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# Chemical Engineering

# Chemical Engineering!

Chemists vs. Chemical Engineers

What is Chem Eng and Why do We Care?

Transport Phenomena

Mass and Energy Balances

Separations (Distillation and Chromatography)

## Chemist vs. Chemical Engineer

Chemist > test tube.



<http://www.careersinoilandgas.com/build-your-career/working-in-oil-gas/career-options/engineers/chemical-engineers.aspx#.VCwU5PIdXl8>



Chemical engineer > 10,000 liter,  
continuous process reactor at a rate of  
1000 liters/second.

## Chemist **vs.** Chemical Engineer

Chemists determine reactions to make new compounds in a test tube

Chemical Engineers design processes to make compounds at a rate of 1000 L/min that are efficient and don't explode.

**Chemical Engineers have backgrounds in chemistry AND fluid dynamics, heat transfer, materials science, thermodynamics ...**

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## CHEMISTS VS. CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

Chemical engineering grads were less likely to pursue further study and tended to be more highly paid than chemists

	B.A./B.S.		M.S.		PH.D.	
	CHEMISTS	CHEMICAL ENGINEERS	CHEMISTS	CHEMICAL ENGINEERS	CHEMISTS	CHEMICAL ENGINEERS
<b>BY EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-time	31%	52%	50%	43%	32%	61%
Part-time	9	6	7	5	4	2
Further study	43	25	23	19	51	28
Unemployed	17	17	21	33	12	9
Seeking	14	13	18	19	9	9
Not seeking	4	4	3	14	3	0
<b>BY EMPLOYER</b>						
Academia	44	25	43	29	60	14
Industry	47	72	54	71	29	66
Government	8	2	3	0	12	20
Self-employed	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>BY GENDER</b>						
Women	55	41	54	14	42	36
<b>BY CITIZENSHIP</b>						
Non-U.S. resident	2	1	8	48	21	18
<b>SALARIES (\$ thousands)</b>						
Full-time permanent	\$36.0	\$65.0	\$51.8	\$77.0	\$75.0	\$92.8

**NOTE:** Median salary data for all responding 2011 graduates regardless of experience. Numbers may not add to 100% because of rounding.

<http://cen.acs.org/articles/90/i23/Starting-Salaries.html>



Engineering is an outstanding salary.

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	Field	Starting Salary
1	Petroleum Engineering	\$98,000
2	Chemical Engineering	\$67,500
3	Nuclear Engineering	\$66,800
4	Electrical Engineering	\$63,400
5	Computer Engineering	\$62,700
6	Aerospace Engineering	\$62,500
7	Mechanical Engineering	\$60,100
7	Materials Science & Engineering	\$60,100
8	Industrial Engineering	\$59,900
9	Software Engineering	\$59,100
10	Computer Science	\$58,400
10	Electrical Engineering Technology	\$58,400
11	Actuarial Mathematics	\$56,100
12	Biomedical Engineering	\$54,900
13	Civil Engineering	\$53,800

## 2012-2013 PayScale College Salary Report

Social Work	\$33,100
Liberal Arts	\$35,300
Biology	\$39,100
Chemistry	\$44,700
Mathematics	\$48,500

## Why do we care about Chemical Engineering?

Look around you – nearly everything you see has parts designed by chemical engineers!

Toothpaste

Paint

Dyes

Hydrogen

Fertilizer

Gasoline

Shampoo

Decaffeinated  
Coffee

Cosmetics

Soap

Food  
additives

Polymers

Pharmaceuticals

Sugar

## Chemical engineering is also important to food and medicine ...

Chemical engineering contributes to the fertilizer industry that helps enhance food production.



Chemical engineers developed synthetic rubber, penicillin, and plastics.



## If that is not enough ...

- In the United States
  - 170 Major Chemical Companies
  - \$400 Billion a year
  - Employs more than a million workers

## What Kind of Molecules do Chemical Engineers Work With?

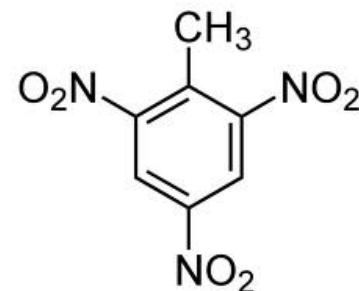
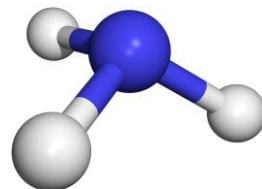
### Small and Simple

Helium, He

Ammonia,  $\text{NH}_3$

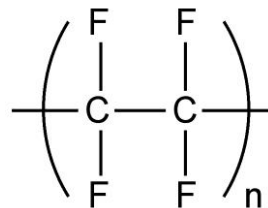
Hydrogen Fluoride, HF

Trinitrotoluene,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{NO}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$



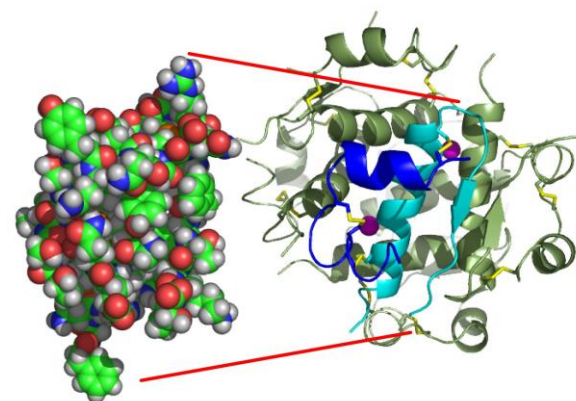
### Large and Simple

Polytetrafluoroethylene (teflon)



### Large and Complicated

Insulin,  $\text{C}_{257}\text{H}_{383}\text{N}_{65}\text{O}_{77}\text{S}_6$

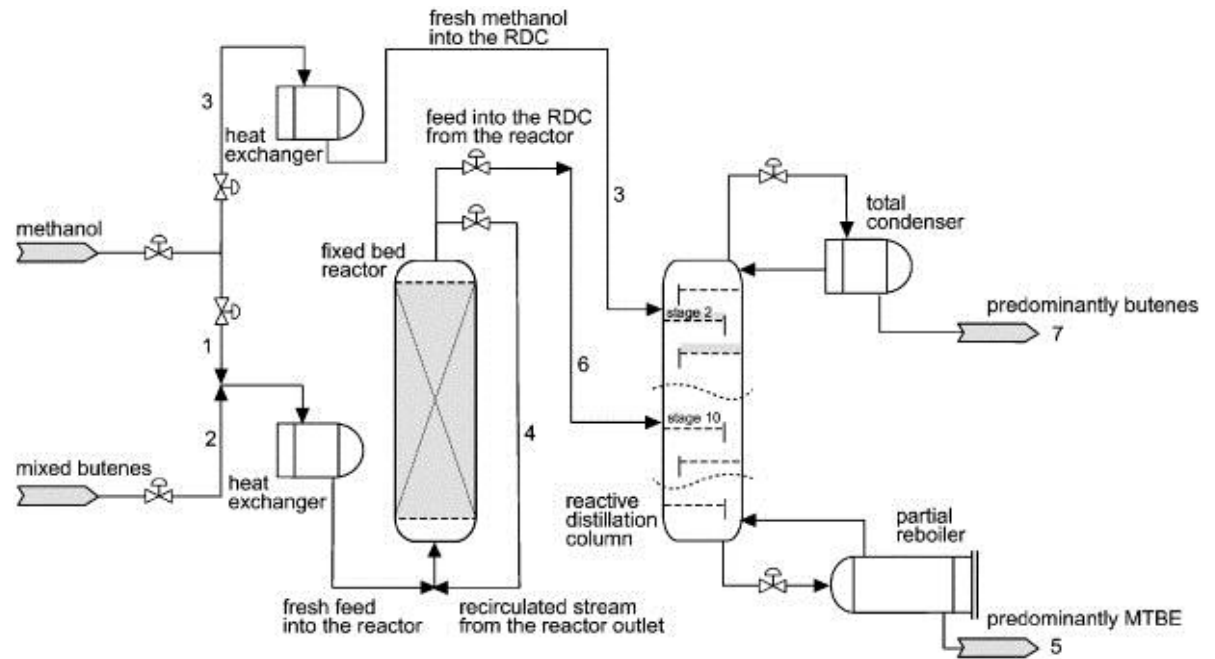


# How are Chemicals Produced?

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Reactions: Create new molecules out of two or more constituent components in a reactor.



