

Purity and Melting Point



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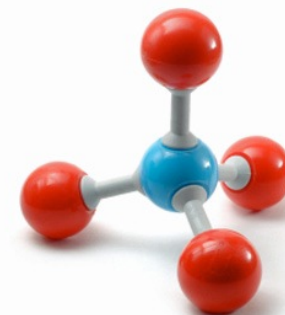
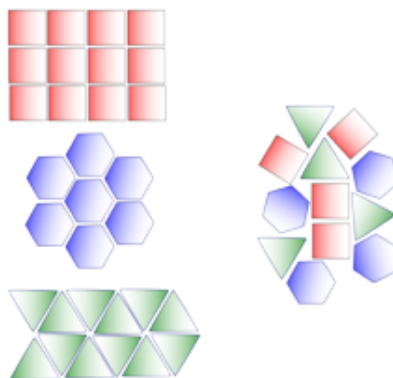
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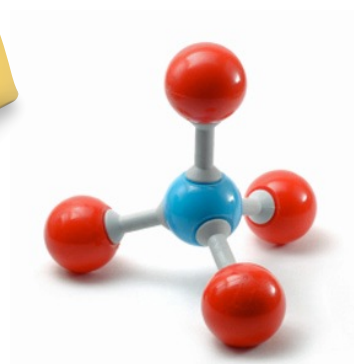
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- ▶ Chemistry lets us accurately and effectively predict the properties of new substances.
- ▶ We design and build materials that have a wide range of applications in biology, medicine, nutrition, construction and other fields.
- ▶ But those processes rarely produce a pure material.
- ▶ Some of the greatest challenges chemists face is not producing the right material, but getting it sufficiently pure.
 - ▶ The construction of the new bay bridge in San Francisco was recently halted because metal pins used in it's construction were found to not have been made sufficiently pure.
 - ▶ The prescription drug thalidomide resulted in children being born with malformed limbs – not because of the drug itself, but because chemists failed to sufficiently purify it.



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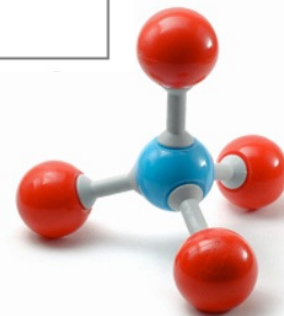
- ▶ One of the oldest and still most reliable means of characterizing a substance is its melting point.
- ▶ It's usually the first property we measure of any new substance we discover or create.
- ▶ It often defines a substance we hope to reproduce or discover elsewhere.



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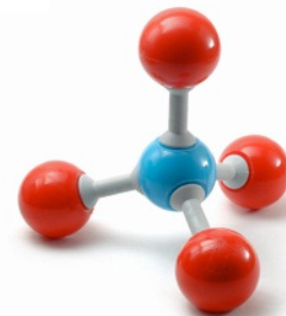
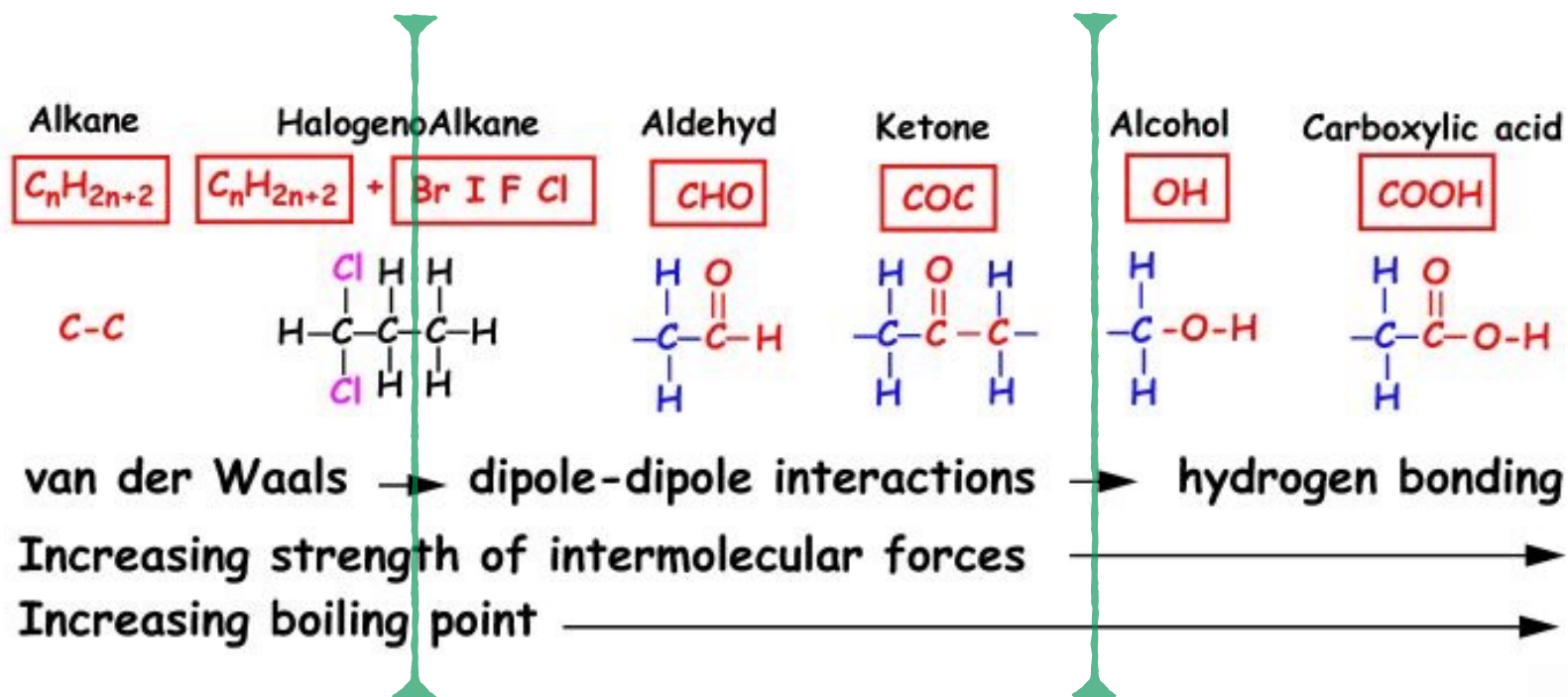
- ▶ Most of the 50 million unique substances the human race knows about are uniform white solids when pure.
- ▶ But even very similar compounds can have very different melting and boiling points.

