

# Statistical mechanics class on chemical equilibrium

Non-interacting (ideal) systems

## Class plan (from Jianhan)

already taught:

- vibrational; rotational degrees of freedom (partition function)
- diatomic molecules
- nuclear
- rotation
- vibration

## Tuesday

- 4.10 chemical equilibrium
- equilibrium constant  $K_{eq} \sim \Delta S$  and  $\Delta H$ ;  $\Delta S$  contribution can be factorized into translational, vibrational and electronic energy state transition contributions.
- the  $K_{eq}$  is ratio of partition functions of products and reactants
- Homework (units conversion)
- why  $K_{eq}$  is a constant? (pop-up quiz: write down each partition function contributions)

## Thursday

free energy perturbation:

1. 30 mins
  - starting with a normal canonical ensemble with a  $H_0$  (derivation)
  - ensemble size  $\sim$  snapshot reweighting (explain the reweighting idea)
2. 15 mins: real protocols (how to turn on interactions: VDW and electrostatics)
  - show some examples (benchmarking; Boltz-2; FEP)
  - drug screening; competition (affinities of protein/ligand complex)

## Factorization approximation

From the principle of statistical mechanics, we now know:

$$\sum_v \exp(-\beta E_v)$$

or

$$\sum_v \exp(-\beta(E_v - \mu N_v))$$

which are summation of all Boltzmann factors over all possible fluctuations. These are all microscopic states permitted by the constraints with which the system is controlled, i.e.,  $NVT, NPT, \dots$

As we want to explore all possible fluctuations of a give system, it becomes complicate due to the ginormous numbers of microscopic states. The **factorization** provides a way to simply such a process.

Supposing that energy  $E_v$  can be decomposed as additive terms combined in the canonical partition function:

$$Q = \sum_v \exp(-\beta E_v) = \sum_{n,m} \exp(-\beta E_n^{(1)}) \exp(-\beta E_m^{(2)})$$

can thus be factorized to:

$$Q = \left[ \sum_n \exp(-\beta E_n^{(1)}) \right] \left[ \sum_m \exp(-\beta E_m^{(2)}) \right] = Q^{(1)} Q^{(2)}$$

- the state  $v$  depends on  $n, m$ , and those two are independent of each other.
- $Q^{(1)}$  and  $Q^{(2)}$  are Boltzmann sums associated with energies  $E_n^{(1)}$  and  $E_m^{(2)}$ .
- *Remember, these two energies by assumption should be fully decoupled*

## Occupation number

For a system with  $N$  indistinguishable particles, *occupation numbers* on single particle wave functions can completely define a particular system state  $v$ .

And the occupation number is a collective variable which depends on the instantaneous state of all particles.

Let,

$$v = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_j, \dots) = v - th \text{ state}$$

Then the particle number and internal energy is:

$$N_v = \sum n_j$$

$$E_v = \sum \epsilon_j n_j$$

$\epsilon_j$  is the energy of the  $j$ -th single particle state.

## Thermodynamics of an ideal gas of structureless classical particles

The classical ideal gas under classical limit (high temperature and low density) will have the following:

$$Q = \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \sum_j e^{-\beta \epsilon_j} \right]^N$$

Let's consider:

- structureless particles with mass  $m$  in a finite volume  $V$ .
- the particle energy is just the translational center-of-mass motion.
- The single particle energy (kinetic energy) can be expressed using the following:

$$\epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}, \quad k = \frac{\pi}{L}(n_x \hat{x} + n_y \hat{y} + n_z \hat{z})$$

where  $L = V^{1/3}$ ;  $n_x, n_y, n_z$  go from 1 to  $\infty$ .

