

## 17.1 Introduction to Dynamic Equilibrium (Video)

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### Video Topics

Two opposing processes taking place at equal rates. Some reactions are reversible For the reaction:  $\text{N}_{2(g)} + 3 \text{H}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{NH}_{3(g)}$  We must now consider that the reverse reaction is also taking place:  $2 \text{NH}_{3(g)} \rightleftharpoons \text{N}_{2(g)} + 3 \text{H}_{2(g)}$  As we mix  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  the forward reaction occurs but as  $\text{NH}_3$  is formed the reverse reaction starts to occur. With time the forward reaction starts to slow due to decreasing concentration of  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  and the reverse reaction speeds up due to the increasing concentration of  $\text{NH}_3$ . When the rates of the two reactions equal each other dynamic equilibrium occurs. This fact is expressed as:  $K_c = \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3} = 3.6 \times 10^8 @ 298 \text{ K}$  This ratio is called the equilibrium constant expression and it is equal to a number, which is constant for the reaction ( $K_c$ ). Some consequences 1) Once DE is reached the amounts of reactants and products remain the same. 2) In no case is any of the reacting species completely consumed. The equilibrium concentration of  $\text{N}_{2(g)}$  was found to be  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ .

### Link to Video

Introduction to Dynamic Equilibrium: <https://youtu.be/4AJbFuzW2cs>



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