



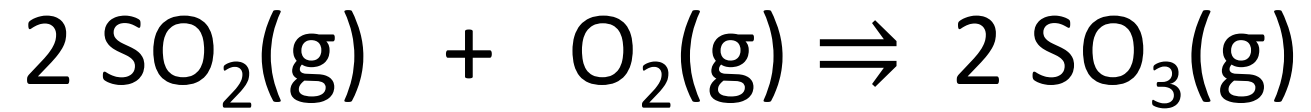
# A2 Physical Chemistry

## Equilibrium Constants and Le Chatelier's Principle

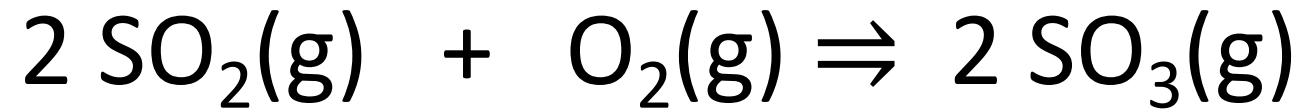
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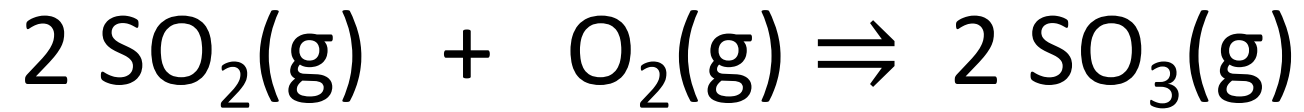


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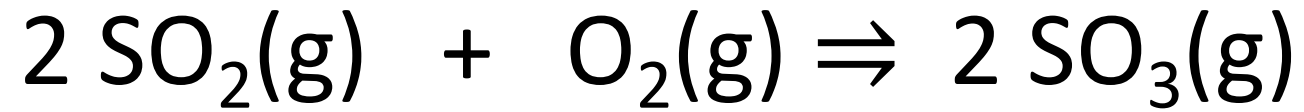
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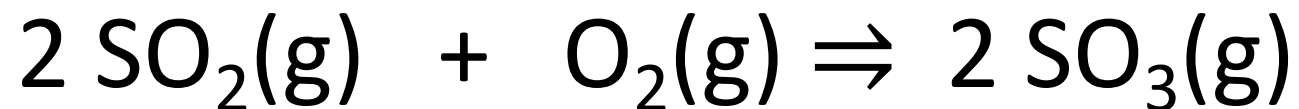
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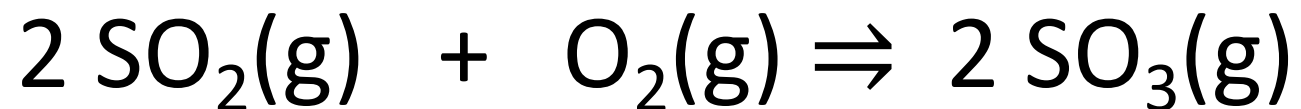
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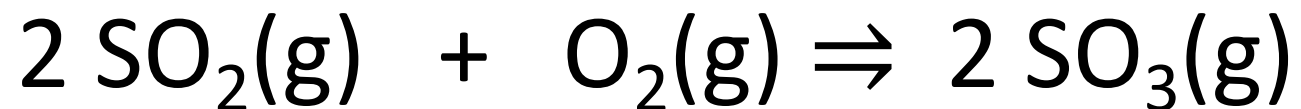


