# Solubility of gases in water: Correlation between solubility and the number of water molecules in the first solvation shell

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Abstract: Using a new version of a program called GEPOL, a consistent set of values for areas of three different kinds of surfaces for 53 gaseous solutes was computed by Silla *et al.* These surface areas, together with the volumes of space enclosed by the surfaces, are reported in the present paper. The three surfaces are the van der Waals Surface (WS), the Solvent Accessible Surface (SAS) and the Solvent-Excluding Surface (SES). Values for the number of water molecules (N) in the first solvation shell are estimated by a simple surface area approach from the SAS data. Values of N, as well as literature data on solubilities of gases in water, are used to study various semi-empirical correlations between thermodynamic changes on solution and the number of water molecules in the first solvation shell.

Dilute aqueous solutions of gases have been of continuous experimental and theoretical interest. Reliable solubility data exist for a large variety of gases in water.<sup>1-18</sup> Experimental data have been important for validating the results of theoretical calculations, computer simulations, and various practical applications. There is a continuing search for better equations and better correlations. Studies of the thermodynamics of solution of simple model compounds, such as the rare gases and small alkanes have provided the basic information for various additivity rules to be used in the prediction of changes in the thermodynamic quantities of other, more complex systems. These studies can also be expected to yield useful information on the role that water-solute interactions play in solutions of biological macromolecules.

In water-solute interactions the water molecules in the first layer around the solute differ from the bulk water.<sup>19,20</sup> Thus, the number of water molecules (N) in the first solvation shell is considered an important quantity in theories of aqueous solutions. However, only a few values of N have been reported in the literature for gaseous solutes, and the gases considered have mainly been rare gases or hydrocarbon gases. Values of N have been estimated from Monte Carlo simulations of solutes in water<sup>19</sup> or from the solute cavity surface areas<sup>21-24</sup>. With the development of computers in the last two decades methods for computing molecular surfaces have steadily improved. For the present study, a consistent set of values for areas of three different kinds of surfaces for 53 gaseous solutes was computed by Silla *et al.*, using a new version of a program called GEPOL.<sup>25-27</sup> The three surfaces are van der Waals Surface (WS), Solvent Accessible Surface (SAS), and Solvent-Excluding Surface (SES). The volumes of space enclosed by WS, SAS and SES were also computed and are reported in this work. Values of N estimated from the SAS data, along with literature values on solubilities, are used to study various semi-empirical correlations between thermodynamic changes on solution and the number of water molecules in the first solvation shell.

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## MOLECULAR SURFACES

There are three kinds of molecular surfaces that make use of the van der Waals radius. First, the proper van der Waals surface (WS in Fig. 1) which is the external surface resulting from a set of spheres centered on the atoms or a group of atoms forming the molecule. Second, the surface accessible to the solvent (SAS in Fig. 1), defined by Richards and Lee<sup>28</sup> as the surface generated by the center of the solvent, considered as a rigid sphere, when it rolls around the van der Waals surface. Third, the solvent-excluding surface (SES in Fig. 1), which was named by Richards<sup>29</sup> as the Molecular Surface, was defined by him as composed of two parts, the contact surface and the reentrant surface. The contact surface is the part of the van der Waals surface of each atom which is accessible to a probe sphere of a given radius. The reentrant surface is defined as the inward-facing part of the probe sphere when this is simultaneously in contact with more than one atom. Silla *et al.*<sup>27</sup> suggested the name of Solvent-Excluding Surface which is more specific than Molecular Surface. They define SES as the surface envelope of the volume excluded to the solvent, considered as a rigid sphere (probe sphere), when it rolls around the van der Waals surface.<sup>27</sup>



Fig. 1. Three definitions of molecular surface: van der Waals surface (WS), solvent accessible surface (SAS) and solvent-excluding surface (SES).

Many algorithms have been developed for the computation of the area and volume of the WS and SAS but, to our knowledge, only two of them are able to compute the SES.<sup>30,31</sup> GEPOL,<sup>31</sup> developed in Silla's laboratory, computes the three types of surface. GEPOL has shown its capability in computing with a high degree of accuracy and precision the WS and SAS for all kinds of systems.<sup>25-27,32</sup>

The computed values for  $A_{WS}$  (the van der Waals Surface area),  $A_{SAS}$  (the Solvent Accessible Surface area) and  $A_{SES}$  (the Solvent-Excluding Surface area) are listed in Table 1. For the calculations the van der Waals radii were obtained from Bondi's<sup>33</sup> article. Standard bond lengths and bond angles<sup>34</sup> were used. Some geometrical values were taken from Ref. 35. The value of  $r_w =$ 0.14 nm was used for the van der Waals radius of water.<sup>36</sup> Values for the three parameters used by GEPOL<sup>27</sup> were NDIV = 5, OFAC = 0.8 and RMIN = 0.2.