Separations: Attempt to isolate a substance that is contained in a mixture of other ingredients

## Chemical Engineers need to understand:

Transport (flow and mixing of molecules)

Thermodynamics (energy and heat)

Material and Energy Balances (conservation laws)



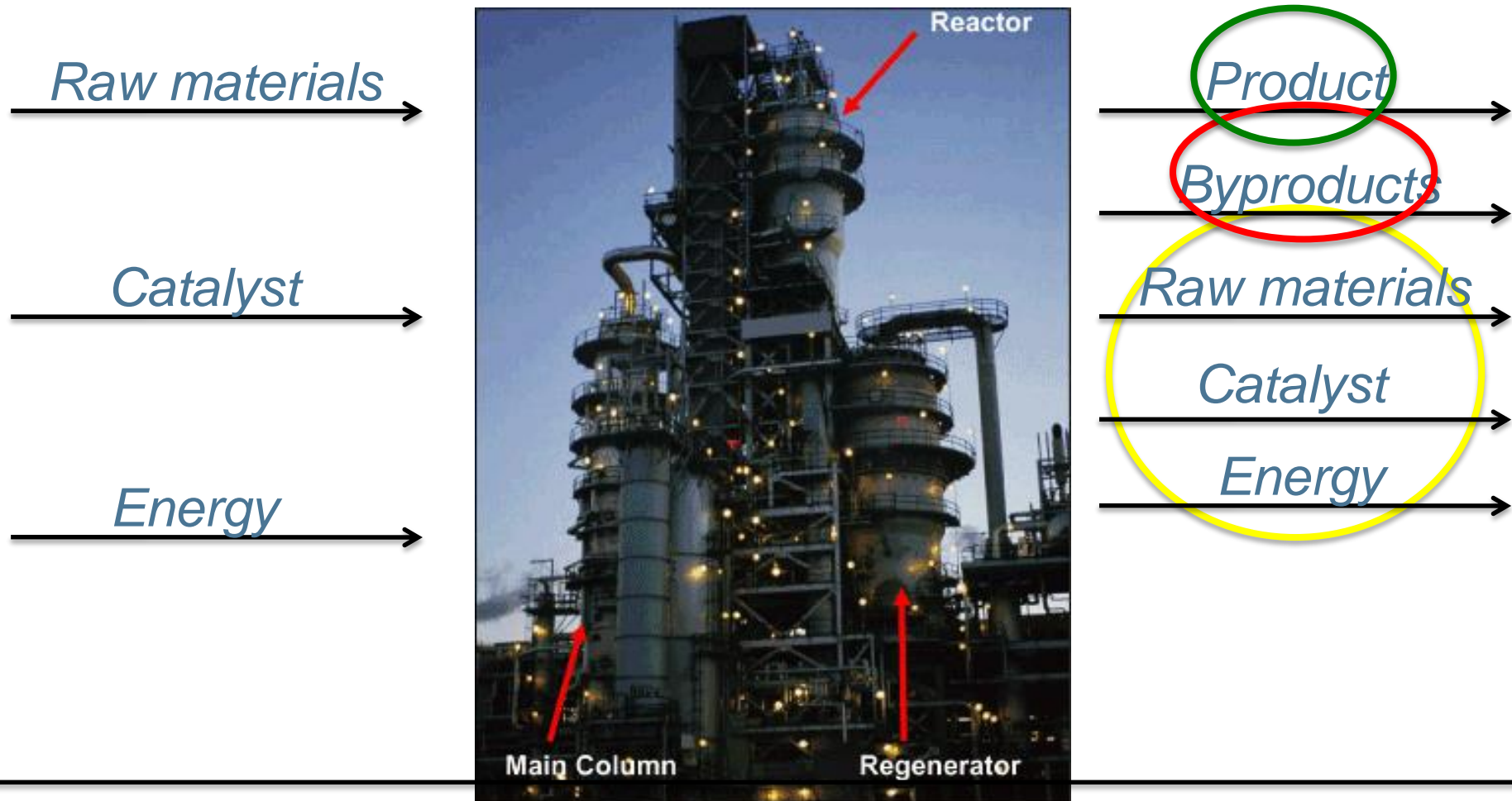


## Chemical Production in Reactors

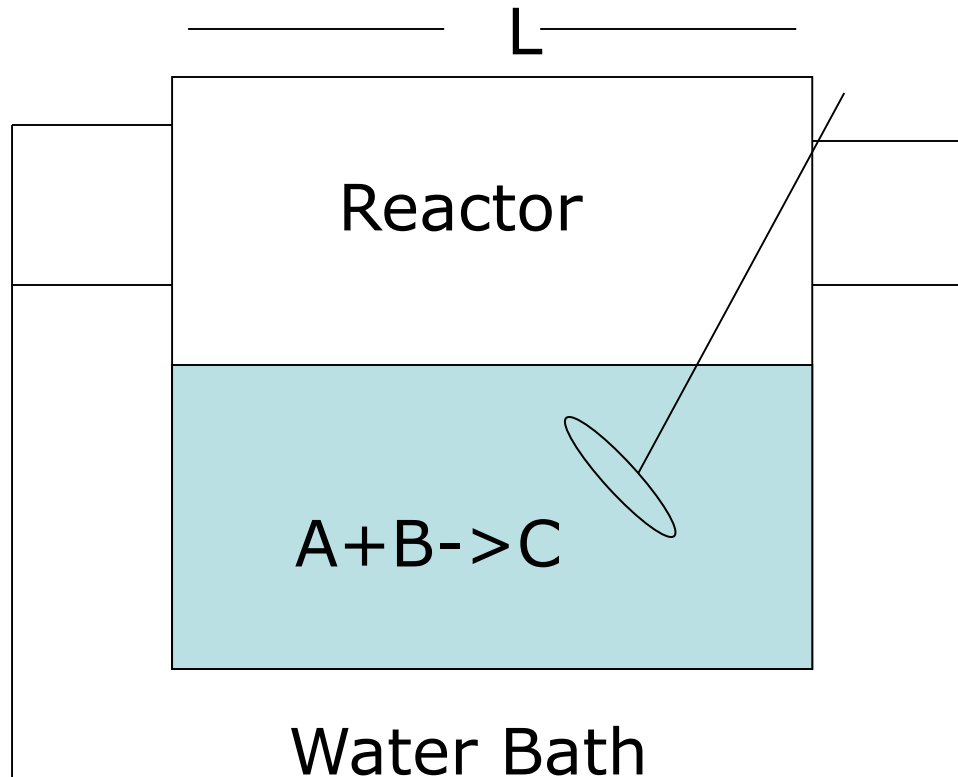




## Chemical Production in Reactors



# Exothermic Reactions



Energy Produced  
by reaction is  
proportional to  
reactor volume ( $L^3$ )

Energy Removed is  
proportional to  
surface area ( $L^2$ )

Possible Scale up  
Problem

# Efficient Engineering

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$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (Sulfuric Acid)

40 million tons per year in US

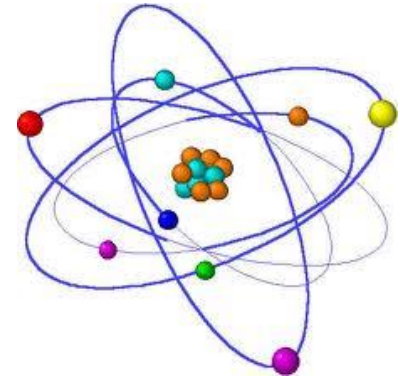
Almost 250 million tons per year  
worldwide

There is a significant impact if  
you are able to improve  
the efficiency of the  
process by 1% (better  
mixing, improved reactor design,  
etc.)



## Quantities in a Chemical Reaction

- Grams
- Atoms
- Moles
  - a chemical mass unit, defined to be  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  molecules, atoms, or some other unit
  - mass of a mole is the gram formula mass of a substance



# How big is a mole?

If you were given a mole of dollars when you were born, how many years would it take to spend all your money if you spent:

\$1 million dollars every day?

\$1 million dollars every hour?

\$1 million dollars every second?



# Periodic Table of the Elements

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11 Na 22.989770	12 Mg 24.3050	<div></div>									37 Rb 85.4678	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.90585	40 Zr 91.224	41 Nb 92.90638	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc (98)	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.90550	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.8682	48 Cd 112.411	49 In 114.818	50 Sn 118.710	51 Sb 121.760	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90447	54 Xe 131.29	
55 Cs 132.90545	56 Ba 137.327	57 La 138.9055	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.9479	74 W 183.84	75 Re 186.207	76 Os 190.23	77 Ir 192.217	78 Pt 195.078	79 Au 196.96655	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.3833	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98038	84 Po (209)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)	<div></div>											
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58 Ce 140.116	59 Pr 140.90765	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm (145)	62 Sm 150.36	63 Eu 151.964	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tb 158.92534	66 Dy 162.50	67 Ho 164.93032	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93421	70 Yb 173.04	71 Lu 174.967
90 Th 232.0381	91 Pa 231.03588	92 U 238.0289	93 Np (237)	94 Pu (244)	95 Am (243)	96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (251)	99 Es (252)	100 Fm (257)	101 Md (258)	102 No (259)	103 Lr (262)

S.E. Van Bramer, 7/22/99

1995 IUPAC masses and Approved Names from <http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iupac/ArWt/>

masses for 107-111 from C&EN, March 13, 1995, P 35

112 from <http://www.gsi.de/~i112e.html>

114 from C&EN July 19, 1999

116 and 118 from <http://www.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/elements-116-118.html>

# Cool Periodic Table Websites

The University of Kentucky's Comic Book Periodic Table

<http://www.uky.edu/Projects/Chemcomics/>

The Los Alamos National Lab Periodic Table

<http://periodic.lanl.gov/index.shtml>

# Molar Mass

Calculate the molar mass of methane,  $\text{CH}_4$ .

How many moles of methane are found in 25kg of methane?

How many molecules of methane are found in 25kg of methane?

If a solution has 25 grams of water and 25 grams of methanol,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , what is the mole fraction of ethanol in the solution?

# Take a break?

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## What do these processes have in common?

- Hydrogen embrittlement of pressure vessels in nuclear power plants?
- Flow of electrons through conductors
- Dispersion of pollutants from smoke stacks
- Transdermal drug delivery
- Influenza epidemics
- Chemical reactions
- Absorption of oxygen into the bloodstream



## They all depend on DIFFUSION (Conduction)

- What is diffusion? The transport of material –atoms or molecules – by random motion
- What is conduction? The transport of heat or electrons by random motion

# What happens when you place a drop of ink into a glass of water?

Brownian motion causes the ink particles to move erratically in all directions.

