

Multidimensional HPLC Tutorial

Part - 2

Requirements 1st Dimension, 2nd Dimension, Column Selection, Method Development and Examples

Requirements to the 1st Dimension Separation

Dimensions, Stat. Phase Selection, Isocratic or Gradient Elution

Peak Capacity in Comprehensive 2DLC

Implications of $\langle\theta\rangle$

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- Don't make ${}^1t_{sample}$ too short since 2D separation peak capacity decreases if ${}^2t_{gradient}$ decreases
- Clearly there is an optimum range in t_{sample} (${}^2t_{cycle}$)

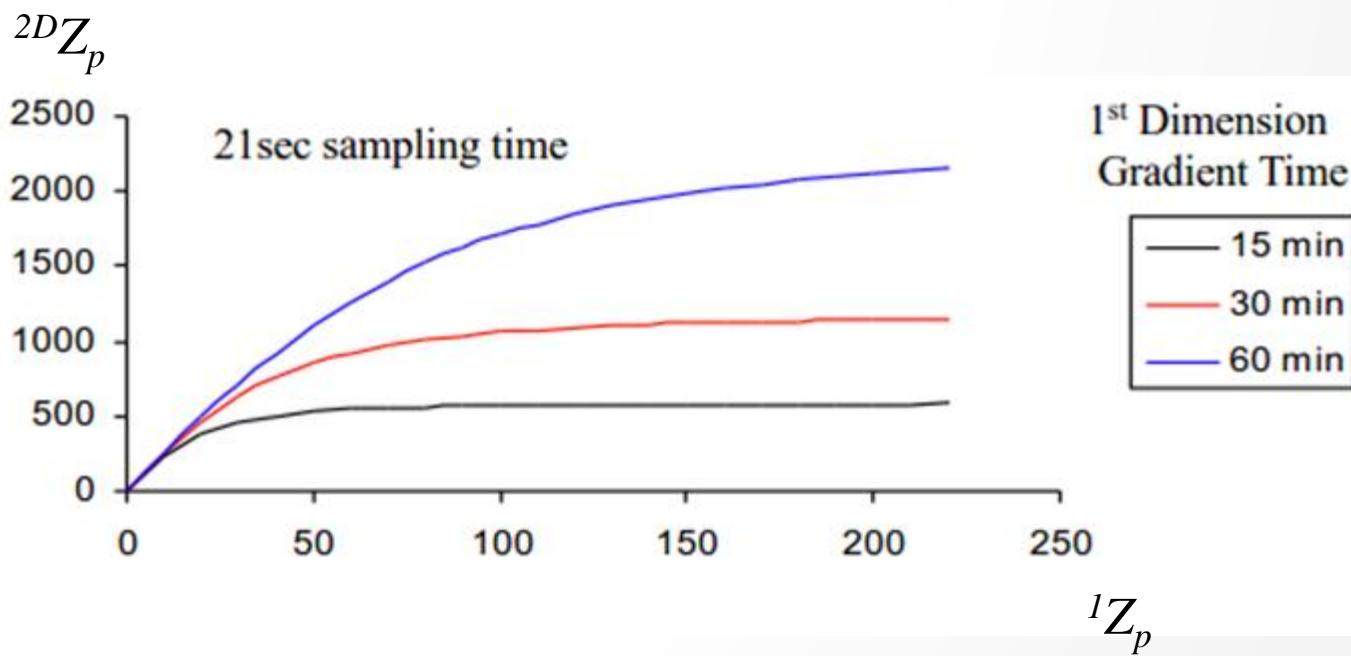
1st Dimension Separation

Requirements

- Narrow and long columns are preferred
- Use low flow rate where possible
 - 1D Flow Rate = 200 µL/min, Sampling Time = 20 s
→ Volume Injected to 2D Column = 67 µL
- Use stationary phase that can tolerate extreme conditions (e.g. low or high pH)
- Isocratic separation or use a slow gradient separation
 - Peak width in isocratic separation is not constant; may lead to under sampling early and over sampling late in the chromatogram

Peak Capacity in Comprehensive 2DLC

Influence of 1st dimension gradient steepness



L.W. Potts, D.R. Stoll, X. Li, P.W. Carr J. Chrom. A (2010), 1217, 5700-5709

Requirements to the 2nd Dimension Separation

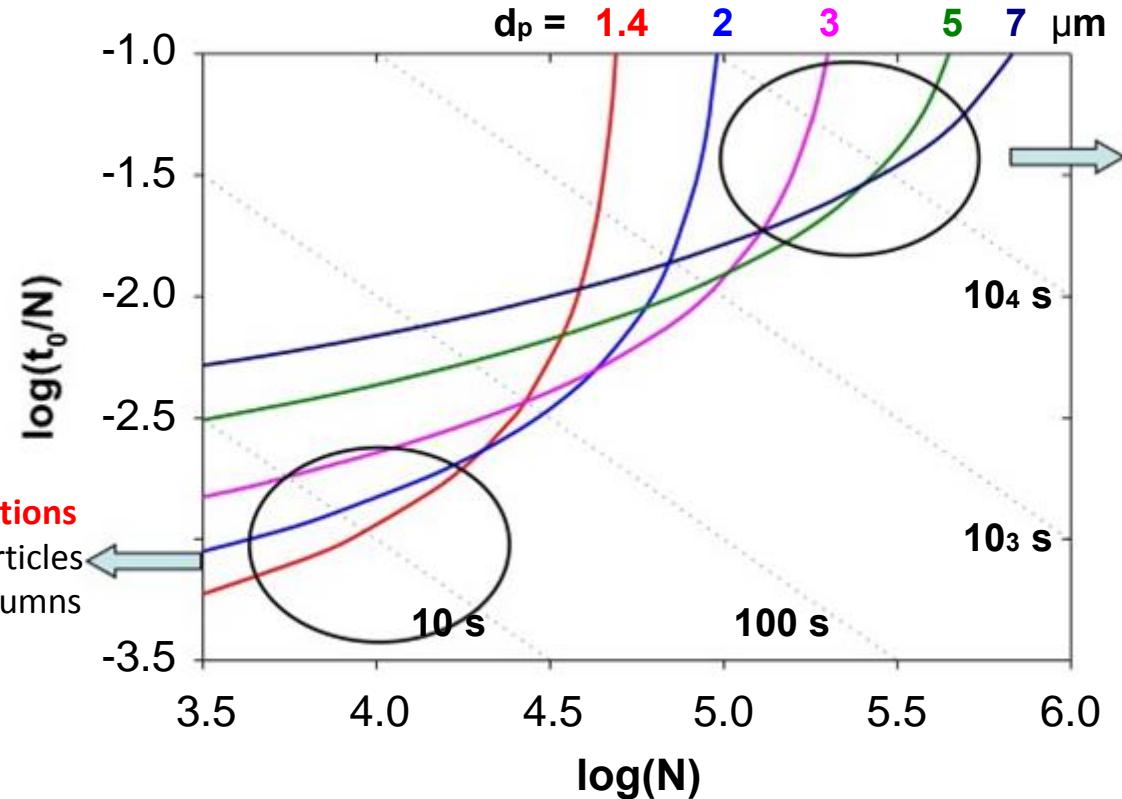
2nd Dimension Separation

Requirements

- Must be very high speed separation(UHPLC!!)
- Isocratic or gradient separation
- 2nd dimension stationary phase should provide analyte focusing
- Stable column with minimal retention time drift and have excellent longevity (e.g. at low pH, high pressure or temperature)

2nd Dimension Separation

Influence of Particle Size – Poppe Plot for Isocratic Separation



High efficiency separation

- Large particles
- Long columns
- Long run time

$$\Delta P_{max} = 400 \text{ bar}$$

Knox equation

$$A = 1.0, B = 1.5, C = 0.05$$

$$D_m = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$$

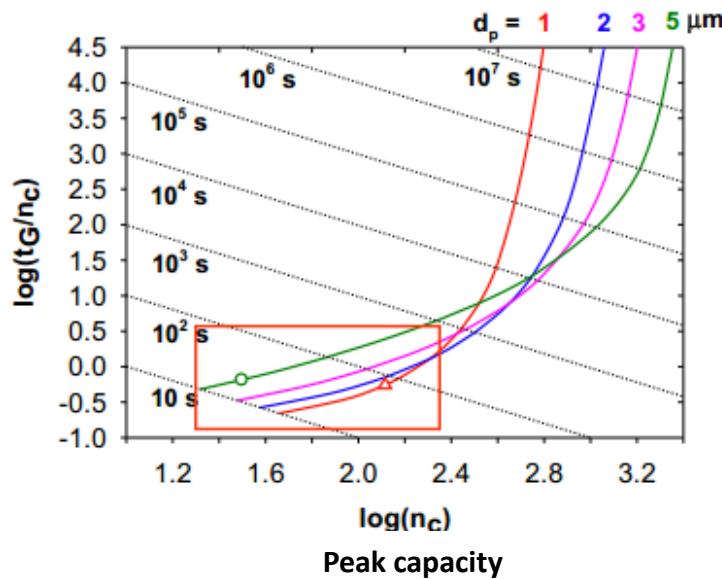
$$\eta = 0.001 \text{ Pa/sec}$$

- Use columns with very small particles for ultra fast separations
- Work at ultra high pressure

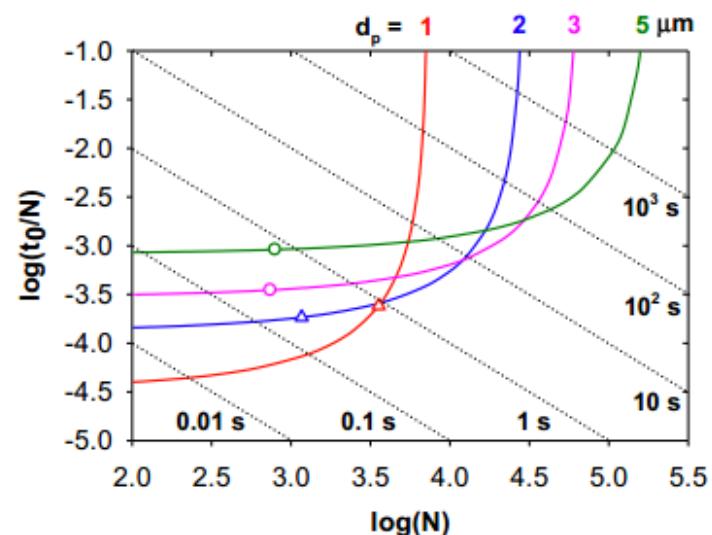
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Influence of Particle Size – Poppe Plot for Gradient Separation

