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Lecture Plan

April 11, Introduction and Physical chemistry

April 18, Nanoparticles and colloids in our daily experiences

April 25, Nanoparticles and colloids in our daily experiences

May 9, Dispersion and aggregation of particles

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May 23, DLVO theory

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June 6, Theory of monodispersed particles synthesis

June 13, Liquid-phase synthesis of functional nanoparticles

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June 27, Environmental catalysts

July 4, Adsorption phenomena and catalytic reaction

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July 18, Catalyst preparation methods

July 25, Summary

Let's take a look at the colloids around us

Focus on colloidal dispersion and aggregation! What is "dispersion"? What is "aggregation"? If "dispersion" and "aggregation" can be controlled, colloids can be manipulated freely.

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Colloidal dispersion



Dispersion and Aggregation

- What is dispersion?
 - Particles drift in the solvent without agglomeration.
- What is aggregation?
 - Particles gather more and form larger flocs.

Materials naturally aggregate.
 Intermolecular force
 → van der Waals force

Dispersion and aggregation (Equilibrium consideration)

- Aggregation
 - van der Waals interaction
- Dispersion
 - Electrostatic repulsion







Dispersion or Aggregation?

- Equilibrium theory
 - electrostatic repulsion
 - due to interfacial potential of colloid
- Kinetics

• Collisions between colloids \leftarrow Thermal motion and collision probability

intermolecular force

van der waals force

Attractive force acting between any molecule (The larger the molecular weight, the larger it becomes.)(Molecular melting point and boiling point increase in proportion to molecular weight.)

<u>Weak electrostatic force</u> Works between polar molecules

<u>Hydrogen bond</u> Seen in H₂O, HF, NH₃, etc. (O-H, F-H, N-H occur because the polarity is particularly large)



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Johannes Diderik van der Waals (23 November 1837 – 8 March 1923) was a Dutch physicist. In 1910, he became the third Dutchman to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of the gas equation of state, which takes into account molecular size and intermolecular forces.



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van der Waals force

- The van der Waals force is an electromagnetic interaction force that acts between electrically neutral molecules. When molecules and atoms approach each other, they are momentarily polarized and an attractive force is generated. This force is called van der Waals force.
- When molecules or atoms get closer than a certain distance, a strong repulsive force is generated. About 0.2 nm is the minimum surface-to-surface distance.
- It also occurs when two macroscopic objects, such as particles and particles, or particles and walls, come very close to each other in the same way as molecules and atoms.

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van der Waals force: features

- The force is much smaller than that of ionic bonds and covalent bonds.
- In water, the force action is smaller than in air.
- van der Waals forces decrease when moisture is adsorbed on the contact area.
- It becomes smaller in inverse proportion to the surface roughness.
 van der Waals forces exist at all times, independent of the surrounding environment.

van der Waals interaction energy between plates

$$V(h) = -\frac{A_{12}}{12\pi} \left[\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{1}{(h+d_1)^2} - \frac{1}{(h+d_2)^2} + \frac{1}{(h+d_1+d_2)^2} \right] (\text{ per unit area })$$

$$A_{12} = \pi^2 C_{12} N_1 N_2 = \pi^2 (C_1 C_2)^{1/2} N_1 N_2 = (A_1 A_2)^{1/2} t t$$

Hamaker constants for dissimilar substances 1 and 2

(A_i = 物質i (i = 1, 2) 同士の相互作用に対するHamaker定数) 微粒子合成化学

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van der Waals forces between particles

$$V_{vdw} = -\frac{A}{6} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2 - 4} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \ln\left(\frac{s^2 - 4}{s^2}\right) \right\}$$

S=2a+h

If h is significantly smaller than a, the potential energy is

$$V_{vdw} = -\frac{Aa}{12h}$$

A: Hamaker constant

For particles with different diameters.

$$V_{vdw} = -\frac{Aa_1a_2}{6h(a_1 + a_2)}$$

Between planes.

$$V_{vdw} = -\frac{A}{12\pi h^2}$$



Zeta potential





Particles with the same negative charge are moving to the positive electrode.



