

Practical Training - New Advances in MRM (on-line training)

# Exploring new resources in column chromatography

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1. Fully porous vs Core-shell

2. HILIC/IonExchange Hybrid column

# 1. Fully porous vs Core-shell

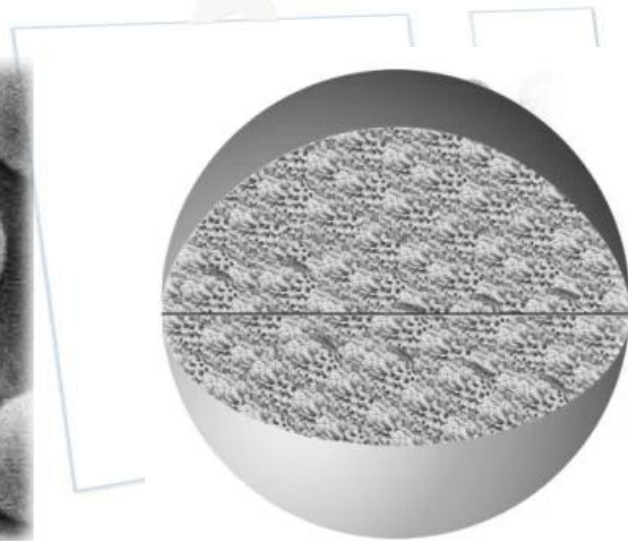
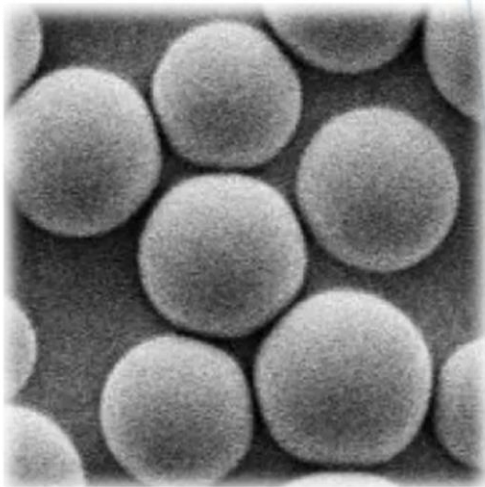
## 2. HILIC/IonExchange Hybrid column



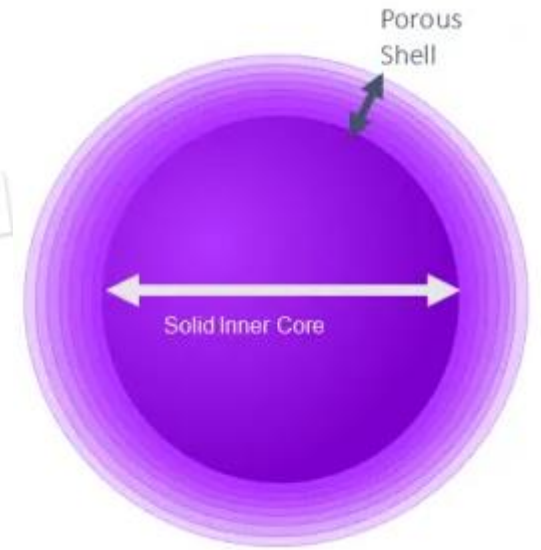
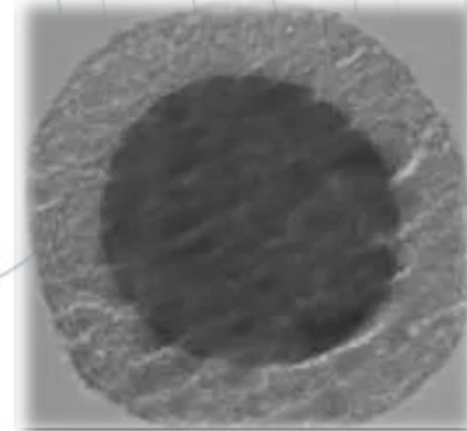


# Fully porous vs Core-shell

Fully Porous Particle



Core-shell Particle

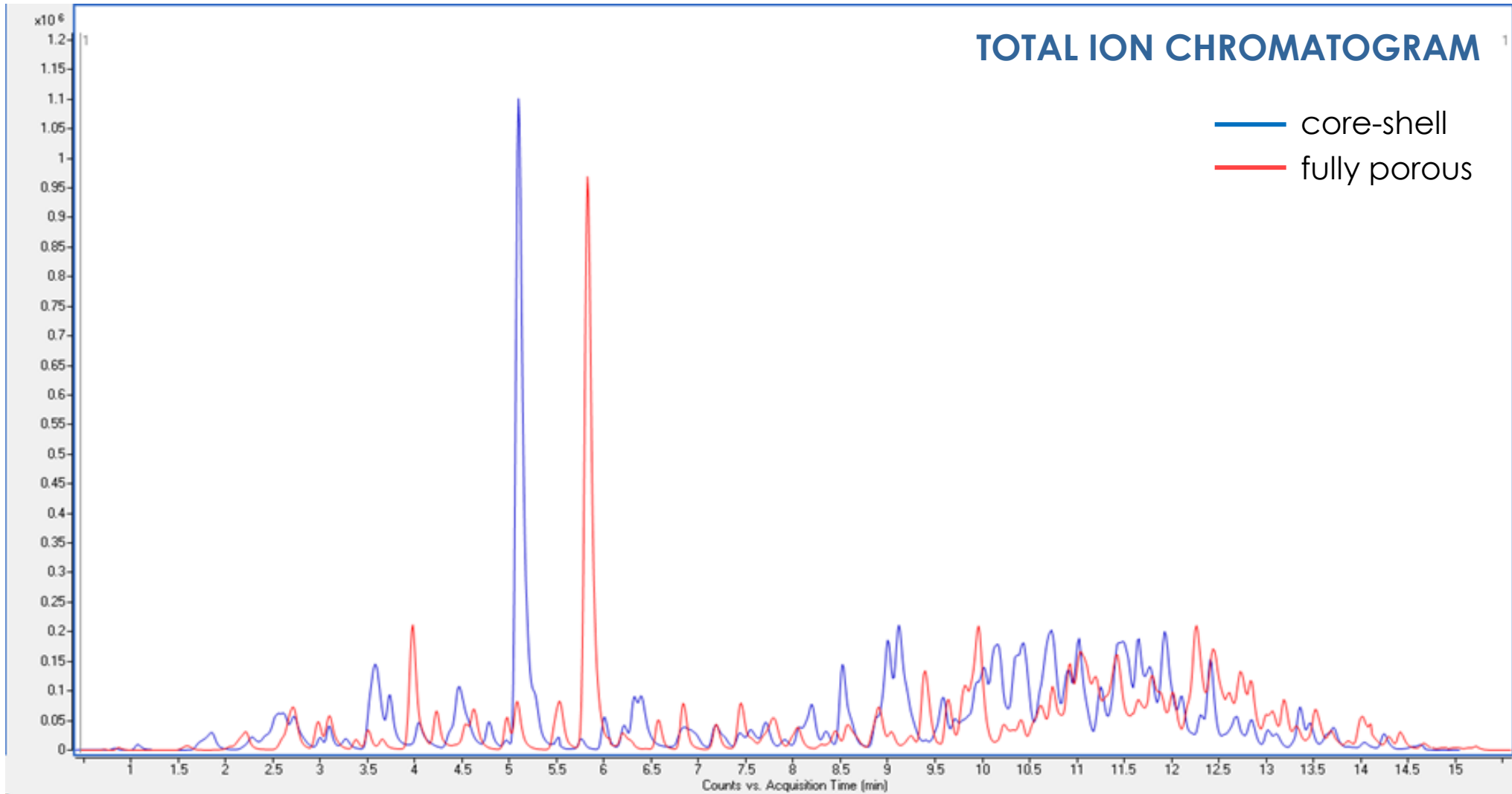


## 1290 UHPLC – 6490 TQ/MS(Agilent)

- Mobile phase A: Water (0.1 % formic acid, 5 mM ammonium formate, 2 % MeOH)
- Mobile phase B: Methanol (0.1 % formic acid, 5 mM ammonium formate, 2 % water)
- Column temperature: 35 °C
- Flow rate: 0.3 mL/min
- Injection volume: 5 µL

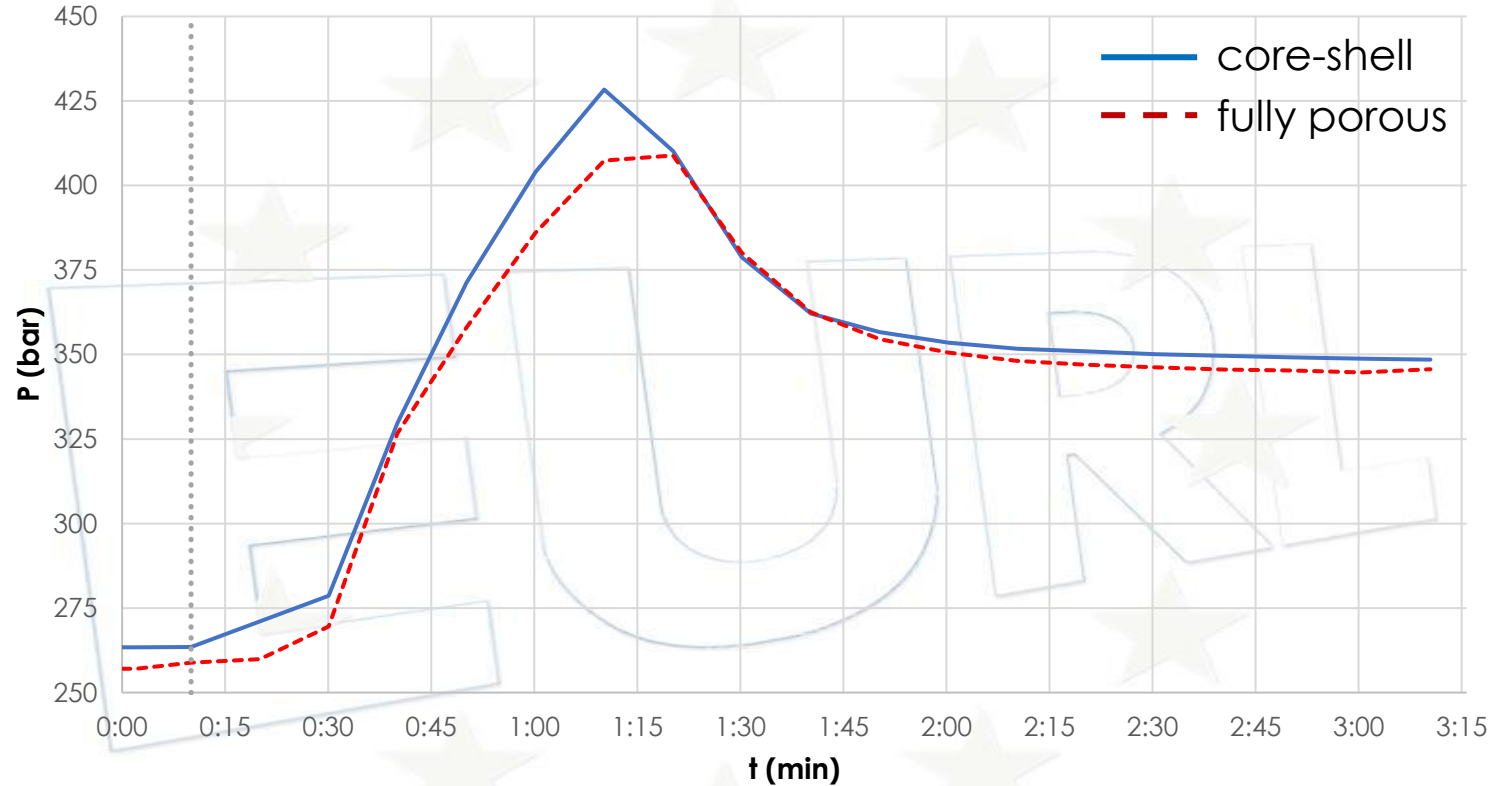
Time [min]	Mobile phase A	Mobile phase B
0	100 %	0 %
2	80 %	20 %
15	0 %	100 %
18	0 %	100 %

