



Eliminating the Secondary
Extraction pH Step in the
Automated Solid Phase Extraction
of Semi-Volatile Organic
Compounds from Water for EPA
Method 8270D

Outline

- **Discuss EPA Method 8270D.**
- **Brief Overview of Various Extraction Techniques.**
- **Review Chronology of SPE Technique Leading Up to Elimination of High pH Sample Adjustment Step.**
- **Show Examples and Performance.**

EPA Method 8270D is used to determine neutral, acidic, and basic semi-volatile organic compounds that are soluble in methylene chloride.

- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
- Chlorinated hydrocarbons and pesticides
- Phthalate esters
- Organophosphate esters
- Nitrosamines
- Haloethers
- Aldehydes
- Ethers
- Ketones
- Anilines
- Pyridines
- Quinolines
- Aromatic nitro compounds
- Phenols (including nitrophenols)

A TOTAL OF

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Method 8270D by Separatory Funnel



1. Acidify 1 Liter sample to **pH 2** place in separatory funnel.
2. Add 60 mL methylene chloride, shake 2 min., let stand for 10 min. collect solvent.
3. Repeat 2 more times.
4. Basify sample to **pH 12**.
5. Add 60 mL methylene chloride, shake 2 min., let stand for 10 min. collect solvent.
6. Repeat 2 more times.
7. A minimum of **360 mL of solvent is collected** and dried over sodium sulfate (**min 20 g**).
8. Amount of sodium sulfate is adjusted based on water in sample.
9. Concentrated to ~15 mL using KD or other large volume evaporation device.
9. Transferred to N-Evap to bring volume down to 1 mL
10. Add internal standard, transfer to GC vial for analysis.

Continuous Liquid-Liquid Extraction

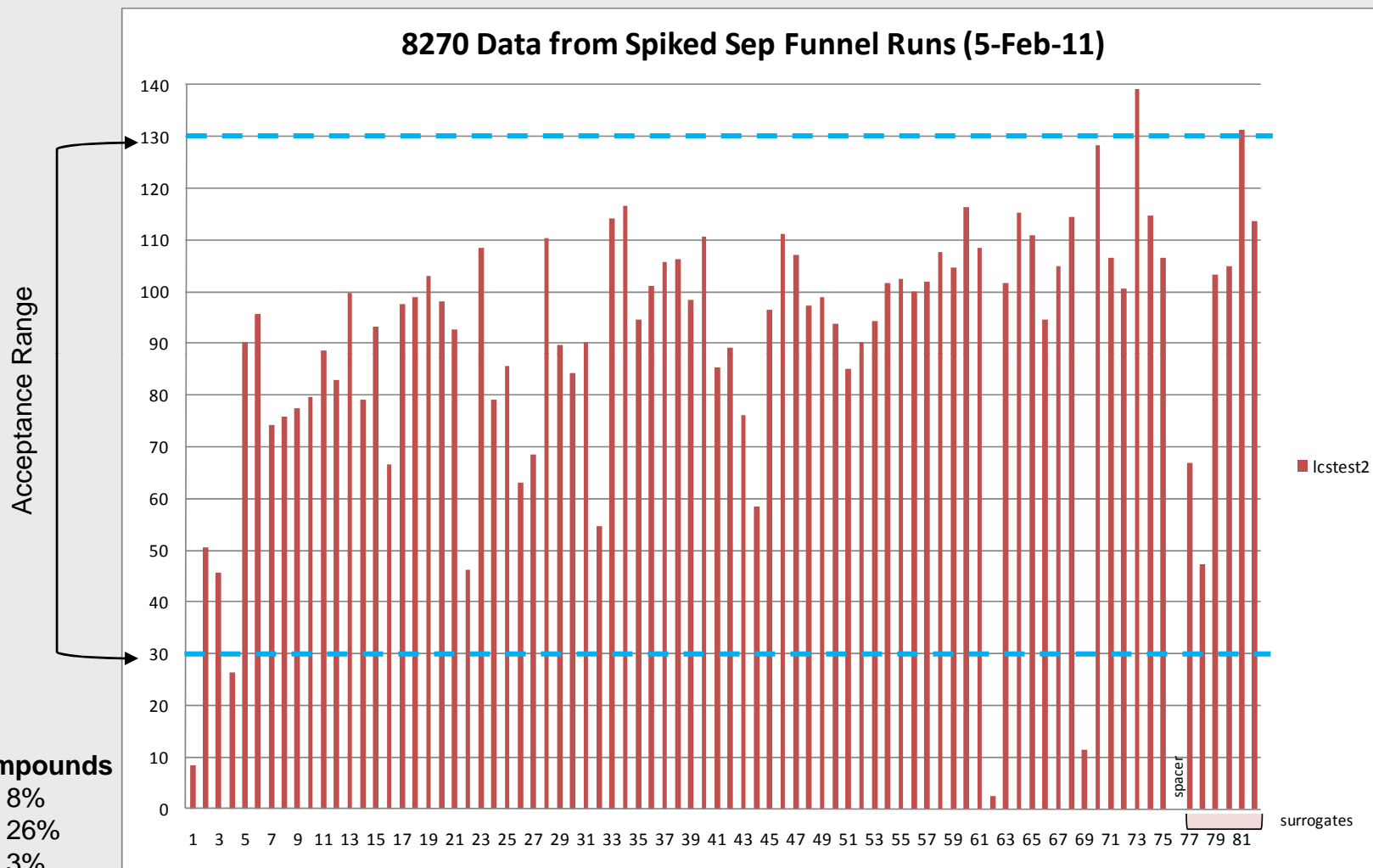


- Start with 1 liter of sample
- Spike with 1 mL surrogate spiking solution
- Adjust to pH 2.0 with 1:1 sulfuric acid
- Use 300 – 500 mL DCM
- **Extract for 18 – 24 hours**
- Adjust to pH 11.0 with 10N sodium hydroxide
- Use 300 – 500 mL DCM
- **Extract for 18 – 24 hours**
- **Total Processing time 36 – 48 hrs.**

Concentration Method – Impact on Recoveries.

- The Final Recovery Result is a function of all the steps in the sample prep. process.
- Unless indicated, samples were dried using DryDisk® Separation Membrane instead of Na_2SO_4 .
- Samples were concentrated using DryVap™ Concentrator System.
 - Evaporation temp. is BP of extract under vacuum (~28 deg C). Lower temp. minimizes imine formation.
 - KD runs at 75 deg C, the higher temp. reduces primary organic amine recoveries due to greater formation of imines (MW +40). A reaction from acetone from spike mixes in Sep. Funnel and or SPE.

