

**Capillary IC – A New Platform for High
Throughput or High Resolution
Separations of Ionic Compounds**

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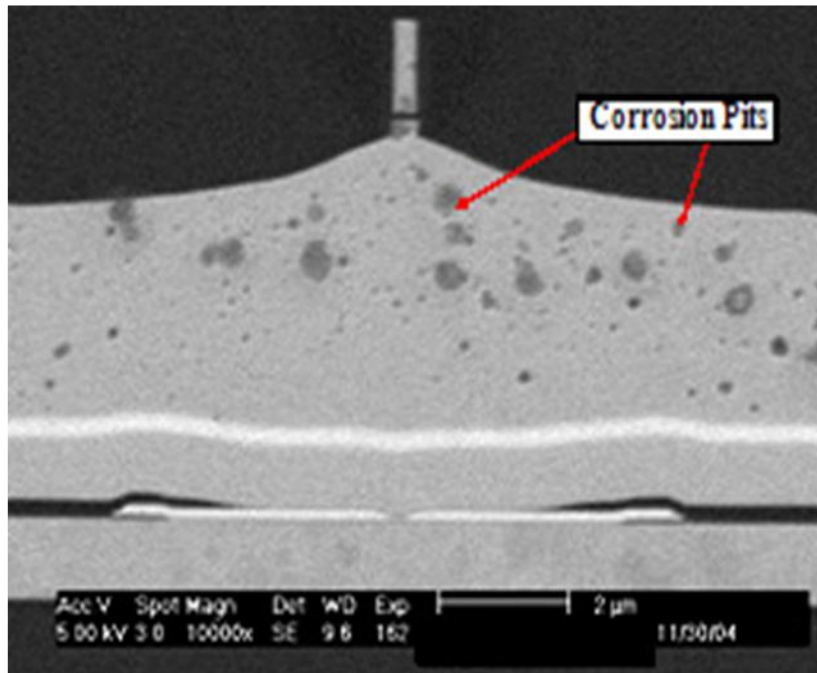
Flow Accelerated Corrosion (FAC) in PWR Power Plant Piping



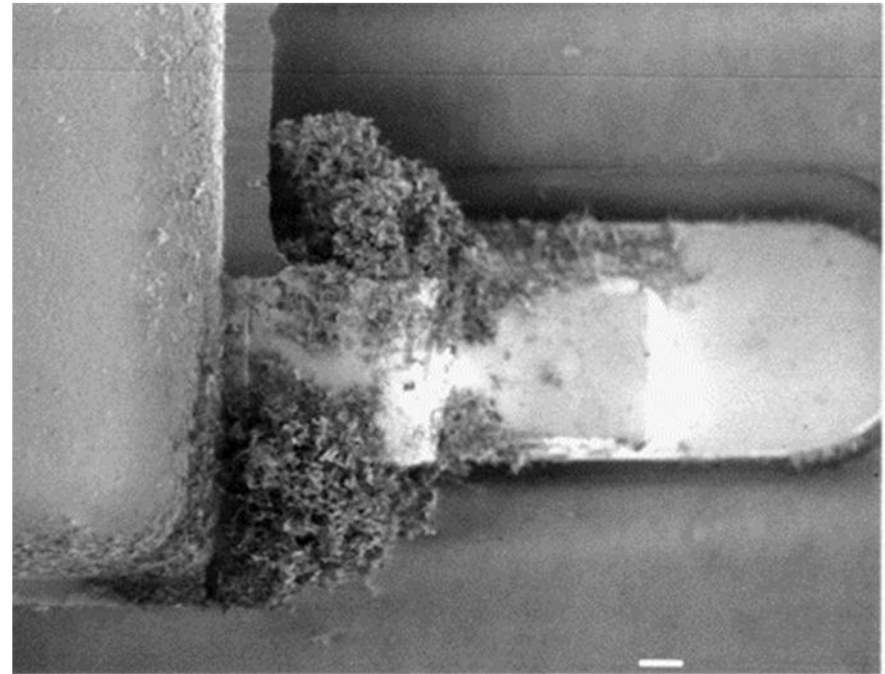
National Association of Corrosion Engineers
www.nace.org

Corrosion in the PWB and Device Industry

Corrosion Pitting in GMR
Read/Write Head



Dendritic Growth in Device Lead



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Outline

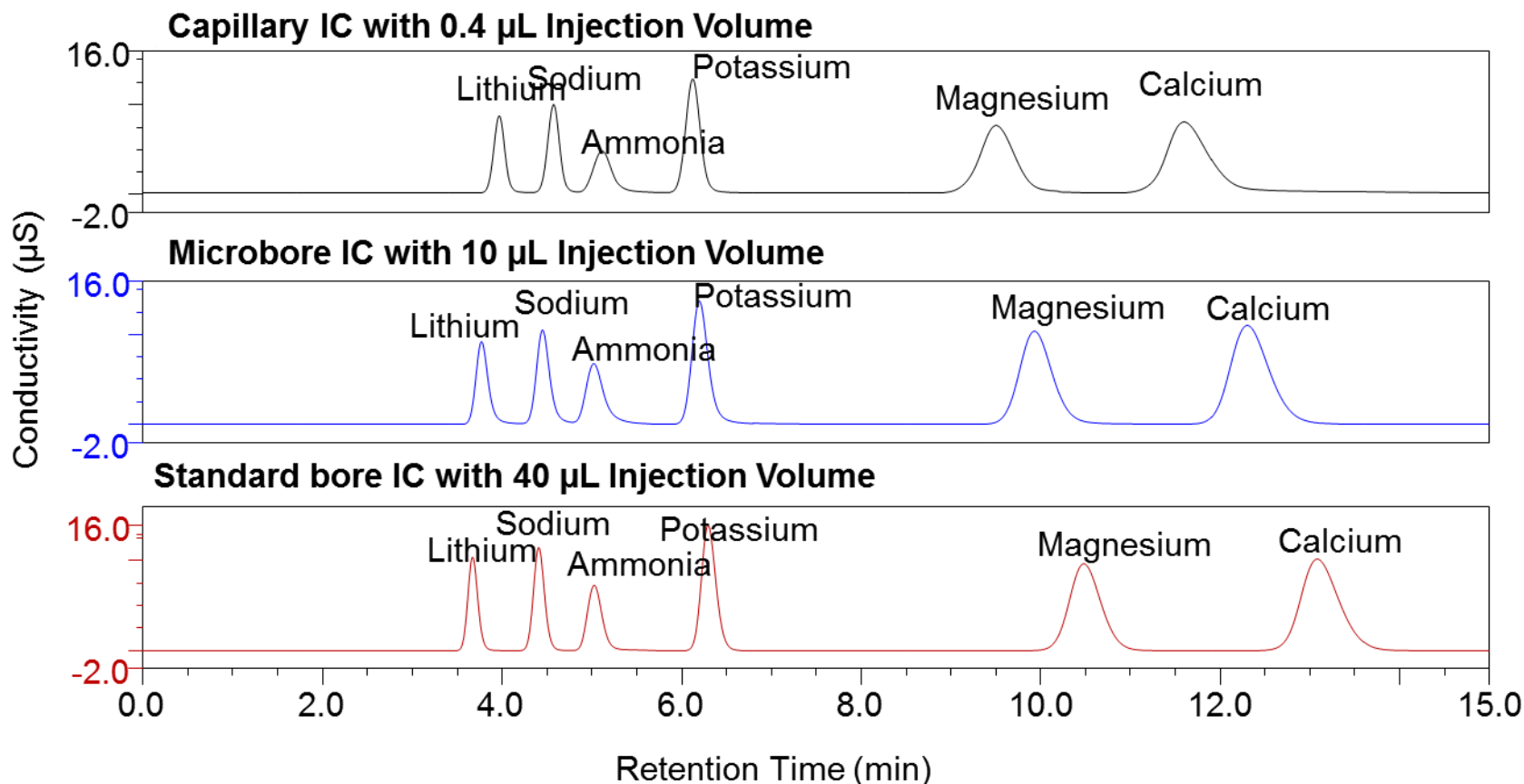
- Introduction to capillary IC and high pressure capillary IC
- Advantages of high pressure capillary IC
- Increased sensitivity for trace analysis
- Microliter volumes for large loop direct injections
- Microliter volumes for concentration
- Conclusions

