

**Sample Preparation before
Chromatography**

**Chromatography: General
Considerations**

FPLC System - FPLC Software

PURIFICATION STRATEGY

- Sequence of Events: Cell harvesting, Cell Disruption, Extraction and Clarification, Chromatography
- Sample Preparation before Chromatography: Cell Debris Removal, Clarification and Concentration: dialysis, filtration, ultrafiltration , others
- FPPLC, columns, resolution, selectivity, efficiency and capacity
- Three Phase Strategy: Linking Chromatography Techniques
- FPLC System - FPLC Software

Cell Disruption considerations

- Stability of the released protein
- Location of target protein within the cell (membrane, nucleus, mitochondria, etc.)
- Yield and kinetics of the process. Extent of disruption: possible use of marker substances, measure protein concentration. Balance: volume & lysis efficiency.
- Suggested lysis volume for bacterial cells: 10-20% of original cell culture
- Scale-up
- Option: perform protein purification without cell debris clarification step, directly from the cell lysate (bed absorption chromatography)

Methods to monitor lysis

- Reduction of whole cells: decrease of Abs660nm before and after treatment.
- Weight of cell pellet before & after lysis
- Monitor nucleic acid release : Increase in the Abs260nm during lysis
(This method could be difficult because of the “haze” generated, which can alter absorbance readings.)
- Microscopically : Compare cells before and after treatment

CELL DESINTIGATION AND EXTRACTION: METHODS THAT DO NOT NEED SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- **Freezing and thawing:** Repeated cycles (can denature protein). For cells without a cell wall (animal cells). **Not suitable for large scale. Not reliable method**
- **Osmotic shock:** Transferring cells from a high to a low osmotic pressure. Useful to release periplasmic proteins from Gram negative bacteria. **Not reliable method**
- **Chaotropic agents (urea, GuHCl):** **Extremely denaturative. Not suitable for large scale.** Use for extremely insoluble proteins or inclusion bodies
- **Detergents (Brij, NP40, DDM, etc.):** Anionic and non-ionic detergents permeabilize Gram negative cells. Can interfere in downstream process. Dissolve membrane-bound proteins. Use in combination with mechanical methods. **Problematic!!!** *Bacterial Expression Screen - DDM (Dodecyl Maltoside) lysis - Small Affinity binding* http://wolfson.huji.ac.il/purification/TagProteinPurif/DDM_Bacterial_Expr_screen.html
- **Organic solvents:** Toluene, ether, chloroform, isoamyl alcohol, etc at different concentration can release different materials from the cell. **Extremely denaturative.** Use only for solvent resistant proteins. **Not reliable method**
- **Enzymatic lysis:** Lysozyme hydrolyze linkages in the peptido-glycan of bacterial cell walls. Used for pretreatment of cells in combination with mechanical methods. Yeast cell walls can be hydrolyzed with snail gut enzymes and glucanases

CELL DESINTIGRATION AND EXTRACTION: METHODS THAT NEED SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- **Combine with chemical treatment: lysozyme, detergents, Dnase, etc.**
- **Mixers and blenders:** Useful for animal and plant tissues (Warring-blender)
- **Coarse grinding** Grinding with a pestle and mortar of frozen mycelium. **Fine grinding in a bed mill:** Useful for yeast, larger cells, algae and filamentous fungi. Use of different glass beads (Bead-beater)
- **Homogenization:** Animal cells. Piston/plunger device. Wheaton-Dounce homogenizer
- **Sonication:** Bacterial cells disrupted by high frequency sound and shear forces. Low scale. Very vigorous process. Heat generation. **Not reliable method**
- **High pressure lysis:** Pumping cell suspension through a narrow orifice at high pressure. Mainly for bacterial cells. **Very reliable and efficient method.** French-press, Microfluidizer, Avestin, etc: medium scale (20-100ml). Microfluidizer, Maunton-Gaulin: For larger volumes

Cell Lysis

Equipment in LSI

HTP – Low scale:

Bacterial Expression Screen - DDM (Dodecyl Maltoside) lysis - Small Affinity binding
http://wolfson.huji.ac.il/purification/TagProteinPurification/DDM_Bacterial_Expr_screen.html



As French-press but for medium/larger volumes

For bacterial and yeast cells

High speed

Other applications.



Microfluidizer



Microfluidizer
low volume
benchtop machine

Avestin Emulsiflex C3



One Shot Model

Clarification

removing cell debris
unbroken cells
nucleic acids
“colloids”
and more

Centrifugation

Normal
Continuous flow

Filtration

Normal (Dead end)
Tangential Flow Filtration (Cross flow)

No clarification

Dialysis

Ultrafiltration

Concentration, dia-filtration

Buffer Exchange

Fractional Precipitation

Ammonium SO₄

PEG

Polyethyleneimine

Streptomycin Sulphate

Sample Preparation before Chromatography: Cell Debris Removal, Protein Clarification and Concentration

➤ Centrifugation For small sample volumes 15min 10,000g .

For very turbid cell homogenates: 30min 50,000g

➤ Continuous Centrifugation (Industrial)

➤ Filtration before loading in chromatographic column

Pore size filter: $1\mu\text{m}$ for particle size of chromatographic medium $90\mu\text{m}$ and upward

Pore size filter: $0.45\mu\text{m}$ for particle size of chromatographic medium 30 or $34\mu\text{m}$

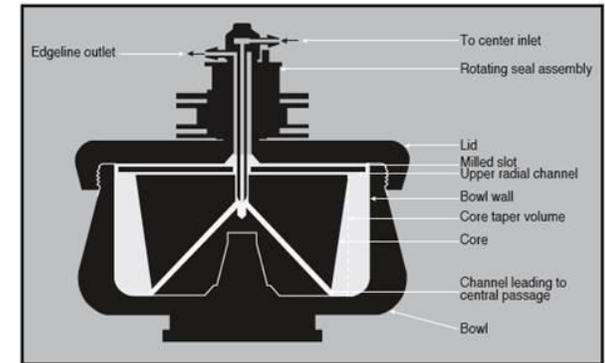
Pore size filter: $0.22\mu\text{m}$ for particle size of chromatographic medium $3, 10, 15\mu\text{m}$

Pore size filter: $0.1\mu\text{m}$ for SEC-MALS & IEX-MALS

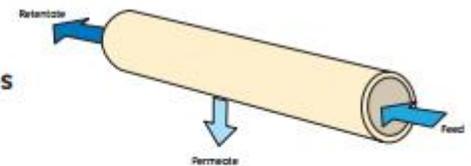
➤ Filtration large scale, Normal (Dead end): Filters. H

➤ TFF: Tangential Flow Filtration (Cross flow)

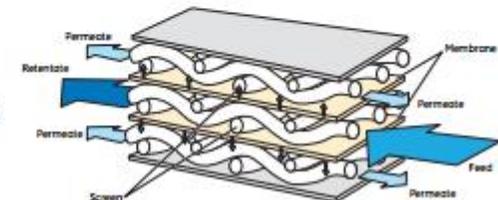
➤ Expanded Bed Adsorption: no clarification



Open Channel
Hollow Fiber Cartridges

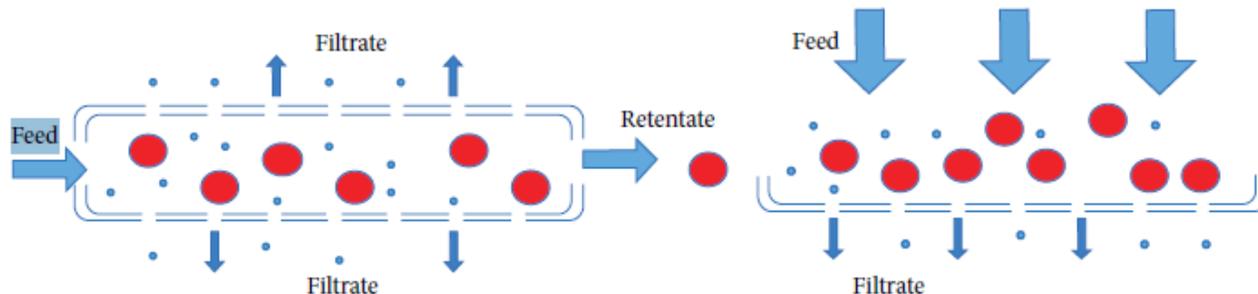
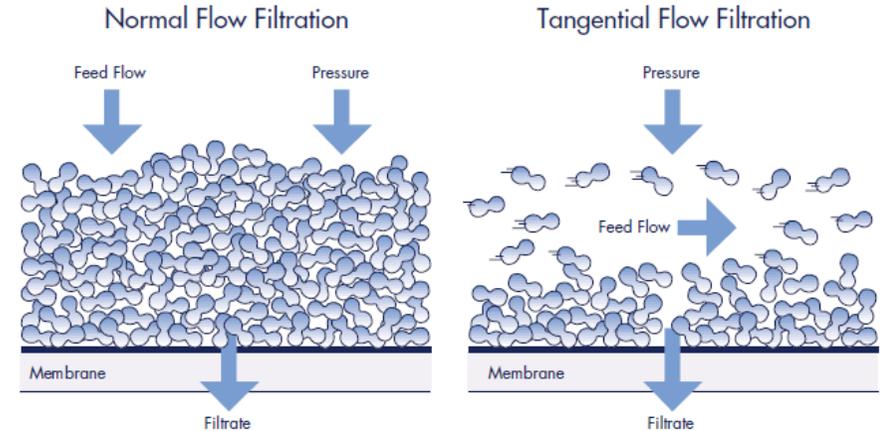


Screen Channel
Flat Sheet Cassettes



Membrane-Based Systems

- Pressure-driven processes, such as ultrafiltration (UF), microfiltration, virus filtration, and nanofiltration . Or electric field (electro-ultrafiltration, EUF)
- They are mainly used for protein concentration and buffer exchange replacing SEC on an industrial scale.
- There are charge membranes that can use as IEX, RPC, Affinity, HIC (Pall, Mustang, etc)
- Another emerging technology in membrane separation processes is high-performance tangential flow filtration (HPTFF).



Tangential or cross flow and Normal or dead end filtration

Normal / Cross Flow Filtration / Ultrafiltration

GE Healthcare

Normal flow filtration products



Syringe filters



Bottle-Top Filters



Membrane filtration capsules



Filter capsules

Cross flow filtration products



ÄKTAcrossflow™

- Fully automated filtration system for cross flow membrane screening, process development, and small scale processing.
- Enable automation at very small scale, with capacity ranging from liters down to 25 ml.



Hollow fiber ultrafiltration cartridges

Available with ten different molecular weight



Kwick Cassette family

- Membrane surface area from 50 cm² to 2.5 m²
- MW cutoffs (5k, 10k select, 10k, 30k, 50k, and 100k)



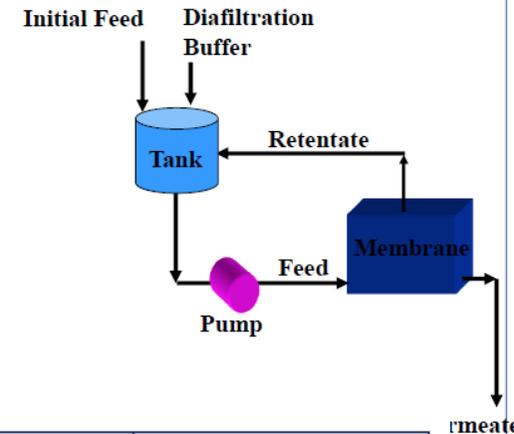
TFF: Tangential or cross flow filtration

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Basic TFF Operation

Basic Components

- Membranes
- Pump
- Tank
- Piping

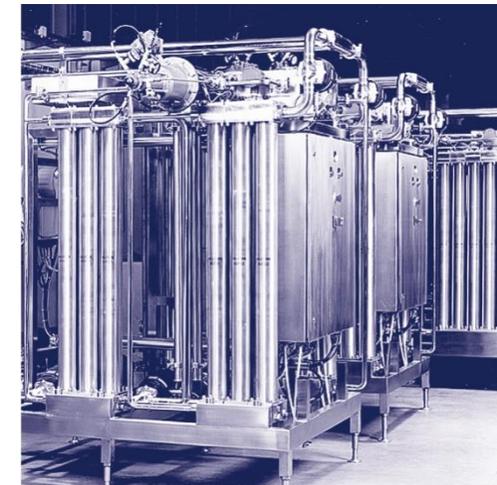
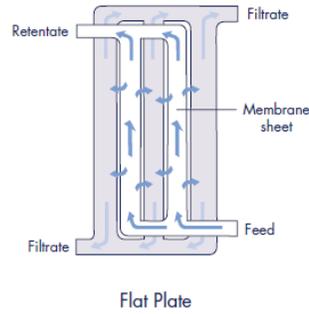
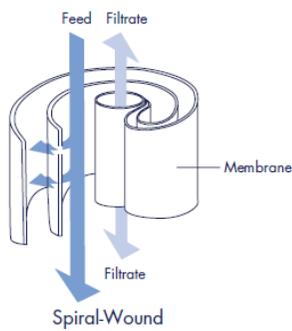
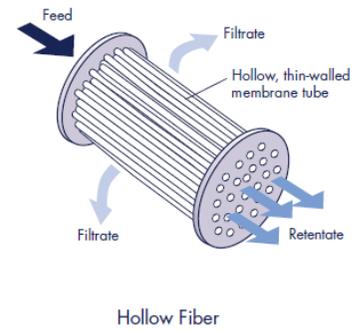


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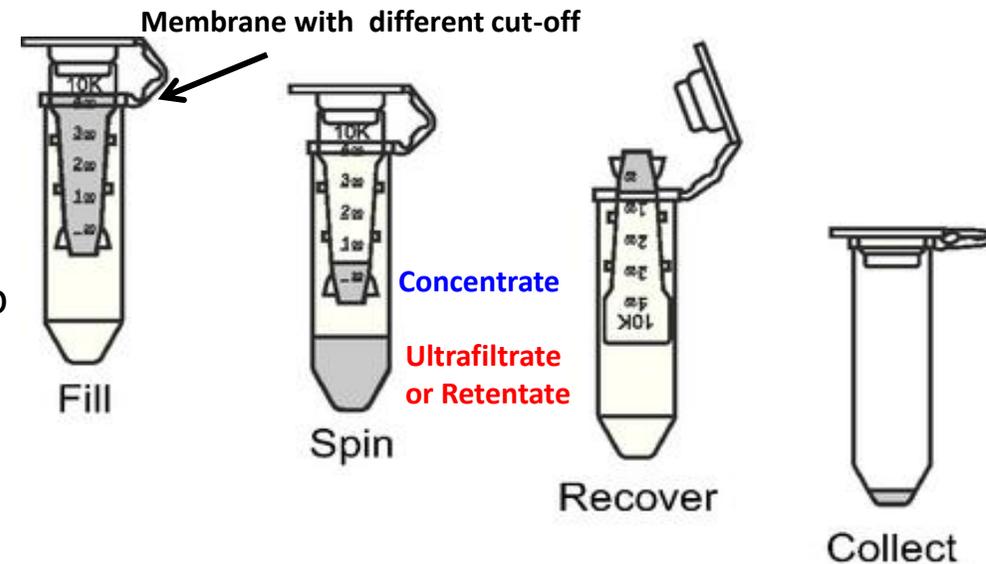
	Microfiltration	Virus Filtration	High-Performance Filtration	Ultrafiltration TFF	Nanofiltration/ Reverse Osmosis
Components retained by membrane	Intact cells Cell debris	Viruses	Proteins	Proteins	Antibiotics Sugars Salts
membrane					
Components passed through membrane	Colloidal material Viruses Proteins Salts	Proteins Salts	Proteins Salts	Small Peptides Salts	(Salts) Water
Approximate membrane cutoff range	0.05 μm – 1 μm	100 kD – 0.05 μm	10 kD – 300 kD	1 kD – 1000 kD	<1 kD

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Ultrafiltration

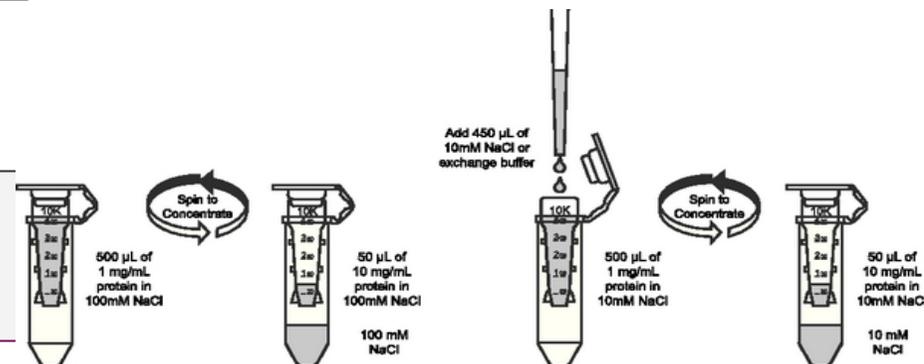
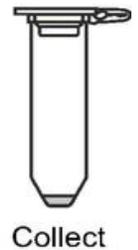
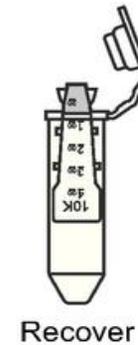
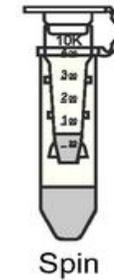
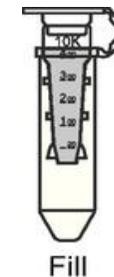


- ✓ A process that uses semi-permeable membranes to separate molecules on the basis of size.
- ✓ It is particularly appropriate for concentration, partial purification or for buffer exchange.
- ✓ Is a gentle and non denaturing method.
- ✓ The ultrafiltrate is cleared of macromolecules which are significantly larger than the cutoff of the filter
- ✓ The buffer concentration in the ultrafiltrate will be exactly the same as in the concentrate
- ✓ Do not replace GF, although the principles are the same: separation according to ratio of the molecule
- ✓ Proteins with MW lower than the cut-off, will be retained in the concentrate if they aggregate, or are part of a complex
- ✓ Cut-off at least two or three times of the protein size
- ✓ Some proteins can stick to the membranes

Ultra Centrifugal Devices

Amicon / Millipore - Merck

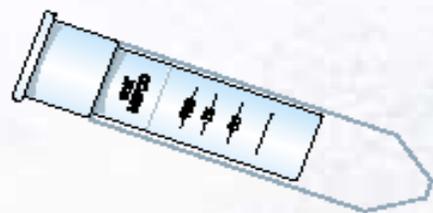
Product	Amicon® Ultra-0.5	Amicon® Ultra-2	Amicon® Ultra-4	Amicon® Ultra-15	
Maximum initial sample volume (mL)	0.5	2	4	15	
Final concentrate (retentate) volume (µL)	15-20	15-70	30-70	150-300	
MWCO	Qty/Pk				
3,000 MWCO	8	UFC500308		UFC800308	UFC900308
	24	UFC500324	UFC200324	UFC800324	UFC900324
	96	UFC500396		UFC800396	UFC900396
	500	UFC5003BK			
10,000 MWCO	8	UFC501008		UFC801008	UFC901008
	24	UFC501024	UFC201024	UFC801024	UFC901024
	96	UFC501096		UFC801096	UFC901096
	500	UFC5010BK			
30,000 MWCO	8	UFC503008		UFC803008	UFC903008
	24	UFC503024	UFC203024	UFC803024	UFC903024
	96	UFC503096		UFC803096	UFC903096
	500	UFC5030BK			
50,000 MWCO	8	UFC505008		UFC805008	UFC905008
	24	UFC505024	UFC205024	UFC805024	UFC905024
	96	UFC505096		UFC805096	UFC905096
	500	UFC5050BK			
100,000 MWCO	8	UFC510008		UFC810008	UFC910008
	24	UFC510024	UFC210024	UFC810024	UFC910024
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	500	UFC5100BK			



Ultrafiltration devices VIVASPIN

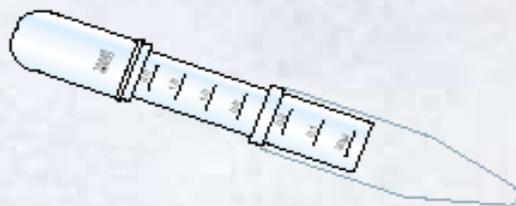
VIVASPIN 500

Process Volume: 500 μ l to 5 μ l
Operating Mode: Centrifuge
Pages: 6 - 9



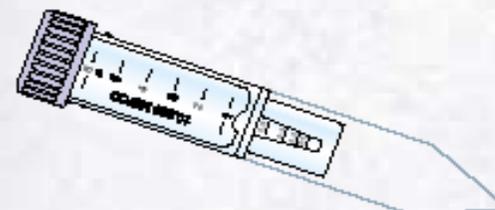
VIVASPIN 2

Process Volume: 2ml to 8 μ l
Operating Mode: Centrifuge
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VIVASPIN 6

