# Chapter 12A

Reactions Involving Pure Condensed Phases and A Gaseous Phase

12. 1 Introduction

- Reaction of pure metal to form oxide, sulfide and halides.

- Possibility of oxidation and reduction.

- T, P condition for the decomposition of carbonate (CaCO3).

- Equil'm between the gas phase and individual condensed phases, between various species in the gas phases.

- T sensitivity of the saturated vapor P of pure condensed phases
  + P insensitivity of F. E. of species in the condensed phase
  ⇒ make our life easier.

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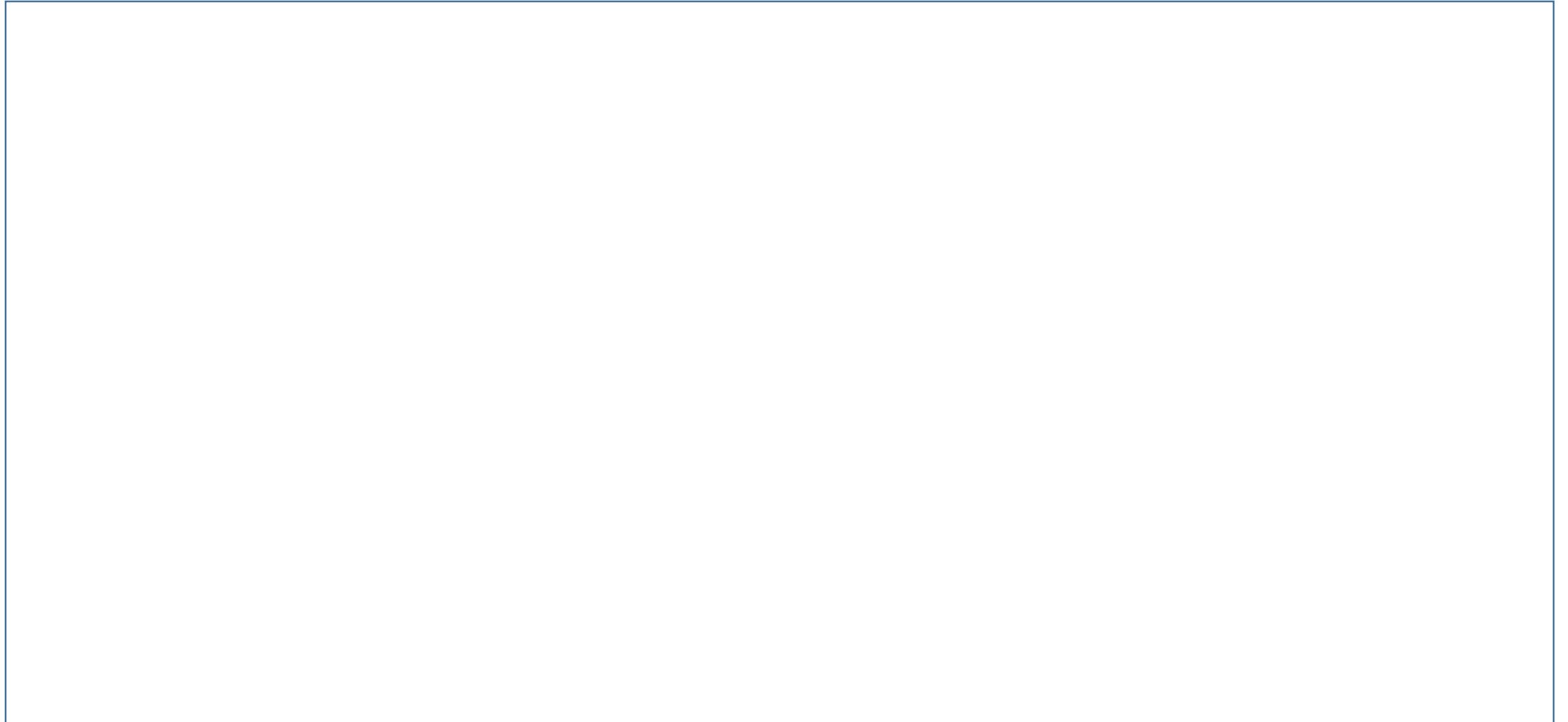
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As has been stated, phase equilibrium in the system requires that

$$\overline{G}_M \text{ (in the gas)} = G_M \text{ (in the solid metal phase)} \qquad (12.2)$$

$$\overline{G}_{MO} \text{ (in the gas phase)} = G_{MO} \text{ (in the solid oxide phase)} \qquad (12.3)$$

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$$G^\circ_{MO(g)} + RT \ln p_{MO(g)} = G^\circ_{MO(s)} + \int_{P=1}^{P=p_{MO(g)}} V_{MO}dP \qquad (12.5)$$

Eq. (12.4) can be written as

$$G^\circ_{M(g)} + RT \ln p_{M(g)} = G^\circ_{M(s)}$$

The standard state of a species occurring as a condensed phase can be defined as the pure species at T. There is no need to include P=1 atm as a condition

Similarly, Eq. (12.5)

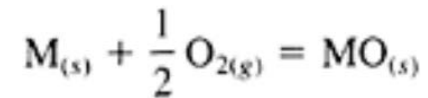$$G^\circ_{MO(g)} + RT \ln p_{MO(g)} = G^\circ_{MO(s)}$$

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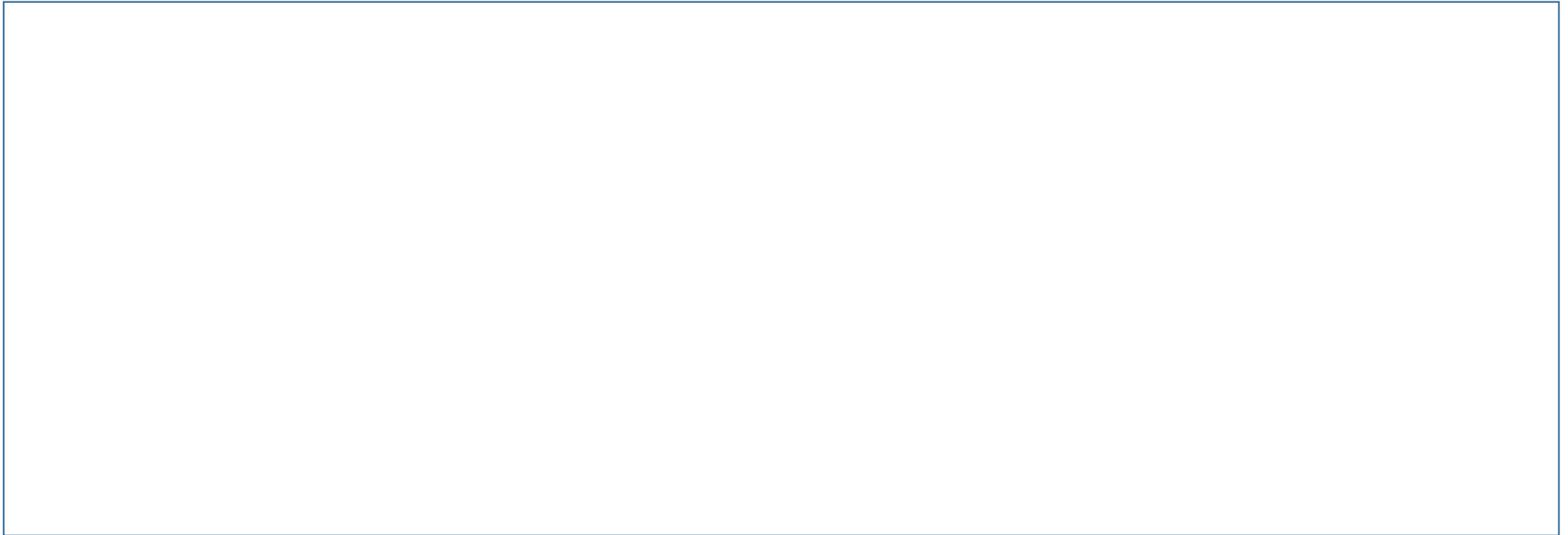
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$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