	Melting Point (°C)	Boiling Point (°C)
LiCl	610	1382
BeCl ₂	405	488
CCl ₄	-23	77
NCl ₃	-40	71
OCl ₂	-20	4
FCl	-154	-101
NaCl	808	1465
MgCl ₂	714	1418
SiCl ₄	-68	57
PCl ₃	-91	74
SCl ₂	-122	59
Cl ₂	-102	-35
KCl	772	1407
CaCl ₂	772	>1600



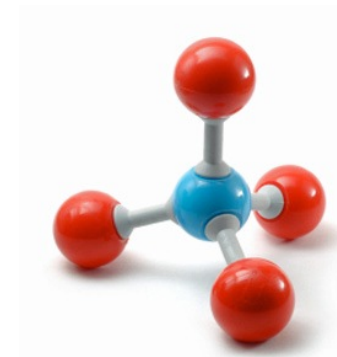
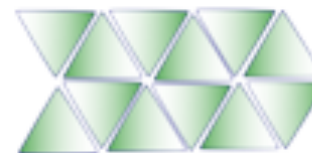
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- ▶ For organic compounds it can reveal subtle differences in structure.
- ▶ The same trends we observe in boiling point apply to melting points.



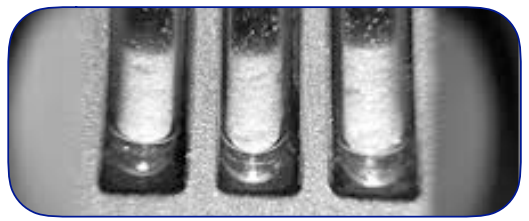
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- ▶ Because each molecule has a unique shape, mixtures of substances always have a lower melting point than either substance when pure.
- ▶ This is why we salt frozen roads, to make the ice on them melt at lower temperatures.
- ▶ **Melting point depression** is therefore a measure of how pure a substance is. Even very small impurities can substantially reduce a melting point.



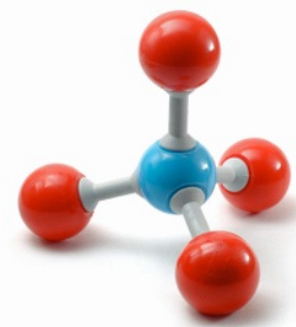
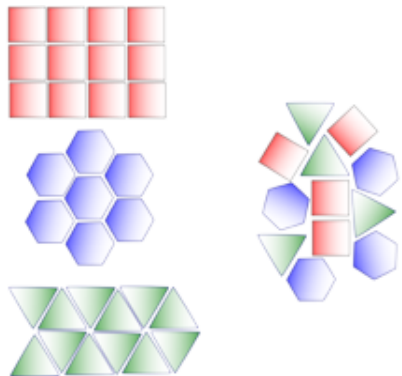
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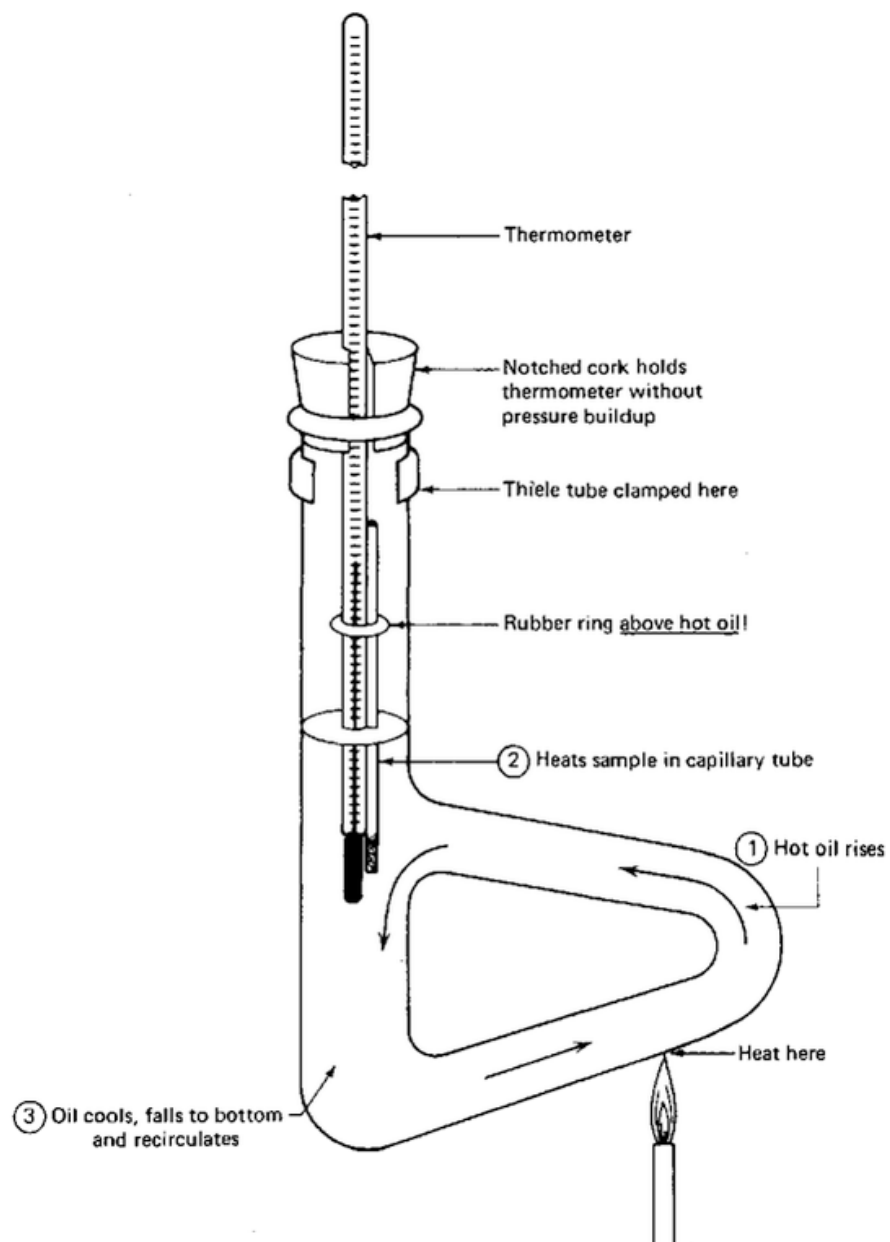
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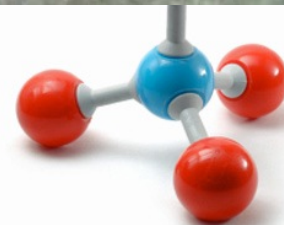


