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• Explain the following terms or concepts.

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Lewis base

A species that can form a bond by donating a lone pair of electrons, e.g. H₂O.

Le Châtelier's principle

Used to predict the effect of a change in the conditions on a reaction at equilibrium, this principle predicts that a reaction shifts to counteract the change.

Heterogeneous catalysis

Catalysis that occurs with the reactants and catalyst are in different phases, such as a solid catalysing the reaction of gases.

• A bar of hot iron with a mass of 1.000 kg and a temperature of 100.00 °C is plunged into an insulated tank of water. The mass of water was 2.000 kg and its initial temperature was 25.00 °C. What will the temperature of the resulting system be when it has reached equilibrium? The specific heat capacities of water and iron are 4.184 J g⁻¹ K⁻¹ and 0.4498 J g⁻¹ K⁻¹, respectively.

The heat lost by the iron is equal to the heat gained by the water.

The heat change is related to the temperature change through $q = mC\Delta T$ where m is the mass of the substance and C is its specific heat capacity.

For the water,

$$q = m_{\rm H_2O} C_{\rm H_2O} \Delta T_{\rm H_2O} = (2.000 \times 10^3 \text{ g}) \times (4.184 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}) \times ((T_{\rm f} - 25.00) \text{ K})$$

= $(8.368 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1}) \times ((T_{\rm f} - 25.00) \text{ K})$

For the iron,

$$q = m_{\rm Fe} C_{\rm Fe} \Delta T_{\rm Fe} = (1.000 \times 10^3 \, \rm g) \times (0.4498 \, \rm J \, g^{-1}) \times ((T_{\rm f} - 100.00) \, \rm K)$$

= $(0.4498 \times 10^3 \, \rm J \, K^{-1}) \times ((T_{\rm f} - 100.00) \, \rm K)$

Hence, as $q_{\text{water}} = -q_{\text{iron}}$:

$$(8.368 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1}) \times ((T_f - 25.00) \text{ K}) = -(0.4498 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1}) \times ((T_f - 100.00) \text{ K})$$

$$T_f = 28.83 \text{ °C}$$

Answer: 28.83 °C

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• A mass of 1.250 g of benzoic acid, C₇H₆O₂, underwent combustion in a bomb calorimeter. The heat of combustion of benzoic acid is –3226 kJ mol⁻¹. What is the change in internal energy during this reaction?

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The molar mass of benzoic acid is:

molar mass =
$$(7 \times 12.01 \text{ (C)} + 6 \times 1.008 \text{ (H)} + 2 \times 16.00 \text{ (O)}) \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

= $122.12 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

The number of moles of benzoic acid in 1.250 g is therefore:

number of moles = mass / molar mass =
$$1.250 \text{ g}$$
 / 122.12 g mol⁻¹ = 0.01024 mol

As combustion of 1 mol leads to a heat change of -3226 kJ, this quantity will generate an energy change of:

$$q = (0.01024 \text{ mol}) \times (-3226 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}) = -33.02 \text{ kJ}$$

Answer: -33.02 kJ

If the heat capacity of the calorimeter is 10.134 kJ K⁻¹, calculate the temperature change that should have occurred in the apparatus.

The heat change, q, and temperature change, ΔT , are related by the heat capacity, C:

$$q = C\Delta T$$

or

$$\Delta T = q / C = 33.02 \text{ kJ} / 10.134 \text{ kJ K}^{-1} = 3.258 \text{ K}$$

An exothermic reaction will lead to a temperature increase in the apparatus.

Answer: +3.258 K

• Phenylketonuria is an inherited disorder in which phenylacetic acid, C₆H₅CH₂COOH, (simplified here to HPAc) accumulates in the blood. A study of the acid shows that the pH of a 0.12 M HPAc solution is 2.60. What is the pK_a of phenylacetic acid?

