
Reactive Extraction: Stoichiometry and Equilibrium Experiments and Evaluation

PhD seminar on Extraction - DECHEMA - Aachen

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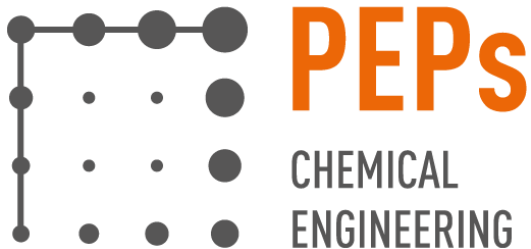
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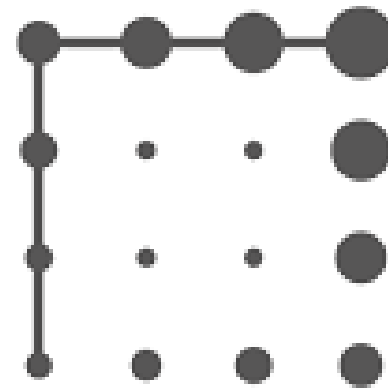
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agenda

- reactive extraction equations
- experiments and characterization
- experimental results
- equilibrium and stoichiometry evaluation

equilibrium constant and stoichiometric coefficient

■ extraction reaction



■ equilibrium constant

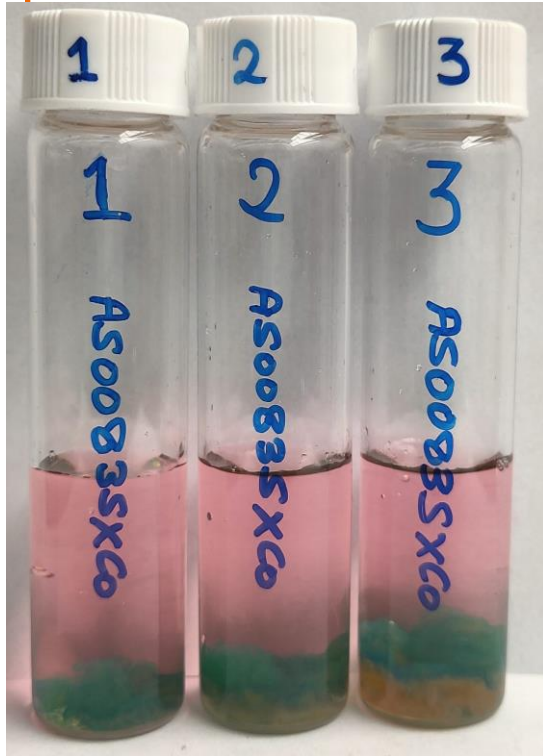
$$K_c = \frac{C_{MR_{\beta} (RH)_{\alpha-\beta}} C_{H^{+}}^{\beta}}{C_{M^{\beta+}} C_{RH}^{\alpha}}$$

$$K = K_c \frac{C_{RH}^{\alpha}}{C_{H^{+}}^{\beta}}$$

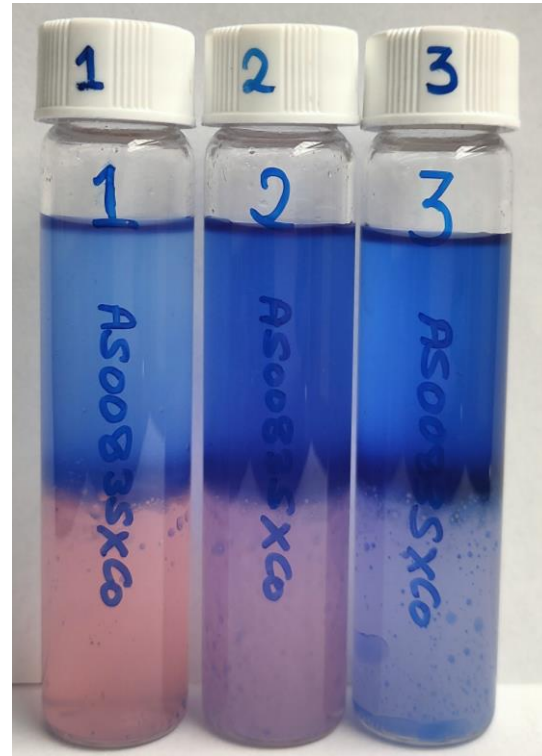
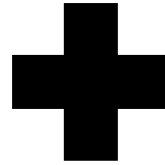
partition coefficient

$$K = \frac{C_{MR_{\beta} (RH)_{\alpha-\beta}}}{C_{M^{\beta+}}}$$

extraction experiment – cobalt-D2EHPA system

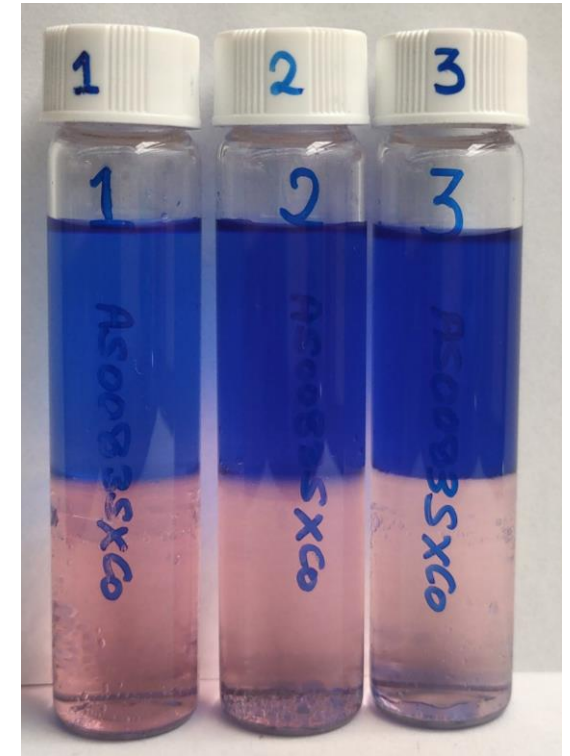
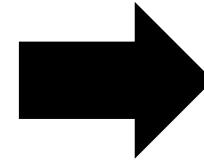