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For such system as gas + solid:

$$M_{(s)} + \frac{1}{2} O_{2(g)} = MO_{(s)}$$

K can be written only with gas species.

$\Delta G^\circ = f(T)$ only and $K= f(T)$ only i.e., at a fixed T, rxn equil'm fixed: i.e., $P_{O_2} = P_{O_{2(eq.T)}}$
From the phase rule P = 3 (MO, M, O2), C = (M, O): F = C- P + 2 = 2 − 3 + 2 = 1 (temp.)

At T, reduction of ores controlled by

If $P_{O_2} > P_{O_{2(eq.T)}}$ ⇒ spontaneous oxidation to reduce P_{O_2}
If $P_{O_2} < P_{O_{2(eq.T)}}$ ⇒ spontaneous reduction to increase P_{O_2}

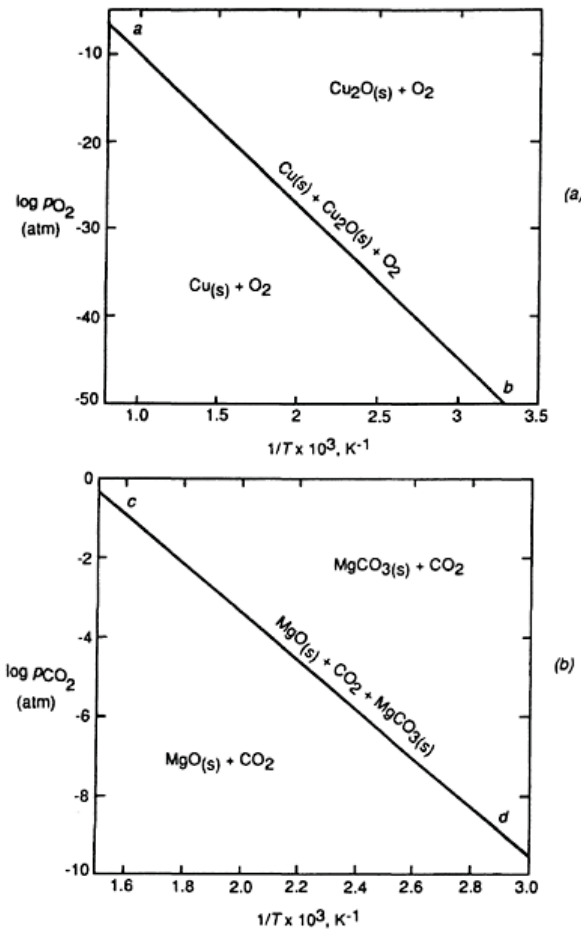# 12. 2 Reaction Equilibrium in A System Containing Pure Condensed Phases and A Gas Phase

The standard Gibbs free energy change for the reaction between Cu and O_2

$$4Cu_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2Cu_2O_{(s)} \qquad \text{is} \qquad \Delta G° = -324,400 + 138.5T \text{ J}$$

In the temperature range 298-1200K. Thus,

$$-\ln K = \ln p_{O_2(eq.T)} = \frac{\Delta G°}{RT} \qquad \text{or} \qquad \log p_{O_2(eq.T)} = -\frac{324,400}{2.303 \times 8.3144T} + \frac{138.5}{2.303 \times 8.3144}$$

$$= -\frac{16,940}{T} + 7.23$$

The standard Gibbs free energy change for the reaction between MgO and CO_2

$$MgO_{(s)} + CO_{2(g)} = MgCO_{3(s)}$$
$$\Delta G° = -117,600 + 170T \text{ J}$$

$$\log p_{CO_2(eq.T)} = -\frac{117,600}{2.303 \times 8.3144T} + \frac{170}{2.303 \times 8.3133}$$

