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Precipitation Titration

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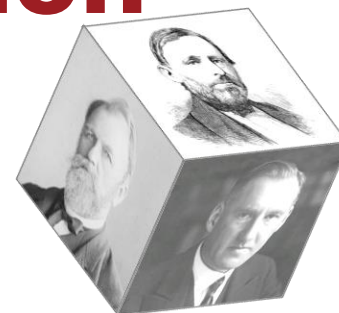
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Chapter 11



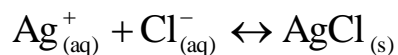
Learning Objectives

- To calculate precipitation titration curves
- To describe the function of different indicators in precipitation titrations
- To explain the principles of adsorption indicators
- To use the precipitation volumetric methods in quantitative precipitation determinations

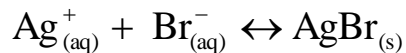
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Key Concepts

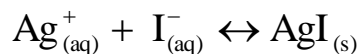
- A titration in which the reaction between the analyte and titrant involves a precipitation.
- The solids produced from the titration reactions should have very low K_{sp} values.



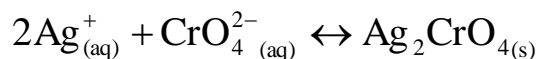
$$K_{sp} = 1.82 \times 10^{-10}$$



$$K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

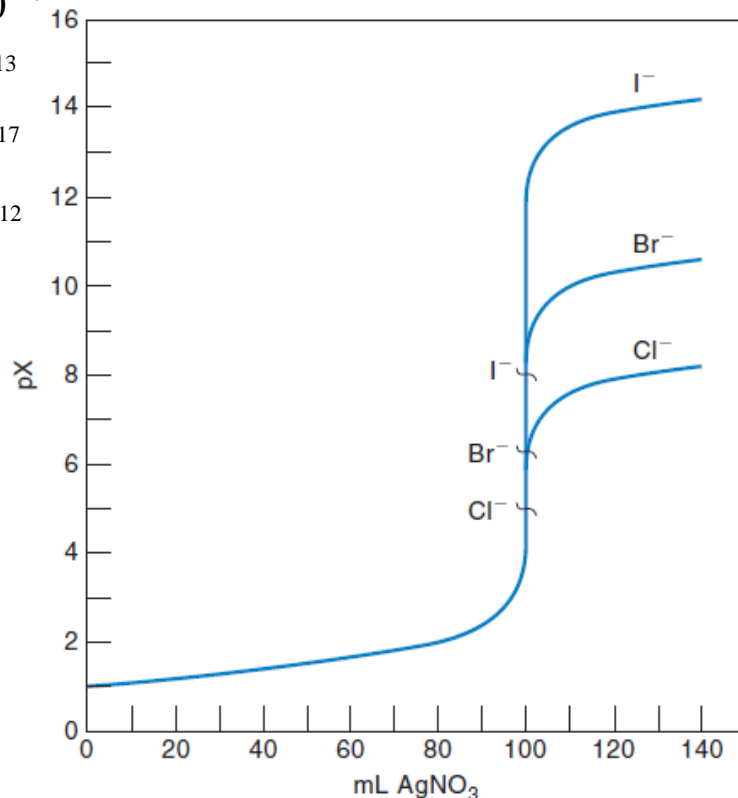


$$K_{sp} = 8.3 \times 10^{-17}$$



$$K_{sp} = 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$$

- Titration curves
pX vs. volume of titrant



Precipitation Titration

➤ For the reaction $A^+_{(aq)} + B^-_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons AB_{(s)}$

The concentrations of A^+ and B^- are varying through the titration process. When titrating B^- (analyte) with A^+ (titrant).

- a) in the beginning of titration, concentration of A^+ is zero and concentration of B^- is calculated from its salt.
- b) After addition of few milliliters of A^+ , B^- will react with A^+ forming AB precipitate, concentrations of A^+ will be calculated according to K_{sp} . B^- will be excess.
- c) At the end point, concentrations A^+ , B^- will be calculated from K_{sp} .
- d) After the end point A^+ is the excess and B^- will be calculated from K_{sp} .

