

driving force (affinity) of a reaction, A

The decrease in Gibbs energy on going from the reactants to the products of a chemical reaction ($-\Delta G$).

Source:

PAC, 1994, 66, 1077 (*Glossary of terms used in physical organic chemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 1107

See also:

PAC, 1996, 68, 2223 (*Glossary of terms used in photochemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 2237