

## LC COLUMN TYPE

- NORMAL PHASE COLUMN
- # REVERSE PHASE COLUMN
- ION EXCHANG COLUMN
- SIZE EXCLUSION COLUMN
- CHIRAL COLUMN

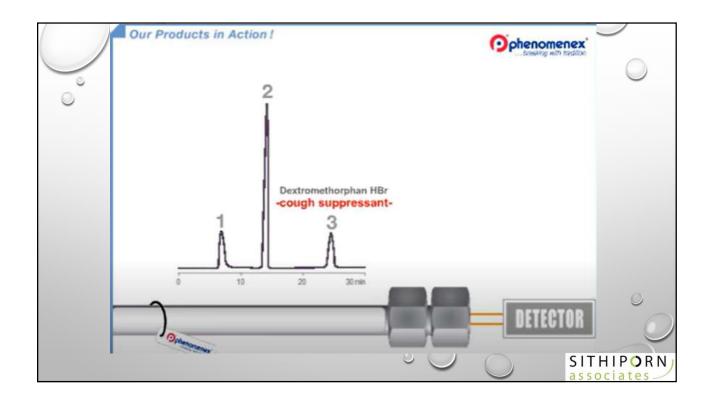
SITHIPORN

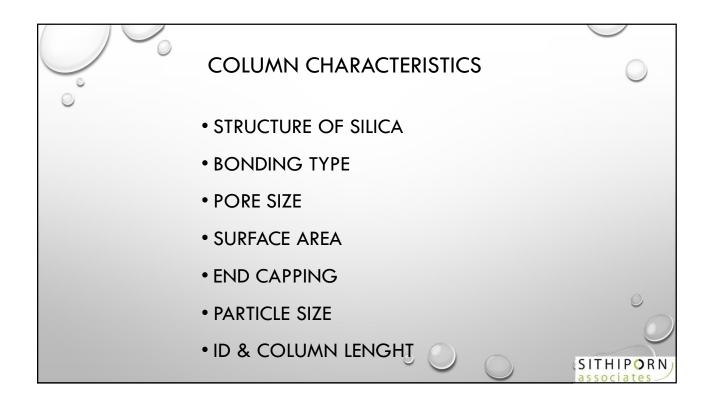
REVERSE PHASE CHROMATOGRAPHY

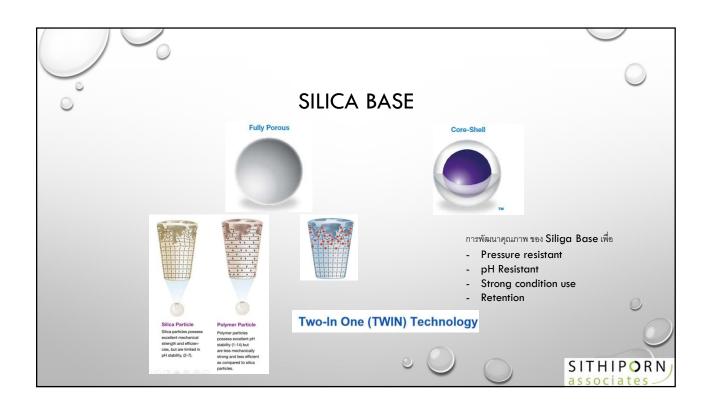
Stationary phase = Non-Polar (C18)

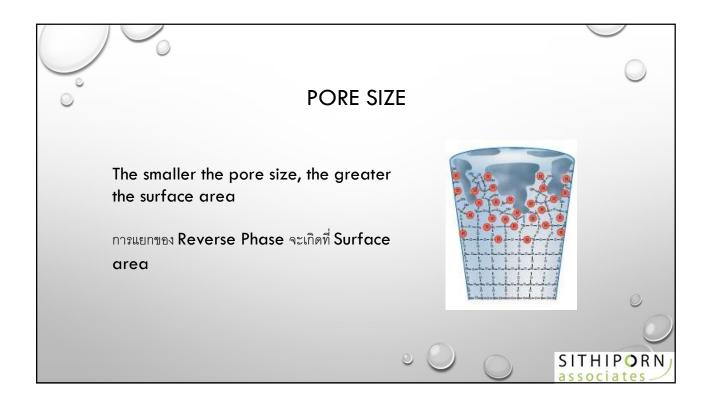
Mobile phase = Polar (Aqueous)

