

## **crowding**

*in solvent extraction*

The displacement of an impurity from an extract phase by contact with a solution containing the main extractable solute. The main solute need not be present in a pure solution but should have a higher distribution ratio than the impurities present.

**See also:** scrubbing, exchange extraction

### **Source:**

PAC, 1993, 65, 2373 (*Nomenclature for liquid-liquid distribution (solvent extraction)* (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)) on page 2386