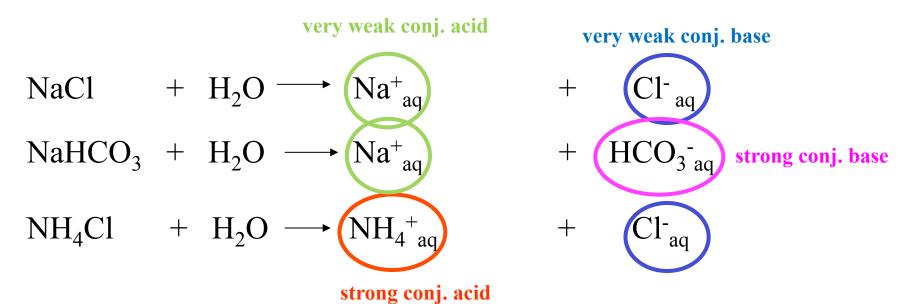
# all salts are strong electrolytes fully dissociated in water $\alpha = 1$





#### Na<sup>+</sup>HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (sodium-bicarbonate !)

$$H_2O + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^-$$
 (eq. 1)  
 $HCO_3^- + H_3O^+ \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 + H_2O$  (eq. 2)

#### these 2 equilibria coexist in the same solution

$$H_2O + H_2O + HCO_3^- + H_3O^+ \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^- + H_2CO_3 + H_2O$$

let's sum up and simplify (by cancelling species identical before and after reaction)

$$HCO_3^- + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 + OH^-$$

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Net hydrolytic event

# Hydrolysis

$$HCO_{3^{-}aq} + H_{3}O^{+} + OH^{-} \longrightarrow H_{2}CO_{3} + H_{2}O + OH^{-}$$

 $HCO_3 - H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 + OH^-$ 

### Salt hydrolysis

Salt formula	Derived from	рН
CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> Na <sup>+</sup>	weak acid – strong base (basic salt)	ſ
NH4 <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup>	weak base – strong acid (acidic salt)	Ļ
CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<i>both</i> weak – acid and base ( <i>pH depends</i> )	↑↓
K <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup>	<i>both</i> strong – acid and base ( <i>no hydrolysis</i> )	7.0

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The strong conjugated species react with  $H_2O$  (...the H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup>)

$$HCO_3_{aq} + H_2O \iff H_2CO_3 + OH^-$$

 $HPO_4^{2-}aq + H_2O \iff H_2PO_4^{-} + OH^{-}$ 

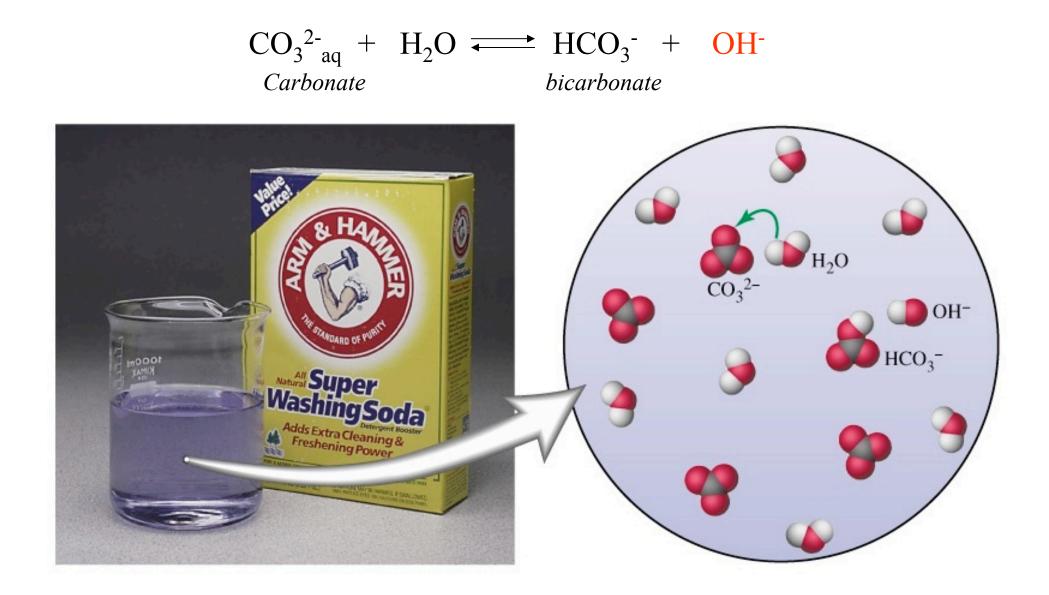
$$NH_{4 aq}^{+} + H_2O \iff NH_4OH + H^+$$
  
and pH varies

*Ex.s all salts of bio-cellular interest: Salts deriving form organic acids (Krebs cycle), pyruvate lactate, succinate, oxalacetate...etc.* 