8270 Using Separatory Funnel Extraction



Problem compounds

Pyridine	8%
Aniline	26%
Benzidine	3%
Di-n-octyl phthalate	12%
Indeno (1,2,3,-cd)pyrene	140%
2,4,6,Tribromophenol (surr)	135%

Dried with Na_2SO_4 ,
Concentrated with KD & N-Evap

Objective for 8270 by SPE

- **To develop a simple and optimized SPE method for the extraction of water samples using EPA Method 8270D**
- **While SPE offers many advantages over conventional LLE & CLLE techniques, several developments by Horizon Tech. have been made to deal with these limitations.**
 - **Improve recovery of light-end SVO**
 - **Handle High Particulates**
 - **Deal with High pH Precipitates**

Compound List for 8270

Target Compounds

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2) NDMA | 40) 4-Chloroaniline | 80) 2,4,6-Tribromophenol |
| 3) Pyridine | 41) Hexachloropropene | 81) 1,3,5-Trinitrobenzene |
| 4) 2-Picoline | 42) Hexachlorobutadiene | 82) Phenacetin |
| 5) N-Nitrosomethylethylamine | 43) N-Nitroso-di-n-butylamine | 83) 4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether |
| 6) Methyl methanesulfonate | 44) 4-Chloro-3-methylphenol | 84) Hexachlorobenzene |
| 7) 2-Fluorophenol | 45) Isosafrole | 85) Pentachlorophenol |
| 8) N-Nitroso-diethylamine | 46) 2-Methylnaphthalene | 86) Pentachloronitrobenzene |
| 9) Ethyl methanesulfonate | 48) Hexachlorocyclopentadiene | 87) 4-Aminobiphenyl |
| 10) Phenol-d6 | 49) 1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene | 88) Dinoseb |
| 11) Phenol | 50) 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol | 89) Phenanthrene |
| 12) Aniline | 51) 2,4,5-Trichlorophenol | 90) Anthracene |
| 13) Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether | 52) 2-Fluorobiphenol | 91) Carbazole |
| 14) Pentachloroethane | 53) Safrole | 92) Di-n-butyl phthalate |
| 15) 2-Chlorophenol | 54) 2-Chloronaphthalene | 93) 4-Nitroquinoline-1-oxide |
| 16) 1,3-Dichlorobenzene | 55) 2-Nitroaniline | 94) Methapyriline |
| 17) 1,4-Dichlorobenzene | 56) 1,4-Naphthoquinone | 95) Fluoranthene |
| 18) 1,2-Dichlorobenzene | 57) Dimethyl phthalate | 96) Benzidine |
| 19) Benzyl alcohol | 58) 1,3-Dinitrobenzene | 97) Pyrene |
| 20) 2-Methyl phenol | 59) 2,6-Dinitrotoluene | 99) p-Terphenyl-d14 |
| 21) Bis(2chloroisopropyl)ether | 60) Acenaphthylene | 100) Dimethylaminoazobenzene |
| 22) Acetophenone | 61) 3-Nitroaniline | 101) 3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine |
| 23) 3+4 Methyl phenol | 62) Acenaphthene | 102) Butyl benzyl phthalate |
| 24) N-nitroso-di-n-propylamine | 63) 2,4-Dinitrophenol | 103) Acetylaminofluorene |
| 25) Hexachloroethane | 64) Pentachlorobenzene | 104) 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine |
| 26) o-Toluidine | 65) 4-Nitrophenol | 105) Benz(a)anthracene |
| 27) Nitrobenzene-d5 | 66) Dibenzofuran | 106) Chrysene |
| 28) Nitrobenzene | 67) 2,4-Dinitrotoluene | 107) Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate |
| 30) N-Nitrosopiperidine | 68) 2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol | 108) Di-n-octyl phthalate |
| 31) Isophorone | 69) 2-Naphthylamine | 110) 7,12-Dimethylbenz(a)anthra |
| 32) 2-Nitrophenol | 70) 1-Naphthylamine | 111) Benzo(b)fluoranthene |
| 33) 2,4-Dimethylphenol | 71) Diethyl phthalate | 112) Benzo(k)fluoranthene |
| 34) Bis(2-chlorethoxy)methane | 72) Fluorene | 113) Benzo(a)pyrene |
| 35) Benzoic acid | 73) 4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ethe | 114) 3-Methylcholanthrene |
| 36) 2,4-Dichlorophenol | 74) 4-Nitroaniline | 115) Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene |
| 37) 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene | 75) 5-Nitro-o-toluidine | 116) Dibenz(ah)anthracene |
| 38) Naphthalene | 76) 4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol | 117) Benzo(ghi)perylene |
| 39) 2,6-Dichlorophenol | 77) Diphenylamine | |
| | 78) Azobenzene | |

50 ug of each analyte is spiked into the DI water sample.