Zeta potential as a function of pH





Derjaguin, B.; Landau, L. (1941), "Theory of the stability of strongly charged lyophobic sols and of the adhesion of strongly charged particles in solutions of electrolytes", *Acta Physico Chemica URSS* **14**: 633.

Verwey, E. J. W.; Overbeek, J. Th. G. (1948), *Theory of the stability of lyophobic colloids*, Amsterdam: Elsevier.

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Repulsion due to surface potential





Way to think Dispersion and aggregation

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- Interaction due to van der Waals forces
- electrostatic repulsion

$$V_{total} = V_{H} + V_{el}$$

- $V_{\rm H}$: interaction energy due to van der Waals force
- V_{el} : interaction energy due to electrostatic repulsion

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Way to think Dispersion and aggregation

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- $V_{total} = V_H + V_{el}$
 - V_{H} : interaction energy due to van der Waals force
 - V_{el} : interaction energy due to electrostatic repulsion

$V_{total} \text{ Positive} \rightarrow \text{Dispersion}$ $V_{total} \text{ Negative} \rightarrow \text{Aggregation}$

Electrostatic repulsion





Electrostatic repulsion
Particle surface is charged

Electrostatic phenomena

Could this be the source of the electrostatic repulsion?

Start here





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Near charged surfaces, counter ions (charges of the opposite to the surface charge) accumulate, while secondary ions are scarce. This graph is for the 1-1 electrolyte.

Potential drops with distance
Helmholtz theory
Gouy-Chapman theory
Stern theory









How to think realistically

- Only the ζ potential can be measured
- The ζ potential is considered equal to the Stern potential.
- **Then, consider the \zeta potential as the surface** potential.

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Instead of Stern theory, let us apply Gouy-Chapman's diffuse double layer theory in reality. 2023/5/30

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1. The ion concentration in the diffuse layer follows the Boltzmann distribution.

(1)

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$$n_{+} = n_{0+} \exp\left(\frac{-z_{+}e\psi}{kT}\right)$$
$$n_{-} = n_{0-} \exp\left(\frac{z_{-}e\psi}{kT}\right)$$

- *n*: number concentration of ions in diffusion layer
- n_0 : number concentration of ions in bulk solution
- Z: Ion valence
- *k*: Boltzmann constant
- T: Temperature
- ψ . Potential at distance *x*
- +,-: Positive ions or negative ions

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Surface potential:

 ψ_0 is defined by bulk activity c of potential determining lon:

$$\Psi_0 = \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{c}{c_0} \tag{2}$$

R: Gas constant $c_0: c \text{ at } \psi_0 = 0$ <u>35</u>

Potential in diffuse layer is defined as Poisson equation:

$$\Delta \psi = \text{div} (\text{grad } \psi) = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} \qquad (3)$$

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- \mathcal{E}_{r} : Dielectric constant of solution
- \mathcal{E}_0 : Dielectric constant in vacuum
- ρ : Charge density
$\rho: \text{ Charge density is defined by}$ symmetrical electrolyte $(z_{+} = z_{-} = z, n_{0+} = n_{0-} = n)$ $\rho = ze(n_{+} - n_{-})$ $= nze \left\{ exp\left(-\frac{ze\psi}{kT}\right) - exp\left(\frac{ze\psi}{kT}\right) \right\}$ $= -2nze \sinh\left(\frac{ze\psi}{kT}\right) \qquad (4)$

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Therefore,

the Poisson-Boltzmann equation for the flat electric double layer is derived from Eqs. (3) and (4), considering only x-axis.