CH<sub>3</sub>-CO-COOH *Pyruvic acid* 

CH<sub>3</sub>-CO-COO-Na<sup>+</sup> *Pyruvate*  CH<sub>3</sub>-HCOH-COOH Lactic acid

> CH<sub>3</sub>-HCOH-COO<sup>-</sup>Na<sup>+</sup> Lactate



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 $HCO_3^- + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3 + OH^$ bicarbonate

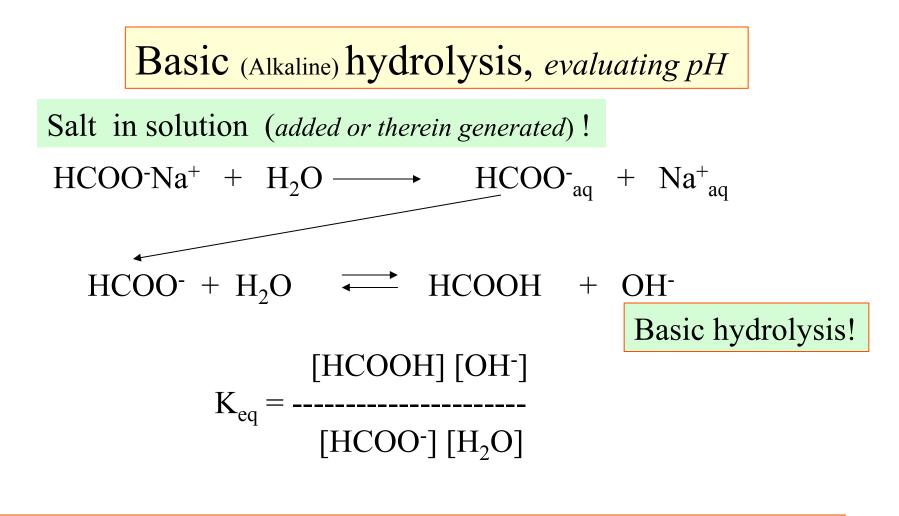
carbonic acid

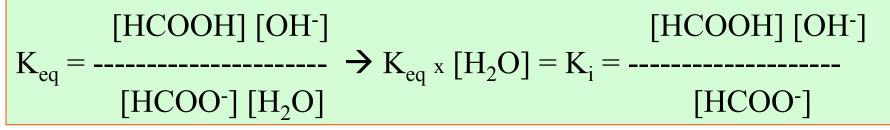
Hydrolysis reactions (net)

$$HCO_{3aq} + H_{2}O \iff H_{2}CO_{3} + OH^{-}$$

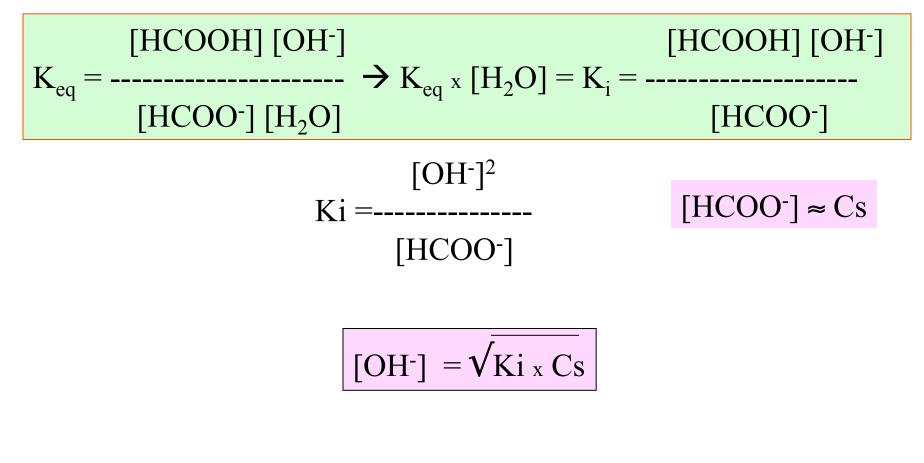
$$HPO_{4aq} + H_{2}O \iff H_{2}PO_{4} + OH^{-}$$

