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#### Chemistry toolkit

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This resource has been written to the new Stage 6 Syllabus for New South Wales Chemistry and addresses the final four modules of the syllabus. Each module consists of five main sections:

- key knowledge
- worksheets
- practical activities
- depth study
- module review questions.

Explore how to use this book below.



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#### Practical activities

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Each practical activity includes a suggested duratin. Along with the depth studies the practical activities meet the 35 hours of practical work mandated at Year 12 in the syllabs. Where there is key knowledge that will support the completion of a practical activiy, students are referred back toit.

Like the worksheet, the practical activities include a range of questions building from foundation to challengin.

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Each module contains one suggested depth study. The depth studies allow further development of one or more concepts found within or inspired by the syllabu. They allow students to acquire a depth of understanding and take responsibility for their own learnig. They also promote differentiation and engagement

Each depth study allows for the demonstration of a range of Working scentficay sks wth a depth studes assessing the Working scientifically outcomes of Questioning and predictin, and Communicating A minimum of two additional Working scientifically skills and at least one Knowledge and understanding outcome are also assesse.



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# **Equilibrium and acid reactions**

### **Outcomes**

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- select and process appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media CH12-4
- analyse and evaluate primary and secondary data and information CH12-5
- solve scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills and scientific processes CH12-6
- communicate scientific understanding using suitable language and terminology for a specific audience or purpose CH12-7
- explain the characteristics of equilibrium systems, and the factors that affect these systems CH12-12

### **Content**

### STATIC AND DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM

**INQUIRY QUESTION** What happens when chemical reactions do not go through **to completion?** 

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- conduct practical investigations to analyse the reversibility of chemical reactions, for example:
	- cobalt(II) chloride hydrated and dehydrated
	- iron(III) nitrate and potassium thiocyanate
	- burning magnesium
	- burning steel wool (ACSCH090) **ICT**
- model static and dynamic equilibrium and analyse the differences between open and closed systems (ACSCH079, ACSCH091)
- analyse examples of non-equilibrium systems in terms of the effect of entropy and enthalpy, for example:
	- combustion reactions
	- photosynthesis
- investigate the relationship between collision theory and reaction rate in order to analyse chemical equilibrium reactions (ACSCH070, ACSCH094) ICT

#### FACTORS THAT AFFECT EQUILIBRIUM

INQUIRY QUESTION **What factors affect equilibrium and how?** 

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- investigate the effects of temperature, concentration, volume and/or pressure on a system at equilibrium and explain how Le Châtelier's principle can be used to predict such effects, for example:
	- heating cobalt(II) chloride hydrate
	- interaction between nitrogen dioxide and dinitrogen tetroxide
	- iron(III) thiocyanate and varying concentration of ions (ACSCH095)

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- explain the overall observations about equilibrium in terms of the collision theory (ACSCH094)
- examine how activation energy and heat of reaction affect the position of equilibrium

#### CALCULATING THE EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT (Keq)

**INQUIRY QUESTION** | How can the position of equilibrium be described and what **does the equilibrium constant represent?** 

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- deduce the equilibrium expression (in terms of *K*eq) for homogeneous reactions occurring in solution (ACSCH079, ACSCH096) ICT N
- perform calculations to find the value of  $K_{eq}$  and concentrations of substances within an equilibrium system, and use these values to make predictions on the direction in which a reaction may proceed (ACSCH096) ICT N
- qualitatively analyse the effect of temperature on the value of  $K_{\text{eq}}$  (ACSCH093)  $[ICT]N$
- conduct an investigation to determine *K*eq of a chemical equilibrium system, for example:
	- *K*<sub>eq</sub> of the iron(III) thiocyanate equilibrium (ACSCH096) **ICT**
- explore the use of  $K_{eq}$  for different types of chemical reactions, including but not limited to:
	- dissociation of ionic solutions (ACSCH098, ACSCH099)

#### SOLUTION EQUILIBRIA

**INQUIRY QUESTION** | How does solubility relate to chemical equilibrium?

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- describe and analyse the processes involved in the dissolution of ionic compounds in water
- investigate the use of solubility equilibria by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples when removing toxicity from foods, for example: AHC
	- toxins in cycad fruit
- conduct an investigation to determine solubility rules, and predict and analyse the composition of substances when two ionic solutions are mixed, for example:
	- potassium chloride and silver nitrate
	- potassium iodide and lead nitrate
	- sodium sulfate and barium nitrate (ACSCH065)
- derive equilibrium expressions for saturated solutions in terms of  $K_{sn}$  and calculate the solubility of an ionic substance from its  $K_{\rm SD}$  value  $[1CT]$  N

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predict the formation of a precipitate given the standard reference values for  $K_{sn}$ 

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# **Key knowledge**

### **Static and dynamic equilibrium**

#### CHEMICAL SYSTEMS

In chemistry, a **system** is usually regarded as the chemical reaction being studied, and the **surroundings** are everything else (the rest of the universe). Systems may be **open systems**, which exchange matter and energy with the surroundings, or **closed systems**, which exchange only energy with the surroundings.

Systems are said to be **homogeneous** if all reactants and products are in the same phase, or **heterogeneous** if different phases are present.

#### **Reversible reactions**

Chemical reactions that can occur in both directions are **reversible**. Chemical reactions that can occur only in one direction are **irreversible** or non-reversible, e.g. baking a cake.

Reversible reactions in a closed system eventually reach a point where the rate of the forward reaction is equal to the rate of the reverse reaction. Four examples of systems that can be reversible are:

• the evaporation and condensation of water:

$$
H_2O(l) \to H_2O(g)
$$
  

$$
H_2O(g) \to H_2O(l)
$$

The reactions above can be written as:

$$
H_2O(l)\rightleftharpoons H_2O(g)
$$

• the dissolution and crystallisation of sugar in a saturated solution of sugar in water:

$$
C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s) \rightleftharpoons C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(aq)
$$

the reaction between hydrated cobalt(II) chloride and dehydrated cobalt(II) chloride:

 $CoCl<sub>2</sub>(s) + 6H<sub>2</sub>O (l) \rightleftharpoons CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O(s)$ This reaction involves a colour change:  $CoCl<sub>2</sub>$  is blue and  $CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O$  is pink.

the reaction of iron(III) nitrate and potassium thiocyanate:

 $Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)$ 

This reaction also involves a colour change: Fe<sup>3+</sup> solutions are pale yellow, SCN<sup>−</sup> solutions are colourless, and  $FesCN<sup>2+</sup>$  solutions are red.

Consider the reaction that occurs when  $N_2$  gas is mixed with  $H_2$  gas in a sealed container. NH<sub>3</sub> gas is formed, which then decomposes back to  $N_2$  and  $H_2$ . The reaction can be represented using double-headed arrows as:

$$
N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)
$$

When the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal the reaction is described as being in **equilibrium** (Figure 5.1).



**FIGURE 5.1** Graph showing the changes in the rates of the forward and reverse reactions with time as a reaction reaches equilibrium

At equilibrium the concentrations of reactants and products are constant. The reaction appears to have 'stopped' before all the reactants have been converted into products, as shown by the concentration–time graph in Figure 5.2.



**FIGURE 5.2** Changes in concentrations of  $N_2$ ,  $H_2$  and  $NH_3$ as a mixture of nitrogen and hydrogen gases react at a constant temperature and reach equilibrium

A reaction does not actually 'stop' at equilibrium. Reactants are continuously forming products and products are continuously changing back into reactants; such systems are described as being in **dynamic equilibrium**. Equilibrium can be achieved in closed systems, but not in open systems.

#### **Energy profile diagrams and reversible reactions**

When reactions occur, bonds of reactant particles are broken and the new bonds of the product particles are formed. An energy profile diagram shows that once the products form, the reverse process can occur, in which product particles absorb energy to break their bonds and re-form the reactants. **GO TO** > Year 11 Module 4

In Figure 5.3 the forward reaction is exothermic and the reverse reaction is endothermic. The activation energy for the endothermic reaction is the sum of the Δ*H* for the reaction and the activation energy for the exothermic reaction.



**FIGURE 5.3** Energy profile diagram for an exothermic reaction

#### DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM

At equilibrium, the rate of the forward reaction is equal to the rate of the reverse reaction. But the point at which equilibrium is reached is not the same for all reactions. Some reactions go almost to completion, so that when equilibrium is reached almost all the reactants have been converted into products. Other reactions yield almost no products, and most of the reactants are present at any instant. The term **position of equilibrium** is used to describe the extent to which the reaction has proceeded.

#### **The equilibrium law**

The relative concentrations of reactants and products at equilibrium can be described using the **equilibrium law**. At a specified temperature, the equilibrium law for the general reaction:

is given by:

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

 $aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$ 

 $\mathsf{eq} \mathsf{d} \mathsf{d} \left[ A \right]^a \left[ B \right]^b$  $[A]$ The equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , is the ratio of the equilibrium concentrations of the products to the equilibrium concentrations of the reactants, raised to powers that are their coefficients in the equation. The ratios of reactants to products when equilibrium is reached are different for different reactions.

The ratio of the concentrations of products to reactants can be calculated at any time during the reaction and is called the **reaction quotient**, *Q*, or concentration fraction.