In Table 1 the values for the number of water molecules (N) are also reported. The value of N was estimated by dividing the area of the Solvent Accessible Surface by the effective area occupied by a water molecule:<sup>23</sup>

$$N = A_{\rm SAS} / \left(2r_{\rm w}\right)^2 \tag{1}$$

There are only a few values of N available from Monte Carlo simulations for comparison. A value of 16.84 reported for  $\operatorname{argon}^{37}$  is in good agreement with N = 17.2 obtained by the simple surface method. Jorgensen<sup>19</sup> reports the following values of N for alkanes: methane 20.3, ethane 23.0, propane 27.3, butane 29.9, isobutane 30.3, pentane 34.0 and neopentane 32.0. These values also agree well with the values given by the surface area approach (Table 1).

	Gas		van der Waals	Solvent Accessible	Solvent- Excluding	
			$A_{\rm WS}/(10^{-20} {\rm m}^2)$	$A_{\rm SAS}/(10^{-20} {\rm m}^2)$	$A_{\rm SES}/(10^{-20} {\rm m}^2)$	N
1	hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	23.7	97.0	23.7	12.4
2	deuterium	D <sub>2</sub>	23.7	97.0	23.7	12.4
3	helium	He	24.6	98.5	24.6	12.6
4	neon	Ne	29.8	108.6	29.8	13.9
5	oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	39.7	127.7	39.7	16.3
6	nitric oxide	NO	41.5	130.9	41.5	16.7
7	nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	43.2	133.6	43.2	17.0
8	carbon monoxide	CO	44.0	135.1	44.0	17.2
9	argon	Ar	44.4	135.2	44.4	17.2
10	methane	CH₄	48.0	143.8	48.0	18.3
11	krypton	Kr	51.3	147.0	51.3	18.7
12	ozone	O3	52.1	150.1	52.1	19.1
13	carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	52.4	150.6	52.4	19.2
14	nitrous oxide	N <sub>2</sub> O	53.1	152.9	53.1	19.5
15	fluoromethane	CH₃F	54.4	155.4	54.4	19.8
16	acetylene	HC≡CH	55.4	156.5	55.4	20.0
17	xenon	Xe	58.6	159.3	58.6	20.3
18	ethene	$H_2C=CH_2$	62.0	168.1	62.0	21.4
19	chloromethane	CH₃Cl	65.4	173.2	65.0	22.1
20	trifluoromethane	CHF <sub>3</sub>	67.2	175.9	67.2	22.4
21	cyclopropane (trimethylene)	$C_3H_6$	68.9	177.4	68.4	22.6
22	bromomethane	CH₃Br	70.2	181.1	69.7	23.1
23	ethane	$C_2H_6$	70.2	182.1	69.6	23.2
24	chlorofluoromethane	CH <sub>2</sub> ClF	71.6	183.3	71.2	23.4
25	radon	Rn	74.8	185.3	74.8	23.6
26	tetrafluoromethane	CF <sub>4</sub>	73.5	185.5	73.5	23.7
27	chlorodifluoromethane	CHClF <sub>2</sub>	77.8	192.7	77.4	24.6
28	1,1-difluoroethane	CHF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	82.6	200.2	81.8	25.5
29	chlorotrifluoromethane	CClF <sub>3</sub>	84.0	201.6	83.5	25.7
30	propene	H <sub>2</sub> C≖CHCH <sub>3</sub>	83.7	202.7	82.5	25.8
31	tetrafluoroethene	$F_2C=CF_2$	86.4	206.3	84.5	26.3
32	dichlorofluoromethane	CHCl <sub>2</sub> F	88.2	208.3	87.0	26.6
33	propane	$C_3H_8$	91.9	213.2	89.2	27.2
34	sulfurhexafluoride	SF <sub>6</sub>	96.3	215.6	91.9	27.5
35	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	CH <sub>2</sub> FCF <sub>3</sub>	94.9	216.5	92.7	27.6
36	dichlorodifluoromethane	$CCl_2F_2$	94.3	216.6	92.9	27.6
37	1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane	CH <sub>3</sub> CClF <sub>2</sub>	99.0	222.9	97.2	28.4
38	1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoroethane	CHF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	101.0	224.0	97.6	28.6
39	1,3-butadiene	H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH=CH <sub>2</sub>	97.9	224.6	95.9	28.6
40	trichlorofluoromethane	CCl₃F	104.4	230.9	101.7	29.5
41	hexafluoroethane	$C_2F_6$	107.1	231.1	102.4	29.5
42	1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane	CH₃CCl₂F	109.1	236.3	106.0	30.1
43	1-chloro-1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	CHCIFCF <sub>3</sub>	110.9	237.6	106.5	30.3
44	2-methylpropane (isobutane)	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub>	112.8	238.2	106.5	30.4
45	1-chloro-1,1,2,2,2-pentafluoroethane	CClF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	116.8	244.0	111.1	31.1
46	n-butane	$C_4H_{10}$	113.5	244.4	108.7	31.2
47	hexafluoropropene	$F_2C=CFCF_3$	117.4	250.4	114.2	31.9
48	1,1-dichloro-2,2,2-trifluoroethane	CHCl <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	120.5	250.5	114.9	32.0
49	1,2-dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	CCIF <sub>2</sub> CCIF <sub>2</sub>	126.5	256.9	119.5	32.8
50	octafluorocyclobutane	C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>8</sub>	124.7	258.2	120.9	32.9
51	2,2-dimethylpropane (neopentane)	$C(CH_3)_4$	133.2	258.7	121.0	33.0
52	1,1,1-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	CCl <sub>2</sub> FCClF <sub>2</sub>	135.5	268.6	127.6	34.3
53	n-pentane	$C_{5}H_{12}$	135.1	275.4	128.3	35.1

