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COLLOIDAL SOLUTIONS
COARSELY DISPERSED SYSTEMS

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Disperse system is a system consisting of two or more phases.

One of them which mass prevails is named a disperse medium.

The other phase (or few phases) being in it in dispersed state in a form of fine particles is named a disperse phase.

Classification of disperse systems

1. According to a disperse phase dispersion degree :

- 1) coarsely dispersed (particle diameter is more than 10^{-7} m),
- 2) fine-grained (particle diameter is 10^{-7} - 10^{-9} m)
- 3) molecular dispersed (particle diameter is less than 10^{-9} m).

Classification of disperse systems

2. According to the aggregate state of the disperse phase and the disperse medium the disperse systems are classified into 8 types.

S/L, L/L, G/L, S/S, L/S, G/S, S/G, L/G

3. According to the interphase interaction:

1) lyophobic

2) lyophilic

Methods of colloidal solutions preparation

1. Dispergation methods (breaking up larger particles to the colloid dispersion degree)

2. Condensation methods (association of atoms, molecules or ions to form colloidal particles).

Colloidal solutions purification methods

- **Dialysis**
- **Electrodialysis**
- **Ultrafiltration**

Structure of colloidal particles

Each sol consists of micelles and intermicellar liquid.

***Micelle** is an electrically neutral particle of a disperse phase with the double electrical layer surrounding it.*

The main parts of a micelle structure :

nucleus

adsorbed layer

diffuse layer

The process of settling of disperse phase particles under the action of forces of different nature (gravitational, centrifugal, electrical) is called *sedimentation*.

The process of colloidal particles combining into larger aggregates due to loss of aggregation stability is called coagulation

Coarsely dispersed systems

Aerosols are disperse systems with a gas disperse medium and a liquid or solid disperse phase (mists, smokes or dusts, smogs).

Powders are coarsely dispersed systems with a solid disperse phase and a gaseous disperse medium. The disperse phase particles diameter is 10^{-8} - 10^{-4} m.

Suspensions are coarsely dispersed systems with a solid disperse phase and a liquid dispersion medium.

Coarsely dispersed systems

Pastes are coarsely dispersed systems with high concentration of a solid disperse phase in a liquid disperse medium. Mass fraction of the disperse phase is 25-75%.

Emulsions are micro-heterogeneous systems consisting of two liquids which do not mix with each other because of different polarity.

Coalescence is a phenomena of adhesion of a disperse phase drops.

The formation of aggregates of a few drops which do not merge but exist individually is called **flocculation**.