Small and large system thermodynamics

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What are the thermodynamic factors?

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{jk}(T,V,\mu_l)}$$
$$=\frac{k_{\rm B}T}{N_j} \left(\frac{\partial N_k}{\partial \mu_j}\right)_{T,V,\mu_{l\neq j}}$$



Reservoir: T, V and N_j constant

Test volume has T, V, μ_j constant

For the small volumes:
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{jk}} = \left[\frac{\langle N_j N_k \rangle - \langle N_j \rangle \langle N_k \rangle}{\langle N_j \rangle}\right]_{T,V,\mu}$$

Can be shown using the grand canonical ensemble



Periodic (large) system (reservoir): Has no surface energy The test volume (not periodic): Has surface energy



The test volume is according to Hill a «small system»

Schnell et al. Mol. Phys. 110, 1069(2011)



Small systems in equilibrium

- Do thermodynamic equations apply?
- Is there a link between the nanoscale and macroscale?
- If so, can we make systematic use of it?



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Hill's thermodynamics for small systems Use N replicas of the small system

Gibbs relation with V, T and N_i controlled

$$dU_t^C = TdS_t^C - p^C NdV + \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^C NdN_j + X^C dN$$

*X^cd*N: *work* to be added to a system of replica, when the number of replicas N changes

$$X^{C} = \left(\frac{\partial U_{t}^{C}}{\partial \mathbf{N}}\right)_{S_{t}^{C}, V, N_{j}}$$

X^C is the replica energy









$$dU_{t}^{C} = TdS_{t}^{C} - p^{C}NdV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{j}^{C}NdN_{j} + X^{C}dN$$

Using extensivity in N gives $U_{t}^{C} = TS_{t}^{C} + X^{C}N$

Define averages by
$$U_t^C \equiv \overline{U}^C N$$
 and $S_t^C \equiv S^C N$

It follows that
$$X^{C} = \overline{U}^{C} - TS^{C} = F^{C}$$

The replica energy is equal to the Helmholtz energy per replica

C is short for canonical



Substituting
$$U_t^C \equiv \overline{U}^C N$$
 and $S_t^C \equiv S^C N$ in
 $dU_t^C = TdS_t^C - p^C NdV + \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^C NdN_j + X^C dN$
gives $d\overline{U}^C = TdS^C - p^C dV + \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^C dN_j$

Substitution of $X^{C} = \overline{U}^{C} - TS^{C} = F^{C}$ gives

$$dF^{C} = -S^{C}dT - p^{C}dV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{j}^{C}dN_{j}$$

It follows that

$$S^{C}(V,T,N_{j}) = -\left(\frac{\partial F^{C}}{\partial T}\right)_{V,N_{j}}, \quad p^{C}(V,T,N_{j}) = -\left(\frac{\partial F^{C}}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N_{j}}$$
$$\mu_{j}^{C}(V,T,N_{l}) = \left(\frac{\partial F^{C}}{\partial N_{j}}\right)_{V,T,N_{k\neq j}}$$

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$$dU_{t}^{GC} = TdS_{t}^{GC} - p^{GC}NdV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{j}dN_{j,t}^{GC} + X^{GC}dN$$

The replica energy is now

$$X^{GC} = \left(\frac{\partial U_t^{GC}}{\partial \mathbf{N}}\right)_{S_t^{GC}, V, N_{j,t}^{GC}} \equiv -\hat{p}(V, T, \mu_j) V$$

Extensivity gives

$$\overline{U}^{GC} = TS^{GC} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_j \overline{N}_j^{GC} - \hat{p}V$$

GC is short for grand canonical

Inverse matrix of thermodynamic $(\Gamma^{-1})_{jk}^{GC}(V,T,\mu_j) \equiv \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{\overline{N}_{i}^{GC}} \left(\frac{\partial N_{j}^{GC}}{\partial \mu_k}\right)$ factors:



Substituting the averages into

$$dU_{t}^{GC} = TdS_{t}^{GC} - p^{GC}NdV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{j}dN_{j,t}^{GC} + X^{GC}dN$$

gives $d\overline{U}^{GC} = TdS^{GC} - p^{GC}dV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{j}d\overline{N}_{j}^{GC}$

Substituting
$$\overline{U}^{GC} = TS^{GC} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_j \overline{N}_j^{GC} - \hat{p}V$$
 gives

$$d\hat{p}V = S^{GC}dT + p^{GC}dV + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \overline{N}_{j}^{GC}d\mu_{j}$$
$$S^{GC}(V,T,\mu_{l}) = \left(\frac{\partial\hat{p}V}{\partial T}\right)_{V,\mu_{l}}, \ p^{GC}(V,T,\mu_{l}) = \left(\frac{\partial\hat{p}V}{\partial V}\right)_{T}$$