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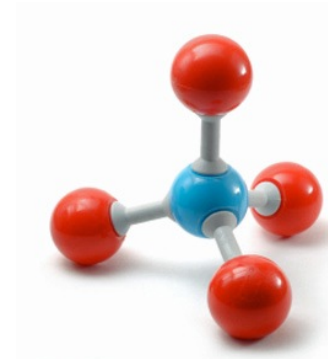
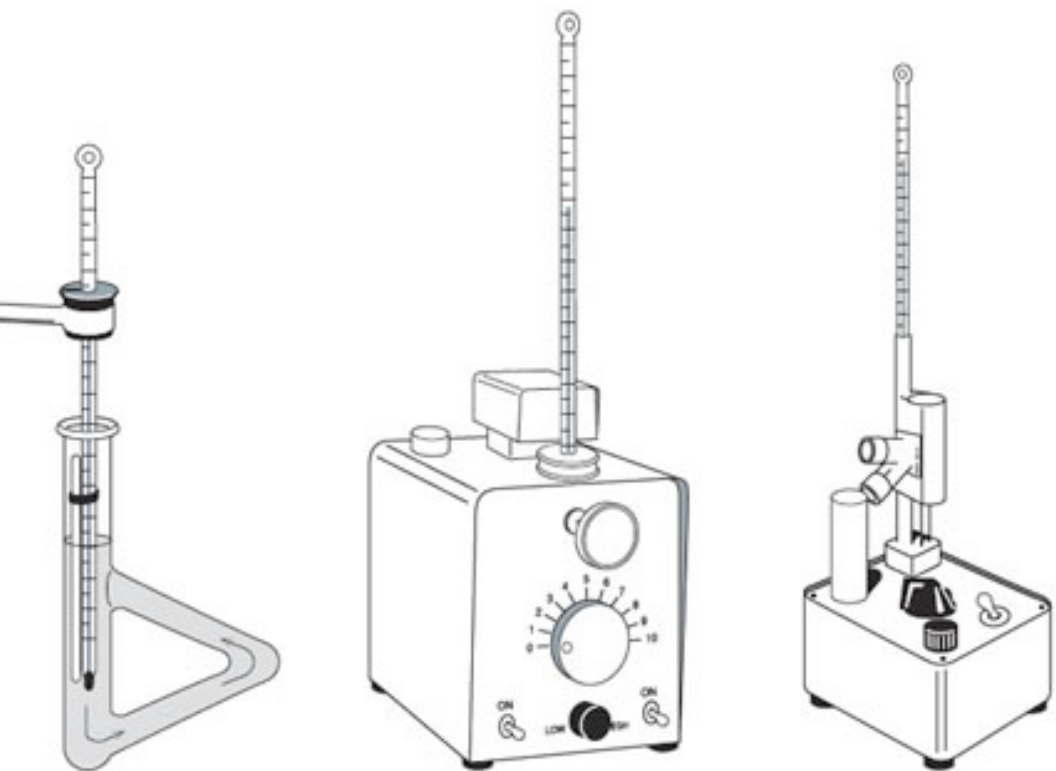


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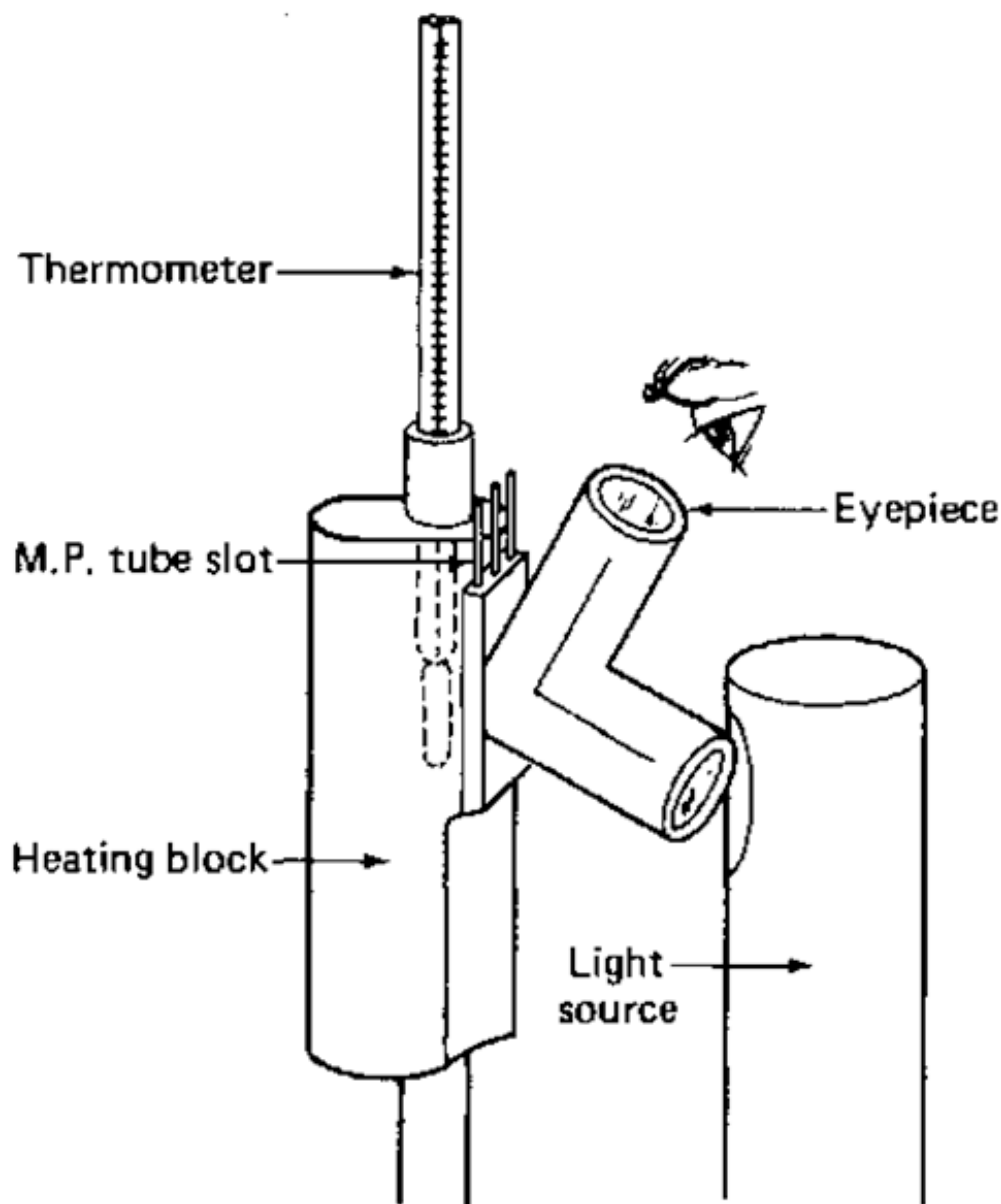


