

SOLUBILITY OF DRUGS
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SOLUTION

It is mixture of components which are physically and chemically homogeneous.

SOLUTE

The components which are present in the solution is called as solute that dissolves in solvent.

SOLVENT

The medium in which components are dissolved is known as solvent.

SOLUBILITY

The ability of substance to dissolve in a solvent is called solubility.

SATURATED SOLUTION

The solution containing maximum number of solute at a constant temperature is called saturated solution.

SUPER SATURATED SOLUTION

A solution that contains more of the dissolved material than could be dissolved by the solvent under normal circumstances.

UNSATURATED SOLUTION

A solution where the solute concentration is lower than its equilibrium solubility.

SOLUBILITY EXPRESSION

Table-1: No. of parts of solvent requires to dissolve 1 part of the solute.

Terms	Parts of solvent required to dissolve one part of solute
Very soluble	Less than 1 part.
Freely soluble	1 to 10 parts.
Soluble	10 to 30 parts.
Sparingly Soluble	30 to 100 parts.
Slightly Soluble	100 to 1000 parts.
Very slightly soluble	1000 to 10000 parts.
Practically insoluble	More than 10000 parts.

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PERCENTAGE TERM USED IN SOLUBILITY

1. % W/W = Percent Weight by Weight → No. of gram of solute dissolved in 100 gram of solution.

2. % V/V = Percent volume by volume → No. of gram of solute dissolved in 100 gram of solution.

3. % W/V = Percent Weight by volume → No. of gram of solute dissolved in 100 ml of solution.

MOLARITY

It is defined as the number of moles (or gram molecular weight) of solute dissolved in 1 litre of solution.

MOLALITY

It is defined as thmoles of solute dissolved in 1000 g of solvent.

SOLUBILITY OF GASES IN LIQUID

The concentration of dissolved gas when it is in equilibrium with some of the pure gas above the solution is called solubility of gases in liquid.

Ex :- CO₂ in Water , or nitrogen as propellant in an aerosol.

FACTORS AFFECTING SOLUBILITY

1. Pressure :---

The effect of pressure on the gas is given by Henry's law, which states that in a very dilute solution at constant temperature the concentration of dissolved gas is directly Proportional to the partial pressure of gas above the solution at equilibrium.

According to Herry's law ,

$$C = \sigma P$$

Where, C = Concentration of gas

σ = Solubility of Co- efficient

P = Partial pressure

Solubility of gases increase with increase in pressure of the gas in the solution. Ex : O₂ , N₂ show this type of behavior as lightly soluble.

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Significance Henry's law:

With increase in pressure solubility increases.

2. Temperature :--

Increase the temperature so, Increase the solubility of gas in liquid because the tendency of gas to expand in the temperature .

3. Presence of Salt (Salting out) :--

The liberation of dissolved gases from solution with the addition of an electrolyte like NaCl or non electrolyte such as sucrose is called Salting out.

Presence of salting out increases the solubility of gases in liquid.

4. Chemical reaction :----

When Chemical reaction if any between a gas and a solvent, they increases the solubility of gas in the solvent.

Ex: -- HCl gas reacts with H₂O when it is dissolved in water.

SOLUBILITY OF LIQUIDS IN LIQUIDS

It is required to prepare pharmaceutical solution .

Ex :-- H₂O is added to alcohol results in the formation of hydroalcoholic solution.

Non polar ----- Chloroform, C₆H₆

Semipolar----- Alcohol

Polar ----- Water

Volatile oil + Water -----→ Aromatic water

Volatile oil + alcohol -----→ Spirit

Classification

1. Complete miscibility / Completely miscible liquid
2. Partial miscibility / Partially miscible liquid
3. Immiscible liquid

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Miscibility; ----

The mutual solubility between the one liquid to another liquid is called miscibility.

1. Complete Miscibility

When two liquids are mixed with all proportion is called Complete miscible.

Ex: Alcohol mixed with Water

Glycerin mixed with Alcohol

2. Partial Miscibility

When One liquid is mixed with another liquid in a small proportion is called Partial Miscibility.

Ex: Water mixed with Benzene.

3. Immiscible liquid

When two liquid is completely immiscible with each other is called Immiscible.

Conjugate system/solution: ---

When 2 liquids are partially miscible with each other is called Conjugate or Conjugate solution.