It follows that

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\partial V}\right)_{T,\mu_l}$$

 $\overline{N}_{j}^{GC}(V,T,\mu_{l}) = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{p}V}{\partial \mu_{j}}\right)_{V,T,\mu_{k\neq j}}$ Differential and integral pressure



Statistical mechanics of small systems

Hamiltonian for N particles

$$H(r_{1},...,r_{N};p_{1},...p_{N}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{|p_{j}|^{2}}{2m_{j}} + V(r_{1},...,r_{N};p_{1},...p_{N})$$

The canonical partition function is

$$Q(V,T,N_{j}) = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{N_{k}!} \int dp_{1}...dp_{N} \int_{V} dr_{1}...dr_{N} \exp(-\beta H)$$
$$= \prod_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{N_{k}!} \Lambda_{k}^{3N_{k}} \int_{V} dr_{1}...dr_{N} \exp(-\beta V)$$
where $\beta \equiv 1/k_{B}T$ and $\Lambda_{k} \equiv h/\sqrt{2\pi m_{k}k_{B}T}$

Helmholtz energy per replica $F^{C}(V,T,N_{j}) = -k_{B}T \ln Q(V,T,N_{j})$

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The grand canonical partition function is

$$\Xi\left(V,T,\mu_{j}\right) = \sum_{N_{1}=1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{N_{n}=1}^{\infty} \exp\left[\beta\left(\mu_{1}N_{1}+\dots+\mu_{n}N_{n}\right)\right]Q\left(V,T,N_{j}\right)$$

The integral pressure is

$$\hat{p}\left(V,T,\mu_{j}\right)V = -k_{\rm B}T\ln\Xi\left(V,T,\mu_{j}\right)$$

Calculation of the partition functions makes it possible to obtain the thermodynamic properties of small systems.



Exercises: calculate the canonical and grand canonical partition functions for a multi-component ideal gas in a cubic box, where particles of component k can be adsorbed at the surface with a binding energy E^{s}_{k} . Calculate the resulting thermodynamic quantities.



Excercise: controlled variables V, T, N_i

The canonical partition function for 1 particle of component k is

$$Q_{1,k}(V,T) = \frac{V}{\Lambda_k^d} + \frac{O}{\Lambda_k^{d-1}} \exp\left(\beta E_k^s\right) = \left(\frac{L}{\Lambda_k}\right)^d + c_d^s \left(\frac{L}{\Lambda_k}\right)^{d-1} \exp\left(\beta E_k^s\right)$$

The canonical partition function for the whole system is

$$Q(V,T,N_l) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{N_k!} Q_{1,k}^{N_k}(V,T)$$

The Helmholtz energy is

$$F^{C}(V,T,N_{1},...,N_{n}) = -k_{B}T \ln Q(V,T,N_{l})$$
$$= -k_{B}T \sum_{k=1}^{n} \ln \left(\frac{1}{N_{k}!}Q_{1,k}^{N_{k}}(V,T)\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{k}^{C}(V,T,N_{k})$$



Using Stirling this gives

$$F_k^C(V,T,N_k) = k_{\rm B}T \ln\left(N_k!\right) - N_k k_{\rm B}T \ln Q_{1,k}(V,T)$$

$$= N_k k_{\rm B}T \ln\left(\frac{N_k}{e}\right) + \frac{1}{2} k_{\rm B}T \ln\left(2\pi N_k\right) - N_k k_{\rm B}T \ln Q_{1,k}(V,T)$$

$$= N_k k_{\rm B}T \left[\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda_k^d N_k}{Ve}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln\left(2\pi N_k\right)}{N_k} - \ln\left(1 + c_d^s \frac{\Lambda_k}{L} \exp\left(\beta E_k^s\right)\right)\right]$$

$$\approx N_k k_{\rm B}T \left[\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda_k^d N_k}{Ve}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln\left(2\pi N_k\right)}{N_k} - c_d^s \frac{\Lambda_k}{L} \exp\left(\beta E_k^s\right)\right]$$