- If  $Q > K_{eq}$  the reaction shifts left to establish equilibrium.
- If  $Q < K<sub>eq</sub>$  the reaction shifts right to establish equilibrium.
- If  $Q = K_{eq}$  the reaction is at equilibrium. For example, at equilibrium for the reaction:  $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$

$$
Q = K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[N_2][H_2]^3}
$$

You can understand the formation of the equilibrium using **collision theory**, which states that a reaction can occur when reactant particles collide with sufficient energy and have an appropriate molecular orientation.

When the reactants  $N_2$  and  $H_2$  are mixed, initially their particles collide and the reaction commences, producing particles of the product,  $NH<sub>3</sub>$ . Then, as the concentration of product particles increases and the concentration of reactant particles decreases, the rate of formation of product will decrease and the rate of reformation of reactants will increase. Eventually the rates of the forward and reverse reaction become equal.

#### **The extent of reaction**

The value of  $K_{eq}$  gives an indication of the **extent of the chemical reaction**, or the position of equilibrium. Different reactions proceed to different extents:

- If  $K_{eq}$  < 10<sup>-4</sup> there is a negligible forward reaction, and mainly reactants are present at equilibrium. The position of equilibrium is 'to the left'.
- If  $10^{-4} < K_{eq} < 10^{4}$  the equilibrium mixture consists of significant amounts of both reactants and products.
- If  $K_{eq}$  > 10<sup>4</sup> there is an extensive forward reaction, and mainly products are present at equilibrium. The position of equilibrium is 'to the right'.

#### **Factors affecting the value of** *K***eq**

The value of the equilibrium constant for a reaction depends on:

- the coefficients in the equation: doubling the coefficients will square the original value of  $K_{eq}$ , while halving the coefficients will cause  $K_{eq}$  to be the square root of the original
- the direction of the equation: reversing the equation causes  $K_{eq}$  to have the inverse value
- the temperature: the effect of change of temperature on the value of  $K_{eq}$  is dependent on whether the reaction is exothermic or endothermic (discussed later, see Table 5.3).

Note that the extent of reaction indicates how far the reaction has proceeded when equilibrium is achieved, whereas the rate of reaction indicates how fast the reaction occurred. A reaction can have a large equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , but a very low rate, and vice versa.

#### STATIC EQUILIBIRUM

**Static equilibrium** in nature occurs when all forces are in balance; there is no overall force and there is no movement. In chemistry, the term 'static equilibrium' is used to describe chemical reactions in which there is no further conversion of reactants to products or products to reactants and the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal to zero. An example of static equilibrium could be considered to be:

 $C(\text{graphite}) \rightleftharpoons C(\text{diamond})$ 

Because the activation energy of the reaction for the conversion of diamond to graphite is very high, under normal conditions this reaction would take billions of years. As a result, the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are effectively zero. Table 5.1 summaries the differences between dynamic and static equilibrium in chemical systems.

**TABLE 5.1** Differences between dynamic and static equilibrium in chemical systems



#### NON-EQUILIBRIUM SYSTEMS

**Non-equilibrium chemical systems** involve reactions that can be considered irreversible and never reach equilibrium. Two examples are combustion and photosynthesis.

For the combustion of hydrocarbons at standard conditions,  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  can be calculated using the equation:

$$
\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ}
$$

 $\Delta H^{\circ}$  is negative and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  is positive, so  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  is negative, indicating that combustion reactions are spontaneous systems. The products of the reaction, carbon dioxide and water, never recombine to form the hydrocarbon and oxygen so the reaction is described as irreversible.

For photosynthesis,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  is positive,  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  is negative and Δ*G*° is positive. Photosynthesis is therefore a nonspontaneous, endothermic process. It is driven by, or coupled to, spontaneous reactions. The energy released by the spontaneous reactions is used during the many electron transfer steps that occur in photosynthesis.

Heat from these spontaneous reactions is also lost to the surroundings, causing an increase in entropy. Overall, the increase in the entropy of the universe caused by the spontaneous reactions is greater than the decrease in entropy caused by the production of glucose.

### **Factors that affect equilibrium**

#### LE CHÂTELIER'S PRINCIPLE

Le Châtelier's principle states: 'If a change is imposed on a system at equilibrium, the system will adjust itself to partially oppose the effect of the change'. The equilibrium will not completely return to its original state, but it will tend to oppose the effect.

The effect of a change on an equilibrium can be predicted by Le Châtelier's principle and understood in terms of collision theory and rates of reaction.

#### **Concentration–time graphs and rate–time graphs**

Concentration–time graphs and rate–time graphs help to understand the effects of changes to equilibrium. Consider the following equilibrium system:

$$
N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)
$$

If extra nitrogen gas is added to the container without changing the volume or temperature, the mixture will momentarily not be in equilibrium. The system will adjust to form a new equilibrium with different concentrations of  $N_2$ ,  $H_2$  and  $NH_3$ . Figure 5.4(a) is a concentration–time graph showing this effect.

The rate–time graph in Figure 5.4(b) shows the effects on the rate of the forward and reverse reactions when more nitrogen is added and the system returns to equilibrium. Initially there is a forward reaction. Then the rates of the forward and reverse reaction eventually become equal. The equilibrium position has shifted toward the right.

Because the temperature has not changed, the value of  $K_{eq}$  for the equilibrium reaction remains unchanged.



**FIGURE 5.4** Concentration–time and rate–time graphs. (a) A representation of changes in concentrations that occur when additional nitrogen gas is added. (b) The effects on the rate of the forward and reverse reactions when more nitrogen is added.

Now consider the aqueous equilibrium system:

 $Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^-(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)$ 

Figure 5.5 shows the effect of doubling the volume of the system by adding water without any change in temperature.

Although the equilibrium position shifts to the left, the concentrations of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{SCN}^-$  at the new equilibrium are lower than their concentrations prior to dilution, as the shift in the equilibrium only partially opposes the change.

Adding a catalyst speeds up the rate of the forward and backward reactions equally, so no change in the equilibrium concentrations of the reactants or products occurs. Hence, addition of a catalyst causes no change to the position of the equilibrium and no change in  $K_{eq}$ . Table 5.2 summarises the effect of various changes on an equilibrium system when the temperature is kept constant.



**FIGURE 5.5** Effect of dilution on the equilibrium  $Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)$ 





#### **Effect of temperature change on equilibrium**

Only a change in temperature changes the value of  $K_{eq}$ . A rise in temperature decreases the amount of product at equilibrium in an exothermic reaction and increases the amount of product in an endothermic reaction (Table 5.3). These changes are described in Table 5.4 in terms of Le Châtelier's principle and collision theory.

Both the activation energy and heat of reaction affect the position of equilibrium. When the temperature increases, the rates of the forward and reverse reactions increase. The endothermic reaction of an equilibrium system has a greater activation energy and is favoured by an increase in temperature, because a larger proportion of molecules will have sufficient energy to

overcome the activation energy (Figure 5.6). The rate of the endothermic reaction therefore increases more than the rate of the exothermic reaction and the position of equilibrium moves in the direction of the endothermic reaction. The reverse is true for exothermic reactions.

**TABLE 5.3** The relationship between  $K_{eq}$  and ΔH as temperature increases

Sign of $\Delta H$	Effect on $K_{eq}$ as temperature increases
- (exothermic)	decreases
+ (endothermic)   increases	







Energy of particles **FIGURE 5.6** (a) Energy profile diagram for an exothermic reaction. The activation energy,  $E_a(f)$ , is less than the activation energy of the reverse reaction, *E*a(r). (b) The frequency distribution of molecules at two different temperatures. At the higher temperature, a greater proportion of particles have the necessary activation energy for the endothermic reverse reaction.

 $E<sub>a</sub>(f)$ 

Consider the exothermic system when brown  $NO<sub>2</sub>$ gas is converted to colourless  $N_2O_4$  gas:

$$
2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g) \qquad \Delta H = -58 \,\text{kJ} \,\text{mol}^{-1}
$$

An increase in temperature will cause the reverse reaction to occur, as indicated in Figure 5.7. The value of the  $K_{eq}$  for the new equilibrium will decrease.

In summary, as temperature increases,  $K_{eq}$  will:

 $E_{\rm s}(r)$ 

• increase for an endothermic reaction

(f)  $E_{\rm a}$ 

• decrease for an exothermic reaction.

The magnitude of Δ*H* determines the size of the change in  $K_{\rm eq}$  for a particular change of temperature.



**FIGURE 5.7** The effect of increasing the temperature on the equilibrium  $2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$ 

### **Calculating an equilibrium constant**

At a specified temperature, the value of  $K_{eq}$  can be calculated from the equilibrium molar concentrations for the reactants and the products. Conversely, the concentration of a particular reactant or product can be calculated if the value of  $K_{eq}$  and the concentrations of the other reactants and products are known.

The worksheets in this skills and assessment book will give you practice performing calculations involving equilibrium constants.

### **Solubility and equilibria**  DISSOLUTION OF IONIC COMPOUNDS

#### **The polar nature of water**

Water is abundant in the environment. Its unique properties allow it to support life in many different ways. The key points about the structure of water are listed below.

