

Column Chromatography

(Adsorption & Partition)



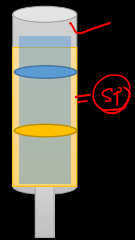
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Introduction:

- When stationary phase (solid or liquid) is used in the form of column (usually made up of glass), the techniques called column chromatography
- It is separation techniques based on the affinity of analyte towards the stationary phase and mobile phase.
- It is widely used in the pharmacy in the form of simple column or HPLC, GC column.
- **Principle:** On the basis of nature of stationary phase and mechanism of separation it can be divided into two: ✓
 - 1. Adsorption column chromatography - SP - solid
 - 2. Partition column chromatography - SP - liquid



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Principle:

Adsorption Chromatography

- Adsorption Chromatography involves the separation of a chemical mixture based on the interaction of the adsorbate with the adsorbent *SP*
- Separation based on Affinity of analyte to Stationary Phase (Solid) and Mobile Phase (Liquid or Gas)

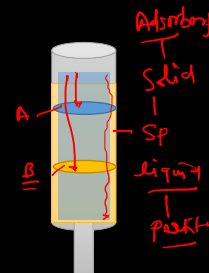
Partition Chromatography

- The separation of components between two liquid phases viz original solvent (Mobile phase-Liquid/Gas) and the film of solvent/Liquid used in the column (Stationary phase)

- Rate of movement of component

$R = \text{Rate of movement of component} / \text{Rate of movement of mobile phase}$

$R = \text{Distance moved by solute} / \text{Distance moved by Solvent}$



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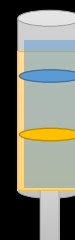
$R = \text{Distance moved by solute} / \text{Distance moved by Solvent}$

$$R = \frac{A_m}{A_m + \alpha A_s}$$

A_m - Avg cross section of mobile phase

A_s - Avg cross section of Stationary phase

α - Partition Coefficient



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Procedure:

- **Mobile phase** – This phase is made up of solvents and it performs the following functions:
 - It acts as a solvent- to make mixture ✓
 - It acts as a developing agent – to separate the components ✓
 - It acts as an eluting agent – to elute the component ✓
 - Some examples of solvents used as mobile phases based on their polarity are – ethanol, acetone, water, acetic acid, pyridine, etc.
- **Stationary phase** – It is a solid/liquid material which should have good adsorption properties and meet the conditions given below:
 - Shape and size of particle: Particles should have a uniform shape and size in the range of 60 – 200μ in diameter.

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Procedure:

- **Stationary phase** –
 - Stability and inertness of particles: high mechanical stability and chemically inert. Also, no reaction with acids or bases or any other solvents was used during the experiment.
 - It should be colourless, inexpensive and readily available.
 - Should allow free flow of mobile phase
 - It should be suitable for the separation of mixtures of various compounds.
 - E.g., silica, alumina, calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, starch, and magnesia,

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Procedure:

Column-

- made by glass, ✓
- Length:diameter ratio- 10:1 to 100:1 ✓ *efficiency ↑*
- Commonly available size- WxL(mm)- 26x460, 36x460, 49x460, 70x460
- Bottom- packed with cotton wool, glass wool, and Whatman filter paper

Stationary Phase Preparation-

- dry packing technique ✓
- Wet packing technique- use 25-50% slurry of adsorbent



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Procedure:

Sample Introduction-

- made by dissolving in minimum quantity of solvent sample,
- At one instant, the sample is introduced into the column and on the top portion of the column, it is absorbed.
- Through the elution process, the individual sample can be isolated from this zone.

Elution Techniques- Separation Steps

- Isocratic elution technique – Throughout the procedure, a solvent of the same polarity or same solvent composition is utilized.
- E.g., Chloroform Alone



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Procedure:

1. Elution Techniques- Separation Steps

- 2. Gradient elution technique – Throughout the separation procedure, solvents of gradually increased polarity or increased elution strength are utilized.

Example: Benzene → Chloroform → Ethyl acetate → Chloroform

2. Detection

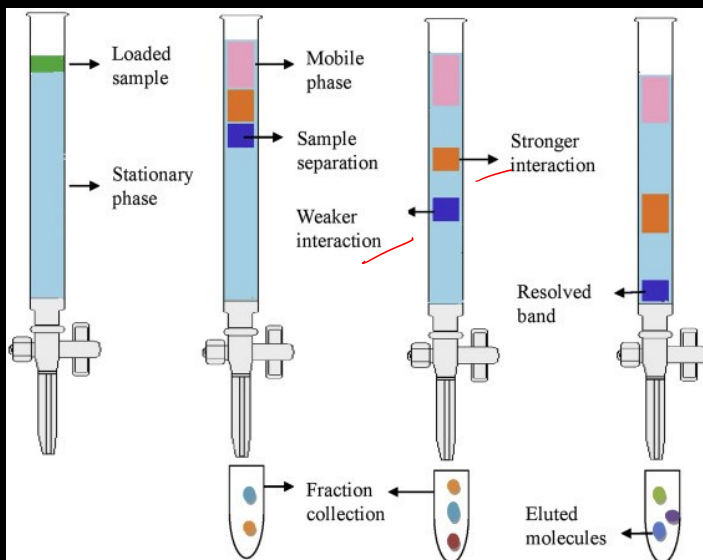
- In case the mixture separated in a column chromatography procedure are colored compounds, then monitoring the separation progress is simple.
- In case the compounds undergoing separation are colorless, then small fractions of the eluent are sequentially collected in tubes that are labeled. Through TLC, the composition of each fraction is determined.



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Procedure:



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Application:

- 1.To isolate active constituents
- 2.To separate compound mixtures
- 3.To remove impurities or carry purification process
- 4.To isolate metabolites from biological fluids
- 5.To estimate drugs in drug formulations or crude extracts

6.Advantages

- Any type and any quantity of mixture can be separated
- Wider choice of mobile phase
- Automation is possible
- In preparative type, the sample can be separated and reused



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