

# SEPARATION METHODS B



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# separation methods B – syllabus

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## analytical separation method

: **gas chromatography**

:: GC

: **separation of macromolecules**

:: SEC, GPC, HCD a FFF

: **separation in force field**

:: CZE, MEKC, CIEF, ITP, CEC, ACE, NCE a CE-on-chip

:: MS (Q, QqQ, IT, TOF, FT-ICR, OT)

: **membrane separation**

:: dialysis, ultrafiltration

## analytical separation



## another aspects of analytical separations

: chiral separation

: separation method development and optimisation

: validation of analytical separation method

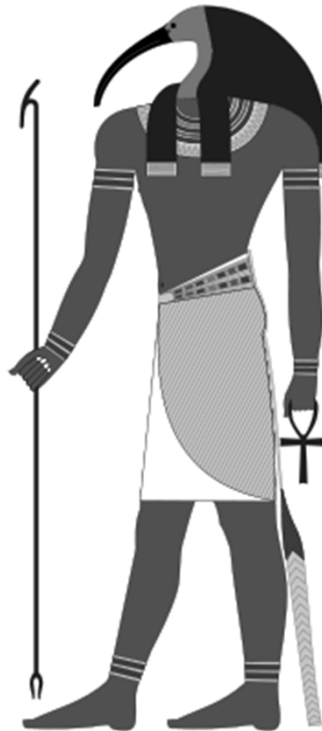
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## development of chromatographic method

**choice of separation system** – suitable SF type

knowing the sample, we choose SF

**choice of separation conditions** – suitable MF type

: MF composition may be derived from requested retention behaviour

: *practical*

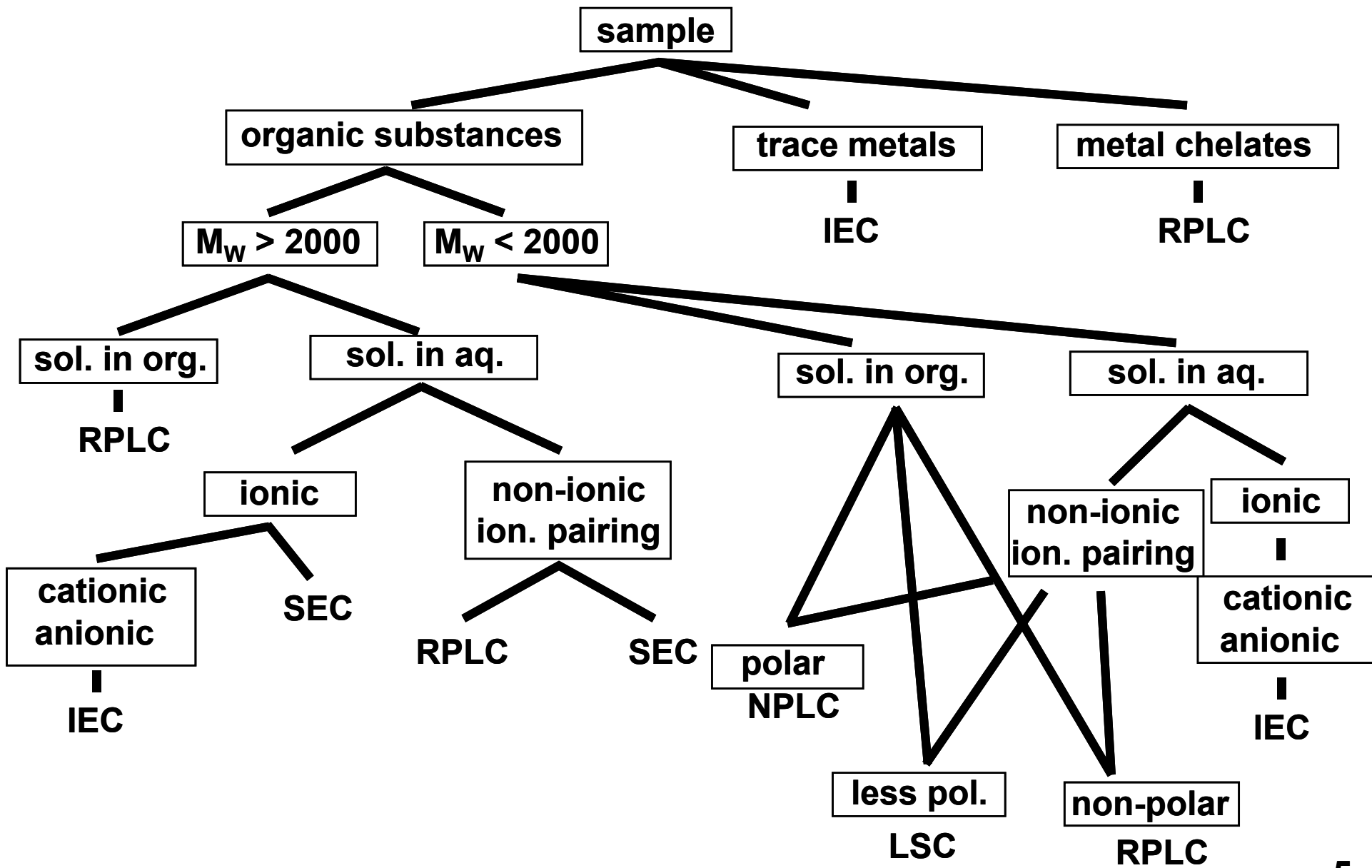
: *„unscientific“, we approach problem „from the end“*

: *for each case we need to do it again*

: out of sample physico-chemical properties we derive retention properties

: *scientifically correct, but uneasy*

# algorithm of separation system choice



## choice of separation conditions

optimisation of separation conditions in dependence on demands

**aim:**  $t_{R,i} = \min$ ;  $R_{ij} = \max$ ;  $n_j = \max$ ;  $dc_j / dt = \max$

$$r_{(A,B)} = \frac{k_B}{k_A}$$

elution ratio

$$S_{(A,B)} = \frac{k_B - k_A}{k_A + k_B + 2}$$

separation ratio

**means:** separation conditions

$$\mathfrak{D} = f(T, u, c_{\text{org}}, \text{pH}, l, c_{\text{pufr}}, \text{atp.})$$

**dependent variables ( $\mathfrak{D}$ ):** retention times  $\Rightarrow$  resolution, peak no., asymmetry

**independent variables:** buffer concentration, ion-pairing agent concentration, pH, % of organic component, temperature, gradient profile...

we study the dependence of dependent variables on independent

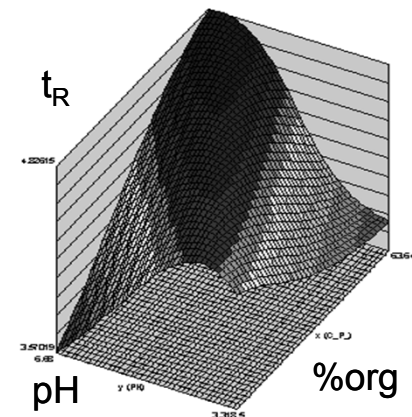
possibilities: modelling

*hard m.:* based on exact physico-chemical models

$$D = f(T, u, c_{\text{org}}, \text{pH}, I, c_{\text{buffer}}, \text{etc.})$$

*soft m.:* based on approximation of real function  
:: substitution to hard model

hyper-flat of approximated function  
: relation between retention and separation conditions



## tools and process of optimisation

### single-criterial (semi-hard) evaluation of separation quality

criteria characterising by single value the level of separation of all sample components

#### chromatographic response function (CRF)

$$\text{CRF} = \prod_{i=1}^n \ln \left( \frac{\Delta t_{R,i}}{t_{R,\min}} + (t_{R,\min} - \Delta t_{R,i}) \right)$$

#### chromatographic optimisation function (COF)

$$\text{COF} = \sum_i \alpha \cdot \ln \frac{R_i}{R_{\min}} + \beta (t_{R,\max} - t_{R,\text{posl}})$$

$$\text{COF} = \sum_i R_i + N^\alpha + \beta (t_{R,\max} - t_{R,\text{posl}}) + \gamma \cdot (t_{R,\text{prv}} - t_{R,\min})$$



### separation factor (S)

$$S = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta t_{R,i}}{t_{R,\max} - t_{R,\min}}$$

### resolution product (RP)

$$RP = \frac{\prod_i R_i}{\frac{\sum R_i^{(n-1)}}{n-1}}$$

### normalised retention difference (NRD)

$$NRD = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{\Delta t_{R,i}}{\frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \Delta t_{R,i}} \right)$$

## multi-criterial evaluation of separation quality

### single variable approach (SVA)

studies change of dependent variables while gradually changing one independent variable and keeping all other constant

**method:** relaxation method

*!! omits possible relations between independent variables*

### multiple variable approach (MVA)

studies change of dependent variables while gradually changing more independent variable

**method** : partial least square (**PLS**)  
: artificial neural network (**ANN**)

in combination with *experimental design* (**ED**)

## experimental design

an experiment planning in a way, so that out of minimum of points we get maximum information and thus the best description of function of multi-variable function

## factorial design

**full factorial experimental design, FED**

: contains all possible combinations of chosen factors

**parameters:** number of factors and levels for each factor

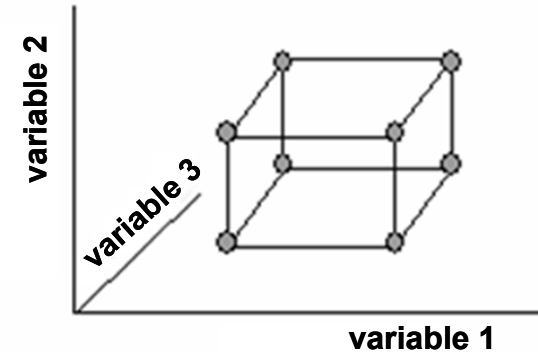
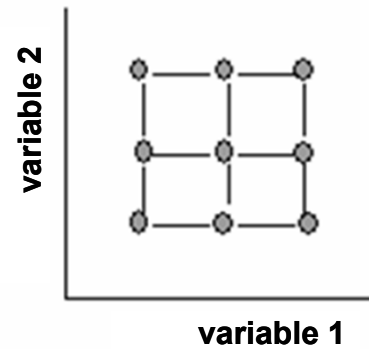
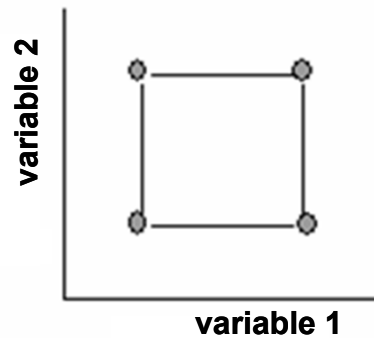
: *number of factors* ( $f$ ) responds to number of input variables ( $f$  components)

: *number of levels* ( $L$ ) is number of values per each input variable  
( $L$  measured concentrations)

: *number of points of factorial design* (total number of experiments  $n$ )

$$n = L^f$$

**three-level two-factorial design**  
( $L = 3$ );  $3^2$  experiments



**two-level two-factorial design**  
( $L = 2$ ) *simplest*;  $2^2$  experiments

**two-level three-factorial design**  
( $L = 3$ )  $2^3$  experiments

**fractional factorial experimental design (FrED)**

- : **reduces** number of experiments of FED (sometimes to complex and laborious)
- : still describes influence of each parameter and checks possible interactions
- : proper in cases with expensive and time-consuming experiments

## ***star design***

other variant of experimental design

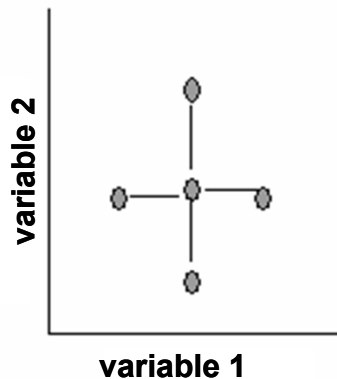
: it may be FrED variant of factorial design

:: three-level two-factorial design  $\Rightarrow$  two-factor star design

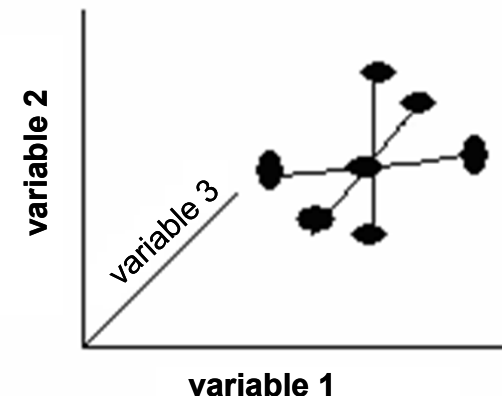
: contains  $(2\mathbf{xf}+1)$  experiments, where  $\mathbf{f}$  is number of factors (components)

: positioning of star design points is given by position of central point

: other points are located symmetrically around the centre



**two-factorial star design**  
 **$2\mathbf{xf}+1$  experiments**



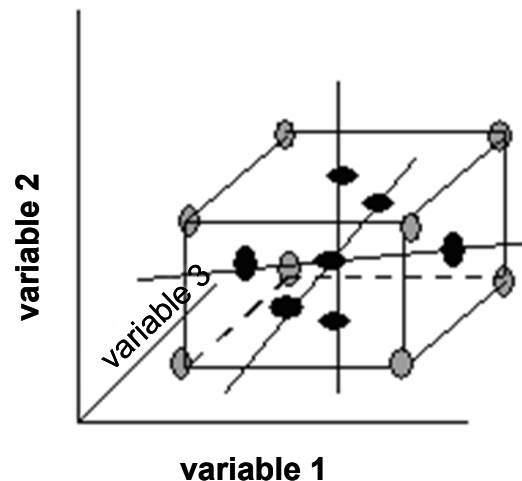
**three-factorial star design**  
 **$2\mathbf{xf}+1$  experiments**

## ***central and non-central composite designs***

combination of factorial and star experimental design – *complex hyper-flat*

***central composite designs*** – centres of both plans are equal

***non-central composite designs*** – centres are not equal



**five-level three-factorial central composite design**  
 **$2^f + 2xf+1$  experiments**

## approximative methods and algorithms

**optimisation** – effort to „uncover“ the numerical function of dependence of output on optimised parameters – ***approximation***

**black box** : algorithms do not describe the physico-chemical properties, but „only“ numerically describe the dependencies between variables

## ***partial least squares*** (PLS)

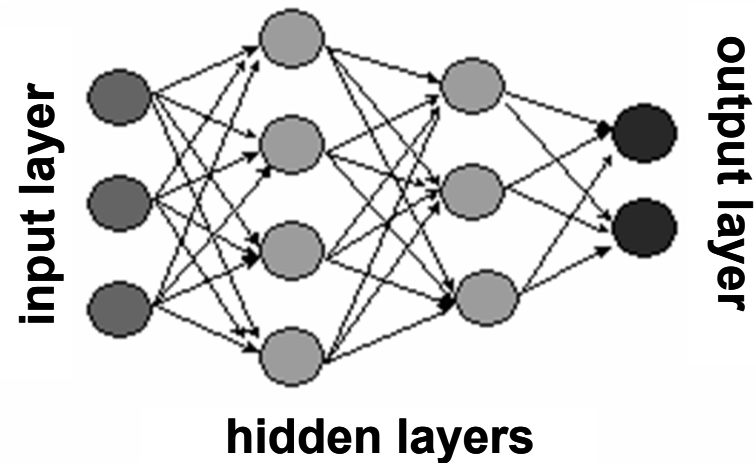
MVA, values from all components of analysed mixture are calculated at once

## ***canonical correlation*** (CC)

**artificial neural networks** (ANN)

: *mimics biologic system  
of mutually connected neurons*

processors – **neurons**  
the way of connection – **network topology**



**neurons** are arranged in **layers**  
**outputs of  $n^{\text{th}}$  layer** are directed into each neuron in **layer  $n + 1$**

**first, input layer**

: inputs values for processing

**last, output layer**

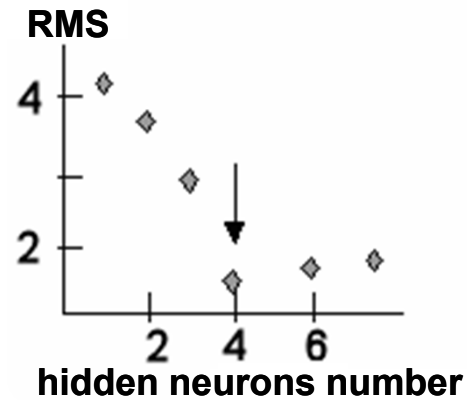
: values are responses of whole ANN on changes of conditions of input parameters

*numbers of neurons in input and outputs layers are given by numbers of input and output variables*

**inner, hidden layers**

: number depends on approximated function complexity





### ***connection between neurons***

represented by rational number – *connection weight* ( $w$ )

**learning of prediction** of *output values* with *minimal deviation* of these predicted values by ANN *from values experimental* – by repeated setting of numerical inputs of transformation function and watching the outputs on real value

### **deviation – *total sum of squares* (TSS)**

sum of squares of differences of predicted and input values

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - OUT_i)^2$$

$z_i$  – value of output variable  $z$  for given triad  $(x, y, z)$ ,  $OUT_i$  (output) – its predicted value,  $n$  – number of elements of training set

each neuron (except input) sums values from preceding layer and multiplies them with connection weight  $w$  :

$$NET_j = \sum (INP_i \cdot w_i) + BIAS_i$$

$INP_i$  – input value,  $w_i$  – weight value and  $BIAS_i$  – value of bias, which is so-called bias parameter and is essential for correct setup of neuron value  $NET_j$  and for whole performance of network

$NET_j$  – neuron  $j$  in neural network

$OUT_i$  – transformation of sum value  $NET_i$  (output)

$$OUT_i = 1/(1 + e^{-NET_j})$$

**set training/learning** – X parameter sets defined by experimental design

**testing** – at least 3 parameter sets inside boundaries given by ED

**verification** – at least 3 parameter sets inside boundaries given by ED  
(including boundaries)

# gas chromatography

: extraction G-L

: extraction G-S

: mobile phase (MF, gas)

: stationary phase (SF, liquid, solid, thin layer of liquid on carrier)



1941

**Syngé and Martin** : theoretic principles of GC:

*„...very refined separations of volatile substances should be possible in a column in which permanent gas is made to flow over gel impregnated with a non-volatile solvent. . . . .“*

1952

**James and Martin** : practical introduction of GC; separation of volatile fatty a.

1963

**GC-MS** – first hyphenated technique

1980

**capillary columns** in GC – distinctive separation improvement

GC history

## principal differences between GC and LC

### Raoult's law

$$p_A = p_A^0 \cdot x_A$$

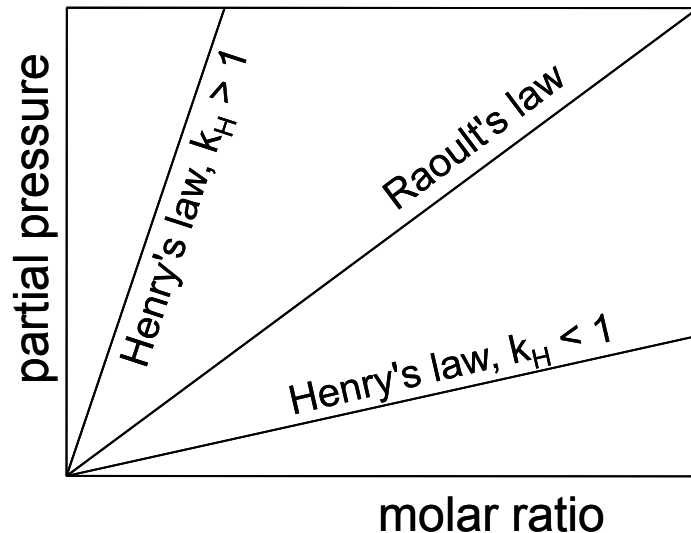
$x_A$  – molar ratio of **A** in mixture

$p_A^0$  – pressure of saturated vapours of **A**

gas is **compressible** (liquid not)

### Henry isotherm

$$c_A^S = k_H \cdot p_A$$



low concentrations of **A**, non-ideal solution

$k_H$  – Henry's constant

$p_A$  – partial pressure of **A** over mixture

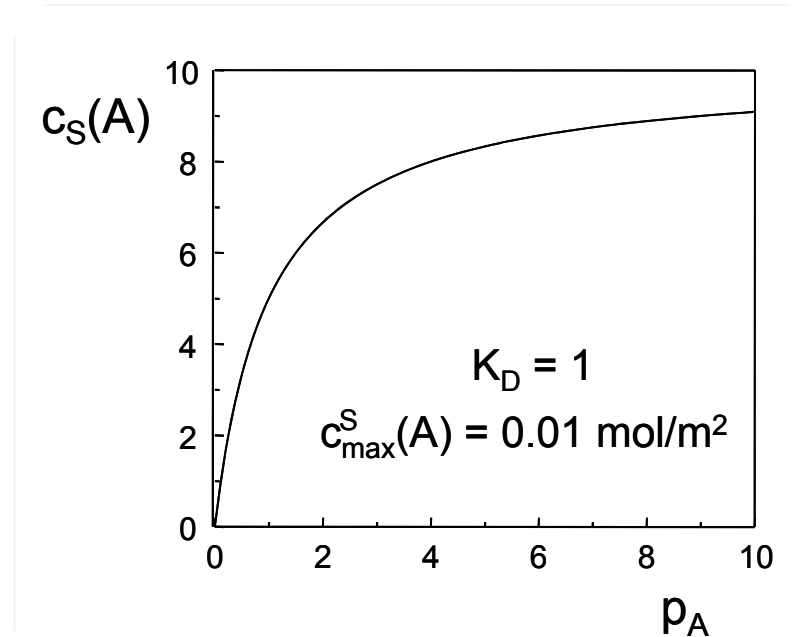
relation between

Raoult's and Henry's laws

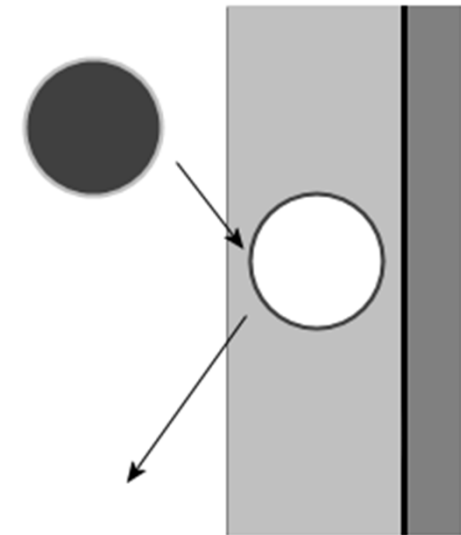
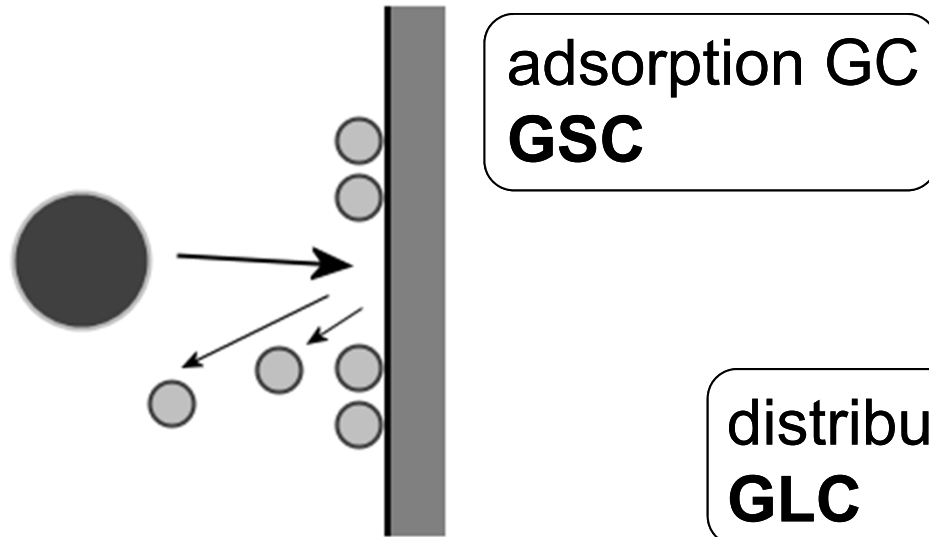
## Langmuir isotherm

$$c_A^S = c_{A,\max}^S \cdot \frac{K_D \cdot p_A}{1 + K_D \cdot p_A}$$

$c_{\max}^S$  – maximal bound concentration  
on SF



*distribution constant* is strongly dependent of **vapour pressure**  
and **volatility of analyte**



adsorption (distribution) GC

**distribution chromatography (GLC)**

vapour tension of analyte (**A**) over liquid phase

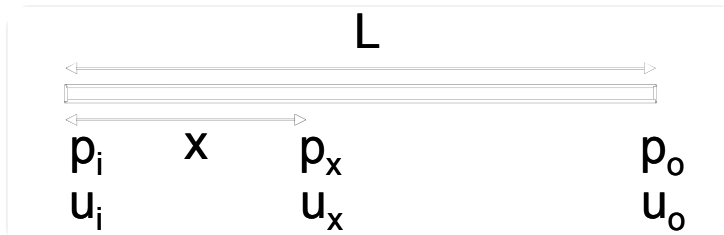
**adsorption chromatography (GSC)**

different adsorption of molecule **A** onto SF surface with active centres

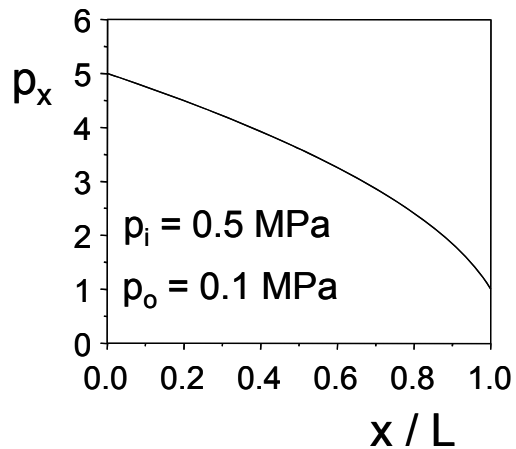
$$K_D = \frac{C_A^S}{C_A^M}$$

**S** – SF, **M** – MF

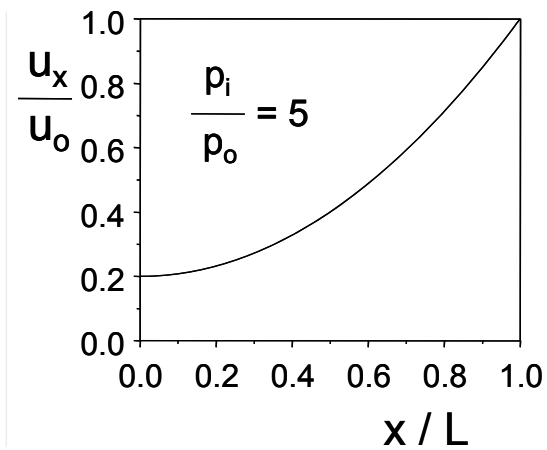
# linear flow rate of carrier gas (MF)



**L** – column length  
**p** – gas pressure  
**u** – linear flow rate  
*indices:* **i** – on inlet  
**x** – in point **x** of length  
**o** – on outlet



pressure gradient profile on column



value profile of linear flow rate

## average linear MF flow rate

$$\bar{u} = \frac{B_0 \cdot (p_i - p_o)}{\eta \cdot \varepsilon \cdot L}$$

$B_0$  – specific permeability of column [m<sup>2</sup>]  
 $(p_i - p_o)$  – pressure gradient [Pa]  
 $\eta$  – dynamic viscosity [Pa.s]  
 $\varepsilon$  – sorbent inner porosity  
 $L$  – column length [m]

## compressibility factor

$$\bar{u} = j \cdot u_o \cdot \left( \frac{T_{col}}{T_o} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{p_o - p_w}{p_o} \right)$$

$T_o$  – temperature on outlet  
 $T_{col}$  – column temperature  
 $p_w$  – partial pressure of water at  $T_o$

$$\bar{u} = j \cdot u_o$$

$$j = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\left( \frac{p_i}{p_o} \right)^2 - 1}{\left( \frac{p_i}{p_o} \right)^3 - 1}$$

$$\bar{F}_m = j \cdot F_o \cdot \left( \frac{T_{col}}{T_o} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{p_o - p_w}{p_o} \right)$$



## retention quantities

retention volume / time of *i*-th analyte

$V_{R,i}$  [ml],  $t_{R,i}$  [min]

$$V_{R,i} = F_M \cdot t_{R,i}$$

void volume / time of column

$V_m$  [ml],  $t_m$  [min]

$$V_m = F_M \cdot t_m = V_M$$

reduced retention volume / time

$V'_{R,i}$  [ml],  $t'_{R,i}$  [min]

$$t'_{R,i} = t_{R,i} - t_m$$

$$V'_{R,i} = F_M \cdot t'_{R,i}$$

$$V'_{R,i} = V_{R,i} - V_m$$

net retention volume

$V_N$  [min]

$$V_N = F_M \cdot t'_{R,i} \cdot j = V'_{R,i} \cdot j$$

$V'_{R,i}$  corrected to carrier gas compressibility

specific volume

$V_h$  [ml/g] or  $V_p$  [ml/m<sup>2</sup>]

$$V_p = \frac{273.15 \cdot V_N}{S \cdot T_k}$$

$V_N$  related to 1 g or 1 m<sup>2</sup> SF and to 0 °C

$$V_h = \frac{273.15 \cdot V_N}{w_L \cdot T_k}$$

## temperature influence

$$T_{\text{col}} > T_{\text{boil}} \wedge T_{\text{inj}} \geq T_{\text{col}} \wedge T_{\text{det}} > T_{\text{col}}$$

$T_{\text{inj}}$  – injection head temperature

$T_{\text{col}}$  – column thermostat temperature

$T_{\text{det}}$  – detector temperature

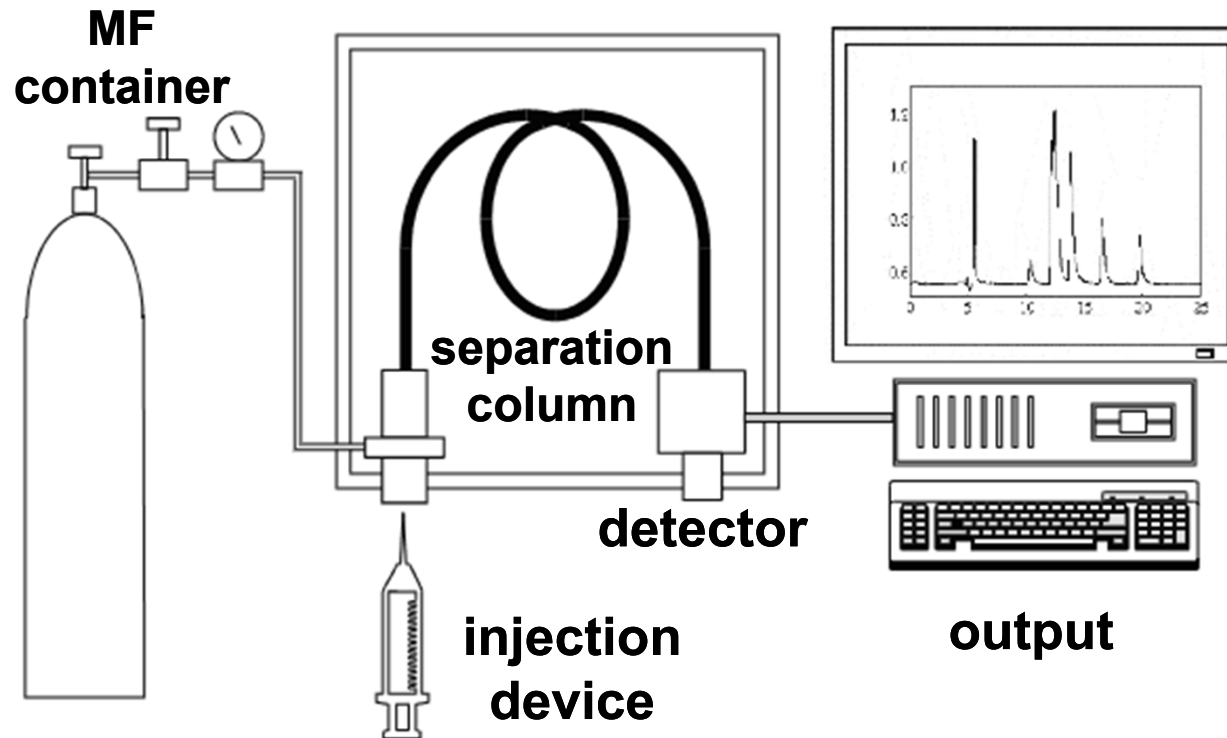
↑  $T_{\text{col}}$  leads to faster analysis

↑  $T_{\text{col}}$  demands ↑ MF pressure on column inlet for keeping  $u$  through column

**isothermic analysis:**  $T_{\text{col}} = \text{const.}$

**analysis with temperature gradient:**  $T_{\text{col}2} - T_{\text{col}1} > 0$

# GC arrangement

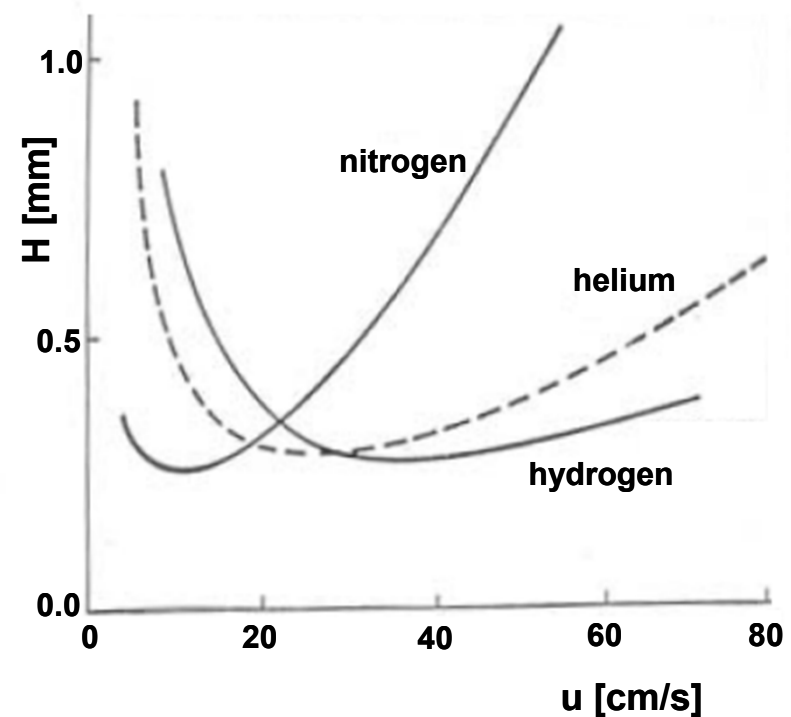


## MF delivery

**gas** : 0.5 ml/min – 400 ml/min (HP-GC 1200 ml/min)  
: pressure containers : pressure up to 400 kPa (HP-GC 1 MPa)  
: compressor : pressure and flow control  
: electrolyser : thermostating

**carrier gas advanced flow control  
(AFC)**

**carrier gas advanced pressure control  
(APC)**



**N<sub>2</sub> (nitrogen)**

- + cheap, safe
- low thermal conductivity

**H<sub>2</sub> (hydrogen)**

- + high thermal conductivity, low viscosity
- high diffusivity, explosive

**He (helium)**

- + combines advantages of N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>
- expensive

**Ar (argon)**

especially for ECD

must be *chemically inert* – always necessary to remove **humidity** and **O<sub>2</sub>**

*purity* – pre-set guard column with molecular sieve

## injection device

loading of **A** onto column  
: more difficult than by LC

tubular columns: 1 – 20  $\mu$ l  
capillary columns: ~ 1 nl

inject *small volume* and *quickly*

: slowly and large volume (overload)  $\Rightarrow$  broad zones and resolution loss

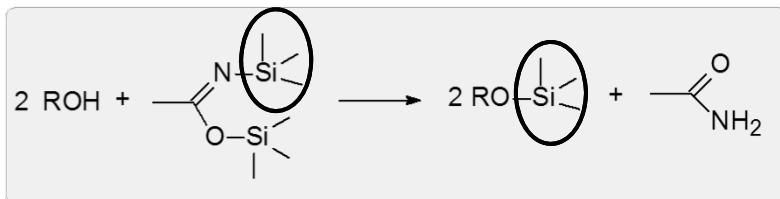
## sample evaporation

necessity to transform L and S samples into G state  
: without changing the nature of sample

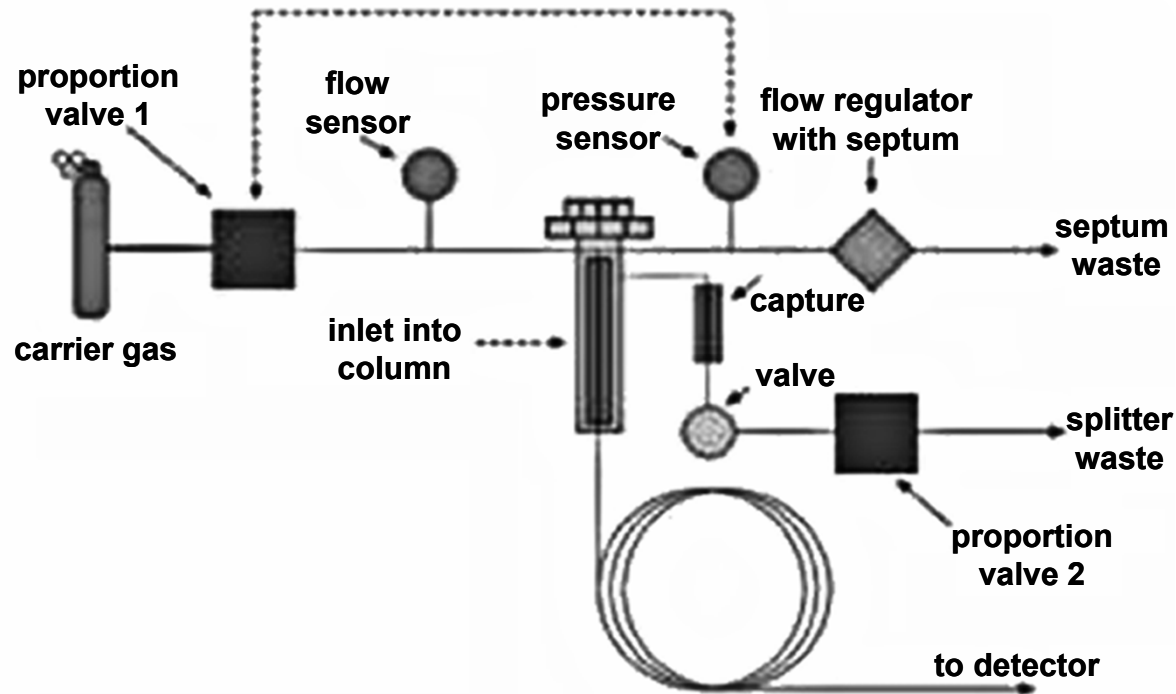
*heated space* on the beginning of the column

