

Rotational specific heat of para-H₂, ortho-H₂, high temperature mixture, and equilibrium mixture of the two modifications

Rotational constant of H₂: [m⁻¹] B := 5932.2 Na ≡ 6.0221367 · 10²³ [mol⁻¹]
 (seeVP_OH2.mcd) θ_r := $\frac{h \cdot c \cdot B}{k}$ h ≡ 6.6260755 · 10⁻³⁴ [J s]
 k ≡ 1.380658 · 10⁻²³ [J K⁻¹]

Rotational temperature of H₂ [K] θ_r = 85.351 c ≡ 2.99792458 · 10⁸ [m s⁻¹]
 R ≡ 1.9872156 [cal mol⁻¹ K⁻¹]

H has nuclear spin 1/2 h/2π

Rotational partition function for: i := 0..400 T_i := i + 1 [K]
 Temperature vector

Index of quantum numbers: j := 0..5 corresponds to J = 0 to 11

We first compute the thermal ortho-para equilibrium; the common energy base is J=0:

$M_{j,i} := (4 \cdot j + 1) \cdot \exp\left[-2 \cdot j \cdot (2 \cdot j + 1) \cdot \frac{\theta_r}{T_i}\right]$ Population matrix p-H₂
 J = 0,2,4,6,8,10,... only even J's allowed

$N_{j,i} := (4 \cdot j + 3) \cdot \exp\left[-(2 \cdot j + 1) \cdot (2 \cdot j + 2) \cdot \frac{\theta_r}{T_i}\right]$ Population matrix o-H₂
 J = 1,3,5,7,9,11,... only odd J's allowed

Q_{rotp_i} := $\sum M^{(i)}$ Q_{rotr_i} := $\sum N^{(i)}$ Sum over populations at temperature T_i gives the partition functions of each modification with J=0 reference

$Kp_i := \frac{3 \cdot Q_{rotr_i}}{Q_{rotp_i}}$ x_i := $\frac{Kp_i}{1 + Kp_i}$ Equilibrium constant:
 x molefraction of o-H₂
 xp or 1-x molefraction of p-H₂
 xp := 1 - x

Q_{roto} for C_{po} calculation: Energy base is now J=1; Population matrix for ortho-H₂ (-(-2) in exponent!):

$P_{j,i} := (4 \cdot j + 3) \cdot \exp\left[-[(2 \cdot j + 1) \cdot (2 \cdot j + 2) - 2] \cdot \frac{\theta_r}{T_i}\right]$ Q_{roto_i} := $\sum P^{(i)}$

lnQ_p := ln(Q_{rotp}) lnQ_o := ln(Q_{roto})

k := 0..399 l := 0..398

First and second derivative of lnQ(T) for p- and o-H₂:

dlnQ_{p_k} := lnQ_{p_{k+1}} - lnQ_{p_k} dlnQ_{o_k} := lnQ_{o_{k+1}} - lnQ_{o_k}
 ddlnQ_{p₁} := dlnQ_{p₁₊₁} - dlnQ_{p₁} ddlnQ_{o₁} := dlnQ_{o₁₊₁} - dlnQ_{o₁}

Rotational specific heat Cp per Mol for p- and o-H₂:

pp₁ := R · T₁ · (2 · dlnQ_{p₁} + T₁ · ddlnQ_{p₁}) po₁ := R · T₁ · (2 · dlnQ_{o₁} + T₁ · ddlnQ_{o₁})

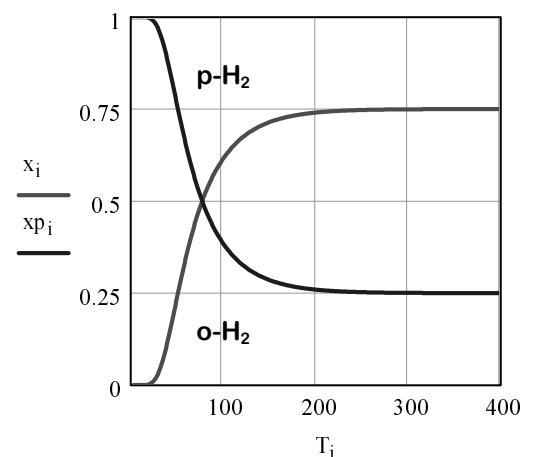
pm := 0.25 · pp + 0.75 · po

'frozen' high temperature mixture of p-H₂/o-H₂ = 1/3, normal hydrogen

pc := 0.95 · pp + 0.05 · po

Clusius & Hiller had a mixture of 95% p-H₂ and 5% o-H₂, see below

mole fractions at equilibrium



For equilibrium we have to add the enthalpy change for the p-o conversion to the rot. spec. heat dx/dT :
 $C_p = (1-x)C_{pp} + xC_{po} + dx/dT \cdot \Delta H_r$.

