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1. Major Exam ~~March 2~~, 7-9 pm no change!  
October 20

1. Major: Electrochemistry Chap. 34/10, 10, 11

2. Major: Kinetics: Chap. 35, 36

Final: Transport properties: Chap. 34

Transport happens Today: electric, charge  
conduction = transport

Transport happens ~~when~~ <sup>after</sup> distribution of eq.  
mass or energy is shifted away from  
equilibrium by an external perturbation  
perturbation off: transport for return to  
equilibrium distribution

flux: transport of a quantity ~~thru~~ through  
an Area A in time t:

flux  $J_x = -\alpha \frac{d(\text{quantity})}{dx}$

linear relation if only small displacement  
from equilibrium

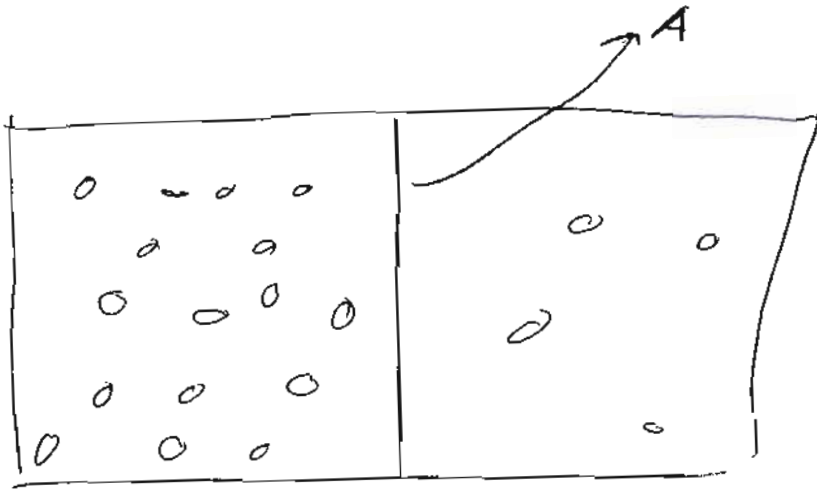
$$[\text{flux}] = \frac{\text{quantity units}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \quad \alpha = \text{transport coefficient}$$

- sign: flux in opposite direction of  $\textcircled{1}-2$   
the gradient

→ flux makes gradient smaller

if gradient kept = const.  $\Rightarrow$  flux = const. in time

e.g.  $\tilde{N}$  particle number density



← increase of  $\tilde{N}$   
→ flux direction

electric conduction

transport of electric charge as electrons (metals) or ions (solutions) in an electric potential field

current: charge transported in time  $t$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

$$[I] = 1A = 1 \frac{C}{s} = 1 \frac{As}{s} = 1A$$

electronic charge:  $e = 1.60 \cdot 10^{-19} C (As)$

$1A \hat{=} \text{flow of } 6.25 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ electrons in } 1s$

current = const. in time  $\Rightarrow Q = I \cdot t$  ①-2a

current density :  $j$  = amount of current  
flowing through a conductor with crosssection  
area  $A$

$$j = \frac{I}{A} \quad \underline{\text{transp.}}$$

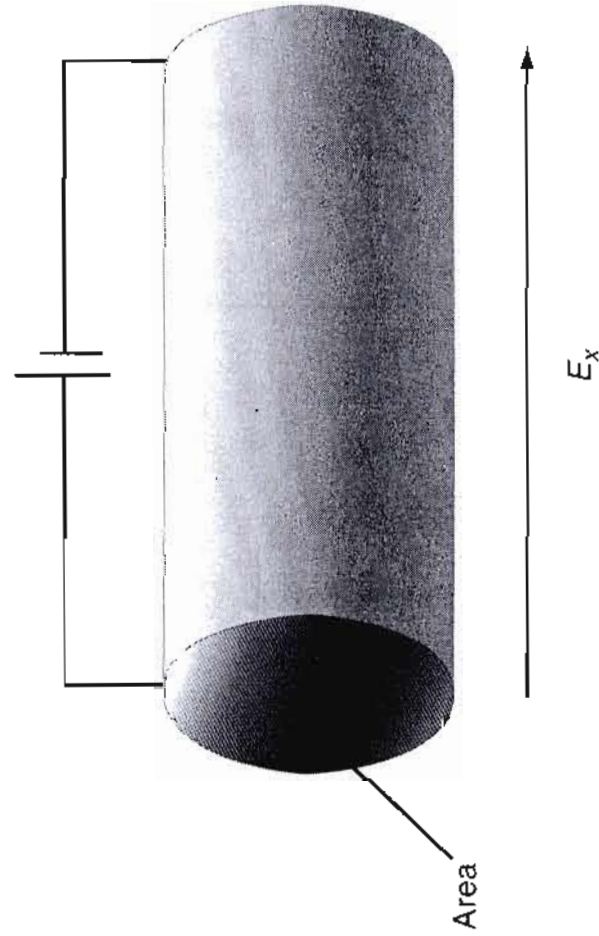
Unfortunately, by convention thermal conductivity and electrical conductivity are both denoted by the symbol  $\kappa$ . Therefore, we will use the terms *thermal* or *electrical* when discussing conductivity to avoid confusion. Electrical conductivity has units of siemens per meter, or  $\text{S m}^{-1}$ , where 1 S equals  $1\Omega^{-1} (\text{ohm}^{-1})$ . Finally, the **resistivity**  $\rho$  of a material is the inverse of the electrical conductivity:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{E}{j} \quad (34.65)$$

Resistivity is expressed in units of  $\Omega \text{ m}$ . Consider Figure 34.19 in which an electric field  $E$  is applied to a cylindrical conductor with a cross-sectional area and length  $l$ . If the cylinder is homogeneous in composition, the electric field and current density will be equivalent throughout the conductor, allowing us to write:

$$E = \frac{V}{l} \quad (34.66)$$

$$j = \frac{I}{\text{Area}} \quad (34.67)$$



**FIGURE 34.19**

Cross section of a current-carrying conductor. The conductor cross-sectional area is indicated by the shaded area. The direction of the applied electric field  $E_x$  created by the battery is also shown.

transport of charge by electric force  
from an electric field  $E$  which is created  
by a battery:  $j \sim E$  el. field strength  
electric conductivity  $\kappa =$  proportionality constant

$$\rightarrow j = \kappa E$$

$$[\kappa] = 1 \frac{S}{m}, \quad 1 S = 1 \Omega^{-1}, \quad 1 \Omega = 1 \frac{V}{A}$$

$$\Omega: \text{ohm from } R = \frac{V}{I}$$

homogeneous cylinder as conductor:

$$\text{resistivity } \rho = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{E}{j} \quad [\rho] = 1 \frac{m}{S} = 1 \Omega m$$

$$E = \frac{V}{l} \quad l: \text{length of conductor, } E = \text{const.}$$

$$j = \frac{I}{A} \quad A: \text{cross section area}$$

$V = \Delta\phi$  electric potential difference between  
ends of conductor

$V$ : voltage, unit  $1V$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{E}{j} = \frac{V}{l} \cdot \frac{A}{I} \quad E = \frac{V}{l}, \quad j = \frac{I}{A}, \quad A \text{ area}$$

$$= \frac{V}{I} \cdot \frac{A}{l} = R \frac{A}{l} \quad \frac{A}{l}: \text{cell constant in electrolysis}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} \text{ ohm's law, } \rho \sim R$$

proportionality constant:  $\frac{A}{l}$

battery produces an electric field in the  
conductor. field direction called  $x \Rightarrow E_x$

$$E_x = - \frac{d\phi}{dx} \text{ electric potential gradient}$$

$$j = \kappa E_x = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

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$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{A} \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\kappa \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

transport equation

$\frac{1}{A} \frac{dQ}{dt}$  flux of charge through conductor  
originated by potential gradient  
similar to all transport phenomena

$\kappa$ : proportionality constant between flux and  
~~can~~ potential gradient (transport coefficient)

in solutions: measure  $\kappa = f(c)$

done ~~by~~ with conductivity cells:

container + electrolyte solution + electrodes with  
known area and distance ( $l$ )

alternating (ac) current  $\Rightarrow$  no electrolysis products  
are build up at electrodes

Wheatstone bridge:

if 2 arms have same resistance  $\rightarrow$  0 current  
between A and B

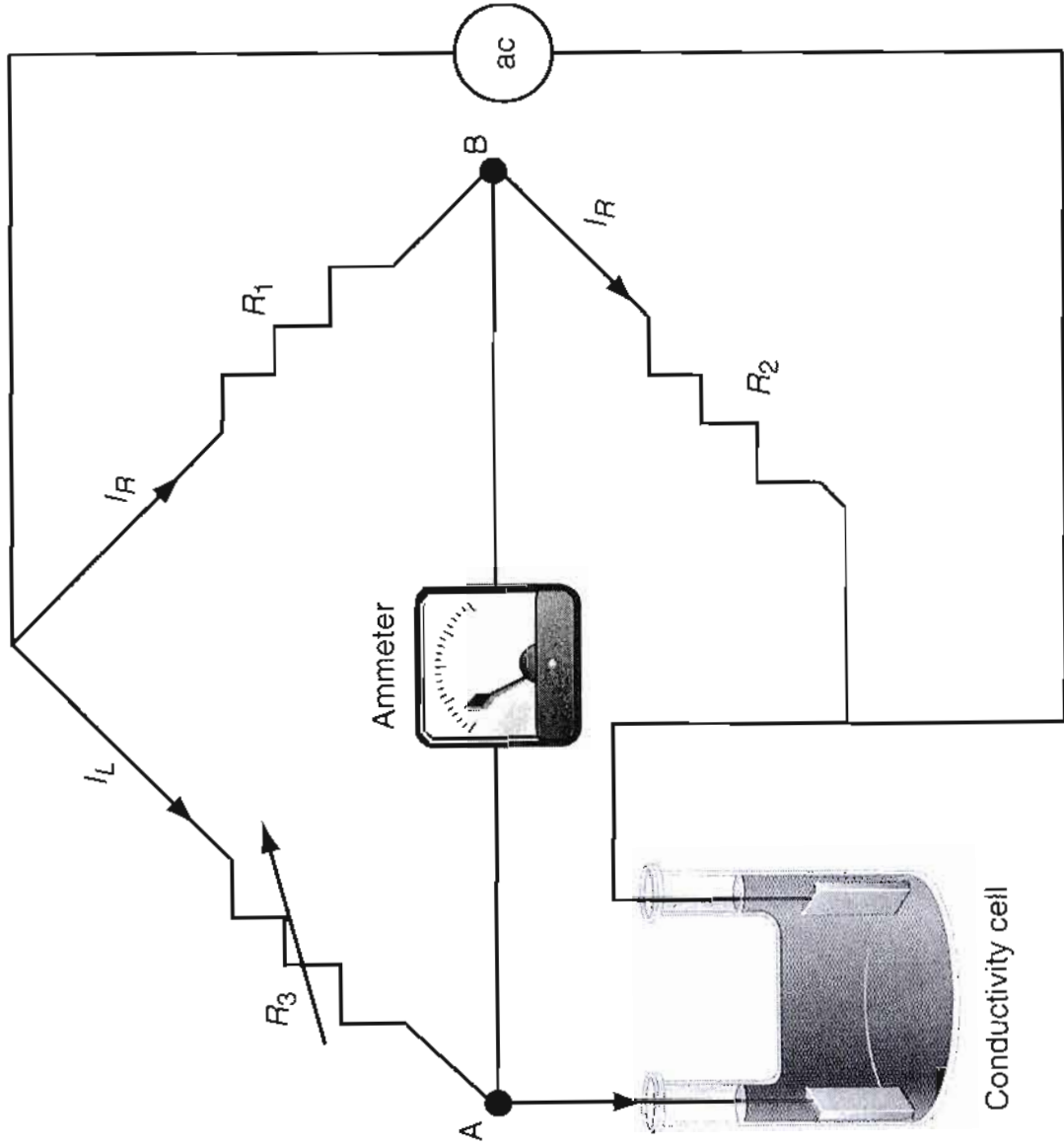
$R_1, R_2 = \text{const.}$ ,  $R_3$  is changed until  $I=0$

$$I=0: \frac{R_3}{R_1} = \frac{R_{\text{cell}}}{R_2} \Rightarrow R_{\text{cell}} = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1}$$

$\rightarrow$  conductivity:  $\frac{1}{\kappa} = R_{\text{cell}} \frac{A}{l}$  A: area

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{l}{R_{\text{cell}} \cdot A}$$

using a conductivity cell, which is simply a container in which two electrodes of well-defined area and spacing are placed, and into which a solution of electrolyte is added (Figure 34.20). The resistance of the conductivity cell is generally measured using alternating currents to limit the buildup of electrolysis products at the electrodes. The resistance of the cell is measured using a Wheatstone bridge as illustrated in Figure 34.20. The operating principle behind this circuit is that when the two "arms" of



**FIGURE 34.20** Schematic of the electrical circuit used to perform electrical conductivity measurements. The solution of interest is placed in the conductivity cell, which is placed in one arm of a Wheatstone bridge circuit, which includes  $R_3$  and the cell. Resistor  $R_3$  is adjusted until no current flows between points A and B. Under these conditions, the resistance of the cell can be determined.



molar conductivity:  $\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa}{c}$  ①-5

$c$ : molarity of the electrolyte solution

$$[\Lambda_m] = 1 \frac{\text{Sm}^2}{\text{mol}} \quad (1 \text{ S} = 1 \Omega^{-1})$$

if  $\kappa \propto c \Rightarrow \Lambda_m$  does not change with  $c$

transp.  $\Lambda_m$  vs  $c$

$\text{HCl(aq)}$ ,  $\text{KCl(aq)}$ ,  $\text{NaCl(aq)}$  strong electrolytes  
only small dependence of  $\Lambda_m$  on  $c$  especially  
when  $c \rightarrow 0$

