



# New Superficially Porous Particle Column Selectivity Choices for Improved Separations

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# Overview

- HALO<sup>®</sup> AQ-C18

- Objectives

- Same C18 stability and ease of use
- Same C18 reproducibility
- Extended range to 100% aqueous and low organic mobile phases
- Equally useful in both methanol and acetonitrile mobile phases

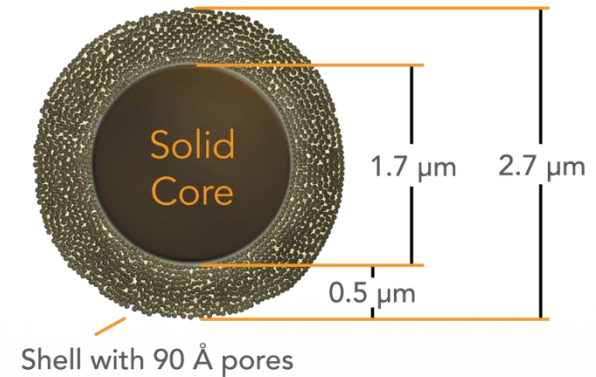
- Applications

- Brain Neurotransmitters
- Nucleic Acid Bases
- Purines
- Organic Acids
- Pyrethrins
- Triazine Pesticides
- Drugs and Metabolites

# HALO<sup>®</sup> AQ-C18

- Particle type:

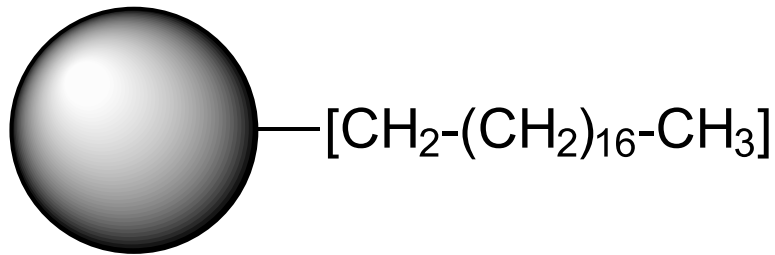
- L1 USP Classification
- Type B superficially porous silica
- Available in 2, 2.7, and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  total size
- 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  porous shell
- 90 Å pores



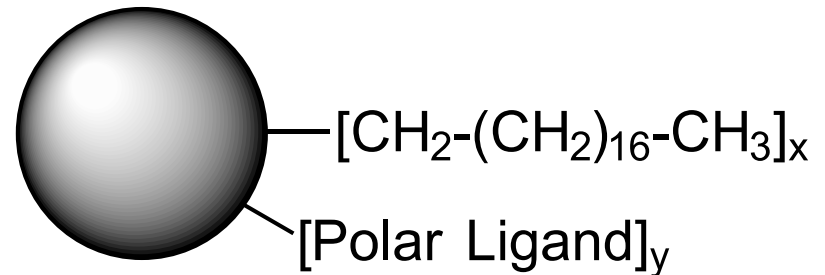
- Column Properties:

- 60 °C maximum temperature
- pH 2 – 9
- 600 bar maximum operating pressure
- Minimal MS bleed like Halo C18
- Phase chemistry: C18 with novel addition of dipole character (proprietary treatment to increase wetting and versatility)

# HALO AQ-C18 Bonded Phase



C18



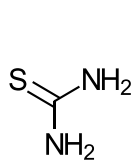
AQ-C18

- The combination of a C18 ligand and a ligand with polar characteristics increases the wettability of HALO AQ-C18 and provides small changes in selectivity when desired.

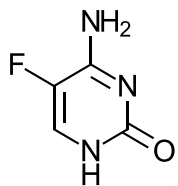
# HALO AQ-C18: DESIGNED TO RESIST DE-WETTING

# pH 2 De-wetting results: Nucleic Acid Bases

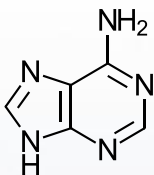
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2. 5-Fluorocytosine
3. Adenine
4. Thymine



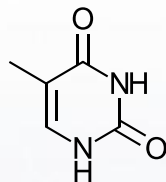
Thiourea



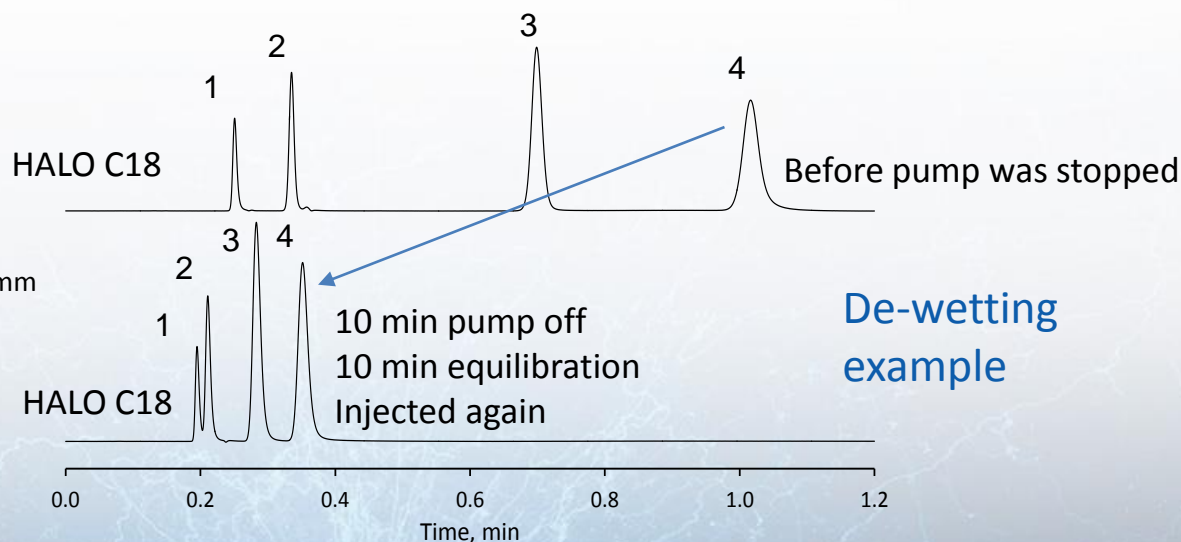
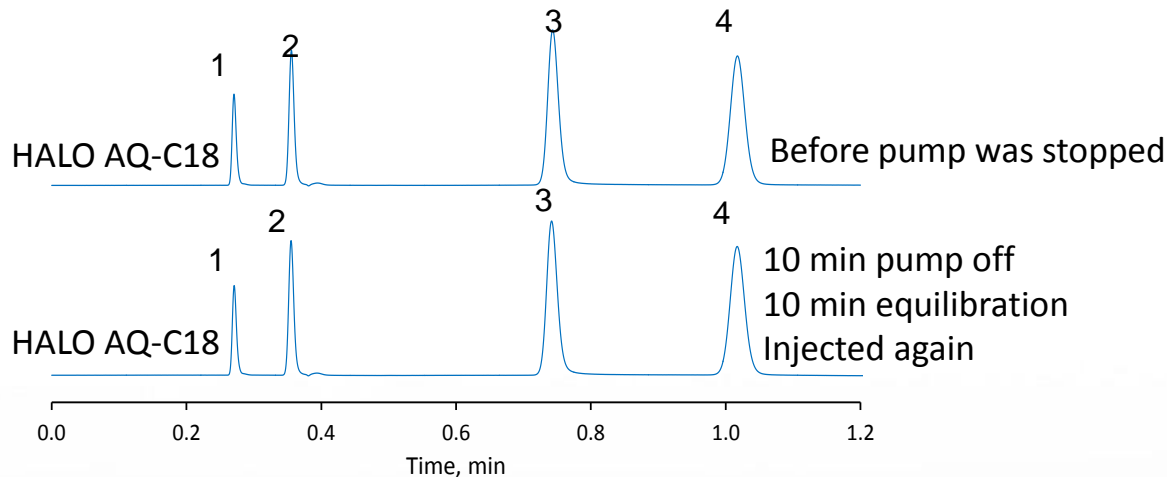
5-Fluorocytosine



