## BPL\_IEC\_operation script with PyFMI

The key library PyFMI is installed.

After the installation a small application BPL\_IEC\_operation is loaded and run. You can continue with this example if you like.

```
!lsb_release -a # Actual VM Ubuntu version used by Google
→ No LSB modules are available.
     Distributor ID: Ubuntu
     Description:
                     Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS
                      22.04
     Release:
     Codename:
                      jammy
%env PYTHONPATH=
→ env: PYTHONPATH=
!python --version
→ Python 3.11.11
!wget https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-py311_24.11.1-0-Linux-x86_64.sh
!chmod +x Miniconda3-py311_24.11.1-0-Linux-x86_64.sh
!bash ./Miniconda3-py311_24.11.1-0-Linux-x86_64.sh -b -f -p /usr/local
import sys
sys.path.append('/usr/local/lib/python3.11/site-packages/')
    --2025-03-25 16:19:12-- https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-py311 24.11.1-0-Linux-x86 64.sh
    Resolving repo.anaconda.com (repo.anaconda.com)... 104.16.191.158, 104.16.32.241, 2606:4700::6810:bf9e, ... Connecting to repo.anaconda.com (repo.anaconda.com)|104.16.191.158|:443... connected.
     HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
     Length: 145900576 (139M) [application/octet-stream]
     Saving to: 'Miniconda3-py311_24.11.1-0-Linux-x86_64.sh'
    Miniconda3-py311_24 100%[==========] 139.14M 72.5MB/s
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     PRFFTX=/usr/local
     Unpacking payload ...
     Installing base environment...
     Preparing transaction: ...working... done
     Executing transaction: ...working... done
     installation finished.
!conda update -n base -c defaults conda --yes
    Channels:
     - defaults
     Platform: linux-64
     Collecting package metadata (repodata.json): done
     Solving environment: done
     ## Package Plan ##
       environment location: /usr/local
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The following packages will be downloaded:

added / updated specs:

conda

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The following packages will be UPDATED:

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!conda --version
!python --version

conda 24.11.1 Python 3.11.11

!conda config --set channel\_priority strict

!conda install -c conda-forge pyfmi --yes # Install the key package



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Preparing transaction: done
Verifying transaction: done
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# Preparation of BPL\_IEC\_operation

Now specific installation and the run simulations. Start with connecting to Github. Then upload the two files:

- FMU BPL\_IEC\_Column\_system\_linux\_om\_me
- Setup-file BPL\_IEC\_explore

```
%bash
git clone https://github.com/janpeter19/BPL_IEC_operation

Cloning into 'BPL_IEC_operation'...

%cd BPL_IEC_operation

/content/BPL_IEC_operation
```

## BPL\_IEC\_operation

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In this notebook we show operation of a typical ion-exchange chromatography step. The impact of pH is also illustrated.

The model is based on the simplified model [1].

```
run -i BPL_IEC_explore.py
→ Linux - run FMU pre-compiled OpenModelica
    Model for the process has been setup. Key commands:
     - par()
                   - change of parameters and initial values
     - init()
                   - change initial values only
     - simu()
                   - simulate and plot
     - newplot()

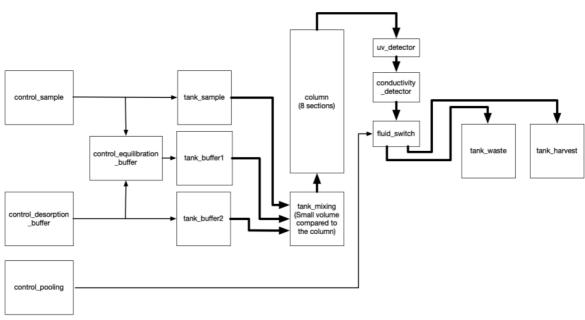
    make a new plot

     - show()

