

# 12/1/17 Chromatography

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- Separation based on attraction + size



Signal for Chromatography is  $R_f = R_f \text{ value, } R_f \text{ factor, Retention time}$   
 $R_f =$  time spent in the stationary phase relative to the time spent in the mobile phase.

There are as many types of chromatography as there are combinations of mobile + stationary phases.

Mobile phase - solvent, carrier

Stationary phase - the media that will capture the substances or will adsorb or adhere to the substances.

What to consider when choosing the mobile & stationary phases -

- ① Size of the particles
  - ② Solubility of the solute in the solvent
  - ③ Polarity or charge - is it a dipole? will it make hydrogen bonds? "like dissolves like"
  - ④ Shape of the molecule
  - ⑤ pH
  - ⑥ phase of matter, boiling point
  - ⑦ Temperature
  - ⑧ Pressure
  - ⑨ Selectiveness of stationary phase - some attraction but not so great that there isn't any movement.
  - ⑩ mobile phase can not react w/ solute or stationary phase.
- \* Size → think about where the solute will "fall" out  
→ Choosing void size (pore size) that allows some movement.

Type	Mobile Phase	Stationary Phase
Liquid Chromatography	liquid	adsorbent solid
Gas Chromatography	gas	packed bed of adsorbent material
Ion-Exchange Chrom.	liquid	resin with ions attached
Affinity Chromatography	liquid	covalently bonded molecules on a solid surface
Partition Chromatography	liquid	thin film applied to a solid surface
Electrophoresis	electricity	agarose gel

Electrophoresis: based on the understanding that most macromolecules are charged  $\therefore$  they will move in an electric field. An electric current is used to carry particles through a stationary phase (agarose gel).

Most Common Errors: ① running it too long (removes separation)  
 ② spilling over wells or tearing sample wells  
 ③ handle agarose gel carefully - very soft  
 ④ reversing electric field

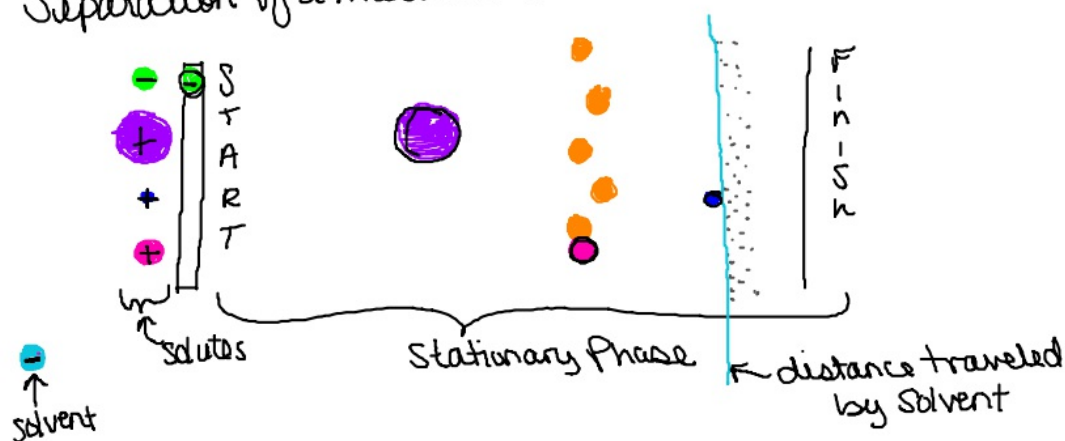
Resolution - the distance between bands or particles

Chromatogram - the <sup>results</sup> output of the chromatography



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- Separation of a material based on attraction + size.



The signal for chromatography is the  $R_f$  value

Retention factor or Retention time

$$R_f = \frac{\text{distance solute travels}}{\text{distance solvent travels}}$$

$R_f$  = the time spent in the stationary phase relative to the time spent in the mobile phase.

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Stationary Phase - the substance that will "capture" the solute

- by void (pore) size
- by adsorbing the solute
- by adhering to the solute

What to consider when choosing the mobile & stationary phases

① phase of matter @ Room Temp,

② Charge or polarity - ? dipole

? will it make hydrogen bonds

remember "like dissolves like"

③ Void or Pore size, actual measurement of the stationary phase

④ Particle size & shape & mass

⑤ mobile phase viscosity & fluidity

⑥ Temperature

⑦ Pressure

⑧ Color - need to be able to see the chromatogram

⑨ pH

⑩ mobile phase & solute can not react

⑪ selectiveness of the stationary phase - some attraction but not so much that there is no movement or no differentiation of particles

⑫ Boiling Pt & Flashpoint

⑬ Solubility \*

## Main Types of Chromatography

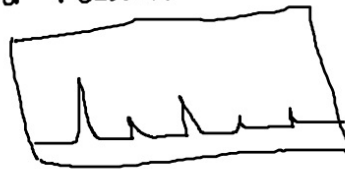
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Resolution - distance between bands or particles, & visibility

Chromatogram - the output or results of the chromatography



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