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Development of a heart-cut SFC-SFC setup

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Objectives



Introduction



Develop a 2D system SFC-SFC in multiple heart-cutting



Understand the effects linked to the coupling of the 2 dimensions



Determine the diastereoisomeric excesses of different parts of bitter orange



Citrus aurantium L.

Matrix - interest



Introduction



01

Citrus aurantium, sour orange,
bitter orange

02

Rich in bioactive molecules,
especially flavonoids

03

Cosmetic and pharmaceutical
interests

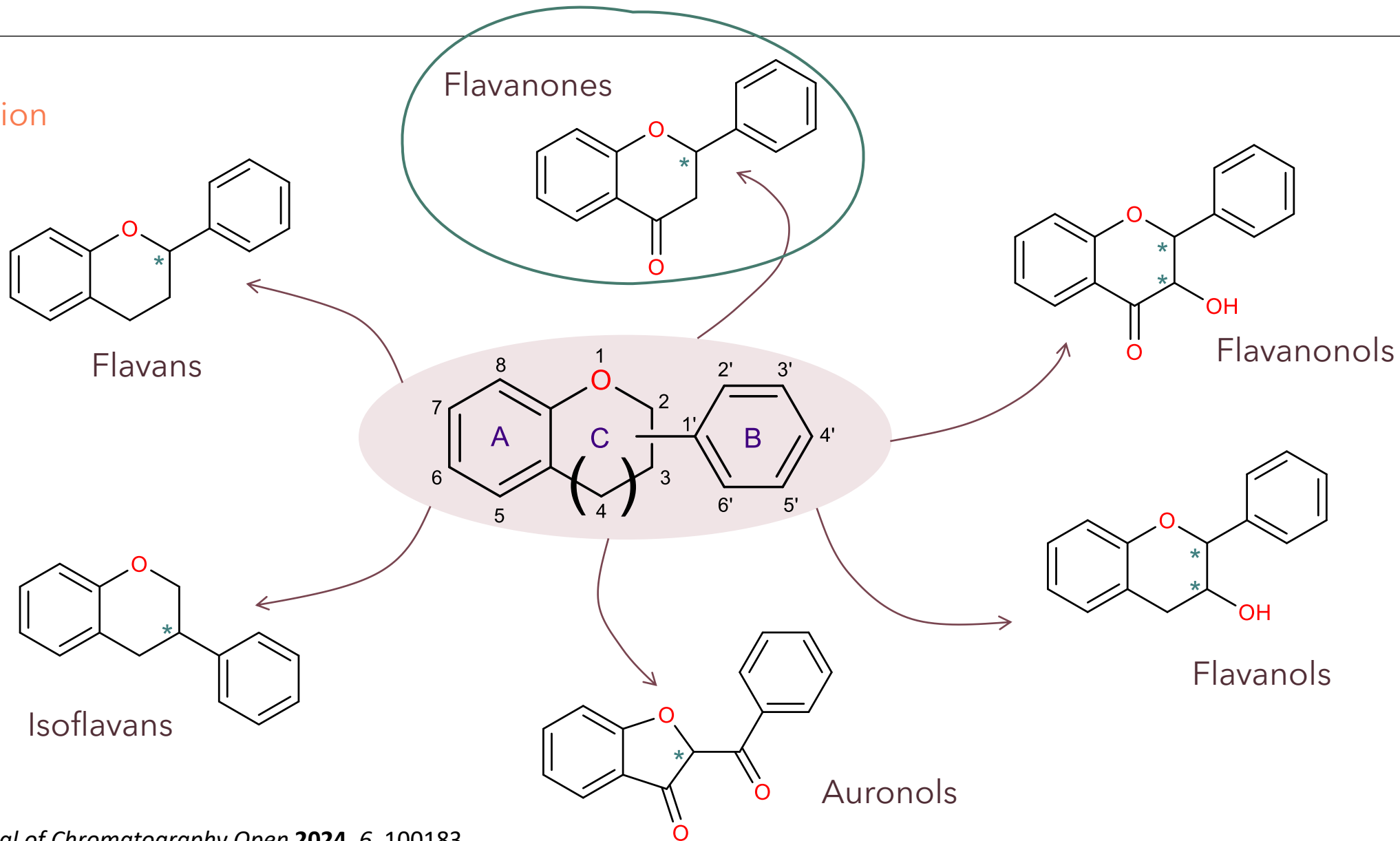
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Anticancer, cardiovascular, anti-
inflammatory...

Chiral flavonoids



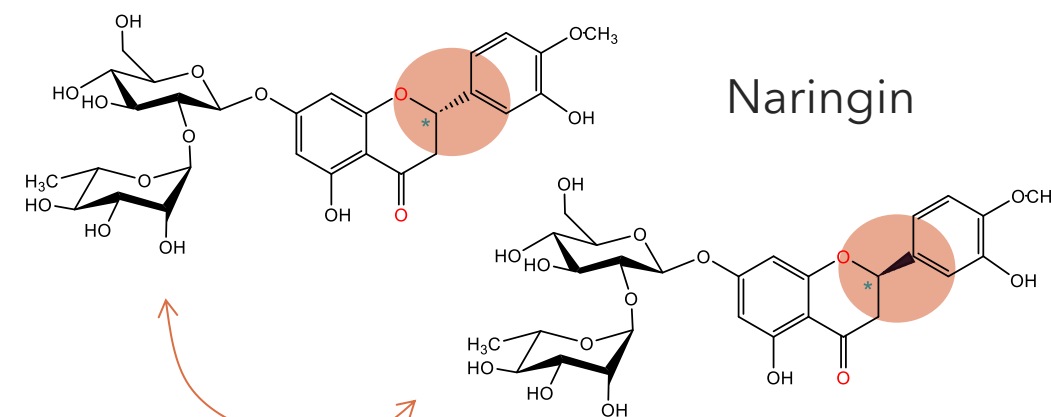
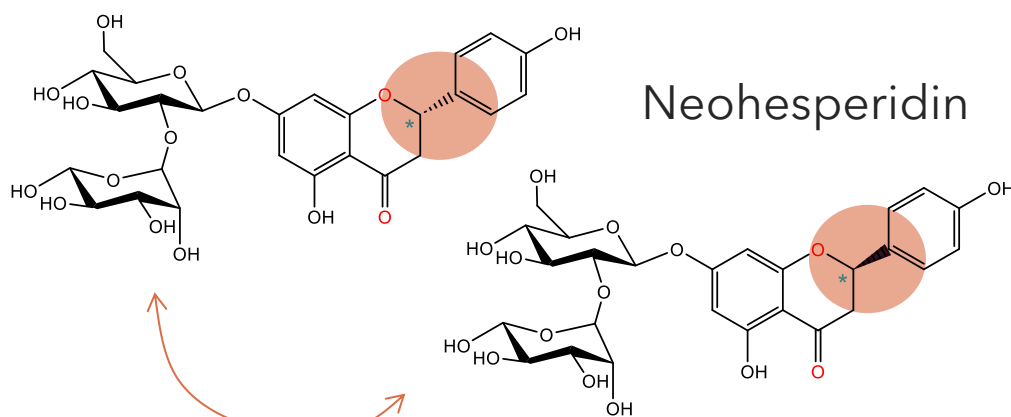
Introduction



Matrix - interest of bitter orange



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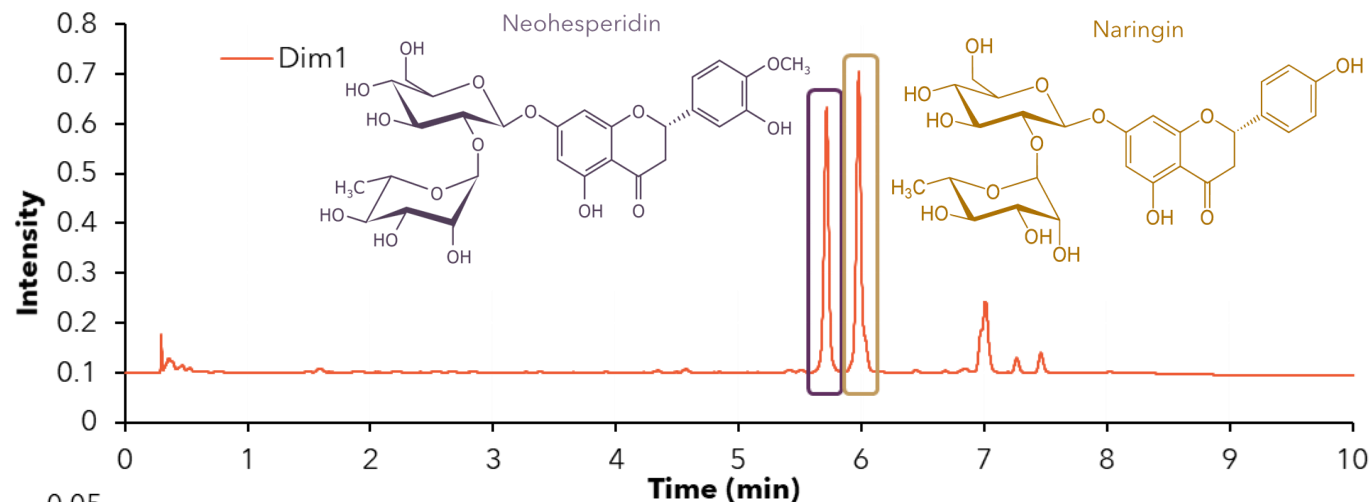


Different properties



It is necessary to succeed in separating the different diastereoisomers because they have different properties. With the aim of valorizing the plants, particularly for pharmaceutical applications.

