

## Predicting Whether a Precipitate will Form

- when two solutions containing ions are mixed, there is a possibility that a precipitate will form
  - > if  $[ion] \geq 0.1 \text{ M}$ , a compound with **low solubility** will **precipitate**
  - > if  $[ion] < 0.1 \text{ M}$ , a calculation must be done to determine if a precipitate will form
- a **TRIAL ION PRODUCT (TIP)** calculation is required to determine whether a precipitate will form when  $[ion] < 0.1 \text{ M}$

For the reaction:



the trial ion product is:

$$\text{TIP} = [\text{Ag}^+]^2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$$

$\text{TIP} > K_{sp}$  then precipitate

$\text{TIP} = K_{sp}$  then solution is saturated, no precipitate

$\text{TIP} < K_{sp}$  then solution is not saturated, no precipitate

Q. If the  $K_{sp}$  for  $\text{PbCl}_2$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ , will a precipitate form when 200.0 mL of 0.015 M  $\text{NaCl}$  is mixed with 100.0 mL of 0.60 M  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ?

What is possible ppt?



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^-]^2$$

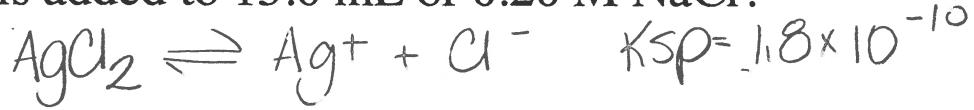
$$[\text{Pb}^{2+}] = \frac{100.0 \text{ mL} (.60 \text{ M})}{300.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 0.20 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = \frac{200.0 \text{ mL} (.015 \text{ M})}{300.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 0.01 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{TIP} = [\text{Pb}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^-]^2 \\ = (0.20)(.01)^2 \\ = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{TIP} < K_{sp} \Rightarrow \text{no ppt}$$

1) Will a precipitate form when 25.0 mL of 0.15 M AgNO<sub>3</sub> is added to 15.0 mL of 0.20 M NaCl?



$$K_{SP} = [Ag^+][Cl^-]$$

$$[Ag] = \left( \frac{25.0\text{mL}}{40.0\text{mL}} \right) (0.15\text{M}) \\ = 0.09375\text{M}$$

$$TIP = [0.94][0.95] \\ = 7.0 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$[Cl^-] = \left( \frac{15.0\text{mL}}{40.0\text{mL}} \right) (0.20\text{M}) \\ = 0.075\text{M}$$

$TIP > K_{SP}$   
 $\Rightarrow ppt \text{ forms}$

2) Does a precipitate form when 3.0 mL of  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M NaBr is added to 2.0 mL of  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>?



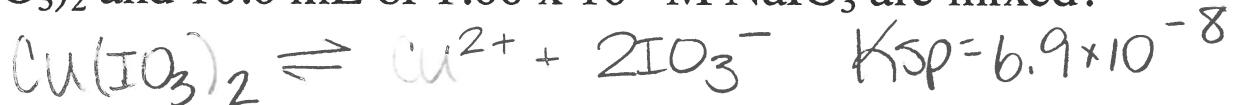
$$[Pb^{2+}] = \left( \frac{2.0\text{mL}}{5.0\text{mL}} \right) (1.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}) \\ = 4.0 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$TIP = [Pb^{2+}][Br^-]^2 \\ = (4.0 \times 10^{-4})(6.0 \times 10^{-4})^2 \\ = 1.4 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[Br^-] = \left( \frac{3.0\text{mL}}{5.0\text{mL}} \right) (1.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}) \\ = 6.0 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$TIP < K_{SP}$   
 $\Rightarrow no \ ppt$

3) Will a precipitate form when 90.0 mL of  $1.00 \times 10^{-2}$  M  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and 10.0 mL of  $1.00 \times 10^{-2}$  M  $\text{NaIO}_3$  are mixed?



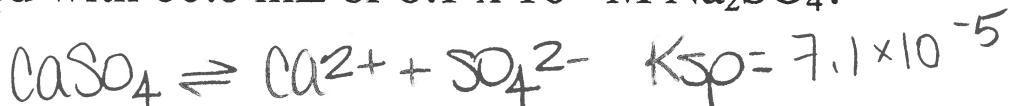
$$[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = \frac{(90.0 \text{ mL})(1.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M})}{100.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 9.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{TIP} = [\text{Cu}^{2+}][\text{IO}_3^-]^2 \\ = (9.00 \times 10^{-3})(1.00 \times 10^{-3})^2 \\ = 9.00 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$[\text{IO}_3^-] = \frac{(10.0 \text{ mL})(1.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M})}{100.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$\text{TIP} < K_{\text{sp}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{no ppt}$

4) Will a precipitate form if 30.0 mL of 0.054 M  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  is mixed with 60.0 mL of  $8.1 \times 10^{-4}$  M  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?



$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = \frac{(30.0 \text{ mL})(0.054 \text{ M})}{90.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 0.018 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{TIP} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{SO}_4^{2-}] \\ = (0.018)(5.4 \times 10^{-4}) \\ = 9.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = \frac{(60.0 \text{ mL})(8.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})}{90.0 \text{ mL}} \\ = 5.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$\text{TIP} < K_{\text{sp}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{no ppt}$