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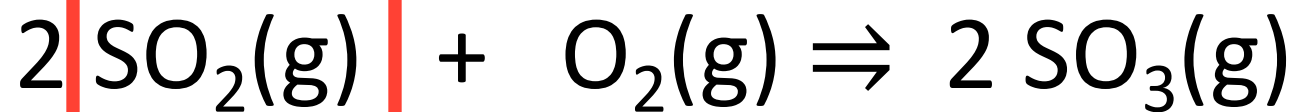
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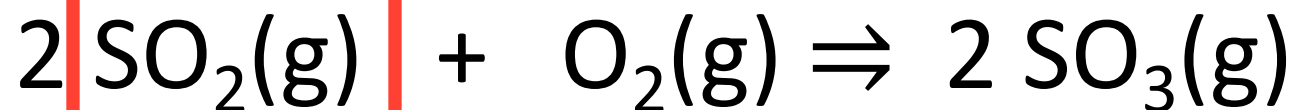
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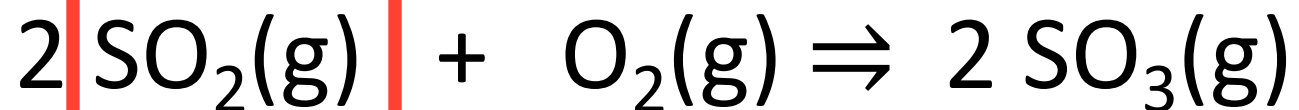
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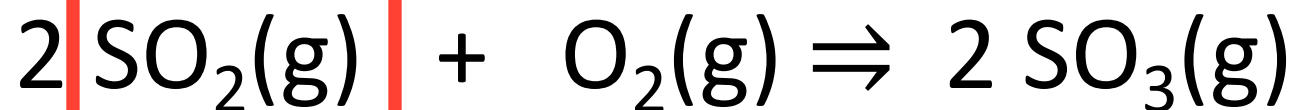


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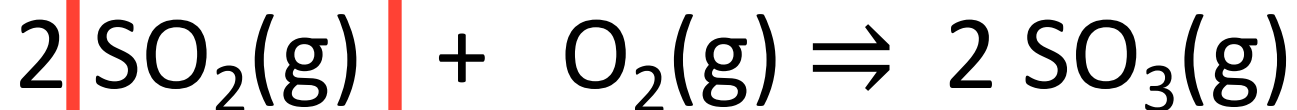
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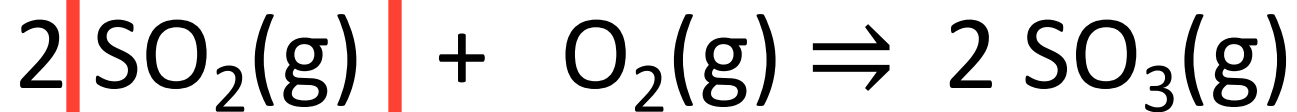
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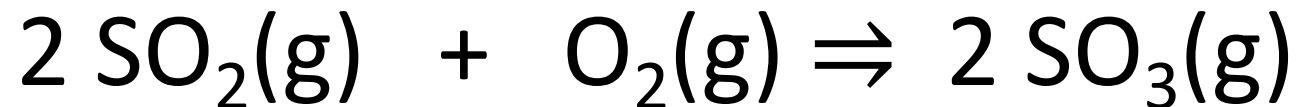
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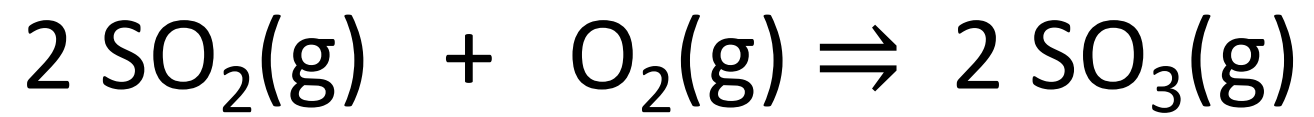
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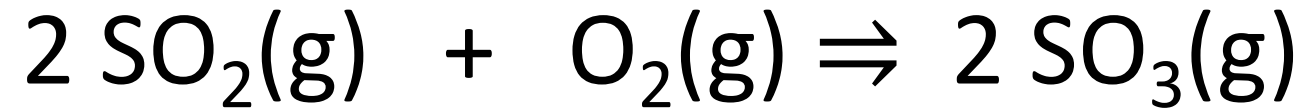
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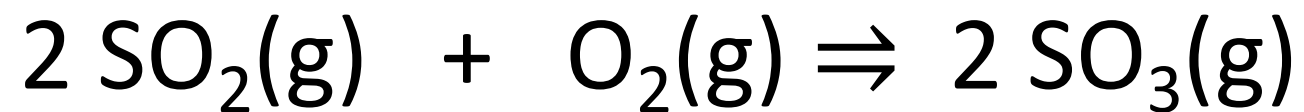
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Changing pressure