Gradient Poppe Plot for 11 Peptides



Isocratic Poppe Plot for Alkylphenone

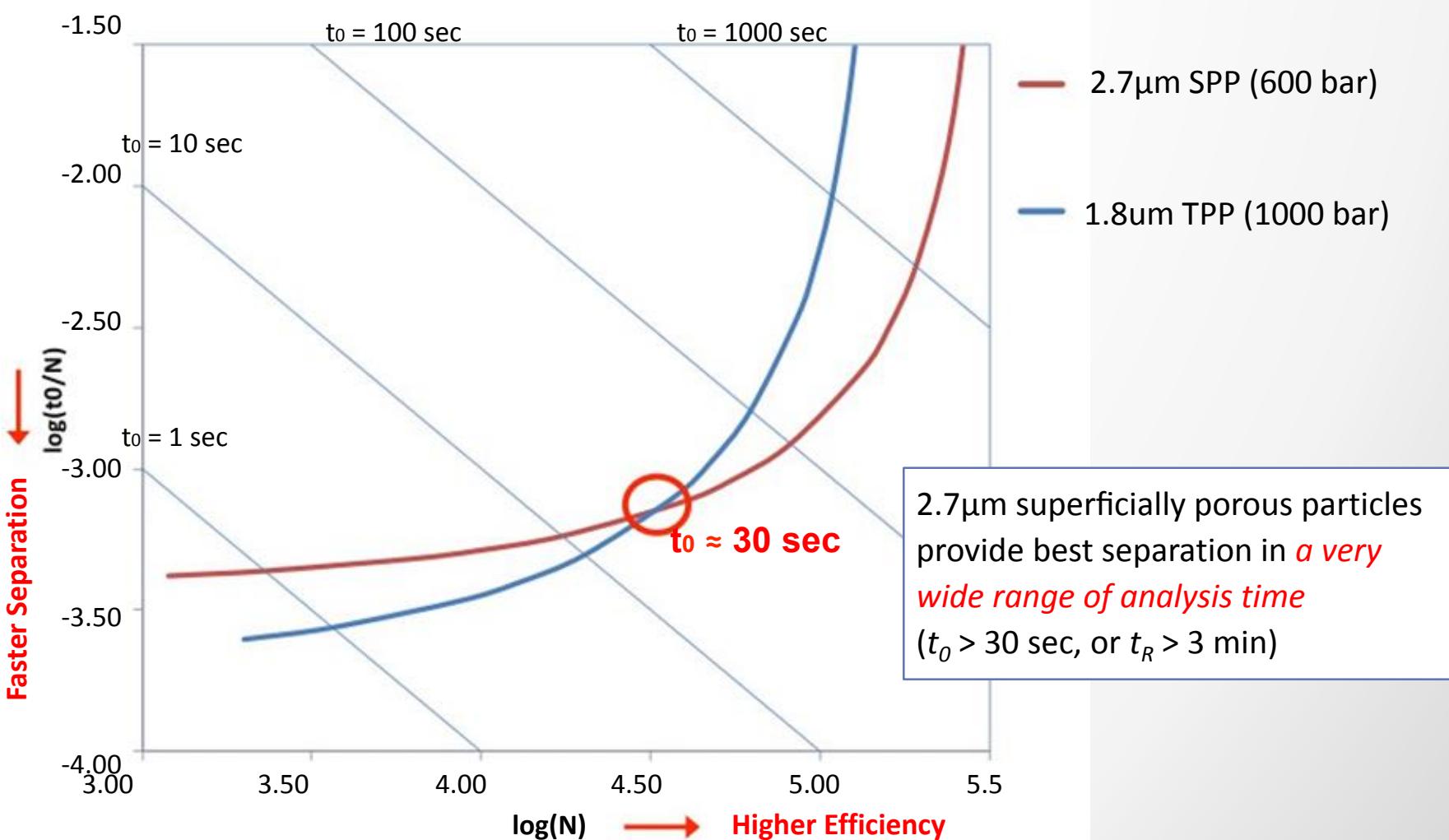


$$\Delta P_{max} = 400 \text{ bar } D_m = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}, \eta = 0.69 \text{ cP}$$

Isocratic and gradient Poppe plots lead to qualitatively the same conclusions on effect of particle size on peak capacity

2nd Dimension Separation

Sub-2- μ m Totally Porous vs Superficially Porous Particles



2nd Dimension Separation

Effect of Temperature*

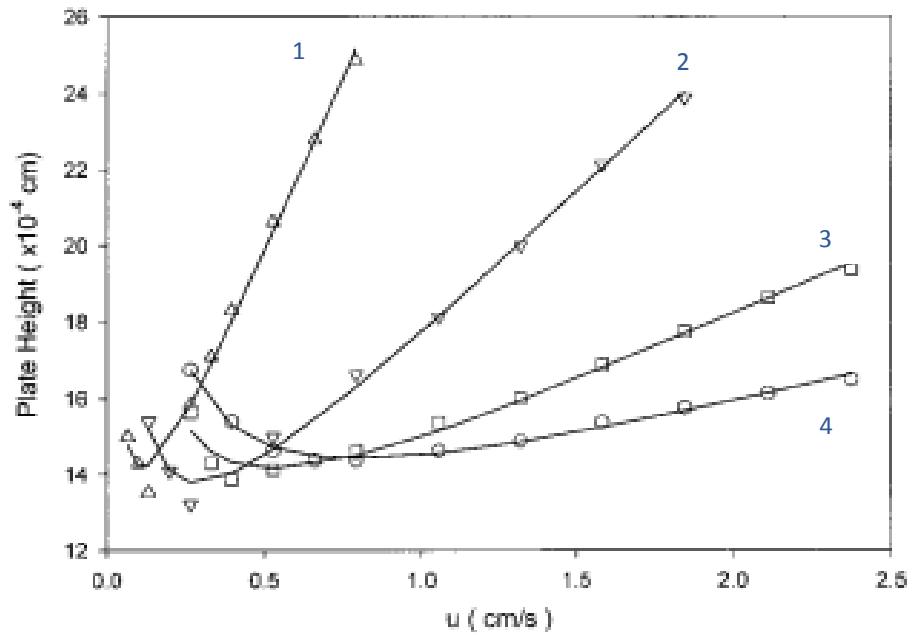


Plate height vs linear velocity at various temperatures
for well-retained solutes;

1, 25 °C (decanophenone, k 12.2)

2, 80 °C (dodecanophenone, k 7.39)

3, 120 °C (tetradecanophenone, k' 12.3)

4, 150 °C (tetradecanophenone, k' 7.00).

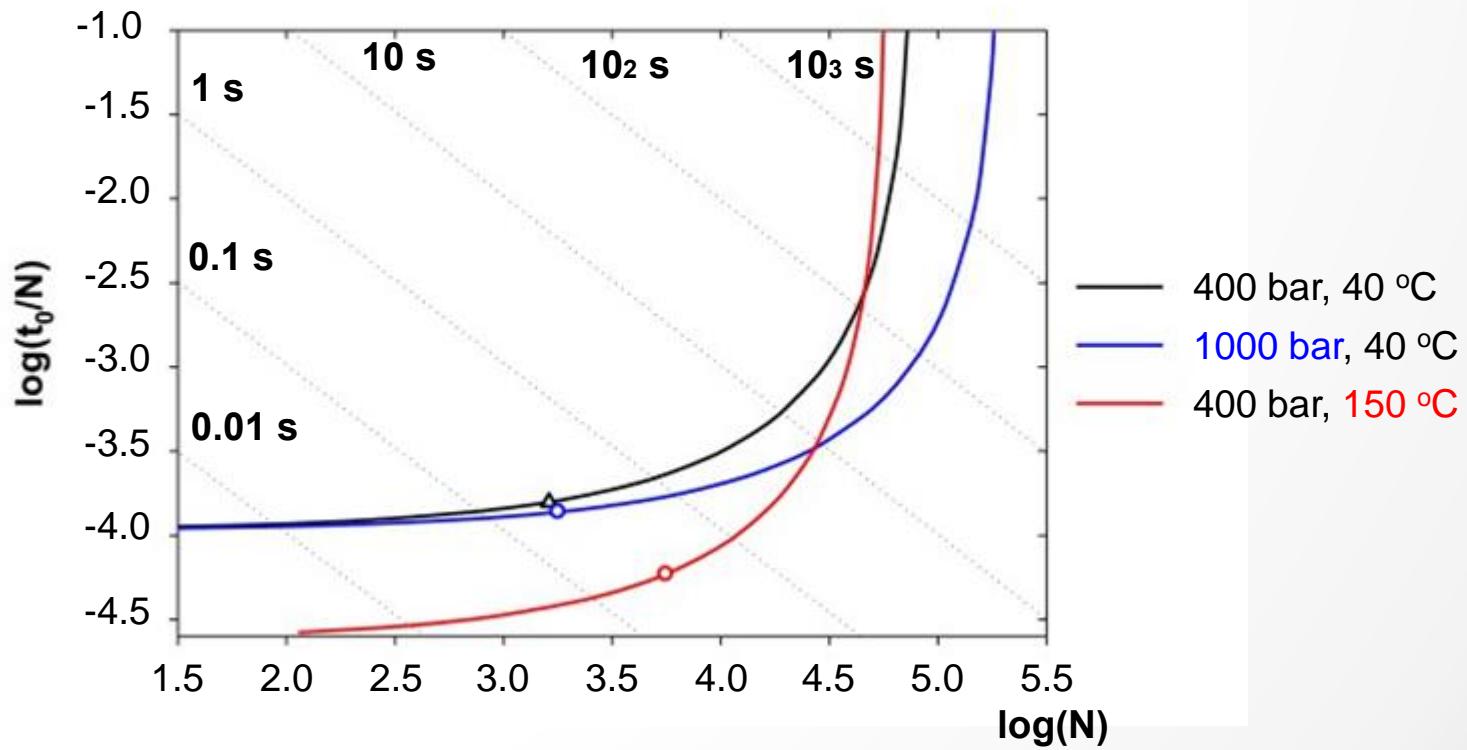
Higher temperature

- $u_{0,opt}$ increases
- C-term flattens

*P. Carr et al., Anal. Chem. 2000, 72, 1253-1262

2nd Dimension Separation

Effect of Temperature



Higher temperature is more advantageous than pressure increase!

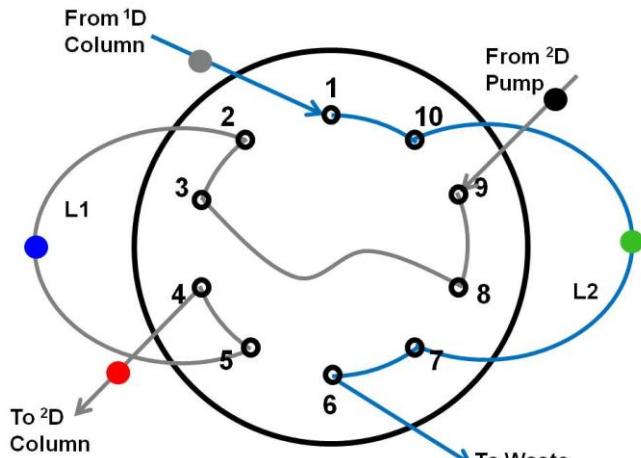
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Column Technology Options

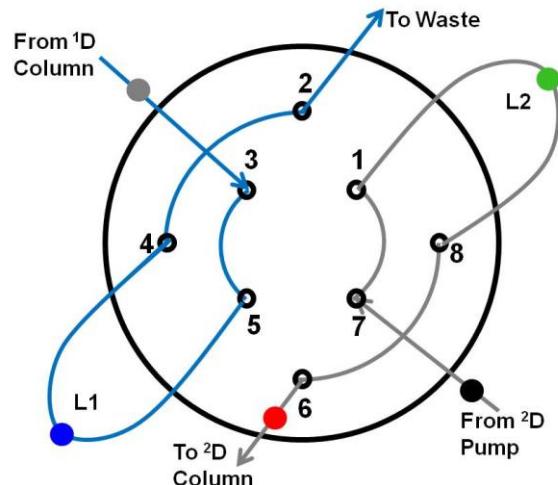
Characteristics	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Totally porous particles < 2µm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low HETP → short columns• Many commercial sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires UHPLC equipment, expensive• Frictional heating in the 2nd dimension separation
2. Superficially porous particles > 2 µm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low HETP and low back pressure• Compatible with standard HPLC equipment• Many commercial sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires UHPLC equipmentExpensive• Lower phase ratio → less retention
3. Monoliths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium HETP and very low back pressure → fast• Compatible with standard HPLC equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low max. pressure rating• Less retentive• Few suppliers
4. High Temperature LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low back pressureReduction of HETPImproved peak shape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires special heater• Stability of packing and solutes• Selectivity changes with temperature

2nd Dimension Separation

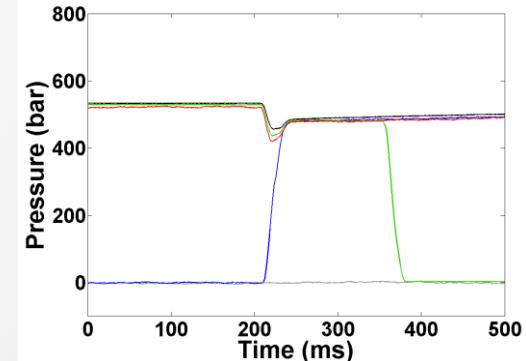
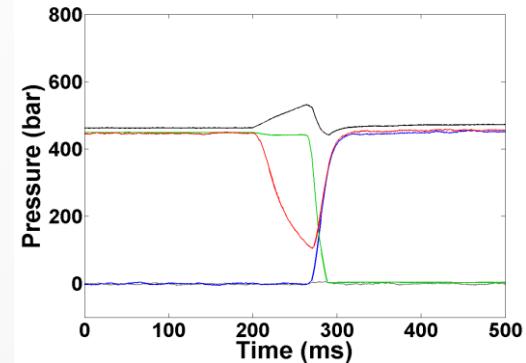
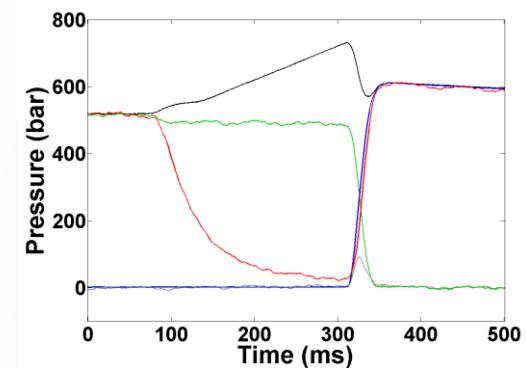
Column Stability



