

Salts and Solubility

Clicker questions for 5 activities

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Salts and Solubility Activity 1

Learning Goals Students will be able to:

- Determine the chemical formula by observation of ionic ratios in solutions
- Relate the simulation scale to real lab equipment through illustration and calculations
- Predict the chemical formula of compounds with a variety of ion charge combinations

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1. Which is the formula for the compound made from

M^{+1} and N^{-2}



2. Which is the formula for the compound made from

M^{+3} and N^{-1}



3. Which is the formula for the compound made from

M^{+3} and N^{-2}



4. I thought this lab was _____
USEFUL for learning about ionic
formulas.

A. very

B. mostly

C. barely

D. not

5. I thought this lab was _____
ENJOYABLE for learning about ionic
formulas.

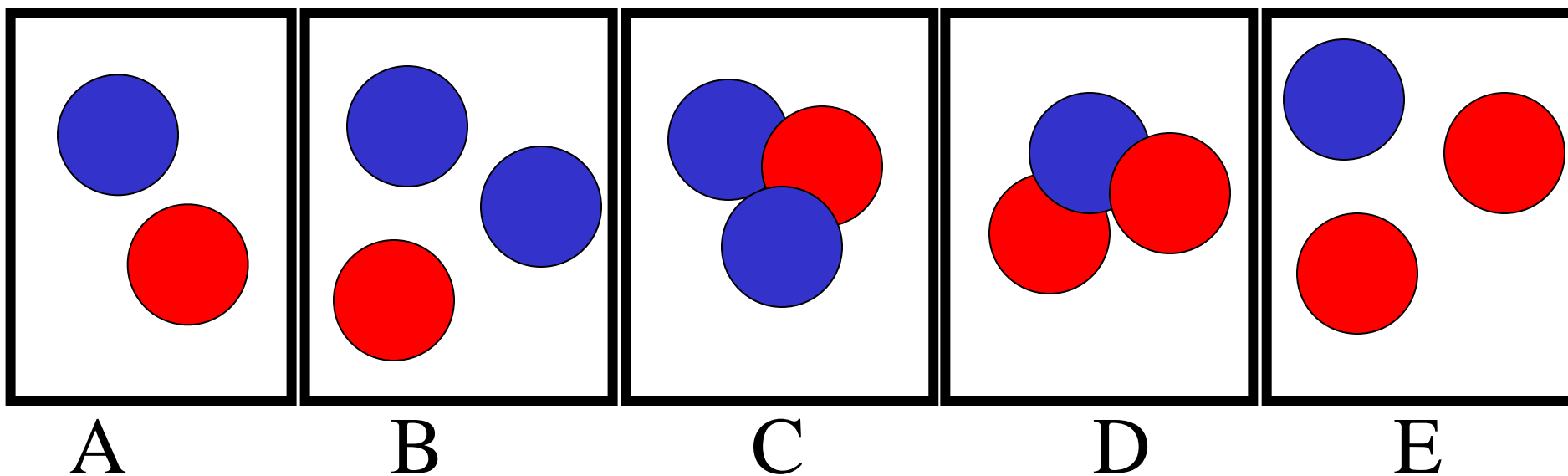
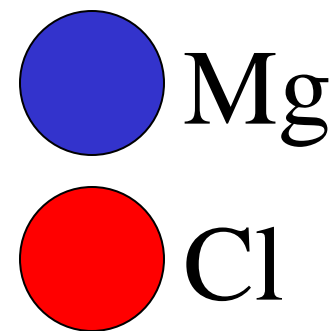
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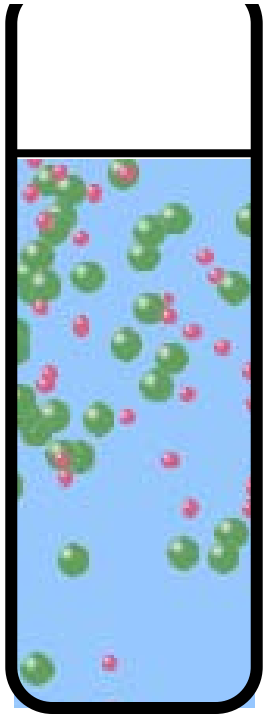
6. Which is the best drawing for Magnesium chloride in a water solution?



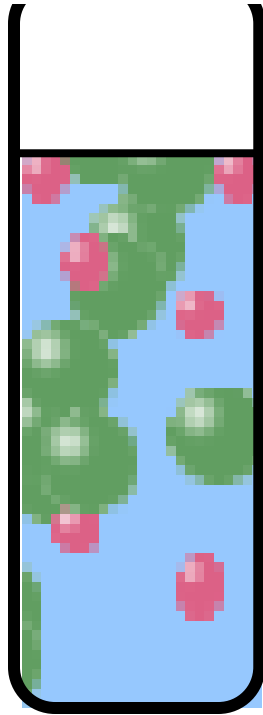
7. How would the drawing change if Magnesium chloride were changed to Magnesium oxide?

- A. The ratio of the ions would be the same
- B. The ratio would change to 1 magnesium for every oxide
- C. The ratio would change to 2 magnesium for every oxide
- D. You would have to use different colors

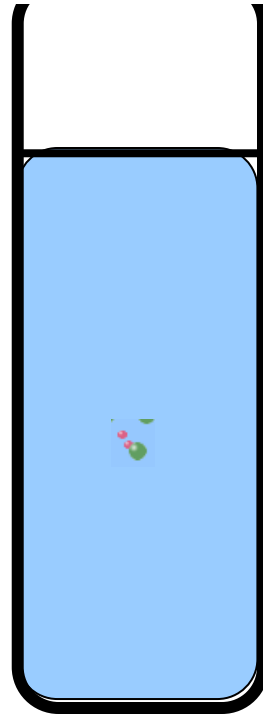
8. Which drawing best represents how large ions should be drawn in a 5 ml test tube of water?



