

Determination of Solubility and Solubility Products of a Sparingly Soluble Salt -

We know Silver Chloride is a Sparingly Soluble Salt.

A minute quantity of salt will pass into solution when it is suspended in conductivity water at 25°C.

The Conductance of solution along with Conductance of water used in preparation of solution is also determined by Conductometric Measurement at 25°C.

The difference is multiplied by cell constant which gives the Specific Conductance of the solution due to dissolved salt.

Let the value found is $Z S m^{-1}$

Let us suppose the solubility of Silver Chloride ($AgCl$) is x moles per cubic metre

so, Concentration of $AgCl$ in the Aqueous solution, $C = x \text{ mol m}^{-3}$

Hence the Molar Conductance of the solution will be given by

$$\therefore \text{or } \Lambda_m = \frac{K}{C}$$

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At infinite dilution,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_\infty \text{ or } \Lambda_m &= \lambda_{Ag^+} + \lambda_{Cl^-} \\ &= (61.92 + 76.34) 10^{-4} \\ &= 138.26 \times 10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1} \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and, } \Lambda_m = \frac{Z S m^{-1}}{x} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From eqⁿ (1) and (2)

$$\frac{Z S m^{-1}}{x} = 138.26 \times 10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{Z S m^{-1}}{138.26 \times 10^{-4} S m^2 mol^{-1}} = \frac{Z}{138.26 \times 10^{-7}}$$

Thus, the Solubility of $AgCl$ at 25°C is

$$= \frac{Z}{138.26 \times 10^{-7}} \text{ mol m}^{-3} \text{ or } \frac{Z}{138.26 \times 10^{-7}} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{Z}{138.26 \times 10^{-7}} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \times 143.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{Z \times 143.5}{138.26 \times 10^{-7}} \text{ g dm}^{-3}$$

Determination of degree of dissociation of weak electrolyte or Degree of Ionisation.

The degree of dissociation of weak electrolyte at any dilution can be calculated by the given relationship.

$$\text{We know, } \alpha = \frac{\lambda_v}{\lambda_\infty} = \frac{\text{Equivalent Conductivity at given dilution}}{\text{Equivalent Conductivity at infinite dilution}}$$

$$\text{and } \lambda_\infty = K_{\infty} \times V$$

i.e. Equivalent Conductivity = Specific Conductivity \times Volume at given dilution

(i) By knowing (K_{∞}) specific conductivity and volume λ_∞ Equivalent conductivity at the given dilution can be calculated.

(ii) λ_α is calculated by Kohlrausch's law.

$$\lambda_\alpha = \lambda_a + \lambda_c$$

where λ_a and λ_c are ionic conductance of Anion and Cation.

By knowing the value of λ_v (Equivalent Conductivity at given dilution) and λ_α (Equivalent Conductivity at infinite dilution), the degree of dissociation α (Alpha) can be calculated.

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