Electrical Actuated Standard 10 port valve



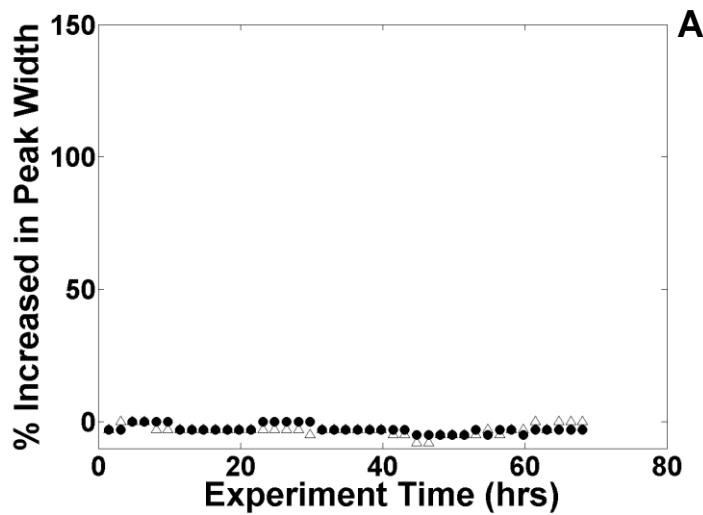
Pneumatic Actuated Standard 10 port valve



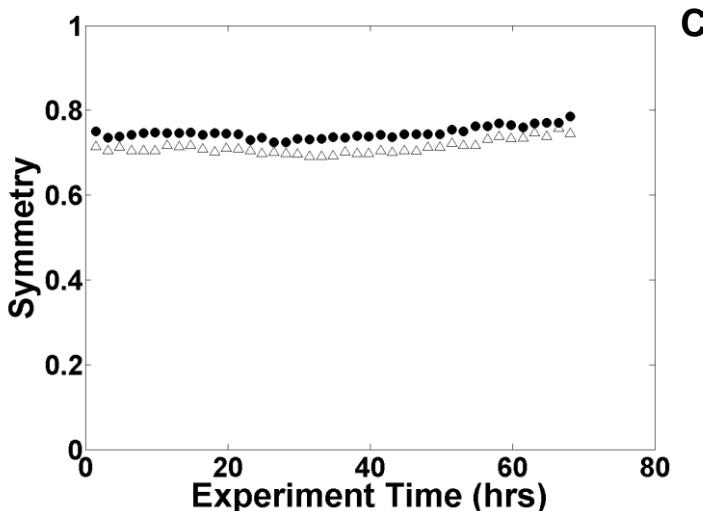
Agilent Proprietary Duo valve

2nd Dimension Separation

Column Stability



Electrically actuated 8-port/2-position valve.
Superficially porous C18 columns
Test solutes nitropentane (●) and di-propyl phthalate (Δ)



Prof. Pete. Carr & Dr. Dwight Stoll submitted for publication

2nd Dimension Separation

Sample Zone Focusing

The Problem – Typical 2D-LC conditions involve relatively large injections of ¹D effluent into the ²D column

Example:

¹D Flow Rate = 200 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$

Sampling (Modulation) Time = 20 s

Volume Injected to ²D Column = 67 μL

If ²D Column = 30 mm x 2.1 mm i.d (Zorbax), then:

2V_m = 55 μL , and ${}^2V_{inj.}/{}^2V_m \sim 1!$

The solvent strength coming from the first dimension < solvent strength in the second dimension

2nd Dimension Separation

Sample Zone Focusing

Approach	Disadvantage	Advantage
1) Inject less ¹ D effluent into ² D column	A. Decreases detection sensitivity B. Requires either low ¹ D flow <u>or</u> <u>flow splitting</u> (¹ st dimension detector!) C. Sample time is reduced	Relatively easy to implement
2) Use larger ² D column volume	A. Decreases detection sensitivity B. Decreases ² D speed -> peak capacity	Easy to implement
3) Use more retentive column in the second dimension compared to the ¹ D column	A. Only possible when the chemistry of the analytes allows	Easy to implement
4) Adjust solvent strength prior to the ² nd dimension separation.	A. Requires additional hardware B. More variables to consider in method development	Very effective when it works

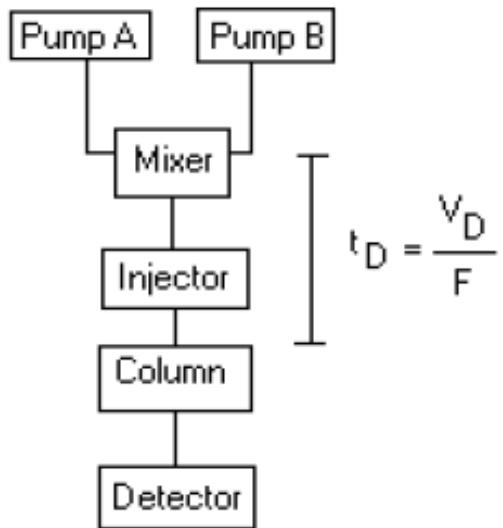
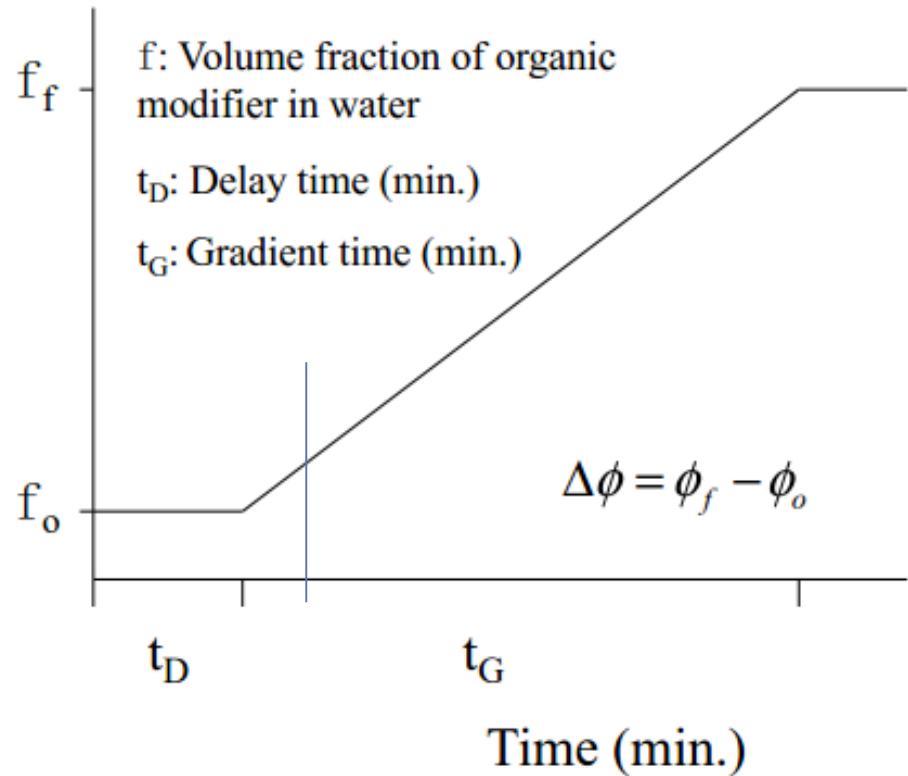
2nd Dimension Separation

Cycle Time

- We want to make the sampling time short
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- ${}^2t_{cycle} = {}^2t_{gradient} + {}^2t_{re-equilibration}$
- So we don't want to make ${}^1t_{sample}$ too short since 2D separation peak capacity decreases if ${}^2t_{gradient}$ decreases
- → High Flow Rate and High Pressure Separation

2nd Dimension Separation

Basics of Gradient Elution

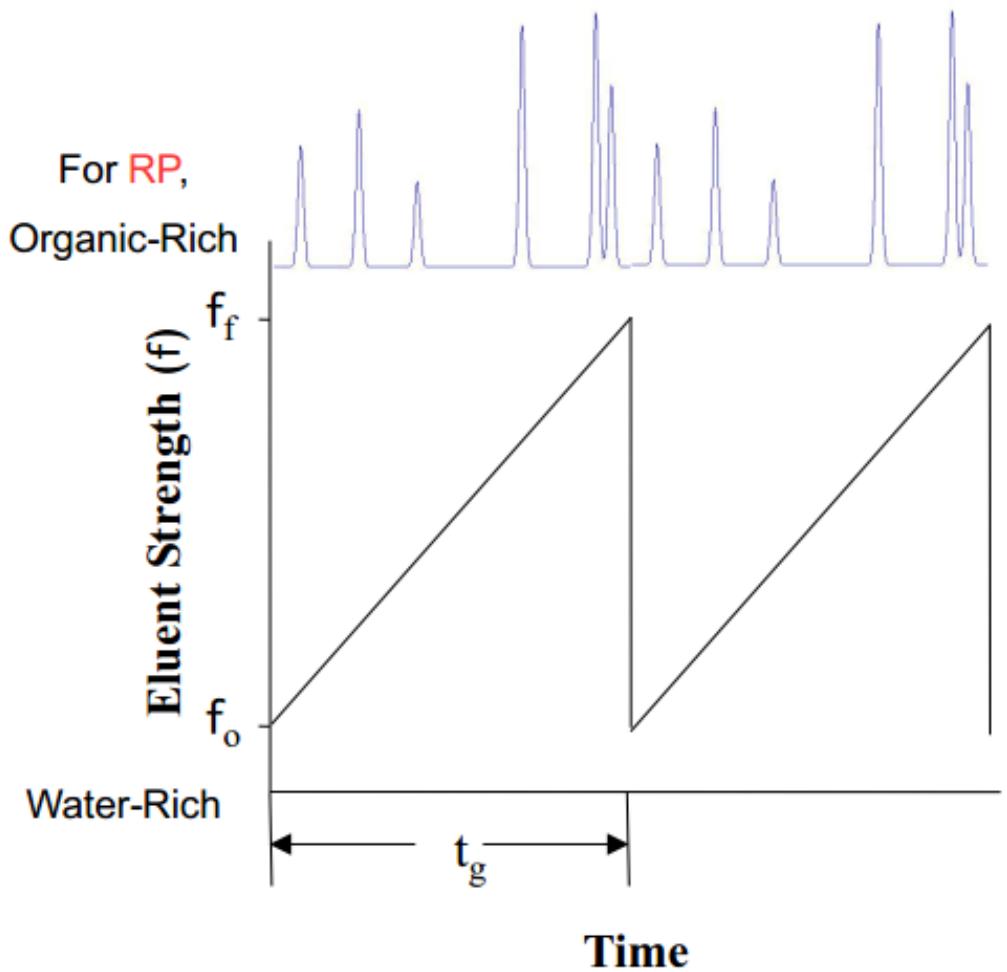


V_D : dwell volume (mL)
 F : flow rate (mL/min.)