The classical partition function is then:

$$Q(N, V, T) = \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \sum_{n_x, n_y, n_z=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta \hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\right) \right]^N$$

In the classical limits:

- $\beta \hbar$  is small
- $L$  is very large

Thus the difference between consecutive terms in the summand is small, and the summation can be solved using integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta n_{x;y;z} &= \frac{L}{\pi} \Delta k_{x;y;z} \rightarrow \frac{L}{\pi} dk_{x;y;z} \\ \sum_{n_x, n_y, n_z} &\rightarrow \frac{L^3}{\pi^3} \int_0^\infty dk_x \int_0^\infty dk_y \int_0^\infty dk_z \\ \sum_{n_x, n_y, n_z} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta \hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\right) &\rightarrow \frac{V}{\pi^3} \int_0^\infty dk_x dk_y dk_z \exp\left[-\frac{\beta \hbar^2 (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2)}{2m}\right] \\ &= \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_\infty^\infty dk_x dk_y dk_z \exp\left[-\frac{\beta \hbar^2 (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2)}{2m}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Let,  $\mathbf{p} = \hbar \mathbf{k}$ , to change the integration variable:

$$Q = \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3 \hbar^3} \int d\mathbf{p} e^{-\beta \mathbf{p}^2 / 2m} \right]^N$$

which is a normal Gaussian-form integration (easy to resolve):

$$Q = \frac{V^N}{N! \hbar^{3N}} \left( \frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{3N/2}$$

### **Gaussian integral**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d^3 \mathbf{p} e^{-a \mathbf{p}^2} = \left( \frac{\pi}{a} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\int d^3 \mathbf{p} e^{-\beta \mathbf{p}^2 / 2m} = \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta / (2m)} \right)^{3/2} = \left( \frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{3/2}$$

We can thus determine the internal energy:

$$\langle E \rangle = \left( \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial -\beta} \right)_V = \frac{3N}{2\beta} = \frac{3}{2} Nk_B T$$

$$\beta P = \left( \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial V} \right)_\beta = \frac{N}{V}$$

which is the same as:

$$PV = Nk_B T = nRT$$

- The ideal gas formula!

## A dilute gas of atoms

- ideal gas particles with **internal structure** (which we account for in this section)

Considering the internal structure, the state of an atom can be expressed as:

$$j = (\mathbf{k}, n, v)$$

- $\mathbf{k}$ : center-of-mass translation
- $n$ : state of the nucleus
- $v$ : electronic state

Assuming:

1. The center-of-mass translation is decoupled from the internal structure ( $\mathbf{k}$  or  $n$ ).
2. The nucleus and the electronic degrees of freedom are also uncoupled.

$$\sum_j e^{-\beta \epsilon_j} = \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta \hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\right)}_{q_{\text{trans}}(T, V)} \underbrace{\sum_{n, v} \exp(-\beta \epsilon_{nv})}_{q_{\text{int}}(T)}$$

- $\epsilon_{n,v}$  is the energy for internal state  $(n, v)$ .

Let  $\epsilon_{00}$  be the ground state energy for the internal structure:

$$q_{\text{int}}(T) = e^{-\beta \epsilon_{00}} \sum_{n, v} \exp(-\beta(\epsilon_{nv} - \epsilon_{00}))$$

- we do this because for many atoms, internal excitation energies are usually very large compared to  $k_B T$ .

### ⓘ Excitation energy

For atoms, the **excitation energy** typically falls in the range of a few **electronvolts (eV)**. More concretely:

- **Valence (outer electron) excitations:**

Usually about **1–10 eV**

These correspond to transitions between bound electronic energy levels and are the most common in spectroscopy (UV/visible).

- **Inner-shell (core electron) excitations:**

Much higher, typically **tens to thousands of eV** (X-ray range)

for example, for hydrogen:

$$E_n = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

- Ground state:  $n=1$ ,  $-13.6 \text{ eV}$
- First excited state:  $n=2$ ,  $-3.4 \text{ eV}$

So the excitation energy from  $n = 1 \rightarrow n = 2$  is:

$$\Delta E = 10.2 \text{ eV}$$

- 1 eV would correspond to  $\sim 40 k_B T$  when  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ .
- $e^{-40}$  is negligible  $\sim$  ignoring the excitation state.