$$NH_{4aq} + H_{2}O \iff NH_{4}OH + H^{+}$$





### Alkaline hydrolysis, *evaluating pH*



 $pOH = \log 1/[OH^-] \rightarrow pH = 14 - pOH$ 

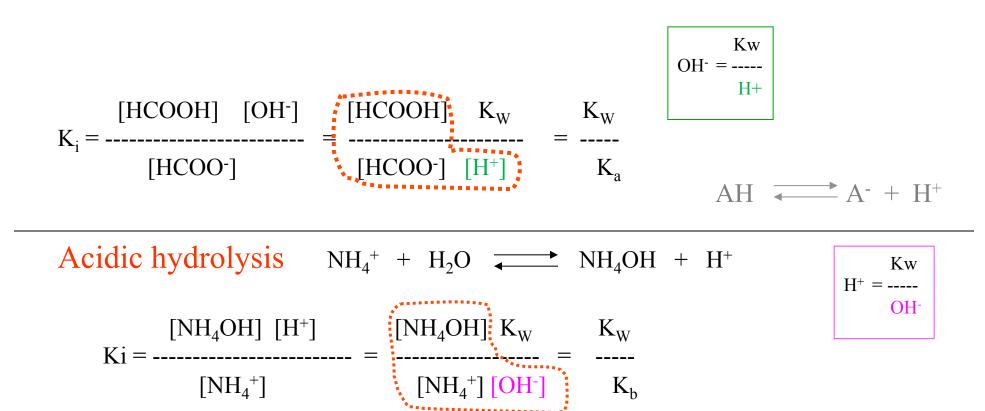
Acidic hydrolysis, *evaluating* pH

Salt in solution (added or therein generated) !

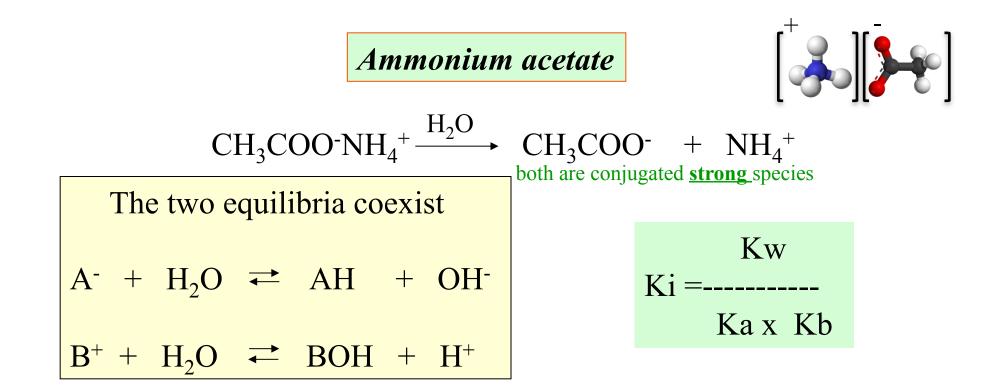
 $NH_4Cl + H_2O \longrightarrow NH_4^+ + Cl^$  $pH = log 1/[H^+]$ Hydrolysis !  $NH_4^+ + H_2O \implies NH_4OH + H^+$  $[NH_4OH]$   $[H^+]$  $K_i = \dots \rightarrow$  $[H^+]^2 = Ki \times [NH_4^+]$  $[\mathrm{NH}_4^+]$  $[H^+] = \sqrt{Ki \times Cs}$  $[NH_4OH][H^+]$  $[NH_4OH][H^+]$  $K_{eq} = -$ -----  $\rightarrow K_{eq} \times [H_2O] = K_i = -- [NH_4^+][H_2O]$  $[NH_4^+]$ 

#### Ki, Kw and Ka or Kb

Alkalyne hydrolysis  $HCOO^- + H_2O \longrightarrow HCOOH + OH^-$ 



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If Ka = Kb ; pH = 7.0 neutral solution if Ka > Kb ; pH < 7.0 if Ka < Kb ; pH > 7.0

