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Approximate estimation:

Wide size distribution $(d/d_{0.05} > 4)$ default g = 0.25

Medium distribution $(d/d_{0.05} = 4...2)$ g = 0.50Narrow distribution $(1 < d/d_{0.05} < 2)$ g = 0.75Identical particles $(d/d_{0.05} = 1)$ g = 1.00

Calculation of g if complete size distribution is measured:

$$g = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{d_i}{d}\right)^3 a_i$$

 d_i = particle size in class *i*, d = 95% cut-off value of the size distribution, a_i = mass fraction for size class *i*



Example:

A chicken feed (density = 0.67 g/cm^3) contains as an average 0.05 % of an enzyme powder that has a density of 1.08 g/cm^3 . The size distribution of the enzyme particle size d = 1.00 mm and the size range factor g = 0.5 could be estimated.

Estimate the fundamental sampling error for the following analytical procedure:

First a 500 g sample is taken from a 25 kg bag. This sample is ground to a particle size -0.5 mm. Then the enzyme is extracted from a 2 g sample by using a proper solvent and the concentration is determined by using liquid chromatography.

The relative standard deviation of the chromatographic measurement is 5 %.











Sample	Enzyme	Lower	Upper
mass	mass	bound	bound
(g)	(mg)	(mg)	(mg)
5	2.5	<mark>1.16</mark>	<mark>4.70</mark>
10	5.0	<mark>2.99</mark>	<mark>7.85</mark>
15	7.5	<mark>4.98</mark>	<mark>10.9</mark>
20	10.0	<mark>7.04</mark>	<mark>13.8</mark>



Uses of Gy's fundamental sampling error model (continued) 3. Maximum *d* for given M_s and s_r *a*) liberated material or material ground below the liberation size $d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{s_r^2}{fgc(\frac{1}{M_s} - \frac{1}{M_L})}} \approx \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_s s_r^2}{fgc}}$ if $M_s << M_s$ *b*) non-liberated material ground above the liberation size, *L* $d = \left(\frac{s_r^2}{fgc\sqrt{L}(\frac{1}{M_s} - \frac{1}{M_L})}\right)^{\frac{1}{3-x}} \approx \left(\frac{M_s s_r^2}{fgc\sqrt{L}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3-x}}$ assuming that $\beta = (\frac{L}{d})^x$ 4. Audit and design of multi-step sampling procedures

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