

# Method Development of 2D HPLC and examples



Requirements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension separation, column selection and method development examples

# Requirements to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Separation



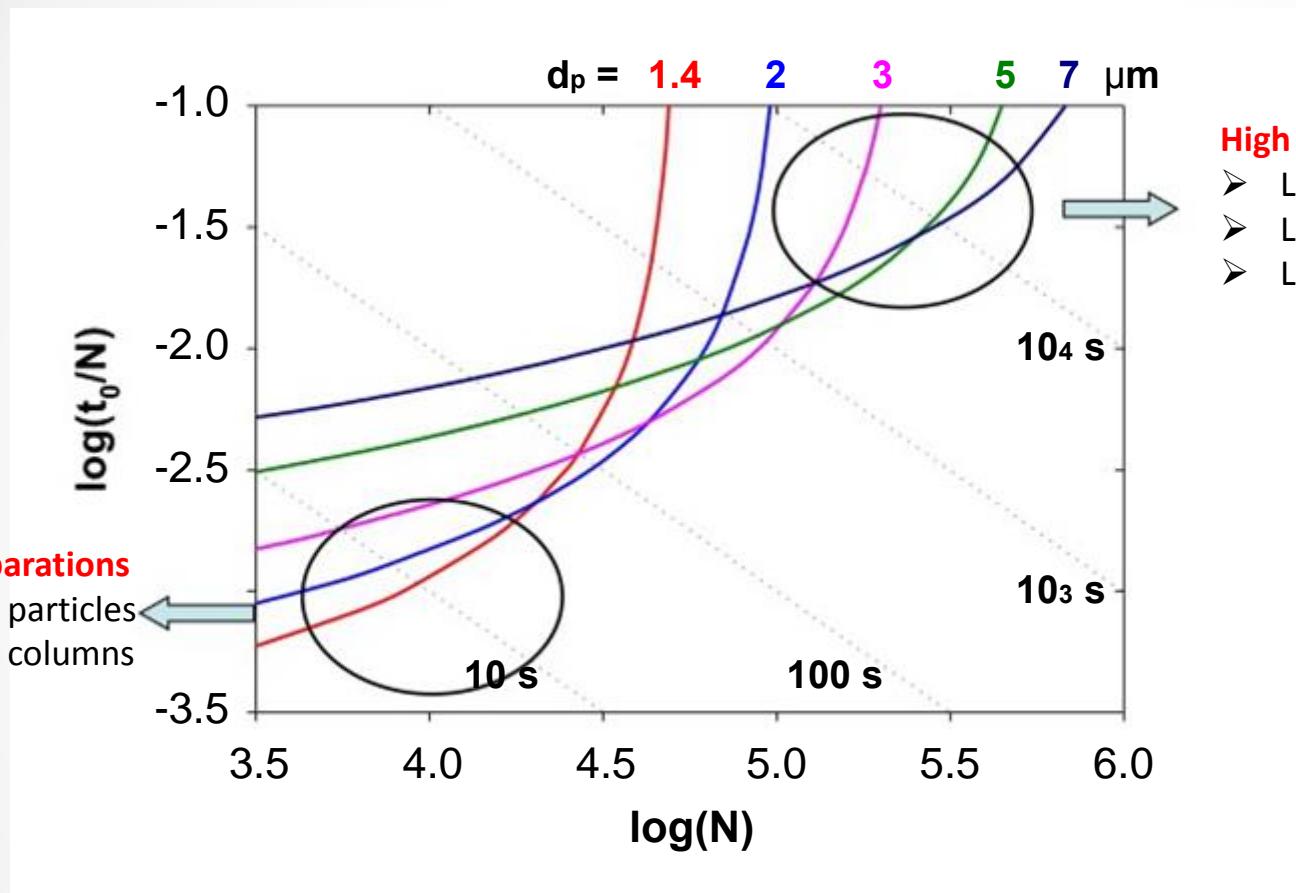
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Separation

## Requirements

- Must be very high speed separation(UHPLC!!)
- Isocratic or gradient separation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

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

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

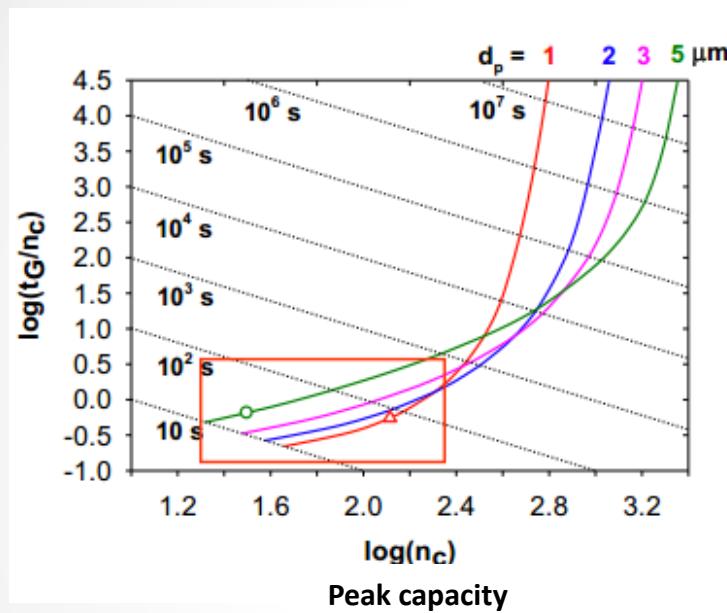
- Use columns with very small particles for ultra fast separations
- Work at ultra high pressure

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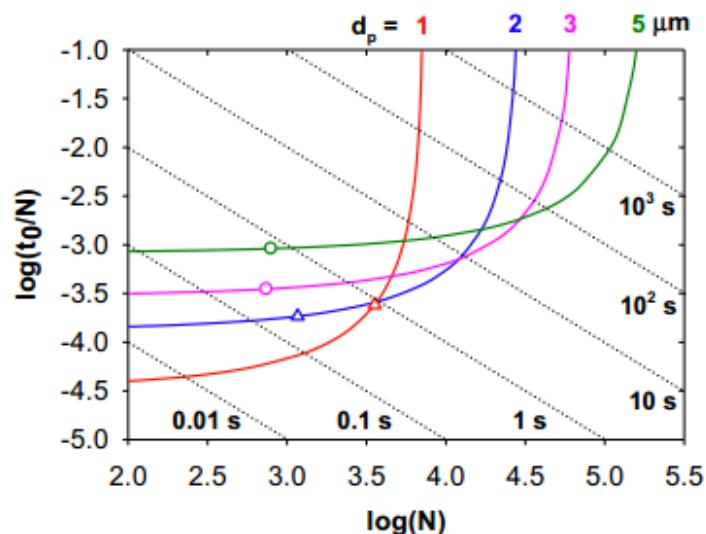
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## Influence of Particle Size – Poppe Plot for Gradient Separation

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

## Effect of Temperature\*

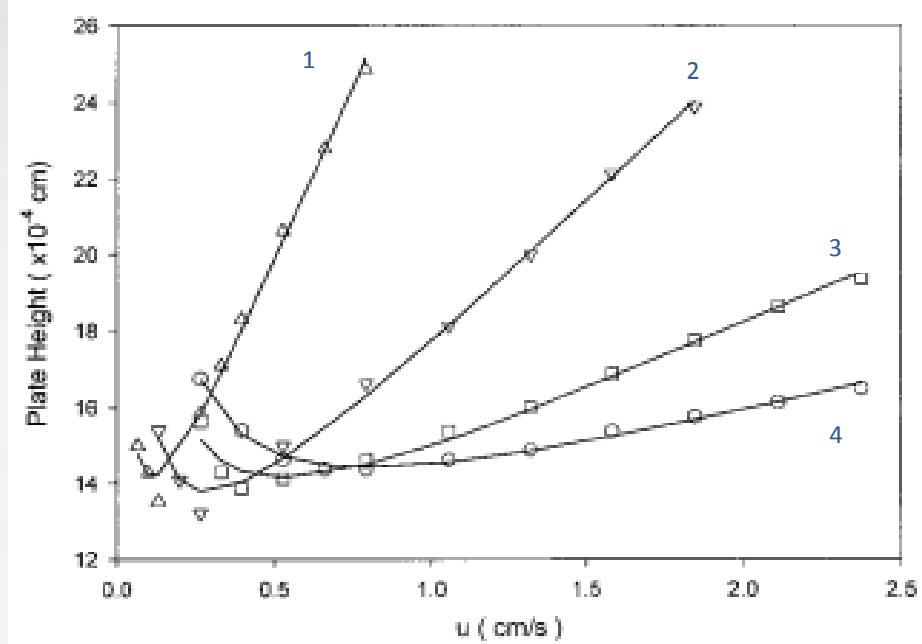


Plate height vs linear velocity at various temperatures

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).

