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**Module #15:  
Introduction to Equilibrium**

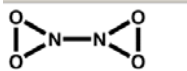
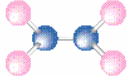
1. Define Equilibrium,  
And equilibrium  
constant

### Gaseous Chemical Equilibrium

- Can balance equations
- Can predict direction of reaction ( $\Delta H$ )
- Can compute rates  
$$\text{rate} = -\frac{d[A]}{adt} = k[A]^m$$
- Can we predict what happens at end?

### Our Friend for this Chapter

Dinitrogen tetroxide

- Intermediate in:
  - nitric acid & sulfuric acid production
  - nitration of organic compound & explosives
  - manufacture of oxidized cellulose compound (hemostatic cotton)
- Used to bleach flour
- Proposed as oxidizing agent in rocket propulsion nitrogen dioxide.

We studied it's decomposition kinetics in  
The preceding chapter

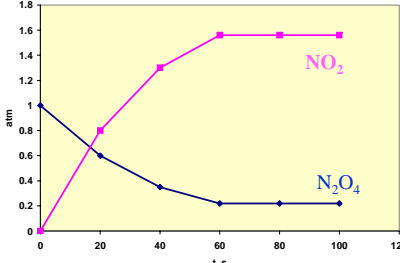
$$N_2O_{4,g} \rightarrow 2NO_{2,g}$$

Consider the reaction at 100 °C, where the initial Pressure of dinitrogen tetroxide is 1 atm: review

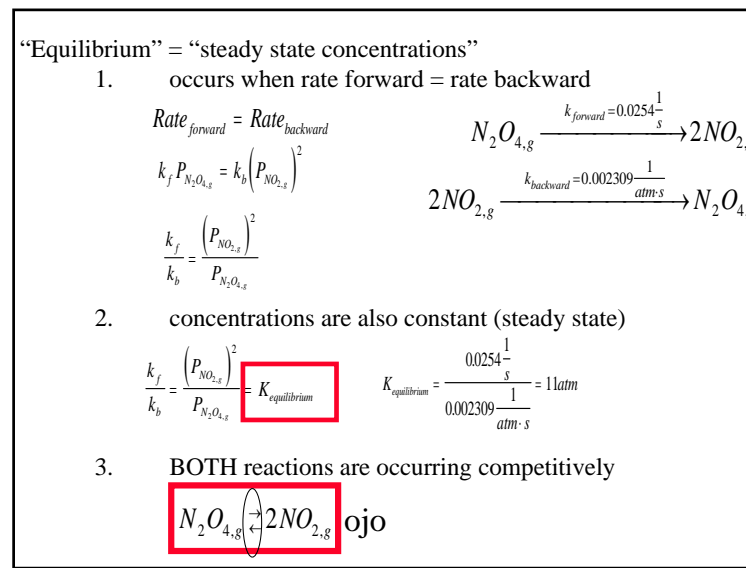
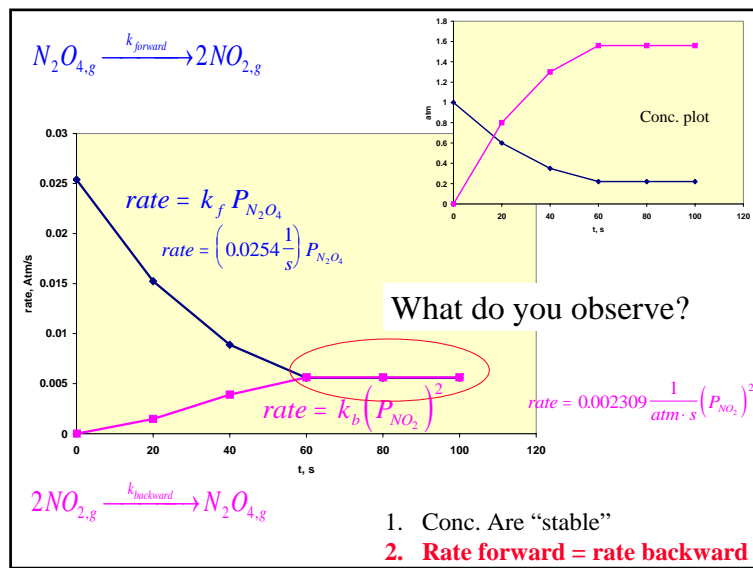
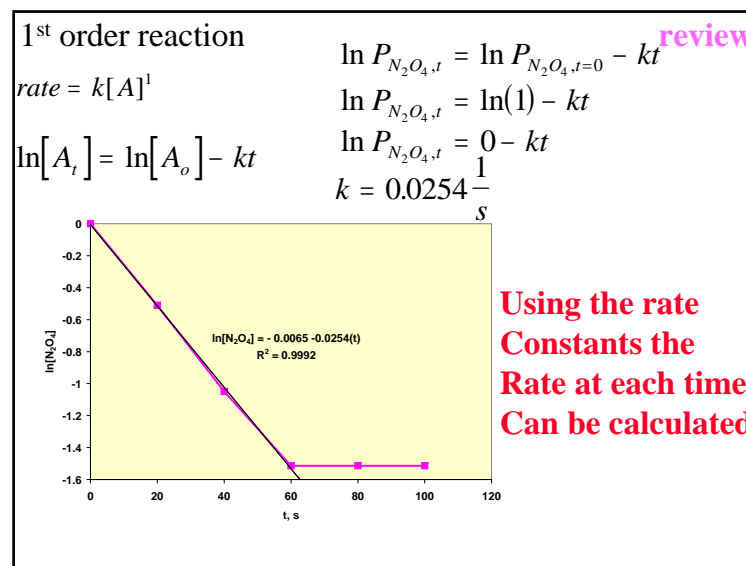
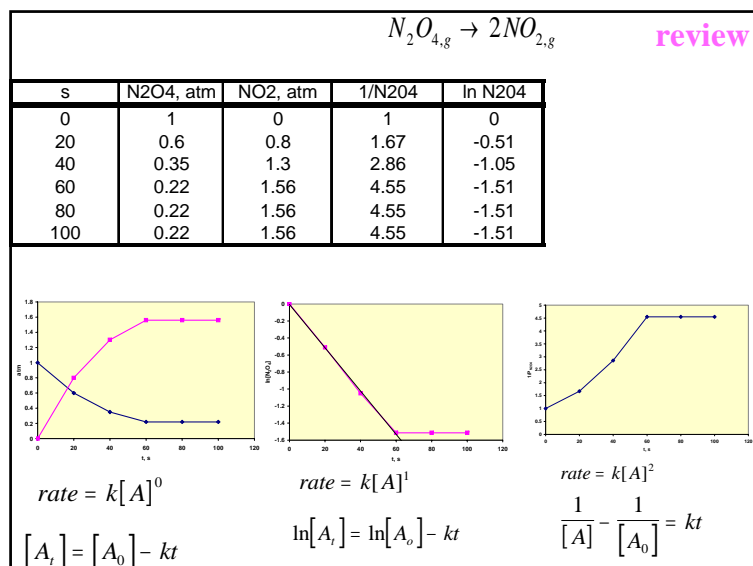
$$N_2O_{4,g} \rightarrow 2NO_{2,g}$$

