

BUFFER SOLUTIONS

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solution which can resist the addition of a strong acid or a strong base or water. Its' pH changes very slightly.

- + 1 drop of base

$[H^+]$ ↓ in 1000 000 times

- + 1 drop of acid

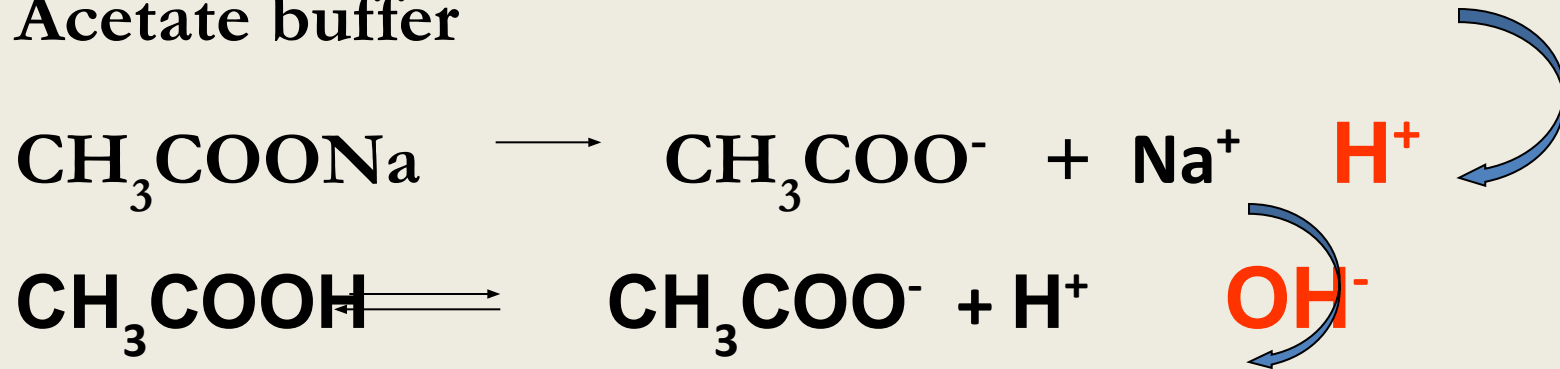
$[H^+]$ ↑ in 5000 times

(from 10^{-7} to 5×10^{-4})

In buffer solution from 1.00×10^{-7}
to 1.01×10^{-7}

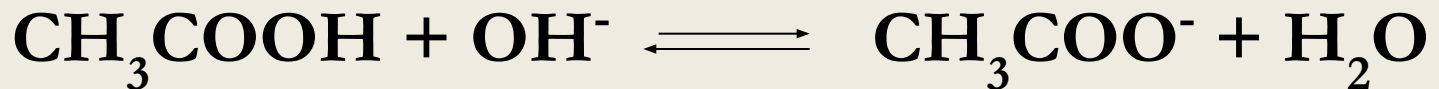
Mechanism of buffer action

Acetate buffer



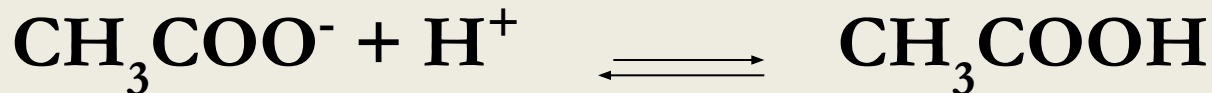
+ 1 mole NaOH

1 mole



+1 mole HCL

(weak electrolite)



1 mole (weak electrolite)

pH formulas are derived from K_{dis} .



$$K_{\text{д кисл}} = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

$$[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-] = C_{\text{с}}, \quad [\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] = C_{\text{к}}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_{\text{д кисл}} \cdot C_{\text{кисл}}}{C_{\text{с}}} \quad -\lg [\text{H}^+] = -\lg K_{\text{д кисл}} - \lg \frac{C_{\text{к}}}{C_{\text{с}}}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{\text{а}} + \lg \frac{C_{\text{с}}}{C_{\text{к}}}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{\text{д кисл}} + \lg \frac{N_{\text{с}} \cdot V_{\text{с}}}{N_{\text{к}} \cdot V_{\text{к}}} \quad \text{pH} = \text{p}K_{\text{кисл}} + \lg \frac{n_{\text{с}}}{n_{\text{к}}}$$

HOW TO PREPARE BUFFER



1. Mixing the components:

-for **acidic** buffer

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \lg \frac{N_s \cdot V_s}{N_a \cdot V_a}$$