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$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2nze}{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} \sinh \frac{ze\psi}{kT}$$
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It is obtained by integrating Eq. (5).

$$\tanh \frac{ze\psi}{4kT} = \tanh \left(\frac{ze\psi_0}{4kT}\right) \exp(-\kappa x) \qquad (6)$$



In an aqueous solution at 25° C, the following is obtained. $\kappa = 3.3 \times 10^9 z \sqrt{c}$ (9)

Solving equation (7) yields the following. $\psi = \psi_0 \exp(-\kappa x)$ (10)

 κ is called as Debye-Huckel parameter.

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Next, consider the interaction between the flat plate electric double layers.

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The force acting on two parallel plates (distance between plates: h) in a solution is

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$$P = P_E + P_O \tag{15}$$

The electrostatic component P_E is the force that is attracted inward by the electric lines of force.

The osmotic pressure component, P_0 , is the force pushed outward by the osmotic pressure of the counterions.

$$P_{E} = -\frac{\mathcal{E}_{r}\mathcal{E}_{0}}{2} \left(\frac{d\psi}{dx}\right)^{2}$$
$$P_{O} = (n_{+} + n_{-})kT - 2nkT \qquad (16)$$

 P_{O} is always larger than P_{E} , and the plate receives a repulsive force. If the surface potential does not change during the approaching process of the plate, the repulsive force received by the plate per unit area is given by the following formula from Eqs. (1) and (16), ignoring the contribution of P_{E} . *Let's supplement.*

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Consider the plane exactly halfway between the two planes and the plane at infinity.

For the former, due to symmetry, the electric field is zero. For the latter, the electric field is zero. Therefore, only the osmotic pressure component should be taken into account.

$$P_{R}(h) = 2nkT \left\{ \cosh \frac{ze\psi_{h/2}}{kT} - 1 \right\}$$
(17)

y_{2/h}: potential at exactly the middle between two plates
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If the interaction is weak, $\psi_{h/2}$ can be thought of as twice the potential, $\psi_{s(h/2)}$, of a single electric double layer. $ze \psi / 4kT << 1$ then $tanh(ze \psi / 4kT) \cong ze \psi / 4kT$ (This approximation holds when ψ <20mV, as will be described later.)

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Eq. (6) is transformed as follows.

$$\psi_{(h/2)} = \frac{8kT}{ze} \gamma \exp\left(-\kappa \frac{h}{2}\right) \quad (18)$$
$$\gamma = \tanh\left(\frac{ze\psi_0}{4kT}\right) \quad (19)$$

Eq. (17) is transformed as follows.

 $ze \psi_{h/2} / kT \ll 1$ then $P_R(h) \cong nkT \{ze \psi_{h/2} / kT\}^2$

Substituting eq. (18) into here yields the following.

(This approximation holds when $\kappa h > 1$, that is, when h is larger than the thickness of the electric double layer. For approximation, $\cosh y = 1 + y^2$ was used.)

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$$P_{R}(h) = 64nkT\gamma^{2}\exp(-\kappa h) \qquad (20)$$

Therefore, the interaction energy of the electric double layer between the plates is as follows.

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$$V_R(h) = -\int_{\infty}^{h} P_R(h) dh = \frac{64nkT}{\kappa} \gamma^2 \exp(-\kappa h)$$
(21)

Next, consider the interaction between spherical particles

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Next, let us consider the interaction between spherical particles.

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Derjaguin approximation

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From the Derjaguin approximation, the interaction force of spherical particles can be obtained.

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The interaction force between two spherical particles with radii a_1 and a_2 , when the closest distance is *H*, is:

$$(H < < a_1, a_2)$$

$$P_R(H) = 2\pi \left(\frac{a_1 a_2}{a_1 + a_2}\right) V_R(H)$$
(22)

when $a_1 = a_2 = a$, the following eq.(23) is obtained. $P_R(H) = \frac{64\pi ankT}{\kappa} \gamma^2 \exp(-\kappa h) \quad (23)$

Therefore, the interaction energy acting between two spherical particles with radius *a* is obtained as follows.

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$$V_{R}(H) = -\int_{\infty}^{H} P_{R}(H) dH$$
$$= \frac{64\pi ankT}{\kappa^{2}} \gamma^{2} \exp(-\kappa h) \qquad (24)$$

Derivation of approximation formula.

