

Decolorization by IER

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What are color compounds?

□ Major Color Compounds are Anionic (R-COO⁻ H⁺)

Origin of Component : degraded plant tissue

Chemical Structure : Polyphenol structure with COOH residue

Molecular Weight : large >10,000 ex humic acid

How to remove : Low crosslinked strong base anion exchange resin (PA308)
or high porous type (HPA25)

□ Minor Color Compounds are Cationic (R-NH₃⁺)

Origin of Component : Protein degradation

Chemical Structure : Organic compound with amine residue.

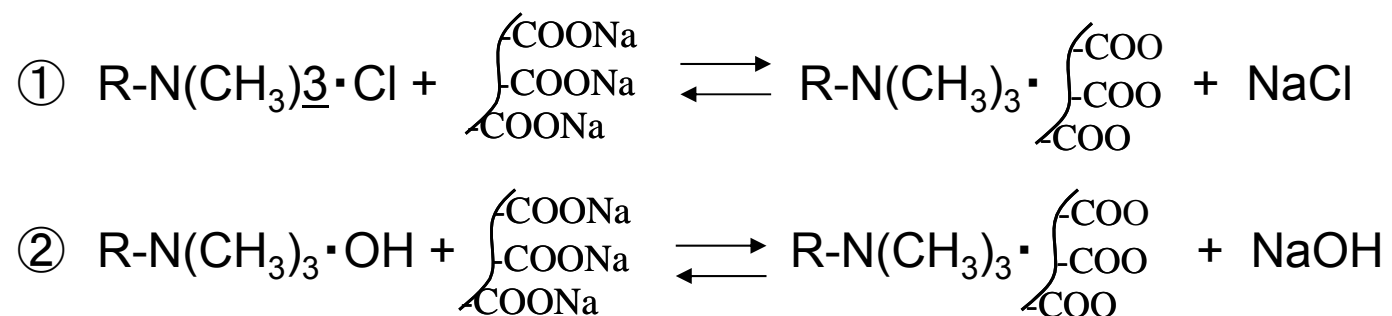
Some have COOH group (ie. degraded protein),
so it is both cationic and anionic in nature; depending on pH.

Molecular weight : large (true MW unknown)

How to remove : low to medium crosslinked strong acid cation exchange resin
either porous (PK208,212,216), or highly porous (RCP160M)

Principle of Decolorization I

Anion pigments are removed with anion exchange resins.