6 Surrogates are also included in this mix.

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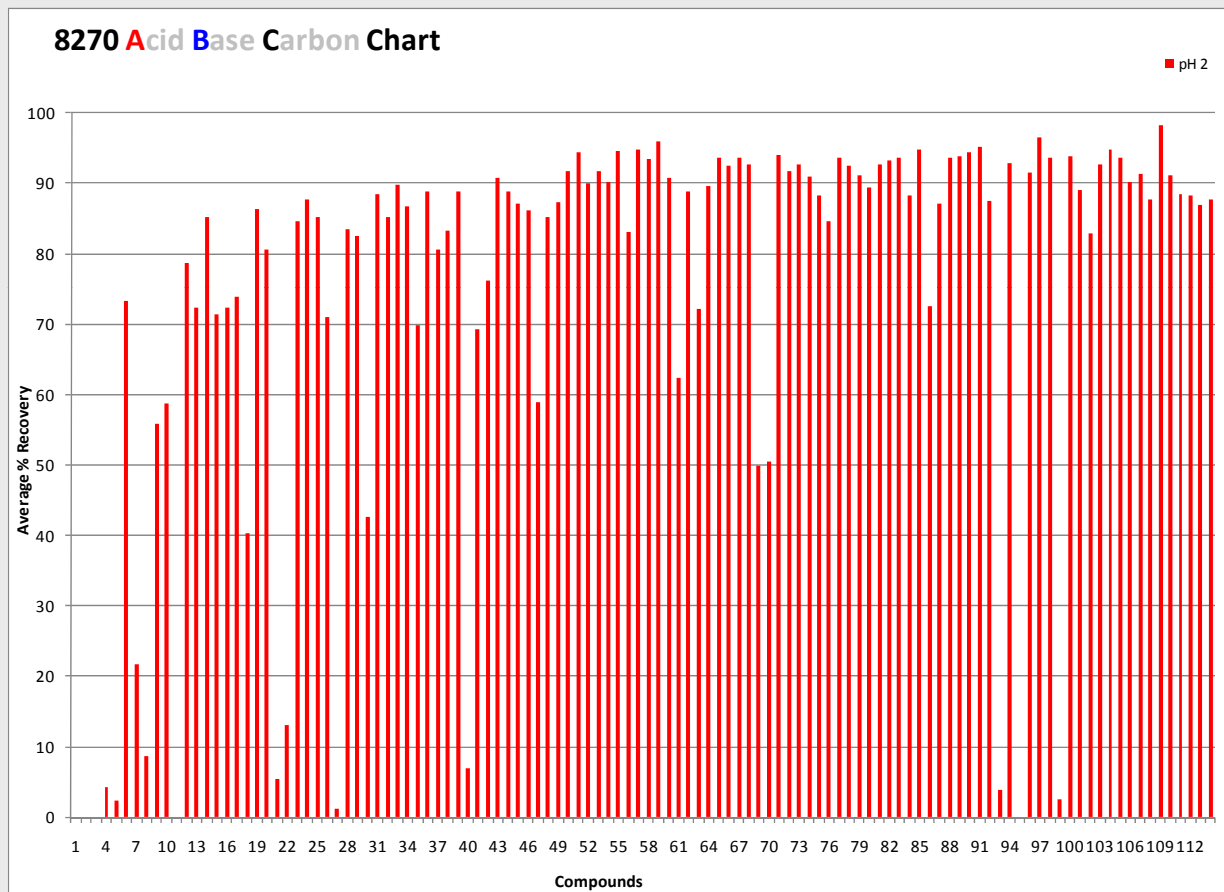
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Introduced SPE Disks with Two Mechanisms for Analyte Retention.

- Introduce a 47 mm disk with resin based media containing both Hydrophobic and Hydrophilic sites called the **Atlantic™ HLB disk**.



- Being resin based, there are no pH limitations as with silica based media.
- The inclusion of hydrophilic groups improves general recoveries for polar groups on the analytes.



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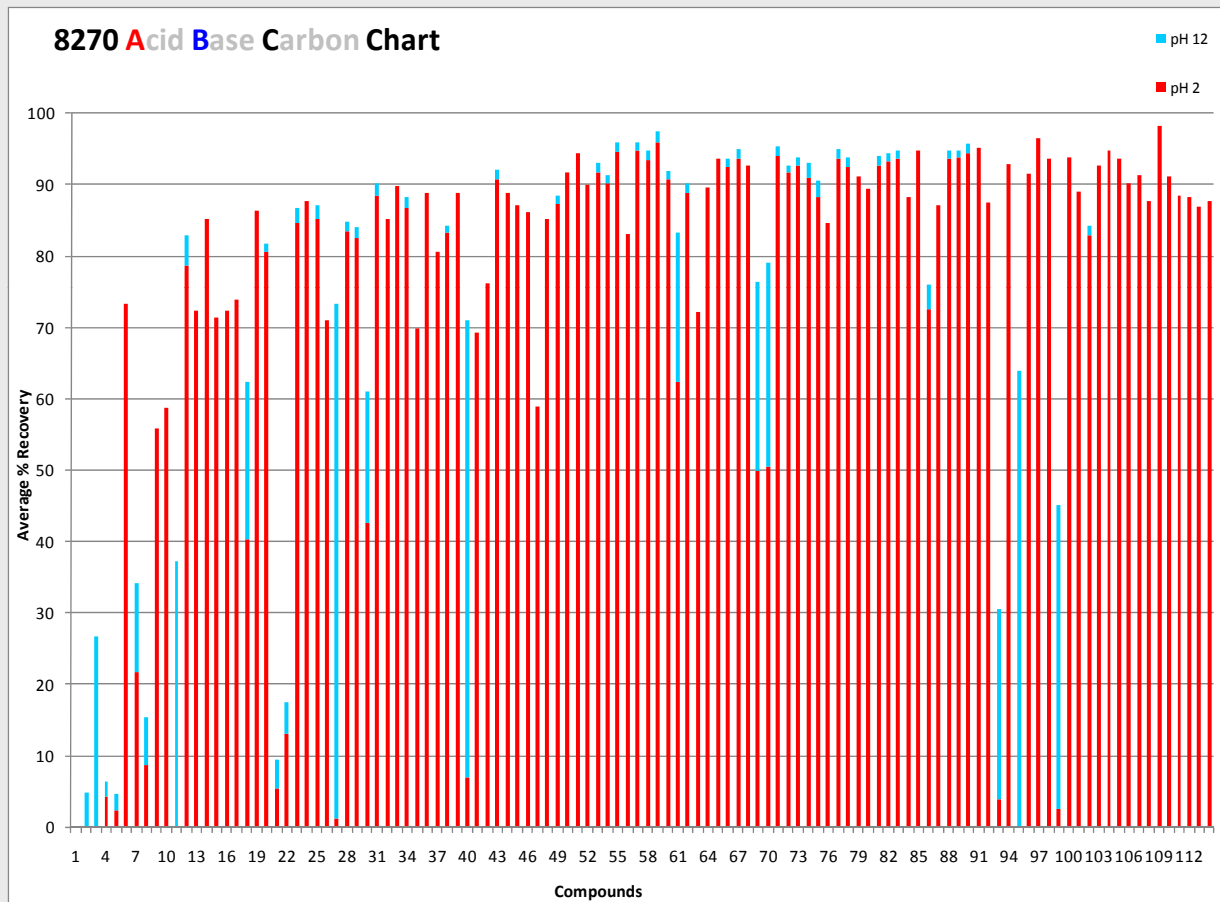
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Use Atlantic HLB-H in Combination with Dual pH Kit.

Now include a sample bottle kit with line connections that enables the automatic extractor to collect the effluent from the first passing of the sample through the disk instead of going to aq. waste.

The acidic effluent is adjusted to pH 12 and passed through the same disk a second time to capture organic bases.

The blue columns are the bases such as aniline, 4-chloroaniline and benzdine that are now being captured and added to the extract.



