

## Liquid Chromatography (Chapter 28):

Four types of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC):

- **partition**
- adsorption (liquid-solid)
- ion exchange
- **size exclusion or gel**

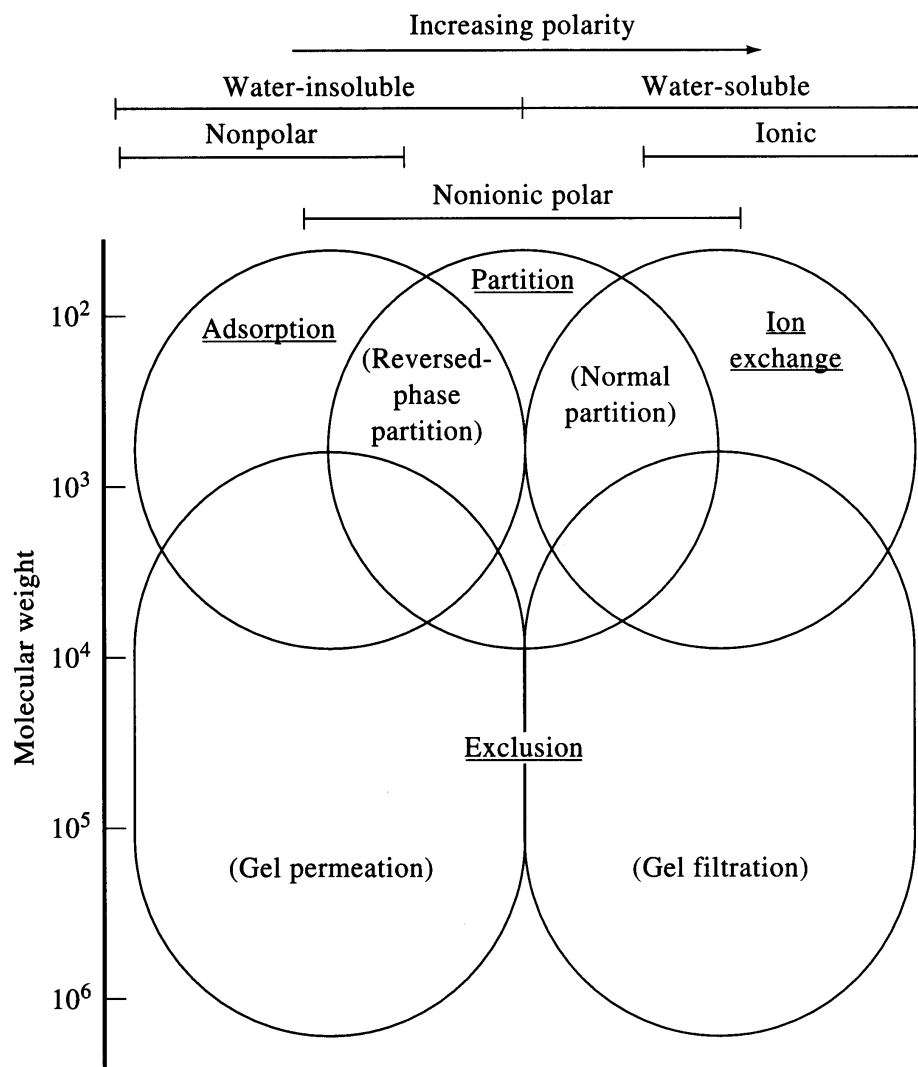


Fig 28-1:

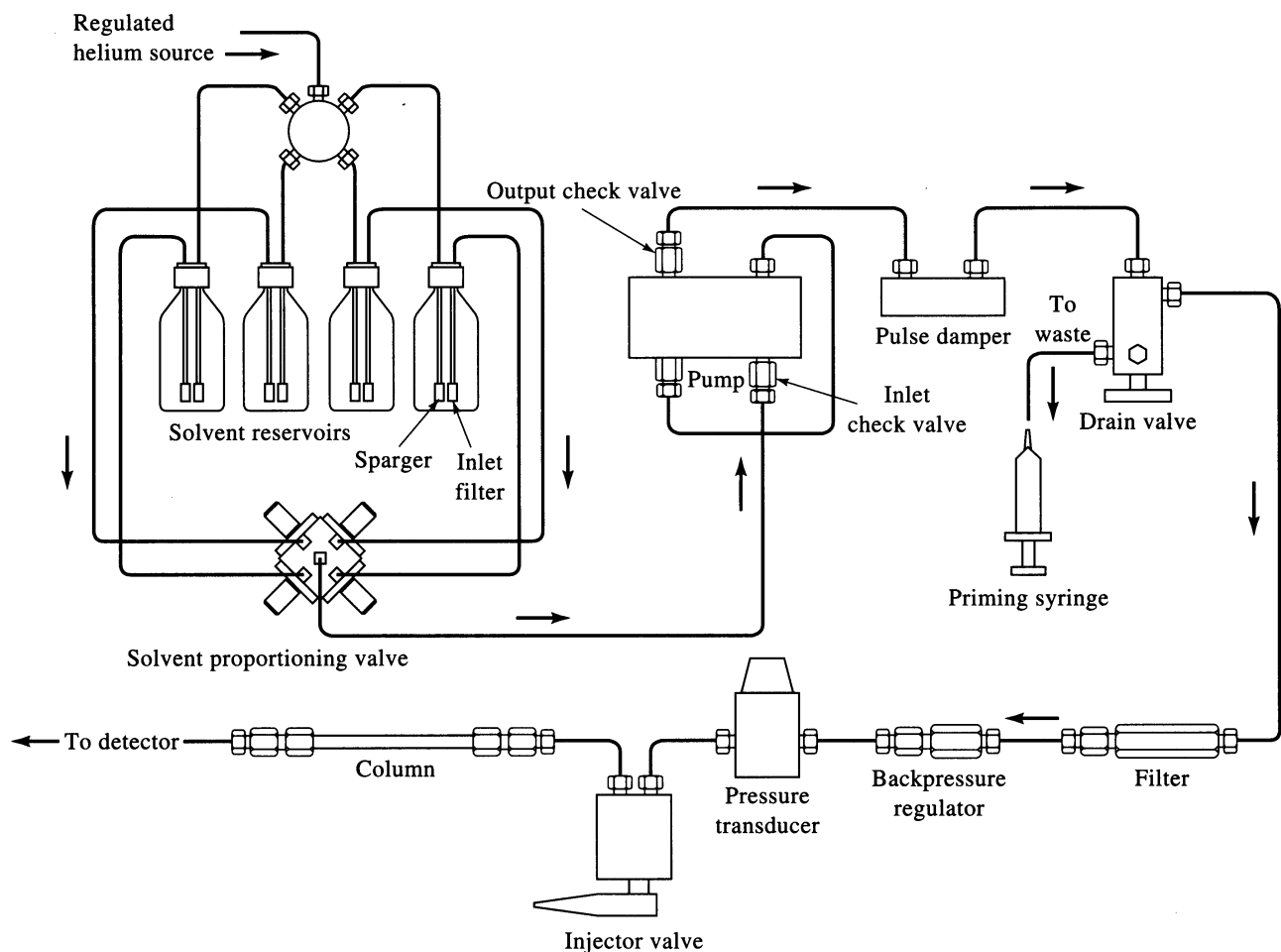
## Instrumentation for HPLC:

- For reasonable analysis times, moderate flow rate required **but** small particles (1-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Solvent forced through column **1000-5000 psi** - more elaborate instrument than GC
- Solvents **degassed** - "sparging"
- **High purity** solvents

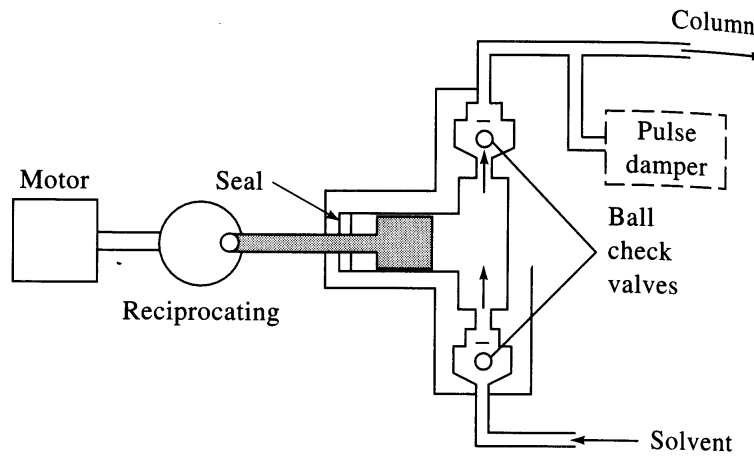
**Single** mobile phase composition - **isocratic elution**

