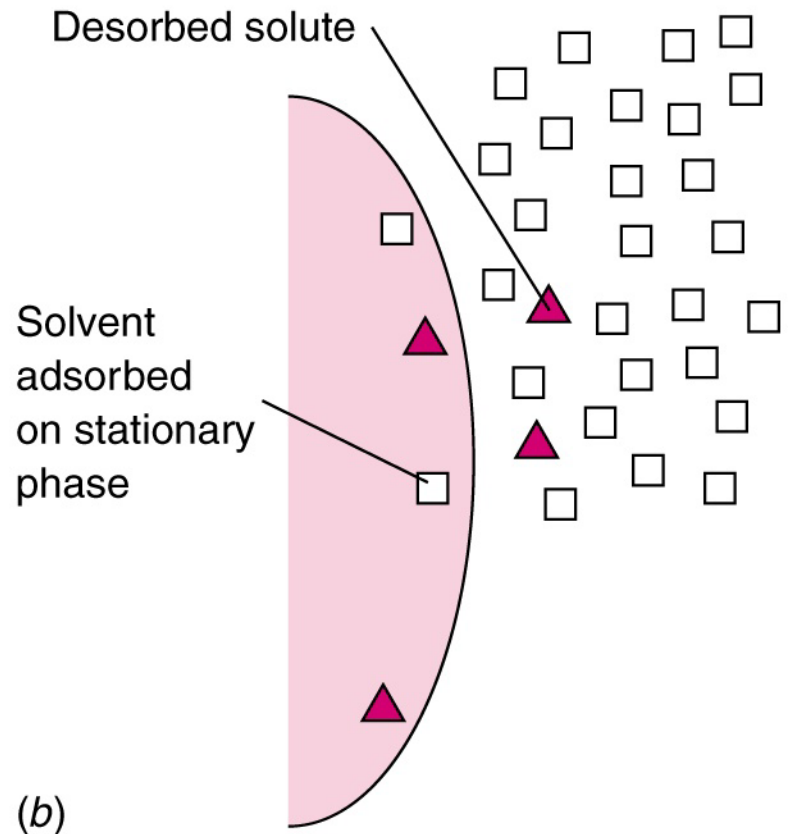
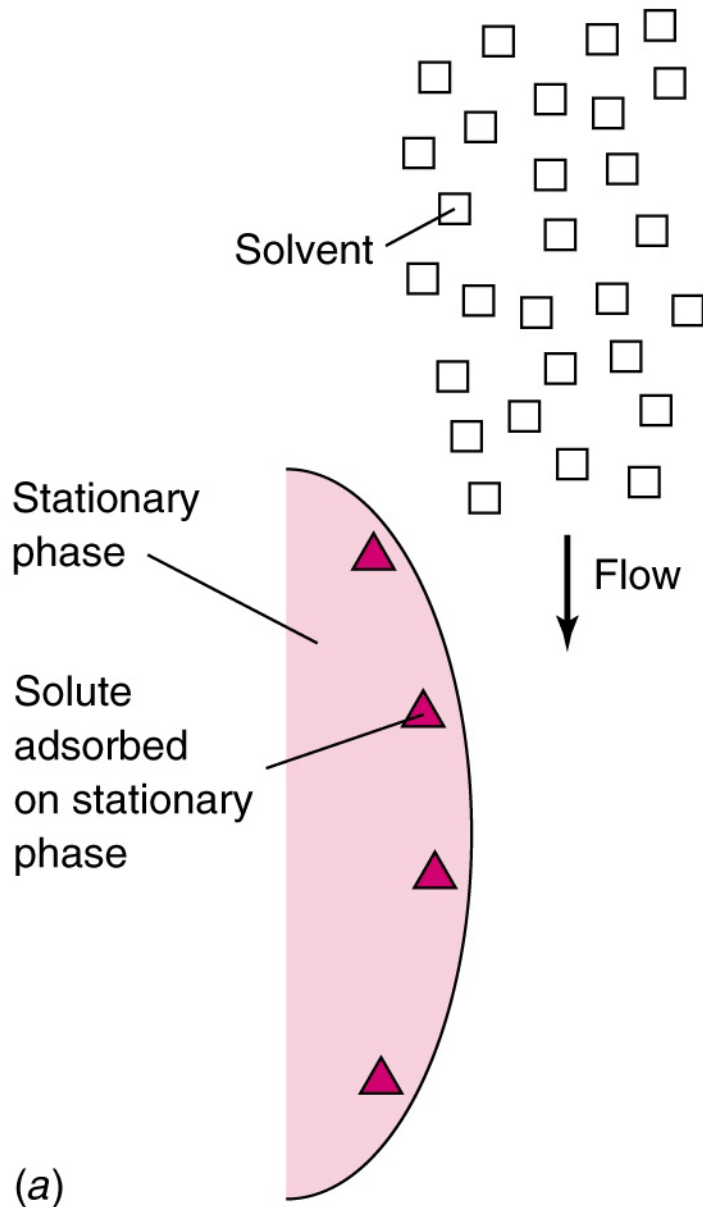


# liquid chromatography!

Competition for solute adsorption  
on stationary phase by mobile phase  
solvent!



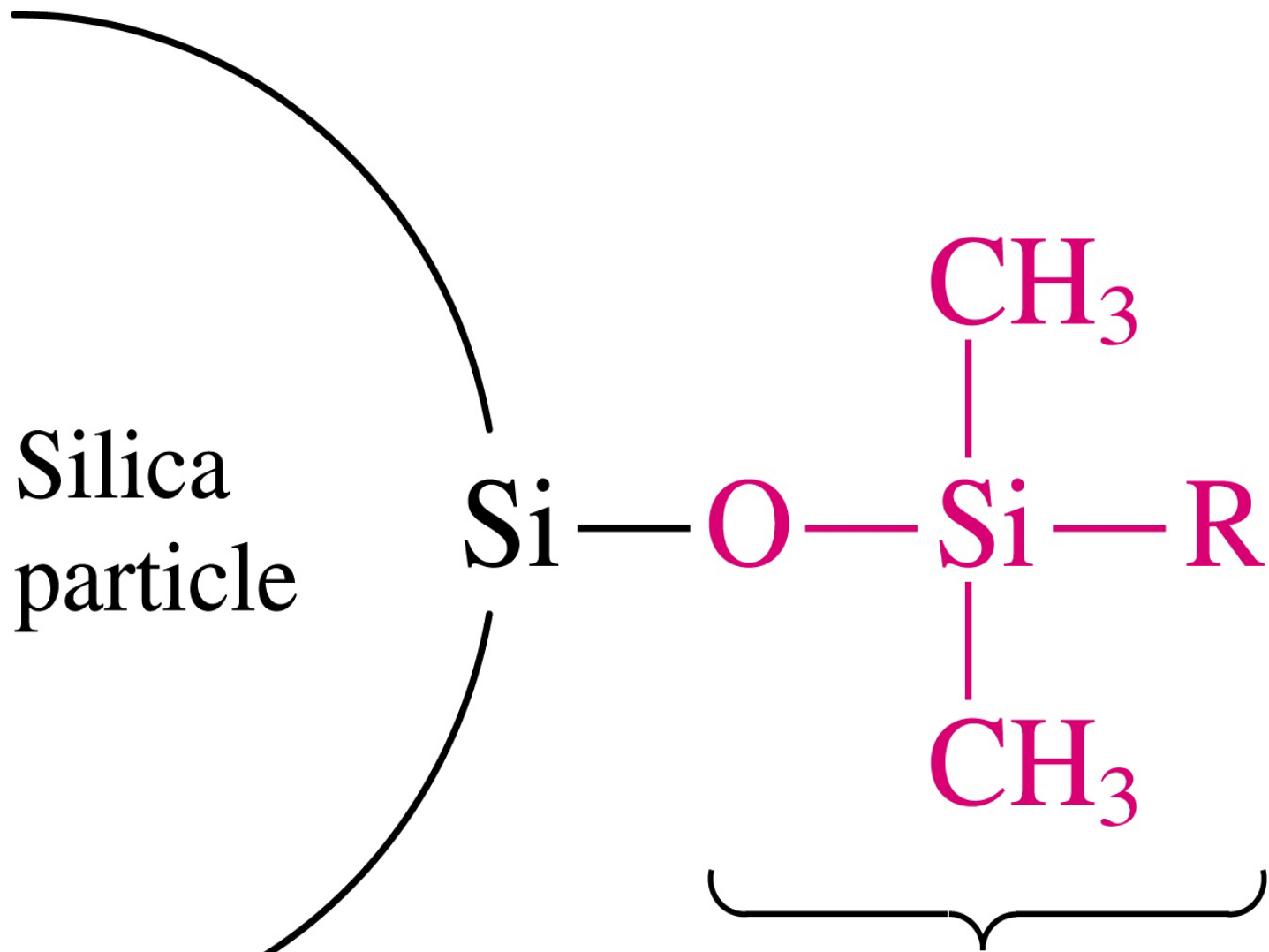
## Liquid Chromatography --stationary phases!

