

C16  $K_{sp}$  Calculations

What is the solubility of silver chloride @25°C given the solubility constant of  $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$ .

Molar Concentrations or moles in 1 L

	$\text{AgCl}(s)$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{Ag}^+(aq)$	+	$\text{Cl}^-(aq)$
Initial			0		0
Change	$-s$		$+s$		$+s$
Equilibrium					

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

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$$1.6 \times 10^{-10} = [s][s]$$

$$1.3 \times 10^{-5} = s$$

$$\text{Concentration of } \text{Ag}^+(aq) \text{ @ equilibrium} = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} M$$

$$\text{Concentration of } \text{Cl}^-(aq) \text{ @ equilibrium} = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} M$$

Amount of silver chloride that dissolves in 1.00 L of solution =  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$  moles

$$1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol AgCl} \times \frac{143.34 \text{ g AgCl}}{1 \text{ mol AgCl}} = 0.0018 \text{ g AgCl}$$

Only 2 milligrams of silver chloride will dissolve in a full liter of water.