**Programmed** mobile phase composition - **gradient elution**

Fig 28-4

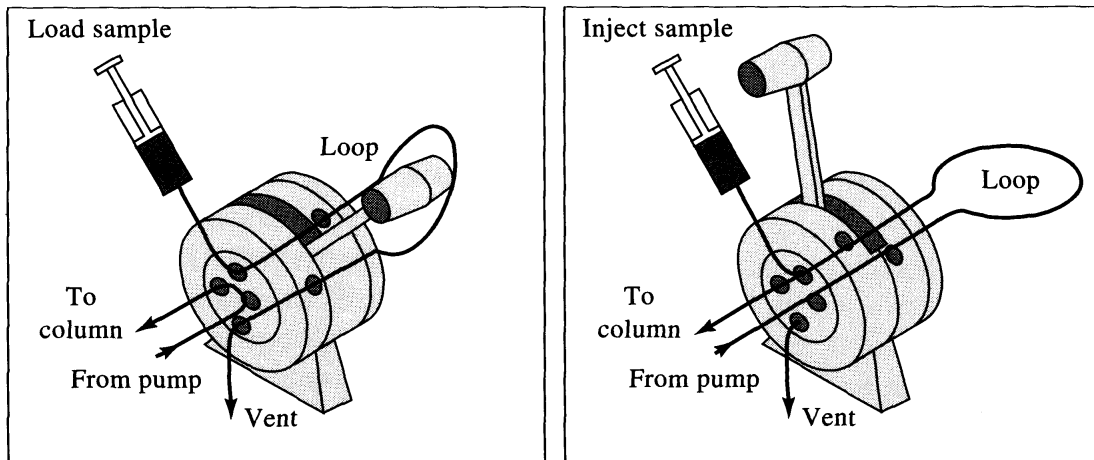


## Reciprocating Pump (Fig 28-6):



- Up to 10,000 psi, **small internal volumes**
- Produces **pulsation**

## Sample injection (Fig 28-7):



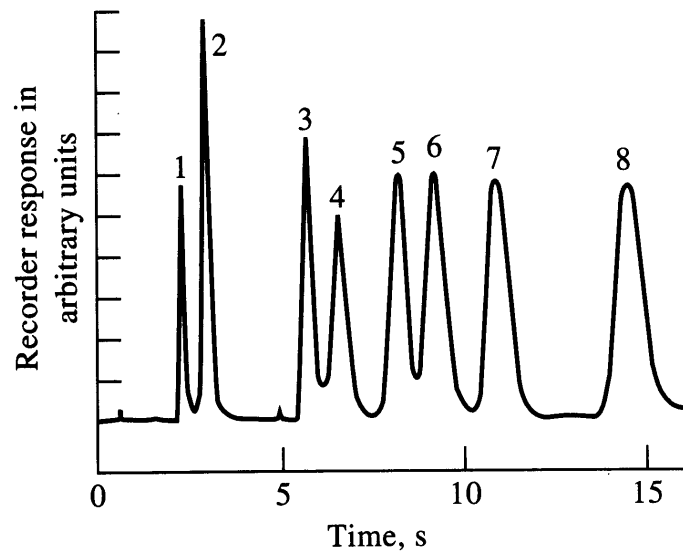
- Similar to **FIA, GC**
- Introduce small sample (0.1-100  $\mu\text{L}$ ) **without depressurization**
- Microsyringe/septum system (only <1500 psi)

## HPLC Columns:

- Stainless steel
- 10-30 cm long
- 4-10 mm internal diameter
- 1-10  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size - 40,000-60,000 plates/m