aqueous
distilled water
 Co^{2+}
 NaOH



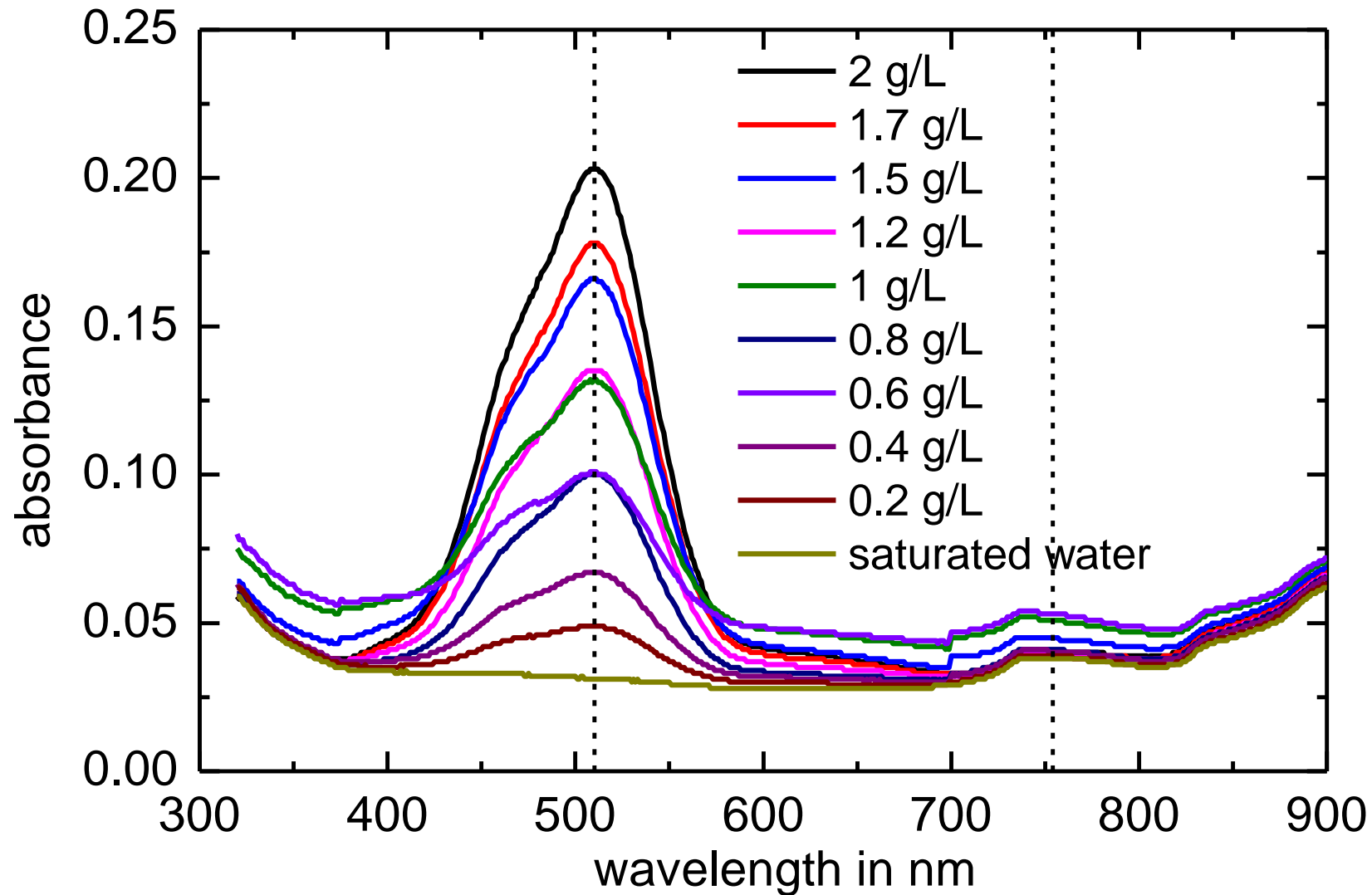
aqueous + organic
D2EHPA
kerosene

10 min mixing
1h settling

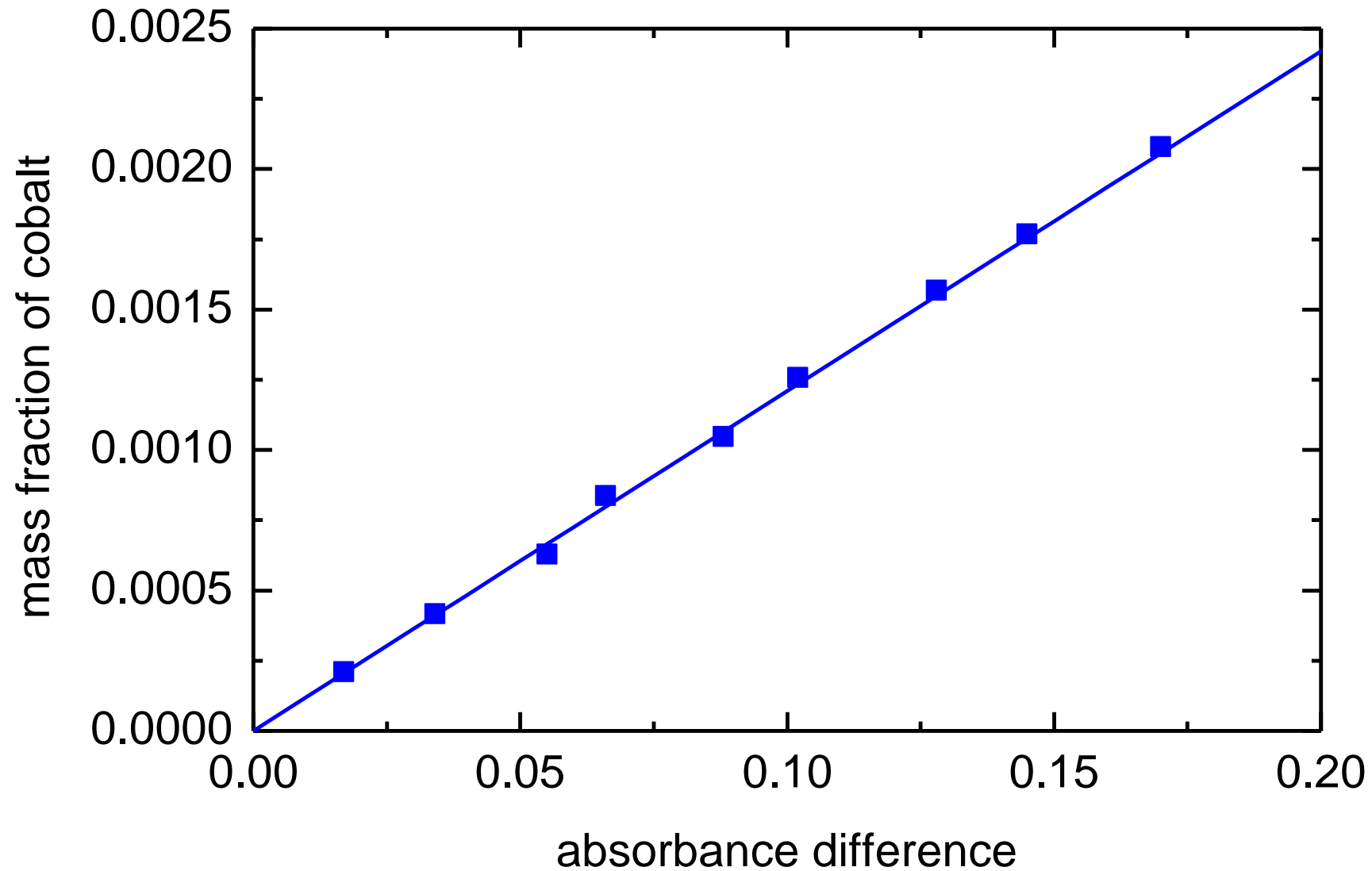


extraction equilibrium

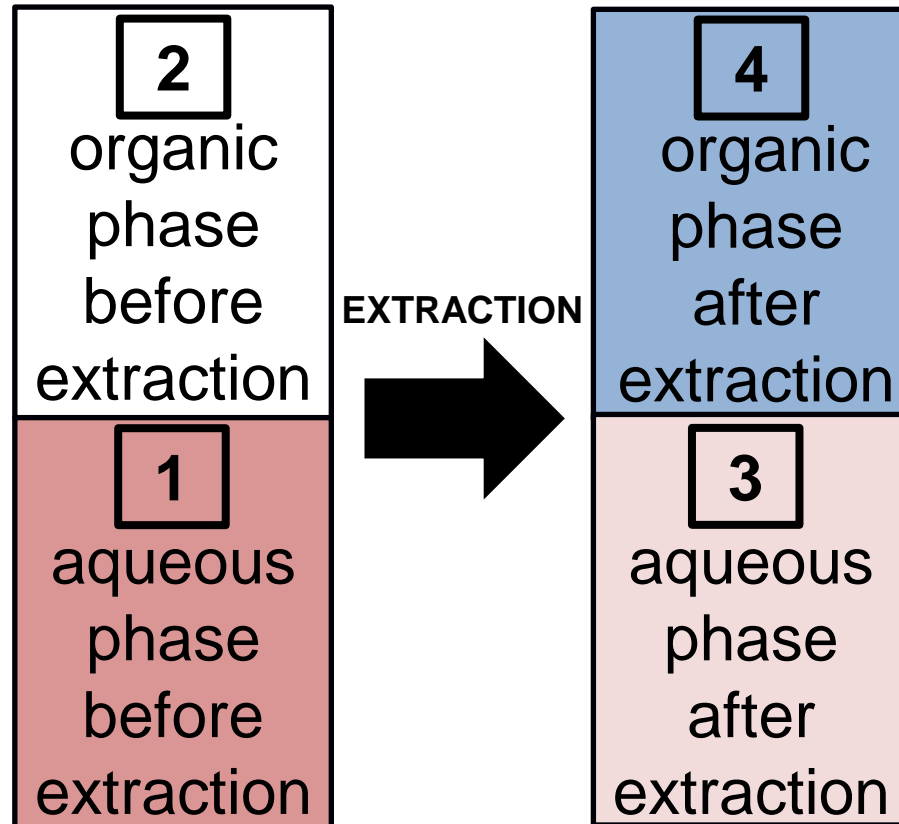
cobalt characterization – aqueous UV-vis spectroscopy



