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Adsorption

Adsorption \rightarrow Surface phenomenon

Adsorption of liq. on solid surface
steps involved -

- 1) Reversible Binding
- 2) Elute

* solid surface \rightarrow adsorbent
liq. \rightarrow adsorbate

Q) Why adsorption occurs? [Types of adsorption]

\Rightarrow 1) Van der Waals forces [weak attraction]

\hookrightarrow conventional [non-specific]

Forces

2) Ion-exchange

Electrostatic

3) Affinity

(non-covalent

interaction)

[eg. protein-ligand

interaction]

4) Non-Polar / Hydrophobic

\hookrightarrow (Reverse
Phase)

P.T.O.

→ Common adsorbents & functional groups -

Hydrogels

Silica beads → conventional

Activated carbon → Hydrophobic

$\left. \begin{array}{l} -SO_3^- \\ -COO^- \\ -NR_3^+ \end{array} \right\} \text{Electrostatic}$

* Adsorption equilibrium -

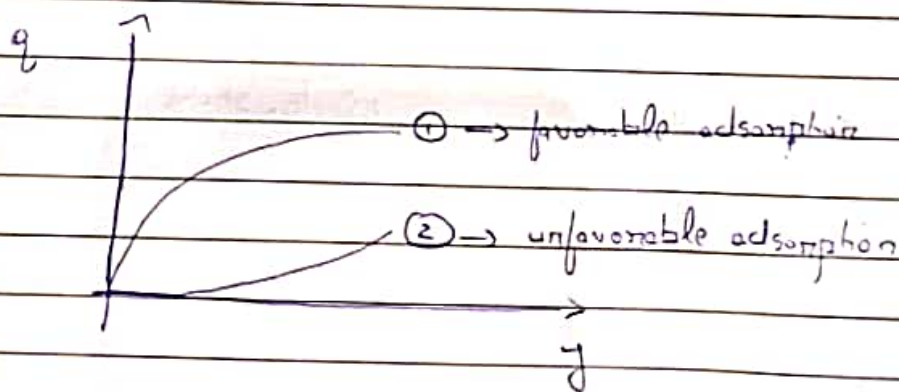
[Adsorption Isotherm]

solute adsorbed

solute present in solⁿ

$q = \frac{\text{Amount of solute}}{\text{Amount of adsorbent}}$
 (vol or mass)

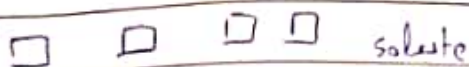
$y = \frac{\text{mass/mol of solute}}{\text{volume of solⁿ}}$



1) Linear → $q = Ky$ [seen in extremely dilute solutions]

2) Langmuir Isotherm → $q = \frac{q_{\infty} y}{K + y}$ [similar to Michaelis-Menten]

3) Freundlich Isotherm → $q = Ky^n$, $n < 1$ → favorable, $n > 1$ → unfavorable

vacant sites $\rightarrow V$ 

solute

Note - Total sites are limited

sol + vac \rightarrow filled $[F]$ ~~$S \rightleftharpoons S + S$~~

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~~$$K = \frac{[VS]}{[V][S]}$$~~

~~$$= \frac{q}{1}$$~~

~~$$q = \frac{q \cdot y}{K \cdot y}$$~~

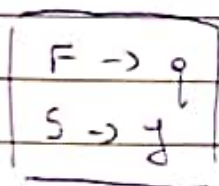
~~$$K = \frac{q \cdot y}{q}$$~~

~~$$K = \frac{(q - y) \cdot y}{y}$$~~

~~$$V + S \rightleftharpoons F$$~~ (Eq 1)

$$K' = \frac{[S][V]}{[F]} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$T = V + F \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad [T = \text{total no. of sites}]$$



