

1. Le Châtelier's Principle
2. Equilibrium Graphs

Le Châtelier's Principle

When a person is stressed, their body will work in some way to alleviate the imposed stress.

Le Châtelier's Principle: An equilibrium system subjected to a stress will shift to partially alleviate the stress and restore equilibrium.

- Whenever a system is stressed, it alleviates it by altering the concentration of reactants or products.

When a system responds by changing some **reactants into products**, the response is referred to as "shift right" because the products are on the right side of the chemical equation.

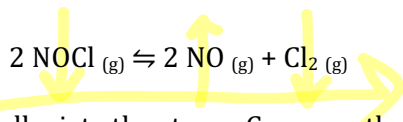


When a system responds by changing some **products back into reactants**, the response is referred to as "shift left" because the reactants are on the left side of the chemical equation.



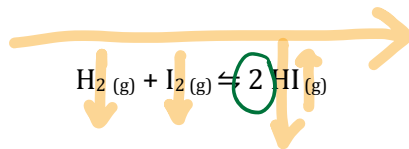
Stresses - Changes in conditions:

1. Concentration



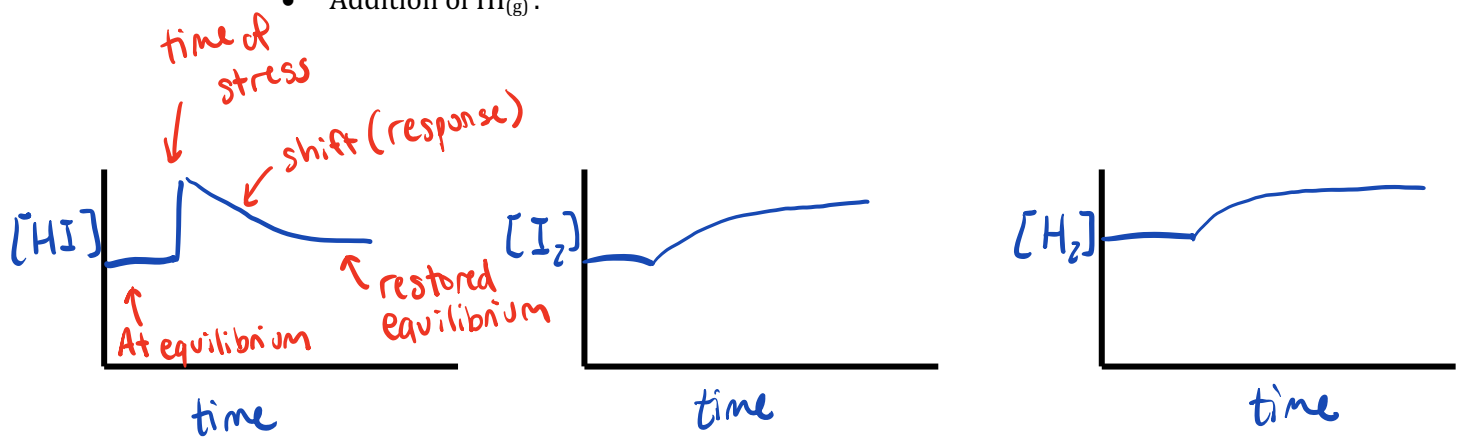
In which direction will the reaction shift to alleviate the stress. Compare the concentration of each substance before the stress:

- Addition of $\text{NOCl}_{(g)}$:
 - Shift: **Right**
 - $[\text{NOCl}] \uparrow \downarrow$ $[\text{NO}] \uparrow$ $[\text{Cl}_2] \uparrow$
 - Addition of $\text{NO}_{(g)}$:
 - Shift: **Left**
 - $[\text{NOCl}] \uparrow$ $[\text{NO}] \uparrow \downarrow$ $[\text{Cl}_2] \downarrow$
 - Removal of $\text{NO}_{(g)}$:
 - Shift: **Right**
 - $[\text{NOCl}] \downarrow$ $[\text{NO}] \downarrow \uparrow$ $[\text{Cl}_2] \uparrow$
 - Removal of $\text{Cl}_{2(g)}$:
 - Shift: **Right**
 - $[\text{NOCl}] \downarrow$ $[\text{NO}] \uparrow$ $[\text{Cl}_2] \downarrow \uparrow$
- will spike up, then slowly decrease as the shift away from reactants occurs*
- rxn has shifted towards products*

