

# Condensation of gases through a pressure increase and cooling (ArtikelNr.: P3011400)

## Curriculare Themenzuordnung



### Schwierigkeitsgrad



Mittel

### Vorbereitungszeit



10 Minuten

### Durchführungszeit



10 Minuten

### empfohlene Gruppengröße



2 Schüler/Studenten

### Zusätzlich wird benötigt:

### Versuchsvarianten:

### Schlagwörter:

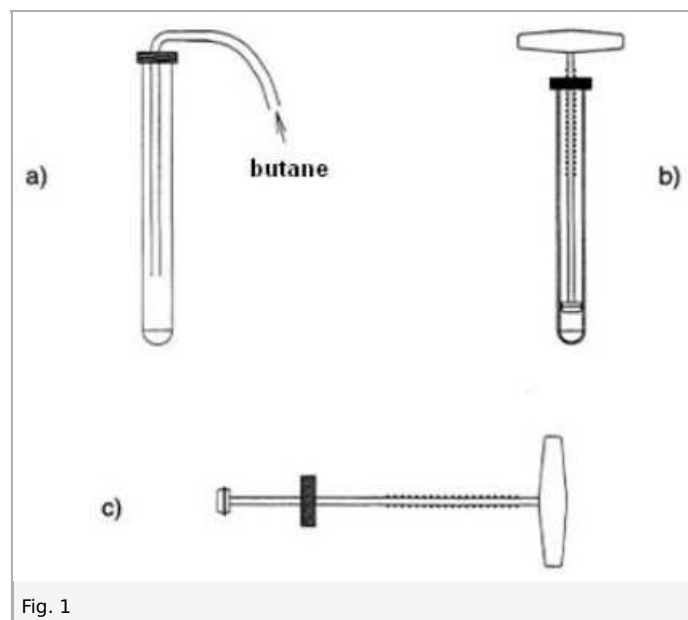
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## Overview

## Short description

### Principle

Gases are condensing when they are cooled and at high pressure. In this experiment butane is condensed by cooling it to ca.  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . In the second part of the experiment butane is condensed by compressing it.



## Safety instructions



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### Propane/butane mixture

H220: Extremely flammable gas

P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P283: Wear fire/flame resistant/retardant clothing.

## Equipment

| Position            | Material                                            | Bestellnr. | Menge |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| 1                   | Support base DEMO                                   | 02007-55   | 1     |
| 2                   | Support rod, stainless steel, l = 600 mm, d = 10 mm | 02037-00   | 2     |
| 3                   | Right angle clamp                                   | 37697-00   | 4     |
| 4                   | Universal clamp                                     | 37715-00   | 4     |
| 5                   | Lab jack, 160 x 130 mm                              | 02074-00   | 1     |
| 6                   | Gas liquefier                                       | 08173-00   | 1     |
| 7                   | Gasometer 1000 ml                                   | 40461-00   | 1     |
| 8                   | Dewar vessel, 500 ml                                | 33006-00   | 1     |
| 9                   | Thermometer, -100...+30 C                           | 38151-00   | 1     |
| 10                  | Test tube GL25/8, w.hose connec.                    | 36330-15   | 2     |
| 11                  | Glass tubes, right-angled, 10                       | 36701-59   | 1     |
| 12                  | Glass tube, right-angled w.tip, 10                  | 36701-53   | 1     |
| 13                  | Stopcock, 3-way, t-shaped, glass                    | 36731-00   | 1     |
| 14                  | Rubber stopper, d=22/17 mm, without hole            | 39255-00   | 1     |
| 15                  | Rubber tubing, i.d. 6 mm                            | 39282-00   | 2     |
| 16                  | Commercial weight, 1000 g                           | 44096-70   | 1     |
| 17                  | Pinchcock, width 15 mm                              | 43631-15   | 1     |
| 18                  | Butane cartridge C206, without valve                | 47535-00   | 1     |
| 19                  | Butane burner, Labogaz 206 type                     | 32178-00   | 1     |
| 20                  | Quartz glass wool 10 g                              | 31773-03   | 1     |
| 21                  | Sodium chloride, 500 g                              | 30155-50   | 1     |
| Additional material |                                                     |            |       |
|                     | Ice                                                 |            |       |

