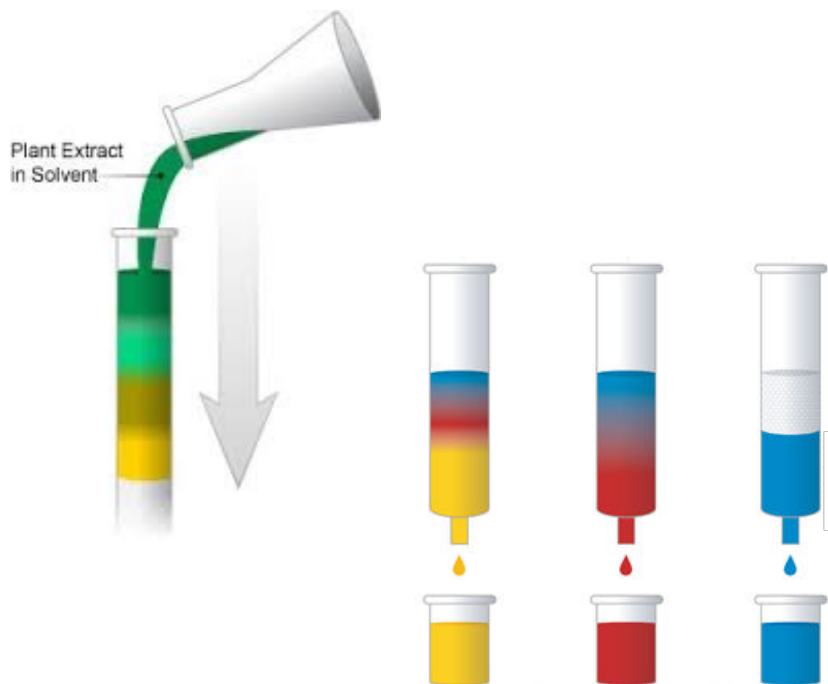


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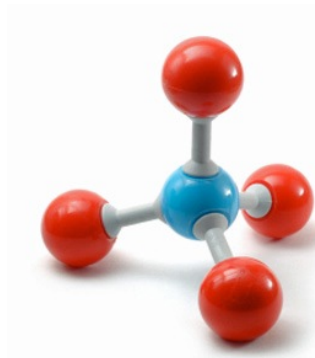
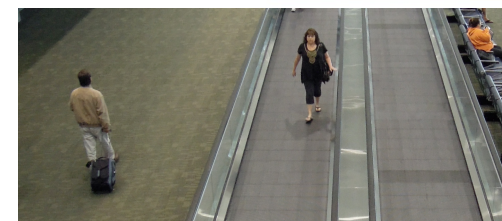
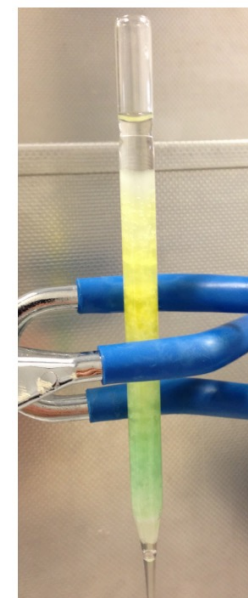


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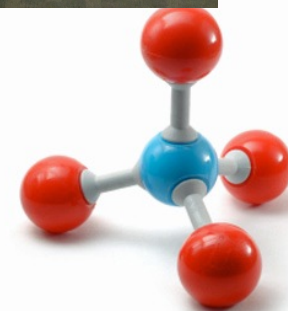
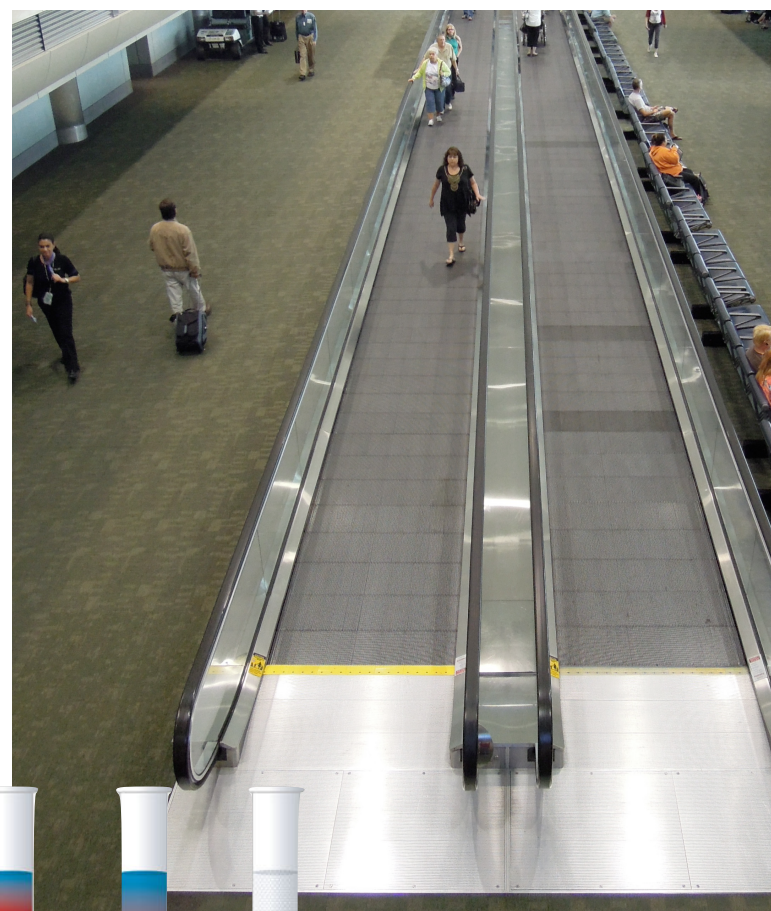