- Column A: **core-shell** C8 2.1x100 mm and 1.7 µm particle size
- Column B: **fully porous** C8 2.1x100 mm and 1.8 µm particle size



Column **A**: core-shell  
 Column **B**: fully porous

### RE-EQUILIBRATION TIME



Pressure values for column A (blue) and B (red) after changing the mobile phase composition from 0 % [A] to 100 % [A]



# MATRICES

Tomato



Orange



Avocado



Tea



Column **A**: core-shell

 Column **B**: fully porous

## RETENTION TIME

Matrix	Column	Average $t_R$ (min)	Median $t_R$ (min)	Minimum $t_R$ (min)	Maximum $t_R$ (min)
Tomato	A	9.64	10.46	1.50	14.63
	B	10.35	11.25	1.85	15.23
Orange	A	9.64	10.44	1.50	14.63
	B	10.36	11.25	1.85	15.23
Avocado	A	9.64	10.45	1.50	14.63
	B	10.35	11.25	1.85	15.24
Tea	A	9.64	10.46	1.50	14.63
	B	10.35	11.25	1.85	15.22

# Band Broadening

MassHunter® Data

**PEAK SYMETRY**

Perfect value

1.0

$1.0 < X$  (Peak tailing)

**PEAK WIDTH**

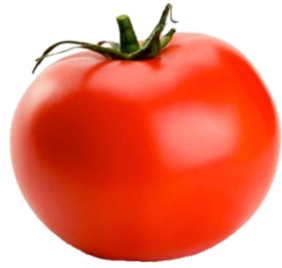
Perfect value

1.0

$1.0 > X$  (Narrower peak)

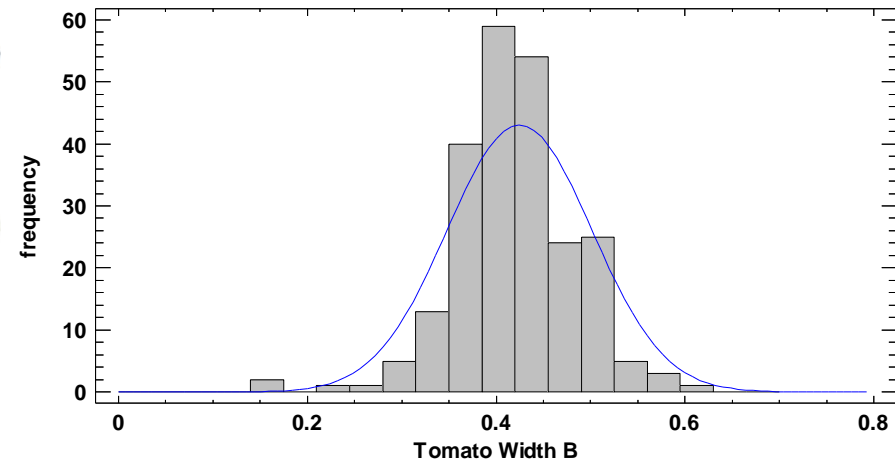
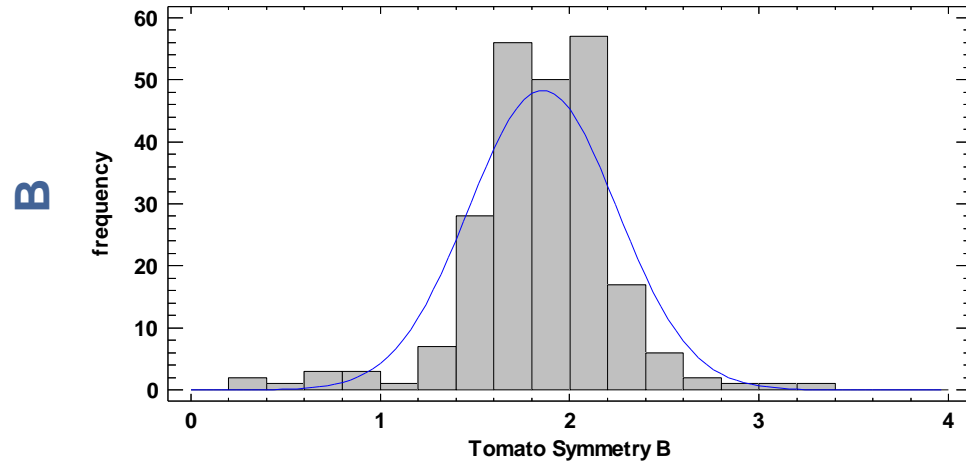
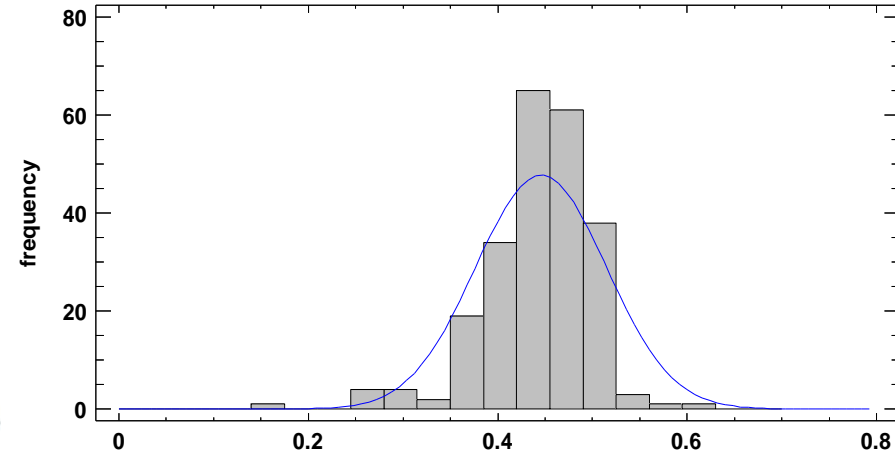
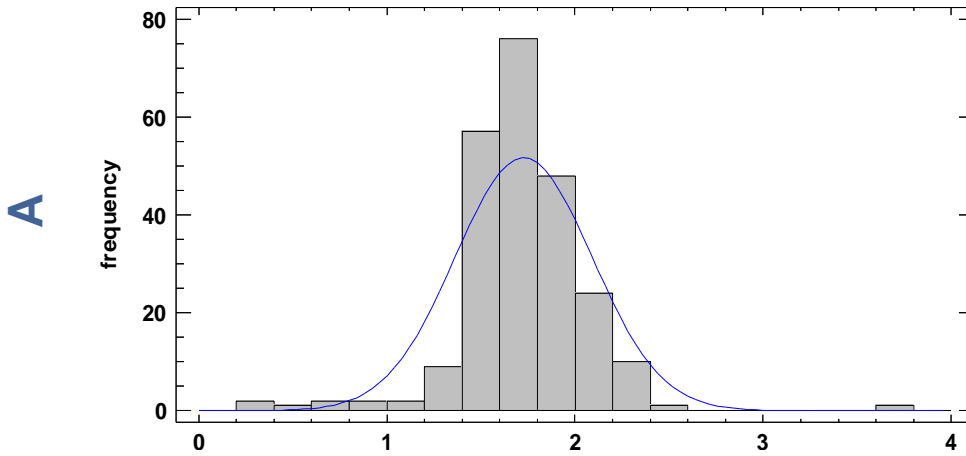
Column **A**: core-shell  
 Column **B**: fully porous  
 243 Pesticides