It is clear that for large L the Helmholtz energy is linear in 1/L



Using the Helmholtz energy we can calculate p^{c} and μ^{c}_{k}

$$p^{C}(V,T,N_{l}) = -\left(\frac{\partial F^{C}}{\partial V}\right)_{T,N_{l}} \approx k_{B}T\sum_{k=1}^{n}n_{k}\left[1-c_{d}^{s}\frac{1}{d}\frac{\Lambda_{k}}{L}\exp\left(\beta E_{k}^{s}\right)\right]$$
$$\mu_{j}^{C}(V,T,N_{l}) = -\left(\frac{\partial F^{C}}{\partial N_{j}}\right)_{V,T,N_{l}} \approx k_{B}T\ln\left(n_{j}\Lambda_{j}^{d}\right) + \frac{k_{B}T}{2N_{j}} - c_{d}^{s}k_{B}T\frac{\Lambda_{j}}{L}\exp\left(\beta E_{j}^{s}\right)$$
$$-c_{d}^{s}\sum_{k=1}^{n}n_{k}\frac{\Lambda_{k}}{L}\frac{\partial E_{k}^{s}}{\partial n_{j}}\exp\left(\beta E_{k}^{s}\right)$$

Similarly we can calculate S^c and Γ^c_{jk} , were we have given terms to linear order in 1/L. There are higher order contributions in 1/L.

Note that there are contributions containing derivatives of the binding energy to the surface.



Excercise: controlled variables V, T, μ_i

The grand canonical partition function is

$$\Xi(V,T,\mu_{1},...,\mu_{n}) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{N_{k}=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(\beta\mu_{k}N_{k}\right) \frac{1}{N_{k}!} Q_{1,k}^{N_{k}}(V,T)$$
$$= \exp\left[\sum_{k=1}^{n} \exp(\beta\mu_{k})Q_{1,k}(V,T)\right]$$

This gives, to linear order in 1/L, for the integral pressure

$$\hat{p}(V,T,\mu_1,...,\mu_n) = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{V} \ln \Xi = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{V} \sum_{k=1}^n \exp(\beta\mu_k) Q_{1,k}(V,T)$$
$$= k_{\rm B}T \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\exp(\beta\mu_k)}{\Lambda_k^d} \left[1 + c_d^s \frac{\Lambda_k}{L} \exp(\beta E_k^s) \right]$$

and for the differential pressure (they are different!!!)

$$p^{GC}(V,T,\mu_1,..,\mu_n) = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{p}V}{\partial V}\right)_{T,\mu_j} = k_{\rm B}T\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\exp(\beta\mu_k)}{\Lambda_k^d} \left[1 + c_d^s \frac{d-1}{d} \frac{\Lambda_k}{L} \exp(\beta E_k^s)\right]$$

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The derivatives of \hat{p} give the entropy and the particle number densities.

$$s(V,T,\mu_{j}) = \frac{S(V,T,\mu_{j})}{V} = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{p}\left(V,T,\mu_{j}\right)}{\partial T}\right)_{V,\mu_{j}}$$
$$\overline{n}_{j}^{GC}\left(V,T,\mu_{l}\right) = \frac{\overline{N}_{j}^{GC}\left(V,T,\mu_{l}\right)}{V} = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{p}\left(V,T,\mu_{l}\right)}{\partial \mu_{j}}\right)_{V,T,\mu_{k\neq j}}$$

The inverse matrix of thermodynamic factors is given by the second derivative of \hat{p} with respect to μ .

The explicit calculation leads to an expansion in 1/L.

End exercises



Small system method

The probability to be close to the surface differs from that far away

Surface energies: $E^{s}_{k}(T,\mu_{j})$

A general feature we find for the thermodynamic properties of small systems in molecular dynamics simulations is ($V=L^d$)

$$\alpha = \frac{A}{V} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{L}\right) + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{L}\right)^2 + \dots$$

This makes it possible to obtain the thermodynamic limit from simulations of small systems



In the Small System Method we use this feature

We simulate a system of a few thousand particles. In small subvolumes with a volume V, the temperature T and the chemical potentials μ_i are determined by the large box.

For the inverse thermodynamic factors one has:

$$\left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_{jk}}\right]_{T,V,\mu} = \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_{jk}}\right]_{T,V,\mu}^{\infty} + C_1 \frac{1}{L} + C_2 \left(\frac{1}{L}\right)^2 \dots$$

This gives the inverse thermodynamic factors in the thermodynamic limit as a function of T, V, μ_i .

Kirkwood, Buff, JCP19 (1951)774 explain how to obtain the relevant quantities from Γ_{ik} in other ensembles.