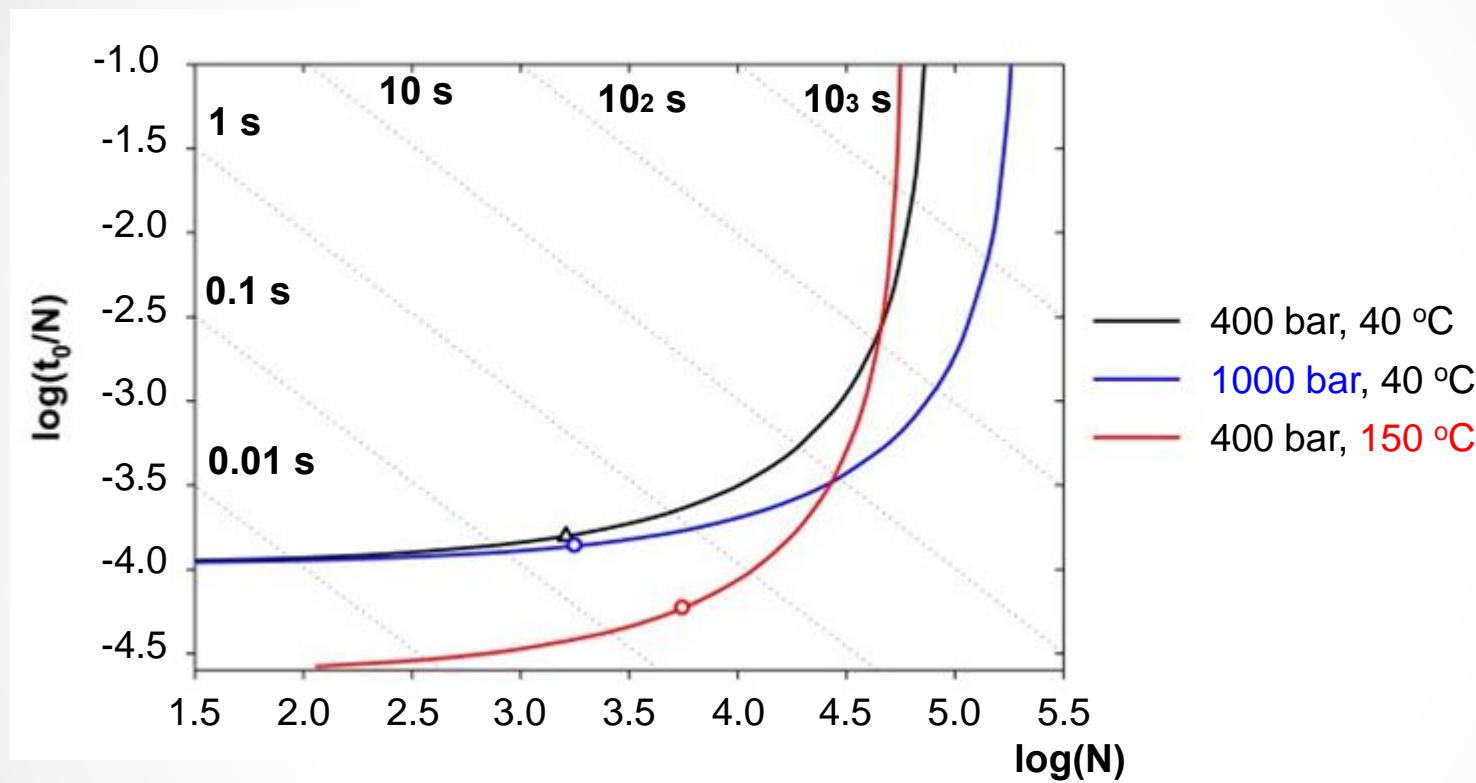
Higher temperature

- $u_{0,opt}$  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!

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Separation

## Column Technology Options

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Separation

## Sample Zone Focusing

**The Problem** – Typical 2D-LC conditions involve relatively large injections of <sup>1</sup>D effluent into the <sup>2</sup>D column

Example:

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

Sampling (Modulation) Time = 20 s

Volume Injected to <sup>2</sup>D Column = 67  $\mu\text{L}$

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

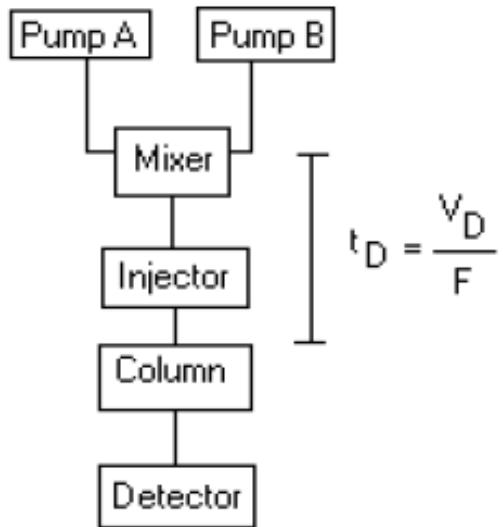
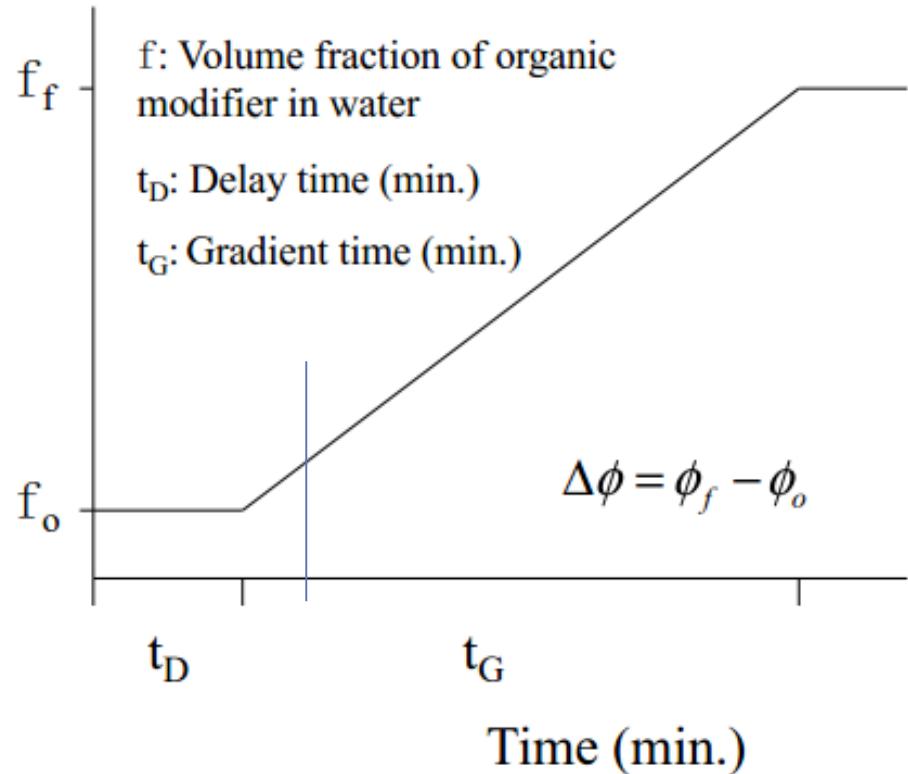
${}^2V_m$  = 55  $\mu\text{L}$ , and  ${}^2V_{\text{inj.}}/{}^2V_m \sim 1!$

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



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Separation

## Basics of Gradient Elution

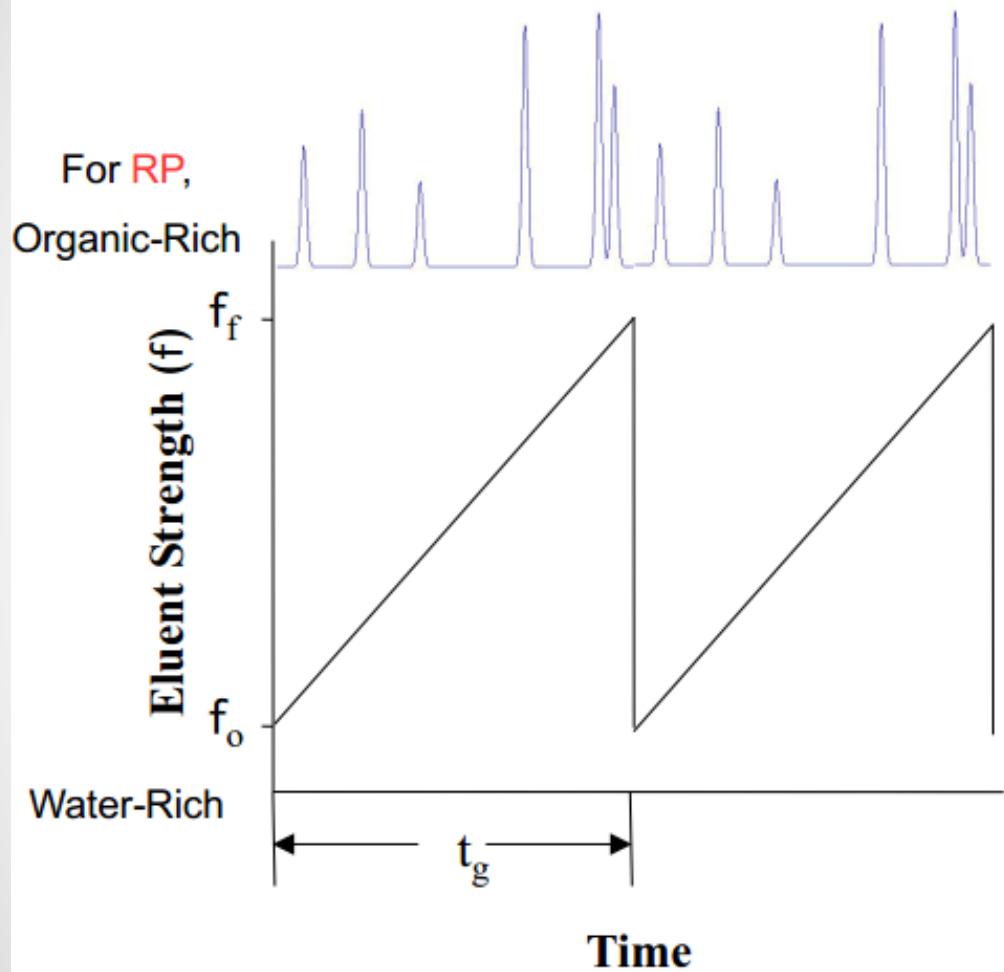


$V_D$ : dwell volume (mL)  
 $F$ : flow rate (mL/min.)