# TOMATO



PEAK SYMETRY

PEAK WIDTH



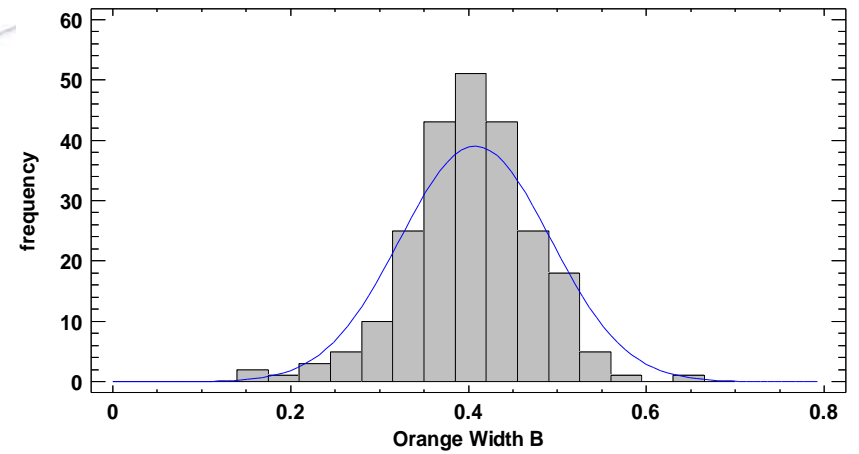
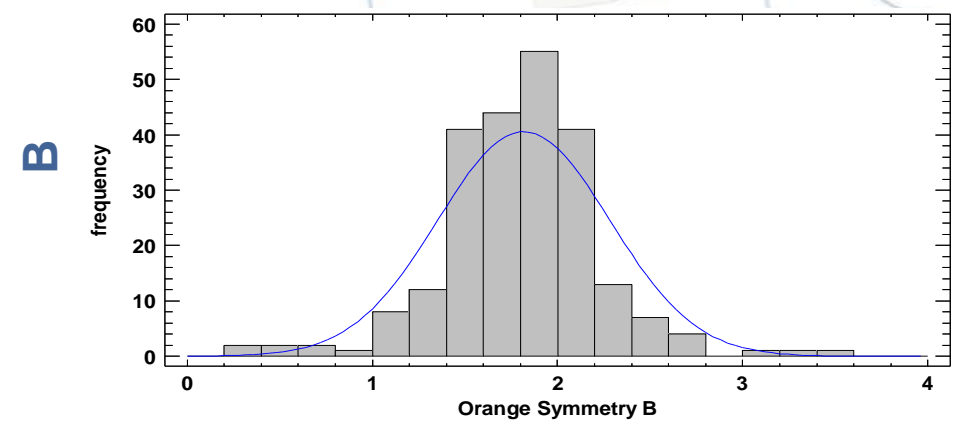
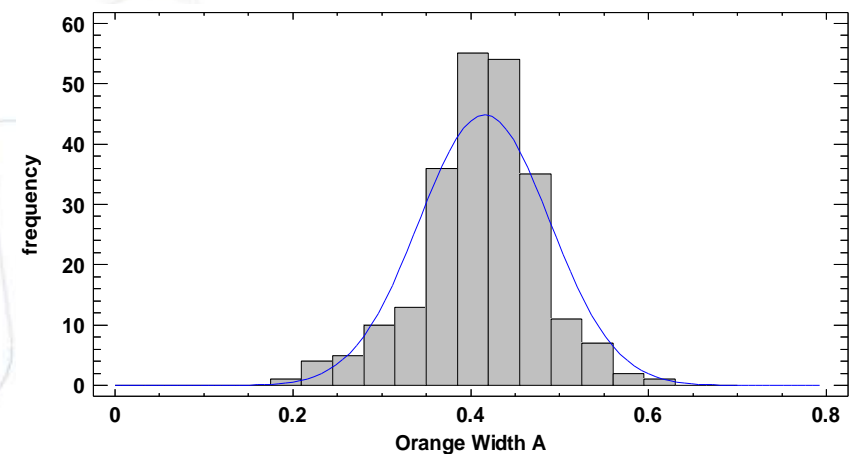
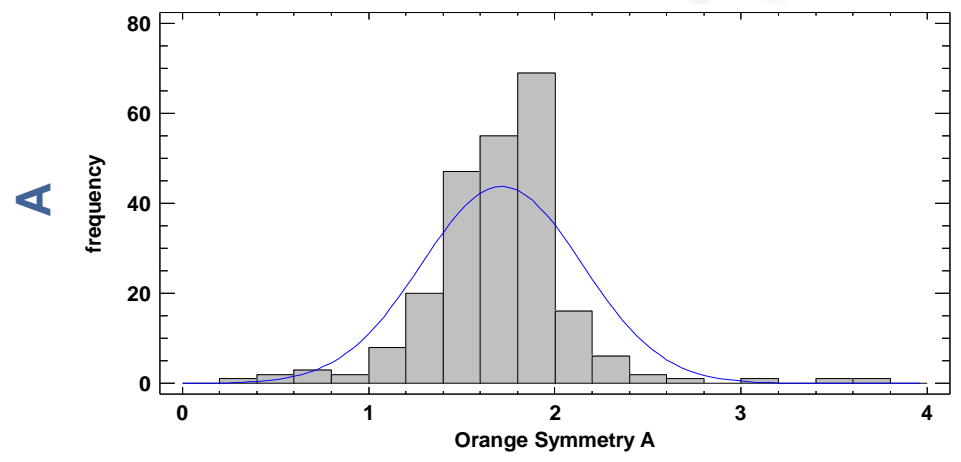


Column **A**: core-shell  
Column **B**: fully porous  
243 Pesticides

# ORANGE

## PEAK SYMETRY

## PEAK WIDTH



Column **A**: core-shell  
Column **B**: fully porous  
243 Pesticides

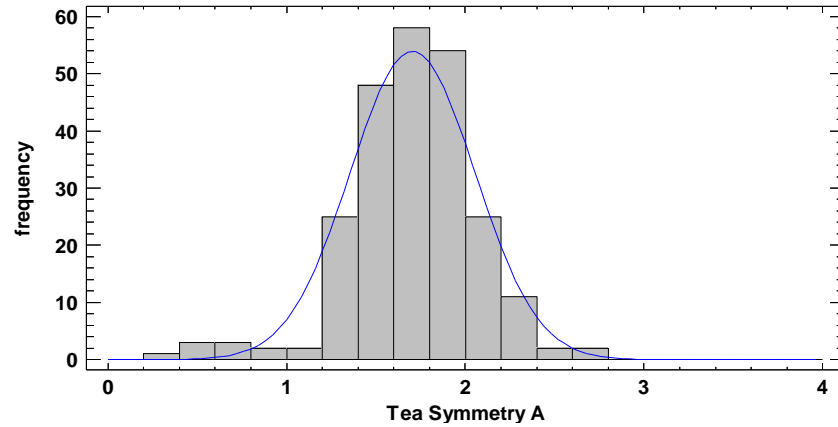
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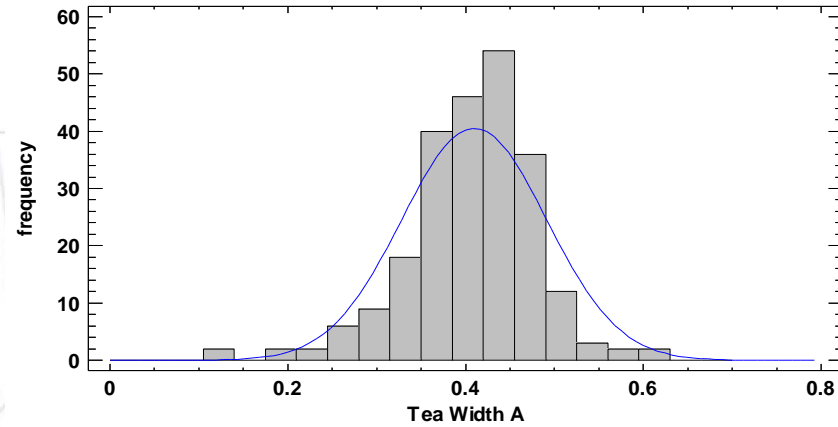
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## PEAK WIDTH

