

# New Developments in GC, HPLC and Sample Prep at Supelco

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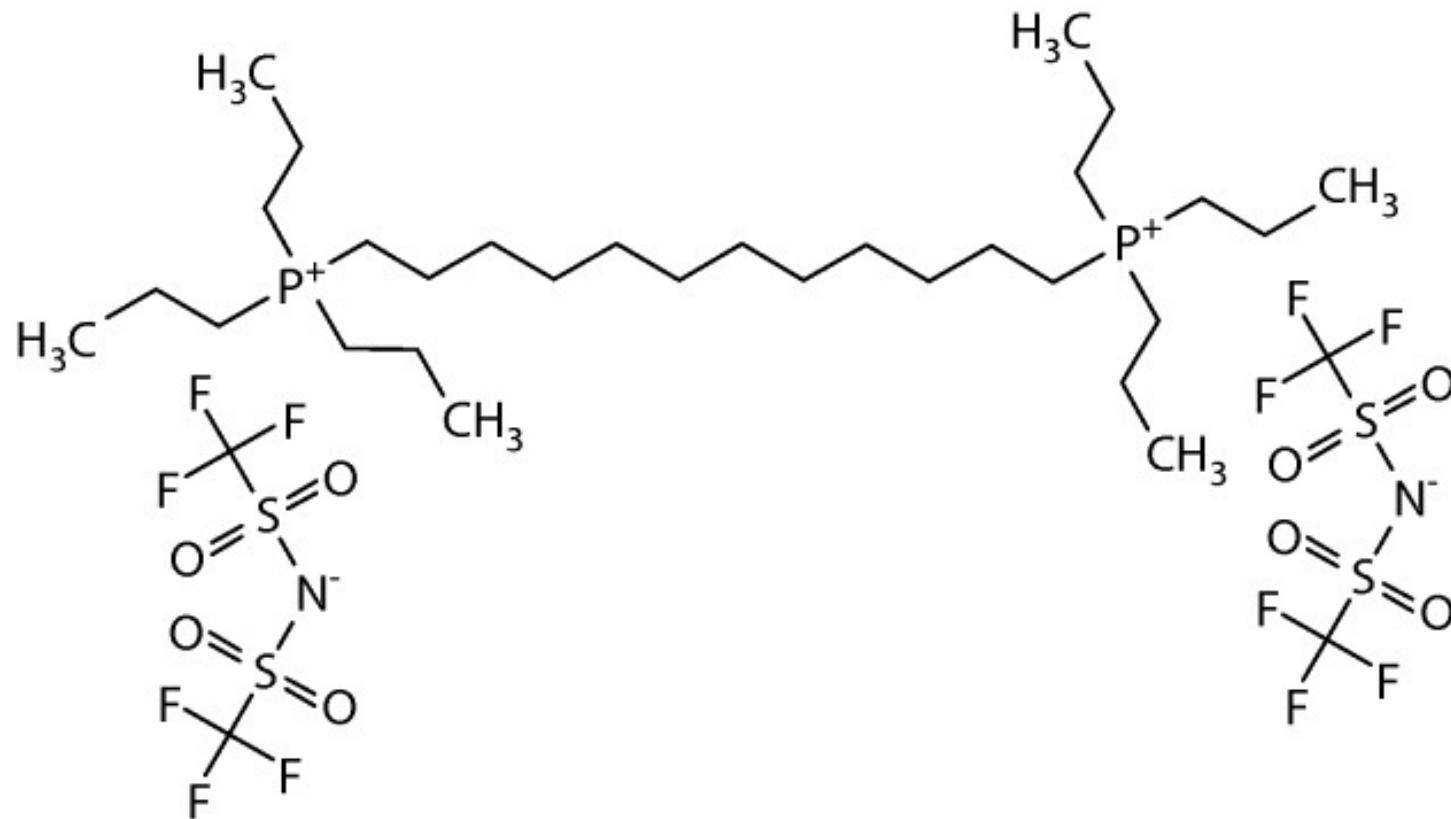
# **Overview of Presentation**

- Ionic Liquid Capillary Columns
- SPME
- Titan HPLC
- SPE Developments
- Asset Air Sampler
- Conclusions

# SLB-IL60

## Phase Structure

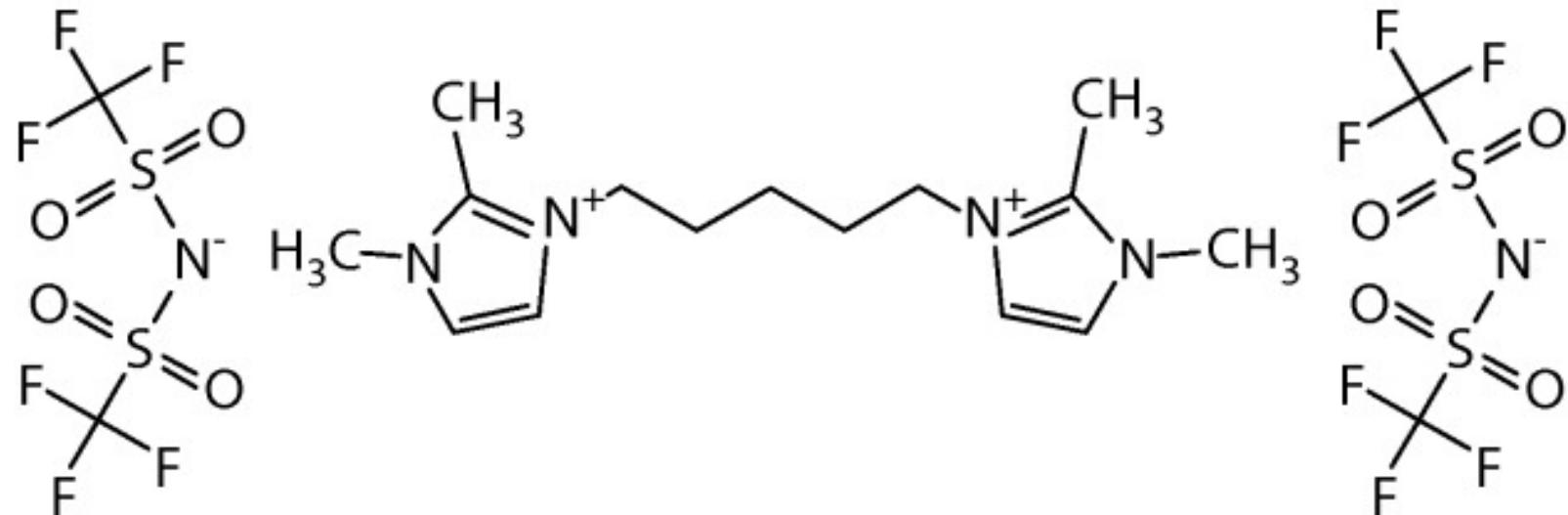
1,12-Di(tripropylphosphonium)dodecane bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide



# SLB-IL111

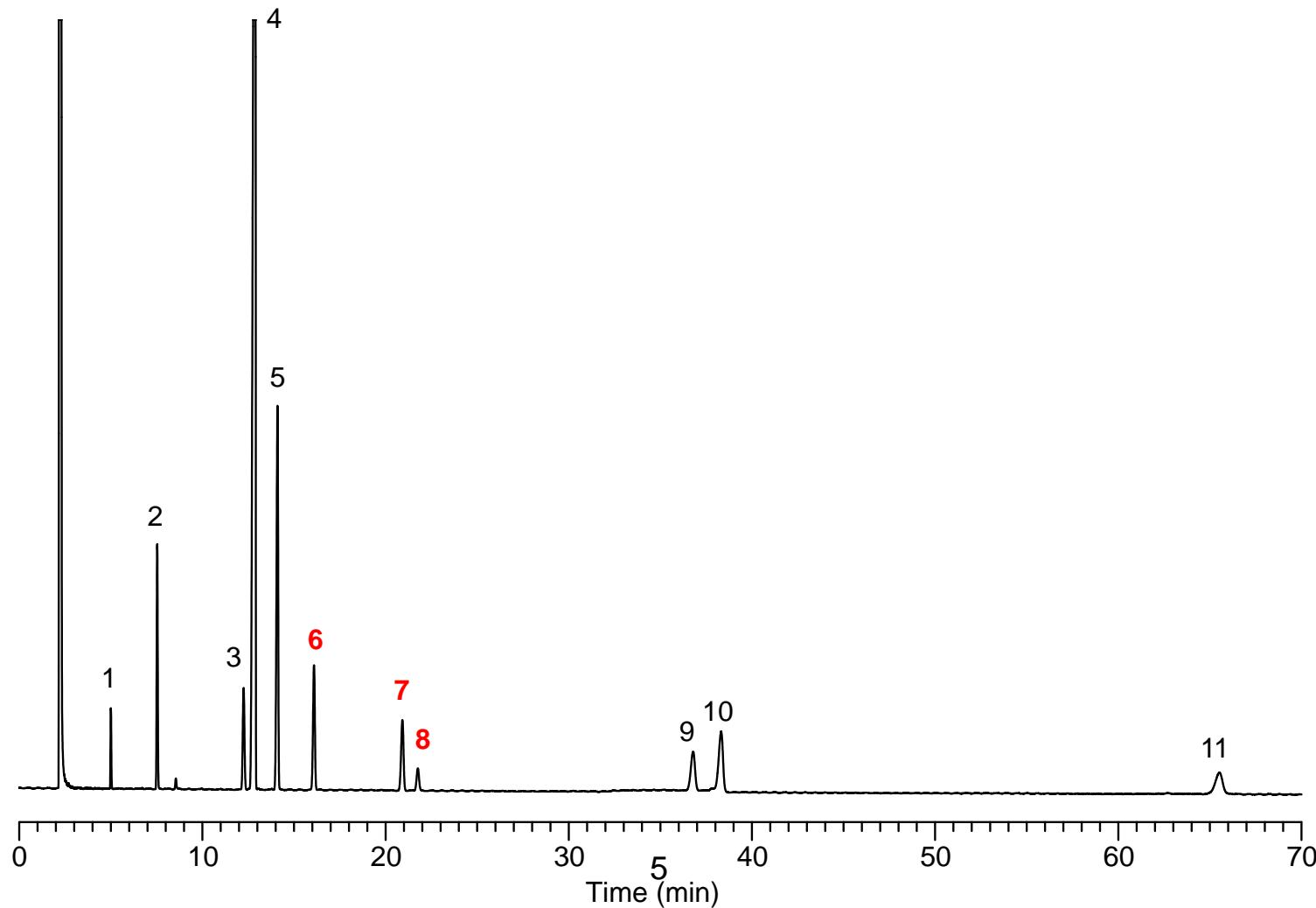
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1,5-Di(2,3-dimethylimidazolium)pentane bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide



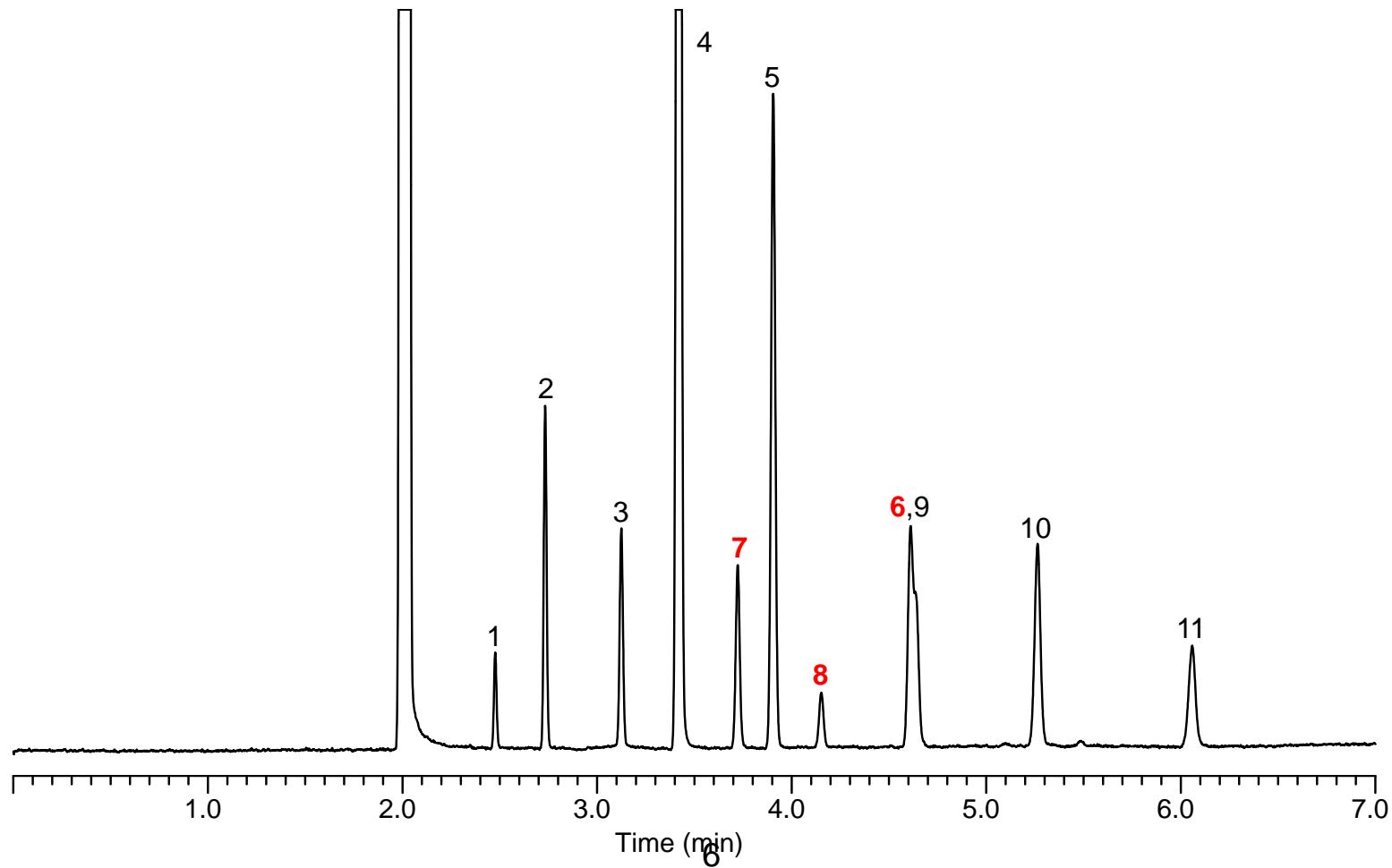
## Column Selectivity

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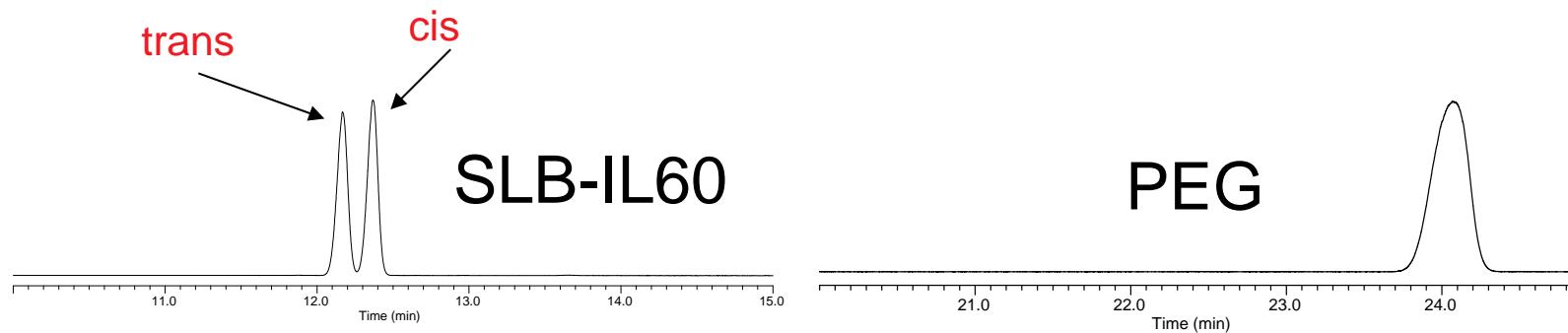
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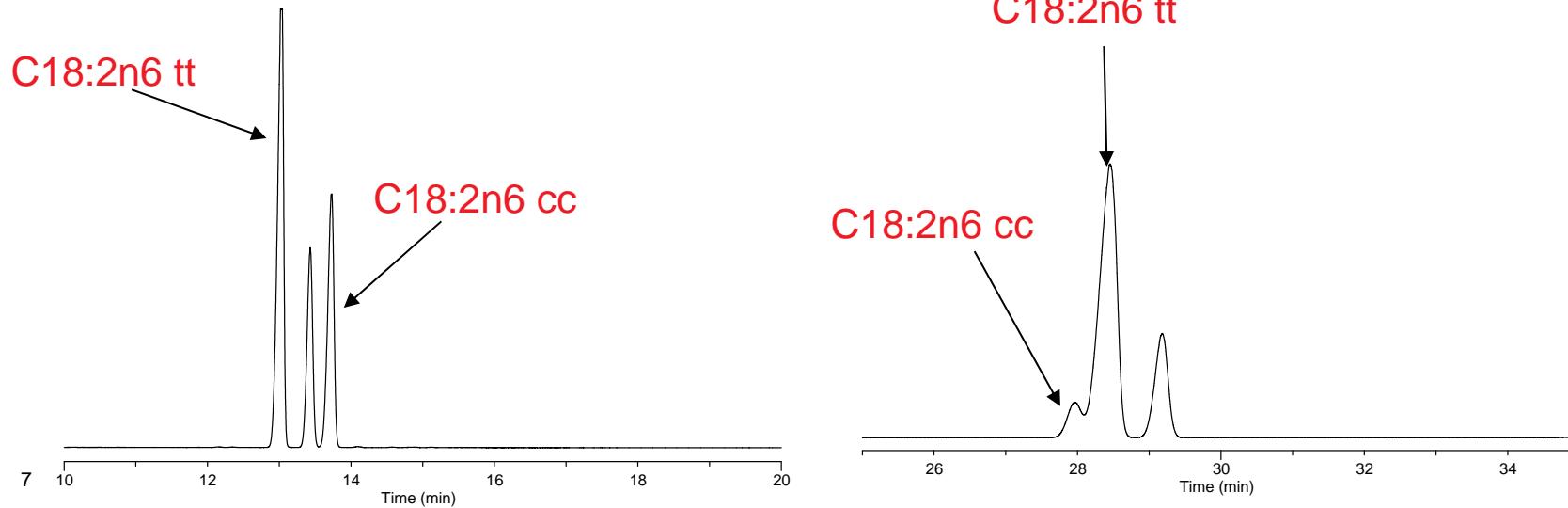