$$= -\frac{6141}{T} + 8.88$$

Figure 12.1 *(a)* the variation, with temperature, of the oxygen pressure required for maintenance of the equilibrium 4Cu*(s)* +O2=2Cu2O. *(b)* The variation, with temperature, of the carbon dioxide pressure required for maintenance of the equilibrium MgO*(s)*+CO2=MgCO3*(s)*.
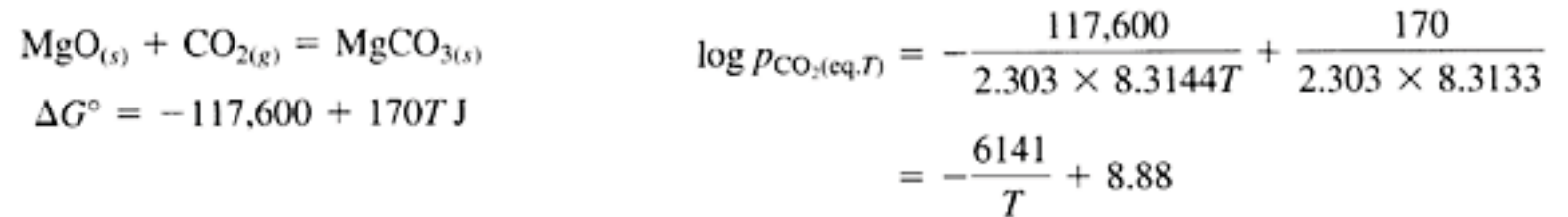
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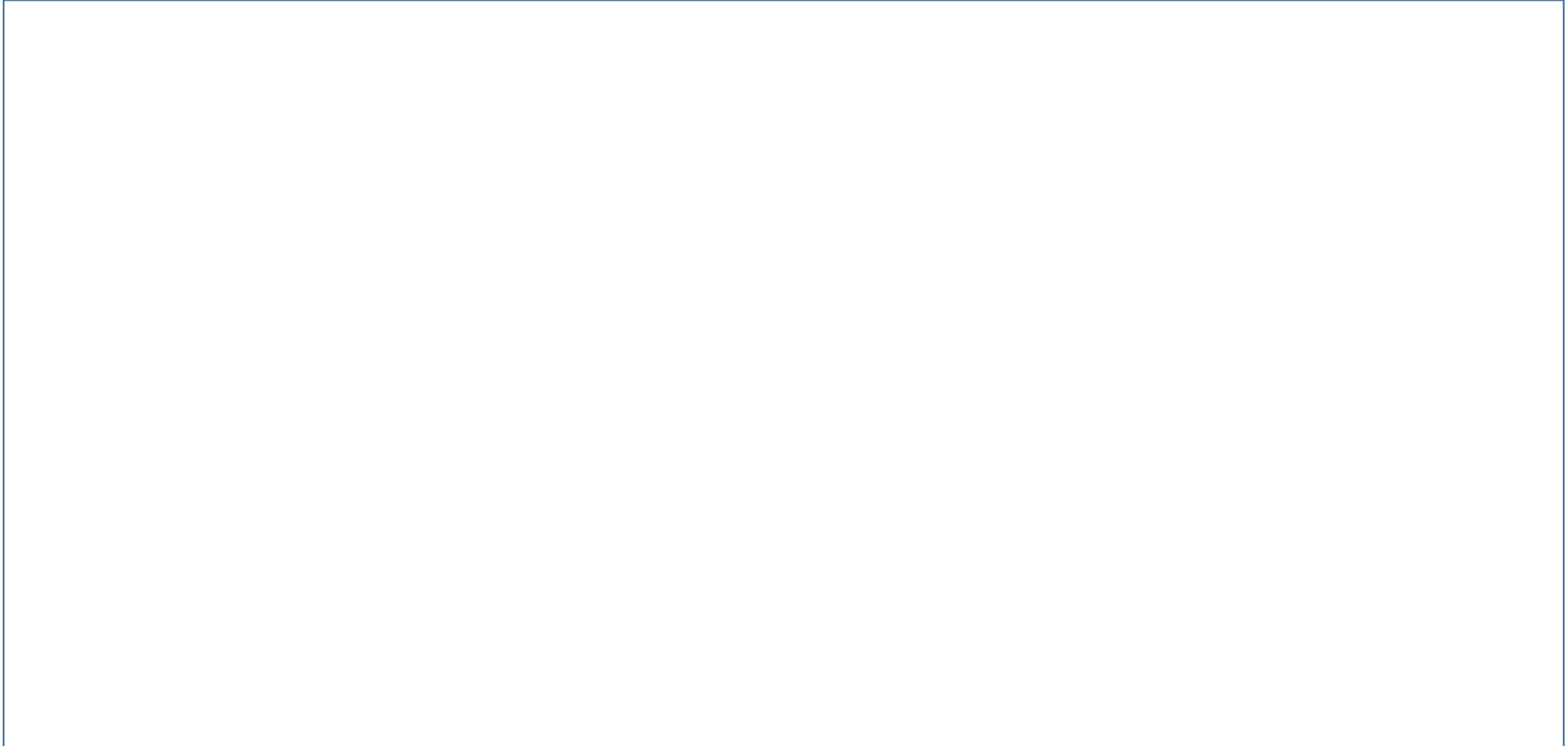
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For the reaction, the Gibbs-Helmholtz equation is

$$\frac{\partial\left(\frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{T}\right)}{\partial T} = -\frac{\Delta H^{\circ}}{T^2} = -\frac{\Delta H_0}{T^2} - \frac{\Delta a}{T} - \frac{\Delta b}{2} + \frac{\Delta c}{T^3} \qquad \text{Eq (12.9)}$$

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For the exemplary reaction

$$4Cu_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2Cu_2O_{(s)}$$

$$\Delta H^\circ_{298} = -324,400 \text{ J}$$ and thus $$\Delta G^\circ_{298} = -324,400 + (298 \times 138.5) = -283,100 \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta S^\circ_{298} = -138.5 \text{ J/K}$$

$$c_{p,Cu(s)} = 22.6 + 6.3 \times 10^{-3}T \text{ J/K}$$ in 298 <T< 1356 K

$$c_{p,Cu_2O(s)} = 62.34 + 24 \times 10^{-3}T \text{ J/K}$$ in 298 <T< 1200 K

$$c_{p,O_2(g)} = 30 + 4.2 \times 10^{-3}T - 1.7 \times 10^5 T^{-2} \text{ J/K}$$ and in 298 <T< 3000 K,

such that in 298 <T< 1200 K

$$\Delta c_p = 2c_{p,Cu_2O(s)} - 4c_{p,Cu(s)} - c_{p,O_2(g)}$$

$$= 4.28 + 18.6 \times 10^{-3}T + 1.7 \times 10^5 T^{-2} \text{ J/K}$$

Thus

$$\Delta H^\circ_T = \Delta H_0 + 4.28T + 9.3 \times 10^{-3}T^2 - 1.7 \times 10^5 T^{-1} \text{ J}$$

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$$\Delta H_T^\circ = \Delta H_0 + 4.28T + 9.3 \times 10^{-3}T^2 - 1.7 \times 10^5 T^{-1} \text{ J}$$

Substitution of $\Delta H_{298}^0 = -324{,}400J$ gives $\Delta H_0 = -325{,}900J$. Dividing by $-T^2$, integrating with respect to T, and multiplying through by T gives

$$\frac{\partial\left(\dfrac{\Delta G^\circ}{T}\right)}{\partial T} = -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{T^2} = -\frac{\Delta H_0}{T^2} - \frac{\Delta a}{T} - \frac{\Delta b}{2} + \frac{\Delta c}{T^3}$$

$$\Delta G_T^\circ = -325{,}900 - 4.28T \ln T - 9.3 \times 10^{-3}T^2 - 0.85 \times 10^5 T^{-1} + IT$$

Substitution of gives $\Delta G_{298}^0 = -283{,}100J$ gives $I = 171.7$, and hence

$$\Delta G_T^\circ = -325{,}900 - 4.28T \ln T - 9.3 \times 10^{-3}T^2 - 0.85 \times 10^5 T^{-1} + 171.7 \text{ J} \quad \text{(i)}$$

and

$$-\ln K = \frac{\Delta G_T^\circ}{RT} = \ln p_{O_2(eq.T)}$$

$$= -\frac{39{,}200}{T} - 0.515 \ln T - 1.1 \times 10^{-3}T - \frac{10^4}{T^3} + 20.65$$

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The variation of ΔG_T^0, as calculated from the experimentally measured variation of $P_{O_2(eq.T)}$ with temperature, can be fitted to an equation of the form:

$$\Delta G° = A + BT \ln T + CT$$

For the oxidation of 4Cu*(s)* to 2Cu$_2$O*(s)*, this gives

$$\Delta G° = -338,900 - 14.2T \ln T + 247T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(ii)}$$

It can be changed in a

$$\Delta G° = -333,000 + 141.3T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(iii)}$$

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If the vapor behaves ideally, then, at constant T, $H_{(v)}$ is independent of P, and thus

The constant in Eq. (7.7) thus has the value $\Delta S_{evap}/R + \ln P_A$, and Eq. (7.7) becomes

$$\ln P = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + \text{constant} \qquad (7.7)$$

$$\ln p_A = -\frac{\Delta H_{evap}}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S_{evap}}{R} + \ln p_A$$

$$\ln p_A = -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R}$$

when the vapor is in equilibrium with the liquid at T,

$$\Delta S_{evap} = \frac{\Delta H_{evap}}{T} \qquad \text{or, as is required,} \qquad \Delta G_{evap} = 0$$

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(i) Ellingham* plotted the experimentally determined variations of $\Delta G°$ with T for the oxidation and sulfidation simply as below:

$$\Delta G° = A + BT \qquad (12.11) \qquad \Delta G° = IT + \Delta H° - \Delta aT \ln T - \frac{\Delta bT^2}{2} - \frac{\Delta c}{2T}$$

in which the constant A is identified with the T-independent $\Delta H°$ for the reaction, and the constant B is identified with T-independent $-\Delta S°$ for the reaction.

