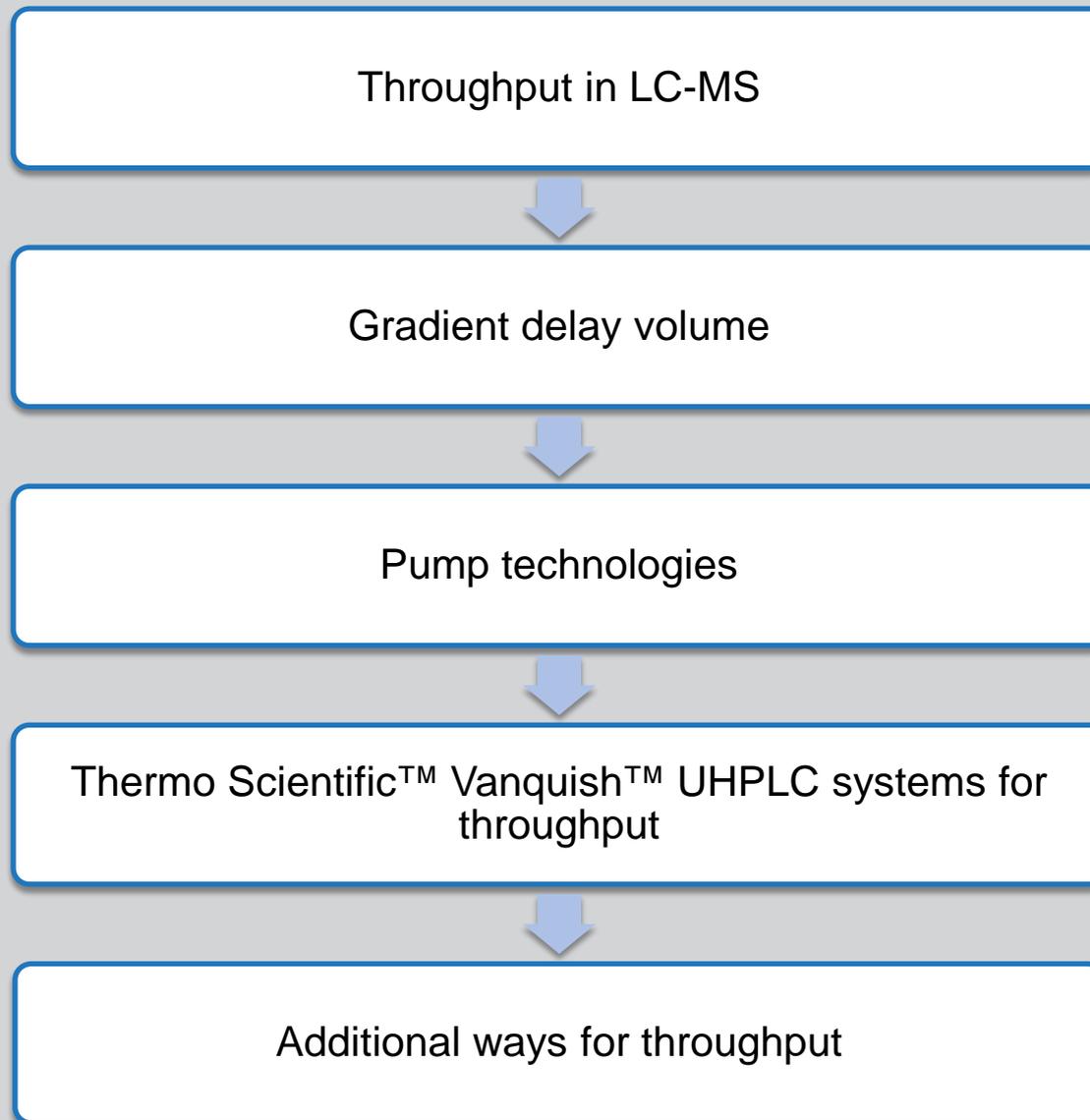




Which UHPLC for LC-MS?

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Content of the Webinar



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Quaternary system

- Quaternary solvent blending
- Pressures up to 1000 bar
- Flow rates of up to 8 mL/min
- Biocompatible

Binary system

- Binary high pressure solvent mixing
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Up to 1000 bar

Vanquish Horizon systems

- Highest pressure capability up to 1500 bar
- Flow rates up to 5 mL/min
- Lowest system dispersion and GDV
- Unmatched detection sensitivity and linearity
- Biocompatible



1500 bar

Why is Throughput in LC-MS Important?

We require sophisticated LC-MS technology.



We must manage regulatory demands.



We need systems with high-resolution, selectivity, sensitivity, robustness, large number of molecules to be discovered, identified and quantified in one single run.



We require high throughput capabilities at the same time.



Which UHPLC system is suitable for our high throughput LC-MS analysis?

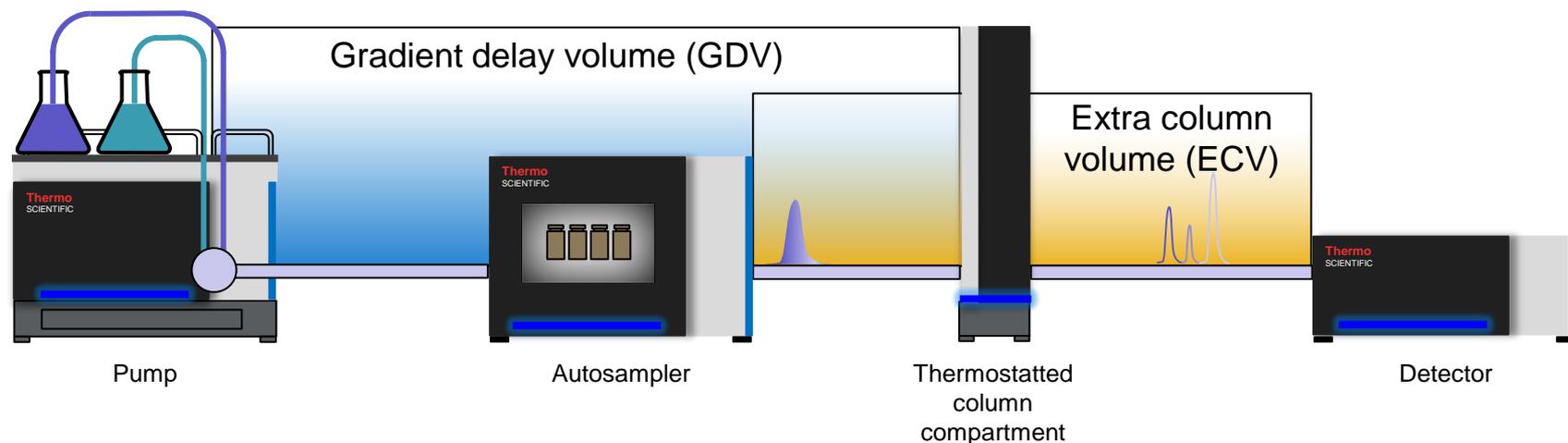


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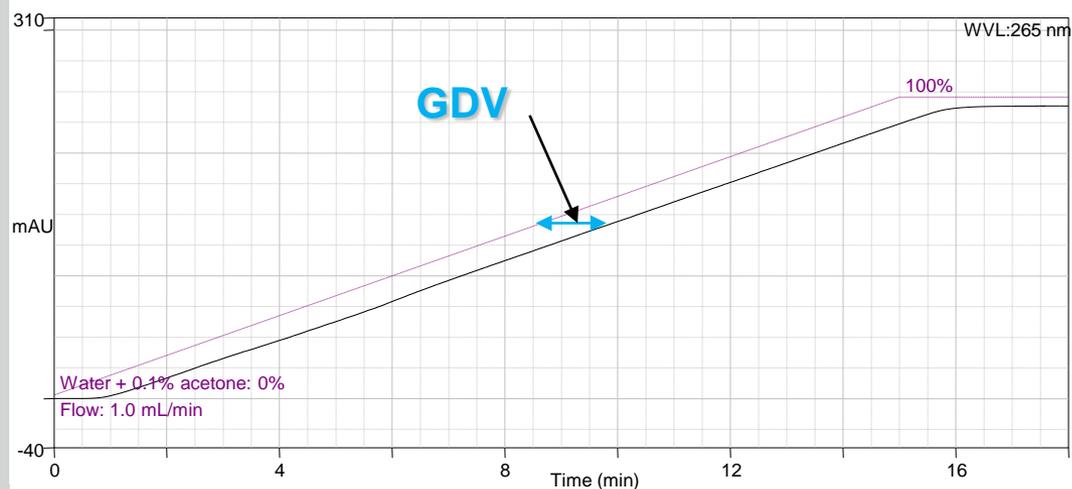