The Most Important Values of Capillary IC

- **“IC on Demand”**
 - Permanent availability of the system
 - Higher laboratory productivity, reduced equilibration/start-up time
 - Less/fewer calibration runs
 - Isocratic and gradient elution with RFIC™ technology
- **Higher mass sensitivity**
 - High sensitivity with less sample volume
 - 100-fold increase in absolute sensitivity as compared to 4 mm systems
 - IC × IC (2D-IC) – detection limits in the ppt range with only 1 mL of sample
- **Lower cost of ownership**
 - Lower eluent consumption, less waste, 5.25 L/yr of DI water
 - 18 months lifetime of the EG cartridges

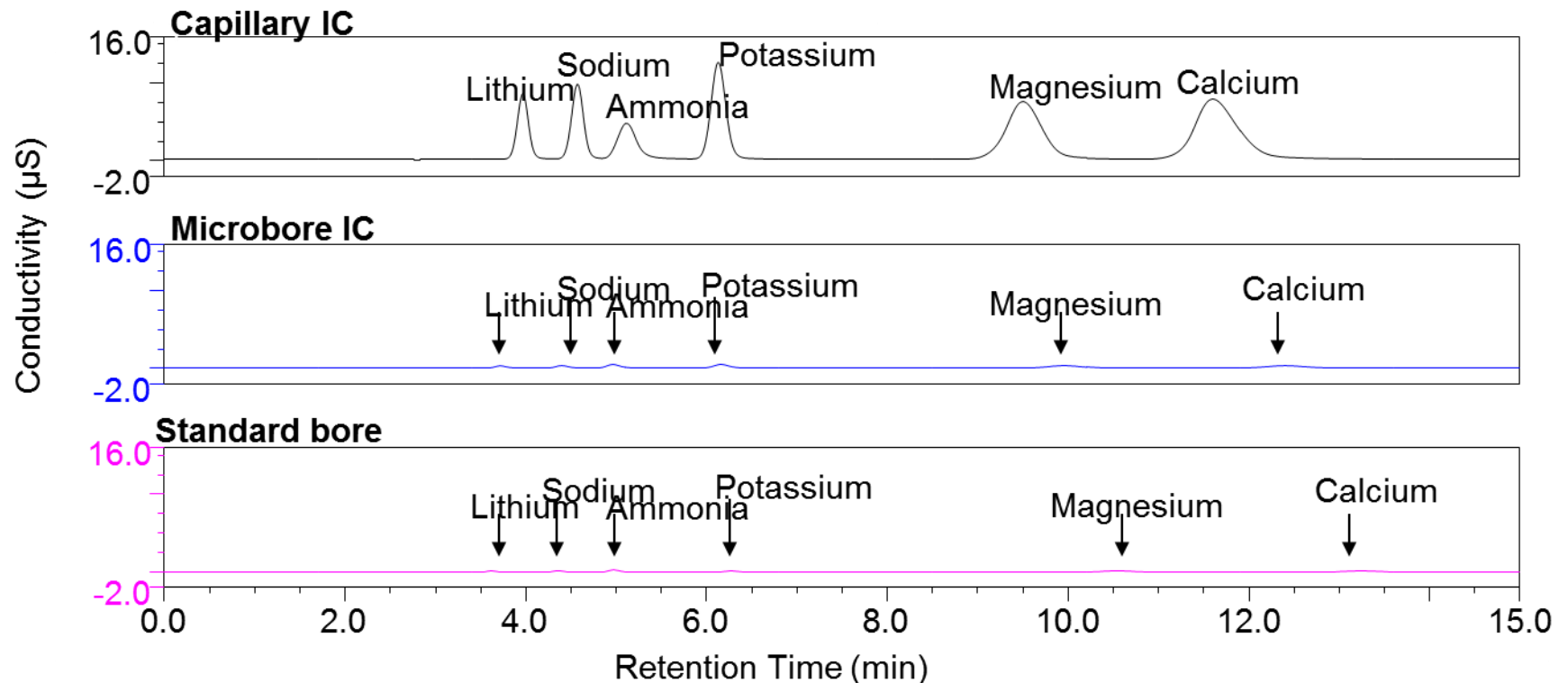
Capillary IC - Dimension of Scale

Overlay of chromatograms from 4 mm, 2 mm and 0.4 mm – all with optimum injection volume



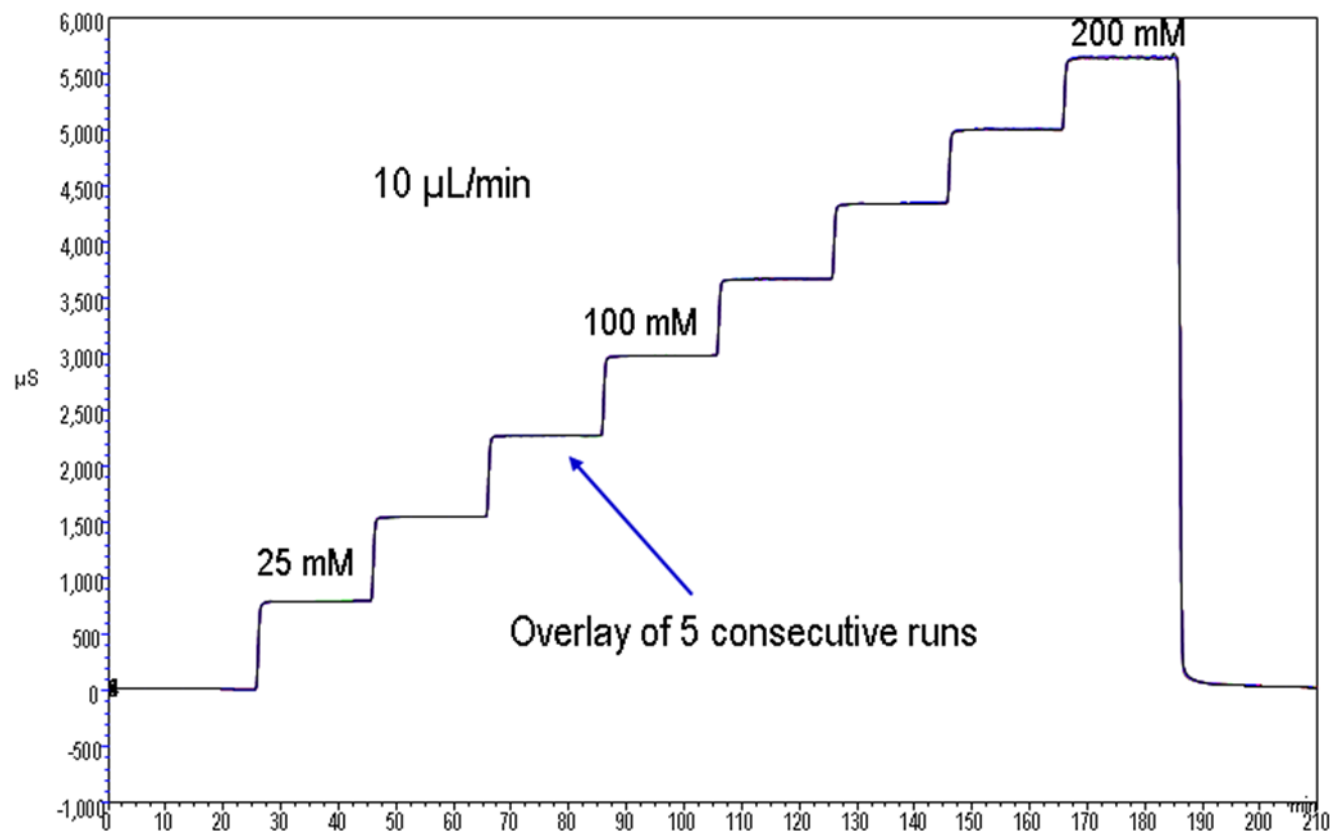
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Electrolytically Formed Gradients

- EG step gradient – accuracy up to 200 mM in capillary mode



$$[\text{Eluent}] \propto \frac{\text{Current}}{\text{Flow rate}}$$

What is High Pressure IC (HPIC[™]) ?

- **What it is:**
 - Continuous Operation at 5000 psi with a Capillary IC System
- **What it can do:**
 - Enables use of longer columns and/or higher flow rates
 - Longer columns => more efficient separations
 - Smaller particle size (4 µm) columns
 - Higher flow rates => faster analysis

High Pressure Capabilities

Why Do We Need Faster Separations?

- Make laboratories more productive
- Save laboratories time and solvents
- Provide faster answers to analytical questions
- Improve LODs and LOQs
- Rush samples

Faster separations are as accurate and precise as conventional methods!

Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ ICS-5000⁺ HPIC System



Universal HPIC System High-Pressure Ion Chromatography

- Continuous operation up to 5000 psi
- High pressure capable with both analytical and capillary systems
- Increased productivity with fast run times
- Improved separations and higher resolution with 4 μ m particle columns



IC Cube™
Cartridge

HPIC - High Resolution, Fast Analyses

Dionex ICS-4000 Capillary HPIC System

Dedicated Capillary HPIC

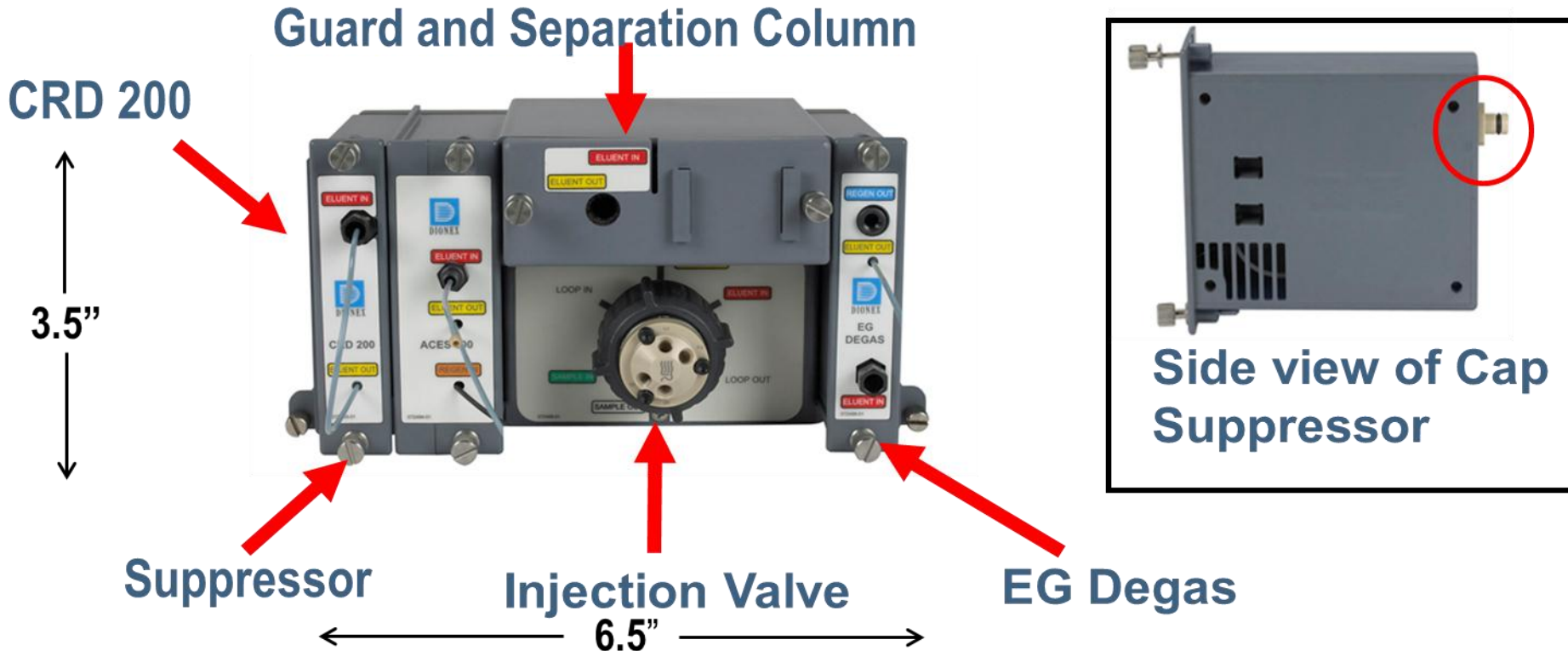
- New level of resolution and speed
- Delivering best in class sensitivity
- Simplifies workflows
- Increases analytical efficiency and productivity
- Small footprint
- Electrochemical, Conductivity, or Charge detection



IC Cube Cartridge

HPIC - High Resolution, Fast Analyses

Capillary Technology – The Dionex IC Cube



Dual Analytical	Dual Capillary
60 Fluidic Connections	26 Fluidic Connections

IC Cube – Columns and Column Compartment

Separator

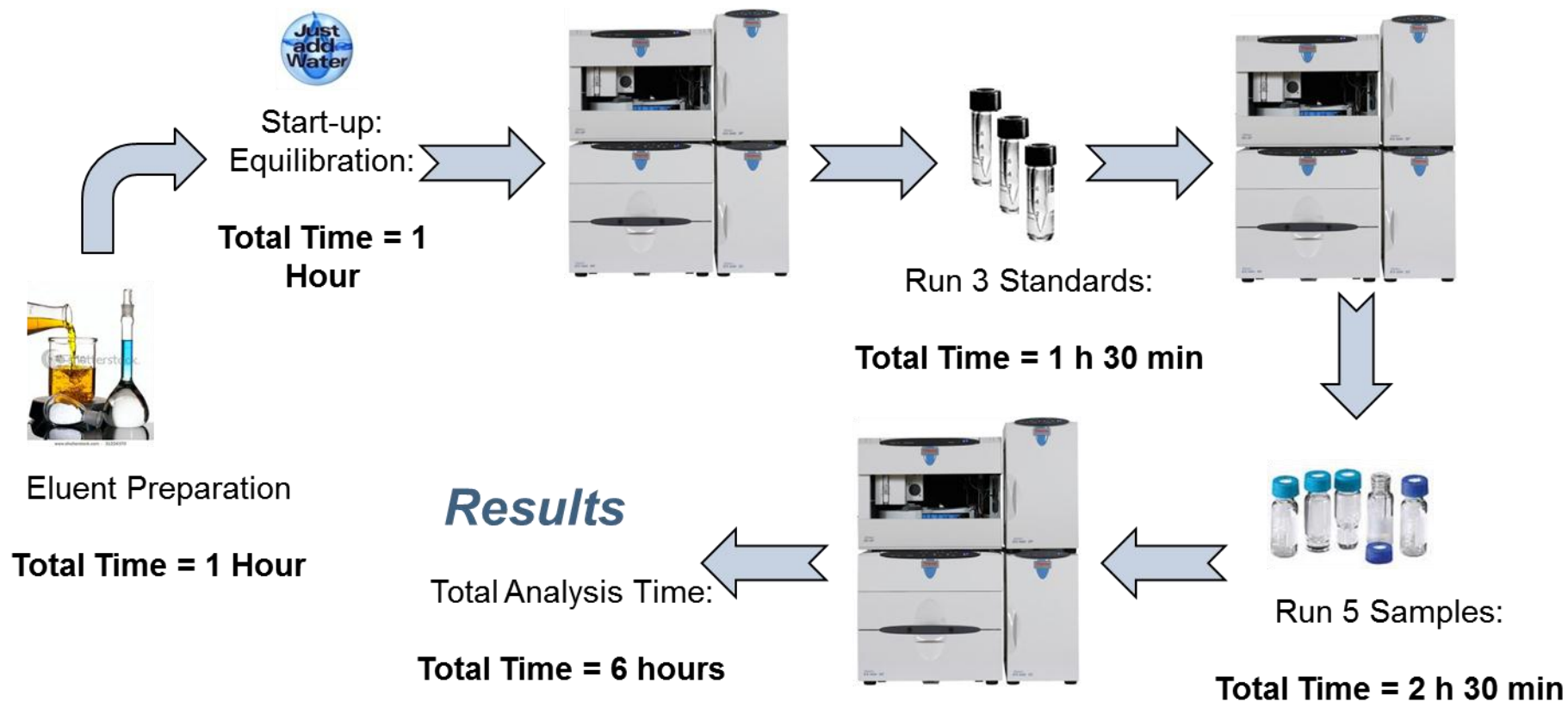


Guard



Typical Workflow: Traditional IC

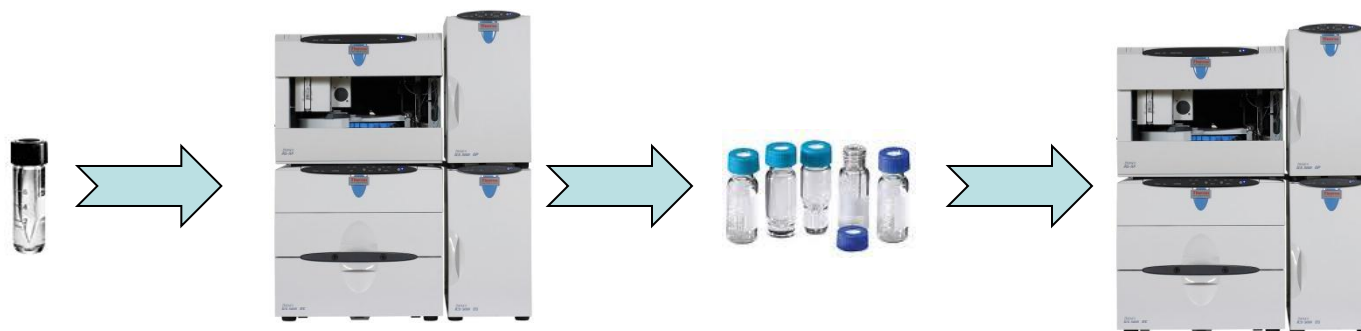
Dionex IonPac AS19 Gradient Analysis





Typical Workflow: Capillary IC

Always On – Always Ready



Run Check Standard:

Total Time = 30 min

Run 5 Samples:

Total Time = 2 h 30 min

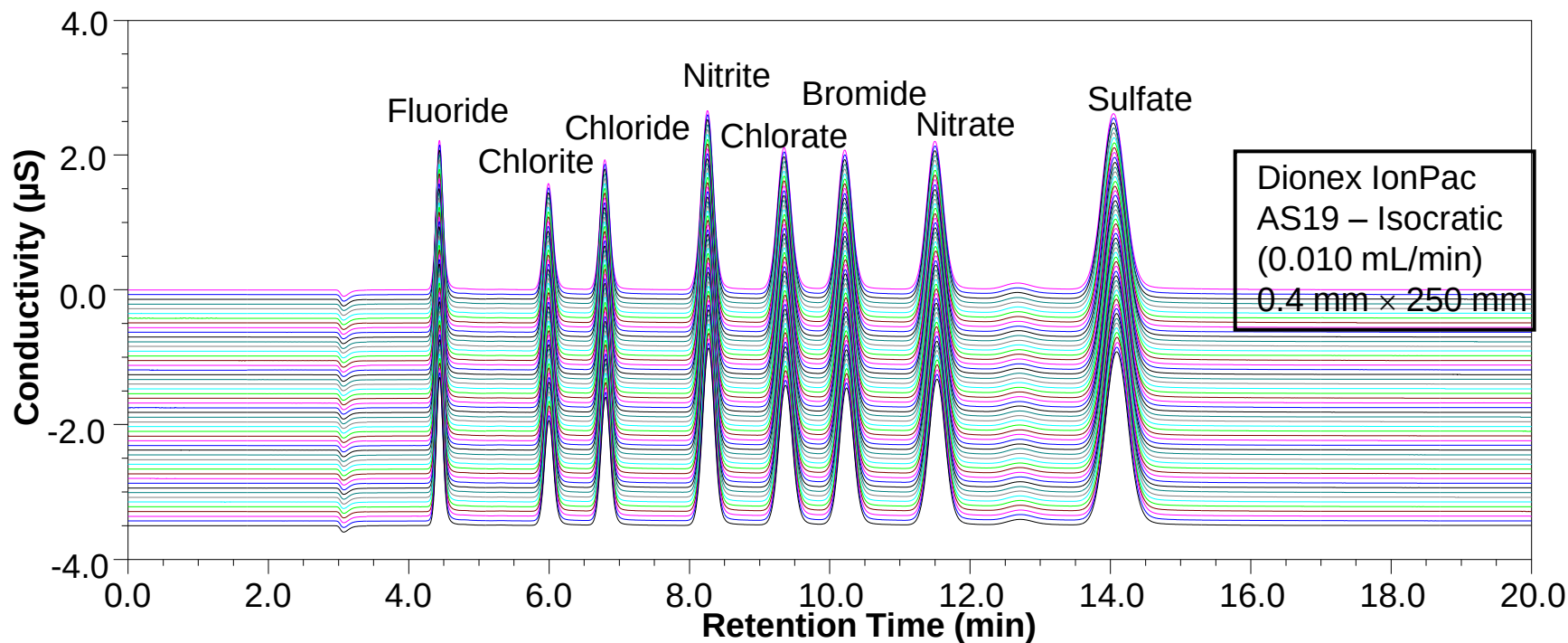
Results

Total Analysis Time:

Total Time = 3 hours

“IC on Demand”

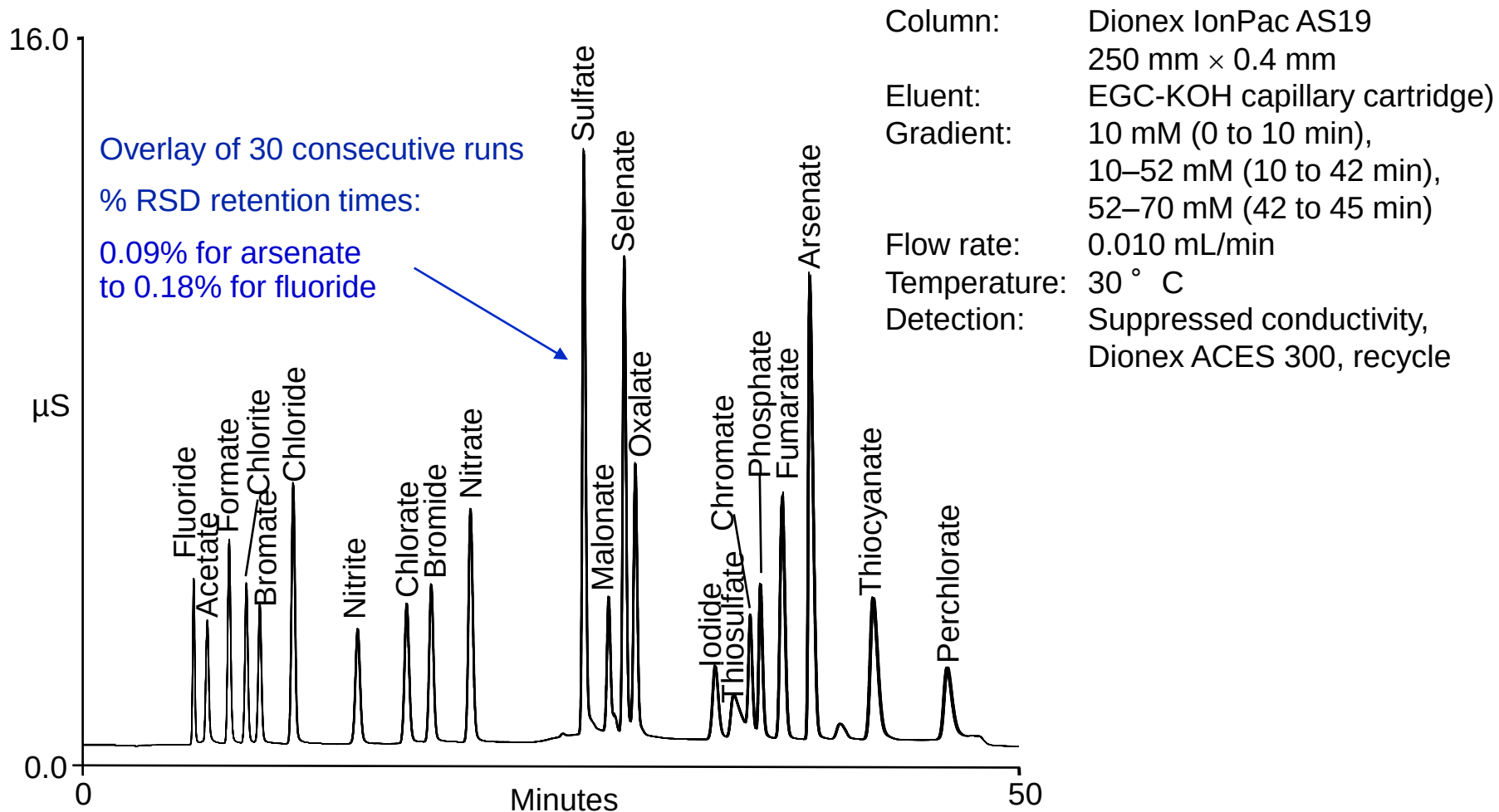
Capillary IC Value: Best Reproducibility



	Fluoride	Chlorite	Chloride	Nitrite	Chlorate	Bromide	Nitrate	Sulfate
RT (% RSD)	0.048	0.045	0.037	0.030	0.023	0.024	0.021	0.026
Peak Area (% RSD)	0.287	0.363	0.367	0.328	0.349	0.359	0.354	0.287