Interest of 2D system



dim1

Achiral

Column Torus DEA

MeOH + 0.1% MSA

Separation of flavonoids

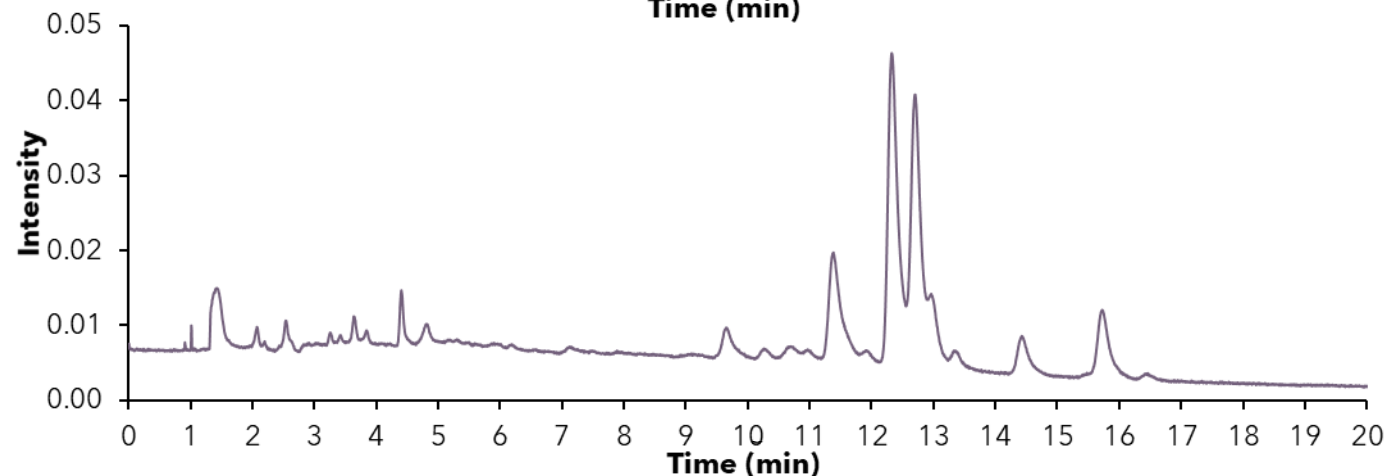
dim2

Chiral

Column Chiralpak IB

MeOH + 0.1% MSA

Separation of diastereoisomers

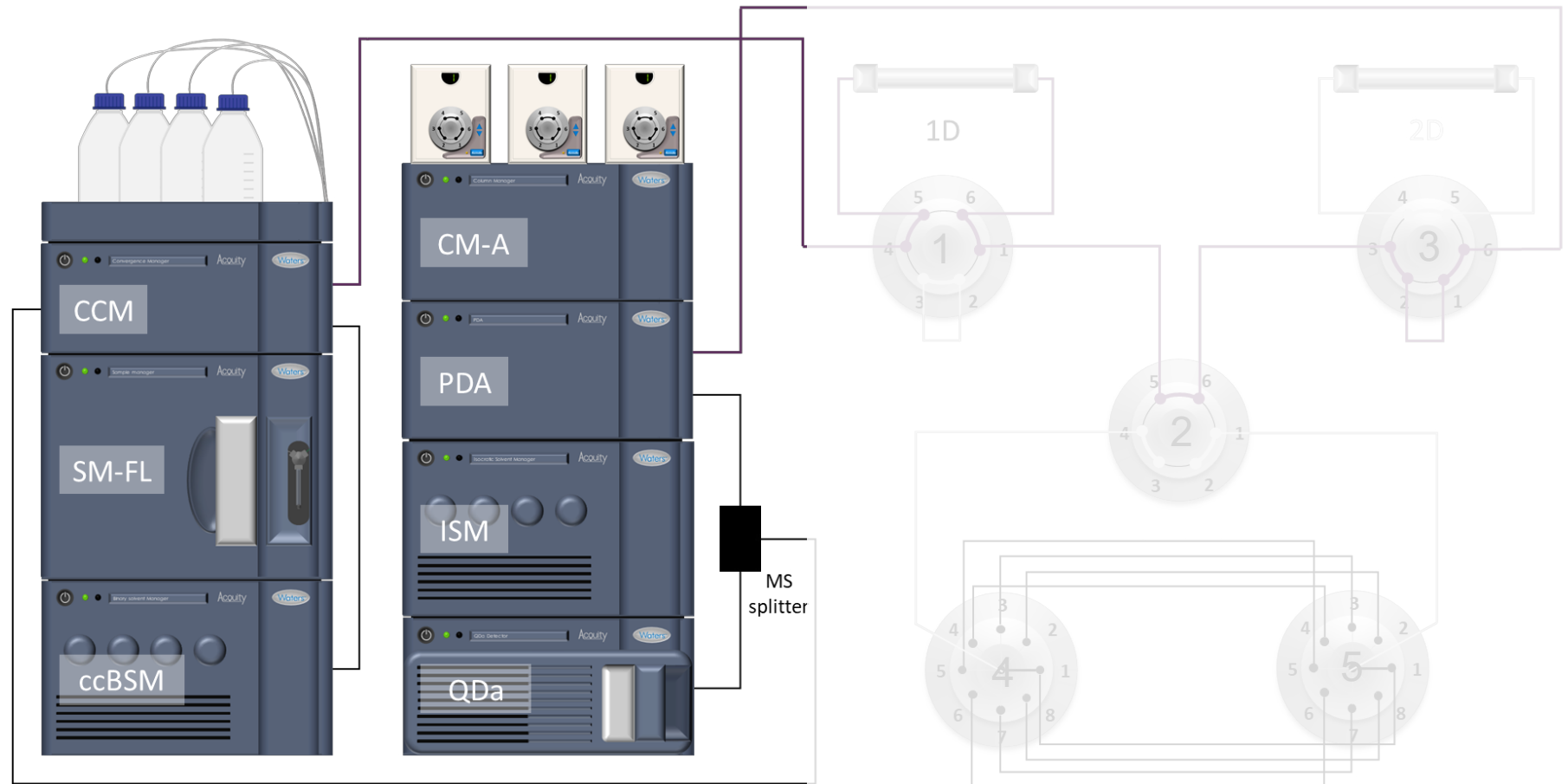


2D system - dim1



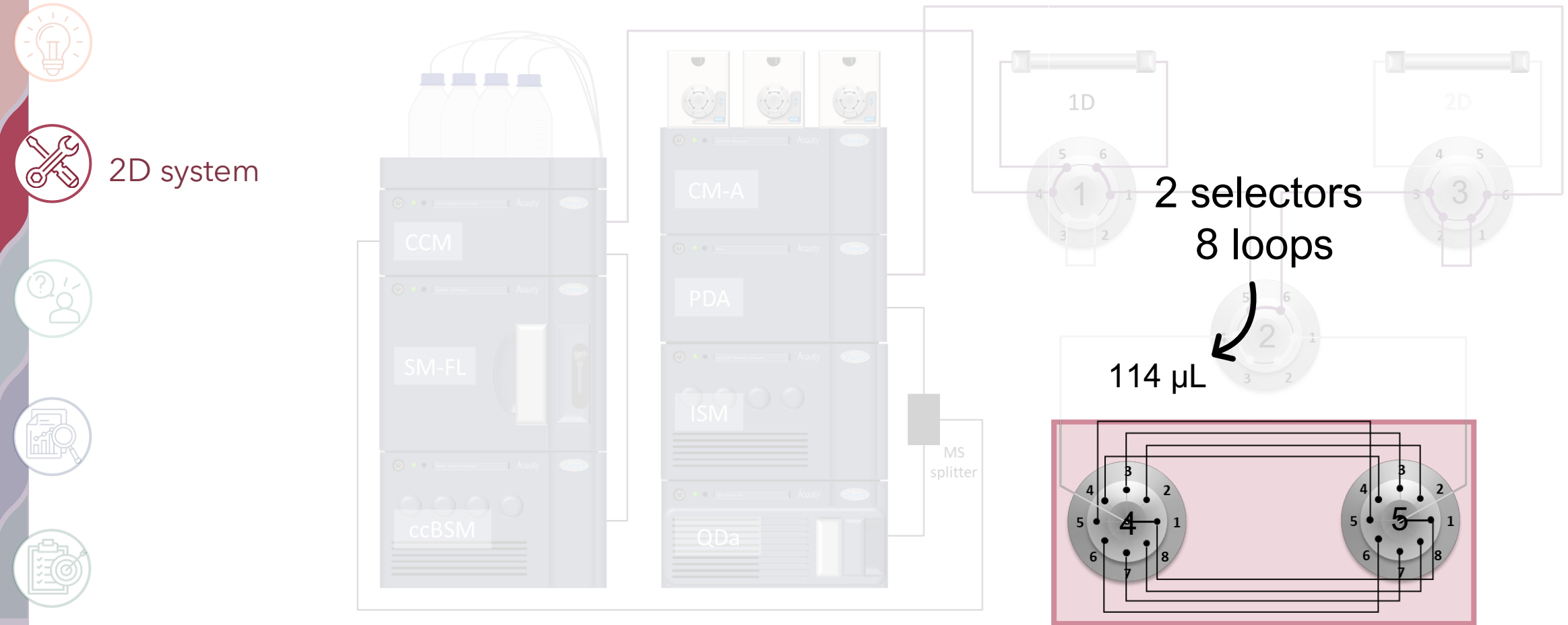
2D system

Waters™
ACQUITY UPC²



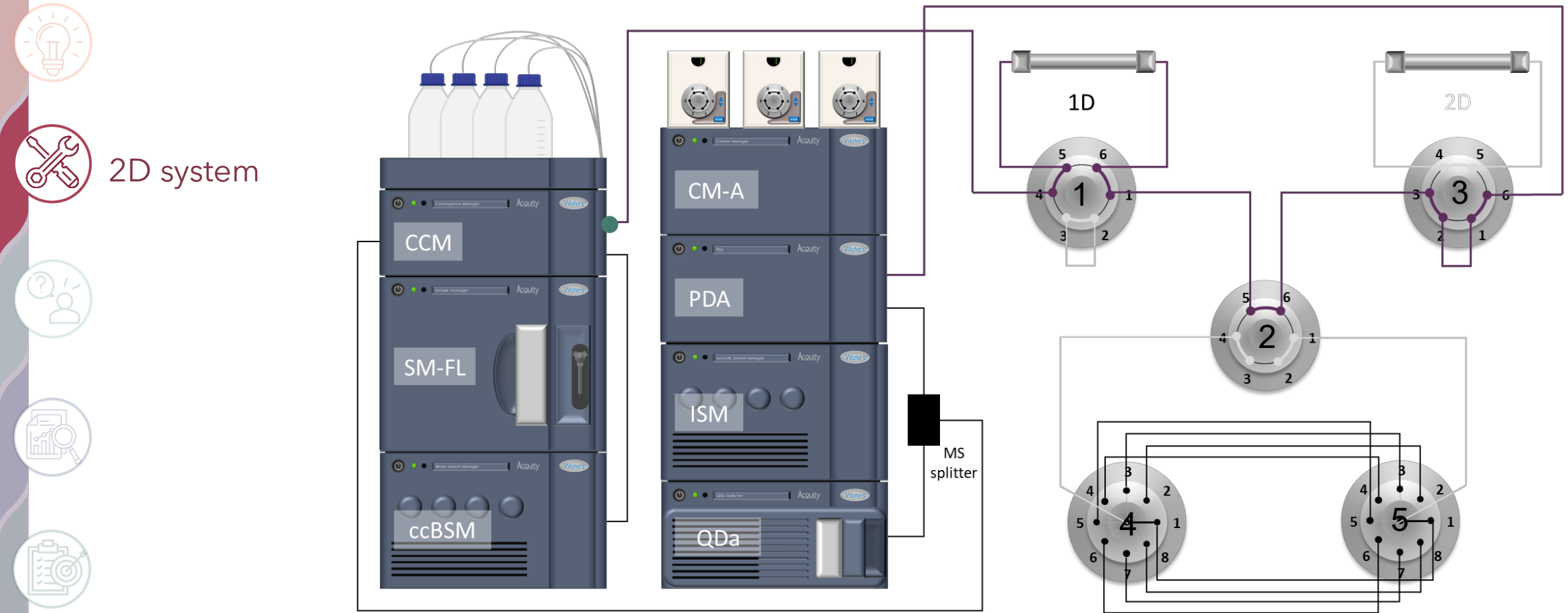
Use of a conventional SFC system

2D system - dim1