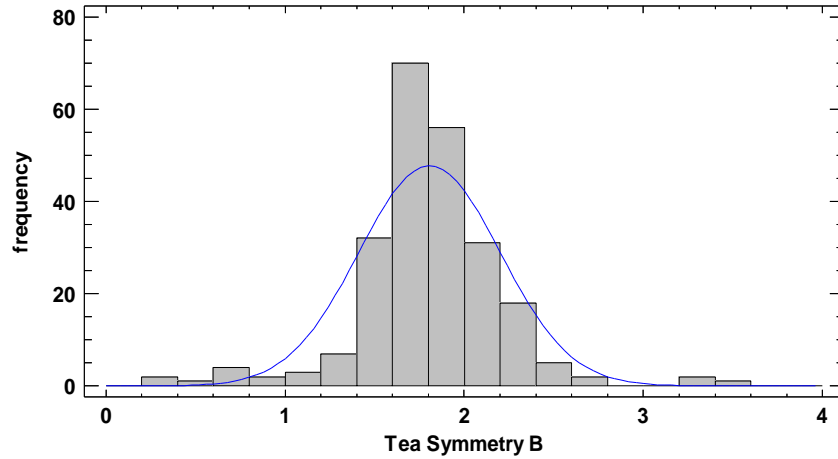
A



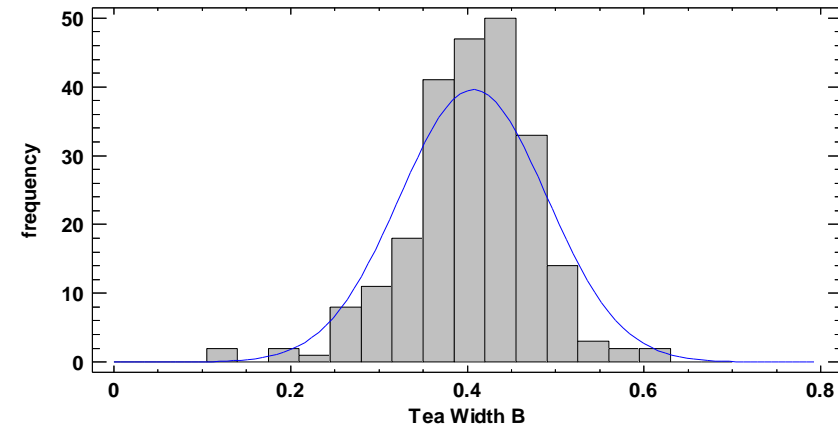
A



B



B





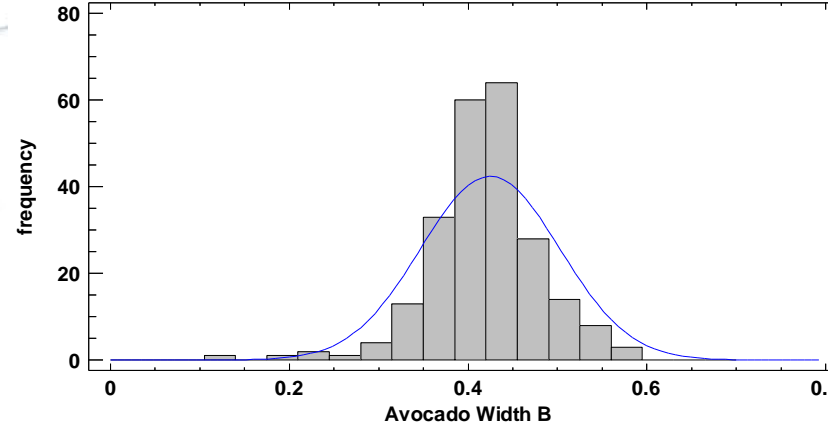
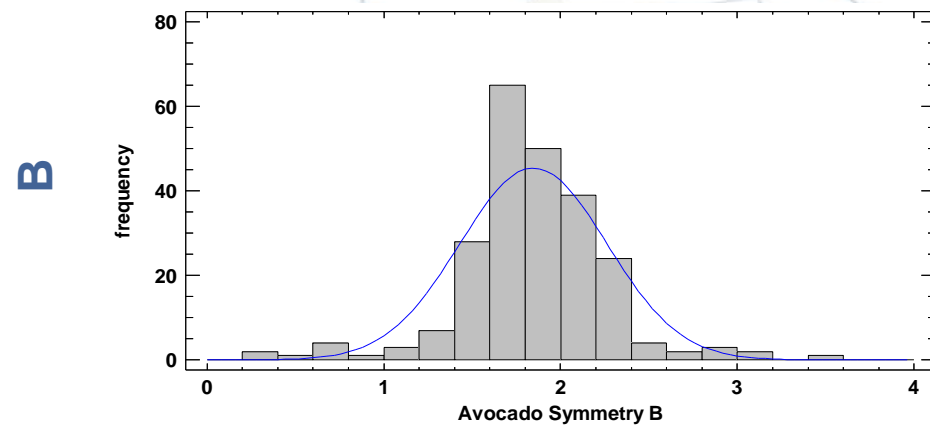
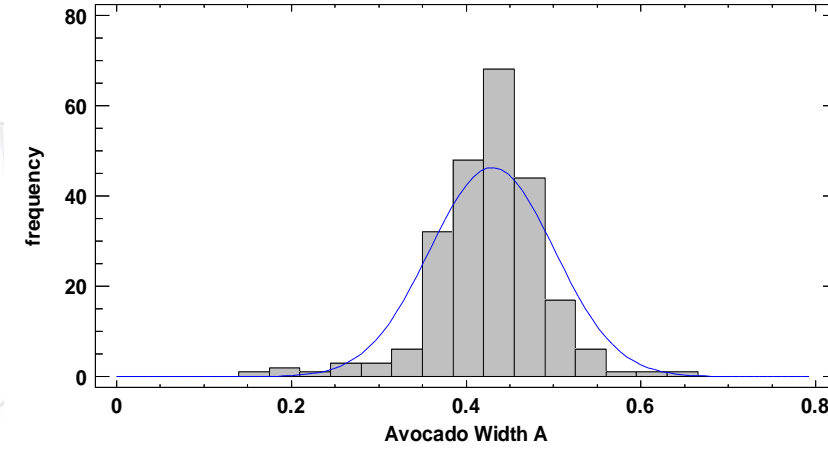
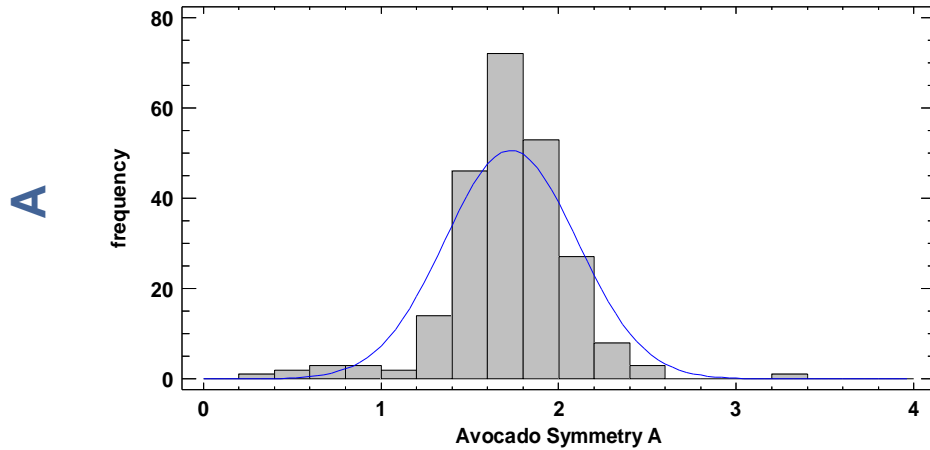
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# AVOCADO



### PEAK SYMETRY

### PEAK WIDTH



# CONCLUSIONS

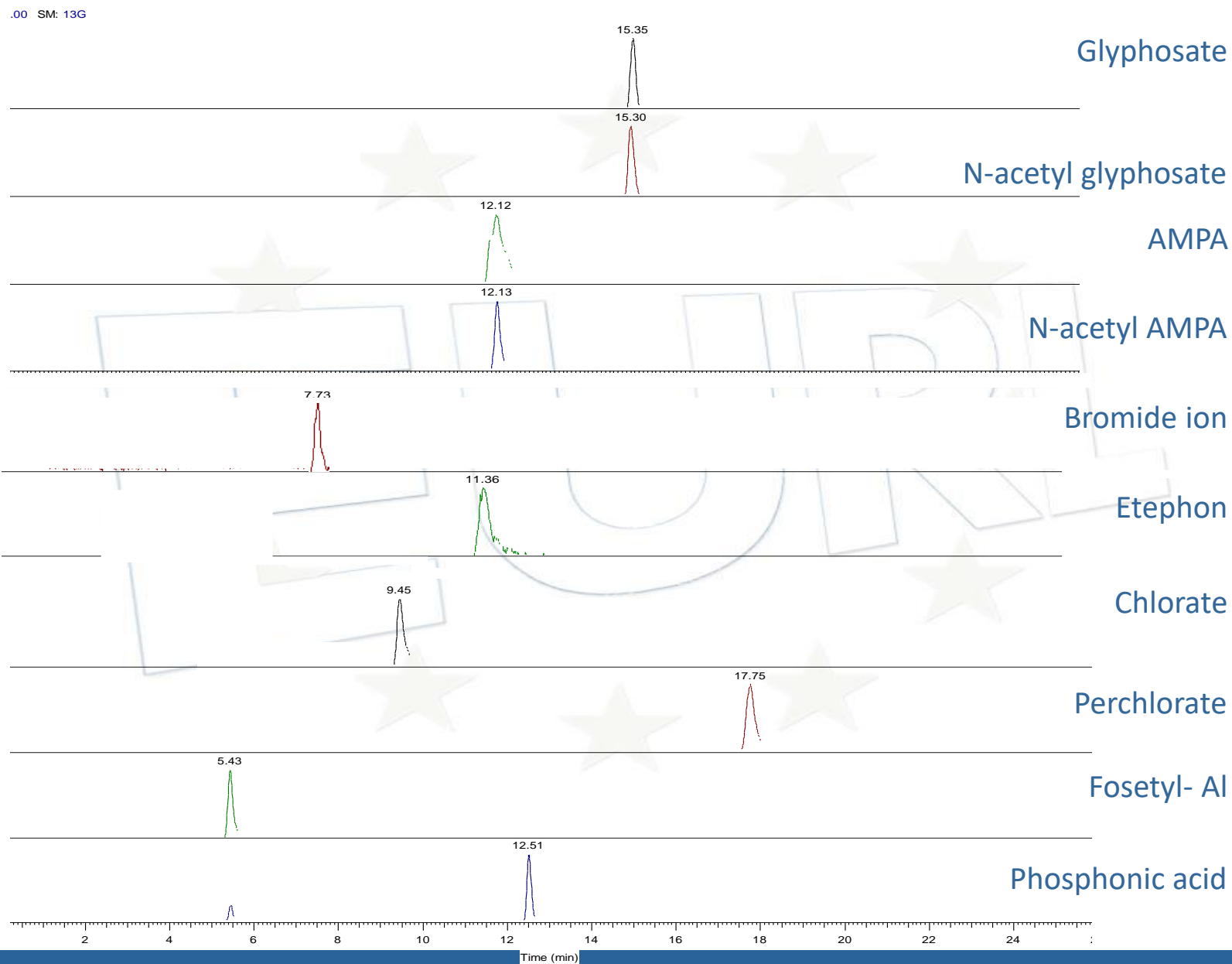
- Retention times were shorter (7%) using core shell column compared to fully porous column.
- Re-equilibration times were equal between both columns, so no advantage on using either column could be determined with this parameter.
- Chromatographic peaks were slightly more symmetric when using the core-shell column.
- Regarding time savings, using core shell column with the tested compounds, a 3.5 % time savings of the total run time is achieved compared to fully porous column .

1. Fully porous vs Core-shell

**2. HILIC/IonExchange Hybrid column**

# ION CHROMATOGRAPHY

## Extracted ion chromatograms (precursor ions)





SHIMADZU

LCMS-8060

Isasa Scientific  
A Waters/DeLima Company

## Nexera UC– 8060 TQ/MS(Shimadzu)

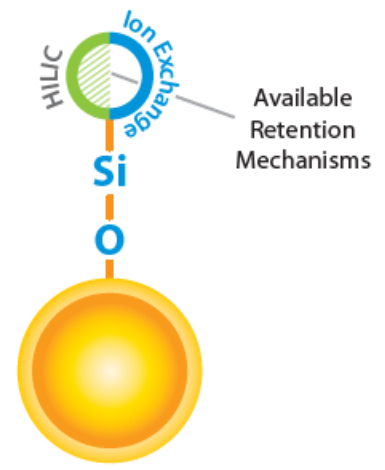
- Mobile phase A: Water (0.5 % formic acid)
- Mobile phase B: ACN (0.5 % formic acid)
- Column temperature: 35 °C
- Flow rate: 0.6 mL/min
- Injection volume: 5 µL

Time [min]	Mobile phase A	Mobile phase B
0	35 %	65 %
2	90 %	10 %
9	90 %	10 %
10	35 %	65 %

Column: Restek Raptor Polar 2.7µm 50x2.1mm



A single ligand capable of **HILIC** and **Ion-Exchange** retention for maximum versatility when separating polar compounds.



Column:  
Restek Raptor Polar  
2.7 $\mu$ m 50x2.1mm

High Organic



High Water



By changing between simple mobile phase conditions, retention can be tuned to retain a wide variety of polar analytes.

## LC Passivation Solution

Methylenediphosphonic acid (Medronic Acid) (1984-15-2)

Description	CAS #	Conc. in Solvent	cat.#
Methylenediphosphonic acid (Medronic Acid)	1984-15-2	1,760 µg/mL, Methanol (HPLC grade)/Water (50:50), 1mL/ampul	32475 (ea.)



