

# Inspiring Productivity with Modern Flash Chromatography

Delivering more chemical targets with less...

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# Top 15 Pharma and Their R&D Efficiency

## Investor Expectations Exceed Performance

	2008-2017 sales (B)*	2008-2017 R&D (B)*	R&D spend as a % of sales	NME+BLA^	Efficiency (\$/approval)
Pfizer	\$ 477.096	\$ 77.868	16%	7	\$ 11.124
Novartis	\$ 433.854	\$ 81.404	19%	13	\$ 6.262
Sanofi	\$ 375.757	\$ 62.376	17%	7	\$ 8.911
Roche	\$ 369.386	\$ 83.534	23%	2	\$ 41.767
Merck	\$ 351.330	\$ 75.614	22%	8	\$ 9.452
GSK	\$ 330.438	\$ 52.854	16%	11	\$ 4.805
Astra Zeneca	\$ 272.597	\$ 50.927	19%	8	\$ 6.366
J&J	\$ 270.205	\$ 56.436	21%	10	\$ 5.644
Lilly	\$ 189.154	\$ 45.441	24%	7	\$ 6.492
Amgen	\$ 177.887	\$ 34.462	19%	5	\$ 6.892
BMS	\$ 165.531	\$ 36.246	22%	7	\$ 5.178
Teva	\$ 164.492	\$ 16.403	10%	2	\$ 8.202
Gilead	\$ 162.585	\$ 22.361	14%	7	\$ 3.194
Bayer	\$ 153.498	\$ 24.645	16%	7	\$ 3.521
Takeda	\$ 137.199	\$ 33.040	24%	5	\$ 6.608

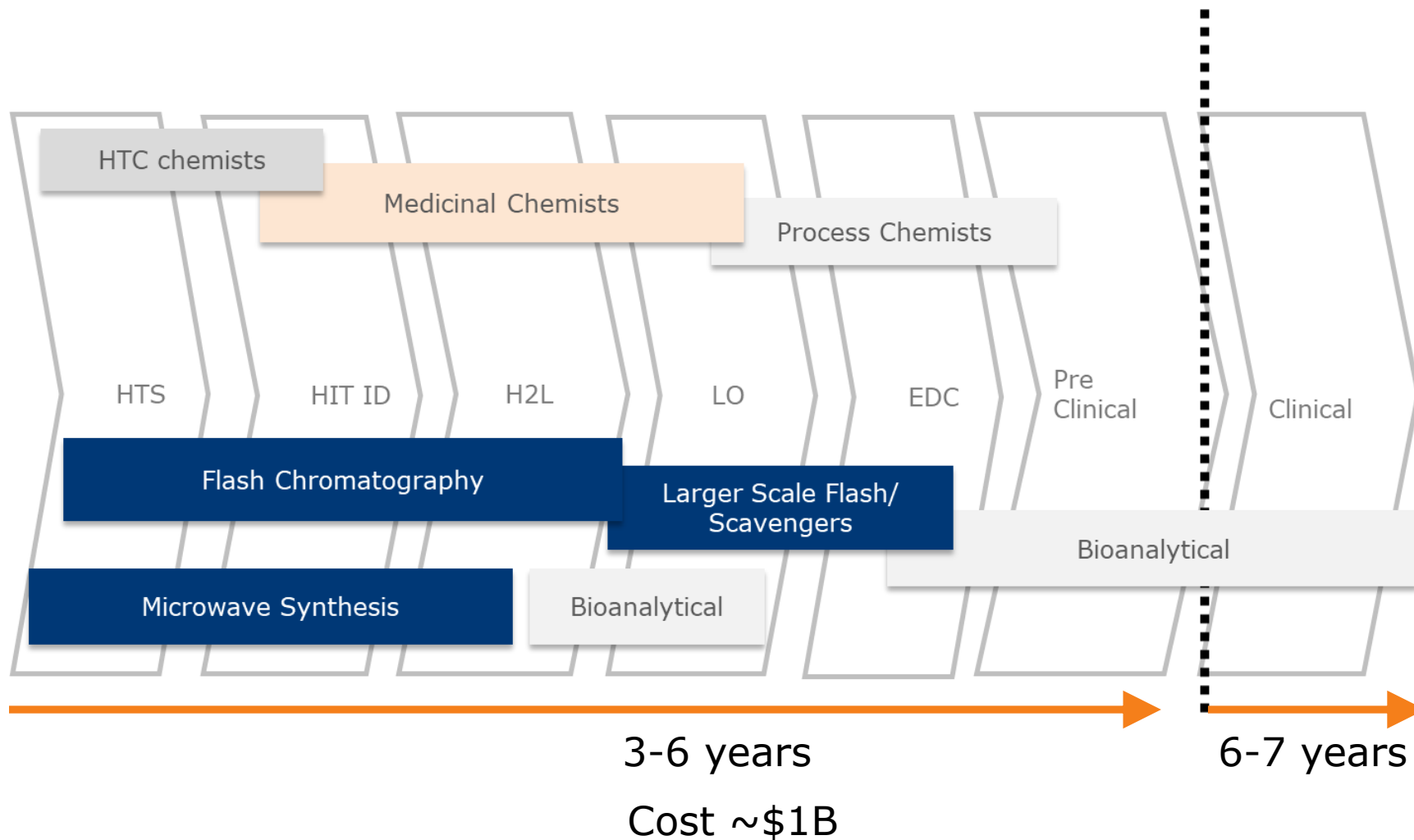
» Investors expect a reasonable return on investment (ROI) provided by a high number of new molecular entities/biological license applications (NMEs/BLAs; new prescription drugs) approved and launched

