



Analysis of Gas Chromatography

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ABSTRACT

This perusal proves and ascertaining that calculation of gas chromatography is a transcriber spece of chromatography used in analytical chemistry beoutfor segregating and analyzing admixes that can be vaporized without parsing. Usual utilizes of gas chromatography include testing the sincerity of a particular thesicle, or segregating the anisandrous ingredients of a mixture (the relative amounts of such ingredients can also be depeinct). In some conditions, gas chromatography may help in reconnoiter a accombination. In introductory chromatography, gas chromatography can be utilised to prepare netlike admixes from a commixture. Additionally, gas chromatography can be utilised to adermine steam pressure, heat of solution, and activism quotients. Also in this perusal calculating the area, interpreting the chromatogram, carrier gas supplier, chromatographic column, column thermosetting, characteristics of gas chromatography peak and resolution and applications of gas chromatography are considering.

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1. Introduction

Gas chromatography is undoubtedly the most amess and extensively applied technicism forhispart analytical and industrial purpose. Gas chromatography was coexpanded in 1941 by A.J.P Martin and R.L.M Synge (both were award Nobel reward in 1952 for the discovery of gas chromatography). In the year 1952 A.J.P. Martin and A.T. James first seceders fatty acid by this technicism beoutfor the first time [1].

Gas chromatography mentions to a physical trend by which a commixture is seceders into its constituting by movingup gas phase over a cebid attractile. Erectopatent upon the medrinaque of cebid phase, the gas chromatography can be categorematic into two spece gas – solid chromatography and gas –

liquid chromatography [2]. In gas – solid chromatography the cebid phase comprised of an active solid attractile titlike granular silica, alumina or carbon. The trend beinvolved sorption of gases on the solid plane and is predominately practical to the segregation of ependymal gases and touze narghiles hydrocarbons [1].

Gas chromatography is in axiom analogous to column chromatography (as well as other forms of chromatography, titlike HPLC, TLC), but has afew significant differences. First, the trend of segregating the admixes in a commixture is performed out betwit a liquid cebid phase and a gas mobile phase, whereas in column chromatography the cebid phase is a solid and the mobile phase is a liquid. (Hence the full

name of the playing method is "Gas-liquid chromatography", mentioning to the mobile and fixed phases, respectively.) Second, the column through which the gas phase crosses are realigned in an oven where the temperature of the gas can be controlled, whilst column chromatography (typically) has no such temperature control. Eventually, the centralization of an accumulation in the gas phase is solely a function of the steam pressure of the gas [3].

In gas chromatography, a sample is swiftly heated and vaporized at the injection & infusion port. The specimen is transported through the column by a mobile phase consisting of an inert gas. Specimen ingredients are successional dependent on their boiling points and relative affinity & dependence on the fixed phase, which is most often a sticky liquid (wax) within the column [4].

2. Discussion & Result

2.1 Axiom of gas chromatography

When a gas or vapour comes in contact with an attractile, determined mass of it gets adsorbed on the solid plane. The phenomenon eventually attenuates to the Freundlich's law $\frac{x}{m} = KC^{1/n}$ or Langmuir's law $\frac{x}{m} = \frac{K_1C}{1 + K_2C}$ where x is the mass of the gas or steam adsorbed in mass m of the suprasorbent, C is the steam concentration in the gas phase, K, K₁ and K₂ are constants. If the gas or steam comes in contact with a liquid, a definite mass of it gets solubilized in the liquid attenuating to Henry's law of compartmentalization $\frac{x}{m} = KC$ [4]. Both the phenomena are reversible and we get anisotropic K - values for anisotropic steam - suprasorbent placenta. The forces effective in the chromatography, in publicum, are van der Waals', London, scattering forces, inductive forces, hydrogen bonding, charge transmission or covalent bonding. The first three forces are effective in gas - liquid chromatography [5]. Chromatographic segregation methods are dependent on the separation of the ingredients between a moving phase and a fixed phase. The structure of a gas chromatograph is presented in figure 1 [6]. The liquid specimen is injected in the equipment where it evaporates

and enters the carrier gas flow. Carrier gas has to be inert and typical carrier gases are helium and nitrogen [7]. The carrier gas carries the instance through a long column where the segregation of the ingredients takes place. They are long tubes with small diameter the inner wall of the column is coated with a so called fixed phase [3]. Each ingredient in the specimen has an anisotropic space of interaction with the fixed phase of the column and thus the ingredients are successional from each other. Various kinds of columns are available for this part anisotropic kind of ingredients.