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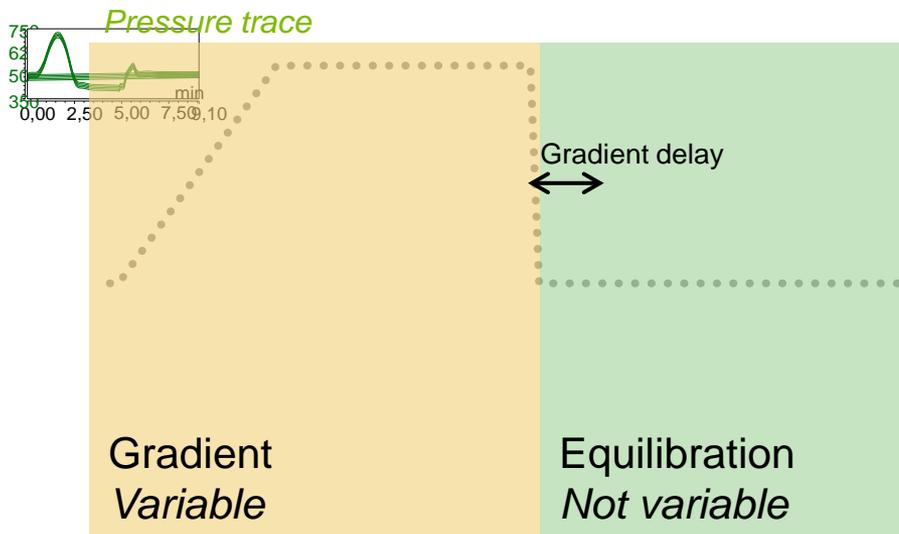
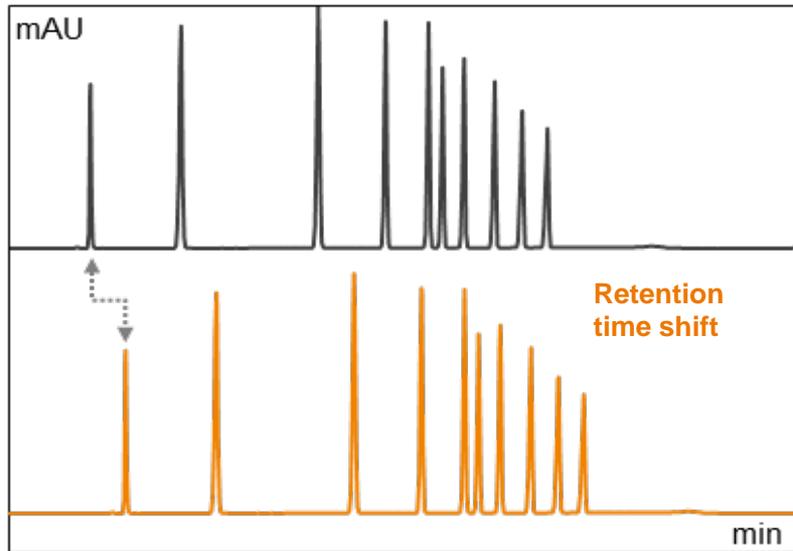
Why is the GDV of your “Front-End” Important for Throughput?



- **Gradient delay volume (GDV):**
Volume of fluid between mixing point of the gradient and column head
- **Extra column volume (ECV):**
Volume of fluid between sample injection point and midpoint of the detector's flow cell.



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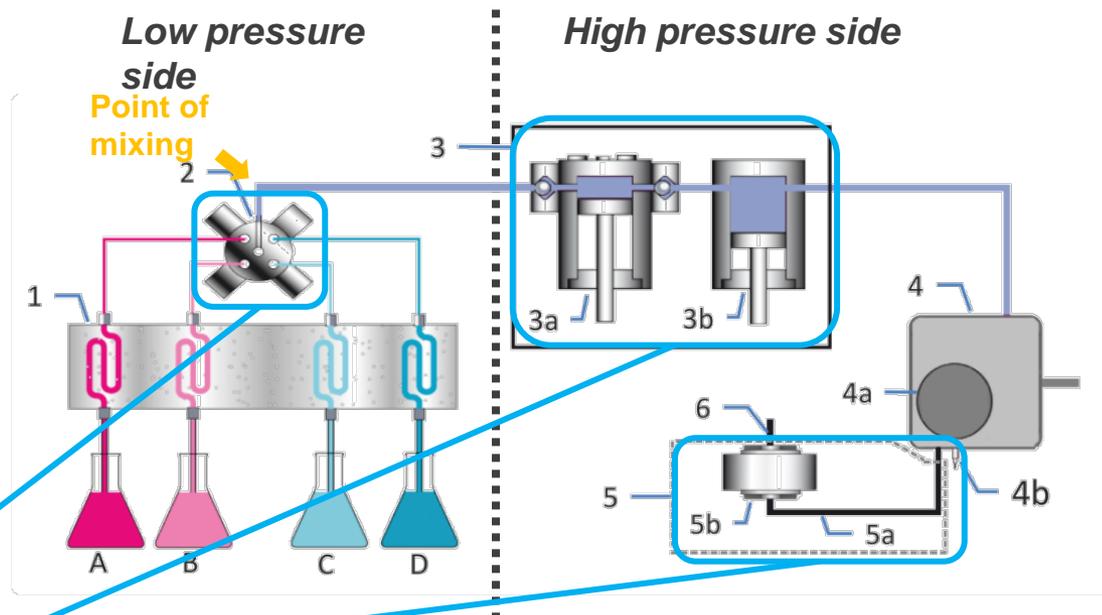


Short runtimes and higher throughput

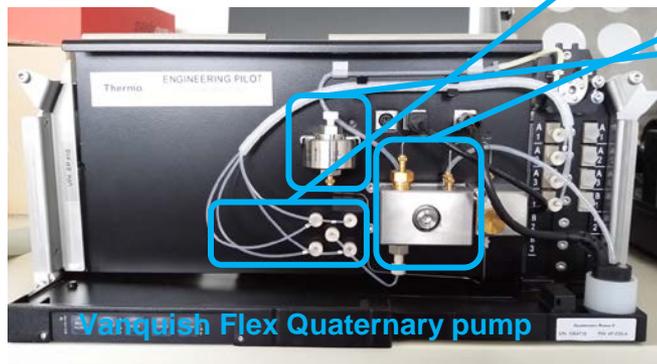
- Column equilibration time is related to the GDV.
- Small GDV - shorter equilibration times
- Contribution of equilibration time is relevant for short runs.

