

# Solubility

## Equi $\rightleftharpoons$ librium

### $K_{sp}$

Chapter 17  
Sections 17.4–17.6

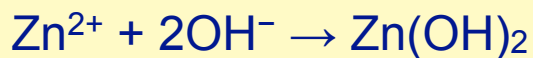
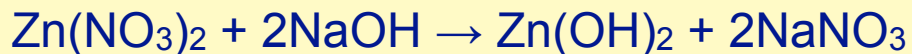
# Precipitation Reactions

- Earlier in this course, we considered precipitation reactions
  - ✓ zinc nitrate reacts with sodium hydroxide
    - ▶  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_{2(\text{ppt})} + 2\text{NaNO}_3$
  - ✓ zinc ions react with hydroxide ions. (Nitrate and sodium ions would be spectator ions.)
    - ▶  $\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_{2(\text{ppt})}$
  - ✓ For this reaction, we worked solution stoichiometry problems and assumed all of the precipitation ions would end up on the bottom (considering any limiting reactant issues)
  - ✓ The problems, you may recall looked like this....

# Write the overall (molecular) and the net ionic equation for the reaction of zinc nitrate with sodium hydroxide.

- Remember from unit B these types of questions:
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$$0.03M \times 100ml = 3mmole \text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \quad 3mmole \text{Zn}^{2+}, \text{only } 2mmole \text{ Used up}$$

$$0.04M \times 100ml = 4mmole \text{NaOH} \quad 4mmole \text{OH}^- \text{ Limits}$$

$$6mmole \text{NO}_3^- \text{ all Left Over} \quad 4mmole \text{Na}^+ \text{ all Left Over} \quad 1mmole \text{Zn}^{2+} \text{ left Over}$$

- Calculate the mass of precipitate on the bottom.

$$0.002mole \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2 \left( \frac{99.43g}{1mol} \right) = 0.199g \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2 \text{ precipitate}$$

- Calculate the molarity of each ion remaining in solution. Up til now we would consider no  $\text{OH}^-$  left in solution, however.....

$$\frac{6mmole}{200ml} = 0.03M \text{ of } \text{NO}_3^- \quad \frac{4mmole}{200ml} = 0.02M \text{ of } \text{Na}^+ \quad \frac{1mmole}{200ml} = 0.005M \text{ of } \text{Zn}^{2+}$$

# Precipitation Reactions

- The *real truth* is that an equilibrium is set up between the undissolved precipitate and very small quantities of the ions remaining in solution.
- As we've just said, earlier in this course, we had considered precipitation reactions to be all precipitated out
  - ▶  $\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_{2(\text{ppt})}$
- but the *real story* is that an equilibrium is reached between the undissolved salts and the ions.
- so we can write and equilibrium expression:

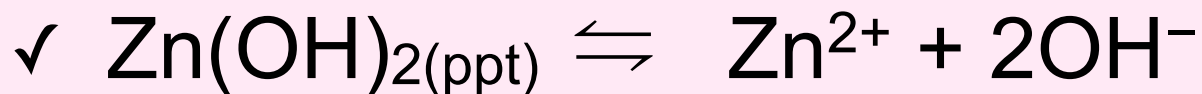
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# Solubility Equilibrium

- Having an equilibrium expression that is a reciprocal is cumbersome and inconvenient

$$K = \frac{1}{[Zn^{2+}][OH^{-}]^2}$$

- We can rewrite the reaction for zinc hydroxide in equilibrium with zinc ions and hydroxide ions



- ✓ and for this reaction we can write the equilibrium expression:

$$K_{sp} = [Zn^{2+}][OH^{-}]^2$$

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# Vocabulary

- As long as there is some solid on the bottom, we can be sure there is an equilibrium, and the solution is *saturated*.
  - ✓ At this point, the rate of dissolution and rate of crystallization would be equal.
- Solubility (S)
  - ✓ The maximum amount of solute that dissolves in a fixed quantity of a given amount of solvent at a given temperature.
  - ✓ This will be recorded as either
    - ▶ molar solubility (mole/liter)
    - ▶ gram solubility (grams/liter, sometimes g/100 ml)

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- Given concentration values at equilibrium, calculate  $K_{sp}$
- Given  $K_{sp}$ , calculate molar solubility in water
- Given  $K_{sp}$ , calculate molar solubility in a solution with some ions in it.
- Pouring two soluble solutions together, does a precipitate form?
  - ✓ What is the concentration of one ion when the precipitate starts to form?

