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## THERMODYNAMICS OF HIGH TEMPERATURE CORROSION PROCESSES

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#### **Determining dissociation pressures**



Example: determine the dissociation pressure of NiO at 1000 °C

answer:  $p(NiO) = 10^{-10}$  atm



## Sequence of oxides in a multiphase scale



#### Example:

determine the sequence of oxide formation in the scale grown on iron after oxidation in air at 1000 oC

> answer:  $p(FeO) \approx 10^{-15} \text{ atm}$   $p(Fe_3O_4) \approx 10^{-12} \text{ atm}$  $p(Fe_2O_3) \approx 10^{-5} \text{ atm}$

 $Fe/FeO/Fe_3O_4/Fe_2O_3/O_2$ 



$$Me + \frac{1}{2}X_2 \Leftrightarrow MeX$$
 (1)

where: Me – metal; X2 – oxidant; MeX – product of oxidation reaction (scale)

$$\Delta \mathbf{G} = \mu_{\mathrm{MeX}} - \mu_{\mathrm{Me}} - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\mathrm{X}_2}$$

where:  $\Delta G$  – the free energy change of reaction (1)  $\mu_i$  – the chemical potential of a given component

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + \mathbf{RT} \ln a_i$$

where:

- R universal gas constant
  - temperature [K]
- $a_{i_{0}}$  activity of i component in the system
- $\mu_{i}^{0}$  standard chemical potential of i component (i.e. when its activity is equal to 1)



$$p_{X_2} = \exp\left(\frac{2 \cdot \Delta G^0}{RT}\right)$$

Example: determine the sequence of oxide formation in the scale grown on iron oxidized in air at 1000 °C	
$\operatorname{Fe} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 = \operatorname{FeO}$	$p(\text{FeO}) = 2.7 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ atm}$
$3\mathrm{Fe} + 2\mathrm{O}_2 = \mathrm{Fe}_3\mathrm{O}_4$	$p(Fe_3O_4) = 3.1 \cdot 10^{-15} atm$
$2\operatorname{Fe} + \frac{3}{2}\operatorname{O}_2 = \operatorname{Fe}_2\operatorname{O}_3$	$p(Fe_2O_3) = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ atm}$
$3\text{FeO} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	$p(Fe_3O_4) = 4.6 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ atm}$
$2\operatorname{FeO} + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{O}_2 = \operatorname{Fe}_2\operatorname{O}_3$	$p(Fe_2O_3) = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ atm}$
$2Fe_{3}O_{4} + \frac{1}{2}O_{2} = 3Fe_{2}O_{3}$	$p(Fe_2O_3) = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$ atm
Fe/FeO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /O <sub>2</sub>	

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#### Phase diagram of the Fe-O system



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# Cross-section of the oxide scale growing on iron in accordance with the Fe-O phase diagram

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Fe Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Wustite Magnetit Haematite 1200 γ + FeO 'FeO' Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 130 A FegO4 Fe203 1100 emperature (°C) 800 FeO 600 570°C a + Fe304 22 24 26 28 30 Oxygen wt% FeO FegO4 Fe,O,

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 $\operatorname{Fe} + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{FeO}$ 



 $\operatorname{Fe} + \frac{1}{2}S_2 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{FeS}$ 







 $3\text{FeO} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \Leftrightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ 









 $\operatorname{FeS} + \frac{1}{2}S_2 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{FeS}_2$ 





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 $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}_2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{liq}}$ 







 $\mathbf{O}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}_2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{SO}_2$ 





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(1) 
$$S_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow S_2O$$
  
(2)  $S_2O + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow 2SO$ 

$$(3) \qquad SO + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow SO_2$$

(4) 
$$\operatorname{SO}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{O}_2 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{SO}_3$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{p}_{O_2}} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{S_2O}}{\mathbf{p}_{S_2}}\right)^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta G_1^0}{\mathbf{RT}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{O_2} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{SO}^2}{\mathbf{p}_{S_2O}}\right)^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta G_2^0}{\mathbf{RT}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{O_2} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{SO_2}}{\mathbf{p}_{SO}}\right)^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta G_3^0}{\mathbf{RT}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{O_2} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{SO_3}}{\mathbf{p}_{SO_2}}\right)^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta G_4^0}{\mathbf{RT}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{N}_{S} = 2\mathbf{n}_{S_2} + 2\mathbf{n}_{S_2O} + \mathbf{n}_{SO} + \mathbf{n}_{SO_2} + \mathbf{n}_{SO_3}$$

$$\mathbf{N}_{O_2} = \mathbf{n}_{O_2} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{n}_{S_2O} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{n}_{SO} + \mathbf{n}_{SO_2} + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{n}_{SO_3}$$

 $N_s$  and  $N_{O_2}$  denote total number of S i  $O_2$  moles present in the system,  $n_{S_2}$ ,  $n_{S_2O}$ ,  $n_{SO}$ ,  $n_{SO_2}$ ,  $n_{SO_3}$ ,  $n_{O_2}$ - number of moles for individual gases at thermodynamic equilibrium.

$$p_{i} = \frac{n_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} n_{i}} \cdot p_{tot}$$

where:  $n_i$  is the number of moles for the i component, m – number of all components in the system,  $p_{tot}$  denotes the total pressure of the gas mixture.







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$$Cr_{(s)} + \frac{3}{2}O_{2} \Leftrightarrow CrO_{3(g)}$$
$$p_{CrO_{3(g)}} = p_{O_{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{0}}{RT}\right) = p_{O_{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \text{const}$$

$$\operatorname{Cr}_{2}\operatorname{O}_{3(s)} \Leftrightarrow 2\operatorname{Cr}\operatorname{O}_{3(g)} - \frac{3}{2}\operatorname{O}_{2}$$
$$p_{\operatorname{Cr}\operatorname{O}_{3(g)}} = p_{\operatorname{O}_{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta \operatorname{G}^{0}}{2\operatorname{RT}}\right) = p_{\operatorname{O}_{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot \operatorname{const}$$

$$\log p_{CrO_{3(g)}} = \frac{3}{2} \log p_{O_2} + \log (const)$$

 $\log p_{CrO_{3(g)}} = \frac{3}{4} \log p_{O_2} + \log (const)$ 

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