Extraction Chromatography: a microscopic view



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## Topics to be covered

- 1. Aqueous and stationary phase diffusion
- 2. Column packing and flow phenomenon
- 3. Interfacial Structure
- 4. Temperature versus particle size

# Depiction of Extraction Chromatography (EXC)

Surface of Porous Bead



### Relationship Between SX and EXC

$$\mathbf{k'} = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{s}}}{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{m}}}$$

- k' = retention volume
   (FCV to peak maximum)
- $D_v$  = volume distribution ratio
- $v_s$  = volume of stationary phase
- $v_m$  = volume of mobile phases

#### Relationship between k' and D<sub>v</sub>

R = equilibrium fraction of solute in the mobile phase 1-R = equilibrium fraction of solute in the stationary phase k' = ratio of solute in the station phase to the mobile phase or number of free column volumes to peak maximum for a column.

$$\therefore \frac{1-R}{R} = k' \tag{1}$$

If  $C_m$  and  $C_s$  are the concentrations in the mobile and stationary phase, respectivly and  $V_m$  and  $V_s$  are the corresponding volumes of these phases.

$$\frac{R}{1-R} = \frac{C_m V_m}{C_s V_s}$$
(2)

 $C_s / C_m$  is the volume distribution ratio  $D_v$ 

$$\therefore \frac{R}{1-R} = \frac{V_m}{D_v V_s} = \frac{1}{k'}$$
(3)

$$\therefore \mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{s}} / \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{m}}$$
(4)

#### Relationship between k' and D<sub>w</sub>

$$D_{w} = \frac{A_{o} - A_{s}}{\text{Weight of Resin(g)}} / \frac{A_{s}}{\text{Volume of Solution (mL)}}$$
(5)  
$$D_{v} = \frac{A_{o} - A_{s}}{\text{Volume of Ext on Resin (V_{e})}} / \frac{A_{s}}{\text{Vol of Sol (mL)}}$$
(6)

Where  $D_{\rm w}$  equals weight distribution ratio and  $D_{\rm v}$  equals volume distribution ratio.

$$D_{w} = D_{v} \bullet V_{e}/g$$
(7)

Assume extractant loading is 40 weight percent. Then one gram of resin contains 0.4g of extractant. Assume the extract has a density of 1 g/cc.

Then 
$$D_v = D_w \times 2.5$$
 (8)

Assuming  $v_s/v_v = 1/5$  which is close to the value obtained from packed column, substitute in eq. 4.

Then 
$$k' = D_w \bullet 0.5$$
. (9)

### **Dry Weigh Distribution Ratio**



# Comparison of K' Calculated from D<sub>w</sub> and K' Obtained from Elution Curves

Element	[HNO <sub>3</sub> ], M	k' Calculated from D <sub>w</sub>	k' from Elution Curve	
Nd	0.25	6.5 ± 0.8	$6.0 \pm 0.3$	
Pm	0.25	11 ± 1	13 ± 0.7	
Sm	0.40	7.0 ± 0.8	6.5 ± 0.3	
Eu	0.40	13 ± 2	14 ± 0.7	
Gd	0.40	25 ± 3	23 ± 1	



Depiction of streamlines erratically veering around particles in a packed bed.



## Bridging Illustrated by a two-dimensional model







#### D calculated from the following equation

$$\frac{\bar{C}}{C_0} = \gamma = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \left( e^{-\theta} + \frac{e^{-9\theta}}{9} + \frac{e^{-25\theta}}{25} + \frac{e^{-49\theta}}{49} \right)$$
$$\theta = \frac{\pi^2 Dt}{4l^2}$$

Where:

- C<sub>0</sub>: [Eu] in capillary before diffusion
- $\overline{C}$ : [Eu] in the capillary after diffusion
- *t*: time of diffusion
- *I*: length of the capillary

The effect of temperature on the viscosity and diffusion coefficient



Average time, t*, needed for M <sup>3+</sup> in dilute HNO <sub>3</sub> to diffuse a particle diameter distance				
Average Particle Diameter in $\mu$	Time in Sec			
A – grade (125)	7.8			
S – grade (75)	2.8			
F – grade (39)	0.76			
VF – grade (18)	0.16			

\*  $t = \omega^2 d_p^2 / 2D_m$ 

Where Dm is the diffusion coefficient and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is a structure parameter

 $D = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}, \omega \sim 1$ 

#### Drawing Of Pellicular Support



#### Factors Affecting Band Spreading in EXC

Stationary phase diffusion:

$$H = q \bullet \frac{k'}{(1+k')^2} \bullet \frac{d_\ell^2 v}{D_s}$$

- H = plate height (HETP)
- q = geometrical configuration factor

$$k' = FCV$$
 to peak maximum

- $d_{\ell}$  = depth of stationary phase
- D<sub>s</sub> = diffusion coefficient in the stationary phase
- v = interstitial flow velocity