The decomposition of dinitrogen tetroxide vs time  
Is shown in the table below

s	N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , atm	NO <sub>2</sub> , atm
0	1	0
20	0.6	0.8
40	0.35	1.3
60	0.22	1.56
80	0.22	1.56
100	0.22	1.56



The reaction order and  
Rate constant can be determined by various time/conc. plots



4. An equilibrium constant describes the steady state concs at 100 °C for any starting set of concentrations

$$K_{\text{equilibrium}} = 11\text{atm} = \frac{(P_{\text{NO}_2})^2}{P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_4}}$$

Experiment	1		2		3	
time	N2O4	NO2	N2O4	NO2	N2O4	NO2
t=0	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
t=equilibrium	0.22	1.56	0.07	0.86	0.42	2.16

$$K_{\text{equilibrium}} = 11\text{atm} = \frac{(P_{\text{NO}_2})^2}{P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_4}}$$

$$K_{\text{equilibrium}} = 11\text{atm} = \frac{(1.56\text{atm})^2}{0.22\text{atm}} \quad K_{\text{equilibrium}} = 11\text{atm} = \frac{(0.86\text{atm})^2}{0.07\text{atm}} \quad K_{\text{equilibrium}} = 11\text{atm} = \frac{(2.16\text{atm})^2}{0.42\text{atm}}$$

$$11\text{atm} = 11.06\text{atm} \quad 11\text{atm} = 10.56\text{atm} \quad 11\text{atm} = 11.1\text{atm}$$

Hamilton's Bar: Legal occupancy: 10

The stupid analogy

3 out 10 in

Hamilton's appears to have an unchanged population, but constant exchange of drinkers is occurring. The equilibrium is 10/3.

**FITCH Rules**

General

- G1: Suzuki is Success
- G2: Slow me down
- G3: Scientific Knowledge is Referential
- G4: Watch out for Red Herrings
- G5: Chemists are Lazy

Chemistry

- C1: It's all about charge  $E_{el} = k \left( \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right)$
- C2: Everybody wants to "be like Mike"
- C3: Size Matters  $E_{el} = k \left( \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right)$
- ~~C4: Still Waters Run Deep~~ Piranhas lurk
- C5: Alpha Dogs eat first Apparent Lack of change, Constant microscopic change

The "Generic" Rule

Stoichiometry shows up as power

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

$$K_{\text{Pressure}} = \frac{(P_C)^c (P_D)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b}$$

Pressure Of reactants On bottom

Pressure Of Products On top

An equilibrium constant can be written in terms of Molarity also

$PV = nRT$

$\frac{P}{RT} = \frac{n}{V} = [\text{molarity}]$

$P = RT[\text{molarity}]$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = \frac{(P_C)^c (P_D)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b}$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = \frac{(RT[C])^c (RT[D])^d}{(RT[A])^a (RT[B])^b}$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = \left\{ \frac{(RT)^c (RT)^d}{(RT)^a (RT)^b} \right\} \left\{ \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b} \right\}$

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

$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = \left\{ \frac{(RT)^c (RT)^d}{(RT)^a (RT)^b} \right\} K_{concentration}$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = (RT)^{(c+d)-(a+b)} K_{concentration}$

$K_{Pr\ essue} = (RT)^{\Delta n_f} K_{concentration}$

When doing problems watch out that they are not switching units on you!!!!

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**Introduction to Equilibrium**

**Sample calculation**  
**Of K**

Calculate the  $K_c$  for the reaction at 25°C:

$2NO_g + Cl_{2,g} \rightleftharpoons 2NOCl_g$

if the equilibrium pressures are  $P_{NOCl} = 1.2 \text{ atm}$ ;  $P_{NO} = 5.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ atm}$ ; and  $P_{Cl_2} = 3.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ atm}$ .

KNOW	DON'T	Red Herring?
$P_{NOCl} = 1.2 \text{ atm}$ $P_{NO} = 5.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ atm}$ $P_{Cl_2} = 3.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ atm}$	$K_{conc}$	none
eq		
$K_p = \frac{(P_{NOCl})^2}{(P_{NO})^2 (P_{Cl_2})}$		$1.9 \times 10^3 \frac{1}{atm} = (RT)^{(2)-(3)} K_{concentration}$
$K_p = \frac{(1.2atm)^2}{(0.050atm)^2 (0.30atm)}$		$1.9 \times 10^3 \frac{1}{atm} = \left(0.0826 \frac{L \cdot atm}{mol \cdot K} \cdot 298K\right)^{-1} K_{concentration}$
$K_p = \frac{1.9 \times 10^3 atm^2}{atm^3} = 1.9 \times 10^3 atm^{-1}$		$1.9 \times 10^3 \frac{1}{atm} = \frac{1}{\left(0.0826 \frac{L \cdot atm}{mol \cdot K} \cdot 298K\right)} K_{concentration}$
$K_{Pr\ essue} = (RT)^{(c+d)-(a+b)} K_{concentration}$		$K_{concentration} = 4.6 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{M}$

Consider the Haber Reaction which “fixes” nitrogen and is immensely important for the large scale production of ammonia used in explosives fertilizers

$N_{2,g} + 3H_{2,g} \rightleftharpoons 2NH_{3,g}$

If we mix nitrogen and hydrogen gases will we get ammonia?