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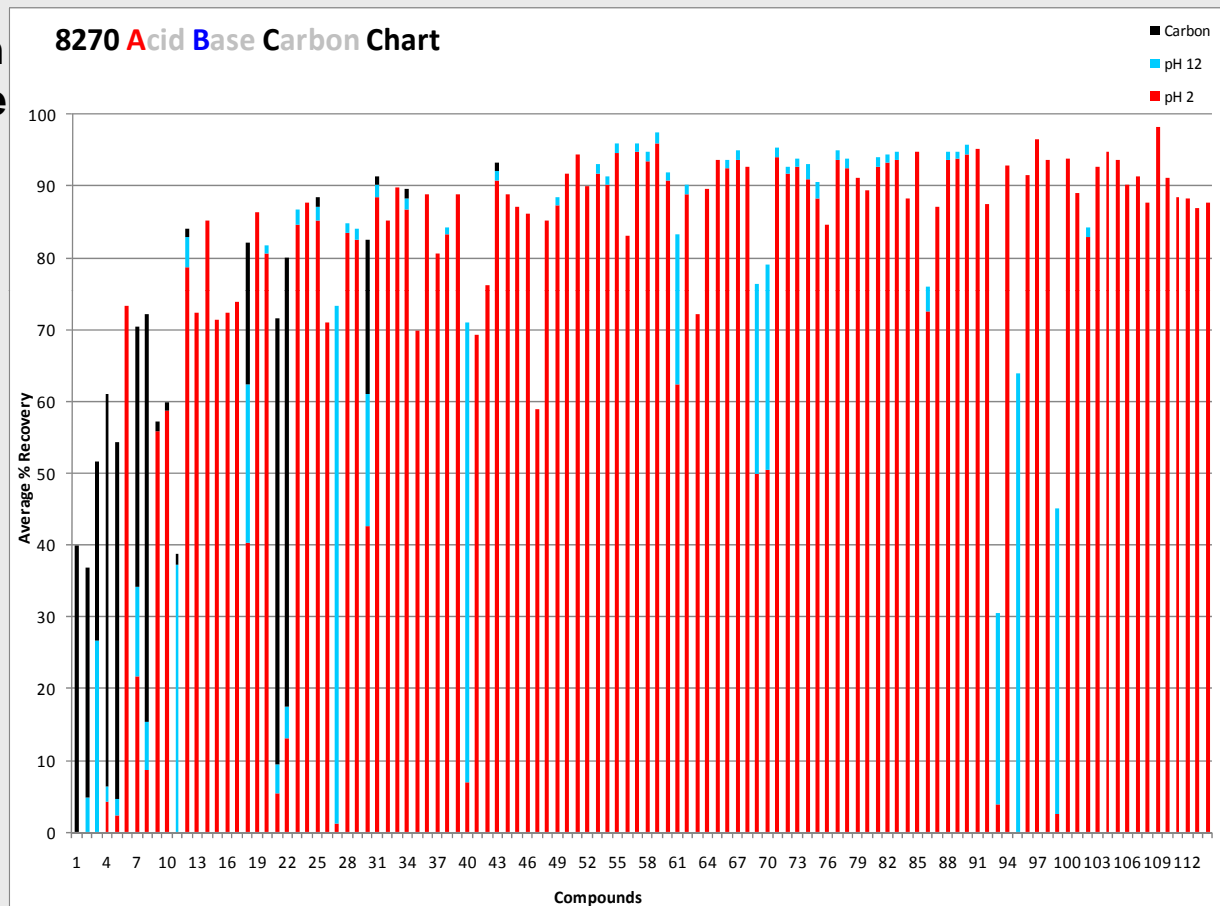
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Enhance Dual pH Kit with Carbon Cartridge and Interface.

Include the **8270 Carbon Cartridge** with effluent collection kit. The **8270 Carbon Cartridge** scavenges the pH 12 effluent for light-end semi-volatiles such as n-nitrosodimethylamine (**NDMA**), **pyridine** and **short-chain sulfonates**.



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Extend Atlantic HLB Disk Line with Different Media Capacities.

- Disks offered in High, Medium, and Low media capacity.
- Choose disk that meets analytical needs.
- Disk formulation refined – reduced glass fiber .
 - Improves efficiency for GC based extractions.
 - Reduces water remaining in the extract.
 - Reduces concentration time for LC based extractions.

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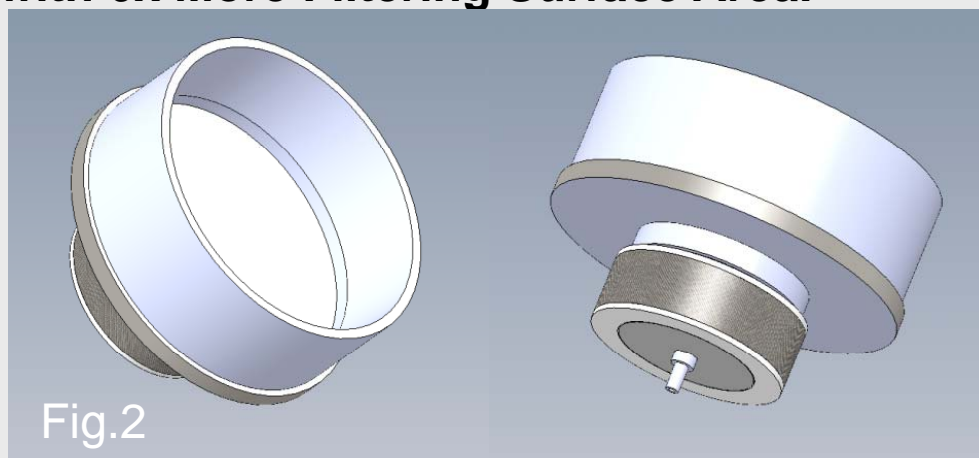
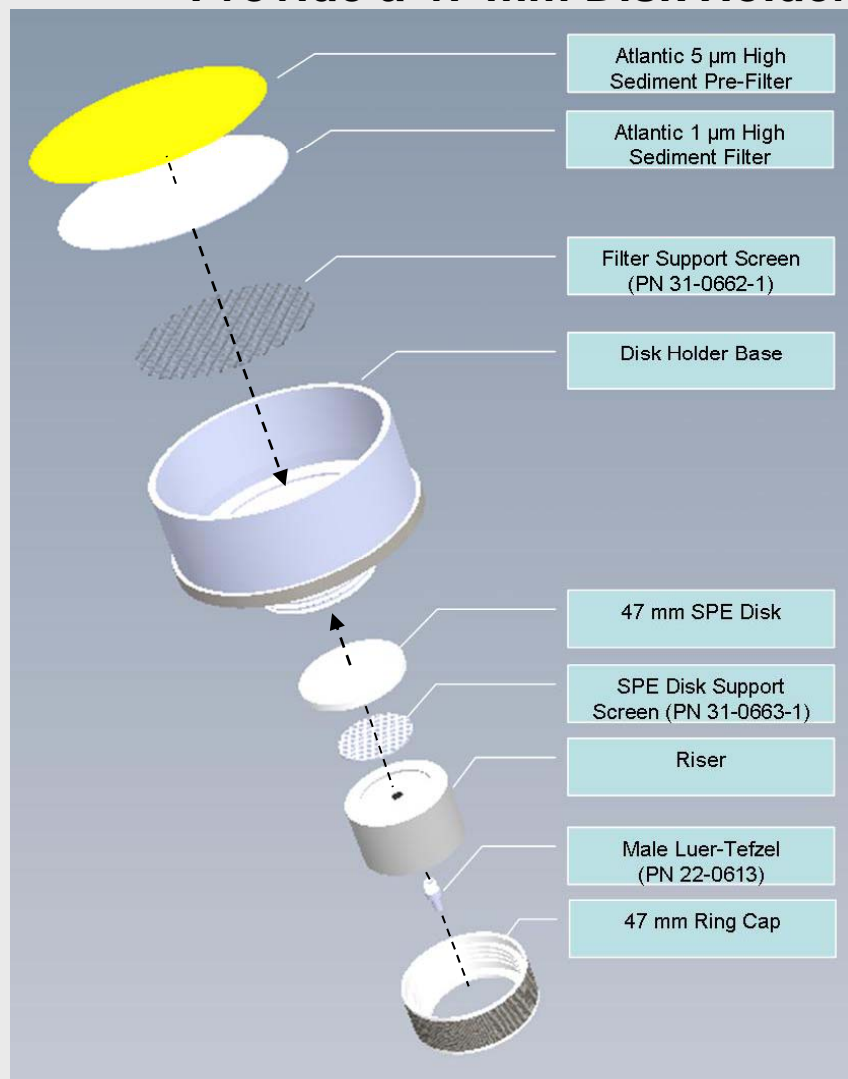
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Provide a 47 mm Disk Holder with 6x More Filtering Surface Area.