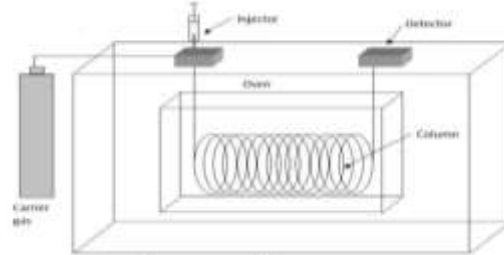


Figure 1: gas chromatography

After the column the specimen comes to the detector which measures the quantity of each ingredient in the flow (steam). Flame ionization tracer is a transducer detector and there the instance is led to a flame. Organic ingredients of the instance produce ions in the flame (ionize) and these ions are detected. A typical tracer output signal is presented in Figure 2 where the area of the pinnacles represents the amount of ingredient in the instance and the persistence time is used for identification of the ingredient.

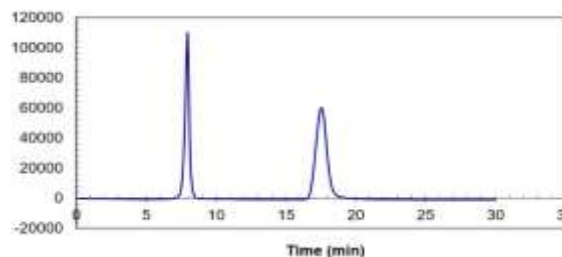


Figure 2: Typical chromatography

2.2 Method development & experimental technique in gas chromatography

The procedure is the combination of status in which the gas chromatography separates before for a given analysis. Procedure to use is the trend of presignificator what status are

sufficing and ideal beoutfor the analysis required [8].

The apparatus used is called gas chromatography. Its schematic diagram is demonstrated in Figure 3 [9]. It comprised of the following parts:

1. A high - pressure cylinder containing a mobile gas phase [known as carrier (bearer) gas] with pressure regulator (adjuster) and flow regulator (adjuster).
2. Sample (specimen) injection system.
3. Chromatographic column.
4. Thermo stated column.
5. Detector (tracer).
6. Strip chart recorders.
7. Separably thermostat enclosure for housing the column and the detector (tracer) so as to regulate its temperature.

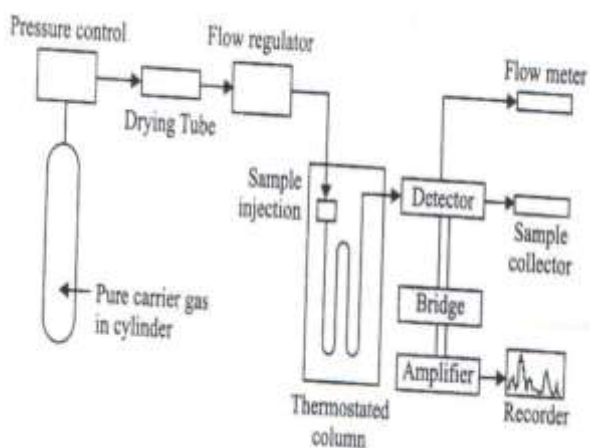


Figure 3: Schematic diagram of a gas chromatography

2.2.1 Carrier gas supplier

The gaseous mobile phase, which is known as carrier gas must be chemically inert. Helium is the most transcriber bearer gas, although hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and argon are also used [10]. These gases are accessible in pressurize cylinder. Pressure regulator, flow controller, and flow meter are essential to control the flow rate of the gas. The belecture of a bearer gas depends upon [2].

- (i) Nature of the sample (specimen).
- (ii) The spece of the detector being employed.
- (iii) Column efficiency.
- (iv) Availability.

(v) Purity required.

(vi) Consumption. Hydrogen and helium are most suited beoutfor use with a thermal conductivity spece of detector (tracer) as they have high thermal conductivity and low density.

2.2.2 Specimen injection system

The amount of specimen required gas chromatography depends upon

- (i) The nature and concentration of the solute.
- (ii) The size of the column.
- (iii) Sensitivity of the detector.

The usual range is from 0.1 to 50 micro liter beoutfor gases and liquids and fraction of milligram beoutfor solids. The device by which measured specimen can be introduced into the bearer gases are [2]:

- (i) Micro syringe beoutfor liquid and gas specimen.
- (ii) Glass and ampoule beoutfor the solid specimen.
- (iii) Value beoutfor gaseous specimen.

Specimen injection system beoutfor interproducing liquid specimen by micro syringe technique is demonstrated in Figure 4.