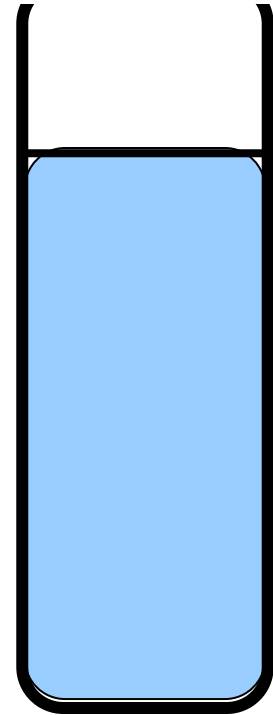
A



B



C



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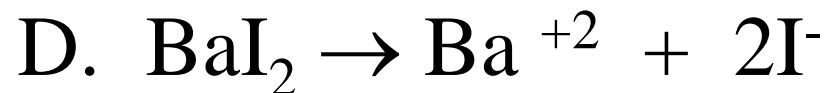
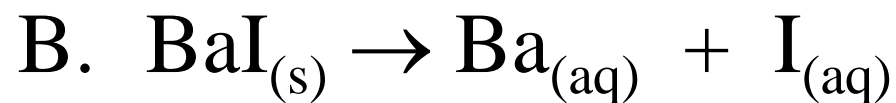
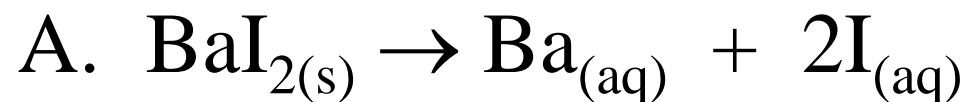
Salts and Solubility Activity 2

Learning Goals: Students will be able to:

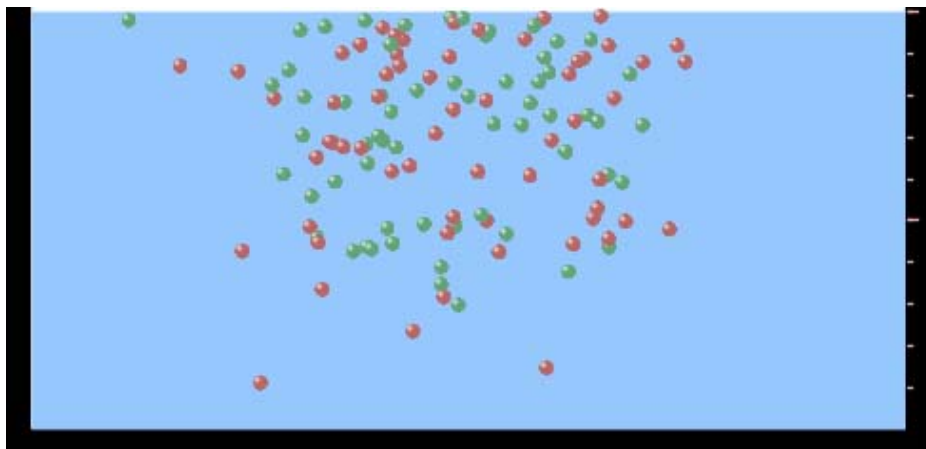
- Write the dissolving reaction for salts
- Describe a saturated solution microscopically and macroscopically with supporting illustrations
- Calculate solubility in grams/100ml
- Distinguish between soluble salts and slightly soluble salts macroscopically.

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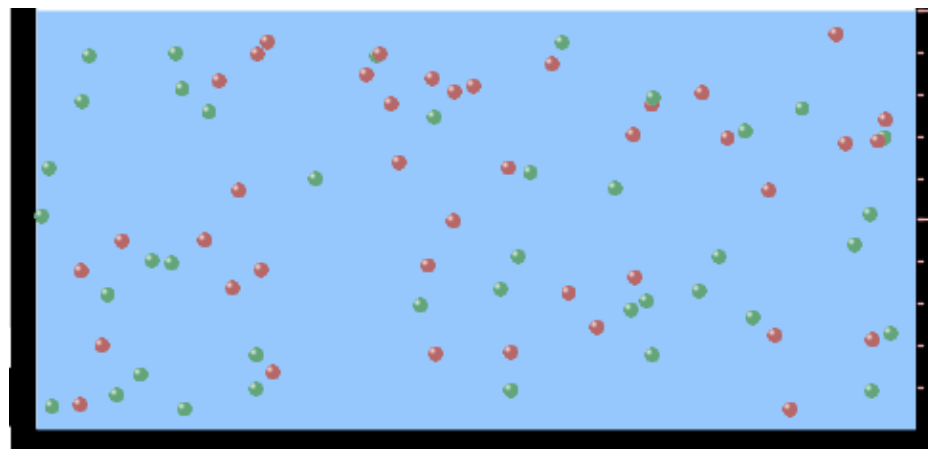
1. Which is correct for dissolving barium iodide in water ?



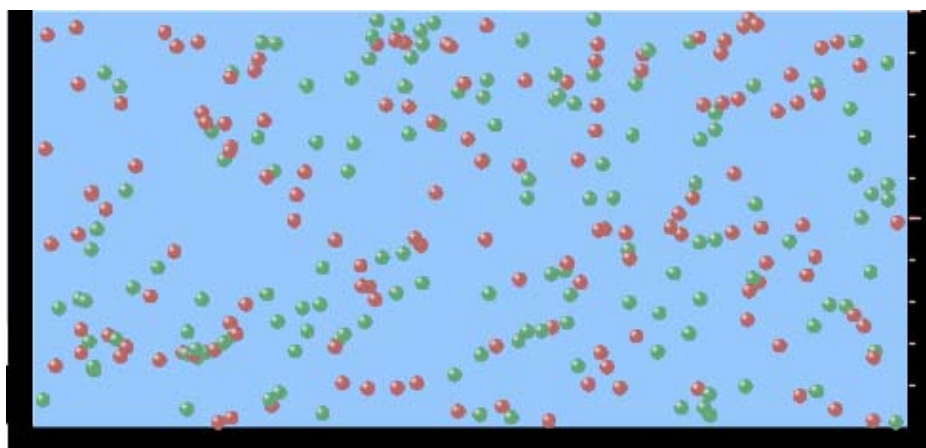
2. Sue used *Salts* to learn about “saturated solution”.
Which image best shows a saturated solution?



