# Chapter 17 Solubility and Complex Ion Equilibria

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# **17.1 The Solubility Product Constant**

 $CaC_2O_{4 S} \leftarrow \rightarrow Ca^{2+} + C_2O_4^{2-}A_Q$  Solubility Product Constant =  $K_{sp} = [Ca^{2+}][C_2O_4^{2-}]$ Note:  $K_{sp}$  depends on the Temperature!

Example 17.1 Write the solubility product expression for AgCl, Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Pb<sub>3</sub> (AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

AgCl	$\leftrightarrow$	Ag <sup>+</sup> +	Cl	$K_{sp} = [Ag^+] [Cl^-]$
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ,	$\leftrightarrow$	$Hg_2^{2+}$ +	2 Cl <sup>-</sup>	$K_{sp} = [Hg_2^{2+}] [Cl^-]^2$
$Pb_3 (AsO_4)_2$	$\leftrightarrow$	Pb <sup>2+</sup> +	$2 \operatorname{AsO_4}^{3-}$	$K_{sp} = [Pb^{+2}]^3 [AsO_4^{3-}]^2$

Example 17.1Give the solubility product expression for Barium Sulfate, Iron (III) Hydroxide, CalciumPhosphate?Class Project

**Exercise 17.2** at 25 °C, 1 L of water with  $CaC_2O_4$  is evaporated to dryness giving 0.0061 g of  $CaC_2O_4$ . Calculate  $K_{sp}$ ?

Moles of Ca	$aC_2O_4 = 0.0061 \text{ g} / 12$	28 g/mole	$e = 4.8 \times 10^{-5}$ moles
$CaC_2O_4$	$\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Ca <sup>+2</sup>	+	$C_2O_4^{-2}$
	0		0
		5	5

Start

Change

Equilibrium

 $+4.8 \ge 10^{-5}$  moles $+4.8 \ge 10^{-5}$  moles $4.8 \ge 10^{-5}$  moles $4.8 \ge 10^{-5}$  moles

$$K_{sp} = [Ca^{+2}] [C_2O_4^{-2}] = (4.8 \times 10^{-5})(4.8 \times 10^{-5}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$$

**Exercise 17.2** Silver Chloride has the solubility of  $1.9 \times 10^{-3}$  g/l. Calculate K<sub>sp</sub>? Class Project

|| C-O<sup>-</sup> | Ca<sup>2-</sup> C-O-||

<b>Example 17.3</b> PbI <sub>2</sub> dissolves to $1.2 \times 10^{-3}$ moles / L. Calculate K <sub>sp</sub> ?				
$PbI_2 \leftarrow \rightarrow$	Pb <sup>2+</sup> +	2 I <sup>-</sup>		
Start	0	0		
Change	+1.2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	+2 x 1.2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>		
Equilibrium	1.2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2 x 1.2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>		
$K_{sp} = [Pb^{2+}][\Gamma]^2 = (1.2 \times 10^{-3})(2 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-3})^2 = 6.9 \times 10^{-9}$				

**Example 17.4** CaF<sub>2</sub> has a  $K_{sp} = 3.4 \times 10^{-11}$ . What is the solubility in grams / liter.

	$CaF_2 \leftrightarrow \rightarrow$	Ca <sup>2+</sup> +	2 F <sup>-</sup>	
Start		0	0	
Change		+x	+2x	
Equilibrium		Х	2x	
	$K_{sp} = [Ca^{2+}][F^{-}]^{2} = 3.4 \times 10^{-11} = x * (2x)^{2}$			
	$4x^3 = 3.4 x 1$	0 <sup>-11</sup>	$x = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ = solubility in moles / Liter	
	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ moles * 78.1 g / mole = $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$ grams / liter			

**Exercise 17.4** Calcium Sulfate has a  $K_{sp} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$ . What is the solubility in grams / liter. Class Project

**Concept Check 17.1** Lead compounds are used in paint. If PbCrO<sub>4</sub> with a  $K_{sp} = 1.8 \times 10^{-14}$ , PbSO<sub>4</sub> with a  $K_{sp} = 1.7 \times 10^{-8}$  or PbS  $K_{sp} = 2.5 \times 10^{-27}$  are added to the same quantity of water, which one will supply the largest quantity of Lead (II)? **Class Project** 

### 17.2 Solubility and the Common Ion

Determine the solubility of a salt when a common anion from another salt is added. E.g. A soluble salt of  $CaCl_2$  is added to a slightly soluble  $CaC_2O_4$  [Oxalate ].