$\text{H}_3\text{CCOOH(aq)}$  weak electrolyte

$\Lambda_m$  similar to strong ones at small  $c$

$\Lambda_m$  decrease when  $c$  increases faster than for  
strong electrolytes

$\text{CuSO}_4(\text{aq})$  in between

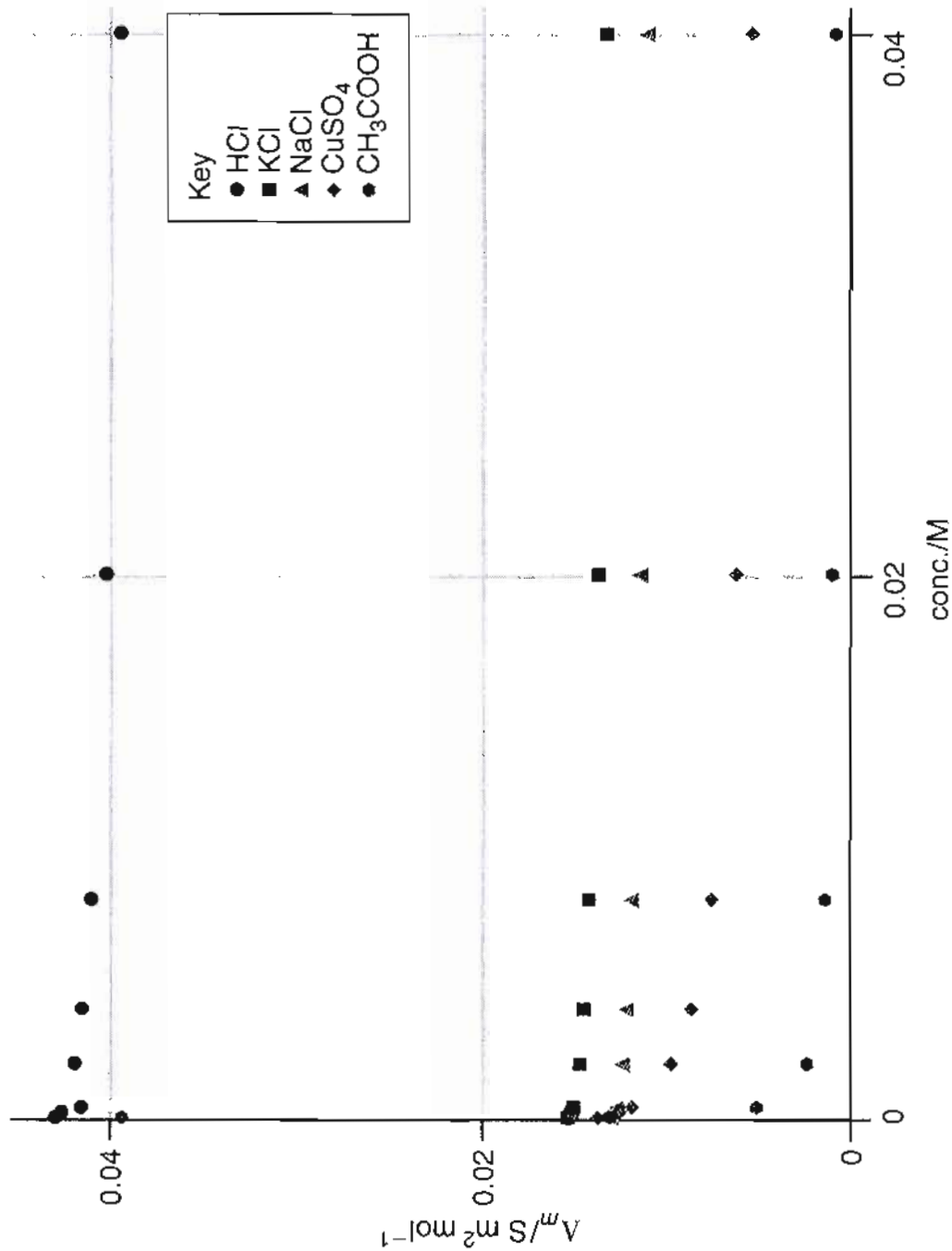
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow$  strong bonding when the ions meet

$\rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  move together, no charge



FIGURE 34.21

Molar conductivity  $\Lambda_m$  of various compounds as a function of concentration  $c$ . Measurements were performed in water at 25°C. Notice the mild reduction in  $\Lambda_m$  as a function of concentration for HCl, KCl, NaCl, and  $\text{CuSO}_4$ . This behavior is characteristic of a strong electrolyte. In contrast,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  demonstrates a substantial reduction in  $\Lambda_m$  with increased concentration, characteristic of a weak electrolyte.



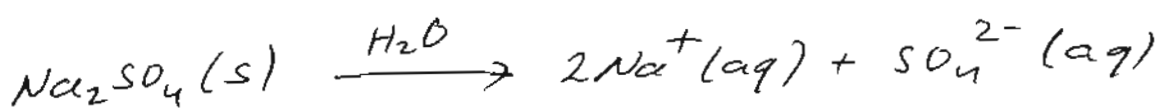
the bridge have equal resistance, no current will flow between points A and B. In the experiment, the resistance of  $R_3$  is varied until this occurs. Under these conditions, the resistance of the cell is given by

$$R_{cell} = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1} \tag{34.71}$$

different solvents: ①-6  
same electrolyte can be weak in one solvent,  
strong in the other

### Strong Electrolytes

ionic solids, strong acids and bases:  
completely dissociated into ions in solution  
(100%)  $\Rightarrow c(\text{ions}) \sim c(\text{electrolyte})$ :



no equilibrium, no  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  molecules in solution

$\text{BaSO}_4$ : insoluble but strong.

all dissolved  $\text{BaSO}_4$  in form of  $\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$

~~no~~ not dissolved: in solid, no  $\text{BaSO}_4(\text{aq})$   
molecules

$$\Rightarrow [\text{Na}^+] = 2[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] \quad [\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = [\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4]$$

$$\text{if } A_a B_b \quad [A^{v+}] = a[A_a B_b], \quad [B^{p-}] = b[A_a B_b]$$

$[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4]$  total amount of dissolved electrolyte

Experiment  $\rightarrow$  Kohlrausch's law:

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ - K \sqrt{\frac{c}{c_0}} \quad \text{only for strong electrolytes}$$

$c_0$ : standard concentration (~~1M~~)

$$~~1\text{N}(\text{NaCl}) = 1\text{M}(\text{NaCl}) \quad 1\text{N}(\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4) = \frac{1}{2}\text{M}(\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4)~~$$

$$1\text{N}(\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4) = \frac{1}{3}\text{M}(\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4) \quad 1\text{N}(\text{MgSO}_4) = \frac{1}{2}\text{M}(\text{MgSO}_4)$$

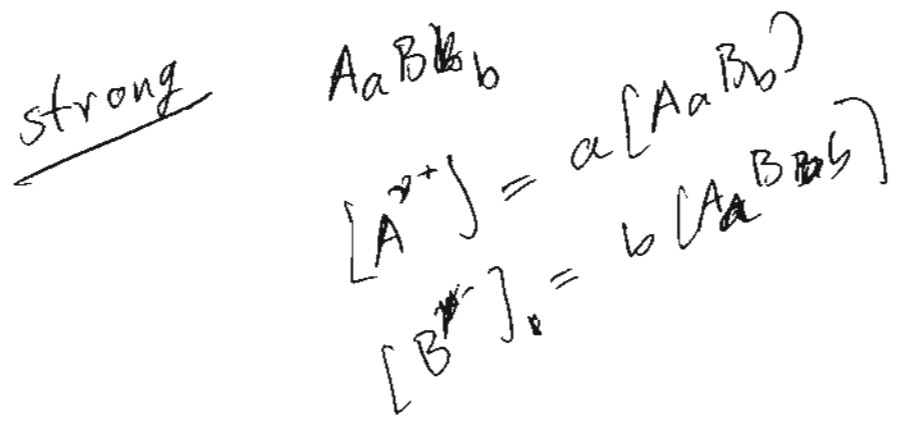
molar conductivity of strong electrolyte solutions decreases with  $\sqrt{c/c_0}$  ① - 6a

transp.  $\Lambda_m$  vs  $\sqrt{c/c_0}$  for strong electrolytes

→ straight lines if strong

slope = -K

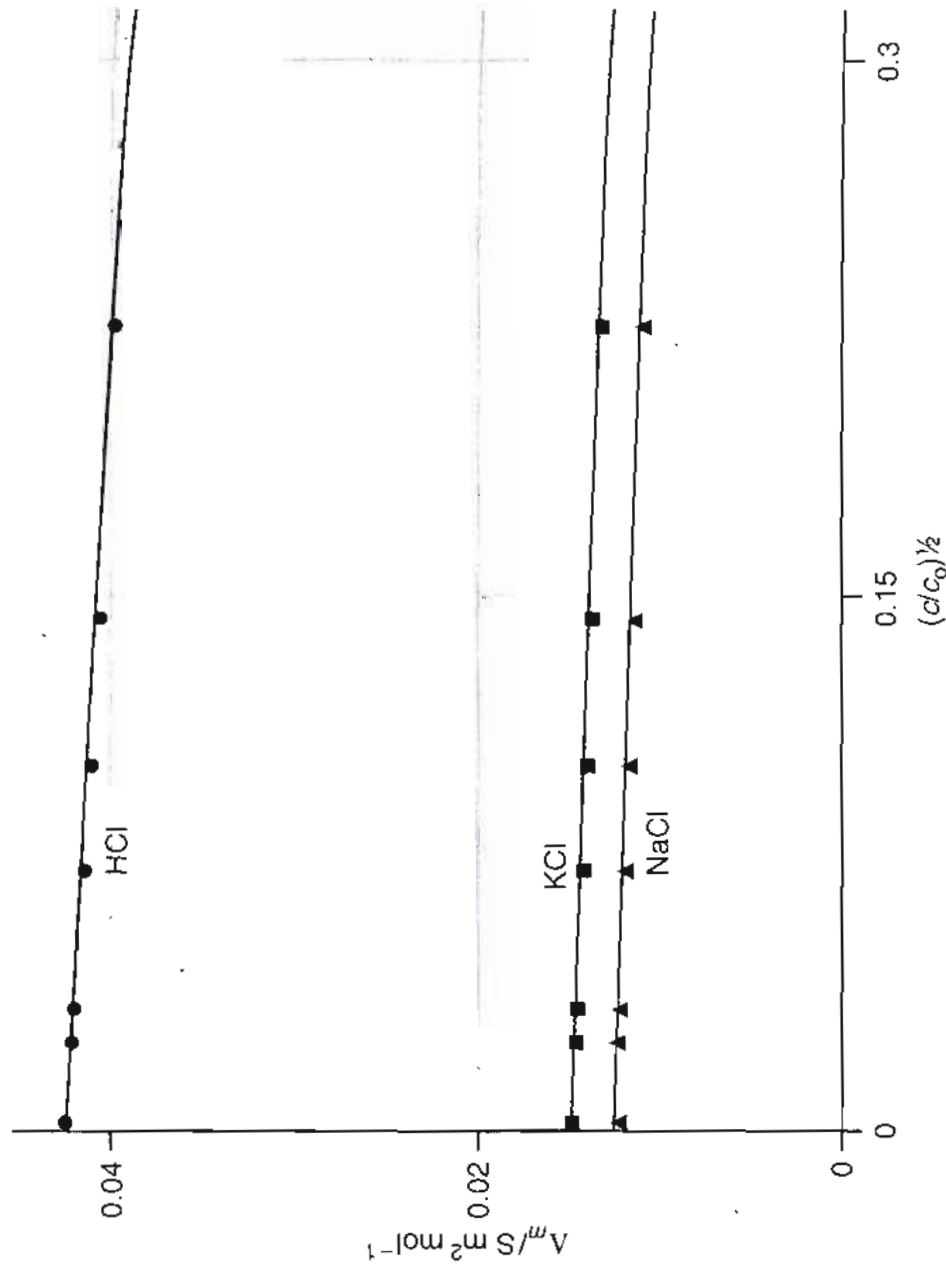
slope depends mostly on stoichiometry not on the ion type



Obj. finish of strong electrolytes  
ionic conduction for weak electrolytes

FIGURE 34.22

Molar conductivity  $\Lambda_m$  versus the square root of concentration for three strong electrolytes: HCl, KCl, and NaCl. The solid lines are fits to Kohlrausch's law [Equation (34.73)].



In 1900, Kohlrausch demonstrated that the concentration dependence of the molar conductivity for strong electrolytes is well described by the following equation:

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^0 - K\sqrt{\frac{c}{c_0}} \quad (34.73)$$

This equation, known as **Kohlrausch's law**, states that the molar conductivity for strong electrolytes decreases as the square root of concentration, with slope given

slope depends on # of ions  $\rightarrow$  on stoichiometry (same in all 3 lines), not on the kind of ions ①-7

$\rightarrow$  parallel lines

intercept:  $\Lambda_m^0$  molar conductivity at infinite dilution

cannot be directly measured ( $R=0$  at  $c=0$ )

$\Lambda_m^0$  different for different kinds of ions

can be obtained for strong electrolytes as intercept of a  $\Lambda_m$  vs  $\sqrt{c/c_0}$  plot

$\Lambda_m^0$  = molar conductivity without interactions between the ions

no interactions  $\rightarrow$  infinite distance

$\rightarrow$  infinite dilution

## Repetition

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2 charges,  $Q_1, Q_2$ , distance  $r$ , vacuum

$$\text{force } F = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

medium:  $\epsilon \epsilon_0$  instead of  $\epsilon_0$

electric field  $r$  away from charge  $Q$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$E = - \frac{d\phi}{dr}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = - \int E dr \quad \text{electric potential}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r} \quad \text{in distance } r \text{ from a charge } Q$$



Obj. Ionic conduction  
Weak Electrolytes

Kohlrausch could show experimentally that  $\Lambda_m^0$  can be obtained from contributions of individual ions, which are the same, no matter in which electrolyte they are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. he found: } \lambda_{\text{Na}^+}^0 - \lambda_{\text{K}^+}^0 & \\ &= \Lambda_m^0(\text{NaCl}) - \Lambda_m^0(\text{KCl}) \\ &= \Lambda_m^0(\text{NaBr}) - \Lambda_m^0(\text{KBr}) \\ &= \Lambda_m^0(\text{NaI}) - \Lambda_m^0(\text{KI}) \end{aligned}$$

The equal anion contributions cancel out and all 3 differences are equal

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_m^0 = \nu_+ \lambda_+^0 + \nu_- \lambda_-^0$$

$\lambda_+$ : ionic molar conductivity of the cation

$\lambda_-$ : " " " " " " anion

$\nu_+, \nu_-$ : stoichiometric numbers of cation and anion in the electrolyte formula unit

$\text{NaCl}$ :  $\nu_+ = \nu_- = 1$   $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ :  $\nu_+ = 2, \nu_- = 1$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{S}_3$   $\nu_+ = 2, \nu_- = 3$

$\Rightarrow$  Law of Independent Migration of Ions:

Under infinite dilution conditions the molar conductivity of an electrolyte solution is equal to the sum of the <sup>ionic</sup> molar conductivities of cations &



anion (or sum of all ions involved) weighted (2)-1a by their stoichiometric numbers in the formula unit of the electrolyte

transp. examples of  $\lambda_{\pm}$  values (all  $\lambda^{\circ}$  values)

calculate  $\Lambda_m^{\circ}(\text{MgCl}_2)$ !