    show plot from previous simulation

     - disp()
                    - display parameters and initial values from the last simulation
     - describe() - describe culture, broth, parameters, variables with values/units
    Note that both disp() and describe() takes values from the last simulation
    and the command process_diagram() brings up the main configuration
    Brief information about a command by help(), eg help(simu)
    Key system information is listed with the command system_info()
%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [36/2.54, 30/2.54]
# The process diagram is made outside Modelica for illustration of the configuration
process_diagram()
```

No processDiagram.png file in the FMU, but try the file on disk.



# 1 Typical parameters for a pilot scale ion exchange chromatography column process setup

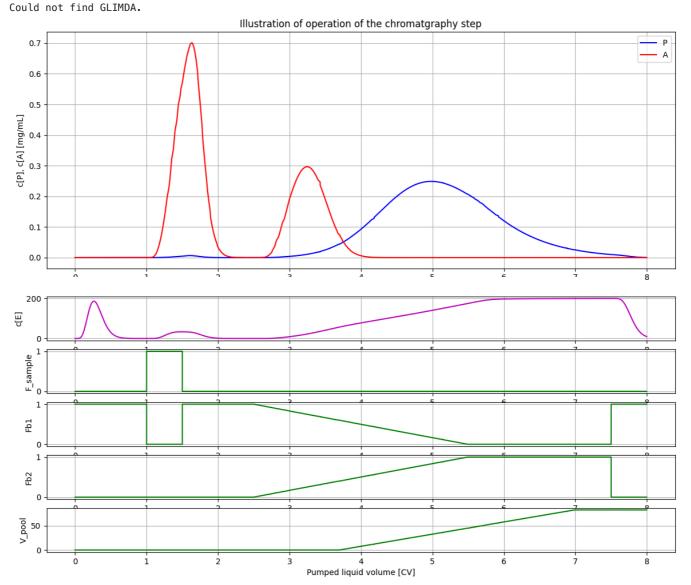
```
# From given column height (h) diameter (d) and linear flow rate (lfr)
# actual column volume (V) and volume flow rate (VFR) are calculated below.
from numpy import pi
h = 20.0
d = 1.261
a = pi*(d/2)**2
V = h*a
print('V =', np.round(V,1), '[mL]')
lfr = 48
VFR = a*lfr/60
print('VFR =', np.round(VFR,1), '[mL/min]')
                                                                               # Pump schedule parameter
   V = 25.0 [mL]
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    VFR = 1.0 [mL/min]
# Sample concentration product P_in and antagonist A_in
par(P_in = 1.0)
par(A_in = 1.0)
par(E_in = 0.0)
# Column properties are described by the size and binding capacity of the resin Q_av
par(height = h)
par(diameter = d)
par(Q_av = 6.0)
# Remaining salt koncentration in the column from prvious batch and eliminated during the initial equilibration per
init(E_start = 50)
# Salt koncentration of the desorption buffer
par(E_in_desorption_buffer = 8.0)
# Flow rate rate through the
par(LFR=lfr)
# Switching points during operation are conveniently described in terms of multiples of the column volume V
CV_ekv = 1.0
CV_ads = 0.5
CV_wash = 1.0
CV_desorb = 3.0
CV_start_pool = 1.2
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CV_stop_pool = 4.5
CV_ekv2 = 2.5
par(scale_volume=True, start_adsorption=CV_ekv*V, stop_adsorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads)*V)
par(start_desorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash)*V, stationary_desorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb)*V)
par(stop_desorption=7.5*V)
par(start_pooling=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_start_pool)*V, stop_pooling=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_stop_pool)*V)
```

#### # Simulation and plot of results

 $newplot(title='Illustration \ of \ operation \ of \ the \ chromatgraphy \ step', \ plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-simu((CV\_ekv+CV\_ads+CV\_wash+CV\_desorb+CV\_ekv2)*V/VFR)$ 

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#### Comments of steps of operations:

- 1) Time: 0-1 hours equilibration. Just to illustrate the equilibration process the first part of the column is given an initial value of salt concentration.
- 2) Time: 1-1.5 hours sample is loaded on the column. The product P is adsorbed to the columne and just a small amount passes through and goes to the waste. The antagonist A is much less adsrobed.
- 3) Time: 1.5-2.5 hours washing 1. The column comes to equilibrium and both antagonist and product comes down to low levels.
- 4) Time: 2.5-5.5 hours desorption. A linear gradient of increaseing salt concentration is applied. First the antagonist and later the product comes out.

- 5) Time: 5.5-7.5 hours washing 2 The The column has constant salt concentration and stationary desorption.
- 6) Time: 3.7-7.0 hours pooling of product. The start- and stop of pooling are chosen with trade-off between maximizing the product pooled and minimize the amount of antagonist in the pooling.
- 7) Time: 7.5-8.0 hours desorption stopped and salt is washed out and preparation of the next batch to come.

Note that step 4 and 5 is parallel to step 6.

