# **Reactivity 1.4 HL**

# **IB CHEMISTRY HL**













# Reactivity 1.4.1

#### **Understandings:**

- Entropy, *S*, is a measure of the dispersal or distribution of matter and/or energy in a system. The more ways the energy can be distributed, the higher the entropy.
- Under the same conditions, the entropy of a gas is greater than that of a liquid, which in turn is greater than that of a solid.

#### Learning outcomes:

- Predict whether a physical or chemical change will result in an increase or decrease in entropy of a system.
- Calculate standard entropy changes,  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$ , from standard entropy values, S.

# Additional notes:

• Standard entropy values are given in the data booklet.

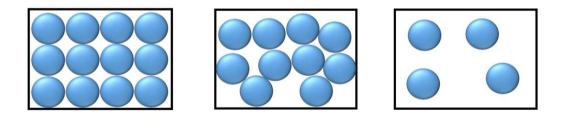
# Linking questions:

• Structure 1.1 Why is the entropy of a perfect crystal at 0 K predicted to be zero?

# Entropy (S)

- Entropy (S) refers to the distribution of available energy among the particles in a system.
- The more ways energy can be distributed, the greater the entropy.
- Gases have a higher entropy than liquids which have a higher entropy than solids.
- The table below has absolute entropy values for ice, liquid water and steam.
- The entropy increases from H<sub>2</sub>O(s) to H<sub>2</sub>O(g).

| State of matter     | Absolute entropy (S <sup>⊖</sup> ) J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|---------------------|--|
| H <sub>2</sub> O(s) | 41.3   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O(I) | 70.0   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O(g) | 188  |



Increasing entropy

#### Predicting entropy changes

Factors that can change the entropy of a system include:

- changes in temperature
- changes of state (freezing, evaporating)
- dissolving (or crystallisation)
- changes in the amounts of gaseous reactants or products

#### Factors that increase entropy (positive entropy change, $+\Delta S$ )

| Dissolving  | NaCl(s) → Na⁺(aq) Cl⁻(aq)   |
|---|---|
| Increase in mol of gas  | $\begin{split} & CaCO_3(s) \! \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g) \\ & C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \rightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(g) \\ & CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightarrow 3H_2(g) + CO(g) \end{split}$ |
| Changes of state (melting,<br>evaporation / boiling /<br>vaporisation, sublimation) | $H_2O(s) \to H_2O(l)$   |

#### Factors that decrease entropy (negative entropy change, $-\Delta S$ )

| Crystallisation                                       | Na⁺(aq) Cl⁻(aq) → NaCl(s)  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Decrease in mol of gas                                | $\begin{split} N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) &\rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g) \\ C_2H_4(g) + H_2(g) \to C_2H_6(g) \\ 2Mg(s) + O_2(g) \to 2MgO(s) \end{split}$ |  |  |
| Changes of state (freezing, condensation, deposition) | $H_2O(g) \rightarrow H_2O(I)$  |  |  |

**Exercise:** Predict the entropy change in the following examples, giving a reason for your choice.

- **1.**  $Br_2(I) \rightarrow Br_2(g)$
- **2.**  $Na_2CO_3(s) + 2HCI(aq) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2NaCI(aq) + H_2O(I)$
- **3.** AgNO<sub>3</sub>(aq) + NaCl(aq)  $\rightarrow$  AgCl(s) + NaNO<sub>3</sub>(aq)
- 4.  $NH_3(g) + HCI(g) \rightarrow NH_4CI(s)$

#### Standard entropy change ( $\Delta S^{\ominus}$ )

The standard entropy change of reaction (ΔS<sup>⊕</sup>) can be calculated using the equation:

$$\Delta S \ominus = \Sigma S \ominus_{\text{products}} - \Sigma S \ominus_{\text{reactants}}$$

- A perfectly ordered crystal at zero kelvin has an entropy of zero.
- Absolute entropy values are always positive.

