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Chemical and ionic equilibrium:

There are two types of reactions:

1) Reversible reaction,
$$A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$$

$$NH_3 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+ + OH^-$$

2) Irreversible reaction,
$$A + B \rightarrow C + D$$

$$CaCO_{3(s)} + 2 HCl_{(l)} \rightarrow CO_2 \uparrow_{(g)} + CaCl_{2(s)} + H_2O_{(l)}$$

Generally, most of the chemical reactions are considered as reversible reactions.

There are two kinds of systems:

a) **Homogenous reactions**: chemical reactions in which the reactants and

products are in the same phase (solid, liquid or gas)

$$H_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2 \ HCl(g)$$

$$2 \ KOH(l) + H_2C_2O_4(l) \to \ K_2C_2O_4(l) + H_2O(l)$$

b) Heterogeneous reactions:

Chemical reactions in which the reactants and products have more than one phase.

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$$FeS(s) + HCl(l) \rightarrow FeCl_2(l) + H_2S(g)$$

Equilibrium constant (K):

A numerical quantity that relate the concentration of reactants and products in a chemical reaction to one another.

For the chemical reaction: $aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$

According to **mass action law** which states that (The rate of chemical reaction is directly proportional with formula concentration of reaction substances each raise to the power indicated by the number of ion or molecule appearing in the balanced equation of the reaction). Then:

$$V_f \alpha [A]^a, [B]^b$$
 (f= forward)

$$V_f = K_f [A]^a [B]^b$$

$$V_b \ \alpha \ [C]^c$$
 , $[D]^d$ (b= backward)

$$V_b = K_b [C]^c [D]^d$$

At equilibrium state : $(V_f = V_b)$

$$K_f \, [A]^a \, [B]^b = K_b \ [C]^c \, [D]^d$$

$$\frac{K_f}{K_b} = K = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

K = equilibrium constant

Le chatelier principle :

The position of chemical equilibrium will always shift in a direction that tends to remove the effect of the applied stress.

Example:

Consider the reaction between ethanol and ethanoic(acetic) acid:

$$C_2H_5OH(aq) + CH_3COOH(aq) \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOC_2H_5(aq) + H_2O(1)$$

In an experiment, 0.1 mole of ethanol and 0.2 mole of acetic acid were mixed together forming 1 liter solution and the mixture was allowed to reach equilibrium. The number of moles of acetic acid present at equilibrium were 0.115 mole . Calculate the equilibrium constant value (Kc).

$$C_2H_5OH(aq) + CH_3COOH(aq) \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOC_2H_5(aq) + H_2O(l)$$

At Start 0.1 mole 0.2 mole 0.0 mole 0.0 mole

At Equilibrium

moles [CH₃COOH] reacted = Original – remain = 0.2 - 0.115 = 0.085 mole

 $moles[CH_3COOH] reacted = [CH_3COOC_2H_5] produced = [H_2O] produced = 0.085 mole$

 $moles[C_2H_5OH]$ remain = Original - reacted = 0.1 - 0.085 = 0.015 mole

$$Molarity = \frac{No.of\ moles}{V(L)}$$

$$[CH_3COOC_2H_5]_{eq} = 0.085 M$$
 $[H_2O]_{eq} = 0.085 M$

$$[CH_3COOH]_{eq} = 0.115 M$$
 $[C_2H_5OH]_{eq} = 0.015 M$

$$Kc = \frac{\text{[CH3C00C2H5(aq)][H2O(l)]}}{\text{[C2H5OH][CH3C0OH(aq)]}}$$

$$Kc = \frac{[0.085][0.085]}{[0.015][0.115]} = 4.19$$

Factors effecting the reactions at equilibrium :

- 1) Nature of reactants
- 2) Temperature
- 3) Concentration
- 4) Pressure (in gas reactions)

Some familiar equilibrium constant expressions :

Kw = ion product (or ionization) constant for water.

Ksp = solubility product constant.

 K_a = ionization (or dissociation) constant of a weak acid.

 K_b = ionization (or dissociation) constant of a weak base.

Ion product constant for water (Kw):

Aqueous solutions contains small amount of hydronium ions $[H_3O^+]$ and hydroxide $[OH^-]$ ions as a consequence of the dissociation reaction :

$$2 H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^-$$
 or $H_2O + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^-$ (base) (acid)

H₂O acid molecule gives H⁺ to H₂O base molecule to produce H₃O⁺ ions

$$K = \frac{[H3O+][OH-]}{[H2O]^2}$$

$$K [H_2O]^2 = [H_3O^+][OH^-] = Kw$$

 $Kw = [H_3O^+][OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 / L^2 \text{ at } 25^{\circ}C$

Kw is **temperature dependant** it increases with temperature rise, and decreases with its decrease.