cobalt characterization – calibration curve

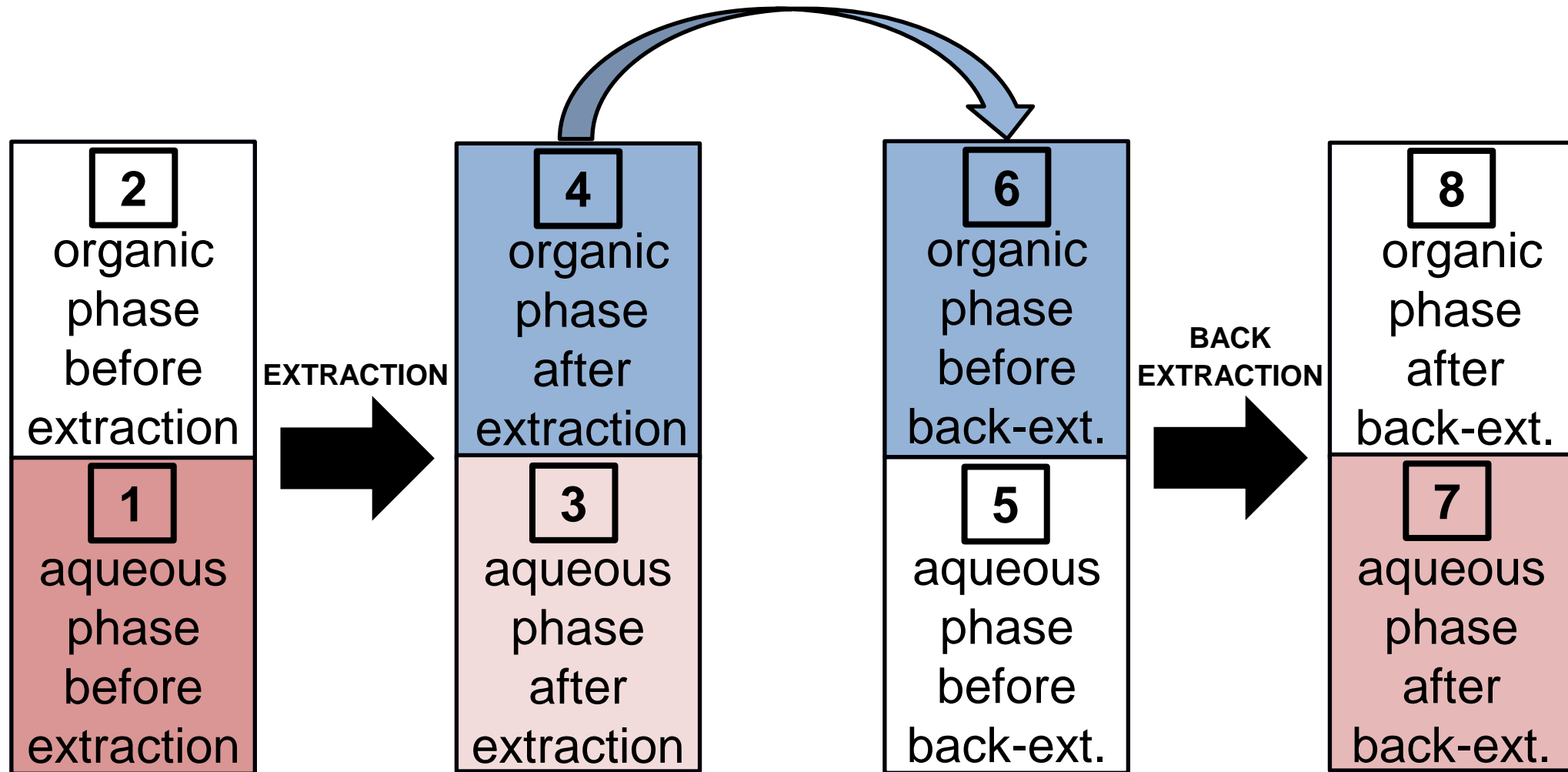


method 1: extraction

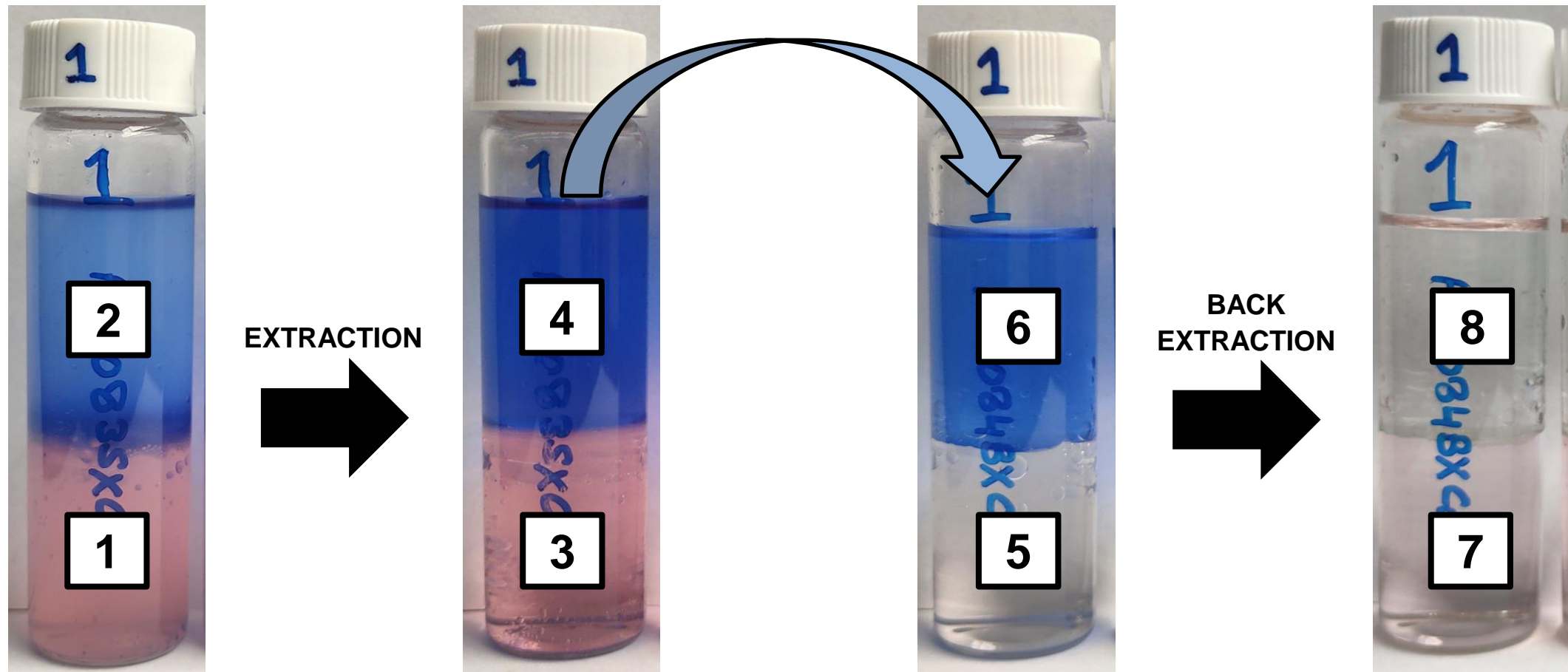


$$E = \frac{m_{M^{\beta+},1} - m_{M^{\beta+},3}}{m_{M^{\beta+},1}}$$

