#### **Intermolecular Forces**

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# Types of Forces

- the attractive force between atoms within a molecule
- the attractive force between ions within an ionic crystal
- very strong forces
- include ionic and covalent bonds

#### **INTER**MOLECULAR FORCES:

- The attractive forces between molecules
- weaker than intramolecular forces



#### Intermolecular Forces (IMF)



### **Dipole – Dipole Forces**

Attractive forces between polar molecules that have a **permanent dipole**. Dipole – Dipole forces are the *strongest intermolecular force*, but weaker than a covalent bond.



### Ion – Dipole Forces

An Ion-dipole bond is an attractive force between an **ion (anion or cation)** and a molecule with a **permanent dipole**.

Ion-dipole forces are the strongest IMF due to the strong charge of an ion relative to a dipole.



### Hydrogen Bonds

A hydrogen bond is typical formed betweenthe *lone pair of an electronegative atom* and the *hydrogen* that is bound to either an oxygen, nitrogen or fluoride atom.



### London Dispersion Forces

Van der Waals forces occur between nonpolar molecules with <u>temporary dipoles</u>. Due to the electrons that are constantly in motion, <u>hot spots</u> are created within the molecules.

The molecules must be close together in order for these forces to occur.



#### **Relative Forces of IMFs**

TYPE OF FORCE	RELATIVE STRENGTH	EXHIBITED BY
lon-lon	very strong	Ionic Compounds
lon - Dipole	strong	An ion and a molecule with a permanent dipole
Hydrogen bond	moderate	Molecules with an O-H, N-H, or H-F bond
Dipole – Dipole	weak	Molecules with a permanent dipole
London Dispersion	very weak	All molecules

#### Water

- Water is required for all life on Earth.
- Cells are 70 95 % water.
- Extracellular fluid is also water-based
- Aqueous medium contains dissolved proteins, nutrients and ions essential for functioning.

#### What's so special about water?

- ✓ polar due to bent shape
- water molecules will from hydrogen bonds between one another





### **Properties of Water**

#### **1.Water Clings.**

- Cohesion
- Adhesion



#### 2. Water absorbs lots of heat

- High specific heat capacity and hear of vaporization.
- Moderates air/land temperature
- Allows animals to thermo-regulate via evaporative cooling.



### **Properties of Water**

#### 3. Solid water is less dense than liquid water.

- Highest density at 4°C
- Ice floats on liquid water
- Prevents bodies of water from freezing solid





### **Properties of Water**

#### 4. Water is a versatile solvent.

- Charged ends have a high affinity for charged ions and polar covalent substances.
- Allows many solutes to be dissolved and transported within the body.



### Solubility of Substances in Water

Water is a great solvent due to its polarity.



Water is great at dissolving both **ionic (+,-) compounds and polar** (partial positively, partial negatively charged molecules) molecules.

### Solubility of Substances in Water

#### **Hydrophilic Properties:**



E.g., Anions (chloride ions) in salt attracted to + poles of water



### Solubility of Substances in Water

#### **Hydrophobic Properties:**

E.g Non-polar compounds are insoluble in water.

Oil – non-polar compound of carbon and hydrogen.





#### Soap:

Soap molecules have two distinct parts-a hydrophilic portion composed of ions called the polar head, and a hydrophobic carbon chain of nonpolar C-C and C-H bonds, called the nonpolar tail.



When soap is dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O, the molecules form micelles with the nonpolar tails in the interior and the polar heads on the surface. The polar heads are solvated by ion-dipole interactions with H<sub>2</sub>O molecules.

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Figure 3.7

soap in water

Dissolving

## Figure 3.8 The cell membrane



Phospholipids contain an ionic or polar head, and two long nonpolar hydrocarbon tails. In an aqueous environment, phospholipids form a lipid bilayer, with the polar heads oriented toward the aqueous exterior and the nonpolar tails forming a hydrophobic interior. Cell membranes are composed lagely of this lipid bilayer.

#### Homework

• Complete the IMFs Worksheet