When a component A is different in Component B or component A both the layer were Co-existence to one another.

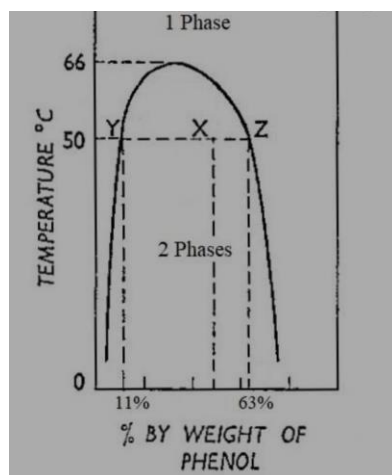
CRITICAL SOLUTION TEMPERATURE

It is a temperature at which the co-existing liquids are completely miscible with each other and resulting in the formation one phase liquid system. So it is also called as Critical Solution Temperature (C.S.T).

- C.S.T is of 2 types :
1. Upper Consolute Temperature
 2. Lower Consolute Temperature

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1. Upper Consolute Temperature



The temperature at or above which the component of 2 liquid phase system behaves as like a single liquid phase system.

Ex: Phenol Water System, C.S.T \rightarrow 66.8 °C

2. Lower Consolute Temperature: ----

The minimum temperature lower which 2 liquid phase completely miscible with each other and behaves like a single phase .

Ex:--- Triethylamine water, C.S.T \rightarrow 18.5 °C

Applications: ----

1. Tie line represented in phenol water system bimodal curve helps to find the composition and the weight of 2 phase.
2. Tie line helps to find the concentration at which both the phase exists as a single phase .
3. The phase diagram can be used to test the purity of phenol and other substance.
4. Binary phase diagram helps to find out the composition of the partially miscible liquid.

RAOULT'S LAW :----

Statement

The relative lowering of vapour pressure of dilute solution is equal to the mole fraction of the solute present in the dilute solution.

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Vapour pressure of pure Solvent = P

Vapour pressure of solution = P_s

Lowering vapour pressure = P - P_s

Lowering of vapour pressure is related to the vapour pressure of pure Solvent and is known as relative lowering of vapour pressure = $\frac{P - P_s}{P}$

Mathematically: ---

$$\frac{P - P_s}{P} = \frac{n}{n + N}$$

Where, n = no. of moles of solute

N = No. of moles solvent

P = Vapour pressure of pure Solvent

P_s = Vapour pressure of Solution

Derivation of Raoult's Law

$$P_s \propto \frac{N}{n + N}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_s = k \frac{N}{n + N} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow p \propto \frac{N}{n + N}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = k \frac{N}{n + N} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

For pure solvent n = 0

$$P = k \frac{N}{0 + N}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = k \times 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P = k$$

Put the value of P = k in equation (1)

$$\Rightarrow P_s = P \frac{N}{n + N}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_s}{P} = \frac{N}{n+N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{P_s}{P} = 1 - \frac{N}{n+N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P-P_s}{P} = \frac{n+N-N}{n+N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P-P_s}{P} = \frac{n}{n+N}$$

➤ Raoult's law is very much important to determine the ideal and real solution.

Ideal Solution	Real Solution
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The solution which obeys the Raoult's law at all concentration over a whole range of temperature is known as ideal solution. No heat is evolved or absorbed. No change in the property. No shrinkage or expansion occurs. Ex: 100ml water + 100 ml of alcohol = 200 ml of solution. It is single type. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The solution which doesnot obey Raoult's law or shows deviation from Raoult's law is known as real solution. Heat may be evolved or adsorbed. Change in properties in real solution. Shrinkage or expansion occurs. Ex: 100ml sulphuric acid + 100 ml of water = 180 ml of solution. It is of 3 types These are <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Type- 1 real solution Type- 2 real solution Type- 3 real solution

Type -1

It shows small positive deviation from ideal behavior of the solution.

Ex: Water and ethanol System.

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Type -2

They show large positive deviation from ideal behavior of the solution.

Ex: Benzene and ethanol System.

Type -3

They show negative deviation from ideal behavior of the solution.

Ex: Chloroform and acetone System.

DISTRIBUTION LAW

Statement

The distribution of solute between 2 immiscible liquid phases at a constant temperature is called as distribution Law or partition Co-efficient or distribution Co-efficient or distribution ratio.

