# THE SOLUBILITY OF GASES IN LIQUIDS

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The solubility of gases in liquids has been under quantitative investigation since the beginning of the nineteenth century. The last decade has seen some remarkable advances in theory, empirical correlations, systems studied, and apparatus. Much of the earlier work was more qualitative than quantitative. Gas solubilities have become increasingly more important for both the theoretical understanding of the liquid state and solutions, and for practical applications from

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I. INTRODUCTION the solubility of gases in human tissues to the solubility of gases in molten salts and metals.

> This review brings up to date the earlier comprehensive review of Markham and Kobe (393). An annotated bibliography  $(1907-1941)$  on the solubility of Ar,  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ , He, and  $N_2$  in organic liquids was prepared by Croxton **(115).** The two books by Hildebrand and Scott **(243, 244)** contain chapters on **gas** solubility and many references. There are other papers containing either general correlations or many references **(170, 206, 247, 248, 282, 353, 373, 485, 670).** The review by Himmelblau **(249)** on the diffusion of dissolved gases in

liquids is of interest, and the review by Rowlinson and *K* Henry's l Richardson **(509)** on the solubility of solids in compressed gases may interest some readers. The limited literature on the solubility of liquids in compressed gases has yet to be reviewed.

The literature since Markham and Kobe was searched and critically evaluated. The principal medium of the search was *Chemical Abstracts* through Vol. **59,** or the end of **1963.** All pertinent articles abstracted through the end of **1963** were included, although many articles which were published in **1964** and **1965** were also included. Where the original paper was not examined, a *Chemical Abstracts* reference is supplied in the list of references.

The emphasis in this review was placed on physical methods of determining solubilities and on reporting and discussing only equilibrium or saturation solubilities. Thus, the vast literature on the analysis of gases absorbed in liquids was ignored. Since most of these analyses involve Chemical methods, the latter was also ignored except for oxygen in water. The extensive literature on the solubility of gases in ponds, streams, and ground waters was not included because of the equilibrium criterion.

There is an almost nonexistent dividing line between gas solubility (in liquids) and vapor-liquid equilibrium, especially at elevated pressures. The solubility of the vapors of some substances was included where the experimental conditions were such that the pressure was lower than the normal vapor pressure. Also included are: (a) solubilities of gases in molten metals, alloys, salts, and glasses; (b) solubilities of gas mixtures; (c) solubility in tissues and some biological systems; (d) solubility nomographs; and (e) partial molal volumes of gases in liquids.

The large body of literature on the solubility of gases in plastic materials was excluded since much of this data is for plastic films. The solubility of gases in solids and substances whose composition would tend to be indeterminable (like molten slags) was also excluded.

#### 11. NOMENCLATURE

The system of notation used in this review follows. Some specialized symbols which apply to a particular approach, and where we wished to use the author's own notation for clarity, are defined where they are used.





surface tension

ρ  $\sigma$ 

# 111. METHODS AND APPARATUS

The variety of approaches which have been used to determine the solubility of gases in liquids is an adequate testimonial to man's ingenuity. The equipment used ranges in complexity and cost from mass spectrometers to the simple van Slyke apparatus, in time from minutes to many hours, and in precision from the purely qualitative to the highly precise.

Primarily physical methods will be discussed in this section, although, in specific instances chemical methods are sometimes more precise. There are several reasons for omitting chemical methods (except for oxygen in water). First, they are normally specific for a particular gas and thus do not show general applicability. Second, it is quite difficult to distinguish between "(chemical) absorption" methods and those which involve purely equilibrium solubilities. The literature for the analysis of dissolved gases was in general ignored. Third, gas absorption studies usually involve complex chemical equilibriums, and, since their purpose is to study the chemical equilibrium involved, the result frequently is that insufficient information is available to properly evaluate the study as an equilibrium gas solubility.

Physical methods can be divided into two broad classifications: saturation methods in which a previously degassed solvent is saturated with a gas under conditions where appropriate volumes, pressures, and temperatures may be determined; and extraction methods where the dissolved gas in a previously saturated solution is removed under conditions where appropriate *P, V,* and *T* values may be evaluated. Equilibrium between the gas and liquid phases has been obtained by shaking a mixture of the two, by flowing a fiIm or stream of the liquid through the gas, by bubbling the gas through the liquid, or by flowing the gas over the liquid held stationary on some supporting medium (as in gas-liquid partition chromatography). The determination of the quantities of the components in the gas and liquid phases has been carried out chemically, volurnetricalJy (and with the supporting use of manometers), by mass spectrometer, and by gas-liquid partition chromatography. These methods will be discussed below.

# **A.** MANOMETRIC-VOLUMETRIC METHODS

First, some general considerations are discussed. Cook **(103,** also see **104)** gives an excellent analysis of the problems involved in gas solubility determinations, the magnitudes and importance of contributing factors, and his approach to achieving a truly highprecision  $(\pm 0.05\%)$  gas solubility apparatus. He is to be commended for a major contribution to gas solubility determinations.

In gas solubility determinations contributing factors like purity of materials and the measurement of the physical properties of pressure, volume, and temperature are usually adequately determined. The discrepancies, often large, between published values which appear in the literature (for example, the solubility of atmospheric gases in water and sea water continues to be measured and debated) are most probably due to other factors. Cook and Hanson **(104)** list these as being one or more of the folIowing: (a) failure to attain equilibrium; (b) failure to completely degas the solvent; (c) failure to ascertain the true amount of gas dissolved; and (d) failure to make certain that the transfer of gas from a primary container to the apparatus does not involve contamination. The last two factors can be controlled by proper design, calibrations, and corrections. It is better to determine the initial quantity of gas in the dry state, *i.e.*, free of solvent, since  $P-V-T$  data can be used, especially if there is any uncertainty as to whether the gas is saturated with solvent vapor. Where known, the more accurate equations of state should be used since even at 1 atm pressure deviations from the ideal gas law can be significant. The first two factors will be discussed further.

For equilibrium solubility determinations the attainment of equilibrium is of prime importance. In flow systems the attainment of equilibrium is checked for by determining the solubility at several rates of flow. In nonflow systems the agreement between solubility determinations found with varying both the vigor of the stirring (or shaking) and the pressure of the gas above and below the equilibrium pressure serves as the main criterion. For each type of apparatus it is important to provide these checks by varying the conditions.

# *1. The Solubility* of *Oxygen in Water as a Comparison Standard*

It would be a boon to workers in the field to have a reliable standard for comparison. The criteria here mould be that the solvent and gas are readily available in high purity, and that at some convenient conditions a number of workers would have obtained substantially identical values having followed different approaches. The solubility of oxygen in water at **25"** and 1 atm meets these criteria. There have been several recent determinations following different approaches, including both chemical and physical methods, which are in substantial agreement **(152, 166, 231, 318, 424, 425,** 581), and the value suggested as a standard is the Bunsen coefficient of **0.02847.** Considering these seven values, the average deviation is 0.00006 in the Bunsen coefficient or  $0.21\%$ . This deviation is just about within the independent experimental error of the seven determinations. The values are summarized in Table I along with other values of interest. **As** a further aid Table I1 contains smoothed values of the solubility of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , and Ar in water as a function of temperature.



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#### **2.** *Degassing the Solvent*

The complete removal of gas from a liquid is important for saturation methods, where the solvent must

be initially gas free, and for extraction methods, where the gas is to be completely extracted. The single criterion for complete degassing which has been most widely used is the reproducibility of a measurement or its corollary, the agreement between several workers for the same measurement. This criterion is open to two criticisms: (a) the repetition of systematic errors, and (b) the perpetuating of older measurements as standards when they may have been superseded by more reliable measurements.

Two additional criteria **(104)** for complete degassing should be mentioned. The first is a dynamic method in which a vacuum thermocouple gauge is located between the last liquid nitrogen trap (on the apparatus) and before the vacuum pump. During the degassing pro-<sup>e</sup> Recommended standard value based on the agreement at-<br>tained in recent studies is **0.02847. and pumped on, the vacuum gauge reading slowly falls** from greater than 1000  $\mu$  to the base pressure of the pump. When the pressure is at the base pressure of the pump, this indicates that only negligible amounts



TABLE 11

SOLUBILITY OF NITROGEN, OXYGEN, AND ARGON IN WATER AT 1 ATM

Brothers Printing, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1943. b Calculated from Morrison's equations and converted to volume of water. C Smoothed by us using four-constant equation. <sup>a</sup> Values as corrected for impurities and smoothed in Landolt-Bornstein, "Physikalisch-Chemische Tabellen, 1936 Edition," Edwards

of noncondensible gases are present. After the base pump pressure has been reached, an additional quantity of solvent should be evaporated to be doubly certain that the solvent is completely degassed. The second criterion requires cushioning the degassed solvent between mercury. If a bubble appears, the degassing operation should be repeated. This test is quite sensitive since gas bubbles much smaller than 0.001 cc can readily be detected. Since solution rates are slow, these gas bubbles will persist for several minutes.

The most frequently used method of degassing a liquid is to boil away a portion of it under vacuum. This procedure can be considered to be a batch binary distillation. The Ramsey-Rayleigh equation for this type of distillation predicts that the evaporation of as little as  $0.1\%$  of the solvent should reduce the gas content by several 1000-fold. However, this equation assumes that equilibrium conditions prevail between the gas and the liquid and under actual degassing operations this is not the case. In practice  $10-20\%$  of the solvent is evaporated, and one (or both) of the criteria mentioned in the previous paragraph should be employed.

Another degassing procedure employs the method of pumping on the frozen solvent. This procedure gives good results when it is important to minimize the loss of solvent, *but* it is necessary to repeat the process at least three times and pumping on the frozen solvent for periods of an hour or longer in each cycle. It is more important to test for completeness of degassing when employing this method than when evaporating large amounts of the liquid.

Clever, *et al.* (97), employed a method for degassing that operated in two stages. The first stage involved pumping on boiling solvent to evaporate a portion of it, and to remove perhaps  $90\%$  of the dissolved gas. Then in the second stage this preliminarily degassed liquid is sprayed through a fine nozzle into an evacuated flask. This procedure was found to give rapid and complete degassing. A similar method was employed by Baldwin and Daniel (22) where they permitted an oil sample to slowly drip into an evacuated vessel. They found that this removed  $97-98\%$  of the dissolved gas.

The technique of removing a gas completely from a liquid by stripping the liquid through bubbling an inert gas through the previously saturated liquid will be discussed in the section on gas chromatographic methods where this technique is essential to the method.

# *3. The E\$ect* of *Temperature on Solubility Measurements*

A full analysis of the effect of temperature control on gas solubility measurements is given by Cook **(103)**  who points out that there are four factors to consider: (a) the temperature coefficient of the solvent vapor pressure; (b) the temperature coefficient of solubility,

or more realistically, the change in the equilibrium partial pressure of the dissolved gas with temperature at an approximately constant concentration; (e) the temperature level of the experiment; and (d) the pressure level of the experiment. The magnitude of these factors will be quite dependent on not only the system studied but also on the type of apparatus used. After a complete analysis of all contributing factors, Cook found that temperature control to  $\pm 0.1$ <sup>o</sup> was adequate for an over-all precision of  $0.05\%$  for his apparatus for the system  $H_2-n$ -heptane in the range  $-30$ to *50".* It would appear that temperature control of  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}$  should be more than adequate for most purposes.

# *4. The Apparatus* of *Cook and Hanson (103, 104)*

The apparatus and procedure of Cook and Hanson will be described in somewhat more detail than other methods since they achieved an unusually high level of precision for a physical method. This apparatus is also described by Mader, Vold, and Vold (384).

The basic apparatus is shown in Figure 1. It was mounted on a steel plate which was shaken at a frequency of about  $170 \text{ min}^{-1}$  and an amplitude of about **3/8** in. The shaking mechanism imparted a horizontal motion to minimize pressure disturbances due to vertical accelerations of the mercury present. The entire apparatus was housed in an air thermostat controlled to at least  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}$ . A millimeter scale mounted on the steel plate and observed with a cathetometer provided a reference point for appropriate readings. An auxiliary gas-charging apparatus was connected to the solubility apparatus at point **12.** Once the apparatus was set up and charged all manipulations were made remotely so as not to disturb the temperature equilibrium. Volumetric calibration was performed by weighing mercury displaced from pertinent sections of the apparatus which are the gas bulbs, A and C, the gas burets, B and D, and the solvent bulb, E, from point 19 down to and including the solvent buret. Also calibrated was the secondary gas buret and bulb from point 19 down to stopcock 2. The appropriate capacities of the various parts of the apparatus are: solvent bulb, 200 cc; primary gas bulb, 22 cc; secondary gas bulb, 1 cc; solvent buret, 0.1 cc/cm; primary gas buret, 0.25 cc/cm; and secondary gas buret, 0.015 cc/cm.

An outline of the procedure used follows. First, the gas and solvent bulbs are filled with mercury, and then by displacing mercury into the manometer a sufficient quantity of solvent is admitted through the joint at point **12** followed by about an inch of air to provide space for boiling the solvent. The solvent is degassed by pumping and boiling using the thermocouple gauge check described earlier, and also by checking for residual gas bubbles by confining the solvent between mercury admitted through stopcocks **3** and **6.** About



Figure 1.-The gas solubility apparatus **of** Cook and Hanson **(103,** 104). Reprinted from U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Report UCRL-2459 by permission of the author.

 $10-20\%$  of the solvent is evaporated in the degassing process which takes several hours. The gas-charging system is connected at point 13, and after the system is purged and checked for tightness an appropriate quantity of gas is admitted through stopcock **1.** The gascharging system is removed and the thermostat closed and set to control at *25".* By appropriate pressure, volume, and temperature readings the quantity of gas charged may be calculated from an applicable equation of state. An interesting point here is that a change of **1-2** ern in the gas pressure can cause adiabatic heating or cooling sufficient to require an additional half-hour to attain temperature equilibrium. The gas is then completely transferred into solvent bulb E through the gas transfer tube by alternately applying vacuum through *6* and pressure through 7. Stopcock 6 is left

open during the dissolution process where the entire apparatus is shaken. The initial dissolution is hastened by applying about 10 psig to the manometer. When a residual gas bubble of about 1 cc remains, it is drawn over into the secondary gas bulb and buret and its volume (which can be measured to  $0.005\%$  as a check on the rate of solution and the attainment of equilibrium) is measured. The residual gas is returned to the solvent bulb and shaking is repeated. The process is repeated until equilibrium is attained, and it is also repeated at two or more pressures as a further guarantee of attaining equilibrium. The equilibrium pressure is determined to 0.1-0.2 mm. The entire process is repeated at successive temperatures, thus yielding for a single charging a set of measurements for a range of temperatures and pressures. The solvent volume is determined at 35° by draining mercury between calibrated points on E out through *5,* weighing it, and calculating the solvent volume as the difference between the calibrated volume of E and the volume of the mercury which was drained off.

The authors estimate the reproducibility as better than  $\pm 0.1\%$  in ref 104 and better than  $\pm 0.05\%$  in ref 103. This is by far the most precise apparatus for determining gas solubilities by physical methods reported to date. **A** serious disadvantage is that a good estimate of the solubility must be known beforehand since the apparatus is designed such that 95% of the gas should be absorbed. The size of the solvent bulb E would have to be changed for different systems (or ranges of solubility). This disadvantage is partially offset by permitting the reasonably large pressure range of 0.5-1.5 atm to be available through the manometer.

#### *5. Saturation Methods*

The apparatus (Figure 2) designed by Morrison and Billett (427) was based on attaining saturation by flowing a liquid film through the gas. A modification of this design (for full details see ref 32) was used by Clever and co-workers (95-98), Saylor and Battino (530), and Koenig (327). The degassed solvent in **M**  is injected drop by drop through **A** and flows in a thin film down the absorption spiral B and into gas buret C. The absorption section is initially charged with gas. Saturated solvent flows out of E at such a rate that the levels in C and in the leveling buret D are kept the same. Solvent from E is collected and measured. Readings of C give the volume of gas dissolved, while the volume of solvent is the amount collected at E together with the volume accumulating in C and D. The absorption section is thermostated. For high solubility gases an additional gas buret is sealed into the system above spiral B. The variation of the flow rate within wide limits had no appreciable effect on the solubility. The reproducibility was  $\pm 0.5\%$ . A disadvantage of this apparatus is that normally only

one gas in one solvent at one temperature and one pressure can be made on a single charging of the apparatus.

The dissolution vessel and connections for the apparatus of Ben-Naim and Baer (38) is shown in Figure **3.** Degassed solvent is transferred to the previously evacuated vessel A through point D. This vessel is connected to a gas buret and manometer at point C and all of these parts are immersed in a water thermostat  $(\pm 0.03^{\circ})$  with a window for viewing. The solvent fills **A** entirely and the liquid levels are in the capillaries h, 1, and k when the system is charged with solvent saturated gas. Appropriate readings on the manometer, gas buret, and dissolution vessel are recorded. Dissolution of the gas is caused by switching on a magnetic stirrer which forces liquid up through capillaries h and **k** into bulbs a and b. The gas enters A through the capillary 1 and dissolves at the cone-shaped interface which is formed. At an initial high stirring rate some solvent is forced through m into A and within **2-3** min about 99% of the gas has dissolved. Equilibrium takes an additional **4** hr to achieve with gentle stirring. The over-all precision is estimated as  $\pm 0.2\%$ .

**A** microgasometric technique (originally developed by Scholander (544) whose paper should be read for details on microgasometric analysis) embodying some modifications of Steen's apparatus (581 )was used by Douglas (152) to determine the solubility of oxygen, argon, and nitrogen in distilled water. This method takes advantage of the fact that the ratio of absorbed gas volume to liquid volume is constant at a given equilibrium pressure. Equilibration takes place within **30** min, small samples are used, and the estimated precision is  $\pm 0.25-0.50\%$ . The temperature was regulated to  $\pm 0.01$ °. The procedure can be understood by referring to Figure 4. With G and D filled with mercury and H filled with water, degassed water is introduced into the side arm D with a 10-cc syringe and a blunt tipped needle. The plug E is replaced. With H half-filled with water and F filled with mercury to the **top** of the capillary, a conventional gas transfer pipet (filled with the pure gas) is seated on the capillary and the gas meniscus pulled down to the mark on the capillary. The micrometer is set (using the leveling bulb) to a zero reading and then some of the gas (using the micrometer) is pulled into the absorption chamber G. The water is removed from H except for an indicator drop in the capillary below H. When the system has equilibrated the gas volume is read. The gasfree water is tilted in from the side arm, mechanical shaking begun, and the indicator drop kept at its mark by adjusting the micrometer. When equilibrium is attained the final gas volume is read. Then by opening stopcock s-1 the liquid volume is read by screwing the micrometer in until the liquid level reaches the mark on the capillary. The procedure is said to be



Figure 2.-The gas solubility apparatus of Morrison and Billett (427). Reprinted from the *Journal* of *the Chemical Society* by permission of the Chemical Society.



Figure 3.—The gas solubility apparatus of Ben-Naim and Baer (38). Reprinted from *The Transactions* of *the Faraday Society* by permission of the Faraday Society.

simple, precise and rapid. Another apparatus using small samples (5 cc) is described by Thomsen and Gialdbaek (599).

Burrows and Preece (85) used a manometric method to determine the solubility of helium in three lowpressure oils. Their mixing chamber is shown in Figure 5. After the vessel J was charged with the degassed liquid it was charged with gas by draining liquid from J and weighing it. The stirrer moves the magnet-containing ring R (stirring the liquid in the thermostated bath) which moves the perforated steel disk (stirring the oil and gas in the mixing chamber). The temperature is varied in 20° intervals from 20 to 80°. The precision appears to be of the order of  $\pm 2\%$ . Ridenour, *et al.* (501), used a manometric method to

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Figure 4.—The gas solubility apparatus of Douglas (152). **Reprinted from The Journal of Physical Chemistry by permission of the copyright owners, The American Chemical Society.** 



**Figure 5.-The mixing chamher of the gas solubility apparatus of Burrows and Preeee (85): B, three-way tap; J, mixing chamber;** N, **tap; Q, heating-bath liquid; R, ring of magnets;** V, **perforated steel disk;** W, **driving crank. Reprinted from** *The*  **Journal** *of Applied Chemistry* **by permission of the editor.** 

determine gas solubilities (to about  $\pm 3\%$ ) in molten paraffin and microcrystalline waxes. Baldwin and Daniel **(22)** describe a method for the determination of gas solubility (to  $\pm 1\%$ ) which is particularly useful with viscous liquids. Yeh and Peterson's apparatus **(667)** was used for gas solubilities in liquids and they report their precision as  $\pm 0.5\%$ .

Loprest **(374)** developed an apparatus for the rapid determination of the solubility of gases in liquids at various temperatures. The apparatus was designed for a precision of  $\pm 1\%$  and it is possible to obtain solubility data over a wide temperature range and at several partial pressures of the gas with a single charging **of** the system. Solvent does not come into contact with mercury surfaces. Wheatland and Smith **(642)** describe **a** simple gasometric method for the determination of dissolved oxygen in water and saline water, and their method is precise to  $\pm 0.5\%$ . Klots and Benson (318) give details for an apparatus for determining the solubility of  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $Ar$  in distilled water in the temperature range **2-27"** and with an estimated accuracy approaching  $0.1\%$ .

Koonce and Kobayashi **(330)** designed an apparatus for the solubility of methane in n-decane **for** the pressure range 200-1000 psia and the temperature range of **-20** to **40°F.** They estimated their probable error as  $\pm 1.5\%$ . Zampachova (674) also described a simple manometric method for determining the solubility of vapors in liquids at elevated pressures. Krichevskii and Sorina **(337)** give details for an apparatus for determining hydrogen solubility in cyclohexane in the temperature range **20-60"** and up,to **700** atm.

