



# ***Chemical Product Design*** ***How is it done?***

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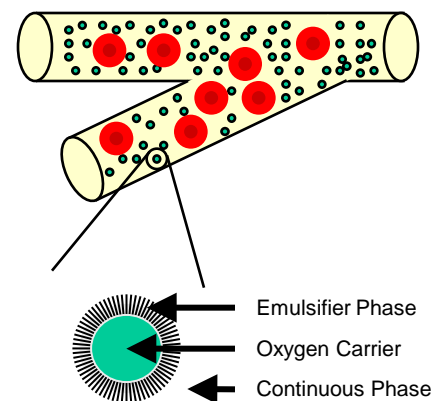
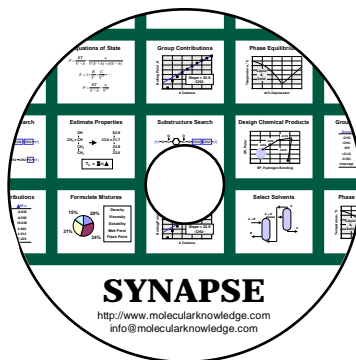
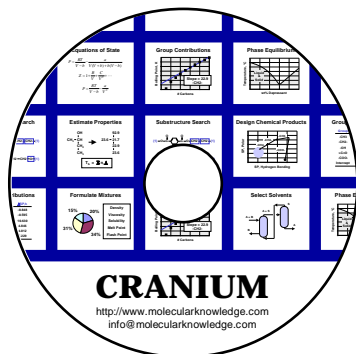
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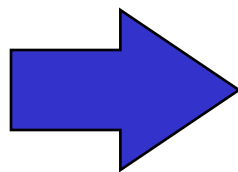
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- ❑ Computer Software
- ❑ Consulting



# How is it Done?



## Shaving Cream

Sodium lauryl sulfate  
Propylene glycol  
Diazolidinyl urea  
Triethanolamine  
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Propane  
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Aloe

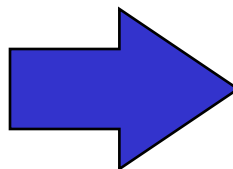
**How did they choose  
these chemicals?**

# How is it Done?

## Goal

*“The goal of chemical product design is to create chemical structures and mixtures that possess those chemical and physical **properties** desired by customers.”*

**Environmental friendly**  
**Skin lubrication**  
**Water solubility**  
**Pleasant aroma**  
**Hair softening**  
**Moisturizing**  
**Foaminess**



## Shaving Cream

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# ***Design Steps***

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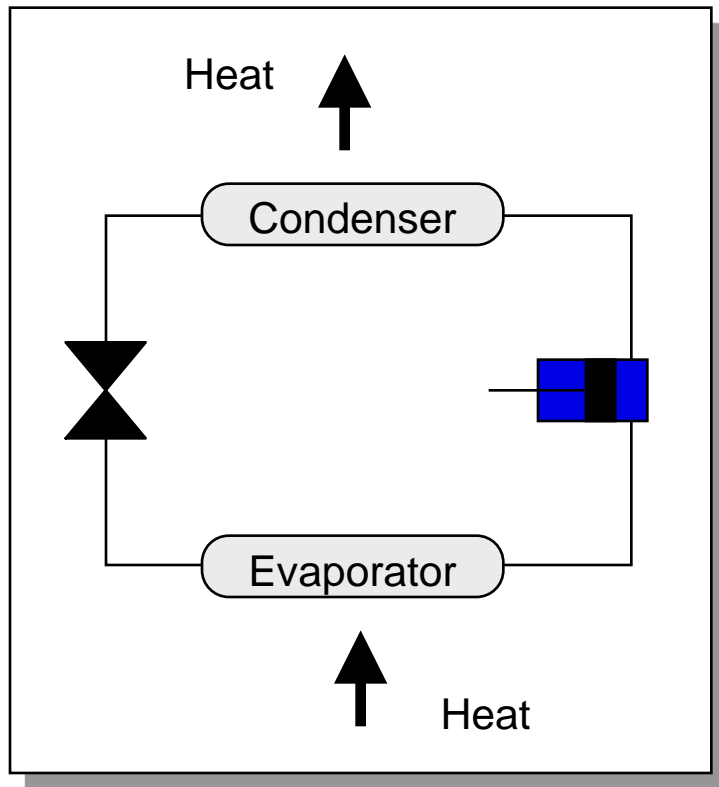
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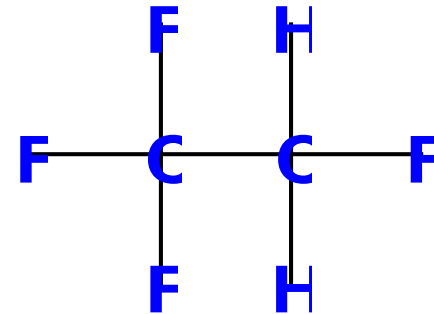
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# Designing New Refrigerants

## Next Generation Refrigerants



## Single Component



Replace R134a

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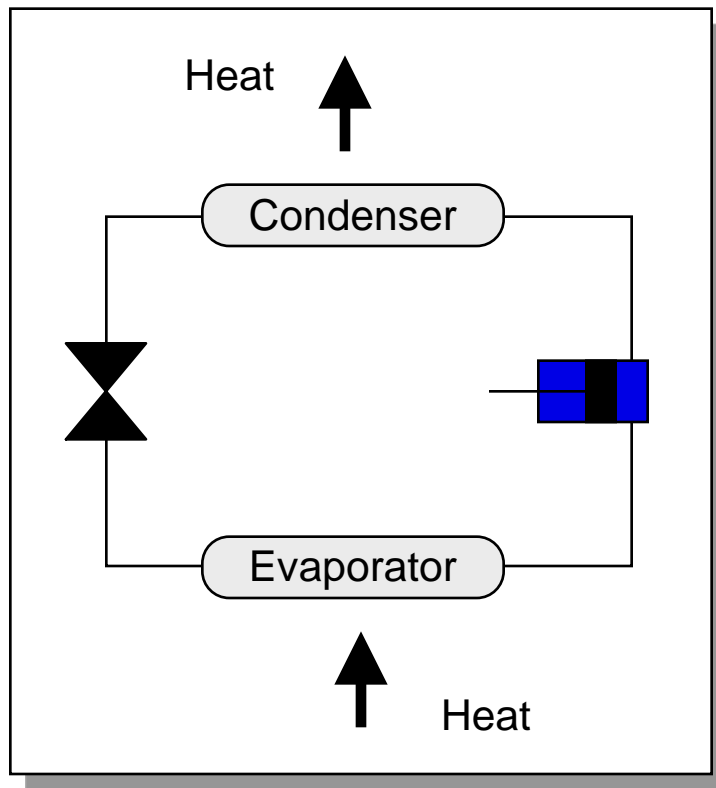
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# Step 1: Property Constraints

