

### Formulae

#### Relative Isotopic Mass

Mass of 1 atom of an isotope of an element /  $1/12$  the mass of 1 atom of carbon-12 isotope

#### Relative Atomic Mass

Avg mass of 1 atom of an element /  $1/12$  the mass of 1 atom of carbon-12 isotope

#### Relative Molecular/Formula Mass

Avg mass of 1 molecule/- formula unit of a substance /  $1/12$  the mass of 1 atom of carbon-12 isotope

#### Mr

Sum of Ar of atoms in the molecular formula

#### Empirical Formula

Simplest formula which shows ratio of atoms of different elements in the compound

#### Molecular Formula

Formula which shows actual number of atoms of each element in one molecule of the compound

Relative formula mass is used for ionic compounds

Relative masses have no units as they are ratios of 2 masses

### Calculations using Volume of Gases

#### Avogadro's Law:

Equal volume of all gases, under the same temperature and pressure, contain the same number of particles (atoms or molecules)

Gases in a balanced equation:

Volume ratio = Mole ratio

Molar Volume,  $V_m$ :

Volume occupied by 1 mole of the gas at a specific T&P

Standard T&P : 273K (0 degree celsius), 1 bar (100 kPa),  $22.7 \text{ dm}^3/\text{mol}$

Room T&P: 293K (20 degree celsius), 1 atm (101 kPa),  $24 \text{ dm}^3/\text{mol}$

Volumes of gases are dependent on T&P hence these conditions must be specified

### Stoichiometry

Stoichiometry: Quantitative aspects of chemical formulae & reactions

Limiting reactants are completely consumed in the reaction and limit how much products can form.

Percentage Yield =

### Stoichiometry (cont)

Actual yield/mass or amount of product formed /

Theoretical yield/mass or amount of product formed  $\times 100\%$

#### Types of Reactions

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Thermal Decomposition: Chemical reaction caused by heat, Compounds break down into 2 or more substances

Acid-Base: Elaboration in a later segment

Redox: Elaboration in a later segment

### Calculations using Concentrations

When a solute is dissolved in a solvent, a solution is formed

If the solvent is water, an aqueous solution is formed

The concentration of a solution ( $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ ) shows the amt of solute dissolved in a given volume of solution

Standard solution: Solution whose concentration is accurately known

$[X] = \text{Amt of X (mol)} / \text{V of solution (dm}^3)$

No of moles of solute, n:

-  $[\text{solute}] (\text{mol dm}^{-3}) \times \text{Volume (dm}^3)$

-  $\text{Mass of X (g)} / \text{Molar mass of X (g/mol)}$

When a solution is **diluted** (by adding more solvent), the concentration of the solution decreases but no. of moles of solute in the diluted solution remains unchanged

$1 \text{ dm}^3 = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$



### Acid-Base Reactions

#### Arrhenius Theory of Acids & Bases

- An acid is a substance that dissociates in water to produce  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$

- A base is a substance that dissociates in water to produce  $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$

Neutralisation:  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

Limitation: Aqueous solutions only

#### Bronsted-Lowry Theory of Acids & Bases

- An acid is defined as any species which donates a proton,  $\text{H}^+$ . It must thus contain  $\text{H}$  in its formula

- A base is defined as any species which accepts a proton,  $\text{H}^+$ . It must contain a lone pair of electrons to bind the  $\text{H}^+$  ions

*Bronsted-Lowry acid-base reaction* involves the transfer of a proton from an acid to a base. They do not occur only in aq solutions but also between gases and non-aq systems.

### Acid-Base Reactions (cont)

*Limitation:* Does not address why substances such as  $\text{BF}_3$  or  $\text{AlCl}_3$  do not contain any  $\text{H}$  atom but are known to behave as acids

#### Lewis Theory of Acid & Bases

- An acid is a species that accepts an electron pair, e.g.  $\text{BF}_3$

- A base is a species that donates an electron pair, e.g.  $\text{NH}_3$

*Lewis acid-base reaction* can be viewed as a transfer of a pair of electrons from the base to the acid

Limitation: Too general

The 3 models can be used to interpret different acid-base systems

BL and L theories - Describe specific acid-base reactions

Arr theory - Whether isolated substances are acids, bases, or neither

In aqueous solution,  $\text{H}^+$  does not exist on its own. It forms a dative bond with a water molecule to form  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , called hydronium or hydroxonium ion. Chemists often use  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  interchangeably or refer to the elevated  $\text{H}^+$  ion.

Best to use Bronsted-Lowry theory wherever possible for an acid-base reaction, and apply Lewis theory only when reaction does not involve proton transfer

### Redox Reactions

**Redox Reaction** Reaction that involves reduction and oxidation simultaneously

**Reduction** Process whereby a substance gains electrons, resulting in a decrease in OSN

**Oxidation** Process whereby a substance loses electrons, resulting in an increase in OSN

**Reducing agent (reducing agent)** Substance that gives electrons to another, itself being oxidised in the process

**Oxidising agent (oxidant)** Substance that takes in electrons from another, itself being reduced in the process

**Disproportionation** Redox reaction in which the same substance is both oxidised and reduced

### Redox Reactions (cont)

**Oxidation Number (OSN)** Number of electrons to be added or subtracted from an atom in a combined state to convert it to elemental form

Acronym: OIL RIG  
When writing the OSN, +/- signs must be stated before the number

### Rules of Assigning OSN

#### Oxidation Numbers

- Rules for Assigning Oxidation States**
- The oxidation state of an atom in an uncombined element is 0.
- The oxidation state of a monatomic ion is the same as its charge.
- Oxygen is assigned an oxidation state of  $-2$  in most of its covalent compounds. Important exception: peroxides (compounds containing the  $\text{O}_2$  group), in which each oxygen is assigned an oxidation state of  $-1$
- In its covalent compounds with nonmetals, hydrogen is assigned an oxidation state of  $+1$
- For a compound, sum total of OSN is zero.
- For an ionic species (like a polyatomic ion), the sum of the oxidation states must equal the overall charge on that ion.

### Balancing Redox Reactions

#### Method 1

- Balance elements that were oxidised or reduced
- Balance O with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Balance H with  $\text{H}^+$
- Balance charges with electrons

#### Method 2

- Balance elements that were oxidised or reduced
- Add electrons (OSN x No of that element)
- Balance O with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



### Balancing Redox Reactions (cont)

4. Balance H with H+

#### Method 3

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2. Electrons gained = Electrons lost

-  $a \times 7e = b \times 2 \times 1e$

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