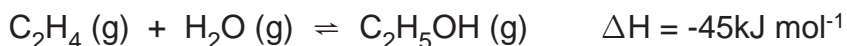


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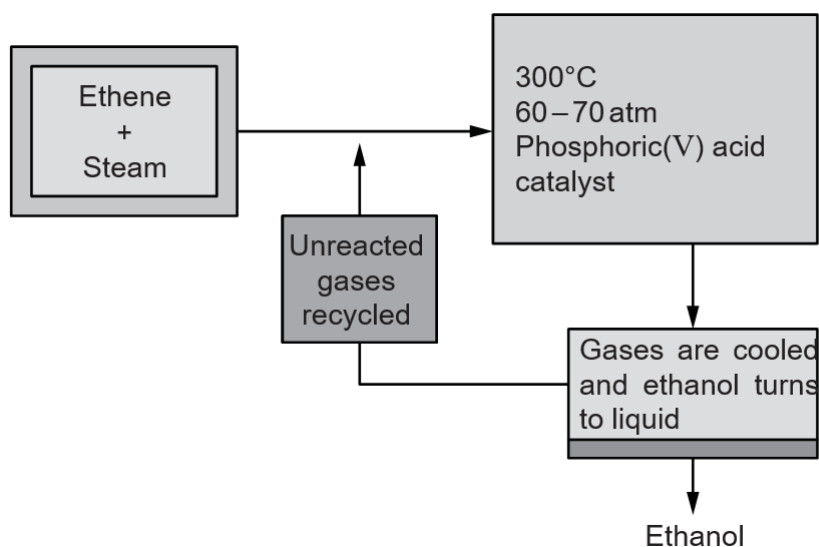
1* Ethanol is manufactured by reacting ethene, C_2H_4 , with steam.

The reaction is reversible and occurs in a closed system.



Only 5% of the ethene is converted into ethanol at each pass through the reactor.

By removing the ethanol from the equilibrium mixture and recycling the ethene, it is possible to achieve an overall 95% conversion.



Explain why the conditions use for the reaction are chosen.

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- Negative enthalpy change \Rightarrow exothermic reaction.
- This would require a low temperature, to shift the reaction to the products side, increasing the yield. \rightarrow shift position of equilibrium to right to add lost heat
- However, this low temperature would cause a very low rate of reaction.
- So a moderate temperature of 300°C is chosen.
- Fewer moles of gas on products side. (2:1)
- High pressure (60-70 atm) causes equilibrium to shift in order to oppose this change \rightarrow products side. This improves yield.
- catalyst added to increase rate of reaction to achieve yield in a faster rate

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