



# Chlorinated Pesticides and PCB Analysis

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# Target Compounds

- 20-40 Individual Chlorinated Pesticides
  - Examples: BHC, DDT, Endrin, Methoxychlor
- Chlorinated Pesticide Mixtures
  - Chlordane, Toxaphene
- 9 PCB Aroclor® mixtures: 1016, 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260, 1262, 1268

# Pesticide & PCB Analysis

- Injection techniques
  - Split/splitless
    - Gooseneck liners
    - Drilled Uniliner
- Analysis
  - Dual column
- Electron capture detectors

# Split/Splitless Injection

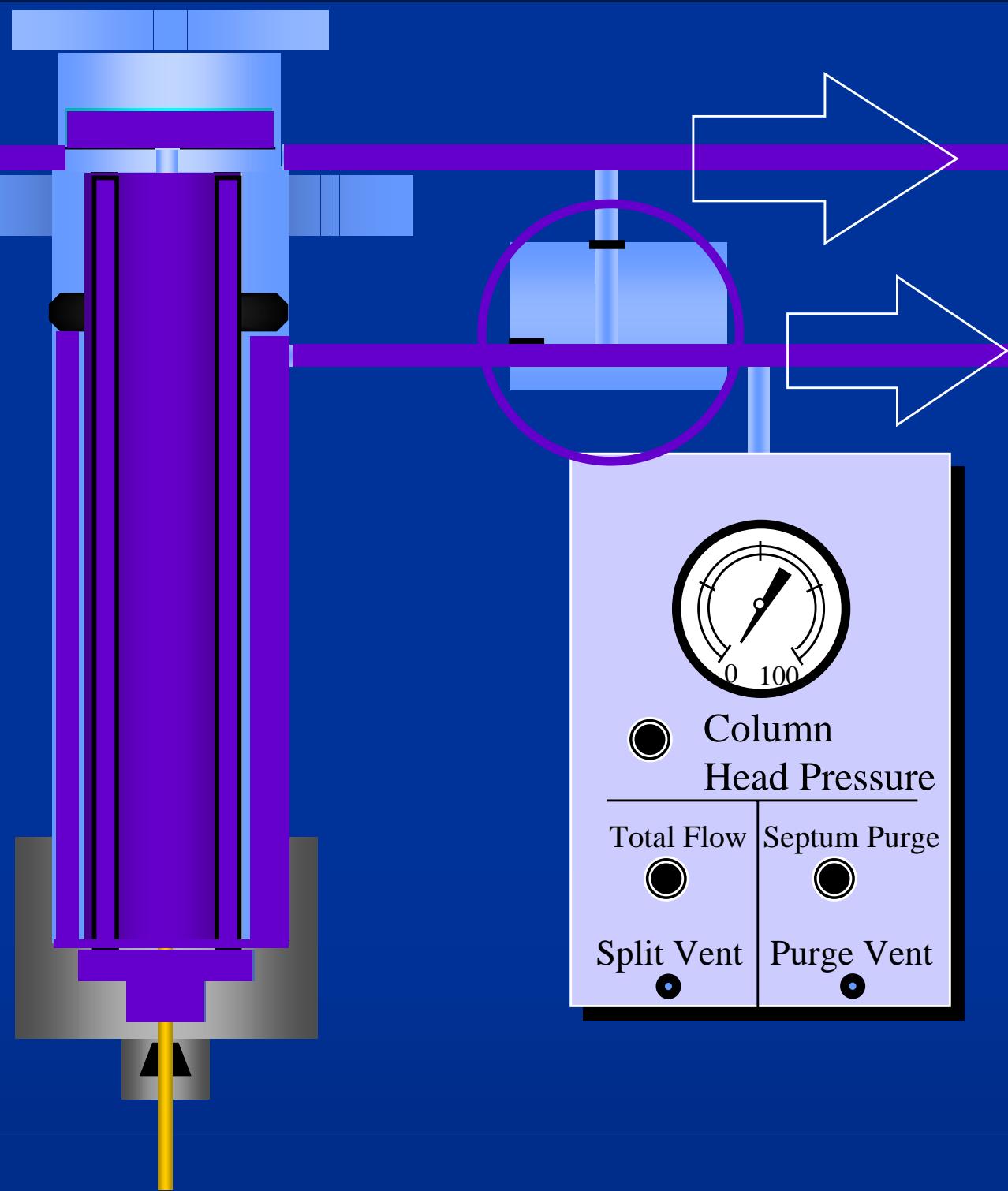
- Important aspects of injector
  - Flow pattern
  - Hold time
  - Sample Vaporization
  - Liners
  - Activity
    - Endrin/DDT breakdown

# Split/Splitless Injection Port



## Injection Port Components

# Splitless Injection



# Factors Affecting Splitless Injection

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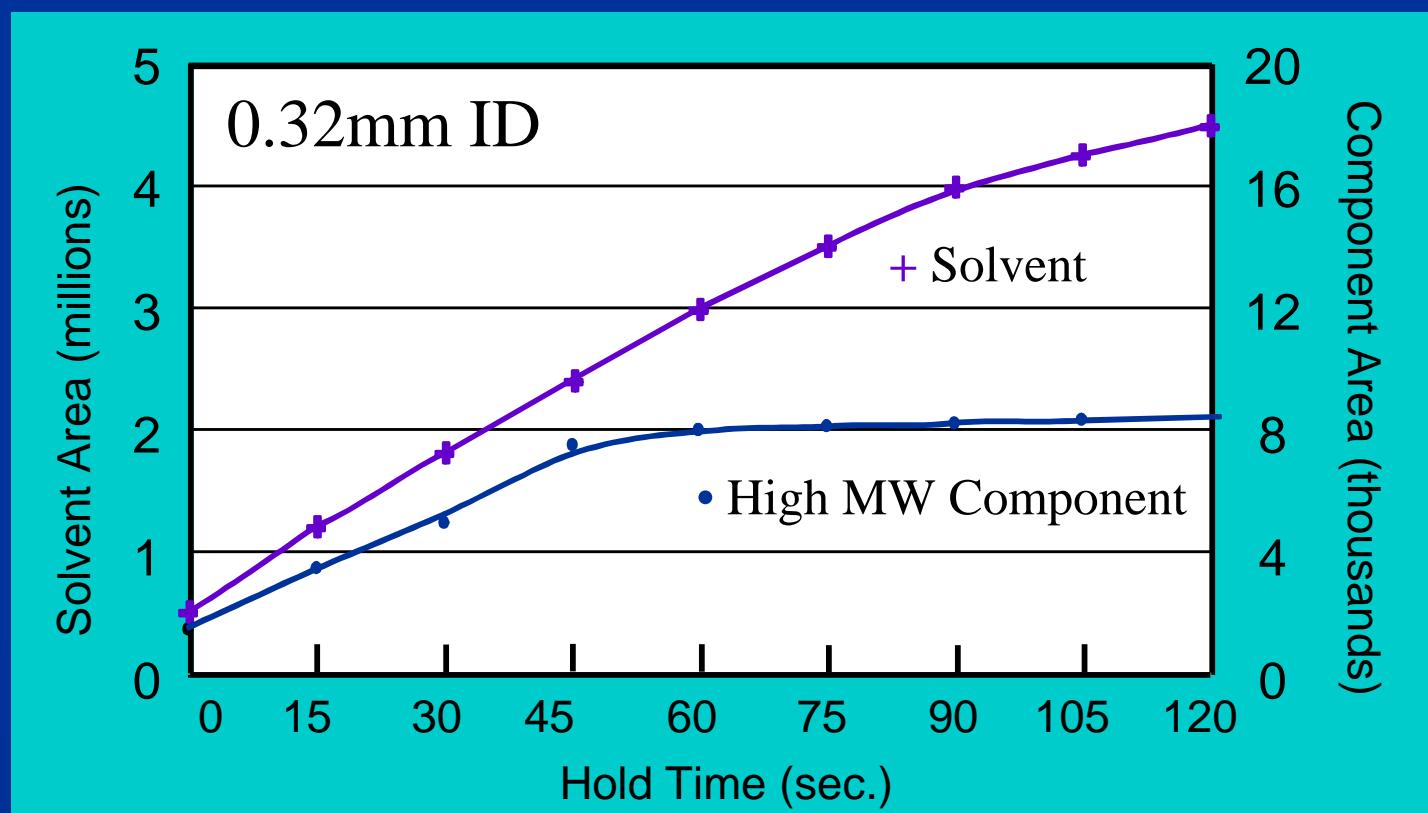
Column ID (mm)	Column Flow Rate (cc/min.) He	Approx. Hold Time
0.18	0.3	3 min
0.25	0.7	1.5 min
0.32	1.2	45 sec
0.53	2.6	30 sec

*Determine  
this  
empirically*

Note: based on a  $2\mu\text{L}$  injection volume of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 = 0.8 \text{ mL}$  sample expansion value @  $250^\circ\text{C}$  & 10 psig.

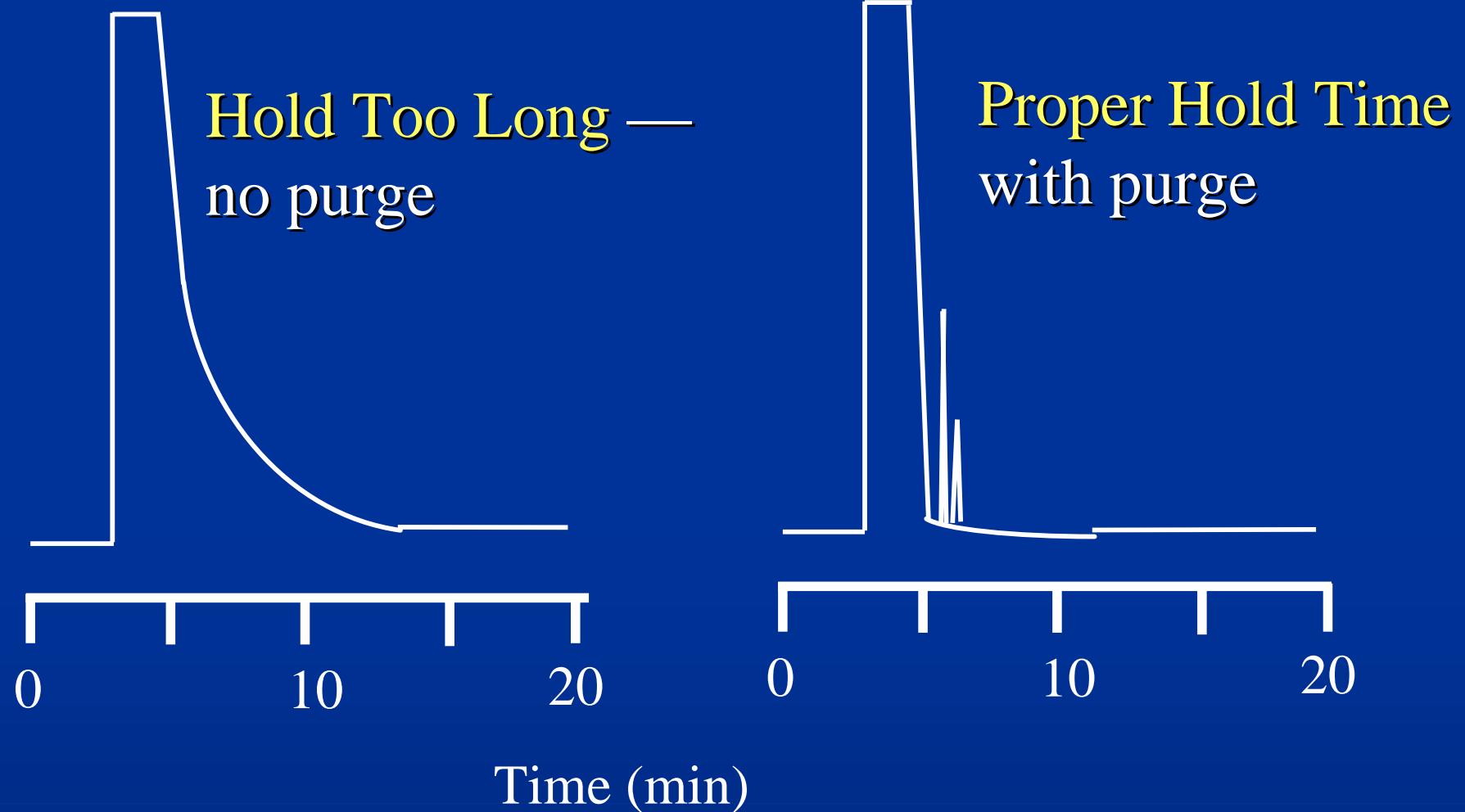
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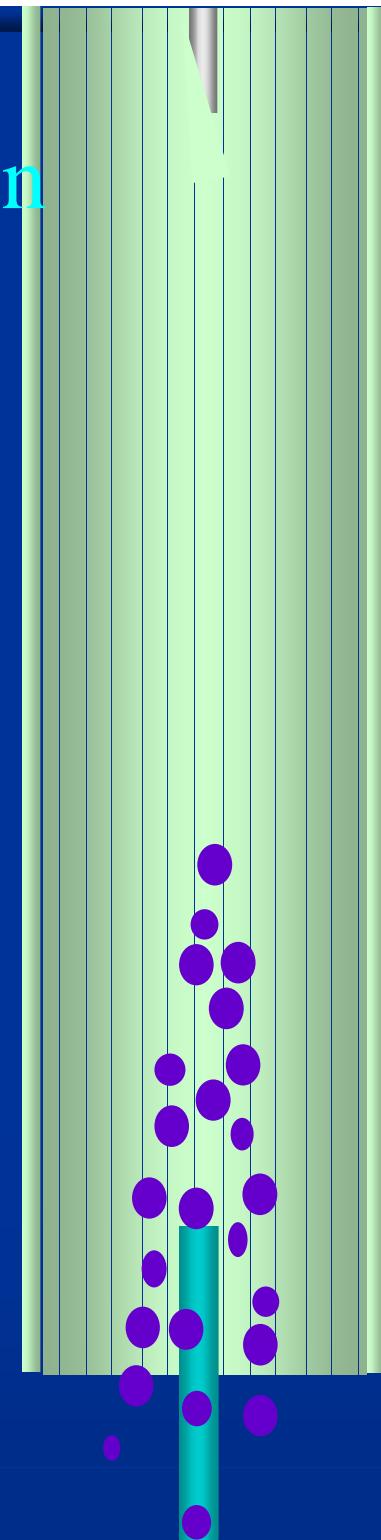