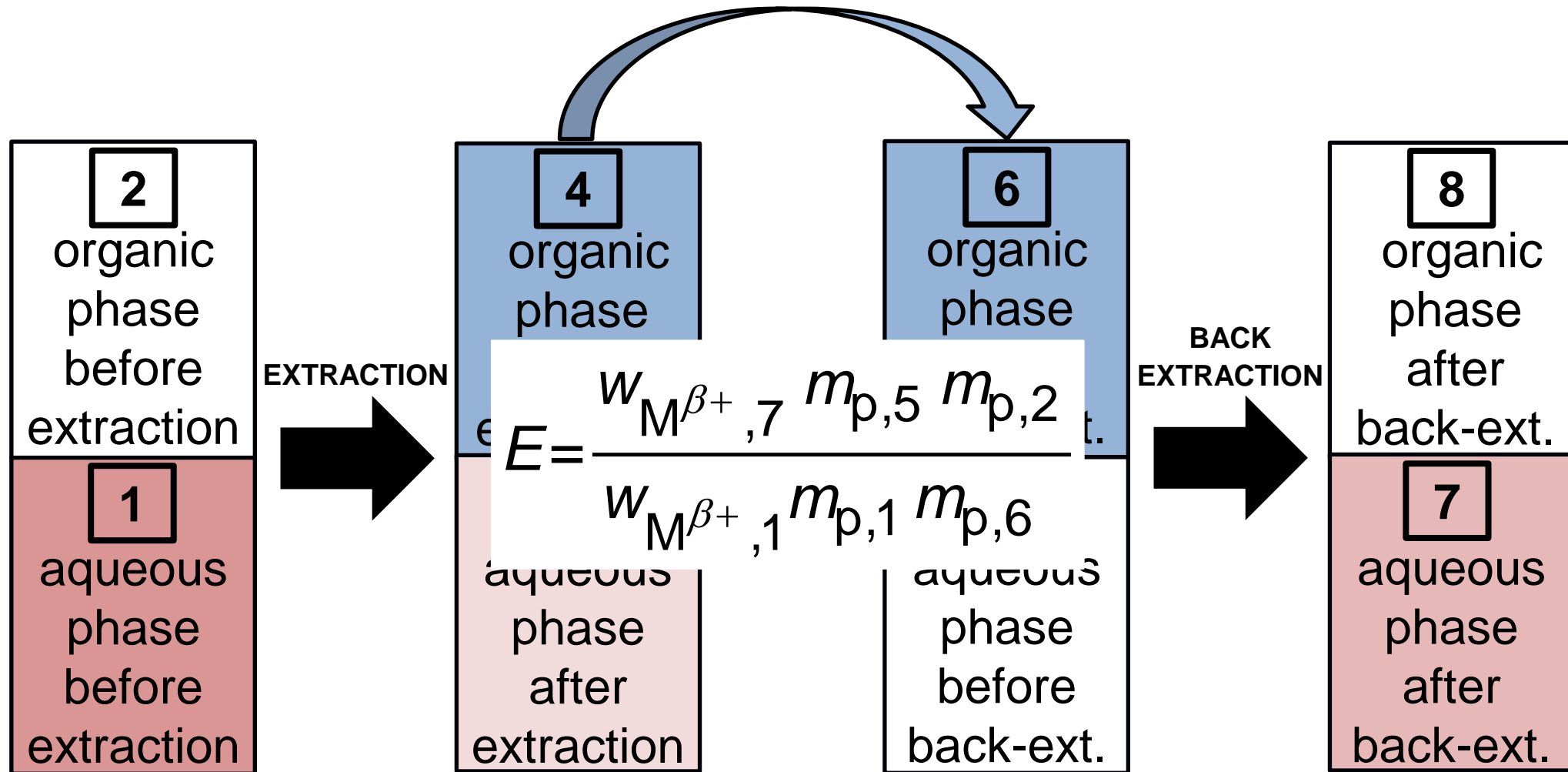
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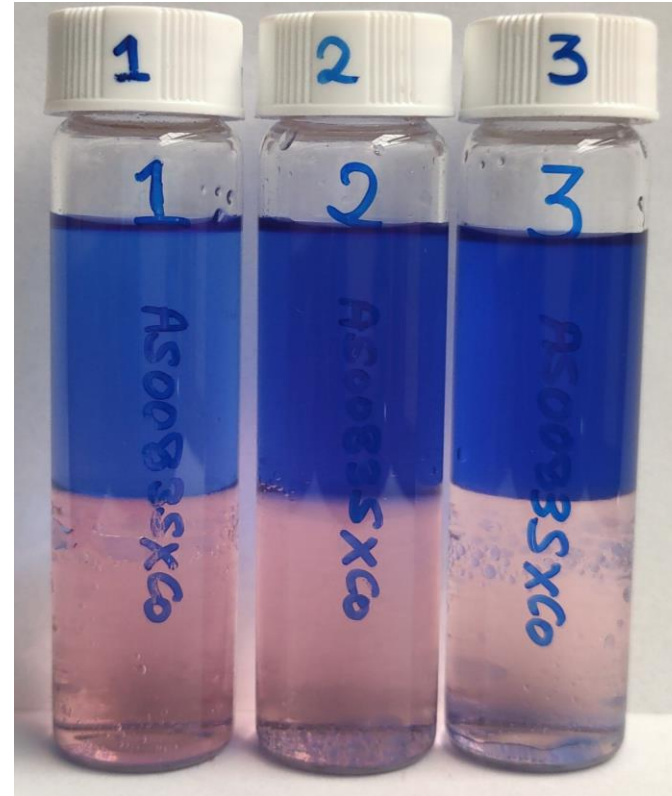
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extraction experiments