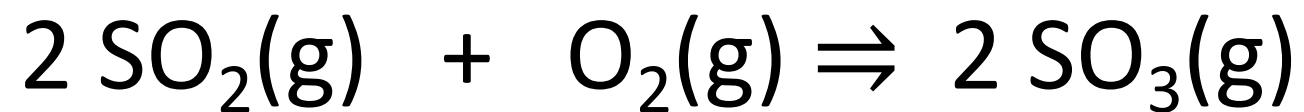
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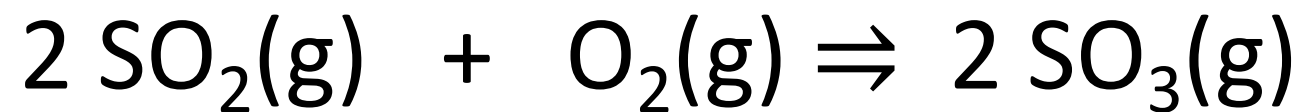
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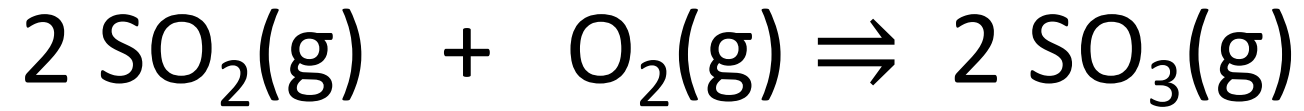
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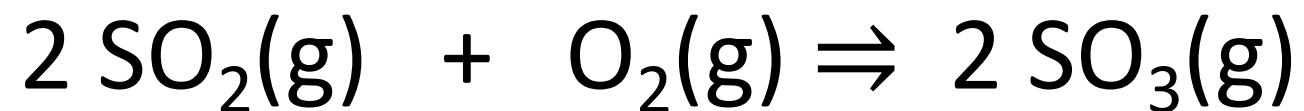
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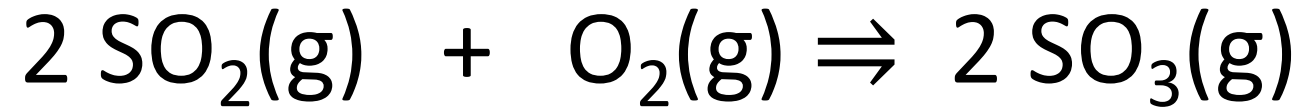
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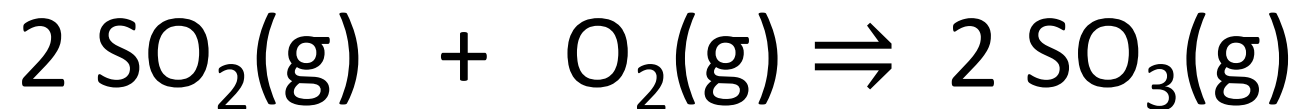
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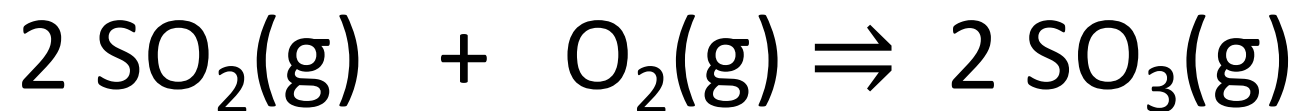
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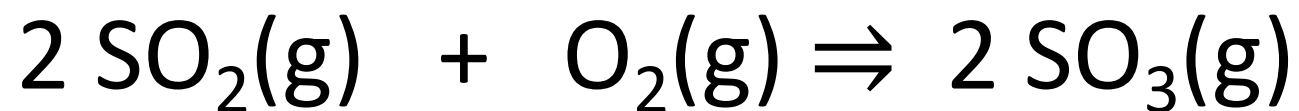
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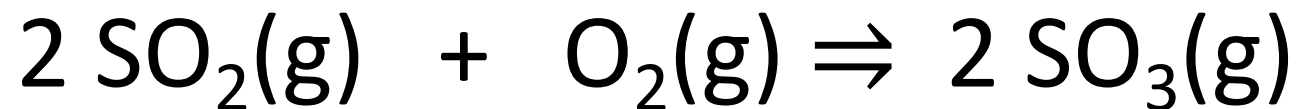
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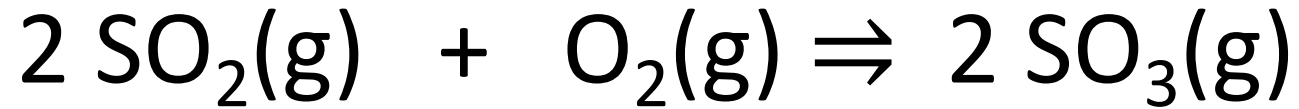