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

(ii) The variation of $\Delta G°$ with T for the oxidation reaction is shown in Fig. 12. 2

$$4Ag_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} = 2Ag_2O_{(s)}$$
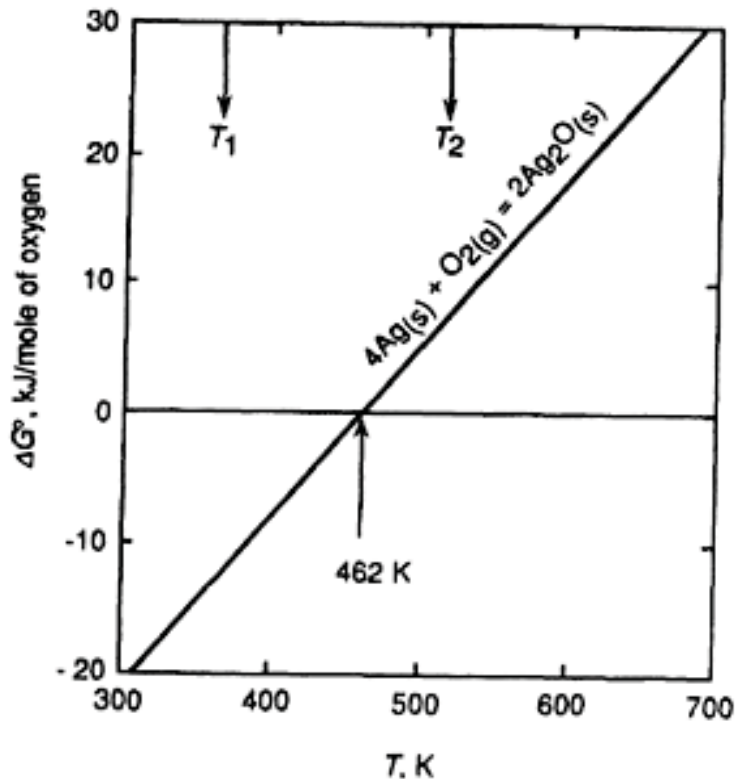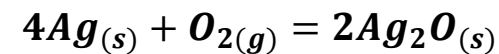
Figure 12.2 The Ellingham line for the oxidation of silver.

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(iii) About $\Delta S°$ for the reaction $A + O_{2(g)} = AO_{2(s)}$

$$\Delta S° = S°_{AO2} - S°_{O2} - S°_A \doteqdot - S°_{O2}$$

$\Delta S°$ of the oxidation involving solid phases are almost the same : parallel each other for the oxidation

(iv) about $\Delta H°$ of the oxidation: $\Delta H° < 0$ most oxidation process
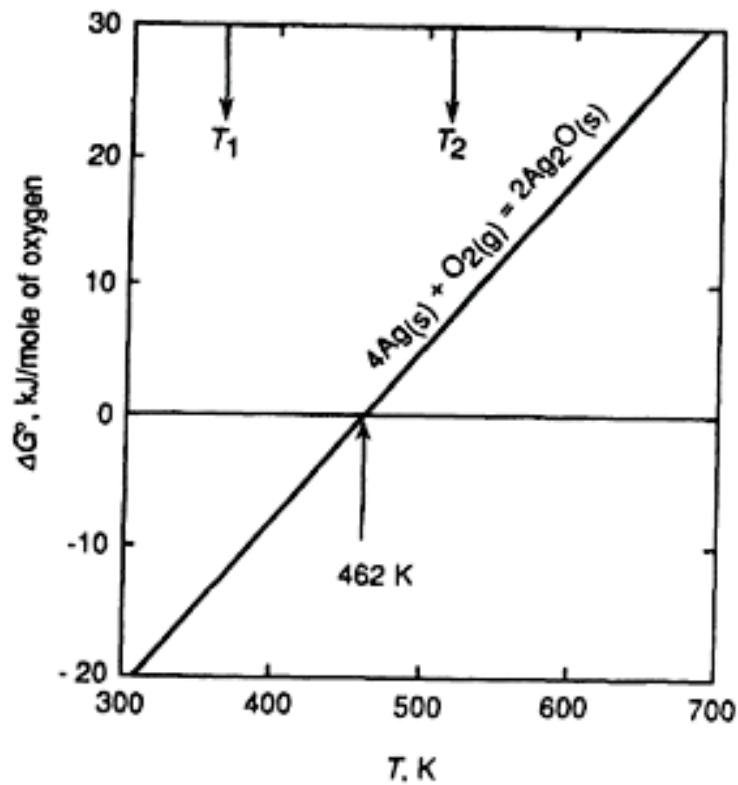
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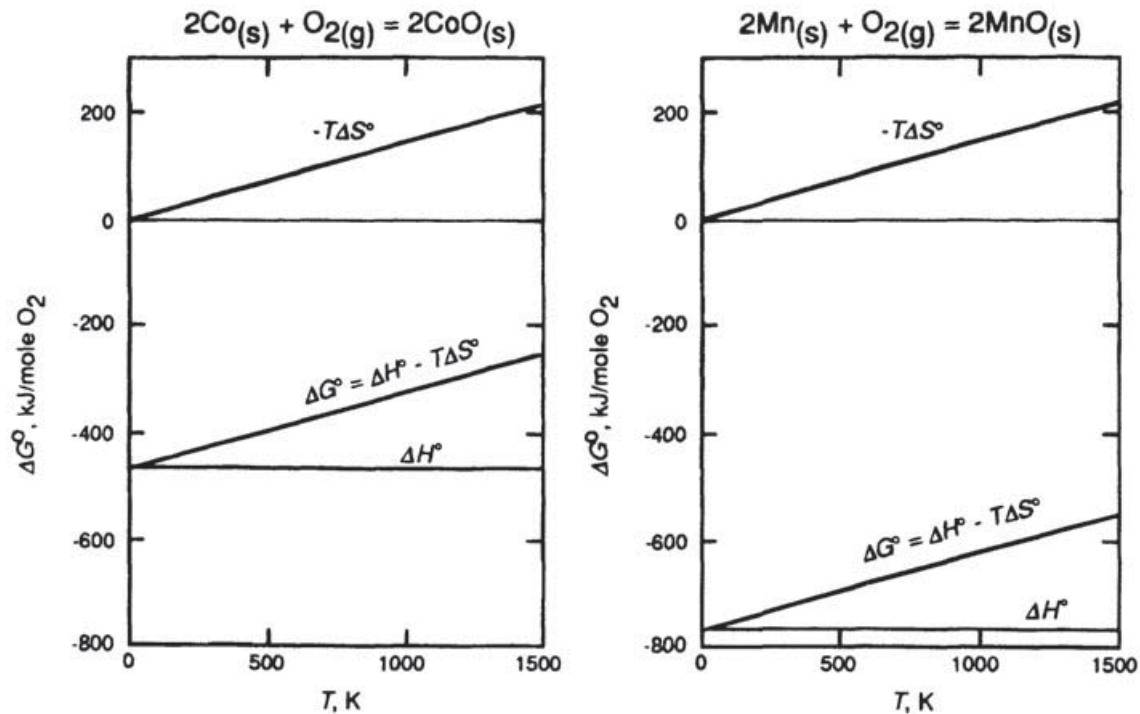
Figure 12.3 Illustration of the effect of the magnitude of $\Delta H°$ on the $\Delta G°$–T relationships for reactions of the type 2M(s)+O2(g)=2MO(s).