Overlay of 50 Consecutive Analysis

Gradient Separation of 22 Anions

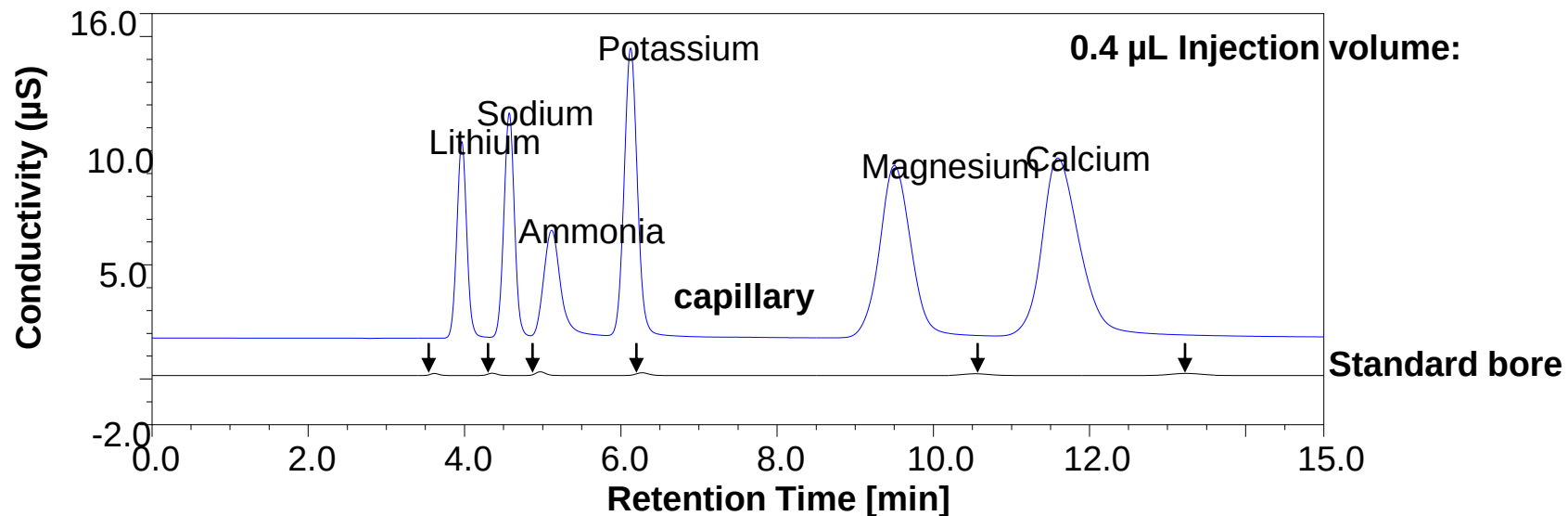


Trace Analysis with Capillary IC

- Smaller sample volumes required for same sensitivity
 - A 10- μ L injection onto a 0.4 mm i.d. column is equivalent to a 1000- μ L injection onto a 4 mm i.d. column
 - Measurements possible at lower concentrations than before
 - Suitable for weakly contaminated samples
 - Shorter loading time in concentration mode
 - 250- μ L sample onto a capillary concentrator by a Dionex AS-AP autosampler
- Vs
- 25-mL sample onto a conventional concentrator by a Dionex AS-HV autosampler

Capillary IC – Values: Small Sample Sizes

- Limited Volumes:
 - Precious/Valuable samples
 - Corrosion detection
- Safety:
 - Toxic/Dangerous samples
- Reduced Waste Cost:
 - Less overall waste to dispose of... i.e. Radioactive waste

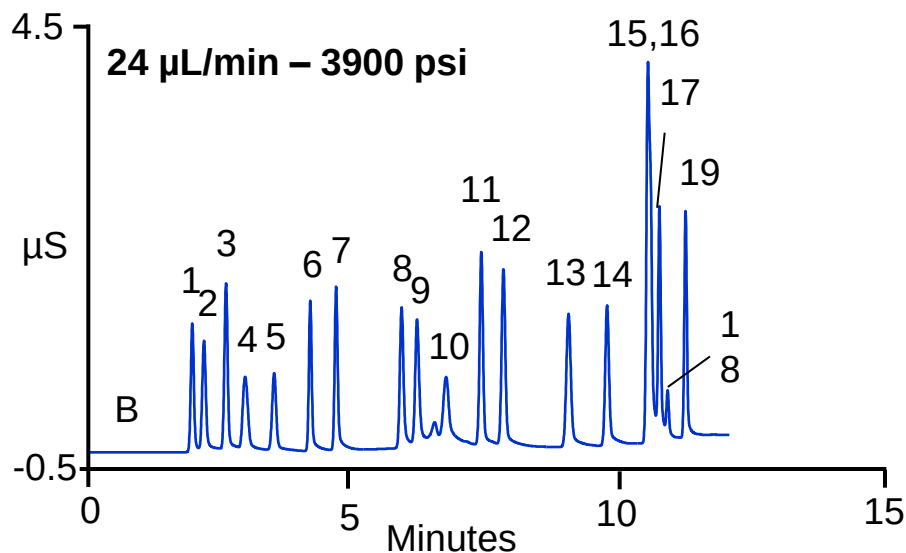


High Pressure Capabilities of Capillary IC

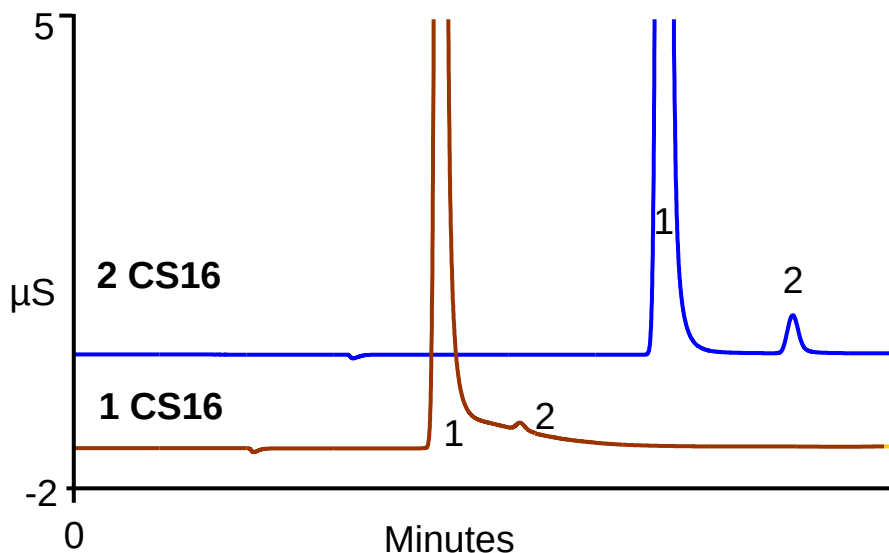
Expanded Capability:

- **Capillary IC systems can now operate at higher pressures**
 - Up to 5000 psi, in continuous operation, and with RFIC-EG
- **Faster separations with higher flow rates (left)**
- **Higher resolution with longer columns (right)**