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_m^{\circ}(\text{MgCl}_2) &= 1 \cdot \lambda(\text{Mg}^{2+}) + 2 \cdot \lambda(\text{Cl}^{-}) \\ &= 0.0106 \frac{\text{S m}^2}{\text{mol}} + 2 \cdot 0.0076 \frac{\text{S m}^2}{\text{mol}} \\ &= 0.0258 \frac{\text{S m}^2}{\text{mol}}\end{aligned}$$

~~always  $\lambda$  means  $\lambda^{\circ}$~~

similar result from the intercept of  $\Lambda_m^{\text{v}}(\text{MgCl}_2)$

vs  $\sqrt{c/c_0}$  plot. Namely from plot

$$\Lambda_m^{\circ}(\text{MgCl}_2) = 0.0212 \frac{\text{S m}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

$\text{MgCl}_2$  has some  $\text{Mg}^{2+} 2\text{Cl}^{-}$  "molecules" in the solution (ion association)

**TABLE 34.2** Ionic Equivalent Conductance Values for Representative Ions

Ion	$\lambda$ ( $\text{S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )	Ion	$\lambda$ ( $\text{S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )
$\text{H}^+$	0.0350	$\text{OH}^-$	0.0199
$\text{Na}^+$	0.0050	$\text{Cl}^-$	0.0076
$\text{K}^+$	0.0074	$\text{Br}^-$	0.0078
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	0.0106	$\text{F}^-$	0.0054
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	0.0107	$\text{NO}_3^-$	0.0071
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	0.0119	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	0.0139

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 34.11

What is the expected molar conductivity at infinite dilution for  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ?

#### Solution

Using Equation (34.74) and the data provided in Table 34.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_m^0(\text{MgCl}_2) &= 1\lambda(\text{Mg}^{2+}) + 2\lambda(\text{Cl}^-) \\ &= (0.0106 \text{ S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}) + 2(0.0076 \text{ S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}) \\ &= 0.0258 \text{ S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

As determined by a plot of conductivity versus  $(c/c_0)^{1/2}$ ,  $\Lambda_m^0$  for  $\text{MgCl}_2$  is equal to  $0.0212 \text{ S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . Comparison of this value to the expected molar conductivity cal-

from where the  $c^{1/2}$  dependence of  $\Lambda_m^\circ$ ? (2)-2

When concentrations of ions are involved in an equation, they should be replaced by activities

We will see in Chapter 10 that the dependence of activity on concentration is related to dielectric screening through the Debye-Hückel Limiting Law (DHLL):

$$\ln(\text{ion activity}) \sim \sqrt{\text{ionic strength } I}$$

$$\text{ionic strength: } I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i c_i z_i^2$$

$\sum_i$  over all ion types in a solution

$c_i$ : concentration of ion  $i$

$z_i$ : charge number of ion  $i$

reason: properties of an ion in solution are not only determined by the ion itself, but also by the ionic atmosphere of other ions around it.

transp. (a) spherical ionic atmosphere of a few cations around an anion without electric field.

(b) distorted ionic atmosphere when the central anion moves under an electric field



at infinite dilution for  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ?

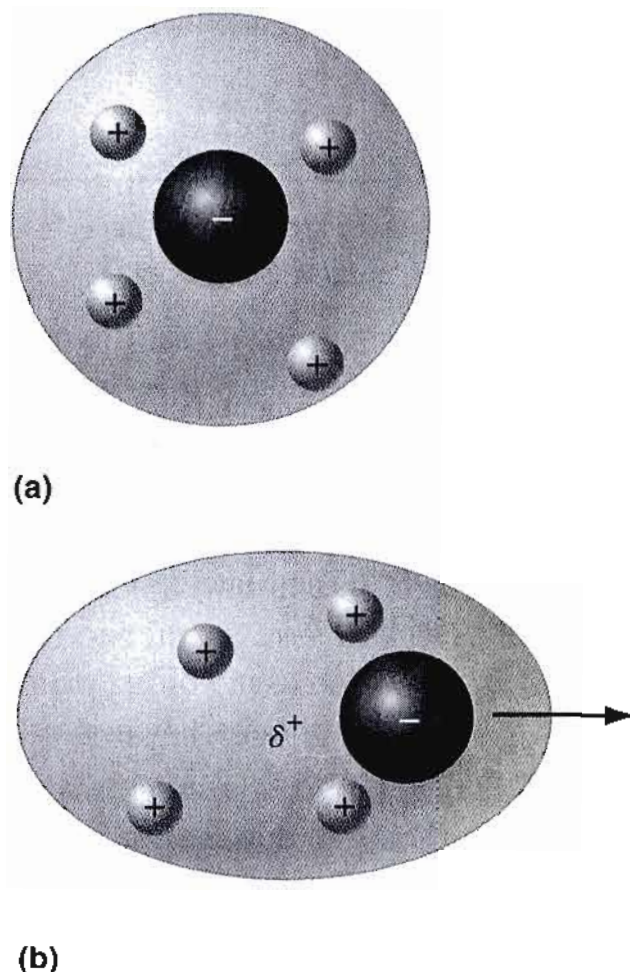
ded in Table 34.2,

$$2\lambda(\text{Cl}^-) \\ \text{mol}^{-1}) + 2(0.0076 \text{ S m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}) \\ \text{mol}^{-1}$$

versus  $(c/c_0)^{1/2}$ ,  $\Lambda_m^0$  for  $\text{MgCl}_2$  is equal to  
due to the expected molar conductivity cal-  
behaves as a strong electrolyte in aqueous

nce stated in Kohlrausch's law? In Chapter 10  
olytes demonstrates a similar concentration  
related to dielectric screening as expressed by  
states that the natural log of the ion activity is  
ation ionic strength, or ion concentration. An  
by the ion itself, but also by the ionic atmos-  
Chapter 10, and depicted in Figure 34.23. In  
y a few close-lying positive ions comprising  
an electric field, the ionic atmosphere will be  
positive and negative charge will be identical.  
in ion motion, and this motion will create two  
the negative ion in Figure 34.23 migrates and  
or. The ionic atmosphere is not capable of  
ion instantaneously, and the lag in response  
of positive and negative charge. This displace-  
c field in opposition to the applied field.  
e ion, and subsequently the conductivity, will  
**relaxation effect**, and this term implies that a time  
phenomenon. In this case, it is the time it takes the  
n of the negative ion.

for ionic atmosphere relaxation can be gained  
ic field to study ionic conductivity. A second  
f the ion is the **electrophoretic effect**. The  
ll migrate in opposite directions such that the  
eases. The reduction in ion mobility accompa-  
nishes the decrease in conductivity.



**FIGURE 34.23**

Negative ion in solution and associated ionic atmosphere. (a) In the absence of an electric field, the center of the positive and negative charge is identical. (b) However, when an electric field is present, the motion of the negative ion results in displacement of the center of the positive and negative charge. This local electric field is in opposition to the applied electric field such that the rate of ion migration is reduced.

The ionic atmosphere cannot follow the moving ion immediately

⇒ centers of + and - charges are displaced (different locations) for some time

⇒ a local electric field is created which is in opposite direction of the applied one.

⇒ speed of moving ion is slowed

⇒ ionic conductivity is reduced

relaxation effect: relaxation time = time needed by the ionic atmosphere to follow the moving ion

electrophoretic effect: also reduces the ionic conductivity:

under a field cations and anions move in

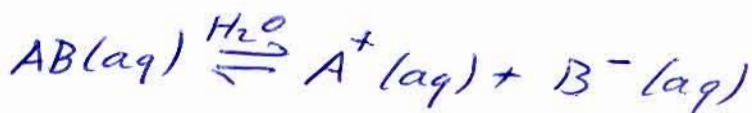
different opposite directions

each ion will experience a viscous drag from the flow of the oppositely charged ions

⇒ slows ions down (ion swim) upstream

### Weak Electrolytes

only fractional, not full dissociation happens in solution ⇒ undissociated molecules also in solution:

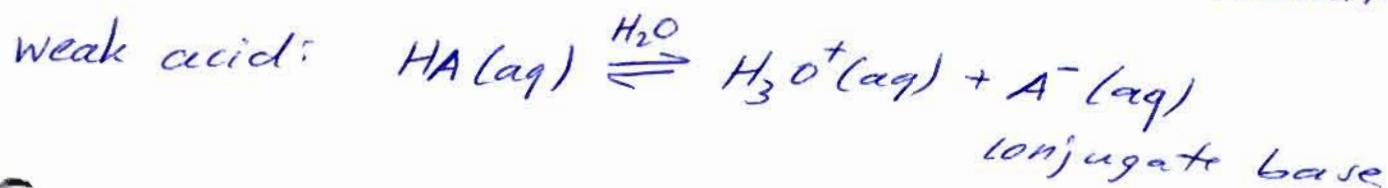




equilibrium  $\Rightarrow$  also molecules in solution  
 $AB(aq)$  (2) - 4

Weak acids: incomplete dissociation into  
 $H_3O^+(aq)$  and the conjugate base

$\alpha$  = extent of ionization: fraction of dissociated  
electrolyte molecules ~~to~~ <sup>of</sup> the total initial amount



$$\Rightarrow [H_3O^+] = [A^-] = \alpha \cdot c$$

$$[HA] = (1 - \alpha) \cdot c$$

c: initial molarity  
of HA before  
dissociation

$\alpha$ : degree of ionization,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

$$K_a = \left( \frac{[H_3O^+][A^-]}{[HA]} \right)_{eq} = \frac{\alpha c \cdot \alpha c}{(1 - \alpha) c} = \frac{\alpha^2 c}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha^2 c - K_a (1 - \alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \frac{K_a}{c} \alpha - \frac{K_a}{c} = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{K_a}{c} \pm \sqrt{\frac{K_a^2}{c^2} + \frac{4K_a}{c}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{K_a}{2c} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{4c}{K_a} + 1} - 1 \right] \quad \text{to take } \frac{K_a}{c} \text{ out of } \sqrt{\quad}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{K_a^2}{c^2} + \frac{4K_a}{c}} = \sqrt{\frac{K_a^2}{c^2} \left( 1 + \frac{4c}{K_a} \right)} = \frac{K_a}{c} \sqrt{\frac{4c}{K_a} + 1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^0} \quad \text{definition} \Rightarrow \Lambda_m = \alpha \Lambda_m^0$$

$$K_a = \frac{\alpha^2 c}{1 - \alpha} \quad \alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^0}$$

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$$\Rightarrow K_a = \frac{\Lambda_m^2 c}{\Lambda_m^0 \frac{\Lambda_m^0 - \Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^0}} = \frac{\Lambda_m^2 c}{\Lambda_m^0 (\Lambda_m^0 - \Lambda_m)}$$

$$K_a (\Lambda_m^0)^2 - K_a \Lambda_m^0 \Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^2 c \quad | \cdot \frac{1}{(\Lambda_m^0)^2}$$

$$K_a - K_a \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^0} = \frac{\Lambda_m^2 c}{(\Lambda_m^0)^2} \quad | \cdot \frac{1}{K_a \Lambda_m}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_m} - \frac{1}{\Lambda_m^0} = \frac{\Lambda_m c}{(\Lambda_m^0)^2 K_a}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda_m} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_m^0} + \frac{\Lambda_m c}{(\Lambda_m^0)^2 K_a}$$

Ostwald's dilution law

plot of  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_m}$  vs  $\Lambda_m c = k$  must give a straight line for weak electrolytes (not for strong ones!)

strong

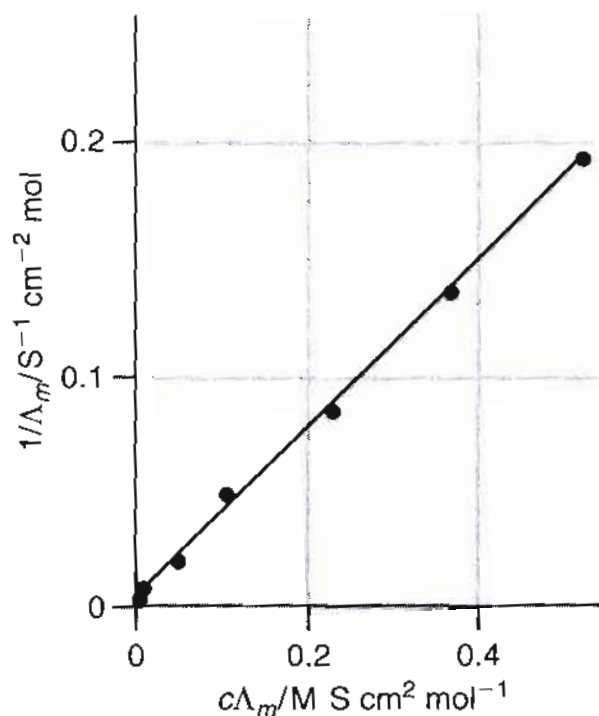
$\Lambda_m$  vs  $\sqrt{c} \rightarrow$  straight line

intercept =  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_m^0}$

slope =  $\frac{1}{K_a (\Lambda_m^0)^2}$

no good values of  $\Lambda_m^0$  in this way for weak electrolytes while plot for strong ones gives good  $\Lambda_m^0$  values!





**FIGURE 34.24**

Comparison of experimental and predicted conductivity of acetic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) as a function of concentration using the Ostwald dilution law of Equation (34.80). The y intercept on the graph is equal to  $1/\Lambda_m^0$ .

In Equations (34.75) and (34.76),  $\alpha$  is the degree of dissociation (from 0 to 1), and  $c$  is the initial concentration  $c$ . Substituting (34.76) into the expression for the equivalent conductivity (Equation (34.77)):

$$K_a =$$

Solving Equation (34.77) for  $\alpha$  yields

$$\alpha = \frac{K_a}{2c} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{4K_a}{c} \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right)$$

The molar conductivity of a weak electrolyte will be related to the molar conductivity at infinite dilution  $\Lambda_m^0$ :

$$\Lambda_m =$$

Using Equations (34.78) and (34.79), the molar conductivity can be determined and compared with the experimental value. The relationship between  $\Lambda_m$  and  $c$  for a weak electrolyte is described by:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_m} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_m^0} + \frac{K_a}{\Lambda_m^0 c}$$

The comparison of the predicted behavior of acetic acid ( $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $\Lambda_m^0 = 0.039 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ) and excellent agreement is observed. The y intercept on the graph is equal to  $1/\Lambda_m^0$ .

