

## Lecture 23

# Application of Thermodynamics in Phase Diagrams

## The Clausius – Clapeyron Equation



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## Today's Topics

- The Clapeyron equation
- Integration of the Clapeyron Equation
- The Clausius - Clapeyron Equation
- Applications of the Clausius - Clapeyron Equation

## The Clapeyron Equation

- We have stated earlier that, for unary systems, the two phase equilibria curves in (P, T) space may each be described mathematically by the function  $P = P(T)$ .
- **The Clapeyron equation** is a differential form of this equation.
- For any pair of coexisting phases in the unary system, integration of the Clapeyron equation yields a mathematical expression for the corresponding phase boundary on the phase diagram.  

Repeated application to all the pairs of phases that may exist in the system yields all possible two-phase domains. Intersections of the two-phase curves produce triple point where three phases coexist.
- Thus, **Clapeyron equation** is the only relation required for calculating a unary phase diagram.

## Consider $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$ Equilibrium

- Change in chemical potential of  $\alpha$  phase when taken through any arbitrary change in its state

$$d\mu^\alpha = V^\alpha dP^\alpha - S^\alpha dT^\alpha$$

- Similarly, for any arbitrary change state of  $\beta$  phase, the change in chemical potential

$$d\mu^\beta = V^\beta dP^\beta - S^\beta dT^\beta$$

- For equilibrium,  $d\mu^\alpha = d\mu^\beta$ ,  $dP^\alpha = dP^\beta = dP$ , and  $dT^\alpha = dT^\beta = dT$ , so that

$$V^\alpha dP - S^\alpha dT = V^\beta dP - S^\beta dT$$

$$dP/dT = (S^\beta - S^\alpha)/(V^\beta - V^\alpha)$$

$$dP/dT = \Delta S/\Delta V$$

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- In experiments, change in S is not measure directly.  
Calorimetric measurements at constant pressure (i.e.,  $Q_p$ ) results values for heat of transformations ( $\Delta H^F$ ,  $\Delta H^V$ , etc.).  
Since, for  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  equilibrium,  $\Delta G = 0 = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ , we have  $\Delta S = \Delta H/T$ .
- Thus, expression for Clapeyron equation becomes

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T \Delta V}$$

Check units:

LHS:

$$dP/dT = \text{atm/deg}$$

RHS:

$$\Delta H = \text{cal/mol}, \quad \Delta V = \text{cc/mol}$$

$$\Delta H/T\Delta V = \text{cal/cc-deg}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 41.293 \text{ cal/cc}$$

## Applications of Clapeyron Equation

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T \Delta V}$$

1. Predicting the effects of P on  $T_t$  (e.g.,  $T_m$ ,  $T_b$ )  
describing the relationship between P and T at which  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases can exist in equilibrium
2. Calculating precisely  $\Delta H_t$  (e.g.,  $\Delta H^F$ ,  $\Delta H^G$ )  
knowing the derivative ( $dP/dT$ ), and  $\Delta V$  of the transformation
3. Obtaining an equation for a given equilibrium,  $P = P(T)$   
knowing any reference point to integrate  $dP/dT$   
(e.g., normal melting point, normal boiling point)

## Integration of Clapeyron Equation

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T \Delta V}$$

- Using appropriate reference points, the Clapeyron equation can be integrated for a two-phase equilibrium to yield the phase boundary  $P = P(T)$  for the equilibrium.
- While integrating, the dependency of  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta V$  on  $P$  and  $T$  must, however, be considered first.

- To obtain  $\Delta H = \Delta H(P, T)$  for  $\alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$  equilibrium:

$$d(\Delta H) = dH^\beta - dH^\alpha$$

- Now, for the function  $H = H(P, T)$ :

$$dH = C_p dT + V(1 - T\alpha) dP$$

- For all practical purposes, dependency of  $H$  on  $P$  can be ignored. Thus,  $dH_p = C_p dT$ , and

$$d(\Delta H) \cong \Delta C_p dT \quad (7.21)$$

$$\text{where } \Delta C_p = C_p^\beta - C_p^\alpha = \Delta a + \Delta bT + \Delta cT^{-2}$$

- Eq (7.21) is often known as the **Kirchhoff's equation**.

- To obtain  $\Delta V = \Delta V (P, T)$  for  $\alpha \rightleftharpoons \beta$  equilibrium:

$$d(\Delta V) = dV^\beta - dV^\alpha$$

- **If  $\beta$  is an ideal gas phase** and  $\alpha$  is either a solid or liquid phase, then  $V^\beta \gg V^\alpha$ , and

At STP, molar volume of:  
Gas = 22400 cc  
Solid/Liquid  $\approx$  10 cc

$$\Delta V = V^\beta - V^\alpha \cong V^\beta = RT/P \quad (\text{for ideal gas})$$

- **If both  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  phases are condensed phases** (solid or liquid),

For an approximate calculation (where  $P <$  a few tens of atm),  $\Delta V$  can be treated as constant.

For a precise calculation, dependency of  $V$  on  $P$  and  $T$  must be considered according to the familiar formula

$$V = V(P, T): \quad dV = V_\alpha dT - V_\beta dP$$

## The Clausius - Clapeyron Equation

- Consider the equilibrium between the condensed phase and its vapour phase, i.e., ( $\alpha \rightleftharpoons G$ ) equilibrium
- If  $C_p^G = C_p^\alpha$ , then  $\Delta H$  is independent of  $T$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} dP / dT &= \Delta H / T \Delta V \\ dP / dT &\cong \Delta H^G / TV^G = P \Delta H^G / RT^2 \\ dP / P &= (\Delta H^G / RT^2) dT \end{aligned}$$

$$d \ln P = \frac{\Delta H^G}{T^2} dT \quad (7.25)$$

- Eq. (7.25) is known as the **Clausius - Clapeyron equation**. This is an approximate equation, derived by assuming that
  1.  $\Delta H^G$  is constant
  2.  $V^G \gg V^\alpha$  so that  $\Delta V \cong V^G$ .
  3. Vapour phase behaves ideally.