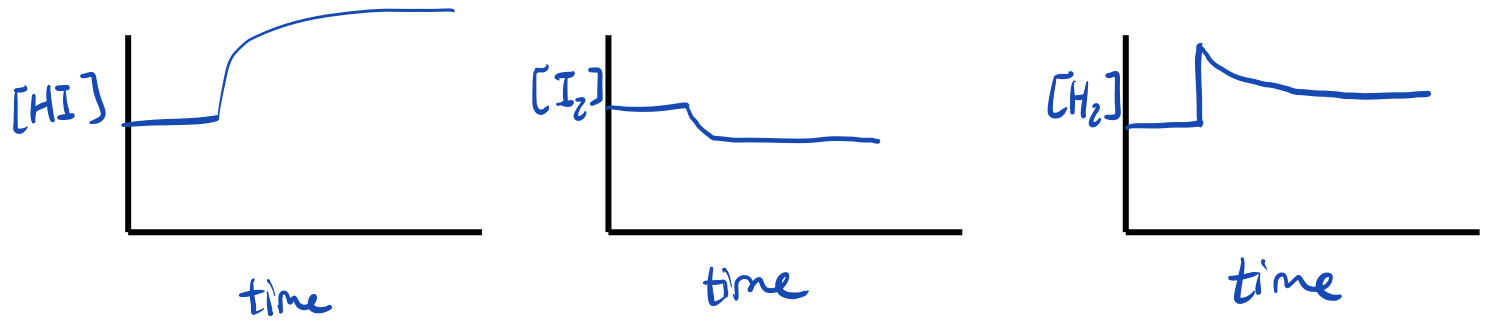


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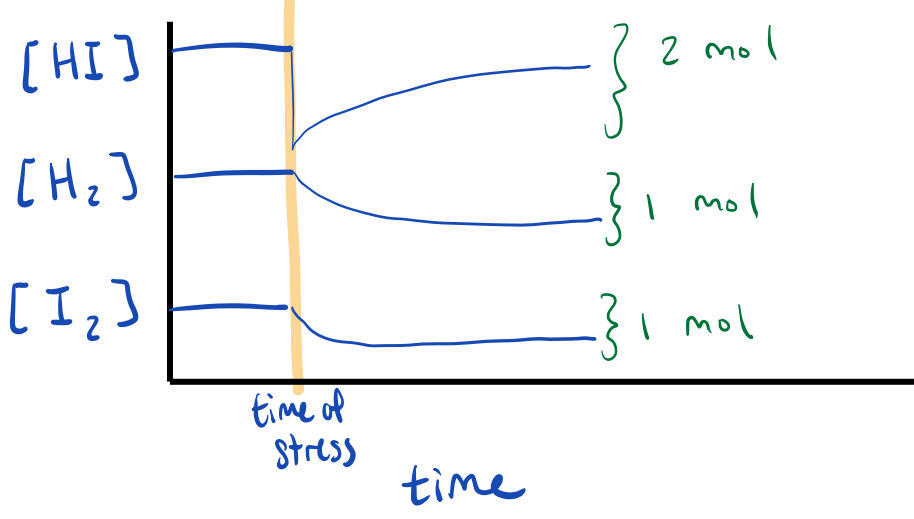
- Addition of HI_(g):



- Addition of H₂(g):

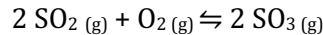


- Removal of HI_(g):



