

# Equilibrium Constants ( $K_{Eq}$ )

## Unit 8: Equilibrium

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

Molar  
Concentration

Where...



$$K_p = \frac{(P_c)^c (P_d)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b}$$

Partial  
Pressure

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

Acid  
Dissociation

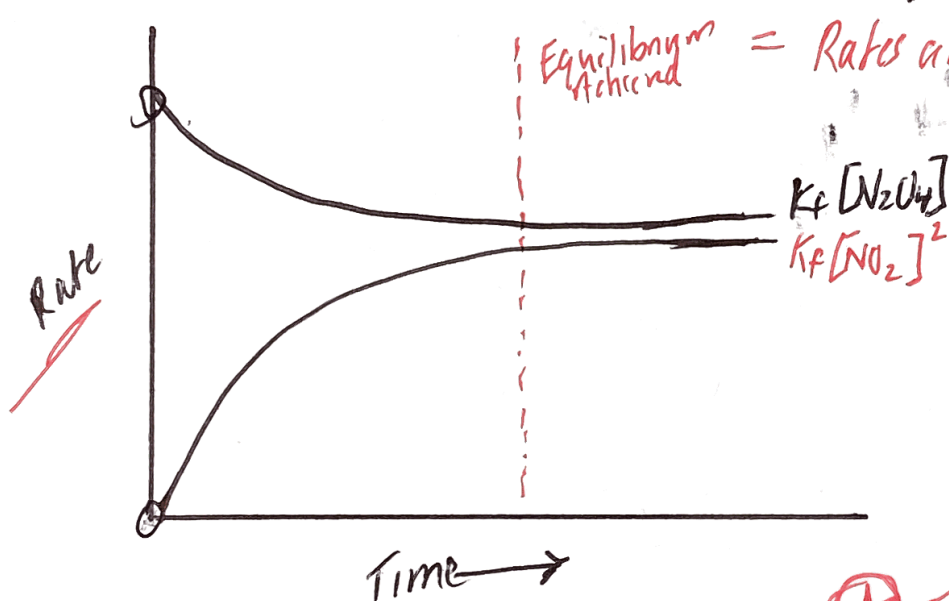
$$K_b = \frac{[OH^-][HB^+]}{[B]}$$

Base  
Dissociation



# ① Expressing Equilibrium

★ Any bond or IMF that can be formed, can be broken  
Both processes are in competition that is sensitive to initial concentration & external disturbances.

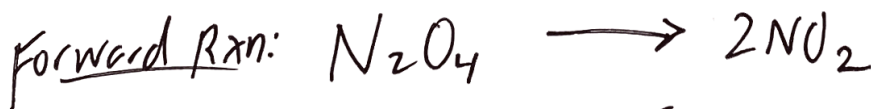


Equilibrium reached = Rates are equal/constant

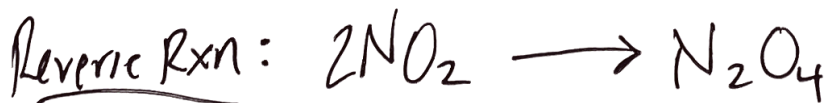
= Amt's of rxn & product remain constant.

★ Equilibrium does NOT mean the reaction stops.

## The Equilibrium Constant ( $K_{eq}$ )



Rate Law:  $\text{Rate} = k_f [\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]$



Rate Law:  $\text{Rate} = k_r [\text{NO}_2]^2$

at equilibrium  $\text{Rate}_f = \text{Rate}_r$

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$$K_f [\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] = K_r [\text{NO}_2]^2$$

$$\frac{K_f}{K_r} = \frac{[\text{NO}_2]^2}{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]} \leftarrow \frac{[\text{Product}]}{[\text{Reactant}]} = \underline{K_{eq}}$$