 $ze \psi_0 / 4kT \ll 1$ then $\tanh(ze \psi_0 / 4kT) \cong ze \psi_0 / 4kT$ Hence, Eqs. (23) and (24) is changed to Eqs. (25) and (26). $(ze \psi_0 = 4kT$ then $\psi_0 = 103 \text{ mV}$ at 25°C for 1:1 electrolyte. $\psi_0 = 20 \text{ mV}$ or more, then $ze \psi_0 / 4kT$ to $\tanh\{ze \psi_0 / 4kT\}$ has more than 1% difference.

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Therefore, this approximation is allowed less than 20 mV.

$$P_{R}(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{0} \kappa \psi_{0}^{2} \exp(-\kappa h)$$
(25)
$$V_{R}(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{0} \psi_{0}^{2} \exp(-\kappa h)$$
(26)

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$$V_{R}(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{0} \psi_{0}^{2} \exp(-\kappa h) \quad (26)$$
Using Eq. (13),

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(28)

$$P_{R}(H) = \frac{2\pi a \sigma^{2}}{\kappa \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{0}} \exp(-\kappa H)$$
(27)

$$V_{R}(H) = \frac{2\pi a \sigma^{2}}{\kappa^{2} \varepsilon_{r} \varepsilon_{0}} \exp(-\kappa H)$$

$$\sigma_0 = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \kappa \psi_0 \quad (13)$$

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van der Waals Interaction

van der Waals force and energy are

$$P_{A}(H) = -\frac{aA}{12H^{2}}$$
 (29)
 $V_{A}(H) = -\frac{aA}{12H}$ (30)

A is Hamaker constant.

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Aggregation

The total energy is given below.

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$$P_T(H) = \frac{2\pi a \sigma^2}{\kappa \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} \exp(-\kappa H) - \frac{aA}{12H^2}$$
(31)

$$V_T(H) = \frac{2\pi a \sigma^2}{\kappa^2 \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0} \exp(-\kappa H) - \frac{aA}{12H}$$
(32)

Or

$$V_T(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \psi_0^2 \exp(-\kappa h) - \frac{aA}{12H}$$
(33)

Consider the meaning of the formula.

How does it change depending on the solution conditions?

 $V_T(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \psi_0^2 \exp(-\kappa H) - \frac{aA}{12H}$

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 $\mathcal{E}_r, \mathcal{E}_0, \mathcal{\Psi}_0, A$ are constants.

a is a particle radius.

Changing parameter is only \mathbf{K} .

 $\kappa^2 = \frac{2nz^2e^2}{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 kT}$

e elementary charge. $\mathcal{E}_{r}\mathcal{E}_{0}$ dielectric constants.

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- k Boltzmann constant.
- number concentration of ions N
- ion valence \boldsymbol{Z}
- temperature

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n number concentration of ions is increased

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- Z ion valence is increased
- T temperature is decreased

K is increased

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 $V_T(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \psi_0^2 \exp(-\kappa H) - \frac{aA}{12H}$

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Let's draw a diagram.





Schematic diagram of the energy versus distance profile of the DLVO interaction





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Schematic diagram of the energy versus distance profile of the DLVO interaction

(a) Colloidal particles are stable.

(b) If the secondary minimum is deep enough, the colloidal particles are stable.

- (c) Colloids aggregate slowly
- (d) and (e) Colloids aggregate rapidly.



As the ion concentration, *n*, increases, the repulsive energy decreases when compared at the As the ion valence, z, increases, the repulsive energy decreases when

 ζ potential is decreased.

Distance

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Colloids precipitate, when electrolytes, i.e. salts, are added

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This phenomenon is proved by the DLVO theory.

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4. Concept of Rapid Aggregation Theory and Industrial Cases

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Use aggregation

Go back to Beppu sea hell

Why was the silica colloid responsible for the blue color smaller than the wavelength of light?