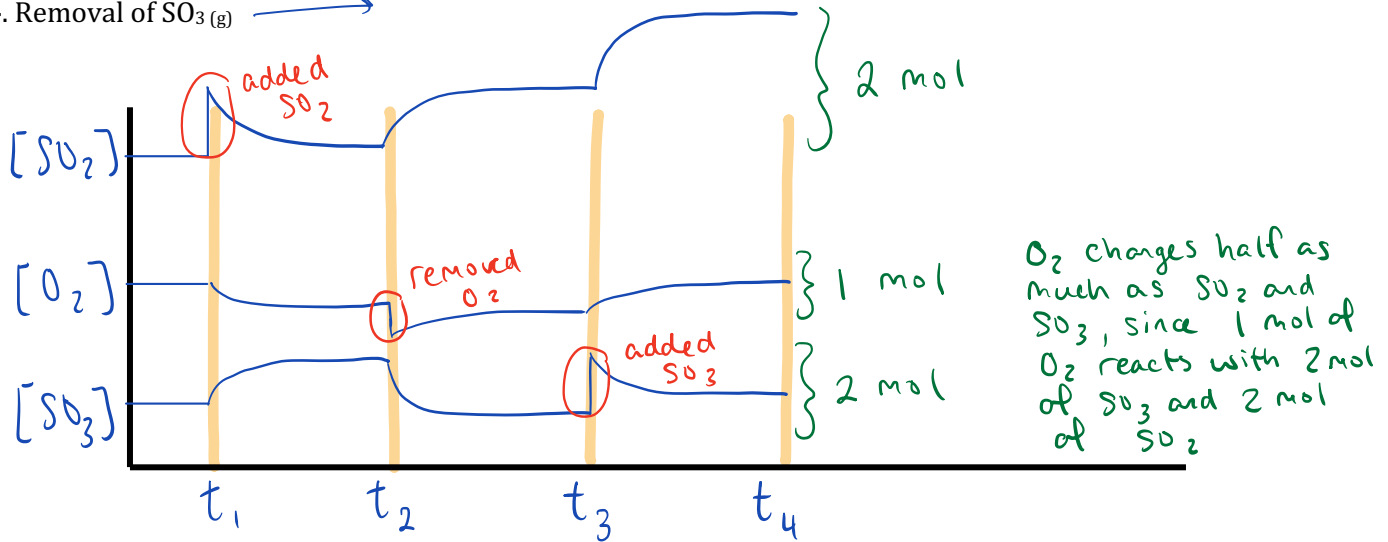
For every 2 mol of HI, 1 mol of H₂ and 1 mol of I₂ reacts

Consider the following equilibrium system:



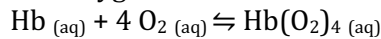
Explain in terms of forward and reverse reaction rates how the equilibrium would respond to each of the following changes:

- t_1 1. Addition of $\text{SO}_2 (\text{g})$ \longrightarrow
- t_2 2. Removal of $\text{O}_2 (\text{g})$ \longleftarrow
- t_3 3. Addition of $\text{SO}_3 (\text{g})$ \longleftarrow
- t_4 4. Removal of $\text{SO}_3 (\text{g})$ \longrightarrow



Application:

Hemoglobin is the protein in red blood cells that transports oxygen to cells throughout your body. Each hemoglobin (Hb) molecule attaches to four oxygen molecules:



In which direction does the above equilibrium shift in each of the following situations:

- a) At high elevations the air pressure is lowered reducing the $[\text{O}_2]$ in the blood.

Shift left

- b) At high altitude, climbers breathe pressurized oxygen from a tank to increase the $[\text{O}_2]$ in the blood.

Shift right

- c) People who live at higher altitudes produce more hemoglobin. (more Hb)

Shift right

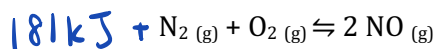
- d) Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide molecules bind to hemoglobin instead of oxygen molecules. Carboxyhemoglobin is even redder than oxyhemoglobin; therefore, one symptom of carbon monoxide poisoning is a flushed face. (less Hb)

Shift left

*No spikes

2. Temperature

- The system will shift to remove some of the added kinetic energy or to replace some of the removed kinetic energy.

