



Multidimensional HPLC Tutorial

Part - 2

Practical Implementation of 2D-LC, Column Selection, Data Handling of 2D-LC,
Method Development for 2D-LC



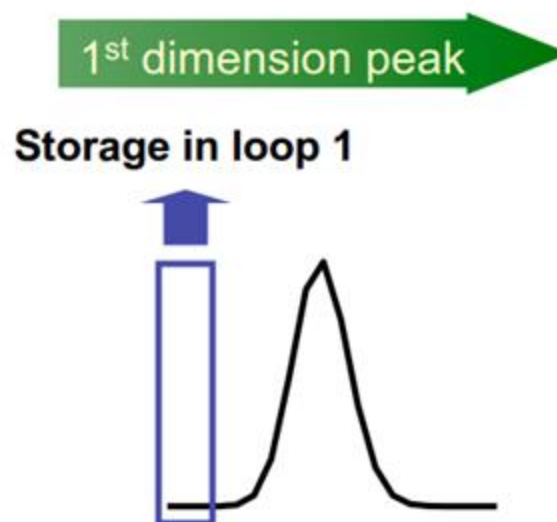
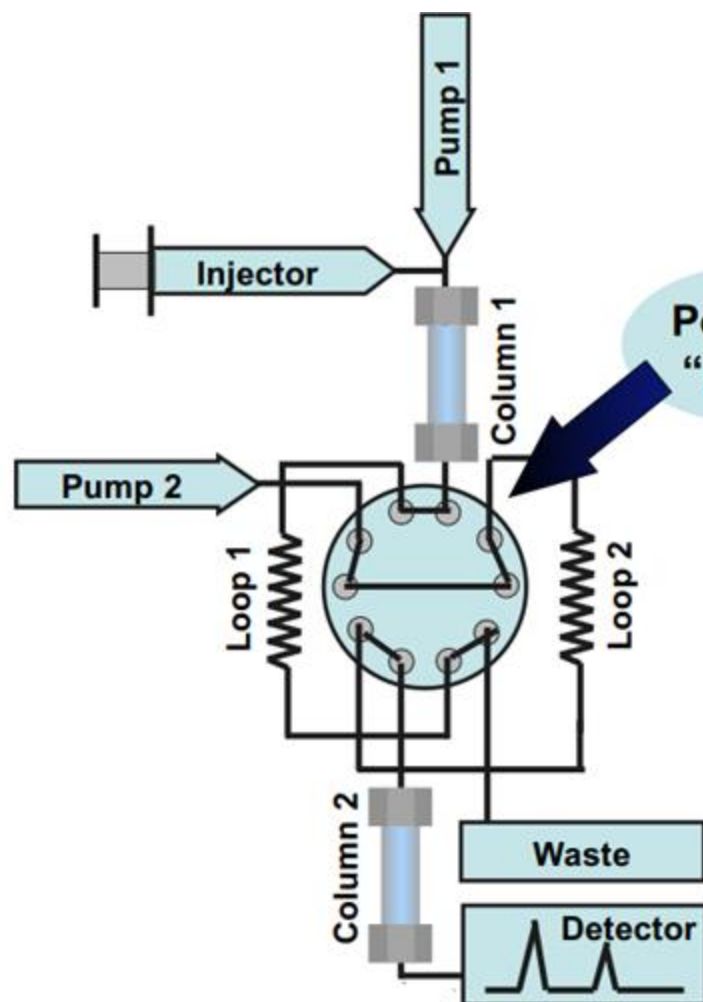
Practical Implementation for 2D HPLC

Microscale Separations and Bioanalysis

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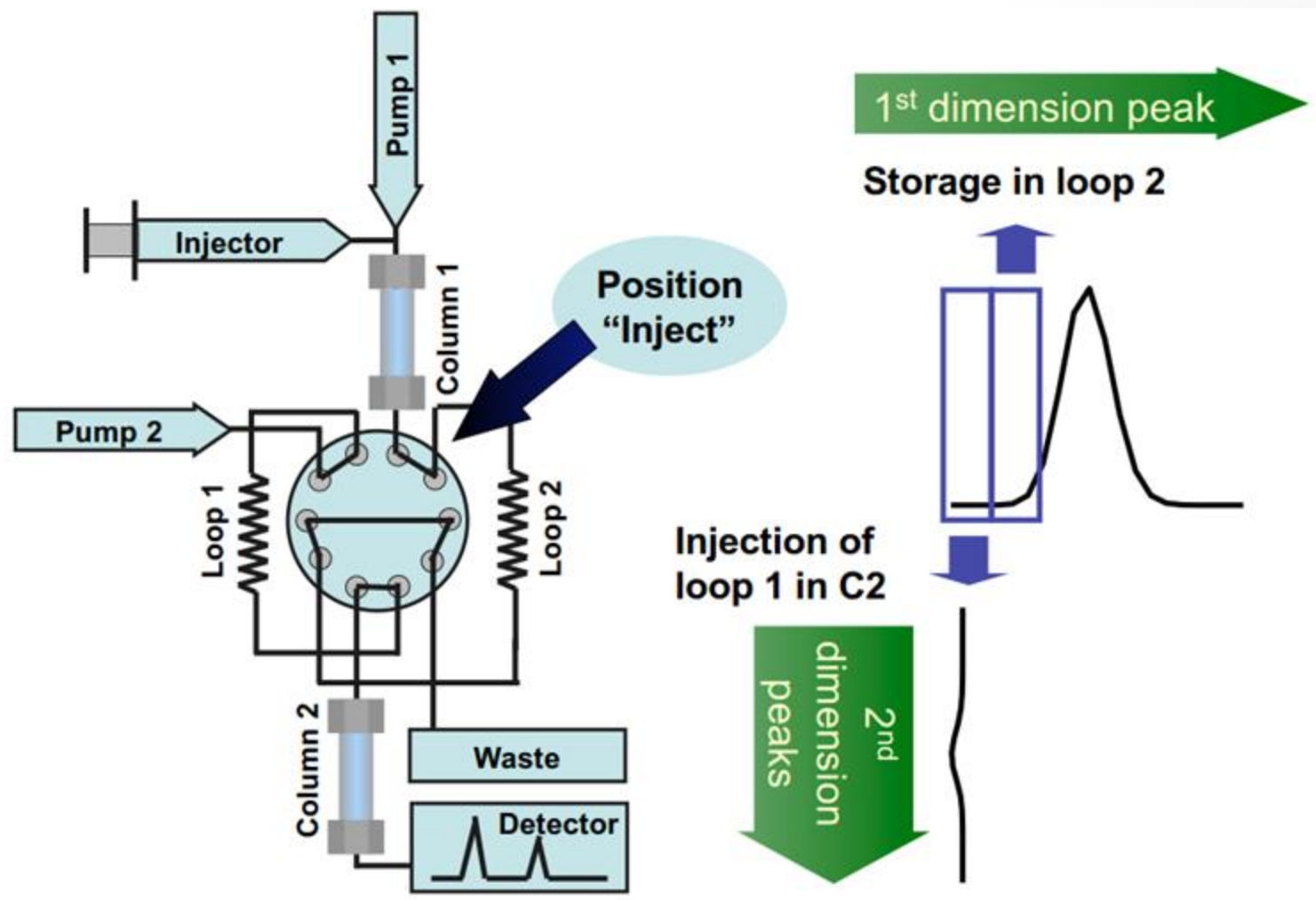
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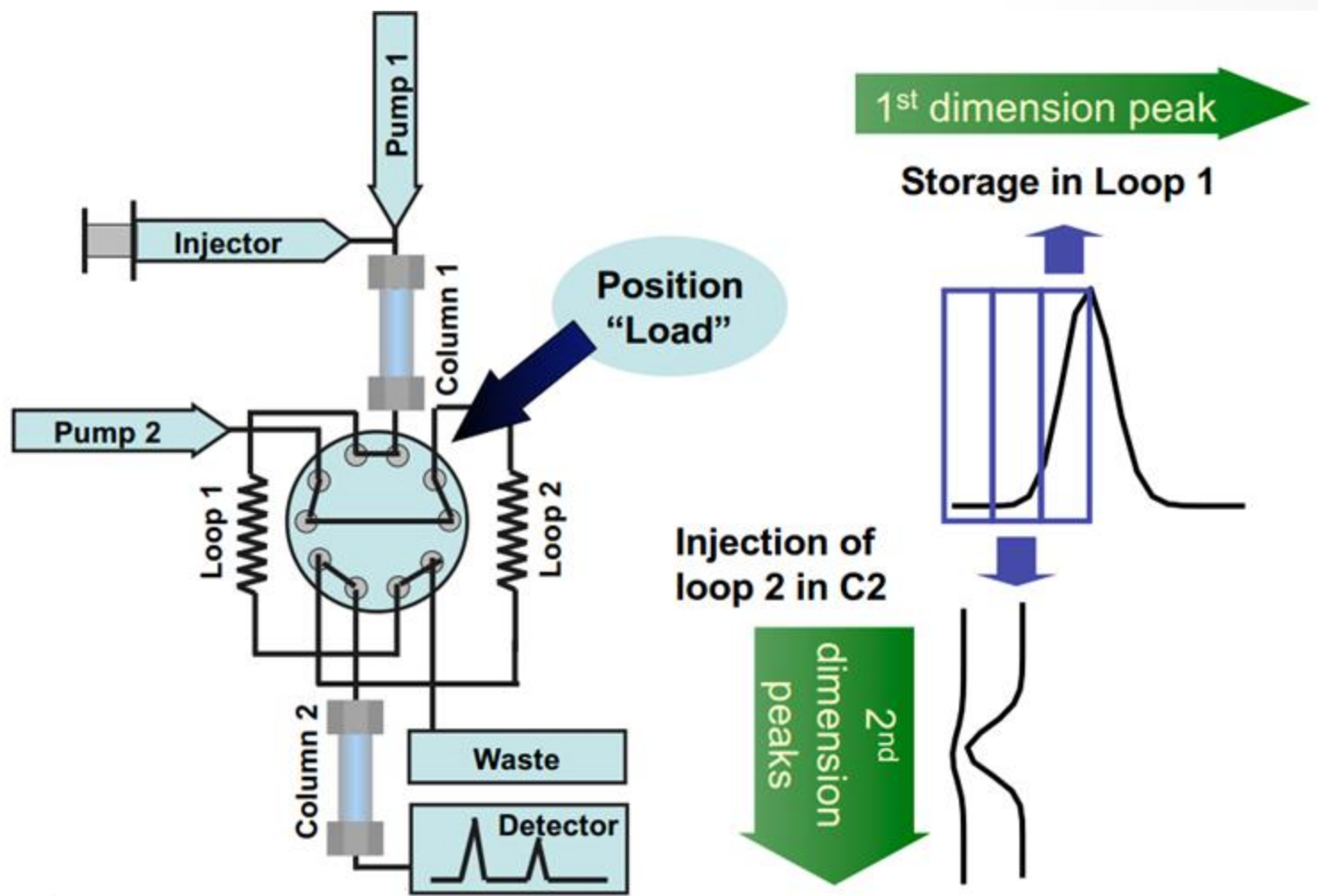
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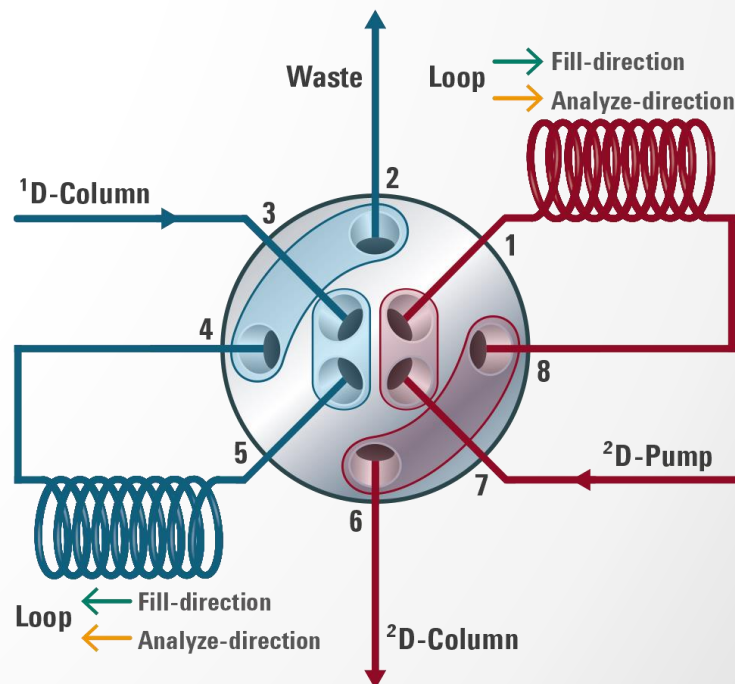
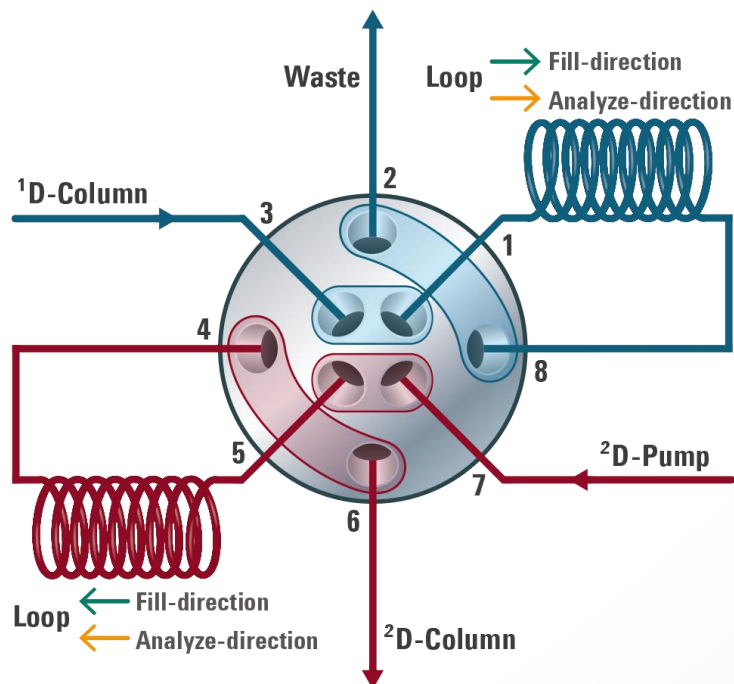