Adenine



Thymine



Columns: HALO 90Å, AQ-C18, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm  
 HALO 90Å, C18, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm

Isocratic: Water/0.1% TFA

Flow Rate: 2.0 mL/min

Pressure: 290 bar

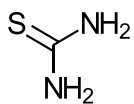
Temperature: 30 ° C

Detection: UV 254 nm, PDA

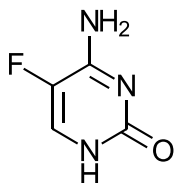
Injection Volume: 0.5 μL

# pH 7 De-wetting results: Nucleic Acid Bases

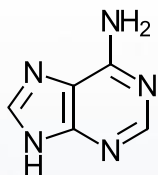
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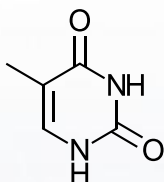
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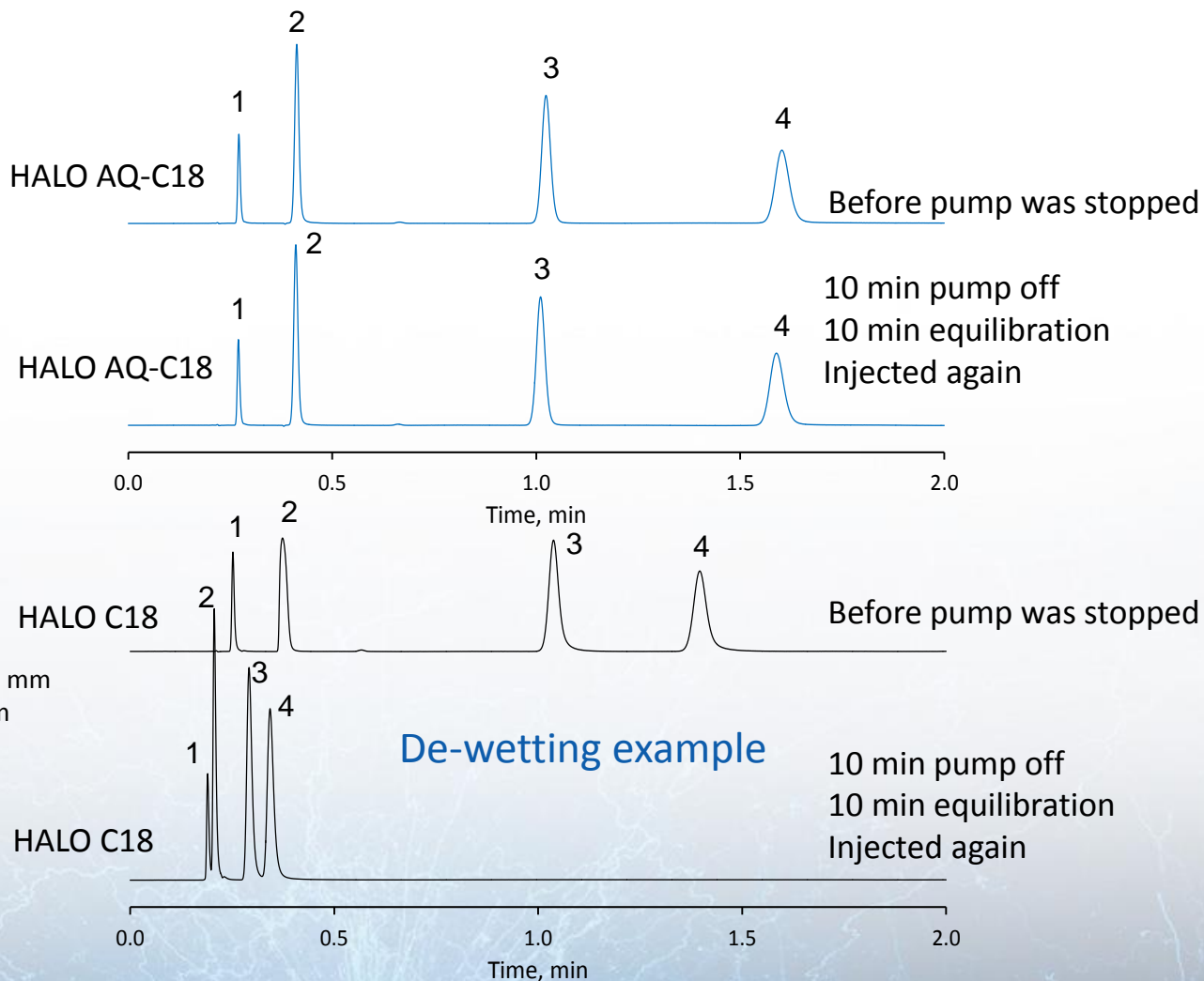
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Adenine



Thymine



Columns: HALO 90Å, AQ-C18, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm

HALO 90Å, C18, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm

Isocratic: 20 mM Phosphate buffer, pH 7

Flow Rate: 2.0 mL/min

Pressure: 290 bar

Temperature: 30 ° C

Detection: UV 254 nm, PDA

Injection Volume: 0.5 μL

# HALO AQ-C18 : DESIGNED TO BE MORE SELECTIVE FOR POLAR AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS

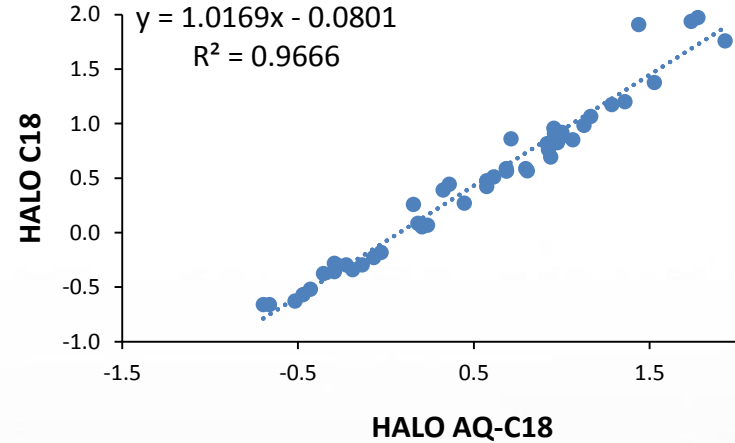
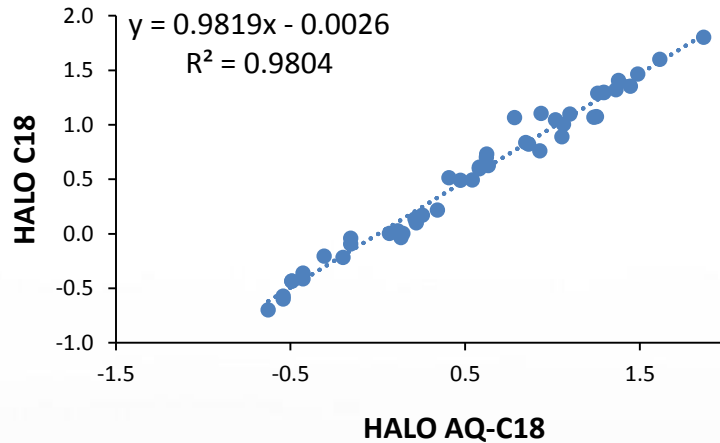


