# The big picture Filtering Crystallising and distillation Chromatography Fractional Distillation Crude oil Fractional distillation of crude oil Crude oil fractions Combustion types Cracking

## **Key ideas and terms**

## Filtering

Mixture: A substance that contains different elements, compounds and molecules that are physically mixed but not chemically bonded. Because of this mixtures are easily separated.



**Filtration:** We use filtration when we want to separate particles of insoluble solids from a

solvent (liquid).

## Crystallising and distilling

**Crystallisation:** Used to get a soluble solid from a liquid by slowly evaporating theliquid.

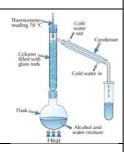


**Distillation:** A method to separate two liquids based on their boiling points.



### Fractional distillation

Fractional distillation: As the flask gets heated the molecules evaporate and condense on cold parts of the column. The molecules with the lower boiling point will be able to get higher up the column before they condense because the top of the column is above their boiling point.



## Crude oil fractions

**Volatility:** How easily a chemical evaporates (long hydrocarbons have lower volatility.

Flammability: How easily a chemical lights and burns (long hydrocarbons are harder to light).

**Viscosity:** The resistance of a liquid to flow (long hydrocarbons have high viscosity so don't flow well).

### Chromatography

**Soluble:** A substance that dissolves e.g. salt. **Solvent:** The liquid that dissolves a chemical.

Solute: The solid that you dissolve.



**Solution:** A mixture of a solid dissolved in a

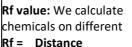
liquid.

**Insoluble:** A substance that does not dissolve.

**Chromatography** - separate mixtures of coloured compounds according to their solubility.



Chromatogram: The name given to the results of a chromatography experiment. The number of spots tells us the number of chemicals in the mixture.



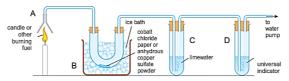
Distance moved



this to compare chromatograms.

moved by spot by solvent

## Combustion types



Complete combustion: Needs a good air supply. Carbon dioxide and water are produced by hydrocarbons.

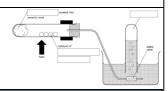
**Incomplete combustion:** When a fuel burns with insufficient oxygen. Produces soot (carbon) and toxic carbon monoxide.

Test for CO<sub>2</sub>: Limewater turns cloudy.

Test for H<sub>2</sub>O: Anhydrous copper sulfate goes from white to blue.

## Cracking

Cracking: Breaks large alkane molecules into smaller more useful ones to help supply meet demand.



#### Steam (thermal) cracking

Heat to turn the molecules into

Mix them with steam Heat to a very high temperature

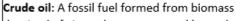
#### Catalytic cracking

catalyst surface

Heat to turn the molecules into a gas Pass over a hot powdered aluminium oxide catalyst The molecules split open on the

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Biomass: The remains of recently dead organisms.



deprived of air, under pressure and heated.

Hydrocarbon: a chemical made only of hydrogen and carbon atoms.

Alkanes: Hydrocarbon with only single covalent

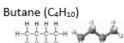
bonds eg C-C. Known as saturated

hydrocarbons, CnH2n+2





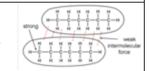
Propane (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)



Homologous series: A group of chemicals with the same general formula and similar chemical properties.

### Fractional distillation of crude oil

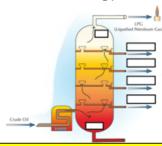
Boiling point: The bigger the molecule, the stronger the intermolecular forces, the higher the boiling point.



Fractions: Mixtures of chemicals with similar boiling points.

Petrol Kerosene Diesel Fuel Oil

Bitumen



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