## Cis/ trans FAMES on SLB-IL60 vs. PEG Type Phase

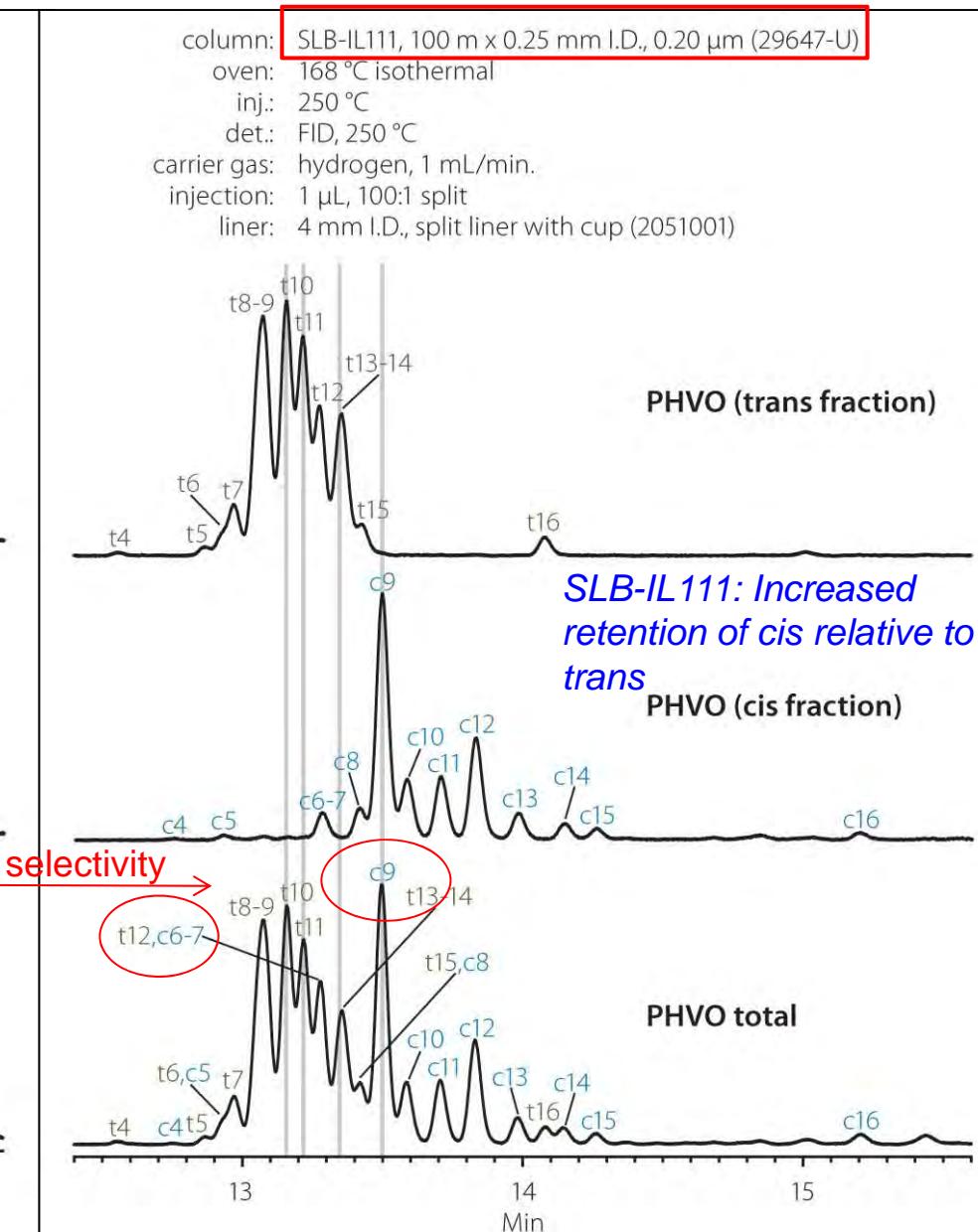
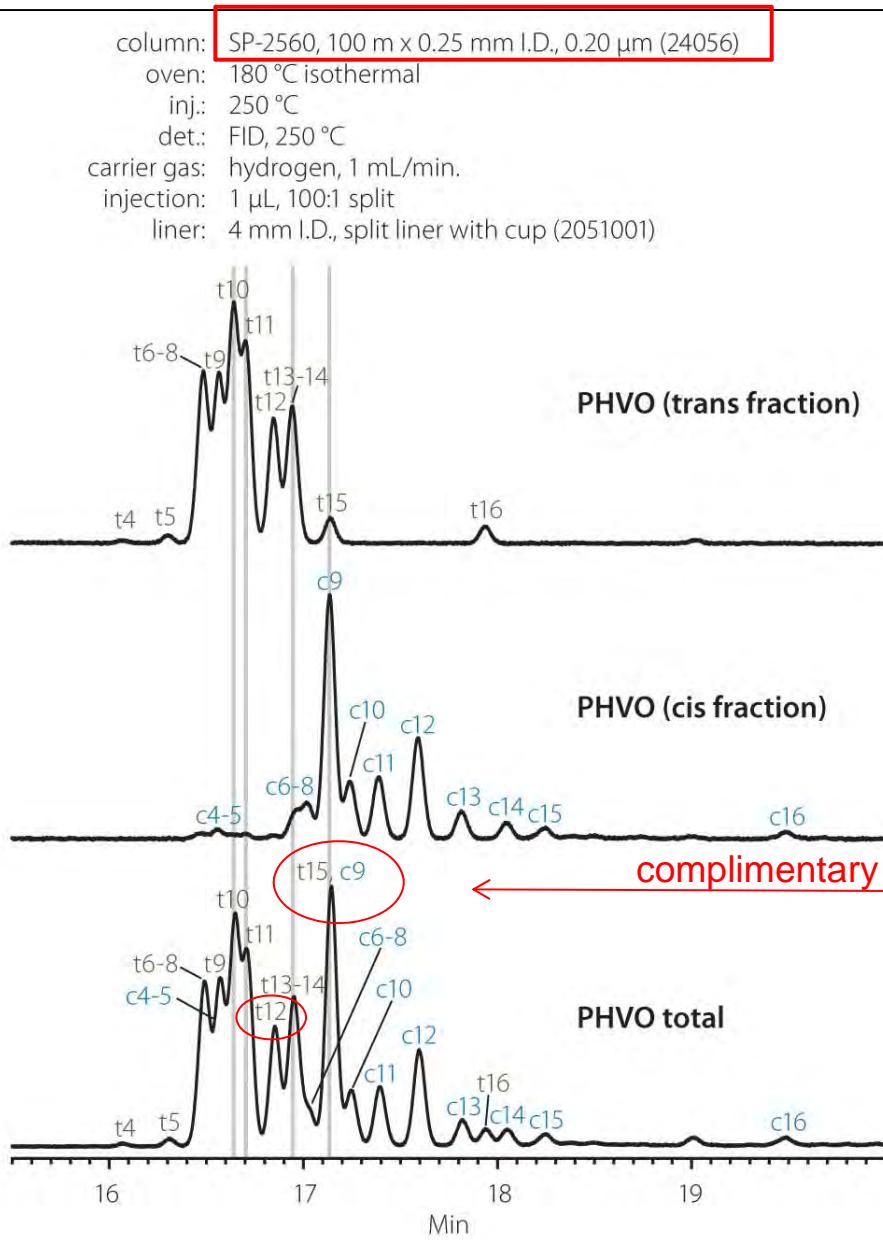
C18:1n9 cis / trans FAMEs @ 180°C



C18:2n6 cis & trans FAME Isomers- 180°C



# C18:1 cis/trans FAME Isomers in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (PHVO) SLB-IL111 vs. SP-2560: 100 m columns

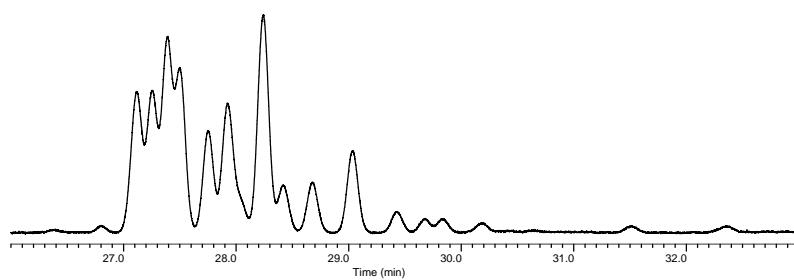


# Positional cis/trans FAME Isomers

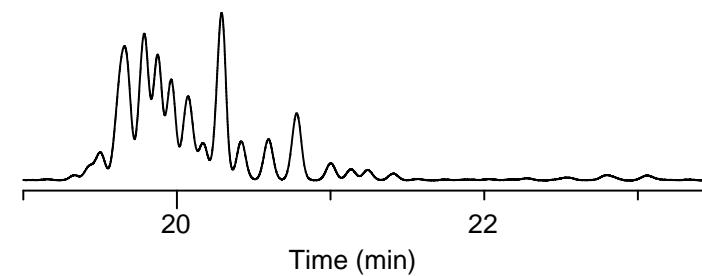
column: SP-2560, 200 m x 0.25 mm I.D.,  
0.20  $\mu$ m  
oven: 180 ° C isothermal  
inj.: 250 ° C  
det.: FID, 250 ° C  
carrier gas: hydrogen, 1 mL/min.  
injection: 1  $\mu$ L, 100:1 split  
liner: 4 mm I.D., split liner with cup (2051001)

column: SLB-IL111, 200 m x 0.25 mm I.D.,  
0.20  $\mu$ m  
oven: 168 ° C isothermal  
inj.: 250 ° C  
det.: FID, 250 ° C  
carrier gas: hydrogen, 1 mL/min.  
injection: 1  $\mu$ L, 100:1 split  
liner: 4 mm I.D., split liner with cup (2051001)

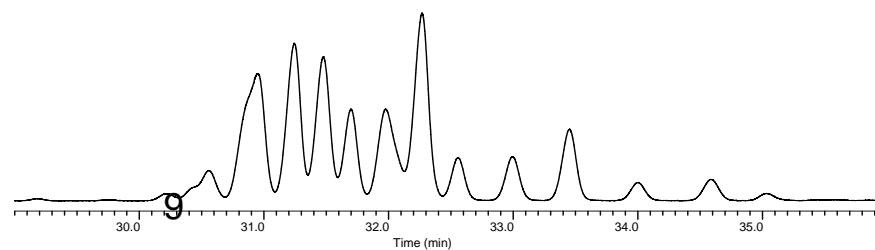
PHVO total FAMEs



PHVO total FAMEs



PHVO total FAMEs on  
SLB-IL111 @ 150 ° C  
isothermal



## PAHs on SLB-IL 59 20m x 0.18mm x 0.04umdf<sub>f</sub>

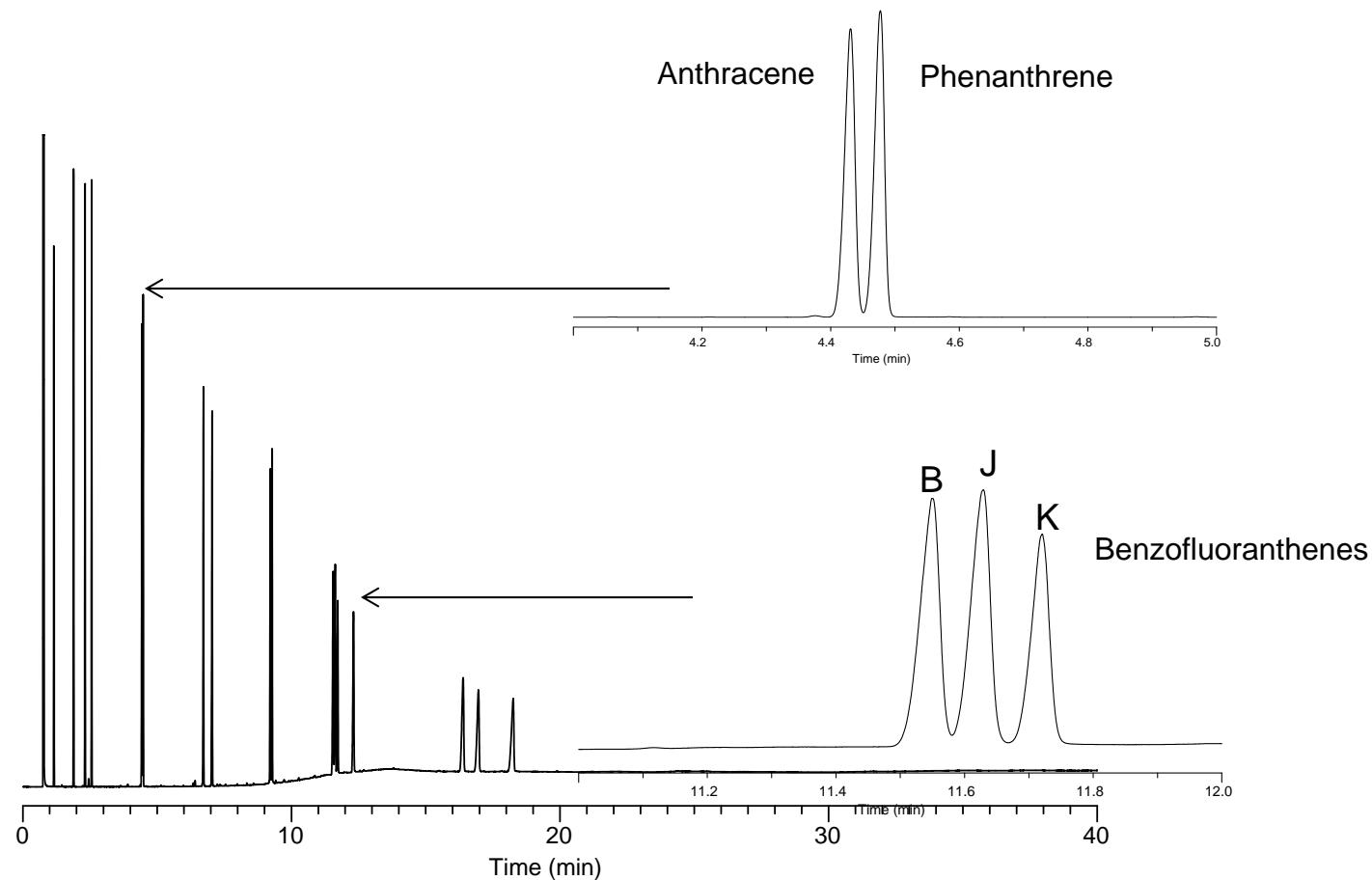


Figure 6. TCL PAHs on SLB-IL 59, 20m x 0.18mm x 0.04umdf, H<sub>2</sub> carrier gas; Expanded views show anthracene/phenanthrene and benzofluoranthenene isomers

