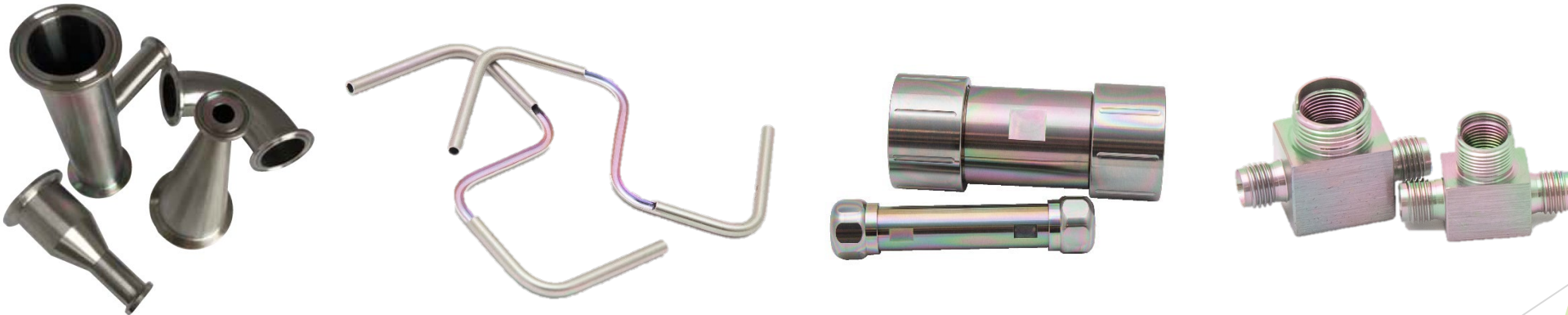




## Game-Changing Coatings™ for Improving Pharmaceutical and Biopharmaceutical Processes



# SilcoTek's History & Technology

**1987:** Restek invents SilcoSteel to make metal GC capillaries behave like glass.



**2009:** Demand for Restek Performance Coatings outside of chromatography grows to a point where a separate company is necessary for continued growth.  
**SilcoTek Corporation is born.**



**1990-2000:** "Restek Performance Coatings" team is formed, dedicated to CVD coatings and exploring new areas where the technology can help solve customers' problems.



**2013:** 36,000 ft<sup>2</sup> state-of-the-art coating facility is built to meet capacity demands.



# SilcoTek Today

- ▶ 65+ local & remote employees with a desire to:  
**“Create a better world through our coatings.”**
- ▶ Over 130 patents and patent filings on chemical vapor deposition (CVD) coatings technology
- ▶ ISO 9001:2015 certified 80,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> coating service facility in Pennsylvania with further expansion planning underway
- ▶ Coating mission-critical components in:
  - ▶ Semiconductor Manufacturing
  - ▶ Analytical Chemistry
  - ▶ Life Sciences
  - ▶ Energy Production, Storage, and Exploration



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# CVD Coating Process Animation

<https://www.silcotek.com/hubfs/Videos/CVD%20process%20animation.mp4>



# Benefits of the SilcoTek CVD Process



## Commercialized process

Thousands of parts coated daily for diverse array of customers.



## 3-D deposition allows coating of all surfaces

Effectively coat high aspect ratios and complex geometries.



## Superior adhesion

Coating does not flake and can be flexed without damage.



## Wide range of substrate materials

Stainless steel, glass, ceramics, aluminum, superalloys.



## Scalable process

Miniature components to large reactors and bulky parts.



## Thin coating: ~100 nm up to nearly 2 $\mu\text{m}$

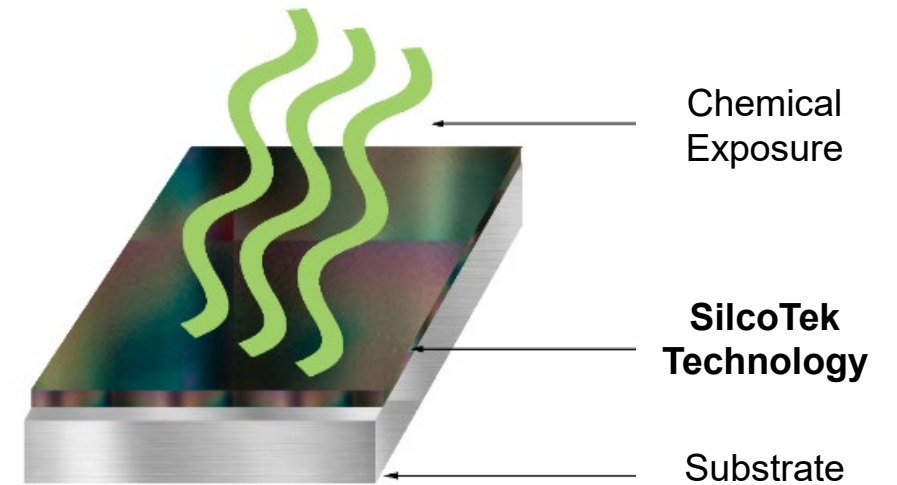
Does not impact drawing dimensions or tolerances.