Why were the silica particles smaller than the wavelength? That's because it didn't aggregate and was stably dispersed in water!

Isoelectric point of oxides

depending on crystal plane, structure, etc.



Aggregation and precipitation of silica colloid

Hot spring water is on the left. The right side is a hot spring water mixed with KCl (potassium chloride) to make a 1 mol/l KCl solution. Completely aggregated and precipitated in 2-3 hours. The silica colloidal aggregates are sunk to the bottom on the right.

Let's take a look at the colloids around us

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Focus on colloidal dispersion and aggregation!

- What is "dispersion"?
- What is "aggregation"?

Tofu is a typical example of a "aggregation" product!

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嬉野温泉環境協会のWeb http://www.spa-u.net/shopping.html?cate=3

Ureshino specialty! Hot spring tofu



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The secret of Ureshino Onsen tofu

The relationship between Ureshino Onsen and





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Why does boiled tofu dissolved in Ureshino Onsen water?

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Tofu

The isoelectric point of normal soybean protein is about 4.5 to 5.0. • Over pH 5: -Below pH 4.5 : + + pH of household water □ 5.0~6.0 -- 夕電位 Homoaggregation near pH Ť the isoelectric point \Box They disperse when the pH is raised.

Tofu is a product of rapid aggregation.

- The main ingredient of nigari, which is used to harden tofu, is magnesium chloride with a small amount of magnesium sulfate.
- Magnesium and calcium dissolve as divalent cations.
- The sulfate ion of magnesium sulfate is a divalent anion.
- In general, when substances aggregate, there is a certain trigger. This is called rapid aggregation, and the trigger is electrolyte ions, that is, salts.
- When you make butter from milk, you use salt, and it's the same.

Tofu is a product of rapid aggregation.

- In aggregative sedimentation, divalent and trivalent ions are overwhelmingly more advantageous than monovalent ions for obtaining the same aggregates. The effect is inversely proportional to the sixth power of the ion valence.
- In other words, magnesium ions have the power to aggregate 6 times, that is, 64 times more than sodium ions even at the same concentration.

Ingredients of Ureshino Onsen

 Ureshino Onsen is a sodium-bicarbonate-chloride spring. It is a weakly alkaline spring (pH7.5-8.5), and the sodium ion content is about 400-500mg in 1kg of sample.

- Since the amount of calcium and magnesium that coagulates tofu is small, the tofu is dispersed due to the pH effect.
- This is not the decomposition of proteins, as is generally said, but a physicochemical phenomenon called "dispersion".



Hardy-Schulze Rule

- Flocculation is controlled by the valency of the counter-ion (added electrolyte with charge opposite that of the particle surface)
- Fewer 3+ ions than 2+ than 1+ ions are needed to cancel out colloid charge on negatively charged colloid → more compact counter-ion cloud (the critical coagulation concentration is lower for 3+ than 2+)





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Rapid coagulation

Colloidal particles in water are dispersed by the electrostatic repulsion between the particle surfaces, and the surface potential of the particles is gradually neutralized by adding oppositely charged electrolyte ions to the solution. The attractive force between the particles becomes strong, finally causing coagulation and then sedimentation. If CI, C2, and C3 are the minimum concentrations of monovalent, divalent, and trivalent counterions necessary to cause coagulation and sedimentation within a certain period of time, the ratio of the reciprocals of the minimum concentrations is 1/CI: 1/C2: 1/C3 = 100 : 1.6 : 0.13, which indicates that the critical aggregation concentration of the colloidal system is inversely proportional to the sixth power of the counter ion valence used. This type of aggregation is called Schultz-Hardy aggregation.

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Schulze-Hardy rule

This rule is given a theoretical basis from the DLVO theory.

$$V_T(H) = 2\pi a \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \psi_0^2 \exp(-\kappa h) - \frac{aA}{12H}$$

As the electrolyte concentration is increased, a point corresponding to Vm appears in the figure.
 This is the critical coagulation Concentration (C_C), which is expressed by the following equation.