\*Pharmaceutical Executive Magazine Top 50 Pharma, annual issues from 2009-2018

^FDA CDER data

# Drug Discovery Process

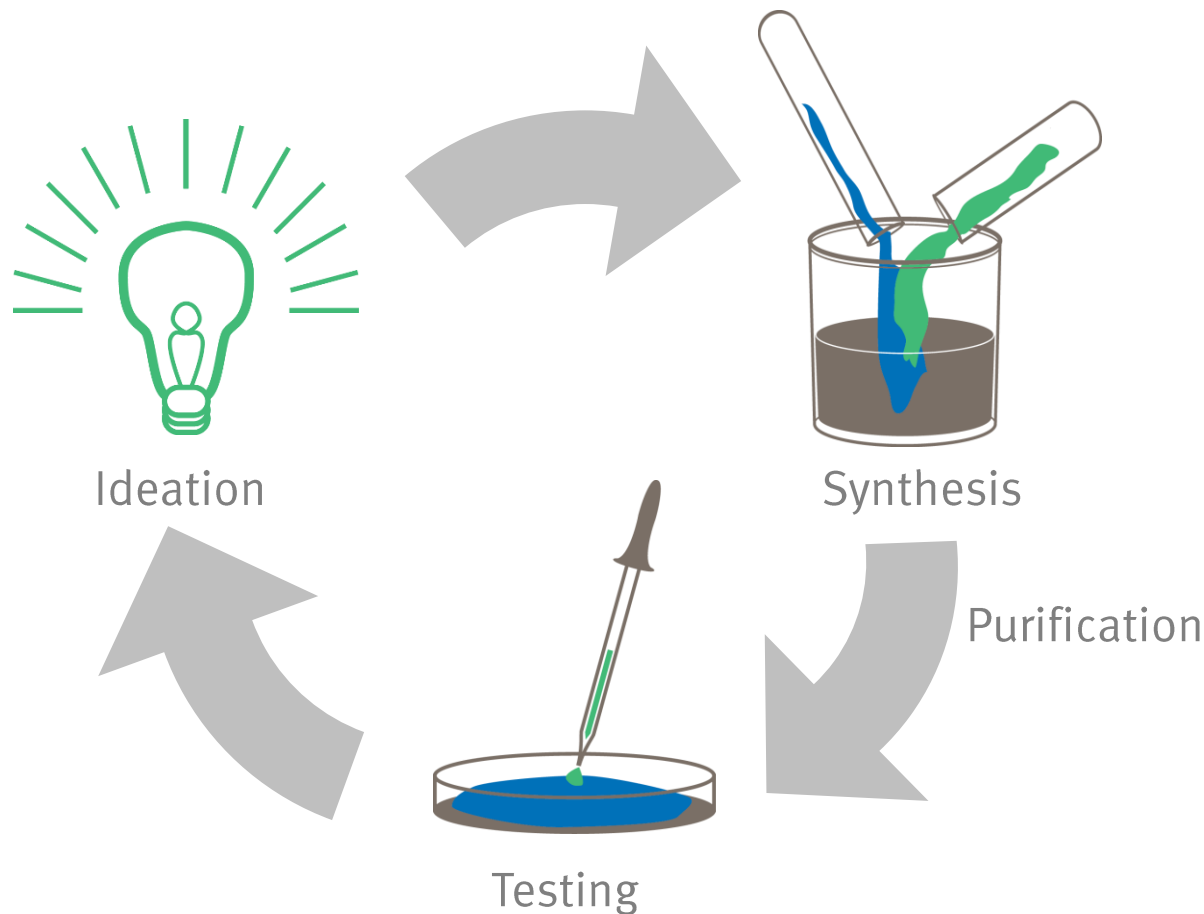
Finding Hits, Developing Leads, Selecting Candidates



# Drug Optimization Process

Iterative Process, Candidates Emerge in 3-6 Years

**Goal:** Minimize the time between idea generation and biological testing



# Quality in Discovery Research

## Balancing Quality with Speed and Cost



- » Three conflicting goals
  - » High quality product
  - » Low development cost
  - » Fast development timeline
- » Quality
  - » #1 Priority, cannot be compromised
  - » NMEs must meet the required needs to treat a specified disease
    - Safe, efficacious, bioavailable, etc.
- » Cost
  - » The cost required to discover a lead candidate is too high
    - Must be reduced
- » Speed
  - » The time it needed to discover new candidates is too long
    - Must be reduced

How can speed and cost improve without sacrificing quality?

# Discovery Process Challenges

## Synthesis, Purification - Difficult and Slow

### » Synthesis

- » Complex reaction chemistries
  - Multiple reactions
    - Many by-products
    - Increasingly polar molecules
  - Often long in duration
  - Multiple work-up steps
  - Challenging purification

### » Purification

- » NME intermediates (via normal-phase flash column chromatography)
  - Methods not optimized, inefficient
  - Gradient and load based on guesswork or familiarization/experience with a compound class
    - Results in long or overly-complex gradients and re-runs
  - Column selection inappropriate
    - Too big, too small, incorrect media, or solvent choice
- » Final NME clean-up (via reversed-phase preparative HPLC)
  - Reaction mix sent to the prep or analytical lab
  - More waiting, expensive, risk to compound yield

# Fixing Discovery Process Challenges

## Rethinking the Purification Approach

- » Prep HPLC or flash chromatography?
  - » Synthetic chemists prefer flash
    - Quick processing speed
    - Fast to dry down organic solvents
    - Retain compound control, mitigates yield loss risk
- » Broad applicability with flash?
  - » Useful for both intermediate and final NME clean-up?
  - » Operate in both normal- and reversed-phase modes?
  - » Complex reaction mixtures?

# Flash Chromatography Evolution

## A Remarkable Journey



- » 1901 – Mikael Tswett performs first column chromatography separation
- » 1978 - W. Clark Still publishes seminal paper on “flash” chromatography using granular 40-63  $\mu\text{m}$  silica
- » 1994 – Biotage® Flash 75 and Flash 150 pre-packed columns and pressurized systems launched. These are the first commercially available flash purification systems and columns
- » 1997 – Argonaut Technologies launches first automated flash chromatography system (later acquired by Biotage) – Biotage® FlashMaster
- » 2000 - Flash+® columns and Samplet® cartridges introduced by Biotage with direct scalability to Flash 75, Flash 150, and Flash 400 systems
- » 2004 – The Biotage® SP1, the first fully automated flash system with touchscreen interface and predictive TLC to linear gradient software launched
- » 2007 – Revolutionary Biotage® SNAP columns with removable cap for internal sample dry loading launched
- » 2012 – Biotage® SNAP Ultra columns with spherical,  $\sim 25 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $750 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  surface area silica launched increasing loading capacity up to 4x over conventional silica
- » 2013 – Biotage® SNAP Ultra C18 ( $\sim 27 \mu\text{m}$ , spherical) launched providing very high performance reversed-phase purification
- » 2018 – Biotage® Selekt system launched. A 2-channel system that speeds up flash purification with high speed column equilibration and automatic, high speed normal-phase to reversed-phase (and back) solvent switching
- » 2018 – High performance, high pressure Biotage® Sfär columns (spherical,  $750 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ ,  $20 \mu\text{m}$  and  $60 \mu\text{m}$  silica columns launched). Increase load capacity and reduce purification time and solvent use compared to conventional columns



### » Column/load determination

#### » The 1% rule

- Choose a column that is 100 times larger than the amount of reaction mix to be purified
  - 100 mg requires a 10 gram column
  - 1 gram requires a 100 gram column
- If the separation is poor, re-purify with a bigger column

### » Gradients

- » 0-100% linear gradient (hexane/ethyl acetate)
- » 0-10% linear gradient (DCM/MeOH)
- » At best, using TLC R<sub>f</sub> data to create a more optimized linear /step gradient
  - $\Delta R_f$  used as a load guideline