## Vocabulary

boundary layer

Brownian motion

centrifuge

diffusion

diffusion coefficient

diffusion equation

Einstein-Smoluchowski equation

electrical conductivity

electrophoretic effect

Fick's first law

Fick's second law of diffusion

ionic equivalent conductance

Kohlrausch's law

laminar flow

law of independent migration of ions

mass transport

molar conductivity

Ostwald dilution law

Ostwald viscometer

Poiseuille's law

random walk

relaxation effect

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HAc

$$\lambda^{\circ}(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+) = 349.65 \frac{\text{Scm}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\lambda^{\circ}(\text{Ac}^-) = 40.9 \frac{\text{Scm}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Lambda_m^{\circ}(\text{HAc}) = \lambda_{\text{H}^+}^{\circ} + \lambda_{\text{Ac}^-}^{\circ}$$

$$= (349.65 + 40.9) \frac{\text{Scm}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

$$= 390.6 \frac{\text{Scm}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

book: from  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_m}$  vs  $\Lambda_m c = K$  plot

$$\Lambda_m^{\circ}(\text{HAc}) = \frac{1}{\text{intercept}}$$

$$= 395.7 \frac{\text{Scm}^2}{\text{mol}}$$

1.3% error

strong

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^{\circ} - K \sqrt{c/c^{\circ}}$$

$$c^{\circ} = 1\text{M} \quad \underline{\text{not}} \quad 1\text{N}$$

obj. ionic enthalpy, Gibb's energy, and entropy of formation in solution  
conventional and absolute values  
↓  
relative to a  
standard

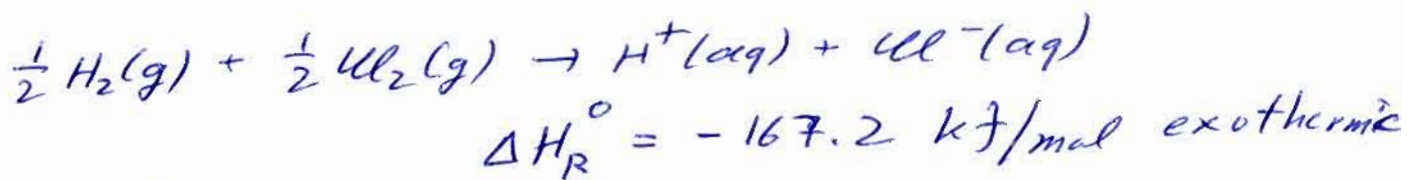
an electrolyte dissociates in solution into solvated ions

e.g.  $H^+(aq)$ , better  $H_3O^+(aq)$  solvated ion in solution  
aq for water as solvent

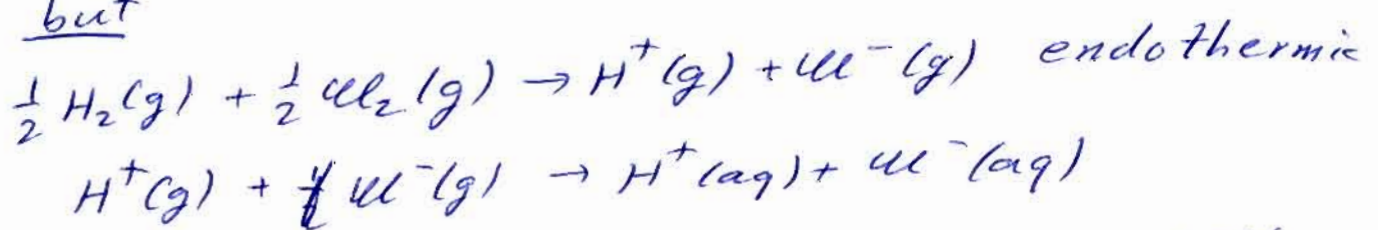
if there is complete (100%) dissociation in solution: strong electrolyte, no molecules in soln.

incomplete dissociation: weak electrolyte  
ions and molecules in solution  
equilibrium!

dissolved, undissociated molecules with dipole moment (sugar): non-electrolyte



but



⇒ ordering and binding of  $H_2O$  around the ions makes overall reaction exothermic!

$$\Delta H_R^{\circ} = \Delta H_f^{\circ}(H^+, aq) + \Delta H_f^{\circ}(Cl^-, aq)$$



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$\Delta H_f^\circ$  of an element in the standard and most stable state is 0

a solution is always uncharged

→  $\Delta H_f^\circ(H^+, aq)$  cannot be measured alone, because that would require a charged solution

a thermodynamic quantity relative to a chosen 0-point is a conventional one

conventions (for all tabulated conv. values):

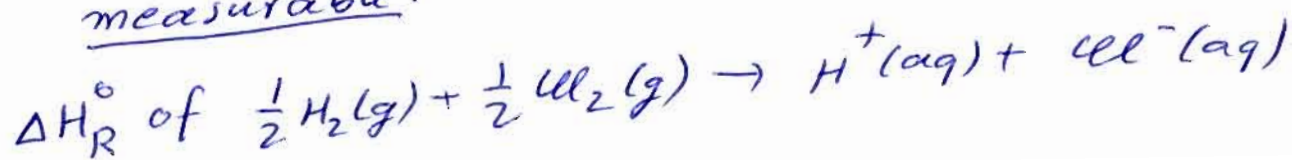
$$\Delta G_f^\circ(H^+, aq) = 0 \text{ for all } T$$

$$S_m^\circ(H^+, aq) = \Delta S_f^\circ(H^+, aq) = - \left[ \frac{\partial \Delta G_f^\circ(H^+, aq)}{\partial T} \right]_P = 0$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H_f^\circ(H^+, aq) = \Delta G_f^\circ(H^+, aq) + TS_m^\circ(H^+, aq) = 0$$

measurable!



then  $\Delta G_R^\circ = -RT \ln K$

from conductivity measurements

and  $\Delta S_R^\circ = \frac{1}{T}(\Delta H_R^\circ - \Delta G_R^\circ)$

$$\Delta G_R^\circ = \Delta G_f^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq})$$

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$\Delta G_f^\circ(\text{H}^+, \text{aq}) = 0$  due to convention

$$\Delta H_R^\circ = \Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq})$$

$$\Delta S_R^\circ = S_m^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq}) - \frac{1}{2} S_m^\circ(\text{H}_2, \text{g}) - \frac{1}{2} S_m^\circ(\text{Cl}_2, \text{g})$$

standard: all involved concentration 1m  
other ions:



and  $\Delta H_R^\circ = \underbrace{\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq}) + \Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Na}^+, \text{aq}) - \Delta H_f^\circ(\text{NaCl}, s)}$

known from above discussion

$\Rightarrow$   $\text{Na}^+$  value from  $\Delta H_R^\circ$  and so on  
for others

$\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ ,  $S_m^\circ$  for other ions in solution

is similar, when 1 ion is known!

Transp. Conv. values (examples)

$\Delta H_f^\circ$  for multiply charged ions is more negative than that of singly charged ions, and  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for a given charge is more negative for smaller ions because of the stronger electrostatic attraction between the multiply charged or smaller ion and the water in the solvation shell.

Recall from Section 5.8 that the entropy of an atom or molecule was shown to be always positive. This is not the case for solvated ions because the entropy is measured relative to  $H^+(aq)$ . The entropy decreases as the hydration shell is formed because liquid water molecules are converted to relatively immobile molecules. Ions with a negative value for the conventional standard entropy such as  $Mg^{2+}(aq)$ ,  $Zn^{2+}(aq)$ , and  $PO_4^{3-}(aq)$  have a larger charge-to-size ratio than  $H^+(aq)$ . For this reason, the solvation shell is more tightly bound. Conversely, ions with a positive value for the standard entropy such as  $Na^+(aq)$ ,  $Cs^+(aq)$ , and  $NO_3^-(aq)$  have a smaller charge-to-size ratio than  $H^+(aq)$  and a less tightly bound solvation shell.

**TABLE 10.1** Conventional Formation Enthalpies, Gibbs Energies, and Entropies of Selected Aqueous Anions and Cations

Ion	$\Delta H_f^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta G_f^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$S_m^\circ$ (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Ag <sup>+</sup> (aq)	105.6	77.1	72.7
Br <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-121.6	-104.0	82.4
Ca <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-542.8	-553.6	-53.1
Cl <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-167.2	-131.2	56.5
Cs <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-258.3	-292.0	133.1
Cu <sup>+</sup> (aq)	71.7	50.0	40.6
Cu <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	64.8	65.5	-99.6
F <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-332.6	-278.8	-13.8
H <sup>+</sup> (aq)	0	0	0
I <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-55.2	-51.6	111.3
K <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-252.4	-283.3	102.5
Li <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-278.5	-293.3	13.4
Mg <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-466.9	-454.8	-138.1
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-207.4	-111.3	146.4
Na <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-240.1	-261.9	59.0
OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-230.0	-157.2	-10.9
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (aq)	-1277.4	-1018.7	-220.5
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (aq)	-909.3	-744.5	20.1
Zn <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-153.9	-147.1	-112.1

Source: Lide, D. R., ed. *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*. 83rd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press 2002.



note all conv. quantities are relative  $\text{H}^+$  to  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$

$\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{A}^{n+})$  is more negative than  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{A}^+)$

also  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  is more negative for small ions which bind  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  dipoles more strongly than big ions

for  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$   $\frac{Q}{\text{size}}$  larger than for  $\text{H}^+$

→ solvation shell more tightly bound

$Q = \frac{\text{Charge}}{\text{Quantity}}$  negative  $S$  relative to  $\text{H}^+$

for the larger ions  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$   $\frac{Q}{\text{size}}$  is

smaller than for  $\text{H}^+$

→ less tightly bound solvation shell

⇒ positive  $S$  relative to  $\text{H}^+$

absolute values can be calculated

$G$  is a state function

⇒  $\Delta G$  is the same for the direct path

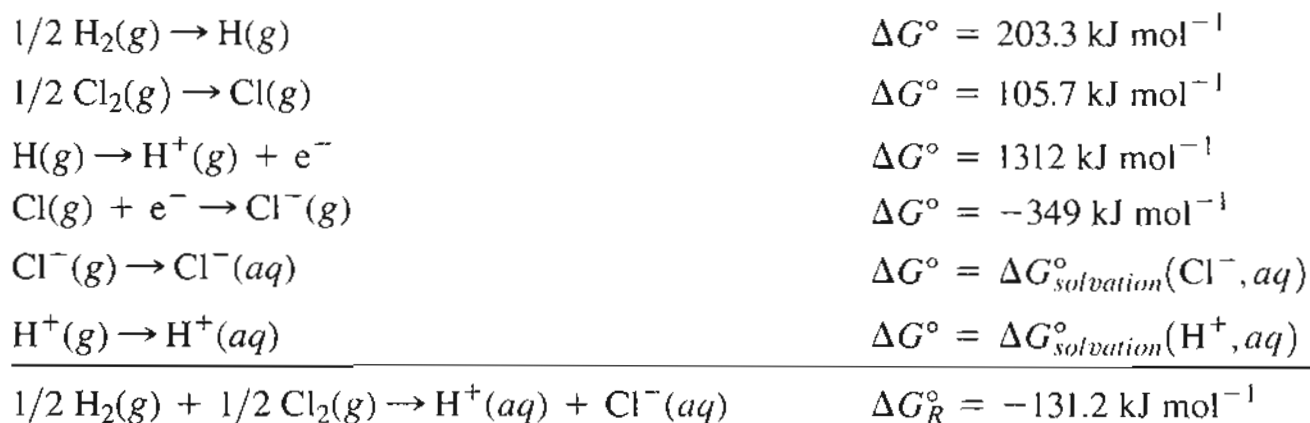
and for the way around



## 10.2 Understanding the Thermodynamics of Ion Formation and Solvation

As discussed in the preceding section,  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  can be determined for a formula unit but not for an individual ion in a calorimetric experiment. However, as seen next, values for thermodynamic functions associated with individual ions can be calculated with a reasonable level of confidence using a thermodynamic model. This result allows the conventional values of  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  to be converted to absolute values for individual ions. In the following discussion, the focus is on  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ .

We first discuss the individual contributions to  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and do so by analyzing the following sequence of steps that describe the formation of  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$ :

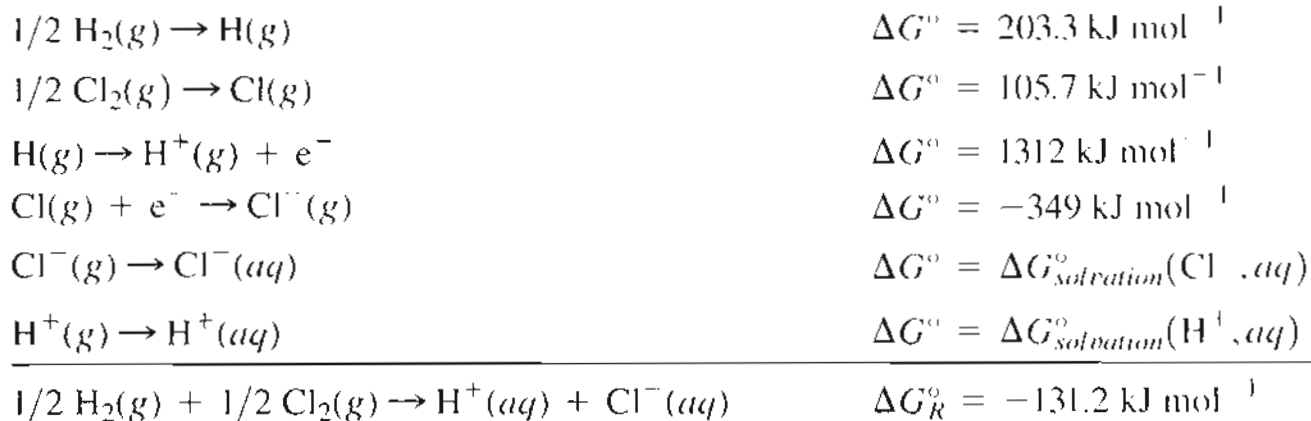


This pathway is shown pictorially in Figure 10.1. Because  $G$  is a state function, both the black and red paths must have the same  $\Delta G$  value. The first two reactions in this sequence are the dissociation of the molecules in the gas phase, and the second two reactions are the formation of gas phase ions from the neutral gas phase atoms.  $\Delta G^\circ$  can be determined experimentally for these four reactions. Substituting the known values for  $\Delta G^\circ$  for these four reactions in  $\Delta G^\circ$  for the overall process,

$$\Delta G_R^\circ = \Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq}) + \Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ(\text{H}^+, \text{aq}) + 1272 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad (10.7)$$

Equation 10.7 allows us to relate the  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ$  of the  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions with  $\Delta G_R^\circ$  for the overall reaction.

