

**STRONG ACIDS**

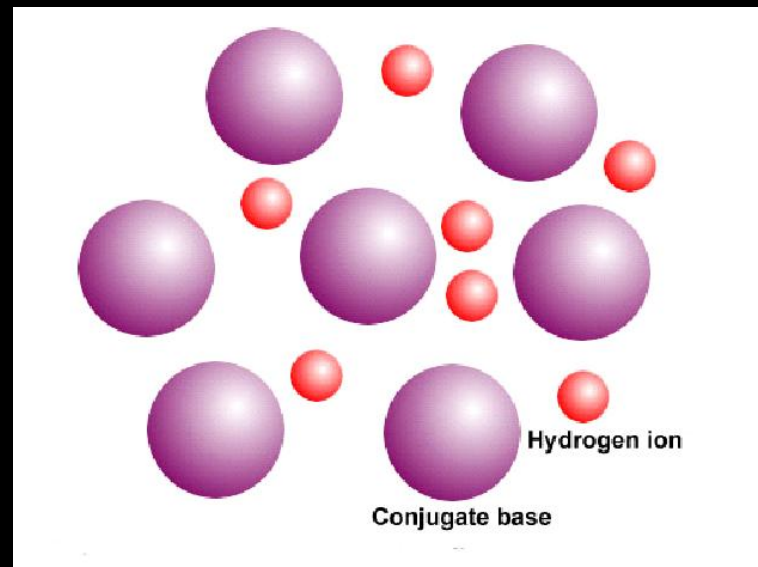
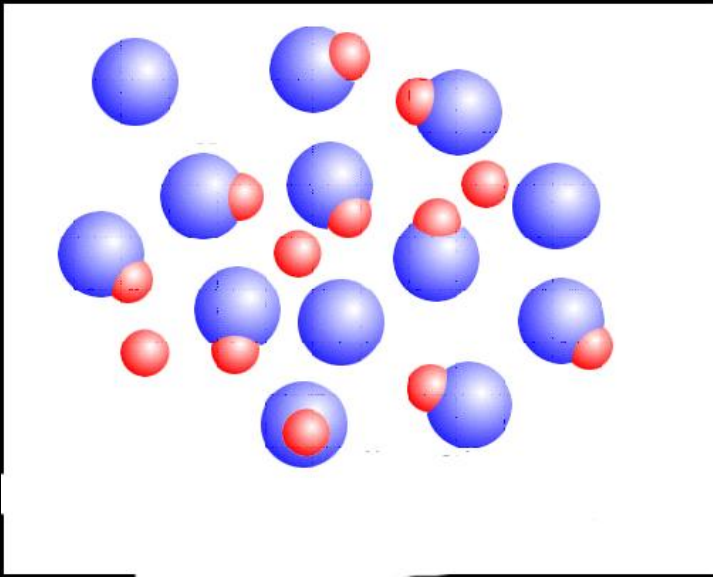
**VS.**

**WEAK ACIDS**

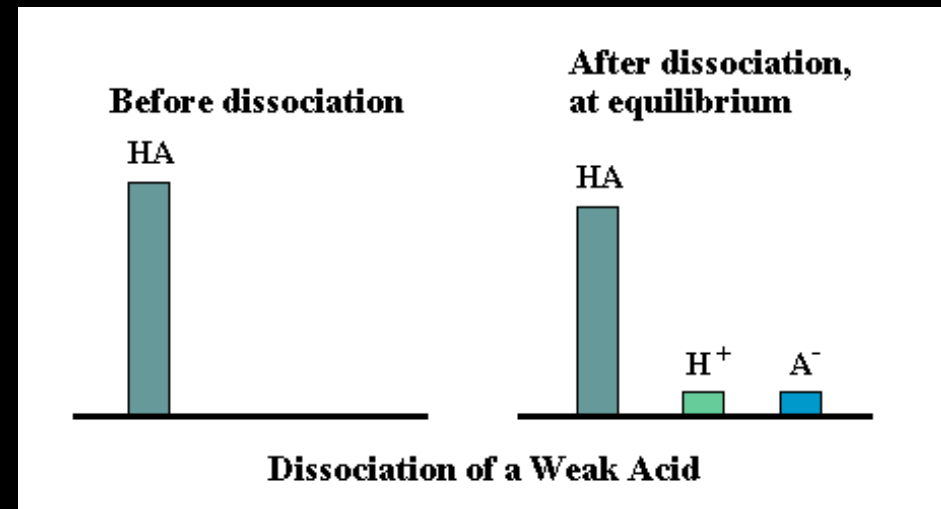
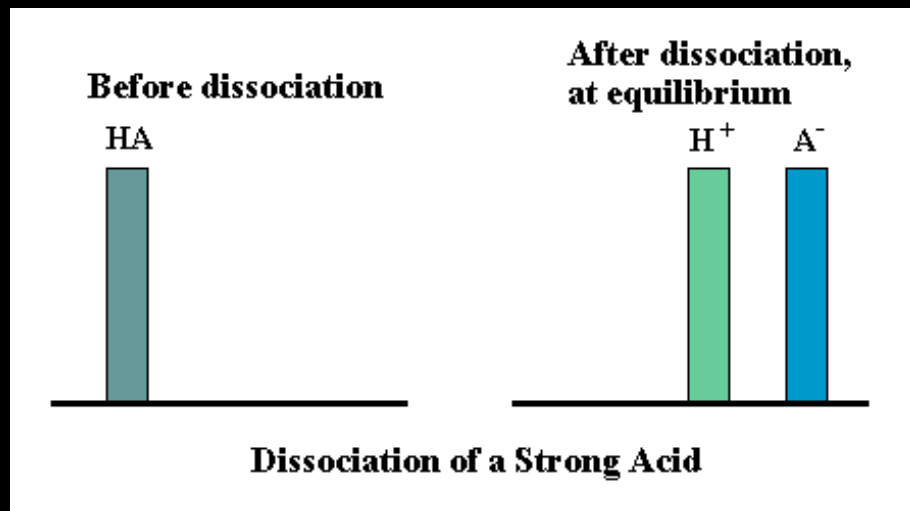
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# What is the difference between a strong and weak acid?