# SilcoTek's Patented Technologies

- ▶ Surface property enhancement via CVD technology:
  - ▶ Silicon-based foundation layer
  - ▶ Surface functionalization or modification
  - ▶ Materials characterization and testing
  - ▶ Custom development

| Base Layer Options                  | Functionalization Options |                                |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                     | None                      | -C <sub>x</sub> H <sub>y</sub> |
| a-Si:H                              | Silcolloy®                | SilcoNert®                     |
| a-SiO <sub>x</sub> :CH <sub>y</sub> | Dursox®                   | Dursan®                        |
| a-SiN                               | Siltride®                 | R&D                            |



# Key Benefits of Dursan® other SilcoTek surfaces in Bio/Pharmaceuticals

- **Surface treatment is FDA compliant, USP Class VI and NSF certified**
- Applicable to any BPE flow path component, including tubes up to 24' long
- Penetrates and bonds to equipment surfaces molecularly, preventing flaking
- Does not change ASME-BPE surface designation, can be applied to SF0-SF6
- Vapor phase surface treatment process uniformly treats 100% of surfaces
- Significantly lower cost and lead time than exotic alloys
- Easy process – send SilcoTek your equipment and we handle the rest



# Dursan<sup>®</sup> properties

- Silica-like material (similar to hybrid silicas used in HPLC)
- Non-line of sight coating (coats everywhere the gas can get to)
- pH range: 0-14
- Typical thickness 400-1600 nm (thinner in small geometries)
- 450°C temperature limit
- Inert to most chemicals and 2x the wear resistance of steel

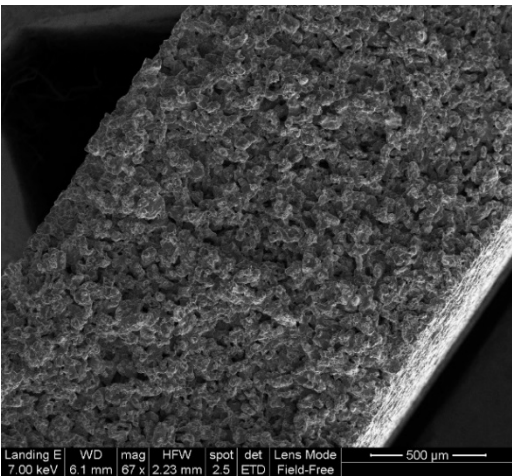
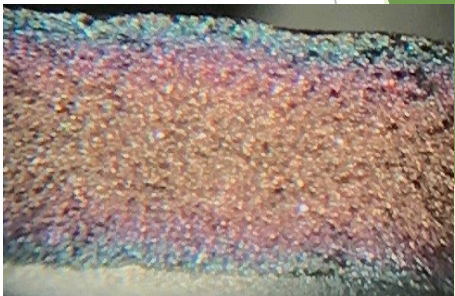


# Dursan® Compared to Alternatives

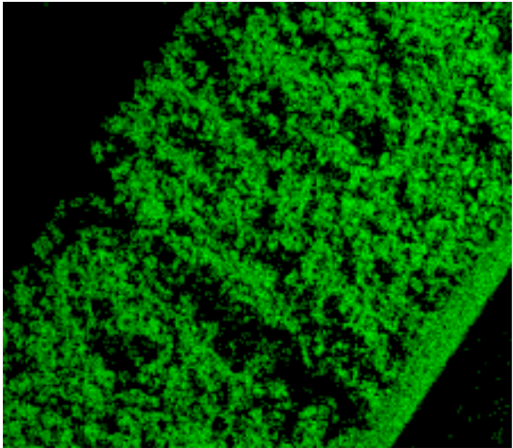
| Key Criteria                        | SilcoTek®-Treated Stainless Steel | Polymer Coatings | Electropolished Stainless Steel | C-22 and AL-6XN |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Resistance to rouging and corrosion | Excellent                         | Excellent        | Good                            | Excellent       |
| Ease of cleaning                    | Excellent                         | Fair             | Good                            | Fair            |
| Inertness to sensitive compounds    | Excellent                         | Excellent        | Poor                            | Poor            |
| Adhesion and durability             | Excellent                         | Poor             | N/A                             | N/A             |
| Cost and Lead Time Effectiveness    | Excellent                         | Good             | Excellent                       | Poor            |