# Factors Affecting Splitless Injection

## 3. Sample Vaporization

Fast Autosampler :  
Incomplete vaporization

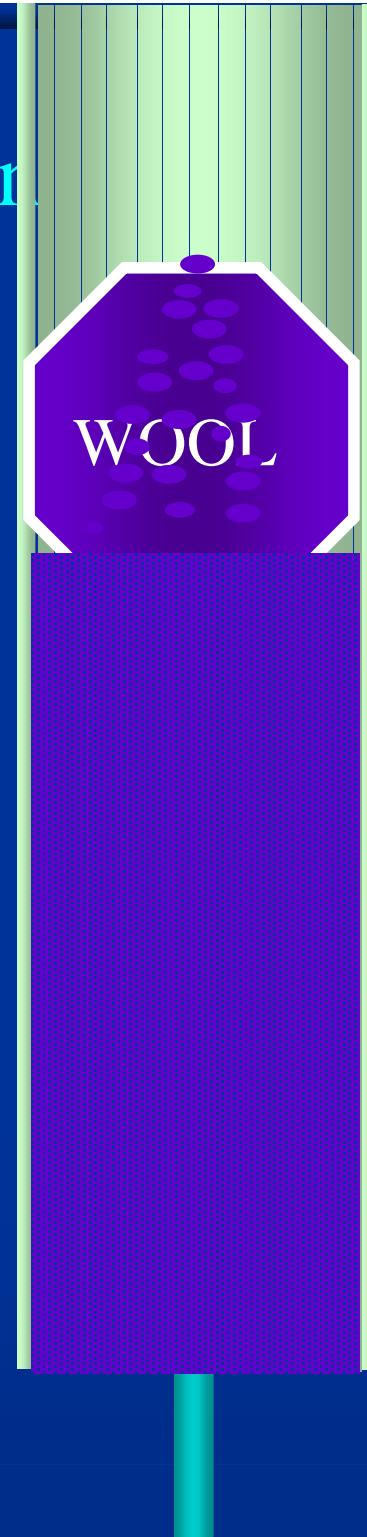
Aerosols or droplets reach the column instead of vapors



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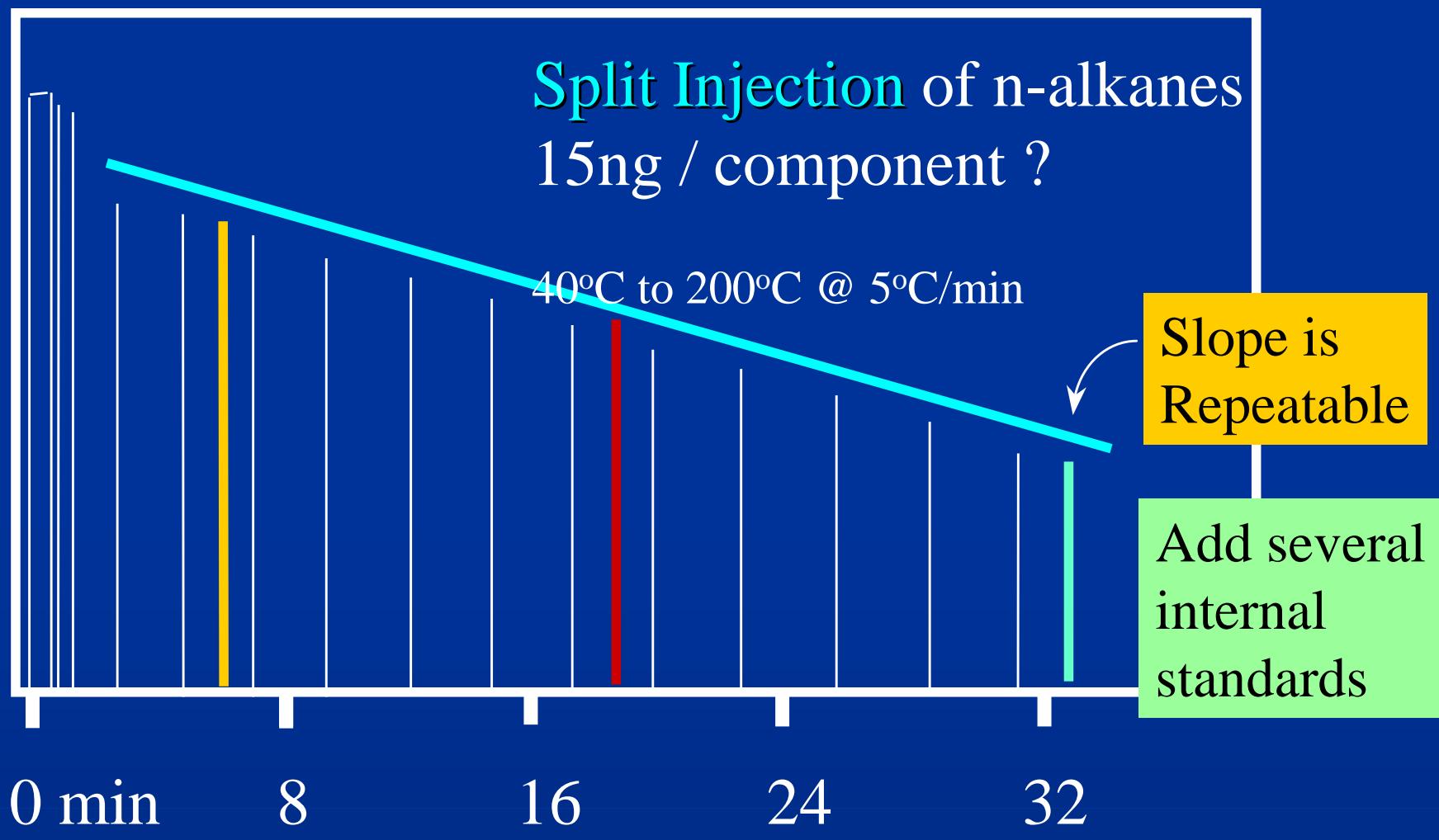
## 3. Sample Vaporization

Fast Autosampler :  
Pack with wool or CarboFrit™  
STOPS AEROSOLS COMPLETELY



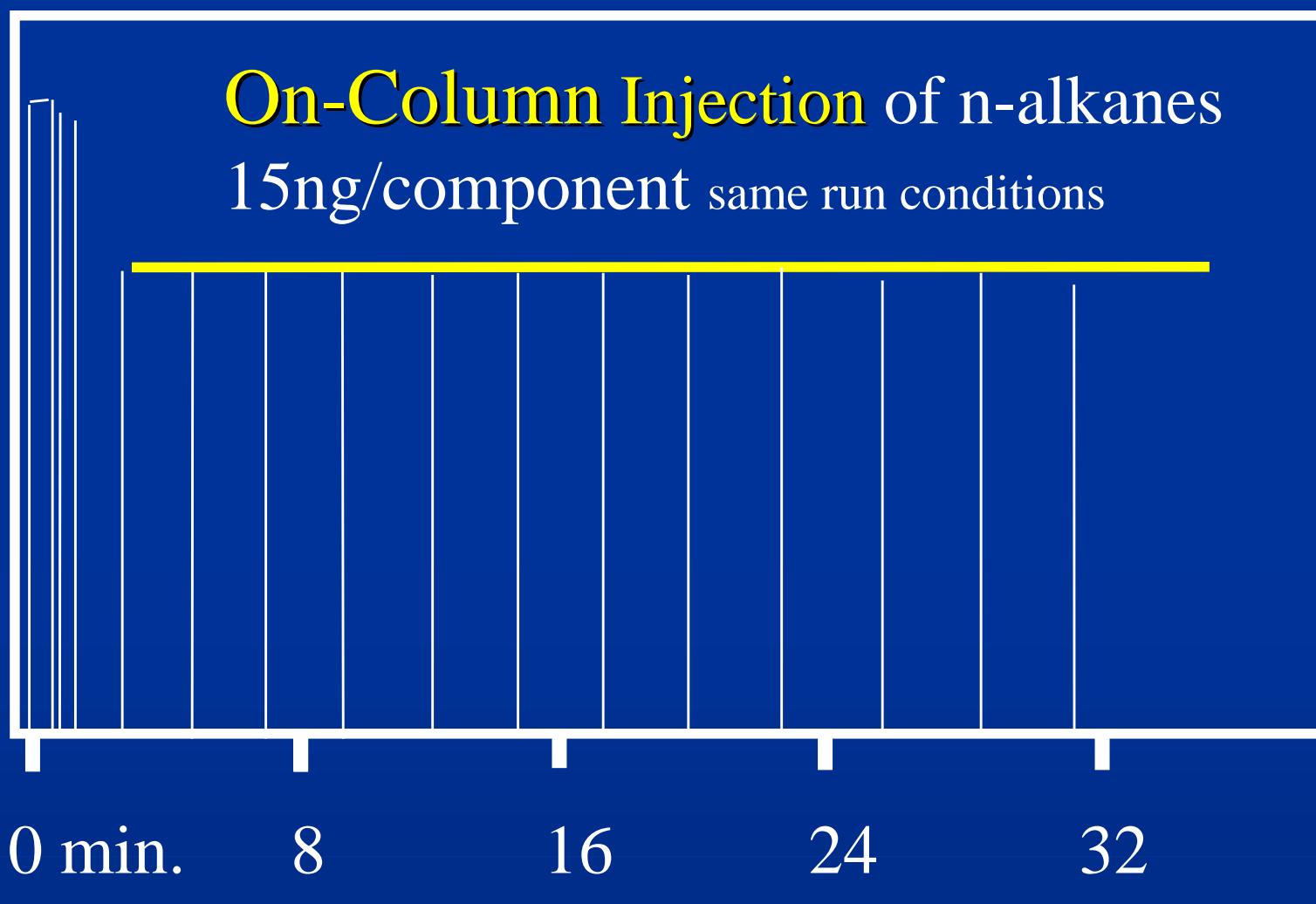
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# Splitless Liner Designs

