

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY STUDY GUIDE

## CHAPTER 1 CHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS

**Concentrations**

- I. M → Molarity, expressed in mol/L  
 II. F → Formality, expressed in mol/L  
 III. N → Normality, expressed in equivalent/L

ie. HCl — — — —> H<sup>+</sup> + Cl<sup>-</sup> can be expressed 1M or 1N

Exercise: Calculate the formal concentration of 5.0g NaCl in 1.0L of water.

1:1 ratio

$$5.0\text{gNaCl} \times \frac{1\text{mol}}{59.44\text{g/mol}} = 0.086F$$

**% Composition**

I. Percent by Weight, %wt:

II. Percent Volume, %vol  $\frac{\text{solute(g)}}{\text{total(g)}} \times 100$        $\frac{\text{solute(L)}}{\text{total(L)}} \times 100$        $\frac{\text{solute(g)}}{\text{volume(L)}} \times 100$

III. Percent weight by volume

Exercise: How many grams of sodium sulfate (MM 119g/mol) should be weighed out to prep 500mL of 0.100M solution?

MM sodium sulfate = 142g/mol

$$142\text{g/mol} \div \frac{500\text{mL}}{1.0\text{L}} \times 0.100M$$

$$= 7.10\text{g}$$

How much sulphuric acid (94 wt%, density 1.831g/mol) are needed to prepare 1.00L of a 0.100M solution?

MM = 98.079g/mol

0.1 mol needed

$$0.1\text{mol} \times \frac{98.1\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = 9.81\text{g}$$

$$9.81\text{g} \times \frac{100}{94} = 10.436\text{g}$$

**Dilutions**

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

$$C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$$

ie. 1:5 dilution of HCl, this refers to 1 vol HCl + 4 vol water

Exercise: How many litres of concentrated 12.1N HCl are required to prepare 0.5L of 3.0M HCl?

$$12.1M \times V_1 = 3.0M \times 0.5L$$

$$V_1 = 0.1L$$

*To try on own...* The content of Ni(II) is to be determined in an unknown sample. 160mL of the sample solution are treated with 0.5210g KCN to form  $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$ . Calculate the molarity of the Ni(II) solution.

**CHAPTER 3 ANALYTICAL ERROR**

- A reflection of uncertainty associated with the measurement

**Types of Error****I. Systematic Error:**

- Reproducible and can be corrected.
- Anything you can classify as human error
- Fixed deviation from a true value
- Not easy to find, normally second pair of eyes are required;
  - ie. Badly degraded standard, addition of too much/little reagent, incorrectly calibrated instrument

*Remedies:*

- *Analyze for a known sample*
- *CRM (certified reference material)*
- *Use alternative method*
- *Use a different analyst*
- *analyze a blank*
- *Round Robin testing*

## II. Random Error:

- Cannot be controlled and cannot be fixed
- Random variation within your results i.e.. goes either way too high or too low
- In order to treat data using stats it must be random error
  - ie. Readings from a scale, electronic noise

**Precision and Accuracy**

- With only one measurement there is no precision or accuracy.
- One way to calculate precision and accuracy is taking the distances away from the true value — the standard deviation

**Absolute Uncertainty**

*Definition: Margin associated with the measurement.*

ie. Buret:

$$\pm 0.02 \text{ mL}$$

**Relative Uncertainty**

*Definition: the absolute uncertainty divided by the magnitude of the measurement multiple by 100.*

$$\frac{\text{Absolute}}{\text{Magnitude}} \times 100 = \text{_____} \%$$

**Series of Operations → Total Error***Absolute total error:*

$$E_T = \sqrt{E_1^2 + E_2^2 + \dots + E_n^2}$$

Use when we have formal which consists of addition and subtraction. ie. weighing, dissolving, diluting, measuring.

*Relative Error:*

$$\%E_T = \sqrt{\%E_1^2 + \%E_2^2 + \dots + \%E_n^2}$$

Use with formal consisting of multiplications and division.

