



# **New LC Technology Part 2: Utilizing Monodisperse Fully Porous Particles UHPLC columns for the separation of Oligonucleotides without Ion Pairing Additives**

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**Evosphere<sup>®</sup>**

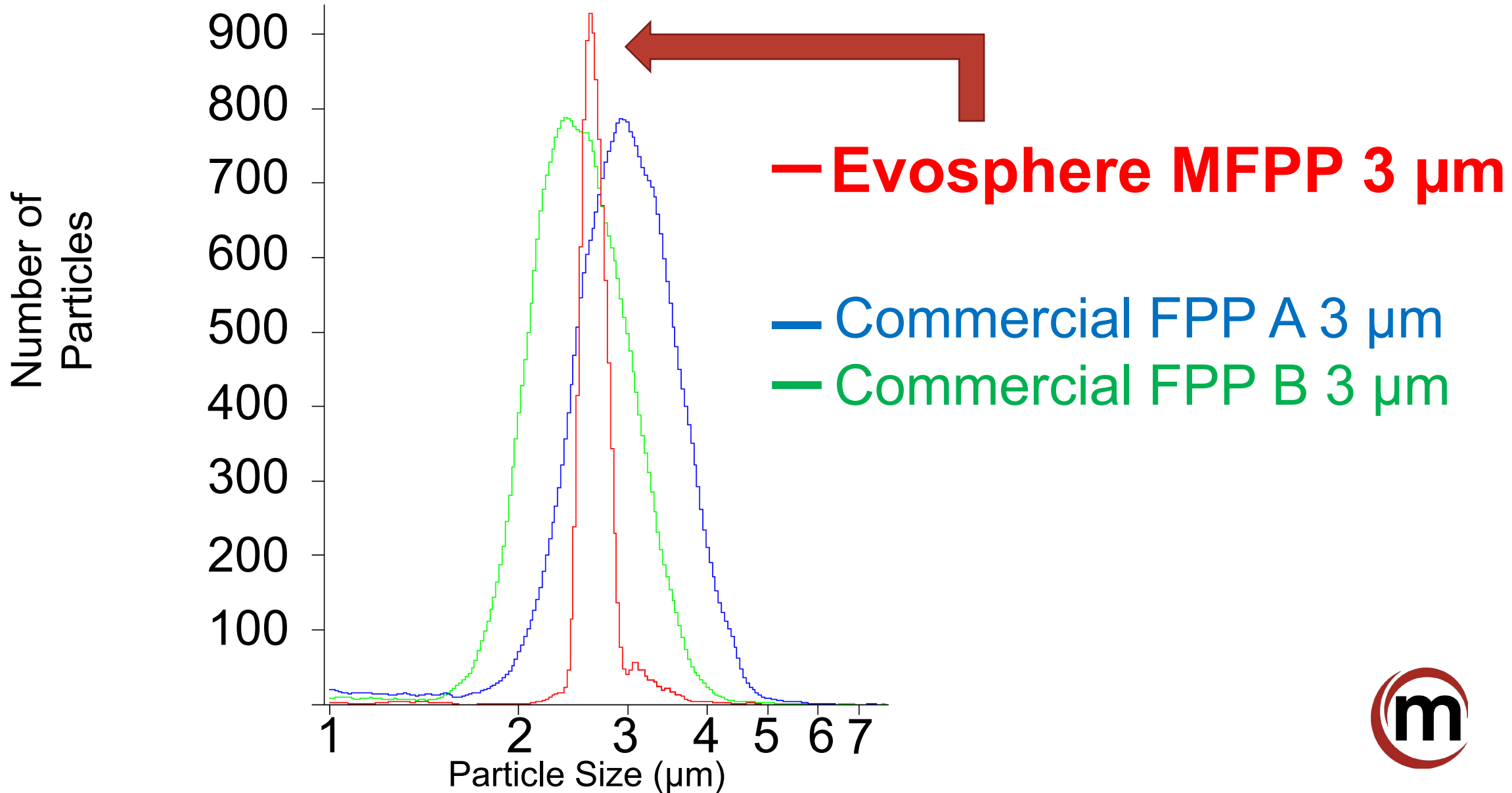
**Monodisperse U/HPLC Particle Technology**

# Evolution of U/HPLC Particles

- Morphology - Shape
- Size - Reduction
- Purity – Less Metals
- Size Distribution – Reduction in D90/D10



# Particle Size Distribution Comparison



# Particle Size Distribution Comparisons

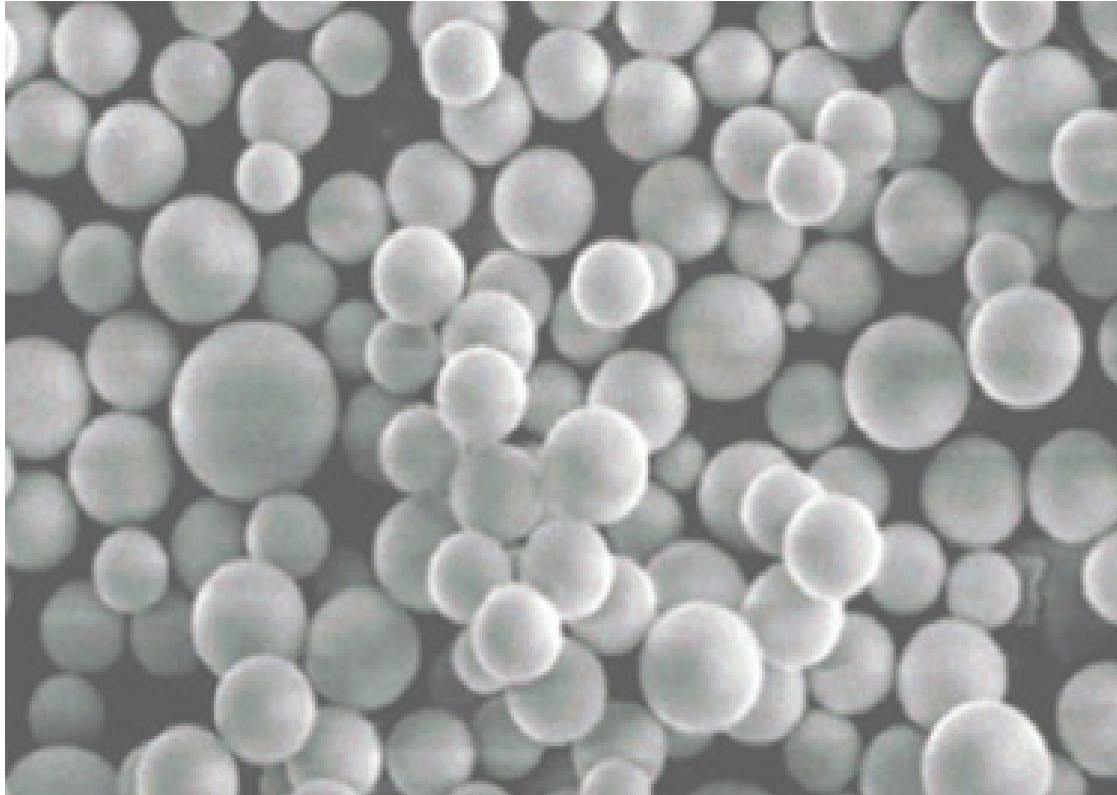
	Monodisperse silica	Commercial 3u silica - A	Commercial 3u Silica-B
Mean particle size (d50) *	2.66 $\mu\text{m}^*$	2.48 $\mu\text{m}$	2.97 $\mu\text{m}$
SEM particle diameter	3.0 $\mu\text{m}$	2.8 $\mu\text{m}$	3.3 $\mu\text{m}$
D90/10	1.12	1.58	1.61
Pore volume	0.89	0.88	0.89

**40% Reduction in D90/10**



\*Measured by Coulter Counter

# SEM Images of Particles Technologies



Polydisperse



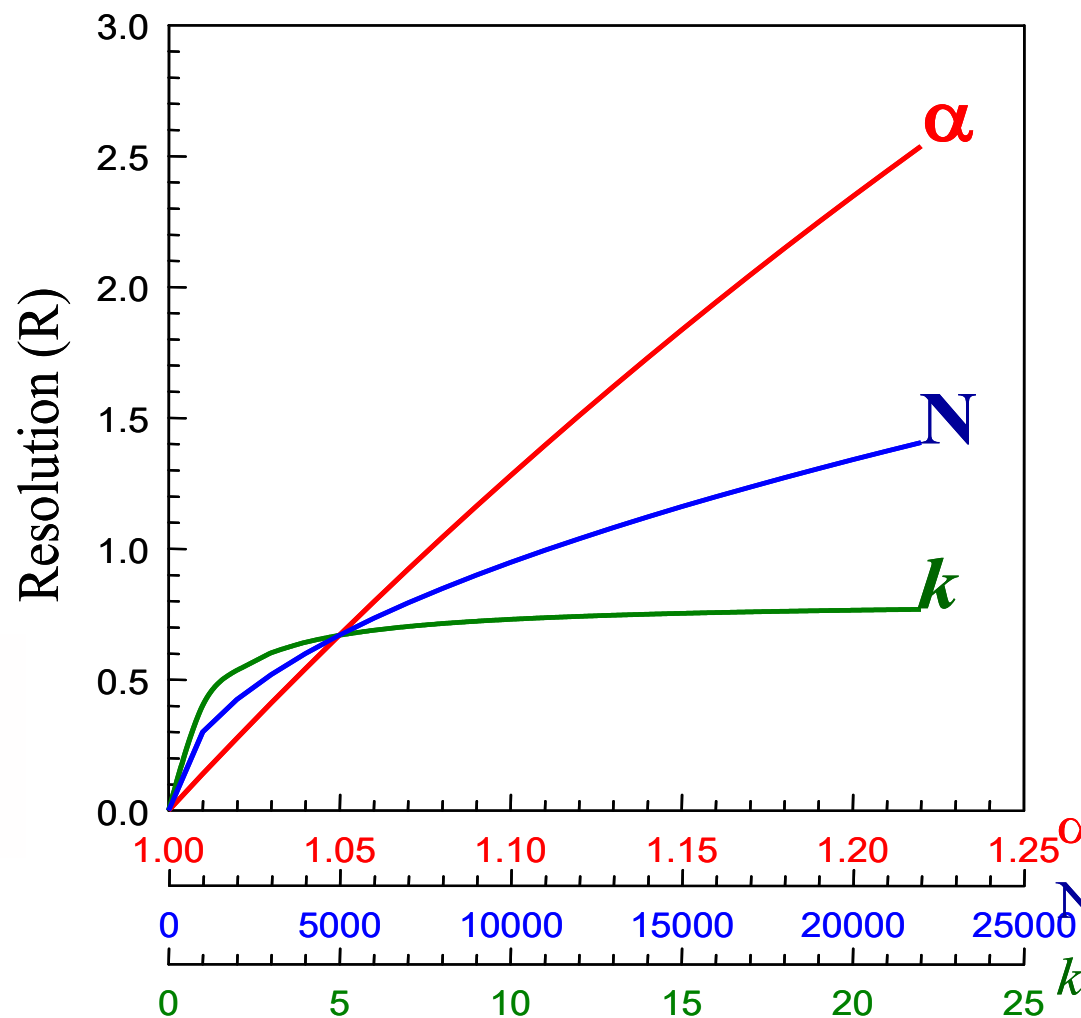
Monodisperse



# Resolution Equation

Efficiency	Retention	Selectivity
↓	↓	↓
$\frac{\sqrt{N}}{4}$	$\frac{k'}{k'+1}$	$\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$

$$N = \frac{\text{Length of Column}}{HETP}$$



# Simplified Van Deemter Equation

$$H = A + \frac{B}{u} + Cu$$

**H:** Height Equivalent to a Theoretical Plate

**A Term:** Eddy Diffusion (Multipath Effect)

**B Term:** Longitudinal Diffusion (Molecular Diffusion)

**C Term:** Resistance to Mass Transfer (Mobile Phase to Stationary Phase Transition)





# Expanded Van Deemter Equation

$$H = 2\lambda d_p + \frac{2\gamma D_m}{u} + \left( \frac{\omega d_p^2 u}{D_m} + \frac{R d_f^2 u}{D_s} \right)$$

- H = Plate Height
- $\lambda$  is packing factor
- $d_p$  is particle diameter
- $\gamma$ ,  $\omega$ , and R are constants
- $d_f$  is the film thickness (approaches 0 for LC)
- $D_m$  is the diffusion coefficient of the mobile phase
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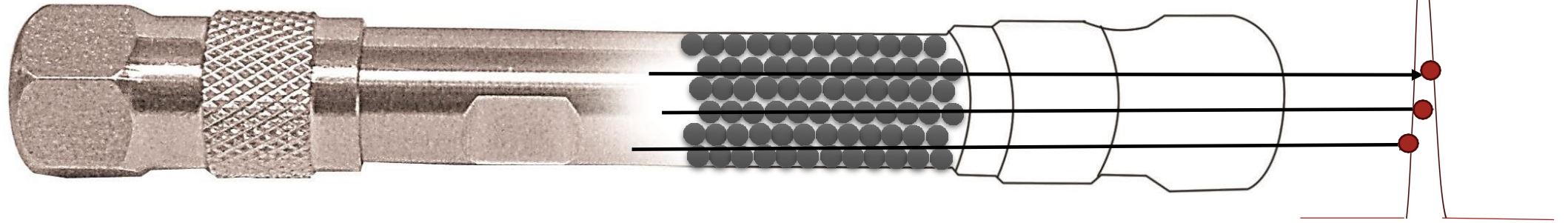
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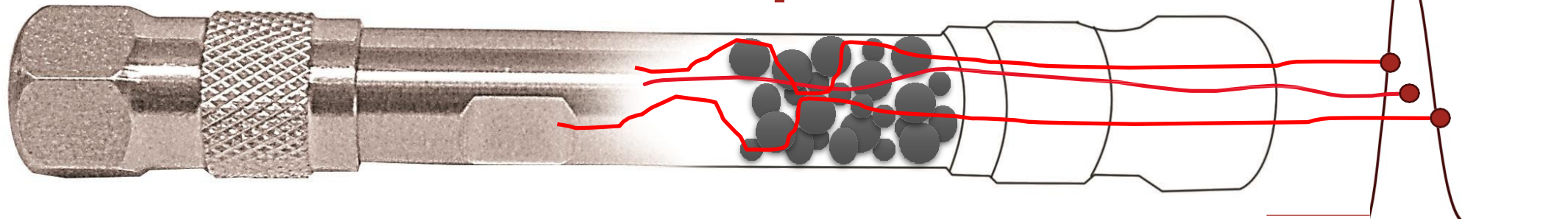


