

(23) **Today**

Chap 6 Acid-Base and Donor-Acceptor
Chemistry

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Chap 9.1 Introduction to Coordination
Chemistry

amphoteric - can act as base or acid

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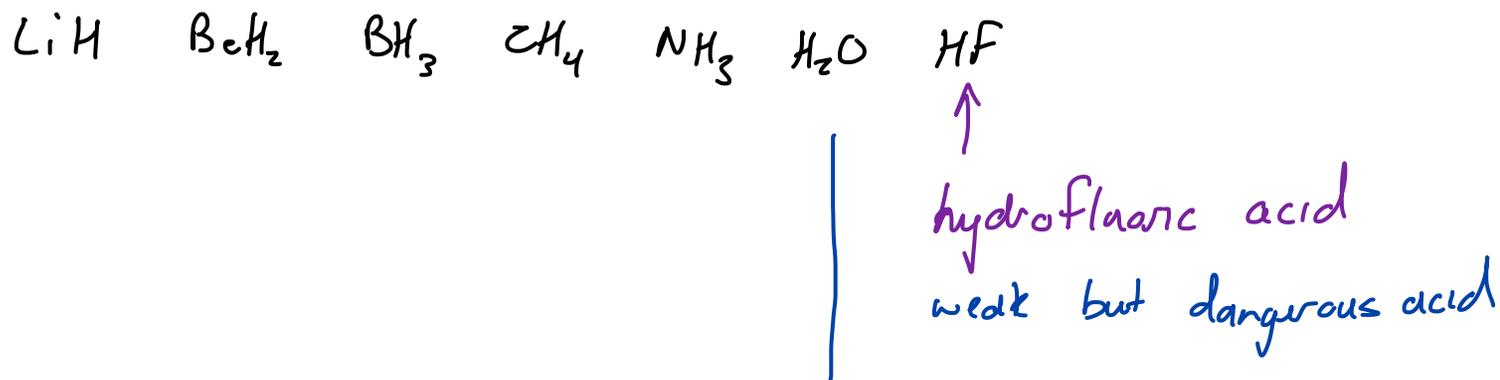
the deprotonated solvent

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across a period



acid strength increases from left to right



increasing nuclear charge
is stabilizing the e⁻'s
that are left when the
H⁺ is abstracted away

↑
the more stable we can make this neg charge
the stronger this acid will be

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down a family

	HF	HCl	HBr	HI
K_a	10^{-4}	10^6	10^9	10^{11}

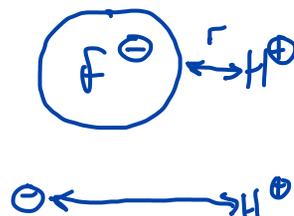
acid strength increases as we go down a family

increase Z_{eff}

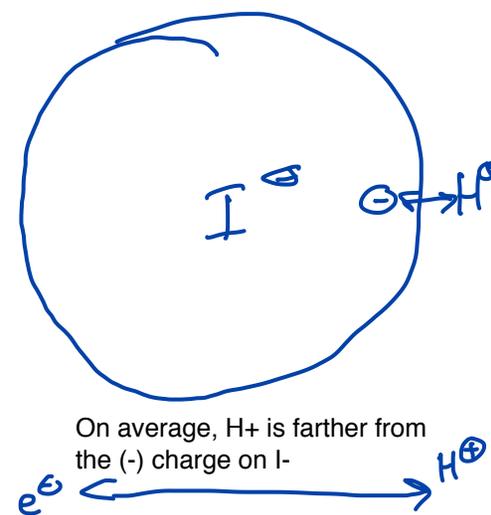
increased volume



↑
stronger acid
 Z_{eff} is larger
+
 e^- 's density is more diffuse



H^+ is on average closer to the e^- in F^-



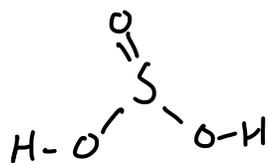
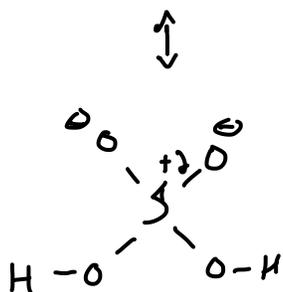
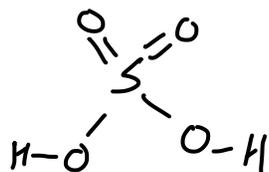
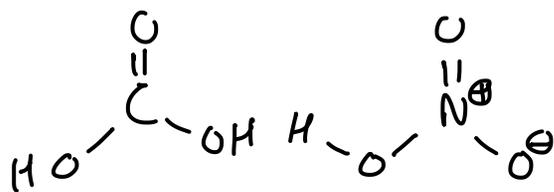
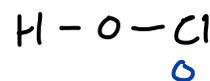
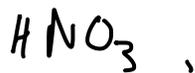
On average, H^+ is farther from the $(-)$ charge on I^-

