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Supercritical & Subcritical Fluid System

High-Productivity, High-Quality Manufacturing for Pharmaceutical and Food Ingredients

Overview

The inventors have developed a unique subcritical solvent separation method using three green solvents— CO_2 , ethanol, and water—to enable safe, eco-friendly production of pharmaceutical and food ingredients. Conventional supercritical and subcritical processes often face slurry freezing and clogging due to adiabatic expansion, reducing productivity and increasing maintenance time and cost. The proposed system prevents these issues by creating a controlled pressure difference between gas and liquid phases in the separation column, enabling a safer and more efficient extraction and manufacturing process.

- ©High productivity enabled by continuous separation and collection
- OHandles slurry without clogging, reducing pretreatment time and preventing degradation of target compounds
- No harmful organic solvents, ensuring safer and cleaner operations

Product Application

- High-productivity, high-quality manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, foods, and supplements
- Separation of colors, flavors, and aromas in food and beverage production

IP Data

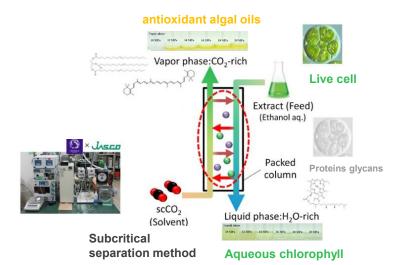
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Concept of the subcritical separation method



Related Works

[1] <u>Fractionation of hops-extract—ethanol solutions using dense CO2 with a counter-current extraction column - ScienceDirect</u>

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