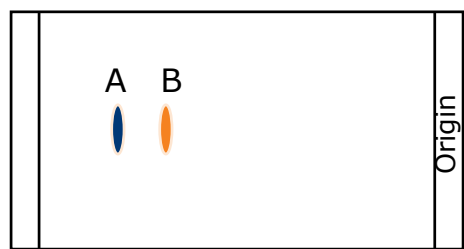
# Flash Chromatography Methods

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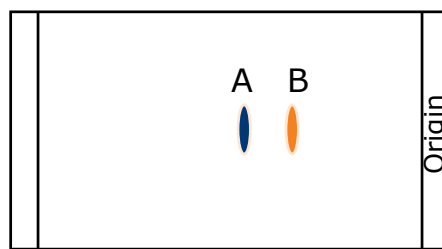
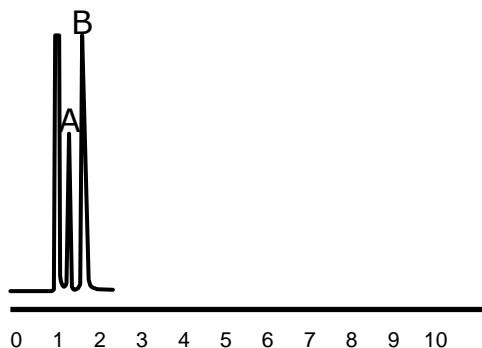
» Determine sample load based on  $\Delta CV$  rather than  $\Delta R_f$

–  $CV = 1/R_f$

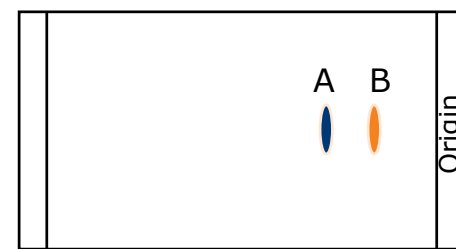
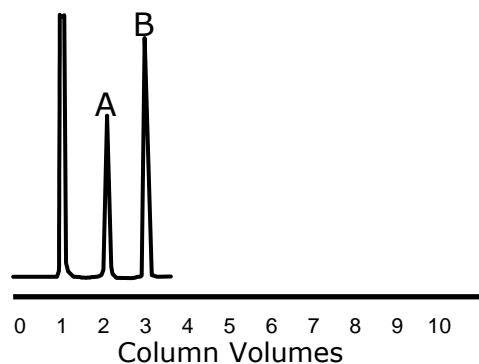
–  $\Delta CV = CV_2 - CV_1$



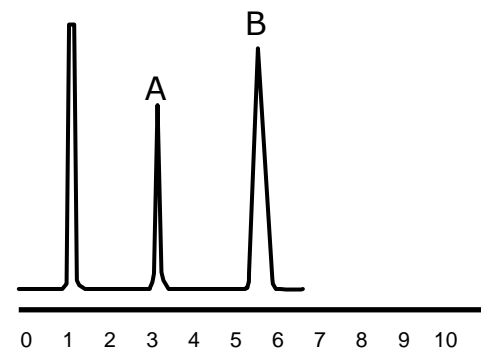
$R_f A = .80$   $R_f B = .67$   $\Delta R_f = .13$   
 $\Delta CV = 0.24$



$R_f A = .47$   $R_f B = .34$   $\Delta R_f = .13$   
 $\Delta CV = 0.81$



$R_f A = .32$   $R_f B = .18$   $\Delta R_f = .14$   
 $\Delta CV = 2.43$

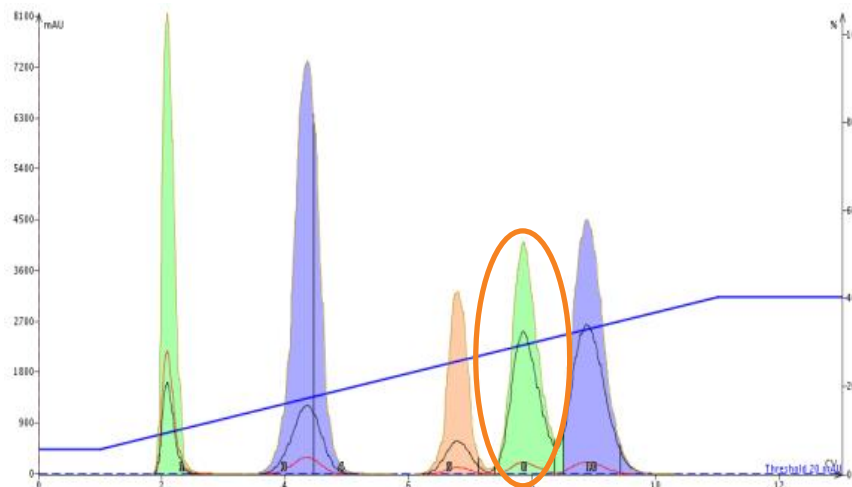


» Use either one or two TLC plates to create a gradient

» **One plate**

- Flash system uses % strong solvent to create linear gradient
- Uses R<sub>f</sub> values (target compound and adjacent by-products) to determine CV and  $\Delta$ CV
- $\Delta$ CV used to determine the correct column size for the amount of RxN mix to be purified

**TLC-based 13 CV linear gradient, 100 mg load**



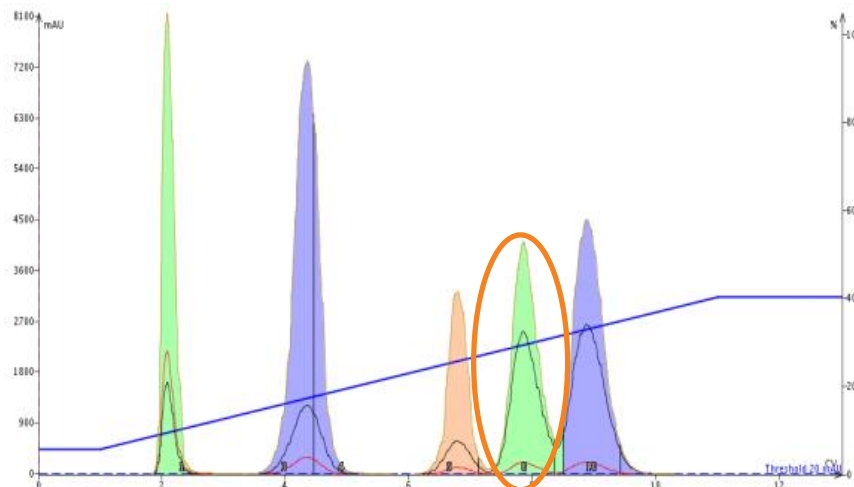
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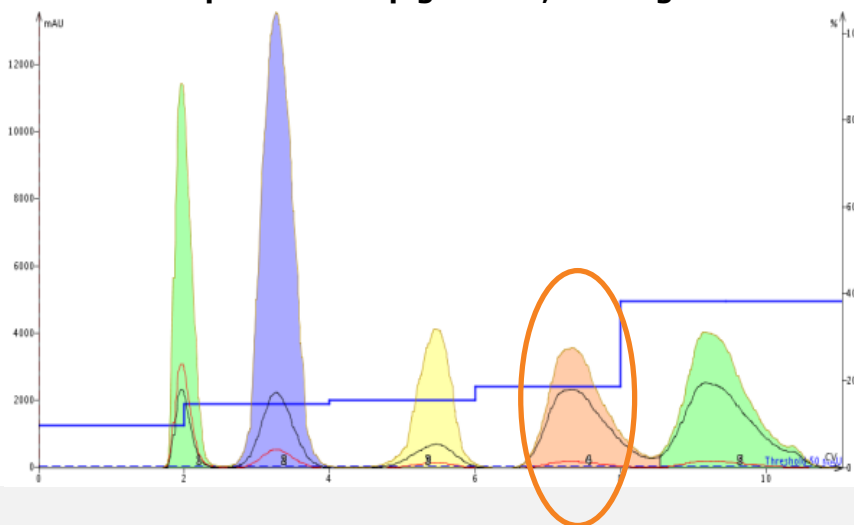
- » Use one or two plates for gradient design
  - » **Two plates**
    - Creates a step gradient
    - Optimized for your target of interest
    - Load amount doubled vs. linear gradient (in most cases)
    - Run time and solvent consumption reduced upwards of 50% compared to a linear gradient