# Ionic Liquid Water Separations

Column: SLB-IL 94, SLB-IL 107, SLB-IL 200 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20umdf

Oven: 35°C, 4°C/min to 125°C, 125°(2min)

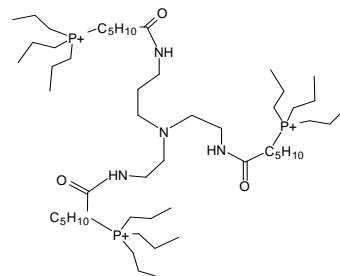
Det: TCD, 300°C

Flow Rate: 25cm/sec constant pressure He

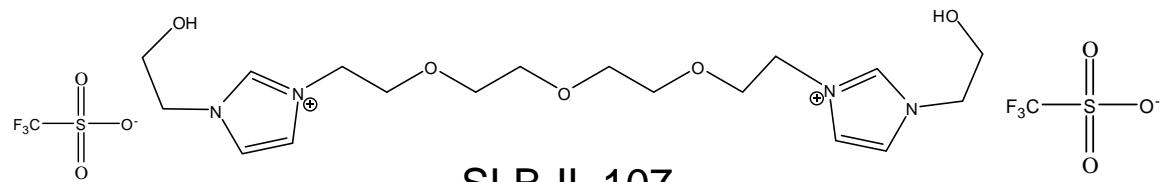
Inj: 250°C, 1uL, split, 100:1

Liner: 4mm ID cup design split liner

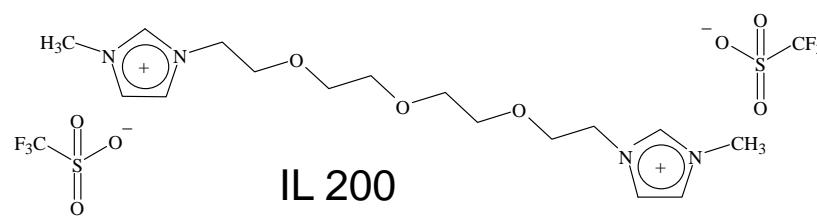
Samples: IL Solvent Test Mix: MeOH, EtOH, Acetone, IPA, n-propanol, 1-butanol, 1,4-Dioxin  
in water



SLB-IL 94



SLB-IL 107



IL 200

## IL Solvent Mix on SLB-IL 94 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20umd<sub>f</sub>

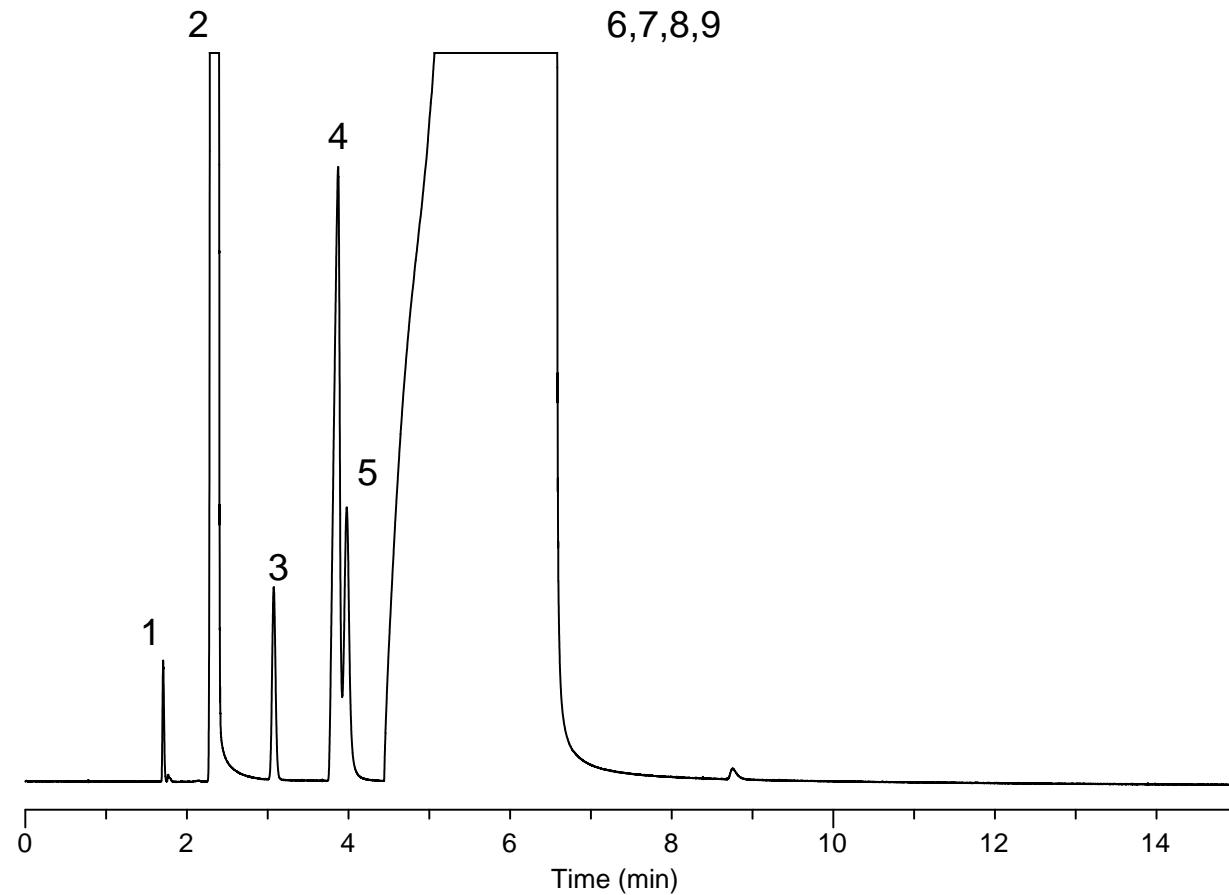


Figure 9. Solvent test standard programmed separation on SLB-IL 94; 1) MeOH, 2)  $\text{MeCl}_2$ , 3) acetone, 4) ethanol, 5) IPA, 6) n-Propanol, 7) 1,4dioxane, 8) butanol, 9) water

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## IL Solvent Mix on SLB-IL 107 30m x 0.25mm x 0.20umdf

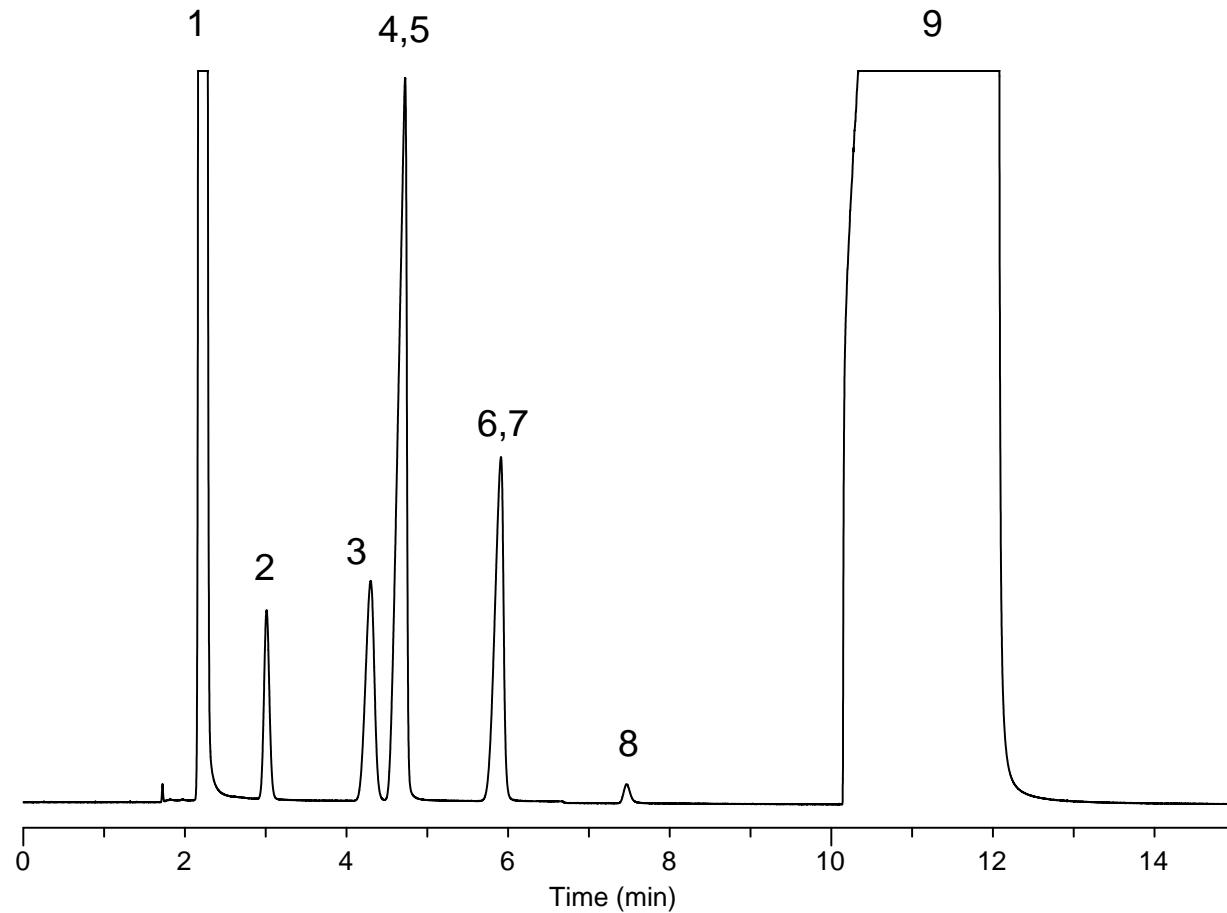
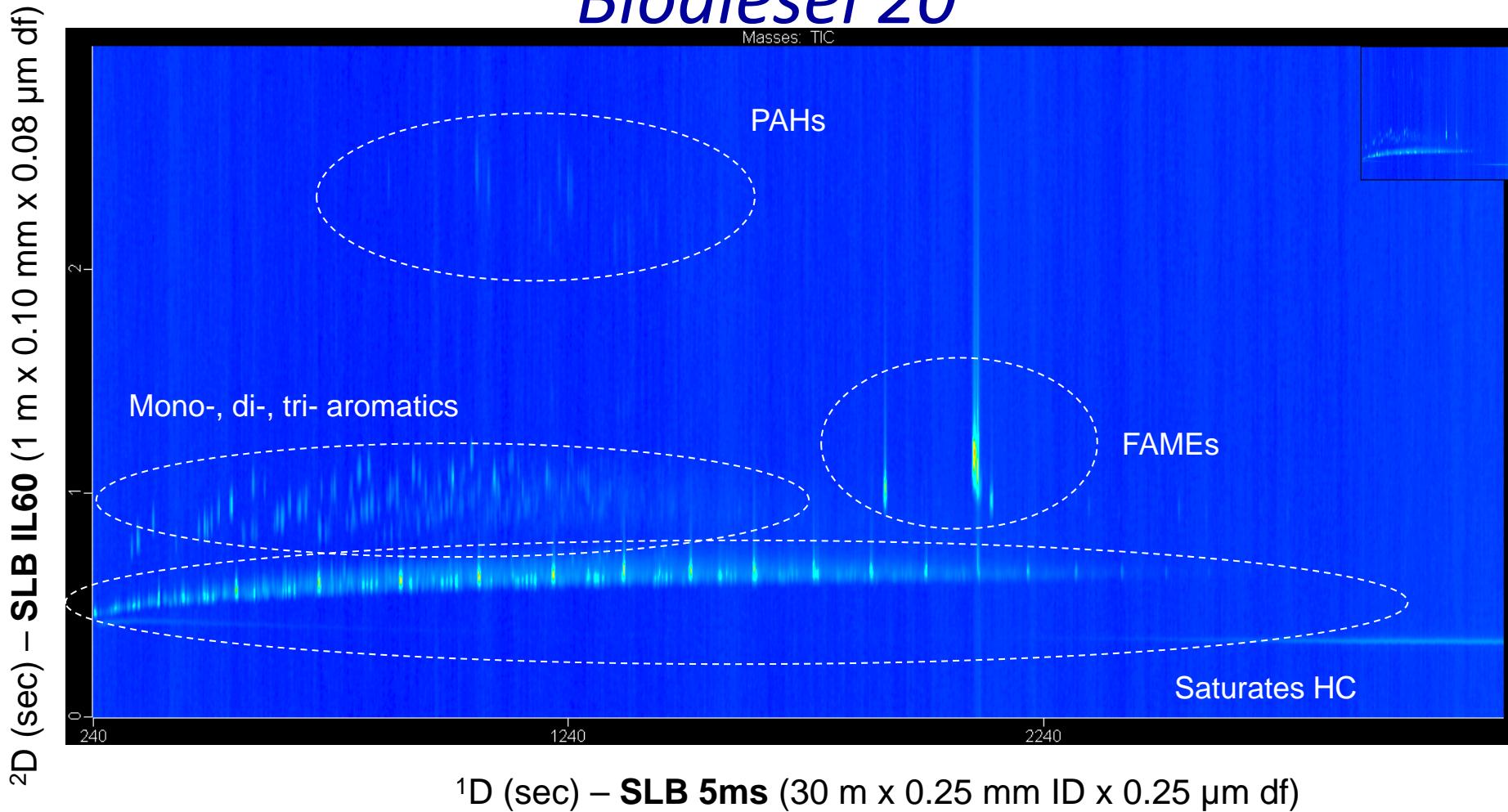


Figure 8. Solvent test standard programmed separation on SLB-IL 107; 1) MeOH/MeCl<sub>2</sub>, 2) acetone, 3) IPA, 4) ethanol, 5) methanol, 6) n-Propanol, 7) 1,4dioxane 8) butanol, 9) water

# NON-POLAR – POLAR STRATEGY

## Biodiesel 20

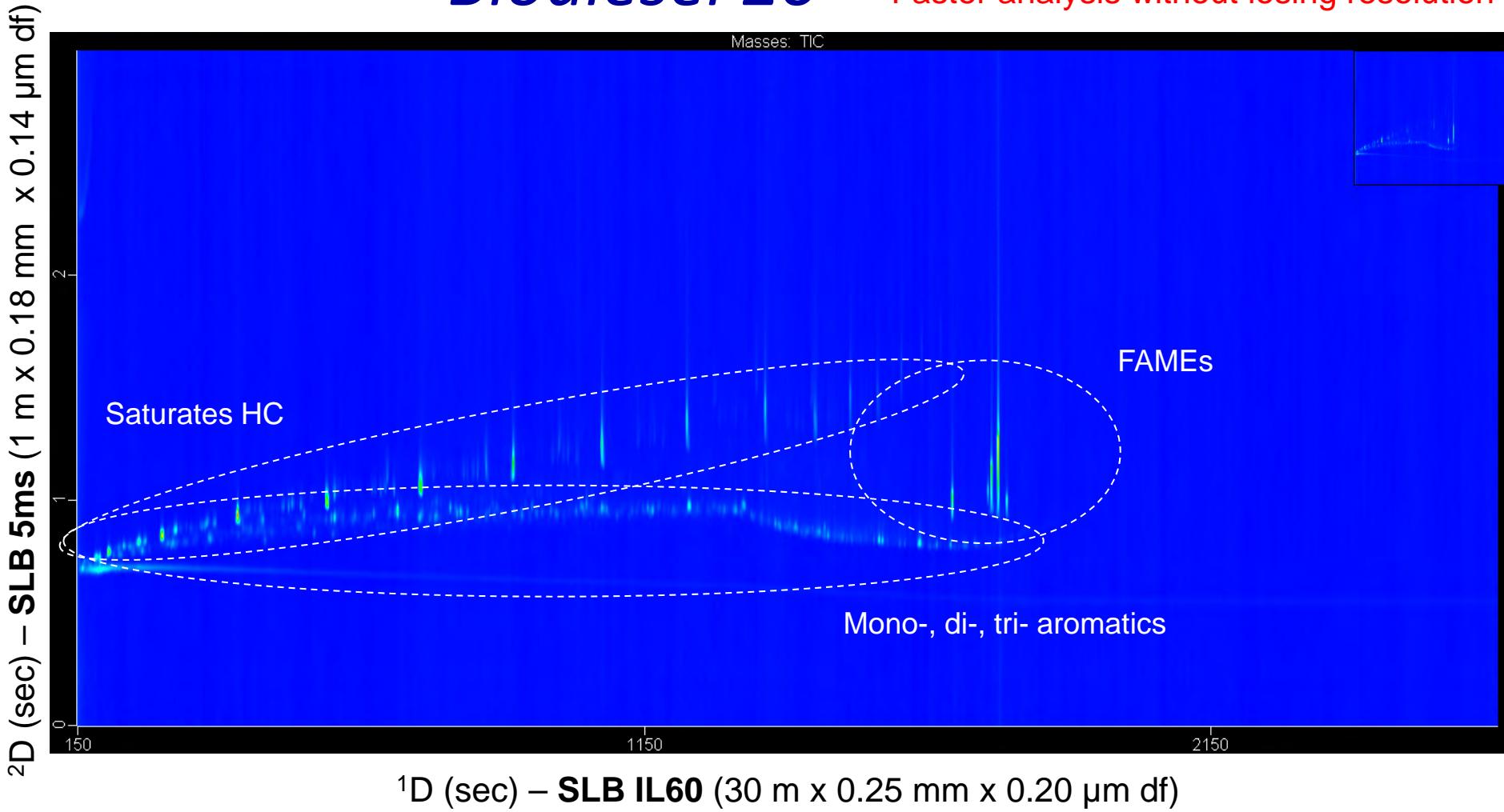


Equipment: LECO PEGASUS GC × GC/TOFMS. Carrier gas: Helium set @ 1.0 mL/min. Sample: 1 μL, split ratio 50:1, inlet temp. 250 °C. GCxGC method temp. program: Primary column: 40 °C (2 min), ramped @ 4 °C/min to 270 °C (20min). Secondary column: 55 °C (2 min), ramped @ 4 °C/min to 280 °C (20min). Modulator temp. offset: 30 °C. Modulation Period: 3 s. TOFMS method parameters: mass range 35–450 m/z., acquisition rate 200 spectra/s, ion source temp. 250 °C.