**Example:** Calculate the entropy change for this reaction:

$$N_2H_4(I) + O_2(g) \rightarrow N_2(g) + 2H_2O(g)$$

| Substance                        | S⊖ (J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| H <sub>2</sub> O(g)              | 188              |
| O <sub>2</sub> (g)               | 205              |
| N <sub>2</sub> (g)               | 192              |
| N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4(I)</sub> | 121              |

**Exercises:** Use the data in the table to answer the following questions.

| Substance           | S⊖ (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Substance                         | S⊖ (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| H <sub>2</sub> O(g) | 189                                       | CO <sub>2</sub> (g)               | 214                                       |
| H <sub>2</sub> O(I) | 70  | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (g) | 270                                       |
| H <sub>2</sub> (g)  | 131                                       | O <sub>2</sub> (g)                | 205                                       |
| Cl <sub>2</sub> (g) | 223                                       |                                   |   |
| HCI(g)              | 187                                       |                                   |   |

**1.** Predict the sign of  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$  for the following reactions and explain your reasoning.

(a)  $H_2O(g) \rightarrow H_2O(I)$ 

**(b)**  $H_2(g)$ +  $Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2HCl(g)$ 

(c)  $C_3H_8(g)$ +  $5O_2(g) \rightarrow 3CO_2(g)$ +  $4H_2O(g)$ 

**2.** Calculate  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$  for the above reactions.

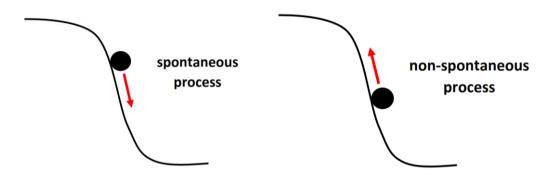
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$$H_2O(g) \rightarrow H_2O(I)$$

**(b)**  $H_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2HCl(g)$ 

(c)  $C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \rightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(g)$ 

#### **Spontaneity**

• A spontaneous process is a process that occurs without adding energy (other than the energy required to overcome the energy barrier).



• According to the second law of thermodynamics, for a spontaneous process the change in entropy of the universe ( $\Delta S_{total}$ ) must be positive.

 $\Delta S_{\text{(total)}} = \Delta S_{\text{(system)}} + \Delta S_{\text{(surroundings)}}$ 

• For a spontaneous reaction  $\Delta S_{(total)} > 0$ .

# Reactivity 1.4.2 and 1.4.3

# Understandings:

- Change in Gibbs energy,  $\Delta G$ , relates the energy that can be obtained from a chemical reaction to the change in enthalpy,  $\Delta H$ , change in entropy,  $\Delta S$ , and absolute temperature, T (1.4.2).
- At constant pressure, a change is spontaneous if the change in Gibbs energy, ΔG, is negative (1.4.2).
- Interpret the sign of  $\Delta G$  calculated from thermodynamic data (1.4.3).
- Determine the temperature at which a reaction becomes spontaneous (1.4.3).

# Learning outcomes:

- Apply the equation  $\Delta G \ominus = \Delta H \ominus T \Delta S \ominus$  to calculate unknown values of these terms (1.4.2).
- ΔG takes into account the direct entropy change resulting from the transformation of the chemicals and the indirect entropy change of the surroundings resulting from the transfer of heat energy (1.4.3).

# Additional notes:

- Thermodynamic data values are given in the data booklet.
- Note the units:  $\Delta H \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta S \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta G \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

# Linking questions:

• Reactivity 3.2 How can electrochemical data also be used to predict the spontaneity of a reaction?

#### **Gibbs free energy**

- Gibbs free energy is the energy associated with a chemical reaction that can be used to do work.
- The Gibbs free energy change,  $\Delta G$ , is negative for a spontaneous process and positive for a non-spontaneous process.
- The Δ*G* can be calculated using the following equation that is given in section one of the IB chemistry data booklet.

$$\Delta G \ominus = \Delta H \ominus - \mathsf{T} \Delta S \ominus$$

 $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  – standard Gibbs free energy change (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)  $\Delta H^{\ominus}$  – change in enthalpy (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) T – temperature in kelvin, K  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$  – change in entropy (J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>)

**Example:** Calculate the  $\Delta G$ , in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, for this reaction at 500 K, using the data in the table. State and explain if the reaction is spontaneous at this temperature.