- » For more information on flash optimization listen to my webinar on this topic  
<https://biotage.com/news/webinar-a-roadmap-to-successful-flash-chromatography>

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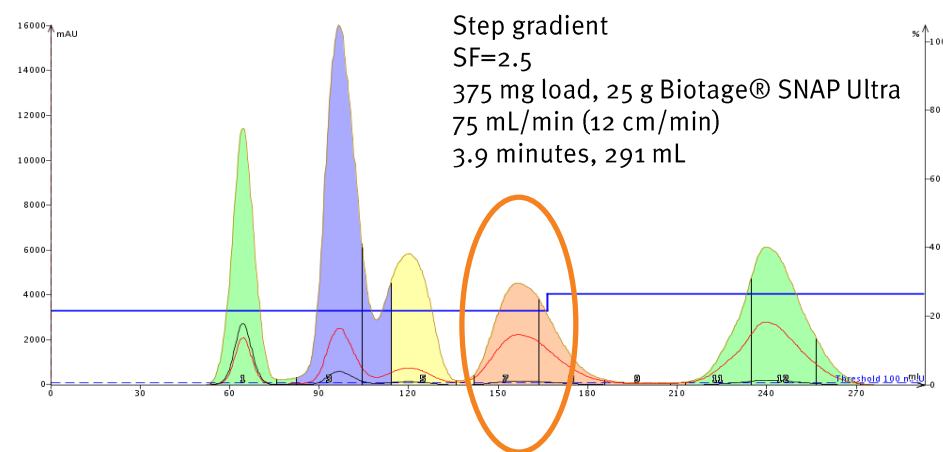
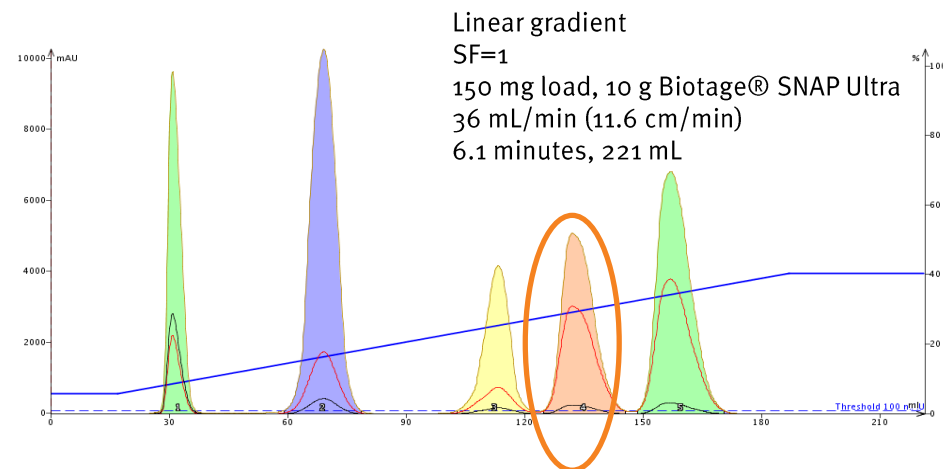
**TLC-optimized step gradient, 200 mg load**



# Flash Chromatography Trends

## System Advancements

- » Smaller system footprints
  - » Bench/hood space at a premium
- » Faster flow rates
  - » For larger columns/larger scale
  - » Faster equilibration to reduce purification time
- » Higher pressure tolerances
  - » Reversed-phase compatible
- » Advanced detection options
  - » Diode array UV, UV-vis
  - » Evaporative light-scattering (ELSD)
  - » Mass (MS)
- » Automated optimization
  - » TLC to gradient with sample load estimation
  - » *Linear to step gradient* conversion to minimize run time and solvent consumption, especially for *scale-up*



# Flash Chromatography Trends

## Column Advancements

- » Advanced column technology
  - » Smaller particle, spherical shape, higher surface area silica
    - Higher loading capacity
    - Higher fraction purity
    - Allows use of smaller columns, shorter gradients
    - Saves purification time and reduces solvent consumption
  - » High performance reversed-phase columns
    - Small, spherical particles
    - Wide pore high performance reversed-phase columns for biomolecules
  - » Higher pressure tolerance column bodies
  - » Removable caps for internal RxN mix dry loading