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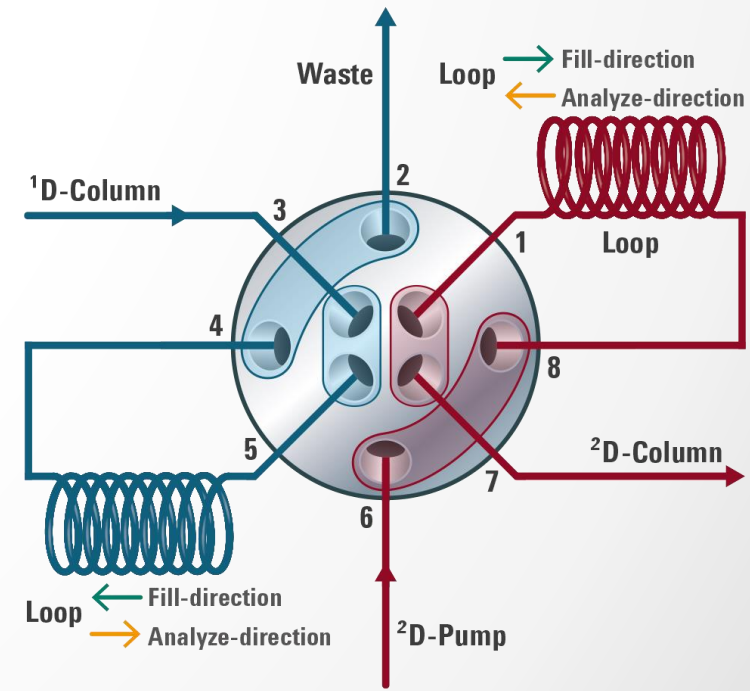
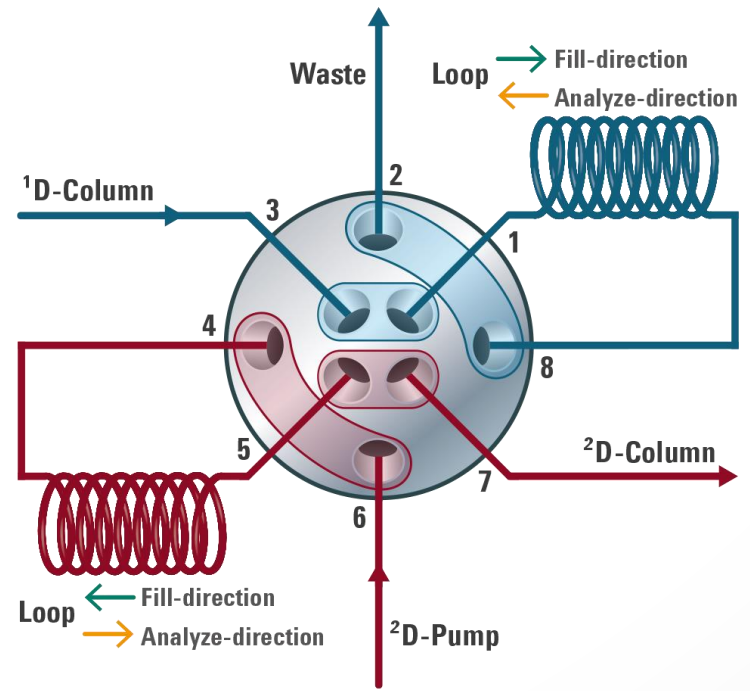


First-In-First-Out (FIFO)
co-current mode



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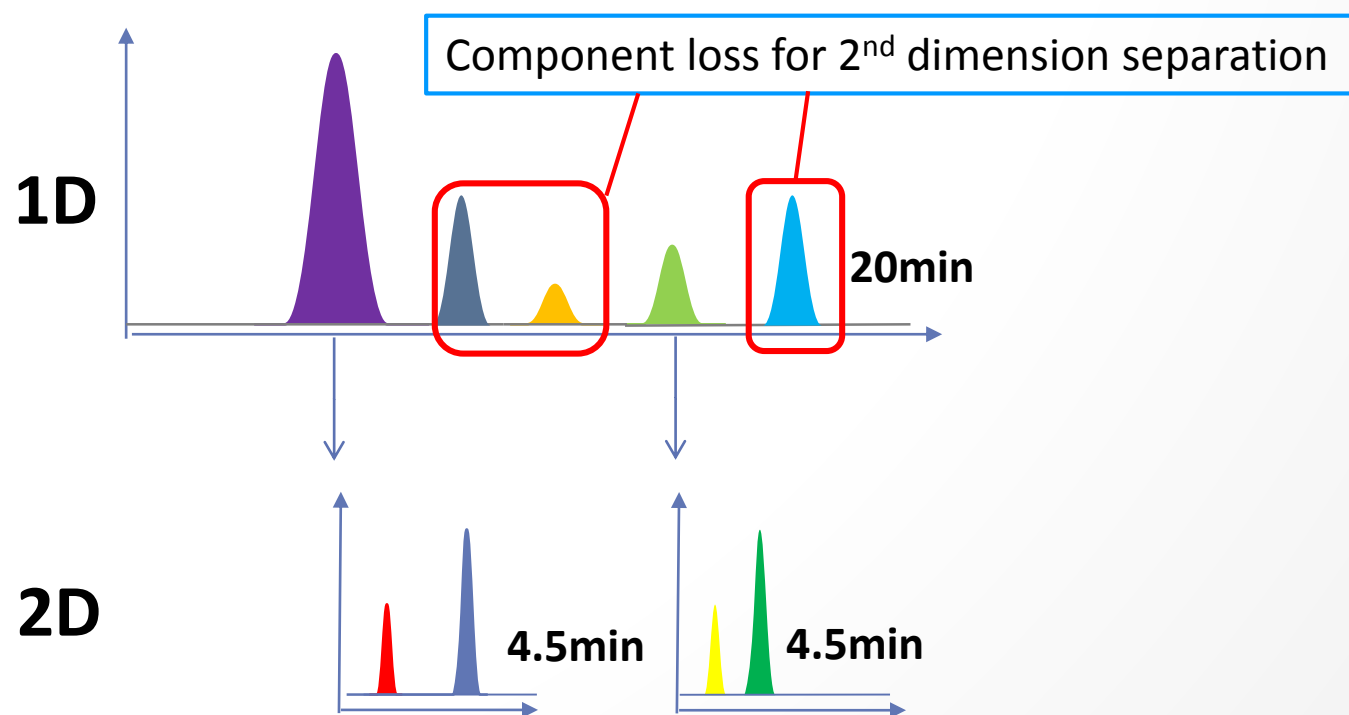


First-In-Last-Out (FILO)

Counter-Current Mode: connections on port 6 and 7 reversed!

Sampling Device for LC-LC (Heart-Cut)

Long Analysis Time of 2nd Dimension Separation



Heart-cutting Data Viewer

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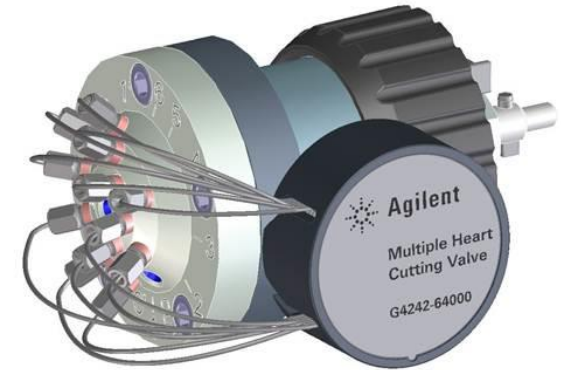
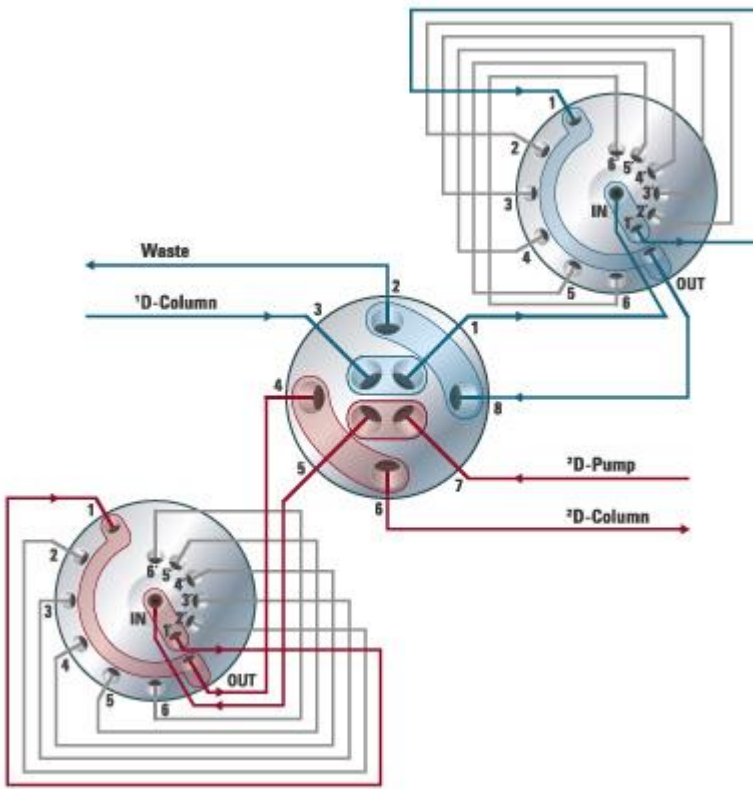
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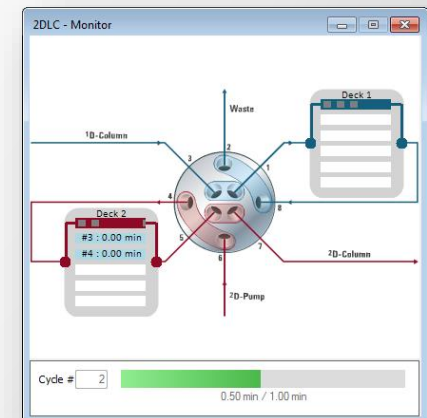
Agilent Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC

Smart Valve-Loop Setup with 12 loops
→ 2D-LC valve + two 6/14 valves

Pre-aligned loop-valve kits, just add to the existing 2D-LC system



Online status monitoring

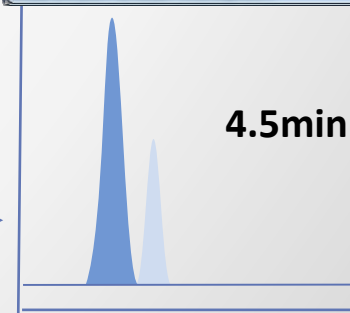
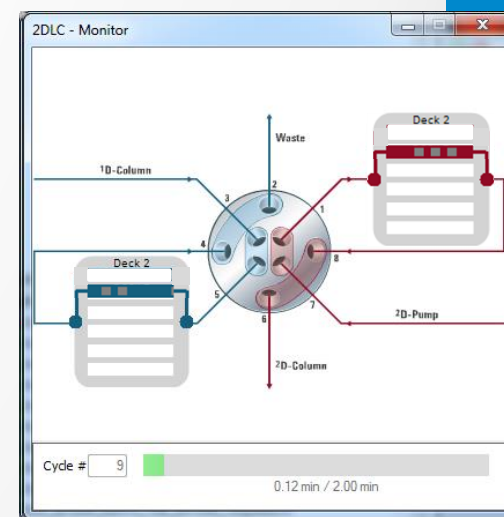
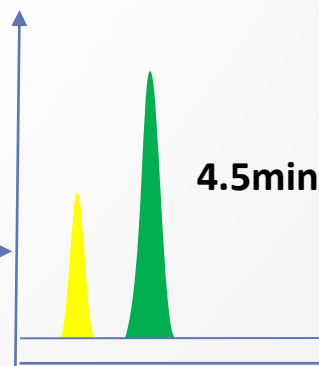
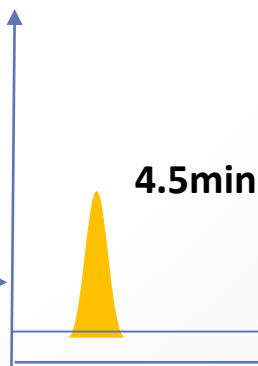
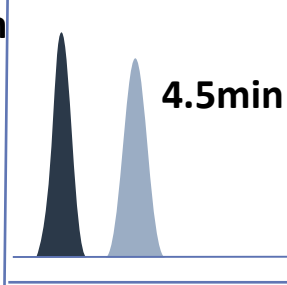
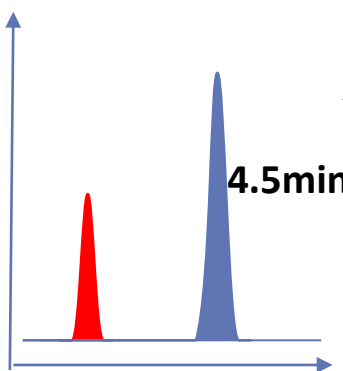
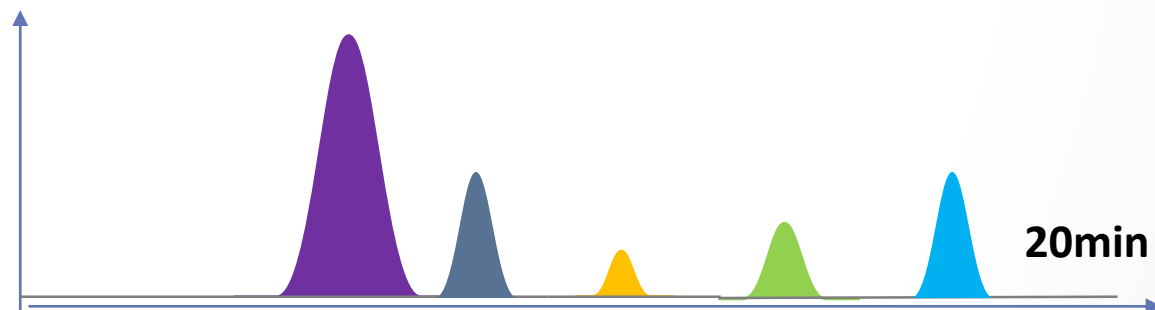


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Agilent Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC



1st dimension detection recommended in case of unknown sample composition!!

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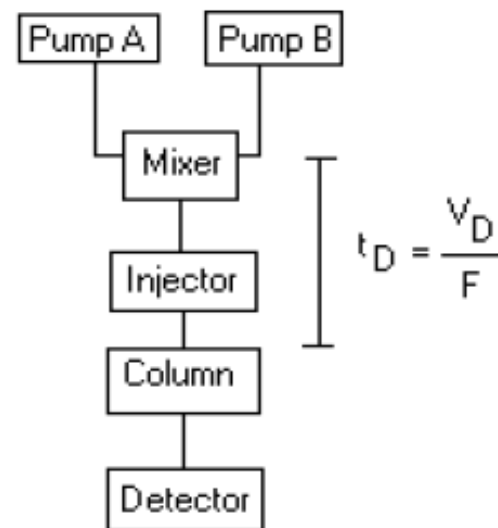
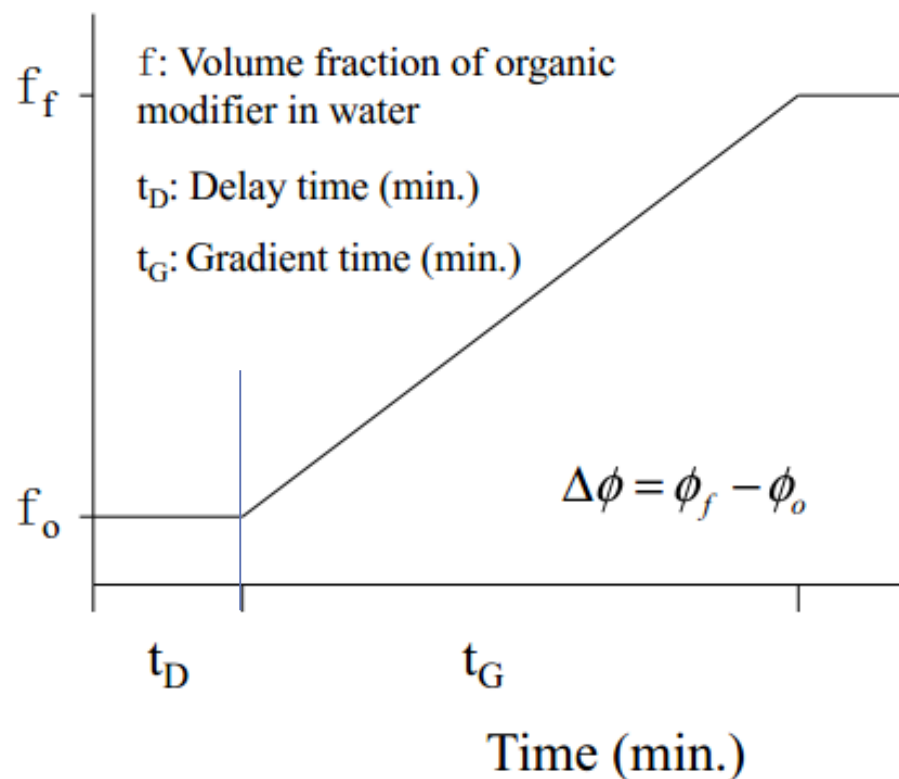
- We want to make the sampling time short
- In LC x LC ${}^1t_{\text{sample}} = {}^2t_{\text{cycle}}$
- Prefer ${}^1t_{\text{sample}} < {}^2t_{\text{cycle}}$ (under fill the sample loop!)
- ${}^2t_{\text{cycle}} = {}^2t_{\text{gradient}} + {}^2t_{\text{re-equilibration}}$
- So we don't want to make ${}^1t_{\text{sample}}$ too short since 2D separation peak capacity decreases if ${}^2t_{\text{gradient}}$ decreases
- ➔ Fast, very high efficiency separation in the 2nd dimension

2nd Dimension Separation

Basics of Gradient Elution



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V_D : dwell volume (mL)

F : flow rate (mL/min.)

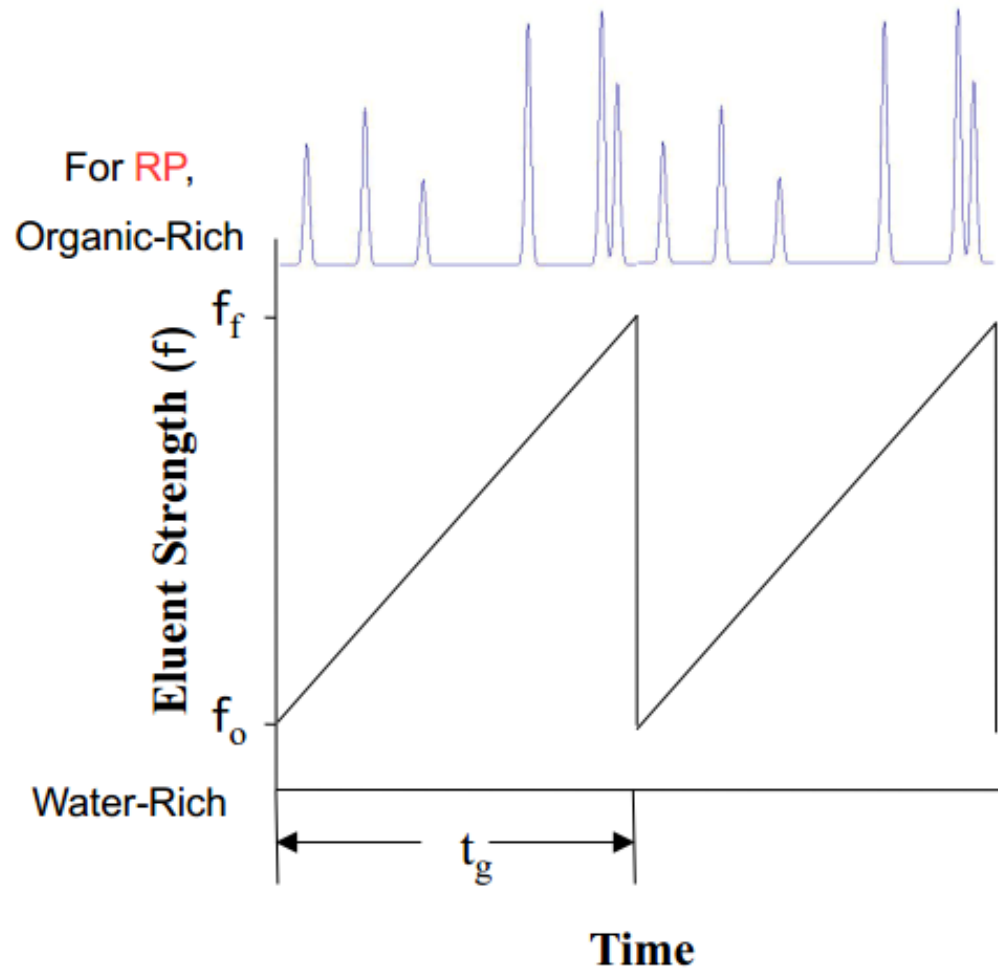
The delay volume is a unique and important property of the instrument and a BIG PROBLEM for the second dimension of 2DLC

2nd Dimension Separation

Ideal Situation



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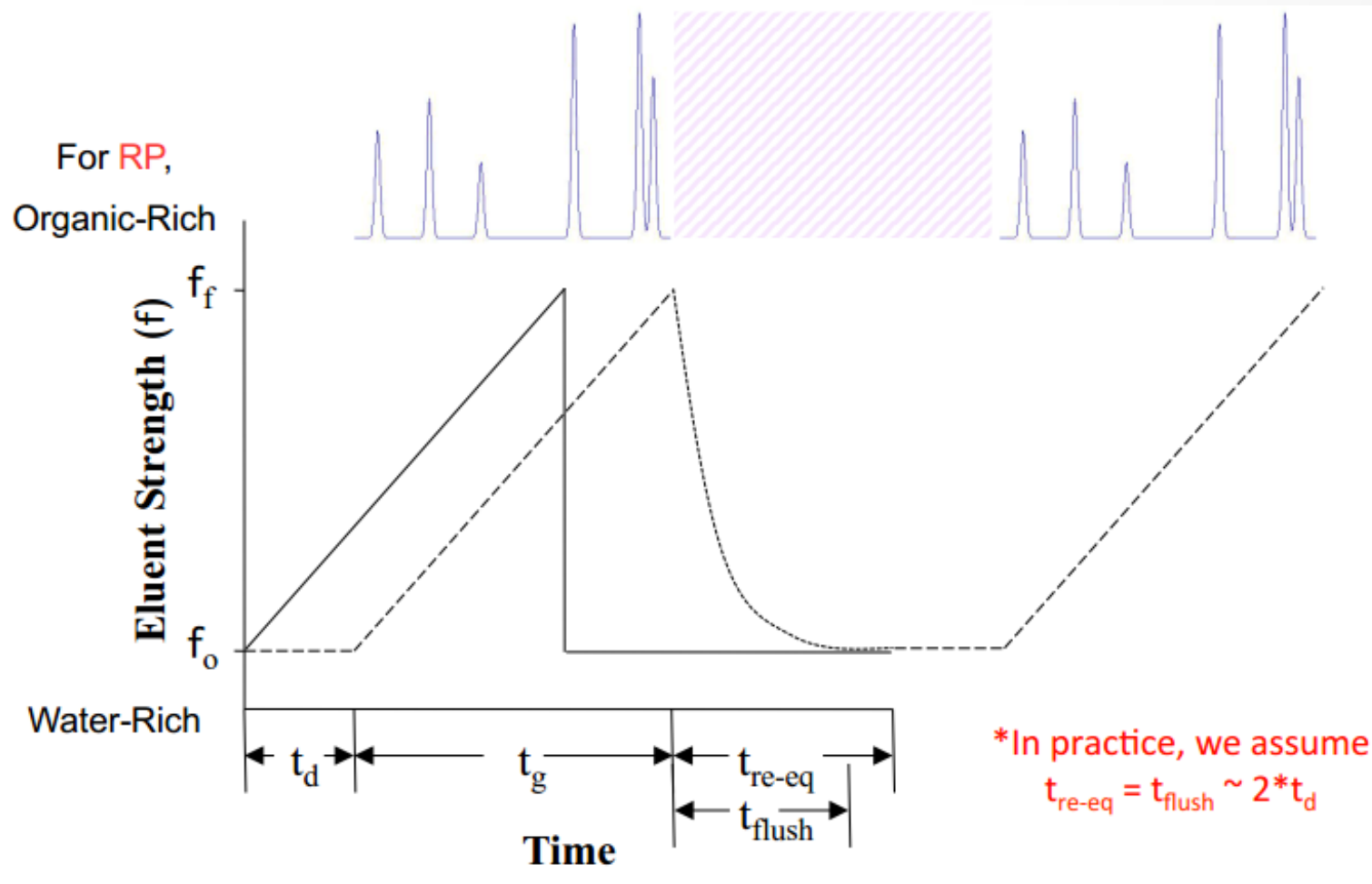
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Real Situation



