

ACID BASE CONCEPTS

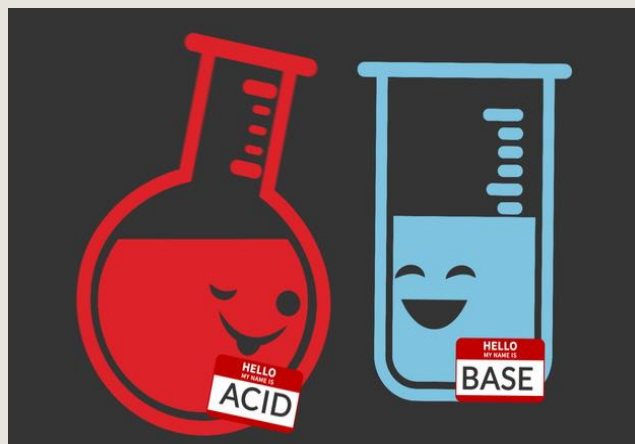
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Arrhenius Concept

- Acid: Species that liberate H(+) ion in aqueous solution. e.g. HCl, CH₃COOH, HNO₃, H₂SO₄ etc.
- Base: Species that liberate OH(-) ion in aqueous solution . e.g. NaOH, Ca(OH)₂
- Aqueous solution of non-metallic oxides are acidic. eg. SO₂, CO₂, N₂O₃, P₄O₆ etc.



- Aqueous solution of metallic oxides are basic. e.g. CaO, Na₂O etc.



Limitations

- Inadequate for gaseous species e.g. HCl, NH₃
- Arrhenius Concept can't explain non aqueous solution
- The theory fails to explain the exception of neutralisation

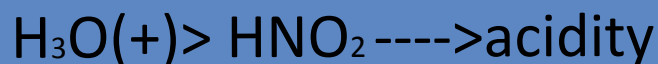
Bronsted-Lowry Concept

- Acid: Species that can donate H(+) ion. e.g. HCl(g)
- Base: Species that can accept H(+) ion. e.g. NH₃(g)
- This concept is foundation of conjugate acid-base concept.

e.g.



(Acid) (Base) (Acid) (base)

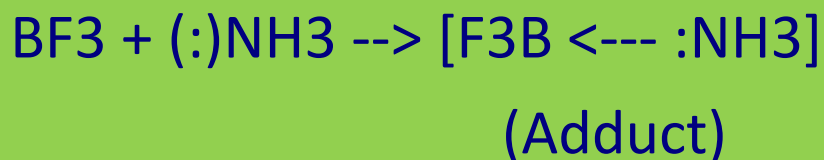


In any solvent, the direction of reaction always favored the formation of weaker acid & base than the reactant.

Lewis Acid - Base Concept

- Acid: Species that accept electrons from others
- Base: Species that donate electrons to others

For example:



$\text{BF}_3 \rightarrow$ Lewis Acid & $\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow$ Lewis Base.

- Lewis acid Base adduct involving metal ions are called co-ordination compound



Leveling & differentiating effect

- Leveling effect: All the acids behave as a strong acid in base



Both HNO_3 & AcOH are strong acid in base.

Both of them have same strength

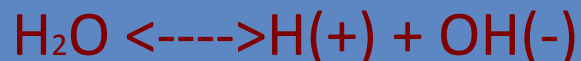
- Differentiating effect: In a Differentiating solvent, various acids dissociate to different degrees & thus have different strengths.

Theory of Solvent System

- Acid: Substances which give solvent cation when dissolved in that particular solvent or the substance which increases the concentration of solvent cation
- Base: Substances which give solvent anion when dissolved in that particular solvent or the substance which increases the concentration of solvent anion

H₂O Solvent

- Auto ionisation of H₂O



Due to high charge density of H(+) it will be taken by H₂O & formed H₃O(+)

- When any species forms these two cations is called acid & forms OH(-) anion is called base



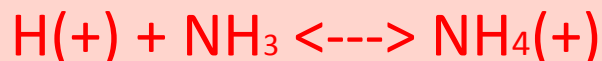
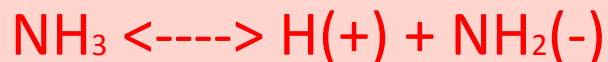
So HCl is acid

- $\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Na}(+) + \text{OH}(-)$.

So NaOH is base

NH₃ Solvent

Auto ionisation of NH₃ :





Species give NH₄(+) or H(+) ions are called acid

Species gives NH₂(-) ion are called base

e.g.

NH₄Cl (in NH₃)----> NH₄(+) + Cl(-), NH₄Cl is acid

KNH₂ (in NH₃)---> K(+) + NH₂(-), KNH₂ is base

SO₂ solvent

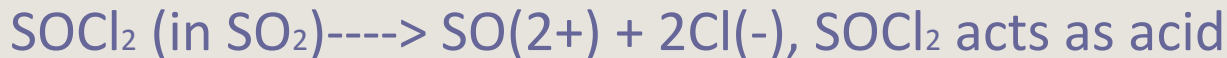
- Auto ionisation of SO₂ :





- Species which will give SO(2+) as solvent cation, called acid
- Species which will liberate SO₃(2-) as solvent anion, called base

e.g.



HF solvent

- Auto ionisation of HF



- $\text{HF}_2(-)$ shows strong H-bonding so its very stable. HF tends to release $\text{F}(-)$. So HF acts as very strong acid in maximum cases.
- Species gives $\text{H}(+)$ or $\text{HF}_2(+)$ is called acid
- Species gives $\text{F}(-)$ or $\text{HF}_2(-)$ is called base
- e.g.



HNO_3 acts as base



Here HSO_3F acts as acid

HSAB Principle

- Hard acids prefer binding to the hard bases to give ionic complexes whereas soft acids prefer binding to soft bases to give covalent complexes.
- The interactions between hard acid-soft base or vice-versa are mostly polar covalent and tend to be more reactive or less stable. The polar covalent compounds readily form either more ionic or more covalent compounds if they are allowed to react

APPLICATIONS OF HSAB PRINCIPLE



There are numerous applications of the HSAB principle. It helps in understanding organic reaction mechanisms, metal-ligand interactions in metal complexes, ore processing in metallurgy, precipitations in qualitative analysis etc.

- **In hydrogen bonding:**

The strong hydrogen bond is possible in cases of H_2O , NH_3 , and HF , since the donor atoms (F, O & N) are hard Lewis bases and their interactions with partially positively charged H, which is a hard acid, are stronger.

Thank You!