Use of the selectors initially present with 114 μL loops

2D system - dim1

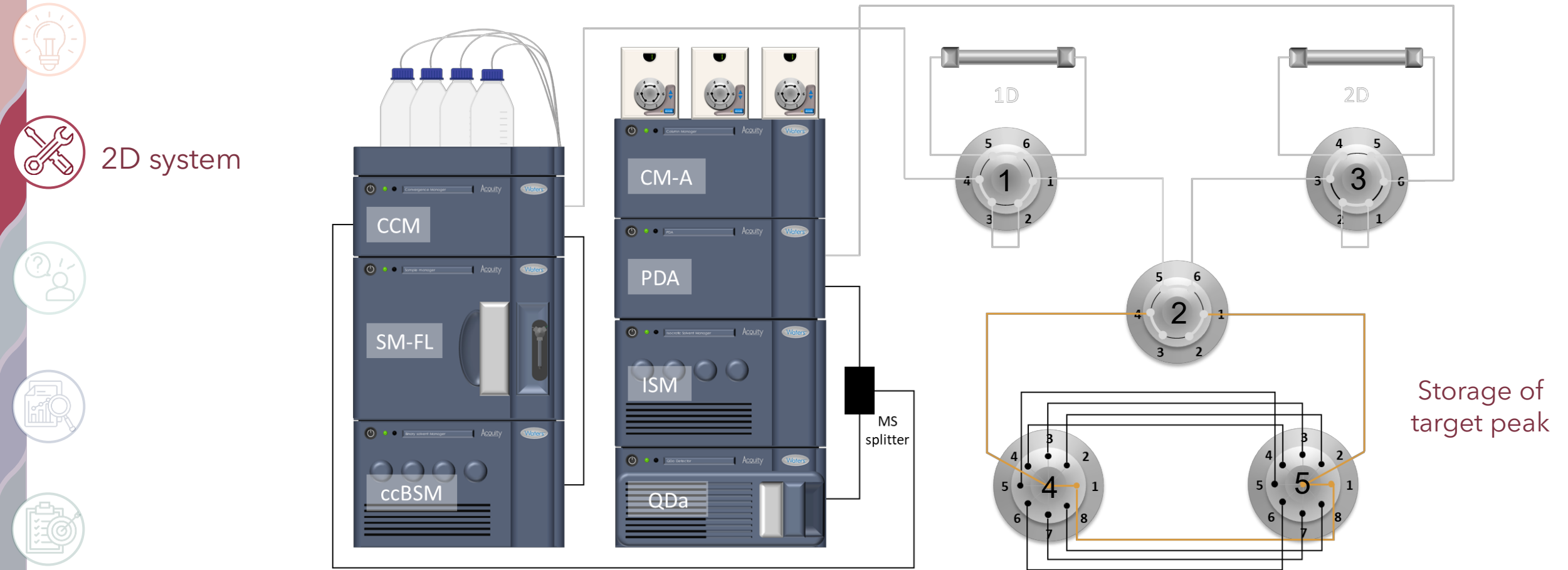


Waters UPC² 1D system + 3 additional 6-port 2-position valves

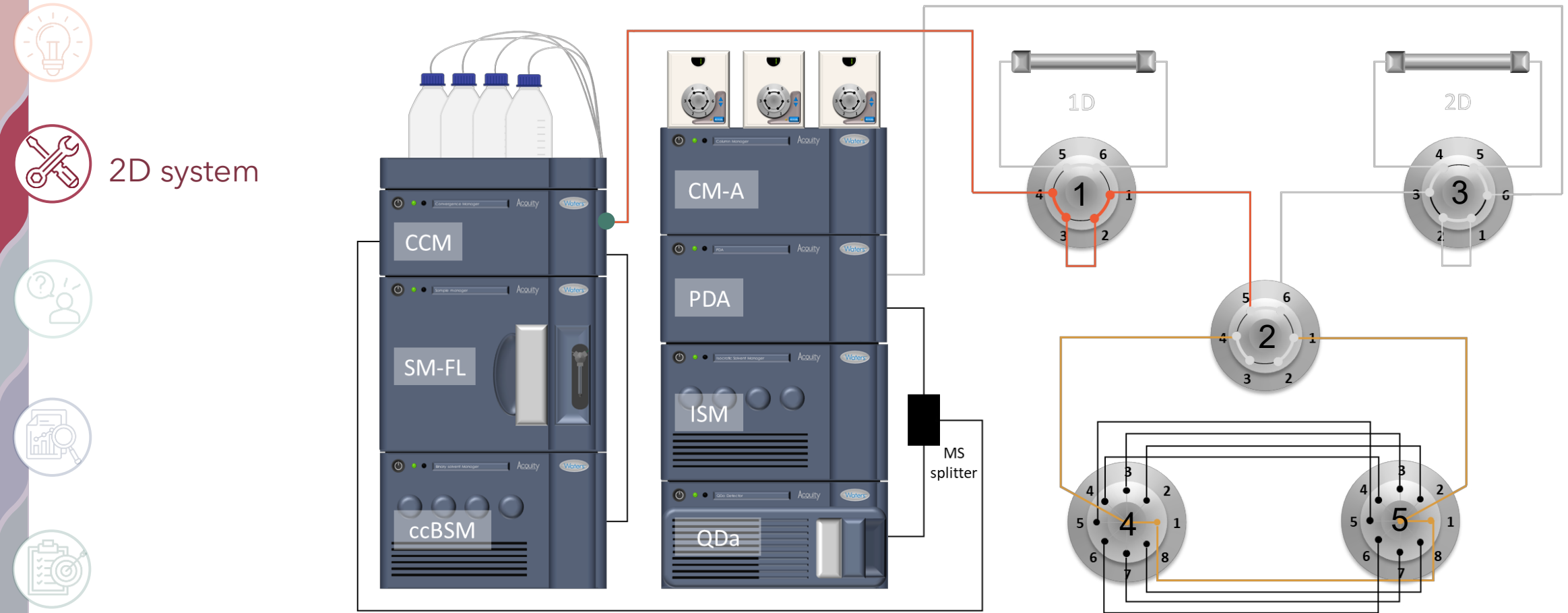




2D system - unload loop in dim2

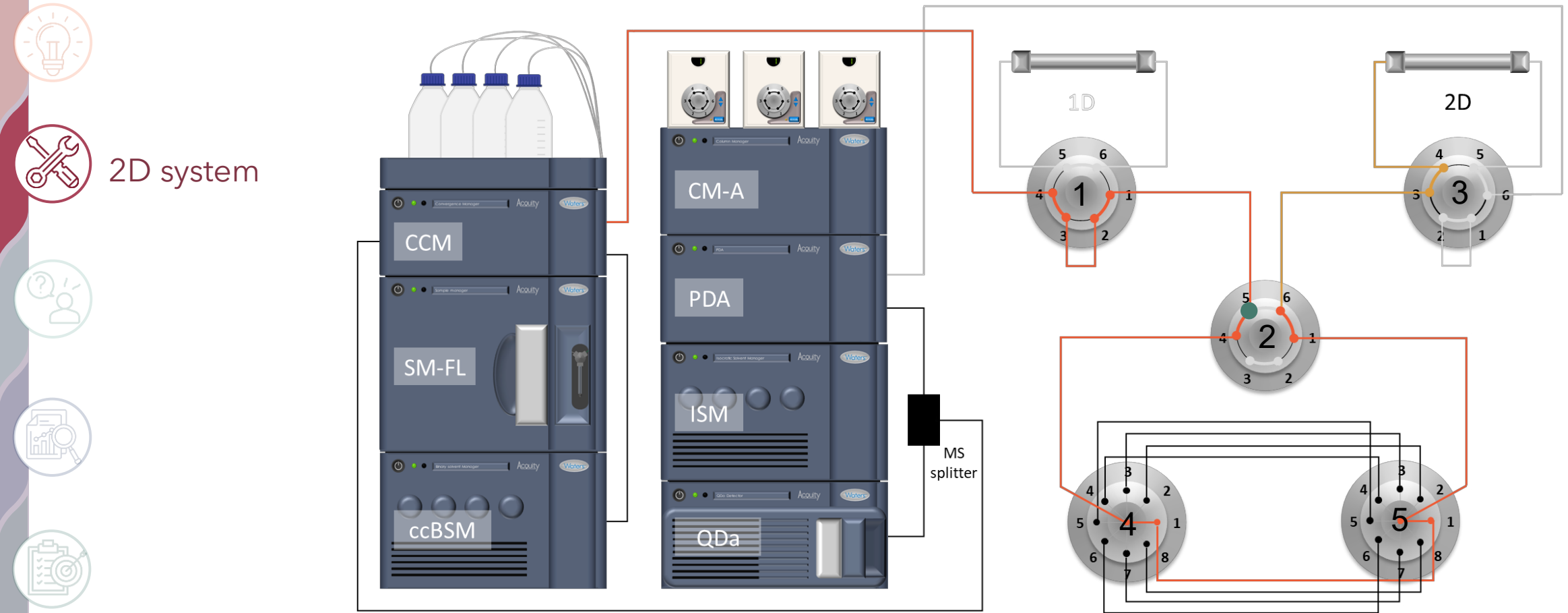


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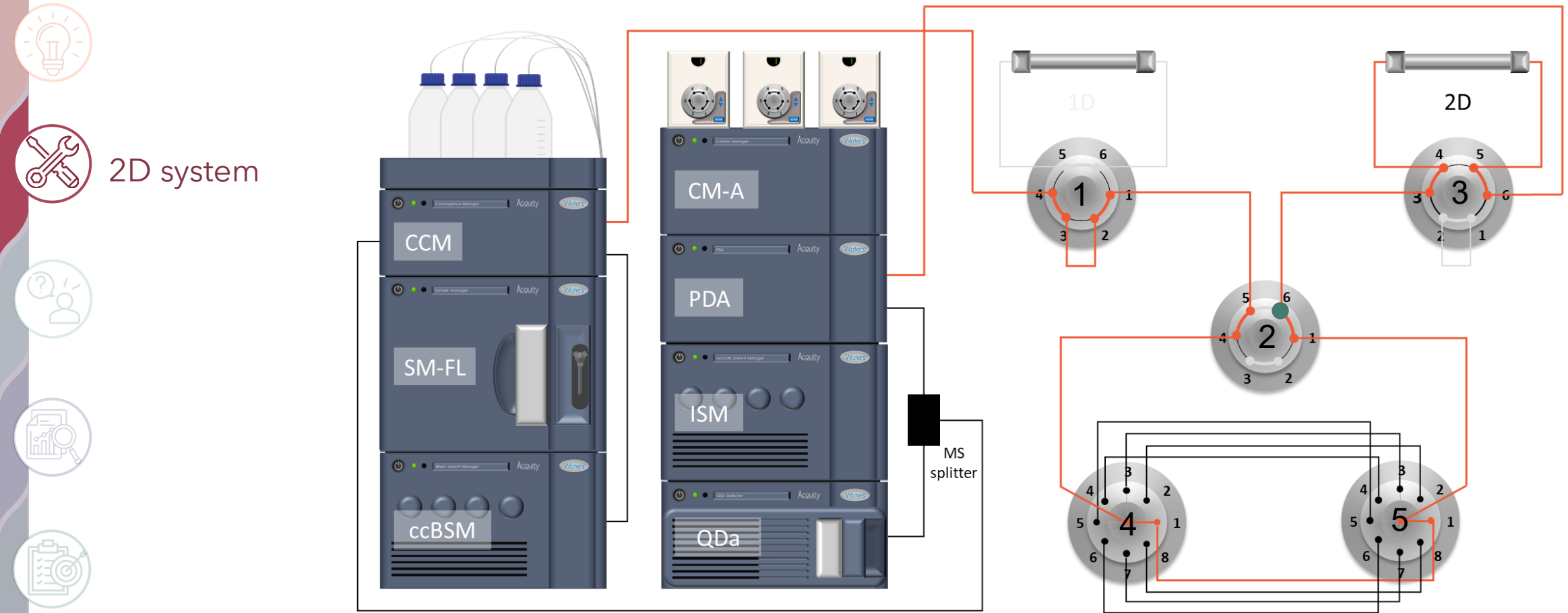
The mobile phase of dim2 bypasses the column of dim1