Apparatus for dry packing in a vacuum



EXC System Used To Evaluate Packing Efficiency

$$Cd^{2+} + 2HCl + \overline{2R_4N^+Cl^-}$$
$$\overleftarrow{\rightarrow}$$
$$\overline{(R_4N^+)_2CdCl_4^{2-}} + H^+$$

### Calculation of Theoretical Elution Curve

$$(c)_{v} = c_{\max} \exp - \frac{N(V_{\max} - V)^{2}}{2V_{\max} \cdot V}$$

Theoretical points calculated using the equation above:

Where:

- $(c)_v$  = Concentration of solute at the corresponding elution volume (V)
- C<sub>max</sub> = Peak concentration
- $V_{max}$  = Elution volume at  $C_{max}$
- N = Number of theoretical plates



Elution curves of Cd<sup>2+</sup> at high v for two different column pack procedures.

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#### Factors Affecting Band Spreading in EXC

Flow phenomena:

dp

 $\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{m}}$ 

 $\lambda_i, \omega_i$ 

V

$$H = \frac{1}{1/2\lambda_i d_p + D_m/\omega_i {d_p}^2 v}$$

- H = plate height (HETP)
  - = particle diameter
  - = mobile phase diffusion coefficient
  - = interstitial flow velocity
    - = geometrical constants related to particle size and shape

# Flow phenomenon in terms of reduced parameters

Flow phenomena:

$$H = \frac{1}{1/2\lambda_i d_p + D_m/\omega_i d_p^2 v}$$

Divide both sides by  $d_p$  and rearrange

$$h = \frac{H}{d_p} = 2\lambda + \frac{\omega d_p v}{D_m}$$



#### Factors Affecting Band Spreading in EXC

Extraction kinetics:

$$H = 2 \bullet \frac{k'}{(1+k')^2} \bullet \frac{v}{k_{oa}}$$

- H = plate height (HETP)
- k' = FCV to peak maximum
- v = interstitial flow velocity
- k<sub>oa</sub> = organic to aqueous rate constant

#### Interfacial mass transfer coefficients: $k_{ao}$ and $k_{oa}$

$$1. \quad -\frac{d[\overline{M}]}{dt} = \frac{Q}{V} \left( k_{oa} [\overline{M}] - k_{ao} [M^{3+}] \right)$$

$$2. \quad ln \left( 1 - \frac{[\overline{M}]}{[\overline{M}]_e} \right) = - \left( \frac{Q}{V} \right) \left( k_{oa} + k_{ao} \right) t$$

$$3. \quad K_d = \frac{[\overline{M}]_e}{[M^{3+}]_e} = \frac{k_{ao}}{k_{oa}}$$

$$4. \quad ln \left( 1 - \frac{[\overline{M}]}{[\overline{M}]_e} \right) = - \left( \frac{Q}{V} \right) \left( 1 + K_d \right) k_{oa} t$$

- A. [M] and [M<sup>3+</sup>] are the concentration in the organic and aqueous phase respectively
- B.  $\overline{M}$  and  $\overline{M}_{e}$  are the organic concentrations at time t and at equilibrium
- C. V(cm<sup>3</sup>) is the volume of either the aqueous or organic phase
- D. Q(cm<sup>2</sup>) is the interfacial area

Forced convection, constantinterfacialarea stirred cell (ARMOLLEX)



### Convection inside the ARMOLLEX cell



## Interface and bulk organic phase structure $10^{-1} \underline{F} HDEHP$



# Configuration of singe layer of water molecules and HDEHP at the aqueous–organic interface



Comparison of the relative contributions of flow phenomena, stationary phase diffusion and extraction rate to the plate height for the elution of T.P.s from HDEHP on 35µ Celite.



# Comparison of calculated and experimental H vs V curves for the elution of Cm(II) and Cf(III) from HDEHP on 35 $\mu$ Celite at 25°C and 75°C









# Slurry Packed LN Resin (F-grade), 25-50µm



## Slurry Packed LN Resin (VF-grade), 10-25µm



Particle Size (µm)	Col Length (mm)	Temp (°C)	Average HETP (mm)
		20	1.0
	95	40	1.0
10-23		70	0.6
F		20	2.2
	110	40	1.6
25-55		70	1.2
C C		20	4.0
5 E0 100	110	40	2.6
50-100		70	2.3
•		20	10.7
A 100.150	110	40	6.9
100-120		70	4.3



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