# Selectivity of HALO AQ-C18 vs HALO C18

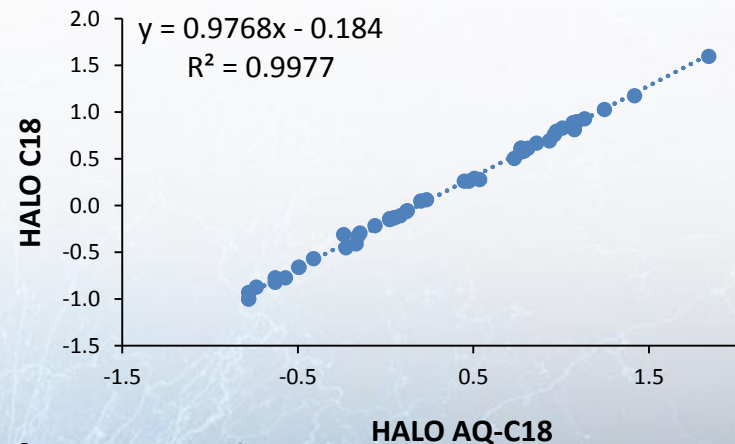
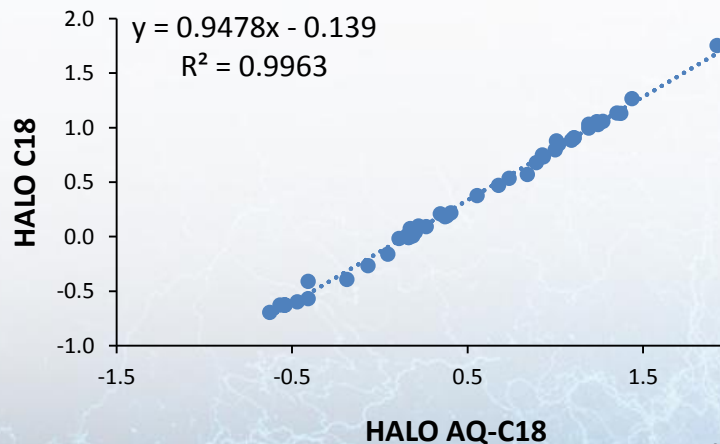
## Acetonitrile

## Methanol

pH 7



pH 4

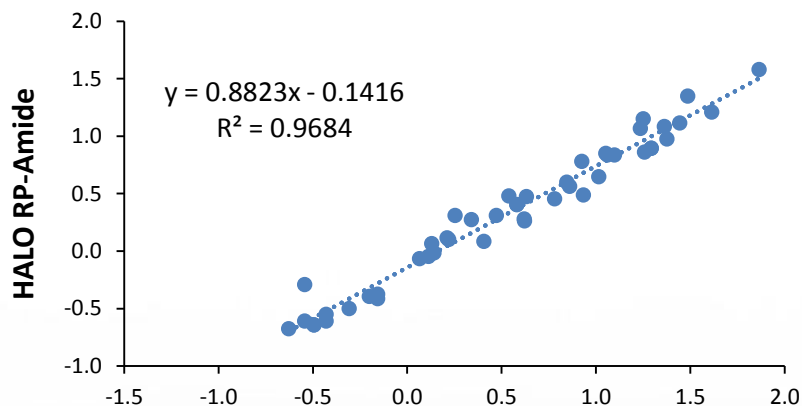


K-K data for >50 analytes  
provided by Millipore-Sigma

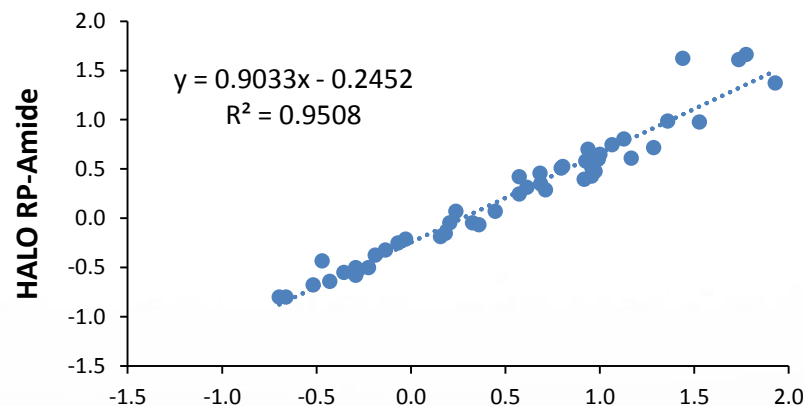
# Selectivity of HALO AQ-C18 vs HALO RP-Amide

pH 7

Acetonitrile

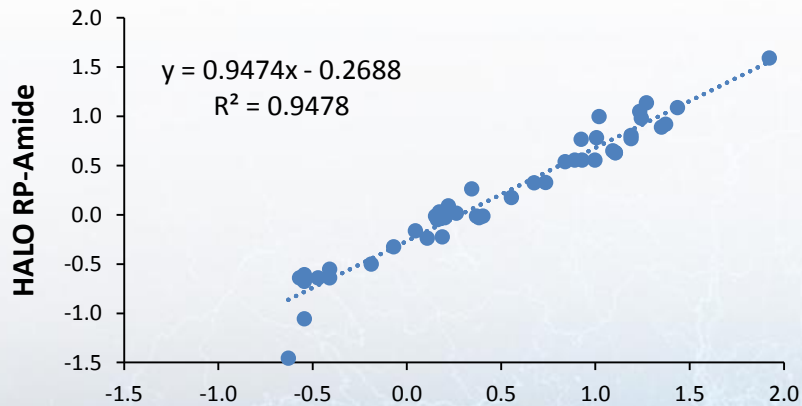


Methanol

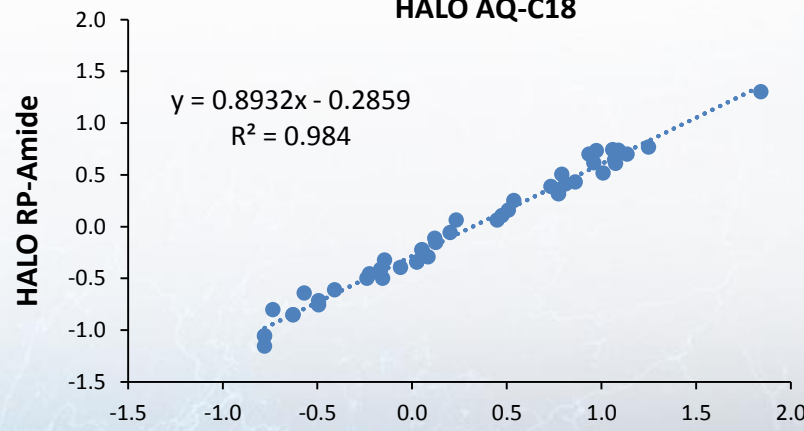


pH 4

HALO AQ-C18



HALO AQ-C18



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HALO AQ-C18

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Millipore-Sigma

# Hydrophobic Subtraction Model Parameters\*

$F_s$	Name	H	$S^*$	A	B	C (pH 2.8)	C (pH 7.0)
0.00	HALO C18	1.10	0.04	0.00	-0.05	0.05	0.04
12.07	HALO AQ-C18	1.00	-0.04	0.10	-0.05	0.16	pending
52.83	HALO RP-Amide	0.85	0.08	-0.38	0.19	-0.41	0.31

