

supersaturation

1. In chemistry, an unstable system which has a greater concentration of a material in solution than would exist at equilibrium is said to be supersaturated.

2. In meteorology, supersaturation of an air mass with respect to H₂O vapour is of special interest. It is the saturation ratio minus one, or the percent supersaturation is the percent relative humidity minus 100.

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