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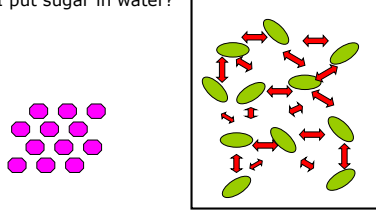
Properties of Solutions

It's all about the interactions.

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What about solutions?

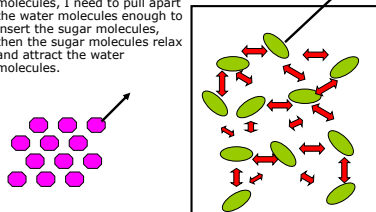
Still thinking about energy, what happens if I put sugar in water?



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What about solutions?

I need to pull apart all the sugar molecules, I need to pull apart the water molecules enough to insert the sugar molecules, then the sugar molecules relax and attract the water molecules.



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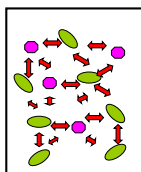
The energy change is, as always, simply the sum of the processes:

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So $\Delta H_{\text{soln}} = (\Delta H_{\text{solute}} + \Delta H_{\text{solvent}}) + \Delta H_{\text{mix}}$
= (+ pull Joules) + (-mix Joules)

Hot pack/Cold pack!

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Three key points

1. Energy of the system is related (partly) to all the different intermolecular forces.
2. For a solution, because there are two or more different molecules, the interactions are of multiple types: solute-solute, solvent-solvent, solvent-solute...for as many solutes as there are.
3. If you have more or less solute, you change the number of each type of interaction you have.

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What do you need in order to have a solution?

A solvent and a solute.

What's the difference between a "solvent" and a "solute"?

There's more of the solvent than the solute.

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Why do we care so much about solutions?

Reactions are easier to perform in fluids (liquids or gases) than in solids.


Why?

You can stir them! This makes it easy to mix the reactants together and keep a homogeneous distribution

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$A+B \rightarrow C$

For this reaction to occur, you need to have A near B.

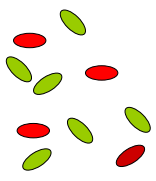


It doesn't matter how much A & B you have if they can't find each other.

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If the sample is mixed thoroughly and constantly, the reaction can continue to occur until you run out of 1 or both of the reactants.



The diagram shows a collection of 10 small, oval-shaped molecules. There are 5 red molecules and 5 green molecules scattered together, representing a mixture of two different reactants.

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Gases and liquids are fluids

- Liquids are usually easier to handle:
 - There is no "pressure" to consider.
 - There is no containment issue.
 - The conditions are frequently more modest.
 - Water is a liquid at room temperature. Water is a very common medium for reactions, especially biological reactions.

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What are the molecular implications of being a mixture?

There are 2 (or more) molecules.

Which means...

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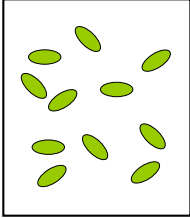
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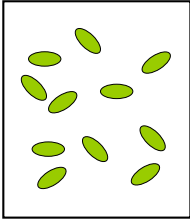
It's a jumble of identical molecules.



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How do these identical molecules feel about each other?



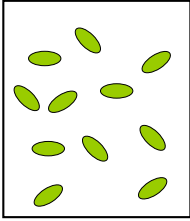
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Molecules interact

Van der Waal's forces
Dipole-Dipole forces
Hydrogen bonding

How strongly they interact determines whether a substance is a solid, liquid or gas.

Are all the interactions identical?



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Each interaction is a little different

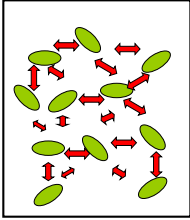
Some molecules are closer together

Some are farther apart.

Some are aligned

Some are opposed

BUT...



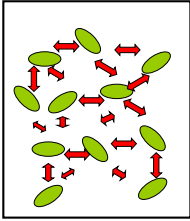
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A mole has a lot of molecules

The average of all the interactions over a large number of molecules, gives you an average interaction.

$$\Delta H_{\text{interaction}} = \Delta H_{1,2} + \Delta H_{1,3} + \Delta H_{1,4} + \dots$$

The average interaction is then consistent no matter how big your sample size.



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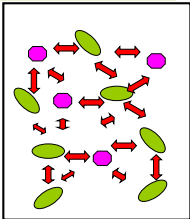
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Can I still take an average?



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Not all mixtures are created the same...

- Since a solution has two components, it is possible to change the ratio between the solvent and the solute.
- For example, suppose I have 8 oz of water in each of 2 cups. To the first one, I add 1 gram of NaCl. To the second one, I add 100 grams of NaCl
- Both cups contain "salt water", but the second one is much saltier than the first.

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The problem with averages...

- An "average interaction" is only good if the population of molecules is the same.

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Mixtures are just populations of molecules

A binary mixture that is 10% NaCl and 90% water is like a population that is 10% men and 90% women.

You would expect different results with a population that was 90% men and 10% women (90% NaCl and 10% water).

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The relative population is called "concentration" and there are a number of ways to define it.

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Units of Concentration

Whatever units you use, the goal is the same: specify the quantity of 1 component (the solute_s) relative to the quantity of another component (the solvent).

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Common Units

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$$\text{ppm} = \frac{g \text{ solute}}{\text{million } g \text{ solution}}$$
$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{mol solute}}{L \text{ solution}}$$
$$\text{molality} = \frac{\text{mol solute}}{\text{kg SOLVENT}}$$

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Solute as part of a solution

- Note that, with the exception of molality, all of the units of concentration are expressed as some amount of solute compared to some amount of solution.
- All the units of concentration are easily convertible, although sometimes you may need to know another piece of information (molar mass, density, etc.)
