

*HEAT TRANSFER WITH  
CHANGE OF PHASE*



## Introduction

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- **This chapter deals with energy transport when a change of phase is involved.**
- **After you have studied this chapter, you should be able to**
  1. Explain the process of gradual freezing of a biomaterial over a temperature range, as opposed to one fixed temperature.
  2. Explain the process of freezing in a cellular tissue and how the success of freezing depends on the rate of freezing.
  3. Describe the changes in thermal and physical properties of biomaterials during freezing.
  4. Calculate the time to freeze a plant or an animal tissue of given size.



## Freezing and Thawing

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- Freezing and thawing is one of the most promising methods of preserving biological material.

"Cryopreservation"

- Freezing is one of the most common methods of preserving large quantities of food materials.

"Frozen foods"

- Freezing is sometimes used to purposely destroy living material.

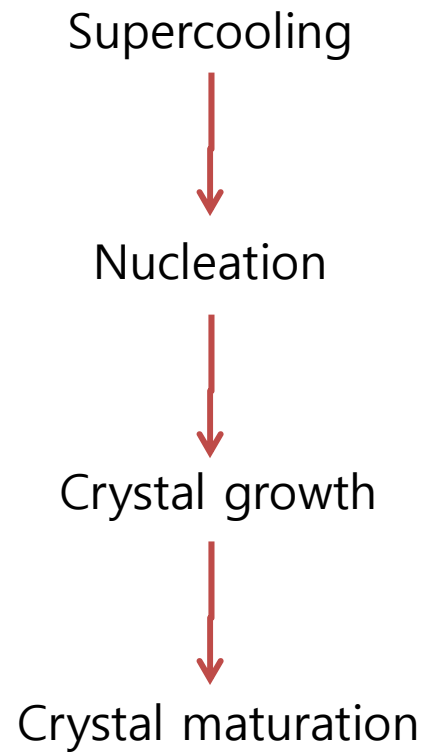
"Cryosurgery"



# Freezing of Pure Water

## *Freezing Process*

- Several steps are involved in the freezing of pure water.





## Freezing of Pure Water

*Property Changes During Freezing*

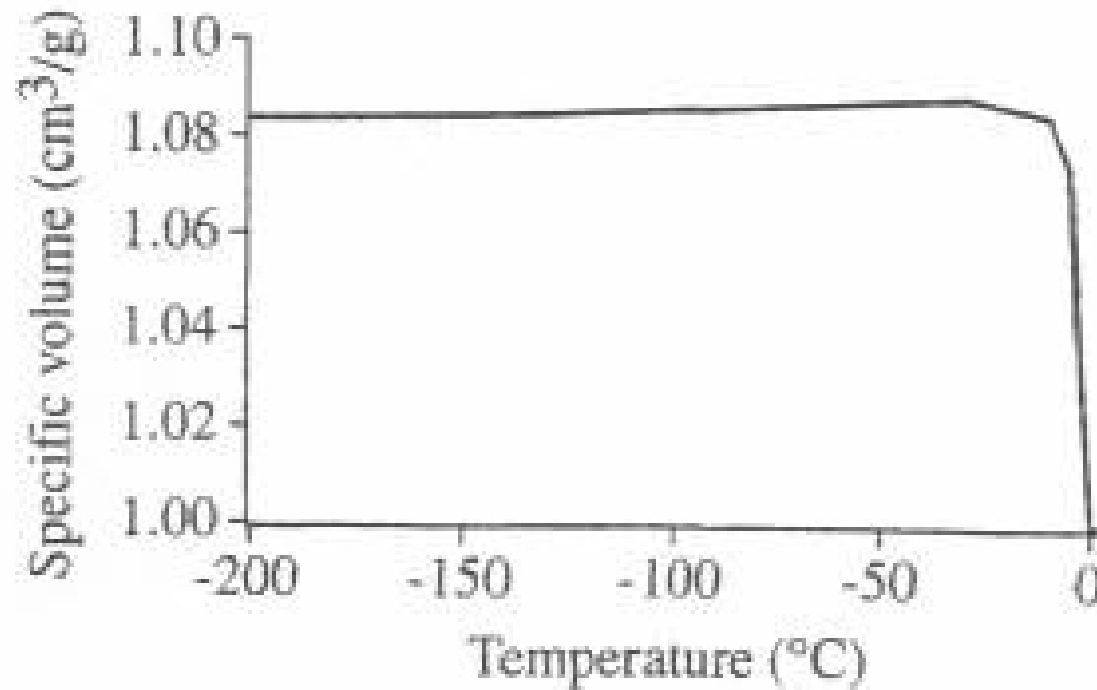


Figure 1. Increase in specific volume of water during freezing.



