SOLUTIONS

- a SOLUTION is a HOMOGENEOUS MIXTURE.

Uniform properties throughout!

- parts of a solution:

(1) SOLUTE(S)

- component(s) of a solution present in small amounts.

(2) SOLVENT

- the component of a solution present in the GREATEST amount

- in solutions involving a solid or gas mixed with a LIQUID, the liquid is typically considered the solvent.

- solutions are usually the same phase as the pure solvent. For example, at room temperature salt water is a liquid similar to pure water.

SOLVENTS

- We traditionally think of solutions as involving gases or solids dissolved in liquid solvents. But ANY of the three phases may act as a solvent!

(1) GAS SOLVENTS

- Gases are MISCIBLE, meaning that they will mix together in any proportion.
- This makes sense, since under moderate conditions the molecules of a gas don't interact wth each other.
- Gas solvents will only dissolve other gases.

(2) LIQUID SOLVENTS

- Can dissolve solutes that are in any phase: gas, liquid, or solid.
- Whether a potential solute will dissolve in a liquid depends on how compatible the forces are between the liquid solvent and the solute.

(3) SOLID SOLVENTS

- Solids can dissolve other solids, and occasionally - liquids.
- Solid-solid solutions are called ALLOYS. Brass (15% zinc dissolved in copper) is a good example.
- AMALGAM is a solution resulting from dissolving mercury into another metal.

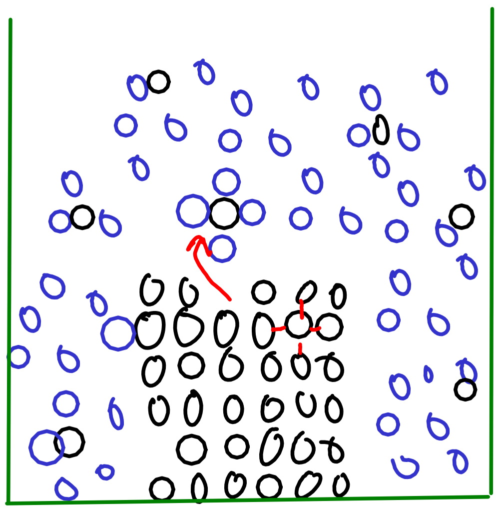
HOW THINGS DISSOLVE

- Let's look at how things dissolve into water, since aqueous solutions are quite common.

sucrose (table sugar)

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s) \underset{}{\overset{H_2O}{\rightleftharpoons}} C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(aq)$$

... what happens?



- Water molecules pull the sugar molecules out of the sugar crystal and into solution.

- Attractions between sugar molecules and water allow this to happen.

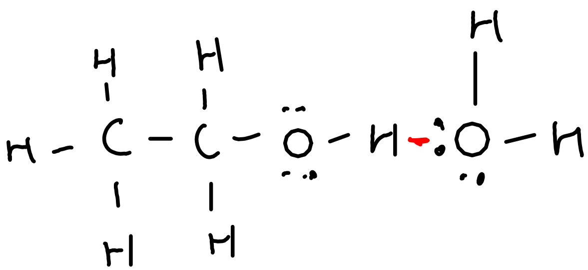
- The solubility of the sugar depends on how well water and sugar interact (HYDRATION) versus how well the sugar molecules are held in the crystal (LATTICE ENERGY)

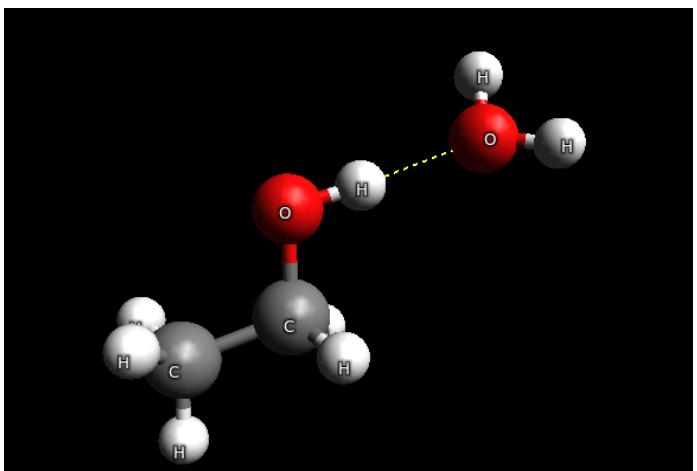
- "like dissolves like": Substances held together by similar (or at least compatible) kinds of attractive forces can dissolve in each other. Substances that are held together by very different kinds of attractive forces will not dissolve in one another!