TABLE 1. Van der Waals Surface Areas  $(A_{WS})$ , Solvent Accessible Surface Areas  $(A_{SAS})$ , Solvent-Excluding Surface Areas  $(A_{SES})$  for Gaseous Solutes, and the Number of Water Molecules (N) in the First Solvation Shell

# In Table 2 volumes of space enclosed by the WS, SAS and SES are given..

TABLE 2. Volumes of Space Enclosed by the van der Waals Surface ( $V_{WS}$ ), the Solvent Accessible Surface ( $V_{SAS}$ ), and the Solvent-Excluding Surface ( $V_{SES}$ ) for Gaseous Solutes

Gas			van der Waals	Solvent Accessible	Solvent-Excluding
			$V_{\rm uv}/(10^{-30}  {\rm m}^3)$	$V_{\rm res}/(10^{-30}  {\rm m}^3)$	$V_{\rm org}/(10^{-30} {\rm m}^3)$
			, ws/(10 m)	, SAS/(10 III )	, SES/(10 III )
1	hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	10.5	89.3	10.5
2	deuterium	$D_2$	10.5	89.3	10.5
3	helium	He	11.5	92.0	11.5
4	neon	Ne	15.3	106.4	15.3
5	oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	22.3	133.8	22.3
6	nitric oxide	NO	24.1	139.2	24.1
7	nitrogen	$N_2$	25.7	143.8	25.7
8	carbon monoxide	CO	26.4	146.1	26.4
9	argon	Ar	27.8	147.8	27.8
10	methane	CH4	28.4	157.3	28.4
11	krypton	Kr	34.5	167.6	34.5
12	ozone	O <sub>3</sub>	31.2	167.3	31.2
13	carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	32.8	169.3	32.8
14	nitrous oxide	N <sub>2</sub> O	33.0	171.9	33.0
15	fluoromethane	CH <sub>3</sub> F	33.3	175.1	33.3
16	acetylene	HC≡CH	35.4	178.4	35.4
17	xetion	Xe	42.2	180.0	42.2
18	ethene	H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	39.8	195.9	30.8
10	chloromethane	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	42.6	204.5	12.8
20	trifluoromethane	CHF.	42.0	204.5	42.0
20	avelopropope (trimethylene)	C.H.	43.1	208.5	45.1
21	bromomothene	CU Br	47.1	214.4	47.5
22	bromometnane		47.0	217.9	47.3
23	etnane		45.4	217.5	46.0
24	chloronuoromethane	Cri <sub>2</sub> Cir	47.5	220.9	4/./
23		CE	00.9	237.2	60.9
26	tetrafluorometnane		48.0	224.4	48.0
27	chlorodifluoromethane	CHCIF <sub>2</sub>	52.4	236.9	52.5
28	1,1-difluoroethane	CHF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	55.2	248.8	55.6
29	chlorotrifluoromethane	CCIF <sub>3</sub>	57.2	252.3	57.4
30	propene	H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH <sub>3</sub>	56.8	252.3	57.2
31	tetrafluoroethene	$F_2C=CF_2$	58.9	258.8	60.0
32	dichlorofluoromethane	CHCl <sub>2</sub> F	61.6	264.3	62.4
33	propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	62.3	271.5	64.2
34	sulfurhexafluoride	SF <sub>6</sub>	68.2	281.0	70.6
35	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane	$CH_2FCF_3$	64.9	278.3	66.2
36	dichlorodifluoromethane	$CCl_2F_2$	66.4	279.1	67.2
37	1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane	CH <sub>3</sub> CClF <sub>2</sub>	69.2	290.2	69.9
38	1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoroethane	CHF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	69.8	292.5	72.0
39	1,3-butadiene	H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH=CH <sub>2</sub>	68.2	289.2	69.0
