EQUILIBRIUM

Chemical Equilibrium

- Involves chemical changes $A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$
- Rate of forward reaction =
- Rate of reverse reaction Also called dynamic equilibrium

Law of Chemical Equilibrium

- $\supset xA_{(aq)} + yB_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons mC_{(aq)} + nD_{(aq)}$ $K_c = \frac{[C]^m [D]^n}{L^{n+1}}$
- $\bigcirc xA_{(g)} + yB_{(g)} \rightleftharpoons mC_{(g)} + nD_{(g)}$
 - $K_p = \frac{(p_C)^m (p_D)^n}{(p_D)^n}$ $(p_A)^{\chi}(p_B)^{\gamma}$

[A]* [B]y

Relation between K_p and K_c

- $K_n = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$
- If $\Delta n = 0$, $K_n = K_n$
- If Δn = +ve, K_p > K_c
- If Δn = -ve, K_p < K_c
- Equilibrium constant for the reverse reaction (K')

$$K_c' = \frac{1}{K_c}$$

 Equilibrium constant for the reaction which is divisible by n

$$K_c = \sqrt[4]{K_c}$$

 Equilibrium constant for the reaction which is multiplied by n

$$K_c' = (K_c)^n$$

 Equilibrium constant for the reaction taking place in n steps

$$K_c' = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \dots K_n$$

Ionic Equilibrium

Involves ionisation processes

Ionisation

O Ionisation of Acids:

$$HA_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O_{(aq)}^+ + A_{(aq)}^-$$

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

 K_a = ionisation constant,

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

As K_a increases, pK_a decreases and acidity increases.

O Ionisation of Bases:

$$BOH_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons B^{+}_{(aq)} + OH^{-}_{(aq)}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[B^+][OH^-]}{[BOH]} = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$$

 $pK_b = -\log K_b$

As K_b increases, pK_b decreases and basicity increases.

Buffer Solution

It is a solution which resists change in pH on dilution or with the addition of small amounts of acid or alkali.

O Acidic Buffer: Mixture of weak acid + salt of this weak acid with strong base. e.g. CH3COOH+CH3COONa

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{[Salt]}{[Acid]}$$

O Basic Buffer: Mixture of weak base and salt of this weak base with strong acid. e.g. $NH_4OH + NH_4CI$

$$pOH = pK_b + log \frac{[Salt]}{[Basel]}$$

- O Homogeneous Equilibrium : All the reactants and products are in the same phase. $N_{2(g)} + 3H_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2NH_{3(g)}$
- O Heterogeneous Equilibrium : Reactants and products are in two or more different

Applications of Equilibrium

Predicting the extent of reaction:

Both reactants and

products are present

at equilibrium

Predicting the direction of reaction:

Q_c>K_c [Reverse reaction is favoured.]

Q_c = K_c [Reaction is in equilibrium.]

Reaction in equilibrium

 $Q_c < K_c$ [Forward reaction is favoured.]

K_o>10³ [Forward reaction is favoured.]

K_c<10⁻³ [Reverse reaction is favoured.]

• $10^{-3} < K_c < 10^3$ [Both reactants and

products are present in equilibrium.]

Reaction proceeds

almost to completion

Reaction will shift backward forming

 $C_{(s)} + H_2O_{(g)} \rightleftharpoons CO_{(g)} + H_{2(g)}$

Constants

hardly

Types of Chemical Equilibrium

Physical Equilibrium

Involves physical changes

Phase Transformation Processes

- Solid-Liquid Equilibrium: r_{Melting of ice} = r_{Freezing of water}
- O Liquid-Gas Equilibrium: r_{Evaporation} = r_{Condensation}
- Solid-Gas Equilibrium: r_{Sublimation} = r_{Condensation}
- \circ Solid-Solution Equilibrium : $r_{\text{Dissolution}} = r_{\text{Crystallisation}}$
- Gas-Solution Equilibrium: m ≈ p [Henry's law]

Relation between Gibbs Free Energy and Equilibrium Constant

At equilibrium

 $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$; $K = e^{-\Delta G^{\circ}/RT}$

If ΔG° < 0 then K > 1

[Forward reaction is favoured.]

- If ΔG° > 0 then K < 1 [Reversed reaction is favoured.]
- If ΔG° = 0, then K = 1
- [Reaction is in equilibrium.]

Factors Affecting Equilibrium

Le-Chatelier's principle

- O Change in Concentration: If concentration of any reactant or product is increased, the equilibrium will shift in a direction where it is being consumed.
- O Change in Temperature: If temperature is increased, reaction will proceed in the direction where heat is absorbed.
- O Change in Pressure : If pressure is increased, then equilibrium will shift in a direction where number of moles reduces.
- O Addition of Inert Gas:
 - At Constant Volume : No change in equilibrium
 - At Constant Pressure: Equilibrium will shift towards greater number of moles.
- O Catalyst: No change in equilibrium. It helps in attaining the equilibrium quickly.

Ionic Product of Water

$$2H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$$

$$K_w = [{\rm H_3O^+}][{\rm OH^-}] = 1 \times 10^{-14} \, {\rm M}^2$$

$[OH^{-}] = [H^{+}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M at } 298 \text{ K}$

pH

Reaction will shift forward forming

more products

o pH=-log[H₃O⁺]=-log[10⁻⁷]=7

Solution	[H ⁺]	[OH-]	pH	pOH
Acidic	>10 ⁻⁷	< 10 ⁻⁷	<7	>7
Basic	< 10 ⁻⁷	>10-7	>7	<7
Neutral	10 ⁻⁷	10-7	7	7

pK_m=pH+pOH=14

Solubility Product

- O $A_m B_n \rightleftharpoons mA^{n+} + nB^{m-}$
 - $K_{sp} = [A^{n+}]^m [B^{m-}]^n$
 - K_{ip}>K_{sp}, Precipitation occurs.
 - K_{ip} < K_{spr} Precipitation does not occur.
 K_{ip} = K_{spr} Solution is saturated.

Relation between Solubility and **Solubility Product**

$$K_{sp} = [mS]^m [nS]^n$$

$$= m^m S^m \cdot n^n S^n$$

$$= m^m \cdot n^n \cdot (S)^{m+n}$$

[where S is solubility.]

Hydrolysis of Salts

It is a process in which a salt reacts with water to give acid and base.

- Salt of Strong Base and Strong Acid: Neutral solution, e.g., NaCl, KCl
- Salt of Weak Base and Strong Acid: $K_h - \frac{K_w}{K_h}$; pH - $\frac{1}{2}$ [p K_w - p K_b - log C] e.g., NH₄Cl, CuSO₄
- Salt of Strong Base and Weak Acid: $K_h = \frac{K_w}{K_a}$; pH = $\frac{1}{2}$ [p $K_w + pK_a + \log C$] e.g., CH3COONa, Na3PO4
- O Salt of Weak Acid and Weak Base: $K_h = \frac{K_w}{K_a \times K_b}$; $pH = \frac{1}{2} [pK_w + pK_a - pK_b]$ e.g., CH3COONH4, AIPO4