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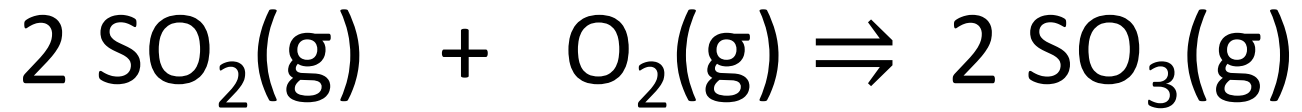
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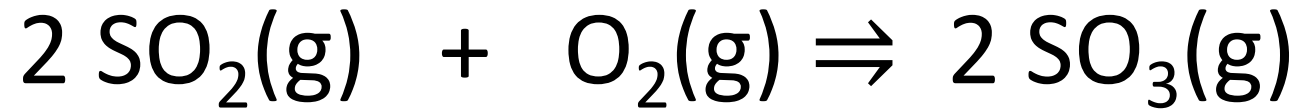
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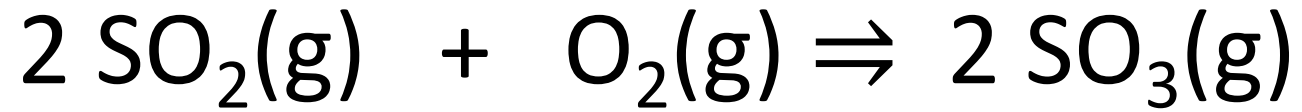


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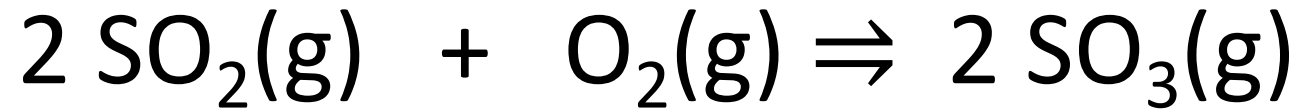


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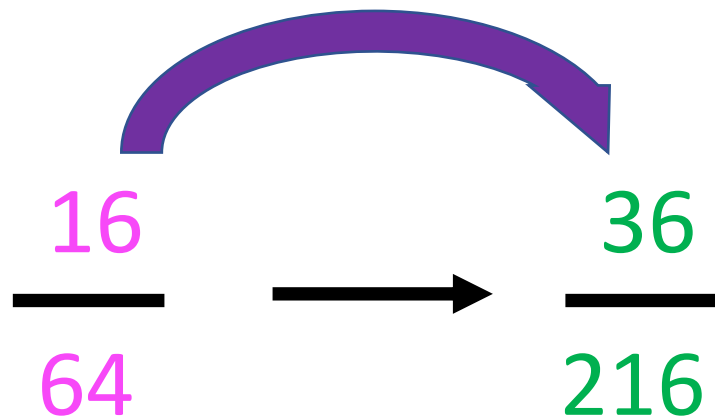
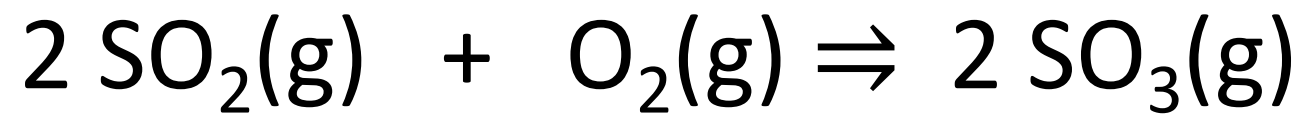


