

CHE-872 Adsorption Science and Technology

Credit Hours: 3

Pre-requisites: Nil

Course Objectives:

- To study the principles and state-of-the-art advances in adsorption processes.
- To apply thermodynamics, material science, nanotechnology in adsorbent material synthesis, characterization, and adsorption process design.
- To measure the pore textural properties of porous media
- To prepare Chemical engineering / Energetic materials engineering students for working on adsorption related research projects.

Course Contents:

Overview of Adsorption Technology: (1) Importance of adsorption in a separation process (2) Historical perspective (3) Advantages and limitations (4) Brief overview of representative industrial processes. **Forces and Energetics of Adsorption:** (1) Physical adsorption vs. chemisorption (2) Van der Waals forces (3) Electrostatic forces (4) Polar/Non-Polar adsorbents (5) Heats of adsorption **Experimental Adsorption Isotherms:** (1) Adsorbent Materials (2) Selectivity and Capacity (3) Amorphous/Crystalline **Experimental Adsorption Isotherms:** (1) Adsorption Equilibrium (2) Brunauer classification (3) Henry's Law (4) Langmuir, Freundlich Isotherms **Experimental Adsorption Isotherms:** (1) Isosteric heat of adsorption (2) Gibbs isotherm (3) Representation of equilibrium data **Adsorption Kinetics:** (1) Sorption kinetics and measurement of transport properties (2) Diffusion in porous media (3) Diffusion in macro/mesopores (4) Kinetics of adsorption in batch systems (5) Adsorption Separation Processes (6) Regeneration methods - T Swing, P Swing (7) Design of complete adsorption system **Adsorbents and Characterization:** (1) Commercial adsorbents (zeolites, activated carbon, cavitants) (2) Adsorbent characterization (3) Experimental procedures for measuring pore textural properties of porous media (BET, Langmuir etc) (4) Fundamental factors for designing adsorbent **Applications of Adsorption Processes:** (1) Novel adsorbents-latest trends (2) Case studies/ Research articles will be discussed. **Applications of Adsorption Processes:** (1) Gas separation and purification (2) Water treatment and air pollution control

Course Outcomes:

- An understanding of the fundamental equilibrium and transport properties of adsorption.
- A capability to model transient adsorption processes.
- An understanding of the basic design of adsorption systems.

Recommended Reading (including Textbooks and Reference books)

- Ruthven, Douglas M. Principles of adsorption and adsorption processes. John Wiley & Sons, 1984.
- Ruthven, Douglas M., Shamsuzzaman Farooq, and Kent S. Knaebel. Pressure swing adsorption. John Wiley & Sons, 1996.
- Haul, R., J. Kärger, and D. M. Ruthven. "Diffusion in zeolites and other microporous solids." (1993).
- Yang, R. T. "Adsorbents: Fundamentals and Applications." (2003).
- Rouquerol, Jean, et al. Adsorption by powders and porous solids: principles, methodology and applications. Academic press, 2013.
- Perry, R. H., D. W. Green, and J. O. Maloney. "Perry's Chemical Engineers Handbook." (1997).