Straight



Gooseneck



Double  
Gooseneck



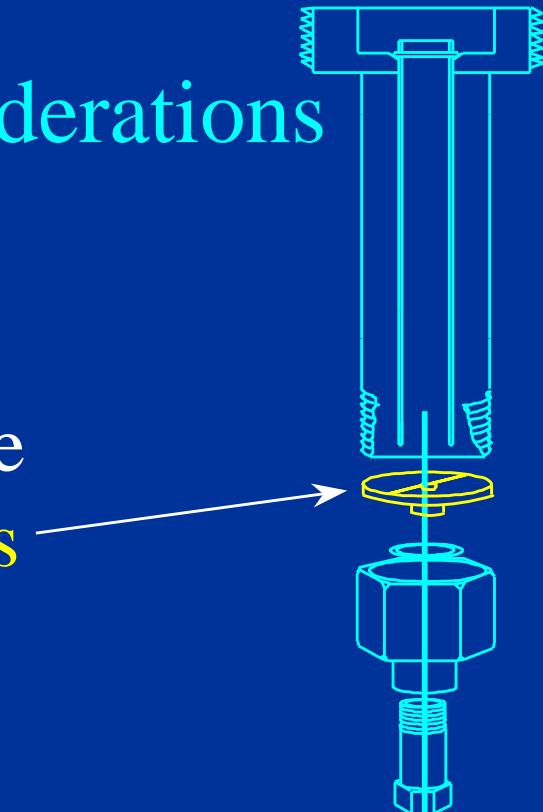
Cyclo Double-  
Gooseneck



# Splitless Injection — Other Considerations

## Sample Breakdown

Double gooseneck inlet sleeves minimize the catalytic effects of the hot metal parts at the base of splitless inlets.



Sleeve Type	endrin breakdown	
	clean disk	dirty disk
Splitless with Wool	6.0%	12.8%
Gooseneck	2.0%	2.4%

# Vespel® Ring Inlet Seals

## Types of Surface Treatments

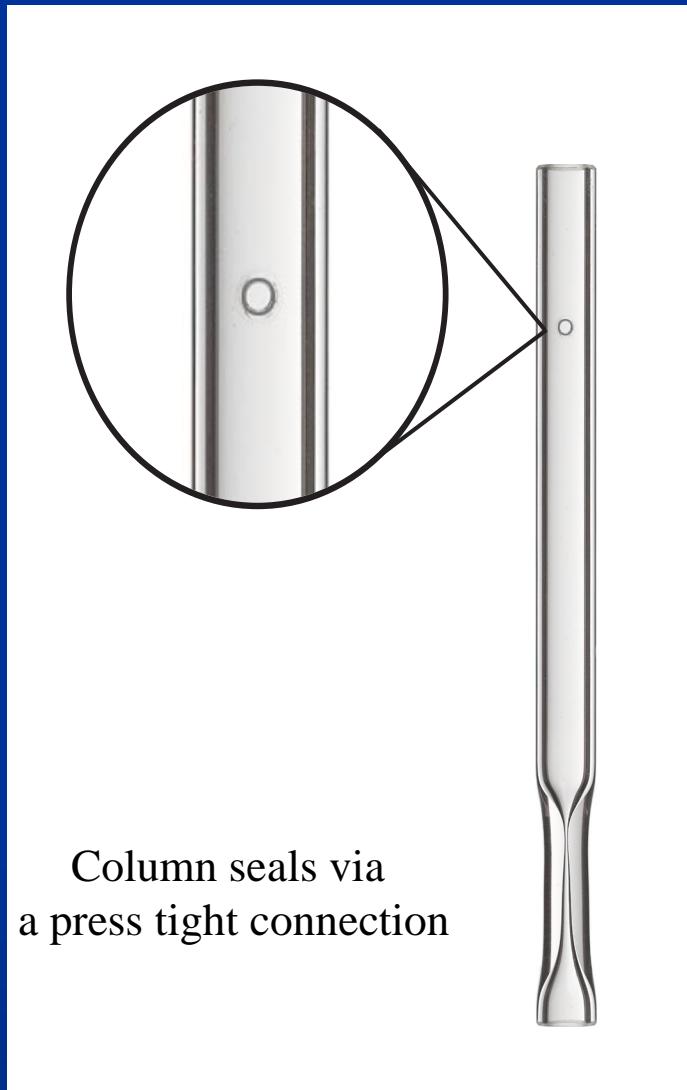


# Split/splitless Injection using Drilled Uniliner

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- For trace analysis
- Inlet sleeve has a press-fit connection with column at bottom of sleeve
- More inert sample pathway
- Helps eliminate injection port discrimination

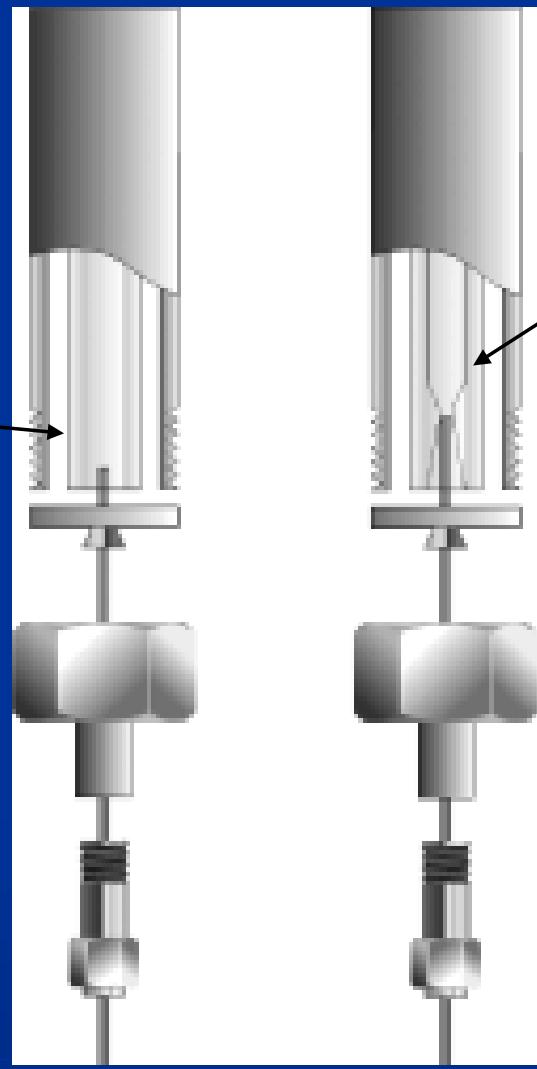
# Drilled Uniliner



- Allows DI and Splitless injection methods
- Minimizes injection port discrimination
- Reduces loss of active compounds for more accurate results

# Installing the Drilled Uniliner

Remove  
the split  
or  
splitless  
sleeve



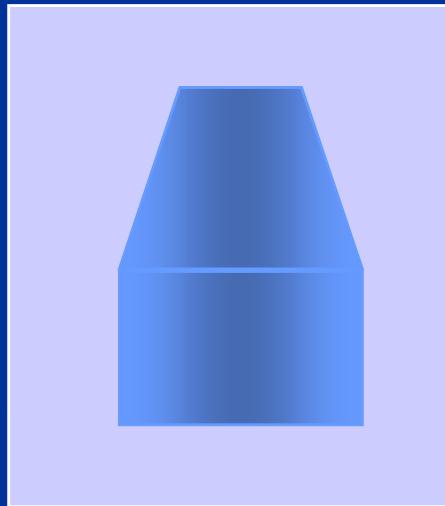
Install a Direct  
Injection sleeve  
Press-fit  
connection

# Direct Injection Mode

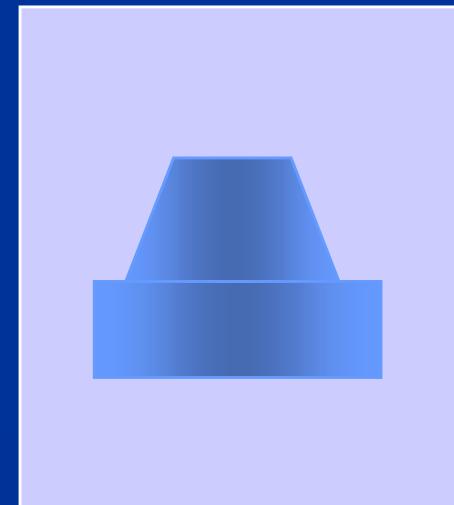
## Making the proper press-fit connection

### 1. Pre-seat or pre-crush new ferrules

New Ferrule



Pre-seated Ferrule

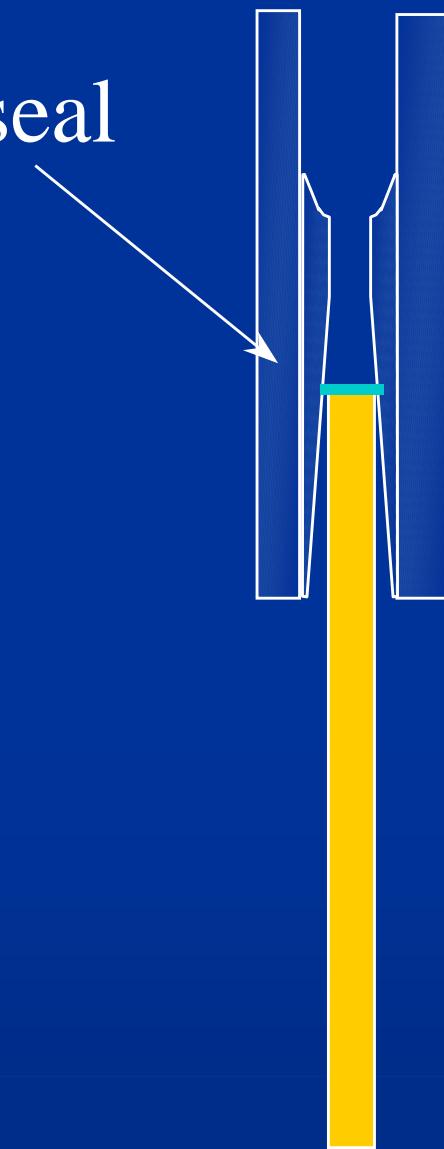


# Direct Injection Mode

## Making the proper press-fit connection

2. Install column into press-fit seal

3. Tighten column nut



# Direct Injection Liners



Open-top  
Uniliner®  
w/ wool



Cyclo  
Uniliner®



Standard  
Uniliner®

# Drilled Uniliners

4mm  
IP deactivated



4mm  
Siltek deactivated



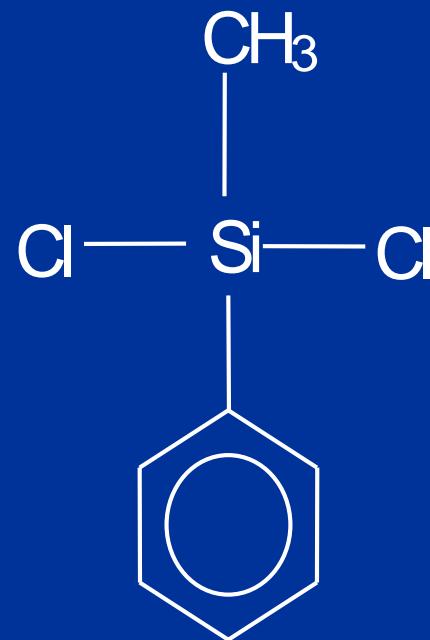
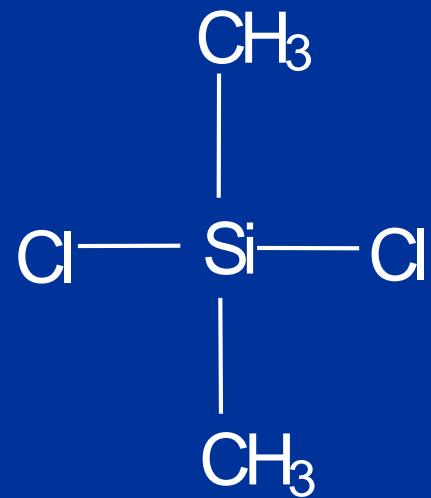
2mm  
Siltek deactivated