# Visual Representation of Eddy Diffusion (“A Term”)

## Evosphere



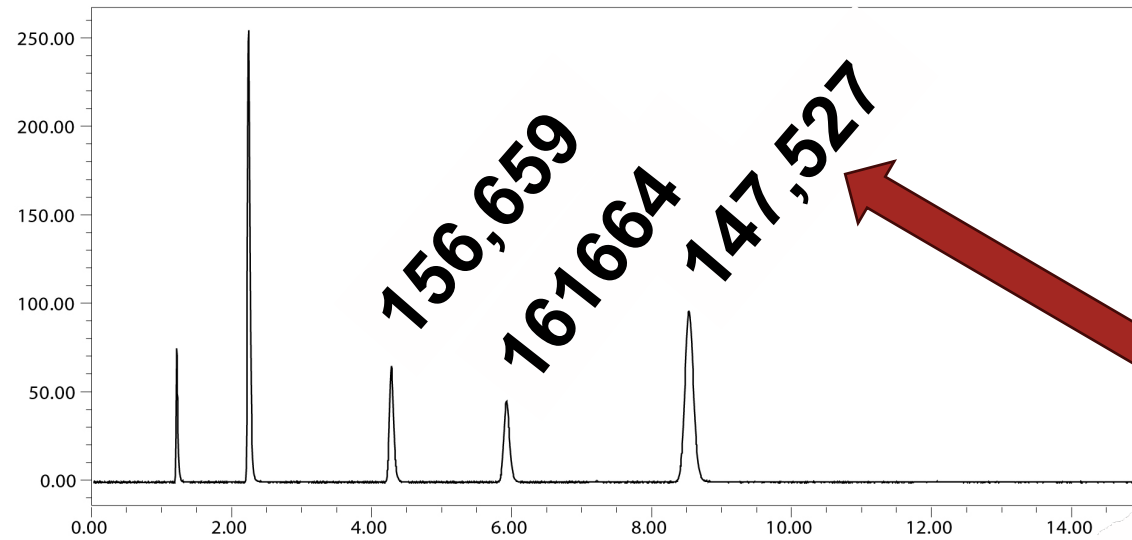
## Non-Monodisperse



Flow through the column Evosphere vs. FPP



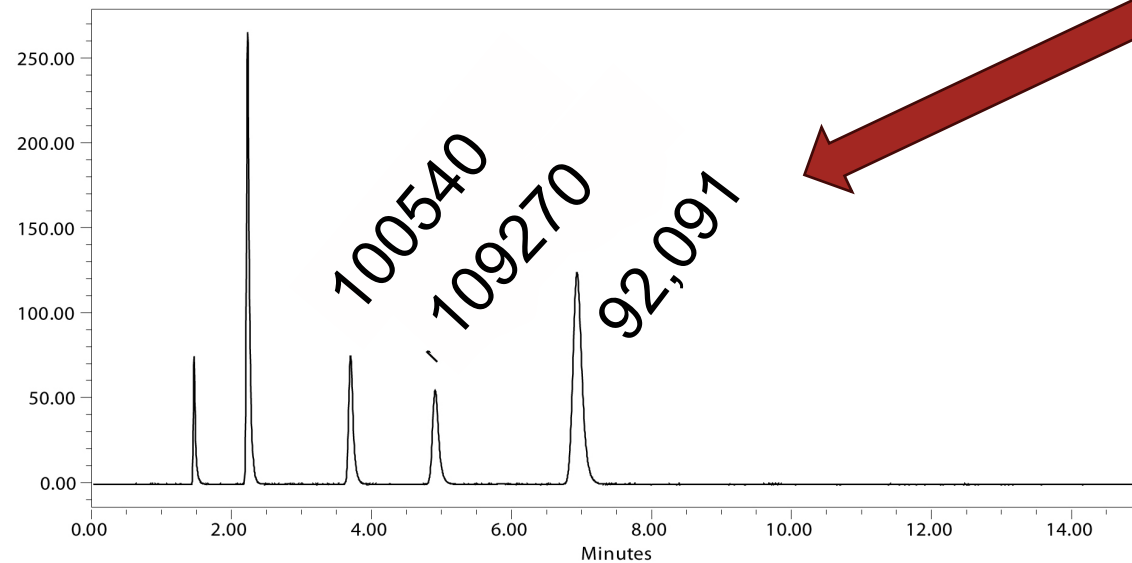
# What does this look like chromatographically?



Evosphere C12

3 $\mu$ m, 4.6mm x 150 mm

**60% Higher N**



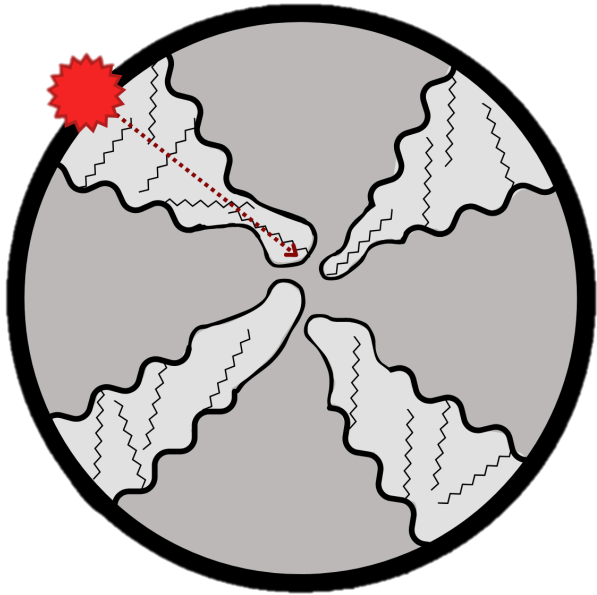
Popular Fully Porous C18

3 $\mu$ m, 4.6 x 150 mm



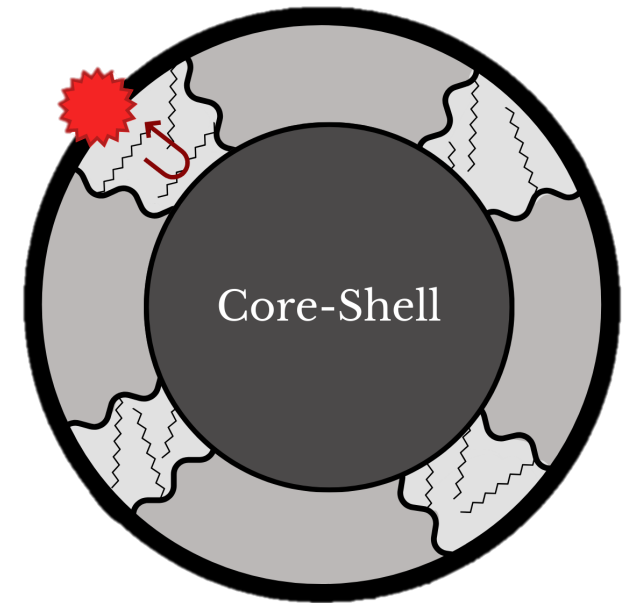
# Evosphere Monodisperse compared to Core-Shell Technology

**Evosphere®**



1. **Similar Plates (N)**
2. **▲ Loading Capacity**
3. **Unlock Scalability to Prep and Semi-Prep**
4. **Increased Retention due to Surface Area**

**Core-Shell**



**Surface Area = 350 m<sup>2</sup>/g**

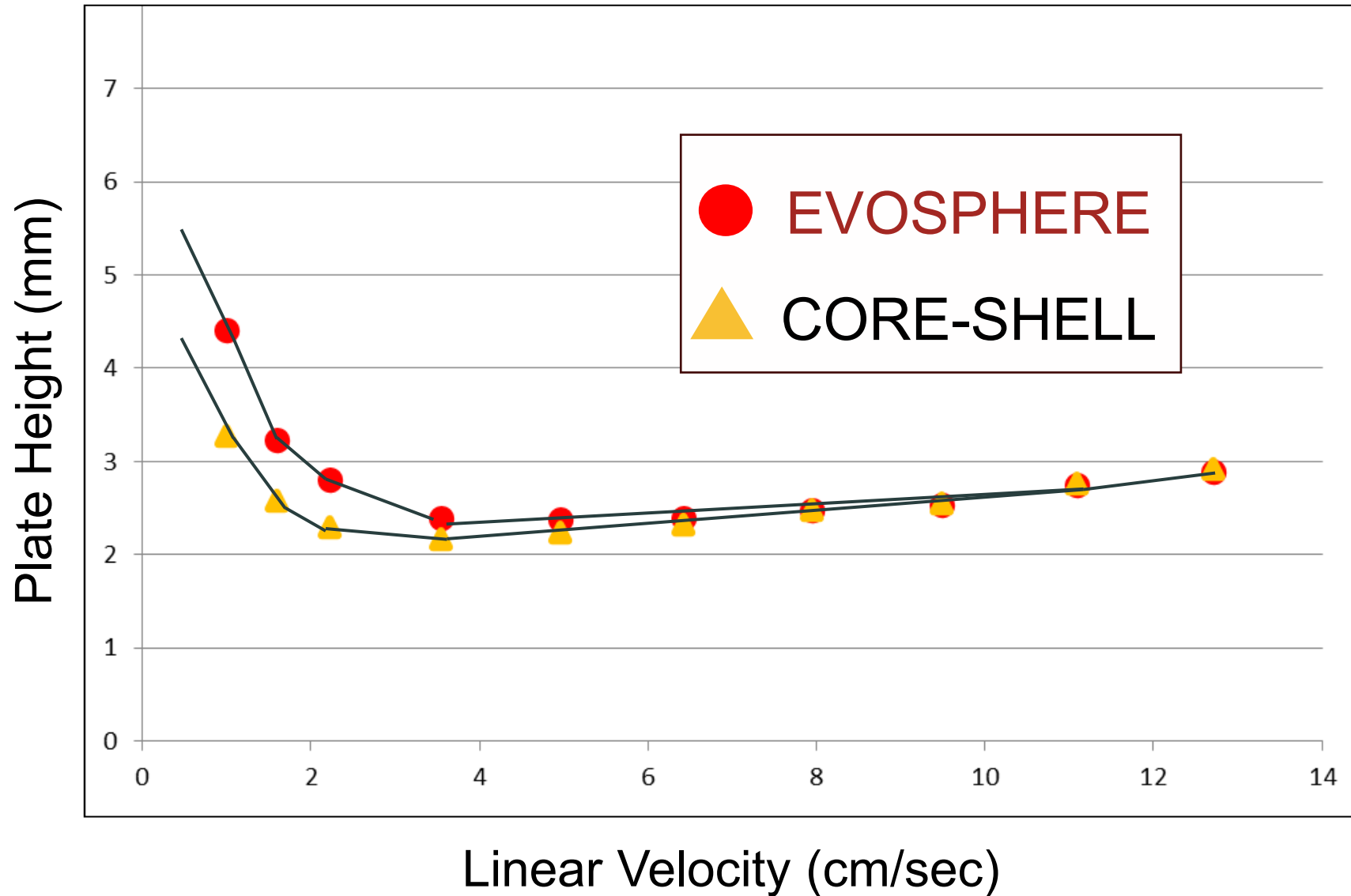
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**Surface Area ~130 m<sup>2</sup>/g**