Titration curve in the precipitation titration is a plot of pA and/or pB versus volume of titrant (A)

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Example: Calculate pCl for the titration of 100.0mL of 0.1000 M Cl^- with 0.1000 M AgNO_3 for the addition of 0.00, 20.00, 99.00, 99.50, 100.00, 100.50, and 110.00mL AgNO_3 (assume $K_{sp} = 1.0 \times 10^{-10}$)

a) at 0.0mL addition

$$\text{pCl} = -\log(0.1000) = 1.000$$

b) after 20.0mL addition

$$\text{mmol Cl}^- = 100.0 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 10.00 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{mmol Ag}^+ = 20.00 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 2.000 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Cl}^- \text{ left} = 10.00 - 2.00 = 8.00 \text{ mmol} / 120.0 \text{ mL} = 0.0667 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 0.0667 = 1.18$$

c) after 99.00 mL addition

$$\text{mmol Ag}^+ = 99.00 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 9.900 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Cl}^- \text{ left} = 10.00 - 9.90 = 0.10 \text{ mmol} / 199.0 \text{ mL} = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 5.0 \times 10^{-4} = 3.26$$

d) After 99.50mL addition

$$\text{mmol Ag}^+ = 99.50 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 9.950 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Cl}^- \text{ left} = 10.00 - 9.95 = 0.05 \text{ mmol} / 199.5 \text{ mL} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 3.60$$

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e) after 100.00 mL addition

at 100.00 mL, all the Cl^- is reacted with Ag^+

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = \sqrt{K_{sp}} = \sqrt{1 \times 10^{-10}} = 1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 1.0 \times 10^{-5} = 5.00$$

f) after 100.50 mL addition

$$\text{mmol Ag}^+ = 100.50 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 10.05 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Ag}^+ \text{ left} = 10.05 - 10.00 = 0.05 \text{ mmol} / 200.5 \text{ mL} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = K_{sp} / [\text{Ag}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} / 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 4.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 4.0 \times 10^{-7} = 6.40$$

g) after 110.00 mL addition

$$\text{mmol Ag}^+ = 110.00 \text{ mL} \times 0.1000 \text{ mmol/mL} = 11.00 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Ag}^+ \text{ left} = 11.00 - 10.00 = 1.00 \text{ mmol} / 210 \text{ mL} = 4.76 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = K_{sp} / [\text{Ag}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} / 4.76 \times 10^{-3} = 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pCl} = -\log 2.1 \times 10^{-8} = 7.67$$

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Example: 20 mL of 0.05M CaCl_2 was titrated with 0.10M AgNO_3 . Calculate the concentration of Cl^- and Ag^+ in the solution after addition of 0.0mL AgNO_3 , 5.0mL AgNO_3 , at the equivalence point and after addition of 30mL AgNO_3 . (assume $K_{sp} = 1.82 \times 10^{-10}$)

a) at 0.0mL addition

$$[\text{Ag}^+] = 0.0 \text{ in the beginning of titration}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] = 2 \times M_{\text{CaCl}_2} = 2 \times 0.05 = 0.10\text{M}$$

b) after 5.0mL addition

Firstly, calculate the new rough concentrations after addition

	$\text{Ag}^+_{(\text{aq})}$	+	$\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	\leftrightarrow	$\text{AgCl}_{(\text{s})}$
mmoles	$5 \times 0.1 = 0.5$		$2 \times 20 \times 0.05 = 2$		
change	- 0.5		- 0.5		
net mmols	0		$2 - 0.5 = 1.5$		
concentration	$0/25 = 0$		$1.5/25 = 0.075\text{M}$		

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Secondly, calculate the exact concentrations from K_{sp}