# Inlet Liner Deactivation

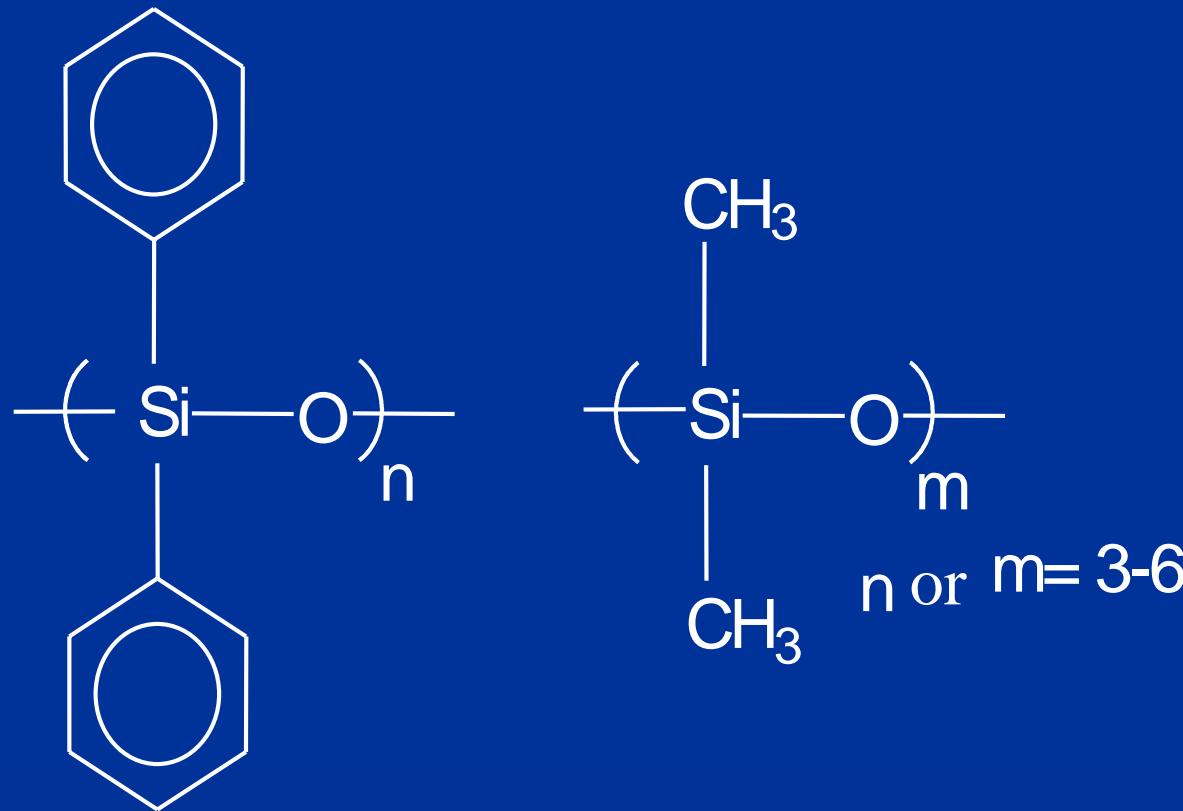
- “Pinpoint” deactivation
  - Chloro-silanes
- Polymeric deactivation
  - “IP” deactivation
- Surface modification
  - Siltek

# Chlorosilane Deactivation



Adds to silanol group by HCl elimination

# Polymeric Deactivation



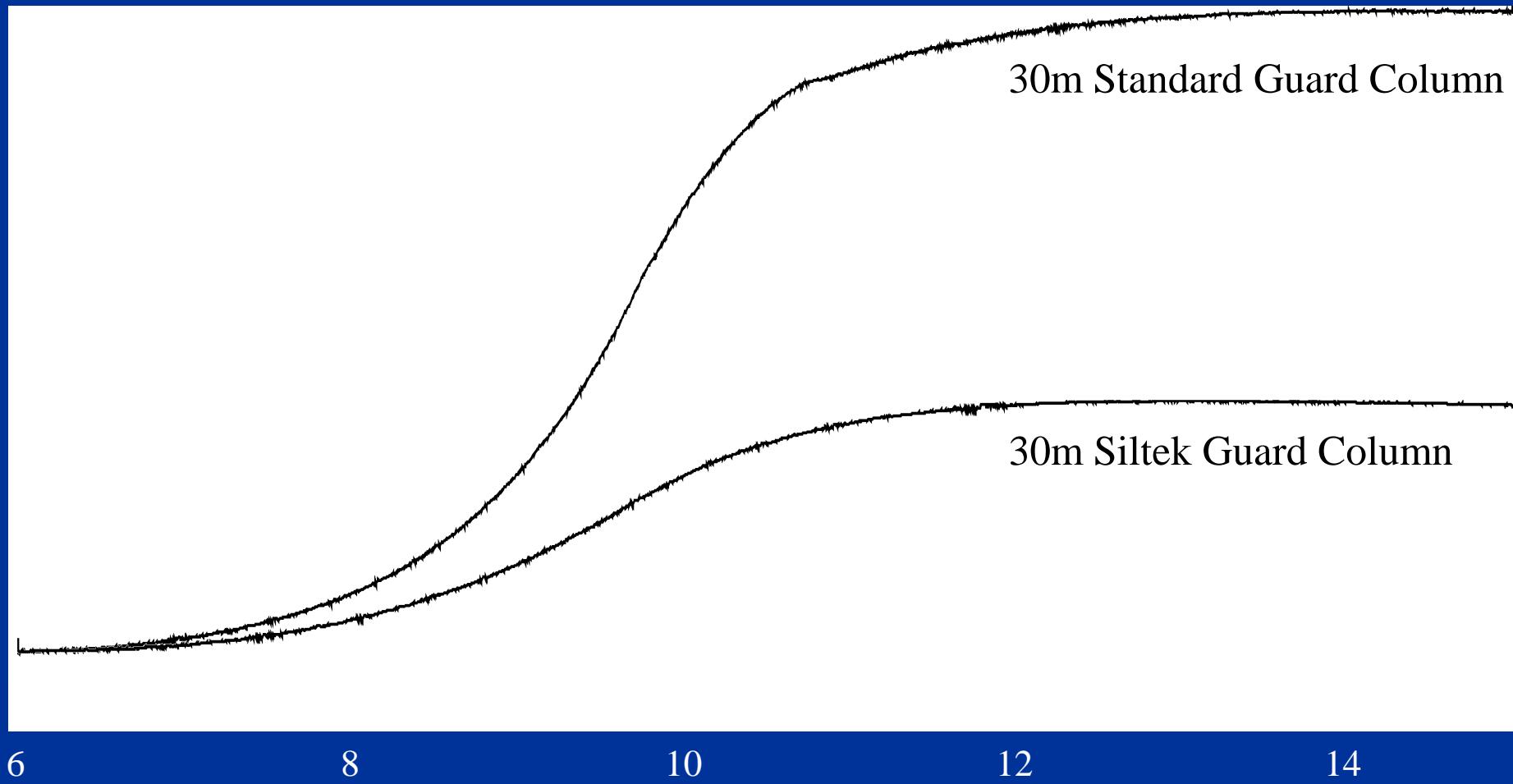
May “cover” unreacted silanols

# Modification of the Fused Silica Surface

- Siltek™ is a deposition process, unlike silazane or silicone deactivation which modifies the surface of the silica tubing.



# Guard Column Bleed Comparison at 330C



**Figure 8**

# Endrin and 4,4'DDT Breakdown

- Endrin breaks down to Endrin Aldehyde and Endrin Ketone
  - Active sites, septa particles, carrier gas contamination
- 4,4'-DDT breaks down to 4,4'-DDD and 4,4'-DDE
  - Dirty injection port – oils, nonvolatile material

# Column Selection - Dual Column Analysis

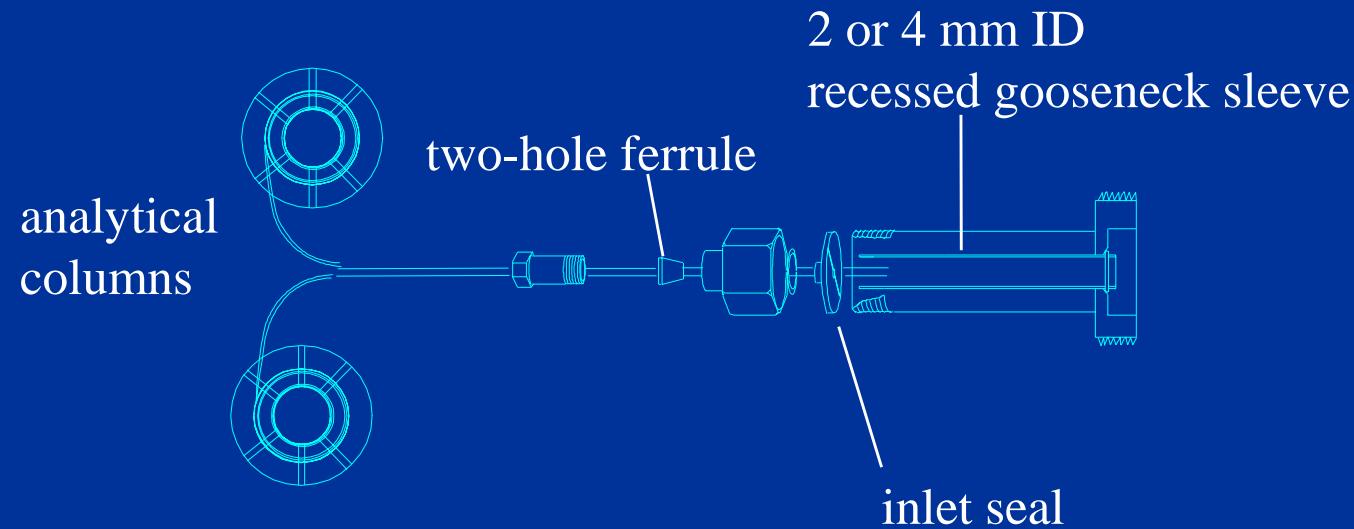


- Utilizes columns of different selectivity
- Changes elution order and retention times for components
- Improves qualitative reliability
- Can be done simultaneously to increase sample throughput