Thus *we can safely only consider the ground state* (which contributes the most significantly to the sum):

$$q_{int}(T) \simeq e^{-\beta\epsilon_{00}} \times \text{degeneracy} = e^{-\beta\epsilon_{00}} g_0^{(nuc)} g_0^{(elec)}$$

- the ground state will have its degeneracy, meaning different quantum numbers (defining the states) may have the same ground state energy.
- the  $g_0^{(nuc)}$  and  $g_0^{(elec)}$  stand for the ground level degeneracies of the nuclear states and electronic states.

*If we continue assuming only the spin degrees of freedom (the total angular momentum)*, then:

$$g_0^{(nuc)} = 2\mathbf{I} + 1$$

- $\mathbf{I}$  is the total spin quantum number of the nucleus.

Combining all the above formula gives:

$$\begin{aligned} -\beta A &= \ln Q = \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N!} q_{trans}^N(T, V) q_{int}^N(T) \right] \\ &= -\beta N \epsilon_{00} + N \ln [g_0^{elec} (2\mathbf{I} + 1)] + \ln \left[ \frac{1}{N!} q_{trans}^N(T, V) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- The last term is the center-of-mass translation, which has been analyzed in *Thermodynamics of an ideal gas of structureless classical particles*.
  - We can see that the internal degrees of freedom is independent of  $V$ , thus they do not affect system pressure. However, they clearly contribute to the system energy and entropy.
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## Dilute gas of diatomic molecules

We now further study the thermal properties of a gas composed of molecular species. The internal energetics of a molecule consist of:

- vibrational motions.
- rotational motions.
- electronic and nuclear spin degrees of freedom.

Here, we introduce the **Born–Oppenheimer approximation** to **separate the different energy scales** in a molecule so that vibrational, rotational, electronic, and spin contributions can be treated (almost) independently in the thermodynamics.

### **Born–Oppenheimer approximation**

A molecule contains:

- **Electrons** (light, fast)
- **Nuclei** (heavy, slow)

Because of the huge mass ratio ( $m_{\text{nucleus}} \gg m_e$ ), their motions naturally occur on **very different timescales and energy scales**:

- Electronic excitations:  **$\sim \text{eV}$  ( $10^0\text{--}10^1 \text{ eV}$ )**
- Vibrations:  **$\sim 10^{-1} \text{ eV}$**
- Rotations:  **$\sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$**
- Nuclear spin splittings:  **$\sim 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$  or smaller**

Without an approximation, all these degrees of freedom are **strongly coupled** in the full molecular Hamiltonian, making statistical mechanics intractable.

This means:

- *the electronic motion is fast compared to the nuclear motion so that nuclear kinetic energy may be neglected when determining the electronic wavefunction.*

The wavefunction of a diatomic molecule is:

$$\psi(r, R) = \Phi_n(r; R)\chi_{nv}(R)$$

- $r$  and  $R$  is the electronic and nuclear coordinates.
- $\Phi$  is the **electronic wavefunction**, which is parameterized by  $R$ .
- $\chi$  is the **nuclear wavefunction**. It will be different depending on the  $n$  (the nuclear state).

With this separation, we will first determine  $\Phi$  from:

$$[K(r) + U(r) + U(R) + U(r, R)]\Phi_n(r; R) = E_n(R)\Phi_n(r, R)$$

and then  $\chi$  by

$$[K(R) + E_n(R)]\chi_{n,v}(R) = E_{n,v}\chi_{n,v}(R)$$

- $K$  and  $U$  mean the kinetic and potential energies respectively.
- $E_n(R)$  is the effective potential for nuclei (averaged over electron effects)

With Born-Oppenheimer approximation, we write:

$$q_{int}(T) = \sum_{n,v} \langle n, v | \exp(-\beta \mathcal{H}_{int}) | n, v \rangle$$

$$= \sum_v \left( \langle \chi_{0v} | \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{(0)}(R)] | \chi_{0v} \rangle + \langle \chi_{1v} | \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{(1)}(R)] | \chi_{1v} \rangle + \dots \right)$$

- $\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{(n)}$  is the effective Hamiltonian (electronically averaged) for the nuclear coordinate  $R$  when the molecule is in the  $n$ -th electronic state.
- $\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{(n)} = K(R) + E_n(R)$ .