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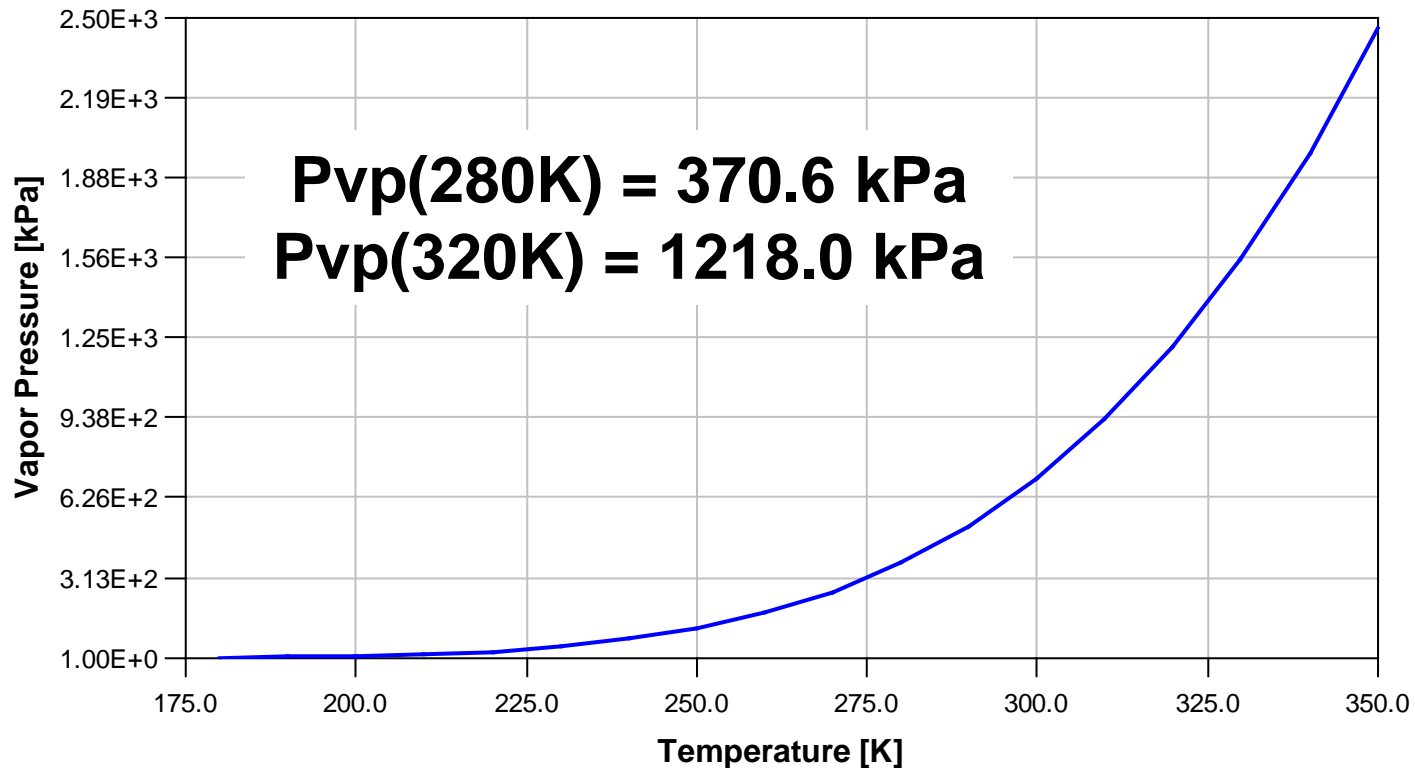


## R134a Replacement

- Vapor Pressures Match**
- Low Global Warming**
- Not Ozone Depleting**
- P-H Diagrams Match**
- High Oil Solubility**
- Low Flammability**
- Low Toxicity**

# Step 1: Property Constraints

Which chemicals  
match R134a Vapor Pressures ?



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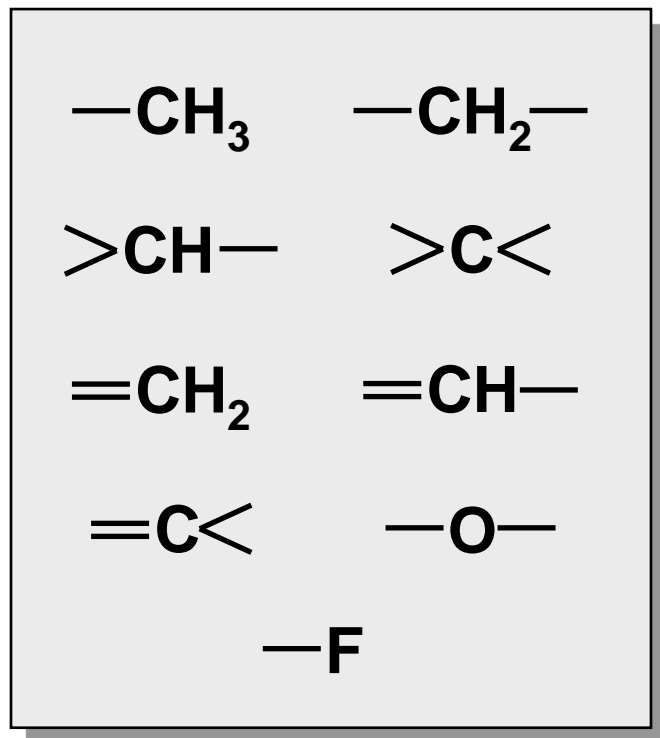
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# Step 2: Generate Candidates

## Group Basis



## Combinations of 2

- (  $-\text{CH}_3$   $-\text{CH}_3$  )
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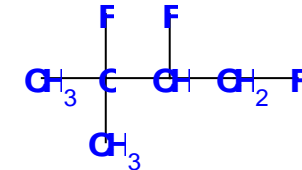
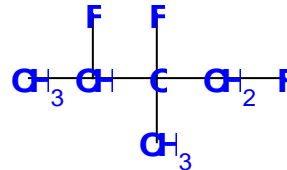
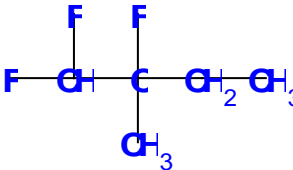
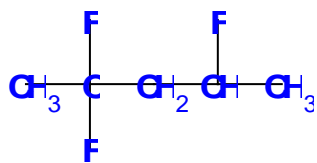
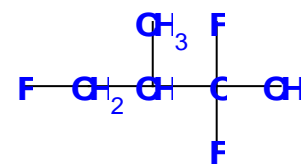
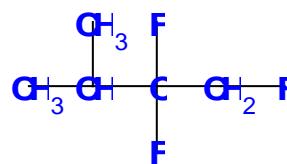
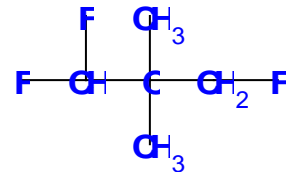
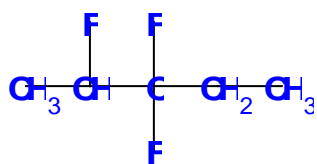
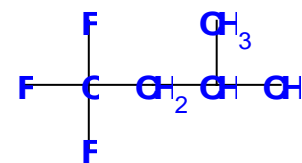
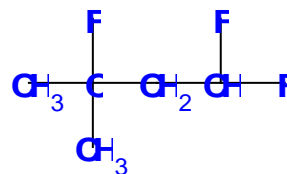
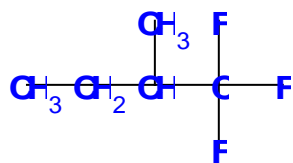
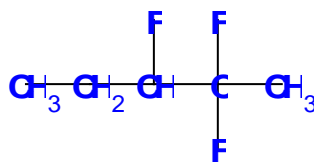
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# Step 2: Generate Candidates