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As HPAc is a weak acid, the equilibrium for its dissociation can be studied using an 'ICE' table:

	HPAc	-	PAc ⁻	\mathbf{H}^{+}
initial	0.12		0	0
change	-x		+x	+x
final	0.12 - x		x	x

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By definition, pH = $-\log_{10}[H^{+}(aq)]$ so $[H^{+}(aq)] = 10^{-2.60}$ M. From the reaction table, $x = [H^{+}(aq)]_{eq}$ so:

$$[HPAc]_{eq} = 0.12 - x = (0.12 - 10^{-2.60}) M = 0.12 M \text{ (to 2 s.f.)}$$

$$[H^{+}(aq)]_{eq} = x = 10^{-2.60} M$$

$$[PAc^{-}(aq)]_{eq} = x = 10^{-2.60} M$$

The equilibrium constant K_a is given by:

$$K_{\rm a} = \frac{[{\rm HPac}^-][{\rm H}^+]}{[{\rm HPAc}]} = \frac{(10^{-2.60})(10^{-2.60})}{(0.12)} = 5.26 \times 10^{-5}$$

By definition, $pK_a = -\log_{10}K_a$ so:

$$pK_a = -\log_{10}(5.26 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.28$$

Answer: 4.28

• The freezing point of a sample of seawater is measured as –2.15 °C at 1 atm pressure. Assuming that the concentrations of other solutes are negligible, determine the molality (in mol kg⁻¹) of NaCl in this sample. The molal freezing point depression constant for H₂O is 1.86 °C kg mol⁻¹.

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The freezing point depression, ΔT_f , is given by,

$$\Delta T_{\rm f} = K_{\rm f} m$$

where K_f is the molal freezing point depression and m is the molality. The molality is the number of moles of ions dissolved in a kilogram of solvent.

If $\Delta T_f = 2.15 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $K_f = 1.86 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$ m⁻¹:

$$m_{\rm ions} = \Delta T_{\rm f} / K_{\rm f} = (2.15 \, {\rm ^{\circ}C}) / (1.86 \, {\rm ^{\circ}C \ m^{-1}}) = 1.156 \, {\rm m^{-1}} = 1.156 \, {\rm mol \ kg^{-1}}$$

A mole of NaCl dissolves to give two particles (Na^+ and Cl^-) so (1.156 / 2) mol = 0.578 mol of NaCl per kilogram of water is needed:

$$m_{\rm NaCl} = 0.578 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$

Answer: **0.578 mol kg**-1

• What is the value of the enthalpy change for the following reaction?

$$MgO(s) + CO_2(g) \rightarrow MgCO_3(s)$$

Data:	Compound	MgO(s)	$CO_2(g)$	MgCO ₃ (s)
	$\Delta_{\rm f} H^{\circ} / {\rm kJ \ mol}^{-1}$	-602	-394	-1096

Using $\Delta H^{\circ} = \sum \Delta_f H^{\circ}$ (products) $-\sum \Delta_f H^{\circ}$ (reactants), the enthalpy change is:

$$\Delta H^{\circ} = \Delta_{f} H^{\circ}(MgCO_{3}(s)) - [\Delta_{f} H^{\circ}(MgO(s)) + \Delta_{f} H^{\circ}(CO_{2}(g))]$$

= (-1096 - [-394 -602]) kJ mol⁻¹ = -100. kJ mol⁻¹

Answer: -100. kJ mol⁻¹

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• Consider the following reaction and associated thermochemical data?

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$$2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$$

Data:	Compound	$NO_2(g)$	$N_2O_4(g)$
	$\Delta_{\rm f} H^{\circ} / {\rm kJ \ mol}^{-1}$	33	9
	S° / J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹	240	304

What is the expression for the equilibrium constant, K_c , for this reaction?

$$K_{c} = \frac{[N_{2}O_{4}(g)]}{[NO_{2}(g)]^{2}}$$

What are the values of ΔH° and ΔS° for the reaction?

Using $\Delta H^{\circ} = \sum \Delta_f H^{\circ}$ (products) $-\sum \Delta_f H^{\circ}$ (reactants), the enthalpy change is:

$$\Delta H^{\circ} = 2\Delta_f H^{\circ} (\text{products}) - \Delta_f H^{\circ} (\text{reactants})$$

= $(9 - 2 \times 33) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = -57 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Using $\Delta S^{\circ} = \sum S^{\circ}$ (products) – $\sum S^{\circ}$ (reactants), the entropy change is:

$$\Delta S^{\circ} = 2S^{\circ} (\text{products}) - S^{\circ} (\text{reactants})$$

= (304 - 2 × 240) kJ mol⁻¹ = -176 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹

$$\Delta H^{\circ} = -57 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$
 $\Delta S^{\circ} = -176 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

What is the value of ΔG° for the reaction at 298 K?