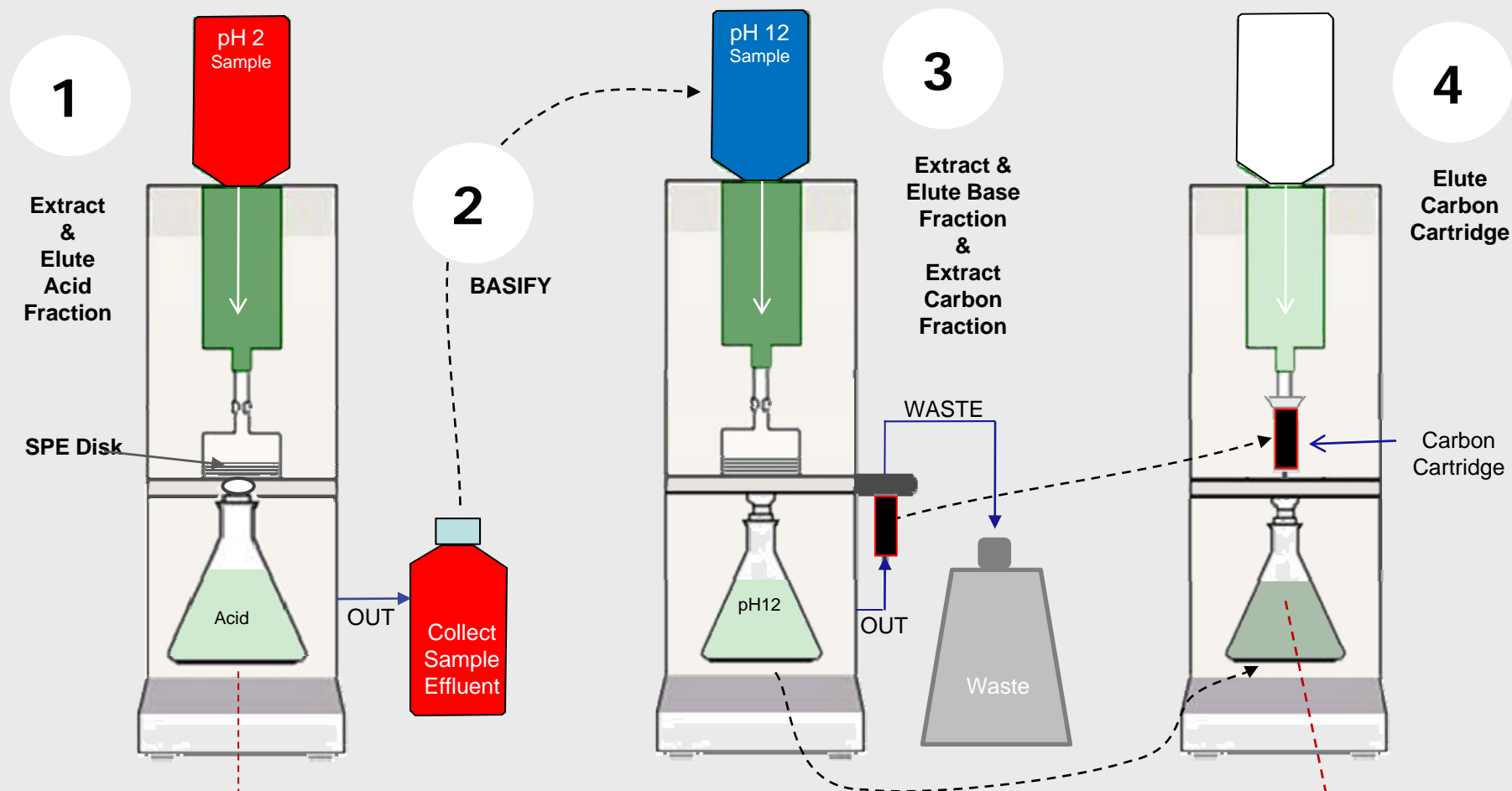


Fast Flow Sediment Disk Holder (FFSDH)

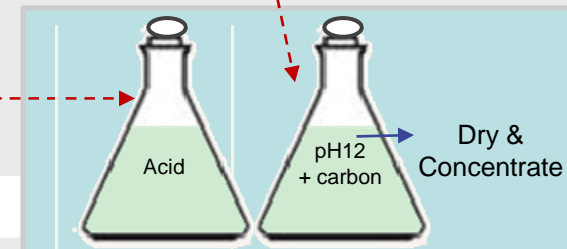
- Uses 1 and 5 µm prefilters.
- 230 mL sample reservoir.
- Additional accessories available for stratifying highly sedimentitious samples.
- Greatly expands the range of particulate and solid laden samples. (e.g. waste water treatment samples.)