Variation of Kw with temperature:

Temperature °C	Kw
0.0	1.14 x 10 ⁻¹⁵
25	1.01 x 10 ⁻¹⁴
37	2.6 x 10 ⁻¹⁴
40	2.92 x 10 ⁻¹⁴
50	5.47 x 10 ⁻¹⁴
70	2.30 x 10 ⁻¹³
100	4.9 x 10 ⁻¹³

Kw is used only for water.

Example:

Calculate the hydronium $[H_3O^+]$ and hydroxide ion $[OH^-]$ concentrations of pure water at 25°C and 100°C (Kw =4.9 x 10⁻¹³)?

Answer:

Because OH⁻ and H₃O⁺ are formed from the dissociation of water only, then their concentrations are equal,

$$2 H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^-$$

then: $[H_3O^+] = [OH^-]$

$$Kw = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$$

Substitution in the above equation gives:

$$Kw = [H_3O^+]^2$$
 also $Kw = [OH^-]^2$

$$[H_3O^+] = \sqrt[2]{Kw}$$
 and $[OH^-] = \sqrt[2]{Kw}$

At 25 °C [
$$H_3O^+$$
] = [OH^-] = $\sqrt{1.01 \times 10^{-14}}$ = 1.01 x 10⁻⁷
pH= - log (1.01x10⁻⁷) = 7.00
At 100° C
[H_3O^+] = [OH^-] = $\sqrt{4.9 \times 10^{-13}}$ = 7.0 x 10⁻⁷

 $pH = -\log (7 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.15$

Calculate the change in pH of pure water on heating from 25° C to 50° C (Kw = 5.47×10^{-14}) .

Equilibrium involving sparingly soluble ionic solids:

Most sparingly soluble salts are dissociated in saturated aqueous solution .

$$e.g: \ AgCl_{(s)} \quad \rightleftarrows \quad Ag^{+}_{(aq)} + Cl^{-}_{(aq)}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{[Ag+][Cl-]}{[AgCl(s)]}$$

$$K \ [\ AgCl_{(s)} \] = Ksp = [Ag^+_{\ aq}] \ [Cl^-_{\ aq}]$$

Where Ksp = solubility product constant (applied only for saturated solution).

Example:

How many grams of $Ba(IO_3)_2$ (M.wt = 487 g / mol) can be dissolved in 500 mL of water at 25°C? Ksp for $Ba(IO_3)_2 = 1.57 \times 10^{-9}$.

$$Ba(IO_3)_2 \qquad \rightleftharpoons \qquad Ba^{2+} + 2 IO_3^{-1}$$

$$S \qquad 2S$$

$$Ksp = [Ba^{2+}][IO_3^-]^2$$

$$Ksp = (S)(2S)^2 = 1.57x10^{-9} = 4S^3$$

$$S = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1.57 \times 10^{-9}}{4}} = 7.32 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mole/ L or (M)} = \text{Solubility}$$

No. of moles
$$=\frac{\text{Weight (g)}}{\text{Molar mass (g / mol)}}$$

Weight = No. of moles x Molar mass (g / mol)

As Molarity (M) =
$$\frac{No. \ of \ moles}{Volume(liters)}$$

Then No. of moles = Molarity x Volume (liters)

Substituting for the No. of moles gives:

$$\frac{\text{Weight (g)}}{\text{Molar mass (g / mol)}} = \text{Molarity x Volume (liters)}$$

Weight (g) = Molarity x Volume (liters) x Molar mass (g / mol)

Weight in grams of Ba(IO₃)₂ =7.32x10⁻⁴ mol/liter x $\frac{500}{1000}$ Liter x 487 g/mol = 0.178 g

Then weight in grams of $Ba(IO_3)_2$ that is dissolved in 500 mL water = 0.178 g Example :

Calculate the weight in grams of AgCl (143.3 g / mol) that can be dissolved in 600 mL of water? Ksp for AgCl = 1.8×10^{-10} .

$$AgCl \quad \rightleftharpoons \quad Ag^+ + Cl^-$$

$$S \quad S$$

$$Ksp = [Ag^+][CI^-]$$

$$Ksp = (S)(S) = 1.8x10^{-10} = S^2$$

$$S = \sqrt{1.8 \times 10^{-10}} = 1.34 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mole/ L or (M)} = \text{solubility}$$

Weight(g) = Molarity x Volume (liters) x Molar mass (g / mol)

Weight in grams of AgCl = 1.34x10⁻⁵ mol/liter x $\frac{600}{1000}$ Liter x 143.32 g /mol = 1.15x10⁻³ g = 1.15 mg

Calculating Solubility Product Constant (Ksp) From Solubility

Example:

The weight of the sparingly soluble substance AgBr (187.8 g/mol) that dissolves in 500 mL of water to form a saturated solution is 6.65×10^{-5} g . Calculate the Ksp of AgBr.