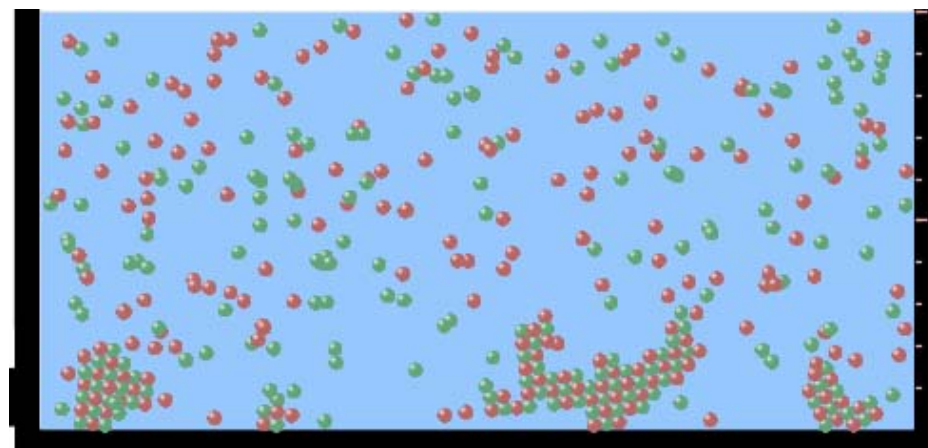
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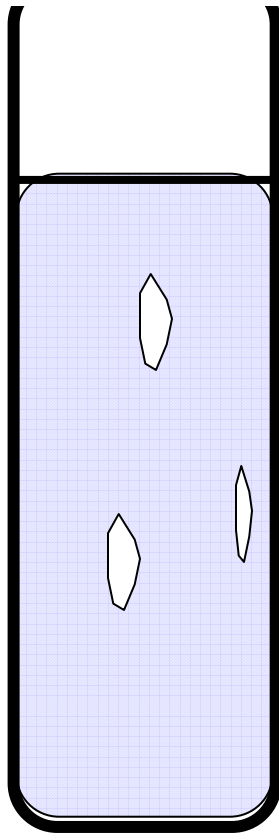


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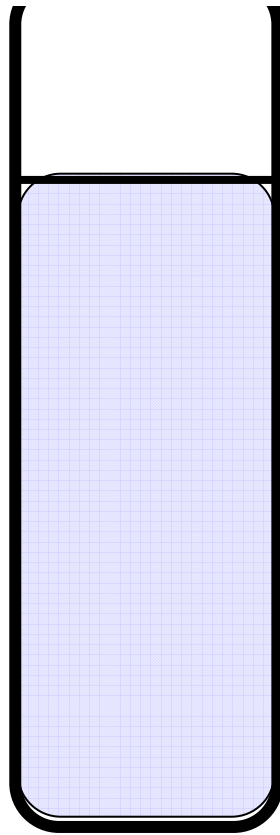


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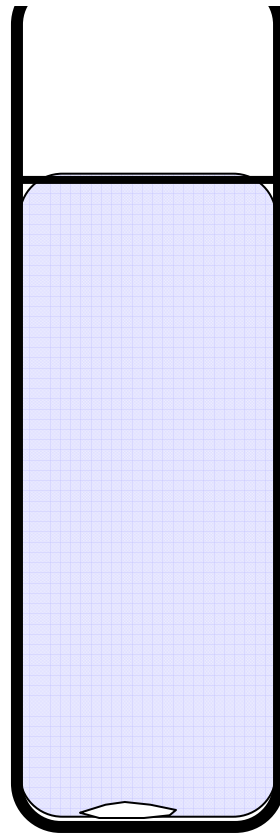
3. Waldo added salt to a test tube of water to learn about “saturated solution”. Which image best shows a saturated solution?



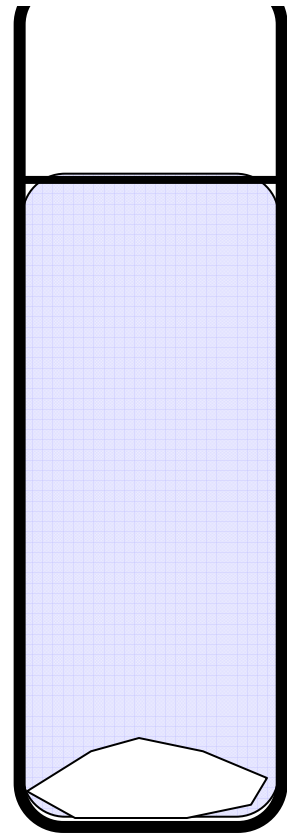
A



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D

4. If you used the sim to test silver chloride, you would see 80 Ag^+ ions dissolved in $1\text{E}-17$ liters. What is the solubility in 100 ml of water?

A. .0019 grams/100 ml water

B. .00019 grams/100 ml water

C. .0014 grams/100 ml water

D. .00014 grams/100 ml water

The calculation for AgCl example:

$$80 \text{ AgCl} / (6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ AgCl/mole}) * (143.5 \text{ grams/mole}) \\ = 2.4 \times 10^{-20} \text{ grams}$$

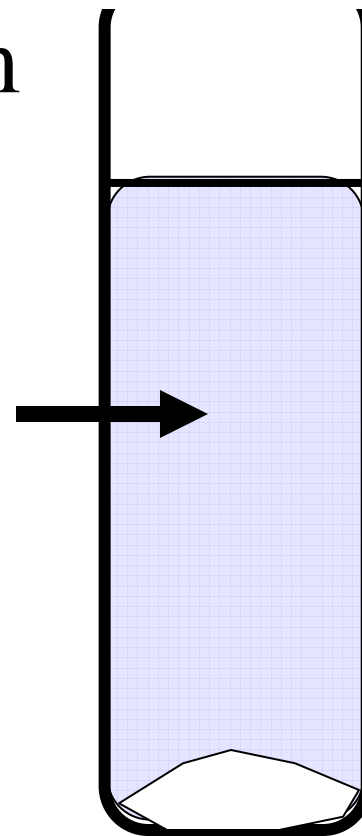
$$1.9 \times 10^{-20} \text{ grams} / (1 \times 10^{-17} \text{ L}) = .0019 \text{ grams/L}$$

$$.0019 \text{ grams/L} * .1 \text{ L} / 100 \text{ ml} = .00019 \text{ g/100ml}$$

B

5. You knew a salt was either sodium chloride or silver chloride.

If you put 1 gram in 10 ml of water in a test tube, and it looked like this



Which is it?

A. Sodium chloride

B. Silver Chloride

C. This is not an identifying test

Salts and Solubility Activity 3

Solution Equilibrium and K_{sp}

Learning Goals: Students will be able to:

- Describe the equilibrium of a saturated solution macroscopically and microscopically with supporting illustrations. (not covered in these questions)
- Write equilibrium expressions for salts dissolving
- Calculate K_{sp} from molecular modeling.

