

Chapter:

Column Chromatography



Liquid Chromatography

HPLC

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Column Chromatography

The chromatographic separations occurred in column known as column chromatography.

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Liquid chromatography

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Gas chromatography

* For Air Sensitive compounds, we use the column chromatography b/c of closed system we can not use the paper chromatography for Air Sensitive compounds b/c of open system.

* Generally, we use the gas chromatography for non-polar compounds.

• GC Also called vapour phase chromatography

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Liquid Chromatography

A) Classification: (Based on performance)

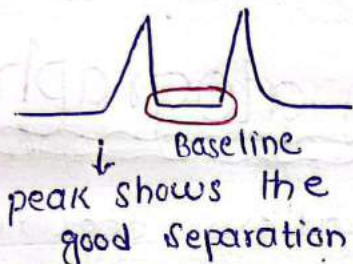
- ① LPLC (low performance liquid chromatography)
- ② Flash (Liquid chromatography)
- ③ HPLC (High performance LC)
- ④ UPLC (ultra performance LC)

* If particle size $> 40 \mu\text{m}$ \rightarrow LPLC used & Flash

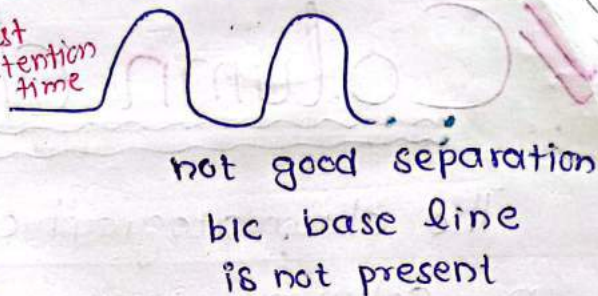
* If $10-40 \mu\text{m}$ \rightarrow ~~Flash~~ HPLC

* If $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ \rightarrow UPLC

* LPLC > Flash > HPLC > UPLC (Retention time)



Least Retention time



* After every separation Base line occurred which shows that our Analyte has been separated and only m-phase is left.

* Retention time: → time which analyte spends in column with the stationary phase.

* Back pressure: → Resistance in Flow in column

* Reproducibility: → two, three or many times repeated

* % Recovery: → the separation [How much our sample Recovered after purification]

• When porosity of stationary phase is more then back pressure will be less.

* mesoporous → 2-50 nm

* microporous → >50 nm

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Q: Why we preferred silica?

Silica is available in every particle size & pore size so widely used - Best known stationary phase its pore size from nano to μ size available

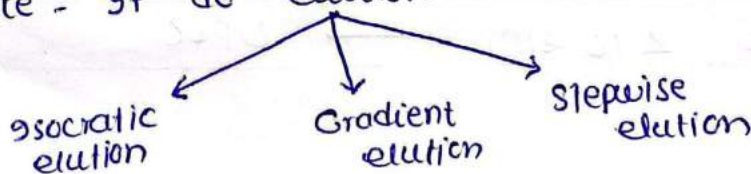
* 2DLC (two dimensional Liquid chromatography)

if we use two diff. stationary phases in two different columns - m.p of 1st column should be different than m.p of 2nd column.

↳ 95% separation occurred by only one column one hundred components can be separated through one column so no need of 2D/3D LC

* Mobile phase:

The Basic purpose of m.p is to elute Analyte - it do elution.



* Isocratic elution:

in this, M:P composition remains same through the column separation e.g either totally polar or non-polar etc.

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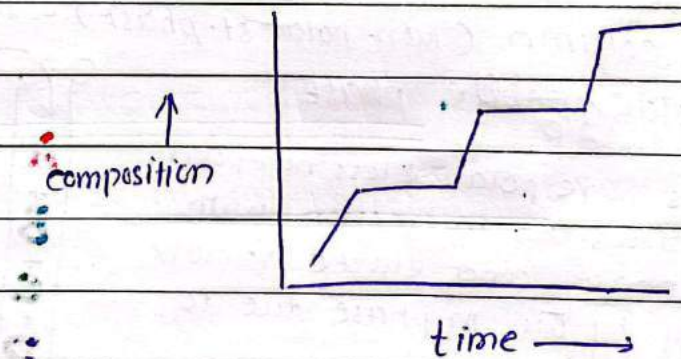
* Gradient elution:

in this, M: phase composition changed during the separation.