Interaction potential, example



Lennard-Jones pair-potential





Testing the formula from statistical mechanics





Comparing cubic and spherical sub-volumes







Experiments give the Fick diffusion coefficient. MD simulations give the Maxwell-Stefan diffusion coefficients. Their ratio gives the thermodynamic factor:



Molfraction acetone in tetrachloromethane

Excellent agreement

Liu et al, J. Phys. Chem B 115, 12921 (2011)



Small System's Method

Recipy

- 1. Choose the reservoir with a given μ , *V*, *T*
- 2. Choose shape and size of test volume
- 3. Count fluctuations in *N* in the test volume and find the limit value (infinite *L*) by extrapolation

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\infty}} + \frac{A}{L} + \frac{B}{L^2} + \frac{C}{L^3} \dots$$

4. Control: The result must not depend on the reservoir size



Conclusions

- It is possible to describe the properties of small systems using thermodynamics
- The Small System Method gives a scaling law for properties on the nanoscale as a function of 1/L
- Bulk properties can be found in a rapid manner using linear extrapolation.



Kirkwood–Buff Integrals for Finite Volumes



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Kirkwood-Buff integrals of radial distribution functions

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{\infty} = \int_{0}^{\infty} (g_{\alpha\beta}(r) - 1) \, \mathrm{d}r$$

Why are these integrals so important?

Kirkwood and Buff showed that many thermodynamic properties, like the thermodynamic factors, compressibility, activity coefficients, partial molar volumes can be calculated in terms of the KB integrals

What is difficult in their calculation?

 Kirkwood, J. G.; Buff, F. P. The Statistical Mechanical Theory of Solutions I. J. Chem. Phys. 1951, 19, 774–777.
 Ben-Naim, A. Molecular Theory of Solutions: Oxford University Press: Oxford, U.K., 2005.



Kirkwood-Buff integrals of radial distribution functions



Convergence problems due to the fact that the pair correlation functions do not properly approach 1 for large r when V is finite

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Kirkwood–Buff Integrals for Finite Volumes

$$G_{a\beta}^{V} \equiv \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} \int_{V} (g_{a\beta}(r_{12}) - 1) d\mathbf{r}_{1} d\mathbf{r}_{2}$$
$$= V \frac{\langle N_{a} N_{\beta} \rangle - \langle N_{a} \rangle \langle N_{\beta} \rangle}{\langle N_{a} \rangle \langle N_{\beta} \rangle} - \frac{\delta_{a\beta}}{c_{a}} = \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_{a\beta}^{V}} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}\right) \frac{V}{\langle N_{\beta} \rangle}$$

When the volume size >> correlation length this reduces to

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{\infty} = \int_{0}^{\infty} (g_{\alpha\beta}(r) - 1) dr$$

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Standard approximation:

$$\tilde{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{R} \equiv \int_{0}^{2R} 4\pi r^{2} \left(g_{\alpha\beta}(r) - 1 \right) dr$$

The small volume correction (Peter Krüger, Jean-Marc Simon)

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{V} \equiv G_{\alpha\beta}^{R} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{1} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{2} \left[g_{\alpha\beta}(r_{12}) - 1 \right] = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{1} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{2} \ h_{\alpha\beta}(r_{12})$$
$$= \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{1} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr \delta(r - r_{12}) \ h_{\alpha\beta}(r) = \int_{0}^{2R} dr w(r, R) \ h_{\alpha\beta}(r)$$

Where we choose V to be a hypersphere with radius R and where

$$w(r,R) \equiv \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{1} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r}_{2} \delta(r-r_{12})$$



w(r,x) for hyperspheres in 1 to 3 dimensions

d	KB	147	$w - x(\partial w/\partial x)$
1	1	1 - x	1
2	$2\pi r$	$4r(\arccos(x) - x(1 - x^2)^{1/2})$	$4r(\arccos(x) + x(1 - x^2)^{1/2})$
3	$4\pi r^2$	$4\pi r^2(1-3x/2+x^3/2)$	$4\pi r^2(1-x^3)$
$a_x =$	r /(21	R). w and $-x(\partial w/\partial x)$ are st	rictly zero for $x \ge 1$. The
funct	tions tha	at correspond to w in the usual	l KB theory (eq 4) are listed
un de	т "KB".		

