

# Retention mechanisms in liquid chromatography. (NP&RP LC, HILIC)

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# Foreword analyte, mobile and stationnary phases in LC

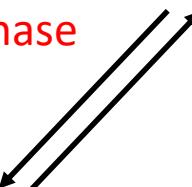
# The triple equilibrium in LC



Analyte or solute

The analyte must be soluble in the mobile phase

Solute-Stationary phase interactions

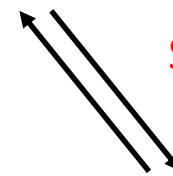


Packed in the column tube



Stationary phase

Solute-solvent interactions



Mobile phase



Usually a mixture of 2 or 3 solvents.

Solvent-Stationary phase interactions



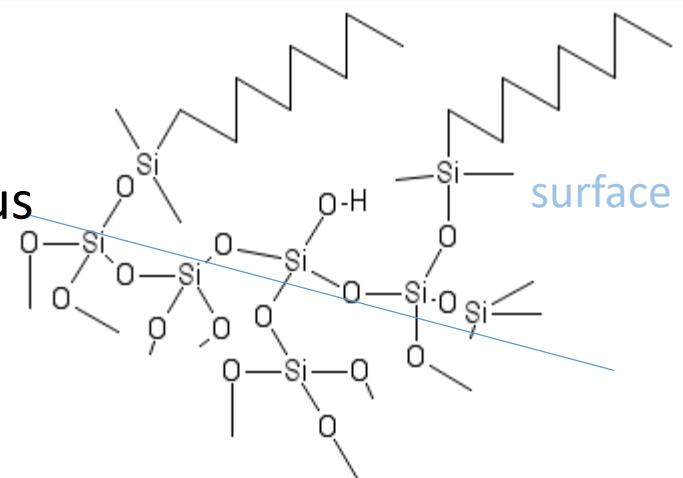
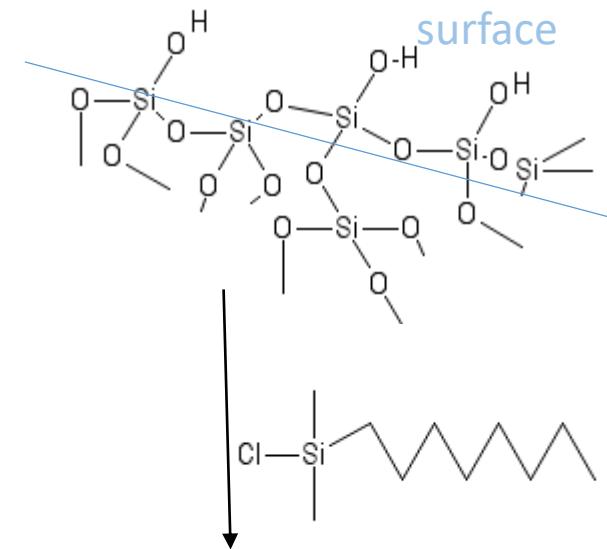
*The stationary phase - mobile phase pair as well as the analyte - stationary phase interactions determine the retention mechanism.*

# The stationary phase

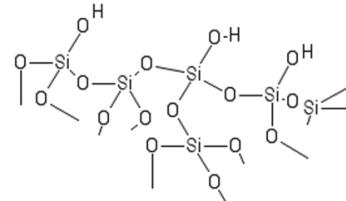


- Basic material = Silica gel = **bare silica**
  - orthosilicic acid  $[\text{Si}(\text{OH})_4]$  polymer
  - Amorphous and **porous** silicon dioxide
  - withstands high pressures
  - High specific area (up to  $800 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ )
  - Pore size and particle size depend on the method of preparation
  - Water **adsorbent** by hydrogen binding with **silanols**

- **Grafted silica:**
  - Surface properties modified by grafting reactions of the silanol groups by various polar or non-polar organic silanes

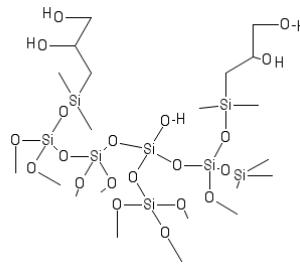


# Stationary phase polarity



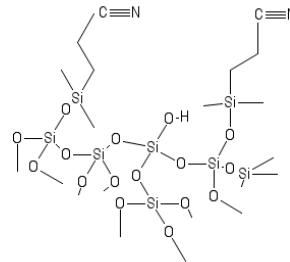
- Bare silica

highly polar adsorbent



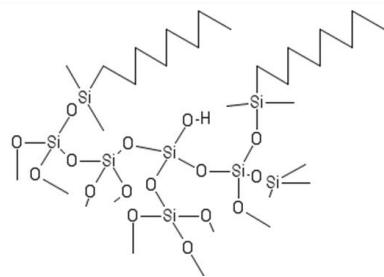
- Propyl-diol or « diol »

polar



- Propyl-cyano or « cyano »

intermediate polarity



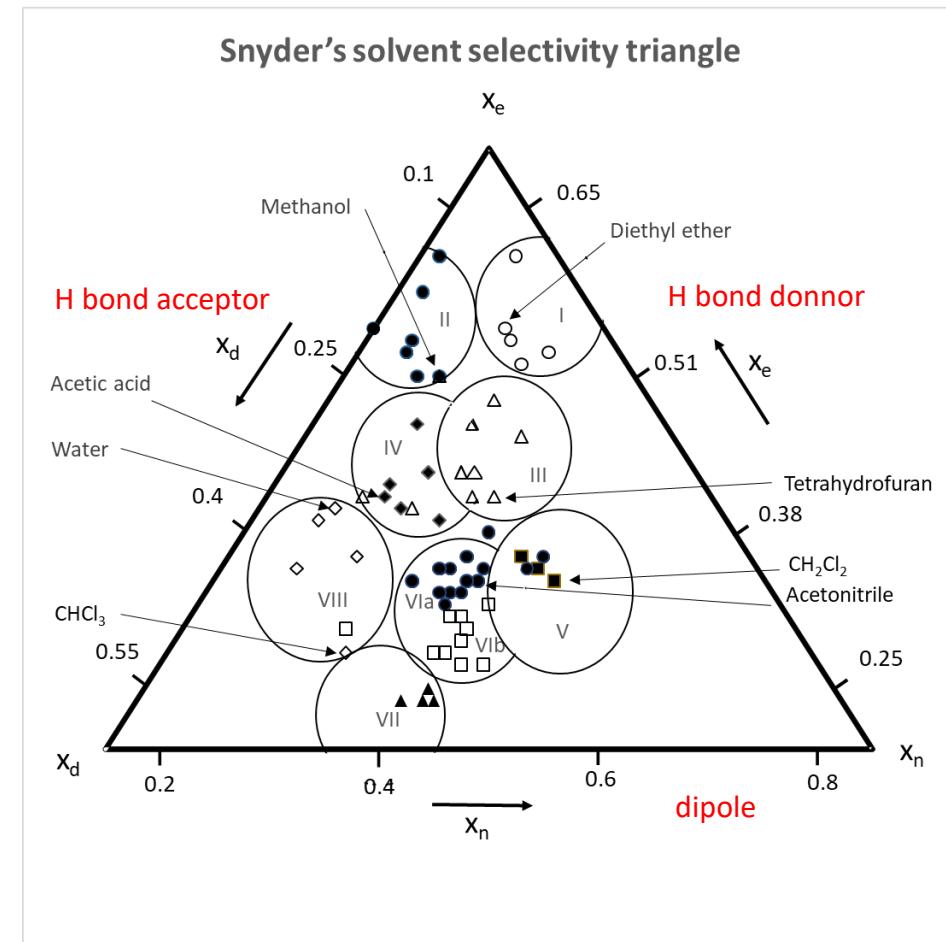
- Alkyl (C8, C18) silica

non-polar

# The mobile phase



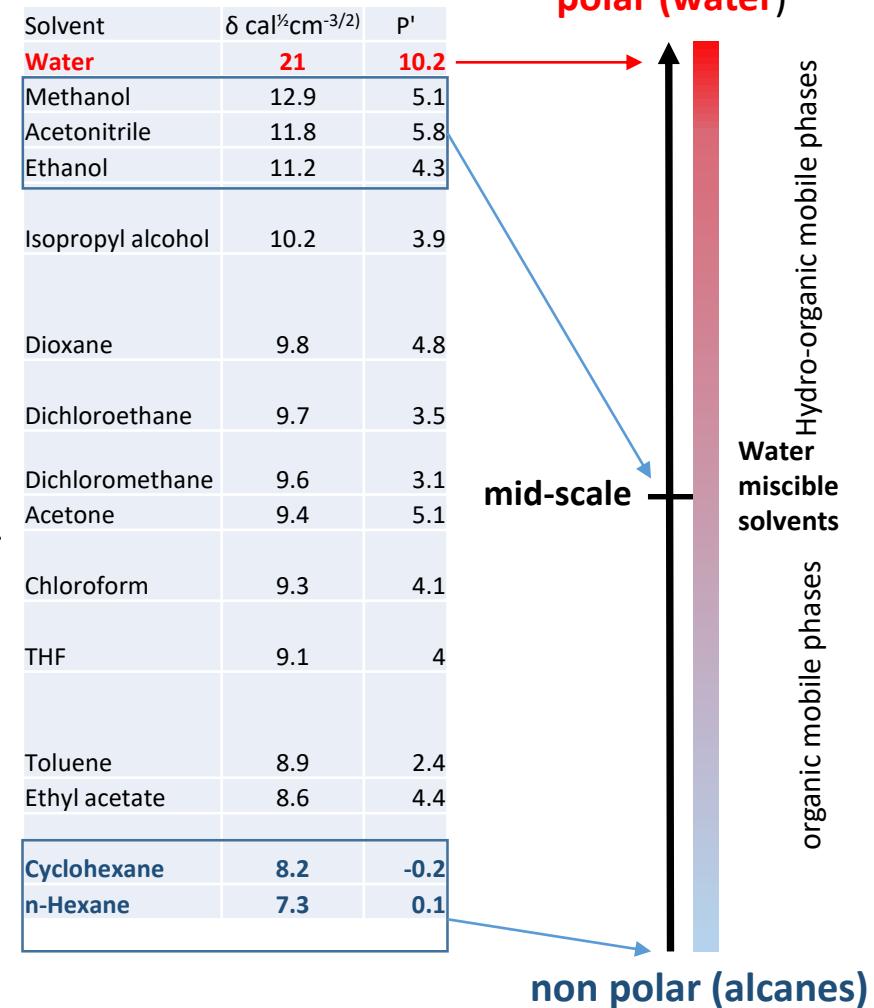
- Solute-solvent interactions involved in the solubilization process
  - H bonding (donor/acceptor)
  - Dipoles interactions
  - Plus dispersion (London) forces
- overall solvation capability of solvents = solvent polarity
  - Like dissolves like
  - Oils dissolve in non polar solvents
  - Sugars dissolve in water and polar solvents (alcohols)

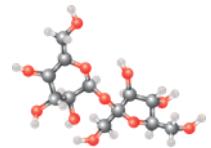


# Solvent polarity scale



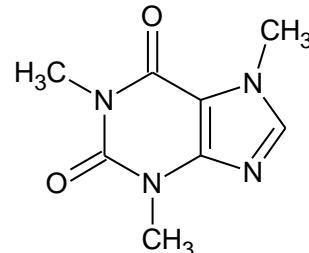
- P' (Rohrschneider)
  - Calculated from the gaz-liquid partition coefficients ( $k''$ ) of 3 probe compounds (ethanol, dioxane, nitromethane) placed in a sealed vial containing the solvent to be characterized
  - $P' = \log(k_e'') + \log(k_d'') + \log(k_n'')$
- $\delta$  (Hildebrand)
  - square root of the cohesive energy density or amount of energy needed to completely remove unit volume of molecules from their neighbours to infinite separation (an ideal gas)
  - $\delta = \sqrt{E_s^V/v_s}$





# The analyte or solute

- Caffeine

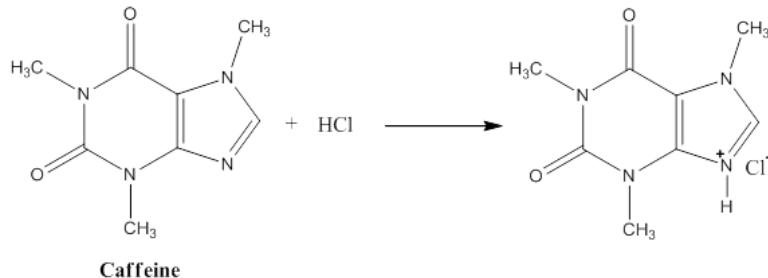


- LogP = -0.07
- P octanol/water distribution coefficient (concentration ratio)
  - Polar or Hydrophilic compounds LogP < 0
  - Hydrophobic or non polar compounds LogP >0
  - Amphiphilic LogP ≈ 0
- Solubility in water is increased par addition of dilute HCl

1 g caffeine dissolves in

- 46 mL of water
- 66 mL of alcohol
- 50 mL acetone
- 530 mL ether

Ionizable compounds are more polar when ionized

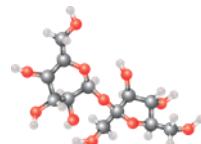


Acidic compound

$$\text{Log}D = \text{Log}P + \text{Log} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 10^{pH-pK_a}} \right)$$

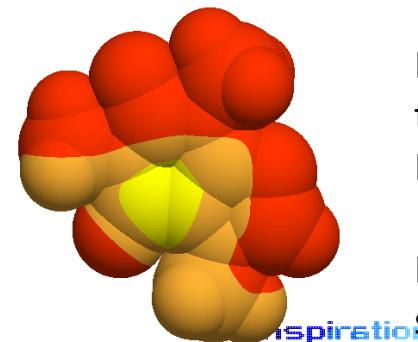
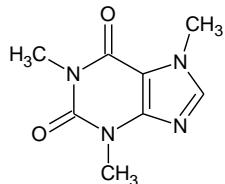
Basic compound

$$\text{Log}D = \text{Log}P + \text{Log} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 10^{pK_a-pH}} \right)$$



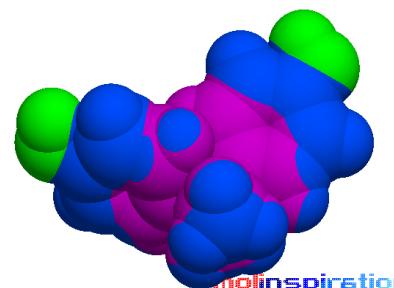
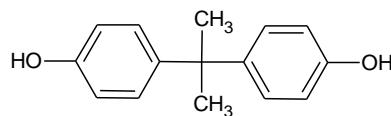
# LogP, MLP and polar groups

- Caffeine (Log P -0.07)



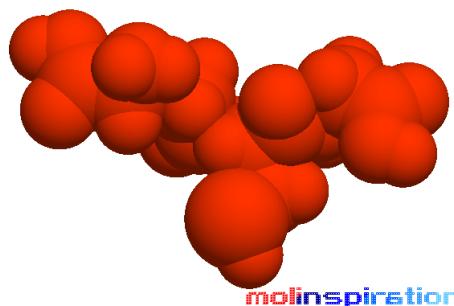
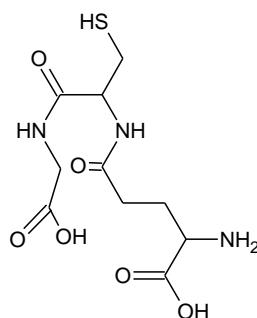
Molecules colored according to their Molecular Lipophilicity Potential.

