# **Equilibria**

## Review

| ICE table | 
$$H_2 + T_2 = 2 \quad | III = 10 \quad$$

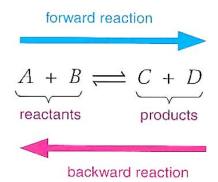
Industrial preparation of ammonia

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

#### Esterification

$$CH_{3}COOH_{(I)} \quad + \quad CH_{3}CH_{2}OH_{(I)} \rightleftarrows CH_{3}COOCH_{2}CH_{3(I)} \quad + \quad H_{2}O_{(I)}$$

## 1. reversible reaction



The products react together to re-form reactants at the same time as the reactants are forming products. This type of reversible reaction is called an **equilibrium reaction**. We use the sign  $\Rightarrow$  in

equilibrium reactions to show that they are reversible.

**dynamic equilibrium** means that the molecules or ions of reactants and products are continuously reacting. Reactants are continuously being changed to products and products are continuously being changed back to reactants.

An equilibrium reaction has four particular features under constant conditions:

forward and backward reaction rate is equal

Q. When a sample of ammonium chloride is warmed it decomposes into ammonia and hydrogen  $NH_1$  I+C chloride gas.

When the mixture of hot ammonia and hydrogen chloride gases hit a cold surface, a white solid

cold surface

 $NH_4Cl(s) \rightarrow NH_3(g) + HCl(g)$ 

solid ammonium

ammonium chloride

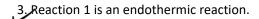
chloride (reformed)

of ammonium chloride reforms.

Which statements are correct?

1. Reaction 1 is in dynamic equilibrium.

(2 Reaction 1 is reversible.



- A.1, 2 and 3 are correct
  - B. 1 and 2 only are correct
  - C. 2 and 3 only are correct
  - D. 1 only is correct

## **Characteristics of equilibrium**

# 2. Equilibrium constant, Kc

$$mA + nB \neq pC + qD$$

concentration of product D

Q. Nitrogen and hydrogen react together to form ammonia.

 $N_{2(g)} + 3H_{2(g)} = 2NH_{3(g)}$ 10.1 mol of nitrogen and 0.1 mol of hydrogen were mixed in a closed container of volume 1 dm<sup>3</sup>. At equilibrium n mol ammonia is formed. What is the concentration of Hydrogen at equilibrium?

B. 0.1 - 0.667n

D. 0.1 - 0.5n

#### **Units of Kc**

$$H2 + I2 \rightleftharpoons 2HI$$

$$2SO2(g) + O2(g) = 2SO3(g)$$

Hydrogen and iodine can react reversibly to produce hydrogen iodide. The equation is shown.

$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2HI(g)$$
  
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The equilibrium mixture contains 2.00 mol of hydrogen iodide. The equilibrium constant,  $K_c$ , for the reaction at 460 K is 4.0. 1-1

What is the value of X?

$$\frac{C[HI]^{2}}{C[H_{2}] \times C[F_{2}]} = 4$$

2.50 mol

#### NO. 1

Nitrogen reacts with hydrogen to produce ammonia.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$$

A mixture of 2.00 mol of nitrogen, 6.00 mol of hydrogen and 2.40 mol of ammonia is allowed to reach equilibrium in a seased verse of volume of dm³. It is found that 2.32 mol of nitrogen were present in the equilibrium mixture of 1.76 Which expression will give the value of  $K_c$ ?

A. 
$$\frac{(1.76)^2}{(2.32)(6.96)^3}$$
B. 
$$\frac{(1.76)^2}{(2.32)(6.32)^3}$$
C. 
$$\frac{(2.08)^2}{(2.32)(6.32)^3}$$
D. 
$$\frac{(2.40)^2}{(2.32)(6.00)^3}$$

# NO. 2

An aqueous solution was prepared containing a mixture of 1.0mol of AgNO<sub>3</sub> and 1.0mol of FeSO<sub>4</sub> in 1.00dm<sup>3</sup> of water. When equilibrium was established, there was 0.44mol of Ag<sup>+</sup> (ag) in the mixture.

# NO. 3

In aqueous solution, sulfuric acid dissociates as shown.

 $H_2SO_4 \rightarrow HSO_4^- + H^+$  This reaction goes to completion.

 $HSO_4^- \Rightarrow SO_4^{2-} + H^+$  This reaction reaches equilibrium with constant  $K_c$ .

