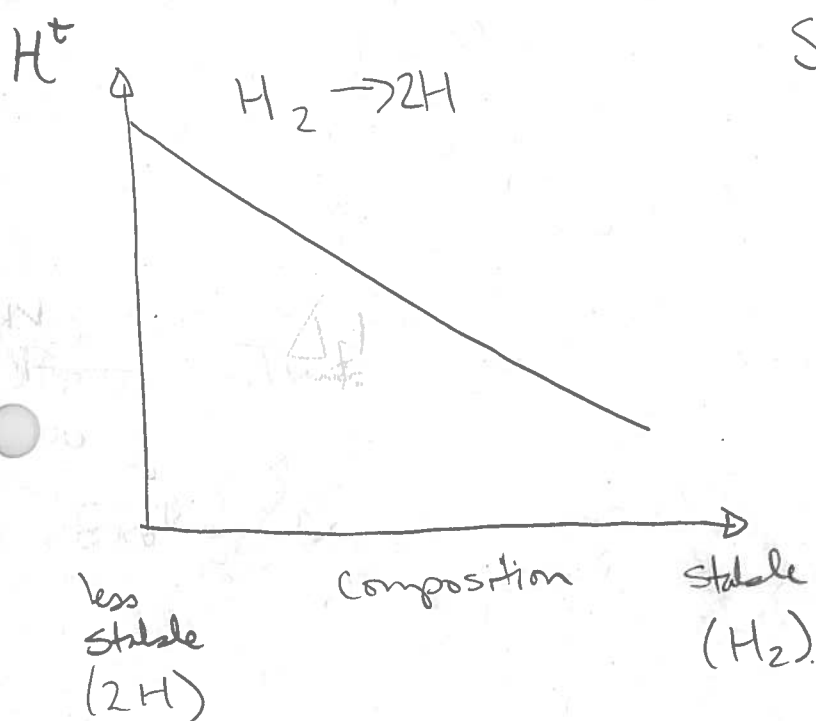


2) Maximize entropy:

entropy increases as more molecules are produced.

Stat Thermo - II

This trade-off between minimizing enthalpy but maximizing entropy leads to finite levels of dissociated species, even though these are energetically unfavorable.



Note that curvature in G is exaggerated for clarity usually it is very flat.

Equilibrium Constants - III

Sometimes we prefer to work with mole fractions instead of partial pressures

$$\text{with } X_i = \frac{P_i}{P}$$

$P \leftarrow$ system pressure

stoichiometric coefficients
(+ for products
- for reactants)

$$K_p(T) = \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{R_u T}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^m P_i^{v_i}$$

$$K_p(T) = \prod_{i=1}^m X_i^{v_i} \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{\sum v_i}$$

or in concentration (mole/volume).

$$C_i = \frac{n_i}{V} = X_i \frac{n}{V}$$

$$P_i = C_i R_u T$$

$$K_p(T) = \prod_{i=1}^m C_i^{v_i} \left(\frac{1}{R_u T}\right)^{\sum v_i}$$

$$K_c(T) = \prod_{i=1}^m C_i^{v_i} = \frac{K_p(T)}{(R_u T)^{\sum v_i}}$$

Equilibrium Composition Calculations.

You will see in the Projects that calculation of the equilibrium composition is best handled by a computer, since it tends to be tedious.
 \uparrow CEA or Cantera, etc.

However, we will look at an approximation that can guide our understanding, called the Major-minor species model.

Major ^{products} species are:

$\phi < 1$: $\text{CO}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{O}_2, \text{N}_2$.

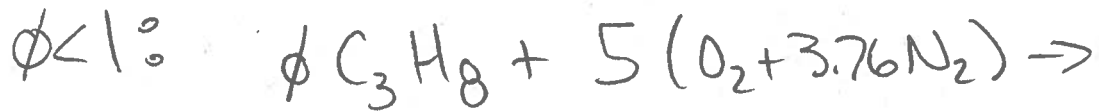
$1 < \phi \leq 2.5$ $\text{CO}, \text{CO}_2, \text{H}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{N}_2$.

$\phi > 2.5$ $\text{C(s)} \leftarrow \text{soot}$
+ others.

Carbon first oxidized to CO , then hydrogen to water, then $\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$, thus, if too little oxygen is present, eventually CO can't be formed and soot is produced.