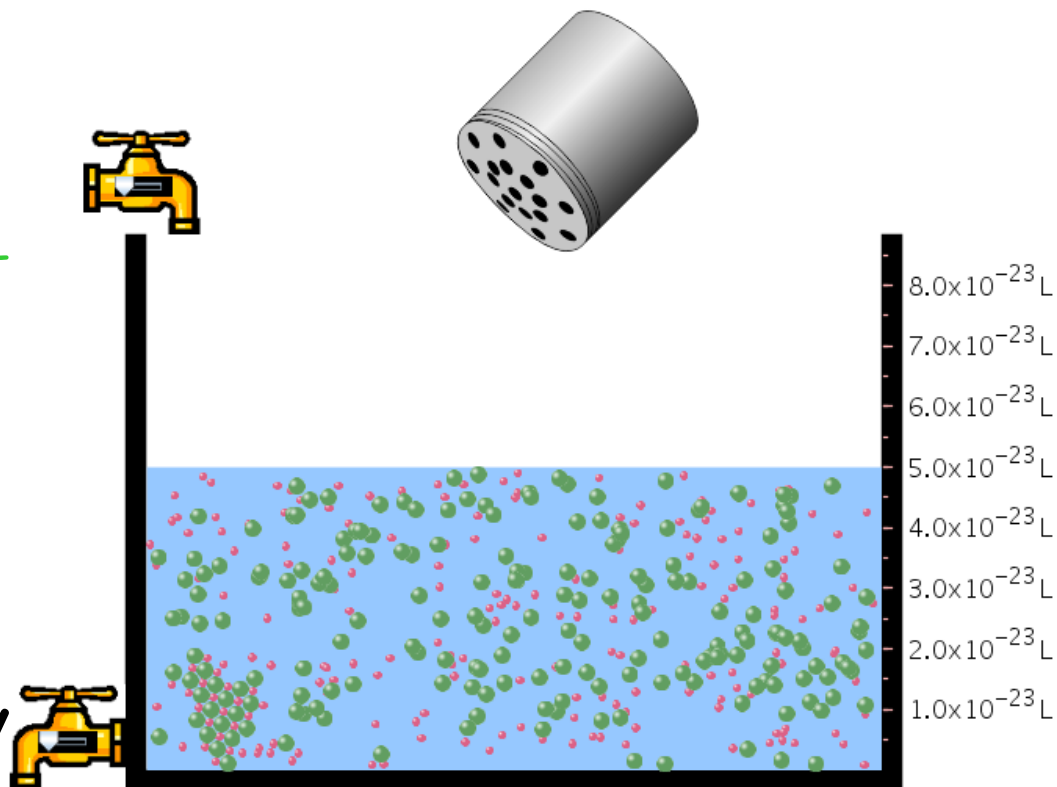
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I simplified the reactions by omitting (aq), my students have found this helpful and they know that they must put it on tests.

1. Table salt
dissolves in water:
 $\text{NaCl}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$

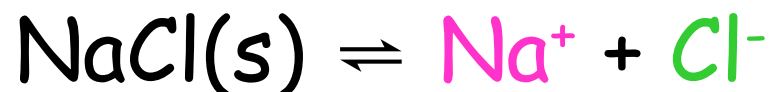
What is the
correct K_{sp}
expression if s is
the molar solubility
Sodium chloride?

- $K_{sp} = s^2$
- $K_{sp} = 2s^2$
- $K_{sp} = s^5$
- $K_{sp} = 4s^4$



Salt		
Ions	● Sodium	● Chloride
Dissolved	181	181
Bound	19	19
Total	200	200
Water		
Volume:	5.00E-23	liters (L)

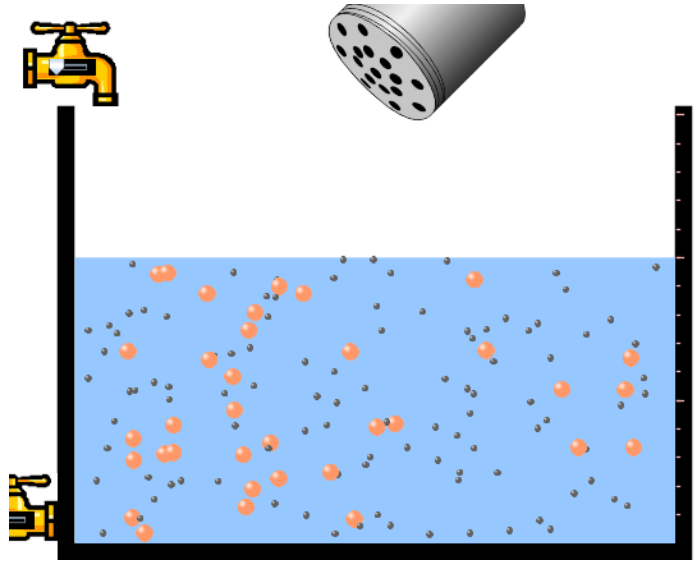
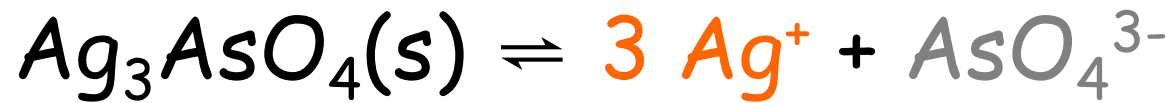
Table salt dissolves in water:



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

For every NaCl molecule that dissolves there was one Na^+ and one Cl^- put into solution, so if we let s equal the amount of NaCl that dissolved then the expression substitutes to be $K_{\text{sp}} = s^2$

2. Silver arsenate dissolves in water:



What is the correct K_{sp} expression if s is the molar solubility Silver arsenate?

