# 4. LE CHATELIER \& PRESSURE CHANGES 

UNIT 3 - CHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM

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## HOW DOES PRESSURE AFFECT EQ'M?

| $\mathrm{A}_{(\mathrm{g})}+\mathrm{B}_{(\mathrm{g})}$ | $\rightleftarrows \quad \mathrm{AB}_{(\mathrm{g})}$ | + |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | , |  |
| 2 particles | 1 particle |  |
| more pressure | less pressure |  |

When the reaction shifts to the right it lowers the pressure When the reaction shifts to the left it increases the pressure

## FOR EXAMPLE

$$
4 \mathrm{HCl}_{(\mathrm{g})}+2 \mathrm{O}_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \quad \rightleftarrows 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(\mathrm{l})}+2 \mathrm{Cl}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}
$$

6 gas particles
2 gas particles

more pressure
less pressure

Shifting left increases the pressure by making more particles.

## FOR EXAMPLE

$2 \mathrm{SO}_{3(\mathrm{~g})} \quad \rightleftarrows 2 \mathrm{SO}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}+\mathrm{O}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}$

2 gas particles
less pressure

3 gas particles
more pressure


Shifting right increases the pressure by making more particles.

## VOLUME AND PRESSURE

$4 \mathrm{HCl}_{(\mathrm{g})}+2 \mathrm{O}_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \rightleftarrows 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(\mathrm{l})}+2 \mathrm{Cl}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}+98 \mathrm{~kJ}$
Increasing the pressure by We decrease the volume decreasing the volume shifts eq'm to the fewest gas molecules. Only (g) count for determining pressure differential.


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## VOLUME AND PRESSURE

$4 \mathrm{HCl}_{(\mathrm{g})}+2 \mathrm{O}_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \rightleftarrows 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(\mathrm{I})}+2 \mathrm{Cl}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}+98 \mathrm{~kJ}$

$$
6 \longrightarrow 2
$$

We decrease the volume and we increase pressure!

The reaction opposes by shifting to right to decrease the pressure!


## THE THOUGHT PROCESS...

| We Do | We Do | Rx Does |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Volume | Pressure | Pressure | |  |
| :---: |
| Equation |$\quad$ Shift

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EXAMPLE \#2

$$
\mathrm{PCl}_{3}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{Cl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{PCl}_{5}(\mathrm{~g})+\text { ENERGY }
$$

| Stress | $\left[\mathrm{PCl}_{3}\right]$ | $\left[\mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ | $\mathrm{PCl}_{5}(\mathrm{~g})$ | Shifts | Creates More |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ is <br> removed |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{PCl}_{3}$ is added |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pressure is <br> decreased |  |  |  |  |  |
| Volume is <br> decreased |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catalyst is <br> added |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temp is <br> decreased |  |  |  |  |  |