**Example 17.5** What is the molar solubility of  $CaC_2O_4$  in a solution with 0.15 M  $CaCl_2$ ? In pure water,  $CaC_2O_4$  is soluble to 4.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M. The solubility of  $CaC_2O_4$  is 2.3 x 10<sup>-9</sup>.

	$CaC_2O_4$	$\leftrightarrow \rightarrow c$	$Ca^{+2}$	+	$C_2O_4^{-2}$	
Start	InSoluble	0	).15		0	0.15 from the CaCl <sub>2</sub>
Change	InSoluble	+	⊦x		+x	
Equilibrium	InSoluble	0	).15 + x		+x	

 $K_{sp} = [Ca^{+2}][C_2O_4^{-2}] = (0.15 + x) x = 2.3 x 10^{-9}$ 

Since CaC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is only slightly soluble, x is small. And

**TEST** =  $[CaC_2O_4] / 2.3 \times 10^{-9} = [A BIG NUMBER] / 2.3 \times 10^{-9} = MUCH GREATER THAN 100!! So, below, <math>(0.15 + x) = 0.15$ 

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{2.3 \times 10^{-9}}{0.15 + x} = \frac{2.3 \times 10^{-9}}{0.15} = \mathbf{1.5 \times 10^{-8}} = \text{molar solubility of } CaC_2O_4$$

From above, the molar solubility in water is 4.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup> moles or 3200 times more soluble!!

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**Exercise 17.5** What is the molar solubility of  $BaF_2$  in water?  $K_{sp} = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ . What is the molar solubility of  $BaF_2$  in 0.15 NaF? **Class Project** 

### **17.3 Precipitation Calculations**

<u>**Reaction Quotient = Q**</u><sub>c</sub> = Ion Product = same as Equilibrium Constant K<sub>c</sub>.

1. If $Q_c < K_c$	The reaction goes in the forward direction
2. If $Q_c = K_c$	The reaction is at equilibrium
3. If $Q_c > K_c$	The reaction goes in the reverse direction

We add  $Pb(NO_3)_2$  and NaCl to a solution to give: 0.050 M  $Pb(NO_3)_2$  and 0.10 M Cl.. Will  $PbCl_2$  precipitate out?

 $K_{sp}$  PbCl<sub>2</sub> is 1.6 x 10<sup>-5</sup>.

 $PbCl_2 \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2 Cl^{-}$  [ aq solution ]

You put in the concentrations at the start of the reaction

Ion Product =  $Q_c = [Pb^{2+}] [Cl^{-}]^2 = (0.050) (0.10)^2 = 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ 

 $K_{sp}$  PbCl<sub>2</sub> is 1.6 x 10<sup>-5</sup>. So Q<sub>c</sub> is greater than  $K_{sp}$ , so the reaction goes in the reverse direction.

- or - PbCl<sub>2</sub> is formed – it does precipitate out!

**Example 17.6** Calcium is 0.0025 M. If Oxalate ion is  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ , will calcium oxalate precipitate out?  $K_{sp} = 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$ .

Ion Product =  $Q_c = [Ca^{+2}][C_2O_4^{-2}] = (0.0025)(1.0 \times 10^{-7}) = 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$  $Q_c = 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$   $K_{sp} = 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$ 

 $Q_c$  is smaller than  $K_{sp}$  so the reaction goes forward – no ppt!