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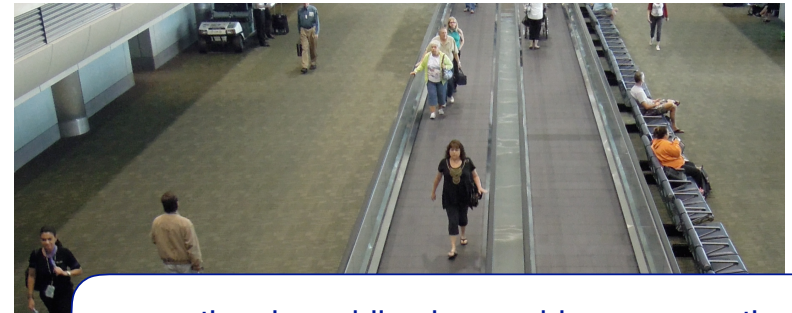
# Chromatography

- ▶ Chromatography is a technique of separating substances by elution.
  - ▶ Substances are loaded onto a stationary phase that binds them.
    - ▶ We usually use silica or alumina gel, which reacts with water to produce many OH groups and therefore strongly binds to most substances.
  - ▶ A solvent or solvent mixture is chosen that the substances are moderately soluble in.
  - ▶ The stationary phase is washed (eluted) in the solvent (the solvent is the mobile phase).
  - ▶ The substances being separated are continuously pulled into and fall out of the mobile phase.
    - ▶ Think of stepping on and off a moving walkway.
  - ▶ The substances that are even slightly more soluble in the mobile phase move faster.
  - ▶ Even very slight differences in solubility can result in large separations over time.



# Elution

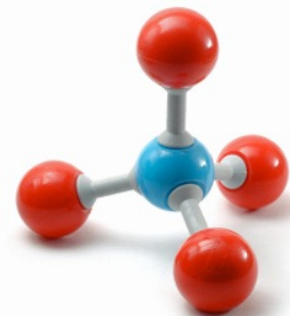
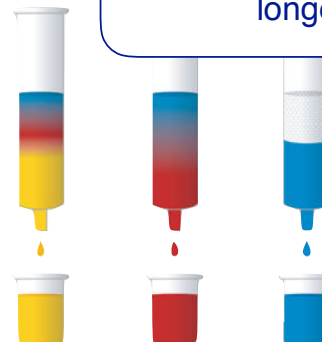
- ▶ Because the distance substances move in chromatography depends on their speed.
  - ▶ ...and because that speed depends on their relative solubility...
- ▶ Differences in solubility translate to differences in the *speed* at which substances move.
  - ▶ Speed is distance over time.
- ▶ So we have two controls with which to enhance separation.
  - ▶ Their time in the mobile phase (more soluble eluents)
  - ▶ The length of the solid phase. (longer solid phase)
- ▶ Each can make small differences in solubility produce big separations through chromatography.



more time in mobile phase = bigger separation

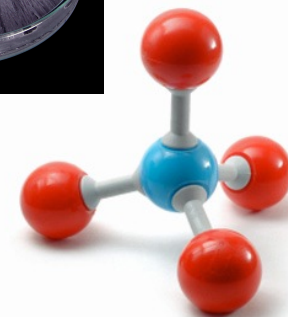


longer race = bigger separation



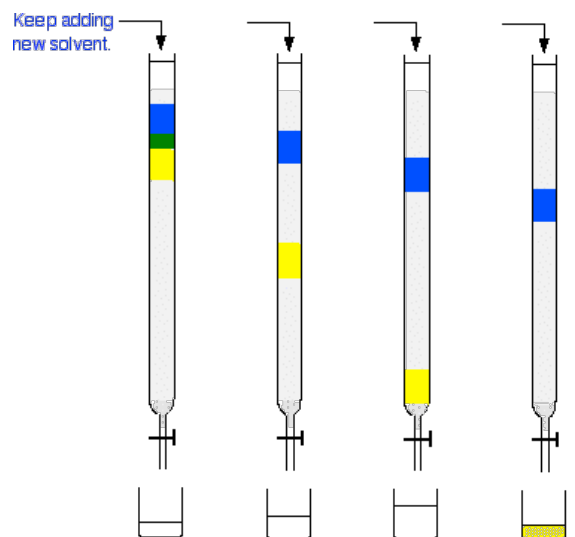
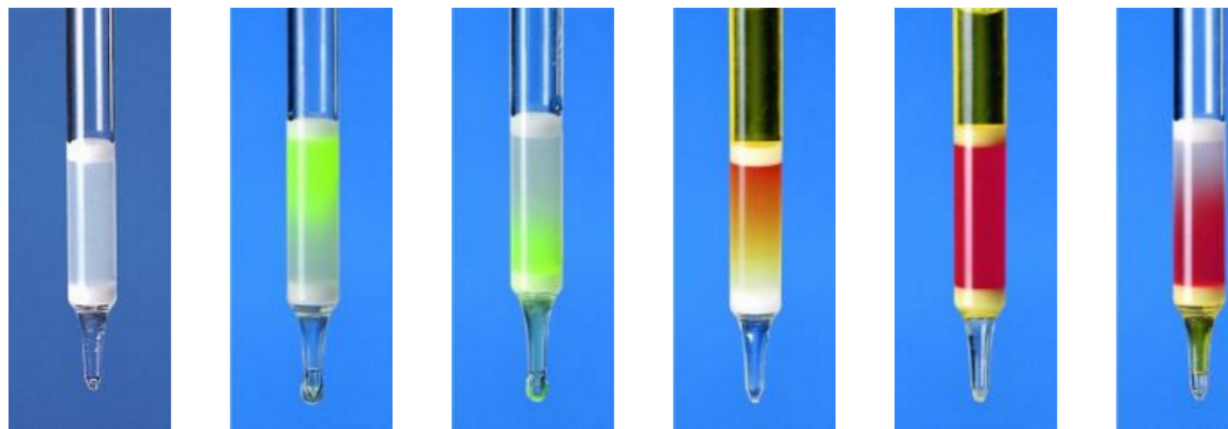
# Better Separation

- ▶ You use chromatography when two substances have to slight a difference in solubility to be separated by other techniques.
  - ▶ If there is a big difference, do an extraction or crystallization.
  - ▶ It is lest costly, faster and easier.
- ▶ Chromatography can separate substances with the slightest differences in solubility.
  - ▶ ... by reducing their time in the mobile phase.
  - ▶ ... by eluting them over a long enough solid phase.
- ▶ It is also possible to vary the substance in the solid phase. More aggressive substances are used in gas chromatography and high pressure chromatogrphy to increase retention times.

