# **Factors Affecting Solubility**



#### **Outcomes:**

- Explain how a change in temperature affects the solubility of gases.
- Explain how a change in pressure affects the solubility of gases.

#### **Factors That Affect SPEED of Dissolving**

- 1. Particle Size:
- <u>SMALLER</u> the particle, the <u>GREATER</u> the <u>SURFACE</u> <u>AREA</u>.
- The MORE crystal SURFACE EXPOSED to the SOLVENT, the FASTER it will dissolve.







### **Factors That Affect SPEED of Dissolving**

#### 2. Temperature (kinetic energy):

- Increased <u>HEAT</u> (<u>K.E.</u>) increases molecular <u>MOTION</u>.
- This has the same effect as increasing the <u>SURFACE AREA</u> or <u>AGITATION</u>.





#### **Factors That Affect SPEED of Dissolving**

- 3. Agitation (Stirring):
- **STIRRING** exposes **FRESH SOLVENT** to crystal **SURFACES**, **INCREASING RATE** of solvation.





Remember that solubility refers to **HOW MUCH** of a substance will dissolve

- 1. Type of Solvent/Solute
  - Recall: "LIKE DISSOLVES LIKE".



- 2. Effect of Temperature
- a) <u>For Solids:</u>
  - For most solids dissolving is **ENDOTHERMIC** (needs **HEAT**)
  - This means that if you have MORE HEAT, you can usually dissolve MORE of a SOLID.

So the solubility of solids increases as temperature increases.



2. Effect of Temperature

#### b) For Gases:

- Process is <u>EXOTHERMIC</u> (heat <u>GIVEN</u> OFF).
- This means <u>GASES</u> will dissolve <u>BETTER</u> at <u>COLDER</u> temperatures

So, the solubility of gases increases as temperature decreases.









- 3. Effect of Pressure:
  - Pressure has <u>LITTLE</u> <u>EFFECT</u> unless solute is a <u>GAS</u>.
  - INCREASING PRESSURE INCREASES the GAS that can be DISSOLVED.
  - <u>COLD</u> liquids have <u>LESS COLLISIONS</u> between the <u>SOLUTE</u> and <u>SOLVENT</u>.
  - HOT LIQUIDS have MORE COLLISIONS, the ENERGY TRANSFERRED from these collisions may allow atoms to ESCAPE the solution.
  - <u>SEALED</u> containers reach an <u>EQUILIBRIUM</u>, preventing <u>GAS</u> from <u>ESCAPING</u> the solution.
  - Examples: Carbonated drinks, oxygen in water, etc.





## **Real-Life Connections of Solubility:**

- Fats and oils are an important source of <u>ENERGY</u> as they undergo <u>HYDROLYSIS</u> to form <u>GLYCEROL</u> and <u>CARBOXYLIC</u> acids. This reaction, which takes place in <u>AQUEOUS</u> solution, is hampered by the fact that fats and oils are essentially <u>INSOLUBLE</u> in water. So, not much <u>HYDROLYSIS</u> occurs in the <u>STOMACH</u>. The <u>BILE SALTS</u> from gall bladder break up the larger droplets of fats into suspension of very <u>SMALL</u> <u>DROPLETS</u>, so that <u>HYDROLYSIS</u> can proceed more <u>RAPIDLY</u>.
- Drinking plenty of <u>WATER</u>: since <u>WATER</u> is a polar molecule, it is capable of dissolving many substances, which helps in <u>DIGESTION</u>.
- <u>GLUCOSE</u> cannot be stored in body cells because of its readily <u>SOLUBLE MOLECULES</u>.
- Eating <u>SMALL MEALS</u> frequently, rather than one <u>BIG MEAL</u>.
- <u>CHEWING</u> food properly.
- Vitamin <u>B & C</u> are <u>WATER</u> soluble and vitamin <u>A, D, E & K</u> are soluble in <u>NON-POLAR</u> solvents & in the <u>FATTY TISSUE</u> of the body (which is non-polar)