# MATRICES

Tomato



Orange



Onion



Quince

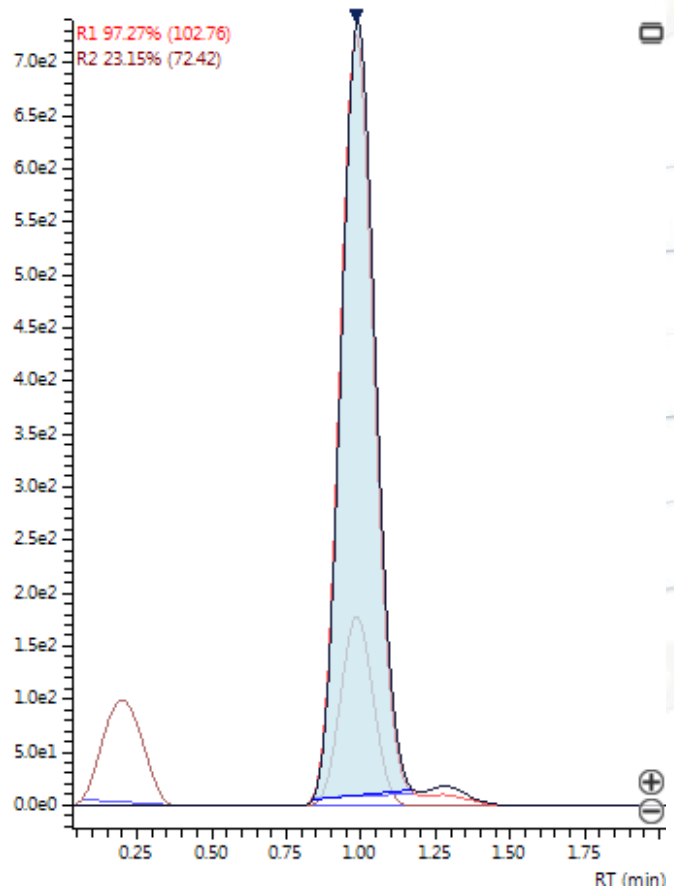


# METHOD

		$R_t$ (min)
<b>AMPA</b>	110.1>79/110.1>63	0.98
<b>Ethephon</b>	143.2>107/145.3>107	4.937
<b>Fosetyl</b>	109.1>81/109.1>63	7.176
<b>Glufosinate</b>	180.1>62.95/180.1>85.1	2.662
<b>Glyphosate</b>	167.9>63/167.9>79	4.775
<b>Glyphosate_C13N15</b>	171>63	4.766
<b>N-acetyl-AMPA</b>	152.1>63/152.1>110.1	6.492
<b>Phosphonic acid</b>	81.1>79/81.1>62.95	7.016
<b>Chlorate</b>	83.1>67/83.1>51	4.599
<b>Perchlorate</b>	99.2>83.05/99.2>67	3.22

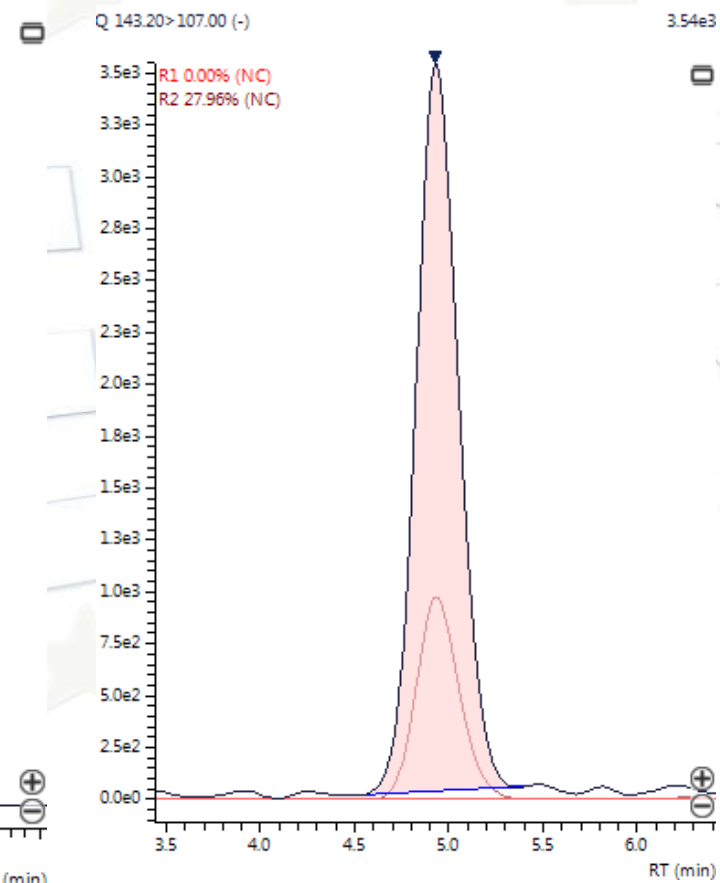
**✗ N-acetyl-glyphosate**

### AMPA



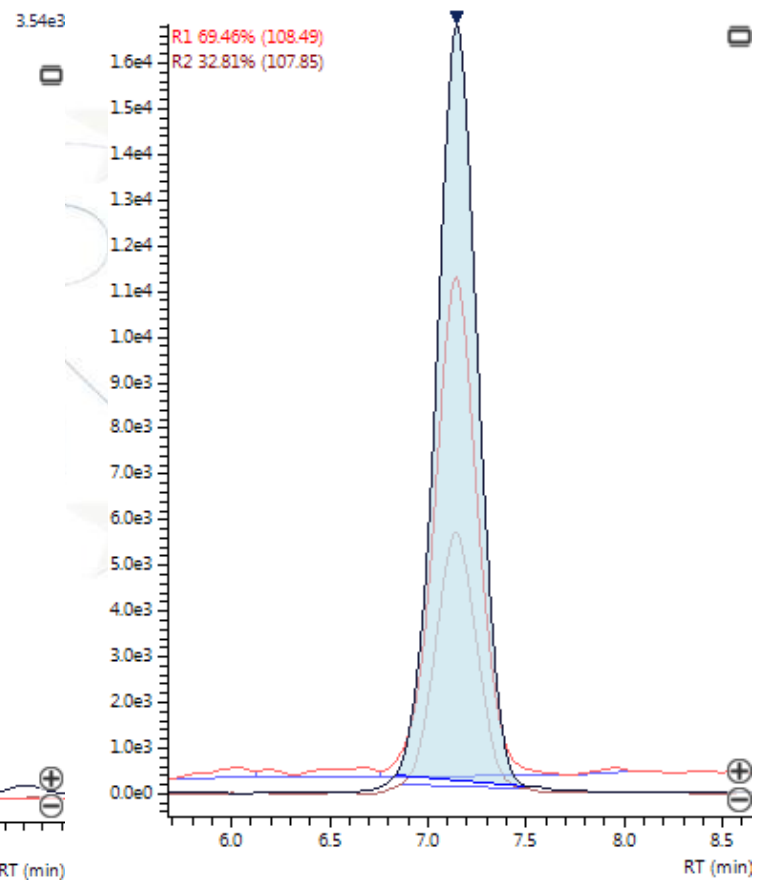
Rt: 0.95 min

### ETHEPHON



Rt: 4.94 min

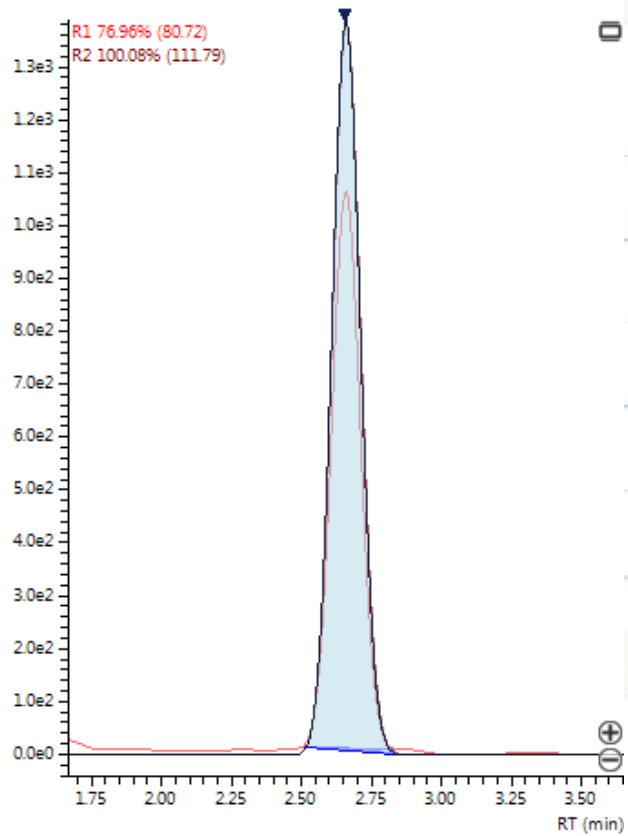
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Rt: 7.18 min