Analysis of a 2.00 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solution of  $H_2SO_4$  found the  $HSO_4$  concentration to be 1.988 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

### What is $K_c$ ?

7.244 × 10<sup>-5</sup>mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

E 1.988 8.012 0.012

12 2.012 × 8.012 +2 1.988 = C

### NO. 4

PCl<sub>5</sub> decomposes as shown.

 $PCl_5(g) \rightleftharpoons PCl_3(g) + Cl_2(g)$ 1.0 mol of  $PCl_5(g)$ , 1.0 mol of  $PCl_3(g)$  and 1.0 mol of  $PCl_2(g)$  are placed in a container of volume 1 dm3 at 250 °C and allower to read squilibitums

At this temperature, the equilibrium mixture contains 1.8 moles of  $PCl_3$ .

What is the value of  $K_2$  at 250 °C2. 2

What is the value of Kc at 250 °C a. 2

A. 1

B. 1.8

C. 9

D) 16.2



The units of  $K_c$  for an equilibrium reaction are mol<sup>-1</sup> dm<sup>3</sup>.

What could be the equation for the equilibrium?

1.  $A(aq) + B(aq) \rightleftharpoons C(s) + D(aq)$ 2.  $P(aq) + Q(aq) \rightleftharpoons R(aq)$ 3.  $W(aq) + 2X(aq) \rightleftharpoons Y(aq) + Z(aq)$ 

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(A) 1, 2 and 3 are correct

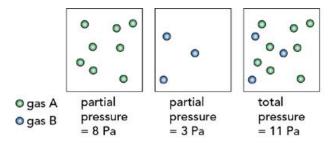
B. 1 and 2 only are correct

2 and 3 only are correct

D. 1 only is correct

# 3. Equilibrium constant, Kp(Equilibria in gas reactions)

#### Partial pressure



the volumes of the containers are the same

$$P_{total} = P_A + P_B + P_C$$

The total pressure of a gas equals the sum of the partial pressures of the individual gases.

ptotal = pA + pB + pC ...

where pA, pB, pC are the partial pressures of the individual gases in the mixture.

For the general reaction aA+bB 

cC+dD in which all the components are gases, the equilibrium constant expression can be written as the ratio of the partial pressures of the products and reactants

$$K_p = rac{(P_C)^c (P_D)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b}$$

Kp indicates the equilibrium constant formula in terms of partial pressures.

$$N_{2(g)} + 3H_{2(g)} = 2NH_{3(g)}$$

In the reaction:  $2SO_{2(g)} + O_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2SO_{3(g)}$ 

the equilibrium partial pressures at constant temperature are  $SO_2 = 1.0 \times 10^6$  Pa,  $O_2 = 7.0 \times 10^6$ 

Pa,  $SO_3 = 8.0 \times 10^6$  Pa. Calculate the value of  $K_p$  for this reaction.

Write the equilibrium constant expression for each reaction.

a. 
$$N_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$$

b. 
$$2\,\mathrm{C_8H_{18}(g)} + 25\,\mathrm{O_2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 16\,\mathrm{CO_2(g)} + 18\,\mathrm{H_2O(g)}$$

c. 
$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2 HI(g)$$

In this question you should assume that all gases behave ideally.

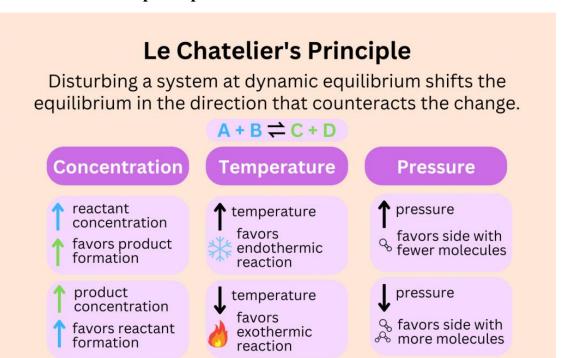
Hydrogen and iodine react reversibly in the following reaction. The system reaches dynamic equilibrium.

$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2HI(g) \quad \Delta H = -9.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Which statement **must** be true for the  $K_p$  of this equilibrium to be constant?

- A. The partial pressures of H2, I2 and HI are equal.
- B. The external pressure is constant.
- C. The forward and reverse reactions have stopped.
- The temperature is constant.

# 4.Le Chatelier's principle



If one or more factors that affect a dynamic equilibrium is changed, the position of equilibrium moves to minimise this change.