2D system - unload loop in dim2



The mobile phase pushes the contents of the loop into the dim2 column

2D system - unload loop in dim2

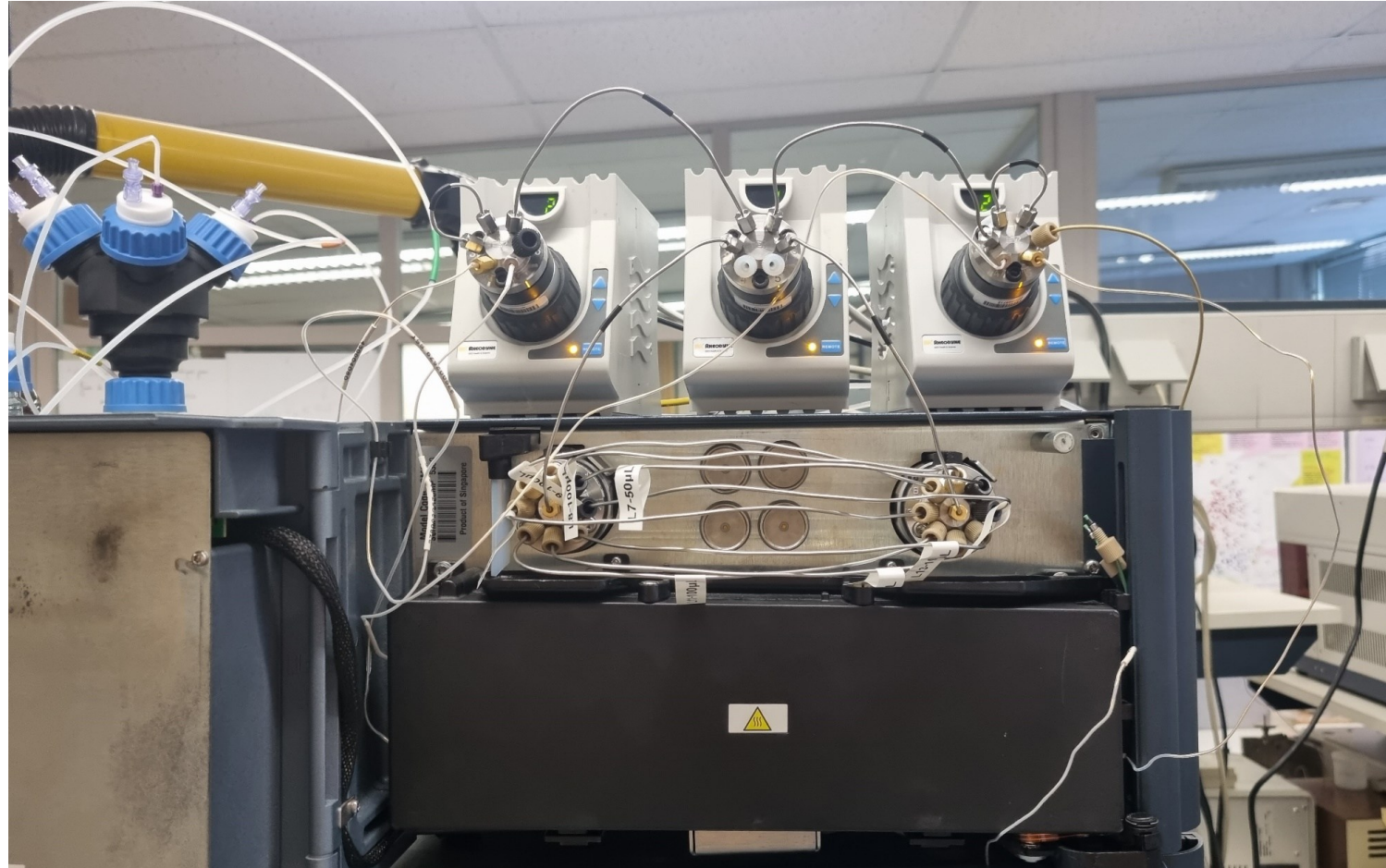


The analysis continues all the way to the detector

2D system - multiple heart-cut



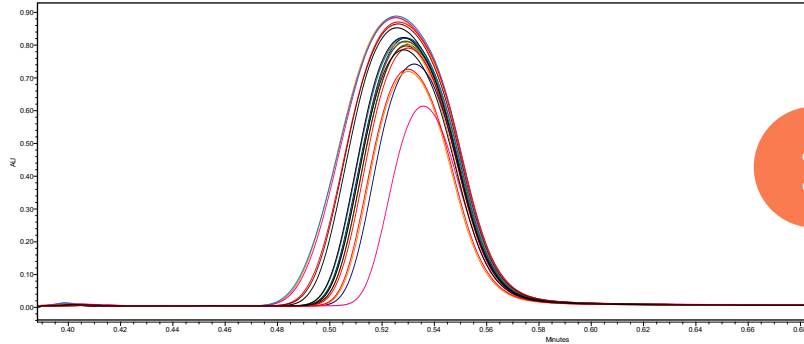
2D system



Difficulties



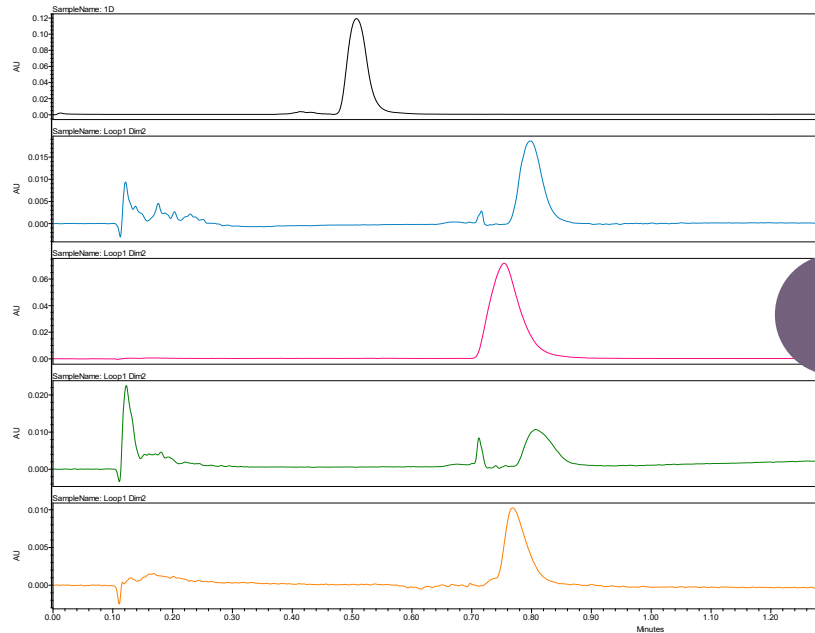
Difficulties



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Leaks

On each of the ferrules, presence of micro-leaks

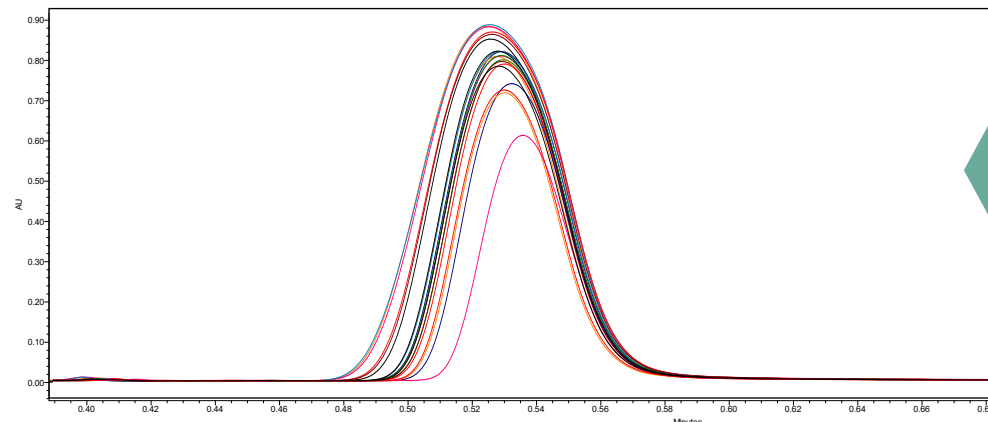


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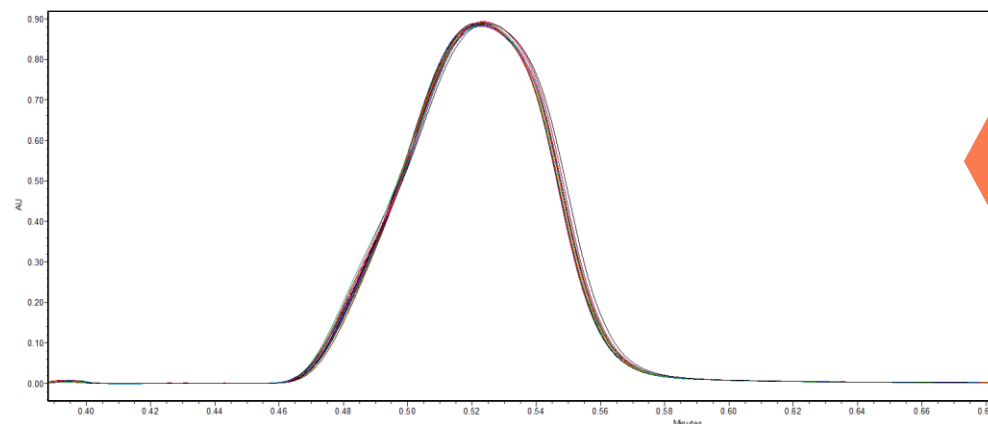
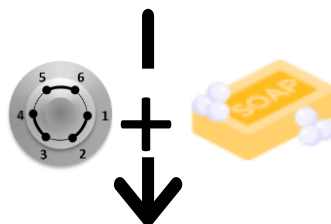
Repeatability

From one loop to another step we did not recover the same quantity

Difficulties



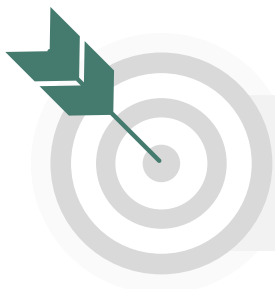
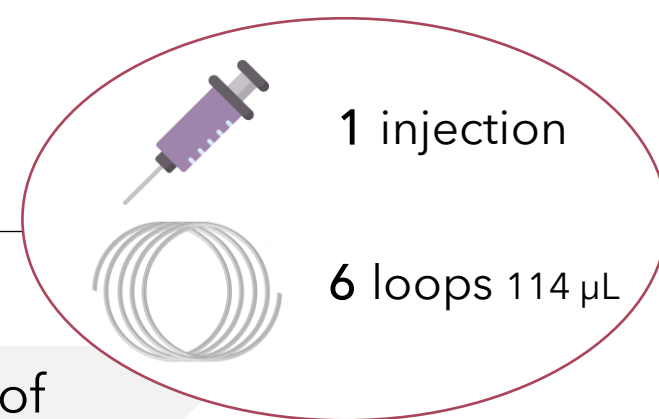
Variation in peak intensity
over 20 replicates



Repeatable on 20
replicates with RSD < 2%

Difficulties

Optimization – time of switch



Load more extensively before and after peaks of interest by loading 6 loops



Sample

Peels



Extraction: 1 g of sample + 15 mL of EtOH (maceration in US bath for 1 h)

Injection volume: 5 µL



1st dimension

Achiral method

Column: Acquity UPC² Torus DEA (100 x 3.0 mm – 1.7 µm)

Co-solvent: 20-100% MeOH + 0.1% MSA

Flow rate: 1.7-0.6 mL/min

BPR: 150-110 bar

Oven: 30°C

Detection: 280 nm



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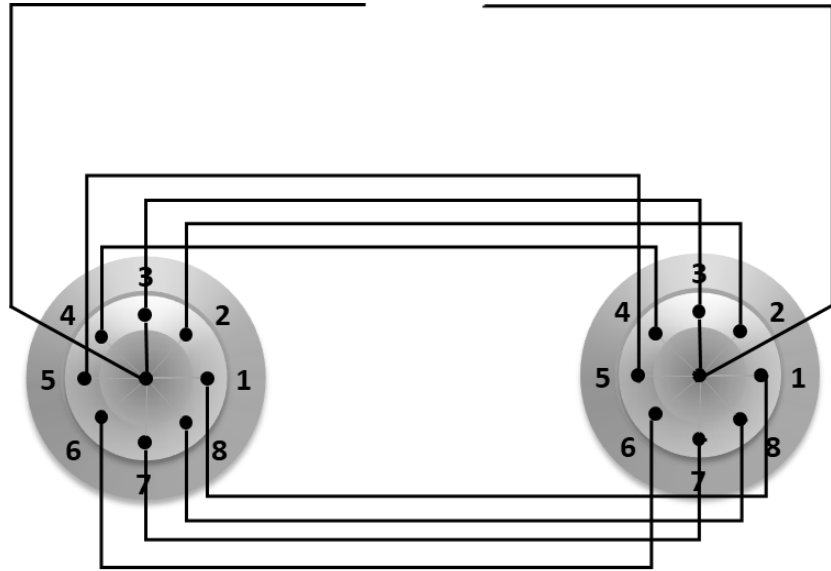
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Detection: 280 nm

Results

Optimization – time of switch



- Retention time
- Eluting composition
- Delay between column 1 and PDA
- Loop volume

Time of switch (min)

5.51

5.62

5.73

5.84

5.95

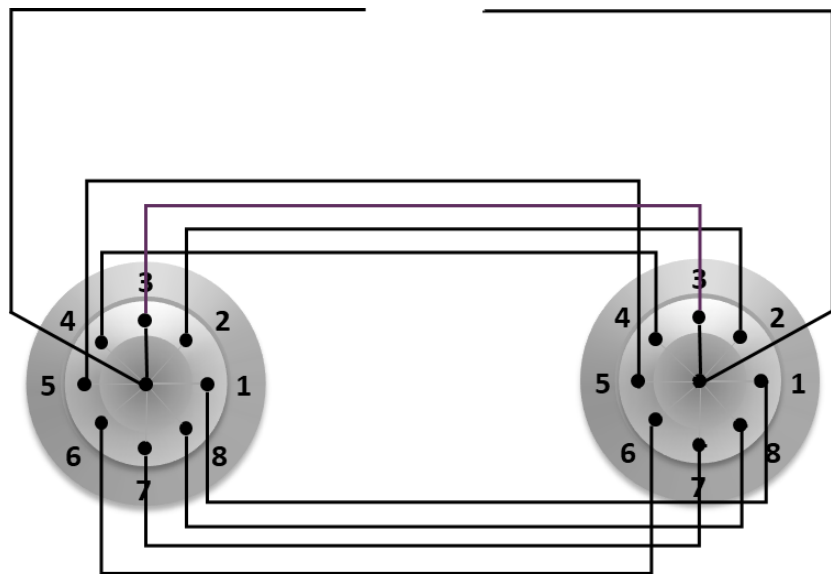
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← Neohesperidin
 $t_R = 5.72$ min