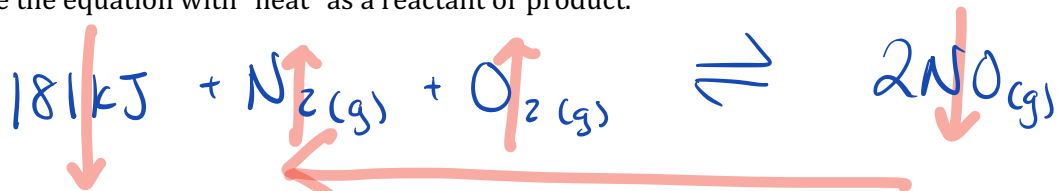


$$\Delta H = +181 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

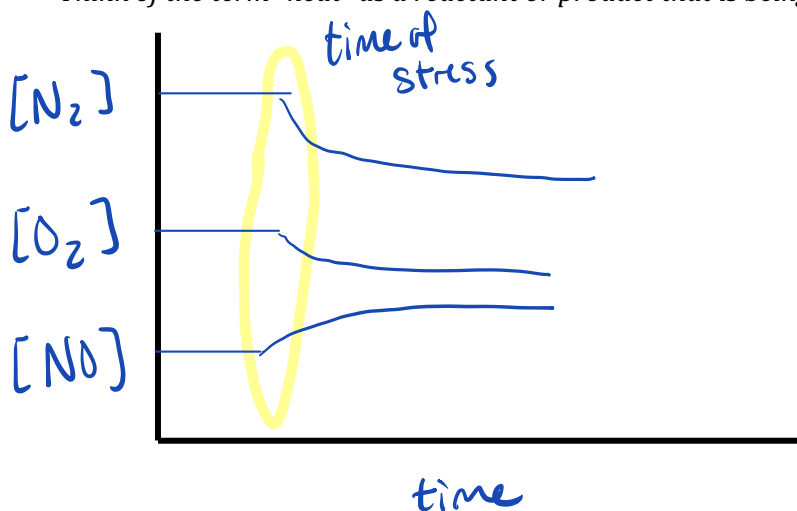
- Is this an endothermic or exothermic reaction?

endothermic

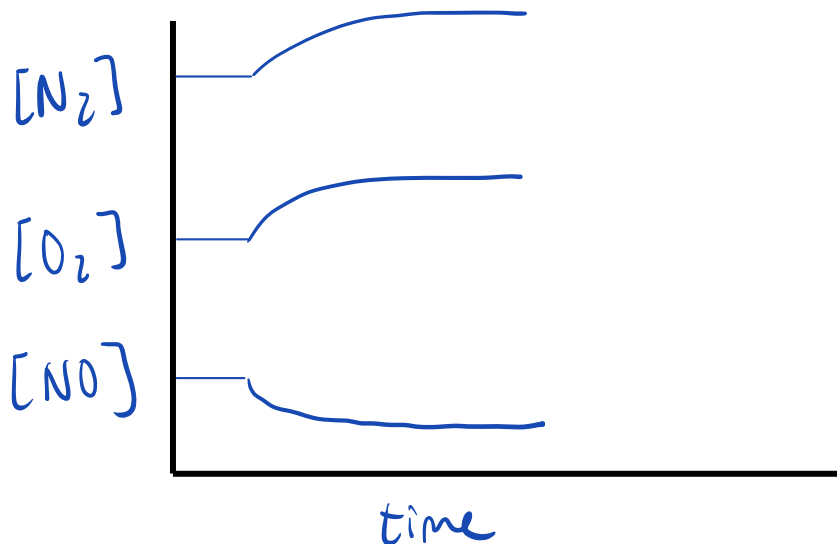
- Rewrite the equation with "heat" as a reactant or product.



- If the system is heated, in which direction will the system shift to restore equilibrium?
 - Think of the term "heat" as a reactant or product that is being added or consumed.