## Why does random motion cause spreading of a concentration of particles?

Because there are more ways for the particles to drive apart than there are for the particles to drift closer together.



# Transport Phenomena

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**Moving of a property from one place to another down a gradient**

Flow of electrons through conductors

Transdermal drug delivery

Influenza epidemics

**Three types of Transport Phenomena**

**Momentum Transfer**

Transfer of momentum across/down a gradient

**Heat Transfer**

Heat is moved by transfer of energy down a gradient

**Mass Transfer**

Material moved by diffusion down a gradient

**All are proportional to a flux (rate of flow per area)**

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# Consider a cup of coffee

**Momentum Transfer:** Stir with a spoon; all molecules (even if not in contact with the spoon) will move

**Heat Transfer:** Add creamer, the creamer and coffee eventually reach the same temperature

**Mass Transfer:** Add creamer; the creamer and coffee do not stay separated



# Momentum Transfer

Liquid moved by transfer of velocity down a gradient (fast → slow)

**Newton's Law:**

$$\tau_{zx} = -\mu \frac{dv_x}{dz}$$

$$\tau_{zx} = \text{momentum flux} = \left( \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length} \cdot \text{time}^2} \right)$$

$$\mu = \text{viscosity} = \left( \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length} \cdot \text{time}} \right) \quad \left[ \text{gases} \sim 0.001 \frac{\text{gram}}{\text{cm} \cdot \text{s}}; \text{liquids} \sim 1 \frac{\text{gram}}{\text{cm} \cdot \text{s}} \right]$$

$$\frac{dv_x}{dz} = \text{velocity gradient} = \frac{1}{\text{time}}$$



# Heat Transfer

Heat transfer occurs by three means:

Conduction

Convection

Radiation

# Heat Transfer

Heat moved by transfer of energy down a gradient (hot → cold)

**Fourier's Law (conduction):**

$$q_z = -k \frac{dT}{dz}$$

$$q_z = \text{heat flux} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{length}^2 * \text{time}}$$

$$k = \text{thermal conductivity} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{length} * \text{time} * \text{temperature}}$$

$$[\text{gases} \sim 0.0001 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{cm} * \text{s} * ^\circ\text{C}}; \text{liquids} \sim 0.001 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{cm} * \text{s} * ^\circ\text{C}}; \text{solids} \sim 0.1 \frac{\text{cal}}{\text{cm} * \text{s} * ^\circ\text{C}}]$$

$$\frac{dT}{dz} = \text{Temperature gradient} = \frac{\text{Temperature}}{\text{length}}$$

# Mass Transfer

Material moved by diffusion down a gradient (high → low conc.)

**Fick's Law:**

$$J_i = -D \frac{dc_i}{dz}$$

$$J_i = \text{mass flux} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}^2 * \text{time}}$$

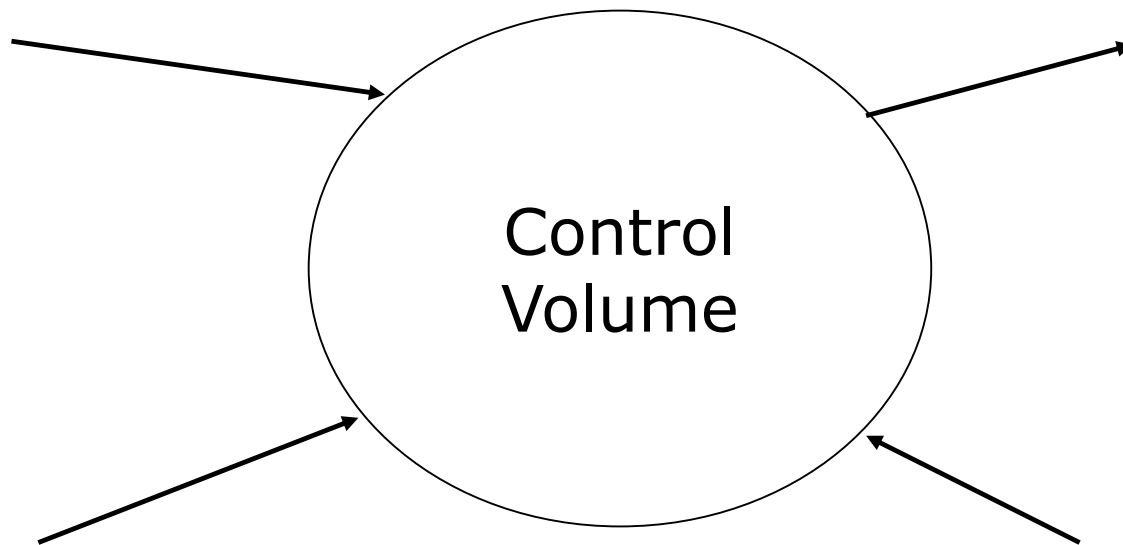
$$D = \text{Diffusivity} = \frac{\text{length}^2}{\text{time}}$$

$$[\text{gases} \sim 0.1 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}; \text{liquids} \sim 0.00001 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}; \text{solids} \sim 0.0000000001 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}]$$

$$\frac{dc_i}{dz} = \text{Concentration gradient} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}^4}$$

## Mass and Energy Balances

$$\text{Input} + \text{Generation} - \text{Output} - \text{Consumption} = \text{Accumulation}$$



For non-reacting system,  
Generation = ?

For non-reaction system,  
Consumption = ?

For systems operating  
at steady-state,  
Accumulation = ?

## chemical processes

### IV. Mass and energy balance



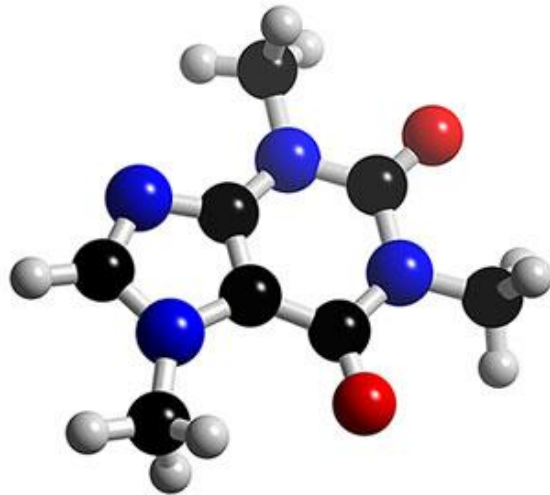
$$\begin{aligned} \text{In} = \text{Out} \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \text{Total Balance : } N_1 + N_2 = N_3 \\ & \text{A Balance : } x_{1,A}N_1 + x_{2,A}N_2 = x_{3,A}N_3 \\ & \text{B Balance : } x_{1,B}N_1 + x_{2,B}N_2 = x_{3,B}N_3 \\ & \text{C Balance : } x_{1,C}N_1 + x_{2,C}N_2 = x_{3,C}N_3 \end{aligned} \right. \\ & x_{A,I} + x_{B,I} + x_{C,I} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

4 independent equations, therefore can solve for 4 unknowns!

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# Why do we do separations?

- Acquire something useful (\$)
- Remove something harmful [-(-\$)]



Caffeine

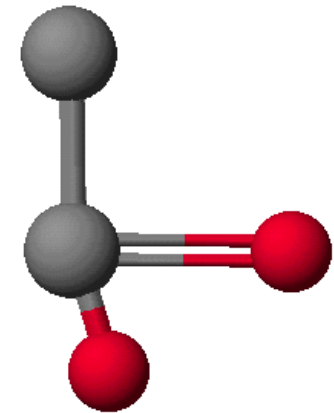
# How would you separate these coins?





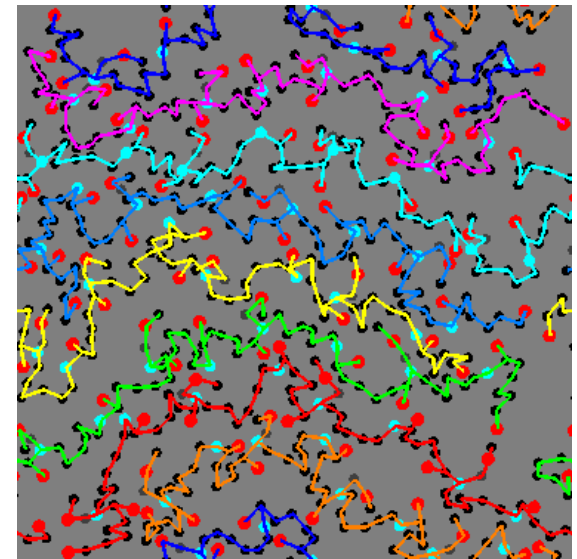
## How do you separate things?

Based on their differences.