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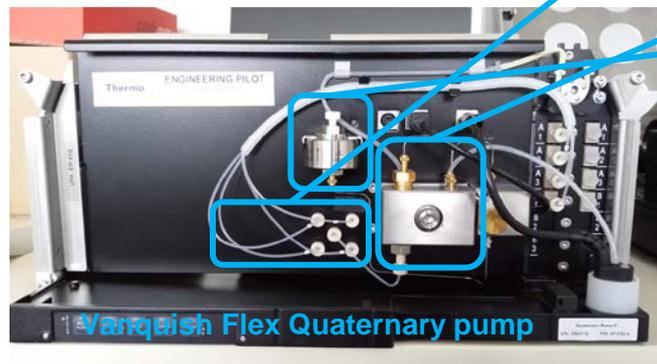
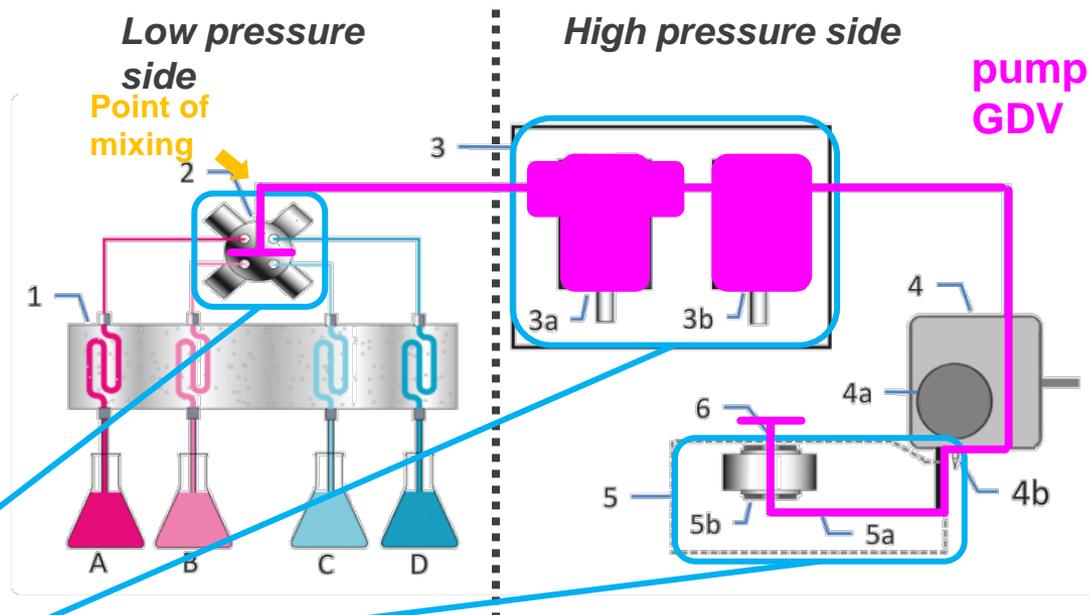


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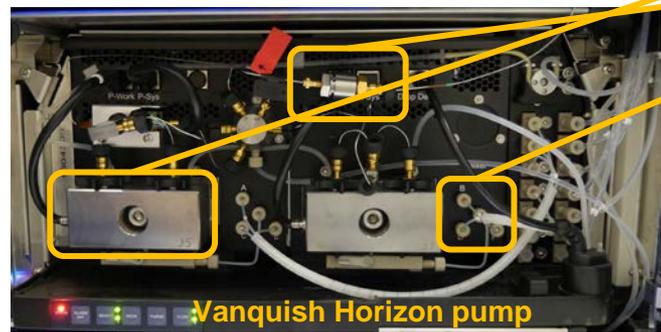
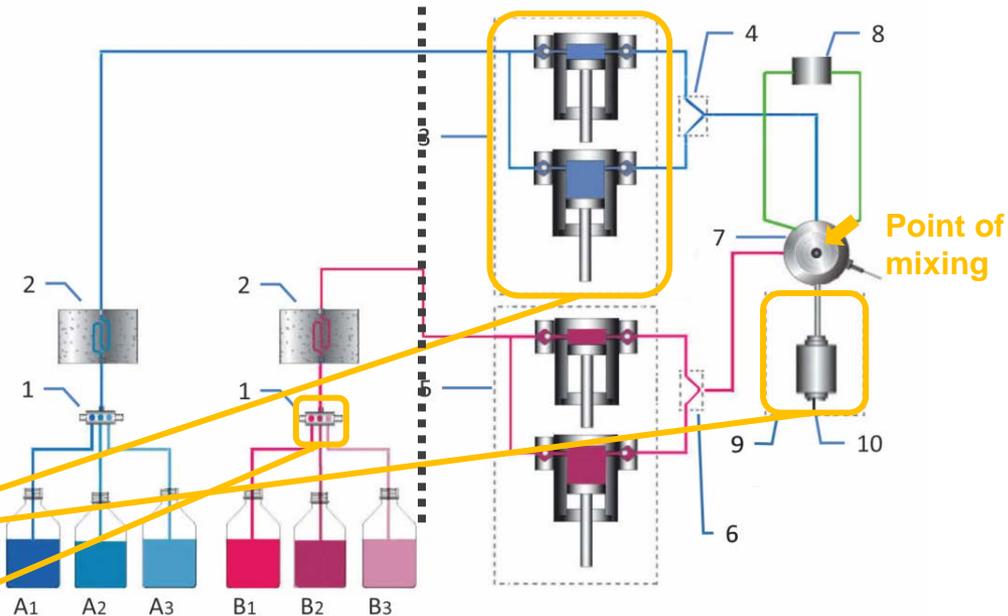
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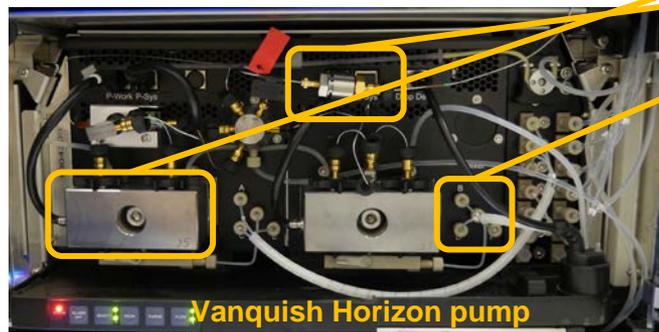
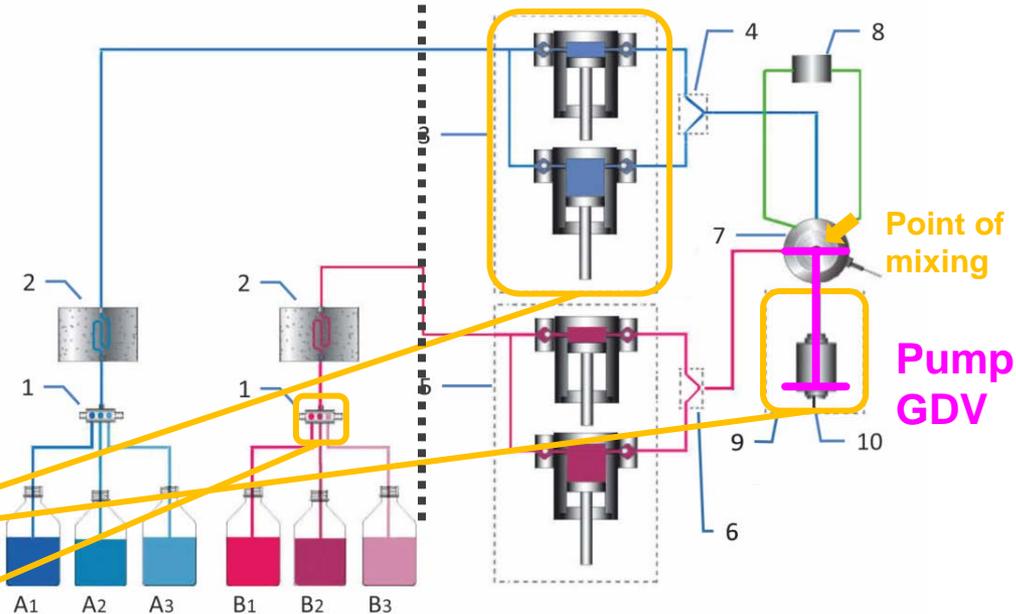
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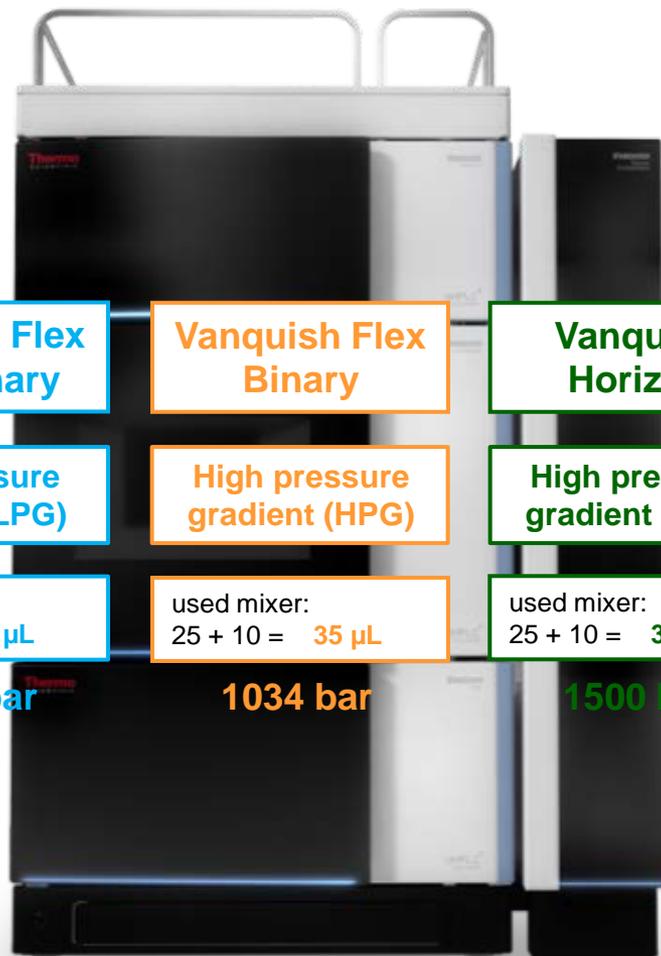
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What UHPLC for LC-MS?

