





Opportunities for Developing Improved Separation Methods with Modern UHPLC Instruments

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Improved Instrumentation

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- HPLC and UHPLC systems have improved
 - Lower internal volumes
 - Higher back pressure capabilities
 - High flow rate accuracy and repeatability
 - Less carryover for each injection
- HPLC technology will continue to evolve
 - HPLC column technology must improve as well





Switching Particle Type FPP vs SPP

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J.J. DeStefano, T.J. Langlois, & J.J. Kirkland, *J. Chromatogr. Sci.*, 2008, 46(3), 254-260

Effect of Particle Size and Type

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \mbox{Columns:} & 4.6 \ x \ 50 \ mm \\ & 5 \ \mu m \ FPP \ C18 \\ & 3.5 \ \mu m \ FPP \ C18 \\ & 1.8 \ \mu m \ FPP \ C18 \\ & 2.7 \ \mu m \ HALO \ C18 \\ \hline \ Solute: \ naphthalene \\ \ Mobile \ phase: \ 60\% \ ACN/40\% \ water \\ Temperature: 24 \ ^C \end{array}$

van Deemter Equation

- H = height equivalent to theoretical plate
- A = eddy diffusion term (particle size and how well bed was packed) 30 40% smaller
- **B** = longitudinal diffusion term **25 30% smaller**
- **C** = resistance to mass transfer term (kinetics of the analyte b/w mobile phase and stationary phase) μ = mobile phase linear velocity (L/t_o)



$$H = A + \frac{B}{\mu} + C\mu$$



Reduced ID Columns & Particle Sizes

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- More Sensitivity from conventional UHPLC Systems
- ✓ Higher Ionization Efficiencies from LCMS systems
- ✓ Reduced Solvent Consumption compared to larger ID columns
- ✓ Reduced back pressure
- Easy to Implement microflow solution
- ✓ Robust Hardware that requires less care





Getting the Most from a Column

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- Reduce any extracolumn dispersion
 - Pre-column tubing
 - Post-column tubing
 - Detector/Mass



Getting the Most from a Column



Standard Plumbing - Gradient k* = 2



Increased Efficiency Demonstrated Using Fat Soluble Vitamins

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Sharper peaks and increased resolution with the HALO® C30 column!



PEAK IDENTITIES:

- Retinyl acetate (A)
 Delta tocopherol (E)
- 3. Ergocalciferol (D2)
- 4. Cholecalciferol (D3)
- 5. Alpha tocopherol (E)
- 5. DL-alpha-tocopherol acetate (E)
- 7. 2,3-trans-phylloquinone (K)

Isocratic: 100% Methanol Wavelength: 280nm Injection: 2 μL Temperature: 30 °C Flow Rate: 1.5 mL/min Columns: 4.6 x 150 mm



Increased Speed & Reduced Mobile Phase Consumption

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Decreasing ID to Improve Sensitivity

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Increased Sensitivity of OTC Medicines

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With extracolumn dispersion minimized, the 1.5 mm ID column shows taller peaks compared to 2.1 mm ID column providing greatest benefit for minor components.



PEAK #	COMPOUND
1	Phenylephrine
2	Acetaminophen
3	Caffeine
4	Doxylamine
5	Guiafenesin
6	Aspirin
7	Salicylic Acid
8	Dextromethorphan

TEST CONDITIONS:

Mobile Phase A: Water/0.15% TFA Mobile Phase B: ACN/0.1% TFA Gradient: 5-50 %B in 8 min Flow Rate: 0.2 mL/min for 1.5 mm 0.4 mL/min for 2.1 mm Pressure: 425 bar/1.5 mm 470 bar/2.1 mm Temperature: 35 °C Injection Volume: 0.5 µL Detection: UV 280 nm, PDA Instrument: Shimadzu Nexera X2

2.1 vs 1.5mm ID OTC Data

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Solvent Savings from a 4.6 to 1.5 ID

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Increased MS Response of Peptides

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Intact Trastuzumab on a HALO 1000 Å Diphenyl

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Increased Response of Vitamin D Metabolites

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USP Monograph for Itraconazole – Modified

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USP Monograph for Itraconazole: Mobile Phase Reduction

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For 10 injections:





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Summary

- Optimization through column technology can be simple during method development
 - Switching particle type or size while keeping phase chemistry
 - Decreasing column length/ID
 - Changes to the method
- New column tech comes with multiple perks
 - Increased sensitivity
 - Faster run times

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- Increased solvent savings
- Less sample injected

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