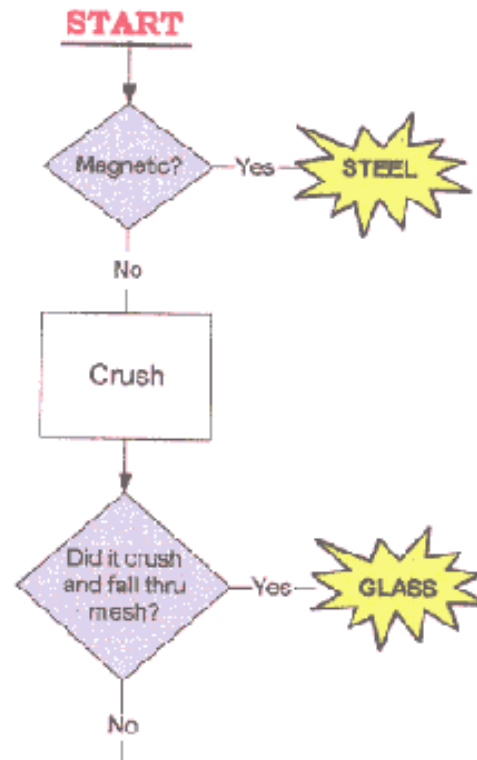


### PROPERTIES OF A SINGLE SUBSTANCE

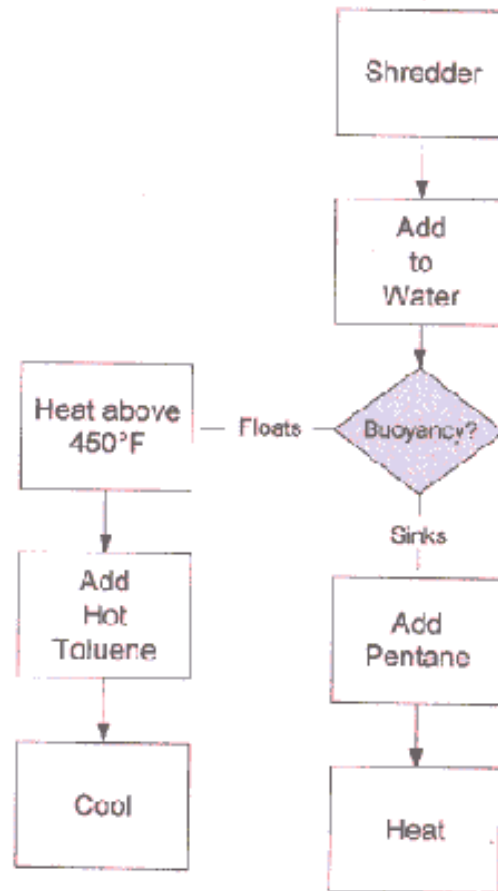
BOILING POINT  
FREEZING POINT  
DENSITY  
VOLATILITY  
SURFACE TENSION  
VISCOSITY  
MOLECULAR COMPLEXITY  
SIZE  
GEOMETRY  
POLARIZATION



## Separations: Garbage



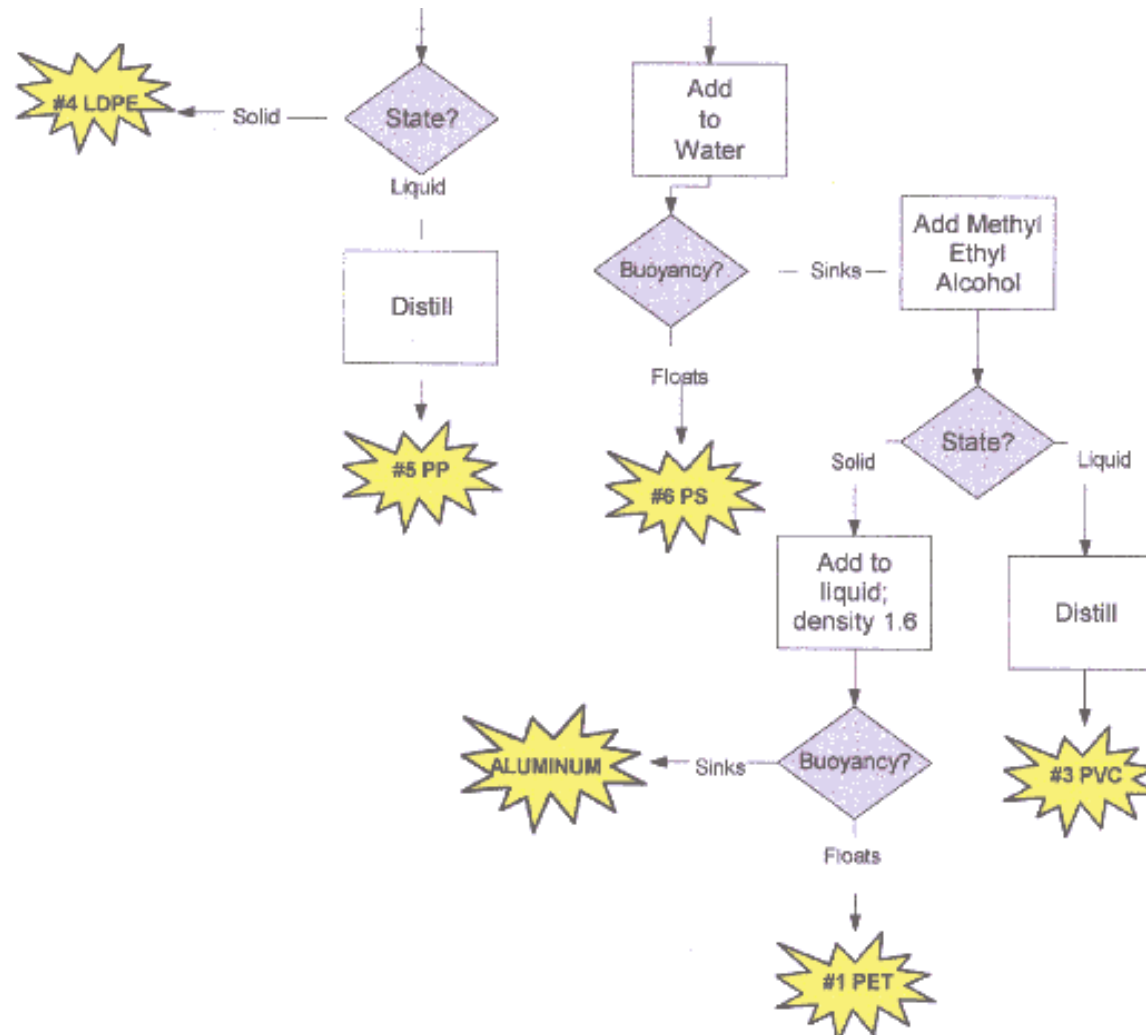
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# Separations: Unit Operations

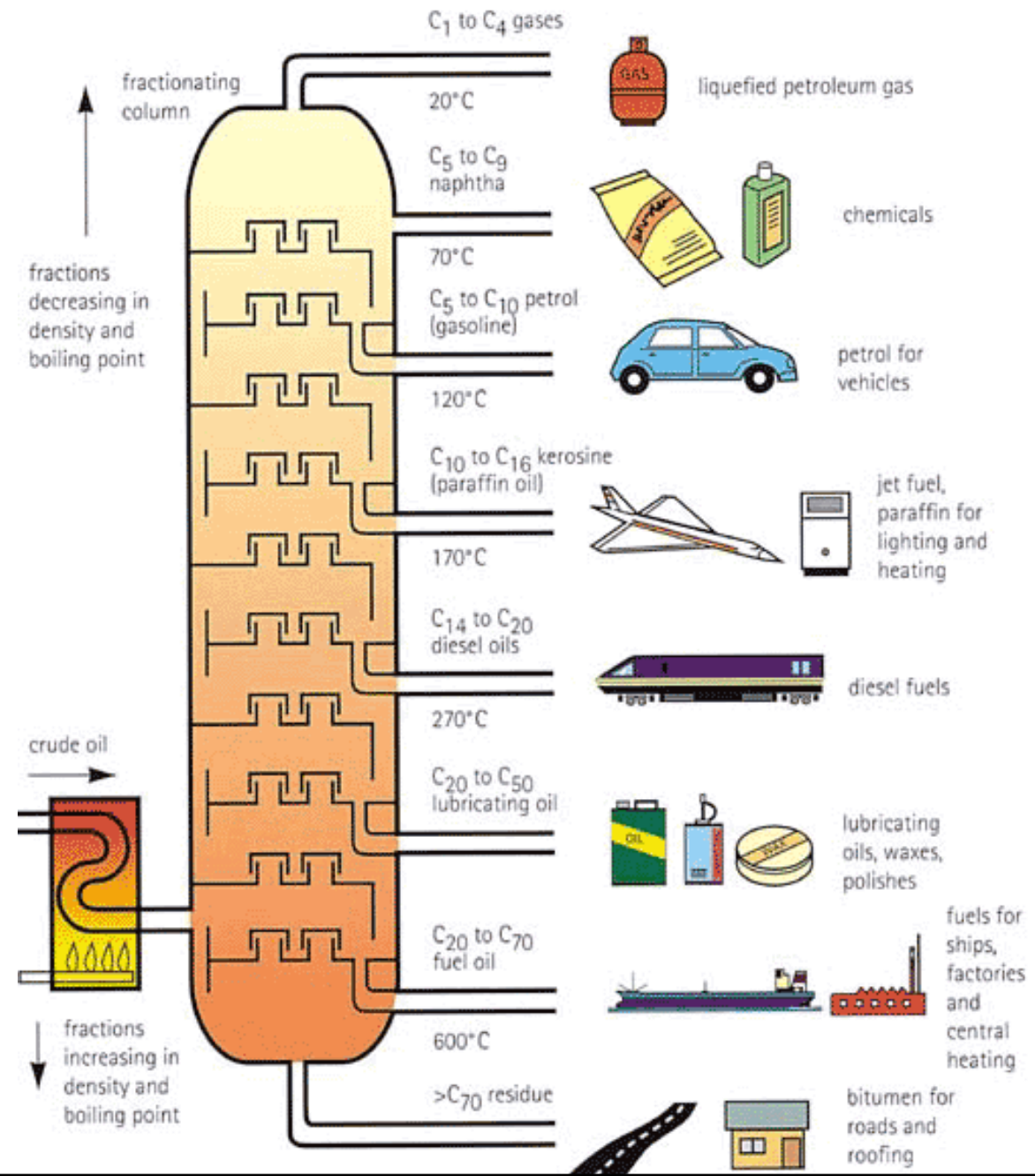
Use separation processes to:

- Purify raw materials
- Purify products
- Purify and separate unreacted feed.