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*Property Changes During Freezing*

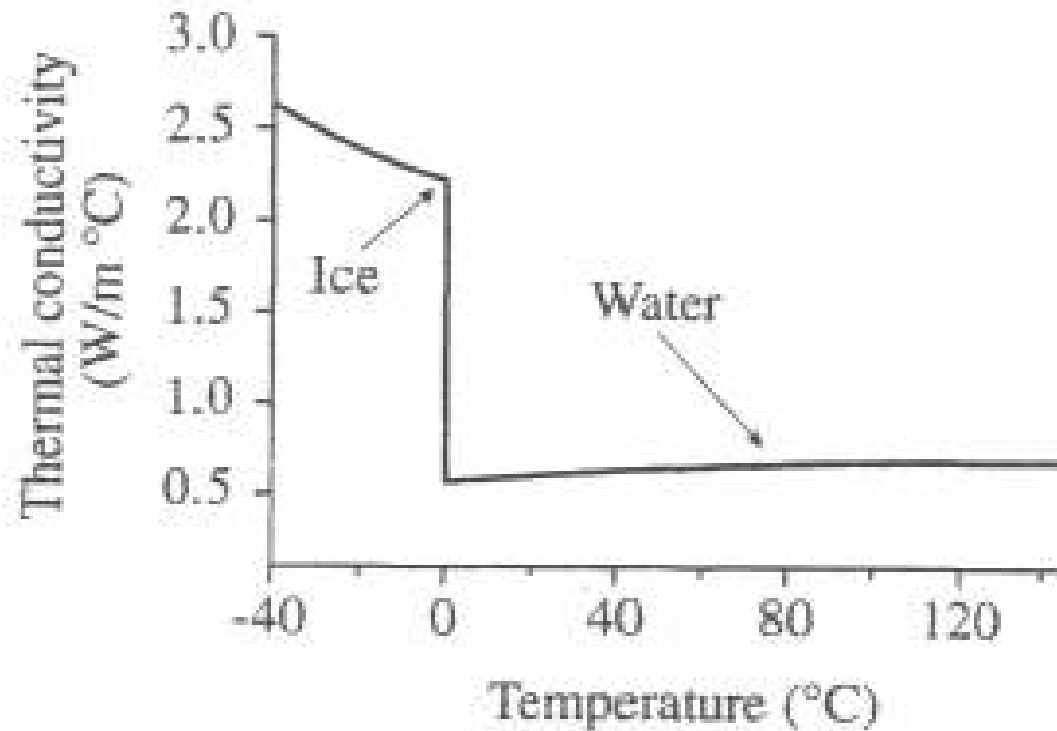


Figure 2. Changes in thermal conductivity with temperature showing large increase in thermal conductivity for ice over water.



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*Property Changes During Freezing*