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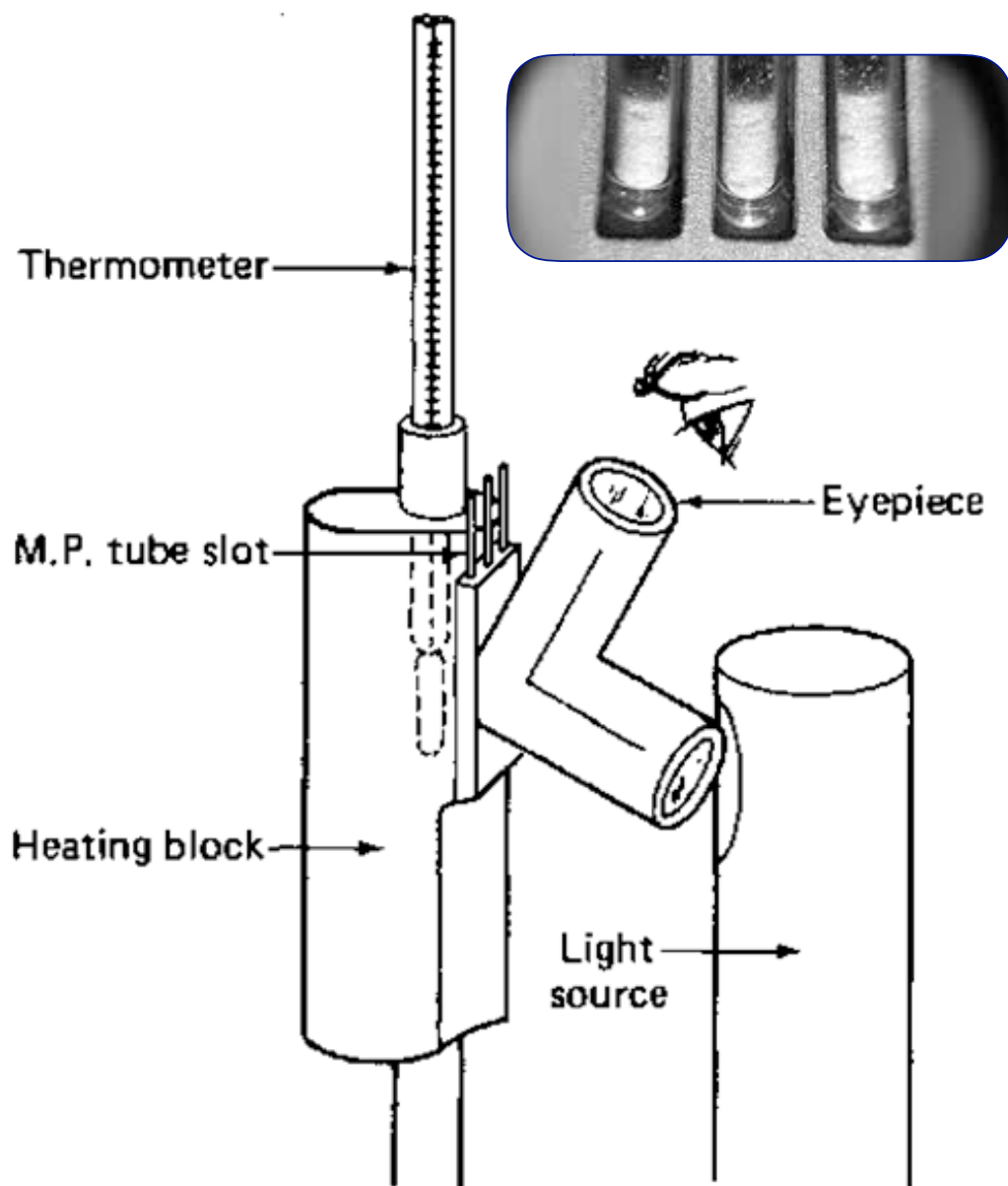
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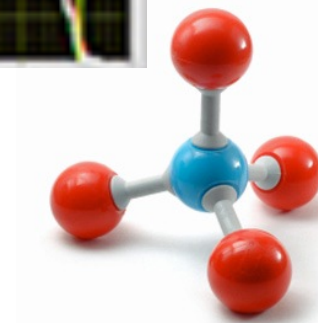
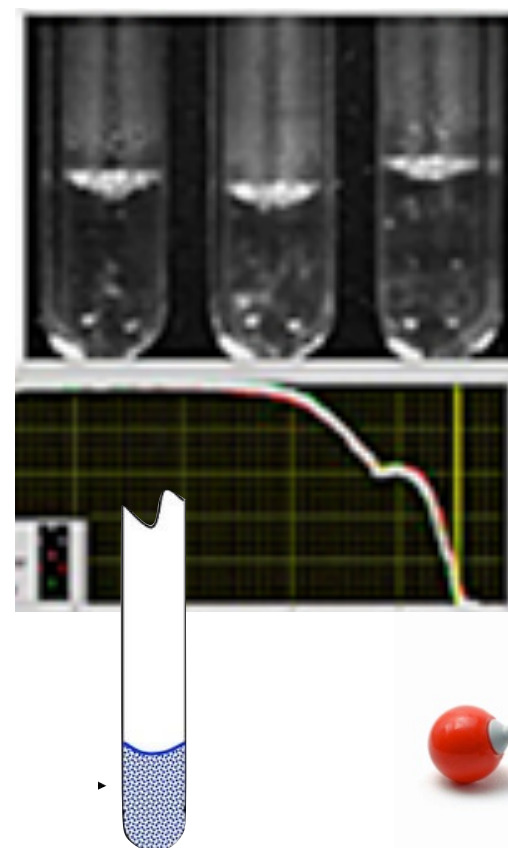
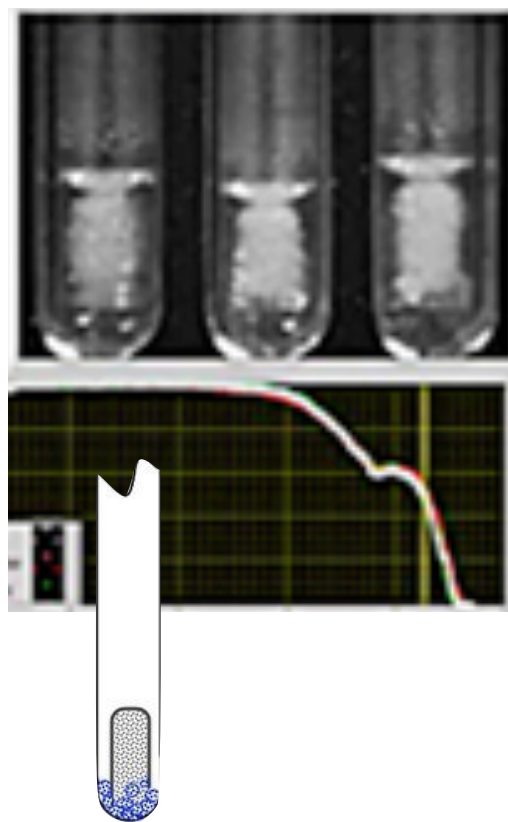
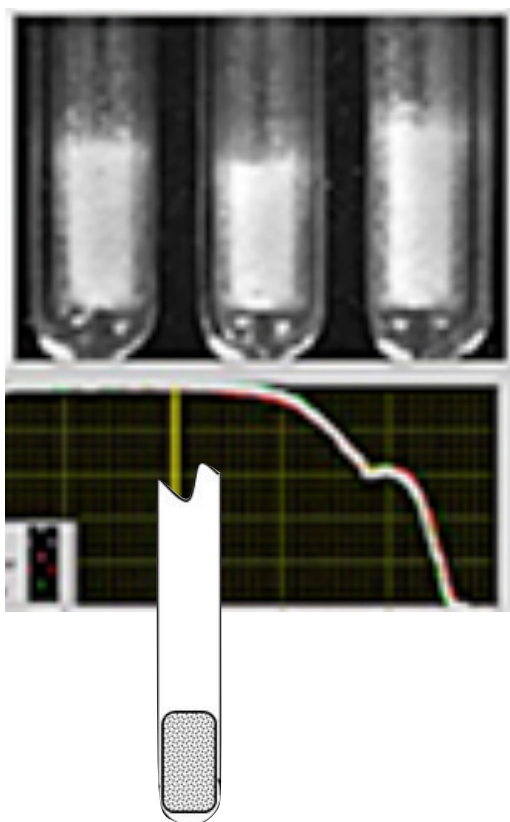


