

PRE-LAB EXERCISE

Prior to doing the experiment, complete the Pre-Lab table. The name and formula are given for each compound. Draw a structural formula for a molecule of each compound. Then determine the molecular weight of each of the molecules. Dispersion forces exist between any two molecules, and generally increase as the molecular weight of the molecule increases. Next, examine each molecule for the presence of hydrogen bonding. Before hydrogen bonding can occur, a hydrogen atom must be bonded directly to an N, O, or F atom within the molecule. Tell whether or not each molecule has hydrogen-bonding capability.

PROCEDURE

1. Obtain and wear goggles! **CAUTION:** *The compounds used in this experiment are flammable and poisonous. Avoid inhaling their vapors. Avoid contacting them with your skin or clothing. Be sure there are no open flames in the lab during this experiment. Notify your teacher immediately if an accident occurs.*
2. Connect the Temperature Probes to LabQuest and choose New from the File menu. If you have older sensors that do not auto-ID, manually set up the sensors.
3. On the Meter screen, tap Length. Change the data-collection length to 240 seconds. Select OK. Data collection will last 4 minutes.
4. Wrap Probe 1 and Probe 2 with square pieces of filter paper secured by small rubber bands as shown in Figure 1. Roll the filter paper around the probe tip in the shape of a cylinder. **Hint:** First slip the rubber band on the probe, wrap the paper around the probe, and then finally slip the rubber band over the paper. The paper should be even with the probe end.
5. Stand Probe 1 in the ethanol container and Probe 2 in the methanol container. Make sure the containers do not tip over.
6. Prepare 2 pieces of masking tape, each about 10 cm long, to be used to tape the probes in position during Step 7.
7. After the probes have been in the liquids for at least 30 seconds, start data collection. A live graph of temperature vs. time for both Probe 1 and Probe 2 is being plotted on the screen. Live readings are displayed to the right of the graph. Monitor the temperature for 15 seconds to establish the initial temperature of each liquid. Then simultaneously remove the probes from the liquids and tape them so the probe tips extend 5 cm over the edge of the table top as shown in Figure 1.
8. Data collection will stop after 4 minutes (or stop data collection *before* 4 minutes has elapsed). Examine the graph of temperature vs. time. Based on your data, determine the maximum temperature, t_1 , and minimum temperature, t_2 for both probes. Record t_1 and t_2 for each probe.
9. For each liquid, subtract the minimum temperature from the maximum temperature to determine Δt , the temperature change during evaporation.
10. Based on the Δt values you obtained for these two substances, plus information in the Pre-Lab exercise, *predict* the size of the Δt value for 1-butanol. Compare its hydrogen-bonding capability and molecular weight to those of ethanol and 1-propanol. Record your predicted Δt , then explain how you arrived at this answer in the space provided. Do the same

for n-pentane. It is not important that you predict the exact Δt value; simply estimate a logical value that is higher, lower, or between the previous Δt values.

11. Test your prediction in Step 10 by repeating Steps 5–9 using 1-butanol with Probe 1 and n-pentane with Probe 2.
12. Based on the Δt values you have obtained for all four substances, plus information in the Pre-Lab exercise, predict the Δt values for methanol and n-hexane. Compare the hydrogen-bonding capability and molecular weight of methanol and n-hexane to those of the previous four liquids. Record your predicted Δt , then explain how you arrived at this answer in the space provided.
13. Test your prediction in Step 12 by repeating Steps 5–9, using methanol with Probe 1 and n-hexane with Probe 2.

PROCESSING THE DATA

1. Two of the liquids, n-pentane and 1-butanol, had nearly the same molecular weights, but significantly different Δt values. Explain the difference in Δt values of these substances, based on their intermolecular forces.
2. Which of the alcohols studied has the strongest intermolecular forces of attraction? The weakest intermolecular forces? Explain using the results of this experiment.
3. Which of the alkanes studied has the stronger intermolecular forces of attraction? The weaker intermolecular forces? Explain using the results of this experiment.
4. Plot a graph of Δt values of the four alcohols versus their respective molecular weights. Plot molecular weight on the horizontal axis and Δt on the vertical axis.

