# Titrations

Stoichiometry & Solutions

## **Titrations: General Principles**

- In a titration, a solution of known concentration is used to determine the number of moles in an unknown sample. The solute in the titrating solution reacts with the unknown.
- Equivalence point: The point at which all of the unknown sample has completely reacted with the titrating solution.
- Endpoint: The point at which an indicator for the reaction changes color. A good indicator has an endpoint near the equivalence point.

## Titrations (continued)

- Stoichiometry is used to analyze the results of a titration.
- Once moles are calculated, concentration or molar mass may be determined.
- In an acid-base titration, we determine the number of moles in an unknown solution by evaluating an acid-base reaction.

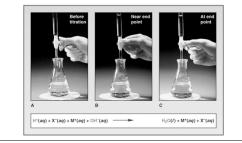
#### Titration Example:

Consider the titration of 20.0 mL of a sulfuric acid solution with a 0.127 *M* solution of NaOH. If 32.66 mL of NaOH is required to reach the endpoint, what is the concentration of the  $H_2SO_4$  solution?



#### Phenolphthalein as an indicator

- Phenolphthalein is a good indicator when titrating an acid with a strong base.
- It is clear in acidic and neutral solutions, but is pink when there is a slight excess of base.



### Titrations (continued)

#### Example:

What is the molar mass of an acid if a 0.363-g sample of the triprotic acid requires 23.44 mL of a 0.135 *M* NaOH solution?

## Titrations (continued)

- > The concentration of a solution used for titrating must be known for it to be useful. Therefore, the solutions must be **standardized**.
- In a standardization titration, a highly pure solid is massed, dissolved in water, and then titrated with the solution that you wish to determine the concentration of.

### Titrations (continued)

#### Example:

A solution of HCl was standardized using solid sodium carbonate as a primary standard.

A 0.5271-g sample of sodium carbonate was massed out, dissolved in  $\sim$  25 mL of water and titrated with the HCl solution. The endpoint was reached with the addition of 34.73 mL of the solution.

What is [HCI] ?