## volatility increment

chemical derivatisation: *silylation* (N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide)  
*silanisation* (dimethylchlorosilane)  
and *acetylation* (acetic anhydride)



## splitless injection



- : with closed valve pressurise using proportion valve 1: flow sensor = 5 ml/min, pressure sensor = 70 kPa
- : septum flow set to 2 ml/min  $\Rightarrow$  slow flow of 3 ml/min onto column
- : sample introduced into injector and is carried onto column
- : after certain time without splitting (10 – 40 s /optimum 20 s/, *splitless time*), which happens after injection, the valve is open and rest of the sample is washed out

it demands sample **reconcentration**  
: prevents zone broadening

### cold trapping

: first few centimetres of column has negative temperature gradient  
( $\sim 250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  /injection/  $\gg 40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  capture region;  $ca < 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  than  $T_{\text{boil}}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  mobility of components with high  $T_{\text{boil}}$  is zero

$\Rightarrow$  their re-concentration

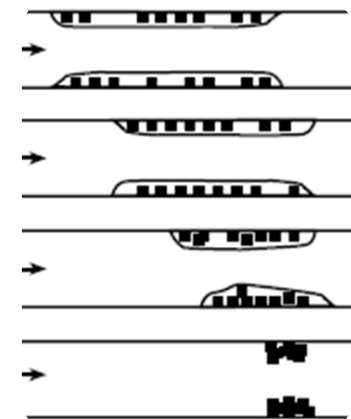
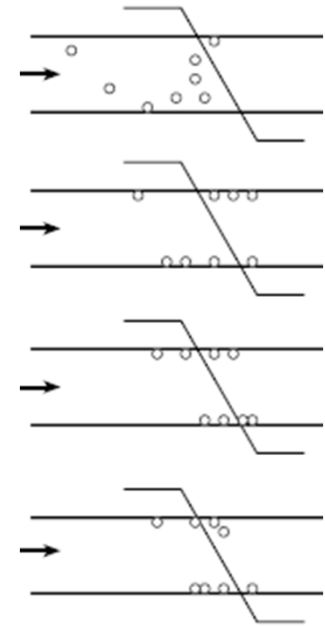
### solvent effect

: first few centimetres of column has negative temperature gradient  
( $\sim 250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  /injection/  $\gg$  capture region is  $ca 20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  below solvent  $T_{\text{boil}}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  sample components with low  $T_{\text{boil}}$  condensate with solvent

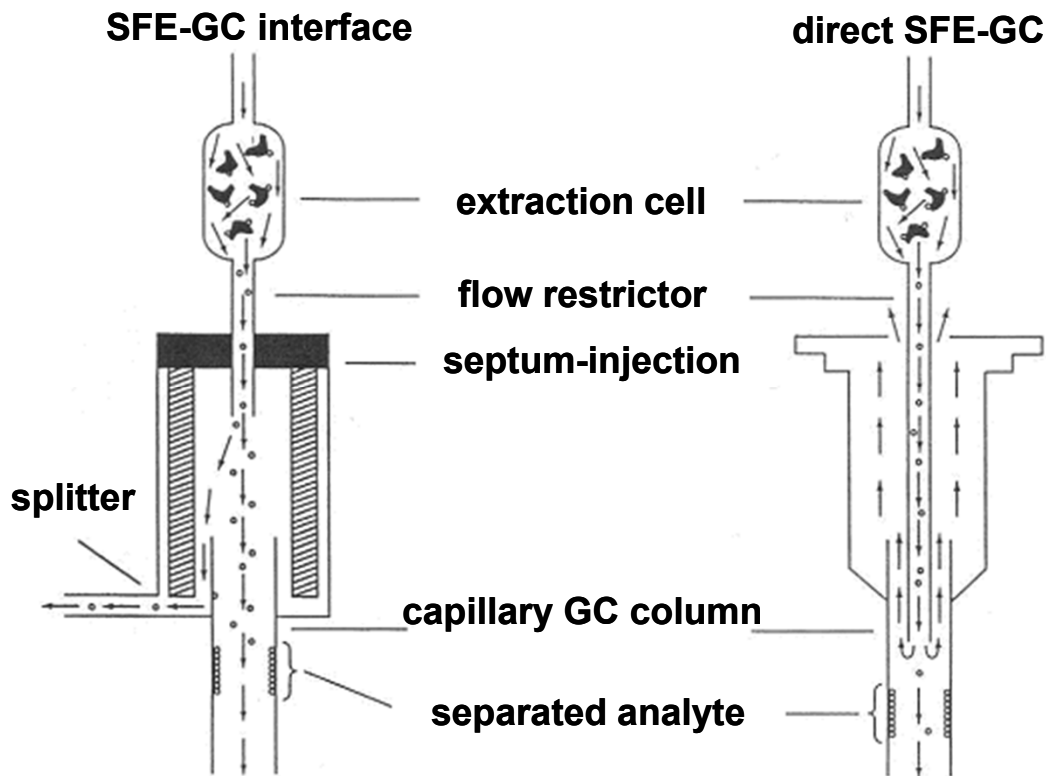
from the created thin film, the solvent is slowly evaporating

$\Rightarrow$  re-concentration of components with low  $T_{\text{boil}}$





# hyphenation of SFE with GC (cold-trapping)



separation of supercritical fluid from sample increases quality GC analysis

separation by means of cold-trapping

1.  $T_{col}$  in time ( $t = 0$ )  $\leq 25$  °C
2.  $d_f \geq 2$   $\mu$ m SF



a) w/o utilisation



b) w/ utilisation

## split injection

splitter allows: easy injection of *small volume*

: is related to sharp zone entering onto column and column capacity

$$S = \frac{F_M}{F_S + F_M}$$

**S** – degree of sample splitting,

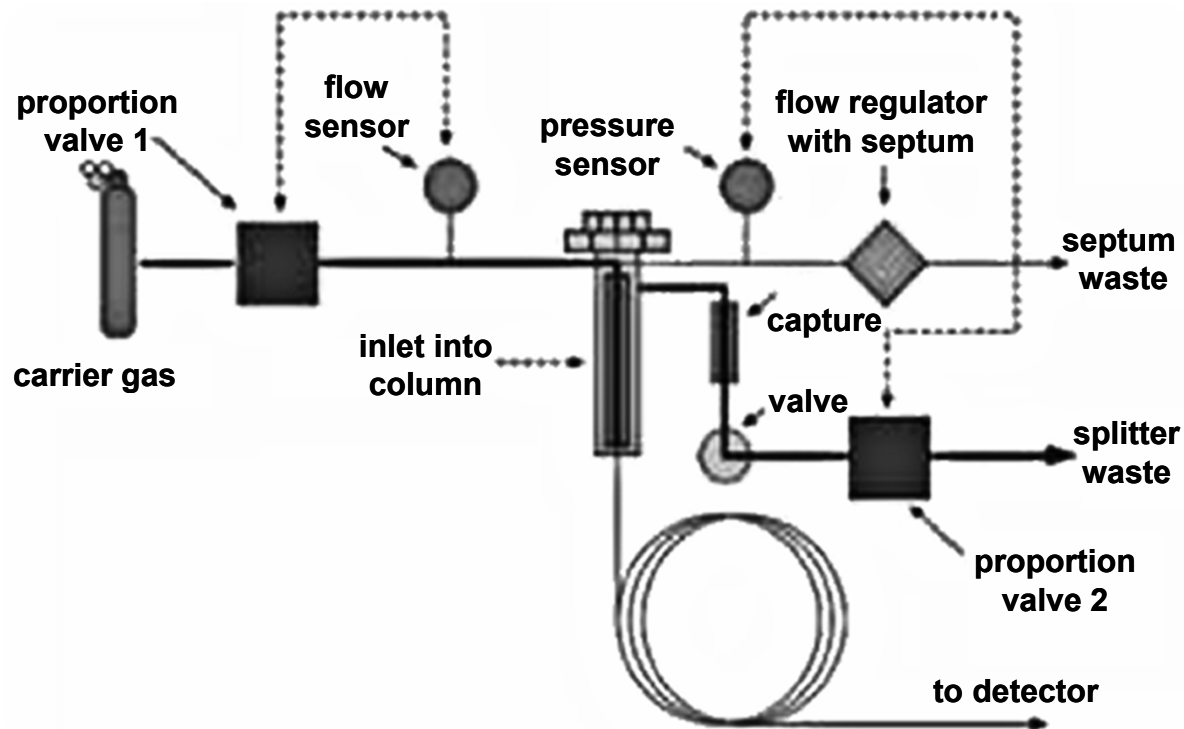
**F<sub>M</sub>** – column flow rate, **F<sub>S</sub>** – splitter flow rate  
(proportion valve 2)

### ***disadvantages:***

: unsuitable for trace analysis

: depends of splitter geometry

**today the most used way of injection**



- : pressurise using proportion valve 1: flow sensor = 103 ml/min, pressure sensor = 70 kPa
- : septum flow set to 2 ml/min  $\Rightarrow$  slow flow of 3 ml/min onto column
- : pressure sensor sets proportion valve 2 to 100 ml/min  $\Rightarrow$  onto column 1 ml/min  $\Rightarrow$  through inlet MF flow quickly, 101 ml/min
- : sample introduced into injector and according to split equation, part goes onto column, part out to waste

## on-column injection

- : injects precise amount
- : suitable for analytes with high  $T_{\text{boil}}$  – no evaporation during injection

instrumentally demanding – restrict pressure losses within injection

- overloads column with liquid (1  $\mu\text{l}$  for 50 cm of column)  $\Rightarrow$  peak broadening
- : solution as within splitless injection

- : gas entrance to column is *sealed*
- : with closed valve pressurise using proportion valve 1: flow sensor = 7 ml/min, pressure sensor = 70 kPa,
- : septum flow set to 2 ml/min
- : sample introduced into injector and carried onto column by flow rate 5 ml/min
- : after certain time without splitting (*splitless time*), which happens after injection, the valve is open and rest of the sample is washed out

### gas injection

**step 1**  
equilibration



**step 2**  
HSE syphoning



**step 3**  
injection



hyphenation HSE-GC

### injection in system with pressure equilibrium

**step 1**  
equilibration



**step 2**  
pressurising

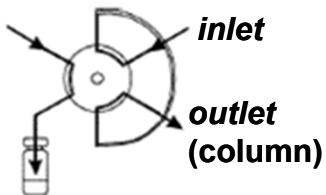


**step 3**  
syphoning and  
injection

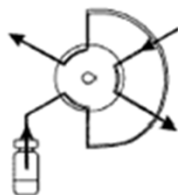


### pressure valve

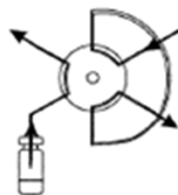
**step 1**  
pressurising



**step 2**  
HSE syphoning



**step 3**  
injection



## separation column

### tubular

- : analytical
- : preparative

length: 0.5 – 10.0 m  
diameter: 1 – 6 mm

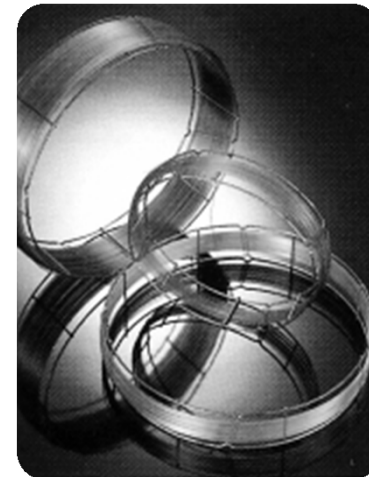
length: 2 – 6 m  
diameter: > 6 mm

### capillary

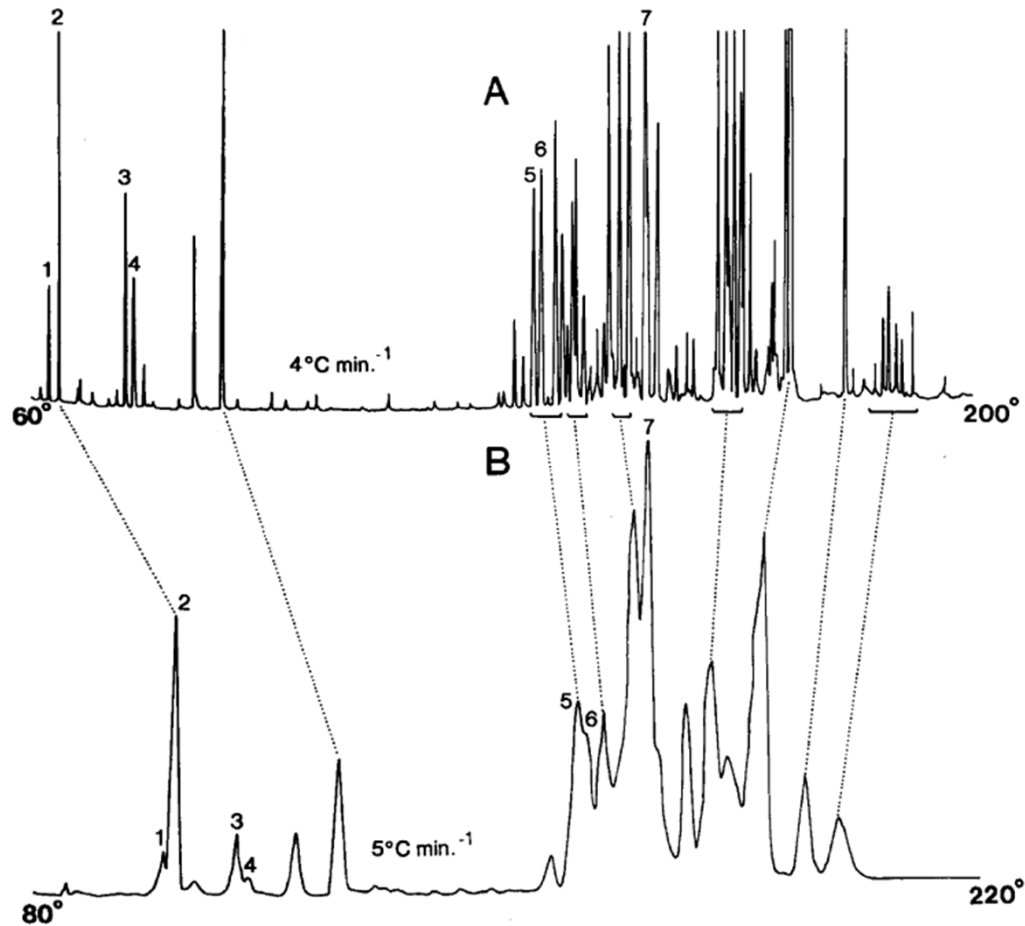
- : open
- : filled

length: 10 – 100 m  
diameter: 0.1 – 0.5 mm

length: 0.5 – 50.0 m  
diameter: 0.3 – 1.0 mm



## separation efficiency comparison of different column types



GC separation of calamus oil components

**A** – 50 m capillary column

**B** – 4 m tubular column

tubular columns

cover: glass, steel, copper, polymers

**carriers**

modified infusorial earth

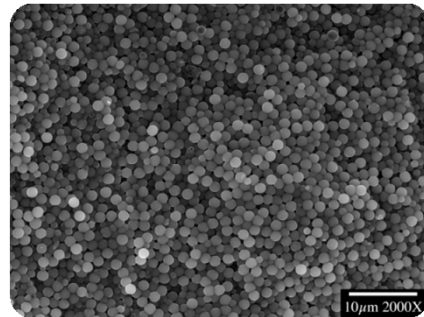
active centres (silanols and siloxanes)  $\Rightarrow$  tailing of more polar components

suppression – *silylation*

**adsorbents**

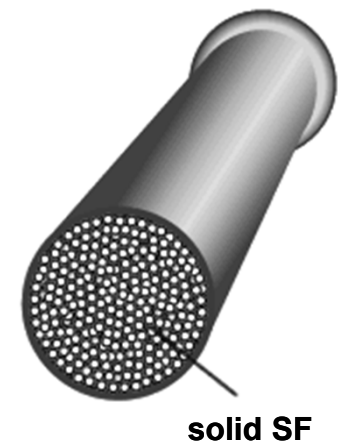
: *unspecific* (activated carbon)

: *specific* (silicagel, alumina, molecular sieves etc.)



*carrier* – fine, solid and inert material (spherical silicagel)

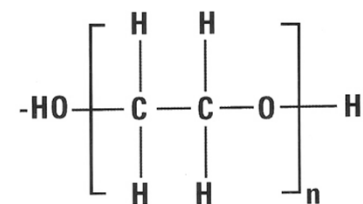
serves directly as SF (GSC),  
or is covered by thin film of liquid phase (GLC)





**non-polar**

: methylated polysiloxane, squalene, apolane C-87



**mildly polar**

: phenylated polysiloxane

**strongly polar**

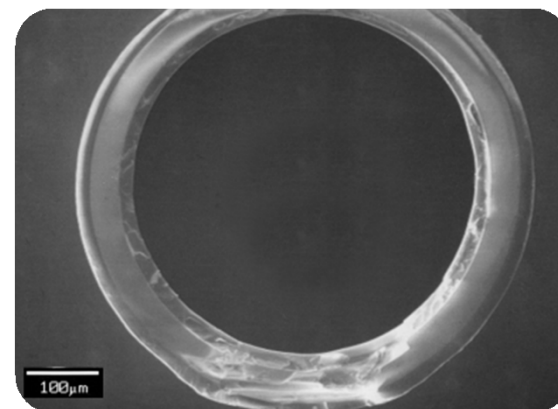
: polysiloxane with  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CN}$ ,  $\text{-CH=CH-CN}$ , Carbowax 20M (based on PEG)

**capillary columns**

silica

surface enlargement by etching

polyimide cover  $\Rightarrow$  increase of mechanical stability



SF universal non-polar silicon phases or immobilised Carbowax

## wall-coated open tubular columns

(WCOT)

liquid SF anchored directly on the capillary wall  
: GLC

i.d. 100 – 530  $\mu\text{m}$



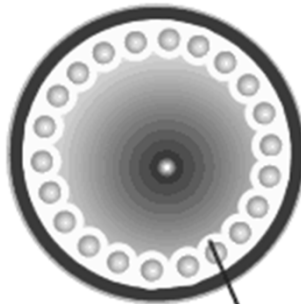
film thickness  
0.1 – 8  $\mu\text{m}$

## fused silica open tubular

(FSOT)

thin wall with outer polyimide cover (mechanical stability)  
: GSC

i.d. 320 – 530  $\mu\text{m}$



film layer thickness  
6 – 60  $\mu\text{m}$

## support-coated open tubular columns

(SCOT)

carrier is on capillary wall, SF is on it  
: GLC

i.d. 320 – 530  $\mu\text{m}$



layer thickness  
5 – 50  $\mu\text{m}$

## porous-layer open tubular columns

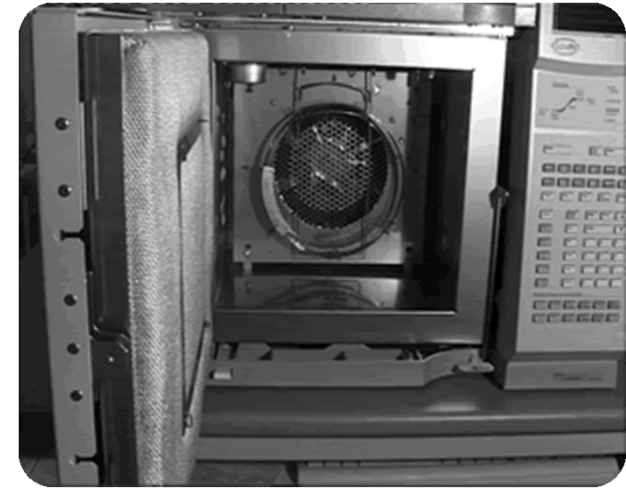
(PLOT)

layer of solid active sorbent on an inner capillary wall  
: GSC

## column thermostat

### importance of temperature of GC

- : evaporation of liquid or solid sample
- : kinetic aspects of separation



kept with precision of 0.1 °C; thermostat range ( $T_{\text{lab}} + 4 \text{ °C}$ ) – 450 °C

*optimal loading temperatures* –  $T_{\text{boil}}$  of component with highest value + 30 – 50 °C

*optimal column temperature*  $\sim T_{\text{boil}}$  of analyte  
column temperature  $\geq T_{\text{boil}} \Rightarrow t_{\text{R}} = 2 - 30 \text{ min}$

minimal temperature  $\Rightarrow$  better resolution, but higher  $t_{\text{R}}$

**wide range** of  $T_{\text{boil}}$  of separated components  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$  *temperature programme / column gradient* ( $\Delta$  temperature during experiment)  
temperature may be increased gradually or in steps

## detectors

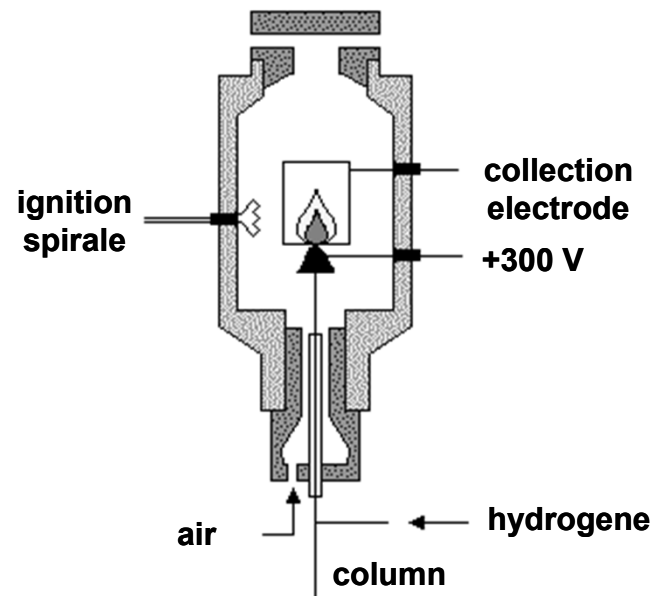
detected compound is volatile, in gaseous state

### concentration dependent detector (CDD)

: non-destructive, dilution with carrier gas decreases sensitivity

### mass dependent detector (MDD)

: destructive, carrier gas interferes not, depends on introduction rate into detector



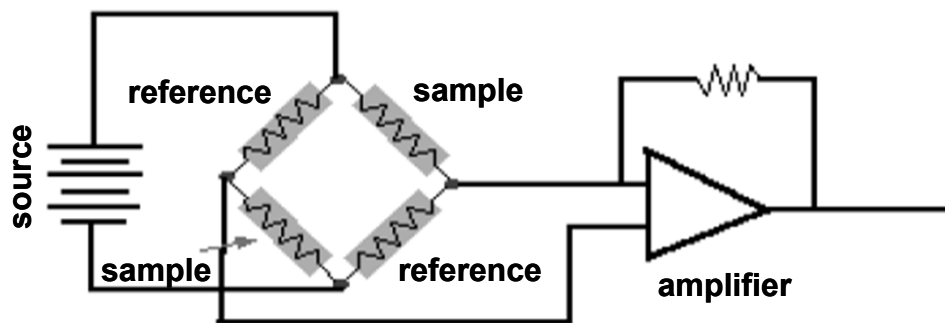
## flame ionisation detector

FID

MDD

signal: current created by pyrolysis of carbon sample

: noise  $10^{-13}$   
: dyn. range  $10^7$   
: sensitivity  $10^{-9}$  M



## thermal conductivity detector

TCD  
catharometer

: **noise**  $10^{-5}$   
 : **dyn. range**  $10^6$   
 : **sensitivity**  $10^{-8}$  M

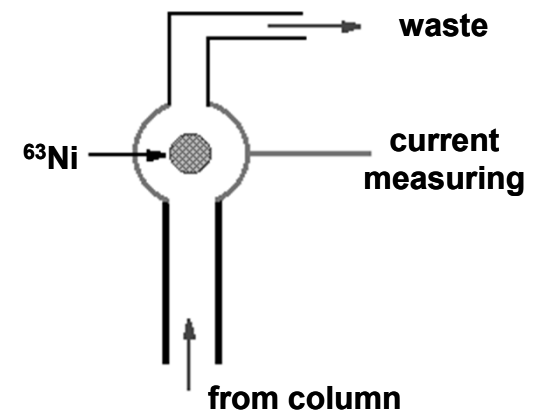
CDD

signal: sample molecules change (decrease) thermal conductivity of carrier gas  
 : carrier gas must have high thermal conductivity (He, H<sub>2</sub>...)  
 : temperature dependent, universal

## electron capture detector

ECD

: **noise**  $10^{-12}$   
 : **dyn. range**  $10^5$   
 : **sensitivity**  $10^{-13}$  M



CDD

signal: analyte molecules decrease current generated by  $\beta$ -emitter  
 : halides, nitrites, cyano-compounds, peroxides, anhydrides, organometals

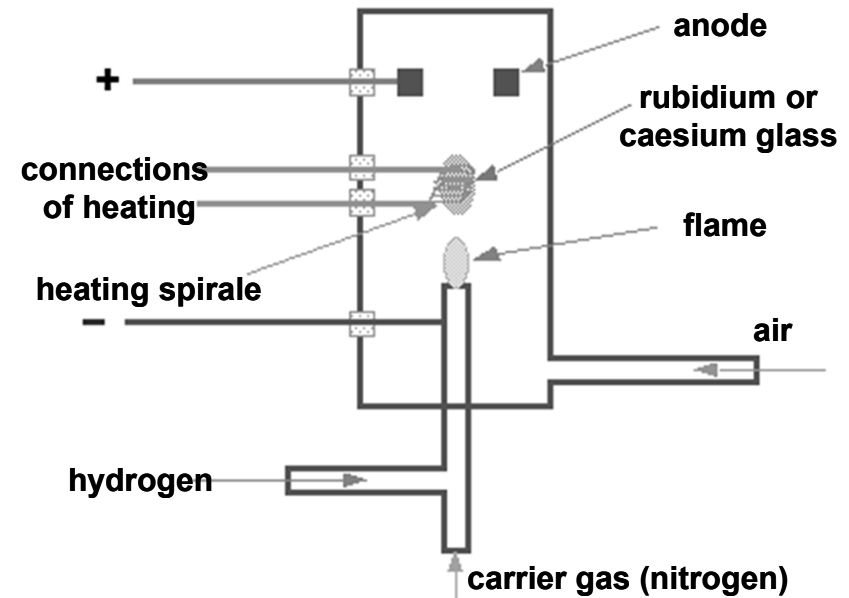
## nitrogen phosphorus detector

NPD – thermoionisation detector

: **noise**  $10^{-12}$   
: **dyn. range**  $10^6$   
: **sensitivity**  $10^{-10}$  M

MDD

signal: Rb/Ce glass thermoionisation electron emission enhanced by N or P presence

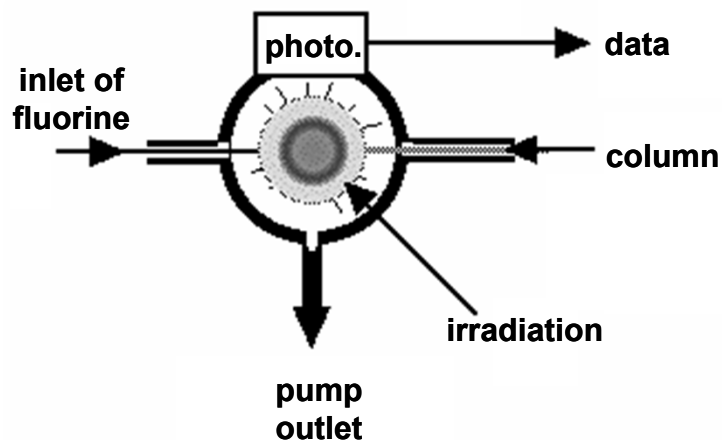


## chemoluminescence detector

: **noise**  $10^{-13}$   
: **dyn. range**  $10^4$   
: **sensitivity**  $10^{-11}$  M

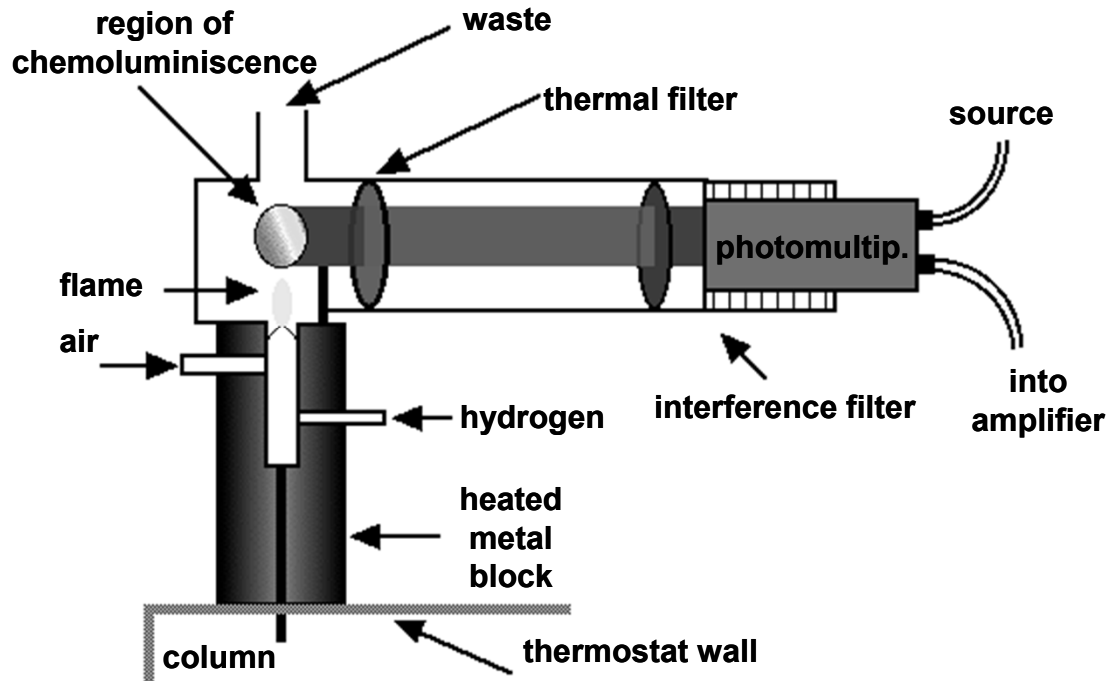
CDD

signal: reaction of F (strong oxidant) with analyte



# flame photometric detector

FPD



: noise  $10^{-12}$   
 : dyn. range  $10^7$   
 : sensitivity  $10^{-10}$  M

MDD

signal: chemoluminescence  
 : selective S (394 nm), P (526 nm)

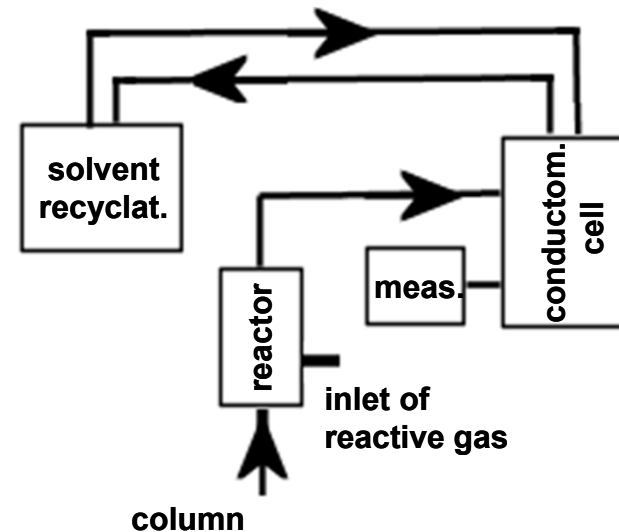
# electrolytic conductivity detector

ELCD

: noise  $10^{-13}$   
 : dyn. range  $10^6$   
 : sensitivity  $10^{-11}$  M

MDD

signal: appearance of special products  
 their conductivity measurement after mixing with solvent



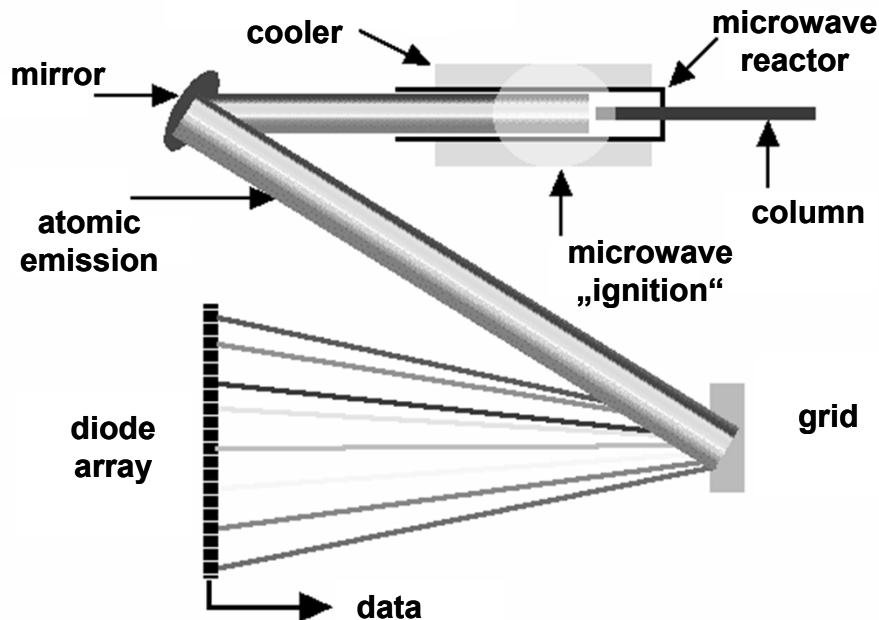
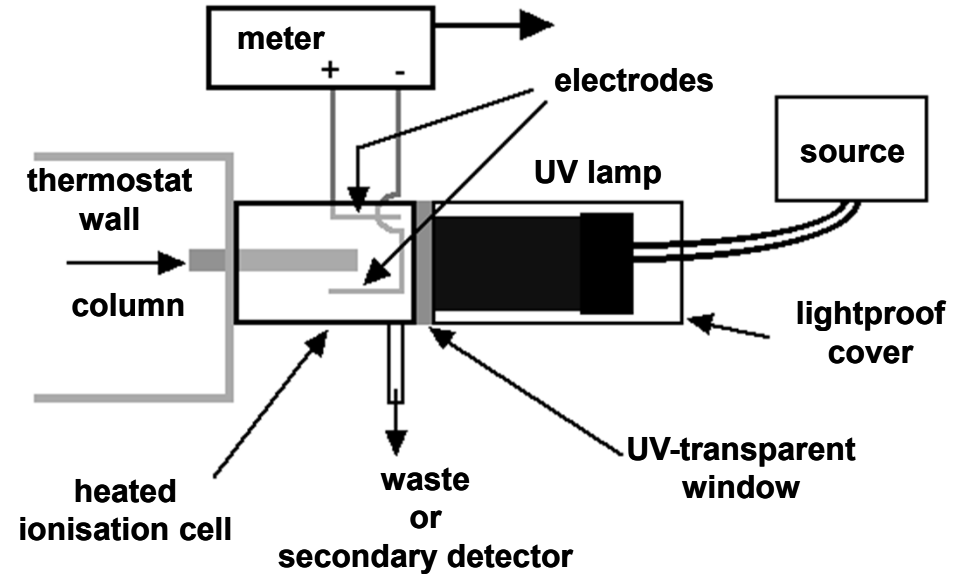
# photoionisation detector

PID

: noise  $10^{-13}$   
 : dyn. range  $10^7$   
 : sensitivity  $10^{-11}$  M

CDD

signal: UV-irradiation ionisation



# atomic emission detector

AED

: noise  $10^{-14}$   
 : dyn. range  $10^4$   
 : sensitivity  $10^{-11}$  M

MDD

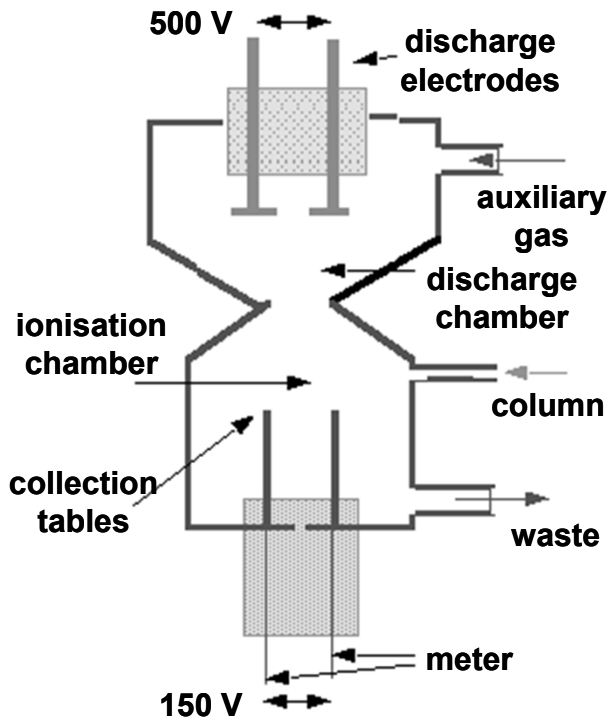
signal: microwave induced plasma  
 : selective according to chosen emission wavelength  
 : very expensive



# helium ionisation detector

HID

- : noise  $10^{-14}$
- : dyn. range  $10^6$
- : sensitivity  $10^{-12}$  M



MDD

signal: auxiliary gas is ionised first (He, Ar), its ions then secondary ionise sample molecules

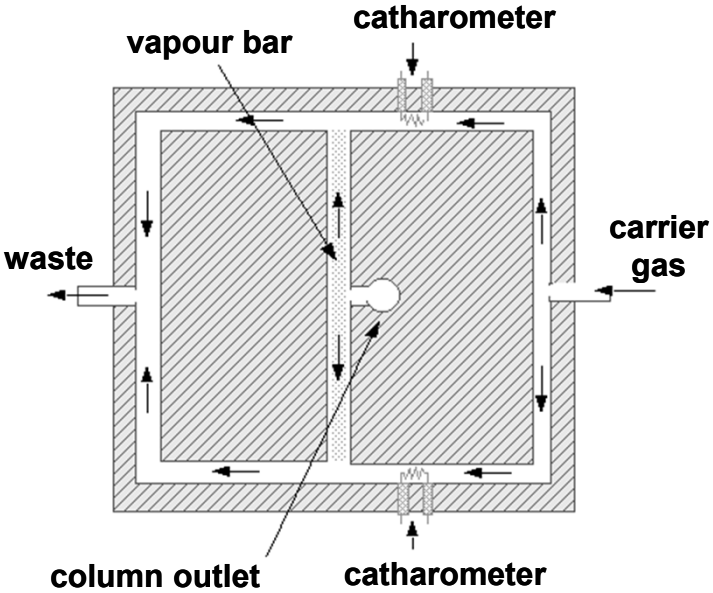
# gas density balance

GDB

- : noise  $10^{-8}$
- : dyn. range  $10^3$
- : sensitivity  $10^{-8}$  M

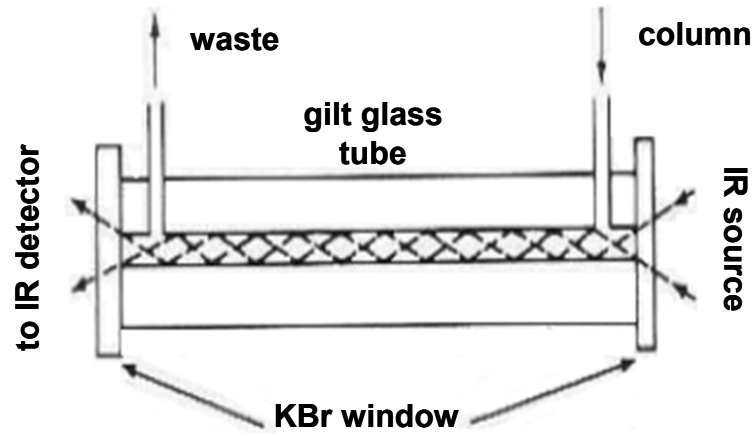
MDD

signal: pressure difference between upper and lower passage of gas in presence of eluent vapours