- Each water molecule contains two hydrogen atoms covalently bonded to a single oxygen atom.
- The oxygen atom in each water molecule has two non-bonding electron pairs ('lone pairs').
- The covalent bonds within the molecule are polar; the oxygen atom has a higher electronegativity than the hydrogen atoms. The oxygen has a greater share of the shared electron pair and so carries a negative partial charge. Each hydrogen atom carries a positive partial charge.
- Water molecules are V-shaped and polar.
- The main intermolecular forces between water molecules are **hydrogen bonds** between the partial positive charge on a hydrogen atom on one molecule and a non-bonding pair of electrons on the oxygen atom of another (Figure 5.8).



**FIGURE 5.8** The structure of water molecules and the bonding between them

#### **Water as a solvent**

**Solutes** dissolve in solvents to form solutons. Fiure 5.9 shows the three processes that occur when solutionsform.

- In the solute, bonds between particles brek.
- In the solvent, intermolecular bonds brek.
- In the new solution, bonds form between solvent and solvent particls.

Solvent—particles moving at random





Solute—particles in network Solution—particles moving at random The forces between solute particles have been overcome.

- The forces between some solvent molecules have been overcome.
- New forces formed between solute
- particles and some solvent particles.

**FIGURE 5.9** Rearrangement of particles when a solute dissolves in a solvent

For a solute to dissolve, the force of attraction between the solute and solvent particles must be stronger than or similar to the solute-solute and solventsolvent interparticle bonds.

The polar nature of water molecules and their ability to form hydrogen bonds enable water to dissolve other polar covalent substances as well as many ionic substances. Water does not readily dissolve non-polar substances.

When the maximum mass of solute dissolves at a specified temperature, the solution is described as **saturated**. **Unsaturated solutions** can dissolve more solute at the specified temperature. Supersaturated solutions are in an unstable state, in which more solute is dissolved than in a saturated solution at that temperature.

Water-soluble substances dissolve in one of three ways (Table 5.5):

• For polar covalent molecules that form hydrogen bonds, the polar molecules of the solute separate from each other and form hydrogen bonds with water molecules. Ethanol is an example.

$$
C_2H_5OH(l) \xrightarrow{H_2O} C_2H_5OH(aq)
$$

• For polar molecules that ionise, the hydrogen atom has such a strong attraction to water that the polar covalent bond between the hydrogen atom and the rest of the molecule breaks (**dissociates**) and forms ions (**ionises**). The bonding electrons stay with the more electronegative atom, giving it a negative charge, and the hydrogen ion, or proton, bonds to water, forming a hydronium ion,  $H_3O^+$ . The resultant ions then become **hydrated**, that is, surrounded by water

molecules. Hydrogen chloride is an example.

 $HCI(g) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$ 

• For ionic compounds, attraction to the polar water molecules causes the ions in some ionic lattices to dissociate and become hydrated. Sodium chloride is an example:

$$
NaCl(s) \xrightarrow{H_2O} Na^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)
$$

Table 5.6 summarises the different ways in which substances dissolve.





#### **TABLE 5.6** Summary of the different ways substances dissolve



#### **An application of solutions: Detoxifying food**

For thousands of years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have used different methods to remove toxicity from the cycad seeds, enabling them to be used as a rich food source. One simple way involved the solvent properties of water. The kernels were cut open and left in water so that the soluble toxins dissolved. Once the toxins were removed, the kernels were ground into flour and used to make bread.

#### SOLUBILITY OF IONIC SUBSTANCES

Not all ionic substances dissolve well in water, although their **solubility** tends to increase with increasing water

temperature. Solubility can be measured using different units, but mol $L^{-1}$  is common. The solubility table below (Table 5.7) summarises the solubility of many common ionic compounds in water. It is useful to remember that all compounds containing the following ions are soluble:

- sodium
- acetate (also known as ethanoate)
- nitrate • ammonium
- potassium.

You can remember this as the SNAAP rule (**S**odium, **N**itrate, **A**mmonium, **A**cetate, **P**otassium). (You may also see this written as the SNAPE rule: Sodium, Nitrate, Ammonium, Potassium, Ethanoate.)



#### **Precipitation reactions**

When two aqueous solutions are mixed, an insoluble substance called a **precipitate** sometimes forms (Figure 5.10). The balanced chemical equation for a precipitation reaction has the general form:

ionic compound (aq) + ionic compound (aq)  $\rightarrow$ precipitate (s) + ionic compound (aq)

For example:

 $Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(aq) + 2KI(aq) \rightarrow PbI<sub>2</sub>(s) + 2KNO<sub>3</sub>(aq)$ In this case,  $PbI_2$  is the precipitat. K<sup>+</sup> and  $NO_3^$ ions remain dissolved in solution and are termed

#### **spectator ions**.



**FIGURE 5.10** Mixing solutions of lead nitrate and potassium iodide forms a precipitate of solid lead iodide.

An ionic equation omits spectator ions to give a more accurate picture of the reaction taking place. For example:

$$
Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2\Gamma(aq) \rightarrow PbI_2(s)
$$

When writing balanced ionic equations, ensure that:

- species that have  $(s)$ ,  $(l)$  or  $(g)$  beside them appear in the equation and are not separated into different particles.
- ions with (aq) beside them that appear on both sides of the arrow are omitted from the equation. These are spectator ions.

#### SOLUBILITY AND EQUILIBRIUM

#### *K***eq for heterogeneous equilibria**

The expression for  $K_{eq}$  for a homogeneous equilibrium includes the molar concentrations (concentrations  $\text{im} \text{mol} \text{L}^{-1}$ ) for all the reactants and products in the equilibrium. However, for a heterogeneous equilibrium the concentrations for a pure solid or a pure liquid are assigned the value of 1 in the expression for  $K_{eq}$ . These concentrations are constant and can be removed from the expression for the  $K_{eq}$ .

An example of a heterogenous equilibrium and the associated expression for  $K_{eq}$  is the dissolution of an ionic solid in water to form an aqueous solution, e.g for  $PbI_2$ :

 $PbI_2(s) \rightleftharpoons Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2I^-(aq)$   $K_{eq} = [Pb^{2+}]$  $\left[\text{II}^-\right]^2$ 

#### **Measuring the solubility of ionic solids**

When an ionic solid is added to water, it dissociates into separate hydrated ions. Collisions between the dissolved ions can reform the solid. Eventually the rate of the forward reaction is equal to the rate of the reverse reaction and equilibrium is achieved. The solution becomes saturated.

Consider the saturated solution of solid  $PbI<sub>2</sub>$  shown in Figure 5.11 where equilibrium exists between the solid and its ions,  $Pb^{2+}$  and  $\Gamma$ . The equation can be written as:

$$
PbI_2(s) \rightleftharpoons Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2I^{-}(aq)
$$

Because this is a heterogeneous equilibrium system, the concentration of the solid is 1, and the equilibrium constant is written as:

$$
K_{\text{eq}} = \left[\text{Pb}^{2+}\right]\left[\text{I}^{-}\right]^2
$$

An equilibrium constant for a saturated solution is called a **solubility product**,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ . The smaller the  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , the less soluble the solid is in water.



**FIGURE 5.11** A saturated solution of solid PbI<sub>2</sub> in equilibrium with its ions, Pb<sup>2+</sup> and I<sup>-</sup>

The solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of an ionic solid can be used to calculate the solubility, *s*, of the solid and equilibrium concentrations of the dissolved ions. Solubility, *s*, is the moles per litre of the solid that has dissolved at that temperature in a saturated solution. Conversely, if the solubility is known then the value of  $K_{\rm{sn}}$  can be determined. Table 5.8 shows the mathematical relationship between  $K_{\text{sp}}$  and *s* for two ionic solids.

You can determine whether a solution has reached equilibrium or whether more precipitation or dissolution occurs (Table 5.9) by calculating the reaction quotient, *Q*, for the system. For the lead iodide solution, *Q* is equal to  $[Pb^{2+}][T]^2$ . *Q* is often called the **ionic product** when referring to the dissolution of ionic solids in solution.

**TABLE 5.8** Conversion from solubility, *s*, in mol L<sup>-1</sup> to  $K_{\text{so}}$  where *s* is the amount of an ionic solid that dissolves per litre





**TABLE 5.9** The relationship between Q,  $K_{\text{sp}}$  and the position of equilibrium

### **Knowledge review—thinking about rates and energy**

**1** Complete the following table by providing the term to match the definition. This will help you check your knowledge and understanding of the key ideas involved in rates of reaction and energy of reaction, in preparation for your study of equilibrium.



#### **2** Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.



### **Exploring equilibrium—reactions in the balance**

**1** Chemical equilibria can be investigated by mixing different amounts of reactants and products together and measuring the concentrations of all species present at equilibrium. The table gives the results of seven of these experiments for the following equilibrium:





**a** Calculate the missing entries in the blank columns in the spreadsheet. Which expression was almost constant?

- **b** The ratio that was almost constant is called the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for this reaction at the specified temperature. Write the mathematical expression for  $K_{eq}$  for this reaction.
- **c** Write a general expression for the equilibrium law for the following reaction:  $aA(g) + bB(g) \rightleftharpoons cC(g) + dD(g)$
- **2 a** Write the equation  $H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2H(g)$  in reverse.
	- **b** Write the mathematical expression for the equilibrium constant for this reverse reaction.
	- **c** Use the data for Mixture 7 in question 1 to calculate the value of  $K_{eq}$  for this reverse reaction.
	- **d** What is the relationship between the constant calculated in part **c** and the constant calculated in question **1**?
	- **e** Use your answer to part **c** to calculate the value of *K*eq for the following reaction:

$$
\frac{1}{2}H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}(\varrho g) \rightleftharpoons H1(g)
$$

- **f** What is the relationship between the constant you calculated in part **e** and the constant you calculated in question **1**?
- **g** Complete the following summary statements:

If *K*eq1 is the equilibrium constant for an equation, the constant for the reverse equation is given by *K*eq2 = .

