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LC COLUMN SELECTION Size Exclusion Chromatography

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SIZE EXCLUSION CHROMATOGRAPHY (SEC) PHASES

Introduction

SEC columns separate components according to their molecular size in solution, larger molecules eluting first. Separation is achieved by the differential exclusion or inclusion of components within the packing material particles. In addition to the separation of discrete components, the technique is used for characterising the molecular weight distribution of polymers.

Base Material

Silica based SEC materials generally exhibit higher resolving power than polymer based materials. However, polymer based materials show greater stability for use with high pH eluents. Polymeric packing materials are generally available in larger particle sizes, which may be more practical for large-scale preparative separations.

Modes of Operation

Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) refers to the SEC separation of organic soluble polymers using an organic solvent as the eluent. Gel filtration chromatography (GFC) refers to the SEC separation of water soluble polymers in aqueous eluents. SEC separations exhibit lower resolving power and capacity compared with adsorptive HPLC techniques.

Applications

SEC analyses do not normally result in the denaturation of samples, making the technique a suitable choice for biological samples where activity must be retained. A wide range of biomolecules and organic polymers are separated by SEC. For samples of wide molecular weight distribution, it can be useful to use a mixed pore size phase or to couple columns of one or more pore sizes in series.

Size Exclusion Chromatography Phases

Phase / Series	Manufacturer	Base Material / Bonding	Mode	Pore Sizes (Å)	Typical Applications	Page
GPC PEPTIDE	Eprogen	Glycerol bonded silica	GFC	50	Small peptides	99
GPC100, 300, 500, 1000, 4000			GFC	100, 300, 500, 1000, 4000	Proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, water soluble polymers	99
GPC LINEAR			GFC	100-1000	Organic polymers, denatured proteins	99
CATSEC		Silica with polymerised polyamine coating	GFC	100, 300, 1000	Cationic polymers	99
MCI GEL CQP	Mitsubishi Chemical Corp.	Polyhydroxymethacrylate	GFC	120, 200, 600	Proteins, peptides, enzymes and other biomolecules	172
PLgel	Agilent Technologies	Polystyrene-divinylbenzene	GPC	50, 100, 500, 1000, 10,000, 100,000, MIXED	Oils, oligomers, high MW synthetic polymers, starches, polystyrenes, resins	201
PL aquagel-OH 30, 40, 50, 60, MIXED		Polystyrene-divinylbenzene with polyhydroxyl functionality	GFC	-	Surfactants, polysaccharides, polyacrylamides, starches, gum	201
PolyHYDROXYETHYL A	PolyLC	Silica with hydroxyethylaspartamide coating	GFC	60, 100, 200, 300, 500, 1000, 1500	Peptides, proteins, carbohydrates, small molecules	196, 199
Asahipak GF	Showa Denko	Polyvinyl alcohol	GFC/ GPC	400, 2000, 10000	Hydrophilic and hydrophobic compounds	214
Shodex GPC		Styrene-divinylbenzene	GPC	Various	Polymers, plastics	214
Shodex OHpak SB		Polyhydroxymethacrylate	GFC	Various	Water soluble samples	213
Shodex PROTEIN KW		Silica	GFC	400, 1000, 1500	Proteins	213
Acclaim SEC		Hydrophilic polymethacrylate	GFC	300, 1000	Water soluble polymers	7
BioBasic SEC	Thermo Scientific	Silica	GFC	60, 120, 300, 1000	Peptides and proteins	240, 242
MABPac SEC-1		Silica	GFC	300	Monoclonal antibodies and aggregates	240, 242
TSKgel SW		Silica	GFC	125, 250, 450	Proteins, antibodies, enzymes, nucleic acids	243
TSKgel PW	Tosoh Bioscience	Polymethacrylate	GFC	<100, 125, <200, 200, 500, 1000, >1000	Water soluble organic polymers, polysaccharides, DNA	244, 245
TSKgel H		Polystyrene-divinylbenzene	GPC	-	Oligomers, polymers and polymer additives	246
TSKgel Alpha and SuperAW		Hydrophilic polyvinyl	GFC/ GPC	-	Organic and water soluble polymers	246
ZORBAX GF Series	Agilent Technologies	Zirconia-clad silica	GFC	150, 300	Proteins, peptides	283