

Chemistry 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter LE CHATELIER'S PRINCIPLE

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## **POST-LABORATORY ACTIVITY**

Part I. Acidified Chromate Solution

1. Write the chemical reaction at equilibrium.

$$2 \operatorname{CrO_4^{2-}}_{(aq)} + 2 \operatorname{H}^+_{(aq)} \implies \operatorname{Cr_2O_7^{2-}}_{(aq)} + \operatorname{H_2O}_{(l)}$$

2. Observations upon addition of HNO3.

Upon adding HNO₃ to the chromate solution, the color changes from yellow to orange-red.

- 3. In which direction (forward/reverse) did this stress cause the equilibrium system to shift? The addition of HNO<sub>3</sub> causes the equilibrium to shift to the right (forward direction) to reduce the stress of increased H<sup>+</sup> concentration.
- 4. Which ion caused the shift? Explain.

The H<sup>+</sup> ion is responsible for the shift. Based on Le Chatelier's principle, the system adjusts to counteract the increase in H<sup>+</sup> by shifting the equilibrium to the right, forming more Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>.

5. Observations upon addition of NaOH.

Adding sodium hydroxide (NaOH) increases the concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> ions, which react with H<sup>+</sup> ions to form water.

6. In which direction (forward/reverse) did this stress cause the equilibrium system to shift?

The addition of NaOH causes the equilibrium to shift to the left (reverse direction) to increase the H<sup>+</sup> concentration by dissociating more Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> back into CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and H<sup>+</sup> ions.

7. Which ion caused the shift? Explain.

The OH<sup>-</sup> ion causes the shift. By reacting with H<sup>+</sup> ions and reducing their concentration, the equilibrium shifts to the left to produce more H<sup>+</sup> ions and restore balance.

Part II. Aqueous Ammonia Solution

1. Write the chemical reaction at equilibrium.

$$NH_3(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

2. Observations upon addition of NH4CI.

Upon adding NH₄Cl to the aqueous ammonia solution, the initial pink color fades to colorless.

3. In which direction (forward/reverse) did this stress cause the equilibrium system to shift?

The addition of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl increased NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ions, shifting the equilibrium in the reverse direction as per Le Chatelier's Principle.

4. Which ion caused the shift? Explain.

The NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion causes the shift. By increasing the concentration of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, the equilibrium system responds by favoring the reverse reaction, thus decreasing the concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> and making the solution basic.

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