$N_2$  941 kJ/mole bond energy  
 $3H_2$  432 kJ/mole

Haber found a Catalyst to make reaction go



Fitch Rule G3: Science is Referential

**Example** What is  $K_C$  for the Haber Process at  $127^\circ\text{C}$  if the equilibrium concentrations of gases are  $\text{NH}_3 = 3.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $\text{N}_2 = 8.5 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol/L}$ ; and  $\text{H}_2 = 3.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$ ?

KNOW	DON'T KNOW	RED HERRING
$\left. \begin{aligned} [\text{NH}_3] &= 3.1 \times 10^{-2} \\ [\text{N}_2] &= 8.5 \times 10^{-1} \\ [\text{H}_2] &= 3.1 \times 10^{-3} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{eq}$	$K_C$	Temp 
		Prison escapees were thought to drag red herrings across their trail to fool the tracking dogs.

Haber Process

$K = ?$

$$K = \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3}$$

$[\text{NH}_3] = 3.1 \times 10^{-2}$   
 $[\text{N}_2] = 8.5 \times 10^{-1}$   
 $[\text{H}_2] = 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$

$$K = \frac{[3.1 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}]^2}{[8.5 \times 10^{-1} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}][3.1 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}]^3}$$

$$K = 3.8 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}\right)^2}$$

$$K = 3.8 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{M^2}$$

*Note: A red arrow points from the concentration values to the corresponding terms in the equilibrium expression.*

$$N_2 + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3$$

Let's reverse the reaction

$$2NH_3 \rightleftharpoons N_2 + 3H_2$$

$$K_{\text{reverse}} = K' = \frac{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3}{[\text{NH}_3]^2}$$

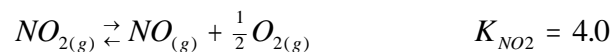
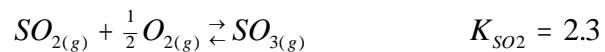
$$K' = \frac{1}{K}$$

$$K' = \frac{1}{3.8 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{M^2}}$$

$$K' = 2.6 \times 10^{-6} M^2$$

We will compile our rules After a few examples. What is the first rule we have shown here?

### An example of adding chemical reactions



$$K_{SO_2} = \frac{[SO_{3(g)}]}{[SO_{2(g)}][O_{2(g)}]^{1/2}} \quad K_{NO_2} = \frac{[NO_{(g)}][O_{2(g)}]^{1/2}}{[NO_{2(g)}]}$$

$$(K_{SO_2})(K_{NO_2}) = \left( \frac{[SO_{3(g)}]}{[SO_{2(g)}][O_{2(g)}]^{1/2}} \right) \left( \frac{[NO_{(g)}][O_{2(g)}]^{1/2}}{[NO_{2(g)}]} \right) = \frac{[SO_{3(g)}][NO_{(g)}]}{[SO_{2(g)}][NO_{2(g)}]} = K_{rx}$$

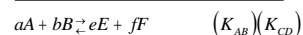
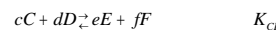
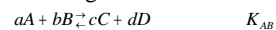
$$K_{rx} = K_{SO_2} K_{NO_2} = 2.3 \times 4.0 = 9.2$$

### Reversing Reactions

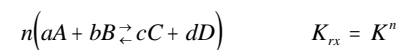
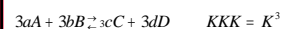
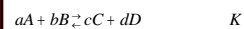
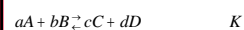
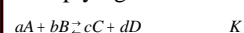


Same patterns  
For  $K_p$

### Summing reactions

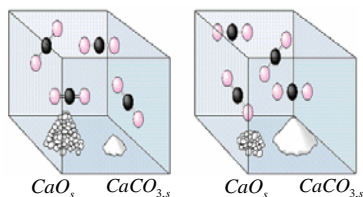


### Multiplying reactions



### Heterogeneous Equilibria

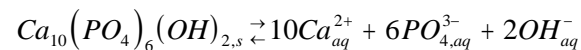
Are equilibria that involve more than one phase



$$K_p = P_{CO_{2,g}}$$

The position of a heterogeneous equilibrium does not depend on the amounts of the pure solids or liquids present


**Example Problem:** Bone is called apatite and can dissolve:



What is the proper grammar for K?

$$K = \frac{[Ca_{aq}^{2+}]^{10} [PO_{4,aq}^{3-}]^6 [OH_{aq}^-]^2}{[Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_{2,s}]}$$

$$K = [Ca_{aq}^{2+}]^{10} [PO_{4,aq}^{3-}]^6 [OH_{aq}^-]^2$$



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**Calculating Equilibrium  
Concentrations; 4 examples**

$K_{\text{conc}}$

- We can express it.
- We can compute it's numerical value
- We can use it to:
  - Tell if a rx will go
  - Compute [eq]
  - Compute [eq] after some change,  $\Delta$

- Use  $K_{\text{conc}}$  to determine if a Rx will go:
  - Compute Q, the “reaction quotient”
  - if  $Q < K_{\text{conc}}$ , rx goes to right  
if  $Q = K_{\text{conc}}$ , rx is at equilibrium  
if  $Q > K_{\text{conc}}$ , rx goes to left

What is Q?