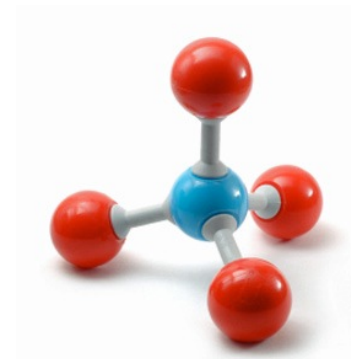


# Longer Elution

- ▶ Even very small differences in speed, can produce large separations, if you run a long enough race.
- ▶ Column Chromatography allows you to run a substance as far you like.
  - ▶ Some columns are two stories high.
- ▶ The process is fundamentally the same as running on a thin layer, but it allows you to separate larger quantities.
- ▶ Large enough quantities to be useful as a means of purifying materials.

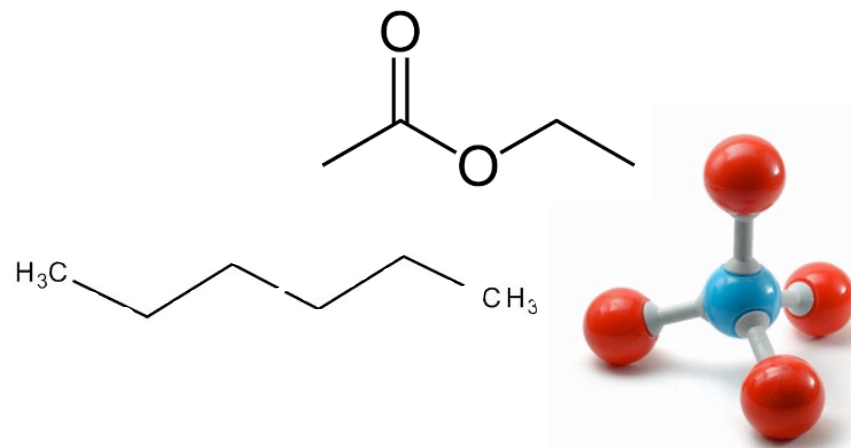
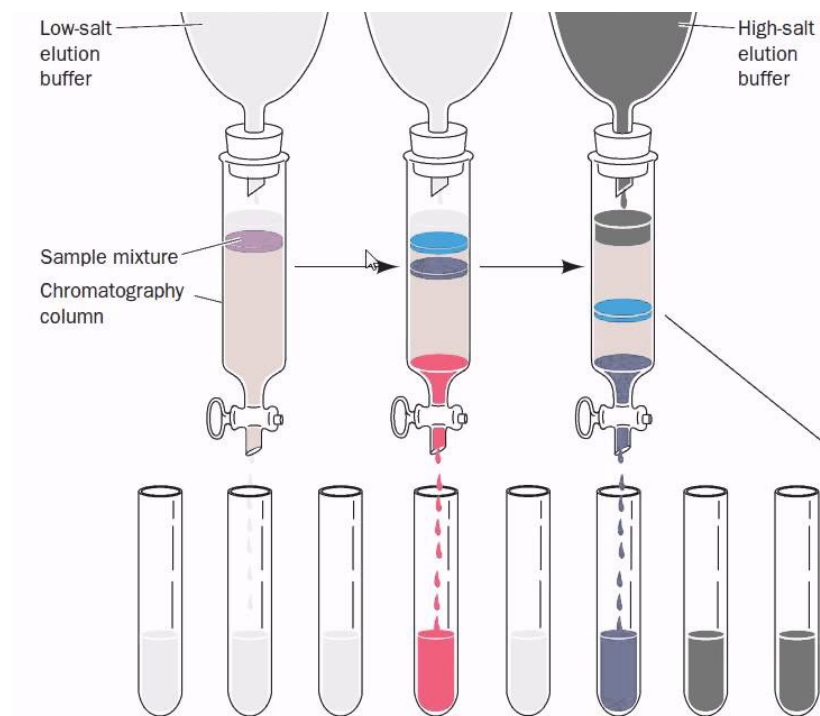


Change the beaker once the yellow starts to drop through.



# Elution Mixtures

- ▶ By tuning the elution mixture you can increase or decrease the time the two substances spend in the mobile phase.
- ▶ You can choose a solvent that the substances have medium solubility in.
  - ▶ Example ethyl acetate
- ▶ You can increase the time the substances spend on the column, and thus separation, by diluting that eluent with a miscible solvent the substances are not soluble in.
  - ▶ Example hexane
    - ▶ A mixture of 50% hexane, 50% ethyl acetate
- ▶ And you can speed things up when needed by switching to a solvent more rich in that more soluble solvent.
  - ▶ Example 20% hexane, 80% ethyl acetate



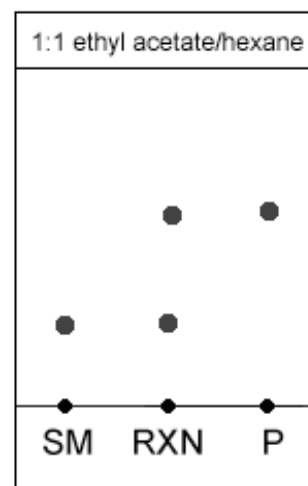
# co-TLC Analysis

- ▶ Column Chromatography is often monitored with TLC.
- ▶ You can often use TLC to determine optimal elution mixtures for separation.

- ▶ And monitor the fractions you take off the column the same way.