← Naringin
 $t_R = 5.98$ min

Results

Optimization - time of switch



**Time of switch
(min)**

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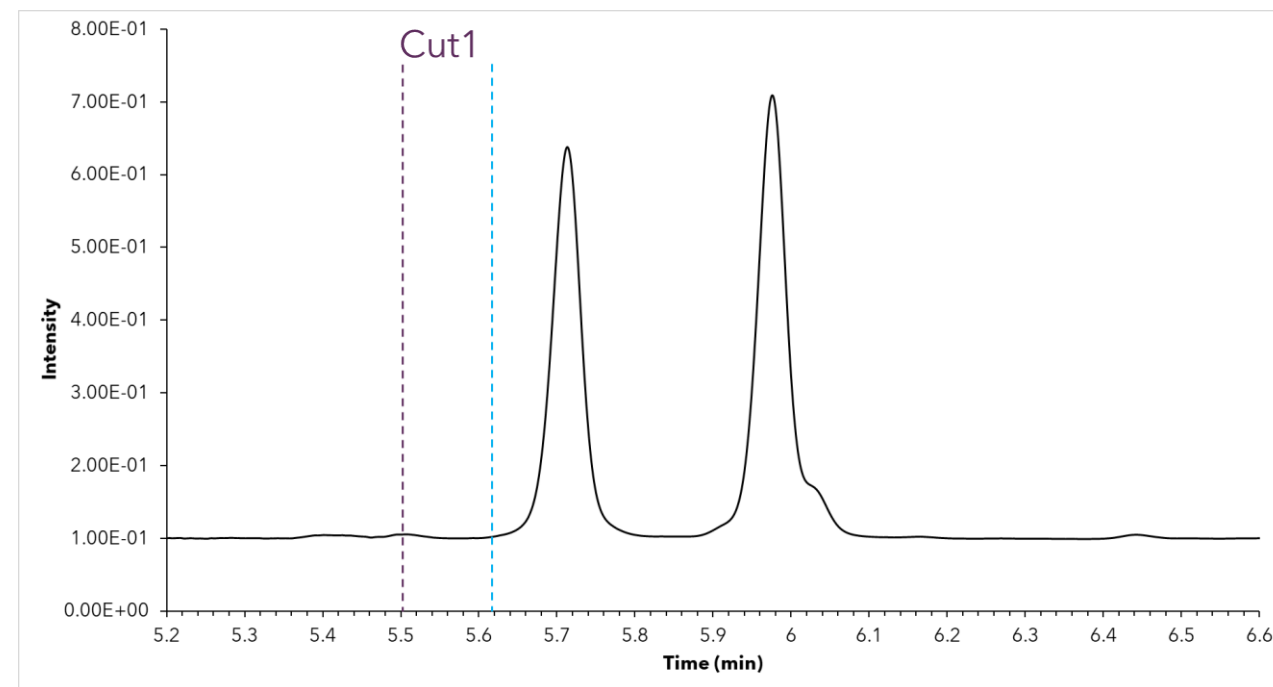
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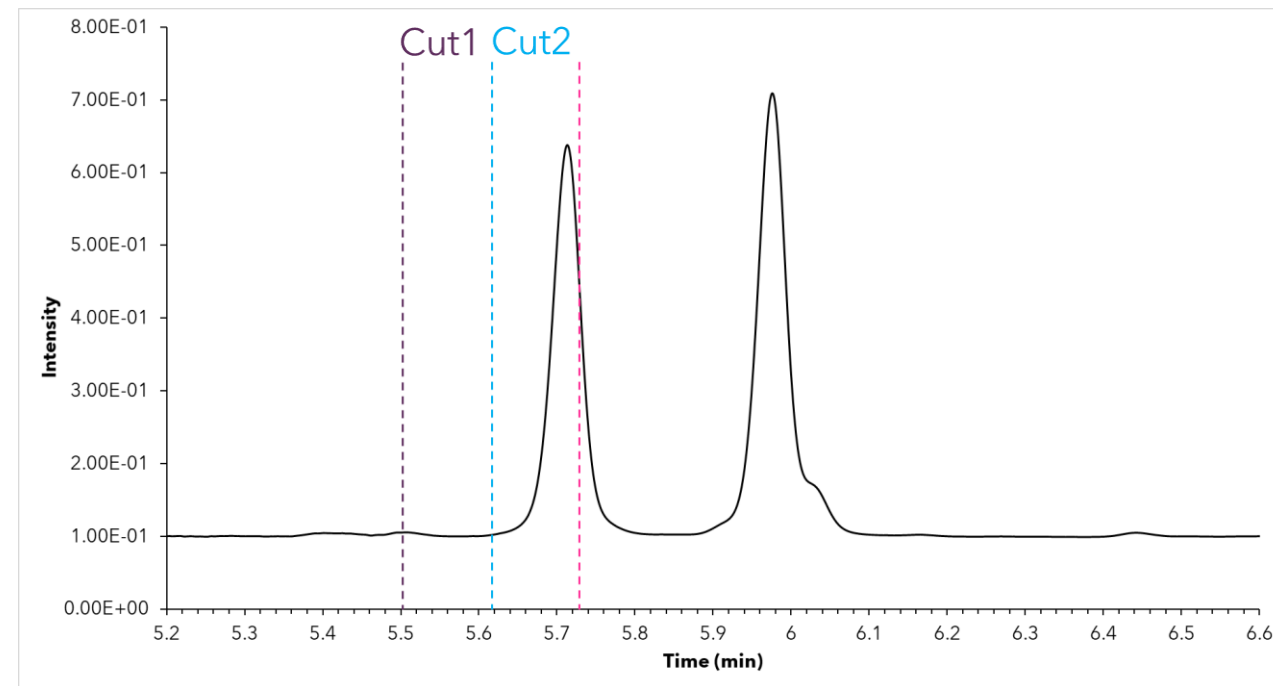
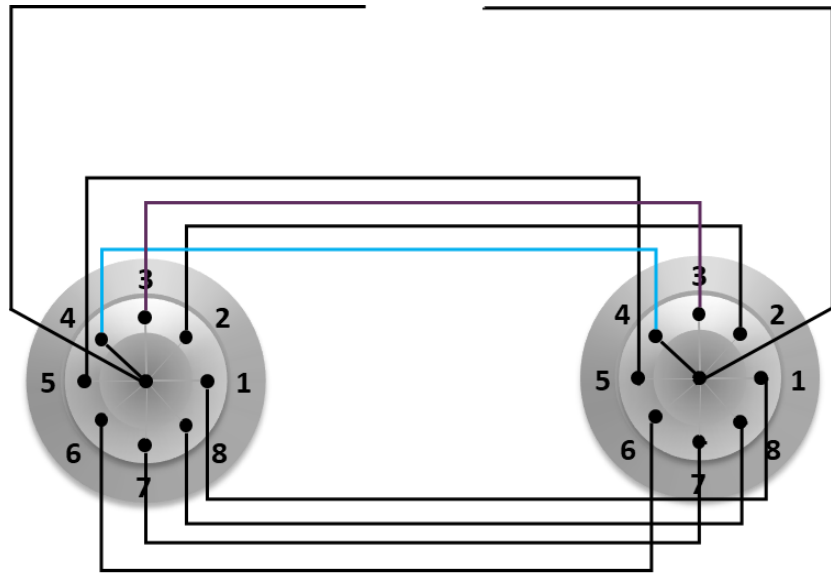
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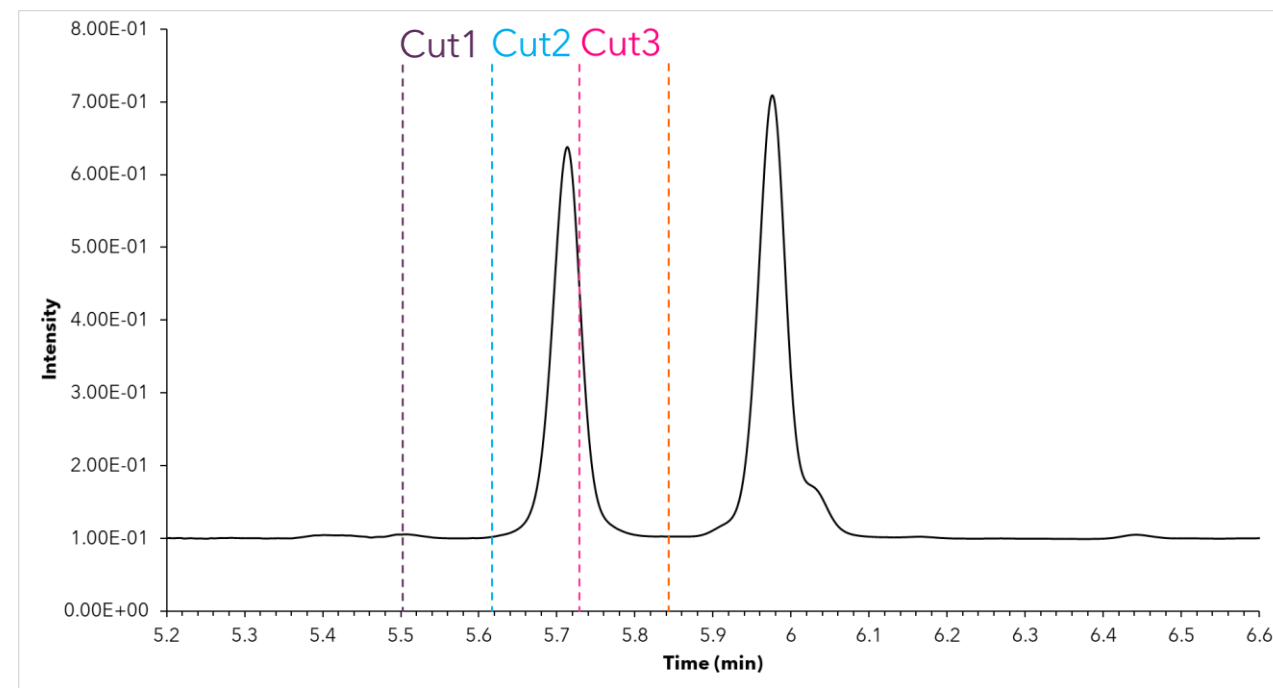
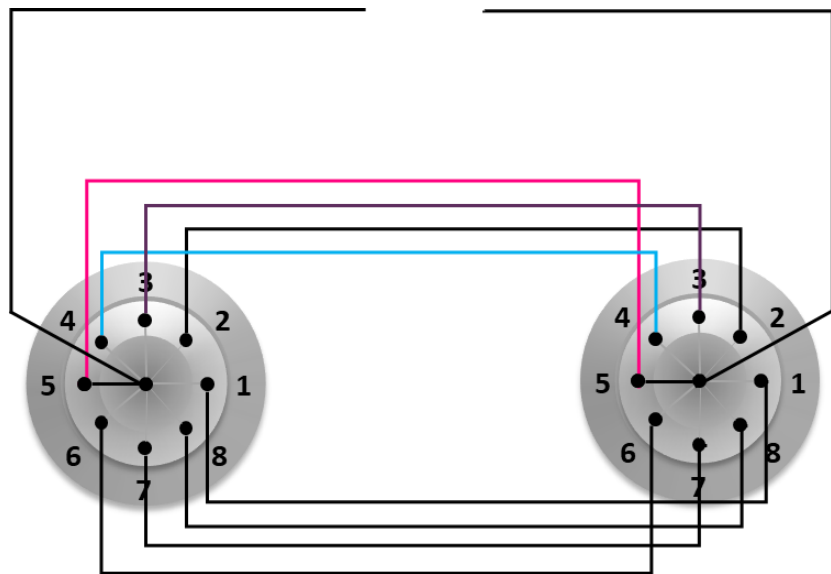
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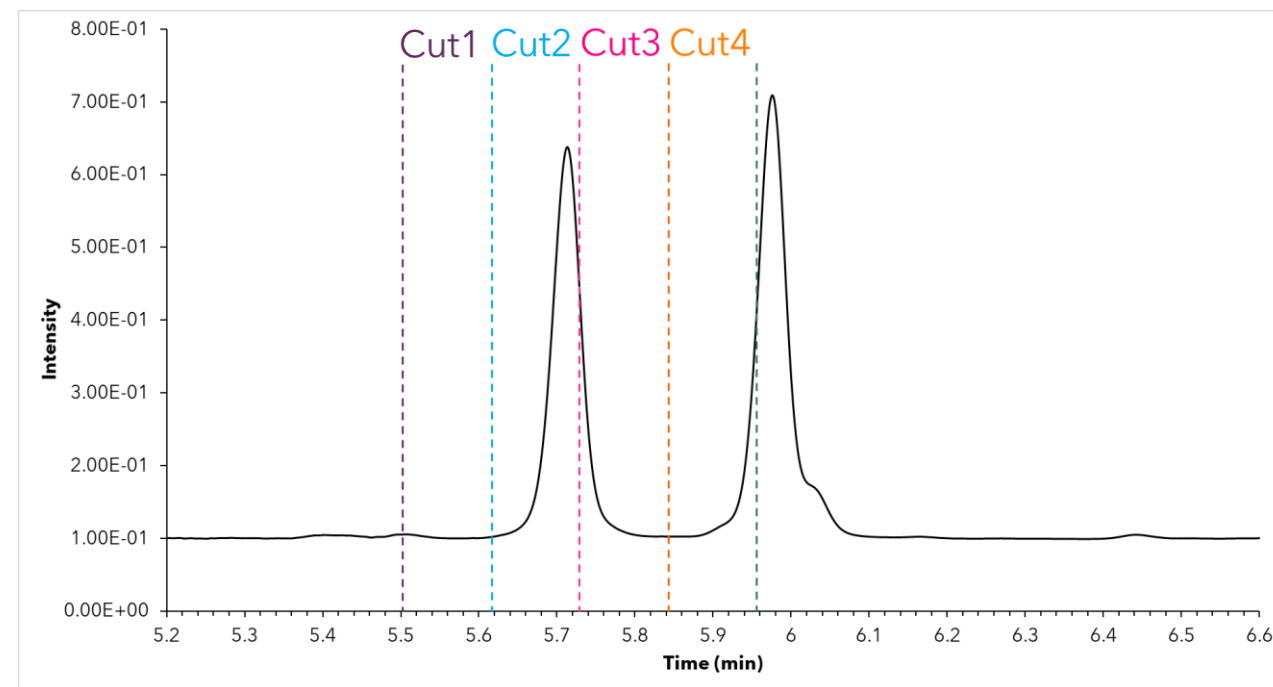
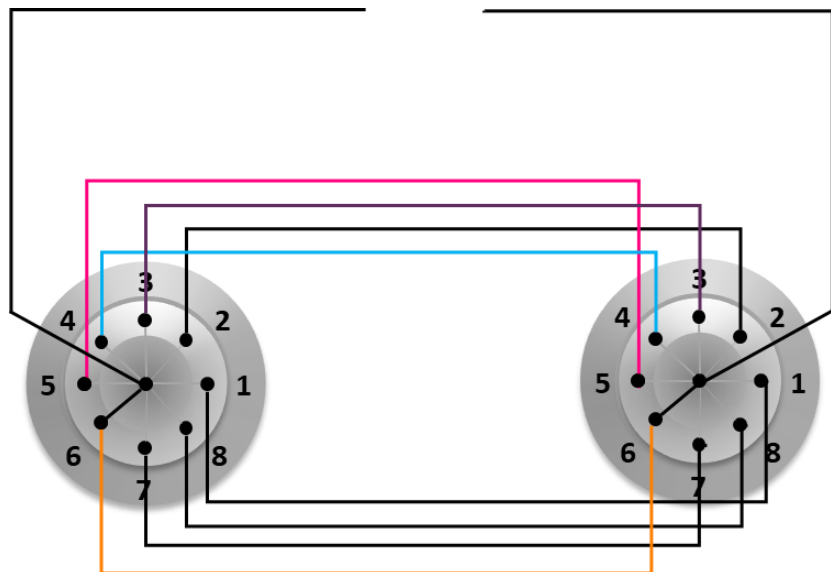
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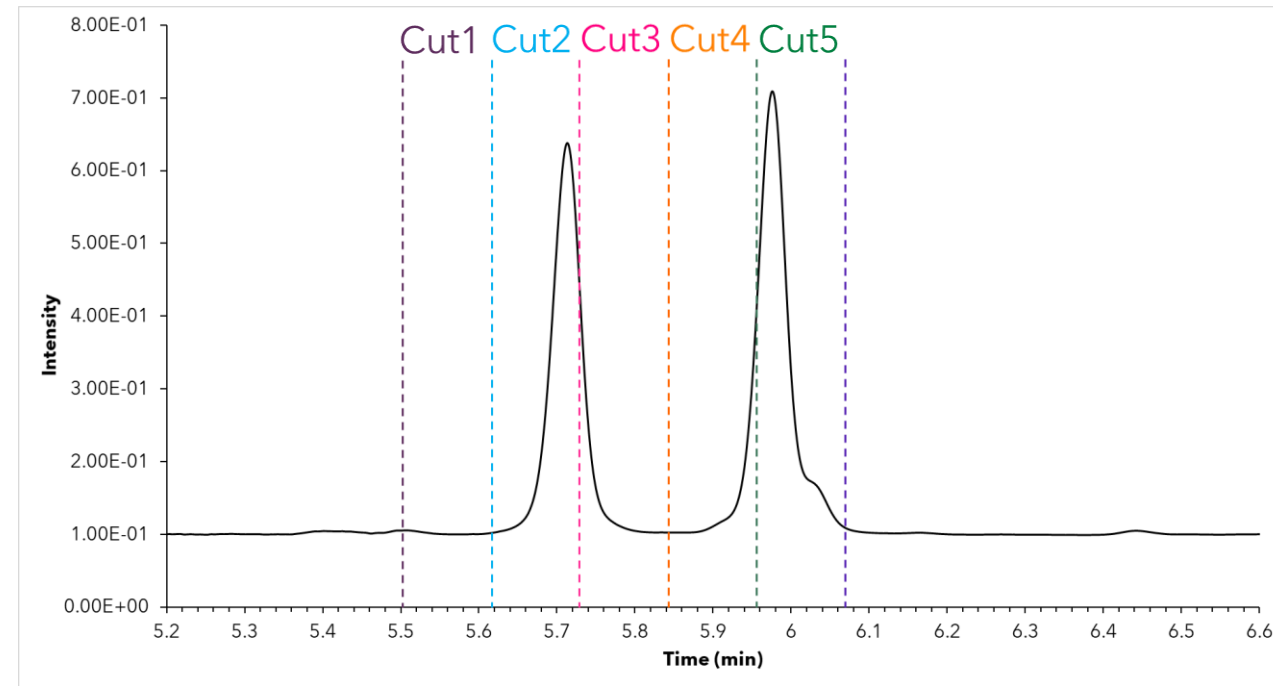
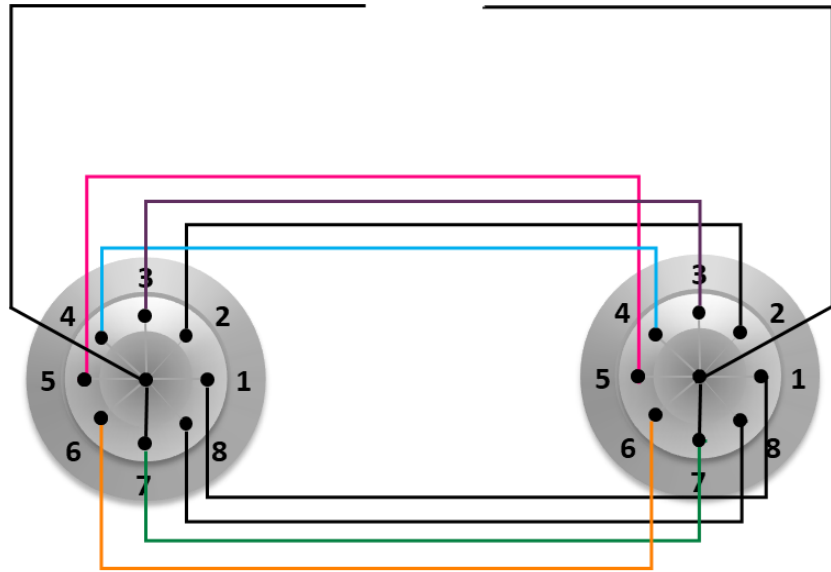
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Results