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Le Chatelier's principle states that if a dynamic equilibrium is disturbed by changing the conditions, the position of equilibrium shifts to counteract the change to reestablish an equilibrium. If a chemical reaction is at equilibrium and experiences a change in pressure, temperature, or concentration of products or reactants, the equilibrium shifts in the opposite direction to offset the change.

 $2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) = 2SO_3(g)$ 

What happens when we increase the pressure?

# What happens when we decrease the pressure?

Predict the effect of increasing the temperature on the reaction:

$$H_2(g) + CO_2(g) \Rightarrow H_2O(g) + CO(g)$$

$$\Delta H_r = +41.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

In the reaction

$$Ag_2CO_3(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag_2O(s) + CO_2(g)$$

increasing the temperature increases the amount of carbon dioxide formed at constant pressure. Is this reaction exothermic or endothermic? Explain your answer.

A **catalyst** is a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction. Catalysts reduce the time taken to reach equilibrium, but they have no effect on the position of equilibrium once this is reached. This is because they increase the rate of the forward and reverse reactions equally.

\_>exo

SO<sub>3</sub> is manufactured from SO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> in the Contact process.

The reaction is exothermic.

ntact process. 
$$2 \text{ so}_1 + \theta_2 \geq 25\theta_3$$

Which row shows the effect on the equilibrium yield obtained in the Contact process of increasing the temperature and of adding a vanadium(V) oxide catalyst?

	increasing the temperature	adding vanadium(V) oxide as catalyst
Α	equilibrium yield decreases	equilibrium yield increases
B	equilibrium yield decreases	equilibrium yield unchanged
С	equilibrium yield increases	equilibrium yield unchanged
D	equilibrium yield increases	equilibrium yield increases

Write an equilibrium constant expression for each reaction and use this expression to predict what will happen to the concentration of the substance in bold when the indicated change is made if the system is to maintain equilibrium.

- a.  $2HgO_{(s)} 
  ightharpoonup 2Hg_{(l)} + \mathbf{O}_{2(g)}$ : the amount of HgO is doubled.
- b.  $NH_4HS_{(s)} 
  ightleftharpoons \mathbf{NH}_{3(g)} + H_2S_{(g)}$ : the  $\operatorname{\underline{concentration}}$  of  $H_2S$  is tripled.
- c.  $\mathbf{n\text{-}butane}_{(q)} \rightleftharpoons isobutane_{(q)}$ : the concentration of isobutane is halved.

Given: equilibrium systems and changes

Asked for: equilibrium constant expressions and effects of changes

Ethanol combines with ethanoic acid to form ethyl ethanoate according to the following

The experiment is repeated at 323K.

Which statements are correct ?  $(M_r: C_2H_5OH-46; CH_3CO_2H-60; CH_3CO_2C_2H_5-88)$ 

- 1. There are 0.22 moles of ethyl ethanoate in the mixture at equilibrium at 298K.
- 2. The equilibrium mixture at 323K will contain more than 4.8 g of ethanoic acid.
- 3. If a small amount of water is added at the start of either experiment the value of  $K_c$  would not be affected.
- (A) 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B. 1 and 2 only are correct
- C. 2 and 3 only are correct
- D. 1 only is correct

Nitric acid is produced by oxidising ammonia. The first step is to react ammonia with oxygen in the presence of a catalyst to form nitrogen monoxide.

 $4NH_{3(g)} + 5O_{2(g)} \ \stackrel{?}{=} \ 4NO_{(g)} + 6H_2O_{(g)} \ \Delta H = -1636 \ kJ \ mol^{-1}$ 

Which set of conditions will produce the greatest yield of nitrogen monoxide at equilibrium?

	temperature	pressure
А	high	high
В	high	low
С	₩	high
0	<b>6</b>	low

The reaction between sulfur dioxide and oxygen is reversible.

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \implies 2SO_3 \quad \Delta H^a = -196kJ \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Which conditions of pressure and temperature favour the reverse reaction?

	pressure	temperature
Α	high	high
В	high	low
С	low	high
D	low	low

Ethene can be oxidised to form epoxyethane, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O.

$$C_2H_4(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4O(g)$$
  $\Delta H^{\theta} = -107 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

Which set of conditions gives the greatest yield of epoxyethane at equilibrium?

	pressure	temperature / °C
Α	high	100
В	high	200
С	Low	100
D	Low	200

Hydrogen iodide gas decomposes reversibly producing iodine vapour and hydrogen.

$$2HI(g) \Rightarrow I_2(g) + H_2(g)$$
  $\Delta H = +12 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

The position of the equilibrium for this reaction may be altered by changing the external conditions.