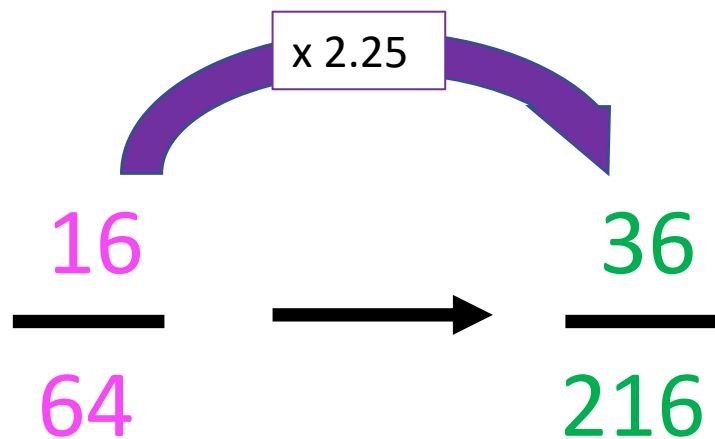
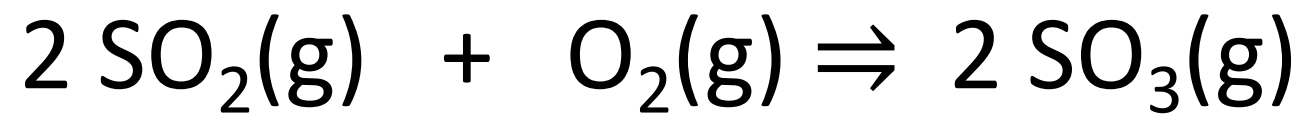
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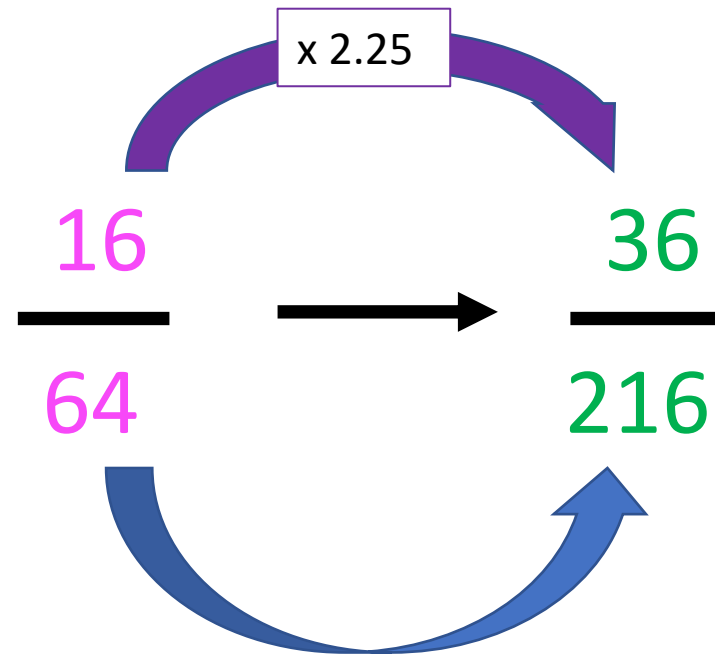
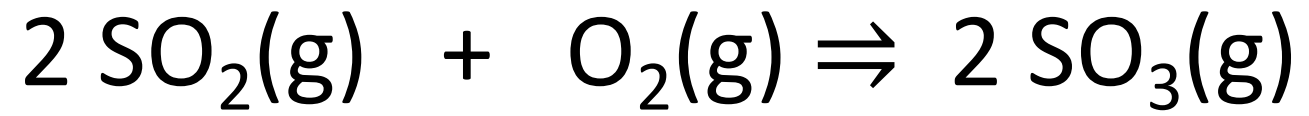