40	trichlorofluoromethane	CCl <sub>3</sub> F	75.6	305.4	77.3
41	hexafluoroethane	$C_2F_6$	74.7	306.1	77.7
42	1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane	CH <sub>3</sub> CCl <sub>2</sub> F	78.4	315.6	79.9
43	1-chloro-1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	CHCIFCF <sub>3</sub>	79.0	317.9	81.4
44	2-methylpropane (isobutane)	(CH <sub>1</sub> ),CHCH <sub>1</sub>	79.1	319.8	82.9
45	1-chloro-1.1.2.2.2-pentafluoroethane	CCIF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	83.9	330.9	87 1
46	n-butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	79 1	325.7	873
47	hexafluoropropene	F <sub>2</sub> C=CFCF <sub>2</sub>	85 1	338.0	87 7
48	1 lsdichloro-2 2 2-trifluoroethane	CHCLCE	88.1	342.6	01.2
49	1.2-dichloro-1 1 2 2-tetrafluoroethane	CCIFaCCIFa	03.0	355 6	71.J 06 7
50	octafluorocyclobutane	C/Fa	95.0 05 9	350.2	70./ 00 2
51	2 2 dimethylpropage (neopertone)	C(CHa)	7J.0 05 0	262 2	70.5 100 1
52	1 1 1-trichloro-1 2 2 trifluoroethere	CCLECCIE-	73.0	270.0	102.1
52	n-pentane	C.H.	06 1	270 5	100.9
55	n-Pentalie	C51112	1.04	519.3	100.6

# SOLUBILITY DATA

No.	Gas	$x_2 / 10^{-5}$	Ref.	No.	Gas	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub> / 10 <sup>-5</sup>	Ref.
1	H <sub>2</sub>	1.411	5	28	CHF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	79.1	15
2	D <sub>2</sub>	1.461	5	29	CCIF <sub>3</sub>	1.665	16
3	He	0.70797	13	30	H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH <sub>3</sub>	13.36	3
4	Ne	0.82226	13	31	$F_2C=CF_2$	2.853	3
5	O <sub>2</sub>	2.3011	14	32	CHCl <sub>2</sub> F	168	2
6	NO	3.477	3	33	$C_3H_8$	2.732	11
7	N <sub>2</sub>	1.1774	14	34	SF <sub>6</sub>	0.4394	3
8	CO	1.7744	14	35	CH <sub>2</sub> FCF <sub>3</sub>	26.5	12
9	Ar	2.5319	13	36	$CCl_2F_2$	5.425	16
10	CH4	2.5523	8	37	CH <sub>3</sub> CClF <sub>2</sub>	25.1	12
11	Kr	4.5463	13	38	CHF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	14.56	12
12	O <sub>3</sub>	9.1	6	39	H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH=CH <sub>2</sub>	26.01	3
13	CO <sub>2</sub>	61.48	17	40	CCl <sub>3</sub> F	20.08	9
14	N <sub>2</sub> O	43.67	7	41	$C_2F_6$	0.103	4
15	CH₃F	106.2	3	42	CH <sub>3</sub> CCl <sub>2</sub> F	10.94	12
16	HC≡CH	74.79	3	43	CHCIFCF3	18.48	12
17	Xe	7.9485	13	44	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>3</sub>	1.659	11
18	$H_2C=CH_2$	8.968	18	45	CClF <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	0.56	1
19	CH₃Cl	187.8	3	46	$C_4H_{10}$	2.244	11
20	CHF <sub>3</sub>	25	1	47	$F_2C=CFCF_3$	0.5298	3
21	$C_3H_6$	25.32	18	48	CHCl <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	47.12	12
22	CH₃Br	292.8	3	49	CCIF2CCIF2	1.37	2
23	$C_2H_6$	3.4043	8	50	$C_4F_8$	0.2373	16
24	CH <sub>2</sub> ClF	271.2	3	51	$C(CH_3)_4$	1.077	3
25	Rn	16.75	3	52	CCl <sub>2</sub> FCClF <sub>2</sub>	1.63	2
26	CF₄	0.3802	15	53	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	1.43 ª	10
27	CHClF <sub>2</sub>	60.42	12				