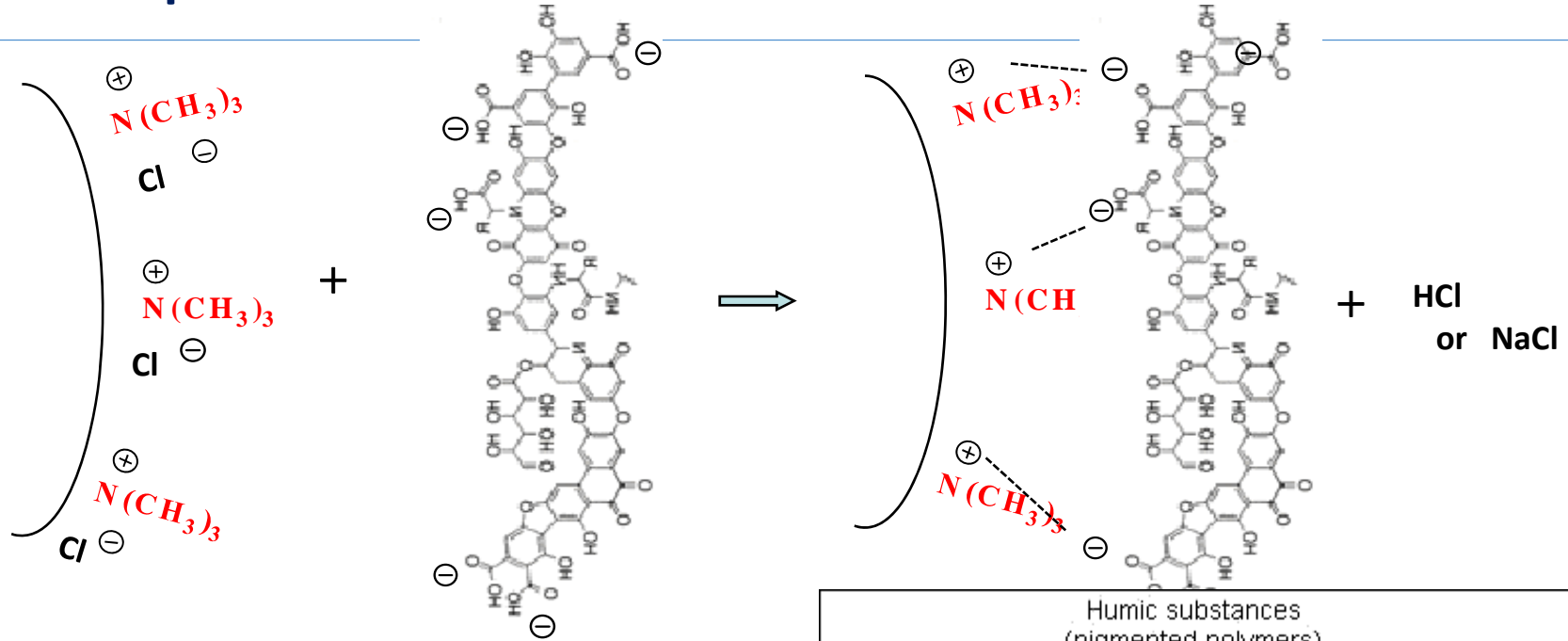
① R-Cl decolorization

Strongly Basic Anion ER (Type I) : PA308L
 (Low Crosslinkage. Cl form)

② R-OH decolorization (Reverse demineralization)

▪ Strongly Basic Anion ER: PA308L

Example of reaction



Anion exchange resin

Coloring compounds (ex humic acids)

Humic substances (pigmented polymers)				
Fulvic acid		Humic acid		Humin
Light yellow	Yellow brown	Dark brown	Grey-black	Black
————— increase in intensity of colour —————>				
————— increase in degree of polymerization —————>				
2 000	————— increase in molecular weight —————>		300 000 ?	
45%	————— increase in carbon content —————>		62%	
48%	————— decrease in oxygen content —————>		30%	
1 400	————— decrease in exchange acidity —————>		500	
————— decrease in degree of solubility —————>				
Chemical properties of humic substances. (Stevenson 1982)				