H^+ is more easily attracted to concentrated charge

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for "oxy-acids"

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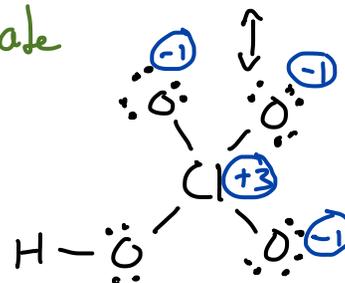
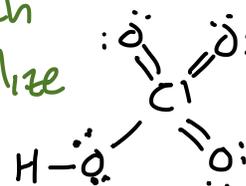
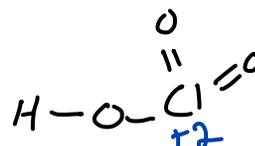
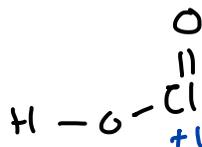
adding
more

O atoms
increases

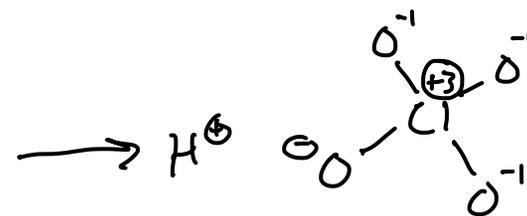
\oplus charge
on central

atom which
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the
conjugate
base



neg O next to
neutral Cl ...
no help stabilizing
 \ominus

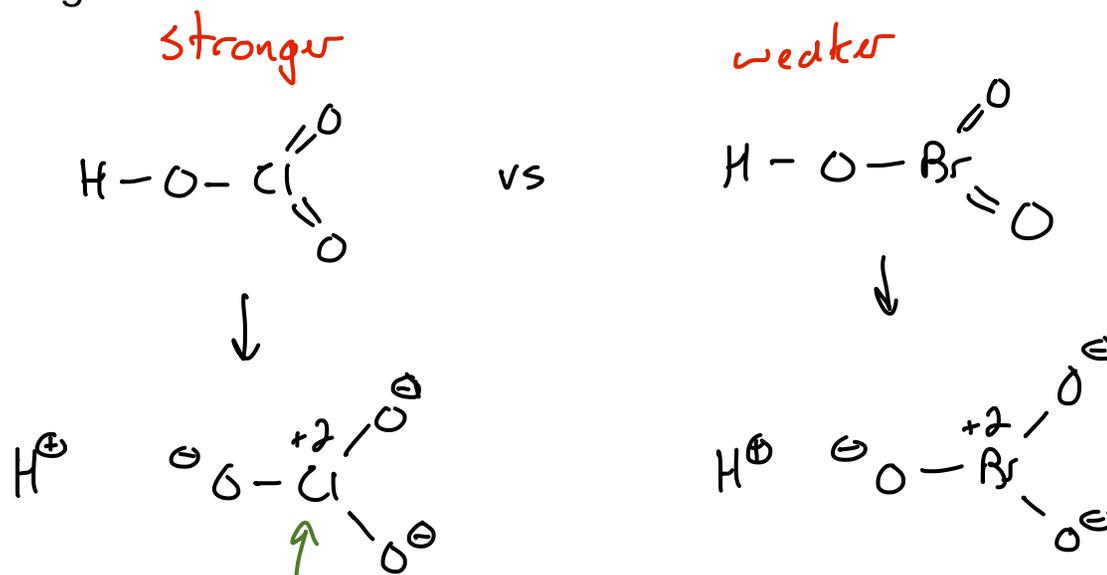


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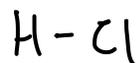
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charges are the same on the central atom,
but the more electronegative atom is
able to stabilize the \ominus more effectively



Stronger

Br^{\ominus} more stable