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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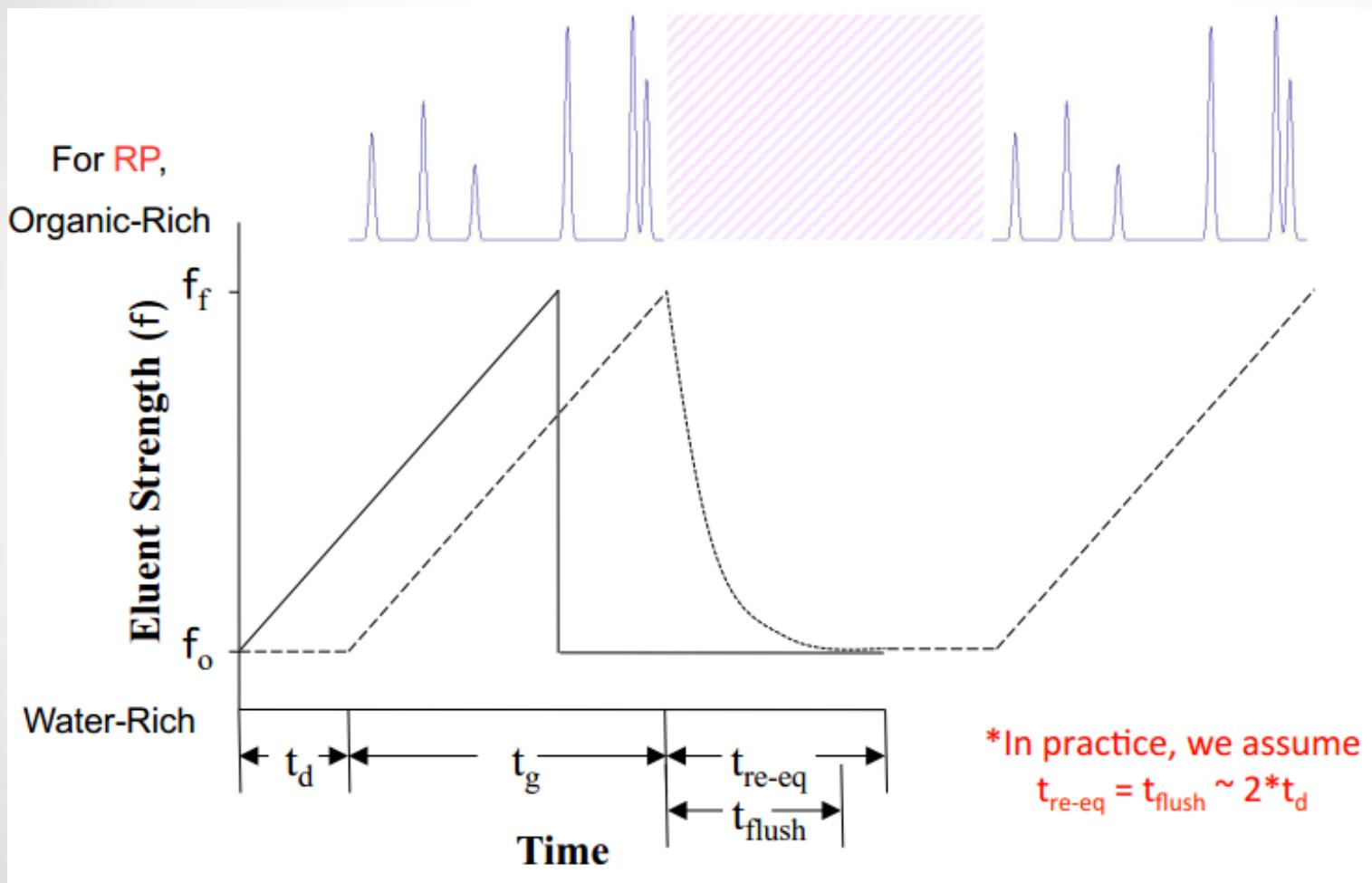
## Ideal Situation



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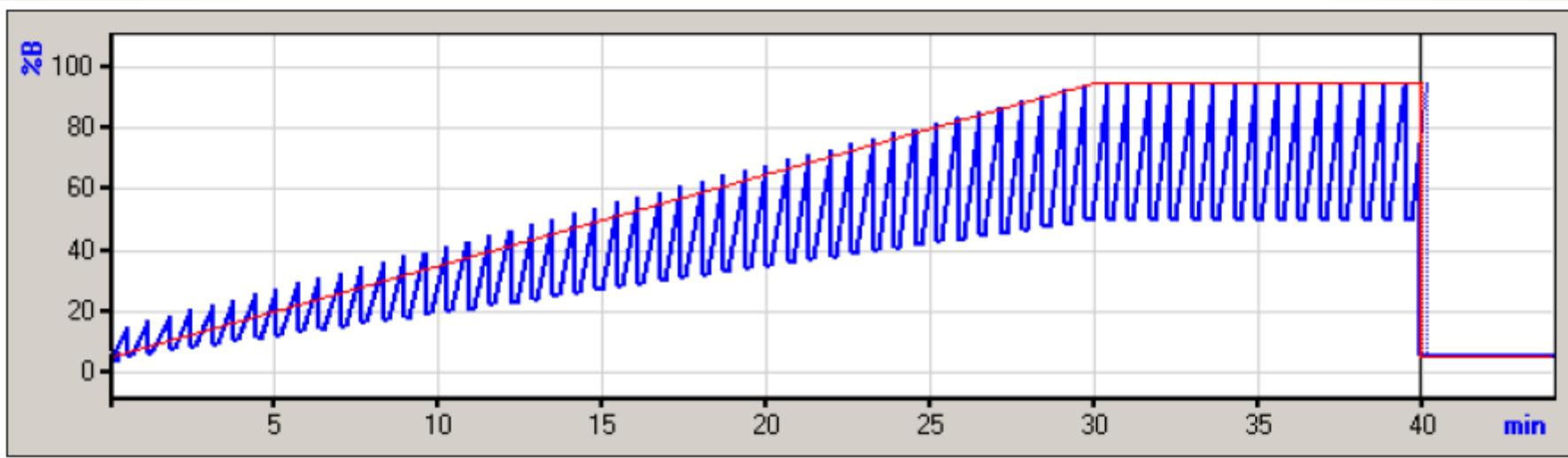
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## Real Situation



# 2nd Dimension Separation

## Optimize Gradient Separation



Adapt start composition of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

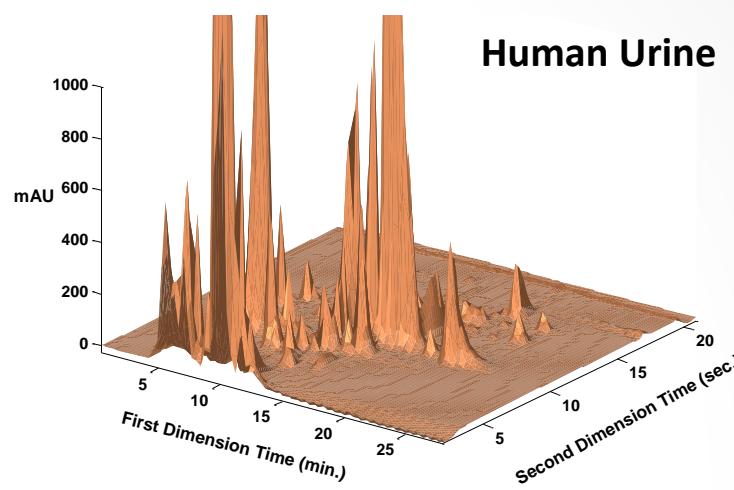
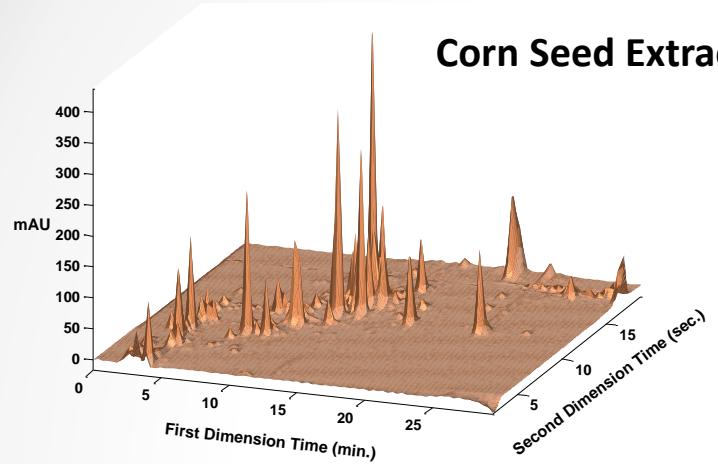
## Mode Combinations

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

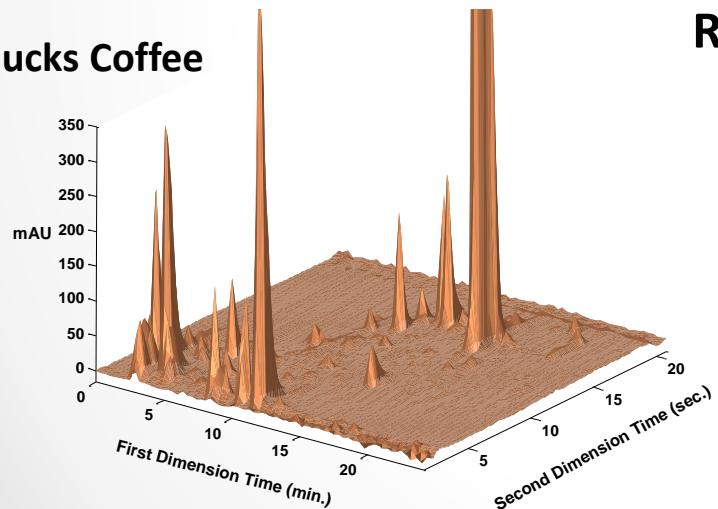
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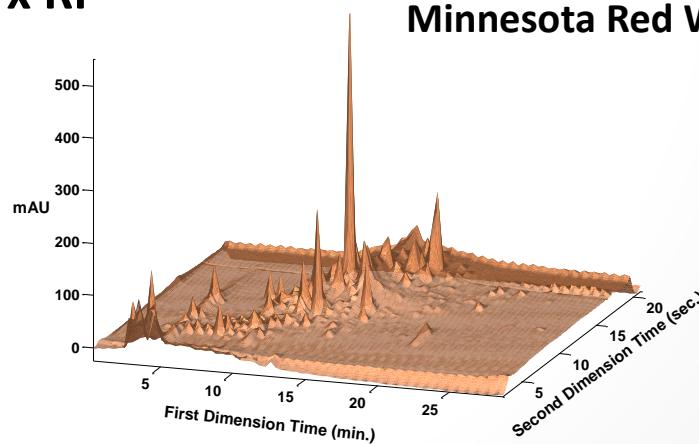
Is RPxRP a good choice?