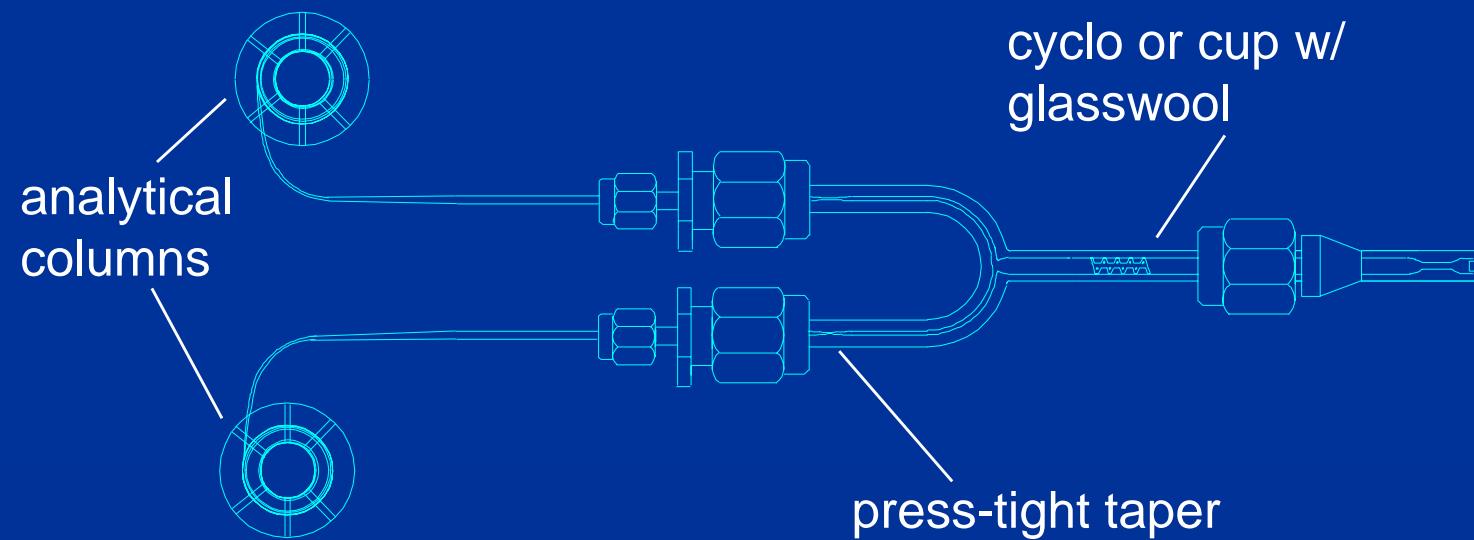
# Typical Column Pairings

- Rtx-5 and Rtx-50
  - Good resolution, runs typically greater than 25 minutes
- Rtx-1701 and Rtx-35
  - Good resolution, activity problems on 1701 polymer, runs typically greater than 25 minutes
- Rtx-CLP1 and Rtx-CLP2
  - Best resolution and run times less than 15 minutes
- Dimensions
  - Length: 15, 30, or 60 meter
  - ID: 0.10mm - 0.53mm
  - Film thickness varies

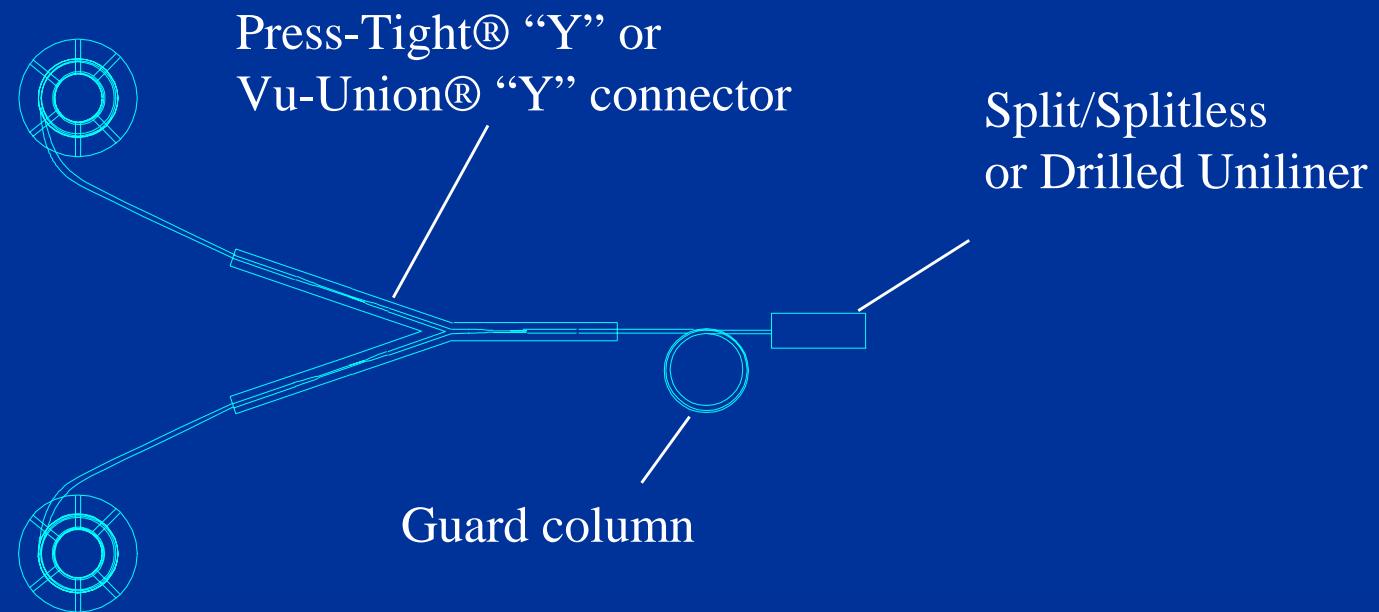
# Dual Column Fitting With a Two-Hole Ferrule for Split Inlets



# Dual Column “T”



# Dual Column Injection



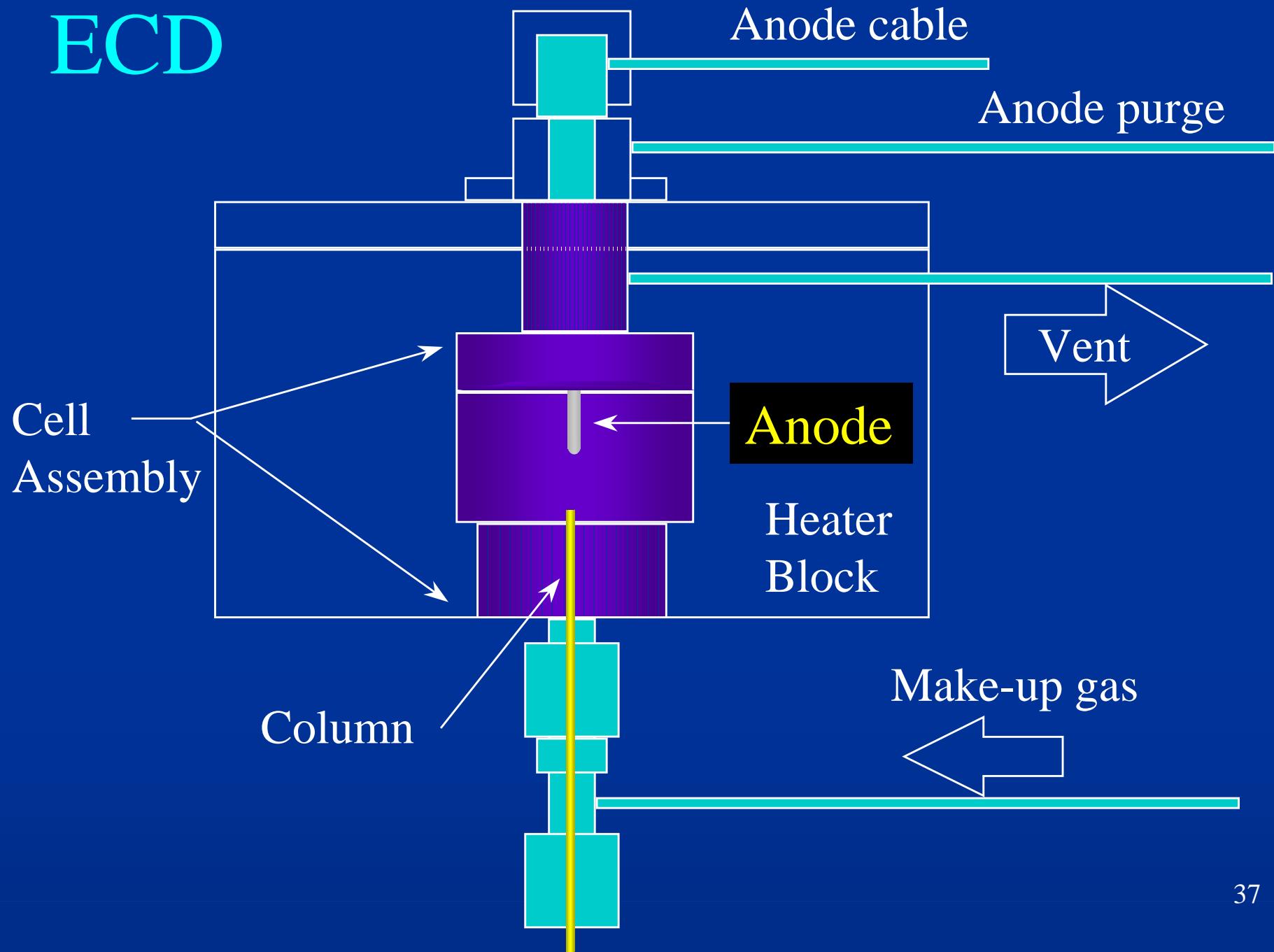
# ECD – General Information

- Type
  - Selective, concentration-dependent, non-destructive
- Response
  - Electronegative substituents (halogens, nitro groups, organometallic compounds)
- Published Linear Dynamic Range -  $10^4$
- Minimum Detectability
  - 0.5pg on column for g-BHC
- Typical Applications
  - Chlorinated pesticides, PCBs, and herbicides

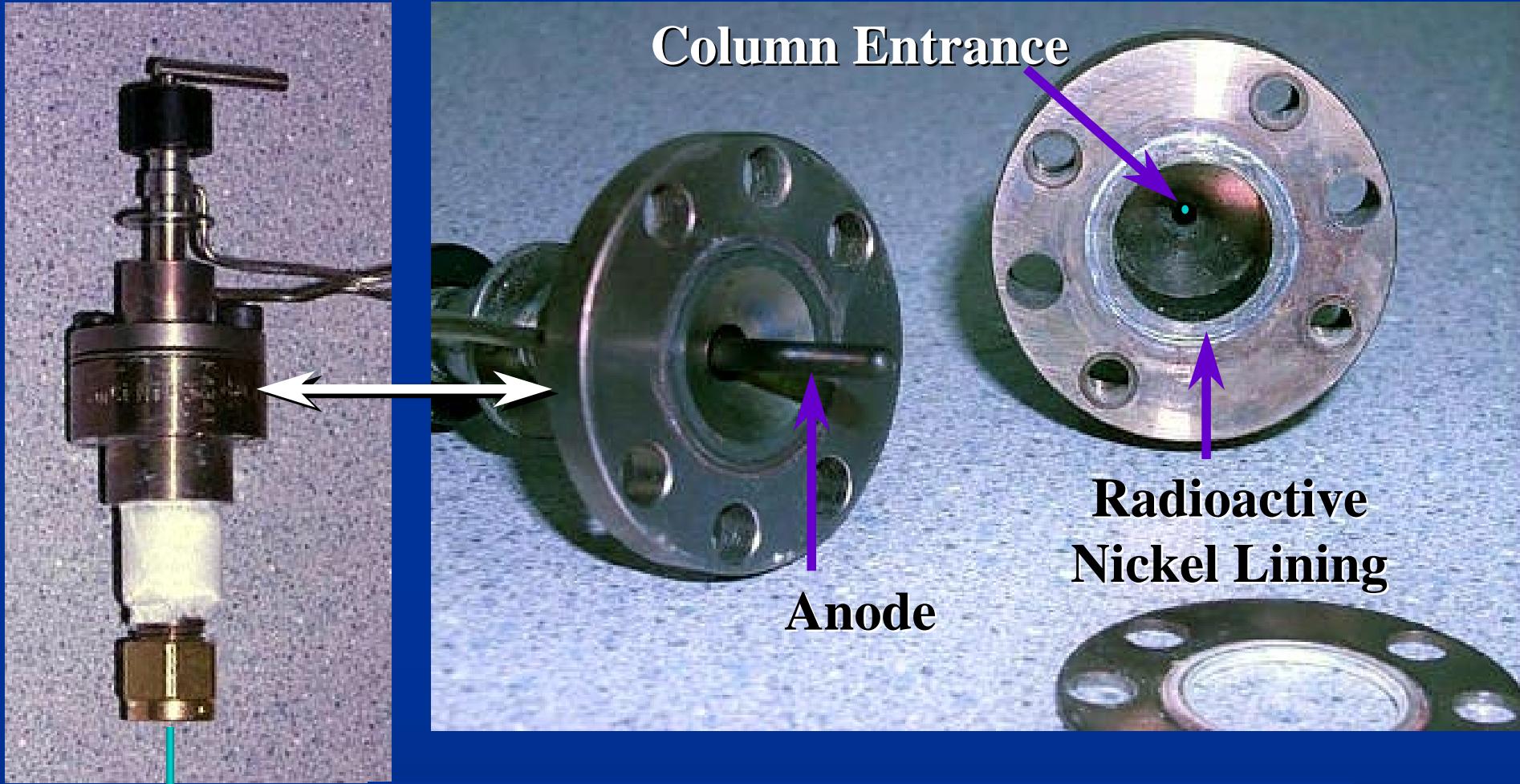
# ECD Response Relative to Hydrocarbons

Compound	ECD Response
Hydrocarbons	1
Ethers, esters	10
Aliphatic alcohols, ketones, amines, -Cl, -F compounds	100
-Br, -Cl <sub>2</sub> , & -F <sub>2</sub> compounds	1,000
Anhydrides & -Cl <sub>3</sub> compounds	10,000
-I, -Br <sub>2</sub> , poly-Cl, & poly-F compounds	100,000
-I <sub>2</sub> , -Br <sub>3</sub> , poly-Cl, & poly-F compounds	1,000,000