Consider WATER:

HYDROGEN BONDS

Water mixes well with other substances that can hydrogen bond, like ETHANOL!





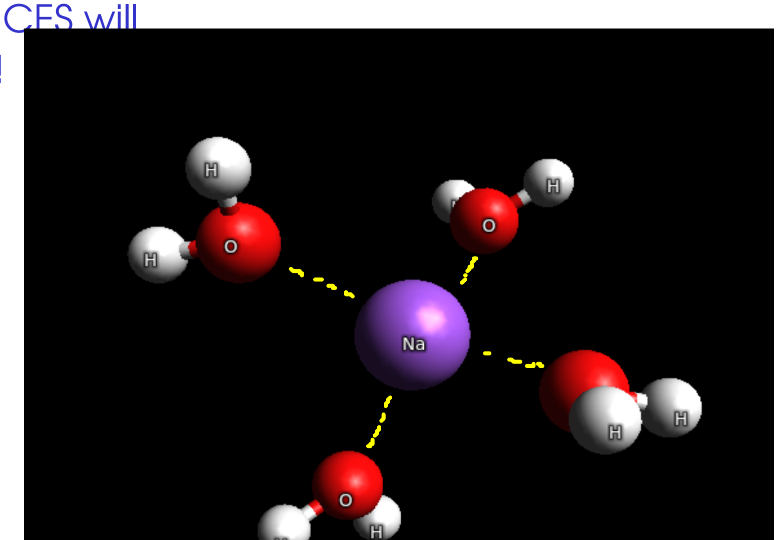
Hydrogen bond between ethanol and water

POLAR

Water can dissolve polar substances!
(SUCROSE is polar!)

Since IONIC BONDS are also interactions between opposite charges (You can think of an ionic bond here as an extreme case of dipole-dipole interaction), many IONIC SUBSTANCES will also dissolve in water!

$Na^+ - Cl^-$



Ion-dipole interactions between sodium ion and water

SMALL (little London force)

large and/or nonpolar solutes do not dissolve well in water!

(example: OILS and WAXES)

MOLECULAR AND IONIC SOLUTIONS

- MOLECULAR solutions:

Contain MOLECULES dissolved in one another.

(1) - Any mixture of GASES

- all gases mix with one another, since gas molecules (effectively) do not interact with one another.

(2) - Liquids

- Liquids dissolve well in one another only if they are held together by similar kinds of forces

(3) - Solids and liquids

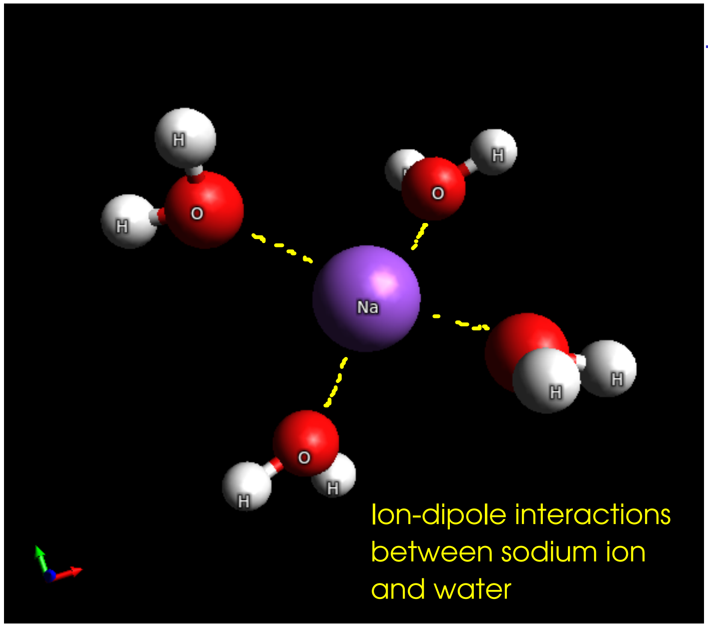
- MOLECULAR SOLIDS will dissolve well in liquids if they are held together by similar forces.