**~3x Surface Area**



# Van Deemter flattens at Elevated Linear Velocities

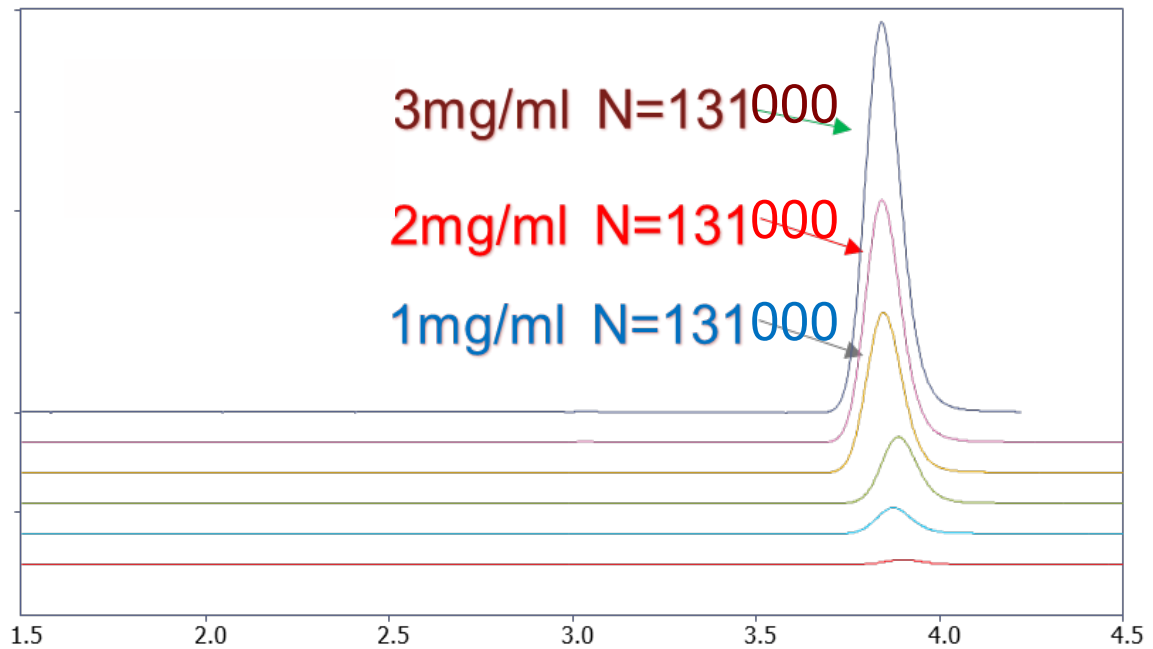




# Fortis<sup>®</sup> Evosphere<sup>®</sup>

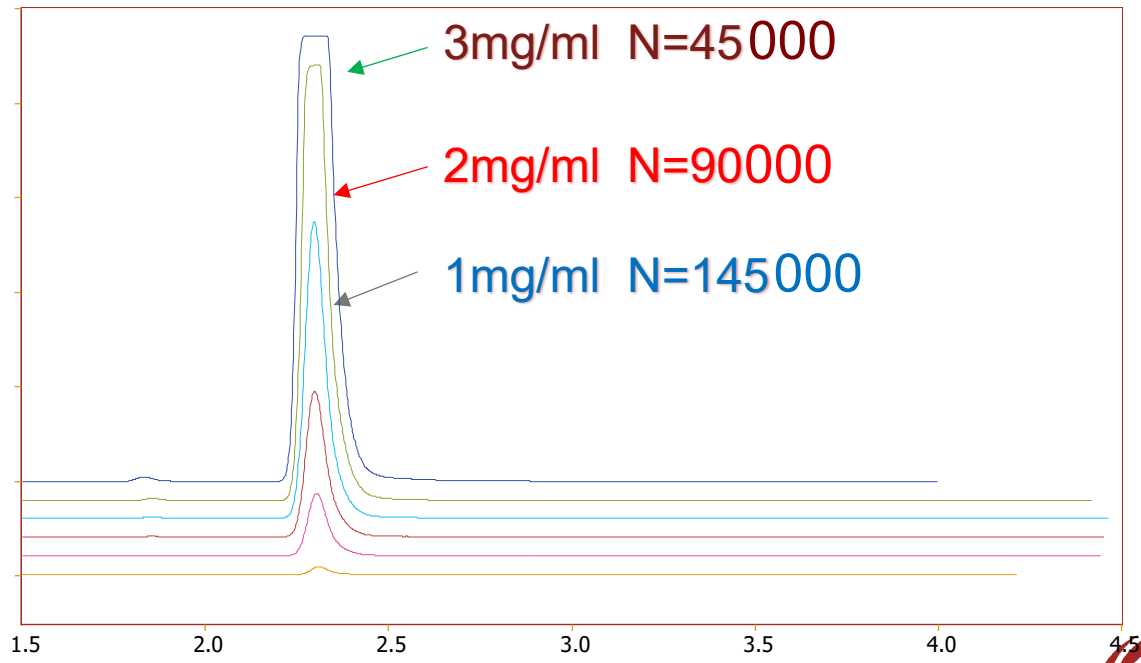
## Improves Loading and Increases Retention

Evosphere L1 Surface Area = 350 m<sup>2</sup>/g

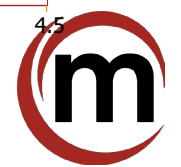


**Rt = 3.8 min**

Core Shell L1 Surface Area = 130 m<sup>2</sup>/g



**Rt = 2.25 min**

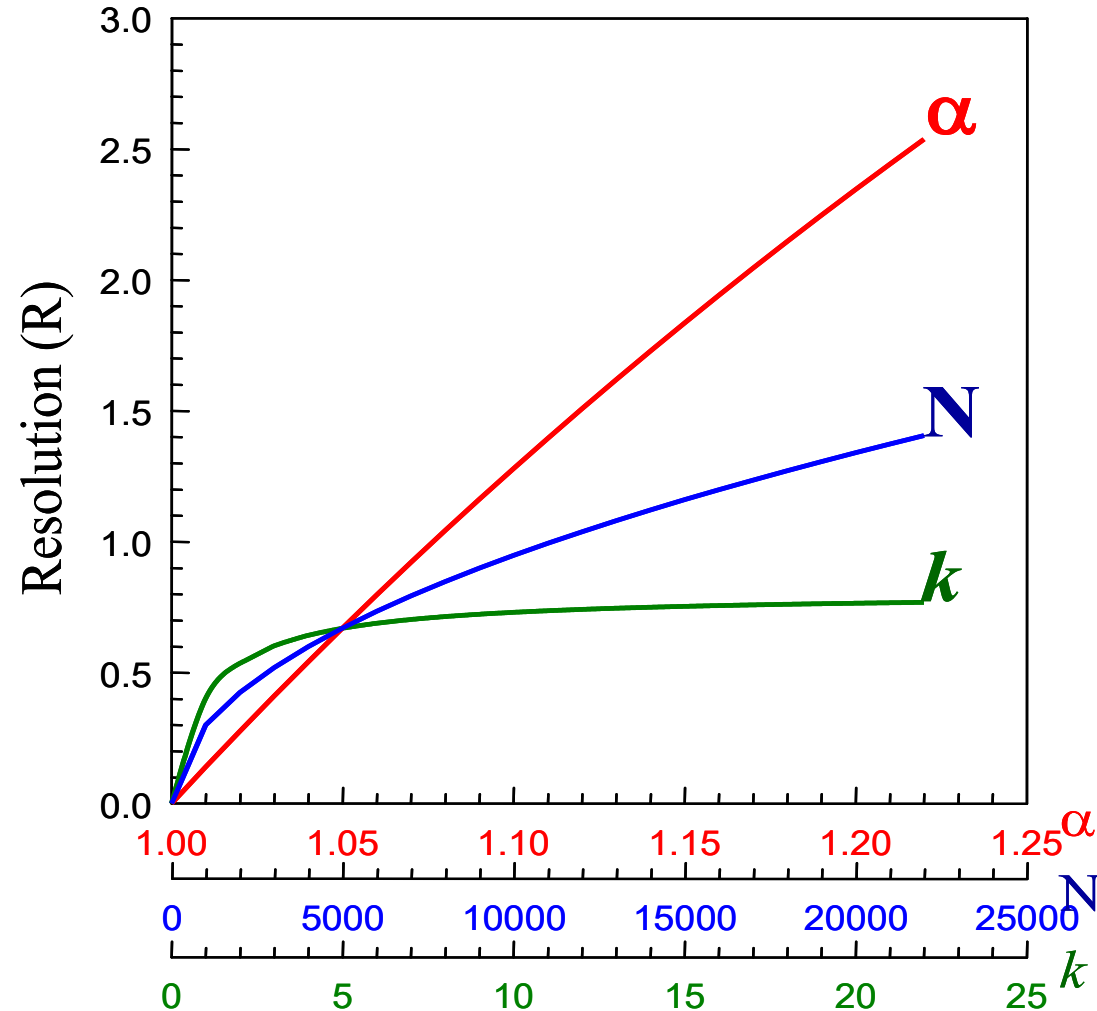


# Resolution Equation

Efficiency	Retention	Selectivity
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$R = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4}$	$\frac{k'}{k'+1}$	$\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$

$$\alpha = \frac{k_2}{k_1}$$

- Selectivity ( $\alpha$ ) has the greatest impact on improving resolution.





# How does Evosphere Impact Selectivity?

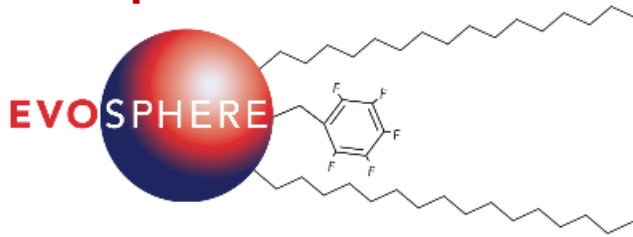
Evosphere C12



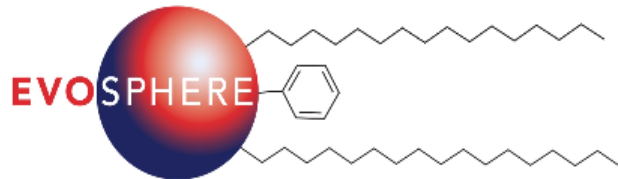
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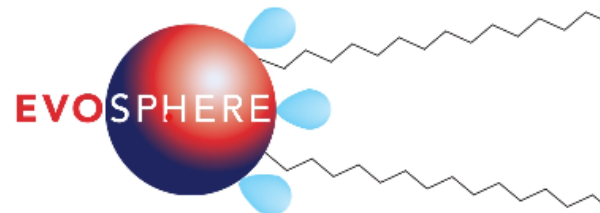
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Evosphere C18/AR



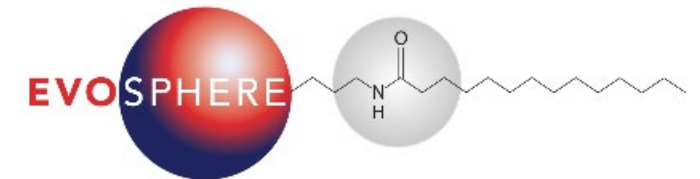
Evosphere AQUA



Evosphere PFP



Evosphere RP18-Amide



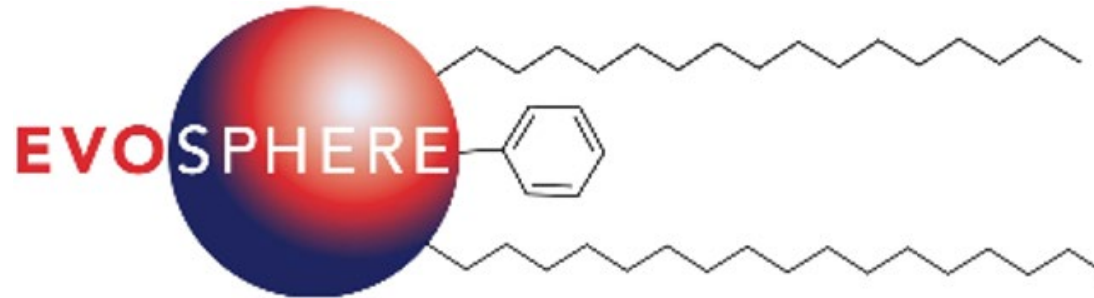
Evosphere Phenyl-Hexyl



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# Experimental Conditions



**Column: Evosphere Max C18/AR 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  (2.1 mm x 100 mm)**

Mobile Phase - (Unmodified Oligonucleotides) - 10-30% v/v MeOH in 10 minutes

Mobile Phase - (Modified Oligonucleotides) - 15-50% v/v MeOH in 10 minutes

Temperature - 30°C or 60°C

Flow Rate - 0.3 mL/min

Injection Volume - 0.5  $\mu\text{L}$

Instrument - Thermo Scientific™ Vanquish™ Horizon UHPLC system with DAD

Autosampler Temperature - 4°C

UV Wavelength – 260 nm



# Goals of Experiment

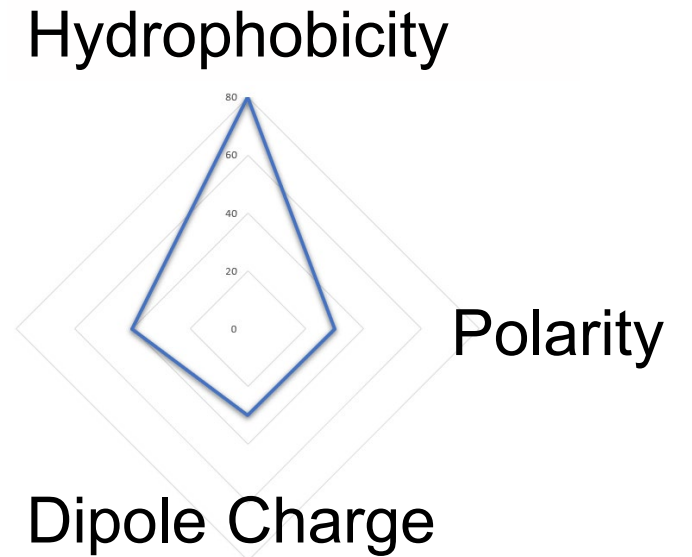
- Develop a unique approach for Modified and Unmodified Oligonucleotide Analysis by UHPLC/UV/MS which achieves excellent separations without the use of Ion-Pairing Reagents (TEA/HFIP or DIPEA/HFIP).
- Study the impacts of salt concentration, type, and pH on separation capability.