```
# Check mass-balance of P and A
P_mass = model.get('tank_harvest.m[1]') + model.get('tank_waste.m[1]')
A_mass = model.get('tank_harvest.m[2]') + model.get('tank_waste.m[2]')
print('P_mass [mg] =', P_mass)
print('A_mass [mg] = ', A_mass)

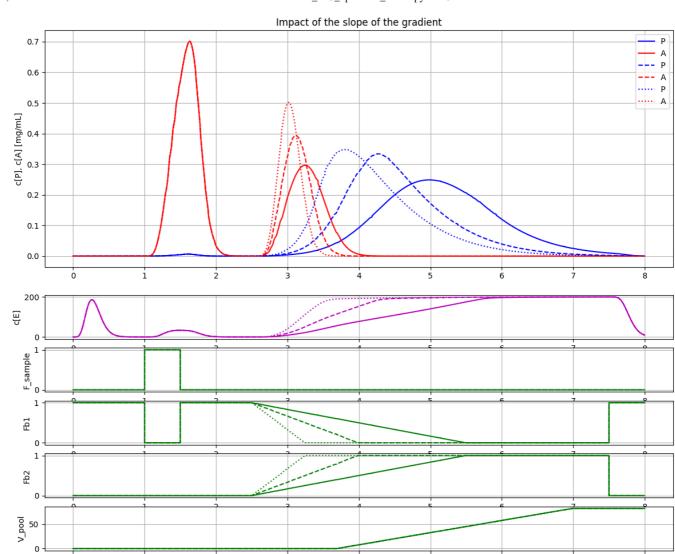
P_mass [mg] = [12.42212163]
A_mass [mg] = [12.48878113]
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These values should be compared with the expected value 12.5 mg, i.e. half a column volume with sample concentration 1 mg/L. The difference is due to numerical errors during simulation.

### 2 The impact of the slope of the desorption gradient

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# Simulations showing the impact of change of slope of the desorption gradient
newplot(title='Impact of the slope of the gradient', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-all')
# Same gradienet as before
par(start_desorption=(CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash)*V, stationary_desorption=(CV_ekv+ CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb)*V)
par(stop_desorption=7.5*V)
simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
# Gradeint finishes after 0.5 of the volume
par(stationary_desorption = (CV_ekv + CV_ads + CV_wash + 0.5*CV_desorb)*V)
simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
# Fradient finishes after 0.25 of the volume
par(stationary_desorption = (CV_ekv + CV_ads + CV_wash + 0.25*CV_desorb)*V)
simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
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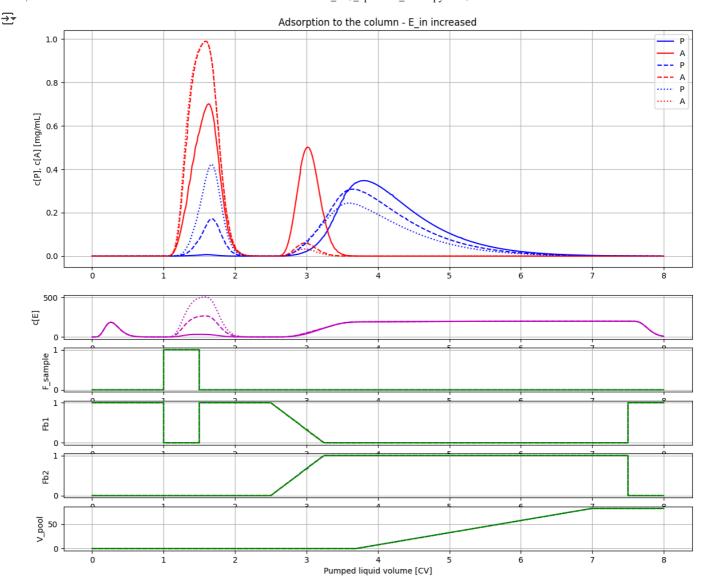


Note the pens shift style for each simulation in the order: solid, dashed, dotted, dash-dotted. The actual simulations done you see in the preceding cell.