**infrared detector**

IRD



- : **noise**  $10^{-12}$
- : **dyn. range**  $10^5$
- : **sensitivity**  $10^{-10}$  M

CDD  
signal: IR absorbance

**mass spectrometric detector**

MS

- : **noise**  $10^{-14}$
- : **dyn. range**  $10^3$
- : **sensitivity**  $10^{-15}$  M

CDD  
signal: ion count  
 universal

ionisation:  
 : electron impact (EI)  
 : chemical i. (CI)

analysers:  
 : quadrupole (Q, Qq)  
 : ion trap (IT)  
 : magnetic sector  
 : time-of-flight (TOF)

## definition of chromatographic system in GC

**MF**

**carrier gas type**

**flow / pressure** (ml.min<sup>-1</sup> / kPa)

**injection** (X µl)

injection type (event. splitting rate)

**SF**

**stationary phase type**

length, inner diameter, manufacturer, SF type, film thickness  
25m x 0.32 ID J&W DB-5 DF – 1.0

temperature gradient profile

initial temperature and its period, temperature increase; inlet temperature

(e.g. 130 °C 1 min, 130 – 250 °C at 5 °C/min, 250 °C 5 min; 250 °C)

**detector**

basic characteristic according to type

## analytical information in chromatogram

qualitative information

### retention time

: compound identification (*standard method*)

**spectroscopic detectors:** UV-Vis spectra

MS spectra (ESI / APCI; Qq / IT / o-TOF)

NMR spectra ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ )

## retention time formulation

*specific retention volume* ( $V_p$ )

$$V_p = \frac{273.15 \cdot V_N}{S \cdot T_{\text{col}}}$$

*relative retention time* ( $r_{A,B}$ )

: comparison with internal standard

$$r_{A,B} = \frac{t'_R(A)}{t'_R(B)}$$

*Kovats retention indices* ( $r_{A,B}$ )

: linear dependence of retention time logarithm of homologues on carbon number

## quantitative information

**peak area**  $\approx$  amount, concentration of compound  
: because of narrow peaks frequently only height

## internal normalisation method

- : all components are eluted (solvent does not count)
- : all they have same/similar response factor

$$C_{\%} = A_{\%,j} = \frac{100 \cdot A_j}{A_{\text{tot}}}$$

## external standard method (absolute calibration; calibration curve)

- : always same measurement conditions, same injection volumes
- : indispensable matrix influence

$$C_{\text{unknown}} = \frac{A_{\text{unknown}}}{A_{\text{known}}} \cdot C_{\text{known}}$$

### internal standard method

- : need not to know injection volume
- : standard must be chemically similar to analyte

$$C_{\text{unknown}} = \frac{A_{\text{IS1}}}{A_{\text{IS2}}} \cdot \frac{A_{\text{unknown}}}{A_{\text{known}}} \cdot C_{\text{known}}$$

### standard addition method

- : presumes calibration curve linearity

$$C_1 = \frac{V_S}{V_1} \cdot \frac{C_S}{\frac{A_2}{A_1} \cdot \frac{(V_1 + V_S)}{V_1} - 1}$$

$A_1$  – analyte peak area, unknown concentration  $c_1$

$A_2$  – analyte peak area of unknown concentration  $c_1$   
after addition of standard of known concentration  $c_S$

$V_1$  – sample volume,  $V_S$  – standard solution volume

## test measurements in GC

column testing

*in dependence on time* (at const. flow rate) **we observe**

efficiency

: normalised retention times of components

: height of peaks

: symmetry of peaks

### **testing mixture for uncoated carriers**

n-decane, 1-aminoacetate, 3,5-dimethylpyrimidine, n-dodecane, 1-aminodecane, 2,6-dimethyl-aniline, N,N-dicyclohexylamine, 1-aminododecane and n-heptadecane

MF – H<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>initial</sub> = 40 °C, T<sub>terminal</sub> = 180 °C

### **testing mixture for coated carriers (Grob test)**

methyl decanoate, methyl undecanoate, methyl dodecanoate, n-decane, n-undecane, n-dodecane, 1-octanol, nonanal, 2,3-butanediol, 2,6-dimethylaniline, 2,6-dimethylphenol, dicyclohexylamine, 2-ethylhexanoic acid

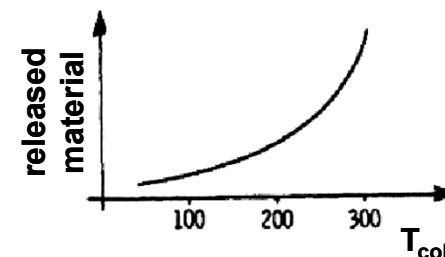
MF – H<sub>2</sub> or He, T<sub>initial</sub> = 40 °C, T<sub>terminal</sub> = 100 °C, resp. 175 °C

thermostability

**column bleeding**

n-C<sub>22</sub>

MF – He, T<sub>initial</sub> = 40 °C, T<sub>terminal</sub> = 300 °C



# separation of macromolecules

separation of  
macromolecules  
history

1556

**Agricola** : separation of gold using gravity in a flow of water

1870

**Lord Rayleigh** : basic theory on light scattering on small particles

1940

**Debye** and **Zimm**; theory on light scattering on large particles

1955

**Lindquist** and **Storgards** : gel filtration *on starch* („*molecular sieving*“)

1959

**Porath** and **Flodin** : gel filtration *on cross-linked dextrans* (Sephadex)  
(*GPC*)

1961

**Hjertén** : use of synthetic gels as stationary phases : *polyacrylamide*



**1962**

**Pedersen** : protein separation on small glass spheres (*HDC*)

**1964**

**Hjertén** : use of natural gels as stationary phases : *agarose*

**1966**

**Giddings** : description of FFF method principles

**1969**

**DiMarzio** and **Guttman** : theory of *steric exclusion* for SEC

**1970**

first commercial instrument using light scattering for mol. mass characterisation

**1974**

**Small** : first HDC experiments on non-porous sorbent

**1978**

**Noel** : particle separation in empty capillary (*capillary HDC*)

# theoretical fundamentals of separation of macromolecules

*what is that macromolecule?*

molecule of  $M_w > 10\ 000$

**synthetic polymers**

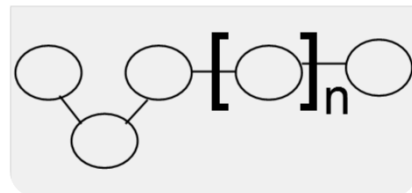
*monomer, oligomer (10 – 100), polymer*

homopolymers (PE, PP, PS, PTFE...)

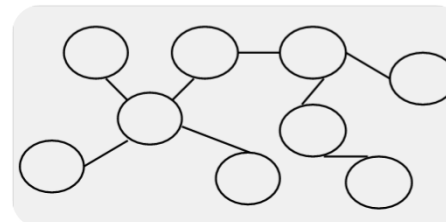
: one repeated unit (monomer)



linear

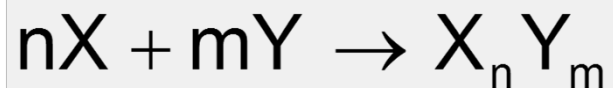


branched



heteropolymers

: more of different units



## biological polymers

$M_w \approx 10\,000 - 1\,000\,000$

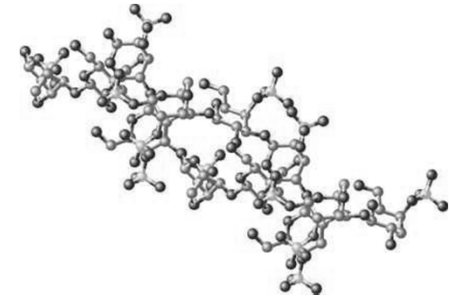
### proteins

peptidic bond, 21 natural amino acids (Se-Met)  
complicated **complexes of different** units, e.g. haem + globin



### glycans (polysaccharides, oligosaccharides)

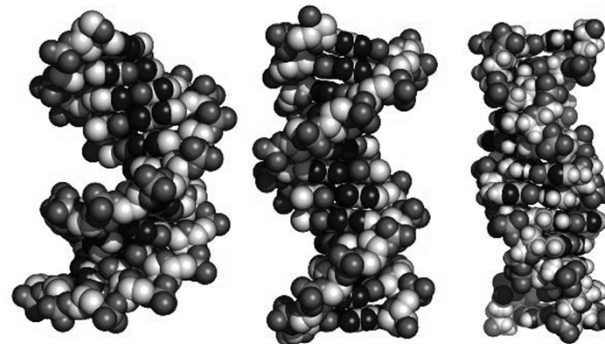
(starch, glycogen, chitin, cellulose, dextrans, pullulans)



### nucleic acids (polynucleotides, oligonucleotides)

nucleotide = phosphate + nucleoside  
nucleoside = saccharide + base

DNA – saccharide – deoxyribose  
RNA – saccharide – ribose



**surface forces** (*surface charge, ionic strength of surround*)

**primary**  $\Rightarrow$  *secondary, tertiary, ternary structure – native form*

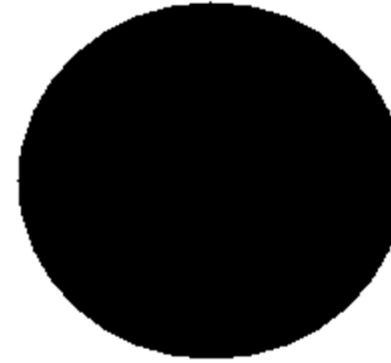
macroscopic forms



random coil

description of macromolecule

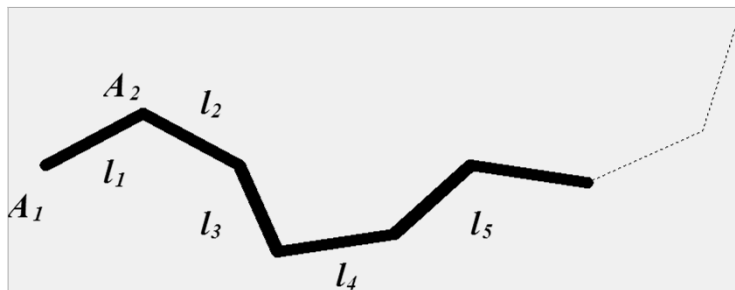
rod



sphere

size of macromolecule

flexible molecule



contour length (L)

$$L = n \cdot l$$

n – number of bonds  
l – monomer length

end-to-end vector length ( $\vec{r}$ )

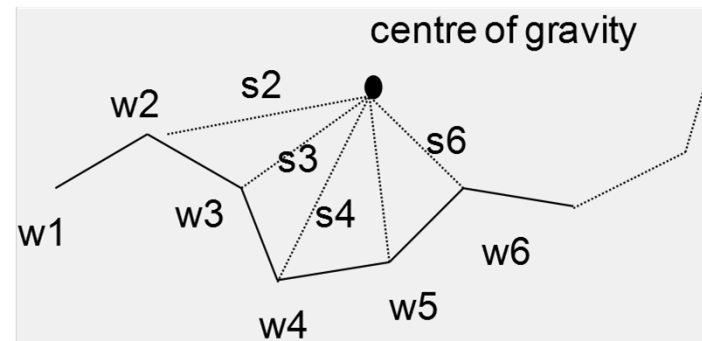
$$\vec{r} = \sum_i \vec{l}$$

**mean square end-to-end distance ( $r^2$ )**

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \sum_i \sum_j \langle \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j \rangle$$

**radius of gyration ( $s^2$ )**

important quantity  
for **light scattering** measurement



$$\langle s^2 \rangle = \frac{s_i^2}{n}$$

**s** – distance of unit from centre of gravity

$$\langle s^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle}{6}$$

if monomer units are identical

## relative molecular mass

SM separates mostly according to size =  $f$  (molecular mass, cross section, *etc*)

$$M_r = m \cdot \frac{1}{12} m(^{12}\text{C}) \quad \text{SI definition}$$

### for macromolecules

mix of molecules of different molecular mass, differing in number of units = distribution

$$\overline{M}_n = \frac{\sum N_i \cdot M_i}{\sum N_i} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{number average } M_r \\ \text{: measured by osmometry} \end{array}$$

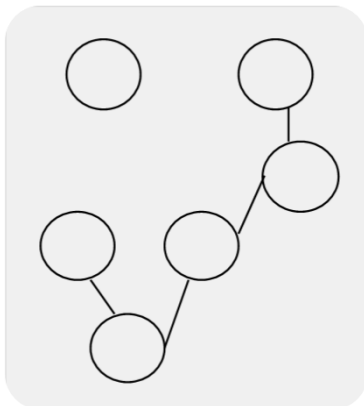
$$\overline{M}_w = \frac{\sum N_i \cdot M_i^2}{\sum N_i \cdot M_i} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{weight average } M_r \\ \text{: measured by light scattering} \end{array}$$

$$\overline{M}_z = \frac{\sum N_i \cdot M_i^3}{\sum N_i \cdot M_i} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{z-average } M_r \\ \text{: measured by sedimentation analysis} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{M_w}{M_n} \geq 1 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{polydispersity} \\ \sim \text{distribution} \end{array}$$

**example 8**

**what will be the number average, weight average molecular mass and polydispersity of polymer sample?**



**???**

# basic modes of macromolecule separation

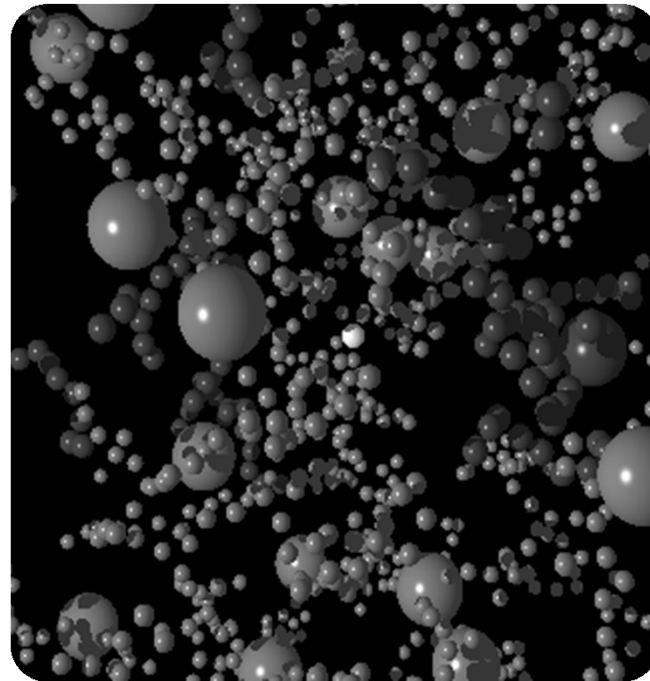
## size exclusion chromatography (SEC)

- : gel filtration chromatography (GFC)
- : gel permeation chromatography (GPC)
- : gel filtration (GF)

## hydrodynamic chromatography (HC)

## flow-field fractionation (FFF)

- : sedimentation (SFFF)
- : thermal (TFFF)
- : electric (EFFF)
- : gravity (FFFF)





# SEC, size exclusion chromatography

gel permeation chromatography (GPC)  
gel filtration chromatography (GFC)

## principle

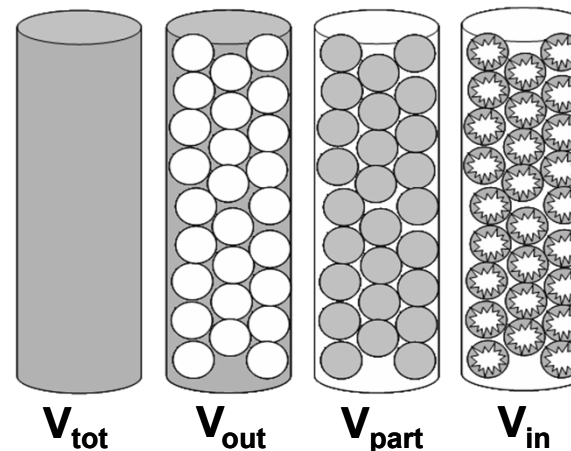
- : analyte is distributed between MF outside of particles and inside of particles
- :: sieving effect, steric exclusion
- :: diffusion
- :: pressure of carrier liquid – motion of liquid and its flow profile

$$V_R = V_{out} + K'_D \cdot V_{in}$$

$V_R$  – retention volume  
 $K'_D$  – distribution constant

*tot* – total volume  
*out* – MF outside of particles  
*in* – MF inside of particles  
*part* – volume of particle material

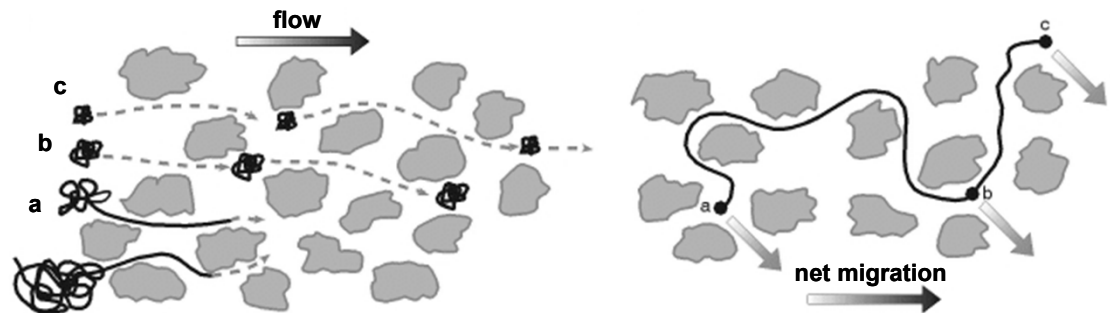
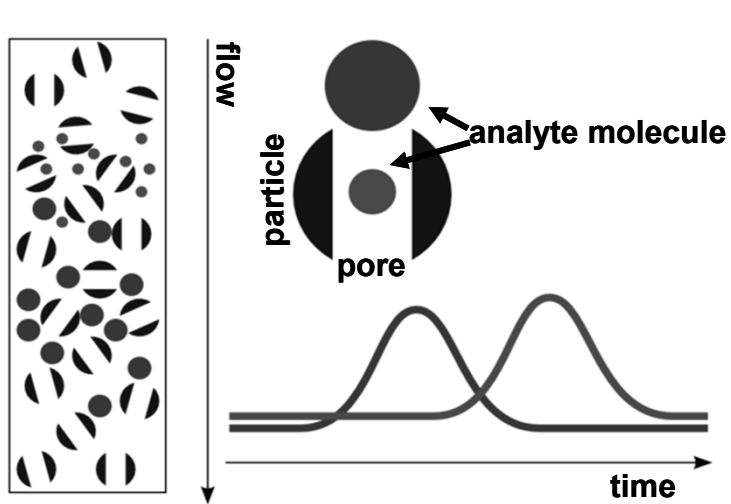
$$V_{tot} = V_{out} + V_{in} + V_{part}$$



$$V_R = V_{out} + K'_{AV} \cdot (V_{tot} - V_{out}) \quad \text{where} \quad (V_{tot} - V_{out}) = V_{in} + V_{part}$$

$K'_{AV}$  – elution constant

$$K'_{AV} / K'_D = \text{const.}$$



**molecular sieve effect**

- : uniform pore diameter (determines cut-off)
- : distribution of pores with different diameter

**thermodynamic interpretation**

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = -RT \ln(K) \quad \Rightarrow \quad K = e^{-\frac{\Delta H - T\Delta S}{RT}} \approx e^{\frac{\Delta S}{R}} < 1$$

$\Delta H \sim 0 \Rightarrow$  process is **entropically controlled**

$$K'_D = \frac{c_A^{\text{in}}}{c_A^{\text{out}}}$$

$c_{\text{in}}$  – analyte concentration inside of particles  
 $c_{\text{out}}$  – analyte concentration outside of particles

$$V_R = k_1 \cdot \log M_W + k_2$$

$k_1, k_2$  – numeric constants

$$V_R = V_{\text{out}} + \int_R^{r_{\text{max}}} K'_D(R, r) \cdot \varphi(r) dr$$

$\varphi$  – total pore volume with diameter  $r$  to  $r+dr$   
 $R$  – diameter of retained particle

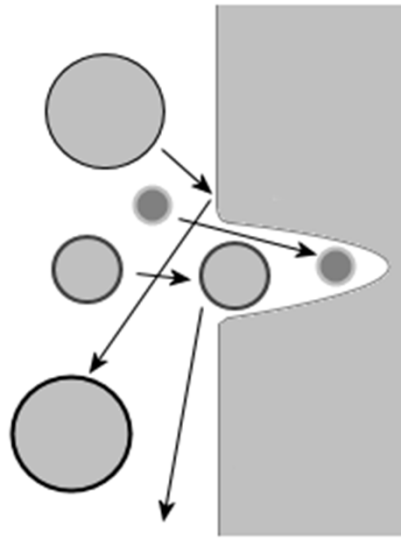
**separation** is given by **ratio of diameter of pore and analyte**

**sieve model** is in many aspects *not exact*

: flow of liquid out an in pores is different ( $F_{\text{out}} \gg F_{\text{in}}$ )

: other interactions: adsorption, L-L distribution, electrostatic repulsion ( $\Rightarrow K'_D > 1$ )





gel LC  
SEC

gel LC

$$K_D = \frac{a_A^{qS}}{a_A^M}$$

mechanical separation of **A** molecules in particles/pores of gel based on their different size

not classic LC, no chemical affinity

**qS** – quazi SF, **M** – MF

## use of SEC

### group separation

: separation of low and high molecular groups  
(desalting, extraction agent removal, reaction termination between low molecular mass ligand and biopolymer)

### fractionation / purification

: separation of components with significant  $M_r$  difference

### determination of $M_r$

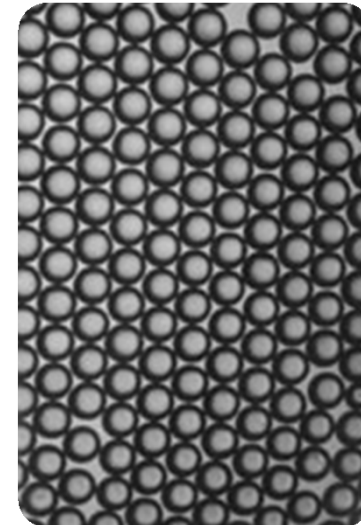
: comparison with standards (in line increasing  $M_w$ )  
: polymer polydispersity and distribution

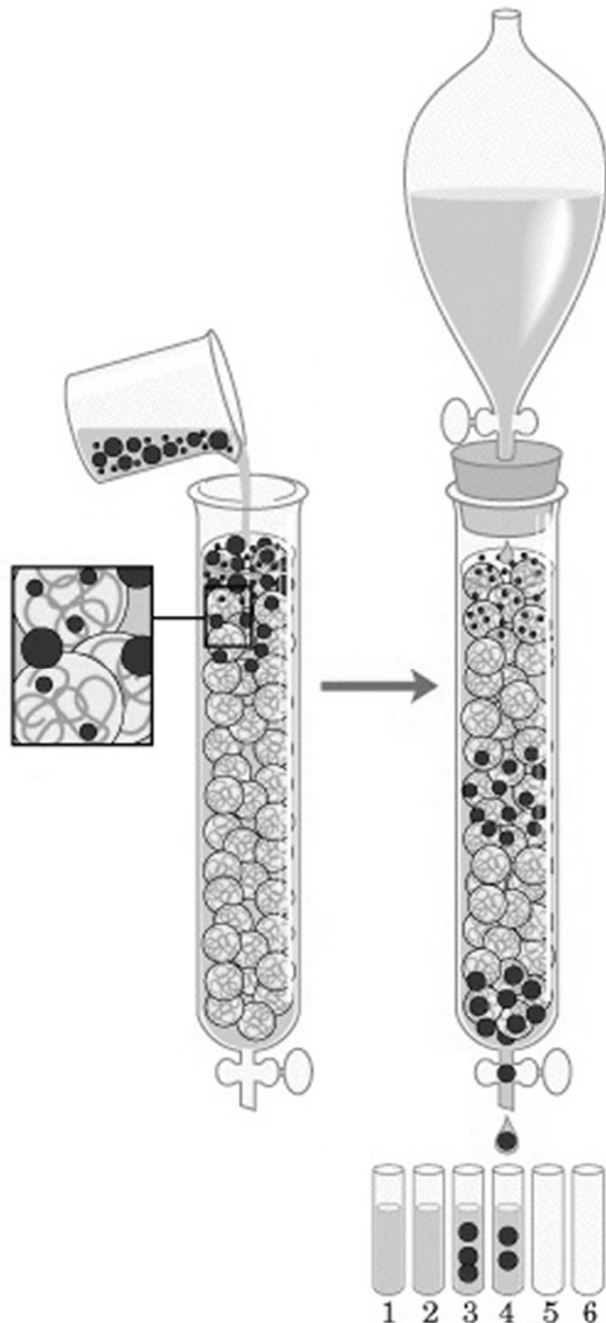
### analysis of ligand-biopolymer binding

: emerging complex has higher  $M_r$  than components  
(complex insulin-antibody by diabetics)

### concentrating samples of biopolymers

: dry molecular sieves remove solvent – „dry up“ and concentrate sample





### column filling

- : pre-filled columns
- : own filling – SF swelling (uniform, without bubbles)

### proceeding SEC

### sample introduction

- : injecting 1 – 5 % of column volume
- : either on column top or through injection adaptor

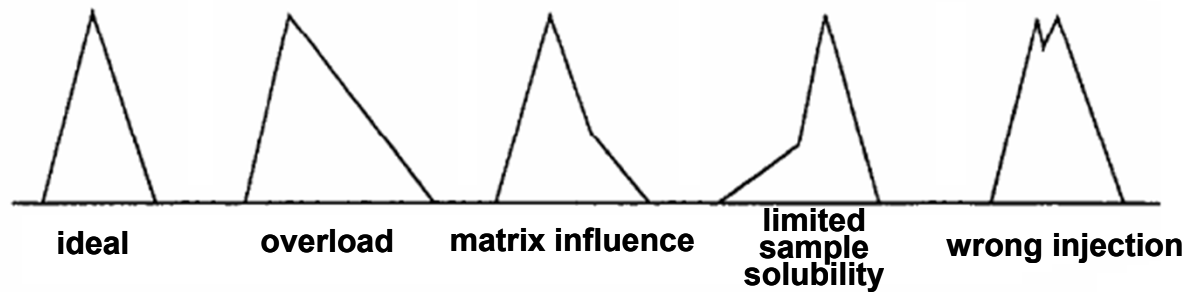
### elution

MF not directly influences separation

- : solvent viscosity and elution MF ratio < 2
- : water – uncharged compounds separation, or buffers  
*pH* and *I* keeps ion interactions minimal

### guarding SF

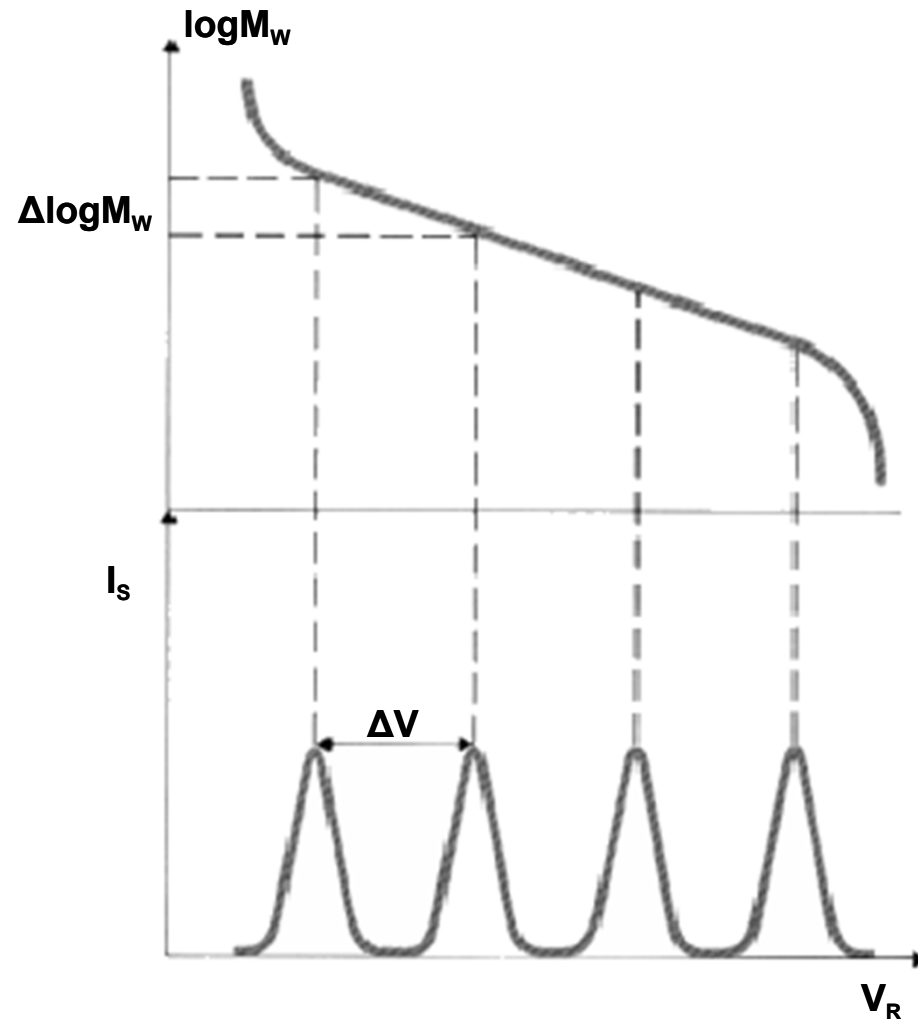
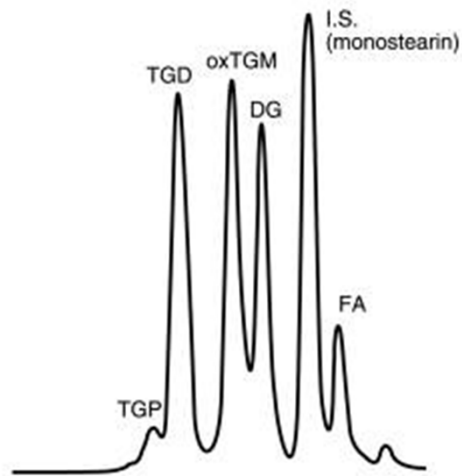
- 0.02 % sodium azide
- 0.05 % trichlorobutanol (Chloreton)
- 0.005 % ethylmercurithiosalicylate (Mertiolate)
- 0.002 % chlorhexidine



**calibration**

**set of standards**

4 – 5 defined native proteins with increasing  $M_w$



**absolute calibration**

basic parameter defining selectivity – **hydrodynamic volume**

formula for limiting viscosity number of polymer  $[\eta]$  derived from Einstein's equation

$$[\eta] = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\eta / \eta_{\text{solv}}) - 1}{\rho} = \frac{k \cdot V_R}{M} \Rightarrow [\eta] \cdot M = k \cdot V_R$$

independent on macromolecule structure

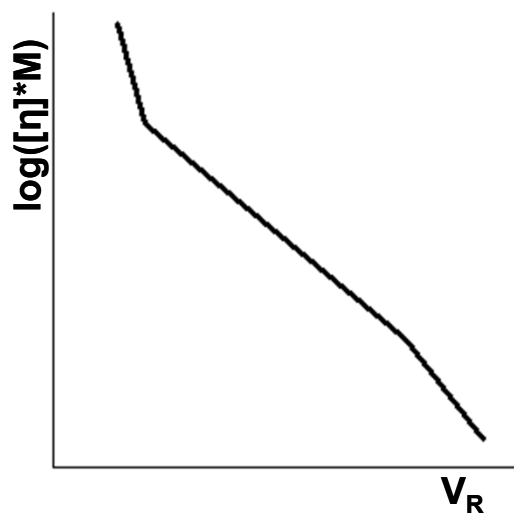
$$[\eta] = K \cdot M^\alpha$$

**Mark-Houwink's equation**

$\Rightarrow$

$$[\eta]_A \cdot M_A = [\eta]_S \cdot M_S = f(V_R)$$

**A** – analyte, **S** – standard



$$K_A \cdot M_A^{\alpha_A+1} = K_S \cdot M_S^{\alpha_S+1}$$

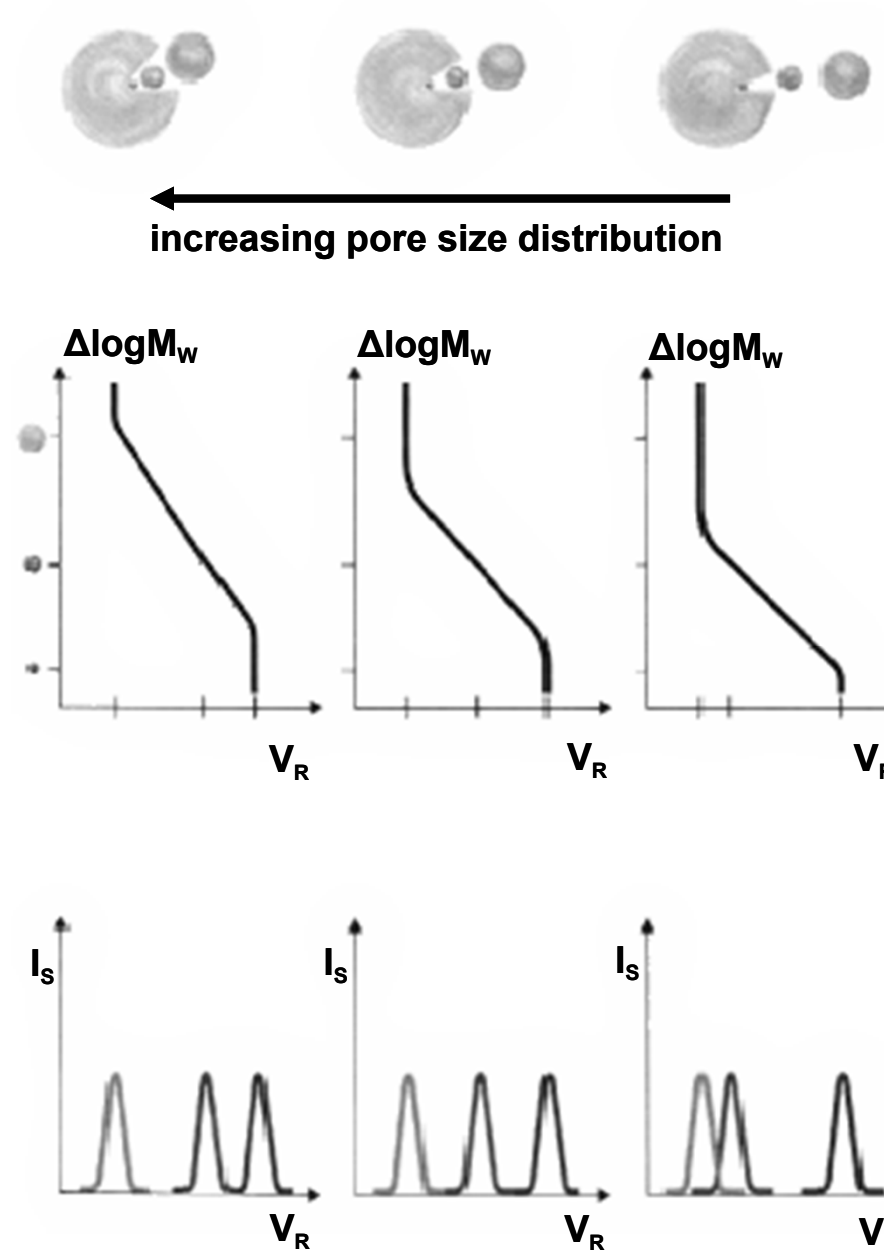
$$M_A = \left( \frac{K_S \cdot M_S^{\alpha_S+1}}{K_A} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha_A+1}}$$

$$\log([\eta] \cdot M) = f(V_R)$$

$[\eta]$  – by viscosimetry



**selectivity** in relation to pore size distribution



## separation column

: **classical tubular columns**

material – mostly soft gels

: **inert** gel matrix (towards analyte and elution solutions)

: long-term **chemical stability** (at different pH and temperature)

: **mechanical stability** (resistance towards high pressure)

: **small** amount of **ionised** groups

: suitable **particle size** (5 – 250  $\mu\text{m}$ )

:: *small particles* – high resolution, low rate

:: *large particles* – fast separation, low resolution

***fractionation range (FR)***

$M_r$  range, in which the compounds are separated

***elimination limit (EL)***

upper limit of fractionation range



## column fillings

### agarose

large pores, acidic character

*elution*: polar and non-polar solvents

FR > 200 000

*Sepharose*

mixed SF: agarose-acrylamide

chemical very resistant

FR = 1000 – 23 000 000

*Bio-Gel A, Ultrogel*

### dextran

strong adsorption effects

*elution*: polar and non-polar solvents

FR < 10 000

*Sephadex*

### polyacrylamide

low amount of polar groups; low resolution

*elution*: polar and mild non-polar solvents

FR = 1000 – 3 000 000

*Sephacryl, Bio-Gel P*

### styrene-DVB

strong hydrophobic interactions

*elution*: non-polar solvents

FR = 400 – 14 000

*Bio-Beads, Styragel*

methacrylate

**hydroxymethyl methacrylate + ethylendimethyl methacrylate**

*elution:* polar and non-polar solvents

*Spheron*

**glycomethacrylate**

*elution:* polar and non-polar solvents

vinylacetate

*Separon*

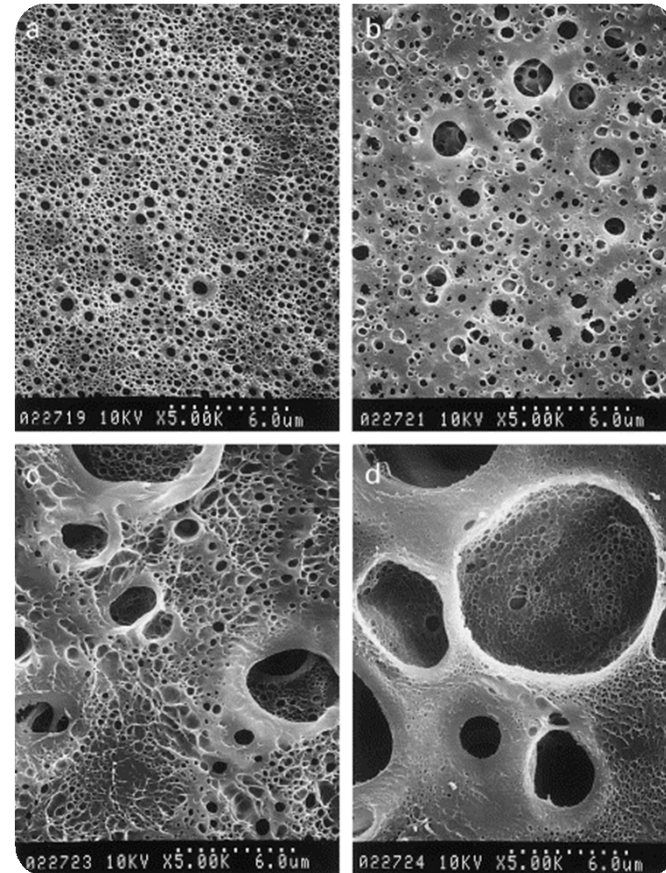
*Merckogel OP-PVA*

silica

strong hydrophilic interactions, mildly acidic

*elution:* polar solvents

*Bio-Glass, Porasil, Spherosil*



## detectors

- : detection of separated compounds
- : determining molecular mass and polydispersity

