

A 5.0 L vessel initially contains 0.0015 mol of each reactant. Find the equilibrium concentrations of all species in the vessel at equilibrium at 150 C. (find # moles)

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{IBr}]^2}{[\text{I}_2][\text{Br}_2]} = 120$$

Species	[Initial]	Δ	[Equilibrium]
I_2	$\frac{0.0015 \text{ mol}}{5.0 \text{ L}} = 0.00030$	$-x$	$0.00030 - x$
Br_2	$\frac{0.0015 \text{ mol}}{5.0 \text{ L}} = 0.00030$	$-x$	$0.00030 - x$
IBr	0	$+2x$	$2x$

Let's define 'x' to be the change in concentration of iodine...

$$\frac{[\text{IBr}]^2}{[\text{I}_2][\text{Br}_2]} = \frac{(2x)^2}{(0.00030 - x)(0.00030 - x)} = 120$$

$$\frac{(2x)^2}{(0.00030 - x)^2} = 120$$

Looks to be solvable by taking the square root of both sides...

$$\sqrt{\frac{(2x)^2}{(0.00030-x)^2}} = \sqrt{120}$$

$$\frac{2x}{0.00030-x} = \sqrt{120}$$

$$2x = (0.00030-x)\sqrt{120}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{120}}x = 0.00030 - x$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{120}} + 1\right)x = 0.00030$$

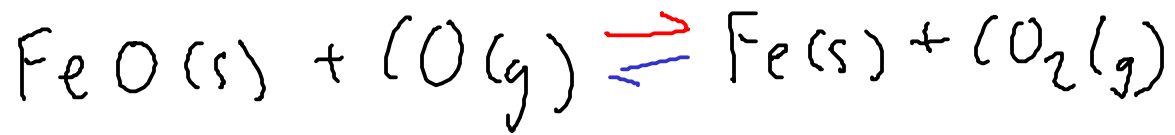
$$x = 2.54 \times 10^{-4} = 0.000254$$

$$[I_2]: 0.00030 - 0.00025 = 0.00005 \text{ M} \times 5.0 \text{ L} = 0.00025 \text{ mol } I_2$$

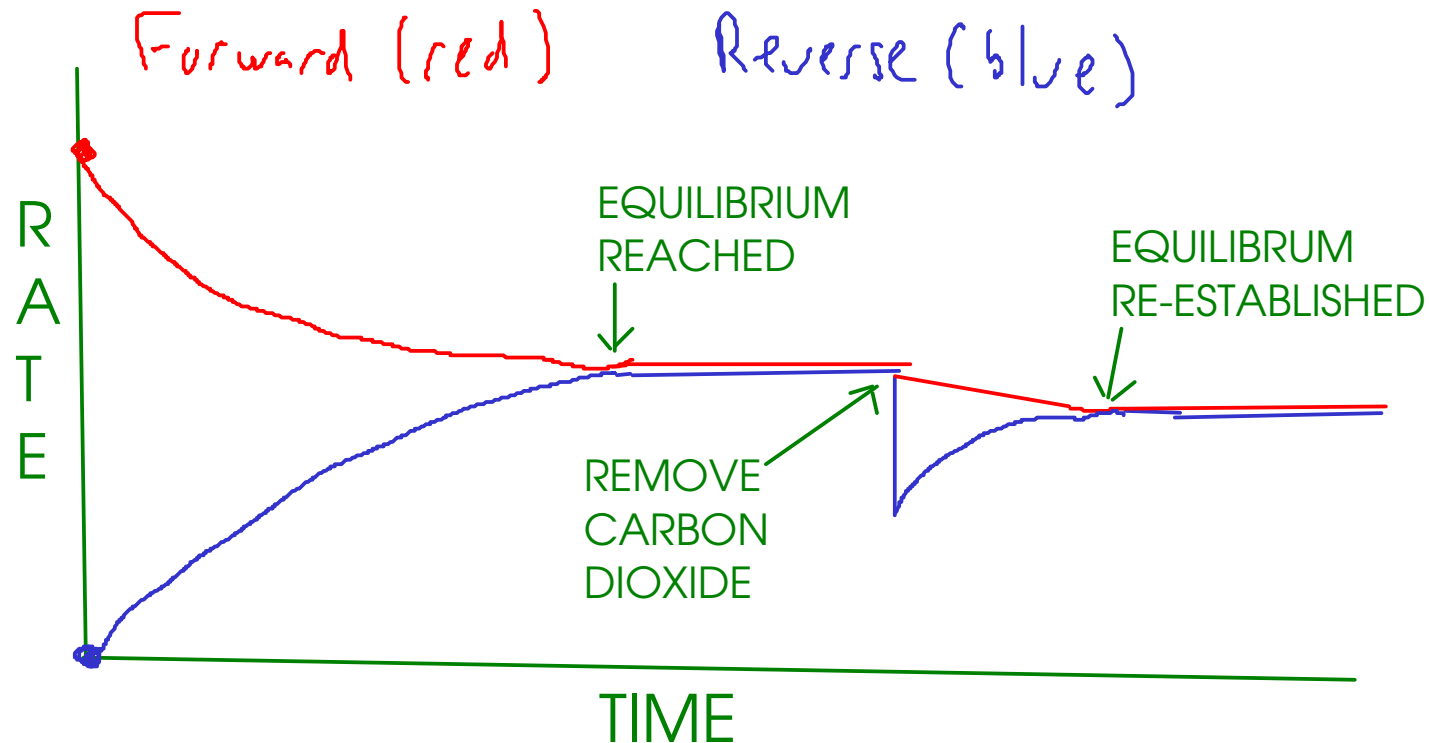
$$[Br_2]: 0.00030 - 0.00025 = 0.00005 \text{ M} \times 5.0 \text{ L} = 0.00025 \text{ mol } Br_2$$