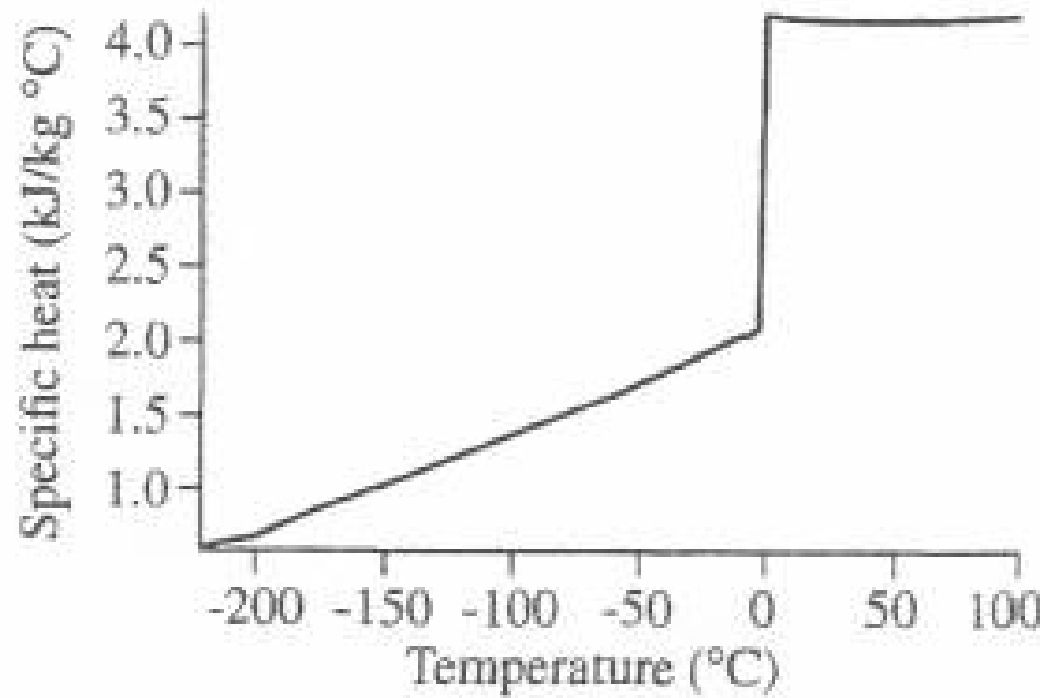


Figure 3. Specific heat of water and ice as a function of temperature.



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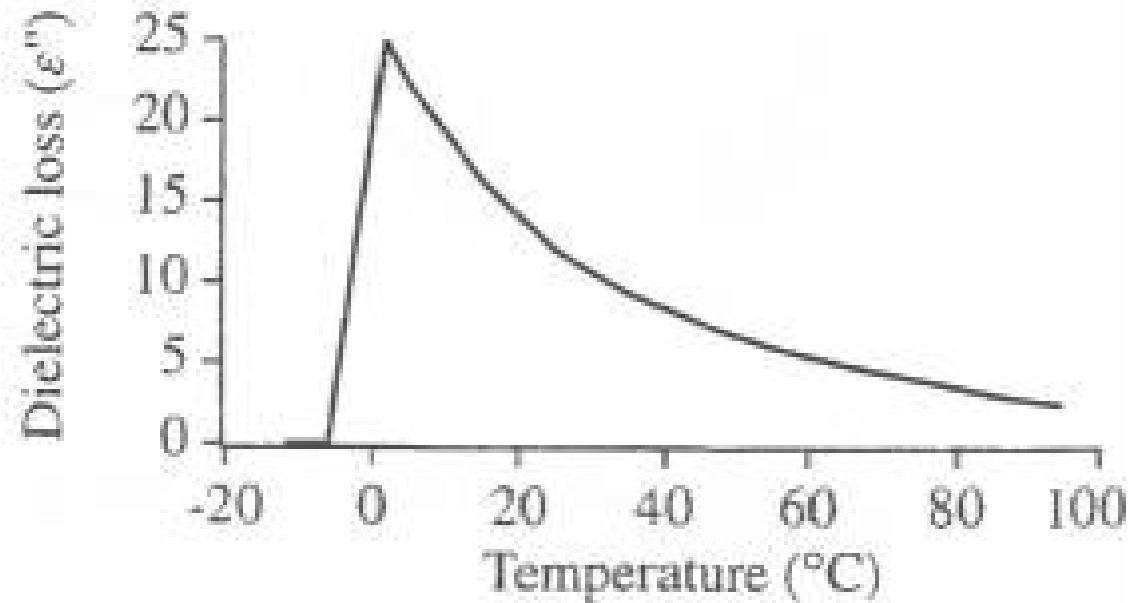