Let's further *assume that the vibrational and rotational motion of the nuclei are uncoupled*, which is often a good approximation due to the mismatch in time scales.

$$E_{ov} - \epsilon_0 \simeq \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}v\right) \hbar w_0}_{\text{vibrational energy, nondegenerate}} + \underbrace{\frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2I_0}}_{\text{rotational energy, degeneracy of } (2J+1)}$$

- $v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- $J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- $w_0$  and  $I_0$  are the fundamental frequency and moment of inertia (of the whole molecule), and can be calculated using the following:

$$w_0 = \mu^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 E_0(R)}{\partial R^2} \right]_{R=R_0(eq)}$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_A m_B}{m_A + m_B}$$

- $\mu$  is the reduced mass of the two nuclei.

$$q_{int}(T) \simeq \frac{g_0^{(elec)} e^{-\beta \epsilon_0} (2\mathbf{I}_A + 1)(2\mathbf{I}_B + 1) q_{rot} q_{vib}}{\sigma_{AB}}$$

- $\sigma$  is the symmetry number, 1 if  $A \neq B$  and 2 if  $A = B$ . (heteronuclear or homonuclear diatomic molecules)
- $\mathbf{I}_A$  and  $\mathbf{I}_B$  are moment of inertia of nucleus  $A$  and  $B$ . and  $2\mathbf{I} + 1$  is for the spin degeneracy.

$$q_{rot}(T) = \sum_{J=1}^{\infty} (2J+1) \exp \left[ -\frac{J(J+1)\beta \hbar^2}{2I_0} \right]$$

$$q_{vib}(T) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \exp \left[ -\left(\frac{1}{2} + v\right) \beta \hbar w_0 \right]$$

and the  $q_{vib}$  can be calculated using geometric series:

$$q_{vib}(T) = \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\beta\hbar\omega_0}{2}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\beta\hbar\omega_0}{2}\right) \right]^{-1}$$

### ① Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}, \text{ if } x < 1$$

For the rotational contribution, we approximate it with an integral over the Euler-Maclaurin series assuming rotational levels are small compared with  $k_B T$ .

$$q_{rot}(T) \simeq \int_0^{\infty} dJ(2J+1) \exp\left[-\frac{J(J+1)\beta\hbar^2}{2\mathbf{I}_0}\right] = \frac{T}{\theta_{rot}}$$

$$\theta_{rot} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathbf{I}_0 k_B}$$

Also for  $q_{trans}$ :

$$q_{trans}(T, V) = V \left[ \frac{2\pi M}{\beta h^2} \right]^{3/2}$$

- $M = m_A + m_B$

And finally, for diatomic ideal gas:

$$-\beta A(N, V, T) \simeq -N \ln N + N + N \ln V + \frac{3}{2} N \ln \left( \frac{2\pi M k_B T}{h^2} \right) + N \ln q_{int}(T)$$

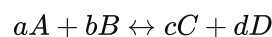
with:

$$q_{int}(T) = \underbrace{g_0^{(elec)} e^{-\beta\epsilon_0}}_{\text{electron ground state}} \underbrace{(2\mathbf{I}_A + 1)(2\mathbf{I}_B + 1)}_{\text{nuclear spin}} \underbrace{\overbrace{\sigma_{AB}^{-1}}^{\text{symmetry}}}_{\text{rotation}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{T}{\theta_{rot}} \right) \left( \exp\left(\frac{\beta\hbar\omega_0}{2}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\beta\hbar\omega_0}{2}\right) \right)^{-1}}_{\text{vibration}}$$

## Chemical equilibria in gases

The gas phase partition functions we derived above can be useful to compute chemical equilibrium constants.

Consider the following chemical reactions:



- $a, b, c, d$  are stoichiometric coefficient.
- $A, B, C, D$  are molecular species.

