EQUILIBRIUM

Chemical Equilibrium



REVERSIBLE REACTIONS

• Forward Rxn: $A + B \rightarrow C + D$ • Reverse Rxn: $A + B \leftarrow C + D$

Written as:

 $A + B \longleftrightarrow C + D$ OR $A + B \leftrightarrow C + D$



ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS

 A reversible reaction has both an endothermic rxn and an exothermic rxn





 At first when a reaction begins, the reactants begin forming products







 As the reactants are used up, the rate of the forward reaction slows down







When there are more products, the reverse reaction rate begins to increase







• The forward and reverse reactions are happening at the same time







 When the rate forward = the rate reverse you have <u>chemical equilibrium</u>







 The rate forward = the rate reverse, as long as the factors that control rates stay the same







 If a system is in chemical equilibrium then the concentrations of the reactants and products must be constant





DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM

- When concentration of reactants and of products are *constant*
- When rate of forward reaction is *equal* to the rate of the reverse
 - Rate_{R \rightarrow P} = Rate_{P \rightarrow R}