$$Q = \frac{[C_i]^c [D_i]^d}{[A_i]^a [B_i]^b} \quad i=\text{initial}$$

$$K_C = \frac{[C_{eq}]^c [D_{eq}]^d}{[A_{eq}]^a [B_{eq}]^b}$$

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

**Example 1:** Use old friend  $N_2O_4$

What happens when 0.2mole of  $N_2O_4$  and 0.2 mole of  $NO_2$  are added together in a 4 L vol? Recall  $K_{\text{conc}} = 0.36M$

KNOW	Don't KNOW
mole = 0.2 mol	initial conc.
vol = 4 L	rx?
$K = 0.36M$	

$$N_2O_4 \rightleftharpoons 2NO_{2(g)}$$

$$[N_2O_4]_{\text{init}} = \frac{0.2\text{mol}}{4L} = 0.05M$$

$$[NO_2]_{\text{init}} = \frac{0.2\text{mol}}{4L} = 0.05M$$

$$K = 0.36M = \frac{[NO_2]^2}{[N_2O_4]}$$

$Q < , = , > K?$   
Which way will reaction go?

$$Q = \frac{[NO_2]_{\text{init}}^2}{[N_2O_4]_{\text{init}}} = \frac{(0.05M)^2}{0.05M} = 0.05M$$

$$Q = 0.05M < K = 0.36M; rx \xrightarrow{\text{right}}$$

$$K_{\text{conc}}$$

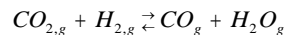
1. We can express it.
2. We can compute it's numerical value
3. We can use it to:
  - a. Tell if a rx will go
  - b. Compute [eq]
  - c. **Compute [eq] after some change,  $\Delta$**

### Rules for Equilibrium Calculations

1. Write balanced reaction
2. Write the equilibrium expression
3. Calculate the initial conc.,  $C_i$
4. Calculate Q and determine if rx goes to left or to right.
5. Express "equil. C" ( $C_{\text{eq}}$ ) in terms of init C and change, x, ( $C_{\text{eq}} = C_i \pm x$ )
6. Write K and put in  $C_{\text{eq}}$ , solve for x
7. Calculate equilibrium molarities
- 8\*\*\*\* **Check your answer!!!!**

### EXAMPLE 2: A BIT SIMPLE

For the system (all are gases)  $K_c$  is 0.64 at 900 K. :



Suppose we start with  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$ , both at a concentration of 0.100 mol/L.

When the system reaches equilibrium, what are the concentrations of products and reactants at 900K?

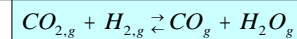
Red herrings?

1. Balance Equation  
already done

2. Write  $K_c$

$$K_c = \frac{[C_{\text{eq}}]^c [D_{\text{eq}}]^d}{[A_{\text{eq}}]^a [B_{\text{eq}}]^b}$$

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CO}_g]^1 [\text{H}_2\text{O}_g]^1}{[\text{CO}_{2,g}]^1 [\text{H}_{2,g}]^1} = 0.64$$



$K_c$  is 0.64 at 900 K. Suppose we start with  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$ , both at a concentration of 0.100 mol/L.

3. Calculate Original or Initial Concentrations

$$[\text{CO}_2]_{\text{init}} = 0.100 \text{ mol/L}$$

$$[\text{H}_2]_{\text{init}} = 0.100 \text{ mol/L}$$

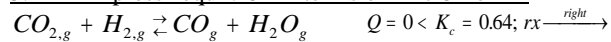
4. Calculate Q and determine if rx goes l or r.

$$Q = \frac{[\text{CO}]_{\text{init}} [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{init}}}{[\text{CO}_2]_{\text{init}} [\text{H}_2]_{\text{init}}} = \frac{0}{[0.100][0.100]}$$

$$Q = 0 < K_c = 0.64; \text{rx} \xrightarrow{\text{right}}$$



5. Express "equil. C" in terms of init C+ or - x



Mass balance Limiting reaction

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{CO}_2]_{\text{eq}} &= [\text{CO}_2]_{\text{init}} - x & [\text{CO}]_{\text{eq}} &= [\text{CO}]_{\text{init}} + x \\ [\text{H}_2]_{\text{eq}} &= [\text{H}_2]_{\text{init}} - x & [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{eq}} &= [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{init}} + x \end{aligned}$$

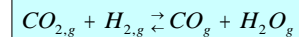
OR: Construct an ICE chart

Reaction:	$\text{CO}_{2,g} + \text{H}_{2,g} \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_g + \text{H}_2\text{O}_g$			
stoichiometry	1	1	1	1
Initial conc	0.100	0.100	0	0
Change (to right)	-x	-x	+x	+x
Equil. conc	0.100-x	0.100-x	0+x	0+x

6. Write K and put in equil Conc.

$$K = \frac{[\text{CO}]_{\text{eq}}[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{eq}}}{[\text{CO}_2]_{\text{eq}}[\text{H}_2]_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{(x)(x)}{[0.100-x][0.100-x]} = \left(\frac{x}{0.100-x}\right)^2$$

$$K = 0.64 = \left(\frac{x}{0.100-x}\right)^2$$



$K_c$  is 0.64 at 900 K. Suppose we start with  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$ , both at a concentration of 0.100 mol/L.

$$0.8 = \frac{x}{0.100-x}$$

$$0.8(0.100-x) = x$$

$$0.0800 - 0.8x = x$$

$$0.0800 = x + 0.8x$$

$$0.0800 = 1.8x$$

$$\frac{0.0800}{1.8} = x = 0.0444$$

$$x = 0.044$$

Reminder - x is change  
In concentration

7. Calculate equilibrium molarities

	$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{H}_2$	$\text{CO}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$
stoichiometry	1	1	1	1
initial conc	0.100	0.100	0	0
change (to right)	-x	-x	+x	+x
Equil. conc	0.100-x	0.100-x	0+x	0+x

$$[\text{CO}_2]_{\text{eq}} = [\text{H}_2]_{\text{eq}} = 0.100-x = 0.05556 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{CO}]_{\text{eq}} = [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{eq}} = 0.0444 \text{ M}$$

8\*\*\*\* Check your answer!!!!