## Integration of Clausius - Clapeyron Equation

$$d \ln P = (\Delta H^G / RT^2) dT$$

- Integrating between the limits  $(P_1, T_1)$  and  $(P_2, T_2)$ :

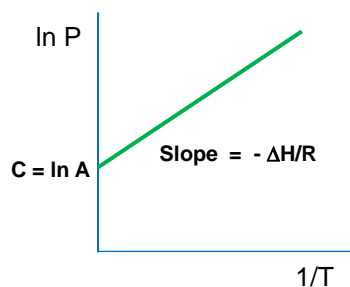
$$\ln \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right) = - \left( \frac{\Delta H^G}{RT} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

- Integrating indefinitely:

$$\ln P = - (\Delta H^G / RT) + C$$

$$P = A \exp (-\Delta H^G / RT)$$

where  $A = \ln C$



## The Condensed Phase Equilibria

- The Clausius – Clapeyron equation is applied only when there is a gas phase involved in the equilibria.

**Example:**  $S \leftrightarrow G$  equilibrium,  $L \leftrightarrow G$  equilibrium, etc.

- For all other equilibria involving condensed phases only (e.g.,  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$  equilibrium,  $S \leftrightarrow L$  equilibrium, etc), the Clausius-Clapeyron equation cannot be applied.
- In such cases, the original Clapeyron equation should be used.

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta V}$$

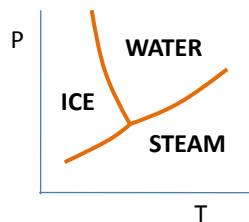
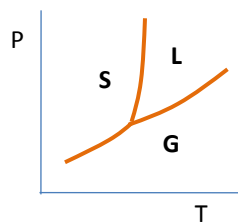
- **For a precise calculation**, T and P dependency of S and V must be considered while integrating the Clapeyron equation.
- **An approximate calculation** of the phase boundaries between two condensed phases can be made by ignoring T and P dependency of H and V.
- In such cases, considering  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta V$  as constant, integration of the Clapeyron equation becomes straightforward:

$$P_2 - P_1 = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta V} (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta V} \left( \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1} \right) \quad \Delta H = \text{latent heat of fusion, etc.}$$

- The gradient of  $P = P(T)$  line (i.e.  $\Delta S/\Delta V$ ) for  $S \leftrightarrow L$  equilibrium for most substances is positive, which means that  $\Delta V$  for the transformation is positive (since  $\Delta S$  is always positive), i.e., the volume expands.

The only exception is water, for which the slope is negative, since ice contracts when it becomes water.



## Trouton's rule

The entropy of vapourisation of most elements is constant.

$$\Delta S^G = \frac{\Delta H^G}{T_b} \cong 21 \text{ cal/deg-mol}$$

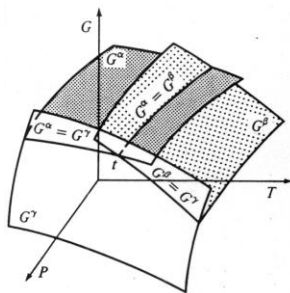
## Richards' rule

The entropy of fusion of most elements is constant.

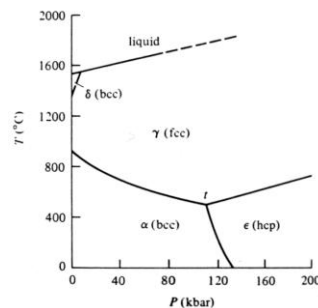
$$\Delta S^F = \frac{\Delta H^F}{T_F} \cong 9 \text{ J/mol-K}$$

## The Triple Point

- At the triple point,  $S \leftrightarrow L$ ,  $L \leftrightarrow G$ , and  $S \leftrightarrow G$  equilibrium lines meet.



At the triple point,  $G^\alpha = G^\beta = G^\gamma$



$P$  -  $T$  diagram for pure iron

- For most elements and compounds, the triple point pressure is well below the atmospheric pressure.

The only exception is  $\text{CO}_2$ , for which  $P_{\text{tp}} = 0.006 \text{ atm}$ .



- The triple point of **S**, **L** and **G** phases can be determined if any two of the three equilibrium (**S** ⇌ **L**, **L** ⇌ **G**, **S** ⇌ **G**) lines are known.
- Using the equations for **L** ⇌ **G** and **S** ⇌ **G** equilibrium lines, the triple point temperature and pressure is calculated as follows:

$$p^G = A^G \exp(-\Delta H^G / RT)$$

$$p^S = A^S \exp(-\Delta H^S / RT)$$

- At the triple point (**P**<sub>tp</sub>, **T**<sub>tp</sub>), these two lines intersect. Thus

$$P_{tp} = A^G \exp(-\Delta H^G / RT_{tp}) = A^S \exp(-\Delta H^S / RT_{tp})$$

$$T_{tp} = \frac{\Delta H^S - \Delta H^G}{R \ln(A^S/A^G)} ; \quad P_{tp} = A^S \exp\left(\frac{\Delta H^G}{\Delta H^G - \Delta H^S}\right)$$

## Next Class

### Lecture 24

## Application of Thermodynamics in Phase Diagrams

### The Free Energy – Composition Diagrams