~~$$\Rightarrow K' = \frac{y}{q} (T - q)$$~~

$$V = \frac{K' F}{S}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{K' F}{S} + F \Rightarrow T = F \left(\frac{K' + S}{S} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{TS}{K' + S}$$

$$q = \frac{q \cdot y}{K' + y}$$

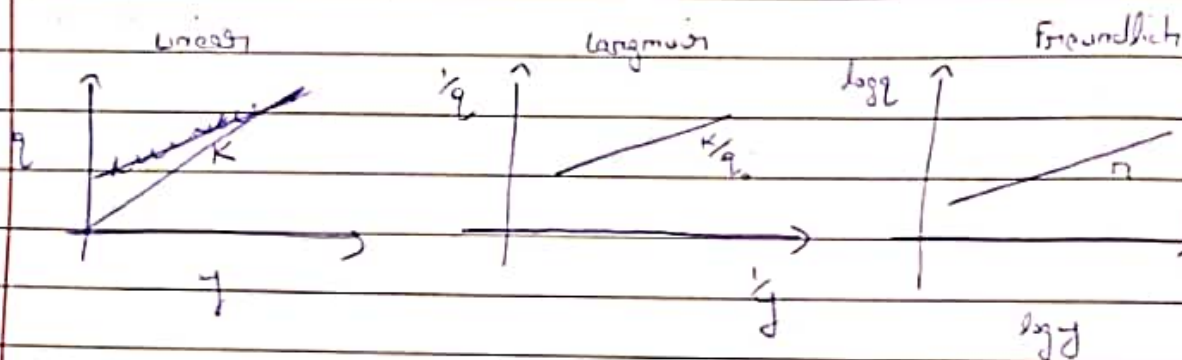
$$q = \frac{q_0 y}{K + y} \Rightarrow \frac{K + y}{q_0 y} = \frac{K}{q_0 y} + \frac{1}{q_0} = \frac{1}{q}$$

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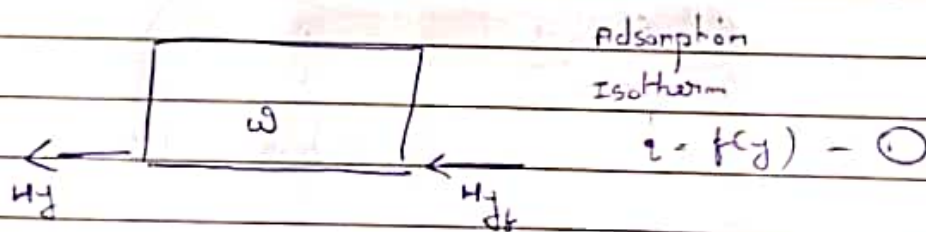
$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_0} + \left(\frac{K}{q_0}\right) \frac{1}{y} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Plot } 1/q \text{ vs } 1/y \\ \text{slope} \rightarrow \frac{K}{q_0} \\ \text{intercept} \rightarrow \frac{1}{q_0} \end{array} \right\}$$

For Freundlich -

$$\log q = n \log Ky = n \log K + n \log y$$



* Batch adsorption - (same as liq-liq extraction)