Pumped liquid volume [CV]

# 3 The impact of salt concentration in the sample

```
# Let us investigate the impact of increasing salt concetration in the sample E_in
# Simulate and plot the results
newplot(title='Adsorption to the column - E_in increased', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-all')
for value in [0, 10, 20]:
    par(E_in=value)
    simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
# Restore default values
par(k2=0.05, k4=0.3, E_in=0)
```



Note, that increased salt concentration in the sample affect binding of both proteins. During adsorption less is bound. During desoprtion less product P can be harvested but the fraction of antagonist A may be lowered. Thus, some product is lost but the quality in terms of purity is improved.

## 4 The impact of change of binding strength due to pH

There are many factors that contribute to the binding strength. A most important factor is the pH-value of the resin and the characteristic iso-electric point of the protein. The binding strength can be seen as proportional to the difference.

The binding strength of the resin is described by the quotient KP=k1/k2 for the protein P and similarly KA=k3/k4 for the protein A.

Below a few help-functions that describe this idea of the pH difference and its impact on binding strength in terms of the parameters k1, k2, k3, and k4 of the protein-resin interaction.

```
# Define function that describe the proportionality of binding strength ot
# the pH difference of the iso-electric point and the resin

def KP_pH_sensitivity(pI_P=8.0, pH_resin=7.0):
    coeff_pH = 6.0
    return coeff_pH*(pI_P-pH_resin)

def KA_pH_sensitivity(pI_A=7.1667, pH_resin=7.0):
    coeff_pH = 1.0
    return coeff_pH*(pI_A-pH_resin)

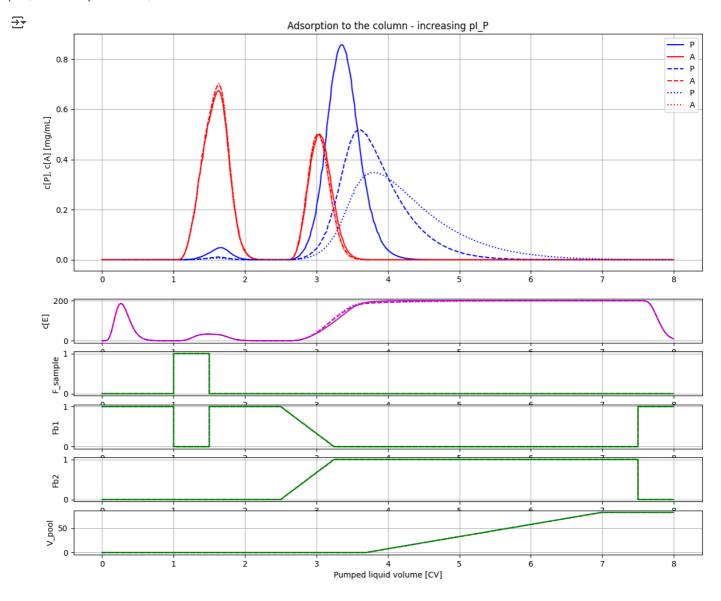
def par_pH(pI_P=8.0, pI_A=7.1667, pH_resin=7.0, TP=3.33, TA=20.0):
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       if (pI_P > pH_resin) & (pI_A > pH_resin):
           par(k2 = 1/(TP*KP_pH_sensitivity(pI_P=pI_P, pH_resin=pH_resin)))
           par(k4 = 1/(TA*KA_pH_sensitivity(pI_A=pI_A, pH_resin=pH_resin)))
           print('Both pI_P > pH_resin and pI_A > pH_resin must hold - no parameter change made')
   # The default parameters of the column
   disp('column')
    → diameter : 1.261
        height: 20.0
        x_m: 0.3
        k1 : 0.3
        k2: 0.05
        k3: 0.05
        k4: 0.3
        Q_av : 6.0
        E_start : 50.0
```