**Normal Phase Liquid Chromatography**---use polar stationary phase packing (silica particles) and non-polar mobile phase

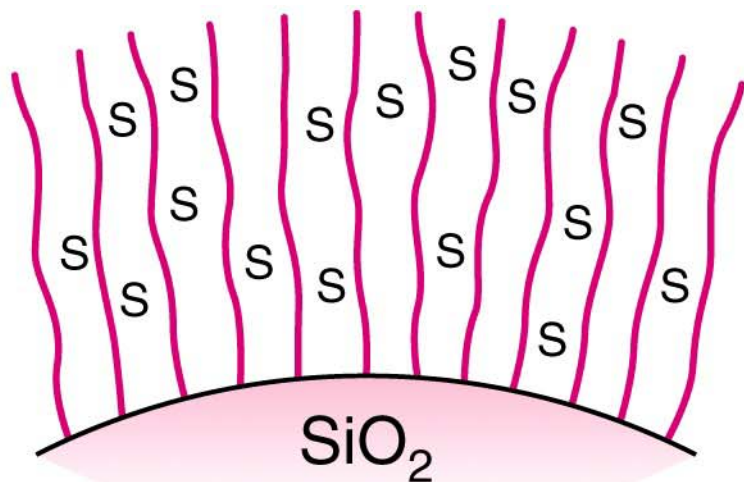
Elution order---non-polar species elute first---polar species elute last!

**Reversed Phase (RP) Liquid Chromatography**--use non-polar stationary phase (silica particles derivatized with organic coating) and polar mobile phase (water or alcohol, or acetonitrile, or mixture of these).

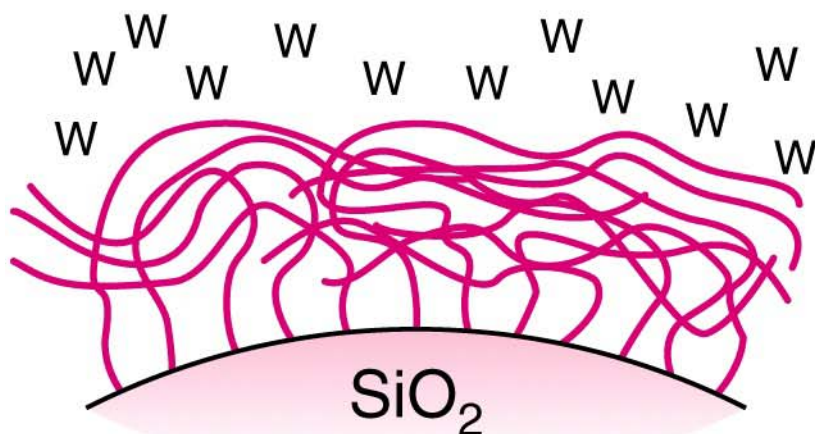
Eluent strength----in RP---more eluent strength when more of a less polar solvent is added to the mobile phase composition! This means  $K$  decreases for organic species (lower  $t_r$  value) by increasing eluent strength!



Bonded stationary  
phase

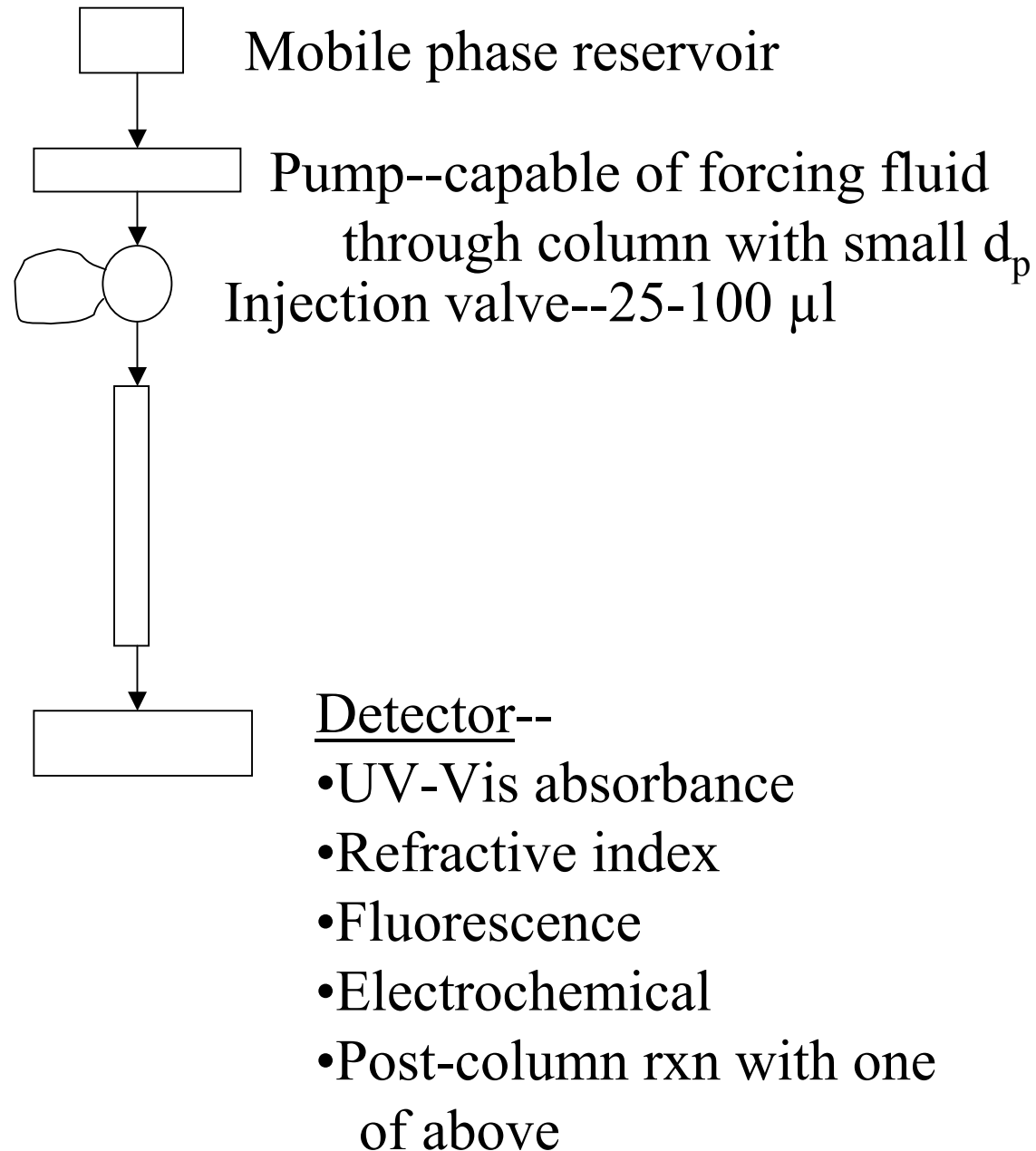


Stationary phase  $\text{C}_{18}$  chains extended straight in strongly solvating (organic) mobile phase, S



