# Raoult's Law: Vapor Pressure (Revisited) 

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Which has the higher vapor pressure?

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A. $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{OC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ or $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ has stronger IMFs: hydrogen bonding, dipole-dipole, and dispersion. $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{OC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ only has dipole-dipole and dispersion.
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All three only have dispersion forces, and the heaviest compound has the strongest.

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1．Temperature：as temperature increases， more liquid molecules have sufficient kinetic energy to escape into the gas phase．T 介， $\mathrm{P}_{\text {vap }}$ 介
2．Surface area：as surface area increases， more liquid molecules are exposed to the surface．Surface Area 介， $\mathrm{P}_{\text {vap }} \Uparrow$
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## RAOULT'S LAW: MULTIPLE SOLVENTS

Raoult's Law also works for multiple solvents.

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\mathrm{P}_{\text {solution }}=\mathrm{X}_{\text {solvent }, 1} \mathrm{P}_{\text {solvent }, 1}+\mathrm{X}_{\text {solvent }, 2} \mathrm{P}_{\text {solvent }, 2}+\cdots
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Remember that adding solute(s) to a solvent will always decrease the vapor pressure, so we know that our vapor pressure of the solution should be less than 42.2 Torr.

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Does this remind you of partial pressures? Good, it should.

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Acetone + Ethanol


Pentane + Hexane

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Pure pentane: dispersion
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Cyclohexane + Benzene


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