- $F_s \leq 3$ : columns are equivalent for most separations
- $3 < F_s < \sim 10$ : columns are likely to be equivalent, especially for samples that contain only a few solutes with resolution,  $R_s \gg 2$
- $F_s \geq 35$ : columns are orthogonal when the sample comprises predominantly nonionized analytes and when values of C are suppressed

Halo AQ-C18 has very similar retention characteristics to Halo C18 and clearly qualifies to be placed in the USP L1 category with other C18 columns.

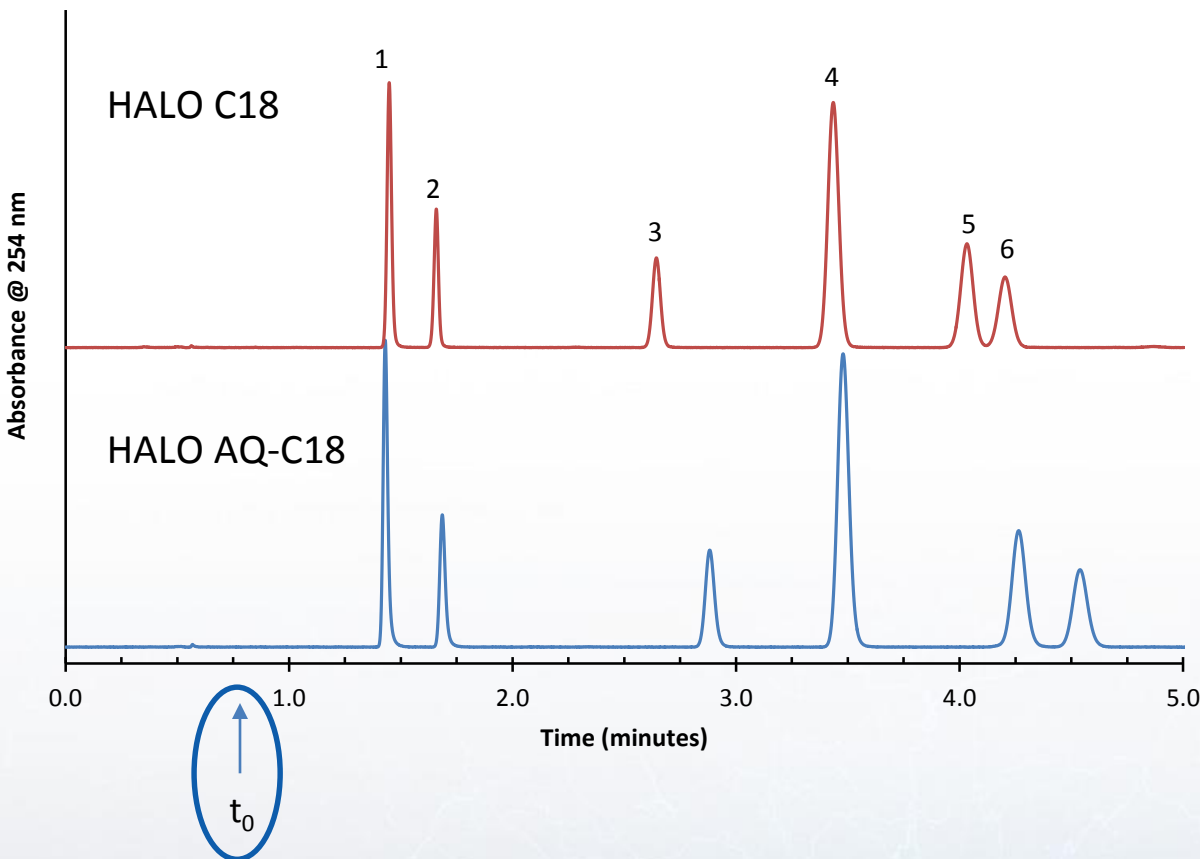
Data provided by the Stoll group at Gustavus Adolphus College. [www.hplccolumns.org](http://www.hplccolumns.org)

\*LCGC North America, Dolan and Snyder, Vol. 34, Issue 9, 730-741

# Selectivity Conclusions: K-K Plots and HSM Parameters

- Choose Halo AQ-C18 to explore the solvent range of low organic or even no organic (100% aqueous) without concern for stationary phase de-wetting or major changes in C18 selectivity or retention.
- Both MeCN and MeOH should be evaluated if Halo AQ-C18 is selected to optimize a separation made on Halo C18; poorly resolved analytes may increase in resolution and in some cases may even change elution order.
- While Halo RP-Amide is also resistant to de-wetting, it is more orthogonal to both Halo C18 and Halo AQ-C18; orthogonality increases for samples that interact by hydrogen-bonding (especially strong H-bond donors).

# Nearly Equivalent Selectivity in Acetonitrile



## CONDITIONS:

Columns: 4.6 x 100 mm  
HALO 90Å C18, 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$  (top)  
HALO 90Å AQ-C18, 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$  (bottom)

Mobile Phase A: water  
Mobile Phase B: **acetonitrile**

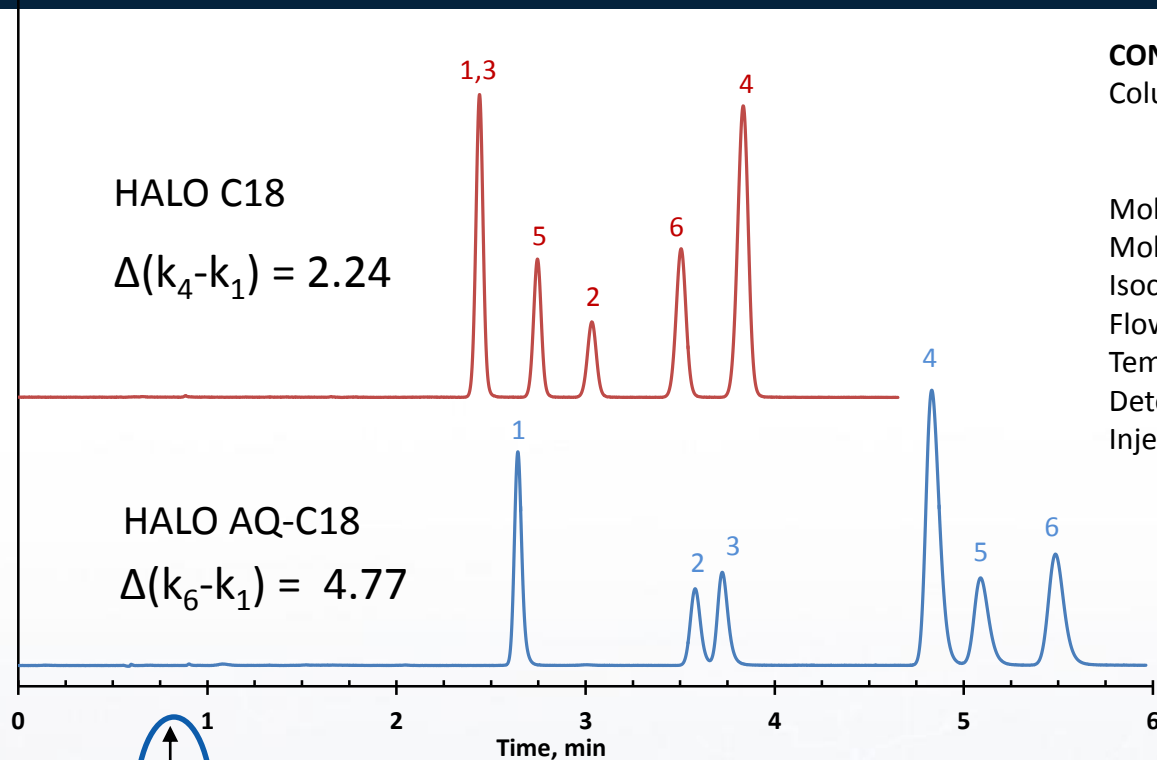
Isocratic: 60/40 A/B instrument mixed  
Flow Rate: 1.8 mL/min  
Temperature: 30 °C  
Detection: 254 nm  
Injection: 0.5  $\mu\text{L}$