Principle of decolorization II

- MW of pigments are large

➔ Ion exchange occurs on the surface of resins

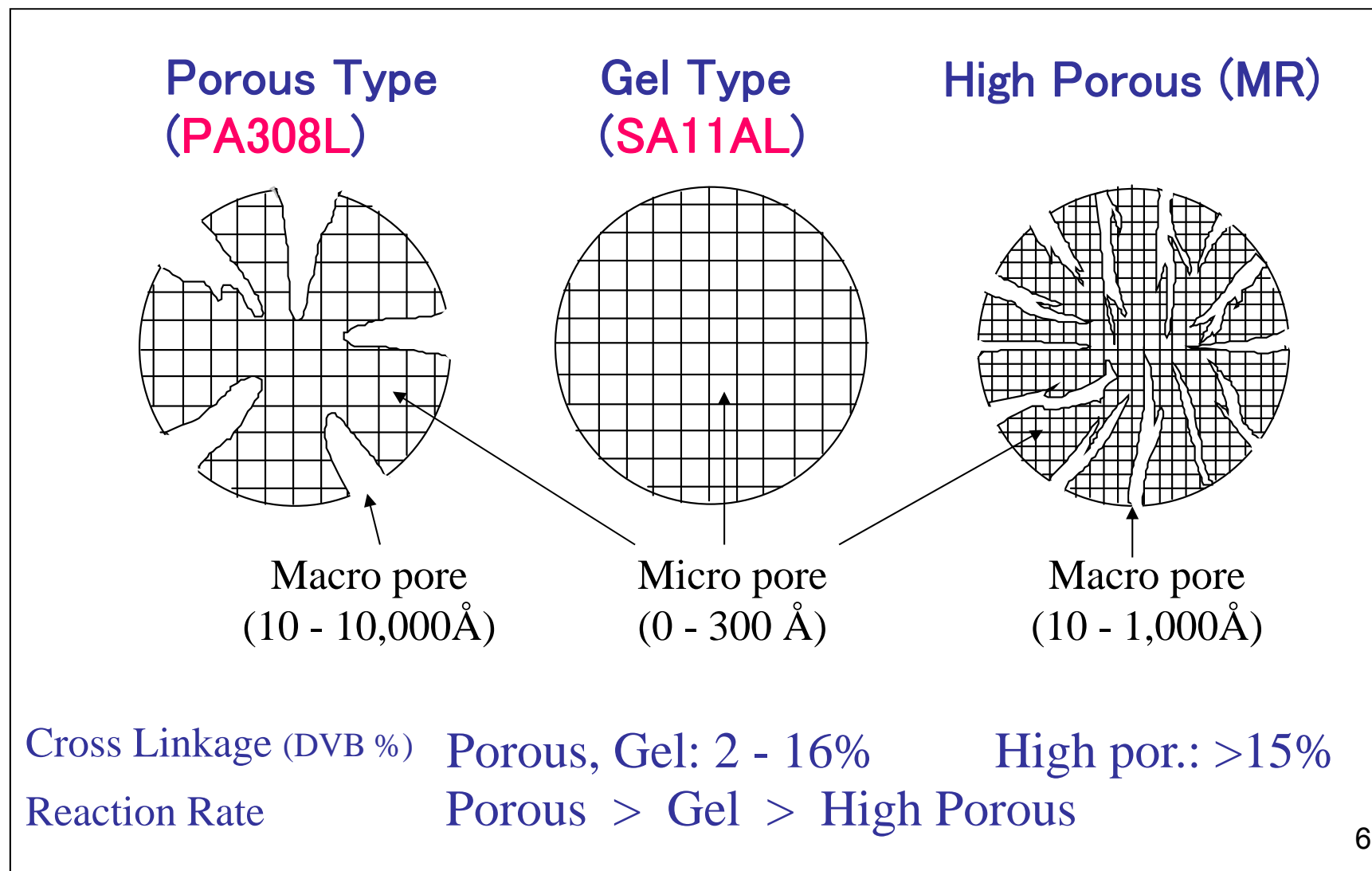
➔ Large pore resin shows high capacity.