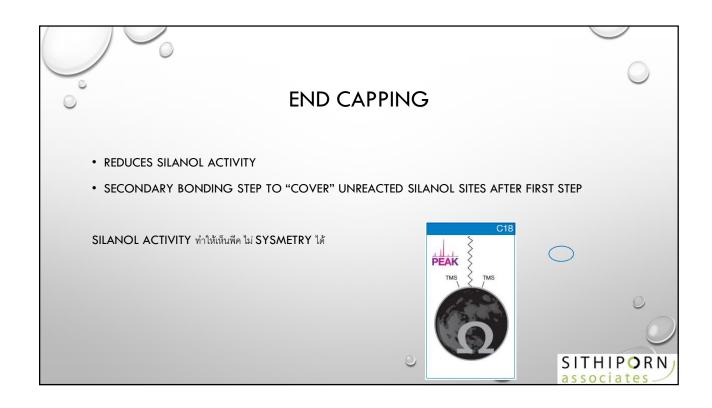
Polar และเพื่อ คือ สารที่ Polar มากที่สุด
BLUE คือ สารที่ Polar รองลงมา
GREEN คือ สารที่ polar น้อยที่สุด

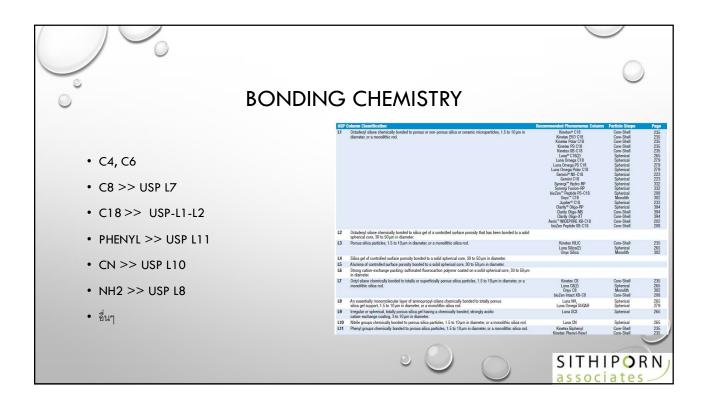


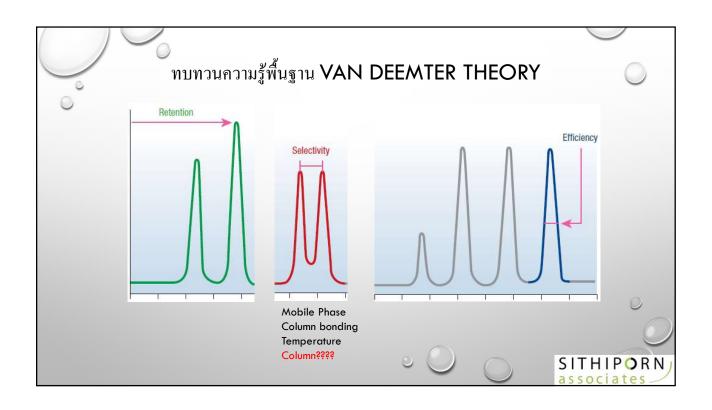


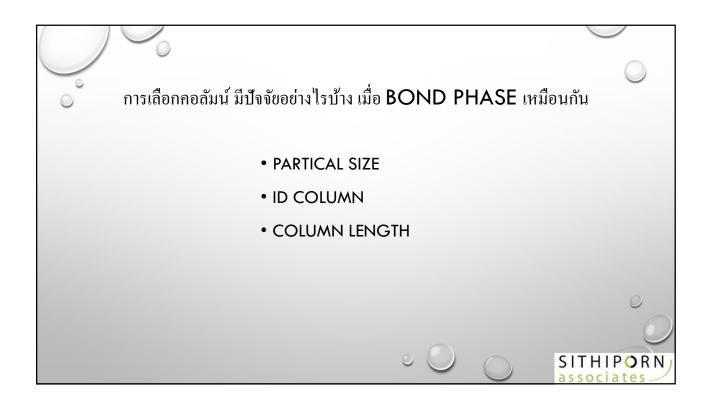


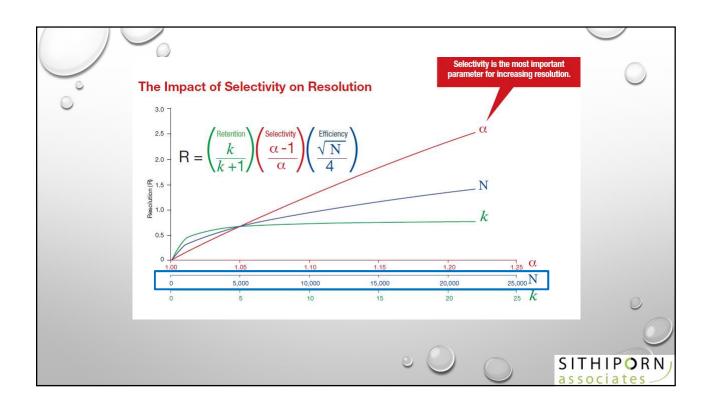


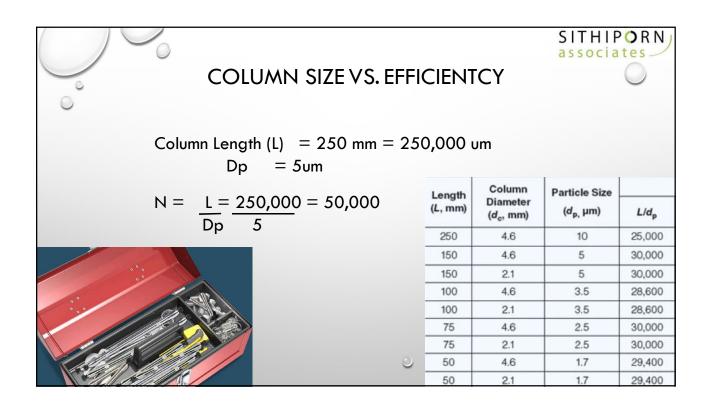




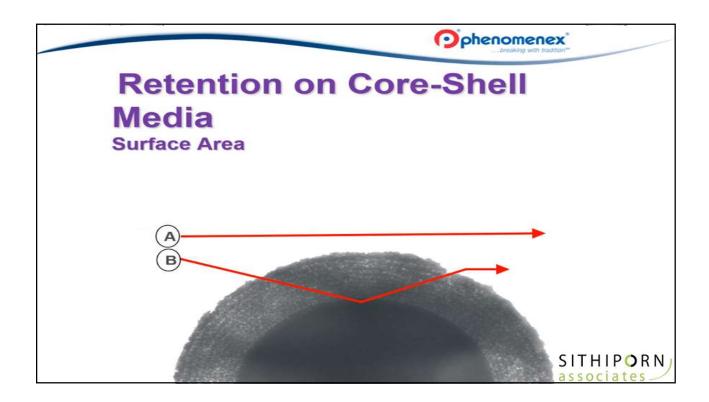