If the coefficients in the equation are halved, the constant for the new equation is given by  $K_{\text{eq3}} =$  \_\_

**3 a** Consider the following solution equilibrium:

$$
Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)
$$

Sketch concentration–time graphs on the grids provided below if each of the following changes were made to this system at constant temperature.

- **i** A small amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup>(aq) is added. (Assume the volume change is negligible.)
- **ii** A volume of water is added to the system.



**b** Sketch the rate–time graph for this system when a small amount of SCN<sup>-</sup>(aq) is added, assuming no volume change. Your graph should show what happens to the rates of both the forward and reverse reactions.



- **c** In terms of collision theory, explain the effects on the rates of the forward and reverse reactions when more SCN<sup>-</sup> is added and as the system returns to equilibrium.
- **4** The following table shows the results of a simple experiment involving temperature changes on the equilibrium at constant volume.



Complete the table below.



**5** Examine the graph for the following reaction, and answer the questions for the system:  $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$ 



- **a** During which time intervals was the system at equilibrium?
- **b** Calculate the equilibrium constant at: **(i)** 4 seconds, **(ii)** 8 seconds, **(iii)**12 seconds, and **(iv)** 16 seconds.
- **c** Using the answers in part **b** and your knowledge of equilibrium, explain what changes were made to the system at: **(i)** 5 seconds, **(ii)** 9 seconds, and **(iii)** 13 seconds.



### **Calculations—equilibrium constants and concentrations**

This worksheet allows you to practise doing calculations involving chemical equilibria.

Steam reforming is used for the large-scale industrial production of hydrogen gas. In this process, methane gas is converted to synthesis gas, which is a mixture of carbon monoxide gas and hydrogen gas. The thermochemical equation is:

 $CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons 3H_2(g) + CO(g)$   $\Delta H = +206 \text{ kJ} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ 

The equilibrium constant at 650°C is 2.4  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup>.

- **1** Write the expression for the equilibrium constant for the equation above.
- **2** Calculate the equilibrium constant at 650°C and the Δ*H* value for the equation below.

 $6H_2(g) + 2CO(g) \rightleftharpoons 2CH_4(g) + 2H_2O(g)$ 

- **3** The following gases are added to a sealed 2.00L container at a constant temperature of 650°C.
	- 0.012mol of methane gas
	- 0.0080mol of water vapour
	- 0.016mol of carbon monoxide gas
	- 0.0060mol of hydrogen gas
	- **a** Determine the initial value of the reaction quotient (concentration fraction), *Q*.

**b** In which direction would the reaction move to establish equilibrium? Explain.

**c** The temperature of the equilibrium is increased to 850°C.

**i** Will the equilibrium constant increase, decrease or remain unchanged? Explain your answer.

- **ii** How will the increased temperature affect the rate and equilibrium yield of the reaction? Explain your answer.
- **4** An equilibrium mixture of CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub> and CO was prepared in a 2.00L flask at another temperature by adding 0.600 mol CH<sub>4</sub> and 0.400 mol of H<sub>2</sub>O to the reaction vessel. At equilibrium there was 0.110 mol of CO present.
	- **a** Complete the following ICE (Initial, Change, Equilibrium) table to determine the amounts of CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub> at equilibrium. Let  $x$  be the amount of  $CH<sub>4</sub>$  used.



 $\,$  Calculate the equilibrium concentrations of CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub> and CO, in mol<code>L $^{-1}$ .</code>

**c** Calculate the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for the reaction at this temperature.



### **Equilibrium—Le Châtelier's principle and the equilibrium law**

**1** State Le Châtelier's principle.

#### **2** Consider the following equilibrium system:

 $4HCl(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2H_2O(g) + 2Cl_2(g)$   $\Delta H = -116 \text{ kJ} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ 

Predict the effect (increase, decrease, no change) of each of the following changes to the equilibrium system on each quantity in the following table. Briefly explain the reason for your answer by using Le Châtelier's principle.



**3** Consider the following reaction:

 $2H_2(g) + S_2(g) \implies 2H_2S(g)$   $K_{eq} = 9.4 \times 10^5$  at 750°C

A mixture of H<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S was allowed to come to equilibrium in a closed 2.0L container at 750°C. The equilibrium concentrations of H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S gases were analysed and found to be 0.234 mol L<sup>−1</sup> and 0.442 mol L<sup>−1</sup> respectively.

**a** What does the value of the equilibrium constant for this reaction tell you about the extent of the reaction?

**b** Write an expression for the equilibrium constant for this reaction.

**c** Calculate the equilibrium concentration of  $S_2(g)$  in the mixture.

- **4** 1.364 mol of H<sub>2</sub>, 0.682 mol of S<sub>2</sub> and 0.680 mol of H<sub>2</sub>S were mixed in another 2.00L container at 580°C. At equilibrium the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>S was measured as  $1.010$  mol L $^{\text{-}1}$ .
	- **a** What is the value of the equilibrium constant at this temperature?

- **b** Compare your answer to the value of  $K_{eq}$  for this reaction in question 3. Is this reaction exothermic or endothermic? Give a reason for your answer.
- **5** Consider the following reaction at equilibrium:

$$
N_2O_4(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)
$$
  $\Delta H = +57 \text{ kJ} \text{ mol}^{-1}$   $K_{eq} = 3.62 \times 10^2 \text{ at } 327^{\circ} \text{C}$ 

**a** Calculate the equilibrium constant at 327°C for the following reaction:

 $2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$ 

- **b** In terms of Le Châtelier's principle, explain the effect on the position of equilibrium when:
	- **i** the temperature is decreased at constant volume
	- **ii** the volume of the container is increased at constant temperature.
- **6** The value of Δ*H* for a chemical reaction depends on the direction of the equation for the reaction and the coefficients and states of species in the equation. These factors also affect the value of an equilibrium constant. However, when an equation is written in a different way the effects on Δ*H* and *K*eq are different.

Complete the following table for the two reactions shown.



**7** Use your results from question **6** to complete the summary statements below.

For ΔH: When equations are reversed, ΔH has the \_\_\_\_\_\_ sign and \_\_\_\_\_\_ magnitude.

When coefficients are doubled, ΔH has the **sign and the magnitude is \_** \_ \_ \_ \_

When coefficients are halved, ΔH has the **sign and the magnitude is \_**\_\_\_\_\_.

For  $K_{eq}$ : When equations are reversed, the value of  $K_{eq}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ .

When coefficients are doubled, the value of  $K_{eq}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ .

When the coefficients are halved, the value of  $K_{eq}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ .



### **Wonderful water—structure and properties**

**1** Draw the valence structures of five water molecules as they might appear in a sample of liquid water. Don't forget to show the non-bonding electron pairs (lone pairs) and intermolecular forces.

**2 a** What type of bonding holds the oxygen and hydrogen atoms together within the molecule? Label one of these bonds on your diagram in question **1**.

- **b** Explain why water is a polar molecule.
- **c** The attraction between different water molecules is mainly due to hydrogen bonding. Label a hydrogen bond on your diagram in question **1**.
- **d** Explain what causes hydrogen bonding and why it is stronger than other types of dipole-dipole bonding.
- **3 a** Write a balanced equation to show KI dissolving in water.
	- **b** Write a balanced equation for CH<sub>3</sub>OH dissolving in water.
	- **c** Write a balanced equation for HCl gas dissolving in wate.
- **4** Sketch the arrangement of water molecules around potassium and iodide ions when KI is dissolved in water.



### **Solving solubility—predicting precipitation reactions and writing ionic equations**

A solubility table summarises the solubility in water of common ionic compounds. Use the solubility data in Table 5.7 on page 10 to answer the questions in this worksheet.

**1** The following solutions are mixed together. Indicate whether or not you think a precipitate will form by placing a tick (for yes) or a cross (for no) in each box in the second column. For each predicted precipitate, write a fully balanced chemical equation in the third column.



- **2** Outline an experimental method a student could follow to obtain a dry sample of silver chloride from solutions of potassium chloride and silver nitrate.
- **3** Identify the spectator ions in each of the reactions below, and write the ionic equation.
	- **a**  $2NaBr(aq) + PbCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) \rightarrow PbBr<sub>2</sub>(s) + 2NaCl(aq)$  Spectator ions: Ionic equation:
	- **b** HCl(aq) + KOH(aq)  $\rightarrow$  KCl(aq) + H<sub>2</sub>O(l) Spectator ions:  $\equiv$

Ionic equation:

- **c**  $2HCl(aq) + MgO(s) \rightarrow MgCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) + H<sub>2</sub>O(l)$  Spectator ions: Ionic equation:
- **4** Use the internet to investigate and compare the processes used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to remove toxins from foods. Present your findings in a short report below.