Using
$$\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta H^{\circ}$$
:

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-57 \times 10^{3} \text{ J mol}^{-1}) - (298 \text{ K})(-176 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})$$

$$= -5000 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = -5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

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• Consider the following reaction:

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$$2N_2O(g) + 3O_2(g) \rightarrow 4NO_2(g)$$

Calculate ΔG° for this reaction given the following data.

$$4NO(g) \rightarrow 2N_2O(g) + O_2(g)$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -139.56 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$2NO(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2NO_2(g)$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -69.70 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Using $\Delta_r G^\circ = \sum \Delta_f G^\circ$ (products) $-\sum \Delta_f G^\circ$ (reactants), the free energy changes in the 3 reactions are, respectively:

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{r}}G^{\circ}(1) = 4\Delta_{\mathbf{f}}G^{\circ}(\mathbf{NO}_{2}(\mathbf{g})) - 2\Delta_{\mathbf{f}}G^{\circ}(\mathbf{N}_{2}\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{g}))$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\circ}(2) = 2\Delta_f G^{\circ}(N_2O(g)) - 4\Delta_f G^{\circ}(NO(g)) = -139.56 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\circ}(3) = 2\Delta_f G^{\circ}(NO_2(g)) - 2\Delta_f G^{\circ}(NO(g)) = -69.70 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Mathematically, the combination $2\Delta_r G^{\circ}(3) - \Delta_r G^{\circ}(2)$ leads to $\Delta_r G^{\circ}(1)$:

$$2\Delta_{\rm r}G^{\circ}(3) = 4\Delta_{\rm f}G^{\circ}({\rm NO}_2(g)) - 4\Delta_{\rm f}G^{\circ}({\rm NO}(g))$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\circ}(2) = 2\Delta_f G^{\circ}(N_2O(g)) - 4\Delta_f G^{\circ}(NO(g))$$

$$2\Delta_{\mathbf{r}}G^{\circ}(3) - \Delta_{\mathbf{r}}G^{\circ}(2) = 4\Delta_{\mathbf{f}}G^{\circ}(\mathbf{N}O_{2}(\mathbf{g})) - 2\Delta_{\mathbf{f}}G^{\circ}(\mathbf{N}_{2}O(\mathbf{g})) = \Delta_{\mathbf{f}}G^{\circ}(1)$$

$$\Delta_f G^{\circ}(1) = 2\Delta_r G^{\circ}(3) - \Delta_r G^{\circ}(2) = [(2 \times -69.70) - (-139.56)] \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

= 0.16 kJ mol⁻¹

Answer: 0.16 kJ mol⁻¹

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• A sample of hydrofluoric acid (0.10 M, 25.0 mL) is titrated with 0.10 M NaOH. The pK_a of hydrofluoric acid, HF, is 3.17. Calculate the pH at the following four points.

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before any NaOH is added

At this point, the solution contains only a weak acid. As HF is a weak acid, [H⁺] must be calculated by considering the equilibrium:

	HF	-	F ⁻	\mathbf{H}^{+}
initial	0.10		0	0
change	-x		+x	+x
final	0.10 - x		x	x

The equilibrium constant K_a is given by:

$$K_{\rm a} = \frac{[{\rm F}^-][{\rm H}^+]}{[{\rm HF}]} = \frac{x^2}{(0.10-x)}$$

As p $K_a = 3.17$, $K_a = 10^{-3.17}$. K_a is very small so $0.10 - x \sim 0.10$ and hence:

$$x^2 = 0.10 \times 10^{-3.17}$$
 or $x = 0.00822 \text{ M} = [\text{H}\cdot]$

Hence, the pH is given by:

$$pH = -log_{10}[H \cdot] = -log_{10}[0.00822] = 2.09$$

$$pH = 2.09$$

when half of the HF has been neutralised

At this point, half of the original HF has been converted to its conjugate base F. The pH can be calculated using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation:

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{[base]}{[acid]} = 3.17 + log \frac{[F^-]}{[HF]} = 3.17 + log(1) = 3.17$$

$$pH = 3.17$$

at the equivalence point

At this point, all of the original HF has been converted to F⁻. The number of moles of HF originally present is:

number of moles of HF = concentration
$$\times$$
 volume
= $(0.10 \text{ mol L}^{-1}) \times (0.025 \text{ L}) = 0.0025 \text{ mol}$