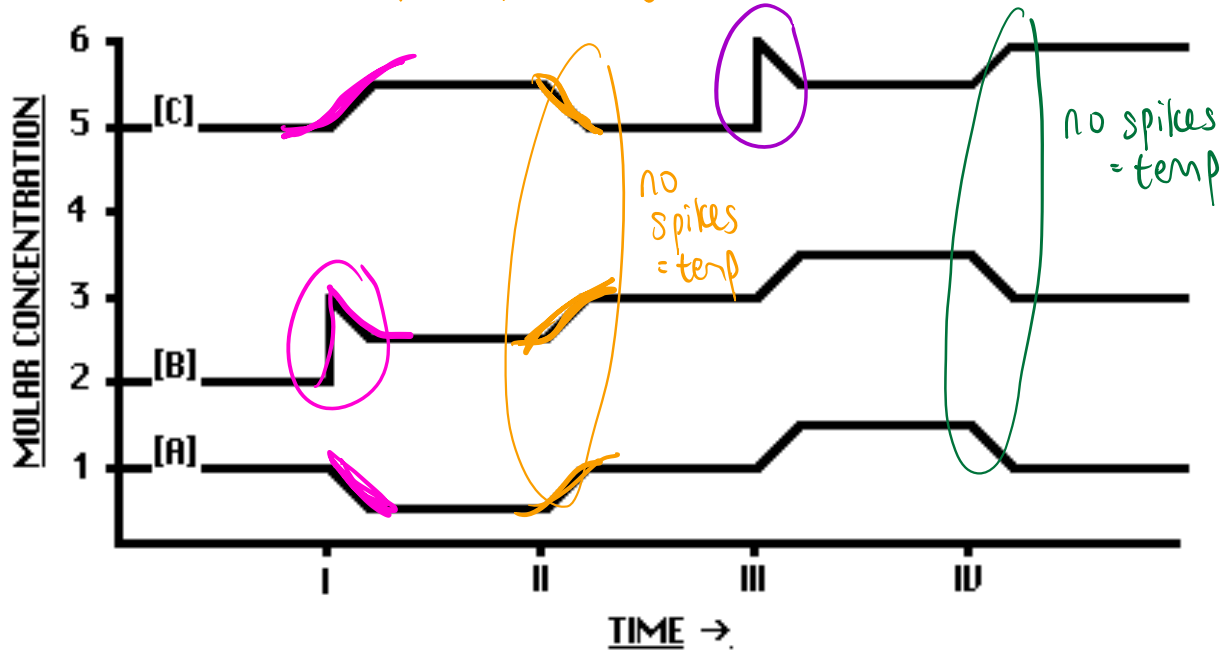
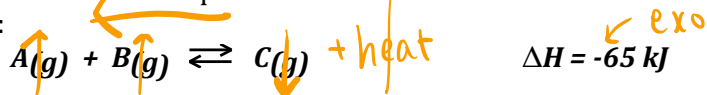


- If the system is cooled, in which direction will the system shift to restore equilibrium?
 - Think of the term "heat" as a reactant or product that is being added or consumed.



Example:

Given the following graph showing the concentrations of species A, B and C, state what changes in **temperature** or **concentration** are responsible for each of the shifts shown on the graph. The equilibrium equation is:

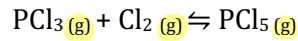


- a) At time I, the reaction shifted right. The stress is added B.
- b) At time II, the reaction shifted left. The stress is increased temp.
- c) At time III, the reaction shifted left. The stress is added C.
- d) At time IV, the reaction shifted right. The stress is decreased temp.

* ALL spikes

3. Pressure/Volume (only gases)

- The system will respond to volume changes by shifting to relieve some of the added pressure or to replace some of the lost pressure.
- Recall from Chemistry 11:
 - Avogadro's Hypothesis: Equal volumes of different gases, measured the same temperature and pressure, have equal numbers of particles.



$$\frac{22.4\text{L}}{1\text{mol}} \text{ @ STP}$$

1. How many moles of gases are on each side?

Reactant : 1 mol of PCl_3 & 1 mol of Cl_2 = (2)
Product : 1 mol of PCl_5 = (1)

2. If the volume was increased... (or pressure was decreased)

a. What would happen to the concentration of each gas?

All [gas] will decrease

b. Will the equilibrium shift? If so, towards which side?

yes - shifts left (to the side with more molecules)