Process Volume: 6ml to 30 μ l
Operating Mode: Centrifuge
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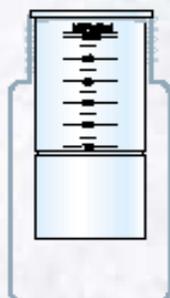
VIVASPIN 20

Process Volume: 20ml to 50 μ l
Operating Mode: Centrifuge
Gas Pressure
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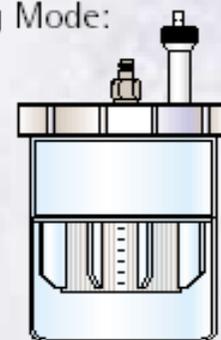
VIVACELL 70

Process Volume: 70ml to 150 μ l
Operating Mode: Centrifuge
Gas Pressure
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VIVACELL 250

Process Volume: 250ml to 600 μ l
Operating Mode: Gas Pressure
Pages: 16 - 17



Selecting Hollow Fiber Cartridges and Systems

According to GE Healthcare

Application	Ultrafiltration (NMWC)	Microfiltration (μm)
Bacterial/pyrogen removal	10,000	
Protein concentration	3,000, 5,000, 10,000, 30,000	
Enzyme concentration	10,000, 30,000, 50,000	
Virus concentration/purification/removal	100,000, 300,000, 500,000, 750,000	
Protein/antigen recovery from fermentation broth	500,000, 750,000	0.1, 0.2, 0.45, 0.65
Bacterial cell concentration	500,000	0.1, 0.2
Insect cell concentration		0.1, 0.2
Mammalian cell concentration		0.2, 0.45, 0.65
Yeast concentration		0.1, 0.2, 0.45
Continuous cell culture perfusion		0.1, 0.2, 0.45
Red blood cell washing		0.45, 0.65
Red blood cell stroma removal	500,000	0.1
Hemoglobin concentration	5,000, 10,000	
Peptide concentration	1,000, 3,000	

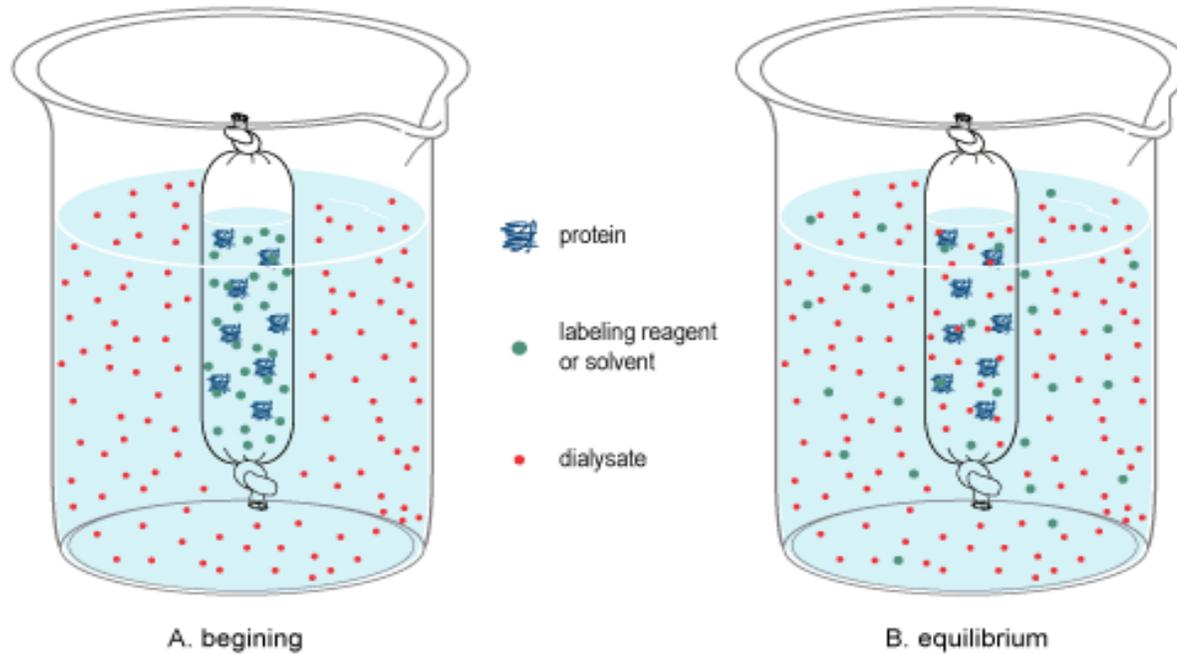
Table 2. Recommended pore sizes for select applications

“How can I maximize recovery using Ultrafiltration?” Merck

- ✓ Pick an appropriate NMWL:
 - Example:** For a 60 kDa protein: two potential membrane choices are 10 kDa or 30 kDa NMWL
- ✓ Pick devices with low non-specific binding
- ✓ Check the chemical compatibility of your device
- ✓ Devices can be use many times (Check before- Don't spin to dryness)
- ✓ Use an invert spin for small volumes
- ✓ Use devices with vertical membrane panels
- ✓ Ensure the protein is soluble at the desired final concentration
- ✓ Allows simultaneous concentrating and desalting
- ✓ Requires much less buffer volumes than dialysis
- ✓ Allows multiple sample processing
- ✓ Easy to use and relatively fast (if buffer is not viscous)



Dialysis



✓ Time

✓ Temperature

✓ Solvent

✓ Volume

✓ Cut-off

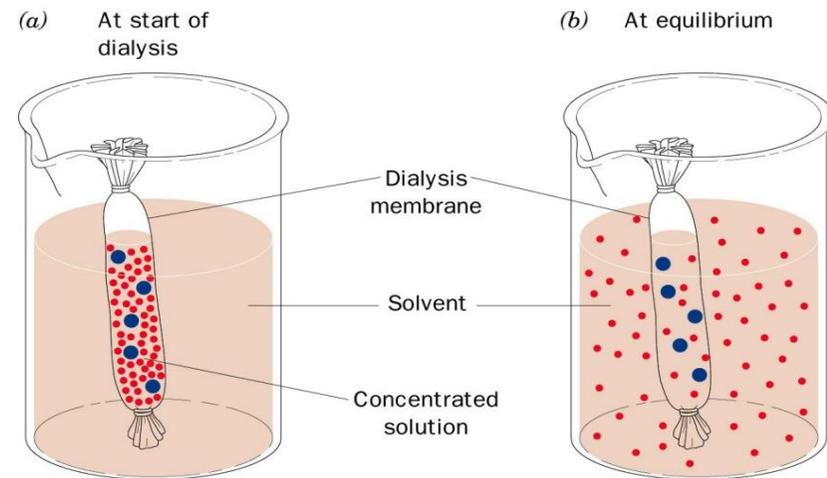
A process of separating molecules in solution by the difference in their rate of diffusion

Uses of dialysis

- To remove unwanted small molecules from a protein solution

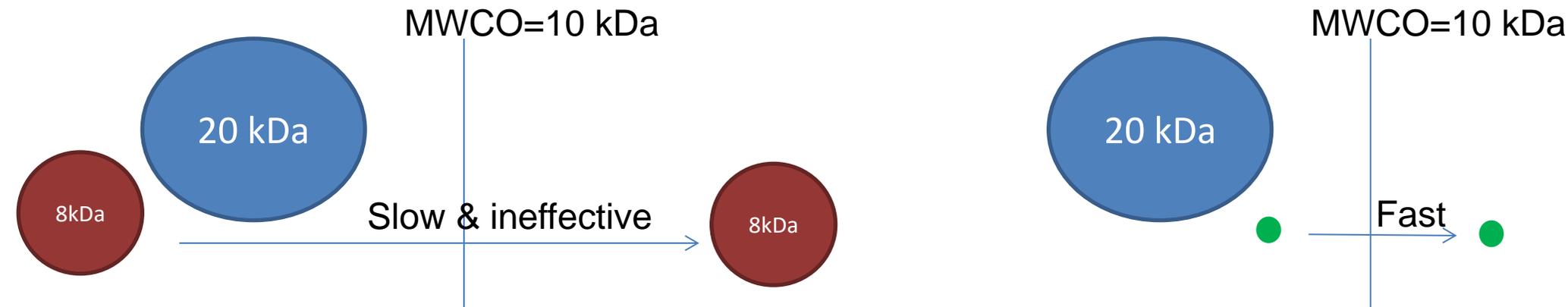
- DNA
- salts
- high CMC detergents
- small proteins

- For buffer exchange
- “Desalting”



The dialysis membrane

- Molecular weight cutoff (MWCO)- the average pores size
MW > MWCO - molecule **will not** cross membrane
MW < MWCO – molecule will cross membrane
- MW << MWCO cross membrane faster than MW < MWCO

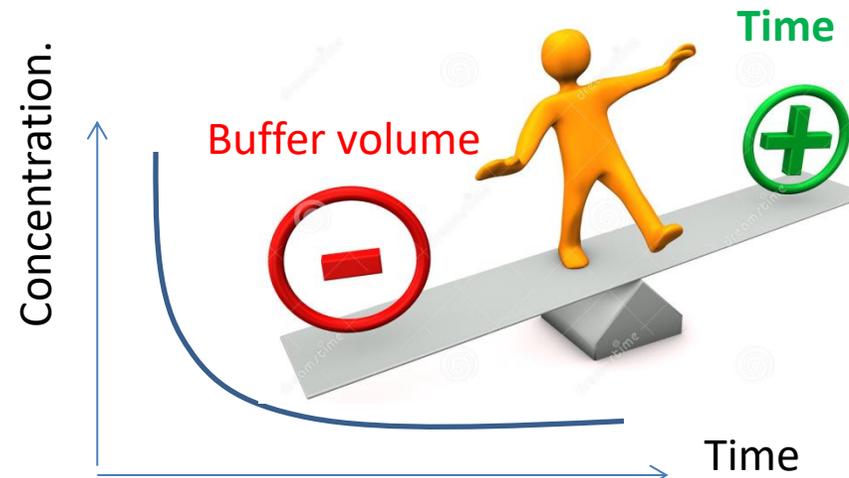


Dialysis General Considerations

- **Protocol:**
- Choose the membrane due to protein size.
- The “old” membranes are with cut-off of 13 kDa
- Load the sample into dialysis tubing (wash membrane and check for holes).
- Place sample into an external chamber of dialysis buffer (with gentle stirring of the buffer).
- Dialyze for 2-4 hours
- Change the dialysis buffer and dialyze for another 2-4 hours
- Change the dialysis buffer and dialyze for 2 hours - ON.

Example:

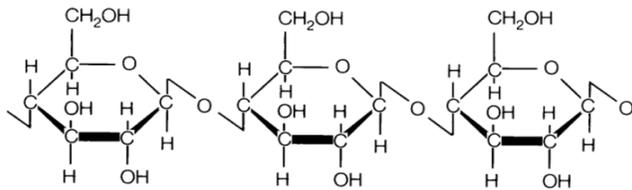
- For 10ml sample of 1M in 10L buffer – sample will reach to 1mM at equilibrium (~4h)
- Same sample in 1L – 10mM after 4h
Then replace buffer 1L – 0.1mM after 4h.



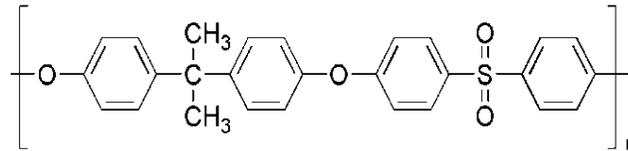
Types of membrane

- There are more than 30 types of synthetic and natural dialysis membranes

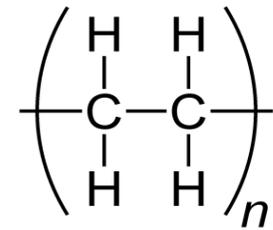
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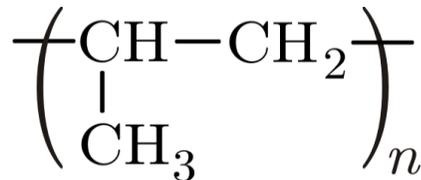
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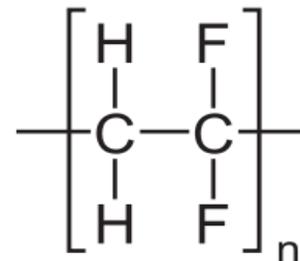
Polyethylene



Polypropylene



Polyvinylidene fluoride

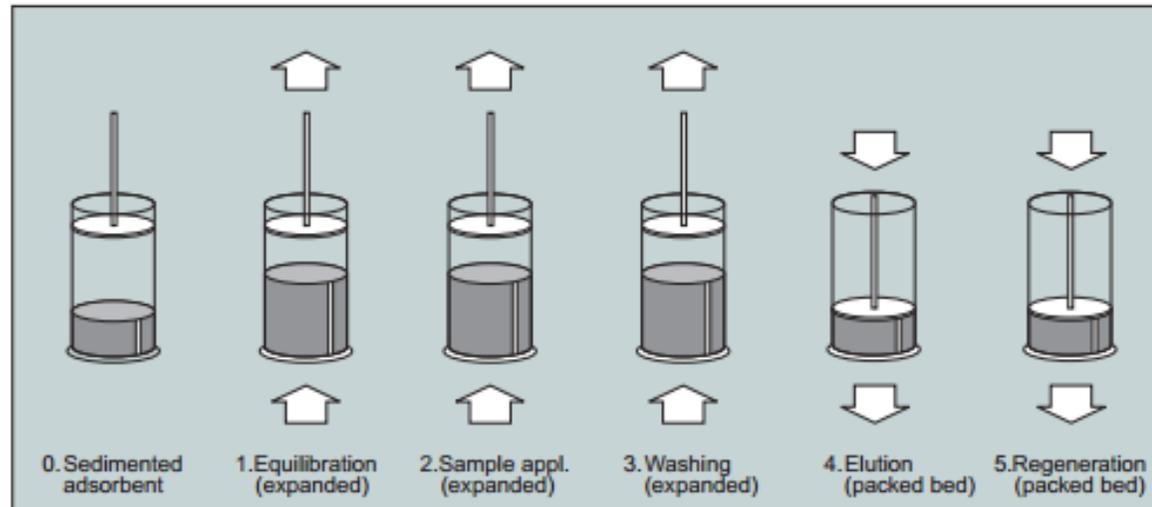
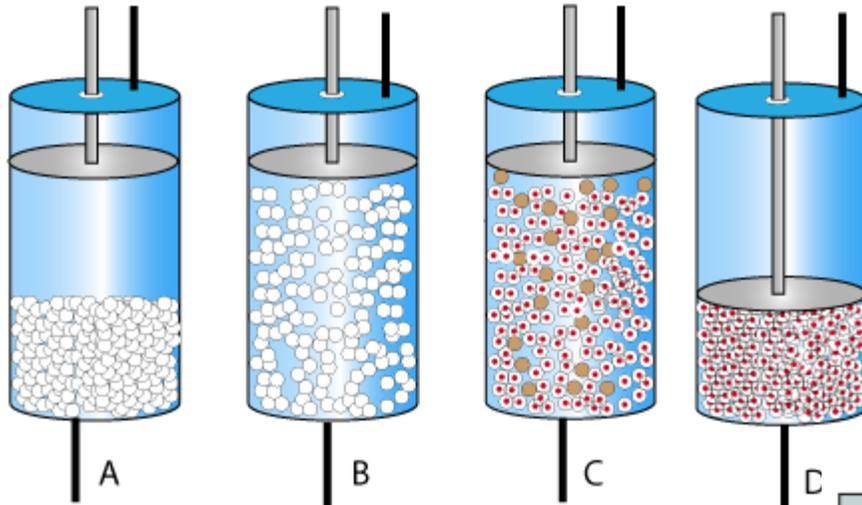


Ultrafiltration or dialysis

- Protein Desalting or Buffer Exchange
- The protein solution may be purified from low MW materials , like salts, low MW reagents, etc
- Multiple solvent exchanges, will progressively purify macromolecules from contaminating solutes.
- Ultrafiltration is faster than dialysis and requires less buffer
- Protein will be concentrated during ultrafiltration
- **Diafiltration**: Microsolutes are removed most efficiently by adding buffer to the solution being ultrafiltered at a rate equal to the speed of filtration.

Expanded Bed Adsorption Chromatography

Protein capture to resins without clarification (HIC, IEX and AC)



Sample Preparation: Fractional Precipitation

- **Ammonium Sulphate (salting-out):** Stabilizes proteins. Non denaturative.
Useful before HIC or to concentrate proteins before GF
- **Dextran Sulphate or Polyvinylpyrrolidone:** Precipitates lipoproteins
- **Polyethylene glycol - PEG > 4000 up to 20%w/v:** Non-denaturative.
Supernatant can be used directly to IEX or AC
- **Acetone/Ethanol:** Up to 80%. Useful for peptide or protein concentration.
Highly denaturative.
- **Polyethyleneimine 0.1%, Protamine Sulphate or Streptomycin Sulph. 1% :**
Removal of nucleic acids. Precipitation of nucleoproteins. **Can precipitate negatively charge proteins**

Ammonium Sulfate Precipitation

- Solubility of proteins varies according to the ionic strength of the solution
- “Salting in” at low ion concentrations (<0.5 M), the solubility of proteins increases with increasing [salt]
- Solubility of the protein begins to decrease at higher [salt].
- “Salting out”: At a sufficiently high ionic strength, the protein will precipitate out of the solution

By adding salt, there is an increase in the surface tension of the water

increasing hydrophobic interactions between water and the protein of interest

The protein then reduces its surface area, which diminishes its contact with the solvent.