# Illustrating non-line-of-sight coating:

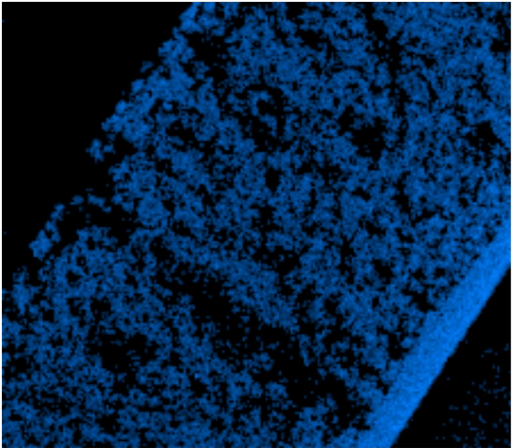
Cross section of a 2µm nominal pore size frit after Dursan coating:



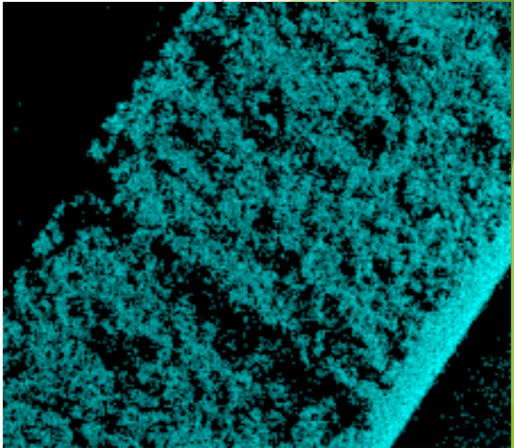
SEM micrograph



Iron EDS map

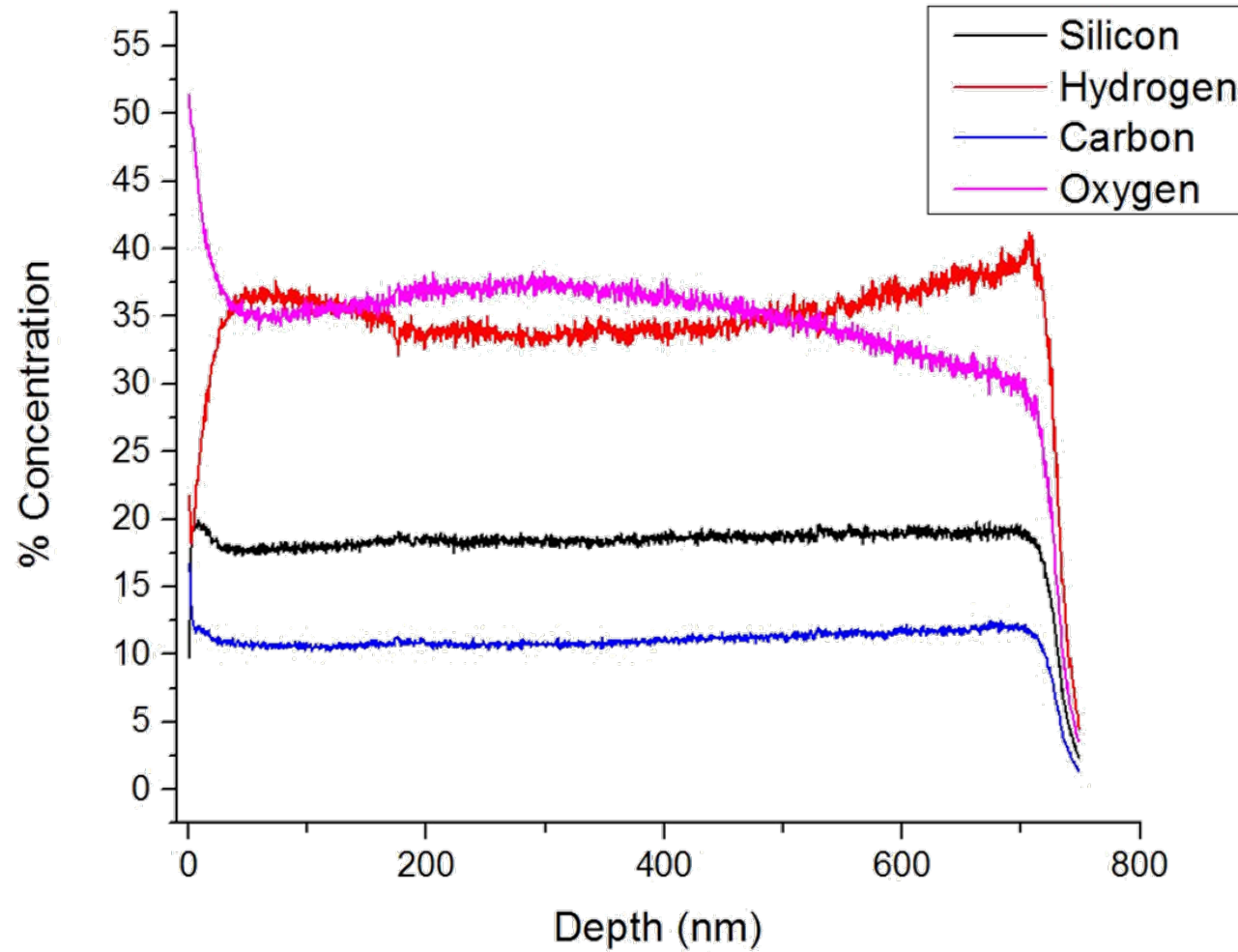


Silicon EDS map



Oxygen EDS map

# Dursan® Coating Composition (SIMS)



# Dursan® NSF Certification

## NSF International

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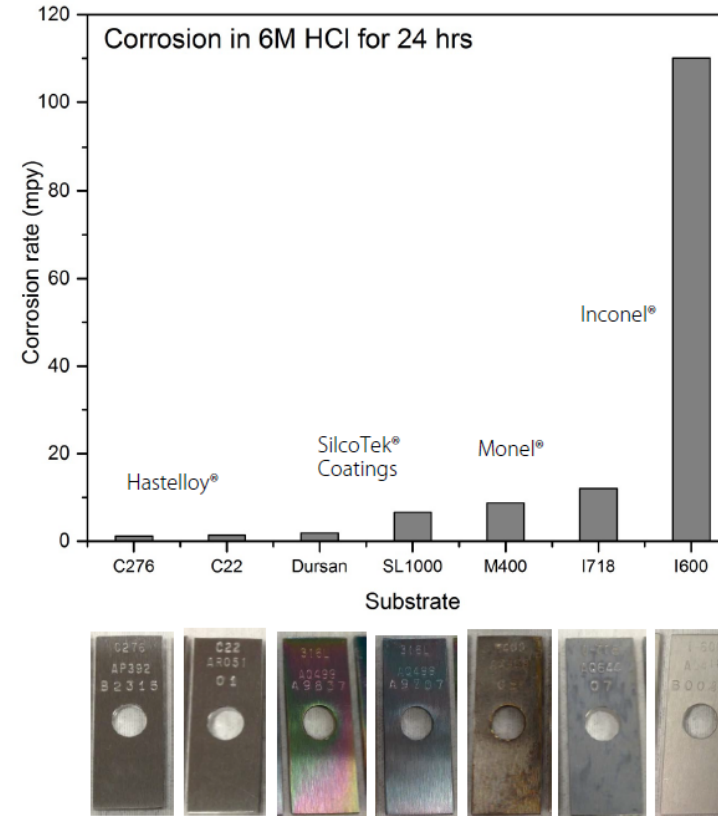


# Dursan® USP Class VI Certification

| NAMSA  |                             | CONFIDENTIAL<br>CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE  |             |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| PEOPLE > SCIENCE > SOLUTIONS   |                             | Test Facility<br>6750 Wales Road<br>Northwood, OH 43619<br>419.666.9455                                  |             |
| TEST ARTICLE NAME<br>Dursan® coated samples  |                             | SPONSOR<br>Rick Edmiston<br>SilcoTek Corporation<br>225 PennTech Drive<br>Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823 |             |
| TEST ARTICLE IDENTIFICATION<br>COUPONS   |                             |  |             |
| TEST ARTICLE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION<br>32.66 CM² and 1mm x 10mm  |                             |  |             |
| TEST ARTICLE RECEIVED<br>June 16, 2020   |                             |  |             |