Suggestions for ways?

$$K = \frac{[\text{CO}]_{\text{eq}}[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{eq}}}{[\text{CO}_2]_{\text{eq}}[\text{H}_2]_{\text{eq}}} = 0.64 = \frac{(0.0444 \text{ M})(0.0444 \text{ M})}{(0.05556 \text{ M})(0.05556 \text{ M})} = 0.638$$

OJO: When I round first and then check I get:

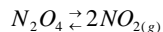
$$K_c = 0.60.$$

**EXAMPLE PROBLEM 3: More difficult**

If we add 0.1 mol of  $N_2O_4$  in 1 L, what are the equilibrium concentrations? Recall that  $K_c = 0.36M$ .

Red herrings?

1. Balance Equation



2. Write  $K_c$

$$K_c = \frac{[C_{eq}]^c [D_{eq}]^d}{[A_{eq}]^a [B_{eq}]^b} = \frac{[NO_{2,g,eq}]^2}{[N_2O_{4,g,eq}]} = 0.36M$$

3. Calculate Original or Initial Concentrations

$$0.1 \text{ mol of } N_2O_4 \text{ in } 1 \text{ L} \quad [N_2O_4]_o = \frac{0.1 \text{ mol}}{1L} = 0.1M$$

$$[NO_2]_o = \frac{0.0 \text{ mol}}{1L} = 0.00M$$



Old Friend:  $N_2O_4$

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$$K = 0.36M = \frac{[NO_2]^2}{[N_2O_4]}$$

$$[N_2O_4]_o = \frac{0.1 \text{ mol}}{1L} = 0.1M$$

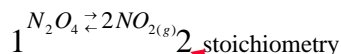
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4. Calculate Q and determine if rx goes l or r

$$Q = \frac{[NO_2]_{init}^2}{[N_2O_4]_{init}} = \frac{(0.0M)^2}{0.1M} = 0.0M < K_c; rx \xrightarrow{\text{right}}$$

If we add 0.1 mol of  $N_2O_4$  in 1 L, what are the equilibrium concentrations? Recall that  $K_c = 0.36M$ .

5. Express "equil. C" in terms of orig C+ or - x



	$N_2O_4$	$NO_2$
<b>Initial conc</b>	0.1	0
<b>Change (to right)</b>	- x	+ 2x
<b>Equil. conc</b>	0.1-x	0+2x

OJO!!

6. Write K and put in equil Conc.



$$K = 0.36M = \frac{[NO_2]_{eq}^2}{[N_2O_4]_{eq}} = \frac{([NO_2]_{init} + 2x)^2}{([N_2O_4]_{init} - x)} = \frac{(0 + 2x)^2}{(0.1 - x)}$$

and solve for x

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$$K = \frac{(0 + 2x)^2}{(0.1 - x)}$$

$$K(0.1 - x) = (0 + 2x)^2$$

$$K0.1 - xK = (2x)^2 = 4x^2$$

$$4x^2 + xK - 0.1K = 0$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$4x^2 + K_c x - 0.1K_c = 0 \quad K_c = 0.36M$   
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   
 $a = 4 \quad b = K_c \quad c = -0.1K_c$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-0.36 \pm \sqrt{(0.36)^2 - 4(4)(-0.036)}}{2(4)} \quad \text{OJO!!!}$$

$$x = \frac{-0.36 \pm \sqrt{(0.36)^2 + 0.5764(4)(0.036)}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{-0.36 \pm \sqrt{0.7056}}{8} = \frac{-0.36 \pm 0.84}{8} = 0.06 \quad \text{and} \quad -0.15$$

Which is plausible?

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$$x = \frac{-0.36 \pm \sqrt{0.7056}}{8} = \frac{-0.36 \pm 0.84}{8} = 0.06 \quad \text{and} \quad -0.15$$

Plausible?

	$N_2O_4$	$NO_2$
<b>Initial conc</b>	0.1	0
<b>Change (to right)</b>	- x	+ 2x
<b>Equil. conc</b>	0.1-x	0+2x

No, not plausible. We would be forced to conclude:  
 $x = -0.15$   
 $2x = [NO_2] = -0.3 M$

7. Calculate equilibrium molarities

$x = 0.060$

	$N_2O_4$	$NO$
<b>Initial conc</b>	0.1	0
<b>Change (to right)</b>	- x	+ 2x
<b>Equil. conc</b>	0.1-x 0.1 - 0.06 = 0.04	0+2x 0 + 2(0.06) = 0.12

Equilibrium  $[N_2O_4] = 0.04 M$   
 Equilibrium  $[NO] = 0.12 M$

8\*\*\*\* Check your answer!!!!

$N_2O_4 \rightleftharpoons 2NO_{2(g)}$


- Plausible:  $[N_2O_4]$  decreased?  $0.1 \rightarrow 0.04$ ?  
 Plausible:  $[NO]$  increased?  $0 \rightarrow 0.12$ ?
- Fits the equilibrium constant?

$$K = 0.36M = \frac{[NO_2]^2}{[N_2O_4]} = \frac{[0.12]^2}{[0.04]} = 0.36M$$

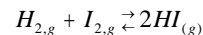
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**Example 4:** Do Units Matter in how we approach the problem?:

For the reaction of hydrogen gas with iodine gas at room temperature the  $K_p$  is  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ . Suppose that you mix HI at 0.5,  $H_2$  at 0.01 and  $I_2$  at 0.005 atm in 5 liter volume. Calculate the equilibrium Pressures.