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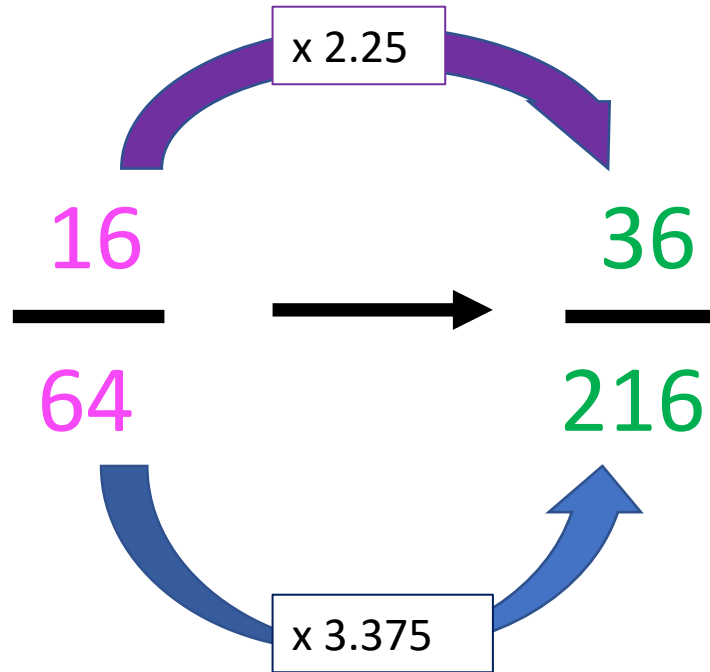
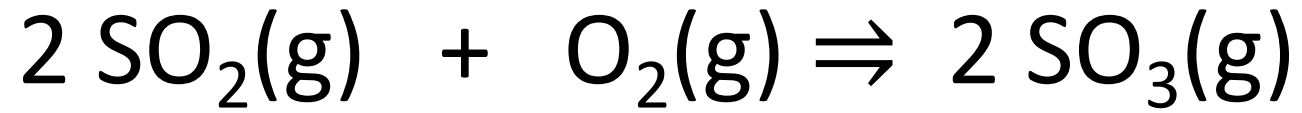
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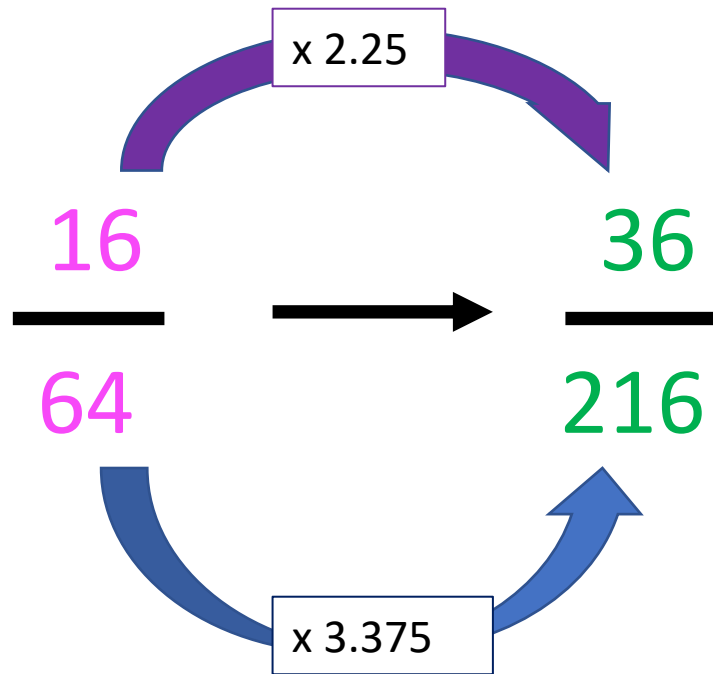
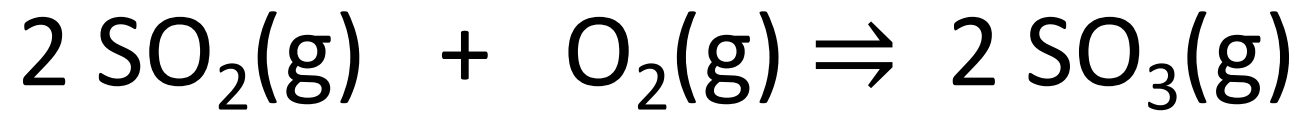