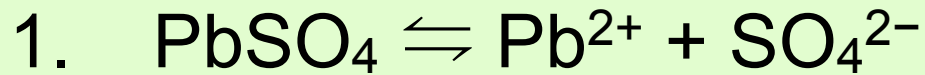
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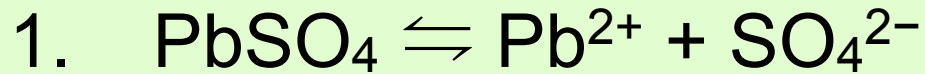
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$$4.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g} \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{303.27 \text{ g}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$

$$\frac{1.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}}{0.1 \text{ L}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} \quad K_{sp} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$$

$$K_{sp} = [1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}][1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}]$$

$$K_{sp} = 1.96 \times 10^{-8}$$

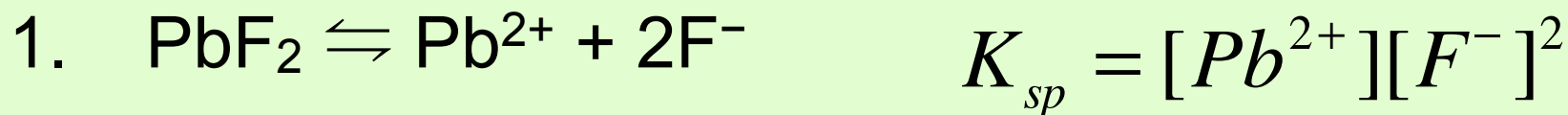
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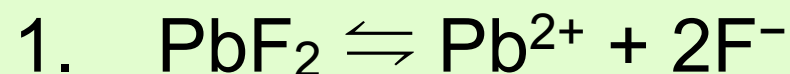
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$$[\text{PbF}_2] = \left( \frac{0.64 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{245.2 \text{ g}} \right) = 2.61 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$
$$[\text{F}^-] = 2.61 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} \left( \frac{2 \text{ F}^-}{1 \text{ PbF}_2} \right) = 5.22 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{F}^-]^2$$

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$$4.5 \times 10^{-9} = [s][s]$$

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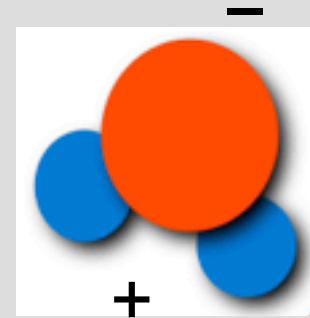
$$[s] = [Ba^{2+}] = \frac{[F^-]}{2} = [BaF_2] = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} M$$

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# And you thought water was just water.

## The Water Equilibrium and

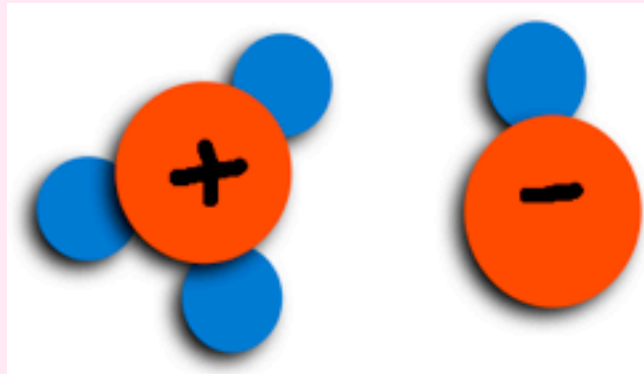
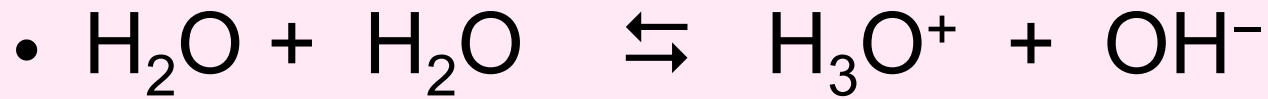
# pH