Exercise: A solution is prepared by dissolving a 0.2222 +/- 0.0002g KIO<sub>3</sub> with a formula weight 214.0010 +/- 0.0009g/mol, in 50.00 +/- 0.05mL water. Find the molarity and uncertainty.

$$\text{Molarity} : \frac{0.2222}{214.0010} \times \frac{1}{0.05L} = 0.0207M$$

$$E_1 = \frac{0.0002}{0.2222} \times 100 = 0.096\%$$

$$E_2 = \frac{0.0009}{214.0010} \times 100 = 0.00042\%$$

$$E_3 = \frac{0.05}{50} \times 100 = 0.1\%$$

$$\%E_T = \sqrt{(0.096)^2 + (0.00042)^2 + (0.1)^2} = 0.135\%$$

$$E_T = 0.00003M$$

Therefore the molarity is 0.0207 +/- 0.00003M.

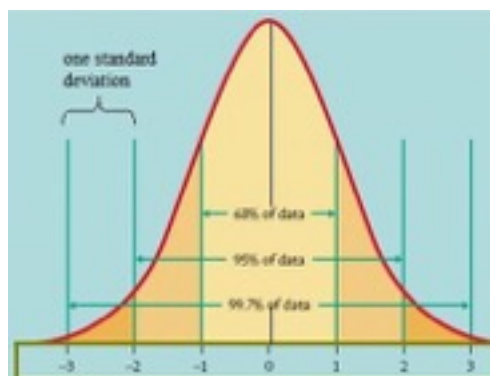
r<sup>2</sup>= correlation coefficient

LOD= limit of detection

Aliquot= defined amount being taken out of a larger sample, assuming the sample is homogenous

## CHAPTER 4 STATISTICS

- Only with random error present we can assume a normal (Gaussian) distribution.



- Greek lettering is used for population  $\sigma$  vs.  $s$ , and latin is used for a sample.
- Choosing a representative sample is important because you're looking to find an average.
- Typically the samples we choose to make conclusions about the population for are an underestimate of the real distribution.

$$\mu = x_{Bar} \pm \frac{ts}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$\mu$  is the estimation of the true value,  $X$  bar is the average,  $t$  is the safety factor,  $s$  is the standard deviation, and  $n$  is the number of measurements.

- The larger  $n$  is the closer  $s$  converges to  $\sigma$  and the smaller the safety factor ( $t$ ) becomes.
- The confidence interval is defined:

$$\frac{ts}{\sqrt{n}}$$

- The degrees of freedom is defined:

$$DOF = n - 1$$

- Gaussian distributions work best with large values of data.
- To approximate the underlying data, it needs to be free of systematic error.

- Recall: The difference between population and a sample, a population includes all elements while a sample is just selected from the population. May or may not be representative of the population. As chemists we always use samples never populations.
  - Populations use greek letters  $\sigma$ ,  $\mu$
  - Sample's we use  $\bar{x}$  and  $S$  to denote the Gaussian distribution respectively.
- Samples should be representative of the population

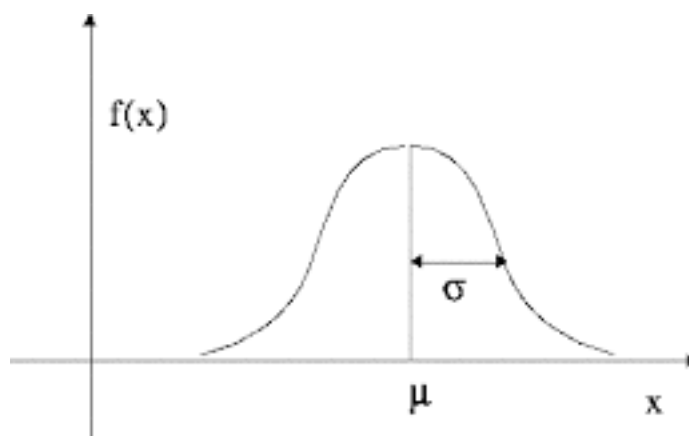


Figure 7. Gaussian (Normal) Probability Distribution Function

- Factors change with respect to the type of population.
- Also note when the samples become very large  $S$  become  $\sigma$

Confidence Interval:

$$\mu = \bar{x} (\pm) ts / \sqrt{n}$$

- Confidence levels are found in the students table, these are correction factors, and denoted with the variable  $t$ .
- “ $ts / \sqrt{n}$ ,” together is the confidence interval.
- The larger  $n$ , the sample size is, the closer  $s$  converges to  $\sigma$ , and the smaller  $t$  becomes.