## High Speed Isocratic Separation (Fig 28-8):

- 100,000 plates/m



## Gradient Elution:

- Solvent **polarity** (composition) **continuously varied** or **stepped**

Fig 28-5

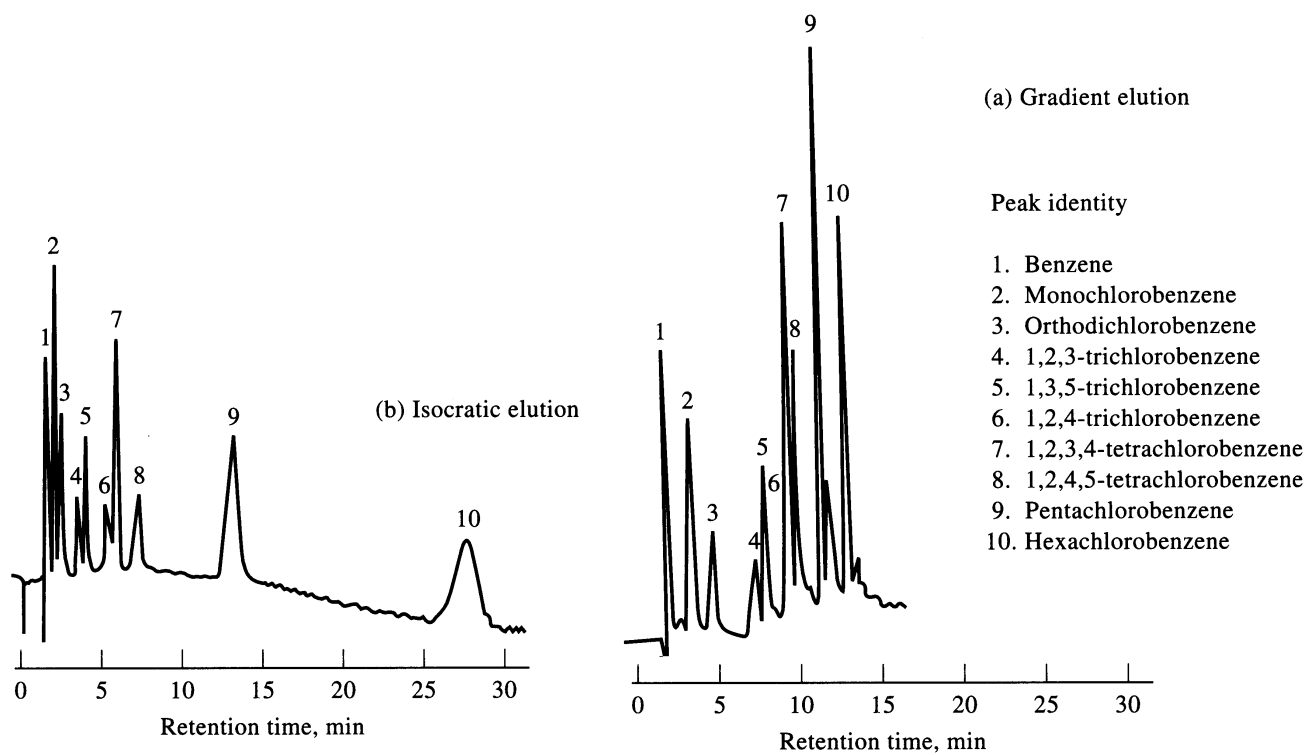
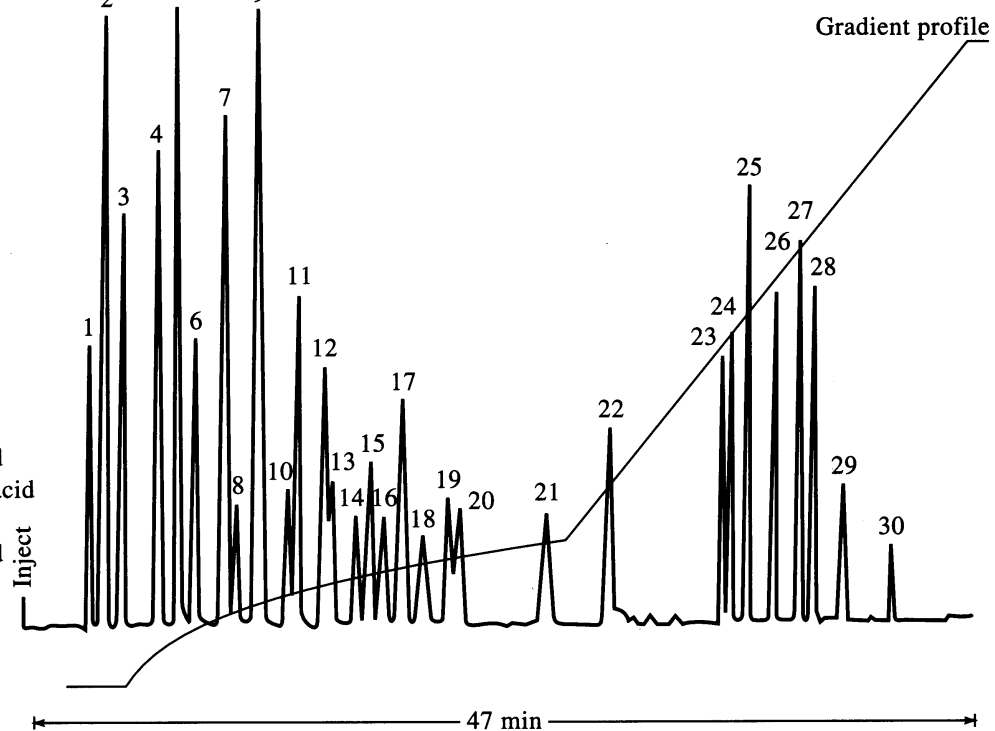