The delay volume is a unique and important property of the instrument and a BIG PROBLEM for the second dimension of 2DLC

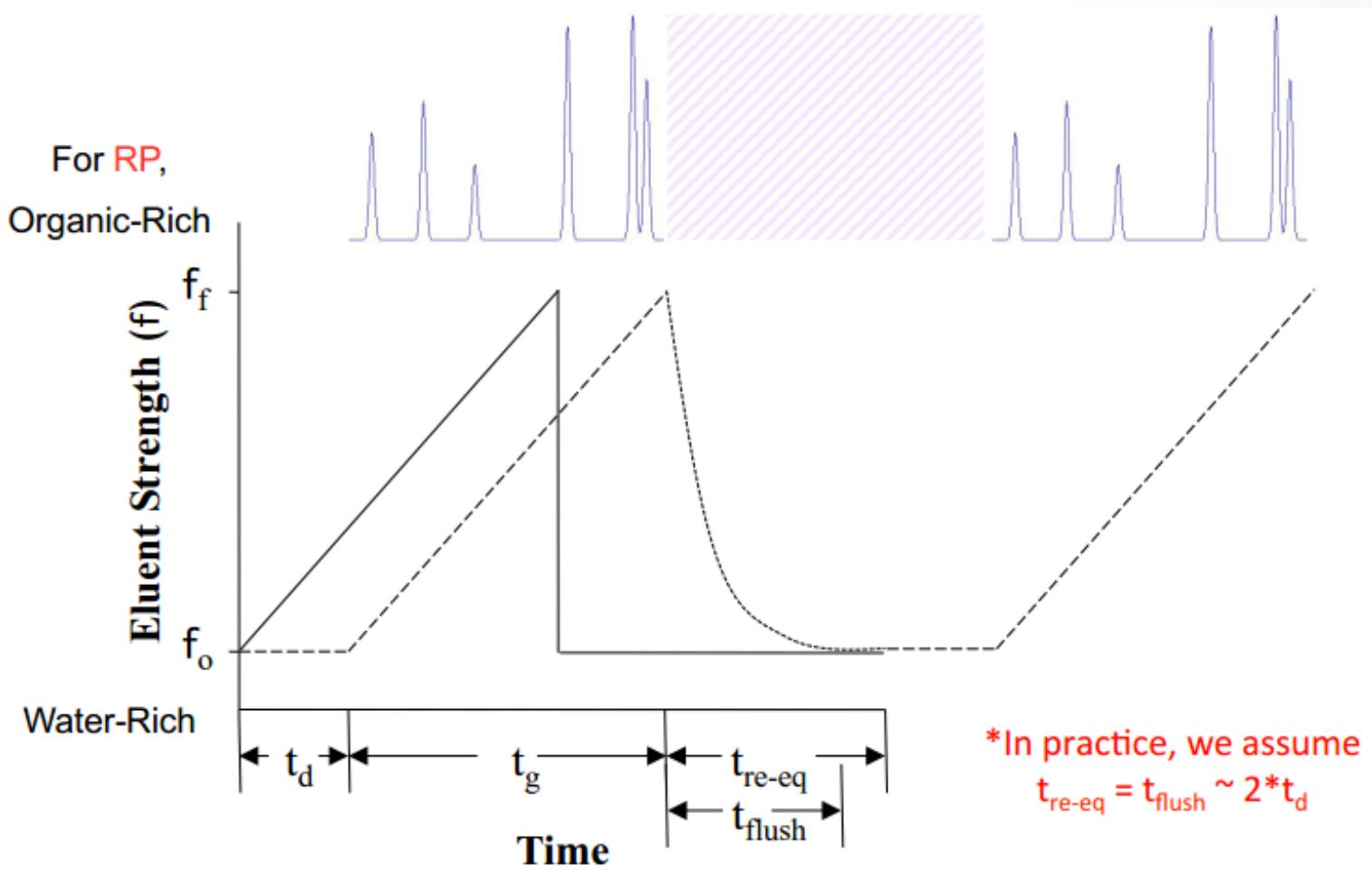
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Ideal Situation



2nd Dimension Separation

Real Situation



2nd Dimension Separation

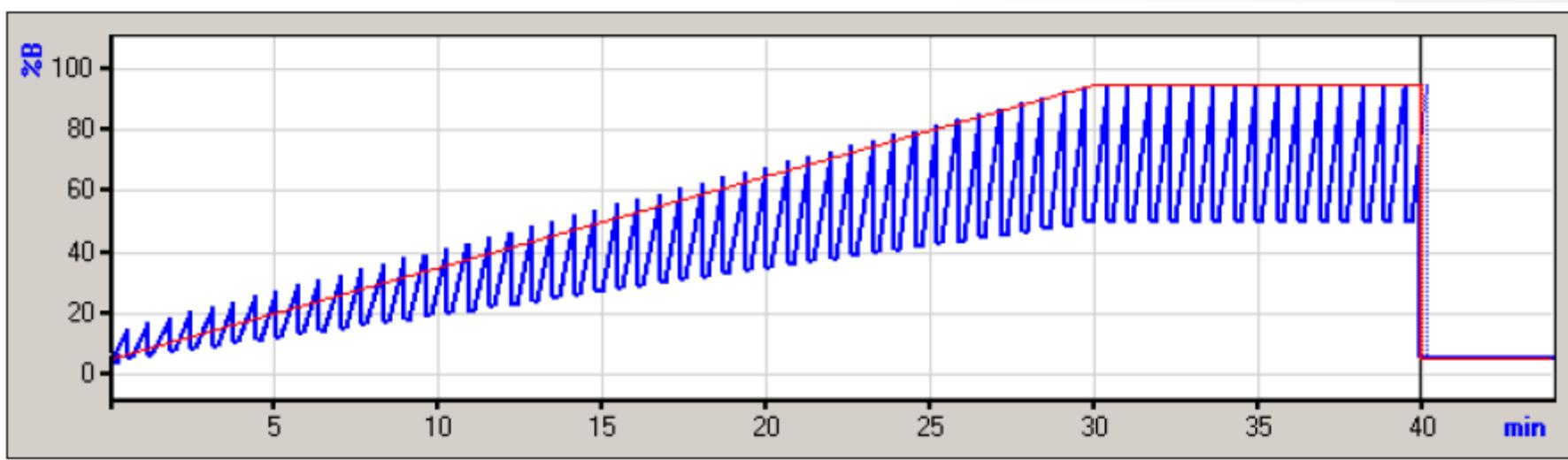
Calculation of Cycle Time

$$t_{cycle} = t_d + t_{gradient} + t_{re-equilibrate} = t_d + t_{gradient} + 2 \cdot V_{2D\text{column}} \cdot F$$

	Gradient Delay volume (V _d , mL)	Flow Rate (mL)	Gradient Delay Time (t _d)	Analysis Time
Legacy Pumps (e.g., HP1100)	1.0	0.25	4 min.	30 min.
	1.0	3.0	20 s	60 s
New Pumps (e.g., 1290, Acquity)	0.1	0.25	24 s	30 min.
	0.1	3.0	2 s	30 s

2nd Dimension Separation

Optimize Gradient Separation



Adapt start composition of 2nd dimension gradient separation!!

Column Selection for 2D LC

2D LC Column Selection

Considerations

Molecular structure of the analytes:

- Functional groups determine hydrophobicity, polarity and H-bond donor or acceptor
- Are there ionizable groups?
- Permanent charges or zwitterions?
- Molecular weight, size & shape?

2D LC Column Selection

Is RPxRP a good choice?

- RPLC is the most frequently used mode of HPLC
 - Wide availability, familiarity
 - RPLC is compatible with polar water, soluble (bio)molecules
 - Normally high plate counts and peak capacity (esp. in gradient mode)
 - Different brand RP columns will behave “orthogonal”
 - Retention of ionizable molecules will change strongly with pH of the eluent
- Eluents used in normal phase polar LC are incompatible with eluents used in RPLC
- Ion exchange will only separate ions of one type (anions or cations) and has relatively low plate counts
 - IECxRP for proteomics (offline method and also MUDPit)
- SEC is good for high MW solutes but has low peak capacity
 - SECxRP method (see Method Development section)
- HILIC has good solvent compliance for subsequent RP separation
 - HILICxRP method (see Method Development section)

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2D LC Column Selection

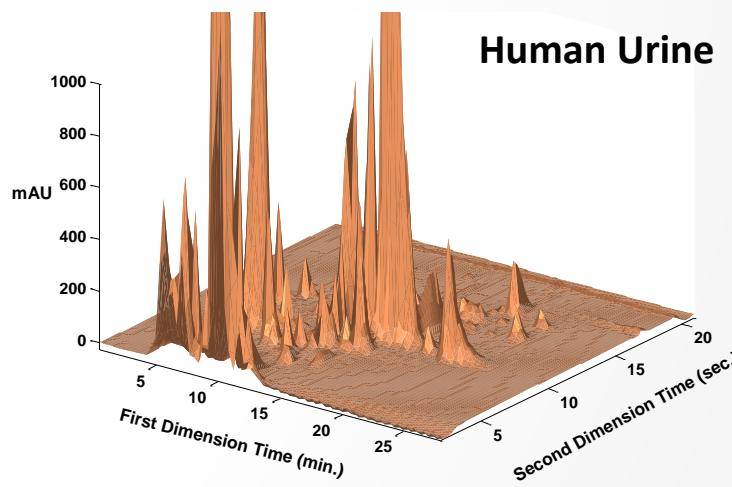
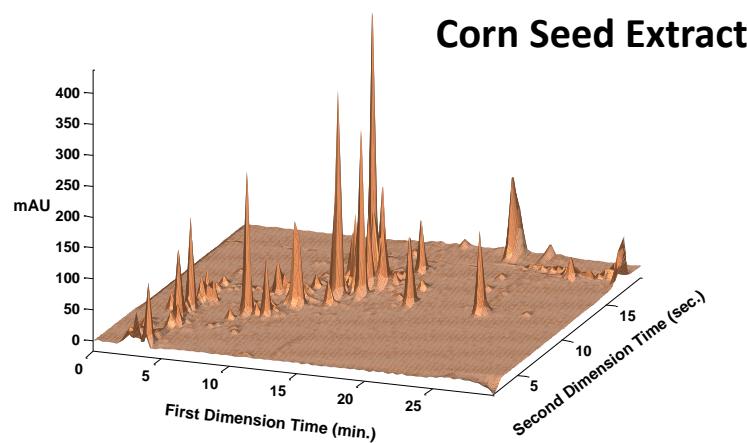
Mode Combinations

Mode	IEC x RP ¹	SEC x RP ²	NP x RP ³	RP x RP ⁴	HILIC x RP ⁵	HILIC x HILIC ⁶	AC x RP ⁷	SEC x NP ⁸	SEC x IEC ⁹
Orthogonality	++	++	++	+	+	-	++	+	+
Peak Capacity	+	+	+	++	+	+	-	-	--
Peak Capacity/time	-	--	+	++	+	+	-	--	--
Solvent Compatibility	+	+	--	++	+	++	+	+	+
Applicability	+	+	-	++	+	-	+	-	-
Score	4	3	1	9	5	2	2	-2	-3

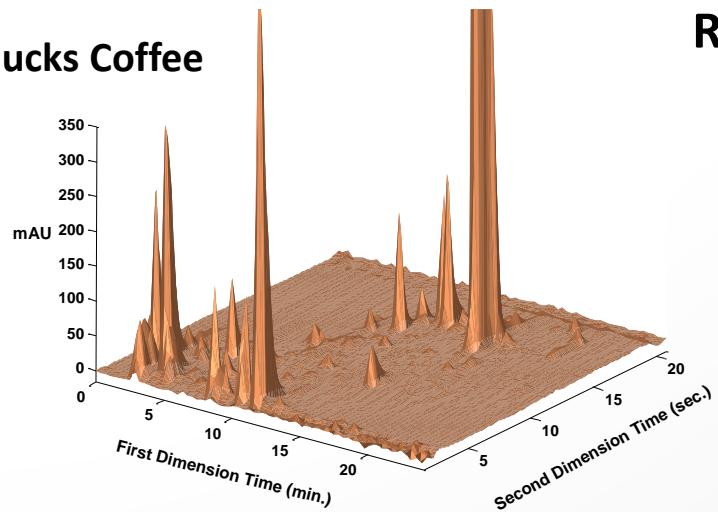
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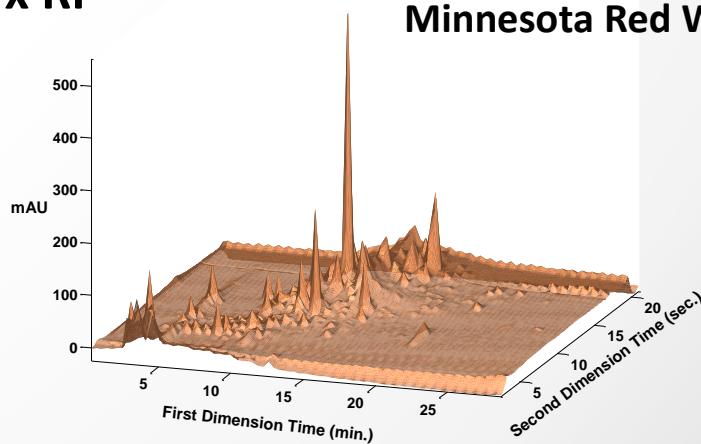
Is RPxRP a good choice?