- Co-D2EHPA system
- 2 g/L cobalt
- 10 vol-% D2EHPA
- kerosene diluent
- NaOH for pH shift
- 1 M HCl for back-extraction

extraction



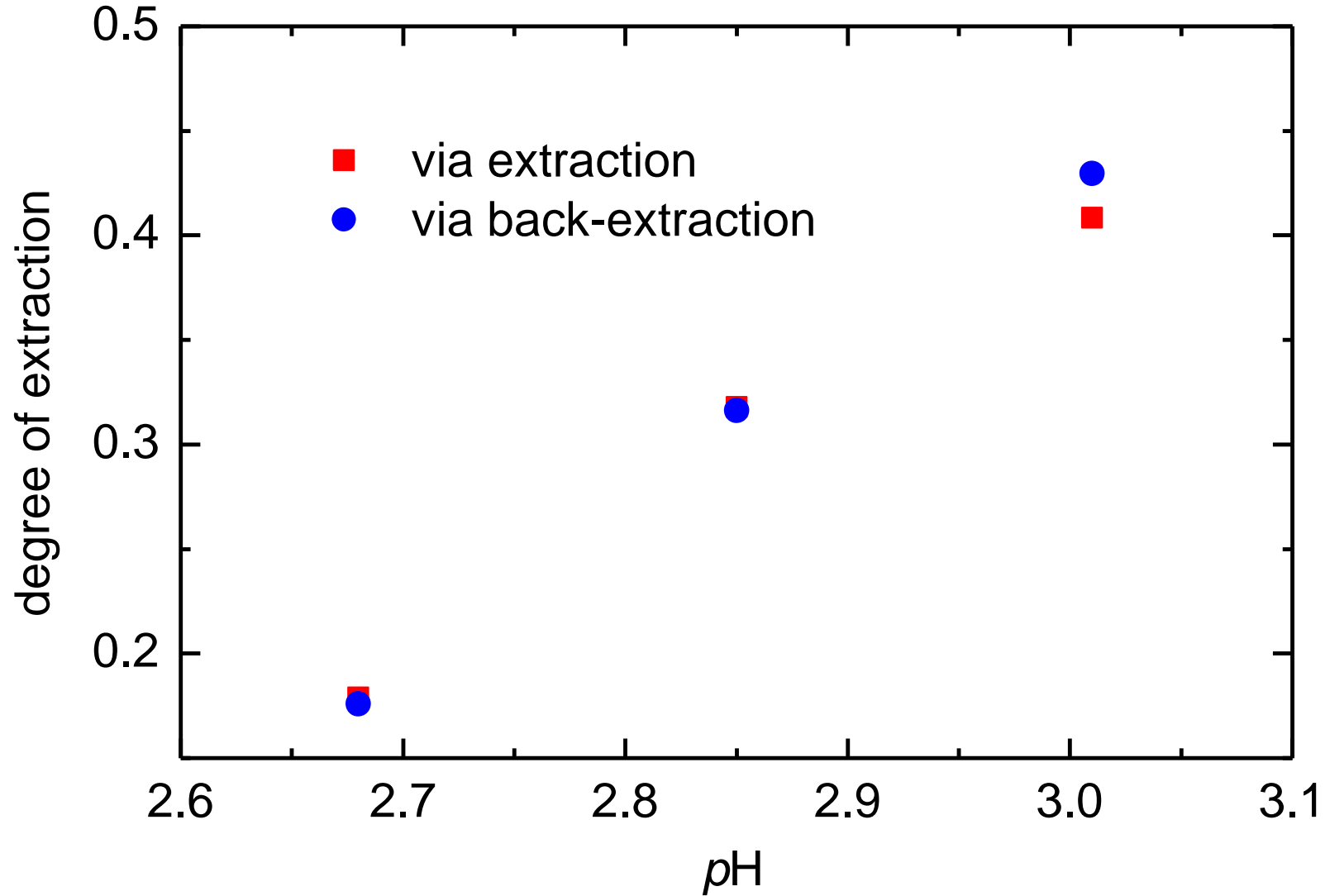
equilibrium pH: 2.68 2.85 3.01