# Evosphere C18/AR



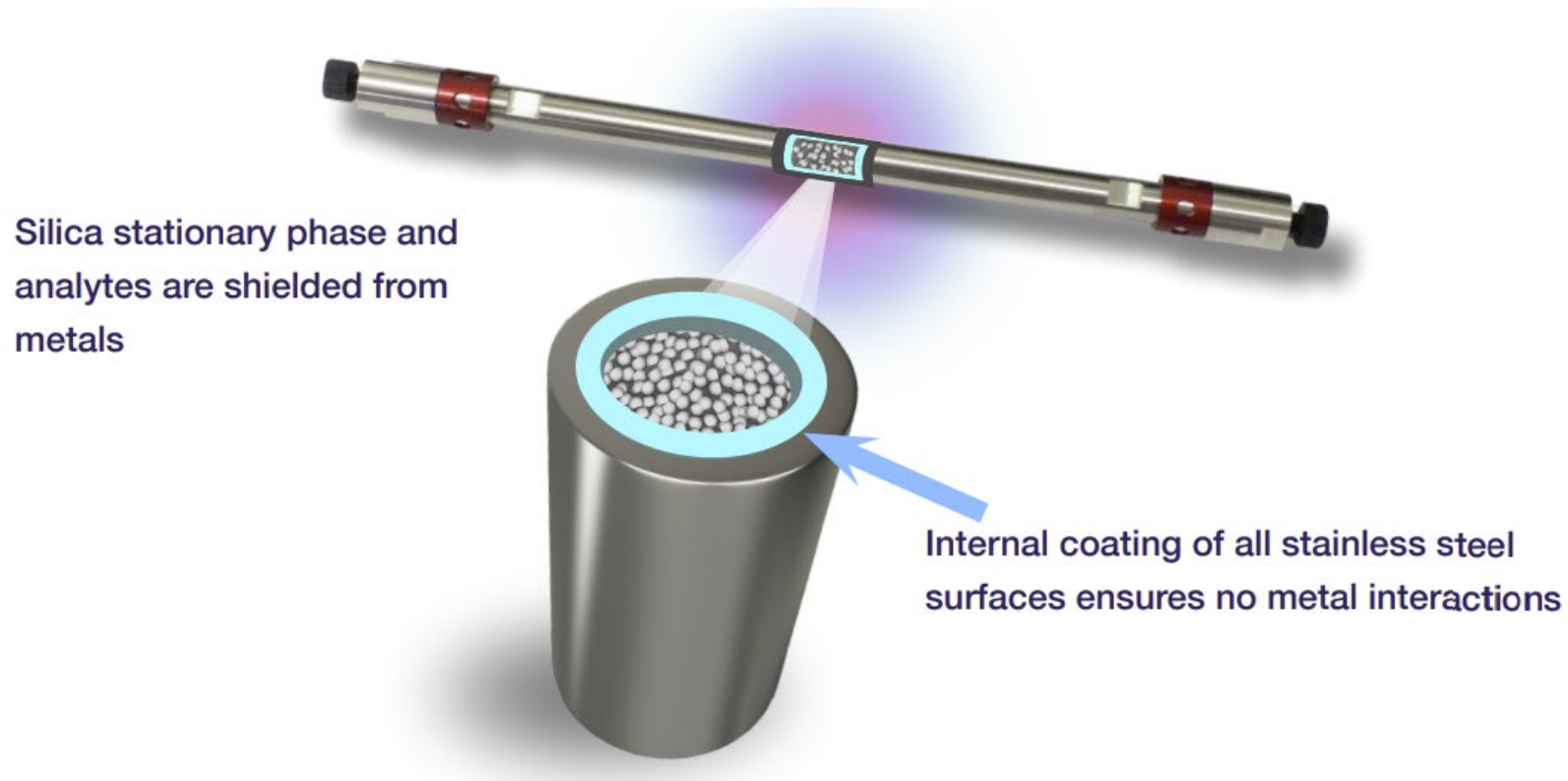
Steric Selectivity



- Hydrophobic, and Steric selectivity
- Excellent for peptide separations
- Alternative selectivity for Phenyl – more hydrophobic



# Introducing Evosphere<sup>®</sup> MAX<sup>™</sup> 100 Å UHPLC and HPLC Columns



- All bonded phases available in inert-coated MAX hardware
- Hardware available in 2.1, 3.0, 4.6, 10.0, 21.2 and 30.0 mm Column Internal Diameters
- 1.7, 3.0 and 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$  particle sizes available
- Inert-Coated Hardware – Applications for small/single-stranded oligonucleotides and chelators among other small sticky molecules



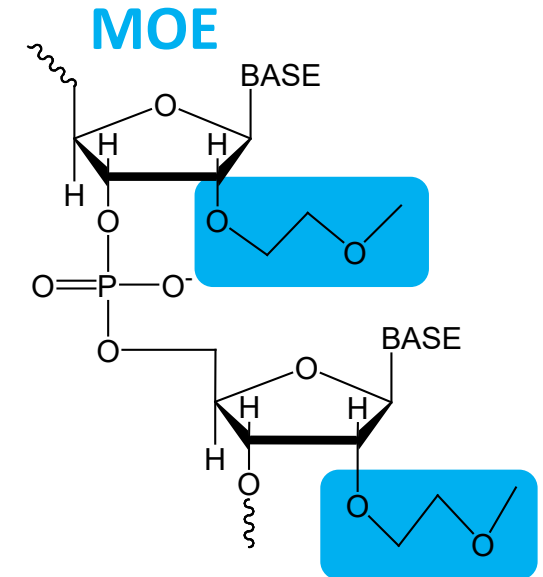
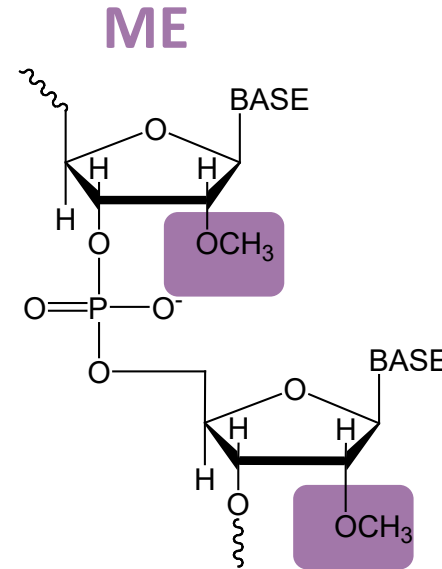
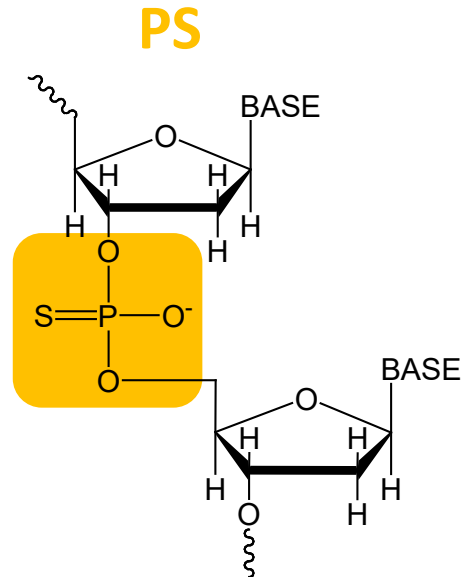
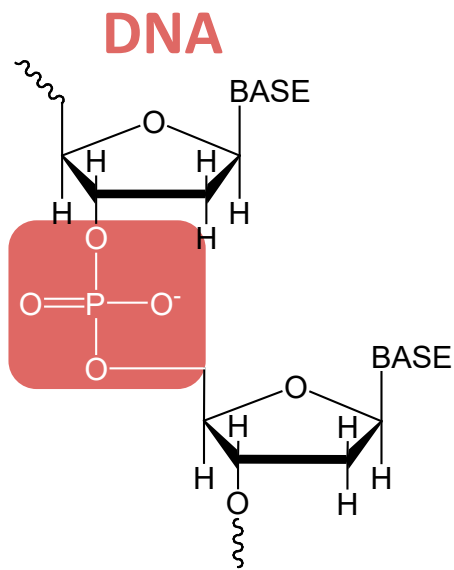
# Unmodified Oligonucleotide Standards

Shortcut	Sequence 5'→3'	Modification type
UNMODIFIED OLIGOS		
20A	ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCA	-
20G	ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCG	-
20C	ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCC	-
18hA	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	-



# Modified Oligonucleotide Standards

Shortcut	Sequence 5'→3'	Modification type
<b>MODIFIED OLIGOS</b>		
<b>DNA20</b>	<b>GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA</b>	-
<b>PS20</b>	<b>GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA</b>	phosphorothioate
<b>ME20</b>	<b>GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA</b>	2'-O-methyl
<b>MOE20</b>	<b>GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA</b>	2'-O-methoxyethyl



Unmodified and phosphorothioate oligonucleotide standards were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Dorset, UK). 2'-O-(2-methoxyethyl) and 2'-O-methyl OGNs were obtained from Eurogentec (Seraing, Belgium).



# Method Conditions to Optimize

## IMPACT OF SALT CONCENTRATION

AMMONIUM ACETATE  
5, 10, 25, 50 mM

## IMPACT OF SALT TYPE

AMMONIUM ACETATE (AA)  
AMMONIUM FORMATE (AF)  
AMMONIUM BICARBONATE (AB)

