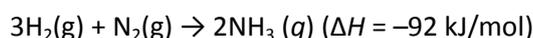


## Ammonia production worksheet 1

- 1) The Haber process for the formation of ammonia from hydrogen and nitrogen gases is given by the equation below.



- a) What conditions would maximise yield? Describe how these conditions are at odds with the rate of the reaction above?

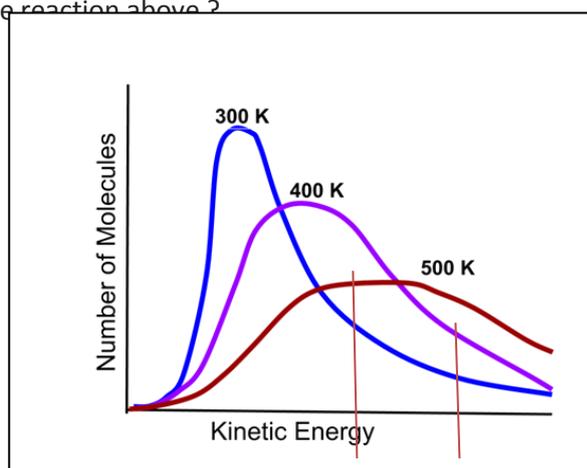
Low temperature, however, reduces the rate of the reaction.

- b) Explain how an increase in temperature maximises the rate of the reaction. Use the chart on the right

Increase in temperature increase the average kinetic energy of the particles. At a higher temperature more particles have the activation energy required in order to react

- c) Explain how a catalyst increases the rate of the reaction. Refer to the diagram on the right.

The activation energy is reduced in the presence of a catalyst hence more particles are able to react at a given temperature.



Activation energy with a catalyst

- d) 2.15 litres of hydrogen gas completely reacts with nitrogen gas to form ammonia at STP. The energy given out is used to heat 200.0 grams of water at 20.0 °C. Assuming no energy is lost what is the final temperature of the water?

Step 1 find the mol of H<sub>2</sub> at STP.

$$\Rightarrow 2.15/22.4 = 0.0960$$

Step 2 find the energy released by 0.0960 mol of H<sub>2</sub>

=> since 3 mol of H<sub>2</sub> releases 92 kJ of energy 0.0960 mol should release

$$\Rightarrow (0.0960 / 3) \times 92 = 2,994 \text{ J}$$

Step 3 Find the temperature increase

$$E = 4.18 \text{ J/g}^\circ\text{C} \times 200.0 \times \Delta T$$

$$\Rightarrow 2994 / (200.0 \times 4.18) = \Delta T = 3.58$$

Final temperature = 23.6 °C

- e) In a 1.00 litre vessel 1.00 mol of H<sub>2</sub> gas and 1.00 mol of N<sub>2</sub> gas were mixed, at a given temperature and allowed to reach equilibrium. Two minutes after the gases were mixed

the reaction mixture had reached equilibrium and it was found that 0.400 mol of  $\text{NH}_3$  was present.

At the 6 minute mark the volume was suddenly doubled and the system allowed to reach equilibrium once again. At the 10 minute mark the temperature of the reaction vessel was increased slightly.

i. What is the equilibrium expression for this reaction?

$$\frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3} = K$$

ii. Calculate the value of the equilibrium expression at the 2 minute mark

$$[\text{NH}_3] = 0.400, [\text{N}_2] = 0.800, [\text{H}_2] = 0.400$$

$$\Rightarrow [0.400]^2 / ([0.800][0.400]^3) = 3.13 \text{ M}^{-2}$$

iii. What is the value of the equilibrium expression at the 8 minute mark

$$3.13 \text{ M}^{-2}$$

iv. Use the set of axis, on the right, to graph the concentration vs time graph of each gas present in the mixture. Sketch the graphs and show the general trends of  $[\text{H}_2]$ ,  $[\text{N}_2]$  and  $[\text{NH}_3]$ .