Figure 28-18:

1. Phosphoserine
2. Aspartic acid
3. Glutamic acid
4.  $\alpha$ -Amino adipic acid
5. Asparagine
6. Serine
7. Glutamine
8. Histidine
9. Glycine
10. Threonine
11. Citrulline
12. 1-Methylhistidine
13. 3-Methylhistidine
14. Arginine
15.  $\beta$ -Alanine
16. Alanine
17. Taurine
18. Anserine
19.  $\beta$ -Aminobutyric acid
20.  $\beta$ -Aminoisobutyric acid
21. Tyrosine
22.  $\alpha$ -Aminobutyric acid
23. Methionine
24. Valine
25. Tryptophan
26. Phenylalanine
27. Isoleucine
28. Leucine
29.  $\delta$ -Hydroxylysine
30. Lysine



## Detectors:

All properties previously discussed and

- **small internal volume** to reduce zone broadening

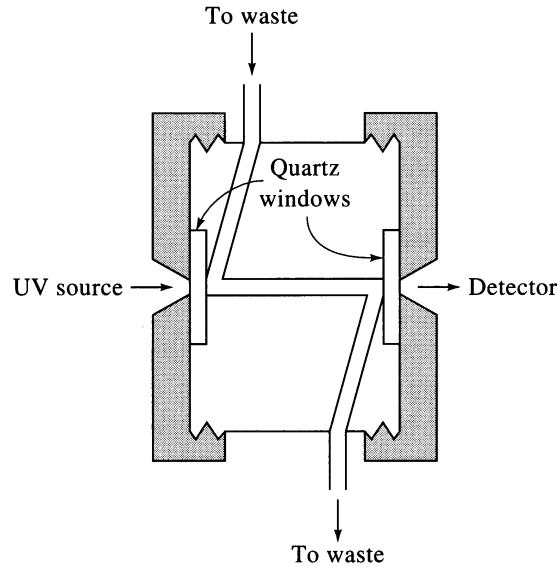
**Bulk property detectors** - measure property of **mobile phase** (refractive index, dielectric constant, density)

**Solute property detectors** - measure property of **solute** not present in mobile phase (UV absorbance, fluorescence, IR absorbance)