- s is the standard deviation ( equation found on equation sheet.)
- Degrees of Freedom is almost the number of measurements. To use the t tables we must be able to find the DOF → n-1

What Can we do with t-values?

- Is there a significant difference between data sets? ie. one method vs. another?
- Between data and the certified true value

### Methods to Determine if the t Values are the same:

1. Comparing the measured  $\bar{x}$  with the “true” certified value

$$t_{calc} = (|\bar{x} - \mu| / s) \sqrt{n}$$

- If  $t_{calc}$  is larger than  $t_{table}$ : Values of  $\bar{x}$  and  $\mu$  are significantly different.
- The t value or the level of confidence (usually 95%) will be given so you can obtain the t value from the table.
- DOF= n-1
- 2. Comparison of measured  $\bar{x}$
- Rather than comparing to the true value of t, we are comparing to the mean.

$$t_{calc} = (|\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2| / s_{pooled}) \sqrt{n_1 n_2 / (n_1 + n_2)}$$

S-pooled is a weighted standard deviation:

$$s_{pooled} = \sqrt{s_1^2 (n_1 - 1) + s_2^2 (n_2 - 1) / (n_1 + n_2 - 2)}$$

- DOF=  $n_1 + n_2 - 2$
- If t-calc is larger than t-table than the two results are significantly different.

3. Comparison of Individual Differences

- Two methods, single measurements of different samples (no duplicates)

Do the methods give identical answers?

- Always when reading a problem if there are duplicates use method 2, if very little sample was available for measurements its a case 3— aka this method.
- Compute differences for two methods for one sample
- Compute mean difference ( $\bar{d}$ ) from all n sample differences:

$$S_{\bar{d}} = \sqrt{\sum(d_i - \bar{d})^2 / n - 1}$$

To find the value of t:

$$t_{calc} = \bar{d} / s_{\bar{d}} (\sqrt{n})$$

- DOF= n-1
- If t-calc is greater than t-table then results are significantly different.

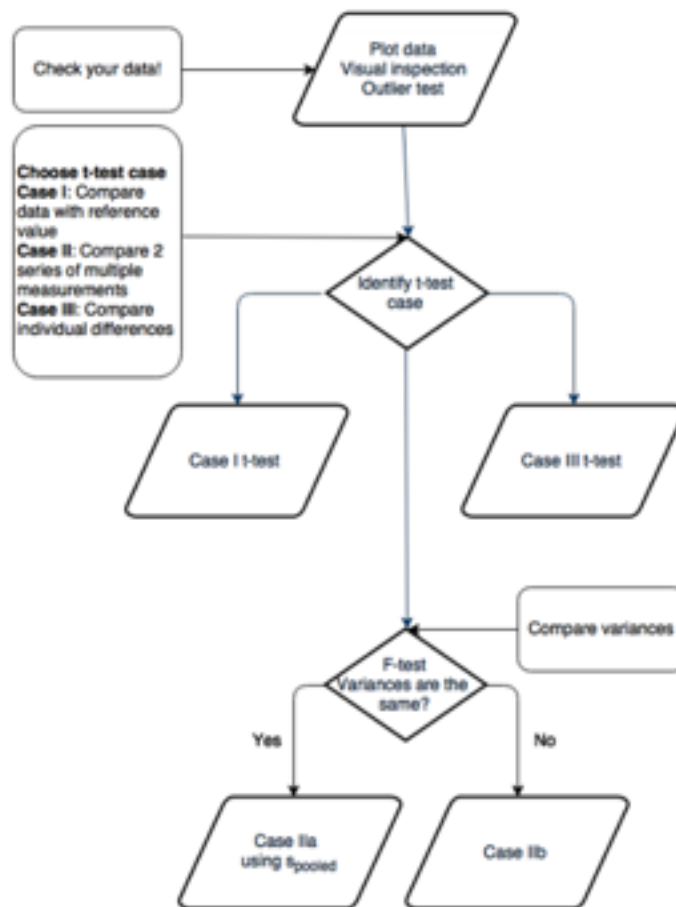
### Data Assessment:

