

## Announcements – Lecture XVI – Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 1. Fourth Lab – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> ... 1-4pm ... ISB 155/160 (A-E)

a) *Print lab prior to coming to lab -- use the 'Print Friendly Version' located on the top left hand side of the page – this is the version that contains the 'Data Sheet' that you will hand in upon completing the lab.*

b) *Third set of Lab Owls will appear in Owl after this lab. There are a total of 4 sets of Lab Owls and they are worth 25% of the Lab Grade.*

### 2. Exam II: Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:15, In Class

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*Choose any letter: A-E*

## 7.6 What is an Equilibrium Constant and How Do We Use It?

### The Significance of the Magnitude of K

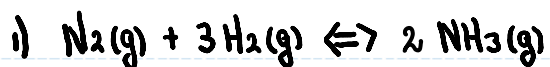
The simulation interface is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A square box containing 30 blue spheres representing molecules in a container.
- Bottom Left:** A control panel with the text "Blue: 30" and "Red: 0", and two buttons labeled "Play" and "Reset".
- Top Right:** A graph area with a vertical axis labeled "Number of Molecules" and a horizontal axis labeled "Time". A green handwritten note "See class web site." is at the top. Below it, the text "The Meaning of the Equilibrium Constant." is displayed.
- Bottom Right (Yellow Panel):** A control panel with three sections:
  - Equilibrium Constant:** Radio buttons for  $K > 1$ ,  $K = 1$  (selected), and  $K < 1$ .
  - Number of Spheres:** Radio buttons for 30 (selected), 20, and 10.
  - Temperature:** Radio buttons for High and Low (selected).

## 7.6 What is an Equilibrium Constant and How Do We Use It?

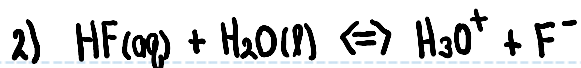
### The Significance of the Magnitude of K

- 1)  $K \gg 1$  : At equilibrium the reaction favors products.
- 2)  $K \ll 1$  : At equilibrium the reaction favors reactants.
- 3)  $K \sim 1$  : At equilibrium significant quantities of products and reactants present.



$$K = 3.5 \times 10^8 \text{ @ } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$K \gg 1$  : Product favored at equilibrium.



$$K = 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ @ } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$K \ll 1$  : Reactant favored at equilibrium.