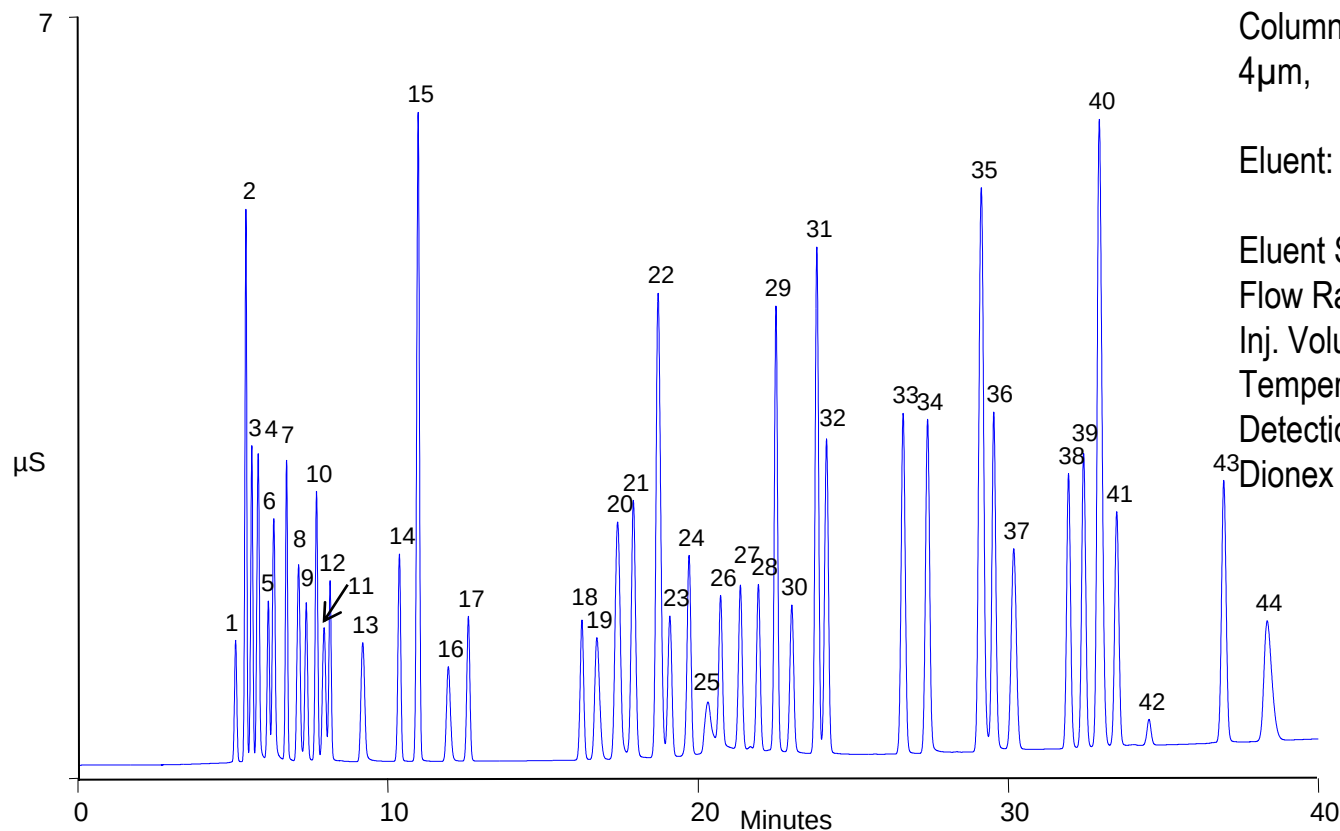
IonSwift MAX-100: 11 minutes



10,000:1 Na : Ammonia



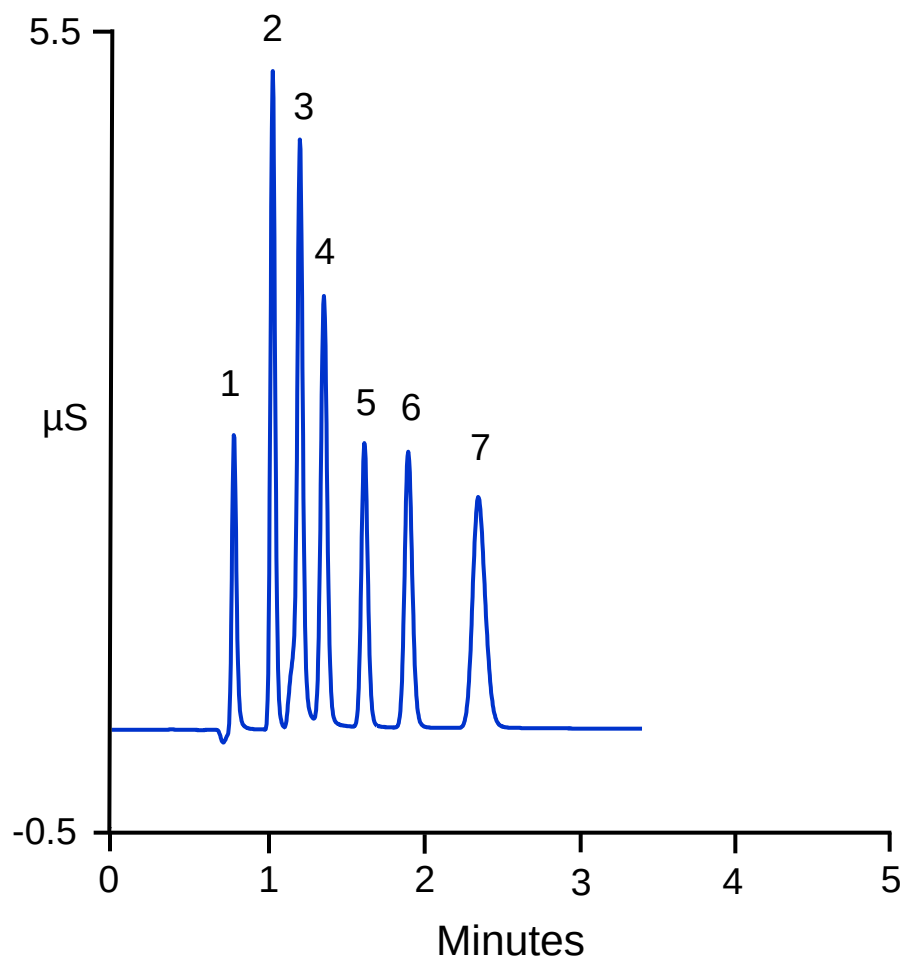
Separation of 44 Analyte Peaks!



Column: Dionex IonPac AS11-HC-
4 μm ,
0.4 $\times$ 250 mm
Eluent: 1–14 mM KOH in 16 min,
14–55 mM KOH in 24 min
Eluent Source: EGC-KOH capillary cartridge
Flow Rate: 0.015 mL/min
Inj. Volume: 0.4 μL
Temperature: 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Detection: Suppressed conductivity,
Dionex ACES[™] 300, 24 mA, recycle
mode

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|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Quinate | 8. Butyrate | 15. Chloride | 22. Nitrate | 29. Sulfate | 36. Phosphate | 43. <i>trans</i> -Aconitate |
| 2. Fluoride | 9. 2-hydroxyvalerate | 16. 2-Oxovalerate | 23. Citramalate | 30. α -ketoglutarate | 37. Phthalate | 44. Iodide |
| 3. Lactate | 10. Pyruvate | 17. Nitrite | 24. Malate | 31. Oxalate | 38. Arsenate | |
| 4. Acetate | 11. <i>iso</i> -Valerate | 18. Ethylphosphonate | 25. Carbonate | 32. Fumarate | 39. Citrate | |
| 5. 2-hydroxybutyrate | 12. Chlorate | 19. Trifluoroacetate | 26. Maleate | 33. Oxaloacetic | 40. Chromate | |
| 6. Propionate | 13. Valerate | 20. Azide | 27. Citraconitate | 34. Wolframate | 41. <i>iso</i> -Citrate | |
| 7. Formate | 14. Bromate | 21. Bromide | 28. Maleate | 35. Molybdate | 42. <i>cis</i> -Aconitate | |

Fast Runs on the Dionex IonPac AS18-4 μ m Column



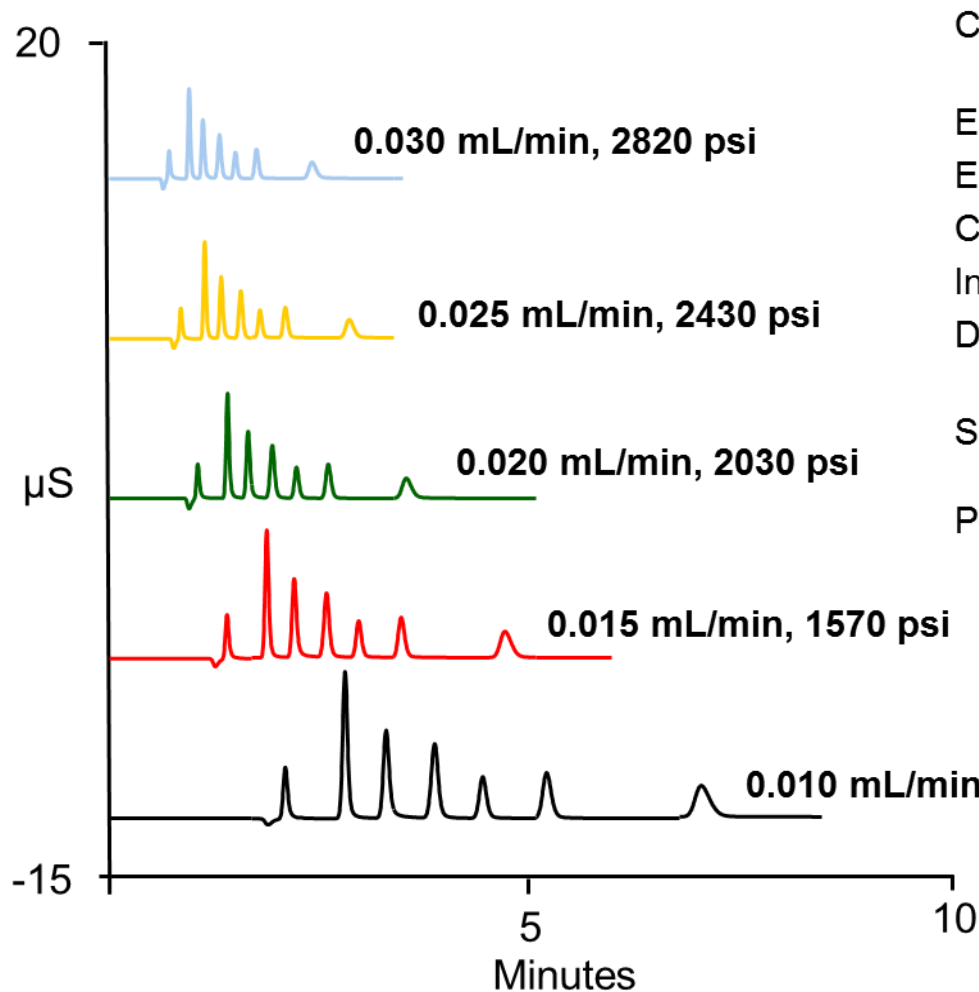
Column: Dionex IonPac AS18-4 μ m, 0.4 mm
 Eluent: 35 mM KOH
 Eluent Source: EGC-KOH capillary cartridge
 Temperature: 30 ° C
 Flow Rate: 0.030 mL/min
 Inj. Volume: 0.4 μ L
 Detection: Suppressed conductivity,
 Dionex ACES[™] 300, recycle mode