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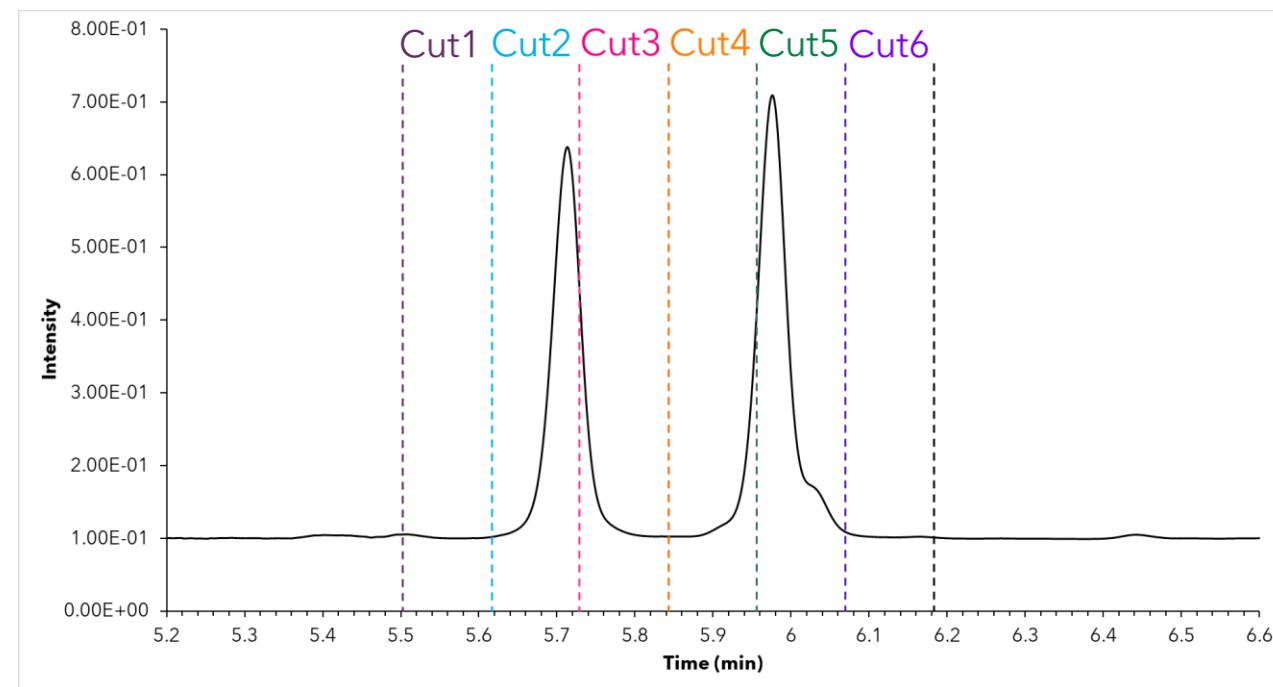
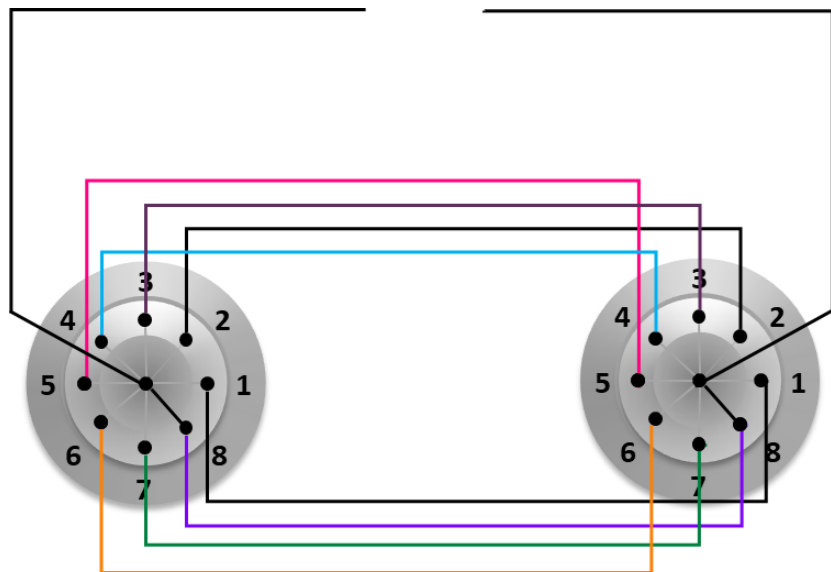
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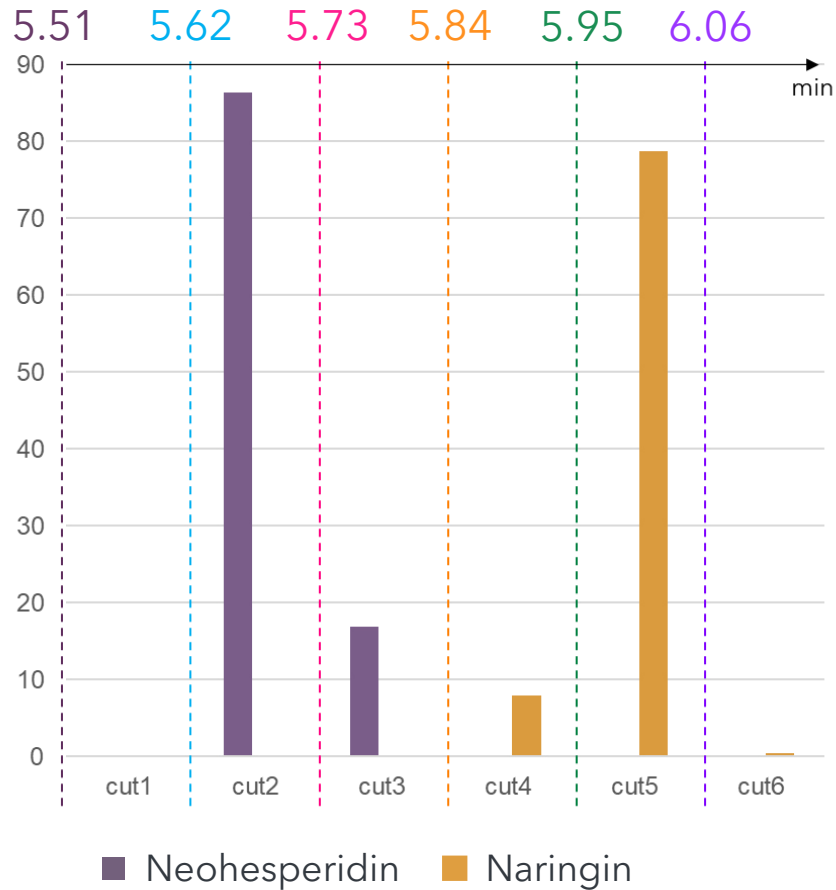
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Optimization - transfer rate



$$\text{Transfer rate} = \frac{\text{Sum area of dim2 peaks}}{\text{Area of peak interest}}$$

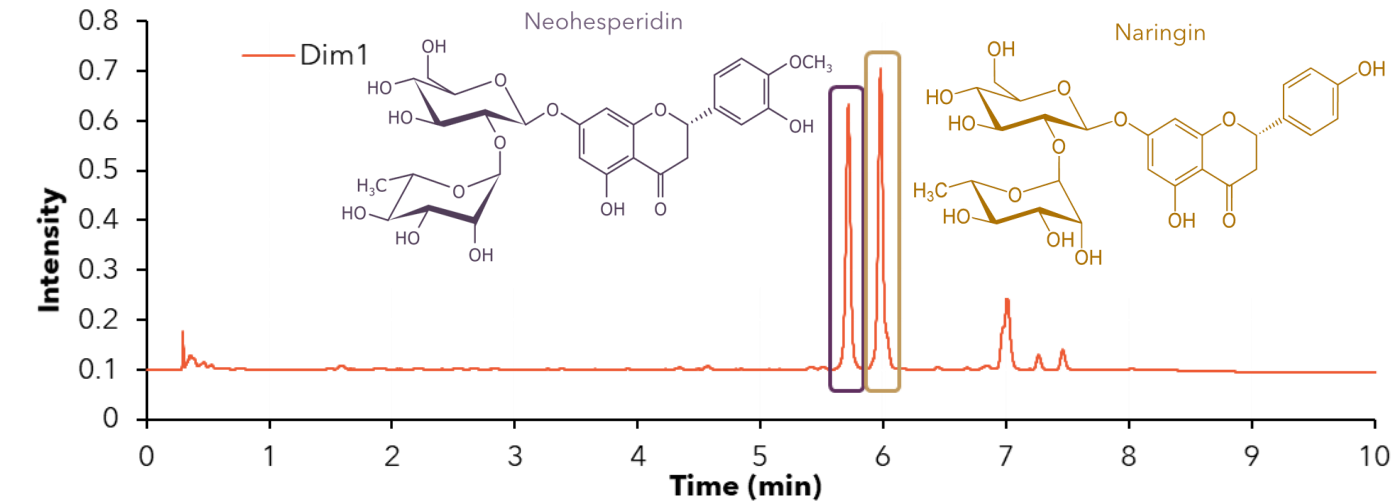
86% recovered for Neohesperidin in cut2
78% recovered for Naringin in cut5

