

**Chapter 8 Assignment**  
**(Answers are in parenthesis)**

- Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy change and the equilibrium constant at 298K for the following reaction:  $C_2H_5OH(g) + (1/2)O_2(g) \rightarrow CH_3CHO(g) + H_2O(g)$ . [- 188.9kJ;  $1.4 \times 10^{38}$ ]
- Assuming that  $\Delta H^\circ$  is constant in the temperature range 298 - 800 K, estimate the equilibrium constant at 800 K for the reaction of Problem 1. [ $4.3 \times 10^{14}$ ]
- Ethanol can be produced according to the reaction:  $C_2H_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightarrow C_2H_5OH(g)$   
If an equimolar mixture of ethylene and water vapor is fed to a reactor which is maintained at 1000 K and 1 bar determine the degree of conversion, assuming that the reaction mixture behaves like an ideal solution. Assume the following ideal gas specific heat data:  $C_p^{ig} = a + bT + cT^2 + dT^3 + eT^{-2}$  (J/mol); T(K) [0.5]

Species	a	bx10 <sup>3</sup>	cx10 <sup>6</sup>	dx10 <sup>9</sup>	ex10 <sup>-5</sup>
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	20.691	205.346	- 99.793	18.825	-
H <sub>2</sub> O	4.196	154.565	- 81.076	16.813	-
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	28.850	12.055	-	-	1.006

- Calculate the degree of conversion and the composition of the reaction mixture if N<sub>2</sub>(g) and H<sub>2</sub>(g) are fed in the mole ratio of 1:5 at 800 K and 100 bar for the synthesis of ammonia. Assume that equilibrium is established and the reaction mixture behaves like an ideal gas.  $C_p^{ig} = a + bT + cT^2 + dT^3 + eT^{-2}$  (J/mol); T(K) [0.2356]

Species	a	bx10 <sup>3</sup>	cx10 <sup>6</sup>	dx10 <sup>9</sup>	ex10 <sup>-5</sup>
N <sub>2</sub>	20.270	4.930	-	-	0.333
H <sub>2</sub>	27.012	3.509	-	-	0.690
NH <sub>3</sub>	29.747	25.108	-	-	- 1.546

- Calculate the degree of conversion if the feed to an ammonia synthesis reactor is a mixture of N<sub>2</sub>(g), H<sub>2</sub>(g) and NH<sub>3</sub>(g) in the mole ratio 1:3:0.1 at 800 K and 100 bar. Assume that the reaction mixture behaves like an ideal gas. [0.1235]
- The following two independent reactions occur in the steam cracking of methane at 1000 K and 1 bar:  $CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightarrow CO(g) + 3H_2(g)$ ; and  $CO(g) + H_2O(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + H_2(g)$ . Assuming ideal gas behaviour determine the equilibrium composition of the gas leaving the reactor if an equimolar mixture of CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O is fed to the reactor, and that at 1000K, the equilibrium constants for the two reactions are 30 and 1.5 respectively. [ $\epsilon_1 = 0.8$ ;  $\epsilon_2 = 0.06$ ]

7. Consider the following reaction:  $\text{Fe(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \rightarrow \text{FeO(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$ . Assuming that equilibrium is achieved, determine the fraction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  which decomposes at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ . The equilibrium constant for the reaction at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$  is 1.6. **[61.5%]**
8. Show that:
- $$\left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial T}\right)_P = \frac{K_y}{RT^2} \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y} \Delta H^0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon_e}{\partial P}\right)_T = \frac{K_y}{P} \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dK_y} (-\nu)$$
9. The gas stream from a sulfur burner is composed of 15-mol-%  $\text{SO}_2$ , 20-mol-%  $\text{O}_2$ , and 65-mol-%  $\text{N}_2$ . This gas stream at 1 bar and  $480^\circ\text{C}$  enters a catalytic converter, where the  $\text{SO}_2$  is further oxidized to  $\text{SO}_3$ . Assuming that the reaction reaches equilibrium, how much heat must be removed from the converter to maintain isothermal conditions? Base your answer on 1 mol of entering gas. **[Ans:  $\varepsilon_e = 0.1455$ ,  $Q = -14314 \text{ J/mol}$ ]**
10. For the cracking reaction:  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{(g)} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{(g)} + \text{CH}_4\text{(g)}$ ; the equilibrium conversion is negligible at 300 K, but becomes appreciable at temperatures above 500 K. For a pressure of 1 bar, determine (a) The fractional conversion of propane at 625 K. (b) The temperature at which the fractional conversion is 85%. **[Ans:  $\varepsilon_e = 0.777$ ,  $T = 647\text{K}$ ]**
11. The following isomerization reaction occurs in the liquid phase:  $\text{A} \rightarrow \text{B}$ ; where A and B are miscible liquids for which:  $G^E / RT = 0.1x_Ax_B$ . (a) If  $\Delta G_{298}^\circ = -1000 \text{ J/mol}$ , what is the equilibrium composition of the mixture at  $298^\circ\text{K}$ ? **[ $x_A = 0.3955$ ]** (b) What is the answer for 'a' if one assumes that A and B form an ideal solution? **[ $x_A = 0.4005$ ]**.
12. Feed gas to a methanol synthesis reactor is: 75-mol-%  $\text{H}_2$ , 15-mol-%  $\text{CO}$ , 5-mol-%  $\text{CO}_2$ , and 5-mol-%  $\text{N}_2$ . The system comes to equilibrium at 550 K and 100 bar with respect to the following reactions:  $2\text{H}_2\text{(g)} + \text{CO(g)} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH(g)}$ ; and  $\text{H}_2\text{(g)} + \text{CO}_2\text{(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)}$ . Assuming ideal gases, determine the composition of the equilibrium mixture. **[Ans:  $K_1 = 6.749 \times 10^{-4}$ ;  $K_2 = 1.726 \times 10^{-2}$ ;  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.1186$ ;  $\varepsilon_2 = 8.8812 \times 10^{-3}$ ]**.