 $CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$ 

| Compound              | Δ <i>H</i> f <sup>⊖</sup> (kJ mol⁻¹) | S⊖ (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| CaCO <sub>3</sub> (s) | -1207                                | 92.9                                      |
| CaO(s)                | -635                                 | 39.7                                      |
| CO <sub>2</sub> (g)   | -394                                 | 214                                       |

Determine the temperature at which the reaction will be spontaneous.

#### Exercises:

**1.** A reaction has a standard enthalpy change,  $\Delta H^{\ominus}$ , of +10.00 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> at 298 K. The standard entropy change,  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$ , for the same reaction is +10.00 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the value of  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  for the reaction in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

2. Consider the following reaction.

 $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g) \quad \Delta H = -92.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

(a) The absolute entropy values, *S*, at 298 K for N<sub>2</sub>(g), H<sub>2</sub>(g) and NH<sub>3</sub>(g) are 192, 131 and 193 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Calculate the  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$  for the reaction and explain the sign of  $\Delta S^{\ominus}$ .

(b) Calculate  $\Delta G \ominus$  for the reaction at 298 K. State and explain whether the reaction is spontaneous.

#### Standard change in Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta G \ominus$ )

• The standard change in Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta G^{\ominus}$ ) is the change in Gibbs free energy measured under standard conditions (298 K and 100 kPa).

 $\Delta G \ominus = \Sigma \Delta G_{\rm f} \ominus_{\rm products} - \Sigma \Delta G_{\rm f} \ominus_{\rm reactants}$ 

 ΔG<sub>f</sub>Θ – the standard Gibbs free energy of formation is the change in Gibbs free energy when one mole of a compound is formed from its elements in their standard states under standard conditions (100 kPa and 298 K).

**Example:** Calculate the  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  for the following reaction. State and explain if the reaction is spontaneous at 298 K.

| Compound                            | Δ <i>G<sub>f</sub></i> ⊖ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH(I) | -175   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> (g)                 | -394   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O(g)                 | -229   |

 $C_2H_5OH(I)+3O_2(g)\rightarrow 2CO_2(g)+3H_2O(g)$ 

#### The effect of $\Delta H$ , $\Delta S$ and T on the spontaneity of a chemical reaction

#### Exothermic reactions

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т           | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|-------------|----|-------------|
| negative | positive | any         |    |             |
| < 0      | > 0      | temperature |    |             |

- $\Delta H$  is negative and  $\Delta S$  is positive, therefore  $\Delta G$  will be negative at any temperature.
- An exothermic reaction with an increase in entropy will be spontaneous at any temperature.

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т    | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|------|----|-------------|
| negative | negative | high |    |             |
| < 0      | < 0      |      |    |             |

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т   | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|-----|----|-------------|
| negative | negative | low |    |             |
| < 0      | < 0      |     |    |             |

•  $\Delta G$  will be negative only at low temperatures; at high T, (T $\Delta S$ ) makes  $\Delta G$  positive.

#### **Endothermic reactions**

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т           | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|-------------|----|-------------|
| positive | negative | any         |    |             |
| > 0      | 0 <      | temperature |    |             |

- $\Delta H$  is positive and  $\Delta S$  is negative, therefore  $\Delta G$  will be positive at any temperature.
- An endothermic reaction with a decrease in entropy will be non-spontaneous at any temperature.

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т    | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|------|----|-------------|
| positive | positive | high |    |             |
| > 0      | > 0      |      |    |             |

| ΔΗ       | ΔS       | Т   | ΔG | spontaneity |
|----------|----------|-----|----|-------------|
| positive | positive | low |    |             |
| > 0      | > 0      |     |    |             |

•  $\Delta G$  will be negative only at high temperatures (T $\Delta S > \Delta H$ ); at low temperatures  $\Delta H > T\Delta S$  (+ $\Delta G$ ).