- Bisphenol A (LogP 3.3)



LogP/LogD offers a global vision of solute polarity.

- Glutathione (LogP -4.5)



MLP describe how lipophilicity is distributed all over the different parts of a molecule.

Polar groups or non polar areas of the molecules are important to explain molecular interactions.

# Normal phase LC.



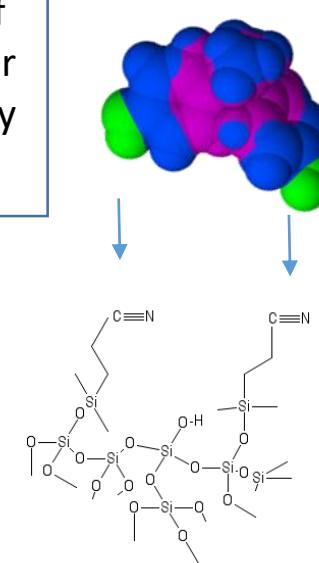
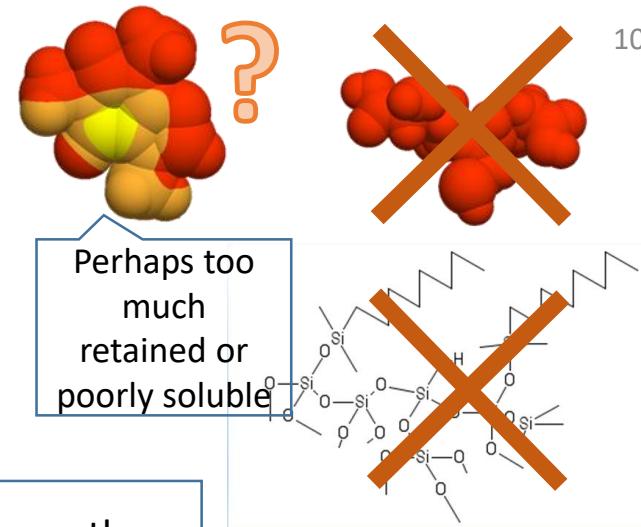
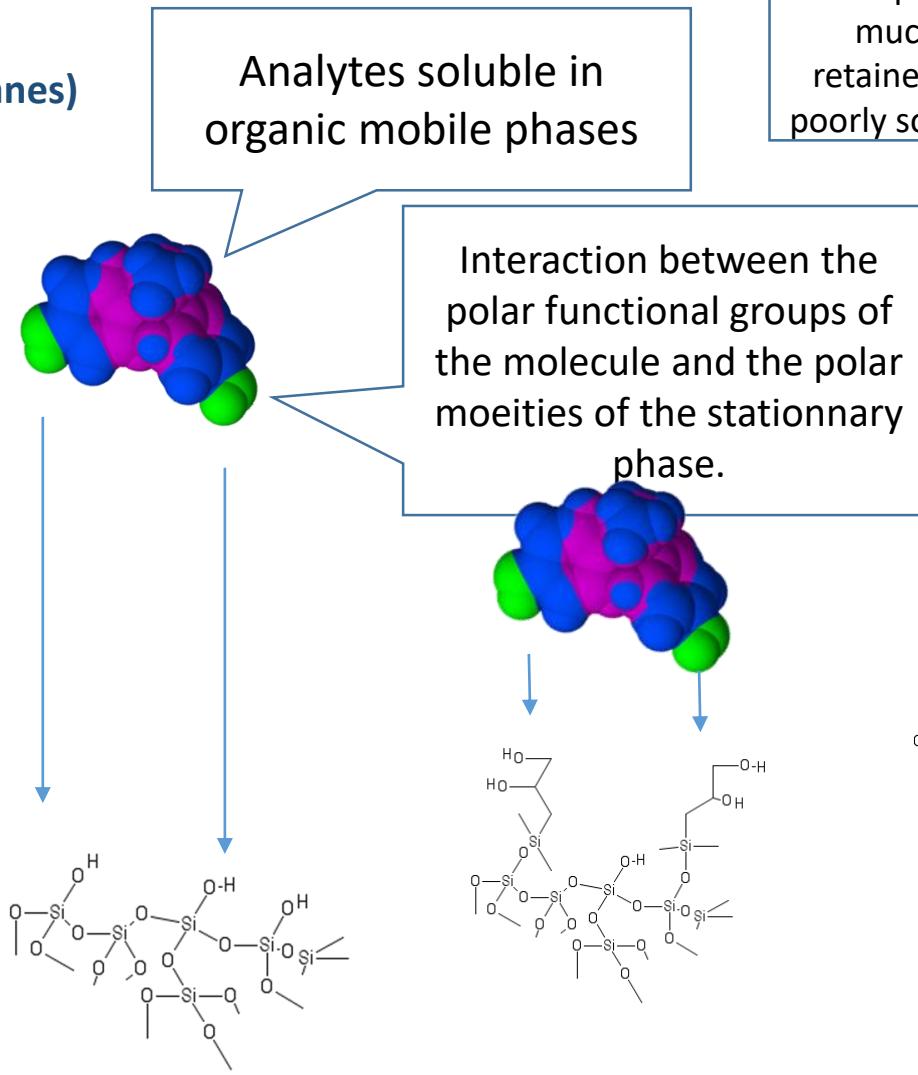
**non polar (alcanes)**

Non-polar  
to  
moderately  
polar  
mobile  
phase

mid-scale

polar to  
moderately  
polar  
stationnary  
phase

**polar**



# Reversed phase LC.



Polar (water) to moderately polar mobile phase

Polar (Water)

mid-scale

Non-polar stationnary phase



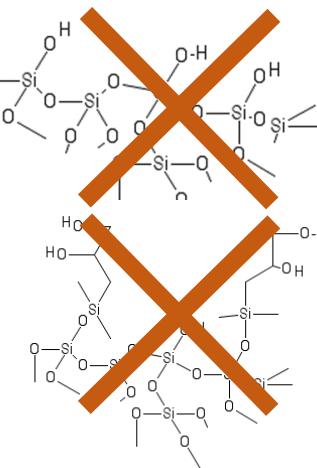
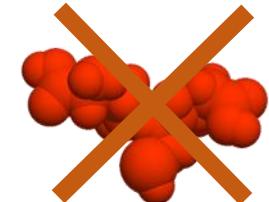
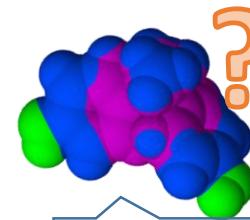
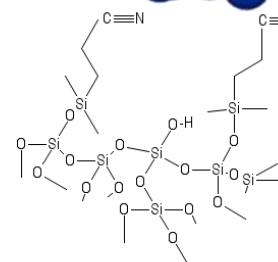
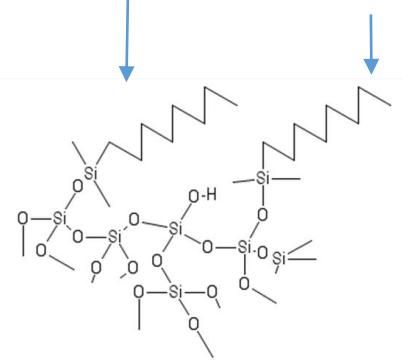
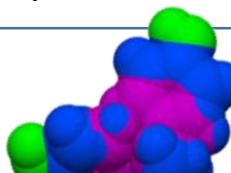
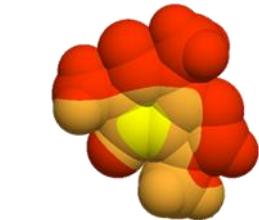
non polar

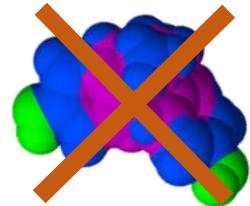
Analytes soluble in hydro-organic mobile phases

Perhaps too retained or poorly soluble

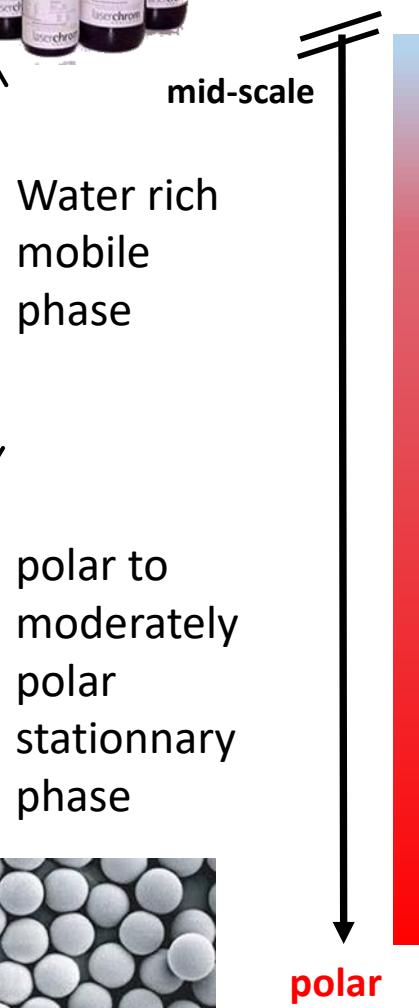
Interaction between the non polar area of molecules and the alkyl chains.

Cyano columns (mid-scale polarity) are usable in NP or RP LC

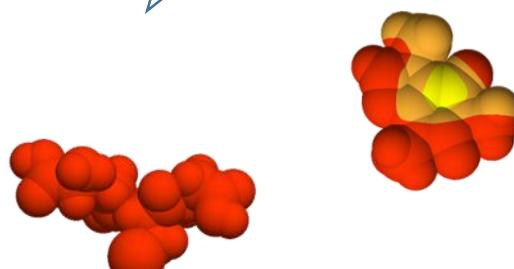




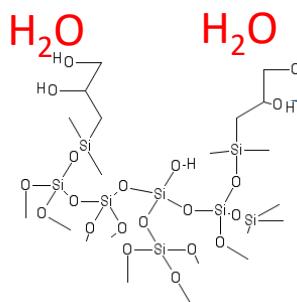
# Hydrophilic Interaction Ch.



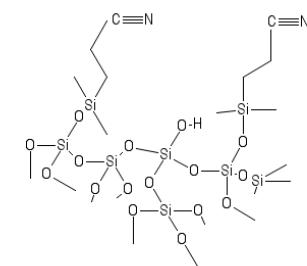
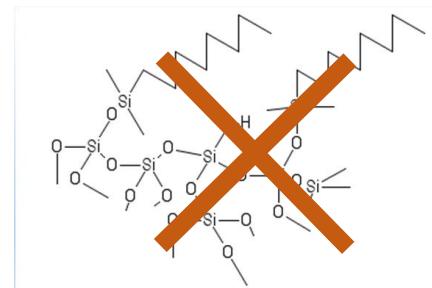
Water soluble analytes



Partitioning between the mobile phase and the water layer (plus specific contributions of the polar groups of the St. Ph.).



Water uptake by the stationnary phase.



More details on  
**Normal Phase**  
**chromatography**

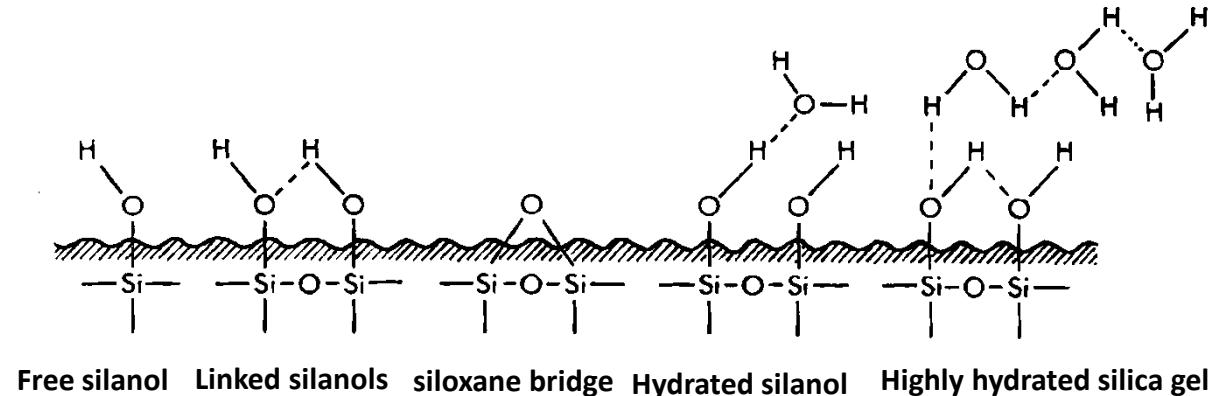
Adsorption (bare silica) and polar grafted phases

# Normal Phase LC keypoints

- Sample is soluble in organic solvents mixtures
  - LogP > 1
- The mobile phase is non-polar or at least less polar than the St. Phase.
- The stationnary phase is polar
  - Bare silica (adsorption chromatography)
  - Polar grafted silica (diol, cyano, amino)

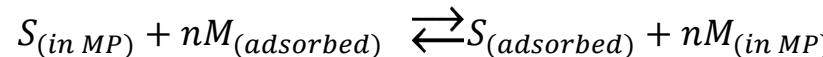
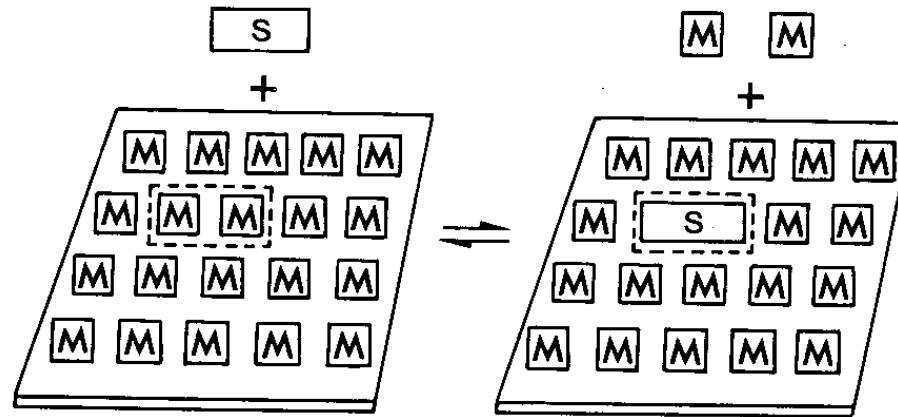
# Silica gel (bare silica) properties

- Silica surface



- analytes interact with silanols
- the most energetic are the free silanols
- the activity decreases when they are involved in hydrogen bonds with other silanols or water molecules
- an anhydrous silica is said to be activated and deactivated when it is fully hydrated.