back-extraction

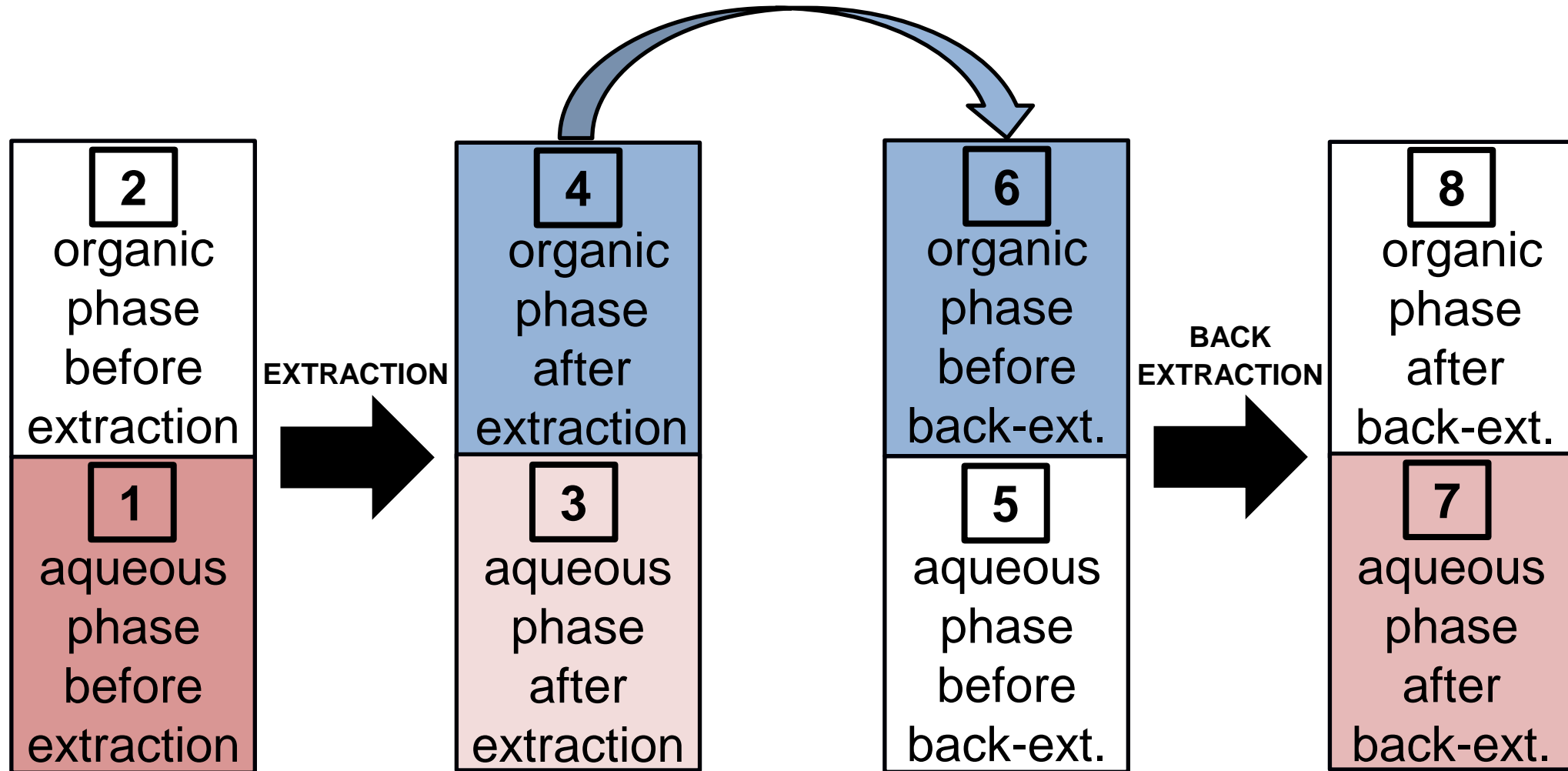


1.44 1.52 1.58

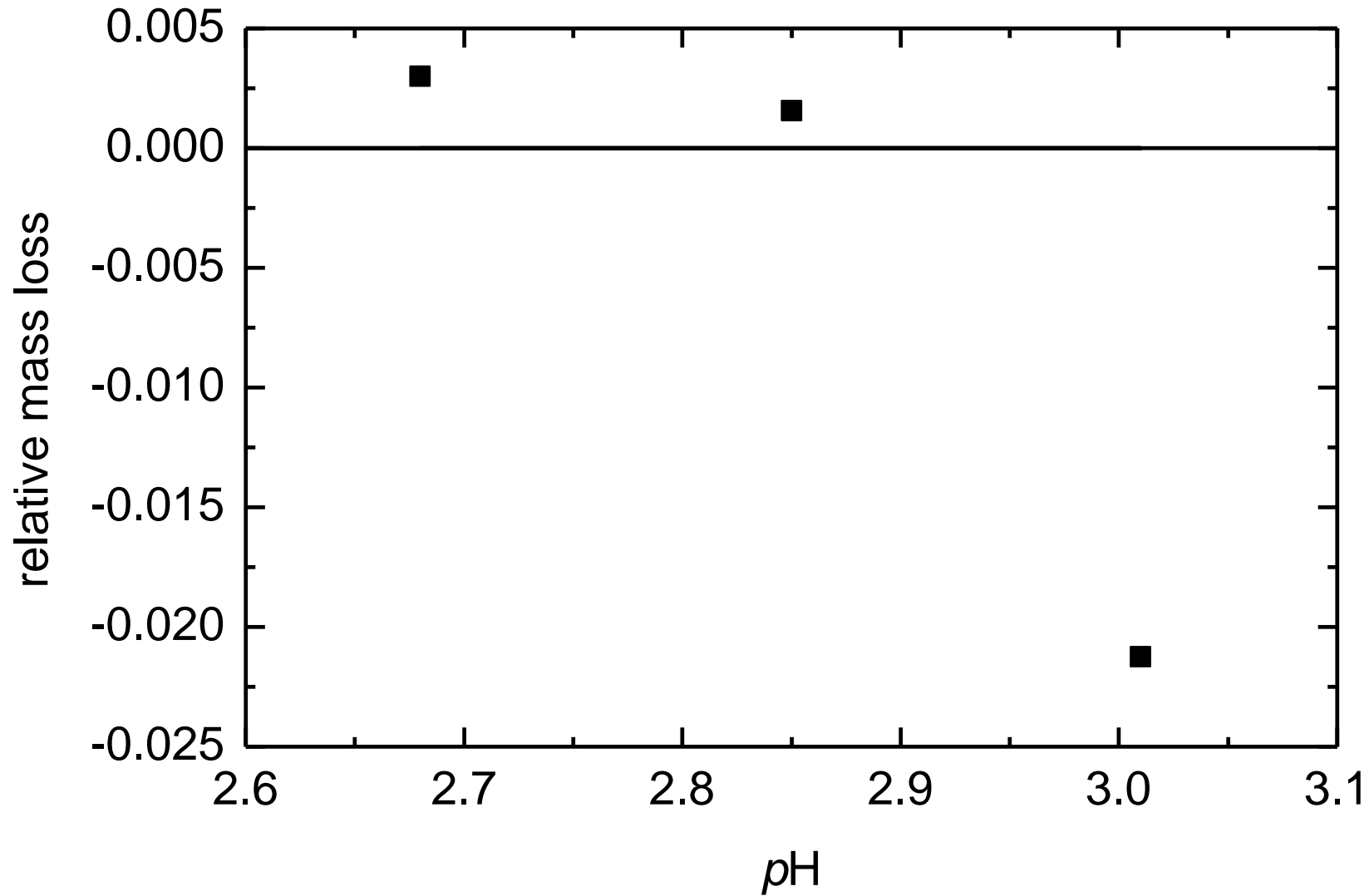
comparison of the two methods



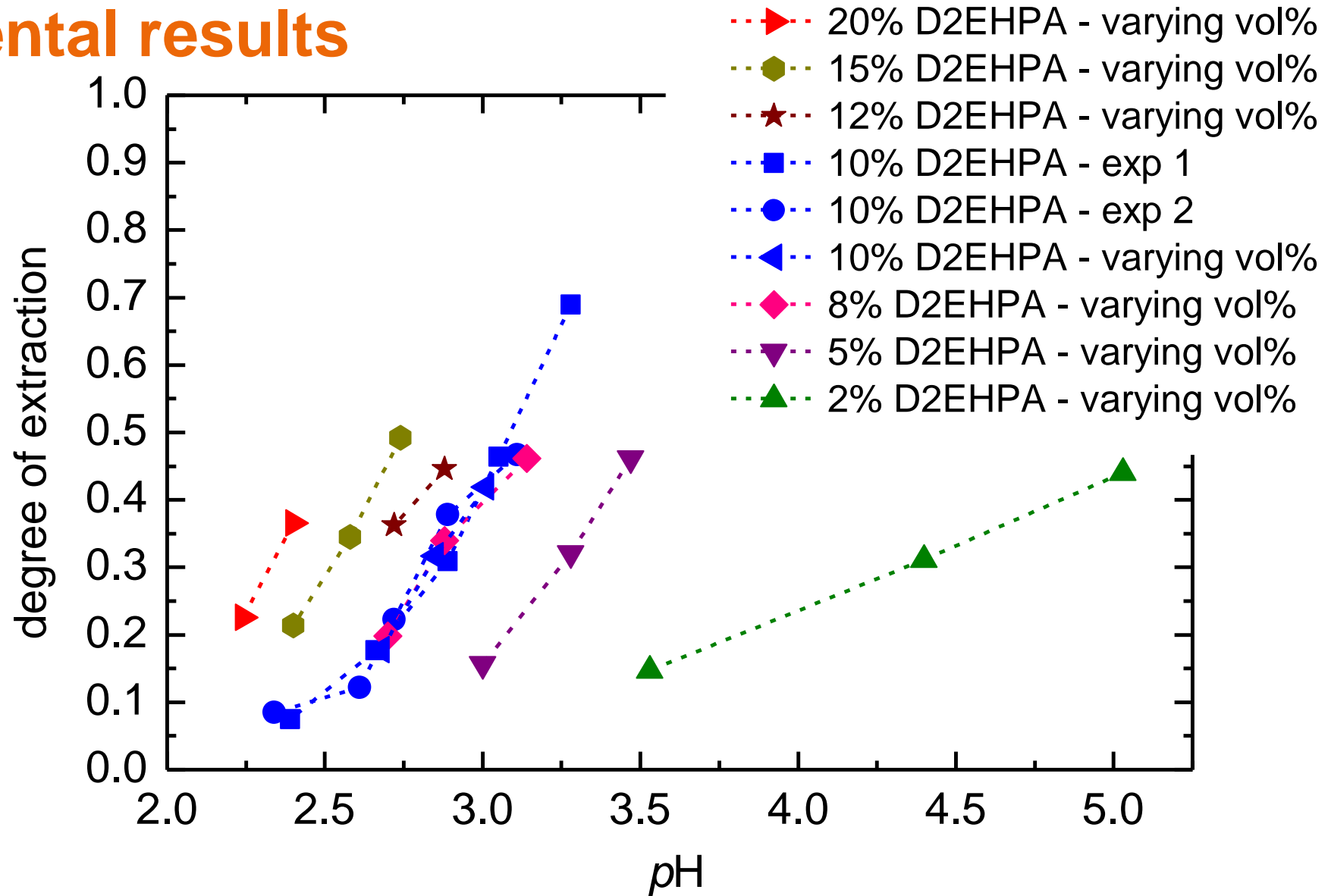
