



## Why HPAEC?

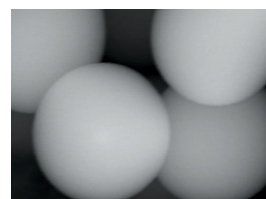
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High Performance Anion-Exchange Chromatography (HPAEC) is the most powerful analytical technique for carbohydrate analysis due to its ability to separate all classes of alditols (polyols), aminosugars, mono-, oligo- and polysaccharides including glycans, according to structural features such as size, composition, anomericity and linkage isomerism.

## Highly Monodisperse Particles

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Antec Scientific developed a novel pellicular anion-exchange stationary phase called SweetSep AEX. The phase is based on highly uniform monodisperse 5  $\mu\text{m}$  resin particles of crosslinked poly(divinylbenzene-co-ethylvinylbenzene) copolymer. The particles are furthermore coated with quaternary amine functionalized nanoparticles.



SEM image of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  SweetSep particles

## High Efficiency with Low Backpressure

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The resin particles packed in inert, metal-free HPLC columns result in exceptional column efficiencies with typical reduced plate height close to 2.0 with only moderate column back pressure. SweetSep AEX columns allow for rapid, high-resolution separations of carbohydrates that rival the performance of existing phases based on smaller particle size but operates with significantly lower system back pressures. The size and exchange capacity of the latex nanoparticles is optimized to enable the analysis of a wide variety of carbohydrates samples ranging from monosaccharides present in food, plants and glycoproteins up to oligosaccharides such as FOS (fructo-oligosaccharides) and N-linked glycans.

## Instrumental Requirements

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### 1. HPAEC-PAD

SweetSep columns can be used with any High Performance Anion Exchange Chromatography (HPAEC) system such as the IC systems of Metrohm or Thermo Fisher Scientific. Several bioinert HPLC systems are also suitable for use with HPAEC when equipped with a Pulsed Amperometric Detector (PAD) such as the Decade™ Elite (Antec Scientific). For consistent results, ease of use, and highest reproducibility, the Antec Scientific ALEXYS™ Carbohydrate Analyzer is the best choice.

### 2. Borate Ion Trap

In all cases the use of a Borate Ion Trap (BIT) column installed between the pump and the autosampler is highly recommended.

### 3. HPAEC-MS

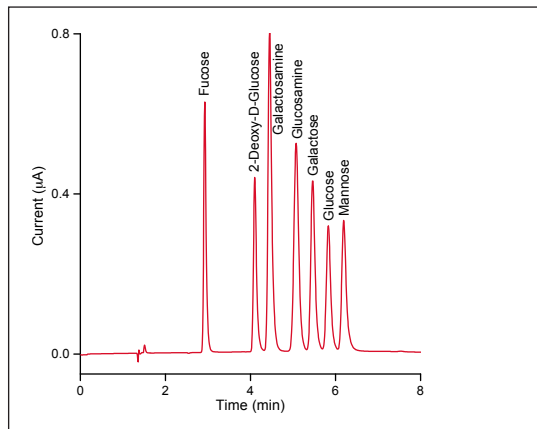
Depending on the volatility of the buffer systems used, for the on-line coupling with MS, the installation of a desalter (ion suppressor) becomes necessary. Basically, any type of (ESI)-MS can be used for detection.

### 4. HPAEC/(PAD)-MS

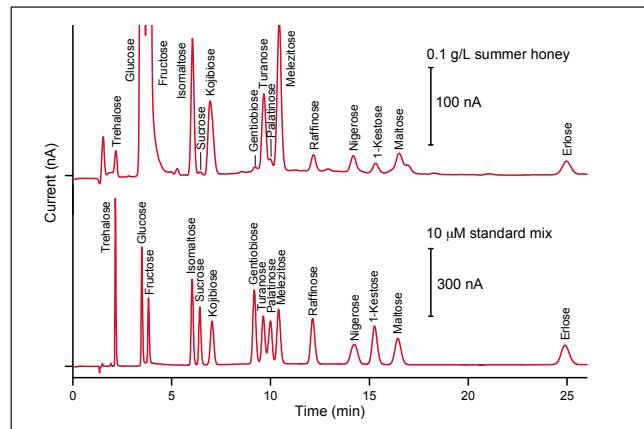
Parallel detection by PAD and MS to allow simultaneous identification and quantification of the carbohydrates can be done easily by using a simple T-piece flow split after the SweetSep column.