Starbucks Coffee



RP x RP

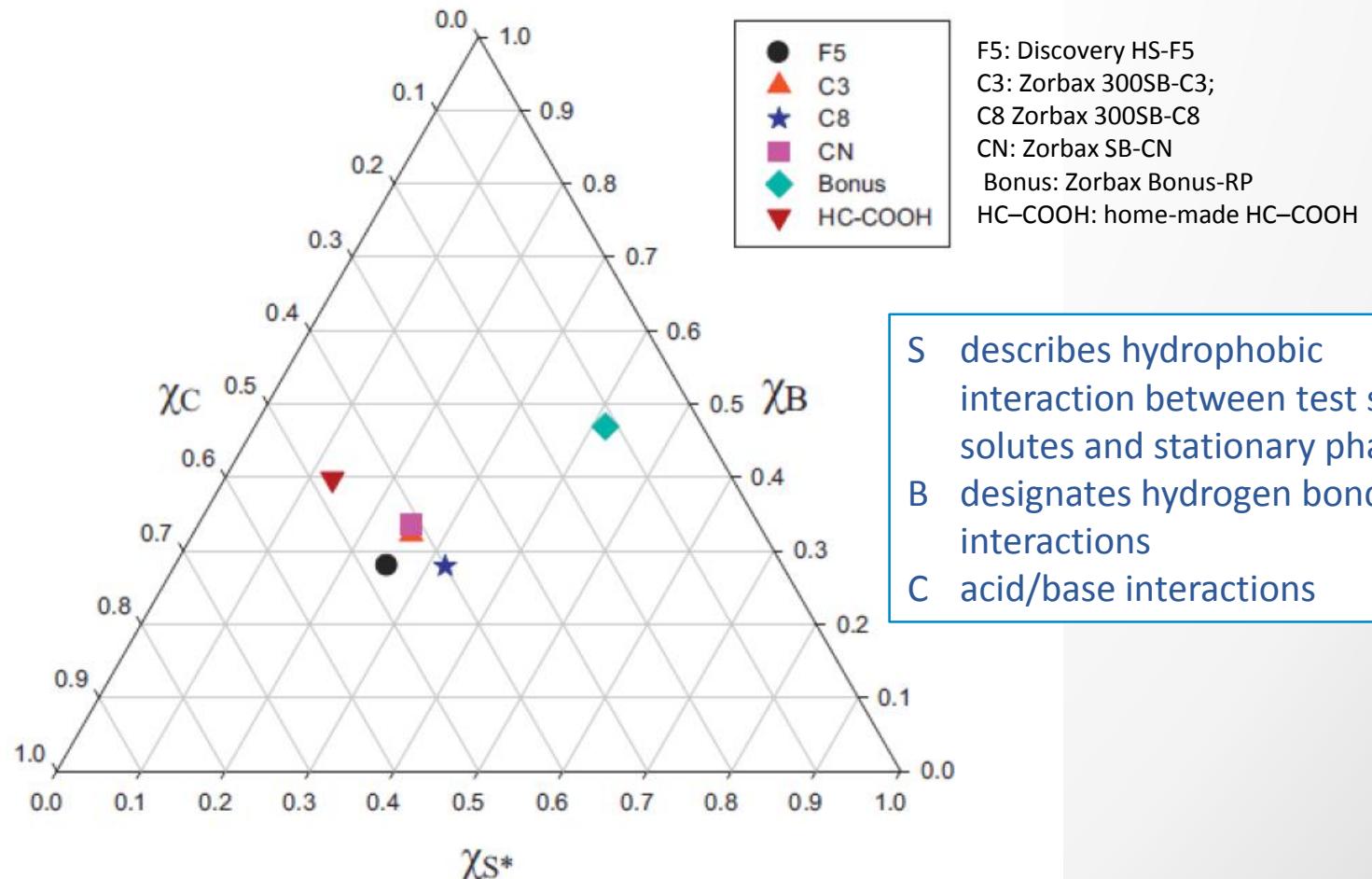


Minnesota Red Wine-2006

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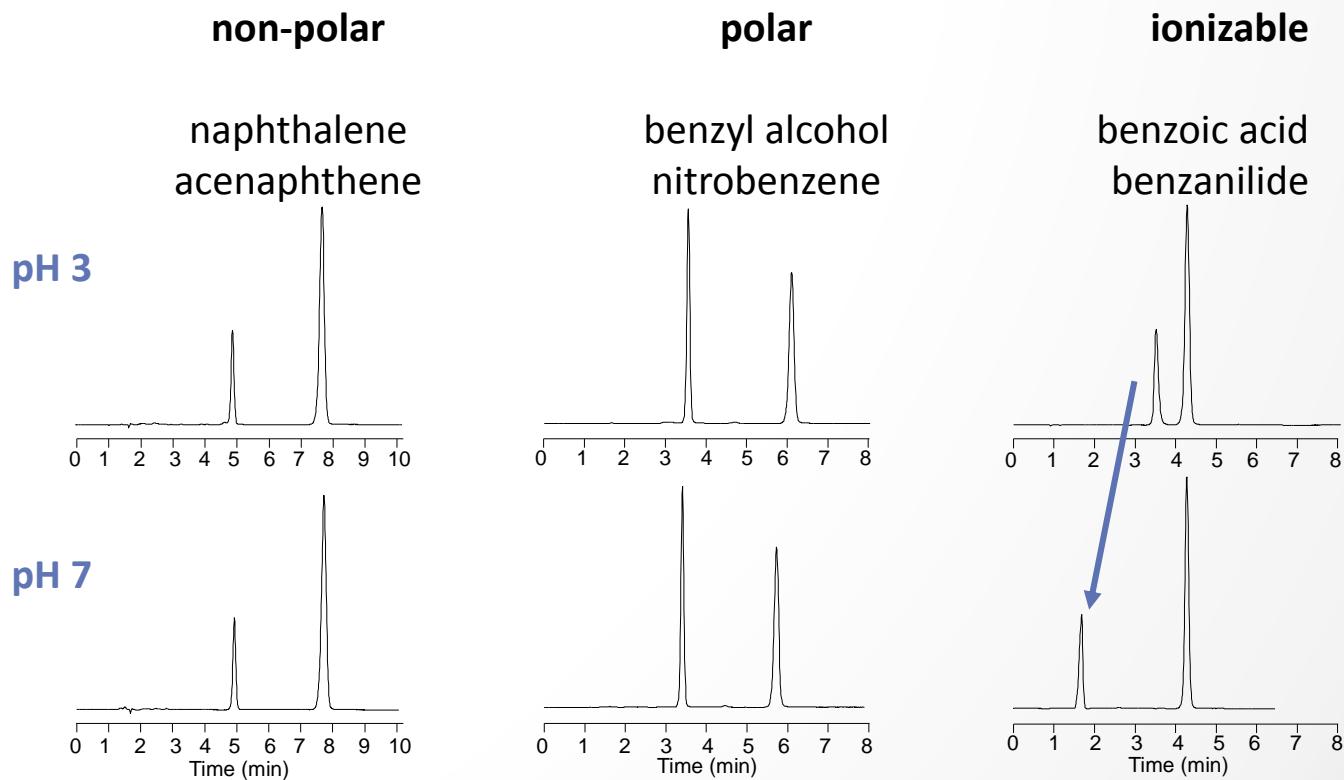
Orthogonality of RP phases



Carr, P.W. et al., J. of Chrom. A, (2011) 1218, 6675–6687

2D LC Column Selection

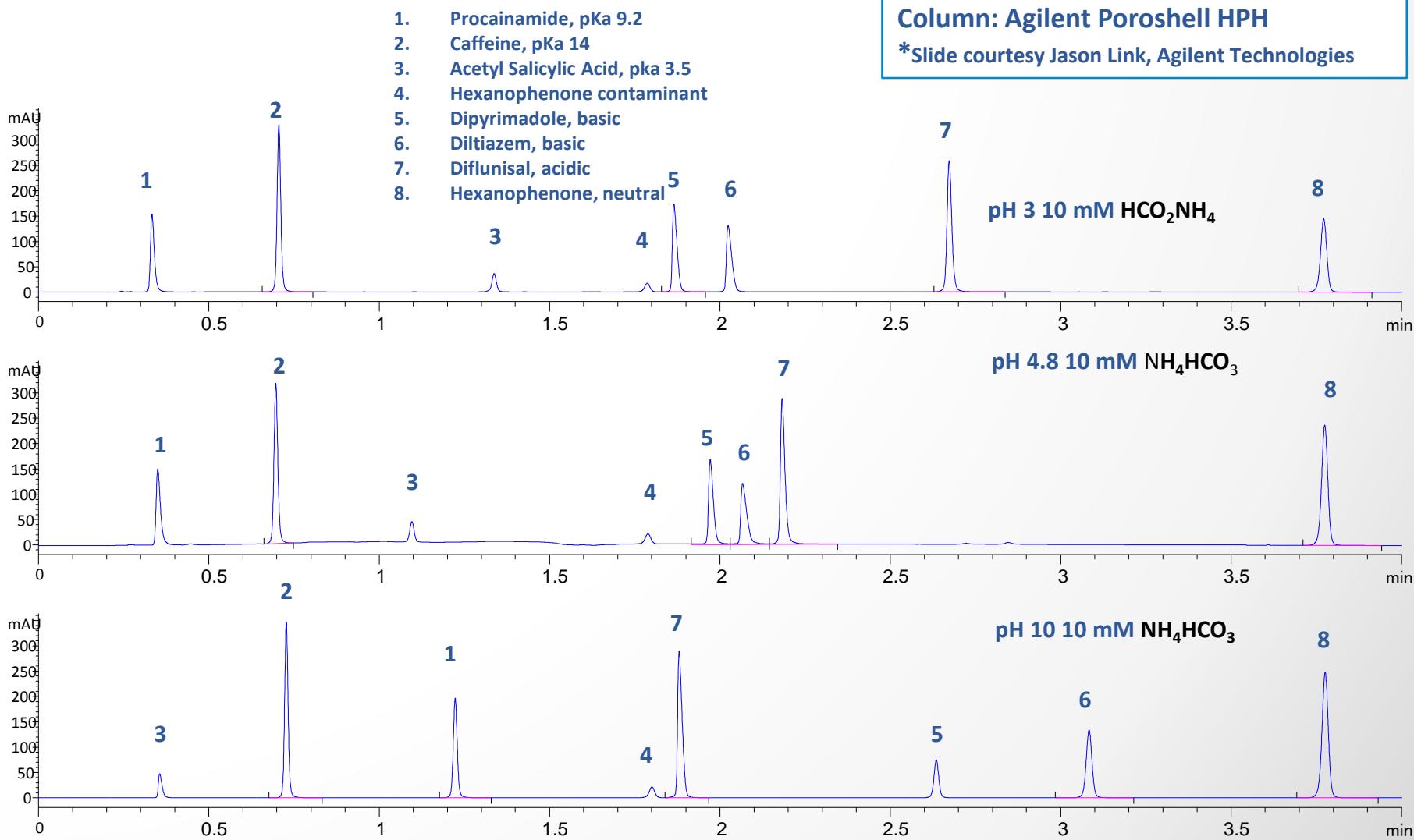
Orthogonality in Dependence of Mobile Phase pH*