## Tasks

1. Condense butane by cooling it under its boiling point of 0.4 °C.
2. Condense butane at high pressure.

## Set-up and Procedure



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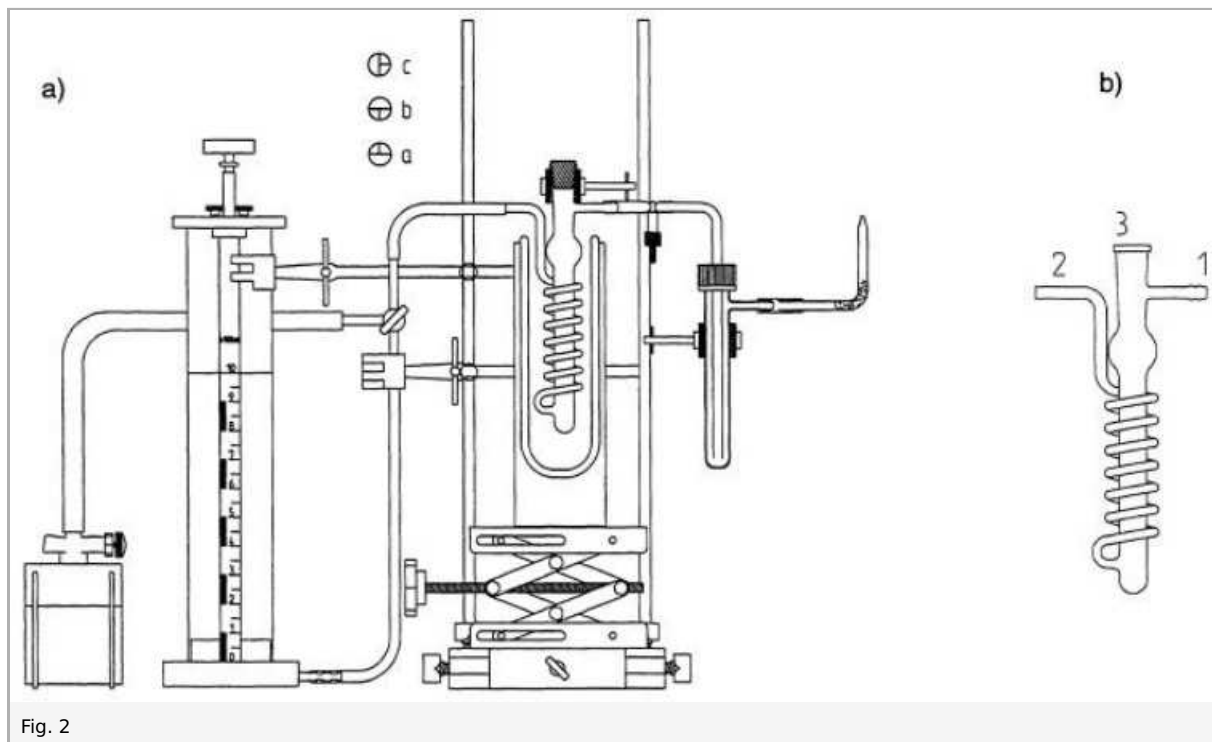
### Procedure

Guide some butane gas from a butane source (butane burner, butane soldering torch, pressurised dispenser) as shown in Fig. 1a) via a hose and a glass tube into the cylinder of the gas liquefier until it is completely full (butane is heavier than air). Then, insert the piston (Fig. 1c) into the cylinder, attach and tighten the union nut, push the piston deep into the cylinder and lock it in place by rotating it slightly (Fig. 1b).

## 2. LIQUEFYING GAS THROUGH COOLING

### Procedure

Set the experiment up as shown in Figure 2. The Dewar vessel holds a calorimeter insert. Via connector 2 (see the additional illustration), this calorimeter insert is connected to a three-way stopcock to which a butane gas source and a gasometer are connected. Connector 1 holds a bubble counter with a right-angled glass tube. Fill some quartz glass wool into the glass tube as blowback protection. Opening 3 of the calorimeter insert is sealed tightly with a rubber stopper. The hose connection between the calorimeter insert and the bubble counter is equipped with a pinchcock. Keep some crushed ice and common table salt ready. In order to liquefy the gas, let some butane gas flow into the calorimeter insert and bubble counter via the three-way stopcock (position a) until the air has been completely pushed out of these equipment parts. Then, set the three-way stopcock to position b and close the pinchcock upstream of the bubble counter. Let 500 or 1,000 ml of butane flow into the gasometer. Then, stop the gas flow, set the stopcock to position c, and fill a mixture of ice and salt into the Dewar vessel.



## Theory and Evaluation

### 1. LIQUEFYING GAS THROUGH A PRESSURE INCREASE

#### Observation

The butane gas liquefies due to the pressure that is applied by the piston. When the piston is unlocked, the butane evaporates slowly, thereby pushing the piston back into its initial position.

#### Result

Gas can be liquefied through pressure.

### 2. LIQUEFYING GAS THROUGH COOLING

#### Observation

The temperature in the Dewar vessel falls to a value below  $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (measured with a low-temperature thermometer). The piston in the gasometer moves relatively quickly downwards until it reaches the bottom. When the insert is then lifted out of the Dewar vessel, a crystal-clear liquid can be seen (a few millimetres high). When the insert heats up in the air (or in a beaker with lukewarm water), the liquid evaporates once again. The resulting gas fills the gasometer once again until the initial position is reached.

#### Result

Butane can be easily liquefied through cooling.

#### Note

If the butane in the gasometer is not required for any subsequent experiments, place a weight of 500 g on top of the gasometer and let the gas burn slowly at the outlet nozzle downstream of the bubble counter.

The boiling point of butane is at  $-0.4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### Notes

The experiments described herein are intended to consolidate the concept of the composition of substances based on particles. The three states of aggregation of a substance in the context of thermal motion can be explained only by way of the particle theory. During these experiments, the students learn about pressure increase and cooling as methods for transforming a gas into a liquid.