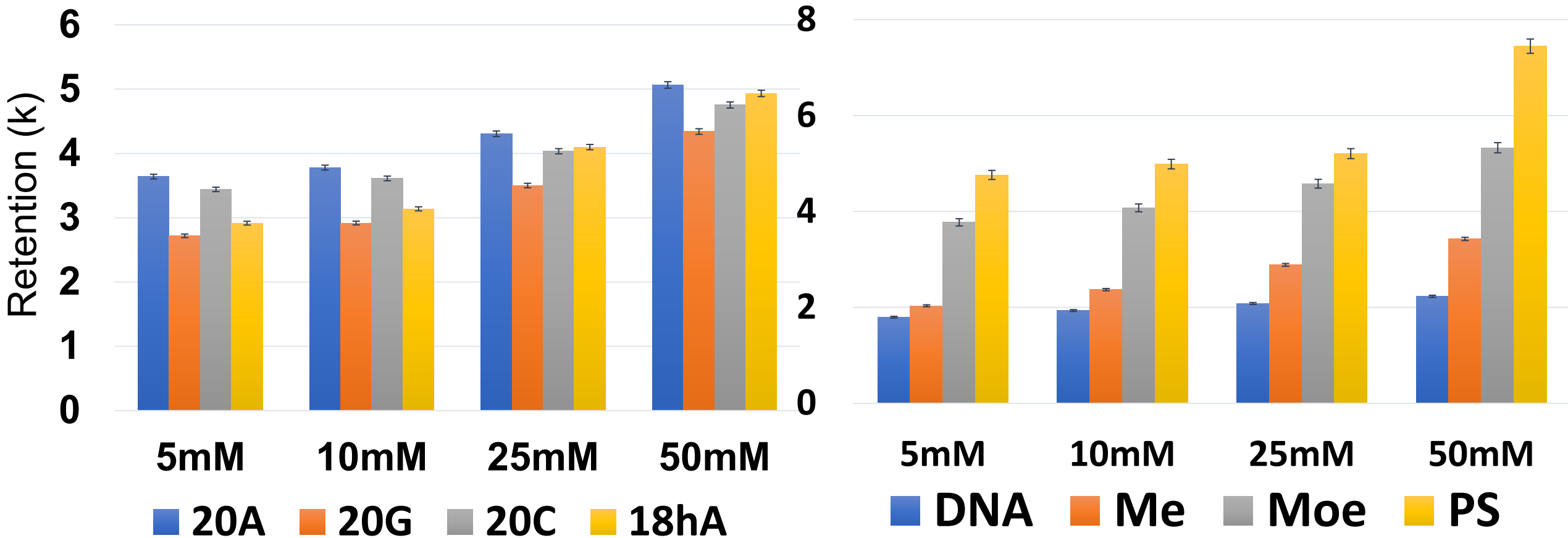
## IMPACT OF SALT pH

25mM AA  
pH 3.0, 4.5, 6.0, 7.5

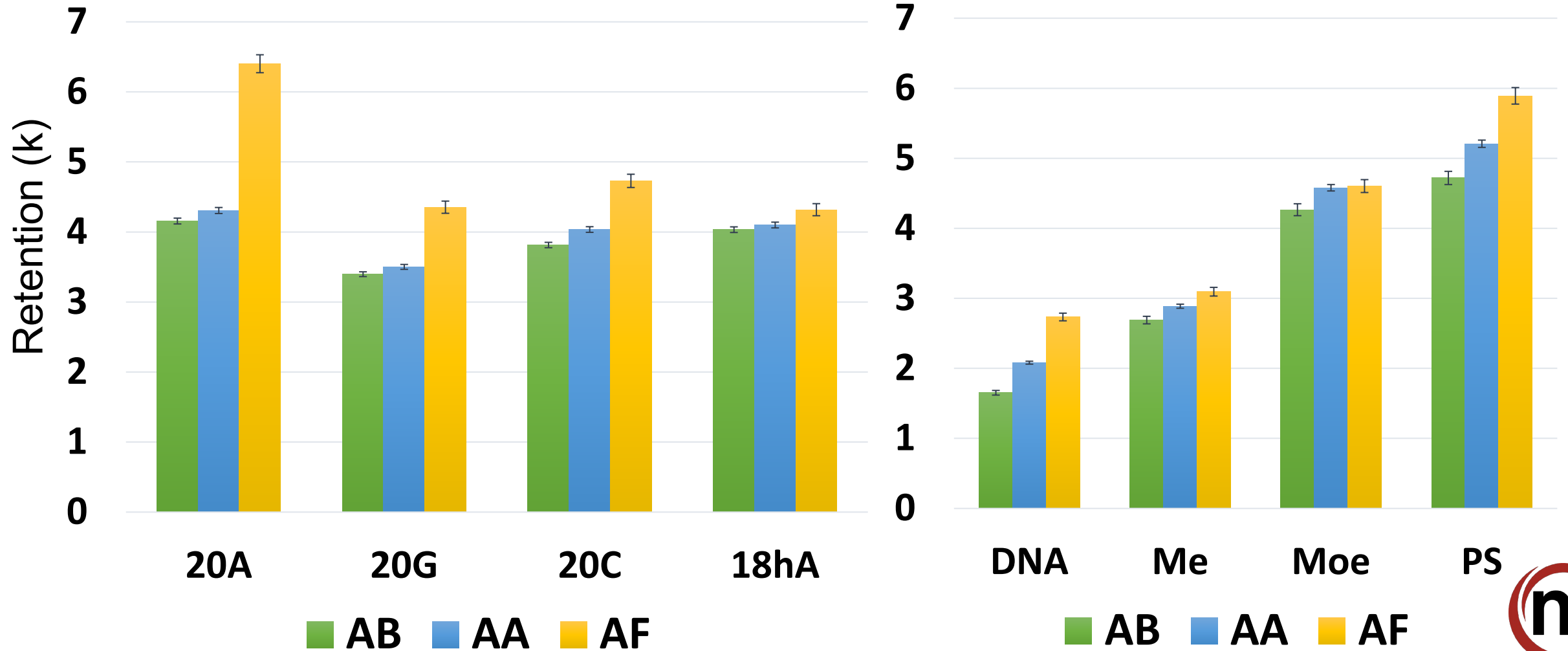




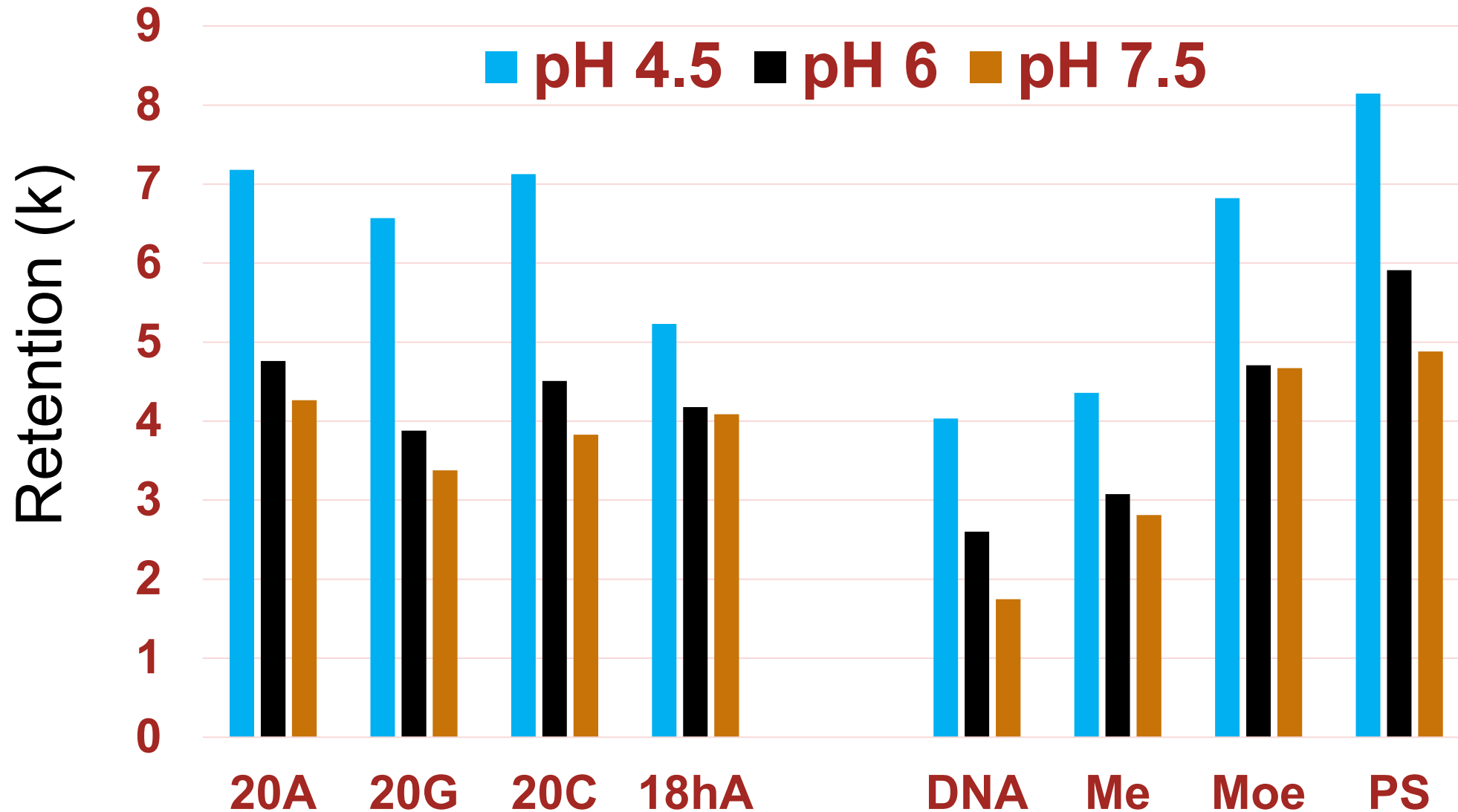
# Impact of Salt Concentration (Amm Ac.)



