



Topic 3.3. Chemical Equilibrium

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- ◆ Expressions for equilibrium constants, K_c ;
- ◆ Calculating K_c using equilibrium concentrations;
- ◆ Calculating equilibrium concentrations using initial concentration and K_c value;
- ◆ Relationship between K_c and K_p ;
- ◆ Factors that affect equilibrium;
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What is Equilibrium?





This is not Equilibrium?



Chemical Equilibrium in Nature

(The formation of stalagmites and Stalactites)



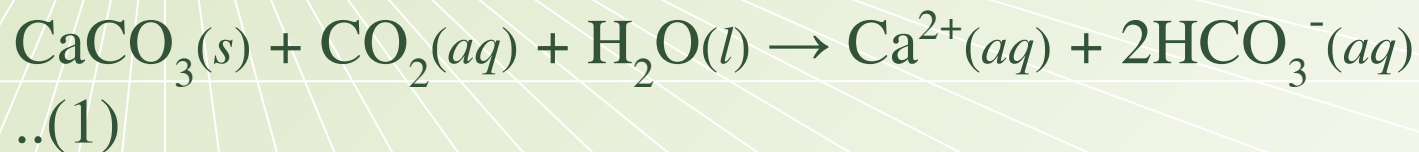
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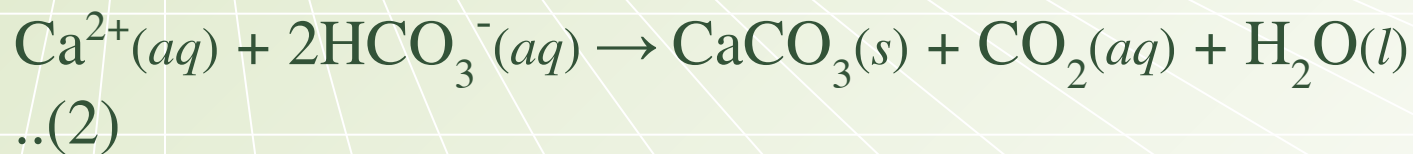
Chemical Equilibrium



❖ Consider the following reactions:



and



Reaction (2) is the reverse of reaction (1).

At equilibrium the two opposing reactions occur at the same rate.

Concentrations of chemical species do not change once equilibrium is established.



Expression for Equilibrium Constant

Consider the following equilibrium system:



$$K_c = \frac{[C]^y [D]^z}{[A]^w [B]^x}$$

- ❖ The numerical value of K_c is calculated using the concentrations of reactants and products that exist at equilibrium.

Expressions for Equilibrium Constants

❖ Examples:



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CO}][\text{H}_2]^3}{[\text{CH}_4][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$$

Calculating Equilibrium Constant

❖ Example-1:

1 mole of H_2 gas and 1 mole of I_2 vapor are introduced into a 5.00-liter sealed flask. The mixture is heated to a certain temperature and the following reaction occurs until equilibrium is established.



At equilibrium, the mixture is found to contain 0,316 mole of HI. (a) What are the concentrations of H_2 , I_2 and HI at equilibrium? (b) Calculate the equilibrium constant K_c .



Calculating Equilibrium Constant for reaction: $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{I}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{HI}(\text{g})$



Initial [], M:	0.200	0.200	0.000
Change in [], M:	-0.158	-0.158	+ 0.316
Equilibrium [], M	0.042	0.042	0.316

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{HI}]^2}{[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]} = \frac{(0.316)^2}{(0.042)^2}$$

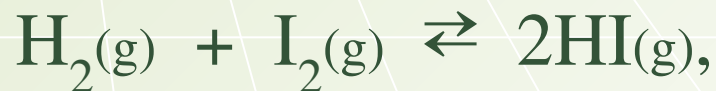


Calculating Equilibrium Constant



❖ Example-2:

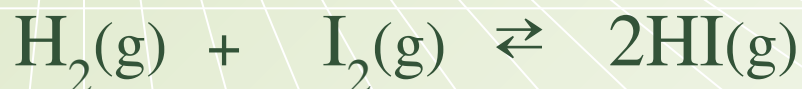
0.500 mole of HI is introduced into a 1.00 liter sealed flask and heated to a certain temperature. Under this condition HI decomposes to produce H_2 and I_2 until an equilibrium is established. An analysis of the equilibrium mixture shows that 0.105 mole of HI has decomposed. Calculate the equilibrium concentrations of H_2 , I_2 and HI, and the equilibrium constant K_c for the following reaction:





Calculating Equilibrium Constant

❖ The reaction: $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{I}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{HI}(\text{g})$, proceeds from right to left.