	$\text{AgCl}_{(s)}$	\leftrightarrow	$\text{Ag}_{(aq)}^+$	+	$\text{Cl}_{(aq)}^-$
start concentration	solid		0		0.075
change	- x		+ x		+ x
net			x		0.075 + x

$$K_{sp} = 1.82 \times 10^{-10} = [\text{Ag}^+][\text{Cl}^-] = x \cdot (0.075 + x) \approx 0.075x \Rightarrow x = \frac{1.82 \times 10^{-10}}{0.075} = 2.4 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$[\text{Ag}^+] = 2.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M} , \quad [\text{Cl}^-] \approx 0.075 \text{ M}$$

c) at the equivalence point.

at the equivalence point, volume of **titrant** will be calculated as following

$$\text{mole Ag} = \text{mole Cl} \Rightarrow (\text{M.V})_{\text{Ag}} = (\text{M.V})_{\text{Cl}} \Rightarrow 0.1 \times V_{\text{Ag}} = 0.1 \times 20 \Rightarrow V_{\text{Ag}} = 20 \text{ mL}$$

at this point $[\text{Ag}^+]$ and $[\text{Cl}^-]$ only comes from dissociation of AgCl

	$\text{AgCl}_{(s)}$	\leftrightarrow	$\text{Ag}_{(aq)}^+$	+	$\text{Cl}_{(aq)}^-$
concentration	- x		+ x		+ x

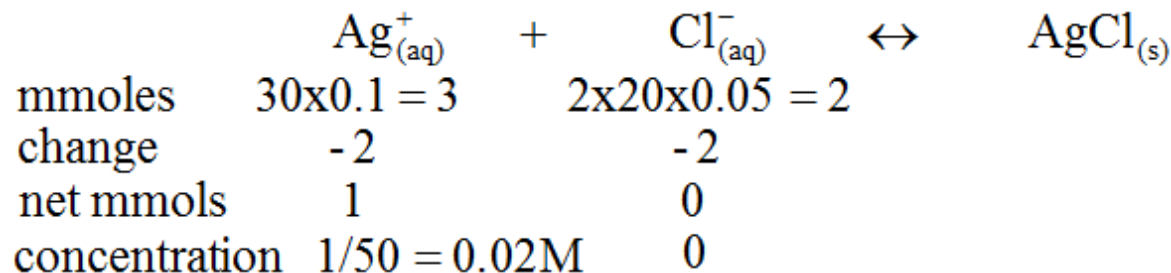
$$K_{sp} = 1.82 \times 10^{-10} = [\text{Ag}^+][\text{Cl}^-] = x \cdot x \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{1.82 \times 10^{-10}} = 1.35 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$[\text{Ag}^+] = [\text{Cl}^-] = 1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

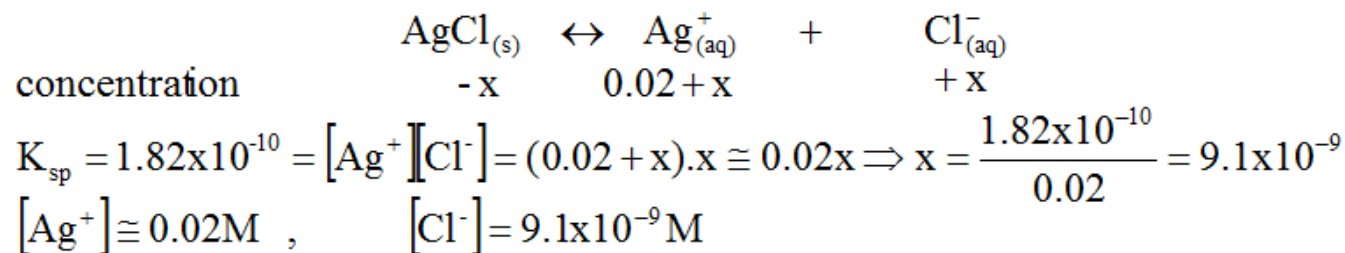
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d) after addition of 30mL AgNO_3 , Ag is excess now