# POLAR – NON-POLAR STRATEGY

## Biodiesel 20

Faster analysis without losing resolution



Equipment: LECO PEGASUS GC  $\times$  GC/TOFMS. Carrier gas: Helium set @ 1.2 mL/min. Sample: 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , split ratio 50:1, inlet temp. 250 °C. GCxGC method temp. program: Primary column: 60 °C, ramped @ 10 °C/min to 225 °C (5 min). Secondary column: 75 °C, ramped @ 10 °C/min to 240 °C (5 min). Modulator temp. offset: 30 °C. Modulation Period: 3 s. TOFMS method parameters: mass range 35–450 m/z, acquisition rate 200 spectra/s, ion source temp. 250 °C.

# Goals of Development of SPME Fibers for Solvent Desorption

Fiber coating must be durable and reproducible

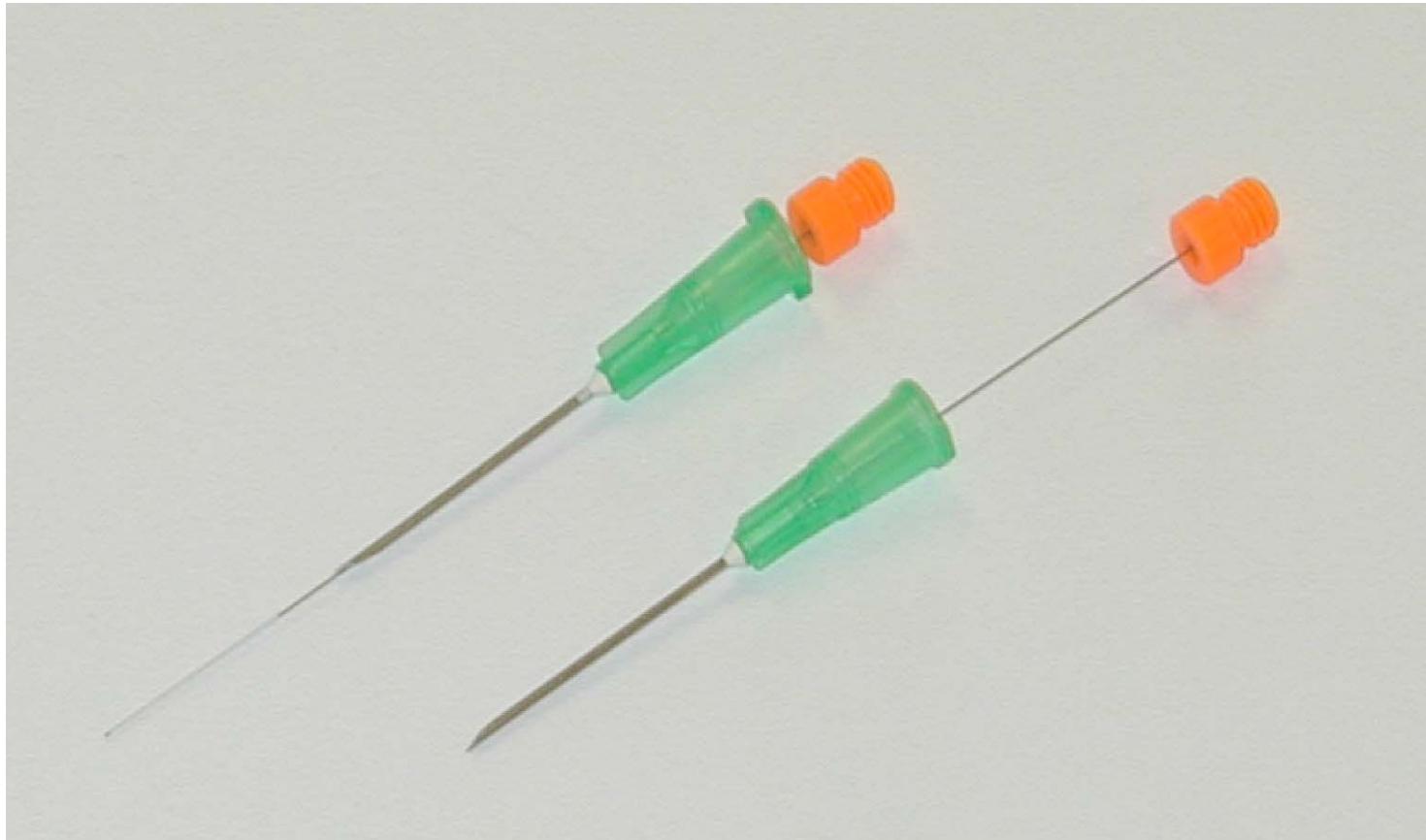
Fiber coating must not swell in water or organic solvents

To coat HPLC particles on fiber the Binder

- should not affect uptake of analytes
- should be biocompatible
  - Resists large (macro)molecules
  - For in-vivo type experiments without harm to organism

Device needs to be affordable e.g. for single use analysis

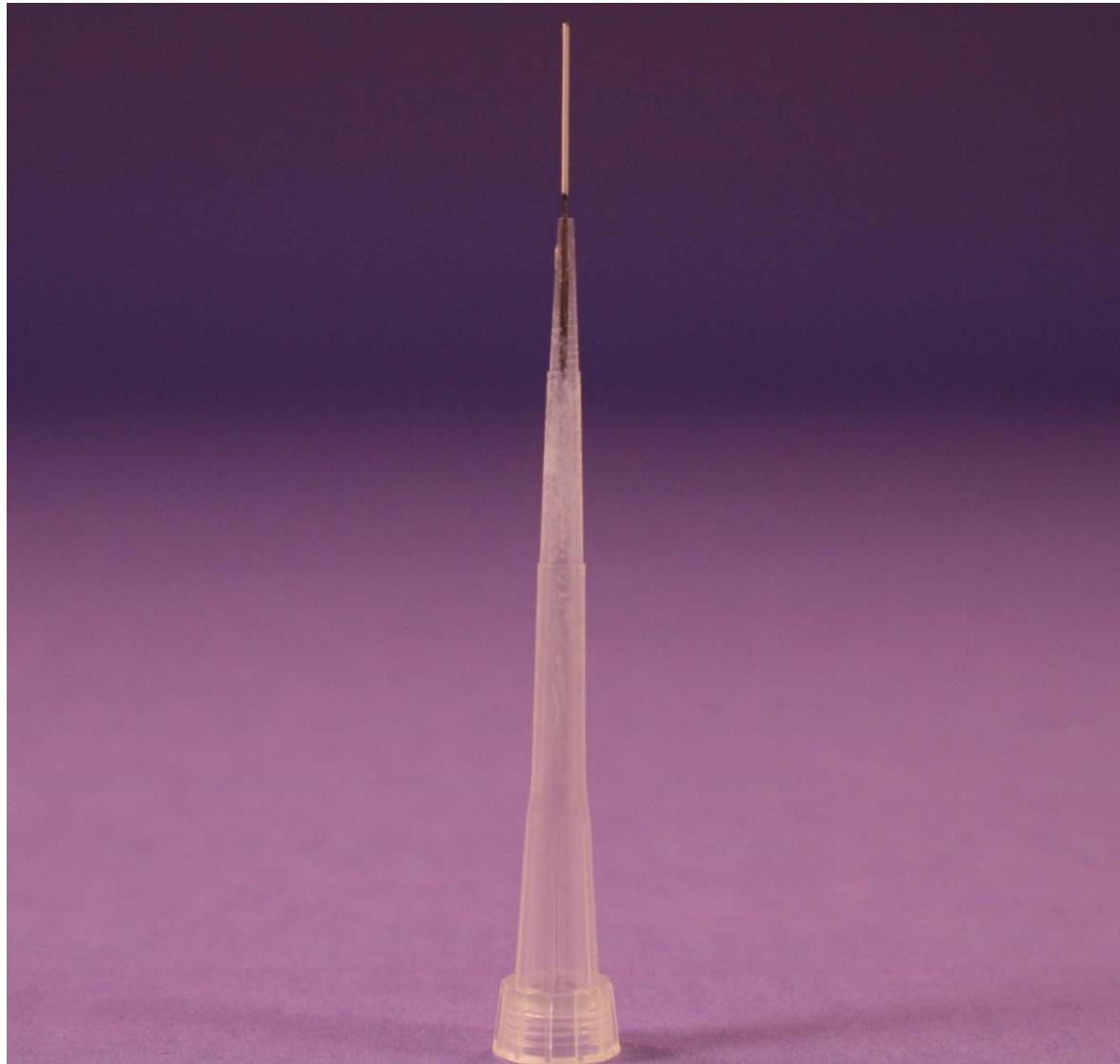
# Single Use Biocompatible Fiber Probes for *in-vivo* Analysis



# Fiber Pipette Tips

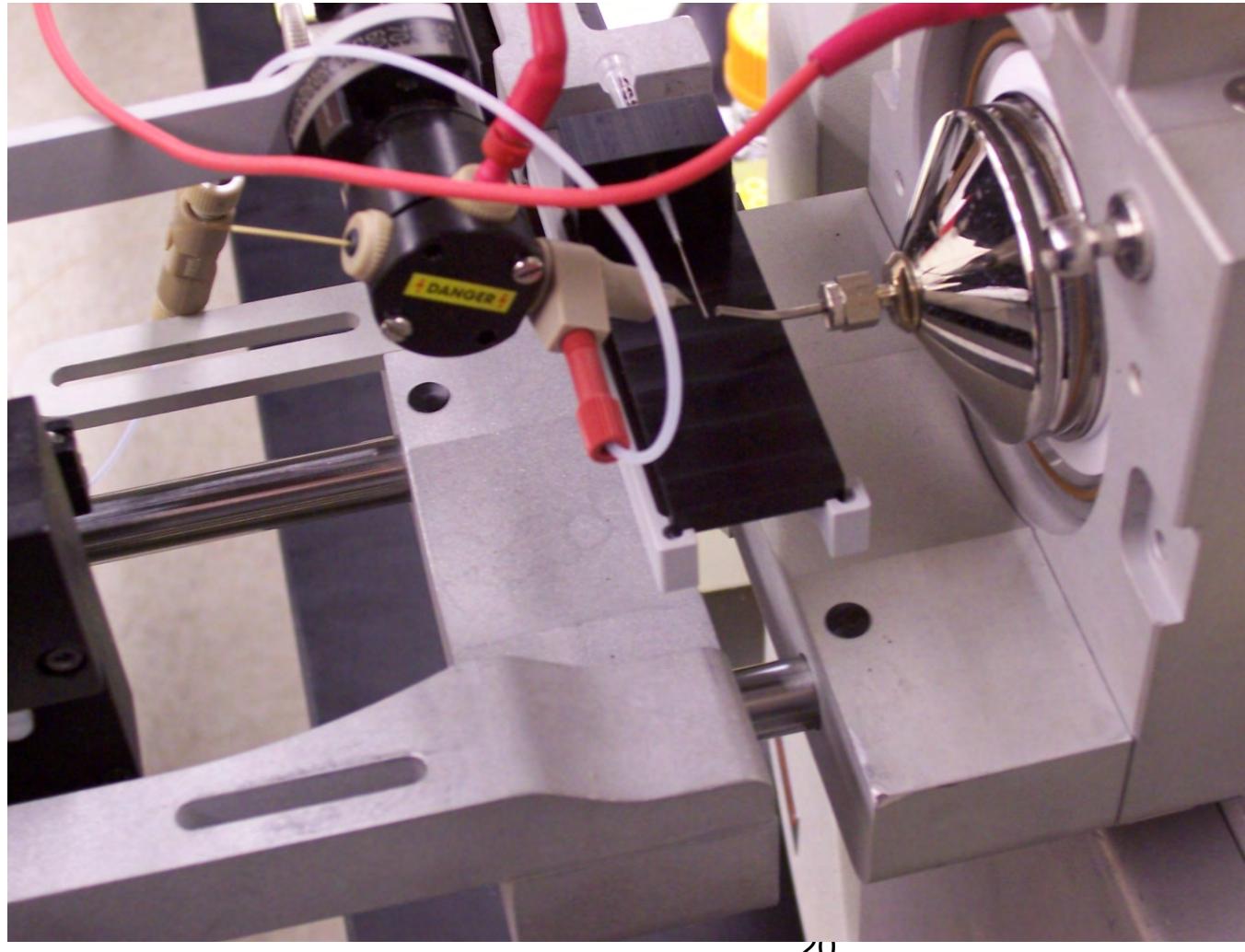


# Fiber Tip for HPLC Analysis



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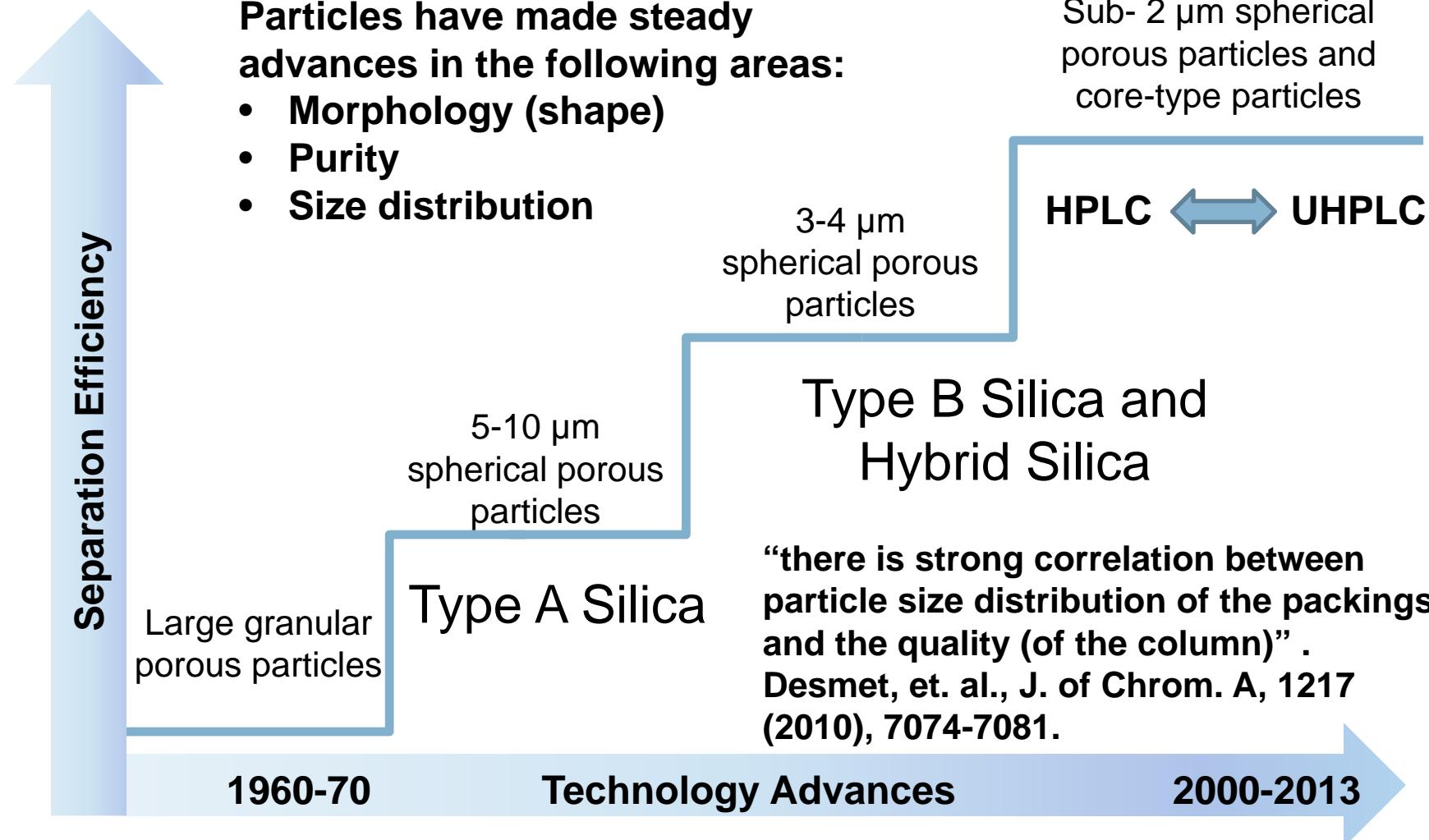
## SPME fiber Holder with Automated DESI-1D Source