**TABLE 28-1** Performances of LC Detectors

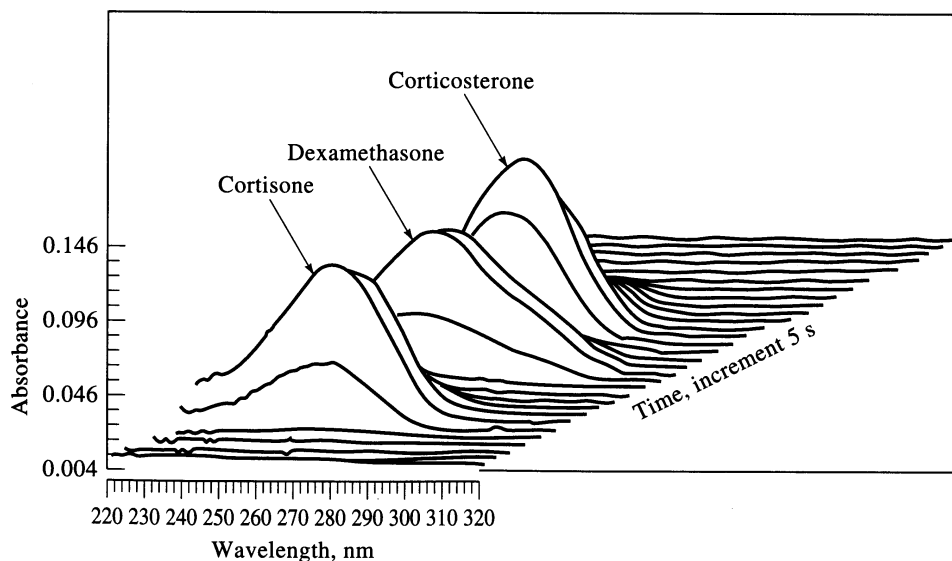
LC Detector	Commercially Available	Mass LOD (commercial detectors) <sup>a</sup>	Mass LOD (state of the art) <sup>b</sup>
Absorbance	Yes <sup>c</sup>	100 pg–1 ng	1 pg
Fluorescence	Yes <sup>c</sup>	1–10 pg	10 fg
Electrochemical	Yes <sup>c</sup>	10 pg–1 ng	100 fg
Refractive index	Yes	100 ng–1 μg	10 ng
Conductivity	Yes	500 pg–1 ng	500 pg
Mass spectrometry	Yes <sup>d</sup>	100 pg–1 ng	1 pg
FT-IR	Yes <sup>d</sup>	1 μg	100 ng
Light scattering <sup>e</sup>	Yes	10 μg	500 ng
Optical activity	No	—	1 ng
Element selective	No	—	10 ng
Photoionization	No	—	1 pg–1 ng

## UV-Vis Detection for HPLC (Fig 28-9):



- sources:
- single line (arc or hollow cathode lamp, laser)
  - continuum (Xe, D<sub>2</sub> lamp)
- detector:
- photodiode/photomultiplier tube
  - photodiode array

Combination of separation and analysis (GC-MS, HPLC-UV-Vis) - very powerful (Fig 28-10)

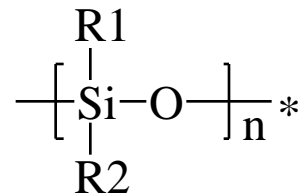




## Partition Chromatography:

- Most **popular** method
- **Low molecular weight** (mw<3000) analytes
- **Polar** or **non-polar**
- **Bonded** stationary phase column (liquid chemically bonded to support particles)

3, 5 or 10  $\mu\text{m}$  hydrolyzed silica particles coated with **siloxanes**

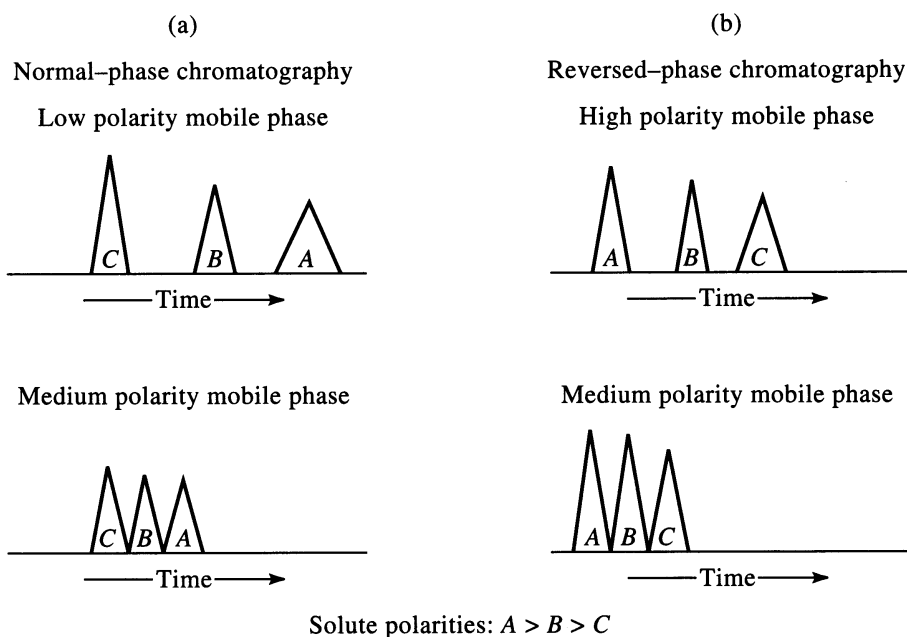


**Normal phase HPLC**      nonpolar solvent/polar column

**Reversed phase HPLC**      polar solvent/nonpolar column

Normal- (polar column) versus Reversed Phase (nonpolar) elution:

Fig 28-14

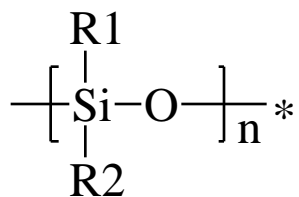


Reversed-phase HPLC most common (high polarity solvent, high polarity solutes elute first)

R is C<sub>8</sub> or C<sub>18</sub> hydrocarbon (Fig 28-15)

faster elution

higher resolution



## Column Optimization in HPLC:

Can optimize  $k'$  and

More difficult than GC

- in GC mobile phase just *transported* solute
- in HPLC mobile phase interacts with solute

## Analyte Polarity:

hydrocarbons < ethers < esters < ketones < aldehydes < amines < alcohols

## Stationary Phase Choice:

Choose column with similar polarity to analyte for maximum interaction

## Reversed-phase column (nonpolar)

R hydrocarbon

## Normal-phase column (polar)

R cyano ( $C_2H_4CN$ ) most polar

diol ( $C_3H_6OCH_2CHOHCH_2OH$ )

amino ( $C_3H_6NH_2$ ) least polar

Mobile Phase Choice:

Polar ("strong") solvent interacts most with polar analyte (solute) -  
elutes faster but less resolution

Strength characterized by **polarity index P'**

ranges from -2 (nonpolar) to 10.2 (highly polar)

in a **mixture**

$$P'_{AB} = f_A P'_A + f_B P'_B$$

fraction in mixture

In HPLC, capacity factor  $k'$  can be manipulated by **changing solvent composition**

best resolution/time when  $k' = 2-5$

$$\frac{k'_2}{k'_1} = 10^{(P'_2 - P'_1)/2}$$

Table 28-2:

**TABLE 28-2** Properties of Common Chromatographic Mobile Phases

Solvent	Refractive Index <sup>a</sup>	Viscosity, cP <sup>b</sup>	Boiling Point, °C	Polarity Index, P'	Eluent Strength, <sup>c</sup> $\epsilon^0$
Fluoroalkanes <sup>d</sup>	1.27–1.29	0.4–2.6	50–174	<–2	–0.25
Cyclohexane	1.423	0.90	81	0.04	–0.2
<i>n</i> -Hexane	1.372	0.30	69	0.1	0.01
1-Chlorobutane	1.400	0.42	78	1.0	0.26
Carbon tetrachloride	1.457	0.90	77	1.6	0.18
<i>i</i> -Propyl ether	1.365	0.38	68	2.4	0.28
Toluene	1.494	0.55	110	2.4	0.29
Diethyl ether	1.350	0.24	35	2.8	0.38
Tetrahydrofuran	1.405	0.46	66	4.0	0.57
Chloroform	1.443	0.53	61	4.1	0.40
Ethanol	1.359	1.08	78	4.3	0.88
Ethyl acetate	1.370	0.43	77	4.4	0.58
Dioxane	1.420	1.2	101	4.8	0.56
Methanol	1.326	0.54	65	5.1	0.95
Acetonitrile	1.341	0.34	82	5.8	0.65
Nitromethane	1.380	0.61	101	6.0	0.64
Ethylene glycol	1.431	16.5	182	6.9	1.11
Water	1.333	0.89	100	10.2	Large

<sup>a</sup>At 25°C.<sup>b</sup>The centipoise is a common unit of viscosity; in SI units, 1 cP = 1 mN · s · m<sup>-2</sup>.<sup>c</sup>On Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Multiplication by 0.8 gives  $\epsilon^0$  on SiO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>d</sup>Properties depend upon molecular weight. Range of data given.