Water is a  
polar molecule



Although it happens to only a very slight degree, Water molecules “crash” into each other and ionize in *every* aqueous solution.



- Or we could pretend water just decomposes:
  - $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$

# The formation of $\text{H}^+$ and $\text{OH}^-$ ions in water is always in equilibrium.

- $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{OH}^-$
- Write a  $K_{eq}$  for these reactions above:
- $K_{eq} = [\text{H}^+] [\text{OH}^-]$  or  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{OH}^-]$ 
  - ▶ We call this equilibrium,  $K_w = [\text{H}^+] [\text{OH}^-]$
- The amount of *autoionization* is small.
  - ▶ How small....?

# $K_w$ The Ion Product

- In pure water,  $[H^+] = [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  (at 25°C)
- Thus,  $K_w = [H^+] [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$  (at 25°C)
- Does this mean that when you drink water you are drinking acid and base?
- Well, yes and no.
  - ▶ In pure water,  $[H^+] = [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$
  - ▶ Since the amounts are equal and small, the water is considered “neutral.”
- Here’s the punch line”
  - ▶ The ion product,  $K_w$  is true not just for water, but for *any and all* aqueous solutions.


# The pH scale

- In most aqueous solutions,  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  are often small quantities, and we would be writing out such small numbers, it is convenient to convert these small numbers to base 10 logs.
- We call this  $pH = -\log [H^+]$  (or  $-\log [H_3O^+]$ )
- In pure water (at 25°C)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ 
  - ▶ The pH of water = 7
- In an acidic solution,  $[H^+]$  might =  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ,
  - ▶ so  $pH = -\log [1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}] = 4$

# Other “p” scales

- Since it's useful to report  $[H^+]$  as a log, it can also be useful to report  $[OH^-]$  as a log. We call this pOH
  - ▶  $pOH = -\log [OH^-]$
- So for the pH = 4 solution,  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$
- Since  $K_w = [H^+] [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- For this same solution
  - ▶  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-10}$ , so pOH = 10
- Let's compare  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  concentrations, pH and pOH of various common solutions on the next slide. `

Do you notice  
a relationship  
between pH  
and pOH of a  
solution?



	$[\text{H}^+] \text{ (M)}$	pH	pOH	$[\text{OH}^-] \text{ (M)}$
	$1 \text{ (} 1 \times 10^{-0} \text{)}$	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	<b>1.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-13}$
Gastric juice - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	<b>2.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-12}$
Lemon juice - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	<b>3.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-11}$
Cola, vinegar - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-10}$
Wine - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	<b>5.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-9}$
Tomatoes - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	<b>6.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-8}$
Banana - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-7}$
Black coffee - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-6}$
Rain - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
Saliva - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-10}$	<b>10.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
Milk - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-11}$	<b>11.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
Human blood, tears - -	$1 \times 10^{-12}$	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
Egg white, seawater - -	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	<b>13.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$
Baking soda - - - - -	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	$1 \text{ (} 1 \times 10^{-0} \text{)}$
Borax - - - - -				
Milk of magnesia - - -				
Lime water - - - - -				
Household ammonia - -				
Household bleach - - -				
NaOH, 0.1 M - - - - -				

# pH related to pOH

- You see that  $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$  for a solution.
- Since  $[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = K_w = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- remember your log rules???
  - ▶  $-\log([\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]) = -\log K_w = -\log(1 \times 10^{-14})$
  - ▶  $-\log[\text{H}^+] + -\log[\text{OH}^-] = -\log K_w = -\log(1 \times 10^{-14})$
- So,  $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = \text{p}K_w = 14$
- very handy !! `