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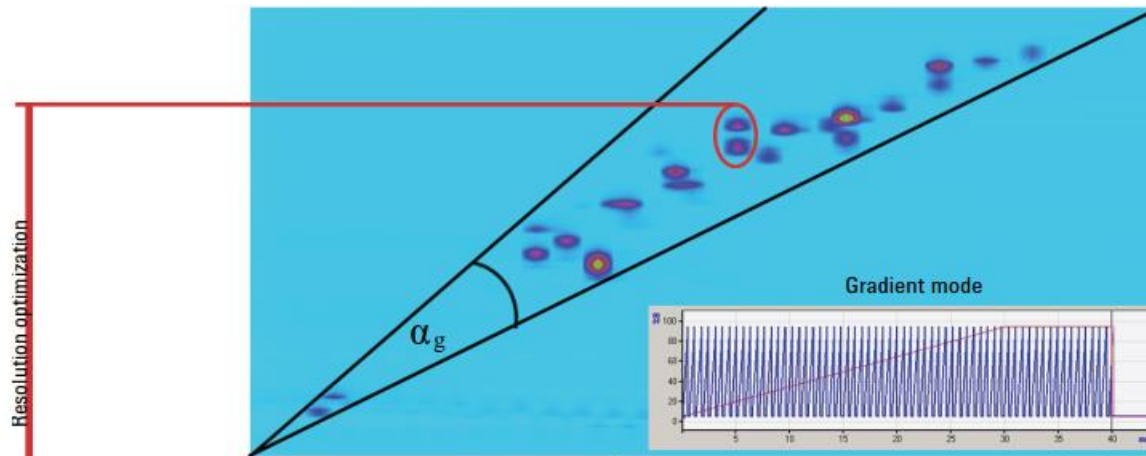
$$t_{cycle} = t_d + t_{gradient} + t_{re-equilibrate} = t_d + t_{gradient} + 2 \cdot V_{2Dcolumn} \cdot F$$

2nd Dimension Separation

Optimize Gradient Separation



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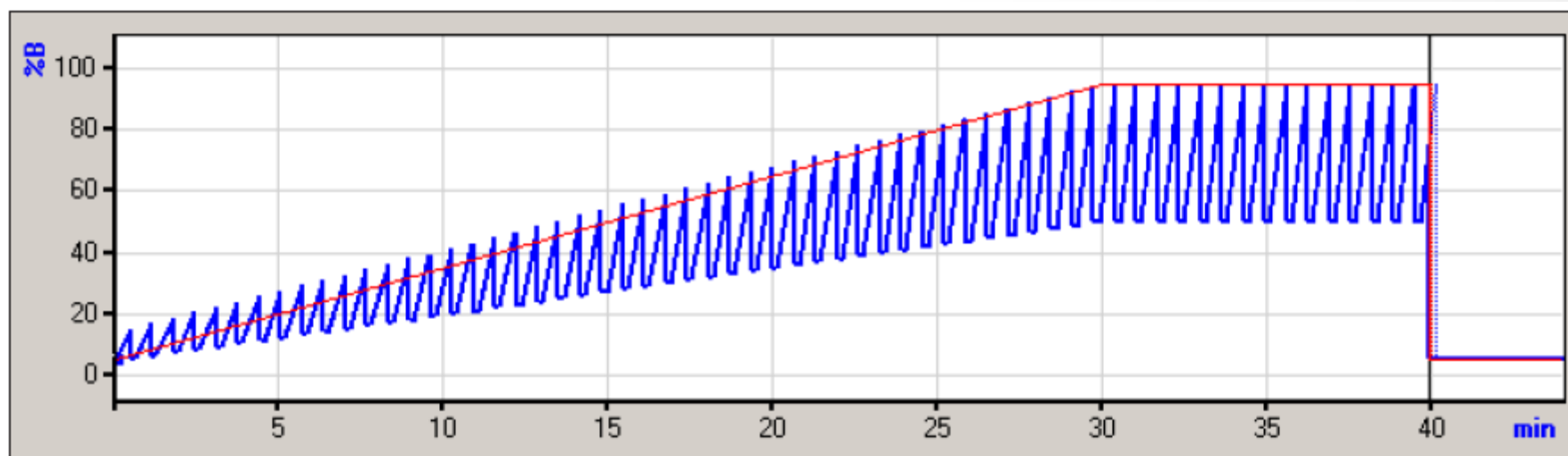
First dimension gradient
Second dimension gradient

2nd Dimension Separation

Optimize Gradient Separation



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Adapt start composition of 2nd dimension gradient separation!!

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Column Selection for 2D LC

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?



- 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
- HILIC has good solvent compliance for subsequent RP separation
 - HILICxRP method (see Method Development section)

2D-LC Column Stationary Phase Selection

Mode Combinations

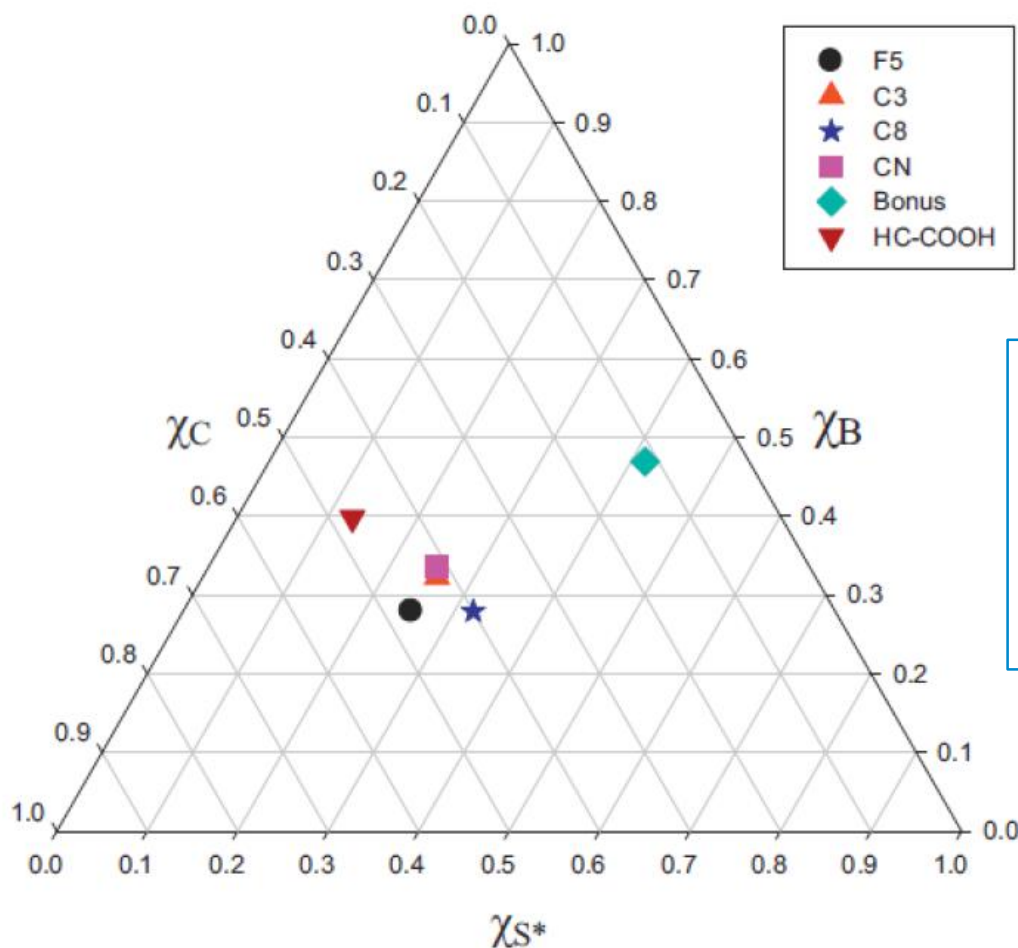


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Modes	Orthogonality	Peak Capacity	Applications	Comments
RP x RP	**	*****	Metabolomics, Food, Consumer Goods, Environment	Broadest Application Range, Wide Stationary Phase Range, UHPLC possible
IEC x RP	*****	*****	Proteomics, Peptide Analysis	
SEC x RP	**	***	Polymers, Proteomics	
HILIC x RP	****	****	Polymers, Pharmaceuticals, Natural Products	Mind Solvent Compatibility!
AC x RP	****	***	Bio- activity, bio-marker discovery	
SEC x NP	***	***	Polymer Characterization	
SEC x IEC	***	**	Proteomics	

2D LC Column Stationary Phase Selection

Selectivity matters; RP phases



F5: Discovery HS-F5 (Pentafluorophenylpropyl)
 C3: Zorbax 300SB-C3;
 C8 Zorbax 300SB-C8
 CN: Zorbax SB-CN
 Bonus: Zorbax Bonus-RP (embedded amide C14-alkyl)
 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

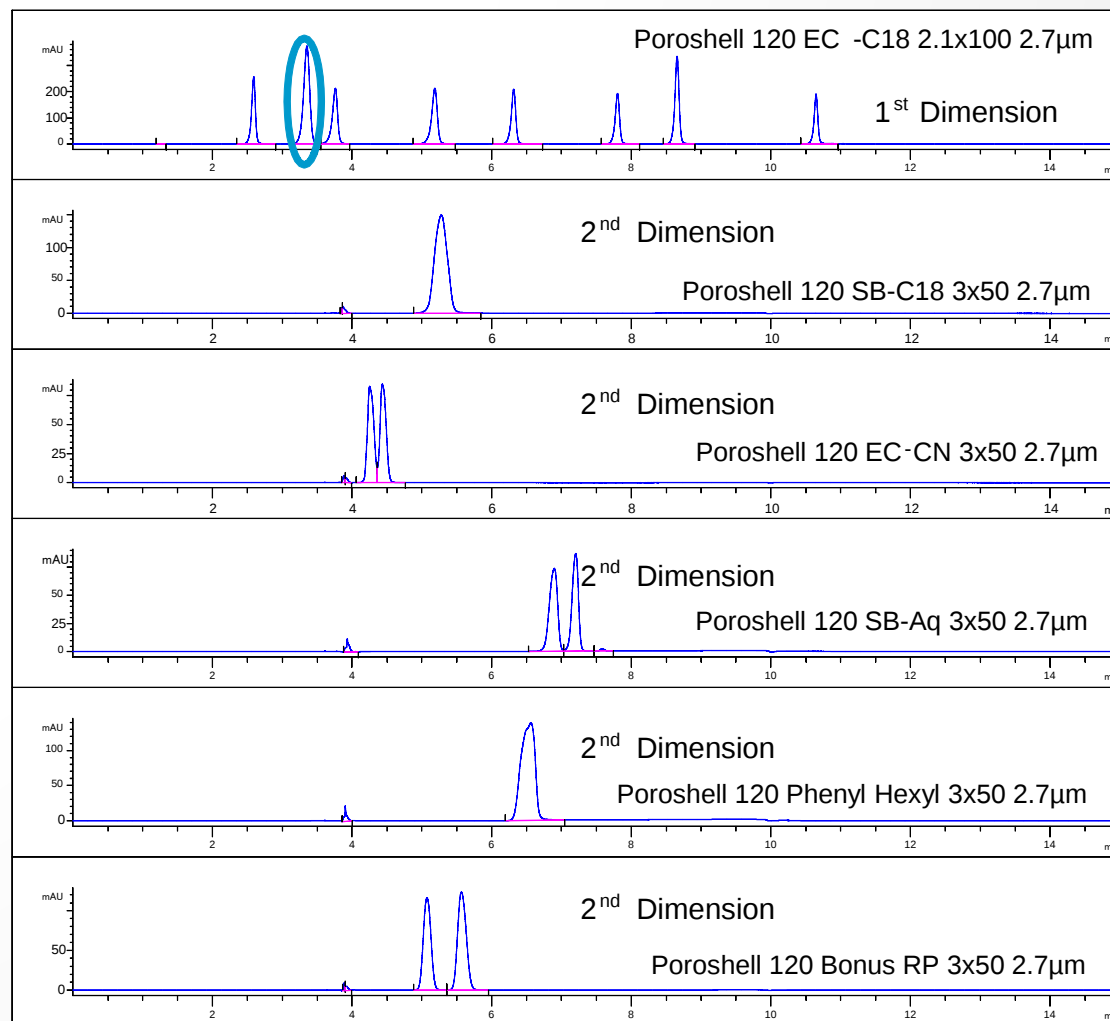
2D LC Column Selection

Orthogonality of RP phases



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- Example mixture of several sulfa drugs
- Multiple chemistries utilized in the 2nd dimension