* We move from weaker to stronger composition of M: phase so that it gave good time to Analyte with stationary phase and better separation can occur.

* Step-wise elution:

steps are clearly increases then become constant & then increases - Here hundreds of compositions can be made



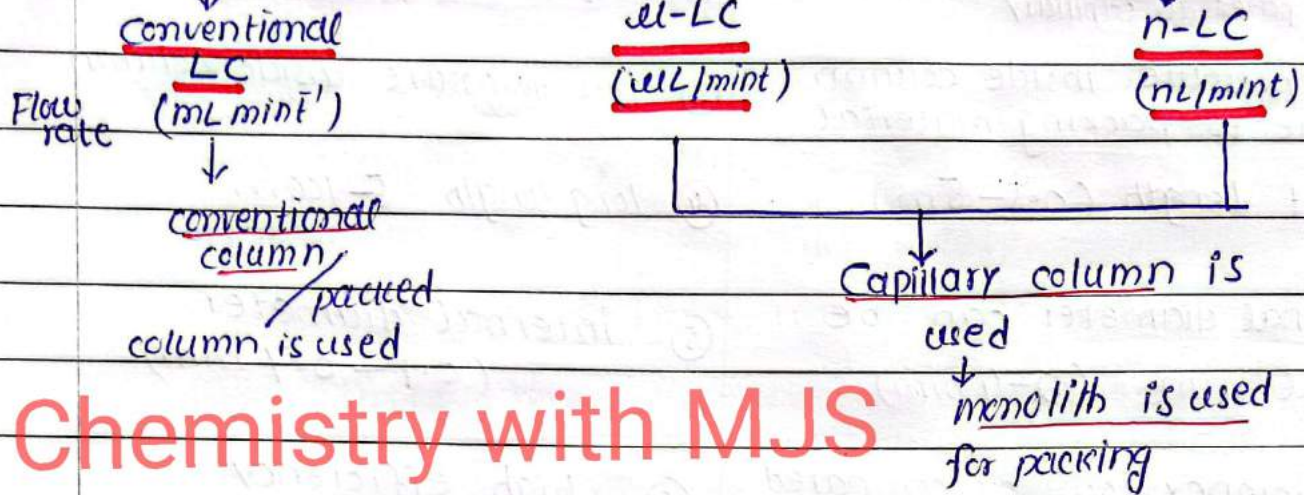
* Normal phase chromatography: (Generally polar stationary phase used)

Strong st. phase + weak M: phase → Non-polar Analytes
↓ more polar ↓ more non polar

* Reverse phase chromatography (non-polar st. phase)

weak st. phase + Strong M: phase → polar Analytes
↓ more non-polar ↓ more polar

B) Classification Based on Flow Rate:



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* of column diameter ↑ then its length ↓
↳ conventional column (broad peak occur)
thus less efficiency than capillary column.
↳ lower Resolution

* of diameter ↓ length ↑ (capillary column)
sharp peak → more efficiency → higher Resolution

⇒ We can make the capillary column from conventional column by lower its diameter and increasing its length

Column Efficiency:

* Column efficiency depends upon;

- (i) s-phase in column
- (ii) inner diameter vs Length of column
- (iii) m-phase
- (iv) packed material (st-phase)
- (v) No. of theoretical plates

Packed column

Difference

- ① S. phase is packed
- ② Required large sample (10 mg) compared to capillary
- ③ High pressure inside column due to packing material
- ④ Short length (0.5-5m)
- ⑤ internal diameter can be several mm (2-4mm)
- ⑥ Efficiency low as compared to open-tubular
- ⑦ poor Resolution comparatively
- ⑧ Less expensive
- ⑨ ~~Flow rate~~ Flow rate required
↓
10-60 ml/min
- ⑩ Total Theoretical plates
↓
4000
- ⑪ Generally used in HPLC (Liquid chromatography)

Capillary Column

(open tubular column)

- ① S. phase is coated in the inner surface of cavity of column
- ② Required small amount (100ng)
- ③ low pressure inside column
- ④ long length 5-100m
- ⑤ internal diameter (0.1-0.7 mm)
- ⑥ high efficiency
- ⑦ High Resolution
- ⑧ more expensive
- ⑨ Flow Rate required
0.5-15 ml/min
- ⑩ Total theoretical plates
↓
250,000
- ⑪ Generally used is Gas chromatography

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v.v.gmp Theory of Chromatography column chromatography

Basically two theories are developed to discuss the chromatographic separations & column efficiency

- ① Plate theory → old Theory
- ② Rate theory → modern theory

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1) Plate Theory:

This Theory was developed by Synge.