## PEAK IDENTITIES

1. Cinnamyl alcohol
2. 4'-bromoacetanilide
3. Nitrobenzene
4. Anisole
5. 2,4-dinitrotoluene
6. 3,4-dinitrotoluene

# Enhanced Retention and Selectivity in Methanol

Absorbance @ 254 nm



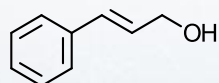
## CONDITIONS:

Columns: 4.6 x 100 mm  
 HALO 90Å C18, 2.7 μm (top)  
 HALO 90Å AQ-C18, 2.7 μm (bottom)

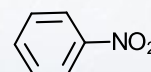
Mobile Phase A: water  
 Mobile Phase B: **methanol**

Isocratic: 48/52 A/B instrument mixed  
 Flow Rate: 1.4 mL/min  
 Temperature: 30 °C  
 Detection: 254 nm  
 Injection: 0.5 μL

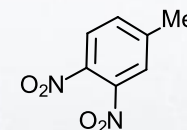
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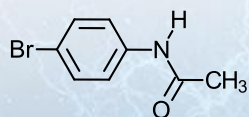
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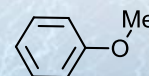
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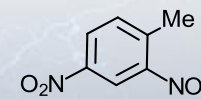
5. 3,4-Dinitrotoluene



2. 4-Bromoacetanilide



4. Anisole



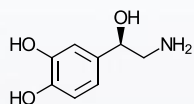
6. 2,4-Dinitrotoluene

# HALO AQ-C18: APPLICATIONS

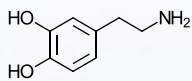
# Brain Neurotransmitters

Columns: HALO 90Å, 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2.1 x 50 mm  
Flow Rate: 0.5 mL/min  
Temperature: 30  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Detection: UV 210 nm, PDA  
Injection Volume: 1  $\mu\text{L}$

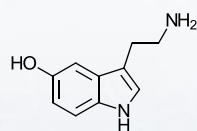
1. Norepinephrine
2. Epinephrine
3. Dopamine
4. L-Dopa
5. Serotonin



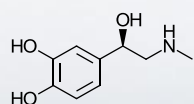
Norepinephrine



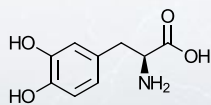
Dopamine



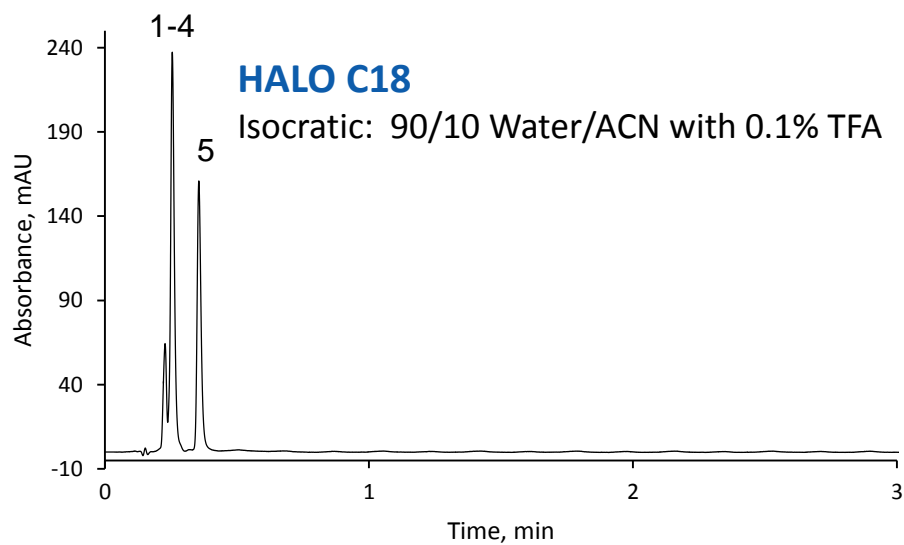
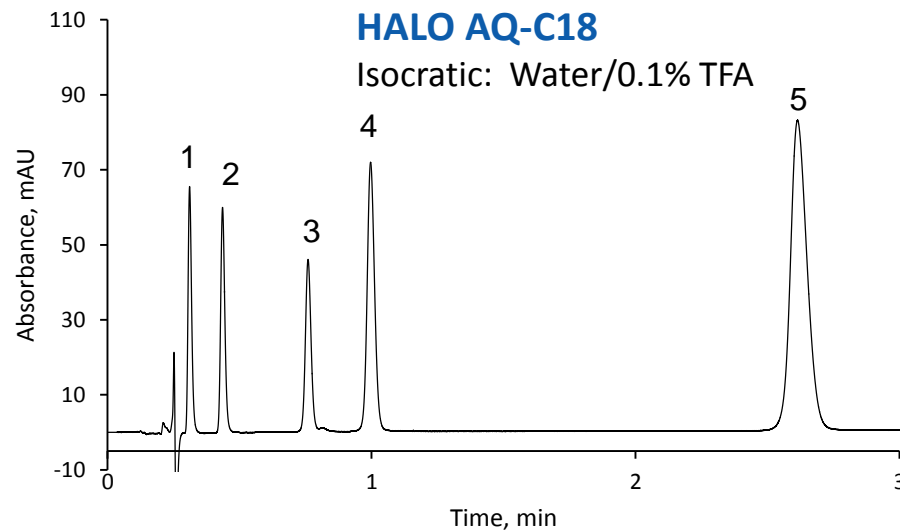
Serotonin



Epinephrine



L- Dopamine





# Nucleic Acid Bases

1. Thiourea
2. 5-Fluorocytosine
3. Adenine
4. Thymine

Columns: HALO 90Å, AQ-C18, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm  
HALO 90Å, RP-Amide, 2.7 μm, 4.6 x 50 mm