i. Visualization

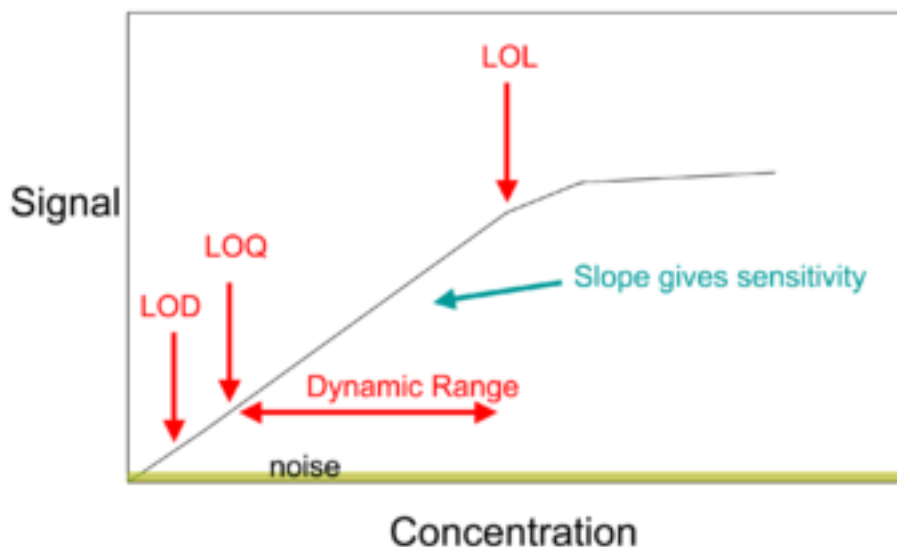
ii. Q-test for bad data

- Q test, tests for outliers, arrange data in numerical order and then look for any outrageous points. If the Q-calc is significant than you may take out the bad data point. You can find these numbers in the equation sheet or in the textbook.

iii. Calculate Q-calc — — —  
gap/range



## CHAPTER 5 CALIBRATION METHODS



Above is a calibration curve. The sensitivity in a calibration curve drops as we approach saturation. That is why there is a visible change in slope.

**Dynamic Range:**

*Definition: observing a signal with a change of concentration. Sensitivity changes*

**Linear Range:**

*Definition: typically we use this part of the curve  $y=mx+b$ , fixed slope range. Always work in the linear range from lowest-highest standard. We typically solve for  $x$ , and unknown concentration*