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2D LC Column Selection

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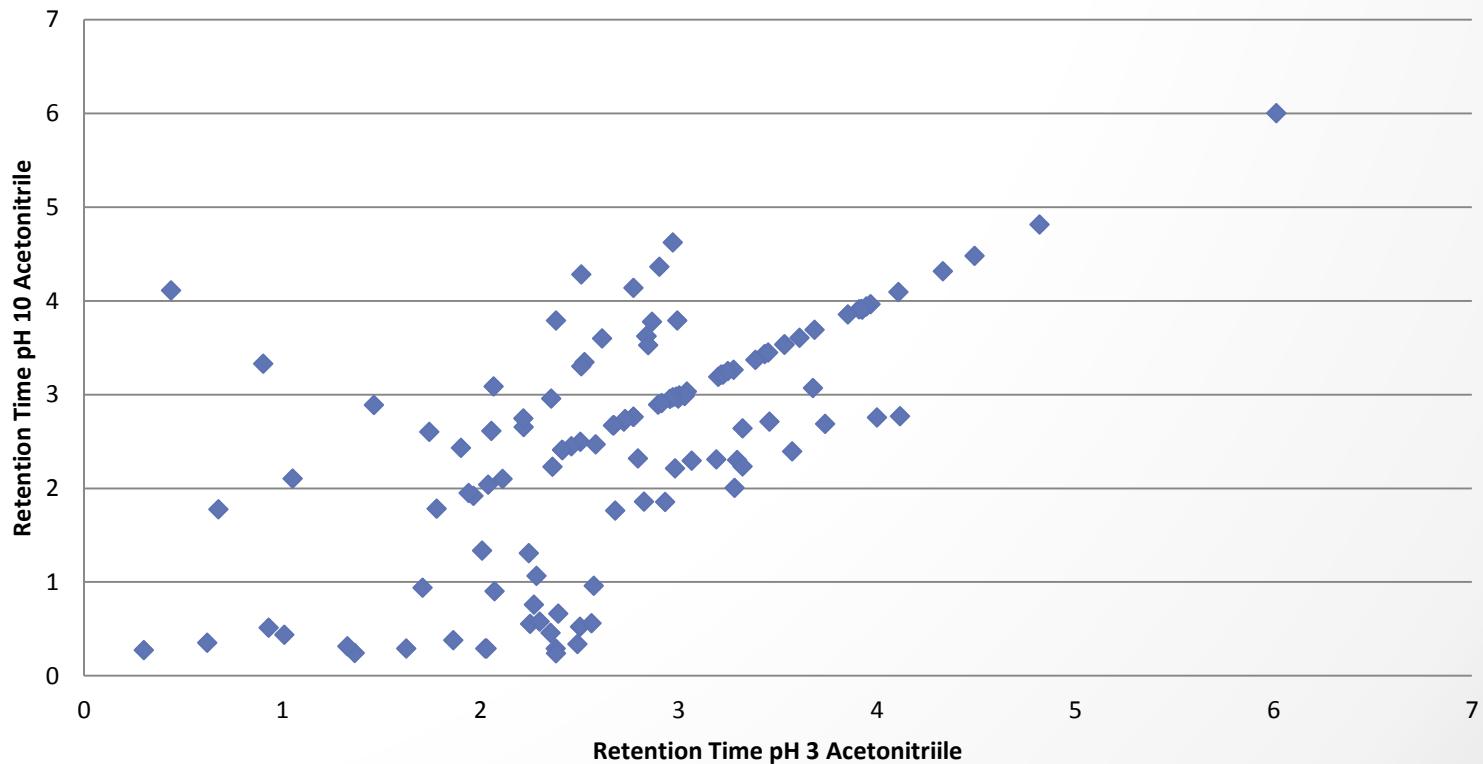


Ionizable compounds – acids and bases change retention and selectivity significantly upon changes in eluent pH

2D LC Column Selection

Orthogonality in Dependence of Mobile Phase pH*

Retention Time Correlation Poroshell HPH C18, Acetonitrile,
pH 3 vs pH 10 based upon 120 compounds



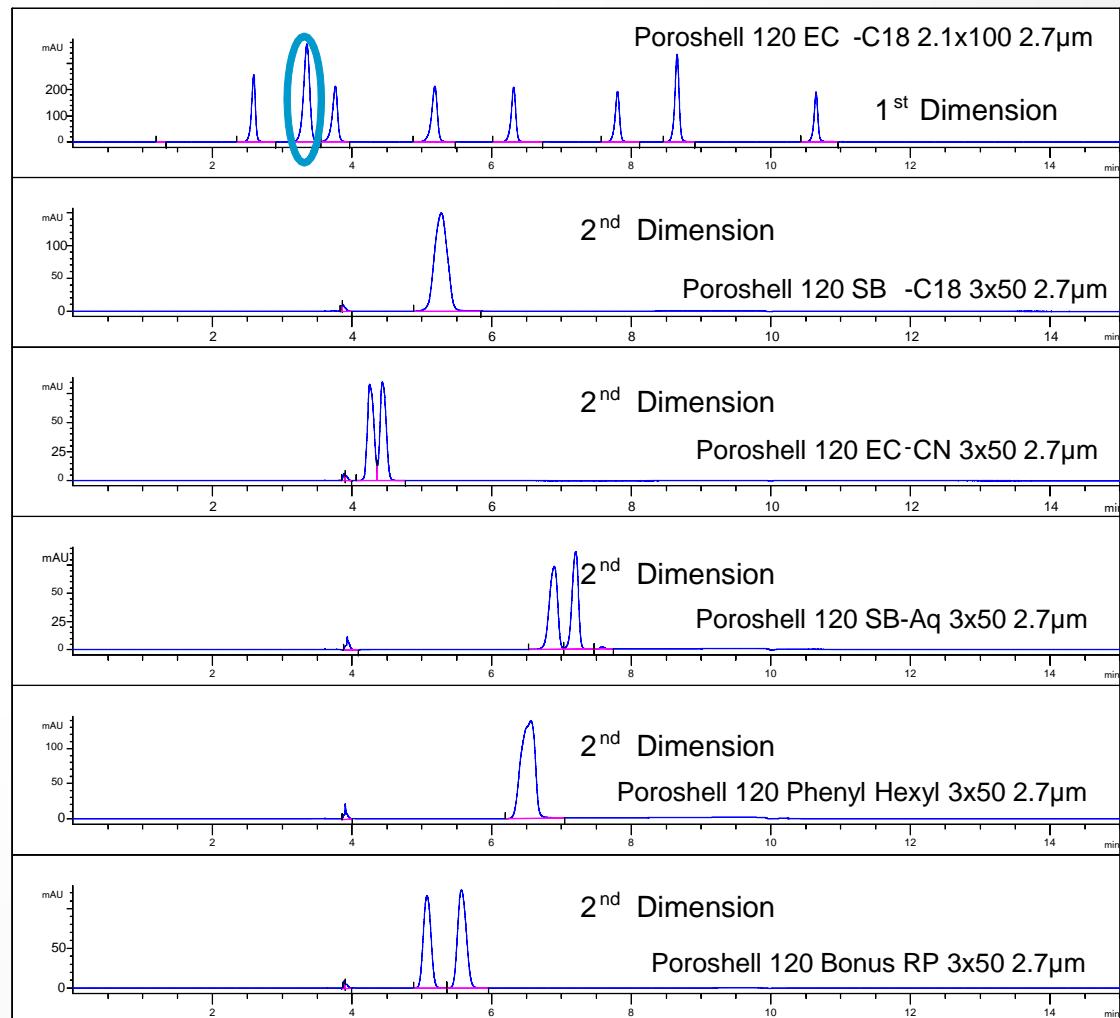
5 % to 95% over 4 minutes. Hold 1 minutes Chromatograms at pH 3 (ammonium formate), and pH 10 (ammonium bicarbonate) are shown using mass spec compatible buffers. The flow rate 0.42 ml/min. 254 nm Agilent 1260 2.1x 50 mm column Poroshell HPH C-18

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2D LC Column Selection

Orthogonality of RP phases

- Example mixture of several sulfa drugs
- Multiple chemistries utilized in the 2nd dimension
- Bonus RP demonstrated the best heart cut separation of the selected peak



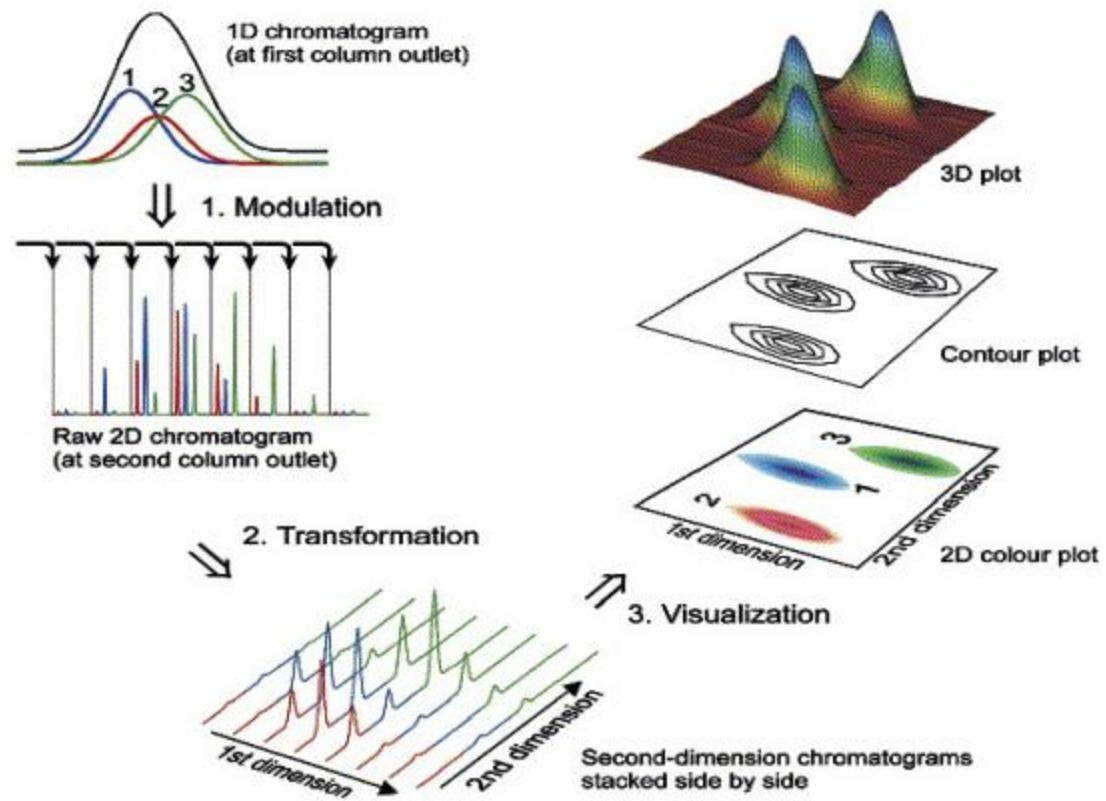
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Data Handling in Comprehensive 2D LC

Comprehensive 2D-LC

Data Handling

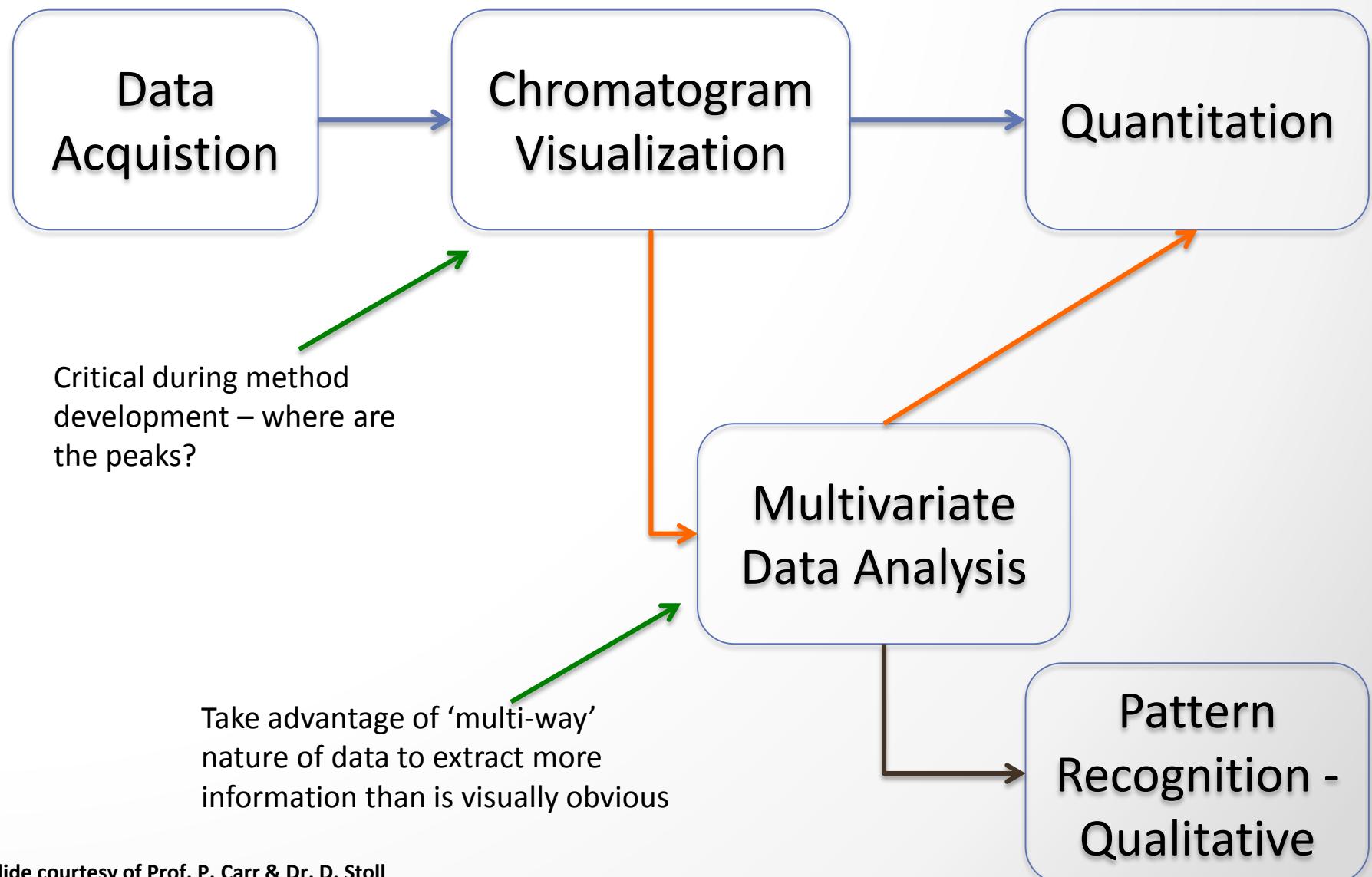
Generation and visualization



U.T.A. Brinkman et al., Trends in Analytical Chemistry, 2006, 25, 438–454.