Cox and Head **(114)** described a novel apparatus for determining (to  $\pm 1\%$ ) the solubility of *COz* in HF solutions. The solubility chamber was gold-plated. Karasz and Halsey (294) detail an apparatus for measuring the solubility of helium and paratus for measuring the solubility of helium and<br>neon in liquid argon over the temperature range 83.9-<br>87.5°K and with the general limits of error as 0.1%  $87.5^{\circ}$ K, and with the general limits of error as  $0.1\%$ . The apparatus described by Kobatake and Hildebrand (322) was used for determining (to  $\pm 0.3\%$  and the range **5-30')** the solubility of a large number of gases in various solvents. Swain and Thornton **(592)** describe an apparatus for measuring the solubility of the methyl halides in light and heavy water at **29** and 40'. The apparatus of Tsiklis and Svetlova (615) was used for the solubility of HCl,  $Cl_2$ , NOCl, NO, and  $H_2S$  in cyclohexane in the range  $10-40^\circ$ . Kogan and Kol'tsov  $(328)$  describe an apparatus precise to  $\pm 0.25\%$  for (328) describe an apparatus precise to  $\pm 0.25\%$  for the solubility of  $Cl_2$  in  $CCl_4$  in the range  $-20$  to  $71^\circ$ . Bodor, *et al.* (54), describe an apparatus for determining gas absorption in liquids in the range  $-80$  to  $0^{\circ}$ .

#### **B.** MASS **SPECTROMETRIC METHODS**

The mass spectrometer may be used for gas solubility determinations. Basically, the technique calls **for** 

outgassing a sample of a gas-saturated solvent, trapping the gas, and then analyzing the gas by mass spectrometry. Such equipment was described by Cseko (116-118) for the determination of the solubility of gases and gas mixtures in liquid ammonia. In this way he determined the solubility of argon in liquid ammonia at room temperature and the pressure range 20-100 atm. Cantone and Gurrieri (91) used mass spectrometry to analyze water samples for  $CH_4$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , and Ar. Faulconer and co-workers (177A, 241A, 469A, 479) describe mass spectrometric techniques for the analysis of various gases in blood.

A prime advantage of using the mass spectrometer as an analytical tool is the ability to determine the ratio of dissolved gases and isotope effects in dissolved gases. Benson and Parker (42) describe the technique they used for the determination of  $N_2/Ar$  and  $N_2/O_2$ ratios in distilled water and sea water in some detail. The precison with which they determined these ratios was given as  $\pm 1\%$ . Of course, by using standard values for the solubility of any one of the gases in a pair, the solubility of the second gas may be determined. For a more accurate determination of the  $N_2/Ar$  ratio the extracted gas was cycled through a "Vycor" furnace at *700"* filled with copper turnings. Benson and Parker (41) used the same basic technique, modified for collecting samples at sea, to determine  $N_2/Ar$ and nitrogen isotope ratios in aerobic sea water. Klots and Benson (319) determined the isotope effect in the solution of oxygen  $(^{32}O_2$  and  $^{34}O_2$ ) and nitrogen  $(^{28}N_2)$ and **29N2)** in distilled water in the temperature range  $2-27$ °. They found the extrapolated values of the ratio of the Henry's law constants at *0'* to be 1.00085  $\pm$  0.00010 for nitrogen and 1.00080  $\pm$  0.00015 for oxygen. Benson (42A) discusses applications of the mass spectrographically determined ratios to problems in oceanography.

# **C.** GAS CHROMATOGRAPHIC METHODS

In gas-liquid partition chromatography (glpc) a liquid (normally high boiling) is supported in a column on an inert stationary phase. A carrier gas continually bathes the liquid, and one can assume an equilibrium exists between the passing carrier gas and the amount of this gas which has dissolved in the liquid. **A** third substance (vapor, gas, or a mixture) is transported in the carrier gas and is partitioned between the carrier gas stream and the stationary liquid phase. Partition coefficients are determinable from knowing the retention volumes and column characteristics. By also knowing the column dimensions and the quantity of partitioning liquid it is possible to determine gas solubilities. Of course, gas solubilities measured in this way are measured for systems under special constraints: (1) the liquids are restricted to high boilers; (2) the solubility is for a gas or vapor in a film of

liquid (supported on a solid phase) and in which the carrier gas is already equilibrated; (3) the process involves steady states and transient equilibriums as the carried component is swept through the column; (4) in the portion of the gas stream where the carried component is, the carrier gas concentration is less than normal and as this portion of the gas stream passes any given point some of the carrier gas must be outgassed; and (5) it is difficult to ascertain the carried component partial pressure as it is swept along as a band which may or may not be symmetrical in its concentration distribution. Despite such difficulties Zorin, Ezheleva, and Devyatykh (685) were able to determine the soubility of CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, isobutane, isobutylene, and  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in certain solvents, and their results were compared with static methods of determining solubility.

Of further significance is the fact that partition coefficients which are determinable from glpc are in a way gas solubilities, but the considerations mentioned in the last paragraph must be kept in mind. Two texts which give more details on determining partition coefficients (and other matters) are ref 124 and 80. Kurkchi and Iogansen (349) used glpc for determining the solubility of  $C_2H_2$ ,  $C_3H_4$ , and  $C_4H_4$  in several solvents and found that their results agreed within  $5\%$  with literature values. They describe their apparatus in detail.

The major use of gas chromatography in gas solubility determinations has been as an analytical tool for the quantification of gases extracted from saturated solutions of liquids. In this sense the gas chromatographic methods are similar to the mass spectrometric methods described in the last section. The advantage of gas chromatography as an analytical tool is the relative simplicity, low cost, and rapidity of the measurements. Reproducibility is of the order of  $1-2\%$ , but uncertainties in the extraction of the dissolved gas makes the over-all precison a bit poorer. Some unique extraction methods have been devised.

A particularly simple procedure was described by McAuliffe (400) who determined the solubility in water<br>of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>9</sub> hydrocarbons. A 0.05-0.10-cc sample of the hydrocarbon-saturated water was directly injected into a gas chromatograph fitted with a suitable fractionator containing a drying agent to absorb water, the released hydrocarbon passing directly into the chromatograph column. Hydrocarbon concentrations were determined by measuring areas under curves and comparing with calibrations arrived at by using known amounts of the pure hydrocarbons. The same author (401) used a similar technique to determine the solubilities in water of 65 (paraffin, cycloparaffin, olefin, acetylene, cycloolefin, and aromatic) hydrocarbons. Swinnerton, Linnenbom, and Cheek (593) determined the amount of dissolved gases in aqueous solutions by stripping the



Figure 6.-Detail of the stripper used by Williams and Miller (652) to remove dissolved gases from a saturated liquid. Reprinted from *Analytical Chemistry* by permission of the copyright owners, The American Chemical Society.

gases from the solutions in an all-glass sample chamber which is divided into two parts by a coarse glassfritted disk. **A** known quantity of the saturated liquid is admitted to the sample chamber through a rubber serum cap. The carrier gas coming up through the fritted glass disk in a stream of fine bubbles completely strips the solution of its dissolved gases quickly and effectively. The same authors (594) described an improvement of their sampling procedure. Elsey (167) describes a similar procedure for the determination of dissolved oxygen in lubricating oil. Wilson and Jay, et al. (656), used a fritted-glass sample chamber coupled with gas adsorption chromatography for the analysis of blood gases and found that their approach gave results of equal precision to the van Slyke technique. In a subsequent paper Jay and Wilson, et *al.* (278), utilized the same apparatus for determining absorption coefficients for nitrous oxide in distilled water and in whole blood. The gas chromatographic technique again gave results comparable to the van Slyke technique, but the former method has some advantages in speed, the ability to resolve gas mixtures readily, and overcoming the disadvantage found in the van Slyke method of having to make a correction for the small but variable amounts of gas which are not extracted.

The problem of stripping or extracting dissolved gas was solved by Williams and Miller (652) in an interesting way. Figure 6 shows the details for their device which is used for stripping on a continuous basis (the gas-saturated liquid flows countercurrent to the carrier gas which also serves as the inert stripping gas) with intermittent sampling and analysis by a commercial gas chromatographic unit,. They compared several common techniques for purging water: dynamic and static vacuum, with and without manual and ultrasonic agitation; ultrasonic treatment alone; and purging with an inert gas (argon and helium). The most effective system tested was inert gas purging at flow rates of 500-1000 cc/min of 100-cc water samples. This technique removed  $95-98\%$  of the dissolved oxygen in 15-30 sec, where the next best technique of dynamic vacuum with agitation took 1-2 min to remove the same quantity of gas. In the gas chromatographic approach the rapidity of removal of dissolved gas is extremely important. The stripping unit (Figure **6)** is about **4** in. long and 2 in. in diameter. **As** the mylar disks rotate through the liquid phase (kept at an optimum level of about one-fourth of the stripper volume), a thin flm of liquid (which is being continuously renewed) is spread over their surfaces and exposed to the gas phase. The rate of gaseous exchange is very rapid. They found essentially  $100\%$  gas removal for helium/ water ratios of  $10:1$  through  $1:2$  for up to  $100$  ml/min flow rates. Since it is necessary to have both accurate knowledge and control of the gas and water flow rates, a ratio of 1: 1 was arbitrarily chosen for their work to simplify the calculations. This simple and efficient gas stripper should find wide use.

Ikels (266, 267) used a gas chromatographic technique to determine the solubility of nitrogen and neon in water and extracted human fat. Kruyer and Nobel (347) measured the solubility of hydrogen in five solvents by stripping the gas from the solvent and measuring areas under an expulsion curve. The method was said to be precise to  $\pm 3\%$ .

#### D. CHEMICAL METHODS **FOR** DISSOLVED OXYQEN

Chemical methods have been long used for the determination of dissolved oxygen in pure water, natural waters, and aqueous solutions. In recent years there has been much controversy over oxygen solubilities in water, and this has sparked many new studies. The manometric approaches were discussed earlier, and most workers take the results of Mots and Benson (318) to be the most reliable.

The Winkler method (657) and modifications of it have been among the most popular and the most accurate. Briefly, the Winkler method involves the oxidation of freshly precipitated manganous hydroxide by the dissolved oxygen to form manganic hydroxide. This step is favored by high pH. The solution is then made acidic under which conditions the manganic ion oxidizes iodide. In the presence of excess iodide the iodine is largely present as the complex triodide. In the last step the jodine is titrated with thiosulfate which is oxidized to tetrathionate. Excess thiosulfate is backtitrated amperometrically with standard potassium iodate reagent. The equations for these steps are

$$
Mn^{2+} + 2OH^{-} = Mn(OH)_{2}
$$
  
\n
$$
2Mn(OH)_{2} + \frac{1}{2}O_{2} + H_{2}O = 2Mn(OH)_{2}
$$
  
\n
$$
2Mn(OH)_{3} + 6H^{+} + 3I^{-} = 2Mn^{2+} + I_{2}^{-} + 6H_{2}O
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{2} + I^{-} = I_{2}^{-}
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{2} + 2S_{2}O_{2}^{2-} = 2I^{-} + S_{4}O_{2}^{2-}
$$

The method depends on strict control of pH and iodide concentration. Possible errors in the Winkler method have been recently and extensively discussed (91A, 91B, 424).

The work of Truesdale, *et at.* (610), began the modern determinations of dissolved oxygen. They critically evaluated earlier work and made new measurements but, unfortunately, their work contains a systematic error and is low by some 2.5% Dr. B. **A.**  Southgate, who is Director of Water Pollution Research at the Water Pollution Research Laboarory, Stevenage, Herts., England, believes that the true story is contained in ref 424, although both studies were carried out at his institution. In part, a private communication from Dr. Southgate states, "One thing which has come out of this work (424) is that it is pretty obvious that a very large proportion of the determinations of dissolved oxygen made before about 1961 or 2 must have been incorrect for the same reason that the solubility values determined by Truesdale (610) were incorrect. The biggest source of possible error of course occurs if one uses the present-day accurate values for solubility with incorrect determinations of concentration in water, and from these two values calculates the oxygen deficit.''

The paper by Montgomery, Thom, and Cockburn (424) described their modification of the Winkler method, and with their improved procedure they determined the solubility of oxgyen in pure water  $(0.4-27)$  and in sea water  $(2-27)$ . The agreement hetween their results and that for other workers (for solubilities in pure water) is shown in Figure 7. The ordinate in this figure is mg  $O_2/l$ , where the oxygen solubility expressed in this unit goes from 14.63 at  $0^{\circ}$  to 6.47 at  $40^{\circ}$ . They critically discuss earlier work, and in particular showed that the values of Truesdale, *et al.* (610), were low due to losses of iodine vapor. They found that the effect of initial concentration on the rate of loss of iodine outweighs that of initial temperature, so that the loss of iodine is greater for water samples saturated with oxygen at a low temperature than for those saturated at a high temperature. This conclusion was verified experimentally, although others (166, 231) and Truesdale, *et al.* (610), have speculated on the reasons for the "low" values.

**A** description of the Montgomery, *et al.,* procedure follows. The sample is collected by standard techniques in a 65-cc bottle with a well-fitting ground-glass stopper. Without delay, 0.4 ml of manganous sulfate solution (480 g MnSO<sub>4</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O/l.) is added below the surface, followed by 0.4 cc of alkaline iodine solution added at the surface. (The alkaline iodide solution is prepared according to the method of Pomeroy and Kirschman.) The bottle is stoppered so as to exclude air bubbles and shaken by rapidly inverting 12-15 times. After the precipitate has settled to the lower third of the bottle, it is shaken again (essential) and allowed **to** settle completely. Sulfuric acid (1 cc of a solution containing 400 cc of the concentrated acid per liter) is added down the neck of the bottle, which



Figure 7.-Comparison of oxygen solubility values in pure water obtained by various authors with the values of Montgomery, *et al.* **(424). (1)** Whipple, G. B., and Whipple, M. *C., J. Am. Chem.* Soc., **33,362 (1911); (2)** Truesdale, *et 01.* **(610); (3)**  Carlson, **T.,** *Akad. Afh. Stockholm,* **1912; (4)** *ref* **424;** *(5)* Klots and Ben-on **(318); (6)** Winkler **(657);** (7) Elmore **and Hayes (166).** \* Root mean square deviation of the work in ref **424.**  Reprinted from *The Journal of Applied Chemistw* by permission *of* the editor.

is restoppered (excluding air "bubbles) and the contents mixed by shaking. After 10 min an aliquot is removed by pipet and titrated without delay with 0.0025 *N*  thiosulfate solution. The thiosulfate is standardized against an iodine solution which is prepared by adding 20.00 ml of 0.0025 *N* potassium iodate solution to a few milliliters of water containing a quantity of alkaline iodide reagent equivalent to that present in sample titrations. Iodine is liberated by addition of the appropriate quantity of 40% sulfuric acid, which must be mixed thoroughly with alkaline solution before titration is begun, or too high a factor will be obtained. The calculated concentration of dissolved oxygen is multiplied by 1.012 to allow for dilution by the manganous sulfate and alkaline iodide reagents. The end point of the titration is determined amperometrically. Apparently, one of the important factors in these chemical methods is technique, and some practice is required. Tables IV and V in Montgomery, *et al.,* provide some interesting comparisons. The first table compares the results of their procedure with five others (showing excellent agreement with Elmore and Hayes (166)). The second table shows the effect of speed of manipulation and titration in standard modifications of the Winkler method. The work of Montgomery, *et al.,*  deserves careful study.

Elmore and Hayes (166) undertook an independent check of the solubility of oxygen in water. They carried out some 260 determinations in 52 replicate groups of experiments in the range 1.8-29.3'. The standard deviation in the measurements is of the order of  $0.2\%$ , and the results are presented in a table from  $0-30^\circ$  in

 $0.1^\circ$  intervals. They followed a modification of the Winkler method using an amperometric end point. This paper critically evaluates earlier work and they conclude that their values are "the most satisfactory of those presently available for application to natural stream conditions."

Morris, Stumm, and Gala1 (425) determined the solubility of oxygen in water by both manometric  $(11-30°$  and a precision of about  $0.5\%$ ) and chemical  $(5-29^{\circ}$  and a precision of about  $0.3\%$ ) methods. Their work is in good agreement with the best recent measurements. They suggest that a possible reason for the results of Elmore and Hayes being slightly low at 30" is that they may have omitted making the temperature correction for a mercury barometer. This amounts to a negative correction of about 0.4% at *25".* 

The most recent determination of oxygen solubilities in pure water and sea water has been that of Green (231) in the range  $0-35^\circ$ . This independent work is in excellent agreement with Klots and Benson (318) and with Montgomery, *et al.* (424). The error in this work is estimated at  $\pm 0.27\%$ . Green's thesis contains an excellent analysis of earlier work and sources of error in the Winkler method, a modification of which he used.

It is gratifying to note the excellent agreement among recent workers, and it appears that with this agreement and the attendant explanations of earlier discrepancies that a truly definitive set of values for the solubility of oxygen in water has been attained.

Wheatland and Smith (642) used both a gasometric method and the Winkler method and found that their results from the two approaches agreed within experimental error (about 0.2%). Czerski and Czaplinski (123) determined the solubility of oxygen in airsaturated liquids by stripping the liquids with a carrier gas and then passing this through an electrochemical detector. The probable error is estimated at 0.9 mg  $O_2/l$ .

#### E. MISCELLANEOUS METHODS

Enns, Scholander, and Bradstreet (169) give details of a method they used for the determination of the solubility of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , Ar, He, and  $CO_2$  in water and sea water at hydrostatic pressures up to 102 atm. For all gases examined the equilibrium pressure increased about **14%** per increase in hydrostatic pressure of about 100 atm. The method also permits the calculation of partial molal volumes of the dissolved gases. Buell and Eldridge (79) describe an apparatus for gas solubility at high pressures where glass systems cannot be used. Khiteev (309) describes a mercury-free, high-pressure solubility apparatus for gases in petroleum. Safronova and Zhuze (518) also describe an apparatus for highpressure, high-temperature solubilities in crude oils. Miner's apparatus (421) was constructed for measurement of the solubility of  $O_2$  and  $N_2$  in liquid  $CO_2$  at pressures up to 1000 atm and in the range  $-40$  to  $32^{\circ}$ . At the low-temperature end Denton, Lucero, and Roellig (143) describe an apparatus for the solubility of He in liquid hydrogen. The apparatus of Hu and MacWoocl (265) was designed for determining the solubility of gases in liquids at 113-181°K and 0-40 atm.

An apparatus for the solubility of He, Ne, Ar, and Xe in molten fluorides at  $0.5-2$  atm and  $600-800^\circ$  is described by Grimes, Smith, and Watson (232). The molten fluoride is first saturated with a gas. Then the dissolved gas (in a known volume of the molten fluoride) is stripped with a second inert gas and the sample collected and analyzed on a mass spectrometer. Ryabukhin (511) gives details for an apparatus for determining the solubility of Cl<sub>2</sub> in fused chlorides at 700-1050".

The most commonly used method for gas solubilities in molten materials is Sievert's method. This is basically a gas-handling method where the total number of moles of gas introduced into the system is determined by measuring *P, V,* and *T;* and then by measuring the equilibrium pressures in the calibrated system the quantity of absorbed gas may be calculated. This approach is also used for gas-solid absorption determinations. Gas extraction methods are also employed. Some recent papers describing apparatus for gas solubilities in molten metals are ref 537 and 472. Mulfinger and Scholze (435) describe an apparatus for solubility in molten glasses.

Bar-Eli and Klein (28) describe a method for determining gas solubility by measuring the rate of reaction between a gas and its solvent. This method should prove useful in those systems where the gas reacts with the solvent. Alexander (10) describes a microcalorimeter which he used to directly determine heats of solution of Ne, Ar, Kr, and Xe in water.

Other papers which give details on gas solubility apparatus are: ref 480-XO in aqueous solutions; ref  $38-SO<sub>2</sub>$  in aqueous ammonia solutions; ref 470-CH<sub>2</sub>CHCl in methanol and trichloroethylene; ref 239, 512, 616— $C_2H_2$  solubility in various solvents; ref 234-solubility in waxes in the range 200-400°.

In gcneral, most of the papers on the solubility of gases in liquids give detailed descriptions of the procedure. The gas solubility tables can serve as a general guide for references to apparatus applicable to particular problems.

## IV. METHODS OF EXPRESSING GAS SOLUBILITY

Gas solubilities have been expressed in a great many ways. The more popular of these along with interconversion formulas are presented. Since there are so many methods of expressing solubility, it is extremely important that each paper present a careful exposition of the manner in which their solubilities were calculated and to also include a sample calculation to be doubly certain. This was emphasized by Markham and Kobe **(393)** but bears repetition along with repeating much of what they said about definitions.

#### A. THE BUNSEN COEFFICIENT,  $\alpha$

The Bunsen coefficient,  $\alpha$ , is defined as the volume of gas, reduced to  $0^{\circ}$  and 760 mm pressure of mercury, which is absorbed by the unit volume of solvent (at the temperature of the measurement) under a gas pressure of 760 mm. When the partial pressure of the gas above the solvent differs from 760 mm, it is corrected to this pressure by Henry's law. By way of example an equation which can be used to calculate the Bunsen coefficient is

$$
\alpha = \left[ \left( V_{\rm g} \frac{273.15}{T} \frac{P_{\rm g}}{760} \right) \left( \frac{1}{V_{\rm s}} \right) \right] \left( \frac{760}{P_{\rm g}} \right) \quad (\text{Eq 1})
$$

where  $P_{\rm g}$  is the partial pressure (in mm Hg) of the gas above the solution, *T* is the absolute temperature,  $V_g$ is the volume of gas absorbed (at *T* and the total pressure of the measurement), and  $V_s$  is the volume of the absorbing solvent. If the solvent has a nonnegligible vapor pressure, then  $P_g = P_T - P_s$  where  $P_T$  is the total pressure in the system and *P,* is the solvent vapor pressure. Equation 1 obviously reduces to

$$
\alpha = \frac{V_{\mathbf{g}}}{V_{\mathbf{s}}} \frac{273.15}{T}
$$
 (Eq 2)

The corrections to standard conditions assume ideal gas behavior. Since real gases do not follow the ideal gas law, it is extremely important to specify the gas equation of state used for the correction to standard conditions. For most gases and conditions the difference is negligible, being less than  $1\%$ , but the method of correction should still be specified. The Bunsen coefficient is sometimes just referred to as the absorption coefficient or the coefficient of absorption.

The Kuenen coefficient, S, is the volume of gas (in cubic centimeters) at a partial pressure of 760 mni reduced to 0" and 760 mm, dissolved by the quantity of solution containing 1 g of solvent. Thus the Kuenen coefficient is proportional to gas molality.