$\Delta G°$ at any T = the sum of $\Delta H°$ contribution (which is independent of T if $\Delta C_p = 0$) and $-T\Delta S$ contribution (which, if $\Delta C_p = 0$, is a linear function of temperature).

The two contributions are illustrated in Fig. 12.3 for the oxidation reactions,

$$2Co_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} = 2CoO_{(s)}$$
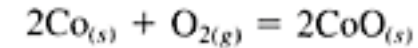
for which

$$\Delta G° = -467,800 + 143.7T \text{ J}$$

in 298 < T < 1763 K, and

$$2Mn_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} = 2MnO_{(s)}$$
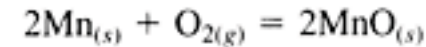
for which

$$\Delta G° = -769,400 + 145.6T \text{ J}$$

in 298 < T < 1500 K.

$$\ln K = -\frac{\Delta H°}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S°}{R} = \ln\left(\frac{1}{p_{O_2(eq.T)}}\right)$$

$$p_{O_2(eq.T)} = \exp\frac{\Delta H°}{RT}\exp\frac{-\Delta S°}{R} = \text{constant} \times \exp\frac{\Delta H°}{RT} \qquad (12.12)$$
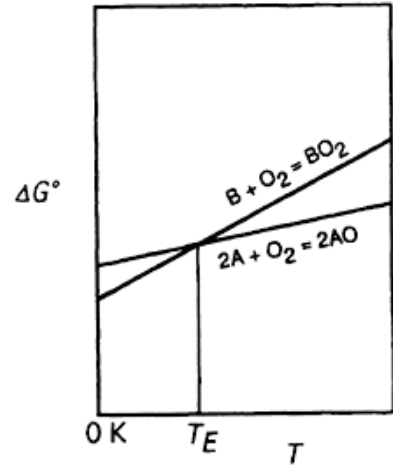
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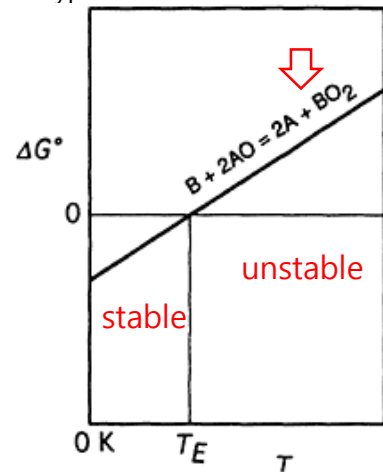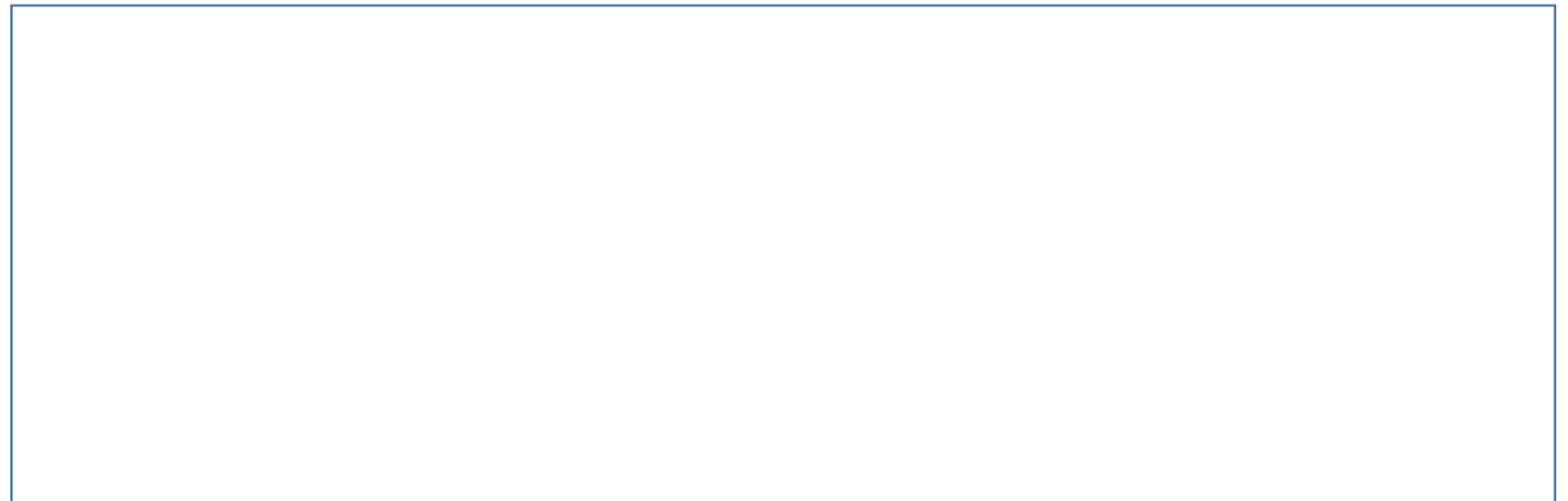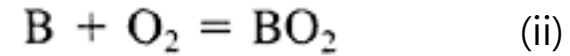**Figure 12.4** Intersecting Ellingham lines for two hypothetical oxidation reactions.

Figure 12.5 The variation of $\Delta G°$ with T for B+2AO=2 A+BO2 from Fig. 12.4.