The solubility data for correlational studies were collected from the literature and are presented in Table 3. TABLE 3. Mole Fraction Solubility of Gases in Water at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa Partial Pressure of Gas.

<sup>a</sup> Estimated from the  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  value given in Ref. 10.

Data for the thermodynamic changes on solution are given in Figures 2-5 as plots against the number of water molecules, N, in the first solvation shell. The data points in Figures 2-5 have been numbered according to the numbering of gases in Tables 1-3.

Until the beginning of eighties, virtually all of the values for  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$ ,  $\Delta S^{\circ}$ , and  $\Delta C_{p}^{\circ}$  on solution have been derived from the results of solubility measurements as a function of temperature. Such results can normally be expected to lead to good values for the Gibbs energy changes.<sup>38</sup> The  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  values plotted in Figure 2 have been calculated from the mole fraction solubilities given in Table 3 (except the  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  for  $C_{5}H_{12}$  which has been taken from Ref. 10). To derive reliable values for the changes of enthalpy and entropy on solution, however, very accurate solubilities over a wide temperature range are needed.<sup>38</sup> Precise calorimetric data have become available only quite recently with the development of methods<sup>23,38-40</sup> which could be used to determine  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  for the solubility of gases in water. The number of calorimetric values for  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  is still relatively small as compared with the number of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  values obtained by the "traditional" van't Hoff method. The van't Hoff values and the calorimetric values for  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  are given as separate plots in Figures 3a and 3b, respectively. For the plot  $T\Delta S^{\circ}$  vs. N (Fig. 4) the values of  $T\Delta S^{\circ}$  have been calculated from the equation  $\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ}$ , using calorimetric values for  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  whenever possible. Concerning the heat capacity change on solution, only exceptionally careful solubility studies can lead to good values for  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$ .<sup>38</sup> Therefore, in the present work only calorimetric data<sup>23,24,39-41</sup> have been used for the correlational study on the changes in heat capacity for gases in water (Fig. 5.). 36

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Fig. 2. Gibbs energy change on solution,  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ , against the number of water molecules, N, in the first solvation shell. Values of  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  are at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa partial pressure of gas. The numbers next to each point correspond to the numbers in Table 1.

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## SEMI-EMPIRICAL CORRELATIONS

Despite the continuous search for better equations and better correlations, a really successful general and simple correlation for the solubility of gases in water is still lacking. Studies have mainly been done with the rare gases<sup>23</sup> or simple hydrocarbon gases.<sup>10,40,41</sup> Some freons<sup>24</sup> have also been included. Besides the correlation with the number of water molecules in the first solvation shell<sup>23,24,41</sup>, the relation between the thermodynamic changes on solution and the number of carbon atoms<sup>10</sup> or hydrogen atoms<sup>40</sup> in the solute have been studied. In their review article on the low-pressure solubility of gases in water Wilhelm et al.3 have studied several semi-empirical correlations for a great variety of gases. The best correlation for the widest range of solute characteristics was for the entropy change on solution vs. a parameter related to the surface area of the solute molecules. In the present work our initial hope was that we would find a semi-empirical correlation connecting the number of water molecules in the first solvation shell with



Fig. 3a. Enthalpy change on solution,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$ , against the number of water molecules, N, in the first solvation shell. Values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa partial pressure of gas have been derived from the solubility measurements as a function of temperature. (Refs 3-5, 7, 8 and 10-18.)