#### B. THE OSTWALD COEFFICIENT, *L*

The Ostwald coefficient, *L*, is defined as the ratio of the volume of gas absorbed to the volume of the absorbing liquid, all measured at the same temperature. The Ostwald coefficient is then

$$
L = V_{\rm g}/V_{\rm s} \tag{Eq 3}
$$

For the reaction Gas (in liquid phase;  $C_1$ ) = Gas (in gas phase;  $C_g$ ), the Ostwald coefficient may be written as

$$
L = \frac{C_1}{C_{\mathbf{g}}} = \frac{V_{\mathbf{g}}}{V_{\mathbf{s}}} \tag{Eq 4}
$$

where  $C_1$  is the concentration of the gas in the liquid phase and  $C_{\rm g}$  is the concentration of the gas in the gas phase. The Ostwald coefficient is in reality an equilibrium constant, and as such is independent of the partial pressure of the gas as long as ideality may be assumed. However, to fix the value of the Ostwald coefficient, the temperature and the total pressure must be designated.

If the total pressure is kept at 760 mm, then the volume of gas absorbed, reduced to  $0^{\circ}$  and 760 mm by the ideal gas laws, per unit volume of liquid is frequently designated as  $\beta$ , an absorption coefficient. It is important to clearly specify the method of calculating the solubility since  $\beta$  sometimes gets confused with  $\alpha$ .

# C. THE HENRY'S LAW CONSTANT

The equation for a gas in equilibrium with a liquid may be written as Gas (in liquid phase;  $X_1$  or  $C_1$ ) = Gas (in gas phase;  $P_g$  or  $C_g$ ).

Henry's law can then be presented as

$$
P_{\rm g} = K_1 X_1 \tag{Eq 5}
$$

or in the case of a dilute solution of the gas as

$$
P_{\rm g} = K_2 C_1 \qquad (\text{Eq 6})
$$

$$
C_{\rm g} = K_{\rm e} C_1 \qquad (\text{Eq 7})
$$

From the last equation it is noted that  $L = 1/K_c$ . In the above equations *X* is the mole fraction and, of course, solubility may be expressed in terms of mole fractions. The volume fraction, molarity, and molality can also be used to express solubility.

The Henry's law constants, particularly  $K_2$ , can be satisfactorily used to express solubility, but it must be remembered from thermodynamics that Henry's law is applicable only over a restricted range for dilute solutions and that Henry's law in practice is frequently just a limiting law. The method of calculating the Henry's law constant must be specified. The practice of converting solubility data from the experimental pressure to a partial gas pressure of 760 mm by applying Henry's law usually introduces no errors if the pressure range is reasonably small.

# D. THE WEIGHT SOLUBILITY,  $C_{\mathbf{w}}$

The weight solubility,  $C_{\rm w}$ , is recommended by Cook (103) as a more logical unit than either the Bunsen or Ostwald coefficients.  $C_{\rm w}$  is defined as the number of moles of gas, with the partial pressure of the gas being 760 mm, per gram of solvent. This unit has the advantage of essentially being a ratio of weights, thus permitting easy conversions and making certain calculations simpler.

## E. INTERCONVERSION OF THE SOLUBILITY EXPRESSIONS

(a) From the Bunsen coefficient

$$
\beta = \alpha (760 - P_{\rm s}) / 760 \qquad \text{(Eq 8)}
$$



Figure 8.-Entropy of solution of gases. **I,** He; **2, H2; 3,** Ne; **4,** Nf; **5,** CO; 6, 02; **7, Ar;** 8, CH,; 9, COZ; 10, Kr; 11, Xe; **12,** GHt; **13,** C2H4; **14,** C2Ha; **15,** SFa. Reprinted from "Regular Solutions" **(244)** by permission of the authors and the copyright owners, Prentice-Hall, Inc. , Englewood Cliffs, N. J.

$$
L = \alpha(T/273.15) = \beta(T/273.15)(760)/(760 - P_s)
$$
\n(Eq 9)

$$
S = \frac{a}{\rho_s(1-u)} \qquad (\text{Eq } 10)
$$

$$
C_{\mathbf{w}} = \alpha/V_0 \rho \qquad (\text{Eq 11})
$$

 $P_{\rm s}$  is the partial pressure of the solvent,  $\rho_{\rm s}$  is the density of the solution, *u* is the decimal fraction of solute in solution,  $V_0$  is the molal volume of the gas in  $cc$ /mole at  $0^\circ$ , and  $\rho$  is the density of the solvent at the temperature of the measurement.

$$
K_1 = \frac{17.033 \times 10^8 \rho_s}{\alpha M_s} + 760 \quad (\text{Eq 12})
$$

$$
K_2 = 17,033/\alpha = \frac{22,414 \times 760}{1000\alpha} \quad (\text{Eq 13})
$$

*M,* is the molecular weight of the solvent. The units of *Kl* are those of pressure (mm Hg), and only for the very soluble gases does the constant term of **760** mm alter significantly the value of *K1* calculated from the first term in Eq 12. The units of  $K_2$  are (mm Hg) (liters of solvent)/mole of gas.

(b) From the Ostwald coefficient

$$
\alpha = L(273.15/T) \tag{Eq 14}
$$

$$
\alpha = L(273.15/T) \qquad (\text{Eq } 14)
$$
  

$$
\beta = L(273.15/T)(760 - P_s)/760 \qquad (\text{Eq } 15)
$$

$$
K_{\rm e} = 1/L \tag{Eq 16}
$$

$$
C_{\rm w} = L/V_{\rm t}\rho \qquad \qquad (\text{Eq 17})
$$

 $V_t$  is the molal volume of the gas in cc/mole at the temperature of the measurement.

(c) From the Henry's law constant, *K1* 

$$
\alpha = \frac{17.033 \times 10^6 \rho}{(K_1 - 760)M_{\rm s}} \tag{Eq 18}
$$

The **760** mm in the denominator may be neglected unless it is appreciable with respect to  $K_1$ .

(d) From the weight solubility,  $C_{\mathbf{w}}$ 

$$
X = C_{\mathbf{w}} M_{\mathbf{s}} / (1 + C_{\mathbf{w}} M_{\mathbf{s}}) \qquad (\text{Eq 19})
$$

## V. SOLUBILITY THEORY **AND** RELATIONSHIPS

#### **A. GAS** SOLUBILITY **AND** THEORIES OF SOLUTION

## *1. Regular Solution Theory*

Regular solution theory has been most consistently applied to gas solubilities by Hildebrand and coworkers. The two books by Hildebrand and Scott **(243, 244)** contain excellent individual chapters on gas solubilities, namely, Chapter XV in ref **243** and Chapter IV in ref **244.** Hildebrand and Scott **(243, p 4)** define regular solutions with the following sentence: **"A**  regular solution is one involving no entropy change when a small amount of one of its components is transferred to it from an ideal solution of the same composition, the total volume remaining unchanged."

There are two equations based on regular solution theory frequently used to calculate gas solubilities. The first is

$$
-\log X_2 = -\log X_2^i + \frac{0.4343 \bar{V}_2}{RT} (\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2
$$
 (Eq 20)

In this equation  $X_2$  is the mole fraction gas solubility,  $X_2^i$  is the ideal gas solubility (calculable from Raoult's law),  $\bar{V}_2$  is the partial molal volume of the gas in the solution, and the  $\delta$ 's are solubility parameters where the subscript 1 refers to the solvent. The solubility parameter,  $\delta$ , sometimes referred to as the cohesive energy density, is the square root of the energy of vaporization per cc or  $\delta = (\Delta E^V/\overline{V})^{1/2}$ , where  $\Delta E^V$  is the molar energy of vaporization and  $\bar{V}$  is the molar volume. For solutions where the molecules differ in size (Flory-Huggins model) the following equation is used

$$
-\log \phi_2 = -\log X_2^i + 0.4343 \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{V}_2}{\bar{V}_1} \right) \phi_1 +
$$

$$
\frac{0.4343 \bar{V}_2 \phi_1^2}{RT} (\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2 \quad (\text{Eq 21})
$$

where  $\phi$  is the volume fraction and  $\bar{V}_1$  is the molar volume of the solvent. Upon introducing some simplifying approximations the previous equation becomes

$$
-\log X_2 = -\log X_2^i + \log \frac{\bar{V}_2}{\bar{V}_1} +
$$
  
0.4343 $\left(1 - \frac{\bar{V}_2}{\bar{V}_1}\right) + \frac{0.4343 \bar{V}_2}{RT} (\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2$  (Eq 22)

For gases above their critical temperature the terms  $X_2^i$ ,  $\delta_2$ , and  $\bar{V}_2$  are evaluated by various extrapolations and approximations. Gjaldbaek and Hildebrand **(219)** 

in a paper on the solubility of chlorine in  $n$ -perfluoroheptane and other liquids justified the substitution of the partial molal volume of the gas in the solution for for molal volume of the pure gas. Despite the many assumptions made in the derivation of Eq 20, **21,** and **22** they have proved to be remarkably satisfactory for solutions where both solvent and solute are nonpolar, and have been shown to give a fair approximation for slightly polar solvents. In some cases experimentally determined gas solubilities have been used in conjunction with the above equations to arrive at empirical values for the gas solubility parameters. Among others Clever, *et al.* **(97),** have done this and also applied regular solution theory to rare gas solubilities **(95-98).**  Three recent papers by Thomsen and Gjaldbaek **(599-601)** have compared calculated with experimental solubilities for a variety of gases in a variety of solvents. In ref 600 they show an interesting correlation (a straight line) between  $\delta_2$  calculated empirically from solubility measurements and  $\delta_2$  calculated from  $[(\Delta H^V - RT)/V]^{1/2}$  where  $\Delta H^V$  is the heat of vaporization. Gjaldbaek and co-workers in a series of papers **(216-223, 358),** which are most useful and interesting for the range of systems investigated and the reliability of the measurements, have supplied the most extensive testing of Eq 20, **21,** and **22.** Gjaldbaek and Anderson **(221)** included an additional term in Eq **20** to account for the dipole contribution to the energy of vaporization for polar solvents.

Jolley and Hildebrand **(282)** critically reviewed the literature for reliable gas solubilities which suited their purpose and drew a number of conclusions which are quoted below and illustrated in Figures 8, **9,** and **10**  taken from ref **244:** "(a) For a given series of gases at **1** atm and **25'** dissolving in a series of solvents, log  $X_2$  decreases with increasing solubility parameter,  $\delta_1$ , of the solvent. (b) For different gases in the same solvent,  $log X_2$  increases linearly with increasing Lennard-Jones force constant,  $\epsilon/k$ , of the gas. (c) The entropies of solution of different gases in the same solvent vary linearly with  $R \ln X_2$ , and extrapolate at  $X_2 = 1$  to the entropy of condensing to pure liquid the vapor of the solvent from a hypothetical pressure of 1 atm. The temperature coefficient of solubility may thus be obtained from its isothermal value. Solubility increases with temperature from common solvents when  $X_2$  is less than about  $10^{-3}$ , and vice versa. (d) The partial molal entropy of solution of any one gas from 1 atm to the same mole fraction (here  $10^{-4}$ ) is nearly bhe same in all solvents except fluorocarbons, where it is a little greater. In any one solvent, it increasea in going to gases with smaller force constant. This is attributed mainly to increase in freedom of motion of the adjacent molecules of the solvent rather than to change in the behavior of the gas molecule in a 'cage'." Kobatake and Hildebrand **(322)** added



Figure 9.-Gas solubilities at  $25^\circ$  and 1 atm in log  $X_2$  vs. the square of the solubility parameters of the solvents,  $\delta_1$ : **(a)**  $C_7F_{16}$ , (b)  $(C_4F_9)_3N$ , (c)  $c-\tilde{C}_6\tilde{F}_{11}CF_3$ , (d)  $i-C_8H_{18}$ , (e)  $CCl_2F\cdot CClF_2$ , (f) n-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>, (g)  $C_6H_{11}CH_3$ , (h)  $c$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>, (i) CCl<sub>4</sub>, (j)  $C_6H_5CH_3$ , (k)  $C_6H_6$ , (1)  $CS_2$ . Unpublished results reprinted by special permission of the author, Professor Joel H. Hildebrand.



Figure 10.-Solubility vs. "force constant" of gases. Reprinted from "Regular Solutions" **(244)** by permission of the authors and the copyright owners, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J.

data for many more systems, and Archer and Hildebrand **(15)** added data on the solubility of CF, and  $SF<sub>6</sub>$  in nonpolar solvents to the "regular" solutions.

Prausnits **(483)** applied regular solution theory to gas-liquid solutions. He considered a three-step

process: (a) isothermal compression of the pure gas from its partial pressure and the pure liquid from its vapor pressure to the isometric mixing pressure; (b) isothermal, isometric, and isopiestic mixing at the isometric mixing pressure; and (c) isothermal expansion of the solution from the isometric mixing pressure to the equilibrium pressure. The resulting equations gave reasonable estimates of the solubilities of gases and also of the temperature coefficient of solubility. Prausnitz and Shair (485) presented a thermodynamic correlation for gas solubilities based on the two-step process of condensing the gas isothermally to a hypothetical liquid at **1** atm and then dissolving this hypothetical liquid in the solvent. This paper contains much useful information including a semiempirical method for correlating the solubilities of gases in polar solvents. Sherwood and Prausnitz (566) derived a relationship for the accurate determination of heats of solution of gases at high pressure. Yen and McKetta (670) derived equations based on regular solution theory for the thermodynamic correlation of nonpolar gas solubilities in polar, nonassociated liquids. They were able to semiempirically correlate solubilities of nonpolar gases in both polar and nonpolar solvents. Lachowicz and Weale *(353)* also derived equations based on regular solution theory to predict gas solubility in nonpolar liquids, and their application of their equations to existing data resulted in useful correlations. Smith and Walkley (577) found that it was in general impossible to obtain solubility parameters for gases that lead to acceptable values for both the partial molal volumes and the solubility.

# *2. Cell Potential and Cavity Models*

Uhlig (620) proposed a cavity model in which he considered the solubility process to take place in two steps: first, doing work on the solvent against the solvent surface tension to create a cavity, and, second, placing the gas molecule in this cavity and calculating the energy of interaction between the gas and solvent molecules. This is a simple theory but its prediction of a linear relationship between log *L* and the solvent surface tension has been borne out by many examples. Eley (161, 162) considered a two-step process similar to that of Uhlig's, but was able to more carefully evaluate the separate contributions of each step to the energy and the entropy changes involved. His approach showed reasonable success with both water and organic solvents, although he shows that the case of water is more complicated due to the possibility of structural modifications.

Reiss, *et al.* (496) , extending ideas previously applied to the statistical mechanical theory of hard-sphere fluids determined an expression for the work of creating a spherical cavity in a real fluid. Systems such as helium in benzene are sufficiently close to the model to permit an experimental test of the theoretical expression, since Henry's law constants may be obtained from the expression. In addition, the surface tension and the normal heats of vaporization of fluids may be evaluated, and the authors found satisfactory agreement between calculated and experimental properties.

Pierotti (474) developed a method, using equations derived by Reiss, *et al.* (496), for calculating the reversible work required to introduce a hard sphere into a fluid and for predicting the solubility, the heat of solution, and the partial molar volume of simple gases in nonpolar solvents. The equations are derived for the two-step process of creating a cavity in the solvent of suitable size to accommodate the solute molecule (the reversible work or partial molar Gibbs free energy required to do this being identical with that for introducing a hard sphere of the same radius as the cavity into the solution), and then introducing into the cavity a solute molecule which interacts with the solvent according to some potential law, for instance, a Lennard-Jones (6-12) pairwise potential (the reversible work in the second step being identical with that of charging the hard sphere or cavity introduced in the first step to the required potential). By plotting the Henry's law constant against the polarizability of the solute gases for experimental data and extrapolating to zero polarizability a hard-sphere solubility is obtained which can be compared with solubilities calculated from the theory. This was done for He, Ne, Ar, Kr,  $N_2$ , H<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub> in benzene and carbon tetrachloride at 29S"K, and He, Ne,  $H_2$ , and  $D_2$  in argon at  $87^\circ K$ ; in all but one case the predicted solubility is well within a factor of **2** of the observed solubility, which is very good agreement considering the crude method used to obtain the interaction energy. By plotting the collision diameters of the rare gases against their polarizabilities and extrapolating to zero polarizability a hard-sphere diameter (2.33 **A)** corresponding to the extrapolated hard-sphere Henry's law constant may be evaluated. The theory also yields heats of solutions and partial molal volumes of the gases in solution. The predicted heats were usually within experimental error for all solutes except methane. The agreement between the predicted and calculated partial molal volumes is good, being better than those calculated by Smith and Walkley (577).

In a second paper (475) Pierotti developed a theory of gas solubility in water along lines similar to the earlier paper except for the introduction of a term involving the solvent dipole moment. Good agreement mas found between the experimental and calculated heats, entropies, and molar heat capacities of solution, and for the partial molar volumes of the solutes. The calculated and experimental Henry's ldw constants for 16 solutes in water at  $25^{\circ}$  show good agreement, in only one case being off by a factor **of 2.** The "abnormal" thermodynamic properties of aqueous solutions were discussed with respect to the enthalpy and entropy of cavity formation. The theory is promising as a method for the investigation of gas solubilities in molten salts and molten metals. The thermodynamic properties of gas solubility in mater and organic solvents were explained by one theory which involved no assumptions concerning the structure of the solvent.

Kobatake and Alder **(323)** discuss cell potentials and gas solubility theory. They develop a two-parameter cell potentid in a free-volume-type theory which is determined from two experimentally obtained thermodynamic quantities. The cell potential for a gas dissolved in a liquid yields values of the free volume of the gas molecule that are about ten times larger than in a typical liquid. These large free volumes make the calculations less sensitive to the assumptions of the geometric arrangements of the neighboring particles and less dependent on the uncertainties in the knowledge of the intermolecular cell potentials. The large free volume indicates, as a number of authors have pointed out, that the gas molecule almost digs a "hole" in the liquid. Kobatake and Alder use this idea to calculate a reasonable value for the interfacial tension of carbon tetrachloride. For CH<sub>4</sub>,  $N_2$ , Ar,  $O_2$ , and  $C_2H_6$  in CCl<sub>4</sub> it was found that the gas molecule is surrounded by about seven neighbors and that the solvent molecules surrounding the gas contribute importantly to the thermodynamic functions. Further, it was found that the gas molecules perturb the solvent significantly over several molecular layers, while this is not the case in dilute liquid mixtures.

## *3.* Other Contributions to Theory

Ridenour, *et al.* (501), derived an equation from a thermodynamic consideration of gas solubility as a special case of vapor-liquid equilibrium in which the system temperature may be higher than the critical temperature of the more volatile component of the mixture. The equation was applied with reasonable success to the solubility of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ , Ar,  $O<sub>2</sub>$ , and  $N<sub>2</sub>$  in paraffin wax and the solubility of air in kerosene. Klots and Benson **(320)** discuss the thermodynamic properties of the atmospheric gases in aqueous solutions. Mastrangelo **(398)** derived an equation by statistical methods using a "quasi-chemical" type of equation for a two-component system that possesses one or more similar interactions per molecule. The agreement between the equation and data on the solubility of chlorofluoromethanes and ethanes in tetraethylene glycol dimethyl ether and chloroform in acetone was good. The equation should prove especially useful for solubility in polymeric solvents.

Himmelblau (247) uses a five-parameter equation for expressing the solubility of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , He,  $H_2$ , Xe, and CH<sub>4</sub> in water from the freezing point of water to near its critical point. The average deviation between the

calculated and experimental Henry's law constants is about **3%.** The partial molal heats and entropies of solution are presented from the freezing point to near the critical point of water. These partial molal heats of solution appeared to correlate linearly best at **25"**  with the force constants of the gases, and at **4"** with the polarizability of the gases. Himmelblau and Arends **(250)** used the same five-parameter equation to correlate the solubility of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $H_2$ , He, Xe, CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>,  $C_3H_8$ , n- $C_4H_{10}$ , and 1-butene in water at high temperatures and pressures. Namiot (437) discusses the solubility under pressure of gases in water. In a paper on the solubility of nonpolar gases (He,  $H_2$ , Ar, Kr, Xe, CH4, C2Hs, C3Hs) in water Namiot **(439)** derives an equation for calculating the number of water molecules bonded to one gas molecule, and also the number of displaced water molecules. These values were calculated for the above-mentioned gases. Amirkhanov (12) derived an equation for the theoretical calculation of the solubility in water of gases obeying Henry's lam. The derivation assumes Maxwell's law of the distribution of molecular velocities and considers the thermal energy of the gaseous molecule, under equilibrium conditions. Using this equation the calculated solubility of Ne, Ar, Kr, and Xe was found to agree within experimental error with the experimental solubility.

Salvetti and Trevissoi (522) examined on the basis of irreversible thermodynamics the absorption of gases by liquids. Trevissoi and Ferraiolo *(605)* on a similar basis studied the absorption of gases by liquids considering the effect of surface tension.

# *4.* Special Studies

The reasonably well-defined gaseous standard state and the low solubility of gases in liquids has attracted many workers to make studies in which the solubility of a gas is used as a "probe" to the understanding of a solvent property or to a gas-solvent molecular interaction. The extensive studies of the effect of an electrolyte solution on a nonelectrolyte activity is discussed in the section on salt effects. Several other studies are worth special mention.

Marvel, Copley, Zellhoefer, and co-workers (106-111, **677, 678)** carried out an extensive study of hydrogen bonding. They determined the solubility of vapors of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CCl}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_3\text{F}_3$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_4$  in several hundred oxygen-containing compounds including alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, acids, ethers, and oximes as well as compounds containing nitrogen and sulfur functional groups. They concluded that the C-H group in the halocarbons can hydrogen bond and that ethers, aldehydes, ketones, and trialkylamines being the best solvents form the strongest hydrogen bonds. CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>ClF, CHCl<sub>2</sub>F, CHClF<sub>2</sub>,

The solubility of an acidic or basic gas can be correlated with the basicity of the solvent. Brown, *et al.* **(75-77),** used the solubility of HC1 as a measure of the basic properties of aromatic nuclei.