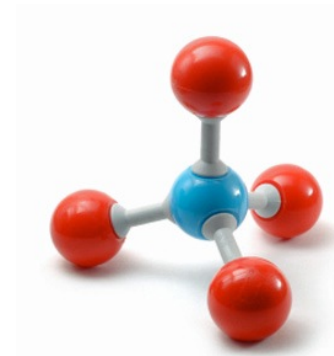
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just right



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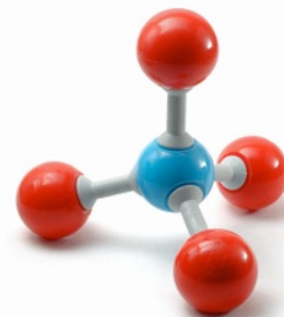
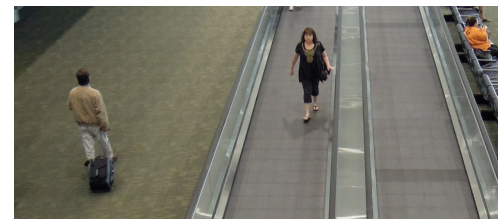
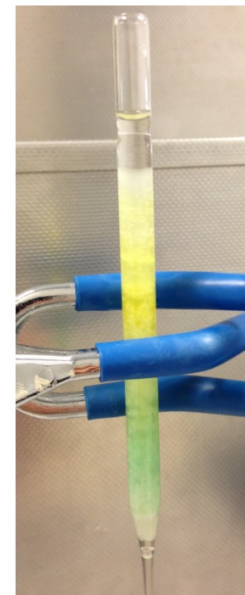
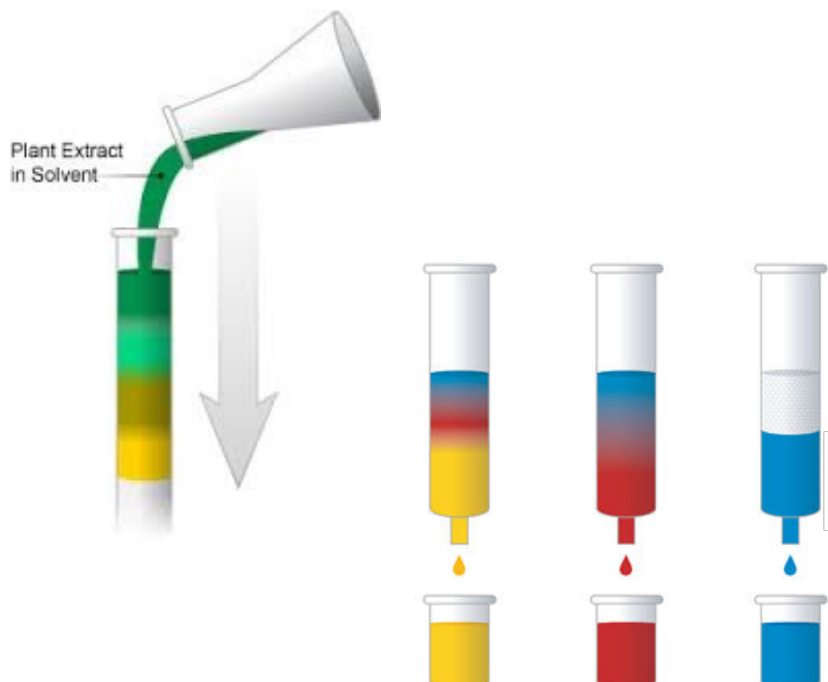
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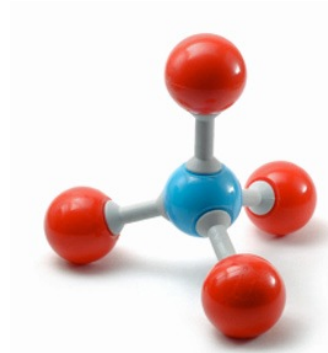
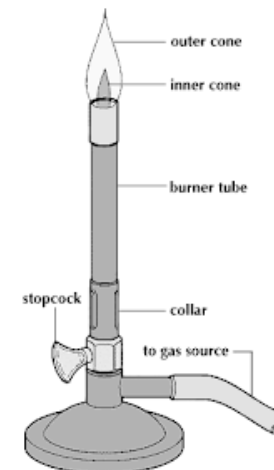
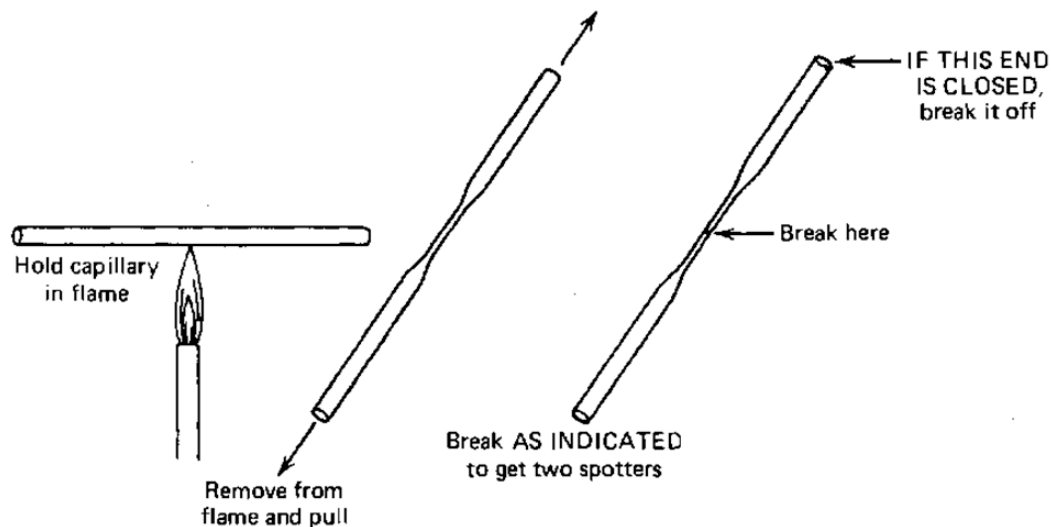
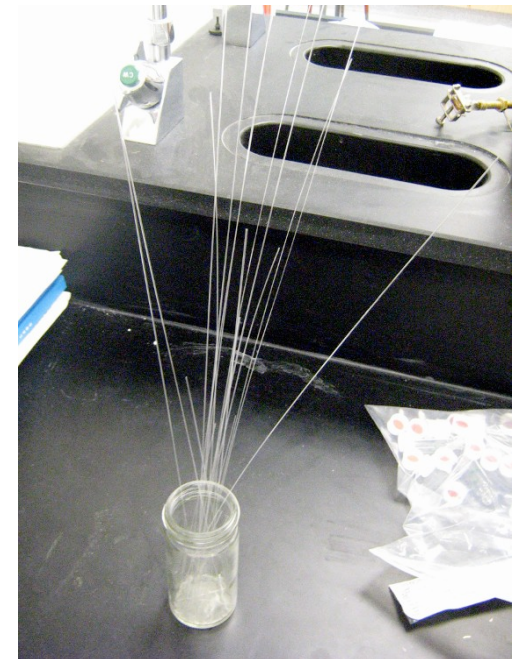