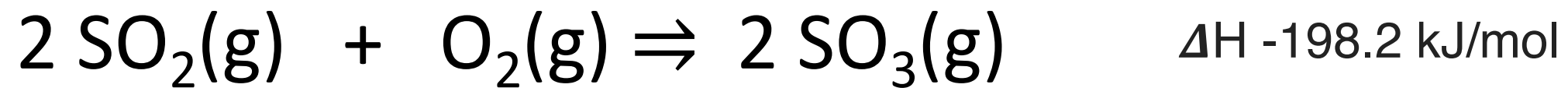


The change in pressure has affected the reactants more than the products. Therefore in order to restore  $K_p$  and reach equilibrium again, the mole fractions of the reactants must decrease and the mole fraction of the product increase.

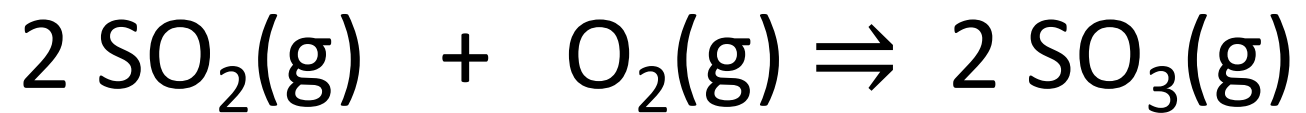
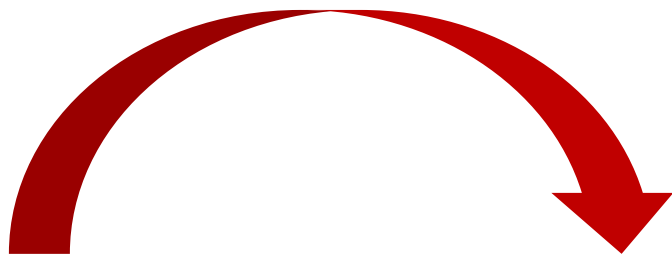


**The equilibrium shifts to the right i.e. to side with the fewest number of gaseous moles**

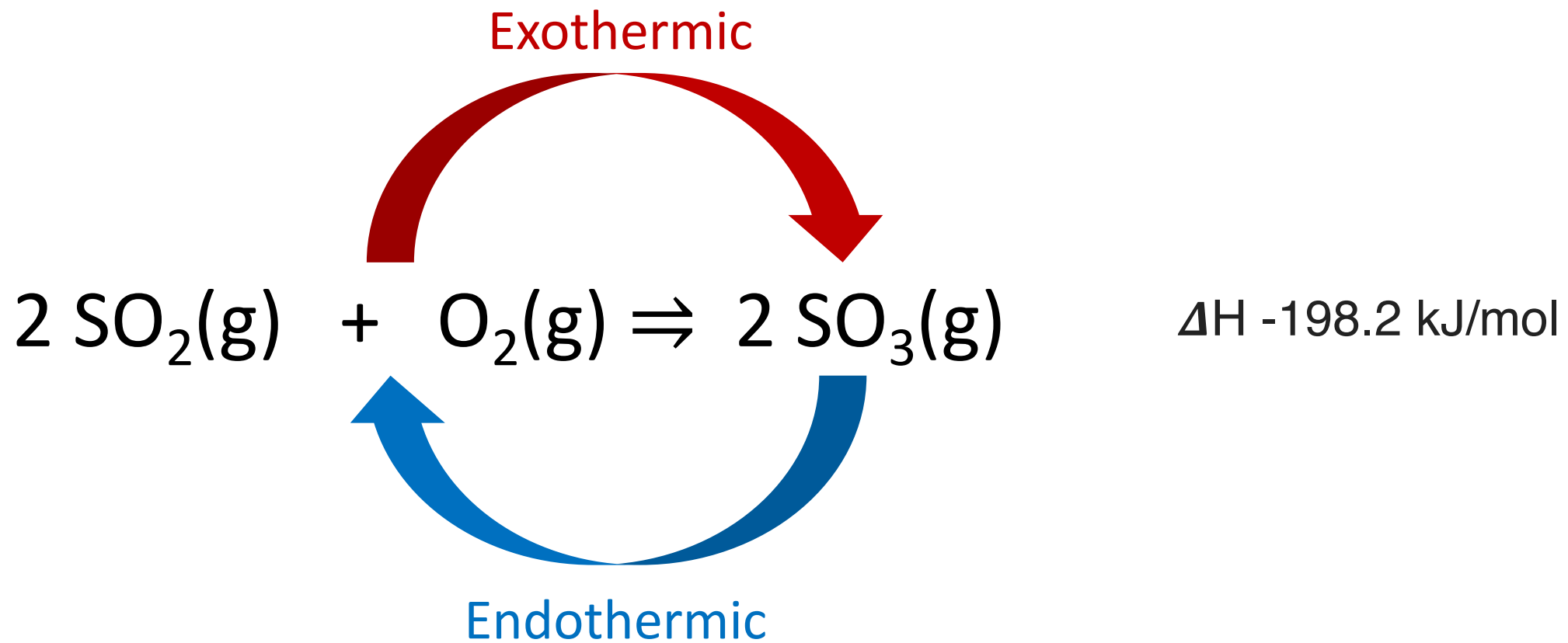
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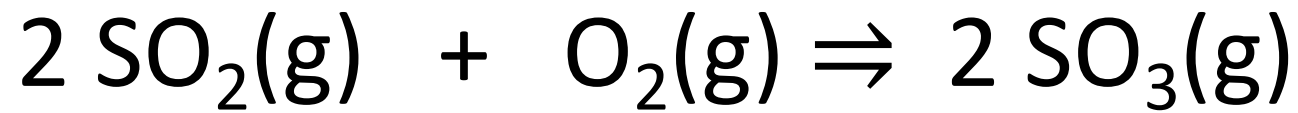