This states that;

“ Separation efficiency of a column can be expressed in terms of the no. of theoretical plates in the column.”

* A theoretical plate represents a single equilibrium step like Excel cell. The more theoretical plates, more will be the equilibrium steps, thus more will be the efficiency of column.

* No. of theoretical plates depends upon the column length (L) & height of theoretical plate (H)

$$N = \frac{L}{H}$$

no. of theoretical plates
↖ length of column
↘ height of theoretical plate

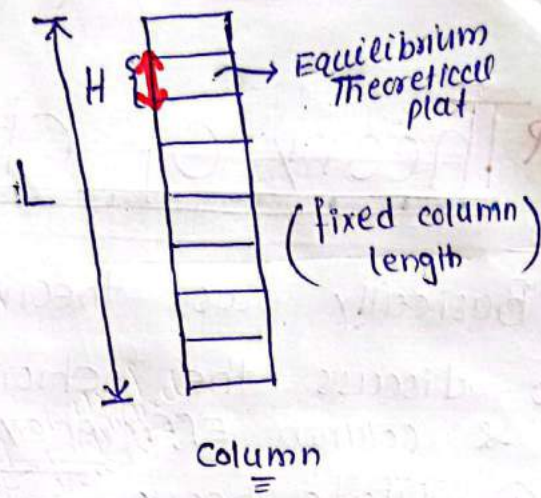
* By decreasing the height of theoretical plate of fixed ~~the~~ increasing length of column → no. of theoretical plates can be increased thus efficiency of column can be increased

$$N = \frac{L}{H}$$

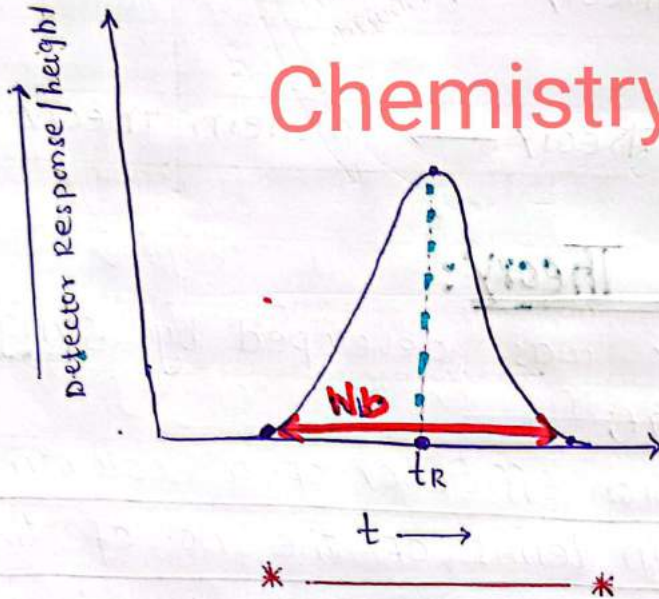
$$N = 16 \left(\frac{t_R}{W_b} \right)^2$$

Retention time

Base of peak line



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2) Rate Theory: (Flow of velocity)

Van Deemter, developed the famous Equation to describe the efficiency of column known as Van-Deemter Equation

$$H = A + \frac{B}{u} + C \cdot u$$

HETP Height Equivalent to theoretical plates

longitudinal diffusion

Eddy diffusion

multiple path diffusion

Flow rate

mass transfer

$\therefore H \downarrow$ no. of theoretical plates \uparrow column efficiency \uparrow

$$A = 2 \lambda d_p$$

Average particle size

packing factor

① A → term:

↳ This is called the Eddy diffusion which shows the diffusion of multiple paths.

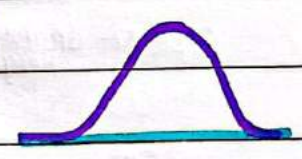
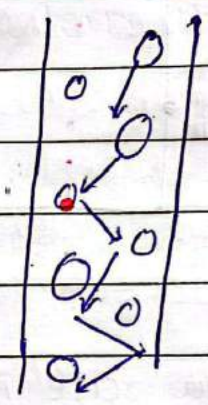
∴ value of A ↑ multiple paths ↑ Broad peak ↑

∴ if multiple paths, then Analyte spent more time in the column thus broadening of peak occur.