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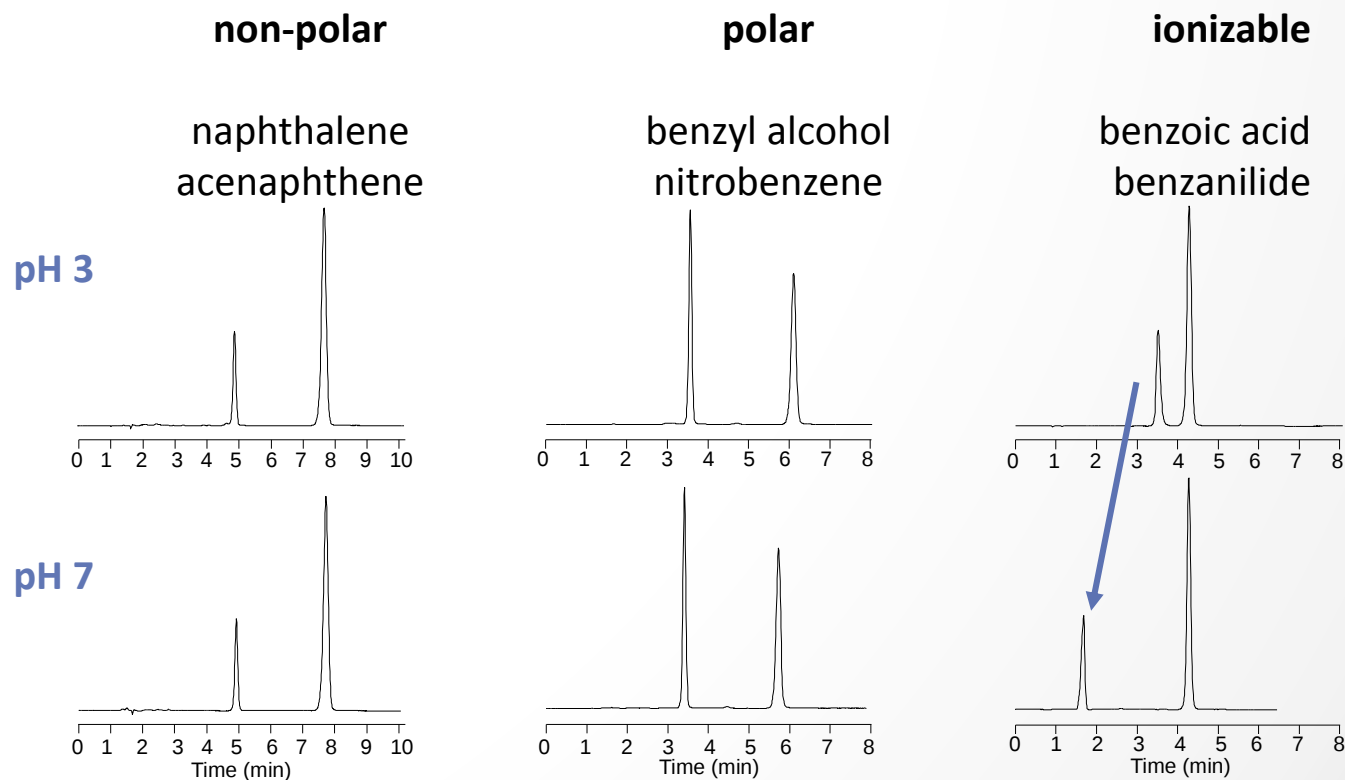
2D LC Column Stationary Phase Selection

Selectivity Matters; Mobile Phase pH*



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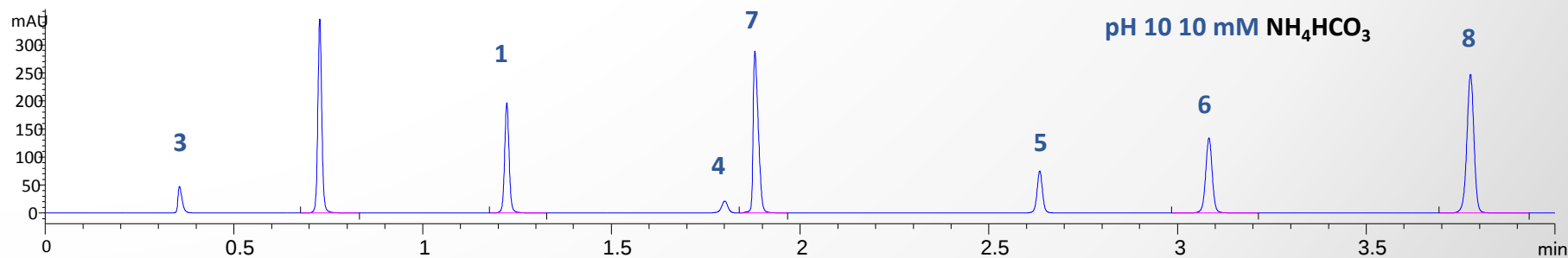
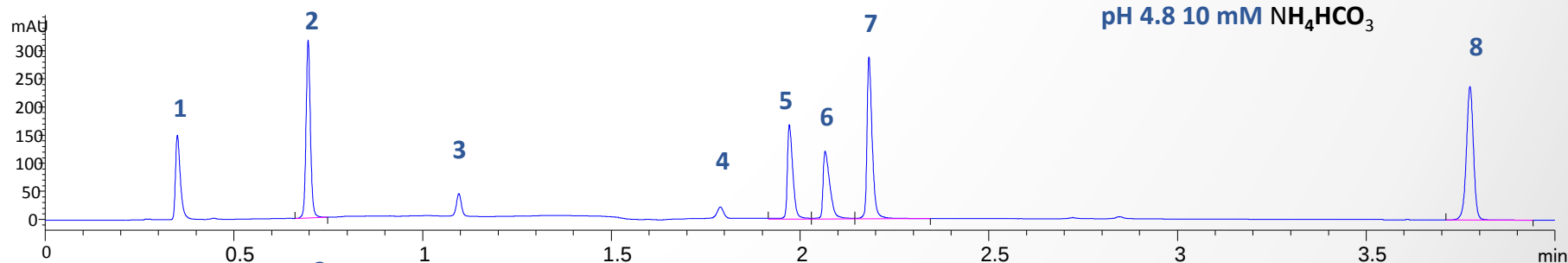
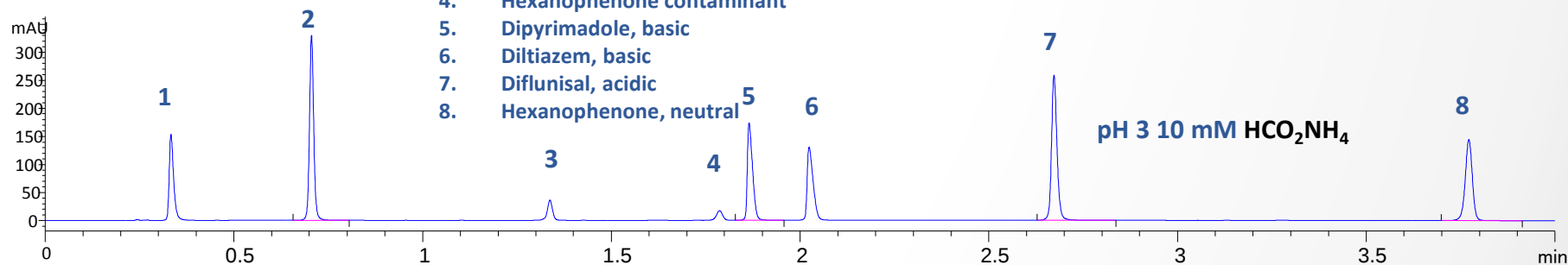
2D LC Column Stationary Phase Selection

Orthogonality in Dependence of Mobile Phase pH*

Column: Agilent Poroshell HPH

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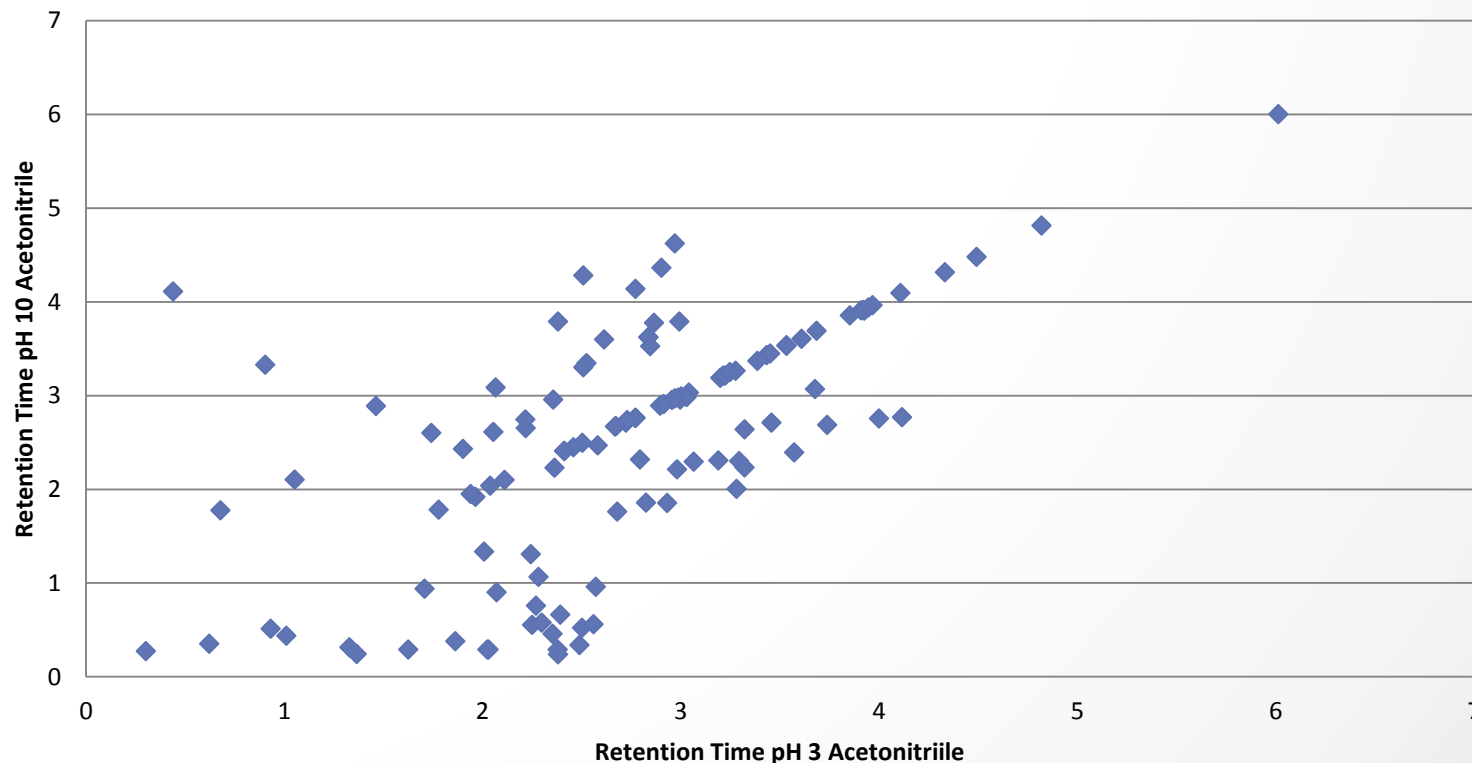
1. Procainamide, pKa 9.2
2. Caffeine, neutral
3. Acetyl salicylic acid, pKa 3.5
4. Hexanophenone contaminant
5. Dipyrimadole, basic
6. Diltiazem, basic
7. Diflunisal, acidic
8. Hexanophenone, neutral



Ionizable compounds – acids and bases change retention and selectivity significantly upon changes in eluent 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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The Problem – Typical 2D-LC conditions involve relatively large injections of ¹D effluent into the ²D column

Example:

¹D Flow Rate = 200 µL/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 ~ 1!