Beforehand: red herrings?  5L volume

1. Balance Equation



2. Write K

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

$$K_{Pressure} = \frac{(P_C)^c (P_D)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b} \quad K_p = \frac{(P_{HI,eq})^2}{(P_{H_2,eq})(P_{I_2,eq})} = 1 \times 10^{-2}$$

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3. Calculate Original or Initial Conc or Pressure

A bit of red herring = already know them.

$$P_{HI} = 0.5 \text{ atm}_{init}$$

$$P_{H_2} = 0.01 \text{ atm}_{init}$$

$$P_{I_2} = 0.005 \text{ atm}_{init}$$

4. Calculate Q and determine if rx goes l or r

$$Q = \frac{(P_{HI,init})^2}{(P_{H_2,init})(P_{I_2,init})} = \frac{(0.5 \text{ atm})^2}{(0.01 \text{ atm})(0.005 \text{ atm})} = 5000 > K_p = 0.01; rx \leftarrow \text{left}$$

OJO

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5. Express "equil. C" in terms of orig C+ or - x

	$H_2$	$I_2$	HI
stoichiometry	1	1	2
Initial conc	.01	.005	0.5
Change (to <b>left</b> )	+ x	+x	-2x
Equil. conc	.01+x	.005+x	0.5-2x

6. Write K and put in equil Pressures

$$K_p = \frac{(0.5 - 2x)^2}{(0.01 + x)(0.005 + x)}$$

$$K_p = \frac{(0.5 - 2x)^2}{(0.01 + x)(0.005 + x)} \quad K_p = 0.01$$

$$K_p (0.01 + x)(0.005 + x) = (0.5 - 2x)^2$$

$$K_p (5 \times 10^{-5} + 0.015x + x^2) = 0.25 - 2x + 4x^2$$

$$5 \times 10^{-5} K_p + 0.015x K_p + x^2 K_p = 0.25 - 2x + 4x^2$$

$$0.25 - 2x + 4x^2 - (5 \times 10^{-5} K_p + 0.015x K_p + x^2 K_p) = 0$$

$$(4x^2 - 2x + 0.25) - 5 \times 10^{-5} K_p - 0.015x K_p - x^2 K_p =$$

$$(4x^2 - x^2 K_p) + (-2x - 0.015x K_p) + (0.25 - 5 \times 10^{-5} K_p) = 0$$

$$(4 - K_p)x^2 - x(2 + 0.015K_p) + (0.25 - 5 \times 10^{-5} K_p) = 0$$

$$(4 - .01)x^2 - x(2 + 0.00015) + (0.25 - 5 \times 10^{-7}) = 0$$

$$(3.99)x^2 - x(2.00015) + (0.2499995) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad (3.99)x^2 - x(2.00015) + (0.2499995) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2.00015) \pm \sqrt{(-2.00015)^2 - 4(3.99)(0.2499995)}}{2(3.99)}$$

$$x = \frac{2.00015 \pm \sqrt{4.0006 - 3.98992}}{7.98}$$

$$x = \frac{2.00015 \pm 0.102995}{7.98}$$

$x = 0.237739$   
 $x = 0.263552$

Which do we use + or -?

$$x = 0.237739$$

$$x = 0.263552$$

	H <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	HI
stoichiometry	1	1	2
Initial conc	.01	.005	0.5
Change (to <b>left</b> )	+ x	+x	-2x
Equil. conc	.01+x	.005+x	0.5-2x

If we use the second answer then we will get

$$P_{HI,eq} = 0.5 - 2x = 0.5 - 2(0.263552) = -0.0271$$

Not plausible

$x = 0.237739$

	H <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	HI
stoichiometry	1	1	2
Initial conc	.01	.005	0.5
Change (to <b>left</b> )	+ x	+x	-2x
Equil. conc	.01+x	.005+x	0.5-2x

$$P_{HI,eq} = 0.5 - 2x = 0.5 - 2(0.237739) = 0.024523$$

$$P_{I_2,eq} = 0.005 + x = 0.005 + 0.237739 = 0.242739$$

$$P_{H_2,eq} = 0.01 + x = 0.01 + 0.237739 = 0.247739$$

$$K = \frac{(P_{HI,eq})^2}{(P_{H_2,eq})(P_{I_2,eq})} = \frac{(0.024523)^2}{(0.242739)(0.247739)} = 0.01 \quad \text{Checks!!!}$$



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**Module #15:**  
**Introduction to Equilibrium**  
**Making Assumptions**

**FITCH Rules**

**General**

G1: Suzuki is Success  
 G2. Slow me down  
 G3. Scientific Knowledge is Referential  
 G4. Watch out for Red Herrings   
 G5. Chemists are Lazy


**Chemistry**

C1. It's all about charge  $E_{el} = k \left( \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right)$   
 C2. Everybody wants to "be like Mike"  
 C3. Size Matters  $E_{el} = k \left( \frac{q_1 q_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right)$   
 C4. Still Waters Run Deep   
 C5. Alpha Dogs eat first 

For systems with multiple reactions  
 Need to simply = ASSUMPTIONS

**Example** on Using Simplifications

If 1.0 mol NOCl is placed in a 2.0 L flask what are the equilibrium concentrations of NO and Cl<sub>2</sub> given that at 35 °C the equilibrium constant, K<sub>c</sub>, is 1.6x10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L?

Red herrings: 35 °C is a red herring 

Clues?  
 K is "small" compared to others (<<< 1) we have worked with !!!!!


