

Answer Key for FRQ Practice #6, p142

a) P_{NH_3} is **unaffected**. Because $K_p = (P_{\text{NH}_3})(P_{\text{H}_2\text{S}})$, the amount of solid NH_4HS present does not affect the equilibrium.

b) P_{NH_3} **decreases**. Adding $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{s})$ increases amount of $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$, since the solid sublimes. The added $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ shifts equilibrium left to use up $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ and re-establish equilibrium, which will use up some $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$.

c) The mass of NH_4HS increases, K remains the same. A decrease in volume causes the pressure of each gas to increase, causing reaction to shift left towards fewer moles of gas to re-establish equilibrium, producing more solid NH_4HS . This leftward shift decreases P_{NH_3} and $P_{\text{H}_2\text{S}}$ back to their initial values, leaving K unchanged.

*Note: only changing the temperature can change the value of K !

d) The mass of NH_4HS decreases, K increases. Because the reaction is endothermic, increasing temperature will shift the reaction right to use up the added heat, which also uses up some $\text{NH}_4\text{S}(\text{s})$. As the reaction shifts right, P_{NH_3} and $P_{\text{H}_2\text{S}}$ increase, increasing the value of K .