### absorption photometric detector

- : polymers mostly do not contain own chromophores  $\Rightarrow$  indirect detection

refractometric detector : universal

### fluorimetric (fluorescence) detector

- : own fluorophores (within proteins Trp, Tyr, Phe), or derivatisation

## viscosimetric detector

$$M_v \in (M_n, M_w), M_v \approx M_w$$

$$[\eta] = KM^\alpha = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\eta / \eta_{\text{solvent}}) - 1}{\rho}$$

Mark-Houwink's equation

$[\eta]$  – limiting viscosity number [ $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ]

$\eta^*$  – solvent viscosity

$K, \alpha$  – Mark-Houwink's constants (for globular macromolecules  $\alpha = 0$ )

## osmometric detector

vapour pressure osmometry (VPO)

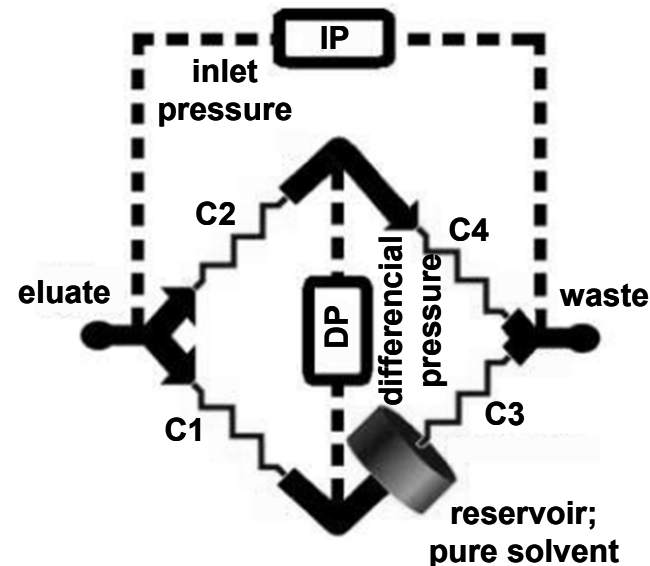
: uses **Raoult's law**

: fast, low sample consumption, temperature interval 25 – 130 °C

:  $M_r = 40 - 35\,000$ , no volatile compounds

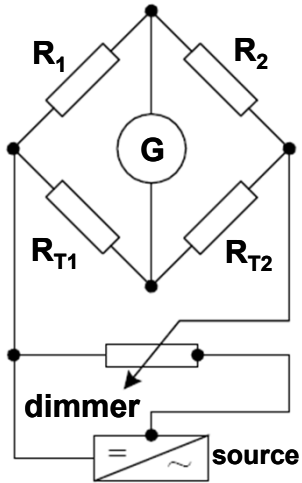
MDD

signal: pressure unbalance in bridge



different  $\eta$   
of solutions  
in **C1, C2, C4 & C3**  
 $\Rightarrow \Delta P$

$$[\eta] = \frac{4 \cdot \Delta P}{P_{IP} - 2 \cdot \Delta P}$$



$T = \text{const.}$ , saturated vapours of solvent

1)  $R_{T1}$  and  $R_{T2}$  – droplet of solvent,  $\Delta T_{1,2} = 0$ ,  $U = 0$

2)  $R_{T1}$  – droplet of solvent,  $R_{T2}$  – droplet of sample (solvent + analyte)

adding droplet of sample  $\downarrow$  solvent vapour tension  $\Rightarrow$  condensation of solvent vapours into the droplet  $\Rightarrow$  release of condensation heat  $\Rightarrow \uparrow$  temperature of sample droplet, thus also of thermistor, also of solution tension pressure  $\Rightarrow$  Wheatstone bridge unweighing

solvent vapour condensation stops when sample vapour pressure is in equilibrium with pure solvent vapour pressure due to higher temperature

measured voltage, proportional to the difference of temperatures of both thermistors, is proportional to molar concentration of compound in sample

thermal losses  $\Rightarrow$  calibration on standard of known  $M_r$  value

## light scattering detector

### static light scattering

scattering of light beam on particles of suspension or colloid solution

interaction of light beam electric vector with electron shell  $\Rightarrow$  periodic oscillations

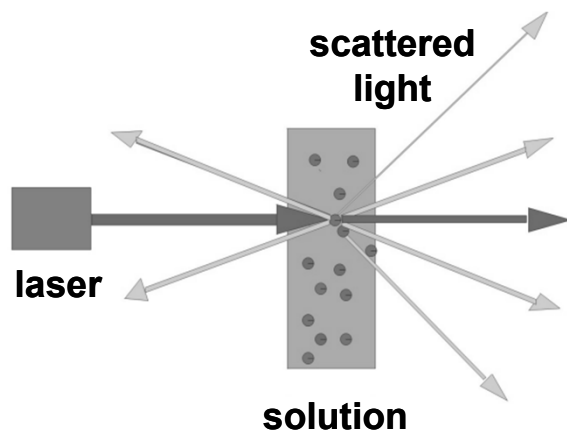
intensity, polarisation and angular distribution of scattered light

depends on size and shape of scattering particles

### dynamic light scattering

studies time fluctuations of scattered light on moving particles

: information on diffusion coefficient





## light scattering on small particles

### macromolecules

particle diameter ( $d$ )  $< \lambda/20$  (Rayleigh scattering)

$$\alpha = \frac{c(\partial n / \partial c)_{\mu} \cdot \bar{n}_0}{2\pi \cdot N}$$

$c$  – concentration

$N$  – number of particles; scattering centres

$\bar{n}_0$  – refractive index of solvent

$(\partial n / \partial c)_{\mu}$  – particle refractive index changes at constant  $\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  particles – secondary source of scattered light of the same wavelength

$$\frac{i_s}{I_0} = \frac{8\pi^2 \cdot V \cdot \alpha^2}{\lambda_0^4 \cdot r^2} \cdot N \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

intensity ratio of scattered ( $i_s$ ) and original light  $I_0$  (non-polarised)

$V$  – unit volume

$\lambda_0$  – wavelength

$r$  – distance from particle

$\theta$  – angle measured from main light beam

**number of scattering centres N in case of identical macromolecules**

(monodisperse sample)

$$N = \frac{c \cdot N_A}{M}$$

$N_A$  – Avogadro's number  
 $M$  – molecular mass

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i_s}{I_0} = \frac{2\pi^2 \cdot \bar{n}_0^2 \cdot (\partial n / \partial c)^2 \cdot V \cdot c \cdot M}{\lambda_0^4 \cdot r^2 \cdot N_A} \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$R_\theta = \frac{i_s \cdot r^2}{I_0 \cdot V \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \theta)}$$

**Rayleigh radius**

**+**

$$K = \frac{2\pi^2 \cdot \bar{n}_0^2 \cdot (\partial n / \partial c)^2}{\lambda_0^4 \cdot N_A}$$

**summing constants into one, K**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K \cdot c}{R_\theta} = \frac{1}{M}$$

in polydisperse sample,  $M$  is substituted

$$M_w = \frac{\sum c_i \cdot M_i}{\sum c_i}$$

inter-molecular interactions and non-zero concentrations taken in account (Debye):

$$\frac{K \cdot c}{R_{\theta}} = \frac{1}{M} + 2A_2 \cdot c + 3A_3 \cdot c^2 + \dots$$

**A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>...** – virial coefficients; mostly **A<sub>3</sub>** and higher are omitted

**A<sub>2</sub>** – phys.-chem. measure of thermodynamic solvent quality for given macromolecules

*good solvent* **A<sub>2</sub> > 0** : macromolecule expands

*bad solvent* **A<sub>2</sub> < 0** : macromolecule shrinks

*θ-solvent* **A<sub>2</sub> = 0** : macromolecule preserves its volume

## light scattering on large particles

### macromolecules

particle diameter ( $d$ )  $> \lambda/20$  (Debye scattering)

- : large particles  $\Rightarrow$  **phase shift of light scattering** from different parts of molecules
- : phase difference is dependent on angle  $\theta$ ; for  $\theta = 0$  is the difference 0
- : **beam interference**  $\Rightarrow$  angular distribution of scattered light intensity  $P(\theta)$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{I_s}{I_{s(\theta=0)}} \Rightarrow P(\theta) = 1 - \frac{16\pi^2 \langle s^2 \rangle}{3\lambda_0^2} \cdot \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \text{ Zimm's equation}$$

use of  $P(\theta)$  parameter to express scattering

$$\frac{K \cdot c}{R_\theta} = \left[ \frac{1}{P(\theta)} \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{M} + 2A_2 \cdot c \right] \Rightarrow \text{if } (1-x)^{-1} \approx (1+x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K \cdot c}{R_\theta} = \left[ 1 + \frac{16\pi^2 \langle s^2 \rangle}{3\lambda_0^2} \cdot \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{M} + 2A_2 \cdot c \right]$$

# multiple angle laser light scattering

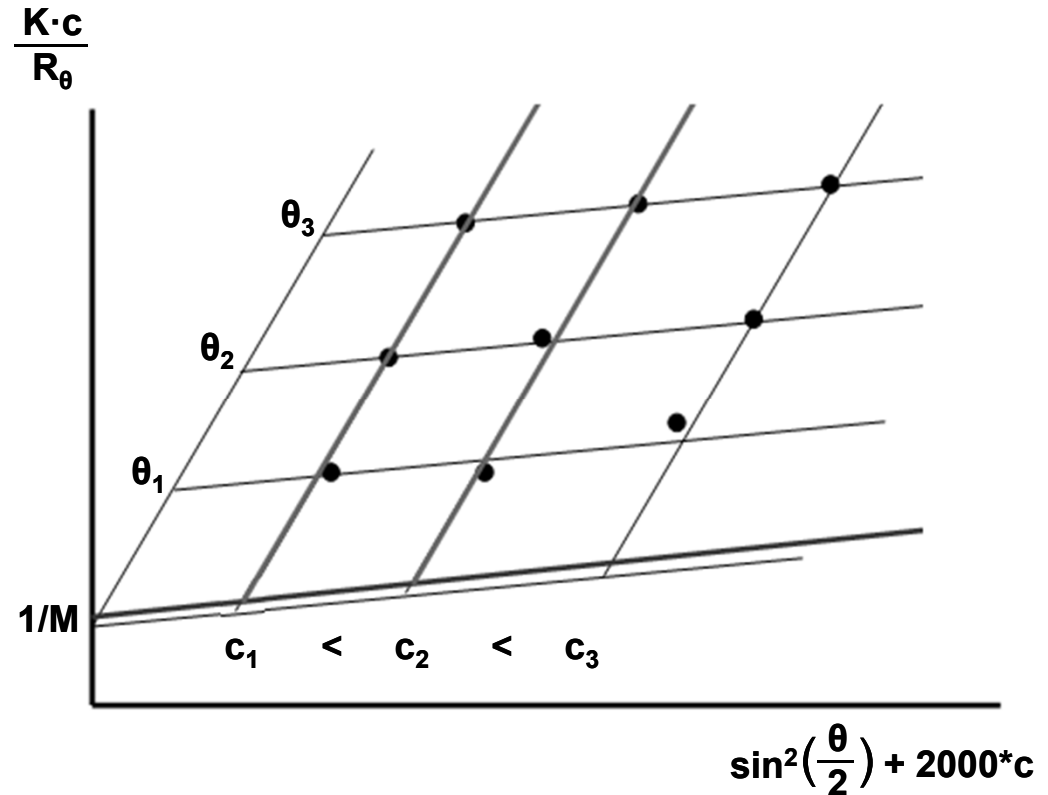
(MALLS)

## Zimm's graph

$M_w$  – double extrapolation to  $y$ -axis

$$\frac{K \cdot c}{R_\theta} = f\left(\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + K_s \cdot c\right)$$

$K_s$  – arbitrary constant;  
graphically separates diagram lines



different concentrations  $c$  of sample

laser –  $\lambda_0$  source of  $I_0$  intensity

refractometer (also as concentration detector) –  $\bar{n}_0$  and  $(\partial n/\partial c)_\mu$  (see constant  $K$ )

$i_s$  – scattered light intensity in different angles  $\theta$  in known distance  $r$  from cuvette

$\theta \rightarrow 0$  ( $c = \text{const.}$ ) blue lines, from blue slope we extract gyration radius  $\langle s^2 \rangle$

$c \rightarrow 0$ , slope  $\sim A_2$ , interception  $1/M_w$  red line

## low angle laser light scattering

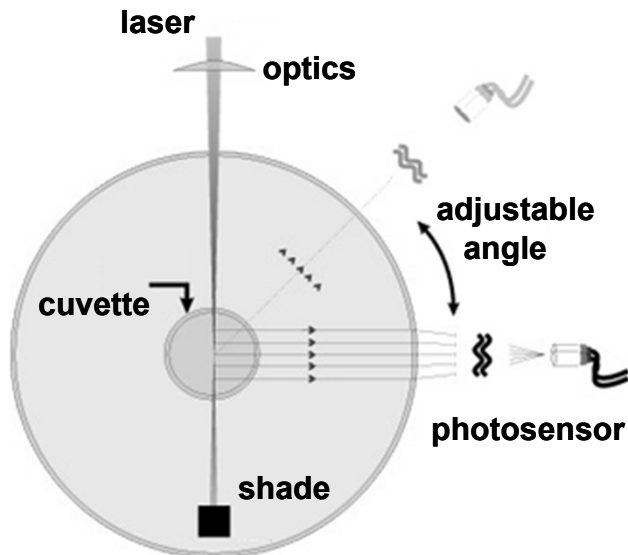
(LALLS)

at small angles  $\theta$  ( $< 7^\circ$ )  $\sin^2(\theta/2) \sim 0 \Rightarrow P(\theta) \rightarrow 1$

then 
$$\frac{K \cdot c}{R_\theta} = \frac{1}{M} + 2A_2c$$

for  $M_w > 10^7$  or within associated systems this approximation fails

### instrumentation



#### advantage:

- : absolute technique, no calibration needed  $M_w$ ,  $A_2$  for  $\langle s^2 \rangle$  – standards necessary
- : fast
- : connectible with separation technique (GPC, FFF)

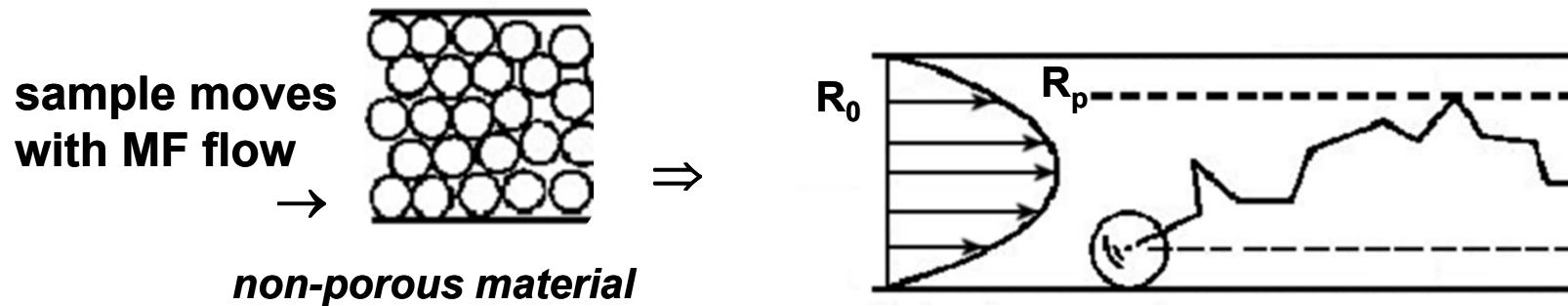
#### disadvantages:

- : *dust* – demanding high solution purity

# HC, hydrodynamic chromatography

## principle

: combination of *steric exclusion* with *surface (colloid) interaction* sample-filling, eventually *solute retardation behind streamlines of laminar flow with profile (wall effect)*

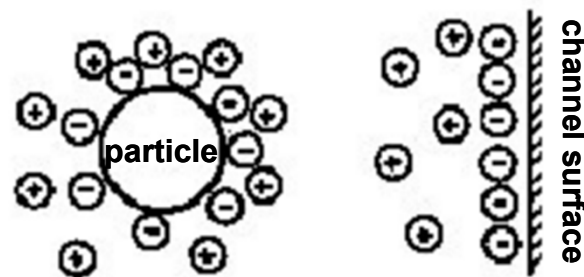


gravity centre of large macromolecule cannot reach the channel wall ( $R_p$ ) ⇒ cannot move in slower flow near to it (*wall effect; given by laminar flow profile  $R_0$* )

⇒ heavier (larger) molecules run through channel faster than smaller ones

## other influences:

- : electric double-layer
- : van der Waals interactions



⇒ sample moves in channel *hydrodynamically* or *electrically*

separation description

$$\tau_i = \frac{t_i}{t_M} = \frac{1}{1 + B\lambda_i - C\lambda_i^2}$$

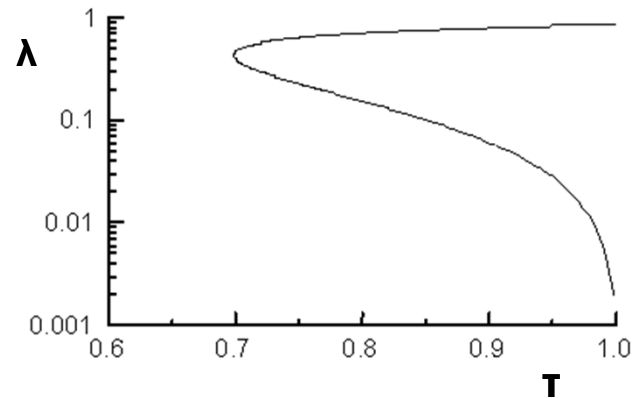
$\tau$  – polymer retention factor

$t_i$  a  $t_M$  – retention time of polymer and unretained component

$\lambda$  – ratio between macromolecule radius and flow channel half-height

**B** and **C** – constants dependent on channel symmetry, **C** also on retention model

calibration



$\lambda = f(\tau)$  and thus on  $M_w$

in case of tubular micro-capillary use and  $C \rightarrow 2.3$



## porous material

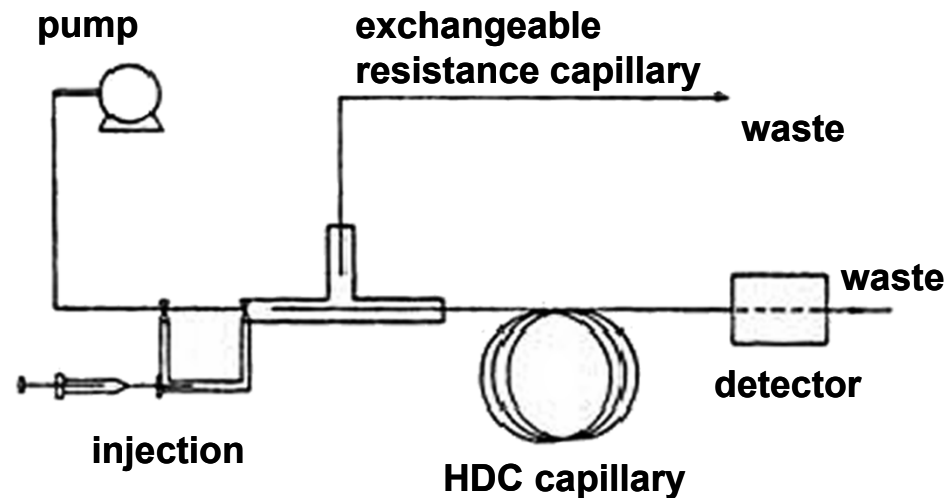
pores of filling : 50 – 50 000 nm  
sample : larger molecules

## capillary fractionation

(CHDF, *capillary hydrodynamic fractionation*)

### other influences in account:

- : colloidal forces
- : non-linear inertial forces depending of flow-rate gradient and position  
(*lift forces; tubular pinch effect*)

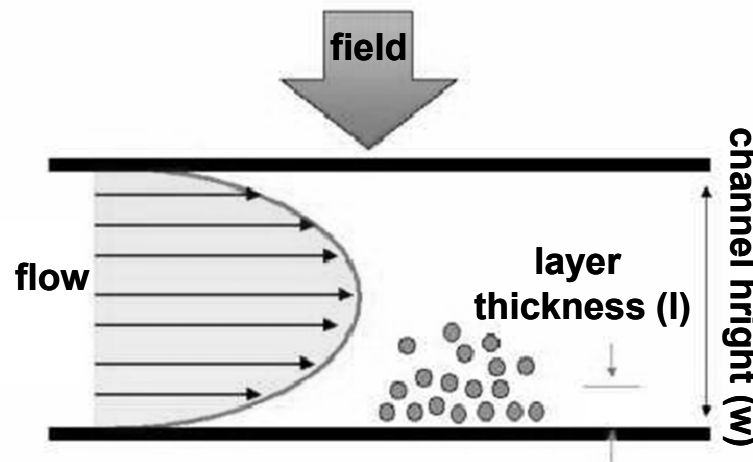
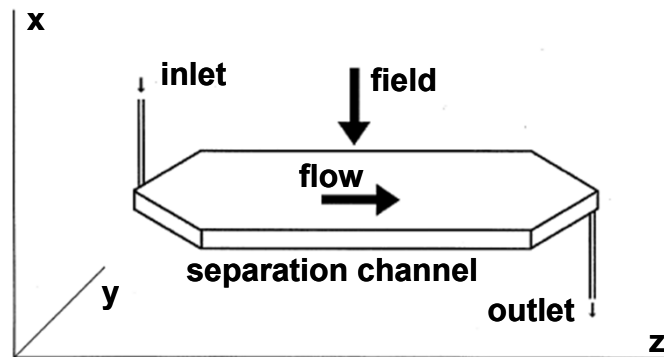


# FFF, flow-field fractionation

1966 – J. C. Giddings

## principle

: physical field inflicts some property of analyte and creates concentration gradient  $\partial c/\partial x$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **concentration profile  $c(x)$**  across channel is **specific** for given analyte



$$J = W \cdot c - D \cdot \nabla c$$

**J** – flow of analyte

**W** – transport rate of analyte

$$W = v + U$$

**v** – portion given by liquid flow  
**U** – portion given by field

**c** – concentration of analyte

**D** – diffusion coefficient (2<sup>nd</sup> Fick's law)

**c** is not constant in axis of field application (**x**)

$$J_x = W_x \cdot c(x) - D \cdot \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

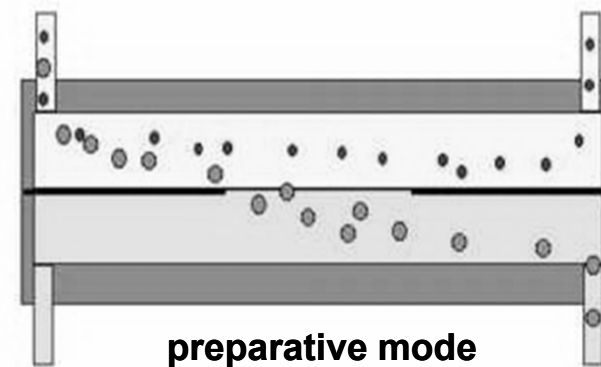
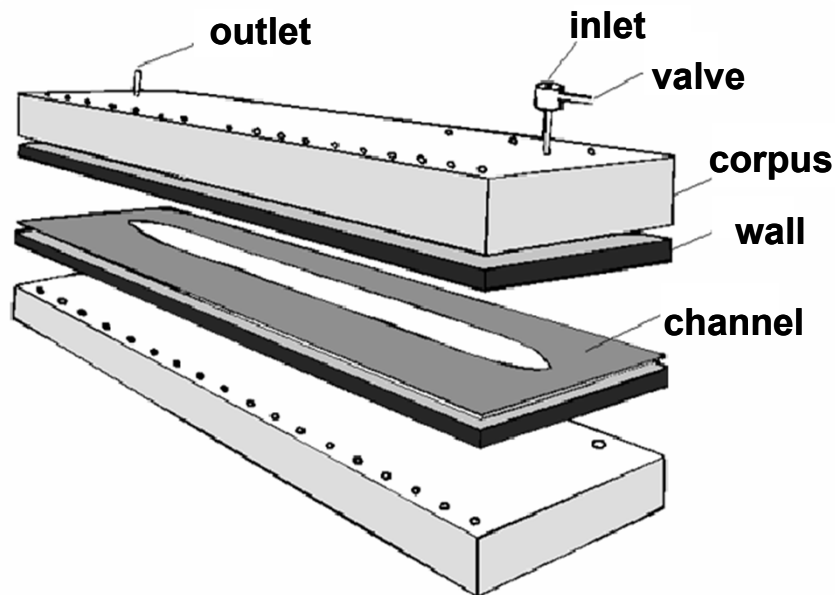
$$\lambda = l/w$$

## use of FFF

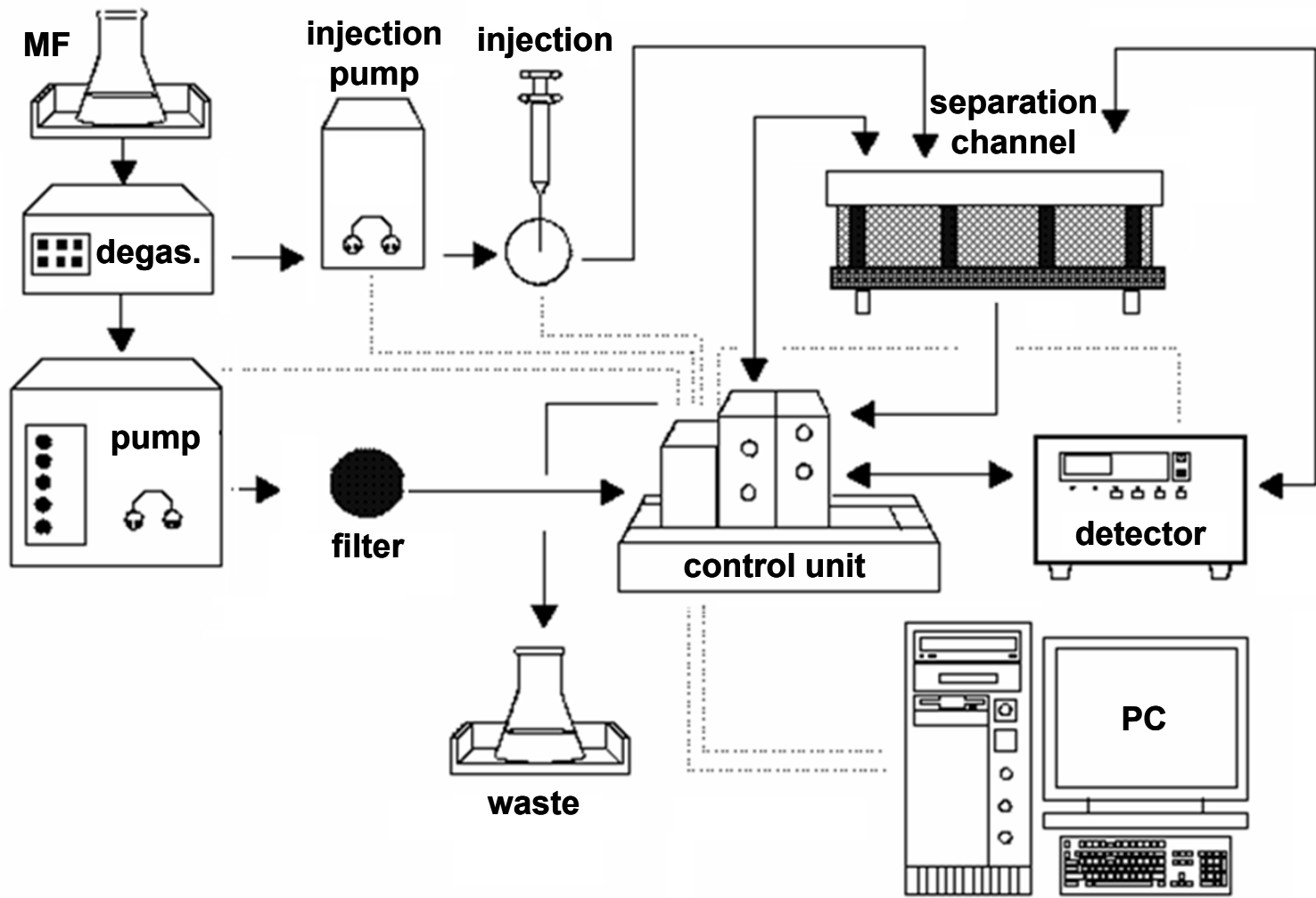
- : no SF (one-phase chromatography)  $\Rightarrow$  no interactions with active surface
- : MF is carrier liquid, influences separation indirectly only
- : variables influencing separation may be changed continuously in wide range

separation of macromolecules and particles  $10^3 - 10^{15}$  Da

## FFF proceeding



# instrumentation



## **pumps**

- : wide range of adjustable flow-rates
- : no need for high pressure, but for pulseless flow !!!
- : with constant pressure and flow (reciprocal, peristaltic)

## **injection device**

similar to LC

- : septum
- : multi-way valve
- : linear injectors (infusion)

## **detectors**

similar to SEC

- : refractometer
- : photometer – absorption, fluorescence, optical rotation, scattering
- : other – viscosimeter, densitometer, osmometer...

## SdFFF, sedimentation flow-field fractionation

- : the oldest technique
- : effective force = natural gravity or centrifugal force
- : rotation 20000 r.p.m. (injection in steady state)

$$\lambda = 6RT / \pi \cdot d_p^3 \cdot G \cdot w \cdot \Delta q$$

**G** – gravity (g) or centrifugal acceleration

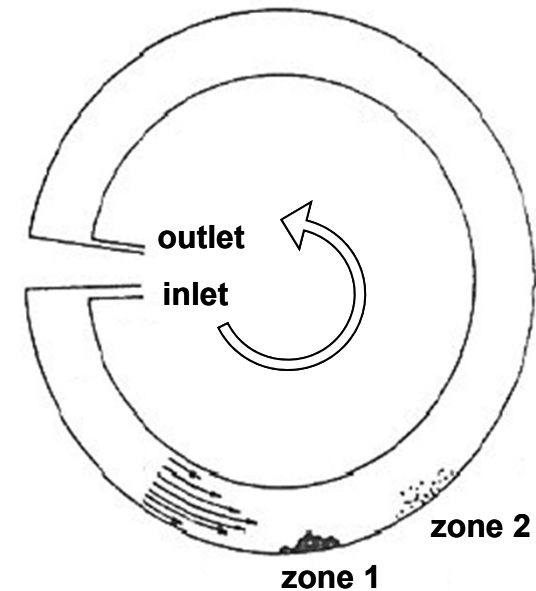
**$\Delta q$**  – density difference between particles and solvent

**$d_p$**  – particle diameter

**GFFF** : > 1  $\mu\text{m}$

**SdFFF** ( $G = 10^5 * g$ ) :  $10^6$  Da or > 10 nm

DNA, proteoglycans, river water colloids, viruses  
and silicagel SF for HPLC



## ThFFF, thermal flow-field fractionation

separation channel – two metallic (cupric) blocks

the upper one is electrically heated, the lower one is water cooled

⇒ gradient 20 – 1000 °C/cm

: distance teflon foil: 50 – 250 μm

temperature gradient causes slower flow at colder wall (non-isoviscose liquid)

$$\lambda = \left( w \cdot \frac{\alpha}{T} \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^{-1}$$

$D_T$  = thermal diffusion coefficient

$\alpha$  – thermal diffusion factor =  $D_T \cdot T / D$

**TFFF** : to describe thermal diffusion

## EFFF, electric flow-field fractionation

walls – semipermeable cellulose membranes

high voltage gradient; low absolute voltage – low current  $\Rightarrow$  low heating

$$\lambda = D / \mu_e \cdot E \cdot w$$

$\mu_e$  – electrophoretic mobility

$E$  – electric field intensity

**EFFF** : proteins with different isoelectric point

## FFFF, flow-field flow fractionation

**external field** – solvent flow orthogonal to flow of basic media

tube of semipermeable material  $\Rightarrow$  solvent intrusion, not of analyte

$V_0$  – channel volume

$\eta$  – viscosity

$V_c$  – volumetric orthogonal flow

$d$  – effective Stokes diameter

$$\lambda = R \cdot T \cdot V_0 / 3\pi \cdot N \cdot \eta \cdot V_c \cdot w^2 \cdot d$$

**FFFF** : > 1 nm



# electromigration methods

## basic principles of electromigration methods

**driving force** – electric field

**: charged particle motion in electric field**

**: extraction L-S**

- : electrolyte (liquid able to conduct current)
- : separation channel wall (carries charge)
- : stationary phase (SF, solid matter, micelles)

mobility of ions is influenced by charge, molecule size and surrounding ions

## basic electromigration arrangement

- : column arrangement (in tube, in capillary)
- : slab arrangement (in gel)

## electromigration methods history

**1808-93**

first experiments in U-tubes – F. von Reuss (1808), G. Wiedeman (1856), H. Buff (1858), O. Lodge (1886), W. Whetham (1893)

**1897**

**Kohlrausch** – basic equation for ion migration in electrolyte solution

**30. léta**

**Tiselius** – gel elfo with glucose as medium

**1937**

**Tiselius** – first fully functional electrophoresis instrument, **1948** Nobel price

**1955**

**Smithies** – use of starch gels for elfo

**1958**

**Hjertén** – ZE in rotating tubes 1 – 3 mm

**1959**

**Raymond and Winstraub** – acrylamide gels, setting up gel porosity & stability

**1965**

**Tiselius** – ZE in 3 mm tubes

**1967**

**Hjertén** – elfo in tube, i.d. 1 – 3 mm, with inner coating against EOF

**1969**

**Vesterberg and Svensson** – IEF of proteins in ampholytes

**1970**

**Laemmli** – denaturing separation in gel, SDS and concentration gel use

**Everaerts** – ITP on own instrument

**1974**

**Pretorius** – EOF as a MF driving force through sorbent

**1974 –79**

**Virtanen, and Mikkers et al.** – glass and teflon capillaries, i.d. 200  $\mu\text{m}$

**1975**

**O'Farrell** – 2D GE, presetting IEF in gel to SDS elfo

**1981**

**Jorgenson and Lucas** – borosilicate glass capillary, i.d. 75  $\mu\text{m}$

**1983**

**Hjertén** – CGE for biological samples

**1984**

**Terabe** – micellar electrokinetic chromatography

**1985**

**Hjertén** – CIEF for biological sample

**1987**

**Karger and Cohen** – high efficiency CGE for NA

**Knox and Grant** – CEC in 50  $\mu\text{m}$  capillaries with ODS

**1988**

**Beckmann Instruments** – first commercial instrument

# theoretical fundamentals of electromigration methods

separation in **external** field

*motion of free charged particle in electric field*

: charge and field orientation decided on direction and velocity

$$v = \mu \cdot E = \mu \cdot \frac{U}{l}$$

$v$  – ion motion velocity

$\mu$  – electrophoretic mobility [ $\text{m}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]

$E$  – electric field intensity

$U$  – voltage

$l$  – length of voltage gradient

influencing the motion by **ionic atmosphere**  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  decrease of velocity with increase of electrolyte concentration

**$\mu_0$  ionic (net) mobility** –  $\mu$  at zero ionic strength

$10^{-9} \text{ m}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} = 1 \text{ tiselius (Ti)}$ , sign implies ion polarity (anion has negative  $\mu$ )

**temperature** influence:  $\uparrow T \Rightarrow \uparrow \mu_0$ ; with  $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  about 2 %

$$\mu_T = \mu_{T_0} \cdot [1 + 0.02 \cdot (T - T_0)]$$

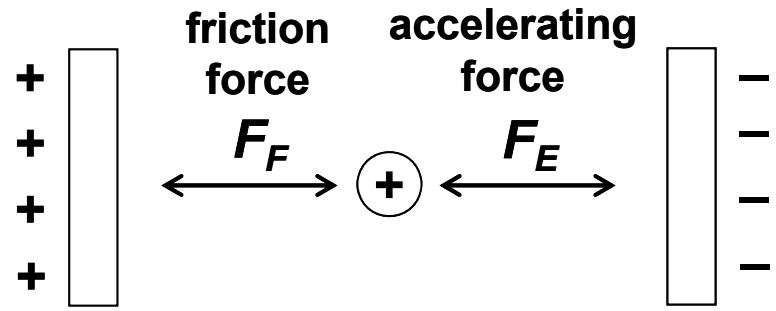
$T$  – working temperature

$T_0$  – standard, tabulated temperature

ion mobility **estimation**

in a case, when value is not known (tabulated)

**Stokes mobility**



$$a = 0$$

$$F_E = F_F$$

$$\frac{F_E}{F_F} = \frac{q \cdot E}{6\pi \cdot \eta \cdot r \cdot v} = \frac{q}{6\pi \cdot \eta \cdot r \cdot \mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{q}{6\pi \cdot \eta \cdot r}$$

- a** – acceleration of spherical charged particle motion
- q** – charge
- η** – solution viscosity
- r** – ion radius
- v** – ion motion velocity

relation of ion mobility and **diffusion coefficient**

$$\mu = \frac{z \cdot F}{R \cdot T} \cdot D$$

- z** – relative charge
- F** – Faraday constant
- R** – gas constant
- T** – temperature
- D** – diffusion coefficient

## ion mobility estimation for small molecules

### *Jokl equation*

$$|\mu_0| = |z| \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{M}} - b$$

**M** – molecular mass

**a, b** – empiric constants

**a** ~ 485 x10<sup>-9</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

**b** ~ 9.6 x10<sup>-9</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

estimation error is ca 10 %

## actual ion mobility

### *Onsager equation*

$$|\mu| = |\mu_0| \cdot (0.23 \cdot |\mu_0 \cdot z_+ \cdot z_-| + 31.3 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot |z_{+/-}|) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + \sqrt{I}}$$