Gel type : SA11AL

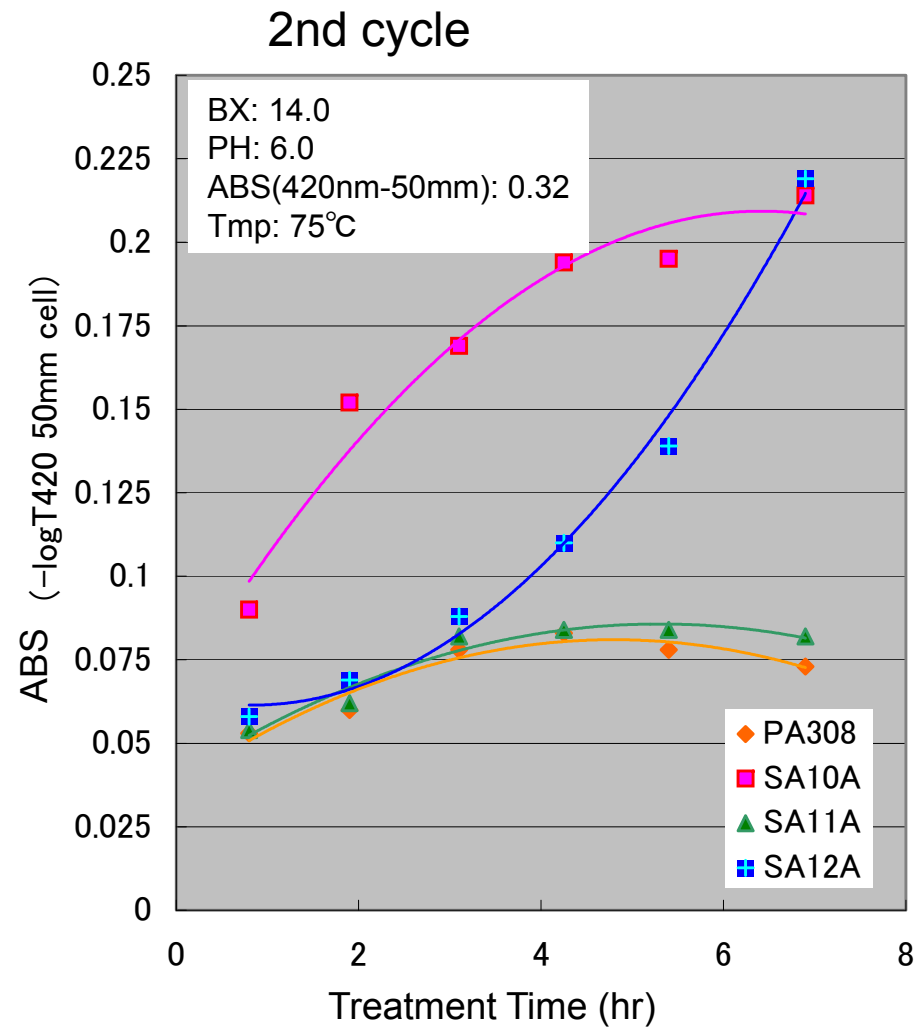
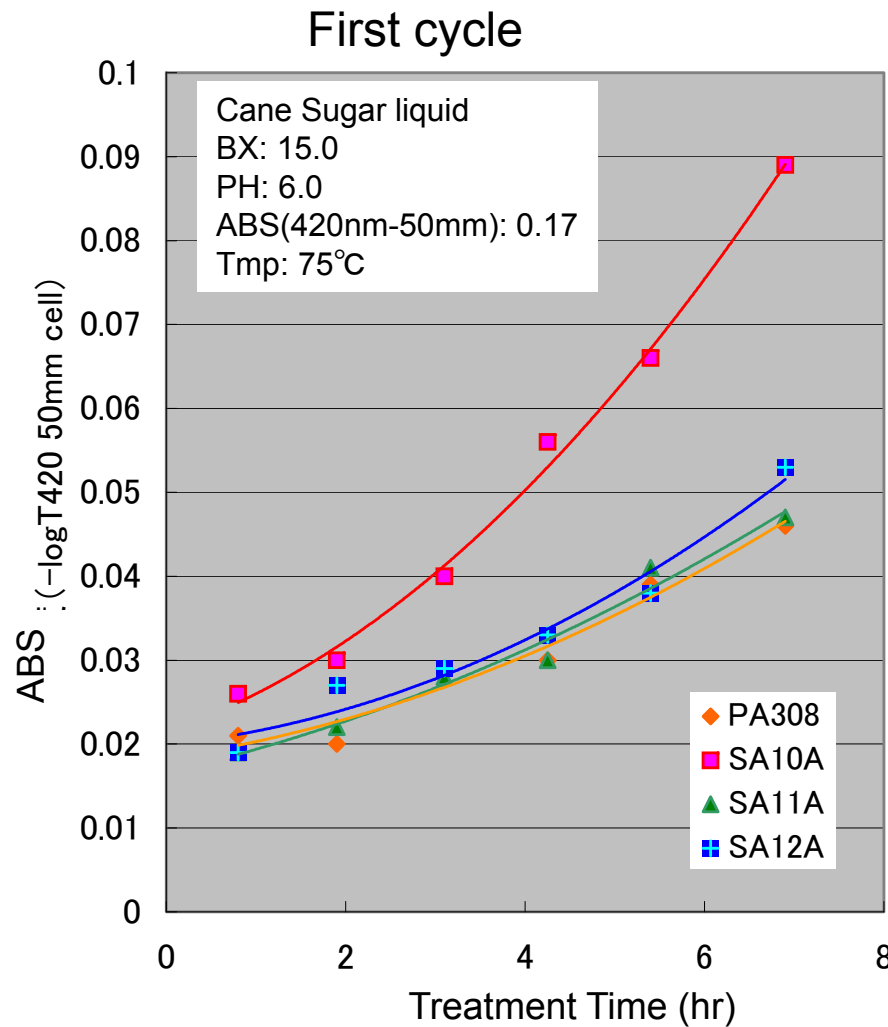
Porous type : PA308, PA312