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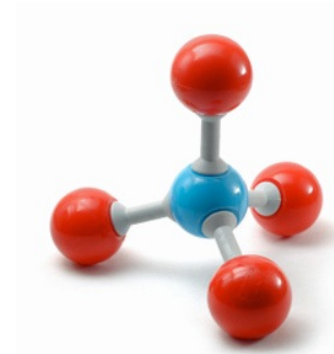
## ▶ Prepare Capillaries

- ▶ If you are out, make 20 micro capillaries.
  - ▶ Heat capillary or disposable pipet at tip of burner flame for 30-90 seconds
    - ▶ Time needed will vary.
    - ▶ Look for glass to get jelly like.
  - ▶ Remove from flame before pulling
  - ▶ Pull as soon as removed from flame
  - ▶ Let cool, break into two



# Column Chromatography

- ▶ Prepare Spinach
  - ▶ Weight 0.5 grams spinach
    - ▶ Leaves only, avoid large veins and stalks
  - ▶ Cut into small pieces
  - ▶ Add 1.0 mL COLD Acetone
  - ▶ Grind with mortar and pestle into liquid
  - ▶ Add slightly (0.5 mL) more acetone if needed to produce liquid
  - ▶ Pipette into centrifuge tube
  - ▶ Chase with 1 mL cold acetone
  - ▶ Centrifuge mixture



# Column Chromatography

## ▶ Extract Spinach

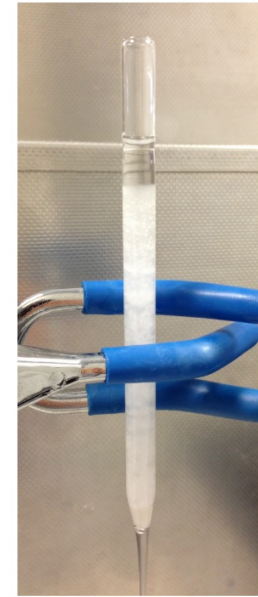
- ▶ Transfer liquid to a new centrifuge tube with cap.
- ▶ Add 2.0 mL hexanes and shake capped tube.
- ▶ Then, add 2.0 mL deionized water and shake tube.
  - ▶ Vent tube frequently by opening cap.

- ▶ Centrifuge to break emulsion
- ▶ Remove bottom aqueous layer

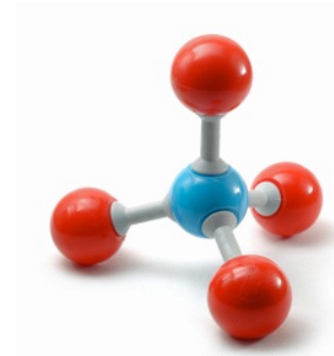
## ▶ Dry Hexane Layer

- ▶ Clamp a pasteur pipette with lab stand to create filtration column
- ▶ Wedge a small compressed ball of cotton in end
- ▶ Carefully add 0.5 g anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ 
  - ▶ (about half full)
- ▶ Add clean dry test tube or small erlenmeyer flask under filtration column
- ▶ Transfer hexane through column by pipette
- ▶ Chase with 0.5 mL Hexane

Use the folded weigh paper to more easily add  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$

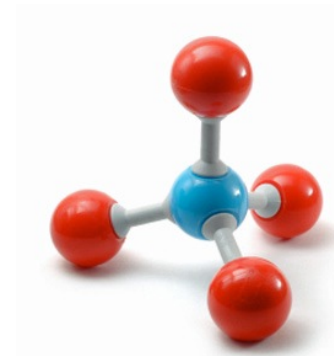


Anhydrous sodium sulfate  
Cotton



# Column Chromatography

- ▶ Concentrate Extracts
  - ▶ Reduce extracts with hot water bath (40-60° C) to small concentrated sample
  - ▶ Collect extracts in minimal amount of hexane
  - ▶ Stopper flask and place in dark drawer, until you are ready to run column.