From general chemistry:

$$K_{eq} \equiv \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

and for ideal gas system (derived from  $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial P} = \bar{V} = \frac{RT}{P}$ ):

$$G_A = G_A^0 + RT \ln \frac{[A]}{[A_0]}$$

At chemistry equilibrium:

$$\Delta G = 0 = RT \left( G_A^0 + \ln \left( \frac{[A]}{[A_0]} \right)^a + G_B^0 + \ln \left( \frac{[B]}{[B_0]} \right)^b - G_C^0 - \ln \left( \frac{[C]}{[C_0]} \right)^c - G_D^0 - \ln \left( \frac{[D]}{[D_0]} \right)^d \right)$$

$$0 = G_C^{[0]} + G_D^0 - G_A^0 - G_B^0 - RT \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{reaction}} = -RT \ln K_{eq} = -RT \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

We can write this expression more compactly as:

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^4 v_i X_i$$

- $v_i$  is the reaction number.  $v_1 = c, v_2 = d, v_3 = -a, v_4 = -b$ .
- $X_i$  are species:  $X_1 = C, X_2 = D, X_3 = A, X_4 = B$ .

The stoichiometry thus applies a restriction on changes in mole numbers:

$$\Delta n_A = \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{-1} \Delta n_B = - \left( \frac{c}{a} \right)^{-1} \Delta n_C = - \left( \frac{d}{a} \right)^{-1} \Delta n_D$$

The first order virtual displacement of the internal energy due to vibrations in mole numbers is:

$$\delta E = \sum_{i=1}^4 \mu_i \delta n_i = \delta n_A \left[ \mu_A + \left( \frac{b}{a} \right) \mu_B - \left( \frac{c}{a} \right) \mu_C - \left( \frac{d}{a} \right) \mu_D \right]$$

Under equilibrium condition, any small deviations from the equilibrium point would result in  $\Delta E_{S,V,n} > 0$ , thus the following has to suffice:

$$\left[ \mu_A + \left( \frac{b}{a} \right) \mu_B - \left( \frac{c}{a} \right) \mu_C - \left( \frac{d}{a} \right) \mu_D \right] = 0$$

or more general:

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^r v_i \mu_i$$

- $r$  means for all species involved in the chemical reaction.

From the [A dilute gas of atoms](#) discussion, the partition function of the  $r$ -component mixture is

$$Q(\beta, V, N_1, N_2, \dots, N_r) = \frac{1}{N_1!} \frac{1}{N_2!} \dots \frac{1}{N_r!} q_1^{N_1} q_2^{N_2} \dots q_r^{N_r}$$

- the  $q_i$  is the single particle partition function.

Thus,

$$\beta A = -\ln Q = \sum_{i=1}^r [\ln N_i! - N_i \ln q_i]$$

As a result,

$$\beta \mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial \beta A}{\partial N_i} \right)_{\beta, V, N_j} = \ln N_i - \ln q_i$$

We already know:

$$q_i = \underbrace{\frac{V}{h^3} \left( \frac{2\pi m_i}{\beta} \right)^{3/2}}_{\text{translation/external}} \times q_{int} = \frac{V}{\lambda_i^3} \times q_{int}$$

where:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m_i k_B T}}$$

- The thermal wavelength of species  $i$  with a particle mass of  $m_i$ .

$$\beta \mu_i = \ln \left[ \frac{N_i}{q_i} \right] = \ln \left[ \frac{N_i \lambda_i^3}{V q_{int}} \right] = \ln \left[ \rho_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i^3}{q_{int}} \right) \right]$$

At chemical equilibrium (the  $\beta$  can be ignored here):

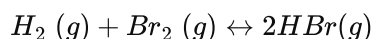
$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^r v_i \mu_i = \sum_{i=1}^r v_i \ln \left[ \rho_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i^3}{q_{int}} \right) \right] = \ln \prod_{i=1}^r \left( \rho_i \frac{\lambda_i^3}{q_{int}} \right)^{v_i}$$

And the definition of chemical equilibrium constant is:

$$K \equiv \prod_{i=1}^r (\rho_i)^{v_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r \left[ \frac{q_{int}}{\lambda_i^3} \right]^{v_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r [q_i]^{v_i}$$

- we can directly calculate the constant from partition functions of all species.