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One may show that:

 $G^{R}_{\alpha\beta} - G^{\infty}_{\alpha\beta} \sim \frac{A}{V} \sim \frac{1}{R}$

This suggests to Taylor expand in 1/R to get a better approximation. This leads to:

$$\hat{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{R} \equiv \int_{0}^{2R} dr \left[w(r,x) - x \frac{\partial w(r,x)}{\partial x} \right] h_{\alpha\beta}(r_{12})$$

Using as trial correlation function:

$$h(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{3/2}{r/\sigma} \exp\left(\frac{1-r/\sigma}{\chi}\right) \cos\left[2\pi\left(\frac{r}{\sigma}-\frac{21}{20}\right)\right], \frac{r}{\sigma} \ge \frac{19}{20}\\ -1, r < \frac{19}{20}\sigma \end{cases}$$

we compare: $\tilde{G}^{R}_{\alpha\beta}, G^{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\hat{G}^{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ for $\chi = 2$ and $\chi = 20$





The green curve gives $\tilde{G}^{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ which has huge oscillations and converges very slowly

The red curve gives $\hat{G}^{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ which has much smaller oscillations and converges rapidly

The blue curve gives which has very small oscillations and with a 1/R extrapolation which gives the correct value

The black curve gives *h*(*r*)

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Conclusion



gives an efficient way to calculate Kirkwood-Buff integrals using the 1/*R* extrapolation



Chemical reactions

Dissociation of hydrogen $H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H$



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Chemical reactions

Partial molar enthalpies, constant *T*, *V*, μ_j

$$H_{i}(L) = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial N_{i}}\right)_{T,V,\mu_{j}} = \left[\frac{\langle UN_{i} \rangle - \langle U \rangle \langle N_{i} \rangle + k_{B}T \langle N_{i} \rangle}{\langle N_{i}^{2} \rangle - \langle N_{j} \rangle^{2}}\right]_{T,V,\mu_{i}}$$



$$\frac{1}{H_i} = \frac{1}{H_i^{\infty}} \left[1 + \frac{A}{L} + \dots \right]_{T, V, \mu_j}$$



Partial molar enthalpies, constant T, V and μ



Results from SSM (circles) and direct Monte Carlo simulations (squares)

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Aim: Partial molar enthalpy at constant *T*, *p* and *N*_{*j*}:

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_i^{\infty} \end{bmatrix}_{T,V,\mu_j} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} H_i^{\infty} \end{bmatrix}_{T,p,N_j}$$

Legendre transform

Schnell, Skorpa, Bedeaux, Kjelstrup, Vlugt, Simon, JCP, 141, 144501 (2014)



Dissociation of hydrogen $H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H$

Density 156 K: 0.0011 / 0.0191 g (cm)-3

$$U(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N) = \sum_{i \prec j} u_{(2)}(r_{ij}) + \sum_{i \prec j \prec k} u_{(3)}(r_i, r_j, r_k)$$



Energy surface of U for H-H....H

- F.H. Stillinger and T.A, Weber, JPC, 1988
- Diedrich and Anderson, Science 1992, JPC 1994
- D. Kohen, J.C. Tully, F.H. Stillinger, Surface Science, 1998

Skorpa, Simon, Bedeaux, Kjelstrup, PCCP, 2014, 16, 19681 and 16, 1227



Away from equilibrium

H₂ **₹** 2H

- Constant pressure
- Closed system
- Temperature gradient
- What are the transport properties?





Transport of H og H₂ due to a temperature gradient!





• Heat transport $J_{q}^{'} = -\left[\lambda_{J_{H_{2}}=0}\right] \frac{dT}{dx} + q * J_{H_{2}}$

Mass transport



Bird, Stewart , Lightfoot, *Transport Phenomena*, 2nd. Ed. 2007: «The Dufour energy flux *q* is quite complex of nature and usually of minor importance»

Diffusion in a reacting mixture



Kinetic gas theory $D \approx 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

	H ₂	F ₂
Penetration depth	10 Å	4 Å
Mean free path	12 Å	3-6 Å



Heat conduction and heat of transfer

$$J'_{q} = -[\lambda_{J=0}] \frac{dT}{dx} + q * J_{H_{2}}$$

λ _{J=0} W/K	$\lambda_{\Delta G/T=konstant}$ W/K	q* kJ/mol	Δ _r H kJ/mol
1.5	4.4	-3000	424

Compare Bird, Stewart, Lightfoot, *Transport Phenomena*, 2nd. Ed. 2007!



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- The Small System Method gives a scaling law for properties from the nano to the macroscopic scale
- A bulk property can thus be found in a rapid manner.
- Non-equilibrium thermodynamics can be used to define the laws of transport. The mechanism can be understood from simulations.