#### Summary:

| Δ   | S  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| $\Delta H < 0 \Delta S > 0$   | $\Delta H > 0 \Delta S > 0$                                    |              |
| Spontaneous at<br>any temperature                                   | Spontaneous at<br>high temperatures                            | - <i>\</i> H |
| Δ <i>H</i> < 0 Δ <i>S</i> < 0<br>Spontaneous at<br>low temperatures | Δ <i>H</i> > 0 ΔS < 0<br>Non-spontaneous at<br>any temperature | - 47         |
|   |  |              |

**Exercise:** Determine the spontaneity of the following reactions, giving a reason for your answer.

**1.**  $C_6H_{12}O_6(s) + 6O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(g)$ 

 $\Delta H < 0 \quad \Delta S > 0$ 

**2.** Na(s) + Cl<sub>2</sub>(g)  $\rightarrow$  2NaCl(s)

 $\Delta H < 0 \quad \Delta S < 0$ 

**3.**  $2N_2O(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 4NO(g)$ 

 $\Delta H \! > \! 0 \quad \Delta S \! > \! 0$ 

# Reactivity 1.4.4

#### **Understandings:**

• As a reaction approaches equilibrium,  $\Delta G$  becomes less negative and finally reaches zero.

#### Learning outcomes:

• Perform calculations using the equation  $\Delta G = \Delta G \oplus + RT \ln Q$  and its application to a system at equilibrium  $\Delta G \oplus = -RT \ln K$ .

#### Additional notes:

• The equations are given in the data booklet.

#### Linking questions:

• Reactivity 2.3 What is the likely composition of an equilibrium mixture when Δ*G*⊖ is positive?

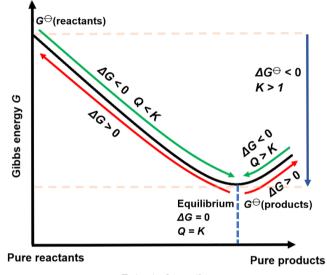
#### Gibbs free energy and equilibrium

- A system not at equilibrium (where  $Q \neq K$ ) will proceed spontaneously in the direction necessary to reach equilibrium (where Q = K).
- As a reaction approaches equilibrium, the Gibbs free energy change,  $\Delta G$ , becomes less negative and eventually reaches zero at equilibrium.
- The equilibrium position occurs where the free energy is at its minimum and entropy is at its maximum.

#### Plots of free energy against extent of reaction

- The reaction proceeds spontaneously from either pure reactants or pure products to the equilibrium position where  $\Delta G = 0$  and Q = K (shown by the green arrows).
- The reaction away from the equilibrium position is non-spontaneous (shown by the red arrows).

#### **Spontaneous reaction**

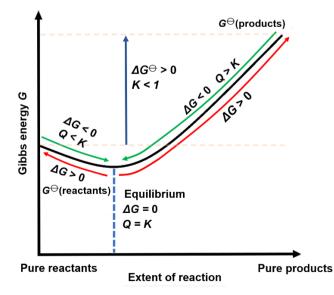


For a spontaneous reaction, the equilibrium position lies further towards pure products meaning that at equilibrium [products] > [reactants] and K > 1.  $G^{\ominus}$ (products) <  $G^{\ominus}$ (reactants) so

 $\Delta G^{\ominus} < 0$  (spontaneous).

Extent of reaction

Non-spontaneous reaction



For a non-spontaneous reaction, the equilibrium position lies further towards pure reactants meaning that at equilibrium [reactants] > [products] and K < 1.

 $G^{\ominus}(\text{products}) > G^{\ominus}(\text{reactants})$  so  $\Delta G^{\ominus} > 0$  (non-spontaneous).

