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Entropy and Disorder

• Mixing of ideal gases at constant T and p

$$n_A A (g, V_A, T) + n_B A (g, V_B, T) = n (A + B) (g, V, T)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} n_{\rm A} & n_{\rm B} \\ V_{\rm A} & V_{\rm B} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{spontaneous} \\ \hline \text{mixing} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n = n_{\rm A} + n_{\rm B} \\ V = V_{\rm A} + V_{\rm B} \end{array}$$

To calculate $\Delta \mathcal{S}_{\textit{mix}}$, we need to find a reversible path between the two states.



 $\Delta S_{demix} = -\Delta S_{mix} \qquad \text{function of state}$

For demixing process

 $\Rightarrow \quad \Delta U = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_{rev} = -w_{rev} = p_A dV_A + p_B dV_B$ work of compression of each gas

$$\therefore \quad \Delta S_{demix} = \int \frac{dq_{rev}}{T} = \int_{V}^{V_{A}} \frac{p_{A} dV_{A}}{T} + \int_{V}^{V_{B}} \frac{p_{B} dV_{B}}{T} = n_{A} R \ln \frac{V_{A}}{V} + n_{B} R \ln \frac{V_{B}}{V}$$

Put in terms of mole fractions $X_A = \frac{n_A}{n}$ $X_B = \frac{n_B}{n}$

Ideal gas $\Rightarrow X_{A} = \frac{V_{A}}{V} \quad X_{B} = \frac{V_{B}}{V}$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta S_{demix} = nR[X_A \ln X_A + X_B \ln X_B]$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad \Delta S_{mix} = -nR[X_A \ln X_A + X_B \ln X_B]$$

Since $X_A, X_B < 1 \implies \Delta S_{mix} > 0$ mixing is always spontaneous

The mixed state is more "disordered" or "random" than the demixed state.

$$S_{mixed} > S_{demixed}$$

This is a <u>general</u> result \Rightarrow

Entropy is a measure of the disorder of a system

- ... For an <u>isolated</u> system (or the universe)
- $\Delta S > 0$ Spontaneous, increased randomness
- $\Delta S = 0$ Reversible, no change in disorder
- $\Delta S < 0$ Impossible, order cannot "happen" in isolation

There is an inexorable drive for the universe to go to a maximally disordered state.

Examples of ΔS calculations

In all cases, we <u>must</u> find a <u>reversible</u> path to calculate $\int \frac{dq_{rev}}{\tau}$

(a) Mixing of ideal gases at constant T and p

 $n_A A (g, V_A, T) + n_B A (g, V_B, T) = n (A + B) (g, V = V_A + V_B, T)$

$$\Delta S_{mix} = -nR[X_A \ln X_A + X_B \ln X_B]$$

(b) Heating (or cooling) at constant V

 $A(T_1, V) = A(T_2, V)$

$$\Delta S = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}q_{rev}}{T} = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{V} d'T}{T} \quad \stackrel{\text{if } \mathcal{C}_{V} \text{ is}}{=} \quad \mathcal{C}_{V} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$
[Note $\Delta S > 0 \text{ if } T_2 > T_1$]

- (c) Reversible phase change at constant T and p
- e.g. $H_2O(l, 100^{\circ}C, 1 \text{ bar}) = H_2O(g, 100^{\circ}C, 1 \text{ bar})$

$$q_p = \Delta H_{vap}$$

$$\Delta S_{vap} (100^{\circ}C) = \frac{q_p^{vap}}{T_b} = \frac{\Delta H^{vap}}{T_b} \qquad \text{(} T_b = \text{boiling Temp at 1 bar)}$$

- (d) <u>Irreversible</u> phase change at constant T and p
- e.g. $H_2O(l, -10^{\circ}C, 1 \text{ bar}) = H_2O(s, -10^{\circ}C, 1 \text{ bar})$

This is spontaneous and irreversible.

:. We need to find a <u>reversible path</u> between the two states to calculate ΔS .

$$\begin{array}{l} H_{2}O\left(\ell,-10^{\circ}C,1\text{ bar}\right) \stackrel{\text{irreversible}}{=} H_{2}O\left(s,-10^{\circ}C,1\text{ bar}\right) \\ \left|\left| \begin{array}{c} dq_{rev} = \mathcal{C}_{p}(\ell)dT \\ H_{2}O\left(\ell,0^{\circ}C,1\text{ bar}\right) \stackrel{\text{reversible}}{=} H_{2}O\left(s,0^{\circ}C,1\text{ bar}\right) \\ q_{p}^{rev} = -\Delta H_{fus} \end{array}\right. \end{array}$$

$$\Delta S = \Delta S_{heating} + \Delta S_{fus} + \Delta S_{cooling}$$
$$= \int_{T_{1}}^{T_{fus}} \frac{C_{p}(\ell) dT}{T} + \frac{-\Delta H_{fus}}{T_{fus}} + \int_{T_{fus}}^{T_{1}} \frac{C_{p}(s) dT}{T}$$

$$\therefore \quad \Delta S = \frac{-\Delta \mathcal{H}_{fus}}{T} + \int_{T_1}^{T_{fus}} \left[\mathcal{C}_{\rho}(\ell) - \mathcal{C}_{\rho}(s) \right] \frac{dT}{T}$$

 $\Delta S = \frac{-\Delta \mathcal{H}_{fus}}{T} + \left[\mathcal{C}_{p}(\ell) - \mathcal{C}_{p}(s) \right] \ln \frac{T_{fus}}{T_{1}} \quad \text{if } \mathcal{C}_{p} \text{ values are } T\text{-independent}$