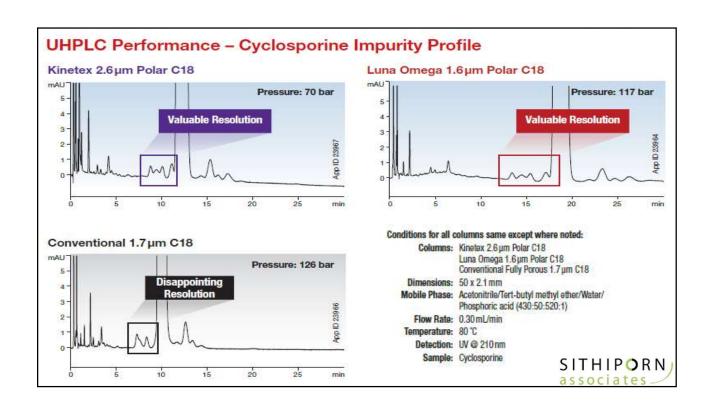


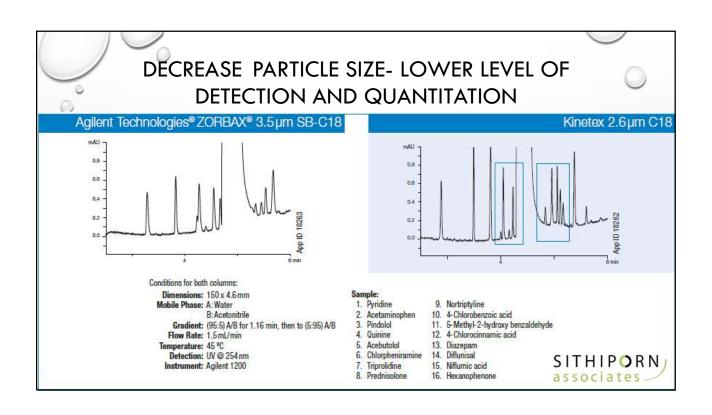




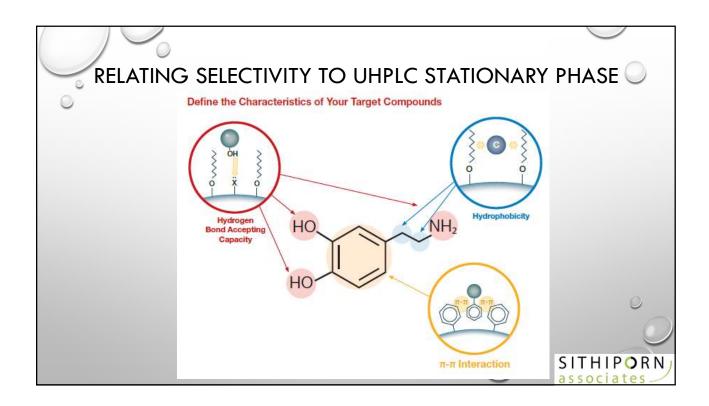


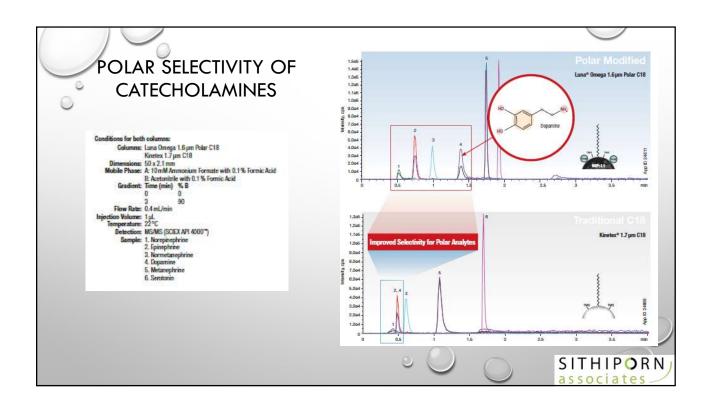


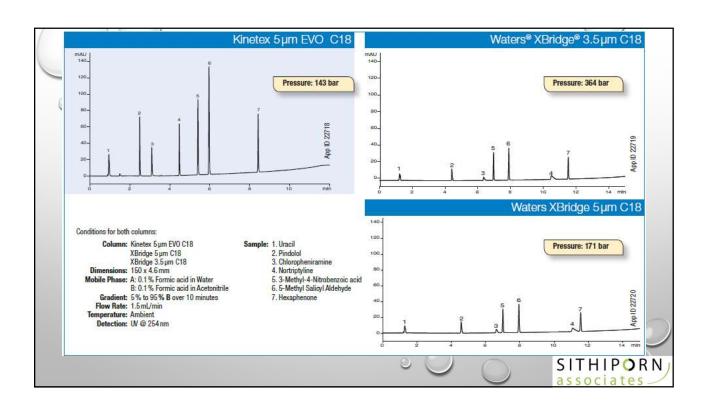














## **Avoiding Problems**





## "Chromatographic Hygiene"

- GUARD COLUMNS
  - Particulate matter from piston seals and injection valve rotors can clog columns if they are not removed
- 0.2 μm SYRINGE FILTER
  - With sub-2  $\mu m$  columns, every sample must be filtered through a 0.2  $\mu m$  porosity filter
- MOBILE PHASE FILTERS
  - $-\,$  Fresh buffers must be made daily and filtration through a 0.2  $\mu m$  porosity filter is required
- INLINE FILTERS:
  - $-\,$  I strongly recommend using a 0.2  $\mu m$  porosity in-line filter between the autosampler and guard column