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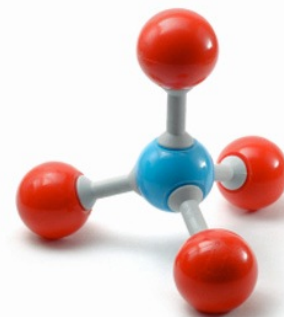
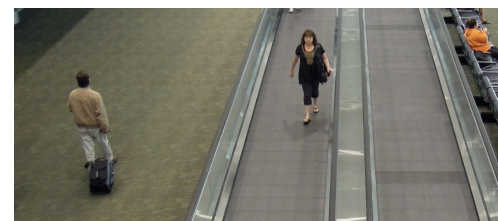
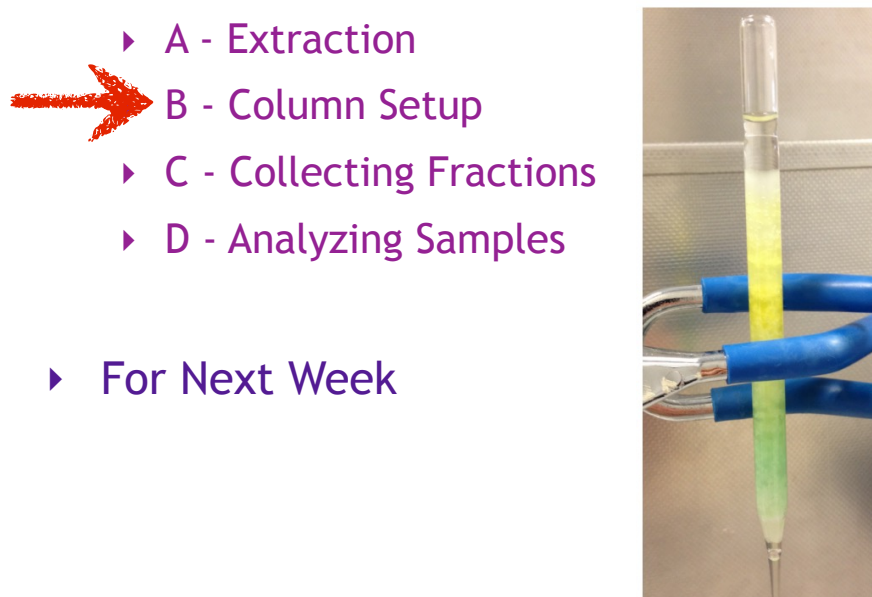
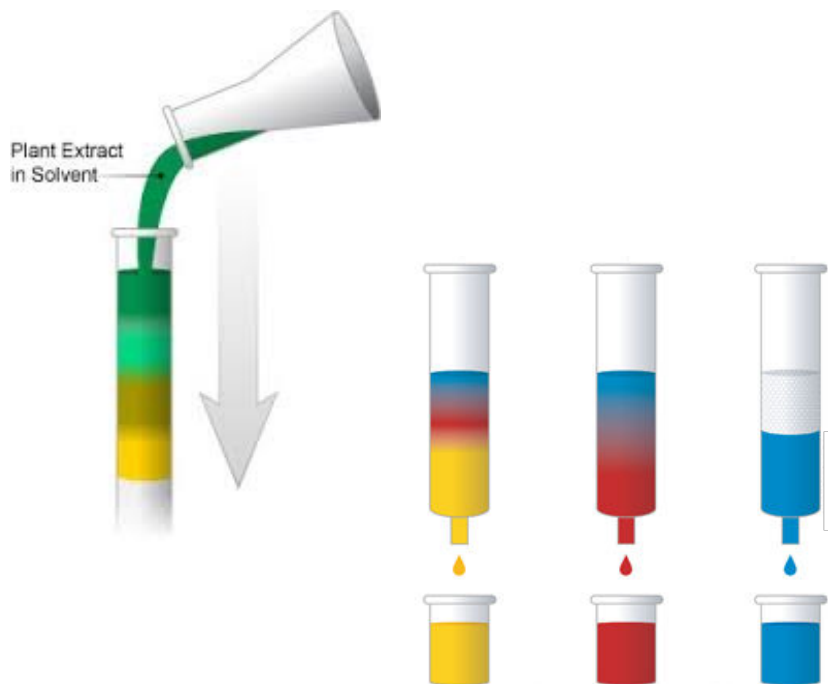
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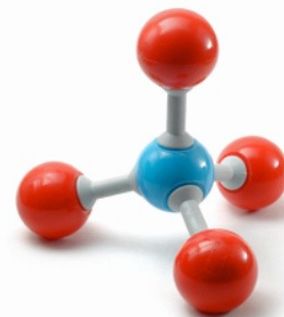
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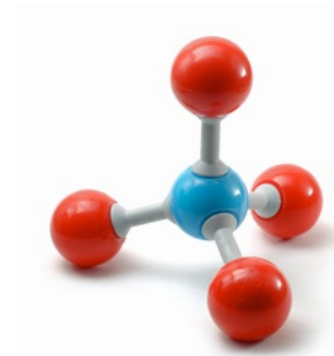
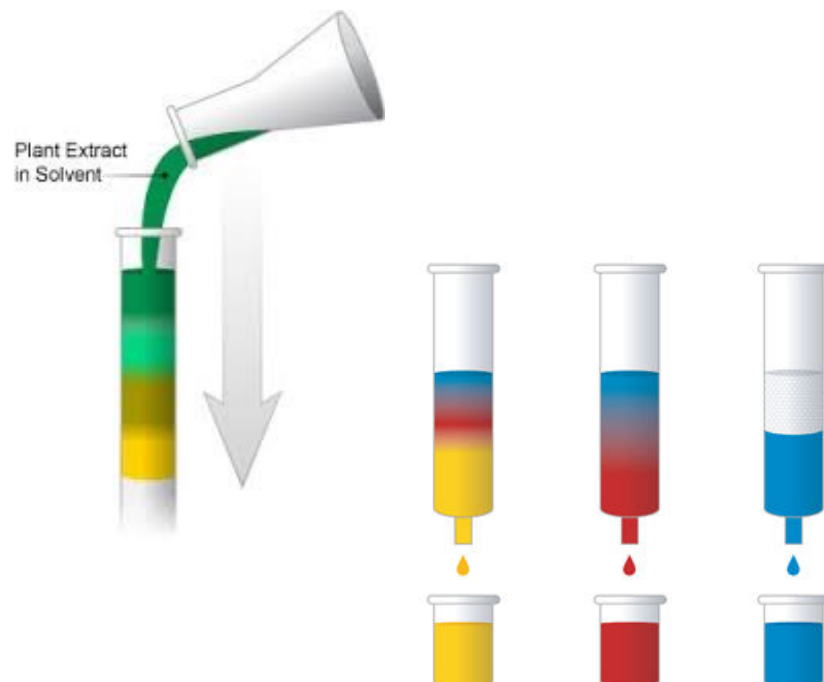
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- ▶ Prepare Elution Mixtures
  - ▶ 10.0 mL Hexane
  - ▶ 6.0 mL 70% Hex, 30% Acetone
  - ▶ 6.0 mL Acetone
  - ▶ 6.0 mL 80% Acetone, 20% MeOH
- ▶ Prepare the Column
  - ▶ Pack end of pipette with Cotton
  - ▶ Ad 1.25 g Alumina Gel
    - ▶ Tap column to let gel settle
    - ▶ Use folded weighing paper to add gel
  - ▶ Clamp Column to lab jack
  - ▶ Position first test tube under column
  - ▶ Charge column with hexane
    - ▶ Slowly add about 3.0 mL of hexane to column, let drain
    - ▶ Use pipette bulb if it drains too slowly
    - ▶ Keep top of column wet (don't let run dry)