Fig. 3b. Enthalpy change on solution,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$ , against the number of water molecules, N, in the first solvation shell. These values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  are from calorimetric measurements at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa partial pressure of gas. (Refs 23, 24 and 39-41.)

the equilibrium solubility. A glance at Fig. 2, where  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  has been plotted against *N*, shows that such a simple correlation is not possible. However, a number of better correlations appear if the gases are grouped by class. The dotted lines in Figs 2-4 connect the data points in each group. In Fig. 5 the dotted line presents the best straight line obtained from the fit of  $\Delta C_{p}^{\circ}$  values of all 17 gases *vs. N.* Regression equations for different groups of gases are given in Tables 4 and 5.

The solubility data for He (3), Ne (4), Ar (9), Kr (11), and Xe (17) are from high precision solubility measurements<sup>13</sup> whereas the data for Rn (25)<sup>3</sup>, which originate from Refs 42 and 43, are probably of much poorer precision. If Rn is omitted the correlations become better (Table 4). The regression equations  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  vs. N obtained by using either the van't Hoff values or the calorimetric values, which are independent of solubility data, are almost identical for the group He to Xe. This can be considered as an indication of the reliability of these values. As there is a doubt about the precision of the solubility data for Rn, the thermodynamic changes on solution of Rn in water could be estimated from the regression equations for the group He to Xe (Tables 4 and 5). Following estimates are obtained:  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 21 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ} = -27$ kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -161$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta C_{p}^{\circ} = 298$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. The smoothed (van't Hoff) values from Ref. 3 are  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 21.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ} = -21 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -144 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ and } \Delta C_{p}^{\circ} = 292 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}.$ 

Seven alkanes were studied: CH<sub>4</sub> (10), C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (23), C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> (33), (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>3</sub> (44), C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (46), C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (51) and  $C_5H_{12}$  (53). Besides being part of the nalkanes group, CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> can be considered to form a homologous series also with the two branched alkanes (CH3)2CHCH3 and  $C(CH_3)_4$ . Regression equations have been derived for both groups (Table 4). Using the quadratic equations for the group methane to n-butane, following values for n-pentane can be estimated:  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 28 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, \Delta H^{\circ} = -27 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, \Delta S^{\circ} = -185$ J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. For  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  a value of 438 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> is obtained using the equation from Table 5. Values given in the literature are  $\Delta G^{\circ}/kJ \mod^{-1} = 27.3$ (Ref. 10) and 27.8 (Ref. 40),  $\Delta H^{\circ} = -27.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ (Ref. 10) and  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -184.1 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  (Ref. 10). For  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  no literature value was found.

Solubility data for only one alkyne, HC=CH (16), and three alkenes,  $H_2C=CH_2$  (18),  $H_2C=CHCH_3$  (30), and  $H_2C=CHCH=CH_2$  (39) were available. The alkenes and alkynes are more soluble in water than the parent alkane. From Fig. 2 it can be seen that



Fig. 4.  $T\Delta S^{\circ}$  against the number of water molecules, N, in the first solvation shell. Values of  $T\Delta S^{\circ}$  are at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa partial pressure of gas.



Fig. 5.  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  against the number of water molecules, *N*, in the first solvation shell. Values of  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa partial pressure of gas are calorimetric values from Refs 23, 24 and 39-41.

