

# C18

## Mechanisms of Separation

Hydrophobic binding interactions

## Strength of Interaction

Strong

Shape selectivity

Weak

## Target Analytes

Analytes differing in hydrophobicity

Polar, moderately polar and nonpolar analytes

Uncharged acids and bases

Ionized acids or bases using ion-pairing

## Recommended Applications

Analytes differing in hydrophobicity

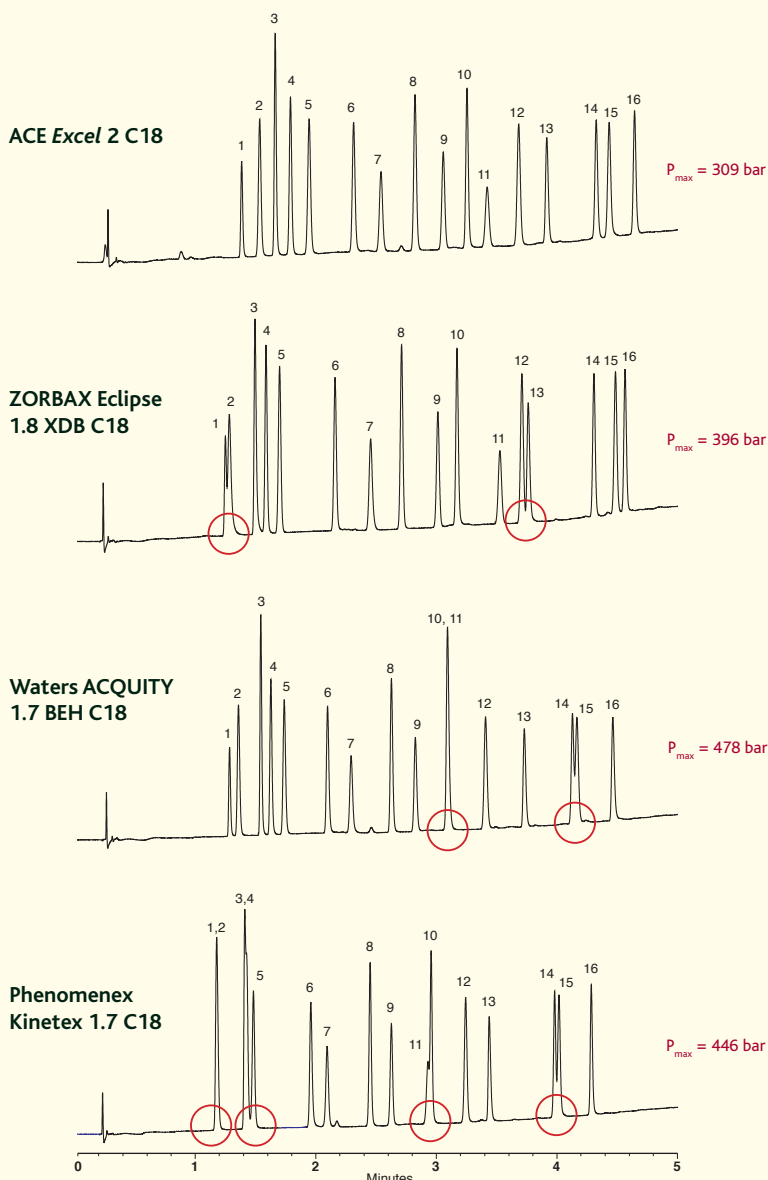
Homologous compounds differing by –CH<sub>2</sub>

Ideal starting point for method development

**Figure 6: Comparison of selectivity and characteristics of ACE<sup>®</sup> Excel<sup>™</sup> 2µm C18 to other manufacturers' columns**  
Application #1503 – Rapid UHPLC Screening of 16 Pharmaceuticals and Related Compounds

Mobile Phase: A = 20 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 2.7 and  
B = 20 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 2.7 in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (65:35 v/v)  
Gradient: 3 to 100% B in 5 minutes  
Flow Rate: 0.6 mL/min  
Temperature: 60°C  
Detection: UV, 214 nm  
Column Dimensions: 50 x 2.1mm

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. N-acetylprocainamide   | 9. 1,2-dimethoxybenzene |
| 2. 3-hydroxybenzoic acid  | 10. furosemide          |
| 3. pindolol               | 11. anisole             |
| 4. methylphenylsulphoxide | 12. methylbenzoate      |
| 5. benzylalcohol          | 13. remacemide          |
| 6. quinoxaline            | 14. nimesulide          |
| 7. 1,4-dinitrobenzene     | 15. ethylbenzoate       |
| 8. phenacetin             | 16. diflunisal          |



Comparative data may not be representative of all applications.  
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In this example the ACE Excel<sup>™</sup> C18 UHPLC column provides retention and selectivity similar to the other C18 UHPLC columns (although there may be slight selectivity differences between different C18 phases). Under these conditions, these slight differences allow the ACE Excel<sup>™</sup> C18 to fully separate all 16 components of interest.

As with all ACE HPLC columns, ACE Excel<sup>™</sup> UHPLC columns also deliver excellent peak shape for your analytes. Additionally, owing to the optimal 2µm particle size and a rigorous classification protocol, back pressure for all ACE Excel<sup>™</sup> UHPLC columns is significantly lower than for these leading UHPLC columns packed with <2µm particles.

### Further Information;

An HPLC product brochure discussing ACE C18 and all ACE phases is available.  
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