

Chemical Potential of Real Gases and Fugacity

The difference betⁿ real gas and ideal gas is molecular interaction,

\therefore For a real gas $V_m \neq \frac{RT}{P}$ and therefore $d\mu \neq RT \ln P$.

Hence a new variable which has dimensions and different general properties of pressure is introduced in the chemical pot. equation.

This new variable is called fugacity derived from Latin fugare i.e. to "flee" or "escaping tendency". It is denoted by f . This is a corrected pressure which applies to

real gases. All the effects arising due interaction (molecular) are contained in " f ".

The chemical potential of a pure real gas is

$$\mu = \mu^\circ + RT \ln(f/\text{atm}) \quad \text{where } \mu^\circ \text{ is standard chemical potential at unit fugacity}$$

At very low pressure $\lim_{P \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f}{P}\right) = 1$.

The ratio $\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) = \gamma$ is called fugacity coefficient. For an ideal gas $f = P$ and $\gamma = 1$. But for real gases

$\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) \neq 1$ i.e. fugacity is not the actual pressure.

$$\text{eg } f_{25^\circ\text{C}, 1000 \text{ atm}} (\text{N}_2 \text{ gas}) = 1839 \text{ atm} \quad f_{25^\circ\text{C}, 1000 \text{ atm}} (\text{ideal gas}) = 498 \text{ atm}$$

$$\text{For real gas } \mu = \mu^\circ + RT \ln\left(\frac{\gamma P}{\text{atm}}\right) = \mu^\circ + RT \ln \frac{P}{\text{atm}} + RT \ln \gamma$$

For ideal gas $\mu = \mu^\circ + RT \ln\left(\frac{P}{\text{atm}}\right)$ i.e. $RT \ln \gamma$ in above eqⁿ accounts for non ideality.

If there is no interaction in gas (ideal gas) $RT \ln \gamma = 0$. Since RT cannot be equal to zero therefore $[\ln \gamma = 0 \text{ or } \gamma = 1]$ for a gas when having no interactions this is ideal gas.

for real gas ~~$\gamma = 1$~~ $\gamma \neq 1$.

Calculation of fugacity of a gas

$d\mu = V_m dP$ for a real & ideal gas

Let there is a change in state of the system from initial P' to a final Pressure P . For real gas f' be the fugacity of the real gas at Pressure P' and f the " " " " at Pressure P .

$$\int_{\mu'}^{\mu} d\mu_{(ideal)} = \int_{P'}^P V_{m(ideal)} dP$$

$$\mu_{(ideal)} - \mu'_{(ideal)} = \int_{P'}^P V_{m(ideal)} dP \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\mu_{(real)} - \mu'_{(real)} = \int_{P'}^P V_{m(real)} \times dP \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Substitute the value of μ for ideal and real gas

\therefore eq (1) becomes

$$\mu_{(ideal)} - \mu'_{(ideal)} = RT \ln\left(\frac{P}{P'}\right) = \int_{P'}^P V_{m(ideal)} dP \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

eq (2) become

$$\mu_{(real)} - \mu'_{(real)} = RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{atm}\right) - RT \ln\left(\frac{f'}{atm}\right) = \int_{P'}^P V_{m(real)} dP$$

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Subtract eq. (4) from eq (3)

$$RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{f'}\right) - RT \ln\left(\frac{P}{P'}\right) = \int_{P'}^P [V_{m(real)} - V_{m(ideal)}] dP$$

$$RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) - RT \ln\left(\frac{f'}{P'}\right) = \int_{P'}^P \dots \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\alpha = V_{m(ideal)} - V_{m(real)}$$

eq (5) becomes

$$RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) - RT \ln\left(\frac{f'}{P'}\right) = \int_{P'}^P (-\alpha) dP = \int_0^P \alpha dP - \int_0^{P'} \alpha dP$$

$$\therefore RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) - RT \ln\left(\frac{f'}{P'}\right) = - \int_0^P \alpha dP + \int_0^{P'} \alpha dP \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

If P' is very low then gas behaves ideally
 then $V_m(\text{ideal}) \approx V_m(\text{real})$ & $\lim_{P' \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f'}{P'}\right) = 1$

\therefore 2nd term on L.H.S. & R.H.S. of eq (6)
 becomes zero

$$RT \ln\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) = - \int_0^P \alpha dP$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{f}{P}\right) = - \frac{1}{RT} \int_0^P \alpha dP \quad \text{Taking antilog on both sides}$$

$$\frac{f}{P} = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{RT} \int_0^P \alpha dP\right)$$

$$f = P \exp\left(-\frac{1}{RT} \int_0^P \alpha dP\right)$$

$$= P \exp\left[\frac{1}{RT} \int_0^P (V_m(\text{real}) - V_m(\text{ideal})) dP\right] \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

' f ' can be calculated at a given P if
 real & ideal volume of gas at given P & T is
 known. There are various ways to calculate
 ' f ' if we know to evaluate the integral.

a) If α is considered to const & independent

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$$\int_0^P \alpha dP = \alpha P \quad \text{eq (2) becomes}$$

$$f = P \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha P}{RT}\right) = P \left[1 - \frac{\alpha P}{RT} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha P}{RT}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

Neglecting higher powers of $\frac{\alpha P}{RT}$.