Dissociation of hydrogen $H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H$

Mol fractions $\longrightarrow K_x \longrightarrow$ reaction enthalpy

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T *	Х н	Кх
0.15	0.405	0.28
0.20	0.647	1.18
0.25	0.730	1.97
0.30	0.939	4.09
0.40	0.964	5.50

$$\rho^{*}=0.0011 \circ \rho^{*}=0.004 \circ$$

 $\Delta H = 430 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Ideal mixture

Skorpa et al. PCCP, 2014

$$K_x = \frac{x_{\rm H}^2}{x_{\rm H_2}}$$

But the mixture is not ideal!





Equilibrium constant from reaction enthalpy

$$\int_{K_{th}=K_x}^{K_{th}(T)} d\ln K_{th} = \int_{T_x}^T \frac{\Delta H}{R} d\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$



Density: 0.0003

$$K_{th} = K_x \frac{p}{p^0} \frac{\gamma_{\rm H}^2}{\gamma_{\rm H_2}^2}$$





Thermodynamic equilibrium constant

Average reaction enthalpy:

460 kJ/mol

T *	K th	(үн)^2/үн2
0.15	700	1.2
0.20	4 300	1.0
0.25	12 300	1.3
0.30	25 100	1.0
0.40	60 900	1.3

Temperature dependent reaction enthalpy $\Delta_r H (\rho *=0.0003)=0.0003T^2-8.9T+4.9x10^5$

T *	K th	(үн)^2/үн2
0.15	600	1.0
0.20	3 200	0.8
0.25	8 000	0.9
0.30	16 600	0.7
0.40	37 900	0.8

SSM gives very good accuracy. Only one simulation

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Implementing the code LAMMPS Molecular Dynamics Simulator

http://lammps.sandia.gov/index.html

Results NOTUR

- Stand alone code:
- Python: 10 hours /16 kernels
- C++: 5 minutes / single kernel
- C++/OMP: 4 minutes /16 kernels
- Time profile: 95% for reading, 5% for computing

Trinh, Nagel, Holvik, Kjelstrup, in prep.



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Compare Bird, Stewart, Lightfoot, *Transport Phenomena*, 2nd. Ed. 2007!



Conclusions

- It is possible to describe the properties of small systems using thermodynamics
- The Small System Method gives a scaling law for properties from the nano to the macroscopic scale
- A bulk property can thus be found in a rapid manner.
- Non-equilibrium thermodynamics can be used to define the laws of transport. The mechanism can be understood from simulations.



CO₂ adsorption on graphite



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CO2 : Rigid rotor TraPPE force field



Interaction potential

$$V(\mathrm{CO}_2 - \mathrm{CO}_2) = V^{LJ} + V^{Columbic}$$

$$V(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{CO}_2) = V^{LJ}$$

Table 1. LJ	potential p	arameters	used in	simulation
Atom	σ (Å) ε/k _₽	(K)	charge (e)

Atom	σ(A)	$\epsilon/k_B(K)$	charge (e)
C (in CO ₂)	2.80	27	0.7
O (in CO ₂)	3.05	79	-0.35
C (graphite)	3.34	26	0



Equilibrium adsorbate – gas



Two surface layers!

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Adsorption isotherms for layer 1 and 2

Fully covered surface at 350 K: 12.5 molekyl/(nm)²



Langmuir- isotherm for layer 1.

Henry's law applies to layer 2

Choose Henry's law standard state!

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cylindrical test volume



Reservoir: 168 Å x 216 Å x 336 Å







Termodynamic factor, CO₂ on graphite



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Standard chemical potential, enthalpy and entropy for layers 1 og 2

298 K	Total layer	Layer 1	Layer 2	CO ₂ gas
μ ⁰ kJ/mol	-47 <i>±</i> 1	-47 ± 1	-42 ± 1	-54.11
S ⁰ J/K mol	157 <i>±</i> 3	145 <i>±</i> 3	155 <i>±</i> 3	213.78
<i>H</i> ⁰ kJ/mol	0 ± 1	-4 ± 1	3 ± 1	9.36

 $S_i^{0} = - \left[\frac{\partial \mu_i^{0}}{\partial T} \right]_{p}$ $H_{i}^{0} = \mu_{i}^{0} + TS_{i}^{0}$

 $\Delta_{ads}H = -10 \pm 1 \text{ kJ / mol}$

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Conclusions

- It is possible to describe the properties of small systems using thermodynamics by introducing the reversible work related to change in system size
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- A bulk property can thus be found in a rapid manner.
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