* A → term depends upon two factors

(i) particle size ↓ A term can be ignored

(ii) type of Geometry of packing

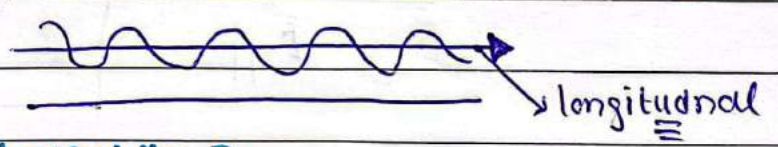


* A term does not depend upon the flow rate (velocity)

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② B → term:

↳ Shows the longitudinal diffusion / axial / molecular Analyte diffuses out from centre to the edges.



* particle size does not effect the B-

③ C → term:

↳ Shows the mass transfer. Shows the movement of Analyte from one end of column to the last end.

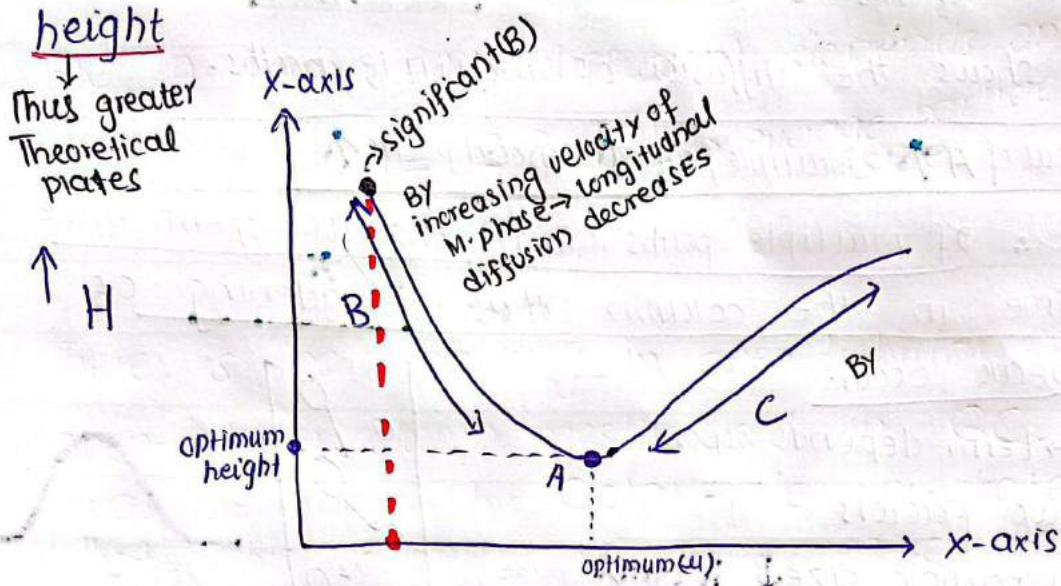
∴ flow rate ↑ of m.p C ↑ (mass transfer)

∴ m-p interaction with s-phase ↓ C ↑

④ Flow rate: (μ)

Flow Rate affect the values of A, B & C

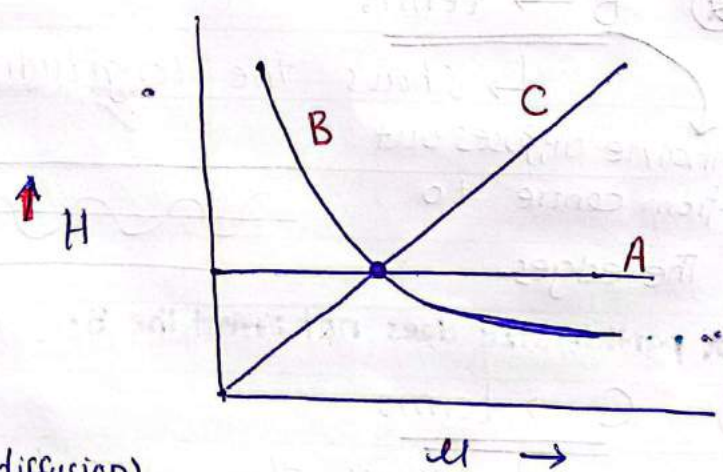
- Flow rate should be control at some extent optimum point, where we get the optimum



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* When Flow rate is more than optimum, slower will be separation & lower will be efficiency

* Effect of flow Rate ON A, B & C:



• Effect on A: (Eddy diffusion)
 or decreasing

* By increasing flow rate, due to multiple diffusion, height does not change / no effect on height of theoretical plates -

* Effect on B:

If the velocity of M-phase is high then Analyte spends less time with S-phase, thus decreases the Effects of longitudinal diffusion / molecular diffusion

- By increasing Flow rate \rightarrow height decreases and then become constant

- At low velocity \rightarrow molecular diffusion become significant and height increases.