Most common types:

- Distillation
  - Flash distillation
  - Batch distillation
  - Column distillation
- Extraction
- Absorption
- Stripping
- Chromatography

# Refinery Distillation



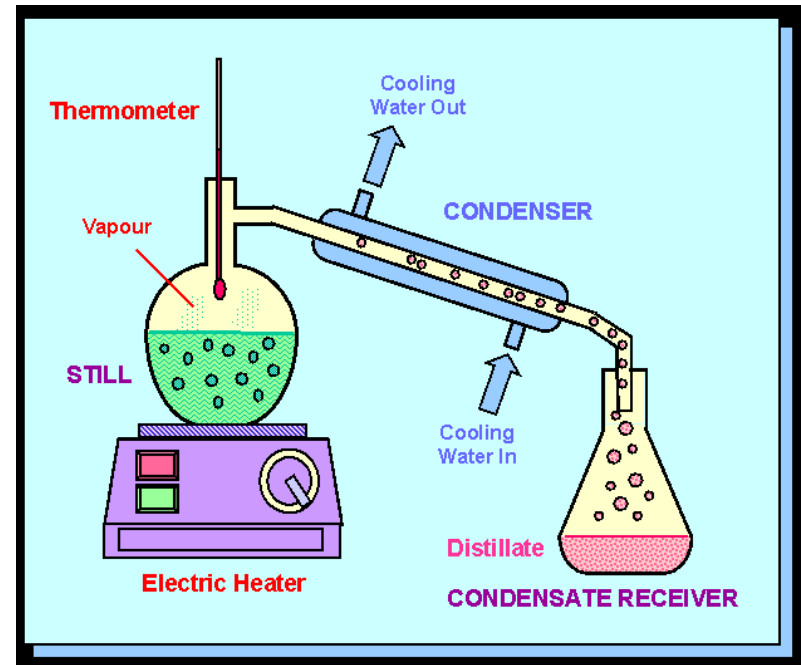
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# Chemical Distillation Lab

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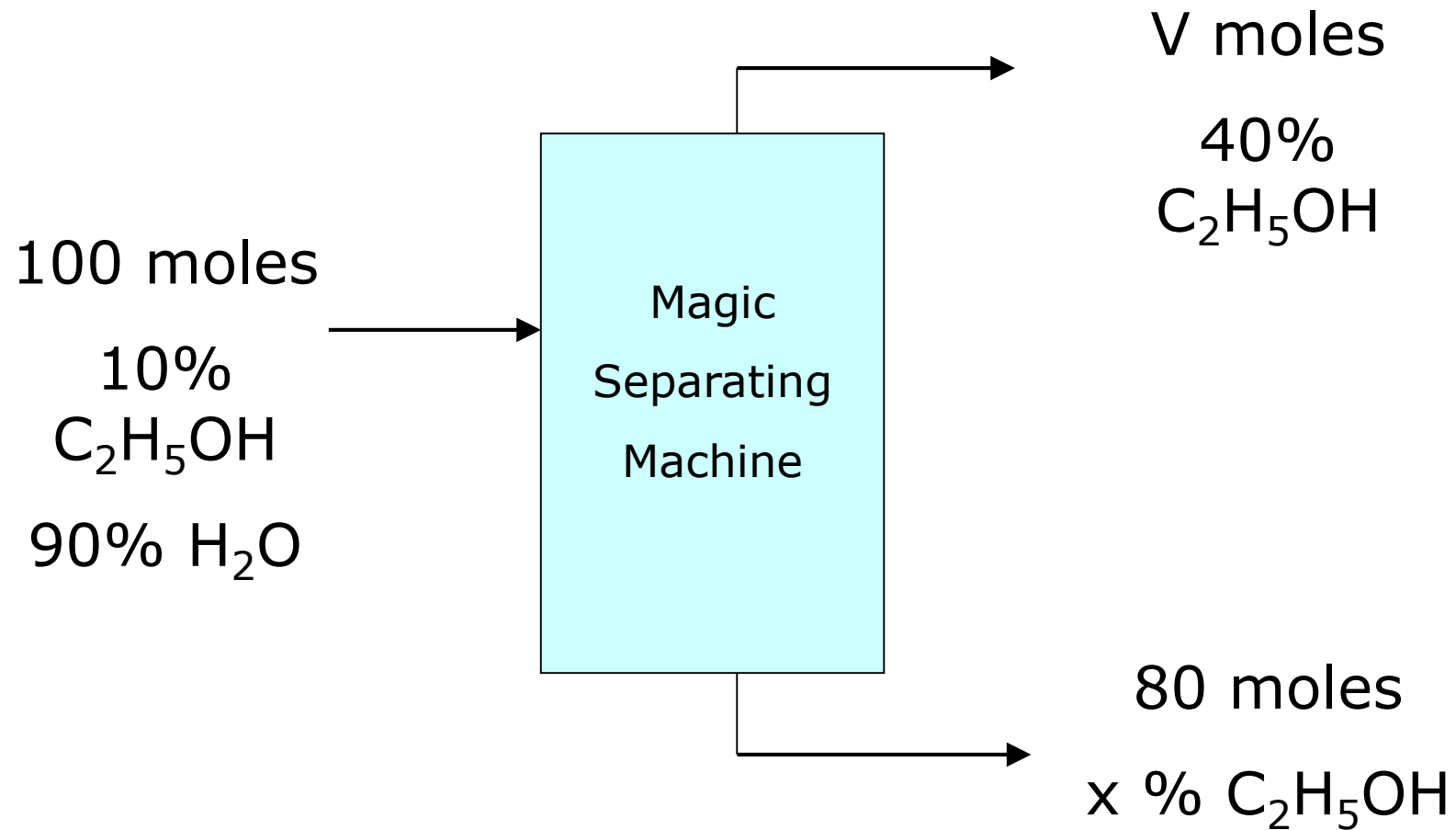


Boiling points

Ethanol =  $78.4^{\circ}\text{C}$

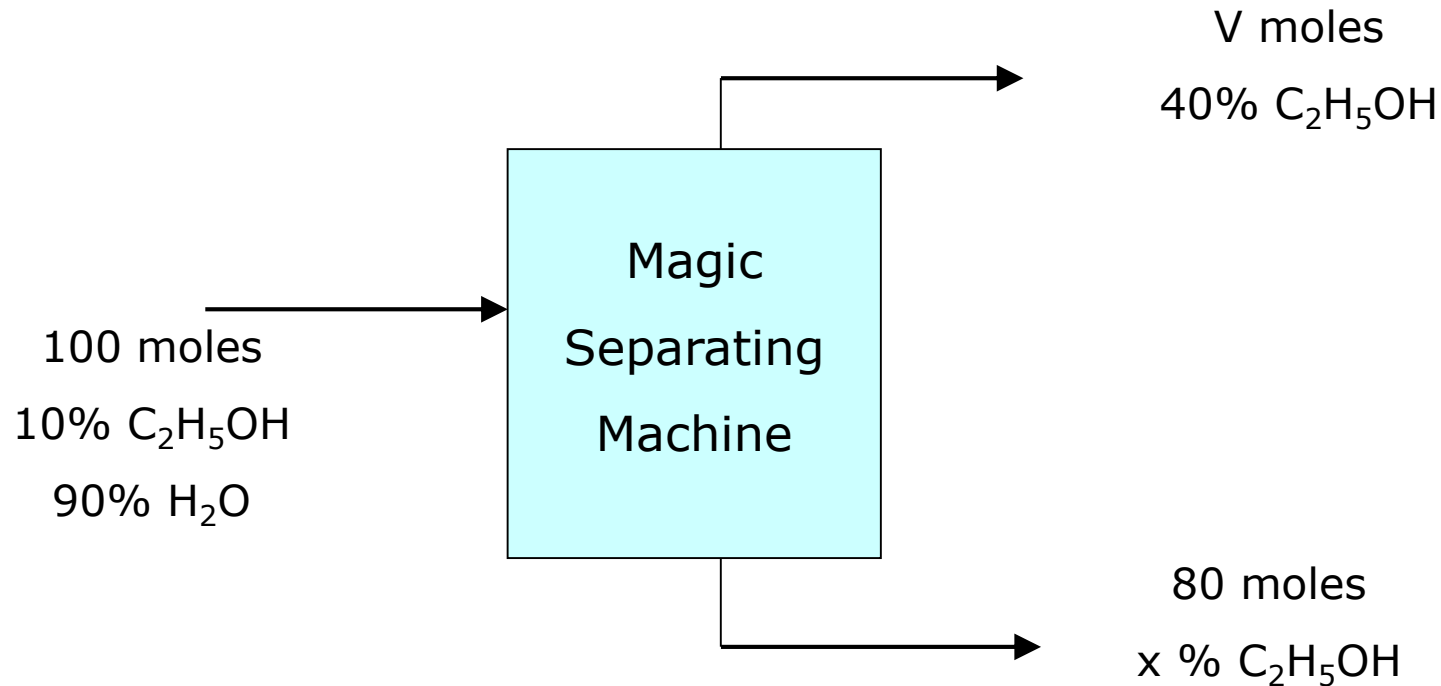
Water =  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$