 $c_c = 8 \times 10^{-22} \frac{r^4}{A^2 v^6}$

The reciprocal of the valence, v, to the 6th power proved this rule.

Colloids in life

🗆 Udon

The concept of colloidal surface chemistry is also included in "Udon"!

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The amount of salt used for Sanuki udon is 3% or more of the flour.

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Sanuki Udon

The fabric is stable and does not sag too much.

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- Wheat flour can be kneaded in fresh water to form gluten, but salt water produces stronger gluten.
- This is called the astringent effect of salt, and it becomes the base of the udon noodles.

 The salt helps keep the dough from getting mushy if it's ripened for the right amount of time.
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Flotation

 In flotation, after finely ground ore is suspended in water, fine air bubbles are generated in the water. Hydrophobic minerals adhere to the bubbles. Then, the minerals are recovered along with the floating bubbles. Flotation agents such as collectors are used to create differences in wettability between minerals.



Removal of Dioxin and PCB



Dioxins, PCBs in water

Adsorption then aggregation

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Removal by sedimentation

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Removal of radioactive cesium by coagulation sedimentation treatment



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Development of dispersion/aggregation control

- protective colloid
 - Polymer systems, biological systems, soft materials...
- Nanoink coating technology
 - Metal nanoink, Conductive oxide nanoink, Nanocarbon material ink
- slurry
 - metal slurry, ceramic slurry

Controlling dispersion and aggregation is very important in practical processes in many heterogeneous systems (solid-liquid, liquid-solid, etc.). Basically, we can discuss only van der Waals and electrostatic repulsive forces, but there are cases where hydrophobic interactions (outside the purpose of

today's lecture) should be taken into consideration.

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Synthesis method of nanoparticles

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ITO nanoparticles, etc.

Nano world : What is "nano"?

1 m の 1/1000 → 1 mm 1 mm の 1/1000 → 1 μm

1 μm の 1/1000 **→** 1 nm

1 nm = 1/1,000,000,000 m (= 1/10⁹ m) billionth of a meter is 1 nm !!!



I want to see the marbles on the earth!

Observed at 10⁹ times



Earth 12,000 km = 12 x 10⁹ mm

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Nanoparticles 1.5 nm

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The world of various sizes and the world of particles



What's monodispersed particles

Monodispersed particles refer to a group of particles that are uniform in size, morphology, structure and composition.

In general, the standard deviation of size is within 10%.

Since monodisperse particles have uniform properties as described above, they themselves can be used as functional materials. This is because the characteristics of each individual particle are reflected as they are, rather than being averaged over the whole.

For example, if iron oxide (α -Fe2O3) is not monodisperse particles, it is a bright red paint called red iron oxide. The size is about 1 μ m, and if the shape is long, it will be yellowish, and if it is flat, it will be bright red.

Stöber Silica fine particles



They are beautiful monodisperse particles and are widely used industrially.

General guidelines for monodisperse particle synthesis

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1. Separation of nucleation and particle growth

- 2. Prevention of inter-particle coagulation
- 3. Storing particle precursors

(T. Sugimoto, Adv. Colloid Interface Sci. 28, 65 (1987).)

LaMer model - kinetics



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'Separation of Nucleation and Grain Growth' Nucleation and particle growth can apparently be separated by increasing the time difference between them.

Gibbs-Thomson effect

The Gibbs-Thomson effect on the particle size dependence of solubility is expressed by the following equation.

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$ln(C_r/C_{\infty}) = 2\gamma V_M / (rRT)$

where Cr is the equilibrium solute concentration for a particle of radius r, C ∞ is the equilibrium solute concentration for an infinite plane (solubility), γ is the surface free energy (more precisely, the interfacial free energy at this solid/liquid interface), VM is the molar volume (volume of 1 mol of substance, ie molar mass/specific gravity), r is the particle radius, R is the gas constant, and T is the temperature.