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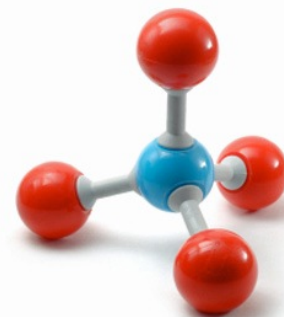
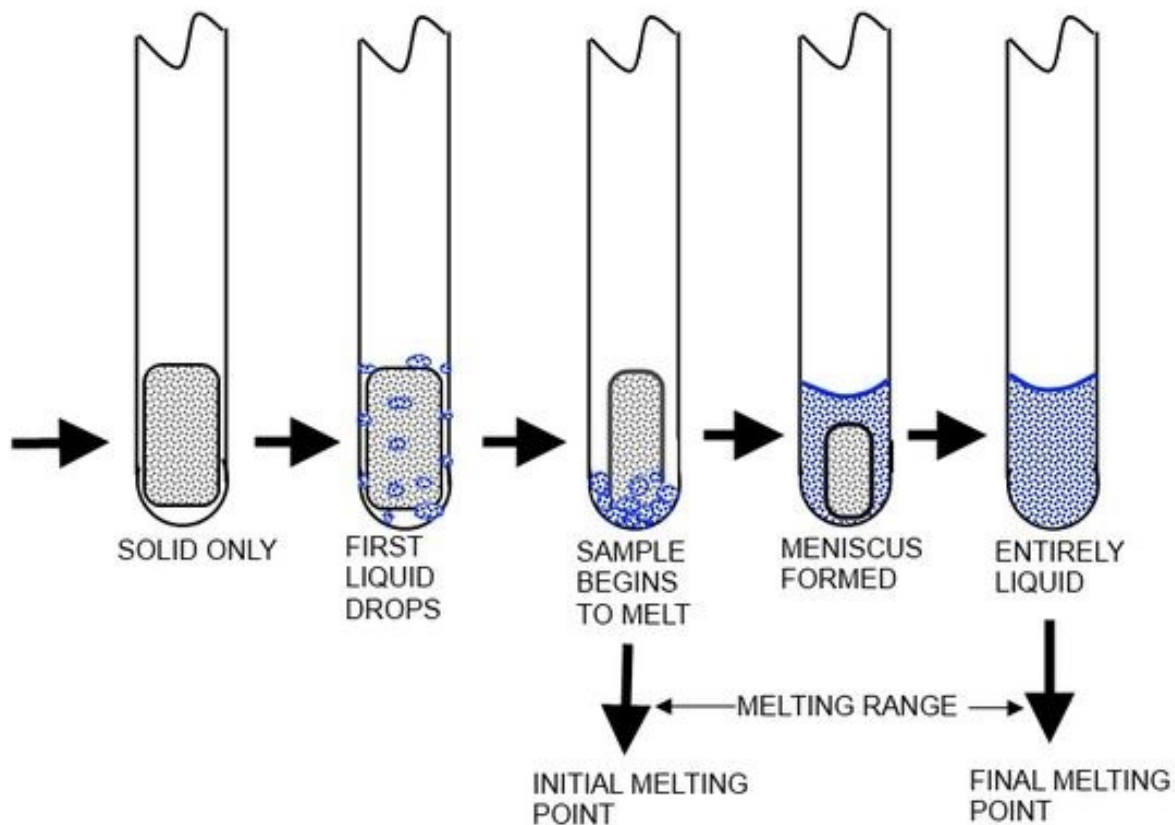
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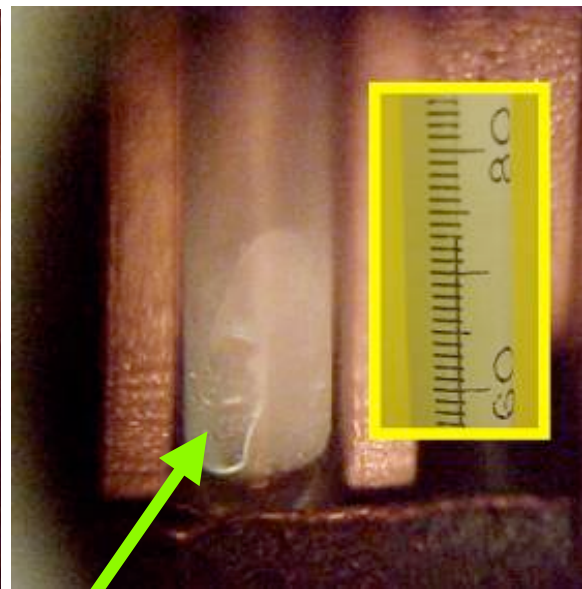
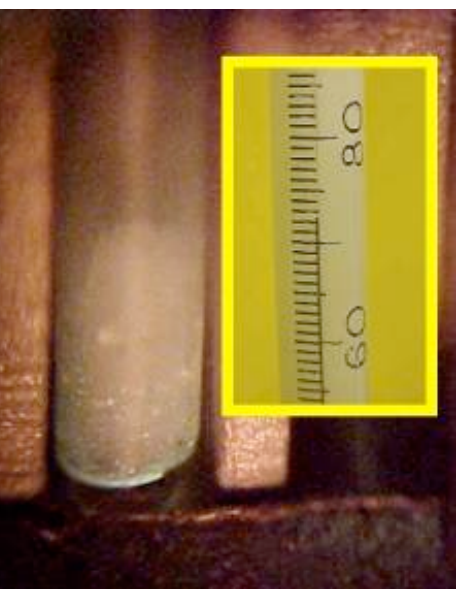
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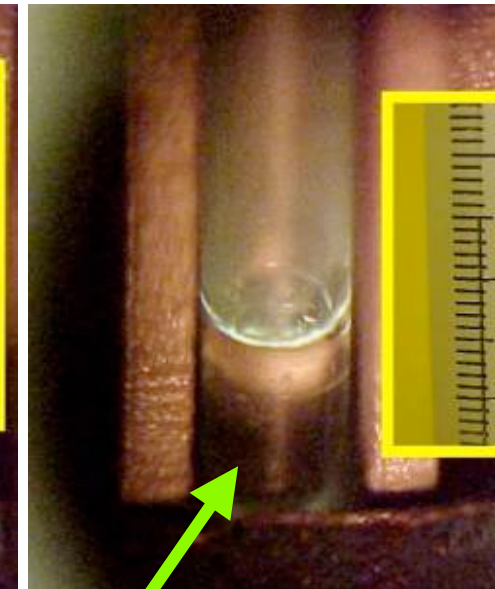
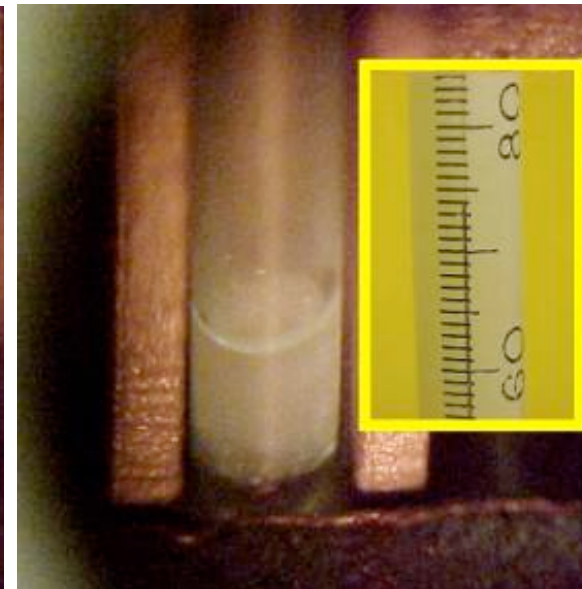
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- ▶ the start temperature is not when you first see crystals shaking or sweating, but when liquid starts to pool at the bottom of the tube