# Adsorption equilibrium



The Solute dissolved in the mobile phase [S(in MP)] must displace several [n] solvent molecules of the mobile phase (MP) adsorbed on the stationary phase [M(adsorbed)] in order to take their place on the silica.

- Adsorption is a competitive phenomenon
- a 1:1 stoichiometry is assumed
- the different chromatographic parameters are integrated into the Snyder-Soczewinski model.

$$\log(k) = \log(V_a) + \beta * [E_o - A_s \cdot \varepsilon_0] + \log\left(\frac{W_a}{V_M}\right)$$

# Snyder-Soczewinski model

$k$  retention factor of the solute

$V_a$  volume of mobile phase adsorbed per unit mass of silica  
Depends on the specific area of the silica particles

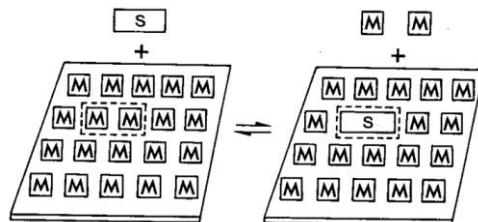
$W_a$  mass of silica contained in the column  
 $V_M$  dead volume of the column (also noted  $V_0$ )

$$\log(k) = \log(V_a) + \beta^*[E_o - A_s \cdot \varepsilon_0] + \log\left(\frac{W_a}{V_M}\right)$$

$\beta^*$  activity of the adsorbent :  
 $\beta^*=0$  highly hydrated / deactivated silica  
 $\beta^*=1$  highly activated silica, anhydrous

$A_s$  surface occupied by one mole of solute on the silica

$\varepsilon_0$  eluent strength of the solvent (and  $A_M$  surface occupied by the solvent )



$S_{(in MP)} + nM_{(adsorbed)}$

$S_{(adsorbed)} + nM_{(in MP)}$

$E_o$  free energy of adsorption of solute molecules under standard conditions of activity ( $\beta^*=1$ )

$$E_o = -\frac{\Delta G_S^0}{2,3.R.T}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = \frac{\Delta G_M^0}{2,3.R.T.A_M}$$

# V<sub>a</sub> and specific surface area

V<sub>a</sub>: the volume of mobile phase adsorbed per g of silica, is proportional to the **specific surface area** ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ ) of the support.

However, the increase of the specific surface area is to the detriment of the **pore diameter**: as well as the number of free silanols per unit of surface area.

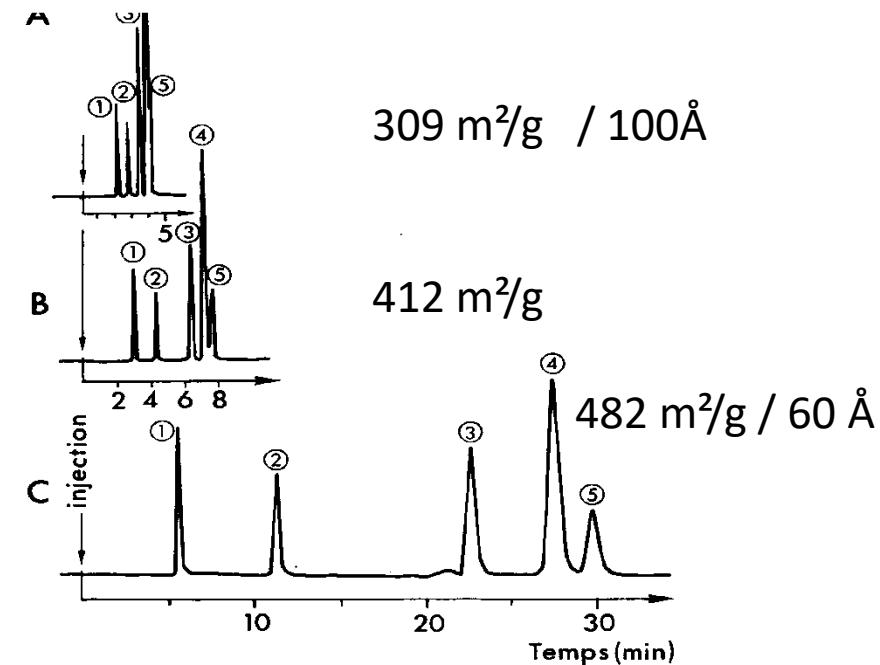


FIG. VIII.6. — Influence de la surface spécifique d'une silice Sphérosil sur la séparation d'un mélange d'hydrocarbures aromatiques.

Colonne : longueur, 10 cm ; diamètre intérieur, 4 mm. Phase stationnaire : silice de type Sphérosil expérimental de 5,6  $\mu\text{m}$  et de surfaces spécifiques variées :

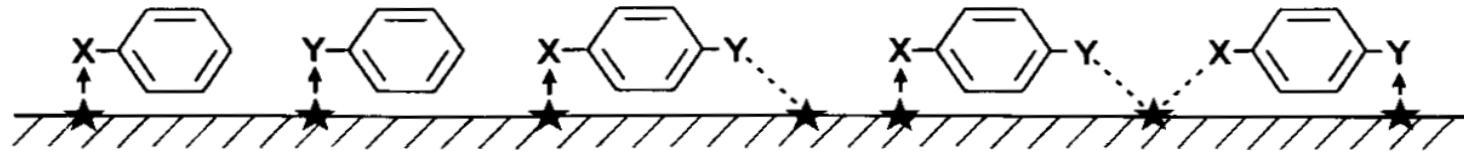
$$A = 470 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}; \quad B = 590 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}; \quad C = 900 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}.$$

Phase mobile : hexane sec. Débit : 0,9 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>. Température : ambiante. Échantillon : nature des solutés : 1 : toluène ; 2 : naphtalène ; 3 : biphenyl ; 4 : anthracène ; 5 : phénanthrène (d'après [20]).

TABLEAU VIII.3. — Variation du nombre de sites OH actifs en fonction de la surface spécifique du support [3].

Nature du support	Surface spécifique $\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$	Nombre total de sites OH par $\text{nm}^2$	Nombre de sites actifs par $\text{nm}^2$ (OH libres)
Lichrosorb Si 100.....	309	4,6	2,95
Partisil 5.....	412	4,6	2,80
Lichrosorb Si 60.....	482	4,6	2,20

# Adsorption energy $E_0$



$$E^0 = Q_X^0 + (1-f) \sum_{i \neq X} Q_i^0$$

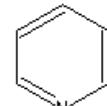
$E_0$  depends on the nature and the number of polar groups disponible to interact with silanols

Groupement	$X$ et $Y = Ar.$	$X=Al, Y=Ar$	$X$ et $Y = Al$
$X-CH_3$	0.11		0.07
$-C=$	0.25	0.25	0.25
$X-F$	-0.15		1.54
$X-O-Y$	0.87	1.83	3.61
$X-OH$	4.20		5.60
$X-NH_2$	5.10		8.00
$C-CN$	3.33		5.27
$X-COOH$	6.1		7.6

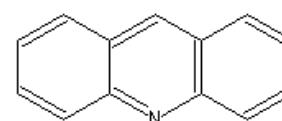
Steric hindrance &  $E_0$ :

$$E^0 = Q_X^0 + (1-f) \sum_{i \neq X} Q_i^0$$

Pyridine

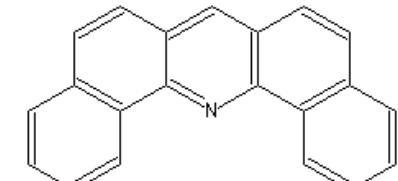


$$Q_{-N=}^0 = 6.10$$



$$Q_{-N=}^0 = 5.30$$

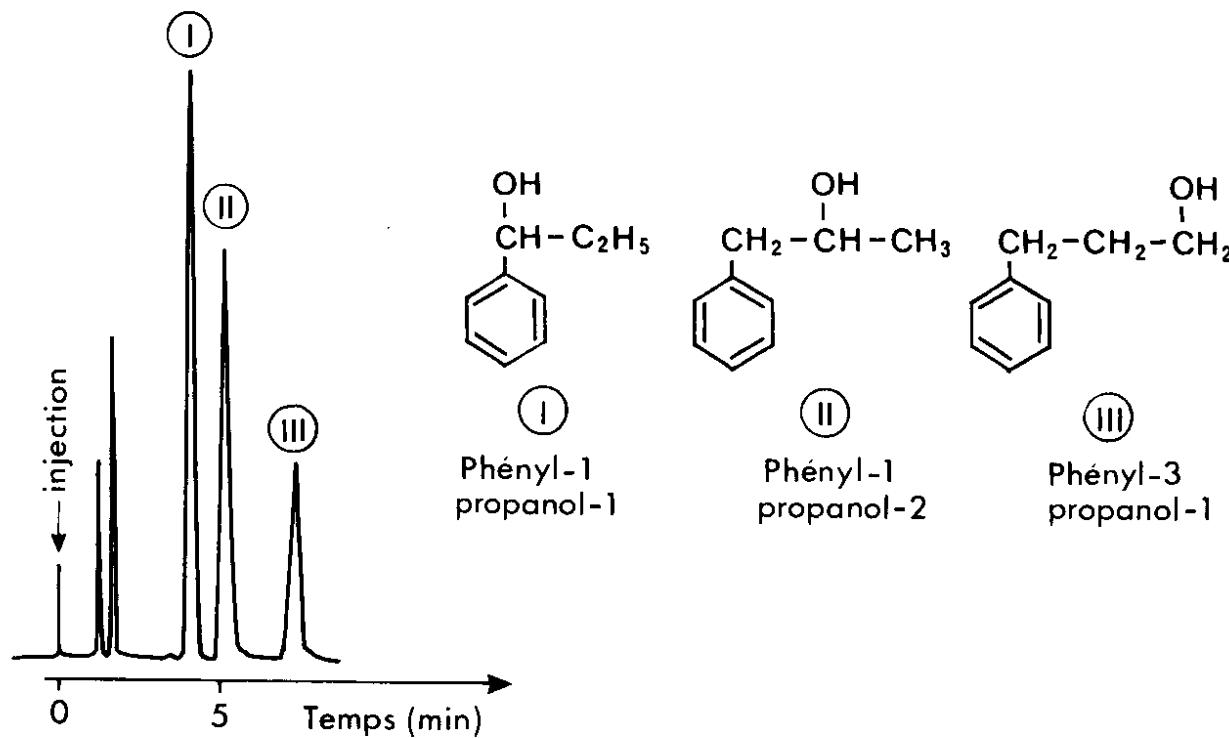
3,4,5,6 dibenzoacridine



$$Q_{-N=}^0 = 0.00$$

# Adsorption energy $E_0$

**Influence of position isomerism** for the separation of three phenyl-propanol solutes by adsorption chromatography



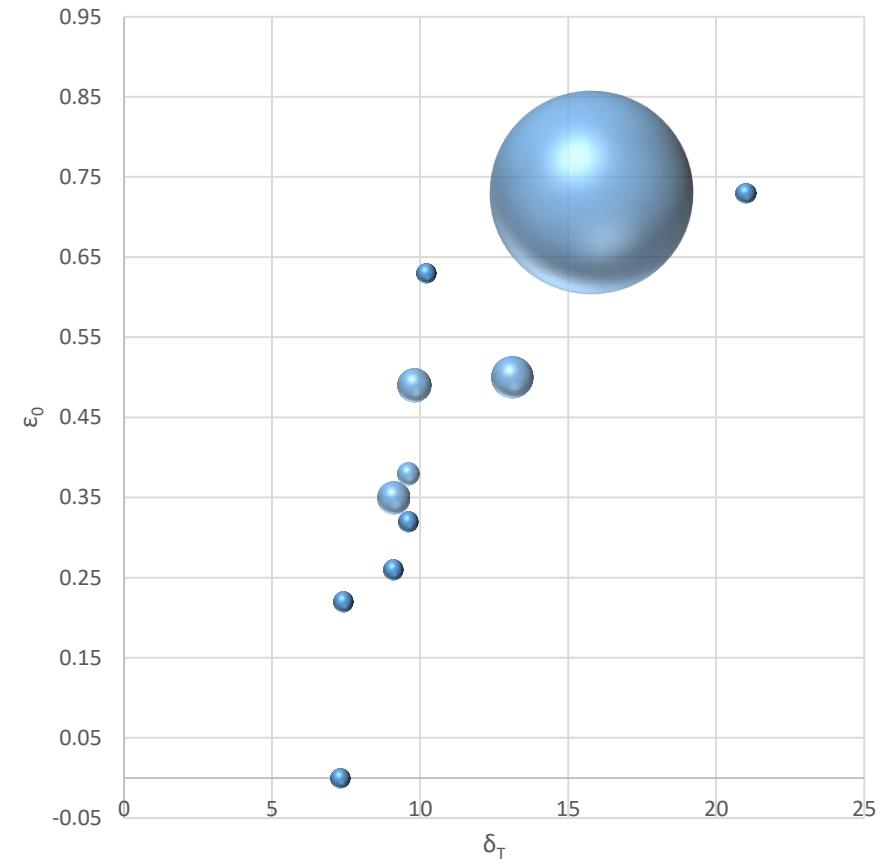
Séparation d'un mélange de phénylepropanols par chromatographie d'adsorption.

# Eluting strength $\epsilon_0$ is not polarity

	$\epsilon_0$	$\delta_T$	water %
<b>Hexane</b>	0	7.3	0.0005
<b>Isopropylic ether</b>	0.22	7.4	0.008
<b>Chloroforme</b>	0.26	9.1	0.005
<b>Dichlorométhane</b>	0.32	9.6	0.007
<b>Tetrahydrofuran</b>	0.35	9.1	0.13
<b>Ethyl acetate</b>	0.38	9.6	0.06
<b>Dioxane</b>	0.49	9.8	0.14
<b>Acetonitrile</b>	0.5	13.1	0.22
<b>Isopropanol</b>	0.63	10.2	
<b>Methanol</b>	0.73	15.8	5.2
<b>Water</b>	0.73	21	

The eluting strength and polarity are roughly correlated but not all solvents activate silica in the same way.

