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Colligative Properties

Practical uses of solutions

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Units of Concentration

Whatever units you use, the goal is the same: specify the quantity of 1 component (the solute_s) relative to the quantity of another component (the solvent).

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Common Units

% by mass
% by volume
Mole %
ppm (parts per million)
Molarity (M)
Molality (m)

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Molarity

Molarity is probably the most common unit of concentration in chemistry.

Why is that?

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Molarity

Molarity (M) = $\frac{\text{moles solute}}{\text{L solution}}$

This is both a chemically relevant unit and a practically relevant unit.

L solution is very easy to measure in the lab!

MOLES! MOLES! MOLES!

Reactions occur based on the relative number of moles.

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% by mass

This is one of the easiest units to use.

Why?

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% by mass

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Why?

UNITS! UNITS! UNITS!

Mass is easy to measure in the lab!

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% by mass

$\% \text{ by mass} = \frac{\text{g solute}}{100 \text{ g solution}}$

This is easy to use, but not as chemically relevant as Molarity. After all, it's all about the MOLES! MOLES! MOLES!

Is this a problem?

Not at all, it is easy to convert these units, but you need to know a few other things.

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Converting M to % by mass

$\% \text{ by mass} = \frac{\text{g solute}}{100 \text{ g solution}}$

$M = \frac{\text{moles solute}}{\text{L solution}}$

What do we need to know to be able to convert from one to the other?

UNITS! UNITS! UNITS! They shall lead the way.

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Sample problem

You have a 1.2 M solution of NaCl in water. What is its % by mass given that the density of 1.2 M NaCl is 1.08 g/mL?

$$\frac{1.2 \text{ mol NaCl}}{\text{L solution}} \times \frac{58.453 \text{ g NaCl}}{\text{mol NaCl}} = \frac{70.143 \text{ g NaCl}}{\text{L solution}}$$

$$\frac{70.143 \text{ g NaCl}}{\text{L solution}} \times \frac{1 \text{ L solution}}{1000 \text{ mL solution}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mL solution}}{1.08 \text{ g solution}} = 0.06495 \text{ g NaCl} \cdot 100$$

6.495 g NaCl/100 g solution OR 6.495% by mass (6.5% by mass to the correct number of sig figs.)

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Slightly more complicated problem

You have a 2.5 M solution of NaCl in water. What is its % by mass given that the density of 1.0 M NaCl is 1.07 g/mL, the density of 3.0 M NaCl is 1.10 g/mL and the density of 5.0 M NaCl is 1.13 g/mL?

This is a more common real-life example. There are tables of solution densities, but they don't have an infinite number of values. So, what do we do...?

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- 2 options:
- Use the 3.0 M as being "close enough".
 - Do a linear interpolation to determine the approximate value at 2.5 M.

What is a "linear interpolation"?

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Colligative Property

A colligative property is a property that depends ONLY on the amount of the substance present NOT on the identity of the substance.

In other words, it doesn't matter if it is salt, sugar, gasoline, or tennis balls – it will behave the same way!

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Some Examples:

- Vapor Pressure Reduction
 - Related to boiling point
- Freezing Point Depression
 - Salt on the road
 - Anti-freeze in your radiator
- Boiling Point Elevation
 - Anti-freeze in your radiator
- Osmotic Pressure
 - Membrane diffusion
 - The Great Sugar Fountain!

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Vapor Pressure Reduction

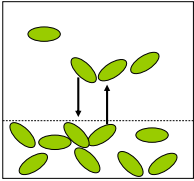
What is "vapor pressure"?

Vapor pressure is the amount (P is proportional to n for ideal gases) of gas A that is in equilibrium above the surface of liquid A.

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Vapor Pressure

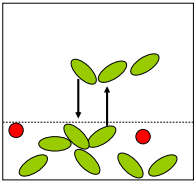
At equilibrium, the rate of evaporation (liquid to gas) equals the rate of condensation (gas to liquid). The amount of gas is the "vapor pressure"



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What if you add a solute?

At equilibrium, the rate of evaporation still must equal the rate of condensation. But at any given temperature, the # of solvent molecules at the surface is decreased and, therefore, so is the vapor pressure



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Boiling Pt. Elevation Freezing Pt. Depression

Birds of a Feather:

$$\Delta T_b = T_{\text{boiling, solution}} - T_{\text{boiling, pure solvent}} = K_b m$$
$$\Delta T_f = T_{\text{freezing, solution}} - T_{\text{freezing, pure solvent}} = -K_f m$$

m = molality of the solution
 K_b = boiling constant
 K_f = cryoscopic constant

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NOTE ABOUT THE SIGN CONVENTION

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$\Delta T_f = T_{\text{freezing, solution}} - T_{\text{freezing, pure solvent}} = -K_f m$

$\Delta = \text{change}$
 $\Delta = \text{final state} - \text{initial state}$
Many texts do not put a minus sign before the cryoscopic constant and reverse the definition of ΔT_f instead.

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K is a SOLVENT property

Colligative properties don't care what the solute is – they only care how much solute there is.

The boiling point constant and cryoscopic constant are SOLVENT properties only.