### **Solubility equilibrium—calculating solubility and** *K***sp**

A saturated solution forms when the rate of dissolution of an ionic solid equals the rate of precipitation of its ions. This dynamic equilibrium is independent of the amount of solid present, although there must be some solid in equilibrium with the solution. The equilibrium constant for this type of equilibrium is called the solubility product,  $K_{\text{so}}$ .

**1** For each of the following ionic solids, complete the table by writing the equation for its dissolution in water and the expression for the solubility products.



**2** a The values of  $K_{sp}$  at 25°C for the solids in question **1** are listed in the table below. Calculate the solubility of each substance, in mol L<sup>-1</sup>.



- **b** List these solids in order of solubility, from most soluble to least soluble.
- **3** Your teeth are composed mainly of the ionic compounds calcium phosphate, Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and hydroxyapatite,  $Ca_5(PO_4)_3(OH)$ .
	- **a** Given the solubility of Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is 7.19  $\times$  10<sup>-7</sup>, calculate the  $K_{\rm sp}$  of Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

**b** Explain why the consumption of carbonated drinks, which have quite a low pH, could increase dental decay.



### **Predicting precipitation using**  $K_{\text{sp}}$

The reaction quotient, *Q*, for a system that reaches equilibrium can be determined at any stage during the reaction. By comparing the size of *Q* with the equilibrium constant, *K*eq, you can determine which way the reaction will proceed to establish equilibrium, at which point  $Q = K_{eq}$ .

When an ionic solid forms a saturated solution, the solid is in equilibrium with its ions in solution and  $Q = K_{\text{so}}$ , where *Q* is the ion product and  $K_{sp}$  is the solubility product. You can predict whether precipitation will occur when two solutions of ions are mixed by comparing Q and K<sub>sp</sub>. In general, precipitation occurs if the ionic product is greater than the solubility product.

Remember that  $K_{\rm SD}$  is the equilibrium constant for the reaction written as the solid in equilibrium with its ions, for example:

$$
CaSO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+}(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \qquad K_{sp} = [Ca^{2+}][SO_4^{2-}]
$$

**1** Consider the following mixtures of chemicals. Complete the table by writing balanced equations and calculating the value of *Q*. Hence indicate whether precipitation will occur.



**2** For each of the following 1 L solutions, calculate the minimum concentration of lead ions,  $Pb^{2+}$ , in the solution that is needed to cause precipitation of the stated compound.



**3** A sample of bore water from a mine contains equal amounts, in mol, of dissolved silver carbonate and iron(II) carbonate. The values of the  $K_{\rm SD}$  for these chemicals are:

 $K_{\text{sp}}(Ag_2CO_3) = 8.10 \times 10^{-12}$ 

 $K_{\text{en}}$ (FeCO<sub>3</sub>) = 3.13 × 10<sup>-11</sup>

Using this data, determine the order in which the ionic solids will precipitate if the water is allowed to evaporate. (Show your calculations below.)



### **Literacy review—equilibrium terms and expressions**

**1** Complete the following table to review your understanding of some of the terms in this module.



- **2** Select the correct mathematical expressions below and arrange them in order to show how to calculate the solubility of Ag<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, given the value of the solubility product  $K_{\rm SD}$  is 8.89 × 10<sup>-17</sup> at 25°C.
	- $\,$  Let  $s$  be the solubility in mol L $^{-1}$  of Ag $_3$ (PO $_4)_2$
	- **b**  $3s \times 2s = 8.89 \times 10^{-17}$
	- **c**  $(3s)^3 \times (2s)^2 = 8.89 \times 10^{-17}$
	- **d**  $[Ag^+]^3 \times [PQ_4^{3-}]^2 = 8.89 \times 10^{-17}$
	- **e** [Ag<sup>+</sup> ] = *s*
	- **f**  $[Ag^+] = 3s$
	- **g**  $[PO_4^{3-}] = 2s$
	- **h**  $[Ag^+] \times [PO_4^{3-}] = 8.89 \times 10^{-17}$
- **3** The following paragraphs about equilibrium contain several factual errors. Highlight the errors and correct them below.

Dynamic equilibrium occurs when there is a reversible reaction in an open system. In an equilibrium system the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal and there is no change in the concentrations of the reactant and product molecules. However, it can be shown that there is continual conversion of reactants to products and vice versa. If the system is closed, it will never achieve equilibrium because only energy is lost to the surroundings.

The equilibrium law states that at a specific temperature, the equilibrium constant, K<sub>ea</sub>, is equal to only the concentration of the products divided by the concentration of the reactants. If this concentration ratio, *Q*, is less than  $K_{eq}$  the system will favour the reverse reaction to restore equilirium.

When the temperature is decreased for an exothermic reaction, the value of  $K_{eq}$ , decreases. When the temperature is increased for an endothermic reaction,  $K_{eq}$  increases.

When reactants are mixed in an open system, collision theory explains that initially, the rate of the forward reaction is low and decreases as the reactants' concentrations decrease. Simultaneously, the reverse reaction is very fast initially and increases as the concentrations of the products increase and collisions between product molecules increase.

Le Châtelier's principle predicts that when the pressure of a system decreases by increasing the volume, the system will move in the direction of the least particles in order to re-establish equilibrium.



### **Thinking about my learning**

On completion of Module 5: Equilibrium and acid reactions, you should be able to describe, explain and apply the relevant scientific ideas. You should also be able to interpret, analyse and evaluate data.

**1** The table lists the key knowledge covered in this module. Read each and reflect on how well you understand each concept. Rate your learning by shading the circle that corresponds to your level of understanding for each concept. It may be helpful to use colour as a visual representation. For example:

- green—very confident
- orange—in the middle
- red—starting to develop.



**2** Consider points you have shaded from starting to develop to middle-level understanding. List specific ideas you can identify that were challenging.

**3** Write down two different strategies that you will apply to help further your understanding of these ideas.

### **Reversible and irreversible reactions**

#### **Suggested duration:** 25 minutes

#### INTRODUCTION

An open system is a system that exchanges matter and energy with the surroundings. A closed system only exchanges energy with the surroundings.

Some reactions only occur in one direction and are described as irreversible, while other reactions are reversible.

In this investigation you will perform reactions in open and closed systems and consider whether the reactions are reversible or irreversible.

#### **PURPOSE**

To perform the following reactions and determine which are reversible and which involve open or closed systems. The reactions are:

- **•** formation of hydrated and dehydrated cobalt(II) chloride
- **•** reaction of iron(III) nitrate and potassium thiocyanate
- **•** burning magnesium
- **•** burning steel wool.



I understand the safety information (signature):

#### Part A—Formation of hydrated and dehydrated cobalt(II) chloride

#### PROCEDURE

- **1** Set up the Bunsen burner, tripod and gauze mat on bench mat with the crucible on top.
- **2** Using the spatula, add a small amount of cobalt chloride to the crucible.
- **3** Light the Bunsen burner and watch the colour changes of the cobalt chloride. Record your observations in Results table 1.
- **4** Allow the crucible to cool and add a little distilled water, and record any colour change in the table.
- **5** Heat the crucible again and observe the colour changes of the cobalt chloride.

#### MATEIALS

- small bottle of solid hydrated cobalt chloride
- 01 mol $L^{-1}$  ronl) nitrate solutio,  $Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>$
- 01 mol L<sup>-1</sup> potassium thiocyanate solutio, **KSCN**
- 3–4cm magnesium ribbon
- steel wool
- 2 semi-micro test-tubes
- semi-micro test-tube rack
- dropping pipette
- white tile
- Bunsen burner
- distilled water
- crucible
- tripod and gauze mat
- lighter
- tongs
- fireproof metal lid
- bench mat
- spatula
- 9V battery



#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

- **1** The formula of hydrated cobalt chloride is CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O and of dehydrated cobalt chloride is CoCl<sub>2</sub>. Write an equation for this system.
- **2** What colour is the hydrated form of cobalt chloride?
- **3** Describe what occurs when you heated the hydrated cobalt chloride.
- **4** Describe what occurred when you added a little water to the heated cobalt chloride.

#### Part B—Reaction of iron(III) nitrate and potassium thiocyanate

#### PROCEDURE

- **1** Using a dropping pipette, add approx. 2 mL of Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution to a semi-micro test tube. Clean the pipette and add approx. 2 mL of KSCN solution to the Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution. The reaction that occurs forms FeSCN<sup>2+</sup> ions in solution.
- **2** Note the colours of the Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution and the KSCN solution and also the colour of FeSCN<sup>2+</sup> ions in solution in the Results table. In order to produce reliable and accurate results, view the solutions by looking down the test-tubes so you look through the entire solution.
- **3** Divide the  $FeSCN<sup>2+</sup>$  solution equally into 2 test-tubes.
- **4** Clean the dropping pipette and add 10 drops of Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution to one test-tube. Record the changes.
- **5** Clean the dropping pipette and add 10 drops of KSCN solution to the other test-tube. Record the changes.

