

91392 Demonstrate understanding of equilibrium principles in aqueous systems

SUMMARY

Solubility and K_s

s = solubility

K_s = solubility product expression

Equation for equilibrium - dissolving in water to form a saturated solution: $\text{AgCl}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}^+(aq) + \text{Cl}^-(aq)$

- State symbols
- \rightleftharpoons arrow
- Correct charges!!!

Solubility product expression: $K_s = [\text{Ag}^+(aq)] [\text{Cl}^-(aq)]$

	AB type	AB ₂ or A ₂ B type
example	CaCO ₃	Zn(OH) ₂ or Ag ₂ CrO ₄
	$\text{CaCO}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+}(aq) + \text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$	$\text{Zn(OH)}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Zn}^{2+}(aq) + 2\text{OH}^-(aq)$
	$K_s = [\text{Ca}^{2+}(aq)] [\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)]$	$K_s = [\text{Zn}^{2+}(aq)] [\text{OH}^-(aq)]^2$
s (in mol L ⁻¹)	$s = \sqrt{K_s}$	$s = \sqrt[3]{K_s/4}$
K_s (no units)	$K_s = s^2$	$K_s = 4s^3$

Ionic product and predicting precipitation.

Ionic product is I.P. or Q. (no units needed)

- If I.P. > K_s then a precipitate will form
- If I.P. = K_s then the solution will be a saturated solution (no ppt)
- If I.P. < K_s then a precipitate will not form (and the solution will not be saturated either)

Recognise these questions by.....

“will a precipitate form when **a** mL of is mixed with **b** mL of”

“will a precipitate form when **c** g of is added to **d** mL of”

“what concentration/mass of needs to be added to **e** mL of for a precipitate to form”

“what concentration/mass of needs to be added to **f** mL of to make a saturated solution” etc

Converting quantities – you might use $n=CV$ and $n=m/M$

mol → g (x M) So mol L⁻¹ → g L⁻¹ (x M)

g → mol (÷ M) So g L⁻¹ → mol L⁻¹ (÷ M)

Common ion and dissolving precipitates

Common ion effect	Complex ions with (excess) NaOH(aq) or NH ₃ (aq)	
Dissolving the sparingly soluble solid in a solution that contains one of its ions – i.e. an ion in common (the same ion) E.g. dissolving BaSO ₄ (s) in Na ₂ SO ₄ solution which contains Na ⁺ (aq) and SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq). The common ion is the SO₄²⁻ ion.	Complex ions to know from L2	
	[Cu(NH ₃) ₄] ²⁺ (aq)	[Zn(OH) ₄] ²⁻ (aq)
	[Zn(NH ₃) ₄] ²⁺ (aq)	[Pb(OH) ₄] ²⁻ (aq)
	[Ag(NH ₃) ₂] ⁺ (aq)	[Al(OH) ₄] ⁻ (aq) *maybe schol
$\text{BaSO}_4(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$ Equilibrium position shifts to the LEFT when [SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)] is increased – the solubility of sparingly soluble solid (BaSO ₄) decreases (compared to its solubility in water).	E.g. 1. $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^{-}(\text{aq})$ 2. $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 4\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}(\text{aq})$ Equilibrium position in 1. shifts to the right – as the Cu ²⁺ (aq) reacts with NH ₃ (aq) to form the complex ion in reaction 2. and is removed from the equilibrium. More Cu(OH) ₂ (s) dissolves to re-establish the equilibrium. The solubility of sparingly soluble solid increases – the precipitate dissolves.	
“At low pH” or “increased ocean acidification” Look for an ion(aq) that would react with H ₃ O ⁺		
<p style="text-align: center;">A sparingly soluble carbonate</p> $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ CO ₃ ²⁻ (aq) ions will react with H ₃ O ⁺ (H ⁺) to form CO ₂ gas and H ₂ O. Equilibrium position shifts to the right . Solubility of CaCO ₃ (s) increases so that [Ca ²⁺][CO ₃ ²⁻] will again equal K _s .	<p style="text-align: center;">A sparingly soluble hydroxide</p> $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^{-}(\text{aq})$ OH ⁻ (aq) will react with (neutralise) H ₃ O ⁺ (H ⁺) to form H ₂ O. A decrease in [OH ⁻] will result in the forward reaction being favoured. Equilibrium position shifts to the right to restore the equilibrium / minimise the change. Solubility of Zn(OH) ₂ (s) increases so that [Zn ²⁺][OH ⁻] ² will again equal K _s .	