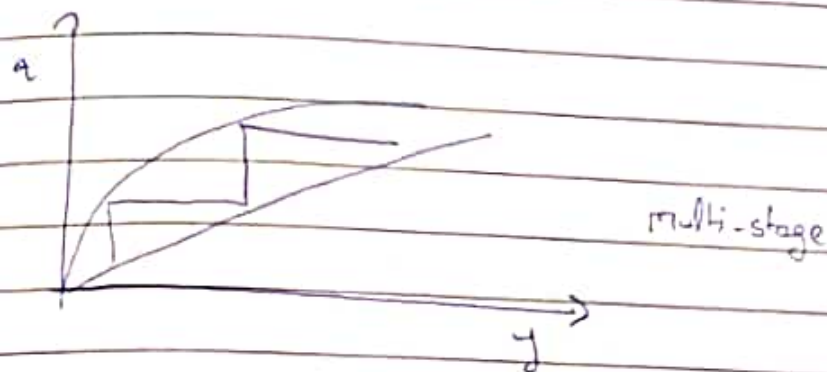
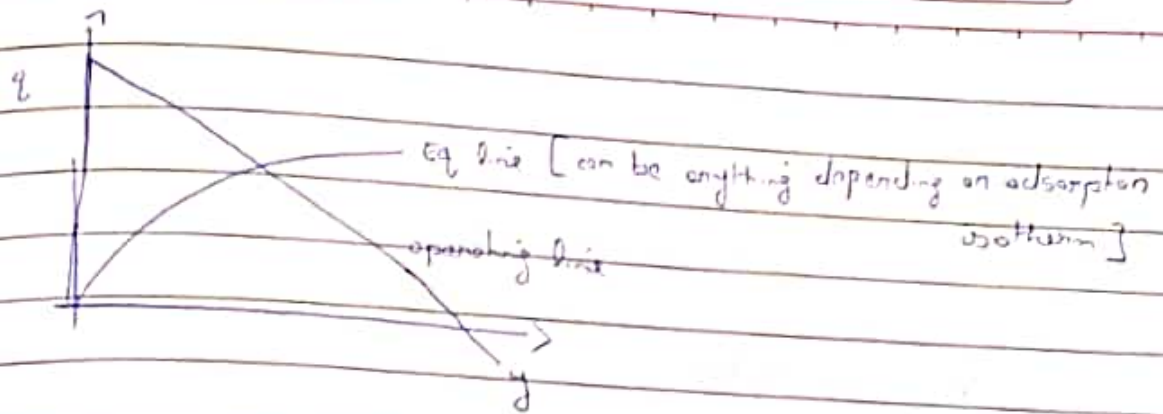
Adsorption
Isotherm

$$q = f(y) \quad (1)$$

Amount of adsorbent $\rightarrow W$

q_f q

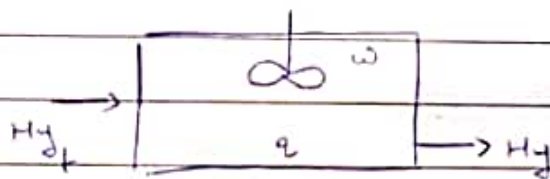
$$H_{yf} + q W q_f = H_y + W q \Rightarrow q = q_f + \frac{W}{W} (y - y_f) \quad (2)$$



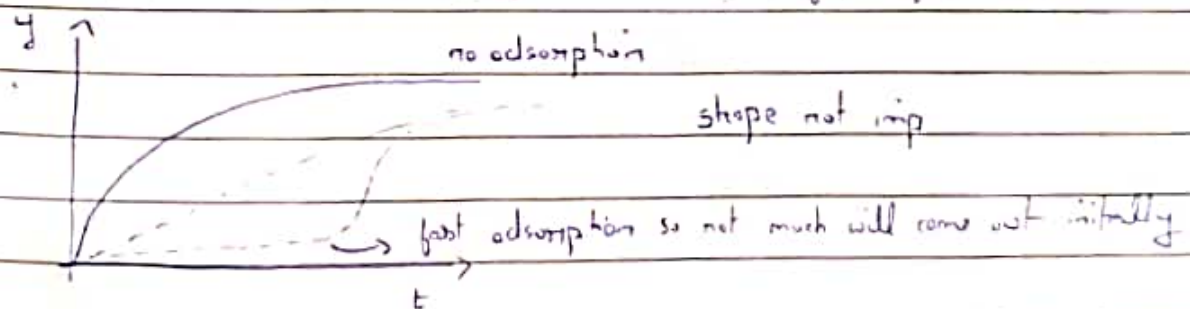
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* CSTR -

no equilibrium


 $y(t)$
 $q(t)$

mass transfer of solute
from liq. to solid

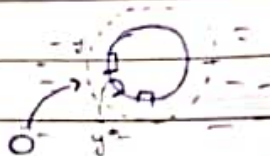


→ Determine kinetics of adsorption

- 1) mass Balance on solute in liq. phase
- 2) Rate of solute transfer from liq. to adsorbent
- 3) Rate eqⁿ
- 4) Adsorption Isotherm