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Joseph Kennedy  
of Prosolia

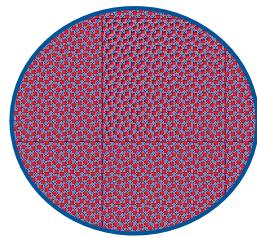
# Evolution of HPLC Column and Particle Technology



# Introduction to Titan™ UHPLC Columns

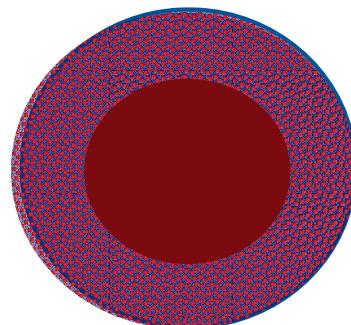
## High Purity Monodisperse Silica Particles from Supelco

Titan Porous

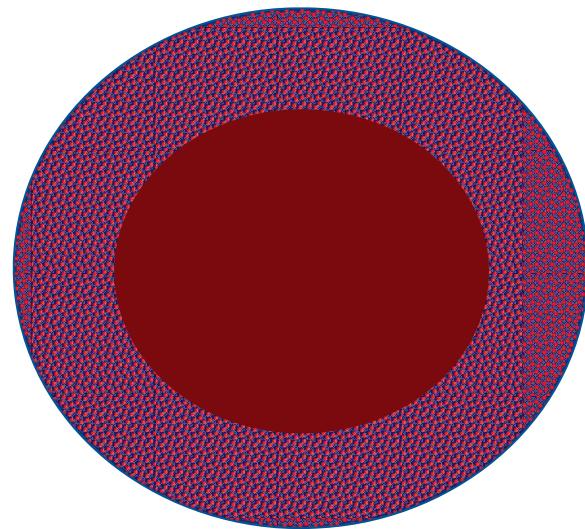


1.9  $\mu\text{m}$

Fused-Core® (Ascentis® Express and BIOshell™)



2.7  $\mu\text{m}$



5  $\mu\text{m}$

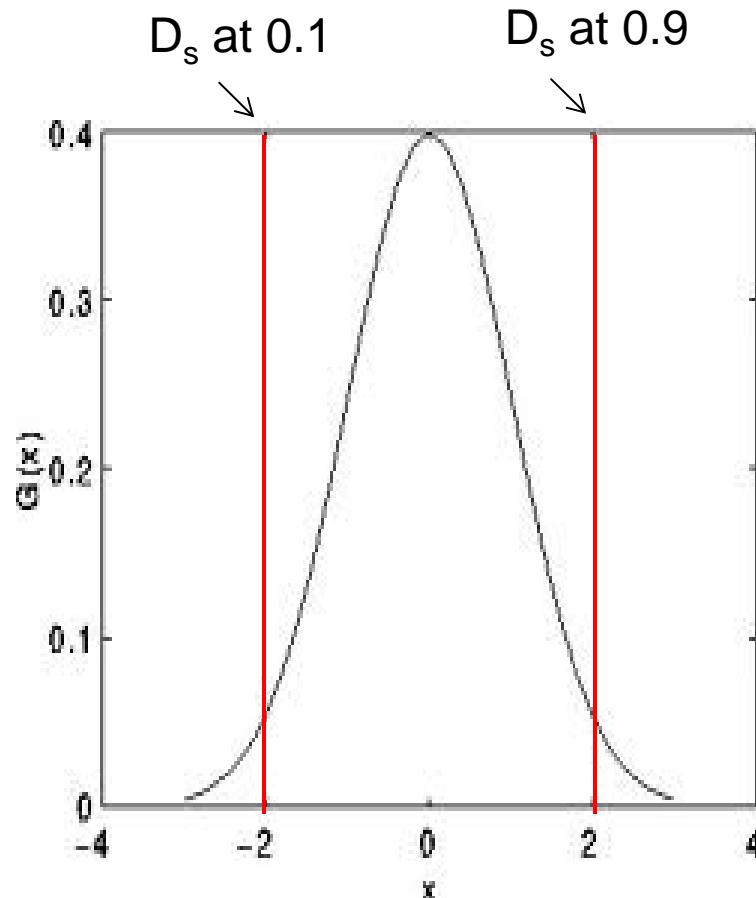
Supelco HPLC and UHPLC particles feature very narrow PSD

# Fused-Core Monodispersity was the Key Advantage

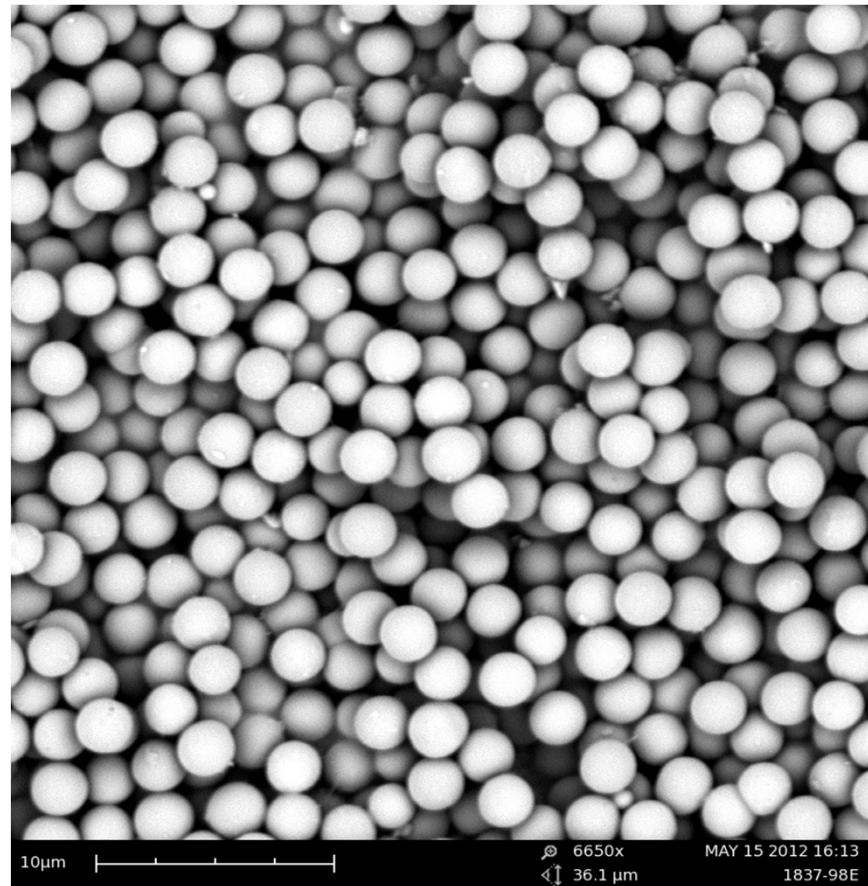


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of AMT

## Titan Porous Silica- Narrow PSD Like Fused-Core

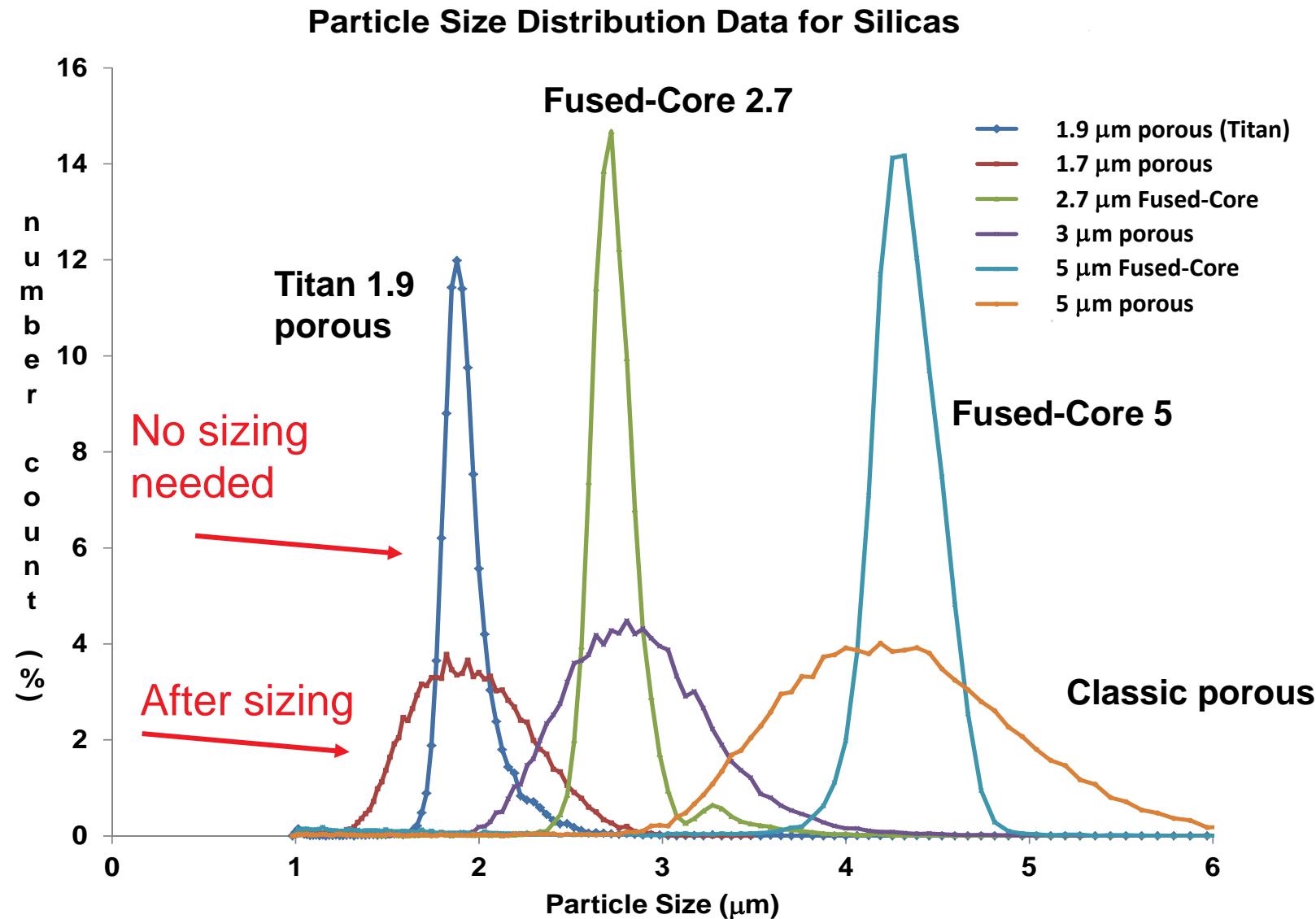


$D_s(90/10)$  = particle size at 0.9 divided by particle size at 0.1; scale units arbitrary.

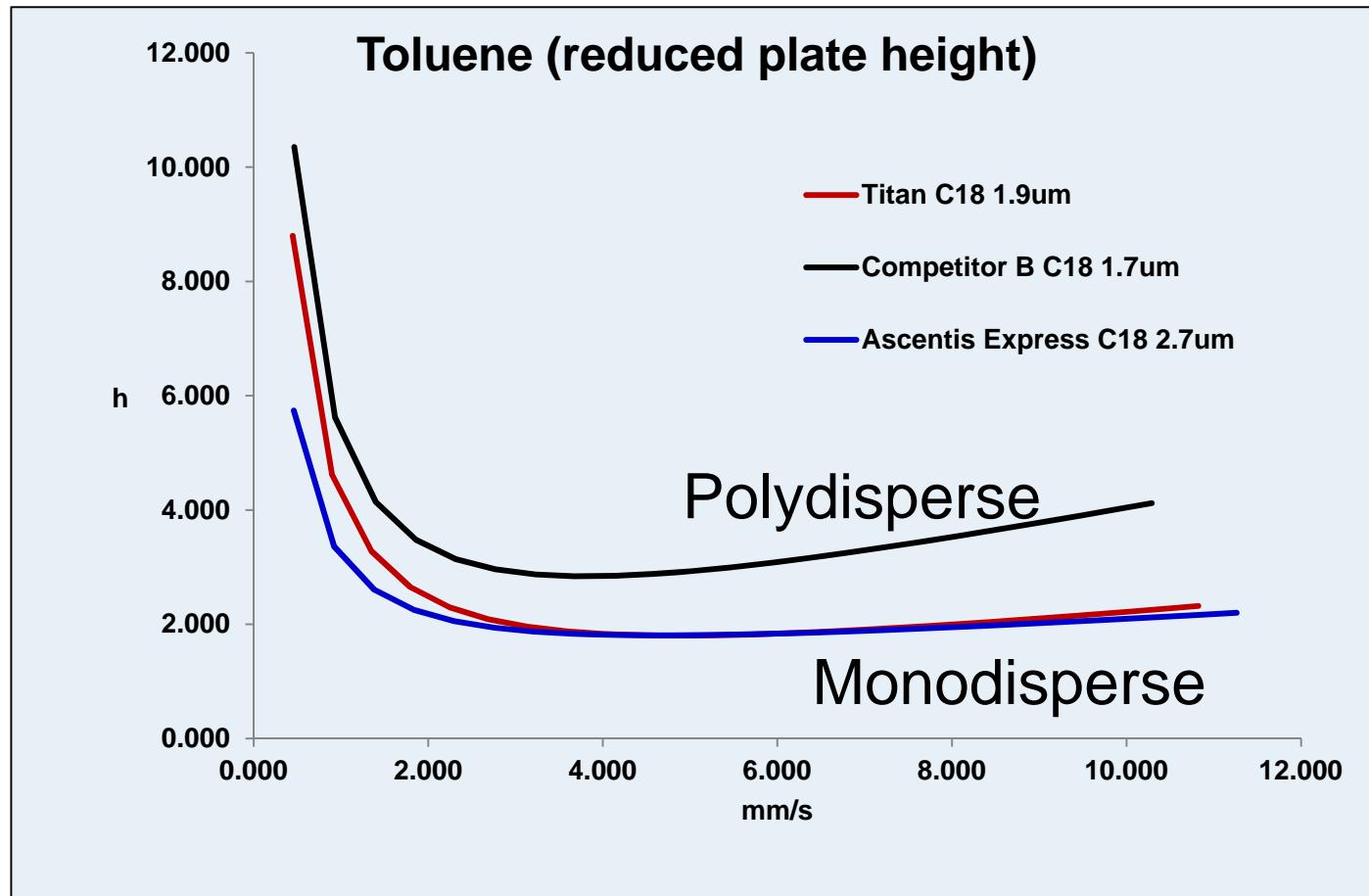


Ecoporous process results in very narrow distribution ( $D_{90/10} < 1.15$ ) without additional sizing.