**Sensitivity:**

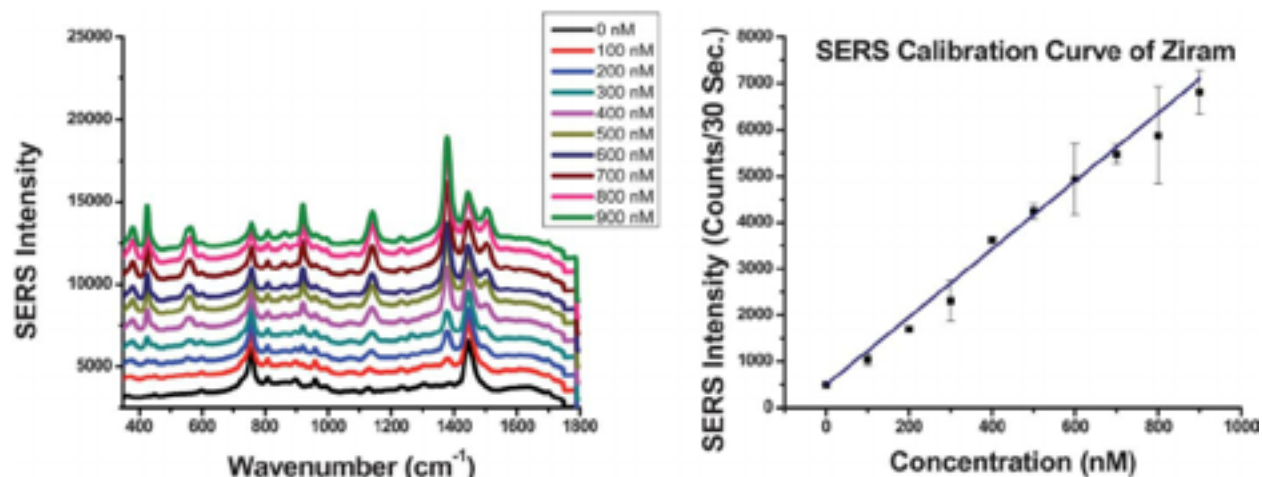
*Definition: slope of calibration curve, change in signal = change in analyze concentration*

**Matrix:**

*Definition: refers to everything in the sample other than analyte.*

**Spike:**

*Definition: also called a fortification, is known quantity of analyte added to the samples to test whether the response to the spike is the same that expected from a calibration curve.*

**Representing Error:**

Here we have a calibration curve which represents error via error bars on the curve. We are making the assumption that the concentration error is less than the measurement error.

**Detection Limit:**

*Definition: the concentration of analyte that gives a signal equal to three times the standard deviation of a signal from a blank.*

$$\text{Detection Limit} = \frac{3s}{m}$$

**Linear Regression:**

*Definition: Minimizing the squared distances between the calculated average of the measurements and the estimate by the calibration line.*

**Standard deviation about Regression:**

$$S_r = \sqrt{\sum_i \frac{(y_i - (b + mx_i))^2}{n - 2}}$$

**Standard deviation of Calculated Result:**

$$S_c = \frac{S_r}{m} \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} + \frac{1}{N} + \frac{\bar{Y}_c - \bar{Y}}{m^2 S_{xx}}}$$

Where,

m= slope of regression line

S<sub>r</sub>= standard deviation about regression

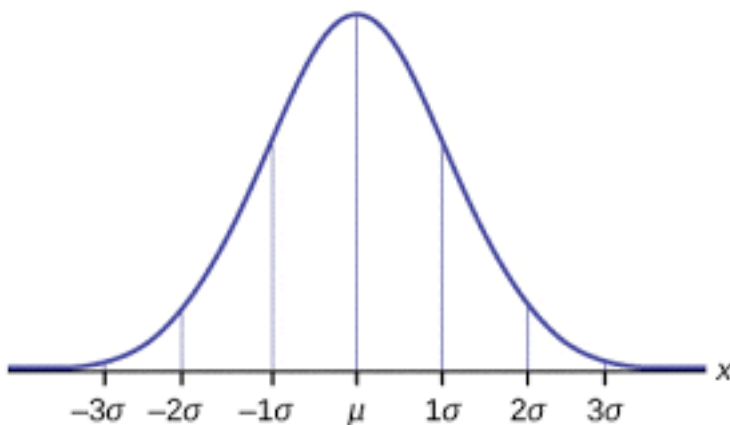
M= number of unknown measurements

N= number of standard measurements

Y<sub>bar,c</sub>=Average signal of the unknown

Y<sub>bar</sub>= average signal of calibration standards

S<sub>xx</sub>=(individual concentration -average concentration)<sup>2</sup>

**Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification**

If you get a signal outside the range, signal blank +3σ<sub>blank</sub> you can be 99.5% sure its an analytic.

