A2 Physical Chemistry

Enthalpies of Solution

and Hydration

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Definitions

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Standard Enthalpy of Solution and Hydration Calculations

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Standard Enthalpy of Solution

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Lattice Enthalpy of NaCl_(s)

 $Na^{+}_{(g)} + Cl^{-}_{(g)} \rightarrow NaCl_{(s)}$

$$Na^{+}_{(g)} + Cl^{-}_{(g))}$$



Standard Enthalpy of Solution depends upon the relative values of Lattice Enthalpy vs hydration enthalpies.

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Solution Enthalpy = -770 + 771

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If ionic bond strength > the strength of attractions between the ions and water Enthalpy of Solution is endothermic Factors affecting Lattice Enthalpy and Hydration Energy Stronger lattices (with more exothermic lattice enthalpies) occur with • Smaller ions with smaller ionic radius which can pack more closely together giving stronger attractive forces

 Ions with a double charge (2+ or 2-) have much stronger attractive forces than single charges As the ionic charge increases and ionic radius decreases, the enthalpy change of hydration becomes more exothermic because:

- Increasing the ionic charge and decreasing the ionic radius both INCREASE the charge density of the ion.
- As the ion's charge density increases, this leads to a stronger attraction for the water molecules

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Since both the hydration and lattice enthalpies become more exothermic as the ions become smaller and higher charged, it is difficult to predict whether the solution enthalpy will be endothermic or exothermic.

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