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A simple problem

How many grams of sucrose ($C_{11}H_{22}O_{11}$) are needed to lower the freezing point of 100 g of water by 3° C?

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Boiling Point Elevation

What is the "boiling point" of a liquid?

It is the temperature at which the vapor pressure equals the atmospheric pressure. So...

...if you decrease the vapor pressure, you must increase the boiling point – it will take a higher temperature to get enough gas molecules (vapor pressure) to equal the atmospheric pressure.

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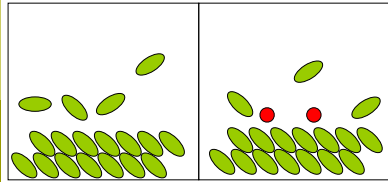
What is the Microscopic View of Freezing Point Depression?

These phase change properties arise from the attractive interactions between all molecules (Van der Waal's forces).

When you make a solution, you break some of the solvent-solvent interactions and replace them with solvent-solute interactions.

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Freezing is a dynamic equilibrium between melting and freezing.



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Slight Variation on the problem

How many grams of NaCl are needed to lower the freezing point of 100 g of water by 3 °C?

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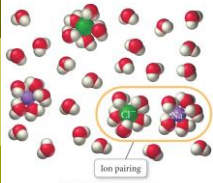


TABLE 12.9 Van't Hoff Factors at 0.05 m Concentration in Aqueous Solution

Solute	<i>i</i> Expected	<i>i</i> Measured
Nonelectrolyte	1	1
NaCl	2	1.9
MgSO ₄	2	1.3
MgCl ₂	3	2.7
K ₂ SO ₄	3	2.6
FeCl ₃	4	3.4

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The Answer

$$\Delta T_f = -iK_f m$$

We want to decrease the freezing point by 3°C.

$$-3^\circ\text{C} = -1.9 \left(1.86 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{molal}} \right) m$$

$$m = 0.849 \text{ molal} = \frac{0.849 \text{ mol solute}}{\text{kg water}}$$

NOTE: K_f is the WATER cryoscopic constant

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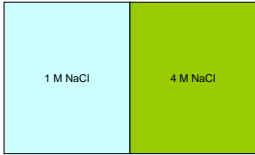
Why is it important?

Consider two solutions separated by a semi-permeable membrane (meaning water can pass through but nothing else) at room temperature (298 K).

On one side of the membrane is a 1 M NaCl solution. On the other side is a 4 M NaCl solution.

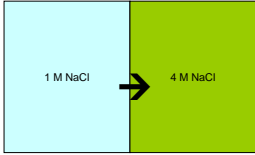
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What Happens?



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The water moves from the 1 M side to the 4 M side. Why?



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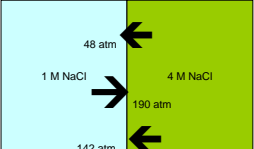
OSMOTIC PRESSURE
 $\Pi = iMRT$

On the 1 M side, the pressure is:
 $\Pi = MRT = (1.9) 1 M (0.0821 \text{ Latm/mol K})(298 \text{ K})$
 $\Pi = 48 \text{ atm}$

On the 4 M side, the pressure is:
 $\Pi = iMRT = (1.9) 4 M (0.0821 \text{ Latm/mol K}) (298 \text{ K})$
 $\Pi = 190 \text{ atm}$

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Both solutions “push” on the membrane
The bigger push wins!



Note the direction of the arrows. Osmotic pressure is pushing AGAINST the solution.

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It's all about sweating!

- What happens when you sweat?

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It's all about sweating!

What happens when you sweat?

Your body loses water and some dissolved salts through your skin which cools your body.

What is the price you pay for this?

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The cost of sweating

Your cells have lost precious water and salts.

What do you do about it?

Drink water?

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The problem with water

Your cells are slightly dehydrated from sweating. The salt concentration is actually higher than it should be.

Water has no salt concentration. It flows into the cells rapidly (osmotic pressure) and fills the cells. But the cells are now diluted.

Further, since the pure water will always have lower osmotic pressure and flow into the cell until either you run out of water or the cell bursts.

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EXAMPLE 12.5 Calculating the Vapor Pressure of a Solution Containing a Nonelectrolyte and Nonelectrolyte Solute

Calculate the vapor pressure at 25 °C of a solution containing 99.5 g glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) and 500.0 mL water. The vapor pressure of pure water at 25 °C is 23.8 torr. Assume the density of water to be 1.00 g/mL.

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Solve Calculate the number of moles of each solution component.

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EXAMPLE 12.6 Calculating the Vapor Pressure of a Solution Containing an Ionic Solute

A solution contains 0.102 mol $Ca(NO_3)_2$ and 0.927 mol H_2O . Calculate the vapor pressure of the solution at 55 °C. The vapor pressure of pure water at 55 °C is 118.1 torr.

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EXAMPLE 12.11 Van't Hoff Factor and Freezing Point Depression

The freezing point of an aqueous 0.850 m CaCl_2 solution is -6.27°C . What is the van't Hoff factor (i) for CaCl_2 at this concentration? How does it compare to the predicted value of i ?