# Separations Calculation



# Separations Calculation *Engineering Innovation*

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Conservation of total Moles  $100 - (V+80) = 0$  ;  $V = 20$

Conservation of moles of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH  $100 \cdot .1 - (.4 \cdot V + x \cdot 80) = 0$

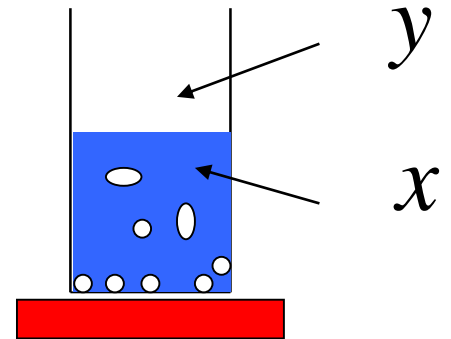
$$x = 2.5\%$$

# Equilibrium (Vapor-Liquid)

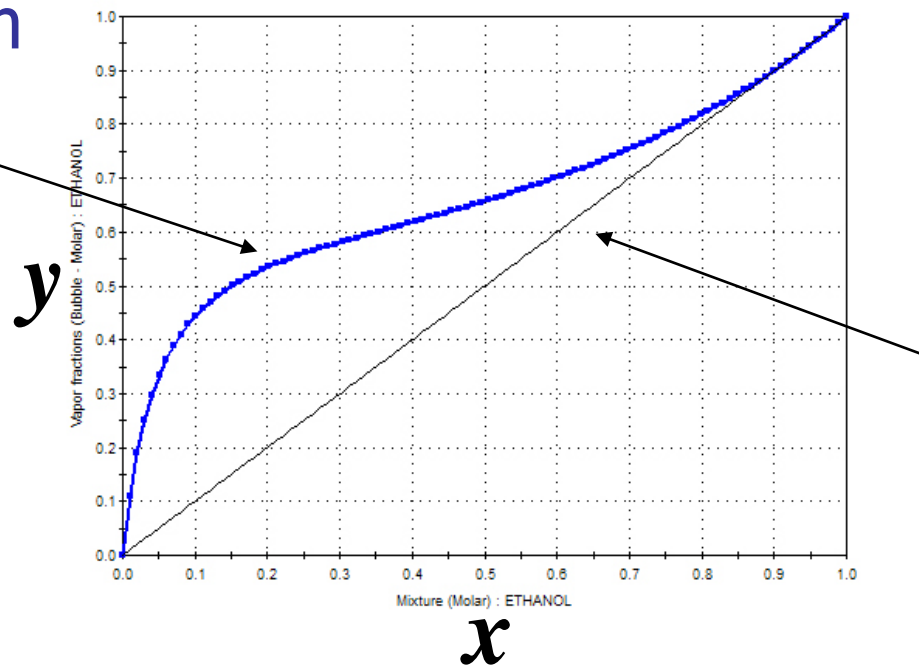
Consider an ethanol-water solution at its boiling point

$y \equiv$  mole fraction ethanol in vapor

$x \equiv$  mole fraction ethanol in liquid

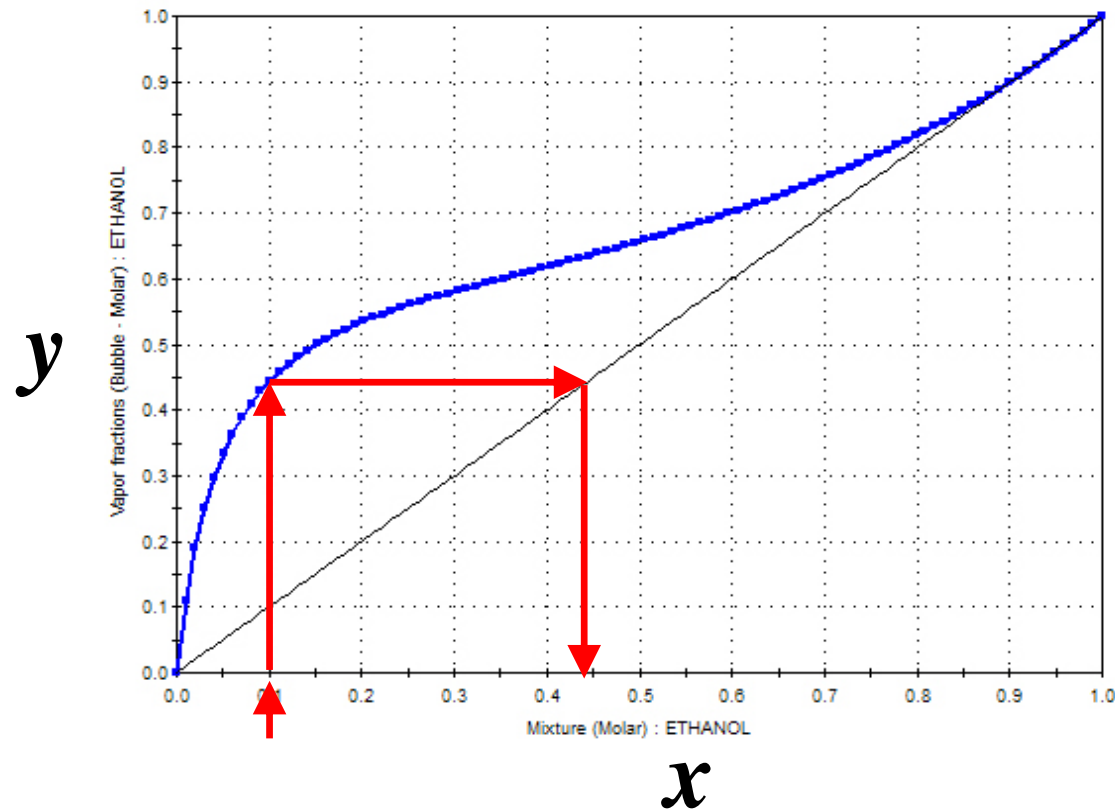


equilibrium  
curve



45° line  
(  $y = x$  )

# Simple Distillation

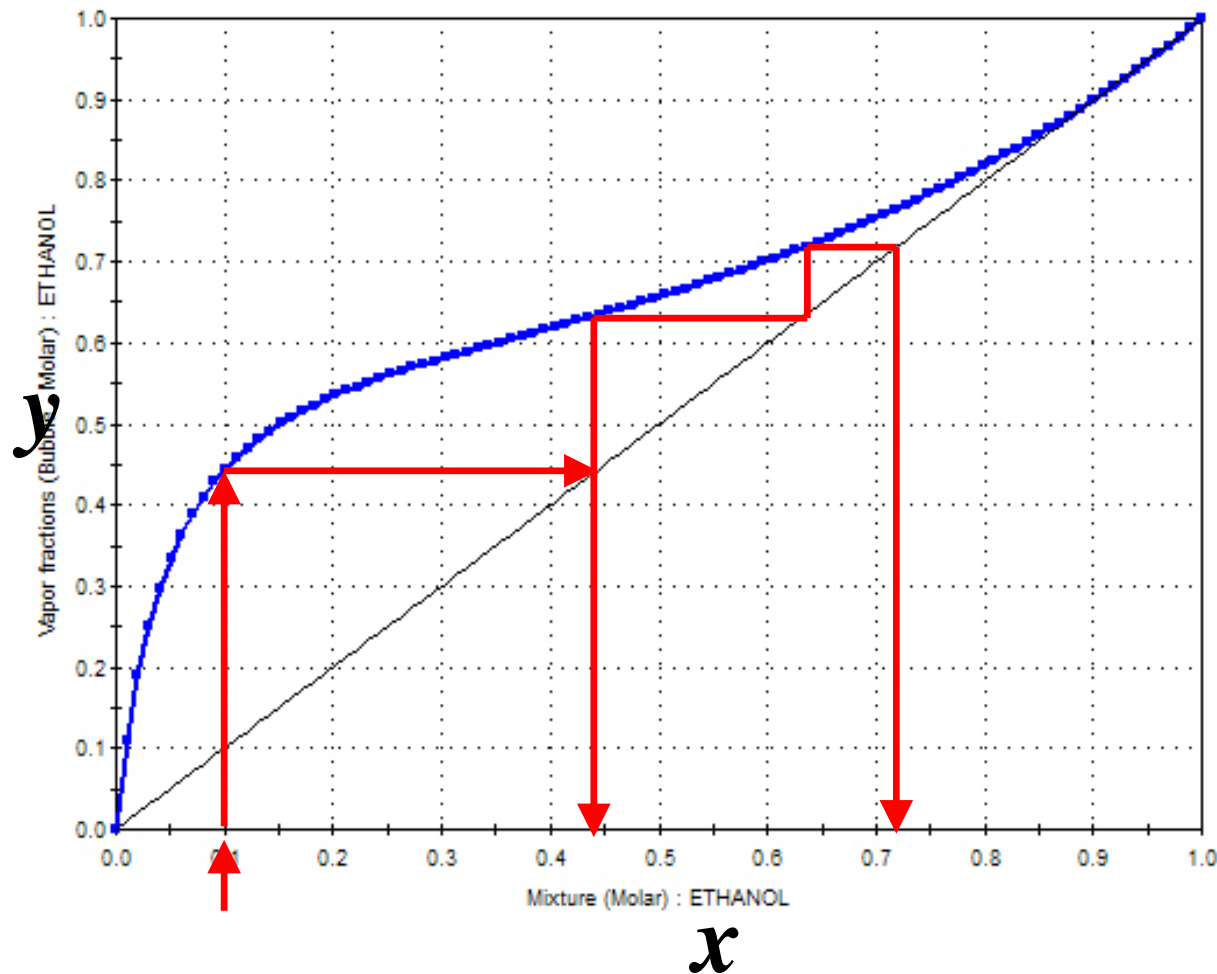


Start with 10-mol% ethanol solution (liquid).