# Advancements in Flash Methodology

## Yesterday vs. Today

» Standard flash chromatography-grade silica

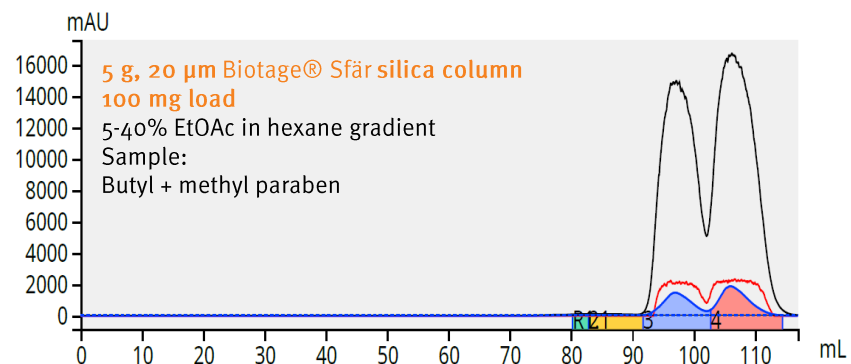
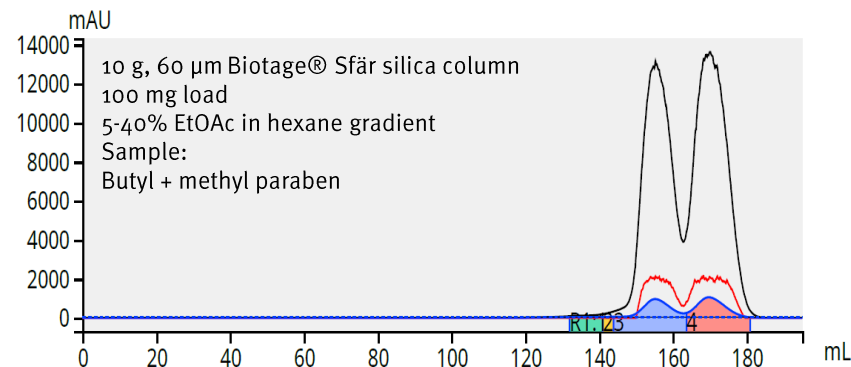
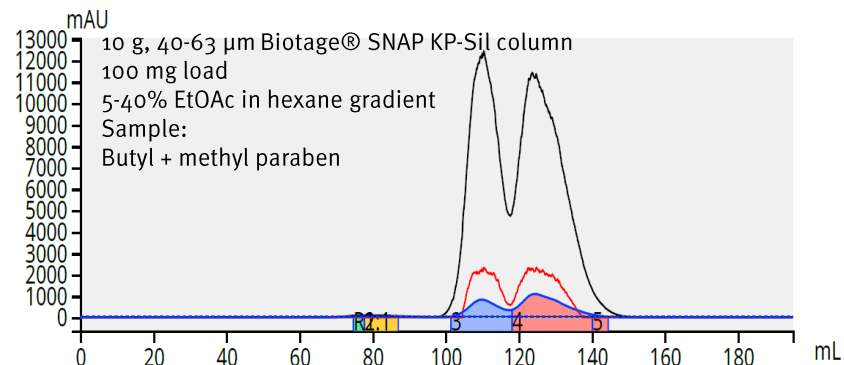
- » Granular
- » 40-63  $\mu\text{m}$
- » 500  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$

» Higher loading capacity silica

- » Spherical
- » 60  $\mu\text{m}$
- » 750  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$
- » Better retention
- » Sharper peaks

» Highest performance silica

- » Spherical
- » 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- » 750  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$
- » 2x loading capacity of 10 gram, larger particle columns!

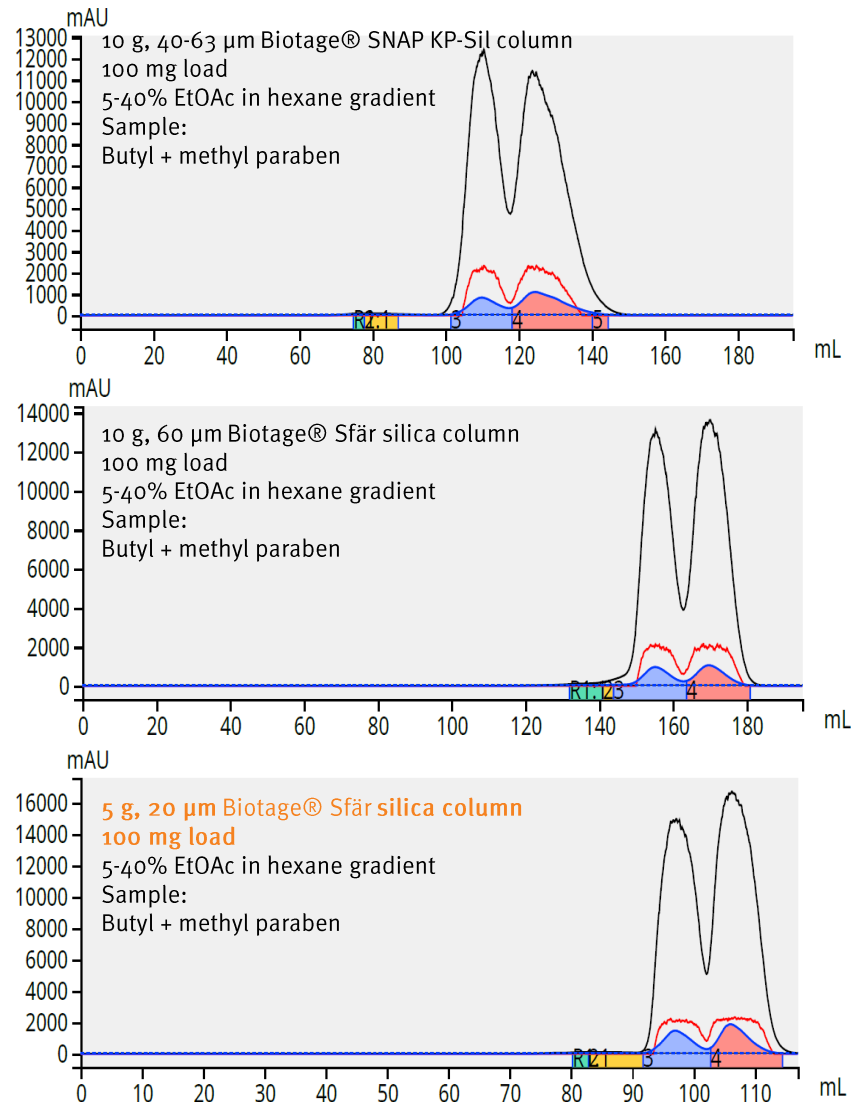


# Flash Column Technology

## An Efficiency Evolution

Parameter	10 g 40-63 $\mu$ m	10 g 60 $\mu$ m	5 g 20 $\mu$ m
Column volume (mL)	15	15	9
Equilibration flow rate (mL/min)	36	150	150
Equilibration length (CV)	3	2	2
Equilibration volume (mL)	45	30	18
Equilibration time (min)	1.25	0.2	0.1
Run flow rate (mL/min)*	27	29	18
13 CV gradient run volume (mL)	195	195	117
13 CV gradient run time (min)	7.2	6.7	6.5
Total method volume (mL) (equil + gradient)	240	225	135
Total method time (min) (equil + gradient)	8.45	6.9	6.6
<b>Total solvent savings (%)</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total time savings (%)</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>

\*Flow rates used provided equal linear velocities to match mass-transfer kinetics