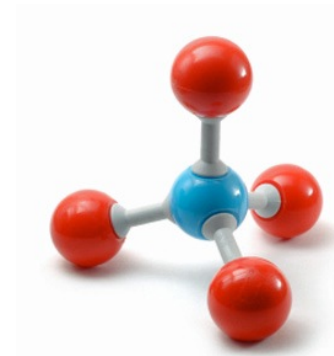
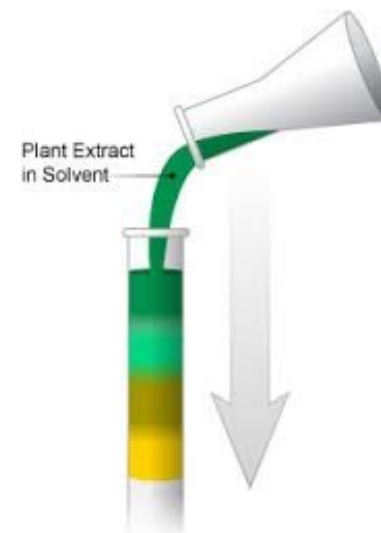
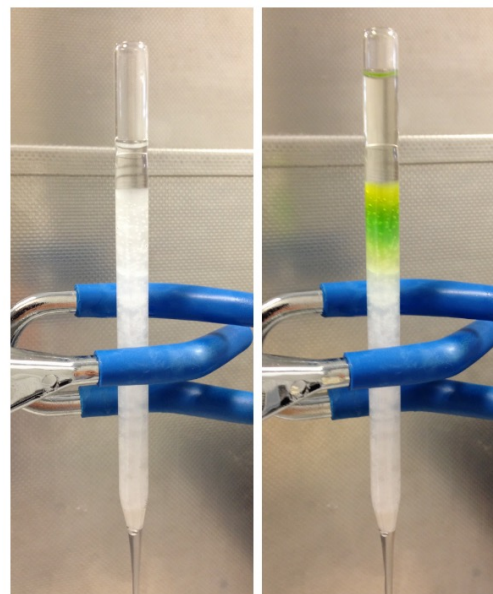
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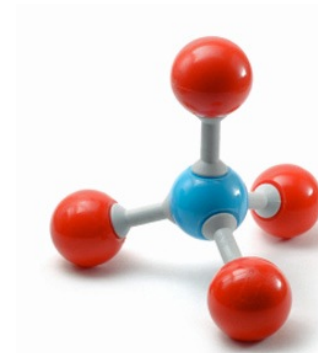
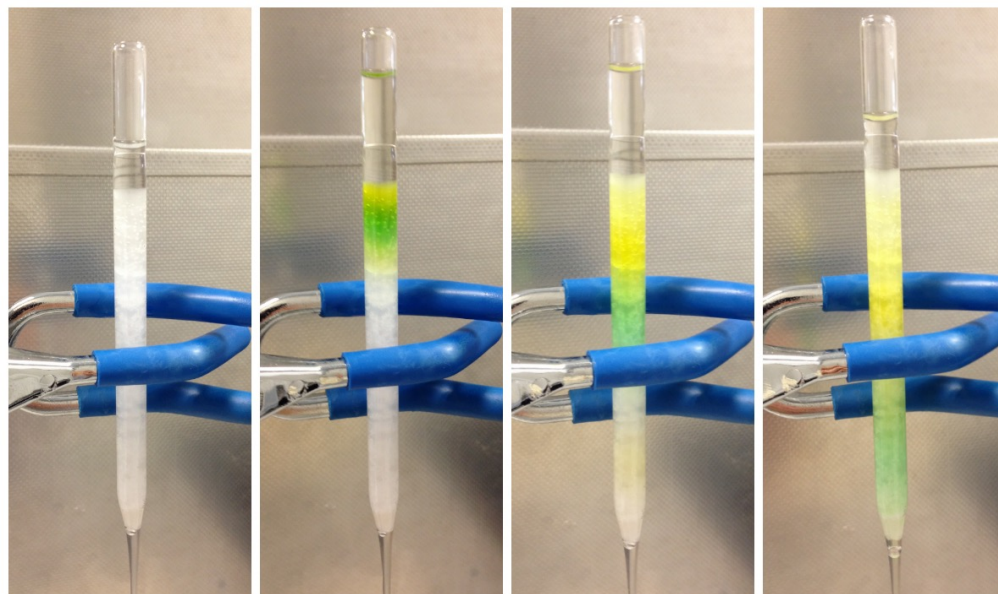
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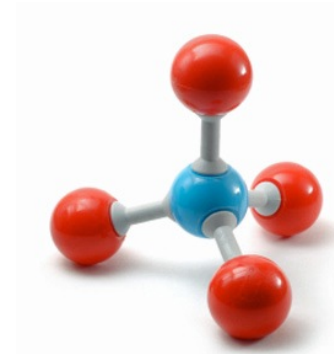
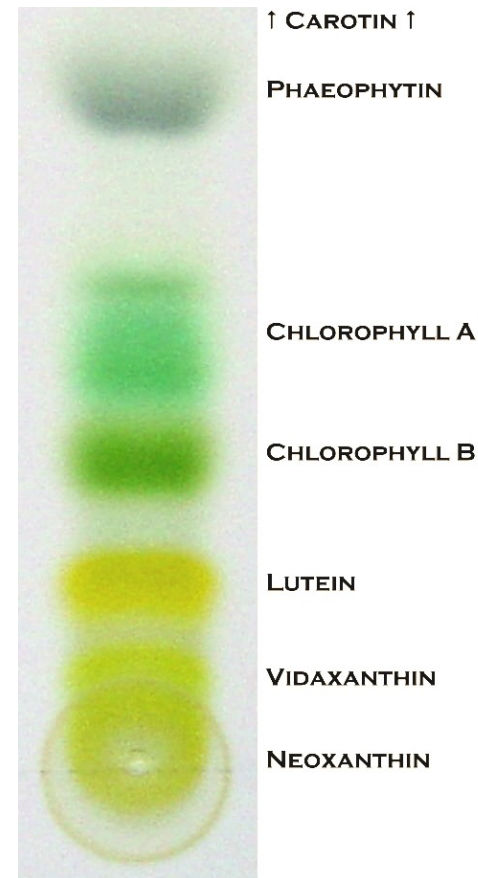
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# Column Chromatography