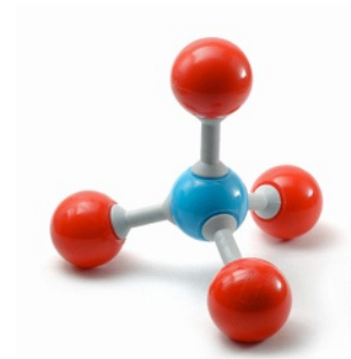


72° liquid observed



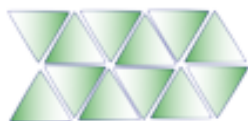
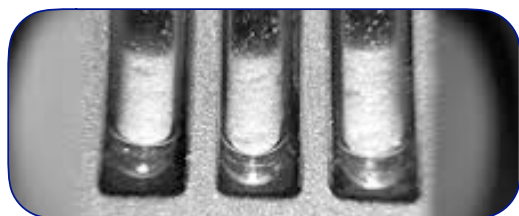
75° last solid is now liquid

Record the melting point as 72-75°C



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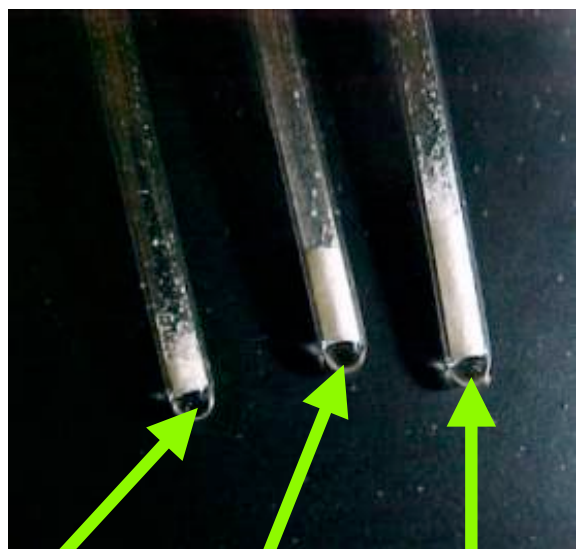
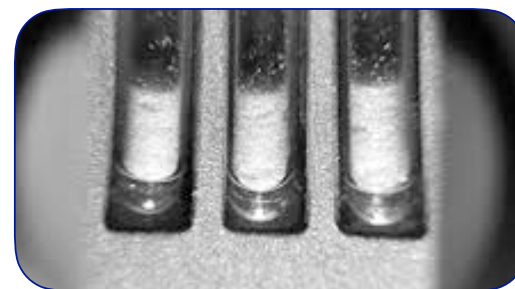
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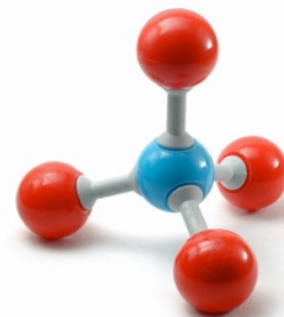
- ▶ Load about 1 cm of sample, tightly packed into a capillary.
- ▶ To load the sample, spread out some of your solid on a watch glass and stab at it with the open end of your capillary.
- ▶ The knock the closed end against a table to cause it to settle into the other end.



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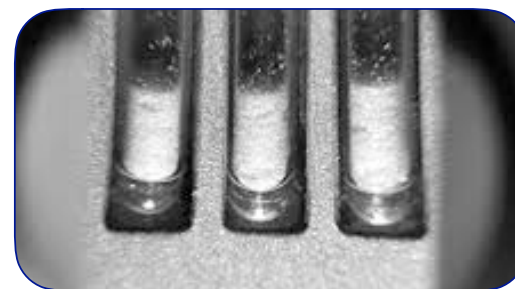
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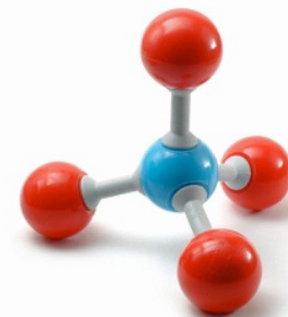


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- ▶ Use a shaker on your DigiMelt or drop the tube through a buret against a table to pack it well.
- ▶ If there substance isn't firmly packed into the close end of the tube you will get a very large range and inconsistent results.