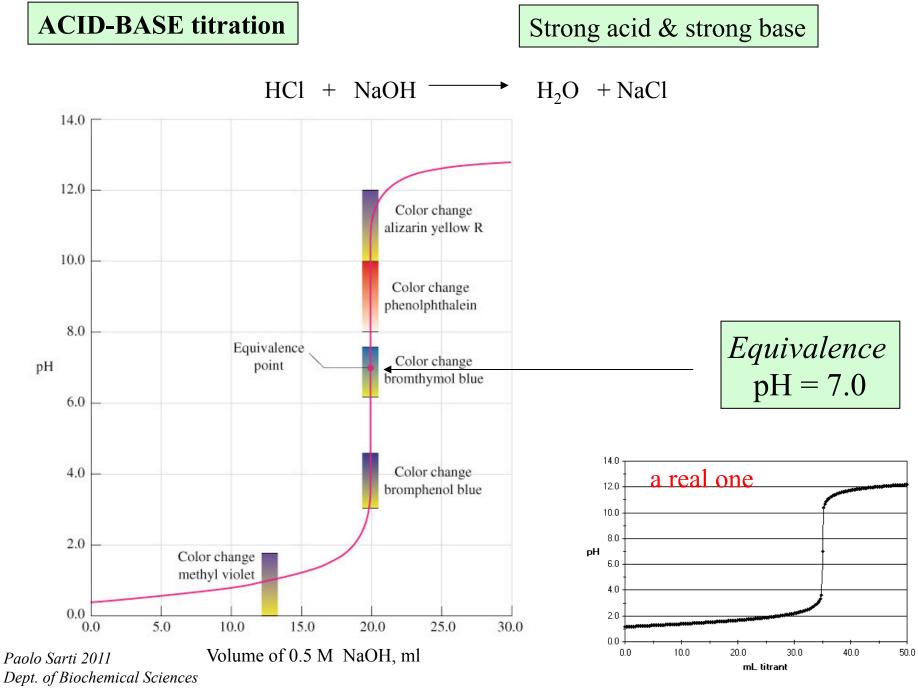
$$[H_3O^+] = \sqrt{K_w \cdot \frac{K_a}{K_b}}$$

pH will vary consistently with the values of Ka and Kb.
<i>e.g.</i> if Ka < Kb then the cojugated base of the acid, A <sup>-</sup> , is (relatively) stronger than the cojugated acid, B <sup>+</sup> of the base, and $[OH-] > [H+]$
Therefore pH??]

Acid/base reaction: Simple stoichiometry (1:1) stabile product

 $H^+$  + •OH<sup>-</sup> ←  $H_2O$ acid base product  $\Delta G < 0 = -15$  Kcal/mol

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#### Weak acid & strong base

Let's work out pH under these conditions:

- 1) In the absence of base
- 2) 50% neutralization
- 3) 100% neutralization



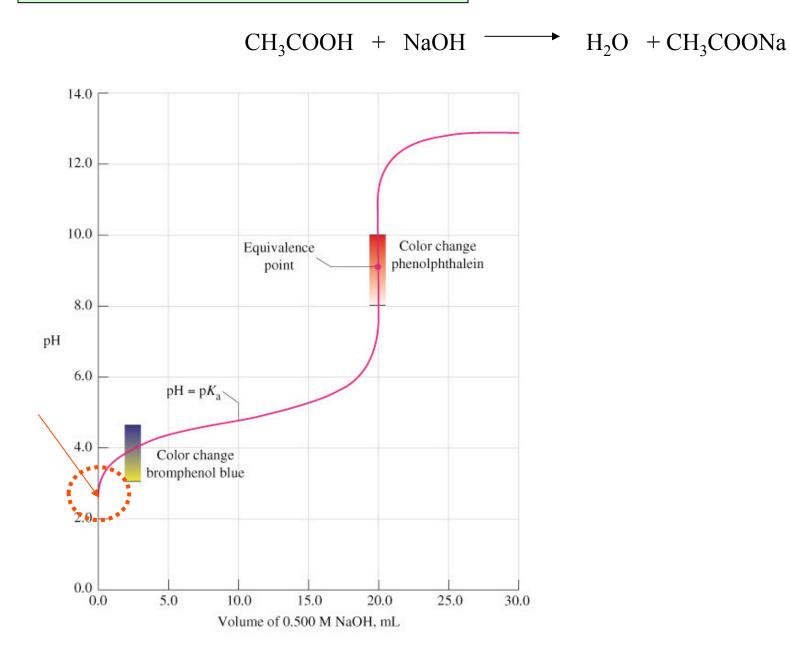
Let's have  $0.1 M CH_3COOH$  in 1 liter  $H_2O$ 