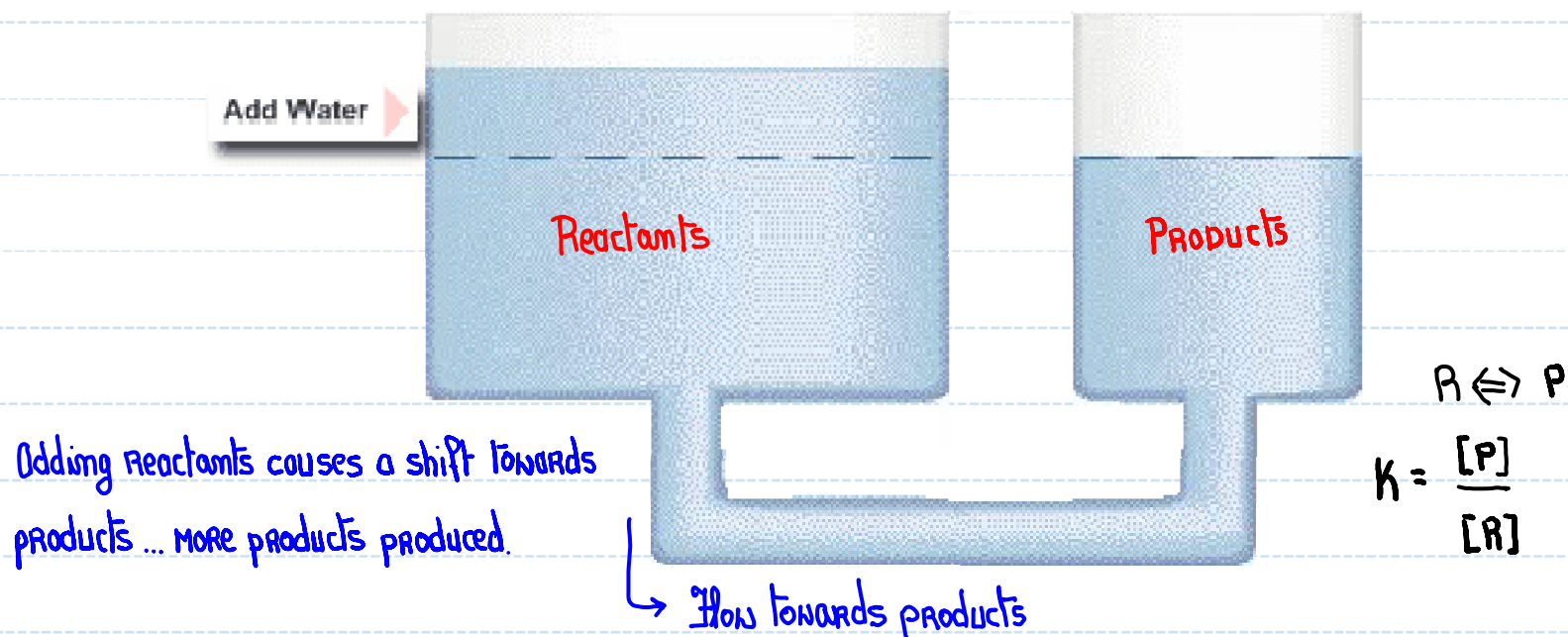


$$K \approx 12 \text{ @ } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$K \sim 1$  : Significant quantities of reactants and products present at equilibrium.

## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle Adding Reactants.

Chemistry Interactive: LeChatelier's Principle - The Water Tank Analogy



Adding R changes the value of  $\frac{[P]}{[R]}$  ... Reaction wants to return to the original value of  $\frac{[P]}{[R]}$  ... ie back to K.

## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle Removing Reactants.

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Subtract Water

Reactants

Products

$R \rightleftharpoons P$

$K = \frac{[P]}{[R]}$

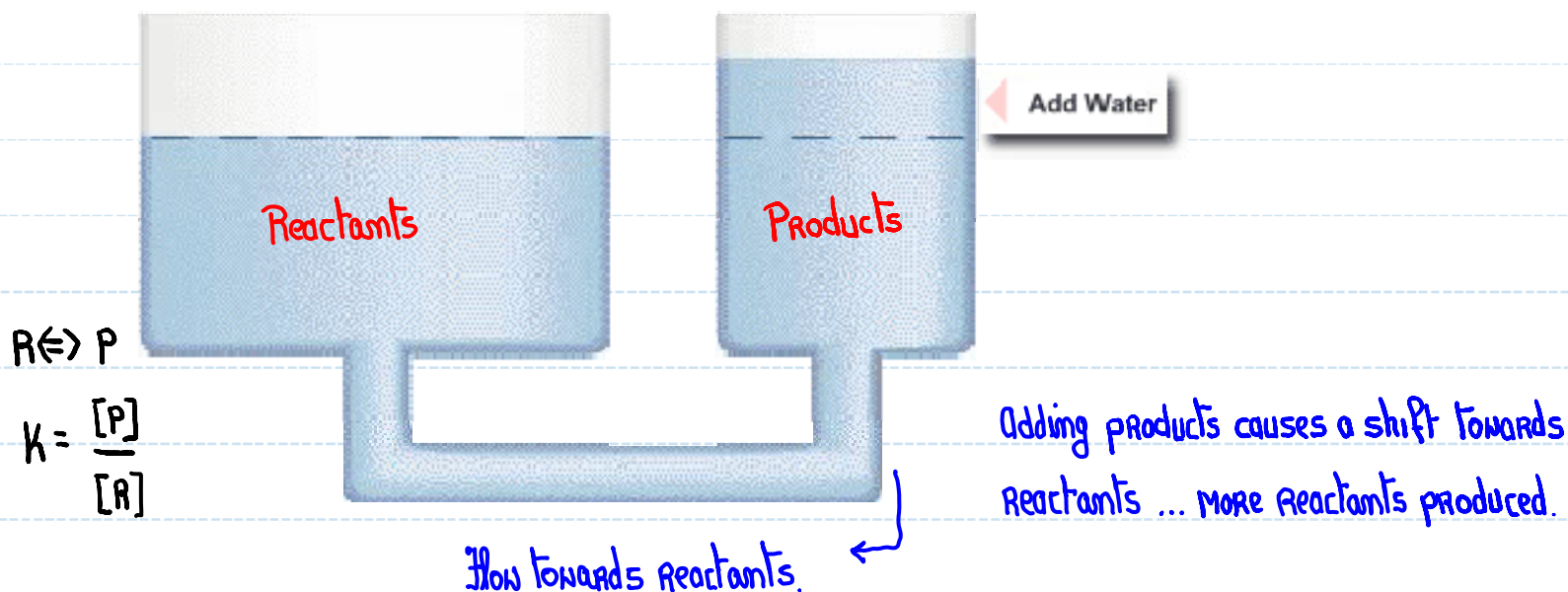
Removing reactants cause a shift towards reactants ... more reactants produced.