## Structure Enumeration

( -CH<sub>3</sub> -CH<sub>3</sub> -CH<sub>2</sub>- >C< >CH- -F -F -F )



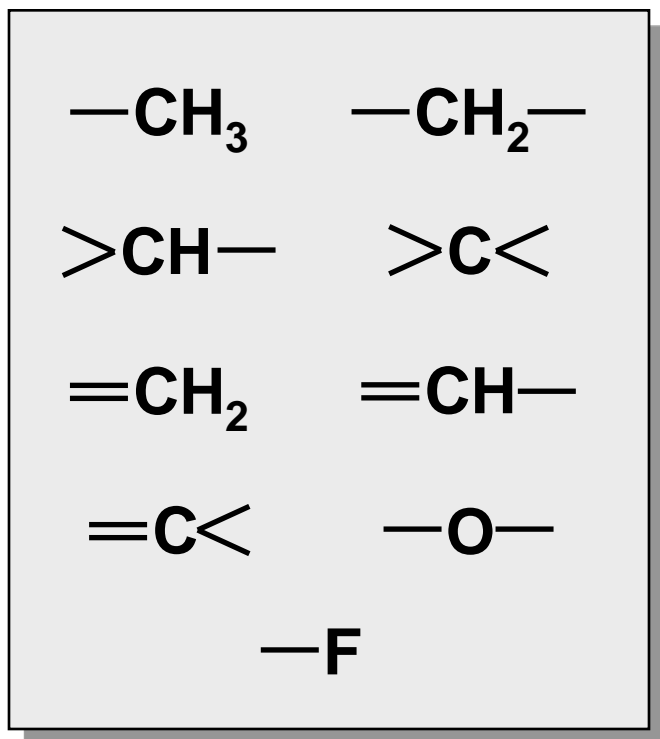
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## Possible Candidate Structures

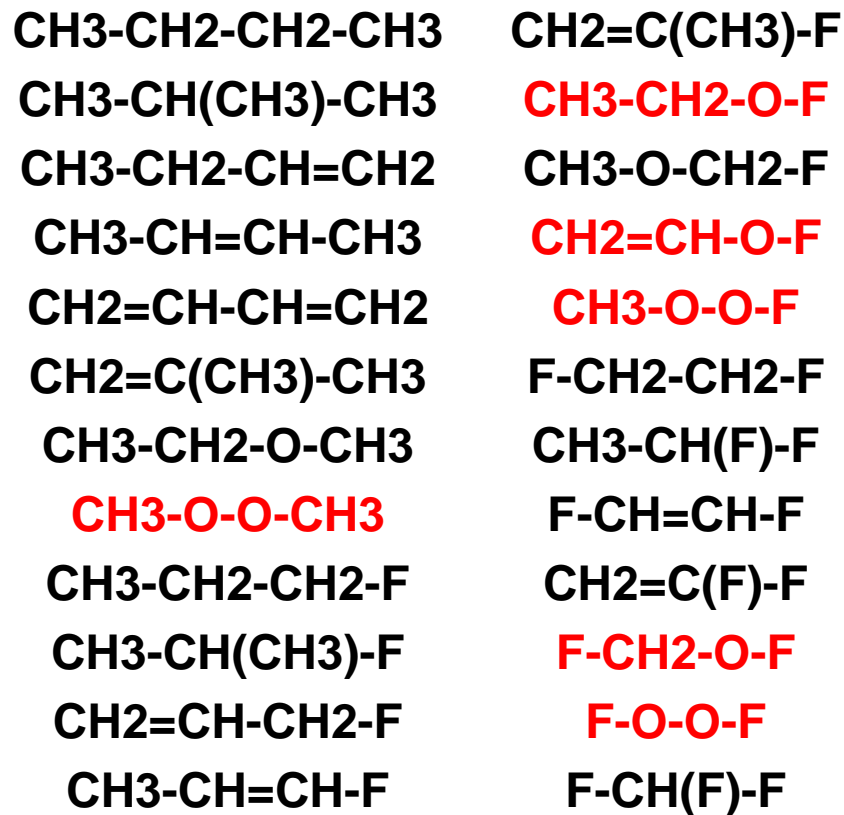
Groups to Choose From	Groups in Molecule	Feasible Candidates
9	4	24
9	6	261
9	8	3,992
9	10	72,214
9	12	many

# Step 2: Generate Candidates

## Group Basis



## 24 Valid Structures of 4 Groups



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# Step 3: Evaluate Properties

## Need to Screen Thousands of Candidates



**CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>**

**CH<sub>3</sub>-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>3</sub>**

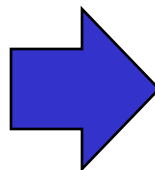
**CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>**

**CH<sub>3</sub>-CH=CH-CH<sub>3</sub>**

**CH<sub>2</sub>=CH-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>**

**CH<sub>2</sub>=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>3</sub>**

**CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>3</sub>**



**Ozone Depletion Potential**

**Global Warming Potential**

**Vapor Pressures – f(T)**

**Flammability Limits**

**Rat LC50 4 Hours**

**Enthalpy – f(T,P)**

**Oil Solubility**

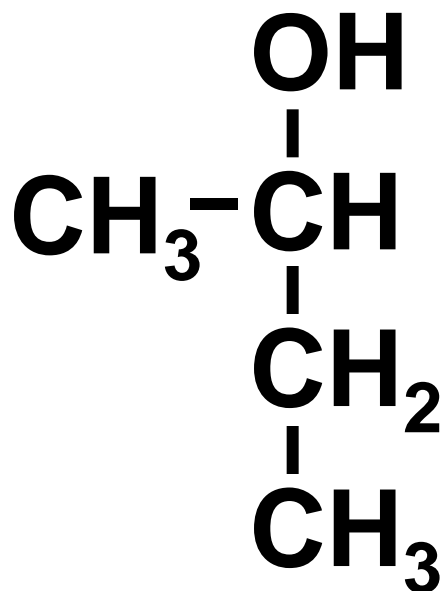
# ***Step 3: Evaluate Properties***

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## **Physical Property Estimation Techniques**

- Group Contribution Techniques**
- Equation Oriented Techniques**
- Force Field Techniques
- Connectivity Indices
- Parameter Fits

# Group Contribution Techniques



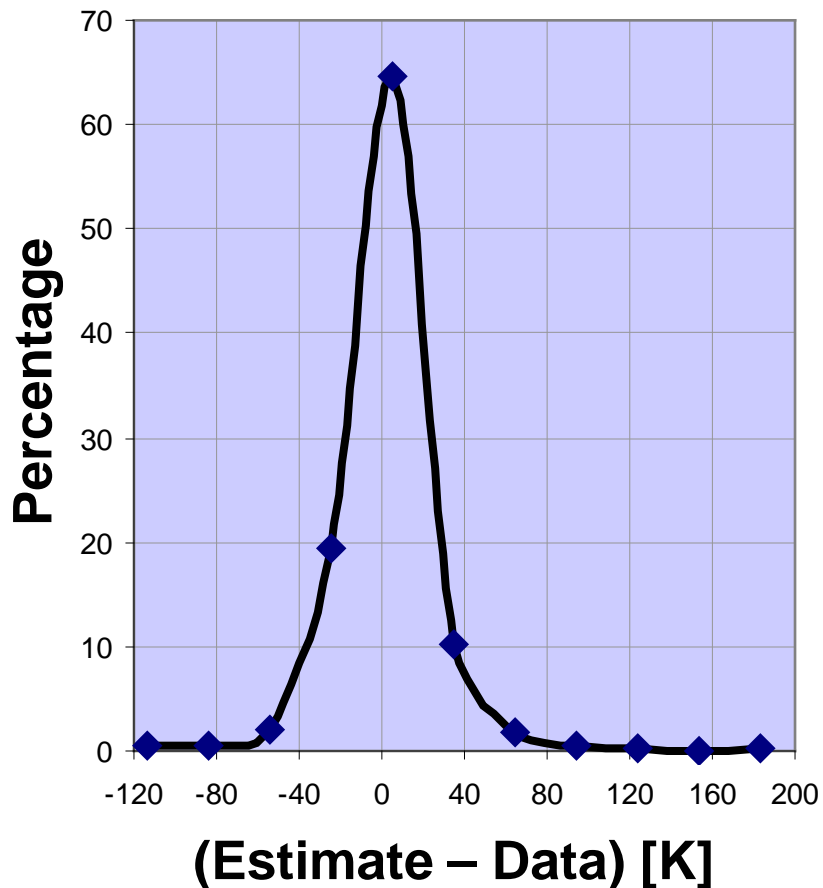
- 1) Select Technique
- 2) Dissect Structure
- 3) Get Contributions
- 4) Insert into Model

