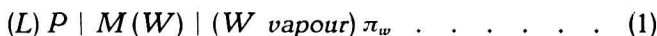


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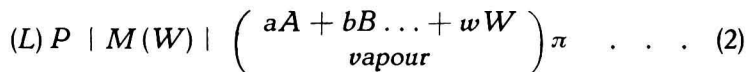
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In the osmotic equilibrium :



is a liquid  $L$  under the pressure  $P$  on the left side of the membrane  $M(W)$  and on the right side  $W$ -vapour under the pressure  $\pi_w$ . If we increase the pressure on the right side of membrane a little, then some  $W$ -vapour will condense right through the membrane into the liquid; if we decrease the pressure a little, then some water will evaporate from the liquid through the membrane. Consequently  $\pi_w$  is the pressure with which the liquid  $L$  presses the  $W$ -vapour through the membrane; for this reason we have called  $\pi_w$  the *O.W.V.P.* (Osmotic-Water-Vapour-Pressure) of the liquid  $L$ .

Besides the  $W$ -vapour of (1) we now also bring the vapours of the other substances  $A, B, C$  etc.; then we get an osmotic equilibrium, which we shall represent by :



So on the right side of the membrane is a mixture of vapours of the composition :

$$a \text{ mol } A + b \text{ mol } B, \dots + w \text{ mol } W \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

in which :

$$a + b \dots + w = 1 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

The added substances  $A, B$  etc. may be components of the liquid  $L$ ; they may also represent strange substances, however, viz. substances, not occurring in the liquid  $L$ . We assume that the gas-laws obtain for this mixture of vapours.

We imagine the mixture of vapours (3) in a space under a pressure  $\pi$ ; if only the  $W$ -vapour were present in this space, the pressure in this space would not be  $\pi$ , but smaller, viz.  $w\pi$ ; this pressure  $w\pi$  is the partial *V.P.* of the  $W$ -vapour in the mixture of vapours.

In system (1) the pressure of the  $W$ -vapour on the membrane is  $\pi_w$ ; as the substances  $A, B$  etc. of the mixture of vapours in (2) have no influence on the diffusion of the  $W$ -vapour through the membrane, the pressure of the  $W$ -vapour in this mixture of vapours must, therefore, also be  $\pi_w$ . So we may say :

when a liquid is in osmotic equilibrium with a mixture of vapours by means of a membrane, the partial *V.P.* of the *W*-vapour of this mixture of vapours will be equal to  $\pi_w$ , viz. equal to the *O.W.V.P.* of the liquid.

Hence follows that between  $\pi$  and  $\pi_w$  the ratio:

$$w\pi = \pi_w \quad \text{or} \quad \pi = \frac{\pi_w}{w} \quad . . . . . (5)$$

exists.

We now compare the osmotic equilibria (1) and (2) viz.

$$(L) P \mid M(W) \mid (W \text{ vapour}) \pi_w \quad . . . . . (6^a)$$

$$(L) P \mid M(W) \mid \left( \begin{array}{c} aA + bB \dots + wW \\ \text{vapour} \end{array} \right) \pi \quad \pi = \frac{\pi_w}{w} \quad . (6^b)$$

which both have a membrane  $M(W)$ . Here  $\pi_w$  is the *O.W.V.P.* of the liquid; consequently  $\pi_w$  has a determined value, only depending on the composition and the pressure of the liquid  $L$ .

The pressure  $\pi$  of the mixture of vapours can have an infinite number of values, however; for, as is shown by (6<sup>b</sup>), it depends not only upon  $\pi_w$ , but also upon  $w$ , viz. upon the *W*-amount of the mixture of vapours. It appears from (6<sup>b</sup>) that  $\pi$  is always greater than  $\pi_w$ , but that it approaches  $\pi_w$  more closely as  $w$  increases; when  $w$  becomes = 1, so that the vapour in (6<sup>b</sup>) only consists of *W*-vapour and (6<sup>b</sup>) consequently passes into (6<sup>a</sup>),  $\pi$  becomes =  $\pi_w$ ; so we may consider (6<sup>a</sup>) also as a special case of (6<sup>b</sup>).

It appears from the preceding that in general we may say:

when a liquid is in osmotic equilibrium with a mixture of vapours by means of a membrane  $M(W)$ , the pressure  $\pi$  of this mixture will be equal to  $\pi_w : w$  viz. the *O.W.V.P.* of the liquid, divided by the *W*-amount of the vapour.