| <b>USP Biological Reactivity Tests, In Vivo</b><br><b>USP Plastic Class VI</b>   |                             |  |             |
| <b>USP Systemic Toxicity Study in the Mouse</b><br>The test article was prepared as indicated below and injected into mice. The saline, alcohol in saline, polyethylene glycol 400 and sesame oil extracts did not produce a significantly greater systemic reaction than the blank extractants.   |                             |  |             |
| <b>USP Intracutaneous Toxicity Study in the Rabbit</b><br>The test article was prepared as indicated below and injected intracutaneously into rabbits. The saline, alcohol in saline, polyethylene glycol 400 and sesame oil extracts did not produce a significantly greater tissue reaction than the blank extractants.  |                             |  |             |
| <b>USP Muscle Implantation Study in the Rabbit</b><br>The macroscopic reaction of the test article, implanted in rabbit muscle for 1 week, was not significant when compared to the USP negative control plastic.<br>The test article was prepared at a ratio of 6 cm²:1 mL and extracted at 121°C for 1 hour. The test article extracts met the requirements of a USP Plastic Class VI. |                             |  |             |
| APPROVAL   |                             | Date   |             |
| Sharayah M. Bonner<br>Sharayah M. Bonner, MS<br>Senior Technical Reviewer  |                             | 20 Jul 2020  |             |
| P.O. No.:<br>PO102464  | Lab Number:<br>20T_45823_10 | TCLAS_VI7  | Page 1 of 1 |