Group	$\Delta T_b$
-CH <sub>3</sub>	23.6
-CH <sub>3</sub>	23.6
-CH <sub>2</sub> -	22.9
>CH-	21.7
-OH	92.9
Tb (est)	382.8 K
Tb (lit)	372.7 K

$$T_b = 198.1 + \sum \Delta_i$$

# Boiling Point, Estimation Errors

## Joback's Method



## Statistics

Observations	559
Avg Error	0.97 K
Avg Abs Err	15.1 K
Avg % Error	4.8 %
Max Error	197.4 K

## Outliers, Errors

N-Methylformamide	-128.5 K
Acetamide	-122.6 K
Fluorine	113.1 K
Cyanogen	197.4 K

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# Equation Oriented Techniques

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_{vp}}{P_c}\right) = T_{br} \frac{\ln(P_c)}{1 - T_{br}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{T_r}\right)$$

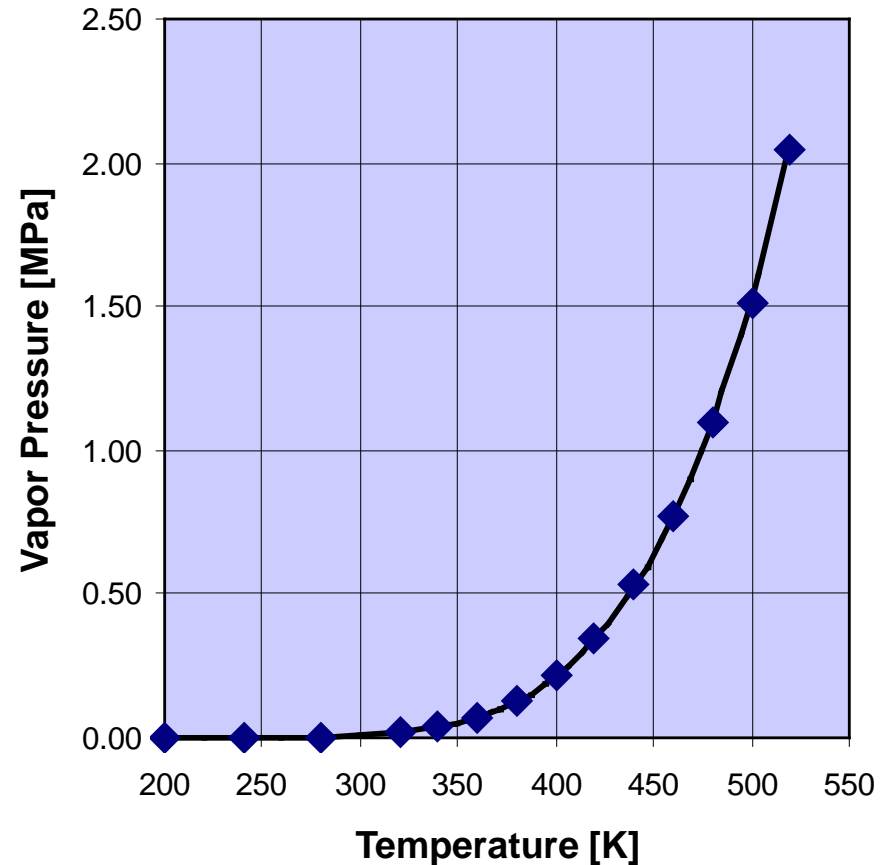
## Required Properties

**T<sub>c</sub>** – Critical Temperature

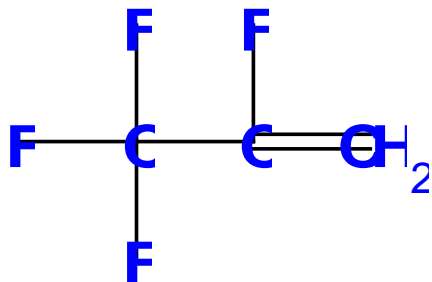
**P<sub>c</sub>** – Critical Pressure

**T<sub>b</sub>** – Boiling point

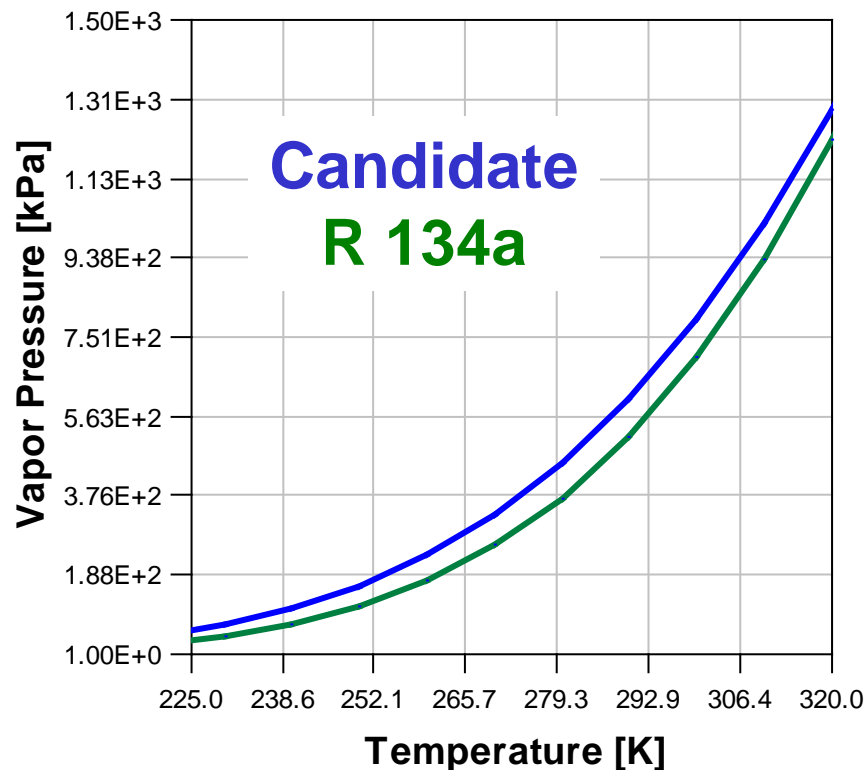
## Vapor Pressure - Heptane



# Step 3: Evaluate Properties



Property	Estimate
Tb	238.4 K
Tc	366.7 K
Pc	3406 kPa
Pvp (280 K)	452 kPa
Pvp (320 K)	1291 kPa



