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(Please not two enclosures, JANAF Table and Ellingham

Practice HW2.2-Processing

Consider the following reaction in equilibrium



The change in Free Energy for this reaction is

$$\Delta G_{JANAF} = G_{SiO_2(\text{quartz})} - G_{O_2} - G_{Si}$$

Since O_2 and Si are in their standard states we have that

$$\Delta G_{JANAF} = \Delta G_{SiO_2(\text{quartz})} \quad (2)$$

Note the emphasis on quartz. The Free Energy depends not only on the species but also on the phase. Thus the free energy for molten quartz or silica glass will be different from that of quartz. Furthermore there is a phase transformation in quartz at 673°C from a to b quartz so that there is a change in the free energy behavior at the this temperature for SiO_2 . (Note that at the transition temperature both phases have the same free energy since they are in equilibrium; therefore the slope of the G vs. T curve changes at this temperature but from the same point).

The equilibrium in Eq. (1) is given by the balance of chemical potentials

$$\mu_{Si} + \mu_{O_2} = \mu_{SiO_2} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\mu_{SiO_2} = \mu_{SiO_2}^o + RT \ln(a_{SiO_2}) \quad (4)$$

where

$\mu_{SiO_2}^o$ is the standard state.

Writing similar equations for μ_{Si} and for μ_{O_2} into Eq. (3) we obtain

$$(\mu_{SiO_2} - \mu_{Si} - \mu_{O_2}) + RT \ln \frac{a_{SiO_2}}{a_{Si} a_{p_{O_2}}} = 0 \quad (5)$$

JANAF Tables gives the values for

$$(6)$$

Combining (5) and (6)

$$\Delta G_{SiO_2(\text{quartz})}(T) - RT \ln(p_{O_2}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

where $a_{Si} = 1$, $a_{SiO_2} = 1$, and $a_{O_2} = p_{O_2}$

Exercise:

Show how Eq. (6) leads to the line for SiO₂ Ellingham Diagram.

Exercise:

The temperature dependent values for $\Delta G_{SiO_2}(\text{quartz})$ are given in the attached sheet drawn from the JANAF Tables.

Pick a temperature and show that the calculation of equilibrium p_{O_2} from Eq. (6) is consistent with the "quick" reading from the Ellingham diagram.