❖ Initial [], *M*: 0.000 0.000 0.500

❖ Change in [], *M*: +0.0525 +0.0525 -0.105

❖ Equil'm [], *M* 0.0525 0.0525 0.395



$$K_c = \frac{(0.395)^2}{(0.0525)^2} = 56.6$$



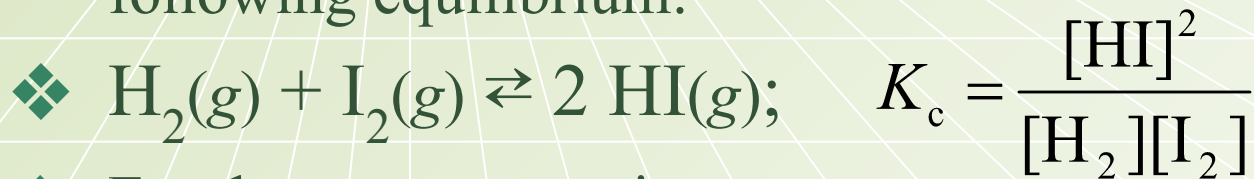
Expression and Value of Equilibrium Constant for a Reaction

- ❖ The expression for K depends on the equation;
- ❖ The value of K applies to that equation; it does not depend on how the reaction occurs;
- ❖ Concentrations used to calculate the value of K are those measured at equilibrium.

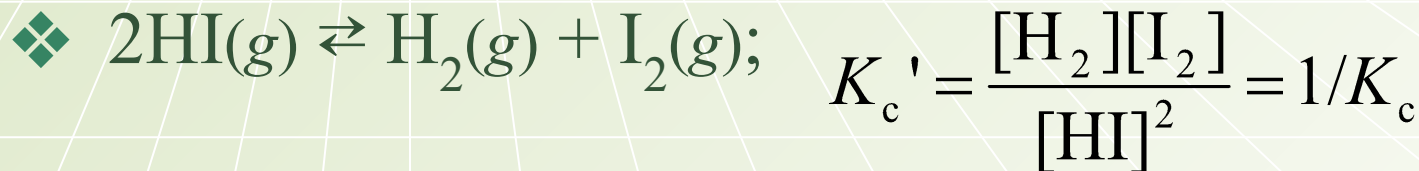
Relationships between chemical equations and the expressions of equilibrium constants



- ❖ The expression of equilibrium constant depends on how the equilibrium equation is written. For example, for the following equilibrium:



- ❖ For the reverse reaction:



- ❖ And for the reaction: $\text{HI}(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{I}_2(\text{g});$

$$K_c'' = \sqrt{\frac{[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]}{[\text{HI}]^2}} = \sqrt{K_c'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_c}}$$

Expression and Values of Equilibrium Constant Using Partial Pressures

❖ Consider the following reaction involving gases:



$$K_p = \frac{(P_{\text{SO}_3})^2}{(P_{\text{SO}_2})^2 (P_{\text{O}_2})}$$



The Relationship between K_c and K_p

❖ Consider the reaction: $2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$

$$\text{❖ } K_c = \frac{[\text{SO}_3]^2}{[\text{SO}_2]^2[\text{O}_2]} \text{ and } K_p = \frac{(P_{\text{SO}_3})^2}{(P_{\text{SO}_2})^2(P_{\text{O}_2})}$$

❖ Assuming ideal behavior,

❖ where $PV = nRT$ and $P = (n/V)RT = [M]RT$

❖ and $P_{\text{SO}_3} = [\text{SO}_3]RT$; $P_{\text{SO}_2} = [\text{SO}_2]RT$; $P_{\text{O}_2} = [\text{O}_2]RT$

$$K_p = \frac{[\text{SO}_3]^2(\text{RT})^2}{[\text{SO}_2]^2(\text{RT})^2[\text{O}_2](\text{RT})} = \frac{[\text{SO}_3]^2}{[\text{SO}_2]^2[\text{O}_2]}(\text{RT})^{-1} = K_c(\text{RT})^{-1}$$



Relationship between K_c and K_p

❖ For reaction: $\text{PCl}_5(g) \rightarrow \text{PCl}_3(g) + \text{Cl}_2(g)$;

$$\begin{aligned} K_p &= \frac{(P_{\text{PCl}_3})(P_{\text{Cl}_2})}{(P_{\text{PCl}_5})} = \frac{[\text{PCl}_3](RT) \times [\text{Cl}_2](RT)}{[\text{PCl}_5](RT)} \\ &= \frac{[\text{PCl}_3][\text{Cl}_2]}{[\text{PCl}_5]} (RT)^1 = K_c (RT)^1 \end{aligned}$$



Relationship between K_c and K_p



❖ In general, for reactions involving gases such that,



where A, B, C, and D are all gases, and a , b , c , and d are their respective coefficients,

$$\bullet K_p = K_c (RT)^{\Delta n}$$

$$\text{and } \Delta n = (c + d) - (a + b)$$

(In heterogeneous systems, only the coefficients of the gaseous species are counted.)