Tested Vanquish systems



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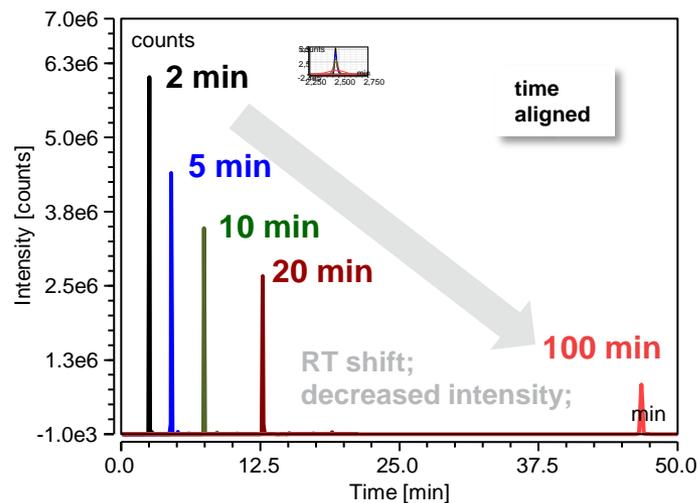
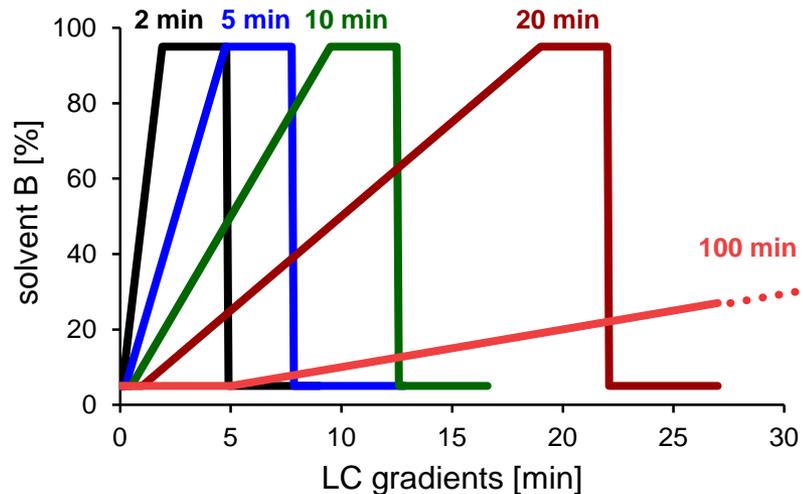
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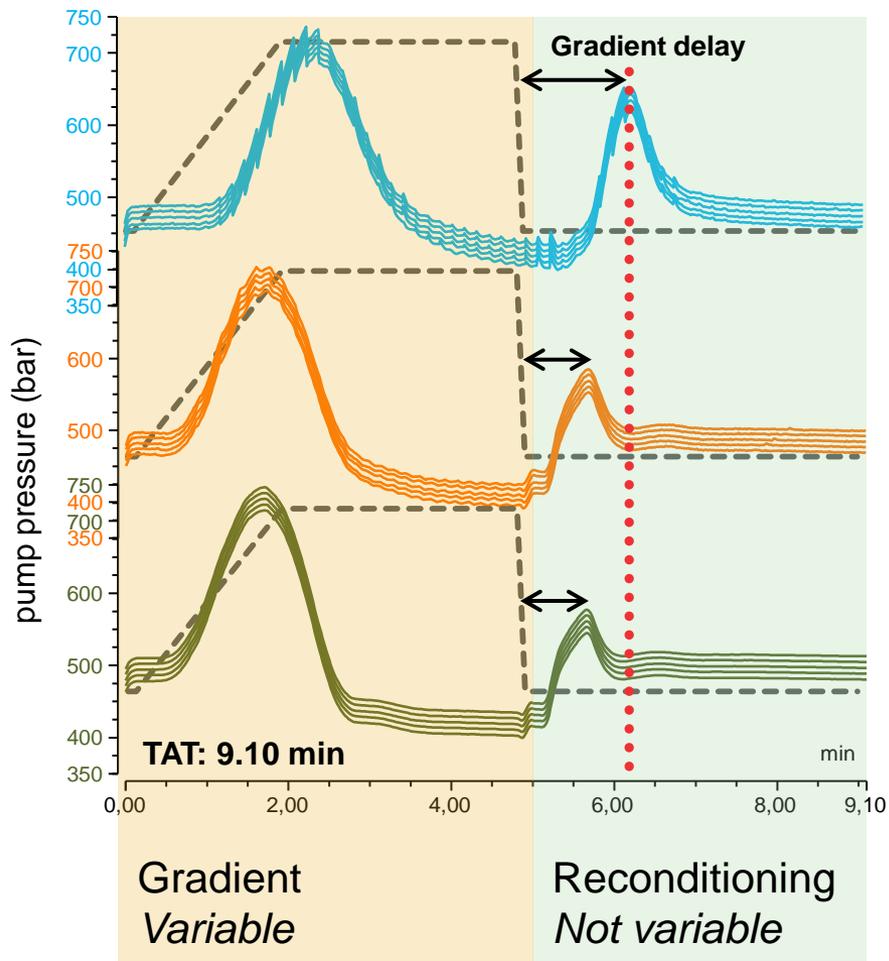
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LC-MS analysis of pesticides