Figure 4. Dielectric loss of water and ice at a microwave frequency of 2450Mhz





# Freezing of Solutions and Biomaterials

## Solutions

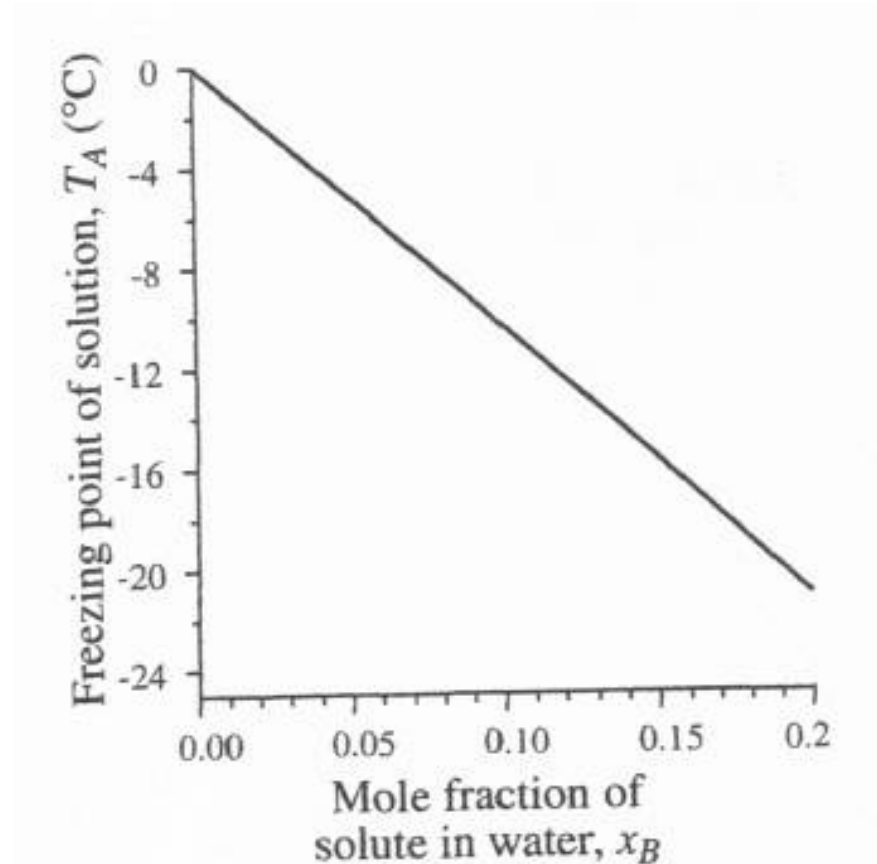


Figure 5. Freezing point depression of an aqueous solution as a function of concentration.

$$\frac{\Delta H_f}{R_g} \left[ \frac{1}{T_{A0}} - \frac{1}{T_A} \right] = \ln x_A$$

(7.1)

$$\frac{\Delta H_f}{R_g} \left[ \frac{T_A - T_{A0}}{T_{A0} T_A} \right] = \ln(1 - x_B)$$

(7.2)

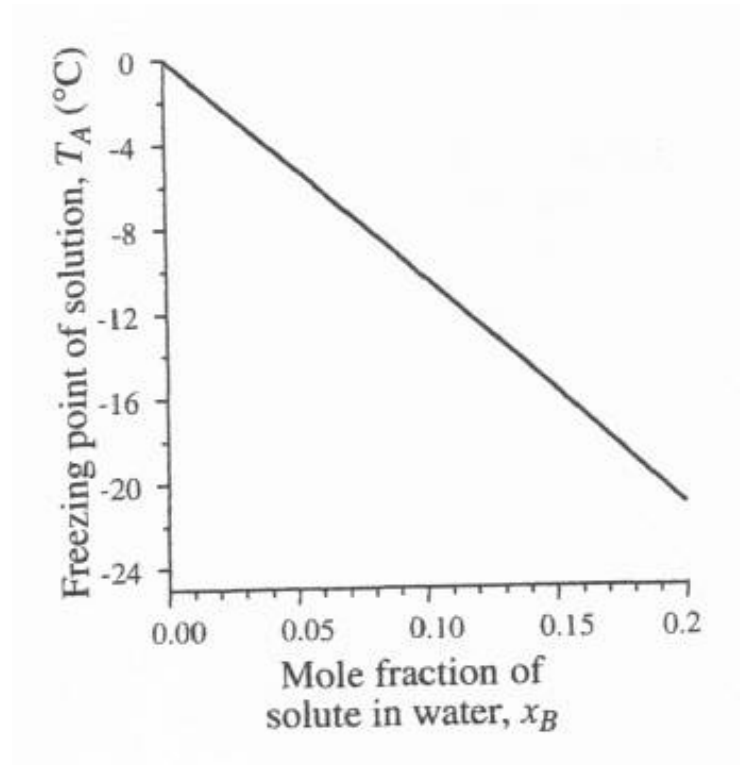
$$\frac{\Delta H_f}{R_g} \frac{\Delta T_f}{T_{A0}^2} = x_B$$