# Impact of Salt Type

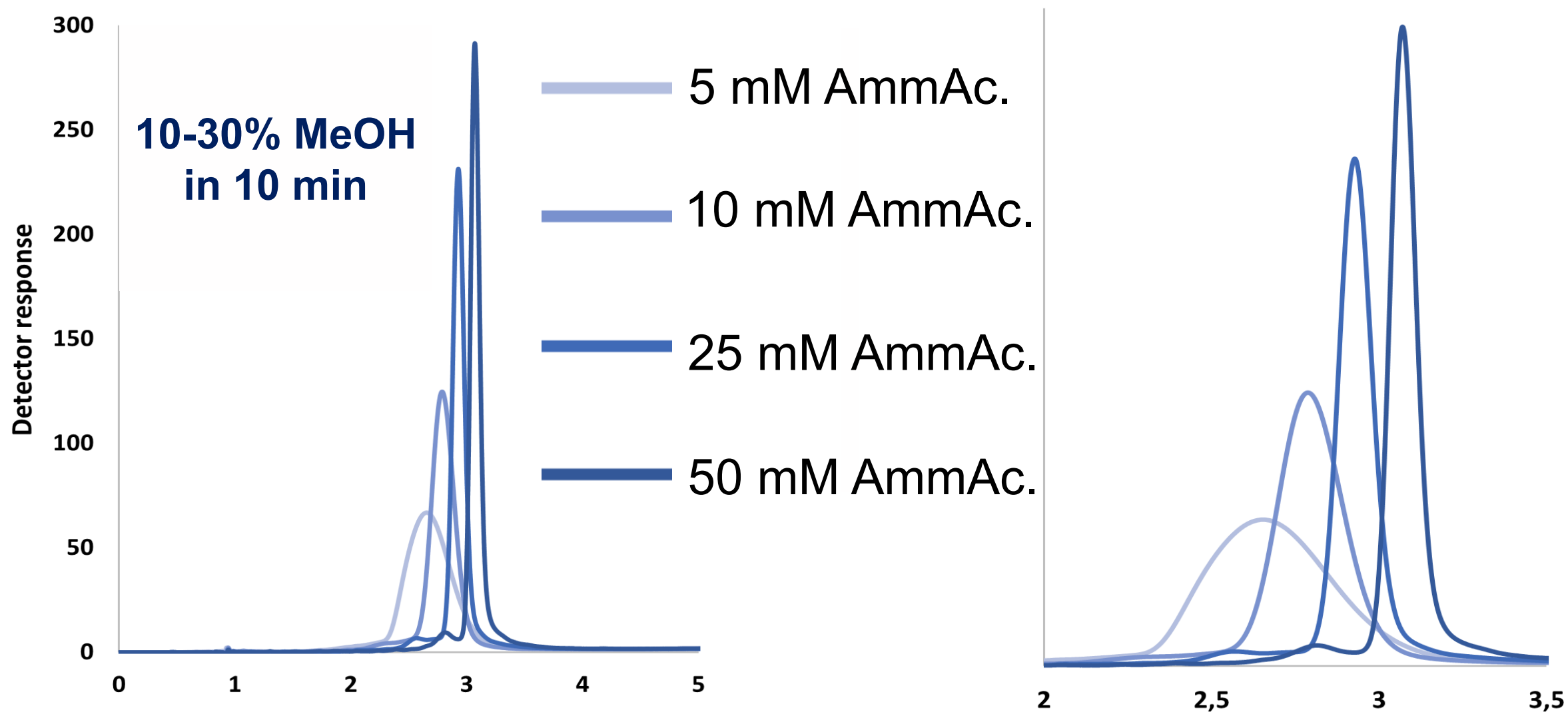


# Impact of pH on Retention

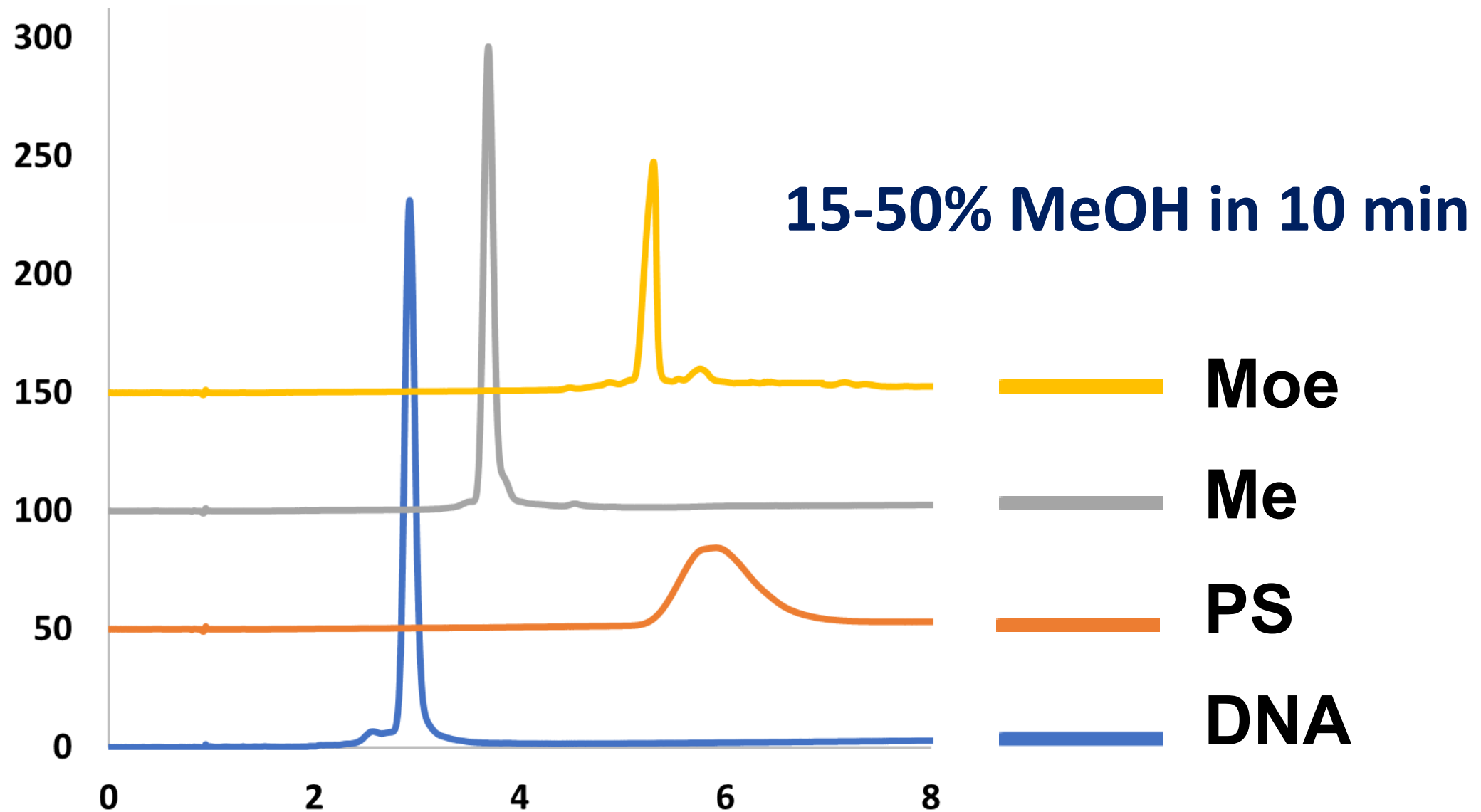


# Peak Shape for DNA20 Oligos

Oligonucleotide Sample - GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA



# Peak Shape for Modified Oligos

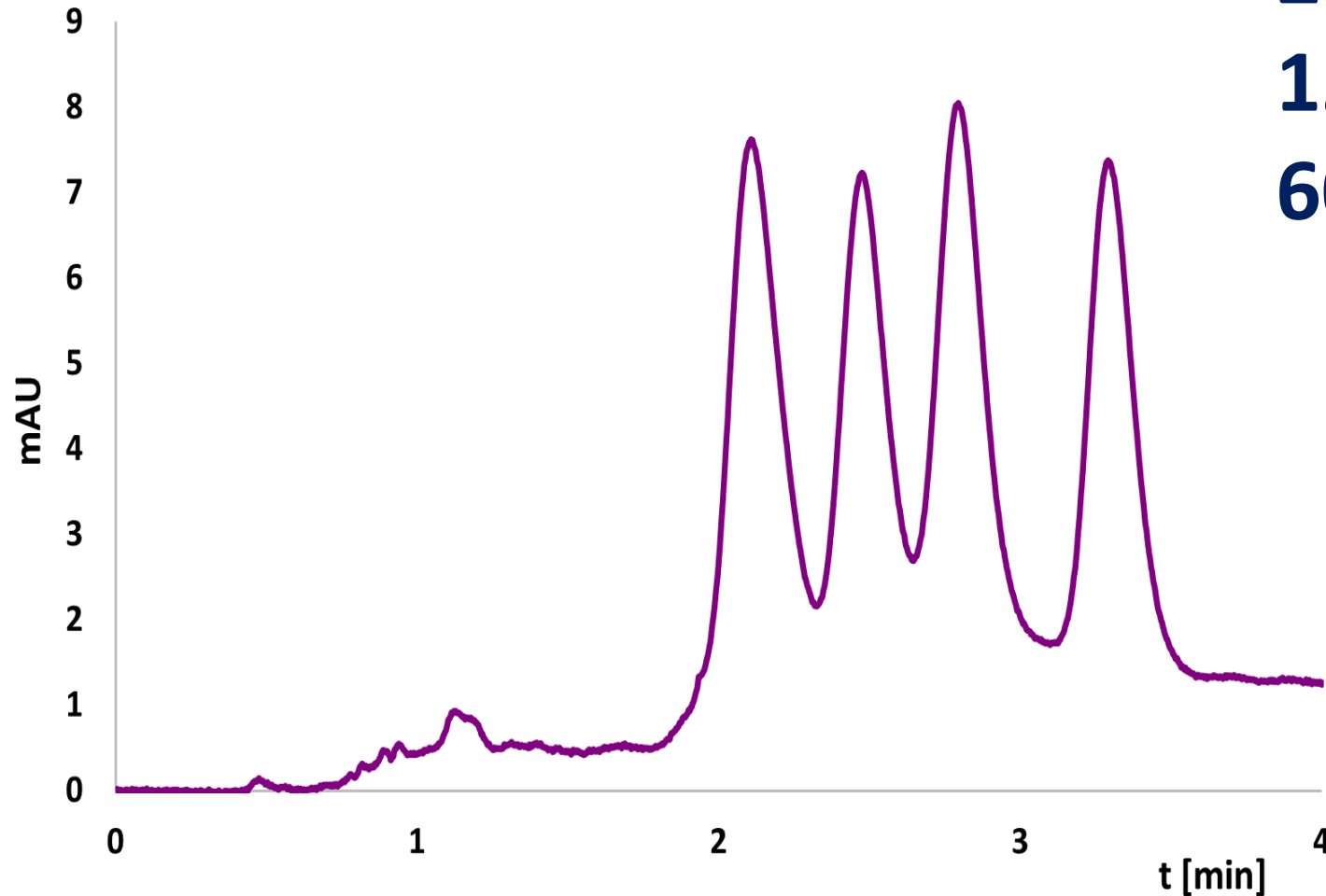


# Separation of Unmodified Sequence Isomers

25mM AA pH=6

12-20 % MeOH in 10min

60 °C



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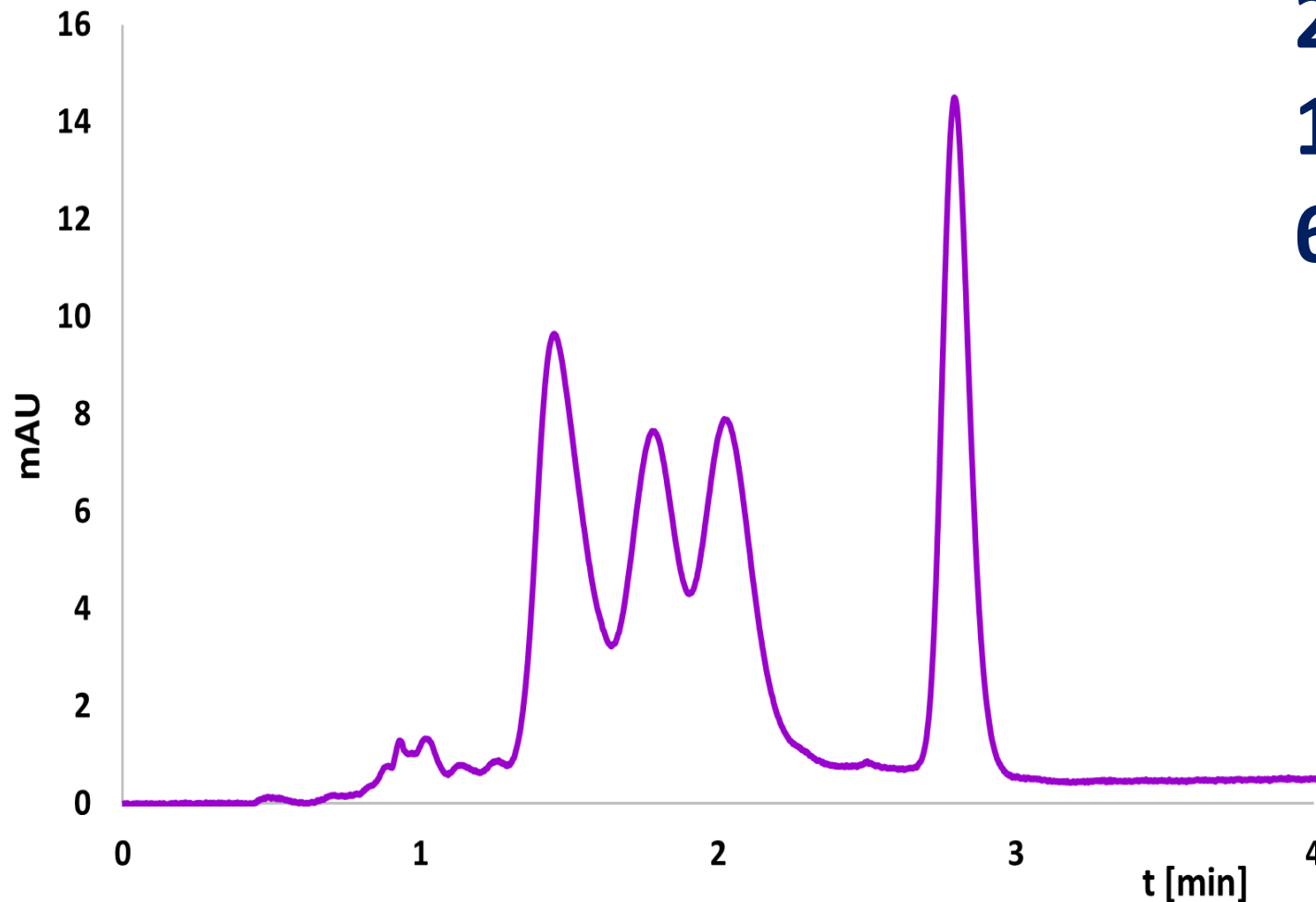
2 - ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCT

3 - ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCC

4 - ATCGATCGATCGATCGATCA



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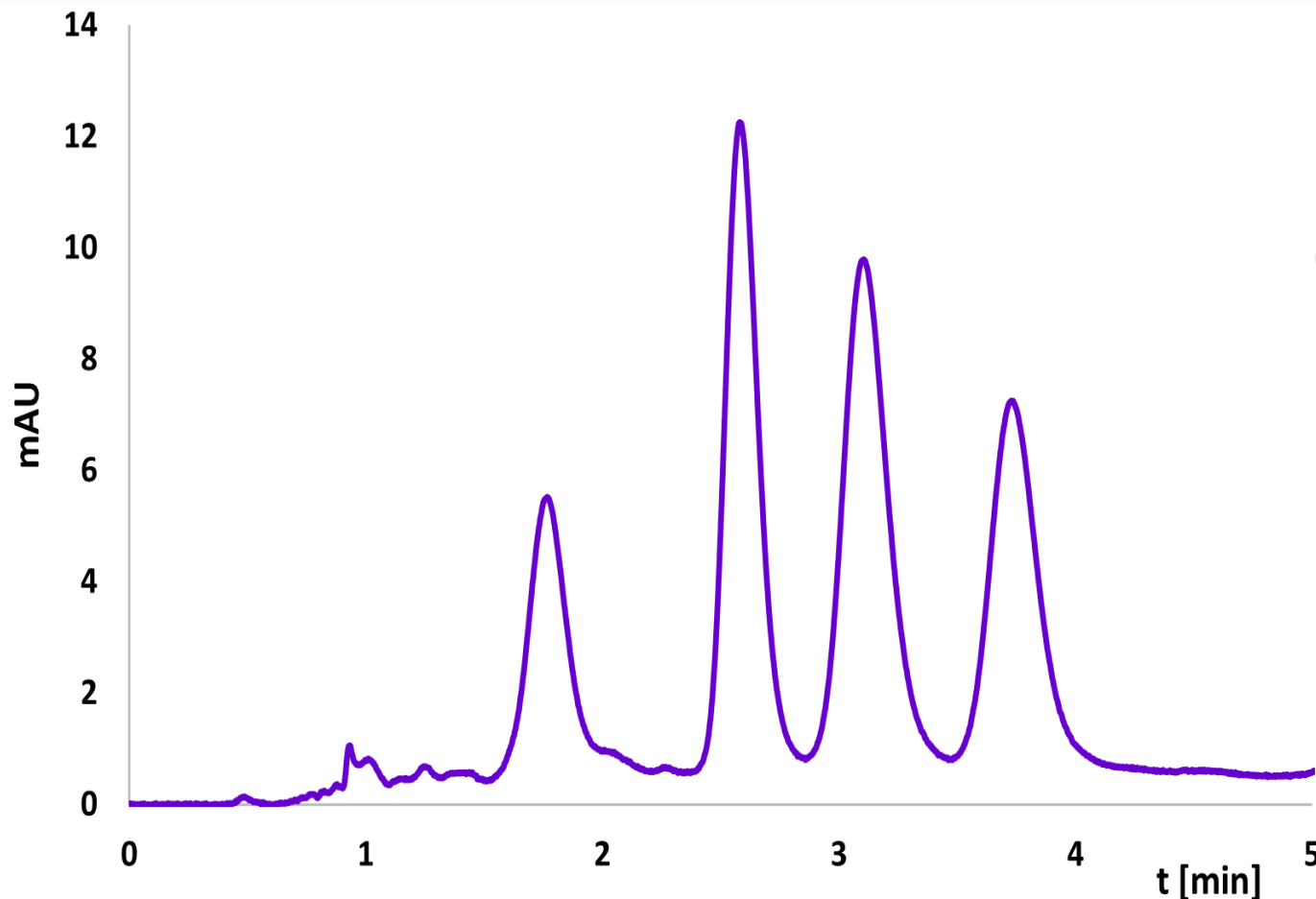
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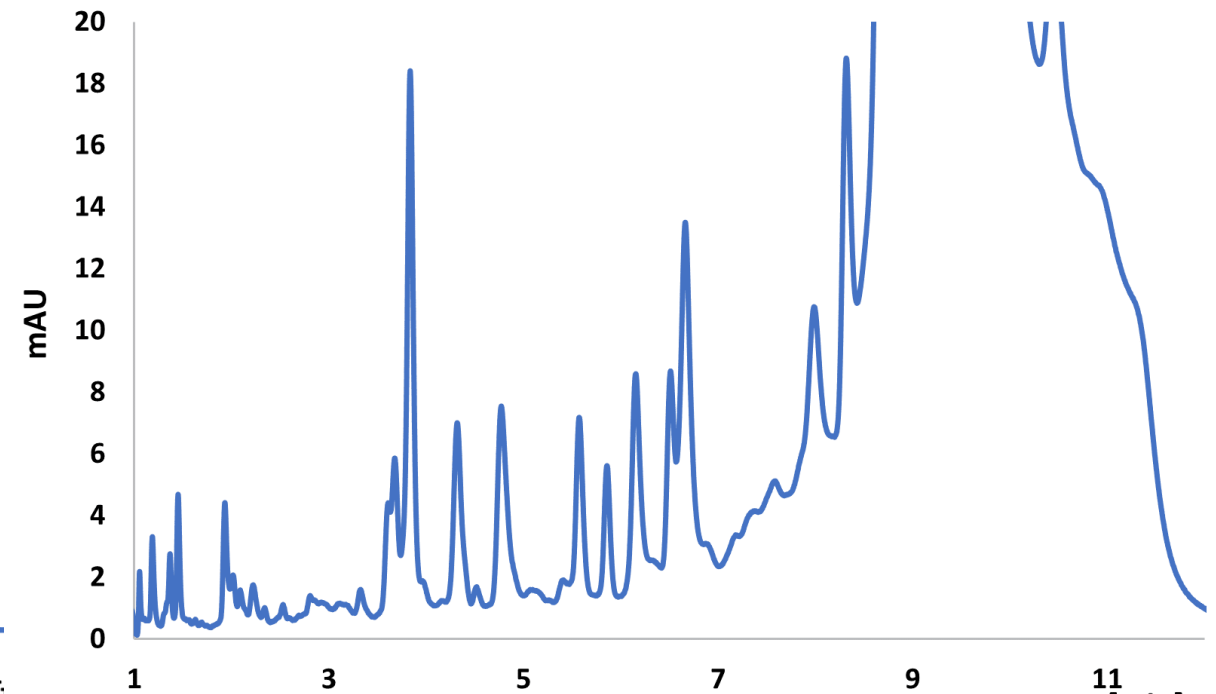
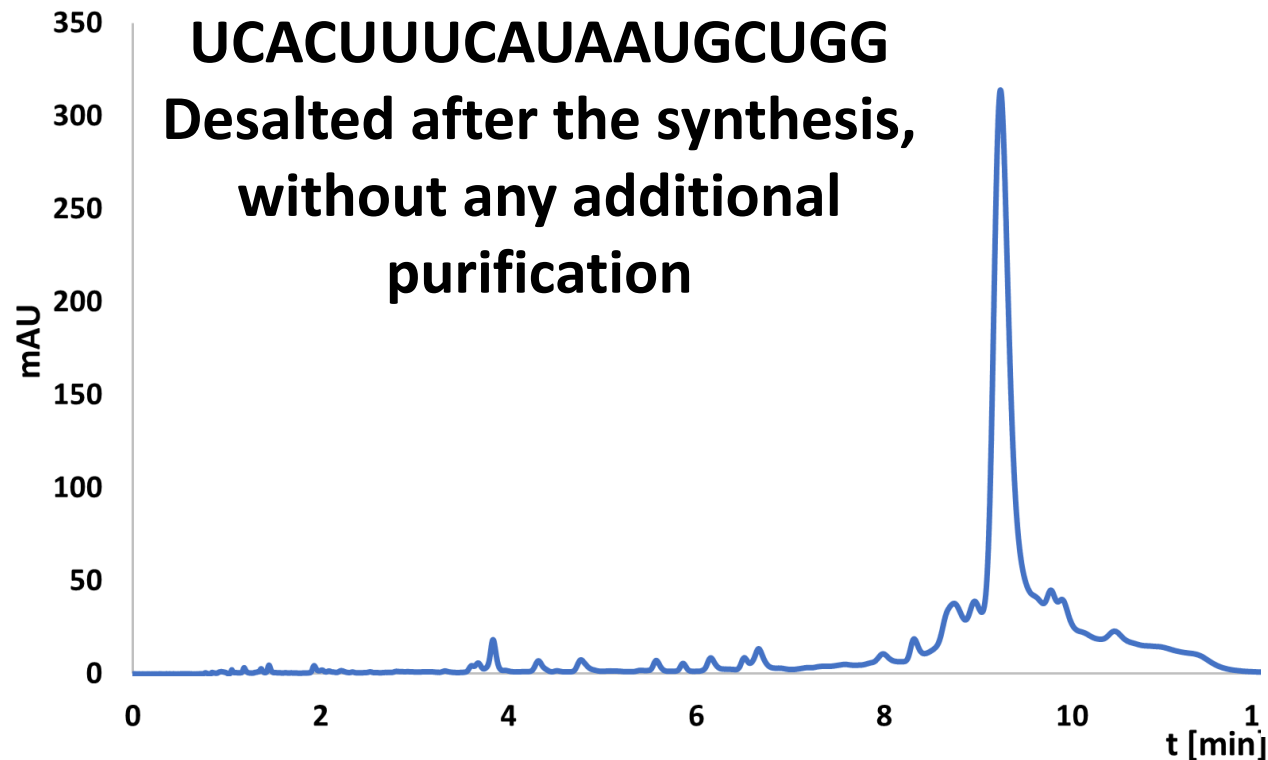