When  $S$  is also a volatile substance of the liquid  $L$ , then we can with the aid of a membrane  $M(S)$  get the osmotic equilibria:

$$L(P) \mid M(S) \mid (S\text{-vapour}) \pi_s \quad . . . . . (7^a)$$

$$L(P) \mid M(S) \mid \left( \begin{array}{c} aA + bB \dots + sS \\ \text{vapour} \end{array} \right) \pi \quad \pi = \frac{\pi_s}{s} \quad . . (7^b)$$

Consequently  $\pi_s$  here is the *O.S.V.P.* of the liquid. We now find  $\pi = \pi_s : s$ . So from this follows for any substance  $S$ :

when a liquid is in osmotic equilibrium with a mixture of vapours by means of a membrane  $M(S)$ , the pressure  $\pi$  of this mixture is equal to  $\pi_s : s$  viz. the *O.S.V.P.* of the liquid, divided by the *S*-amount of the vapour.

We now take a liquid  $L$ , containing the volatile substances  $X, Y, Z, W$  etc. With the aid of the membranes indicated we then can obtain the osmotic equilibria:

$$(L) P \mid M(X) \mid (X\text{-vapour}) \pi_x \dots \dots \dots (8^a)$$

$$(L) P \mid M(Y) \mid (Y\text{-vapour}) \pi_y \dots \dots \dots (8^b)$$

$$(L) P \mid M(Z) \mid (Z\text{-vapour}) \pi_z \dots \dots \dots (8^c)$$

$$(L) P \mid M(W) \mid (W\text{-vapour}) \pi_w \dots \dots \dots (8^d)$$

etc. With the aid of a membrane  $M(n)$  we then get an osmotic equilibrium:

$$(L) P \mid M(n) \mid \left( \begin{array}{c} xX + yY + zZ + wW \\ \text{vapour} \end{array} \right) \pi \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

of which the pressure  $\pi$  and the composition of the mixture of vapours have been determined. It follows from the preceding that  $\pi_x, \pi_y, \pi_z, \pi_w$ , etc. have been determined by the composition and the pressure  $P$  of the liquid  $L$ .

In (8<sup>a</sup>) the pressure of the  $X$ -vapour on the membrane is  $\pi_x$ ; therefore, in (9) the pressure of the  $X$ -vapour in the mixture of vapours must also be  $\pi_x$ ; as this pressure is  $x\pi$ , it follows  $x\pi = \pi_x$ . If we compare system (9) besides with the systems (8<sup>b</sup>), (8<sup>c</sup>), (8<sup>d</sup>), etc. then we find:

$$x\pi = \pi_x \quad ; \quad y\pi = \pi_y \quad ; \quad z\pi = \pi_z \quad ; \quad w\pi = \pi_w \quad \dots \dots (10)$$

etc. As  $x + y + z + w \dots 1$ , follows:

$$\pi = \pi_x + \pi_y + \pi_z + \pi_w + \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

so that  $\pi$  has been determined.

It appears from (9) that  $\pi$  is the pressure with which the liquid  $L$  presses the  $(X + Y + Z + W \dots)$  vapour through the membrane; for this reason we call  $\pi$  the  $O. (X + Y + Z + W \dots) V.P.$  or the total  $O.V.P.$  of the liquid. Then it appears from (11):

the total  $O.V.P.$  of a liquid is equal to the sum of the  $O.V.P.$ 's of each of the components.

As  $\pi$  is known now,  $x, y, z, w$  etc. follow from (10), so the composition of the mixture of vapours in (9).

We now shall explain the above more in detail. The  $O.X.A.$  of a liquid with the composition:

$$x \text{ mol } X + y \text{ mol } Y + (1 - x - y) \text{ mol } W \quad \dots \dots (12)$$

has been determined by (comp. Gen. VI):

$$-\xi_x = \zeta + (1 - x) \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial y} \dots \dots \dots (13)$$

If we have a liquid of the composition

$$a \text{ mol } A + b \text{ mol } B + c \text{ mol } C + \dots \dots \dots (14)$$

in which we take

$$a + b + c + \dots = 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots (15)$$

then the *O.A.A.*, the *O.B.A.*, etc. have been determined by:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\xi_a &= \zeta + (1-a) \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial a} - b \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial b} - c \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial c} \dots \dots \\ -\xi_b &= \zeta - a \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial a} + (1-b) \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial b} - c \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial c} \dots \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots (16)$$

etc. This also obtains for a vapour of the composition (14); if this obeys the gas-laws, we have:

$$\zeta = a Z_a + b Z_b + c Z_c + \dots + RT [a \log a + b \log b + c \log c + \dots] (17)$$