# Let us investigate the impact of change of the iso-electric pH for protein P

```
# Simulate and plot the results
newplot(title='Adsorption\ to\ the\ column\ -\ increasing\ pI\_P',\ plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-all')
for value in [7.2, 7.6, 8.0]:
    par_pH(pI_P=value, pI_A=7.1667, pH_resin=7.0)
    simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
```

# Restore default values par(k2 = 0.05, k4 = 0.3)



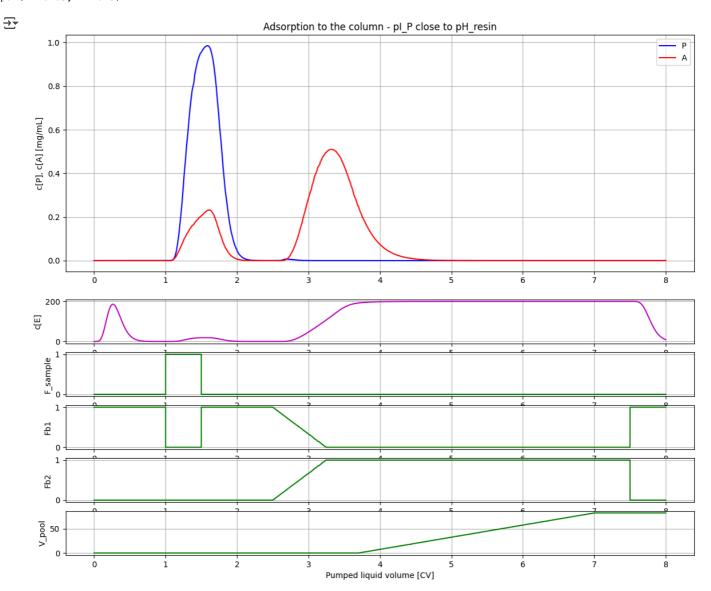
Note, with increasing pl\_P the binding of P increase which leads less loss of product during adsorption. During desorption the peak height is lower with increasing binding strenght, but the total amount of product P that can be harvested is higher, due to the smaller loss during adsorption.

# Let us investigate the impact of pI\_P close to pH\_resin

# Simulate and plot the results newplot(title='Adsorption to the column - pI\_P close to pH\_resin', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-al

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for value in [7.0001]:
    par_pH(pI_P=value, pI_A=8)
    simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)
```

# Restore default values
par(k2=0.05, k4=0.3)



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# Let us investigate the impact of pI_A close to pH_resin
# Simulate and plot the results
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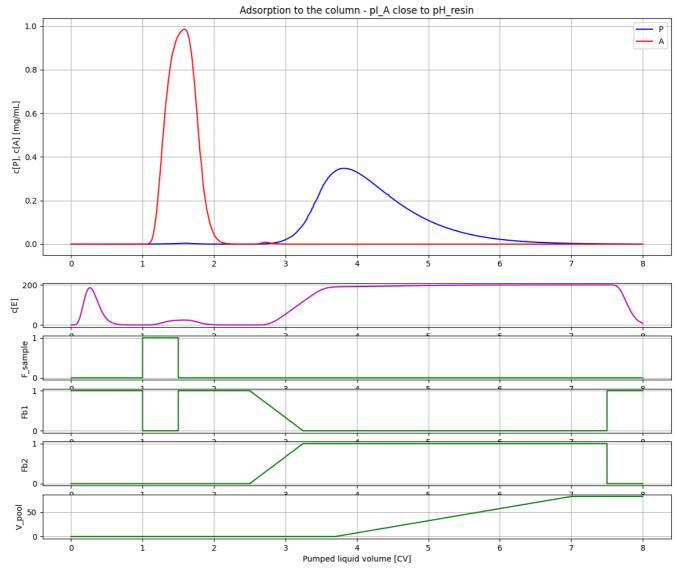
newplot(title='Adsorption to the column - pI\_A close to pH\_resin', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-al for value in [7.001]:

par\_pH(pI\_P=8.0, pI\_A=value)
simu((CV\_ekv+CV\_ads+CV\_wash+CV\_desorb+CV\_ekv2)\*V/VFR)

# Restore default values
par(k2=0.05, k4=0.3)



par(k2=0.05, k4=0.3)

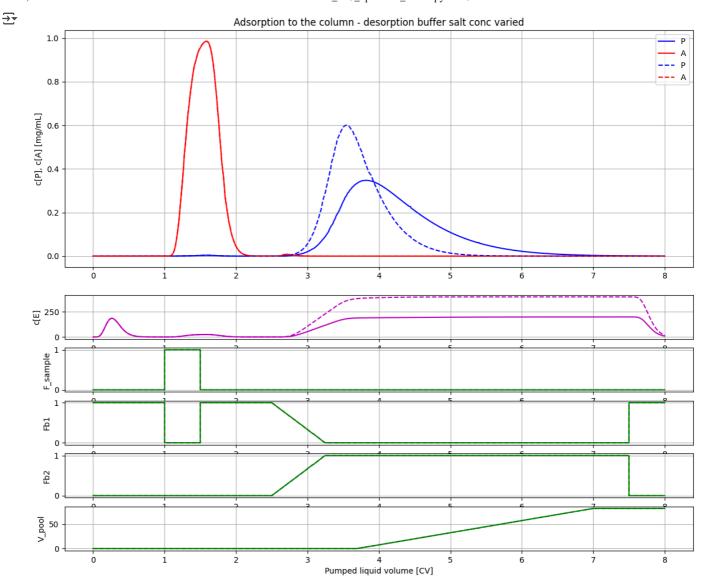


# Let us also investigate the impact of salt concentration of the desorptions buffer