No overlapping of sampling times

Results - UV

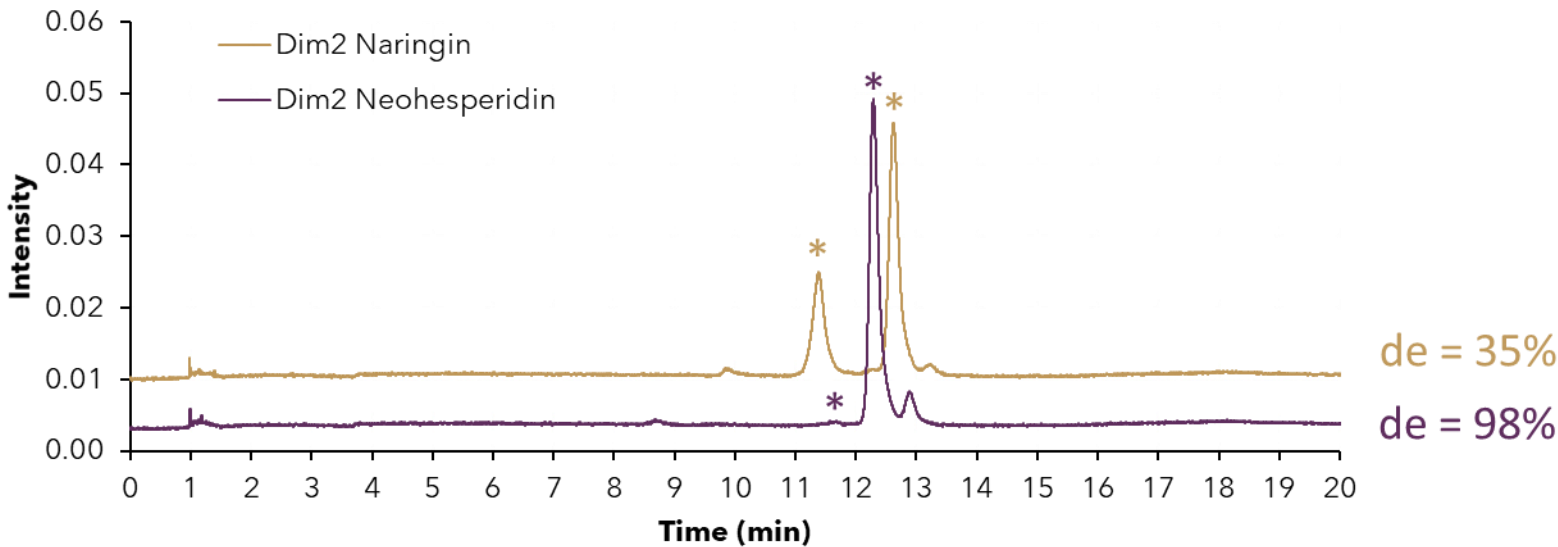
dim1

First dimension

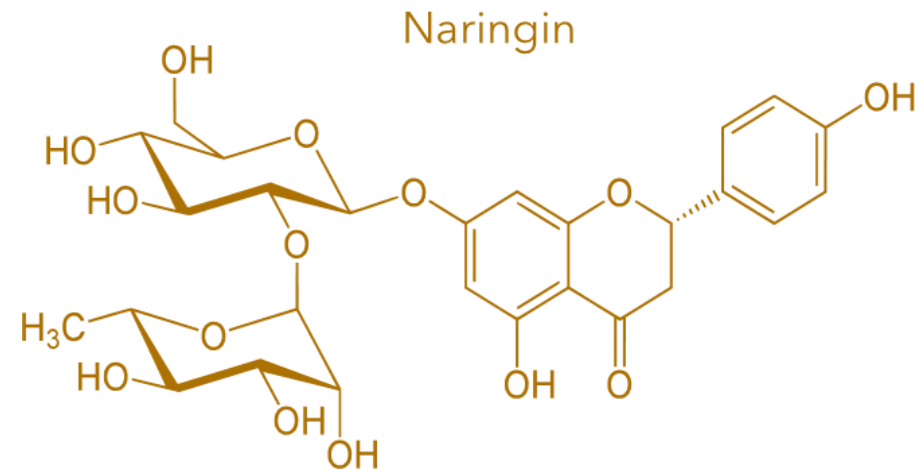
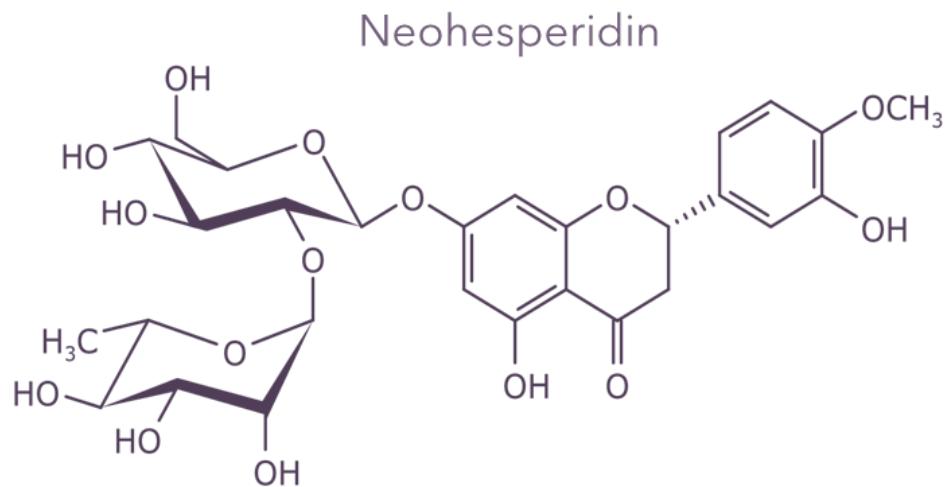


dim2

Second dimension



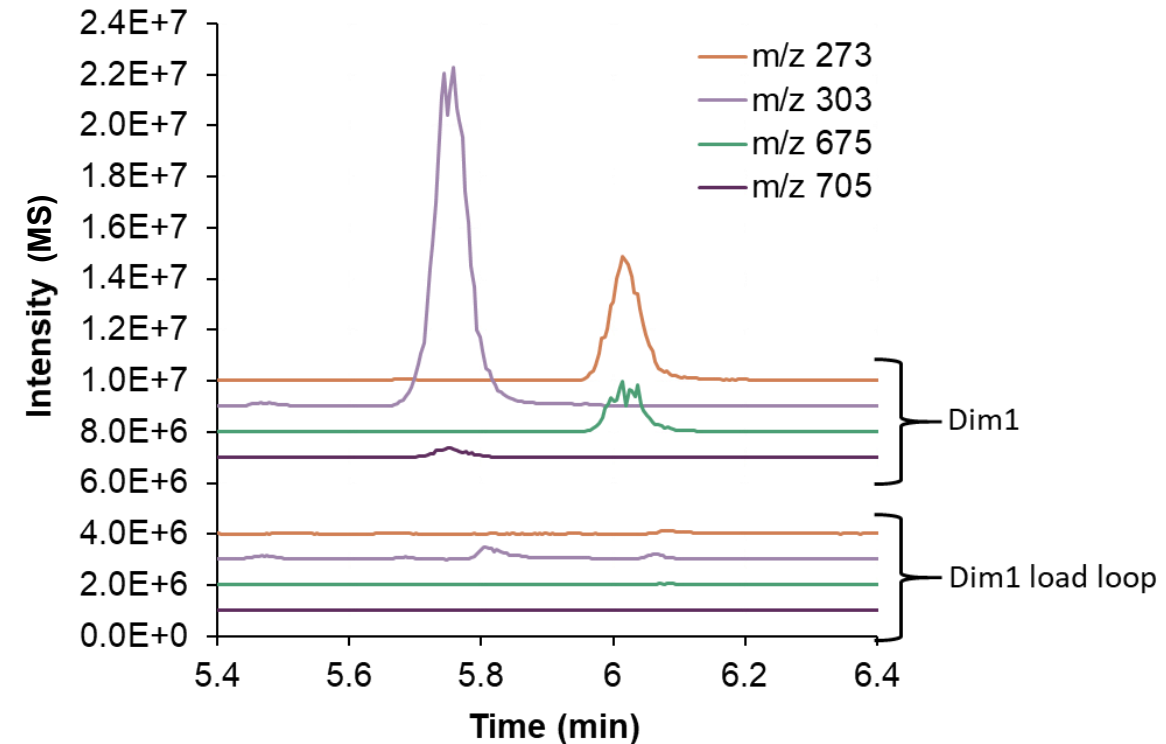
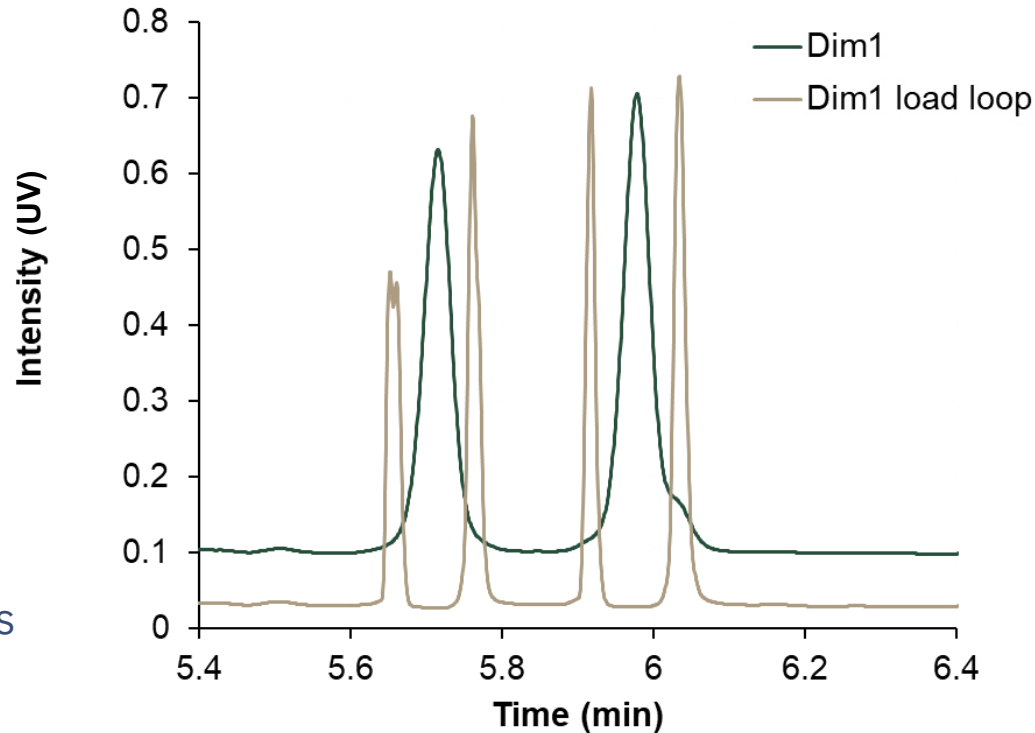
Results - MS



Results

	MW (g/mol)	$[M + \text{MSA}]^-$	$[M - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9 + \text{H}]^+$ (aglycone)
Neohesperidin	610.56	m/z 705	m/z 303
Naringin	580.54	m/z 675	m/z 273

Results - MS



Presence of target compounds in dim1.

When the loops are loaded, the mass signal corresponding to the target compounds is absent.

Results - objectives



Determining the diastereoisomeric excesses of flavonoids



Sample

Bitter orange parts



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Injection volume: 5 μ L



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2nd dimension

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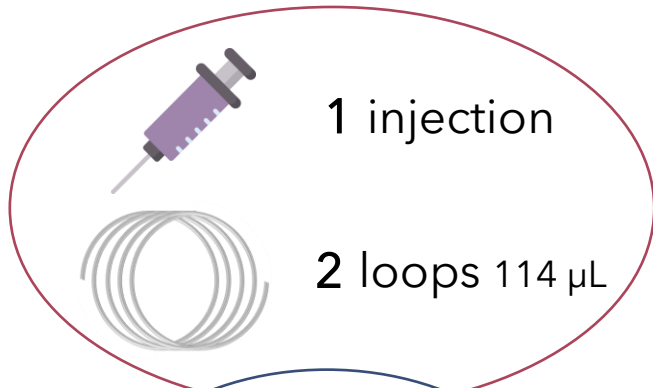
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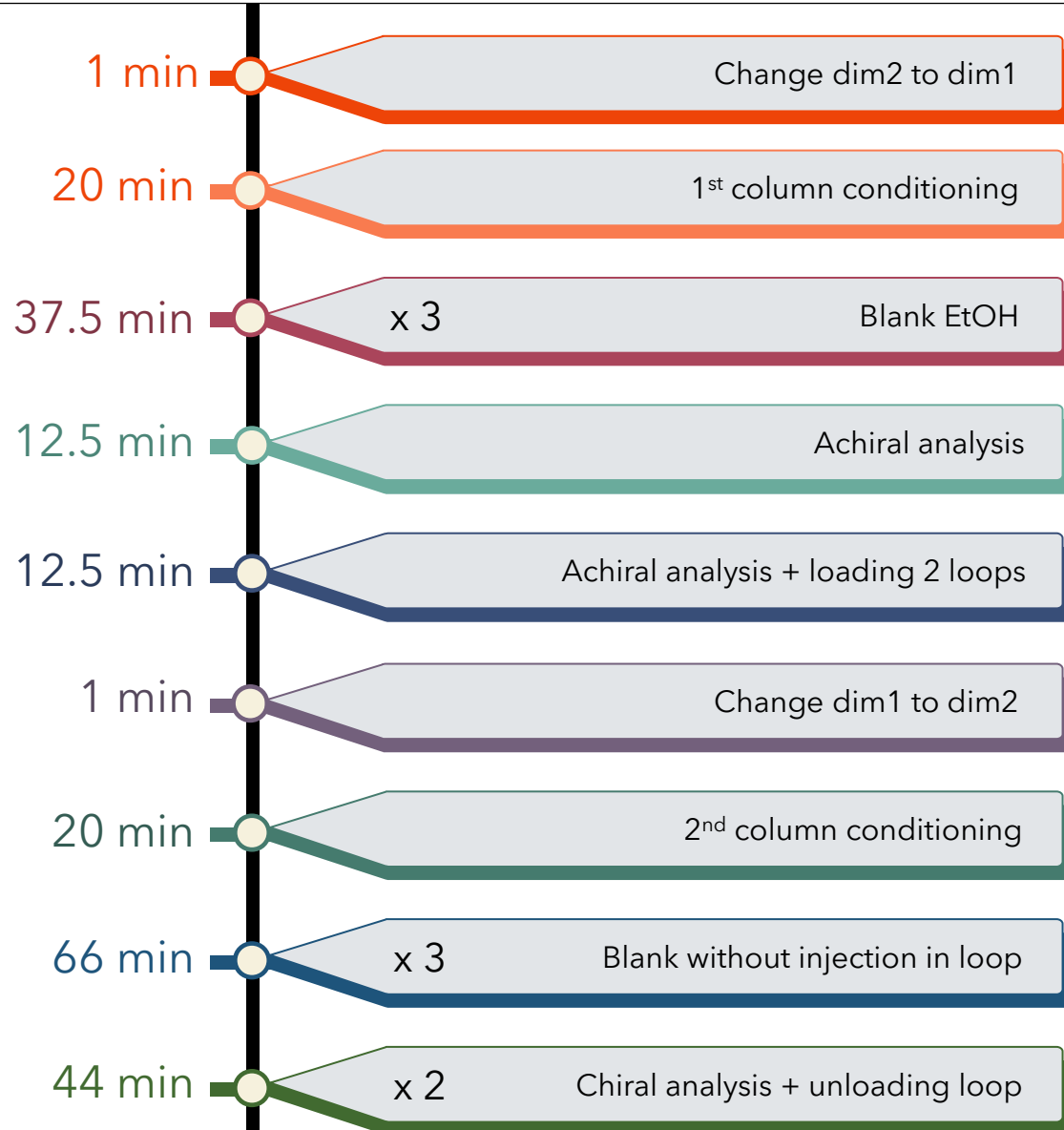
Results - sequence