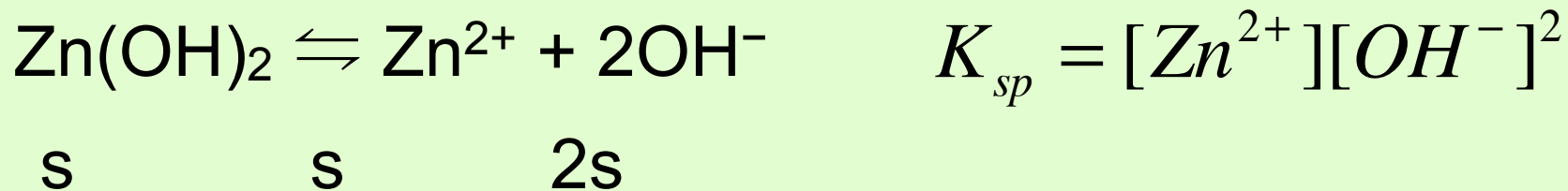
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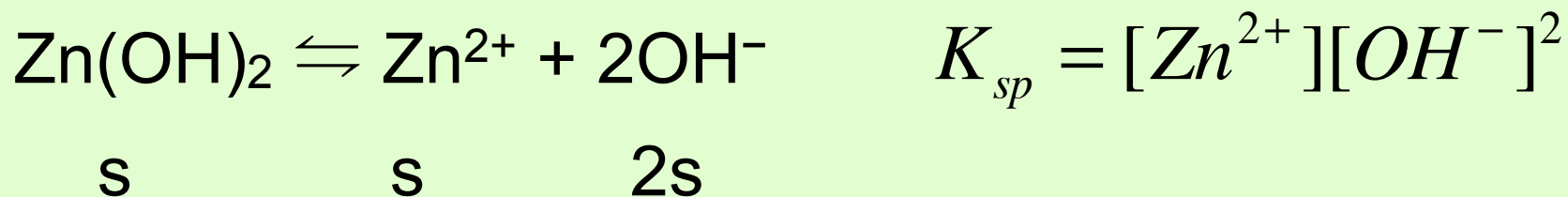
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In this problem, pH is just a special way of telling us what the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  is

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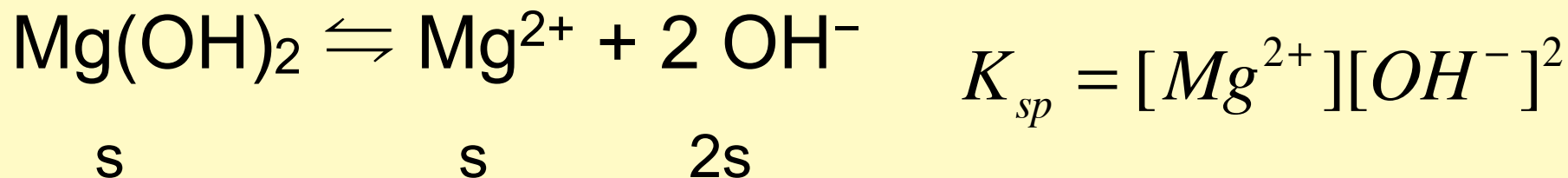
$$pH = 8.75 \quad pOH = 5.25 \quad pOH = -\log[\text{OH}^-] = 5.25$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 5.6 \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{Zn}^{2+}] = 2.8 \times 10^{-6}$$