- A strong acid will dissociate 100 % where as a weak acid will only dissociate minimally.



# Graphical difference between Strong and weak



# Ap Question

Compared to a weak Arrhenius acid, a strong Arrhenius acid.

- a. is more soluble in water
- b. is a better oxidizing agent
- c. is more highly ionized on water solution
- d. has more available protons per molecule
- e. has stronger bonds between hydrogen and oxygen atoms.

# Strong Acid.....WHO??

- 6 strong acids

- $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$  → Hydrochloric acid

- $\text{HBr}_{(\text{aq})}$  → Hydrobromic acid

- $\text{HI}_{(\text{aq})}$  → Hydroiodic acid

- $\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})}$  → Nitric acid

- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{aq})}$  → sulfuric acid

- $\text{HClO}_{4(\text{aq})}$  → Perchloric acid

# WEAK ACID.....WHO????

- IF IT QUALIFIES AS AN ACID
  - STARTS WITH “H” AND IS IN WATER
- BUT, IS NOT A STRONG ACID THEN IT MUST BE.....

**WEAK**

# STRONG OR WEAK???

- $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})} \rightarrow$
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Q: Can a strong Acid neutralize more base than a weak acid?

- A: No.

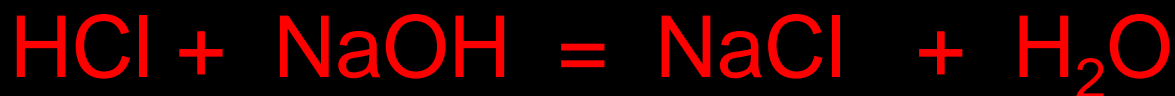
HCl

vs.

HCN

- Both Acids contain the same number of Hydrogen atoms.

1 hydrogen can neutralize 1 OH<sup>-</sup> from a base.



# STRONG BASES....WHO

- 100% DISSOCIATION
- X – OH
- X = METAL FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> FAMILY
  - EXCEPT: Be
- MOST METAL-HYDROXIDES ARE NEARLY INSOLUBLE

# Strong or weak base?

- $\text{Be}(\text{OH})_2$
- $\text{KOH}$
- $\text{NaOH}$
- $\text{NH}_3$

# Strong or weak base?

- $\text{Be}(\text{OH})_2$       Weak
- $\text{KOH}$               strong
- $\text{NaOH}$              strong
- $\text{NH}_3$               Weak

$$-\log [H^+] = \text{pH}$$

- For a solution of .05M HCl you simply put the .05M into the  $[H^+]$  (very simple)
  - Why can we do this?????
  - $\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$
  - 10      0      0
  - 0      10      10
  - The number or concentration of HCl is proportional to the  $\text{H}^+$  ions
  - But....
  - $\text{HF} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{F}^-$
  - 10      ?      ?



