

- The solubility of  $\text{BaF}_2$  in water is  $1.30 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ . Calculate the solubility product for  $\text{BaF}_2$ .

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The molar mass of  $\text{BaF}_2$  is  $(137.34 \text{ (Ba)} + 2 \times 19.00 \text{ (F)}) \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 175.34 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .  
As  $1.30 \text{ g}$  dissolves in one litre, this corresponds to:

$$\text{number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{1.30 \text{ g}}{175.34 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.00741 \text{ mol}$$

As  $\text{BaF}_2$  dissolves to give  $\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{F}^{-}(\text{aq})$ , dissolution of  $0.00741 \text{ mol}$  in one litre will produce  $[\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq})] = 0.00741 \text{ M}$  and  $[\text{F}^{-}(\text{aq})] = 2 \times 0.00741 \text{ M} = 0.0148 \text{ M}$ . Hence:

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq})][\text{F}^{-}(\text{aq})]^2 = (0.00741)(0.0148)^2 = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

Answer:  $1.6 \times 10^{-6}$

- A mixture of  $\text{NaCl}$  ( $5.0 \text{ g}$ ) and  $\text{AgNO}_3$  ( $5.0 \text{ g}$ ) was added to  $1.0 \text{ L}$  of water. What are the concentrations of  $\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{Na}^{+}(\text{aq})$  ions in solution after equilibrium has been established?  $K_{\text{sp}}(\text{AgCl}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$ .

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The molar mass of  $\text{NaCl}$  is  $(22.99 \text{ (Na)} + 35.45 \text{ (Cl)}) \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 58.44 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .  
Hence:

$$\text{number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{5.0 \text{ g}}{58.44 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.0856 \text{ mol}$$

As  $\text{NaCl}$  dissolves to give  $\text{Na}^{+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})$ , dissolution of this amount in one litre will give  $[\text{Na}^{+}(\text{aq})] = 0.0856 \text{ M}$  and  $[\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})] = 0.0856 \text{ M}$ .

The molar mass of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  is  $(107.87 \text{ (Ag)} + 14.01 \text{ (N)} + 3 \times 16.00 \text{ (O)}) \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 169.88 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ . Hence:

$$\text{number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{5.0 \text{ g}}{169.88 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.0294 \text{ mol}$$

As  $\text{AgNO}_3$  dissolves to give  $\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq}) + \text{NO}_3^{-}(\text{aq})$ , dissolution of this amount in one litre will give  $[\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})] = 0.0294 \text{ M}$ .

Precipitation of  $\text{AgCl}(\text{s})$  follows  $\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{AgCl}(\text{s})$ . As  $0.0294 \text{ mol}$  of  $\text{Ag}^{+}$  ions and  $0.0856 \text{ mol}$  of  $\text{Cl}^{-}$  ions are present, the former is limiting and so  $0.0294 \text{ mol}$  of  $\text{AgCl}(\text{s})$  will form leaving  $(0.0856 - 0.0294) \text{ mol} = 0.0562 \text{ mol}$  of  $\text{Cl}^{-}$  ions. Hence, after precipitation,  $[\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})] = 0.0562 \text{ M}$ .

$\text{AgCl}(\text{s})$  has a very low solubility and dissolves to give  $\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})$  with

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})][\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})] = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

Hence:

$$[\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})] = K_{\text{sp}} / [\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})] = (1.8 \times 10^{-10}) / (0.0562) \text{ M} = 3.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Ag}^{+}(\text{aq})] = 3.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})] = 0.0562 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Na}^{+}(\text{aq})] = 0.0856 \text{ M}$$