- a. $K_{sp} = s^2$
- b. $K_{sp} = 3s^2$
- c. $K_{sp} = s^4$
- d. $K_{sp} = 3s^4$
- e. $K_{sp} = 27s^4$

Salt		
Silver Arsenate		
Ions	● Silver	● Arsenate
Dissolved	105	35
Bound	0	0
Total	105	35

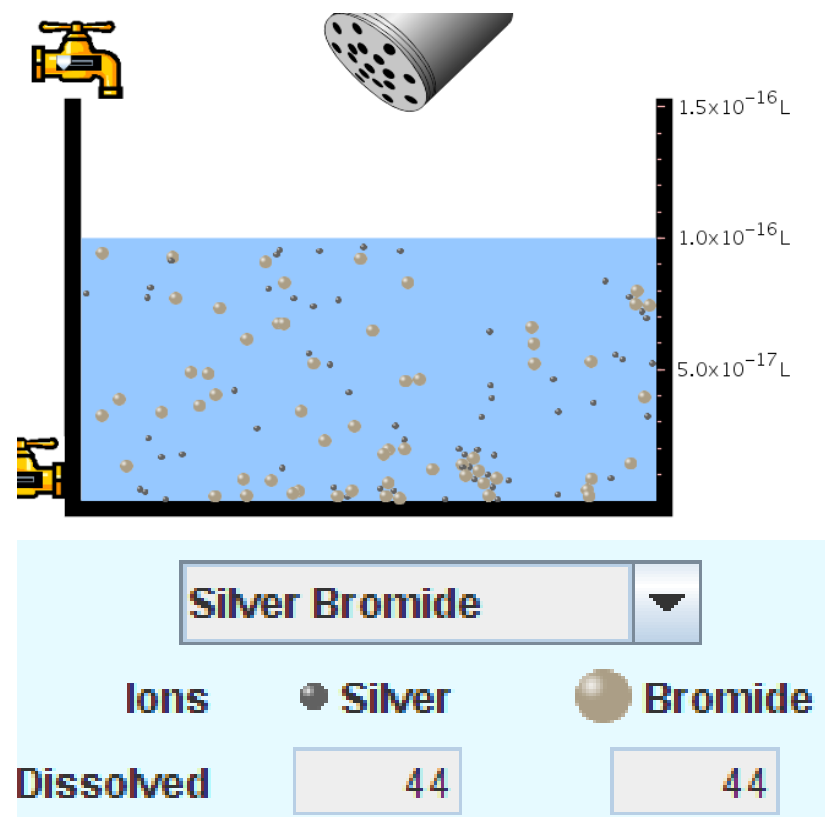
3. What is the proper expression for the molar solubility s of AgCl in terms of K_{sp} ?

a. $s = K_{\text{sp}}$

b. $s = (K_{\text{sp}})^2$

c. $s = (K_{\text{sp}})^{1/2}$

d. $s = K_{\text{sp}}/2$



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

$[\text{Ag}^+] = [\text{Br}^-]$ (44 of each are dissolved)

$$K_{sp} = s^2$$

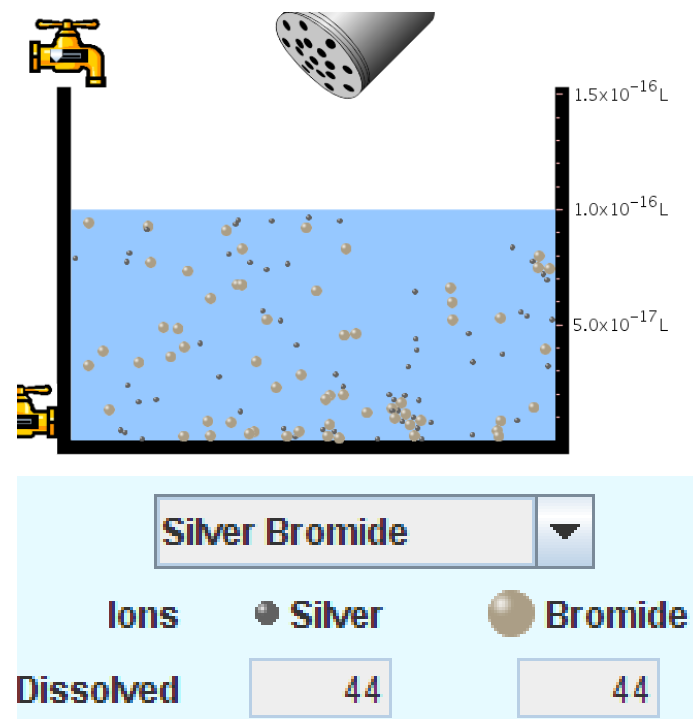
$$s = (K_{sp})^{1/2}$$



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

4. A saturated solution of AgBr in 1×10^{-16} liters of water contains about 44 Ag^+ and 44 Br^- ions as shown.

Suppose that K_{sp} were reduced to 2.5×10^{-13} . How many Ag^+ ions would you expect to see at equilibrium?



a. 11

b. 22

c. 31

d. 44

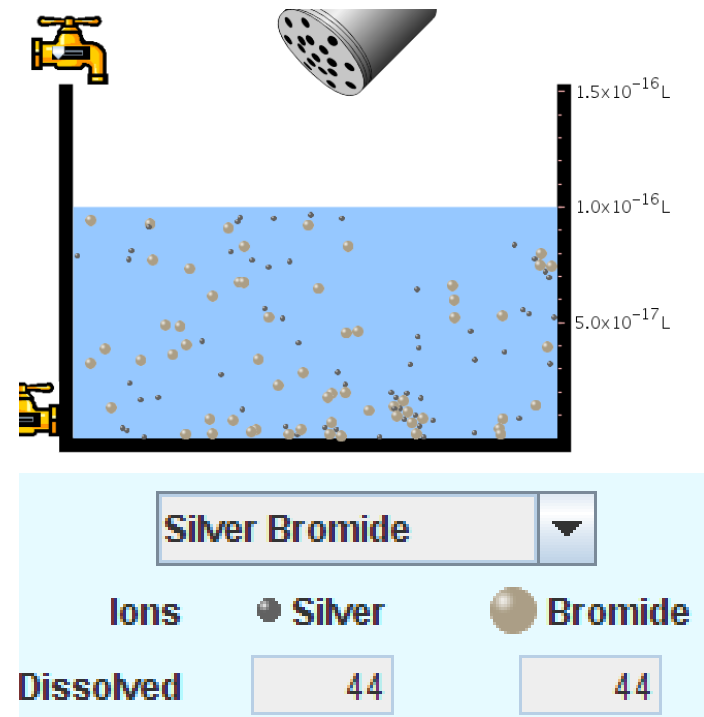
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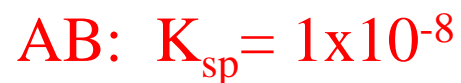
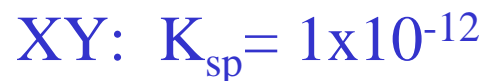
$$K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

Suppose that K_{sp} were reduced to 2.5×10^{-13} . How many Ag^+ ions would you expect to see at equilibrium?

