7.1 Solutions

What are solutions?

- a solution is a homogeneous mixture
- a homogeneous mixture is one where the particles are evenly mixed
- there are two components to a solution

What are the two components of a solution?

- a solution is made up of a solvent and a solute
- a solute is the component in a solution which exists in the smaller quantity
- a solvent is the component in a solution which exist in the greater quantity
- in general, in solution chemistry, the solid (solute) is dissolved in a liquid (solvent)

Can we combine an infinite amount of solute with solvent?

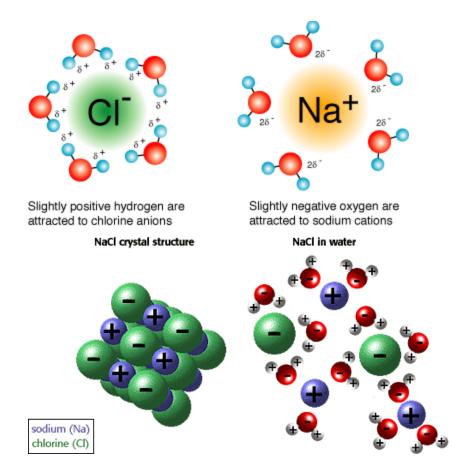
- the amount of one substance that will dissolve in a certain amount of another at a specific temperature refers to the <u>solubility</u> of a substance
- solubility varies with temperature → why?
- when no more solute will dissolve, the solution is <u>saturated</u>

Can liquids dissolve in a solution?

- yes → we refer to how liquids mix with one another as being <u>miscible</u> (soluble) or being <u>immiscible</u> (insoluble)
- polar liquids will be miscible with another polar liquid e.g. water and alcohol will mix in any proportions
- non-polar liquids will be miscible with another non-polar liquid e.g. salad oil and motor oil will mix
- a non-polar liquid will not be miscible with a polar liquid e.g. oil and water will not mix
- "like dissolves like"

What happens when an ionic solid is placed in water?

• ionic solids will dissociate when placed in water → why?



- water molecules can attach themselves to a surface ion and remove it from the lattice
- when surrounded by attached water molecules, the ion is said to be <u>hydrated</u>
- a general term for this interaction between the solute and the solvent particles is called solvation
- a typical dissociation equation:

- solvation can also happen to polar molecules (as opposed to ions) in water e.g. MeOH/H₂O
- solvation does not occur between polar and non-polar substances
- if both solvent and solute are non-polar, solvation may occur (through weaker "Van der Waals" forces which are momentary dipoles caused by the nucleus of one atom breifly attracting the electrons of another)
- e.g. benzene will dissolve moth balls (p-dichlorobenzene)

Converting between units of Solubility

- The solubility of Kbr is 1.3×10^{-5} M (mol/L). What is this solubility in g/ml?
 - Kbr = 119.00g/mol

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