Answer:

$$AgBr \quad \rightleftharpoons \quad Ag^+ + Br^-$$

$$S \quad S$$

S = molar solubility = Molarity

Molarity of AgBr (M) =
$$\frac{wt (g)x 1000}{M.wt x Vml}$$

Molarity of AgBr (M) =
$$\frac{6.65 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000}{187.8 \times 500} = 7.08 \times 10^{-7} = S$$

$$Ksp = [Ag^+][Br^-]$$

$$Ksp = (S)(S) = S^2$$

$$Ksp = (7.08x10^{-7})^2 = 5.01 \times 10^{-13}$$

EXAMPLE:

The solubility of barium fluoride, BaF_2 , is 7.94 x 10^{-3} M at 25 °C. Calculate its solubility product constant, K_{sp} ,.

SOLUTION

$$BaF_2(s) \rightleftharpoons Ba^{2+}(aq) + 2 F^{-}(aq)$$

S 2S

Solubility =
$$[Ba^{2+}]$$
 = (S) = $7.94 \times 10^{-3} M$ $[F^-]$ = $(2S)$

$$K_{sp} = [Ba^{2+}][F^{-}]^{2}$$
 $K_{sp} = (S) (2 S)^{2} = 4S^{3}$
 $K_{sp} = 4(7.94 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})^{3} = 4(5 \times 10^{-7})$
 $K_{sp} = 2 \times 10^{-6}$

Estimation of precipitate formation

Example

Show if a precipitate of AgCl will form on mixing equal quantities of a solution of $1x10^{-5}$ M of silver nitrate AgNO₃ and a solution of $1x10^{-3}$ M potassium chloride KCl . The Ksp of AgCl = 1.8×10^{-10} .

Answer

$$AgNO_3 \rightarrow Ag^+ + NO_3^ KCl \rightarrow K^+ + Cl^-$$

On mixing equal quantities of the two solutions, each concentration is halved.

 M_1V_1 (before mixing) = M_2V_2 (after mixing)

$$[Ag^{+}(aq)] = \frac{M1V1}{V2} = \frac{(1x10^{-5}M)(1mL)}{(2)mL} = 5x10^{-6} M$$

[Cl⁻(aq)] =
$$\frac{M1V1}{V2} = \frac{(1x10^{-3}M)(1mL)}{(2)mL} = 5x10^{-4} M$$

I.P = [Ag+(aq)][Cl -(aq)] =
$$(5.0 \times 10^{-6}) \times (5.0 \times 10^{-4}) = 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

As ionic product (I.P) > Ksp then a precipitate (AgCl) will form.

Example:

Will a precipitate form when 20.0 mL of 0.01 M AgNO₃ solution is mixed with 2.00 Liter of 0.002 M K_2CrO_4 . the Ksp for Ag_2CrO_4 is $1.1x10^{-12}$

$$2AgNO_3 \ + \ K_2CrO_4 \ \rightarrow \ Ag_2CrO_4 \ + \ 2\ KNO_3$$

$$Ag_2CrO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons 2Ag^+ + CrO_4^{2-}$$

Ksp =
$$[Ag^+]^2 [CrO_4^{2-}] = 1.1x10^{-12}$$

Having AgNO₃ gives Ag⁺ and K₂CrO₄ gives CrO₄²-

To calculate the ionic product (I.P) of [Ag+]² [CrO₄²⁻] after mixing

 M_1V_1 (before mixing) = M_2V_2 (after mixing)

$$[Ag^{+}] = \frac{M1V1}{V2} = \frac{(0.01M)(20mL)}{(2000+20)mL} = 9.9x10^{-5} M$$

$$[\text{CrO}_4^{2-}] = \frac{M1V1}{V2} = \frac{(0.002M)(2000mL)}{(2000+20)mL} = 0.002 \text{ M}$$

$$I.P = [Ag+]^2 [CrO_4^{2-}] = (9.9 \times 10^{-5})^2 (0.002) = 2.0 \times 10^{-11}$$

As I.P > Ksp then precipitate will form

Notes:

- 1. If ionic product (I.P) < Ksp (dissolution Occurs)
- 2. If ionic product (I.P) = Ksp (equilibrium state)
- 3. If ionic product (I.P) > Ksp (precipitation Occurs)

Example:

What pH is required to just precipitate $Fe(OH)_3$ (Ksp = 4x 10⁻³⁸) from 0.10 M FeCl₃ solution?

Answer:

Fe(OH)₃
$$\Rightarrow$$
 Fe³⁺ + 3 OH⁻

FeCl₃ \rightarrow Fe³⁺ + 3 Cl⁻

0.10 mole 0.10 mole

 $ksp = [Fe^{3+}][OH^{-}]^{3} = 4 \times 10^{-38}$
 $[0.1][OH^{-}]^{3} = 4 \times 10^{-38}$
 $[OH^{-}] = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4 \times 10^{-38}}{0.1}} = 7 \times 10^{-13}$

pOH = - log (7 x 10⁻¹³) = 12.2

pH = 14 - 12.2 = 1.8