#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

**1** Write an equation for this system.

**2** Explain the colour changes you have observed by completing Results table 2 above.

#### Part C—Burning magnesium

#### PROCEDURE

- **1** Set up a Bunsen burner on a bench mat and light the burner.
- **2** Record the colour of the magnesium ribbon.
- **3** Hold one end of the magnesium ribbon with tongs and heat the other end in the flame until it ignites.

**4** Hold the burning metal at arm's length over a bench mat. Do not look directly at the light produced.

**5** Record the colour of the powder produced.

#### RESULTS

Colour of magnesium:

Colour of product, magnesium oxide:

#### **DISCUSSION**

Write the equation for this reaction.

#### Part D—Burning steel wool

#### PROCEDURE

- **1** Place the metal lid on the bench mat.
- **2** Make a small ball of steel wool and place it on the metal lid. Have a spatula nearby in case the steel wool becomes entangled with the battery.
- **3** Quickly touch the 9V battery terminals to the steel wool and move it away without allowing it to be caught by the wire wool. Record what you observe.
- **4** Optional: Place a small, non-flammable board (preferably a cement sheet) on top of a digital balance. Tare the balance (reset the scale to zero). Then perform the experiment on the scales and record your observations.

#### RESULTS

#### **DISCUSSION**

**1** Write the equation for this reaction, given that the formula of iron(III) oxide is  $Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$ .





### **Investigation of the cobalt chloride equilibrium system**

#### **Suggested duration:** 20 minutes

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Cobalt ions, Co<sup>2+</sup>, react with chloride ions, Cl<sup>−</sup>, to form an equilibrium with the  $\,$ cobalt tetrachloride ion,  $\,{{\rm CoCl}_4}^{2-}$  The reaction is represented by the equation:

 $Co^{2+}(aq) + 4Cl^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons CoCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2–</sup>(aq)$ 

(pink) (colourless) (blue)

If the main species present in an equilibrium mixture is the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion, then the solution is pink, whereas if the main species present is the CoCl $_4{}^{2-}$  ion, then the solution is pale blue.

In this experiment you are supplied with a cobalt chloride solution that contains  $Co^{2+}$  ions, with lesser amounts of Cl<sup>−</sup> and CoCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2–</sup> ions. The position of the equilibrium (the relative concentrations of ions) in this solution can be changed by altering the temperature, adding more Cl<sup>−</sup> ions, or diluting the solution.

#### **PURPOSE**

To investigate the position of equilibria established between Co<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>−</sup> and  $CoCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2–</sup> ions.$ 



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#### PROCEDURE

#### **Part A—Effect of a change in temperature**

- **1** Note the colour of the cobalt chloride solution supplied. Add 5mL of this solution and 4mL of saturated sodium chloride solution to a test-tube. Note the colour of the new solution in the Results table 1.
- **2** Briefly heat the solution in the test-tube and note any change in its colour.
- **3** Place the test-tube in a beaker of ice-water. Again note any changes of colour.

#### **Part B—Effect of changes of chloride ion concentration**

Slowly and carefully add about 5mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid to 5mL of cobalt chloride solution in a test-tube and note the change in colour. Retain this solution for use in Part C.

#### MATEIALS

- 10mL $\times$ .5 molL<sup>-1</sup> cobalt chloride solution  $CoCl<sub>2</sub>$
- 4mL saturated sodium chloride solution NaCl
- 5mL concentrated hydrochloric aci, HCl
- 10mL measuring cylinder
- 2 Pyrex<sup>®</sup> test-tubes
- test-tube rack
- stopper
- stirring rod
- Bunsen burner
- bench mat
- 250mL beaker of ice-water
- safety gloves
- tongs/wooden peg



#### **Part C—Effect of dilution**

To the solution you made in Part B, add sufficient water to double its volume. Stopper and invert the test-tube in order to mix. Note the change in the colour of the solution in Results table 1.

#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

- **1** Write an expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for this reaction.
- **2** Use your results from Part A to determine how the value of the equilibrium constant changes as the temperature increases. Explain your reasoning.
- **3** Is the reaction exothermic or endothermic?
- **4** Explain why the solution in Part B changes colour when concentrated hydrochloric acid is added.
- **5** Use Le Châtelier's principle to explain the colour change that occurs in Part C when the solution is diluted.

#### **CONCLUSION**

**6** Summarise your results and explanations for the effect of changes to the cobalt chloride equilibrium system.



## **Effect of temperature on equilibrium yields**

#### **Suggested duration:** 20 minutes

#### INTRODUCTION

The effect of temperature on an equilibrium depends on whether the reaction is exothermic or endothermic. For this reason, from the way the temperature influences the equilibrium position, you can determine if Δ*H* is positive or negative. A change in temperature is the only change to an equilibrium system that causes the equilibrium constant to change.

#### PURPOSE

To investigate the way in which the temperature of an equilibrium mixture influences the position of the equilibrium.



Please indicate that you have understood the information in the safety table.

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#### MATEIALS

- 10mL 1 $mol<sup>-1</sup>$ phosphoric acid  $H_3PO_4$
- methyl violet indicator
- 250mL beaker of icewater
- 2 semi-micro test-tubes
- semi-micro test-tube rack
- semi-micro test-tube holder
- 250mL beaker
- Bunsen burner, gauze mat and tripod stand
- bench mat
- safety gloves

#### • tongs/wooden peg



#### PROCEDURE

For the exothermic equilibrium system:  $H_3PO_4(aq) \rightleftharpoons H_2PO_4^-(aq) + H^+(aq)$ 

**1** Pour 1molL−<sup>1</sup> phosphoric acid into each of two semi-micro test-tubes, to a depth of about 3cm. Add two drops of methyl violet indicator to each test-tube.

**2** Place one test-tube in ice-water. Carefully heat the other test-tube until the solution almost boils. Record the colour of the indicator in the heated and cooled test-tubes in the Results tabl.

#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

**1** In this experiment the colour of the equilibrium mixture is an indication of the concentration of the H<sup>+</sup> ions in solution, [H<sup>+</sup>]. Methyl violet indicator is yellow in solutions with a high [H<sup>+</sup>]. Its colour changes through green to blue and then to violet as the concentration decreases. How does [H<sup>+</sup>] in the equilibrium mixture change as the temperature is increased?

**2** What does this indicate about the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for this reaction as the temperature increases? Explain.

**3** Describe how the position of equilibrium has shifted and account for your observations in this experiment.

#### **CONCLUSION**

**4** Summarise the effects of changes in temperature on an equilibrium system.



## **Determination of** *K***eq by colorimetry**

**Suggested duration:** 1 hour 15 minutes (45 minutes for the experiment and 30 minutes for data analysis)

#### INTRODUCTION

In aqueous solution, Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions react with SCN<sup>−</sup> ions to form the blood-red coloured FeSCN<sup>2+</sup> ion. The equilibrium is represented by the equation:

$$
Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)
$$

The colour of the solution is directly proportional to the concentration of  $FesCN^{2+}$ ions present.

Later in the year, in Module 8, you will learn about the analytical technique called colorimetry. This spectroscopic technique is used to determine the concentration of coloured species in an aqueous sample. The absorption of light energy causes electrons in ions or molecules to jump from a lower energy level to a higher one. The amount of light energy absorbed is directly proportional to the concentration of the coloured species.

In this experiment you will use a colorimeter to measure the absorbance of a standard solution with a known concentration of FeSCN<sup>2+</sup>. The concentration of  $FesCN<sup>2+</sup>$  ions in other equilibrium mixtures can then be found by measuring their absorbance and comparing the absorbance with the absorbance of the standard. Knowing the initial concentration of  $Fe^{3+}$  and SCN<sup>-</sup> in each mixture, the equilibrium concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and SCN<sup>-</sup> can be calculated and a value for the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , for the reaction can be determined.

#### PURPOSE

To determine the value of the equilibrium constant for the equilibrium system involving Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions, SCN<sup>-</sup> ions and FeSCN<sup>2+</sup> ions by colorimetric analysis.



#### PROCEDURE

- **1** Label four test-tubes A to D.
- 2 Using a graduated pipette, place volumes of 0.0020 mol L<sup>-1</sup> Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution, 0.0020molL<sup>−</sup>1 KSCN solution and water into each test-tube as indicated in the table below. Mix each solution thoroughly with a stirring rod. Be careful to clean and dry the stirring rod after each mixing.

#### MATEIALS

- $20$  mL  $\times$  .0020 mol L<sup>-1</sup> potassium thiocyanate solution KSCN
- $30 \text{ ml} \times .0020 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ironI) nitrate solutin,  $Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>$
- $15$ mL $\times$ .00020 molL<sup>-1</sup> iron(III) thiocyanate ion solution
- 15mL deionised water
- graduated pipette
- pipette filler
- $5 \times 100$  mL beakers
- 4 test-tubes
- test-tube rack
- stirring rod
- colorimeter and data collection device
- colorimeter cell
- marking pen
- tissues
- safety gloves





- **3** Prepare a reference cell or 'blank' by filling the colorimeter cell to three-quarters of its volume with deionised water. Wipe the outside of the cell with a tissue. By following the manufacturer's instructions, calibrate the colorimeter to read zero transmittance when no light passes through the cell and 100% transmittance when blue light (470nm) passes through the blank. Use blue light for the remainder of this experiment.
- 4 Discard the deionised water from the cell, rinse the cell twice with the standard 0.00020 molL<sup>-1</sup> FeSCN<sup>2+</sup> solution and fill the cell to three-quarters of its volume. Measure the absorbance and record the results in the Results table.
- **5** Repeat the procedure in step 4 to measure the absorbance of the solutions in each of test-tubes A–D.