Gerrard, Macklen, and co-workers have used hydrohalide gas solubilities **(202-205, 207-212)** as a measure of the basic function of oxygen and more recently sulfur (196) in certain organic functional groups. There is a detailed review of most of their work **(206).** 

#### B. TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF GAS SOLUBILITY

Only one direct calorimetric study of the heats of solution of gases has been made **(10).** All other values of the heat of solution of a gas in a liquid were derived from phase-equilibrium data *via* the important temperature coefficient of gas solubility. Progress is continuing to be made on understanding the basis of the temperature coefficient of solubility; however, useful predictions of the sign and magnitude of the temperature coefficient of solubility in all systems awaits a better understanding of intermolecular forces.

The rare gases are good examples of the types of gas solubility temperature dependence one observes. All the noble gases have a negative temperature coefficient of solubility in water around room temperature and atmospheric pressure which goes through a minimum and becomes positive at high temperatures and pressures. In hydrocarbon solvents at room temperature and atmospheric pressure helium and neon solubility increases with temperature, argon solubility is almost independent of temperature, and krypton and xenon solubilities decrease with temperature. In the molten salts studied to date **all** the rare gases have a positive temperature coefficient of solubility at temperatures between 600 and **900"** and pressures ranging from **0.5 to 2** atm.

For gases dissolved in nonpolar solvents Hildebrand and co-workers have done much to bring order and understanding to the problem of the temperature dependence of solubility. Their work is well summarized in Chapter **4** of Hildebrand and Scott **(244)** where it is pointed out that for a sparingly soluble gas that obeys Henry's law the entropy of solution is

$$
\bar{S}_2 - S_2^{\epsilon} = R \left( \frac{\partial \ln X_2}{\partial \ln T} \right)_{\text{sat } P} \qquad \text{(Eq 23)}
$$

where  $X_2$  is the mole fraction solubility. Experimentally it is observed that plots of log  $X_2$  against log T are essentially linear for gases dissolved in nonpolar liquids. Thus, there is a regular system of relationships which exists between entropy and solubility with the dividing line between positive and negative temperature coefficient of solubility coming at  $\bar{S}_2 - S_2^{\alpha} = 0$ . Plots of  $\bar{S}_2 - S_2^{\alpha}$  against  $-R \ln X_2$  are linear for a series of gases in a given solvent (Figure *8).* Gases with solubility less than about  $10^{-3}$  mole fraction generally have positive temperature coefficient of solubility; gases with greater than about  $10^{-3}$  mole fraction generally have negative temperature coefficients.

Hildebrand **(244)** has calculated the entropy of transferring gas at 1 atm to solution at  $10^{-4}$  mole fraction for solvents varying from *5.8* to 10.0 in solubility parameter and gases varying from **10** to 300 in "force constants." The entropy increases moderately with decrease in solubility parameter and increases largely with decrease in force constant. Plots of the logarithm of mole fraction solubility against solvent solubility parameter squared show a smooth nearlinear relation for each gas. Plots of the logarithm of mole fraction solubility against the gas "force constants" are linear for each solvent tested (Figures 9 and **10).** Hildebrand shows that, excepting cases of specific interaction, the entropy of solution is the sum of two factors: dilution and expansion. These faetors are both determined by the interrelations of intermolecular forces as measured by solvent solubility parameters and gas "force constants."

The temperature dependence of solubility has been used more often to get the heat of solution rather than the entropy of solution. Plots of log  $X_2$  against  $1/T$ are usually linear to the accuracy with which gas solubility is commonly measured. **A** temperature independent  $\Delta H$  is assumed and calculated from the slope which is equal  $-\Delta H/2.303R$ .

The choice of solubility unit is of some importance for it determines the reference standard state change; mole fraction, *Xz,* Henry's constant, *K1,* molarity, C, and Ostwald coefficient, *L,* are commonly used. Plots of  $\log X_2$  and  $\log K_1$  against  $1/T$  have slopes of equal magnitude but opposite sign. The same is true of log  $C_2$  and log  $K_2$  plots. Enthalpies from the concentration plots,  $X_2$  or  $C_2$ , represent the standard state change of gas to solution; the *K* plots give enthalpies of the reverse reactions. Plots of  $\log L$  against  $1/T$  are commonly linear. To put the  $\Delta H$  from such a plot on a mole fraction basis one must add RT.

$$
X_2 = \frac{LP_{\mathbf{g}}V^1}{RT} \text{ and } \frac{\mathrm{d} \ln X_2}{\mathrm{d} T} = \frac{\mathrm{d} \ln L}{\mathrm{d} T} - \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\Delta H}{RT^2}
$$

Where exceptionally accurate solubility data from over an extended temperature range are available, an equation of the type

$$
\log X_2 = \frac{a}{T} + b \log T - c \qquad (\text{Eq 24})
$$

can be fitted to the data where *a, b,* and c are the constants. Standard thermodynamic manipulations of this equation give the temperature-dependent heat of solution as

$$
\Delta H = -2.303Ra + bRT
$$

and the heat capacity change on solution **as** 

$$
\Delta C_{\rm p} = bR
$$

The accuracy of the data is seldom good enough to attach any more than qualitative significance to the  $\Delta C_{\rm p}$  value.

Sherwood and Prausnitz **(566)** have carefully analyzed the factors important in getting the enthalpy of solution from phase-equilibrium data at high pressure. Their general expression for the partial molal heat of solution is

$$
\frac{\Delta \vec{H}_2}{R} = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\partial \ln \phi_2}{\partial \ln Y_2} \right)_{T,P} \right] \left( \frac{\partial \ln Y_2}{\partial 1/T} \right)_P - \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\partial \ln \gamma_2}{\partial \ln X_2} \right)_{T,P} \right] \left( \frac{\partial \ln X_2}{\partial 1/T} \right)_P \quad (\text{Eq 25})
$$

where  $\phi_2$  is the vapor phase activity coefficient,  $\gamma$  the liquid phase activity coefficient, and *Y* the vapor phase mole fraction. They used the equation to calculate the heat of solution of methane in decane at **lo00** psia by approximating the vapor phase equation of state of moderate vapor densities by a virial expression through the second virial coefficient. Liquid phase corrections for  $(\delta \ln \gamma_2/\delta \ln X_2)_{T,P}$  were obtained which required knowledge of the solution compressibility, partial molal volume of the gas in solution, and phase-equilb rium data. The calculated  $\Delta H_2$  had an uncertainty of **10%** which mostly reflected the **1%** uncertainty in the experimental liquid phase compositions. At higher vapor densities the third virial coefficient becomes important. The approach, which includes the effect of vapor and liquid nonideality, permits a relatively accurate calculation of the heats of solution for systems for which the experimental data are sufficiently accurate to warrant its use.

Namiot **(438)** gives a thermodynamic interpretation of the observed minimum in the solubility of hydrocarbons in water at about **70".** 

The effect of temperature on salt effects and on the solubility of gases in molten salts is discussed in the appropriate sections.

# **C.** PARTIAL MOLAL VOLUMES OF GASES DISSOLVED IN LIQUIDS

An understanding of the partial molal volume of gases in solution is of importance in the study of solution thermodynamic properties. Smith and Walkley **(577)**  have tested the predictions of various thermodynamic theories of solution for the gas partial molal volume. They used available partial molal volumes of gases in nonpolar liquids and showed that a simple free volume theory predicted the correct magnitude and order of partial molal volumes in the various nonpolar liquids. In general, regular solution theory did not predict acceptable values of both solubility and partial molal volumes of a gas from a single value of gas solubility parameter. Hillier and Walkley **(2448)** have used a quantum equation of state and found good agreement

between their predicted and the experimental partial molal volumes for  $H_2$  and  $D_2$  in liquid argon.

Hildebrand and Scott **(244)** discuss the contribution of volume expansion on mixing to the entropy of solution. Although volume expansion has little effect on the free energy of mixing, it can have a marked effert on the entropy of mixing. The correction to the partial molal entropy of solution of a dilute solute needs values of solvent internal pressure,  $\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_v$ , and solute partial molal volume,  $\bar{V}_2$ .

Table VI11 catalogs references to gas-liquid systems for which partial molal volumes are reported. Included is the extensive **1931** work of Horiuti **(261);** references to other **pre-1940** data can be found in Kritchevsky and Ilinskaya **(336).** Two techniques have been used at atmospheric pressure. Most workers have used some modification of Horiuti's apparatus **(261)** to directly determine solution dilation on dissolving the gas to near saturation. Some have determined solution density **(396).** Details of the technique and apparatus are discussed in references listed in Table VIII.

Gamburg **(198A)** and Connolly and Kandalic **(101)**  describe apparatus for the determination of partial molal volumes at high pressure. Some of the partial molal volumes at high pressure listed in Table VI11 were not determined directly but got by fitting the experimental gas solubility to some form of the Krichevsky and Kasarnovskey quation **(335, 336)** for gas solubility at at high pressure.

### D. GAS SOLUBILITIES **IN** MIXED NONELECTROLYTE SOLVENTS

A solution of a gas in a binary nonelectrolyte mixed solvent is a three-component system, with two gassolvent interactions and a solvent-solvent interaction of importance.

Ben-Naim and Baer **(39)** have determined the solubility of argon in water-ethanol mixtures at six temperatures and nine concentrations between **0.015** and **0.25** mole fraction ethanol (Figure **11).** At low temperatures there is a maximum in the solubility at low ethanol concentrations. Both viscosity and water partial molal volumes show a similar concentration dependence in the ethanol-water system. These results are explainable in terms of the influence of ethanol on the structure of water. Small amounts of ethanol increase the concentration of the icelike form of water at low temperatures; at about **30"** the icelike structure of water is breaking down anyway and the argon solubility tends to increase monotonically from its value in pure warer to its value in pure ethanol. Dissolved argon itself influences the amount of icelike water present. Plots of  $\Delta \bar{S}^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta \bar{H}^{\circ}$  for the argon solutions show similar trends when plotted against the mole fraction of ethanol. The entropies of solution of argon in pure water are negative as compared to pure



Figure 11.-The solubility of argon in aqueous ethanol. Ostwald coefficients as a function of mole fraction ethanol **(39).**  Reprinted from *The Transactions* of *the Faraday Society* by permission of the Faraday Society.

alcohol. The value for pure ethanol has already been attained at 0.2 mole fraction ethanol, and this suggested to Ben-Naim and Baer that the abnormally low entropy of solution of argon in pure water cannot be attributed to an active formation of icelike water but that the argon shifts the already existing equilibrium toward the icelike form. A similar study of argon solubility in water-p-dioxane system is reported by Ben-Kaim and Moran (40). The maximum in the argon solubility at low concentrations and low temperatures seen in the water-ethanol system was not found in the water-dioxane system. This is interpreted to mean p-dioxane has a destabilizing influence on the large compact clusters of water molecules at all pdioxane concentrations and temperatures studied.

Schlapfer, Audykowski, and Bukowiecki (539) determined the solubility of oxygen from air at 30" over the full concentration range of aqueous solutions with methanol, ethanol, l-propanol, 2-propanol, l-butanol, ethylene glycol, and glycerine. The oxygen solubility decreases almost linearly with increasing weight per cent ethylene glycol or glycerine. In the monohydric alcohols the solubility behavior is somewhat similar to the argon solubility in ethanol-water at  $32^{\circ}$  with the solubility going through a minimum then increasing to the solubility in pure alcohol.

Some limited studies of gas solubility in aqueous alcohol mixtures include  $N_2$  (168),  $N_2$  and  $O_2$  (342), and  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  (503) in ethanol-water,  $O<sub>2</sub>$  in methanol-water (478), and various gases in beers and wines (2, 168, 172, 313, 407).

Studies in other aqueous mixed solvents include: oxygen (248, 285) and  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  (379) in aqueous sugar solutions; He and Ar in water-saturated nitromethane  $(197)$ ;  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ , acetylene, and ethylene in water-Nmethylpyrrolidone  $(565)$ ;  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in various aqueous mono-, di-, and triethanolamine solutions (381, 568, 596); acetylene in aqueous dimethylformamide, dioxane, and acetone (387), acetylene, methylacetylene, vinylacetylene, and diacetylene in aqueous dimethylformamide and N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (72, 72A) ; hydrogen sulfide in aqueous phenol (226) and in aqueous monoethanolamine  $(283)$ ; ClO<sub>2</sub> in aqueous acetic acid  $(305)$ ; and  $O_2$  in aqueous  $H_3PO_4$  (235). Solubilities in aqueous strong acid solutions are discussed under salt effects.

For less polar mixed solvents O'Connell and Prausnitz (459) have considered the thermodynamics of a solution consisting of one supercritical component, a gas, and two or more subcritical components, the liquid solvent components. They treat the case of a gas dissolved in two miscible solvents and generalize the result to a gas dissolved in a mixture of any number of miscible solvents. In their notation subscript **1** is the solvent of lower vapor pressure, 2 is the gas, and 3 the solvent of higher vapor pressure. The solvent activity coefficients are both referred to the saturation vapor pressure of solvent 1. The activity coefficient of the gaseous solute is also related to the saturation pressure of solvent 1 with the gas reference fugacity related to the Henry's constant in solvent 1 in the absence of solvent **3.** Thus, they use an unsymmetrical convention for normalization of the activity coefficients  $\gamma_1 \rightarrow 1$  as  $X_1 \rightarrow 1$ , tion of the activity coefficients  $\gamma_1 \rightarrow 1$  as  $X_1 \rightarrow \gamma_2 \rightarrow 1$  as  $X_2 \rightarrow 0$  at  $X_3 = 0$ , and  $\gamma_3 \rightarrow 1$  as  $X_3 \rightarrow 1$ .

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and write one-paramenter Margues expansions for the excess free energy which in the symmetric convention\n
$$
\frac{g_{12}^E}{RT} = \alpha_{12} X_1 X_2 \frac{g_{13}^E}{RT} = \alpha_{13} X_1 X_3 \frac{g_{23}^E}{RT} = \alpha_{23} X_2 X_3
$$
\n(Eq 26)

Then the molar excess free energy of the ternary solution is assumed to be

$$
\frac{g_{123}^{E}}{RT} = \alpha_{12}X_1X_2 + \alpha_{13}X_1X_3 + \alpha_{23}X_2X_3 \quad (Eq 27)
$$

They differentiate and transform from the symmetric to the nonsymmetric convention to obtain expressions for  $\gamma_i$  as a function of the  $\alpha$ 's and mole fractions. The parameters  $\alpha_{12}$ ,  $\alpha_{23}$ , and  $\alpha_{13}$  are evaluated from the solubility data for the gas in pure solvent 1, the solubility data for the gas in pure solvent **3,** and the vaporliquid equilibrium data for the binary solution of **1** and **3,** respectively. Finally Henry's law constant for the mixed solvent is

$$
\ln H_{2, \text{ mixed solvent}} (P_1^s) = X_1 \ln H_{21}(P_1^s) + X_3
$$

$$
\ln H_{23}(P_1^s) - \alpha_{13} X_1 X_3 \quad (\text{Eq 28})
$$

The equation shows that even if the two solvents form an ideal mixture  $(\alpha_{13} = 0)$ , Henry's constant for the solute in the mixed solvent is an exponential rather than a linear function of the solvent composition. O'Connell and Prausnitz have calculated Henry's constant for  $H_2$ in toluene-heptane and for  $O_2$  in isooctane-perfluoroheptane, but no direct experimental confirmation is available.

Koudelka **(333, 334)** has determined the solubility of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in the six possible binary systems formed from methanol, acetone, chloroform, and benzene. He finds deviations for the activity coefficient of the gas in the binary solvent from the linear relation of activity coefficients in the pure liquids

$$
\log \gamma_{2,\text{mixture}} = X_1 \log \gamma_{2,\text{in 1}} + X_3 \log \gamma_{2,\text{in 3}} \quad (\text{Eq 29})
$$

The deviations may be expressed in terms of an excess function which requires only one constant,  $a$ , in a term  $aX_1X_3$  for simple nonpolar solutions added to Eq 29.

Clever (95) determined the solubility of argon and krypton in binary  $p$ -xylene- $p$ -dihalobenzene systems at **30".** The results fit regular solution theory with mixed-solvent solubility parameters obtained from mixed-solvent surface tensions.

Kruyer and Nobel **(347)** report that hydrogen solubility is a linear function of composition in benzenecyclohexane mixtures. Hydrogen solubilities are also reported (9) for the aliphatic olefin mixtures hexanehexene, heptane-heptene, and octane-octene.

Other studies in mixed solvents are  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  and  $N<sub>2</sub>$  in 50:50 decanol-dodecanol  $(378)$ ,  $N_2$  and  $O_2$  in 50:50 acetone-ethanol and isooctane-ethanol **(342),** acetylene in dioxane-dimethylformaniide **(387)** and in various binary systems of water, methanol, CH<sub>3</sub>Cl, and  $(CH_3OCH_2CH_2)_2O$  with the donor-type solvents dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, and ethylene glycol **(517).** 

## E. SOLVENT SURFACE TENSION AND GAS SOLUBILITY

**A** particularly successful gas solubility correlation is the linear relationship between log *L* and solvent



Figure 12.-Logarithm of argon Ostwald coefficients as a function of solvent surface tensions (530). Reprinted from The Journal of Physical Chemistry by permission of the copyright owners, The American Chemical Society.

surface tension,  $\sigma$ , for a gas in a series of solvents. Schläpfer, *et al.* (539), show that such a plot for oxygen solubility in about **20** solvents including alcohols, hydrocarbons, ketones, esters, and halocarbons holds well except for the solvents ethylene glycol, glycerine, and water. Baldwin and Daniel  $(23)$  correlate  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ , and air solubilities with the surface tension of lubricating oils and fuels. The solubility of the five gases He, Ne, Ar, Kr, and Xe fit the linear  $\log L$  against  $\sigma$  plot almost within experimental error for **13** hydrocarbon solvents (96, 97) and for various substituted benzene solvents **(530).** Figure 12 shows such a plot for argon in 25 solvents.

Uhlig **(620)** assumed the energy of forming a solvent cavity for the gas molecule is equal to the cavity surface area times the liquid surface tension to derive

$$
\log L = \frac{-4\pi r^2 \sigma + E}{2.303kT}
$$
 (Eq 30)

which predicts the linear  $\log L$  against  $\sigma$  plots at constant temperature. The criticism that the bulk surface tension is not appropriate to calculate the energy of formation of a molecular-sized cavity seems justified. Rather the surface tension is probably proportional to some solvent property that determines the gas dissolving power of the solvent. Hildebrand and Scott (243, Chapter XXI) show that a plot of  $\sigma/V_s^{1/4}$  against  $\Delta E_{\rm vap}/V$  for 19 liquids is linear with slope 0.86. This suggests the Hildebrand solubility parameter,  $\delta$ , is proportional to  $(\sigma/V_s^{1/3})^{0.43}$ .

In mixed solvents the surface tension may not represent such a property of the bulk solvent because of Gibbs enrichment of the surface by the component of lower surface tension. Gjaldbaek **(217)** showed that decreasing water surface tension 57% by adding a trace of aeresol decreased carbon dioxide solubility by only  $0.4\%$  at  $25^{\circ}$  and 1 atm. Similar results were obtained for  $N_2$  solubility in water (169). Although a trace of surface-active material does not change the equilibrium solubility of a gas in water, it may affect the rate of attaining equilibrium. The report of Yeh and Peterson **(667)** that *COz,* Kr, and Xe solubilities in lipids do not obey the Uhlig plot may be due to the presence of variable amounts of surface-active componets in the lipids. The Uhlig relationship is approximately obeyed for the solubility of **Ar** and Kr in the binary pxylene-p-dihalobenzene systems **(95).** In these binary systems the solvent molecules are of similar size, shape, and surface tension. The surface enrichment of one component is minimal so the solution surface tension still represents a bulk property.

Burrows and Preece **(85)** base a derivation on the ideas of Eley **(161, 162),** and Uhlig, and the empirical relationship between surface tension and temperature,  $\sigma = K/T^{n}$  that predicts a linear relationship between  $\log L \left(T/\sigma\right)^{1/(n+1)}$  and  $\sigma/T_r$  where  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  or 1. The solubility of helium in petroleum and silicone oils and of Ht, He, **Nt,** and methane in terphenyls **(234)** obeys the relationship. Plots of log *L* against **1/T** were not linear for these systems.

Plots of the solubility of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , and air in six kerosene jet fuels against  $1/\sigma^{0.75}$  are linear (144). Justification of the plot is the postulation that gas solubility is proportional to the solvent compressibility  $(\beta)$  and the relationship  $\sigma \beta^{\prime\prime}$  equals a constant.

The relationship of solvent surface tension and gas solublity in molten salts and in molten metals is discussed in the appropriate sections.

#### **F.** SALT **EFFECTS**

The activity coefficients of nonelectrolytes solutes in aqueous salt solution were well reviewed by Long and McDevit in **1952 (373).** 

The activity coefficient is a function of the concentration of all solute species and at a given temperature log  $f_i$  can be represented by a power series in  $C_s$ , the electrolyte concentration, and  $C_i$  the nonelectrolyte solute **gas** concentration.

$$
\log f_i = \sum_{mn=0} k_{nm} C_s^n C_i^m \qquad (\text{Eq 31})
$$

It is usually assumed that for low  $C_8$  and  $C_1$  where there is no chemical interaction between solute species only the linear terms are important and

$$
\log f_i = k_{\rm s} C_{\rm s} + k_i C_i \qquad (\text{Eq 32})
$$

The last term can be ignored if  $k_i$ , which results from the interaction of the nonelectrolyte with itself, is small, or if  $C_i$  is very small. In gas solubility studies  $C_i$  is often small enough to justify ignoring the  $k_i$  term. Most theories are concerned with the calculation of  $k_{\bullet}$ . Experimental measurements of the solubility of a gas in pure solvent and in a salt solution give the activity coefficient of the dissolved gas directly. The gas solute activity is the same in pure solvent and salt solution so

$$
f_i S_i = f_i^{\circ} S_i^{\circ}
$$

$$
\quad\text{and}\quad
$$

$$
(Eq\;33)
$$

$$
f_{\mathbf{i}} = f_{\mathbf{i}} \circ \frac{S_{\mathbf{i}} \circ}{S_{\mathbf{i}}}
$$

where  $S_i^{\circ}$  and  $S_i$  are gas solubility in pure solvent and salt solution, respectively. Thus

$$
\log f_i = \log f_i^\circ + \log \frac{S_i^\circ}{S_i} = k_\mathsf{B} C_\mathsf{B} + k_i S_i \quad (\text{Eq 34})
$$

Since  $\log f_i$ <sup>o</sup> =  $k_i$ <sup>o</sup>S<sub>i</sub>o

$$
\log \frac{f_i}{f_i^{\circ}} = \log \frac{S_i^{\circ}}{S_i} = k_{s}C_{s} + k_{i}(S_i - S_i^{\circ})
$$
 (Eq 35)

and if  $S_i$  and  $S_i$ <sup>o</sup> are low the last term can be ignored

$$
\log \frac{f_i}{f_s} = \log \frac{S_i^{\circ}}{S_i} = k_s C_s \quad (\text{Eq 36})
$$

which is the same form as the well-know empirical Setschenow equation,  $\log S_i^{\circ}/S_i = KC_i$ . However, in systems where the  $k_i(S_i - S_i)$  term cannot be ignored  $\overline{K}$  and  $k$ , are not the same. The distinction becomes important when comparing salting out of a nonelectrolyte of low solubility with one of high solubility. **A** salt that increases the activity coefficient of the dissolved gas salts out and a salt that decreases the activity coefficient of the dissolved gas salts in.