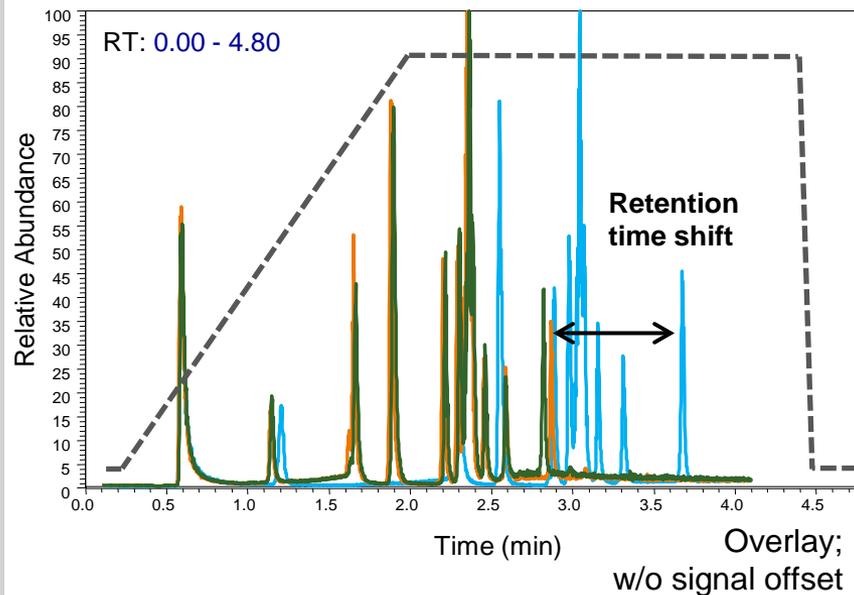
Total Analysis Time (TAT) of Vanquish UHPLC Systems

Pressure traces (2 min gradient)



Overlay (n=5); w/ signal offset

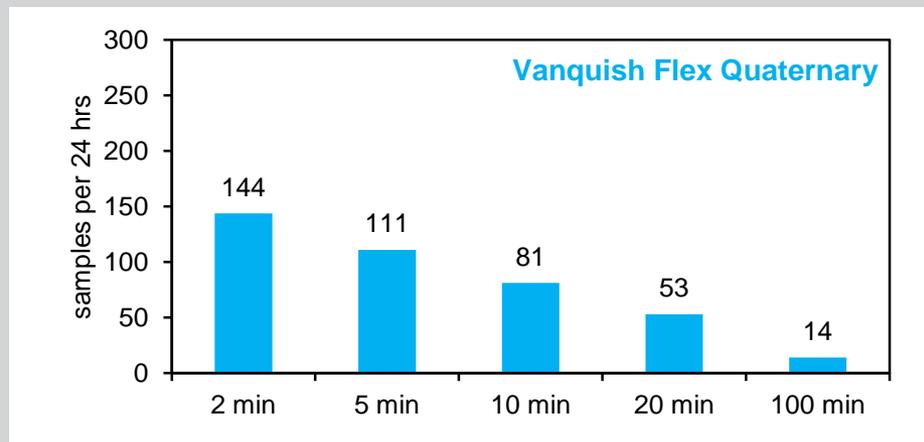
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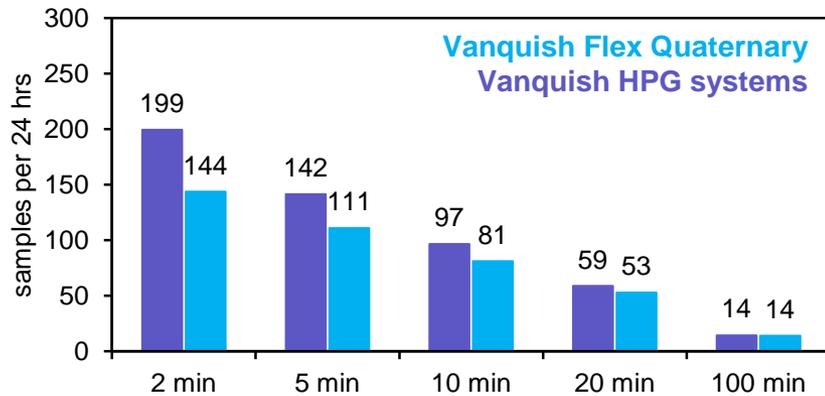
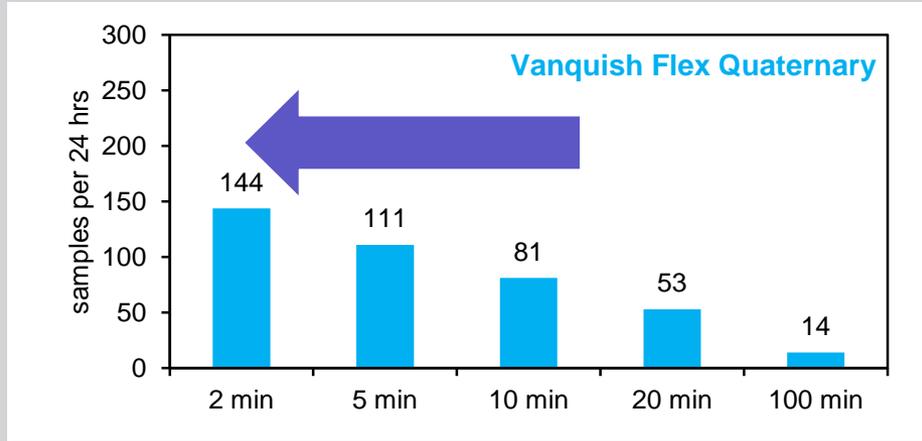
Vanquish Flex Quaternary
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TAT Optimization of Vanquish UHPLC Systems

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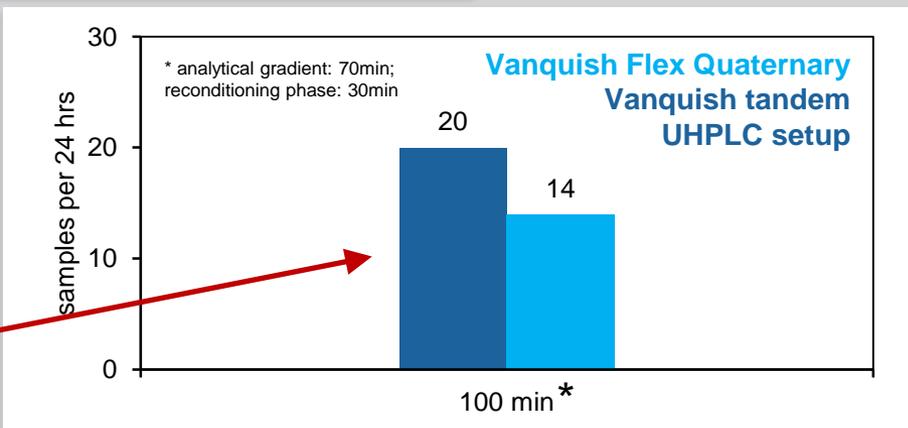
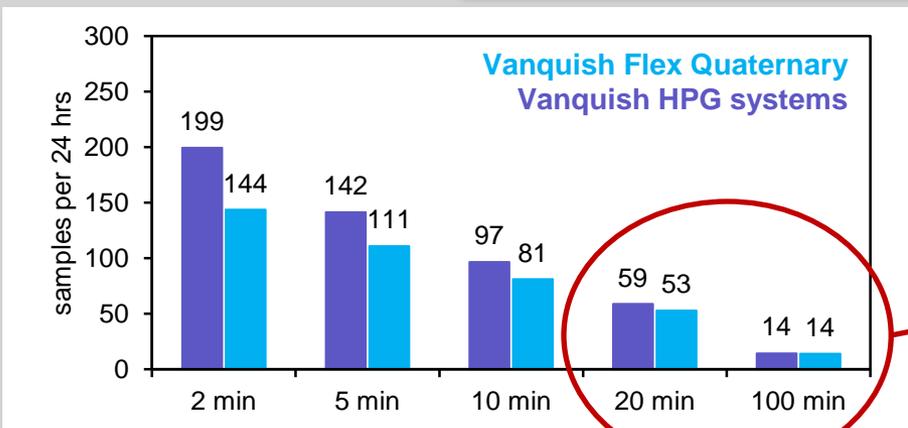
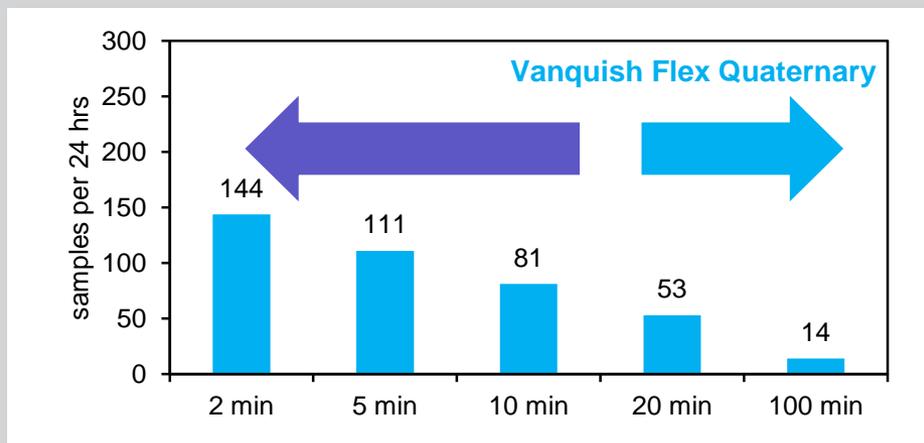