Therefore, the limit of detection can be defined:

$$LOD = signal_{blank} + 3\sigma_{blank}$$

Using the calibration line:

$$Con'c = \frac{signal - signal_{blank}}{slope}$$

This is the same as  $3\sigma/slope$ .

### Limit of Quantification

$$Con'c_{LOQ} = \frac{10\sigma_{blank}}{slope}$$

These characterize lower end of linear range of the calibration curve.

### Standard Addition Calibration:

*Definition: used to deal with matrix effects which lead to signal enhancement or signal depression. Adds known amount of standard into sample, and re-analyzes.*

There is a dilution factor associated with more volume being added

$$[S_i] * \frac{V_a}{V_o}$$

Where  $V_a$  is volume added of known standard, and  $V_o$  is the sample volume.

### Internal Standard Method:

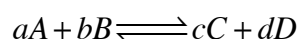
*Definition: Used to compensate for fluctuations beyond control in the instrument.*

1. Add a known amount of non-analyte into sample, blanks and standard.
2. Internal standard must be structurally similar to analyte.
3. Ratio my analyte signal to internal standard signal.

#### CHAPTER 6 CHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM

All biochemical processes are in equilibrium.

Recall,



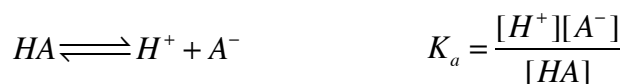
and,

$$K = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

The reaction is favour din  $K > 1$  in the direction as written.

- titration reactions usually have large K values
- In nature, the K values are typically small.

#### For an Acid Reaction:



#### Concentrations instead of Activities:

- For dilute solutions
- K is unitless
- If were in aqueous solution, the concentration units are Mol/L
- Gases are measured in bar
- Pure solids, liquids, ect. are set to 1, meaning there omitted from the equation.
- This pertains tot he face that there are minimal interactions, an thus for the sake of calculating K we only include the concentrations for dilute aqueous solutions.

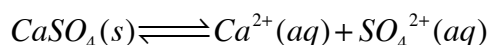
**Reactions Added Together:**

$$K_3 = K_1 \times K_2 = \beta$$

Where Beta is the cumulative equilibrium constant.

- The quotient of unreached equilibrium is denoted Q.
  - Amount of product is still increasing, some reactants are still left, we would use Q here.
- We are assuming thermodynamic equilibrium, note taking into account kinetics (time)
  - Favoured far to the right does not entail the speed of the reaction.

Exercise:

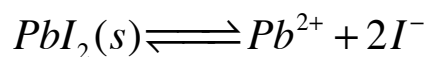


In the case of a salt which dissolves very little,

$$K = \frac{[Ca^{2+}][SO_4^{2-}]}{1} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

At, K the solubility product ( $K_{sp}$ ) has been reached. Everything else will remain undissolved at the bottom of the beaker.

Exercise: How many grams of  $PbI_2$  will dissolve in 0.5L of a) water and b) 0.0634 M NaI?



$$K_{sp} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

a)

$$K_{sp} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9} = [Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^2$$

$$K_{sp} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9} = x \times (2x)^2$$

$$x = 1.3 \times 10^{-3} M$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moles in 0.5L (half)} &= 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \\ &= 0.29 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} K_{sp} &= 7.9 \times 10^{-9} = [Pb^{2+}] \times (0.0634)^2 \\ [Pb^{2+}] &= 1.97 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

Moles in 0.5

$$\begin{aligned} &= 9.83 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol} \\ &= 4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Is it possible to separate 99.90% of 0.020M  $Mg^{2+}$  from 0.10M  $Ca^{2+}$  without co-precipitation of  $Ca(OH)_2$  by addition of NaOH?

$$\begin{aligned} K_{sp}(Ca(OH)_2) &= 6.5 \times 10^{-6} \\ K_{sp}(Mg(OH)_2) &= 7.1 \times 10^{-12} \end{aligned}$$

0.1% of 0.020:

$$= 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [Mg^{2+}][OH^-]^2 &= 7.1 \times 10^{-12} \\ 2.0 \times 10^{-5}[OH^-]^2 &= 7.1 \times 10^{-12} \\ [OH^-] &= 5.96 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

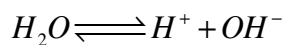
Is this concentration enough to trigger precipitation of  $Ca(OH)_2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 0.1(5.96 \times 10^{-4})^2 \\ &= 3.55 \times 10^{-8} < 6.5 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore Calcium will not precipitate, and it is possible to separate 99.9% without co-precipitation.