Collapsed  $\text{C}_{18}$  chains in weakly solvating (aqueous) mobile phase, W

## Components of HPLC system:



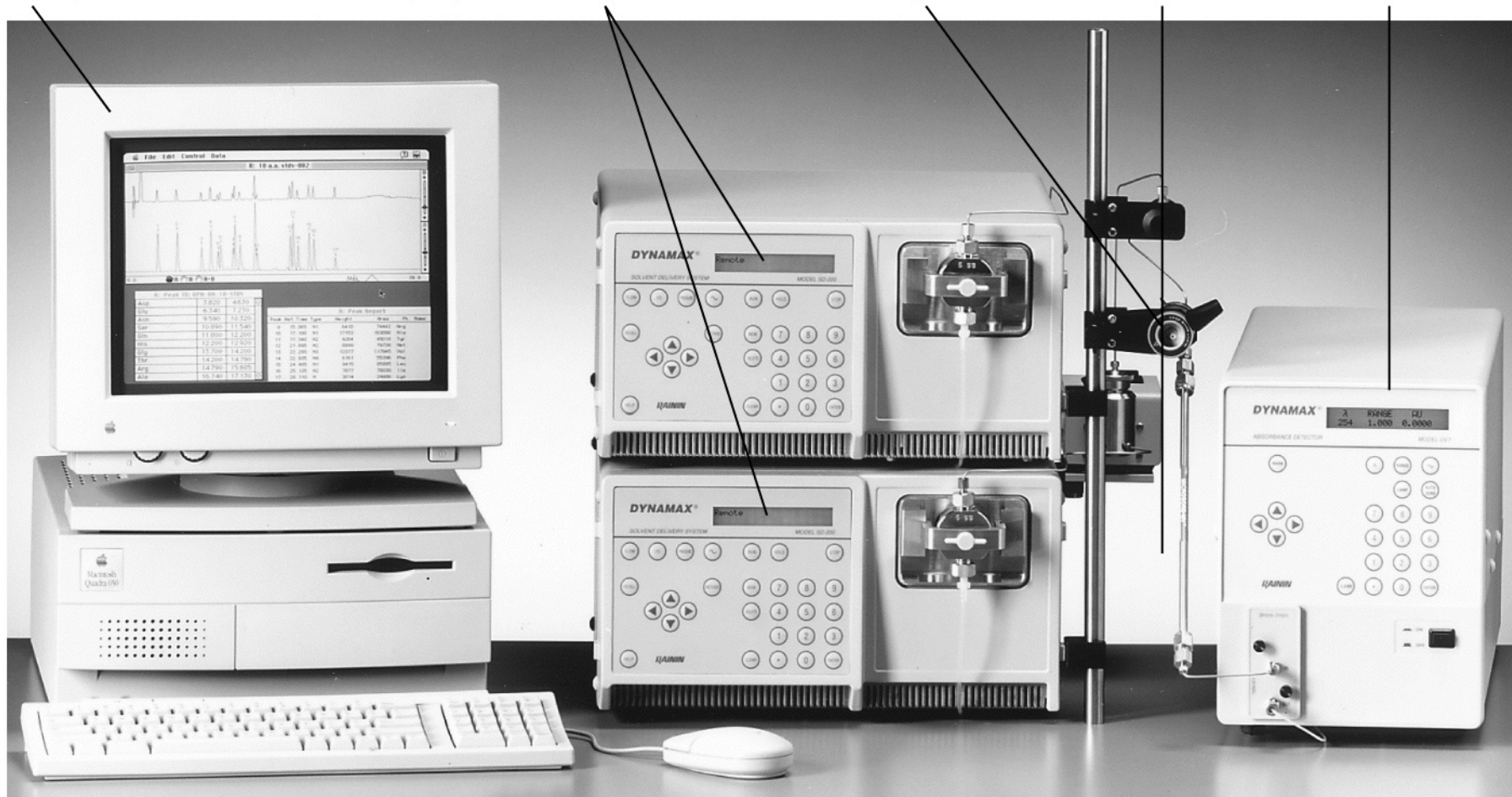
Computer for control and display

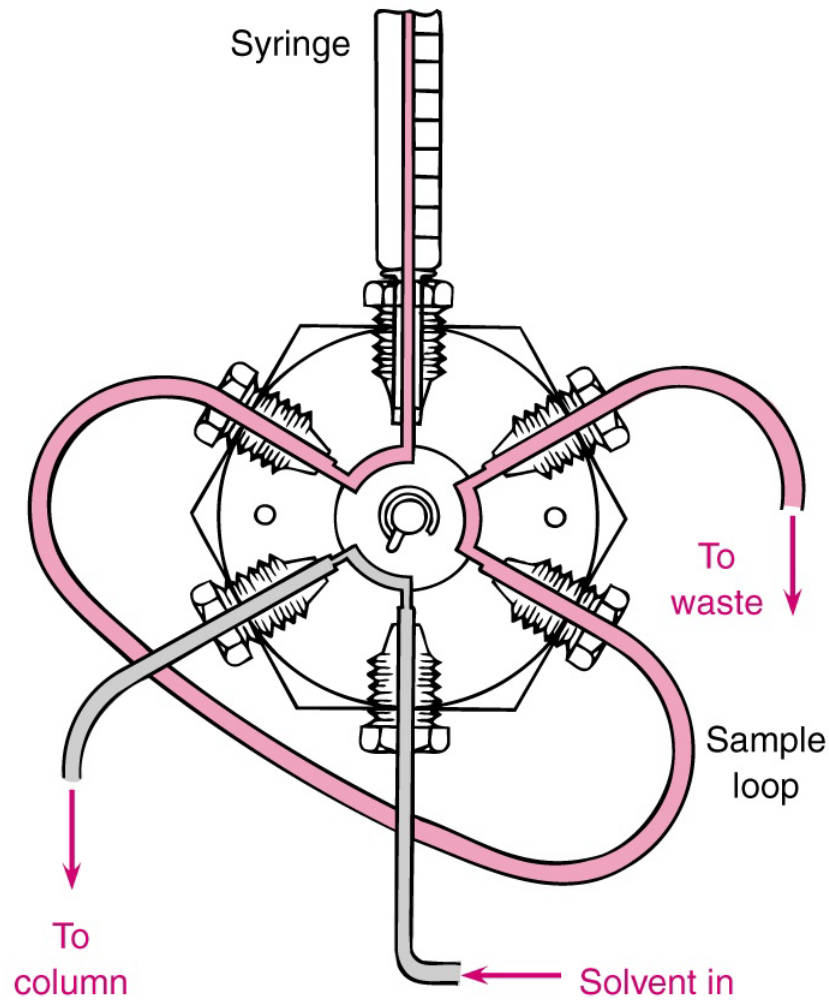
Two pumps for  
gradient elution

Injection  
port

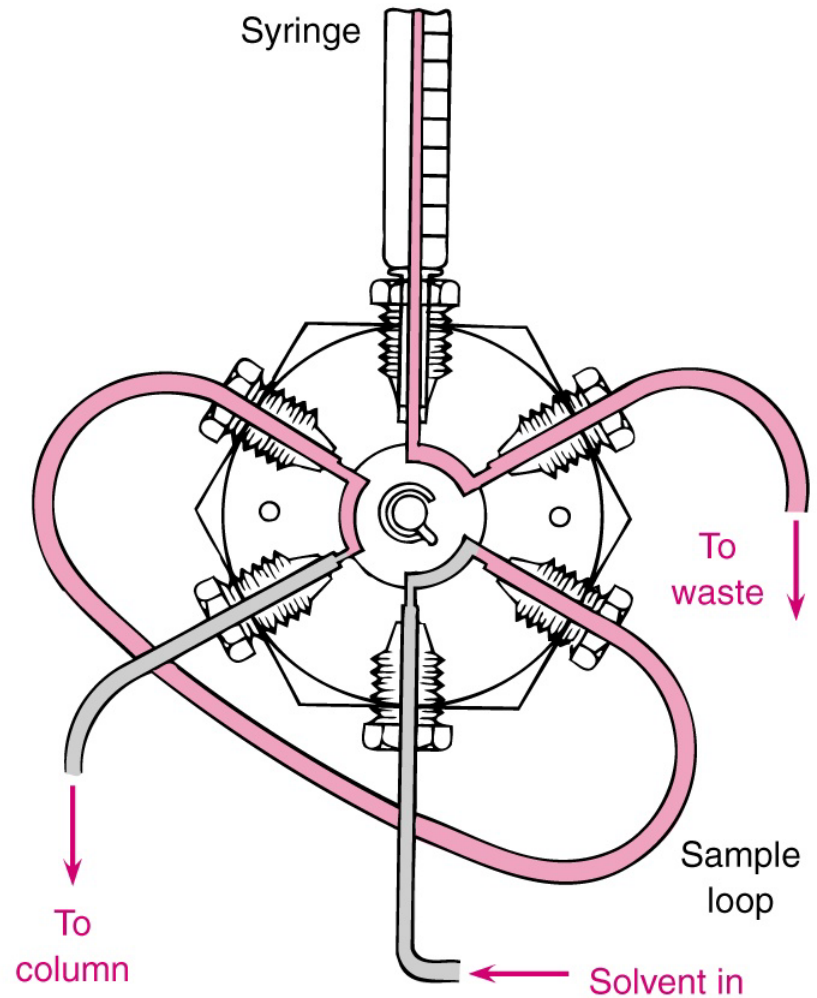
Column

Ultraviolet  
detector





Load position  
(a)

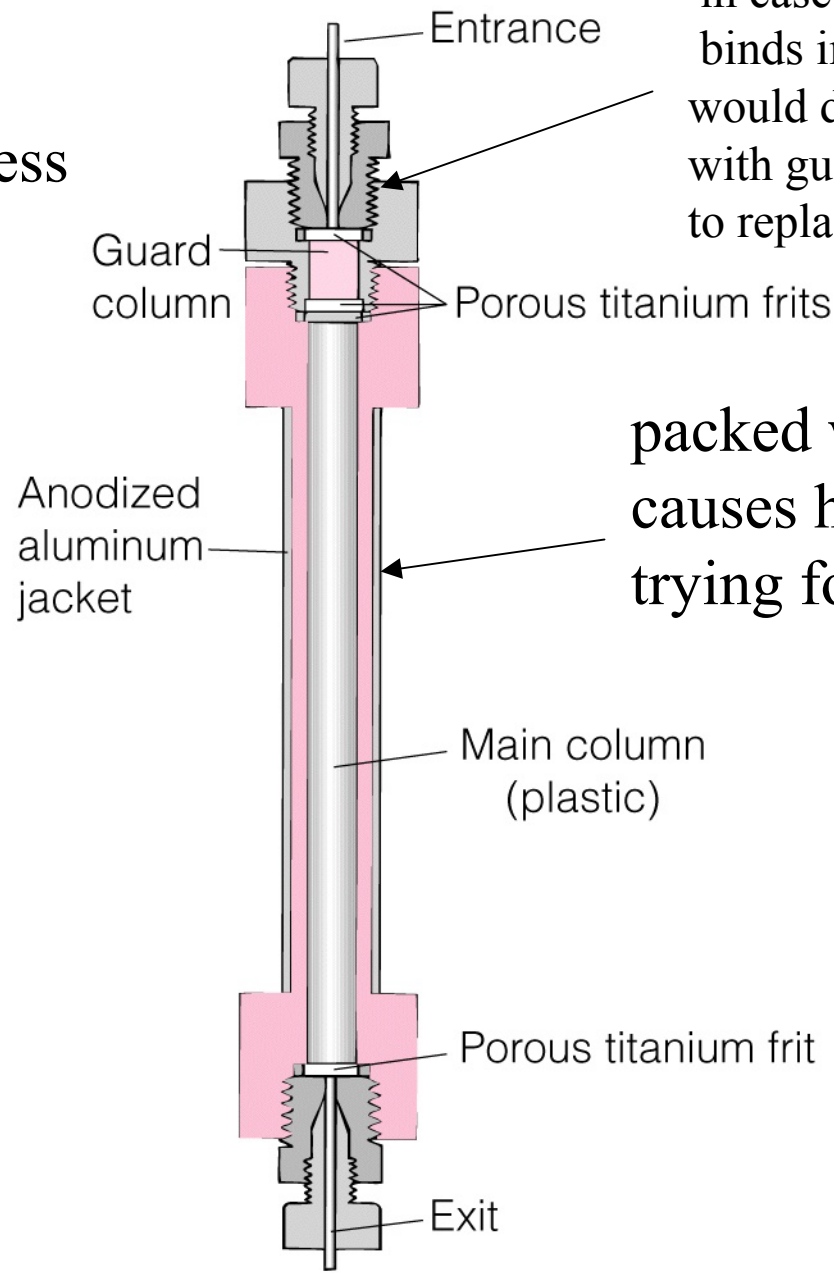


Inject position  
(b)

