

HPLC Troubleshooting

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Overview

The ability to identify and correct problems with HPLC or UHPLC separations is an important skill for practising chromatographers. In addition to the mechanical or electronic problems that can compromise the performance of instrument modules, changes in the chemical or physical characteristics of the column and/or unintentional changes in mobile phase chemistry can alter the quality of the separation.

This one-day course is designed to equip analytical scientists with the knowledge and tools required to correctly diagnose mechanical or chemical problems in HPLC or UHPLC separations. The course includes details of simple tests that can be performed to help identify the cause of the problem as well as simple precautions that can be taken to prevent faults occurring in the first place.

- Review of HPLC theory as it applies to troubleshooting and instrument maintenance
- Operating principles of each module in a HPLC/UHPLC system
- Performance qualification (PQ) is so important
- Techniques for systematic problem solving and instrument maintenance
- Preventing common hardware problems and method failures

Course Programme

Chromatographic Theory and Troubleshooting Principles

- Causes of adsorptive interactions in HPLC
- Chromatographic behaviour of acids and bases
- Revision of chromatographic theory
- Record-keeping
- Tips for effective troubleshooting
- Using information from system suitability tests
- Tubing and extra-column dispersion

Pump Problems

- Different pump types
- Common problems with HPLC pumps
- Flow rate and leak tests

Detector Problems

- Common detector types and characteristics
- Noise and drift tests
- Mobile phase absorbance in UV detection
- MS and evaporative detector-compatible mobile phases
- Effect of flow-cell volume
- Selecting appropriate data system settings

Mobile Phase and Gradient Mixing

- Mobile phase filtration – when and how?
- Deaeration
- Buffer selection
- Mixing solvents – miscibility and other considerations
- Mobile phase stability
- Gradient mixing and delay volume
- Gradient performance qualification tests

Autosampler and Column Thermostat Problems

- Autosampler types
- Common autosampler problems
- Causes of poor precision
- Curing carryover
- Column temperature effects

Column Problems

- Typical problems/symptoms
- Sample matrix effects
- Injection solvent composition and volume injected
- Column ageing
- Causes of peak asymmetry and retention time shifts
- Causes of high back pressure; sample filtration
- Sample stability and analyte adsorption
- Tests to troubleshoot problems with separation chemistry

Quantitation

- Peak integration and smoothing
- Advantages of second derivative plots
- Common integration errors

Workshop: Troubleshooting Examples

Who Should Attend?

Scientists working with HPLC who need to improve their understanding of HPLC instrumentation and troubleshooting techniques.
HPLC validation and maintenance staff.



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Good HPLC methods must satisfy both technical requirements (sensitivity, specificity, linearity, accuracy and precision) as well as business needs (reliability in routine use and a run time appropriate to the number of samples to be tested). These requirements are equally important in both a development and routine QC context: decisions during drug development must be based on reliable data, and routine QC testing, including stability studies, must control risks to product quality and patient safety.

This course presents a logical, step-wise approach to the development of HPLC methods (Day 1) and then explains how to validate chromatographic methods in line with regulatory expectations and best practice (Day 2).

The course is intended for analytical scientists who have experience of operating HPLC instrumentation.

Speaker:

Dr Mark Powell

Mark is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry with over twenty years' experience as an analytical chemist. His PhD project involved the characterisation of bitumen by chromatographic, spectroscopic and thermal methods, providing a good grounding in a wide range of analytical techniques.

He then worked for five years in the environmental industry, with responsibility for the development of analytical methods capable of quantifying very low levels of pollutants in drinking water and a variety of other sample types.

Having joined Liverpool John Moores University's School of Pharmacy and Chemistry in 1997 as a Senior Lecturer, Mark was responsible for the University's MSc programme in analytical chemistry, and was also active in research and consultancy.

In 2003, he joined the newly-formed Quay Pharmaceuticals, a contract research and manufacturing organisation specialising in early-stage drug development, where he was responsible for analytical development. Since 2010, as Scientific Manager, Mark was involved more generally with drug development programmes and also established collaborations with a number of UK universities and instrument manufacturers. His work at Quay has resulted in a number of published papers and presentations at scientific conferences.



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Course Programme

Day One

Revision of chromatographic theory

- Separation modes
- Factors affecting resolution
- Peak symmetry
- Band broadening
- The effect of particle size and extra-column volume on efficiency

Important chemical concepts

- Factors affecting analyte/stationary phase interactions (polarity, hydrogen bonding and pKa)
- Stationary phase endcapping

Analyte properties affecting pKa, solubility and detectability

Workshop: reading solute structures

Matrix properties

- Effect on extraction
- Chemical interference
- Selectivity and detector wavelength
- Injection solvent strength

Method performance requirements

- Defining method performance requirements
- Measurement uncertainty vs. specification limits

Sample preparation

- Selective sample preparation
- Choice of filter membrane
- Chemical and physical stability of samples

Developing the separation

- Starting conditions for different separation types
 - * Neutral/ionisable organic molecules
 - * Special cases
- Separation modes: isocratic, gradient, ion pairing/suppression, HILIC, aqueous normal phase, normal phase, ion exchange and size exclusion
- Retention mechanisms
- Choice of stationary phase (including silanol activity considerations)
- Mobile phase pH and solute pKa
- Choice of pH buffer
- Temperature effects
- Core-shell and UHPLC columns
- Detector selection

Gradient elution

- When to use gradient elution
- Significance of gradient delay volume
- Retention and resolution models in gradient separations
- Gradient profile optimisation
- The effect of column dimensions and temperature
- Step-wise gradient method development strategy

Case studies

Workshop: selecting starting conditions for method development

Day 2 – HPLC Method Validation

Regulatory guidance (ICH, US, EU, WHO)

Validation terminology

Setting meaningful acceptance criteria

- Acceptance criteria based on specification limits
- Measurement uncertainty and sources of error
- Typical acceptance criteria
- Lifecycle approach to method validation: Analytical Target Profile (ATP) and analytical control strategy

Experimental approaches to method validation

- Specificity: with and without impurity standards
- Linearity: best practice
- Use of spiking experiments
- Options for evaluating sensitivity
- Recommended robustness experiments

Phase-appropriate method validation

Workshop – setting method validation acceptance criteria

Writing effective analytical methods, validation protocols and reports

- Pre-validation check-list
- Contents of method and validation documentation
- Mistake-proofing analytical methods

Dealing with validation failures

Setting system suitability criteria

- Regulatory guidance
- Statistically-based methods

Verifying compendial procedures

- Regulatory guidance
- Approaches for different method types

Workshop – planning a method validation exercise

Venue:

DoubleTree Hilton Hotel Islington, 60 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9LA
Website: [www.http://doubletree3.hilton.com/](http://doubletree3.hilton.com/) Close to Kings Cross/St Pancras Stations

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