# **13.2 Energy Changes in the Solution Process**

- Solution cycle the solution process can be divided into three steps:
  - 1) Separation of solute particles to make room for the solvent – endothermic (energy is needed to overcome the *IF*s of attraction)
  - 2) Separation of solvent particles to make room for the solute particles – endothermic (energy is needed to overcome the *IF*s of attraction)
  - 3) Mixing of solvent and solute particles exothermic (solute-solvent *IF*s lower the energy)

## **Solutions of Ionic Solids**



- The hydration of the separated solute ions is a combination of steps 2 and 3 in the solution cycle
   → (solvent separation + mixing)
  - Heat (enthalpy) of hydration  $(\Delta H_{hydr}) \Delta H$  for hydration of separated gaseous ions
- $M^{+}(g) + X^{-}(g) \rightarrow M^{+}(aq) + X^{-}(aq)$  $\Delta H_{hydr} = \Delta H_{solvent} + \Delta H_{mix}$  $\Rightarrow \Delta H_{soln} = \Delta H_{solute} + \Delta H_{hydr}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H_{\rm soln} = \Delta H_{\rm lattice} + \Delta H_{\rm hydr}$$



• Individual ionic heats of hydration  $-\Delta H$  for the hydration of 1 mol of separated gaseous cations (or anions)

 $M^+(g) \rightarrow M^+(aq)$  or  $X^-(g) \rightarrow X^-(aq)$ 

- $-\Delta H_{hydr}$  of ions is always exothermic ( $\Delta H_{hydr} < 0$ ) because the ion-dipole forces that replace some of the H-bonds in water are stronger
- The overall heat of hydration is a sum of the heats for the cations and the anions
- > Trends in  $\Delta H_{hydr}$  of ions (same as for  $\Delta H_{lattice}$ )
  - $\Delta H_{hydr}$  is larger (more exothermic) for ions with greater charges and smaller sizes  $\rightarrow$  ions with higher charge density
  - The charge factor is more important

Some ionic heats of hydration in kJ/mol			
Li <sup>+</sup> (-558)	Be <sup>2+</sup> (-2533)		F <sup>-</sup> (-483)
Na <sup>+</sup> (-444)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (-2003)	Al <sup>3+</sup> (-4704)	Cl <sup>-</sup> (-340)
K <sup>+</sup> (-361)	Ca <sup>2+</sup> (-1657)		Br <sup>-</sup> (-309)

The sign of  $\Delta H_{soln}$  is hard to predict, since both  $\Delta H_{lattice}$  and  $\Delta H_{hydr}$  depend on the ionic charge and size and tend to cancel each other's effects



## The Tendency Toward Disorder

- $-\Delta H_{soln} < 0$  favors the solution process since the total energy of the system is lowered; but many ionic solids have  $\Delta H_{soln} > 0$  and still dissolve readily in water
- ⇒There is a second factor that affects the solution process and acts in addition to the enthalpy factor
- **Disorder** systems have a natural tendency to become more disordered
  - Entropy a measure of the disorder in the system
     ↑Entropy ↔ ↑Disorder

– Mixing leads to greater disorder and  $\uparrow$  the entropy

- The solution process is governed by the combination of the enthalpy and entropy factors
  - Compounds with  $\Delta H_{soln} < 0$  are typically soluble since both factors are favorable
  - Compounds with  $\Delta H_{soln} > 0$  are soluble only if  $\Delta H_{soln}$  is relatively small so the favorable entropy factor dominates
  - Compounds with  $\Delta H_{soln} \gg 0$  are typically insoluble since the unfavorable enthalpy factor dominates

**Example:** Benzene is insoluble in water because the solute-solvent *IF*s are weak so the (-)  $\Delta H_{\text{mix}}$ is very small compared to the (+)  $\Delta H_{\text{solut}} \& \Delta H_{\text{solv}}$  $\Rightarrow \Delta H_{\text{soln}} = \Delta H_{\text{solute}} + \Delta H_{\text{solvent}} + \Delta H_{\text{mix}} >> 0$ 

## 13.3 Solubility as an Equilibrium Process

- Typically solutes have limited solubility in a given solvent
  - The solution process is countered by *recrystallization* of the dissolved solute
  - Dynamic equilibrium the rates of dissolution and recrystallization become equal

#### Solute (undissolved) $\leftrightarrow$ Solute (dissolved)

 Saturated solution – no more solute can be dissolved (can be produced by equilibrating the solution with an excess of the solute; the excess solute can be filtered out after saturation)

- Molar solubility (S) the concentration of the saturated solution in mol/L
- Unsaturated solution more solute can be dissolved
- Supersaturated solution the concentration is higher than the solubility, *S* (unstable, nonequilibrium state; disturbances or addition of seed crystal lead to crystallization)

### Effect of Temperature on Solubility

• Most solids are more soluble at higher *T* due to their endothermic  $(+) \Delta H_{soln}$ 

>(+)  $\Delta H_{soln}$  means that heat is absorbed during dissolution (the heat can be viewed as a reactant)

- Solute + Solvent +  $heat \leftrightarrow$  Saturated solution
  - >Increasing *T* provides the *heat* needed for the forward reaction to proceed ( $S^{\uparrow}$ )
- Some **solids** are more soluble at higher *T* despite their exothermic (-)  $\Delta H_{soln}$  (Why?)
  - Tabulated  $\Delta H_{soln}$  values refer to the standard state (1M solution), but saturated solutions can be much more concentrated
  - >At very high concentrations the hydration process is hindered so  $\Delta H_{hydr}$  becomes less negative; thus  $\Delta H_{soln}$  can change dramatically and even switch signs from (-) to (+)

• Gases are less soluble in water at higher T due to their exothermic (-)  $\Delta H_{soln}$ 

 $\succ$  Δ*H*<sub>soln</sub> is (-) since Δ*H*<sub>solute</sub> ≈ 0 and *H*<sub>hydr</sub> < 0

 $Gas + Water \leftrightarrow Saturated solution + heat$ 

>Increasing *T* provides the *heat* needed for the reverse reaction to proceed  $(S\downarrow)$ 

## Effect of Pressure on Solubility

- Pressure has little effect on the solubility of solids and liquids (low compressibility)
- The molar solubility of gases  $(S_{gas})$  increases with increasing their partial pressures  $(P_{gas})$ over the solution (collisions with liquid surface  $\uparrow$ )

➢ Henry's law - S<sub>gas</sub> is directly proportional to P<sub>gas</sub> S<sub>gas</sub> = k<sub>H</sub>×P<sub>gas</sub> - k<sub>H</sub> - Henry's law constant (depends on the gas, solvent and T)
Example: What is the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in rain drops at 20°C and 1.0 atm in air that has 1.0% by volume CO<sub>2</sub>? [k<sub>H</sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>, 20°C) = 2.3×10<sup>-2</sup> mol/L.atm]
1.0% by volume →  $\chi_{CO2}$  = 0.010
P<sub>CO2</sub> =  $\chi_{CO2}$  P<sub>tot</sub> = 0.010 × 1.0 atm = 0.010 atm
S<sub>CO2</sub> = k<sub>H</sub>×P<sub>CO2</sub> = 2.3×10<sup>-2</sup> mol/L.atm × 0.010 atm

 $= 2.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$