Controlling the silica hydration is somewhat difficult



Eluting strength vs polarity  
Size of the bubbles = water % in solvent

# Eluting strength $\varepsilon_0$ of solvent mixtures

$$\varepsilon_{1+2} = \frac{\log[1 + |N_{S2}|_m (10^{\beta^* \cdot As(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1)} - 1)]}{\beta^* \cdot As}$$

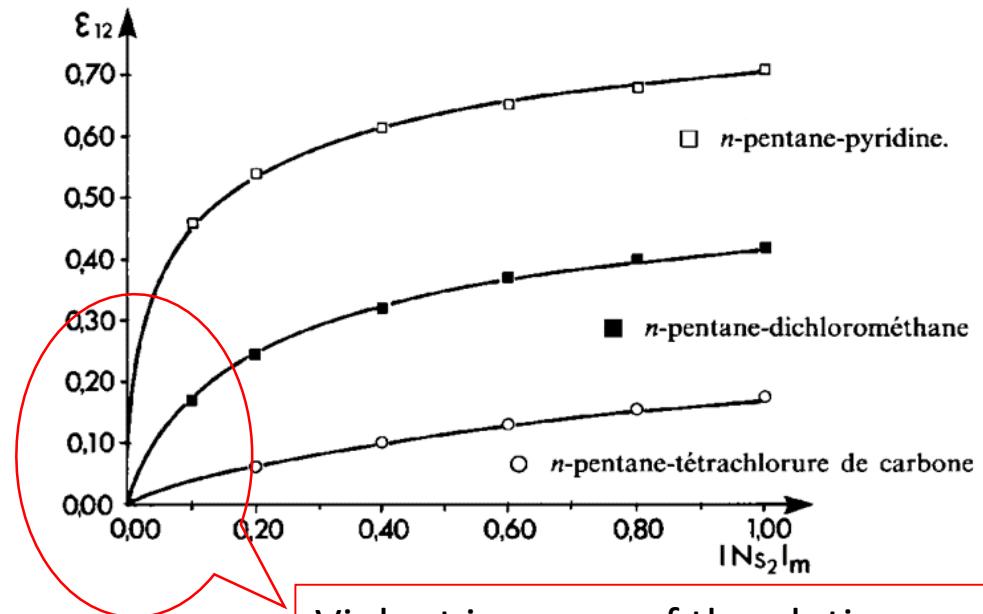
Solvent 2 stronger than 1 ( $\varepsilon_2 > \varepsilon_1$ ).

$\beta^*$  Adsorbant activity.

As assumes the same surfaces for the two solvents

$|N_{S2}|_m$  Molar fraction of solvent 2 in the mobile phase

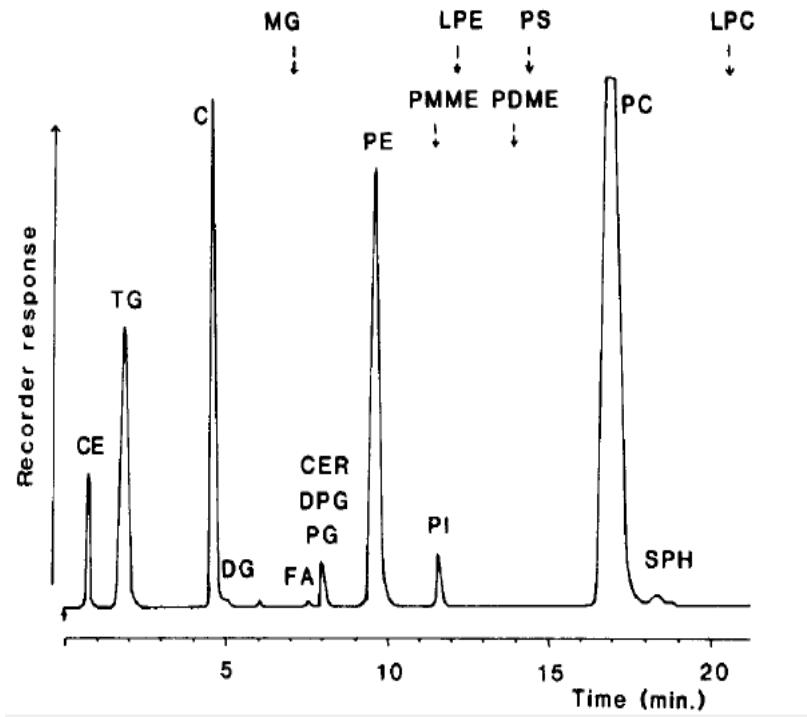
3 or 4 way gradient elution is frequently used to increase gradually  $\varepsilon_0$



Violent increase of the eluting strength of the mobile phase when too much difference exists between the weak and the strong solvent.

# Example: lipid class analysis

## Rat liver lipids



column: Spherisorb 3 $\mu$ m 150x5mm

TABLE 1. Ternary gradient elution system required for the elution of lipid classes and reactivation of the column

Time <sup>a</sup> min	% Solvent		
	A	B	C
0	100		
1	100		
5	80	20	
5.1	42	52	
20	32	52	
20.1	30	70	16
25	100		
30	100		

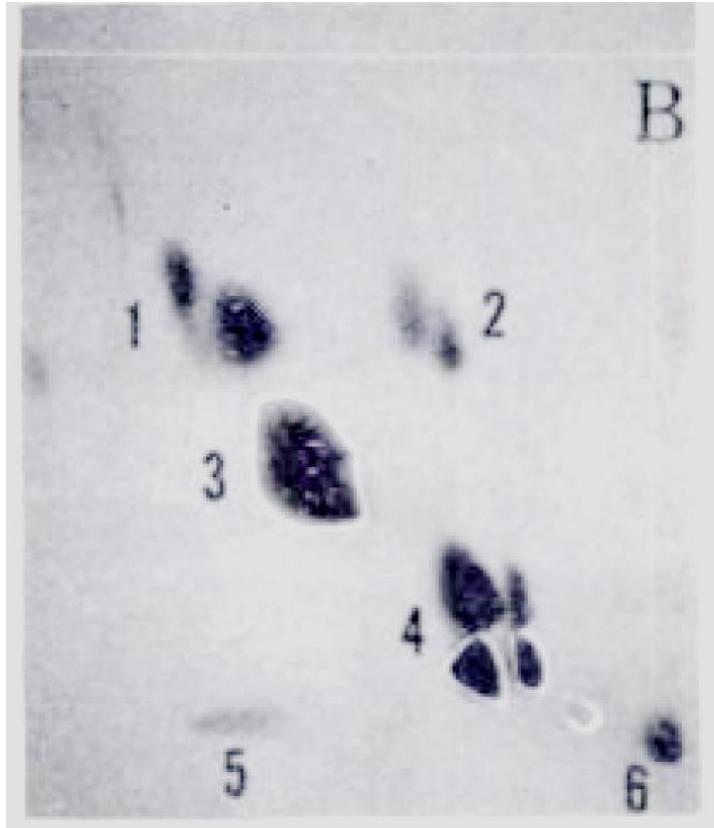
A Isooctane: THF 99:1 v/v

B Isopropanol:CHCl<sub>3</sub> 4:1 v/v

C Isopropanol: water 1:1 v/v

Rapid separation and quantification of lipid classes by high performance liquid chromatography and mass (light-scattering) detection. W W Christie, 1985 *The Journal of Lipid Research*, 26, 507-512.

# Two dimensions Thin Layer Chromatography.



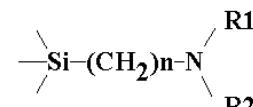
- (1) cerebrosides (2) sulfatides (3) PE  
(4) PC, PS, SM, LPE (5) PA  
(6) ganglisosides (starting spot)

- Rat brain lipids
- Silice G
- 1<sup>st</sup> dimension  
 $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}/\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ -  
65/35/4
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension  
 $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{Acetone}/\text{Methanol}$   
/ acetic acid/ water  
10/4/2/2/1

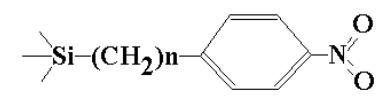
Quantitative analysis of lipid classes, O.S. Privett et al. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 1971 vol. 24 no. 10 1265-1275

# NP with Polar grafted silica

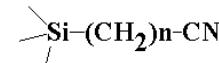
- Chemically modified silica with polar grafts
- Retention orders are similar to those encountered on silica.
- The solvents are the same as in adsorption chromatography.
- The retention is globally less important
- Water can be added to the mobile phase.



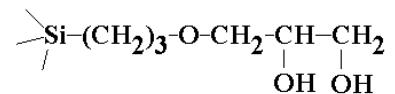
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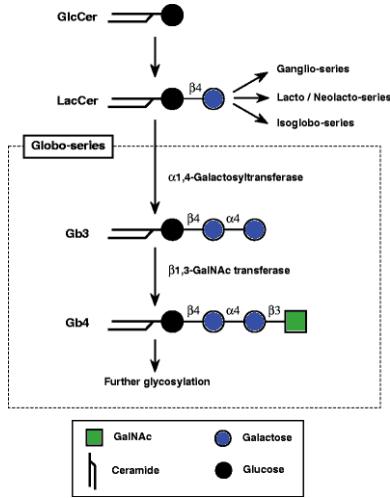


Cyano



Diol

# Example of glycolipid separation

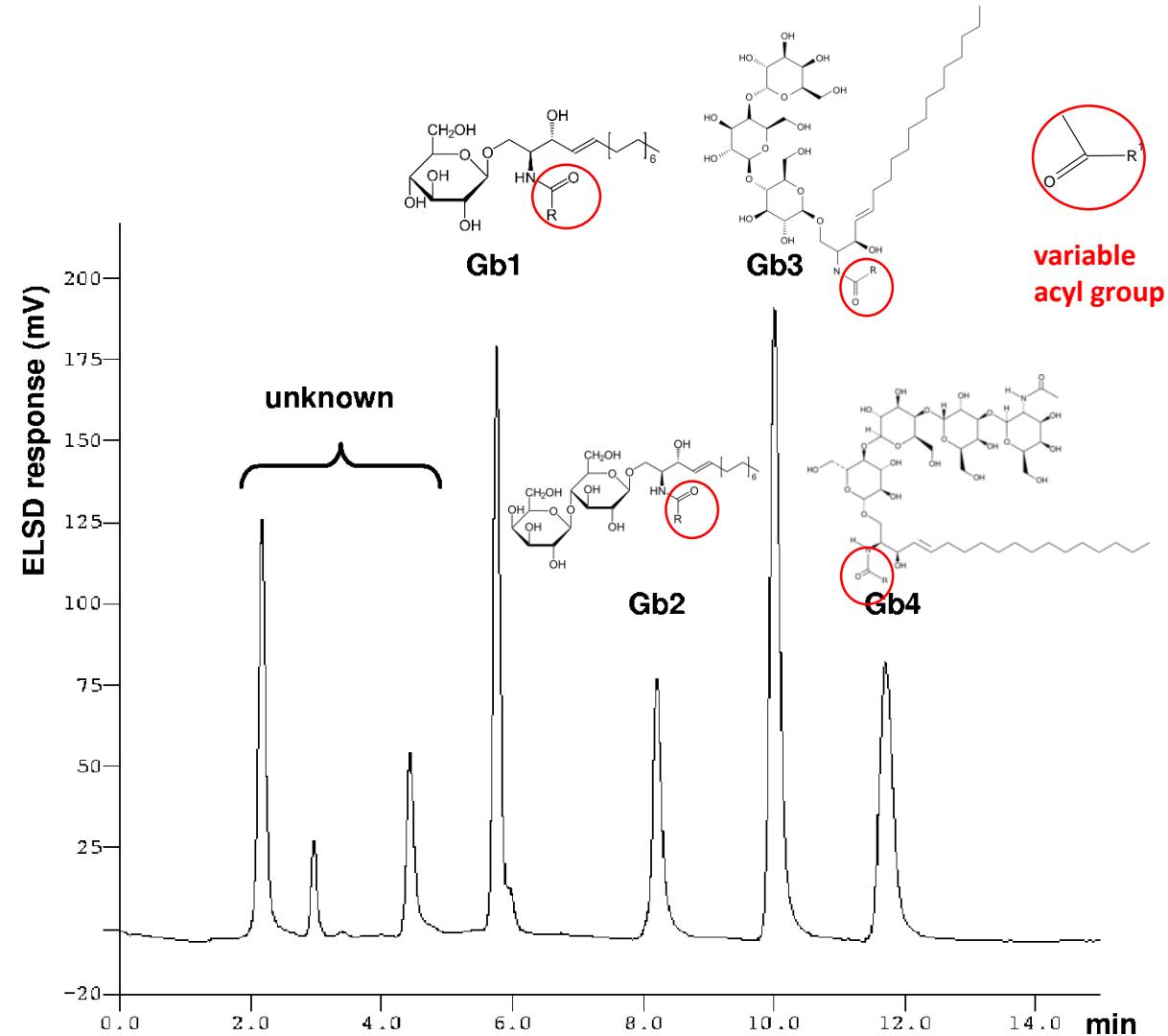


- The order of elution follows the number of sugar units on the glycosylceramides.