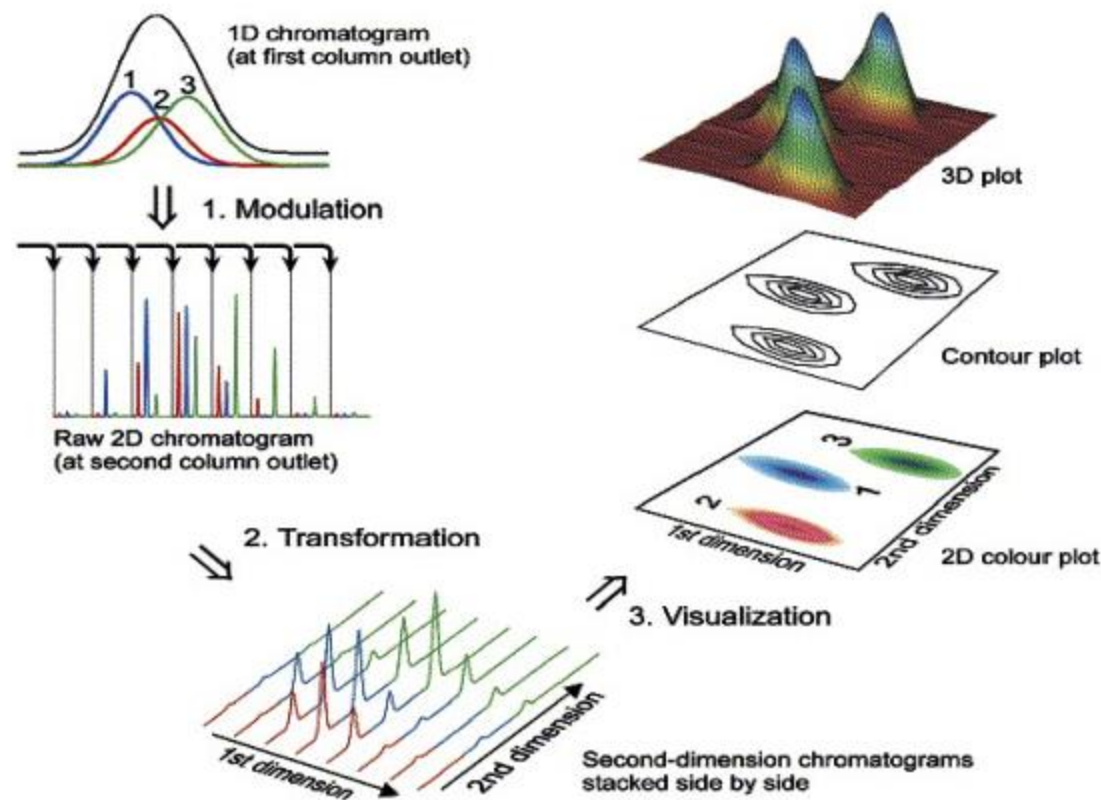
The solvent strength coming from the first dimension < solvent strength in the second dimension

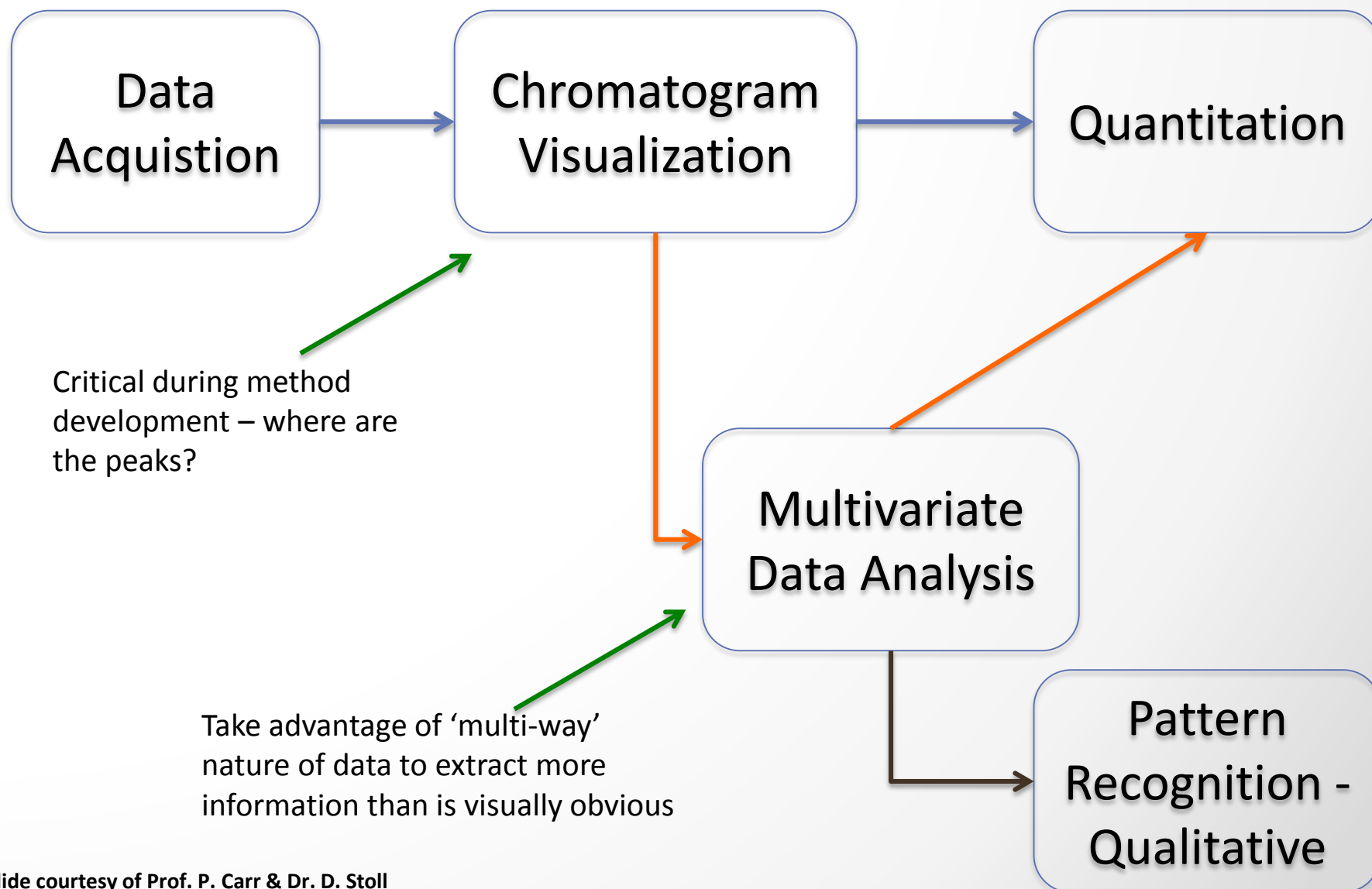
Approach	Disadvantage	Advantage
1) Inject less ¹ D effluent into ² D column	A. Decreases detection sensitivity B. Requires either low ¹ D flow <u>or</u> <u>flow splitting</u> (¹ st dimension detector!) C. Sample time is reduced	Relatively easy to implement
2) Use larger ² D column volume	A. Decreases 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



Data Handling in Comprehensive 2D LC

Generation and visualization





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

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



- (multiple) heart-cutting?
 - Group separation in the 1st dimension
 - 2nd dimension separation takes too long
 - 1st dimension detection required (peak trigger)
- Comprehensive?
 - If $n_c \gg 20$
 - Wide concentration range of the solutes in the sample
 - High # of unknown components in the sample
- Select the stat. phase of the 1st dimension
 - Consider structural properties of the solutes, hydrophobicity, polarity, H-bonding, ionization, size to make an informed choice
 - Always use more retentive separation column for the 2nd dimension
- Isocratic or gradient elution



Further Considerations

- Specify the 2nd dimension separation
 - More retentive separation column → solute focusing
 - Highest plate number → particle size
 - Column diameter and length; use (short) 2.1 mm in modern and (short) 4.6 mm in conventional HPLC equipment
 - Instrument properties; delay volume, allowable gradient speed, re-equilibration time
 - Calculate cycle time of 2nd dimension separation
- Fix the loop size ($V_{loop} = t_{cycle} \times {}^1F$) (avoid volume overload 2D column)
- Set flow rate of 1st dimension separation
- Determine modulation time (under filling of the loop is recommended)
- Select the appropriate column diameter for 1D separation
- Set the injection volume for the 1D separation (dilution in the 1st dimension!!)

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 Thermostate

- 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

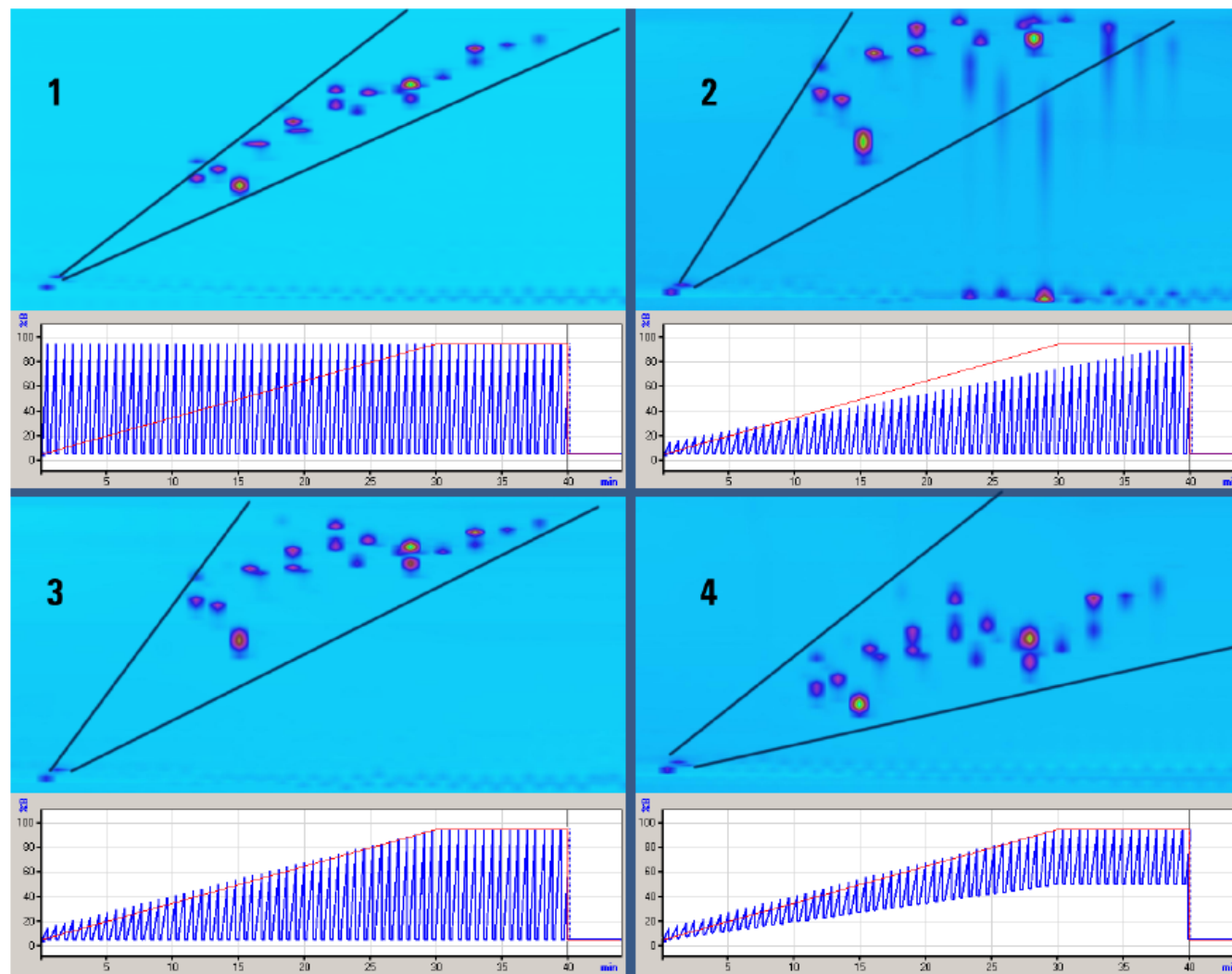
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Software

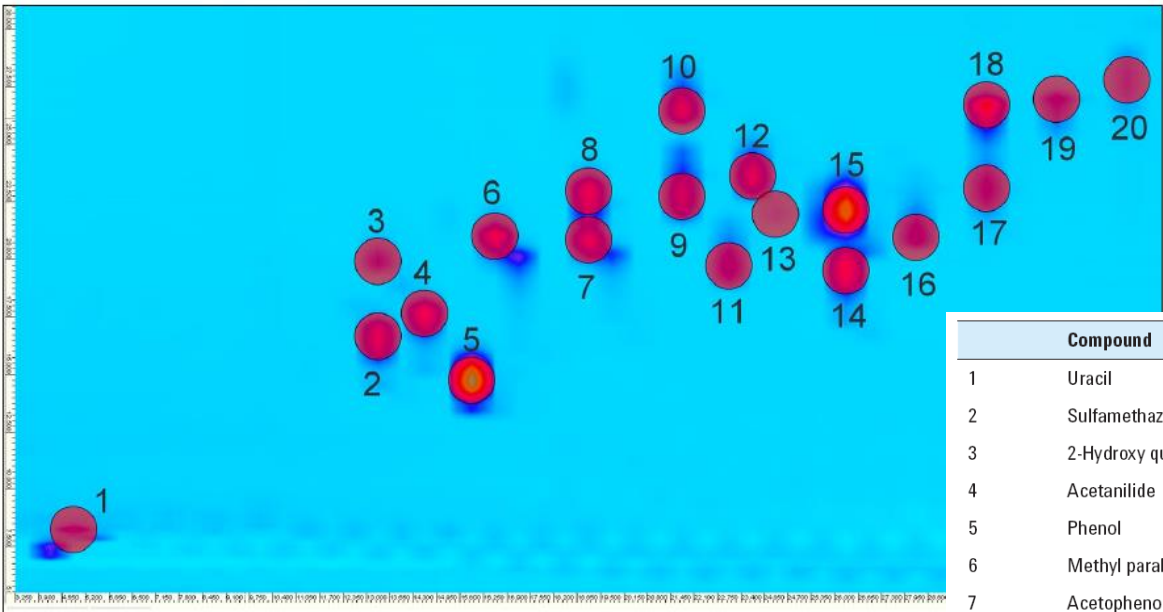
- Agilent OpenL AB CDS ChemStation, Edition, version C.01.03 with
- 2D-LC add-on Software for 2D-LC data analysis from GC Image LLC, Lincoln, NE, USA