Major-Minor species model - I

Take propane as an example:



No equilibrium calculation is required as the composition is strictly determined by stoichiometry & atom balancing.

$$1 < \phi < 2.5:$$



Conserving elements / atoms:

$$C: 3\phi = a + b$$

$$O: 5(2) = a(2) + b(1) + c(1) \Rightarrow 10 = 2a + b + c$$

$$H: 8\phi = 2c + 2d \quad (4\phi = c + d)$$

Major-Minor Species Model - II

Keep d as an unknown to solve for
giving:

$$\boxed{c = 4\phi - d}$$

$$10 = 2a + b + c$$

$$10 = 2a + b + 4\phi - d$$

$$b = 10 - 4\phi - 2a + d$$

$$3\phi = a + b = -a + 10 - 4\phi + d$$

$$\boxed{a = -7\phi + 10 + d}$$

$$b = 10 - 4\phi + \underbrace{14\phi - 20 - 2d}_{-2a} + d$$

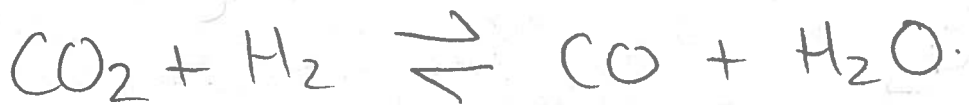
$$\boxed{b = 10\phi - 10 - d}$$

Could do same thing for a, b, c .

Major-Minor Species Model - III

To solve, we need one more relationship between a, b, c & d .

Water-Gas Shift Reaction:



Important in reforming fuels to H_2 !

If we assume equilibrium for WGS rxn:

$$K_p(T) = \frac{P_{\text{CO}} P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}{P_{\text{CO}_2} P_{\text{H}_2}} = \frac{b c}{a d}$$

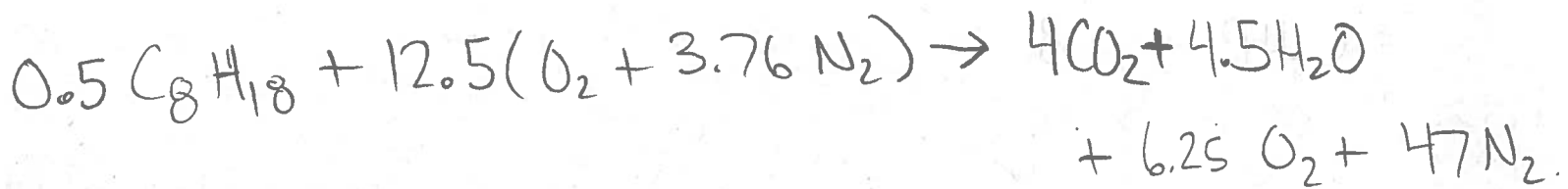
ΔN_{total} is constant
($\Delta V = 0$)

$K_p(T)$ for WGS increases as $T \uparrow$,
meaning more CO & H_2O are produced at
higher T values.

Minor Species Concentrations.

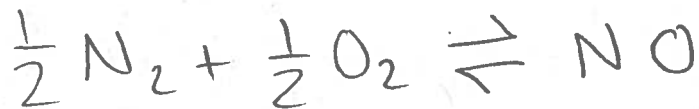
So far, we have only considered major species. What can we do to predict trace components.

Eg: NO in a lean flame?
 $\phi = 0.5$



Can use this to find $T_{products}$.

How much NO will be formed?



$$\frac{P_{NO}}{P_{N_2}^{1/2} P_{O_2}^{1/2}} = K_p(T) = \frac{N_{NO}}{N_{N_2}^{1/2} N_{O_2}^{1/2}}$$

Can solve this exactly, but simpler to assume $P_{NO} \ll P_{N_2}, P_{O_2}$.

$$N_{NO} \ll N_{N_2}, N_{O_2}$$

Minor Species - II.

$$P_{O_2} \approx \frac{6.25}{(4 + 4.5 + 6.25 + 47)} = \frac{6.25}{61.75}.$$

$$P_{N_2} \approx \frac{47}{61.25}$$

$$P_{NO}(T_{\text{prod}}) \approx K_p(T_{\text{prod}}) P_{N_2}^{1/2} P_{O_2}^{1/2}.$$

↑ ↑
approximated using
major species model.

Of course, as NO is formed $P_{N_2} \nless P_{O_2}$ must decrease from values calculated from major species model, but as long as $P_{NO} \ll P_{N_2} P_{O_2}$ the effect is minor.