# Size Distribution Comparison for Range of Silicas



# Evidence for the Monodispersity Advantage



# Titan C18 Performance Comparison in MeOH

Dionex 3000 (Low D tubing)

Column: 50 x 2.1 mm

Mobile Phase:

60% Methanol

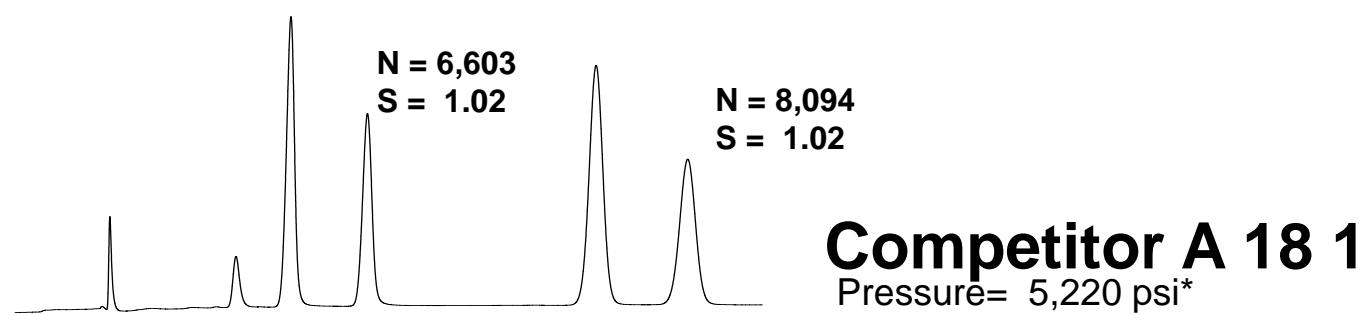
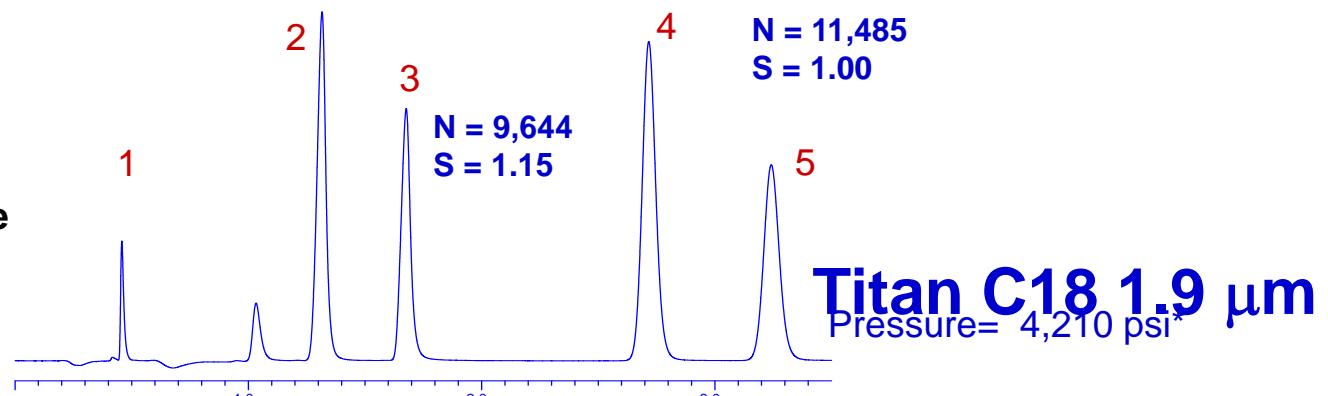
40% 0.1% Ammonium Acetate

(pH= 7.1)

Temp: 35 ° C

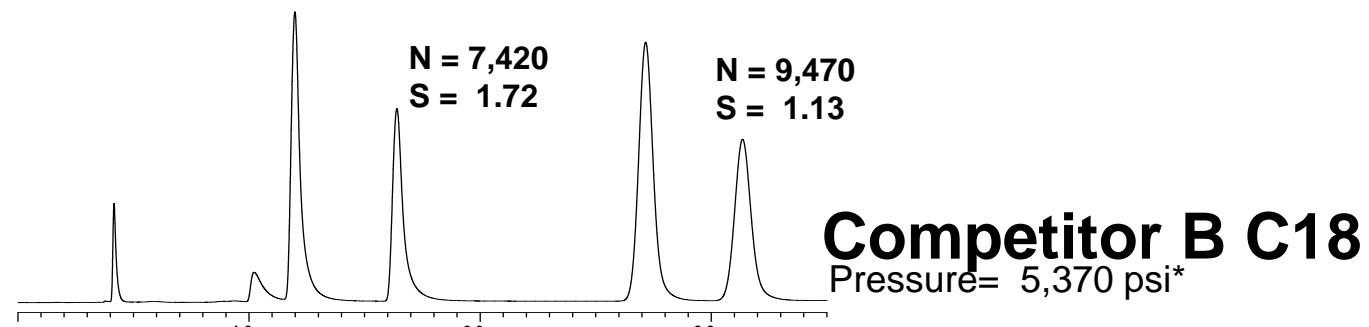
Flow Rate: 0.25 mL/min

Detection: 220 nm



Efficiency and  
asymmetry reported  
on peaks 3 and 5

\*system pressures  
include instrument  
blank pressure



# Titan C18 Performance Comparison in ACN

Dionex 3000 (Low D tubing)

Column: 50 x 3.0 mm

Mobile Phase: 60% Acetonitrile

Temp: 35 ° C

Flow Rate: 0.9 mL/min (4 mm/s)

Detection: 254 nm

1.Uracil

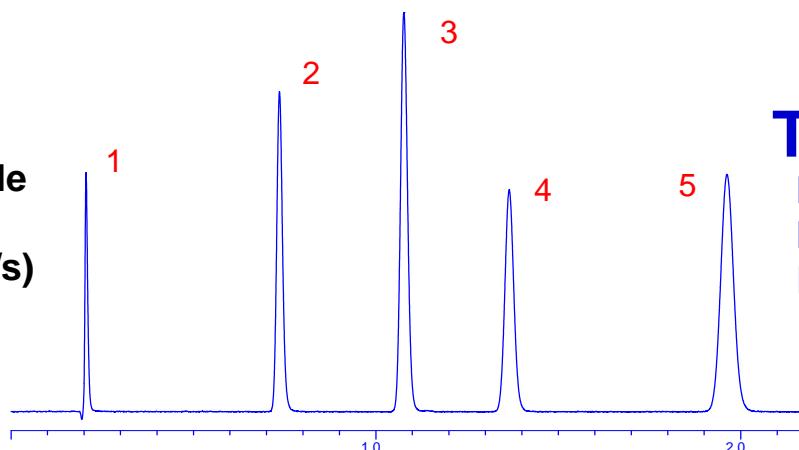
2.Diazepam

3.Toluene

4.Naphthalene

5.Biphenyl

Data used  
in subsequent  
van Deemter plots

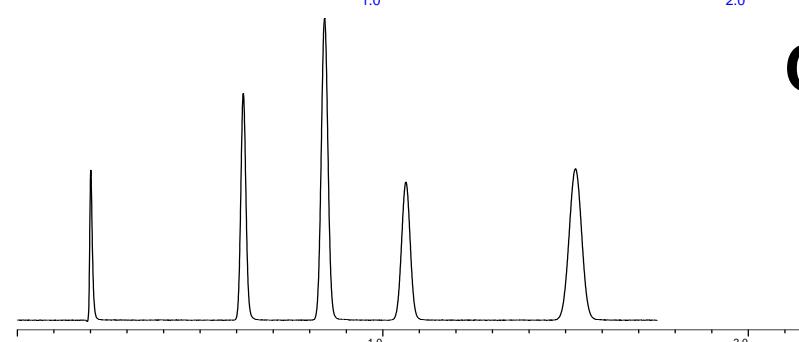


**Titan C18 1.9 μm**

$N_N = 14,710$

$N/m = 294,200$

Pressure = 4,100 psi\*

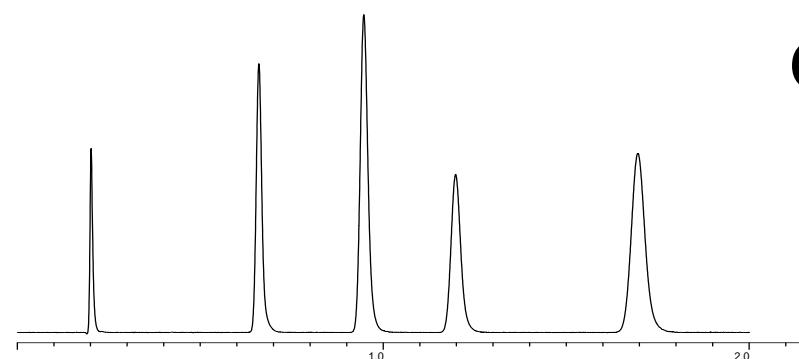


**Competitor A 18 1.8**

$N_N = 9,260$

$N/m = 185,200$

Pressure = 4,650 psi\*



**Competitor B C18**

$N_N = 9,783$

$N/m = 195,700$

Pressure = 4,900 psi\*

\*system pressures  
include instrument  
blank pressure;  
optimized instrument  
is necessary.

## Conclusions

- A new process called Ecoporous<sup>TM</sup> has been developed for making porous silica that matches the narrow size distribution of Fused-Core particles; no extra sizing step is required; no silica is wasted; a new standard has been established.
- Particles with 80 Å pores and 410 m<sup>2</sup>/g have been prepared in 1.9 µm with a 6% standard deviation in PSD; larger pores and a range of particles sizes can be created by the process.
- Efficiency matches or exceeds porous particles of 1.7 and 1.8 µm size while pressure drop for the larger Titan particle is lower.
- Titan<sup>TM</sup> C18 columns with uniform particles are stable over a range of UHPLC flow, pressure and mobile phase conditions. .
- Higher sample loads can be injected without loss of efficiency.
- Titan columns are designed for enhanced performance with UHPLC instruments having very low dispersion and fast detection.

# HybridSPE-Phospholipid (HybridSPE-PL)

96-well SPE plates and cartridges  
Zirconia-coated silica particles



## Features:

- Selective removal of phospholipid interferences and precipitated proteins
- Simple 2-3 step procedure



## Benefits

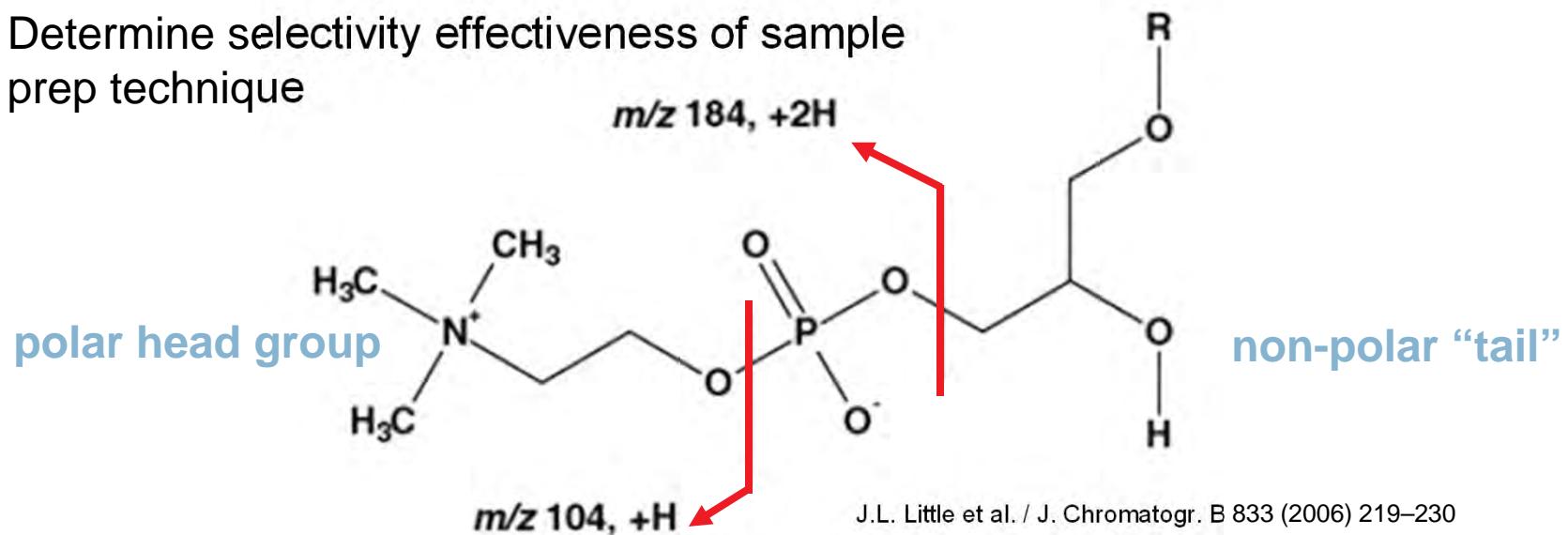
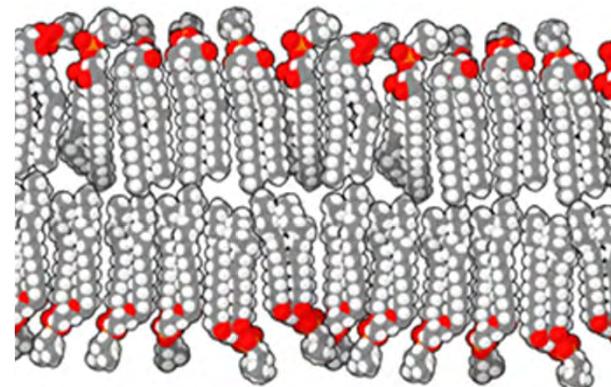
- Improved LC-MS sensitivity (reduced matrix effect)
- Enhanced column lifetime
- Gradients not needed to clean column



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# Monitoring Phospholipid Contamination

- PLs major component of cell membranes
- Polar head group, non-polar tail
- Largest subclass (phosphatidylcholine) monitored using **m/z 184** or **m/z 104** fragment ions
- Used as a marker for ion-suppression risk assessment during LC-MS/MS
- Determine selectivity effectiveness of sample prep technique



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# Problem: Protein and Phospholipid Accumulation on HPLC Column