Solute range <sup>a</sup>	Regression equation <sup>b</sup>	r °	σď	n °
Rare gases				
helium to radon	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-0.76 \pm 0.04)N \pm 39$	0.9951	0.35	6
(3, 4, 9, 11, 17, and 25)	$\Lambda H^{\circ} = (-2.0\pm0.3)N \pm 24$ (van't Hoff)	0.9795	1.89	6
(-, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-1.24 \pm 0.19)N - 16$	0.9576	3.4	6
helium to xenon	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-0.81 \pm 0.05)N + 40$	0.9947	0.32	5
(3, 4, 9, 11, and 17)	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-2.42 \pm 0.03)N + 29.9$ (van't Hoff)	0.9998	0.159	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-2.40 \pm 0.03)N + 29.6$ (calorimetric)	0.9998	0.182	5
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-1.60 \pm 0.08)N - 10.3$	0.9968	0.49	5
Alkanes				
methane to n-pentane	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.09 \pm 0.05)N + 24$	0.7445	0.62	5
(10, 23, 33, 46, and 53)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.015 \pm 0.003) N^2 - (0.73 \pm 0.16) N + 34$	0.9857	0.191	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-0.82 \pm 0.09)N + 0.7$ (van't Hoff)	0.9836	1.15	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (0.028 \pm 0.008) N^{2} - (2.3 \pm 0.4) N + 19$ (van't Hoff)	0.9980	0.50	5
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-0.93 \pm 0.07)N - 23$	0.9923	0.88	5
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (0.023 \pm 0.003)N^2 - (2.13 \pm 0.14)N - 7.9$	0.9998	0.169	5
methane to n-butane	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.03 \pm 0.06) N + 25$	0.4028	0.49	4
(10, 23, 33, and 46)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.017 \pm 0.007) N^2 - (0.8 \pm 0.4) N + 35$	0.9373	0.27	4
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-0.92 \pm 0.11)N + 3.0$ (van't Hoff)	0.9419	0.98	4
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (0.032 \pm 0.018)N^2 - (2.5 \pm 0.9)N + 22$ (van't Hoff)	0.9972	0.68	4
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-0.99 \pm 0.11)N + 4.3$ (calorimetric)	0.9891	1.00	4
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (0.0375 \pm 0.0012)N^2 - (2.84 \pm 0.06)N + 26.3$ (calorimetric)	0.9999	0.044	4
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-1.02 \pm 0.06)N - 21$	0.9967	0.57	4
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (0.021 \pm 0.006) N^2 - (2.0 \pm 0.3) N - 9.0$	0.9997	0.22	4
methane to neopentane	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.15 \pm 0.08)N + 23$	0.7725	0.84	5
(10, 23, 33, 44, and 51)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.029 \pm 0.003) N^{2} - (1.31 \pm 0.14) N + 41$	0.9968	0.128	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-0.88 \pm 0.13)N + 2.2$ (van't Hoff)	0.9636	1.52	
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (0.007 \pm 0.04) N^2 - (1.2 \pm 1.8) N + 7$ (van't Hoff)	0.9641	1.74	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-0.76 \pm 0.16)N - 0.8$ (calorimetric)	0.9429	1.81	5
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (0.062 \pm 0.006)N^2 - (3.9 \pm 0.3)N + 38$ (calorimetric)	0.9992	0.27	5
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-0.91 \pm 0.09)N - 24$	0.9869	1.01	5
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (0.033 \pm 0.007)N^2 - (2.6 \pm 0.4)N - 2.5$	0.9991	0.33	5
<u>Haloalkanes</u>				
fluoromethane to bromomethane	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-0.74 \pm 0.12)N + 32$	0.9885	0.28	3
(15, 19, and 22)	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-2.23 \pm 0.05)N + 26$ (van't Hoff)	0.9998	0.110	3
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-1.50 \pm 0.08)N - 5.5$	0.9987	0.185	3
<u>Freons</u>				
CF <sub>4</sub> to CCl <sub>3</sub> F (26, 29, 36, and 40)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-1.68 \pm 0.04)N + 71$	0.9995	0.165	4
$CF_4$ to $CCl_2F_2$ (26, 29, and 36)	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-2.3 \pm 0.6)N + 41$ (van't Hoff)	0.9712	1.55	3
	$\Delta H^{\circ} = (-2.66 \pm 0.05)N + 47.2$ (calorimetric)	0.9998	0.129	3
	$T\Delta S^{\circ} = (-0.97 \pm 0.04)N - 23.8$	0.9993	0.101	3
CHF <sub>3</sub> to CHCl <sub>2</sub> F (20, 27, and 32)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-1.12 \pm 0.08)N + 46$	0.9976	0.24	3
$C_2F_6$ to $CCl_2FCClF_2$ (41, 45, 49, and 52)	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (-1.4 \pm 0.4)N + 76$	0.9403	1.34	4
	$\Delta G^{\circ} = (0.37 \pm 0.03)N^2 - (25.3 \pm 1.7)N + 455$	0.9997	0.132	4

TABLE 4. Regression Equations for Thermodynamic Changes on Solution of Gases in  $H_2O$  at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa Partial Pressure of Gas.

<sup>a</sup> Range of homologous solutes covered. See Table 1 for key to numbers. <sup>b</sup> Only linear or quadratic regressions were applied: *Energy* / kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> = aN + b or *Energy* / kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> =  $cN^2 + dN + e$ , where N = number of water molecules in the first solvation shell. <sup>c</sup> Correlation coefficient. <sup>d</sup>  $\sigma$  / kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> = Standard deviation of the fit. <sup>c</sup> Number of solutes.