SITHIPORN

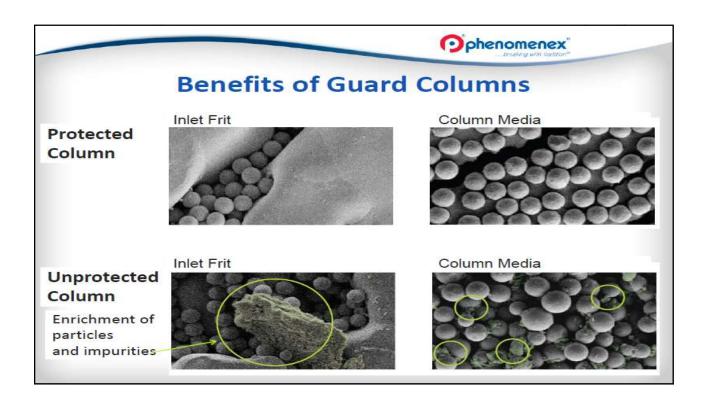
LC/GC Magazine November 1, 2010 UHPLC Tips and Techniques By John W. Dolan



#### **Benefits of Guard Columns**

- Why Use Guard Columns?
  - Protect valuable analytical columns by removing particulates and strongly retained sample components that may accumulate on column
  - Increase lifetime of analytical column
  - Maintain
    - · High column efficiencies
    - Resolution
    - Peak shape
  - Cost-effective



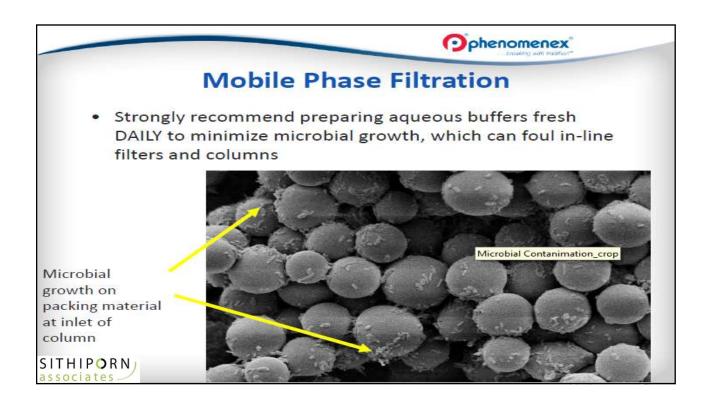


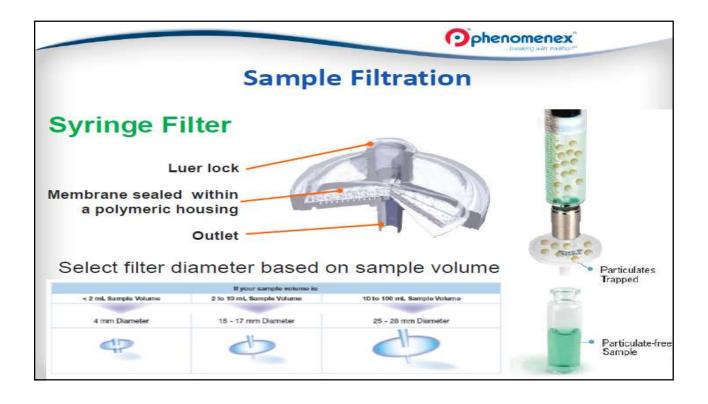


When Should I Replace Guard Column?	
Symptoms	Criteria
Increasing system backpressure	<ul> <li>&gt;20 % or before system auto- shutdown</li> </ul>
Loss of peak efficiency	Efficiency (N) decreases >20 %
Loss of peak resolution (merging, shifting)	Resolution (R <sub>s</sub> ) decreases 10 %
The state of the s	alytical column is replaced, n should also be replaced.
	SITHIPO