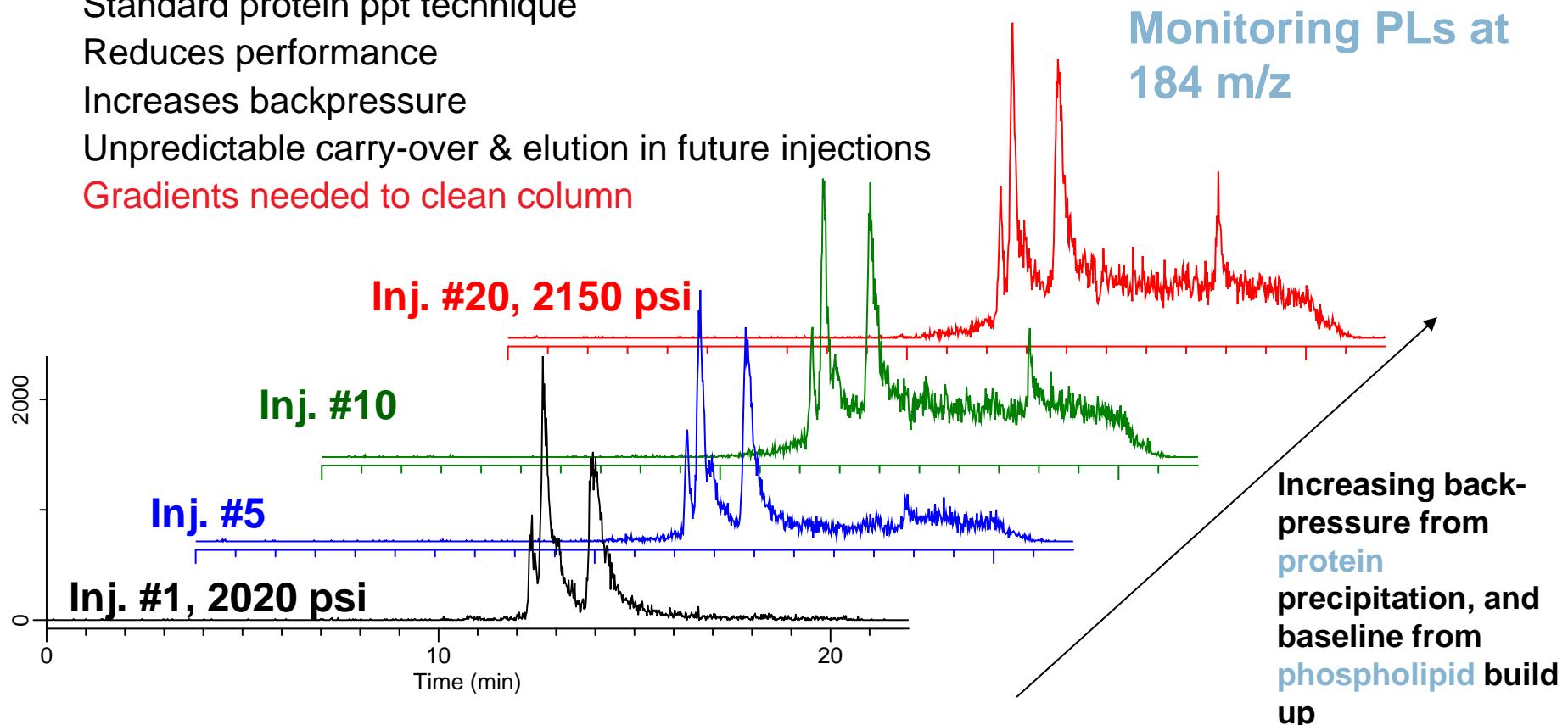
Standard protein ppt technique

Reduces performance

Increases backpressure

Unpredictable carry-over & elution in future injections

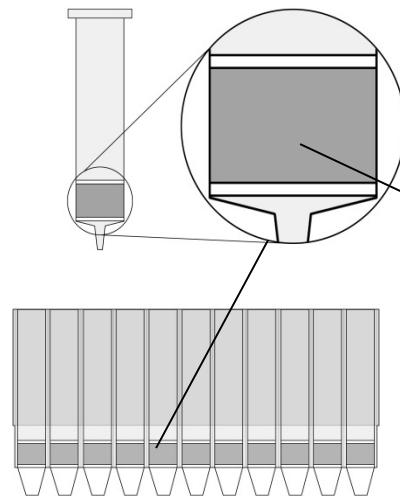
Gradients needed to clean column



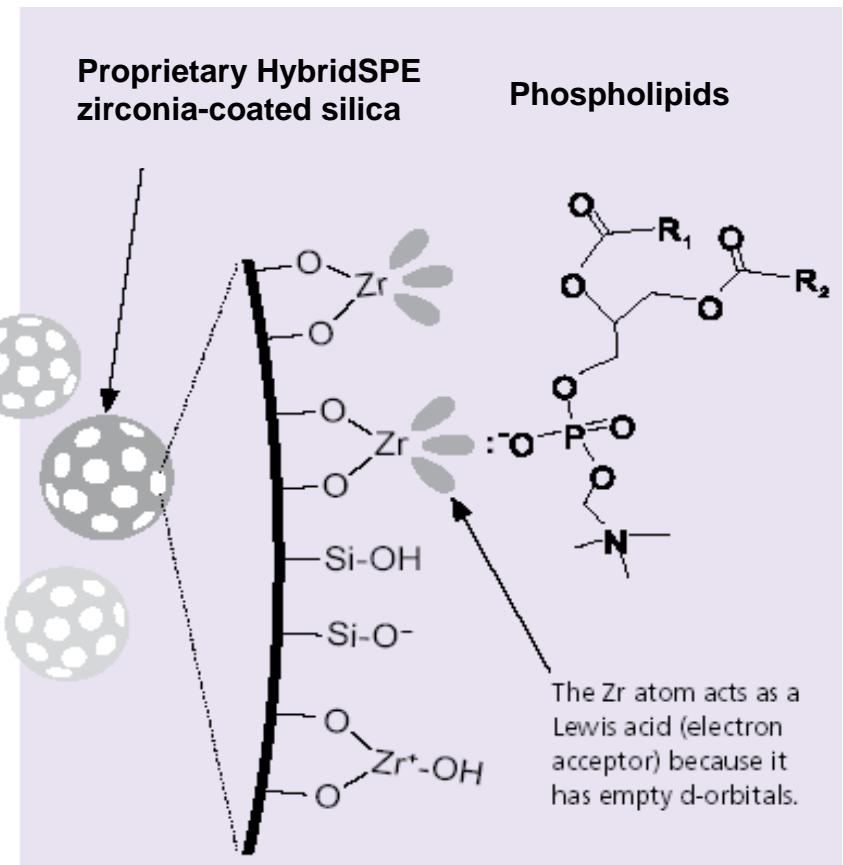
HPLC column: Sub-2um C18, 5 cm x 2.1 mm I.D.

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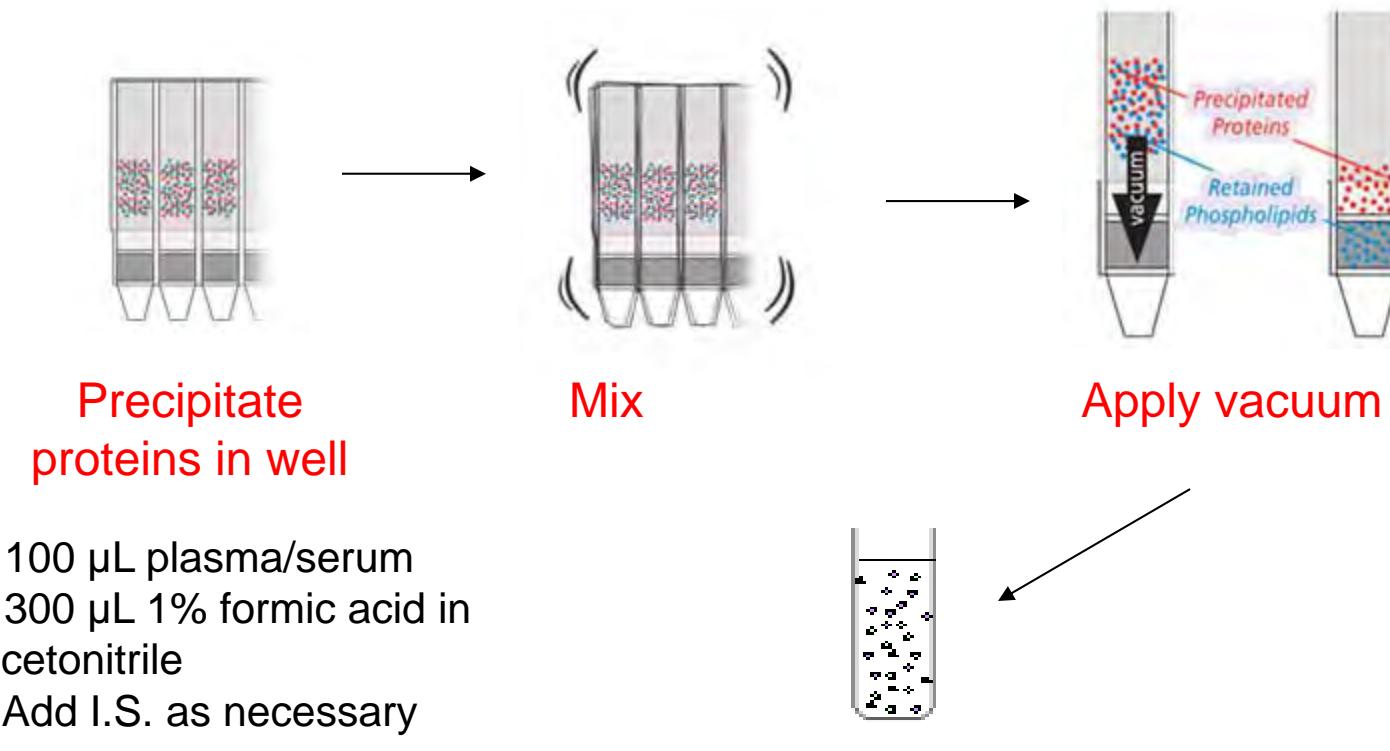
# Solution: Phospholipids Selectively Removed using HybridSPE-PL Technology



- The Zr atom on the particle acts as a Lewis acid
- The phosphate groups on the phospholipids are strong Lewis bases and complex with the zirconium atoms
- Analytes are eluted free of phospholipids



# HybridSPE-PL Method (96-Well Format)



**Resulting filtrate/eluate** is free of proteins and phospholipids, ready for LC-MS

## Improved Situation: No Protein or Phospholipid Accumulation Using HybridSPE-PL

Consistent column performance

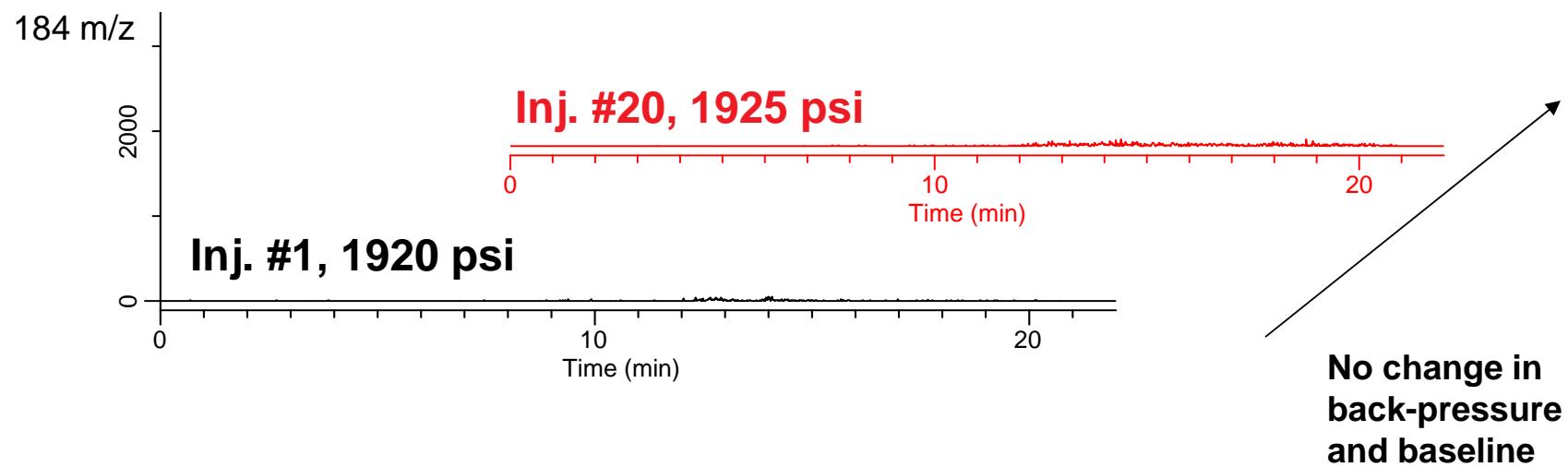
No increase in backpressure

Eliminates carry-over & elution in future injections

Extends column lifetime

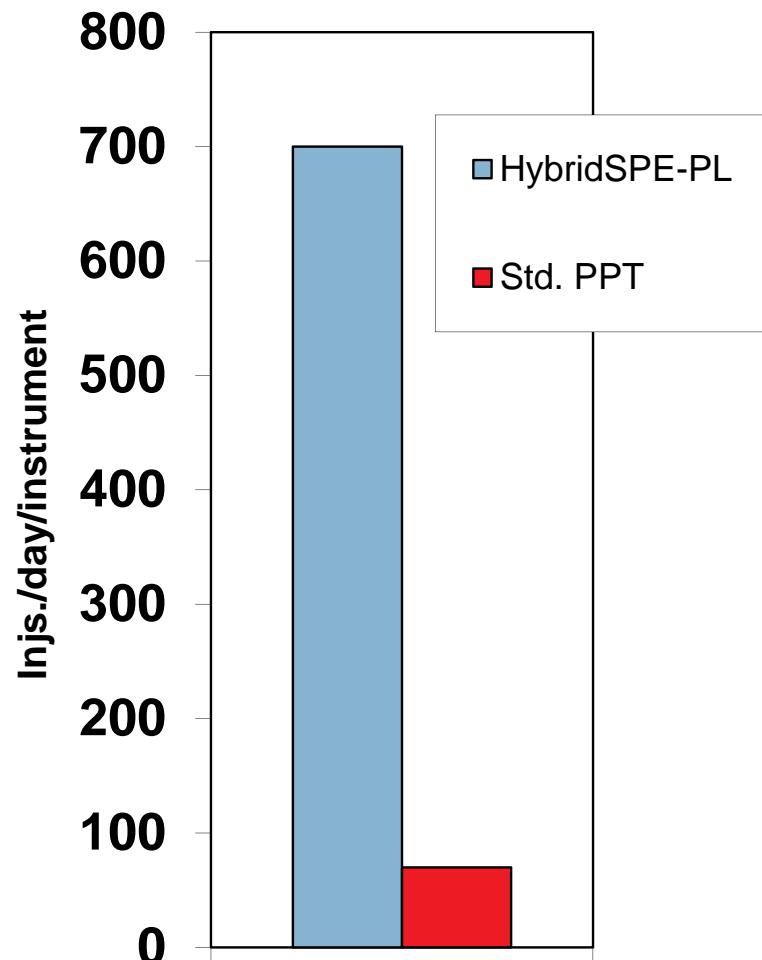
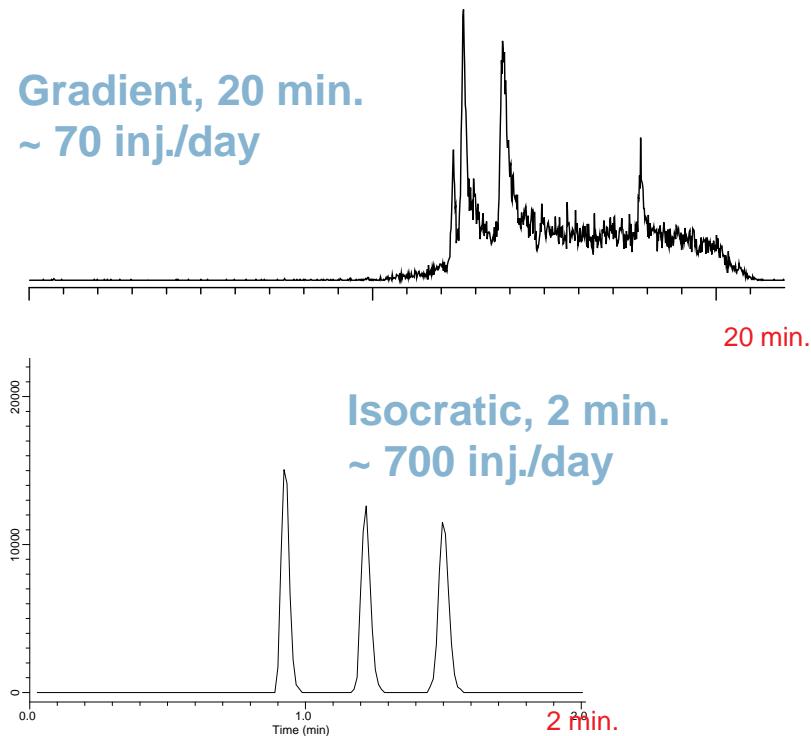
Gradients are not needed to clean column

Monitoring PLs at  
184 m/z



# Improved Through-put with HybridSPE-PL

Elimination of need for post-gradient HPLC column clean-up improves sample throughput