As Equation (10.7) shows,  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ$  plays a critical role in the determination of the Gibbs energies of ion formation. Although  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ$  of an individual cation or anion cannot be determined experimentally, it can be estimated using a model developed by Max Born. In this model, the solvent is treated as a uniform fluid with the appropriate dielectric constant, and the ion is treated as a charged sphere. How can  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ$  be calculated with these assumptions? At constant  $T$  and  $P$ , the nonexpansion work for a reversible process equals  $\Delta G$  for the process. Therefore, if the reversible work associated with solvation can be calculated,  $\Delta G$  for the process is known. Imagine a process in which a neutral atom  $A$  gains the charge  $Q$ , first in a vacuum and secondly in a uniform dielectric medium. The value of  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^\circ$  of an ion with a charge  $q$  is the reversible work for the process  $(A(\text{g}) \rightarrow A^Q(\text{aq}))_{\text{solvation}}$  minus that for the reversible process  $(A(\text{g}) \rightarrow A^Q(\text{g}))_{\text{vacuum}}$ .

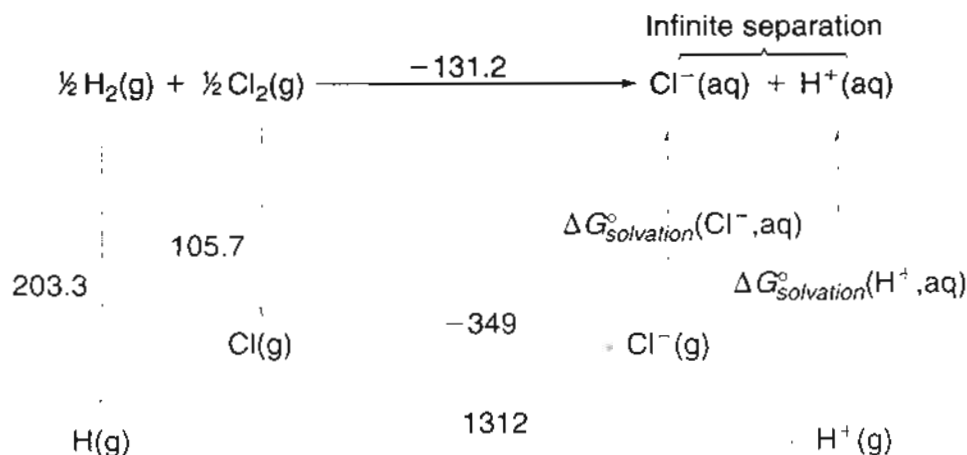


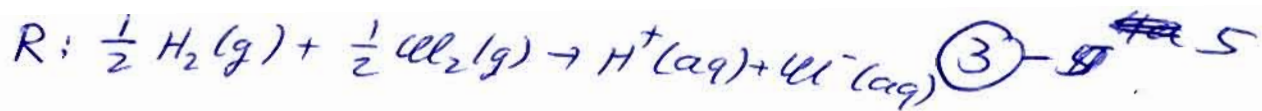
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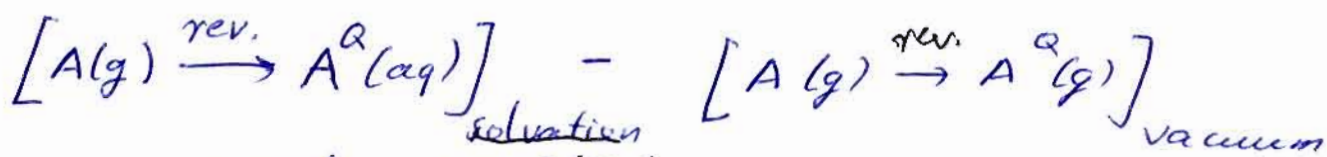


can be measured:  $\Delta G_R^{\circ} = -131.2 \frac{kJ}{mol}$

paths around: atomization and ionization in gas phase can be measured

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_R^{\circ} = \Delta G_{solvation}^{\circ}(Cl^-, aq) + \Delta G_{solvation}^{\circ}(H^+, aq) + 1272 \frac{kJ}{mol} \text{ (from all measurable steps)}$$

$\Delta G_{solvation}^{\circ}$  is the reversible work for the process



potential ~~for~~ <sup>around</sup> ~~outside~~ <sup>solvent</sup> a sphere with radius  $r$  and charge  $Q'$ :

$$\phi = \frac{Q'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

work needed to charge the sphere with additional charge  $dQ$ :  $\phi dQ$

work to charge a ~~star~~ sphere in vacuum, beginning with 0 charge to charge  $Q$ :

$$W = \int_0^Q \frac{Q' dQ'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int_0^Q Q' dQ' = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$



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in solvent: not  $\epsilon_0$  but  $\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

$\epsilon_r$  relative permittivity of the solvent

ionic charge is  $ze = Q$ , ~~Total  $N_A ze$~~

$$\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} = \frac{z^2 e^2 N_A}{8\pi \epsilon_0 r} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} - 1 \right) \quad \text{Born model}$$

to be done for  $N_A$  ions

vacuum value ( $\epsilon_r = 1$ ) subtracted

to compare ~~Born~~ Born model with experiment values for  $H^+$  are needed.

theoretical calculations:

$$\Delta H_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -1090 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -1050 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$S_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -130 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}}$$

With those absolute values can be calculated from conventional ones (relative to  $H^+$ ) bi.w.

$\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$  vs  $\frac{z^2}{r}$ : straight line if the model is ok

transp. not very good

because  $r$  is taken from crystal structures

better:  $r_{\text{eff}}$

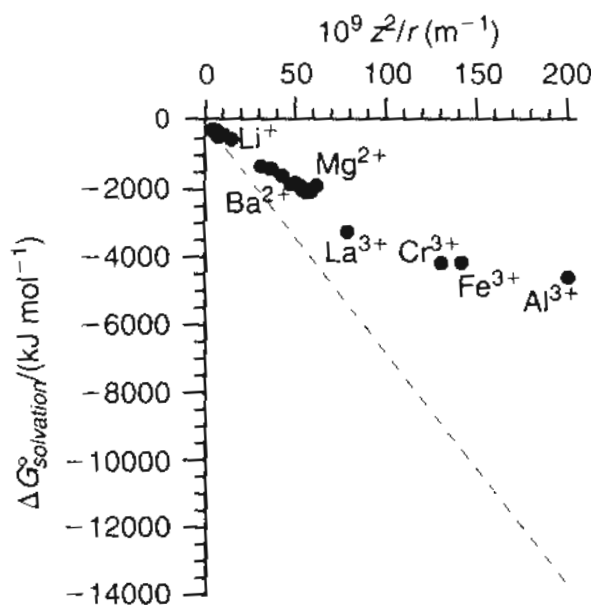
...ing and solvation is a spontaneous process. Data are listed in Table 10.2 (see Appendix B,

to compare absolute values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  for ions form proposed in Equation (10.9). However, this  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$  to convert experimentally measured to  $H^+(aq)$  to absolute values. It turns out  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$ , and  $S_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$  can be calculated, the results are simply stated here.

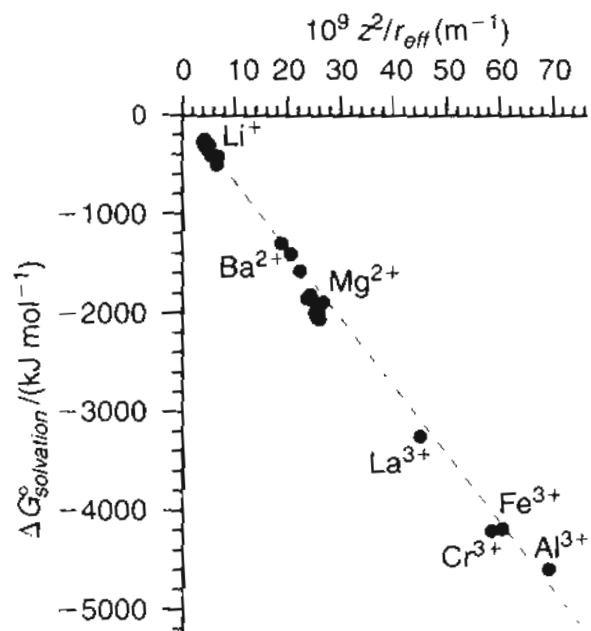
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &\approx -1090 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \\ \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &\approx -1050 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \\ \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &\approx -130 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (10.10)$$

Equation (10.9) can be used to calculate absolute values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  for other ions from the conventional values referred to  $H^+(aq)$ . Absolute values can be used to test the validity of the Born model. A plot of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  versus  $z^2/r$  will give a straight line if the data points for individual ions should lie on a straight line, as shown in Figure 10.2, where  $r$  is the ionic radius obtained from

Table 10.2. The data points in Figure 10.2 are for singly and doubly charged ions. The results are compared with the result predicted by Equation (10.9). As can be seen from the figure, the trends are reproducible. The agreement can be considerably better if the effective radius is used rather than the ionic radius. The effective radius is defined as the distance from the center of the ion to the center of charge in the dipolar water molecule in the solvation shell. P. Debye and E. Hückel [J. Chemical Physics, 7 (1939) 109] found the effective radius by adding 0.085 nm to the crystal radius of positive ions and subtracting 0.085 nm from the crystal radius of negative ions to account for the fact that the water molecules are oriented closer to positive ions than to negative ions. The agreement between the predictions of Equation (10.9) and the experimental data is good if this correction to the ionic radii is made. The Born model is in good agreement with the predictions of the Born model and calculates the approach used to calculate absolute values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  for solvated ions. However, because of uncertainties in the ionic radii and for the dielectric constant of the solvent, the uncertainty is  $\pm 50 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  for the solvation energy and  $\pm 10 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  for the absolute solvation entropy. The uncertainties are large compared to the uncertainty of the Born model described in Equations (10.3) and (10.4),



(a)

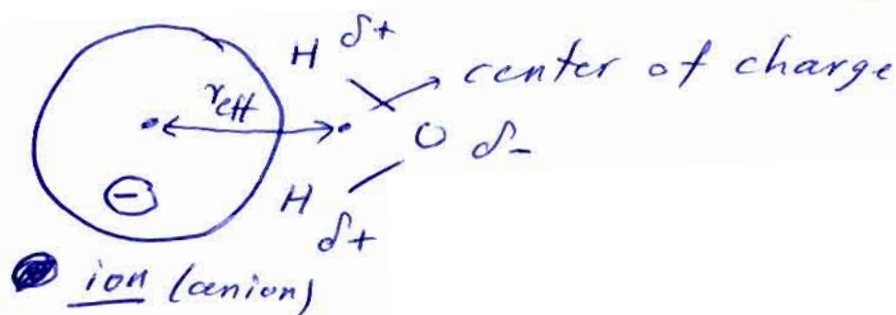


(b)

**FIGURE 10.2**

(a) The solvation energy calculated using the Born model is shown as a function of  $z^2/r$ . (b) The same results are shown as a function of  $z^2/r_{eff}$ . (See text.) The dashed line shows the behavior predicted by Equation (10.9).

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$$r_{\text{eff}} = r + 0.085 \text{ nm for cations}$$

$$r_{\text{eff}} = r + 0.100 \text{ nm for anions}$$

the center of charge in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is closer to cations than to anions

transp.  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$  vs  $\frac{z^2}{r_{\text{eff}}}$

much better agreement

however, uncertainty is relatively ~~large~~ large in absolute values: (because of uncertain radius etc.)

$\pm 50 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$  in absolute  $\Delta H_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$ ,  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$

$\pm 10 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{Kmol}}$  in absolute  $S_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$

$\Rightarrow$  larger errors in absolute than in conventional values

$\Rightarrow$  mostly conv. values are used!