Which row correctly describes the change in position of equilibrium?

effect of increasing the pressure	effect of increasing the temperature
moves to the right	moves to the right
moves to the right	moves to the left
no change	moves to the right
no change	moves to the left
	moves to the right moves to the right no change

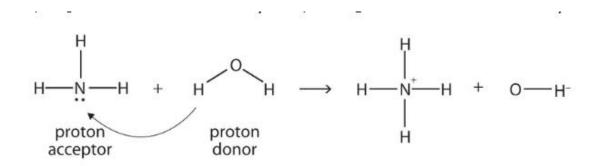
# 5.Brønsted-Lowry Acids and Bases

In 1923, Danish chemist Johannes Brønsted and English chemist Thomas Lowry independently proposed new definitions for acids and bases, ones that focus on proton transfer. A Brønsted-Lowry acid is any species that can donate a proton (H<sup>+</sup>) to another molecule. A Brønsted-Lowry base is any species that can accept a proton from another molecule.

In short, a Brønsted-Lowry acid is a proton donor (PD), while a Brønsted-Lowry base is a proton acceptor (PA).

A Brønsted-Lowry acid is a proton donor.

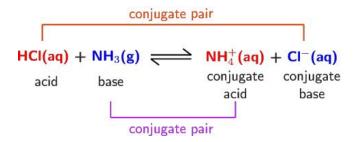
A Brønsted-Lowry base is a proton acceptor



$$H^+$$
 donated

 $HCl(g) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$ 

## **Conjugate Pairs**



Q. In which reaction is water behaving as a Brønsted-Lowry base?

A. 
$$H_2O + Na \rightarrow NaOH + \frac{1}{2}H_2$$

B. 
$$H_2O + H_3PO_4 \rightarrow H_3O^+ + H_2PO_4^-$$

C. 
$$H_2O + CaO \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2$$

D. 
$$NH_3 + [Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} \rightarrow NH_4^+ + [Cu(H_2O)_5(OH)]^+$$

Q. In which reaction does ammonia behave as a Brønsted-Lowry base?

$$A. \ NH_3 \ + \ CH_3CH_2Br \ \rightarrow \ CH_3CH_2NH_2 \ + \ HBr$$

B. 
$$NH_3 + H_2O + CO_2 \rightarrow (NH_4)HCO_3$$

C. 
$$2NH_3 + 2Na \rightarrow 2NaNH_2 + H_2$$

D. 
$$4NH_3 + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2N_2 + 6H_2O$$

Which statement about the ammonium ion is correct?

- A. It can act as a Brønsted-Lowry base.
- N1-14+ (B) It can react with OH<sup>-</sup> to give ammonia.
- C. It is pyramidal with bond angles of 107°.
- D. The nitrogen atom is sp<sup>2</sup> hybridised.

Sulfur dioxide is used as a preservative in wine making.

The following equations describe the reactions that occur when sulfur dioxide dissolves in water.

$$H_2O + SO_2 \rightleftharpoons HSO_3^- + H^+ HSO_3^- + H^+ \rightleftharpoons SO_3^{2-} + 2H^+$$

Which statement about these two reactions is correct?

- A. HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> acts as a base.
- B. SO<sub>2</sub> acts as an oxidising agent.
- C.  $SO_3^{2-}$  acts as an acid.
- D. SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> acts as a reducing agent.

Which statement explains the observation that magnesium hydroxide dissolves in aqueous ammonium chloride, but not in aqueous sodium chloride?

- A. The ionic radius of the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion is similar to that of Mg<sup>2+</sup> but not that of Na<sup>+</sup>.
- B. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl dissociates less fully than NaCl.
- C. The Na<sup>+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions have the same number of electrons.
- D. The NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion can donate a proton.

## 6. Strong and weak acids and bases

Hydrated aluminium ions undergo the following reaction.

 $[A/(H_2O)_6]^{3+}(aq) + H_2O(I) = [A/(H_2O)_5OH]^{2+}(aq) + H_3O^{+}(aq)$ 

Which statement about this reaction is correct?