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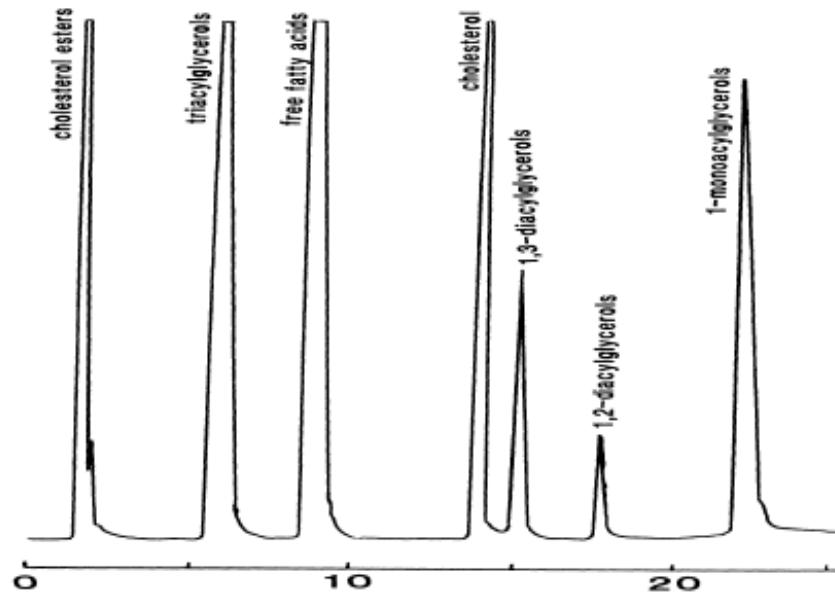
Polyvinyl alcohol grafted on silica

Mobile phase:  
acetone:methanol gradient



# Example Cyanopropyl St Phase

« neutral » lipids



Spherisorb S3CN stationnary phase

- Colonne (100x4.6)
- Gradient
  - Hexane to MTBE

Separation of non-polar lipids by high performance liquid chromatography on a cyanopropyl column  
Ali H. El-Hamdy, W.W. Christie, Journal of High Resolution Chromatography, 16, (1993) Iss 1, pages 55–57

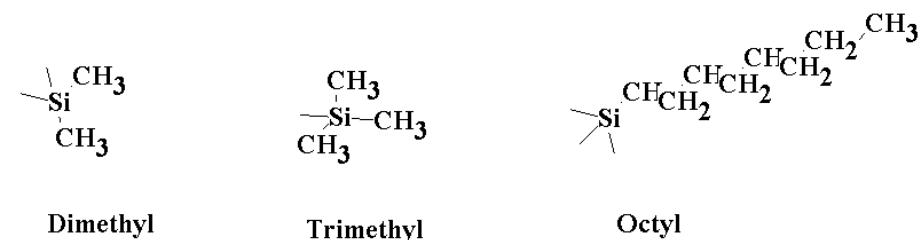
More details on  
**Reversed Phase  
chromatography**

# Reversed Phase LC Keypoints

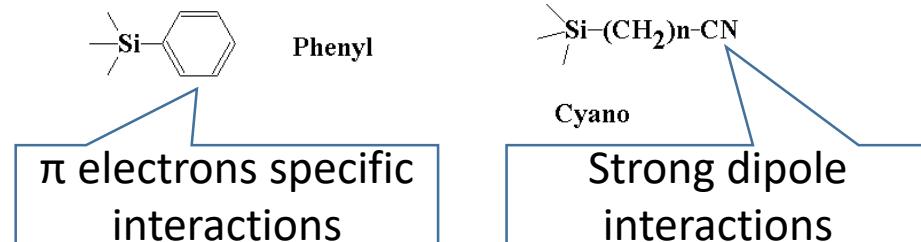
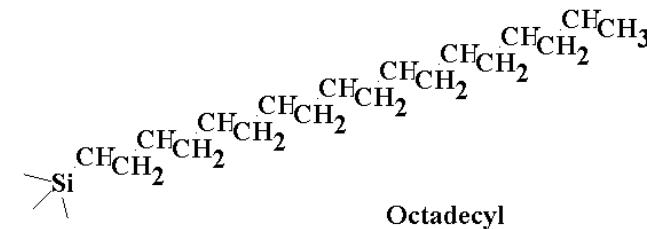
- Up to 70~80% of HPLC applications are RP-HPLC
- Stationary phase is non-polar
  - Most popular C18 grafted silica
- The mobile phase is polar
  - Consists of water to which a miscible organic solvent (methanol, acetonitrile or more rarely tetrahydrofuran) is added to accelerate elution.
  - The pH of the mobile phase can be modified
- For solutes with LogP/LogD in the -1~4 range

# Stationnary phase structure (1)

- generally alkyl grafts.
- most classical are C8 and C18



- Phenyl- and cyano
  - intermediate polarity
  - specific interactions



# Stationnary phase structure (2)

- alkyl grafts.

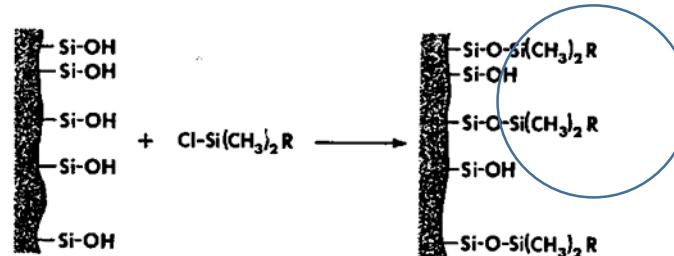


Figure 2 Synthesis scheme for monomeric surface modification of silica, using monofunctional silane reagents. (From Ref. 37.)

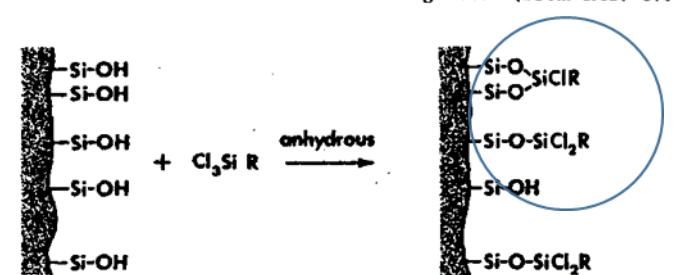


Figure 4 Synthesis scheme for monomeric surface modification of silica, using polyfunctional silane reagents (From Ref. 37.)

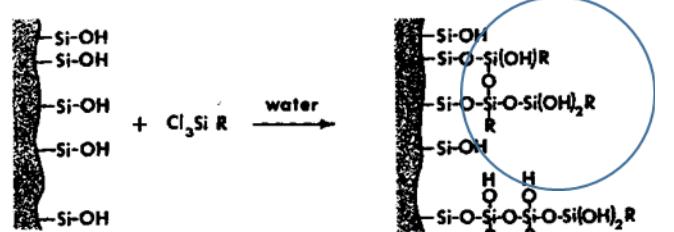
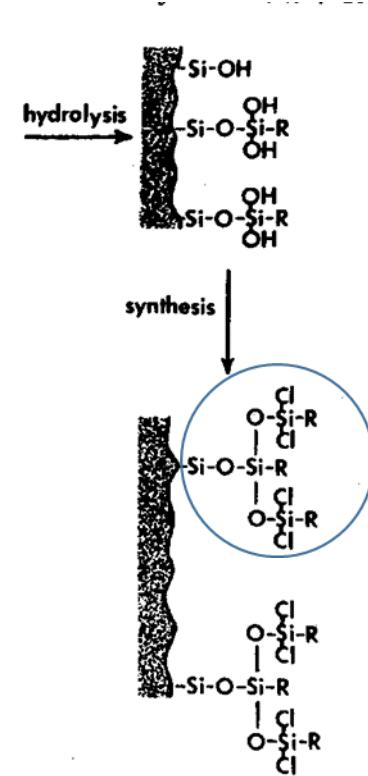


Figure 5 Synthesis scheme for polymeric surface modification of silica. Water is added either to the silica (water preequilibration synthesis) or to the reaction mixture (water-slurry synthesis). (From Ref. 37.)



# St. Phase structure and retention

Solute retention increases with increasing alkyl chain length and/or chain density

## Effect of alkyl graft length

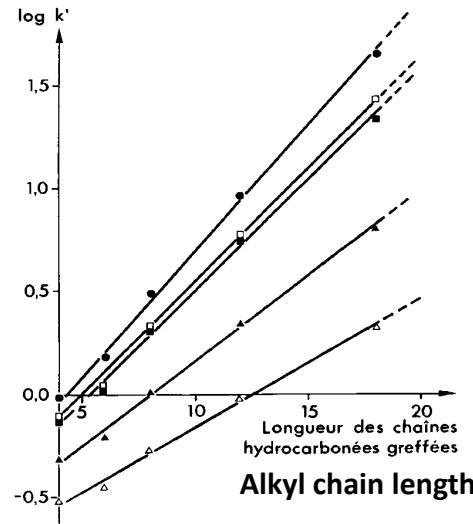


FIG. IX.17. — Variation du logarithme du facteur de capacité  $k'$  d'hydrocarbures poliaromatiques en fonction de la longueur de la chaîne greffée dans le cas d'une silice (Partisol 5 µm) ayant  $2,1 \mu\text{mol.m}^{-2}$  de greffons.

Phase mobile : méthanol-eau (70 : 30 v/v); autres conditions identiques à celles de la figure IX.15.  $\Delta$  benzène ;  $\blacktriangle$  naphthalène ;  $\blacksquare$  phénanthrène ;  $\square$  anthracène ;  $\bullet$  pyrine.

## Effect of alkyl graft density

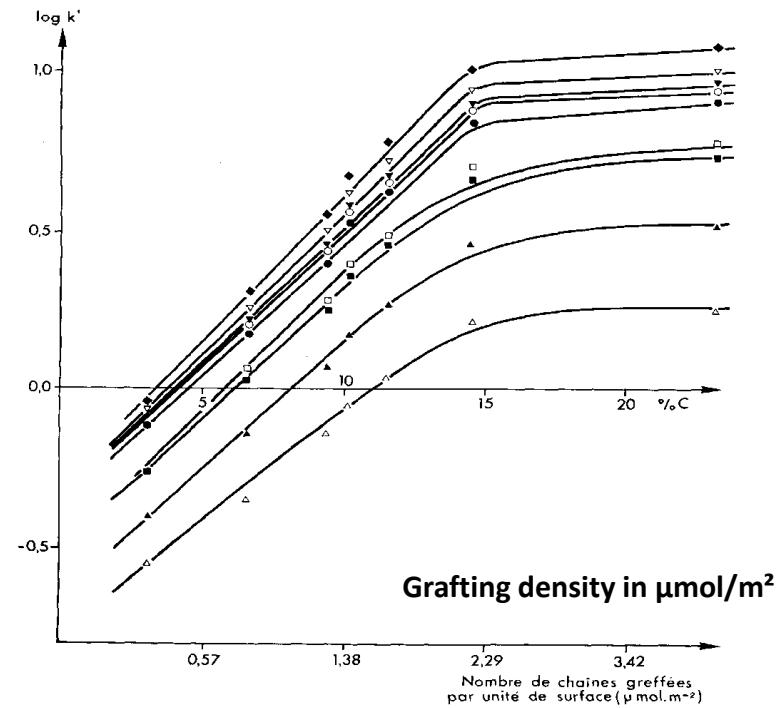
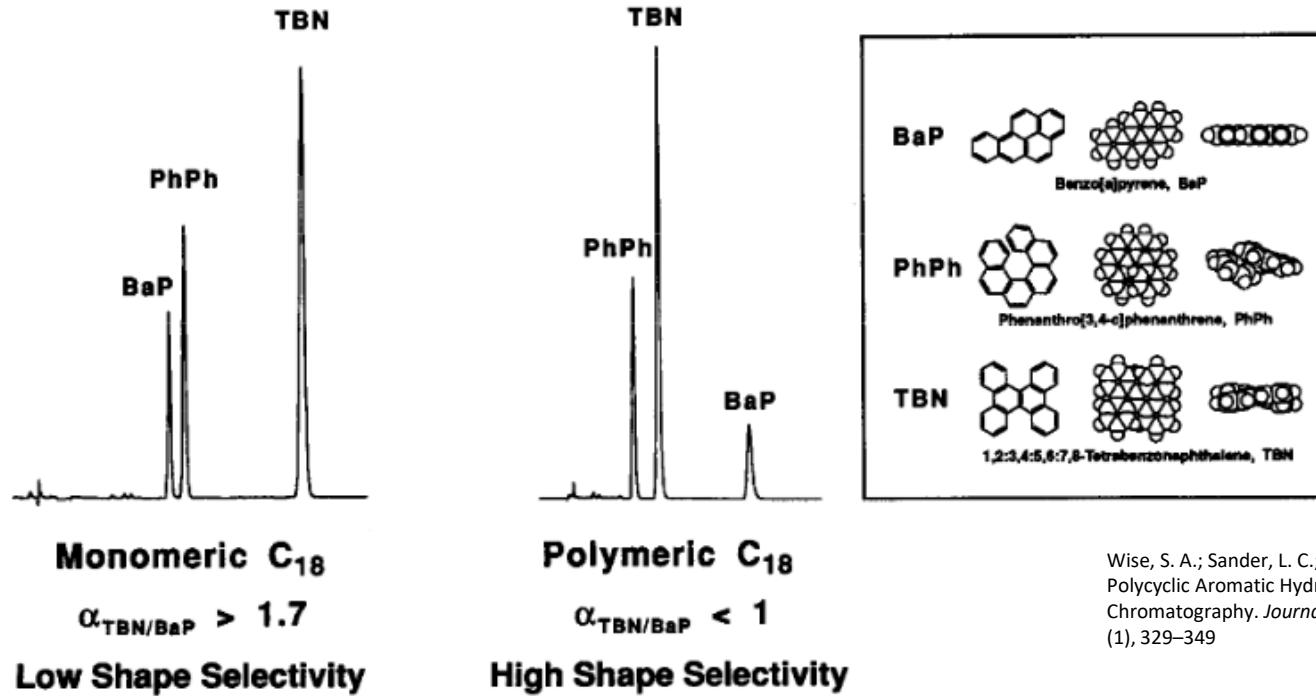


FIG. IX.15. — Variation du logarithme du facteur de capacité  $k'$  d'hydrocarbures monoaromatiques substitués en fonction du pourcentage en carbone de la phase stationnaire (Partisol 5 µm greffé C<sub>18</sub>) et du nombre de greffons par unité de surface.

Colonne : longueur, 15 cm ; diamètre intérieur, 4,8 mm (1/4"). Phase mobile : méthanol-eau (60 : 40 v/v); débit  $0,82 \text{ mL.min}^{-1}$ . Détection : absorption dans l'ultra-violet à 254 nm.  $\Delta$  benzène ;  $\blacktriangle$  toluène ;  $\blacksquare$  *o*-xylylène ;  $\square$  *m*-xylylène ;  $\bullet$  éthyl-2 toluène ;  $\circ$  éthyl-3 toluène ;  $\blacktriangledown$  éthyl-4 toluène ;  $\triangledown$  triméthyl-1,3,5 benzène ;  $\blacklozenge$  diéthyl-1,2 benzène.

# St. Phase structure and selectivity



Wise, S. A.; Sander, L. C.; May, W. E. Determination of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Liquid Chromatography. *Journal of Chromatography A* 1993, 642 (1), 329–349

- The stationnary phase structure also influence selectivity

# Solute-stationnary phase interactions

- Solute-St. Phase interactions cannot be explained by H-bonds and van der Waals forces.
- H-bonds and van der Waals forces explain solute-solvent interactions.
- The hydrophobic repulsion of the solute on the alkyl chains is the primary cause of retention.
- Water and polar solvents self-organize around the solutes and grafts to minimize entropy of the solute-stationary phase system in contact with the mobile phase.