Derivation

If a substance is distributed between 2 immiscible solvent 1 and 2 and if C_1 and C_2 are the equilibrium concentration of the substance in solvent 1 &2 the equilibrium expression become,

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = k = k_D$$

Where, K or K_D = Distribution Co- efficient or Distribution ratio or Partition Co – efficient.

Solvent-1- is organic layer

Solvent-2- is Aqueous layer

$$\frac{C_1 (\text{Organic})}{C_2 (\text{Aqueous})} = k_D$$

Solvent-1- aqueous layer, Solvent-2- Organic layer

$$\frac{C_1 (\text{Aqueous})}{C_2 (\text{Organic})} = k_D$$

Limitation

1. It is applicable for Constant temperature.
2. It is applicable for dilute solution.

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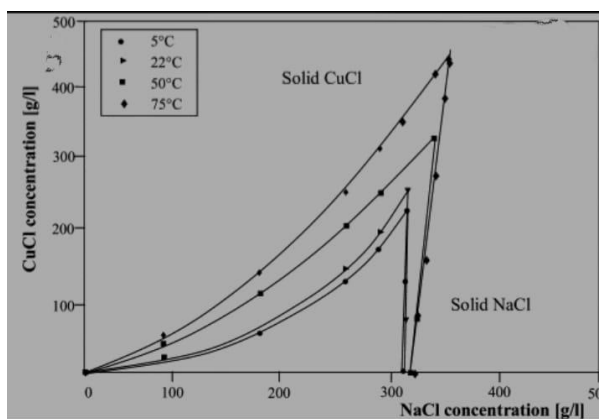
3. Two liquids should be mutually insoluble or sparingly soluble.

Applications

- 1) Partition Co-efficient principle is used in the partition chromatography, where it helps in separation, purification and identification.
- 2) The partitioning principle is involved in the prolonged release of drugs.
- 3) Partition Co-efficient is also involved in the dissolution of insoluble or sparingly soluble substances by micellar solubilisation.
- 4) It is applied in studying the preservative action.
- 5) It helps to understand the absorption of a new chemical entity.
- 6) It is used to determine the degree of hydrolysis of salts in aqueous solution.

FACTORS AFFECTING SOLUBILITY OF DRUGS

1. Temperature: ---



Most solids dissolve with absorption of heat and the solubility of such solids increase as the temperature is increased. For solids which dissolve with the evolution of heat, an increase in temperature causes decrease in the solubility. Ex: KNO_3 , NaCl.

2. Molecular Structure: ----

Slight modification in the molecular structure of solids can result in the changes in solubility.

Ex: 1. When esterification of drug occur solubility decreases.

2. If weak acid is converted into its salt, its ionic dissolution in water increase in the interaction between solute and solvent leads to increase in the solubility.

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EX: Chloramphenicol (bitter) to chloramphenicol palmitate (tasteless)

Ex: Erythromycin -----→ Erythromycin propionate.

3. Particle Size: ----

When particle size is small then the surface area large. So its results increase in the surface free energy, which increases the solubility of drug.

Ex: Griseofulvin (micronized).

4. Nature of solvent and cosolvent

Addition of 3rd substance increase the solubility of solids in liquids, those substances called as cosolvents.

Ex: Poorly soluble drugs are dissolved in a mixture of water and alcohol.

5. Effect of complex formation:

When a complex is formed it results in increases or decreases of Solubility.

Ex: 1. Addition of I₂ in water results in the increase in the solubility with the addition of KI due to complex formation of KI₃.

2. Benzoic acid is added with caffeine so, solubility decreases.

6. Solubilizing agents:

Addition of surfactant increases the solubility of solid in liquid and surface tension also decreases.

Ex: Propylene glycol a surfactant when added to a solid form in a liquid medium increases the solubility by increasing an intimate contact of solid with the liquid medium.

7. Effect of P^H

As most of the drugs are either weakly acidic or weakly basic in nature, therefore they are less soluble in water. But their salt form is soluble in water. So by salt forming increases the solubility.

Ex: Carboxylic acid forms soluble salt with hydroxides, Carbonate, and bicarbonates.

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8. Effect of additives: ---

When large amount of additives are added then solubility increases and the process is called hydrotrophy.