# State-of-the-Art Columns Yield More

## Same Column, Better Method, New Benefits

### » Step gradient impact on productivity

- » 100 mg load
- » 5 gram, 20  $\mu$ m column

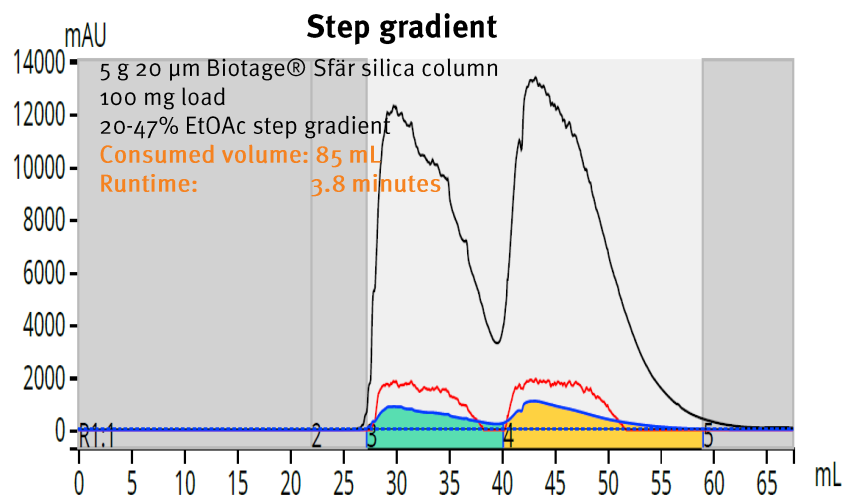
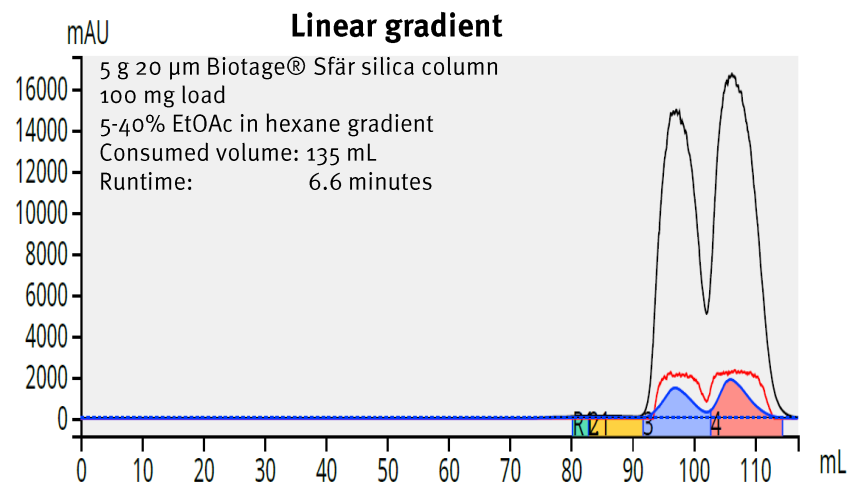
### » Linear gradient\*

- » Fast – 6.6 minutes
- » Frugal – 135 mL

### » Step gradient\*

- » 42% faster – 3.8 minutes
- » 37% more frugal – 85 mL

\* Includes equilibration volume and time

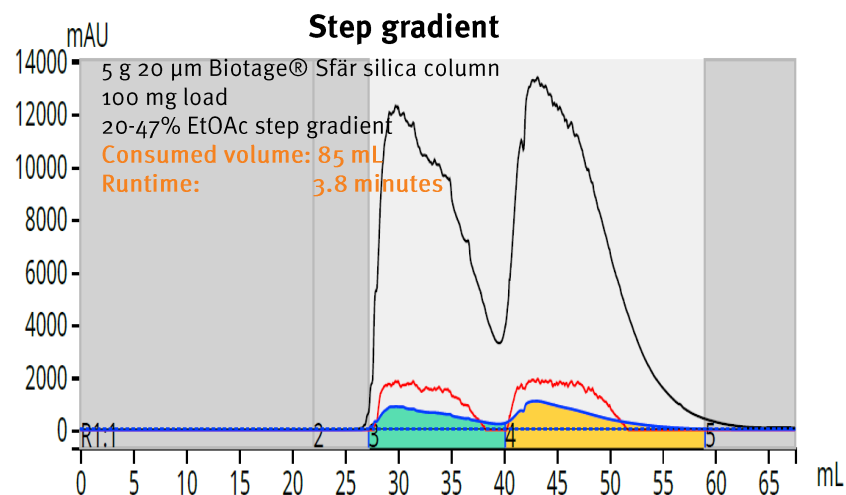
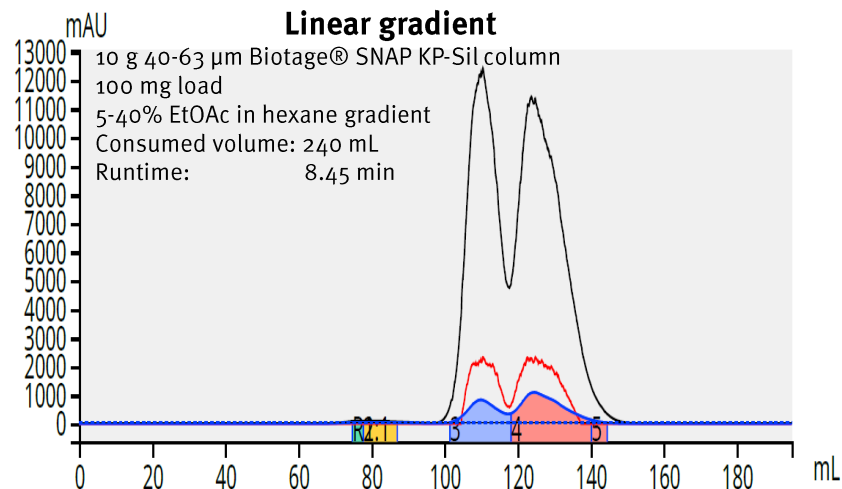


# Achieving More with State-of-the-Art

## Same Column, Better Method, Best Efficiency

Parameter	10 g 40-63 $\mu$ m Linear	10 g 60 $\mu$ m Linear	5 g 20 $\mu$ m Linear	5 g 20 $\mu$ m Step
Column volume (mL)	15	15	9	9
Equilibration flow rate (mL/min)	36	150	150	150
Equilibration length (CV)	3	2	2	2
Equilibration volume (mL)	45	30	18	18
Equilibration time (min)	1.25	0.2	0.1	0.1
Run flow rate (mL/min)*	27	29	18	18
Gradient run volume (mL)	195	195	117	67
Gradient run time (min)	7.2	7.3	6.5	3.7
Total method volume(mL) (equil + gradient)	240	225	135	85
Total method time (min) (equil + gradient)	8.45	6.9	6.6	3.8
<b>Total solvent savings vs. 40-63 <math>\mu</math>m column (%)</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total time savings vs. 40-63 <math>\mu</math>m column (%)</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>

\*Flow rates used provided equal linear velocities to match mass-transfer kinetics



# Overcoming Limitations

## Modern Flash System Builds Optimized Methods from TLC Data

### » How are residual limitations of flash addressed?

- » Methods not optimized, inefficient
- » Guesswork or based on compound class familiarization
- » Poor column size/media choices/solvent choices, re-runs
- » **Complex sample purification**