$$f = P \left[1 - \frac{\alpha P}{RT} \right] = \frac{P}{RT} [RT - \alpha P] \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$RT = PV_{m(\text{ideal})}, \quad \alpha = V_{m(\text{ideal})} - V_{m(\text{real})}$$

$$RT - \alpha P = PV_{m(\text{ideal})} - PV_{m(\text{ideal})} + PV_{m(\text{real})}$$

$$\therefore \text{eq (8) becomes } f = P \left[\frac{PV_{m(\text{real})}}{RT} \right] = \frac{PV_{m(\text{real})}}{PV_{m(\text{ideal})}}$$

$$\frac{f}{P} = \frac{(PV_m)_{\text{real}}}{(PV_m)_{\text{ideal}}}$$

If molar volumes of ideal & real gases are equal.
but pressures are not equal then

$$\frac{f}{P} = \frac{P}{P_{\text{ideal}}}$$

$$f \times P_{\text{ideal}} = P^2$$

$$P = \sqrt{f \cdot P_{\text{ideal}}}$$

The true pressure is the geometric mean of the
fugacity & ideal pressure
Fugacity can be calculated from observed P
& ideal pressure

(b) Fugacity from compressibility factor $Z = \frac{PV_m}{RT}$

For ideal gas $Z = 1 \rightarrow V_{m(\text{ideal})} = \frac{RT}{P}$

For real gas $V_m = Z \frac{RT}{P}$

eq (2) becomes,

$$f = P \left[\exp \int_0^P \left(\frac{Z RT}{P} - \frac{RT}{P} \right) dP \right]$$

$$f = P \int_0^P \exp \left(\frac{Z-1}{P} \right) dP \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Z values for different gases are available in the charts & hence integral can be calculated & thus f.

(c) From equation of state for gases. From van der Waals gas, or virial eq.

For nonideal gas $\mu = \mu^0 + RT \ln \left(\frac{f}{\text{atm}} \right)$

At const T, $du = RT d \ln \left(\frac{f}{\text{atm}} \right) \therefore d\mu = V_m dP$

$\therefore V_m dP = RT d \ln \left(\frac{f}{\text{atm}} \right)$ for real gas

$$V_{m(\text{ideal})} dP = RT d \ln \left(\frac{P}{\text{atm}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \left[V_{m(\text{real})} - V_{m(\text{ideal})} \right] dP = RT d \ln \left(\frac{f}{P} \right) \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Let us consider van der Waals gas eq, considering

$a=0$

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V_m^2} \right) (V_m - b) = RT$$

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$$P(V_m - b) = RT$$

$$(V_m = \frac{RT}{P} + b) \text{ where } b \text{ is excluded volume}$$

Sub. this value in eq (10)

$$\left(\frac{RT}{P} + b - \frac{RT}{P} \right) dP = RT d \ln \frac{f}{P}$$

$$\int_0^P b dP = \int_1^{\frac{f}{P}} RT d \ln \frac{f}{P}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{P \rightarrow 0} \frac{f}{P} = 1$$

$$bP = RT \ln \left(\frac{f}{P} \right)$$

$$\ln \frac{f}{P} = \frac{bP}{RT}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{P} \right) = \exp \left(\frac{bP}{RT} \right) \text{ --- (11)}$$

d) when intermolecular forces are not absent i.e. $a \neq 0$

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V_m^2} \right) (V_m - b) = RT$$

$$P = \frac{RT}{V_m - b} - \frac{a}{V_m^2}$$

Multiply both sides by V_m

$$PV_m = \frac{RTV_m}{V_m - b} - \frac{a}{V_m}$$

$$= RT \left[1 + \frac{b}{V_m} \right]^{-1} - \frac{a}{V_m}$$

$$= RT \left[1 + \frac{b}{V_m} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{V_m} \right)^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{a}{V_m}$$

= higher powers neglected.

$$PV_m = RT \left[1 + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) \frac{1}{V_m} \right]$$

$$V_m = \frac{RT}{P} \left[1 + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) \frac{1}{V_m} \right]$$

$$= \frac{RT}{P} + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) \frac{RT}{PV_m}$$

$$V_m = \frac{RT}{P} + (bRT - a) \frac{1}{PV_m}$$

$$PV_m \approx RT$$

$$= \frac{RT}{P} + (bRT - a) \frac{1}{RT}$$

$$V_m = \frac{RT}{P} + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right)$$

eq (7)

$$V_{m(\text{real})} - V_{m(\text{ideal})} = \frac{RT}{P} + \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) - \frac{RT}{P}$$

$$= \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right)$$

Sub in eq (7) $\int_0^P \left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) dP = \int_0^P RT d \ln \left(\frac{f}{P} \right)$

$$\left(\frac{f}{P} \right) = 1$$

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{RT} \right) P = RT \ln \left(\frac{f}{P} \right) \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

If 'a' & 'b' are known then f can be evaluated at a given P & T.

9) $b = 0$. Then eq (12) reduces to

$$\left(-\frac{a}{RT}\right) P = RT d \ln \frac{f}{P}$$

$$d \ln \left(\frac{f}{P}\right) = \frac{-aP}{(RT)^2}$$

$$\frac{f}{P} = \exp\left\{-\frac{aP}{(RT)^2}\right\}$$

$$f = P \exp\left(-\frac{aP}{(RT)^2}\right)$$

When $a = 0$, eq (12) reduces to

$$bP = RT \ln \frac{f}{P}$$

$$\ln \frac{f}{P} = \frac{bP}{RT}$$

$$f = P \exp\left(\frac{bP}{RT}\right)$$