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \sqrt{K_{sp}} \\ &= \sqrt{2.5 \times 10^{-13}} \\ &\approx 31 \end{aligned}$$

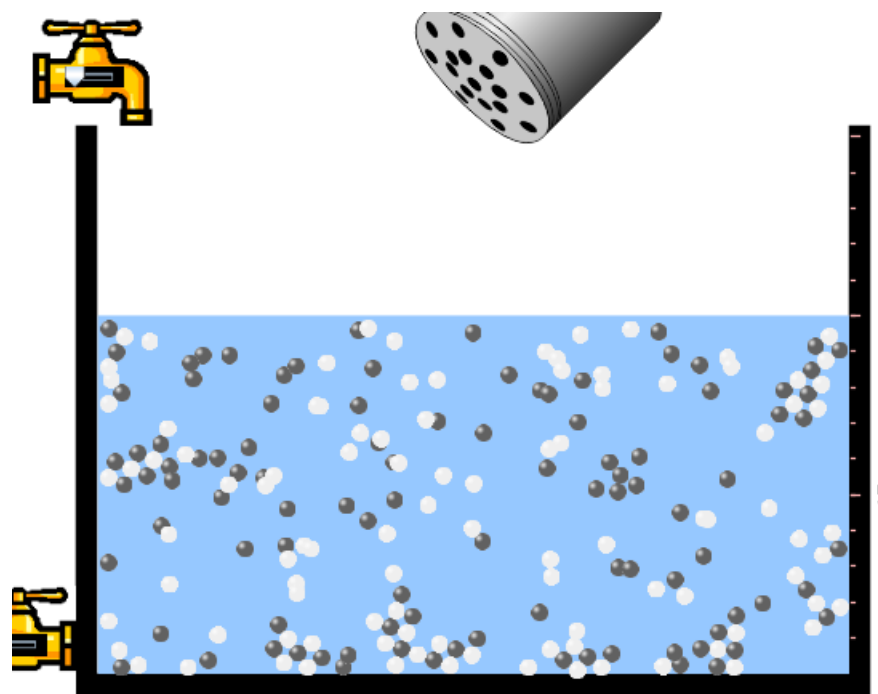


5. Two salts have similar formulas **XY** and **AB**, but they have different solubility product constants.

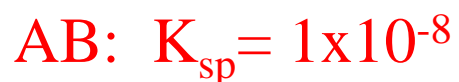
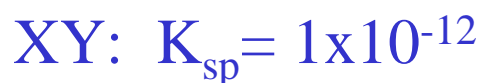


Which one would be more soluble?

- A. **AB**
- B. **XY**
- C. The amount that dissolves would be the same.
- D. Not enough information

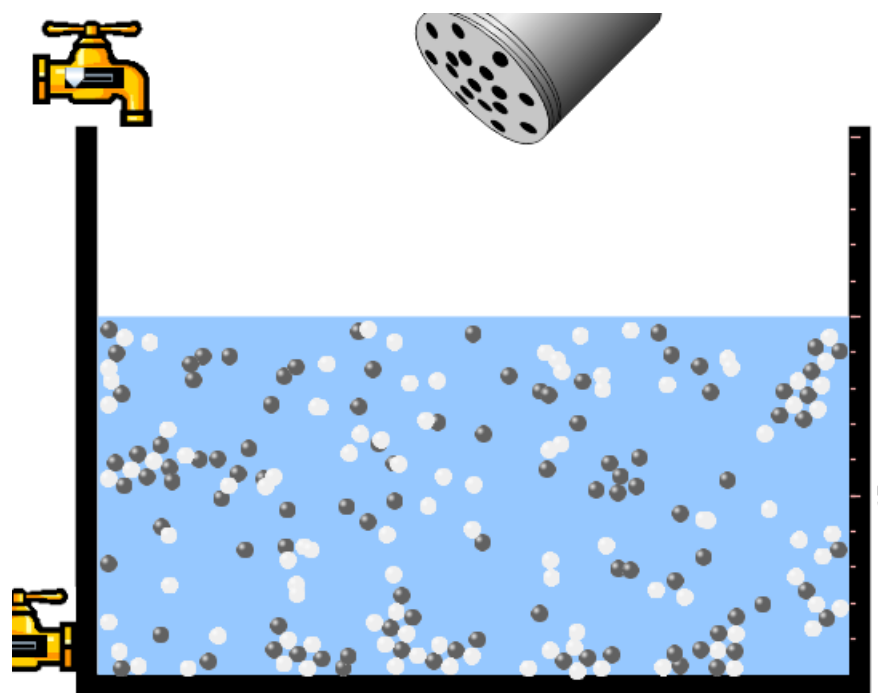


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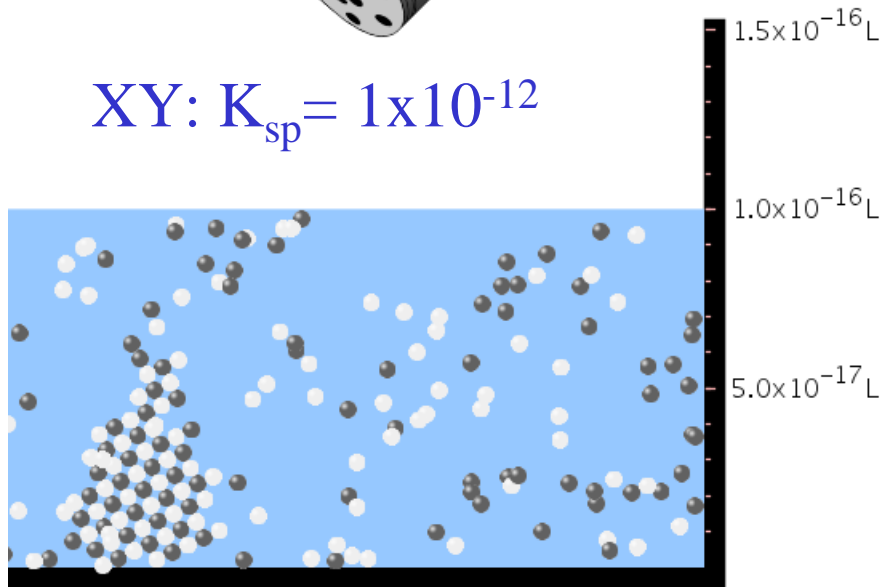
Which one would be more likely to precipitate?