Injection loop---defines precise volume injected onto column---  
--very reproducible from injection to injection!! (10-250  $\mu\text{L}$  loops)

# HPLC columns---

can also be  
made of all stainless  
steel!

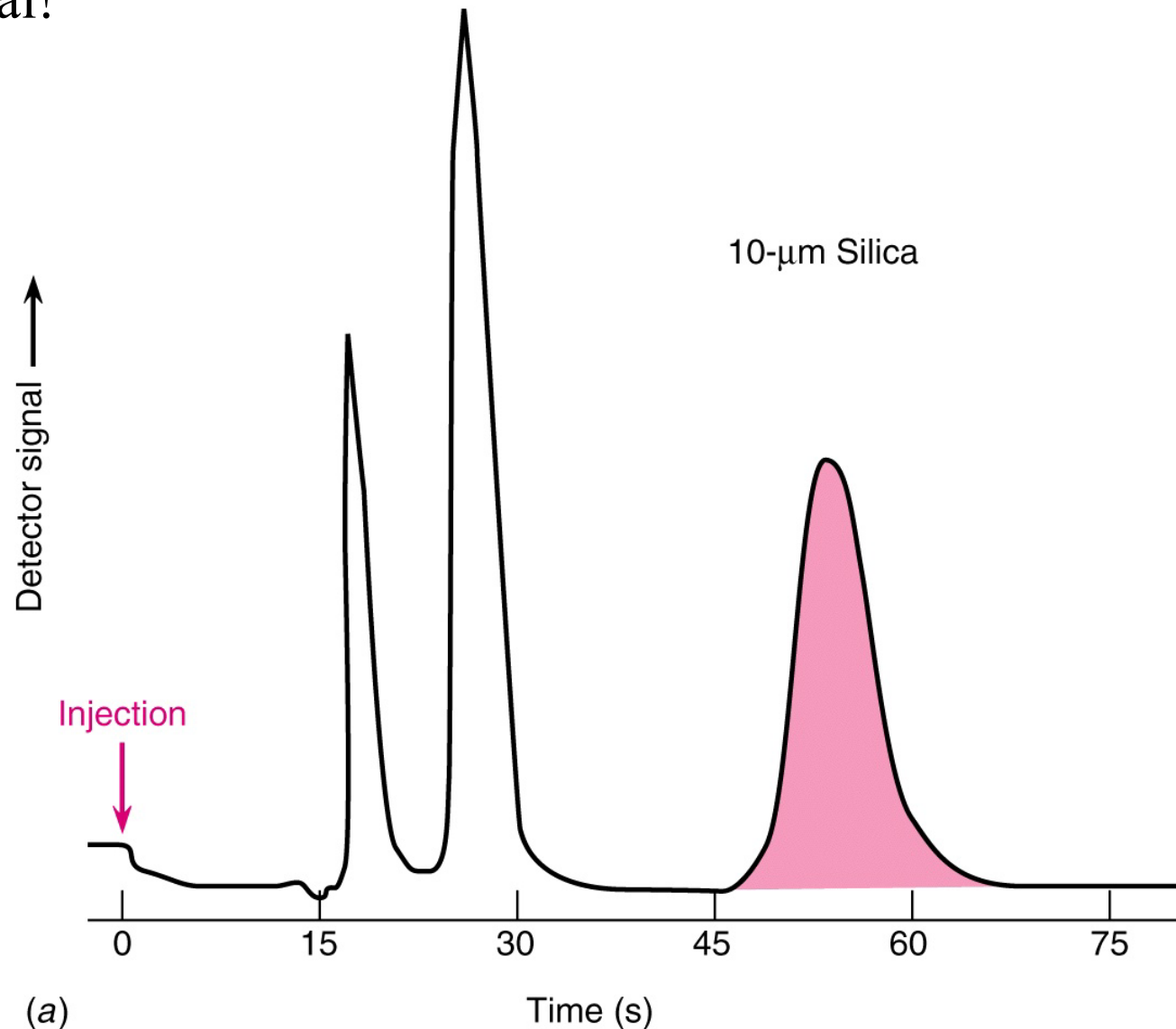


guard column---made of same  
packing as main column---present  
in case some species present that  
binds irreversibly to stationary phase-  
would destroy entire column---but  
with guard---you only need  
to replace this component!