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Substance	Formula	Structural Formulas	Molecular Weight	Hydrogen Bond (Yes or No)
ethanol	C ₂ H ₅ OH			
1-propanol	C ₃ H ₇ OH			
1-butanol	C ₄ H ₉ OH			
n-pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂			
methanol	CH ₃ OH			
n-hexane	C ₆ H ₁₄			

DATA TABLE

Substance	t_1 (°C)	t_2 (°C)	$\Delta t (t_1 - t_2)$ (°C)
ethanol			
1-propanol			
1-butanol			
n-pentane			
methanol			
n-hexane			

Predicted Δt (°C)	Explanation

TEACHER INFORMATION

Evaporation and Intermolecular Attractions

1. The student pages with complete instructions for data-collection using LabQuest App, Logger *Pro* (computers), EasyData or DataMate (calculators), and DataPro (Palm handhelds) can be found on the CD that accompanies this book. See *Appendix A* for more information.
2. This activity is ideally performed with a LabQuest, LabPro, or CBL 2 and two Stainless Steel Temperature Probes. It is possible to perform this activity with one Temperature Probe, but it will take additional time.

If you use only one Temperature Probe, this experiment can still be completed in one class period. It is also possible to do four of the liquids during one class period, and the remaining two liquids the next day. This provides students with additional time to consider their predictions.

Note: We do not recommend that you use the TI Temperature Probe that was shipped with the original CBL; our tests show that pentane liquid sometimes penetrates the seal on the tip of the TI-Temperature Probe.

3. We recommend wrapping the probes with paper as described in the procedure. Wrapped probes provide more uniform liquid amounts, and generally greater Δt values, than bare probes. Chromatography paper, filter paper, and various other paper types work well.
4. Snug-fitting rubber bands can be made by cutting short sections from a small rubber hose. Surgical tubing works well. Orthodontist's rubber bands are also a good size.
5. Other liquids can be substituted. Although it has a somewhat larger Δt , 2-propanol can be substituted for 1-propanol. Some petroleum ethers have a high percentage of hexane and can be used in its place. Other alkanes of relatively high purity, such as n-heptane or n-octane can be used. Water, with a Δt value of about 5°C, emphasizes the effect of hydrogen bonding on a low-molecular weight liquid. However, students might have difficulty comparing its hydrogen bonding capability with that of the alcohols used.
6. Sets of the liquids can be supplied in 13 × 100 mm test tubes stationed in stable test-tube racks. This method uses very small amounts of the liquids. Alternatively, the liquids can be supplied in sets of small bottles kept for future use. Adjust the level of the liquids in the containers so it will be above the top edge of the filter paper.
7. Because several of these liquids are highly volatile, keep the room well-ventilated. Cap the test tubes or bottles at times when the experiment is not being performed. The experiment should not be performed near any open flames.
8. Other properties, besides Δt values, vary with molecular size and consequent size of intermolecular forces of attraction. Viscosity increases noticeably from methanol through 1-butanol. The boiling temperatures of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, and 1-butanol are 65°C, 78°C, 97°C, and 117°C, respectively.

