Thermodynamic Properties of Compressed Gaseous Methane

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Real gas thermodynamic properties, $H - H^{\circ}$, $S - S^{\circ}$, and $G - G^{\circ}$, of methane were determined as functions of temperature (0-350°C) and molal density (0.75-12.5 mol dm⁻³) over a pressure range of 0-400 atm. These properties are recommended as standards for the development of equation of state relations, since the analytical and graphical correlating techniques produced results that reflect all the inherent accuracy of the basic data.

The common availability of high speed computing systems for generating thermodynamic quantities from equations of state has likewise generated a need for testing computational programs on definitive data systems (15). The previously published values of experimental P-V-T properties of methane (7), combined with the derived thermodynamic properties, represent a defined data system that is adequate for test purposes, since it includes an internally consistent, matched set of thermodynamic properties that reflect faithfully and consistently all of the trends that appear in a single source of experimental data of high quality and readily documented accuracy. The present work, which covers a temperature range of 0-350°C and a pressure range of 0-400 atm, complements previous results on pure tetrafluoromethane (8, 11). As in the case of tetrafluoromethane, the derived properties are based on unsmoothed experimental compressibility data (7) on a grid of temperatures and densities that forms a framework for the computational work as well as the tables. Thus, no inaccuracies that otherwise would have originated from cross plotting. interpolating, or smoothing of original data were introduced.

No literature data on methane were included in these calculations, because the variations in accuracy and precision that are found in any diverse collection of experimental results would have detracted from the meaning and objective for the present work.

Calculation Methods

Enthalpy, entropy, and Gibbs energy were evaluated from isometric and isothermal data by the following relations, in which T appears on the thermodynamic temperature scale:

$$H - H^{\circ} = \int_{\tau}^{\rho} \frac{\left[P - T(\partial P/\partial T)\rho\right] d\rho}{\rho^2} + P/\rho - RT \quad (1)$$

$$S - S^{\circ} = \int_{0}^{\rho} \frac{[R\rho - (\partial P/\partial T)\rho] d\rho}{\rho^{2}} - R \ln RT\rho \quad (2)$$

$$G - G^{\circ} = \int_{0}^{\rho} \frac{[P - RT]\rho d\rho}{\rho^{2}} + P/\rho - RT + RT \ln RT\rho$$
(3)

The superscript degree mark as in H° , S° , or G° indicates the ideal gas state at 1-atm pressure. Experimental values of *P*. *T*, and ρ were taken from Table I of ref. 7.

The slopes, $(\partial P/\partial T)_{\rho}$, of the isometric lines were derived from the original data by combined analytical and graphical correlating techniques that reflect all of the inherent accuracy of the original measurements. Details of the method used and an analysis of the uncertainties involved in the calculation of the thermodynamic functions from *P-V-T* data have been fully described (*11, 12*). Briefly, the maximum uncertainty introduced from the correlational techniques is less than 0.2%, except above 300°C where the uncertainty increases and reaches 2.0% at 350°C.

Previously, gas density work on methane (7) conducted in this laboratory was based on the International Temperature Scale of 1948, $0^{\circ}C = 273.16K$. The temperatures in the original work were converted to the thermodynamic scale according to a relationship derived by Beattie (3) and then used to calculate the thermodynamic properties. These values were reported in 1966 (13). Recently, however, the temperature scale and the liter were redefined, and recalculation of the values of the thermodynamic properties was necessary.

The present *P-V-T* data and thermodynamic properties of methane were corrected to the International Practical Temperature Scale of 1968 (6) by using accurate values of $(\partial P/\partial T)_{\rho}$ and the table of differences between the 1968 and 1948 scales. The pressures were also adjusted to densities in mol dm⁻³ by using accurate values of $dP/d\rho$.