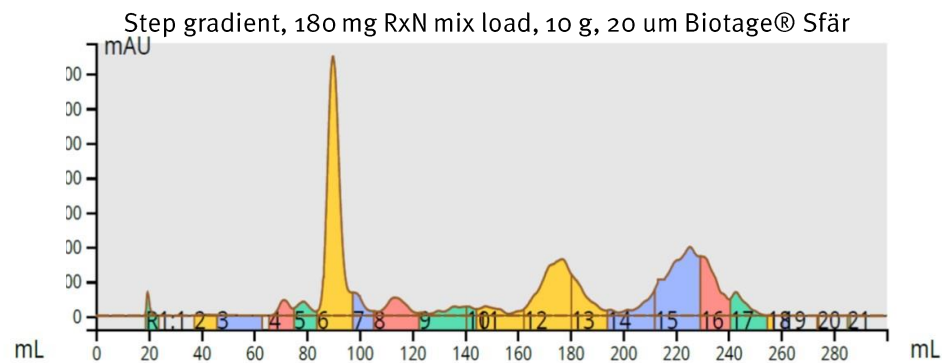
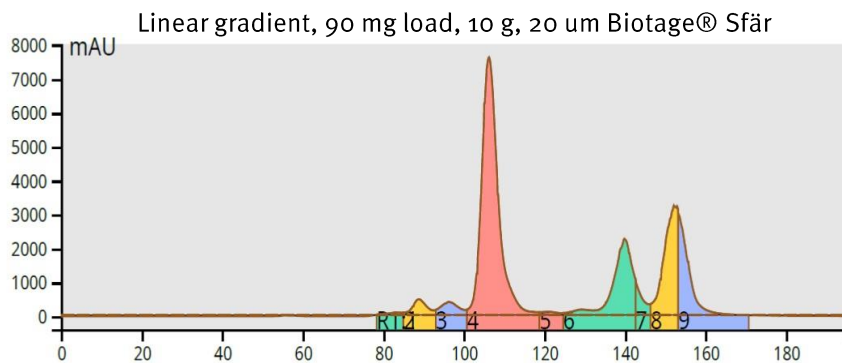
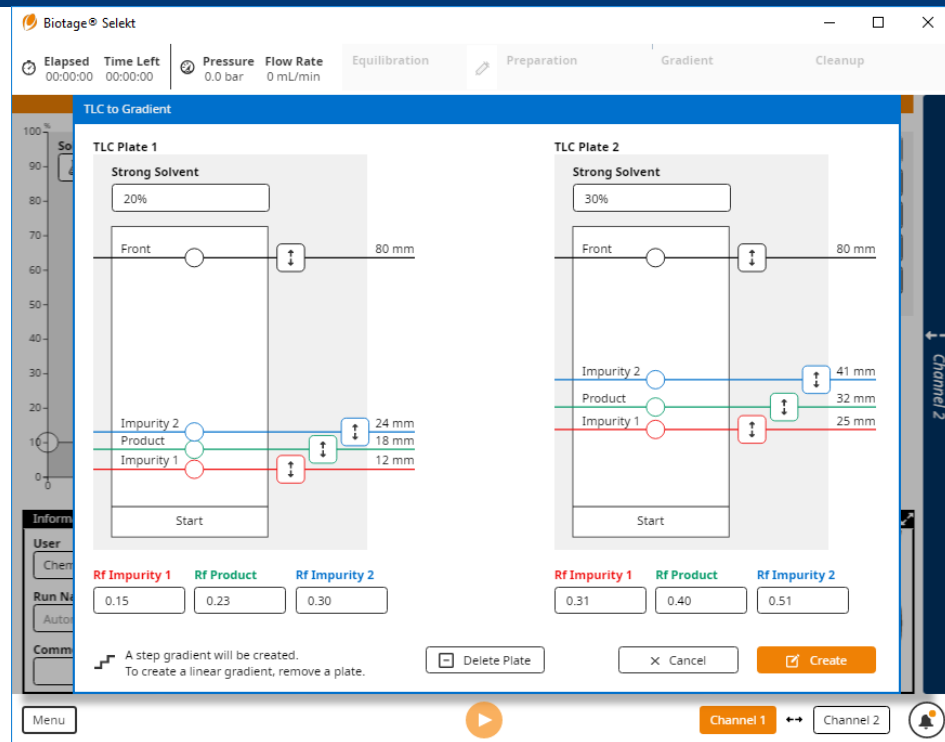
#### 1. Data from 1 TLC plate

- » Converts your TLC data into a linear gradient
- » Suggests a column size appropriate for separating your product from the crude reaction mixture.

#### 2. Data from 2 TLC plates

- » Creates a step gradient from two TLC plates with better results
- » Resulting method optimized for speed and resolving power
  - Fastest purification (by up to 2x)
  - Expects a maximum sample load (Enabled by Biotage® Sfär columns)

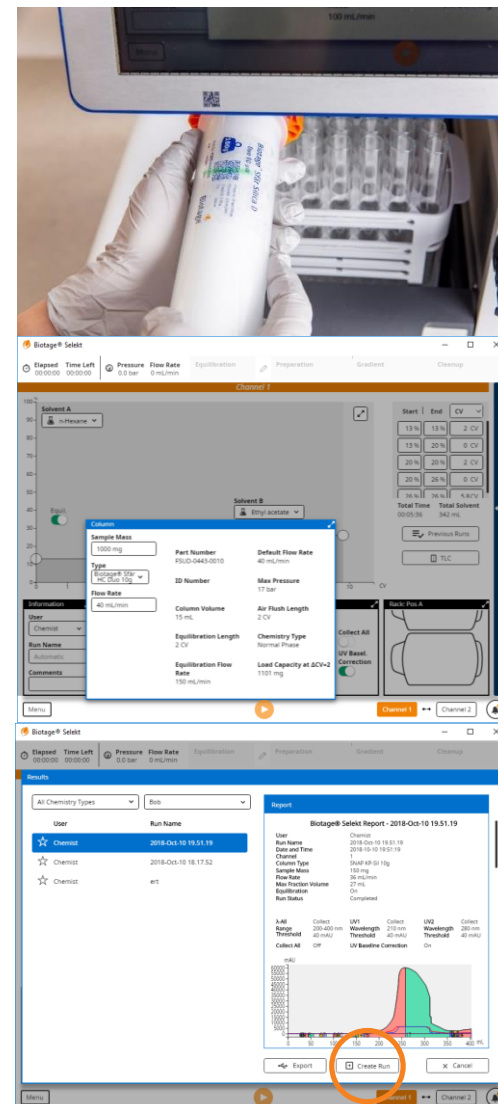
### ✓ The Biotage® Selekt flash system is smart - builds optimal methods