Comprehensive 2D-LC

Data Handling



Comprehensive 2D-LC

Data Handling Features

- Detector signal background removal
- Peak detection
- Chromatogram visualization
- Chromatogram comparison; statistical analysis

Comprehensive 2D-LC

Data Handling Software

Commercial

ChromSquare - <http://www.chromaleont.it/chromsquare.html>

Kroungold Analytical - <http://www.kroungold.com/LCLC.html>

LC Image - <http://www.gcimage.com/lcxl/index.html> (with Agilent Technologies)

Approaches described in the literature

S. Peters, G. Vivó-Truyols, P.J. Marriott, P.J. Schoenmakers, Development of an algorithm for peak detection in comprehensive two-dimensional chromatography, *Journal of Chromatography A.* 1156 (2007) 14–24.

Comprehensive 2D LC Method Development

Comprehensive 2D LC Method Development

Primary Considerations

- Comprehensive or (multiple) heartcutting
 - If $n_c < 20$ consider heart cutting
 - If $n_c \gg 20$ do comprehensive 2D LC
- Select the stat. phase of the 1st and 2nd dimension
 - Consider structural properties of the solutes, hydrophobicity, polarity, H-bonding, ionization, size to make an informed choice
 - Use more retentive separation column for the 2nd dimension
- Isocratic or gradient separation
 - Consider the range of polarity, pK, hydrophobicity

Comprehensive 2D LC Method Development

Further Considerations

- Specify the 2nd dimension separation
 - Particle size required for N_r
 - Column diameter and length; use 2.1 mm in modern UHPLC equipment and 4.6 mm in conventional HPLC equipment
 - Instrument; magnitude of the delay volume, allowable gradient speed, re-equilibration time
 - Calculate cycle time of 2nd dimension separation
- Fix the loop size ($V_{loop} = t_{cycle} \times ^1F$)
- Determine flow rate of 1st dimension
- Determine modulation time (under filling of the loop is recommended strongly)
- Select the appropriate column diameter for 1D separation
- Set the injection volume for the 1D separation

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Example: System Evaluation*

Columns

- First dimension: Agilent ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus C18, 150 × 2.1 mm, 1.8 µm
- Second dimension: Agilent ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus Phenyl Hexyl, 50 × 3.0 mm, 1.8 µm

Separation 1st Dimension

- Solvent A: Water + 0.1% formic acid. Solvent B: Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; Flow rate: 0.1 mL/min, Gradient: 5% B at 0 min 95% B at 30 min 95% B at 40 min; Stop time: 40 min. Post time: 15 min
- Sample: 20 component RP standard, 5 µL

Separation 2nd Dimension

- Solvent A: Water + 0.1% formic acid. Solvent B: Methanol + 0.1% formic acid. Flow rate: 3 mL/min; Gradient: 5% B at 0 min 15% B at 0.5 min 5% B at 0.51 min 5% B at 0.65 min

Column Thermostat

- Agilent 8/4 Port/2 Position Valve ("Duo")
- Two loops 80 µL, First-in-last-out configuration
- Switching time 0.65 min → injection volume 2nd dimension separation 65 µL
- Temperature 1st dimension 25°C; temperature 2nd dimension 60°C

Gradient Optimization

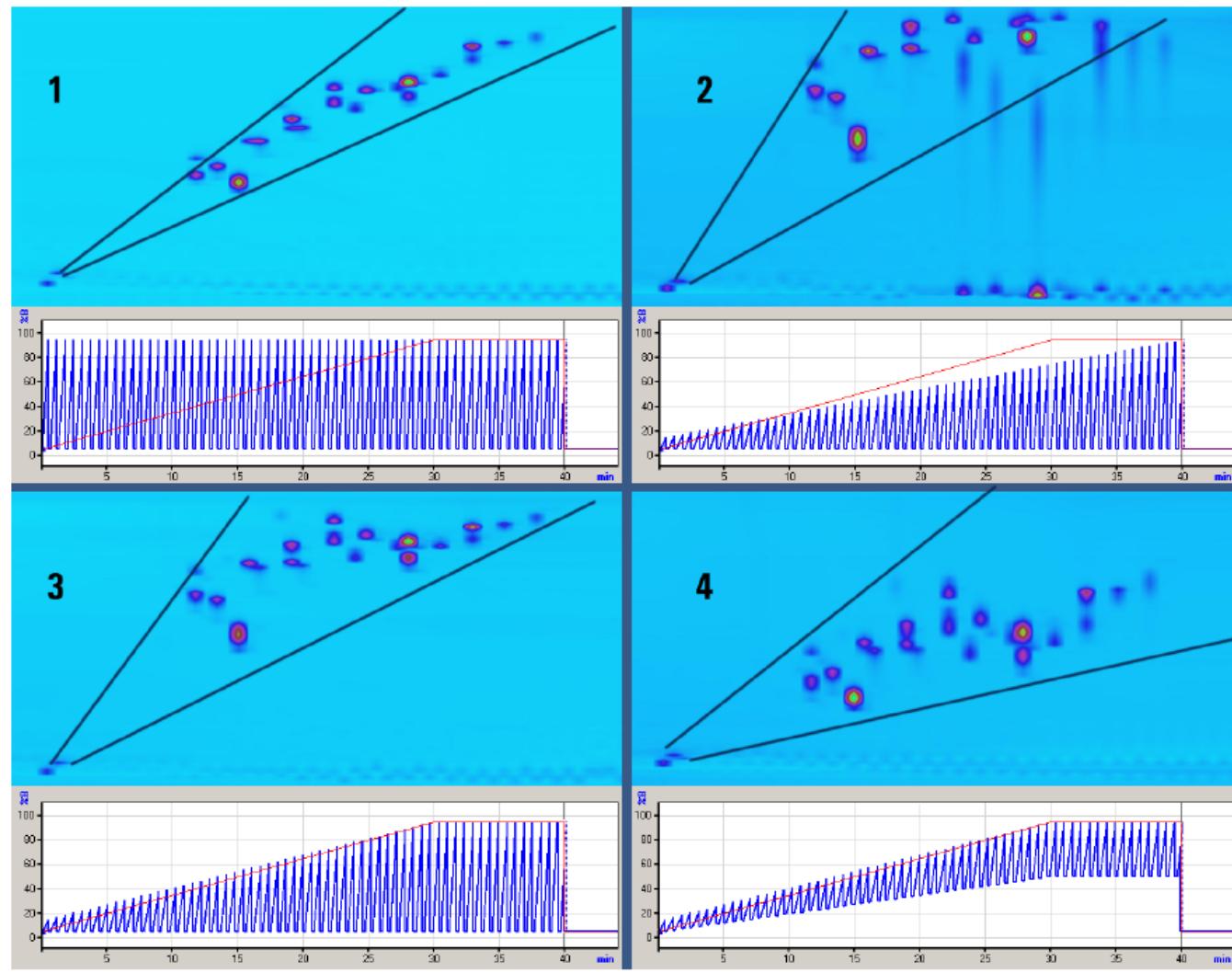
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Software

- Agilent OpenLAB CDS ChemStation, Edition, version C.01.03 with
- 2D-LC add-on Software for 2D-LC data analysis from GC Image LLC, Lincoln, NE, USA

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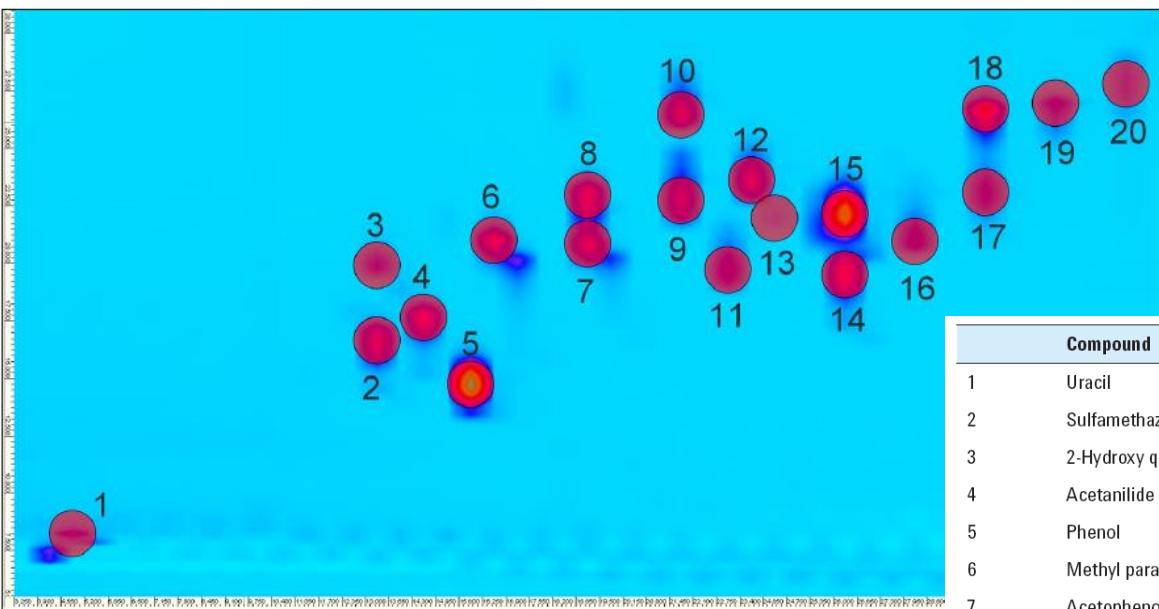
2nd Dimension Gradient Optimization*