#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

**1** Write an expression for the equilibrium law for the reaction.

**2** Use the following table to enter the results of the calculations in questions **3**–**8** below.



**3** Calculate the initial concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in each of the test-tubes A–D and fill it in the appropriate space in the table. The [Fe $^{3+}$ ] in each tube is given by the expression:

 $[Fe^{3+}]_{initial} = \frac{0.0020 \times \text{volume of Fe}(Nin_3)_3}{\text{total volume in mL}}$  $B^3$ <sup>+</sup> ]<sub>initial</sub> =  $\frac{0.0020 \times \text{volume of Fe(Nin}_3)}{\text{total volume in}}$ 

**4** Calculate the initial concentration of SCN<sup>−</sup> in each of test-tubes A–D and put this in the table. [SCN<sup>−</sup> ] in each tube is given by the expression:

 $\text{[SCN}^-$ ]<sub>initial</sub> =  $\frac{0.0020 \times \text{volume of KSCN in the tube in mL}}{\text{total volume in mL}}$ 

**5** The absorbance of light by a solution is directly proportional to the concentration of the absorbing chemical in solution. As a result, you can calculate the concentration of FeSCN $^{2+}$  at equilibrium in each test-tube by comparing the absorbance of each solution with the absorbance of the standard solution.

 $[FeSCN<sup>2–</sup>]$ <sub>equilibrium</sub> = 0.00020  $\times$  absorbance of solution<br>absorbance of standard <sup>2–</sup>]<sub>equilibrium</sub>

- **6** Calculate the  $[Fe^{3+}]$  <sub>equilibrium</sub> in each of the tubes:  $[Fe^{3+}]$ <sub>equilibrium</sub> =  $[Fe^{3+}]_{initial}$  –  $[FeSCN^{2+}]_{equilibrium}$
- **7** Calculate the [SCN<sup>-</sup>] <sub>equilibrium</sub> in each of the tubes:  $\text{[SCN]}_{\text{equilibrium}} = \text{[SCN]}_{\text{initial}} - \text{[FeSCN}^{2+}]_{\text{equilibrium}}$
- **8** Using the equilibrium law from question **1**, calculate a value for the equilibrium constant,  $K_{\text{eq}}$ , for each set of data.

#### **CONCLUSION**

**9** Calculate an average value for  $K_{eq}$ . Comment on the reliability and accuracy of  $K_{eq}$  determined from each set of data.



## **Precipitation reactions**

**Suggested duration:** 50 minutes

#### INTRODUCTION

When two solutions containing dissolved ionic salts are mixed together, an insoluble product called a precipitate may form and settle out of the mixture. Knowing which ions form precipitates is essential in many industrial processes, and in monitoring and maintaining the health of natural waterways.

#### PURPOSE

Part A: To observe reactions that involve the formation of a precipitate.

Part B: To distinguish between ions that form precipitates and those that are always soluble.

To write net ionic equations to represent the formation of precipitates.



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### Part A—Solubility of ionic compounds

#### **PROCEDURE**

**1** Using a marker pen, write the anions you are testing along the top of the plastic well tray. Write the cations you are testing down the side of the wells. (Results table 1 below shows how your grid should look.) Place the well tray on a dark background for easier observation.

- **2** Place two drops of the appropriate cation solution and one drop of the appropriate anion solution into the wells, according to the labels you have written. Be careful not to allow any contamination, in order to produce reliable and accurate results.
- **3** If no precipitate is formed, record 's' for soluble.
- **4** If a precipitate forms, record 'ppt' (for precipitate) and record its colour.

#### MATEIALS

• dropper bottles each containing 10mL of the following 05 molL<sup>-1</sup> solutions

- sodium sulfate  $Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$
- sodium chloride NaCl
- sodium hydroxid, NaOH
- sodium carbonate  $Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>$
- dropper bottles each containing 10mL of the following 01 molL<sup>-1</sup> solutions
	- magnesium nitrate  $Mg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$
	- calcium nitrate  $Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$
	- copper(II) nitrate  $Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$
	- zinc nitrate  $Zn(NO_3)_2$
	- potassium nitrate  $KNO<sub>3</sub>$
	- silver nitrate  $AgNO<sub>3</sub>$
	- barium nitrate  $Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$
- plastic well tray or plastic grid
- marker pen
	- 5 dropper bottles randomly labelled A–, containing 10mL of the following 01 molL<sup>-1</sup> solutions
	- potassium nitrate K<sub>NO</sub><sub>3</sub>
	- sodium chloride **NaCl**
	- sodium sulfate  $Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$
	- sodium hydroxid, NaOH
	- sodium carbonate  $Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>$
- safety gloves



#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

- **1** What generalisations can you make about the solubilities of:
	- **a** nitrates?
	- **b** chlorides?
	- **c** hydroxides?
	- **d** sulfates?

**e** carbonates?

- **2** Which cation(s) did not form any precipitates when combined with the anions?
- **3** Write a balanced ionic equation to represent the formation of each precipitate observed.

### PART B—Identifying unknown solutions

#### **PROCEDURE**

You have been given one of five unknown solutions in dropper bottles. Your dropper bottle may contain a solution of potassium nitrate (KNO<sub>3</sub>), sodium chloride (NaCl), sodium sulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), sodium hydroxide (NaOH) or sodium carbonate ( $Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>$ ).

- **1** Record the label on your unknown sample:
- **2** Select your own set of reagents that will enable you to identify the given unknown sample.
- **3** Record your results in the Results table below.

#### RESULTS



#### **DISCUSSION**

- **1** Write the chemical formula for each precipitate formed in your investigation.
- **2** Identify your unknown sample. Support your answer with experimental evidence.

**3** It is often possible to convert one ionic compound to another by exploiting solubility differences. Briefly describe, in a series of steps, how you could convert calcium chloride to potassium chloride.

#### **CONCLUSION**

**4** Summarise your results in this experiment by writing a series of solubility rules based on your observations.

**5** Explain the benefits of writing an ionic equation for each of these reactions.



### **Practical investigation of an equilibrium system**

**Suggested duration:** 2 hours 15 minutes (including writing time)

#### INTRODUCTION

In this activity you will use a solution of Fe(SCN)<sup>2+</sup> that contains the ions Fe<sup>3+</sup>, SCN<sup>-</sup> and Fe(SCN) $^{2+}$  at equilibrium:

$$
Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Fe(SCN)^{2+}(aq)
$$

(pale yellow) (colourless) (red)

The intense blood-red colour of the solution is due to the presence of the Fe(SCN)<sup>2+</sup> ion. The colour of the solution in each test-tube, when viewed down the tube, is a measure of the amount of  $Fe(SCN)^{2+}$  ions present in the tube. By noting how the intensity of this colour changes, it is possible to deduce the effect of each of the tests performed in this experiment on the equilibrium.

If, for example, the colour of the solution deepens, the amount of  $Fe(SCN)^{2+}$  ions has increased and the amount of the  $Fe^{3+}$  and SCN<sup>-</sup> ions must have simultaneously decreased because these ions are used up to form more  $Fe(SCN)^{2+}$ . The equilibrium would be described as having a net forward reaction (its position would have 'shifted to the right').

In Part A you will investigate the effect of concentration changes on an aqueous equilibrium.

In Part B you will investigate the way in which the temperature of an equilibrium mixture influences the position of the equilibrium.

#### QUESTIONING AND PREDICTING

In this investigation you are using an equilibrium system containing the ions  $Fe^{3+}$ , SCN<sup>-</sup> and Fe(SCN)<sup>2+</sup>. Use your knowledge of equilibrium and the information in the Introduction above to develop a hypothesis for the outcomes of Parts A and B of this practical investigation.

#### PRE-LAB SAFETY INFORMATION

As directed by your teacher, complete the risk assessment and management table by referring to the hazard labels on the reagent bottles or safety data sheets (SDS) or your teacher's risk assessment for the activity.

#### MATEIALS

35mL of  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol $L^{-1}$ iron(III) thiocyanate ion solution Fe(SCN)<sup>2+</sup>  $(20 \text{ mL of } 0.1 \text{ mol } L^{-1})$ Fe( $NO<sub>3</sub>$ )<sub>3</sub> and 20 mL of 01 mol L<sup>-1</sup> potassium thiocyanate (KSCN) per litre)

- 01 mol $L^{-1}$  ronl) nitrate solutio,  $Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>$
- 01 mol $L^{-1}$  potassium thiocyanate solutio, **KSCN**
- 01 mol $L^{-1}$  sodium fluoride solution NaF
- 01 mol L<sup>-1</sup> silver nitrate
- solution  $AgNO<sub>3</sub>$ • 6 semi-micro test-tubes
- semi-micro test-tube holder
- semi-micro test-tube rack
- 250mL beaker of ice-water
- 250mL beaker
- Bunsen burner gauze mat and tripod stand
- bench mat
- marking pen
- dropping pipette white tile or white sheet
- of paper safety gloves



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### Part A—Effect of concentration changes on equilibrium yields

#### CONDUCTING YOUR INVESTIGATION

In this part of the investigation you will perform five tests, labelled A to E, to study the effect on the equilibrium system when the amount (number of moles) of Fe $^{3+}$  or SCN $^-$  ions present in the solution is initially changed as follows.