# Examples

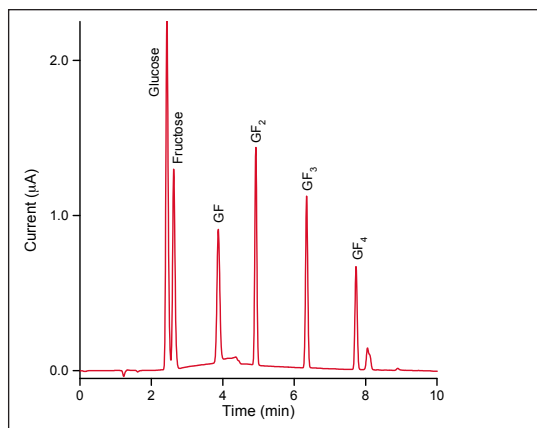
## Mono- up to Pentasaccharides



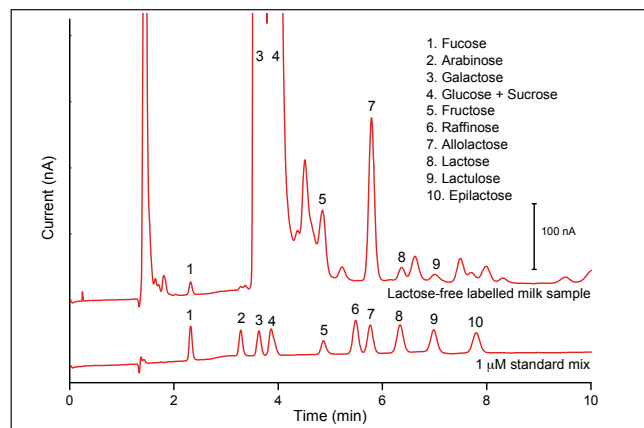
Isocratic separation of monosaccharides on a SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm. 10 µL inj. of a 10 µM mixtures of monosaccharides std in water (HPAEC-PAD).



HPAEC-PAD of honey on a SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm. Top: 10 µL inj. of a 0.1 g/L Swiss summer honey sample. Bottom: 10 µL inj. of a 10 µM standard of 15 sugars present in honey.

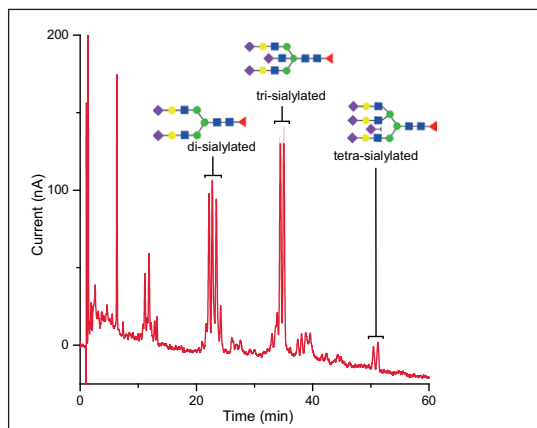


Separation of short-chain fructooligosaccharides up to DP5 by HPAEC-PAD. SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm. 10 µL inj. of 10 ppm mixtures GFs.

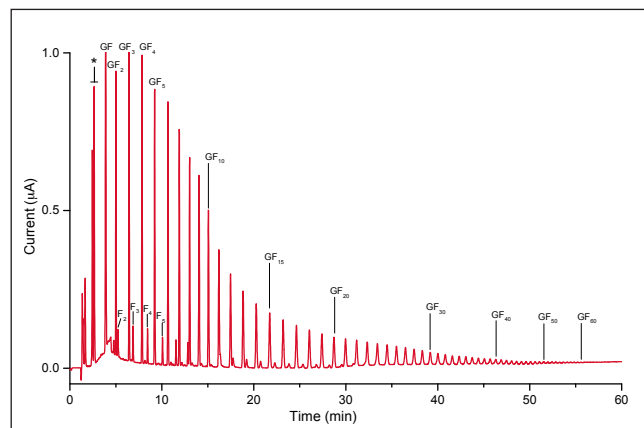


Lactose intolerance: Analysis of milk on a SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm. Top: 10 µL inj. of a 10 g/L lactose-free labelled milk. Bottom: 10 µL inj. of a 10 µM standard of 11 sugars commonly found in milk.

## Oligosaccharides & N-Glycans



Separation of N-glycans standard containing di-, tri-, and tetra sialylated oligosaccharides by HPAEC-PAD on a SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm.



Gradient separation of inulin from chicory. 10 µL inj, 200 ppm. SweetSep™ AEX200 column, 4.0 mm ID × 200 mm using HPAEC-PAD.

## Specifications / Ordering Information

### Specifications SweetSep™ Anion Exchange Columns

Parameter		AEX200
Type		pellicular resin
Particle	Material	ethylvinylbenzene-divinylbenzene copolymer
	Diameter (µm)	5
	Crosslinking (%)	80 %
	Functionality	surface sulfonated
Latex	Material	vinylbenzylchloride-divinylbenzene
	Diameter (nm)	120
	Functionality	quaternary amine
Organic solvent limit		0-100% of any common solvent (cleaning)
T limit (°C)		5 - 60
Recommended T operating range (°C)		10-40
pH range		0-14
max (psi/bar)		4500/300

### Ordering Information

Antec PN	Description	Additional info
260.0010	SweetSep AEX200, 4.0 mm ID x 200 mm column, 5 µm	Ideal for the analysis of carbohydrates ranging from mono- to tetrasaccharides present in food, plants and glycoproteins, up to oligosaccharides such as FOS (fructo-oligo-saccharides).

SweetSep columns with other chemistries and dimension are currently under development and will be released shortly. For further information, please contact [info@AntecScientific.com](mailto:info@AntecScientific.com)

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