```
# Simulate and plot the results
newplot(title='Adsorption to the column - desorption buffer salt conc varied', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV

for value in [8.0, 16.0]:
    par(E_in_desorption_buffer=value)
    par_pH(pI_P=8.0, pI_A=7.001, pH_resin=7.0)
    simu((CV_ekv+CV_ads+CV_wash+CV_desorb+CV_ekv2)*V/VFR)

# Restore default values
par(E_in_desorption_buffer=8.0)
```



## 5 Breakthrough curve often used during process development

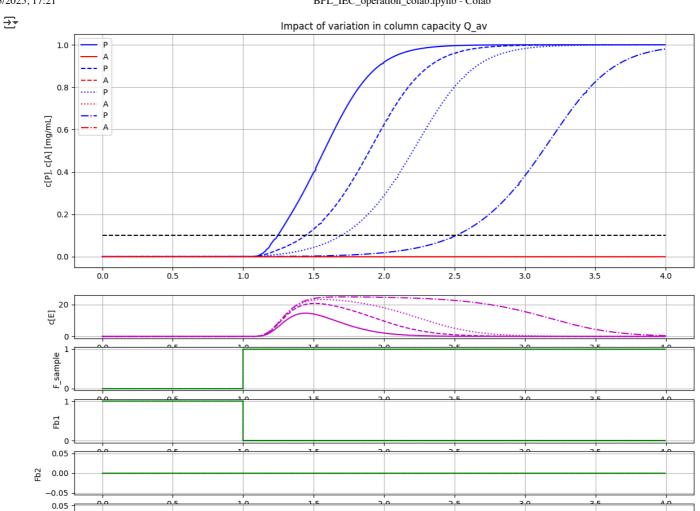
```
# Experiment to check column capacity Q_av often called breakthrough curve
par(P_in=1, A_in=0, E_in=0)
init(E_start = 0)
par(Q_av=6.0)

par(scale_volume=True, start_adsorption=1*V, stop_adsorption=4.01*V)
par(start_desorption=10*V, stationary_desorption=10.5*V, stop_desorption=11*V)
par(start_pooling=11*V, stop_pooling=12*V)

newplot(title='Impact of variation in column capacity Q_av', plotType='Elution-conductivity-vs-CV-combined-all')
for value in [1, 2, 3, 6]: par(Q_av=value); simu(4.0*V/VFR)

# Linje för 10% UV
ax1.plot([0,4], [0.1,0.1],'k--')

# Restore default parameters
par(Q_av=6.0, A_in=1.0)
```



With greater column capacity Q\_av the longer it takes before the concentration of protein start to increase. Note, that the salt