Roughly speaking, it can be seen that the Gibbs-Thomson effect appears in fine particle systems of about 1 µm or less. At 1 nm, the value is extremely large. At this size, the application of macroscopic thermodynamics is problematic in itself.

Size of stable nuclei

Nucleation

Formation of embryo \rightarrow Unstable nuclei

Stable nuclei are generated according to the uncertainty principle.

Size of stable nuclei depends on solubility.

A material with high solubility has a large stable nucleus size.

The stable nucleus size of materials with low solubility is small and may not grow.

Separation of nucleation and particle growth

Supersaturation control

- Dilute System or Reservoir
- The supersaturation required for homogeneous nucleation is usually greater than for heterogeneous nucleation

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Control of nucleation period

 Remarkably shorten the nucleation period compared to the growth period, etc.

Growth speed control ~ 2 growth modes

Surface reaction controlled growth

 If the growth reaction on the particle surface is rate-determining, it grows in proportion to the 1/2 power of time 96

• Growth is slow in principle.

Diffusion controlled growth

- If diffusion is rate-limiting, it grows squarely with time. (parabola)
- In principle, it grows quickly.

Homogeneous nucleation

When n mol of solute precipitates in a solution and a crystalline phase (solid phase) with radius r is formed (homogeneous nucleation), the free energy change $\Delta G(n)$ is as follows. $\Delta G(n) = \Delta \pi r^2 \gamma = n \Delta \mu$

$$\Delta G(n) = 4\pi r^2 \gamma - n\Delta \mu$$

 γ is the liquid-solid interfacial energy, $\Delta\mu$ is the free energy per mol, and $\Delta\mu$ is the function of supersaturation. As supersaturation increases, $\Delta\mu$ also increases. Assuming that the precipitated crystal phase is spherical, the following can be written with v being the molar volume of the crystal phase.

$$\Delta G(n) = 4\pi r^2 \gamma - \left(4\pi r^3 \Delta \mu\right)/3\nu$$

θ

Heterogeneous nucleation

If the wetting angle between the solute and the plane is θ , and the radius of curvature is r, the energy change $\Delta G'(r)$ associated with the precipitation is expressed as follows.

$$\Delta G'(r) = \left\{ 4\pi r^2 \gamma - \left(4\pi r^3 \Delta \mu \right) / 3\nu \right\} \times f(\theta)$$

$$f(\theta) = \left\{ (1 - \cos \theta) \left(2 - \cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta \right) \right\} / 4$$

$$\therefore 0 \le f(\theta) \le 1$$

that maximizes $\Delta G(r)$ is

Differentiate with respect to r and equal to 0. Here, the value of r that maximizes $\Delta G(r)$ is called the critical radius (critical radius of curvature) and is expressed as r^{*}.

 $r^* = 2\gamma v / \Delta \mu$ In other words, it is the size of the stable nucleus.

If the critical radius of curvature is r*, then the volumes of precipitation nuclei are as follows.

Homogeneous

$$(4\pi/3) \times (r^*)^3$$

Heterogeneous

$$(4\pi/3) \times (r^*)^3 \times f(\theta)$$

The heterogeneous nucleus always has a smaller volume.

The formation rate, J, of homogeneous nucleation and heterogeneous nucleation is as follows.

$$J_{\text{homo}} = N_A \exp(-\Delta G(r^*)/RT)$$
$$J_{\text{hetero}} = N_C \exp(-\Delta G'(r^*)/RT)$$

The rate ratio of homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation is as follows.

$$N_A \cong N_C$$

$$\therefore J_{\text{homo}} / J_{\text{hetero}} = \exp\left[-\Delta G(r^*) \{1 - f(\theta)\}\right] / RT$$

The ratio is always less than one. That is, heterogeneous nucleation is also kinetically advantageous.



Prevention of aggregation

Dilute system

 Aggregation is prevented by the electrostatic repulsive force of the electric double layer caused by lowering the salt concentration.

Protective colloids

• By adsorbing them on the particle surface.