Relationship between K_c and K_p



❖ For other reactions:

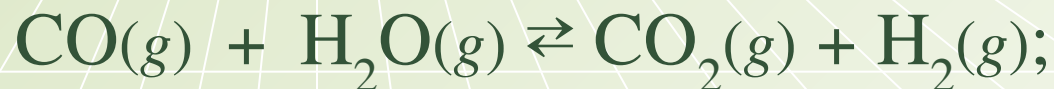




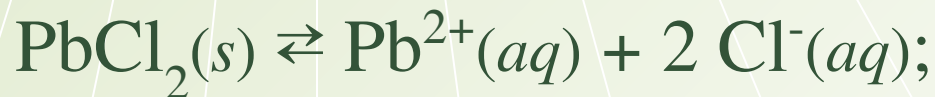
Homogeneous & Heterogeneous Equilibria



Homogeneous equilibria:



Heterogeneous equilibria:





Equilibrium Constant Expressions for Heterogeneous System

❖ Examples:



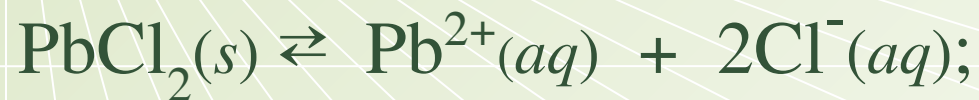
$$K_c = [\text{CO}_2] \quad K_p = P_{\text{CO}_2}; \quad K_p = K_c(RT)$$

❖ $\text{HF}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{F}^-(aq);$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]}$$



Solubility Equilibrium



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]^2$$

(K_{sp} is called *solubility product*)

Combining Equations and Equilibrium Constants

- ❖ when two or more equations are added to yield a net equation, the equilibrium constant for the net equation, K_{net} , is equal to the product of equilibrium constants of individual equations.
- ❖ For example,



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❖ *Net equation:* $A + E \rightleftharpoons D + F;$

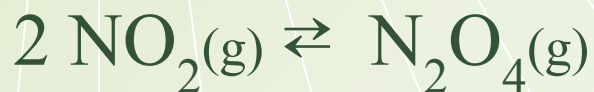
$$K_{\text{net}} = K_1 \times \frac{[D][F]}{[A][E]}$$

❖ If Eqn(1) + Eqn(2) = *Net equation*,
then $K_1 \times K_2 = K_{\text{net}}$



Equilibrium Exercise #1

A flask is charged with 2.00 atm of nitrogen dioxide and 1.00 atm of dinitrogen tetroxide at 25 °C and allowed to reach equilibrium. When equilibrium is established, the partial pressure of NO_2 has decreased by 1.24 atm. (a) What are the partial pressures of NO_2 and N_2O_4 at equilibrium? (b) Calculate K_p and K_c for following reaction at 25 °C.



(Answer: $K_p = 2.80$; $K_c = 68.6$)



Equilibrium Exercise #2a

- ❖ Methanol is produced according to the following equation:
- ❖ $\text{CO(g)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{(g)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{OH(g)}$
- ❖ In an experiment, 1.000 mol each of CO and H₂ were allowed to react in a sealed 10.0-L reaction vessel at 500 K. When the equilibrium was established, the mixture was found to contain 0.0892 mole of CH₃OH. What are the equilibrium concentrations of CO, H₂ and CH₃OH? Calculate the equilibrium constants K_c and K_p for this reaction at 500 K?
($R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{Mol}\cdot\text{K}$)

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Applications of Equilibrium Constant



For any system or reaction:

1. Knowing the equilibrium constant, we can predict whether or not a reaction mixture is at equilibrium, and we can predict the direction of net reaction.
 - $Q_c = K_c$ equilibrium (no net reaction)
 - $Q_c < K_c$ a net forward reaction;
 - $Q_c > K_c$ a net reverse reaction
2. The value of K tells us whether a reaction favors the products or the reactants.