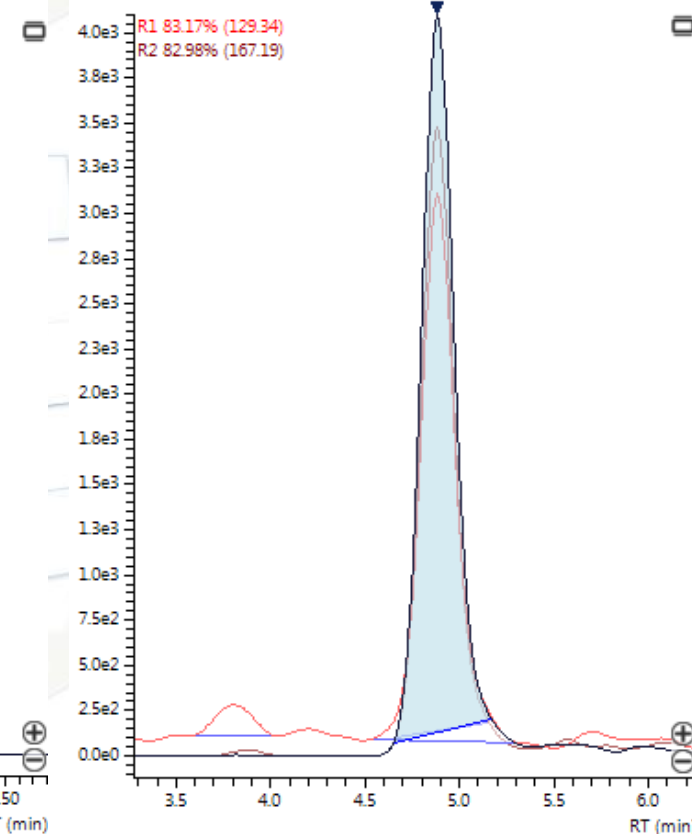
Orange  
50µg/Kg 

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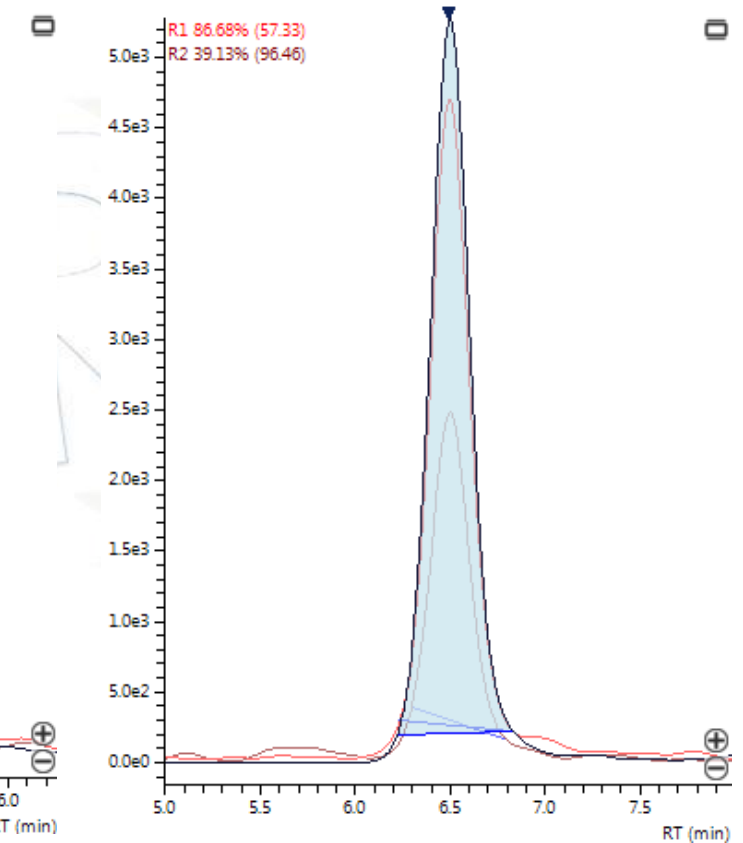
Rt: 2.66 min

# GLYPHOSATE



Rt: 4.78 min

# N-Acetyl-AMPA

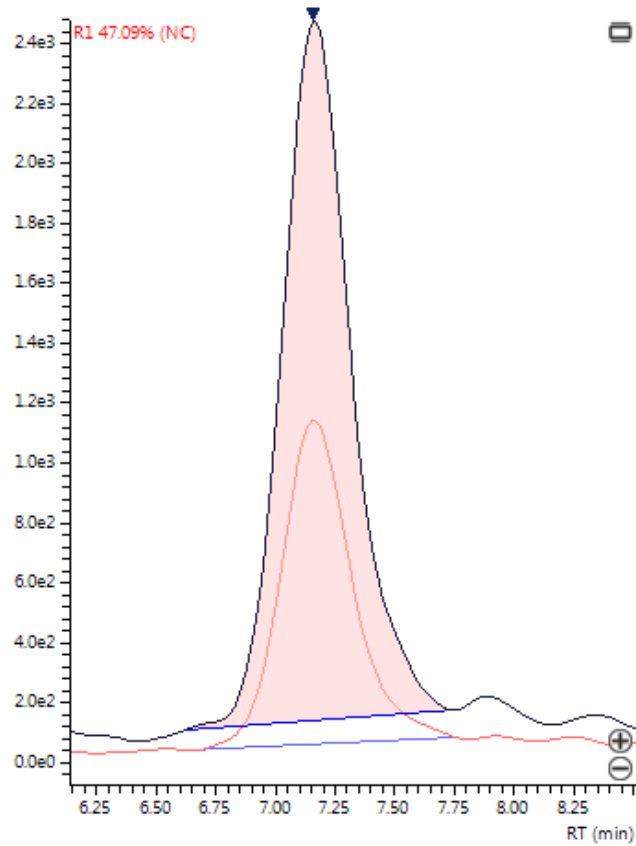


Rt: 6.49 min



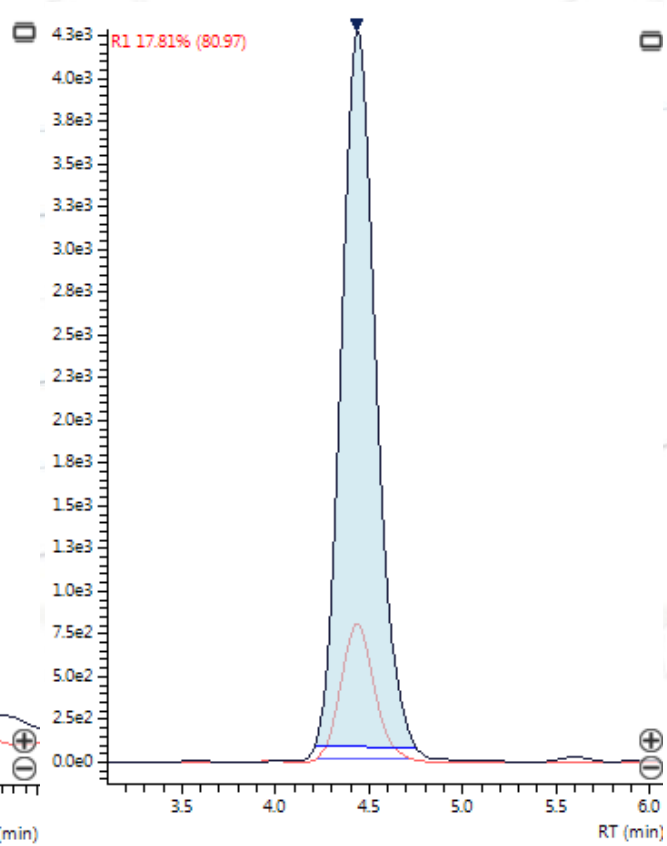
Orange  
50µg/Kg 

# PHOSPHONIC ACID



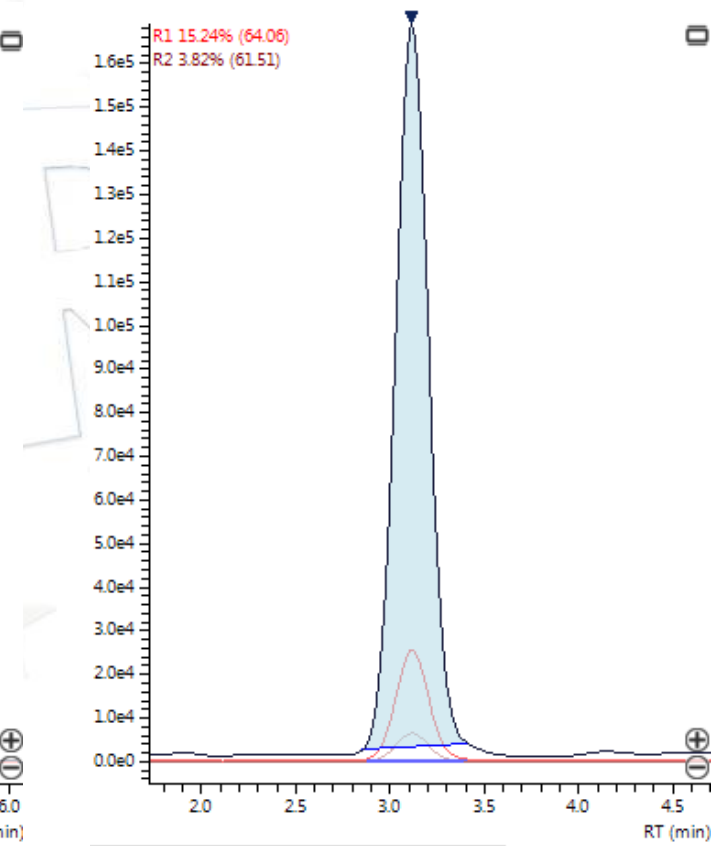
Rt: 7.02 min

# CHLORATE



Rt: 4.60 min

# PERCHLORATE



Rt: 3.22 min

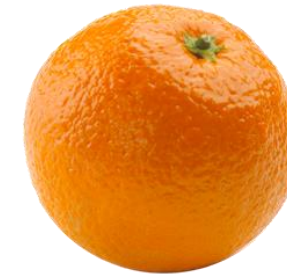
# LIMITS OF QUANTIFICATION ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ )



Tomato  
matrix

	LOQ	MRL
AMPA	10	
Ethephon	20	2000
Fosetyl	10	100000
Glufosinate	10	100
Glyphosate	20	100
N-acetyl-AMPA	20	
Phosphonic acid	50	
Chlorate	20	100
Perchlorate	20	10

# LIMITS OF QUANTIFICATION ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ )



Orange  
matrix

	LOQ	MRL
AMPA	50	
Ethephon	<b>50</b>	50
Fosetyl	<b>10</b>	75000
Glufosinate	<b>10</b>	50
Glyphosate	<b>10</b>	500
N-acetyl-AMPA	20	
Phosphonic acid	50	
Chlorate	<b>20</b>	50
Perchlorate	<b>10</b>	10

# LIMITS OF QUANTIFICATION ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ )



Onion  
matrix

	LOQ	MRL
AMPA	20	
Ethephon	<b>50</b>	50
Fosetyl	<b>10</b>	50000
Glufosinate	<b>10</b>	50
Glyphosate	<b>10</b>	100
N-acetyl-AMPA	20	
Phosphonic acid	50	
Chlorate	<b>10</b>	50
Perchlorate	<b>10</b>	10