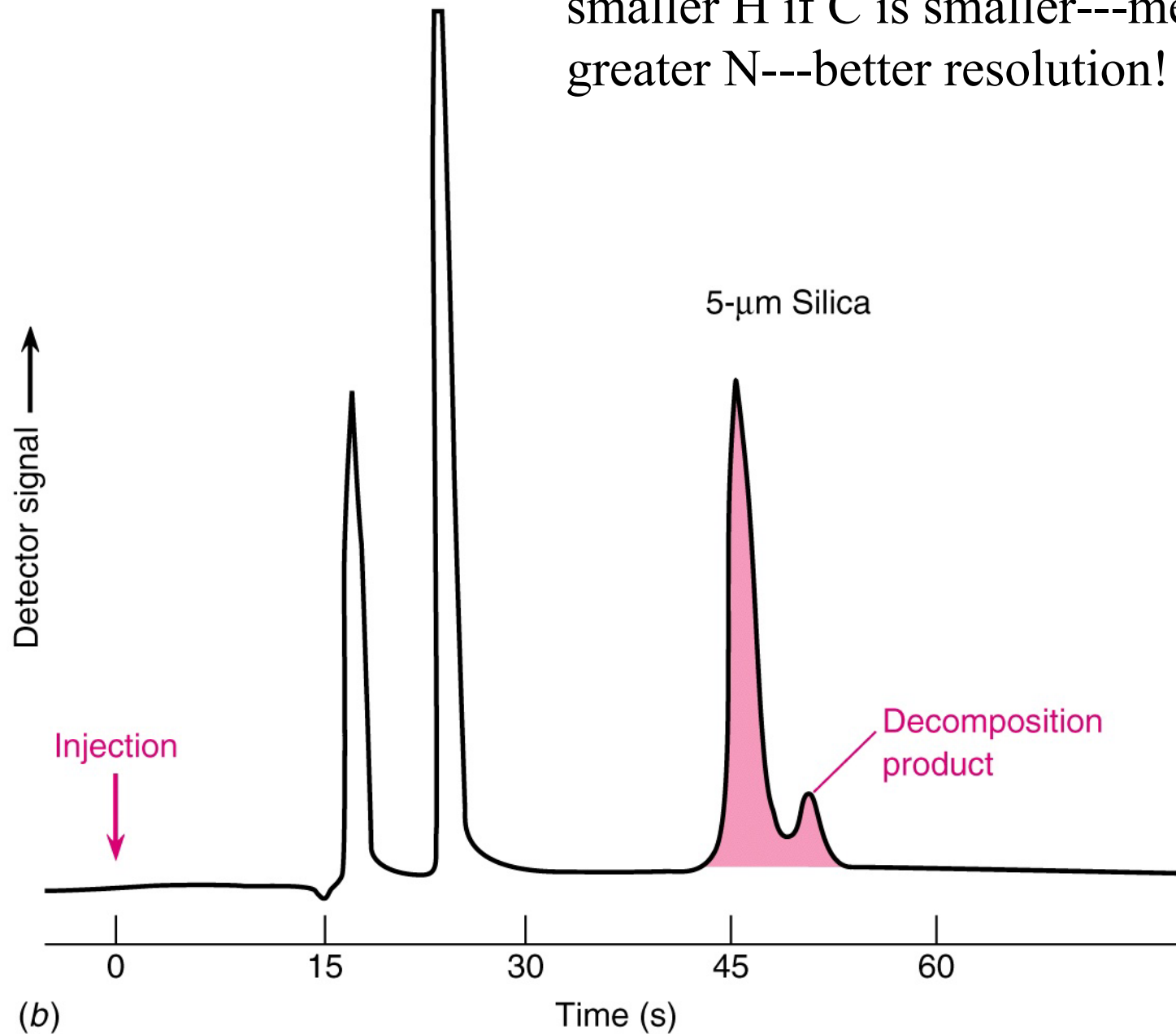
packed with small particles-  
causes high pressure when  
trying to force liquid through

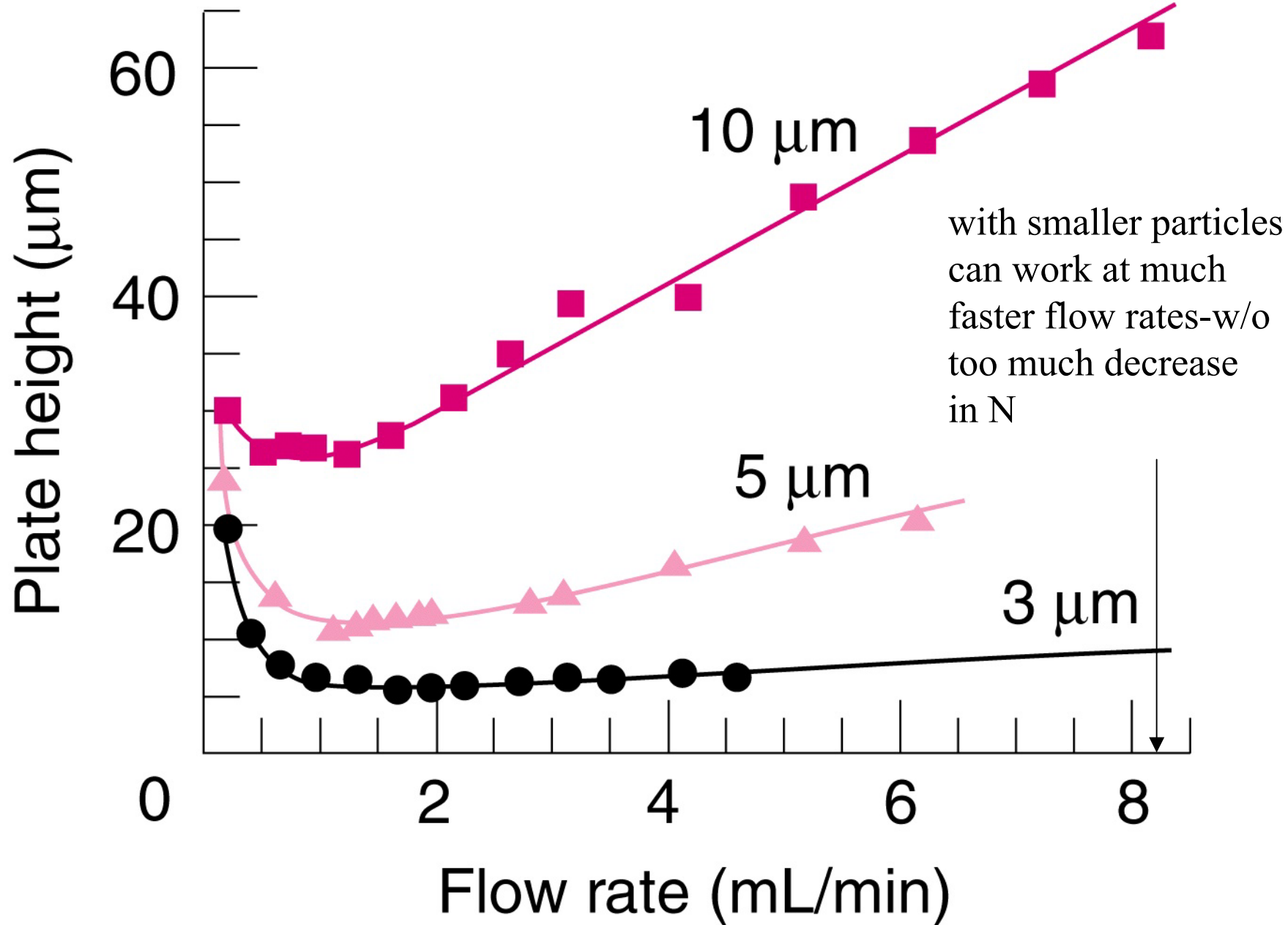


Effect of size of packing material on separation!!---smaller is better  
C-term of van-Deemter equation depends on  $d_p$  ---diameter of packing material!