8270 Two Pass – Three Elutions (Method Summary)

One Automated Extractor Used Throughout



Final Combined Elution Solvent Volume is approximately 180 mL



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The FFSDH Layering Effect for an 8270 Run

500 mL of an actual customer wastewater sample

Run using FFSDH with 1 Atlantic Fine Prefilter and 2 Atlantic Coarse Prefilters.

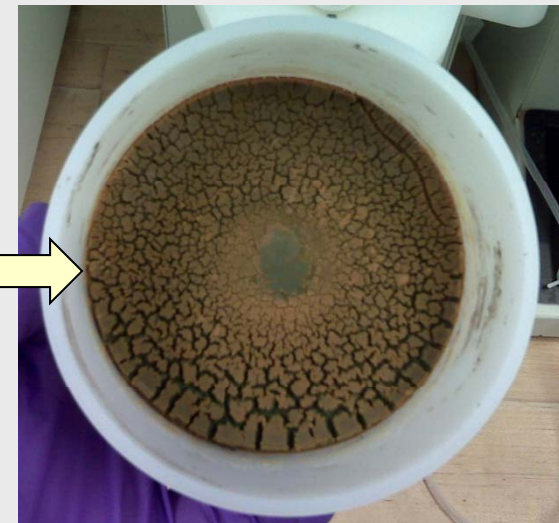
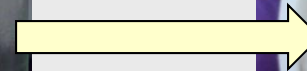


Acidified
Sample

Process Time: 22 min



Basified
Sample



Process Time (w/ Carbon): 25 min

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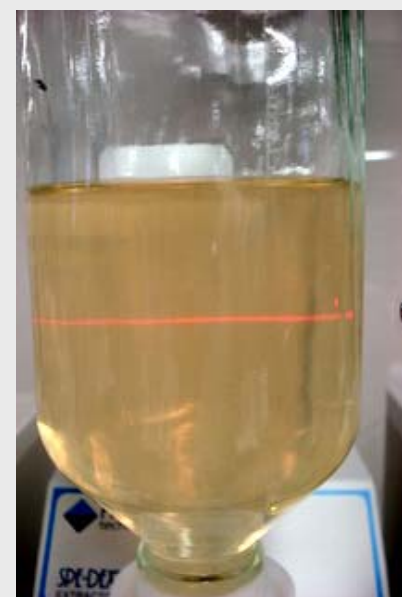
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Effect of High pH with Hard Water and Transition Metals.



Eluate from
pH 2 pass.
Nice and Clear.



pH 12 adjusted Pond Water turned yellow. Particulates (precipitate) forming as evident by the visible laser pointer beam reflecting light as it passes through bottle.

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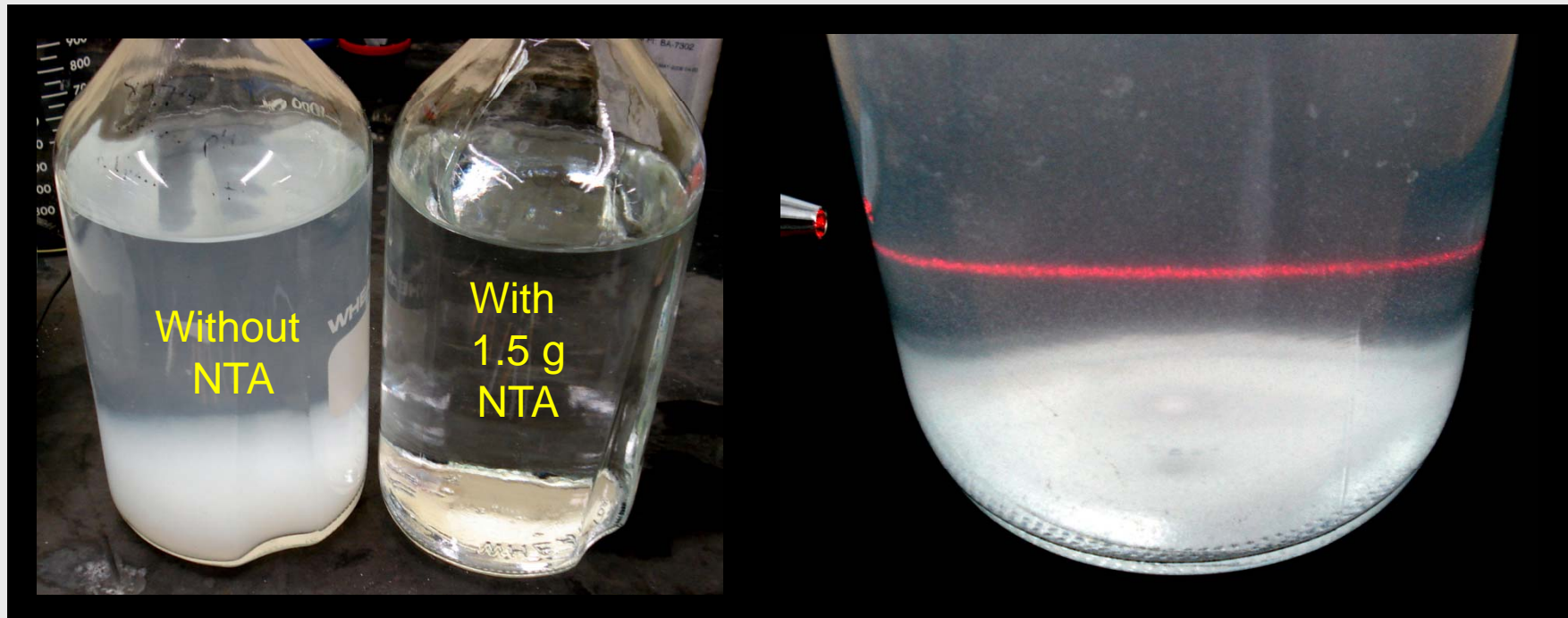
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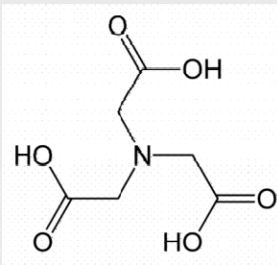
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Using Biodegradable Chelating Agent to Negate Precipitate



Synthetic Hard Water (400 ppm) @ pH 12



NTA (Nitrilo triacetic acid)
Chelates with Mg and Ca Ions.