**Starbucks Coffee**



**RP x RP**

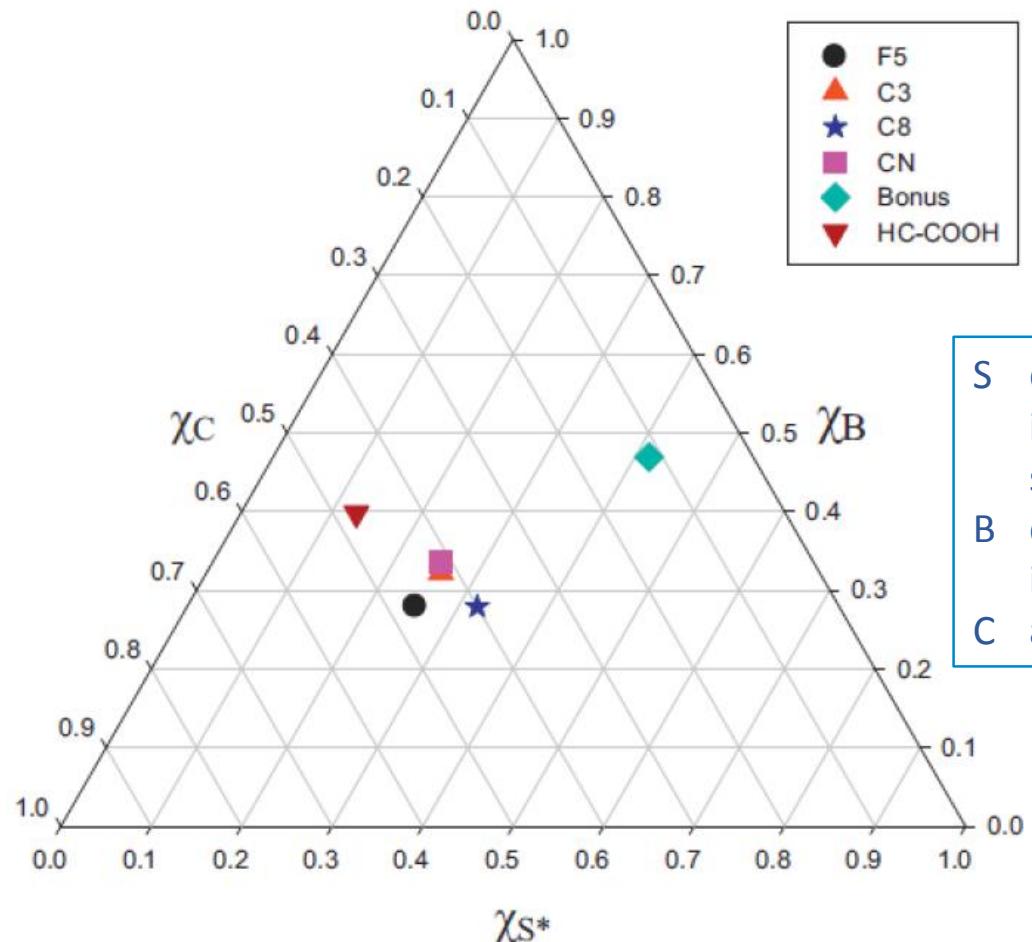


**Minnesota Red Wine-2006**

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# 2D LC Column Selection

## Orthogonality of RP phases

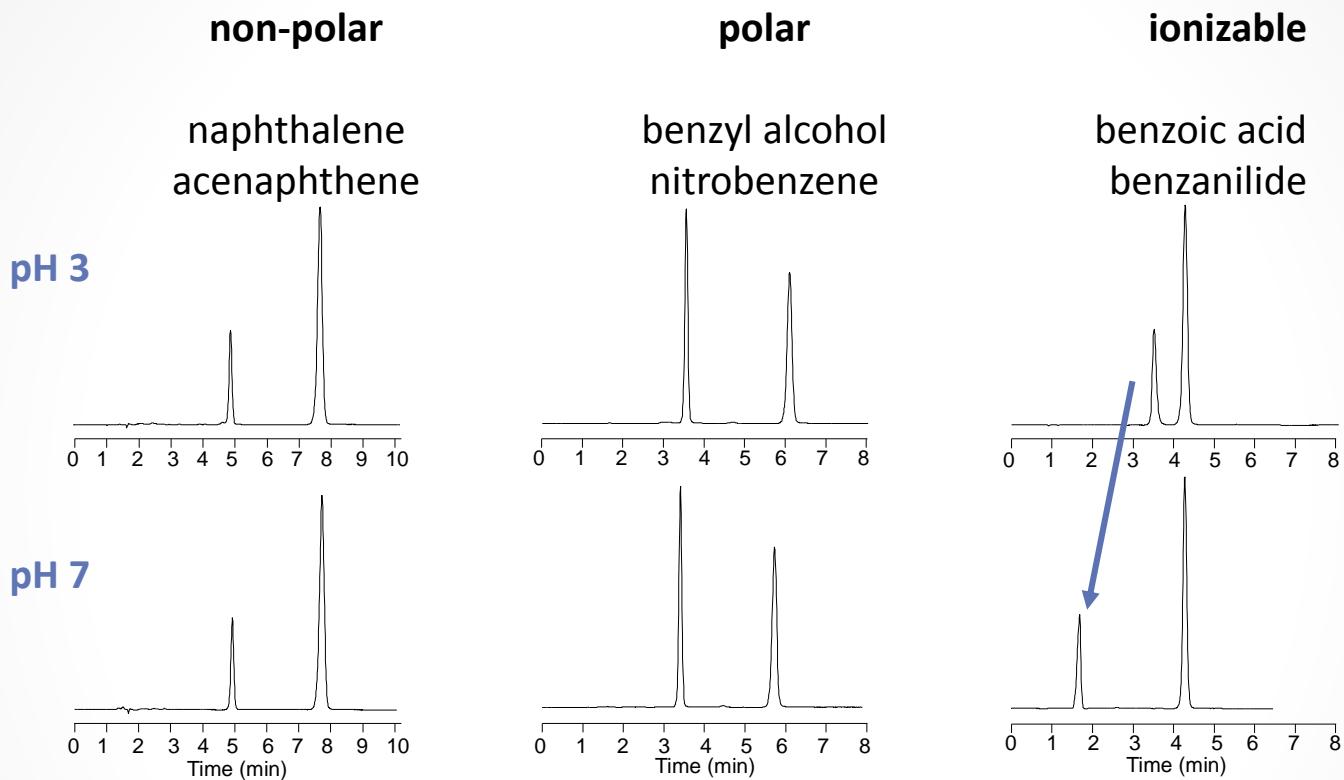


F5: Discovery HS-F5  
C3: Zorbax 300SB-C3;  
C8 Zorbax 300SB-C8  
CN: Zorbax SB-CN  
Bonus: Zorbax Bonus-RP  
HC-COOH: home-made HC-COOH

- S describes hydrophobic interaction between test sample solutes and stationary phase  
B designates hydrogen bonding interactions  
C acid/base interactions