If we calculate from this  $\partial \zeta : \delta a$ ,  $\delta \zeta : \delta b$ , etc and if we take (15) into consideration, then we find:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\xi_{a.v} &= Z_a + RT \log a \\ -\xi_{b.v} &= Z_b + RT \log b \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots \dots (18)$$

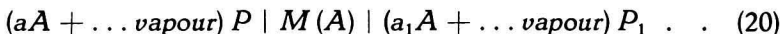
etc. in which the index *v* indicates that these *O.A.*'s obtain for a vapour.

In the special case that the vapour consists of a single substance only (e.g. of *A*, then  $a = 1$  or of *B*, then  $b = 1$ , etc.) follows from (18):

$$-\xi_{a.v} = Z_a ; \quad -\xi_{b.v} = Z_b ; \text{ etc. } \dots \dots \dots (19)$$

which may be seen at once.

We now begin by considering an osmotic equilibrium:



in which a mixture of vapours containing the substance *A* is on both sides of the membrane *M(A)*; the other substances may be the same as well as different. As the *O.A.A.* of both the mixtures of vapours must be equal, it follows from (18):

$$(Z_a)_P + RT \log a = (Z_a)_{P_1} + RT \log a_1 \quad \dots \dots (21)$$

As  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial P} = V = \frac{RT}{P}$ , we find:

$$(Z_a)_P - (Z_a)_{P_1} = \int_{P_1}^P \frac{RT}{P} dP = RT \log \frac{P}{P_1} \dots \dots (22)$$

Now it follows from (21)

$$RT \log P + RT \log a = RT \log P_1 + RT \log a_1 \dots (23)$$

or:

$$aP = a_1P_1 \dots \dots \dots (24)$$

So system (20) is in osmotic equilibrium when the pressure of the *A*-vapour is the same in both mixtures of vapours.

So in the special case that one of the vapour-phases consists of *A*-vapour only, the pressure of the *A*-vapour in the mixture of vapours must be equal to the pressure of the *A*-vapour. So if we have an osmotic-equilibrium

$$(aA + \dots \text{vapour}) P \mid M(A) \mid (A\text{-vapour}) P_a \dots \quad (25)$$

then it follows

$$aP = P_a$$

Between the pressure  $\pi$  in system (9) and the pressures  $\pi_x, \pi_y$  etc. in the systems (8) the relations (10) exist; it now follows from the above that the mixture of vapours of system (9) can be in osmotic equilibrium with each of the vapours of the systems (8).

In system (8<sup>a</sup>) the *O.X.A.* of the liquid is equal to the *O.X.A.* of the vapour; as this consists of *X*-vapour only,

$$-(\xi_x)_P = (Z_x)\pi_x \dots \dots \dots (26^a)$$

will obtain.

For the osmotic equilibria (8<sup>b</sup>) etc. follows:

$$-(\xi_y)_P = (Z_y)\pi_y \dots \dots \dots (26^b)$$

$$-(\xi_z)_P = (Z_z)\pi_z \dots \dots (26^c) \quad -(\xi_w)_P = (Z_w)\pi_w \dots \dots (26^d)$$

etc. The membrane of system (9) is permeable for all substances; the *O.X.A.*, the *O.Y.A.* etc. of the liquid must consequently be equal to that of the mixture of vapours. So for system (9) obtains:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -(\xi_x)_P &= (Z_x)\pi + RT \log x & ; & & -(\xi_y)_P &= (Z_y)\pi + RT \log y \\ -(\xi_z)_P &= (Z_z)\pi + RT \log z & ; & & -(\xi_w)_P &= (Z_w)\pi + RT \log w \end{aligned} \right\} (27)$$

etc. From (26<sup>a</sup>) and the first equation (27) follows:

$$(Z_x)\pi_x = (Z_x)\pi + RT \log x \dots \dots \dots (28)$$

We find from this  $\pi_x = x\pi$ . In a corresponding way we find also  $\pi_y = y\pi$  etc. viz. the relations which have been mentioned already in (10).