This is equal to the amount of F^- present at equivalence. As 25.0 mL of NaOH has been added at this point, the total volume is now (25.0 + 25.0) mL = 50.0 mL. The concentration of F^- is therefore:

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	F ⁻	H ₂ O	1	HF	OH.
initial	0.050	large		0	0
change	-y	negligible		+ <i>y</i>	+y
final	0.050 - y	large		y	у

The equilibrium constant K_b is given by:

$$K_{\rm b} = \frac{[{\rm HF}][{\rm OH}^-]}{[{\rm F}^-]} = \frac{y^2}{(0.050 - y)}$$

For an acid and its conjugate base:

$$pK_a + pK_b = 14.00$$

$$pK_b = 14.00 - 3.17 = 10.83$$

As $pK_b = 10.83$, $K_b = 10^{-10.83}$. K_b is very small so $0.050 - y \sim 0.050$ and hence:

$$y^2 = 0.050 \times 10^{-10.83}$$
 or $y = 8.59 \times 10^{-7}$ M = [OH⁻]

Hence, the pOH is given by:

$$pOH = -log_{10}[OH^{-}] = log_{10}[8.59 \times 10^{-7}] = 6.07$$

Finally, pH + pOH = 14.00 so

$$pH = 14.00 - 6.07 = 7.93$$

$$pH = 7.93$$

after the addition of 37.5 mL of NaOH

This volume of 0.10 M NaOH contains

number of moles of NaOH = concentration
$$\times$$
 volume
= $(0.10 \text{ mol L}^{-1}) \times (0.0375 \text{ L}) = 0.00375 \text{ mol}$

From above, there was original 0.0025 mol of HF present so the excess of OH is:

excess moles of
$$OH^{-} = (0.00375 - 0.0025)$$
 mol = 0.00125 mol

This is present in a total volume of (25.0 + 37.5) mL = 62.5 mL, so its concentration is:

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$$[OH^{-}]$$
 = number of moles / volume
= (0.00125 mol) / (0.0625 L) = 0.020 mol L⁻¹

Hence,

$$pOH = -log_{10}[OH^{-}] = -log_{10}(0.020) = 1.70$$

Lastly, pH = 14.00 - pOH:

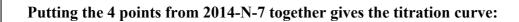
$$pH = 14.00 - 1.70 = 12.30$$

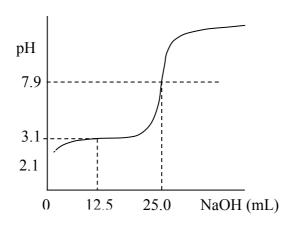
pH = 12.30

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Sketch the titration curve.

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• At 700 °C, hydrogen and iodine react according to the following equation.

$$H_2(g) + I_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2HI(g)$$

$$K_{\rm c} = 49.0$$

If 0.250 mol of HI(g) is introduced into a 2.00 L flask at 700 °C, what will be the concentration of $I_2(g)$ at equilibrium?

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The initial concentration of HI(g) is $0.250 / 2.00 \text{ mol } L^{-1} = 0.125 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$.

	H ₂ (g)	I ₂ (g)	-	2HI(g)
Initial	0	0		0.125
Change	+x	+x		-2 <i>x</i>
Equilibrium	x	x		0.125 - 2x

Thus,

$$K_{\rm c} = \frac{[{\rm HI}]^2}{[{\rm H}_2][{\rm I}_2]} = \frac{(0.125 - 2x)^2}{(x)(x)} = \frac{(0.125 - 2x)^2}{x^2} = 49.0$$

$$(49.0)^{1/2} = \frac{(0.125 - 2x)}{x}$$

Rearranging gives $x = [I_2(g)] = 0.0139$ M.

Answer: **0.0139 M**

Hydrogen also reacts with sulfur at 700 °C:

$$2H_2(g) + S_2(g) \iff 2H_2S(g)$$
 $K_c = 1.075 \times 10^8$

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Determine K_c for the following overall equilibrium reaction at 700 °C.

$$2I_2(g) + 2H_2S(g) \rightleftharpoons S_2(g) + 4HI(g)$$

The overall reaction corresponds to the twice the first reaction combined with the reverse of the second reaction:

$$2H_2(g) + 2I_2(g) \implies 4HI(g)$$

$$K_{\rm c}(1) = (49.0)^2$$

$$2H_2S(g) \implies 2H_2(g) + S_2(g)$$

$$K_c(2) = 1/(1.075 \times 10^8)$$

$$2I_2(g) + 2H_2S(g) \implies S_2(g) + 4HI(g)$$

$$K_{\rm c}(3) = K_{\rm c}(1) \times K_{\rm c}(2)$$

The 1st reaction is doubled so the original equilibrium constant is squared.