## Q6j: Activity and Activity Coefficients (4) - 1



in dilute solutions: strong electrolyte  
100% dissociated

higher conc.: ion association!

dilute solution: all solute-solute interactions  
are electrostatic

$$G = n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_{\text{solute}} \mu_{\text{solute}}$$

$$\mu = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \right)_{P, T}$$

if  $A_{\nu_+} B_{\nu_-}$  completely dissociated:

$$G = n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_+ \mu_+ + n_- \mu_-$$

$$= n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_{\text{solute}} (\nu_+ \mu_+ + \nu_- \mu_-)$$

$\nu_+, \nu_-$ : stoichiometric coefficients in formula

1-1 electrolyte ( $\nu_+ = \nu_- = 1$ , e.g. NaCl)

2-3 electrolyte ( $\nu_+ = 2, \nu_- = 3$ , e.g.  $\text{Al}_2\text{S}_3$ )

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{solute}} = \nu_+ \mu_+ + \nu_- \mu_-$$

$\mu_+, \mu_-$  cannot be measured (always counter-ions in solutions)

$\Rightarrow$  mean ionic chemical potential  $\mu_{\pm}$  for solute:

$$\mu_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\nu} \mu_{\text{solute}} = \frac{1}{\nu} (\nu_+ \mu_+ + \nu_- \mu_-) \quad \nu = \nu_+ + \nu_-$$

$\mu_{\pm}$  can be measured



$$\mu_+ = \mu_+^\circ + RT \ln a_+$$

$$\mu_- = \mu_-^\circ + RT \ln a_-$$

standard: Henry's law standard state  
(will be discussed later)

$$\rightarrow \mu_{\pm} = \mu_{\pm}^\circ + RT \ln a_{\pm}$$

$$a_{\pm}^{\nu} = a_+^{\nu_+} a_-^{\nu_-} \rightarrow a_{\pm} = (a_+^{\nu_+} a_-^{\nu_-})^{1/\nu}$$

activity  $a$ : no unit!

$$a_{NaCl}^2 = a_{Na^+} a_{Cl^-}, \quad a_{NaCl} = \sqrt{a_{Na^+} a_{Cl^-}}$$

$$a_{K_2SO_4}^3 = a_{K^+}^2 a_{SO_4^{2-}}, \quad a_{K_2SO_4} = \sqrt[3]{a_{K^+}^2 a_{SO_4^{2-}}}$$

$$a_{H_3PO_4}^4 = a_{H^+}^3 a_{PO_4^{3-}}, \quad a_{H_3PO_4} = \sqrt[4]{a_{H^+}^3 a_{PO_4^{3-}}}$$

$m$ : molality of the electrolyte

$$\rightarrow m_+ = \nu_+ m, \quad m_- = \nu_- m$$

activity unitless  $\Rightarrow$  reference of molalities  
to a standard molality  $m_0$

$$m_0 = 1 \frac{\text{mol (solute)}}{\text{kg (solvent)}}$$

$$\rightarrow a_+ = \frac{m_+}{m_0} \gamma_+, \quad a_- = \frac{m_-}{m_0} \gamma_-$$

$\gamma$ : activity coefficients

$$a_{\pm}^{\nu} = a_+^{\nu_+} a_-^{\nu_-} = \left(\frac{m_+}{m_0}\right)^{\nu_+} \left(\frac{m_-}{m_0}\right)^{\nu_-} \gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-}$$

$m_{\pm}$  mean ionic molality

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$\gamma_{\pm}$  mean activity coefficient

$$m_{\pm}^{\nu} = m_+^{\nu_+} m_-^{\nu_-}$$

$$m_+ = \nu_+ m, m_- = \nu_- m$$

$$\rightarrow m_{\pm} = (\nu_+^{\nu_+} \nu_-^{\nu_-})^{1/\nu} m$$

$$\gamma_{\pm}^{\nu} = \gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-}, \quad \gamma_{\pm} = (\gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-})^{1/\nu}$$

$$a_{\pm}^{\nu} = \left(\frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0}\right)^{\nu} \gamma_{\pm}^{\nu} \rightarrow a_{\pm} = \frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0} \gamma_{\pm}$$

mean quantities: measurable

$$\rightarrow \mu_{\text{solute}} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^{\circ} + RT \ln a_{\pm}^{\nu} = \mu_{\pm}$$

$$\mu_{\pm} = \left[ \nu \mu_{\pm}^{\circ} + RT \ln (\nu_+^{\nu_+} \nu_-^{\nu_-}) \right] + \nu RT \ln \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right)$$

↑  
"normal" standard state:  
based on Henry's law

$$\mu_{\pm} = \mu_{\pm}^{\circ\circ} + \nu RT \ln \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right) + \nu RT \ln \gamma_{\pm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\pm}^{\circ\circ} = \nu \mu_{\pm}^{\circ} + RT \ln (\nu_+^{\nu_+} \nu_-^{\nu_-})$$

↗  
from formula

$\mu_{\pm}^{\circ\circ} + \nu RT \ln \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right)$ : ideal ionic solution ( $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$ )

$\nu RT \ln \gamma_{\pm}$ : deviations from ideal ionic solution

$a_{\text{solvent}}$  from boiling point elevation

freezing point depression

vapor pressure lowering over solution

$a_{\text{solvent}}$  + Gibbs-Duhem equation

$\rightarrow a_{\text{solute}} :$

$d\mu_A = \frac{n_B}{n_A} dx_B$  or  $d\mu_B = \frac{x_A}{x_A - 1} d\mu_A$

$d\mu_B = \frac{n_A}{n_B} d\mu_A = \frac{x_A}{x_B} d\mu_A$   
 $= \frac{x_A}{x_A - 1} d\mu_A$   
 $x_A = \frac{n_A}{n_A + n_B}$   
 $x_B = \frac{n_B}{n_A + n_B}$

also from osmotic pressure of solutions:

$\pi V = -RT \ln a_A$  ~~A = solvent~~

$\rightarrow \pi V = \phi RT \ln [B]$

$\pi = \gamma C_{\text{solute}} RT$

$\phi = - \frac{x_A}{x_B} \ln a_A$  ~~osmotic coefficient~~  
 $\Delta T_b = K_b \gamma m_{\text{solute}}$   
 $\Delta T_f = -K_f \gamma m_{\text{solute}}$

if one knows  $a_A$

$\rightarrow \ln \frac{a_B}{\gamma} = \phi - \phi(0) + \int_0^{\gamma} \frac{\phi - 1}{\gamma} d\gamma$

$\gamma = \frac{x_B}{x_A}$  ,  $\phi(0) = \phi(\gamma=0)$

$l \rightleftharpoons g$  equilibrium  $\Rightarrow \mu_i(g) = \mu_i(l)$  in equilibrium for ideal gas

$\mu_i(g) = \mu_i^\circ(g) + RT \ln \frac{P_i}{P_0}$   $P_0 = 1 \text{ bar}$

$\mu_i(l) = \mu_i^\circ(l) + RT \ln a_i$

$\rightarrow$  in equilibrium

$\mu_i^\circ(g) + RT \ln \frac{P_i}{P_0} = \mu_i^\circ(l) + RT \ln a_i$

pure liquid:  $a_i = 1$



$$\rightarrow \mu_i^{\circ}(l) = \mu_i^{\circ}(g) + RT \ln \frac{P_i}{P_0} \quad (4) - 5$$

Henry's law:  $m_B = K_B P_B$   $B = \text{solute}$

$P_B$  partial pressure of solute

$K_B$  Henry's law constant

$$\text{or } P_B = K_B' x_B \quad \text{or } P_B = K_B'' c_B$$

for dilute solutions:  $x_B \approx c_B$

$$\mu_i(l) = \mu_i^{\circ}(g) + RT \ln \frac{K_i x_i}{P_0} \quad , \quad P_i = K_i x_i$$

$$= \mu_i^{\circ}(g) + RT \ln \frac{K_i}{P_0} + RT \ln x_i$$

$$= \mu_i^*(l) + RT \ln x_i$$

$$\mu_i^*(l) = \mu_i^{\circ}(g) + RT \ln \frac{K_i}{P_0} \quad \underline{x_i = 1}$$

(Hypothetical) Henry's law standard state:

At  $x_i = 1$  the solute has the same properties as in very dilute solutions: each solute molecule is only surrounded by solvent molecule shells

$$\mu_{\text{solute}}^{\circ H} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{K_{\text{solute}}^H}{P_{\text{solute}}^*}$$

$P_{\text{vap}}$  of pure solute is the Henry's law constant instead of  $P_{\text{solute}}^*$  in Henry's law standard state *Hypothetical*



# Henry's Law

names "solvent", "solute" given such that

$$x_{\text{solvent}} > x_{\text{solute}}$$

$$P_{\text{solute}} = x_{\text{solute}} k_H^{\text{solute}} \quad \text{in limit } x_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow 0$$

↓  
vapor pressure  
of solute over  
solution

↓  
Henry's law  
constant for solute

↑  
mole fraction of solute in solution

binary mixture:  $x_{\text{solute}} = \frac{n_{\text{solute}}}{n_{\text{solute}} + n_{\text{solvent}}}$

chemical potential of solute in solution:

$$\mu_{\text{solute}}^{\text{solution}} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^* + RT \ln \frac{k_H^{\text{solute}} x_{\text{solute}}}{P_{\text{solute}}^*}$$

because for component i:

$$\mu_i^{\text{solution}} = \mu_i^* + RT \ln \frac{P_i}{P_i^*}$$

and for  $x_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow 0$   $P_{\text{solute}} (x_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow 0) = k_H^{\text{solute}} x_{\text{solute}}$

$P^*$  vapor pressure of the pure substance

$\mu^*$  chemical potential of the pure substance

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{solute}}^{\text{solution}} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^{\ominus H} + RT \ln x_{\text{solute}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Henry's law standard state chemical potentials

$$\mu_{\text{solute}}^{\ominus H} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^* + RT \ln \frac{k_H^{\text{solute}}}{P_{\text{solute}}^*}$$

activity based on Henry's law:  
 $a_i = \frac{P_i}{k_i}$       $\gamma_i = \frac{P_i}{P_i^*}$

activity based on Henry's law

$$a_i = \frac{P_i(\text{real})}{k_i^H}$$

$$\gamma_i = \frac{a_i}{x_i}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Henry's law standard state is a ~~not~~ non-existing state in which the solute <sup>(at  $x_{\text{solute}} = 1$ )</sup> has a vapor pressure of  $k_{\text{solute}}^H$  not its real value,  $P_{\text{solute}}^*$

In this way:

When  $x_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow 0$ , then  $a_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow x_{\text{solute}}$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{solute}} \rightarrow 1$

# Debye-Hückel Theory

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for activities

neutral solutes: no general model

because ~~for~~ deviations in A-A, B-B, -A+B interactions depend on the nature of A and B

in electrolyte solutions: no neglect possible ~~even~~ of long-range Coulomb interactions even not in dilute solutions

However, Coulomb interactions depend only on charge and distance not on detailed nature of ion!

very dilute electrolyte solutions:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \gamma_{\pm} = 1$

$\gamma_{\pm} < 1$ :  $\mu$  of ions in dilute solutions is lower than that of neutral molecules

there are attractive ~~to~~ interactions of a freely chosen central ion with surrounding ~~ions~~ counterions

solute ions in a solvent: electrostatic potential:

if the distribution of ions in space is known,

$\phi$ ,  $\phi(r)$  can be calculated

energy change of an ion  $ze$  when  $\phi$  is

turned on is small compared to thermal energy:

$$|ze\phi| \ll k_B T \quad z \text{ pos. or negative}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Boltzmann's constant

isolated ion in dielectric medium (5) - 2  
 ( $\epsilon_r$  relative permittivity of the medium):

$$\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}(r) = \frac{ze}{4\pi\epsilon_r\epsilon_0 r}$$

in a dilute electrolyte solution

$$\phi_{\text{solution}}^{\text{ion in}}(r) = \frac{ze}{4\pi\epsilon_r\epsilon_0 r} e^{-\kappa r}$$

$\phi_{\text{solution}}$  decrease exponentially (much faster)  
 than  $\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}$  with  $r$

because is in a screening (shielding) potential  
 of the other ions

Transp  $\frac{\phi_{\text{solution}}}{\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}}$  vs  $r$  (in meter m)  
 for different concentrations

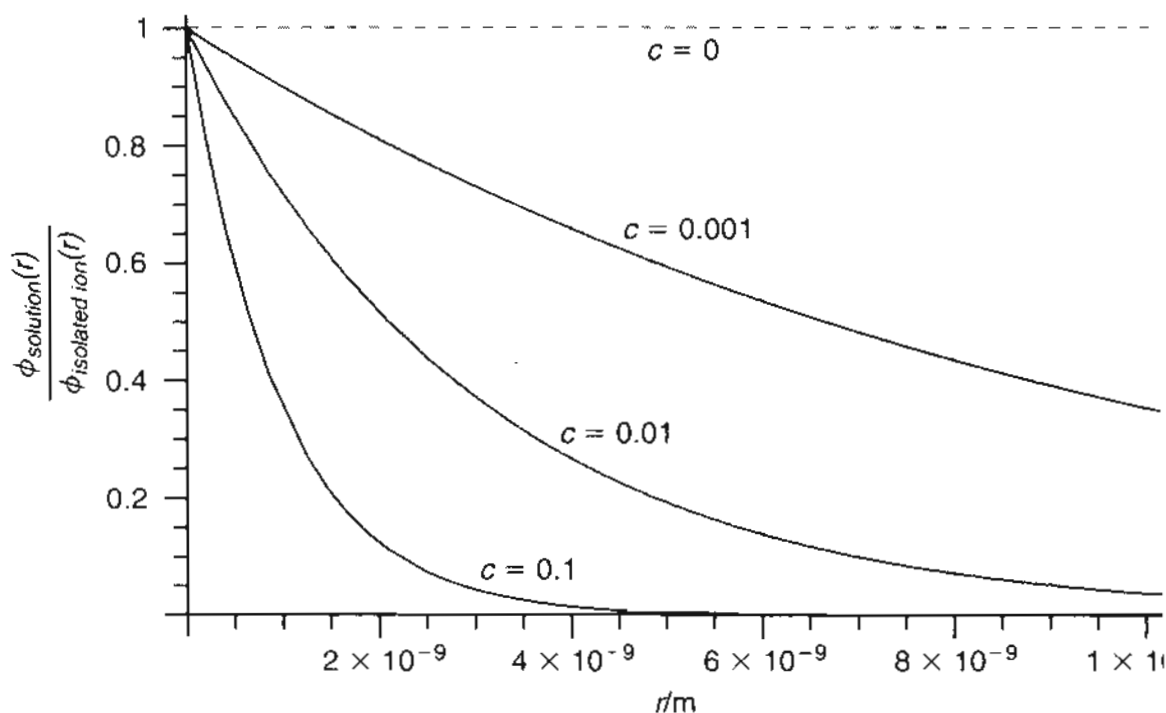
Debye-Hückel limiting Law (DHLL): Theory

$$\kappa^2 = e^2 N_A \left( 10^3 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3} \right) m \left( \frac{\nu_+ z_+^2 + \nu_- z_-^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} \right) \rho_{\text{solvent}}^{\text{density}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  increasing molality: more effective screening  
 also when charges ( $z_+, z_-$ ) and stoichiometric  
 coefficients ( $\nu_+, \nu_-$ ) increase

further:  $\frac{\phi_{\text{solution}}}{\phi_{\text{isolated}}} = e^{-\kappa r}$





**FIGURE 10.3**

The ratio of the falloff in the electrostatic potential in the electrolyte solution to that for an isolated ion is shown as a function of the radial distance for three different molarities of a 1-1 electrolyte such as NaCl.

In Equations (10.27) and (10.28),  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_r$  are the permittivity of free space and relative permittivity (dielectric constant) of the dielectric medium or solvent, respectively. Because of the exponential term,  $\phi_{\text{solution}}(r)$  falls off much more rapidly than  $\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}(r)$ . We say that an individual ion experiences a **screened potential** from the other ions.

The Debye-Hückel theory shows that  $\kappa$  is related to the individual charges  $z_+$  and  $z_-$  and to the solute molality  $m$  by

$$\kappa^2 = e^2 N_A (1000 \text{ L m}^{-3}) m \left( \frac{\nu_+ z_+^2 + \nu_- z_-^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} \right) \rho_{\text{solvent}} \quad (10.29)$$

From this formula, we can see that screening becomes more effective as the concentration of the ionic species increases. Screening is also more effective for multiply charged ions and for larger values of  $\nu_+$  and  $\nu_-$ .

