

**Water Gas Shift Reaction:** This is a way to produce hydrogen industrially.

This reaction is **exothermic** and its  $\Delta H$  value is **negative**. Therefore, energy is produced on the right side of the equation.

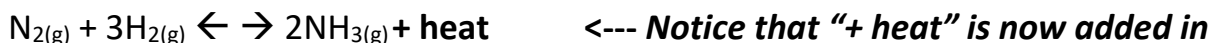


Disruption to Equilibrium	Which direction does the equilibrium shift?	Will this increase or decrease?	Explain why: which reaction rate is changing (forward or reverse), and why?
Remove CO <sub>2</sub> gas	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Increase	Reverse reaction rate slows due to less CO <sub>2</sub> Forward reaction therefore now favored
Add CO gas	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Increase	Forward reaction rate speeds up due to more CO
Remove H <sub>2</sub> gas	Right	CO <sub>2</sub> Increase	Reverse reaction slows due to less H <sub>2</sub> Forward reaction therefore now favored
Add H <sub>2</sub> O gas	Right	CO Decrease	Forward reaction rate speeds up to to more H <sub>2</sub> O
Increase temperature	Left	CO <sub>2</sub> Decrease	More heat speeds up reverse reaction Reverse reaction causes things to cool back down
Cool the reactor (reduce temp.)	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Increase	Less heat slows down reverse reaction FW reaction dominates and heats things back up

How can you setup this equilibrium system to create as much H<sub>2</sub> gas as possible?

Cause right shift: add more CO and H<sub>2</sub>O, remove CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>, and run reaction at a low temperature.

**Haber Process:** Ammonia is difficult to produce from nitrogen gas, but Fritz Haber figured out how to do it using Le Chatelier's Principle. The reaction is **exothermic**, so  $\Delta H$  is negative and energy is produced on the product side.

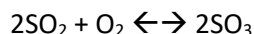


Disruption to Equilibrium	Which direction does the equilibrium shift?	Will this increase or decrease?	Explain why: which reaction rate is changing (forward or reverse), and why?
Increase pressure (count gas moles)	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Decrease	Shifts to the side with less moles of gas (right), Results in lower pressure at new equilibrium
Decrease pressure (count gas moles)	Left	NH <sub>3</sub> Decrease	Shifts to the side with more moles of gas (left), Results in higher pressure at new equilibrium
Increase temperature	Left	N <sub>2</sub> Increase	More heat speeds up reverse reaction
Decrease temperature	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Decrease	Less heat slows down reverse reaction, so forward reaction will now be dominant
Add N <sub>2</sub> gas	Right	Temperature Increase	More N <sub>2</sub> speeds up forward reaction; Forward reaction produces heat to increase Temp
Remove H <sub>2</sub> gas	Left	Temperature Decrease	Forward reaction slows due to less H <sub>2</sub> ; Reverse reaction dominates, absorbing heat
Add NH <sub>3</sub> gas	Left	Temperature Decrease	Reverse reaction speeds up due to more NH <sub>3</sub> ; Reverse reaction absorbs heat and cools the temp.
Remove NH <sub>3</sub> gas	Right	H <sub>2</sub> Decrease	Reverse reaction slows down due to less NH <sub>3</sub> ; Forward reaction is therefore now favored.

How can you setup this equilibrium system to produce the most NH<sub>3</sub> product?

Shift the reaction to the right: add more N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>, increase the pressure (compress more gas into a smaller volume), remove the NH<sub>3</sub> as it is being produced to slow the reverse reaction, and run the reaction at a cold temperature to keep the reverse reaction slow.

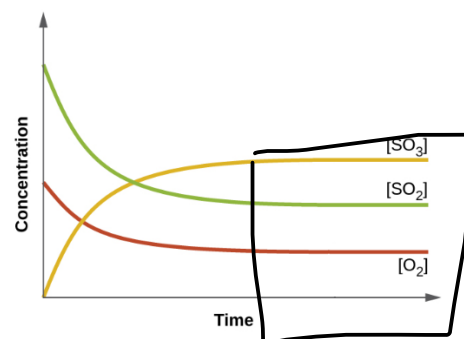
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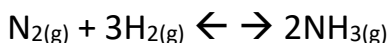
- 1) Draw a box around the part(s) of the graph when the system is at equilibrium.
- 2) During the other part of the graph, is the reaction shifting left or shifting right? How do you know?

**RIGHT: because SO<sub>3</sub> is increasing, while SO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> decrease.**

- 3) During the equilibrium shift, which reaction rate is faster?  
Forward reaction is faster than reverse reaction.



Use the graph to answer the questions.



Draw a box around the part(s) of the graph when the system is at equilibrium.

What disturbance was made to the system? Label this part of the graph.

**H<sub>2</sub> is added** (seen where the the line spikes upward)

What direction does the graph shift as a result of the disturbance?

Poor wording here (sorry)... the H<sub>2</sub> graph line goes down, which means H<sub>2</sub> is decreasing. This means the equilibrium is shifting right.

Circle and label the part of the graph when the equilibrium is shifting.

Is the reaction shifting left or right? **RIGHT**

Explain how you know which way the reaction shifted: talk about which concentration are increasing or decreasing.

The chemicals on the left side (H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>) are decreasing / being used up. The substance on the right (NH<sub>3</sub>) is increasing.

Which reaction rate is faster while the reaction is initially at equilibrium? (Huge hint: this is a trick question)

Neither. The reaction rates are equal at equilibrium.

Which reaction rate is faster during the shift?

Forward reaction.

What is the cause of the change in reaction rate? (Remember what factors that affect reaction rates...)

Higher concentration of H<sub>2</sub>.

H<sub>2</sub> is a reactant for the forward reaction. Increasing reactant concentration increases reaction rate, because it increases the likelihood of collisions between H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>.