The 2nd reaction is reversed so the reciprocal of the equilibrium constant is used.

The two reactions are then combined and the overall equilibrium constant is then the product:

$$K_c(3) = K_c(1) \times K_c(2) = (49.0)^2 \times (1/(1.075 \times 10^8)) = 2.23 \times 10^{-5}$$

Answer: 2.23×10^{-5}

• Write balanced nuclear equations for the following changes.

Marks 4

Electron capture by ³⁷Ar

$$^{37}_{18}\text{Ar} + ^{0}_{-1}\text{e} \rightarrow ^{37}_{17}\text{Cl} + ^{0}_{0}\gamma$$

Positron emission by ⁹³Ru

$$^{93}_{44}$$
Ru $\rightarrow ^{93}_{43}$ Tc + $^{0}_{+1}$ e

Beta particle emission by ⁴²K

$$_{19}^{42}\text{K} \rightarrow _{20}^{42}\text{Ca} + _{-1}^{0}\text{e}$$

Alpha particle emission by ²⁵¹Cf

$$^{251}_{98}$$
Cf $\rightarrow ^{247}_{96}$ Cm + $^{4}_{2}\alpha$

• Give the oxidation number of the indicated atom in the following compounds.

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Compound	Atom	Oxidation number
HNO ₂	N	+III or +3
NI ₃	N	-III or -3
[Co(NH ₃) ₅ Cl]SO ₄	Co	+III or +3
K ₃ [CrCl ₆]	Cr	+III or +3

• Write down the formulas for the following compounds.

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Compound	Formula
hexaaquacobalt(II) carbonate	[Co(OH ₂) ₆]CO ₃
tetraamminecopper(II) sulfate	[Cu(NH ₃) ₄]SO ₄
ammonium hexafluoridoferrate(III)	(NH ₄) ₂ [FeF ₆]
potassium hexacyanidomanganate(II)	K ₄ [Mn(CN) ₆]

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• The $K_{\rm sp}$ of AgBr is 5.0×10^{-13} . The $K_{\rm stab}$ of $[{\rm Ag}({\rm S}_2{\rm O}_3)_2]^{3-}$ is 4.7×10^{13} . Calculate the value of the equilibrium constant for the dissolution of AgBr in Na₂S₂O₃ solution.

Marks 7

The reactions corresponds to K_{sp} and K_{stab} can be added together to give the reaction for the dissolution of AgBr in Na₂S₂O₃ solution:

$$AgBr(s) \iff Ag^{+}(aq) + Br^{-}(aq)$$

$$K_{\rm sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + 2S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) \implies [Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{3-}(aq)$$

$$K_{\rm stab}=4.7\times10^{13}$$

$$AgBr(s) + 2S_2O_3^{2-}(aq) \implies [Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{3-}(aq) + Br^{-}(aq)$$

$$K = K_{\rm sp} \times K_{\rm stab}$$

The equilibrium constant for the overall reaction is the product of the equilibrium constants for the individual reactions:

$$K = K_{\rm sp} \times K_{\rm stab} = (5.0 \times 10^{-13}) \times (4.7 \times 10^{13}) = 24$$

Answer: 24

Calculate the solubility of AgBr in 2.0 M Na₂S₂O₃.

The solubility can be calculated using a reaction table, assuming x mol dissolves:

	AgBr(s)	2S ₂ O ₃ ² -(aq)	1	$[Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{3}$ -(aq)	Br (aq)
initial	excess	2.0		0	0
change	-x	-2 <i>x</i>		+x	+x
final	excess	2.0 - 2x		x	x

$$K = \frac{[Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{3-}(aq)][Br^{-}(aq)]}{[S_2O_3^{2-}(aq)]^2}$$
$$= \frac{(x)(x)}{(2.0-2x)^2} = \frac{x^2}{(2.0-2x)^2} = 24$$