Flow towards reactants.

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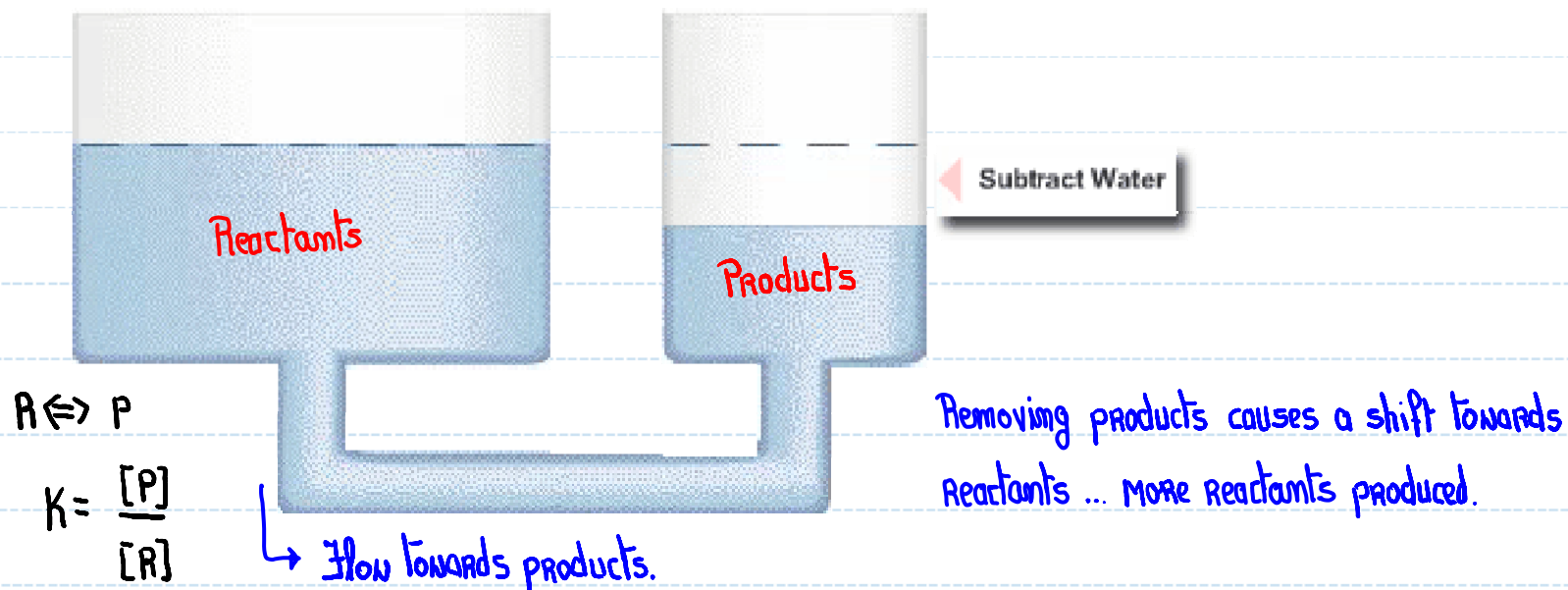
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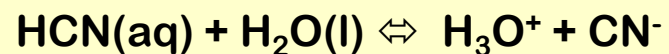