Long and McDevit **(373)** point out that the theories of the salt effect all have common underlying aspects but emphasize different approaches to the problem. They classify the theoretical approaches **as** emphasizing **(1)** hydration, **(2)** electrostatic, **(3)** van der Waals, and (4) internal pressure effects.

The hydration theories propose that salting out results from the effective removal of water molecules from their solvent role owing to the hydration of the ions. The theories provide no explanation of salting in.

The electrostatic theories relate salt effects to the influence of nonelectrolyte on the dielectric constant of the solvent. **A** nonelectrolyte that increases the dielectric constant of the solvent will be salted in, one that decreases the dielectric constant will be salted out.

The van der Waals theories extend the electrostatic theories by taking into account short-range forces, primarily dispersion forces, that may play an appreciable role in the specific effects of ions. The most detailed attempt to include dispersion forces is that of Bockris, Bowler-Reed, and Kitchener **(53).** 

The interal pressure of a salt solution can be related to changes in both volume and compressibility of a solvent due to dissolved salts. Both changes have been correlated with salt effects. RIcDevit and Long (408) have calculated the free energy of transfer of a nonpolar electrolyte from pure water to salt solution assuming the neutral molecules modify the ion-water interaction in a simple manner and get a limiting law for *k,* which is

$$
k_{\rm s} = \frac{\bar{V}_{\rm i}^{\circ} (V_{\rm s} - \bar{V}_{\rm s}^{\circ})}{2.3 \beta_0 RT}
$$
 (Eq 37)

where  $\bar{V}_i^{\circ}$  and  $\bar{V}_s^{\circ}$  are, respectively, partial molal volumes at infinite dilution of nonelectrolyte solute and salt,  $V<sub>s</sub>$  is the molar volume of pure (liquid) electrolyte, and  $\beta_0$  is the compressibility of pure water. Both the van der Waals and internal pressure approaches explain both salting-in and salting-out effects.

**KO** new basic theories of salt effects have appeared since **1952,** but several experimental tests based on gas solubility have been carried out.

Morrison and co-workers **(426,428,430)** have studied the salting out of  $H_2$ , He, Ne,  $N_2$ , O<sub>2</sub>, Kr, Xe, SF<sub>6</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>,  $C_2H_4$ ,  $C_2H_6$ ,  $C_3H_8$ , n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, and benzene vapor in some or all of the aqueous solutions of HC1, XH4CI, several alkali halides, BaCl<sub>2</sub>, LaCl<sub>3</sub>, and several tetralkylammonium chlorides. Electrostatic effects were tested by assuming  $k_s$  proportional to a coulombic term,  $\sum ce^2/r$ . Using crystallographic radii and using NaCl as a reference salt it was found that HCl, LiCl, BaCl<sub>2</sub>, and LaCla cause a salting out less than expected from ionic size. KCl behaves normally. KI is normal for low molecular weight gases, but causes a specific decrease in salting out which is proportional to the molecular size for the hydrocarbons and heavier organic gases.

Morrison and Johnstone **(430)** have calculated theoretical ratios of  $k_x/k_{\text{NaCl}}$  from electrostatic and internal pressure theories, where *k,* represents the salting-out constant of HCl, LiCl, KCl, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>BaCl<sub>2</sub>, NMe<sub>4</sub>Cl, NEt4C1, NaBr, KaI, NaK03, or **1/2Na2S04.** The internal preasure results accord better with the observed order of ratios than the electrostatic approach but does not fit the NMe4Cl and NEt4C1 salt ratios for the more "inert" gases.

The  $k_z/k_{\text{NaCl}}$  ratio is linear for a series of solute gases in a given salt solution except the salts KaI,  $NMe<sub>4</sub>Cl$ , and  $NEt<sub>4</sub>Cl$ . With these salts a specific effect is observed. When a correction for the van der Waals forces between ions and neutral molecules is applied the  $k_x/k_{\text{NaCl}}$  ratios become linear for these salts.

The salt effect constant, *k,,* can be referred to either unit volume of electrolyte solution or the unit weight of solvent. Morrison points out that the weight basis is more closely related to the theoretically significant mole fraction and reports his results on a solvent weight (molality) basis. On this basis nitric acid and tetraalkylammonium halides salt in He, Ne,  $n-\mathrm{C_4H_{10}}$ , and benzene vapor but salt out SF<sub>6</sub>.

The salting out of  $O_2$ , Ar, Xe, CH<sub>4</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> by LiCl, NaCl, KCl, and MgCl<sub>2</sub> (173),  $C_2H_6$  by NaCl and CaCl<sub>2</sub>  $(123)$ , and  $C_2H_2$  by numerous halide, nitrate, and sulfate salts (188) has been explained by hydration theories. Eucken and Hertzberg **(173)** have derived an expression for the hydration number of an ion based on an equilibrium association of water molecule clusters of one to eight molecules, the displacement of the equilibrium by the ions, and the competition of the ions and dissolved gas molecules for water of hydration. They get ion hydration numbers around **10.** Flid and Golynets **(188)** point out that salting out increases in the order the cations increase in ease of hydration between 0 and **25",** but that the order differs in the **50-70"** range. In general, as pointed out by McDevit and Long, the hydration numbers got ten by gas solubility measurements do not correspond with degrees of hydration obtained from other experiments.

Namiot **(439)** discusses aqueous gas solubilities in terms of a two-structure model of water. The dissolved gas molecules transform some "liquid" water molecules to "icelike" molecules. An equation is given for calculating the number of water molecules bonded to one gas molecule and the number of displaced water molecules. The Setschenow constant, *k',*  is related to the number of bonded water molecules.

Clever and Reddy (99) have obtained salting-out constants for helium and argon by NaI in both methanol and water. The ratio  $k_{s\text{MeOH}}/k_{s\text{H}_2O}$  is less than expected from the dielectric constant difference of the solvents. The van der Waals approach of Bockris, Bowler-Reed, and Kitchener **(53)** was not sufficiently sensitive to explain the  $k_{\rm sMeOH}/k_{\rm sH_2O}$  ratio for either gas.

Many studies have been made on the effect of aqueous electrolyte solutions on the activity coefficients of dissolved hydrocarbon gases. With one exception the studies of Table 111 were carried out in aqueous solution.

Salting out is the general rule. Exceptions include Na dodecyl sulfate and K oleate, where micelle formation and increased interaction energy between the hydrocarbon gas and the hydrocarbon-like micelle interior may explain the enhanced solubility over that in pure water. Guanidine hydrochloride, nitric acid, and tetralkylammonium halides salt in hydrocarbons. The increased solubility of ethylene in silver nitrate solutions is certainly due to formation of the  $Ag^+\cdot C_2H_4$ complex ion. It is suggested **(387)** that the increased solubility of acetylene in acetone in the presence of NaI is because acetylene is more soluble in an acetone $\cdot$ NaI

*TABLE* I11 SALT EFFECTS ON HYDROCARBON **GASES** 

Gases	Salts	Ref
CH4	NaCl, CaCl <sub>2</sub> , $MgCl2$	422
CH <sub>4</sub>	NaCl	153
$\rm CH_4, C_2H_4$	NaCl, LiCl, KI	428
$CH_4$ , $C_2H_6$	Alkali halides	173
$CH_4$ , $C_2H_6$ , $C_3H_8$ , $C_4H_{10}$	Guanidine hydrochloride	640
$\rm{C_2H_6}$	NaCl, CaCl <sub>2</sub>	123
$C_2H_6$ , $C_3H_8$ , $C_4H_{10}$ , $C_5H_{12}$	Na dodecyl sulfate	660
$C_3H_8$ , $C_4H_{10}$	NaCl	621
Cyclopropane	"Neutral salts"	268
Cyclopropane	NaCl	364
$\rm{C_2H_4}$	KCl, AgNO <sub>3</sub>	260
Propylene	"Neutral salts"	403
Propylene, $C_4H_{10}$ , $C_4H_8$	K oleate	402
$C_4H_8$	NaCl	303
$_{\rm C,H_{2}}$	"Neutral Salts"	188
$C_2H_2$	NaI (in acetone and di-	387
	methylformamide)	
Ethyl acetylene	NaCl, NaOH	571
Benzene vapor, $C_4H_{10}$	HNO <sub>3</sub> , tetralkyl am- monium halides	430

complex than in pure acetone. NaI has little effect on acetylene solubility in dimethylformamide.

The Setschenow equation does not apply to isobutylene solubilities in aqueous NaCl at temperatures near  $0^{\circ}$  (303).

The interest in oceanography has resulted in studies of nitrogen, oxygen, and noble gas solubilities in sea water and saline solutions (41, 42, 153, 327, 611). These systems salt out. Green (231) has made a careful study of oxygen solubility and Douglas (152) has determined nitrogen and argon solubility as a function of chlorinity (halide as g of chlorine/kg of sea water) and temperature. Green shows the oxygen solubility obeys a Setschenow-like equation with chlorinity used in place of salt molality.

The solubility of a gas over the range of 0 to  $100\%$ aqueous strong acid has been studied. The solubility of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  initially decreases (salts out), goes through a minimum, increases to a maximum at a composition corresponding to  $H_2SO_4 \tcdot 4H_2O$ , goes through a second minimum at a composition of  $H_2SO_4 \tcdot H_2O$ , then increases until pure  $H_2SO_4$  is reached (392, 555, 556). The minimums become less pronounced as the temperature increases (555). Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in aqueous  $H_2SO_4$ solutions of various composition salts out (556).  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  is salted in as the concentration of  $HClO<sub>4</sub>$  increases from 0 to 50 wt.  $\%$ ; it is salted out from 50 to 70 wt.  $\%$  (392). The solubility of chlorine in aqueous 0 to 50 wt.  $\%$ ; HClO<sub>4</sub> decreases sharply up to 5 *M* and then stays constant to higher  $HClO<sub>4</sub>$  concentrations (551). Oxygen solubility decreases to a minimum at about  $80\%$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and then increases sharply as  $100\%$ H2S04 is approached. Oxygen solubility decreases steadily as **H3P04** concentration increases (235).

Solubilities of oxygen in various nitric acid **(502)** and in white and red fuming nitric acid (579) are reported.

 $ClO<sub>2</sub>$  solubilities in aqueous  $H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$  and aqueous acetic acid obey Henry's law (305).

The neutral nature of  $PH_3$  has been deduced from its similar solubility in aqueous NaOH, NaCl, and  $H_2SO_4$ (639). The solubility of  $N_2$  in buffered solutions of various transition metal acetates indicated no unusual association of  $N_2$  and transition ion (70).

Chlorine is salted out by  $BaCl<sub>2</sub>$  (51), LiCl, SrCl<sub>2</sub> and  $BaCl<sub>2</sub>$  (292), and  $LiClO<sub>4</sub>$  and  $NaClO<sub>4</sub>$  (291) in aqueous solution between 10 and 50°.

The temperature dependence of the salting-out constant,  $k_s$ , is small and negative at least in aqueous solutions at atmospheric pressure and temperatures below 70 $^{\circ}$ . This is true of N<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> in several chlorides, nitrates, and sulfates between 0 and  $40^{\circ}$  (391),  $Cl_2$  between 10 and 50° (51, 291, 292), and  $CO_2$  in sulfuric acid between 20 and  $60^{\circ}$  (555). The salting out of acetylene is more pronounced between 0 and 25" than at higher temperatures up to *70"* for 23 salts. The acetylene solubility goes through a minimum between 25 and *70"* with the minimum becoming weaker at higher concentrations of the salt; no minimum is observed for NaCl, ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, ZnSO<sub>4</sub>, MgSO<sub>4</sub>,  $NISO<sub>4</sub>, CaSO<sub>4</sub>, and Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (188). Sulfur dioxide$ is salted out at low temperatures but salts in with NaHSO<sub>3</sub> at 90 $^{\circ}$  (348).

Long and McDevit (373) differentiate with respect to temperature their internal pressure expression for *k,* Eq 37, to get

$$
\frac{dk_{\rm s}}{\mathrm{d}T} \cong -\frac{\bar{V}_{\rm i}^{\circ}}{2.3RT} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\bar{V}_{\rm s}^{\circ}}{\mathrm{d}T}\right) \qquad \text{(Eq 38)}
$$

where  $\bar{V}_i^{\circ}$  and  $\bar{V}_s^{\circ}$  are, respectively, the partial molar volumes of nonelectrolyte and of electrolyte at infinite dilution. The relation predicts  $dk_s/dT$  to be small and negative, to be smaller in the  $25-50^{\circ}$  range than the 0-25° range, and that  $dk_s/dT$  will be small for LiCl and relatively large for  $KNO<sub>3</sub>$  with salts such as NaCl, KCl, KBr, KI, NaOH, and  $\frac{1}{2}Na_2SO_4$  being intermediate in value. The predictions agreed well with the salt effect data of Markham and Kobe (391) on  $N_2O$  and COz when reasonable partial molal volumes of the gases were used.

Morrison (426) gets approximate values for the difference in the heat capacity of solution between water and salt solution from the temperature dependence of gas solubility in water and in salt solution. He shows that ions that are thought to have a structure-building effect in water, such as  $Li<sup>+</sup>$ , decrease the heat capacity of solution much more than salts thought to have a "structure-breaking" effect on water, such as I<sup>-</sup>, which suggests that modification of the solvent structure in the vicinity of the nonelectrolyte molecules cannot be neglected in theories of salting out.

Salt effect studies at elevated temperatures and pressures are technically difficult. There is a problem in



determining the partial pressure of the gas; a common practice is to simply subtract the steam table value from total gauge pressure to get the gas partial pressure. KO correction is made for the effect of salt or dissolved gas on the steam table pressure.

Pray and co-workers (583) have determined the solubility of  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  in water and in about 0.17, 0.42, and 1.02 *M* solutions of both uranyl sulfate and uranyl fluoride between 100 and  $280^{\circ}$  and at pressures up to 3000 psi. He and Xe solubilities mere determined in uranyl sulfate solutions up to 500 psi. With the exception of **O2** in uranyl fluoride solution, for which salting out is almost independent of temperature, salting out appears to increase with increasing temperature. Henry's law is applicable over only part of the pressure range; it fails at lower pressures as the uranyl salt concentration and temperature increase.

Anderson, Keeler, and Klach (14) have determined Br and *O2* solubilities in aqueous uranyl sulfate solutions between 100 and 300". Krypton obeyed Henry's law over the  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-1}$  psi partial pressure studied. Kr solubility was the same for water and in a solution which is  $0.02 M$  in uranyl sulfate,  $0.005 M$  in CuSO<sub>4</sub>, and 0.005  $M$  in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; when these concentrations were doubled Kr solubility increased. Oxygen solubility over the partial pressure range of 50-1500 psi was independent of the solvent.

Studies of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  solubility in  $CaCl<sub>2</sub>$  solution to 700 atm (487) and air solubility in brine to 3500 psig (157) are reported.

Ellis and Golding (164, 165) have carefully studied the solubility of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 M NaCl up to 330". They determined the density of KaCl solutions for temperatures to  $350^{\circ}$  and salt concentrations to 3 *M* to be able to interpret gas solubilities as volume distributions (Ostwald). They corrected water vapor pressures for dissolved COz and NaCl assuming Raoult's law. They estimate maximum solubility errors may be as high as  $5{\text -}10\%$  in the 2 M NaCl at 300" because of uncertainties in the water vapor pressure. Their plot of Henry's law constant against temperature is Figure 13. The Setschenow salting-out *K* is calculated as  $(1/m)$  log  $K_s^o/K^o$  and results are in Table IV.

Salting out decreases with rising temperature but passes through a minimum of about  $150^{\circ}$  and then increases as the critical temperature of the solution is raised by the dissolved salt. The temperature of the



Figure 13.-Values of the Henry's law constant for the solution of carbon dioxide in water and in sodium chloride solutions between 10 and 335' (165). Reprinted from *The dmerican Journal of Science* by permission of the editor.

minimum is similar to that for the minimum solubility of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in water.

Smith, Nagy, and co-workers (153, 578) have studied the effect of gas pressure on gas-aqueous salt systems near room temperature. They have determined the solubility of methane in aqueous NaCl, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and mixtures of  $CaCl<sub>2</sub> + NaCl$  and the solubility of nitrogen in NaCl, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and MgSO<sub>4</sub> solutions as a function of pressure up to 1000 psia. Salting out occurs at all pressures, but there are negative departures from Henry's law for any given salt concentration as the  $N_2$ pressure increases. Methane obeys Henry's law up to 200 psia. They estimate from their data that  $1 \text{ ft}^3$ of sedimentary rock of **20%** porosity, saturated with 50,000 ppm NaCl brine with the gas at the pressure at 1000-ft depth, can accommodate either 0.15 mole of  $N_2$  or 0.30 mole of methane.

### G. SOLUBILITY OF GASES IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS

The solubility of gases in biological fluids has been studied as an aid in understanding respiration in plants and animals, the anesthetic properties of various gases, the action of poisonous gases, and the unusual "saltingin" properties of detergent, denaturing, and protein solutions.

The solubility in various vegetable and animal fats and oils of the gases  $H_2$  (619), Ra (452), N<sub>2</sub> and Ne  $(266, 267)$ , cyclopropane  $(52, 364)$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $O_2$ , and  $N_2$ 



Figure 14.-Butane binding by bovine serum albumin as a function of pH. The ordinate is the average number of butane molecules bound **per** bovine serum albumin molecule, obtained from the excess solubility of butane in the protein solutions compared with the solubility in the protein-free solvent  $(641)$ . Reprinted from *The Jouml* of *Biological Chemistry* by permission of the copyright owners, The American Society of Biological Chemists, Inc.

 $(127)$ , Xe  $(360)$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (383), H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, and  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  (532) have been measured. The solubility of the gases **NH3** (275), *CS,* (409), acetylene (486), cyclopropane (179, 268, 479), N<sub>2</sub>O (17, 122, 567), CO<sub>2</sub> (18, 567, 570), Xe-O<sub>2</sub> mixtures (178), and N<sub>2</sub> (176, 567) has been reported for blood, various serums, and homogenized tissues. Leonard (363) analyzed the interstitial gases in fruits and, assuming these gases to be in equilibrium with dissolved gases, estimated the C02 and *O2* solubility in the fruit tissues. Gas solubility studies in biological systems are frequently small parts of larger studies and as a consequence overlooked in abstracting and indexing. Thus the listings above and in Table **V** may not be as complete as for some other fields.

The recent valuable studies of the solubility of simple hydrocarbons in protein, detergent, and denaturating solutions by Wishnia (659, 661) and Wetlaufer, *et al.*  (640, 641), deserve special mention for the insight they give to hydrophobic bonding. Some aqueous solutions of proteins and detergents show an increase in the solubility of a gas over its solubility in water alone. Findlay noted such increases in  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  solubility in gelatin, hemoglobin, and methyl orange solutions before 1914 (see Markham and Kobe (393)). McBain (402- 404) reported propylene solubilities in various detergents, and suggested that the enhanced solubility was due to the hydrocarbon gas entering inside of the hydrocarbon-like detergent micelle. Butadiene (507) is also "salted-in'' by a detergent. The increased solubility of hydrocarbons in biological fluids was suggested to be due primarily to the high solubility of the gas in lipids (fats), but considerable evidence has accumulated to suggest that proteins have a special affinity for hydrocarbon and other gases (179, 268, 364, 567, 667).

Wishnia (659) determined the solubility of ethane, propane, and butane in water and in aqueous solutions of bovine serum albumin, human hemoglobin, lysozyme, and sodium lauryl sulfate at several temperatures between 10 and *35".* The increased solubility due to the protein in the solution was almost independent of temperature, and demonstrated that the transfer of dissolved gas from water to protein has a small enthalpy change and a large positive entropy change. Imai (268) has observed small enthalpies of transfer for cyclopropane in similar systems.

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> Wishnia's (660) study of ethane, propane, butane, and pentane in water and in aqueous sodium dodecyl sulfate as a model protein system appears to fit best with mechanism a or b, with (possibly) b being favored. Using the solubility and the temperature dependence of the hydrocarbon gas solubility in water, in aqueous detergent, and in hydrocarbons to obtain the free energy, enthalpy, and entropy changes in solution, he shows that the transfer of dissolved gas from water to detergent solution and from water to hydrocarbon are similar in thermodynamic behavior. The transfers have small, usually positive, enthalpy changes and a large positive entropy change. This suggests partial penetration, if not complete solution, of the low molecular weight hydrocarbon in the detergent micelle. Wetlaufer and Lovrien *(64)* calculate similar values of enthalpy and entropy change in the transfer of dissolved hydrocarbon gases from water to denaturing solutions of urea and guanidinium chloride.



Figure 15.-Low-temperature phase equilibria. Pressure-composition diagrams for methane-propane system (left) and carbon dioxide-propane system (right) (5). Reprinted from *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* by permission of the copyright owners, The American Chemical Society.