# Data of interest: Corrosion resistance

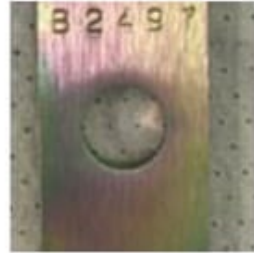
| Corrosive media                                    | Bare Stainless Steel (MPY)       | Dursan coated steel (MPY)                 | Improvement multiplier |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 6M HCl @ 50°C                                      | 3116.1                           | 23.5                                      | 133x                   |
| Concentrated H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>        | 78.45                            | 0.15                                      | 523x                   |
| 48% HBr  | 2.05                             | 0.29                                      | 7x                     |
| Bleach   | 1.70                             | 0.10                                      | 17x                    |
| Concentrated H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> @ 80°C | 2.14                             | 0.53                                      | 4x                     |
| 2% TFA   | No corrosion, became hydrophobic | Unaffected (TFA did not stick to surface) | -                      |



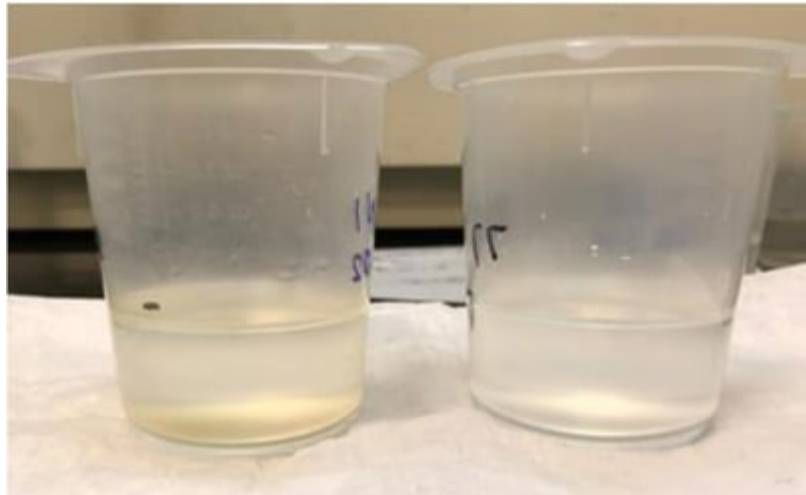
# Guanidine Hydrochloride: mild corrosion



Bare steel



Coated steel

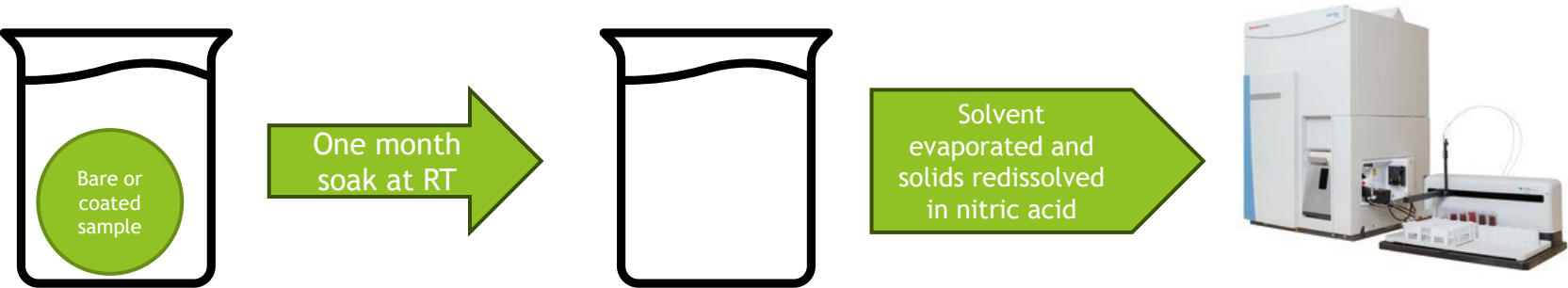


Coupons were exposed to 6M guanidine HCl for one month at room temperature:

Bare steel showed minor rusting and the solution yellowed (iron leaching into solution)

Both the coated coupon and the solution it was held in showed no change over that time.