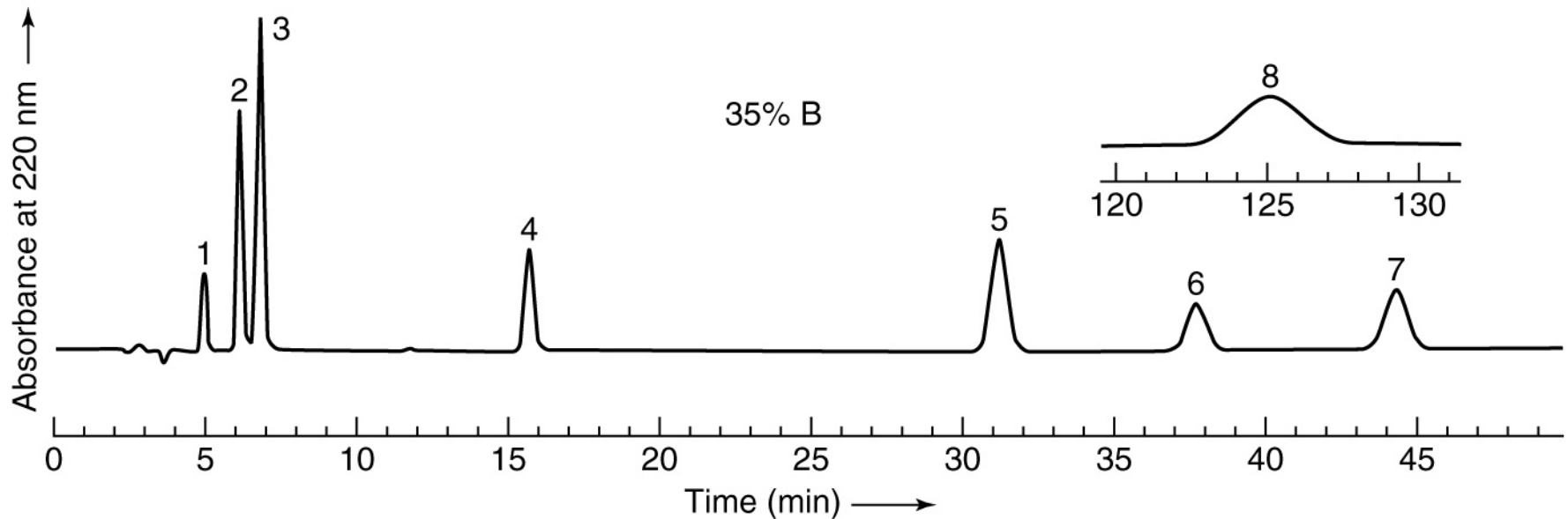


smaller H if C is smaller---means  
greater N---better resolution!

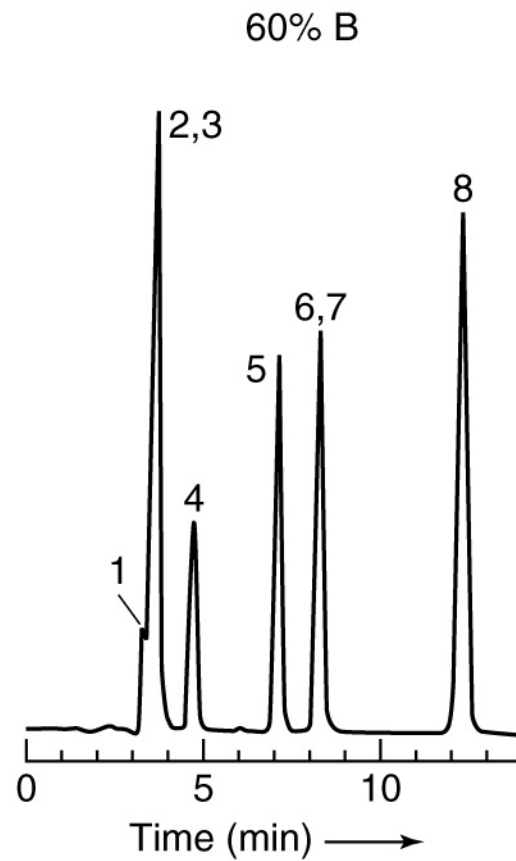
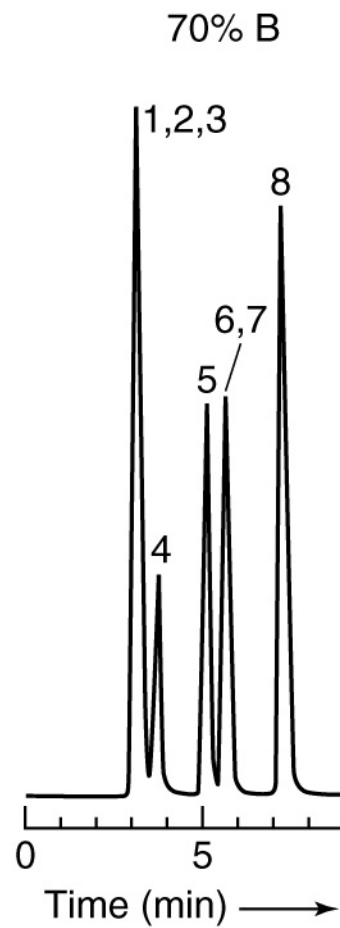
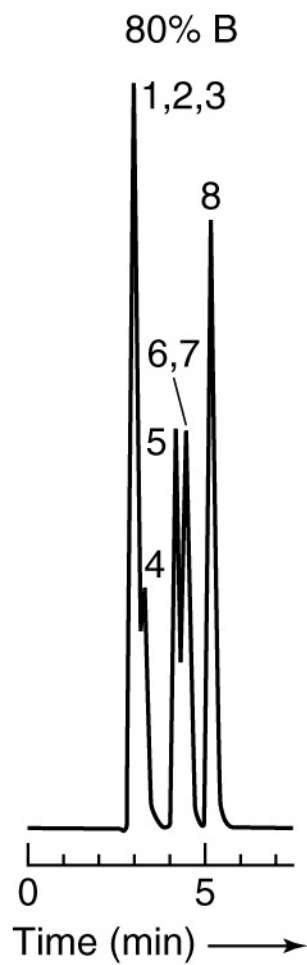
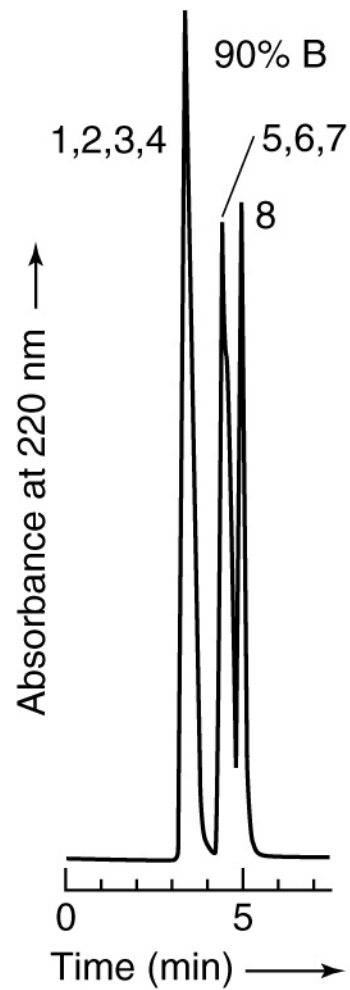