Taking square roots of both sides gives:

$$\frac{x}{(2.0-2x)} = (24)^{1/2}$$

$$x = 0.91 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$$

Answer: 0.91 mol L⁻¹

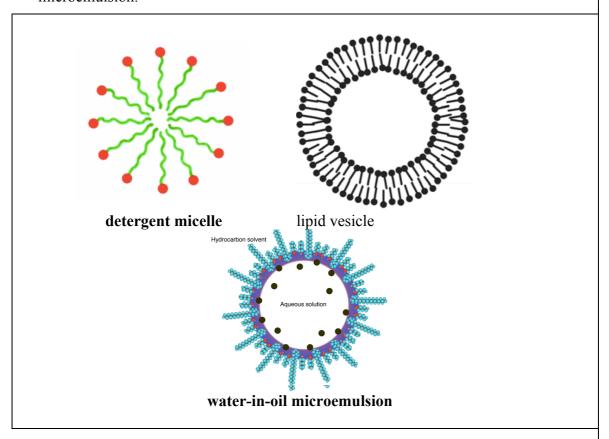
The K_{stab} for $[Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{3-}$ is much greater than the K_{stab} for $[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$. Explain why this is so.

 $S_2O_3^{2-}$ is a stronger ligand than NH₃, presumably because of its negative charge.

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• Draw sketches of a detergent micelle, a lipid vesicle and a water-in-oil microemulsion.

Marks 3



• In the electrolytic production of Al, what mass of Al can be deposited in 2.00 hours by a current of 1.8 A?

The number of moles of electrons passed in 2.00 hours by a current of 1.8 A is:

number of moles of electrons =
$$It / F$$

= $(1.8 \text{ A})(2.00 \times 60.0 \times 60.0 \text{ s}) / 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
= 0.13 mol

Aluminium is produced from Al_2O_3 which contains Al^{3+} . 3 electrons are needed to produce each Al so 3 mol of electrons are needed to produce 1 mol of Al. This quantity of electrons will therefore deposit:

number of moles of Al = 0.13 / 3 mol = 0.045 mol

As Al has a molar mass of 26.98 g mol⁻¹, this quantity corresponds to:

mass of Al = number of moles
$$\times$$
 molar mass = 0.045 mol \times 26.98 g mol⁻¹ = 1.2 g

Answer: 1.2 g

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• What products would you expect at the anode and the cathode on electrolysis of a 1 M aqueous solution of NiI₂? Explain your answers.

At the cathode, there are two possible reduction reactions:

$$Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Ni(s)$$

$$E^{0} = -0.24 \text{ V}$$

$$2H_2O(1) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- \rightarrow H_2(g) + OH^-(aq)$$
 $E^0 = -0.41 \text{ V}$

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Reduction of Ni²⁺(aq) is easier, even without considering an overpotential for water.

At the anode, there are two possible oxidation reactions:

$$2I^{-}(aq) \rightarrow I_{2}(g) + 2e^{-}$$

$$E^{0} = -0.62 \text{ V}$$

$$2H_2O(1) \rightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^-$$

$$E^{0} = -0.82 \text{ V}$$

Both reactions will have an overpotential but oxidation of iodine is easier and this will probably occur.

Overall, Ni(s) will be produced at the cathode and I₂(g) will be produced at the anode.

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• An electrochemical cell is consists of 1.0 L half-cells of Fe/Fe²⁺ and Cd/Cd²⁺ with the following initial concentrations: $[Fe^{2+}] = 0.800 \text{ M}$, $[Cd^{2+}] = 0.200 \text{ M}$.

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What is the initial E_{cell} at 25 °C?

From the reduction potential table,

$$E_{\text{cell}^0}$$
 (Fe²⁺(aq) + e⁻ \rightarrow Fe(s)) = -0.44 V
 E_{cell^0} (Cd²⁺(aq) + e⁻ \rightarrow Cd²⁺(aq)) = -0.40 V

The Fe²⁺/Fe half cell has the more negative reduction potential so it is the half cell that is turned around to act as the oxidation half cell: E_{cell}^{0} (Fe(s) \rightarrow Fe²⁺(aq) + e⁻) = +0.44 V

In combination with the Cd²⁺/Cd reduction half cell, this gives an overall reaction and cell potential of:

$$Fe(s) + Cd^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + Cd(s)$$
 $E^0 = ((+0.44) + (-0.40)) V = +0.04 V$

For this reaction with $[Fe^{2+}(aq)] = 0.800 \text{ M}$ and $[Cd^{2+}(aq)] = 0.200 \text{ M}$:

$$Q = \frac{[Fe^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cd^{2+}(aq)]} = \frac{0.800}{0.200}$$

For the 2e⁻ reaction, the Nernst equation gives the cell potential as:

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$$

$$= (0.04 \text{ V}) - \frac{(8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(298 \text{ K})}{(2 \times 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1})} \ln \frac{0.800}{0.200} = +0.02 \text{ V}$$

Answer: +0.02 V

What is E_{cell} when $[\text{Cd}^{2+}]$ reaches 0.15 M?