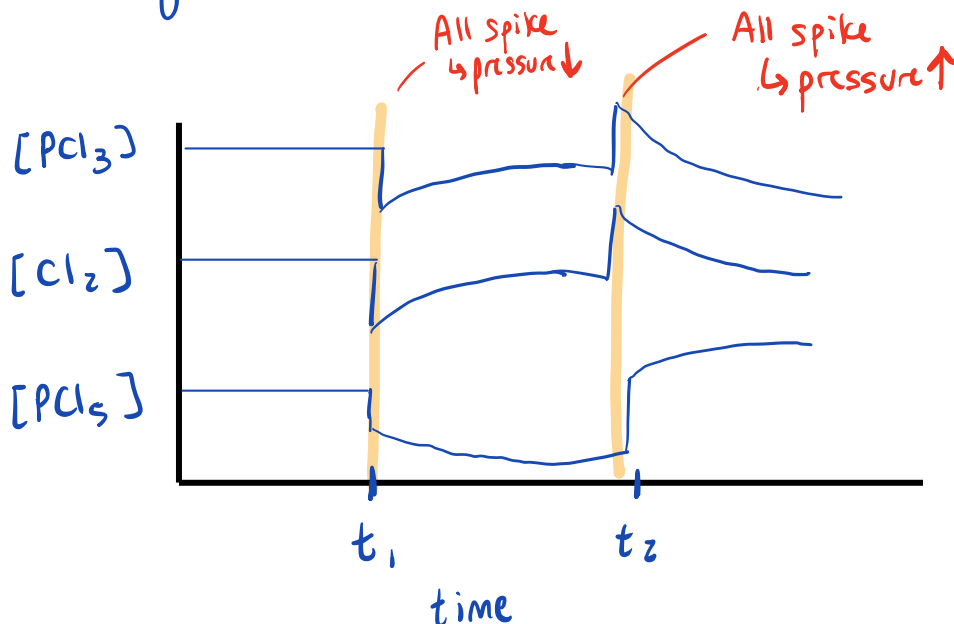
3. If the pressure was increased... (or volume was decreased)

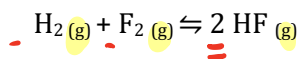
a. What would happen to the concentration of each gas?

All [gas] will increase

b. Will the equilibrium shift? If so, towards which side?

yes - shift right (to the side with fewer molecules)





1. How many moles of gases are on each side?

Reactant : 2

Product : 2

t_1

2. If the volume was increased... (or pressure was decreased)

a. What would happen to the concentration of each gas?

All [gas] decrease

b. Will the equilibrium shift? If so, towards which side?

No shift (same # of molecules on both sides)

t_2

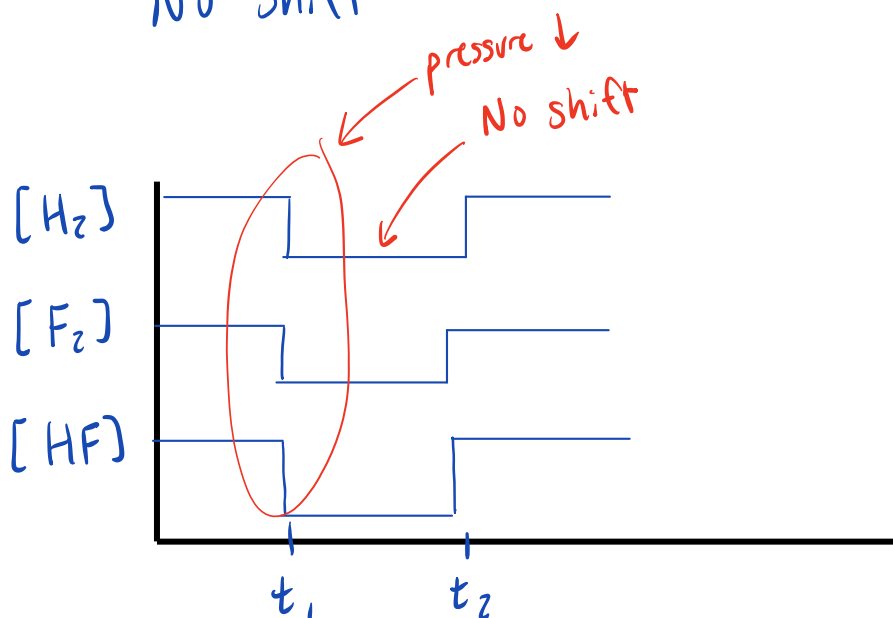
3. If the pressure was increased... (or volume was decreased)

a. What would happen to the concentration of each gas?

All [gas] increase

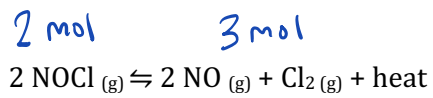
b. Will the equilibrium shift? If so, towards which side?