2nd Dimension Gradient Optimization*

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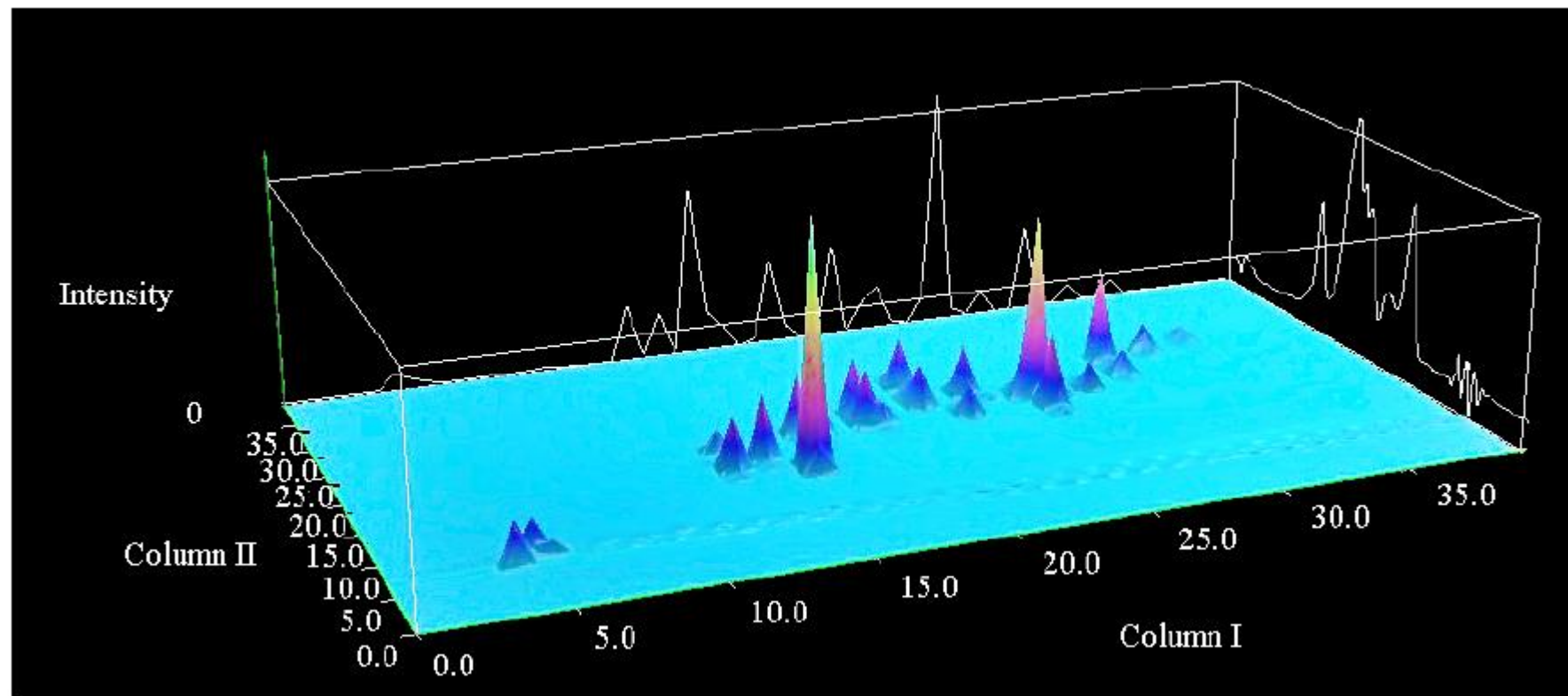


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	Compound	RT I (min)	RT II (sec)
1	Uracil	4.55	8.32
2	Sulfamethazine	13.00	16.71
3	2-Hydroxy quinoline	13.00	20.06
4	Acetanilide	14.30	17.61
5	Phenol	15.60	14.56
6	Methyl paraben	16.25	20.95
7	Acetophenone	18.85	20.58
8	Ethyl paraben	18.85	22.88
9	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

Taken from Agilent AppNote 5991-0138EN



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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 μ m
- Second dimension: Agilent ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus, C18, 3.0 x 50 mm, 1.8 μ m

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 μ L

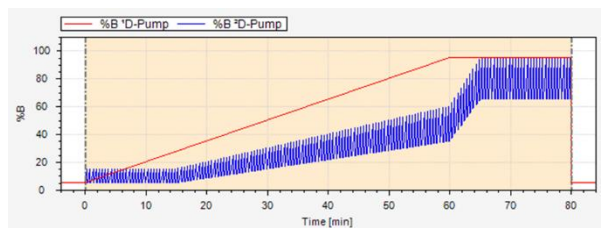
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Gradient Modulation



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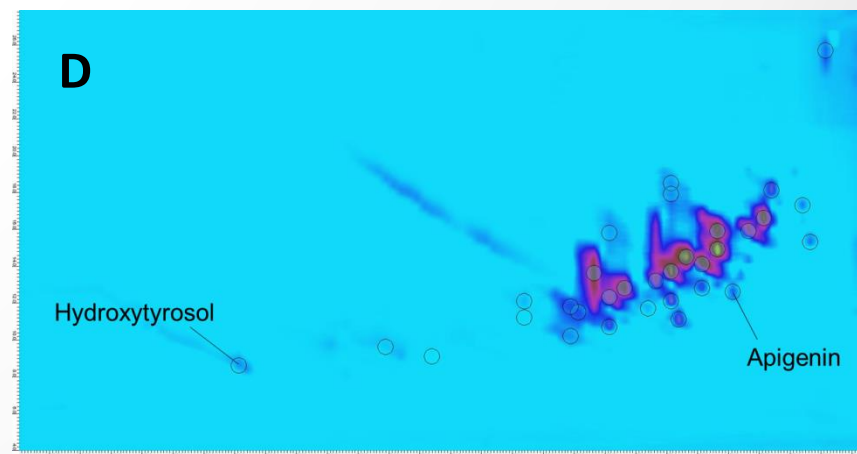
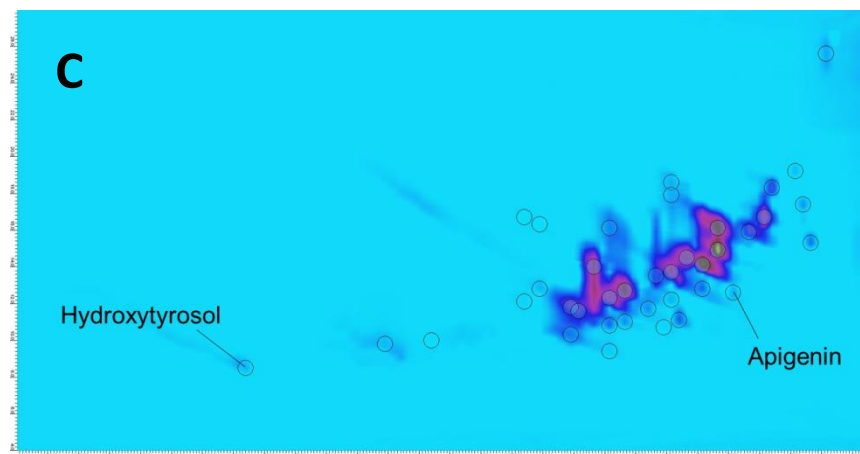
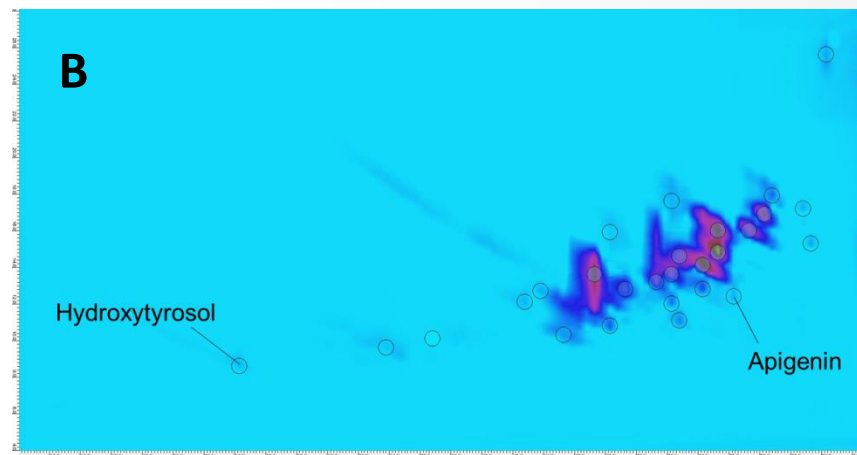
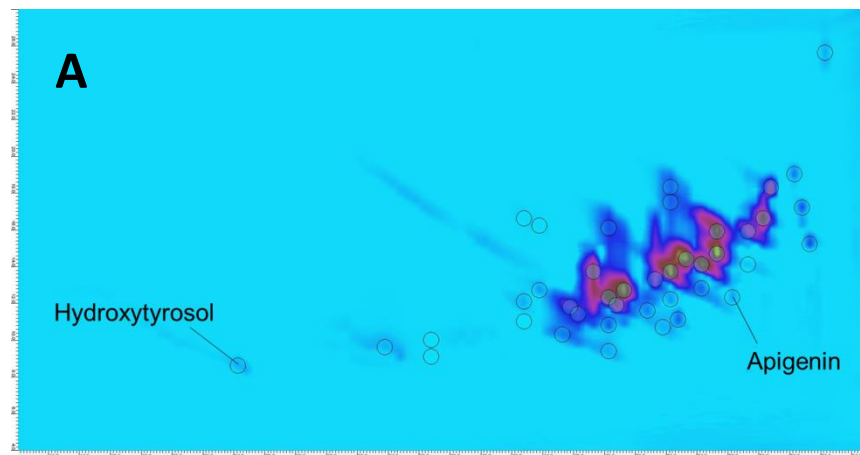
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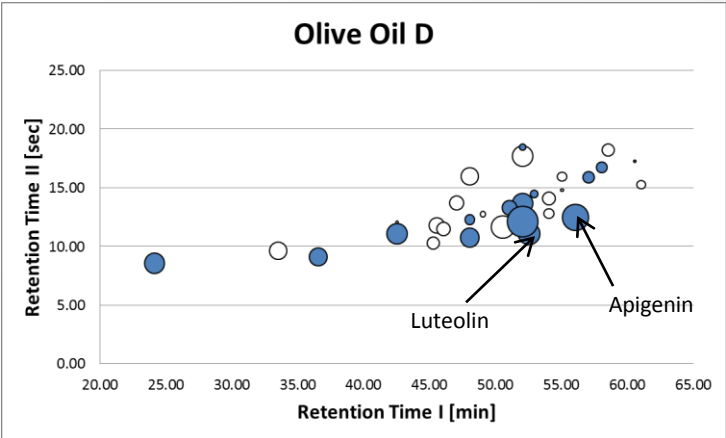
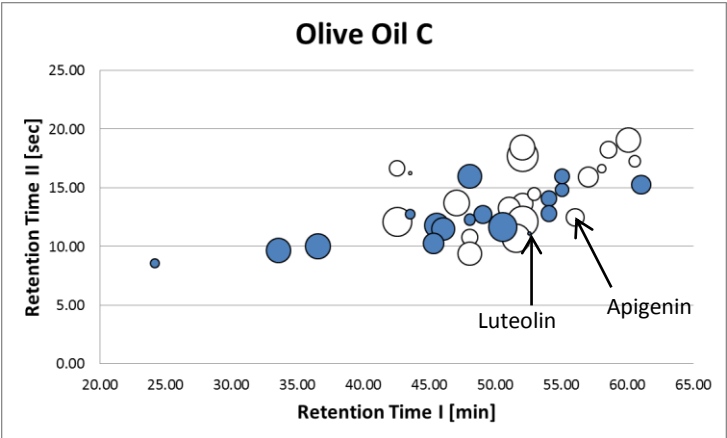
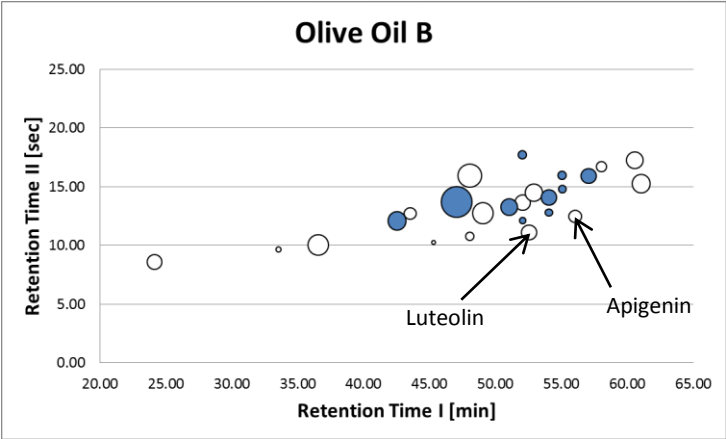
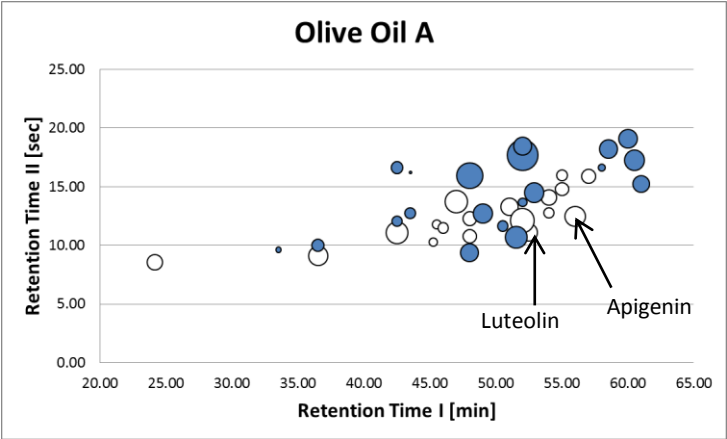
Hydrophilic phenols from extra virgin olive oils



