Properties of Hydrocarbons

Physical Properties of Hydrocarbons

- * Both alipathic and aromatic hydrocarbons are non-polar.
 - This means they are insoluble in water and are very soluble in non-polar solvents.
 - * *Exceptions cyclopropane and benzene.

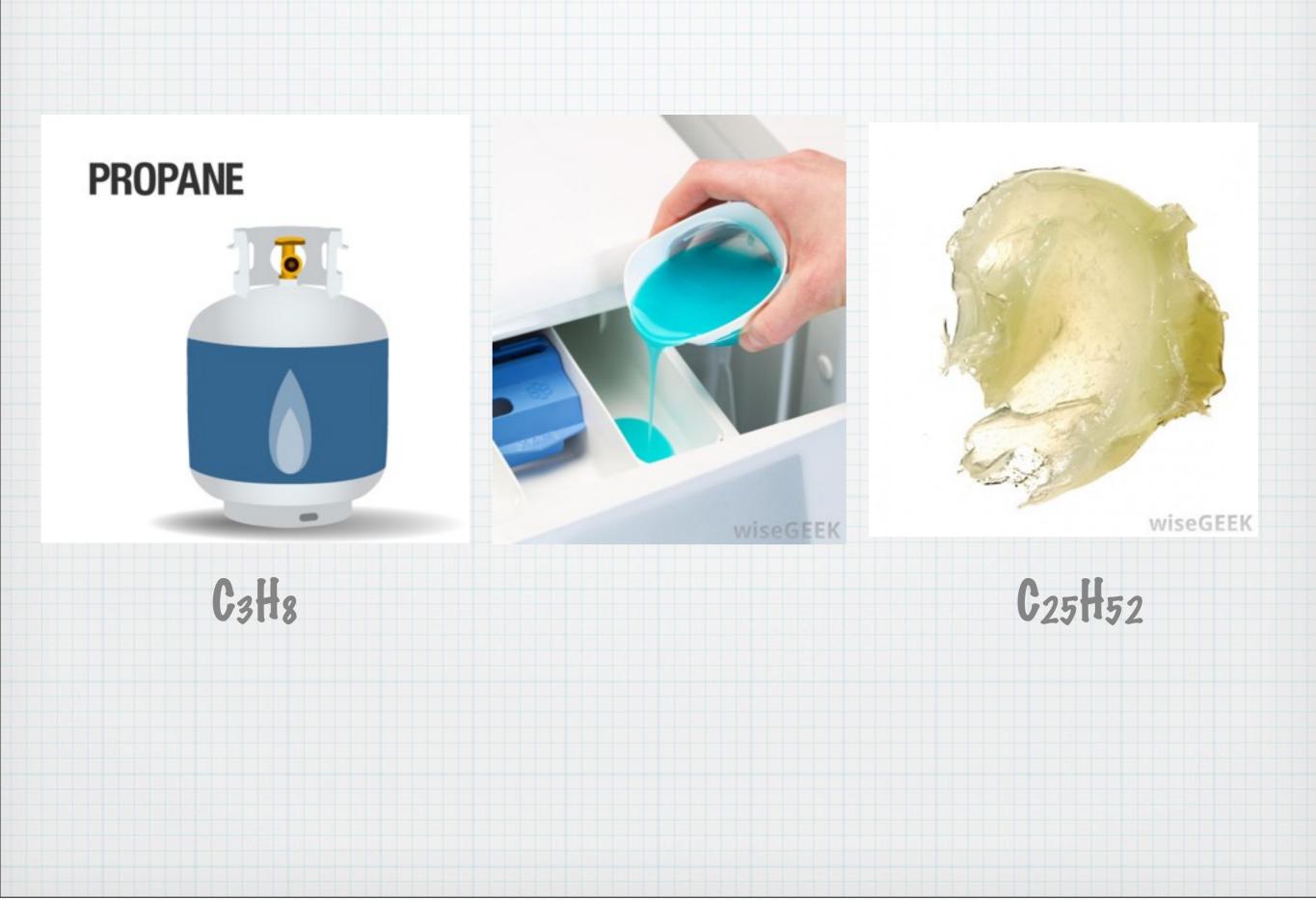




* small molecular mass alkanes are gasses

* medium molecular mass alkanes are liquids

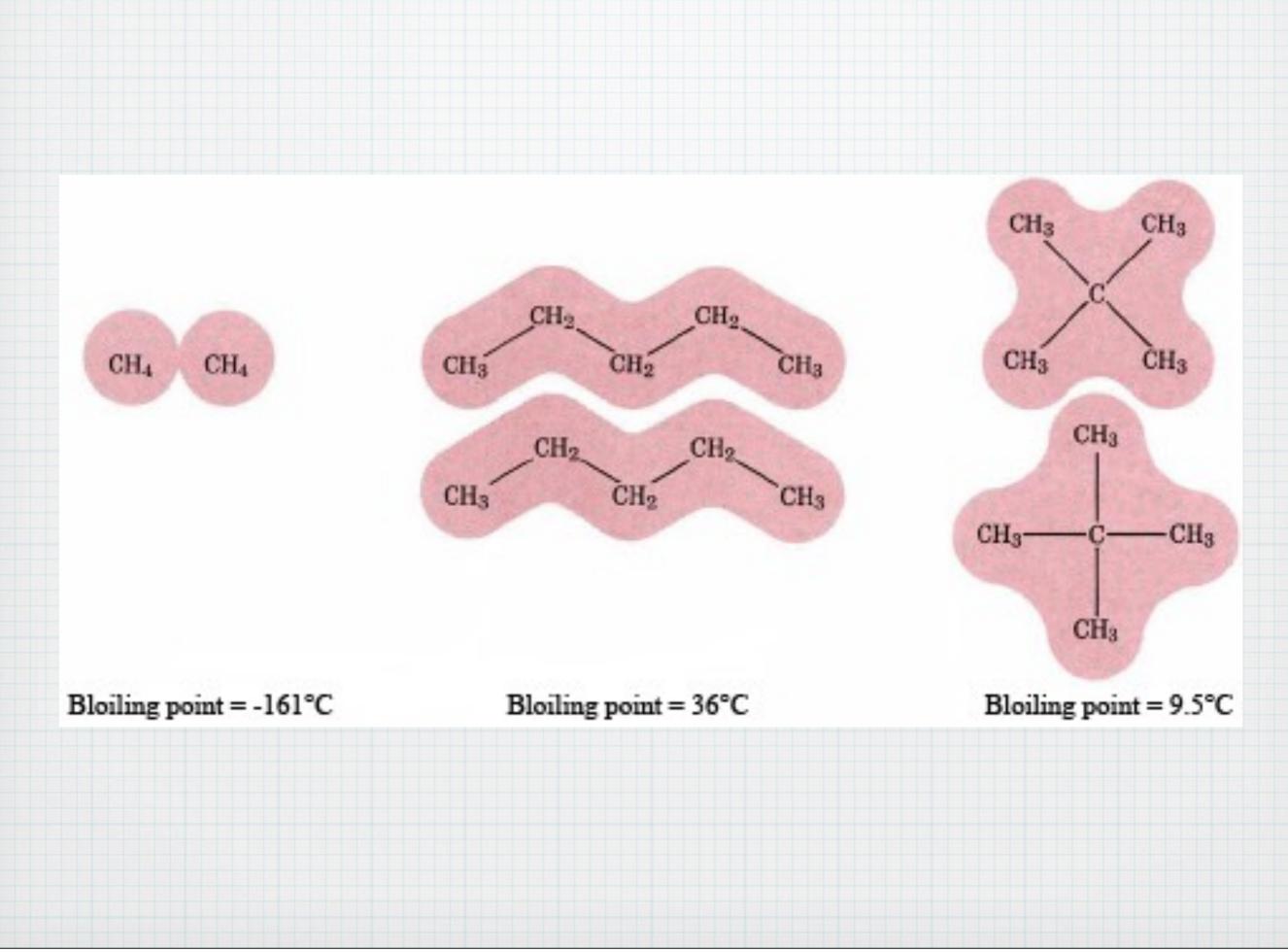
* large molecular mass alkanes are solids





* Boiling Point:

- * The longer the hydrocarbon chain, the higher the boiling point
- Highly branched molecules have lower boiling point then straight chains containing the same number of carbon atoms.







* First three alkenes are gasses

* All other alkenes are liquids



* Boiling Point:

* Boiling point of alkenes are slightly lower then those of alkanes





* Boiling Point:

* Boiling point of alkynes are higher then those of alkanes

 Straight chain nature caused by triple bond causes them to from strong attractions between molecules

| Alkanes | BP | Alkenes | BP | Alkynes | BP |
