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# Chapter 15

# Solutions

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### Overview

- Process of dissolving & why certain substances dissolve in water
- Concentration of solutions
- Factors that affect rate of dissolving
- Mass percent & molarity
- Calculating concentration after dilution
- Problem solving in solution reactions
- Acid-base reaction calculations
- Normality & equivalent weight
- Effect of solute on solution properties

#### Solution: a homogeneous mixture

• Can be solid, liquid, or gas

- Liquid solution: Coffee good to the last drop (first sip is the same as the last sip!)
- Gaseous solution: air mixture of O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, etc.
- Solid solution: brass mixture of Cu & Zn
- Solvent: substance present in largest amount

• *Solute*: other substance(s)

 Sugar dissolved in water (sugar=solute, water=solvent)

### Aqueous Solutions

Solution where water is the solvent
Most of the important chemistry that keeps plants, animals, and humans functioning occur in aqueous solutions

Water we drink is aqueous solution

#### Figure 15.1: Dissolving of solid sodium chloride.



### Solubility

 Ionic Substances: strong ionic forces that hold molecule together are overcome by strong attraction between ions & polar water molecule

- Polar Substances: most are soluble (with polarities similar to water)
  - Ethanol (used in alcoholic beverages) soluble because of polar O-H bond (like in water)
  - Sugar has many O-H bonds

# Figure 15.2: Polar water molecules interacting with positive and negative ions of a salt.



# Figure 15.3: The ethanol molecule contains a polar O—H bond.



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Figure 15.3: The polar water molecule interacts strongly with the polar O—H bond in ethanol.



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# Figure 15.4: Structure of common table sugar.



#### Substances insoluble in water

Nonpolar molecules are incompatible with polar water molecules
Will float or sink depending on density

Oil & gasoline float on water

# Figure 15.5: A molecule typical of those found in petroleum.



#### Figure 15.6: An oil layer floating on water.



#### How Substances Dissolve

• "Hole" must be made in water structure for each solute particle

- Water-water interactions must be replaced by similar water-solute interactions
  - Interactions occur between ions and polar water molecules
  - Hydrogen-bonding interactions occur between the O-H groups and water molecules
- "Like dissolves like" (polar-polar & nonpolarnonpolar)

### Solution Composition

• *Saturated*: solution contains as much solute as will dissolve at that temperature

- *Unsaturated*: a solution in which more solute can be dissolved than is dissolved already
- *Supersaturated*: solution that contains more dissolved solid than a saturated solution will hold at that temperature (very unstable)
- *Concentrated solution*: contains a relatively large amount of solute (strong coffee)
- *Dilute solution*: contains a relatively small amount of solute (weak coffee)

#### Rate of Dissolution - Factors

#### Surface area

- Large surface area = faster dissolving
- Sugar crystals dissolve faster than sugar cubes
- Stirring
  - Continuously exposes surface of solute to fresh solvent

#### Temperature

- Dissolve more rapidly at higher temperatures solvent molecules move more rapidly = faster dissolving
- Solids usually more soluble at higher temperatures
- Gases less soluble at higher temperature

#### Solution Composition: Mass Percent

Sometimes called weight percent
Mass of solute present in a given mass of solution

mass % = (mass solute/mass solution) x 100% OR mass % = [grams solute/(g solute + g solvent)] x 100%

### Solution Composition: Molarity

• *Molarity*: number of moles of solute per volume of solution in liters

- Most commonly used expression of concentration
- *M* = moles of solute/liters of solution = mol/L *Standard solution*: solution whose concentration is accurately known
  Used extensively in quantitative analysis
  - Water analysis, blood-alcohol levels

## Figure 15.7: Steps involved in the preparation of a standard aqueous solution.



### Dilution

- The process of adding more solvent to a solution
- M<sub>1</sub> x V<sub>1</sub> = M<sub>2</sub> x V<sub>2</sub> (yes Jaci, cross-multiply & divide!)
- *Always add acid to water*! never the other way around

### Figure 15.8: Process of making 500 mL of a 1.00 *M* acetic acid solution.



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#### Stoichiometry of Solution Reactions

- Step 1: Write balanced equation for reaction. If ions involved – write net ionic equation.
- Step 2: Calculate moles of reactants
- Step 3: Determine limiting reactant
- Step 4: Calculate moles of other products or reactants, as required
- Step 5: Convert to grams or other units, if required

#### Neutralization Reactions

• When just enough strong base is added to react with a strong acid in a solution, the acid has been neutralized

One product is always water

### Solution Composition: Normality

- Unit of concentration used when dealing with acids and bases
- Focuses on H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> available
- Equivalent of an acid: amount of that acid that can furnish 1 mol of H<sup>+</sup> ions
- Equivalent of a base: amount of base that can furnish 1 mol of OH<sup>-</sup> ions
- Equivalent weight: mass in grams of 1 equivalent of the acid or base

### Normality

The number of equivalents of solute per liter of solution

Normality = N = # of equivalents/1 L of solution

• Use in neutralization reactions  $N_{\text{acid}} \ge V_{\text{acid}} = N_{\text{base}} \ge V_{\text{base}}$ 

### Boiling Point & Freezing Point of Solutions

- Presence of solute particles causes water to exist as liquid over wider temperature range
  - Freezes at lower temperature
  - Boils at higher temperature
- Colligative property
  - Depends on number of solute particles present

• Use this property to melt ice on roads (add salt) and in car antifreeze (ethylene glycol)

Figure 15.9: A bubble in the interior of liquid water surrounded by solute particles and water molecules.



#### Figure 15.10: Pure water.



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#### Figure 15.10: Solution (contains solute).