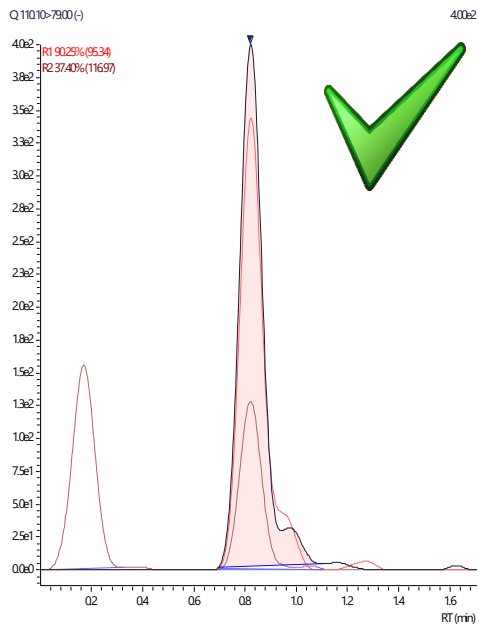
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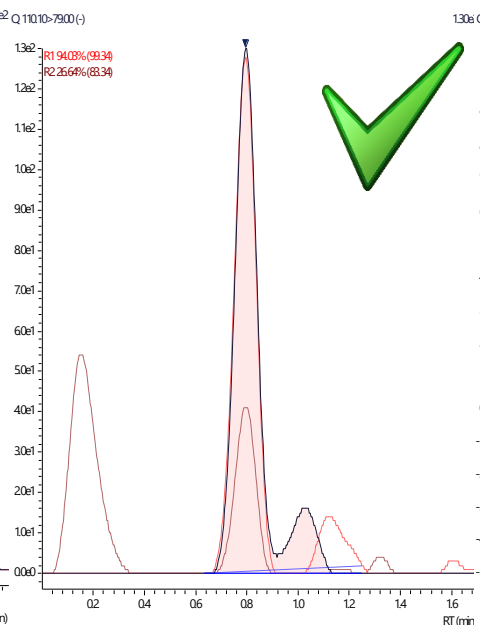
Quince  
matrix

	LOQ	MRL
AMPA	20	
Ethephon	<b>50</b>	50
Fosetyl	<b>10</b>	150000
Glufosinate	<b>10</b>	100
Glyphosate	<b>20</b>	100
N-acetyl-AMPA	10	
Phosphonic acid	50	
Chlorate	<b>20</b>	50
Perchlorate	<b>10</b>	10

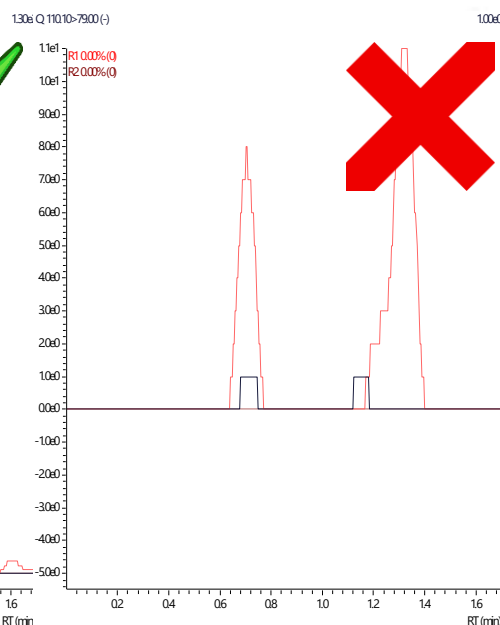
# AMPA 50µg/Kg 30mm column



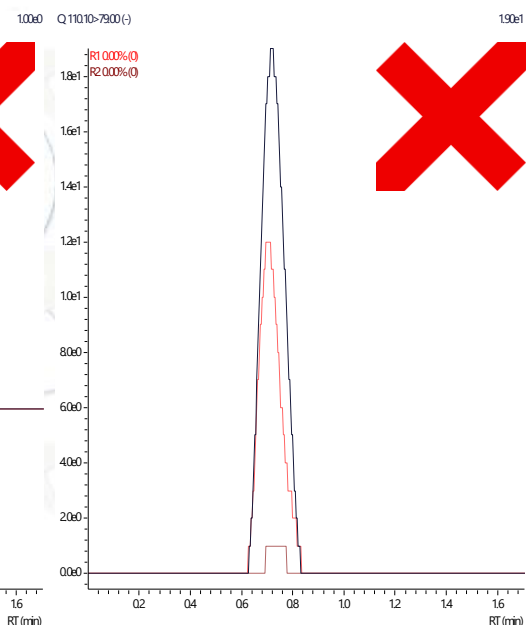
Tomato



Onion

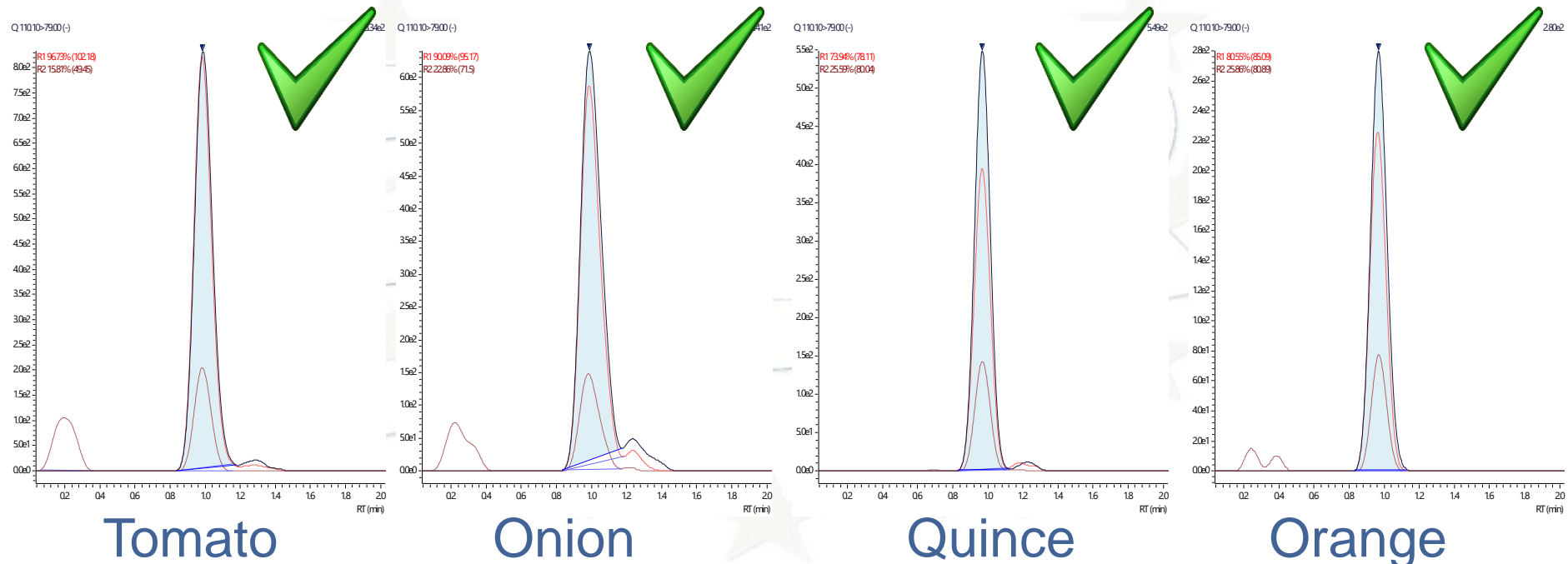


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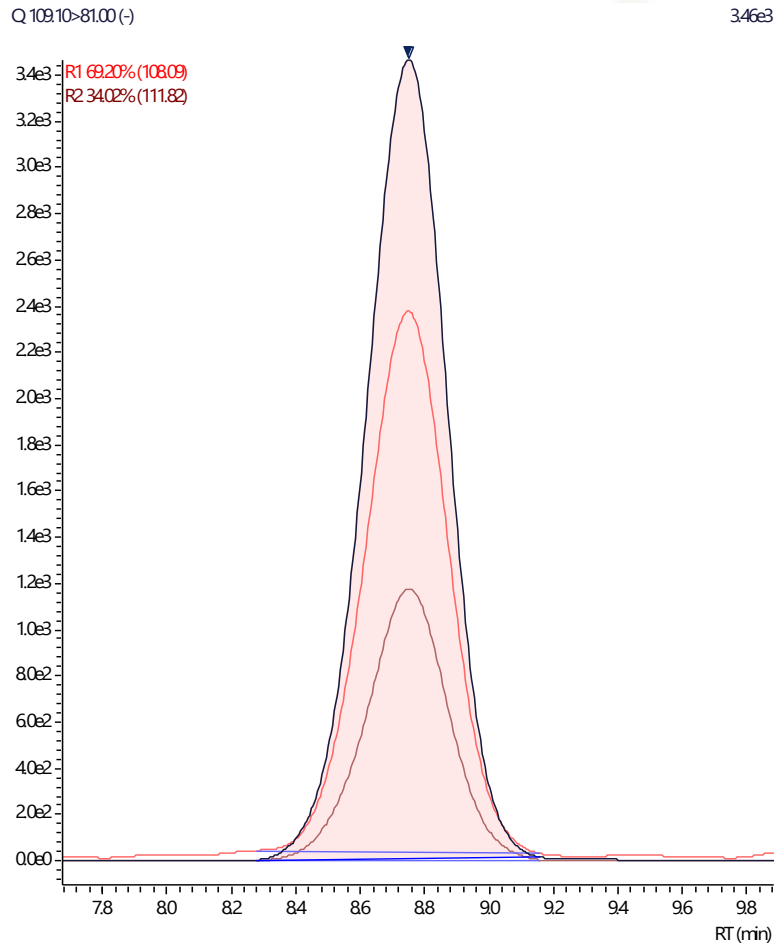
Orange

# AMPA 50ug/L 50mm column





# FOSETYL Retention time 50µg/L tomato



Tomato_50ppb_R1	Unknown	8.593
Tomato_50ppb_R2	Unknown	8.591
Tomato_50ppb_R3	Unknown	8.586
Tomato_50ppb_R4	Unknown	8.574
Tomato_50ppb_R5	Unknown	8.577
Tomato_50ppb_R6	Unknown	8.557
Tomato_50ppb_R7	Unknown	8.549
Tomato_50ppb_R8	Unknown	8.548
Tomato_50ppb_R9	Unknown	8.540
Tomato_50ppb_R10	Unknown	8.534
Tomato_50ppb_R11	Unknown	8.527
Tomato_50ppb_R12	Unknown	8.526
Tomato_50ppb_R13	Unknown	8.517
Tomato_50ppb_R14	Unknown	8.511
Tomato_50ppb_R15	Unknown	8.510
Tomato_50ppb_R16	Unknown	8.500
Tomato_50ppb_R17	Unknown	8.497
Tomato_50ppb_R18	Unknown	8.492
Tomato_50ppb_R19	Unknown	8.492
Tomato_50ppb_R20	Unknown	8.484
Tomato_50ppb_R21	Unknown	8.475
Tomato_50ppb_R22	Unknown	8.470
Tomato_50ppb_R23	Unknown	8.462
Tomato_50ppb_R24	Unknown	8.451
Tomato_50ppb_R25	Unknown	8.451