Equilibrium constant is used to predict the direction of net reaction

- ❖ For a reaction of known K_c value, the direction of net reaction can be predicted by calculating the reaction quotient, Q_c .
- ❖ Q_c is called the *reaction quotient*, where for a reaction such as:
- ❖ $aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD; \quad Q_c = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$
- ❖ Q_c has the same expression as K_c , but
- ❖ Q_c is calculated using concentrations that are not necessarily at equilibrium.

What does the reaction quotient tell us?

If $Q_c = K_c$, \square the reaction is at equilibrium;

If $Q_c < K_c$, \square the reaction is not at equilibrium and there's a net forward reaction;

If $Q_c > K_c$, \square the reaction is not at equilibrium and there's a net reaction in the opposite direction.

Using the ICE table to calculate equilibrium concentrations



❖ Initial [], M 0.1000 0.1000 0.0000

❖ Change [], M -x -x +2x

❖ Equilibrium [], M (0.1000 - x) (0.1000 - x) 2x

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{HI}]^2}{[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]} = \frac{(2x)^2}{(0.100 - x)^2} = 55.6$$

Calculation of equilibrium concentrations

$$\frac{2x}{(0.100 - x)} = \sqrt{55.6} = 7.46$$

$$2x = 0.746 - 7.46x; \Rightarrow 9.46x = 0.746$$

$$x = 0.0789;$$

$$[\text{H}_2] = [\text{I}_2] = 0.0211 \text{ M}; [\text{HI}] = 0.158 \text{ M}$$



Equilibrium Exercise #6


For the reaction:



If the initial pressure of NO_2 was 3.92 atm, and initially there was no N_2O_4 , what are the partial pressures of the gases at equilibrium at 353 K?
What is the total gas pressure at equilibrium?

(Answer: $P_{\text{NO}_2} = 1.06 \text{ atm}$; $P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_4} = 1.43 \text{ atm}$; $P_{\text{total}} = 2.49 \text{ atm}$)

Le Châtelier's Principle

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- ❖ The *Le Châtelier's principle* states that:
when factors that influence an equilibrium are altered, the equilibrium will shift to a new position that tends to minimize those changes.
 - ❖ Factors that influence equilibrium:
Concentration, temperature, and partial pressure (for gaseous)

The Effect of Changes in Concentration

❖ Consider the reaction: $\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$;

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

- ❖ If $[\text{N}_2]$ and/or $[\text{H}_2]$ is increased, $Q_c < K_c$
 - ❖ □ a net forward reaction will occur to reach new equilibrium position.
- ❖ If $[\text{NH}_3]$ is increased, $Q_c > K_c$, and a net reverse reaction will occur to come to new equilibrium position.

Reactions that shift right when pressure increases and shift left when pressure decreases

Consider the reaction:



1. The total moles of gas decreases as reaction proceeds in the forward direction.
2. If pressure is increased by decreasing the volume (compression), a forward reaction occurs to reduce the stress.
3. Reactions that result in fewer moles of gas favor high pressure conditions.



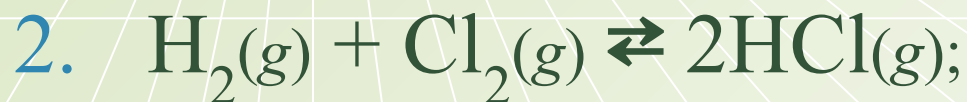
Reaction that shifts left when pressure increases,
but shifts right when pressure decreases

Consider the reaction: $\text{PCl}_5(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{PCl}_3(g) + \text{Cl}_2(g)$;

1. Forward reaction results in more gas molecules.
2. Pressure increases as reaction proceeds towards equilibrium.
3. If mixture is compressed, pressure increases, and reverse reaction occurs to reduce pressure;
4. If volume expands and pressure drops, forward reaction occurs to compensate.
5. This type of reactions favors low pressure condition

Reactions not affected by pressure changes

Consider the following reactions:



2. Reactions have same number of gas molecules in reactants and products.
3. Reducing or increasing the volume will cause equal effect on both sides – no net reaction will occur.
4. Equilibrium is not affected by change in pressure.