Excessive water hardness
can challenge even the FFSDH.

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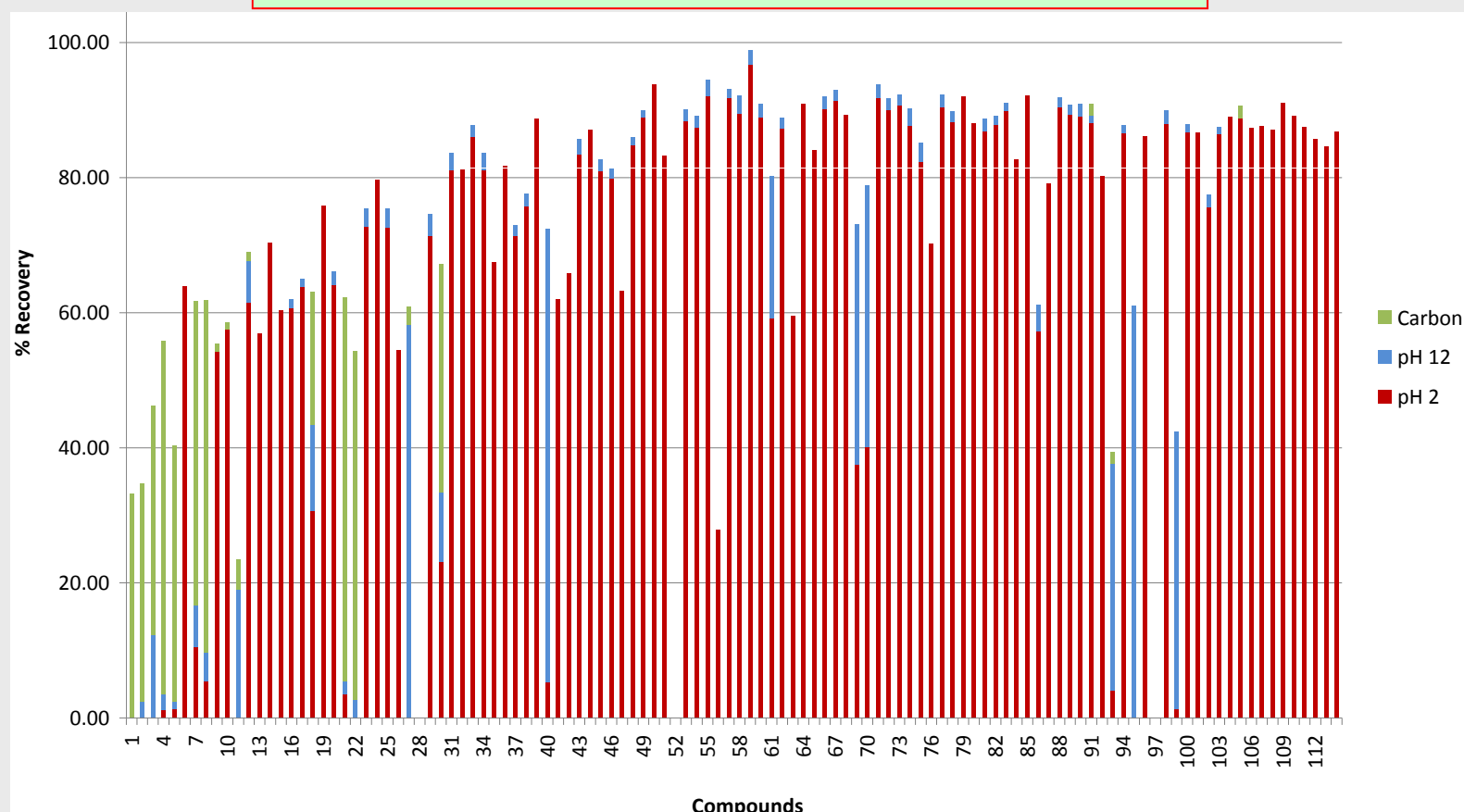
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8270 Analysis of 400 ppm Hard Water using 1.5 g NTA

Chemistry shows compatibility with GC-MS analysis.

Can this basification step be eliminated?



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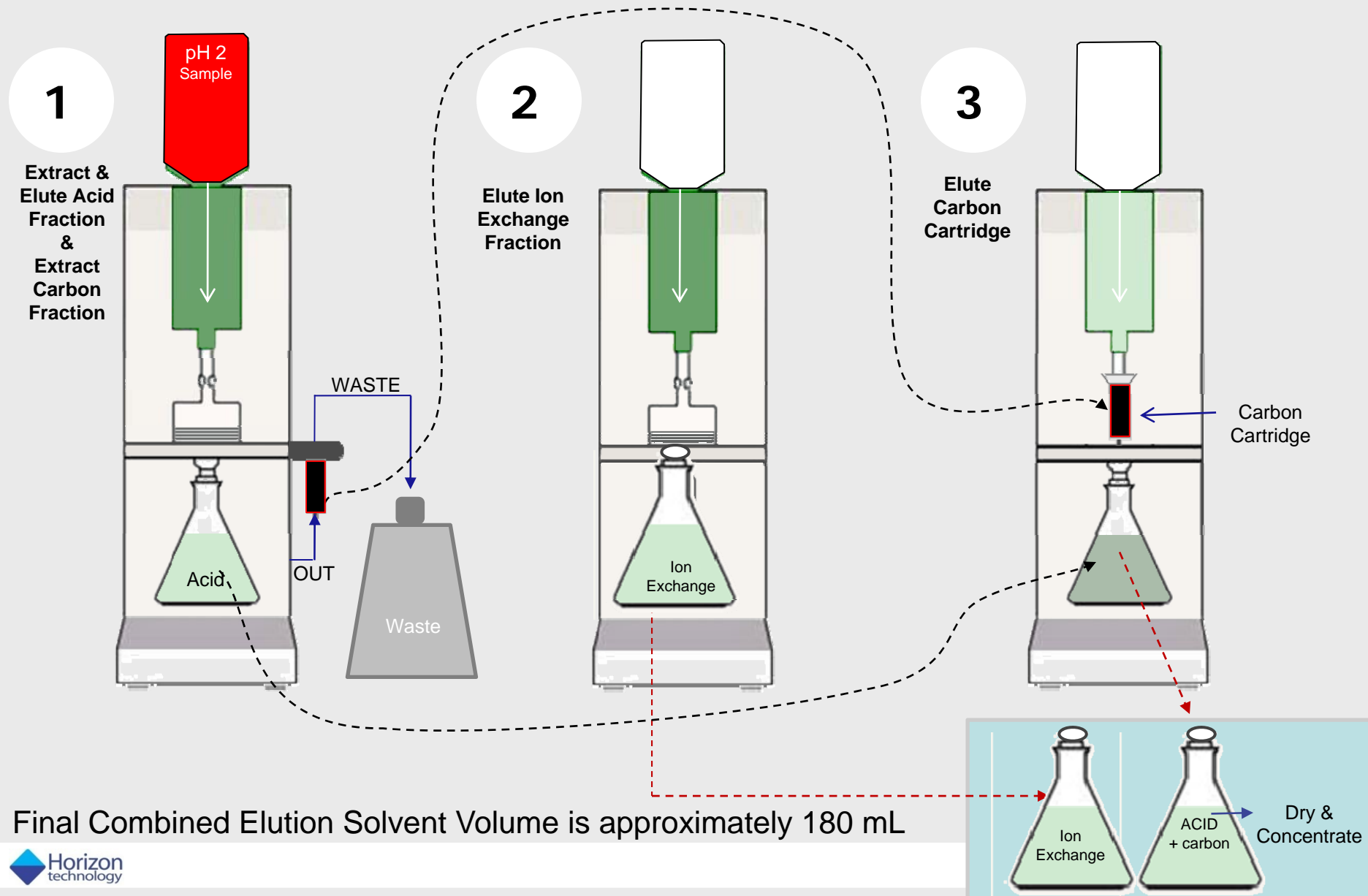


