

The effect of pressure on the solubility of gas

☒ External pressure has no influence on the solubility of liquids and solids but it affects the solubility of gases.

Henry's law → Solubility of a gas in a liquid is proportional to the pressure of a gas.

Henry's law: $C \propto P$

$$C = K.P$$

C → Concentration (mole/liter).

P → pressure of a gas (Atm.).

K → Constant depend on temperature.

✓ **Unit of K** → (mole/Liter . Atm)

Note that

- ☒ When the pressure of gas is equal to **1 atm**, the concentration is numerically equal to **K**.
- ☒ If several gases are present, **p** is partial pressure.
- ☒ The amounts of gas that will dissolve in a solvent depend on how frequently the gas molecules collide with the liquid surface and become trapped with the condensed phase.

Most gases obey Henry's law, but there are some exceptions.

- ☒ If the dissolved gas is react with water, higher solubility can be result.



Solubility of ammonia is higher than expected



Solubility of carbon dioxide is higher than expected

Ex: dissolution of molecular oxygen in blood.

Examples on Henry's law

1-The solubility of nitrogen gas at 25°C and 1Atm. is 6.8×10^{-4} mole/liter what is the concentration of nitrogen dissolved in H₂O under atmospheric condition?

Solution

$$C = 6.8 \times 10^{-4} \quad P = 1 \text{ atm.}$$

$$C = K.P$$

$$6.8 \times 10^{-4} = K \cdot 1$$

$$K = 6.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mole/liter. atm}$$

The solubility of nitrogen at atmospheric condition

$$C = 6.8 \times 10^{-4} \cdot 0.78 = 5.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mole/liter}$$

2- Calculate the molar concentration of oxygen in water at 25°C for a partial pressure of 0.22 atm. ($K = 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ mole/l.atm)

Solution

$$K = 1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole/l.atm} \quad P = 0.22 \text{ atm}$$

$$C = K.P$$

$$C = 0.22 \cdot 1.3 \times 10^{-3} = 0.286 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole/liter}$$

Choose

1) External pressure..... the solubility of liquids and solid.

- A) affect
B) Has no effect on
C) decrease
D) increase

2) External pressure has effect on

- A) solid
B) liquid
C) gas
D) All of the above

3) The unit of K "Henry's constant" is.....

- A) mole.L/atm
B) atm.mole/L
C) mole/L.atm
D) Pascal

4) In this equation $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ the solubility of CO_2 is.....expected.

- A) lower than
B) higher than
C) not change
D) Smaller than

5) If the dissolved gas react with water.....solubility can be result.

- A) higher
B) lower
C) equal
D) Smaller

6) The solubility of nitrogen gas at 25°C and a nitrogen pressure of 522 mmHg is 4.7×10^{-4} mole/L. what is the value of the Henry's law constant in mole/L.atm?

- A) 6.8×10^{-4} mole/L.atm
B) 4.7×10^{-4} mole/L.atm
C) 3.2×10^{-4} mole/L.atm
D) 9×10^{-7} mole/L.atm

solution

$$1 \text{ atm} \rightarrow 760 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$?? \text{ atm} \rightarrow 522 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P = \frac{522}{760} = 0.686 \text{ atm}$$

$$C = P.K$$

$$4.7 \times 10^{-4} = K \times 0.686$$

$$K = \frac{4.7 \times 10^{-4}}{0.686} = 6.8 \times 10^{-4}$$

7) The solubility of CO₂ in gas

- A) increase with increasing pressure
B) increase with decreasing gas pressure
C) decreasing with increasing gas pressure
D) is not dependent on pressure

8) At 10°C one volume of water dissolve 3.1 volume of Cl₂ gas at 1 atm pressure, what is the Henry's law constant in mole/L.atm?

- A) 3.8
B) 0.043
C) 3.1
D) 0.13