Particle fixation

 Brownian motion is suppressed by immobilization on a gel network.

Storing monomers

Reserver

- Oxide particles: Water is the reservoir for O in the oxide. Therefore, the release rate of metal ions should be controlled.
- Metallic particles: Metals have very low solubility, so it is necessary to devise ways to grow them.

Addition from outside

• Like silver halide, the double jet method is used.

Synthesis methods of monodispersed fine particles

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Sol-gel method, dilute system, etc.

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Stöber silica



Synthesis conditions:

TEOS=Tetraethylorthosili cate, Si(-O-C₂H₅)₄ 0.1~ 0.5 mol/L

Solvent=ethanol

 NH_3 as catalyst = 1~10 mol/L

H2O= 0.5~2.0 mol/L

0**~**30 °C

Particles made by sol-gel method

TiO2, ZrO2, etc.

Since the temperature is low, many of them are amorphous immediately after preparation. Therefore, it may be subjected to high temperature treatment.

In the amorphous case, the particles are spherical.

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Other methods

Dilute system

• Matijevic colloids, etc.

Polystyrene latex

- polymerization reaction
- emulsion
- There is a difference between using and not using a surfactant

Others

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LaMer model - kinetics



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'Separation of Nucleation and Grain Growth' Nucleation and particle growth can apparently be separated by increasing the time difference between them.

Gel-sol method

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Aggregation prevention mechanism

Hematite (α-Fe2O3) particles are immobilized in the gel network.

Gel network of β-FeOOH (intermediate product)

Gel network Monomers

Growing particles

For example, in the synthesis of hematite (α -Fe2O3) particles, a dense amorphous iron hydroxide gel is used as a precursor solid, and the phase transition occurs in two steps: amorphous iron hydroxide \rightarrow hydrated iron oxide (akaganite) \rightarrow hematite. do. In this case, the intermediate product, iron oxide hydrate, serves as a reservoir for the hematite precursor and has an effect of suppressing aggregation. In addition, the control of the shape of hematite is achieved by the coexistence of adsorptive ions such as sulfate groups and phosphate groups.

Choice of reservoir

Solute is supplied during grain growth. Choose a solid or complex with sufficiently low solubility or release rate.
Ingenuity to prevent aggregation

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Use of gel network Addition of aggregation reducing agent

Addition of protective colloids such as gelatin



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By Gel-sol method **Synthesis of monodisperse hematite particles**



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Synthesis of Uniform Metallic Nickel Particles from Concentrated Nickel Hydroxide Suspension



Synthesis of spindle-shaped uniform titania particles by gel-sol method

Titanium isopropoxide: 0.5 M Triethanolamine: 1.0 M

(inhibitor to rapid hydrolysis)

MNH3 aq.

Highly viscous gel-like substance

Spindle type uniform titania particles

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0.2 μm

Time evolution in titania particle synthesis (a) 0, (b) 1 day, (c) 2 days, and (d) 3 days

Concentration changes of TiO_2 , $Ti(OH)_4$, and supernatant Ti^{4+} ions during the 2nd aging (pH = 10)

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Monodispersed metal sulfide particles

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BaTiO₃, SrTiO₃

Synthesis of perovskite oxides

Direct synthesis from the liquid phase is possible using the gel-sol method.

Commercial products are made by solid phase reaction.

Synthesis method of BaTiO₃/SrTiO₃ fine particles



Cubic BaTiO₃



Our method BT01

BT02^{Commercial} BT03^{200 nm} (High Purity Chemicals) (Wako Pure Chemicals)

XRD



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TG curves in Ar



Cubic SrTiO₃



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XRD



TG curves in Ar



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particle morphology

Shape in equilibrium or growth

• Equilibrium control or kinetic control

Mostly growth shape

Equilibrium shapes are found in some minerals.

The growth shape is created by the difference in growth speed in the normal direction of each surface.

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Therefore, the particle morphology can be controlled by varying the growth rate.