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Results*

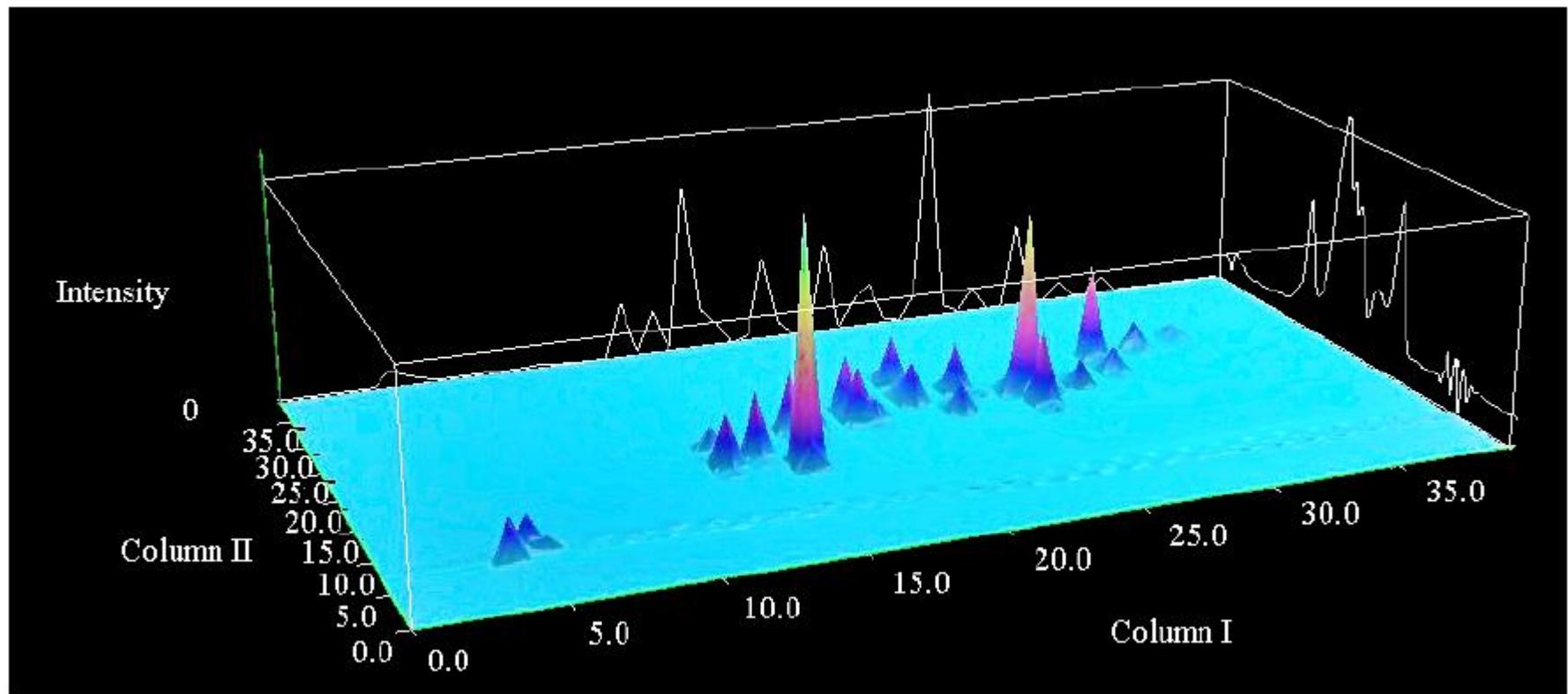


Compound	RT I (min)	RT II (sec)
1 Uracil	4.55	8.32
2 Sulfamethazine	13.00	16.71
3 2-Hydroxy quinoline	13.00	20.06
4 Acetanilide	14.30	17.61
5 Phenol	15.60	14.56
6 Methyl paraben	16.25	20.95
7 Acetophenone	18.85	20.58
8 Ethyl paraben	18.85	22.88
9 Propyl paraben	21.45	22.65
10 N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide	21.45	26.38
11 Propiophenone	22.75	19.81
12 Butyl paraben	23.40	23.71
13 Butyrophenone	24.05	21.65
14 Toluene	26.00	19.57
15 Benzophenone	26.00	22.21
16 Valerophenone	27.95	21.28
17 Hexanophenone	29.90	22.95
18 Heptyl paraben	29.90	26.62
19 Heptanophenone	31.85	26.89
20 Octanophenone	33.80	27.94

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Result*



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Example: Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Columns

- First dimension: Agilent ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus, Phenyl-Hexyl, 2.1 x 150 mm, 1.8 µm
- Second dimension: Agilent ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus, C18, 3.0 x 50 mm, 1.8 µm

Separation 1st Dimension

- Solvent A: water + 0.1% formic acid. Solvent B: methanol + 0.1% formic acid; Flow rate: 0.05 mL/min, Gradient: 5% B at 0 min 95% B at 60 min 95% B at 80 min; Stop time: 80 min. Post time: 30 min
- Sample: 20 µL

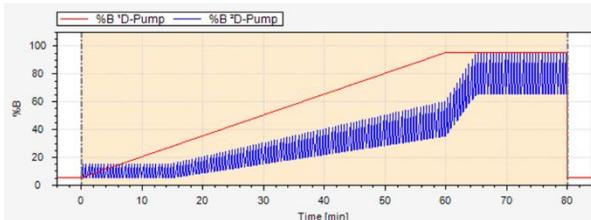
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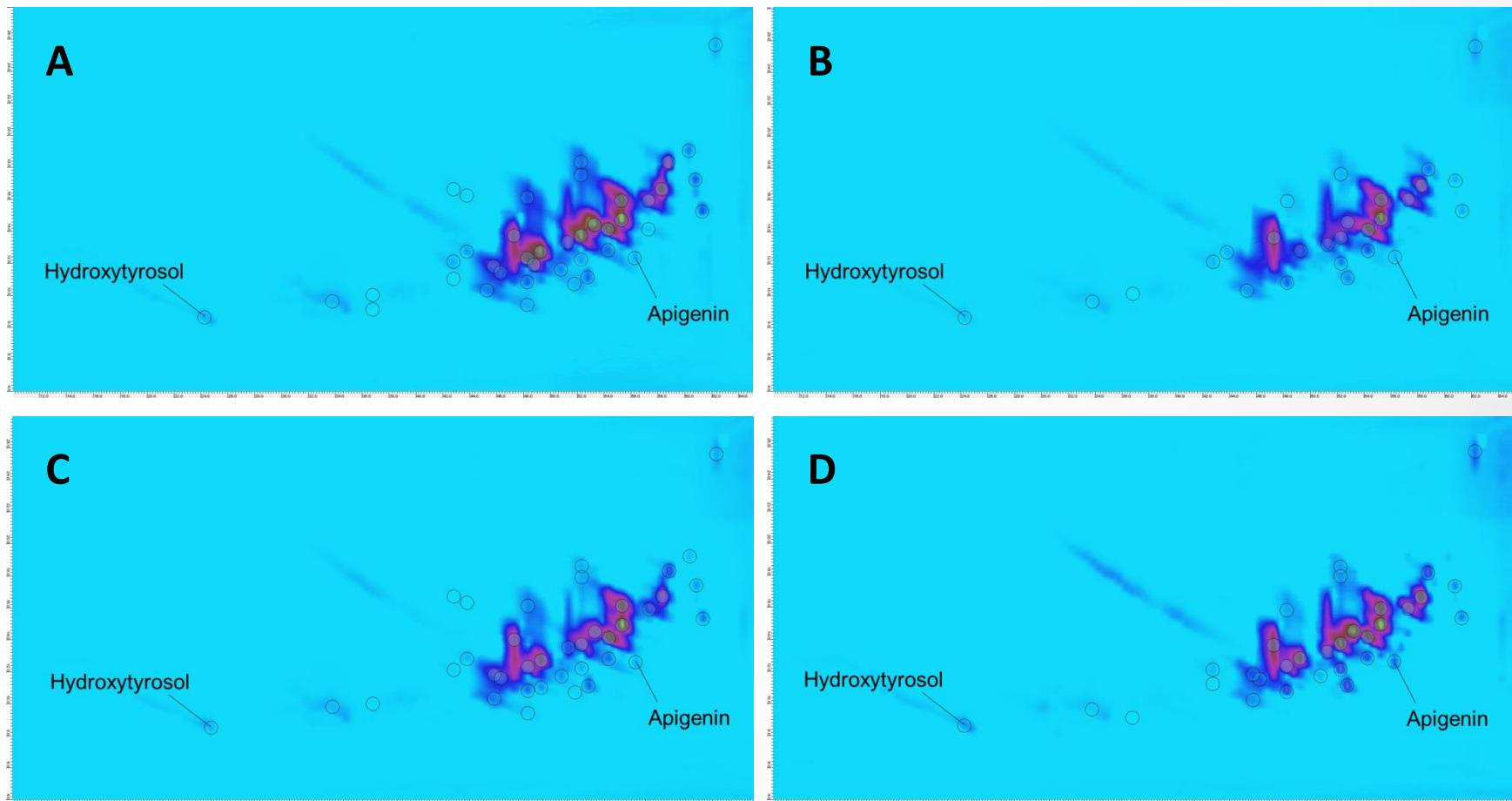
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Hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oil



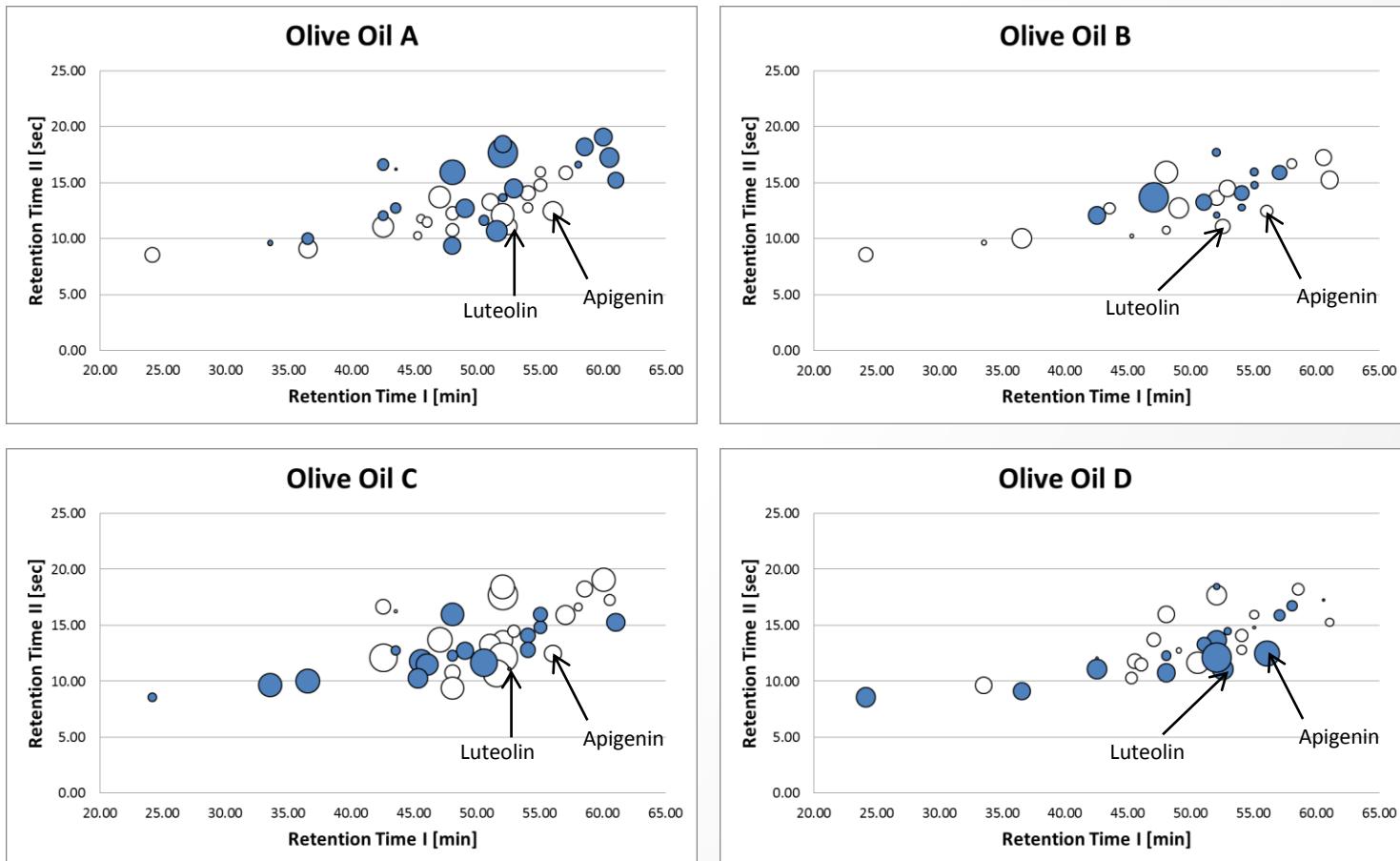
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Hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oil

Compound name	Formula	Theoretical <i>m/z</i>	Mean Retention time I [min]	Mean Retention time II [sec]
Oleuropein aglycon	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₈	377.1242	48 - 55	13.6 - 16.0
Ligstroside aglycon	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₇	361.1293	52 - 61	14.5 - 17.7
Decarboxymethyl oleuropein aglycon	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ O ₆	319.1187	47 - 52	12.1 - 13.7
Decarboxymethyl ligstroside aglycon	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ O ₅	303.1238	51.03	13.29
Decarboxymethyl 10-hydroxy-oleuropein aglycon	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ O ₇	335.1136	48.03	10.77
Elenolic acid	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ O ₆	241.0718	33 - 45	9.6 - 10.3
Luteolin	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₆	285.0405	52.53	11.09
Apigenin	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₅	269.0455	56.03	12.47
Hydroxytyrosol	C ₈ H ₁₀ O ₃	153.0557	24.16	8.57
Hydroxytyrosol acetate	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₄	195.0663	42.53	12.09

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