

# New! Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography

An Alternative to RPC for Polar Molecules

## Evaluate HILIC for yourself

### A novel, non-ion exchange method to increase retention

If you are trying to increase retention of hydrophilic molecules with RPC, there is a versatile, effective alternative to consider: hydrophilic interaction chromatography (HILIC). A rival technique to RPC for separating polar peptides, HILIC is easy to use and works best where RPC works worst – with polar solutes which aren't retained well on RPC. HILIC has been used successfully with:

- Phosphopeptides
- Carbohydrates
- Crude extracts
- Histones
- Peptide digests
- Polar lipids

as well as preparative applications where changing the order of elution affects isolation yields and detergent removal.<sup>1</sup>

### How HILIC works

HILIC separates compounds by eluting a hydrophobic or mostly organic mobile phase across a neutral hydrophilic stationary phase, causing solutes to elute in order of increasing hydrophilicity – the inverse of RPC. The technique permits direct LC-MS analysis. For glycopeptides, ammonium formate and reverse organic conditions may be used. Highly charged molecules require salt for ion suppression, and a slight perchlorate or sulfate gradient (in a high organic solvent concentration) effects desorption.

### Choice of two columns

- PolyHYDROXYETHYL Aspartamide™ column performs either hydrophilic or small-molecule size exclusion separations<sup>2</sup> under non-HILIC conditions.
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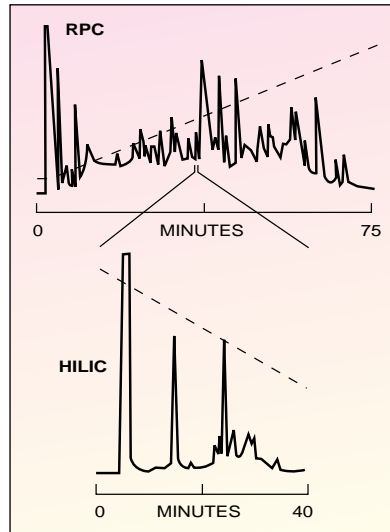
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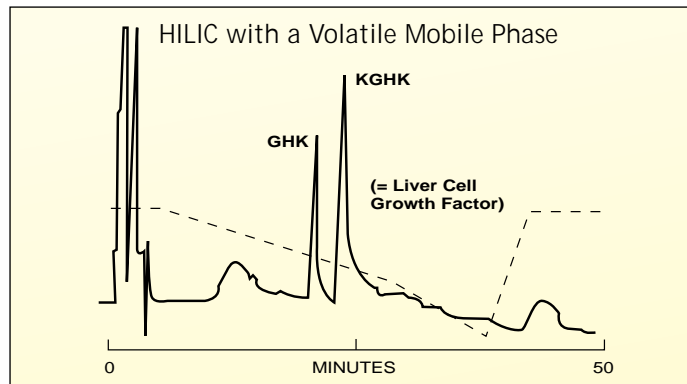


Glycopeptide Isolation by RPC and HILIC

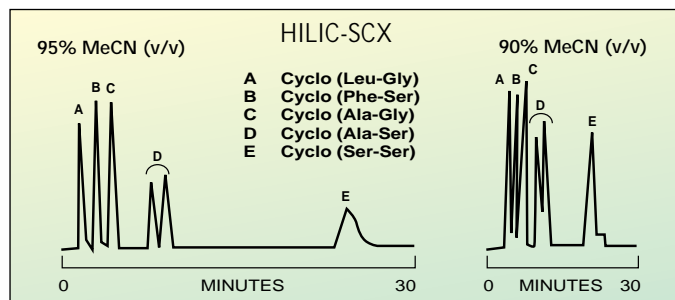
#### HILIC Conditions

Eluent A: 15mM ammonium formate  
80% MeCN  
Eluent B: 15mM ammonium formate  
30% MeCN

Sequential runs by RPC and HILIC allow analysis and determination of glycosylation sites. Under HILIC conditions at pH 6.5 glycopeptides elute later than peptides.



Tryptic digest of 20-mer peptide from SPARC protein using PolyHYDROXYETHYL Aspartamide column. Mobile Phase: 15mM ammonium formate, pH 2.7. Courtesy Tim Lane (U. of Washington)



Glycopeptides separated by HILIC on a PolySULFOETHYL A 4.6 x 200 mm, 5 µm column. Mobile Phase: 15mM TEA-PO<sub>4</sub> pH 2.8 with MeCN as noted. Alternatively, run a gradient to 0.3M NaClO<sub>4</sub> rather than decrease the organic.

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