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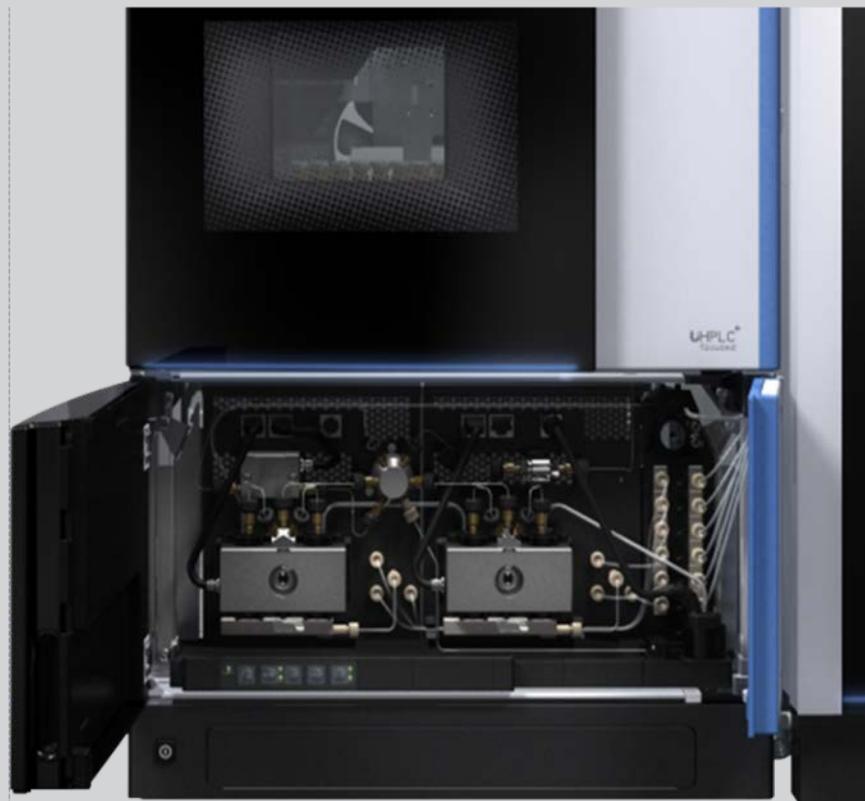
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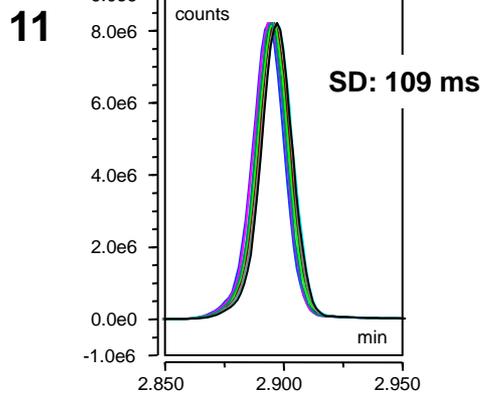
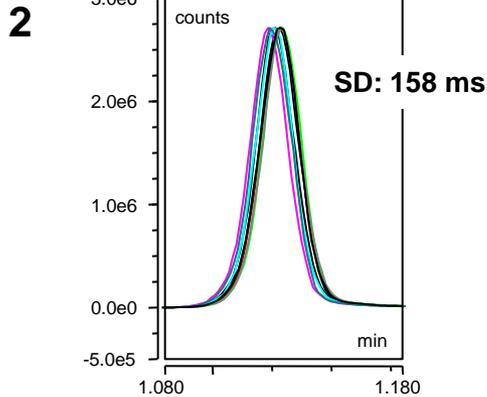
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→ Tandem UHPLC setups as alternative ways to achieve throughput

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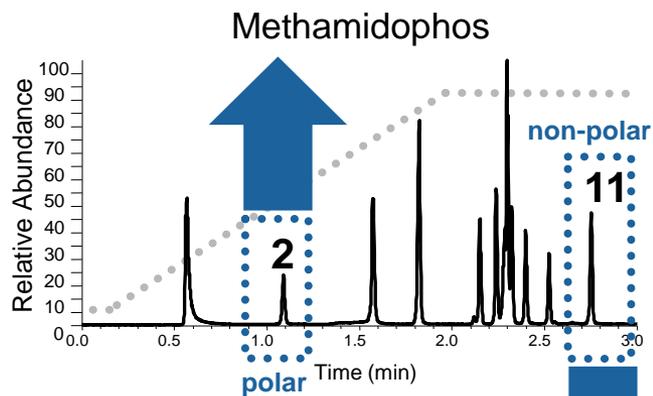


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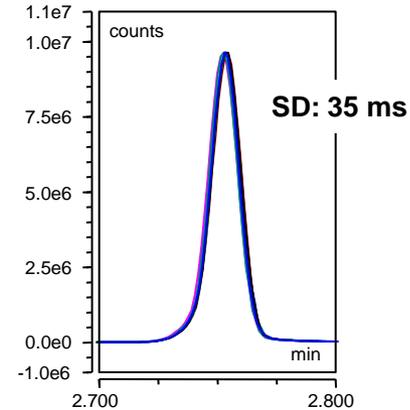
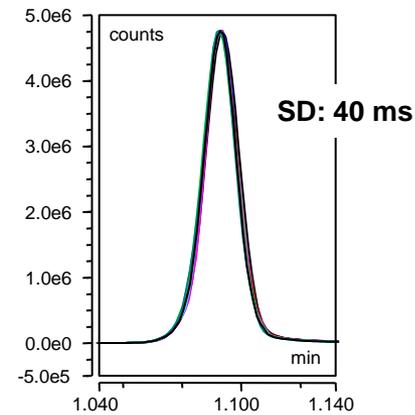


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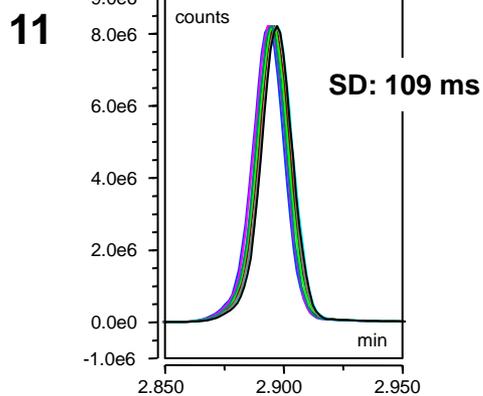
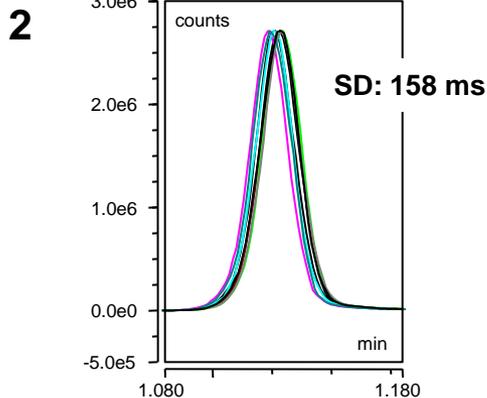
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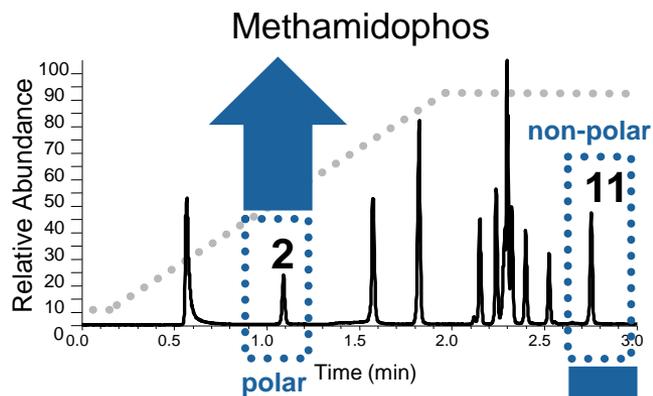