If we change the pressure  $P$  in system (9), the composition of the liquid remaining constant, it follows from (27):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta v_x \cdot dP &= V d\pi + \frac{RT}{x} dx & ; & & \Delta v_y \cdot dP &= V d\pi + \frac{RT}{y} dy \\ \Delta v_z \cdot dP &= V d\pi + \frac{RT}{z} dz & ; & & \Delta v_w \cdot dP &= V d\pi + \frac{RT}{w} dw \end{aligned} \right\} (29)$$

etc. If we add these up, after having multiplied the first by  $x$ , the second by  $y$ , etc., bearing in mind that  $x + y + \dots = 1$ , it follows:

$$d\pi = \frac{\Delta v_t}{V_\pi} dP \dots \dots \dots (30)$$

$V_\pi$  is the volume of 1 grammol. of vapour under the pressure  $\pi$  and

$$\Delta v_t = x \Delta v_x + y \Delta v_y + z \Delta v_z + w \Delta v_w.$$

So  $\Delta v_t dn$  is the increase of volume of the liquid, when this absorbs  $x dn$  quant. of  $X$ ,  $y dn$  quant. of  $Y$ , etc. So, as  $\Delta v_t$  is generally positive, it follows from (30):

if we increase the pressure  $P$  of a liquid, then  $\pi$ , viz. its total *O.V.P.* will increase.

This change in pressure is accompanied by a change  $dx, dy$  etc. of the mixture of vapours, which we can calculate from (29); a detailed consideration is left to the reader.

In the osmotic equilibrium



$\pi_w$  has been determined by the composition and the pressure  $P$  of the liquid  $L$ . In paper I we have found the equation (19) for it; if we here give the index  $w$  to  $\pi$  and  $\Delta v$ , we get:

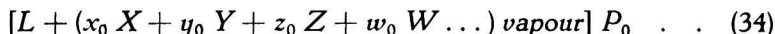
$$\log \pi_w = \log P_0 + \frac{P - P_0}{RT} \Delta v_w \dots \dots \dots (32)$$

Here  $P_0$  is the vapourpressure of the liquid  $L$ , therefore, the pressure under which te equilibrium:



can exist, without the necessity of putting a membrane between both phases.

This shows it has been assumed that only one of the substances of  $L$  is volatile; if the liquid contains other volatile substances besides, e.g.  $X, Y, Z, W$  etc. then under the pressure  $P_0$  we have the equilibrium:



in which  $x_0, y_0$  etc. represent the composition of this mixture of vapours. We now must introduce a small change in (32) also; for this we follow the same way as in paper I.

As (31) is the same as (8<sup>d</sup>), (26<sup>d</sup>) obtains here; from this it follows (comp. Paper I):

$$\Delta v_w \cdot dP = V d\pi_w = RT \frac{d\pi_w}{\pi_w} \dots \dots \dots (35)$$

From this it follows:

$$\Delta v_w \cdot P = RT \log \pi_w + C \dots \dots \dots (36)$$

In order to determine the constant  $C$ , we now take the liquid  $L$  under its own vapourpressure  $P_0$ . If the vapour only contains  $W$ -vapour, we

consequently have the equilibrium (33). If a membrane  $M(W)$  is put into it, we get the osmotic equilibrium ;

$$(L) P_0 \mid M(W) \mid (W\text{-vapour}) P_0 \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (37)$$

in which the pressure is the same on both sides of the membrane.

So we also can satisfy (36) by  $P = P_0$  and  $\pi_w = P_0$ ; we then get :

$$\Delta v_w \cdot P_0 = RT \log P_0 + C \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (38)$$

Now (32) follows from (36) and (38).

When, however, the liquid  $L$  contains more volatile substances, then we have the equilibrium (34) under the pressure  $P_0$ ; if a membrane  $M(n)$  is put in, we get :

$$(L) P_0 \mid M(n) \mid \left( \begin{array}{c} x_0 X + y_0 Y + z_0 Z + w_0 W \dots \\ \text{vapour} \end{array} \right) P_0 \quad . \quad (39)$$

As the pressure of the  $W$ -vapour in the mixture of vapours is  $w_0 P_0$ , in the system

$$(L) P_0 \mid M(W) \mid (X\text{-vapour}) w_0 P_0 \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (40)$$

the pressure on the right side of the membrane must be  $w_0 P_0$ . So we now can satisfy (36) by  $P = P_0$  and  $\pi_w = w_0 P_0$ ; instead of (38) we then get :

$$\Delta v_w \cdot P_0 = RT \log w_0 P_0 + C \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (41)$$

From (36) and (41) now follows :

$$\log \pi_w = \log w_0 P_0 + \frac{P_0 - P}{RT} \Delta v_w \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (42^a)$$

or :

$$\log \pi_w = \log P_0 + \frac{P_0 - P}{RT} \Delta v_w + \log w_0 \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (42^b)$$

If, therefore, we have a liquid of which more substances are volatile, then its *O.W.V.P.* is no longer determined by (32), but by (42<sup>a</sup>) or (42<sup>b</sup>).