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{Ka \times Ca}$$

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1} = 1.34 \times 10^{-3} M$$

$$pH = log 745 = 2.87$$

Weak Acid neutralised with strong Base



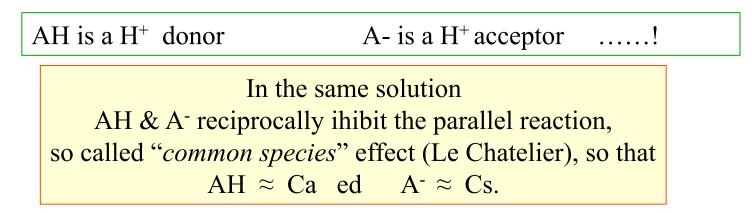
AH +	NaOH	→ A <sup>-</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> -	+ H <sub>2</sub> O
0.1	0.05	0	0 (initial)
0.05	0.0	0.05	0.05 (after reaction)

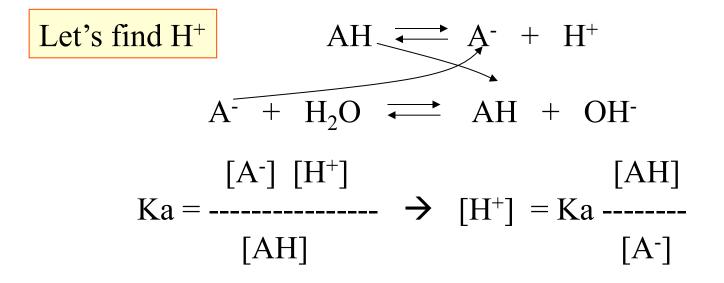
50 % neutralised

We have (same solution) AH (acido) and A<sup>-</sup> (conjugated base) from salt, both reactive!

the 2 equilibria (dissociation & hydrolysis) coexist with common species

$$\overrightarrow{A^{-} + H^{+} + OH^{-}} \overrightarrow{A^{-} + H^{+}}$$

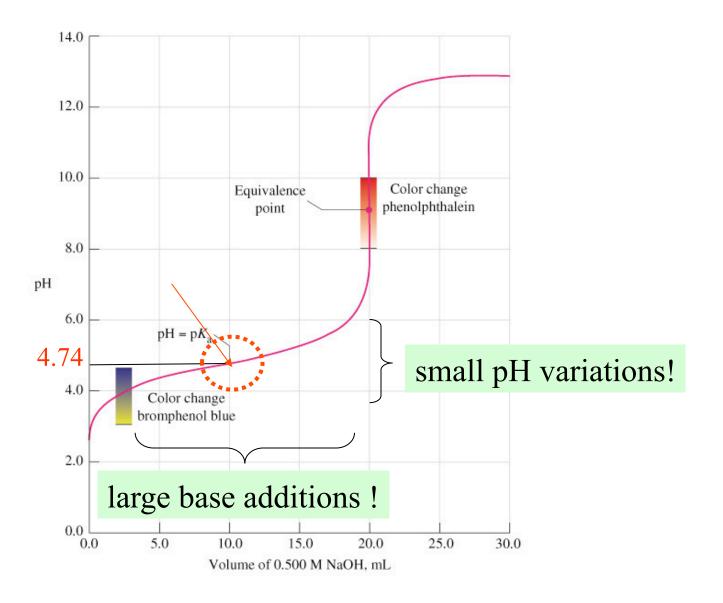




Log 1/[H+] = log 1/Ka + log [A-]/[AH]  $pH = pKa + log \frac{Cs}{Ca}$ Eq. Henderson Hasselbach !! Example  $pH = pKa + log \frac{0.05}{----} \rightarrow pH = pKa = 4.74$ 