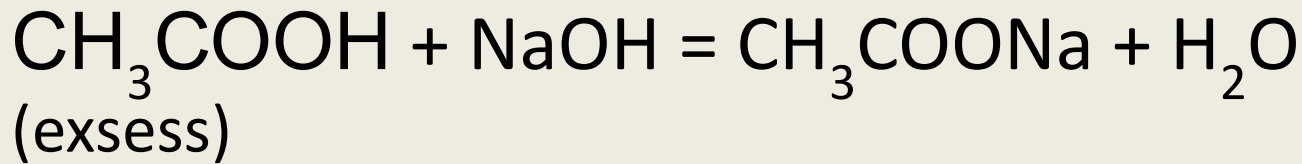
-for **basic** buffer

$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pK}_B - \lg \frac{N_s \cdot V_s}{N_b \cdot V_b}$$

2. Partial neutralization

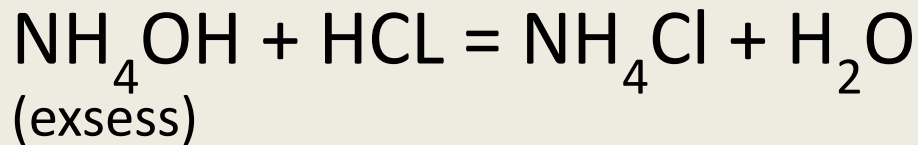
- For **acidic** buffer

$$n_{\text{acid}} = n_{\text{base}} = n_{\text{salt}}$$



$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \lg \frac{n_{\text{b}} \cdot V_{\text{b}}}{(n_{\text{a}} \cdot V_{\text{a}} - n_{\text{b}} \cdot V_{\text{b}})}$$

- For **basic** buffer



$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pKB} - \lg \frac{n_{\text{a}} \cdot V_{\text{a}}}{(n_{\text{b}} \cdot V_{\text{b}} - n_{\text{a}} \cdot V_{\text{a}})}$$

Buffer capacity

$$B_a = n_{\text{acid}} / |\Delta \text{pH}| \cdot V_{\text{buf.sol}}$$

$$B_b = n_{\text{base}} / |\Delta \text{pH}| \cdot V_{\text{buf.sol}}$$

n – mole equivalents of a strong acid or a strong base

V_{buf.sol} - volume of a buffer solution

ΔpH – pH change as a result of acid or base addition

Buffer capacity depends on :

1. *Components amount*

B_{max}

- for *acidic* buffer

2. **n_{salt}/n_{acid}** or

at **n_{salt} = n_{acid}**

n_{salt}/n_{base}

pH = pK_a

- for *basic* buffer

at **n_{salt} = n_{base}**

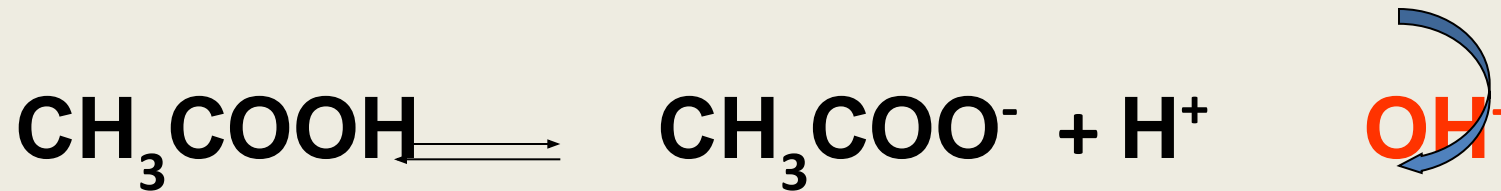
pH = 14 - pK_b

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \lg \frac{n_{\text{salt}}}{n_{\text{acid}}}$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pK}_b - \lg \frac{n_{\text{salt}}}{n_{\text{base}}}$$


Mechanism of buffer action

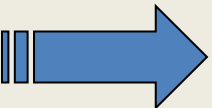
Acetate buffer



Buffer capacity

$n_{\text{salt}} > n_{\text{acid}}$  $B_a > B_b$

$n_{\text{salt}} < n_{\text{acid}}$  $B_a < B_b$

$n_{\text{salt}} = n_{\text{acid}}$  $B_a = B_b = B_{\text{max}}$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \lg \frac{n_{\text{salt}}}{n_{\text{acid}}}$$

• Choose the buffer with maximum capacity and **pH = 7.36** :

1) acetic $pK = 4.75$;