**z<sub>+</sub>, z<sub>-</sub>** – relative ion and counter-ion charge

**I** – ionic strength

## effective mobility

mobility of weak bases, acids or zwitterions  
resulting mobility of all ion forms

$$\bar{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \cdot X_i$$

$\mu_i$  – mobility of one ion form  
 $X_i$  – its molar ratio

## free mobility

mobility extrapolated to zero gel concentration

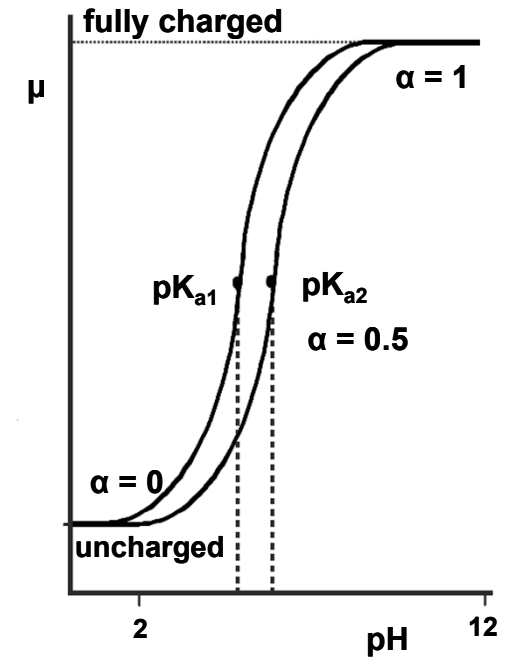
## migration time

entry useful for mobility calculation

$$\mu = \frac{l_{\text{tot}} \cdot l_{\text{eff}}}{U} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{t_M} - \frac{1}{t_0} \right)$$

$l_{\text{tot}}$  – separation channel total length  
 $l_{\text{eff}}$  – separation channel effective length  
 $t_m$  – migration time  
 $t_0$  – migration of neutral particle (EOF)

$$\mu_{\text{tot}} = \mu_{\text{eff}} + \mu_{\text{EOF}} = \frac{l_{\text{eff}}}{t_M \cdot E} = \frac{l_{\text{eff}} \cdot l_{\text{tot}}}{t_M \cdot U}$$



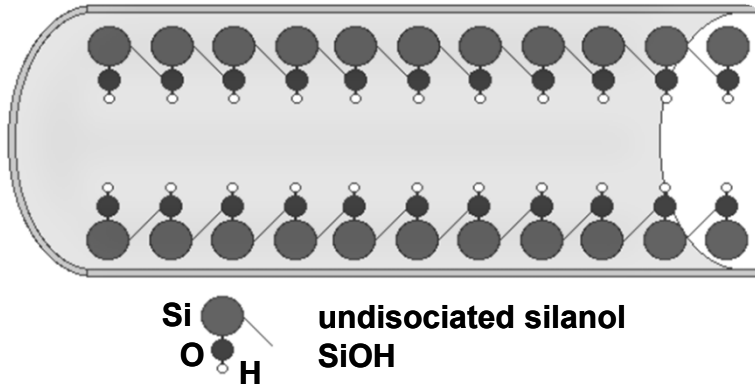


**electroosmotic flow**

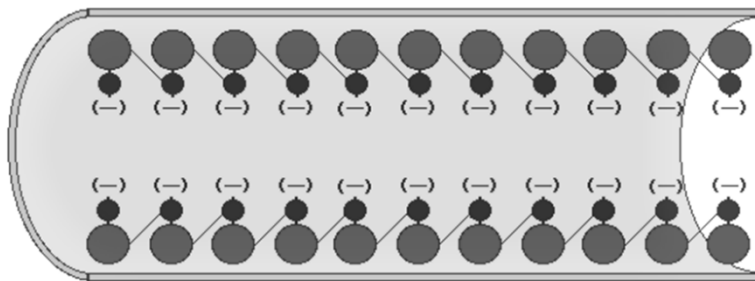
(EOF)

wall is charged **negatively** – until said others

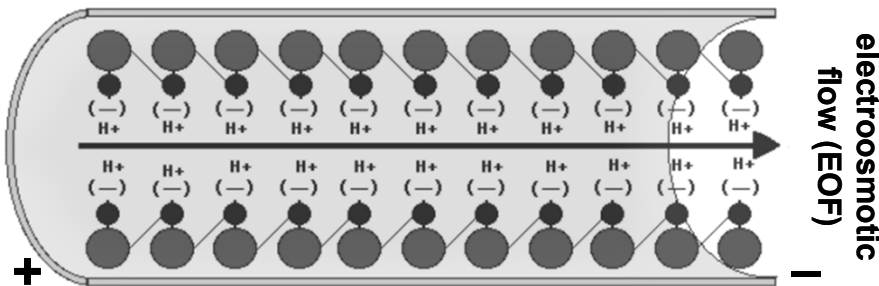
capillary = *endo-osmotic pump*



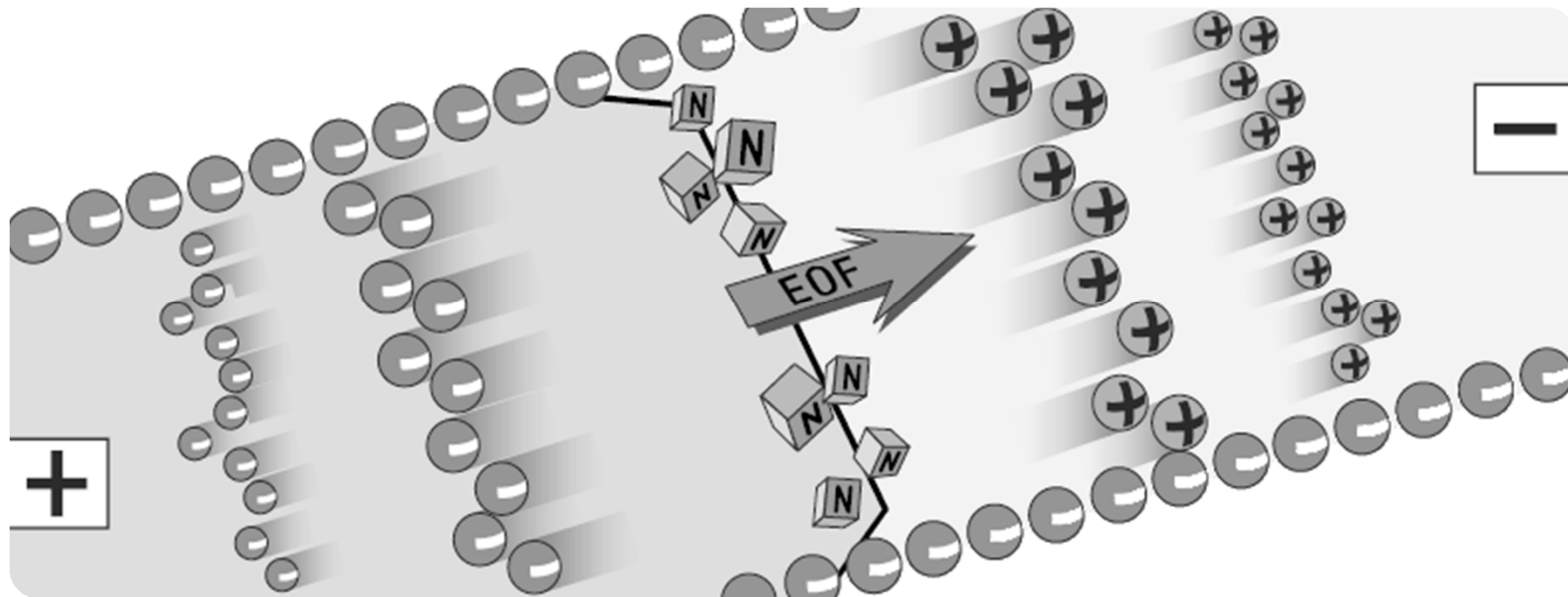
capillary made of fused silica with exposed hydroxyl groups



dissociation of hydroxyl groups leaves a negative charge on the inner wall



switching voltage on, liquid starts to move to cathode – it is mobilised by endoosmotic flow !



- : **cations** migrate towards cathode and carry solvent molecules in the same direction – ***electroosmotic flow***
- : **neutral molecules** are moving in the same direction as electroosmotic flow with negligible mutual separation
- : **anions** are slowed on their way towards anode, electroosmotic flow is stronger than their electrophoretic mobility  $\Rightarrow$  **they proceed towards cathode too**

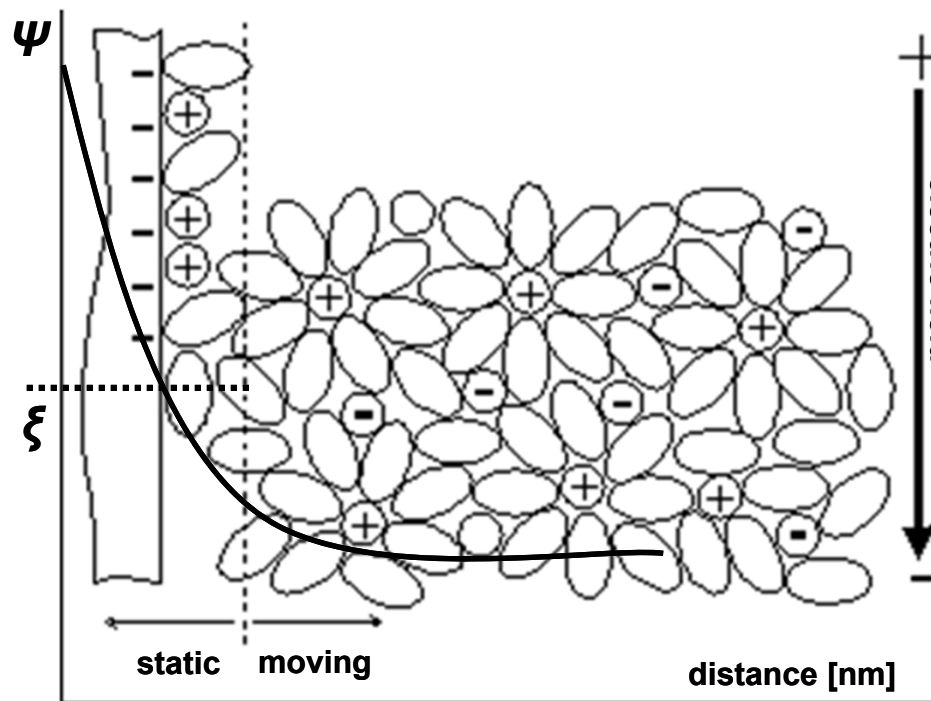
**EOF = 0**  $\Rightarrow$  no mass flow, only ion exchange

$$v_{\text{EOF}} = \left( \frac{\varepsilon \cdot \xi}{\eta} \right) \cdot E \Rightarrow \mu_{\text{EOF}} = \frac{\varepsilon \cdot \xi}{\eta}$$

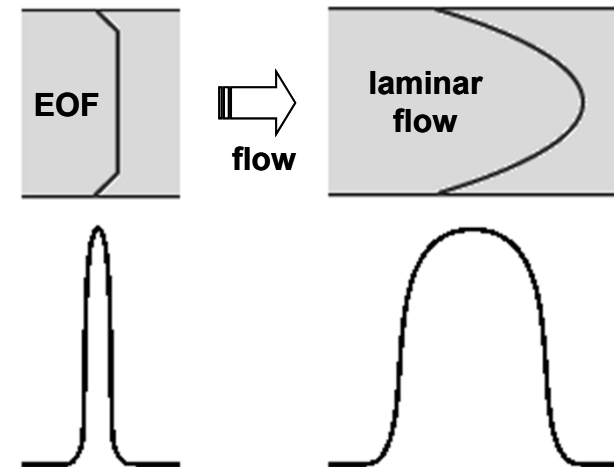
$\varepsilon$  – dielectric constant

$\xi$  – zeta potential (electrostatic), appears as a consequence of charge on capillary wall

$\eta$  – viscosity



EOF positively influences peak shape



## influencing the EOF

**high EOF** – electrolyte carries cationic analytes out before reaching separation

**low EOF** – adsorption of cationic analytes

some EMM modes **demand EOF suppression** (IEF, ITF, GE)

### *what influences EOF?*

- : surface wall charge
- : electrolyte viscosity
- : electric field intensity

### *influence of voltage*

: change of EOF is directly proportional

: low voltage  $\Rightarrow$  low efficiency of separation and resolution

: high voltage  $\Rightarrow$  high Joule heat



### *influence of ionic strength or background electrolyte concentration*

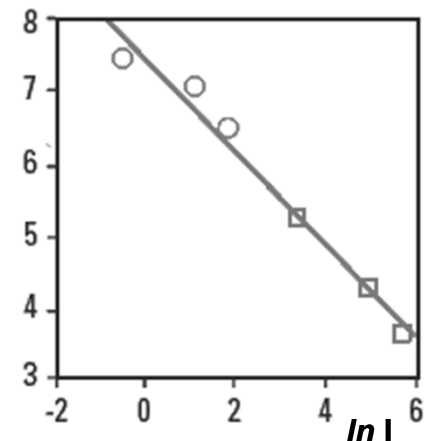
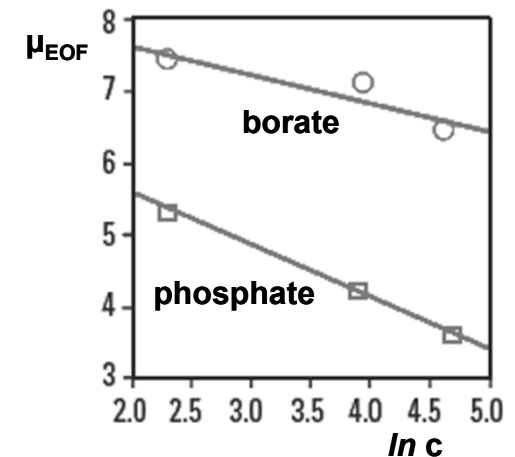
- : increasing value lowers  $\xi$ -potential and thus EOF
- :: high values increase current and thus Joule heat
- :: high values may cause analyte salting-out and adsorption to wall
- :: low values supports adsorption to wall and limits sample concentration
- :: changes peak shape, if electrolyte conductivity differs much from analyte

### *influence of organic solvent addition*

- : decreases  $\xi$ -potential and viscosity
- :: may change selectivity, gathered only empirically

### *influence of tensides*

- : changes  $\xi$ -potential, may change wall polarity;  
anionic tenside increases EOF, cationic decreases  
(if wall is negatively charged)



*influence of background electrolyte pH*

: directly proportional EOF change; low pH  $\Rightarrow$  low EOF, high pH  $\Rightarrow$  high EOF

:: may change charge or structure of analyte

*influence of temperature*

: changes viscosity, higher temperature  $\Rightarrow$  higher EOF

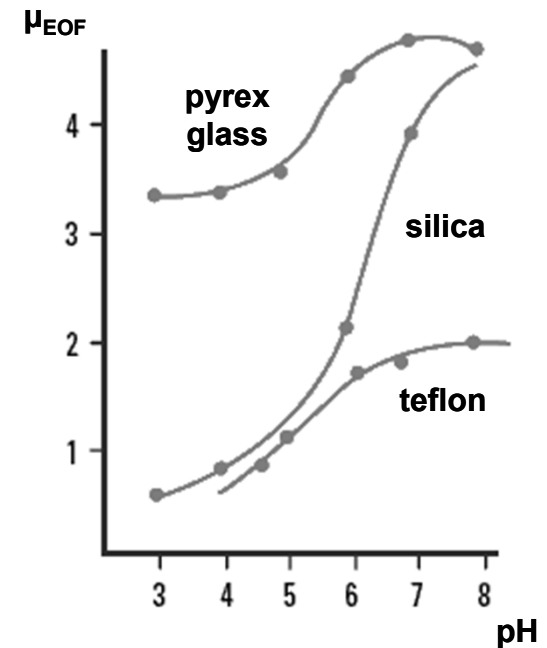
:: thermolability of some samples

*influence of covalent wall surface modification*

: changes  $\xi$ -potential and wall charge polarity

*influence of neutral hydrophilic polymers*

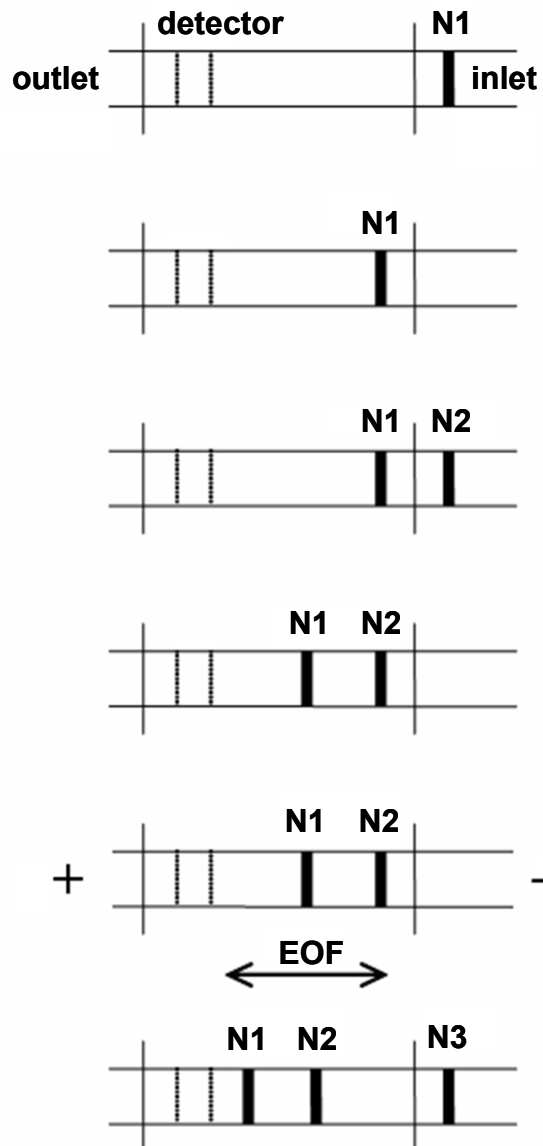
: changes  $\xi$ -potential (decrease) and viscosity (increase), decrease EOF by charge shielding



pH influence on EOF

## EOF measuring

B.A. Williams, G. Vigh, *Anal. Chem.*, 68, (1996) 1174-1180



: first EOF marker injection

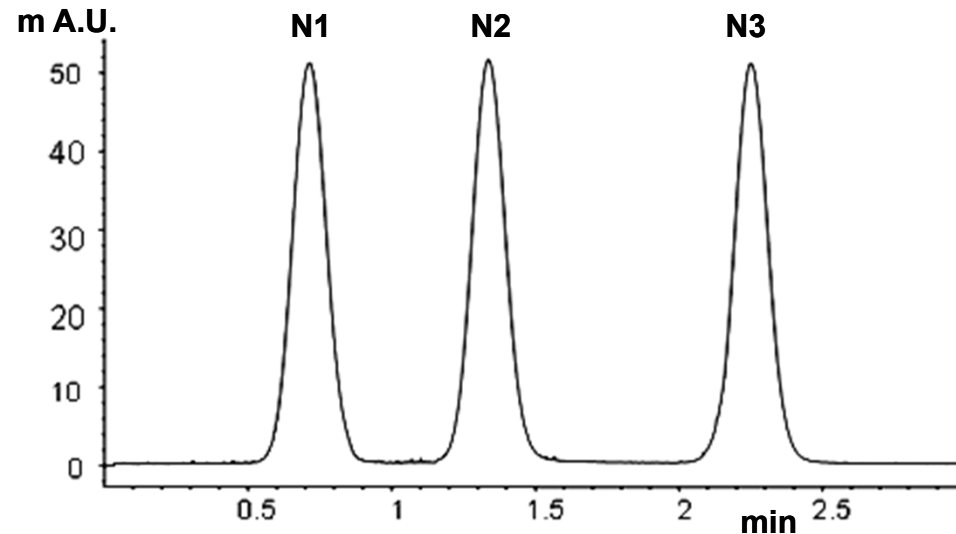
: shifting the marker zone to detector by pressure

: second EOF marker injection

: shifting both marker zones to detector

: voltage application – electrophoretic mobilisation

: third EOF marker injection and consequent application of pressure – shifting all marker zones to detector



$$l_{\text{EOF}} = (t_3 - 2t_2 + t_1) \cdot \frac{l_{\text{eff}}}{t_3 + \frac{t_{\text{inj}}}{2}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{l_{\text{EOF}} \cdot l_{\text{tot}}}{U \cdot (t_M - \frac{t_{\text{ru}}}{2} - \frac{t_{\text{rd}}}{2})}$$

$l_{\text{EOF}}$  – length, which marker travels during electrophoresis

$t_1, t_2, t_3$  – migration times of zone  $N_1, N_2, N_3$

$t_{\text{inj}}$  – time period of marker injection by pressure

$l_{\text{eff}}$  – effective capillary length

$l_{\text{tot}}$  – total capillary length

$U$  – applied voltage

$t_m$  – time period of electrophoretic shifting

$t_{\text{ru}}$  and  $t_{\text{rd}}$  – time periods, for which the voltage (inc-/dec-)reases linearly to given value

### common EOF calculation

$$\mu_{\text{tot}} = \mu_{\text{eff}} + \mu_{\text{EOF}} = \frac{l_{\text{eff}}}{t_M \cdot E} = \frac{l_{\text{eff}} \cdot l_{\text{tot}}}{t_M \cdot U}$$





**graphical illustration of separation**

maximum function  $I_{\text{sign}} = f(t)$

**electrophoretic peak**

: **also** *Gaussian shape as in chromatography*

**electrophoretogram**

: *electropherogram, electrophoregram, electrophoreogram*

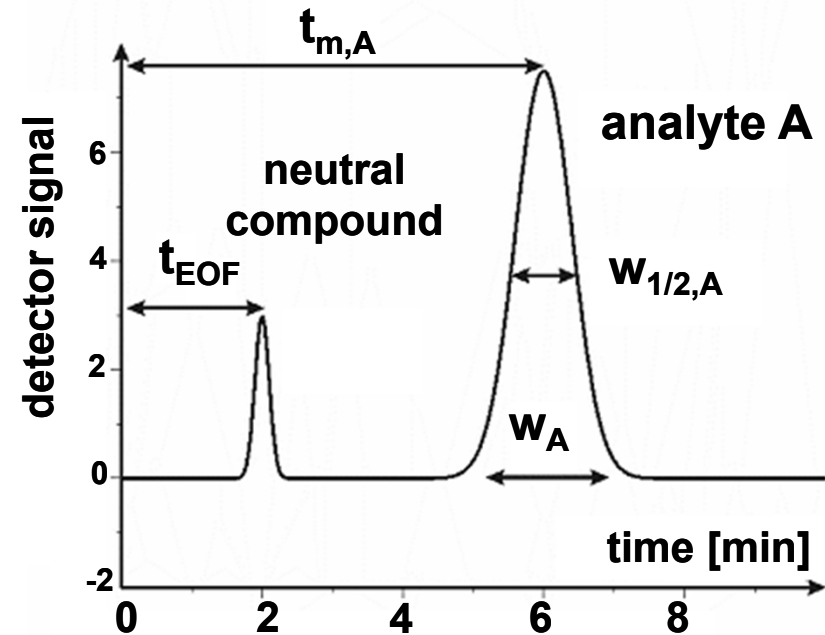
migration time of *i*-th analyte  $t_M$  [min]

**separation efficiency**

zones of **A** **broaden** during separation  
and **become asymmetric**

**reasons behind zone broadening**

- : lateral diffusion
- : electrodispersion



## number of theoretical plates (N)

$$N = \left( \frac{t_M}{\sigma} \right)^2 = 16 \cdot \left( \frac{t_M}{W} \right)^2 = 5.545 \cdot \left( \frac{t_M}{W_{1/2}} \right)^2$$

$$N = \left( \frac{l_{\text{eff}}}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

analogically as  
in chromatography

## height equivalent of theoretical plate (H)

*(comparison of separation channels of different length)*

$$H = \frac{\sigma^2}{L} = \frac{L}{N}$$

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

**A = 0** : in absence of particles

**C = 0** : is there is no SF

⇒

$$H = \frac{B}{u}$$

**increasing voltage** causes **increasing of flow rate**, but it also releases heat and it **increases rate of lateral diffusion**

**under ideal conditions** (short injection length, no sorption, ...)  
 the only influencing is **diffusion** (zone broadening)

$$H = \sigma^2 = 2D \cdot t = \frac{2D \cdot l_{\text{eff}} \cdot l_{\text{tot}}}{\mu_{\text{eff}} \cdot U}$$

$$H = \frac{B}{u} = \frac{2D}{u} = \frac{2D}{\mu \cdot E} = \frac{2D \cdot L}{\mu \cdot U}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}} \cdot U \cdot l_{\text{eff}}}{2D \cdot l_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}} \cdot E \cdot l_{\text{eff}}}{2D}$$

principal difference from **N**  
 in chromatography



## contributions to zone broadening in electromigration methods

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_{\text{dif}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{el.disp}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{inj}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{heat}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{sorp}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{det}}^2 + \dots$$

### diffusion influence

$$\sigma_{\text{dif}}^2 = 2D \cdot t$$

**D** – diffusion coefficient

**t** – time

### basic factor

analytes with low D create sharp zones

### detection cell length influence

should be smaller than length / width of analyte zone  $\Rightarrow$  better peak depiction

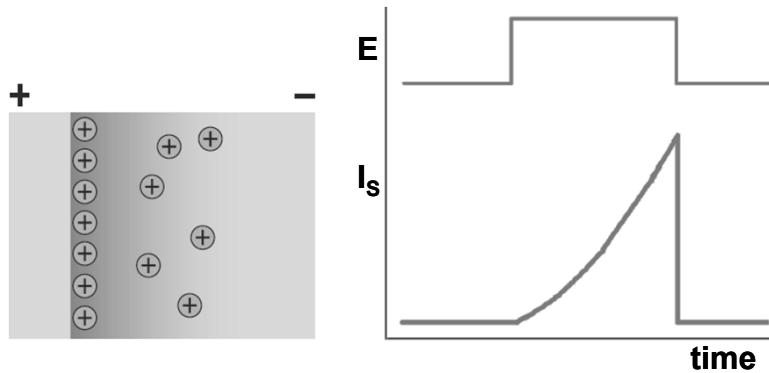


# electromigration dispersion influence

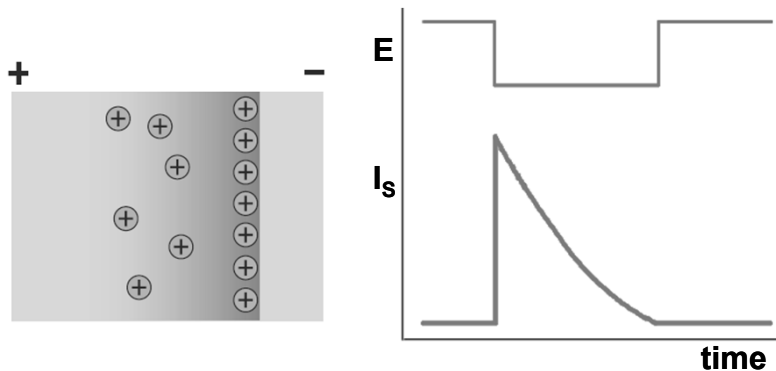
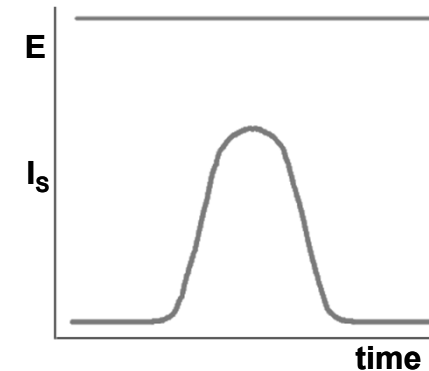
influences peak shape

**difference** between **conductivity of sample** and **electrolyte** leads to

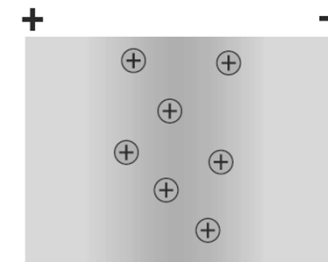
- : peak **tailing**
- : **focusing** (low sample conductivity), **broadening** (high sample conductivity)
- : **ITF effect** (peak fronting) because of certain ion surplus (e.g. Cl<sup>-</sup>)



$\mu_S > \mu_{BGE} \Rightarrow$  front gets broad and tail focuses



$\mu_S < \mu_{BGE} \Rightarrow$  front focuses and tail gets broad



$\mu_S = \mu_{BGE} \Rightarrow$  sharp zone

## sorption influence

sorption causes peak tailing

$$\sigma_{\text{ads}}^2 = \frac{k' \cdot V_{\text{EOF}} \cdot l_{\text{eff}}}{(1+k')^2} \cdot \left( \frac{r^2 \cdot k'}{4D} + \frac{2}{K_d} \right)$$

$$k' = \frac{t_{\text{M,ret}} - t_{\text{M,unret}}}{t_{\text{M,unret}}}$$

$k'$  – capacity factor

$K_d$  – first order dissociation constant

$t_{\text{M,ret}}$  – retained analyte migration time

$t_{\text{M,unret}}$  – unretained analyte migration time

sorption could be prevented by capillary **inner coating**

: serves to change also other system properties (reverts EOF...)

## injection length influence

: injection length must be shorter than diffusion controlled zone width

: low sensitivity demands often longer injections

$$\sigma_{\text{inj}}^2 = \frac{t_{\text{inj}}^2}{12}$$

$t_{\text{inj}}$  – injection pulse length

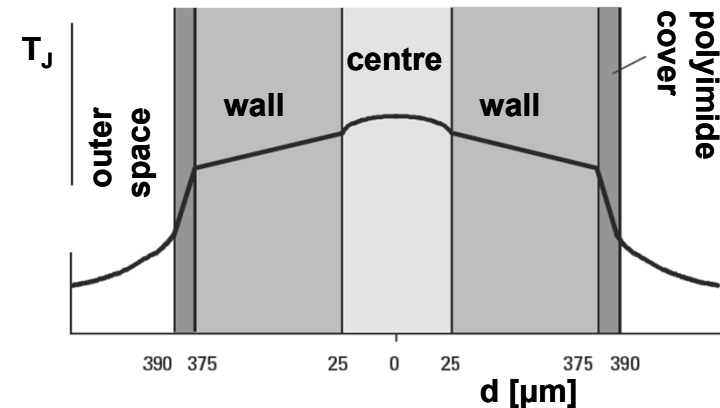
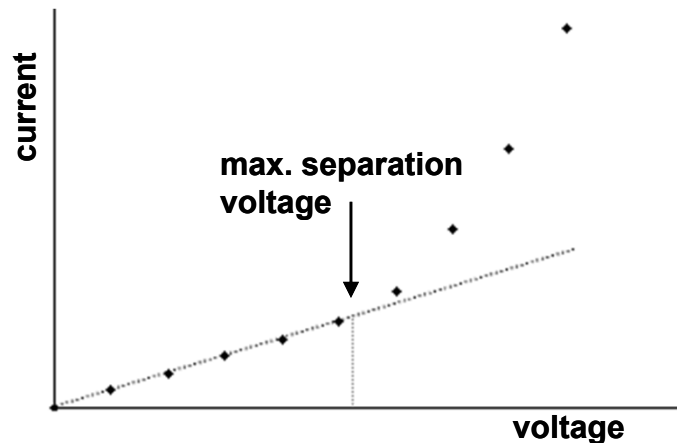
## Joule heat influence

leads to temperature gradient  
and laminar flow

$$\Delta T_J = \frac{Q \cdot r_1^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{K_{\text{sil}}} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{r_{\text{o.d.sil}}}{r_{\text{i.d.sil}}} \right) + \frac{1}{K_{\text{polyim}}} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{r_{\text{o.d.polyim}}}{r_{\text{o.d.sil}}} \right) + \frac{1}{r_{\text{o.d.polyim}}} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \right]$$

**Q** – output  
**r** – radius

**κ** – thermal conductivity  
**h** – heat transfer rate off capillary



- : **decreasing voltage** : decreasing generated heat, low sensitivity and resolution
- : **lowering capillary i. d.** : current decrease with i. d. square, low sensitivity, adsorption!
- : **decreasing BGE concentration** : decreasing current, increasing adsorption
- : **thermostating** : draining heat

resolution

$$R_{(A,B)} = \frac{2 \cdot (t_{M,A} - t_{M,B})}{w_A + w_B} = \frac{2 \cdot \Delta t_M}{w_A + w_B}$$

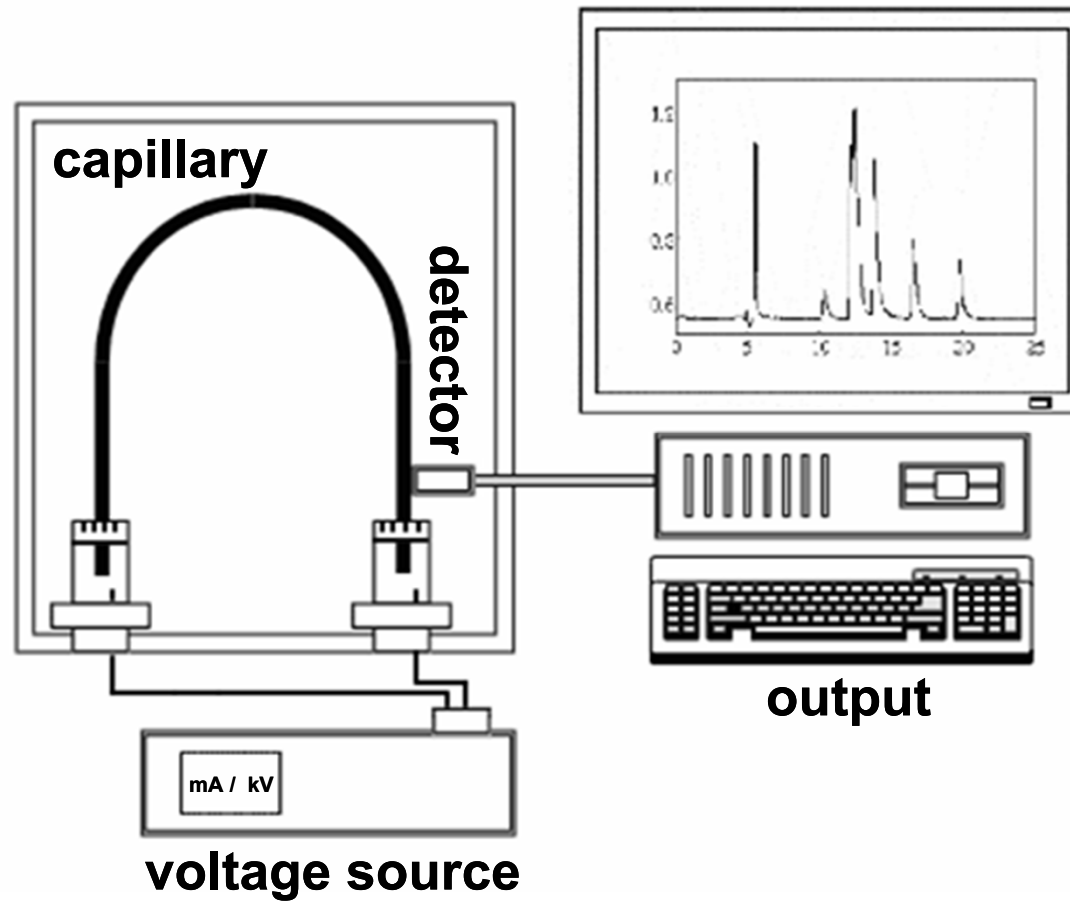
$$R_{(A,B)} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{4} \cdot \frac{\Delta\mu}{\bar{\mu}}$$

$\Delta\mu$  – difference,  $(\mu_2 - \mu_1)$   
 $\bar{\mu}$  – median,  $(\mu_2 + \mu_1) / 2$

$$R_{i,j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \cdot \Delta\mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{U}{D \cdot (\bar{\mu} + \mu_{EOF})}}$$



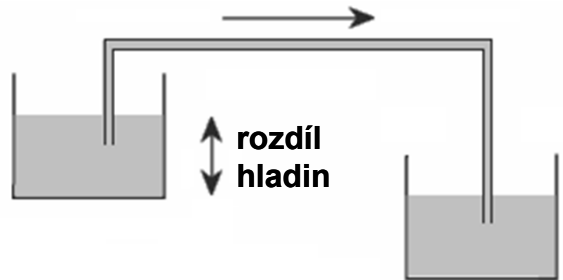
# electromigration methods arrangement



# injection device

## hydrostatic

siphon effect



$$V_{inj} = \frac{\Delta P \cdot d^4 \cdot \pi \cdot t_{inj}}{128 \cdot \eta \cdot l_{tot}}$$

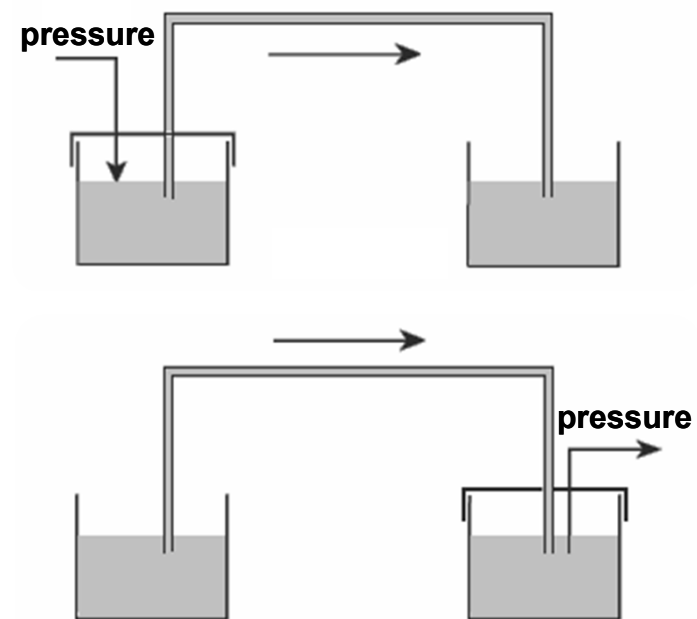
injected volume  $V_{inj}$

- $\Delta P$  – pressure difference
- $d$  – capillary i. d.
- $t_{inj}$  – time length of injection
- $l_{tot}$  – total capillary length
- $\eta$  – background electrolyte viscosity

typical volumes: 10 – 100 nl (capillary ~ 1 – 2  $\mu$ l)

**normal** – longer part before detector  
**reverse (short-end)** – the other end

## hydrodynamic

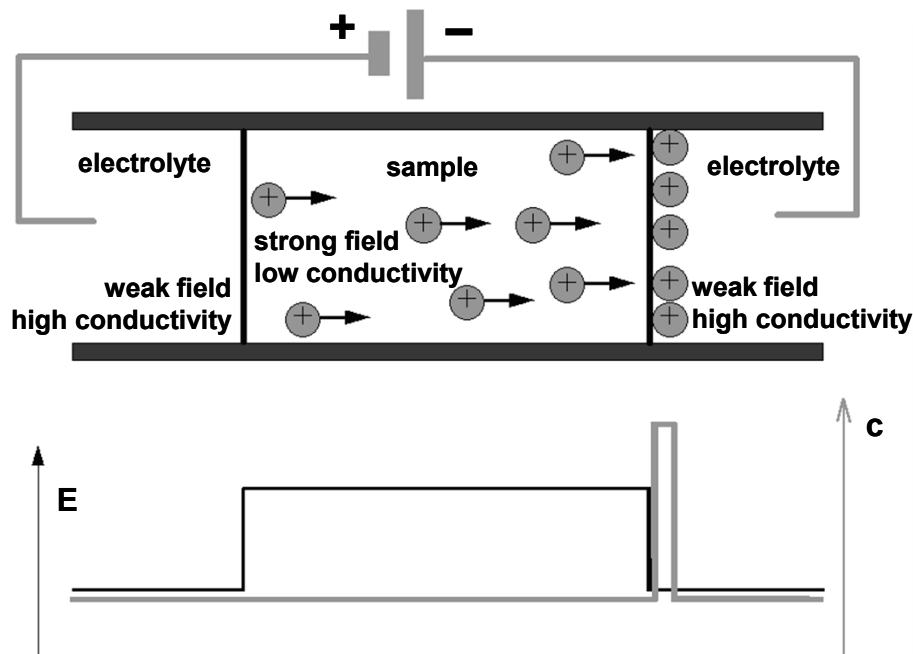
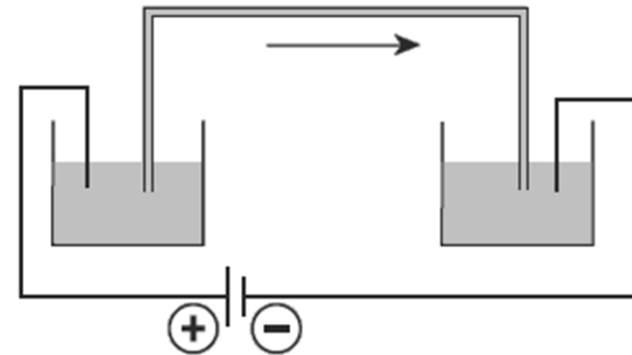


# electrokinetic

for CGE the only possible  
: non-quantitative – more mobile ions go easier

## stacking effect

sample conductivity < electrolyte conductivity  
⇒ sample ions carry the current  
⇒ stacking/concentration on inter-phase sample-electrolyte



$$V_{inj} = \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot l_{eff} \cdot \frac{t_{inj} \cdot U_{inj}}{t_{EOF} \cdot U_{sep}}$$

injected volume  $V_{inj}$

$U_{inj}$  – injection voltage

$U_{sep}$  – separation voltage

$r$  – capillary i. d.