High porous type : HPA25, WA30

Physical Structure of I.E.R

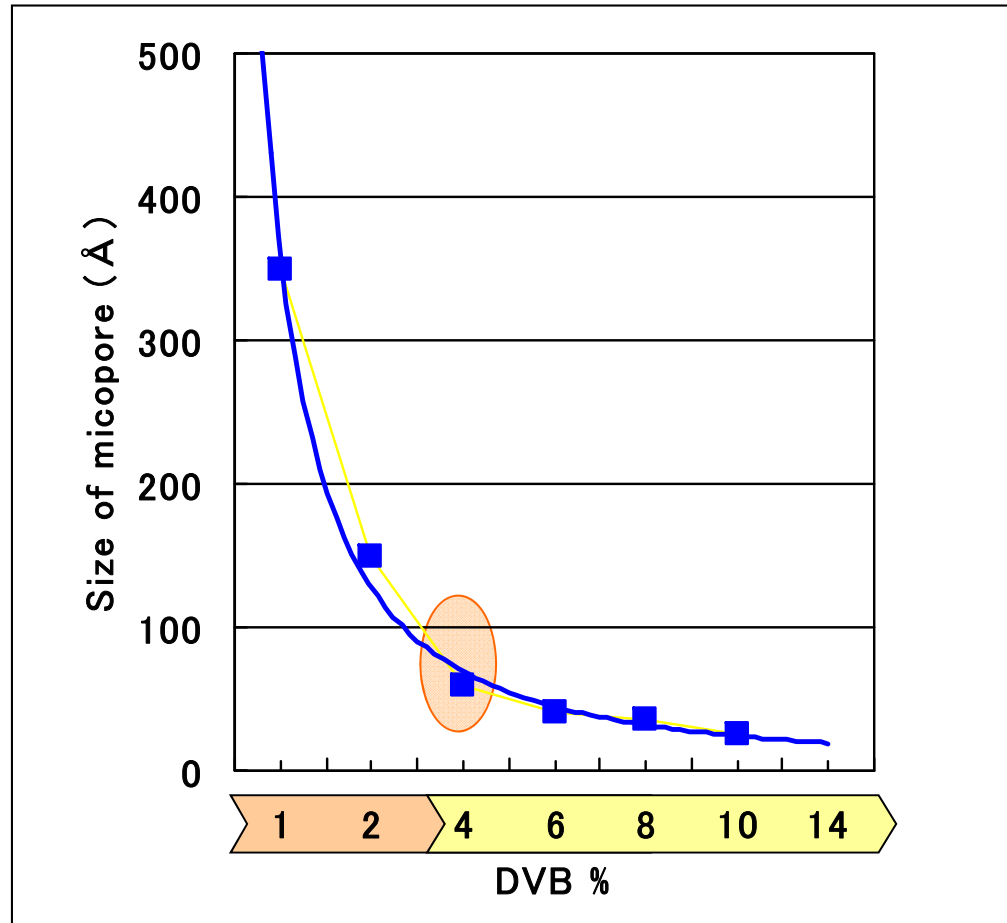


Relation between Crosslinkage & Decolorization Efficiency



DVB %: SA10A > SA12A > PA308 ≅ SA11A