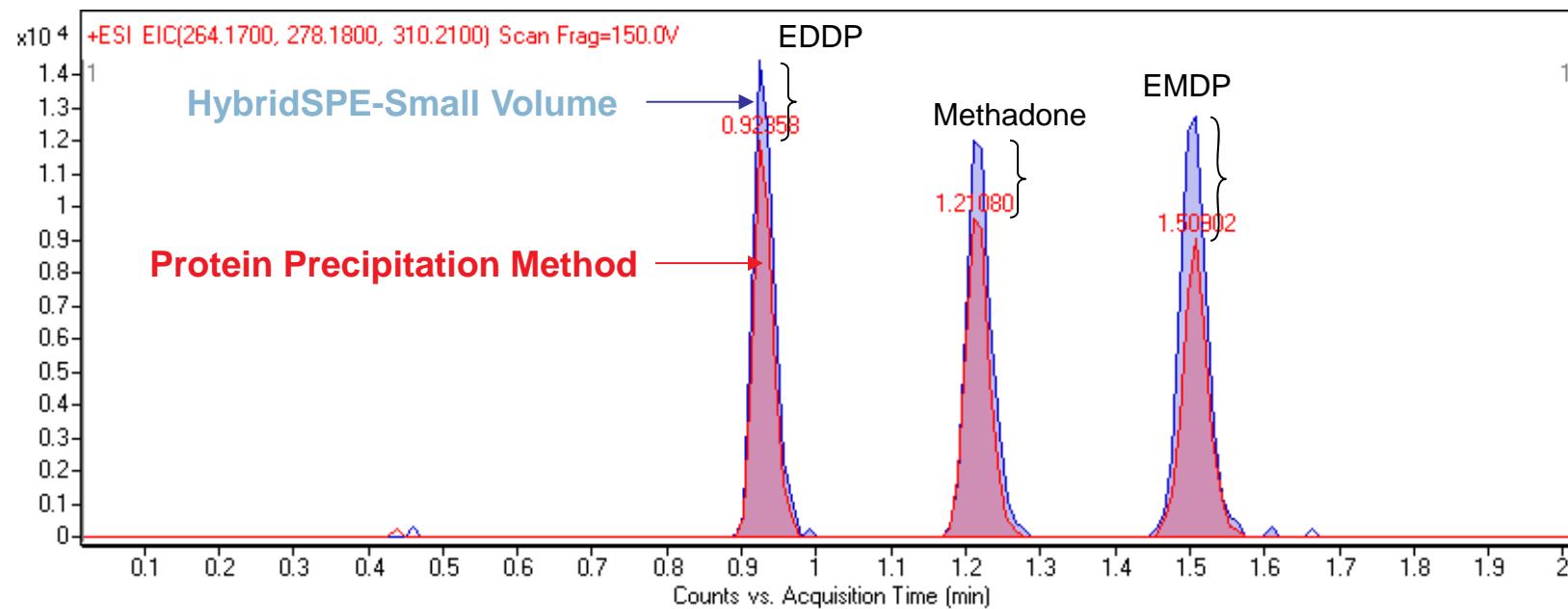


# Overlay of HybridSPE-Small Volume and Protein Precipitation Samples

Methadone and metabolites from plasma

Sample was extracted using HybridSPE-PL small volume (20 uL of plasma was used) or standard PPT (100 uL of plasma was used)

High concentration (1200 ng/mL), still shows suppression with standard ppt method



Column: Ascentis Express RP-Amide 10 cm X 2.1, mm I.D., 2.7um; ESI+ detection

## HybridSPE-PL Technology

- Fast and convenient SPE method uses Interference Removal strategy
- Complete removal of precipitated proteins and phospholipids for analysis of pharmaceutical compounds
- Reduces matrix effects, improves HPLC column lifetime and method throughput
- Can be used to extract and concentrate phospholipids in lipidomics application

For more information, please visit [sigma-aldrich.com/hybridspe-pl](http://sigma-aldrich.com/hybridspe-pl).

# QuEChERS Method: Pesticides in Food

**Quick**

**Easy**

**Cheap**

**Effective**

**Rugged**

**Safe**

Pesticides in

- fruit
- vegetable
- further food & feed



## QuEChERS Method: the choice of sorbents

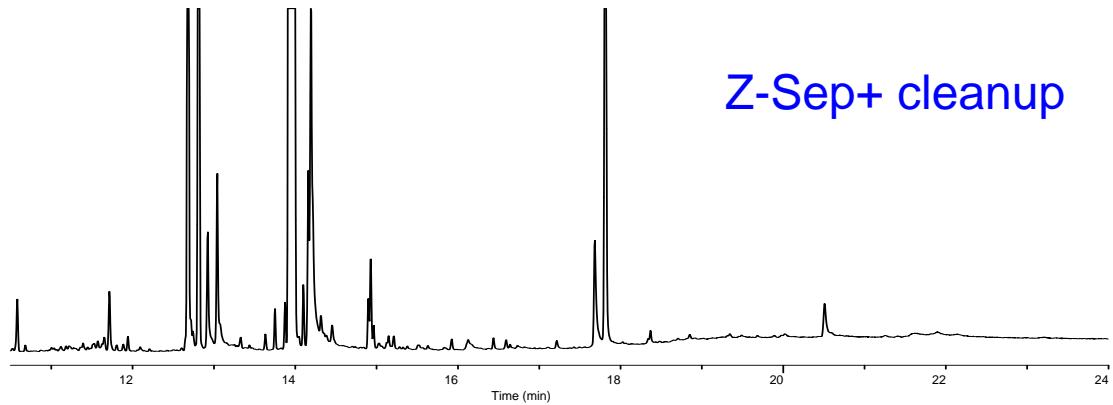
interference	PSA	C18	C18/PSA	ENVI-Carb	ENVI-Carb/PSA	PSA/C18/ENVI-Carb	Z-Sep	Z-Sep+	Z-Sep/C18
Fats		X	X			X	X	X	X
Pigments	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Sugars	X		X		X	X			
Acids	X		X		X	X			

New choice of cleanup sorbents for Fat-containing and pigmented samples:

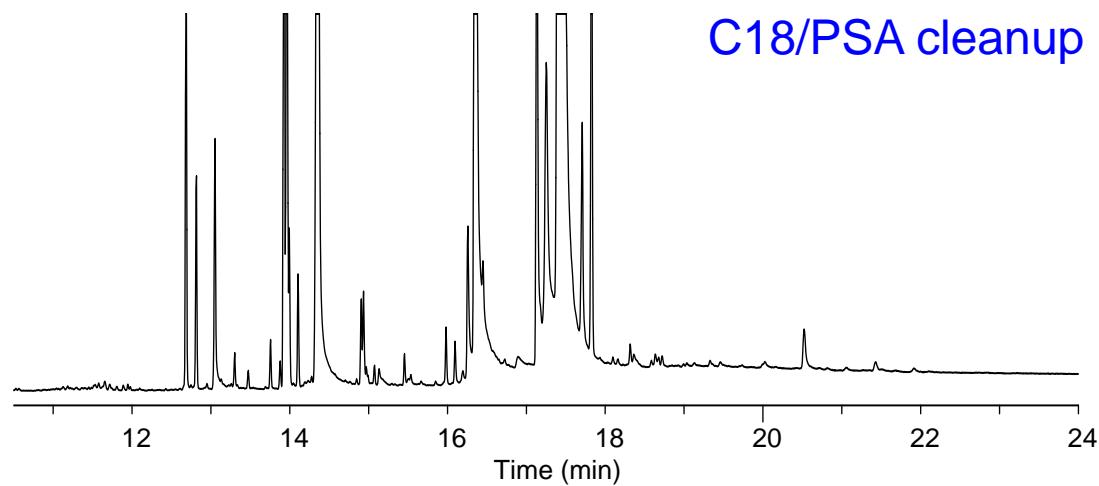
- Supel Que Z-Sep for hydrophobic analytes
- Supel QuE Z-Sep/C18 (Discovery® DSC-18 + Z-Sep) for samples containing <15% fat
- Supel QuE Z-Sep+ (C18 and zirconia dual bonded to silica) for samples containing >15% fat

# Analysis of avocado extracts

Scan mode



Z-Sep+ cleanup



C18/PSA cleanup



# A New Dry Sampler for Isocyanates



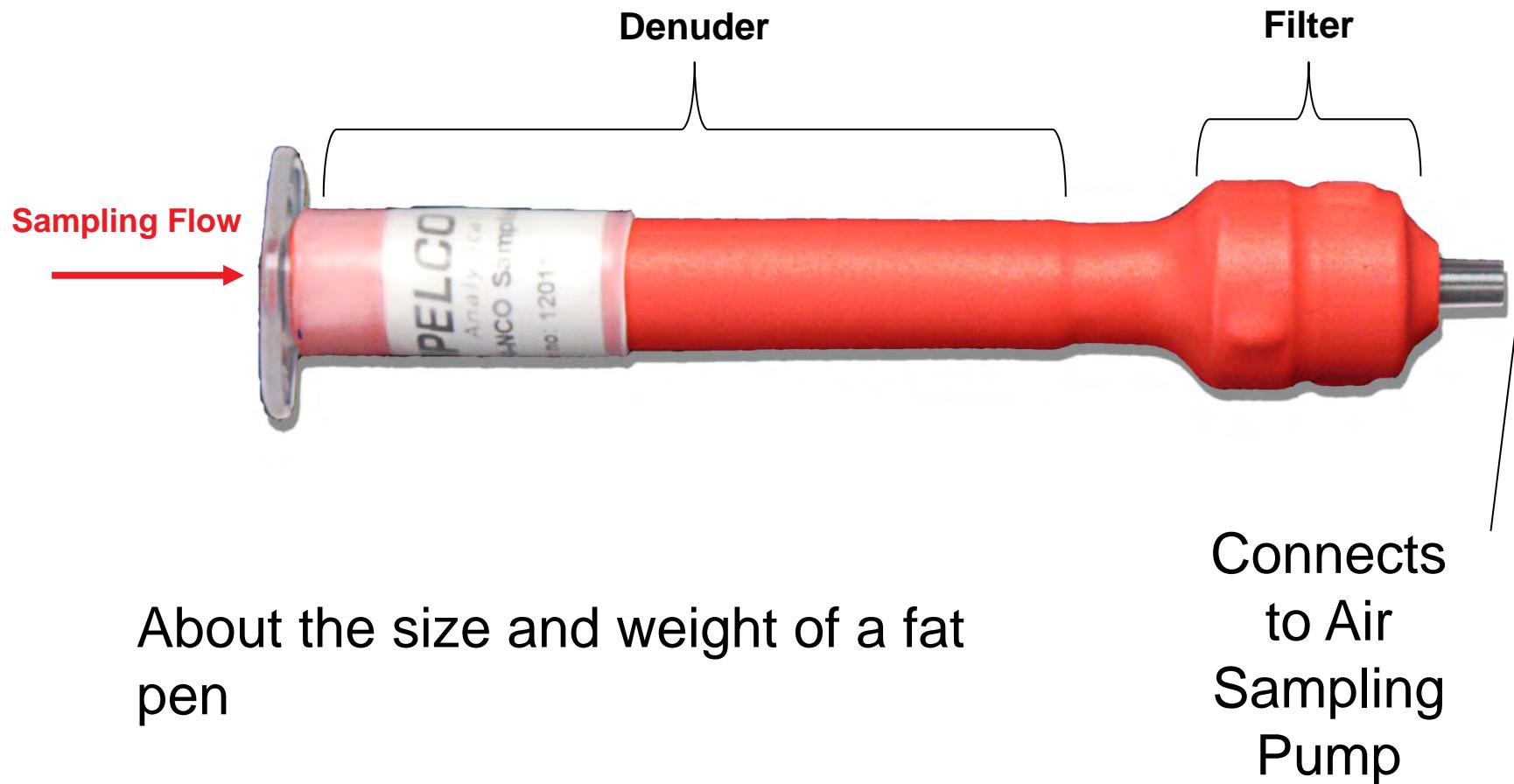
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# Existing methods for isocyanate sampling and analysis

Method	DBA (Dibutylamine)	1-2PP (1-(2-pyridyl piperazine))	2-MP or MOPP (2-methoxyphenyl piperazine)	MAP (9-(1-methyl anthracenyl piperazine))	MOPIP and MAMA (9-(N-methylaminomethyl) anthracene)
Media type	Filter - ASSET NCO	Filter	Impinger	Impinger + GFF	ISO-CHEK Filter System
Isocyanates	2,4 TDI; 2,6-TDI, MDI, IPDI, HPDI, PhI, ICA, MIC, PIC, EIC; HMDI; HDI Adducts	2,4; 2-6 TDI, HDI; or MDI only	2,4-TDI; 2,6-TDI, MDI, HDI, NDI, HMDI, IPDI	2,4-TDI; 2,6-TDI, MDI, HDI, NDI, HMDI, IPDI	2,4-TDI; 2,6-TDI, HDI, IPDI, MDI, HMDI
Ease of Use	No field reagent addition; no field extraction; stable	Easy	Personal sampling not recommended	Personal sampling not recommended	15 min sampling time; requires field derivitization; may require field reagent addition depending on system purchased
Storage	No storage issues	Refrigerate before use	Refrigerate	Refrigerate	MAMA Reagent Light-Sensitive
Sample Prep	Evaporate; recover	Evaporate; recover	Evaporate; recover	Evaporate; recover	Short sample prep time
Results	Quantifies aromatic and aliphatic isocyanates with LC-MS, MS/MS at low detection limits	LC-UV; Underestimates concentrations; incomplete derivatization	Difficulty identifying oligomeric isocyanates	Quantifies polyisocyanates w/LC-UV; Derivatives unstable; artifact peaks	Cannot collect isocyanates and then derivatize in solution; pre-polymers may react on first filter; complicated review of results - correction factors required

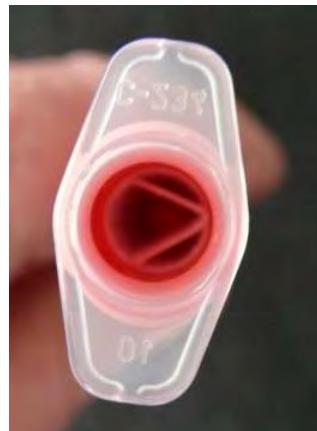
## Dry Sampler - ASSET™EZ4-NCO



About the size and weight of a fat pen

# Dibutylamine (DBA) Impregnated Media

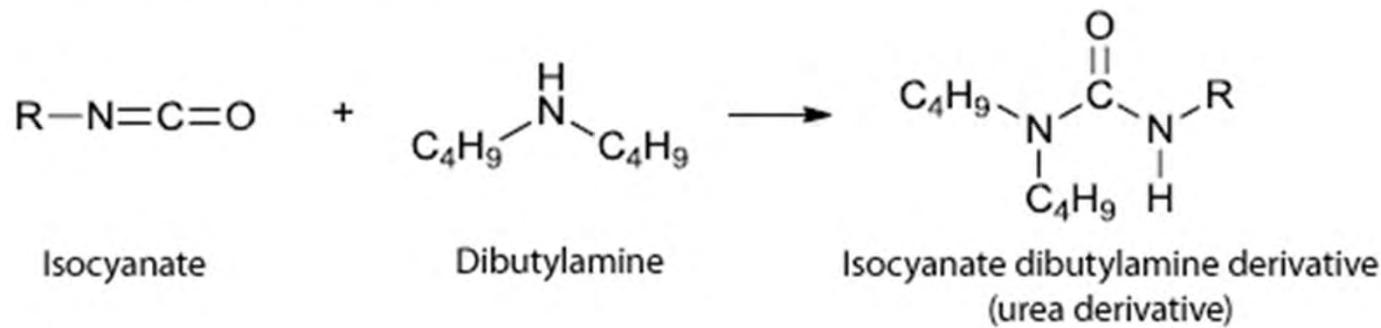
Vapor phase isocyanates are collected in the denuder



The isocyanate particles are collected on the filter



## Derivatization Reaction



# Dibutylamine as the Derivative Agent

## Advantages

- DBA reacts quickly with the isocyanates
- The derivatives are stable
- No special storage of the sampler is required
- No field extraction of the sampler required
- DBA evaporates during Sample Prep.

## Disadvantage

- DBA doesn't contain a UV chromophore so it doesn't enhance the LC-UV response of the isocyanates. ⇒ requires LCMS analysis

# ASSET EZ4-NCO Dry Sampler for Isocyanates

**Flow Rate Range 100-250 mL/min** (200 mL/min suggested)

Low back-pressure (suitable for most air sampling pumps)

- ~9 inches of water @ 200 mL/min

**Sampling Time Range 5 min. to 8 h** (15 minutes is typical)

After sampling,

- Put the caps back on the sampler & send to lab
- ASSET can be stored at room temp. at any time

## Analysis by LC-MS

Calibration Standards are available

- Calibration solution
- Deuterated Internal Standard Solution
- Kit containing both sets of standards

**HDI adducts standards are now available, polymeric MDI  
Standards will be released in the next few weeks**



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# ASSET EZ4-NCO Dry Sampler

Provides more reliable results due to permanent derivatisation of isocyanates both in the vapour and particulate phase.

More stable derivative - Easier used and handling

Suitable for sampling of various Isocyanates

## *Aliphatic monomers:*

- Ethyl isocyanate (EIC)
- Isophorone diisocyanate (IPDI)
- Hexamethylene diisocyanate (HDI)
- Methyl isocyanate (MIC)
- Propyl isocyanate (PIC)
- Isocyanic acid (ICA)

## *Aromatic monomers:*

- 4,4'-Methylenediphenyl diisocyanate (MDI)
- Phenyl isocyanate (PhI)
- 2,4-Toluene diisocyanate (2,4-TDI)
- 2,6-Toluene diisocyanate (2,6-TDI)

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