Environmental Engineering Experments and Design

# Principle of chromatography

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## Objectives

- $\checkmark$  Identifying the components of the chromatography.
- ✓ Understanding the basic principles of chromatography.
- ✓ Identifying the chromatography to be used in the experiment.

- Reference Principles of instrumental analysis (Skoog, Holler, Nieman)

#### Chromatography

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- One of the experimental techniques to separate the mixture. It can be used for separating purpose but in this experiment it is used for quantification.
- Stationary phase
  Solid particles or liquids used to separate materials such as columns, paper, thin films, etc.
- ✓ Mobile phase
  - : Fluid flowing through the stationary phase of chromatography



### Principle of chromatography



- A: alcoholphilic student
- B: alcoholphobic student

Student<sub>(mobile phase)</sub> is moving from Seoul<sub>(Injector)</sub> to Busan<sub>(Detector)</sub> But lot's of famous Pub<sub>(Stationary</sub> phase) was on the way to Busan

ightarrow A is alcoholphilic and needs longer

time to reach Busan

If the *analysis conditions are the same*, the *same material takes the same time* from the injector to the detector.

 $\rightarrow$  Retention Time

### Types of chromatography

- ✓ Gas Chromatography: mobile phase is gas
- ✓ Liquid Chromatography: mobile phase is liquid
- ✓ Supercritical Fluid Chromatography: mobile phase is supercritical fluid
- Gas Chromatography
  - Samples should be volatile and applied to relatively low molecular weight materials
  - Must be stable against heat
  - Separation by chemical affinity and boiling point difference between stationary phase and sample (adsorption, distribution)

#### Liquid Chromatography

- The sample must be well dissolved in the mobile phase, and there is no upper limit of the molecular weight
- Analysis is performed near room temperature, so it can be analyzed even if it is unstable against heat
- Separation by chemical affinity between sample, stationary phase and mobile phase (adsorption, distribution, ion exchange, molecular size exclusion)

#### Components of the chromatography



- ✓ Component: Inlet, column, oven, detector.
- ✓ In this experiment, the mixture is quantified using GC-TCD, GC-FID, and HPLC.
- ✓ FID is 1000 times more sensitive than TCD, but FID can not analyze N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>: GC-FID is more sensitive than HPLC The analysis time is short and the resolution is good, but lactic acid is not detectable.

#### Effect of analysis condition on the chromatography result