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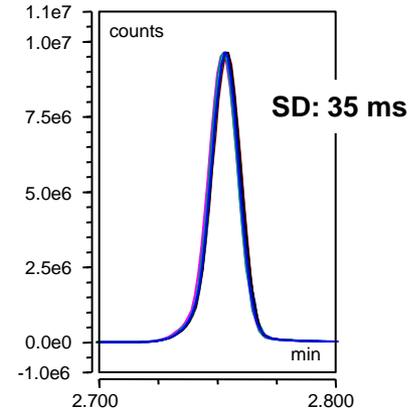
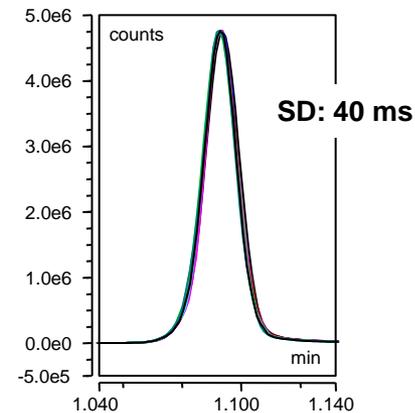
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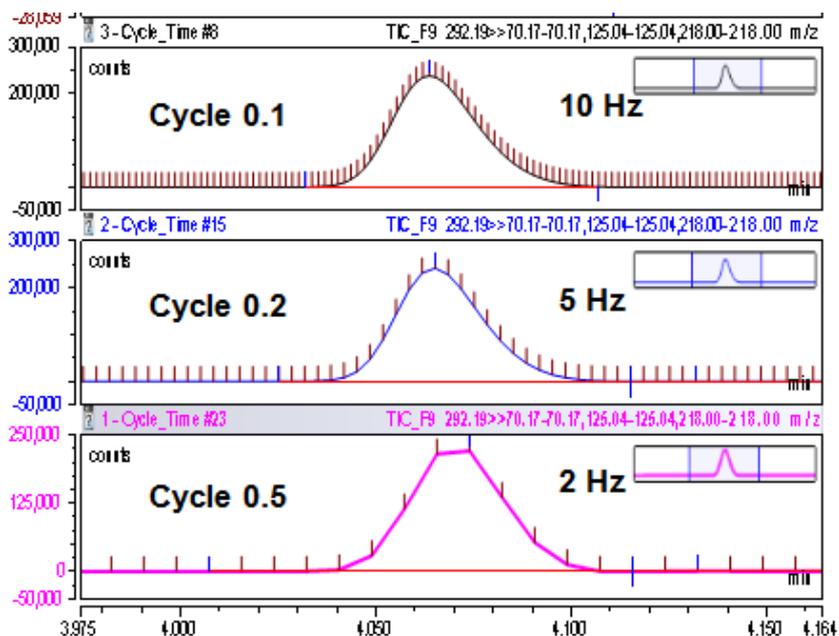
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LC conditions

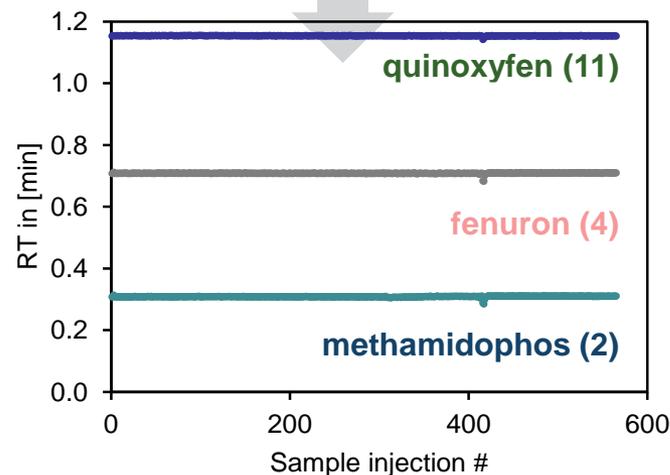
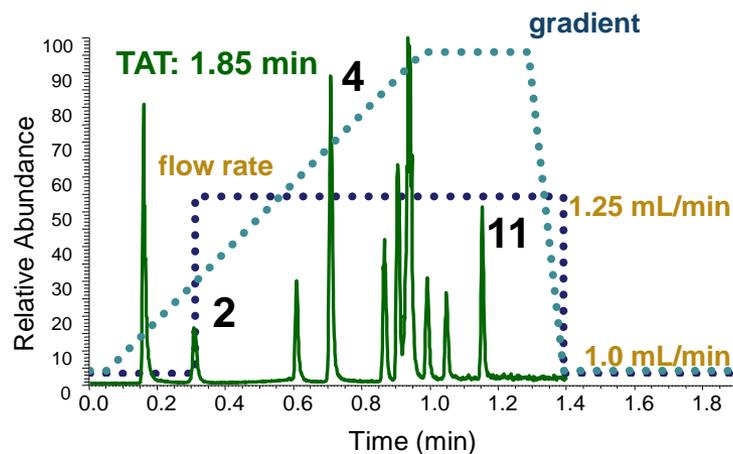
Column Thermo Scientific™ Hypersil GOLD™
50 x 2.1 mm, 1.9 μm

567 samples per day



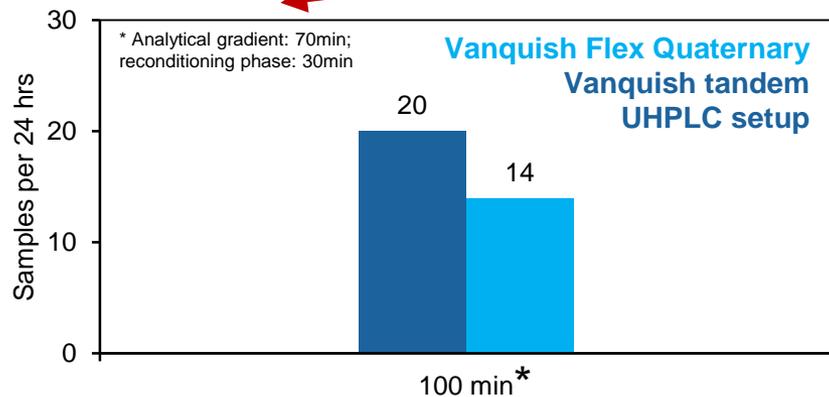
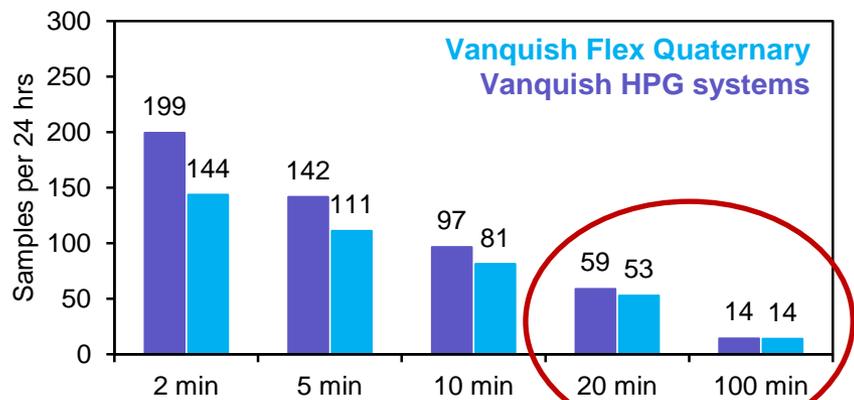
At least 10 Hz are required to obtain RT SD = 0.001 min for peak width at 50% of 0.025 min (1.5 s).