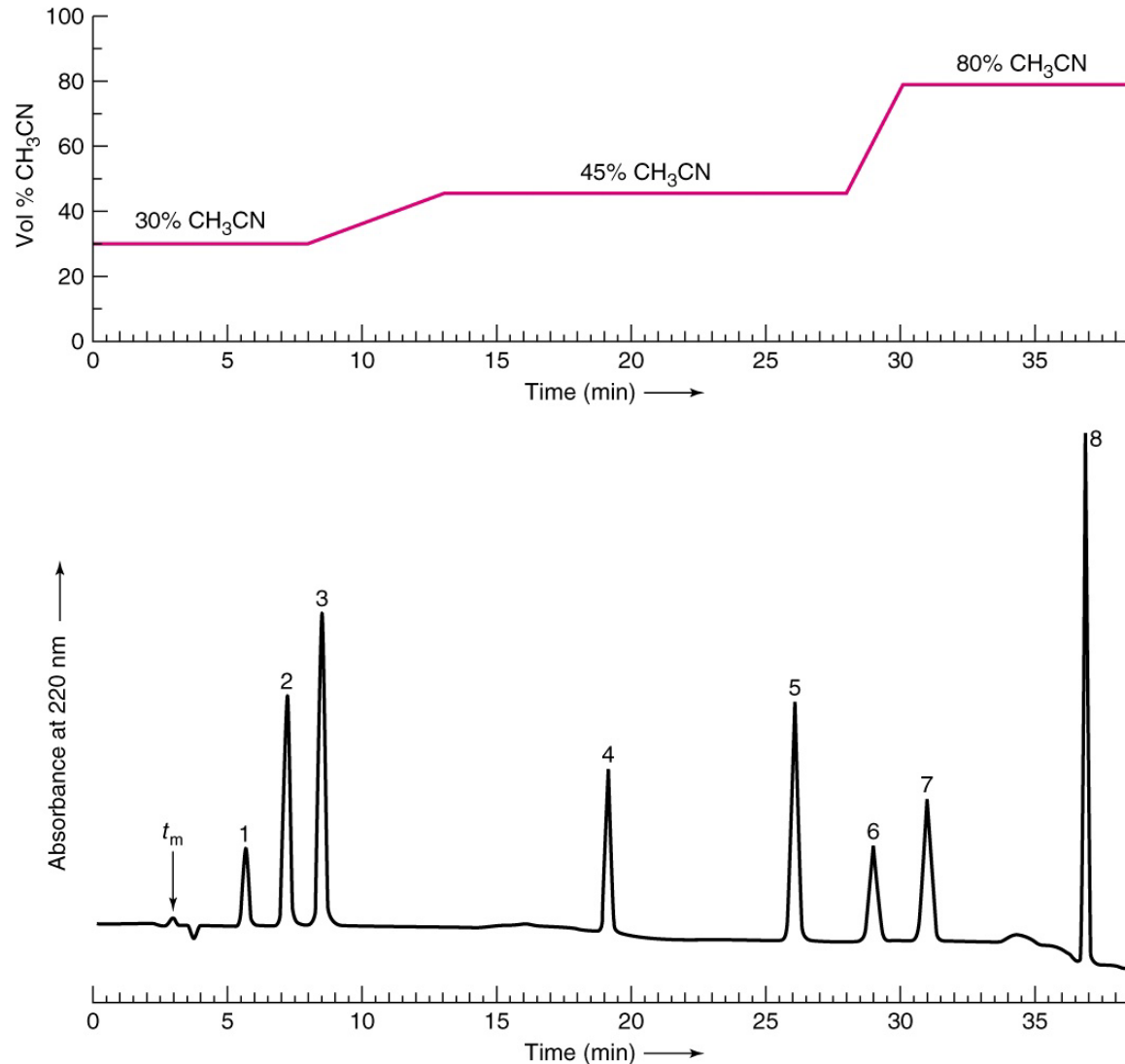
solutes--separated by **isocratic** mobile phase conditions----same mobile phase composition throughout the separation!---A is aqueous buffer---B is acetonitrile!



solutes with large K values---elute very very late----slows analysis time!!--



**solution to problem---Use Gradient Elution---ala temperature programming in GC---change K for longer retention solutes--by changing mobile phase composition during separation!**



## Detectors---in LC---

most often use UV-vis  
absorption---with low dead  
volume detector!

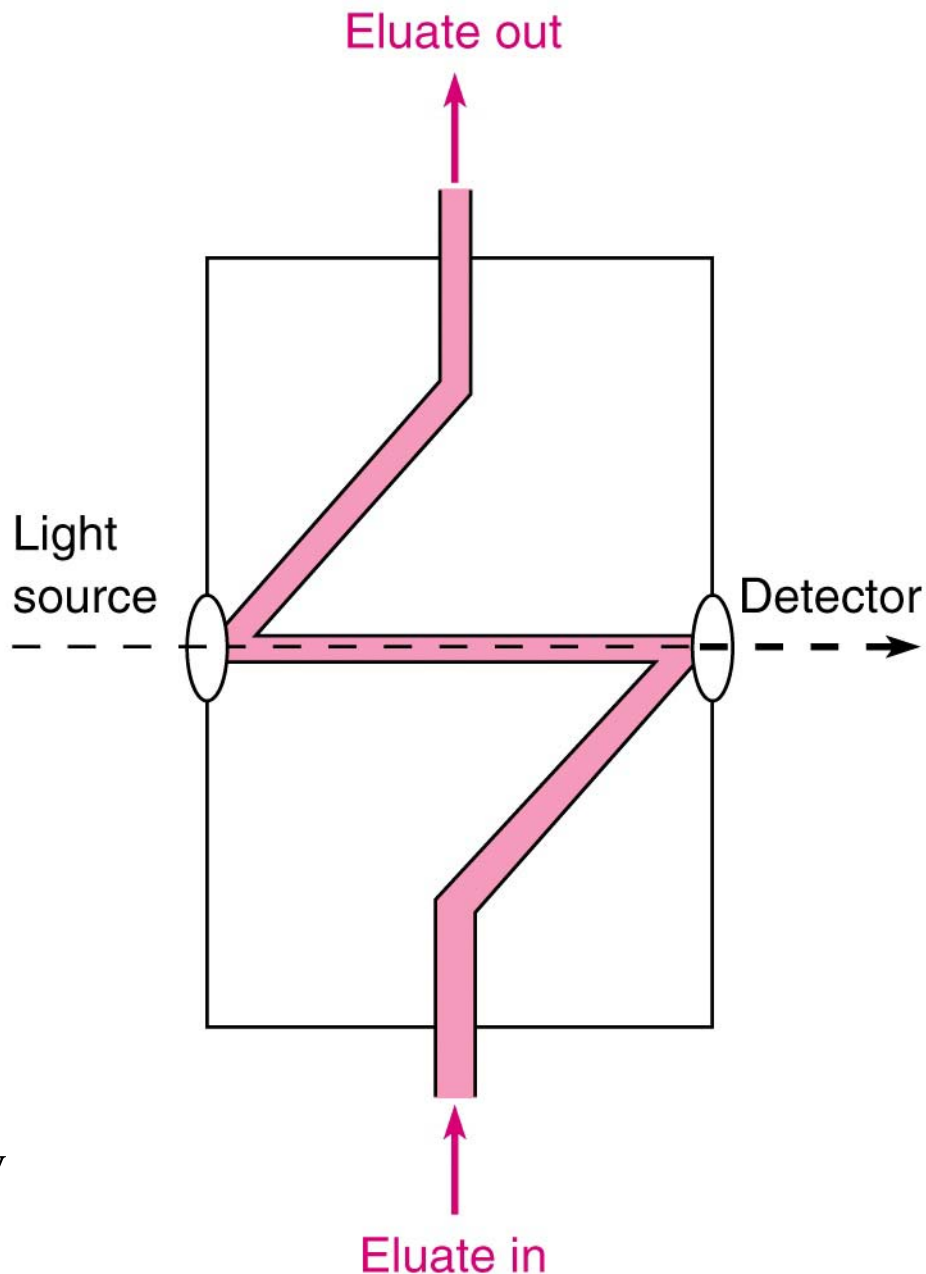
diode array to obtain  
full spectrum of each solute