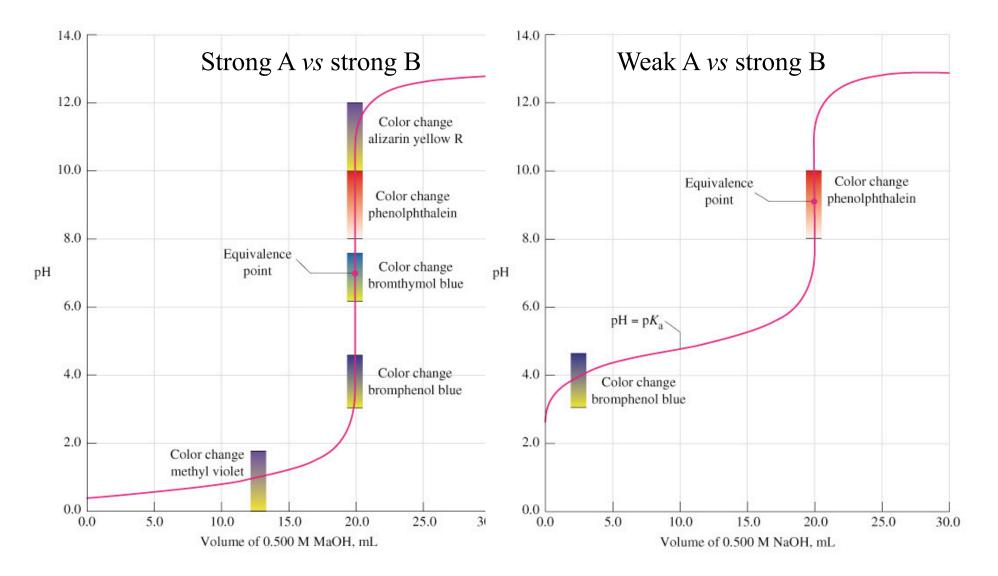
#### $CH_3COOH + NaOH \longrightarrow H_2O + CH_3COONa$



## Buffering effect - buffer power...!

Better observed by adding  $H^+$  or  $OH^-$  in the pH region close to the pKa (weak acid) or pKb (weak base)

# To be compared !



AH +	NaOH	→ A <sup>-</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> +	H <sub>2</sub> O
0.1	0.1	0	0 (initial)
0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1 ~(after neutralization)

generated A<sup>-</sup> 0.1 M (conjugated bases) alkaline hydrolysys

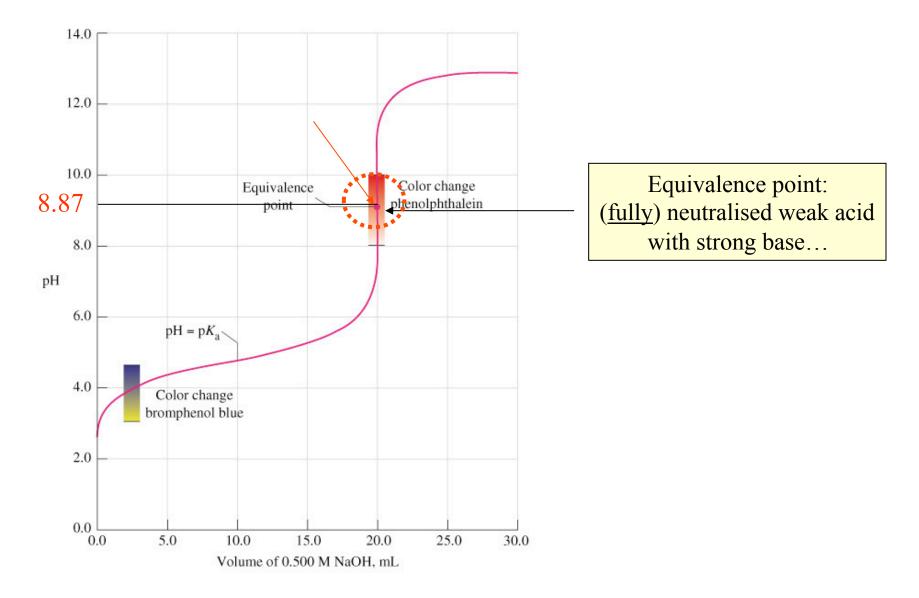
$$[OH^{-}] = \sqrt{Ki \times Cs}$$
$$[OH^{-}] = \sqrt{Kw/Ka \times 0.1}$$

$$[OH^{-}] = \sqrt{1 \times 10^{-14} / 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1}$$
$$[OH^{-}] = \sqrt{5.55 \times 10^{-11}} = 7.45 \times 10^{-6}$$