## A real case of statistical mechanics of gas-phase equilibrium



- (treating all species as ideal gas)

From [Chemical equilibria in gases](#), we have:

$$K_{eq} \equiv \frac{\rho_{(HBr)}^2}{\rho_{(H_2)} \rho_{(Br_2)}} = \frac{q_{(HBr)}^2}{q_{(H_2)} q_{(Br_2)}}$$

Take  $H_2$  for an example, we can now easily know:

$$q(H_2) = \underbrace{q^{trans}}_{\text{translation}} \underbrace{q^{vib} q^{rot} q^{n,v}}_{\text{internal}}$$

$$q(H_2) = \left( \frac{V}{\lambda_{(H_2)}^3} \right) \times \underbrace{\frac{1}{[\exp(1/2\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)}) - \exp(-1/2\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)})]}}_{q^{vib}} \times \underbrace{\frac{T}{\theta_{(H_2)}}}_{q^{rot}} \times \underbrace{e^{-\beta E_{H_2}^{elec}} (2I_{(H_2)} + 1)^2}_{q^{n,v}} \times \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\text{symmetry}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{V}{\lambda_{(H_2)}^3} \right) \times [1 - \exp(\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)})]^{-1} \times \frac{T}{2\theta_{(H_2)}} \times e^{-\beta(E_{(H_2)}^{elec} + 1/2\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)})} \times (2I_A + 1)^2$$

Define the zero point energy for ( $H_2$ ) as :

$$E_{H_2}^0 = E_{(H_2)}^{elec} + 1/2\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)}$$

Similarly, we can also write down the expression of  $q$  for  $HBr$  and  $Br_2$ .

Finally:

$$K_{eq} = \underbrace{\frac{m_{(HBr)}^3}{m_{(H_2)}^{3/2} m_{(Br_2)}^{3/2}}}_{\text{translation}} \times \underbrace{\frac{4\theta_{(H_2)}\theta_{(Br_2)}}{\theta_{HBr}}}_{\text{rotation}} \times \underbrace{\frac{(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)}))(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(Br_2)}))}{(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(HBr)}))^2}}_{\text{vibration except the zero point energy}} e^{-\beta\Delta E^0}$$

where:

$$\Delta E^0 = 2E_{(HBr)}^0 - E_{(H_2)}^0 - E_{(Br_2)}^0$$

- The rotation temperature ratio (between  $\theta$ s) can be obtained from  $\hbar^2/2I_0k_B$  or in general experimental data for rotational constant  $B$ .

$$\frac{4\theta_{(H_2)}\theta_{(Br_2)}}{\theta_{(HBr)}} = \frac{4B_{(H_2)}B_{(Br_2)}}{B_{(HBr)}}$$

## Partitioning $K_{eq}$ into $\Delta H$ and $\Delta S$ contributions

$$K_{eq} = e^{-\frac{\Delta G}{k_B T}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H}{k_B T}} \times e^{\frac{\Delta S}{k_B}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H}{k_B T}} \times e^{\frac{\Delta S_{translation} + \Delta S_{vibration} + \Delta S_{rotation}}{k_B}}$$

$$e^{\frac{\Delta S_{translation}}{k_B}} = \frac{m_{(HBr)}^3}{m_{(H_2)}^{3/2} m_{(Br_2)}^{3/2}}$$

$$e^{\frac{\Delta S_{vibration}}{k_B}} = \frac{(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(H_2)}))(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(Br_2)}))}{(1 - \exp(-\beta\hbar\omega_{(HBr)}))^2}$$

$$e^{\frac{\Delta S_{rotation}}{k_B}} = \frac{4\theta_{(H_2)}\theta_{(Br_2)}}{\theta_{HBr}}$$

$$e^{-\Delta H_0/k_B T} = e^{-(2E_{(HBr)}^0 - E_{(H_2)}^0 - E_{(Br_2)}^0)/k_B T}$$