# Preparing Isocratic Mobile Phase





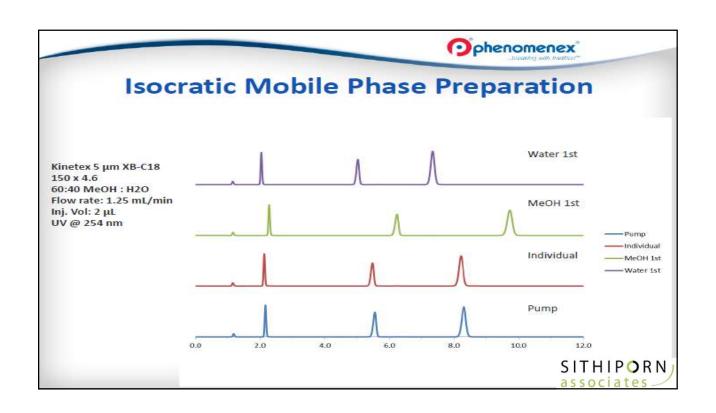
## **Isocratic Mobile Phase Preparation**

- What is the correct way to mix isocratic mobile phase; and how does it impact chromatography?
- Let's run the following experiment and see if it matters how an isocratic mobile phase is prepared:
  - A. Pre-mix
    - i. Measure water volume, then add organic to total volume?
    - ii. Measure organic volume, then add water to total volume?
    - iii. Measure volume for each component separately, then mix?
  - B. Allow HPLC pump to mix A and B and deliver to column

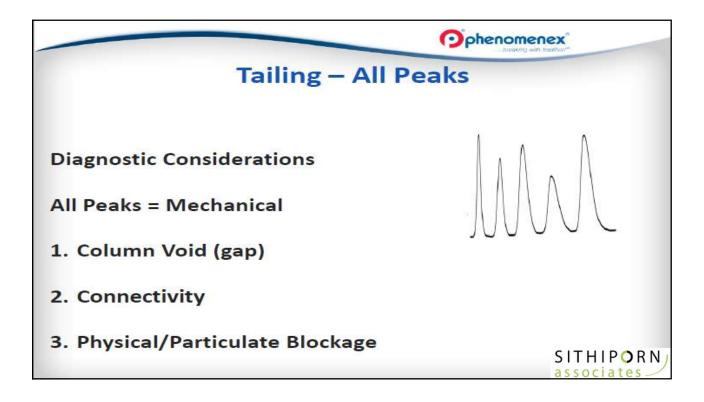


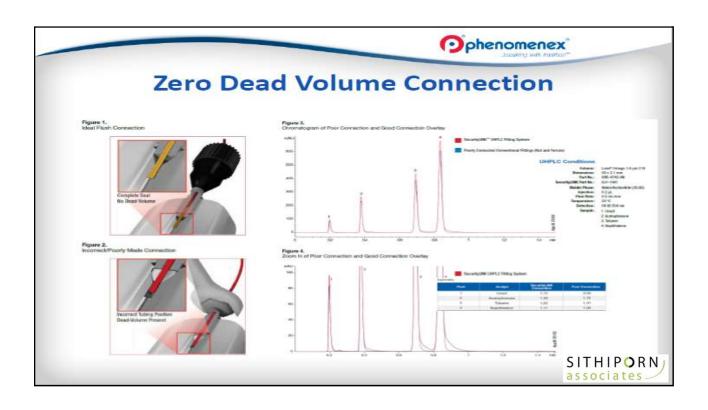
## **Isocratic Mobile Phase Preparation**

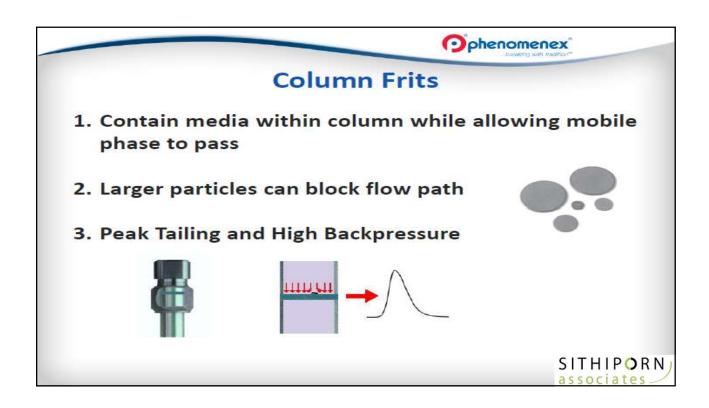
- Pre-Mix
  - Water first:
    - 400 mL water in graduated cylinder, add to 1-Liter volumetric flask, dilute to mark with MeOH
  - MeOH first:
    - 600 mL MeOH in graduated cylinder, add to 1-Liter volumetric flask, dilute to mark with Water
  - MeOH and Water measured individually:
    - 600 mL MeOH in graduated cylinder, transfer mobile phase reservoir;
       400 mL Water in same graduated cylinder and transferred to mobile phase reservoir
- Allow pump to mix A = Water with B = MeOH