R134a Pvp(280K) = 370.6 kPa

R134a Pvp(320K) = 1218.0 kPa

# Step 3: Evaluate Properties

## Candidate Refrigerants

Candidate	Pvp (280K)	Pvp (320K)
<b>R 134a</b>	<b>370.6</b>	<b>1218</b>
<b>F-CHF-CHF-CH2-F</b>	<b>418.8</b>	<b>1275</b>
<b>F-CHF-O-CHF-F</b>	<b>414.8</b>	<b>1299</b>
<b>F-CF=CF-F</b>	<b>415.9</b>	<b>1223</b>
<b>F-CH2-CH2-F</b>	<b>409.2</b>	<b>1233</b>
<b>F-CHF-CH2-CHF-F</b>	<b>418.8</b>	<b>1275</b>
<b>CH3-CF2-CH3</b>	<b>385.3</b>	<b>1114</b>
<b>CH2=CF-CF3</b>	<b>452.5</b>	<b>1291</b>

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## **Chemical Product Design (3 Steps)**

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**(refrigerants, solvents, anti-icing fluids)**



# Solvents in Chemical Products

## Solvents Applications

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Personal Care Products

Cosmetics / Fragrances

Pesticides / Herbicides

Cleaning / Degreasing

Adhesives / Sealants

Process Solvents

Paints / Coatings

Pharmaceuticals

Printing Inks

Detergents

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## Property Constraints

Evaporation rate

Solute solubility

Vapor pressure

Freezing point

Boiling point

Flammability

Recyclability

Viscosity

Irritancy

Toxicity

Listed

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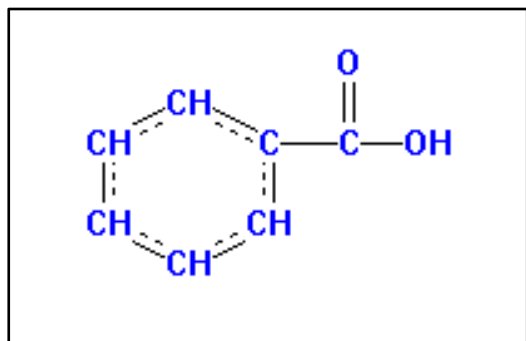
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## Solubility at 25°C

**Solute = Benzoic Acid**



**Could solvent blends  
give higher solubility?**

<b>Solvent</b>	<b>wt %</b>
<b>Pyridine</b>	<b>64.0</b>
<b>Dimethyl sulfoxide</b>	<b>61.9</b>
<b>N,N-Dimethylformamide</b>	<b>61.7</b>
<b>N,N-Dimethylacetamide</b>	<b>60.7</b>
<b>N-Methylformamide</b>	<b>51.9</b>
<b>Methanol</b>	<b>42.6</b>
<b>Ethanol</b>	<b>36.6</b>
<b>2-Propanol</b>	<b>32.8</b>

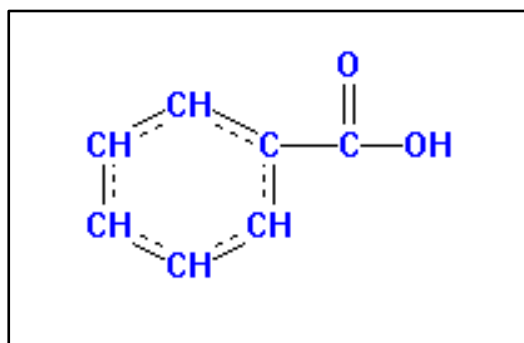
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N,N-Dimethylacetamide	60.7
N-Methylformamide	51.9

**Solubility > 50.0 wt%**

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(refrigerants, **solvents**, anti-icing fluids)

# Step 2: Generate Candidates

## 62 Common Solvents Generate all Combinations 1,891 Binary Solvent Blends

**Solute + 1,1,1-Trichloroethane + 1,2-Dichloroethane**

**Solute + 1,1,1-Trichloroethane + 1,2-Propylene glycol**

**Solute + 1,1,1-Trichloroethane + 1,4-Dioxane**

**Solute + 1,1,1-Trichloroethane + 1-Butanol**

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**Solute + Water + n-Octane**

**Solute + Water + n-Pentane**

**Solute + Water + o-Xylene**

**Solute + Water + p-Xylene**

# Step 2: Generate Candidates

**34,596 compositions**

<b>Solute</b>	<b>Solvent1</b>	<b>Solvent2</b>	
10.0	22.5	67.5	<b>Solvent Ratio</b>
20.0	20.0	60.0	<b>1 : 3</b>
30.0	17.5	52.5	
...	...	...	
10.0	67.5	22.5	<b>Solvent Ratio</b>
20.0	60.0	20.0	<b>3 : 1</b>
30.0	52.5	17.5	
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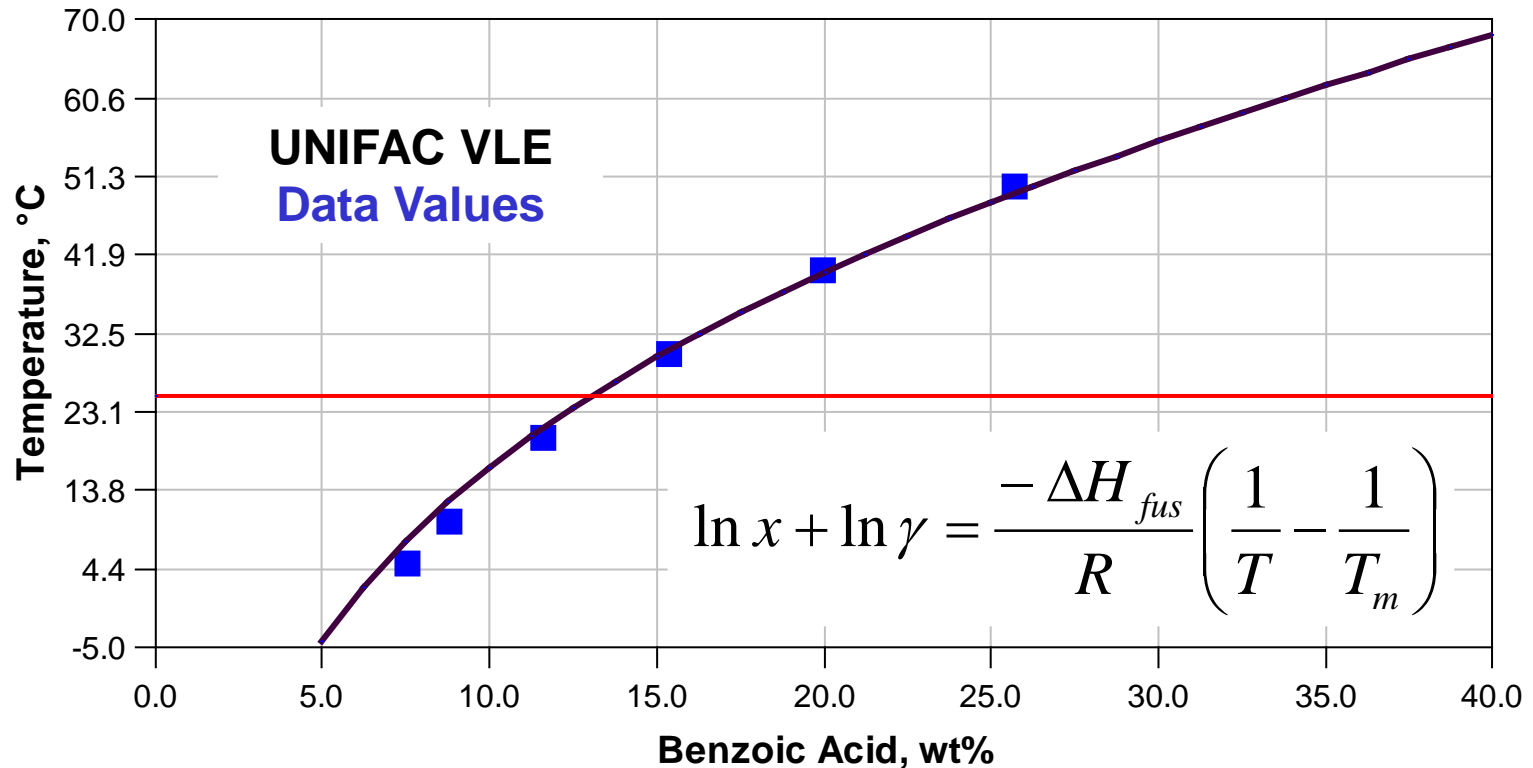
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# Step 3: Evaluate Properties