Starting percent saturation	Final percent saturation to be obtained																
	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
	Amount of ammonium sulfate to add (grams) per liter of solution at 20°C																
0	113	144	176	208	242	277	314	351	390	430	472	516	561	608	657	708	761
5	85	115	146	179	212	246	282	319	358	397	439	481	526	572	621	671	723
10	57	86	117	149	182	216	251	287	325	364	405	447	491	537	584	634	685
15	28	58	88	119	151	185	219	255	293	331	371	413	456	501	548	596	647
20	0	29	59	89	121	154	188	223	260	298	337	378	421	465	511	559	609
25		0	29	60	91	123	157	191	228	265	304	344	386	429	475	522	571
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70											0	34	70	107	146	186	228
75												0	35	72	110	149	190
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90															0	37	76
95																0	38

Leads to precipitation

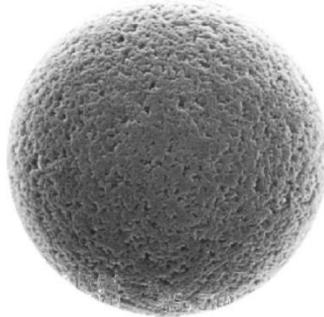
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Each chromatography media... Is a unique combination between a certain Base Matrix and Ligand

Base matrices

- Capto™
- Sepharose™
- Sephadex™
- Sephacryl™
- SOURCE™
- Etc

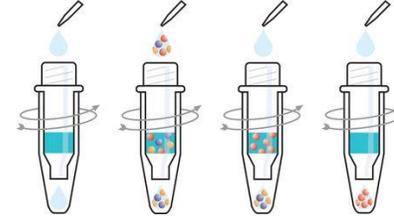


Ligands

- IEX
- HIC
- SEC
- Affinity
- Multimodal
- Etc



Batch binding



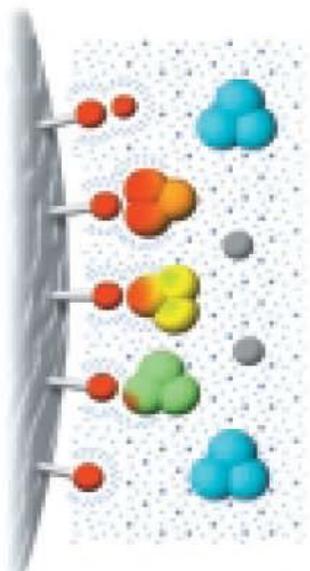
Spin columns
with filter



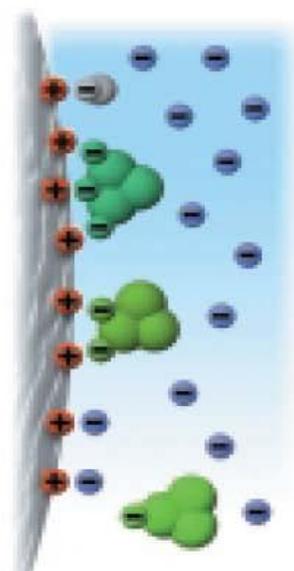
Gravity Desalting
Columns



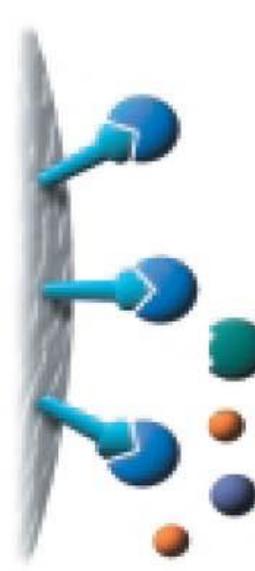
Gel filtration



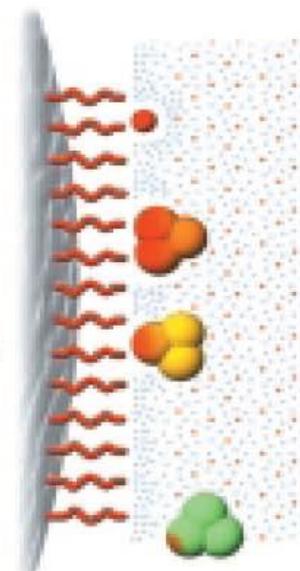
Hydrophobic interaction



Ion exchange



Affinity



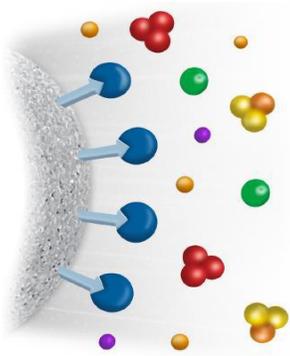
Reversed phase



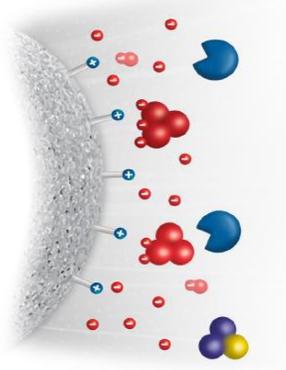
FPLC columns

The principles of chromatography techniques

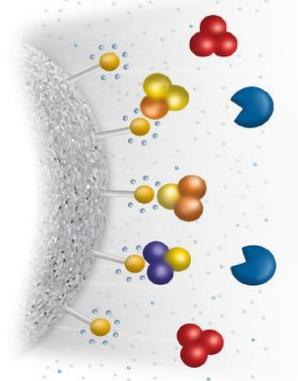
Affinity
Chromatography
(AC)



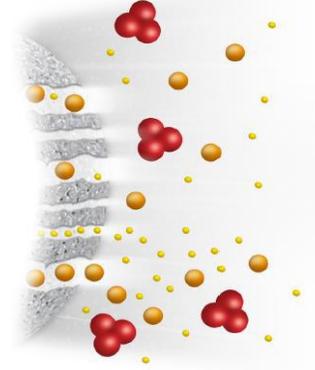
Ion exchange
Chromatography
(IEX)



Hydrophobic
interaction
Chromatography
(HIC)



Size exclusion
Chromatography
(SEC)



-
- Bind – elute principle
 - Requires specific elution conditions
 - Concentrating effect

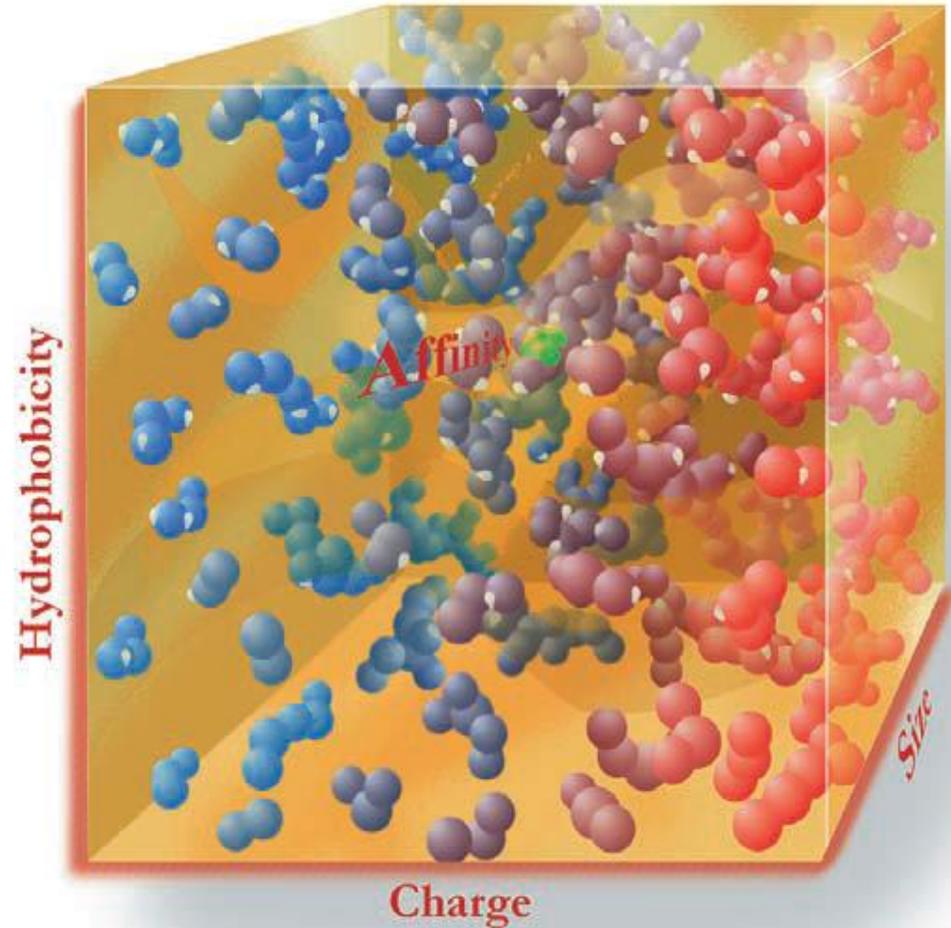
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- Diffusion – no binding
 - Any elution conditions
 - Diluting effect

Overview: separation techniques

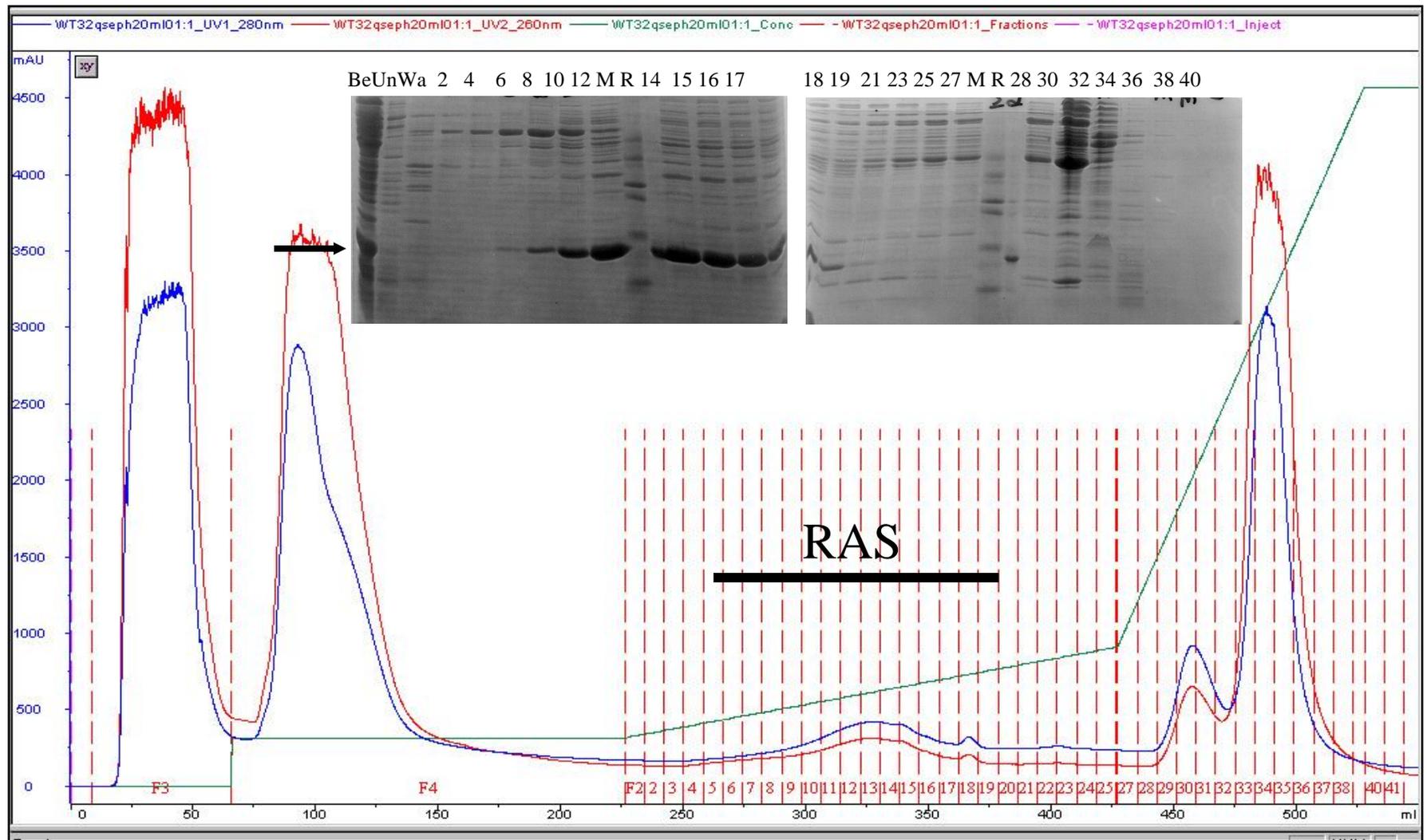
Technique	Parameter for separation	Based on
Gel filtration	Size/Shape	MW, shape, ratio and oligomeric state of the molecule
Ion exchange/ Hydroxyapatite/ Chromatofocusing	Charge interaction on surface	Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg, His
Hydrophobic/ Reversed phase	Hydrophobic sites interaction	Trp, Phe, Ile, Leu, Tyr, Pro Met, Val, Ala
Affinity	Biological function	Antibody – antigen. Protein A/G/L
IMAC (Immobilized Metal ion Affinity Chromatography)		poly His
Multimodal	Mixture: <u>a</u>) HIC + AIEX <u>b</u>) HIC + CIEX <u>c</u>) Size + HIC + AIEX <u>d</u>) Hydroxyapatite: Ca ²⁺ and PO ₄ ⁻ interactions	
Covalent	Covalent interaction	SH groups (Cys)

Linking Chromatography Techniques into a Purification Protocol - General Rules

- Combine techniques with complementary selectivity
 - IEX, HIC and GF
- or different selectivity
 - different pH, buffers, salts, etc.
- Minimize sample handling between purification steps
 - (like concentration, dialysis, long assays, non-working days, etc.)



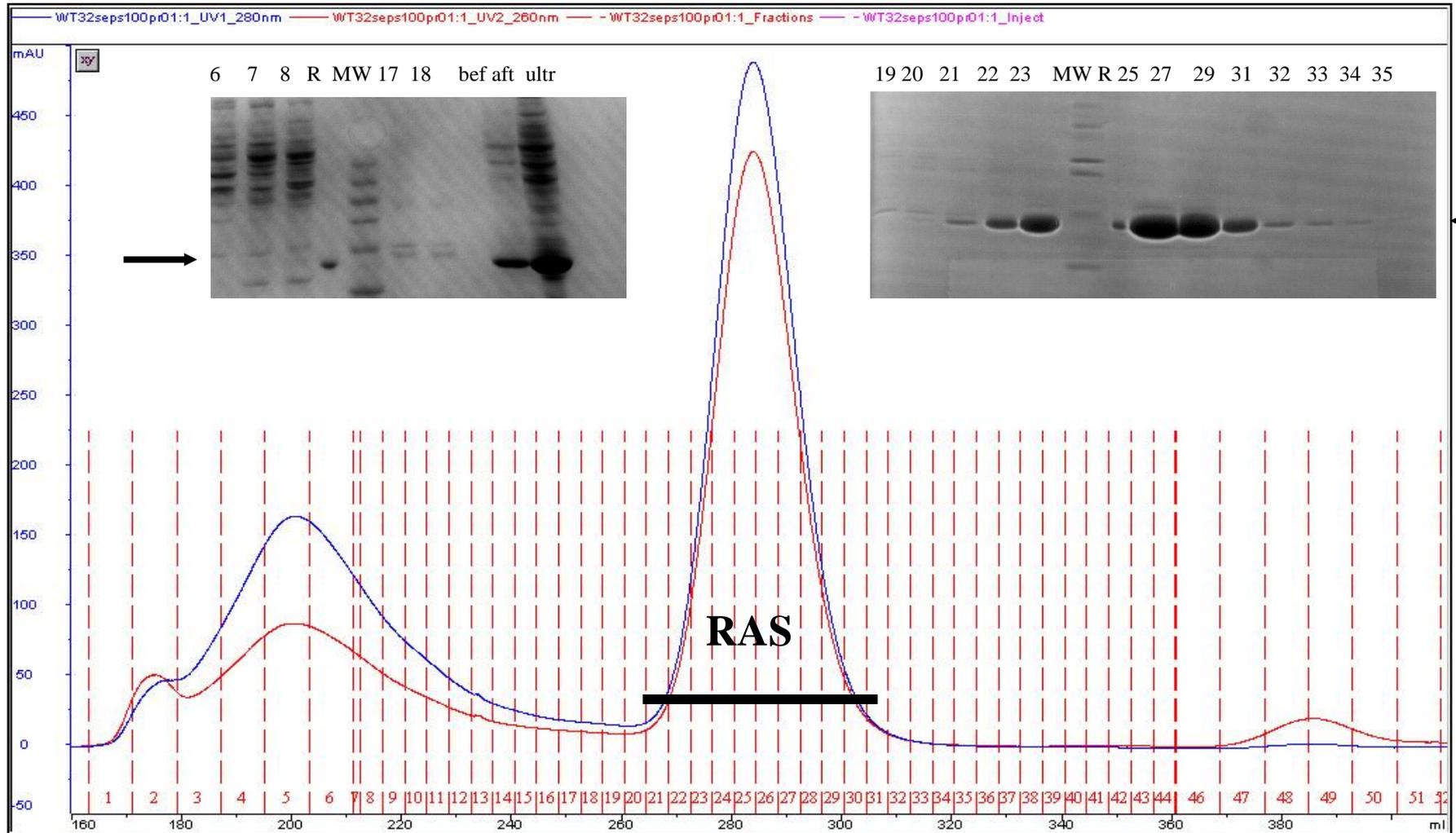
CAPTURE - Anion Exchange



500ml culture after lysis and sonication. Q-Sepharose FF 100x16mm (~20ml) in 25mM TrisHCl pH8.0 buffer + additives.

WASH: 7cv 70mM NaCl ELUTION: gradient 10cv 70-200mM NaCl + 5cv 0.2-1M NaCl

POLISH - Size Exclusion



GE Healthcare Chromatography Columns



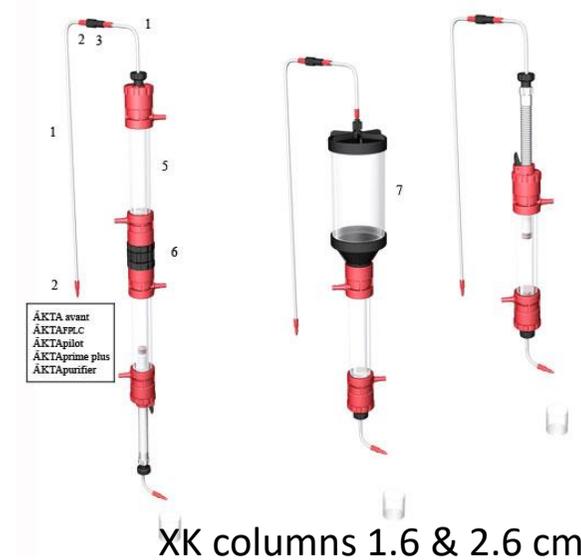
Gravitation or centrifugation
Disposable plastic columns
Thermo, BioRad, etc