According to Gibbs-Helmholtz $d \ln K_p / dT = \Delta H_r / RT^2$. Since $K_p = x/(1-x)$, $d \ln K_p / dx = 1/(x(1-x))$.

Hence $dx/dT = (d \ln K_p / dT) / (d \ln K_p / dx) = x(1-x) \Delta H_r / RT^2$

Energy of the rotator per $J=1$:

$$\varepsilon := B \cdot h \cdot c \cdot \frac{Na}{4.184} \quad [\text{cal mol}^{-1}]$$

$$E_{p_{j,i}} := M_{j,i} \cdot 2 \cdot j \cdot (2 \cdot j + 1) \cdot \varepsilon$$

$$e_{p_i} := \sum E_p \quad M_{j,i} \varepsilon \text{ for all } T_i$$

$$E_{o_{j,i}} := P_{j,i} \cdot [(2 \cdot j + 1) \cdot (2 \cdot j + 2) - 2] \cdot \varepsilon$$

$$e_{o_i} := \sum E_o$$

$$\Delta H_1 := e_{o_1} - e_{p_1} + 2 \cdot \varepsilon$$

$\Delta H_1 = 339.22 \text{ cal/mol}$ This is the enthalpy/mol for the reaction of 1 mol p-H₂ at temperature T₁ to 1 mol o-H₂

$$z_1 := R \cdot x_1 \cdot (1 - x_1) \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta H_1}{R \cdot T_1} \right)^2$$

add this term to C_p because of the p-o conversion in dT:
 $dx/dT \cdot \Delta H_1 = R x(1-x) \cdot (\Delta H_1 / RT)^2$

$$p_{g1} := (1 - x_1) \cdot p_{p1} + x_1 \cdot p_{o1} + z_1$$

C_{pg} for equilibrium o-/p-H₂ mixture

$$h_{t1} := R$$

asymptote for all C_p's at high temperature

$$x_c := x_{cc}$$

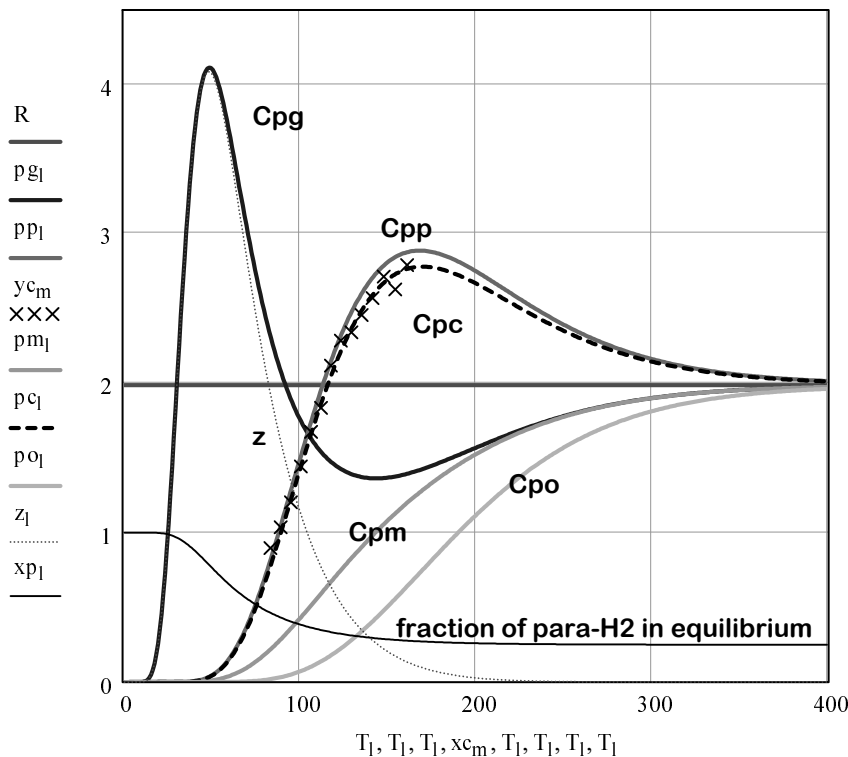
$$y_c := y_{cc}$$

$$m := 0..13$$

data vectors on right page ->

crosses are 14 datapoints from K.Clusius & K.Hiller, Z.Phys.Chem. B4(1929)158 for 95% p-H₂

Specific Heat C_p of the Rotators o-/p-H₂: [cal mol⁻¹ K⁻¹]



From left to right: C_{pg} equilibrium, z, C_{pp}, datapoints, C_{pc}, C_{pm} of the hightemperature mixture, and C_{po}.