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Compound name	Formula	Theoretical m/z	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	$C_8H_{10}O_3$	153.0557	24.16	8.57
Hydroxytyrosol acetate	$C_{10}H_{12}O_4$	195.0663	42.53	12.09



First dimension HILIC:

- Column Agilent RX-SIL, 1.0 × 150 mm, 3.5 μm (custom made)
- Solvent A 0.1 % formic acid in acetonitrile;
- Solvent B 20 mM ammonium formate in acetonitrile/methanol/water, 50/20/30, v/v, Flow rate 40 μL/min
- Gradient 0–2 minutes: 30–60 %B, 40 μL/min
- 2–4 minutes: 60–70 %B, 40 μL/min,
- 4–5 minutes: 70–100 %B, 40 μL/min,
- 5–12 minutes: 100 %B, 40 μL/min,
- 12–54 minutes: 100 %B, 20 μL/min,
- 54–65 minutes: 30 %B, 40 μL/min
- Temperature 40 °C

Second dimension RPLC:

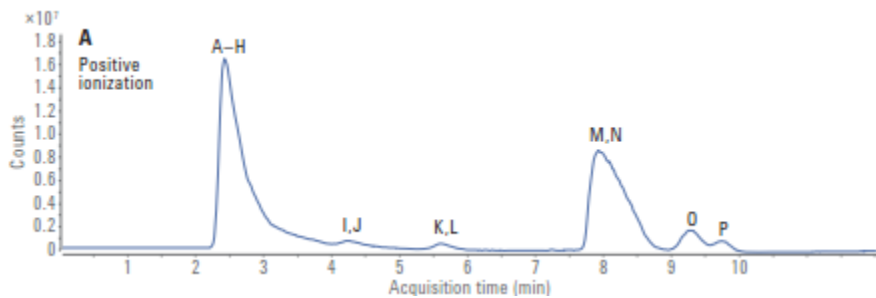
- Column Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 RRHD, 2.1 × 100 mm, 1.8 μm
- Solvent A 20 mM ammonium formate/0.1 % formic acid in methanol/water, 10/90, v/v
- Solvent B 20 mM ammonium formate/0.1 % formic acid in acetonitrile/methanol/isopropanol, 20/30/50, v/v, Flow rate 0.6 mL/min
- Idle flow rate 0.2 mL/min
- Gradient 0–6.5 minutes: 40–100 %B
- 6.5–8.5 minutes: 100 %B
- 8.5–10 minutes: 40 %B
- Temperature 60 °C

Loop filling:

- Time segments Fraction 1: 2.00–3.80 minutes (Loop 80 μL)
- Fraction 2: 3.90–4.80 minutes
- Fraction 3: 5.25–6.15 minutes
- Fraction 4: 7.80–8.75 minutes
- Fraction 5: 9.05–10.00 minutes

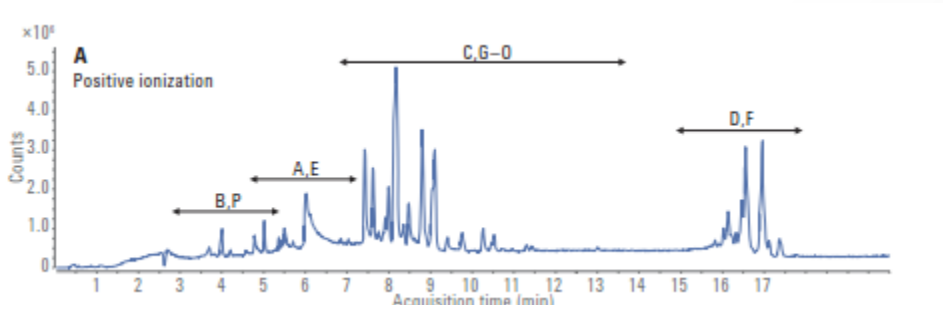
Injection:

- Sample; plasma or long sputum reconstituted in MTBE/isopropanol 50/50
- Volume 1 μL



Separation on the 1st dimension column

Lipid class (abbreviation)	Code	MHC fraction
Free fatty acids (FFA)	A	1
Monoacylglycerols (MG)	B	1
Diacylglycerols (DG)	C	1
Triacylglycerols (TG)	D	1
Cholesterol (Chol)	E	1
Cholesterol esters (CE)	F	1
Ceramides (CER)	G	1
Glycoceramides (Hex-CER)	H	1
Glyconceramides (Hex _n -CER)	I	2
Phosphatidylinositols (PI)	J	2
Phosphatidylethanolamines (PE)	K	3
Glycosphingolipids (GSL)	L	3
Phosphatidylserines (PS)	M	4
Phosphatidylcholines (PC)	N	4
Sphingomyelins (SM)	O	5
Lysophospholipids (LysoPL)	P	5



Separation on the 2nd dimension column

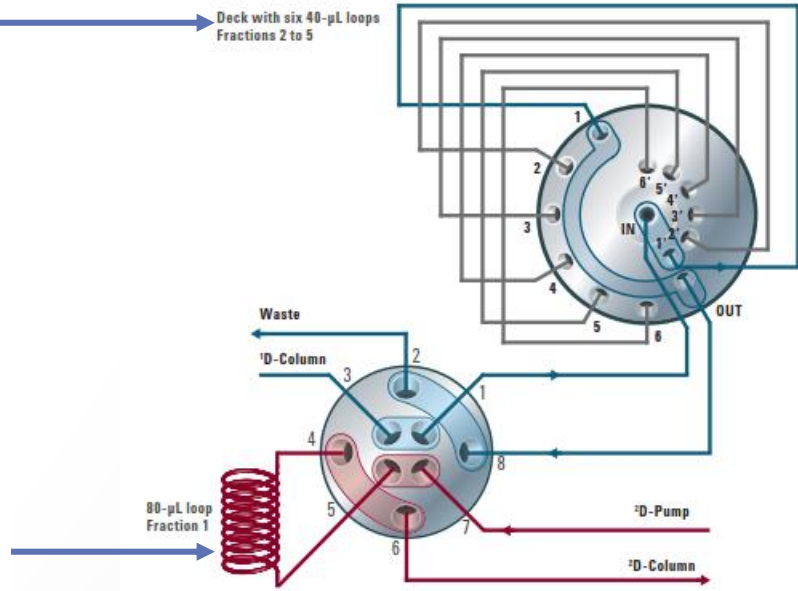
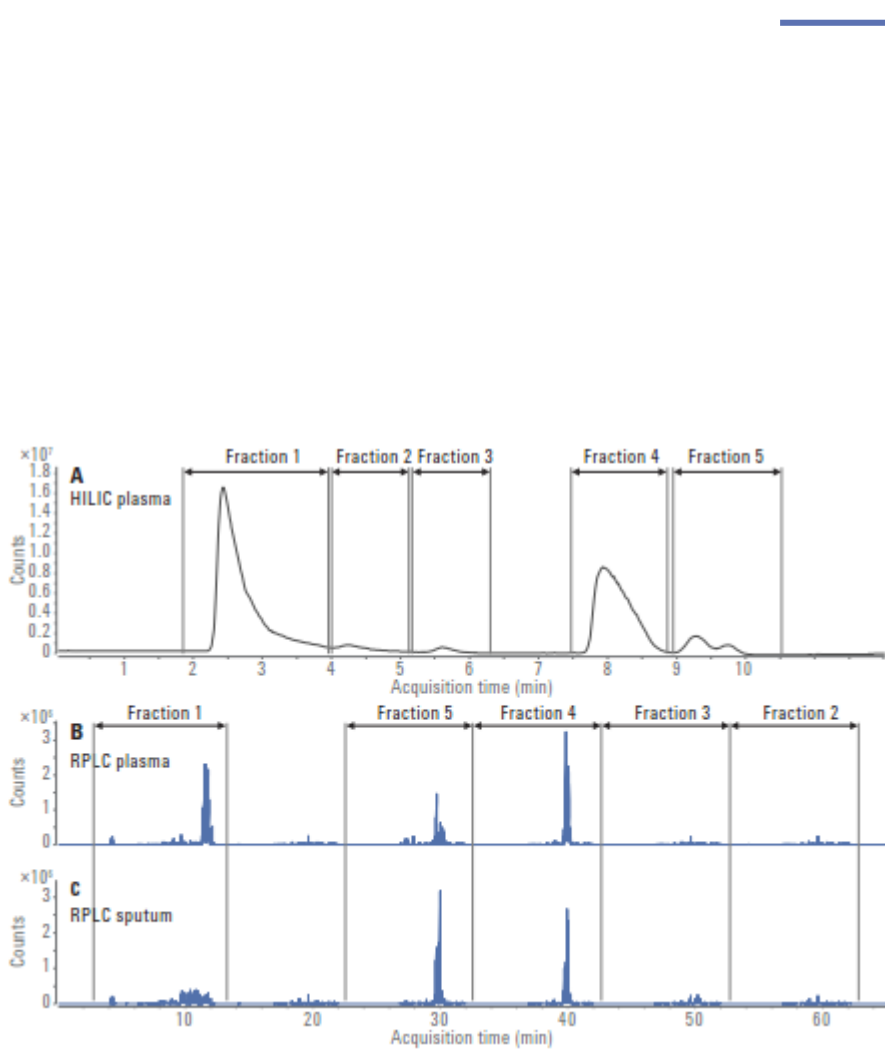
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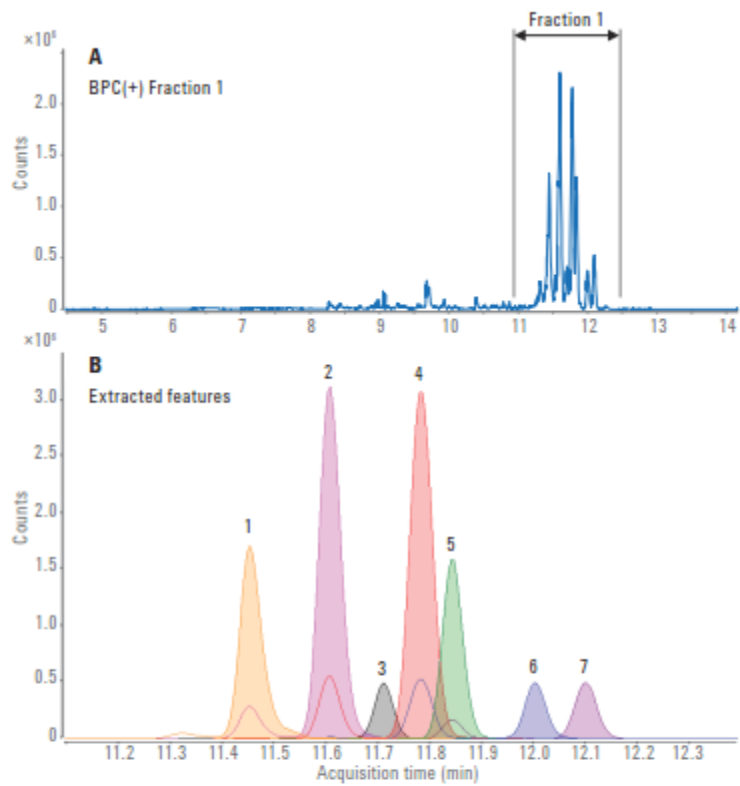
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Feature	Formula	t_R (min)	m/z	Identity
1	$C_{55}H_{101}O_6N$	11.45	871.7629	TG(52:4)NH ₃
2	$C_{55}H_{103}O_6N$	11.61	873.7786	TG(52:3)NH ₃
3	$C_{47}H_{79}NO_2$	11.71	689.6111	CE(20:4)NH ₃
4	$C_{55}H_{105}O_6N$	11.78	875.7942	TG(52:2)NH ₃
5	$C_{45}H_{79}NO_2$	11.84	665.6111	CE(18:2)NH ₃
6	$C_{55}H_{107}O_6N$	12	877.8099	TG(52:1)NH ₃
7	$C_{49}H_{81}NO_2$	12.1	667.6267	CE(18:1)NH ₃

Fraction 1, positive ionization, triglycerides and cholesterol esters in plasma. TG and CE represent the most apolar lipids. Both groups are detected as ammonia adducts in the positive ESI mode.

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