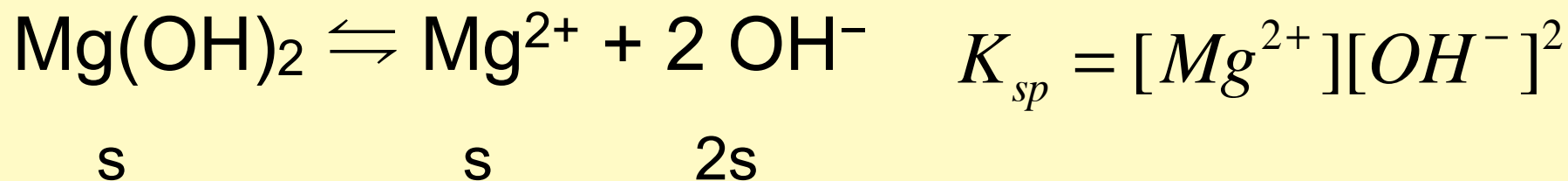
$$K_{sp} = [2.8 \times 10^{-6}][5.6 \times 10^{-6}]^2 = 8.9 \times 10^{-17}$$

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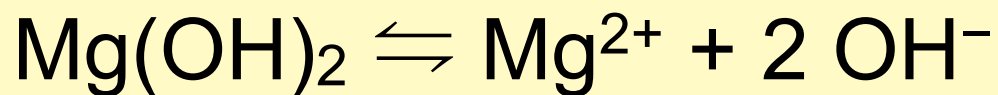
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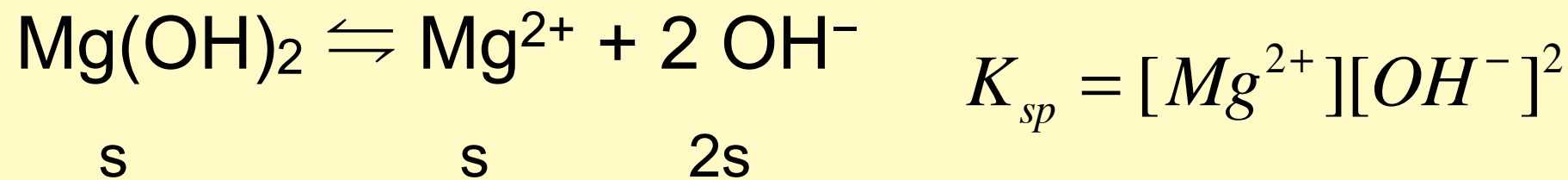
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$$pOH + pH = 14$$

$$pH = 10.18$$

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- From the previous slide, we know the concentration of the  $Mg^{2+}$ , and we know that comes from the quantity of  $Mg(OH)_2$  that dissolves.

$$[Mg^{2+}] = Mg(OH)_2 = \frac{7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}}{1L} \times \frac{58.33g}{1mol} = \frac{4.32 \times 10^{-3} g}{1L}$$

- 0.0043 g/L
- This is the “gram solubility” of magnesium hydroxide



# $K_{sp}$ as a Measure of Solubility

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- Let's take a closer look....`

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$$MN < MN_2 < MN_3 < MN_4$$

- Solve for  $s$  which will tell you the molar solubility of the molecule.
- $s^2 = 1 \times 10^{-12}$        $((s)(s))$        $s = 1 \times 10^{-6}$
- $4s^3 = 1 \times 10^{-16}$        $((s)(2s)^2)$        $s = 3 \times 10^{-6}$
- $27s^4 = 1 \times 10^{-20}$        $((s)(3s)^3)$        $s = 4 \times 10^{-6}$
- $256s^5 = 1 \times 10^{-24}$        $((s)(4s)^4)$        $s = 5 \times 10^{-6}$
- Take note of the effect of the number of ions.

# Using $K_{sp}$ to compare Solubilities

- As long as you compare compounds with the same total number of ions in their formulas,  $K_{sp}$  values indicate relative solubility.
  - ✓ The higher the  $K_{sp}$ , the higher the solubility.