No shift

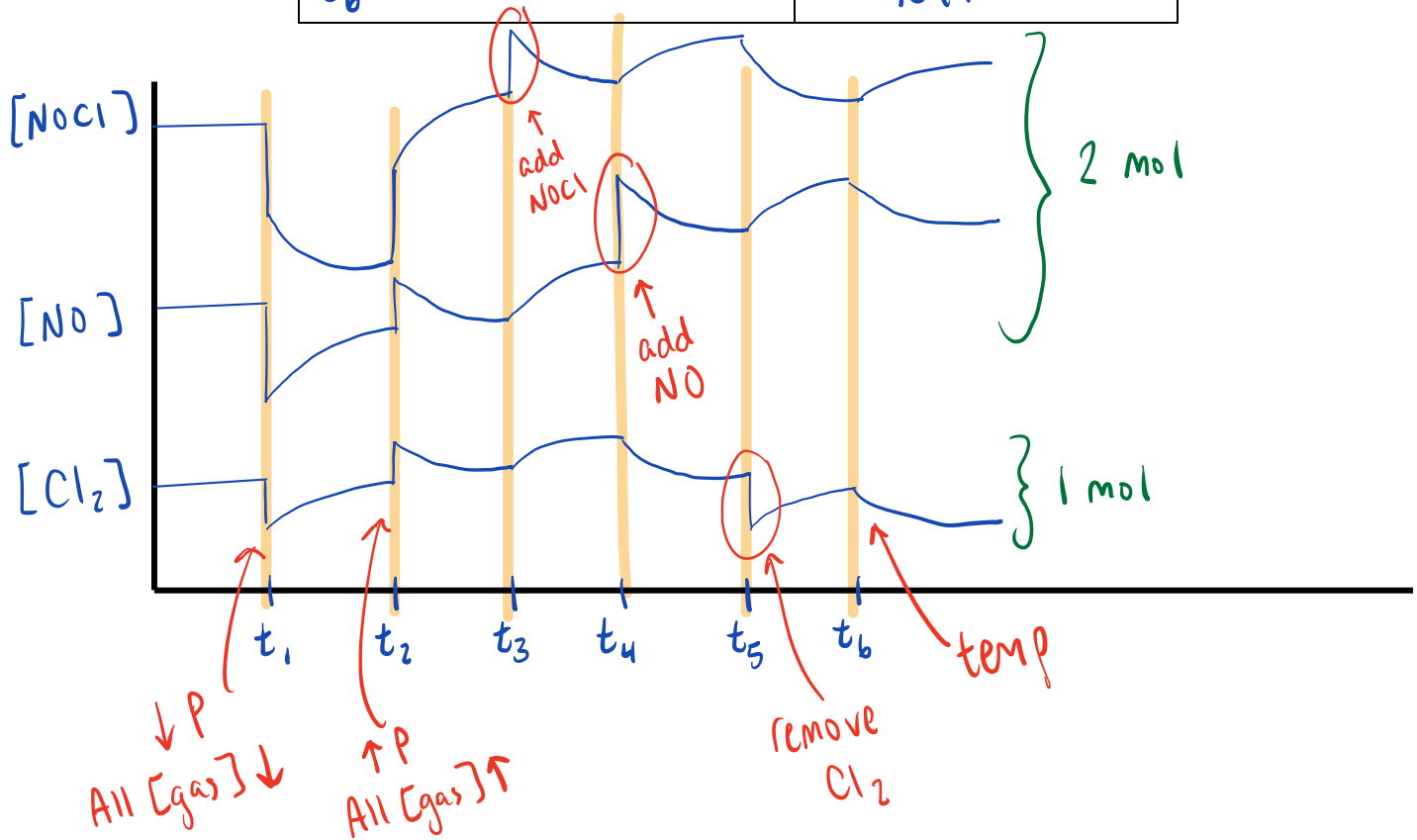


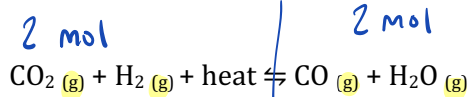
4. Catalyst

- Does not change or shift the equilibrium
- Forward and reverse rates are increased by same amount

