

Aqueous Reactions (Solutions/ Molarity)

Electrolytes/ Acids & Bases and Solution Calculations

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Electrolytes

Ions in an aqueous (water) solution

- ✧ **Pure Water** does not conduct electricity.
- ✧ A water solution must have **ions** to conduct electricity.
- ✧ Aqueous solutions can be categorized into 3 types: non-electrolytes, strong electrolytes or weak electrolytes based on their ability to conduct electricity in a homogeneous aqueous solution (aq).
- ✧ Aqueous solutions can be tested for conductivity which will determine the degree of ionization of the solute, that is, the substance dissolved in water.
- ✧ It is possible to have full or partial ionization.



Conductivity



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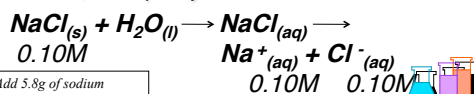


<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/html-sw/f/electrolytes.htm>

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Electrolytes

- ✧ Almost all ionic compounds and a few molecular compounds are strong electrolytes.
- ✧ Several molecular compounds are weak conductors, most are non-conductors.
- ✧ Conductivity is directly related to the amount of ionization, i.e. ions in solution. Table salt, sodium chloride, is completely ionized:



Add 5.8g of sodium chloride to water to make 1.0 L of solution = 0.10M = 0.10 mol/L

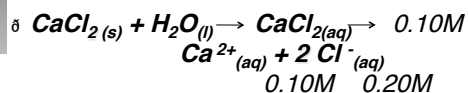
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Electrolytes

✧ Concentrations:



How many grams of calcium chloride (MM = 111 g/mol) should be added to water to make 1.00 L of a 0.10M solution of calcium chloride?

11.1 g CaCl_{2(s)} (0.100 mol)

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Electrolytes

- Sugars like sucrose are non-ionic, molecular compounds that dissolve but produce no ions.


$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(aq)$$

- Some molecular compounds like acetic acid ionize partially (dissociate) in water

$$HC_2H_3O_2(l) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + C_2H_3O_2^-(aq)$$

0.1000M 0.09987M 0.00013M

Acetic Acid ($HC_2H_3O_2$)
NOT Completely Ionized
Example of equilibrium

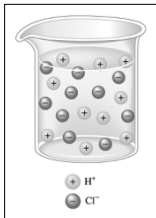


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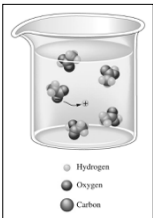
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A	B	C
0.1 M $KCl_{(aq)}$	0.2 M $HCl_{(aq)}$	0.3M x 0.013% 0.3 M $HC_2H_3O_{2(aq)}$

PiET
INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS



100%
HCl
Completely
Ionized



0.013%
Acetic Acid
($HC_2H_3O_2$)

Legend:
 Hydrogen
 Oxygen
 Carbon

Conductivity

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Aqueous Acids

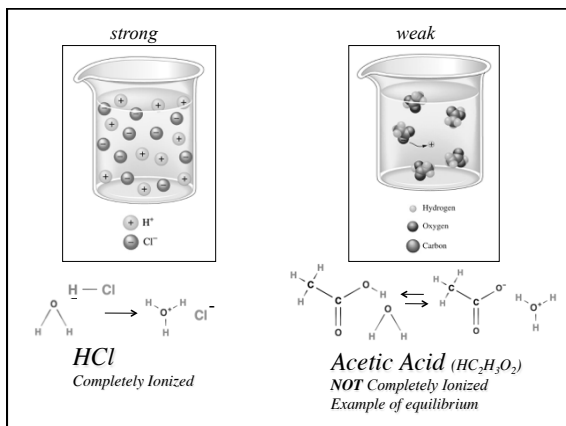
Any compound that provides a proton can be considered an acid. Strong acids are sulfuric acid, nitric acid, perchloric acid, HI, HBr and HCl.

Introduction to
Aqueous Acids

Electrolytes

How would the conductivity of acetic acid compare to hydrochloric acid?

Strong and Weak
Electrolytes

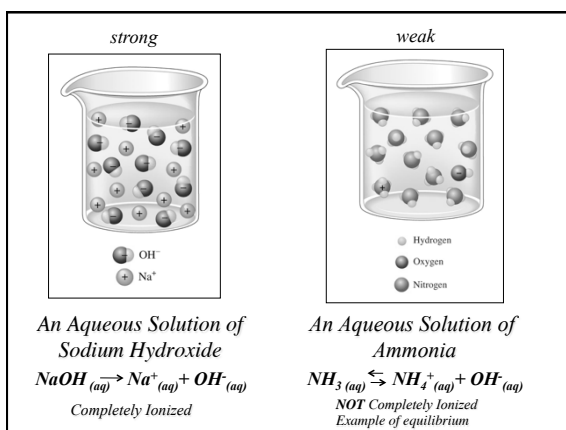


Aqueous Bases

- Any compound that accepts a proton is a base.
- The common bases are group IA & IIA metal hydroxide compounds. They are strong bases, dissociating completely in water.
- An example of a weak base is ammonia.

$\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$

Consider that aqueous ammonia is in equilibrium with ammonium hydroxide. The names have often been used interchangeably.



Selected Acids and Bases

Acids

Strong

Hydrochloric acid, HCl
Hydrobromic acid, HBr
Hydroiodic acid, HI
Nitric acid, HNO_3
Sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4
Perchloric acid, HClO_4

Weak

Hydrofluoric acid, HF
Phosphoric acid, H_3PO_4
Acetic acid, CH_3COOH
(or $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$)

Bases

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Sodium hydroxide, NaOH
Potassium hydroxide, KOH
Calcium hydroxide, $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
Strontium hydroxide, $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$
Barium hydroxide, $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$

Weak

Ammonia, NH_3

Lysergic acid

Acetic acid

Morphine

Cocaine

Dopamine

QUESTION

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B) HBr .
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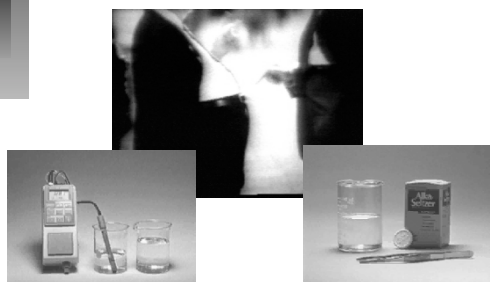
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Aqueous Reactions: Acid-Base



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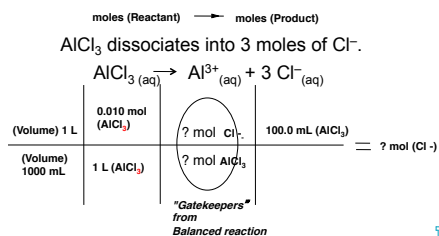
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- D. 0.030 mol

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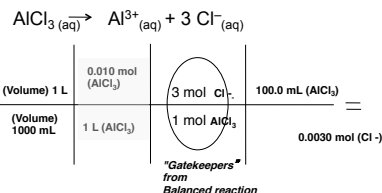
Calculations Reactant \rightarrow Product



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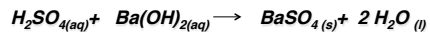
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- IV) The light bulb will glow at the neutralization point.

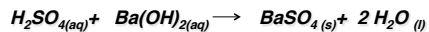
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B) I and II

C) I, II and III

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Answer



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