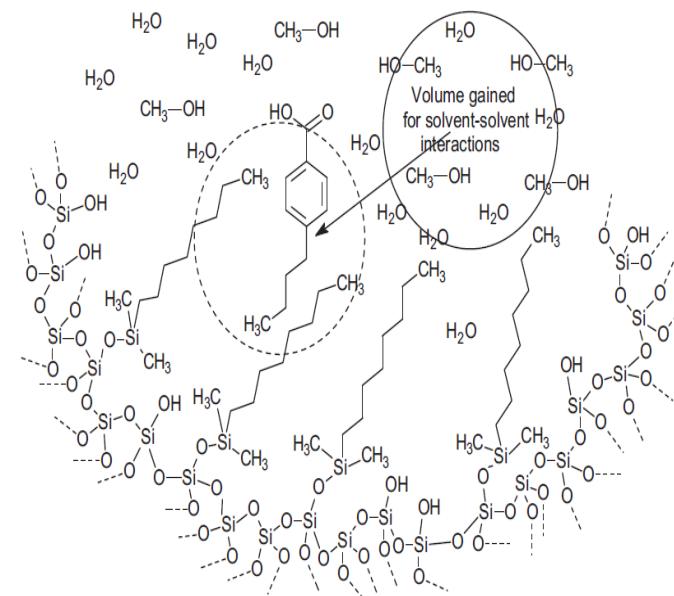
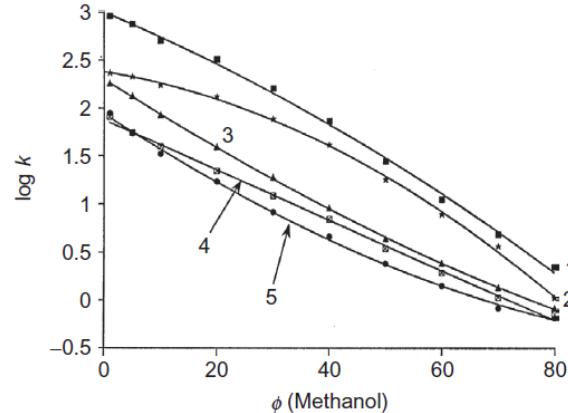


FIGURE 5.1.3 Schematic diagram picturing the “repulsion” of a hydrophobic molecule from a polar solvent and its “acceptance” by the hydrophobic phase at the interface between a mobile phase H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>OH and a C8 bonded phase.

As a consequence, there is no unique and widely accepted retention model in RP-HPLC

# Empirical retention model.

Handbooks in Separation Science  
**Liquid Chromatography Fundamentals and Instrumentation**  
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**FIG. 4.1**

Plot of the logarithm of the retention factor ( $\log k$ ) as a function of the volume fraction of methanol ( $\times 100$ ) in RPLC for a silica-based octadecylsiloxane bonded stationary phase. Solute identification: 1=naphthalene; 2=bromobenzene; 3=acetophenone; 4=2-phenylethanol; and 5=benzamide.

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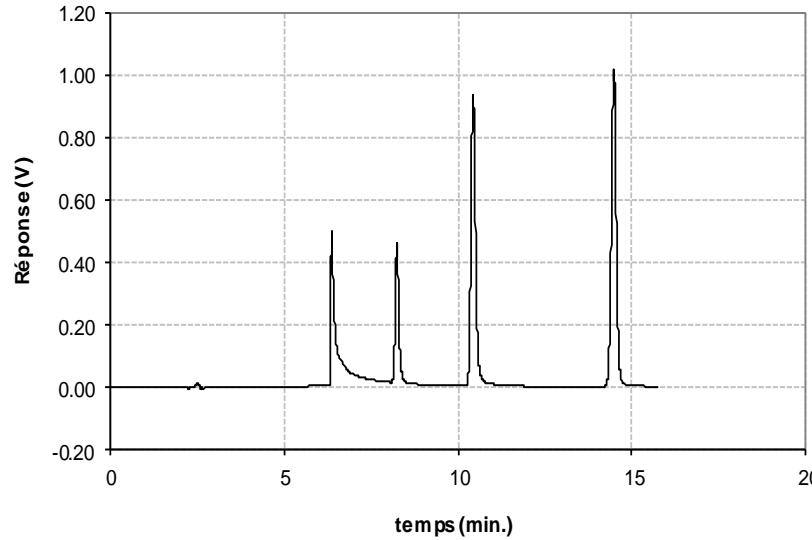
The log-linear decrease of the retention factor as a function of the quantity (volume fraction  $\varphi_{org}$ ) of (strong) organic solvent in the mobile phase leads to the following equation:

$$\ln(k_i) = Lnk_w - S \cdot \varphi_{org}$$

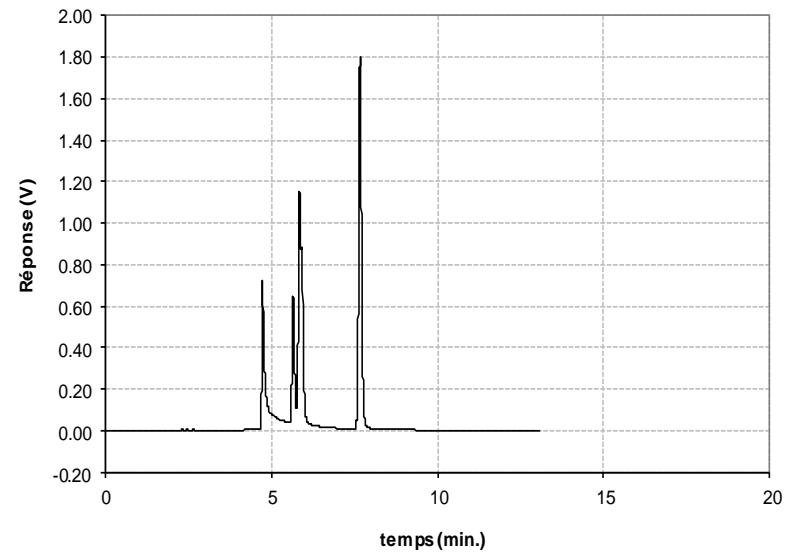
- $Lnk_w$ : estimate (projection) of the log. retention factor in a mobile phase without organic modifier.  $Lnk_w$  strongly correlates with  $\text{Log}(P)$
- $S$  (Slope) influence of the organic modifier on retention.

# Mobile phase strength in RP-LC

40% méthanol

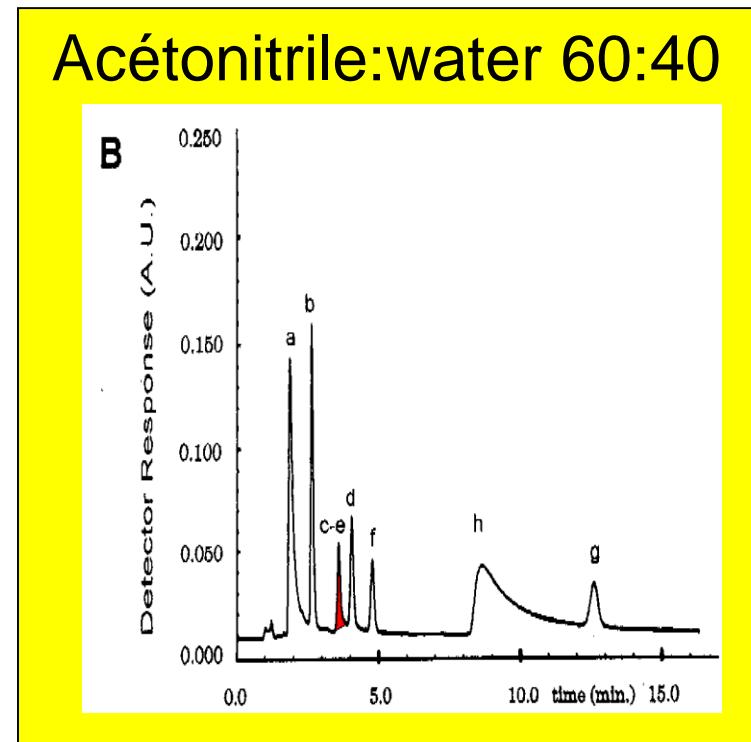
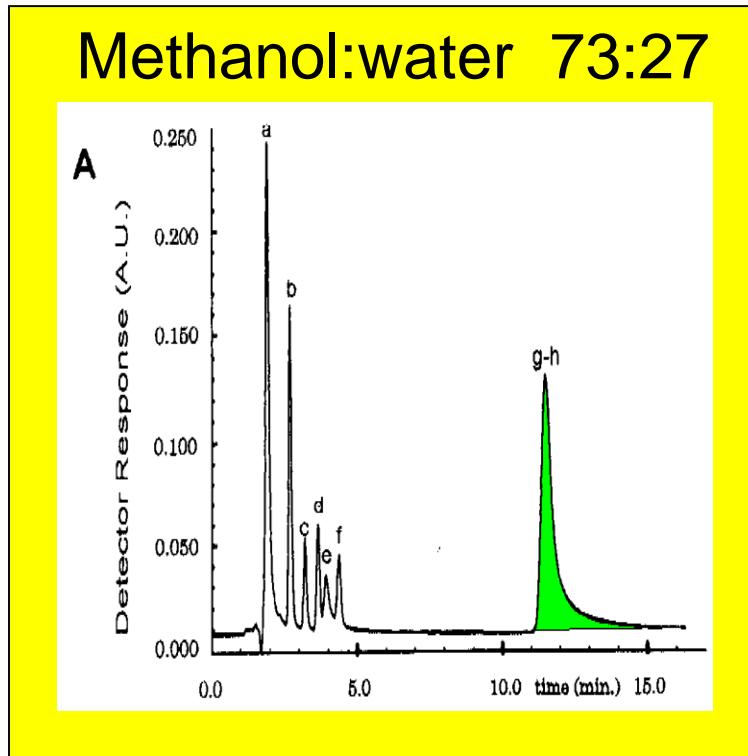


50% méthanol



- An increase of the % of organic modifier decrease mobile phase polarity and decrease retention
- Empirical rule: +10% → retention times /2

# Mobile phase solvent Selectivity



- Preferential solute-solvent interactions influence separation selectivity.

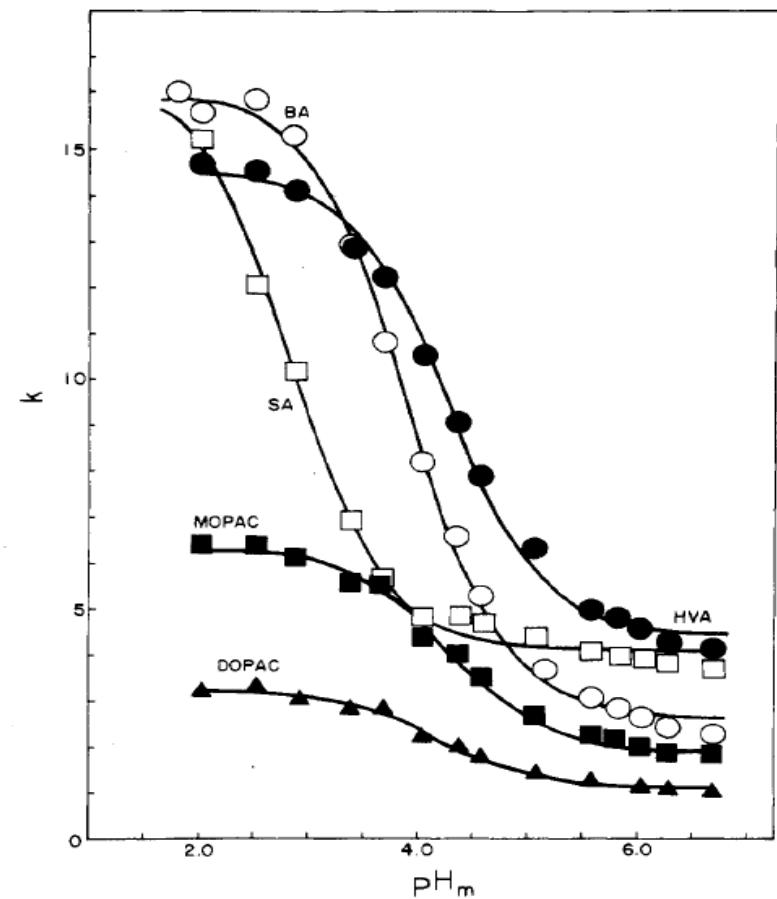
# Mobile phase pH Selectivity

Depending on the mobile phase pH, the retention factor of a weak acid AH is intermediate between

- $k_0$  the retention factor of the non ionized AH form
- $k_{-1}$  the retention factor of the ionized, less retained,  $A^-$  form

$$k = \frac{k_0 + k_{-1} \frac{K_{a_m}}{[H^+]_m}}{1 + \frac{K_{a_m}}{[H^+]_m}}$$

- A similar equation can be derived for weak bases.



**Figure 6.** Plots of the capacity factor vs. the pH of the eluent for monoprotic acids

Column. Partisil 1025 ODS; eluent. 1.0 M  $Na_2SO_4$  in 0.05 M phosphate buffers;

More details on

# Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography

# HILIC Keypoints

- Introduced by Alpert (J. Chromatography, 1990)
- Addresses (very) polar (water-soluble) compounds ( $\text{LogP}/\text{LogD} < 1$ )
- Hydro-organic mobile phases (acetonitrile-water)
- Avoids the use of ion exchange for ionized analytes
- Polar stationary phase "normal phase type"
  - bare silica
  - « Neutral » phases: amide, cyano, diol
    - non-ionizable at pH 3~7
  - "charged" phases:
    - Positive ionization: amino, imidazole, triazole
    - Negative ionization: poly(2-sulfoethylaspartamide), poly(aspartic acid), sulfones
    - Zwitterionics: sulfobetaine, phosphocholine,

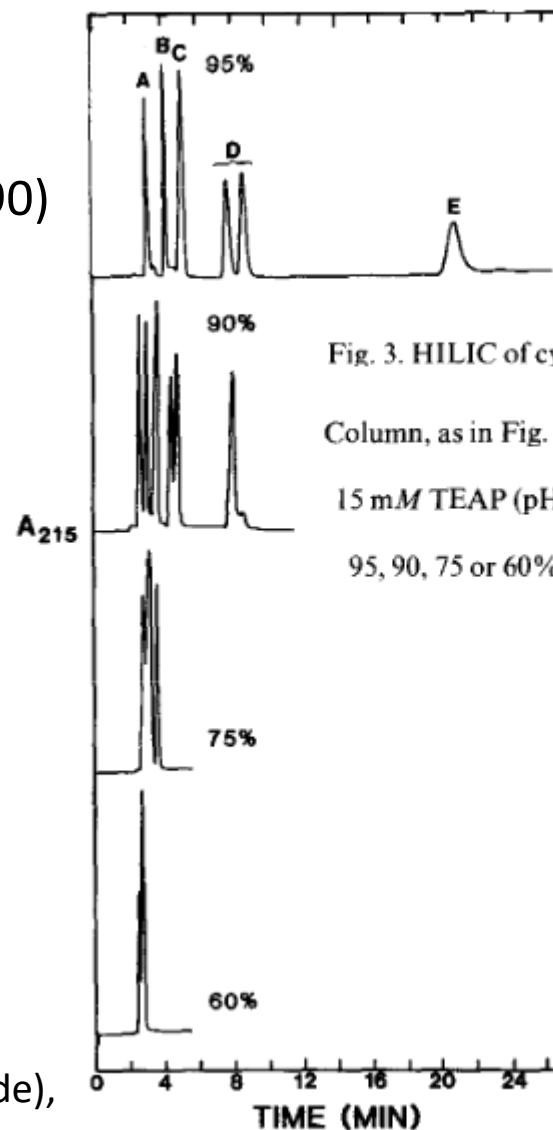


Fig. 3. HILIC of cyclopeptides.