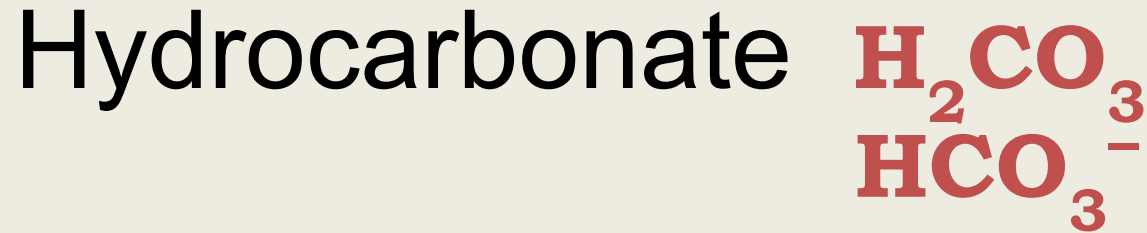
2) **phosphate $pK = 7.21$** ;

3) hydrocarbonate $pK = 6.37$.



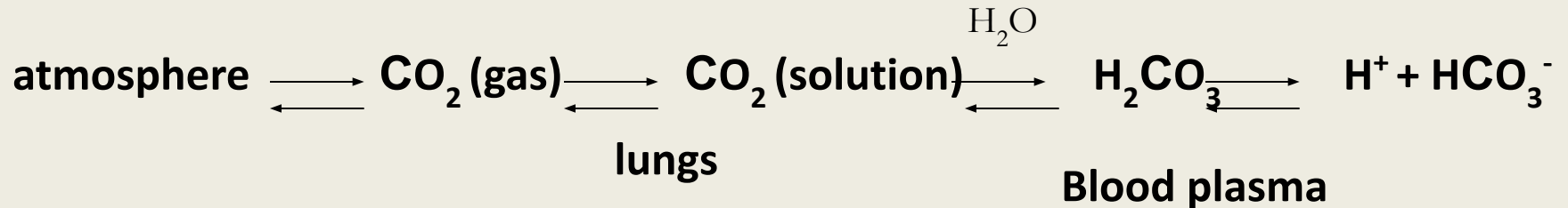
Buffer systems of a body

1. Mineral



2. Protein and aminoacidic.

Hydrocarbonate buffer



$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa}_{(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3)} + \lg \frac{\text{C}_{(\text{NaHCO}_3)}}{\text{C}_{(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3)}} =$$

$$= 6,1 + \lg \text{C}_{(\text{HCO}_3^-)} - \lg \text{P}_{(\text{CO}_2)}$$

P - CO_2 pressure in lungs

Buffer capacity $\text{Ba} = 40 \text{ mmole/L}$

$\text{Bb} = 1\text{-}2 \text{ mmole/L}$

pH of blood plasma

$$7.4 = 6.1 + \lg [\text{HCO}_3^-] / [\text{CO}_2]$$

$$[\text{HCO}_3^-] : [\text{CO}_2] = 20:1 \rightarrow \text{Ba} >$$

Bb

H_2CO_3 – 13 mole/ day

Other acids – from 0.03 to 0.08 mole/ day

1. A buffer consists of 0,5 moles of equivalent NH_3 and 0,5 moles of equivalent NH_4Cl . Which buffer component must be added to change pH to 9? $K_b(\text{NH}_3)=1,8*10^{-5}$

2. What is the pH of buffer made of 60 ml of 0,10M NH_3 with 40 ml of 0,10M NH_4Cl .
 $K_b=1,8*10^{-5}$.

3. What volume of 0,6M CH_3COONa must be added to 600 ml of 0,2M CH_3COOH to produce a buffer with pH=4,75?
 $K_a(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH})=1,75*10^{-5}$.

4. What volume of 0,01M NaOH should be added to 100 ml of 0,5M CH₃COOH solution to produce a buffer with pH 4,75?

$$pK_a(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH})=4,75$$

5. A buffer was prepared of 500 ml NaH₂PO₄ and 500 ml Na₂HPO₄. After addition of 1 ml 0.1N HCl the change of buffer pH = 0.03. Calculate buffer capacity **B_a**.

6. Choose a buffer with **B_a** > **B_b**:

a). 100 ml 0.2M NaHCO₃ + 100ml 0.4M H₂CO₃

b). 100 ml 0.4M NaHCO₃ + 100ml 0.2M H₂CO₃

c). 100 ml 0.2M NaHCO₃ + 100ml 0.2M H₂CO₃