Peaks:

1. Fluoride	0.2	mg/L
2. Chloride	0.5	
3. Nitrite	1.0	
4. Sulfate	1.0	
5. Bromide	1.0	
6. Nitrate	1.0	
7. Phosphate	2.0	

Speed

Separation of inorganic anions using a 4 μ m column at different flow rates.



Column: Thermo Scientific Dionex
IonPac AS18-4 μ m, 0.4 $\times$ 150 mm

Eluent Source: Dionex EGC-KOH (Capillary)

Eluent: 30 mM KOH

Col. Temp.: 30 $^{\circ}$ C

Inj. Volume: 0.4 μ L

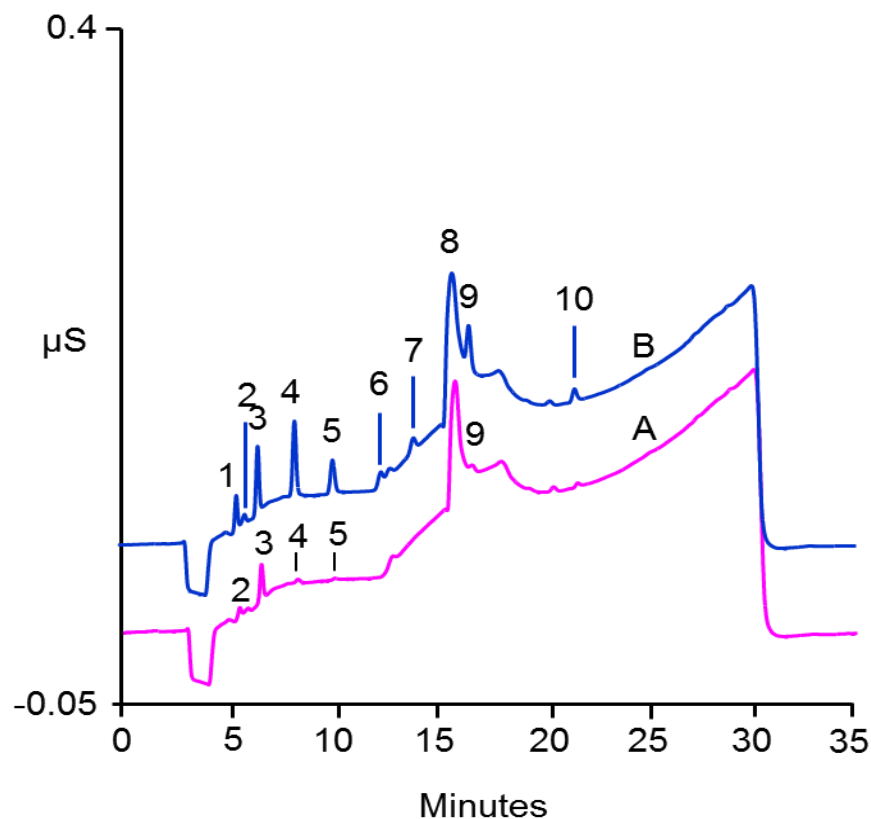
Detection: Suppressed Conductivity,
Dionex ACES 300

Sample: Anion Standard Solution

Peaks:

1. Fluoride	0.2	mg/L
2. Chloride	1	
3. Nitrite	1	
4. Sulfate	1	
5. Bromide	1	
6. Nitrate	1	
7. Phosphate	2	

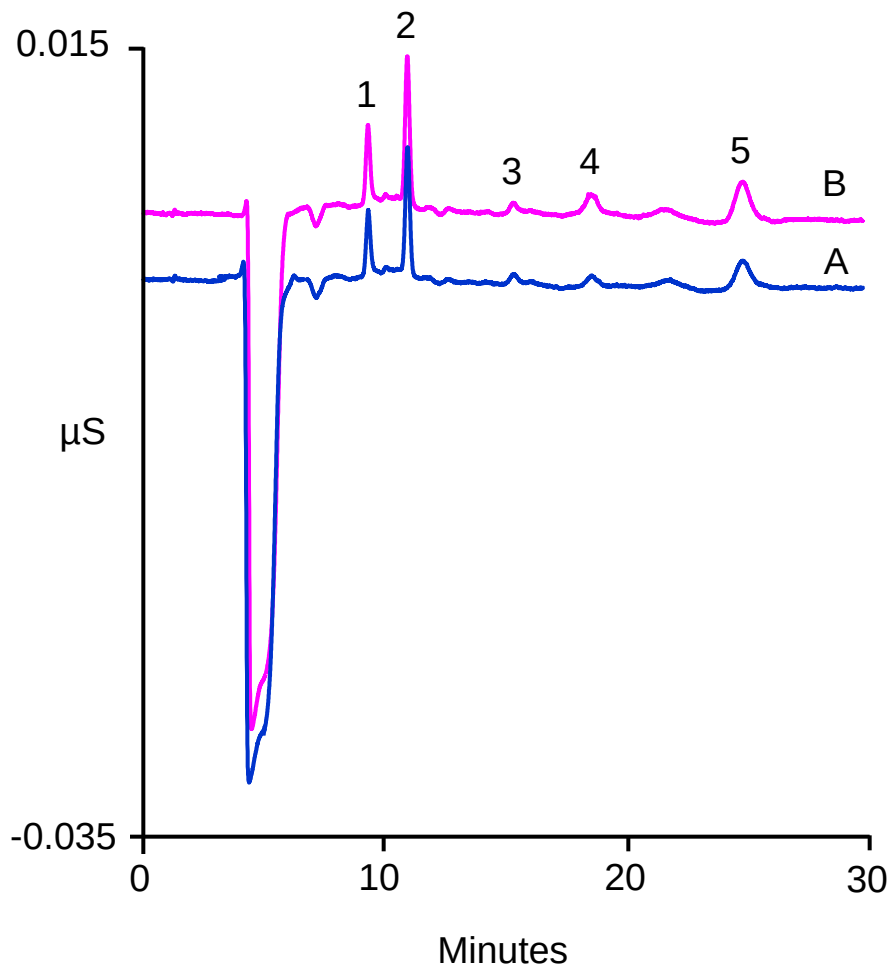
Anions - Large Loop Direct Injection of 10 μ L



Column: Dionex IonPac AG19, AS19,
0.4 x 250 mm
Eluent Source: Dionex EGC-KOH capillary
Eluent: 14 mM KOH for 7 min, 14–45 mM
(7–25 min), 14 mM (25.1–35 min)
Flow Rate: 0.010 mL/min
Col. Temp.: 30 °C
Inj. Volume: 10 μ L
Detection: Suppressed conductivity, Dionex
ACES[™], Dionex CRD-200 capillary
Samples: A: Blank
B: Diluted anion standard

	A	B	
Peaks:			
1. Fluoride	--	0.2	μ g/L
2. Acetate	--	--	
3. Formate	--	--	
4. Chloride	0.045	1.0	
5. Nitrite	--	1.0	
6. Bromide	--	1.0	
7. Nitrate	--	1.0	
8. Carbonate	--	--	
9. Sulfate	0.002	1.0	
10. Phosphate	0.002	2.0	

Cations - Large Loop Direct Injection of 10 μL



Column: Dionex IonPac[™] CG16, CS16, capillary, 0.4×250 mm
 Eluent Source: Dionex EGC-MSA capillary
 Eluent: 30 mM MSA
 Flow Rate: 0.010 mL/min
 Col. Temp.: 30 ° C
 Inj. Volume: 10 μL
 Detection: Suppressed conductivity, Dionex CCES[™], recycle mode
 Samples: Blank
 Vial Septa: **A: Teflon Single Injection**
 B: Blue Septa

	A	
	B	
Peaks:	1. Sodium	0.057
	0.068 $\mu\text{g/L}$	
	2. Ammonium	0.21
	0.32	
	3. Potassium	0.024
	0.016	
	4. Magnesium	0.011
	0.023	
	5. Calcium	0.068
		0.11

Once we have clean water, how to we keep it clean?

