

### CONCEPT: GIBBS FREE ENERGY (SIMPLIFIED)

- **Gibbs Free Energy ( $\Delta G$ )** is a measure of \_\_\_\_\_ change of a chemical or physical process that can be used to do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Sign of  $\Delta G$  determines \_\_\_\_\_ of a reaction.

Sign of $\Delta G$	Spontaneity of Reaction
$\Delta G < 0$	_____
$\Delta G > 0$	_____
$\Delta G = 0$	_____

**EXAMPLE:** If  $\Delta G$  is small and positive, which of the following statements is true?

- a) the forward reaction is spontaneous and system is far from equilibrium
- b) the forward reaction is spontaneous and system is near equilibrium
- c) the reverse reaction is spontaneous and system is far from equilibrium
- d) the reverse reaction is spontaneous and system is near equilibrium

### Predicting Spontaneity

- When sign of  $\Delta G$  is unknown, spontaneity of a reaction can be predicted from \_\_\_\_\_ of **Enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ )** and **Entropy ( $\Delta S$ )**.

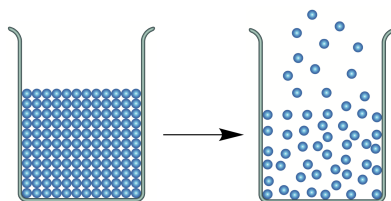
Predicting Spontaneity			
		$+\Delta S$	$-\Delta S$
$+\Delta H$	Spontaneous at _____ Temperatures	Always _____	
$-\Delta H$	Always _____	Spontaneous at _____ Temperatures	

**EXAMPLE:**  $\text{PCl}_3(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{PCl}_5(\text{g})$  At  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\Delta H^\circ = -92.50 \text{ kJ}$ . Which of the following statements is(are) true?

- a. This is an endothermic reaction.
- b. If the temperature is increased, the ratio of  $[\text{PCl}_5] / [\text{PCl}_3][\text{Cl}_2]$  will increase.
- c.  $\Delta S^\circ$  for this reaction is negative.
- d.  $\Delta G^\circ$  for this reaction has to be negative at all temperatures.

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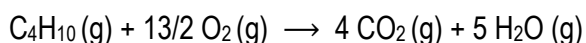
**PRACTICE:** What are the signs of  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta G$  for the spontaneous conversion of a solid into gas?



**PRACTICE:** You calculate the value of  $\Delta G$  for a chemical reaction and get a positive value. Which would be the most accurate way to interpret this result?

- a) If a mixture of reactants and products is created and left to equilibrate, the equilibrium mixture will contain more reactant than product.
- b) If a mixture of reactants and products is created, we cannot say anything about its composition at equilibrium but we can say it will reach equilibrium very rapidly.
- c) The reaction will not occur under any circumstances.
- d) If a mixture of reactants and products is created and left to equilibrate, the equilibrium mixture will contain more product than reactant.

**PRACTICE:** Consider the combustion of butane gas and predict the signs of  $\Delta S$ ,  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta G$ .



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#### Calculations of Gibbs Free Energy

- Gibbs Free Energy formula allows us to calculate the value of  $\Delta G$  (kJ) by using  $\Delta H$  (kJ),  $\Delta S$  (J/K) and  $T$  (K) values.

#### Gibbs Free Energy Formula

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

**EXAMPLE:** For a particular reaction,  $\Delta H = -111.4$  kJ and  $\Delta S = -25.0$  J/K.

Calculate  $\Delta G$  for this reaction at  $298^\circ$  K. What can be said about the spontaneity of the reaction at  $298^\circ$  K?

- a) The system is at equilibrium
- b) The system is spontaneous in the reverse direction.
- c) The system is spontaneous as written.

**PRACTICE:** A particular reaction has  $\Delta G = -350$  kJ and  $\Delta S = -350$  J/K at  $24^\circ\text{C}$ . How much heat will be released/absorbed?

**PRACTICE:** For a reaction in which  $\Delta H = 125$  kJ and  $\Delta S = 325$  J/K, determine the temperature in Celsius above which the reaction is spontaneous.

- a)  $385^\circ\text{C}$
- b)  $273^\circ\text{C}$
- c)  $112^\circ\text{C}$
- d)  $405^\circ\text{C}$
- e)  $25^\circ\text{C}$