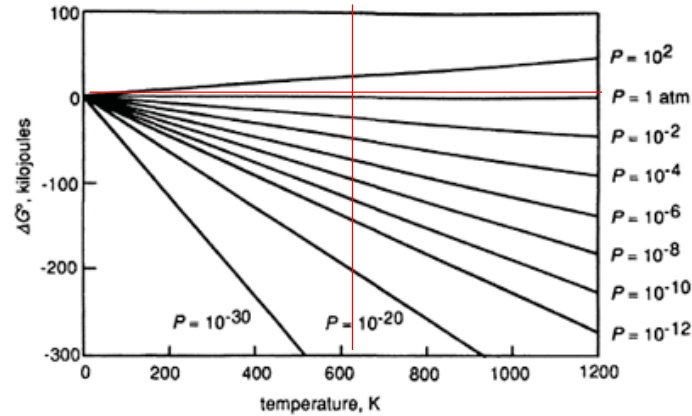Two oxidation reactions, the Ellingham lines of which intersect one another, e.g.,

$$2A + O_2 = 2AO \qquad (i)$$

and

$$B + O_2 = BO_2 \qquad (ii)$$

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Figure 12.6 The variation, with temperature, of the difference between the Gibbs free energy of 1 mole of ideal gas in the state ($P=P$ atm, T) and the Gibbs free energy of 1 mole of ideal gas in the state ($P=1$ atm, T).
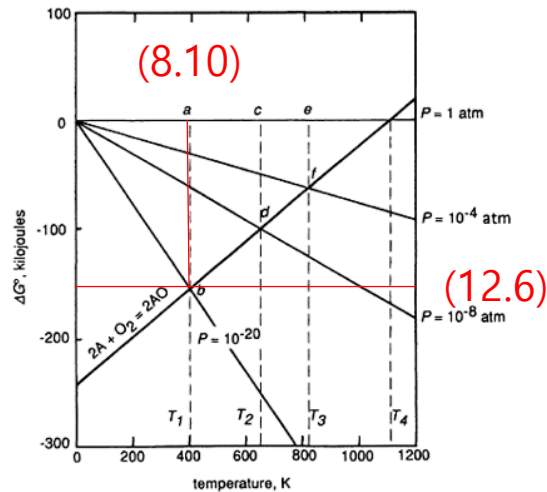

Figure 12.7 The superimposition of an Ellingham line on Fig. 12.6.

At T_1, $\Delta G_{T_1}^0 = ab =$ the decrease in ΔG when P_{O_2} is decreased from 1 atm to 10^{-20} atm at T_1.

At T_2, $\Delta G_{T_2}^0 = cd =$ the decrease in ΔG when P_{O_2} is decreased from 1 atm to 10^{-8} atm at T_2.

At T_3, $\Delta G_{T_3}^0 = ef =$ the decrease in ΔG when P_{O_2} is decreased from 1 atm to 10^{-4} atm at T_3.

At T_4, $\Delta G = 0 =$ the decrease in ΔG when P_{O_2} is decreased from 1 atm. Thus $P_{O_2} = 1$ atm.
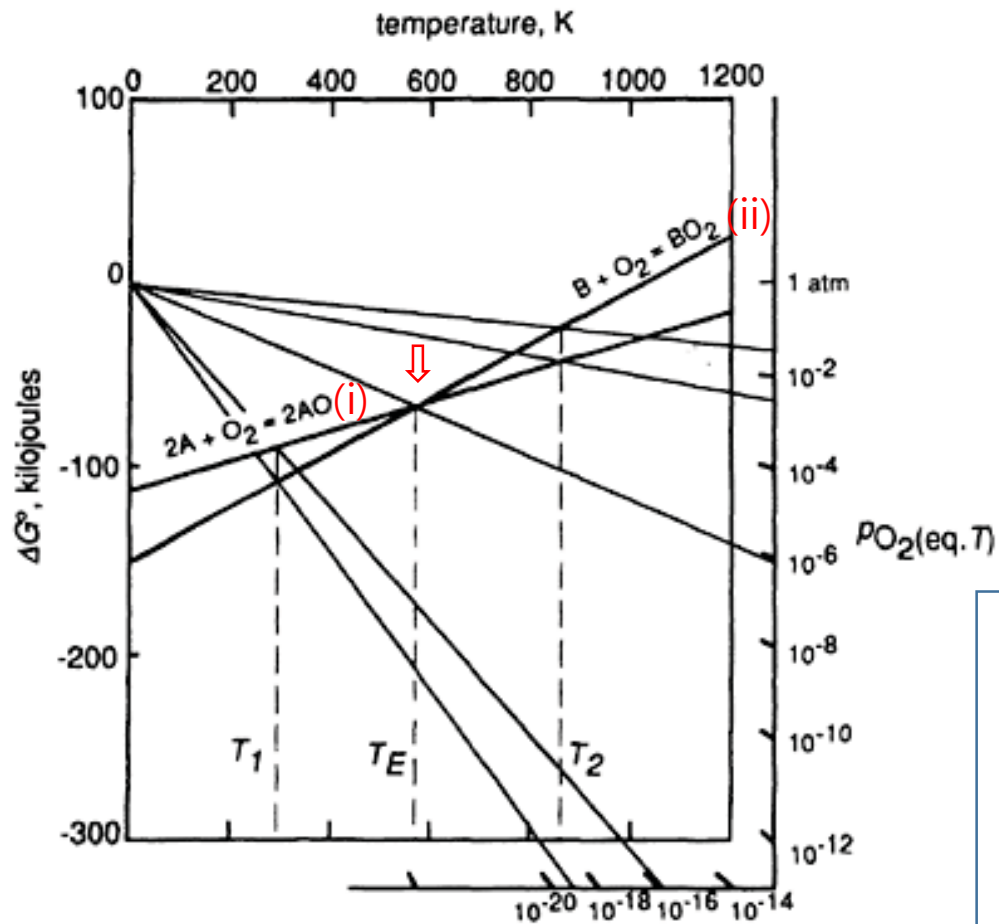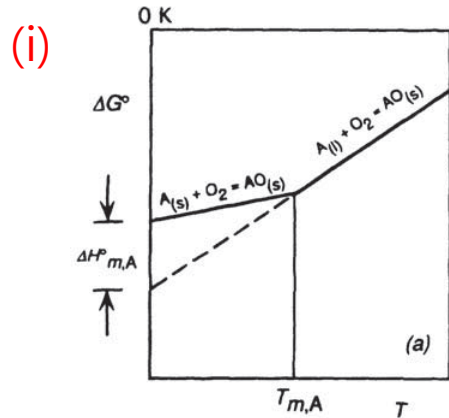
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Figure 12.8 Illustration of the addition of the Richardson oxygen pressure nomographic scale to an Ellingham diagram.

At any temperature lower than $T_E^0 (say, T_1)$, it is seen that

$$p_{O_2} \text{ [eq. for reaction (ii) at } T_1] < p_{O_2} \text{ [eq. for reaction (i) at } T_1]$$

At equilibrium, the state of the closed system containing, initially $A+B+O_2$ at 1 atm, is $A+BO_2+O_2$ at [eq. for reaction (ii) at T_1]. At $T > T_E$ (say, T_2),

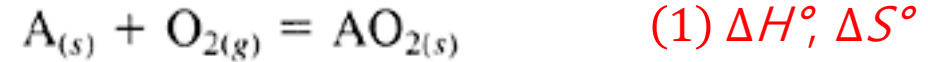$$p_{O_2} \text{ [eq. for reaction (i) at } T_2] < p_{O_2} \text{ [eq. for reaction (ii) at } T_2]$$