In the determination of the original *P-V-T* relations for methane, the pressures were measured with a deadweight gage calibrated against the vapor pressure of pure carbon dioxide, 26,144.7 mm of Hg at 0°, as determined by Bridgeman (4). However, a more recent measurement of the vapor pressure, 26,137.6 mm of Hg by Greig and Dadson (10), is supported by the most recent value, 26,139.7 mm of Hg by Sengers and Chen (17). We did not correct the methane data for this change in pressure calibration, however, because the methane data were originally adjusted by a factor of 1.00023, as previously discussed (7, 9), to take care, collectively, of small systematic errors in the pressure scale, gas constant, atomic weights, variations in C_{12}/C_{13} isotopic ratio, and sample weight.

The molecular weight of the sample was calculated using the values of H = 1.008 and C = 12.011 (7); the value of R used was 82.0560 cm³ atm deg⁻¹ mol⁻¹.

Results

Values for the thermodynamic properties, P, $H - H^{\circ}$, $S - S^{\circ}$, and $G - G^{\circ}$, are presented in Table I at 0.5-mol dm⁻³ intervals in density and 25°C intervals in temperature. Some values are given to an extra significant figure to minimize imprecisions in subsequent calculations rather than to indicate higher accuracy. Values of the properties, $(H - H^{\circ})/T$, $(S_P - S_P, \text{ ideal})$, $(S_V - S_V, \text{ ideal})$, $(G_P - G_P, \text{ ideal})$, $(G - G^{\circ})/T$, and activity coefficient, γ , were not included in Table I because they are derivable from those values by direct arithmetical computation. They will be sent to interested persons on request.

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		Density, mol dm ⁻³						
t, °C		0.75	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00
0	M&N (14)	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-2.9	-3.9	-3.8	
50	M&N	-0.7	0.8	0.2	-0.6	-0.3	1.1	
	S&L (16)	0.8	0.9	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	1.9	2.8
100	M&N	0.8	1.9	1.0	1.6	2.2	2.2	
	S&L	2.5	5.3	8.7	10.5	11.8	12.6	12.7
150	M&N	2.5	5.8	8.3	9.4	9.0	11.0	
	S&L	1.2	3.0	5.0	6.9	9.5	9.9	

^{*a*} Deviation = $(H - H^{\circ})_{\text{present}} - (H - H^{\circ})_{\text{other}}$.

redefinition of the liter on the magnitude of the thermodynamic properties was minimal. The average and maximum percentage changes applied to the values of the functions were 0.05 and 0.22 for $(H - H^{\circ})$; 0.003 and 0.01 for $(S - S^{\circ})$; and 0.008 and 0.024 for $(G - G^{\circ})$. These percentage variations are typical of all of the functions except ($G_{\rm P} - G_{\rm P}$, ideal) and ($G_{\rm V} - G_{\rm V}$, ideal) which change sign within the ranges of the variables.

The present values of the enthalpy, $(H - H^{\circ})$, are compared with the values of Michels and Nederbragt (14) and of Sage and Lacey (16) in Table II, which are the only other extensive sets that were derived from individual sources of P-V-T data. In general, the best agreement is with the results of Michels and Nederbragt. Although Table II is brief, it shows good agreement in the thermodynamic properties derived from primary sources of P-V-T data. In contrast, the use of averaged or correlated P-V-T values from several sources, according to the practice found in several literature correlations (1. 2, 5, 18, 19), generally produced significantly larger differences.

Nomenclature

- $G = \text{molal Gibbs energy, cal mol}^{-1}$
- $H = \text{molal enthalpy, cal mol}^{-1}$
- P = pressure, atm
- $R = \text{gas constant} = 82.0560 \text{ cc atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}$
- $S = \text{molal entropy, cal } K^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
- T = thermodynamic temperature, K = t + 273.15
- t = International Practical Celsius temperature, 1968
- $V = \text{molal volume, } dm^3 \text{ mol}^-$
- $\rho = \text{molal density, mol dm}^{-3}$
- γ = activity coefficient = exp. $[(G G^{\circ})/RT]/P$
- atm = 101,325 Pa
- cal = 4.184 J
- Subscripts
- ideal = ideal gas state
- P = constant pressure along isotherms
- $_{\rm V}~=~{\rm constant}$ volume along isotherms
- = constant density ρ
- = constant temperature ĩ

Superscripts

° = standard state

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