# ECD



# ECD – Cell Disassembly

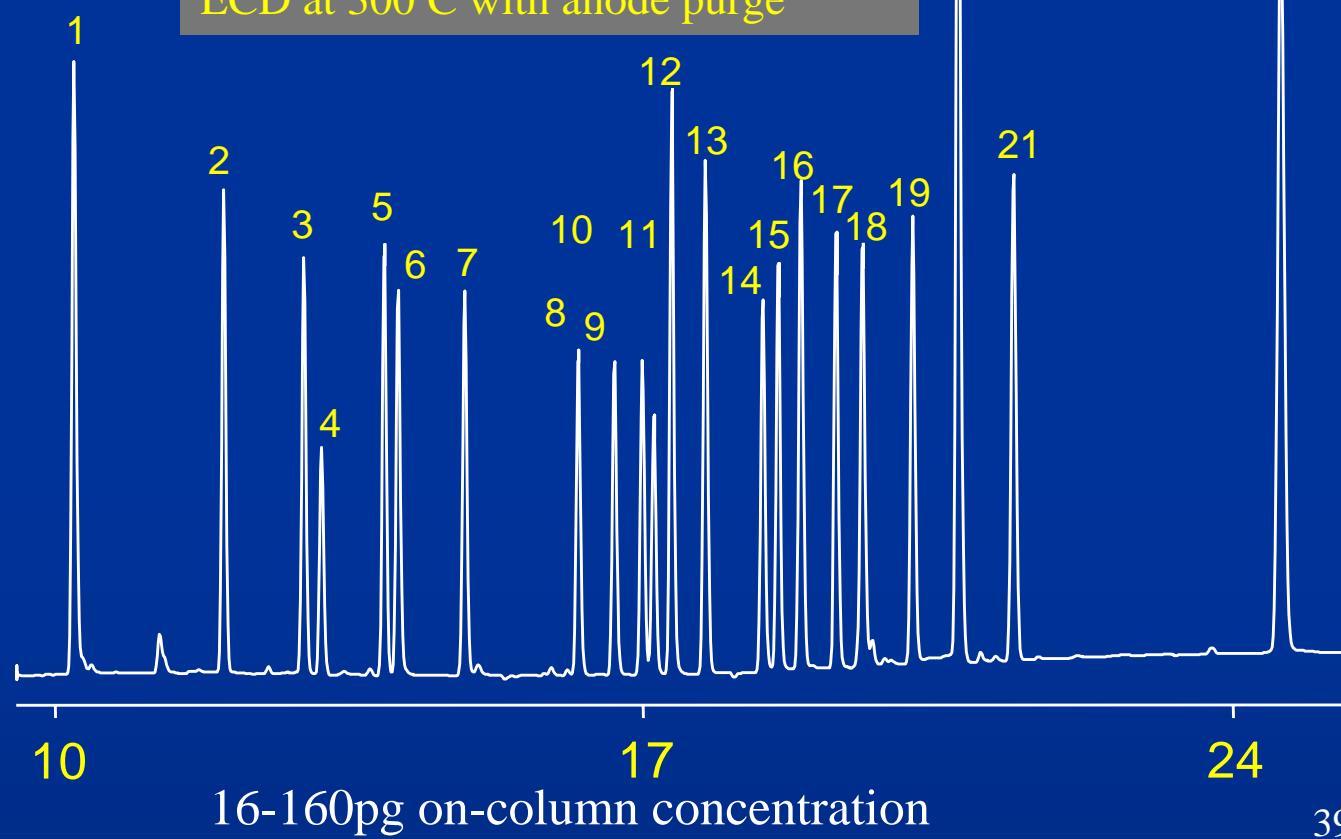


Do not disassemble without proper permit.

# ECD

- 1 2,4,5,6-tetrachloro-m-xylene
- 2  $\alpha$ -BHC
- 3  $\gamma$ -BHC
- 4  $\beta$ -BHC
- 5  $\delta$ -BHC
- 6 Heptachlor
- 7 Aldrin
- 8 Heptachlor epoxide
- 9  $\gamma$ -Chlordane
- 10  $\alpha$ -Chlordane
- 11 Endosulfan I
- 12 4,4'-DDE
- 13 Dieldrin
- 14 Endrin
- 15 4,4'-DDD
- 16 Endosulfan II
- 17 4,4'-DDT
- 18 Endrin aldehyde
- 19 Endosulfan sulfate
- 20 Methoxychlor
- 21 Endrin ketone
- 22 Decachlorobiphenyl

Rtx-CLPesticides2  
30m, 0.53mmID, 0.42 $\mu$ m  
120°C(hold 1 min.) to  
300°C @ 9°C/min (hold 10 min.)  
Direct injection w/Uniliner® at 200°C  
ECD at 300°C with anode purge



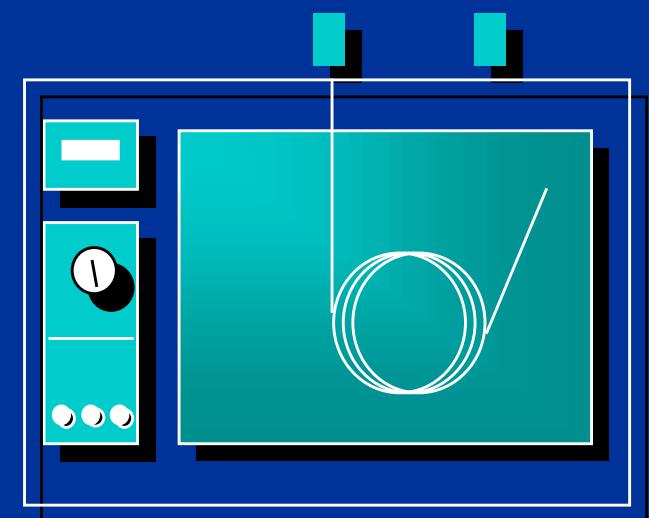
# ECD Operating Briefs

- Nitrogen or argon/methane (95/5) make-up gas
- Oxygen and water free systems:
  - Produce stable baseline
  - Increase lifetime of radioactive foil
  - Require a molecular sieve “S” trap, oxygen trap, or a triple filter

# ECD Operating Briefs

- Precondition column out of the (cooled) detector
  - ECDs are very sensitive to bleed

Note: This is a non-destructive detector.  
Vent or trap toxic eluents during analyses!

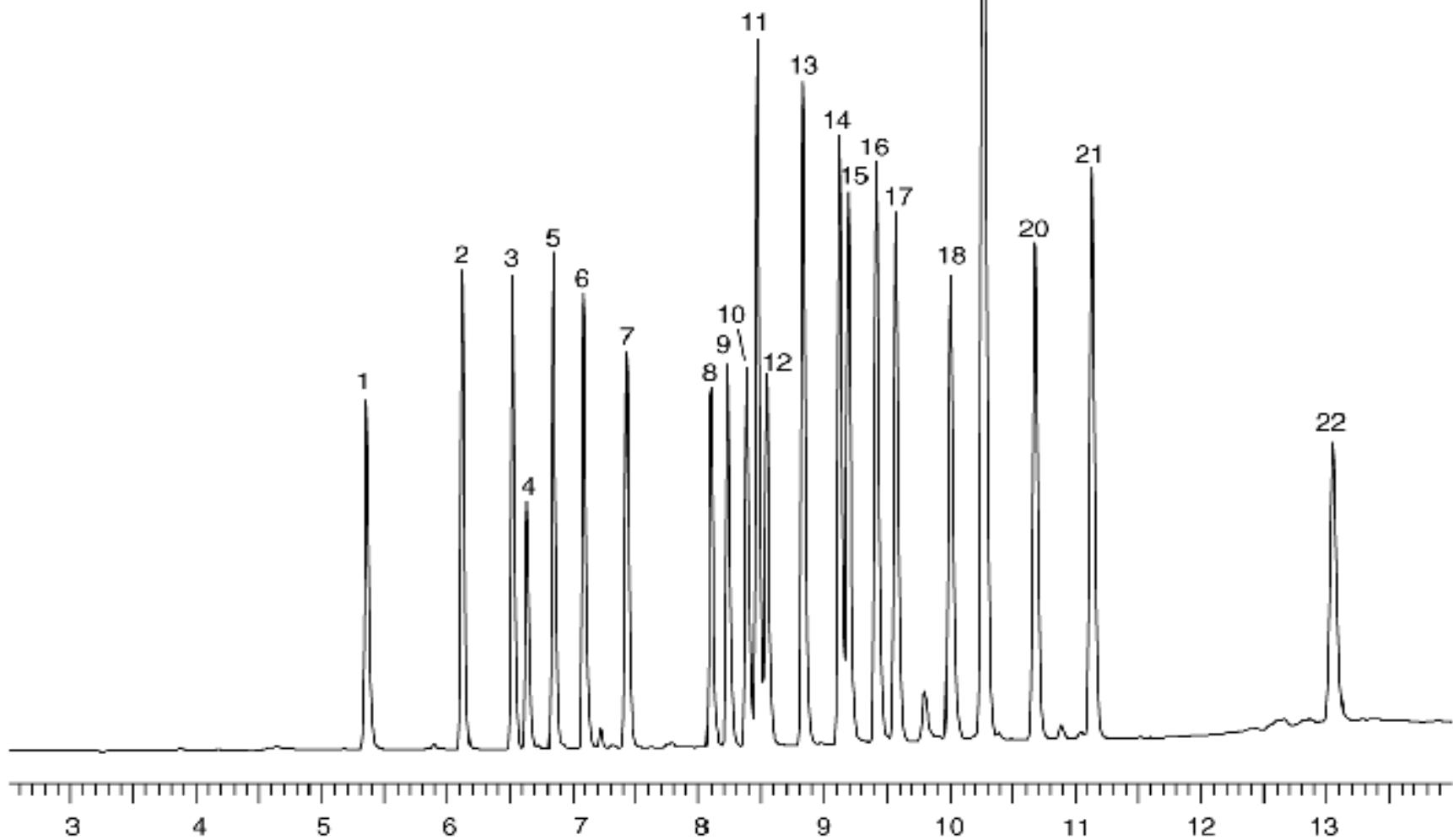


# ECD Maintenance

- Change traps regularly to prevent oxygen and moisture contamination
- Clean anode w/ aluminum oxide powder
- Thermal conditioning - refer to instrument manufacturer's procedure
- Wipe test
- Refoil detector cell