# Metal ion leaching data



Metal Ions leached into solution after a 1-month soak

|                          | 316 Stainless steel | Titanium | MP35N       | C-22 Hastelloy | Our coated coupons |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| UHPLC Grade DI water     | Fe Cr Ni Mo         | Ti       | Ni Cr Mo Co | Fe Cr Ni Mo    | All Metals         |
| UHPLC Grade methanol     | Fe Cr Ni Mo         | Ti       | Ni Cr Mo Co | Fe Cr Ni Mo    | All Metals         |
| UHPLC Grade acetonitrile | Fe Cr Ni Mo         | Ti       | Ni Cr Mo Co | Fe Cr Ni Mo    | All Metals         |

<1 ppb/m<sup>2</sup> <100 ppb/m<sup>2</sup> <1000 ppb/m<sup>2</sup> >1000 ppb/m<sup>2</sup>



# Oligonucleotide ion pairing solvents

## UV compatible mobile phase

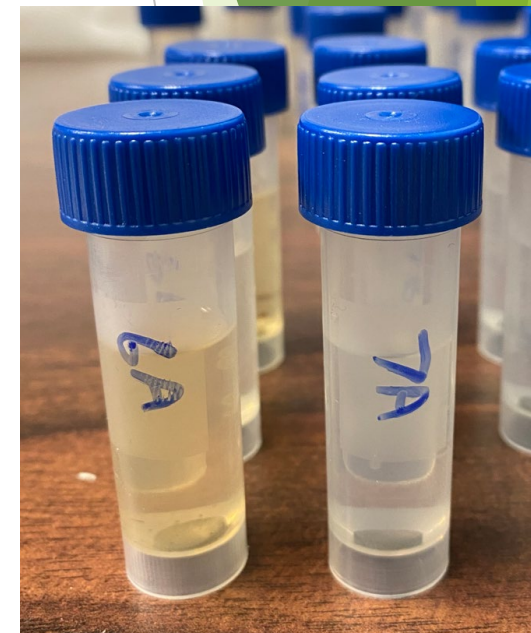
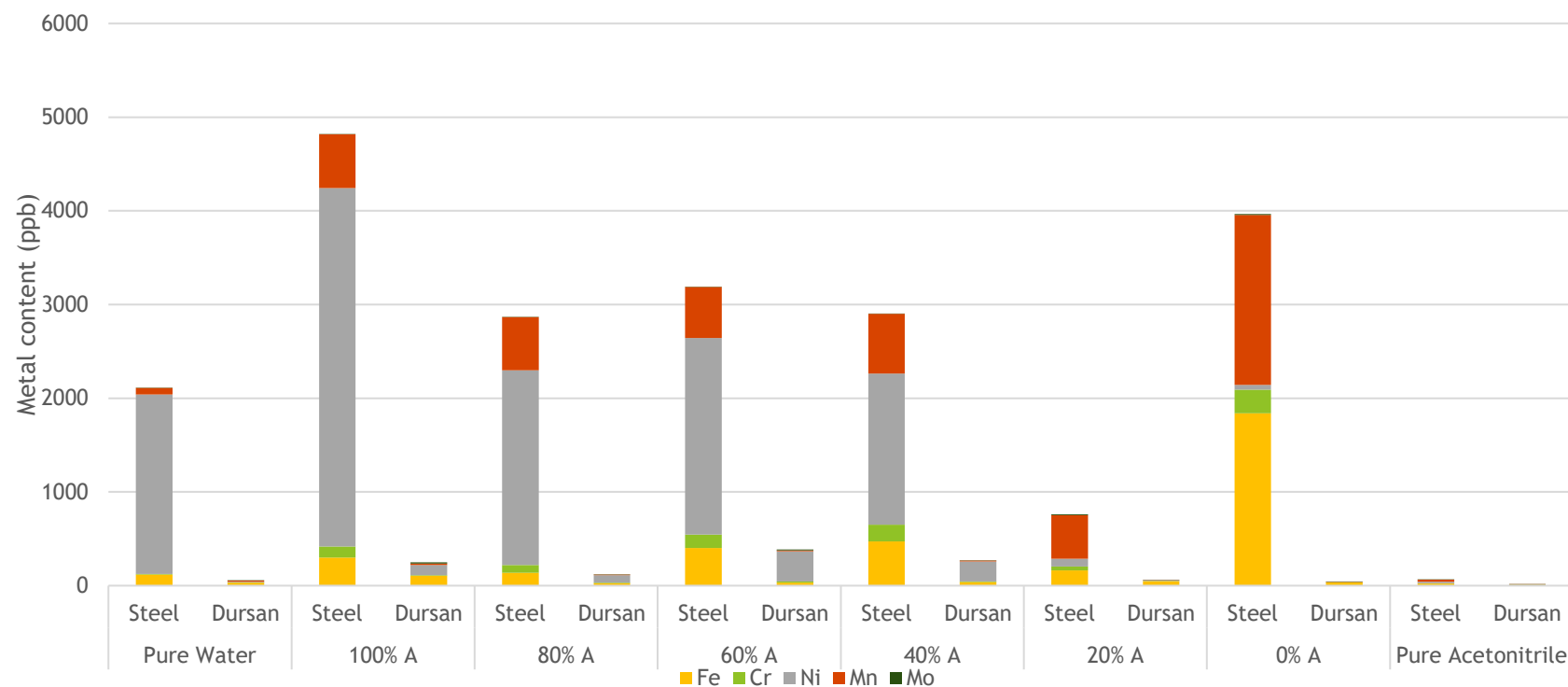
- ▶ Mobile phase A
  - ▶ 100 mM Triethylammonium acetate in water
- ▶ Mobile phase B
  - ▶ 100 mM Triethylammonium acetate in acetonitrile
- ▶ Gradient range
  - ▶ Typically between 5% B up to 100% B
- ▶ Temperature
  - ▶ Typically around 60°C