## Size Exclusion Chromatography (Gel Permeation):

- Used for **large mw** compounds - proteins and polymers
- Separation mechanism is **sieving** not **partitioning**
- Stationary phase **porous** silica or polymer **particles** (polystyrene, polyacrylamide) (5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - well-defined pore sizes (40-2500  $\text{\AA}$ )
    1. **Large molecules excluded from pores** - not retained, first eluted (**exclusion limit** - terms of mw)
    2. Intermediate molecules - retained, intermediate elution times
    3. **Small molecules permeate into pores** - strongly retained, last eluted (**permeation limit** - terms of mw)

Table 28-6:

**TABLE 28-6** Properties of Typical Commercial Packings for Size-Exclusion Chromatography

Type	Particle Size, $\mu\text{m}$	Average Pore Size, $\text{\AA}$	Molecular Weight Exclusion Limit*
Polystyrene-divinylbenzene	10	$10^2$	700
		$10^3$	$(0.1 \text{ to } 20) \times 10^4$
		$10^4$	$(1 \text{ to } 20) \times 10^4$
		$10^5$	$(1 \text{ to } 20) \times 10^5$
		$10^6$	$(5 \text{ to } > 10) \times 10^6$
Silica	10	125	$(0.2 \text{ to } 5) \times 10^4$
		300	$(0.03 \text{ to } 1) \times 10^5$
		500	$(0.05 \text{ to } 5) \times 10^5$
		1000	$(5 \text{ to } 20) \times 10^5$

\*Molecular weight above which no retention occurs.

Retention related to **size** (and shape) of molecule

$$\underbrace{V_t}_{\text{total}} = \underbrace{V_g}_{\text{gel or solid}} + \underbrace{V_i}_{\text{inside pores}} + \underbrace{V_o}_{\text{outside pores/free-space}}$$

$V_o$  retention volume for non-retained (large) molecules

$(V_o+V_i)$  retention volume for retained (small) molecules

$(V_o+KV_i)$  retention volume for intermediate molecules ( $K=c_s/c_m$ )

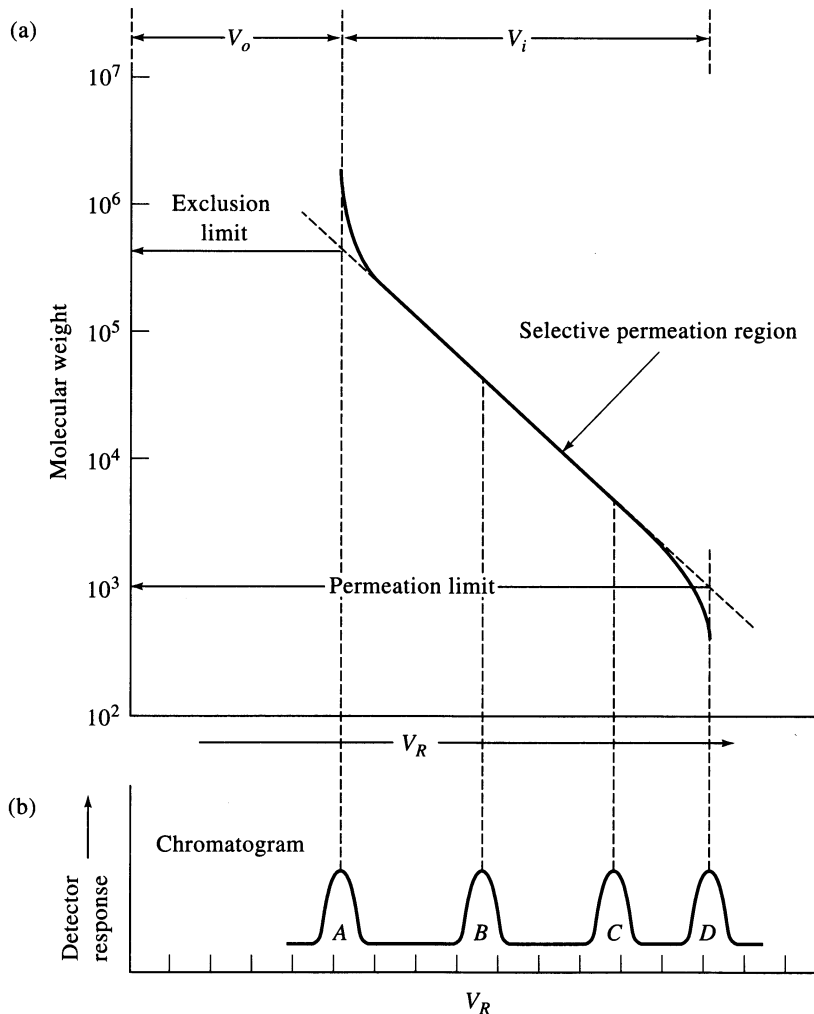


Fig 28-27

- Separation of proteins/peptides, sugars, determination of polymer molecular weight distribution