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Chemistry 12  
Solubility Lesson #1  
A Review of SOLUBILITY

**THE SOLUBILITY OF SALTS:**

A salt is defined as an IONIC compound which can not be classified as an ARRHENIUS acid (compounds that begin with "H") or an ARRHENIUS base (compounds that end with "OH").

An IONIC compound is one that is made up of a METAL and a NON-METAL, whereas a MOLECULAR compound is one that is made up of NON-METALS.

**GENERAL RULES FOR DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN AN IONIC AND MOLECULAR COMPOUND:**

1. "IONIC" – a. metal + non-metal  
b. polyatomic metal + non-metal  
c. metal + polyatomic non – metal  
d. polyatomic metal + polyatomic non-metal

Ex. NaCl  
(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S  
Rb<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>  
(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

2. "MOLECULAR" - a. non-metal + non-metal  
b. ORGANIC compounds

Ex. SO<sub>2</sub>  
CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

3. An ionic compound will undergo 100 % DISSOCIATION when placed in water, whereas a molecular compound will not.

IONIC: NaCl (s)  $\xrightarrow{H_2O}$  Na<sup>+</sup> (aq) + Cl<sup>-</sup> (aq)

MOLECULAR: CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (l)  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (aq)

4. Ionic compounds are therefore classified as ELECTROLYTES (as they can conduct an electric current. While molecular compounds are classified as NON-ELECTROLYTES (as they DO NOT conduct an electric current).

**THE FOLLOWING ARE A LIST OF IMPORTANT TERMS USED IN THIS UNIT:**

**SOLUBILITY** is defined as the maximum amount of a substance that can dissolve in a given amount of solvent @ a given temperature.

**SATURATED SOLUTION** - when the dissolved substance is in EQUILIBRIUM with some undissolved substance

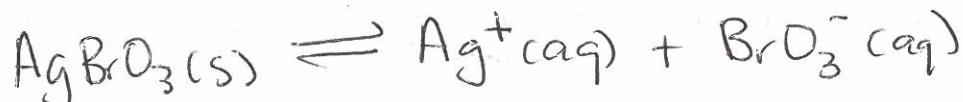
**MOLAR SOLUBILITY** is used to express the solubility of a substance in terms of mol/L.

**SOLUBILITY** can also be expressed in the terms of grams/L.

IN ORDER FOR A SOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED **SATURATED**:

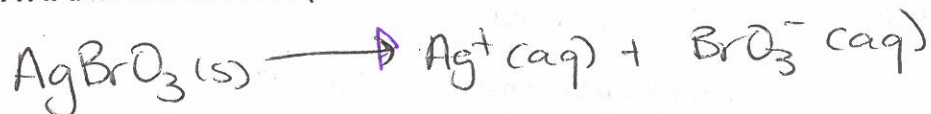
1. Some undissolved material is present
2. **EQUILIBRIUM** exists b/w dissolved + undissolved

A Saturated solution is expressed as an **EQUILIBRIUM** between the undissolved solid and it's component ions:



You can break down the above **EQUILIBRIUM EQUATION** to show the two individual reactions:

1. THE FORWARD REACTION (THE DISSOLVING REACTION)



2. THE REVERSE REACTION (THE CRYSTALLIZATION REACTION)



**SEATWORK/HOMEWORK:** Exercises 1 – 7 pgs 74 + 76 in HEBDEN  
**PLO's : G1- G4 + G6**