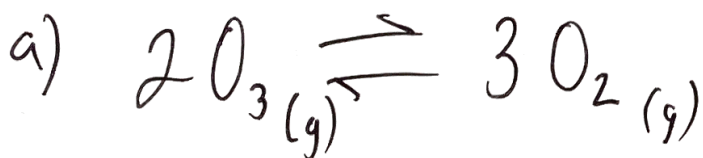


$$K_c = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

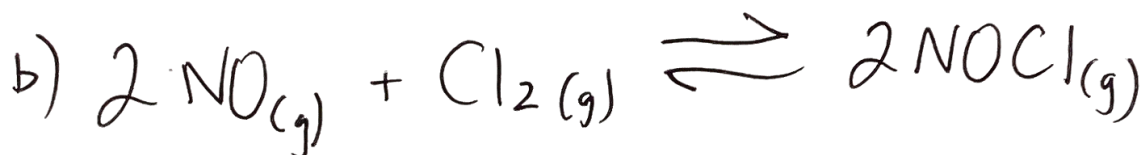
Concentration (in M)

Ex 1

Write equilibrium expression for  $K_c$



$$\frac{[O_2]^3}{[O_3]^2} = K_c$$



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

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$K_{eq}$  can be expressed in other ways...

$$\rightarrow K_{eq} = \frac{(P_c)^c (P_d)^d}{(P_A)^a (P_B)^b}$$

↑  
pressure

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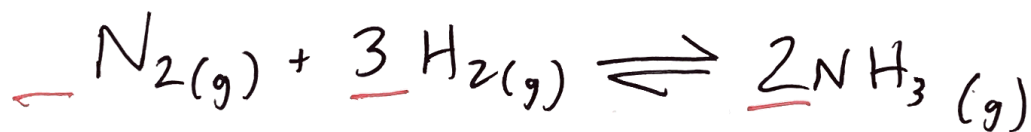
# Relationship between $K_c$ & $K_p$

We can use  $PV = nRT$  to relate the 2.

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

\*  $\Delta n = \text{mole of prod} - \text{mole of rxn}$

Ex 2 In synthesis of  $\text{NH}_3$  from  $\text{N}_2$  &  $\text{H}_2$   
Calculate the  $K_p$  for the rxn @ this temp.



$$K_c = 9.60 \text{ at } 300^\circ\text{C}$$

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

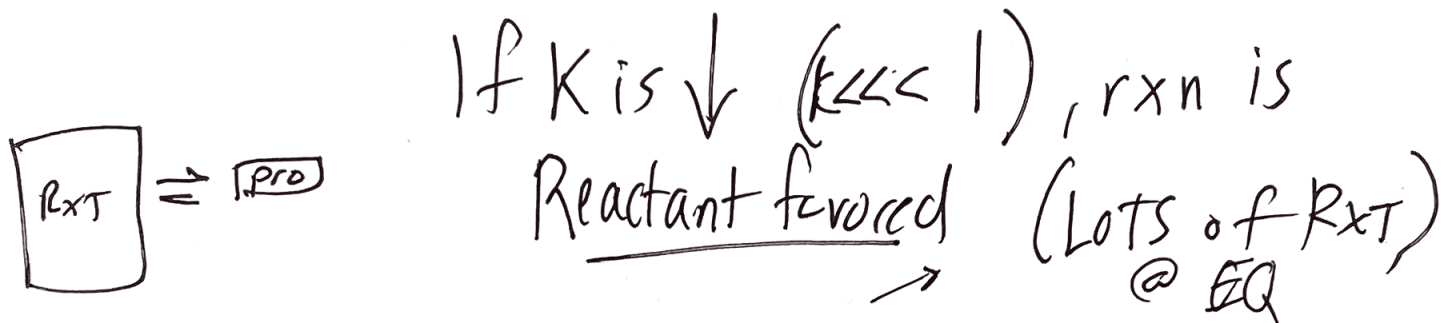
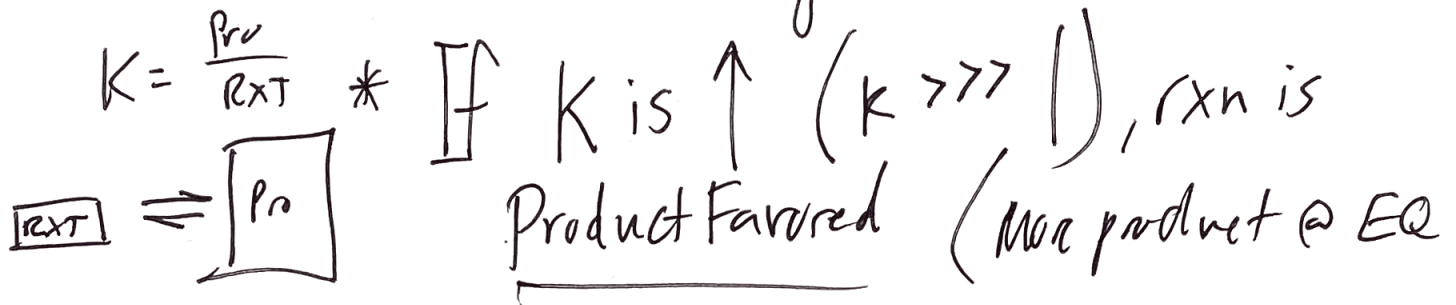
$$9.60 \left[ (0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}) (573 \text{ K}) \right]^{-2}$$