$$[IBr] \quad 2x = 0.00050 \text{ M} \times 5.0 \text{ L} = 0.0025 \text{ mol } IBr$$

Species	[Equilibrium]
I_2	$0.00030 - x$
Br_2	$0.00030 - x$
IBr	$2x$



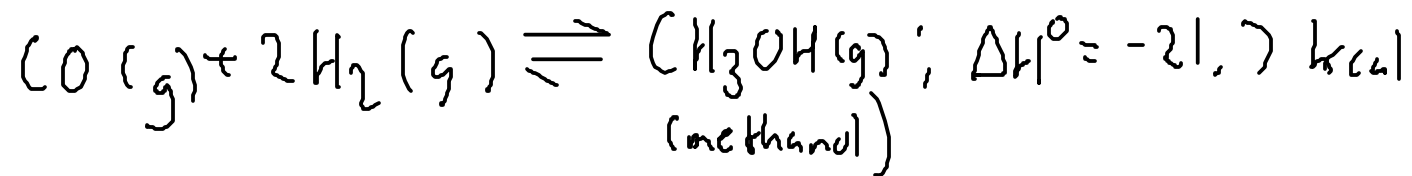
When carbon dioxide is removed from the equilibrium mixture by passing the gases through water (which preferentially absorbs carbon DIOXIDE), what is the direction of net reaction as a new equilibrium is achieved?



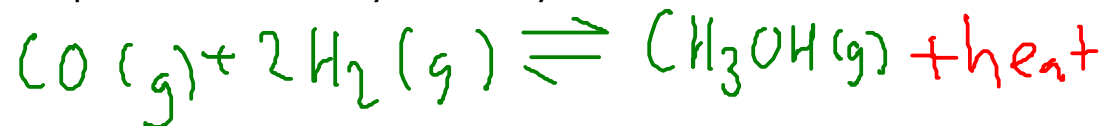
Removing carbon dioxide affects reverse reaction.

$$\text{Rate} = k_r [\text{CO}_2]^a \downarrow$$

Since the reverse reaction is slowed, the forward rate will be greater than the reverse rate until equilibrium is re-established. This means the equilibrium will shift to the right and make more PRODUCTS!



Would the fraction of methanol at equilibrium be increased by raising the temperature? Why (or why not)?



This is an exothermic reaction, so we can view HEAT as a product. Increasing temperature effectively increases the amount of heat, and the equilibrium should shift to counter that disturbance. This means equilibrium shifts to the left, lowering the methanol fraction. (If we want a higher fraction of methanol, we should actually LOWER the temperature.)

What about PRESSURE? Would COMPRESSING the mixture (increasing pressure by decreasing volume) increase the methanol fraction?

Since this equilibrium has three moles of gas on the reactant side and only one mole of gas on the product side, we would expect this equilibrium to respond to compression.

The equilibrium will shift towards products (less moles of gas), so compressing the mixture will increase the methanol fraction.