# Unpurified RNA Oligonucleotide Separation

25mM Amm. Ac. pH 6, 30 °C  
5-15% MeOH 10min

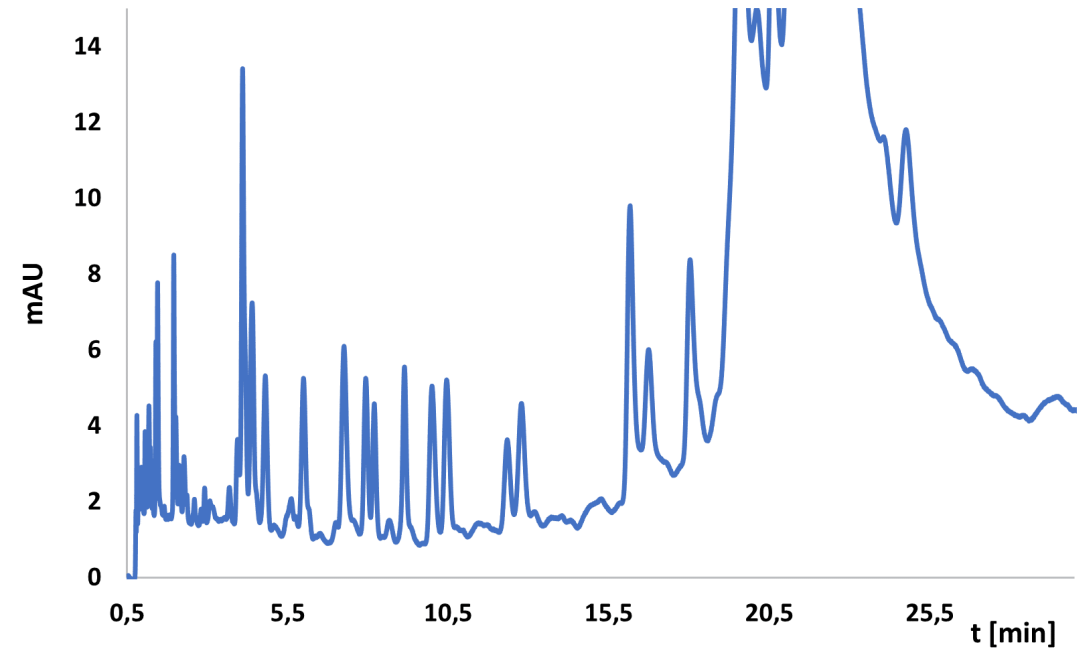
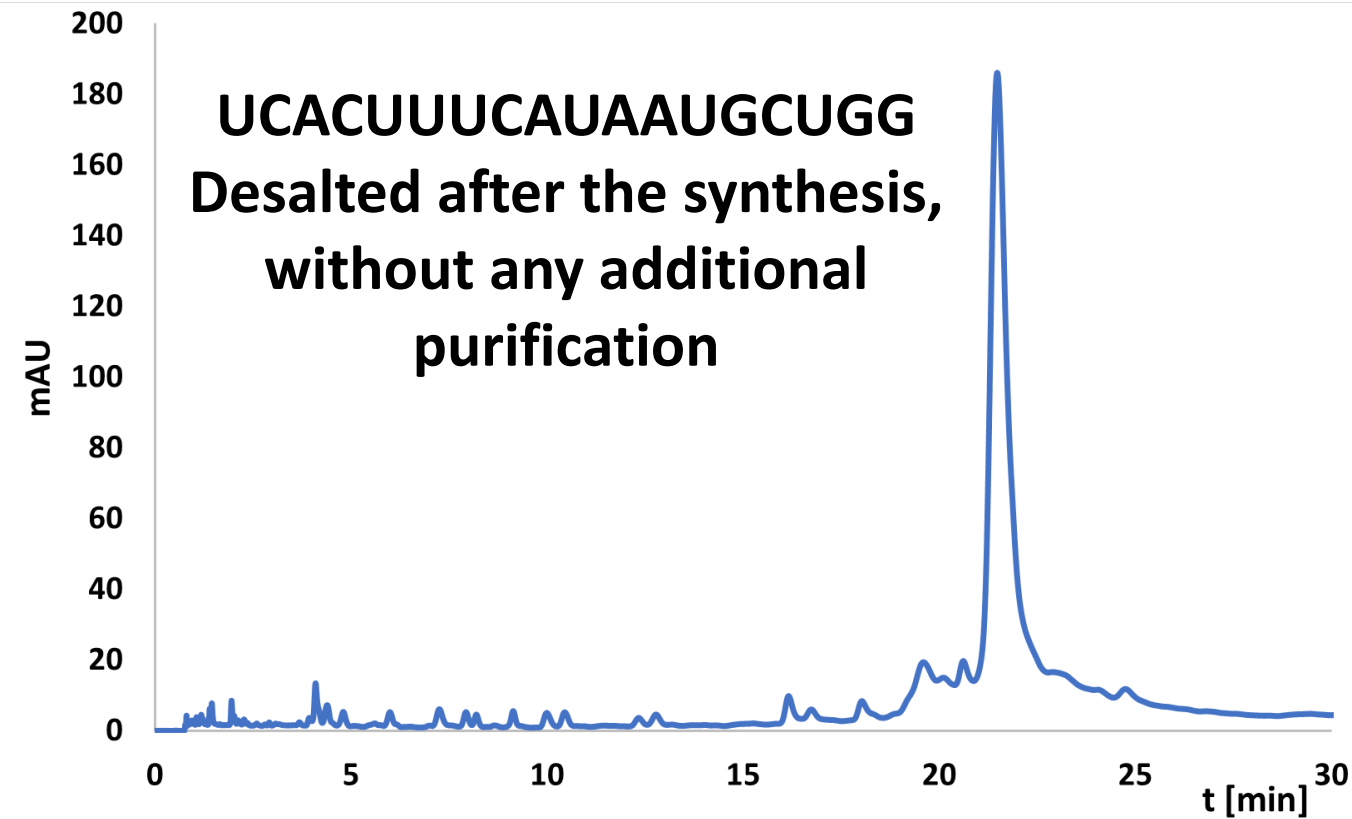
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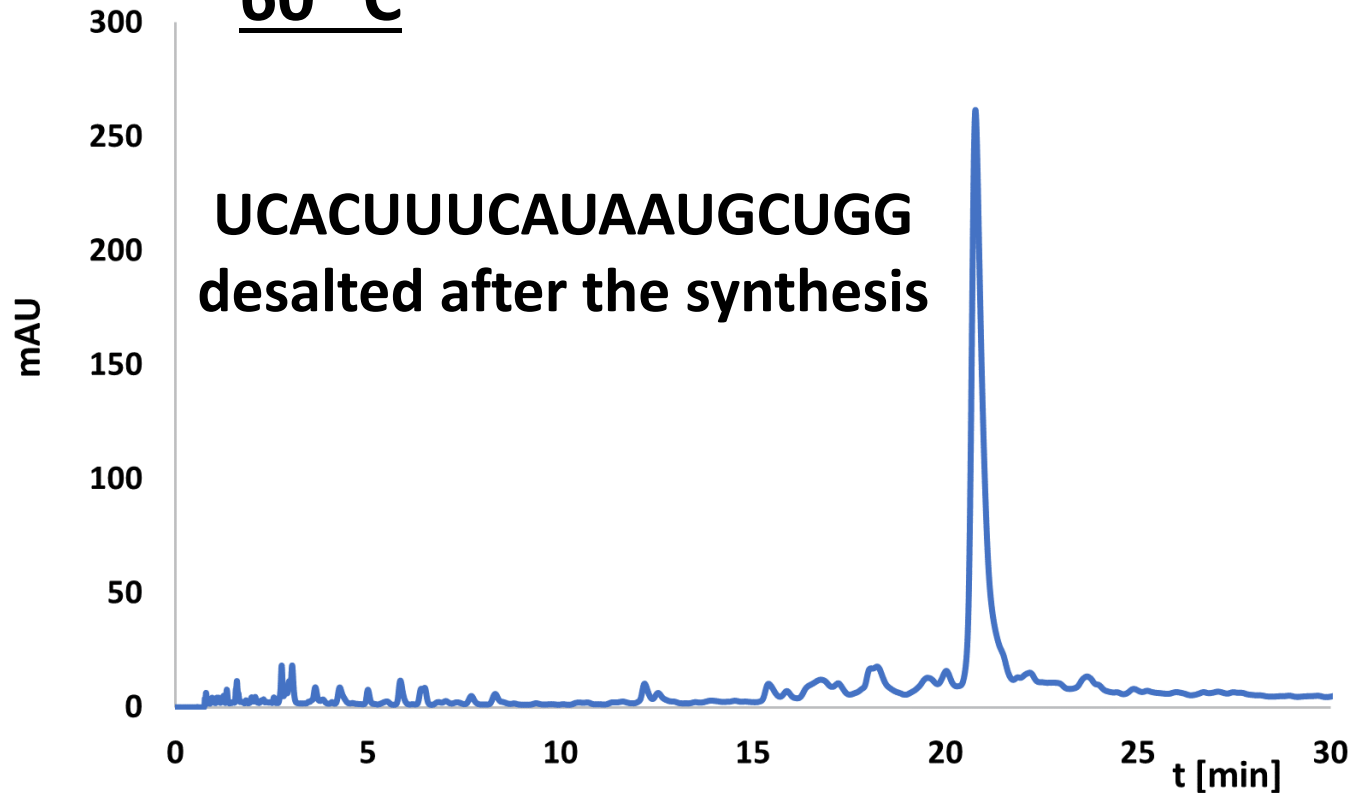
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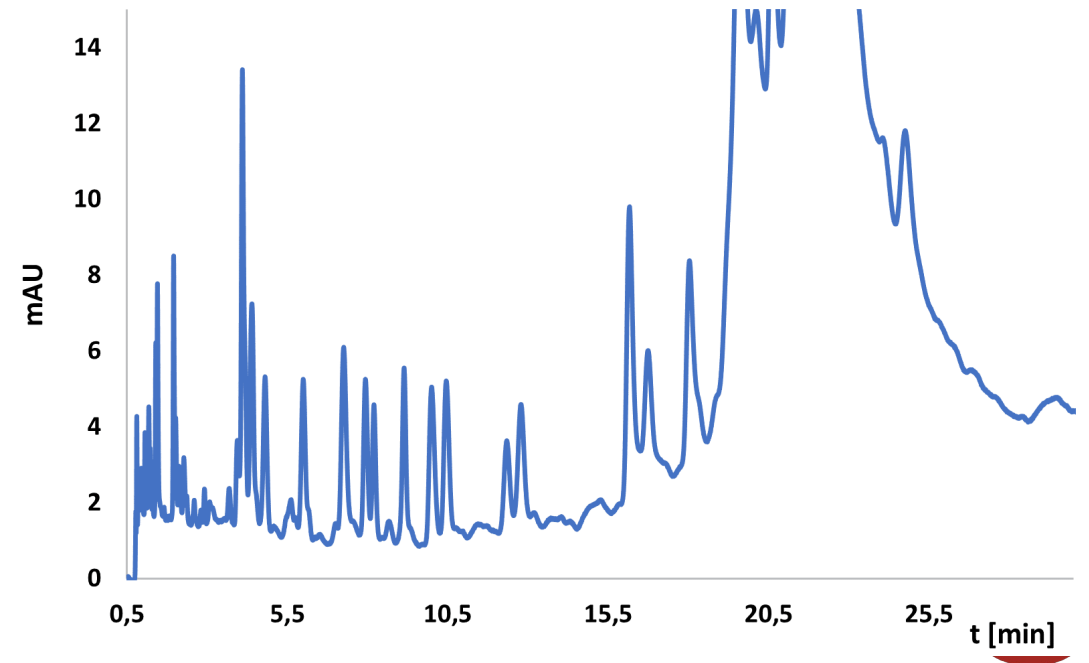
2-8% MeOH 30min