Isocratic: **Water/0.1% TFA, pH 2**

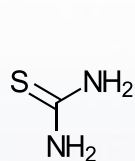
Flow Rate: 2.0 mL/min

Pressure: 290 bar

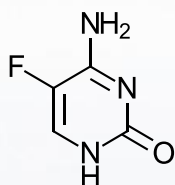
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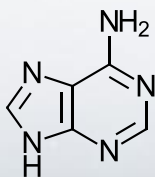
Injection Volume: 0.5 μL



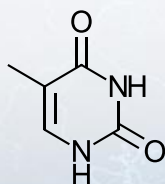
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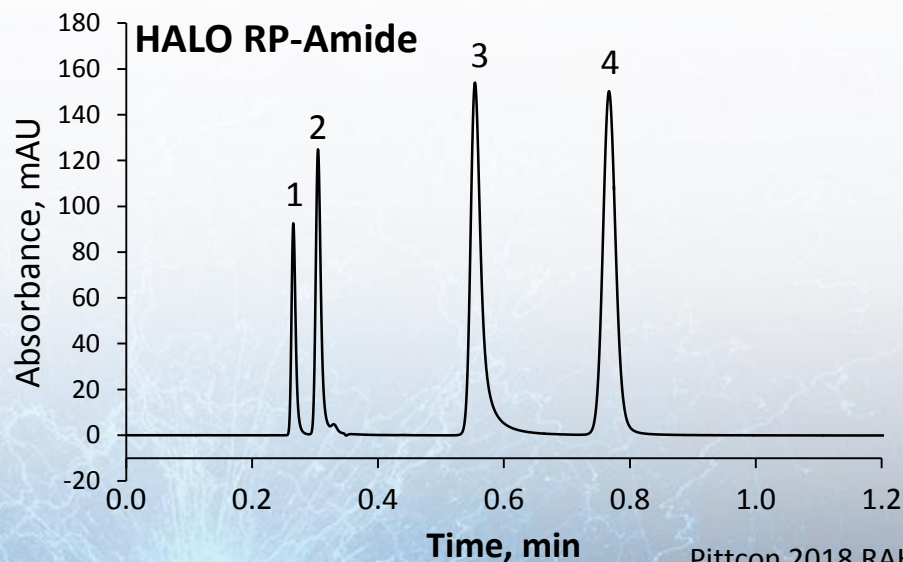
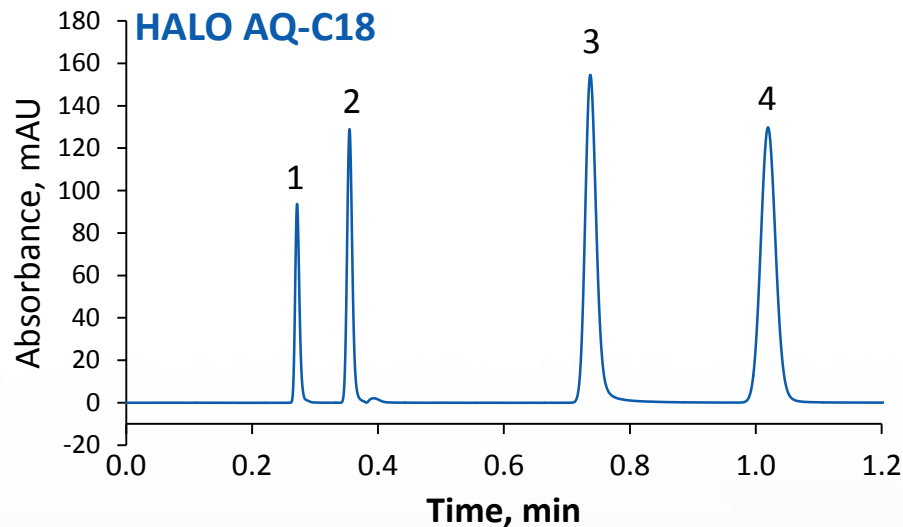
5-Fluorocytosine