**Acids and Bases**

- Acids are proton donors
- Bases are proton acceptors.
- The result of reacting an acid and a base is salt and water.
- Salts always dissolve into their ions.
- Water is autoprotolytic meaning it can act as both an acid and a base.



$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

- Free  $H^+$  is a measure of the acidity in a solution.
  - Knowing the pH is essential

$$pH = -\log_{10}[H^+]$$

- For a neutral conditions:
- $pH=7$

$$[H^+] = [OH^-]$$

- For a concentrated strong acid you cannot calculate  $K_a$  because the concentration of the reactant/ acid is zero, and the  $K_a$  becomes very large and undefined.

| <b>Strong Acids</b>            | <b>Strong Bases</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| HCl                            | NaOH                |
| HBr                            | LiOH                |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>               | KOH                 |
| HI                             | RbOH                |
| HClO <sub>4</sub>              | CsOH                |
| H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | NH <sub>4</sub> OH  |

*HF because Fluorine is the most electronegative element fully dissolves, but immediately forms an ion pair (adduct) making it look or act like a weak acid.*

- We can normally neglect water's contribution to acids and bases since its contribution of  $H^+$  is so little.
- This is mostly true when working with strong acids and bases since water can also act as a weak acid or base.

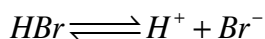
$$pK_w = pH + pOH$$

Exercise: if  $[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-9}M$  what is the pH?

$$14 - 9 = 5$$

$$\frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-9}} = 10^{-5}$$

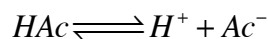
### (A) Strong Acids — Strong Electrolytes



If 0.1M of HBr is used, 0.1M of  $H^+$  and 0.1M of  $Br^-$  will be the product

This is because strong acids dissociate completely.

### (B) Weak Acids — Weak Electrolytes



Here there is only ~5% dissociation of  $H^+$  which is the only contributor to the pH.

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][Ac^-]}{[HAc]}$$

$$K_a = \frac{x^2}{F - x}$$

Larger the  $K_a$  value is the smaller reactant volume is which means more dissociation which results in the equilibrium favoured to the right.

The smaller  $K_a$  means the equilibrium is favoured to the left.

If  $F > 100 K_a$  then,

$$K_a = \frac{x^2}{F}$$

We can neglect the  $x$  in the denominator because it is not significant.

### pH Calculations:

#### (A) Strong Acids/Bases

—> pH of 0.1M HBr

$$[H^+] = 0.1M = 10^{-1}M$$

$$pH = 1$$

—>pH of 0.1M KOH

$$pOH = 1$$

$$pH = 14 - 1 = 13$$

—> [KOH]= 0.0000001M

$$[OH^-] = 10^{-8}M$$

$$pOH = 8$$

$$pH = 14 - 8 = 6$$

Bases cannot be acidic? Apply systematic treatment of equilibrium

i. Charge balance

$$[K^+] + [H^+] = [OH^-]$$

ii. Mass balance

$$[K^+] = 10^{-8}M$$

iii. Equilibrium equations

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$$

$$[H^+] = x$$

$$[OH^-] = [K^+] + [H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$K_w = x(1.0 \times 10^{-8} + x)$$

$$10^{-14} = 1 \times 10^{-8}x + x^2$$

$$x^2 + (1 \times 10^{-8})(x) - 10^{-14} = 0$$

Solve quadratic equation,

$$x_1 = 9.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

And disregard negative root that arose from quadratic equation.

$$[H^+] = 9.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$pH = 7.02$$