**Example 2**  $CO_{2,g} + H_{2,g} \rightleftharpoons CO_g + H_2O_g$  K<sub>c</sub> is 0.64.

**EXAMPLE 3:**  $N_2O_4 \rightleftharpoons 2NO_{2(g)}$  K<sub>c</sub> = 0.36M **We will define Small in the Next chapter!**

**Example 4:**  $H_{2,g} + I_{2,g} \rightleftharpoons 2HI_{(g)}$  K<sub>p</sub> is 1x10<sup>-2</sup>.

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We are starting with reactants

1. Balance Equation      2. Write K

$2NOCl \rightleftharpoons 2NO + Cl_2$        $K_c = \frac{[NO]^2 [Cl_2]}{[NOCl]^2}$

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3. Calculate or Initial Concentrations

[NOCl]<sub>init</sub>] = 1.0 mol/2L = 0.5 M  
 [NO]<sub>init</sub>] = 0 M  
 [Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>init</sub>] = 0 M

4. Calculate Q and determine if rx goes l or

$Q = \frac{[NO_{g,init}]^2 [Cl_{2,g,init}]}{[NOCl_{g,init}]^2} = \frac{(0)(0)}{0.5} = 0; rx \xrightarrow{right}$

5. Express "equil. C" in terms of orig C+ or - x

$2NOCl \rightleftharpoons 2NO + Cl_2$	NOCl	NO	Cl <sub>2</sub>
stoichiometry	2	2	1
Initial conc	0.5	0	0
Change (to right)	-2x	+2x	x
Equil. conc	0.5-2x	0+2x	0+x
Assumptions	~0.5	2x	x

Assumptions are based on 0.5

$$K = \frac{(2x)^2 x}{([NOCl]_{init} - 2x)^2} \approx \frac{(2x)^2 x}{[NOCl]_{init}^2}$$

a) K is small so x is small - 0.000x  
 b) If x is small then sig fig rules eliminate x 0.4999z  $\xrightarrow{\text{sig fig}}$  0.5

6. Write K and put in equil Conc

$$K = \frac{(2x)^2 x}{(0.5)^2} = \frac{4x^3}{0.25} = 16x^3$$

$$K = 16x^3$$

$$1.6 \times 10^{-5} = 16x^3$$

$$\frac{1.6 \times 10^{-5}}{16} = x^3$$

$$10^{-6} = x^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{10^{-6}} = x$$

$$x = 10^{-2}$$

7. Calculate equilibrium molarities

$x = 10^{-2}$

	NOCl	NO	Cl <sub>2</sub>
stoichiometry	2	2	1
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Change (to right)	-2x	+2x	x
Equil. conc	0.5-2x	0+2x	0+x
Assumptions	~0.5	2x	x

$[NOCl_{g,eq}] = 0.5$        $[NO_{g,eq}] = 2x = 2 \times 10^{-2}$   
 $[Cl_{2,g,eq}] = x = 10^{-2}$

**ARE WE DONE?**

**CHECK ASSUMPTIONS**

$[NOCl_{g,eq}] = 0.5 - 2x$

$[NOCl_{g,eq}] = 0.5 - 2(10^{-2})$

$[NOCl_{g,eq}] = 0.5 - 0.02$

0.5  
- 0.02  
-----  
0.48

Where are The Sig Fig?

**Answer 0.5**

Accept error less than 5%

$$error = \left[ \frac{real - estimated}{real} \right] 100$$

$$error = \left[ \frac{0.48 - .5}{0.48} \right] 100 = 4\%$$

**Are we done yet?**

8\*\*\*\* Check your answer!!!!

$$[NOCl_{g,eq}] = 0.5$$

$$[NO_{g,eq}] = 2x = 2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$[Cl_{2,g,eq}] = x = 10^{-2}$$

$$K_c = \frac{[NO]^2 [Cl_2]}{[NOCl]^2} = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} M$$

$$K_c = \frac{[2 \times 10^{-2}]^2 [10^{-2}]}{[0.5]^2} = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} M$$

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### POINT of ASSUMPTIONS

1. Avoid using polynomial equations
2. Can do it with small K values
3. Assume little change (get rid of an x)
4. Must check the assumptions

Multiple Equilibria are not solvable  
With simple cubic, quadratic equations

Chemists are Lazy!



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Module #15:  
Introduction to Equilibrium  
Qualitative Predictions  
For direction of Equilibrium

Chemists are \_\_\_\_\_

If we don't have to calculate can we make  
**qualitative** descriptions of equilibrium?

### Le Châtelier's Principle

if a change is imposed on a system at equilibrium, the position of the  
equilibrium will shift in a direction that tends to reduce that change





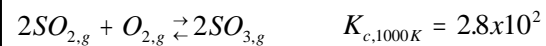
Fitch Rule G3: Science is Referential

## Effects of Changes on the System

1. Addition of inert gas **does not affect** the equilibrium position.
2. **Concentration**: The system will shift **away** from the added component.
3. **Decreasing** the volume shifts the equilibrium toward the side with fewer moles.
4. **Temperature**:  $K$  will change depending upon the temperature (treat the energy change as a reactant).

## LeChatlier Examples

**Example:** (Inert gas) Suppose we have the reaction initially at equilibrium



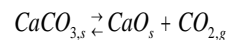
What happens when we add some  $N_{2,g}$ , does  $Q$  change?

$$K_c = \frac{[SO_{3,g,eq}]^2}{[O_{2,g,eq}][SO_{2,g,eq}]^2}$$

Addition of inert gas **does not affect** the equilibrium position. Similarly.....

### **Example: (Effect of Solid)**

What is the effect on equilibrium in the calcination (decomposition)



of limestone produced by adding a small quantity of  $CaCO_3(s)$

$$K_c = \frac{[CO_{2,g}][CaO_s]}{[CaCO_{3,s}]} = [CO_{2,g}]$$

Change in quantity of solids do not affect direction of equilibria. So addition of more limestone is irrelevant.

