

- Sublimation is the property of a substance to go directly from the solid to gas phase.
- Not all substances significantly sublime.
 - Sublimation is a property most often observed in non-polar substances with symmetric structures.
 - More polar and less symmetric substances often have too strong intramolecular forces.
- Not all substances that sublime do so at atmospheric pressure.
- Sublimation is a physical property, like boiling or melting. It neither changes nor requires change in the chemical structure of substances.





- Sublimation is molecules passing from the solid to the gas state without going through the liquid state. This happens all the time.
- If the rate at which they sublime just a question of at what rate it sublimes and how that rate compares to its rate of melting in the same conditions.
- Sublimation requires:
 - high heat
 - Iow pressure
- If pressure is too high, materials will melt before subliming.
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- Snow is created when water vapor—the gaseous state water—is cooled so much that it turns into solid ice crystals or snow.
- Deposition is when a substance goes directly from a gas to a solid. The molecular characteristics of water causes its solid state to be in regular crystals.
- The size and shape of these ice crystals is determined by the amount of water and the temperature at which snow is formed.







- If one component of a mixture can be readily sublimed chemists can use this property to separate the mixture.
- The process of sublimation is similar to that of crystallization.
 - It's done in the gas phase.
 - Our solvent is most often air.







 Sublimation can be done in the steady state (material isolated as soon as it is created) by subliming the product directly from the reaction mixture.



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Separation by Sublimation

- OBJECTIVE: To isolate pure caffeine from tea by extraction and sublimation separations.
- GOAL: To practice your extraction techniques and melting point techniques while exploring sublimation as a new method of separating mixtures.







- Preparing Solution
 - Add 20 mL of d H_2O in a 50 mL beaker.
 - Mark water level on beaker.
 - Heat to almost boiling
 - Cover beaker with a watch glass
 - Add tea leaves to beaker.
 - Heat for 15 minutes
 - add additional water to marked level as needed.
 - Transfer half the solution to each of two capped centrifuge tubes.
 - Transfer by pipette, be careful not to bring across any leaves.
 - Crush leaves with test tube to extract as much caffeine as possible when transferring.
 - Add 0.50 grams of sodium carbonate (Na2CO3) to each test tube.
 - Cap and shake to dissolve all solid.
 - Let cool to room temperature.





Extraction

- Calibrate a pipette for 3 mL.
- Add 3 mL of methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂) to each centrifuge tube.
- Shake for 3-5 seconds, vent tube to release pressure.
- Shake again for at least 30 seconds.
- Centrifuge tube for 5-10 minutes to break emulsion.
 - If two immiscible phases are not observed after centrifuging repeat until emulsion is gone.
- Pipette methylene chloride layer (lower layer) into a clean dry 25 mL Erlenmeyer flask.
 - > Do not transfer any of the darker aqueous layer.
- Repeat extraction by adding 3 mL more of methylene chloride to each test tube.
- Combine all extracts in the 25 mL Erlenmeyer flask.
 - If any aqueous drops are visible, transfer off the organics to a new flask. Leave behind some organic if necessary tomato sure not aqueous drops are transferred.





Drying

- Add 1/3 of the tip of a spatula of gradual anhydrous sodium sulfate to your solution.
- Stir with a spatula.
 - If sulfate clumps up, add again.
- When some of the sodium sulfate last added moves freely, let mixture stand 10-15 minutes.
 - stir occasional (every 2-3 minutes) while standing
- Pippete the dried methylene chloride to a clean, dry preweighed 25 mL erlemenyler flask.
- Evaporation
 - Pre-heat a 50°C water bath in the hood.
 - Secure your Erlenmeyer flask in the bath.
 - Allow all the methylene chloride to evaporate (in the hood)
 - Immediately remove the beaker from the bath when all liquid is gone and white power remains.
 - Separate a small portion of the crude caffeine for melting point determination.





- Sublimation
 - Preheat a sand bath to 120°
 - Collect ice in a 250 mL beaker, add enough tap water to create a slurry.
 - Transfer the remaining crude caffeine to the sublimation apparatus.
 - Scrape the solid with a steel spatula.
 - Transfer the solid to the sublimation chamber
 - attache the cold finger and charge with ice slurry
 - turn on vacuum
 - Monitor the sublimation closely, if the the vacuum is not sufficient it may be necessary to increase heat.
 - If the impure material begins to melt or burn, reduce the heat.





- Collection
 - After cooling the sublimation chamber.
 - Carefully remove the cold finger.
 - Hold over a pre-weighted watch glass.
 - With a steel spatula scrape the sublimed caffeine onto the watch glass.





Sublimation

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- Property
- Process
- Techniques



- The Experiment
 - Preparation
 - Sublimation
- Analysis
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- Analysis:
 - Determine and report the melting point of...
 - Sample A (the crude caffeine)
 - Sample B (the sublimed caffeine)
 - In your report, comment on the purity of each.
 - Report the percent yield of pure caffeine.











Next Meeting

For next Meeting:

- 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 15 (p100)
 - Essay Caffeine (p96)
 - Sublimation Technique (p779)
- Produce and bring to class:
 - Your pre-lab for exp 15 (p100)
 - Your procedure summary for exp 13





Questions?

