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Chemistry 203  
Pre-Lab Assignment: Chemical Equilibrium

Exp 6

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1. A sample is prepared by mixing 5.00mL of 0.200M  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  solution with 3.00mL of  $2.00 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$  KSCN and the mixture is made up to 20.00mL with distilled water. Determine the concentration of the complex formed, and that of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ion left in solution.



$n_{\text{Fe}^{3+}} = CV = 0.2 \times 5 = 1.00 \text{ mmol}$   
 $n_{\text{SCN}^-} = CV = 2 \times 10^{-3} \times 3 = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mmol}$  } so  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is in excess

since  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is in very large quantity (excess); this will push the reaction in a forward direction (as if it is complete) "Le Chatelier Principle"

$\Rightarrow n_{\text{FeSCN}^{2+}} = n_{\text{SCN}^-} = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mmol}$   
 $[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{6.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mmol}}{20 \text{ ml}} = 3.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/l}$

$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{left}} = \frac{n_{\text{Fe}^{3+}} - n_{\text{SCN}^-}}{V_{\text{t}}} = \frac{1.00 - 6 \times 10^{-3}}{20} = 0.0497 \text{ mol/l}$

2. 5.00mL of  $2.00 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$   $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  are mixed with 2.00mL of  $2.00 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$  KSCN and 3.00mL of distilled water are added. The concentration of  $\text{FeSCN}^{2+}$  is determined spectrophotometrically and found to be  $5.07 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ . Determine the equilibrium constant  $K_c$  of the above reaction.

$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = 5.07 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/l} \Rightarrow n_{\text{eq FeSCN}^{2+}} = [C]V_{\text{t}} = 5.07 \times 10^{-5} \times 10 \text{ ml} = 5.07 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mmol}$

$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{eq}} = \frac{n_{\text{Fe}^{3+}} - n_{\text{FeSCN}^{2+}}}{V_{\text{t}}} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3} \times 5 - 5.07 \times 10^{-4}}{10.00} = 9.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/l}$

$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{eq}} = \frac{n_{\text{SCN}^-} - n_{\text{FeSCN}^{2+}}}{V_{\text{t}}} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3} \times 2 - 5.07 \times 10^{-4}}{10} = 3.49 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/l}$

$K_c = \frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^-]} = \frac{5.07 \times 10^{-5}}{9.5 \times 10^{-4} \times 3.49 \times 10^{-4}} = 15.3 \times 10$

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