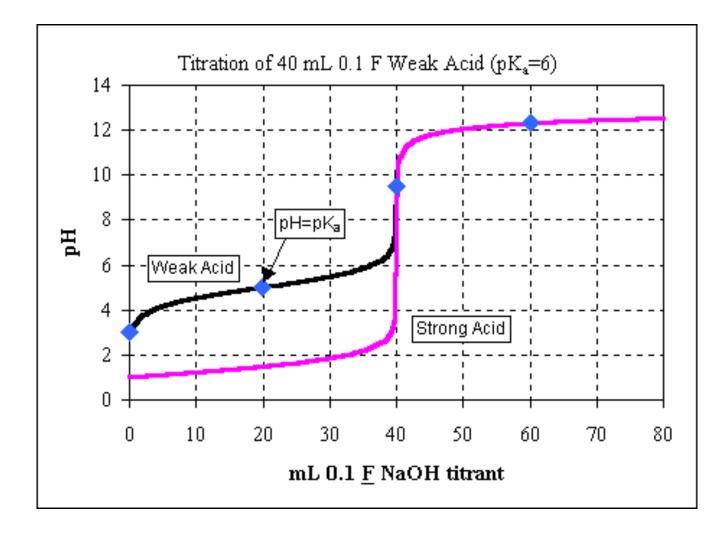
pOH = 5.13  $\rightarrow$  pH = 14 - 5.13 = 8.87



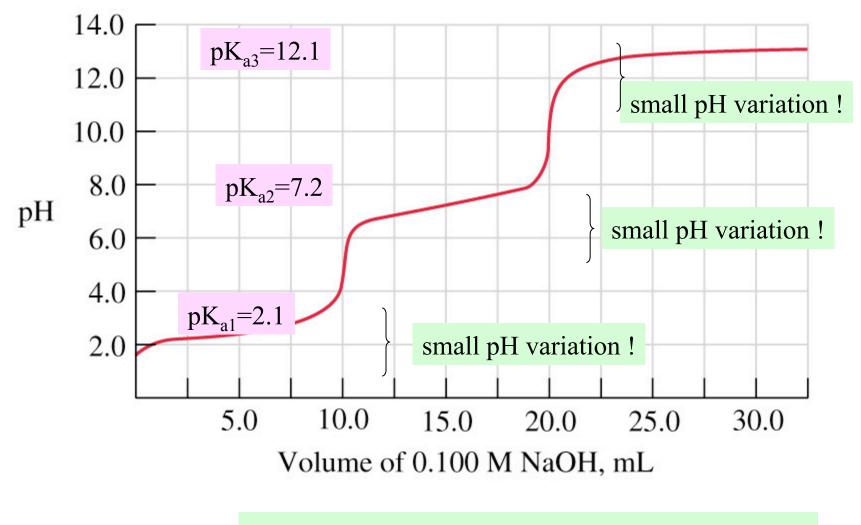
 $CH_3COOH + NaOH \longrightarrow H_2O + CH_3COONa$ 