## Benzoic acid + Chloroform



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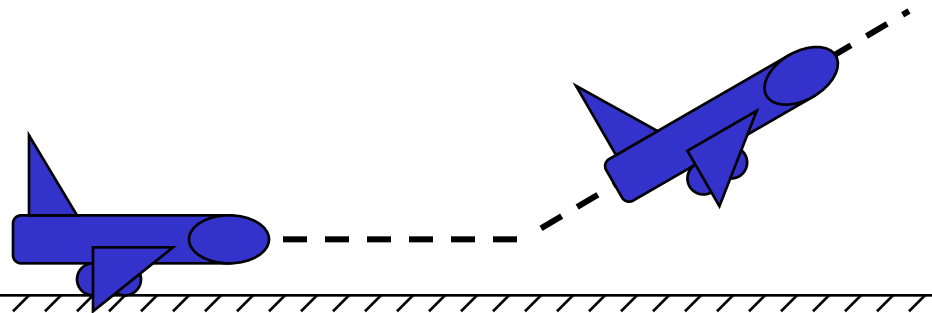
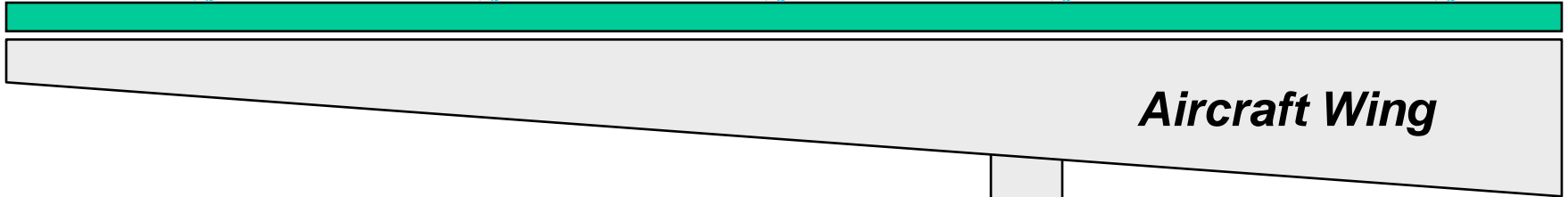
## Candidate Binary Blends

Solvent 1	wt %	Solvent 2	wt %	BA wt %
Ethanol	15.0	Methanol	45.0	40.0
Ethylene glycol	54.4	Methyl acetate	18.1	27.5
2-Butanone	54.7	2-Propanol	18.3	27.0
<b>Acetone</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>Butyl acetate</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>27.0</b>

## BA Solubility in Pure Solvents

Acetone (32.41 wt%)      Butyl acetate (17.7 wt%)

# Designing an Anti-icing Fluid



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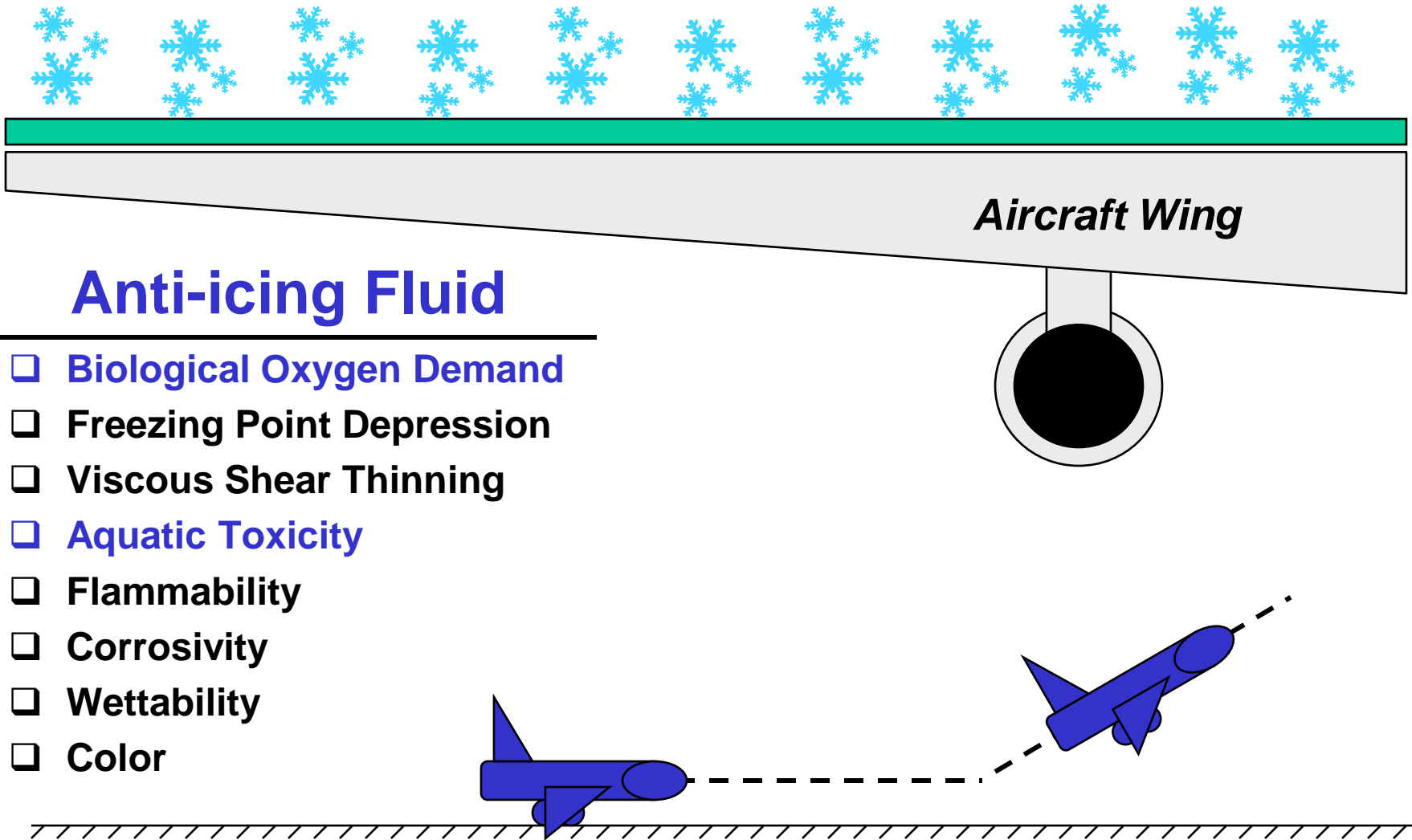
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# Anti-icing Fluid Design