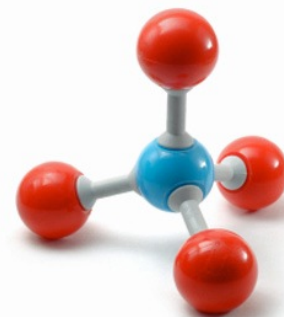


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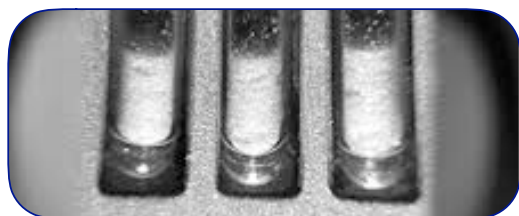
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- ▶ Start your observations well below your expected melting point.
- ▶ Set your end rate well above your final temperature so the device doesn't start slowing down before you reach your desired temperature.
- ▶ Using a MeltTemp device use a:
 - ▶ Start Temp of 20-30 degrees below your expected melting point.
 - ▶ More for samples you know are less pure.
 - ▶ Use a ramp rate of 5 degrees for most observations.
 - ▶ End Temp of 20 degrees above your expected melting point.



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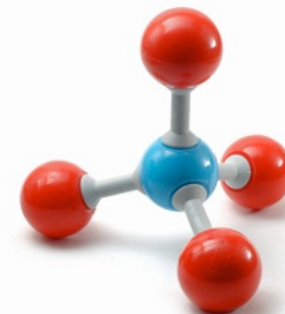
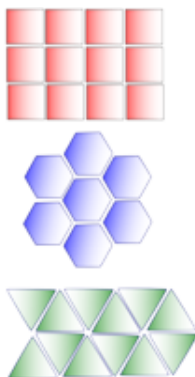
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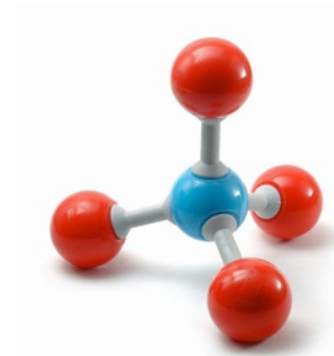
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- ▶ **OBJECTIVE:** To process a sample of over the counter “pure” medicine and comment on it’s relative purity after each of the two separation techniques you apply.
- ▶ **GOAL:** To practice your extraction, crystallization and chromatography separation techniques and refine your skill at identifying melting points.



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- ▶ Prepare Powder
 - ▶ Using pestle crush the tablet(s)
 - ▶ Separate a small portion for taking an initial melting point.
 - ▶ Call this sample A.



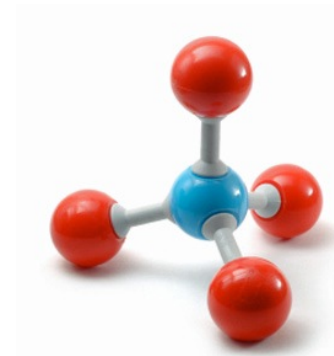
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▶ Extraction

- ▶ Calibrate and mark a pipette for a volume of 2 mL
- ▶ Add the remainder of your powder to a 3 mL conical vial
- ▶ Using the calibrated pipette
 - ▶ Add 2 mL of methanol to the vial
- ▶ Cap and shake vigorously
- ▶ Let settle (~ 5min)
- ▶ With a second pipette transfer liquid to a capped centrifuge tube

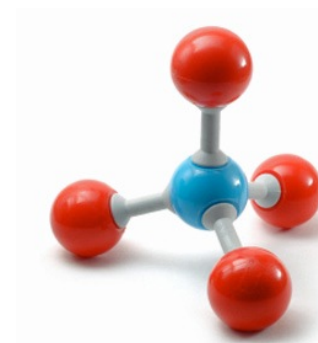
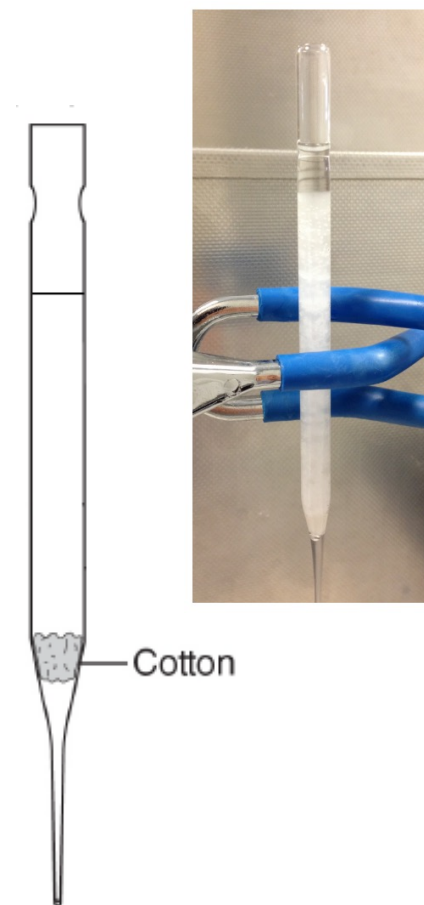
- ▶ Repeat extraction with a second 2 mL of methanol (reused your first calibrated pipette)

- ▶ Centrifuge the extracted methanol for 3-5 minutes.



