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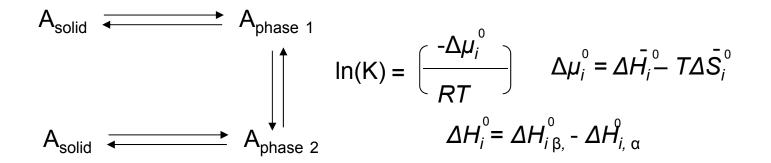
 $R_s = [N^{1/2}/2][(k_2-k_1)/(2+k_1+k_2)]$ 

$$R_{s} = \frac{t_{R2} - t_{R1}}{(W_{b2} + W_{b1})/2}$$

 $R_{s} = [N^{1/2}/4][(\alpha - 1)/(\alpha)]^{*}[k_{2}/(1 + k_{2})], \ \alpha = k_{2}/k_{1}$ 

#### Hildebrand solubility parameters and k

$$\ln (K_D) = -\frac{\bar{V}_i}{RT} (\delta_1 - \delta_2)(\delta_1 + \delta_2 - 2\delta_A)$$



 $\Delta H_m = V_i \ (\bar{\delta_i} - \delta_j)^2$ 

Hildebrand solubility parameter ( $\delta$ ).

 $\delta = (\Delta E_v/V)^{1/2}$ 

Where:  $\Delta E_v/V$  = energy per unit volume, required to completely vaporize a solution of pure compound

Disadvantages: not accurate because the simple model 2

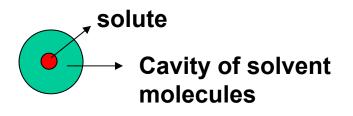
# A General model for solvent-solute interactions -- cavity model

1. The process of dissolving a solute molecule is broken down to two steps: (a) cavity formation process, and (b) solute/solvent interactions

2. Cavity formation: a cavity or hole of sufficient size to accommodate the solute molecule is constructed in the solvent. This is an endoergic process, and *the amount of the energy involved increases with the size of the solute molecule*.

3. In the second stage of the solution process, the solute is allowed to interact with solvent. (1) Dipole-dipole interactions; (2) dipole-induced dipole (Induction interactions), (3) Dispersion interaction (London forces), and (4) acid-base interactions: H-bonding (a. solvent as donor(acid) and solute as accepter(base), b. solvent as acceptor(base) and solute as donor (acid)).

XYZ = XYZ<sub>0</sub> + cavity formation energy + ∑Solute-solvent interactions



**XYZ: Free Energy** 

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#### **Capacity factor k and intermolecular interactions**

 $XYZ = XYZ_0 + cavity formation energy + \sum Solute-solvent interactions$ Linear Free Energy Relationship Assumption: Free energy of solute transfer from the mobile to the stationary phase is an additive property.

XYZ = XYZ<sub>0</sub> + m'V<sub>x</sub> + r'R<sub>2</sub> + s'
$$\overset{H}{\pi}_2$$
 + a'  $\sum_{\alpha_2}^{H} \alpha_2$  + b'  $\sum_{\alpha_2}^{H} \beta_2$ 

 $\log \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{m} \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{r} \mathbf{R}_{2} + \mathbf{s} \mathbf{\pi}_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{a} \sum \alpha_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{b} \sum \beta_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} \quad \text{(Liquid chromatography)}$ 

 $\log \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{r}\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{s}\pi_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{a}\sum_{\alpha} \alpha_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{b}\sum_{\alpha} \beta_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{logL}^{16} \quad (\text{Gas chromatography})$ 

Separation of solute and chromatographic system contributions

F(x,y) = A(x) B(y)

**Solute descriptors** (R<sub>2</sub>,  $\pi_2$ ,  $\sum \alpha_2$ ,  $\sum \beta_2$ ,  $\log L^{16}$ , and V<sub>x</sub>): depended on solute properties (Kamlet-Taft parameters)

**System constants** (*c, m, r, s, a, b,* and *l*): depended on chromatographic system conditions: mobile phase, stationary phase, and temperature.

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#### The Meaning of System Constants and Solute Descriptors

 $\log \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{m} \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{r} \mathbf{R}_{2} + \mathbf{s} \mathbf{\pi}_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{a} \sum \alpha_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{b} \sum \beta_{2}^{\mathsf{H}} \quad \text{(Liquid chromatography)}$ 

 $\log \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{r} \mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{s} \mathbf{\pi}_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{a} \sum \alpha_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{b} \sum \beta_2^{\mathsf{H}} + \mathbf{l} \log^{\mathsf{16}} \mathbf{L} \quad (\text{Gas chromatography})$ 

**Solute descriptors**  $(V_{x_1}, R_2, \pi_2^H, \Sigma \alpha_2^H, \Sigma \beta_{2_1}^H \text{ and } \log_L^{16})$ : depended on solute properties

 $V_x$ : molar volume calculated via Mcgowan's method (sum of atomic volumes, then subtract 6.56 for each bond of any type, number of bond= N-1+R, unit: cm<sup>3.</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>). Where, N is the total number of atoms and R is number of rings. This method is suitable for estimating molar volume for all the kinds of compounds. The unit for V<sub>x</sub> is cm<sup>3.</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>/100.