Featherstone, De Bon, et al. (179, 434), determined the solubility of the anesthetic gases  $N_2O$ , Xe, and cyclopropane in aqueous bovine serum albumin, hemoglobin, and  $\gamma$ -globulin. Only the hydrocarbon solubility increases as the albumin and hemoglobin concentration increases. Although the Xe solubility is not increased by the presence of hemoglobin, dielectric studies of the aqueous hemoglobin solutions (547) show that the nonrotating bound water is increased  $17\%$  by the presence of dissolved Xe. This evidence supports Pauling's hypothesis (471) that protein side chains, water, and  $\mathbb{R}$ inert gas interact to cause the formation of microcrys-<br>talline hydrates *in vivo*, and that these hydrates intalline hydrates *in vivo*, and that these hydrates interfere with the normal electrical oscillations of the *2*  nervous system and thus lead to anesthesia.

#### **H.** EFFECTS OF PRESSURE ON GAS SOLUBILITY

Since 1940 so much good gas solubility work at high pressure has appeared and the understanding of gas solubility of both low and high pressures has so improved that references to both low- and high-pressure **TEMPERATURE** <sup>o</sup><sub>0</sub> **proved** that references to both low- and high-pressure **TEMPERATURE** solubilities are included. However, the special techniques and apparatus needed for high-pressure solubility measurements will not be discussed. Krichevskii **(3388)** in a book (Russian) and Lachowicz (351) in a review have discussed solubility of gases at high pressure.

In this review gas solublity is taken as a special case of a vapor-liquid phase equilibrium where the gas phase is principally one component and the liquid phase principally the second component. Two component vapor-liquid systems in which both components have an appreciable concentration in both phases are not classed as gas solubility. In general, systems classed as gas solubility have components with a greater difference in critical temperature than those not classed as gas solubility. Examples of the two cases are shown in Figure 15. The methane-propane system (component's critical temperatures differ by 179°) is 80 mole  $\%$  or



Figure 16.--Isobars of the water solubility of oxygen gas as a function of temperature. Total gauge pressure (upper) and "hypothetical" oxygen partial pressures (lower) (686). Reprinted from *The Transactions* of *the Society* of *Mechanical Engineers*  by permisaion of the copyright owners, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

more methane in the gas phase and is classed as gas solubility, but the carbon dioxide-propane system (critical temperatures differ by 66') is not classed as gas solubility. For systems where the information left some doubt the data were usually included as gas solubility.

The reporting of high-pressure gas solubility presents difficulties when only the total pressure is directly measured. The effect of the high-pressure gas and dissolved gas on the true vapor pressure of the solvent is not known nor is it easily measured. Figure 16 shows isobars of oxygen solubility in water at total gauge pressure and at a fictitious oxygen partial pressure obtained by subtracting the saturation vapor pressure of water from the total pressure. The usual negative temperature coefficient of gas solubility in water is noted to about 100°, but at higher temperatures the solubility increases with temperature. Henry's law is apparently obeyed to only moderate pressures (686).

Krichevsky and Kasarnovsky (335) have developed a thermodynamic equation for calculating the solubility of slightly soluble gases at high pressure in solvents of low vapor pressure. Michels, Gerver, and Bijl (417) deduce a similar equation directly from the general equations for the equilibrium of a binary mixture. Sattler **(526)** gives a thermodynamic derivation for cases with both a negligible and a finite solvent vapor pressure. Needed for the calculation is low-pressure gas solubility data of the pure gas at low pressure and thermodynamic data of the pure gas at high pressure. Kobayashi and Kats (324) use the rigorous thermodynamic relation

$$
[d\bar{G}]_{T,X_1} = RTd \ln f_2 = \vec{V}_2 dP \qquad (\text{Eq 39})
$$

and Henry's law

$$
f_2^{\circ} = K X_2 \qquad (\text{Eq 40})
$$

where  $\bar{G}_2$  is the partial molal free energy of the dissolved gas, and *P,* T, and *R* are pressure, temperature, and gas constant, respectively.  $\bar{V}_2$  and  $X_2$  are partial molal volume and mole fraction of the dissolved gas, and  $f_2$  and  $f_2$ ° are partial molal fugacities of the solute gas at the total pressure and at the solvent saturation pressure, respectively. Integration of Eq 39 between the limits of the solvent vapor pressure  $P^{\circ}$  and the total pressure,  $P$ , assuming  $\bar{V}_2$  to be independent of pressure and changes in solution concentration, followed by eliminating  $f_2^{\circ}$  by Henry's law gives the Krichevsky-Kasarnovsky type equation

$$
\ln \frac{f_2}{X_2} = \ln K + \frac{\bar{V}_2 (P - P^{\circ})}{RT}
$$
 (Eq 41)

The equation is sometimes used in the form below, where a modified Henry's constant *K'* is defined In  $K' - \bar{V}_2 P^{\circ}/RT$ .

$$
\ln \frac{\bar{f}_2}{X_2} = \ln K' + \frac{\bar{V}_2 P}{RT} \tag{Eq 42}
$$

The equation has been successfully used to fit highpressure gas solubility in water, methanol, and hydrocarbons (324, 335, 339, 420, 441, 443). Themodified Henry's constant,  $K'$ , shows a family relationship for hydrogen dissolved in paraffin and in olefin solvents as a complicated function of temperature. It can be used to calculate hydrogen solubility in binary and ternary mixed hydrocarbon solvents with fair success **(37).** 

Kritchevsky and Ilinskaya (336) point out the empirical nature of Eq 41. The partial molal volumes from the slope of a plot of  $\ln f_2/x_2$  against P seldom agree with the experimentally determined partial molal volumes. The difference is due to the concentration dependence of partial molal volumes and partial molal heats of solvent and solute in the dilute binary mixture. Departure of the  $\bar{V}_2$  in Eq 41 and 42 from the experimental  $\bar{V}_2$  is taken as a sensitive test for discovery of deviations from Henry's law. An equation for a slightly soluble gas in a liquid under pressure is derived that takes into account the concentration dependence of partial molal volume. It adds a term  $-(A/RT)(1 - x_1^2)$  to the right-hand side of Eq 41. The equation is generalized to fit the solubility of mixtures of gases. Gonikberg (226A) showed that his modification of regular solution theory could be used to calculate the constant *A.* The Kritchevsky-Ilinskaya equation has been applied to ethylene solubilities in methanol, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, and toluene (563, 564), to  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  solubilities in  $C<sub>1</sub>$ to  $C_4$  hydrocarbons (606A), and to the  $H_2$  solubility in cyclohexane  $(337)$  where the  $H<sub>2</sub>$  partial molal volume is strongly affected by pressure. Efremova (156) discusses the pressure dependence of partial molal volumes.

Orentlicher and Prausnitz (463) have extended the treatment of hydrogen solubilities in cryogenic liquids at high pressure by taking into account the effect of composition on the activity coefficients. For the small concentration range common to gas solubility they assume the activity coefficient of the solvent is given by the one-parameter expression

$$
\ln \gamma_1 = \frac{A}{RT} X_2^2 \tag{Eq 43}
$$

and they use the modified Henry's law equation

$$
f_2 = \gamma_2^* K x_2 \qquad (\text{Eq 44})
$$

This leads to an equation

$$
\ln \frac{f_2}{x_2} = \ln K + \frac{A}{RT}(X_1^2 - 1) + \frac{\bar{V}_2(P - P^{\circ})}{RT}
$$
\n(Eq 45)

which is siniilar in form to the Kritchevsky-Ilinskaya equation. Orentlicher and Prausnitz show that for small solubilities the equation can be put in the form

$$
\ln \frac{f_2}{x_2} = \ln K + \left[ \bar{V}_2 - \frac{2A}{\left( K/\phi_2 \right)^2} \right] \left( \frac{P - P^{\circ}}{RT} \right) \quad (\text{Eq 46})
$$

where  $\phi_2$ <sup>o</sup> is the vapor phase fugacity coefficient. Thus at small values of  $x_2$  it predicts a linear  $\ln f_2/x_2$  against *P* relationship.

Henry's law constant, *K*, the constant, *A*, and  $\bar{V}_2$  are all temperature dependent. Orentlicher and Prausnitz estimate  $\bar{V}_2$  assuming hydrogen to behave as a hardsphere gas. They get *K* and *A* from the fit of the equation to the solubility of hydrogen in the solvents **Ar,**  CO,  $N_2$ , CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and *n*-hexane. No significant variation of A with temperature was

found. They developed a simplified solution theory that suggests a plot of a reduced Henry's constant, *K, (K* divided by the solvent solubility parameter squared, evaluated at  $0.7 T<sub>e</sub>$ ), against reduced temperature,  $T_r$  ( $T_r = T/T_c$ ), should give a universal curve for all solvents. Their plot of  $K_r$  against  $T_r$  falls on at least two lines, one for the solvents ethane, ethylene, propane, and propylene and another for the inorganic liquids Ar,  $N_2$ , and CO. The difference in the lines is taken to indicate a qualitative difference between hydrogen-hydrocarbon and hydrogen-inorganic molecule intermolecular forces.

Himmelblau and Arends (250) have developed a five-constant equation to correlate the literature highpressure solubility data of gases that do not react with water. Prausnitz, Edminster, and Chao **(484)** develop a solubility parameter expression for the vaporization equilibrium ratio that has application to high-pressure solubilities.

Some other equations that have been used to correlate high-pressure gas solubility include for  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in methyl ethyl ketone, ethyl acetate, and toluene (559)

$$
\ln f_2/x_2 = \ln K - \frac{A'x_2}{RT}
$$
 (Eq 47)

for  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in methanol (558)

$$
x = 0.425(P/P^{\circ})
$$
 (Eq 48)

Kiyama and Hiraoka (314) fit the solubility of acetylene in benzene with regular solution theory including Flory-Huggins mixing (Eq 21) when the compressibility factor, *2,* is included in the solubility parameter calculation

$$
\delta = \left[\frac{(\Delta H_{\rm vap} - RT)Z}{V}\right]^{1/2}
$$
 (Eq 49)

Lachowicz (351A) analyzed regular solution theory (Eq **20)** and predicted deuterium should be more soluble than hydrogen. However, high-pressure solubility studies of  $H_2$  and  $D_2$  in heptane and octane showed no significant difference (352).

Namiot and Bondareva (440) compared simple hydrocarbon solubilities in water. At 200 atm and  $40^{\circ}$  the ratio of solubility for  $\text{CH}_4/\text{C}_2\text{H}_6/\text{C}_3\text{H}_5/\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$  is 1:0.44: 0.20:0.073. McKetta and co-workers have studied the solubility of methane  $(120, 121)$ , ethane  $(119, 120)$ , propane (20), ethylene (140), propylene (21), cyclopropane (260), 1-butene **(74),** 1,3-butadiene (493), and propyne (270) in water. The "normal" behavior of a solubility minimum at some temperatures is observed for methane, ethane, propane, propylene, ethylene, and 1-butene, but in the regions of temperature and pressure studied cyclopropane, propyne, and 1,3-butadiene show no minimum. Above the condensation pressure of the gas there is a three-phase system of gas-waterrich liquid-hydrocarbon-rich liquid. Figure 17 com-



Figure 17.-Comparison of the solubility of various hydrocarbons in liquid water at 100°F **(37.8')** as a function of pressure **(493** \. Reprinted from the *Journal* of *Chemical Engineering and Data* by permission of the copyright owners, The American Chemical Society.

pares the pressure dependence of hydrocarbon solubility in water at 38". Hydrocarbon solubility in water increases with unsaturation. 1,3-Butadiene is four times more soluble than  $n$ -butane, and acetylene is more soluble than the other hydrocarbon gases.

The solubility of ethylene up to 120 atm is in the order hexane  $>$  cyclohexane  $>$  benzene (683). Hydrogen containing freons are much more soluble in water than other freons (469). The solubility of acetylene in acetone goes through a pronounced minimum at 3° and 15 atm. At higher temperatures the minimum tends to disappear (259).

A test for the thermodynamic consistency of the solubility data for the hydrogen-helium system has been made (69A). The surface tension lowering due to dissoved  $N_2$  and argon up to 120 atm in water, hexane, octane, and methanol has been examined (3978).

Hiraoka and Kiyama (251-253, 313-315) have studied the pressure dependence of acetylene and ethylene solubility. Acetylene shows positive deviations from Raoult's lam in water, methanol, and benzene, negative deviations in tetrahydrofuran. Heats of solution are exothermic in water and methanol, endothermic in benzene. Ryntani (512-517) finds that acetylene solubilities at high pressure show negative deviations from Raoult's law in electron-donating solvents. The acetylene solubilities are proportional to the 0 atoms/mole in polyethylene glycols unless steric factors were present. The acetylene solubility was less than expected from the pure solvent solubililies in binary mixtures of donor-type molecules with either chloroform, water, or methanol.

Some studies of the solubility of gas mixtures include observations that the presence of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  decreases the solubility of  $N_2$  more than  $N_2$  decreases  $CO_2$  solubility (679). Methane decreases  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  but ethane increases  $CO_2$  solubility (394A). The solubility of  $CO_2$ from a  $N_2-H_2$  mixture is proportional to its fugacity calculated from the Beattie-Bridgman equation **(673).** 

The solubility of  $CH_4-N_2-CO_2$  mixed gas in water can be calculated from the solubility of the single gas and the activity coefficient of the components of the gas phase **(437).** 

The Krichevsky-Kasarnovsky equation holds approximately for  $Ar-CH_4$  (443) and for  $He-CH_4$  (441) mixed gas solutes. Trivus **(607)** has tested the Kritchevsky-Ilinskaya equation for mixed gases and finds it good to no better than **12%** at low gas concentrations.

The effect of hydrostatic pressure on the solubility of a gas is of interest to oceanographers. Klots **(317)**  has used a simple thermodynamic approach to calculate

the change in Henry's law constant with depth.  
\n
$$
\log \frac{K(P)}{K(0)} = \frac{P\bar{V}_2}{2.303RT}
$$
 (Eq. 50)

 $K(P)$  and  $K(0)$  are Henry's law constant at 0 and *P* hydrostatic pressure;  $\bar{V}_2$  is the gas partial molal volume, assumed independent of pressure. His calculation shows that with surface water in equilbrium with gas at **1** atm, equilibrium solubility decreases (Henry's constant increases) with water depth for both nitrogen and oxygen.

Klotz **(321)** also assumed gas equilibrium exists between surface and ocean depths. He takes into account the dependence of Gibbs free energy on depth (the position of the solute in the gravitational field), on pressure, and on the amount of solute dissolved in a specified amount of solvent at a particular depth. His thermodynamic derivation gives pendence of Gibbs free energy on depth<br>of the solute in the gravitational field), on<br>on the amount of solute dissolved in a<br>uunt of solvent at a particular depth.<br>namic derivation gives<br> $\ln \frac{m_{\text{depth}}}{m_{\text{surface}}} = \frac{M_2 g}{RT} (1 -$ 

$$
\ln \frac{m_{\text{depth}}}{m_{\text{surface}}} = \frac{M_{2}g}{RT}(1 - \bar{V}_{2}\rho)d \quad (\text{Eq 51})
$$

where  $m_{\text{depth}}$  and  $m_{\text{surface}}$  are molalities;  $M_2$  is the gas molecular weight, g acceleration due to gravity,  $\bar{V}_2$  the gas partial molal volume in  $cm^3/g$ ,  $\rho$  the solvent density, and d the solvent depth in cm. Both  $\bar{V}_2$  and  $\rho$  are assumed independent of pressure. The sign of the term  $(1 - \bar{V}_{2\rho})$  determines whether the gas will increase or decrease in solubility with depth. The equation predicts  $H_2$ , CO, and  $N_2$  solubilities to decrease with depth,  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  solubility to increase with depth, and  $O<sub>2</sub>$ solubility to be almost independent of depth.

An experimental study of the effect of hydrostatic pressure on gases dissolved in water by Enns, Scholander, and Bradstreet  $(169)$  indicated He, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, Ar, and C02 all decrease in equilibrium solubility with depth. Actually, they determined the gas equilibrium pressure necessary to maintain the atmospheric gas pressure saturation value as the hydrostatic pressure increased from 0 to **1500** psig. The required equilibrium gas pressure increased **13%** for He, **14%** for Nz, **02,** and Ar, and **16%** for C02. This would presumably imply the same percentage decrease in solubility in order to maintain a gas equilibrium pressure of **1** atm.

#### I. SOLUBILITY OF GASES IN MOLTEN SALTS AND GLASSES

The determinations of gas solubility in molten salts and glasses has been done primarily by workers interested in molten salt reactors, industrial processes using molten salt solvents as the aluminum industry, or glass technology.

The most extensive work on gas solubilities in molten salts was carried out by Grimes and co-workers at Oak Ridge. They have determined the solubility of helium, neon, argon, and xenon in molten fluoride salt mixtures LiF-NaF-KF *(50),* NaF-ZrF4 **(232),** and LiF-BeFz **(635).** They have also determined solubilities of HF in NaF-ZrF<sub>4</sub> mixed melts  $(553)$  and BF<sub>3</sub> in a  $LiF-BeF<sub>2</sub>-ZrF<sub>4</sub>-ThF<sub>4</sub>-UF<sub>4</sub>$  melt (554).

The noble gas solubilities are of the order of  $10^{-8}$  to **lo-'** mole of gas per cc *of* melt with the solubility decreasing in the order  $He > Ne > Ar > Xe$ . The enthalpies of solution for all four gases are positive and become more positive as the gas atomic weight increases. Solubility increases with temperature. Henry's law is obeyed over the 0.5-2-atm range studied.

Grimes and co-workers have picked a standard state change for calculation of the thermodynamic properties of the solution so that the entropy of solution is purely a function of solvent-gas interactions. The standard state change is

$$
X_{(\mathbf{g},\mathbf{C_d})}\to X_{(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{C},\mathbf{d})}
$$

where *X* represents **1** mole of gas. The subscripts g and d denote the gas and liquid phases and  $C_d$  is the concentration of the gas dissolved in the liquid which is in equilibrium with the gas at concentration  $C_{\mathbf{g}}$ . They assume the change from  $C_{g}$  to  $C_{d}$  in the gas phase is ideal. Thus, in the desired standard state The range from  $C_{\mathbf{g}}$  to  $C_{\mathbf{d}}$  in the gas phase is<br>in the desired standard state<br> $\Delta S^{\circ} = \frac{\Delta \bar{H}^{\circ}}{T} + R \ln C_{\mathbf{d}} / C_{\mathbf{g}}$  (Eq 52)

$$
\Delta S^{\circ} = \frac{\Delta \vec{H}^{\circ}}{T} + R \ln C_{\rm d} / C_{\rm g} \qquad \text{(Eq 52)}
$$

where  $\Delta \bar{H}^{\circ}$  is the heat of solution gotten from a plot of log Henry's law constant against **1/T (50).** The entropies of solution at 1000°K in NaF-KF-LiF and NaF-ZrF4 melts vary from - **0.1** to - **1.5** cal/deg/mole with no regular pattern for the four gases. In the  $LiF-BeF<sub>2</sub>$  melts the entropies are more negative, varying over the range  $-3.1$  to  $-4.2$  for the four gases.

Grimes and co-workers **(50, 635),** using a model similar to that of Uhlig **(620),** correlate the noble gas solubilities by equating the free energy *of* solution of the gas to the free energy of formation of holes which were assumed to be of the same size as the gas molecule in a continuous fluid having the same surface tension as the solvent. The approach gives an expression for the Henry's law constant as a function of the liquid surface tension,  $\sigma$ , the radius of a spherical gas atom,  $r$ , and the temperature, **T.** 

$$
K_{\rm o} = \frac{C_{\rm d}}{C_{\rm g}} = \exp\left(-\frac{18.08r^2\sigma}{RT}\right) \qquad \text{(Eq 53)}
$$

Although admittedly a naive model, it does remarkably well at correlating the noble gas solubility in molten salts. Taking the noble gas atomic radii as the same as in the solid and assuming the values to be the lower limit of the hole radius, the correct magnitude and order of solubility are predicted for the He, Ne, Ar, and Xe series. This is not the same order observed in nonelectrolyte solvents at room temperatures where the normal surface tension range is **15-40** ergs/cm2. The molten salts studied have surface tensions between **112**  and **180** ergs/cm2 and the free energy of forming holes is presumably a predominant term. The calculated Henry's law constant for helium and neon is high. A larger radius for helium and neon can be justified on the basis of thermal motion of these less polarizable atoms in the melt, and this would give better agreement between the calculated and experimental constants.

The HI? **(553)** and BF3 **(554),** solubilities in molten fluorides obey Henry's law. The heats of solution are exothermic and the solubilities of both gases decrease with temperature. The entropies of solution at 1000°K are about  $-6$  for HF and about  $-22$  for BF<sub>3</sub>, both values being more negative than values for the noble gases in similar mixed melts. **BF3** is much more soluble than the noble gases. The solubility of HF increases tenfold **aa** the NaF concentration increases from **45** to 80.5 mole  $\%$  in the NaF-ZrF<sub>4</sub> system. The increase is thought to be related to the high stability of HF-NaF compounds.

Woelk **(662)** reports argon solubilities and discusses the relation of molten salt free volume to gas solubility. Scholze and Mulfinger **(545)** report the solubility of helium decreases when the concentration of lithium in a mixed silicate melt increases from 20 to 25 mole  $\%$  as Li20. However, the glass molar volume per two oxide ions shows negligible change from that of pure  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$ . Assuming that lithium also enters cavities where the helium atom fits, the decrease in helium solubility was used to calculate the lithium ion radius, and a reasonable value of **0.76 A** was obtained.

Scholze and Mulfinger **(435, 546)** describe an apparatus sensitive to  $10^{-4}$  cc of helium and report the solubility of helium in various binary and ternary silicate melts between **1200** and **1480".** The helium solubility increases with temperature and there is a relation between the temperature dependence of helium solubility and the thermad coefficient of expansion of the glasses investigated. In lithium silicate melts the amount of dissolved helium depends on the volume of interstices in the atomic constitution of the melt. Conditions for a purely physical solubility are fulfilled.