Vapor is enriched to nearly 45-mol% ethanol.

Condense the vapor to collect the concentrated ethanol.

# How to get purer ethanol?

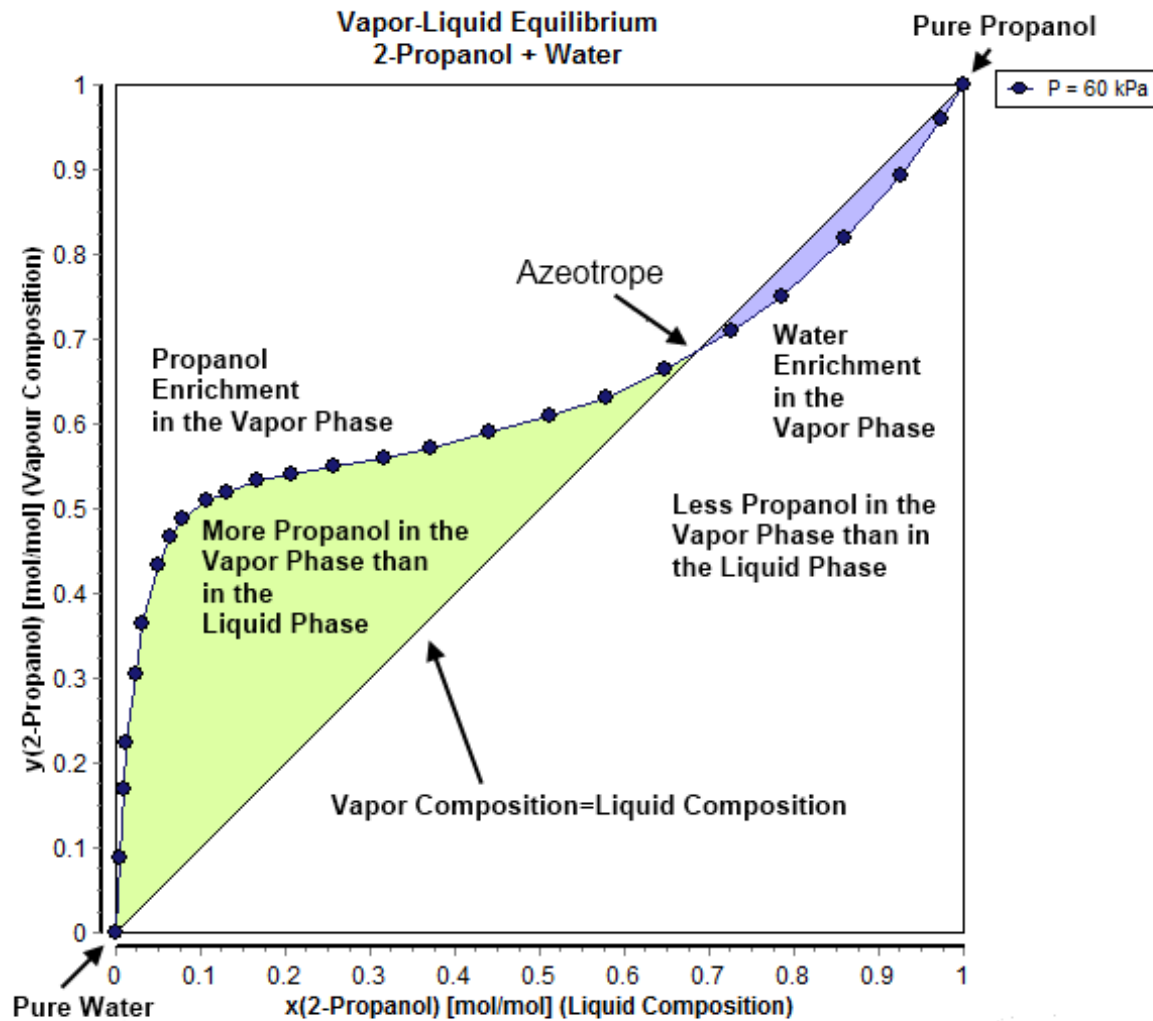


Azeotrope: 95.6%  
ethanol and 4.4%  
water

Redistill -- increase the  
number of stages.



# Another Azeotrope



Data taken from Dortmund Data Bank  
Original Source: Marzal P., Monton J.B., Rodrigo M.A., J.Chem.Eng.Data, 41(3), 608-611, 1996

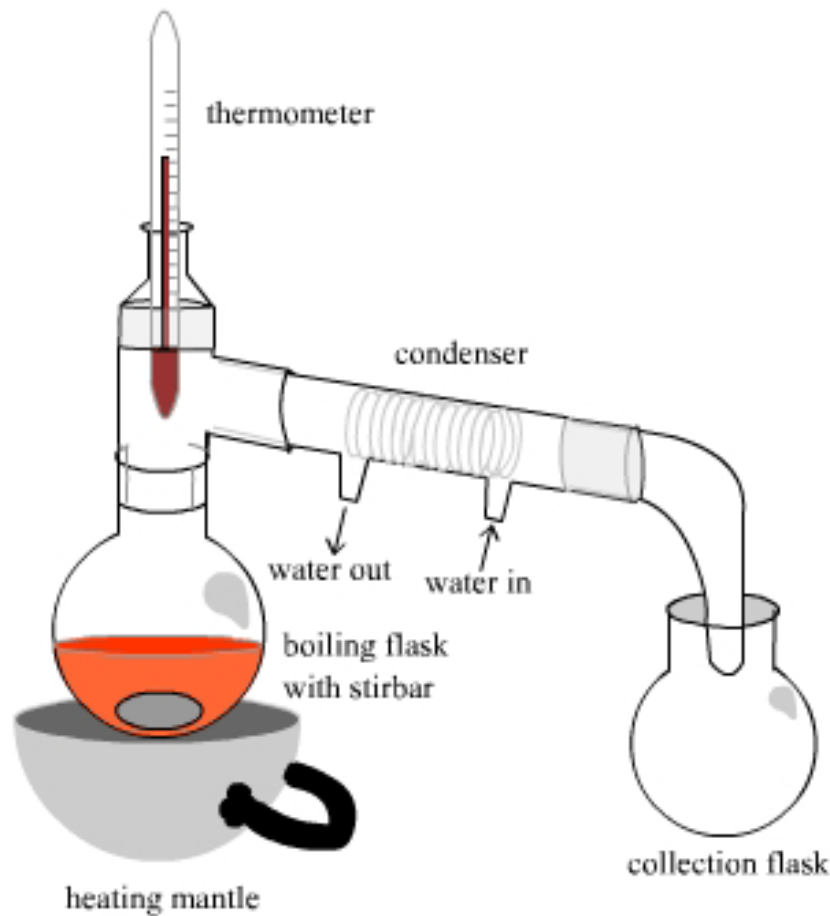
How many stages would you need to go from 10 mole% 2-propanol to 60 mole%?

# Take a break?

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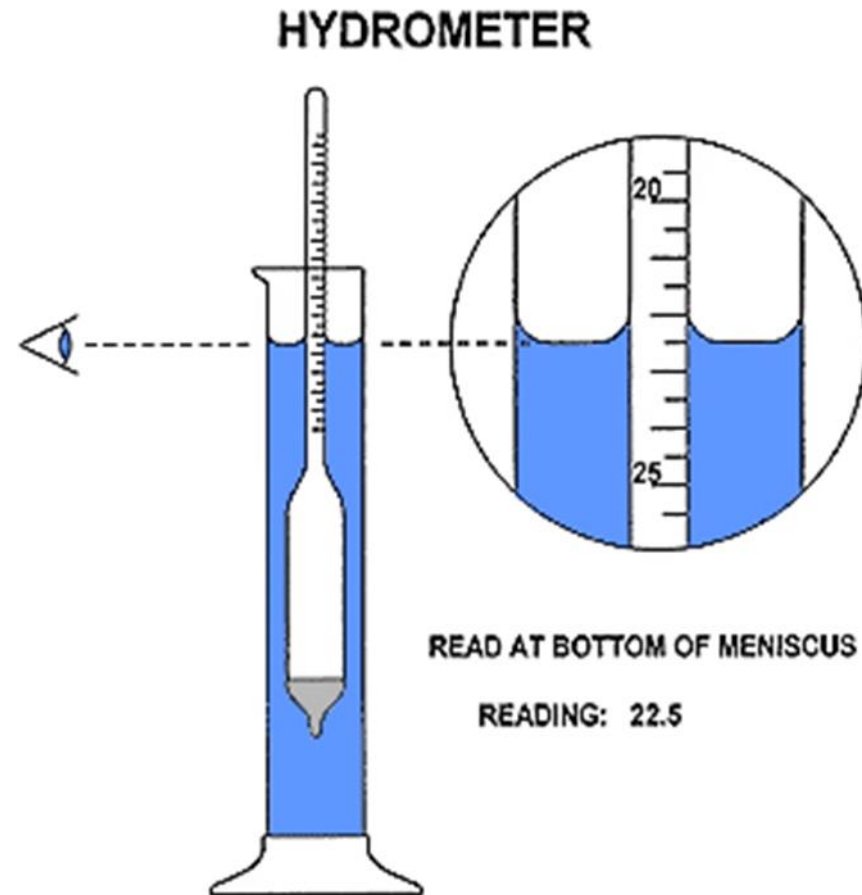
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- Measure the temperature.
  - b.p. Ethanol =  $78.4^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - b.p. Water =  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Measure the initial volume.
- Collect three samples.
- Measure
  - Temperature
  - Volume
  - Specific gravity.