Ex: Large amount of sodium Benzoate increases the solubility of caffeine .

9. Common ion effect: ---

The solubility of sparingly soluble salt is decreased by the addition of another salt which carry a similar ion to that of earlier. It is defined as common ion effect. When common ion is present between 2 salts, it results in decreases in solubility.

Ex: Aluminium hydroxide added to aluminium chloride results in decrease in the solubility.

10. Effect of Electrolytes and Non electrolytes: ----

There is a decrease in the solubility of sparingly soluble salt in water when a non electrolyte like alcohol is added, due to reduction in the dielectric constant. When an electrolyte is added the intermolecular force will decreases the solubility of non-electolyte.

Ex: Precipitation of proteins.

DIFFUSION PRINVIPLES OF BIOLOGICAL SYATEM

Diffusion: ---

The process in which the substance move in to or out of the cell through the membrane is called Diffusion.

The diffusion principle is described by the different methods,

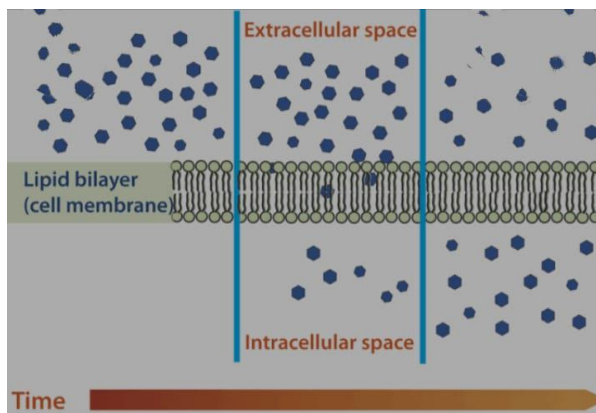
- A. Passive diffusion
- B. Pore transport
- C. Ion Pair transport
- D. Carrier mediated method

A. Passive diffusion

1. It is also called as non-ionic diffusion.
2. It is the major process for absorption of more than then 90% of drugs.
3. The driving force for this process is concentration or electrochemical gradient.

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The difference in the drug concentration on either side of the membrane is called electrochemical gradient or concentration gradient.

Drug movement is a result of the kinetic energy of molecules. Since no energy source is required, the process is called as passive diffusion.

Passive diffusion is best expressed by Fick's first law of diffusion, which states that the drug molecules diffuse from a region of higher concentration to one of lower concentration until equilibrium is attained and that the rate of diffusion is directly proportional to the concentration gradient across the membrane.

It can be mathematically expressed by:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{DAK_{m/w}}{h} (C_{GIT} - C) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Where,

dQ/dt = rate of diffusion of drug molecule.

D = diffusion coefficient of the drug through the membrane.

A = Surface area of the absorbing membrane for drug diffusion.

$K_{m/w}$ = Partition Co-efficient of the drug between lipoidal membrane and the aqueous phase.

$(C_{GIT} - C)$ = difference in the concentration of the drug in GI fluid and plasma is called concentration gradient.

h = thickness of the membrane.

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Characteristic of passive diffusion: -----

- 1) The drug moves down the concentration gradient indicating down hill transport.
- 2) The rate of drug transfer is directly proportional to the concentration of gradient between GI fluids and blood compartment.
- 3) Greater area and lesser the thickness of membrane, faster, the diffusion.
- 4) Drug which can exist in both ionized and unionized form.
- 5) Greater the membrane partition co-efficient of drug, faster the adsorption.

The passively absorbed drug enters blood, it is rapidly distributed in to a much larger volume of body fluids and hence, the concentration of drug at the absorption on site, C_{GIT} is maintained greater than the concentration of drug in plasma. Such a condition is called Sink condition for drug adsorption.

Since under this condition of absorption D , A , $K_{m/w}$ and h are constants the term $DAK_{m/w}$ can be replaced by, a combined constant P called as Permeability Coefficient.

So, equation.....(1) may be simplified to

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = P C_{GIT} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

So equation (2) is an expression for a 1st order process. This passively diffusion follows first order kinetics.

1. Pore transport :-----

It is also called as Convective transport, bulk flow or filtration.

The process is important in the absorption of low molecular weight.

The driving force is different in Osmotic pressure across the membrane.