The solubility of helium in Pyrex **(506)** is reported to be independent of temperature between **25** and **515".** 

The solubility of hydrogen in molten alkali metal hydroxides is stated to be less than **60** mg of hydrogen/ **100** g of alkali hydroxide unless corrosion products are present. Corrosion products increase the solubility of hydrogen **(589).** In Pyrex glass at **1170"** hydrogen at **10** mm pressure has a solubility of **0.060** ml (STP)/g, but there was no measureable solubility of helium, oxygen, or argon **(444).** An observed increase in hydrogen solubility in  $CaO-Al_2O_8-SiO_2$  slags as the CaO content increased was explained on the basis that the  $Ca-O-H$  grouping was more stable than the Si-O-H grouping **(451).** 

Ryabukhin **(511)** finds the solubility of chlorine in melts of NaCl, KCl, and MgCl<sub>2</sub> and their 1:1 mixtures show little salt dependence. Plots of log **ST** against **1/T** are linear and the solubility, S, can be represented bs

$$
S = \left(\frac{1.19 \times 10^{-2}}{T}\right) e^{-\lambda}
$$

where  $A = (Q + Q_1T)/RT$  and Q and  $Q_1$  are work functions.

Oxygen and nitrogen have a solubility of less than  $10^{-4}$  mole/mole of salt at the freezing point in sodium, potassium, and cesium nitrates **(195).** Oxygen has a "negligible" solubility in glass **(444).** 

Mahieux **(385)** determined the solubility of carbon dioxide in molten glass by a  $^{14}CO_2$  tracer technique. He found the solubility decreased with temperature over the **1100-1300"** range. Krohn, Grjotheim, and co-workers **(233, 364)** observe that the solubility of carbon dioxide at **1** atm in molten NaCl and molten KC1 increases with increasing temperature with the heat of solution being twice as great in KC1 as in NaCI. The solubility is greater in NaCl at *800"* but greater in KC1 at **950".** They correlate the crossover in solubility with temperature to a similar crossover in free volume with temperature for the two salts.

The solubility of water vapor in molten salts and glasses has received considerable attention. Scholze and Mulfinger (546) determined the solubility of water vapor in various binary and ternary silicate melts between **1250** and **1750".** They found the water vapor solubility increases with increasing alkali content of the glass, with increasing radius of the alkali ions, and with increasing temperature. The solubility depends on the square root of the water vapor pressure and can be used as a measure of melt basicity.

Tomlinson **(602)** reports the solubility of water in sodium silicate decreases **10%** on going from **900** to **1100".** The solubility is not proportional to the square root of water vapor pressure especially at the lower vapor pressures possibly because some sodium vapor is formed which reacts and removes water vapor in cool parts of the solubility apparatus.

Duke and Doan **(154)** find water vapor solubility is negligible in either  $NaNO<sub>3</sub>$  or  $KNO<sub>3</sub>$  until  $LiNO<sub>3</sub>$  is

added. In the mixtures containing  $LiNO<sub>8</sub>$  the solubility is measurable and linear with temperature. The solubility varies with  $[Li^+]^2$  which suggest two  $Li^+$  ions are involved for each water molecule. It is pointed out that lithium has a greater ion-dipole interaction with water than the other alkali metal ions.

The solubility of water vapor at **20** mm in NaKOa,  $KNO<sub>3</sub>$ , and  $CSNO<sub>3</sub>$  at their freezing point is found to be near  $10^{-3}$  mole/mole of salt by Frame, Rhodes, and Ubbelohde **(195).** The solubility is proportional to the free volume in the melt. When divalent cations are added,  $e.g., Ba^{+2}$ , there is a slight increase in water solubility. There is probably only a slight increase in vacancies because of the considerable electrostriction of the melt that takes place when a divalent ion is added.

The solubility of water vapor in LiCl-KC1 melts was determined between **3** and **26** mm at **390** and **480".**  Henry' law is obeyed up to **10** mm at **390** and up to **18**  mm at **480"** according to Burkhard and Corbett **(82, 83).** At the higher pressures HC1 is detected and it is thought that lithium hydrolyzes. The solubility of HC1 has been determined in the same melts. Henry's law is obeyed up to **90** mm for HC1 but the straight line does not go through the origin at zero pressure indicating a residue of hydroxide was initially present in the melts. The hydroxide residue was not thought to have affected the water solubility.

Sulfur trioxide in glass is in the form of a  $SO_2-O_2$ mixture **(45).** 

# **J. THE SOLUBILITY OF GASES IN MOLTEN METALS AND ALLOYS**

Table VI1 lists references to the solubility of gases in molten metals and alloys. The solubility of a gas in a molten metal may represent a physical equilibrium between the gas and metal alone, or it may represent an equilibrium between metal and an intermediate oxide, nitride, or hydride phase for which at constant temperature there is a fixed pressure of the corresponding gas. Especially helpful introductions to the subject of gases in liquid metals are two papers from a **1954**  Australian symposium on gases in metals by Willis **(655)** and by Jenkins **(278A).** These papers, which also discuss adsorption on metals and gases in solid metals, summarize the theoretical approaches and list references to earlier review papers. The books of Turovtseva and Kunin **(618A)** and of Smithells **(5788)** contain infonnation on the solubility of gases in liquid metals.

The diatomic gases usually are in the liquid metal in the atomic state. Their solubility obeys Sievert's square root of pressure law

$$
S = K\sqrt{p}
$$

It can be shown **(2788)** that Sievert's experimental law is an expression for Henry's law when the solution equilibrium for the atomic solution of the gas is taken into account

$$
H_2(g) \rightleftarrows 2H \ (soln)
$$

A detailed discussion of  $H_2$ ,  $N_2$ , and  $O_2$  gas solubilities in liquid metals is beyond the scope of this review. For details see references listed in Table VII.

The solubility of the rare gases in liquid metals is quite low. No absorption of helium by mercury was detected at **25** atm and room temperature **(431).**  McMillan (410A) calculated the solubility of xenon in liquid bismuth to be  $3 \times 10^{-16}$  atomic fraction at 300° and 1 atm pressure by a free volume model for liquid bismuth. Experimental solubility determinations give  $3 \times 10^{-8}$  atomic fraction at  $540^{\circ}$  and 1 atm  $(171)$ .  $4 \times 10^{-9}$  (422A) and  $2 \times 10^{-10}$  (242A) atomic fraction at 500" and **1** atm pressure. The lowest value seems most reliable at this time. Surface adsorption and occlusion may be responsible for the higher results. McMillan also predicted high surface adsorption which has been confirmed  $(242A)$ . Xenon solubilities in mercury and in sodium are aIso reported **(4228).** 

Johnson and Shuttleworth **(281)** and Johnson **(280)**  review briefly earlier work on rare gas solubility in liquid metals and report measurements of krypton solubility in liquid cadmium, indium, lead, tin, and silver by a technique using radioactive  ${}^{85}$ Kr. Their lower limit of measurement was an Ostwald coefficient of  $10^{-7}$   $(\sim 10^{-11}$  atomic fraction). No solubility was detected in silver, but Ostwald coefficients in the other metal melts varied from  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-5}$ . The temperature dependence of the Ostwald coefficient was used to get the energy, *H,* needed to transfer an atom at rest from the gas into the solution of the metal and the vibrational entropy, S, of the krypton atom dissolved in the liquid metal from

$$
L = \frac{h^3}{(2\pi mKT)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{1}{a^3}\right) \exp(S/R) \exp\left(\frac{-H}{RT}\right)
$$

where *m* is the mass of the krypton atom and  $1/a^3$  is the number of metal atoms in unit volume of the liquid metal.

The experimental *H* was compared with a calculated *H* which considered the energy of transfer to be made up of three terms: **(1)** the energy to make a hole in the liquid the size of the krypton atom estimated from the hole area of krypton atom radius and the surface energy per unit area (surface tension) of the liquid metal extrapolated to 0°K; **(2)** the vibrational energy of a krypton atom in the liquid approximated as being the same as the vibrational energy of a metal atom as obtained from heat capacity data; and **(3)** the negative van der Waals interaction energy between the krypton atom and the surrounding metal atoms estimated from adsorption potentials of inert gases on metals. The estimated values of *H* agreed within a few kilocalories

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# **TABLE** V **SOLUBILITY DATA**



Neon

Argon

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# **TABLE** V *(Continued)*



Krypton

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# **TABLE V** *(Continued)*



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# **TABLE** V *(Continued)*



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#### **TABLE V** *(Continued)*



Oxygen

## TABLE V*(Continued)*

Gases



#### **TABLE V** *(Continued)*



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## TABLE V (Continued)



 ${\bf Ethane}$ 







## TABLE V (Continued)

Gases





# **TABLE V***(Continued)*



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## **TABLE** V *(Continued)*



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## **TABLE V***(Continued)*



**TABLE** VI **SOLUBILITY DATA FOR GASES IN** MOLTEN **SALTS .4ND GLASSES** 



Measure-

## TABLE VI (Continued)



Nitrogen

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## TABLE VIII

## PARTIAL MOLAL VOLUMES OF GASES IN LIQUIDS



#### TABLE VIII (Continued)



of the experimental values for all the metals except lead for which *H* was **12** kcal/mole too large. The calculated vibrational entropies agreed within experimental error.

#### VI. **SOLUBILITY DATA**

This section concerns four tables. Table **V** is arranged according to gas, giving the solvent employed, the temperature and pressure range of the measurements, and a reference. In addition, a critical value was assigned to each measurement: 2-the data are quantitative and the precision is probably better than  $2\%$ ; 1—the data are quantitative but the precision is poorer than  $2\%$ ; 0—the data are either just qualitative or it was not possible to determine the level of precision of the measurements. These values were arrived at by using the author's own statements and/or our critical evaluation of the method employed. Where there are blanks under the headings of temperature and pressure, it was not possible to determine these ranges. For each gas the solvents were systematically and consistently arranged. Reference to nomographs are listed under the gas in this table. Obviously no nomograph can be better than the experimental data on which it is based. Before using a nomograph the literature should be examined to determine whether or not the nomograph has been superseded by more reliable data.

Table VI gives references to the solubility of gases in molten salts and glasses and is arranged by gas.

Table VI1 gives references to the solubility of gases in molten metals, and alloys. This table is arranged according to increasing atomic weight of the metal with the alloys at the end. No value judgments were made on these solubilities.

Table VI11 gives references to the partial molal volume determinations of gases in liquids. This information is arranged by gas and is included since it is not only interesting in its own right but is valuable for the use and evaluation of theories of gas solubility.

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#### **THE ROLE OF DISSOLVED GASES IN HIGH-PERFORMANCE. LIQUID CHROMATOGRABHY**   $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{2}$  $\Delta\phi$

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#### **SUMMARY**

**Dissolved gases are usually present as components of the mobile phase in high**performance liquid chromatography. Each gas has its unique properties and affects **the chromatographic system in different ways\_** 

**The solubility in pure and mixed solvents is explored experimentally and compared with data already in the literature. It is found that the non-linear solubility characteristics in binary solvent systems account for the observed evolution of large quantities of gas when air-saturated solvents are mixed in chromatographs. The de**gassing requirements in one-pump, low-pressure-mixing gradient architectures are **compared with those of conventional two-pump, high-pressure-mixing systems.** 

**Dissolved oxygen affects detector performance in several ways. It forms a UV light-absorbing complex with many solvents. Changes in oxygen concentration therefore cause** *W* **detector drift. The magnitude of this effect varies markedly with different solvents, and is particularly pronounced at wavelengths below 260 nm. Dissolved oxygen quenches fluorescence of both solvents and solutes. As a consequence, fluorescence detector drift and responsivity depend on oxygen concentrations. Maximum fluorescence sensitivity can only be achieved with deoxygenated mobile phases.** 

Because of these facts, analytical precision requires that gas concentrations **be carefully controlled. The various control techniques are discussed** : **heating, boiling, vacuum, ultrasonics and gas sparging. A new method of helium degassing is described which eliminates bubble formation and maintains the level of all other gases at zero concentration. concentration**.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**Because air is ubiquitous, the gases which comprise it tend to be found in high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) mobile phases. Their presence accounts for a variety of effects, many of which interfere with sensitive, precise, troublefree chromatographic analysis. Although some of these problems have. been understood for some time, others have received scant attention. There is little overall awareness of the important role of gases, and that which dues exist is often based on misunderstanding.** 

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**The importance of excluding dissolved oxygen from the mobile phase m order to protect labile stationary phases has been mentioned in most standard texts on HPLC<sup>1-3</sup>. Leitch documented the improved column lifetime and analytical precision resulting from deoxygenated solvents '. Exposure of the liquid-liquid partition column (3,3'-oxydipropionitrile) to dissolved oxygen during constant or heavy use severely reduced column life.** 

The potential for harm to the mobile phase has also been pointed out<sup>2</sup>. Butyl **ether mobile phase was oxidized during handling and storage in the reservoir, forming peroxides which reacted with the stationary phase and changed its polarity. The**  susceptibility of other ethers, such as tetrahydrofuran, may also be a problem<sup>5</sup>.

Snyder<sup>6</sup> has counciled about the benefits of excluding oxygen in liquid-solid **(adsorption) chromatography, since sampk oxidation is often increased by the pres**ence of the adsorbent. A recent example<sup>7</sup> in reversed-phase chromatography de**scribed the ease with which aniline and its metabolites were oxidized during chro**matography, and the improved results with deoxygenated mobile phases compared to mobile phases to which antioxidants had been added.

**The improvement of detector performance resulting from deoxygenating the**  mobile phase has also been reported. Fox and Staley<sup>8</sup> showed that deoxygenated mobile phases in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon analysis produced a limit of de**tection for benzo[a]pyrene which was nearly four times as sensitive than when airsaturated mobile phase was used. Different but linear calibration curves were obtained**  in the presence and absence of dissolved oxygen. Compared to pyrene, oxygen quench**ing of fluorescence is less important in chrysene but more important in benzo- and dibenzopyrenes. They did not determine how effective or reproducible their deoxy**genation process was. Chamberlain and Marlow<sup>9</sup> demonstrated that oxygen dissolved **in the mobile phase caused increased noise levels and decreased standing current in the LC electron capture detector they used.** 

**Perhaps a more generally encountered problem than any of the above is the**  occurrence of gas bubbles in the detector<sup>1-3</sup>. Air dissolved in the carrier at high pres**sure can subsequently form bubbles in the mobile phase as it passes through the detector, causing noise and drift. Gas bubbles also aifect pump performance, but this has not been a serious concern prior to the advent of one-pump, low-pressure**mixing chromatograph architectures<sup>10-13</sup>.

**Some of the above reports contain misunderstandings about the solubiiity behavior of air gases. For example, it has been said that the more polar the mobile**  phase, the greater the tendency to dissolve air<sup>1,9</sup>. Actually the opposite is true. Water **is the Ieast hospitable solvent for gases. And the bubble problems are attributed to**   $oxygen<sup>1,4,14</sup>$ , whereas nitrogen is as much a source of difficulty.

The purpose of this paper is to report new findings on gas behavior of chromatographic significance, and to describe ways of improving the reliability, sensitivity **and analytical precision of HPLC by careful control of dissolved gases. We will proceed by (1) reviewing gas solubillty behavior in pure solvents and binary mixtures, (2) comparing the one-pump, low-pressure-mixing gradient architecture with the twopump, high-pressure mixing gradient architecture, as to gas solubility probiems, (3) describing methods of controlling dissolved gas concentrations, (4) discussing the**  "opt cal properties" of dissolved gases so as to explain observed UV and fluorescence **detector artifacts, including UV detector behavior which has not been reported before**  in the chromatographic literature and (5) commenting on other aspects of dissolved gases, including the effect of carbon dioxide on mobile phase pH and therefore on the reproducibility of retention times and peak areas.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

#### **Column, solvents and samples**

Stainless-steel columns (250  $\times$  3.1 mm I.D.) packed with 10- $\mu$ m Spherisorb ODS and 250  $\times$  4.6 mm I.D. stainless-steel columns packed with 10- $\mu$ m LiChrosorb RP-8 were used. Both are totally porous, bonded reversed-phase packings which are respectively octadecyl  $(C_{18})$  functionality on spherical silica and octyl  $(C_8)$  functionality on irregular silica. (Spectra-Physics, Santa Clara, Calif., U.S.A.)

Mobile phases were prepared from distilled-in-glass solvents (Burdick & Jackson, Muskegon, Mich., U.S.A.). Water was prepared by a Milli-Q system, fed by a Milli-RO system, in turn fed by Santa Clara (Calif., U.S.A.) tap water; the Milli-Q had four cartridges, two mixed-bed ion exchangers followed by two activated carbon units (Millipore, Bedford, Mass., U.S.A.). Solvents were degassed as indicated in the text.

Sparging gases were high purity grades, exceeding 99.99 mole% purity. Air was "breathing quality". Samples were from Chem Service (West Chester, Pa., U.S.A.) and Aldrich (Milwaukee, Wise., U.S.A.). They were dissoIved in water-methanol and water-acetonitrile mixtures.

#### *Control of flow, composition and temperature*

A Spectra-Physics Model SP 8000 research liquid chromatograph and a Spectra-Physics Model 3500B gradient liquid chromatograph were used. The former employs a single pump, attached to a low-pressure composition forming module (ternary proportioning valve). It has  $\pm$ 0.1 °C column temperature control via a forced air oven. The 3500B system employes a dual reciprocating piston pump for solvent A and an identical but independent one for solvent B. The composition is formed at high pressure in a dynamically stirred chamber. Temperature control was via a water bath.

The detectors were Spectra-Physics Model SP 8310 operated at 254 nm, Model SP 770 variable-wavelength detector and Model SP 970 fluorescence detector.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **Gas solubility in pure solvents**

*The* solubilities of gases in liquids have long been an area of active interest to chemists. Practical concern has been related to such diverse fields as industrial processes and the composition of artilicial atmospheres. Theoretical concern has been related to the small solubility and the variety of gases available to use as probes for the investigation of liquid and solution structure and properties. A number of excellent review articles *exists 15-1\*. There are several* major sources 19-z1 for gas solubility data in pure solvents in addition to these reviews. Solubility data in mixed solvents is of course of the greatest interest to the chromatographer since the use of a pure **solvent mobile phase is rare except in exclusion chromatography. Unfortunately, the**
data for such realistic mobile phases is scanty, although a few papers exist<sup>22-25</sup> which describe the solubility of some air gases in aqueous alcohol solutions.

Before proceeding further it may be instructive to review briefly a few of the salient facts about gases. Air comprises 78.08% N<sub>2</sub>, 20.95% O<sub>2</sub>, 0.93% Ar, 0.03% CO<sub>2</sub> and less than 0.01% other gases. Gases in a mixture behave essentially independently, the solubility of the individual gases in a mixture of gases being directly proportional to their partial pressures (Dalton's law). Different gases have different solubilities in a given solvent. Different solvents have different solubility properties towards a given gas. The soIubiIity of gases in liquids usually decrease with increasing temperature, but there are numerous exceptions and the correlation. of solubility data as a function of temperature is not simple. Gas solubilities in most solvent mixtures, like so many physical phenomena in non-ideal solutions, are not a linear function of the composition expressed in mole fraction.

Fig. 1 shows the solubiiity of several gases in many solvents using data taken from refs. 17 and 18. The solubility is expressed as the mole fraction. A feel for the magnitude of these values can be gained **by realking that the carbon dioxide solubility** 



Fig. 1. Gas solubility vs. solvent polarity index. The solubility is expressed as mole fraction  $\times$  10<sup>4</sup> for pure gases in equilibrium with the solvent at 1 atm and 25 °C. The polarity index is the Snyder parameter.  $\nabla$ , CO<sub>2</sub>;  $\odot$ , Ar;  $\bullet$ , O<sub>2</sub>;  $\Box$ , N<sub>2</sub>;  $\triangle$ , He.

of **mole fraction** 0.01 in benzene is equivalent to about 2.4 ml of carbon dioxide at 1 atm and 25°C per ml of benzene: and the nitrogen soiubility of mole fraction 0.000014 in water is equivalent to about 16  $\mu$ l of nitrogen at 1 atm and 25°C per m! of water. The solubility of the various gases in the various solvents thus ranges over a factor of 1000. The solubility is plotted against solvent polarity, expressed as Snyder's polarity index,  $P^{\prime26}$ . This solvent characterization parameter is but one of several which have been proposed recently. It can be compared with the Hildebrand solubility parameter  $\delta^{27}$ ,<sup>28</sup> in that values of *P'* roughly parallel values of  $\delta$ , and have similar significance. However, whereas  $\delta$  is measured for the pure solvent, and only reflects interactions that exist in the pure solvent,  $P'$  is measured against a variety

of solutes that encompass all possible types of interaction. The Snyder parameter therefore may not be the most reasonable one to use if a smooth curve is desired, but it is employed here since it is currently popular in chromatographic literature<sup>12</sup>. The important point to note is that gases, being non-polar, behave as one would expect, having increasing solubility as the solvent polarity decreases.

It should be pointed out that these solubility values represent the amount of gas which will be found dissolved in the solvent at equilibrium with one atmosphere of the pure gas over the solvent. So the previously mentioned 2.4 ml.of carbon dioxide in benzene only exists in a pure carbon dioxide atmosphere. Much less is in the solvent exposed to air. Hydrogen is not plotted. It falls midway between the helium and nitrogen curves, except in water, where it is slightly more soluble than nitrogen. The solubility of the rare gases increases with increasing atomic weight. In water the mole fractions for He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe and Rn are 0.07, 0.08, 0.25, 0.45, 0.78 and 1.68, respectively.

It is clear that water dissoIves the ieast amount of air gases. The common misconception that it is the best solvent may derive from the fact that gas is often seen to come out of solution in water. But this may be because, once degassed, it does not take much gas to redissolve before saturation is reached. The real problem with regard to gas solubility in HPLC, however, comes with mixed solvents, either in isocratic mode where two solvents are mixed by the instrument, or in gradient mode.