## Mass spec compatible mobile phase

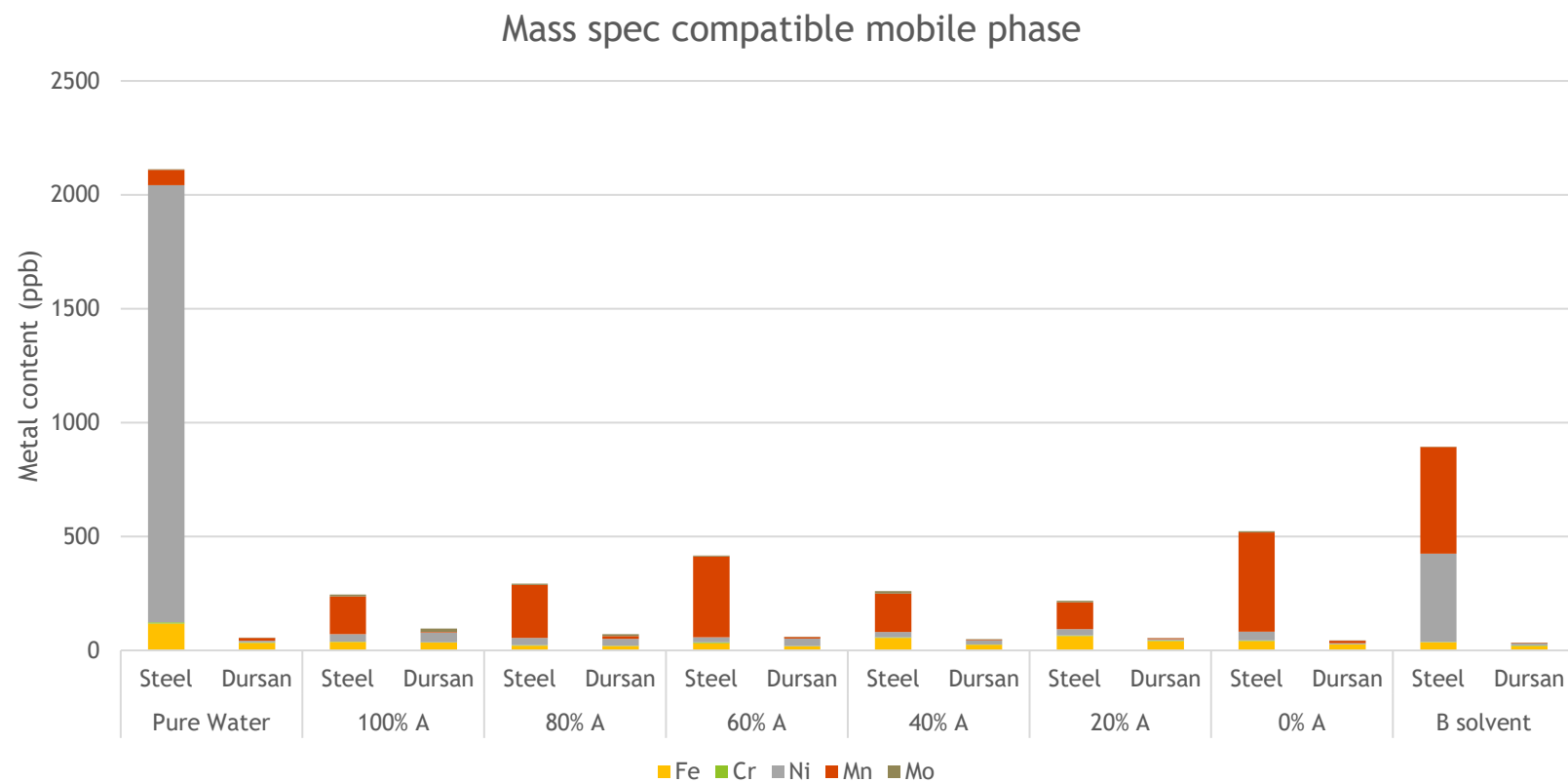
- ▶ Mobile phase A
  - ▶ 15 mM Triethylamine with 400 mM HFIP in water
- ▶ Mobile phase B
  - ▶ Mobile phase A + MeOH (50:50 v/v)
- ▶ Gradient range
  - ▶ Typically between 5% B up to 100% B
- ▶ Temperature
  - ▶ Typically around 60°C