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# Step 2: Generate Candidates

## Aircraft Anti-icing Fluid (after preliminary screening)

- Freezing Point Depressants: 419
- Corrosion Inhibitors: 17
- Surfactants: 19
- Thickeners: 5
- Antifoams: 2
- Dyes: 1
- Water

**(generate independent sub-formulations)**



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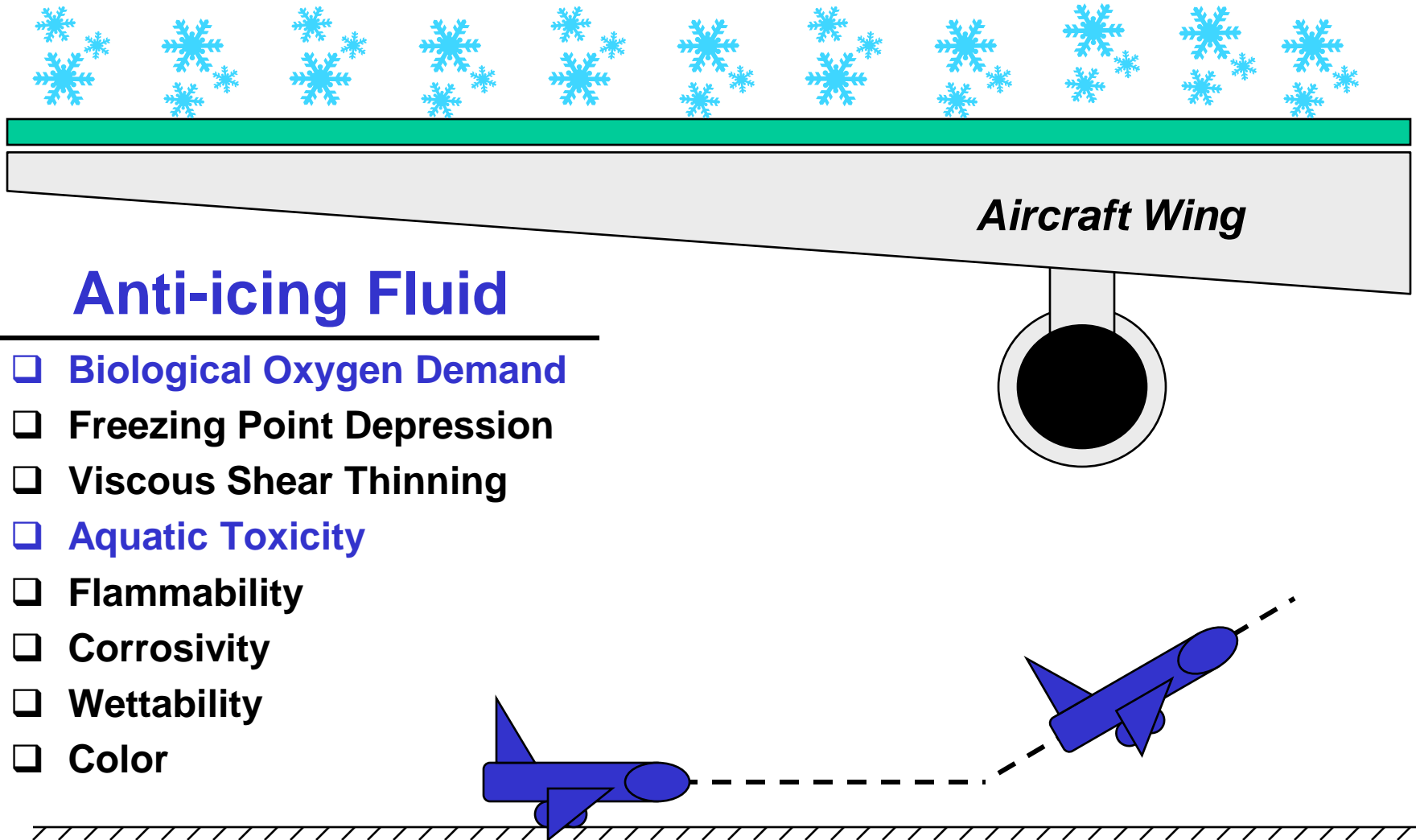
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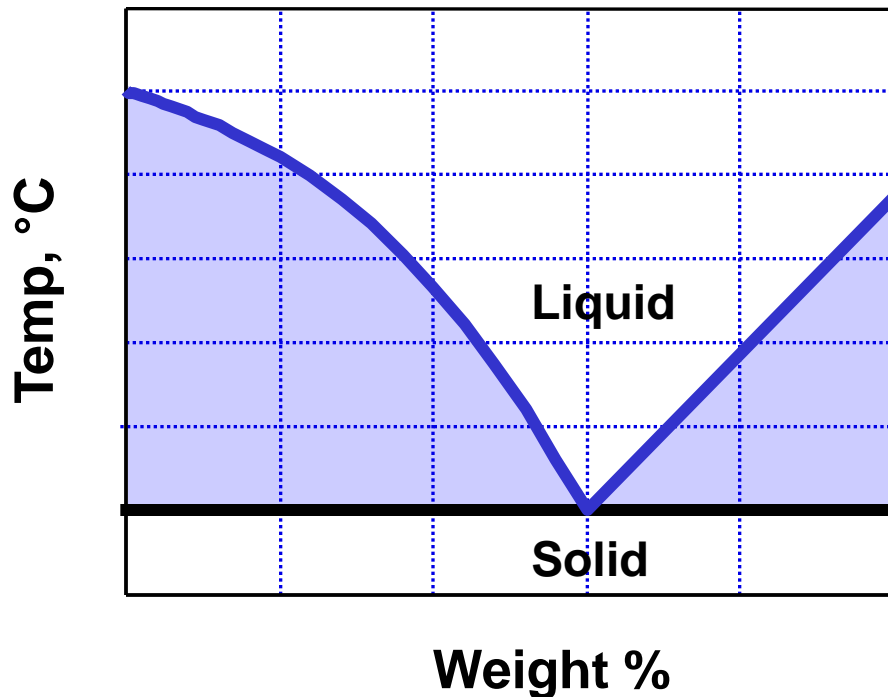
# Anti-icing Fluid Design



# Step 3: Evaluate Properties

## Estimate Freezing Point Depression

Assume a Simple Eutectic



### Property Model

$$\ln x + \ln \gamma = \frac{-\Delta H_{fus}}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_m} \right)$$