#ions	Formula	cation/anion	$K_{sp}$	Solubility (M)
2	PbSO <sub>4</sub>	1/1	$6.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.9 \times 10^{-4}$
2	MgCO <sub>3</sub>	1/1	$3.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
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3	BaF <sub>2</sub>	1/2	$1.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$
3	CaF <sub>2</sub>	1/2	$3.9 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$
3	Ag <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub>	2/1	$1.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.7 \times 10^{-5}$

- Why does this happen????

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- So you see we must be a wee bit careful when wondering about solubility and looking at  $K_{sp}$  values.

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- It turns out that even though the  $K_{sp}$  of magnesium hydroxide is smaller,  $Mg(OH)_2$  is more soluble.
- $AgCl$   $K_{sp} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$ ,       $Mg(OH)_2$   $K_{sp} = 7.1 \times 10^{-12}$

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+][Cl^-]$$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-10} = [s][s]$$

$$[s] = [Ag^+] = [Cl^-] = [AgCl] = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} M$$

$$K_{sp} = [Mg^{2+}][OH^-]^2$$

$$7.1 \times 10^{-12} = [s][2s]^2$$

$$7.1 \times 10^{-12} = 4s^3$$

$$[s] = [Mg^{2+}] = \frac{[OH^-]}{2} = [Mg(OH)_2] = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} M$$

# Making Saturated Solutions

# Two Paths to Saturated Solutions

- The way that I made the saturated calcium hydroxide solution for our LAD F.2 was to put solid calcium hydroxide into water.
  - This assures the calcium ions and hydroxide **ions** to be present in solution **in the expected 1:2 ratio**
  - because of  $\text{Ca(OH)}_{2(\text{ppt})} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^{-}$
- A second way that a saturated solution could form is by pouring two aqueous solutions together, with the potential of forming a precipitate.
  - First we should consider if a precipitate forms
  - Second we should realize that if a ppt does form and a solubility equilibrium exists, the ions in solution **may not** be present in their expected stoichiometric ratio.

If you mix 100 ml of 0.020 M sodium fluoride and 100 ml of 0.005 M barium chloride, will a precipitate form?

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$$M_c V_c = M_d V_d$$

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$$(.020 M)(100 ml) = M_d (200 ml) \quad M_d = 0.010 M$$

2. no

$$(.0050 M)(100 ml) = M_d (200 ml) \quad M_d = 0.0025 M$$

- $K_{sp} = [Ba^{2+}][F^-]^2$

- $Q = [0.0025][0.01]^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-7} < K_{sp} \therefore$  no ppt forms

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# Common Ion Effect

## Common Ion Problems

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R	$\text{BaF}_2 \rightleftharpoons$	$\text{Ba}^{2+}$	$+ \text{F}^-$
I	some	0.0075	0.015
			0.725
C		-x	-2x
E			

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# The Common Ion Effect

- Changing the concentration of one of the ions that is participating in the solubility equilibrium, causes a change in the equilibrium concentrations.
- We will come at these problems from “both directions”
  - ▶ Adding one of the common ions will decrease the quantity of the other ion to an appreciable degree, while increasing the mass of precipitate
  - ▶ How much salt can dissolve (solubility) in an amount of “water” that has one of the common ions already in the “water.”



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$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = 6.24 \times 10^{-8}$$

Thus the amount of  $\text{CaF}_2$  that can dissolve is  
 $6.24 \times 10^{-8}$ , far less than the  $2.1 \times 10^{-4}$  that can  
dissolve in water.

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$$[s] = [Ni^{2+}] = 5.3 \times 10^{-6} M$$

$$2[Ni^{2+}] = [OH^-] = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} M$$

$$pOH = -\log[OH^-] = -\log(1.1 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$pOH = 4.96$$

$$pOH + pH = 14$$

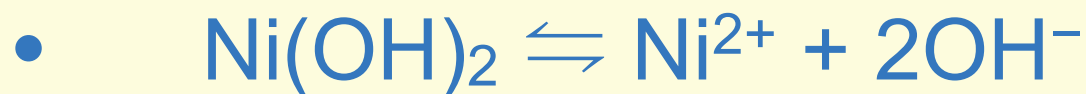
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In the previous problem, the  $K_{sp}$  has 2 sig figs, why does it appear as if the pH is reported with 3 sig figs?