## How to measure specific gravity

- Hydrometer



# Distillation

Use the temperature data and the specific gravity data to determine the weight percent ethanol in each sample.

Distillate #1

$$T = 24.0^{\circ} \text{C}$$

$$\text{s.g.} = 0.920$$

## From the Data Table

- At 20°C

45% ethanol has specific gravity = 0.92472

46% ethanol has specific gravity = 0.92257

Distillate #1  
T = 24.0 °C  
s.g. = 0.920

At 25°C

45% ethanol has specific gravity = 0.92085

46% ethanol has specific gravity = 0.91868



## From the Data Table

Interpolate between 20°C and 25°C to get the specific gravity of 45% ethanol at 24°C.

$$sg_{45\% @ 24C} = 0.92472 - (24-20) * \left( \frac{0.92472 - 0.92085}{25-20} \right)$$

$$sg_{45\% @ 24C} = 0.92162$$

Interpolate between 20°C and 25°C to get the specific gravity of 46% ethanol at 24°C.

$$sg_{46\% @ 24C} = 0.92257 - (24-20) * \left( \frac{0.92257 - 0.91868}{25-20} \right)$$

$$sg_{46\% @ 24C} = 0.91946$$

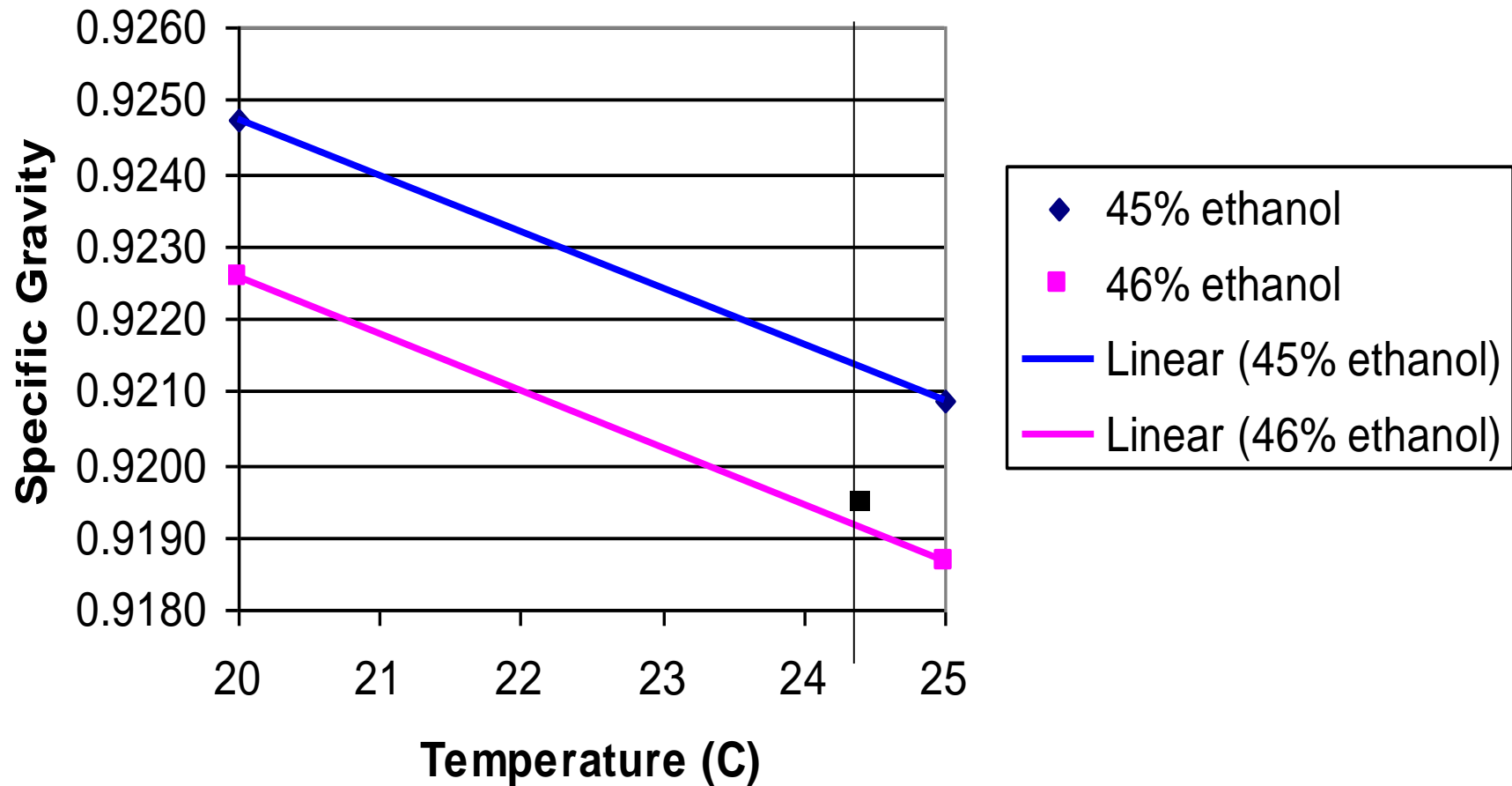
## From the Data Table

Now interpolate between 45% and 46% to get the actual concentration of ethanol.

Our sample has a specific gravity of 0.920 @ 24°C

$$\%e\text{-oh} = 46 + (0.91946 - 0.920) * \left( \frac{46 - 45}{0.92162 - 0.91946} \right)$$
$$sg_{45\% @ 24C} = 45.75\%$$

## Specific Gravity vs. Temperature



## Determine the % Ethanol in Distillate #1

At 24°C the distance between the 45% and 46% alcohol lines is 1.2 cm.

At 24°C the distance between the 45% and the data point is 0.9 cm.

- So 
$$\frac{0.9}{1.2} = \frac{x}{1\%}$$
$$x = 0.75\%$$
- And the % ethanol = 45.75%

## Grams of Ethanol in each solution

Mass of Distillate #1

= volume of the solution \* specific gravity

Grams of ethanol in Distillate #1

= grams of solution \* % alcohol ÷ 100

Moles of ethanol

= grams of ethanol ÷ 46.07 g/mol

## Grams of Water in each Solution

Calculate the total moles of water in each sample

**moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = grams of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\div$  18.02grams/mole**

Perform a mole balance analysis for ethanol and water to check whether all material is accounted for.



# Heat Transfer Lab

Calculate the total electrical energy input for both experiments (with and without the lid):

$$E(\text{Joules}) = \text{average watts} \times \text{seconds}$$

Calculate the water's energy increase for both experiments:

$$E(\text{Joules}) = \text{water mass} \times \frac{4.186\text{J}}{\text{g } ^\circ\text{C}} \times (T_f - T_i)$$

# Heat Transfer Lab

Calculate the efficiencies with and without the lid:

$$e = \frac{\text{water's energy increase}}{\text{total electrical energy input}}$$

What difference did putting a lid on the pot make?

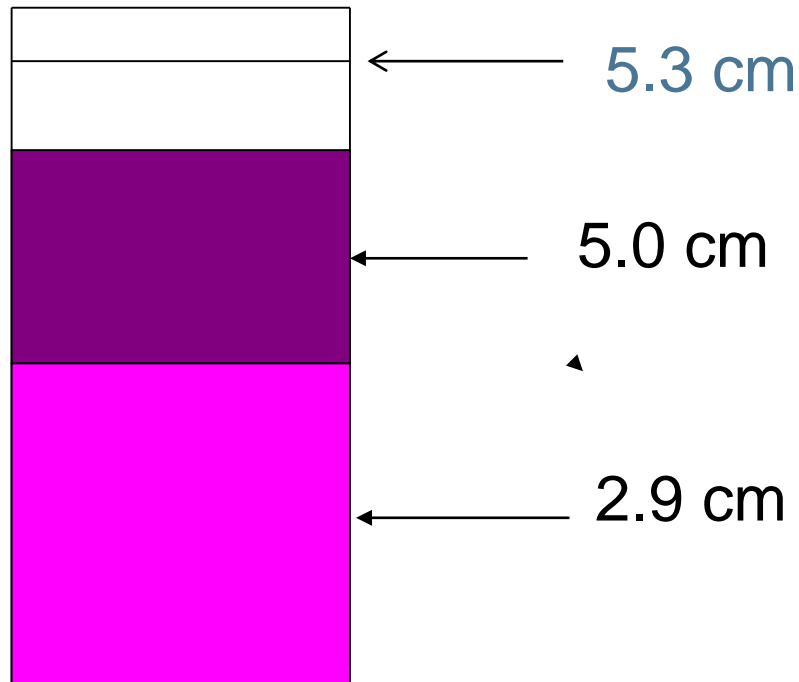
If the efficiency is less than 1.0, where did the remaining energy go? Try to think of all possible “losses”.

How could you improve the efficiencies?

# Chromatography Lab

- Mobile phase
- Stationary phase
- Paper Chromatography
- Solute-solvent interactions vs. solute-stationary phase interactions

# Dye Flow Rates



Flow rate of pink (retention factor) =  $2.9/5.3 = 0.55$

Flow rate of purple (retention factor) =  $5.0/5.3 = 0.94$

## Dye Flow Rate vs. Percentage Methanol