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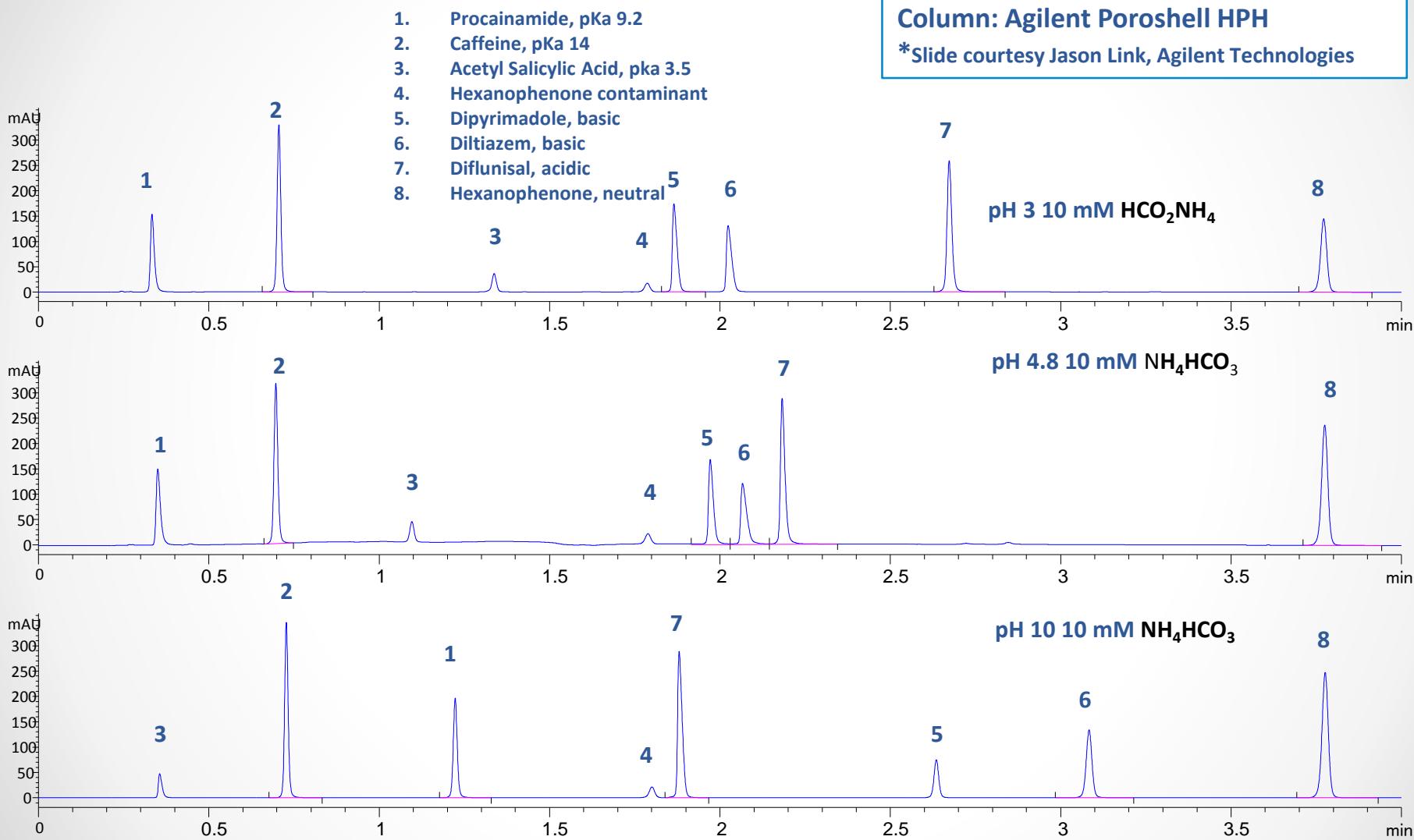
## Orthogonality in Dependence of Mobile Phase pH\*



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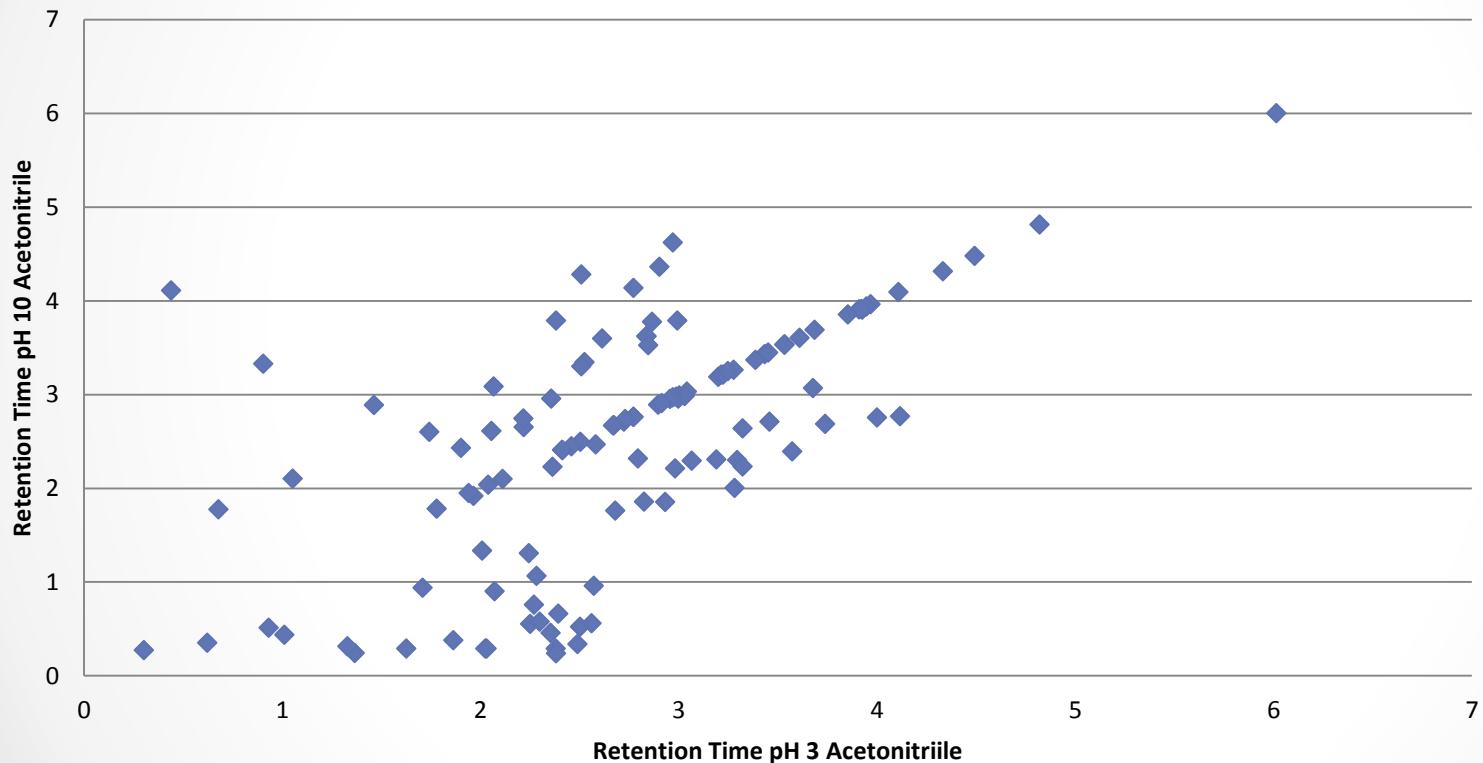


**Ionizable compounds – acids and bases change retention and selectivity significantly upon changes in eluent pH**

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## Orthogonality in Dependence of Mobile Phase pH\*

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



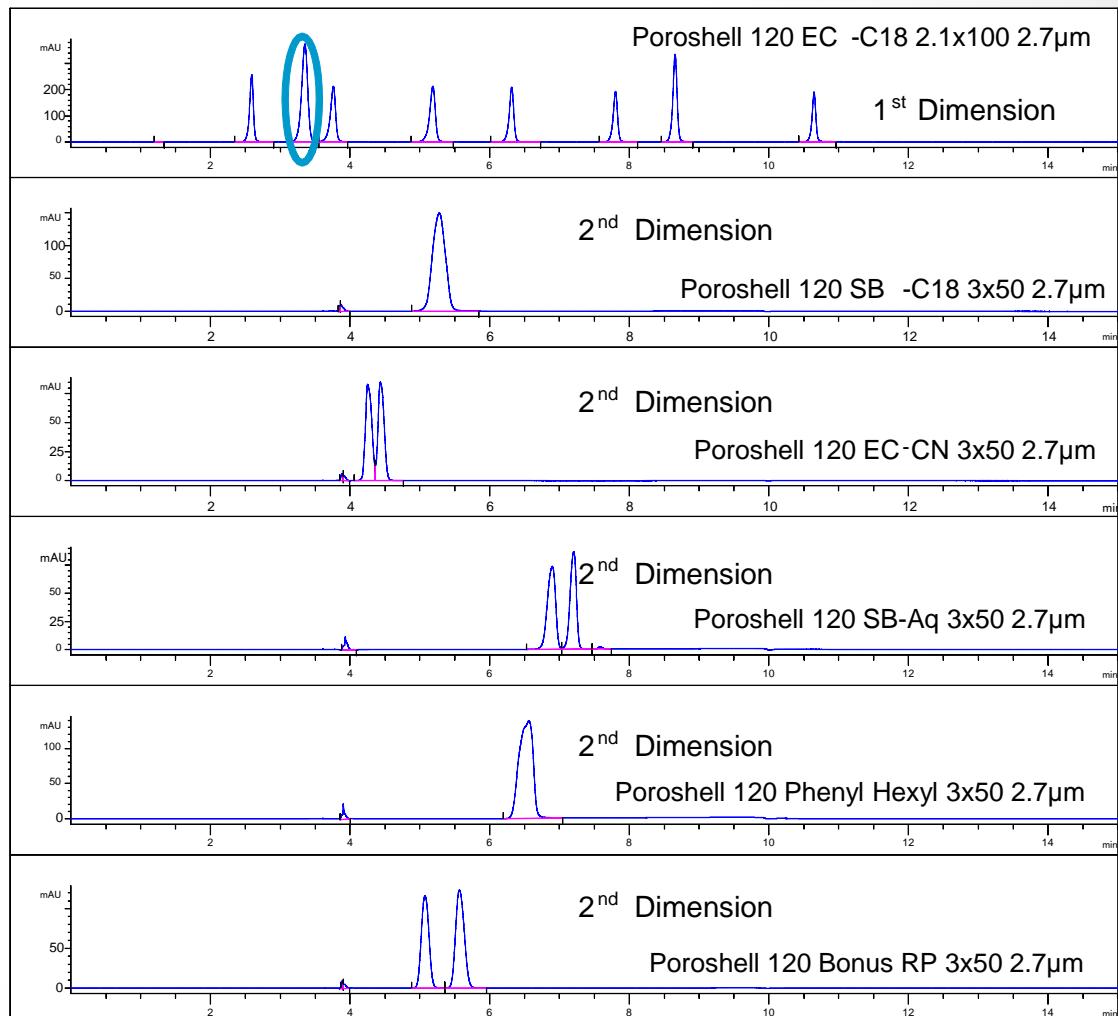
5 % to 95% over 4 minutes. Hold 1 minutes Chromatograms at pH 3 (ammonium formate), and pH 10 (ammonium bicarbonate) are shown using mass spec compatible buffers. The flow rate 0.42 ml/min. 254 nm Agilent 1260 2.1x 50 mm column Poroshell HPH C-18