(7.3)



# Freezing of Solutions and Biomaterials

## *Solutions*



$$\Delta T_f = \frac{R_s T_{A0}^2 M_A M}{\Delta H_f}$$

(7.4)

$$\Delta T_f = K_f M$$

(7.5)

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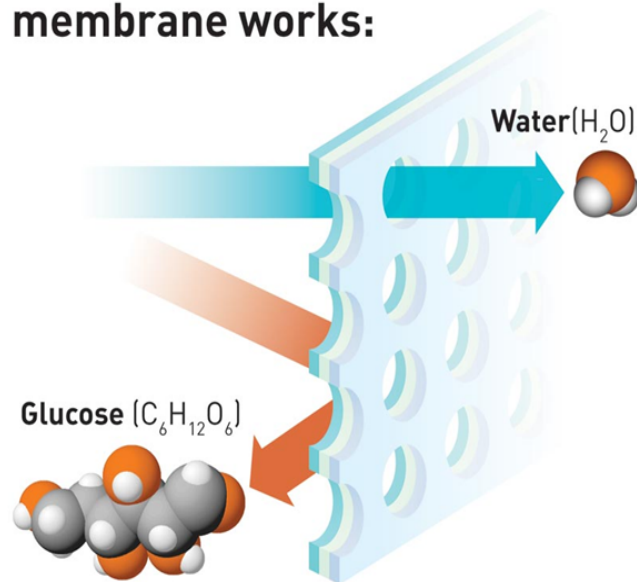


# Freezing of Solutions and Biomaterials

## *Cellular Tissues*

During tissue freezing, the most fundamental physical change taking place is the transport of water across a cell's semi-permeable membrane.

**How a semi-permeable membrane works:**



Ice forms in the extracellular fluid first.



The remaining extracellular fluid becomes more concentrated.



This difference develops osmotic pressure.



water flows out of the cell.



