

## Week 8

# Solutions

### 8.1 Vapor Pressure Lowering and Consequences

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- Colligative properties.
  - Vapor pressure lowering.
  - Boiling point elevation for non-volatile solutes.
  - Freezing point depression for solutes (excluding solids).
  - Osmotic pressure.
- **Vapor pressure lowering:** The process of adding less volatile solutes to lower the overall vapor pressure via Raoult's law.
- **Boiling point elevation:** The increase in the normal boiling point of a mixture due to vapor pressure lowering.

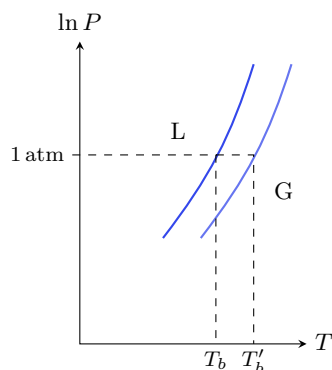


Figure 8.1: Boiling point elevation.

- In Figure 8.1, the dark blue line is the original liquid-gas coexistence curve and the light blue line is the liquid-gas coexistence curve with vapor pressure lowering — notice how at any given temperature, the corresponding pressure represented by the light blue line is lower than that given by the dark blue line.
- However, we still need to achieve a vapor pressure of 1 atm for the liquid to boil.
- We can get to such a pressure with a higher temperature, i.e., by heating the liquid to  $T'_b$  instead of just  $T_b$ .
- Calculating the change in the boiling point  $\Delta T_b$ .

- We can calculate the boiling point elevation from the Clausius-Clapeyron equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta T_b} &= \frac{\Delta \bar{H}}{T_b \Delta \bar{V}} \\
 \Delta T_b &= P^*(1-x) \frac{T_b \Delta \bar{V}}{\Delta \bar{H}} \\
 &= P^*(1-x) \frac{T_b \bar{V}_g}{\Delta \bar{H}} \\
 &= P^*(1-x) \frac{T_b R T_b}{P^* \Delta \bar{H}} \\
 &= \frac{R T_b^2}{\Delta \bar{H}} (1-x)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  is the mole fraction of solutes.

- We can also derive the above result from the chemical potential, where we get to the first to the second equation below because (standard) chemical potentials are equal at equilibrium.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_i^\circ(T) + RT \ln x_1 &= \mu_g^\circ(T) + RT \ln \frac{P}{P_0} \\
 RT \ln x_1 &= RT \ln \frac{P}{P_0} + [\mu_g^\circ(T) - \mu_i^\circ(T)] \\
 &= RT \ln \frac{P}{P_0} + [\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}} - T \Delta \bar{S}_{\text{vap}}] \\
 &= RT \ln \frac{P}{P_0} + [\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}} - T_b \Delta \bar{S}_{\text{vap}} + (T_b - T) \Delta \bar{S}_{\text{vap}}] \\
 &= RT \ln \frac{P}{P_0} + \Delta T_b \cdot \frac{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}}}{T_b} \\
 \Delta T_b &= -\frac{R T_b^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}}} \ln x_1 \\
 &= -\frac{R T_b^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}}} \ln(1 - x_2) \\
 &\approx \frac{R T_b^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{vap}}} x_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Freezing point depression:** The decrease in the normal melting point of a mixture due to vapor pressure lowering.

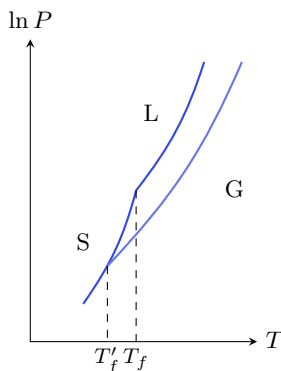


Figure 8.2: Freezing point depression.

- We know that  $\mu_g^\circ(T_f) = \mu_l^\circ(T_f)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_g^\circ(T) &= \mu_l^\circ(T) + RT \ln x_i \\
 RT \ln x_i &= \mu_g^\circ(T) - \mu_l^\circ(T) \\
 &= \Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}(T) - T \Delta \bar{S}_{\text{fus}} \\
 &= (T_f - T) \Delta \bar{S}_{\text{fus}} \\
 &= (T_f - T) \frac{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}}{T_f} \\
 &= -\Delta T_f \cdot \frac{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}}{T_f} \\
 \Delta T_f &= -\frac{RT_f^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}} \ln x_1 \\
 &\approx \frac{RT_f^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}} x_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- The final result should be

$$\Delta T_f = -\frac{RT_f^2}{\Delta \bar{H}_{\text{fus}}} x_2$$

- The freezing point of water as more and more salt is added.

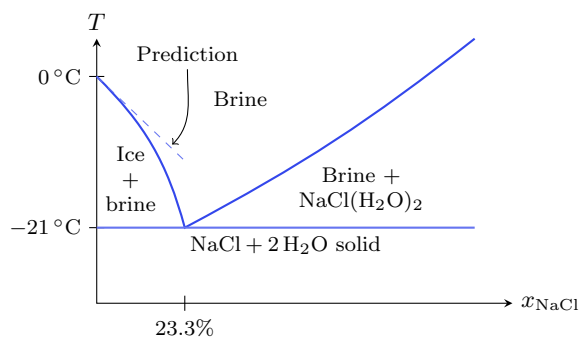


Figure 8.3: Freezing point vs. solute concentration.

- Osmotic pressure.

- Imagine a U-tube with a filter at the bottom that is porous to the solvent but nonporous to the solute.
- We know from Gen Chem that there will be excess pressure on the side with the impurities.
- Let  $\pi = \rho gh$  be the extra pressure where  $h$  is the height difference between the two sides and  $\rho$  is the density of the solvent.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_l^\circ &= \mu_l = \mu_l^\circ + RT \ln x_1 + \pi \bar{V} \\
 0 &= RT \ln x_1 + \pi \bar{V} \\
 \pi &= \frac{RT}{\bar{V}} x_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- Ocean salinity is about 1 M, so  $\pi = 24$  atm. That means that in the tube, the right hand side will rise about as much as the Sears tower. Thus, the minimum amount of pressure/work you need is the height of the Sears tower minus 24 atm. Still, this is far more efficient than distillation.