Osmotic pressure = Pressure exerted on the solution side to check the flow of solvent molecule towards the solution side when solvent and solution are separated by a semi permeable membrane is called Osmotic pressure.

Generally water soluble drugs passes through the narrow, aqueous filled channels or pores in membrane structure.

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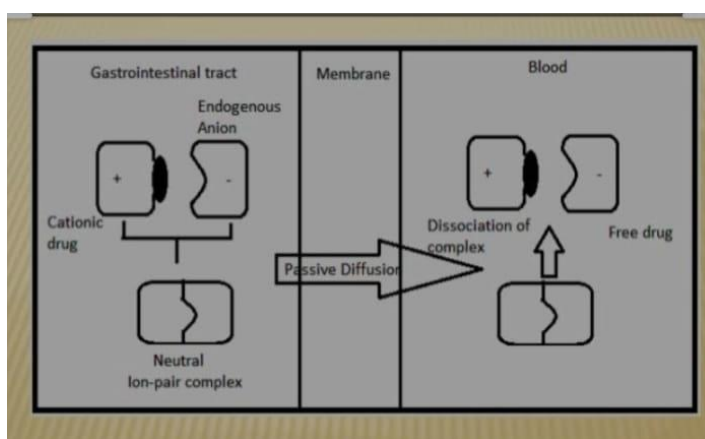
Ex: Urea, Water, etc

Significance: ----

- 1) Renal excretion
- 2) Removal of drug from CST
- 3) Entry of drug in to the liver.

2. Ion – pair Transport :---

It is explains the absorption of drugs like quaternary ammonium compounds and sulphuric acids, which ionize under all P^H condition, is ion pair transport.



They form the reversible neutral complexes with endogenous ions of the GIT like mucin.

Such neutral complexes have both the required lipophilicity as aqueous solubility for passive diffusion.

3. Carrier – Mediated transport

These are certain polar substances which are hydrophilic in nature.

The mechanism is thought to involve a component of the membrane called as carrier.

This carrier- Solute complexes transverses across the membrane to the other side where it dissociates and discharge the solute molecule.

The carrier may be an enzyme or some other component of the membrane.

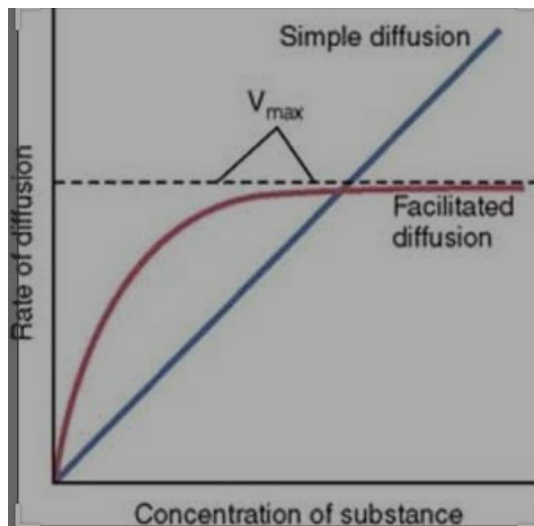
Ex: Water soluble essential nutrients, Vitamins, water soluble vitamins. They cross the membrane easily.

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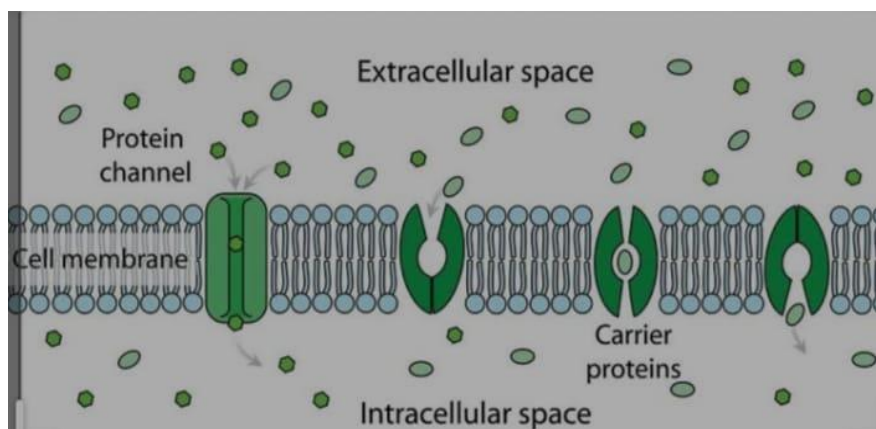
Characteristics: ---

- 1) The transport process is structure specific.
- 2) As the number of carriers are limited the transport system is subject to competition between molecules having similar structure.
- 3) The number of carriers is limited.
- 4) Carriers are structure specific. The carrier present in abundant quantity in the part of the GIT is called Absorption windows.



