**extraction**

_in process liquid-liquid distribution_

In connection with processes, this term often refers to the initial transfer step whereby the main solute, often together with impurities, is transferred from feed to solvent.

**Notes:**
1. Partition and distribution are not synonymous in this specific instance.
2. The term extraction may be used in a more general sense.

**See also:** loading

**Source:**
PAC, 1993, 65, 2373 _Nomenclature for liquid-liquid distribution (solvent extraction) (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)_ on page 2387