$$\Delta n = 2 - 4$$

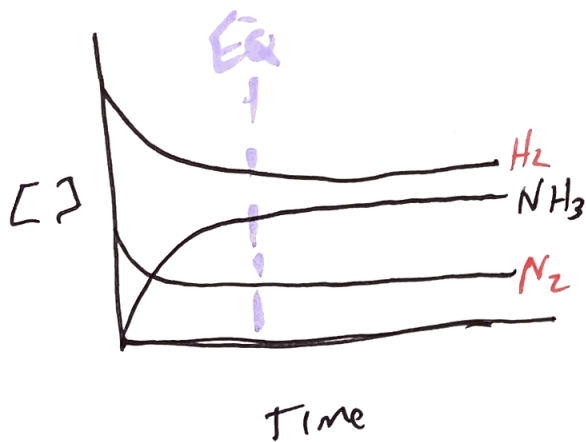
$$\Delta n = -2$$

$$K_p = 0.0043$$

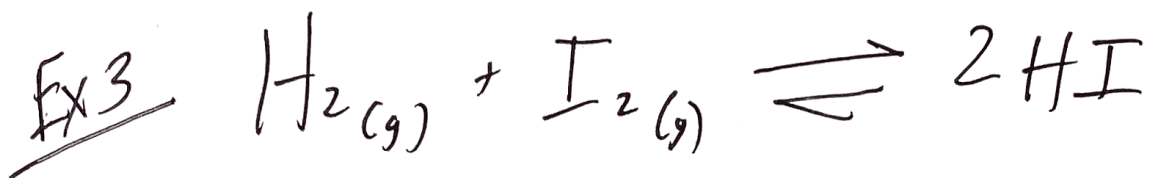
So what the heck does  $K_{eq}$  mean?



ie If  $K$  is small =  $\frac{Product \downarrow}{Rxt \uparrow}$



~~Equilibrium can be reached from either direction.~~  
 The  $K_{eq}$  will remain constant at this temp regardless of initial concn. trihns.  
 @ equilibrium, = Proportions of all 3 is same =  $K_{eq} = \text{same}$



$K_c$  vary w/ Temp  $K_c = 794 @ 298\text{K}$

$K_c = 54 @ 700\text{K}$

Is the formation of HI favored more at low / high temps

$$K_c = \frac{P}{R}$$

↑  $K =$  Product favored  
= Low temp

≡ So, if you want to produce HI,  
run the rxn at a lower Temp

Keq is useful!