The ratio

$$\frac{\phi_{\text{solution}}(r)}{\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}(r)} = e^{-\kappa r}$$

is plotted in Figure 10.3 for different values of  $m$  for an aqueous solution of a 1-1 electrolyte. Note that the potential falls off much more rapidly with the radial distance in the electrolyte solution than in the uniform dielectric medium. Note also that the potential falls off more rapidly with increasing concentration of the electrolyte. The origin of this effect is that ions of sign opposite to the central ion are more likely to be found

Transp. ions of opposite sign are more  $\textcircled{5} - 3$  likely to be found <sup>(around)</sup> a central ion

if ~~str~~ sphere, center = central ion

→ net charge in sphere can be calculated  
it decreases fast with distance

net charge → 0 at  $kr \approx 8$

$kr > 8$ : central ion completely screened

⇒ net charge in sphere = 0

sphere: actually a diffuse ion cloud

$\frac{1}{k}$ : Debye-Hückel screening length

the central ion is screened from rest of solution

ionic strength:  $I = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_i (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2)$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_i (v_i z_i^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (m_i z_i^2)$$

↑ electrolyte  
only for 1 electrolyte      † for all electrolytes

$i$ : all types of ion in solution

1 term for each ion

0.05 m solution of e.g.  $\text{KCl}$ :

$$I_{\text{KCl}} = \frac{m}{2} (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.05 \text{ m} (1+1) = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{1}{r/m} \quad 6 \times 10^{-9} \quad 8 \times 10^{-9} \quad 1 \times 10^{-8}$$

potential in the electrolyte solution to that for an isolated ion at a distance  $r$  for three different molarities of a 1-1 elec-

$\epsilon_0$  are the permittivity of free space and the permittivity of the dielectric medium or solvent, respectively. The potential  $\phi(r)$  falls off much more rapidly with  $r$  than the potential of an isolated ion. Each individual ion experiences a **screened potential**

where  $\kappa$  is related to the individual charges on the ions.

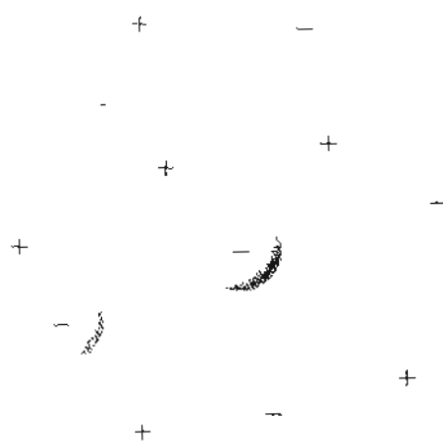
$$(10.29)$$

Screening becomes more effective as the concentration of the electrolyte is also more effective for multiply charged ions.

$$\phi(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r r} e^{-\kappa r}$$

where  $m$  is the molar concentration of an aqueous solution of a 1-1 electrolyte. The potential falls off more rapidly with the radial distance  $r$  in the dielectric medium. Note also that the potential is independent of the concentration of the electrolyte. The origin of the potential is the central ion. The ions more likely to be found close to the central ion are more likely to be found close to the central ion. A spherical surface is drawn centered at the central ion. The charge on this surface can be calculated. The results show that the potential of the surface charge falls off rapidly with distance, and is independent of  $\kappa r$ . The central ion is completely screened by the charge in the sphere around the central ion. The distance from the central ion to the surface is the **Debye-Hückel screening length**. The diffuse ion cloud, and a more effective screening, are represented by the terms that contribute to  $\kappa$ .

$$(10.30)$$

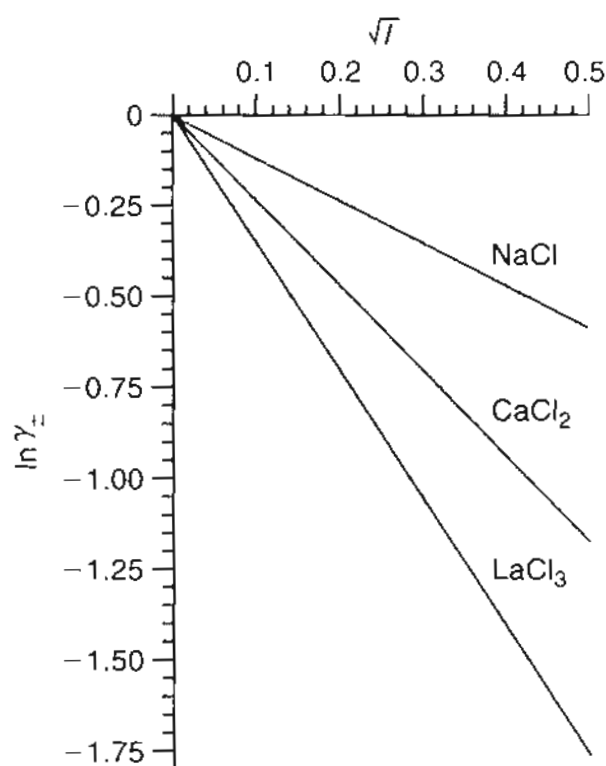


Pictorial rendering of the arrangement of ions about an arbitrary ion in an electrolyte solution. The central ion is more likely to have oppositely charged ions as neighbors. The large circle represents a sphere of radius  $r \sim 8/\kappa$ . From a point outside of this sphere, the charge on the central ion is essentially totally screened.

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**FIGURE 10.5**

The decrease in the Debye-Hückel mean activity coefficient with the square root of the ionic strength is shown for a 1-1, a 1-2, and a 1-3 electrolyte, all of the same molality in the solute.

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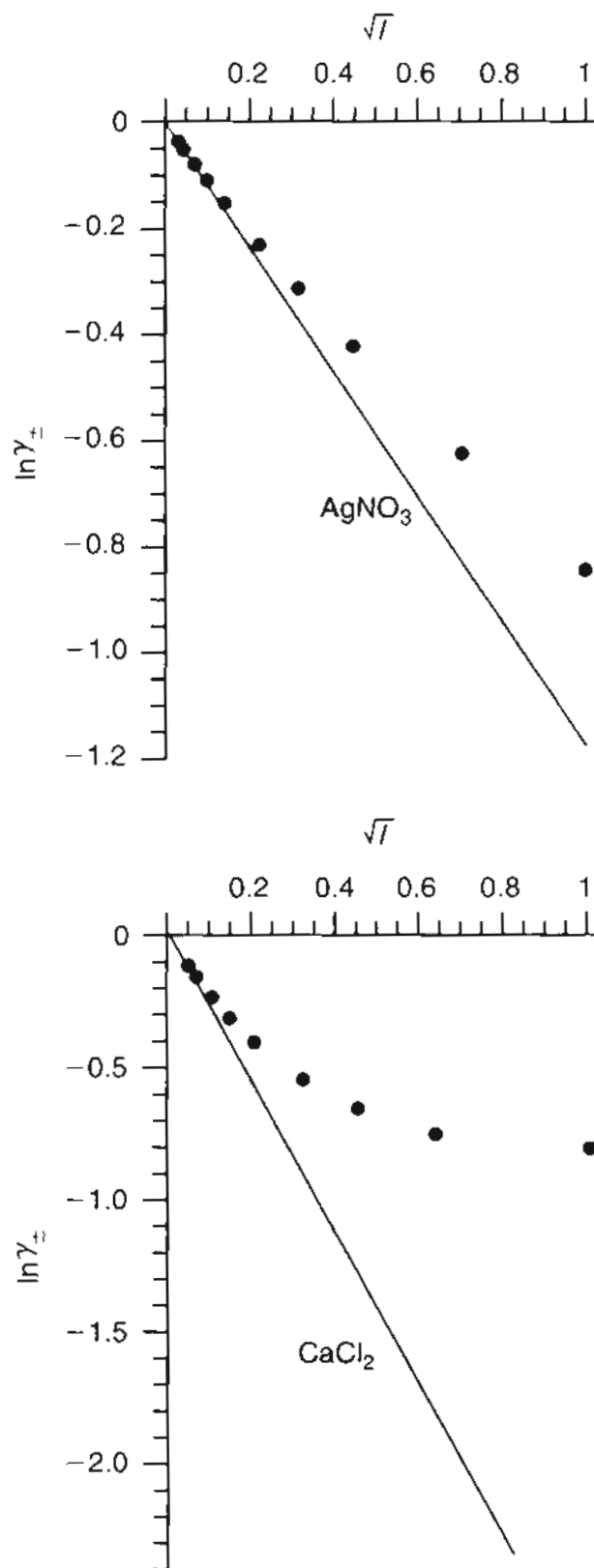
or high values of  $I$ ,  $\gamma_{\pm} > 1$ . Experimental values at different concentrations in aqueous solution are listed in Tables).

Why the experimental values of  $\gamma_{\pm}$  differ at high ionic strength from the Debye-Hückel limiting law. They mainly involve factors that have not been assumed that the ions can be treated as point charges and their associated solvation shells occupy a certain volume. The increase in the repulsive interaction among ions in concentrated solutions, which becomes more important as the ionic strength increases, raises the energy of the solution and, therefore, the model also assumes that the solvent can be treated as a dielectric continuum. However, the ion is surrounded by a relatively thick solvation shell as by more loosely bound water molecules. The point charge model is not adequately represented by using the Debye-Hückel limiting law. Another factor that has not been taken into account is the ion pairing that occurs such that the concentration of free ions is less than assumed assuming complete dissociation.

At high concentrations, the water molecules in the solvation shell have a lower activity. For example, in an aqueous solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the water molecules are tightly bound per dissolved  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  formula unit. In 1 L of a one molar  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution, there are 46 moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the solution. Consequently, the actual solute activity is lower than predicted by assuming that all the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is in the form of solvent. As the concentration increases,  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases as the activity of the solvent decreases. If there were no change in the enthalpy of solvation with concentration, the activity of the solvent would be removed from the solvent at a concentration of 46 mol/L. This assumption is unreasonable. What actually happens is that the activity of the solvent is less favorable as the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  concentration increases, leading to a more negative value of  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$ , or equivalently to an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$ . To explain why the Debye-Hückel limiting law is not applicable at high concentrations because of the complexity of these different factors, a more advanced theory that can replace the Debye-Hückel limiting law is needed. The experimental data shown in Figures 10.6 and 10.7 are reproduced in more detail in the next section.

The models are valid at high concentrations, empirical models are used to modify the Debye-Hückel model by predicting an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$  at high concentrations. An empirical modification of the Debye-Hückel limiting law is in the form

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = -\frac{z_+ z_- \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right)^{1/2}}{1 + \left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right)^{1/2}} - 0.30 \left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right) \right]}{1} \quad (10.34)$$



**FIGURE 10.6**

The experimentally determined activity coefficients for  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and  $\text{CaCl}_2$  are shown as a function of the square root of the ionic strength. The solid lines are the prediction of the Debye-Hückel theory.

0.05 m  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution:

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$$I_{\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4} = \frac{1}{2} 0.05 \text{ m} (2 \cdot 1^2 + 2 \cdot (-2)^2) = \frac{1}{2} 0.05 \text{ m} (2 + 8)$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{2e^2 N_A}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} \left(10^3 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3}\right)} \sqrt{\frac{I}{\text{mol kg}^{-1} \text{L}}} = 0.15 \text{ m}$$

$$= 2.91 \cdot 10^8 \sqrt{\frac{I}{\left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}\right)} \frac{\text{kg L}}{\text{mol}}} \text{ m}^{-1} \quad \text{at } 298 \text{ K}$$

unit:  $\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$   $K = 3.29 \cdot 10^9 \sqrt{\frac{I}{\text{m}}} \text{ m}^{-1}$  at 298 K,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
unitless here!

Debye-Hückel Limiting Law (DHLL)

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = - \frac{e^2 K}{8\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} |z_+ z_-|$$

limiting: only correct for very small  $I$

- sign  $\Rightarrow \gamma_{\pm} < 1$

aqueous (water) solutions at 298.15 K:

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = - \underbrace{0.5092}_B |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I/m}$$

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = - 1.173 |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I/m}$$

Transp. 1)  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  vs  $\sqrt{I}$  plot straight line

2)  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (aq) ( $m = 0.01 \text{ m}$ )

3)  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (aq) ( $m = 0.004 \text{ m}$ )

only for  $I \rightarrow 0$  DHLL correct!

Transp. Zn Br<sub>2</sub>, Davies equation (empirical) (5)-5

$$m = 10m$$

1. part:  $I \rightarrow 0$ : DHLL ok
  2. part:  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  decreases more slowly DHLL reaches minimum
  3. part:  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  increases up to  $\gamma_{\pm} = 2.32$   
 $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  even becomes positive  $\Rightarrow \gamma_{\pm} > 1$
- same trend for all ionic solutes

reasons for failure of DHLL

- assumption of ions as point charges

not good for ion + solvation shell

$\Rightarrow$  increased repulsion between ions than for point charges for larger,  $I$

$\rightarrow$  increase of energy of solution  $\rightarrow \gamma_{\pm}$  increase

the higher  $I$ , the closer the ions come together

- assumption of solvent as a structureless dielectric medium

ion + relatively ordered (= tightly bound)

primary solvation shell

+ loosely bound H<sub>2</sub>O further away

$\Rightarrow$  structureless solvent (described just by  $\epsilon_r$ )

not enough but molecular level structure of H<sub>2</sub>O ~~must~~ must be used!