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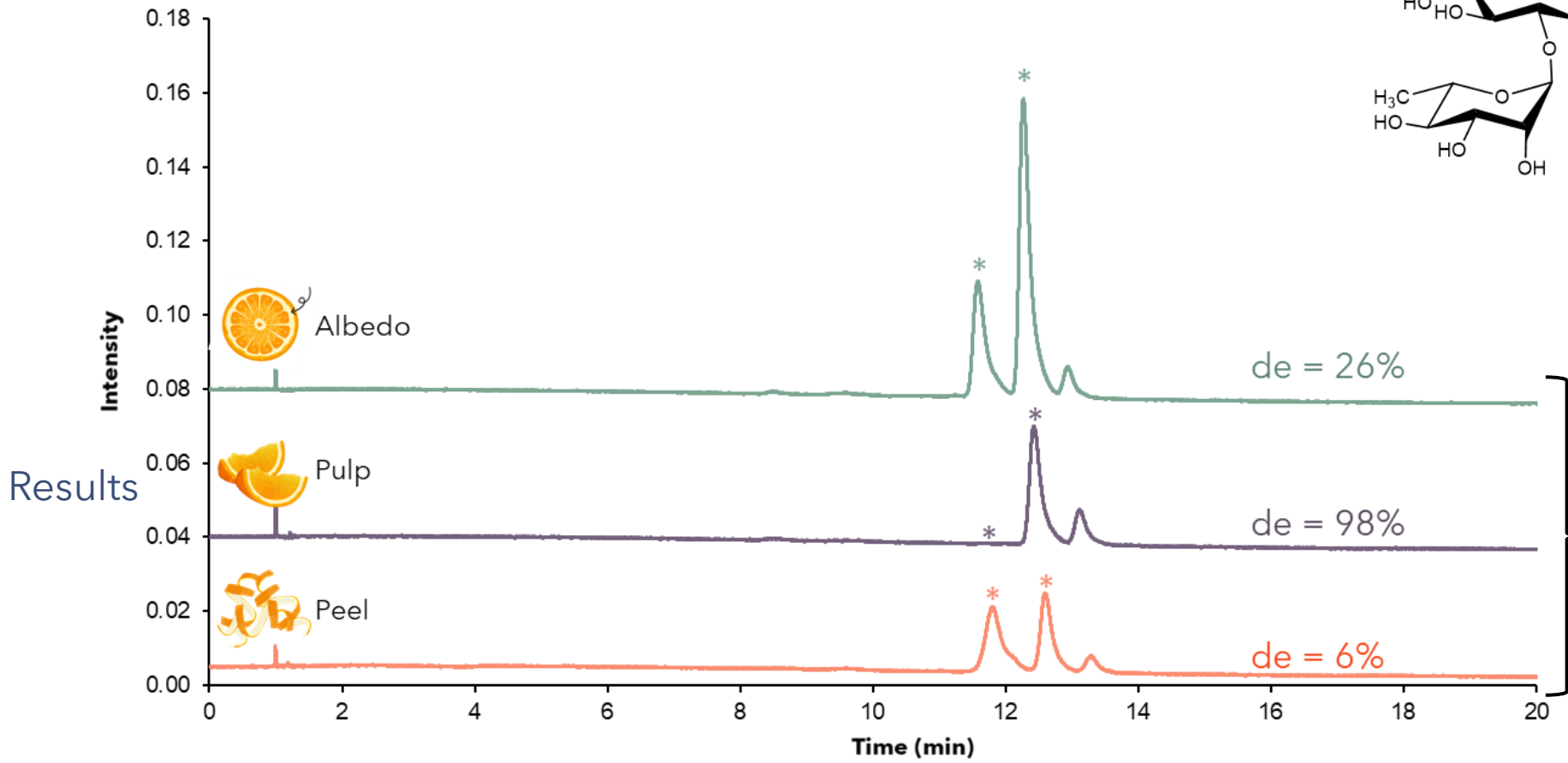
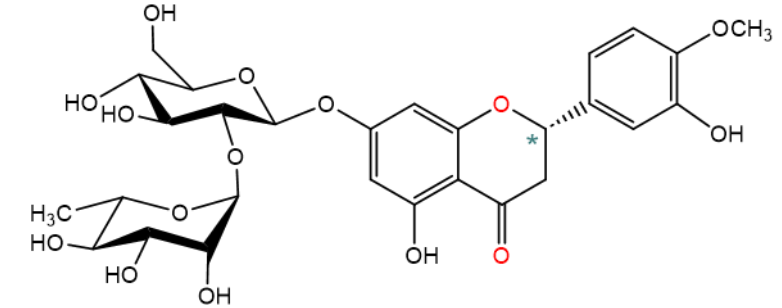
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Diastereomeric excesses - Neohesperidin



Ripe oranges



Large variation in diastereomeric excess from one part to another

Injection 114 μL



2nd dimension

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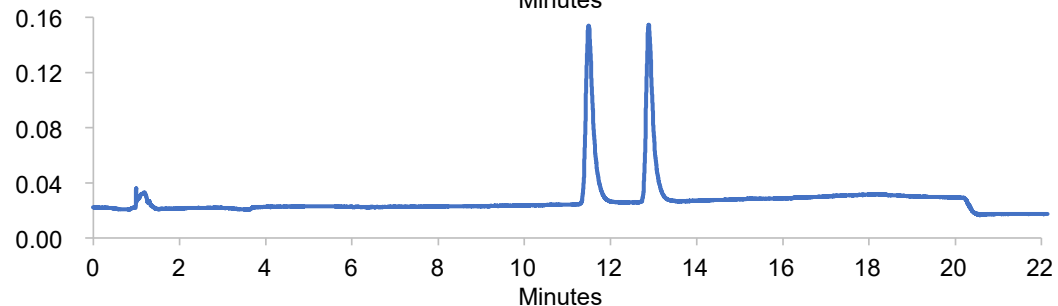
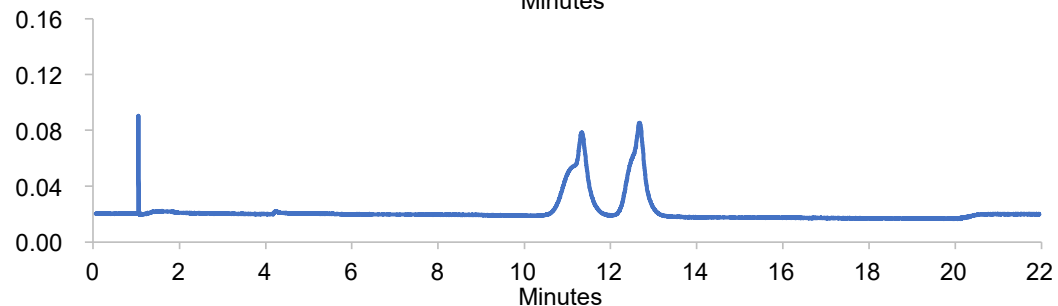
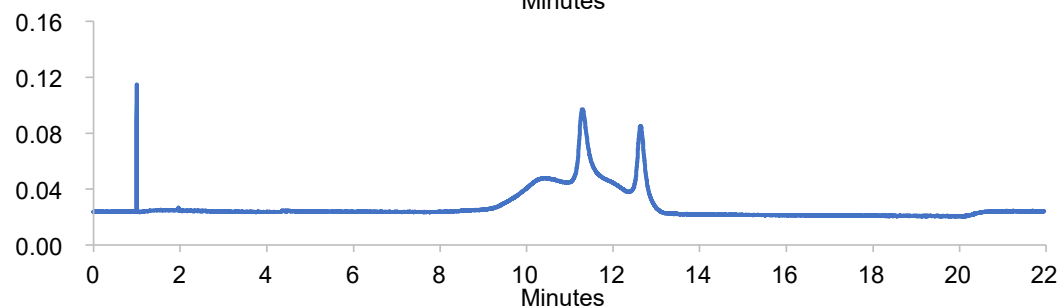
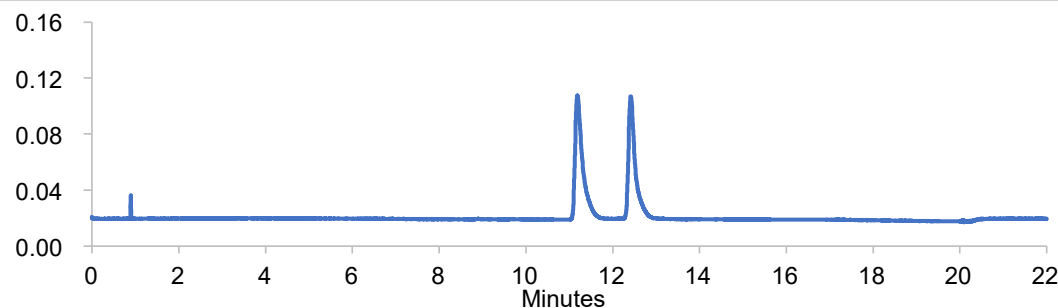
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Direct injection 5 μL
Naringin
MeOH

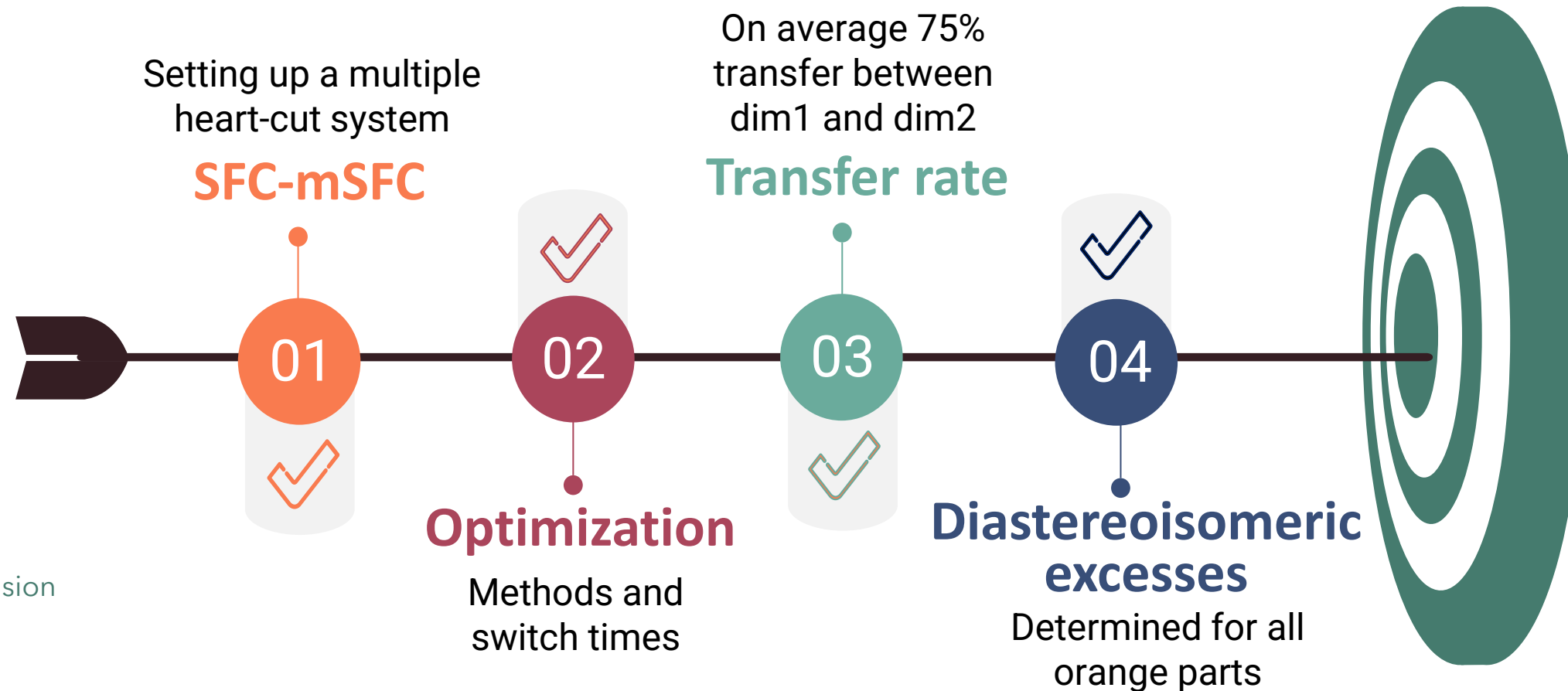
Direct injection 114 μL
Naringin
MeOH

Direct injection 114 μL
Naringin
EtOH/Hept (75/25)

Unload Loop 114 μL
Naringin
MeOH/CO₂ 75/25



Conclusion



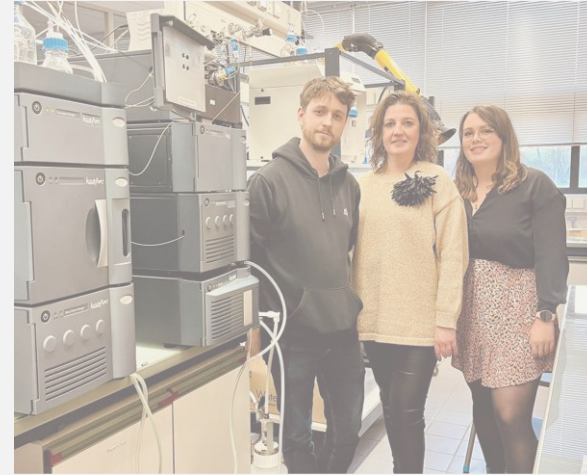
Conclusion

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