Answer on Question #64176, Chemistry / General Chemistry

- 1. You have two sealed jars of water at the same temperature. In the first jar there is a large amount of water. In the second jar there is a small amount of water. Using 3 -4 sentences explain how the vapor pressure of water in the first jar compares with the vapor pressure of water in the second jar.
- 2. Using your knowledge of colligative properties explain whether sodium chloride or calcium chloride would be a more effective substance to melt the ice on a slick sidewalk. Use 3-4 sentences in your explanation.
- 3. Which element is oxidized in the following reaction:

$$CuO(s) + H_2(g) = Cu(s) + H_2O(l)$$

4. Why must the number of electrons lost equal the number of electrons gained in every redox reaction? Use 3-4 sentences in your own words to address this question.

Answer:

- 1. They are the same. The vapor pressure of water is only dependent on temperature. The amount of water does not affect it.
- 2. Calcium chloride is better at melting ice than sodium chloride (assuming equal moles per kg of water). For starters, the dissolving of $CaCl_2$ is exothermic which releases some heat that NaCl does not, and helps melt ice. In addition, for each formula unit of $CaCl_2$ there are three particles (van't Hoff factor, I = 3) for NaCl I = 2.

$$CaCl_2(s)$$
 --> Ca^{2+} + $2Cl^-$ - three particles $NaCl(s)$ --> Na^+ + Cl^- - two particles

3. Hydrogen is oxidized because it loses electrons:

$$Cu = +2 ---> 0$$

$$H = 0 ---> +1$$

In order for H to get to +1 it needs to lose electrons

4. In a redox reaction, the number of electrons lost must equal the number gained. This is because electrons are conserved in reactions due to the conservation law of charge.

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