- A. **AB**
- B. **XY**
- C. They behave the same
- D. Not enough information





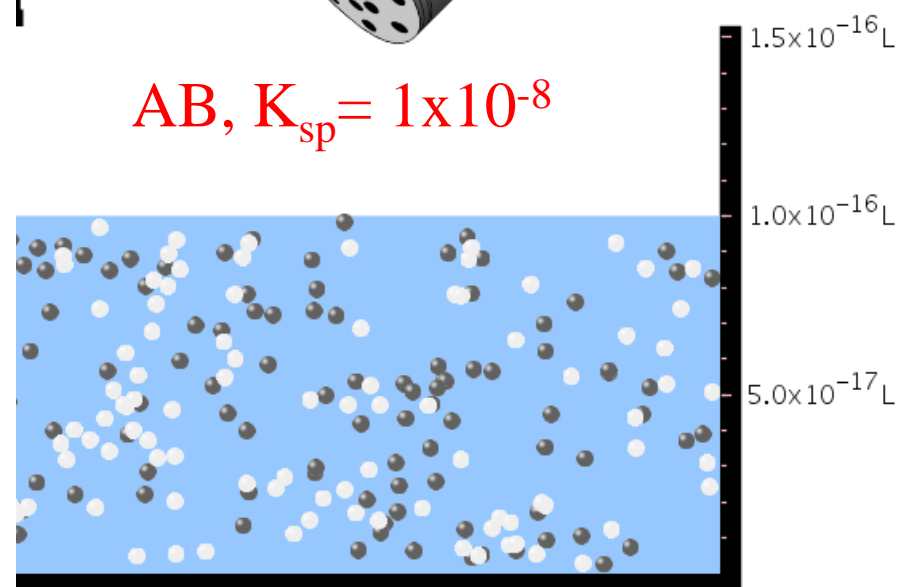
XY: $K_{sp} = 1 \times 10^{-12}$



Salt		
Cation charge:	+1	
Anion charge:	-1	
Ksp	1 E -12	
Ions	● Cation	● Anion
Dissolved	60	61
Bound	40	39
Total	100	100
Water		
Volume:	1.00E-16 liters (L)	



AB, $K_{sp} = 1 \times 10^{-8}$



Salt		
Cation charge:	+1	
Anion charge:	-1	
Ksp	1 E -8	
Ions	● Cation	● Anion
Dissolved	100	100
Bound	0	0
Total	100	100
Water		
Volume:	1.00E-16 liters (L)	

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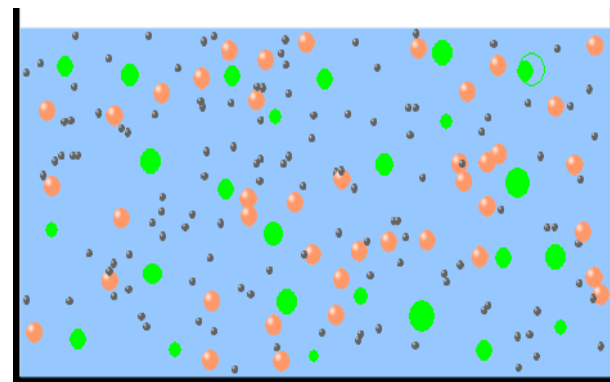
The clicker questions do not directly address the goals because they are quantitative or have been well discussed by the group during the activities.

Learning Goals for 4: Students will be able to:

- Calculate Q .
- Predict what would be observed on a macroscopic level to a solution by comparing Q to K_{sp} .
- Use microscopic illustrations, to help explain the predictions.
- Use LeChatelier's Principle to predict how changing the amount of water will affect the solution.

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Two salts, **XB** and **AB**, are dissolved in a beaker of water. There are equal number of moles. They have different solubility product constants.



1. If you added B^- ions which would precipitate first?

A. AB

B. XB

C. They behave the same

D. Not enough information

2. 0.010 moles of MgCl_2 and 0.020 moles of CuCl_2 are dissolved in 0.10 liters of water. A solution of NaOH is slowly stirred in. Which precipitate forms first ?



a. MgCl_2 b. CuCl_2 c. $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ d. $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$

Salts and Solubility Activity 5

Learning Goal for 5: Students will be able to predict what would be observed on a macroscopic and microscopic level for salts with varying ionic charge given the K_{sp} .

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1. Which will have more dissolve particles in a saturated solution?

$$K_{sp} = 3 \times 10^{-13}$$

A compound made from

A. XY



B. XY₂

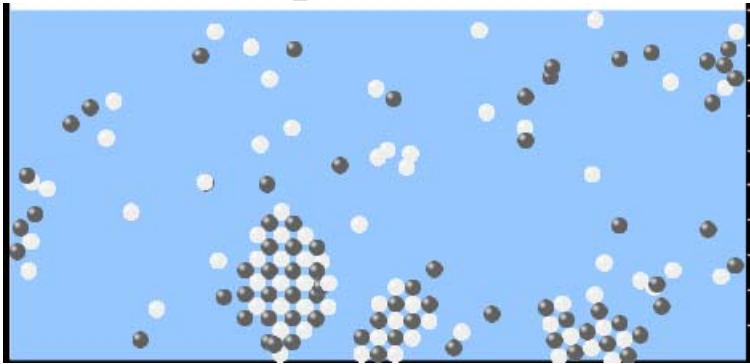


C. no difference

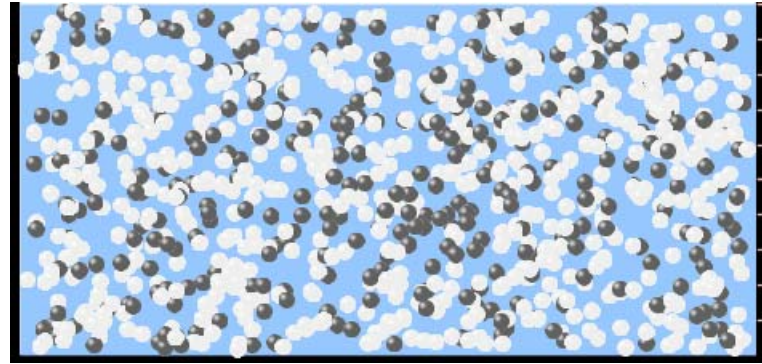
Answer to 1

$$A. K_{sp} = x^2; x = 5E - 7$$

$$B. K_{sp} = (x)(2x)^2; x = 4E - 5$$



XY



XY₂

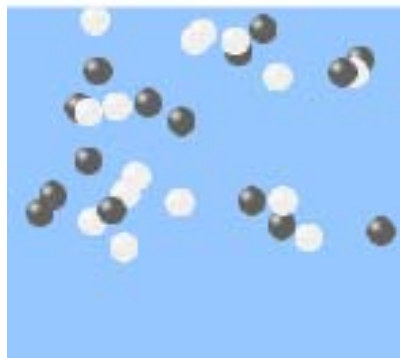
Why doesn't the mass of the
particle matter?