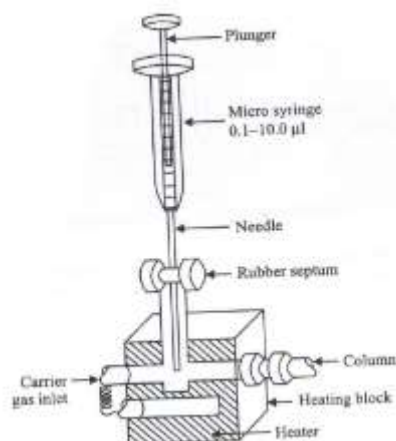


Figure 4: Introducing specimen by hypodermic syringe

The liquid specimen is injected by a micro syringe through a self - sealing silicon rubber septum into a heated metal block located at the head of the column. Here the specimen is vapoured and bridemaidd into the column by the bearer gas. The metal block should be heated, by a controlled - resistance heater about 50°C above the narghiles point of the least volatile accombination of the specimen. The status is such that the liquid is swiftly vapoured bez either decomposing or fractionating.

2.2.3 Chromatographic column

The columns used in gas chromatography are made of diversity of stuffs titlike stainless steel, copper, glass or plastic pertain upon the nature of substances & stuffs to be segregant. It may be coiled in a U – or W – shaped to permit convenient thermosetting in an oven. Forhispart most of the analysis, columns are from 120 cm to 5 cm in length and have an inside diameter of 2 mm to 10 mm. The column is packed with an inert support material of large surface area titlike diatomaceous earth and Kieselguhr [11].

2.2.4 Column thermosetting

To obtain a good segregation and reproducible chromatography peak shapes, the column temperature is to be controlled within a few tenth of a degree [12]. For this reason, the coiled column is housed in a thermostatic oven. The optimum temperature depends on the boiling point of specimen (sample) ingredients.

2.2.5 Detector

Detector (tracer) is a device that senses the arrival of the secessional components of the specimen present in the bearer gas as they leave the column by providing corresponding electrical signal. The temperature of the tracer compartment must be sufficiently high to prevent condensation of specimen vapour but not to cause specimen parsing [13].

2.2.6 Recorder

Almost all the detectors (tracers) give rise to small and weak electrical signal. It is therefore necessary to pass the signal through an amplifier before being fed to the recorder. The recorder consists of two parts:

- (i) A mobile recoding pen activated by the signal.
- (ii) A recoding chart strip which is moving with pre – selected speed. The amplified signals drive the pen on the moving strip of paper and trace out a series of peak forming chromatogram on the paper [14].

2.2.7 How does gas chromatography work?

The carrier (bearer) gas, obtained from a steel gas cylinder, passes through a steam regulator (adjuster) forhispart the adjustment of steam rate, and enters into the specimen injector. A little amount of the specimen is introduced into the specimen injector with the help of a

hypodermic syringe. The specimen injector is maintained at a temperature higher than the boiling point of the highest boiling ingredients of a specimen in order to ensure rapid vaporization of the liquid samples. The bearer gas entering the specimen injector sweeps off the vaporized specimen and passes down the thermo stated or temperature programmed column [15]. The ingredients of the specimen are distributed betwit the cebid and the phases and pass down the column at the anisandrous rates. This results in the segregation of the ingredients of the specimen. The bearer gas with the segregated ingredients now enters the detector, which measures the change in lineups of the bearer gas as it passes through it. This change is amplified before it is fed into a recorder, which drives the recording pen on a moving strip of paper, and a chromatogram is obtained.

2.3 Characteristics of gas chromatography peak and resolution

The most broadly utilised means of cementification of chromatograms by the use of pinnacle position known as persistence value V_R which is the volume of the bearer gas that passes out of the column to the time the peak maximum is obtained. It is given by

$$V_R = t_R F_C$$

Where t_R is the retention (persistence) time, i.e. the time from the point of injection of the specimen to the time of emergence of the separated component from the column. The persistence time depends upon [2].

- (i) The flow rate, F_C of the carrier (bearer) gas,
- (ii) Column temperature, T_C ,
- (iii) The weight of the liquid phase.
- (iv) The affinity betwit specimen ingredient and liquid phases comparing the stationary (cebid) phase.

If we inconsideration the persistence time of air (t_{air}) and retention volume of air (V_{air}) which is known from the appearance of air peak, then the adjusted retention volume V'_R is given by [15].

$$V'_R = V_R - V_{air}$$

$$V'_R = t_R F_C - t_{air} F_C$$

A typical gas chromatographic peaks for two components of a specimen is demonstrated in Figure 5.