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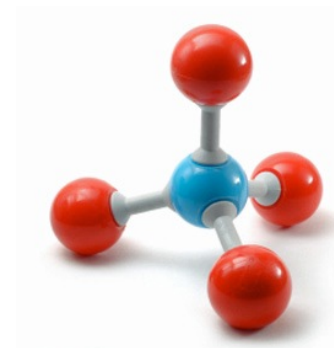
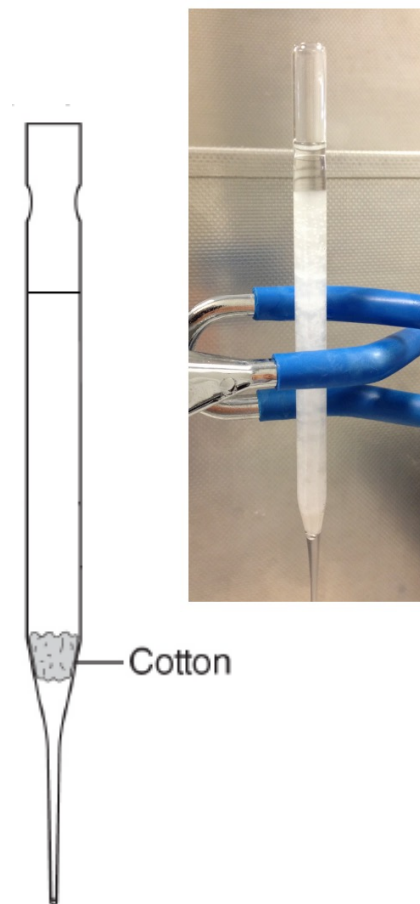
- ▶ Extraction
 - ▶ With a pipette carefully decant the methanol into a clean test tube.
 - ▶ Put about 20% of this solution into an Erlenmeyer flask and concentrate it down to a white powder using a 50°C hot water bath.
 - ▶ Label the resulting white powder sample B.
- ▶ Take the remaining 80% of your extract on to the next step.



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▶ Column Separation

- ▶ Pack end of pipette with Cotton
- ▶ Ad 0.50 g Alumina Gel
 - ▶ Tap column to let gel settle
 - ▶ Use folded weighing paper to add gel
- ▶ Clamp Column to lab jack
- ▶ Position erlenmeyer beaker under pippette
- ▶ Charge column with methanol
 - ▶ Slowly add about 2.0 mL of methanol to column, let drain
 - ▶ Use pipette bulb if it drains too slowly
- ▶ When methanol reaches top of silica gel
 - ▶ Add aspirin extract to top of column
 - ▶ replace Erlenmeyer flask with new (empty) flask
 - ▶ Keep top of column wet (don't let run dry)
 - ▶ When extract reaches top chase it with 1 mL more of methanol.



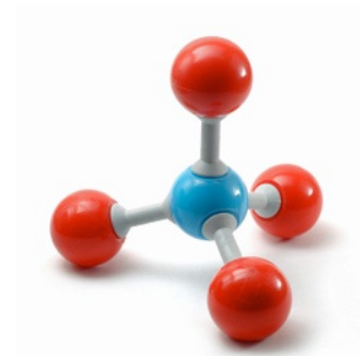
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▶ Crystallization

- ▶ Place half your collected methanol solution in a 5 mL conical flask.
- ▶ Using the hot water bath concentrate it down to less than 1 mL.
- ▶ Add the remaining methanol solution
- ▶ Concentrate the collected methanol to less than 0.5 mL.

- ▶ Place the vial in ice for about 10-15 minutes.
- ▶ Collect the crystals by filtration.
 - ▶ Let crystals dry on funnel for about 5 minutes before collecting.

 - ▶ Label these crystals sample C.



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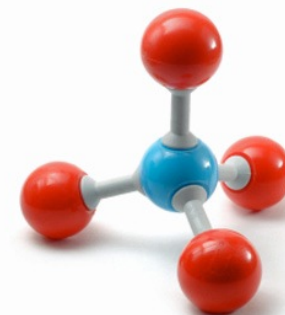
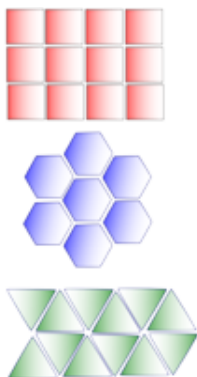


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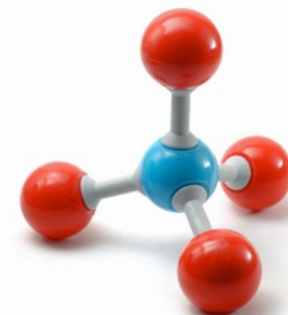


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 - ▶ Determine and report the melting point of...
 - ▶ Sample A (the powder)
 - ▶ Sample B (the extract)
 - ▶ Sample C (the column fraction)
 - ▶ In your report, comment on the purity of each.



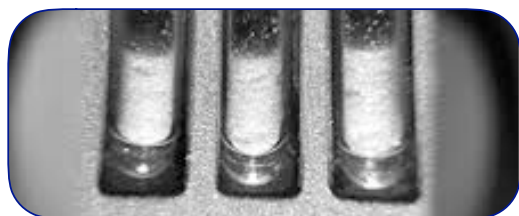
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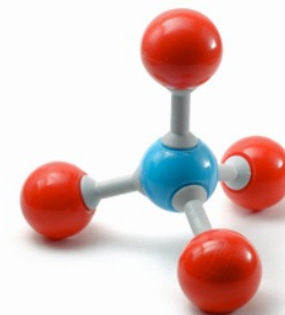
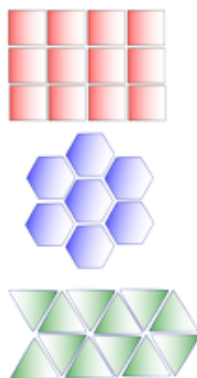
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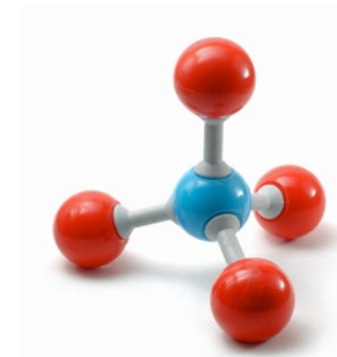
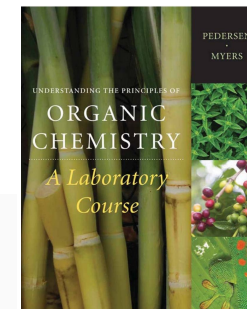
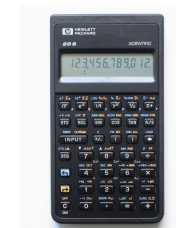
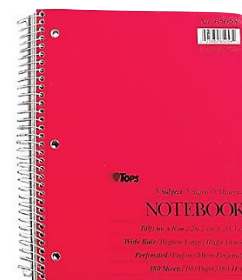


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 - ▶ Bring to class:
 - ▶ Notebook
 - ▶ You will not be turning in notebooks, but this permanent record of your preparations, observations and notes will be essential to success in this class.
 - ▶ Textbook, calculator, pencils (yes, you can use pen)
 - ▶ Safety Glasses (you cannot participate without them)
 - ▶ Read through and take notes on:
 - ▶ Experiment 13 (p100)
 - ▶ Essay Caffeine (p96)
 - ▶ Sublimation Technique (p779)
 - ▶ Produce and bring to class:
 - ▶ Your pre-lab for exp 13 (p100)
 - ▶ Your procedure summary for exp 13



Questions?