$l_{eff}$  – capillary effective length

$t_{inj}$  – injection time length

$t_{EOF}$  – EOF marker migration time

## voltage source

**typical range:** 0 – 30 kV; recommended gradient 400 V/cm  
0 – 300 mA

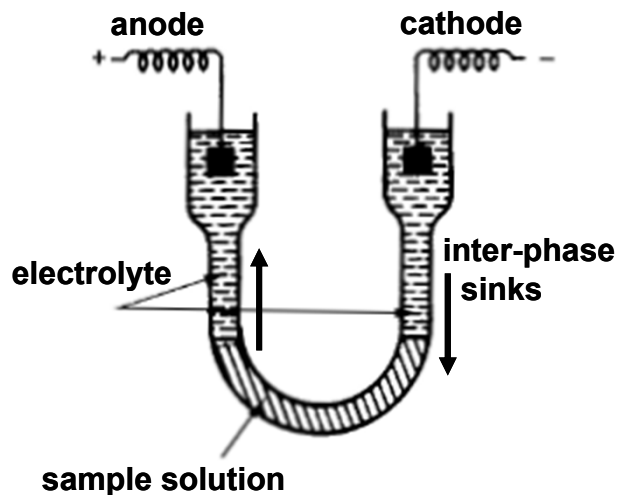
too high voltage decreases analysis time, lead to discharges  
(ca 20 – 25 kV)

ZE – constant voltage, ITF – constant current  
one electrode always grounded – that one closer to detector



## separation channel

### tube



**the oldest** (proposed 1892, done 1930)

*glass U-tube*

**electrophoresis in free solution**

: separation detection by moving inter-phase observation  
: coloured solution and clean electrolyte solution

**capillary**

**fused silica**

i. d. 10 – 200  $\mu\text{m}$

o. d. 350 – 400  $\mu\text{m}$

length 10 (CGE) – 100 cm; 50 – 75 cm most common

*outer coating* – polyimide (mechanical properties)

conditioning:

establishing the properties of capillary inner surface

surface cleaning: 1 M NaOH, 0.1 M HCl, BGE

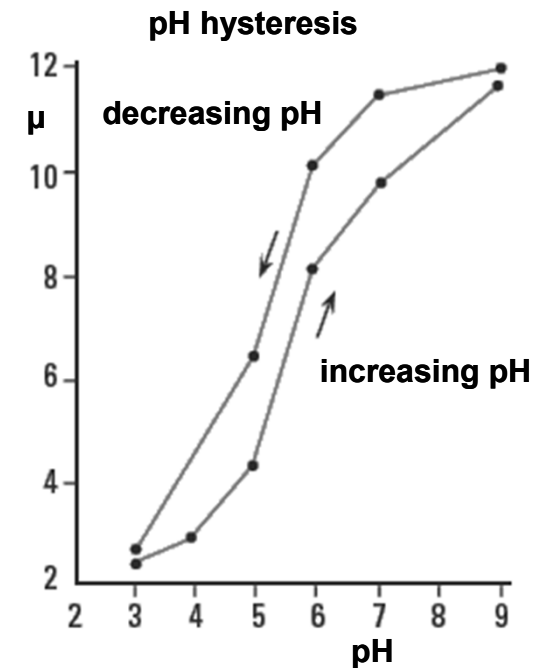
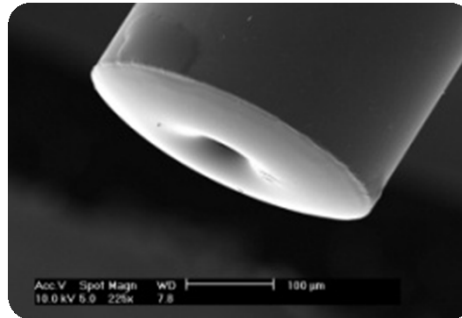
other: strong acids, organics (DMSO), detergents

**teflon**

*reproducible EOF*

*worse heat conductivity*

**other materials based on  $\text{SiO}_2$  – glass (Pyrex)**



## covalent coating

## inner coating

suppressing EOF, in range pH 4 – 5 relatively low ( $\sim 0$ ), pH 6 – 7 slowly increases at high pH is almost about 4/5 lower than in un-coated silica capillary

### Si-O-Si-R

polyacrylamide-, arylpentafluoro-, 3-glycidoxypropyltrimethoxy-siloxan protein or amino acid, sulphonic acids, maltose, PEG, polyvinylpyrrolidon

- : relatively easy preparation
- : limited long-term stability

### Si-C

polyacrylamide using Grignard reaction

- : stable between pH 2 – 10
- : difficult to prepare

### SF from GC and LC

C2-18, PEG, phenylmethylsilicon

- : easy to hydrolyse
- : increased adsorption

## **adsorbates**

cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene imine

- : only short-term stability in acidic range pH 2 – 4 (PEG, PVA)
- : stable in neutral pH (PEI)
- : relatively hydrophobic
- : reverts EOF (PEI)

## **dynamic coating**

part of BGE, stems in the praxis of adsorbates use

## **pH extremes**

reduction of coulombic interactions

- : pH range 2 – 12
- : EOF elimination at low pH, EOF high at high pH
- : unsuitable for proteins – denaturation
- : decreasing the charge differences decreases separation efficiency

## **high BGE concentration (ionic strength)**

reduction of coulombic interactions

- : decrease of EOF often limited by Joule heat

## hydrophilic polymers

alkylcellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, dextrans, polyacrylamide

shield wall charge of capillary and decreases EOF

: increases viscosity

: in high concentration = entangled gel electrophoresis (CEGE)

## tensides

anionic: sodium dodecylsulphate (SDS),

cationic: cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB)

non-ionic: Brij-35, BRIS

zwitterionic: 3-[( $\gamma$ -cholamidopropyl)dimethylammonio]-1-propanesulphate (CHAPS)

deactivate capillary surface by hydrophobic or ionic interactions

: wide possibility of compounds, easy use

: decrease or revert EOF

: may irreversibly denaturise protein

: suitable in combination with RP-LC surfaces

## quaternary amines

decrease or revert EOF

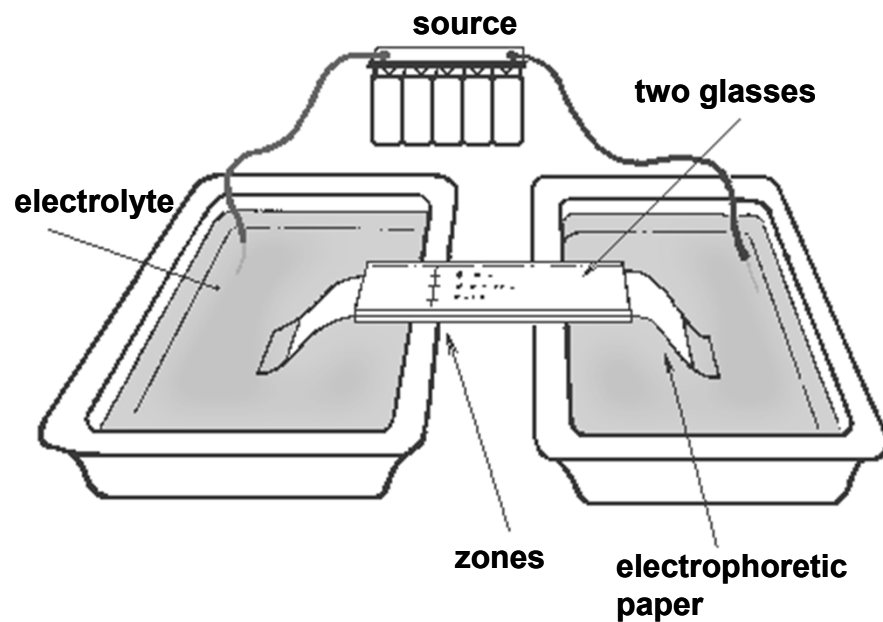
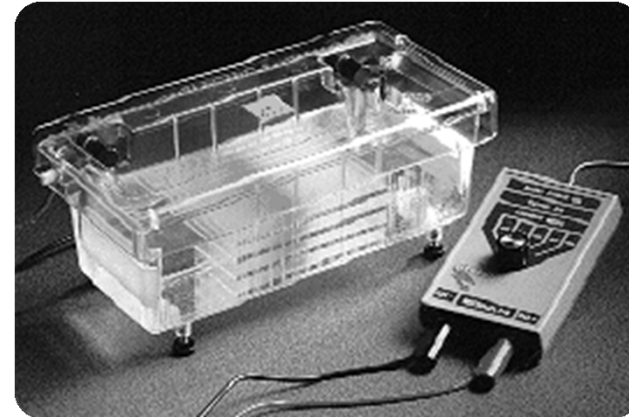
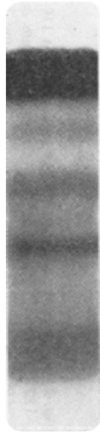
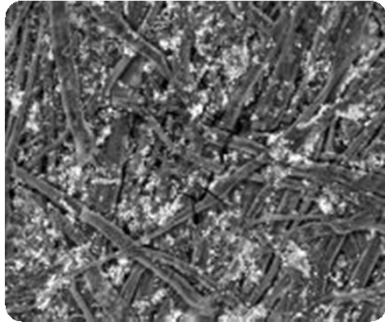
: work also as ion pairing agents (MEKC)



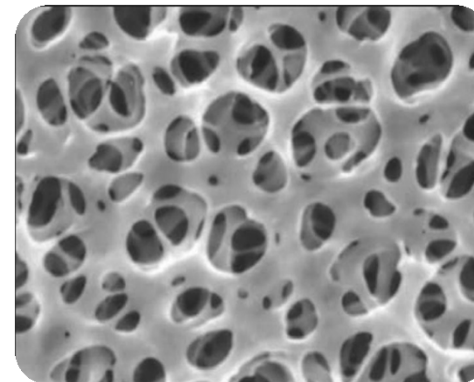
**paper / membrane**

100 % cotton / **cellulose**

0.17 – 0.30 mm thick  
pore size 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$

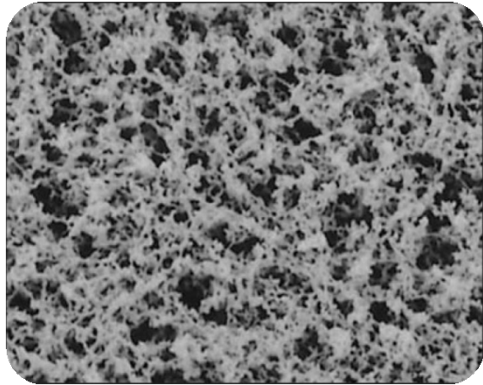


**acetate cellulose**  
pore size 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$



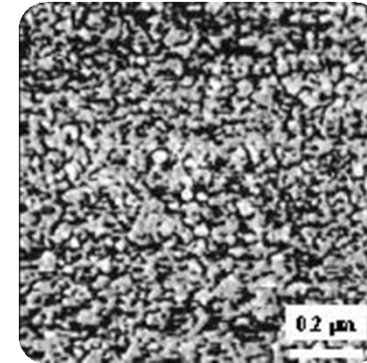
**nitrocellulose**

pore size 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$



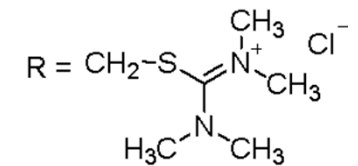
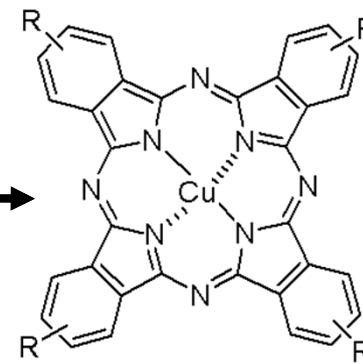
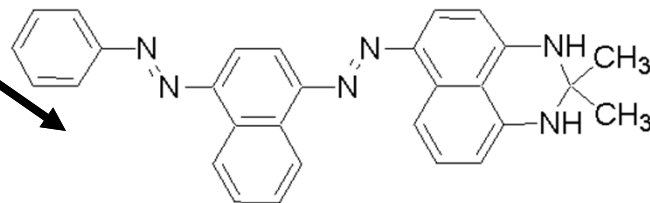
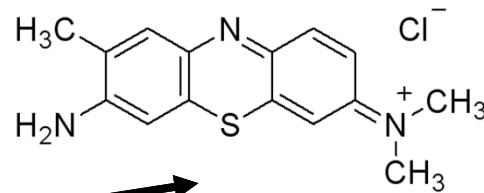
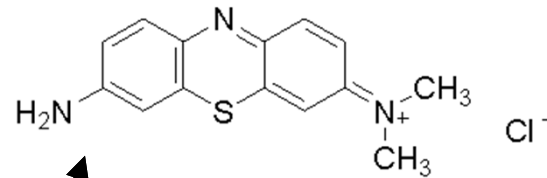
**nafion (PTFE, sulphonated tetrafluoroethylene)**

1 – 2 nm and 5 – 6 nm



**visualisation**

bromophenol blue  
dimethylthionine (azure A)  
toluidine blue  
alcian blue  
sudan black  
naphthalene black



# agarose gel

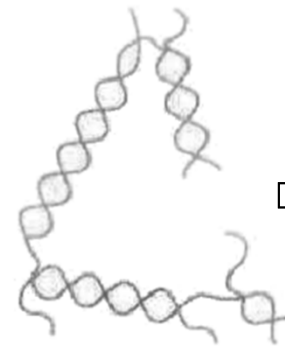
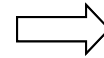
# gel

- : non-toxic, cheap, no additional components for polymerisation
- : fragile

0.8% large molecules  
1 – 2% common separation  
4% small molecules  
% w/v

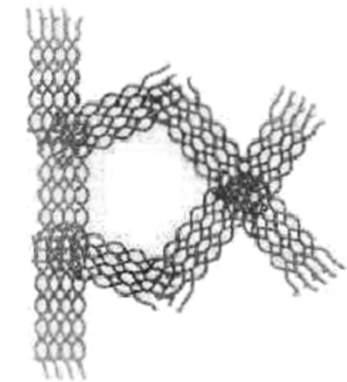
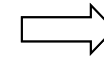


agarose solution



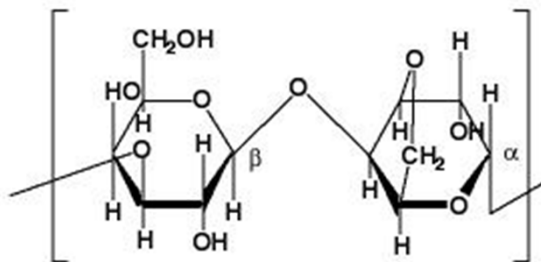
— 45 °C →

← 100 °C —

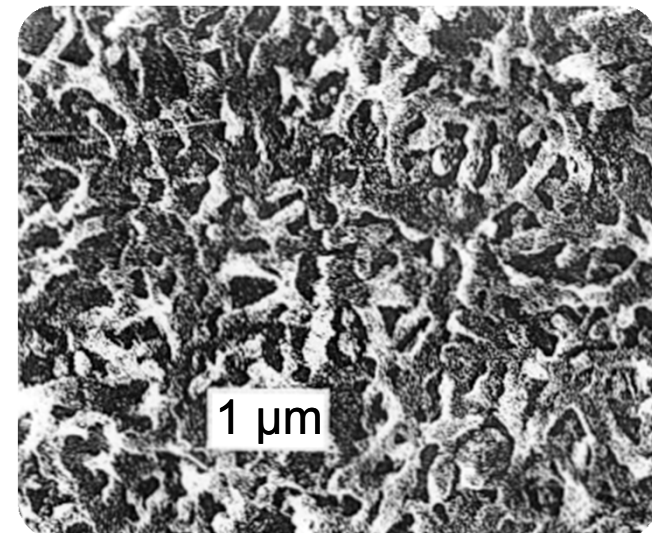


resulting gel structure

## D-galactose

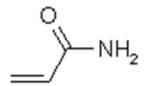


3,6-anhydro-L-galactose

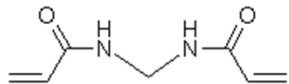


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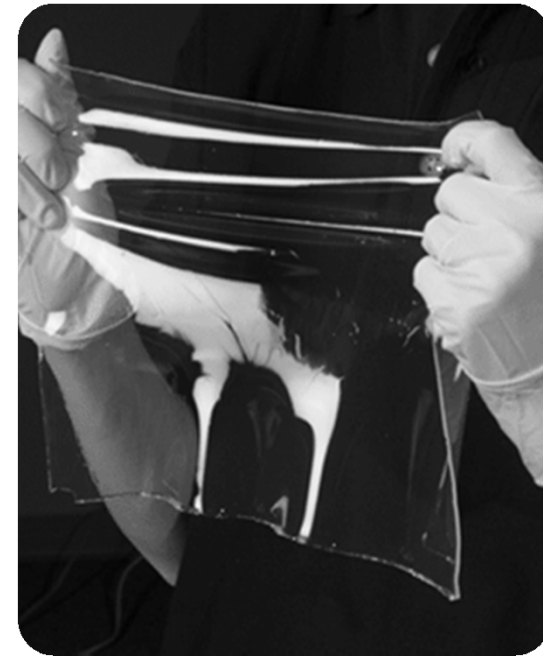
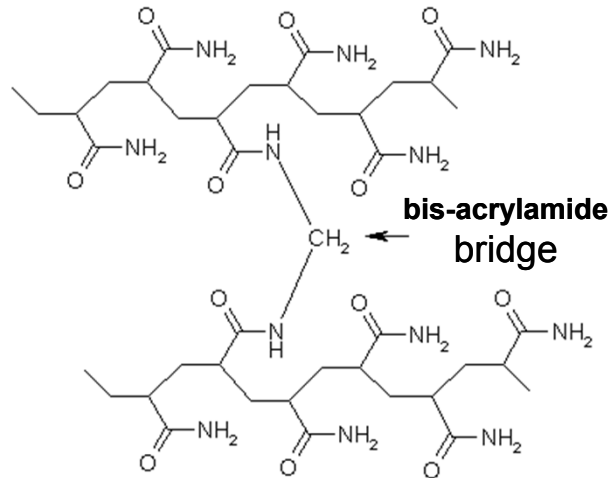
- : toxic (bis-acrylamide), inert
- : fragile, reinforcement by RhinoHide™ or DurAcryl™



acrylamide

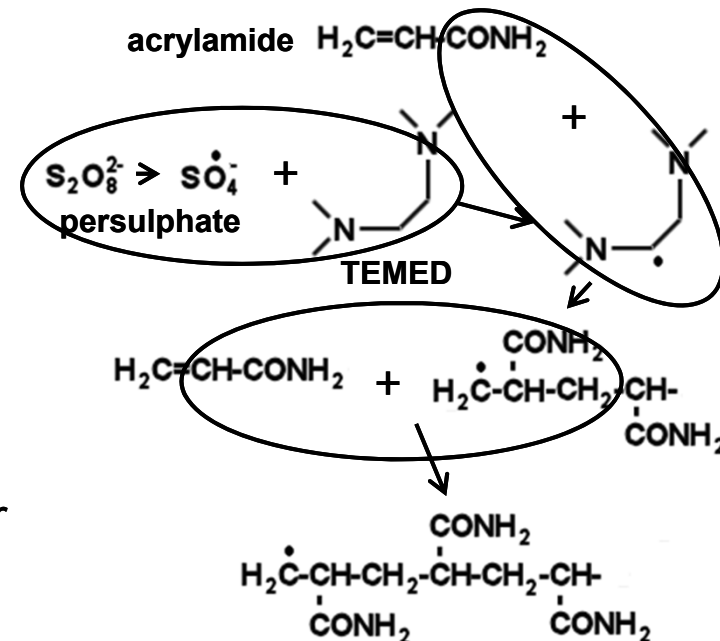


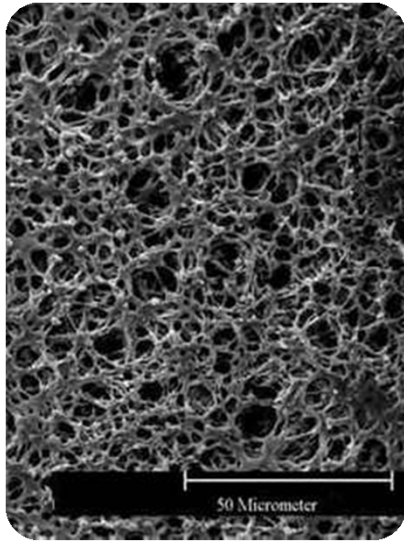
methylene-bis-acrylamide



**persulphate /ammonium/** – initiator

**tetramethylene ethylenediamine (TEMED)**  
– catalyser





## gel density

(cross-linking percentage;  
*acrylamide* and *bis-acrylamide* ratio)

↓ % cross-linking

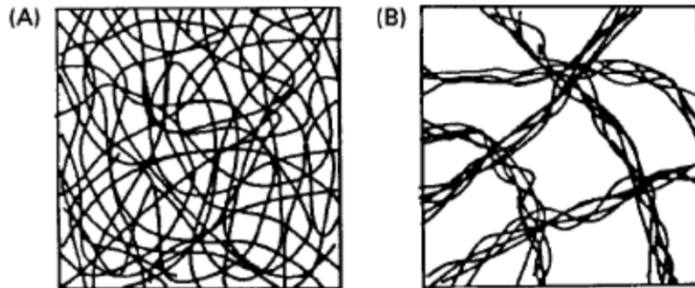
⇒ easier motion of very large molecules

**12%** – common for 15 kDa – 60 kDa

**8%** – molecules 30 kDa – 120 kDa

**25%** – < 15 kDa;

special protocol according to Schägger-von Jagow



## 12%-gel

viscosity

~100 m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

cavity diameter (12%)

~ 4.4 nm

: **isocratic (continuous)** (8 – 15 %)

: **discontinuous gel** (4% concentration and 12 % separation)

: **gradient gel** (Schägger-von Jagow)

**visualisation**

ethidium bromide (EtBr) 

Kongo red

Coomassie blue R-250, G-250

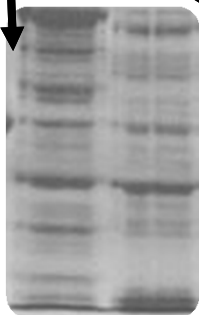
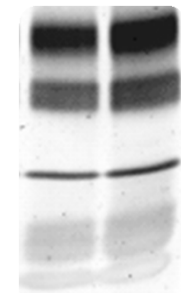
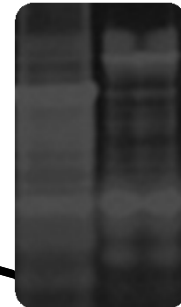
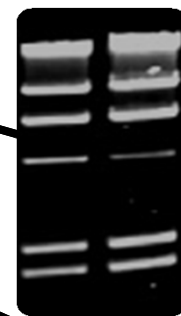
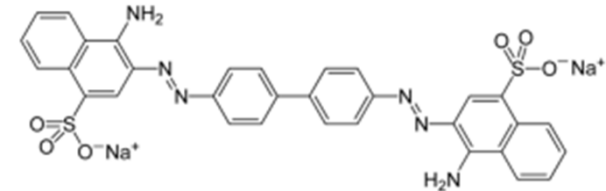
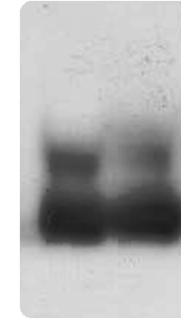
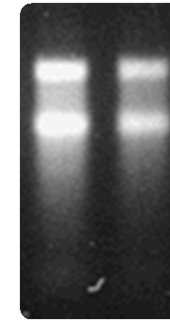
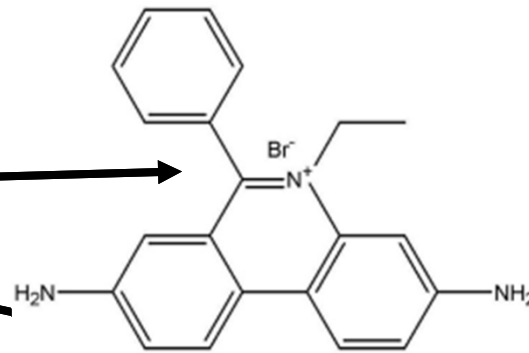
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SYBR II green

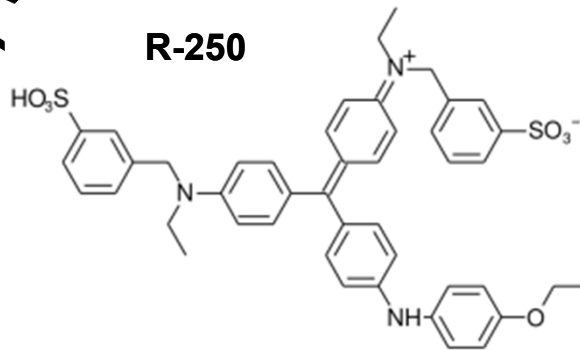
silver

zinc

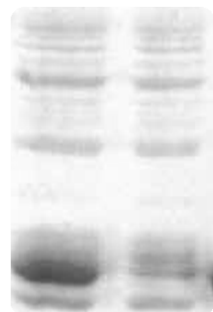
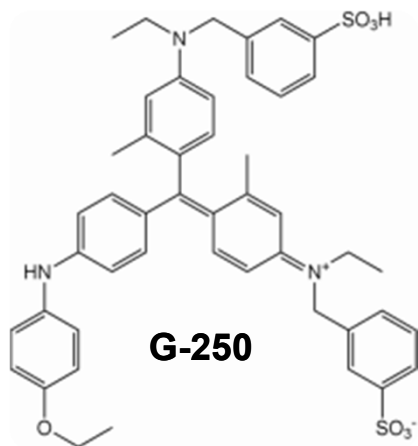
copper



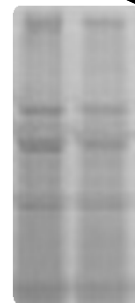
**R-250**



**G-250**



0.3 M CuCl<sub>2</sub>



0.2 M ZnSO<sub>4</sub>  
0.2 M imidazole



0.02% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

0.1% AgNO<sub>3</sub>

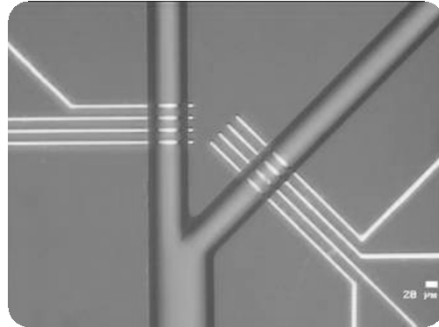
37% HCOH

1% CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

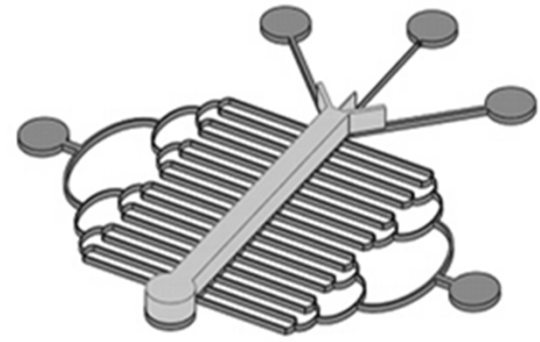
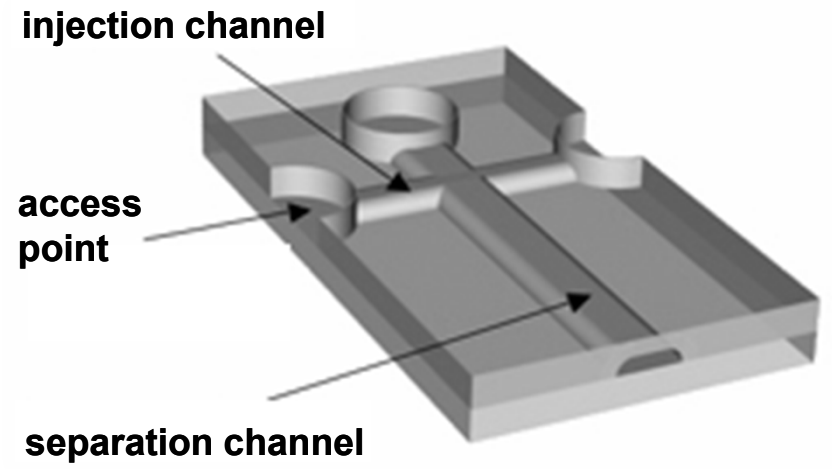
**chip** (CE-on-chip)

- simpler** arrangement than LC-on-chip
- : easy application of driving force
- : simple separation channel
- : suitable detection

**ZE, ITF, IEF...**



**electrochemical detection**

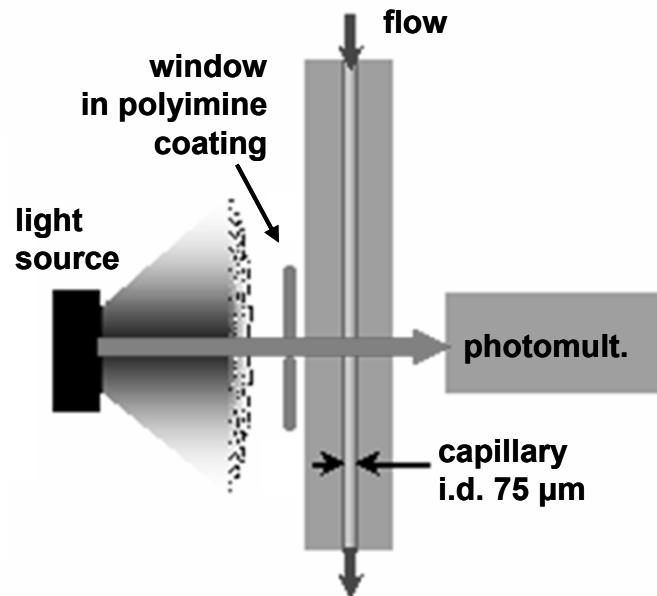


**lab-on-chip  
LC + CE**

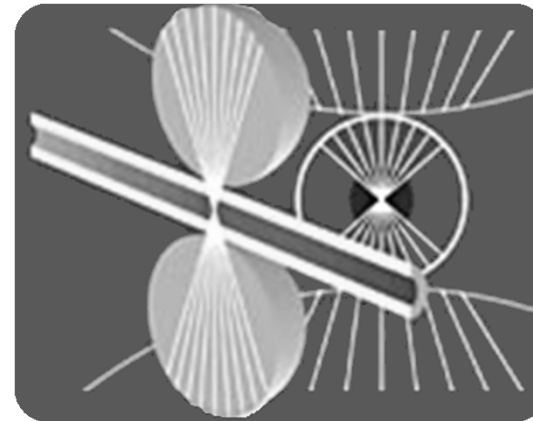
absorption photometric detector

diode array detector

**detectors**



problems : **beam focustion**  
: **optical path length**



**focusing optics** – two spherical lenses

absorbance

: **sensitivity**  $10^{-6}$  M

indirect detection

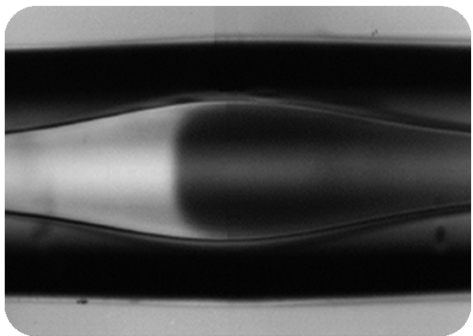
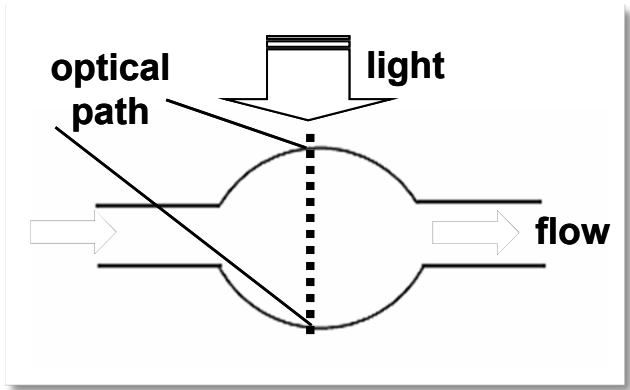
: **sensitivity**  $10^{-4}$  M



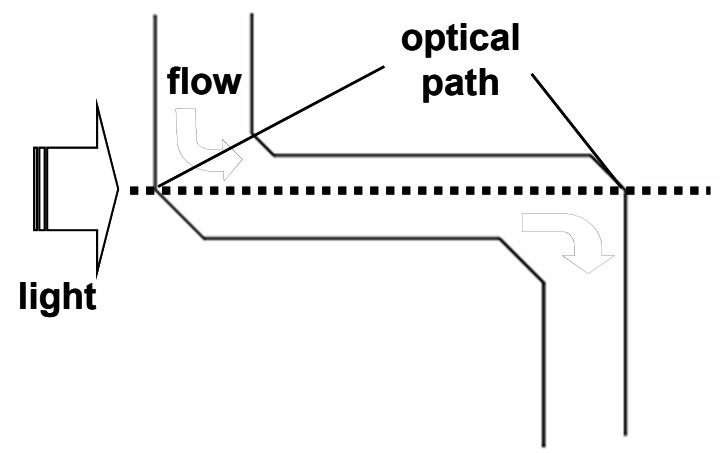


***prolongation of optical path***

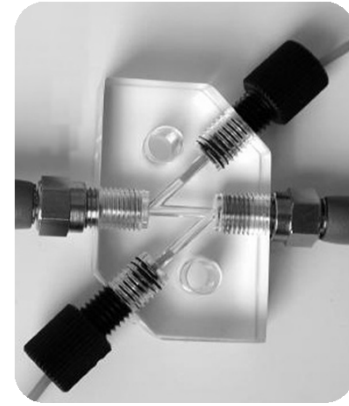
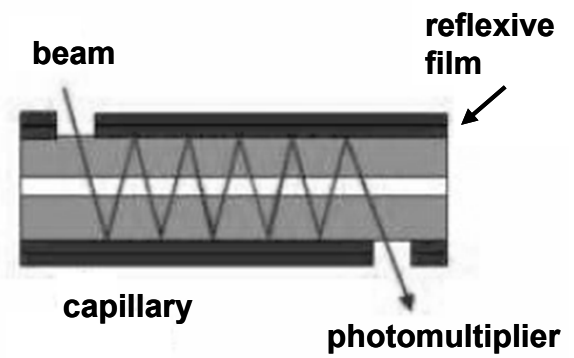
**bubble cell**



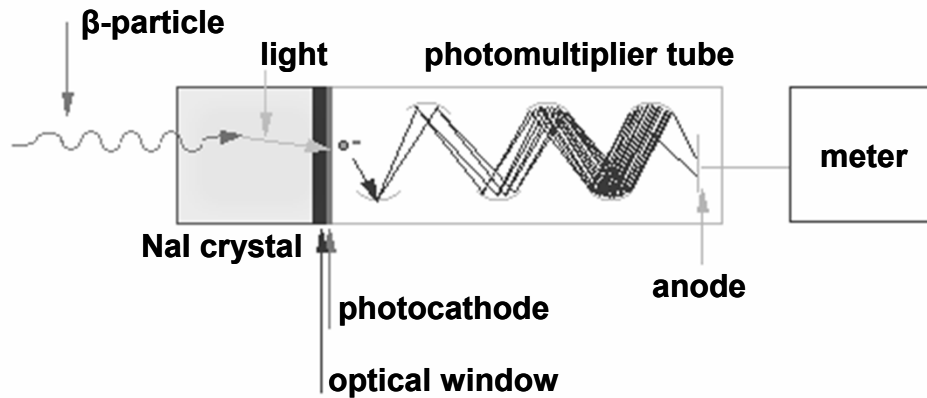
**Z-cell**



**reflexive inner coating**



# radioactive (scintillation) detector



## scintillation

: sensitivity  $10^{-10}$  M

MDD

signal: beam of  $\beta$ -particles ( $e^-$ )