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experimental results



K_c and α computation – linear fit

- extraction reaction



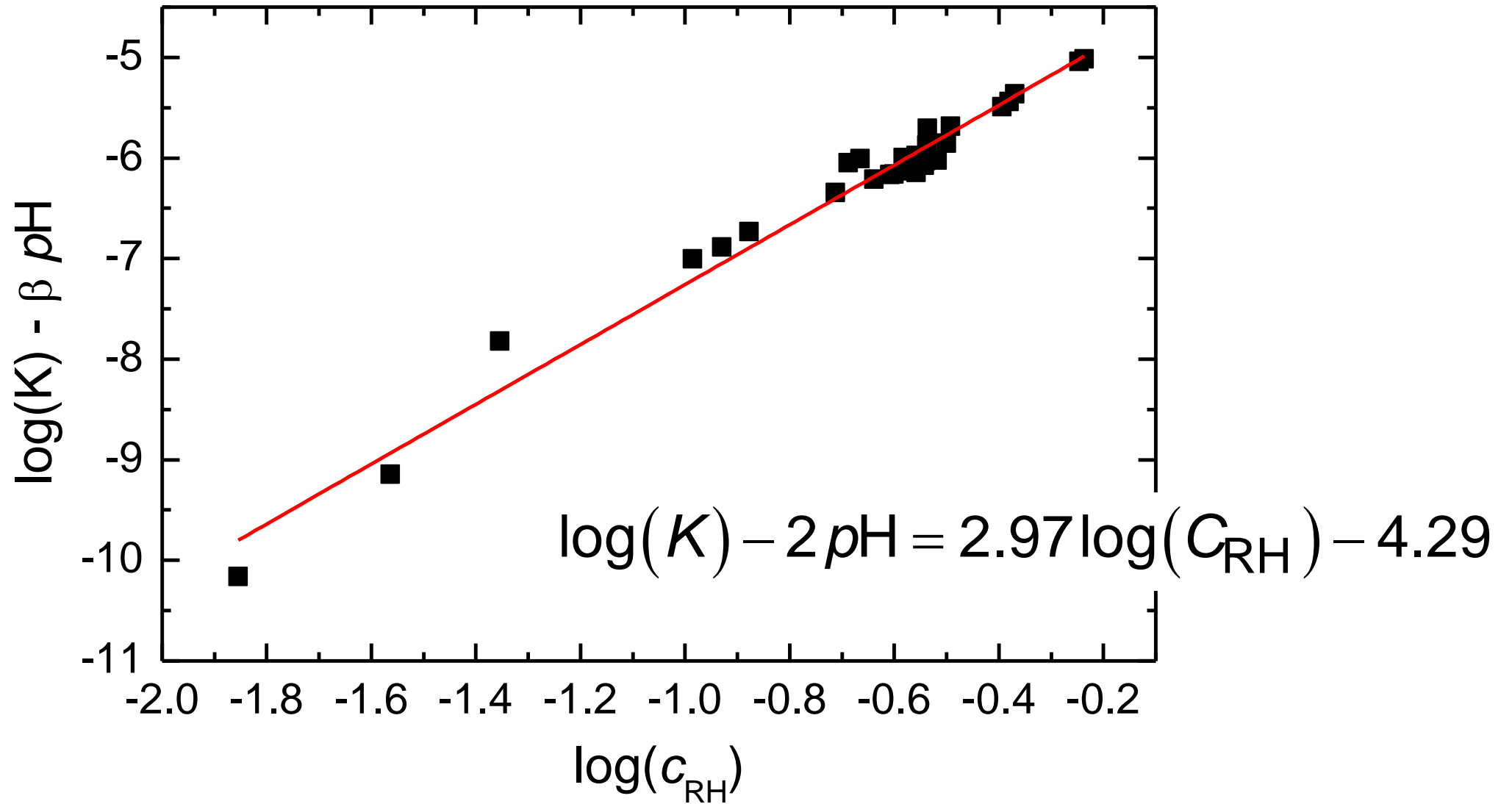
$$K = K_c \frac{C_{RH}^{\alpha}}{C_{H^+}^{\beta}}$$