Throughput maximization

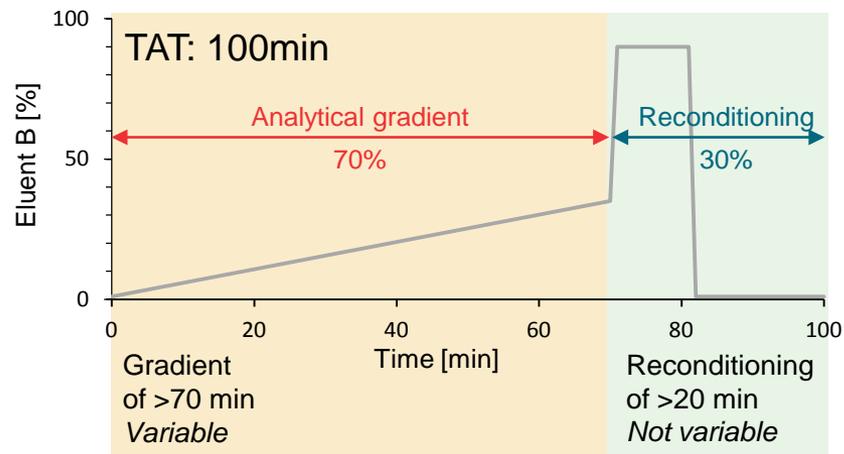


Additional Ways For Throughput

Discussion starter



Shallow LC gradient



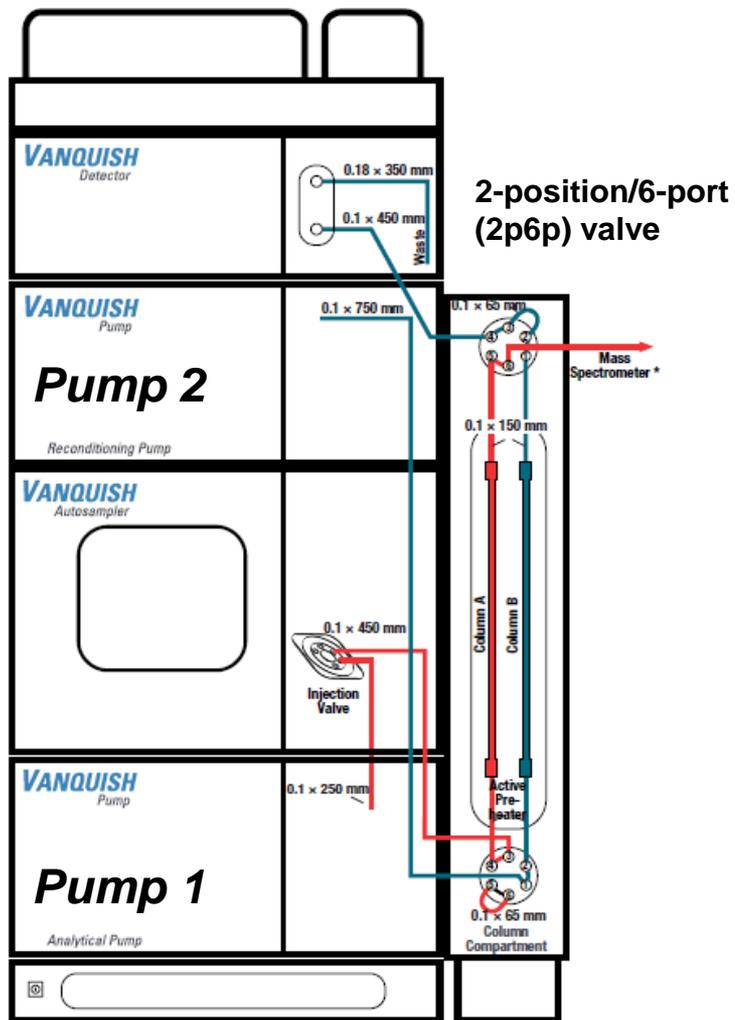
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Target of tandem UHPLC setups!!!

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Vanquish tandem LC and LC-MS workflow



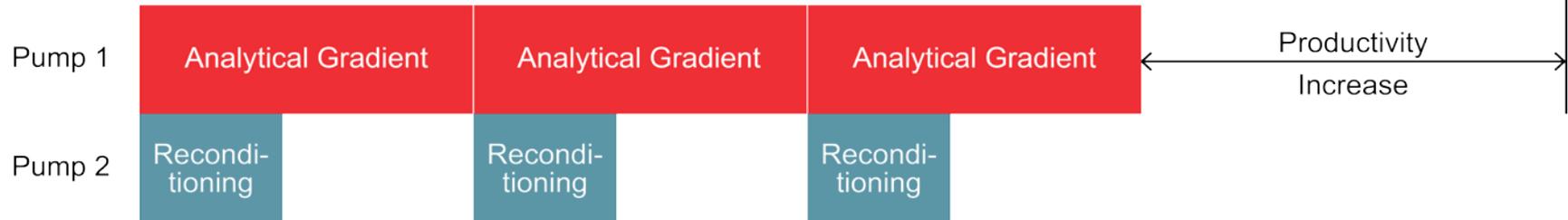
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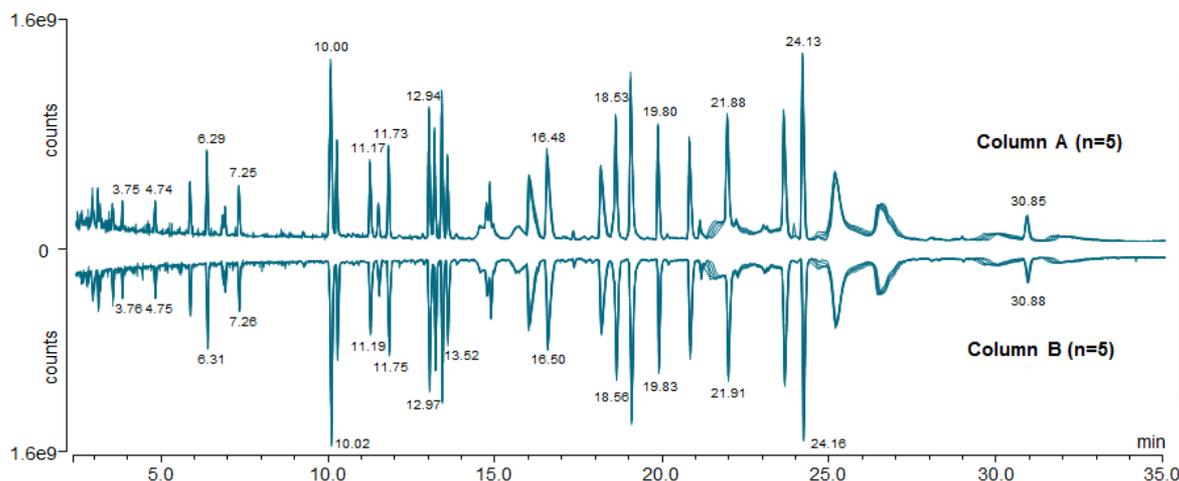
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Overlay of 5 total ion current chromatograms Vanquish tandem setup:
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Gradient: 1-45% B in 40 min, 60 °C; 400 μL/min; Injection volume 5 μL, 1 μg Infliximab SMART digest; **Reconditioning:** Two times 90% B for 5 min, 24 min equilibration at 1% B;
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Thank you very much for your attention!



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