# FOSETYL Retention time

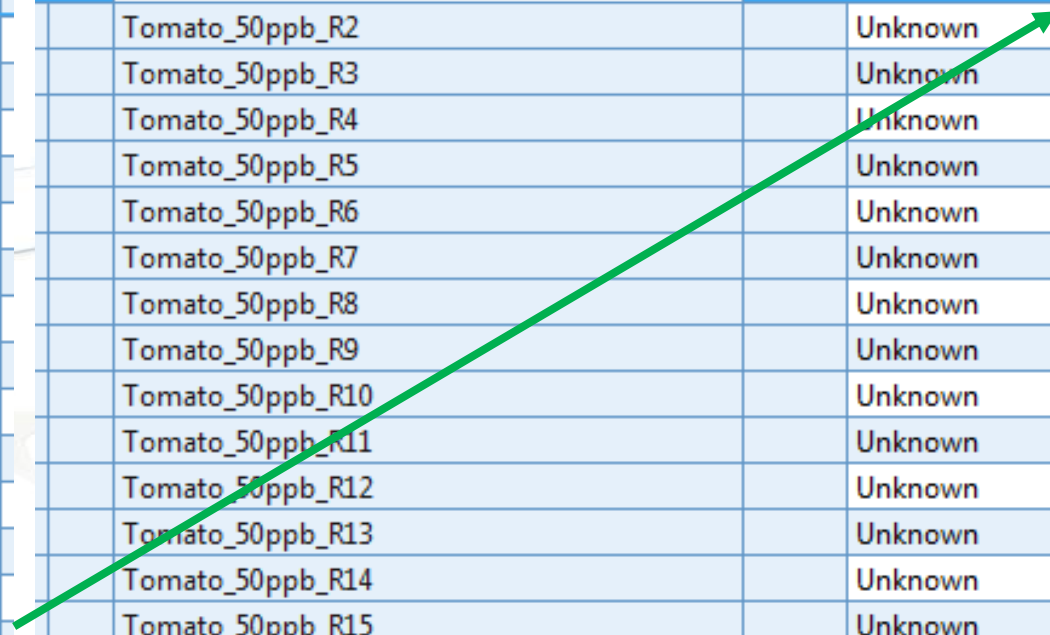
## 50µg/L tomato

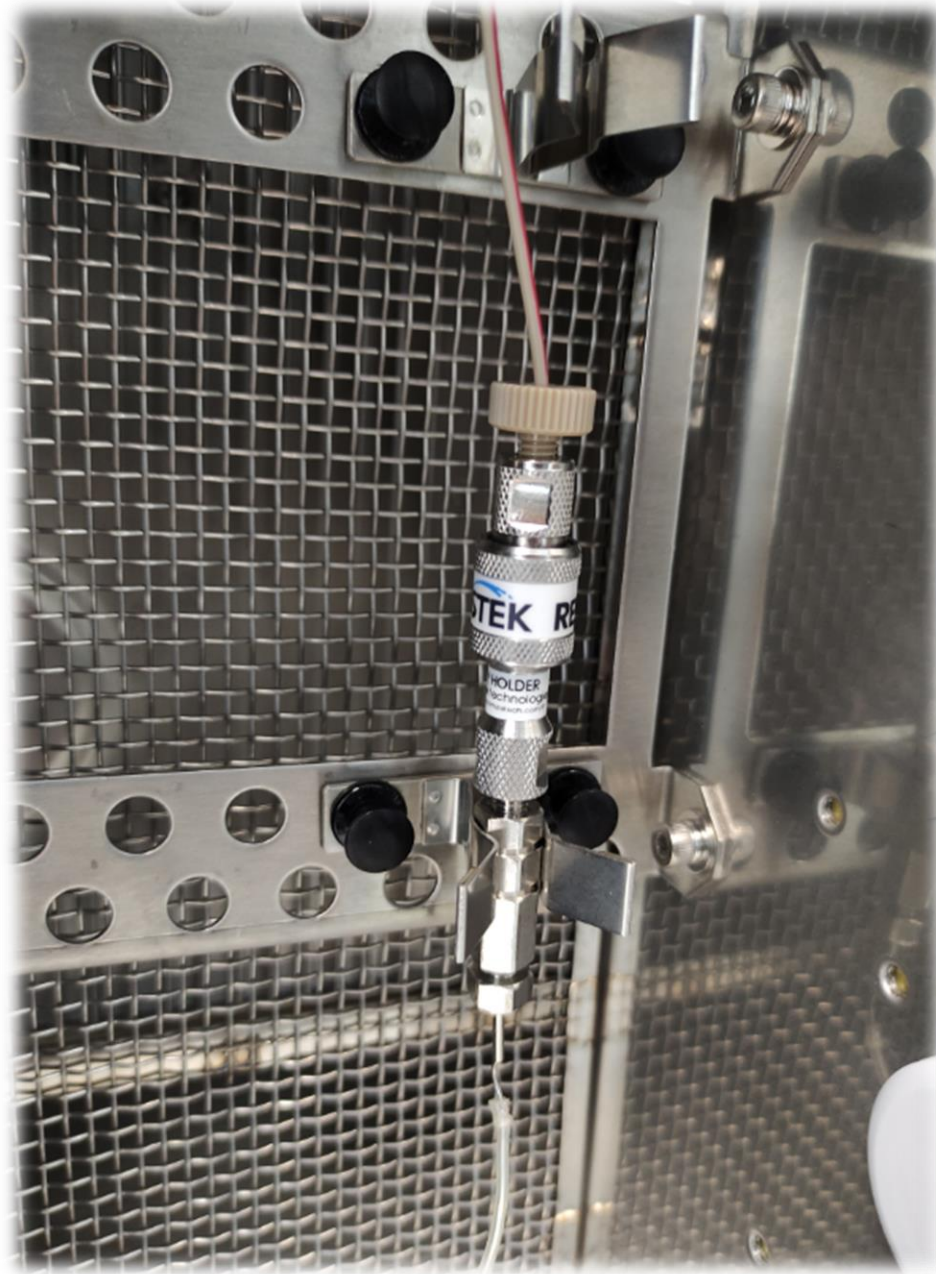
BEFORE CHANGING GUARD-COLUMN  
CARTRIDGE

AFTER CHANGING GUARD-COLUMN  
CARTRIDGE

Tomato_50ppb_R1	Unknown	8.750
Tomato_50ppb_R2	Unknown	8.742
Tomato_50ppb_R3	Unknown	8.733
Tomato_50ppb_R4	Unknown	8.733
Tomato_50ppb_R5	Unknown	8.721
Tomato_50ppb_R6	Unknown	8.722
Tomato_50ppb_R7	Unknown	8.711
Tomato_50ppb_R8	Unknown	8.706
Tomato_50ppb_R9	Unknown	8.710
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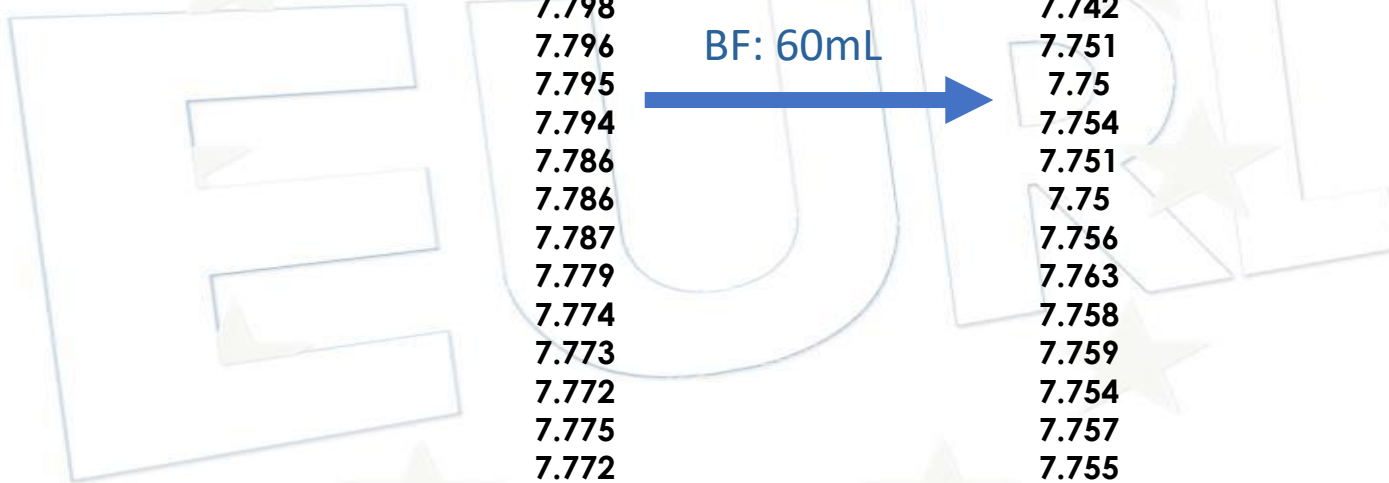


BACKFLUSHING:

WATER (1% Formic acid)

Flow: 1mL/min (60 min)

**RETENTION TIME**  
**30 Injections**  
**FOSETYL 50ppb Onion**



BACKFLUSHING WITH WATER  
 (1% Formic acid)  
 Flow: 1mL/min (60 min)

7.83	7.773
7.826	7.77
7.826	7.765
7.82	7.766
7.817	7.763
7.805	7.764
7.809	7.756
7.805	7.748
7.803	7.753
7.799	7.751
7.8	7.752
7.798	7.742
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7.794	7.754
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7.779	7.763
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7.772	7.755
7.766	7.756
7.766	7.754
7.765	7.757
7.767	7.756
7.759	7.754
7.758	7.749

Rt diff.  
 (1st-30th)

0.072

0.024

Rt diff.  
 (1st-30th)

# CONCLUSIONS

- A method of 10 polar analytes was optimized using this new hybrid column technology
- All the compounds were identified at the same or below MRL levels in the four matrices studied (tomato, orange, onion, and quince)
- N-acetyl-glyphosate cannot be detected due to the properties of the stationary phase and at least 50mm column size is necessary to detect AMPA in some matrices.
- A backflushing method is being developed to reduce the decrease of the compound's retention time after multiple injections.

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