It is 2 types: (1) Facilitated diffusion
(2) Active transport

(1) Facilitated diffusion; ----



It is a Carrier mediated transport system that operates down the concentration gradient (down hill transport).

no energy is involved.

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Ex: Such a transport system include entry of glucose in to RBCs, Vitamin – B₁, B₂ and B₁₂ are transported by this mechanism .

(2) Active transport: ----

It involves energy.

The drug is transported from region lower to higher concentration.

SOLVATION

The interaction between solute and solvent molecule which leads to stabilisation of solute species in the solution is called as solvation

The strength and nature of interaction between the solute molecule and solvent influences many properties of solute like stability, colour, reactivity and in case of solvent properties like density, viscosity are affected.

In the process of solvation an ion in a solution is surrounded or complexed by solvent molecules.

The Interaction between solute and solvent results in formation of different forces or bonds like :--

- a. Attractive or repulsive forces
- b. Vanderwall forces
- c. Hydrogen bonding
- d. Ion dipole interaction

Solvation is a kinetic process and is quantified by its rate.

Solvation of solute with water is called hydration.

Association

It is a chemical reaction where by ions of opposite electrical charge come together in solution to form a distinct chemical entity.

The forces involved in the attraction of opposite electric charge are electrostatic force.

Ion associate have been characterised by means of vibration spectroscopy. The most important factor to determine the extent of ion association is dielectric constant of the solvent.

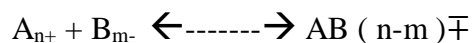
Ion association are classified according to the number of ion that associate with each other such as (A) ion pairs, (B) ion triplets etc.

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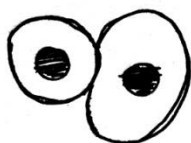
(A) Ion pairs

Ion pairs are formed when a cation and anion come together.



Types of ionpair :

1. Fully solvent
2. Solvent shared or Solvent separated
3. Contact ion pair.

1) Fully Solvent ion pair :---

When both ions have a complete primary solvation sphere then the ion pair is known as fully solvated ion pair.

2) Solvent shared:----

When there is about one solvent molecule between the cation and anion then the ion pair is called as solvent shared or solvent separated ion pair.

**3) Contact ion pair :----**

When the ions are in contact with each other the ion pair is termed as Contact ion pair .



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(B) Ion triplet: ---

The association constant of 3 ions is called as ion triplet.

Solute – Solvent interaction

The interaction between solute and solvent which results in stabilisation of solute species in the solvent is called as solute –solvent interaction.

This interaction influences the various property of solute like reactivity, colour, stability, and property of solvent like density and viscosity.

The different force which play different roles in solvent – solute interaction are, attractive or repulsive forces, hydrogen bonding, ion- dipole interaction , Vanderwall’s forces (which consists of dipole – dipole , dipole induced dipole and induce dipole- induce dipole interaction.)

Mechanism of solute solvent interaction:

The mechanism involves 3 steps:

1. Detachment of solute molecule from bulk.
2. Formation of vacant site in solvent.
3. Entrapment of detached solute molecule in the vacant site of solvent.

Causes of solute solvent interaction:

Solute solvent interaction is based on the principle of “ like dissolves like”

1. Polar solvents dissolve polar solutes.
2. Non- polar solvents dissolve non polar- solute.
3. Polar solvents do not dissolve non polar solutes.
4. Non polar solvents donot dissolve polar solutes.

Ex: Water is polar solvent and dissolves ionic salts. (Polar).

(Polarity refers to the separation of charges including partial charges within molecule.)

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There are 3 types of solvents:

- A. Polar solvents
- B. Non polar solvents
- C. Semipolar solvents

A. Polar solvents

Polar solvent can dissolve polar solutes. They have high dielectric constant which reduces the force of attraction.

