

- The solubility product constant of BaSO_4 is $1.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}^2$. What is the solubility of BaSO_4 in g L^{-1} ?

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The dissolution equilibrium is: $\text{BaSO}_4(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$. As equal amounts of cations and anions are produced, the expression for the solubility product is:

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq})][\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})] = (S) \times (S) = S^2 \text{ where } S \text{ is the molar solubility.}$$

As $S^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-10}$, the molar solubility = $S = 1.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$.

The formula mass of BaSO_4 is:

$$(137.34 \text{ (Ba)} + 32.07 \text{ (S)} + 4 \times 16.00 \text{ (O)}) \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 228.41 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Hence, the solubility is $(1.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}) \times (228.41 \text{ g mol}^{-1}) = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g L}^{-1}$

ANSWER: $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g L}^{-1}$

- The solubility product constant of Ag_2CrO_4 is $2.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}^3$. What is the molar solubility of Ag_2CrO_4 in water?

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The dissolution equilibrium is: $\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$. As two mol of cation is produced for every one mol of anion, the expression for the solubility product is:

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})]^2[\text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})] = (2S)^2 \times (S) = 4S^3 \text{ where } S \text{ is the molar solubility.}$$

As $4S^3 = 2.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}^3$, the molar solubility = $S = 8.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$.

ANSWER: $8.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

What is the molar solubility of Ag_2CrO_4 in a solution of 0.10 M AgNO_3 ?

As AgNO_3 is very soluble, $[\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})] = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

If S is the solubility, $K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})][\text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})] = (0.10)^2 \times S = 2.6 \times 10^{-12}$.

Hence, $S = 2.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$

ANSWER: $2.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$