**Exercise 17.6** A water solution if 0.0052 M in Ca<sup>2+</sup> and 0.0041 M in SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>. Will CaSO<sub>4</sub> precipitate out?  $K_{sp} = 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ . Class Project

**Example 17.7** Is a ppt expected from a solution of 50.0 ml of 0.0010 M BaCl<sub>2</sub> and 50.0 ml of 0.00010 M Na<sub>2</sub>So<sub>4</sub>?  $K_{sp}$  for BaSO<sub>4</sub> = 1.1 x 10<sup>-10</sup>.

$$Ba^{+2} = 0.050 L * 0.0010 M/L = 5.0 x 10^{-5} mol$$
  

$$Ba^{+2} = \frac{5.0 x 10^{-5} mol}{[50.0 ml + 50.0 ml] * 1 L / 1000 ml [ convert ml to Liters ]}$$
  

$$Q_{c} = [Ba^{+2}] [SO_{4}] = 1.1 x 10^{-10} = (5.0 x 10^{-5}) (5.0 x 10^{-5}) = 2.5 x 10^{-8}$$
  

$$Q_{c} = 2.5 x 10^{-8} K_{sp} = 1.1 x 10^{-10} Q_{c} > K_{sp} The reaction goes to the reverse, yes PPT!$$

**Exercise 17.7** Will Lead (II) Sulfate precipitate out from a solution of 255 ml 0.00016 M lead (II) nitrate and 456 ml 0.00023 M sodium sulfate?  $K_{sp}$  for PbSO<sub>4</sub> = 1.7 x 10<sup>-8</sup>. Class Project

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**Fractional Precipitation** is a technique for separating two or more ions from a solution of a reactant that precipitates the first one ion, then another. Start with  $0.10 \text{ M Ba}^{2+}$  and  $0.10 \text{ M Sr}^{2+}$ .

Add K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> [ Potassium Chromate ] to precipitate the chromates [ Ba & Sr ].

 $K_{sp}$  for BaCrO<sub>4</sub> = 1.2 x 10<sup>-10</sup>.  $K_{sp}$  for SrCrO<sub>4</sub>= 3.5 x 10<sup>-5</sup>.

Solution: calculate at what concentration the chromate will ppt out.

$$K_{sp} = [Ba^{+2}] [CrO_4^{-}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$(0.10) [CrO_4^{-}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[CrO_4^{-}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} / 010 = 1.2 \times 10^{-9} M$$

$$K_{sp} = [Sr^{+2}] [CrO_4^{-}] = 3.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$(0.10) [CrO_4^{-}] = 3.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$[CrO_4] = 3.5 \times 10^{-5} / 0.10 = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} M$$

Ba precipitates at  $[CrO_4^-] = 1.2 \times 10^{-9} M$  Sr precipitates at  $[CrO_4^-] = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} M$ 

# Ba ppt out first!

What % of  $Ba^{2+}$  is left when the SrCrO<sub>4</sub> starts to precipitate out?

 $K_{sp} = [Ba^{+2}] [CrO_4] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$ 

When the  $[CrO_4] = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} SrCrO_4$  will start to ppt out.

 $[Ba^{+2}] [3.5 \times 10^{-4}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$   $[Ba^{+2}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} / 3.5 \times 10^{-4} = 3.4 \times 10^{-7} M$  When SrCrO<sub>4</sub> will start to ppt out, this is the [Ba^{+2}] The amount of Ba^{+2} left = 100 % \* 3.4 \times 10^{-7} M / 0.10 M = 3.4 \times 10^{-4} \%

See Figure 17.5, page 745. Silver Nitrate is in your burette for a titration. The flask contains Chloride. As you titrate, Silver Chloride will precipitate out. The flask also has some Potassium Chromate. When all of the Chloride is titrated by the Silver, the first amount of excess Silver will precipitate out Silver Chromate which is red-brown.