Adenine

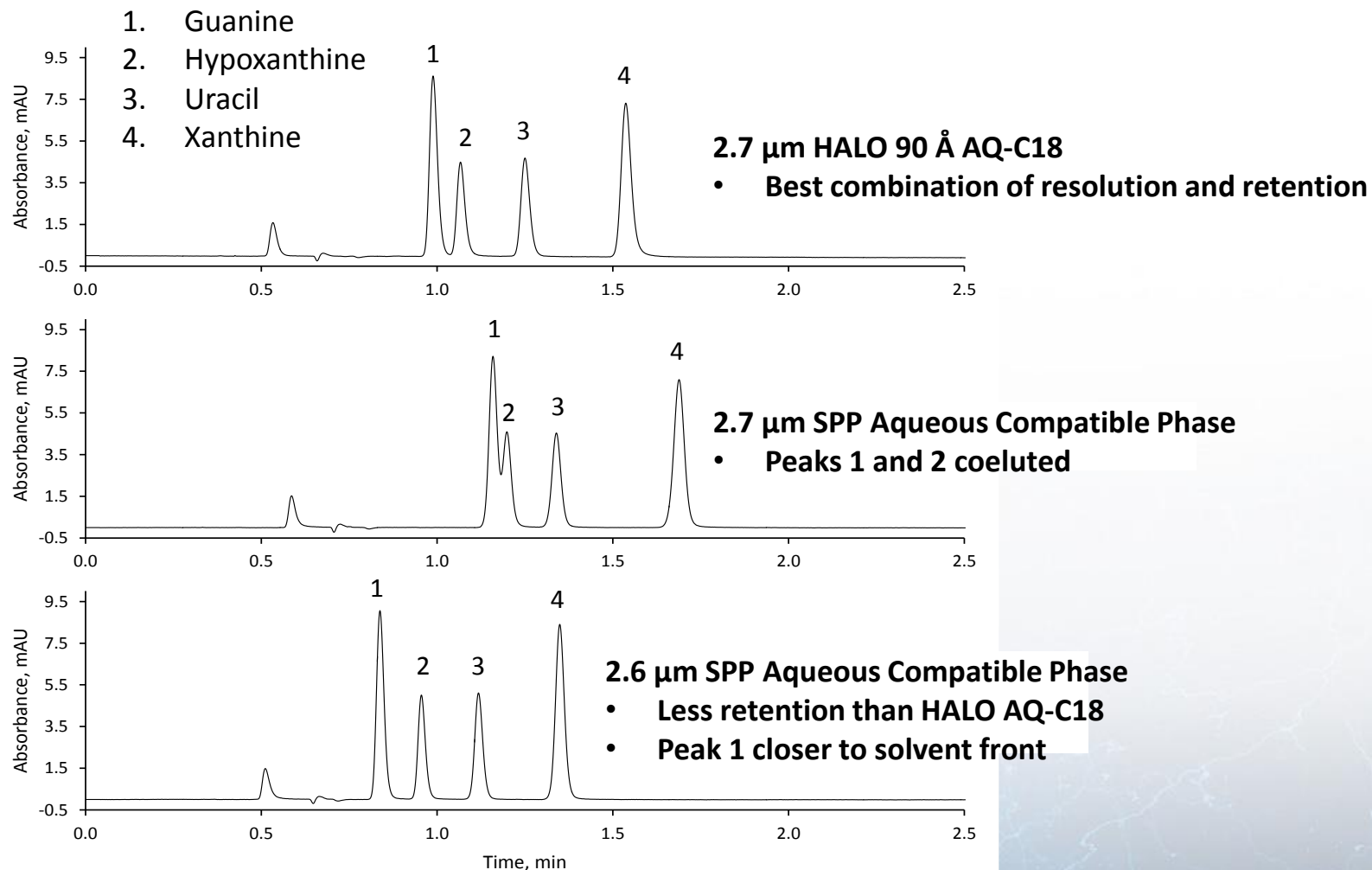


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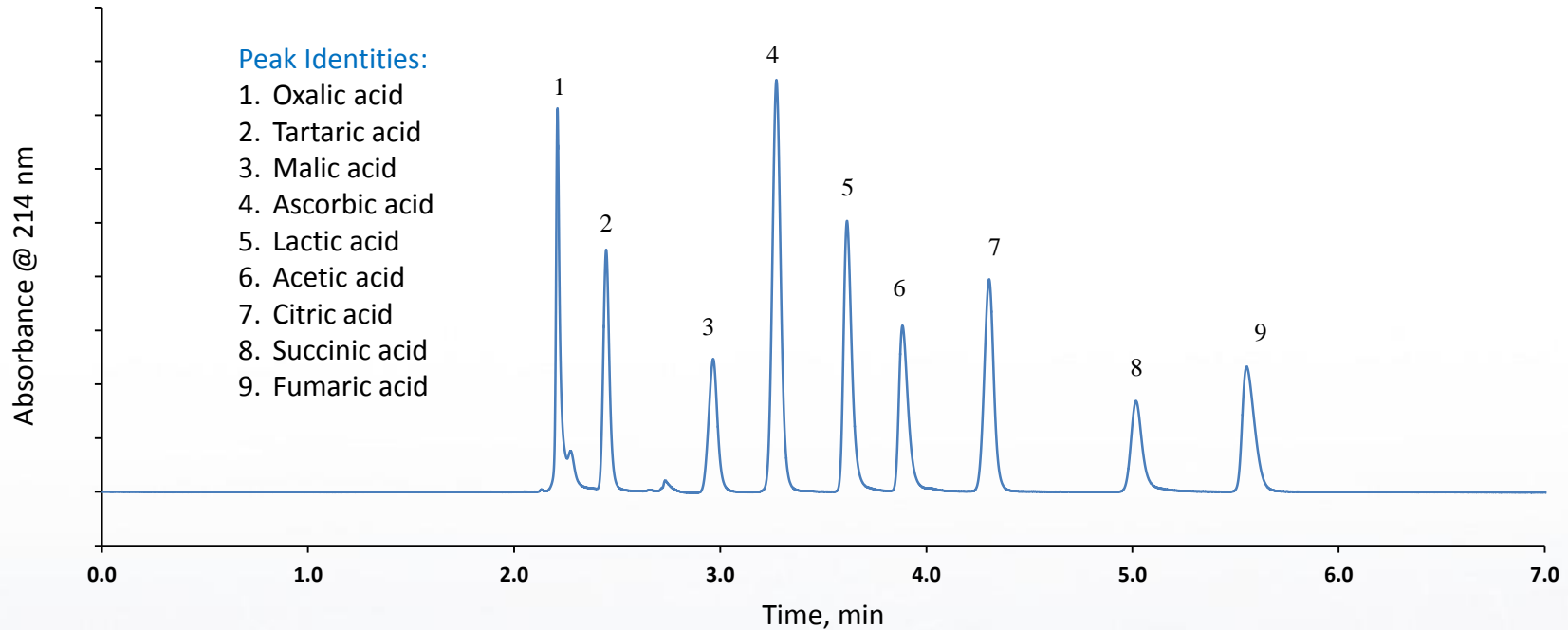


# Comparison of Purines with Other 100% Aqueous-Compatible SPP Phases

2.1 x 100 mm, 0.1% DFA in water, 0.35 mL/min, 35 °C, 1 µl @ 10 mM each in 0.1% DFA, UV detection @ 265 nm



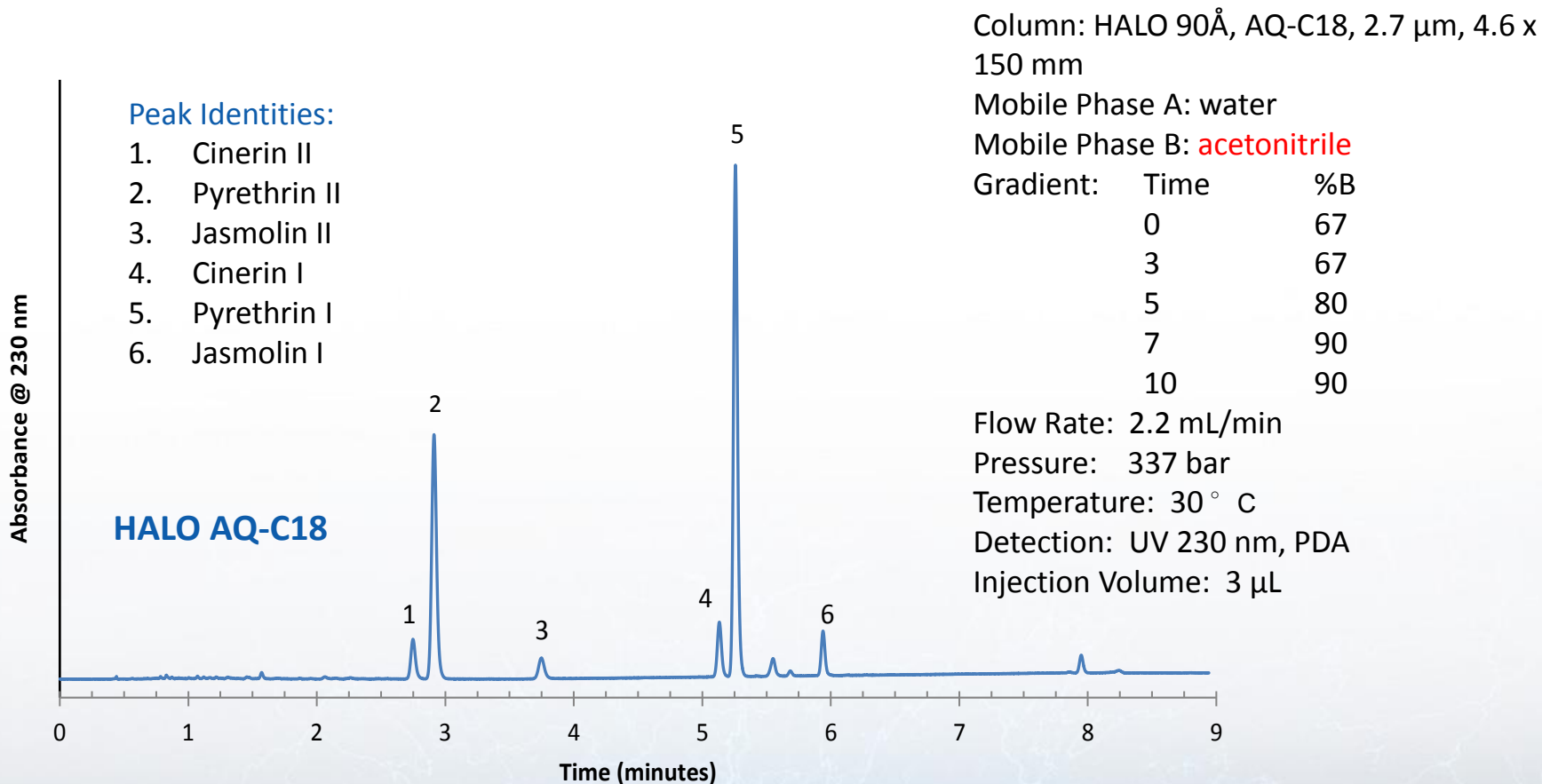
# Organic Acids



## TEST CONDITIONS:

Column: HALO 90Å, AQ-C18, 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , 4.6 x 250mm  
Isocratic: 20mM Potassium Phosphate buffer pH: 2.7  
Flow Rate: 1.0 mL/min  
Pressure: 307 bar  
Temperature: 40  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Detection: UV 214 nm, PDA  
Injection Volume: 20  $\mu\text{L}$   
Data Rate: 100 Hz  
Response Time: 0.025 sec  
Flow Cell: 1  $\mu\text{L}$   
LC System: Shimadzu Nexera X2

