

## Solubility

### pH and Solubility

- ◆ This is primarily LeChâtelier's principle
- ◆ If a compound contains the conjugate base of a weak acid, addition of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  from a strong acid will increase the compound's solubility.
- ◆ Predict the Effect on Solubility
- ◆ Write balanced equations and explain how addition of  $\text{HNO}_3$  will affect the solubility of:
  - ◆ a) calcium fluoride
  - ◆ b) zinc acetate
  - ◆ c) silver iodide.

### Predicting the Formation of a Precipitate: $K_{sp}$ vs. $Q_{sp}$

- ◆ Dissociation equations
- ◆ Solid (precipitate)  $\rightleftharpoons$  Dissolved
- ◆ If  $K_{sp} = Q_{sp}$ , then the solution is saturated and no change occurs.
- ◆ If  $K_{sp} < Q_{sp}$ , then a precipitate forms until the solution is saturated.
- ◆ If  $K_{sp} > Q_{sp}$ , then the solution is unsaturated and no precipitate forms.

### Predicting Whether a Precipitate Will Form

- ◆ Phosphate in natural waters often precipitates as insoluble salts, such as  $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ .
- ◆ In a certain river,  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{init}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$  and  $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}]_{\text{init}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$ .
- ◆ Will  $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  precipitate?
- ◆  $K_{sp}$  of  $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-29}$ .

### Selective Precipitation

- ◆ *Selective precipitation* is a technique to separate metal ions from a solution with multiple ions present.
- ◆ A reagent whose anion forms a precipitate with either one or a few metal ions in the mixture will precipitate certain metals out of solution and leave the others.
- ◆ So a solution of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   $\text{K}^+$  can be separated by adding a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion because this will form a precipitate with calcium

### Problem

- ◆ A solution contains  $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M Cu}^+$  and  $2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M Pb}^{2+}$ . If a source of  $\text{I}^-$  is added gradually to this solution, will  $\text{PbI}_2$  ( $K_{sp} = 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$ ) or  $\text{CuI}$  ( $K_{sp} = 5.3 \times 10^{-12}$ ) precipitate first?
- ◆ Specify the concentration of  $\text{I}^-$  necessary to begin precipitation of each salt.

## Coordination Complex

### AP Test

- ◆ These questions used to always be in the equation prediction section that has been removed.

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(b) Excess hydrochloric acid is added to a solution of cobalt(II) nitrate to produce a coordination complex.

(i) Balanced equation:

(ii) Which species in the reaction acts as a Lewis base?

### AP Learning Objectives

- ◆ Lewis acid-base concepts are **beyond the scope** of this course and the AP Exam.
- ◆ **Rationale:** The definition of Lewis acids is commonly taught in a first-year high school chemistry course and is therefore considered prior knowledge. *Note: The formation of complex ions and the qualitative impact on solubility are both part of the AP Chemistry course.*

### Coordination Compound/ Complex ion

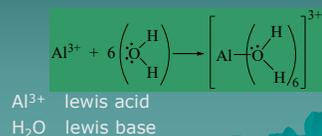
- Transition metals form complex ions or coordination complexes with ligands.
- A ligand is a Lewis base, electron pair donor.
- When these complex ions are in a neutral compound it is called a coordination compound
- These tend to be colorful.

### Lewis Acids and Bases

- This is the broadest definition.
- An *acid* is an **electron pair** acceptor.
- A *base* is an **electron pair** donor.
- It is easy to remember that Lewis acids and bases are electron pair donor or acceptors because Lewis is famous for electron dot notation.

### Lewis Acids and Bases

- Lewis acid: electron pair *acceptor*
- Lewis base: electron pair *donor*



### Complex ion reactions

- Formation of complex ions
- Common complex ions metals
- Fe Co Ni Cr Cu Zn Ag Al
- Common ligands
- NH<sub>3</sub> F<sup>-</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup> I<sup>-</sup> Br<sup>-</sup> CN<sup>-</sup> OH<sup>-</sup> SCN<sup>-</sup>
- General rule: the number of ligands will be twice the charge of the metal ion**

### Example

- Iron (III) nitrate reacts with potassium cyanide to form a complex ion.
- $\text{Fe}^{3+} + 6 \text{CN}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$
- How did I get the charge?
- Iron is 3+ , 6 cyanides at 1-

### This is how they used to grade it

(b) Excess hydrochloric acid is added to a solution of cobalt(II) nitrate to produce a coordination complex

$\text{Co}^{2+} + 4 \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow [\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}$ <small>Note: any number of coordinated Cl<sup>-</sup> ions from 1 to 6 is acceptable</small>	2 points are earned for the correct reactants 1 point is earned for the correct product 1 point is earned for correctly balancing the equation for both mass and charge.
(i) Which species in the reaction acts as a Lewis base?	
Cl <sup>-</sup> functions as a Lewis base	1 point is earned for the correct identification of the Lewis base

### Examples

- Zinc (II) sulfate reacts with sodium thiocyanate
- Concentrated ammonia is reacted with cobalt (III) chlorate
- Barium hydroxide reacts with nickel (II) nitrate

### Complex ions and solubility

- Ionic compounds that have a very low solubility can be dissolved if they form coordination complexes.
- AgCl is not very soluble.  $K_{sp} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10}$
- That means the solubility or concentration when the solution is saturated in  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

### Complex ion

- However, silver readily forms a complex ion.
- $\text{Ag}^+ + 2 \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+$
- This complex ion is much more soluble with chloride.
- The solubility of silver chloride in 10 M NH<sub>3</sub> is .48 M
- So much more silver chloride will dissolve in an ammonia solution, than will in a water solution.