Solute range <sup>a</sup>	Regression equation <sup>b</sup>	r°	σď	n <sup>e</sup>
<u>All gases</u> helium to neopentane (3, 4, 9-11, 16-18,21, 23, 29, 30, 33, 36, 44, 46, and 51)	$\Delta C_{p}^{\circ} = (14.8 \pm 1.4)N - 69$	0.9418	32.4	17
<u>Rare gases</u> helium to xenon (3, 4, 9, 11, and 17)	$\Delta C_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\circ} = (15.2 \pm 0.8)N \cdot 61$	0.9967	4.7	5
<u>Alkanes</u> methane to n-butane (10, 23, 33, and 46)	$\Delta C_{\rm p}^{\circ} = (13.2 \pm 0.4)N - 25$	0.9995	2.9	4
methane to neopentane (10, 23, 33, 44, and 51)	$\Delta C_{p}^{\circ} = (17 \pm 3)N - 103$	0.9653	30.5	5
<u>All alkanes</u> methane to neopentane (10, 23, 33, 44, 46, and 51)	$\Delta C_{\rm p}^{\rm o} = (16\pm3)N - 87$	0.9595	29.3	6

TABLE 5. Regression Equations for  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  on Solution of Gases in H<sub>2</sub>O at 298.15 K and 101.325 kPa Partial Pressure of Gas.

<sup>a</sup> Range of solutes covered. The numbers correspond to the numbers in Table 1. <sup>b</sup> Only linear regression was applied:  $\Delta C_p^{\circ} / J K^{-1} mol^{-1} = aN + b$ , where N = number of water molecules in the first solvation shell. The values of  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  used for the equations are from calorimetric measurements (Refs 23, 24 and 39-41). <sup>c</sup> Correlation coefficient. <sup>d</sup>  $\sigma / J K^{-1} mol^{-1} =$  Standard deviation of the fit. <sup>c</sup> Number of solutes.

 $\Delta G^{\circ}$  values for alkynes and alkanes do not correlate with N in the same way as  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  for alkanes. For the group HC=CH (16), H<sub>2</sub>C=CH<sub>2</sub> (18), and H<sub>3</sub>C-CH<sub>3</sub> (23) reasonably good linear relationships exist between the thermodynamic changes on solution and N with the following correlation coefficients: 0.96 for  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  vs. N, 0.998 for  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  vs. N, 0.99 for  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  vs. N, and 0.99 for  $\Delta C_{p}^{\circ}$  vs. N. There are not enough data to see if similar relationships exist for the groups with propane and n-butane as parent alkane.

On the basis of regression equations  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $T\Delta S^{\circ}$  vs. N for the freon group CF<sub>4</sub> (26), CCIF<sub>3</sub> (29), and CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (36) (Table 4.) the values of  $\Delta H^{\circ} = -31$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -175$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> can be estimated for CCl<sub>3</sub>F (40). No literature values were found for comparison. Calorimetric  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  values<sup>24</sup> were available only for CCIF<sub>3</sub> [ $\Delta C_p^{\circ} = (278 \pm 22)$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>] and CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> [ $\Delta C_p^{\circ} = (315 \pm 11)$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>]. For CF<sub>4</sub> the following van't Hoff values of  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$ /J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> were found in the literature: 380 (Ref. 3), 410 (Ref. 4), and 637 (Ref. 15). Compared with the calorimetric  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  values reported for the freon homologues<sup>24</sup>, the above van't Hoff  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  values for CF<sub>4</sub> seem much too high. As known, relatively large random errors are associated with the experimental  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  values derived from the temperature dependent solubility data unless the data are of high precision quality.<sup>41</sup> Therefore, more reliable values could perhaps be estimated by utilizing the regression equations given in Table 5 and the calorimetric  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  values<sup>24</sup> of CCIF<sub>3</sub> and CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>. A reasonably good linear relationship exists between  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  increases by about 15 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for each additional water molecule in the first solvation shell. Thus, the values of  $\Delta C_p^{\circ} = 248$  J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for CCl<sub>3</sub>F can be estimated. The value predicted by the Scaled Particle Theory <sup>44,45</sup> for  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  (CFl<sub>3</sub>F) no literature value was found for comparison.

For all gases taken together, simple semi-empirical correlations between the equilibrium solubility and N were not successful. However, some useful trends for several groupings of the gases have been shown. Values for areas of van der Waals Surface, Solvent Accessible Surface and Solvent-Excluding Surface, as well as values for volumes of space enclosed by these surfaces, for 53 gaseous solutes have been reported for possible further correlational studies where also other factors, like polarity and polarizability should be taken into account.

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