* Effect on C: (mass transfer)

As Flow Rate increases \rightarrow thus mass transfer increases, thus height increases which cause the decreases of no. of theoretical plates so it is necessary to optimize the height of theoretical plates.

✓ Van-Deemter Equation: (used For packed Column)

$$H = A + \frac{B}{u} + C \cdot u$$

✓ Golay Equation: \rightarrow (when open tubular column OR capillary column)

$$H = \frac{B}{u} + C \cdot u$$

\rightarrow A term is neglected.

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* There is no Eddy Diffusion in open-tubular column, so here A term is not present. Thus van-deemter Equation is converted into Golay Equation.

* BIC A term (Eddy diffusion) depends on;

$$A = 2 \lambda d_p \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Average particle} \\ \text{size} \end{array}$$

↓
packing
Factor

* There is no packing in open-tubular column.

* Open-tubular column mostly used in GC. It was developed by Golay. He predicted that, this column is more efficient than packed column. So, he developed Equation called Golay Equation.

So,

$$H = \frac{B}{u} + C \cdot u$$

↳ Golay Equation.

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Packing OF Column:

(*) In Conventional Column (packed column)
here we can packed the stationary phase easily by tapping b/c its diameter is large.

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(*) In Capillary column → we can not pack our stationary phase by tapping b/c its diameter is very small and its length is very large.

• Here we use the packing device called column packing bomb device

• using this technique → we make the monolith of st. phase (polymer)

Q = How to make monolith?

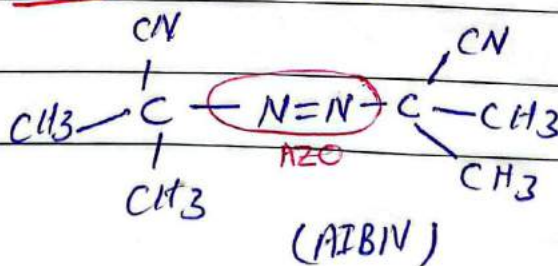
monomers + initiator + porogen

↓ forms pores in monomers

* porogen → H₂O is used as a porogen for monolith

* initiator → Free Radical Initiator (AIBN)

Azobis iso butyro nitrile



Instrumentation of HPLC / UPLC

Necessary parts

① columns:

- Analytical column → separation column & more length $\approx 25\text{cm}$
- Guard column → small length → 1-2 cm
 - ↳ optional used before analytical column
 - ↳ too much expensive
 - ↳ prevent impurities

② Mobile phase Reservoir: → storage of solvent

③ pressure pump:

- ↳ piston pump → push the solvent
- ↳ transfer the m-phase

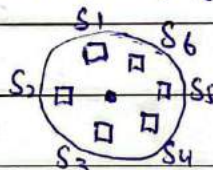
④ Loop injector:

- ↳ sample is injected.

⑤ Hexaport valve: → provide lines among samples

- ↳ optional

- ↳ sample selection through this valve.



- ↳ at a time 6 samples can be analyzed.

⑥ Back pressure Regulator:

- ↳ Regulate the back pressure.
- Generally used in UPLC b/c highly pump pressure is given thus more back pressure occur.

⑦ Auto sampler: (optional)

- ↳ itself take & inject samples. → expensive

It is just a transfer tray, different

- positions are named
- 1-10
- 11-20
- 21-30

→ Sampler pick the sample and transfer

↳ if there is no sample is compare

- ↳ autosampler move forward and choose another sample

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8) pulse damper: → to remove the air bubbles

↳ when we use the pump → pulses create which produces air bubbles → disturb the base line of peak so we have to use the pulse damper.

9) Detectors: → Detect the Analytical Signal

↳ LC-UV detector is used best.
• We can also use more than one detectors to increase the sensitivity.

