

Converting Ka to Kb

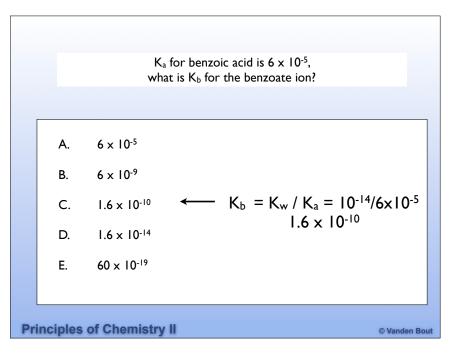
$$HA(aq) \longrightarrow H^{+}(aq) + A^{-}(aq)$$

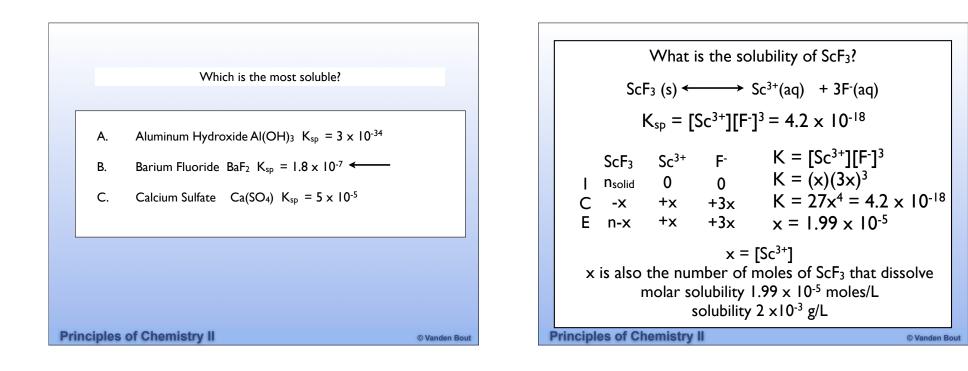
$$\kappa_{a} = \frac{[H^{+}][A^{-}]}{[HA]}$$

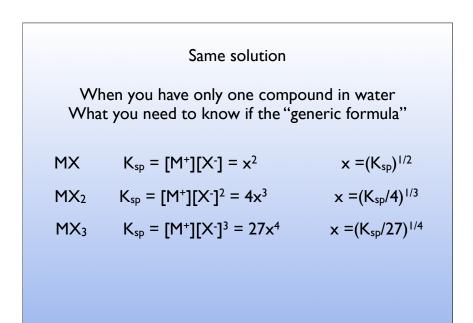
$$A^{-}(aq) + H_{2}O(I) \longrightarrow HA(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$$

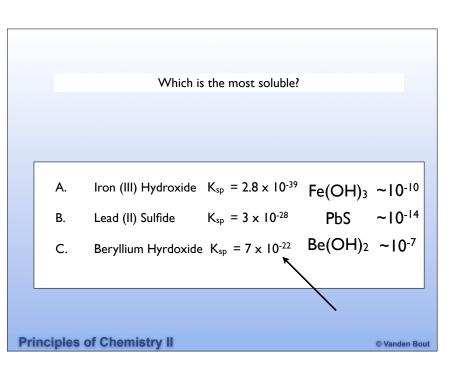
$$\kappa_{b} = \frac{[OH^{-}][HA]}{[A^{-}]}$$

$$K_{a} \times K_{b} = \frac{[H^{+}][A^{-}]}{[HA]} \times \frac{[OH^{-}][HA]}{[A^{-}]} = [H^{+}][OH^{-}] = K_{w}$$
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I can either have large concentrations of

H⁺ or OH⁻

but never both

The will reaction to get back to equilibrium

$$H^{+}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq) \longleftrightarrow H_2O(I)$$

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