Solve each problem on separate sheets of paper, and clearly indicate the problem number and your name on each. Carefully and neatly document your answers. You may use a mathematical solver like Jupyter/iPython. Use plotting software for all plots.

## 1 All in balance

1.1 One way under consideration for removing harmful " $NO_x$ " (NO +  $NO_2$ ) from flue gas is the thermal deNOx process, in which  $NH_3$  is used to reduce the NO to  $N_2$ :

$$NO(g) + O_2(g) + NH_3(g) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + H_2O(g)$$

The research lab has several gas tanks available to study this reaction, including one containing 2.0% NO in an  $N_2$  diluent, one containing 10% O<sub>2</sub> in an  $N_2$  diluent, and a bottle of 4% anhydrous ammonia in  $N_2$ . You can assume all gases behave ideally.

- 1. Balance the thermal deNOx reaction, assuming each NH<sub>3</sub> titrates one NO.
- 2. What mass flow rates are necessary to create a stoichiometric mixture at 1 bar total pressure, 400 °C, and 101/s total volumetric flow rate?
- 3. Plot the molar flow rates of all five gases as a function of reaction advancement.
- 4. Plot the total volumetric flow rate as a function of reaction advancement.

## 1.2 NH $_3$ oxidation is an undesirable side-reaction of thermal deNOx:

$$\_NH_3(g) + \_O_2(g) \longrightarrow \_NO(g) + \_H_2O(g)$$

- 1. Balance the NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation reaction.
- 2. Under the stoichiometric conditions described above, the reactor generates  $0.036\,\mathrm{g/s}$  NO and  $0.017\,\mathrm{g/s}$  N<sub>2</sub>. How effectively is the NH<sub>3</sub> being used for thermal deNOx? (*Hint:* What are the advancements of the two reactions?)

## 2 NOx, NOx, who's there?

## 2.1 A simpler and confounding reaction of NO is it's oxidation to NO<sub>2</sub>:

$$\_NO(g) + \_O_2(g) \longrightarrow \_NO_2(g)$$

You can assume all gases behave ideally under the conditions considered in this problem.

- 1. Determine  $\Delta H^{\circ}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ ,  $\Delta S^{\circ}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ ,  $\Delta G^{\circ}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ , and  $K_p(298\,\mathrm{K})$  for the NO oxidation reaction. Be sure to specify your source and the standard state.
- 2. Calculate the equilibrium partial pressure ratio of  $NO_2$  to NO in the atmosphere near the surface of the earth. Assume the mixing ratio of  $O_2$  to be 0.2 and a temperature of 25 °C.
- 3. From standard compilations and at 1 atm standard state,  $\Delta H^{\circ}(250) = -116.532 \,\mathrm{kJ} \,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}(250) = -152.179 \,\mathrm{J/mol/K}$ . Use the van't Hoff relationship to plot  $\Delta G^{\circ}(T)$  vs T from room temperature to 1000 C. Add a point on your plot for the  $\Delta G^{\circ}(298 \,\mathrm{K})$  you found from a tabulation.

4. NO oxidation is catalyzed over diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs) on diesel vehicles. Plot the equilibrium conversion of NO to  $\mathrm{NO}_2$  vs T from room temperature to 1000 °C for an isobaric 1 atm reactor presented with 0.1% NO and 5%  $\mathrm{O}_2$ , and balance  $\mathrm{N}_2$ .