Firstly, calculate the new rough concentrations after addition



Secondly, calculate the exact concentrations from K_{sp}



Summary Of Calculations

➤ For the reaction $A^+_{(aq)} + B^-_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons AB_{(s)}$

When titrating B^- (analyte) with A^+ (titrant).

a) In the beginning of titration, concentration of A^+ is **zero** and concentration of B^- is **calculated from its salt**.

b) Before the equivalence point

$$C_B = (\text{original moles of B} - \text{moles of A}) / \text{total volume}$$

$$C_A = K_{sp} / C_B$$

c) At the equivalence point, $C_B = C_A = \sqrt{K_{sp}}$

d) After the equivalence point

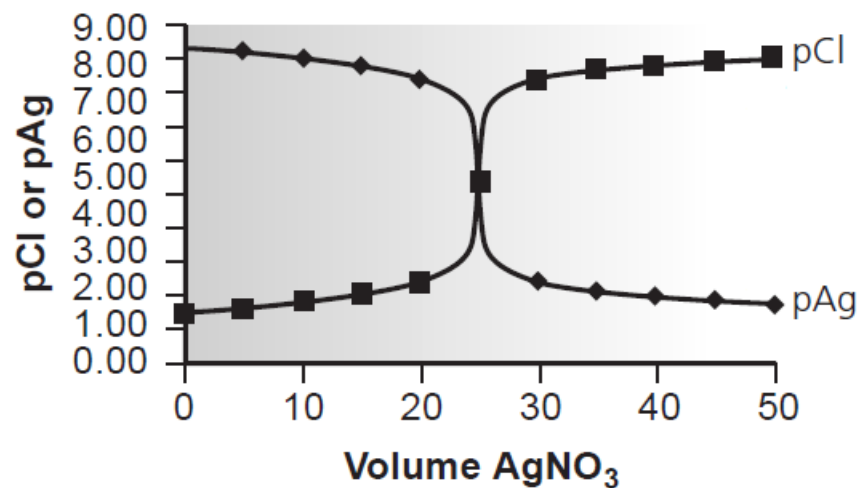
$$C_A = (\text{moles of A added} - \text{original moles of B}) / \text{total volume}$$

$$C_B = K_{sp} / C_A$$

Titration Curve

Data for Titration of 50.0 mL of
0.0500 M Cl^- with 0.100 M Ag^+

Volume AgNO_3 (mL)	pCl	pAg
0.00	1.30	—
5.00	1.44	8.31
10.00	1.60	8.14
15.00	1.81	7.93
20.00	2.15	7.60
25.00	4.89	4.89
30.00	7.54	2.20
35.00	7.82	1.93
40.00	7.97	1.78
45.00	8.07	1.68
50.00	8.14	1.60



End Point and Indicators

Three methods are well known for precipitation titrations involving Ag^+ as titrant (Argentometry). These are:

➤ **Mohr method (direct method)**

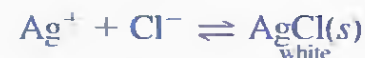
in this method, excess Ag cations after the equivalence point will react with the indicator (CrO_4^{2-}) forming red precipitate. This method carried at pH 7-10, to prevent formation of chromic acid (H_2CrO_4).



Example (MOHR)

◀ Mohr method for chloride.

Titration reaction



Indicator reaction



35.7mL of 0.10M AgNO₃ were needed to reach the end point for titration of 75.0mL of unknown chloride solution using mohr method. Calculate the concentration of Cl⁻ in the unknown solution.