$$K_{sp} = 6.0 \times 10^{-16}$$

- You see, the 1.1 is what causes the .96
- The number in front of the .96 is a result of the magnitude of the number that is being logged, not a part of its significant figures,
- Thus only the numbers after the decimal are the significant figure part of a pH (or pOH)

$$-\log(1.1 \times 10^{-1}) = 0.96$$

$$-\log(1.1 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.96$$

$$-\log(1.1 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.96$$

$$-\log(1.1 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.96$$

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- This is a “common ion” problem. This means you “plug in” the concentration of the “common ion” and solve for the information requested. In this case, the solubility,  $s$
- $$\underset{s}{\text{Ni(OH)}_2} \rightleftharpoons \underset{2s}{\text{Ni}^{2+}} + 2\text{OH}^-$$
$$6.0 \times 10^{-16} = [0.2][2s]^2 \quad [s] = 2.74 \times 10^{-8} M$$
- “ $s$ ” is the solubility, the amount of nickel(II) hydroxide that can dissolve

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1. Is nickel(II) hydroxide more soluble in nickel(II) nitrate or in pure water?

- more soluble in water than in a solution that has a “common ion” in it.

- solubility in water  $[s] = 5.3 \times 10^{-6} M$

- solubility in the solution

- described above  $[s] = 2.74 \times 10^{-8} M$

2. Use LeChatelier's to explain why.

- increasing the concentration of one of the ions puts “stress” on the equilibrium, and caused the reaction to shift left, decreasing the amount that can be dissolved

3. Calculate the molar solubility to support your answer.

- as calculated on previous slide, and result shown above.

Calculate the molar solubility of nickel(II) hydroxide in a solution with a pH 9.70

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1. Report your answer

# Calculate the molar solubility of nickel(II) hydroxide in a solution with a pH 9.70 $K_{sp} = 6.0 \times 10^{-16}$

1. This is another common ion problem.
2. So change pH to pOH, then “undo” the pOH to determine the  $[OH^-]$ , then put the value into the  $K_{sp}$  expression to determine the solubility.

$$pOH + pH = 14$$

$$pOH = 4.30$$

$$pOH = -\log[OH^-]$$

$$[OH^-] = 10^{-4.30} = 5.01 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$6.0 \times 10^{-16} = [s][5.01 \times 10^{-5}]^2$$

$$[s] = 2.39 \times 10^{-7} M$$

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$$[s] = 5.3 \times 10^{-6}$$

3. Less soluble, this  $5.6 \times 10^{-6}$  is the solubility in water.

# Selective Precipitation

## Ion Concentration



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- With such a small  $K_{sp}$ , obviously a precipitate will form when these two solutions are poured together.
- $\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{AuCl}_3$
- First it will be easiest to calculate the concentration of the spectator ions because all of them are present in the solution.
- sodium  $[\text{Na}^+]$ 
  - $0.25\text{M} \times 200\text{ml} = 50 \text{ mmoles NaCl,}$
  - $50 \text{ mmoles Na}^+ \frac{50\text{mmoles}}{300\text{mlTotalVol}} = 0.17\text{M}$
- nitrate  $[\text{NO}_3^-]$ 
  - $0.20 \text{ M} \times 100\text{ml} = 20 \text{ mmoles Au(NO}_3)_3,$
  - $20 \text{ mmoles NO}_3^-$ , since the nitrate is “buy 1 – get 3”
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- In Unit B, we considered problems like this.
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- Like in unit B, we must determine the limiting reactant. Use the mmoles calculated on the previous slide
- $\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{AuCl}_3$
- from the previous slide: 50 mmoles  $\text{Cl}^-$  and 20 mmoles  $\text{Au}^{3+}$
- Determine that the  $\text{Cl}^-$  limits the reaction. Determine the amount of excess reactant left in solution.