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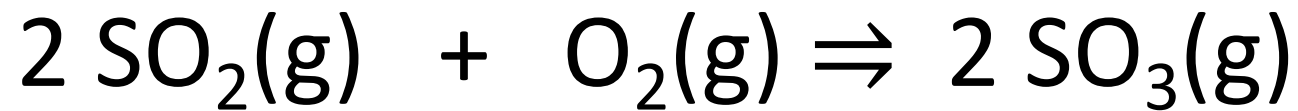


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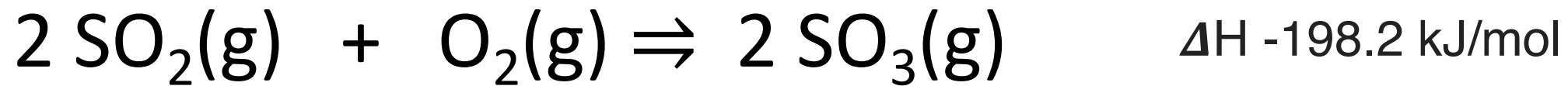
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Exothermic

Endothermic

Any increase in temperature shifts the equilibrium in the endothermic direction

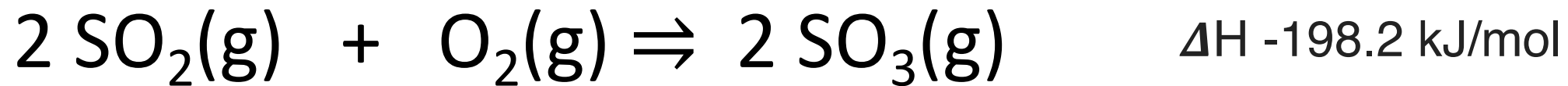
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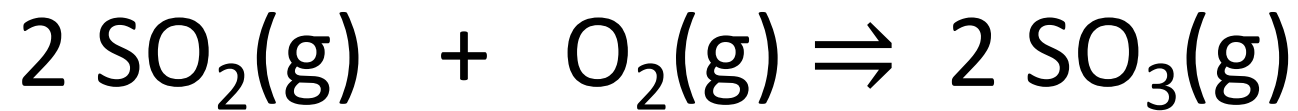


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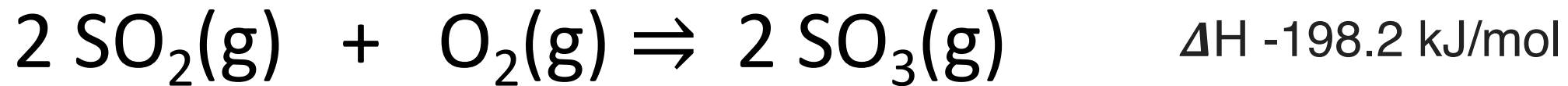
$$\Delta H -198.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Exothermic

Endothermic

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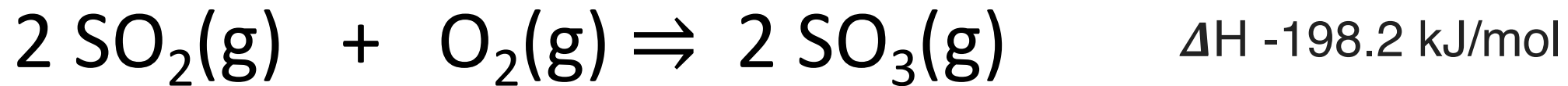
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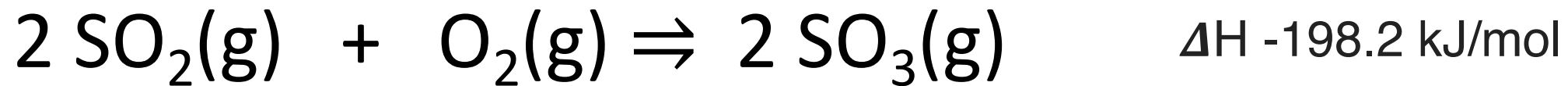


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