HiTrap columns 1 & 5ml



HiScreen columns



XK columns 1.6 & 2.6 cm



Prepacked Tricorn™
high-performance
columns



HiScale



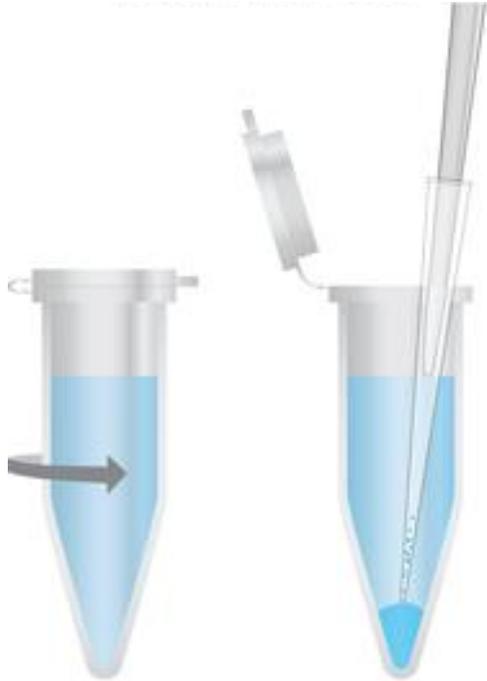
AxiChrom column



ReadyToProcess columns
prepacked

Magnetic separation

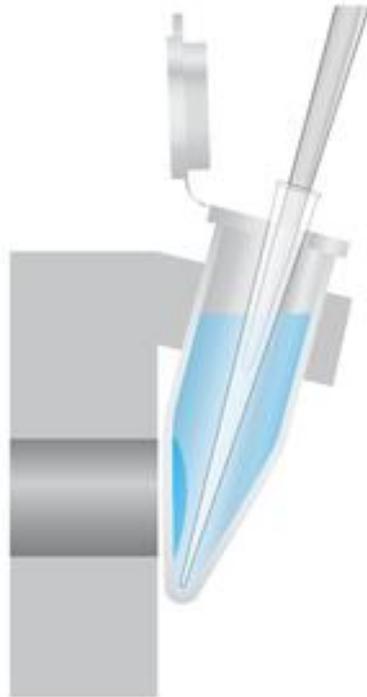
Traditional purification



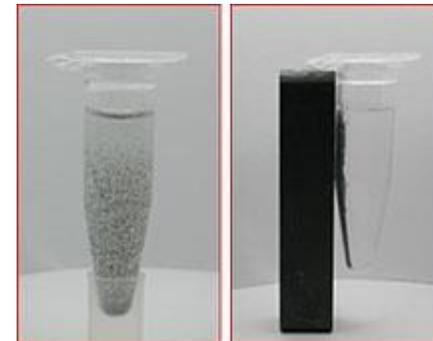
Centrifuge to pellet sample

Careful removal of supernatant required to avoid sample loss

Magnetic bead purification

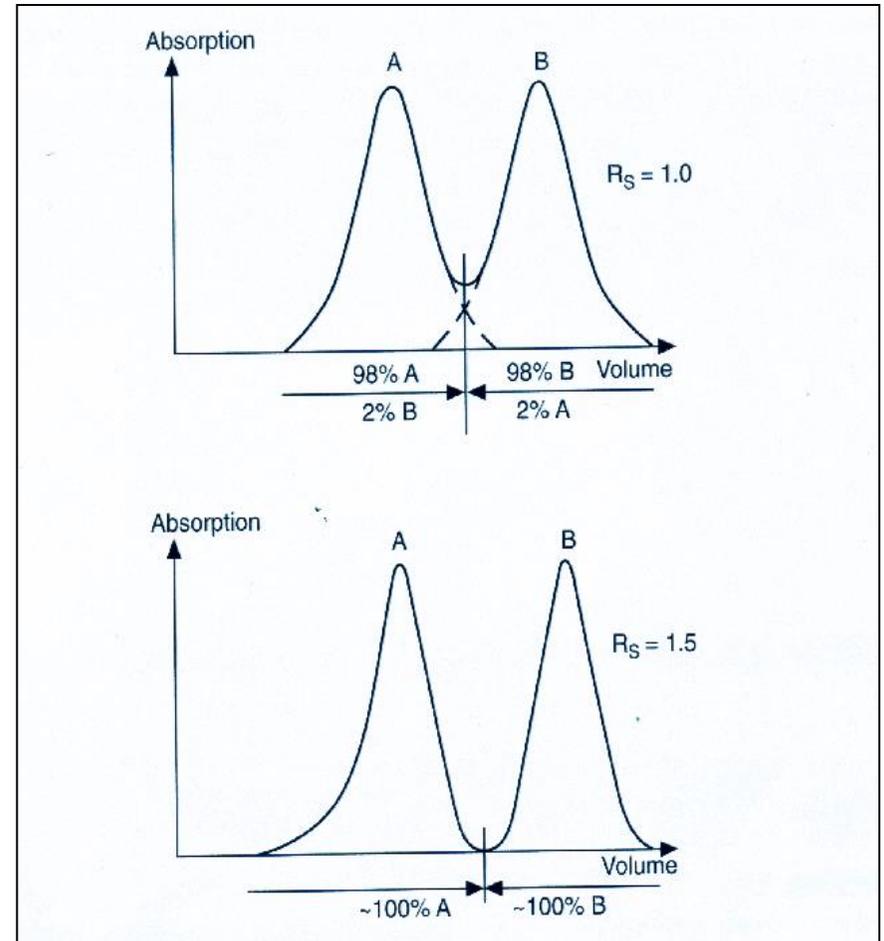


Supernatant can be easily removed with no sample loss

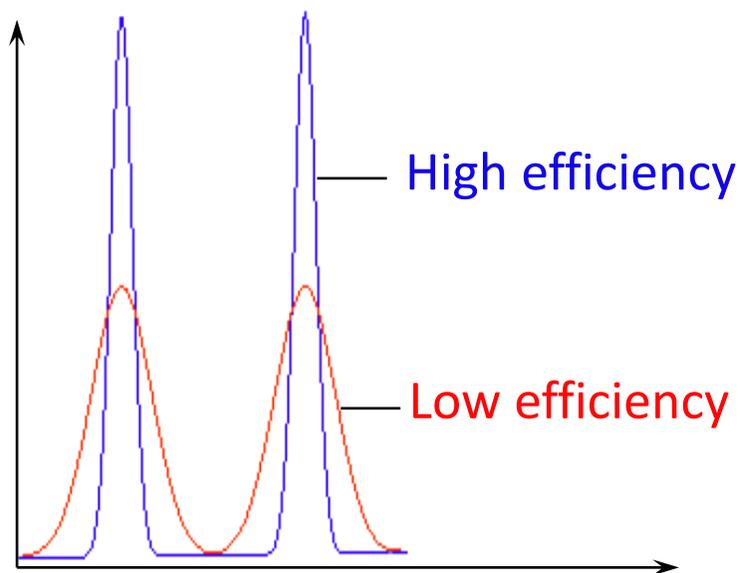


Resolution

- Is a measure of the relative separation between two peaks
- It shows if further optimization is necessary
- A complete resolve peak is not equivalent to a pure substance
- Resolution is proportional to:
selectivity
efficiency
capacity



Resolution depends on efficiency and selectivity

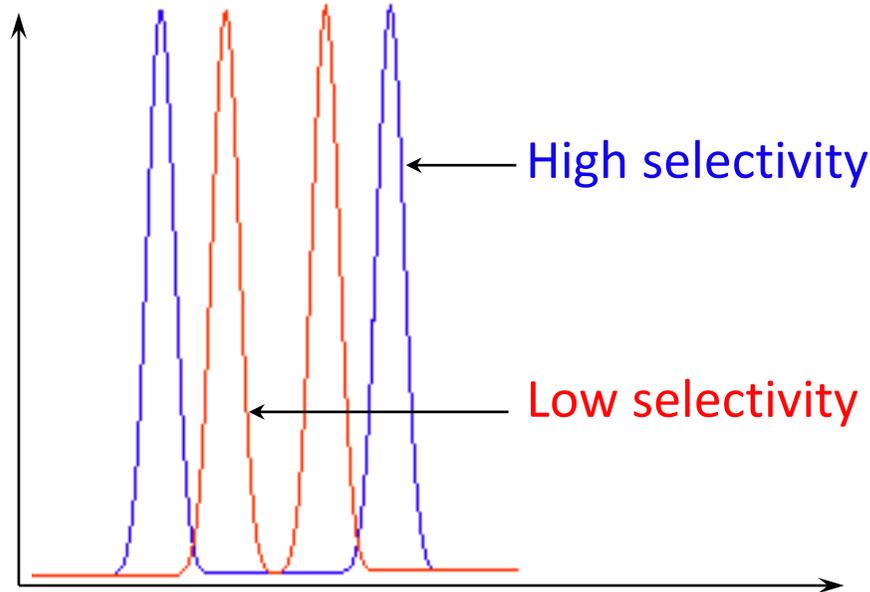


- Efficiency is a measure of peak width (ability to elute narrow, symmetrical peaks)
- Related to the zone broadening on the column (longitudinal diffusion of the molecules)
- Expressed as the number of theoretical plates for the column under specified experimental conditions.

Highest efficiency is achieved by:

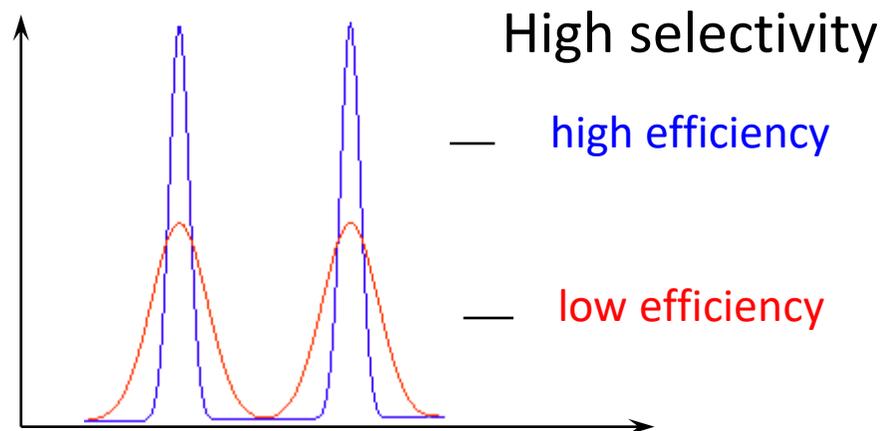
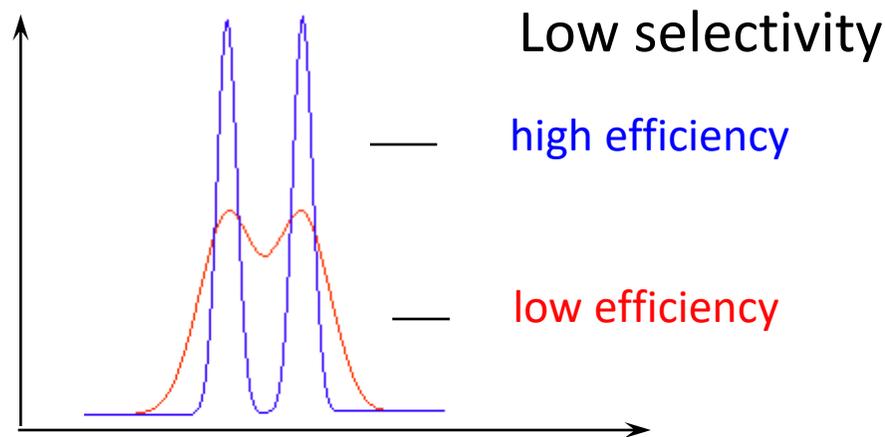
- Using small uniform bead sizes with uniform size distribution (reduce diffusion)
- Good experimental technique (uniform packing, air bubbles, etc)

Resolution depends on efficiency and selectivity



- Selectivity is the ability of the system to separate peaks (distance between two peaks)
- Selectivity depends:
 - 1) IEX & HIC: nature and number of ligands and experimental conditions like pH, ionic strength, etc
 - 2) GF: fractionation range

Good selectivity is more important than high efficiency for a good resolution



High efficiency can compensate for low selectivity...

But:

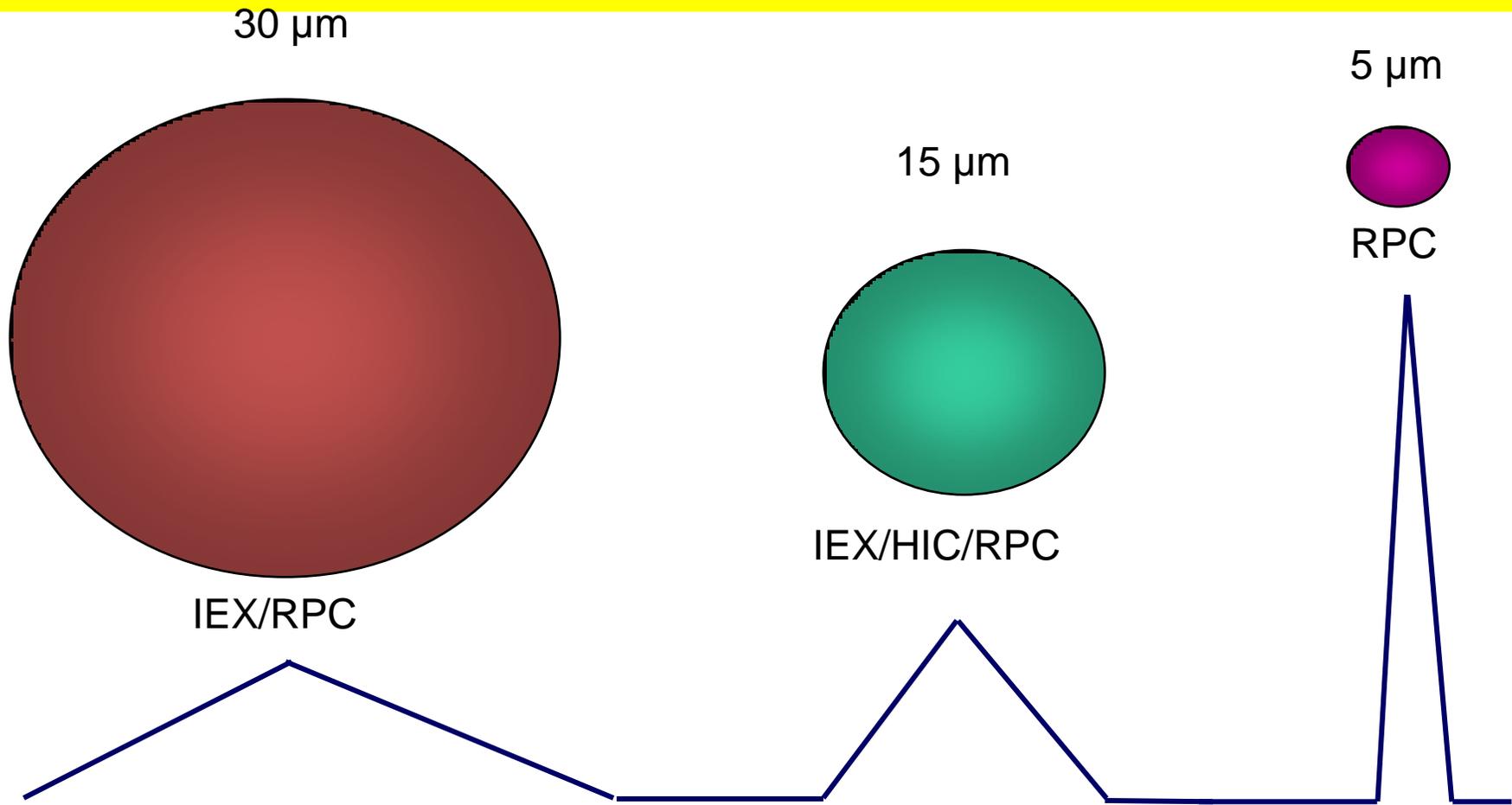
High cost

High Back Pressure

Low flow-rate

If selectivity is high, low efficiency can be tolerated (if large peak volume is acceptable). **Lower cost**

SOURCE™



Types of capacity

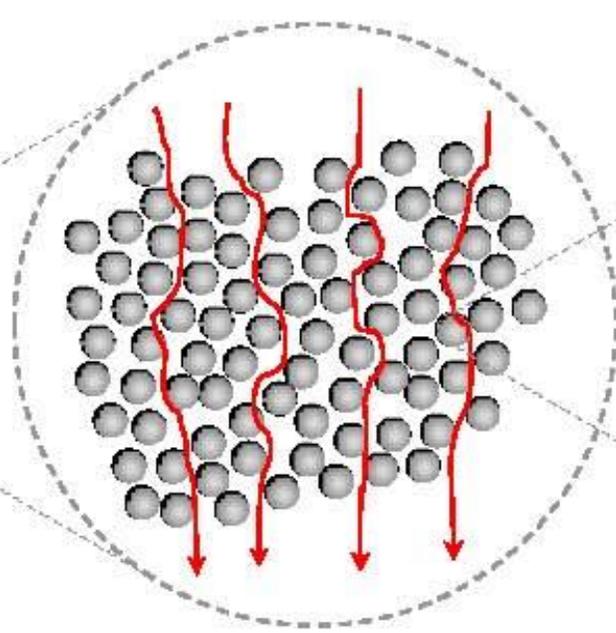
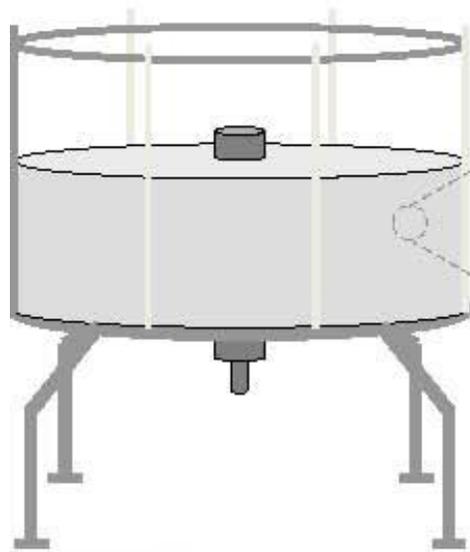
- Total ionic capacity (e.g. 3.5 mM/ml)
- Available capacity (e.g. 25 mg HSA/ml)
Varies with running conditions: pH, sample, ionic strength, etc
- Dynamic capacity (e.g 25 mg HSA/ml, 300 cm/h)
flow rate dependent
also varies with pH, sample, ionic strength

Capacity

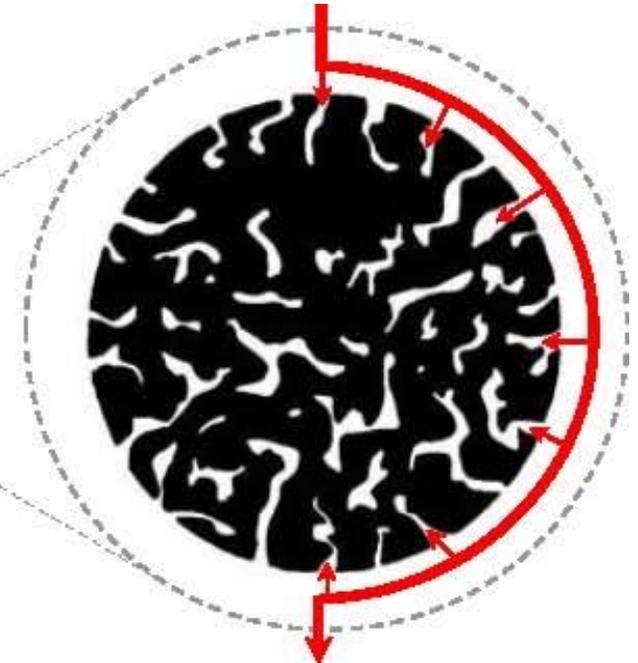
- *Available capacity* is the amount of protein that can be bound under defined experimental conditions
- *Dynamic capacity* is available capacity at a defined flow rate.
- Both capacities depend upon:
 - The chosen experimental conditions: pH, ionic strength of the buffer, the nature of the counter-ion, the flow rate and the temperature.
 - The properties of the protein (molecular size, charge/pH relationship).
 - Presence of contaminants
 - The properties of the resin (small molecules that enter the porous matrix will have a higher capacity).
- Macroporous and highly substituted with many pores to increase surface area
- Non-porous matrices have considerable lower capacity, but higher efficiency due to shorter diffusion distances.

Packed bed of porous particles

Two types of void volume exist!



Interparticle void volume
(preferential flow path)



Intraparticle void volume
(contains majority of
binding sites: > 90 %)

For very big molecules there is a low binding capacity if porous are not big enough,
(behave like nonporous particles) giving wider peak & lower resolution

Membrane Chromatography

Single-use membrane adsorbers

Ready-to-use

Reduce hands-on time

Eliminate packing failures

No need for cold room storage



Disposable
(single-use)

Reduces storage
space

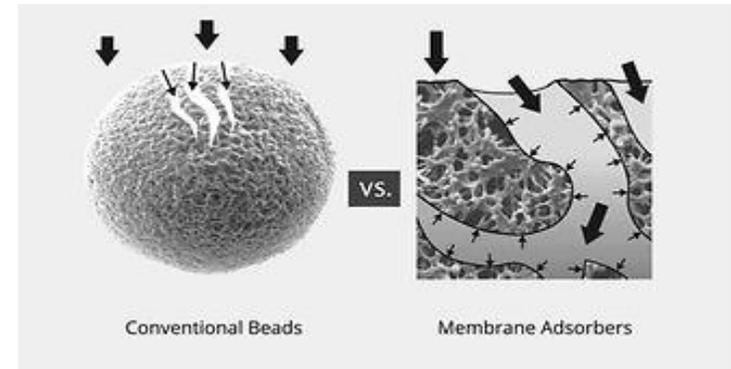
Reduce validation
costs

Membranes with open pore structure

Allows high flow rates

Very high throughput while keeping
the bed volume small

Higher flow-rate than columns

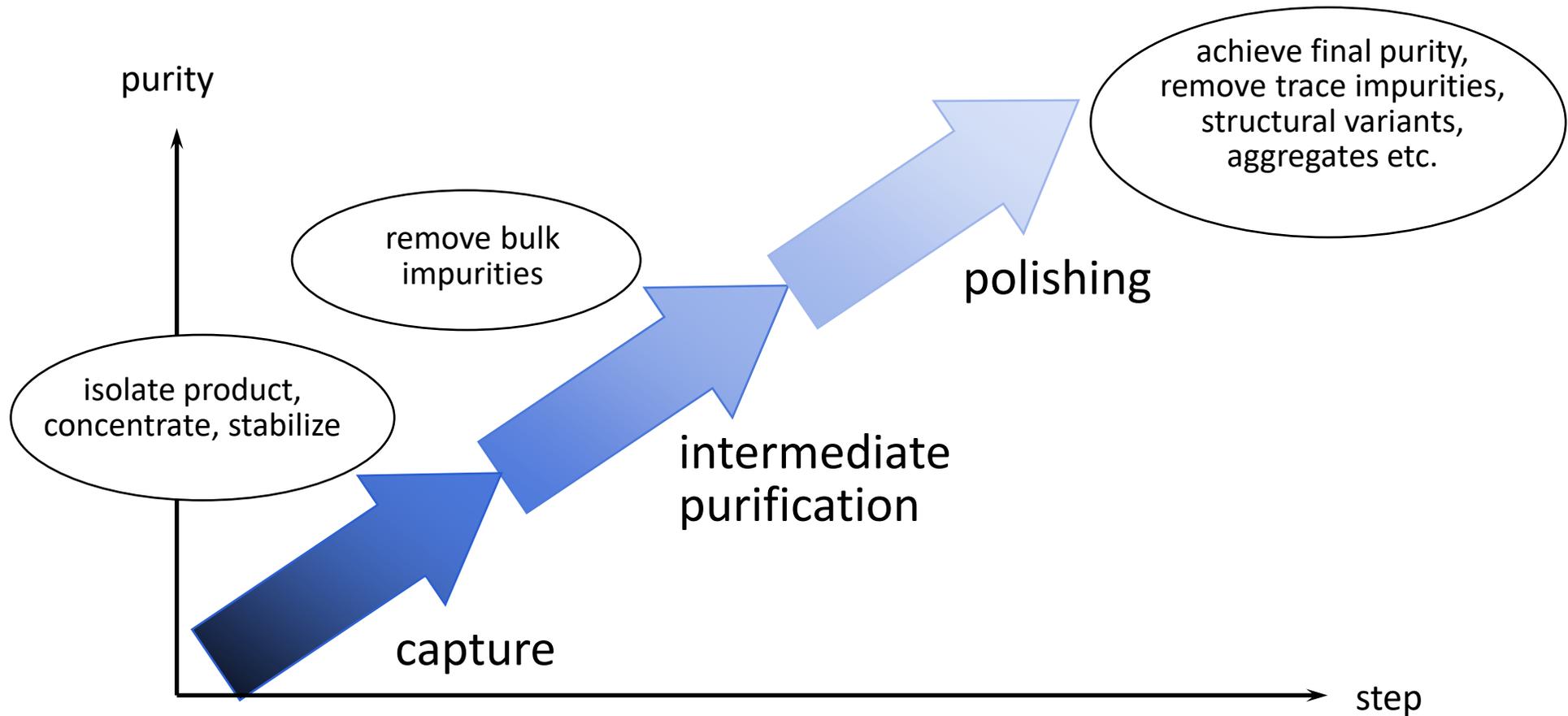


Conventional chromatography beads have a pore size < 100 nm. Sartobind® membranes > 3 μ m

This allows large proteins, bioparticles, and viruses or virus-like particles to enter the macroporous membrane structure

Makes chromatography as easy as filtration

Three Phase Strategy



Which type of chromatography resin provides the desired performance? How can I get the best?