* Rate eqⁿ -

- 1) M^r of solute from liq to solid
- 2) solute diffusion to find & interact with site
- 3) Reaction / Interaction of solute & vacant site



→ overall MB on solute in reaction -

$$\cancel{W_f} = W_q + \cancel{W_f}$$

(similar to)

Rate of solute accumulation in reaction (liq) = Rate of sol incoming liq - outgoing liq - Rate of adsorption solid

$$\epsilon \frac{V dy}{dt} = W_f - W_f - \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{V} \frac{dq}{dt} \quad - (1)$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow$ void fraction in adsorbent \rightarrow $\epsilon \rightarrow$ liq. fraction
 $(1-\epsilon) \rightarrow$ adsorbent fraction

$$\Rightarrow (1-\epsilon) \frac{V dq}{dt} = V \frac{dn}{dt} \quad - (2), \quad n \rightarrow \text{rate of adsorption}$$

Rate of adsorption ??

(3)

$$r = \frac{K_a (y - y^*)}{1 + K_a (y - y^*)}$$

hypothetical

cont. in liq. phase that would be in equilibrium with q

$a =$ Surface area of adsorbent per tank vol.

rate 1) Diffusion-controlled adsorption

Adsorption Isotherm

Linear

$$q = Ky^*$$

Froindlich

$$q = K(y^*)^n \quad - (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^* = \left(\frac{q}{K}\right)^{1/n}$$

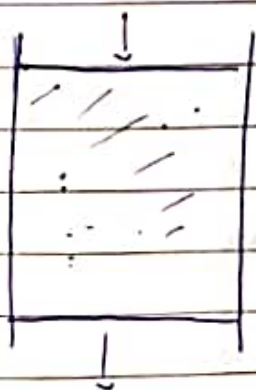
subs (2) & (3) in (1),

$$\epsilon V \frac{dy}{dt} = H(y - y) - V K_a (y - y^*) \quad - (5)$$

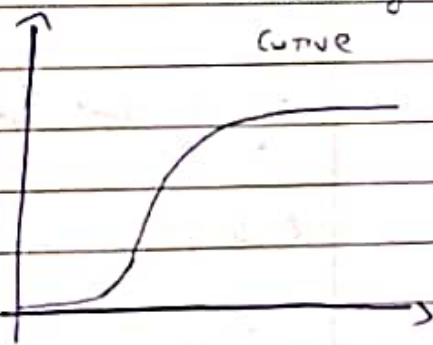
$$(1 - \epsilon) \frac{dq}{dt} = K_a \left[y - \left(\frac{q}{K}\right)^{1/n} \right] \quad - (6)$$

