

Archibald's method

A sedimentation method based on the fact that at the meniscus and at the bottom of the centrifuge cell there is never a flux of the solute across a plane perpendicular to the radial direction and the equations characterizing the sedimentation equilibrium always apply there, even though the system as a whole may be far from equilibrium.

The use of the term 'approach to sedimentation equilibrium' for Archibald's method is discouraged, since it has a more general meaning.

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