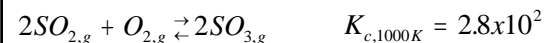
**Example** What is the effect on equilibrium in the (decomposition)

$CaCO_{3,s} \rightleftharpoons CaO_s + CO_{2,g}$  **Concentration:** The system will shift **toward** from the removed component.

of removing some  $CO_{2,g}$ , does  $Q$  change?

$$[CO_{2,g,new}] < [CO_{2,g,eq}] \quad [CO_{2,g,new}] = \frac{[CO_{2,g,eq}]}{x} \quad Q = \frac{[CO_{2,g,eq}]}{x} < K_c = [CO_{2,g,eq}]; rx \rightarrow$$

**Example** Suppose we have the reaction initially at equilibrium:

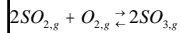


What happens when we add some  $SO_{3,g}$ , does  $Q$  change?

$$[SO_{3,g,new}] > [SO_{3,g,eq}] \quad Q = \frac{(x[SO_{3,g,eq}])^2}{[O_{2,g,eq}][SO_{2,g,eq}]^2} > K_c = \frac{[SO_{3,g,eq}]^2}{[O_{2,g,eq}][SO_{2,g,eq}]^2}; rx \leftarrow$$

**Concentration:** The system will shift **away** from the added component.

**Example** What happens if we decrease the volume of the container?



$$K_c = \frac{[SO_{3(g)}]^2}{[O_{2(g)}][SO_{2(g)}]^2} = \frac{\left[\frac{n_{SO_{3(g)}}}{V_{eq}}\right]^2}{\left[\frac{n_{O_{2(g)}}}{V_{eq}}\right]\left[\frac{n_{SO_{2(g)}}}{V_{eq}}\right]^2} = \frac{[n_{SO_{3(g)}}]^2}{[n_{O_{2(g)}}][n_{SO_{2(g)}}]^2} \left[\frac{1}{V_{eq}}\right]^2$$

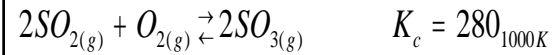
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$$V_{new} < V_{eq} \quad V_{new} = \frac{V_{eq}}{x}$$

$$Q = \left(\frac{[n_{SO_{3(g)}}]^2}{[n_{O_{2(g)}}][n_{SO_{2(g)}}]^2}\right) \frac{V_{eq}}{x} < K_c = \left(\frac{[n_{SO_{3(g)}}]^2}{[n_{O_{2(g)}}][n_{SO_{2(g)}}]^2}\right) V_{eq}; rx \rightarrow$$

Q changes when we change volume because of differences in stoichiometry

**Decreasing** the volume (increasing P) shifts the equilibrium toward the side with fewer moles



Decrease volume, what happens?

Number of moles of reactants?  
Number of moles of products?

If we form reactants we get 3 moles

If we form products we get 2 moles.

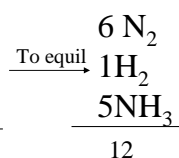
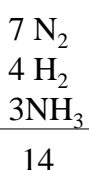
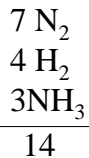
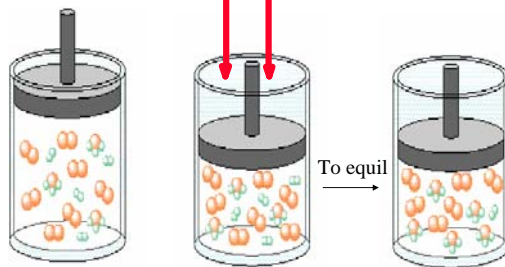
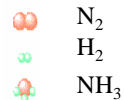
reaction moves to decrease moles

moves to the right.

LeChatlier Example: Haber Process  $N_{2(g)} + 3H_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2NH_{3(g)}$

What happens when volume is decreased?

Key:



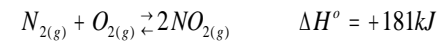
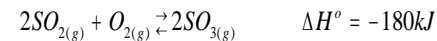
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1 H<sub>2</sub>

5 NH<sub>3</sub>

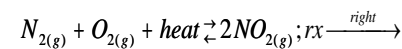
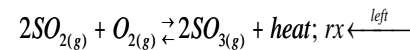
## Effect of Temperature????

Consider effect of raising temperature on two reactions:



What will happen?

Another way to see this is to write the rxs by considering heat  
As a product or reactant. Reaction shifts away from heat:



**Temperature:** K will change depending upon the temperature (treat the energy change as a reactant).

Do you see a pattern?

$$\ln \left[ \frac{K_1}{K_2} \right] = \frac{-\Delta H_{\text{forward rx}}^{\circ}}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right]$$

Van't Hoff equation (1852-1911)

$$\ln \left[ \frac{k_1}{k_2} \right] = \left[ \frac{-E_a}{R} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right]$$

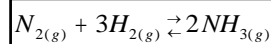
Arrhenius Equation

$$\ln \left[ \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right] = \left[ \frac{-\Delta H_{\text{vaporization}}}{R} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right]$$

Clausius-Clapeyron equation



Fitch Rule G3: Science is Referential



$$\Delta H^{\circ} = -92.2 \text{ kJ}$$

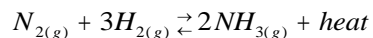
$$K = 6 \times 10^5 \Big|_{25^{\circ}\text{C}}$$

What is K at 100 °C?

Predict first using LeChatelier's

principle: will it get larger or

smaller? You try it!, we will compare to calc.



$$\ln \left[ \frac{K_1}{K_2} \right] = \frac{-\Delta H^{\circ}}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right] \quad e^{\ln \left[ \frac{6 \times 10^5}{K_2} \right]} = \left[ \frac{6 \times 10^5}{K_2} \right] = e^{7.48628} = 1783.405$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{6 \times 10^5}{K_2} \right] = \frac{-(-92.2 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol}})}{8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}} \left[ \frac{1}{273 + 25\text{K}} - \frac{1}{273 + 100\text{K}} \right]$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{6 \times 10^5}{K_2} \right] = \frac{11095.07}{\left( \frac{1}{\text{Kelvin}} \right)} \left[ \frac{.000675}{\text{Kelvin}} \right] = 7.48628 \quad \frac{6 \times 10^5}{1783.405} = K_2 = 336.435$$

What have we learned?

1. Expression for K
2. Expression for Q
3. Distinguish between initial and final or equilibrium concentrations.
4. How to predict direction of a reaction
5. How to calculate the equilibrium conc.
6. How to make assumptions to ease the calculations.
7. How to check the calculations
8. How to use Le Chat.... principle to effect of conc., pressure, volume, and temp. on a reaction.



"A" students work  
(without solutions manual)  
~7 problems/night.