# How do scientist deal with weak acids and bases????

- After many experiments it turns out that an acid or base (at a specific temperature) will always produce the same ratio of original acid to ionized product.
- This ratio is called
  - $K_a$ : Weak acids
  - $K_b$ : weak bases

# Ka & Kb

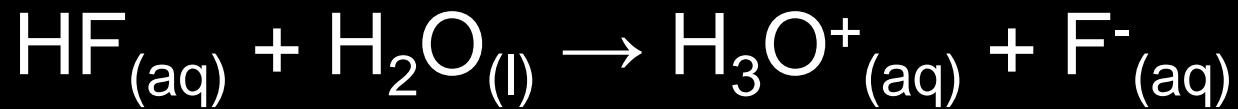
- $K_a = [P]/[R]$
- Notice: a strong acid has no reactant left over. So the fraction above would be undefined or astronomically large.
  - Therefore would not be practical
- $\text{HF} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{F}^-$
- $10 \rightarrow 0 \quad 0$  (initial)
- $5 \rightarrow 5 \quad 5$  in this theoretical problem what is the  $k_a$ ???
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# K<sub>a</sub> & K<sub>b</sub> (cont')

- $[P]/[R] = 1$
- This means we are directly in the middle.
- Equal amounts of products and reactants.
- $HX \rightarrow H^+ + X^-$
- $K_a > 1$  (increased products, increased acidity)
- $K_a < 1$  (decreased products, decreased acidity)

# Hydrolysis reactions

- ALL equilibrium expressions for weak acid base reactions are based of hydrolysis reactions!
- Examples: HF Hydrofluoric acid



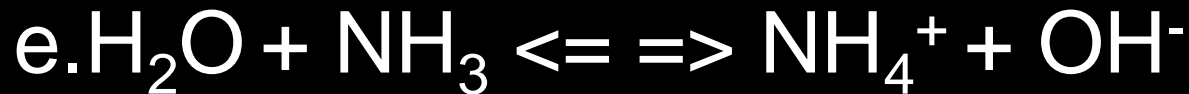
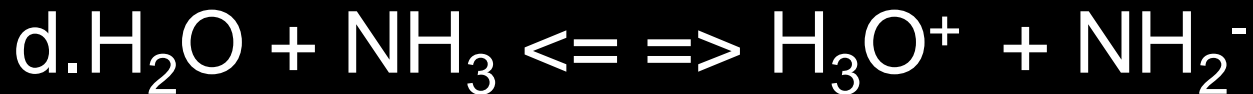
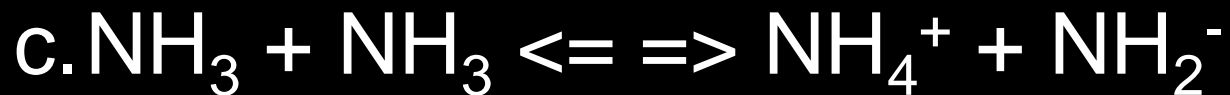
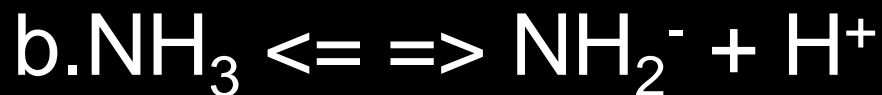
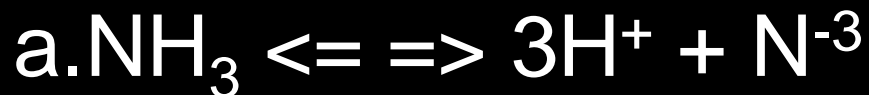
$$K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-]/[\text{HF}]$$

# F<sup>-</sup> is the conjugate base

- F<sup>-</sup> is the conjugate base so it is a weak base and will also under go hydrolysis.
- $F^-_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightarrow HF_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$   
–  $K_b = [HF][OH^-]/[F^-]$

# AP Question

Which equation best illustrates the ionization behavior of liquid ammonia?



# AP Question

- Which applies to a concentrated solution (15M) of  $\text{NH}_3$  in water?
- $K_b = 1.8\text{E-}5$  for  $\text{NH}_3$  in water at 298K
- I.  $[\text{OH}^-] = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
- II. The percent ionization of  $\text{NH}_3$  is nearly 100%
- III. Of all ions and molecules present, the greatest number is water molecules
- a. I only    d. I and II only
- b. III only    e. I, II, and III
- c. II and III only

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- $K_a = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$
- $K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_3][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{NH}_4^+]}$

# AP Question

Which gives the mass action expression for hydrolysis of the  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion?

- a.  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}][\text{H}^+]/[\text{HCO}_3^-]$
- b.  $[\text{CO}_2][\text{H}^+]/[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$
- c.  $[\text{HCO}_3^-][\text{OH}^-]/[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$
- d.  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}][\text{H}^+]/[\text{HCO}_3^-]$
- e.  $[\text{CO}_2][\text{OH}^-]/[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$

# What are the factors that affect the pH of Weak Acid or base

1.  $K_a$  or  $K_b$

2. Original concentration

Analogy: Monetary investment at 2% return.  
If you want to get more money you either need to increase % return or increase initial investment.