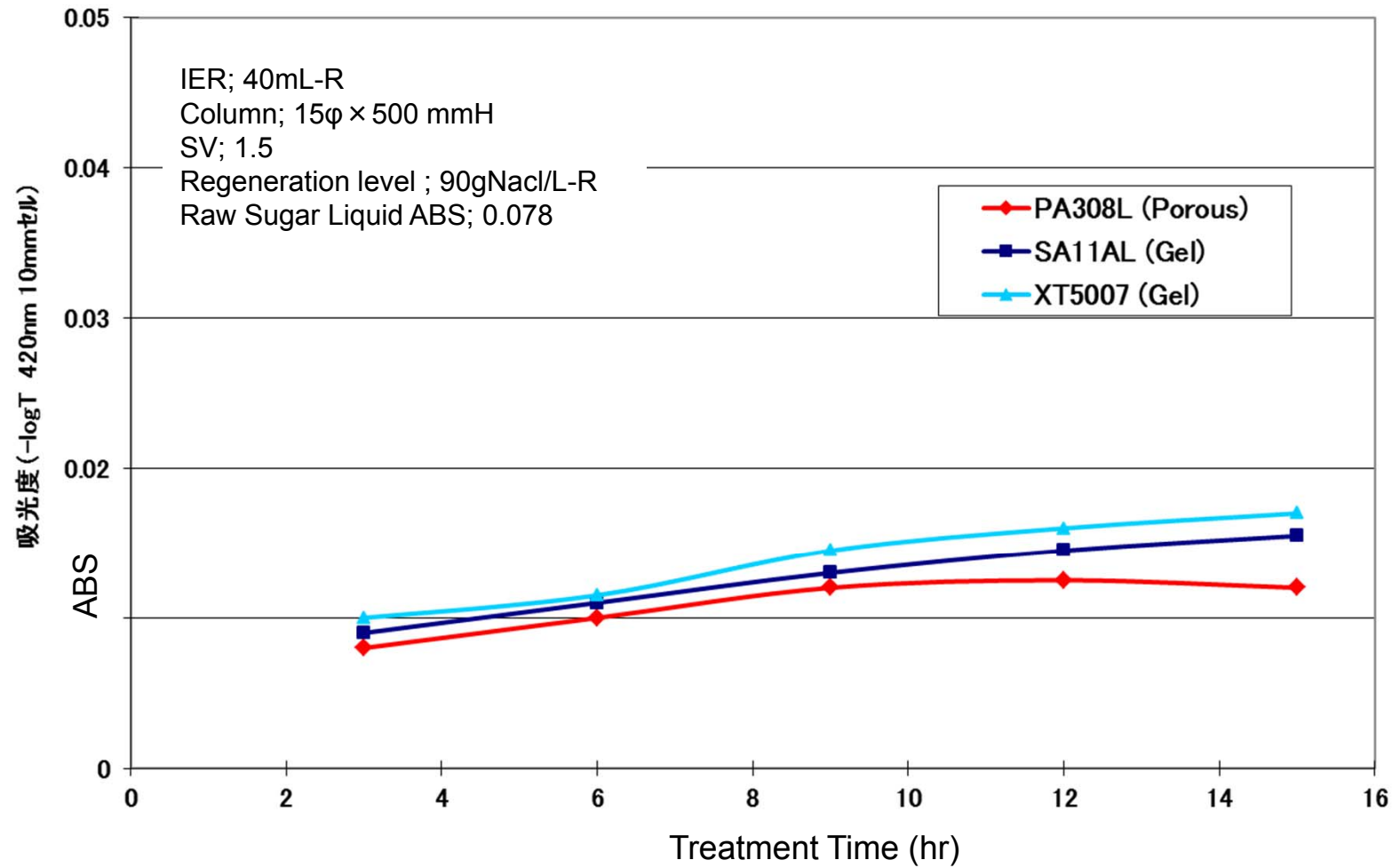
Relationship of Pore Size and DVB%



Lower DVB % Anion IER are good for decolorization

Comparison of Decolorization

Decolorization performance (After 513 cycle)



XT5007: Amberlite