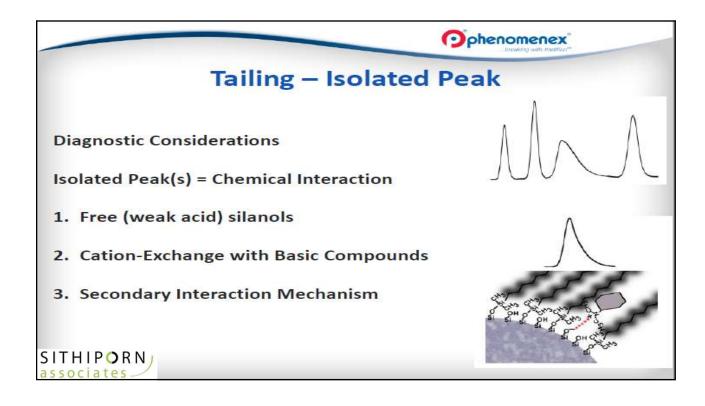


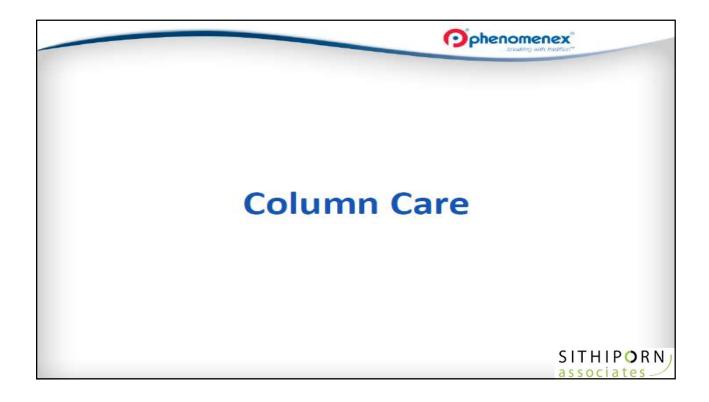














## **Column Cleaning**

- I am often asked "how can I clean my HPLC/UHPLC column?"
- My typical answer is: "do not get it dirty"
- · A bit flippant, however, so let me explain......





## **Column Cleaning**

- Consult with column manufacturer for recommended cleaning procedures and limitations
  - Reverse flushing is best if allowed
- Flush column with mobile phase minus buffer to remove all buffer salts
- Flush with 10 column volumes (or more) of mutually miscible solvent such as methanol or acetonitrile
- Flush with 20 column volumes (or more) of strong solvent (THF or IPA) to remove strongly adsorbed sample components
- Reverse the process and equilibrate with mobile phase & retest the column

SITHIPORN associates



### **Routine Column Cleaning**

#### Reversed phase silica columns

- 1. Flush with water:organic (methanol or acetonitrile) 95:5 or the same ratio as used in the analysis
- Increase the organic percentage in a gradient up to 100% (or at least 20% greater than final mobile phase ratio)
- 3. Flush with 40:60 water:organic or any similar ratio for short-term storage





### **Column Storage**

#### Reversed phase silica columns

- Remove buffer salts before storage
- 2. Keep pores wetted with at least 30% organic
- 3. Elute adsorbed components before storage, but do not precipitate out buffer salts in the column
- Never leave a column static at an elevated temperature



## Tips for Extending Column Lifetimes & Minimizing Problems

- Make sure system is clean before installing a new column
  - This includes flushing old mobile phase and buffer from system before installing new column
- Make fresh mobile phase daily
  - Microbacterial growth can occur in aqueous mobile phase, and this can damage columns and systems
- Use guard columns
- Filter samples before injection, no matter how 'clean' they appear





#### Summary

- A. Practice Good Chromatographic Hygiene
- B. Check the Simple Things First
- C. Structured Diagnostic Approach
  - 1. Mechanical pathway
  - 2. Chemical interaction pathway
  - Diagnostic tools Full Chromatographic Profile, Backpressure, Void Time (t<sub>0</sub>)
- D. Column Care