# fluorescence detector

## laser induced fluorescence

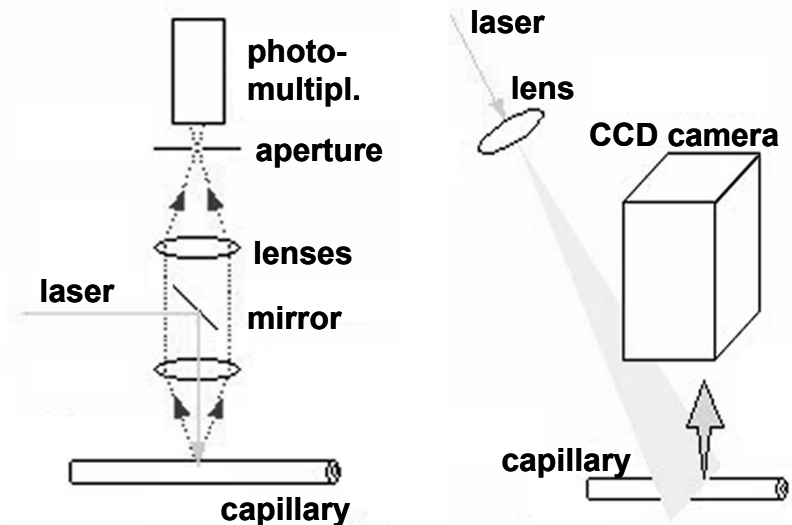
(LIF)

### fluorescence

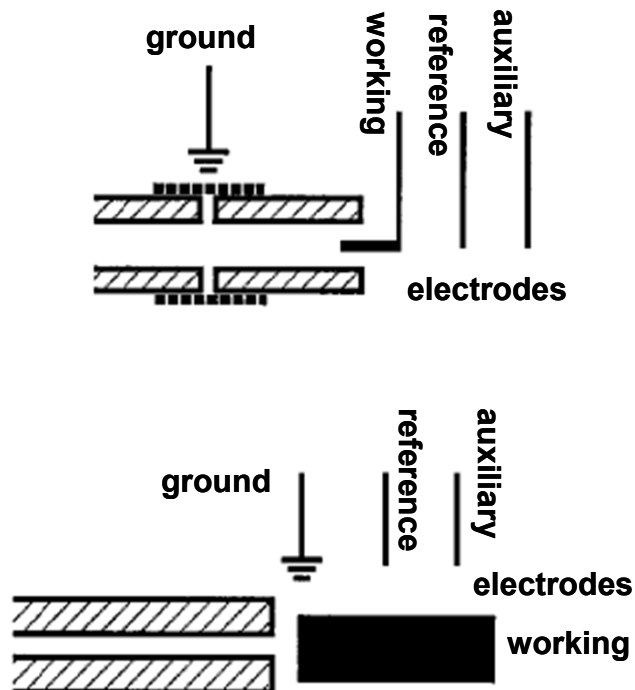
: sensitivity  $10^{-11}$  M

### LIF

: sensitivity  $10^{-13}$  M



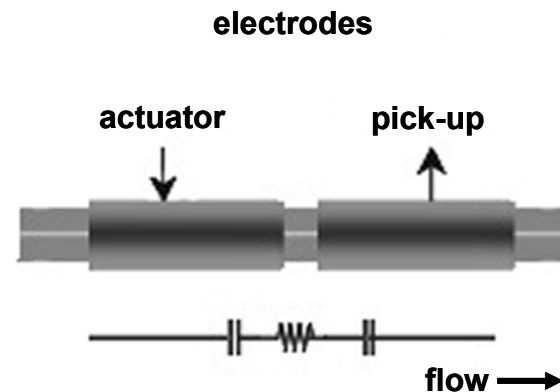
## amperometric detector



amperometry  
: sensitivity  $10^{-7}$  M

## conductivity detector

conductivity  
: sensitivity  $10^{-5}$  M



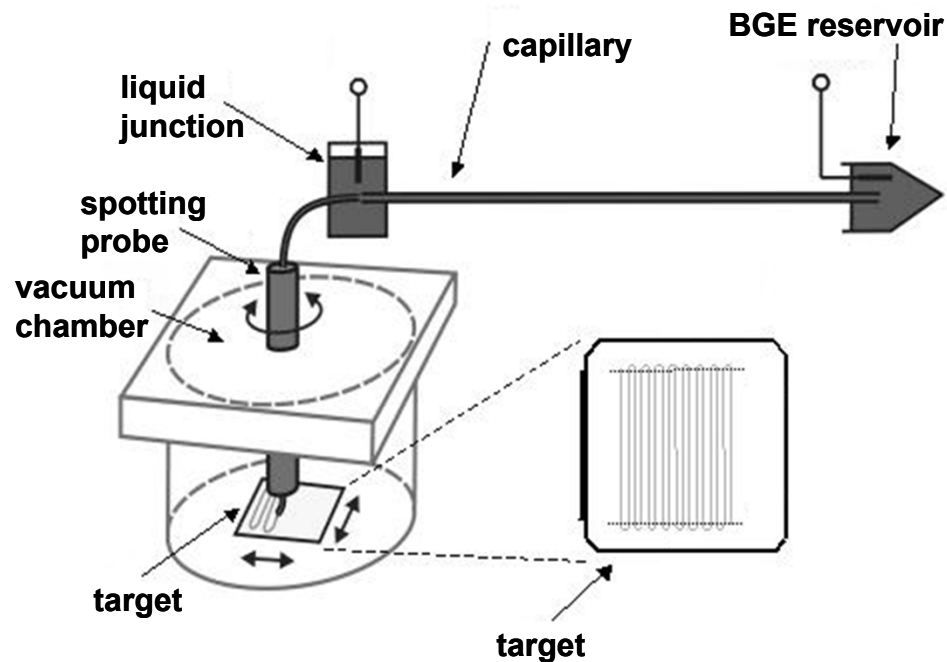
- : two metallic electrodes around capillary
- : when applying AC voltage on an actuator, the current flows through wall, in-between electrodes towards the pick-up electrode
- : signal is then amplified

# mass spectrometry

## matrix assisted laser desorption / ionisation

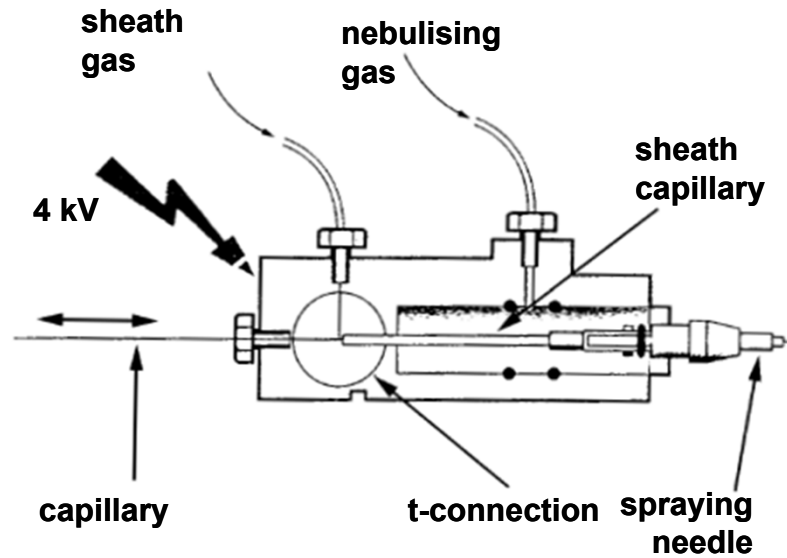
**discrete points** (fractions)  
mixing with matrix  
: before outlet  
: after outlet

**continuous trace**  
mixing with matrix  
: in liquid junction  
: pre-spotted matrix trace

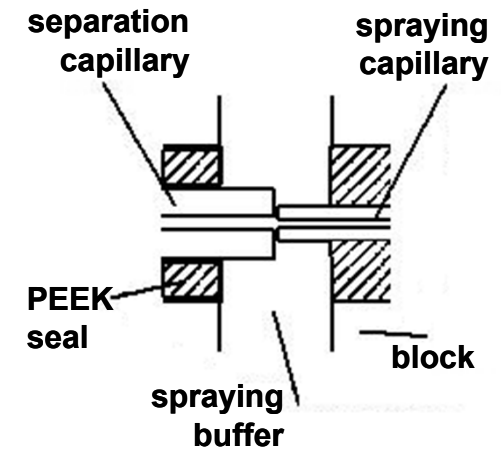


ion count  
: sensitivity  $10^{-7}$  M

## electrospray ionisation



key point  
liquid junction

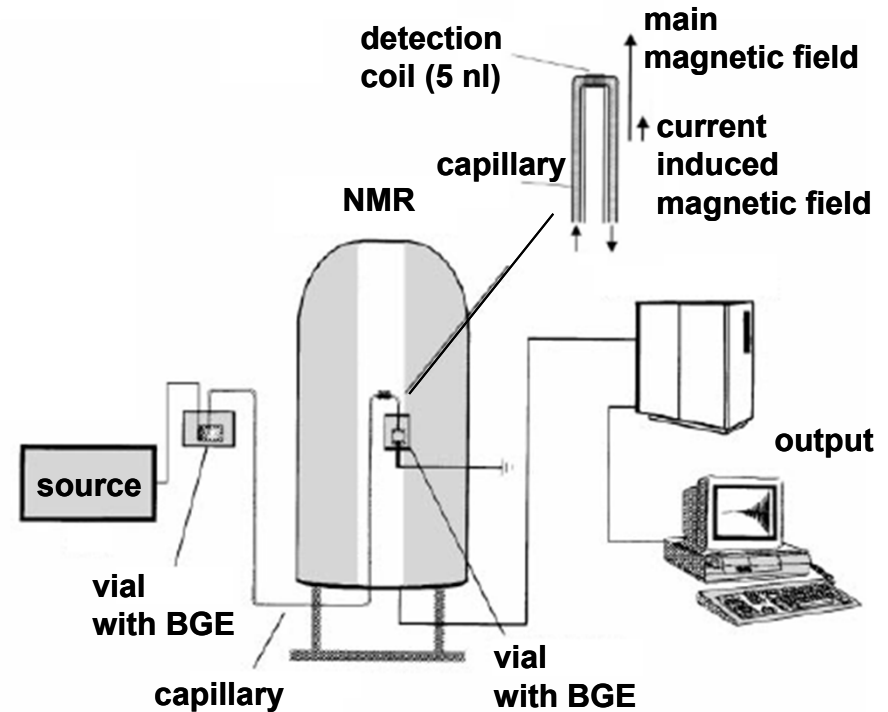


## nuclear magnetic resonance

may use **bubble cell**

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  – NMR

**NMR**  
: sensitivity  $10^{-5}$  M



# preparative electromigration methods

small volumes (nl)  $\Rightarrow$  elution into **collection vials** (10 – 15  $\mu$ l)

**peak detection**  $\Rightarrow$  volume **calculation** / distance from capillary end

**pressure elution: (CZE, ITP; MEKC, IEF; CGE – no)**

: pressure application (5 kPa) during pre-calculated time period

**electrokinetic elution: (CZE, ITP, CGE, MEKC; IEF – no)**

: voltage application during pre-calculated time period

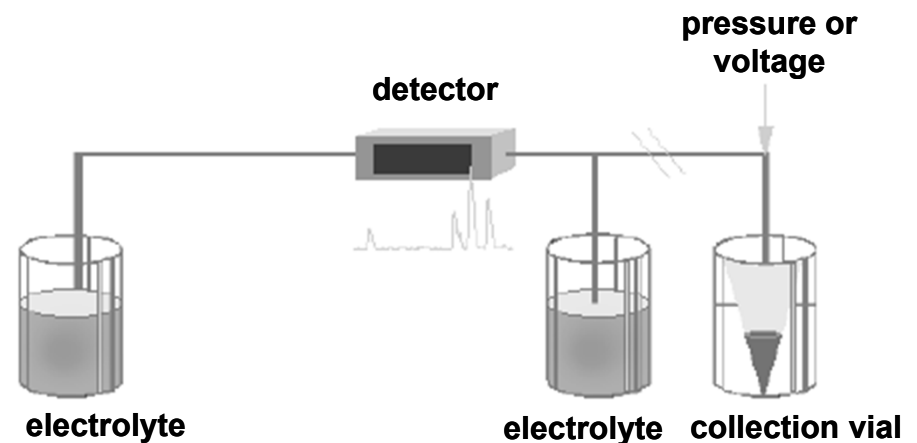
: collection vial must contain BGE or other electrolyte

**elution in IEF mode:**

: it is necessary to consider that  $\mu = 0$

**collection electrolytes:**

CZE	2% acetic acid
ITP	2% acetic acid
CGE	BGE
MEKC	BGE
IEF	ampholyte



## definition of electrophoretic system

**BGE**

**composition:** buffer concentration, pH, additives

**injection:** type, its characteristics (time, pressure, voltage)

## separation channel type

### *capillary*

length, i. d., material, manufacturer

30 cm x 50  $\mu$ m i. d., fused silica, J&W Scientific

conditioning – coating, rinsing

applied voltage,  
current or output

### *planar*

size (height x length x thickness), material

6.5 x 10 cm x 1 mm, polyacrylamide

continuous, discontinuous, gradient; leading colour

application time period

**detector**

**basic characteristic according to type**

## analytical information from electrophoretogram

qualitative information

### migration time normalisation

bad reproducibility; *adsorption* or *EOF changes*

: *on one marker* (either *EOF* or *very fast*)

: *on two markers inclosing separated components*

**first:** carries no charge, moves with EOF

**second:** highest mobility

### peak area normalisation

peak area is function of migration velocity (migration time)

$$A_N = A \cdot (l_{\text{eff}} / t_M) \Rightarrow A / t_M$$

only within *EOF changes*;

within *ionic strength* or *injection length changes* – no correction effect

$$A_{N2} = A_N / A_{N,IS}$$

correction of *injection length* change

within pressure injection

**IS** – internal standard; might be a peak in mixture



# basic modes of electromigration methods

**electrophoresis (ZE)**

**isoelectric focustion (IEF)**

**isotachopheresis (ITF)**

**electrochromatography (EC)**

**micellar electrokinetic chromatography (MEKC)**

***affinity electrophoresis (ACE)***

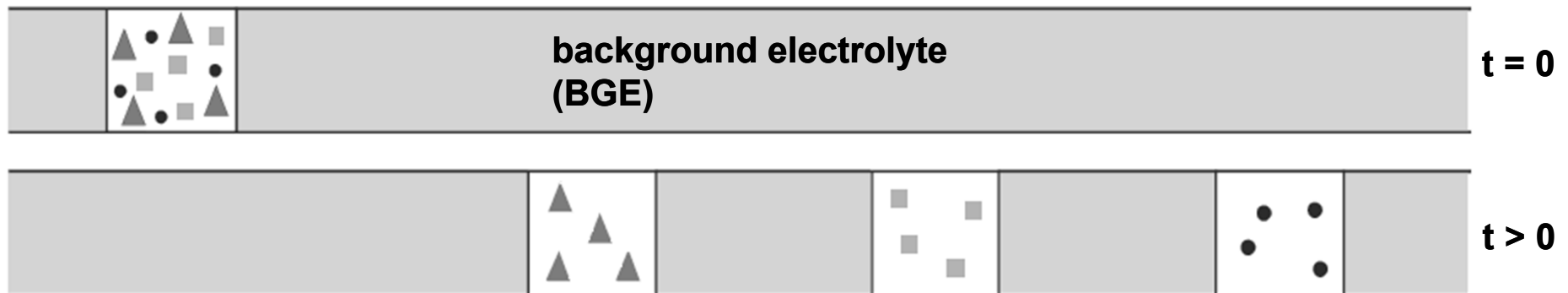
***non-aqueous electrophoresis (NCE)***

# CZE, capillary zone electrophoresis

**electrophoresis** – greek **ήλεκτρον** (amber) and **φορέω** (I carry)

one **background electrolyte** (BGE)

⇒ constant electric field intensity in whole separation channel



$$\alpha = \frac{\bar{\mu}_A - \bar{\mu}_B}{\bar{\mu}_B}$$

selectivity of separation, analytes **A** and **B**

## choice of background electrolyte

- : sufficient buffering capacity in chosen pH range
- : low background signal in detector
- : low mobility (large, low charged molecules)  $\Rightarrow$  low Joule heat

## additives

### tensides

all types

**changes EOF; give charge to non-polar molecules**

**changes CZE into MEKC (if the critical micellar concentration is exceeded)**

### zwitterions

CHAPS (3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylammonio]-1-propanesulphate)

- : **increases ionic strength without increase in conductivity (heat)**
- : **influences selectivity**

chiral selectors

cyclodextrins, crown-ethers ...

**similar to chiral additives in MF within LC**

metal ions

$K^+$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Li^+$  ...

**influence selectivity in MEKC and GE**

chaotropic agents

urea ...

**solubilise NA and proteins; influence selectivity in MEKC**



linear hydrophilic polymers

methylcellulose, polyacrylamide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol ...

**decrease EOF; decrease analyte adsorption in low concentrations, ZE  $\Rightarrow$  GE**

organic agents

methanol, acetonitrile ...

**generally decrease EOF; influence selectivity in MEKC and chiral separations**

complexing buffers

borate ...

**allow separation of saccharides and catechols**

## CGE, capillary gel electrophoresis



### classical

: cross-linked gel in capillary

: relatively fast, reproducible and quantitative

compared to *slab gel electrophoresis* : on-line detection in UV-VIS without visualisation

**disadvantages:** capillary filling (homogeneous polymerisation, bubbles...)

commercially filled capillaries – high price

**chemical gels:** polyacrylamides – porous structure with strong covalent bonds

**physical gels:** agarose – weak intermolecular bonds of different molecule parts

## entangled gel

: linear gel as part of BGE

: entangling medium (e.g. polymeric net) is present in background electrolyte

similar to *physical gels* – characteristic intermolecular interactions

: rapid increase in viscosity ( $= f(M_w)$ ) at liminal concentration values

## mostly used polymers

: linear polyacrylamide

: N-substituted acrylamides

N-acryloyl aminopropanol (AAP)

N-acryloyl aminobutanol (AAB)

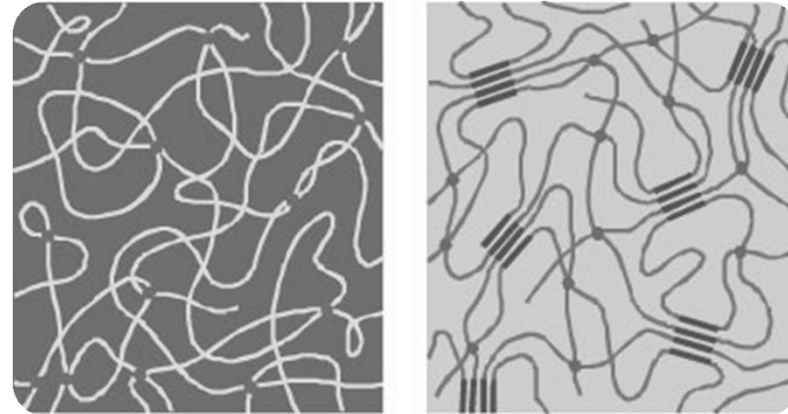
N-acryloyl aminoethoxyetanol (AAEE)

: polyethylene glycol (PEG)

: polyethylene oxide (PEO)

: polyethylene alcohol (PEA)

: polyvinyl alcohol (PVA)



: cellulose derivatives

methylcellulose (MC)

hydroxyethylcellulose (HEC)

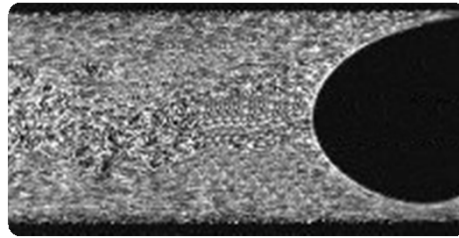
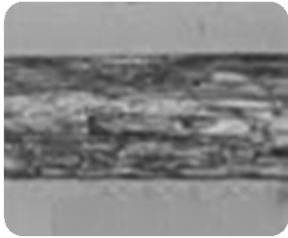
hydroxypropylcellulose (HPC)

hydroxypropylmethylcellulose (HPMC)

: galactomannan (GalMan)

: glucomannan (GluMan)

## capillary filling



**bubbles** : monomer solution loses volume when polymerising

⇒ *isotachophoretic polymerisation*

**capillary and anodic space**: acrylamide, bisacrylamide, triethanol amine (catalyser)

**cathodic space**: ammonium persulphate (initiator)

when the source is switched on, the initiator enters the system

ITF interface chloride / persulphate keeps initiator zone sharp

⇒ supervised polymerisation

such a voltage that initiator flow  $\sim$  rate of polymerisation (ca 2 – 4 V/m)



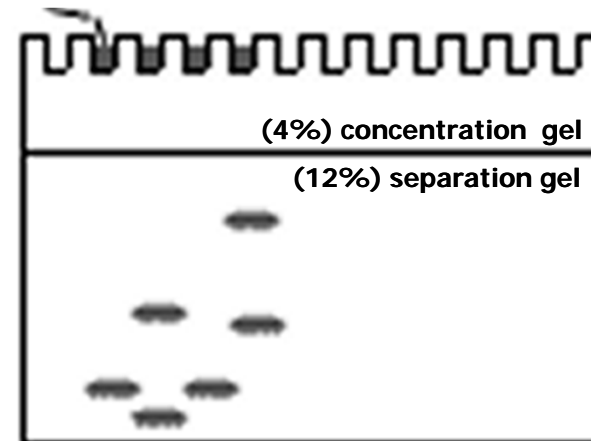
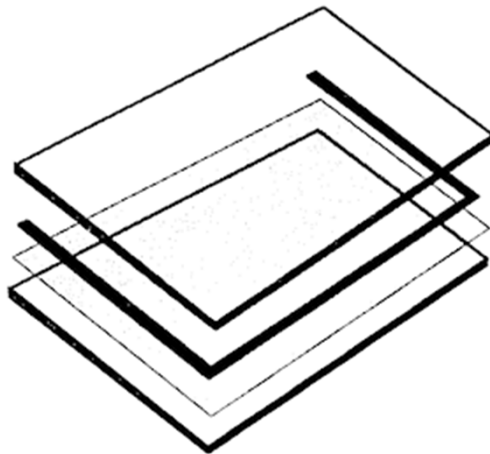
# GE, slab-gel electrophoresis

**denaturing** (SDS, *Lämmli*) – separation according to  $M_w$

**non-denaturing** (native) – separation according to  $pI$ , **shape** and  $M_w$

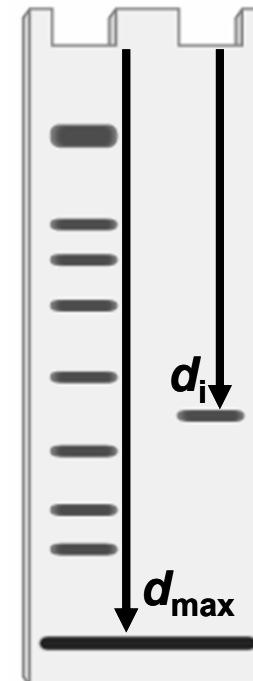
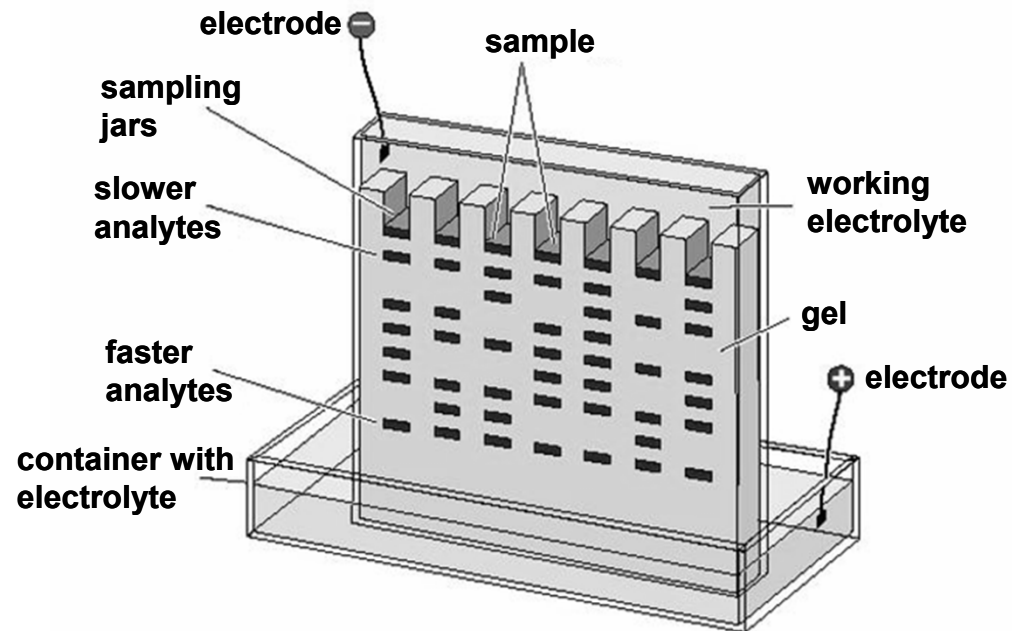
## one dimensional gel electrophoresis (1D-GE)

- : slab gel polymerises between glass plates, separated by spacers
- : loading jars are created by special spacer – *comb*



## basic procedure

1. sampling buffer is added to sample
2. sample is loaded into jars
3. gel is put in-between buffers and voltage is applied
4. gel is washed and stained



$$R_f = \frac{d_i}{d_{max}}$$

retention factor

# two dimensional gel electrophoresis (2D-GE)

two dimensions:

1. IEF
2. SDS-GE

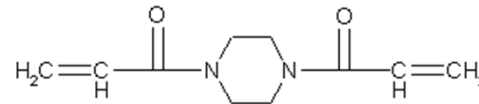
## 1. isoelectric focustion (IEF)

immobilised pH-gradient in gel strip

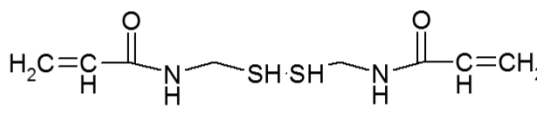
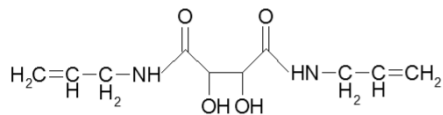
## 2. denaturing gel elfo (SDS-GE)

SDS is not in gel since polymerisation (as with 1D)  
: micelles would be created

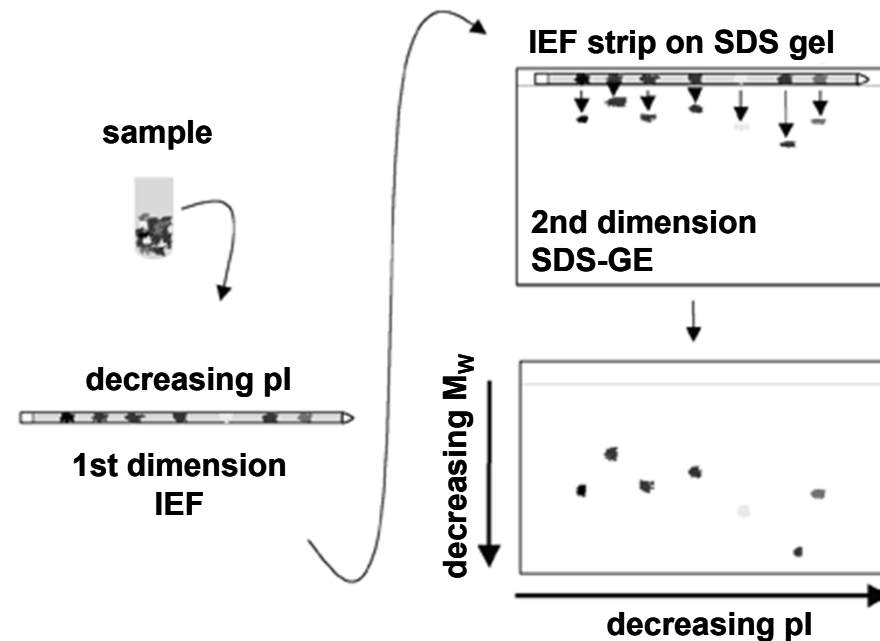
necessary to cool more than  
1D (5 – 12 °C)



as cross-linking agent **piperazine diacrylyl (PDA)**,  
**diallyltartarate diamide (DATD)**, **bisacrylyl cystamine (BAC)**



sodium thiosulphate in gel – low background with Ag-staining



in 2D density gradient (9 – 16 %) is used

in connected containers are mixed

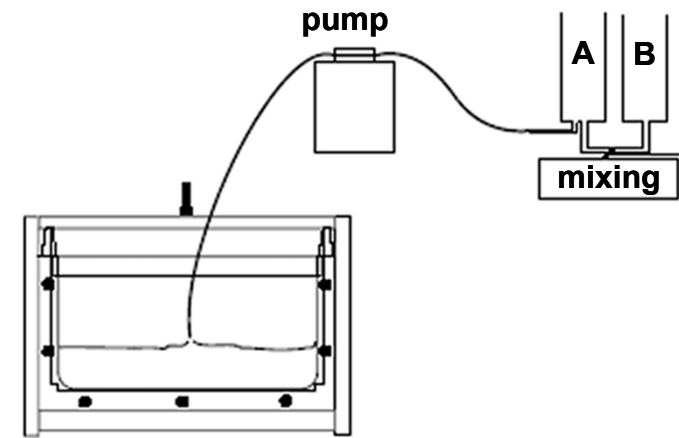
A) solution **without cross-linker**

B) solution **with *max* cross-linker concentration**

: at outflow, increasing cross-linker gradient is formed

**gradient profile** is given by the shape of containers

**new** – non-linear pH gradients in IEF

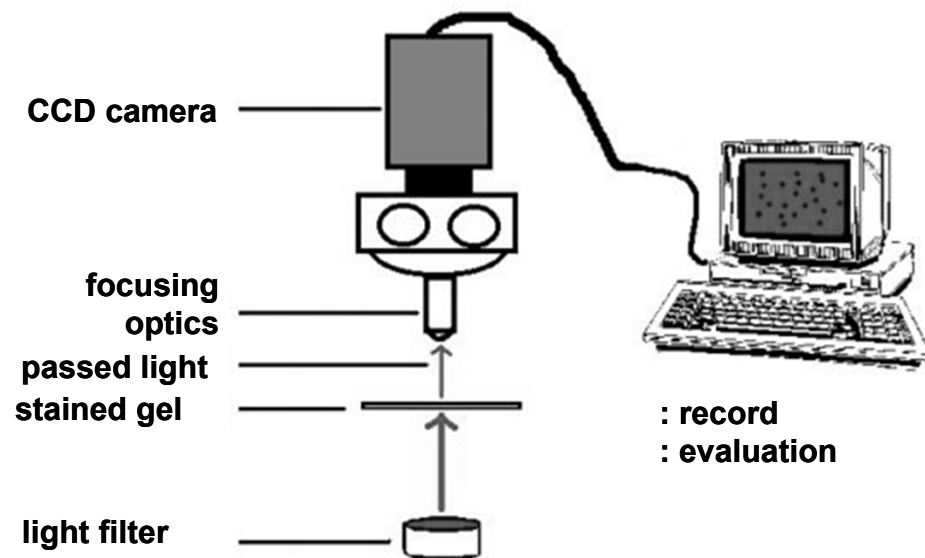
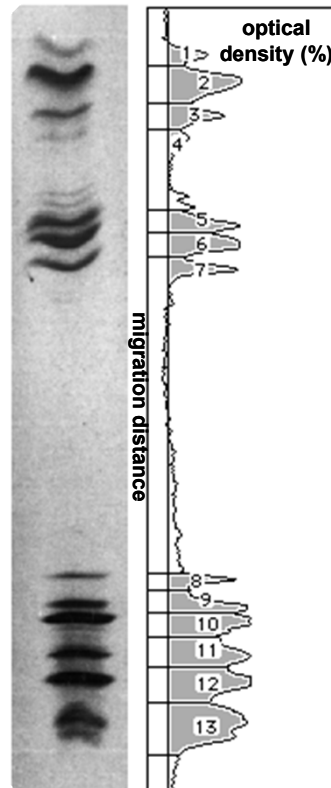
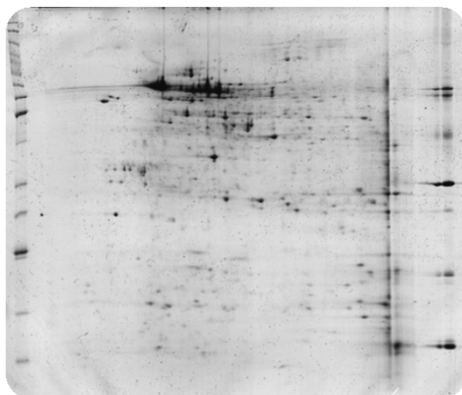


after staining

: densitometry

:: UV-Vis

:: fluorimetry



: prior to analysis, sample is denatured

(+ EtSH, 95 °C, 5 min)

:: breaking of di-sulphidic bonds

:: turn into random coil conformation

: leading colour

:: bromphenole blue

**non-denaturing (native) GE**

: separation of **acidic** and **basic** proteins – **separately**:

: leading colour

:: bromphenole blue for acidic

:: methylene blue for basic

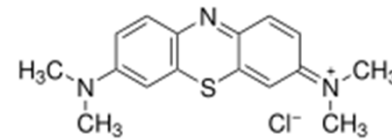
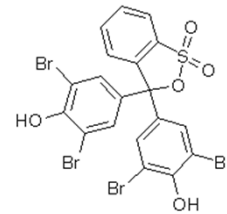
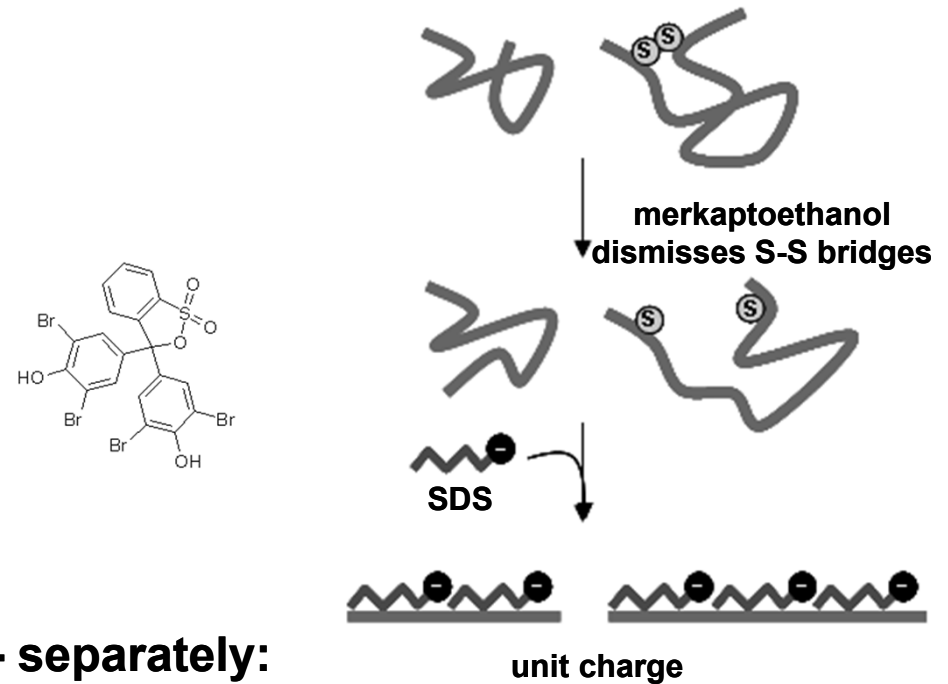
: separation of **acidic** and **basic** proteins – **together**

:: giving them a unit charge without denaturation

**blue native PAGE** (BN-PAGE) – CBB R-250 (~ 1 g to 1 g of protein)

**clean native PAGE** (CN-PAGE) – n-dodecyl- $\beta$ -maltoside and digitonin

**denaturing GE**



## polyacrylamidove gel electrophoresis – PAGE

: for separation of proteins  
in native and denaturing mode; 1D and 2D

## agarose gel electrophoresis – AGE

: for nucleic acids separation	0.8%	50 – x1000 kbp
only one mode (1D)	1 – 2%	20 – 50 kbp
<i>NAs already have unit charge</i>	4%	< 20 kbp

### leading colours

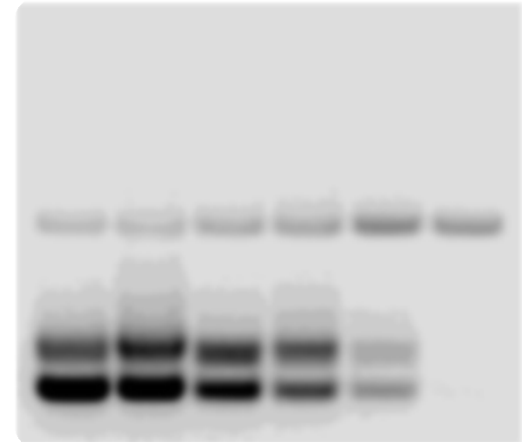
: xylene and bromophenol blue, cresol red, orange G

### separation conditions

**TRIS-acetate EDTA (TAE)** : low voltage, large molecules (50 – x000 kbp)

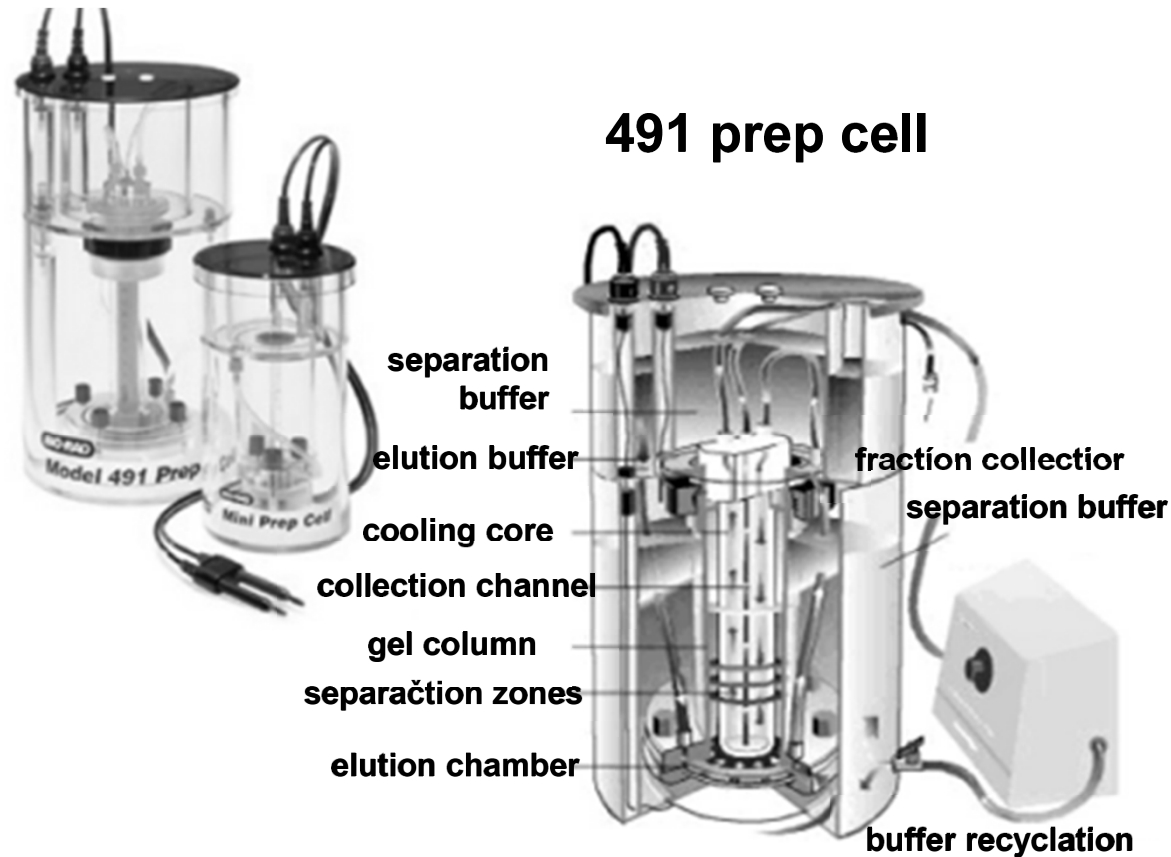
**TRIS-borate EDTA (TBE)** : 20 – 50 kbp