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* Packed-Bed -



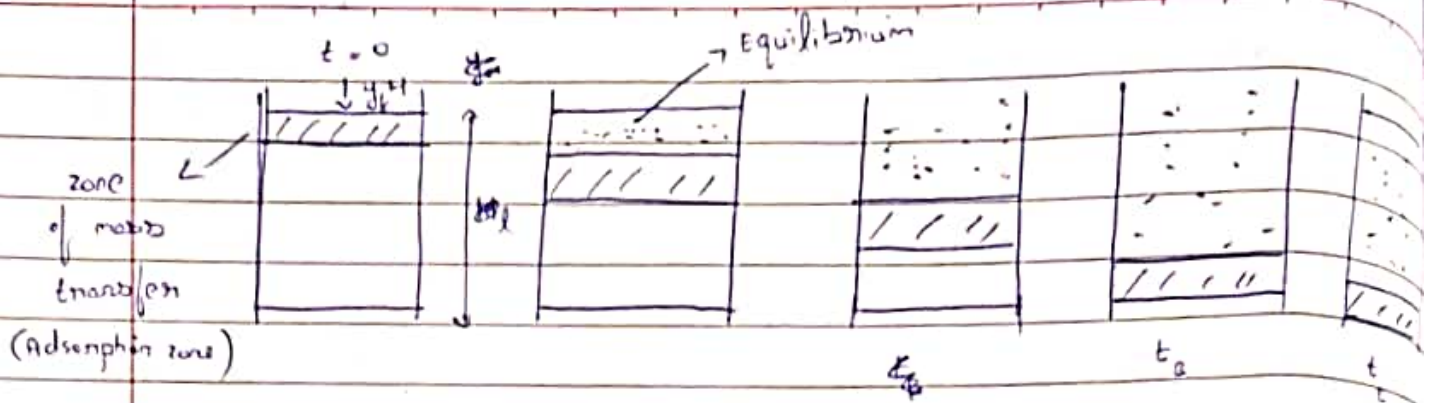
Breakthrough curve



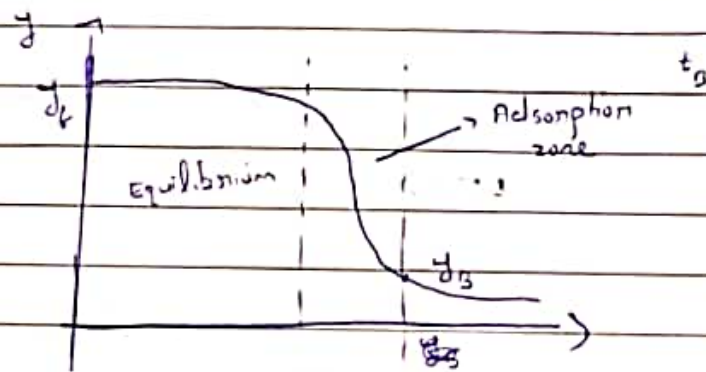
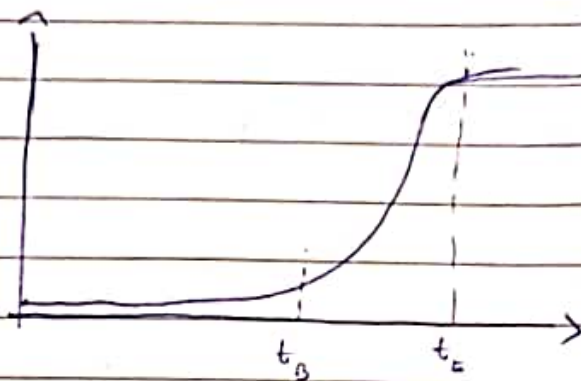
ideal case



Exit conc. starts increasing once adsorption is complete



Zone of m.t. is moving through the column



If we don't want solute loss \rightarrow stop at t_0

Shape of Breakpoint \rightarrow design & operate

~~Solute loss~~ ~~Bed capacity use~~

* Factors influencing B.P. curve -

1) Feed rate

- 1) column capacity
- 2) Nature of adsorption / Equilibrium
- 3) Picking



Accumulation in liq + Accum in solid adsorbent = ^{convection} solute in by ~~convection~~
~~solute out~~ + dispersion/diffusion - solute out

* m.b. for $\Delta t \rightarrow$

$$(A\Delta z)\epsilon [y_{t+\Delta t} - y_t] + (A\Delta z)(1-\epsilon) [q_{t+\Delta t} - q_t] \\ - \left[A\epsilon \left[vy + E \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right]_z - A\epsilon \left[vy + E \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \right]_{z+\Delta z} \right] \Delta t$$

Limits, $\Delta t \& \Delta z \rightarrow 0$

Dividing by $(A\Delta z)\epsilon \Delta t$,

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} [y_{t+\Delta t} - y_t] = \frac{1}{\Delta z}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + E \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