- IONIC SOLIDS will sometimes dissolve in POLAR liquids, but not in nonpolar liquids

- COVALENT NETWORK solids don't generally dissolve well in other substances

IONIC solutions

- form when ions from IONIC SUBSTANCES interact with POLAR solvents - often WATER.



The charged ends of the water molecule HYDRATE the ions.

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- The solubility of an ionic compound depends on whether HYDRATION (attraction of water molecules for an ion) is greater than LATTICE ENERGY - the attrraction of ions in a crystal lattice for one another..

- SMALLER IONS are usually easier to enclose in water than larger ones, and ions with larger charges are attracted to water molecules.

- But solubility is also determined by LATTICE ENERGY - which holds the solid ionic compound together. Ions with high charges tend to be strongly attracted to other ions in a crystal, meaning lattice energy is high. Smaller ions also tend to have higher lattice energies. Lattice energy and hydroation are competing trends!

EXTERNAL FACTORS AFFECTING SOLUBILITY

- There are a few external factors that affect the solubility. (By external, we mean other than the chemical identity of the solute and solvent).

1 TEMPERATURE

-For gases dissolved in liquids, the solubility DECREASES as the temperature INCREASES

- This is why THERMAL POLLUTION is bad! Hot water holds less oxygen than cooler water.

- For solids dissolved in liquids, solubility USUALLY increases with temperature. This is not true for ALL solid/liquid solutions.

2 PRESSURE

- For gases dissolved in liquids, solubility INCREASES when the partial pressure of the solute gas over the solution INCREASES.

- Consider soft drinks. They go flat after opening because the pressure of carbon dioxide over the liquid goes down.

- No significant pressure effects for solid/liquid solutions.

CONCENTRATION

- When you discuss a solution, you need to be aware of:
  - what materials are in the solution
  - how much of each material is in the solution

- CONCENTRATION is the amount of one substance compared to the others in a solution. This sounds vague, but that's because there are many different ways to specify concentration!

- We will discuss four different concentration units in CHM 111:

(1) MASS PERCENTAGE

$$= \frac{\text{mass solute}}{\text{mass solution}} \times 100\% \qquad \%\ ,\ \%\ w/w$$

(2) MOLARITY

$$= \frac{\text{moles solute}}{\text{L solution}} \qquad M \text{ or } \underline{M}$$

(3) MOLALITY

$$= \frac{\text{moles solute}}{\text{kg solvent}} \qquad m$$

(4) MOLE FRACTION

$$= \frac{\text{moles component A}}{\text{moles solution}} \qquad X_A$$

How would you prepare 455 grams of an aqueous solution that is 6.50% sodium sulfate by mass?

$$\text{mass \%} = \frac{\text{mass } Na_2SO_4}{\text{mass solution}} \times 100\%$$

$\uparrow$ 6.50% $\uparrow$ 455 g

Start concentration calculations be writing out definitions for the unit(s) you're using!

We know everything in the definition EXCEPT mass sodium sulfate. So let's start by finding out how much sodium sulfate needs to be in the solution.

$$6.50 = \frac{\text{mass } Na_2SO_4}{455 \text{ g}} \times 100$$

① $\times$ 455 g
② $\div$ 100

$$29.6 \text{ g} = \text{mass } Na_2SO_4$$

We also need to know how much water to add to the sodium sulfate...

$$455 \text{ g solution} - 29.6 \text{ g } Na_2SO_4 = 425.4 \text{ g water}$$

So, mix 29.6 g sodium sulfate with 425.4 g water to prepare the solution.

What's the MOLALITY and MOLE FRACTION OF SOLUTE of the previous solution?

29.6 g Na_2SO_4, 425.4 g water ← previous solution

$$m = \frac{\text{mol } Na_2SO_4 \text{ (solute) } ①}{\text{kg } H_2O \text{ (solvent) } ②}$$

1 - Convert 29.6 g sodium sulfate to mass. Use FORMULA WEIGHT.
2 - Convert 425.4 g water to kg water.

