

## CONCEPT: COMPLEX IONS: FORMATION CONSTANT

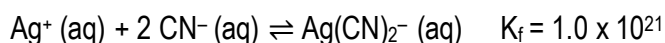
- A **complex ion** is a structure containing a metal cation that acts as a Lewis \_\_\_\_\_ and covalently bonded to a *ligand*.
  - **Ligand**: a molecule or ion that acts as a Lewis \_\_\_\_\_ and donates a lone pair to the metal cation.



### Formation Constant

- The **Formation Constant** (  $K_f$  ) is a \_\_\_\_\_ of product to reactant concentrations that deals with complex ions.
  - Like other equilibrium constants it can be calculated by setting up an expression and ignoring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** The formation of the complex ion created from the combining of silver ion and cyanide ion is given below:



If 100.0 mL of 0.0120 M  $\text{AgClO}_4$  is mixed with 220.0 mL of 0.25 M  $\text{CN}^-$ , what is the  $[\text{Ag}^+]$  once equilibrium has been reached?

**STEP 1:** Setup an ICE Chart with the given \_\_\_\_\_ equation.

ICE Chart (Complex Ion)			
	$\text{Ag}^+ (\text{aq})$	+	$\text{CN}^- (\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2^- (\text{aq})$
I	_____		_____
C	_____		_____
E	_____		_____

**STEP 2:** Determine the \_\_\_\_\_ of the metal cation and the ligand anion.

- Divide by the \_\_\_\_\_ volume used in the chemical reaction to determine their initial concentrations.

**STEP 3:** Using the **INITIAL ROW**, place the initial concentrations of the metal cation and ligand anion.

**STEP 4:** Using the **CHANGE ROW**, looking at the reactants subtract from their initial amounts by the \_\_\_\_\_ mole amount.

- Using the Law of Conservation of Mass, whatever you lose as a reactant you \_\_\_\_\_ that amount to products.

**STEP 4:** Using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW**, setup the equilibrium constant expression and solve for \_\_\_\_\_.

- The amount of the metal cation in reality will not reach \_\_\_\_\_ so set it to the  $x$  variable.

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**PRACTICE:** If your equilibrium constant  $K$  is equal to the product of  $K_{sp}$  and  $K_f$ , find the solubility of  $AgCl$  in  $2.0\text{ M }NH_3$ .  $K_{sp}$  of  $AgCl = 1.77 \times 10^{-10}$ ;  $K_f$  of  $Ag(NH_3)_2^+ = 1.7 \times 10^7$ .

**PRACTICE:** A solution is composed of  $3.20 \times 10^{-4}\text{ M }Co(NO_3)_3$  mixed with  $0.200\text{ M }NH_3$ . Determine the  $[Co^{3+}]$  that remains once the solution reaches equilibrium in the formation of  $Co(NH_3)_6^{3+}$ .