- linear equation

$$\log(K) - \beta pH = \alpha \log(C_{RH}) + \log(K_c)$$

$$y = ax + b$$

K_c and α computation – linear fit



K_c and α computation – power fit

- extraction reaction



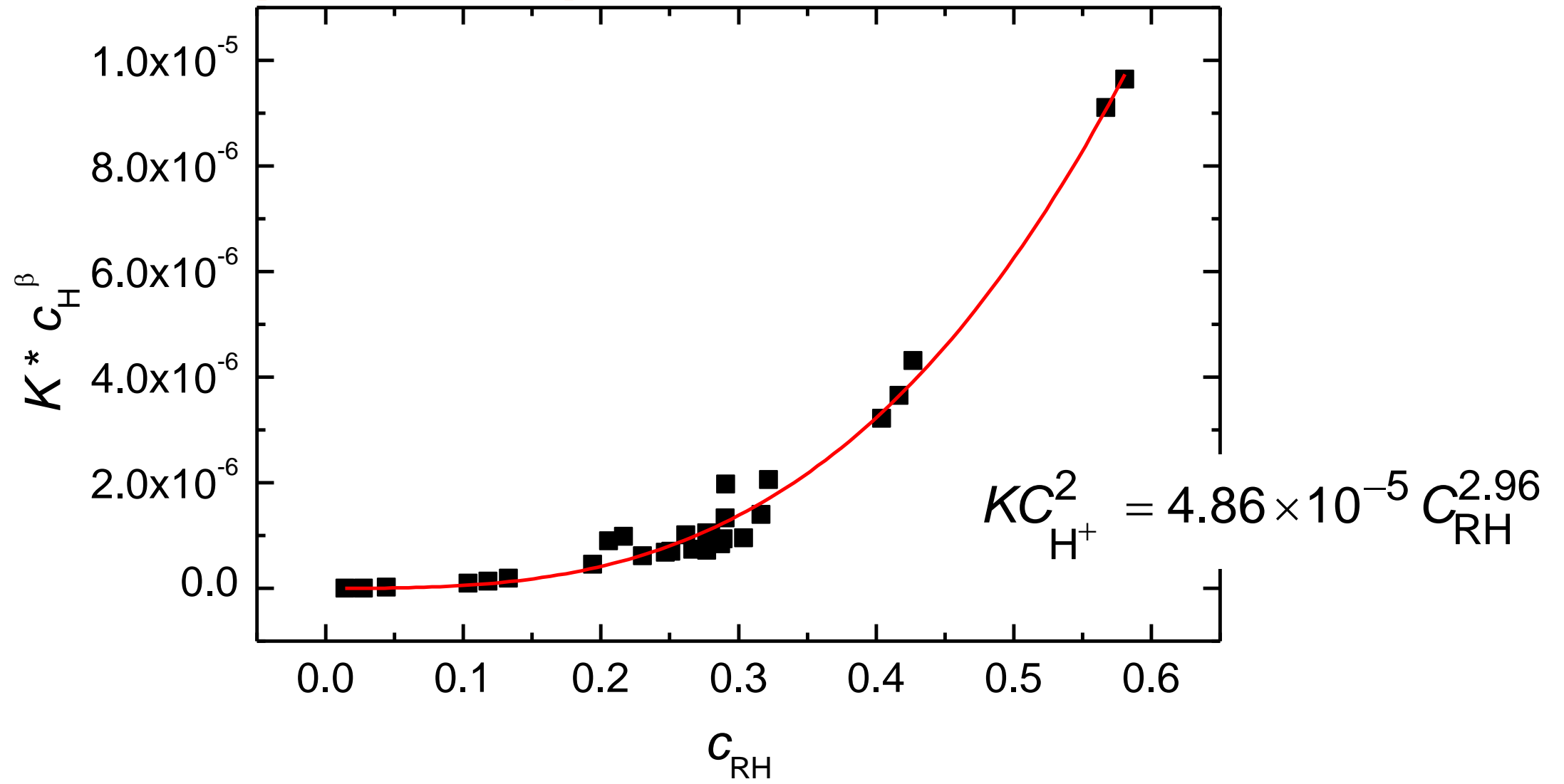
$$K = K_c \frac{C_{RH}^{\alpha}}{C_{H^+}^{\beta}}$$

- power equation

$$KC_{H^+}^{\beta} = K_c C_{RH}^{\alpha}$$

$$y = bx^a$$

K_c and α computation – power fit



K_c and α computation – comparison with literature

■ obtained values

$$K_c = 4.86 \times 10^{-5} \quad \alpha = 2.96$$

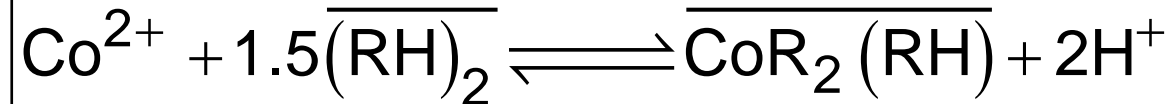
$$[1]: K_c = 1.15 \times 10^{-4} \quad \alpha = 2.87$$

■ stoichiometry

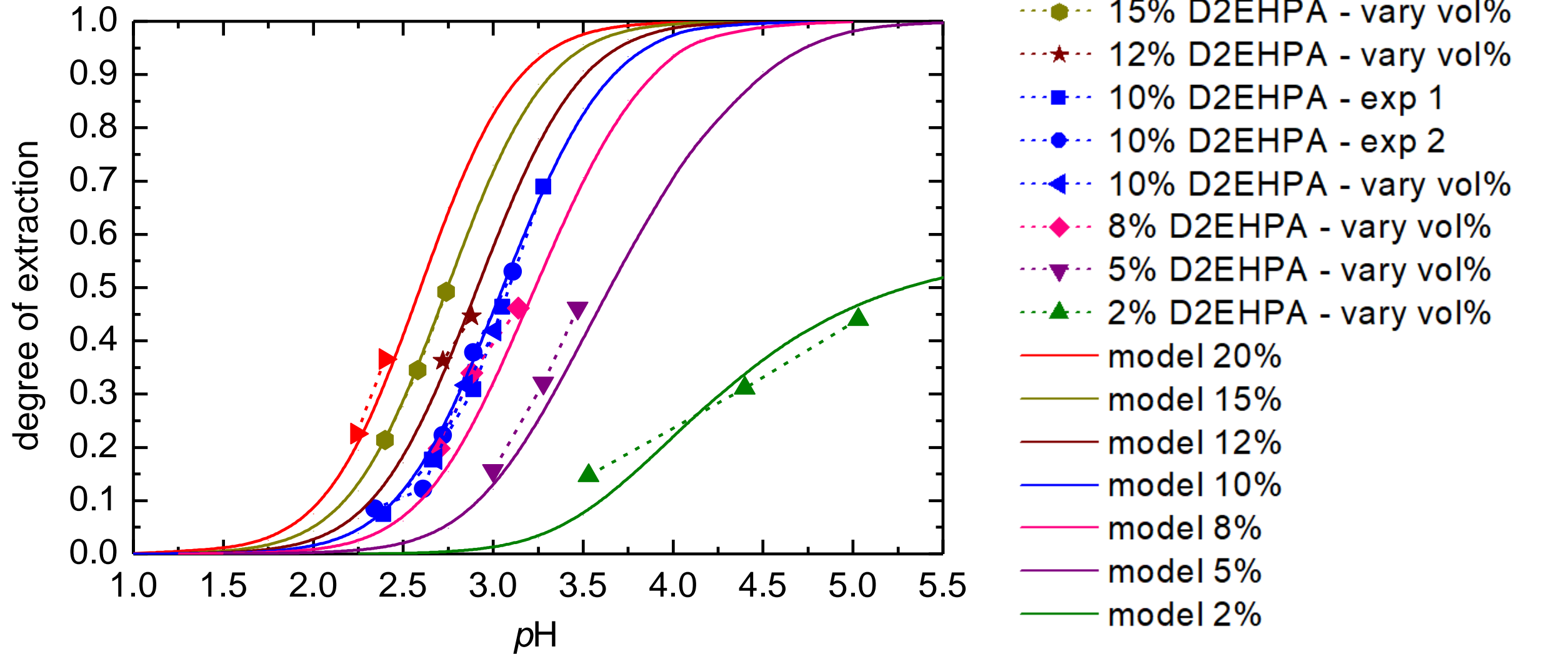
monomer RH \rightarrow dimer (RH)₂

~ 3

~ 1.5



experimental results and models



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