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Figure 12.9 (a) The effect of melting of the metal on the Ellingham line for oxidation of the metal, (b) The effect of melting of the metal oxide on the Ellingham line for the oxidation of the metal.
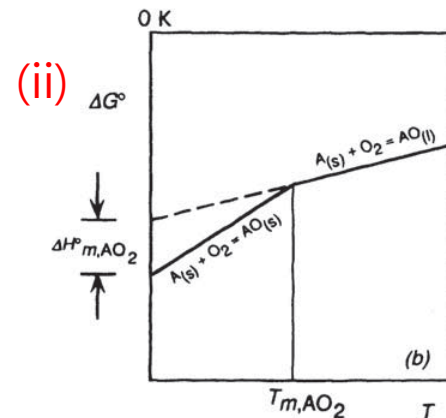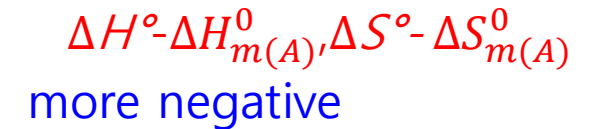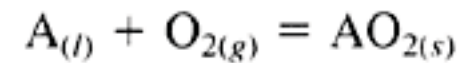
(i) Consider the reaction

$$A_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} = AO_{2(s)}$$

(1) $\Delta H^\circ, \Delta S^\circ$

At $T_{m(A)}$,

$$A_{(s)} \rightarrow A_{(l)}$$

(2) $\Delta H^0_{m(A)}$ (endo) , $\Delta S^0_{m(A)}$.
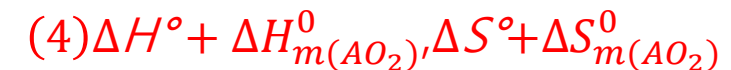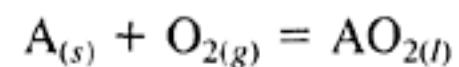
Thus for the reaction

$$A_{(l)} + O_{2(g)} = AO_{2(s)}$$

$\Delta H^\circ - \Delta H^0_{m(A)}, \Delta S^\circ - \Delta S^0_{m(A)}$

more negative

(ii) If $T_{m(AO_2)} < T_{m(A)}$, then, at $T_{m(AO_2)}$,

$$AO_{2(s)} \rightarrow AO_{2(l)}$$

(3) $\Delta H^0_{m(AO_2)}, \Delta S^0_{m(AO_2)}$

Thus, for the reaction

$$A_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} = AO_{2(l)}$$

(4) $\Delta H^\circ + \Delta H^0_{m(AO_2)}, \Delta S^\circ + \Delta S^0_{m(AO_2)}$
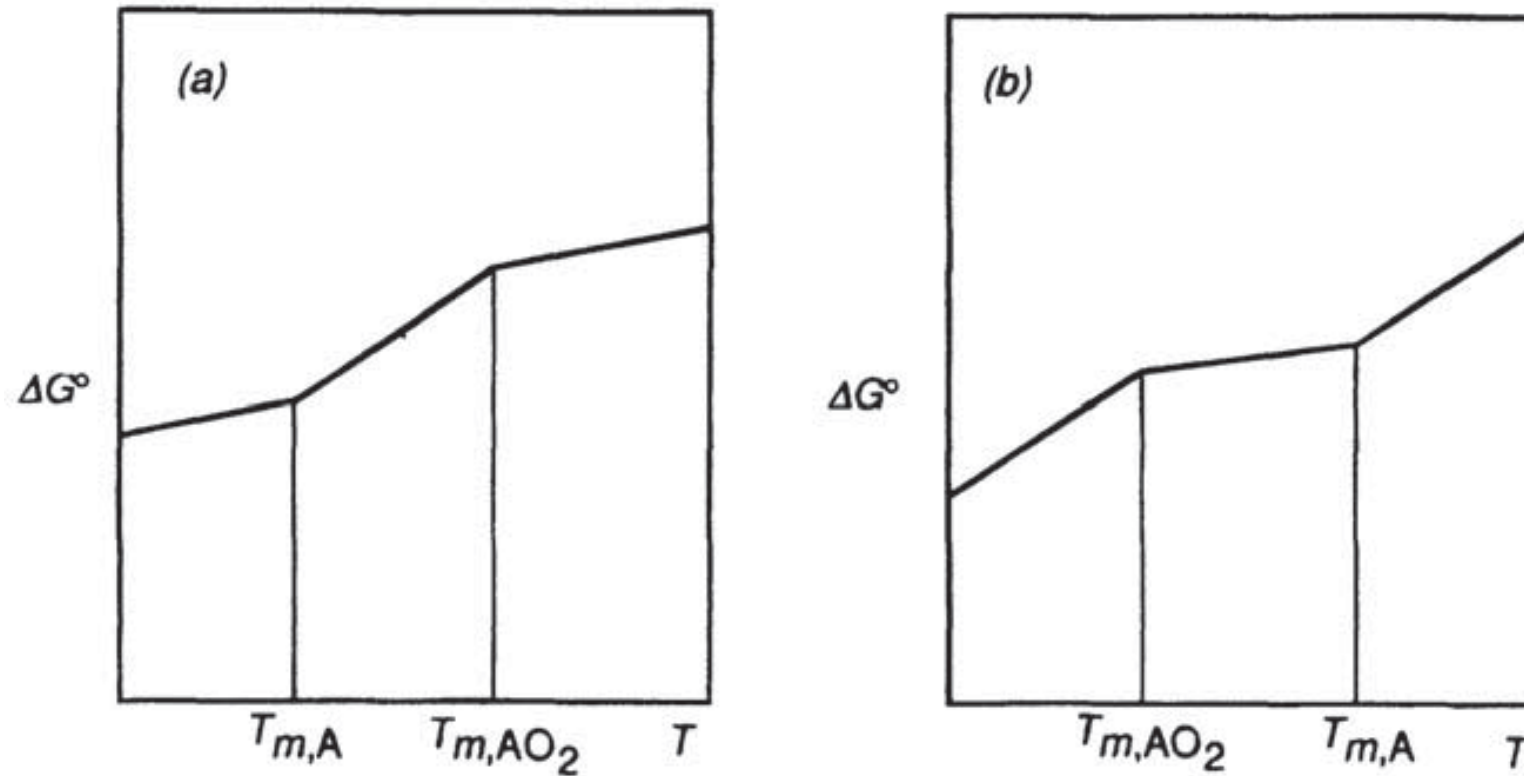
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Figure 12.10 Illustration of the effects of phase changes of the reactants and products of a reaction on the Ellingham line for the reaction.

If $T_{m(A)} < T_{m(AO_2)}$, the Ellingham line is as shown in Fig. 12.10a, and, if $T_{m(A)} > T_{m(AO_2)}$ the line is as shown in Fig. 12.10b
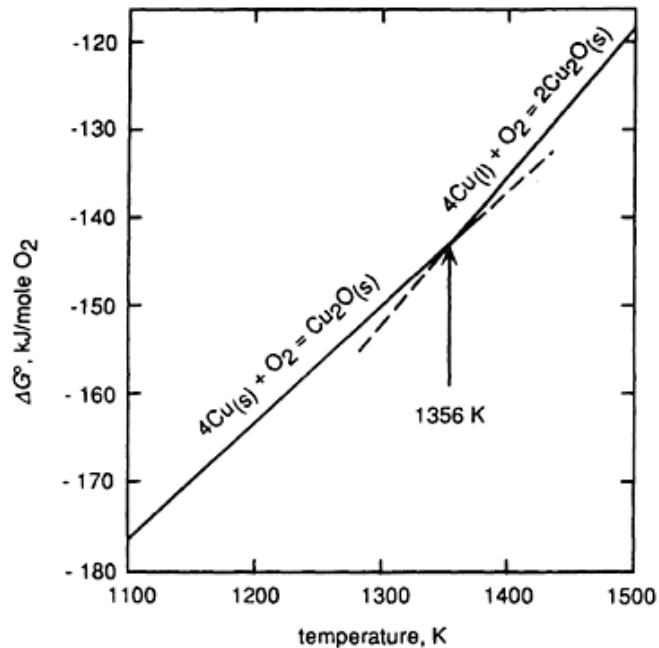
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Figure 12.11 The Ellingham line for the oxidation of copper.