2. Which will have more dissolve particles in a saturated solution?

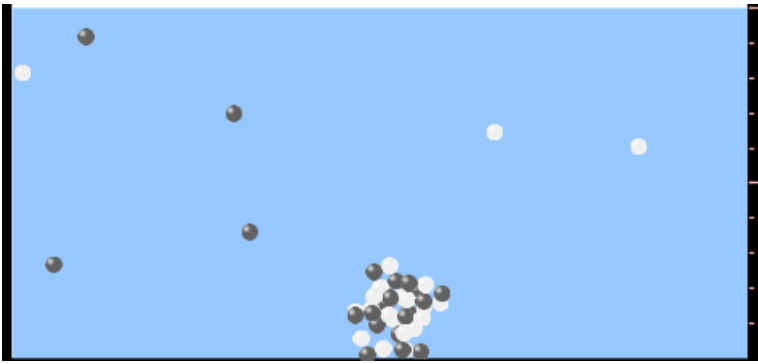
$$K_{sp} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$$

A compound made from

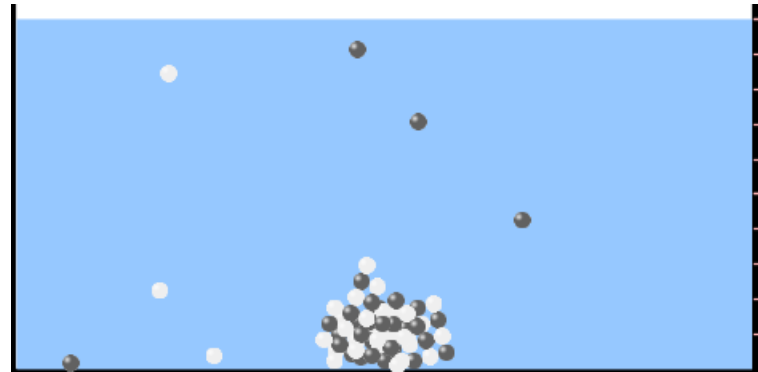
- A. X^{+1} and Y^{-1} B. X^{+2} and Y^{-2} C. no difference



Answer to 2



XY



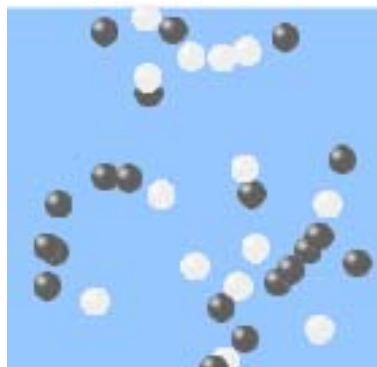
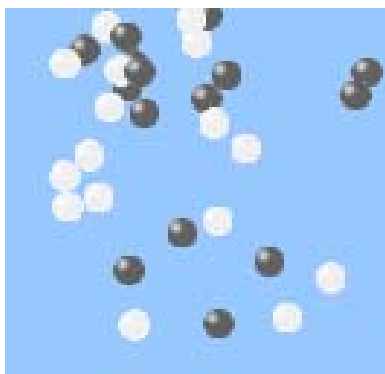
XY

3. Which will have more dissolve particles in a saturated solution?

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A compound made from

A. X^{+2} and Y^{-2} B. X^{+2} and Y^{-3} C. no difference

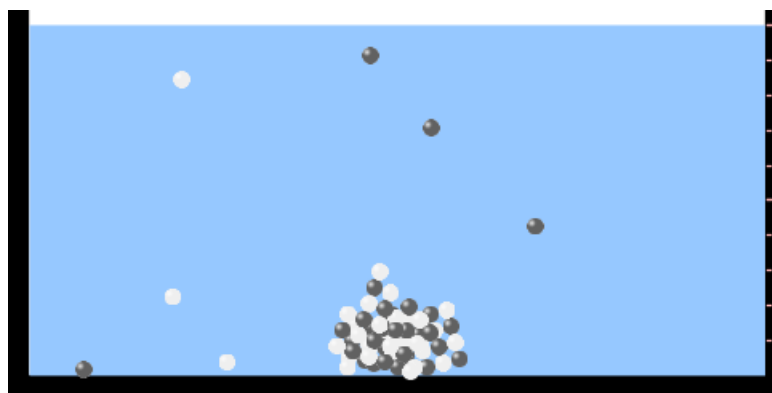


Answer to 3

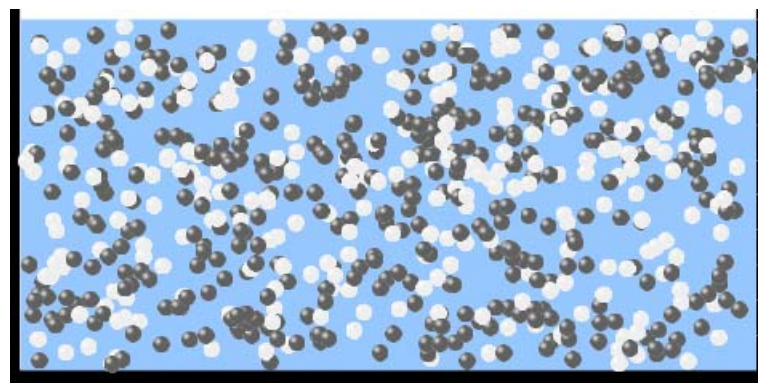
$$A. K_{sp} = x^2; x = 4E - 8$$

$$B. K_{sp} = (3x)^3 (2x)^2; x = 5E - 4$$

If you run the sim at the default volume, you cannot get the second compound to ppt, but only 4 dissolve of the first.



XY



X₃Y₂