Neutral – Donate electron- Cation (+)

Neutral- Accept electron- Anion (-)

The above figure indicates the transfer of electron results in formation of ion.

Water is a polar solvent when NaCl is dissolved in water first the attractive forces between the molecules are become weak. Then the ions are surrounded by water molecule.

When molecules interact repulsive and attractive forces operate. As the 2 Molecules are brought close together, the opposite charges in the two molecules being close together, than the like charges cause the molecules to attract one another.

The repulsion is due to interpenetration of electron cloud of the molecules and increases exponentially, with a decrease in distance between the molecules.

At certain equilibrium distance the attractive and repulsive forces become equal and hence the system becomes stable.

If the repulsive forces don't operate, the attractive forces cause penetration and mutual destruction of molecule.

The interaction between polar solute and solvent also involves hydrogen bond and Vanderwall's forces.

B. Non-polar solvent:

The non-polar solvent like CCl_4 , C_6H_6 , mineral oils dissolve non polar solutes like oils and fats.

Alkaloidal bases and fatty acids also dissolved in non – polar solvents.

Non- polar solvents are unable to reduce the interaction of the ions of the strong and weak electrolyte because of the law of dielectric constant of solvents. They cannot break co- valent

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bonds and ionised weak electrolytes. Mostly Vanderwall's forces involved in the interaction between the non polar solute and solvent.

Semi polar Solvent:

Semipolar solvent such as ketone and alcohol acts as intermediate solvent to bring about the miscibility of polar and non polar liquids.

Ex : Acetone increases the solubility of ether in water.

IDEAL SOLUBILITY PARAMETER

Hildebrand solubility parameter (HSP) (σ)

The Hildebrand solubility parameter (σ) provides a numerical estimate of the degree of interaction between materials and can be a good indication of solubility, particularly for non polar materials such as many polymers.

Materials with similar values of (σ) are likely to be miscible.

Definition:

The Hildebrand solubility parameter is the square root of cohesive energy density.

Heat of vaporisations (ΔH) :---

The energy required to vapourised the liquid is called heat of vapourisation.(Regardless of temperature at which boiling begins the liquid that vapourises readily has less inter molecular stickness then the liquid that required considerable addition of heat to vapourise.

It is denoted by ΔH .

Cohesive energy density: ----

It is a numerical value which indicates the energy of vapourisation in calories per cubic cm and is a direct reflection of the degree of Vanderwall's forces holding the liquid molecules together.

The cohesive energy density is explained by the following expression.

$$C = \frac{\Delta H - RT}{Vm}$$

Where, C = Cohesive energy density

ΔH = Heat of vapourisation

R = Gas constant

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T = Absolute temperature

V_m = Molar volume

Aspects of solubility parameter; ----

It is describe by scientist Hildebrand.

It is applicable to non- polar solvent.

It is a numerical value that indicates the solvency behaviour of a specific solvent.

It is derived from the cohesive energy density. (The state of being solvent is called as solvency).

It is denoted by the symbol σ .

Mathematically solubility parameter was following expression.

$$\text{HSP} = \sqrt{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \sqrt{c} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta H - RT}{v_m}}$$

Materials with similar solubility parameters will be able to interact with each other resulting in salvation, miscibility and swelling.

Unit: Conventional unit: $(\text{Cal}/\text{Cm}^3)^{1/2}$ or $\text{cal}^{1/2} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3/2}$

In SI: $\text{J}^{1/2} \cdot \text{M}^{-3/2}$

Applications of solubility parameter: ---

1. It indicates the different polymer of different Solvent.
2. It provides simple predication of phase equilibrium based on a single parameter i.e readily obtain for waste material.
3. It is used in predicting the solubility and swelling of polymers by solvent.
4. It is used in industry to aid the selection of solvent.
5. Determination of drug transport through model membranes.
6. Determination of mechanism involved in drug action.
7. Determination of structure activity relationship.

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Limitation: ---

1. The main limitation of solubility parameter approach is that it applies only to associated solutions i.e solution having +ve deviation from Raoult's Law.
2. It cannot account for -ve deviation from Raoult's law that results from effect such as salvation or the formation of electron donor acceptor complexes.

Hansen Solubility parameter: ----

It is proposed for polar molecule.

The basis of Hansen solubility parameter is that the total energy of vapourisation of a liquid consists of several individual parts.

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