

## **Effect of Particle Size on Column Efficiency ZORBAX 300SB-C8**

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The particle size of a column packing affects the efficiency (theoretical plates) of a column. Smaller particle size improves efficiency of a separation without increasing run time, column length, or flow rate. The arrows illustrate regions of the chromatograms where the increase in efficiency and resolution is significant.



Injection: 10µL, 1-6 µg protein, 1 mL/min, 35°C, Detect. UV( 215 nm) micro flow cell.

Gradient: 10-60% B in 10 minutes

## Highlights

- Use of a column packing having reduced particle size can improve efficiency of a separation or, alternatively, increase loading capacity.
- ZORBAX Rx-Silicas have narrow particle-size distributions for reduced column back pressure and improved peak shape.



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