Na_2SO_4: Na : 2 x 22.99
S : 1 x 32.07
O : 4 x 16.00

142.05 g Na_2SO_4 = mol Na_2SO_4

$$29.6 \text{ g } Na_2SO_4 \times \frac{\text{mol } Na_2SO_4}{142.05 \text{ g } Na_2SO_4} = 0.208377319 \text{ mol } Na_2SO_4 \quad ①$$

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②

$\text{kg} = 10^3 \text{ g}$

$$425.4 \text{ g } H_2O \times \frac{\text{kg}}{10^3 \text{ g}} = 0.4254 \text{ kg } H_2O$$

$$m = \frac{0.208377319 \text{ mol } Na_2SO_4}{0.4254 \text{ kg } H_2O}$$

$= \boxed{0.490 \text{ m } Na_2SO_4}$

29.6 g Na_2SO_4, 425.4 g water ← previous solution

$$X_{Na_2SO_4} = \frac{\text{mol } Na_2SO_4}{\text{mol solution}} \quad \begin{matrix} ① \\ ② \end{matrix}$$

1 - Convert 29.6 g sodium sulfate to moles. Use FORMULA WEIGHT. (We did this already, so we'll use the previous number we calculated.)
2 - Find moles water in 425.4 g, then add to moles sodium sulfate.

① 0.2083773319 mol Na_2SO_4

H_2O: H: 2 x 1.008
O: 1 x 16.00
18.016 g H_2O = mol H_2O

$$425.4 \text{ g } H_2O \times \frac{\text{mol } H_2O}{18.016 \text{ g } H_2O} = 23.6123445\,8 \text{ mol } H_2O$$

total = 0.2083773319 mol + 23.61234458 mol =
= 23.82072191 mol

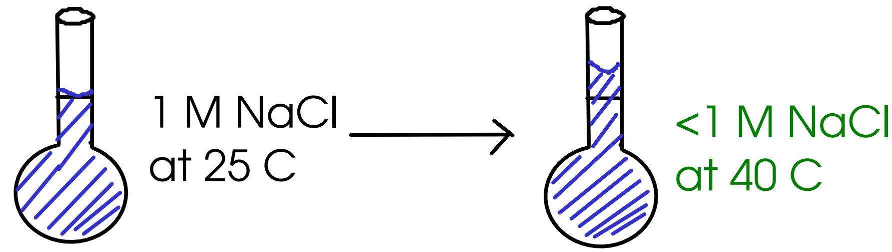
$$X_{Na_2SO_4} = \frac{0.2083773319 \text{ mol } Na_2SO_4}{23.82072191 \text{ mol total}} = \boxed{0.00875}$$

MOLARITY

- In the previous example, we converted between three of the four units that we discussed: mass percent, molality, and mole fraction.

- We didn't do MOLARITY, because the information given in the previous problem was not sufficient to determine molarity!

$$M = \frac{\text{moles solute}}{\text{L solution}}$$



Molarity is based on VOLUME, while the other three units are based on MASS. (moles and mass can be directly converted)

Volume depends on TEMPERATURE!

- If you HEAT a solution, what happens to CONCENTRATION?

ex: 5.00 mol Na_2SO_4 in 1 L solution

- 5.00 mol Na_2SO_4: constant when heated
- 1 L solution: increases (thermal expansion)

... the MOLAR CONCENTRATION decreases. (But the concentration in the other three units we discussed stays the same.)

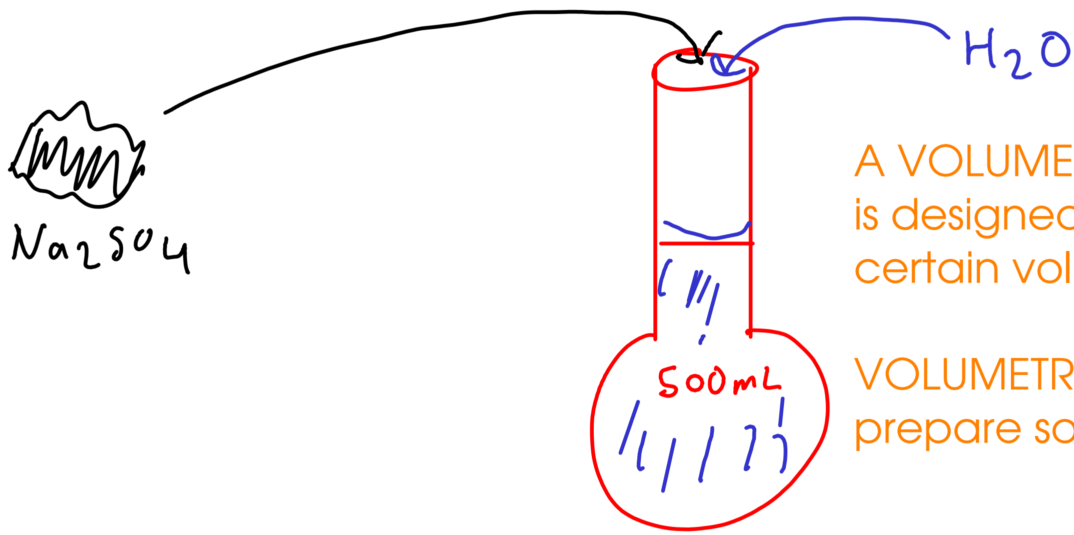
- If you COOL a solution, the MOLAR CONCENTRATION increases. (The other three units stay the same!)