The Effect Temperature on Equilibrium

- ❖ Consider the following exothermic reaction:

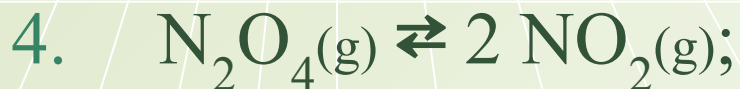
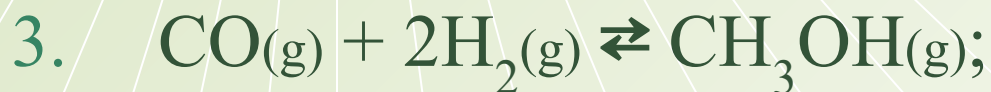


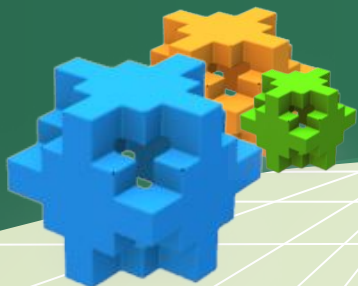
- ❖ The forward reaction produces heat => heat is a product.
- ❖ When heat is added to increase temperature, reverse reaction will take place to absorb the heat;
- ❖ If heat is removed to reduce temperature, a net forward reaction will occur to produce heat.
- ❖ Exothermic reactions favor low temperature conditions.



Equilibrium Exercise #8

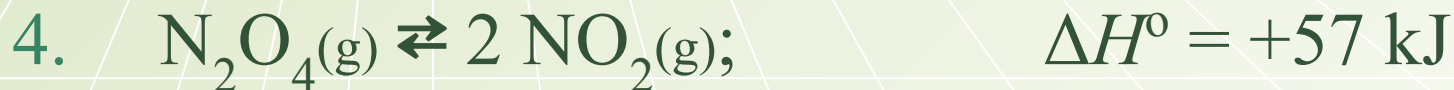
Determine whether the following reactions favor high or low pressures?





Equilibrium Exercise #9

❖ Determine whether the following reactions favors high or low temperature?



Chemical Equilibria in Industrial Processes

Production of Sulfuric Acid, H_2SO_4 ;

1. $\text{S}_{8(s)} + 8 \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 8\text{SO}_{2(g)}$
2. $2\text{SO}_{2(g)} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_{3(g)}; \quad \Delta H = -198 \text{ kJ}$
3. $\text{SO}_{3(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_{4(l)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7(l)$
4. $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(l)$

- ❖ The second reaction is exothermic and has high *activation energy*;
- ❖ though thermodynamically favored the reaction is very slow at low temperature,.
- ❖ At high temperature reaction goes faster, but the yield would be very low.
- ❖ An optimum condition is achieved at moderate temperatures and using catalysts to speed up the reaction. Reaction also favors high pressure.

Chemical Equilibria in Industrial Processes

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- ❖ This reaction is exothermic and very slow at low temperature.
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Questions for self control

1. The expression of the equilibrium constant for following reaction :



A) $K = \frac{[C]^y [D]^z}{[A]^w [B]^x}$

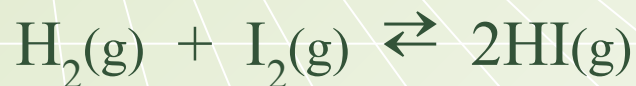
B) $K = \frac{[A]^w [B]^x}{[C]^y [D]^z}$

C) $K = \frac{[yC] [zD]}{[wA] [xB]}$



Questions for self control

2) 1.000 mole of H_2 gas and 1.000 mole of I_2 vapor are introduced into a 5.00-liter sealed flask. The mixture is heated to a certain temperature and the following reaction occurs until equilibrium is established.



At equilibrium, the mixture is found to contain 0,316 mole of HI. What are the concentration of H_2 , at equilibrium?

- A) 0mol/l
- B) 0,042mol/l
- C) 1mol/l
- D) 5mol/l

Questions for self control

3. On the basis of Le-Chatelier's principle predict the reaction direction of the following reaction :



- A) When pressure is increased
- B) When pressure is decreased
- C) When temperature is increased
- D) When temperature is decreased
- E) When concentration of SO_3 is increased
- F) When concentration of SO_3 is decreased
- J) When concentration of O_2 is increased
- H) When concentration of O_2 is decreased



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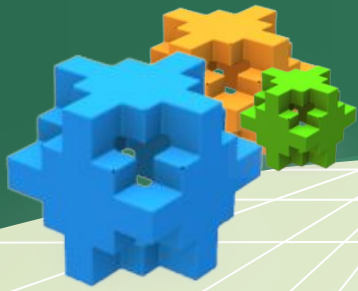
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