Copper is a metal which melts at a lower temperature than its lowest oxide Cu2O. The standard Gibbs free energy change for the oxidation of solid copper to form solid cuprous oxide in the range of temperature 298 K to $T_{m,Cu}$ is

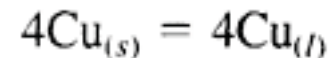$$\Delta G° = -338,900 - 14.2T \ln T + 247T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(i)}$$

and, for the oxidation of liquid copper to form solid cuprous oxide in the range of temperature $T_{m,Cu}$ to 1503 K is

$$\Delta G° = -390,800 - 14.2T \ln T + 285.3T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(ii)}$$

These two lines, which are drawn in Fig. 12.11, intersect at 1356 K, which is thus the melting temperature of copper. gives

$$\Delta G = 51,900 - 38.3T \text{ J}$$

for the phase change

$$4Cu_{(s)} = 4Cu_{(l)}$$

or, for the melting of 1 mole of Cu,

$$\Delta G°_{m,Cu} = 12,970 - 9.58T \text{ J}$$

from which

$$\Delta H°_{m,Cu} = 12,970 \text{ J} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \Delta S°_{m,Cu} = 9.58 \text{ J/K}$$
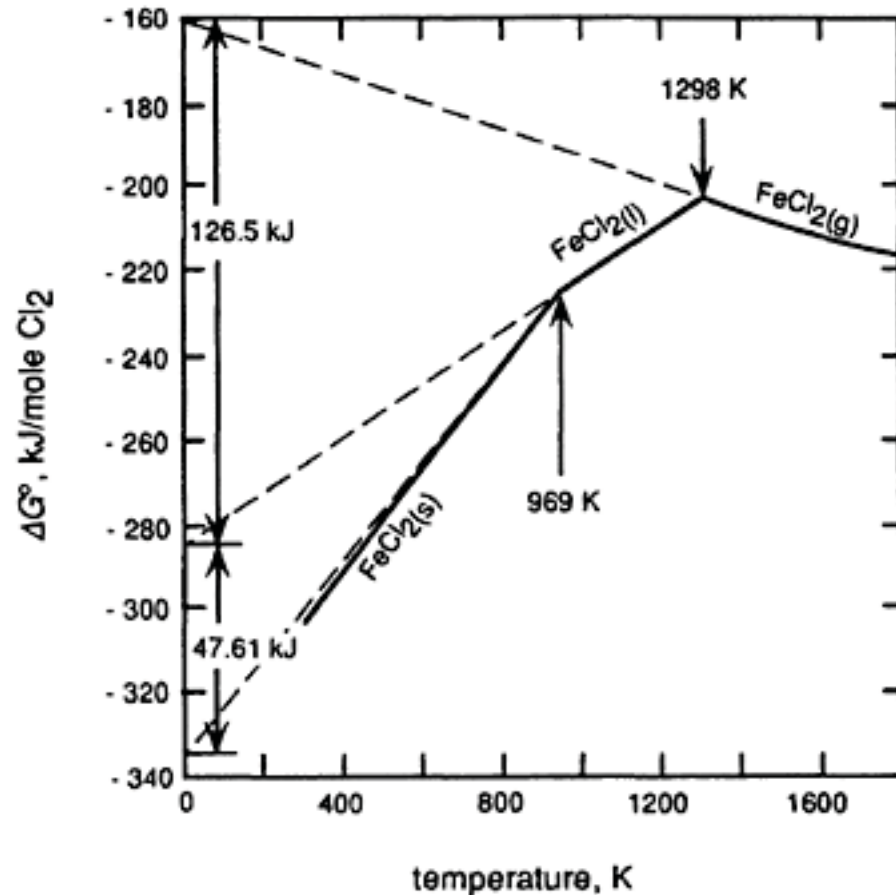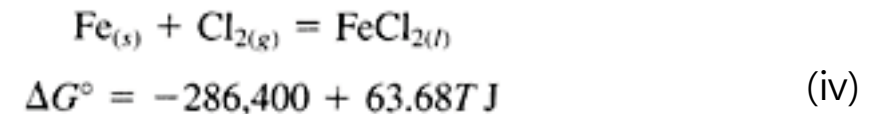
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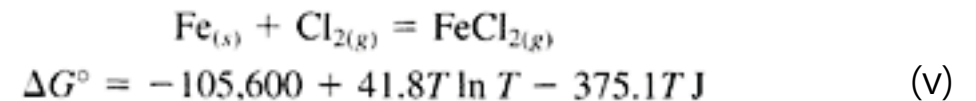**Figure 12.12** The Ellingham diagram for the chlorination of iron.

As $FeCl_2$ boils at a lower temperature than the melting temperature of Fe, the Ellingham diagram for the chlorination of Fe shows "elbows downwards" at the melting temperature of $FeCl_2$ and at the boiling temperature of $FeCl_2$. For

$$Fe_{(s)} + Cl_{2(g)} = FeCl_{2(s)}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -346{,}300 - 12.68T \ln T + 212.9T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(iii)}$$
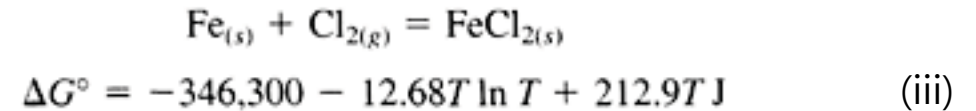
in the range 298 K to $T_{m(FeCl_2)}$. For

$$Fe_{(s)} + Cl_{2(g)} = FeCl_{2(l)}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -286{,}400 + 63.68T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(iv)}$$

in the range $T_{m(FeCl_2)}$ to $T_{b,(FeCl_2)}$ and for

$$Fe_{(s)} + Cl_{2(g)} = FeCl_{2(g)}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -105{,}600 + 41.8T \ln T - 375.1T \text{ J} \qquad \text{(v)}$$

in the range $T_{b,(Cl_2)}$ to $T_{m(Fe)}$. Lines (iii), (iv), and (v) are shown in Fig. 12.12, which shows that

$$T_{m,FeCl_2} = 969 \text{ K} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{b,FeCl_2} = 1298 \text{ K}$$

For $FeCl_{2(s)} \rightarrow FeCl_{2(l)}, \Delta G^0_{(iv)} - \Delta G^0_{(iii)}$ gives

$$\Delta G^\circ_{m,FeCl_2} = 59{,}900 + 12.68T \ln T - 149.0T \text{ J}$$