

**SOLUTIONS. METHODS OF EXPRESSION  
OF SOLUTIONS CONCENTRATIONS.**

Concentration is a measure of the amount  
of solute dissolved in a given amount  
of solvent.

# **Percent concentration. Mass percent**

Definition:

Parts of solute per 100 parts of solution.

The statement “5% aqueous solution of NaCl”

has the following meaning:

the solution contains 5g of NaCl in 100g  
of solution.

The solution contains 5g of NaCl and  
 $100 - 5 = 95$ g of  $H_2O$ .

$$\% = \frac{\text{number of grams solute}}{\text{number of grams solution}} \cdot 100\%$$

*mass of solution = mass of solute + mass of solvent*

# **Molar concentration (Molarity)**

Molar concentration (Molarity) is a concentration of a solution expressed as number of moles of solute per liter of solution.

molar concentration ( $C_M$ ) =

$$= \frac{\text{number of moles solute}}{\text{number of liters solution}}; \text{ mol/L}$$

$$C_M = \frac{\text{no. mol solute}}{\text{no. L soln}}$$

## **Molal concentration (Molality)**

Molality ( $C_m$ ) is a concentration of a solution expressed as number of moles of solute per kilogram of solvent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{molal concentration } (C_m) &= \\ &= \frac{\text{number of moles solute}}{\text{number of kilograms solvent}} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_m = \frac{\text{no. mol solute}}{\text{no. kg solvent}}$$