|---------|------|------------|------|------------|-----|
| ethane | -89 | ethene | -104 | ethyne | -84 |
| propane | -42 | propene | -47 | propyne | -23 |
| butane | -0.5 | but-1-ene | -6.3 | but-1-yne | 8.1 |
| pentane | 36 | pent-1-ene | 30 | pent-1-yne | 39 |
| hexane | 69 | hex-1-ene | 63 | hex-1-yne | 71 |

Cyclic Hydrocarbons

* All cyclic hydrocarbons (with the exception of cyclopropane) are insoluble in water.

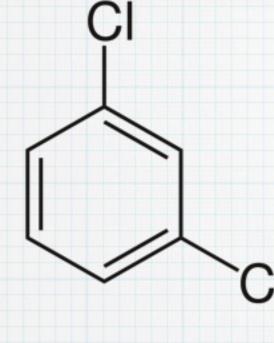
* BP is higher then straight chain hydrocarbons

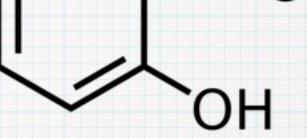
| Cyclic Alkanes | BP | Cyclic Alkanes | BP -32.7 | |
|-------------------|------|----------------|-------------|--|
| propane | -42 | cyclopropane | | |
| butane | -0.5 | cyclobutane | 12 | |
| pentane | 36 | cyclopentane | 49.3 | |
| hexane | 69 | cyclohexane | 80.7 | |

Aromatic Hydrocarbons

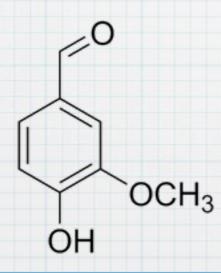
* Benzene is liquid at standard temperatures.

* Boiling and melting point are similar to alipathic hydrocarbons with the same number of carbons.



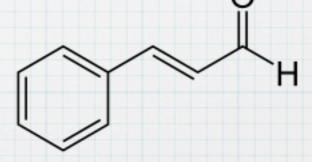


Moth Balls



Vanilla

Wintergreen



Cinnamon