Example, atomic volume: C = 16.35, H = 8.71, O = 12.42, calculate the value of V<sub>x</sub> for phenol. Phenol =  $6*C + 6*H + O - 6.56*(13-1+1) = 77.5 \text{ cm}^{3} \text{mol}^{-1}$ V<sub>x</sub> = 0.775 cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1/</sup>100 (Page 16)

*R*<sub>2</sub>: <u>The interactions between phases and solute though n and π electron</u> pairs.  $R_2 = 10^* V_x[(n^2-1)/(n^2+2)] - 2.832 V_x + 0.526$ 

(n: refractive index of solute, 20°C for sodium d-line)

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 $\pi_2^{H}$ : dipole-dipole, induction interactions

 $\Sigma \alpha_2^{\rm H}$ :hydrogen bond acidity (H donor)

 $\Sigma \beta_2^{H}$ : hydrogen bond basicity (H acceptor)

log<sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>: the solute gas-liquid distribution in hexadecane. Cavity effect and dispersion interactions (London force) in gas chromatography.

log k =  $c + mV_x + rR_2 + s\pi_2^H + a \sum \alpha_2^H + b \sum \beta_2$  (Liquid chromatography)

 $\log \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{r}\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{s}\mathbf{\pi}_2 + \mathbf{a}\sum\alpha_2 + \mathbf{b}\sum\beta_2 + \mathbf{logL}$  (Gas chromatography)

**The meaning of system constants** (*c*, *m*, *r*, *s*, *a*, *b*, and *l*) is corresponding to that of solute descriptors.

## We can evaluate the properties of chromatographic systems!

It is very important in material characterization, retention prediction, and method development in chromatography 6

#### Evaluation of the properties of chromatographic systems

Example: page 19 in *The Essence of Chromatography* 

Calculate the value of log k for phenol, benzyl alcohol, aniline, toluene, chlorobenzene, and predict the order retention of these molecules in a reversed-phased chromatographic system.

Solute	Descri	•				
	VX	R <sub>2</sub>	$\pi_2^H$	$\Sigma \alpha_2^{\rm H}$	$\Sigma \beta_2^0$	System constants
Phenol	0.775	0.805	0.89	0.60	0.31	
Benzyl Alcohol	0.916	0.803	0.87	0.33	0.56	c = -1.82,
Aniline	0.816	0.955	0.96	0.26	0.50	m = 2.99,
Toluene	0.857	0.601	0.52	0	0.14	,
Ethylbenzene	0.998	0.613	0.51	0	0.15	r = 0.46,
Naphthalene	1.085	1.340	0.92	0	0.20	s = -0.44,
Benzaldehyde	0.873	0.820	1.00	0	0.39	a = 0.30,
Nitrobenzene	0.890	0.871	1.11	0	0.28	b = -1.88
Chlorobenzene	0.838	0.718	0.65	0	0.07	5 1.00
Acetophenone	1.014	0.818	1.00	0	0.49	

$$\log \mathbf{k} = c + m \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{x}} + r \mathbf{R}_2 + s \mathbf{\pi}_2^{\mathsf{H}} + a \sum \alpha_2^{\mathsf{H}} + b \sum \beta_2^{\mathsf{H}}$$

 $\log k_{(phenol)} = -1.82 + 2.99*0.775 + 0.46*0.805 - 0.44*0.89 + 0.3*0.60 - 1.88*0.31$ = -273

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Acetophenone	1.014	0.818	1.00	0	0.49	0.275	0.236

Order retention of these molecules in this reversed-phased chromatographic system

$$T_{R} = T_{m}^{*}(1+k)$$
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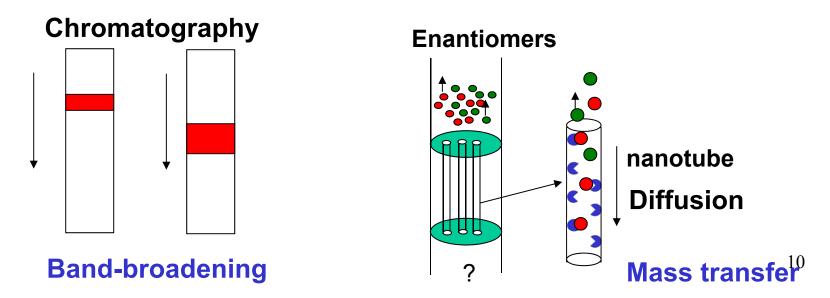
## **Diffusion and Fluid Flow**

1. Diffusion: Diffusion refers to the transport of substance against a concentration gradient.  $\Delta S > 0$ 

Mass transfer: movement of mass from one place to another

Diffusion: movement of mass from region of high concentration to low concentration.  $J = -D \frac{dN}{dz}$  (Flux of mass, D: diffusion coefficient)

2. Diffusion is an important process in chromatography in determining the mass transfer and band-broadening



**Next Class:** 

## What determines the diffusion coefficient?

What determines fluid flow?

# **Problem solving**

**Basic method for problem solving:** 

- 1. Understanding the question.
- 2. Lay out the parameters regarding this question.
- 3. Try to use concepts and formulas to find the connections.
- 4. Solving the question.

- 3. A chromatogram with ideal Gaussian bands,  $t_R = 9.0$  and  $W_h = 2.0$  min.
- (a) How many theoretical plates are present?
- (b) Find the plate height if the column is 10 cm long.

8. Two components, each with plate height H = 0.0025 cm, are observed to migrate to positions X = 10.1 cm and X = 9.9 cm, respectively, along a uniform column. How long must the column to be achieve baseline resolution? (Hint: migration rate is constant for both components)