## 7.3 Freezing of Solutions and Biomaterials

### *Cooling Rates and Success of Freezing*

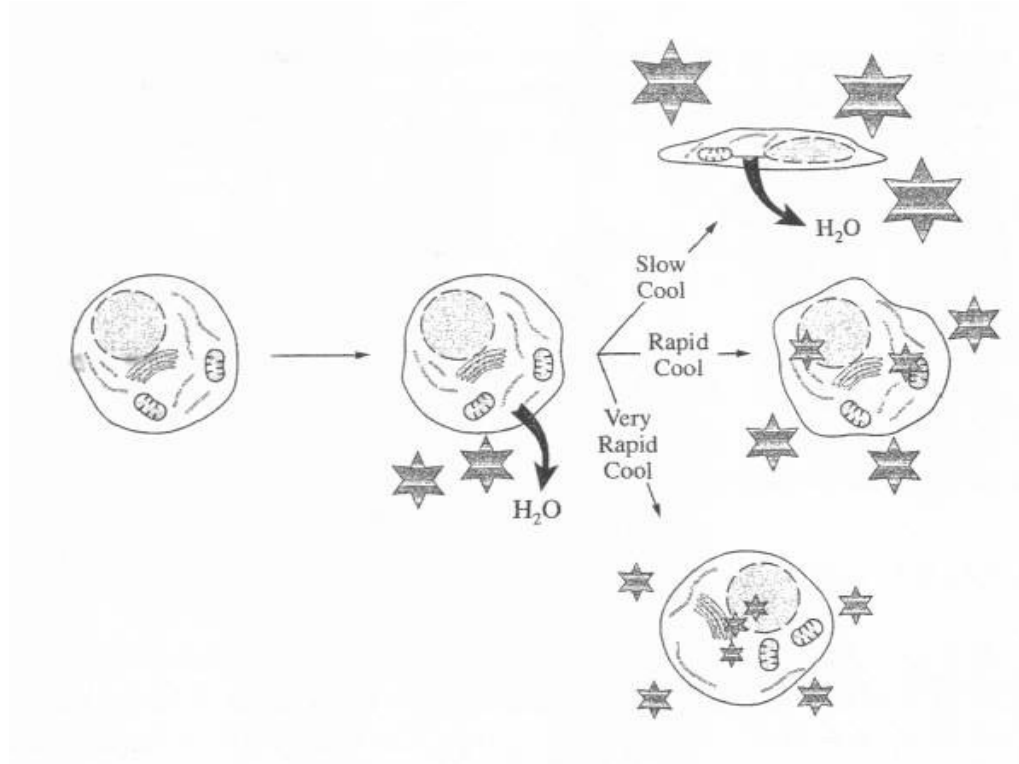


Figure 6. Schematic showing possibilities during cell freezing. Faster freezing reduces the transport of water out of the cell.



# Temperature Profiles and Freezing Time

*Freezing Time for an Infinite Slab of Pure Liquid*

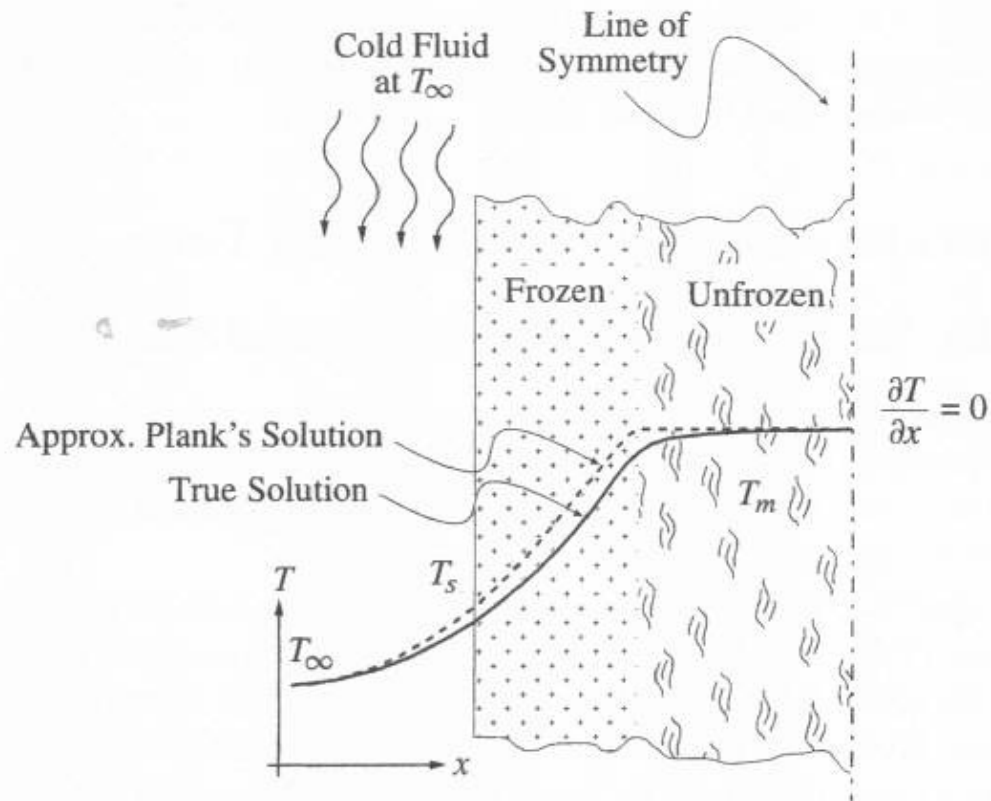


Figure 7. Freezing of a pure liquid showing two distinct regions, frozen and unfrozen.