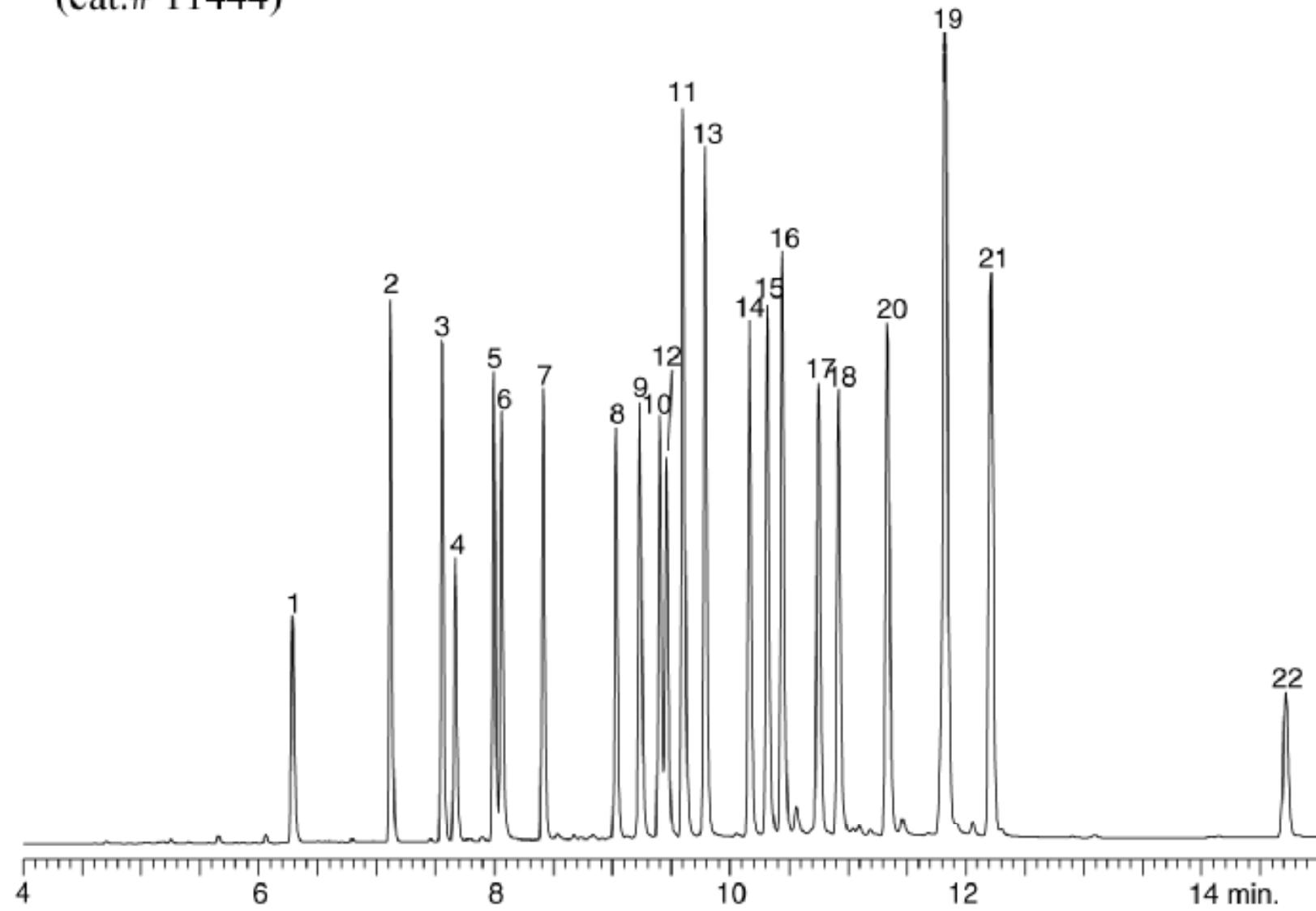
## Stx<sup>TM</sup>-CLPesticides

30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.5μm  
(cat.# 11544)



## Stx™-CLPesticides2

30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.25 $\mu$ m  
(cat.# 11444)



# Peak Table and GC Conditions for Fast Analysis

- |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. 2,4,5,6 tetrachloro-m-xylene (SS) | 12. endosulfan I            |
| 2. a-BHC                             | 13. dieldrin                |
| 3. g-BHC                             | 14. endrin                  |
| 4. b-BHC                             | 15. 4,4'-DDD                |
| 5. d-BHC                             | 16. endosulfan II           |
| 6. heptachlor                        | 17. 4,4'-DDT                |
| 7. aldrin                            | 18. endrin aldehyde         |
| 8. heptachlor epoxide                | 19. methoxychlor            |
| 9. g-chlordane                       | 20. endosulfan sulfate      |
| 10. a-chlordane                      | 21. endrin ketone           |
| 11. 4,4'-DDE                         | 22. decachlorobiphenyl (SS) |

Oven temp.: 110°C (hold 1 min.) to 245°C @ 20°C/min. to 300°C @ 6°C/min.

Inj. & det. temp.: 210°C / 310°C

Carrier gas: helium

Dead time: 0.8min. @ 120°C

Inlet liner: Siltek(tm) Drilled Uniliner® liner (cat.# 21055-214.5)

Inj.: 1µL direct injection of 20/40/200ng/mL std. concentration in hexane

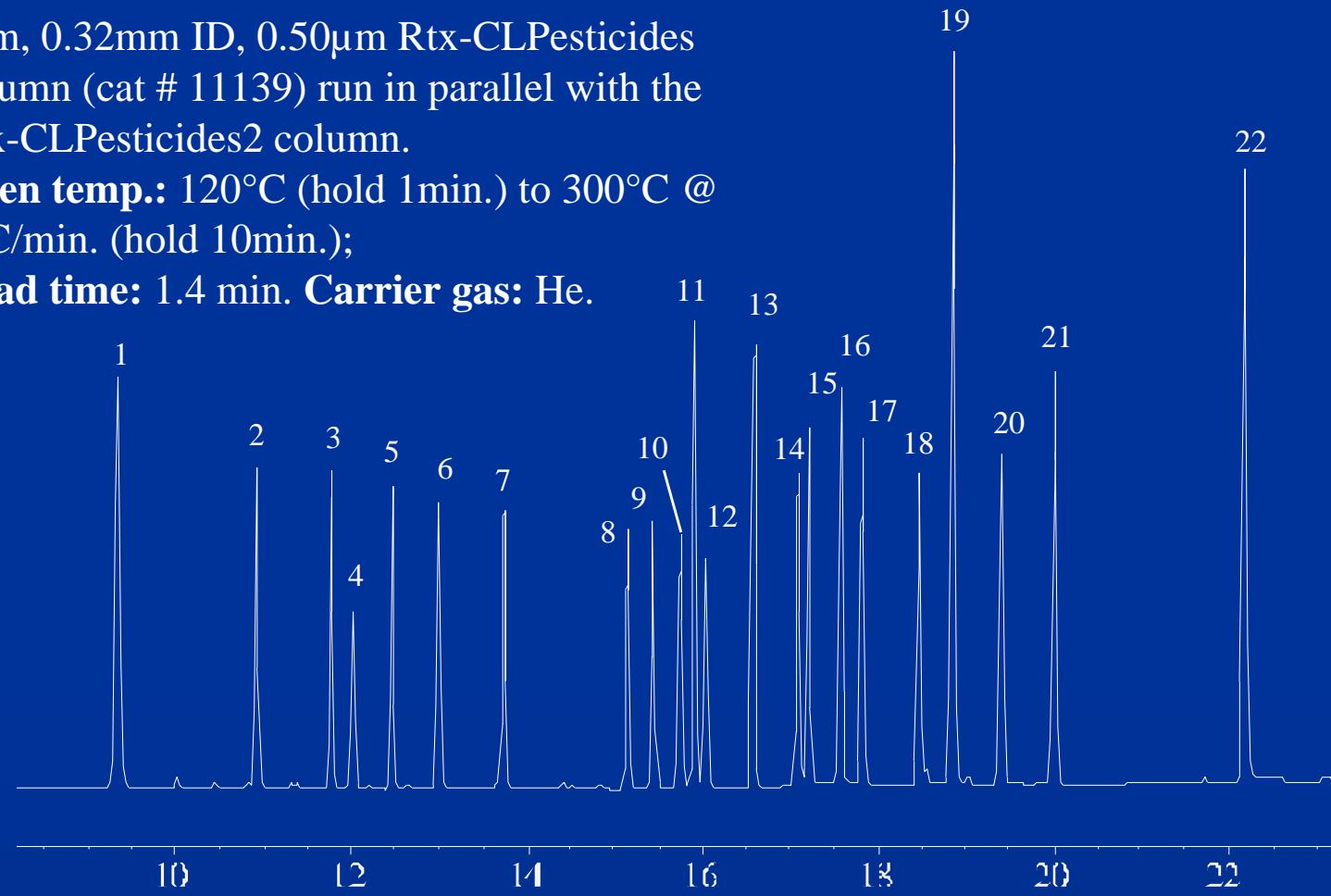
Make-up gas: nitrogen

# Rtx-CLPesticides

30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.50 $\mu$ m Rtx-CLPesticides column (cat # 11139) run in parallel with the Rtx-CLPesticides2 column.

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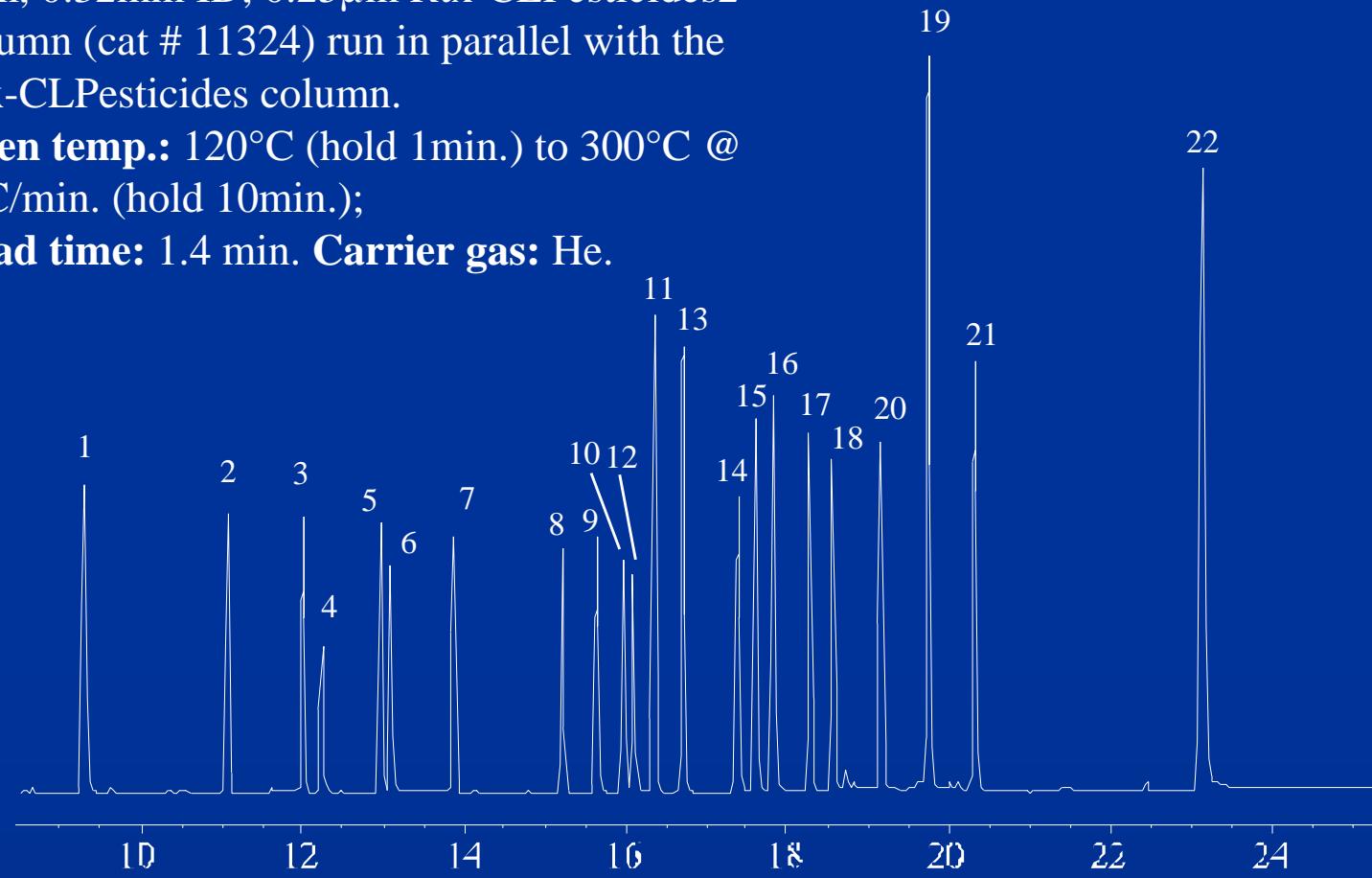


# Rtx-CLPesticides2

30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.25 $\mu$ m Rtx-CLPesticides2 column (cat # 11324) run in parallel with the Rtx-CLPesticides column.

