

Reciprocating plate column - fundamental research and application in Serbia from 1970 to 2020

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Table S-1. Types of RPCs [1]

Plate type	Reciprocating element	Characteristics	Country
Karr (KRPC)	Plates with large openings (open type)	Column diameter up to 1.7 m Large fractional free plate surface (50-60 %) Large plate opening diameter (10-16 mm) Plate modification - with a central opening (Baird type) Inserted buffers along the column of larger diameter reduce the radial flow non-uniformity. Operating mode: homogeneous	USA, Canada, Western Europe, India, Serbia
Prochazka (PRPC)	Plates with downcomers or segmental passages	Column diameter up to 1.2 m Small fractional free plate surface (4-30 %) Small plate opening diameter (2-5 mm) With a drain in the form of a pipe or a segmental passage in the form of a cut-off part of the plate (free surface fraction of 10-25 %) Movement of plats: all in the same phase or every other with a phase shift of 180° Operating mode: segregated and homogeneous	Czech Republic, Canada
Tojo and Miyanami (VDC)	Vibrating discs	Discs without perforations The fractional free plate surface depends on the disk diameter-to-column diameter ratio (4-0.78 %) Static buffers between every two disks	Japan
Karpačeva and Gorodetskiy (KRIMZ, GIAP)	Plates with rectangular openings	Column diameter up to 1.5 m, height up to 11 m Fractional-free plate surface about 45 % Rectangular openings with bent ends that divert fluid flow radially to reduce axial mixing Plates without (KRIMZ) or with a drain (GIAP)	Former USSR

^aGIAP - the plate with rectangular openings with a drain, KRIMZ - the plate with rectangular openings without a drain, KRPC - the Karr type RPC, PRPC - the Prochazka type RPC, and VDC - the vibrating disc column.

Table S-2. Overview of previous research on RPCs in Serbia (adapted according to [1])

System	Phase flow	D_c / cm	l_c / m	n_p	h / cm	d_o / cm	ε	A / mm	f / Hz	u_R / cm s ⁻¹	Subject ^a	Ref.
Water	-	2.54		18			0.51				$\Delta p, P$	[2]
Water-toluene, water- <i>n</i> -butanol	Batch	2.54	2.11	78	2.54	0.8	0.51	5-19.6	0.5-3.5	-	$\Delta p, P$	[3]
Water-toluene	-	2.54	2.71	18	2.54	ND	0.51	20.5	0.275-2	-	Δp	[4]
Water, air-sulfite solution	↑↓	2.54	2.14	65	2.6	0.8/0.6	0.51	0.65-2	0.483-6.18	0.8-3.2	D_i, ε_B, a	[5]
Air-water	↑↓	2.54	2.14	32 64	2.54 5.08	0.8/0.6	0.51	0.65-1.5	1.83-6	0.8; 2.9	D_i	[6]
Water, air-sucrose solution	↑↓	2.54	2	33 65	2.54	0.7/0.5 0.8/0.6	0.41 0.51	<10 and <20	<10	< 5	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_B, k_a, a$	[7]



System	Phase flow	D_c / cm	l_c / m	n_p	h / cm	d_o / cm	ε	A / mm	f / Hz	u_g / cm s ⁻¹	Subject ^a	Ref.
Water, air-sucrose, sulfate, mixtures of sucrose, fructose, and dextran	↑↓	2.54	2.14	32 64	2.54 5.08	0.8/0.6	0.51	0.65-1.5	1.83-6	0.275 to 1.1	k_1a , dextran sucrose production	[8]
Water, air-sucrose, air-water	Batch	2.54	2	65 33	2.5 5.0	0.7/0.5	0.41	1-10	1-10	0.275 to 2.75	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_g$	[9]
Air-water	↑↓	2.54	2	33 65	5.0 2.5	0.7/0.5	0.41	1-10	1-10		ε_g	[10]
Water, air-solutions of sucrose, sulfate, and mixtures of sucrose, fructose, and dextran	↑↓	2.54	2	65 33	5.08 2.54	0.8/0.6 0.7/0.5	0.51 0.41	<20	<6.2	<5	k_1a	[11]
Water, air, N ₂ , O ₂ -sucrose and sulfite solutions	Batch or ↑↓	2.54	2	65 33	5.08 2.54	0.8/0.6	0.51	<20	<6.2	<5	a	[12]
Air-water	↑↓	2.54	2	65 32	2.54 5.08	0.8/0.6	0.51	0-20	0-6.25	0.8-3.1	ε_g	[13]
Water, air-sucrose solution, fermentation medium	↑↓	2.54	2	65 33	2.54 5.08	0.8/0.6 0.7/0.5	0.51 0.41	-	-	-	k_1a , dextran sucrose production	[14]
Air-water-solid	↑↓	2.54	2	65	2.54	0.8	0.51	17	0-6.4	0.5-12.8	ε_g, d_b	[15]
Air-water	Batch	2.54	2	65	2.54	0.8/0.6	0.51	13-23.5	1-7.2	0.4-7.5	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_g$	[16, 17]
Water, butanol (0.5 %), glycerol (69 %, 64 %), sulfite (0.8 mol dm ⁻³) and CMC (1 and 2 %) solutions; 2-phase (gas-liquid; liquid-solid) and 3-phase systems	Batch	2.54 9.2	1.836 1.05	65 15	2.54 5	0.8 0.8	0.51 0.454	2.35 2.35	2-6 2-6	0.5-1.5 0.5-1.5	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_g, d_b, k_1a, a$	[18-20]
Water, air-water, air-water-solid, air-CMC, air-CMC solution (1 %)-solid solution (1 %)-solid	Batch	9.2	1.05	15	5	0.8	0.263 0.319 0.454	2.35	2-6	0.5-1.5	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_g, k_1a, a$	[21-26]
CMC solution	Batch	9.2	1.05	15	5	0.8	0.454	2.35	2-5.5	0.5-1.5	ε_g	[27-30]
Air-water-solid	↑↓	2.54 9.2	1.836 0.856	65 15	2.54 5.0	0.8 0.8	0.51 0.454	2.35;1 2.35;1	2-4.5 2-4.5	0-1.48 0-1.88	D_1, ε_g , alcoholic fermentation	[31-37]
Air-water, air-water-solid	↑↓	16.6	0.97	15	5	0.78	0.466	2.35	2-6	0.5-1.5	$\Delta p, P, \varepsilon_g, k_1a$	[31-37]
Air-CMC solution (0.5 - 1.5 %)-solid	Batch	9.2	1.05	15	5	0.8/0.6	0,454	2.35	2-5,5	0.5-1.5	ε_g	[38-43]
Methanol-oil, methanol-KOH-oil	↑ ↑	2.54	2.0	63	2.54	0.8/0.6	0.51	1.0 2.35	2-5	-	$\Delta p, P, d_b, a$, biodiesel production	[44]
Methanol-KOH-oil	↑ ↑	2.54 16.6	2.0 1.53	63 15	2.54 5	0.8/0.6 0.8	0.51 0.466	1.0 2.35	2-4 2	-	biodiesel production	[45]
Methanol-oil, methanol-KOH-oil	↑ ↑	2.54	2.0	63	2.54	0.8/0.6	0.51	1.0	2.0	-	d_b , biodiesel production	[46]
Methanol-KOH-waste lard	↑ ↑	2.54	2.0	63	2.54	0.8/0.6	0.51	1.0	2.0	-	Kinetic modeling of biodiesel production	[47]

^a a - specific interfacial area, d_b - bubble/drop size, D_1 - axial dispersion coefficient, k_1 - liquid mass transfer coefficient, k_1a - volumetric mass transfer coefficient, Δp - pressure variation at the column bottom, P - power consumption, ε_d - dispersed phase (methanol) holdup, and ε_g - gas holdup.

Table S-3. Worldwide applications of RPCs (adapted according to [1])

Plate type ^a	Application	Reference
KRPC	Copper extraction	[47]
	Lysine biosynthesis	[48]
	Treatment of wastewater	[49]
	Extraction of the product from the fermentation liquid	[50]
	Penicillin extraction	[51]
	Biosynthesis of dextransucrase	[6,3]
	Production of antibiotics, ethanol, and citric acid	[52]
	Fermentation processes	[53]
	Fermentation of pullulan	[54]
	Ester saponification reaction	[55]
	Rare earth separation and recovery	[56]
	Extraction of phenol from water	[57-59]
	Caffeine extraction	[60]
	Alcoholic fermentation with immobilized yeast cells	[33]
	Biodiesel production	[43-46]
Extraction of natural alkaloids	[61]	
PRPC	Production of ephedrine and erythromycin	
	Extraction of phenol and nitro-aromatic derivatives from wastewater	Cited according to [62]
KRIMZ, GIAP	Caprolactam extraction with organic solvents	
	Extraction of cyclohexanone and cyclohexanol with benzene	Cited according to [62]

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