

Evaluating K_c For A Chemical Reaction

Evaluate K_c for the reaction: $\text{Hg}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow \text{HgCl}^{+}(\text{aq})$ from the following data:

50.00 mL of 0.2000 M Hg^{2+} is mixed with 50.00 mL of 0.2000 M Cl^{-} . When equilibrium is reached, the concentration of HgCl^{+} is found to be 0.0364 M.

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{HgCl}^{+}]}{[\text{Hg}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]}$$
 where all concentrations are the equilibrium molarity.

Construct a table of initial, change and equilibrium **moles** of each substance and then find the equilibrium molarity of each substance.

Initial moles of both Hg^{2+} and Cl^{-} are both 0.01000: $(0.2000\text{mol/L})(0.05000\text{L})$

Reactant/Product	Hg^{2+}	+	Cl^{-}	\leftrightarrow	HgCl^{+}
Initial moles	0.01000		0.01000		0.00000 (all given)
Change in moles	-0.00364		-0.00364		+0.00364
Equil. Moles	0.00636		0.00636		0.00364 *
Equil. Molarity **	0.0636		0.0636		0.0364 (given)

* moles = $(0.0364\text{mol/L})(0.1000\text{L})$ Mixing 50.0 mL of each reactant gives 100.0 mL

** M equals equilibrium moles of species divided by the final volume of 100.0 mL.

$$\text{Thus } K_c = \frac{0.0364M}{(0.0636M)(0.0636M)} = 9.00M^{-1}$$