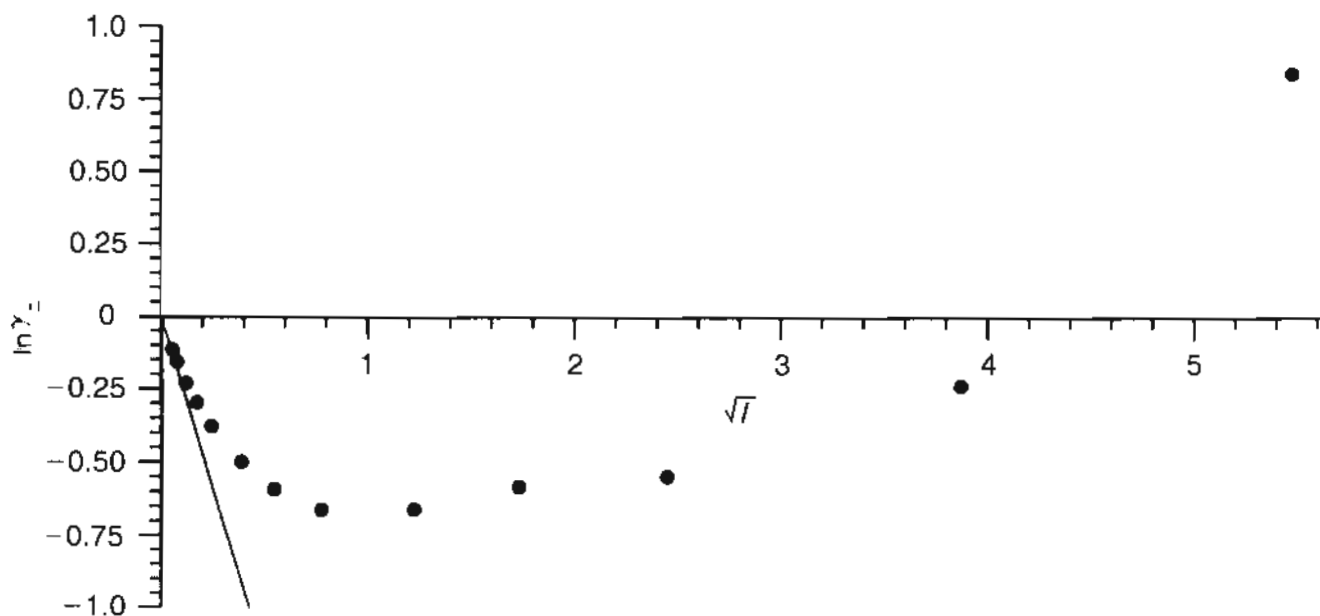


ordered primary solvation shell, as well as by more loosely bound water molecules. The atomic level structure of the solvation shell is not adequately represented by using the dielectric strength of bulk solvent. Another factor that has not been taken into account is that as the concentration increases, some ion pairing occurs such that the concentration of ionic species is less than would be calculated assuming complete dissociation.

Additionally, consider the fact that the water molecules in the solvation shell have effectively been removed from the solvent. For example, in an aqueous solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , approximately nine  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules are tightly bound per dissolved  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  formula unit. Therefore, the number of moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as solvent in 1 L of a one molar  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution is reduced from 55 for pure  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to 46 in the solution. Consequently, the actual solute molarity is larger than that calculated by assuming that all the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is in the form of solvent. Because the activity increases linearly with the actual molarity,  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases as the solute concentration increases. If there were no change in the enthalpy of solvation with concentration, all the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules would be removed from the solvent at a concentration of six molar  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Clearly, this assumption is unreasonable. What actually happens is that solvation becomes energetically less favorable as the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  concentration increases. This corresponds to a less negative value of  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$ , or equivalently to an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$ . Summing up, many factors explain why the Debye-Hückel limiting law is only valid for small concentrations. Because of the complexity of these different factors, there is no simple formula based on theory that can replace the Debye-Hückel limiting law. However, the main trends exhibited in Figures 10.6 and 10.7 are reproduced in more sophisticated theories of electrolyte solutions.

Because none of the usual models are valid at high concentrations, empirical models that "improve" on the Debye-Hückel model by predicting an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$  for high concentrations are in widespread use. An empirical modification of the Debye-Hückel limiting law that has the form

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.51 |z_+ z_-| \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{I}{m^\circ}\right)^{1/2}}{1 + \left(\frac{I}{m^\circ}\right)^{1/2}} - 0.30 \left(\frac{I}{m^\circ}\right) \right] \quad (10.34)$$



$\ln \gamma_{\pm}$

FIG 10.7 The coefficient of the Debye-Hückel limiting law

FIG 10.8 Empirical modification of the Debye-Hückel limiting law



$H_2O$  in solvation shell are effectively removed from free solvent (5)-6

e.g.  $H_2SO_4$  solution: 9  $H_2O$  tightly bound to  $H_2SO_4$

$\Rightarrow$  in 1L 1M  $H_2SO_4$  solution: 46 mol  $H_2O$  in free solvent

in pure water: 55 mol  $H_2O$

$\Rightarrow M_{H_2SO_4}$  <sup>different</sup> lower than calculated assuming that all water is free solvent

$\alpha$ : linear increase with solute molarity

$\rightarrow \delta_{\pm}$  increase

solvation gets energetically less favorable

when  $H_2SO_4$  amount increases

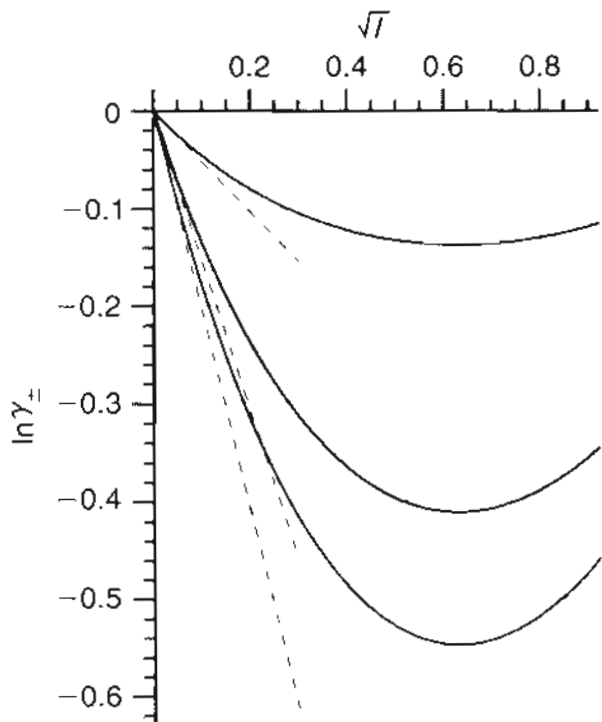
$\rightarrow$  less negative  $\ln \gamma_{\pm} \rightarrow$  increase of  $\delta_{\pm}$

no closed formula or theory exists which can include all these effects

$\rightarrow$  no theory which can explain high I behavior of  $\delta_{\pm}$

$\rightarrow$  empirical models (fit to experiment) without theoretical reason are needed like the Davies formula

transp. plot of Davies formula



**FIGURE 10.8** Comparison between the predictions of the Debye–Hückel limiting law (dashed lines) and the Davies equation (solid curves) for 1–1 (red), 1–2 (purple), and 1–3 (blue) electrolytes.

is known as the **Davies equation**. As seen in the correct limiting behavior for low  $I$  values, better agreement with the experimental results. However, unlike the Debye–Hückel limiting law, the Davies equation is not valid for high ionic strengths.

## 10.5 Chemical Equilibrium in Electrolyte Solutions

As discussed in Section 9.13, the equilibrium constant for a reaction in an electrolyte solution is given by Equation (9.66):

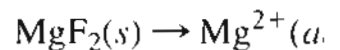
$$K = \prod_i (a_i)^{\nu_i}$$

It is convenient to define the activity of a species  $i$  in an electrolyte solution as

$$a_i = \gamma_i c_i / c^\ominus$$

where  $\gamma_i$  is the activity coefficient of species  $i$ . The equilibrium constant for a chemical equilibrium in electrolyte solutions, illustrated in Figure 10.5, must be taken into account to accurately predict the equilibrium composition. We first restrict our considerations to the case where the Debye–Hückel limiting law is valid. As an example, consider the dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in water. The equilibrium constant for the dissociation of salts is usually given the symbol  $K_{sp}$ , where the subscript  $sp$  stands for solubility product. The equilibrium constant  $K_{sp}$  is unitless and is defined for the reaction shown in Equation (10.37). Values for selected substances are listed in Table 10.1. The standard state is 0.998 kg, the numerical value of the concentration in reduced concentration units of molarity ( $c/c^\ominus$ ) for dilute solutions.

We next consider dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in water:



Because the activity of the pure solid can be set equal to 1, the equilibrium constant is

$$K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^-}^2 = \left( \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c^\ominus} \right) \left( \frac{c_{\text{F}^-}}{c^\ominus} \right)^2$$

From the stoichiometry of the overall equation, Equation (10.38) still contains two unknowns, as shown in Example Problem 10.3.

# Chemical Equilibrium in Electrolyte Solutions

Equilibrium constant in terms of activities

$$K = \prod_i (a_i^{eq})^{\nu_i} \quad \nu_i: \text{stoichiometric factors in reaction equation}$$

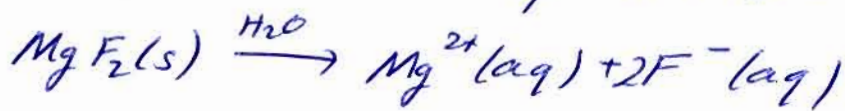
reactants:  $\nu_i$  negative, products  $\nu_i$  positive

activity in terms of molarity:  $a_i = \gamma_i \frac{c_i}{c_0}$

$$c_0 = 1 \text{ M}$$

assume that  $a_i$  small enough for DHLL to work  
solubility product:  $K_{sp}$ , no unit!

e.g.  $\text{MgF}_2$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :  $K_{sp} = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$



Tables are usually in molarities  $\frac{c}{c_0}$  not molalities  $\frac{m}{m_0}$

1 L  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : 0.998 kg  $\frac{c}{c_0}, \frac{m}{m_0}$  same in dilute solutions

$$\text{MgF}_2: K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^{-}}^2 = \left(\frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0}\right) \left(\frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0}\right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$c_{\text{F}^{-}} = 2c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} \quad \gamma_{\pm} \text{ unknown, also } c \Rightarrow \text{iteration}$$

0.1 iteration assume  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$ ,  $c_{\text{F}^{-}} = 2c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$

$$\frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0} = x; \quad K_{sp} = \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} \left(\frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0}\right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = x(2x)^2 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

1 in 1. iteration

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$x = \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} = 1.17 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad (\text{in } \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \text{ and in } \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}})$$



1. Iter.

ionic strength:

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$$I = \frac{1}{2} m (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1.17 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} (2^2 + 2)$$

$$= 3.51 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

DHLL:

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = -1.173 \cdot 2 \cdot 1.17 \cdot \sqrt{3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}} = -0.1390$$

$$\gamma_{\pm} = \exp(-0.1390) = 0.870$$

$$x = \frac{C_{Mg^{2+}}}{C_0}$$

$$4x^3 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \rightarrow 4x^3 = \frac{6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}}{(0.870)^3}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{C_{Mg^{2+}}}{C_0} = 1.34 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ in } \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \text{ and } \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

2. iteration:  $\gamma_{\pm} = 0.862, C_{Mg^{2+}} = 1.36 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$

3. iteration:  $\gamma_{\pm} = 0.861, C_{Mg^{2+}} = 1.36 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$

converged! 14% error when  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$  is used

$$K_{sp} = \frac{C_{Mg^{2+}}}{C_0} \left(\frac{C_{F^-}}{C_0}\right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = \text{const. when } T = \text{const.}$$

small I:  $\gamma_{\pm} < 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_{\pm}$  decrease  $\rightarrow$  solubility increase

$\rightarrow$  adding inert (non-reacting) electrolyte

$\rightarrow$  I increase  $\rightarrow \gamma_{\pm}$  decrease

$\rightarrow$  solubility increase when  $K_{sp} = \text{const.}$

$\rightarrow$  salting in region of I

I larger than minimum in  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  vs  $\sqrt{I}$  curve

then  $\gamma_{\pm} > 1$  and solubility decreases as  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases



→ ~~in~~ electrolyte addition

→  $I$  increase →  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases

→ solubility decreases

salting out region of  $I$

can be used for protein purification

e.g. the blood clotting protein fibrinogen is precipitating in 0.8 M  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  solution

while to precipitate the protein albumin

0.24 M is needed

if  $I$  is large

⇒ DHLL not valid

⇒  $\gamma_{\pm}$  must be estimated, e.g. with Davies equation

example: a buffer is made of a weak acid and its conjugate base:

0.1 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  (HAc) + 0.1 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  (NaAc)

What is the pH value?

dissociation constant of HAc based on molality

$$K_a(\text{HAc}) = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$K_a = \frac{m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+) \gamma_{\pm} m(\text{Ac}^-) \gamma_{\pm}}{m(\text{HAc})}$$

↳ neutral molecules, so  $\gamma \approx 1$  for them (not exact because of the dipole moment)

$$m(\text{Ac}^-) = 0.1 + x$$

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because 0.1 M NaAc : +0.1

$x$  :  $m(\text{Ac}^-)$  from HAC dissociation

$x$  : amount of HAC that dissociated

$$\Rightarrow m(\text{HAc}) = 0.1 \text{ (initial)} - x \text{ (dissociated)}$$

$$m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+) = x$$

since  $K_a = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}$  is very small

$\Rightarrow x \ll 0.1$  and can be neglected compared to 0.1

$$K_a = \frac{x \cdot (0.1 + x)}{0.1 - x} \gamma_{\pm}^2 \approx \frac{x \cdot 0.1}{0.1} \gamma_{\pm}^2 = \gamma_{\pm}^2 \cdot x$$

$$x = \frac{K_a}{\gamma_{\pm}^2} = m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+)$$

because  $K_a$  is small, the degree of dissociation of HAC is small

$\Rightarrow$  ionic strength can be calculate from NaAc which is a strong electrolyte

$$I = \frac{1}{2} m (\nu_+ z_+^2 + \nu_- z_-^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} (1 \cdot (+1)^2 + 1 \cdot (-1)^2)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} \cdot 2 = 0.1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

Davies equation:

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.51 |z_+ z_-| \left[ \frac{\sqrt{I/m_0}}{1 + \sqrt{I/m_0}} - 0.30 I/m_0 \right]$$

$$= -0.51 \left| \begin{matrix} (+1) & (-1) \\ z_+ & z_- \end{matrix} \right| \left[ \frac{\sqrt{0.1}}{1 + \sqrt{0.1}} - 0.30 \cdot 0.1 \right] \cdot 6^{-5}$$

$$= -0.1270$$

$$\gamma_{\pm} = 10^{-0.1270} = 0.746$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+) = x &= \frac{K_a}{\gamma_{\pm}^2} = \frac{1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}}{(0.746)^2} \\ &= 3.14 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}(3.14 \cdot 10^{-5}) = 4.5$$

if  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$  is assumed, then

$$m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+) = 1.57 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

and  $\text{pH} = 4.76$

larger than correct  $\text{pH} = 4.5$

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