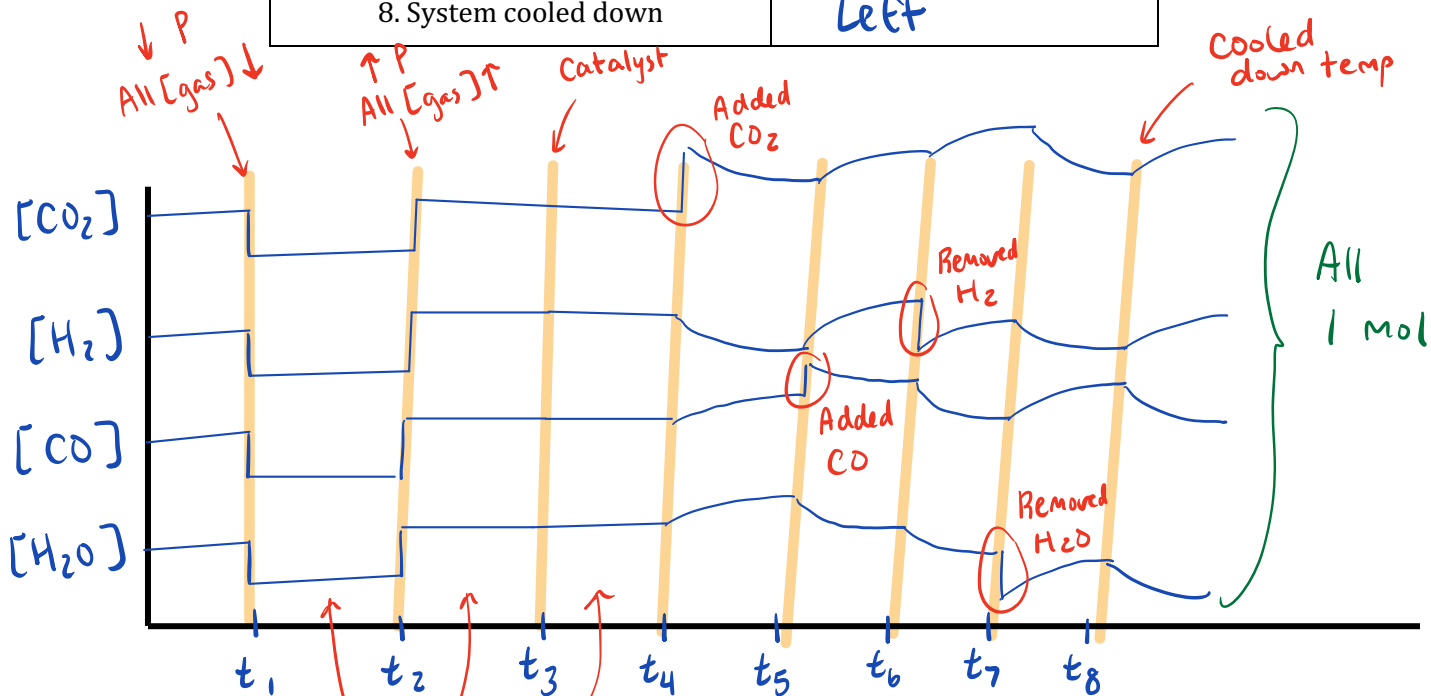


Stress:	Equilibrium shift:
t_1 1. Increase in volume ($\downarrow P$)	right
t_2 2. Decrease in volume ($\uparrow P$)	left
t_3 3. Addition of reactant	right
t_4 4. Addition of NO	left
t_5 5. Removal of Cl_2	right
t_6 6. Increase heat	left





Stress:	Equilibrium shift:
1. Increase in volume ($\downarrow P$)	No shift, but all spike down (Same # of molecules on both sides)
2. Increase in pressure ($\uparrow P$)	No shift, but all spike up
3. Addition of catalyst	No shift and no spike
4. Addition of CO_2	Right
5. Addition of CO	Left
6. Removal of H_2	Left
7. Removal of H_2O	Right
8. System cooled down	Left



No shift

Day 1 (conc & temp)
1, 5, 7, 8 abd, 14

Day 2
All

Le Chatelier's Principle Worksheet

Hebden Read pg. 50-53, Questions pg. 54 #17-28

Day 1
Just answer Q's on
conc & temp

Day 2
All