Answer on the question #62513, Chemistry / General Chemistry

Question:

The Kp for the reaction below is 1.49 x 10⁸ at 100.0 C:

CO(g) + Cl2(g) --> COCl2 (g)

in an equilibrium mixture of the three gases, P CO=/P CL2= 4.44 x 10-4 atm. The partial pressure of the product, phosgene (COCL2), is _____ atm.

Solution:

For the equilibrium

$$CO_{(g)} + Cl_{2(g)} \rightarrow COCl_{2(g)}$$

The equilibrium constant is defined in terms of partial pressure:

$$K_p = \frac{p_{cocl_2}}{p_{co}p_{cl_2}} \Longrightarrow p_{cocl_2} = K_p p_{co} p_{cl_2}$$

Introducing the numerical data given for partial pressure of carbon monoxide p_{CO} and chlorine p_{Cl_2} , also the value for equilibrium constant:

$$p_{COCl_2} = 1.49 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 4.44 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 4.44 \cdot 10^{-4} = 29.4 \ (atm)$$

Answer: The partial pressure of the product, phosgene ($COCl_2$), is 29.4 atm.