**sodium borate (SB)** : high voltage (35 V/cm), small molecules < 5 kbp



# CEGE, column continuative elution gel electrophoresis

- : new technique similar to *slab GE* – *primarily preparative*
- :: mostly SDS-PAGE
- :: native isoelectrofocusing QPNC-PAGE  
(*quantitative preparative native continuous*)
- : suitable for on-line connection with detection techniques (MS)



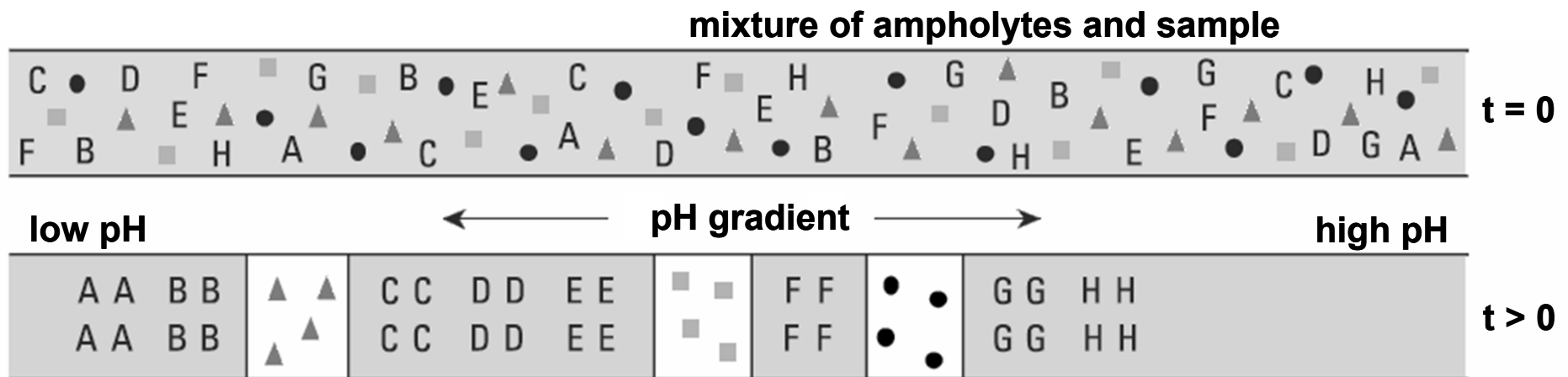
# CIEF, capillary isoelectrofocusing

**isoelectrofocustion** – greek **ίσος** (same), **ήλεκτρον** (amber) and latin **focus**

solution contains **ampholytes**

during separation, the **pH gradient** is established

**pH = pI**, analyte is not moving, movement towards detector only due to EOF  
(or pressure)





zones are sharp, **self-focustion effect**

$$w_A = \sqrt{D / \left( \left( \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \text{pH}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \text{pH}}{\partial x} \right) \right)}$$

$w_A$  – zone width  
 $x$  – length coordinate

**resolution in IEF**

$$\Delta pI = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial \text{pH}}{\partial x} \right) / E \cdot \left( - \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \text{pH}} \right)}$$

$E$  – electric field intensity [V/cm]  
 $\partial \text{pH} / \partial x$  – pH gradient  
 $\partial \mu / \partial \text{pH}$  – mobility slope at given pI



# CITF, capillary isotachoforesis

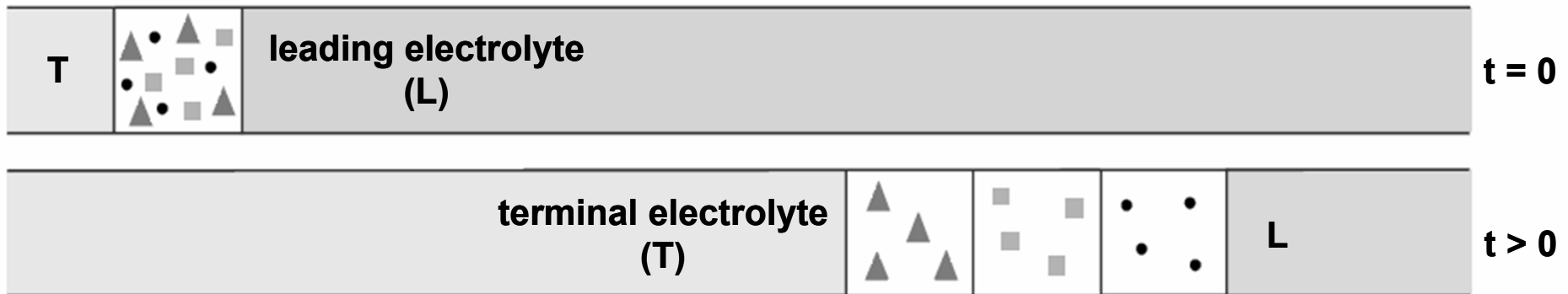
**isotachophoresis** – greek **ίσος** (same), **ταχύς** (speed) and **φορέω** (I carry)

two **electrolytes**

: **leading** – leading ion has absolutely highest mobility in system

: **terminal** (*trailing*) – terminal ion has absolutely lowest mobility in system

⇒ electric field intensity increases from leading to terminal ion



component concentration in zone is according to Kohlrausch  $\omega$ -function

analytical concentration of compound A,  $c_A$ :

$$c_A = c_L \cdot \frac{\mu_A}{\mu_A - \mu_{Cl}} \cdot \frac{\mu_L - \mu_{Cl}}{\mu_L}$$

**for strong univalent electrolytes**

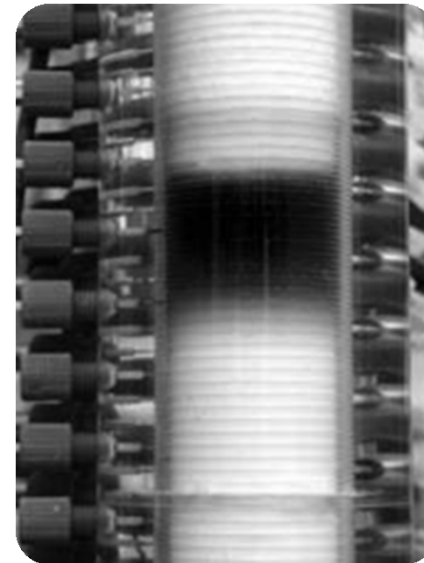
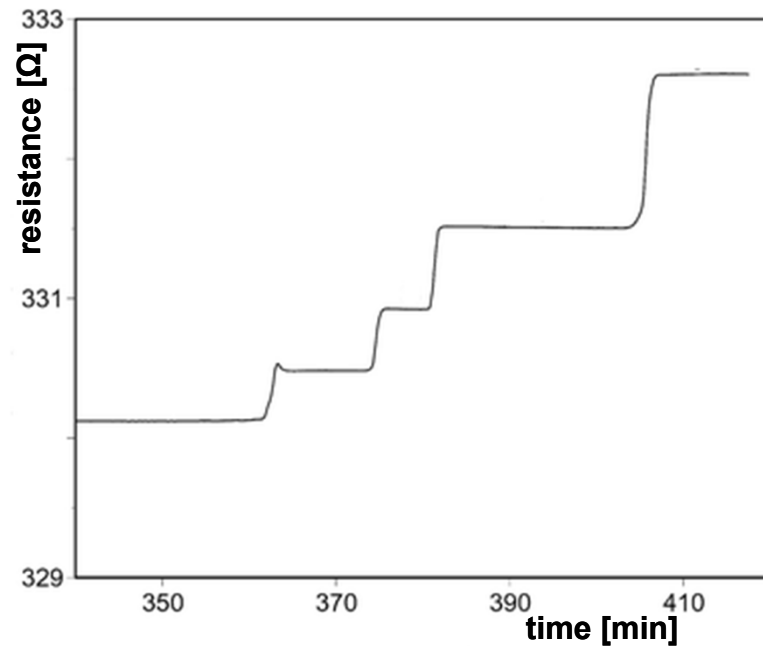
**Cl** – analyte counter-ion

## self-focusing effect

zones are **sharp** and **do not broaden**  $\Rightarrow$  concentrating minor components in few orders

if ion **L** because of diffusion goes to **zone X**, because of  $\uparrow E$   
also **increases its migration velocity** and it **goes back to zone L**

if ion **X** because of diffusion goes to **zone L**, because of  $\downarrow E$   
also **decreases its migration velocity** and it **goes back to zone X**



### *isotachophoretogram*

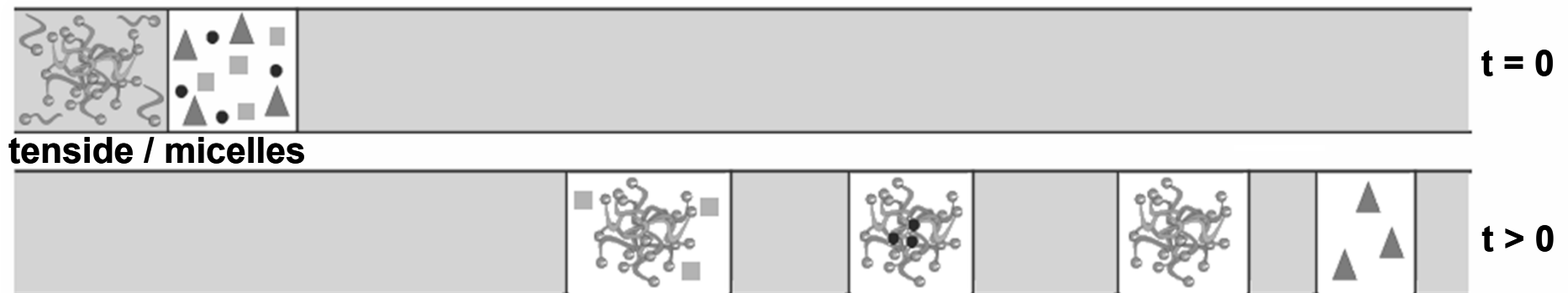
typical **detection** – resistance; others methods – conductivity, thermometry, UV-Vis **163**

# MEKC, micellar electrokinetic chromatography

one **electrolyte** containing **ionogenic tenside** over critical micellar concentration  
 ⇒ **micelles** are created

analyte is **separated between micelles** and **electrolyte** acc. **distribution coefficient (K)**  
 MEKC may be seen as ZE of two entities – **analyte** and **micelles with it**

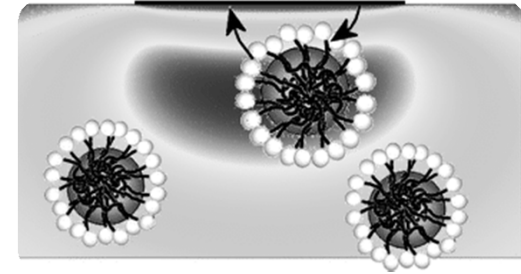
analyte **does not enters** micelles ⇒ **K = 0**, analyte **enters completely** ⇒ **K = ∞**



$$k' = \frac{t_M - t_m}{t_m \left(1 - \left(t_M / t_{M,mic}\right)\right)} = K \cdot \left(V^S / V^M\right)$$

$k'$  – capacity factor  
 $t_m$  – void retention time  
 $t_M$  – retention time  
 $t_{M,mic}$  – retention time of micelles

commonly used tensides



**anionogenic** : sodium dodecylsulphate ...

**cationogenic** : cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, septonex ...

to *decrease migration velocity* of micelles **non-ionogenic tenside** (Triton X-100) is added

micelles may be substituted with *microemulsion* or *polyions*

**addition of organic phase**: solvation changes, micellar structures,  
**smoother setting** – mixture of tensides

resolution in MEKC

$$R = \left( \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right) \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{k'_2}{k'_2 + 1} \right)}_{\text{retardation}} \cdot \left( \frac{1 - (t_m/t_M)}{(1 - (t_m/t_M)) \cdot k'_1} \right)$$

efficiency    selectivity

retardation

$\alpha$  – selectivity

$N$  – number of theor. plates

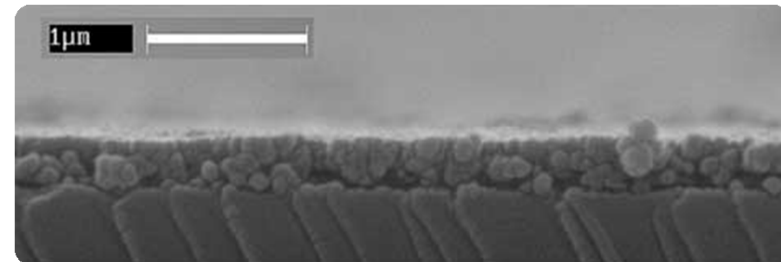
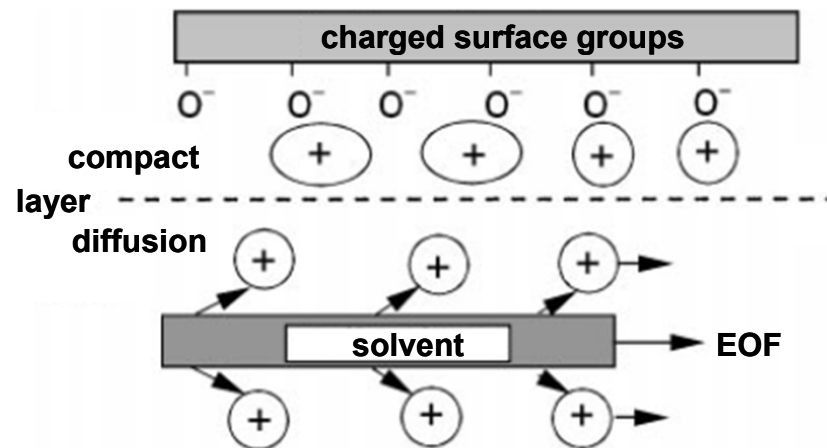
**disadvantage**: difficult *reproducibility*

# TLE, thin layer electrochromatography

*paper electrophoresis, slab electrochromatography*

**charged** (mostly negative) **SF**; often silicagel, cellulose and its derivatives

analyte **is separated between SF and electrolyte** acc. **distribution coefficient (K)**



**fast** : applied voltage is driving force; comparing to TLC where it is capillary elevation  
: fast also comparing to capillary variant (up to three orders of magnitude)  
: voltage 160 V/cm  $\Rightarrow$  migration velocity 100  $\mu\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

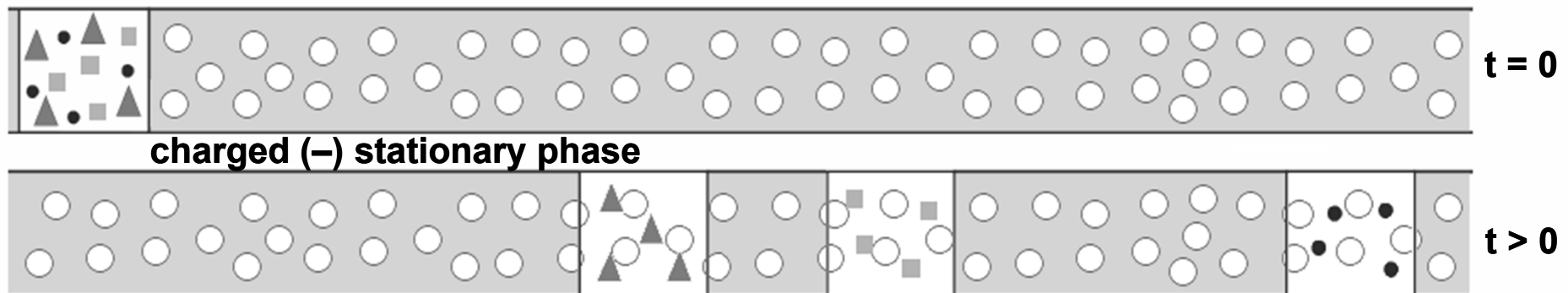
## CEC, capillary electrochromatography

**charged** (mostly negative) **SF**; porous particles of o.d. 1.5 – 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$   
column: either *broader* (320  $\mu\text{m}$ ) or *narrower* capillary (50, 75 or 100  $\mu\text{m}$ )

analyte is separated between **SF** and **electrolyte** acc. **distribution coefficient** (K)  
: applied voltage is separation driving force  $\Rightarrow$  flow of the liquid is not laminar  
: EOF is created on the surface of SF rather than on a wall of separation channel

*low currents*: max 10  $\mu\text{A}$

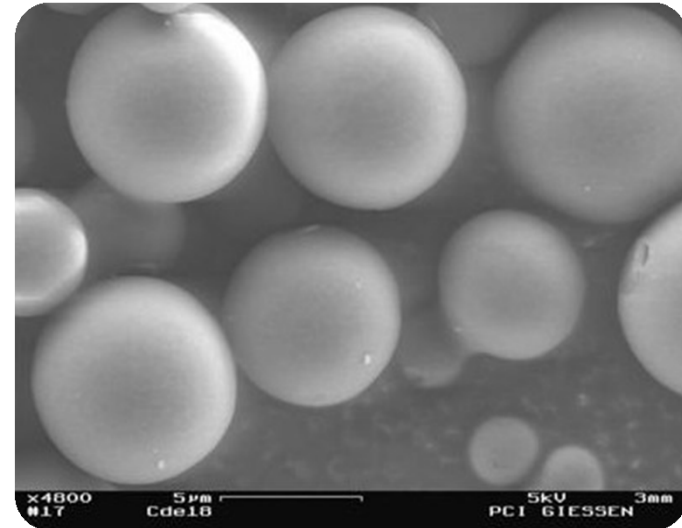
*Joule heat* 0.1  $\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  (1500x more heat than within pressure heating by HPLC)



**SF**

- : C18 bound on silicagel (reverse CEC)
- :  $\beta$ -CD bound on silicagel (chiral CEC)
- : SCX cation exchanger ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ )

90 % SF for separation equilibrium  
10 % SF (pure silica) for EOF stabilisation

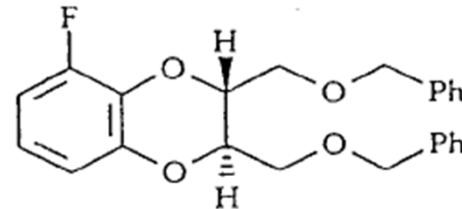
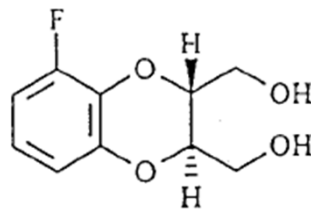


**testing mixture**

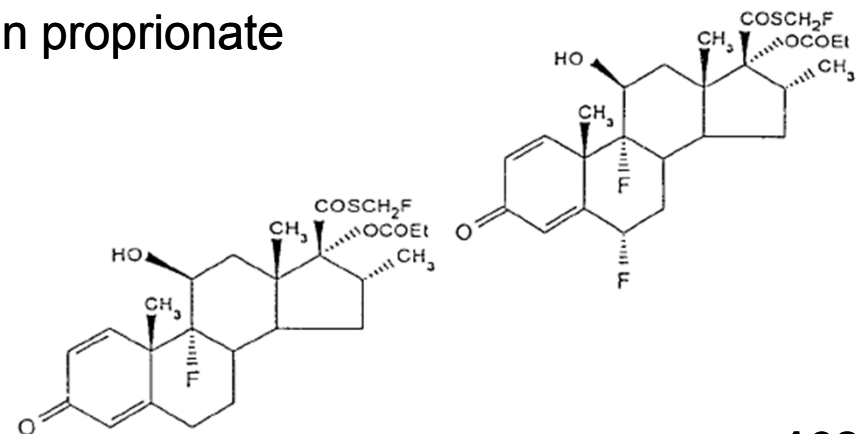
thiourea

GR 57888X, GR 57994X

fluticason proprionate, des-6- $\alpha$ -fluoro-fluticason proprionate



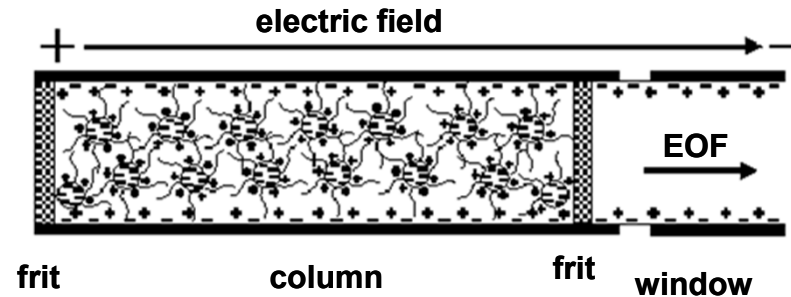
- : thiourea indicates EOF
- : components 2 and 3 determine hydrophobicity
- : components 4 and 5 determine resolution





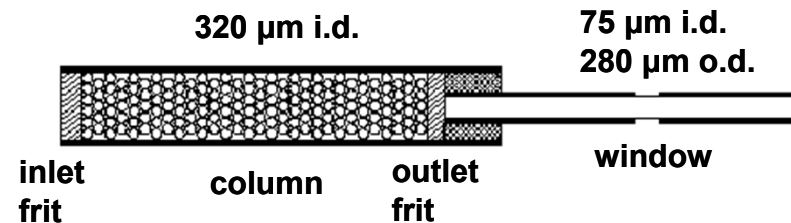
## **advantages**

- : higher efficiency than HPLC
  - :: up to 300 000 plates / m (i.e. 3 – 4x)
- : may use very small particles
  - :: no high back pressure
- : separation of neutral, lipophilic and water-insoluble analytes
- : low sample and MF consumption
- : isocratic and gradient elution
- : may use MS detection
- : same instrumentation as for CZE, CEC or CLC



## **disadvantages**

- : column
  - :: filled capillaries with frits; fragility
- : bubbles (EOF differences, Joule heat)
- : electrokinetic injection (internal standard)
- : lower sensitivity

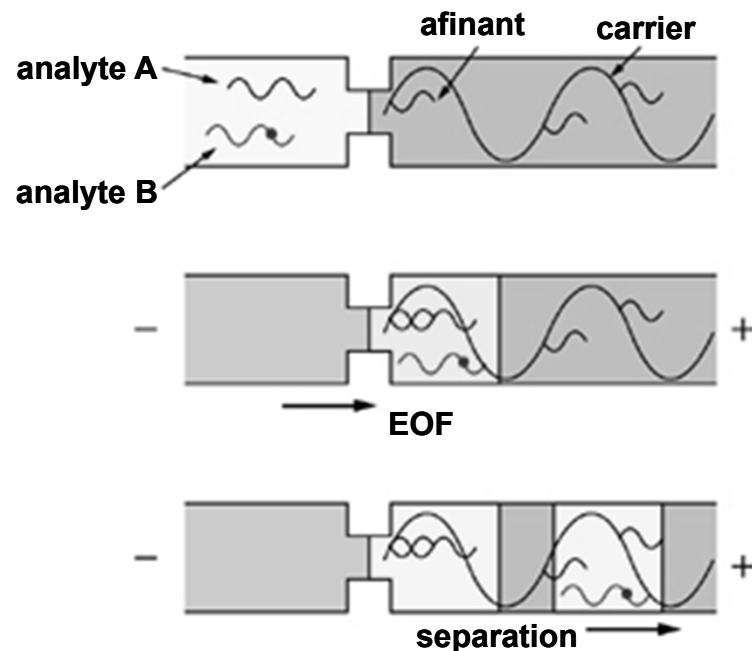


# AE, affinity electrophoresis

uses combination of **separation in field** and **affinity separation**

**affinity separation** – **specific interaction** of analyte and ligand

enzyme	:	coenzyme, substrate, inhibitor
nucleic acid	:	complementary chain, histone
antigen	:	antibody
receptor	:	signal molecule



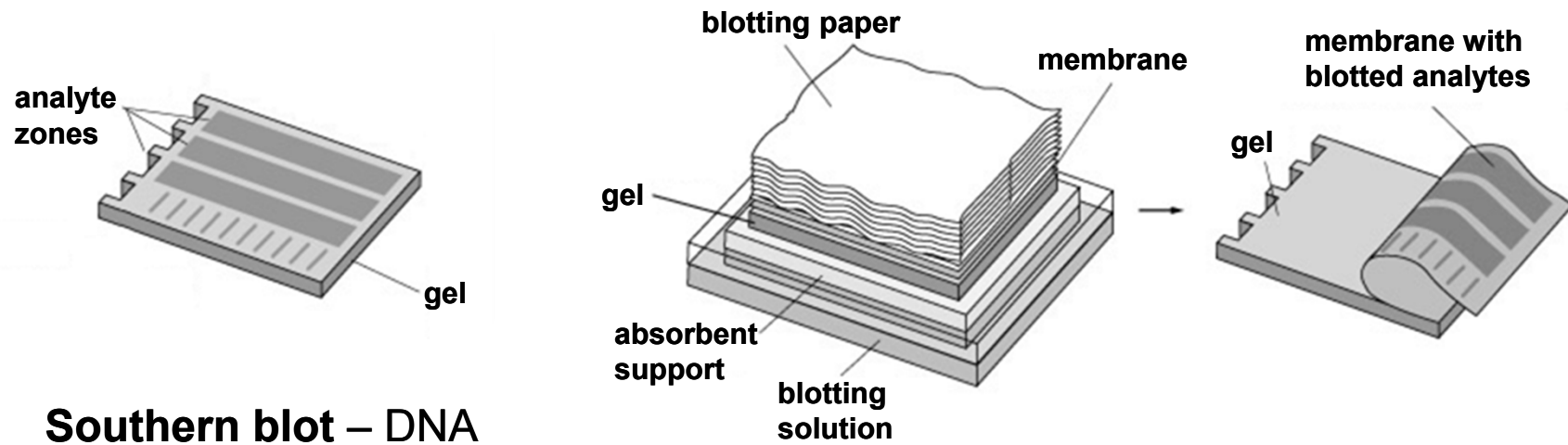
in **capillary** and in **gel**

: **separation**  
highly selective

: **purification**  
shot-gun

: **interaction study**  
compatibility  
association constants

## blotting



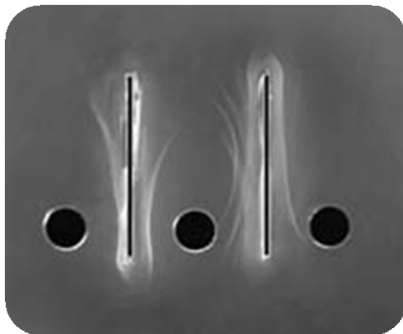
**Southern blot – DNA**

**Northern blot – RNA**

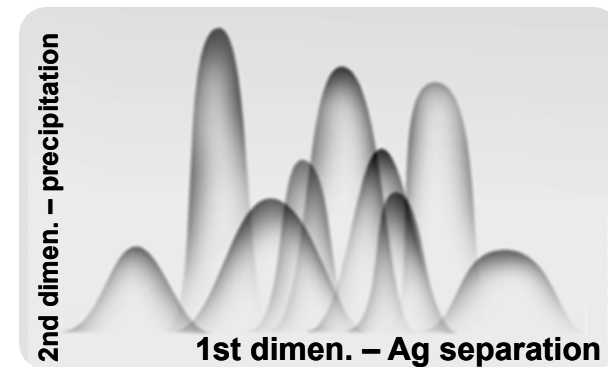
**Western blot – proteins**

## immuno-electrophoresis

interaction **antigen (Ag) + antibody (Ab)**



1D gel immunophoresis



2D gelová immunophoresis

# NAE, non-aqueous electrophoresis

separation in **non-aqueous solvents**

**1978** – non-aqueous TLE

**1984** – non-aqueous CE (NACE)

## ***advantages***

- : elimination of *levelling effect of solvent*  $\Rightarrow$  higher selectivity of separation
- : low current
- : separation of hydrophobic (water-insoluble) analytes

## ***solvent choice***

- : volatility
- : ability to solve BGE and analyte
- : viscosity
- : dielectric constant
- : transparency in UV



## **solvents**

water content *max* 1 %

### ***amphiprotic***

- : neutral** (+;+) : MeOH, glycerol, phenol, *tert*-butylalcohol
- : protogenic** (+;-) : sulphonic a., formic a., acetic a.
- : protophilic** (-;+) : liquid ammonium, formamide, N-methylformamide
- : dipol. protophilic** (-;+) : DMSO, dimethylformamide, THF, 1,4-dioxan, pyridine

### ***aprotic***

- : dipol. protophilic** (-;-) : AcN, acetone, nitrobenzene, sulpholane, PC
- : inert** (-;-) : alif. hydrocarb., benzene, 1,2-dichloroet., tetrachlorom.

*relatively basic or acidic* (\*;\*)

## **background electrolytes**

- : ammonium acetate, sometimes with addition of acetic a. or sodium acetate
- : quaternary ammonium salts
- : Tris, magnesium acetate, citric a., formic a., trifluoroacetic a. ...

*additives*: polyalcohols and surfactants  $\Rightarrow$  **decreasing EOF**

# validation of analytical separation method

**procedure** – demonstration and documentation of quality of analytical separation method by means of establishment of defined criteria and by estimation of values of these criteria

**statistical proof of reliability of separation method**  
: including whole manipulation/analytical background

**validated property** – subject of validation

- : identity and concentration of principal substance
- : impurity concentration
- : physico-chemical parameter

## when to validate?

- : when **introducing new** method
- : when **transferring validated** methods  
(e.g. out of development into target laboratory; published validated methods)
- : when **checking competence** of system
- : when **revalidating** method; revalidation conditions should be strictly given



## kinds of validation

### internal validation

*in a frame of one laboratory*

### pilot validation

- : limited number of samples
- : piloting the suitability of chosen analytical method for full scale validation
- : *validation parameters*: selectivity, robustness, reproducibility

### full validation

- : demonstration of method suitability for intended use
- : all required validation parameters

### validation by method transfer

- : introduction of published validated analytical method
- : *validation parameters*: laboratory accuracy and reproducibility

### retrospective validation

- : checking the validity of previously fully validated method
- : checking the calibration line (linearity and sensitivity)
- : *validation parameters*: reproducibility

### external validation

*inter-laboratory comparison tests*

- : internal validation + comparative method validation from more laboratories
- : *validation parameters*: repeatability



## validation programme

summarises **basic rules**:

- : for planning and organisation of analytical data validation
- : for introduction and use of such defined parameters in praxis

## *items of validation programme*

- a) operating sequence
- b) validation parameters
- c) system revalidation conditions
- d) validation protocol
- e) literature (critical research and consultations)

## operating sequence

- : complete analytical formula serving to reproduce whole analytical method
- : contains all needful instructions: *precise, detailed and complete*
- : must be optimised and as such used with statistical check of measurements

## characteristics of operating sequence

scope of method use, sequence principle, chemical reactions and interactions of determined component, analyte and matrix, range of content of determined component, measurement principle and units

## chemicals

chemical purity of chemicals used, their processing and purification, preparation of solvents, agents and support chemicals, stability and concentration

## standard operation procedure

mechanical sample procedure, chemical sample procedure, calibration, measurement, calculations and evaluation

method identity

validation parameters

measure of agreement tightness between independent results under defined conditions

***independent result*** – result obtained uninfluenced by any previous result on the same or similar sample



*expression:* standard deviation of results ( $s_x$ )

*absolute value of  $s_x$*  – if not dependent on content (X)

*relative value of  $s_x$  (%)* – if dependent on content

*relative standard deviation* – if standard deviation is constant in whole range of measured values; related to the highest value of set  $x_{\max}$

## standard deviation

characterises deviation of individual values  $x_i$  around average  $\bar{x}$

*coincidental quantity* – it is not valid characteristics of given analytical method

### ***must be specified***

: must content all sources of variability (also those of operation sequence – sample decomposition, dilutions, extractions, dissolutions, final instrumental measurement)

: changing the operation sequence – revalidate the standard deviation value

for obtaining must be *sufficiently high number of samples of the same material* not from one series, but from long-term measurements

## reproducibility

consistency of method under conditions of reproducibility

: depends only on coincidental error distribution; has no relation to accuracy

tightness of identity between mutually independent results of tests obtained under conditions of reproducibility

### ***conditions***

mutually independent results of tests by repeated use of the same test method on identical material, in the same laboratory, by the same operator using the same instruments, during short time range

$$R_{\max} = q \cdot s_x$$

$s_x$  is standard deviation,  $q$  is tabulated value of studentised distribution

## conditions of $s_x$ and reproducibility determination

at least 5 levels (H), sample number  $m \geq 20$ , parallel measurement number  $n_A=2$

**validation protocol:** all measured quantities, calculated  $s_x$

if we presume  $R_{\max} = f(H)$ , we need to test

: linear dependence  $R_{\max} = a + b \cdot H$

: exponential dependence  $\log R_{\max} = c + d \cdot \log H$

for  $a = 0$  and  $d = 1$  are these equation equivalent

in case  $b = 0$  (for majority of cases  $b \leq 0,1$ ) is  $R_{\max}$  (resp.  $s_x$ ) constant in a whole range of X values

if  $s_x$  is not dependent on content, the relative standard deviation is calculated in regard to the highest set value  $x_{\max}$

method precision/accuracy

tightness of identity of obtained value with real one

### source of real value

- : standard
- : reference material
- : validated independent methods
- : reference laboratory (same method)

### yield of method

$R = n_{\text{ex}} / n_{\text{ref}}$  must be 0.95 – 1.05 for each concentration level

### yield test I.

$$t = \frac{|x_{\text{ref}} - \bar{x}_{\text{ex}}|}{s_x} \cdot \sqrt{m}$$

$m$  – number of parallel determination of reference

$s_x$  – determined out of min. 7 values on one concentration level;  $RSD_{\text{max}} = 3 \%$

if  $t \geq t_{\alpha}$ ; method is subjected to systematic error

## yield test II.

test to if systematic error is

: constant  $\neq f(c)$

: proportional  $= f(c)$

$$t_a = \frac{|1-a|}{s_a} \quad t_b = \frac{|b|}{s_b}$$

if  $t_b \geq t_{\alpha}$ ; method is subjected to **constant systematic error**

eliminable – new blank experiment

if  $t_a \geq t_{\alpha}$ ; method is subjected to **proportional systematic error**



calibration choice

**linear or non-linear?**

linearise? and if non-linear, so which and why such?

aspect of linearity:  $r_{xy} \geq 0.98$

min: 5 points in concentration scale, 3 points per each point of scale

evaluation of importance of segment **b**

recalibration

new adjustment of parameters **a** and **b**

: difference test of new and old values by F-test

:: if not similar, it is necessary to calibrate again

$$t = \frac{|b' - b|}{s_b}$$

$$t = \frac{|a' - a|}{s_a}$$

sensitivity

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df(x)}{dx}$$

first derivation of calibration function

## limit of detection

analyte concentration at which the signal is statistically different from noise

uses blank experiment

max deviation of baseline ( $h_{\max}$ ) in range of 20-fold of  $w_{1/2}$  of signal peak

$$y_{\text{LOD}} = 3 \cdot h_{\max} \Rightarrow x_{\text{LOD}} = y_{\text{LOD}} / a_h ; a_h \text{ is calibration on peak height } y = a_h \cdot x$$

## limit of quantification

analyte concentration at which the relative standard deviation predicted from calibration is small ( $\sim 0.1$ )

uses blank experiment

max deviation of baseline ( $h_{\max}$ ) in range of 20-fold of  $w_{1/2}$  of signal peak

$$y_{\text{LOQ}} = 10 \cdot h_{\max} \Rightarrow x_{\text{LOQ}} = y_{\text{LOQ}} / a_h ; a_h \text{ is calibration on peak height } y = a_h \cdot x$$

## selectivity

ability of *precise* and *accurate* determination of analyte in *matrix* presence

### ***determination***

comparison of analyte signal in *standard sample* and in *sample with matrix*

all minimally **3x** and at concentration **close to LOQ**

- : determine quantity and deviation of background signal
- : determine the difference importance of background signal to substance concentration at LOQ

**interferent**  $< 1\%$  of response close to LOQ



## robustness

extent of influence of individual parameter deviation on resulting determination

### *robustness optimisation*

- : choose purpose quantity/function; has an extreme in optimum; **Z**
- : consider and choose factors, which may influence result; **Q<sub>i</sub>**
- : for each Q<sub>i</sub> choose extreme of purpose quantity/function – *min* or *max*

## reduces multifactorial analysis by Plackett and Burman

- : use of 2-level reduced experimental design
- : minimal number of runs **m** (= 4), minimal number of factors **n** (=  $m - 1 = 3$ )
- : to each factor assign two extreme values *higher* (+) and *lower* (–)
- : *in the first line*, **m/2** factors is + and **(m/2)-1** is –
- : *each next line* has same representation, but different composition
- : *last line* has all –

if factor number < than possible (m-2) ⇒ use of **dummy factors** (+1 or -1)

*((m/2)-1) dummy factors* tests errors by prediction of main effect

run	factors							purp. funct.
	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>3</sub>	Q <sub>4</sub>	Q <sub>5</sub>	Q <sub>6</sub>	Q <sub>7</sub>	
1	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	Z <sub>1</sub>
2	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	Z <sub>2</sub>
3	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	Z <sub>3</sub>
4	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	Z <sub>4</sub>
5	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	Z <sub>5</sub>
6	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	Z <sub>6</sub>
7	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	Z <sub>7</sub>
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z <sub>8</sub>
weight	W <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	W <sub>5</sub>	W <sub>6</sub>	W <sub>7</sub>	

$$W_i = \frac{\sum z_i^+ - \sum z_i^-}{m/2}$$

$$s_w = \sqrt{\frac{\sum W_{i,a}^2}{m-n-1}}$$

if  $W_i \geq W = s_w \cdot t_{\alpha}$ ; influence of factor Q<sub>i</sub> is **statistically important**

statistical testing

**deviation agreement**

**agreement of mean values**

**outlying values**

F-test

Student t-test

Grubbs T-test

Q-test according to Dean-Dixon

Cochran test C-test



instrumental validation

**validation by manufacturer** – norms ISO 9000 – 9004

*other:* individual validation program of instrumentation

## revalidation

conditions cannot be generally defined

*each change* in the analytical system must lead to *its revalidation*

influence on final outcome should be considered individually

revalidation *should not be complex*, only as a partial step of validation program (e.g. calibration, sensitivity); standard deviation must be retrospectively determined (resp.  $R_{\max}$ ), i.e. influence of revalidation on value of  $R_{\max}$  resp.  $s_x$

## validation protocol

in regard to *particular validation program*

: records all measurements, calculations

: results and conclusions are clearly defined

mention the date of individual tests, name of responsible operator and names of all collaborators, which worked on validation program

# scheme of validation procedure