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# 2D LC Column Selection

## Orthogonality of RP phases

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



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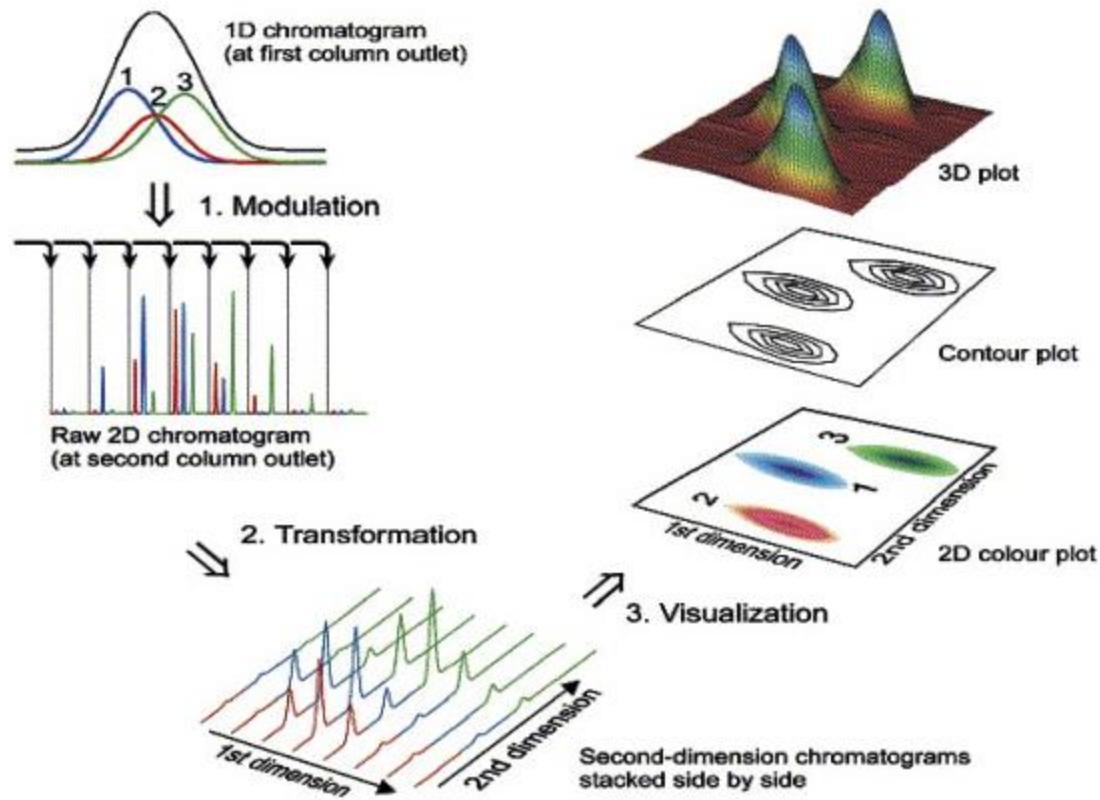
# Data Handling in Comprehensive 2D LC



# 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension
- Isocratic or gradient separation
  - Consider the range of polarity, pK, hydrophobicity

# Comprehensive 2D LC Method Development

## Further Considerations

- Specify the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension separation
- Fix the loop size ( $V_{loop} = t_{cycle} \times {}^1F$ )
- Determine flow rate of 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# Performance Evaluation of 2D-LC System for Comprehensive Two-Dimensional Liquid Chromatography



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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension

- Solvent A: Water + 0.1% formic acid. Solvent B: Methanol + 0.1% formic acid. Flow rate: 3 mL/min;
- Gradient Modulation see next slides

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension separation 65 µL
- Temperature 1<sup>st</sup> dimension 25°C; temperature 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension 60°C

### Gradient Optimization

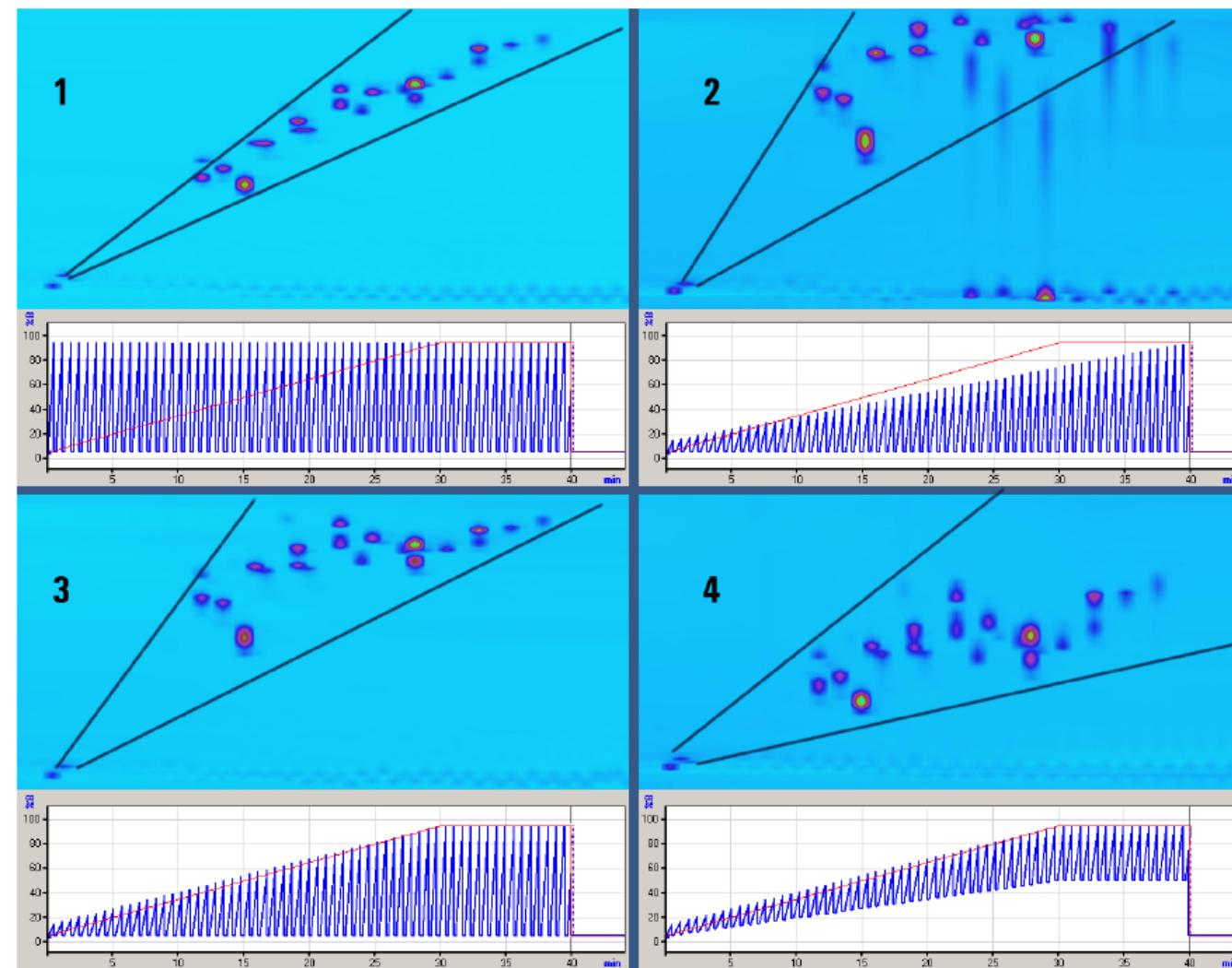
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### Software

- 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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Gradient Optimization\*



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension Gradient Optimization\*

First gradient:

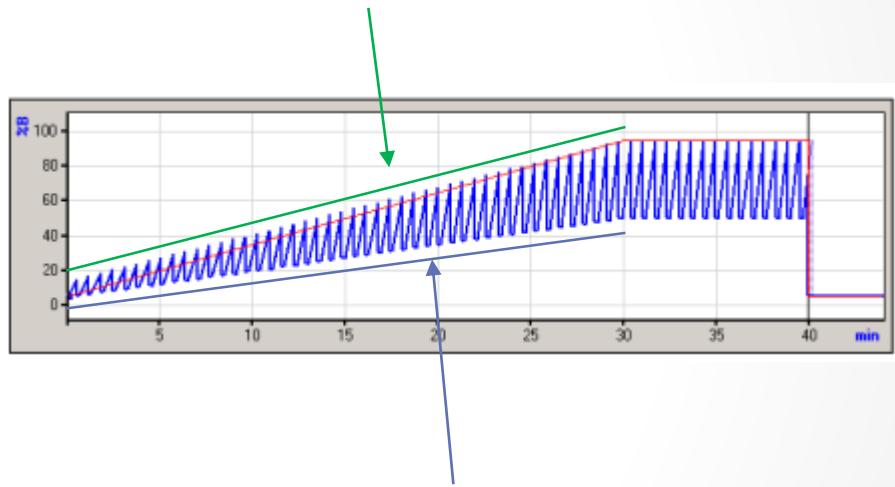
5% B at 0 min 15% B at 0.5 min

5% B at 0.51 min

5% B at 0.65 min

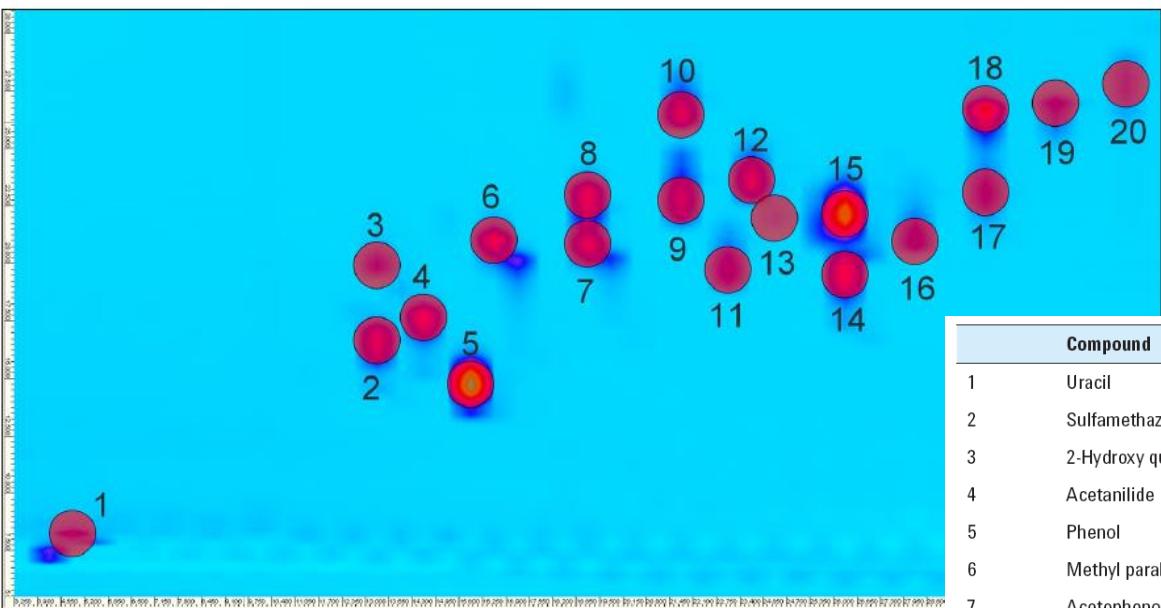
Gradient End: 15% B at 0.5 min to 95% B at 30 min

↑  
Cycle Time



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## Results\*

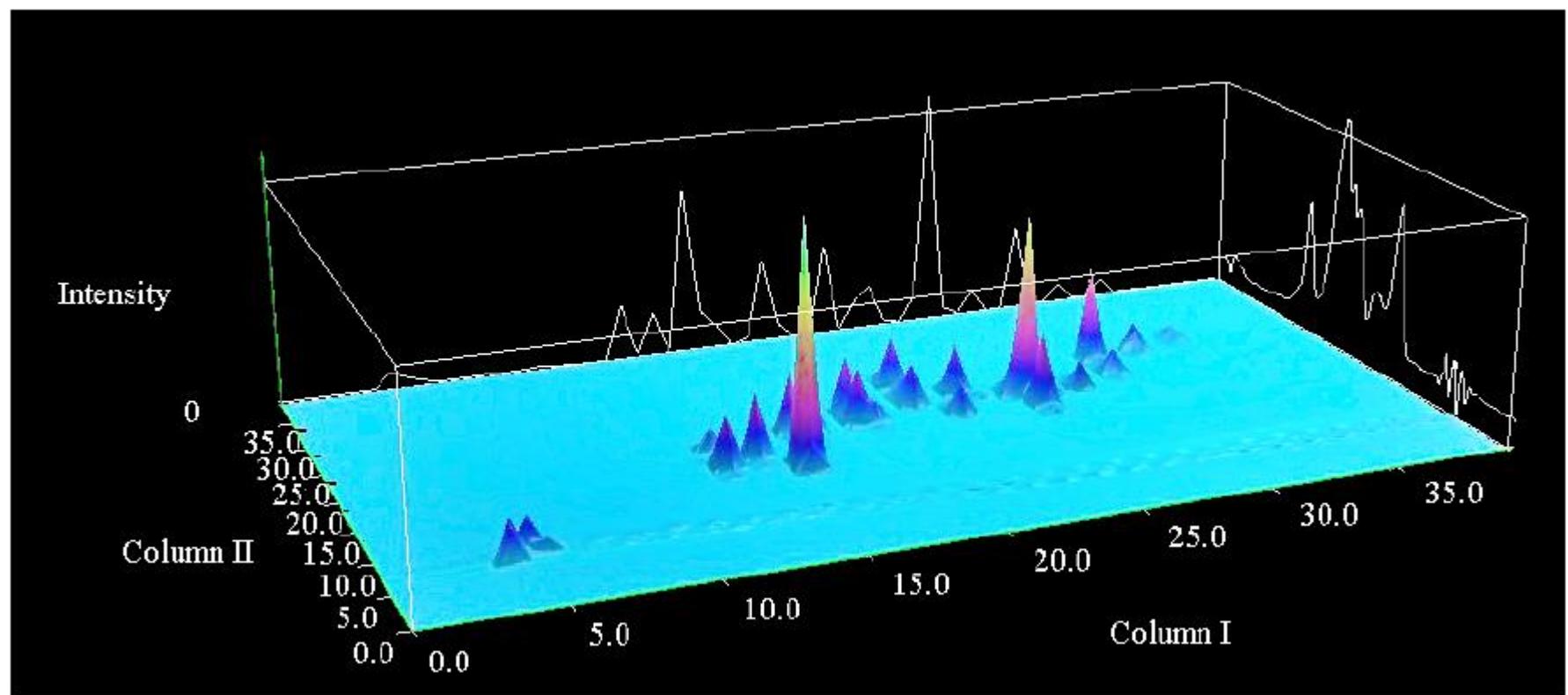


Compound	RT I (min)	RT II (sec)
1 Uracil	4.55	8.32
2 Sulfamethazine	13.00	16.71
3 2-Hydroxy quinoline	13.00	20.06
4 Acetanilide	14.30	17.61
5 Phenol	15.60	14.56
6 Methyl paraben	16.25	20.95
7 Acetophenone	18.85	20.58
8 Ethyl paraben	18.85	22.88
9 Propyl paraben	21.45	22.65
10 N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide	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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# Determination of Phenolic Compounds in Virgin Olive Oil by 2D-LC



S. Krieger & S. Schneider, Agilent Technologies, Germany

AppNote 5991-4915EN

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

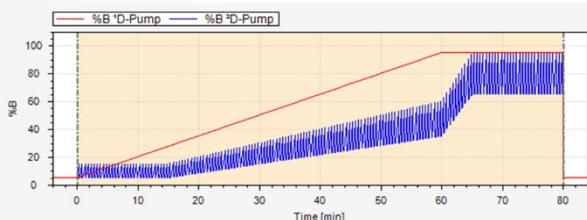
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### Column Thermostat

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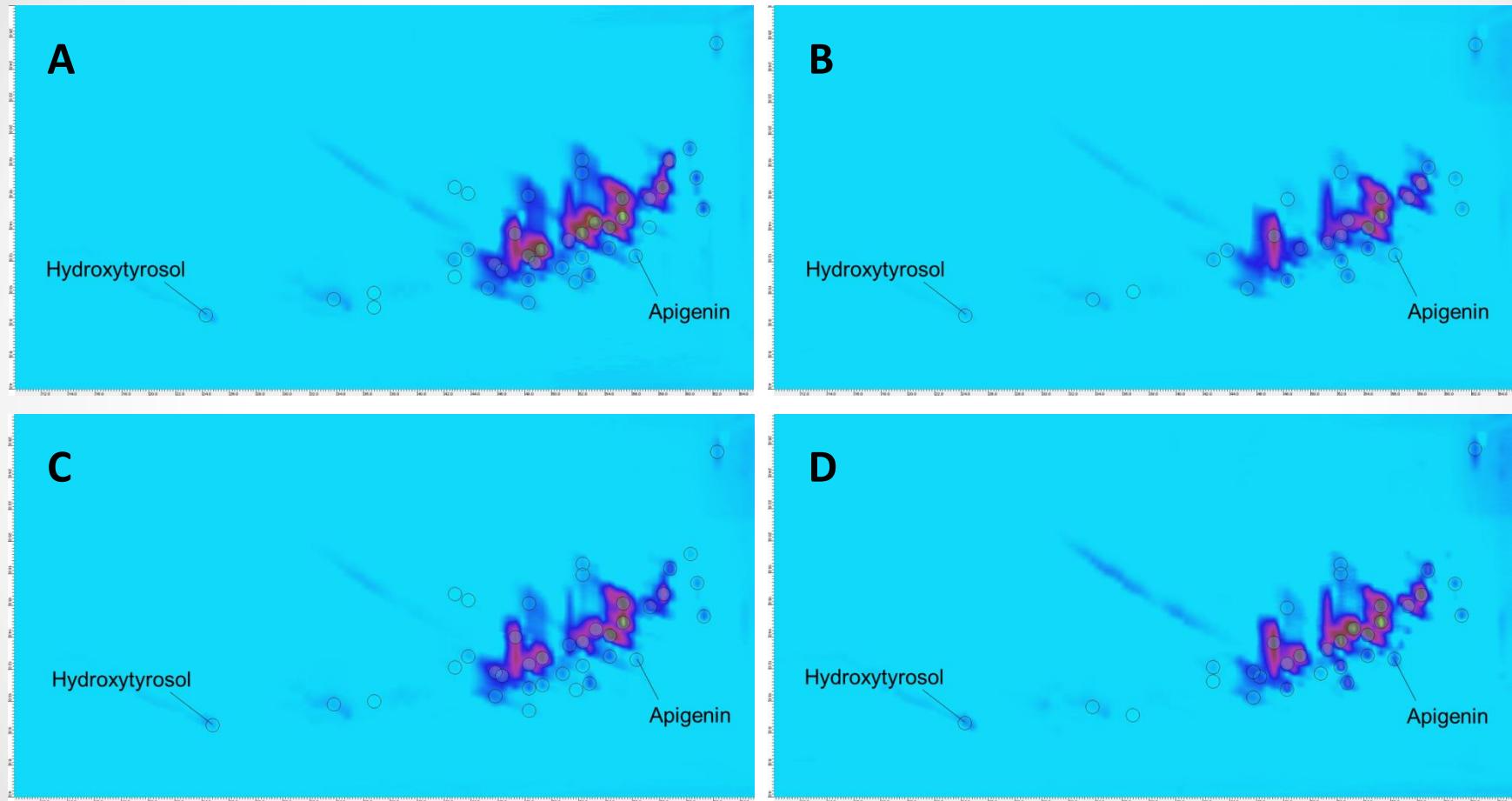
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## Hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oil