$$50\text{mmolCl}^- \left( \frac{1\text{Au}^{3+}}{3\text{Cl}^-} \right) = 16.7\text{mmolAu}^{3+}\text{needed}$$

$$\frac{3.3\text{mmol}}{300\text{mlTotalVol}} = 0.011\text{MAu}^{3+}$$

$$20\text{mmolAu}^{3+}\text{startedwith} - 16.7\text{mmolAu}^{3+}\text{needed} = 3.3\text{mmolAu}^{3+}\text{inSolution}$$

- Back in the day we would have considered the  $\text{Cl}^-$  ion to be zero, however, we know that it cannot be zero as there must be an equilibrium quantity, no matter how small it may be, so now this has turned into a common ion problem.

$$3.2 \times 10^{-25} = [0.011][\text{Cl}^-]^3$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = 3.1 \times 10^{-8}$$

- The reality is that the gold would be increased by this molarity, but it is too small and insignificant to bother adding it to 0.011 M.

If you had a solution with equal concentrations of copper(I) nitrate and silver nitrate, and you slowly poured in a sodium iodide solution,  
 $K_{sp} \text{ CuI} = 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$        $K_{sp} \text{ AgI} = 1.8 \times 10^{-17}$

1. nothing would happen.
2. copper iodide would start to precipitate first
3. silver iodide would start to precipitate first
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- In this problem, it is easy to say that the salt with the smaller  $K_{sp}$  precipitates first, because the salts have the same number of ions.
  - Since both copper and silver ions are present at the same concentration, the salt with the lowest  $K_{sp}$  will require a smaller  $\text{I}^-$  concentration in order to achieve the minimum concentration to cause a precipitate to show.
4. both silver and copper(I) iodide would start to precipitate.

If you had a 500ml solution of 0.20 M copper(I) nitrate and 0.10 M silver nitrate, and you slowly poured in a sodium iodide solution, calculate the concentration of the  $I^-$  ion when the first precipitate shows up.

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$$K_{sp} \text{ AgI} = 8.3 \times 10^{-17}$$

- First treat the problem like a common ion problem and calculate the minimum  $I^-$  concentration required for each precipitate to show up.

$$1.0 \times 10^{-12} = [0.2][I^-]$$

$$8.3 \times 10^{-17} = [0.1][I^-]$$

$$[I^-] = 5.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$$

$$[I^-] = 8.3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ M}$$

- The calculation clearly supports that the AgI would precipitate first.



If you had a 500ml solution of 0.20 M copper(I) nitrate and 0.10 M silver nitrate, and you slowly poured in a sodium iodide solution, what is the concentration of  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions left in solution when the second precipitate starts to form.

What is the percentage of those  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions left in solution?

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$$K_{sp} \text{ AgI} = 1.8 \times 10^{-17}$$

$$8.3 \times 10^{-17} = [0.1][\text{I}^-]$$

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- In this problem, since  $\text{I}^-$  is continually poured in and precipitates with the  $\text{Ag}^+$  as AgI, the  $\text{Ag}^+$  concentration will continue to decrease. This allows the  $\text{I}^-$  concentration to increase as it continues to be poured in.
- On the previous slide we already calculated the concentration that the  $\text{I}^-$  must get to for the CuI to show up as a precipitate.

$$1.0 \times 10^{-12} = [0.2][\text{I}^-] \quad [\text{I}^-] = 5.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$$

- Now insert that concentration back into the AgI solubility expression to see how low the concentration must get for the  $\text{I}^-$  concentration to be  $5.0 \times 10^{-12}$ . Then calculate what percentage that very low  $\text{Ag}^+$  concentration is compared to the 0.10 M at the start.

$$1.8 \times 10^{-17} = [\text{Ag}^+][5.0 \times 10^{-12}] \quad \left( \frac{3.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}}{0.10 \text{ M}} \right) \times 100 = 0.0036\%$$
$$[\text{Ag}^+] = 3.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$