



Short course on

Continuous Chromatography for Biotherapeutics

3rd – 7th September 2017

Aim

The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to continuous chromatography with hands-on practice with novel capture and polishing processes for biomolecules. These processes lead to improvements in productivity and manufacturing costs and may be even enabling in difficult purification challenges, such as antibody-drug conjugates or biosimilars. Attendees will acquire the basic tools to design, run and evaluate multicolumn processes and to quantify these improvements, serving as basis for an economic evaluation. As the least complex of all multi-column processes, the workshop is focused on twin column chromatography.

Scope

- Introduction to continuous chromatography for biomolecules
- Theory of multi-column chromatography
- Design of multi-column chromatography processes
- Hands-on training on twin column equipment capture and polishing applications
- Process performance evaluation and scale-up

This workshop does not cover 4-zone SMB, chiral and small molecule separations.

Who should attend

This course is aimed at industry and academic separation scientists and bioprocess development engineers who already have some familiarity with single column chromatography and who want to broaden their understanding of chromatographic processes and look at new and more efficient ways to separate and polish biomolecules.

Format

The course takes the form of presentations and interactive workshops using laboratory-scale Contichrom CUBE Combined twin column separation & purification systems. Supervisors and graduate assistants will support the participants during the interactive workshops and data analysis sessions.

“The continuous chromatography course had an excellent balance of theoretical content and laboratory based exercises. It was great to explore the significant gains observed in productivity, buffer consumption and resin utilization over batch chromatography.”

PhD. Theresa Ahern, Eli Lilly (IE)

Course leaders



Massimo Morbidelli *Ph.D., Professor of Chemical Reaction and Separation Technologies in the Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences, ETH Zurich.*

A pioneer in preparative continuous chromatography and in particular in the application of multicolumn technologies for protein purification in the pharma industry, Prof. Morbidelli has co-authored over 500 research articles and four books. He serves as associate editor for the Industrial & Engineering Chemical Research journal of the ACS and is the recipient of the 2005 RH Wilhelm award from the AIChE and of the 2014 Gerhard Damkoehler medal of DECHEMA. He is a co-founder of ChromaCon AG in Zurich.



Thomas Müller-Späth, *Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer at ChromaCon AG in Zurich.*

After an assignment at Bayer Healthcare, Thomas completed his doctoral work on continuous chromatography of biomolecules in the group of Prof. Morbidelli, and co-founded ChromaCon AG to bring the technology to the market. He has been working on internal and external research projects with industrial partners, development of chromatography processes and equipment, and IP management. He has presented on numerous workshops and conferences on continuous chromatography and has co-authored over 20 publications and patents.

Supervisors and tutors

To be defined

Venue

The course will be held at ETH Zürich (ETH Hönggerberg site) at the modern and well-equipped chemistry building.

Zürich is the largest town in Switzerland and well-connected to the rest of Europe. ETH is minutes from both the main international railway station Zürich Hauptbahnhof, and Zurich International Airport.

Note: As the workshops will take place in a laboratory environment we ask that participants dress appropriately. Safety glasses and lab coats will be provided.

Course program

Sunday, September 3rd

Lecture 1: General introduction
Reception and dinner

Monday, September 4th

Lecture 2: Basics of continuous chromatography
Lab workshop 1: Batch capture
Lecture 3: Insight into continuous capture processes
Evaluation workshop 1: Batch capture
Lab workshop 2: Continuous Capture

Tuesday, September 5th

Lecture 4: Performance evaluation of continuous chromatography
Evaluation workshop 2: Continuous Capture
Lab workshop 3: Gradient Batch
Presentation of BT, Batch and CSMB results by groups
Lecture 5: Continuous polishing of biomolecules
Lab workshop 4: MCSGP
Evening program

Wednesday, September 6th

Lecture 6: Integrated continuous chromatography
Simulation Workshop: Process simulation
Evaluation Workshop 3 and 4: Batch
Presentation of polishing results by groups
Lecture 7: Modelling and simulations
Lab Workshop 5: N-Rich process

Thursday, September 7th

Lecture 8: N-Rich process for impurity isolation
Evaluation Workshop 4: N-Rich process
Presentation of N-Rich results by groups
Lecture 9: Scale-up of continuous chromatography
Lecture 10: Course wrap up

This program might be subject to minor changes.

“Great to learn all the potential and application of the different ways of using continuous chromatography and learn that this is not just a smart way of working in research, but that it can be implemented in large scale production.”

PhD. Mercedes Ferreras, Novo Nordisk (DK)

Course fees

The course fee is CHF 4'000 (CHF 2'500 for students). This includes lecture summaries in paper and electronic formats, materials used during the workshop, internet access (wifi), lunch and coffee breaks as well as two dinners. It does not include accommodation, travel costs or catering other than indicated above.

Terms of condition

Confirmation: A confirmation of participation will be provided to each participant after completing the course.

Number of participants: A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 participants will be accepted in the course.

Cancellation policy: Cancellation of registration must be submitted in writing or via email and is valid only with acknowledgement of receipt by the course officer. Cancellations made after 1st Aug 2017 will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.

Cancellations made after 15th August 2017 will be subject to the total fee. A colleague or associate may be substituted without penalty. Full refunds will be made in the case that the course is cancelled due to insufficient enrolment.

Accommodation

Travel and accommodation are not included in the course fee; however we have sourced a special accommodation rate at the following 3* town hotels:

Hotel Leoneck (www.leoneck.ch)

Single room @ CHF 155, double room @ CHF 195
Booking code: "ETHcor"

Hotel Coronado (www.welcomehotels.ch/de/coronado/)

Single room @ CHF 150, double room @ CHF 195
Booking code: "ICB CONTICHROM WORKSHOP"

All prices indicated are per night and breakfast included. To benefit from a special discount, use the codes indicated above (offer valid until July 31st, 2017).

Disclaiming statements

ETH and the course organisers will not assume responsibility for medical expenses of participants or damage caused by participants.

All participants are urged to ensure that they are covered by their own travel, health and liability insurance policies while traveling to and from and while attending the course.

ETH and the course organisers are not responsible for private possessions lost or stolen at a course.

Registration

Please use the following link for registration:

registration

(<https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/continuing-education/programmes-and-courses/suche.html?polycourseid=1444>)

Registration is only complete after payment.

Registration is binding unless the minimum of participants cannot be reached.

Only participants with industry and academic affiliation can be accepted, no vendors.

Registration deadline is May 31th, 2017.

To register past the deadline, please write to the course officer at alexia.berchtold@chem.ethz.ch to check if places are still available.

The online registration is in German only. On request, the course officer will send you a manual in English that guides you through the application process.

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