## Temperature Profiles and Freezing Time

*Freezing Time for an Infinite Slab of Pure Liquid*

$$q = kA \frac{T_m - T_s}{x}$$
$$q = \Delta H_f A \rho \frac{dx}{dt}$$
$$\Delta H_f A \rho \frac{dx}{dt} = kA \frac{T_m - T_s}{x}$$

When the freezing is completed,  $t_{slab} = \frac{\Delta H_f \rho}{k(T_m - T_s)} \frac{L^2}{2}$

A more common boundary condition :  $t_F = \frac{\Delta H_f \rho}{T_m - T_\infty} \left[ \frac{L^2}{2k} + \frac{L}{h} \right]$



# Temperature Profiles and Freezing Time

## *Freezing Time for Biomaterials*

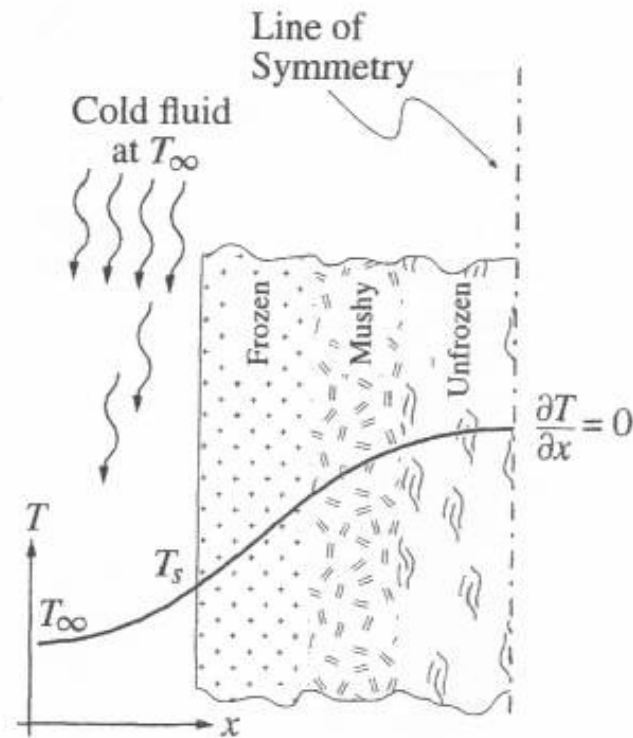


Figure 8. Freezing of a biological material a partially frozen or mushy zone.