Column, as in Fig. 2; mobile phase  
15 mM TEAP (pH 2.8) with  
95, 90, 75 or 60%  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$

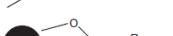
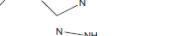
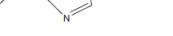
Alpert, A. J. Hydrophilic-Interaction Chromatography for the Separation of Peptides, Nucleic Acids and Other Polar Compounds. *Journal of Chromatography A* **1990**, 499, 177–196.

# « Neutral » stationnary phases

Phase type	Phase name	Functional group structure	Example column
Neutral	Amide		TSKgel Amide 80
			BEH Amide
	Aspartamide		
Cyano			YMC-Pack Cyano
Diol			YMC-Pack Diol, Inertsil HILIC
Mixed-mode diol			Acclaim mixed-mode HILIC 1
Cross-linked diol			Luna HILIC
Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA)			YMC PVA-Sil

- Polar functional groups
- **Amide** phase: The most classical
- **Aspartamide** phase: created specifically for HILIC
- **Cyano** phases: not very retentive, no H-bound donor character
- **Diols** phases: Hydrophilic character modulated by the length of the linker
- **Polyvinyl alcohol** and cross-linked diols are more stable

# « Charged » Stationnary phases

Phase type	Phase name	Functional group structure	Example column
Charged	Amino		YMC-Pack Amino,
			TSKgel NH2-100
Polyamine			Luna NH2, YMC-Pack Polyamine II
Imidazole			Sepax Polar-imidazole
Triazole			Cosmosil HILIC
Poly(2-sulfoethyl)			
Poly(aspartic acid)			
			Poly CAT A

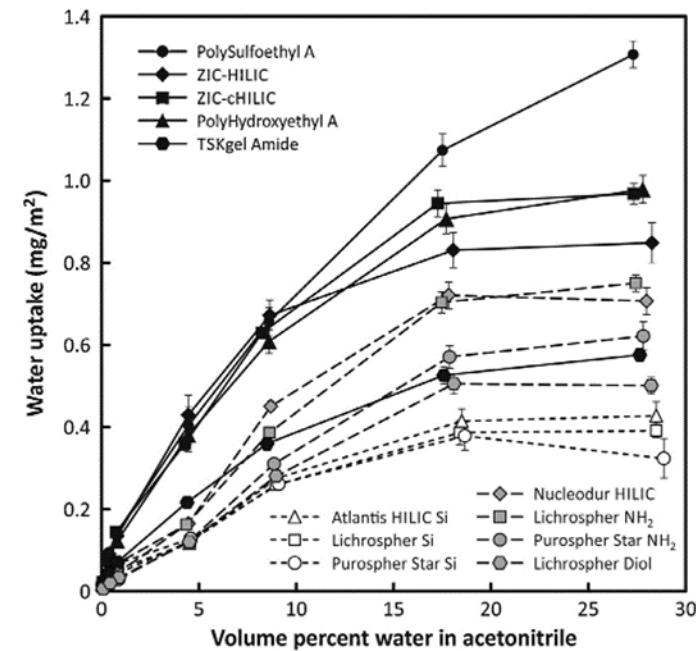
- Ionized phases at pH 3~7
- Positive charges
  - NH2 amine
  - Imidazoles and triazoles, new phases developed for HILIC, improved stability
- Negative charges
  - Sulfonates and carboxylates
  - Ion exchange phases used in HILIC
  - bare silica

## Zwitterionic

- Initially developed for the analysis of ionized compounds
- Differs by the accessibility of the charge (+) or (-)

# Retention mechanism

- Complex and not fully elucidated
- **Partition** of the solute between the mobile phase and an aqueous phase immobilized on the surface of the stationary phase
- **Solute/St. Phase Interactions**
  - Adsorption, and/or
  - ion interactions, and/or
  - hydrophobic



**Fig. 2.** Water uptake isotherms of the tested HILIC materials obtained by equilibration with water followed by coulometric Karl Fischer determinations of water in the supernatant liquid. Filled black symbols with full lines denote polymeric grafted phases, filled gray symbols with dashed lines denote monomeric grafted phases, and open white symbols with dotted lines denote unmodified silica. The mobile phase contained only acetonitrile and water without any buffers or additives.

# Retention mechanism and St. Phase selectivity

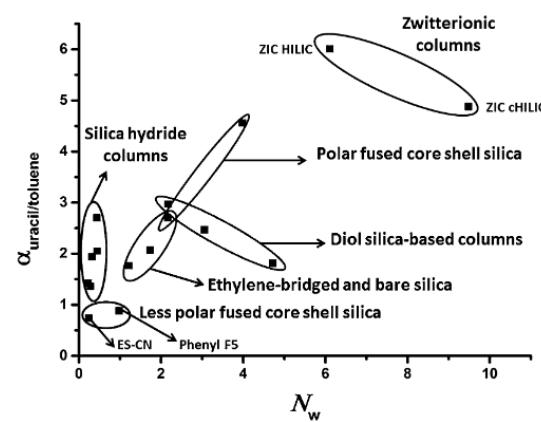


Fig. 8. The effect of the equivalent number of the monomolecular water layers,  $N_w$ , on the selectivity factor, related to the retention of uracil and toluene,  $\alpha_{\text{uracil/toluene}}$ .

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2. Phenol
3. Thiourea
4. uracil

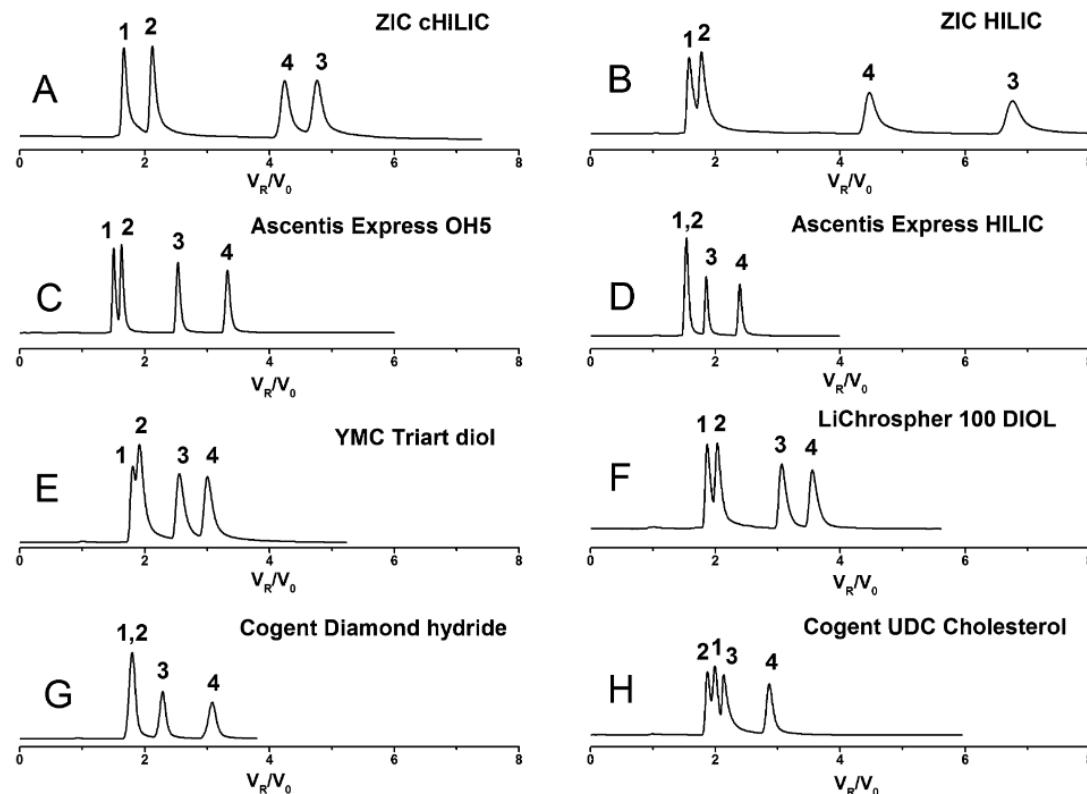
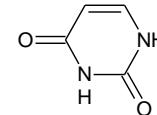
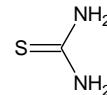
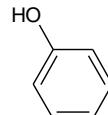
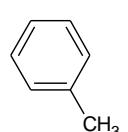
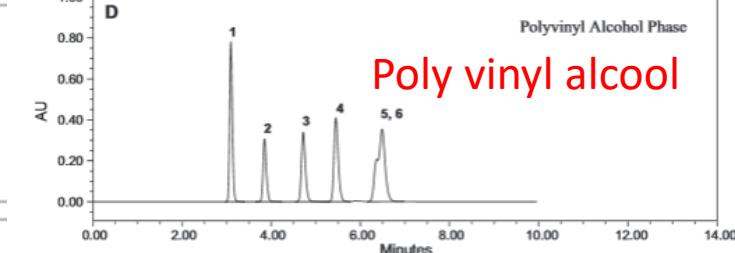
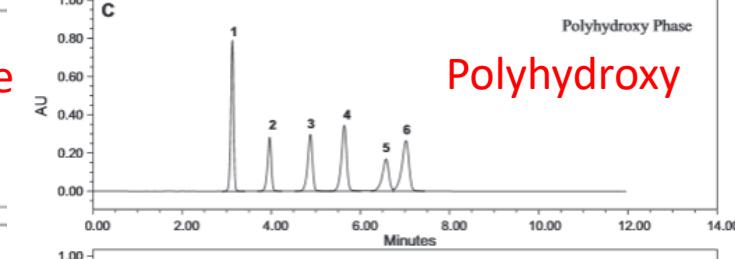
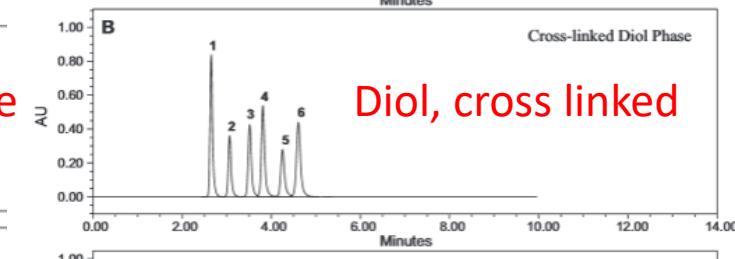
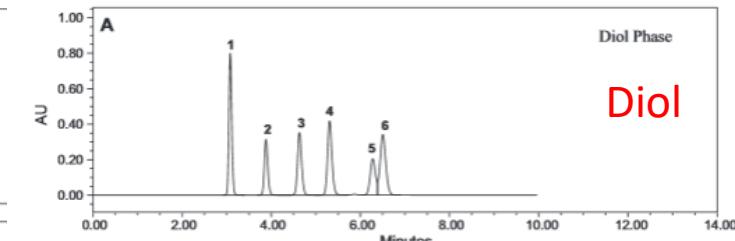
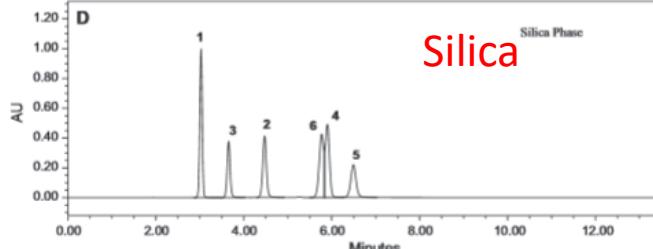
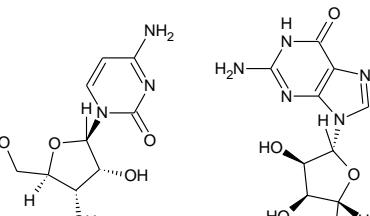
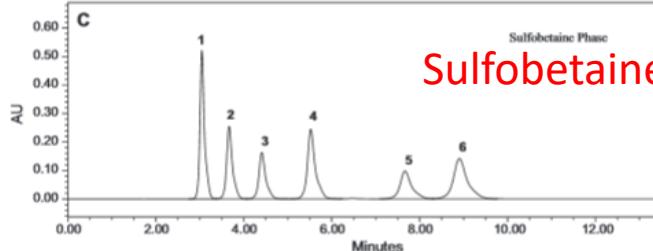
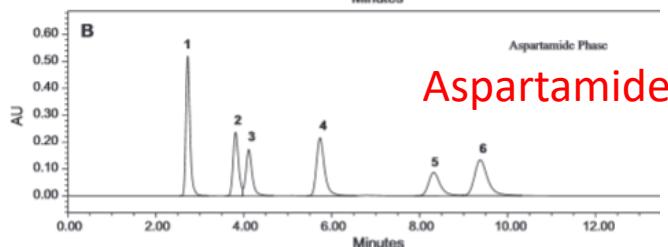
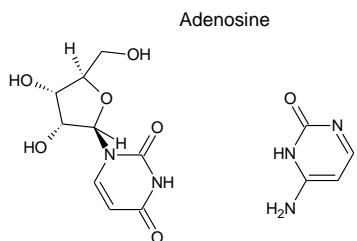
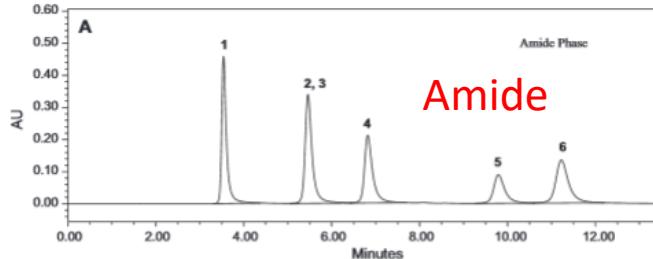
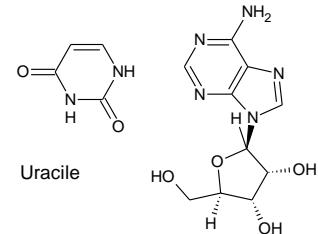
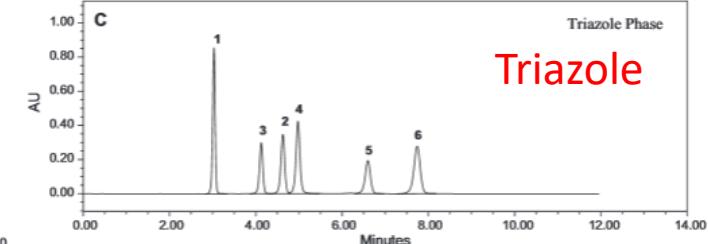
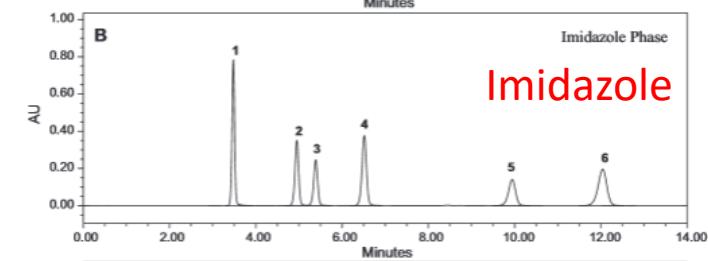
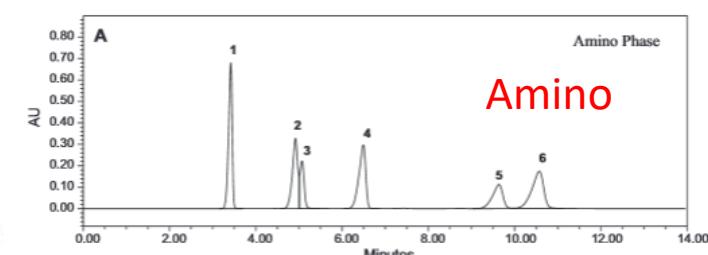
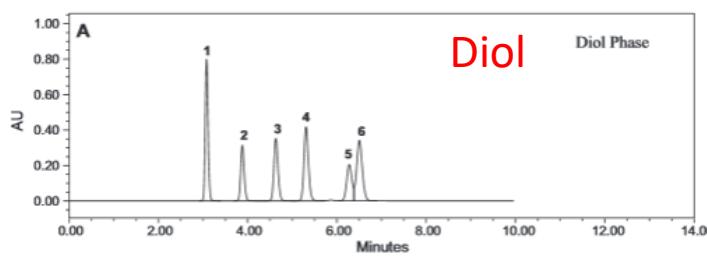
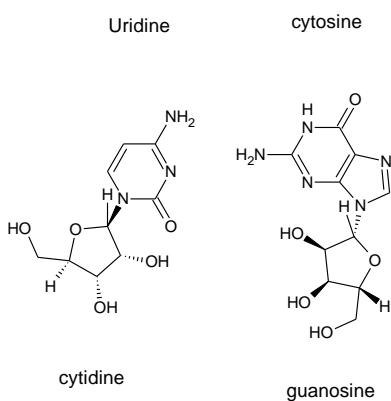
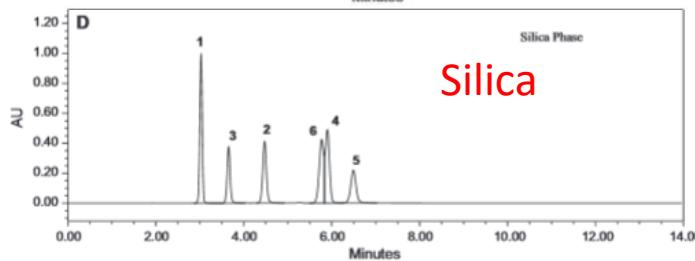
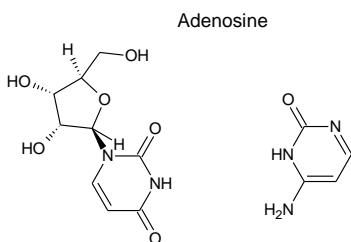
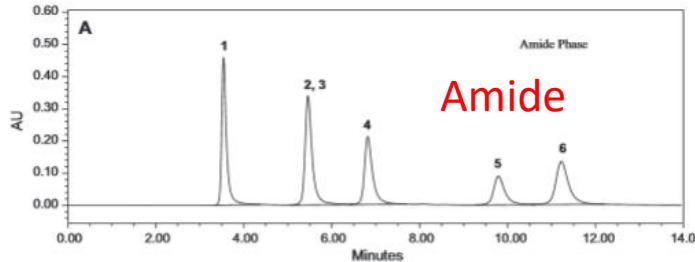
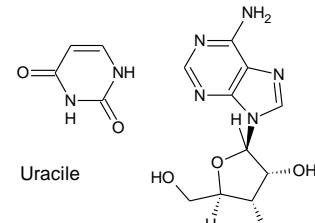