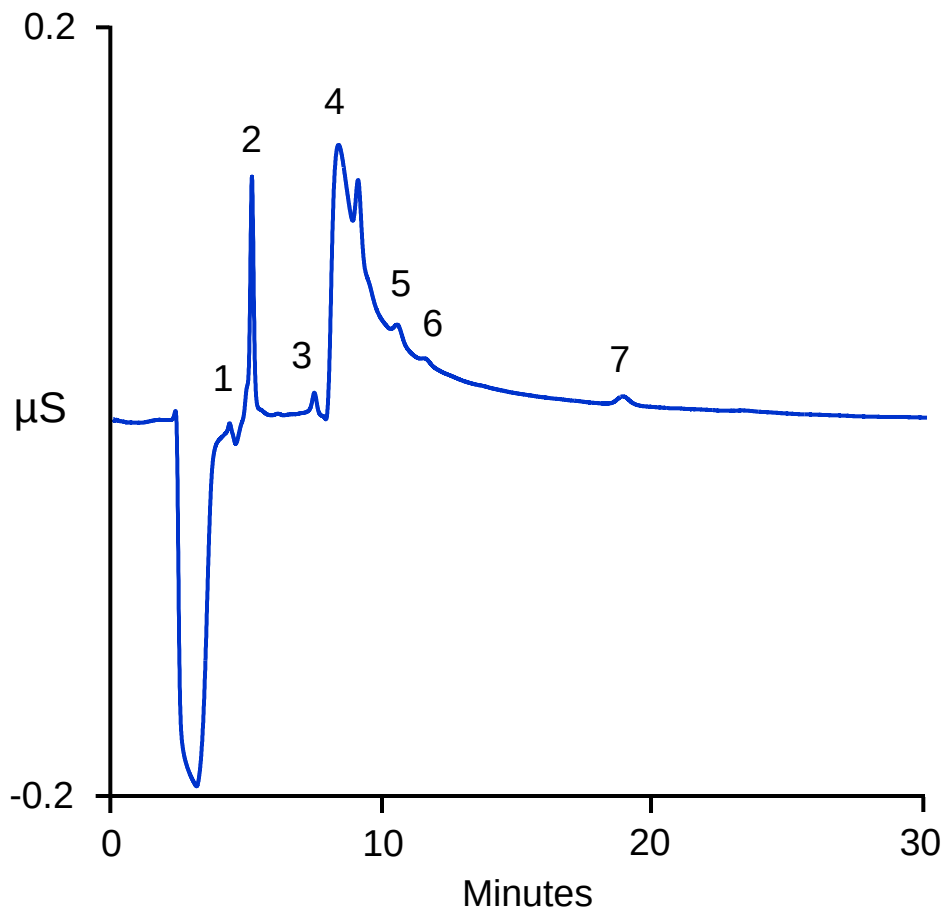
Solution! ICW-3000 Online Water Purifier



- Millipore product
- Designed specifically and only for Dionex RFIC-EG systems
- Online water supply-ports on back for Eluent and Suppressor
- Support two standard bore systems



Trace Anions by Concentrating 200 μ L



Column: Dionex IonPac AG15, AS15, 0.4 mm

Eluent Source: Dionex EGC-KOH capillary,
ICW-3000 Online Water Purifier

Eluent: 30 mM KOH

Flow Rate: 10 μ L/min

Column Temp.: 30 ° C

Detection: Suppressed conductivity,
Dionex ACES[™], **external water
by ICW-3000 Online Water
Purifier**, Dionex CRD 200
capillary

Inj. Volume: 200 μ L

Concentrator: IonSwift[™] MAC-100

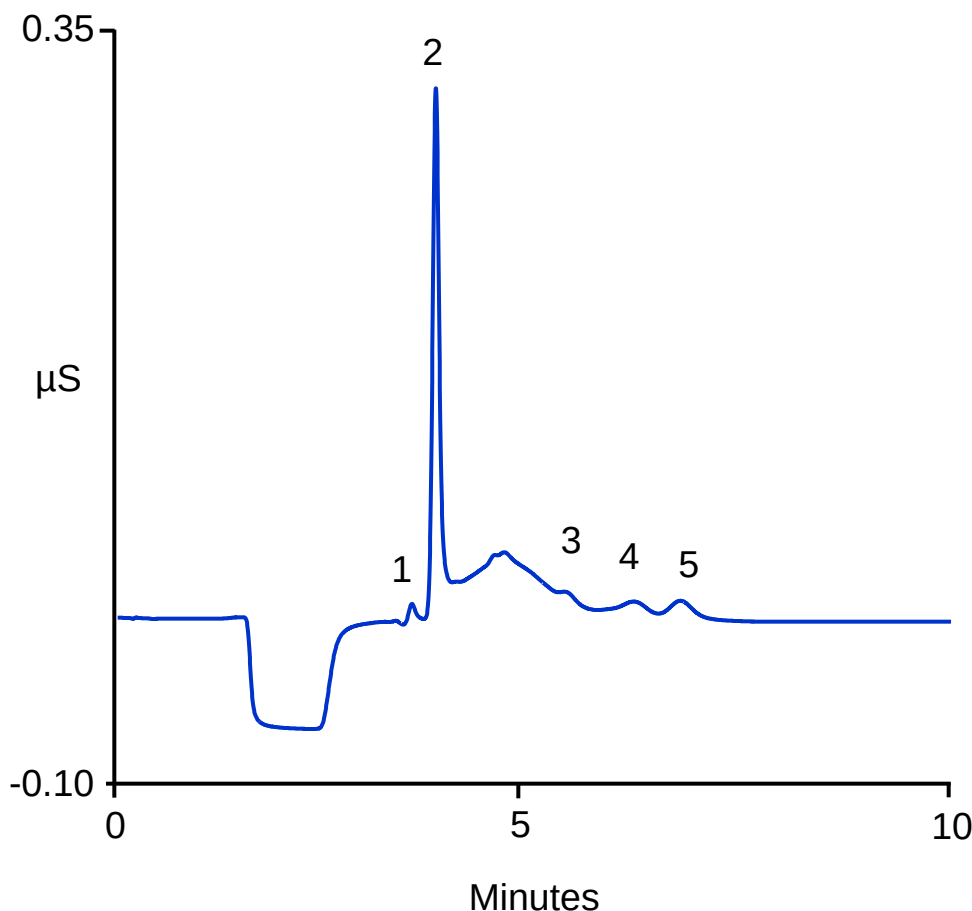
Autosampler: No flush container, ICW-3000

Vial Septa: Teflon Single Injection "Septa"

Peaks:

1. Fluoride	11 ng/L
2. Acetate	--
3. Chloride	26
4. Carbonate	--
5. Sulfate	22
6. Oxalate	--
7. Nitrate	26

Cation Blank Using ICW-3000 Online Water Purifier



Column: Dionex IonPac™ CG12A,
CS12A, 0.4 x 250 mm

Water Source: ICW-3000

Eluent Source: Dionex EGC-MSA capillary

Eluent: 20 mM MSA

Flow Rate: 0.015 mL/min

Column Temp.: 30 ° C

Detection: Suppressed conductivity, Dionex
CCES™, **external mode by
ICW-3000 Online Purifier**

Concentrator: Dionex IonSwift™ MCC-100

Inj. Volume: 200 μL

Sample: Blank

Autosampler: No flush container, ICW-3000

Vials: Single Injection PTFE "Septa"

Peaks:

1. Sodium	< 20 ng/L
2. Ammonium	~100
3. Potassium	< 20
4. Magnesium	< 20
5. Calcium	< 20

Summary

High pressure capillary IC allows you to

- Lower operational costs – water, waste, consumables
- “Always Ready”
 - Improved system and analytical performance
 - Convenience
 - Rush samples
- Enables high-resolution separations and Fast IC separations using new 4 μm particle columns
- Expand separation capabilities
 - Smaller particle columns
 - Faster flow rates
 - Higher eluent concentrations using RFIC chemistry

Capillary IC is a quantum leap ahead!

Thank you!



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