- In Test A, Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> is added, which increases the amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup>.
- **•** In Test B, KSCN is added, which increases the amount of SCN<sup>−</sup> .
- In Test C, NaF is added, which decreases the amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup> because F<sup>−</sup> ions react with Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions to form FeF<sub>6</sub><sup>3−</sup>(aq).
- In Test D, AgNO<sub>3</sub> is added, which decreases the amount of SCN<sup>−</sup> because Ag<sup>+</sup> ions react with SCN<sup>−</sup> ions to form a white precipitate of AgSCN.
- **•** In Test E you will study the effect of the addition of water (dilution) on the equilibrium.

#### PROCEDURE

- 1 Fill each of six semi-micro test-tubes to one-third of its volume with Fe(SCN)<sup>2+</sup> solution. Check that the liquid in each tube has the same intensity of colour when you look down the tube using a white tile or sheet of paper as a background. If necessary, add more solution so that the liquid in each tube is the same colour. Label the tubes 'A' to 'F'.
- **2** Using test-tube F for comparison, perform each of the tests described in Results table 1 and record the change that occurs in the colour of the solution when viewed down the test-tube.

#### **RESULTS TABLE 1** Colour changes



#### **DISCUSSION**

**1** Write an expression for the equilibrium constant of the reaction that is the subject of this practical investigation.

#### **2** Complete Table 2 below for each test by stating:

- a the initial effect on the concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> or SCN<sup>−</sup> of each test
- **b** the concentration change of  $Fe(SCN)^{2+}$  after the test
- **c** the direction in which the position of equilibrium has shifted.

The entries for Test A have been completed for you.

#### **TABLE 2** Equilibrium results



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**3** Sketch concentration–time graphs to show how the concentration of each ion has changed during each test.

**4** Sketch rate–time graphs to show how the rates of the forward and reverse reactions have changed during each test.



**5** Use Le Châtelier's principle to account for the way in which the position of equilibrium shifts in Test A.

- **6** Account for the way in which the position of equilibrium shifts in Test E, using Le Châtelier's principle.
- **7** Use collision theory to explain the way in which the position of equilibrium shifts in Test B.

#### Part B—Effect of temperature on equilibrium yields

**1** Design an investigation that will allow you to determine the effect of a change in temperature on the following equilibrium system:

 $Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Fe(SCN)^{2+}(aq)$ 

Write your method in the space below.

- **2** From the list of materials provided above, select and record the ones you will require for your investigation.
- **3** Check your method and materials with your teacher and then carry out your investigation. Record your results below in a suitable table.

DEPTH STUDY 5.1

Sketch one or more concentration-time graphs to show how the concentration of each ion has changed during your investigation.

Use Le Châtelier's principle and the collision theory to explain the effects of a change in temperature on the equilibrium system. In your explanation, state how the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K_{\text{eq}}$ , for this reaction changes as the temperature changes and whether the reaction is endothermic or exothermic.

#### COMMUNICATING YOUR FINDINGS AND PRESENTING THE REPORT

Write a practical report for this investigation as a Word document or similar. The questions you have answered above and the sections below will guide your report, but you can also add further to your discussion. You can refer to the Toolkit on page ix for what should be included in each section of a practical report. Don't forget to include a conclusion and references.

#### **Processing data and information**

Devise appropriate tables and graphs for inclusion in your final report that record all of the raw data you collected in Parts A and B of the investigation.

#### **Analysing data and information**

Devise tables, graphs or flow charts as appropriate in which you can make generalisations about the effects of the changes to the equilibrium system. You should add additional analyses of your results and/or the investigation as you see fit.

Discuss any errors or limitations in the data you have collected in this investigation. What modifications, if any, can you make to your hypothesis based on the new evidence collected in this investigation? You should consider the accuracy and reliability of your results and suggest improvements that could be made to this investigation.

#### **Multiple choice**

- **1** Which one of the following best describes a chemical system that is in equilibrium?
	- **A** The rate of conversion of reactants to products is negligible.
	- **B** All reaction has ceased.
	- **C** The concentrations of the reactants are equal to those of the products.
	- **D** The rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal.
- **2** NO reacts with  $O_2$  to form  $NO_2$  according to the equation:

$$
2NO(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)
$$

When equilibrium is established at a fixed temperature, which one of the following fractions would be a constant, irrespective of the initial concentrations of the gases?

A 
$$
\frac{[NO_2]^2}{[NO]^2 [O_2]}
$$
  
\nB  $\frac{[NO_2]}{[NO][\frac{1}{2}O_2]}$   
\nC  $\frac{[NO_2]}{[NO][O_2]}$   
\nD  $\frac{[NO_2]}{[NO][O_2]^2}$ 

- **3** Which one or more factors affect the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K_{eq}$ , of a gaseous equilibrium?
	- **A** total number of particles in the system
	- **B** total pressure of the system
	- **C** volume of reaction vessel
	- **D** temperature of the system

#### *The following information refers to questions 4 and 5.*

 $N<sub>2</sub>$  forms an equilibrium with H<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> according to the equation:

 $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$   $\Delta H = -92 \text{ kJ} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ 

- **4** Which one of the following occurs when the volume of an equilibrium mixture of these gases is reduced at constant temperature?
	- **A** The value of  $K_{eq}$  of the system increases.
	- **B** The rate of the forward reaction decreases and the rate of the reverse reactions increases
	- **C** The mass of NH<sub>3</sub> increases and the mass of N<sub>2</sub> and  $H<sub>2</sub>$  decreases.
	- **D** The total number of gas particles increases.
- **5** Which one of the following occurs when the temperature of an equilibrium mixture of these gases is decreased?
	- **A** The value of  $K_{eq}$  of the system increases.
	- **B** The rate of the forward reaction decreases and the rate of the reverse reactions increases.
	- **C** The mass of  $NH_3$  decreases and the mass of  $N_2$ and  $H_2$  increases.
	- **D** The total number of gas particles increases.
- **6** If the solubility of magnesium hydroxide,  $Mg(OH)_{2}$ , is represented as *s*molL<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> , which one of the following expressions is equal to the solubility product,  $K_{sn}$ , of magnesium hydroxide?
	- **A** *s*
	- $B \text{ } s^2$
	- $C \ 3s^2$
	- $D$  4*s*<sup>3</sup>

#### **Short answer**

**7** N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> forms an equilibrium with  $NO_2$ :

$$
N_2O_4(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)
$$

The equilibrium constant is 0.72 at 250°C. If an equilibrium mixture contains 0.020 mol L<sup>-1</sup> N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at 250°C, calculate the equilibrium concentration of  $NO<sub>2</sub>$  in the mixture.

- **8** A precipitate will form when the following solutions are mixed. Write a balanced ionic equation for each reaction.
	- **a** silver nitrate and calcium chloride
	- **b** lead(II) nitrate and sodium carbonate
	- **c** copper(II) sulfate and ammonium phosphate
	- **d** aluminium sulfate and potassium hydroxide
	- **e** iron(III) nitrate and sodium sulfide
- **9** Consider the following equation that represents a gas-phase reaction in a state of equilibrium:

 $A(g) + B(g) \rightleftharpoons C(g)$   $\Delta H = -100 \text{ kJ} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ A scientist performed a number of experiments to investigate the effect of changes on the equilibrium.

- **a** In one experiment, after time,  $t_1$ , more reactant A was added rapidly to an equilibrium mixture at a constant temperature.
	- **i** Complete the graph below to show the effect of this change on the rates of the forward and reverse reactions as the system returned to equilibrium.



- **ii** Explain what happened to the rates of the forward and reverse reactions in this experiment in terms of collision theory.
- **b** In another experiment, at time  $t_2$  a catalyst was added to an equilibrium mixture at a constant temperature.
	- **i** Complete the graph below to show the effect of the catalyst on the rates of the forward and reverse reaction.



**ii** Explain, in terms of collision theory, what happened to the rates of the forward and reverse reactions in this experiment.

**c** In a third experiment, after time  $t_3$  the temperature was rapidly increased to a new, constant value and equilibrium was re-established.

Complete the concentration–time graph below to show the effect of the temperature change on the concentration of C.



**d** 2.00mol of HI was placed in a 1.00L container at 600K. The HI decomposed, forming 0.22mol of H<sub>2</sub> and 0.22 mol of  $I_2$  at equilibrium. Calculate the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K_{\text{eq}}$ , for the reaction:

 $H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2HI(g)$ 

at this temperature.

- **10** A yellow precipitate of lead iodide forms when a solution of lead nitrate is mixed with a solution of potassium iodide.
	- **a** Name the spectator ions in this reaction.
	- **b** Write a balanced ionic equation for the formation of the precipitate.
	- **c** Write an expression for the solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of the yellow solid that is formed in this reaction.
	- **d** At 25°C, 1.00L of water can dissolve  $1.26 \times 10^{-3}$  mol of lead iodide. Calculate the solubility product,  $K_{\text{SD}}$ , for lead iodide at this temperature.