Atlantic™ 8270 One Pass Disk

- Incorporate Ion Exchange with Hydrophilic and Lipophilic character to the disk.
- Formulated to handle high levels of inorganic cations, hard water, brackish and near sea water levels of sodium.

8270 One Pass – Three Elutions (Method Summary)

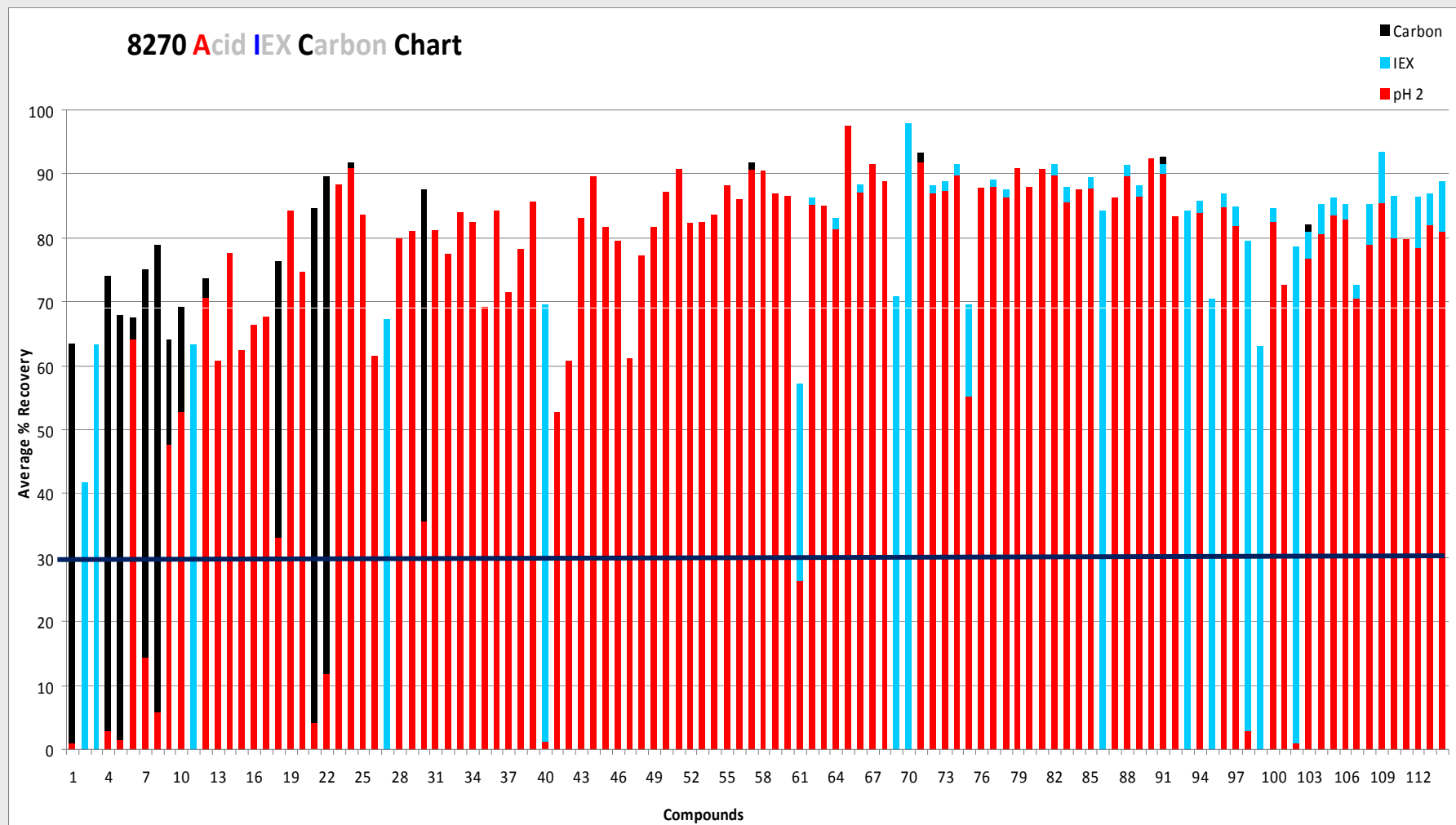
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8270 One Pass Disk Solvents

- Prewet Solvents:
 - Acetone
 - Reagent Water
- Rinse Solvents:
 - Methylene Chloride
 - Acetone
 - Ammonium Hydroxide (1 % NH_4OH)

Performance of Atlantic™ 8270 One Pass SPE Disk



Conclusions – 8270 One Pass Method

- Eliminates the high pH precipitates when alkaline earths and transition metals are present in the sample.
- Faster by 1 hour over dual pH SPE for 8270 for samples that have low metal content . (Extraction time ~1 hr 45 min).
- Substantially more time saved over dual pH method with high amounts of water hardness.
- Less Solvent Consumption with FFSDH
- Speed of processing comparable to Separatory Funnel but with automation, leaving time for other activities.
- Improved recovery of light ends over Separatory Funnel.
- No problems with emulsions as with LLE.
- Significantly faster than CLLE with comparable recoveries.

Questions?