... we use MOLARITY so much because it's easy to work with. It is easier to measure the VOLUME of a liquid solution than it is to measure mass.

Na_2SO_4: (142.05 g/mol)

Example: How would we prepare 500. mL of 0.500 M sodium sulfate in water?

Dissolve the appropriate amount of sodium sulfate into enough water to make 500. mL of solution.



volumetric flask

A VOLUMETRIC FLASK is a flask that is designed to precisely contain a certain volume of liquid.

VOLUMETRIC FLASKS are used to prepare solutions.

* 500mL = 0.500L

Start with 500 mL solution, then calculate the moles sodium sulfate required (Use the concentration ... 0.500 M). Then, convert moles sodium sulfate to mass.

$142.05\text{ g } Na_2SO_4 = \text{mol } Na_2SO_4 \qquad 0.500\text{ mol } Na_2SO_4 = \text{L}$

$$0.500\text{ L} \times \frac{0.500\text{ mol } Na_2SO_4}{\text{L}} \times \frac{142.05\text{ g } Na_2SO_4}{\text{mol } Na_2SO_4} = 35.5\text{ g } Na_2SO_4$$

To prepare the solution, put 35.5 grams sodium sulfate into a 500 mL volumetric flask then dilute to the mark with distilled water.

More on MOLARITY

To prepare a solution of a given molarity, you generally have two options:

1. Weigh out the appropriate amount of solute, then dilute to the desired volume with solvent (usually water)"

"stock solution"

2. Take a previously prepared solution of known concentration and DILUTE it with solvent to form a new solution

- Use DILUTION EQUATION

The dilution equation is easy to derive with simple algebra.

$$M \times V$$

$$\frac{mol}{L} \times L = \text{moles solute}$$

... but when you dilute a solution, the number of moles of solute REMAINS CONSTANT. (After all, you're adding only SOLVENT)

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

before diution — after dilution

Since the number of moles of solute stays the same, this equality must be true!

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$ ... the "DILUTION EQUATION"

M_1 = molarity of concentrated solution

V_1 = volume of concentrated solution

M_2 = molarity of dilute solution

V_2 = volume of dilute solution ←(TOTAL VOLUME, NOT the volume water added!)

The volumes don't HAVE to be in liters, as long as you use the same volume UNIT for both V_1 and V_2

Example: Take the 0.500 M sodium sulfate we discussed in the previous example and dilute it to make 150. mL of 0.333 M solution. How many mL of the original solution will we need to dilute?

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

$M_1 = 0.500\,M$ $\quad$ $M_2 = 0.333\,M$

$V_1 = ?$ $\quad$ $V_2 = 150\,mL$

$$(0.500\,M)V_1 = (0.333\,M)(150\,mL)$$

$V_1 = 99.9\,mL$ of $0.500\,M$ solution

Take 99.9 mL of 0.500 M sodium sulfate, then add enough water so that you have 150. mL of solution.

MOLARITY and the other concentration units

- To convert between molarity and the other three concentration units we've studied, you have to know more about the solution. For example:

$$\text{molarity} \quad \frac{\text{moles A}}{\text{L solution}} \longrightarrow \text{molality} \quad \frac{\text{moles A}}{\text{kg solvent}}$$

* To perform this conversion, you can assume a liter of solution, which will give you the number of moles present. But you've then got to have a way to convert the volume of SOLUTION to the mass of the SOLVENT. How?

* You need DENSITY (which depends on temperature). The density of the solution will allow you to find the total mass of the solution.

* If you subtract out the mass of the SOLUTE, then what you have left is the mass of the SOLVENT. Express that in kilograms, and you have all the information you need to find molality!

* You'll run into the same situation when you use any of the other mass or mole based units. DENSITY is required to go back and forth between MOLARITY and these units.