\uparrow convective transfer \rightarrow Dispersion

$$\left(\frac{1-\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = m \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(m slope of isotherm/adsorption)

$$m = K_a (y - y^*) \quad - (3)$$

$$q = K(y^*)^n \quad - (4) \quad [\text{Assuming Freundlich}]$$

* Approximate solutions -

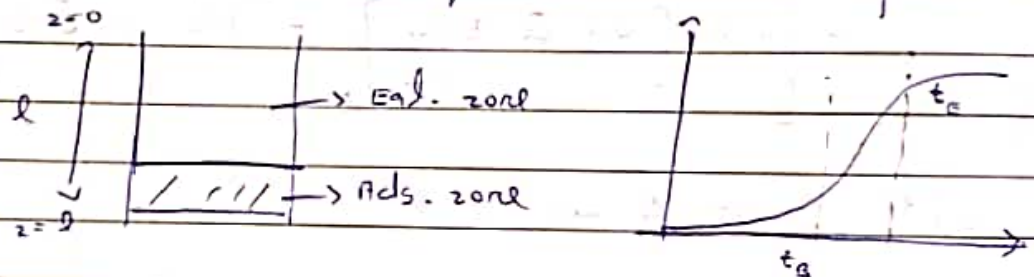
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* Approximate solutions -

↳ using experimental data

i) Model this as a ramp

↳ divide into equilibrium zone & adsorption zone



• 'Eq. zone' ranges from $z=0$ to $z = \frac{l}{t} \left[1 - \frac{\Delta t}{t_B} \right]$

$$\Delta t = t_E - t_B$$

• Ads. zone $\rightarrow l \left(\frac{\Delta t}{t_B} \right)$

• $q(\text{eqm zone}) = q(y_b)$

• $q(\text{ads zone}) = \frac{1}{2} q(y_b) \quad [\text{Approximation}]$

$$\text{Fraction of bed used} = \frac{\left[q(y) \left(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{t_b} \right) + \frac{q(y)}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta t}{t_b} \right) \right] A}{q(y) A (1 - \epsilon)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{\Delta t}{t_b} \right]$$

$$1 - \frac{\Delta t}{t_b} + \frac{\Delta t}{2t_b} = 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{2t_b}$$

$$= \boxed{1 - \frac{\Delta t}{2t_b}}$$

Note - 2nd Approximation (2-parameter model) from better not in syllabus

2) Linear Adsorption Model -

Assumptions -

- 1) $q = Ky$ [Replace Freundlich with linear]
- 2) Neglect $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial z^2}$ & $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$

i.e. neglect dispersion & assume steady state in liq. phase

$$0 = -v \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} - ka \left(y - \frac{q}{K} \right) \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$ka \left(y - \frac{q}{K} \right) = (1 - \epsilon) \frac{dq}{dt} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Boundaries \rightarrow $t = 0$, all z , $q = 0$
 $t > 0$, $z = 0$, $y = y_0$

can be solved by non-dimensionalizing the time & location (distance) & concentration.

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{y}{y_b}$$

$$\tau = \frac{zka}{vE}$$

$$\tau = \frac{ka(t - z/v)}{K_p}$$

K_p bed density

will be given
in exam if
asked

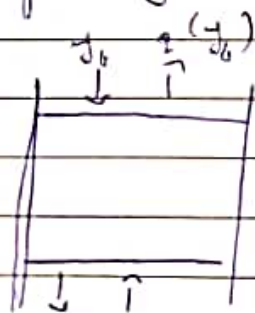
Explained
in Harrison (pg. 212)

solving using these, we get Bessel functions.

3) Differential contacting model -

(similar to differential extraction)

Think of ~~many~~ bed



Assume - 1) bed is infinitely long
2) Equil. at top of the bed

$\Rightarrow q(y_b)$ & y_b in eq.

3)

$$\rightarrow H(y_b - 0) = W [q(y_b) - 0] \quad (\text{Using mass balance})$$

Steady state \rightarrow All solute coming in liq \Rightarrow Adsorbed on solid adsorbent

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0$$

neglect dispersion