# **<u>17.4 Effect of pH on Solutility.</u>**

 $CaC_2O_4 \leftrightarrow Ca^+ + C_2O_4^{-2}$ 

The oxalate ion will react with an acid to form  $HC_2O_4^{-1}$  [see the reverse reactions below]:

 $H_2C_2O_4 + H_2O \leftarrow \rightarrow HC_2O_4^- + H_3O^+ \qquad HC_2O_4^- + H_2O \leftarrow \rightarrow \underline{C_2O_4^{-2}} + \underline{H_3O^+}$ 

So if you add acid to a solution of Calcium Oxalate, the H+ will react with the  $C_2O_4^{-2}$  to form  $HC_2O_4^{-2}$  and  $H_2C_2O_4$ . As it does this, more  $CaC_2O_4$  will dissolve to keep up the equilibrium of  $C_2O_4^{-2}$ .

So the effect is adding acid to the Calcium Oxalate solution will cause more Calcium Oxalate to dissolve!

### Salts of a weak acid are more soluble in an acidic solution.

**Tooth decay** has a similar chemical pathway. Bacteria in you mouth metabolise sugar and generate a small amount of an acidic solution. Teeth are a calcium compound:  $Ca_5(PO_4)_3OH$ . The salt of the weak acid  $PO_4^{-3}$  dissolves in the acidic solution forming cavities. Adding Fluoride to the water adds F-. This will replace the OH with F to form  $Ca_5(PO_4)_3F$  which is less soluble!

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**Example 17.8** Which salt – calcium carbonate or calcium sulfate has its solubility affected more by the addition of HCl?  $K_{a2} HCO_3^- = 4.8 \times 10^{-11}$  and for HSO<sub>4</sub>.

$$CO_3^{-2} + H_3O^+ \leftrightarrow H_2O + HCO_3^-$$
  
HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> + H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O + H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub>  $\uparrow$ 

The carbon dioxide is removed from the reaction, forcing it to the right.

$$SO_4^{-2} + H_3O^+ \leftrightarrow H_2O + HSO_4^{-1}$$

Based on the Ka's above,  $HSO_4^-$  is a stronger acid than  $HCO_3^-$  so  $CaCO_3$  is more soluble in an acidic solution than  $CaSO_4$ .

**Exercise 17.8** Which salt – silver chloride or silver cyanide has its solubility affected more by the addition of acid?

#### Separation of Metal Ions by Sulfide Ppt.

Most metal sulfides are insoluble in water, but slightly dissolve in acidic solutions [ see above note ]. Zinc and Lead (II) can be separated by adjusting the pH with the addition of Sulfide as:

 $H_2S + H_2O \leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + HS^ HS^- + H_3O^+ \leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + S^{-2}$ 

Making the solution acidic drives the reaction to the left leaving only a small amount of sulfide in solution.

$$Zn^{2+} + S^{2-} \leftrightarrow ZnS \downarrow \qquad K_{sp} = 1.1 \times 10^{-21}$$
$$Pb^{2+} + S^{2-} \leftrightarrow PbS \downarrow \qquad K_{sp} = 2.5 \times 10^{-27}$$

In an acidic solution, PbS with the lower solubility constant will ppt out first!

#### **Complex Ion Equilibria**

A complex ion if formed from a metal ion and a Lewis Base attached by a coordinate covalent bond:

Lewis Base: donates an electron pair

**Covalent Bond:** a bond formed when both electrons of the bond are donated by the same atom. e.g. :NH<sub>3</sub>. **Ligand** is the Lewis Base that bonds to the metal ion to form the complex.

 $Ag^{+} + 2:NH_3 \leftarrow \rightarrow (H_3N:Ag:NH_3)^{+}$ 

The formation constant  $K_f$  of a complex ion is the equilibrium constant for the formation of the complex ion from the aqueous metal ion and the lignads.

$$K_{f} = \frac{[H_{3}N: Ag: NH_{3}^{+}]}{[Ag^{+}][:NH_{3}]^{2}} = 1.7 \times 10^{7}.$$
 Class Project So which way will this reaction go?