Objective: Speed

Large, rigid and uniformly sized beads provide the highest speed (*e.g.*, 50-100 μm , highly cross-linked agarose)

Objective: High resolution

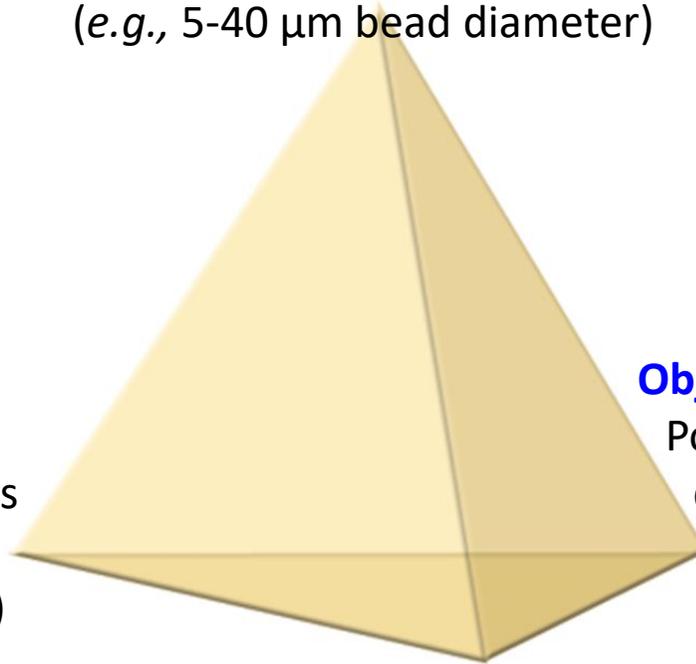
Small, uniformly sized beads (*e.g.*, 5-40 μm bead diameter)

Objective: High binding capacity

Porous beads with high ligand density and directed ligand coupling

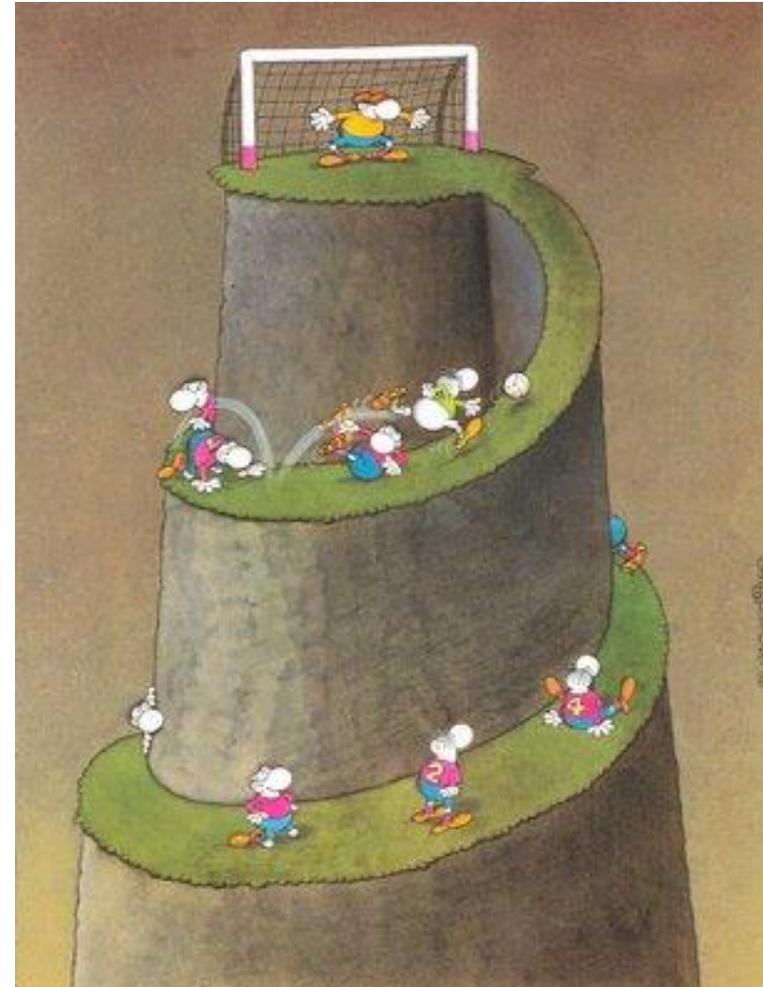
Objective: High recovery

Recovery is mostly dependent on buffer conditions and on how peaks are cut

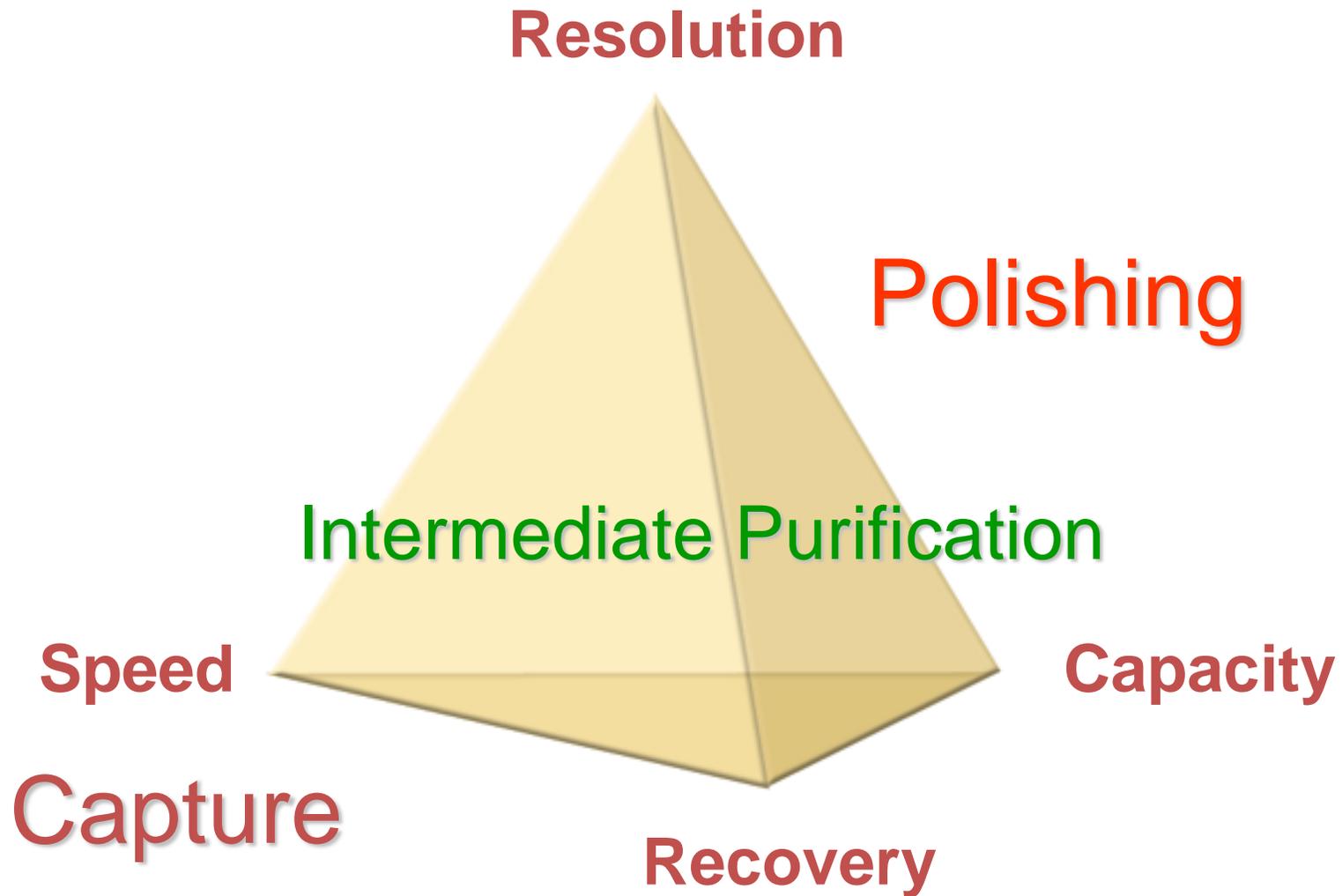


Selection and combination of purification techniques

- Every technique offers a balance between resolution, capacity, speed and recovery
- So, resins should be selected to meet the objectives of the purification step
- **GOAL: Fastest route to get a product of required purity**

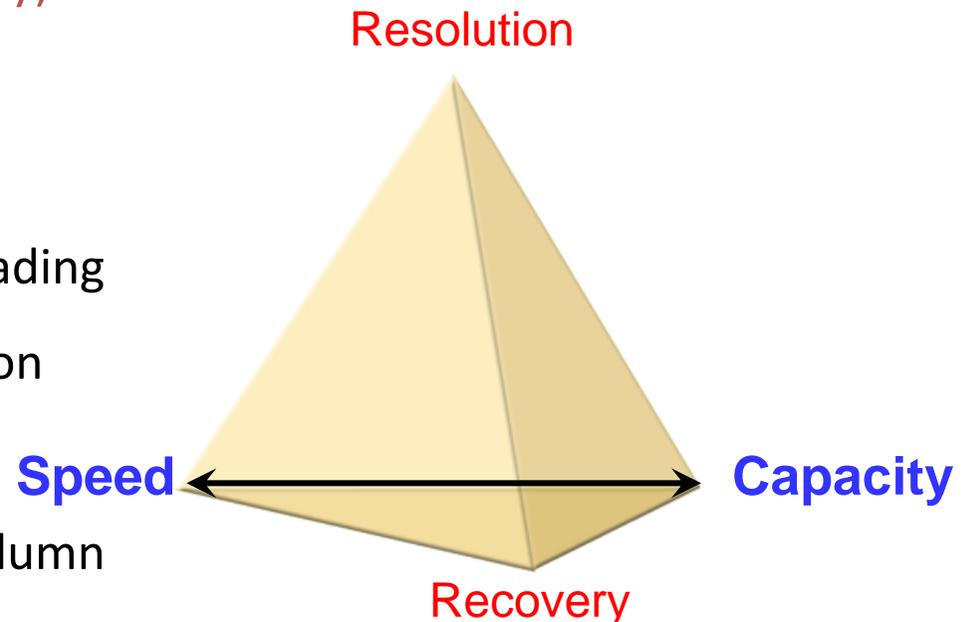


For Efficient Purification Strategies



Capture

- GOAL: Initial purification of the target molecule from clarified source material.
- Rapid isolation, and concentration (volume reduction) of the target protein
- BONUS: Concentration (smaller and faster columns). Stabilization (removal of proteases)
- OPTIMIZATION: Speed and Capacity: Use Macroporus and Highly Substituted matrix
- **Most suitable techniques: IEX / HIC / (Industry)
or Affinity / IMAC / IEX / HIC (Academics)**
- Maximize binding of the target proteins and minimize binding of contaminants during loading
- Maximize protein purity during wash & elution
- Higher speed that do not affect considerably the dynamic capacity of the column

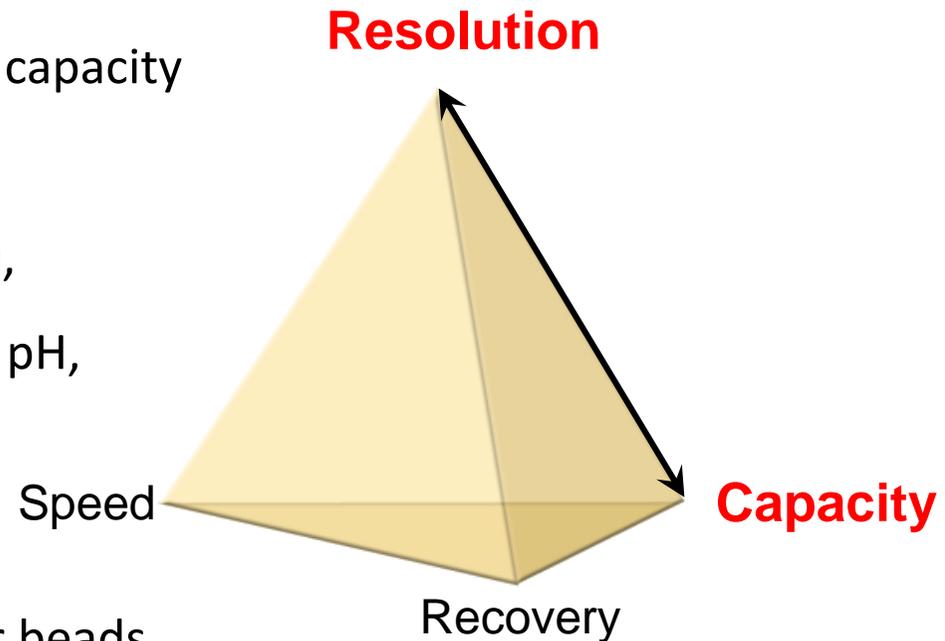


Intermediate Purification

- **Goal:** Removal of major impurities
- Focus mainly on resolution
- Continuous gradient or multi-step elution
- **Most suitable techniques: IEX / HIC or expensive affinity**
- For good resolution use around 20% of column capacity with HIC or IEX
- Use a different technique (IEX, HIC, GF, Affinity),
- Or change the selectivity (same IEX at different pH, different ligands or salts concentr for HIC, etc.):

