Answer on the Question #64415, Chemistry / General Chemistry

 K_{sp} for scandium fluoride (ScF₃) at 298 K is $4.2x10^{-18}$. Write the chemical equation for the solubility equilibrium of scandium fluoride in water. What concentration of Sc³⁺ ions is required to cause a precipitate to form if the fluoride ion concentration is 0.076M?

Solution:

Equilibrium of scandium fluoride in water:

$$ScF_3(s) \leftrightarrow Sc^{3+}(aq) + 3F^{-}(aq)$$

Concentration of scandium ions needed for precipitation of fluoride ions:

$$K_{sp}(ScF_3) = [Sc^{3+}] \cdot [F^-]^3$$
$$[Sc^{3+}] = \frac{K_{sp}(ScF_3)}{[F^-]^3} = \frac{4.2 \cdot 10^{-18}}{0.076^3} = 9.5 \cdot 10^{-15}M$$

Answer: $[Sc^{3+}] = 9.5 \cdot 10^{-15} M$

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