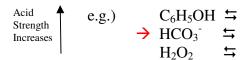
## **Amphiprotic Species (ions or molecules)**

- are found on **both** sides of the table e.g.) HSO<sub>4</sub>
- can act as acids (donate H<sup>+</sup>'s) or as bases (accept H<sup>+</sup>'s)
- to look at an amphiprotic species as an <u>acid</u>, you must find it on the <u>left</u> side:



$$HCO_3^-$$
 is a \_\_\_\_\_ er acid than  $C_6H_5OH$   $HCO_3^-$  is a \_\_\_\_ er acid than  $H_2O_2$ 

- to look at an amphiprotic species as a <u>base</u>, you must find it on the <u>right</u> side: for HCO<sub>3</sub> as a **base**:

e.g.) 
$$\stackrel{\leftarrow}{\hookrightarrow}$$
  $H^+ + Al(H_2O)_5(OH)^{2+}$  Base Strength Increases  $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{\hookrightarrow}$   $H^+ + C_6H_5O_7^{3-}$ 

$$HCO_3^-$$
 is a \_\_\_\_\_er base than  $C_6H_5O_7^{3-}$   
 $HCO_3^-$  is a \_\_\_\_er base than  $Al(H_2O)_5(OH)^{2+}$ 

HSO<sub>4</sub> in shaded region on top right will **not** act as a base in water (Too weak of a base)

- However, it is **not** a spectator! (like NO<sub>3</sub> is) Why not?

(HSO<sub>4</sub> is also found on the left side quite a way up, it is a relatively "strong" weak acid.)

## **The Leveling Effect for Acids**

What is 
$$[H_3O^+]$$
 in 1.0 M  $H_3O^+$ ?

What is 
$$[H_3O^+]$$
 in 1.0 M HNO<sub>3</sub>?

What is 
$$[H_3O^+]$$
 in 1.0 M HCl?

Acids from HClO<sub>4</sub> to H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> are 100% ionized in water

only solvent used in Chem 12 (and most Chemistry)

- so even though HClO<sub>4</sub> is above HCl on the chart, it is no more acidic in a water solution. Therefore the top six strong acids have been levelled.

 $H_3O^+$  is the <u>strongest acid</u> that can exist in an undissociated form in water solution. all stronger acids <u>ionize</u> to form  $H_3O^+$ 

(NOTE: although  $H_2SO_4$  is diprotic, the  $H_3O^+$  produced from the second ionization is very little compared to that from the first)

1<sup>st</sup> ionization: 
$$H_2SO_4 + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+ + HSO_4$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$

$$1M(SA) \qquad 1M$$

$$2^{\text{nd}}$$
 ionization:  $HSO_4^- + H_2O \iff H_3O^+ + SO_4^{2^-}$   
~1M (WA)

## **Leveling Affects of Bases**

The strongest base which can exist in high concentrations in water solution is OH The two stronger bases below it will react with water completely to form OH.

Eg) 
$$O^{2-} + H_2O \rightarrow OH^- + OH^-$$
SB
Or
 $O^{2-} + H_2O \rightarrow 2OH^-$ 
Single Arrow

What is the final  $[O^2]$  in 1.0 M Na<sub>2</sub>O? Answer: 0 M

- <u>All</u> the  $O^2$  will react with water to form OH

1.0M  $\xrightarrow{2/1}$  > 2.0 M  $O^2$  + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\Rightarrow$  2OH so  $[OH^2]$  = 2.0 M

Write an equation for NH<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> reacting with H<sub>2</sub>O.

Answer:

Write out the definition of the levelling effect from page 125