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#### $\Delta G$ at equilibrium

$$\Delta G^{\ominus} = -RT \ln K$$
$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\ominus} + RT \ln Q$$
$$\Delta G = -RT \ln K + RT \ln Q$$
$$\Delta G = RT \ln \frac{Q}{K}$$

• At equilibrium Q = K, therefore  $\frac{Q}{K} = 1$ 

$$\Delta G = R T \ln(1)$$
$$\Delta G = 0$$

• At equilibrium  $\Delta G = 0$ , but  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  is not necessarily zero unless K = 1.

#### Calculating $\Delta G$ for a reaction under non-standard conditions

• The  $\Delta G$  for a reaction under non-standard conditions can be calculated using the equation shown which is given in section one of the IB chemistry data booklet.

$$\Delta G = \Delta G \ominus + R \mathsf{T} \ln Q$$

- $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  is the Gibbs free energy change under standard conditions.
- $\Delta G$  is the Gibbs free energy change under non-standard conditions.
- Q is the reaction quotient.

**Exercise:** A reaction has a  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  value of -142 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and a Q value of 452. Calculate the  $\Delta G$  for the reaction at 1455 K. Comment on the spontaneity of the reaction at this temperature and in which direction the reaction will proceed to reach equilibrium.

# $\Delta G$ , Q versus K and direction of reaction

- If a system is not at equilibrium,  $\Delta G$  and Q can be used to tell us in which direction the reaction will proceed to reach equilibrium.
- For a spontaneous reaction,  $\Delta G$  is negative, Q < K and the reaction will proceed in the forward direction until equilibrium is reached.
- For a non-spontaneous reaction,  $\Delta G$  is positive, Q > K and the reaction will proceed in the reverse direction until equilibrium is reached.

#### Summary:

|                          | ΔG             | Q versus K | Direction of reaction         |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Spontaneous reaction     | ΔG < 0         | Q < K      | Reaction proceeds to<br>right |
| Non-spontaneous reaction | $\Delta G > 0$ | Q > K      | Reaction proceeds to<br>left  |
| Reaction at equilibrium  | $\Delta G = 0$ | Q = K      | No change                     |

#### Relationship between $\Delta G \ominus$ and K

- The relationship between  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  and *K* is given by the following equation which can be found in section one of the IB chemistry data booklet.
- In this equation, temperature is in kelvin and  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  in J mol<sup>-1</sup>.
- *R* is the universal gas constant, 8.31 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>.

• This equation can be rearranged to solve for *K*.

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

# Exercises:

- **1.** Calculate the value of *K* at 298 K for a reaction given that  $\Delta G^{\ominus} = -33.0$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>
- **2.** Calculate the  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  for a reaction given that the *K* is 45.6 at 298 K.

| Reaction   | ΔG <sup>⊖</sup> (kJ mol⁻¹) | K                     |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| $2SO_3(g) \rightleftharpoons 2SO_2(g) + O_2(g)$          | +141.7                     | 1.4×10 <sup>-25</sup> |
| H₂O(I) ≓ H⁺(aq) + OH⁻(aq)                                | +79.9                      | 1.0×10 <sup>-14</sup> |
| N₂(g) + 3H₂(g) ⇔ 2NH₃(g)                                 | -32.9                      | 5.8×10 <sup>5</sup>   |
| $Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu_{(s)}$ | -211                       | 1.4×10 <sup>37</sup>  |

• The table below shows values of the  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  and *K* for some chemical reactions.

- Reactions that have a more positive  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  have a smaller *K* and reactions that have a more negative  $\Delta G^{\ominus}$  have a larger *K*.
- For a spontaneous reaction, K>1 and the equilibrium mixture will contain a higher concentration of products.
- For a non-spontaneous reaction, K < 1 and the equilibrium mixture will contain a higher concentration of reactants.

#### Summary:

| Gibbs free energy<br>change (Δ <i>G</i> ⊖) | Equilibrium constant, <i>K</i> | Composition of equilibrium mixture         |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| < 0 (negative)                             | > 1                            | Higher concentration of<br>products        |
| > 0 (positive)                             | < 1                            | Higher concentration of<br>reactants       |
| 0  | 1                              | Neither reactants nor<br>products favoured |