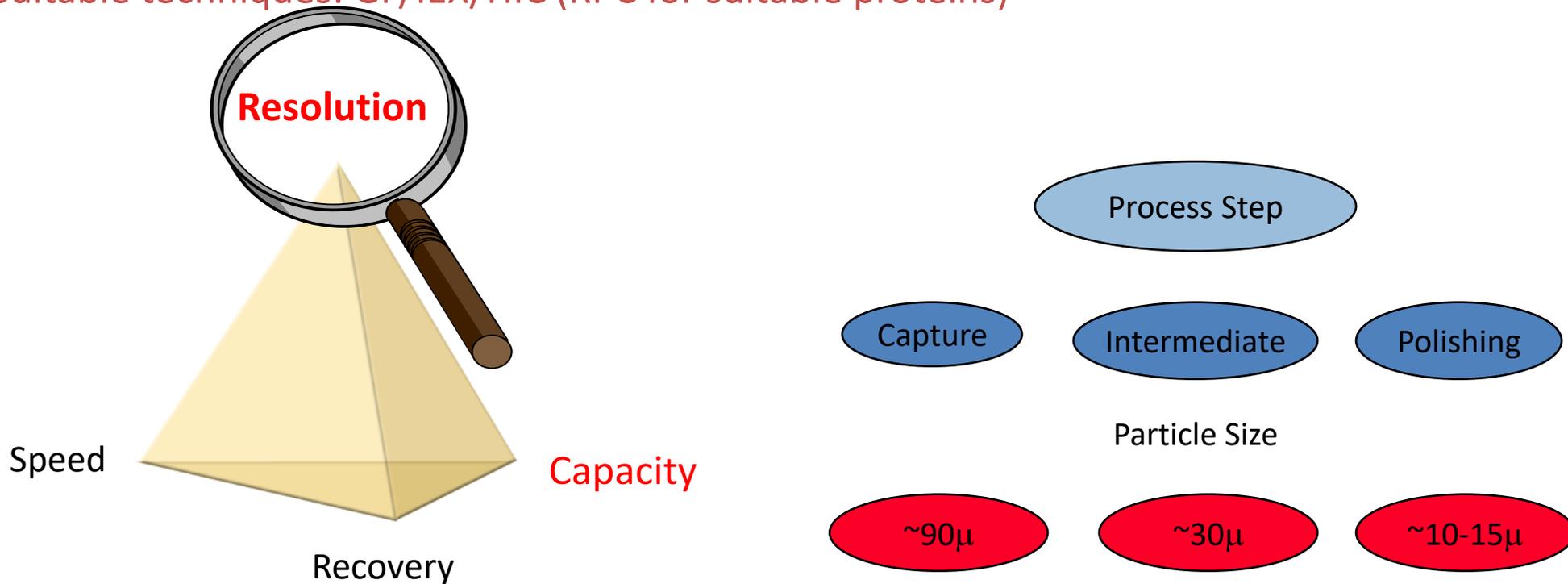
Selectivity optimization

- Increase efficiency by using non-porous smaller beads

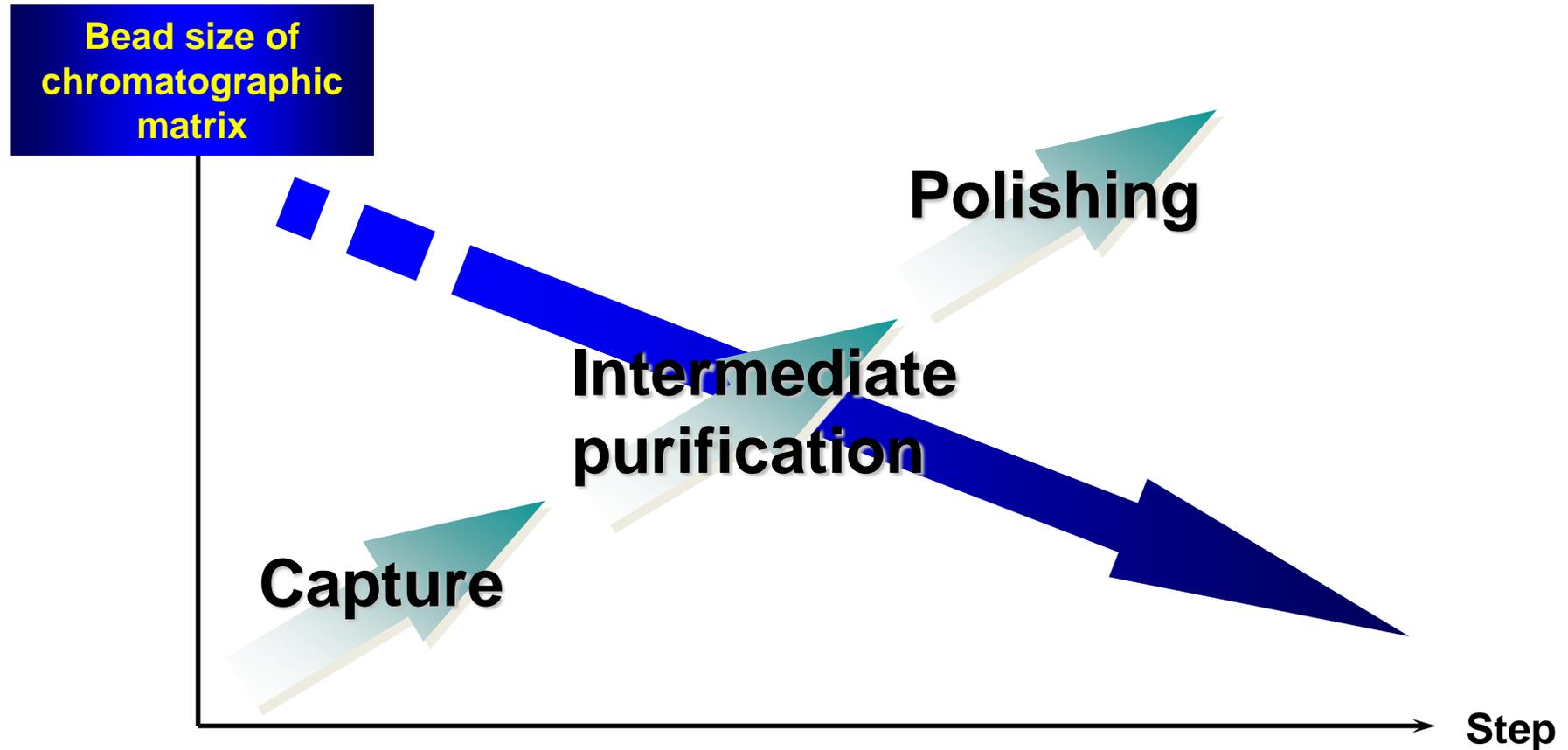


Polishing

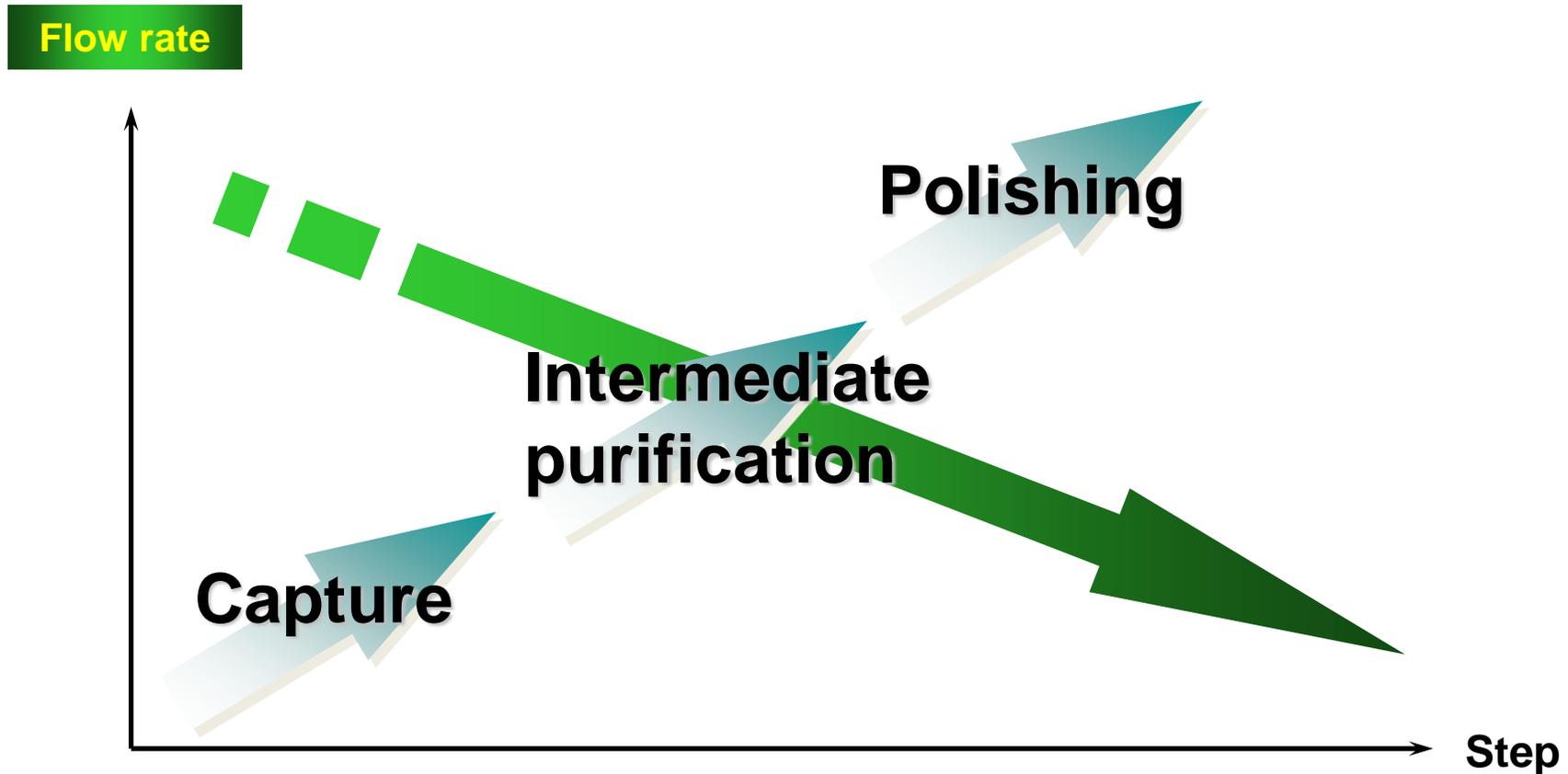
- Final removal of trace contaminants, or separation of closely related substances, like structural variants of the target protein and aggregates.
- End product of required high level purity and homogeneity (oligomeric conformation, post-translational modifications, phosphorylation, etc)
- Suitable techniques: GF/IEX/HIC (RPC for suitable proteins)



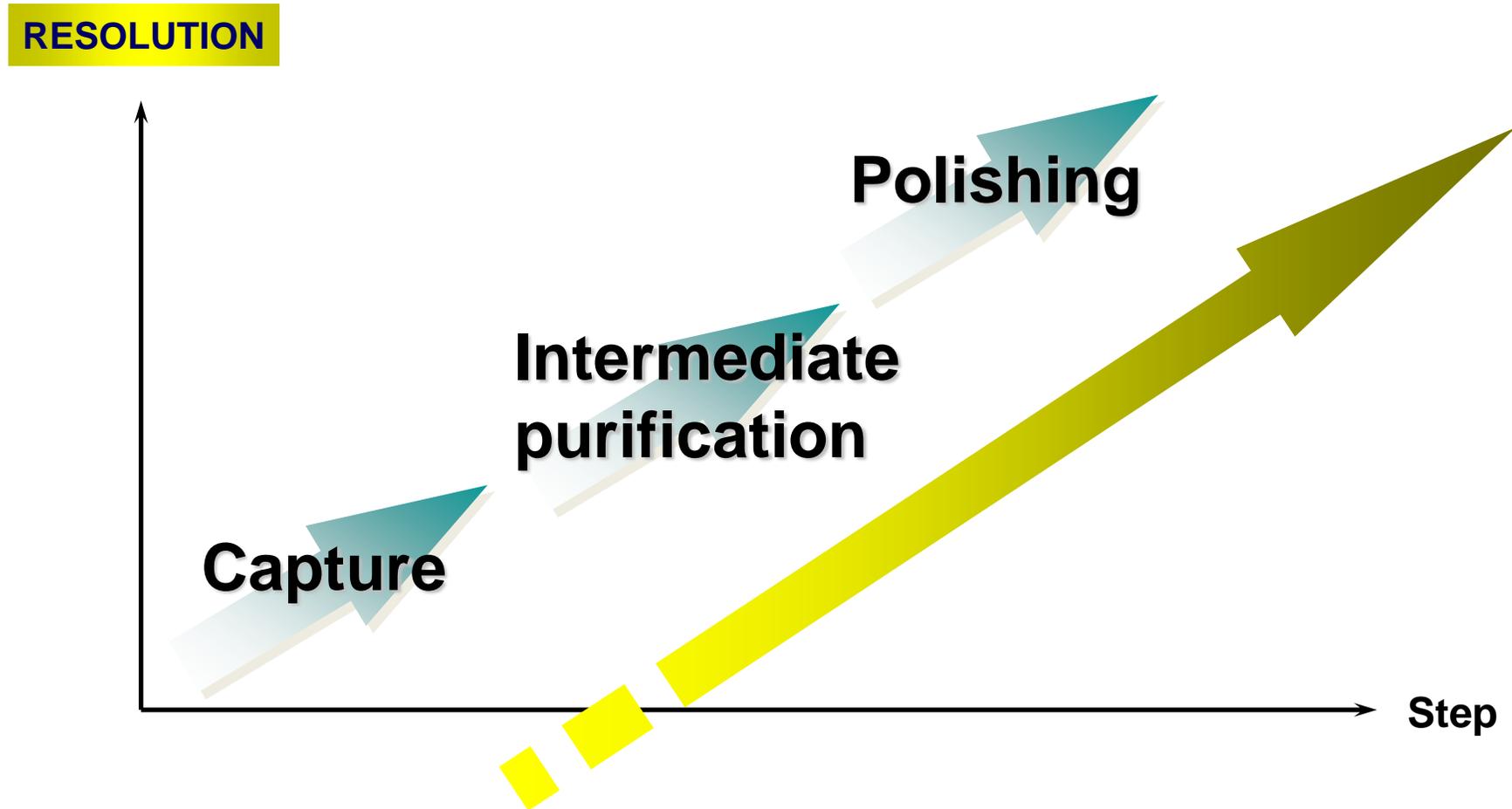
Three Phase Strategy



Three Phase Strategy



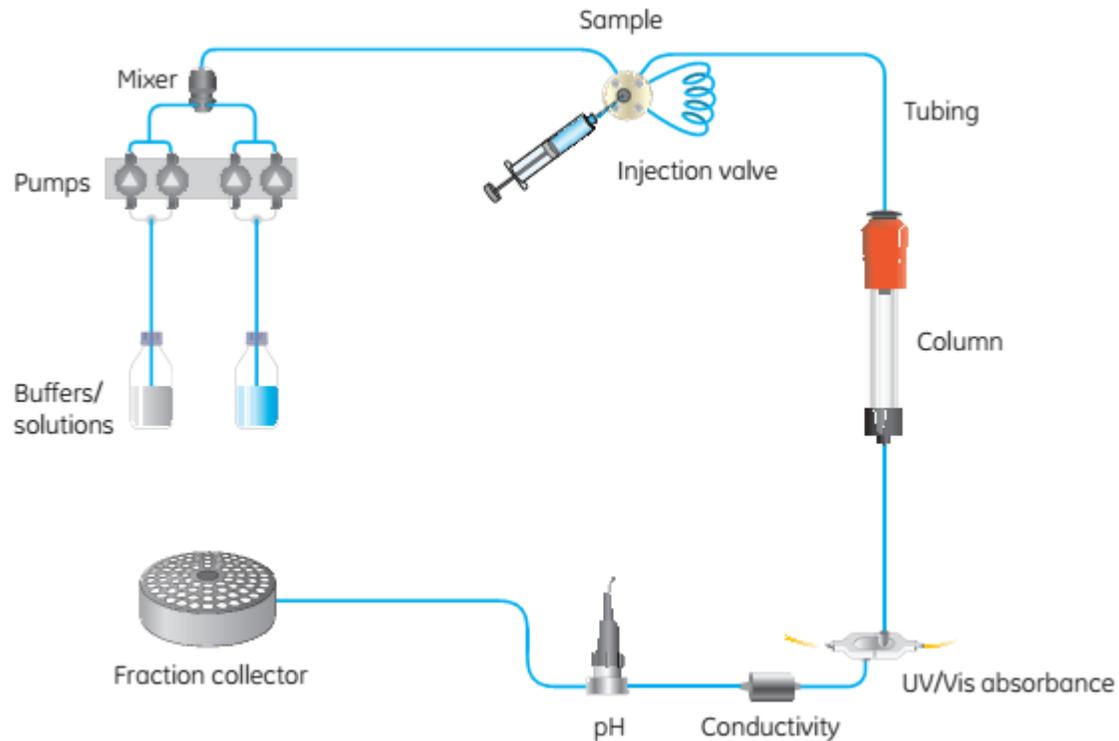
Three Phase Strategy



FPLC System

FPLC Software

Typical flow path for a chromatography system





ÄKTA explorer ÄKTA Avant 25



ÄKTAprocess

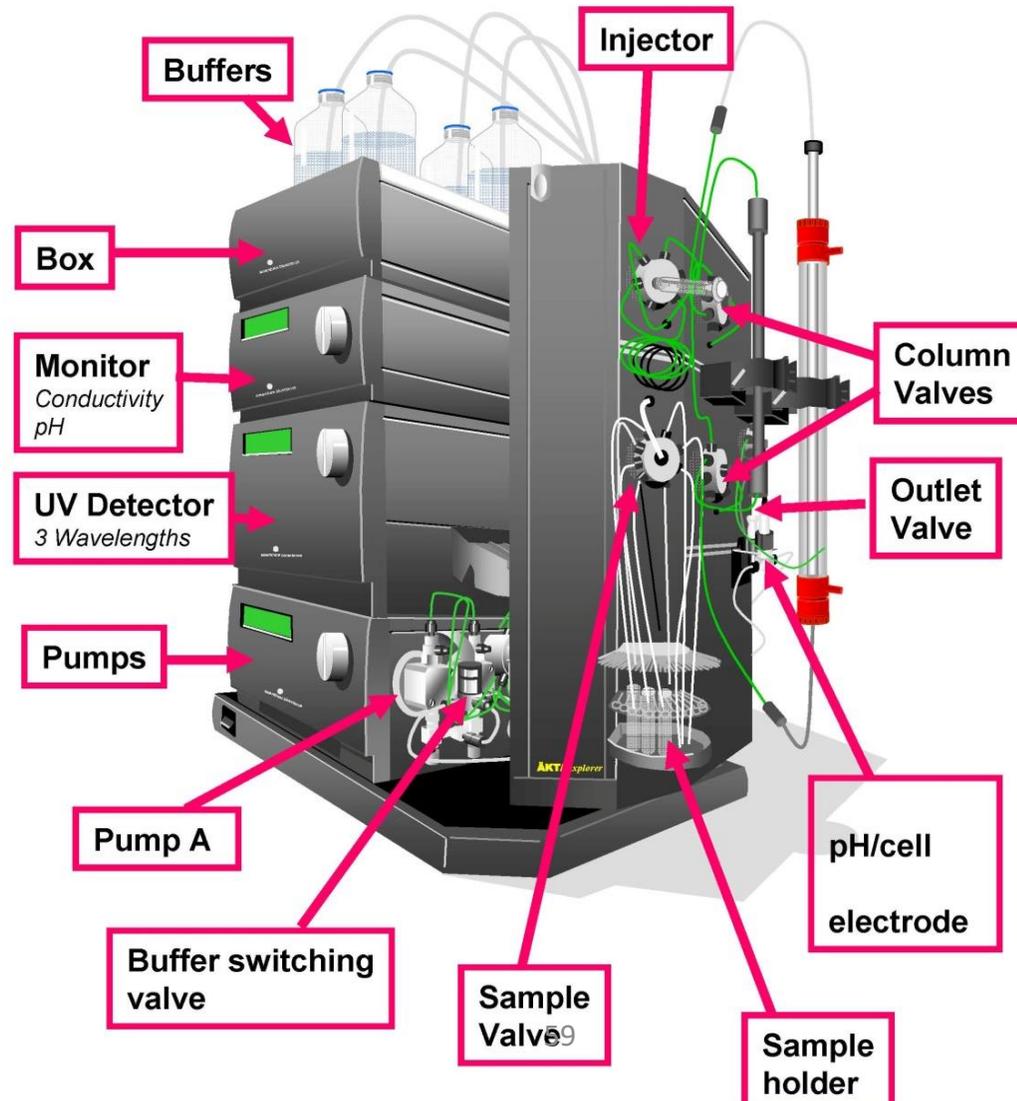
System for Process Scale-up,
and Large-scale manufacturing

Flow rates up to 2000 l/h for
large-volume manufacturing

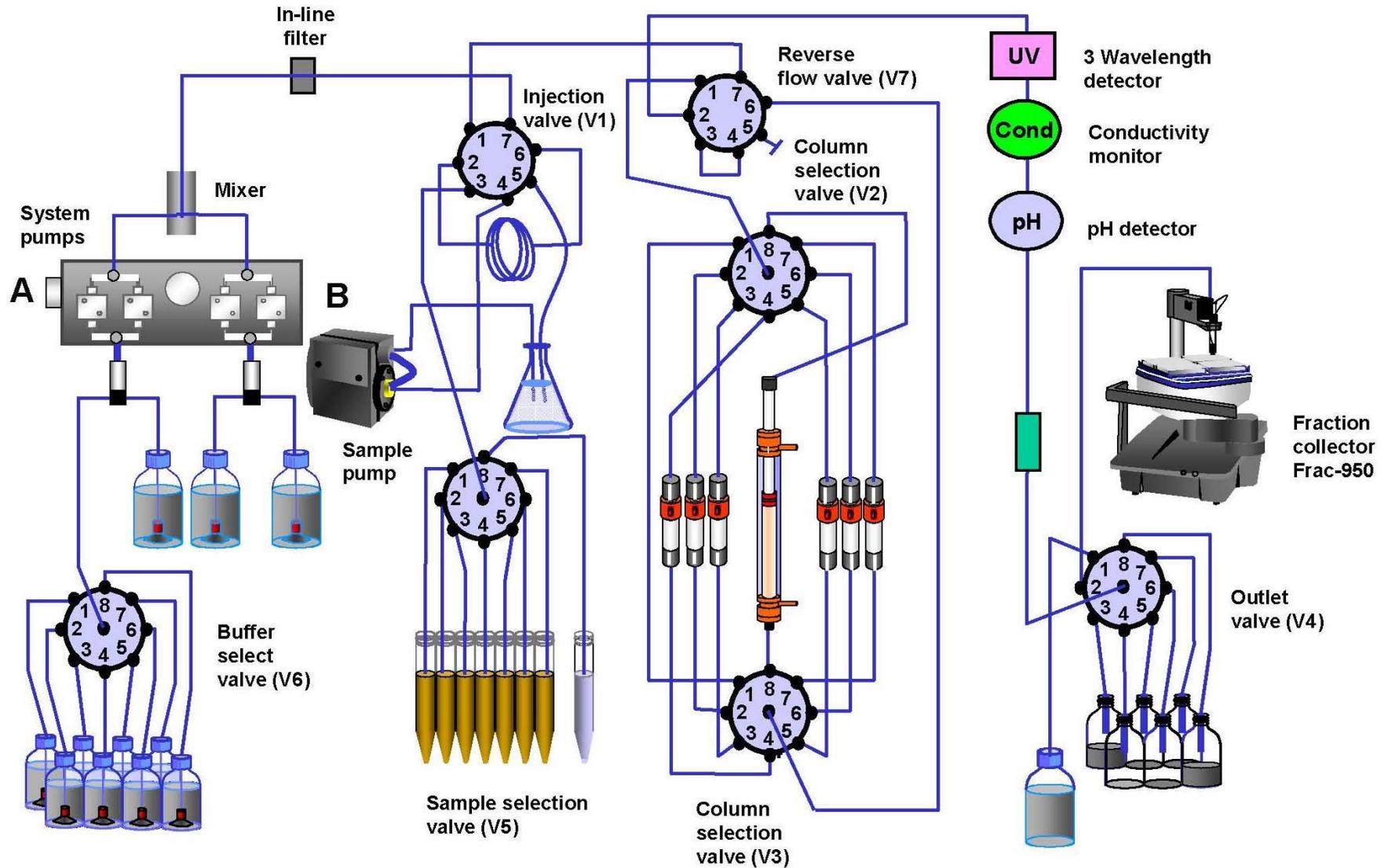
ÄKTAexpress

Chromatography system
designed for automated,
multistep protein
purification of both
single and multiple
samples.