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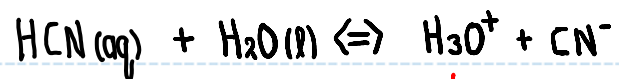
## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle Adding/Removing Reactant and Products

HCN is a weak acid –



Removal of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  from this equilibrium will cause the  $[\text{CN}^-]$  to

- a) Increase ✓
- b) Decrease
- c) Remain unchanged
- d) Impossible to determine

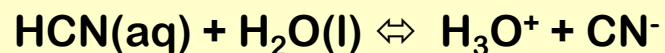


↳ Remove  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ... Removing P  
↳ shift towards P ...  $[\text{CN}^-] \uparrow$



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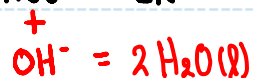
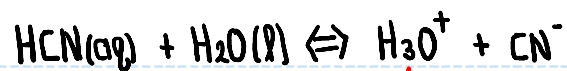


Addition of  $\text{OH}^-$  to this equilibrium will cause the  $[\text{CN}^-]$  to

- a) Increase ✓
- b) Decrease
- c) Remain unchanged
- d) Impossible to determine



At first glance you might think c), since  $\text{OH}^-$  is neither a product or a reactant ... but!



Adding  $\text{OH}^-$  removes  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , a product.

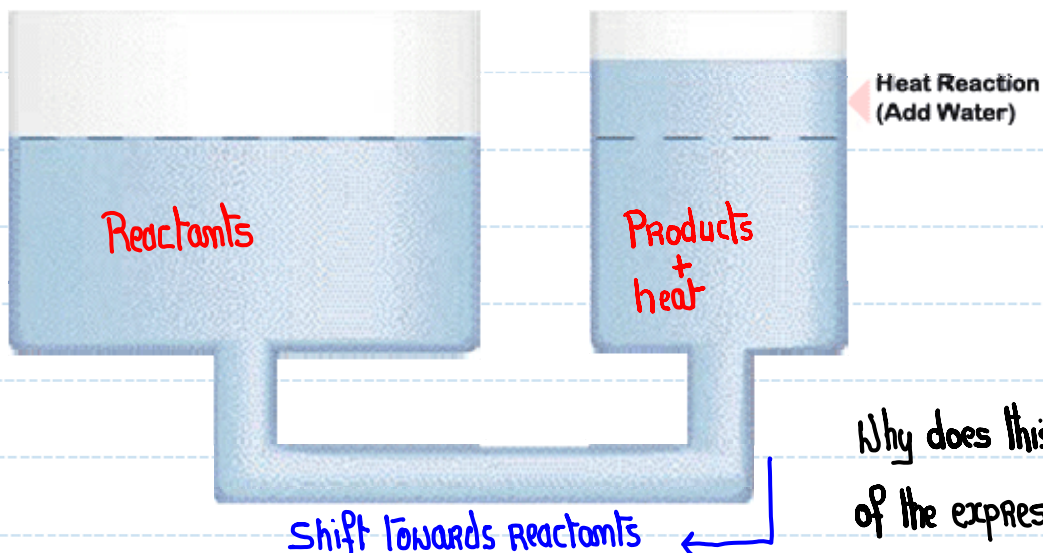
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## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle

### Changing the Temperature – Exothermic

↳ Reaction that gives off heat.  
'Heat is a product'

Chemistry Interactive: LeChatelier's Principle - The Water Tank Analogy



If we heat this reaction ... the equivalent of adding a product ... reaction shifts towards reactants.