We may consider (32) as a special case of (42<sup>a</sup>) or (42<sup>b</sup>); when namely the vapour consists of  $W$  only, then  $w_0 = 1$  and (42<sup>a</sup>) and (42<sup>b</sup>) pass into (32).

For an osmotic system

$$(L) P \mid M(W) \mid (L') P' \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (43)$$

we found in paper I the equation (22); if in this we give to  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  the index  $w$ , we have, therefore :

$$(\xi_w)_P - (\xi'_w)_{P'} = RT \log \frac{\pi'_w}{\pi_w} \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (44)$$

Here  $\xi_w$  and  $\xi'_w$  are the *O.W.A.*,  $\pi_w$  and  $\pi'_w$  the *O.W.V.P.* of the liquids  $L$  and  $L'$ .

As the direction in which the water diffuses through the membrane

depends upon the sign of the first part of (44) and, therefore, also upon that of the second part, it follows from this (comp. also Paper I): the water diffuses through a membrane  $M(W)$  towards that side, where the  $O.W.V.P.$  is smallest.

If we substitute the membrane  $M(W)$  by a membrane  $M(X)$ , we have the system:

$$(L) P \mid M(X) \mid (L') P' \dots \dots \dots (45)$$

For this obtains:

$$(\xi_x)_P - (\xi'_x)_{P'} = RT \log \frac{\pi'_x}{\pi_x} \dots \dots \dots (46)$$

Consequently for the direction of the diffusion of the substance  $X$  the same obtains as above for the substance  $W$ . So we may say in general:

a substance  $S$  diffuses through a membrane  $M(S)$  towards that side, where the  $O.S.V.P.$  is smallest.

We now take the osmotic system:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (L) P \mid M(n) \mid (L') P' \\ \longleftarrow \alpha X \ ; \ \longleftarrow \beta Y \ ; \ \longleftarrow \gamma Z \ ; \ \longleftarrow \delta W \end{array} \right\} \dots (47)$$

in which a membrane  $M(n)$ , so that all substances diffuse. We assume that  $\alpha$  quant. of  $X$ ,  $\beta$  quant. of  $Y$  etc. diffuse towards the left (when one of these quantities is negative, then the corresponding substance diffuses towards the right). As we have seen in Gen. VI, now  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  etc. have to satisfy:

$$\alpha K_x + \beta K_y + \gamma K_z + \delta K_w \dots \dots > 0 \dots \dots (48)$$

The direction in which a substance runs through the membrane  $M(n)$  is, therefore, no longer determined by the  $O.A.$  of that substance only, but by the  $O.A.$ 's of all substances together and by the nature of the membrane.

We now may also give an other form to (48). If we represent the  $O.X.V.P.$  the  $O.Y.V.P.$ , etc. of the liquid  $L$  by  $\pi_x, \pi_y$  etc. and those of the liquid  $L'$  by  $\pi'_x, \pi'_y$  etc., we have:

$$K_x = RT \log \frac{\pi'_x}{\pi_x} \ ; \ K_y = RT \log \frac{\pi'_y}{\pi_y} \ ; \ \text{etc.} \dots \dots (49)$$

Substituting these values in (48), we find that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  etc. have to satisfy:

$$\left(\frac{\pi'_x}{\pi_x}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{\pi'_y}{\pi_y}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{\pi'_z}{\pi_z}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{\pi'_w}{\pi_w}\right)^\delta \dots \dots > 1 \dots \dots (50)$$

From this it follows among other things:

a substance  $X$  can diffuse through a membrane  $M(n)$  from greater towards smaller-as well as from smaller towards greater  $O.X.V.P.$

Of course the same obtains for the other substances.



Previously we have said :

a substance  $S$  passes congruently through a membrane, when it diffuses in the same direction as through a membrane  $M(S)$ ; it diffuses incongruently when it runs through the membrane in opposite direction.

From this followed:

a substance  $S$  runs congruently through a membrane, when it diffuses from smaller towards greater- and incongruently when it diffuses from greater towards smaller *O.S.A.*

So now we may say also:

a substance  $S$  runs congruently through a membrane, when it diffuses from greater towards smaller- and incongruently when it diffuses from smaller towards greater *O.S.V.P.*

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