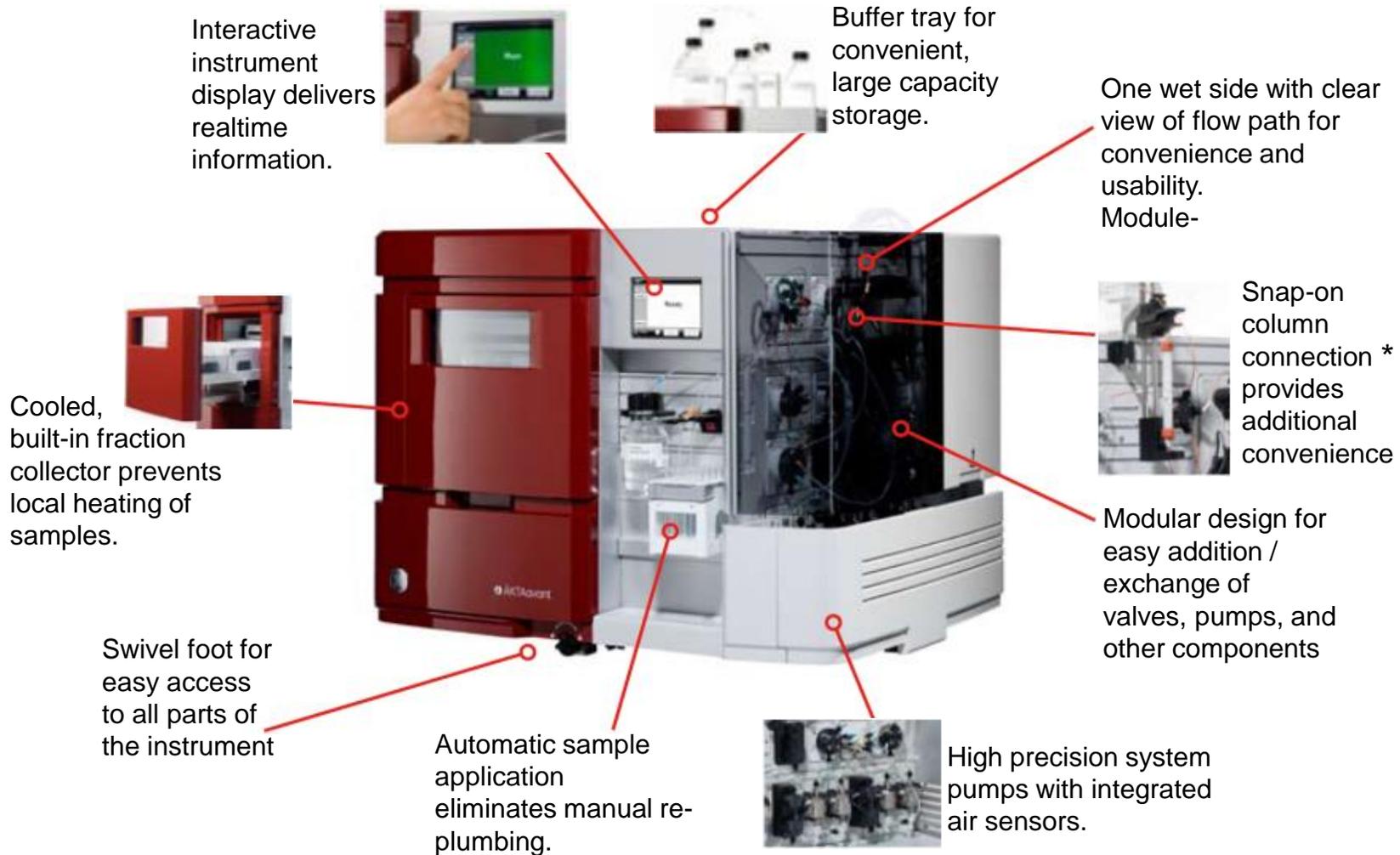
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AKTA Explorer



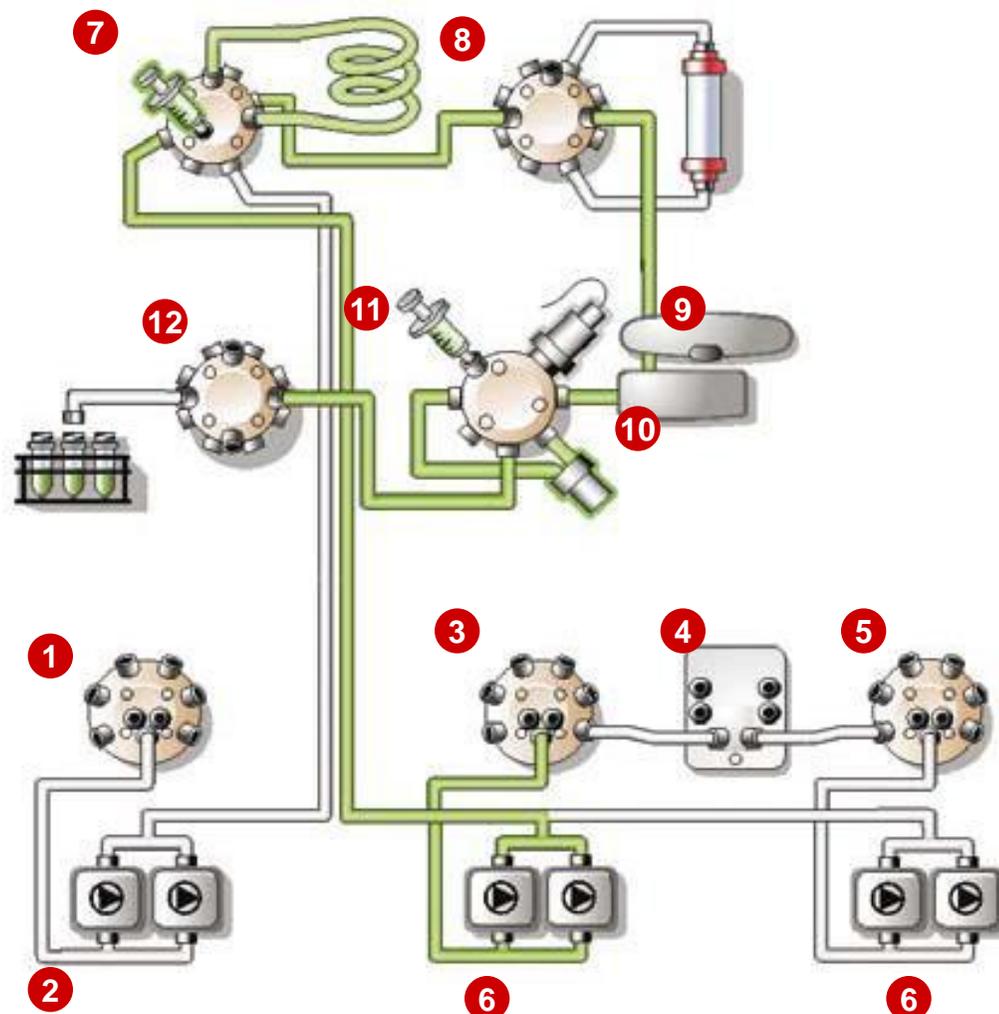
System Orientation



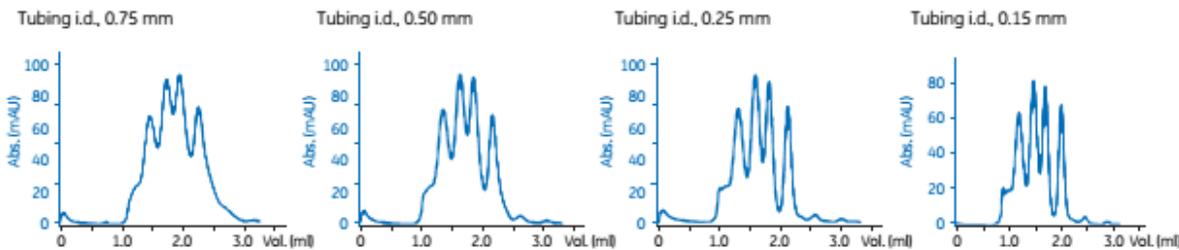
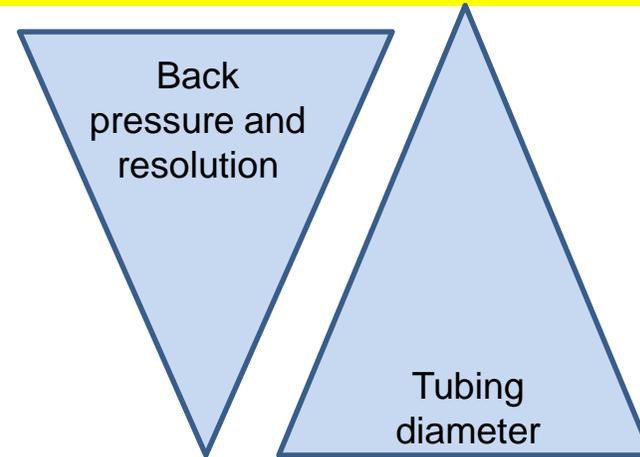
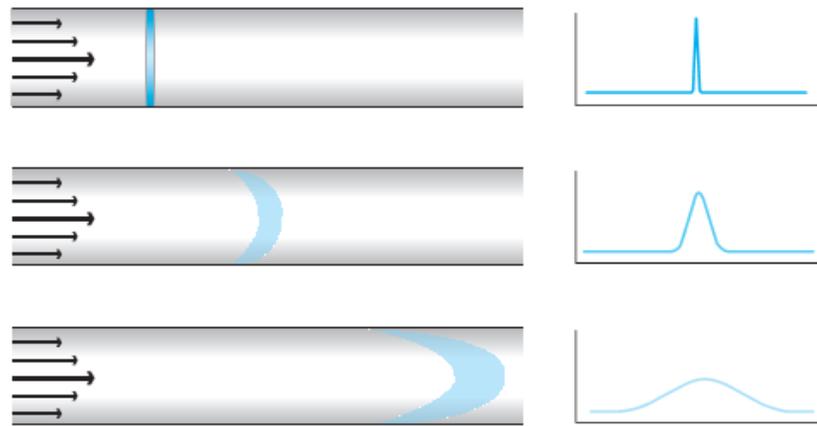
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System flow path for optimized performance

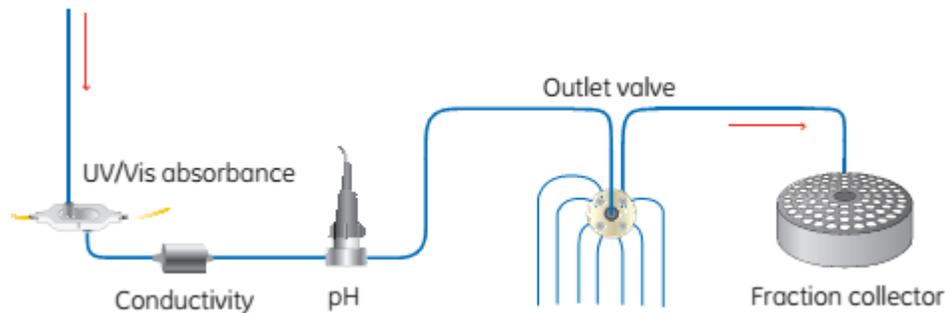
- 1 Sample Inlet valve
- 2 Sample pump
Flow rate: 0.001 to 25 ml/min
Pressure range: 0 to 10 MPa
- 3 Inlet valve A
- 4 Quaternary valve
- 5 Inlet valve B
- 6 System pump
Flow rate: 0.001 to 25 ml/min
Pressure range: 0 to 20 MPa
- 7 Injection valve
- 8 Column valve
- 9 UV monitor
Wavelength range: 190 to 700 nm
in steps of 1 nm, up to 3 wavelengths.
Flow cells: 2 or 10 mm optical path
- 10 Conductivity monitor
Conductivity reading range:
0.01 mS/cm to 999.99 mS/cm
- 11 pH valve
- 12 Outlet valve



Tubing dimensions affect peak broadening and resolution



Peak broadening in tubing
Liquid flows faster in the
middle of a tube



Peak broadening after
the UV/Vis detector

Injection Valve

- Sample pump with many sample inlets for different samples
- System pump and Sample pump can be run simultaneously



Loop



Manual injection valve

pH and conductivity Valve

- Bypass of pH flow cell
- Positions for pH calibration
- Flow restrictor



Auto-sampler



Superloop

Column Valves

- Up to five column positions
- Bypass position
- Flow direction change (reversed flow)
- Pressure sensors before and after column

Inlet Valves

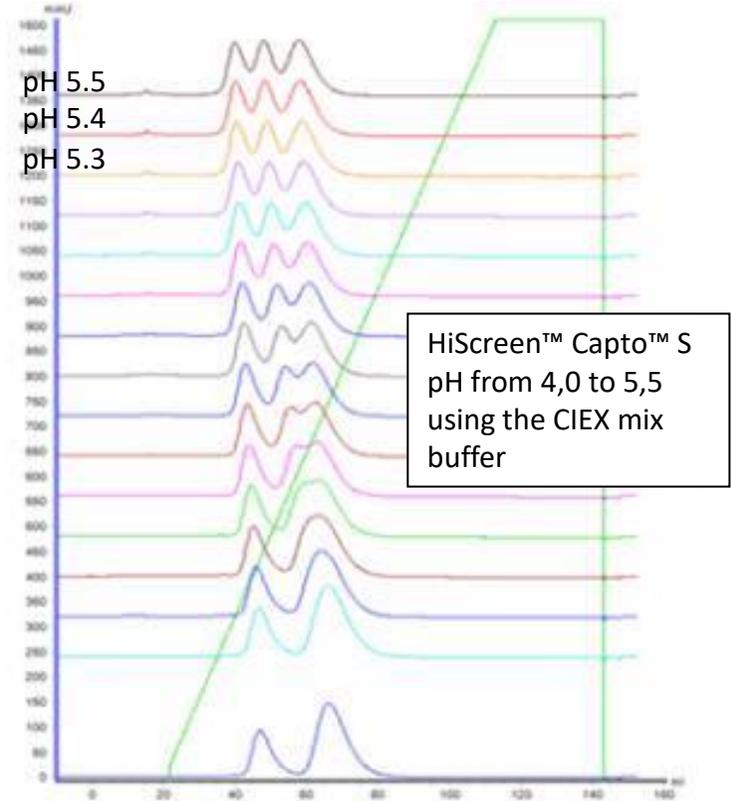
- Air sensor useable with all inlets

Outlet Valve

- Waste
- Fraction collector
- Up to 10 outlet positions

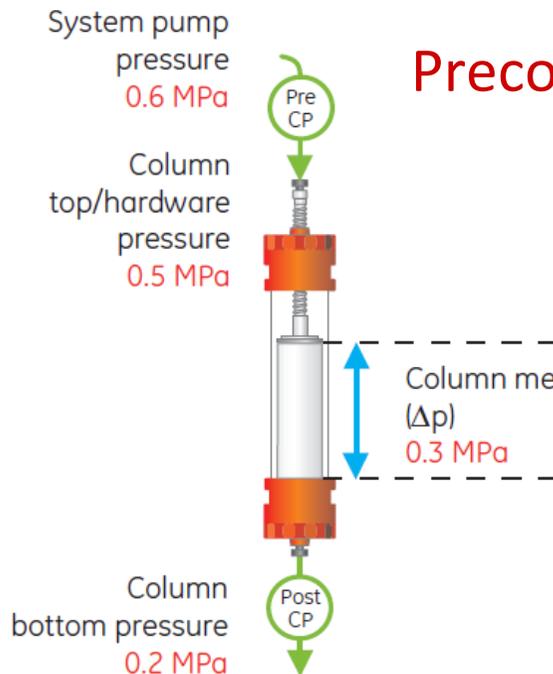
BufferPro – Automatic buffer preparation

- Completely automated, advanced on-line buffer preparation
- Increases throughput and accuracy
- Buffer mixing with corresponding acid and base
- Easy and quick pH-scouting
- 26 buffer systems available



16 pH steps 0.1 units apart,
with no manual buffer titration at all!

Precolumn pressure and delta pressure (ΔP)



- Pressure sensors integrated into the column valve
 - Before the column to protect column hardware
 - After the column, the pressure difference over the packed media bed (ΔP) is calculated
- Flow regulated mode automatically decreases flow rate when pressure exceeds the preset limit
- Pressure sensors are also connected to the system and sample pumps

Administration

The Administration window features a menu bar with 'File', 'Reports', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The main area contains a sidebar with icons for 'UNICORN User Setup', 'Access Groups and Network Users', 'E-mail Setup', 'UNICORN and System Log', 'System Properties', and 'Database Management'. Below this is the 'Method Editor - QSepharoseHP1ml' window, which includes a 'Phase Library' on the left, 'Phase Properties' in the center, and a 'Process Picture' diagram on the right. The 'Phase Properties' section shows 'Elution' settings with a flow rate of 1.500 ml/min and 'Isocratic elution' selected. A 'Gradient' section at the bottom left shows a graph of %B vs. ml.

Method Editor

System Control

The System Control window has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Manual', 'System', 'Tools', and 'Help'. It displays 'Run Data' for 'AVANT25' and a 'System state' table with columns for 'Acc. volume', 'Block volume', 'Acc. time', 'Block time', 'System flow', and 'Conc B'. A 'Chromatogram (Zoom)' shows a plot of mAU vs. ml with multiple data series. Below the chromatogram is a 'Run Log (Filter on)' and a 'Process Picture' diagram. The 'Evaluation - [140804EBC59NiSepharoseFF1ml 001 001]' window shows a 'Chrom.1' chromatogram with 'Chromatogram Questions' and a plot of mAU vs. ml with various peaks and markers.

Evaluation

System Control

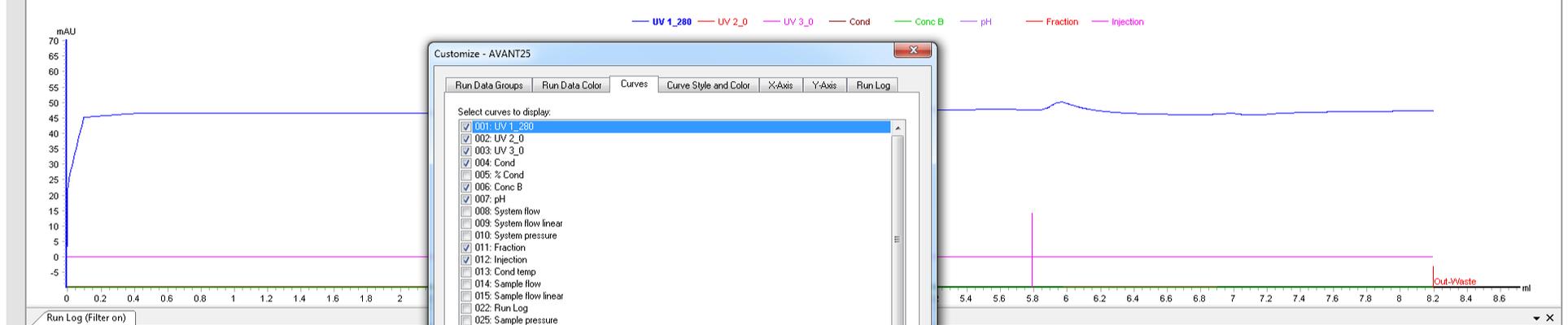
System Control

File Edit View Manual System Tools Help

AVANT25

System state Ready	Acc. volume 0 ml	Block volume 0 ml	Acc. time 0:00 min	Block time 0:00 min	System flow >> 0.000 ml/min	Conc B >> 0.0 %	Sample flow >> 0.000 ml/min	PreC pressure >> 0.03 MPa	DeltaC pressure >> -0.01 MPa	PostC pressure 0.04 MPa	UV 1_280 >> - mAU	UV 2_0 >> - mAU	UV 3_0 >> - mAU
pH >> Off	Cond >> 0.33 mS/cm	Inject >> Manual load	Column position >> By-pass	Flow direction >> -	Outlet >> Out/Waste	Inlet A >> A1	Inlet B >> B1	Sample inlet >> Buffer	Air inlet A >> No air	Air inlet B >> No air	Air sample inlet >> No air	Frac position >> Waste(Frac)	

Chromatogram



Customize - AVANT25

Run Data Groups Run Data Color Curves Curve Style and Color X-Axis Y-Axis Run Log

Select curves to display:

- 001: UV 1_280
- 002: UV 2_0
- 003: UV 3_0
- 004: Cond
- 005: % Cond
- 006: Conc B
- 007: pH
- 008: System flow
- 009: System flow linear
- 010: System pressure
- 011: Fraction
- 012: Injection
- 013: Cond temp
- 014: Sample flow
- 015: Sample flow linear
- 022: Run Log
- 025: Sample pressure
- 026: PreC pressure
- 027: DeltaC pressure
- 028: PostC pressure
- 029: Conc Q1
- 030: Conc Q2

Clear Select All

OK Cancel

Run Log (Filter on)

0.00 ml Manual Run 05/08/2014 11:39:59 +03:00 Result: /DefaultHome/AVANT25 (Manual)/Manual

0.00 ml Active column type: HITrap Q HP, 1 ml (Manual)

0.00 ml Inlet A A3 (Issued) (Manual)

0.00 ml System flow 5.000 (ml/min) Off (Issued) (Manual)

0.00 ml The method flow is now calculated based on the system flow. (System)

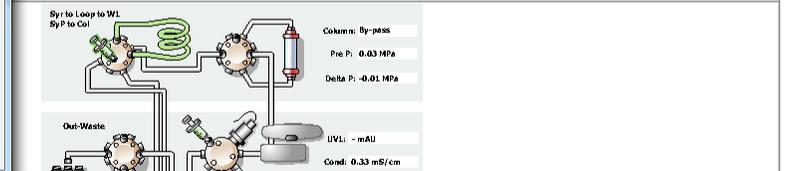
0.00 ml Inlet A A3 (Completed) (Manual)

0.01 ml System flow 5.000 (ml/min) Off (Completed) (Manual)

5.13 ml System flow 2.000 (ml/min) Off (Issued) (Manual)

5.17 ml System flow 2.000 (ml/min) Off (Completed) (Manual)

5.78 ml Column position Position 2 Down flow (Issued) (Manual)



Manual instructions - AVANT25

Instructions:

- Pumps and pressures
- Flow path
- Monitors
- Fraction collection
- Alarms
- Advanced
- Watch parameters
- Other

Selected column type: Select...