10) Vacuum Degassing:

↓ this is used in HPLC → b/c here we do not need of gas so it is necessary to remove the gas bubbles by vacuum degasser.

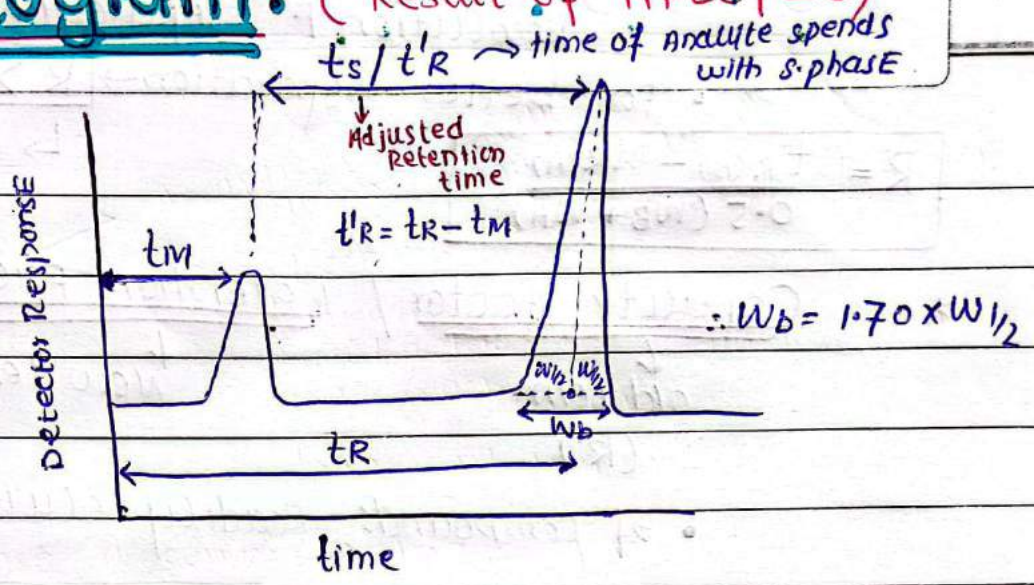
• Characteristics of HPLC Detector

- Sensitivity ↑
- Selectivity ↑
- Show linear response
- Qualitative information
- Ease of use
- Universality

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Chromatogram: (Result of HPLC/LC)



★ Base line:
 ↳ peak width → indication of good separation.

★ Injection times: zero time is the injection time

★ Dead time: (t_m) → void time
 The time of no interaction of m-phase from injecting to ejecting. This cause time jerk → which shows the only m-phase passed without interaction

★ Retention time: (t_R)
 time of Analyte from injecting to ejecting

$$t_R = t_m + t_s$$

↓ m-phase ↓ Analyte with s-phase

• At this time peak maxima occur

★ peak height → good for Separation →

★ peak width → not good for Separation

* Resolution:

How to peak resolute/separated
• Resolution ↑ separation good

• For better separation → $R > 1.5$

$$R = \frac{t_{R(B)} - t_{R(A)}}{0.5(W_B + W_A)}$$

↳ Rule of thumb

* Capacity factor / Retention Factor → k' measure of Retention time
↓ old term (k') ↓ New term (R)

• If compounds readily eluted → capacity factor not good

$$k = \frac{\text{time of solute spends with s-phase}}{\text{time of solute spends with m-phase}} = \frac{t'_R}{t_M} = \frac{t_R - t_M}{t_M}$$

* Separation factor / Selectivity factor (α)

→ Ratio of Retention factors of two Analytes

$$\alpha = \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{t_{R2} - t_M}{t_{R1} - t_M}$$

• For better separation → $\alpha > 1$

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* No. of Theoretical plates:

$$N = 16 \left(\frac{t_R}{W_b} \right)^2$$

OR

$$N = 5.545 \left(\frac{t_R}{W_{1/2}} \right)^2$$

OR

$$N = \left(\frac{t_R}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

σ = standard deviation

$$N = \frac{L}{H}$$

* Effective plate number (N_{eff})

$$N_{effective} = N \left(\frac{k}{k+1} \right)^2$$

$\therefore k = \text{Retention factor}$

* peak Capacity: (n_c)

↳ estimate how much amount of solutes can be resolved on a particular column.

$$n_c = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4} \ln \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}}$$

max. volume of m. phase which eluted solute

min. volume of m. phase which eluted m. phase



Good Luck



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