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9. The stored calibration for the Stainless Steel Temperature Probe or Direct-Connect Temperature Probe works well for this experiment.
10. **HAZARD ALERTS:**
- n-Hexane: Flammable liquid; dangerous fire risk; may be irritating to respiratory tract. Hazard Code: B—Hazardous.
- Methanol: Flammable; dangerous fire risk; toxic by ingestion (ingestion may cause blindness). Hazard Code: B—Hazardous.
- Ethanol: Dangerous fire risk; flammable; addition of denaturant makes the product poisonous—it cannot be made non-poisonous; store in a dedicated flammables cabinet or safety cans. If a flammables cabinet or safety cans are not available, store in a Flinn *Saf-Stor*[®] Can. Hazard Code: C—Somewhat hazardous.
- n-Pentane: Flammable liquid; narcotic in high concentrations. Hazard Code: B—Hazardous.
- 1-Propanol: Flammable liquid; dangerous fire risk; harmful to eyes and respiratory tract. Hazard Code: B—Hazardous.
- 1-Butanol: Moderate fire risk; toxic on prolonged inhalation; eye irritant; absorbed by skin. Hazard Code: B—Hazardous.
- The hazard information reference is: Flinn Scientific, Inc., *Chemical & Biological Catalog Reference Manual*, 1-800-452-1261, www.flinnsci.com. See *Appendix D* of this book, *Chemistry with Vernier*, for more information.
11. One teacher has found that piping which can be purchased at a yard goods or sewing store serves as an appropriate sleeve for the temperature probe. You have to cut it pieces and remove the "rope" but then it works fine. It gives a nice consistent fit.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Answers have been removed from the online versions of Vernier curriculum material in order to prevent inappropriate student use. Graphs and data tables have also been obscured. Full answers and sample data are available in the print versions of these labs.

PRE-LAB RESULTS

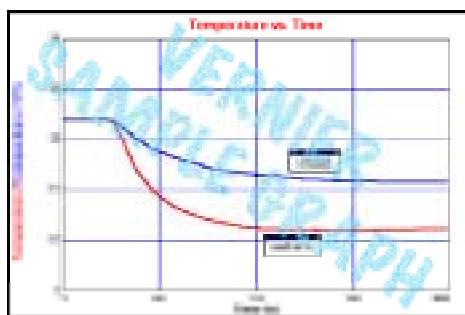
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ethanol	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx
1-propanol	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx
1-butanol	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx
n-pentane	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx
methanol	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx
n-hexane	xxxx	<pre> X X X-X-X-X-X X X </pre>	xxxx	xxxx

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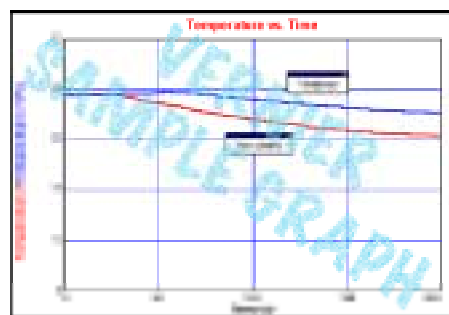
DATA TABLE

Substance	t_1 (°C)	t_2 (°C)	Δt (t_1-t_2) (°C)
ethanol	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
1-propanol	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
1-butanol	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
n-pentane	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
Methanol	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
n-hexane	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX

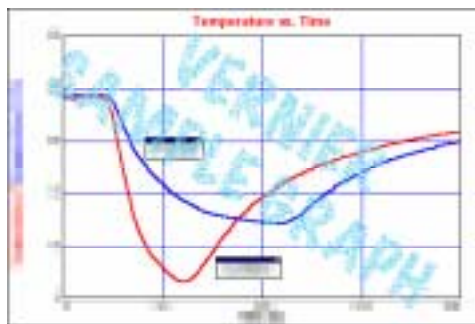
Predicted Δt (°C)	Explanation
varies (< 4.9°C)	XXXX
varies (> 8.3°C)	XXXX
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varies (< 16.1°C)	XXXX



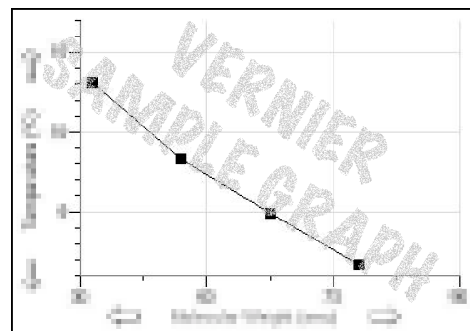
Evaporation of methanol and ethanol



Evaporation of 1-propanol and 1-butanol



Evaporation of n-pentane and n-hexane



Temperature change vs. alcohol molecular wt.