The dissociation constant K<sub>d</sub> for a complex ion is the reciprocal of K<sub>f</sub>.

$$K_{d} = \frac{1}{K_{f}} = \frac{[Ag^{+}][:NH_{3}]^{2}}{[H_{3}N:Ag:NH_{3}^{+}]} = \frac{1}{1.7 \times 10^{7}}$$

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**Example 17.9** What is the concentration of  $Ag^+$  in 0.010 M AgNO<sub>3</sub> with 1.00 M NH<sub>3</sub>? K<sub>f</sub> for  $Ag(NH_3)_2^+$  is 1.7 x 10<sup>7</sup>. Since K<sub>f</sub> is large, most of the silver will go to form the Complex.

	$Ag^+$	+	2 :NH <sub>3</sub>	$\leftrightarrow$	( H <sub>3</sub> N: Ag : N	$(\mathrm{NH}_3)^+$
Start	0.010 M	1				
At equilibrium	0.010 N	1	1.00 M – 2 *	0.010M	0.010 M	
	0.010 N	1	0.98 M			
	(H <sub>3</sub> N:	Ag :N	$(\mathrm{H}_3)^+ \leftarrow \rightarrow$	Ag <sup>+</sup> +	2 :NH <sub>3</sub>	<b>DISSOCIATION</b>
Start	0.010 N	1		0	0.98 M	
Change	-X			+x	+2x	
At equilibrium	0.010 -	X		Х	0.98 + 2x	

$$K_{f} = \frac{[H_{3}N: Ag: NH_{3}^{+}]}{[Ag^{+}][:NH_{3}]^{2}} = 1.7 \times 10^{7}.$$

$$K_{d} = \frac{1}{K_{f}} = \frac{1}{1.7 \times 10^{7}} = \frac{[Ag^{+}][:NH_{3}]^{2}}{[H_{3}N:Ag:NH_{3}^{+}]} = \frac{x (0.98 + 2x)^{2}}{(0.010 - x)^{2}}$$

Test = [] /  $K_d = 0.010 / 1.7 \times 10^{-7} = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  which is greater than 100 so +2x and -x go away!

$$\frac{1}{1.7 \times 10^7} = 5.9 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{\times (0.98)^2}{0.010}$$

 $x = 5.9 \times 10^{-8} * 0.010 / (0.98)^2 = 6.1 \times 10^{-10}$  for the Ag<sup>+</sup> concentration

**Exercise 17.9** What is the concentration of  $Cu^{+2}$  in a solution that started with 0.015 M  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  and 0.100 M NH<sub>3</sub>?  $Cu^{+2}$  forms  $Cu(NH_3)_4^{+2}$  with a K<sub>f</sub> of 4.8 x 10<sup>-12</sup>. **Class Project** 

Amphoteric Hydroxide is a metal hydroxide that reacts with both bases and acids.

 $Zn(OH)_{2} + 2 H_{3}O^{+} \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 4 H_{2}O$  $Zn^{2+} + 2 OH^{-} \rightarrow Zn(OH)_{2} \downarrow$  $Zn(OH)_{2} \downarrow + 2 OH^{-} \rightarrow Zn(OH)_{4}^{-2} aq$ 

Other common Amphoteric hydroxides are Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Sn<sup>2+</sup> and Sn<sup>4+</sup>.

<u>Aluminum's Amphoteric properties is used to purify it.</u> Aluminum is dissolved in NaOH and filtered to remove the insoluble such as sand and iron oxide. Adding acid will then precipitate out the pure  $Al(OH)_3$ .]

Al(OH)<sub>4</sub> aq + H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$  + 2 H<sub>2</sub>O

# Using Solubility for Qualitative Metal Ion Analysis:

Group I	Ag <sup>+</sup> , Hg2 <sup>2+</sup> , Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Precipitated as the chloride with HCl
Group II	As <sup>3+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> , Cd <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup> ,	Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Sb <sup>3+</sup> and Sn <sup>4+</sup> Precipitated as the sulfide with acidic H <sub>2</sub> S

Group III  $Co^{2+}$ , Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>

Precipitated as the sulfide with basic [ NH<sub>3</sub> ] H<sub>2</sub>S

Group IV  $Ba^{2+}$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Sr^{2+}$  Precipitated as the carbonate or phosphate

Filtrate will contain any soluble Group  $V - K^+$  and  $Na^+$  ions.