Why does this happen?  $K = \frac{[P]}{[R]}$ . Heat is not part of the expression! The water tank does correctly predict what happens.  $[R] \uparrow, [P] \downarrow$  thus  $K$  must  $\downarrow$

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as  $T \uparrow, K \downarrow$  — conversely  $T \downarrow, K \uparrow$



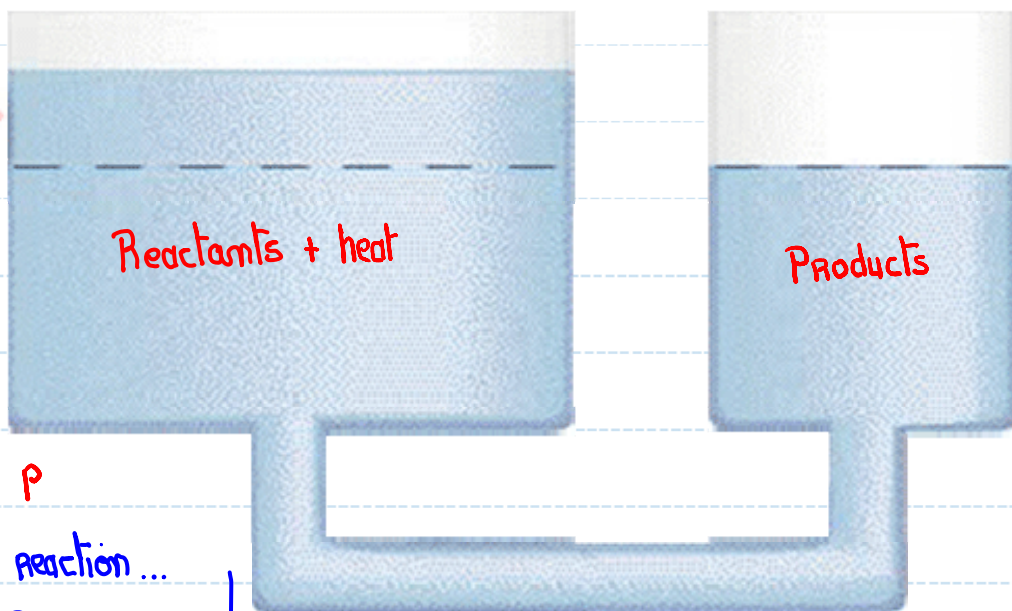
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### Changing the Temperature – Endothermic

↳ Reaction that requires heat.  
'Heat is a reactant'

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Heat Reaction  
(Add Water)



Reactants + heat

Products

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## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle

### Changing the Temperature – Summary

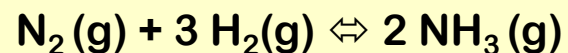
ACTION	EQUILIBRIUM Shift	Why
	1) Exothermic : $R \rightleftharpoons P + \text{heat}$	
Add heat (heat the rxn)	Shift towards reactants	$K \downarrow$
Remove heat (cool the rxn)	Shift towards products	$K \uparrow$

	2) Endothermic : $R + \text{heat} \rightleftharpoons P$	
Add heat (heat the rxn)	Shift towards products	$K \uparrow$
Remove heat (cool the rxn)	Shift towards reactants	$K \downarrow$

- 1) Adding and removing reactants and products does not change the value of  $K$ .
- 2) Heating or cooling a reaction, changes the value of  $K$ . Whether  $K$  increases or decreases depends on whether the reaction is exothermic or endothermic.

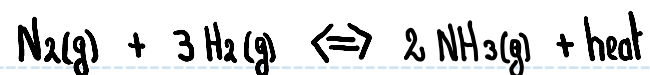
## 7.7 What Is Le Chatelier's Principle Changing the Temperature

The production of ammonia is an exothermic process –



To maximize the  $[\text{NH}_3]$  at equilibrium it is best to

- a) Heat the reaction
- b) Cool the reaction ✓
- c) Leave it as is!



↳ Want a shift towards products.

Cool the reaction ... Removes heat ...

Removes a product ... shift towards

product ...  $[\text{NH}_3(\text{g})] \uparrow$