Need  $\gamma$ ,  $\Delta H_{fus}$ ,  $T_m$   
for each candidate

# Step 3: Evaluate Properties

## Estimate Mixture Flash Points

### Le Chatelier's Method

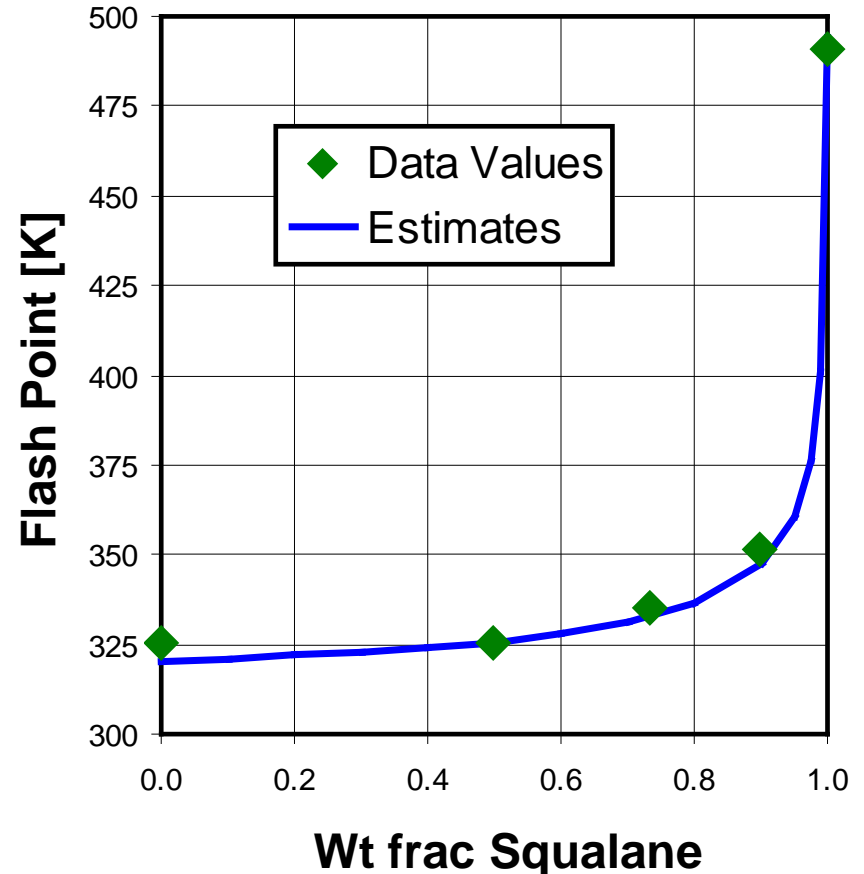
$$LFL_{mix} = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{y_i}{LFL_i}}$$

### VLE Calculation

$$LFL_{mix} = \sum y_i$$

$$y_i = x_i \gamma_i P_i^{vp}(T_f)$$

### Decane - Squalane



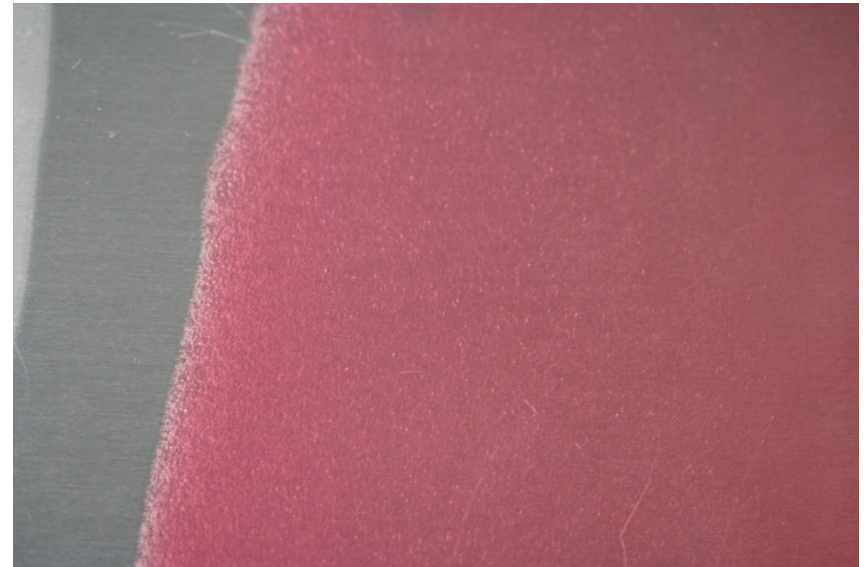
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**DEG without Antifoam**



**DEG with Antifoam**

**Formulation remained on surface for more than  
30 minutes without draining**

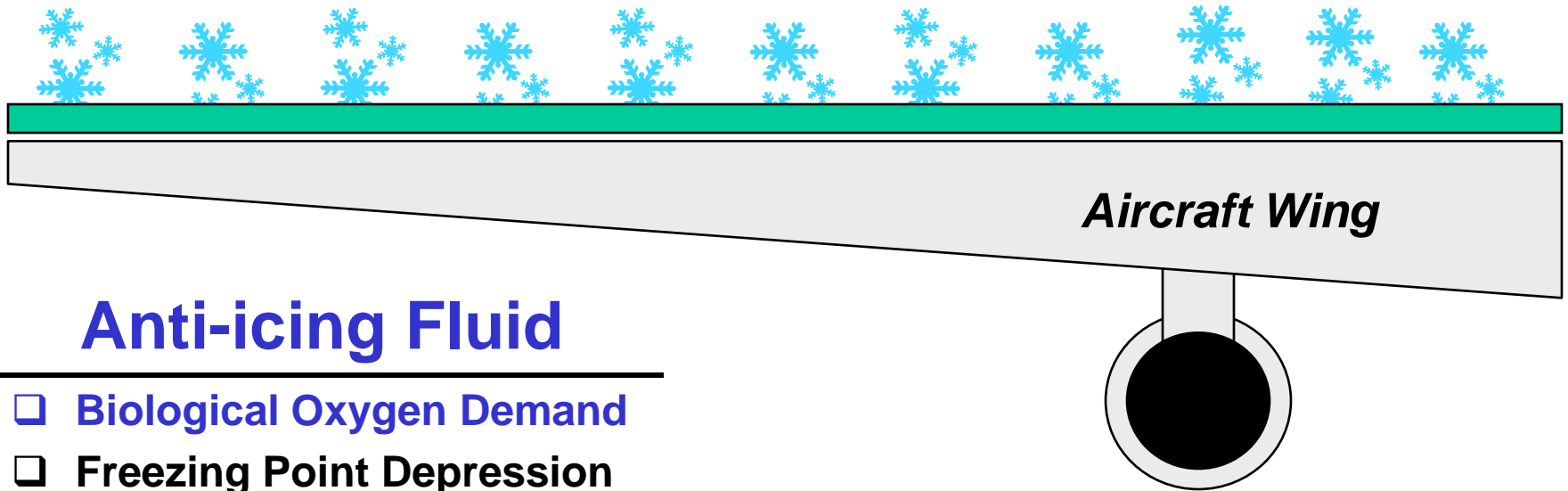
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**Niagara Falls, February 2006**

# Anti-icing Fluid Design



## Anti-icing Fluid

- Biological Oxygen Demand
- Freezing Point Depression
- Viscous Shear Thinning
- Aquatic Toxicity
- Flammability
- Corrosivity
- Wettability
- Color

## Final Formulation

1. Diethylene glycol
2. Tergitol® TMN-10
3. Triethanolamine
4. Carbopol® 1610
5. Shilling Green
6. Water

# *How is it Done?*

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## **Chemical Product Design (3 Steps)**

- 1. Compile Property Constraints:** analysis
- 2. Generate Candidates:** combination
- 3. Evaluate Properties:** estimation

**(refrigerants, solvents, anti-icing fluids)**



# Questions?

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