



Nitrogen reacts with hydrogen as shown: $3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{N}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) \quad \Delta H = -76 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

10.0 moles of hydrogen was mixed with 5.0 moles of nitrogen. At equilibrium, there was found to be 3.0 moles of ammonia. The total pressure was $2.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$.

a Write an expression for K_p for this equilibrium.

$$K_p = \frac{(p \text{ NH}_3)^2}{(p \text{ H}_2)^3 \times (p \text{ N}_2)}$$

b State the units of K_p . **Pa^{-2}**

c Calculate the moles of hydrogen and nitrogen at equilibrium.

hydrogen = **5.5 moles** nitrogen = **3.5 moles**

d Calculate the partial pressure of each gas.

$$\text{hydrogen} = \frac{5.5}{12.0} \times 2.0 \times 10^7 = 9.17 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{nitrogen} = \frac{3.5}{12.0} \times 2.0 \times 10^7 = 5.83 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{ammonia} = \frac{3.0}{12.0} \times 2.0 \times 10^7 = 5.00 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

e Calculate K_p for this equilibrium.

$$K_p = \frac{(p \text{ NH}_3)^2}{(p \text{ H}_2)^3 \times (p \text{ N}_2)} = \frac{(5.00 \times 10^6)^2}{(9.17 \times 10^6)^3 \times (5.83 \times 10^6)} = 5.56 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Pa}^{-2}$$

f Explain what would happen to the position of the equilibrium and the value of K_p if the total pressure of gases was decreased?

equilibrium position moves left to side with more gas molecules to oppose decrease in pressure
no change in K_p

g Explain what would happen to the position of the equilibrium and the value of K_p if the temperature of gases was decreased?

equilibrium position moves right in exothermic direction to oppose decrease in temperature
 K_p increases