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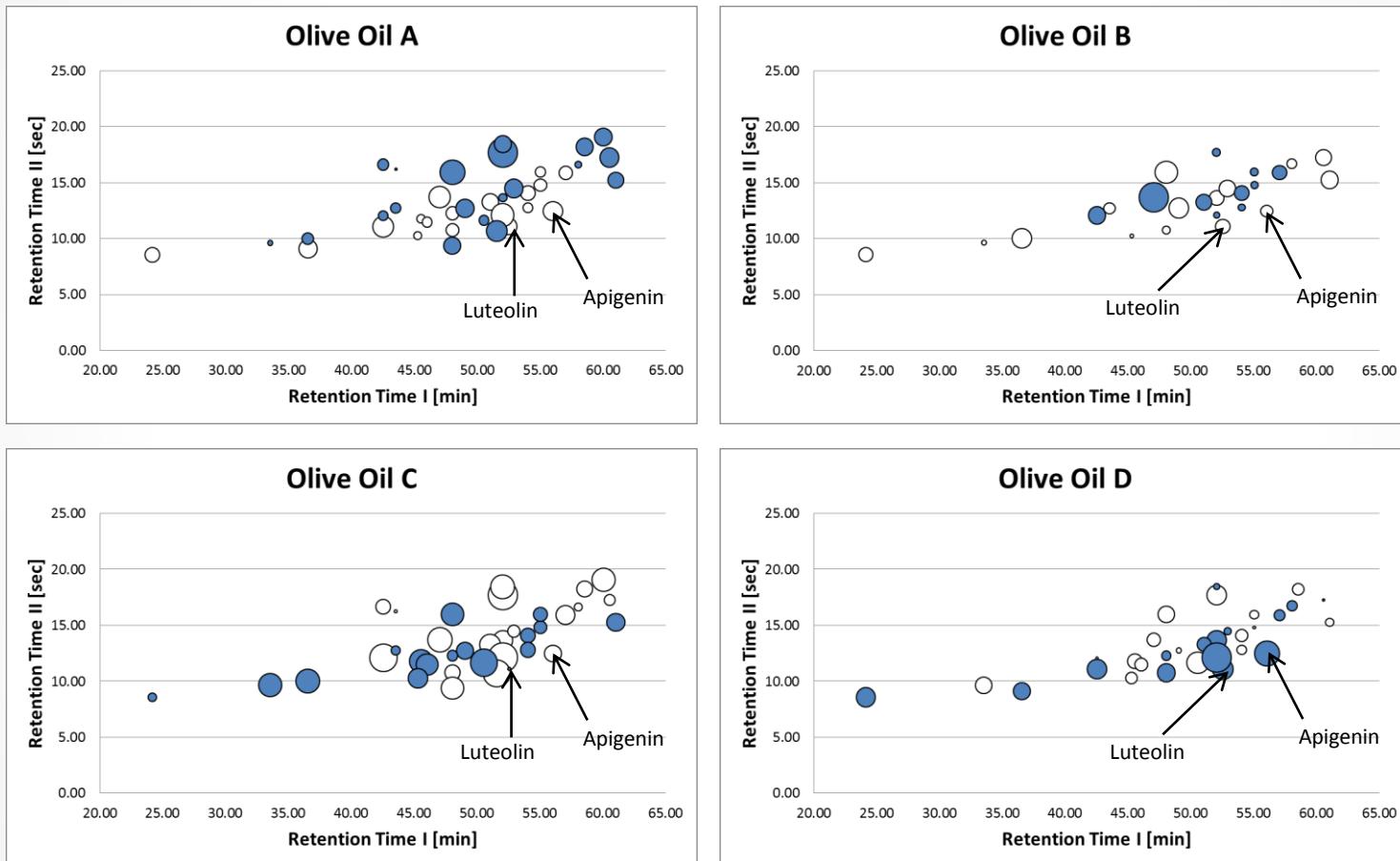
## Hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oil

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

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## Differences of hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oil



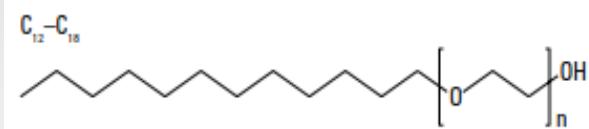
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# Separation of Homologous Series of Technical Detergents by 2D-LC Coupled to an Evaporative Light Scattering Detector



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# Technical Detergents by 2D-LC



Varying length of alkyl chain  
Varying amount ethoxylation

## 1<sup>st</sup> Dimension:

A Water, 50 mM ammonium acetate/B Acetonitrile, Flow rate 0.025 mL/min  
Gradient 0 min - 97 % B, 10 min - 97 % B, 60 min - 85 % B, 100 min - 85 % B,  
120 min - 70 % B, 140 min - 70 % B, 160 min - 97 % B Stop time 160 minutes Post time 20 minutes

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension:

A Water, 10 mM ammonium acetate/B Methanol, Flow rate 3 mL/min  
Initial gradient 0 min - 50 % B, 0.1 min - 70 % B, 0.65 min - 95 % B, 0.75 min - 95 % B,  
0.80 min – 50 % B, 1.00 min – 50 % B Stop time 1.00 minute, Modulation time 1.00 minute

## Column 1<sup>st</sup> Dimension:

SeQuant, Sweden, ZIC-HILIC, 250 × 2.1 mm, 5 µm

## Column 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension:

Reprospher C8-Aqua, 30 × 4.6 mm, 5 µm

## Column Thermostate:

1st dimension column on the left side at 25 °C 2nd dimension column on the right side at 50 °C  
Two 40-µL loops are connected to the 2-Position/4-Port Duo valve and are located on the left side.

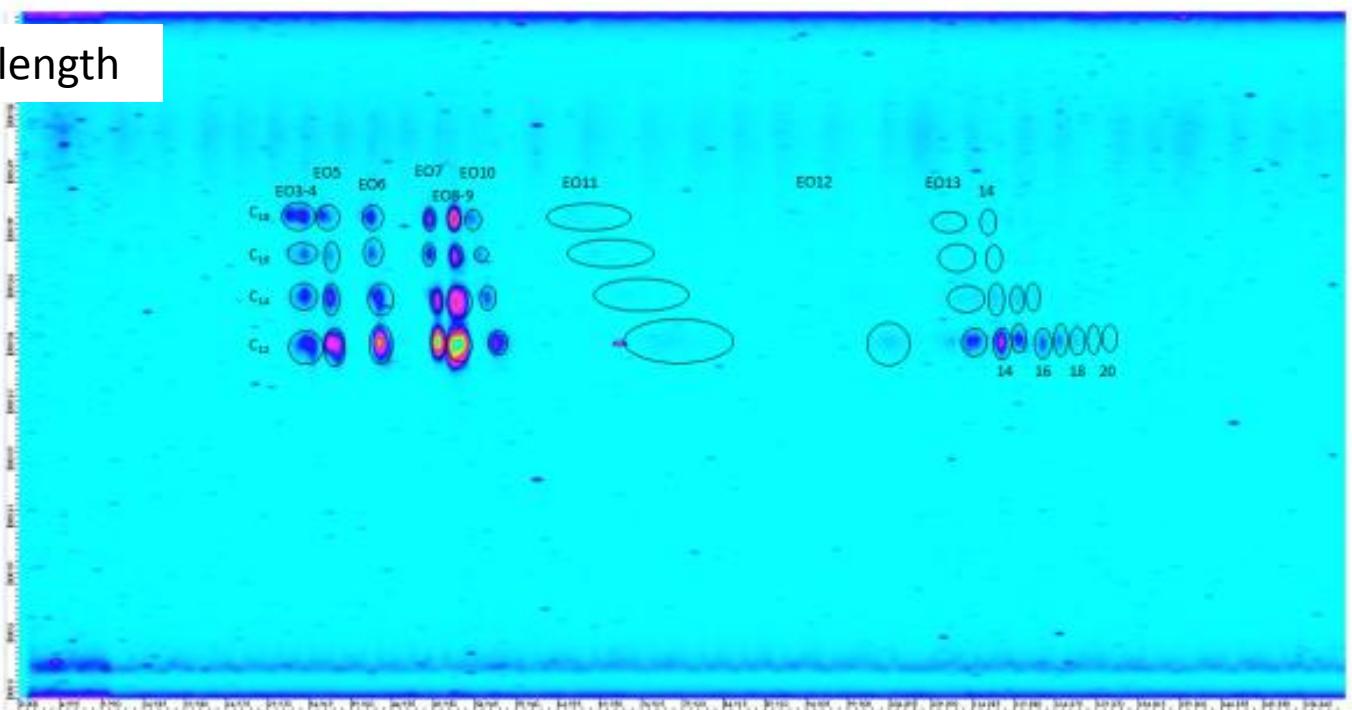
## ELSD:

Evaporator temperature 80 °C, Nebulizer temperature 70 °C, Data rate 40 Hz, Gas flow 1.3 SLM

# Technical Detergents by 2D-LC

Alkylchain length

RP Separation



HILIC Separation

Degree of ethoxylation

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