or fixed wavelength---

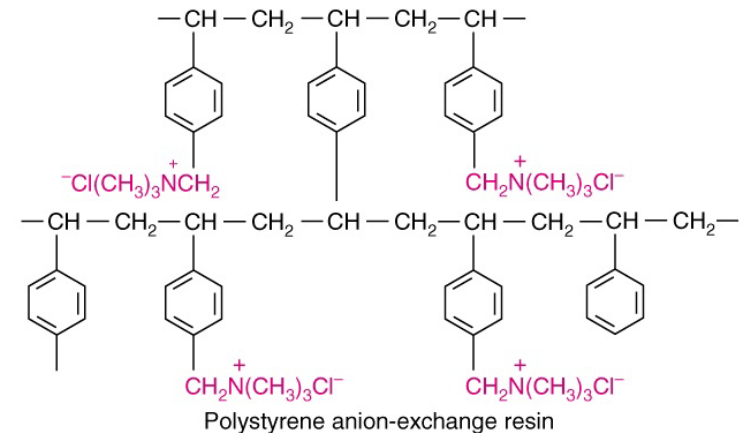
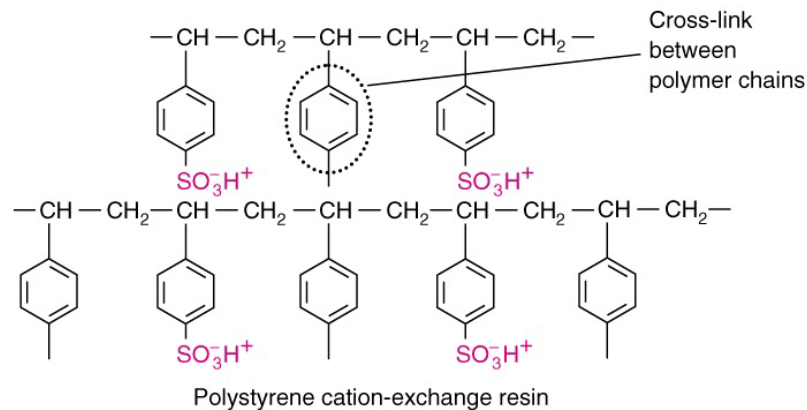
also--refractive index detectors

Can also use electrochemical  
detectors (including  
conductivity, amperometric  
potentiometric, etc.)

And---LC-MS; use electrospray  
MS system as detector!



**Ion-Exchange chromatography**---also an HPLC method---K based on electrostatic interaction of ions with charged stationary phases!--

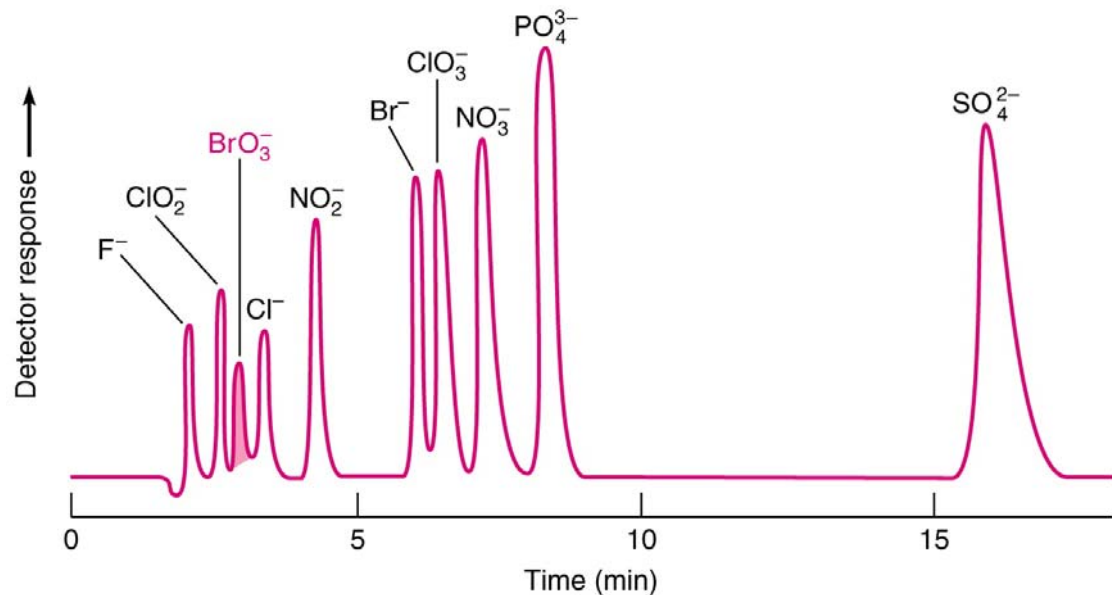
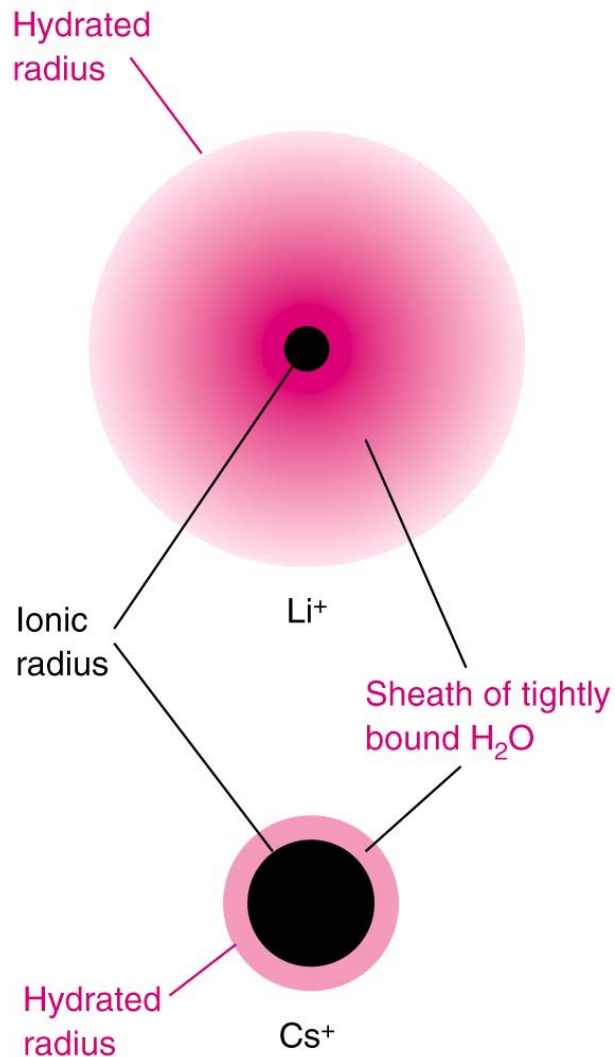


in case of cation exchange column---need to keep fixed concentration of given cation in mobile phase---usually by using acidic pH of mobile phase!

ion-exchange equilibrium:







for cation exchange:

$t_r$  for  $\text{Cs}^+ > \text{Rb}^+ > \text{K}^+ > \text{Na}^+ > \text{Li}^+$

larger ions are retained longer (with same charge and e-config)---K larger!  
and trivalent > divalent > monovalent!

suppressor---  
forms neutral  
species from  
mobile phase  
components---  
so background  
conductivity is  
low!!