# Evaporation

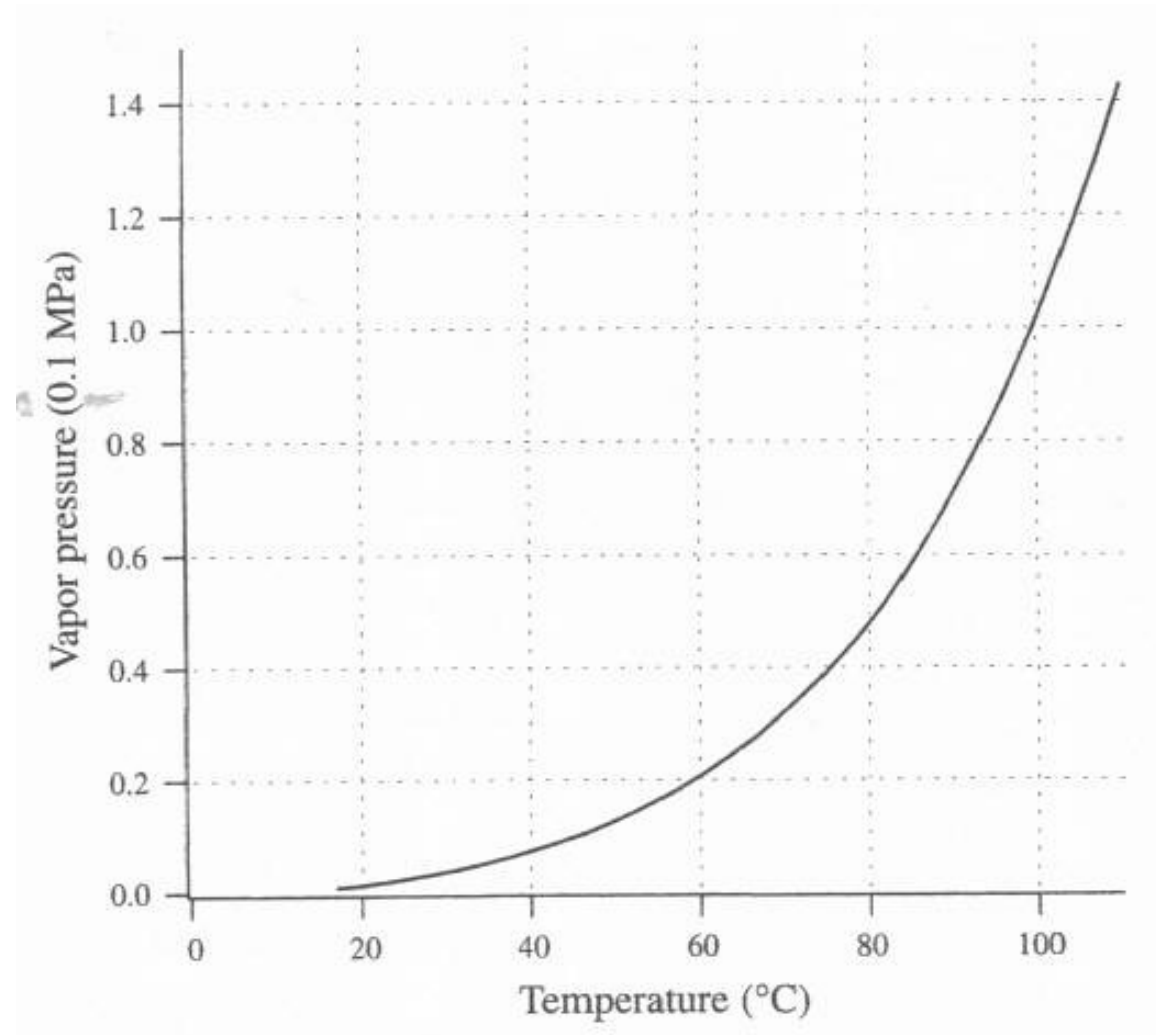


Figure 9. Vapor pressure of water at different temperature.





## Evaporation

*Evaporation from Wet Surfaces*

$$\text{Flux of water vapor} = h_m (c_{\text{sat at } T} - c_{\text{vapor at } \infty}) \quad (7.15)$$

$$\text{Flux of energy from evaporation} = \Delta H_{\text{vap}} (\text{Flux of water vapor}) \quad (7.16)$$

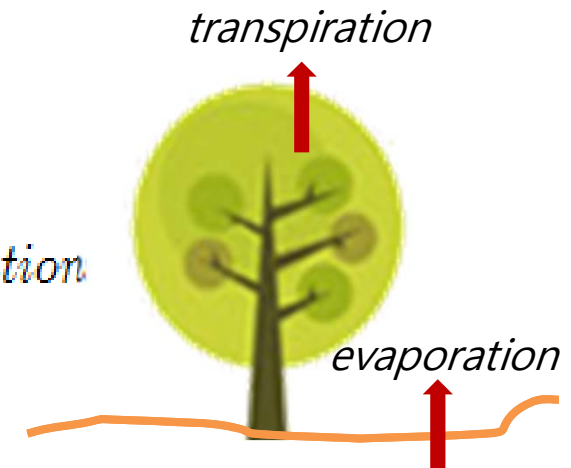
- **Plant systems**

*Evapotranspiration = Evaporation + Transpiration*

- **Animal systems**

Animals use panting and cutaneous evaporation.

⇒ evaporative cooling processes





## Evaporation

### *Evaporation Inside a Solid Matrix*

Inside an unsaturated porous matrix, the rate of evaporation is related to temperature, amount of pore space, and permeability.

### *Evaporation of Solutions*

Use to improve their storability or taste and to reduce bulk.

- **Evaporation** : occurring at the boiling point.  
an energy-intensive process.
- **Freeze concentration** : being separated out the ice.  
not lowered quality.



## Chapter Summary

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- **Freezing of Water**

1. As water freezes, its density and specific heat decrease while its thermal conductivity increases.

- **Freezing of Solutions and Biomaterials**

1. Water in biomaterials has dissolved solutes. When pure water freezes, concentrated solutes are lowering its freezing point.
2. Higher cooling rates minimize the transport of intracellular water.

- **Freezing Time Calculations**

1. Formulas for the freezing time for a slab is given by  $t_F = \frac{\Delta H_f \rho}{T_m - T_\infty} \left[ \frac{L^2}{2k} + \frac{L}{h} \right]$

- **Evaporation**

1. The change of molecules from liquid to vapor state is called evaporation.
2. Vapor pressure is the partial pressure of water vapor in equilibrium with the liquid.