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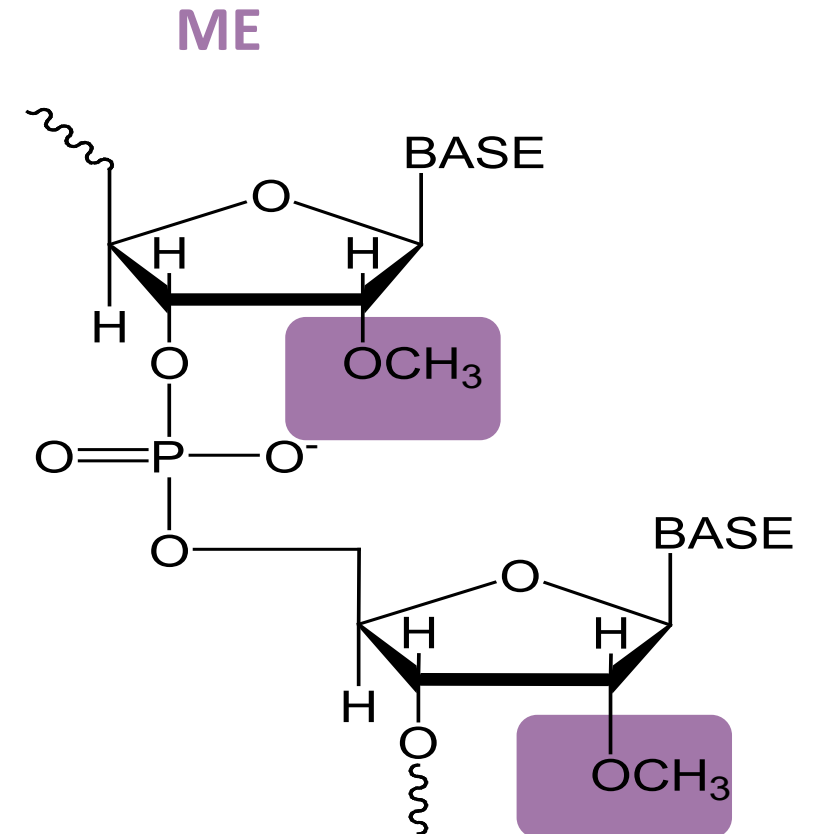
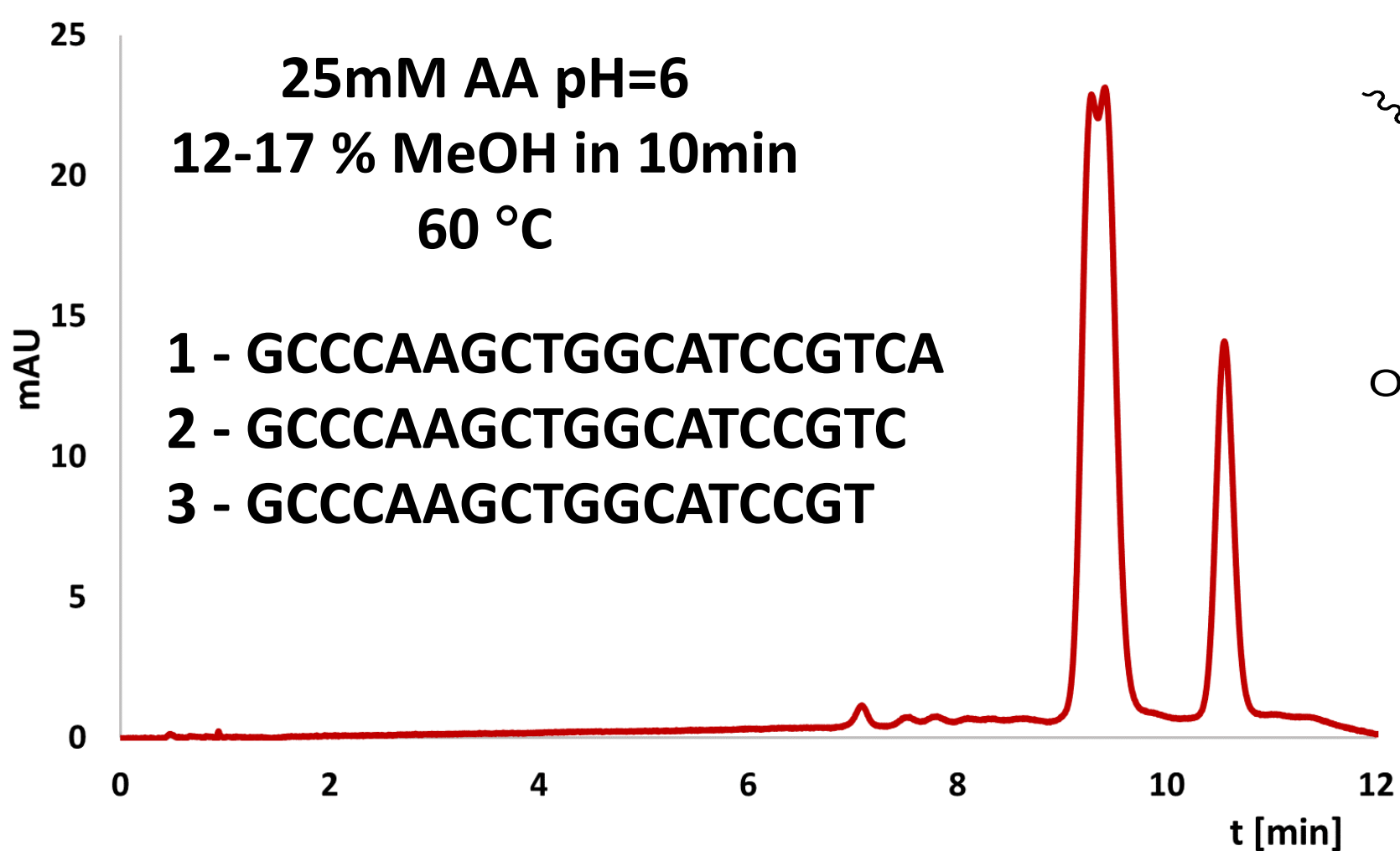
UCACUUUCAUAAUGCUGG  
desalted after the synthesis



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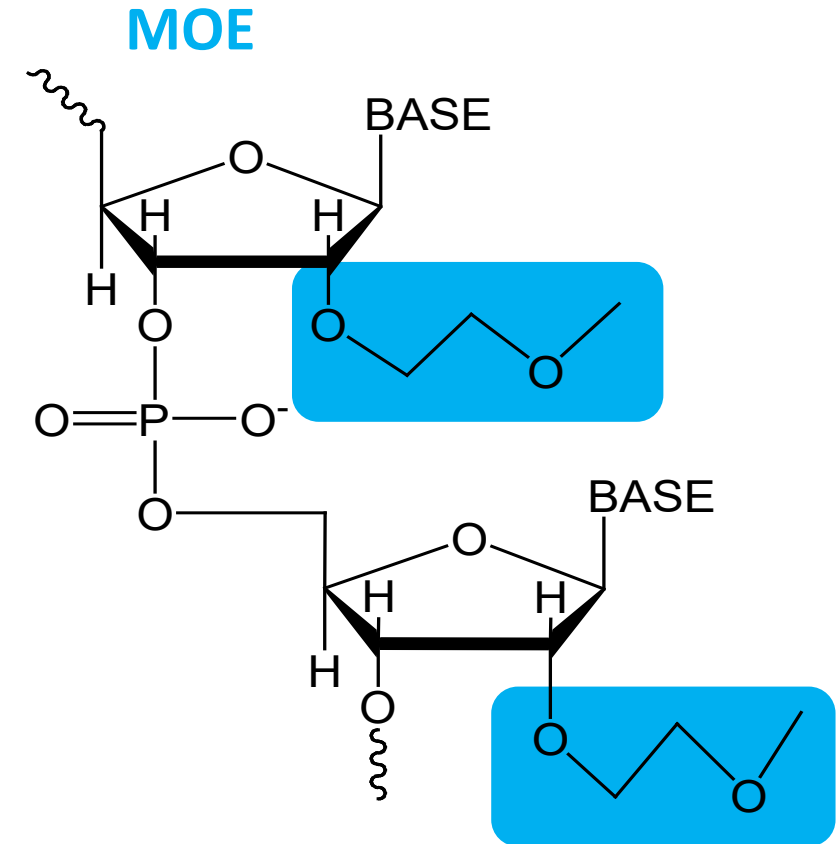
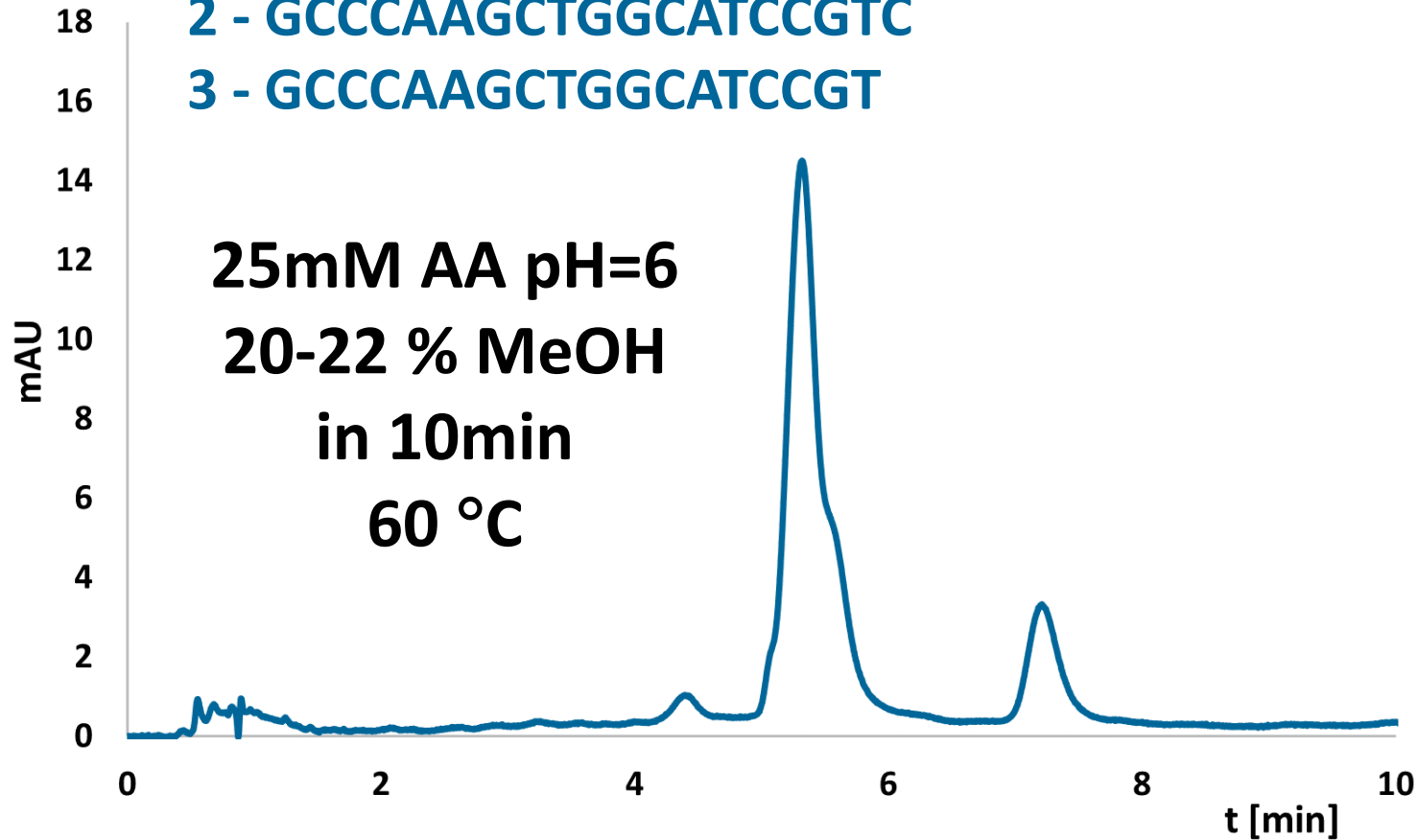
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- 3 - GCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGT

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20-22 % MeOH  
in 10min  
60 °C



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**Evosphere BIO 300 Å C4**



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**3 µm and 5 µm particle sizes**



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# Conclusions and Future Work

- Conclusions:
  - Evosphere MAX C18/AR is a viable candidate to evaluate potential non-ion-pair mobile phase systems for modified and unmodified Single-Stranded Oligonucleotides
- Future Work:
  - Evaluate Evosphere 300 Å C18/AR material for longer Single Stranded Oligonucleotides
  - Evosphere HILIC for Double Stranded Oligonucleotides
  - Improve Sample Prep Workups via novel WAX applications (Stay Tuned)
  - Evaluate Evosphere MAX 100 and 300 Å C12 for traditional TEA/HFIP or DIPEA/HFIP ion-pairing mobile phases







**Thank you for your time  
Questions?**