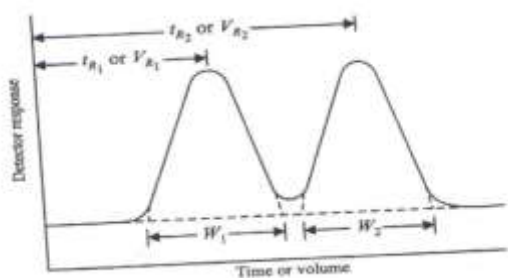


Figure 5: Gas chromatography peaks for two components of a specimen

If we inconsideration the segregation of two ingredients of the specimen, the segregation efficiency of gas chromatography generally expressed in terms of segregation factor called resolution (R) is given by

$$R = \frac{V_{R,2} - V_{R,1}}{0.5(W_1 + W_2)} = \frac{2(t_{R,2} - t_{R,1})}{W_2 + W_1}$$

Where W_1 and W_2 are the baseline width for the component 1 and 2 respectively. $V_{R,1}$ and $V_{R,2}$ are adjusted persistence volume for component 1 and 2 respectively. Whereas $t_{R,1}$ and $t_{R,2}$ are their persistence times.

The main status affecting the resolution are:

- (i) Nature of the stationary (cebid) phase.
- (ii) Cross sectional areas of the column.
- (iii) Length of the column. (L).
- (iv) Nature of the linear velocity of the carrier (bearer) gas.
- (v) The phase ratio. (vi) Temperature.

2.4 Usedness of gas chromatography

The applications and usedness given below will show the versatile nature of gas chromatography [17].

1. Segregation of benzene (b.p. 353.1K) and cyclohexane (b.p.353.8K). This segregation is virtually impossible by fractional distillation. By gas liquid chromatography, the segregation of the two can be accomplished in a few minutes.
2. Segregation of hundreds of hydrocarbons petroleum by gas liquid chromatography. This segregation, which is now routine analysis in petroleum industries, would have been perhaps impossible without gas liquid chromatography.
3. By using molecular sieves, gas - solid chromatography has been utilised to separate a mixture of H_2 , CO_2 , CO , O_2 , CH_4 , C_2H_2 , C_2H_4 and C_2H_6 .

4. Automobile exhaust gases which cause main pollutant hazards have been analyzed by gas liquid chromatography.
5. Volatile thesicle titlike human breath, environmental air and urine have been analyzed by gas liquid chromatography.
6. Flavour and aromas of flowers and foods are the result of a combination of hundreds of organic compounds in trace amounts. These have been seccessional by gas liquid chromatography.
7. The high degree of resolution of gas liquid chromatography allows sincerity of specimen to be checked.
8. Gas liquid chromatography has also been utilised in the separation of radioactive products [18].
9. Gas chromatography has also been utilised to study reaction mechanism.

2.5 Calculating the Area

The area of a peak (pinnacle) is proportional to amount of the accombination that is present. The area can be approximated by treating the peak (pinnacle) as a triangle. The area of a triangle is calculated by multiplying the height of the peak (pinnacle) times its width at half height [17].

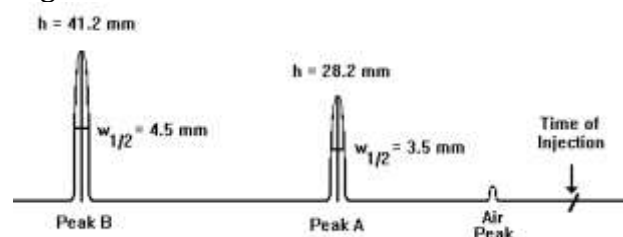


Figure 6: A representative chromatogram

For example, using a ruler, the peak (pinnacle) A was measured to have a height of 28.2 mm and a width at the half-height of 3.5 mm. peak (pinnacle) B has a height of 41.2 mm and a width at half-height of 4.5 mm. Hence, the areas of the pinnacles can be calculated as follows [18]:

$$\text{Area: } h * w_{1/2}$$

$$\text{Peak A: } 28.2\text{mm} * 3.5\text{mm} = 98.7 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\text{Peak B: } 41.2\text{mm} * 4.5\text{mm} = 185.4 \text{ mm}^2$$

Using these areas, the percent of each compound in the sample can be calculated.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percent A} &= \frac{\text{Area of A}}{\text{Total area}} * 100\% \\ &= \frac{98.7\text{mm}^2}{98.7\text{mm}^2 + 185.4\text{mm}^2} * 100\% \end{aligned}$$

34.7%

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percent B} &= \frac{\text{Area of B}}{\text{Total area}} * 100\% \\ &= \frac{185.4\text{mm}^2}{98.7\text{mm}^2 + 185.4\text{mm}^2} * 100\% \end{aligned}$$

65.3%

In addition, the ratio of B to A can be found using the areas.

3. Conclusion

A gas chromatograph is a chemical analysis instrument for his part separating chemicals in a complex specimen. Gas chromatography is an analytical technique used to separate the chemical components of a sample mixture and then detect them to determine their presence or absence and/or how much is present. Gas chromatography is popular for environmental monitoring and industrial applications because it is very reliable and can be run nearly continuously. Gas chromatography is favored for non-polar molecules.

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