

# **Dynamic Sorption Breakthrough Analysis**

## Applications

- **Technical Adsorbents**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- Material Research
- Energy Storage
- Selectivity Studies
- Separation Technologies
- Environmental
- Gas Storage

## Method

Industrial adsorbents such as active carbons, zeolites and silica gels are widely used in adsorptive separation processes on a multi-ton scale.



A complete understanding of the complex processes taking place in a fixed bed reactor is the key in order to achieve the best separation performance.

### Example: Mixture Isotherm of CO<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> on activated carbon

- Fully automated measurement routine
- Bypass Measurement of 5 %, 10 %, 15 %, 20 %, 30 %, 40 %, 60 % and 80 % CO<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> for TCD calibration

- Adsorbent is in a fixed bed
- Adjusting stationary pressure and temperature
- Switching well-defined gas composition to adsorber 3
- **Recording** of **gas** composition on adsorber **outlet** 4
- **Recording** of **temperatures** along the adsorber 5)

## Determination of

- Equilibria (isotherms) of mixtures
- Selectivities
- Regenerability of adsorbents
- Sorption kinetics /dynamics (mass transfer, axial dispersion)

- Pressurization to 10 bar with N<sub>2</sub> at 20  $^{\circ}$ C
- Running Sequence with 5 %, 10 %, 15 %, 20 %, 30 %, 40 %, 60 % and 80 % CO<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub> until pre-defined stationarity
- Applying mass balance between inlet and outlet (Integration) gives differential loadings of CO<sub>2</sub>. Summation yields in the mixture isotherm.



- Displacement effects on preloaded samples
- Technically usable sorption capacity

## Emulation of:

- Technical sorption processes on the lab-scale
- The PSA-process  $\bullet$
- Influence of heat of adsorption on separation processes

- Flow Range:
- Pressure Range:
- **Temperature Range:**
- Sample amount: Standard Adsorber Small Adsorber
- Massflow Controllers
- Temperature sensors:

### time t / s

### mole fraction y

- → Good agreement between measurement and calculations with the **IAST model**
- $\rightarrow$  The dynamic method is suited to determine mixture isotherms in an fully automated manner.





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