Parameters for

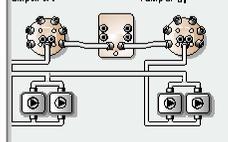
Instruction execution list:

Insert Delete

Save result as: Browse...

Auto update of parameters during run

Execute Close



Manual instructions - AVANT25

Selected column type:

Instructions:

- Pumps and pressures**
- Flow path**
- Monitors**
- Fraction collection**
- Alarms**
- Advanced**
- Watch parameters**
- Other**

Parameters for:

Instruction execution list:

Save result as:

Auto update of parameters during run

Instructions:

- Pumps and pressures**
 - System flow
 - Sample flow
 - Gradient
 - Pump wash
 - System wash
 - System wash BufferPro
 - Quaternary start concentrations
 - Quaternary gradient
 - BufferPro pH
 - Column packing flow
- Flow path**

- Pumps and pressures**
- Flow path**
 - Injection valve
 - Column position
 - Inlet A
 - Inlet B
 - pH valve
 - Sample inlet
 - Outlet valve
 - Injection mark
- Monitors**
- Fraction collection**

Instructions:

- Pumps and pressures**
- Flow path**
- Monitors**
 - Auto zero UV
 - Wavelength
 - Noise reduction UV
 - Relative scale cond
- Fraction collection**
- Alarms**
- Advanced**
- Watch parameters**
- Other**

Instructions:

- Fraction collection**
 - Stop fractionation
 - Stop peak fractionation
 - Last tube filled
 - Feed tube
 - Fractionation in outlet valve
 - Stop frac in outlet valve
 - Peak frac in outlet valve
 - Stop peak frac in outlet valve
 - Peak fractionation parameters
 - Accumulator wash
 - Frac cleaning position

- Monitors**
- Fraction collection**
- Alarms**
 - Alarm system pressure
 - Alarm sample pressure
 - Alarm delta column pressure
 - Alarm pre column pressure
 - Alarm UV1
 - Alarm conductivity
 - Alarm pH
 - Alarm air sensors
- Advanced**

- Pumps and pressures**
- Flow path**
- Monitors**
- Fraction collection**
- Alarms**
- Advanced**
 - Constant pressure flow
 - Constant pressure flow parameters
 - Wash settings
 - Pressure control parameters
 - Method progressing flow
- Watch parameters**

- Advanced**
- Watch parameters**
 - Watch UV parameters
 - Watch cond parameters
 - Watch flow parameters
 - Watch pH parameters
 - Watch pressure parameters
- Alarms**
- Advanced**
- Watch parameters**
- Other**
 - Set mark
 - Timer

Method Editor

UNICORN™ 6

- Contains all instructions used for controlling the chromatographic run
- Easy and flexible method creation - Drag and drop from the phase library into the method outline
- Use pre-defined methods / phases or program your own
- Automatic calculation of volume, pressure and flow rate settings for columns
- Built-in application support



Method Editor

Method Editor - QSepharoseHP1ml

File Edit View Phases Tools Help

System: AVANT25

Phase Library - AKTAavan...

Method Navigator

- Column CIP
- Column Performance Test
- Column Preparation
- Column Wash
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- Equilibration
- Sample Application
- System CIP
- System Preparation
- User Defined

Predefined Phases

Global Phases

Personal Phases

Delete Insert Delete Save Phase... Duration & Variables

Method Settings

Equilibration

Sample Application

Column Wash

Elution

Column Wash

Equilibration

Phase Properties | Text Instructions

Elution

Use the same flow rate as in Method Settings Use the same inlets as in Method Settings

Flow rate: 1.500 ml/min [0.000 - 25.000]

Inlet A: A2

Inlet B: B2

Up flow

Isocratic elution

Volume: 1.50 CV 0.0 % B [0.0 - 100.0] Fill the system with the selected buffer

Gradient elution

Start at: 0.0 % B [0.0 - 100.0] Fill the system with the selected buffer

	Type	Target %B (0-100)	Length (CV)
1	Linear	50.0	20.00
2	Linear	50.0	5.00
3	Linear	100.0	7.00
4	Linear	100.0	4.00

Add Segment

Delete Segment

Note: A gradient delay is automatically added, provided that the last gradient segment is linear

Fractionate

using outlet valve

using fraction collector

in waste (do not collect)

Fractionation settings

Fractionation type: Fixed volume fractionation

Fractionation destination: 8 ml tubes

Peak fractionation destination: 96 deep well plate

Fixed fractionation volume: 2.0 ml [0.0 - 8.0]

Advanced Settings...

Peak Frac Settings...

Gradient

Base	Gradient	Phase (Block)
18.58	21.88	Elution (Gradient segment_1)

Process Picture

Column: _____

Pico P: PPS

Delta P: PPS

UV: mAU

Cond: mS/cm

pH: _____

Sample Pump: _____

Pump A: _____

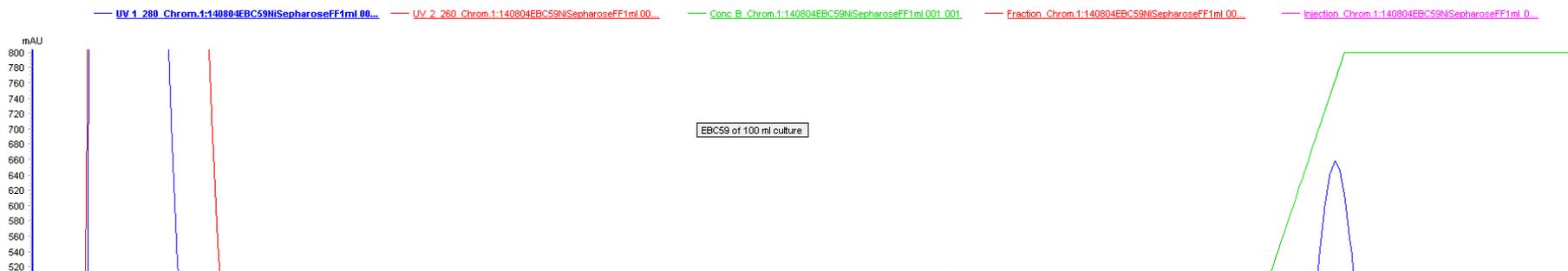
Pump B: _____

Administration System Control Method Editor - QSc... Evaluation - [140804... Microsoft PowerPoin...

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Evaluation

Chromatogram Questions
 No 1: column: Ni Sepharose FF 1ml
 EBC59 of 100 ml culture
 No 2: Buffer A1: PBS B1: PBS + 300mM Imidazol



Documentation

Result Information Start Protocol System Information Calibration Run Log Evaluation Log Questions
 Fraction Collector Variable List Text Instructions Notes Columns Method Information

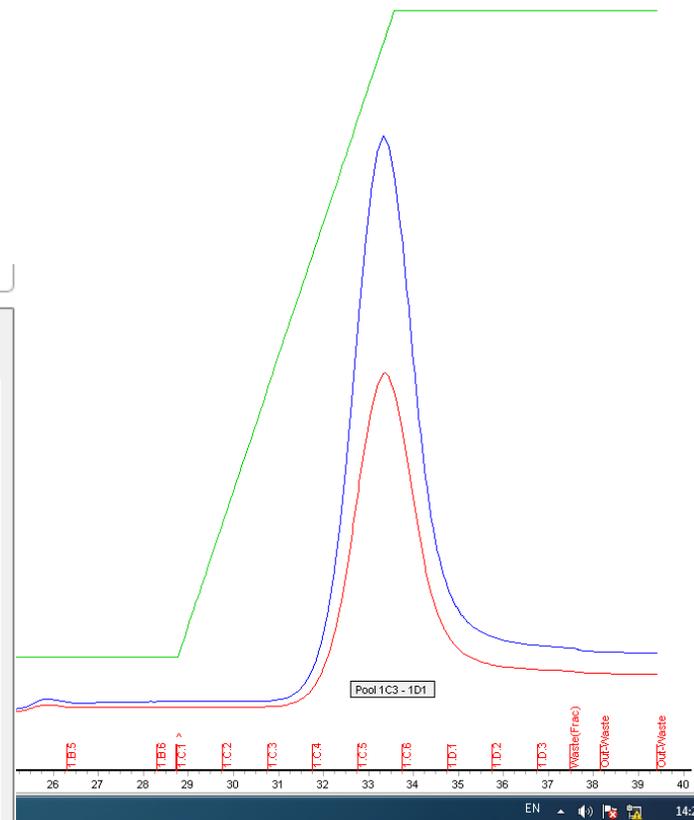
Column Types

Column types:

HisTrap FF, 1 ml

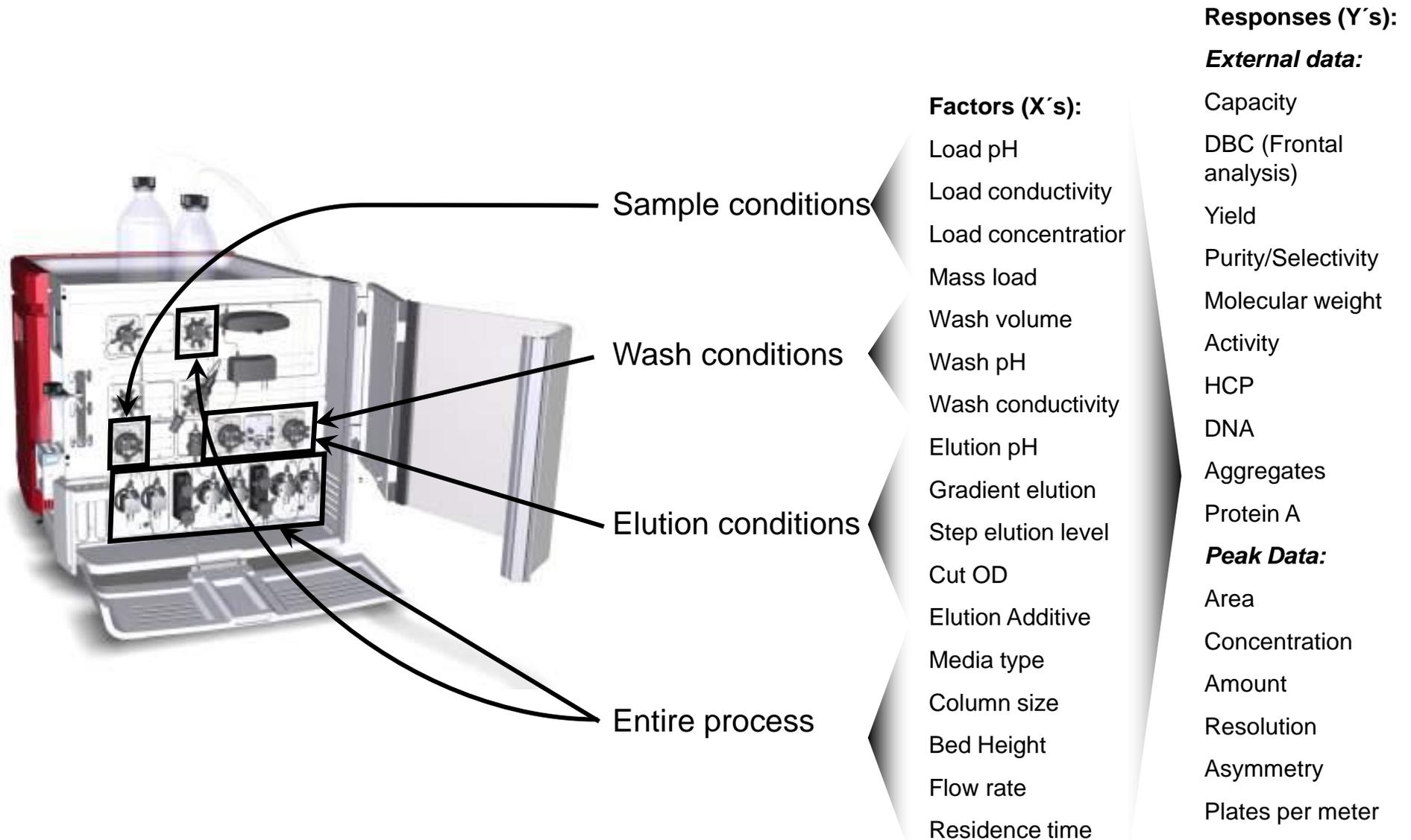
Run Parameters Details Ordering Information

Parameters	Value	Unit
Technique	Affinity	
Column volume	0.962	ml
Column volume unit	ml	
Max pre-column pressure	0.5	MPa
Max delta column pressure	0.3	MPa
Pressure unit	MPa	
Default flow rate	1.0	ml/min
Max flow rate	4.0	ml/min
Default linear flow rate	155.91	cm/h
Max linear flow rate	623.63	cm/h
Min pH value (short term)	2	
Max pH value (short term)	14	
Min pH value (long term)	3	
Max pH value (long term)	12	



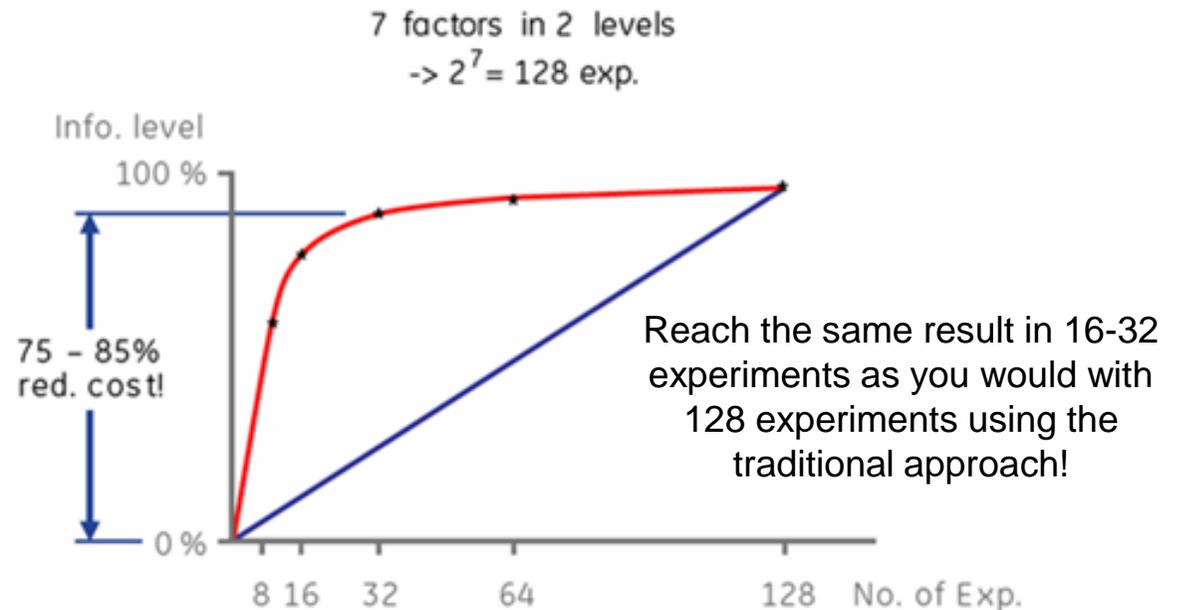
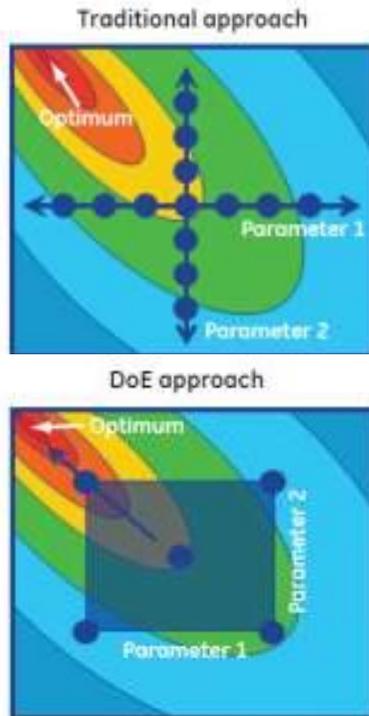
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 13:09 min Last tube filled Pause (Issued) (Processing)
 13:10 min Last tube filled Pause (Completed)
 13:10 min Fractionation Volume 8 ml tubes 2.0 (ml) Next tube (Issued) (Processing)
 13:10 min Fractionation Volume 8 ml tubes 2.0 (ml) Next tube (Completed)
 13:10 min End_Block (Issued) (Processing) (Completed)
 13:10 min Block_Gradient segment_1(1) (Issued) (Processing) (Completed)
 13:10 min Base SameAsMain
 13:10 min Gradient 5.0 (%B) 0.00 (CV) (Issued) (Processing)
 13:11 min Gradient 5.0 (%B) 0.00 (CV) (Completed)
 13:11 min System wash 15 (ml) Outlet valve (Issued) (Processing)
 13:11 min Continue 04/08/2014 11:16:49 +03:00 (Issued) (System)
 13:11 min Continue 04/08/2014 11:16:49 +03:00 (Completed) (System)
 13:11 min System wash 15 (ml) Outlet valve (Completed)

Scouting runs for method optimization



DoE: Design of Experiment

A tool for easy method optimization



DoE measures the effect of each factor individually and in combination, allowing detection of interaction to give you more precise results quicker

- DoE Structured approach
- Traditional approach

UNICORN™ 6 allows the maximum amount of information to be obtained from a minimum number of experiments with DoE - now an integrated part of UNICORN 6!

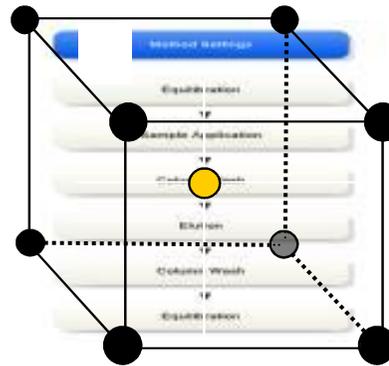
Integrated experimental design for quicker results

DoE could also be: "Design of Experience"

"I know that pH and conductivity are critical for my purification, how can I optimize the yield?"



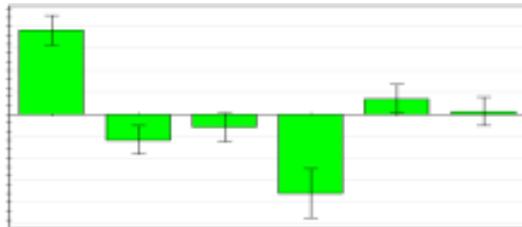
DoE method scheme



Scouting run



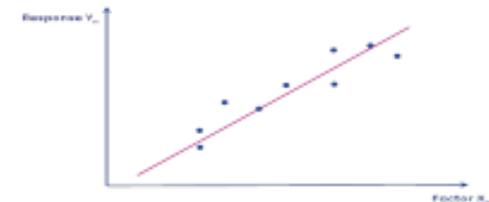
Decision using model



Model validation



Model creation



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