Fig. 7. Examples of separations of 1–toluene, 2–phenol, 3–thiourea and 4–uracil on zwitterionic sulfobetaine (A, B), core shell (C, D), diol (E, F) and hydrosilated silica (G, H) stationary phases. Experimental conditions: mobile phase 5/95 water/acetonitrile,  $\lambda = 210 \text{ nm}$ , temperature set at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , injection volume  $3 \mu\text{L}$ , concentration of standards  $30 \mu\text{g/mL}$ .

# Stationnary Phases selectivity (1)



# Stationnary Phases selectivity (2)



# solvents effect in HILIC

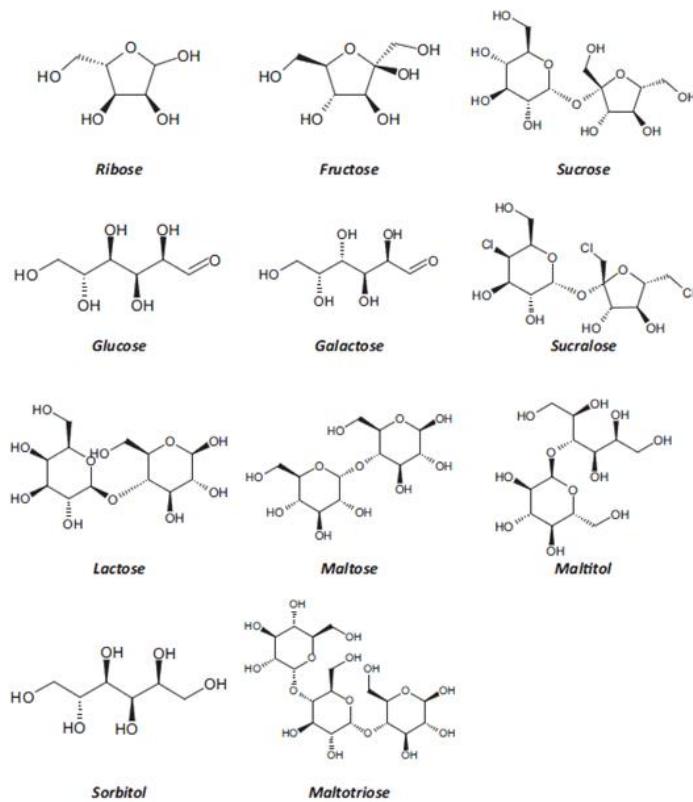


Fig. 1. Chemical structures of the analytes used in this study.

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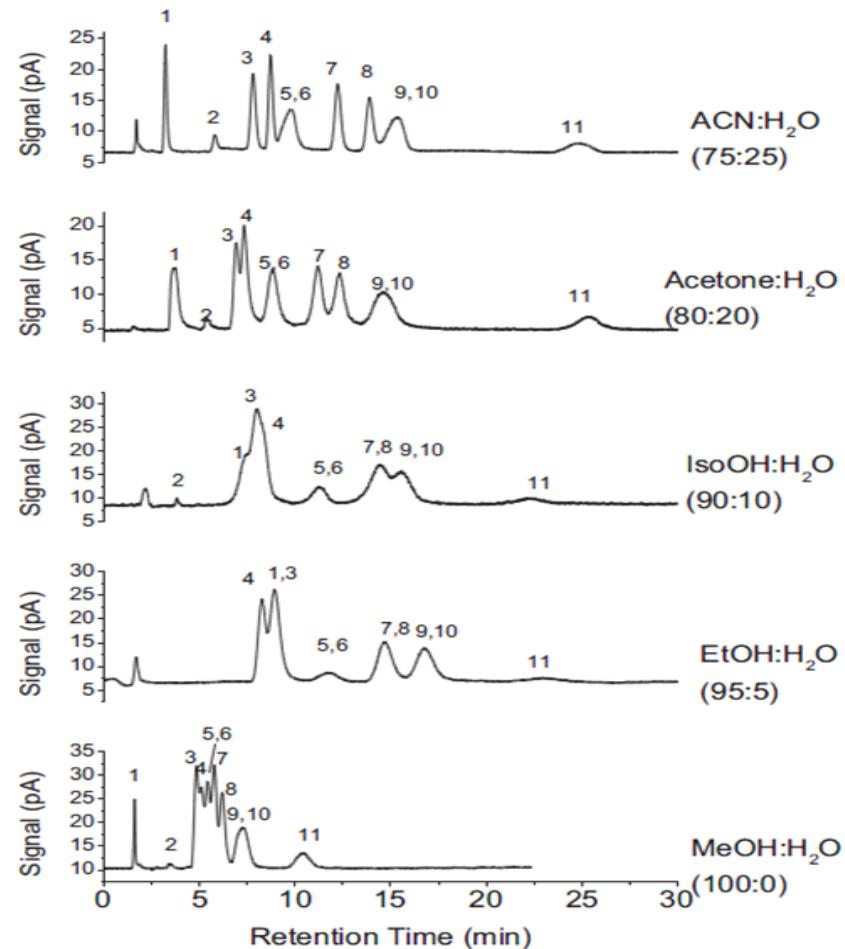
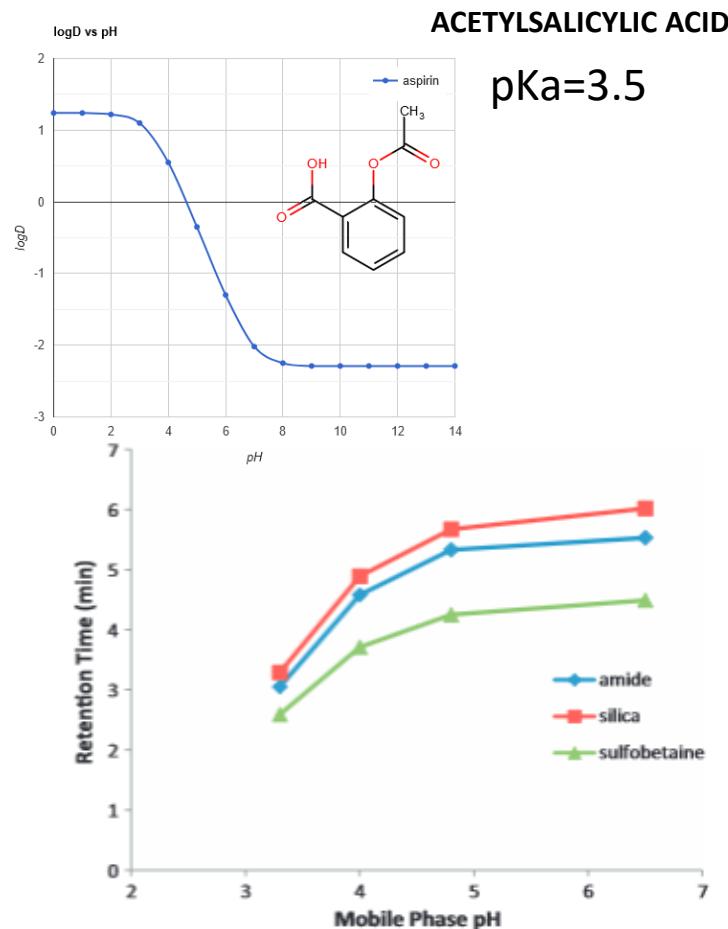
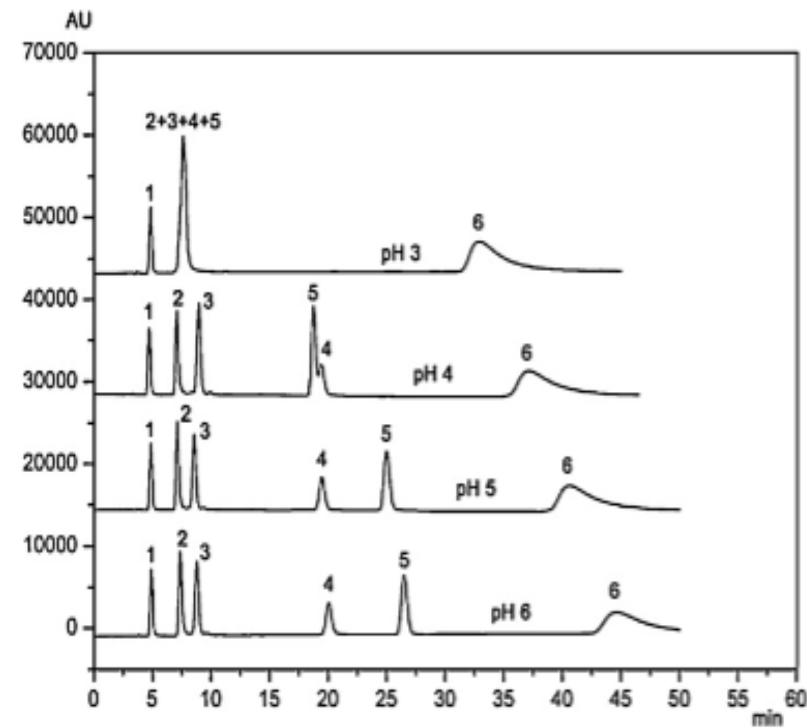


Fig. 3. Comparison of HILIC isocratic separations of 11 sugars and sugar alcohols achieved using different organic modifiers in the mobile phase with Corona CAD detection. Conditions: the sample contained 0.1 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (1) sucralose, (2) ribose, (3) fructose, (4) sorbitol, (5) glucose, (6) galactose, (7) sucrose, (8) malitol, (9) maltose, (10) lactose, and (11) maltotriose. All other conditions as in Section 2.

# pH effect in HILIC



**Fig. 15.** The effect of mobile phase pH on the retention of acetylsalicylic acid on (♦) amide, (■) silica, and (▲) sulfobetaine phase. Mobile phase, acetonitrile/water (90/10, v/v) containing 10 mM ammonium formate. Mobile phase pH is the pH values of ammonium formate solutions. Column temperature 30 °C.  
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**Fig. 16.** The effect of pH on separation of selected water soluble vitamins on a diol phase (Inertsil HILIC, 150 mm × 4.6 mm ID, 5 µm particle size). Mobile phase: ACN/water (90/10, v/v) containing ammonium acetate 10 mM, with the aqueous buffer adjusted at various pH values. Flow rate 0.6 mL/min and column temperature 25 °C. Peaks: (1) nicotinamide, (2) pyridoxine, (3) riboflavin, (4) nicotinic acid, (5) L-ascorbic acid and (6) thiamine.

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