# Overcoming Limitations

Smart Capabilities Simplify Choices and Avoid Re-runs

- » System IDs the Biotage® Sfär column and collection rack intended for use
  - Preloads pertinent information, including the sample load range and optimal flow rate
  - Media choices are easily determined from the accessible column selection flowchart
- » Modern diode array detection corrects baseline for mobile phase UV absorption
- » Creates a method from a previous result
  - » The system allows a past run performed on a familiar chemical series is recalled from the list of results and the method used therein
  - » No need to create a new method
- » **The Biotage® Selekt flash system addresses re-run and incorrect choice concerns with smart, built-in capabilities**



# Boosting Productivity

Modern Flash System - Speed Without Compromises or Worry



✓ **The Biotage® Selekt rapidly addresses time concerns**

- » Rapid equilibration
  - Enables the user to load RxN mix within seconds, not minutes
- » 2- channel sequential system
  - Walk-up system
  - Multiple users
  - Different methods
  - NP and RP on separate channels for convenience
    - Intermediate purification on NP, final product purification RP
- » Rapidly switches between RP-NP to free the users time
  - Eliminates hassle/know-how necessary for NP-RP switching
  - Allows for routine use of high load C18s for polar compounds and separation of complex mixes

**Can speed and cost improve without sacrificing quality? YES**

# Discovery Process Challenges Solved

## Modern Flash Chromatography for All Purifications

- » Synthetic chemists prefer flash
  - » It's quick chromatography
  - » Fast organic solvent evaporation
  - » You're in control
- » Flash is broadly applicable
  - » Useful for both intermediate (NP) and final NME products (RP)
- » Flash limitations are resolved (with application of modern flash)
  - Methods can be optimized and are efficient
  - Guesswork and waiting are non-issues
  - Column size/media/solvent choices are simple, re-runs can be avoided
- » Reduces time spent purifying
  - » Complex mixtures included
- » Reduces purification costs

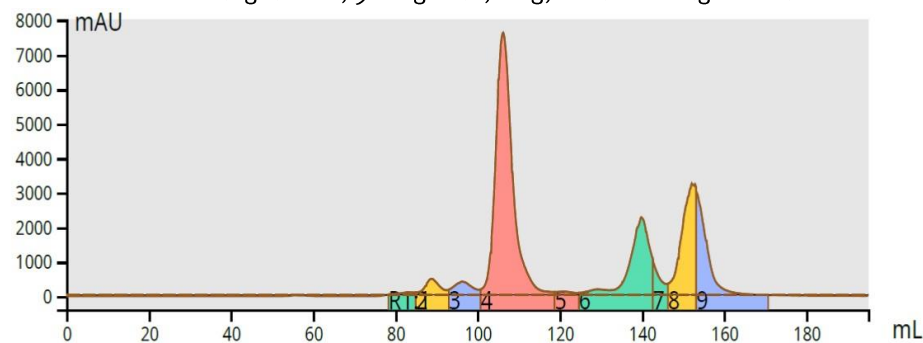


# Employing a Modern Flash System

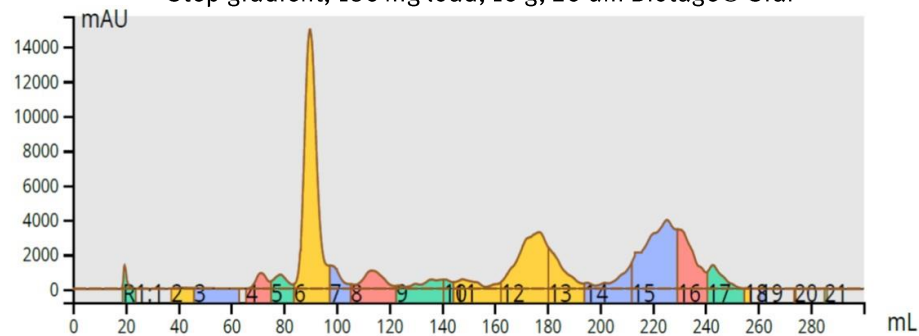
## Tips for Achieving Productivity Gains

- » To avoid guesswork on flash column choice, method setup, reruns, while reducing costs, employ an intelligent flash system that helps you to avoid mistakes...
  - » *Optimizes conditions that take the least time and use the least solvent*
  - » *Uses TLC data to generate both linear and step gradients*
  - » *Determines an appropriate column choice*
  - » *Auto-loads column parameters on column ID*
  - » *Recalls previous run method conditions*
- » To reduce waiting for flash system readiness, employ an intelligent flash system that rapidly flushes and equilibrates, requiring no additional user intervention
  - » *Equilibrates columns in seconds*
  - » *Phase changes (NP/RP) between channels in seconds, automatically*

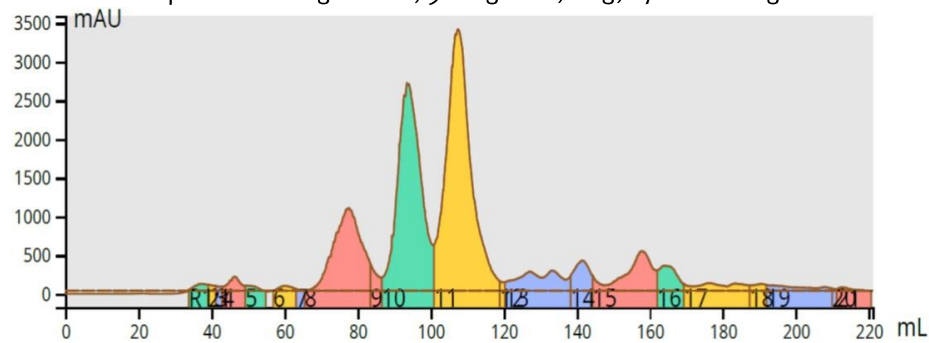
Linear gradient, 90 mg load, 10 g, 20  $\mu$ m Biotage® Sfär



Step gradient, 180 mg load, 10 g, 20  $\mu$ m Biotage® Sfär



Reversed-phase linear gradient, 90 mg load, 12 g, 27  $\mu$ m Biotage® Sfär C18





# Employing Modern Flash Columns

## Tips for Achieving Productivity Gains

1. When using the same linear gradient method, employ 1/2-size columns packed with high surface area, small particle size silica to...
  - Reduce purification time by 20%
  - Reduce solvent consumption by 40%+
  
2. When using an optimized step gradient, employ 1/2-size columns packed with high surface area, small particle size silica to...
  - Reduce purification time by 55%+
  - Reduce solvent consumption by 64%+



# Inspired Productivity for Discovery

## Benefits of Modern Flash Chromatography

- » *Discovery chemists get more from less*
  - » *Run more syntheses per day with less effort due to faster purification*
  - » *Obtain pure chemical targets in less time*
  - » *Consume less solvent (less cost, less waste)*
  
- » *So that chemists...*
  - » *Meet their NME production goals sooner*
  
- » *Such that . . .*
  - » *NMEs move forward to biological testing*
    - *Drug discovery projects advance quicker!*

# Thank you

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