$$\text{mole}_{\text{Ag}} = \text{mole}_{\text{Cl}}$$

$$(\text{M.V})_{\text{Ag}} = (\text{M.V})_{\text{Cl}}$$

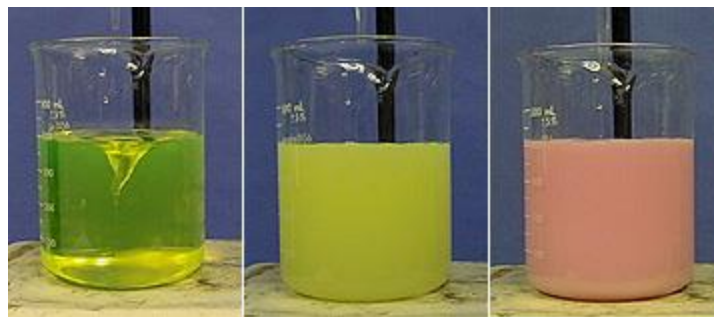
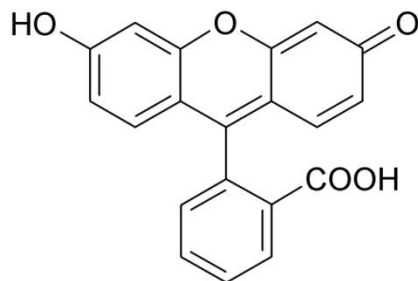
$$35.7 \times 0.1 = \text{M}_{\text{Cl}} \times 75$$

$$3.57 = \text{M}_{\text{Cl}} \times 75 \Rightarrow \text{M}_{\text{Cl}} = 0.0467\text{M}$$

End Point and Indicators

➤ Fajans method (direct method)

in this method, the indicator (Fluorescein) adsorbed on the surface of the colloidal particles of the precipitate. This will change its color from yellow-green to red. The use of this method is limited because of the relatively few precipitation reactions in which a colloidal precipitate is formed rapidly.

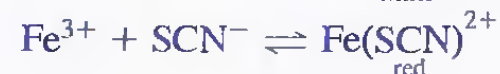
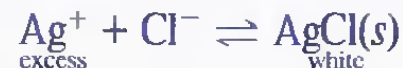


➤ Volhard method (back titration method)

in this method, the analyte is treated with excess amount of AgNO_3 , and the remaining AgNO_3 is titrated then with SCN^- . At the end point, the titrant SCN^- will react with the indicator Fe^{3+} forming red color complex. pH in this method should be acidic to prevent the formation of $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$.

Example (VOLHARD)

► Volhard method for chloride.



25.0mL of 0.10M AgNO₃ were added to 30 mL of unknown chloride solution. The resulted mixture was then titrated with 19.2mL of 0.10M thiocyanate solution (SCN⁻). Calculate the concentration of Cl⁻ in the unknown solution.

$$\text{mole}_{\text{Ag}} = \text{mole}_{\text{Cl}} + \text{mole}_{\text{SCN}}$$

$$(\text{M.V})_{\text{Ag}} = (\text{M.V})_{\text{Cl}} + (\text{M.V})_{\text{SCN}}$$

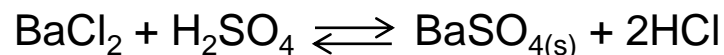
$$25 \times 0.1 = M_{\text{Cl}} \times 30 + 19.2 \times 0.1$$

$$2.5 - 1.92 = M_{\text{Cl}} \times 30 \Rightarrow M_{\text{Cl}} = 0.0193\text{M}$$

End Point and Indicators

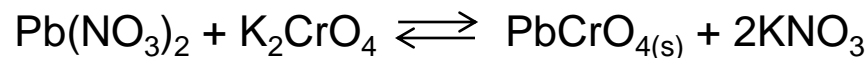
Another Precipitation Titration Methods

1. Barium determination with sulphate:



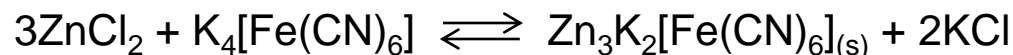
Indicator is sodium rhodizonate, which disappearance red colour of solution.

2. Lead determination with chromate:



Indicator is AgNO_3 solution. At equivalence point forms red precipitate.

3. Zinc determination with $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$:



Indicator is $\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$, which forms brown precipitate with $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$.

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