Comparing strong and weak acids



### **Polyprotic acid H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>**

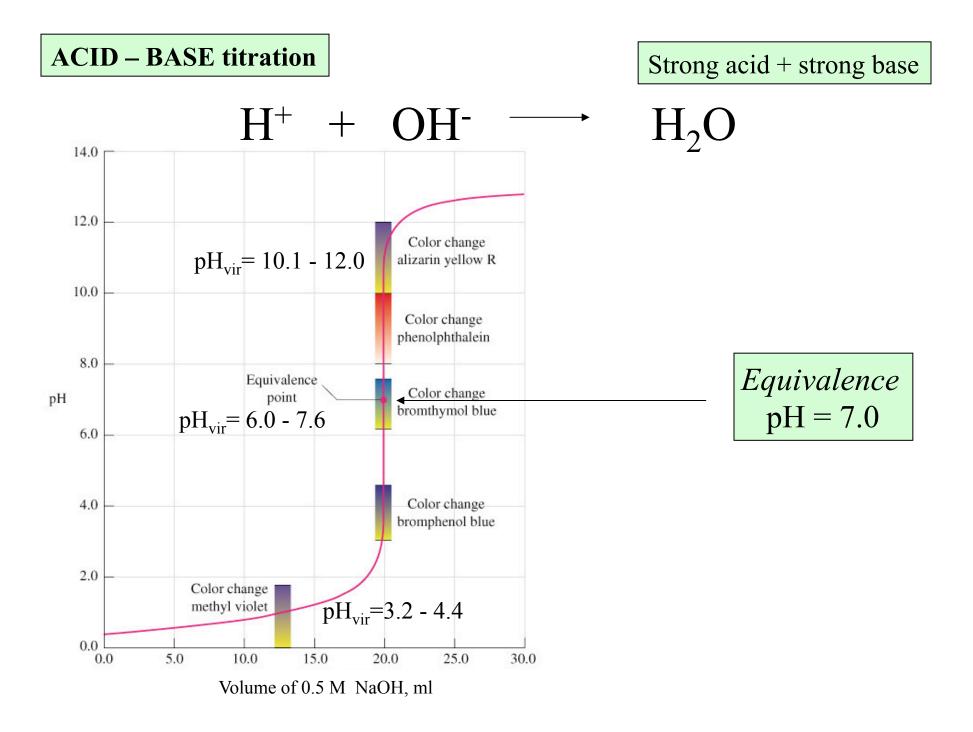


small pH variation vs large amounts of base

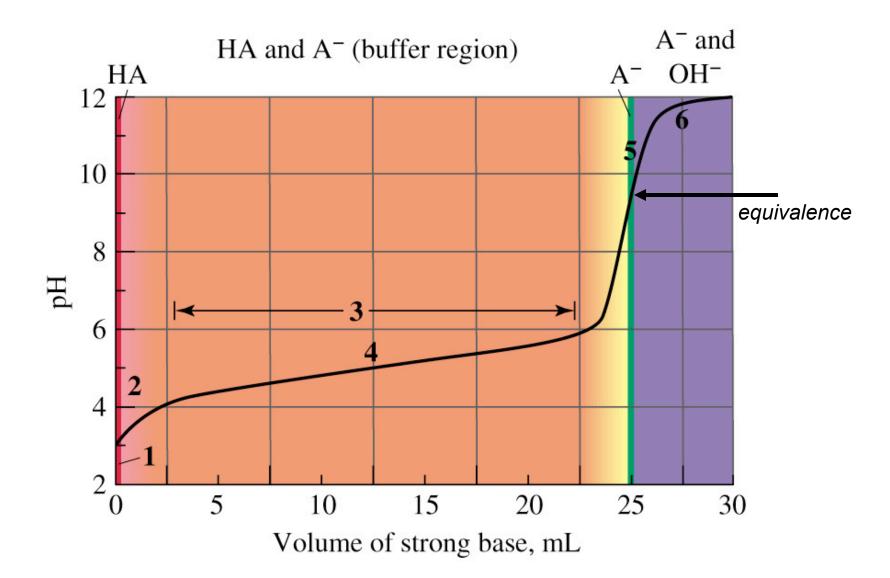
Buffer effect...!

H+ or  $OH^{-}$  additions in the region of pH close to the 3 pKa values (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) induce small pH changes The pH value can be • worked out

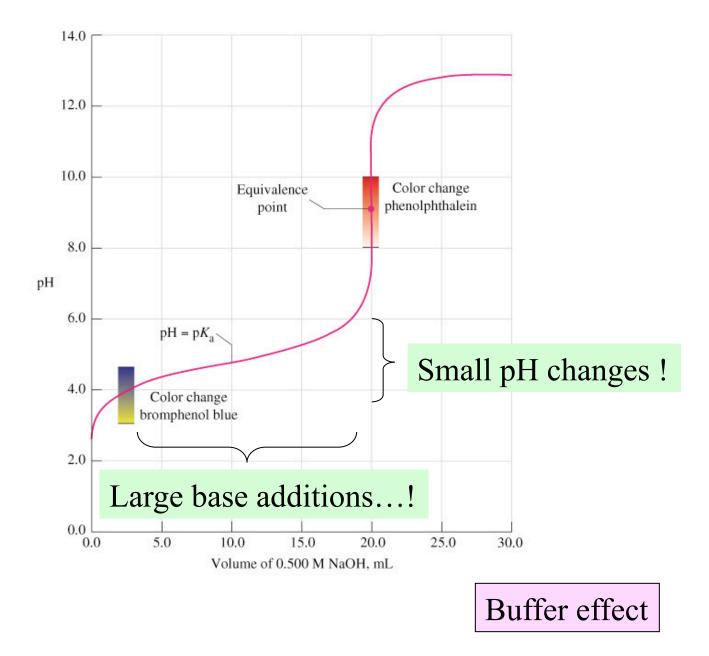
• measured



Small pH variations vs large amounts of base



#### Special condition when the acid is 50% neutralized



$H_2CO_3$	$Ka_1 = 4 \times 10^{-7}$	$Ka_2 = 10^{-11}$
HCO <sub>3</sub> -	$Kb = 10^{-14}/4 \times 10^{-14}$	$0^{-7} = 2.5 \times 10^{-8}$