# *Gas sohbility in mixed solvents*

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As previously mentioned, there is not much data in the literature on gas solubility in mixed solvents. Most data which exists is for water-alcohol mixtures, and we can infer from it what may happen in other binary mixtures of solvents, especially those binary mixtures where the two solvents interact strongly\_

Ben-Naim<sup>22</sup> studied the solubility of argon in water-methanol systems. A plot of solubility vs. mole fraction of methanol shows the solubility generally increasing with increasing methanol content as one would expect. However, it goes through a maximum and then a minimum, especially at low temperature. Cargill and Morrison<sup>23</sup> extended the argon study over a wider temperature range, and included water-tert.butanol systems. The latter exaggerated the peculiar behavior of alcohol binary mix-\_ tures. Cargill<sup>24</sup> also studied oxygen and found it to behave like argon. Fig. 2 shows a few of the solubility curves from the Cargill paper<sup>24</sup>. In the paper the solubility was expressed by  $S_0$ , defined as the volume of gas in ml, corrected to 273 °K and 1 atm, dissolved by 1 kg of solvent, under a gas pressure of 1 atm. In Fig; 2 it is expressed as mole fraction.

Fig. 2 can be contrasted with Fig. 3, which shows the amount of gas actually present in the solution at various mole fractions, starting with the A and B solvents air saturated. The significant observation is that: when two soIvents, such as water and ethanol, are at equilibrium with the atmosphere *(i.e., air saturated)* and when they are blended to form a mixture (such as in gradient elution), supersaturated conditions exist during much of the run, which cause gas to come out of solution until the concentration is at the allowed saturation level.

Fig. 4 illustrates what happens in a real chromatographic situation. It is a record of the column inlet pressure during a gradient run of 0 to  $100\%$  methanol in water in 5 min. The pumping system is the Spectra-Physics SP 8000 liquid chro-

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**Fig. 2. Oxygen solubility in aqueous alcohol mixtures: moIe fraction oxygen vs. mole fraction**  alcohol. The solubility is expressed as in Fig. 1. The original data of Cargill<sup>24</sup> was plotted in terms of  $S_0$ , defined as the volume of gas in ml, corrected to 0 °C and 1 atm, dissolved by 1 kg of solvent, under a gas pressure of 1 atm, on a logarithmic scale. Data reproduced by permission of the publisher.

Fig. 3. Oxygen solubiity vs. oxygen concentration. The actual level represents the amount of oxygen in the admixtures, starting with air saturated pure water and air saturated pure ethanol. The saturation level is the-allowed solubility level, the 29.9 "C curve from Fig. 2. Note the non-linear behavior, particularly at the low mole fractions of ethanol.



Fig. 4. Bubble formation in pump chambers with undegassed solvents. Column,  $250 \times 3.1$  mm I.D.; packing, 10- $\mu$ m Spherisorb ODS; solvent, 0-100% methanol in 5 min; flow-rate, 5.0 ml/min; pressure, as indicated; temperature, 25 °C. Recorded on the SP 8000 printer/plotter using the signal from the pre-coIumn pressure transducer.

matograph, which has a single pump with two pump chambers each of 400- $\mu$ l displacement. The flow feedback control has been turned off so that the pulsation (pressure dip) at the be ginning of each pump stroke is evident. This pulsation is a measure of the compliance in the chamber, which in turn is the sum of mechanical elasticity, fluid compressibility and the compressibility of any undissolved gas present. The upper curve exhibits the expected rise and fall of pressure- during the gradient, which reflects the viscosity profile of the gradient mobile phase. The pressure pulses are uniform, demonstrating that there are no undissolved gas bubbles in the chamber. This curve was made using solvents which had been helium "degassed" (see below). The lower curve is similar, but the pressure pulses are irregular. The solvents were not degassed, but were simply equilibrated with air. These irregular pulses result from bubbles of gas entering the pump during the first part of the gradient. Later in the gradient, the pressure and solvent composition are such as to redissolve them. In some cases, especially at low operating pressures, the pulses persist because the gas never redissolves. Such behavior not only causes flow-rate errors, but is deleterious to composition precision.

The bubbles in the above example are formed in the low-pressure ternary proportioning valve, which mixes the two pure solvents' in the proper proportion during the run. Fig. 5 diagrams such a system, and compares it with the conventional twopump, high-pressure-mixing architecture. It is clear that the environment where the pure solvents are mixed is radically different in the two types. In the conventional architecture, the solvents are mixed at high pressure, where the solubility is much higher. Thus gases do not come out of solution at that point. However, if there is air in the solvents, it will come out of solution when the pressure again reaches one atmosphere, and sometimes sooner if some gas has been picked up at high pressure via a small leak in the system. For this reason, a flow restrictor is often put at the detector outlet, so that only after the detector does the pressure reach a level where gas bubbles form (see the pressure profile in Fig. 5).

### Gas control methods

There are two approaches to gas control. One strives to eliminate all dissolved gases, the other to eliminate or control the concentrations of only certain gases. The former has been the most common approach directed at remedying the various problems described above, *i.e.*, gas bubbles, oxidative degradation of samples and phases, and detector artifacts. The approach used most often is vacuum degassing<sup>1,2</sup>, the application of a vacuum to the mobile phase just prior to chromatography. Heating<sup>2,3</sup> and uhrasonic treatment<sup>14,29</sup> have also been employed. One of the gas solubility reviews<sup>16</sup> has a good discussion of degassing methods. It reports that the most common method to degas a solvent in non-chromatographic work is to boil away a portion of it under vacuum, a batch binary distillation. The Ramsey-Rayleigh equation for this type of distillation predicts that the evaporation of as little as  $0.1\%$  of the solvent should reduce the gas content by several 1000-fold. But the assumption of equilibrium is incorrect. In practice  $10-20\%$  of the solvent is evaporated. Other methods include pumping on the frozen solvent or boiling followed by spraying into an evacuated flask.

Sparging **with** *a* **pure gas (bubbling** it through the solvent) has most frequently been employed for the elimination of only certain gases<sup>1,2</sup>. This technique, also referred to as purging or stripping, has been used in gas chromatographic studies<sup>16,30</sup>.



Fig. 5. Comparison of one-pump and two-pump architectures. The upper system represents a twopump, high-pressure-mixing system such as the SP 3500B. The lower system represents a one-pump, **low-pressure-mixing system such as the SP 8000. The pressure drops appear non-linear along the column length only because it is a** semi-logarithmic **plot.** 

Williams and Miller<sup>31</sup> compared several techniques for purging water: dynamic and static vacuum, with and without manual and ultrasonic agitation; ultrasonic treatment alone; and purging with an inert gas. The most effective system tested was inert gas-purging at flow-rates of about 1000 ml/min of 100-ml water samples. This technique removed 95-98% of the dissolved oxygen in 15-30 sec, where the next best technique of dynamic vacuum with agitation took  $1-2$  min to remove the same quantity of gas.

The degassing technique we used was that employed by the **SP** 8ooO chromatograph. This has been briefly described only once<sup>10</sup> and is the subject of a patent application. The method uses helium to sparge all pure solvents (up to three in **the ternary-type** mobile phase' control system of the chromatograph). It was found **that**  this is the only gas, with the possible exception of neon, which is capable of eliminating *all the* previously mentioned problems. That is, it not only prevents bubble formation but eliminates all gases except helium from the mobile phase. (There is no literature on the helium solubility in binary mixtures.) Our experimental evidence

**suggests two possible explanations for this. The solubility curve for helium may be**  non-linear, like the oxygen shown in Fig. 3. But the amount of gas involved may he so low, *i.e.*, the absolute value of the gas volume which is supersaturated may **be so smali, that the microbubbles formed do not manifest themselves. Alternatively,**  the solubility curve may be nearly linear, leading to only small amounts of gas which **are above the saturation level. Both of these may be operating.** 

The effectiveness of this technique for eliminating bubble generation during **low-pressure mixing is illustrated in Fig. 6. This plots the volume of air evolved per ml of mobile phase formed by mixing two pure, air-saturated solvents. A Model 740B pump (dual reciprocating piston, feedback-controlled type) was used for each solvent. The outputs of the pumps were teed together and the tee exit line directed to a l.O-ml mixing chamber. The position of the inlet and outlet lines, and the shape of the -roof" of the chamber were designed to trap any bubbles formed. After passage of a measured amount of total mobile phase through the chamber at a pre-detertuined solvent composition, the gas bubbles formed were sucked into a precision syringe which was connected to the top of the chamber. Replicate runs were not made, so the detailed shape of the curves is not to be taken as significant. Considerable scatter was suspected. The general shape, however, is no doubt accurate. These curves correspond well to the area of supersaturation in Fig. 3. Note that the more similar the two solvents, the less gas was evolved. The hexane-isooctane run produced no bubbles. In all cases, no bubbles were observed when the two solvents were helium** degassed.



Fig. 6. Gas evolved *vs.* solvent composition. Apparatus and procedure described in text.

# *UV absorbance of dissolved gases*

During the above studies of gas solubility and degassing techniques, we noticed that UV detector baselines sometimes drifted considerably when degassing was initiated. We have experimentally confirmed that this is due to the presence of oxygen, **\_as** illustrated in Fig. 7. It is a-record of W detector signal at 254 nm and 0.08 AUFS for a l.O-cm cell with methanol flowing. The trace starts with **the** baseline after the methanol has been sparged with pure oxygen for some time. A stable signal was obtained. Then the sparging gas is changed to air, and- the signal drifts down to a new equilibrated value. Then the gas is switched to helium. Yet another level is found. The ratios of these three signals are: (helium-air-oxygen) 0:0.223:1.00. The ratio of partial pressures, *i.e.,* the theoretical signal levels if due to oxygen concentration, are 0:0.209:1.00. This represents a 6.7% error from theory.



Fig. 7. UV detector standing signal vs. oxygen concentration in mobile phase. Solvent, methanol; flow**rate, 2.0 ml/min; pressure, nominally 1 atm; temperature ambient (approximately 25 "C); detector, Model SP 8200 at 254 nm with a l-cm path cell.** 

**The gas is further changed from helium to nitrogen and back to helium. The stable baseline is consistent with the hypothesis that it is the oxygen only which is**  responsible for the signal. Finally, the sparge rate was reduced, allowing air to back diffuse through the yent tube into the solvent bottle. The upscale drift due to oxygen **absorbance is evident. Re-establishment of an adequate sparge rate rapidly brings back baseline stability.** 

**The amount of absorbance varies considerably among the common chromatographic solvents, as shown in Fig. 8. The.** *W* absorbance at 254 nm was monitored

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at a sensitivity of 0.02 AUFS. Note that water exhibits only a very small effect at this wavelength, whereas the tetrahydrofuran baseline changed more than 0.16 AU. The baseline shifts are completely reversible: resumption of air sparging elevates the signal back to the original level. Evans<sup>32,33</sup> and Munck and Scott<sup>34</sup> demonstrated that dissolved oxygen gives rise to such absorption in the far UV in a number of organic solvents. This was-observed for n-hexane, n-heptane, methanol, ethanol, di ethyl ether and cyclohexane. The absorbance was found to be directly proportional to the partial pressure of oxygen above the solution. The absorbance increases at shorter wavelengths. Comparing the absorbance of the amount of oxygen dissolved in the solvent with the absorbance of an equivalent concentration of gaseous oxygen (negligible at the wavelengths examined) leads to a conclusion that- the absorption of the solution must be due to interaction between oxygen and the solvent.



Fig. 8. UV detector standing signal with and without degassing for various solvents. Solvent, as indicated; flow-rate, 15 ml/min (splitter in front of detector providing 5 ml/min detector flow); pressure, 1 atm in solvent reservoir, 2 atm at pump outlet; temperature  $23 \pm 0.5$  °C; detector, Model SP 8310 **at 254 mn with a O&-cm path cell.** 

Heidt and Ekstrom<sup>35,36</sup> have examined this phenomenon in water. The absorption coefficient,  $\varepsilon$ , was independent of oxygen concentration, increased with decreasing wavelength, and increased with increases in temperature. They explained the results in terms of the existence of two different hydrates of molecular oxygen in water. Pure (deoxygenated) water also was found to absorb UV light and behave in a similar manner, but the magnitude of the effect was very much less than the light absorption due to molecular oxygen in water.

Thus dissolved oxygen affects HPLC mobile phases in two ways, one of which is reversible, the other non-reversible. The reversible effects have been described above

and are due to the absorbance of molecular oxygen itself (small) and to the absorbance of the molecular complex between oxygen and the solvent (large). Removal of oxygen gives rise to a decrease in UV detector baseline signal **with** this effect. The non-reversible effects are caused by the interaction of oxygen with the solvent to form relatively stable chemical species. The cyclic ether tetrahydrofuran **(THF)** appears to be particularly bad in this respect, as it is thought to form a hydroperoxide and a series of unstable peroxides. Fig. 8 has shown that the reversible effect with THF is also large.

# *Fluorescence effects of dissoIved gases*

*The* role of oxygen in fluorescence systems is quite complex and has been the subject of debate and experiment for many years. An early publication on the role of oxygen in fluorescence quenching was published by Bowen and Williams<sup>37</sup> who discussed in particular the quenching of aromatic hydrocarbon fluorescence. Later workers $38,39$  found that the quenching effect of oxygen usually followed the Stern Volmer relationship  $F_0/F = 1 + K[O_2]$ . Results reported by Parker and Barnes<sup>3</sup> for the quenching of the borate-benzoin complex show that at 0.1% (v/v) oxygen in nitrogen in equilibrium with the solvent, ethanol, an 8% error occurs. At  $0.8\%$  oxygen the fluorescence is reduced 43%, and with air the fluorescence intensity is reduced 94%. The same authors showed that the majority of the effect was reversible, but that there was *a* second, slower reaction which was irreversible.

Bar and Weinreb<sup>38</sup> showed that in considering the mechanism of oxygen quenching, the mechanism of excitation is important. If the **system is such that the**  solvent is absorbing the exciting radiation, and the energy is transferred to the solute, **quenching occurs by competition between the oxygen and the solute. They report that as the concentration of solute decreases, the quenching effect of oxygen increases. With** systems where the solute absorbs the exciting wavelength directly and the sol**vent does not** absorb, oxygen quenching **is again more efficient at lower concentrations but the magnitude of the effect with concentration is not so great. This is postulated to be owing to competition between oxygen quenching and self quenching, which** increases considerably with increasing solute concentration.

**That** the effect of quenching is specific to oxygen was confirmed by Furst *et aLbo,* **who** examined the fluorescence of a large number of compounds in solutions saturated with oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, hydrogen and nitrous oxide. All gases except oxygen gave the same fluorescence intensity. Thus, the effect of the other gases is to remove oxygen from the solution without otherwise affecting the fluorescence.

The quenching effect varies with compound type, as was briefly mentioned in the introduction. Aromatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic aldehydes and ketones are particularly susceptible to oxygen quenching, whereas substituted aromatics and some heterocyclics are much less susceptible.

Clearly, the analyst using HPLC with fluorescence detection must be concerned with the variation of the magnitude of the quenching effect among different compounds, and in the non-linear character of this effect. This is particularly true when working at the trace level, where the limits of the detector are being stretched, and the oxygen quenching is at its most efficient.

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Fig. 9 shows the effect of dissolved oxygen on both the detector baseline and the eluted peak response (height and area) for both UV and fluorescence detectors. The data, made on a dual channel recorder, was collected by repetitively injecting the one-peak sample every 1.8 min using the SP 8000 autoinjector. Initially, the mobile phase was helium degassed. At time 0, the helium was replaced by an air sparge. After 16 min, the helium degassing was resumed. The conditions are listed in the figure caption.



Fig. 9. UV absorbance detector and fluorescence detector response to mobile phase oxygen. Column  $250 \times 4.6$  mm I.D.; packing,  $10 \mu$ m LiChrosorb RP-8; solvent, water-acetonitrile (25:75); flow-rate, 5.0 ml/min; temperature, 25 °C; detector, Model SP 8310 UV detector at 254 nm with a 1.0-cm path cell, and Model SP 770 fluorescence detector at 250 nm exciting wavelength and with 340 nm emission wavelength filter,  $1.0~\mu$ A full scale; sample size,  $10~\mu$ l; sample, naphthalene.

The UV detector trace exhibits the baseline elevation previously described in association with Figs. 7 and 8. However, the response to the compounds does not change.

The fluorescence detector trace also exhibits a baseline shift. This has not yet been mentioned. The change is in the opposite direction to the *W* drift. This is because the increased concentration of oxygen quenches the background fluorescence of the mobile phase, whereas in the *W* detector the oxygen is responsible for increased absorbance. The magnitude of this drift is noteworthy. It is about 0.004  $\mu$ A, or about 40% of the full-scale sensitivity of the detector (0.01  $\mu$ A full scale). However, the most marked effect of the oxygen is in the sample response, which is only about  $20\%$  of that when the solvent is degassed.

Fig. 10 also shows these effects, as well as a number of general characteristics of the two detectors. Four separate chromatographic runs were made, using both a *W* and a fluorescence detector on each nm. Thus there are eight chromatograms.



Fig. 10. Characteristics of UV and fluorescence detectors. Column,  $250 \times 4.6$  mm I.D.; packing, 10-um LiChrosorb RP-8; solvent, water-acetonitrile (40:60) and water-methanol (40:60); flow-rate, **3.0 ml/min; temperature, 25 °C; detector, same as Fig. 9, except UV at 0.01 AUFS and fluorescence** at  $0.5 \mu$ A full scale; sample size,  $10 \mu$ I; sample, as shown.

**The upper four chromatograms are run with a mobile phase of 60% acetonitrile in**  water: The bottom four chromatograms are run under identical conditions, except the mobile phase is  $60\%$  methanol in water. The four chromatograms on the left were made using helium-degassed mobile phases. The four chromatograms on the right were made using air sparged (air saturated) mobile phases. A vertical line indicates the point at which the gases were changed. The many aspects of the complex behavior of these two detectors are described below.

# UV and *fluorescent detector response digerences*

*The* upper left chromatograms illustrate the well known fact that the two detectors respond quite differently to different compounds. Solute 2, nitrobenzene, is not even detected by the fiuorescence detector under thek conditions. These two chromatograms will kerve as a reference against which the other three sets will be compared. *.* 

#### *Response d\_@erences caused by the solvent*

*The* lower left chromatograms are quite different. First, quite obviously because the peaks are more retained. But a close inspection shows that, for some **com**pounds, the detector response has changed. This is true for both detectors. The solvent composition of the mobile phase thus has a profound effect on response.

# **BQseiine-** and- **response changes causeci** *by* **dissolved** *oxygen*

**The upper right .chromatograms, compared to the upper left ones, snow the effects of oxygen. UV detector: baseline change but no peak height or area change. (For a description of the dependence of peak height and area on mobile phase composition, see ref. 41) Fluorescence: baseline change and peak height and area change. Note that peak 3 has been affected much more than peak 1. Thus an internal standard does not solve the problem. The sensitivity of the fluorescence detector has been reduced-for all peaks, although only slightly in the case of peak 1.** 

**The lower right chromatograms, compared to the lower left ones, show similar but not identical effects of oxygen on the fluorescence detector. Note for example that there is much less change in the relative sizes of peaks 1 and 3, compared to the upper (acetonitrile) chromatograrns.** 

# *Other eflects* **of dissolved gases**

**Two major effects of dissolved gases have not yet b&n mentioned** : the **changes in refractive index caused by changes in concentrations of various gases, and the changes in pH caused by changes in the concentration of carbon dioxide in unbuffered mobile phases. These effects will be discussed in subsequent papers, but a few comments will be made here.** 

**The refractive index of the mobile phase is a function of the types and concentrations of dissolved substances, including gases. The effects of gases are small, but it is likely that, under some circumstances, careful attention. to controlling dissolved gases will produce more stable refractive index detector baselines, in effect improving sensitivity.** 

**The pH of the mobile phase is an important retention variable. Since dissolved carbon dioxide brings the pH 7.0 of pure water down to about 5.5, changing carbon dioxide levels are expected to effect retention times of basic compounds. UV and fluorescence detector response is also a function of pH, since the molar extinction coefficient is often pH dependent. Experiments of the type** *shovm* **in Fig. 10 are expected to reveal such effects readily, when appropriate sample types are chosen.** 

#### **C6NCLUSIONS**

**We have demonstrated that gases dissolved in the mobile phase play a complex role in HPLC. Their non-linear solubility behavior in binary mixtures tends to cause**  the formation of gas bubbles when solvents are mixed, a process which degrades **pump and detector performance.** 

**Whereas the gas bubble problem has its solution in the reduction of the con**centration level of all gases, most of the other problems can be dealt with by controlling just the oxygen concentration. Oxygen affects the standing signal levels of both UV and fluorescence detectors. It also affects the response characteristics of **the latter. This is.a complex phenomenon involving solute type, mobile phase solvent composition and oxygen concentration. Much work remains to be-done before we will understand what is happening. In spite of limited understanding of the mech- anisms, one can at least attempt to hold the oxygen level. constant so as to provide**  reproducible chromatographic results. The most effective constancy is to take the **oxygen concentration to zero.** 

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**The effect of dissolved gases on the performance of refractive index detectors**  is yet to be explored, as are the consequences of varying carbon dioxide concentrations **on solute retention and on detector response characteristics. The techniques discussed here can be readily applied to such studies.**  a Tabupatèn I

**Much remains to be learned about gas solubility, and no doubt the main source of such knowledge wiii be the continued use of gases as probes to study the structure**  of liquids. The increasing use of ternary mixtures in both isocratic and gradient sep**arations provides an even more difiicult theoretical problem In any event, there are a variety of techniques available for controlling gas concentrations and thereby eliminating problems which would otherwise exist. The new helium degassing method described appears to be a particularly simple and effective method..** *. .* 

#### *NOTE* **ADDED IN PROOF**

**Subsequent to the submission of this paper, R. W. Cargill sent us a pertinent private communication. His data will be published in J. Chem. GC.,** *Faraday Tram. I* **(1978) It indicates that the solubility behavior of helium in aqueous alcohol mixtures is very similar (non-Linear) to that shown in Fig. 2 for oxygen, although the magnitude of the solubility is lower. We had postulated two explanations. of why. helium degassing eliminates bubble problems (see the "gas control methods" section). The Cargill data suggests that the low-solubility postulate is correct, and not the linear-behavior postulate. The Cargih paper also makes a significant contribution to the understanding of water structure, and will be of interest to those who are working to elucidate retention mechanisms in reversed-phase liquid chromatography.** 

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