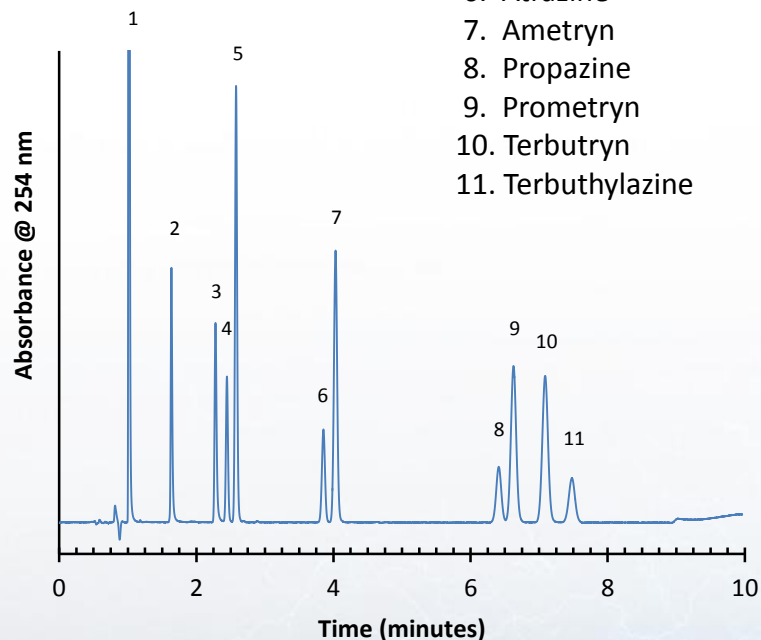
# Pyrethrins



# Triazine Pesticides

## Peak Identities:

1. Acetone (solvent)
2. Atraton
3. Prometon
4. Simazine
5. Simetryn
6. Atrazine
7. Ametryn
8. Propazine
9. Prometryn
10. Terbutryn
11. Terbutylazine



## TEST CONDITIONS:

Column: HALO AQ-C18, 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , 4.6 x 150 mm

Mobile Phase:

A= 0.02 M sodium phosphate buffer, pH=3.0

B= Acetonitrile

Mobile phase::

Time	%B
0.0	40
8.0	40
10.0	75

Flow Rate: 1.6 mL/min.

Pressure: 310 bar at start

Temperature: 35°C

Detection: UV 254 nm, VWD

Injection Volume: 2.0  $\mu\text{L}$

Sample Solvent: 25/75: acetone/acetonitrile

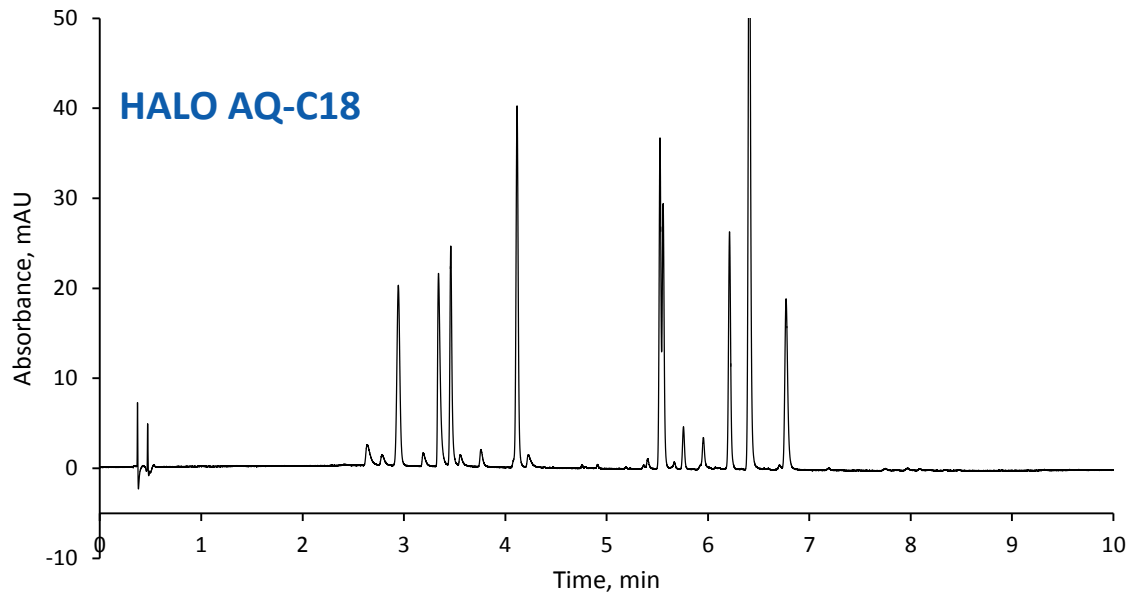
Response Time: 0.02 sec.

Data rate: 25 Hz.

Flow Cell: 2.5  $\mu\text{L}$  semi-micro

LC System: Shimadzu Prominence UFLC XR

# Complex Drug Mix with Acetonitrile Gradient



Column: HALO 90Å, AQ-C18, 2.7  $\mu$ m, 3.0 x 50 mm  
Mobile Phase A: 10 mM ammonium acetate, pH 5.75

Mobile Phase B: **acetonitrile**

Gradient:	Time	%B
	0	2
	1	2
	11	90

Flow Rate: 0.6 mL/min

Initial Pressure: 115 bar

Temperature: 30 ° C

Detection: UV 254 nm, PDA

Injection Volume: 2  $\mu$ L

## Sample Contains:

1. Morphine
2. Oxycodone
3. Sulfadiazine
4. Hydromorphone
5. Ranitidine
6. Nizatidine
7. Dihydrocodeine
8. Noroxycodone
9. Sulfamethazine
10. Hydrocodone
11. Fenfluramine
12. Prednisolone
13. Prednisone
14. Corticosterone
15. Chlordiazepoxide
16. Trazadone

# Summary

- HALO AQ-C18 is a stable, reproducible bonded phase that is compatible with 100% aqueous mobile phases as well as combinations with organic modifiers such as MeOH, MeCN, and others.
- A proprietary polar component has been added to the C18 stationary phase to increase the aqueous wettability of the surface and impart reproducible, unique selectivity to the stationary phase.
- When slightly different resolution is needed for polar analytes, HALO AQ-C18 should be evaluated under both MeCN and MeOH conditions.

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