[Cd²⁺(aq)] has decreased from 0.200 M to 0.15 M: a change of 0.05 M. [Fe²⁺(aq)] will increase by the same amount: [Fe²⁺(aq)] = (0.800 + 0.05) M = 0.85 M. Using the Nernst equation again gives:

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$$

$$= (0.04 \text{ V}) - \frac{(8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(298 \text{ K})}{(2 \times 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1})} \ln \frac{0.85}{0.15} = +0.02 \text{ V}$$

Answer: +0.02 V

What is $[Cd^{2+}]$ when E_{cell} reaches 0.015 V?

$$E_{\text{cell}} = (0.04 \text{ V}) - \frac{(8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(298 \text{ K})}{(2 \times 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1})} \ln \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})]}{[\text{Cd}^{2+}(\text{aq})]} = +0.015 \text{ V}$$

so:

$$\frac{[Fe^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cd^{2+}(aq)]} = 7.0$$

If the change from the initial concentrations is x, $[Cd^{2+}(aq)] = (0.200 - x) M$ and $[Fe^{2+}(aq)] = (0.800 + x) M$:

$$\frac{0.800 - x}{0.200 + x} = 7.0 \qquad x = -0.075 \text{ M}$$

So that $[Cd^{2+}(aq)] = (0.200 - 0.075) M = 0.125 M$.

Answer: **0.125** M

What are the equilibrium concentrations of both ions?

Using
$$E^{\circ} = \frac{RT}{nF} \ln K = 0.04 \text{ V gives } K = 22.5$$

so:

$$\frac{[Fe^{2+}(aq)]}{[Cd^{2+}(aq)]} = 22.5$$

If the change from the initial concentrations is x, $[Cd^{2+}(aq)] = (0.200 - x) M$ and $[Fe^{2+}(aq)] = (0.800 + x) M$:

$$\frac{0.800 - x}{0.200 + x} = 22.5 \qquad x = 0.158 \text{ M}$$

So that $[Cd^{2+}(aq)] = (0.200 - 0.158) M = 0.042 M$ and $[Fe^{2+}(aq)] = (0.800 + 0.158) M = 0.958 M$

$$[Cd^{2+}] = 0.042 \text{ M}$$
 $[Fe^{2+}] = 0.958 \text{ M}$

• At a certain temperature the following data were collected for the reaction shown.

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$$2IC1 + H_2 \rightarrow I_2 + 2HC1$$

Experiment	Initial [ICl] (mol L ⁻¹)	Initial $[H_2]$ $(\text{mol } L^{-1})$	Rate of formation of $[I_2]$ $(\text{mol } L^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$
1	0.10	0.10	0.0015
2	0.20	0.10	0.0030
3	0.10	0.050	0.00075

Determine the rate law for the reaction.

Between experiments (1) and (2), [ICI] is doubled and $[H_2]$ is constant. This change leads to a doubling of the rate: the rate is proportional to [ICI].

Between experiments (1) and (3), [ICI] is constant and $[H_2]$ is halved. This change leads to a halving of the rate: the rate is proportional to $[H_2]$.

Overall:

rate =
$$k[ICI][H_2]$$

What is the value of the rate constant?

Using experiment (1), rate = $0.0015 \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, [ICl] = $0.10 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$ and [H₂] = $0.10 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$:

rate =
$$k[IC1][H_2] = k(0.10 \text{ mol } L^{-1})(0.10 \text{ mol } L^{-1}) = 0.0015 \text{ mol } L^{-1} \text{ s}^1$$

$$k = (0.0015 \text{ mol } \text{L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) / (0.10 \text{ mol } \text{L}^{1})(0.10 \text{ mol } \text{L}^{-1}) = 0.15 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Answer: **0.15** L mol⁻¹ s⁻¹

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