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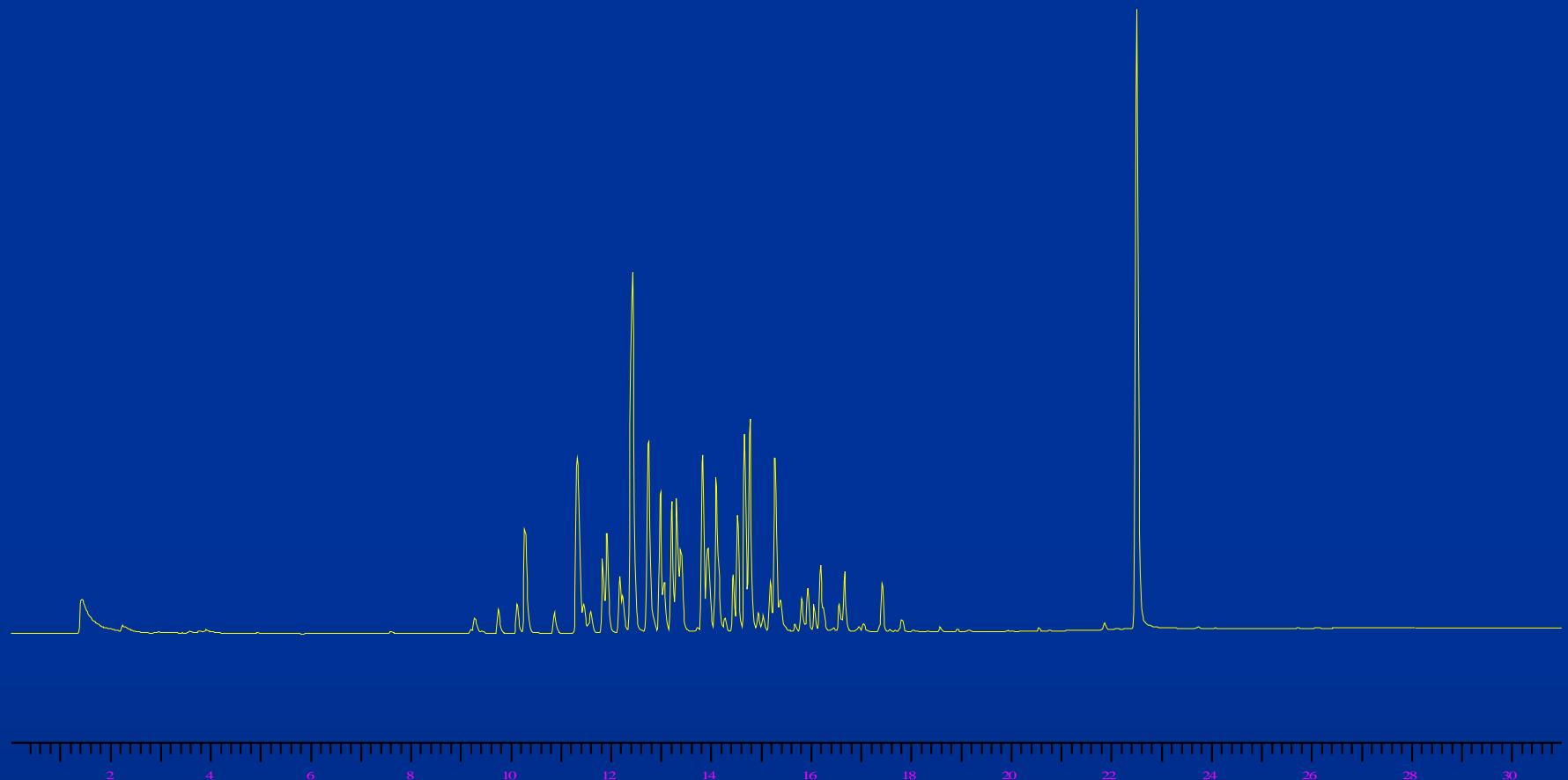


# EPA Method 8080 Pesticides

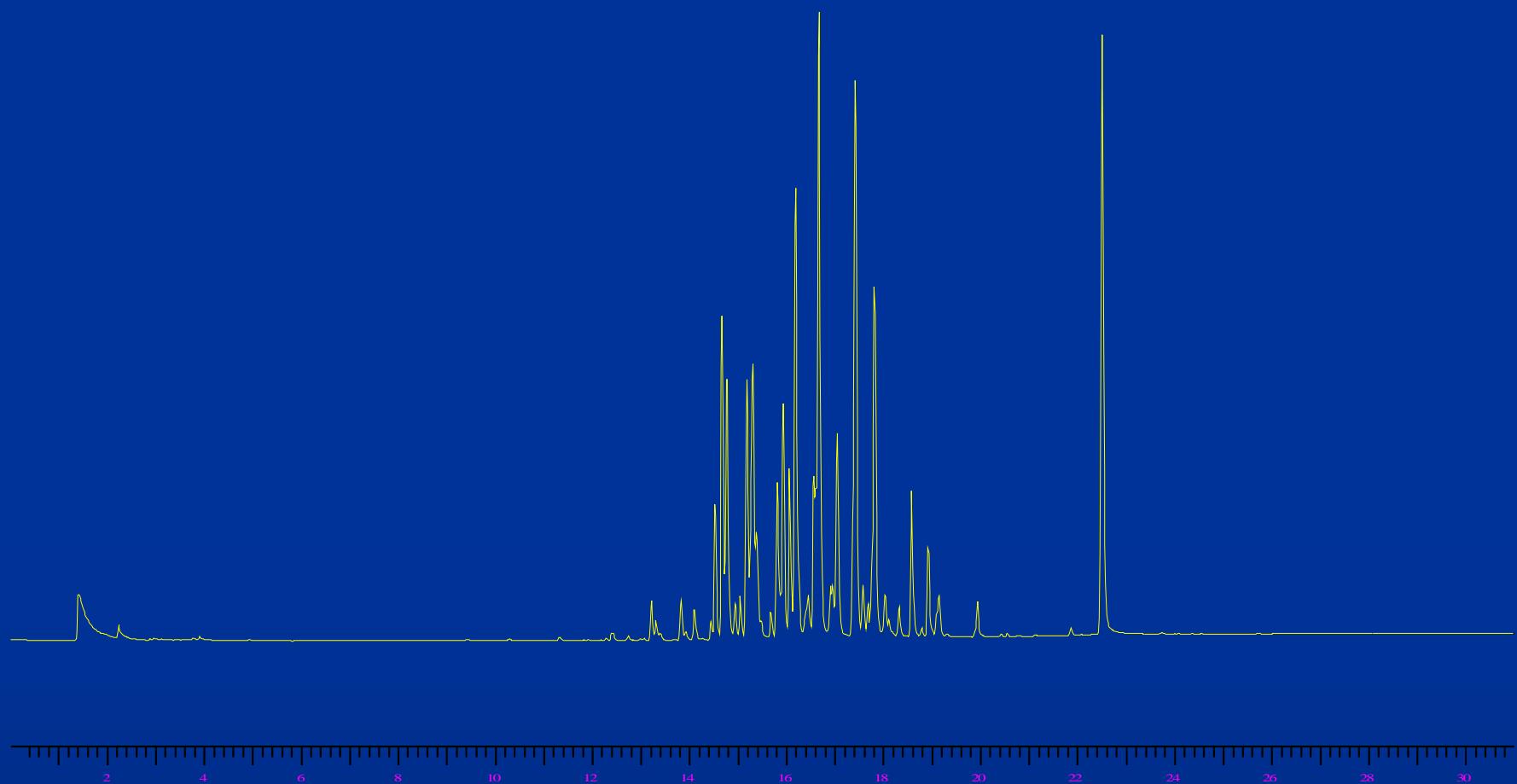
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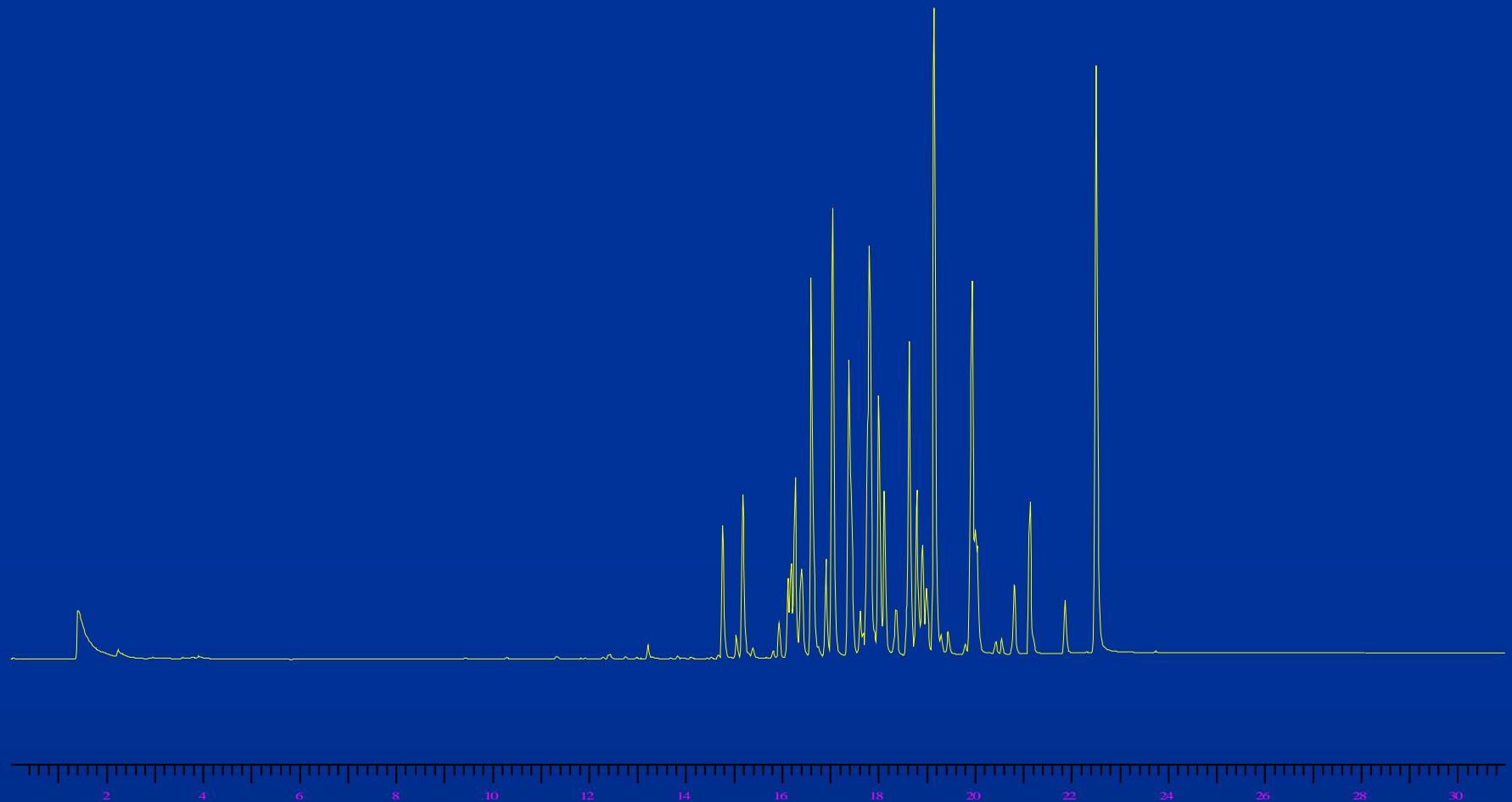
# Aroclor 1242



# Aroclor 1254



# Aroclor 1260



# Summary: Chlorinated Pesticides

- Clean-up suggested to remove matrix interferences
- Dual column setup suggested with one injection port
- Rtx®-CLPesticides & Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns