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Surface Chemistry

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Adsorption — Adsorption is a process where gaseous solid particles are adhered on the solid surface. The gaseous particles are known as adsorbate particles and the solid surface is known as adsorbent.

Two types of Adsorption —

- Physical Adsorption
- Chemical Adsorption.

Physical Adsorption: — When adsorbate particles are adhered on the adsorbent (surface) by means of Vander waals forces, the process is known as physical adsorption or physisorption.

Chemical Adsorption — When adsorbate gaseous particles are bonded chemically with the adsorbent (surface) the process is known as chemical adsorption or chemisorption.

Differences

Physical adsorption	Chemical adsorption.
1. Vander waals bonding is present	1. Chemical bond is present.
2. Low enthalpy evolved ranging from 5-20 kcal/mole	2. High enthalpy evolved, usually from 80 to 120 kcal/mole.
3. High pressure favours	3. Low pressure favours.
4. Physical adsorption occurs in multilayers	4. Chemical adsorption occurs in monolayer.

① Freundlich Adsorption Isotherm

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The process of Adsorption depends on Pressure and temperature. The ~~adsorbent~~ ^{adsorbate} particles fall on the solid surface (adsorbent) follow some principles. Freundlich put-forwarded that the fraction of adsorption depends on pressure.

Let x is the particles already adsorbed by the mass, m at the solid surface. so that

$$\frac{x}{m} = K P^{1/n} \quad \text{where } n \rightarrow \text{no of particles} \\ K \rightarrow \text{constant.}$$

Taking log on both sides

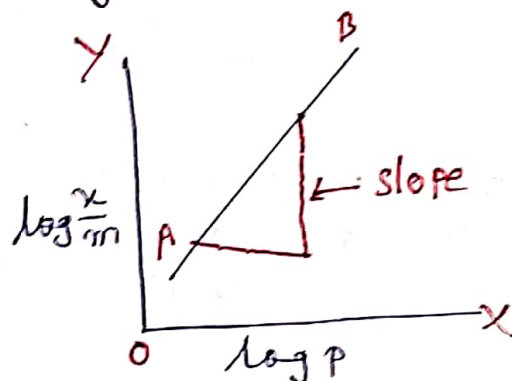
$$\ln \frac{x}{m} = \ln K + \frac{1}{n} \ln P$$

or $\log \frac{x}{m} = \log K + \frac{1}{n} \log P$

If $\log \frac{x}{m}$ is plotted against P a straight line will be obtained

AB is a straight line

The $\text{Slope} = \log \frac{x}{m}$



Freundlich Adsorption isotherm is physical adsorption where bondings are formed due to Vander Waals forces. It occurs in multilayer and effective at high pressure