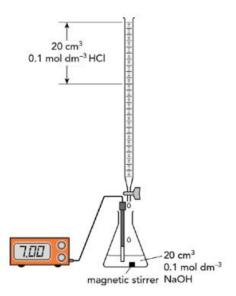
- A.  $H_2O(I)$  and  $[A/(H_2O)_5OH]^{2+}(aq)$  are a conjugate acid-base pair.
- B.  $H_2O(I)$  is acting as an acid as it is donating  $H^+$  ions.
- C. If OH<sup>-</sup>(aq) is added, the equilibrium will move to the right.
- D. K<sub>c</sub> varies as the pH is varied.

#### 7. Titration

**titration**, process of chemical analysis in which the quantity of some constituent of a sample is determined by adding to the measured sample an exactly known quantity of another substance with which the desired constituent reacts in a definite, known proportion.

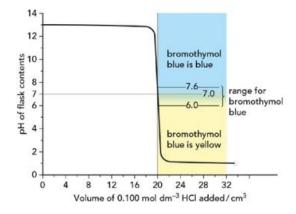
The process is usually carried out by gradually adding a standard solution (i.e., a solution of known concentration) of titrating reagent, or titrant, from a burette, essentially a long,

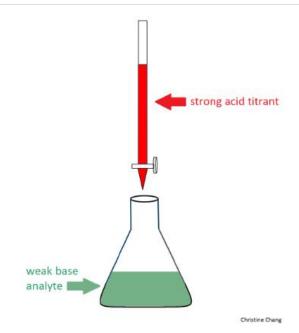
graduated measuring tube with a stopcock and a delivery tube at its lower end. The addition is stopped when the **equivalence point** is reached.

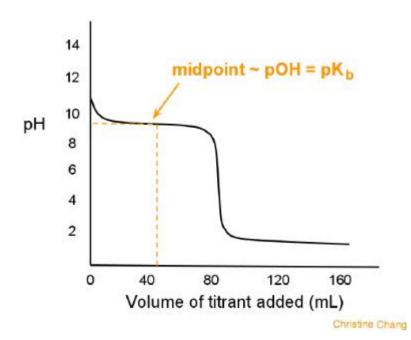


### Strong acids with strong bases

Figure 8.18 shows how the pH changes when 0.100 mol  $dm^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide (a strong base) is titrated with 0.100 mol  $dm^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid (a strong acid) in the presence of bromothymol blue indicator.

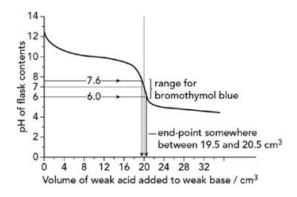






#### Weak acids with weak bases

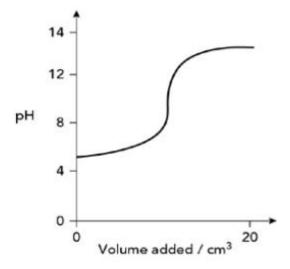
Figure 8.22 shows how the pH changes when  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  aqueous ammonia (a weak base) is titrated with  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  aqueous benzoic acid (a weak acid).



The sketch graph shows the change in pH when an acid and an alkali react with one being added slowly to the other. Both acid and alkali have a concentration 0.1 mol dm-3.

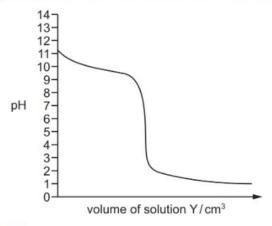
Which one of these statements is correct?

- A. Weak alkalis being added to a weak acid
- B. Strong alkali is being added to a strong acid
- C. Strong acid is being added to a weak alkali.
- D. Strong alkali is being added to a weak acid.



Solutions X and Y both have a concentration of 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. A fixed volume of solution X is added to a conical flask, and solution Y is added from a burette to the conical flask. A titration is performed.

The diagram shows the pH titration curve for the acid-base reaction between the solutions.



#### What are solutions X and Y?

	solution X	solution Y
Α	ammonia	nitric acid
В	ammonia	ethanoic acid
С	potassium hydroxide	nitric acid
D	potassium hydroxide	ethanoic acid

Element X has the second largest atomic radius in its period. An atom of X has three occupied electron shells only.

The oxide of X is shaken with water.

What could be the pH of the resulting solution?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 14

# 8.Summary