- ▶ Analysis
  - ▶ Spot a TLC plate with three tracks.
    - ▶ Your extract
    - ▶ Your yellow band
    - ▶ Your green band
  - ▶ Develop the TLC plate
    - ▶ Elution 70% hex, 30% Acetone
  - ▶ Based on the relative R<sub>f</sub>'s and colors reported in your lab description identify the substances in each band.



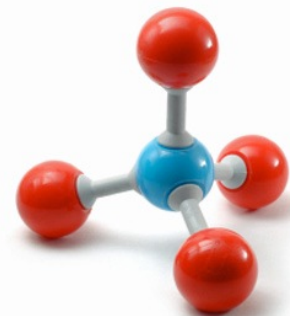
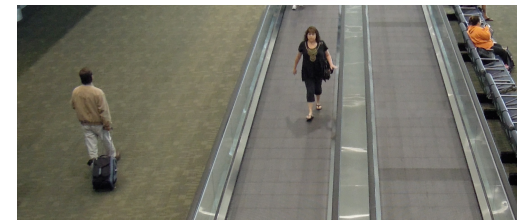
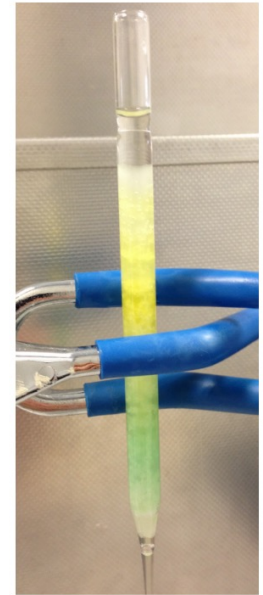
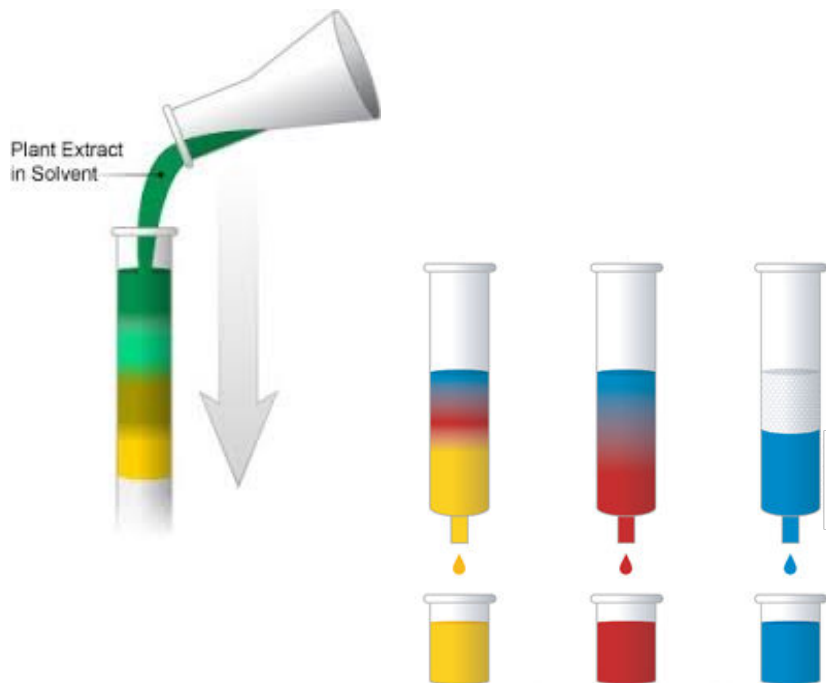
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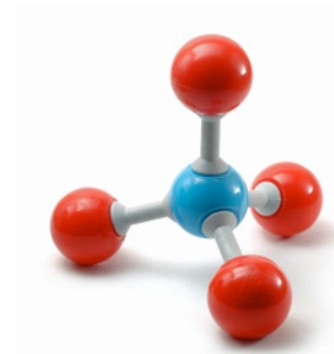
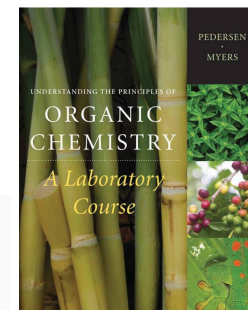
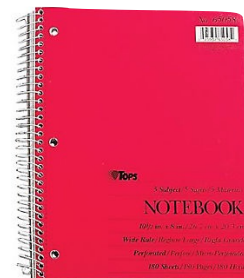
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- ▶ For next Meeting:
  - ▶ Midterm Exam
  - ▶ Questions will be based on the topics lists.
  - ▶ Should take less than an hour, but you are welcome to use the full lab period.



# Questions?