# UV Mobile Phase: TEAA in Water (A) and Acetonitrile (B)

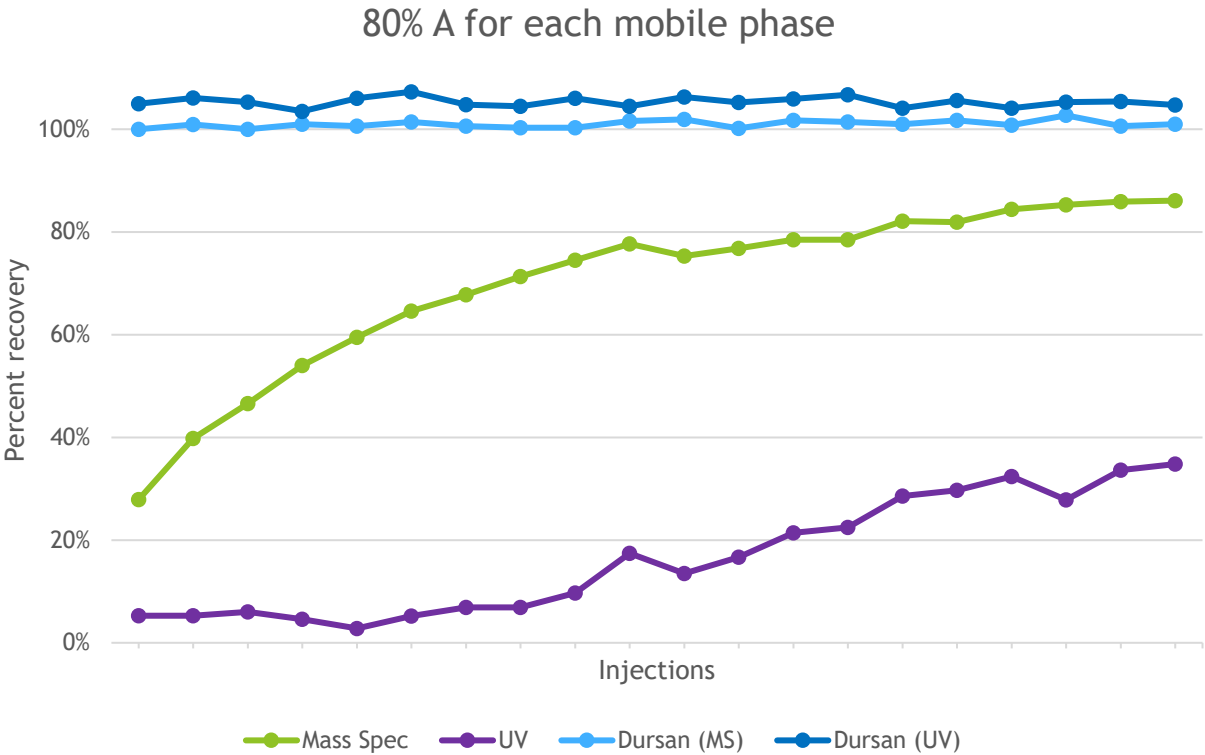
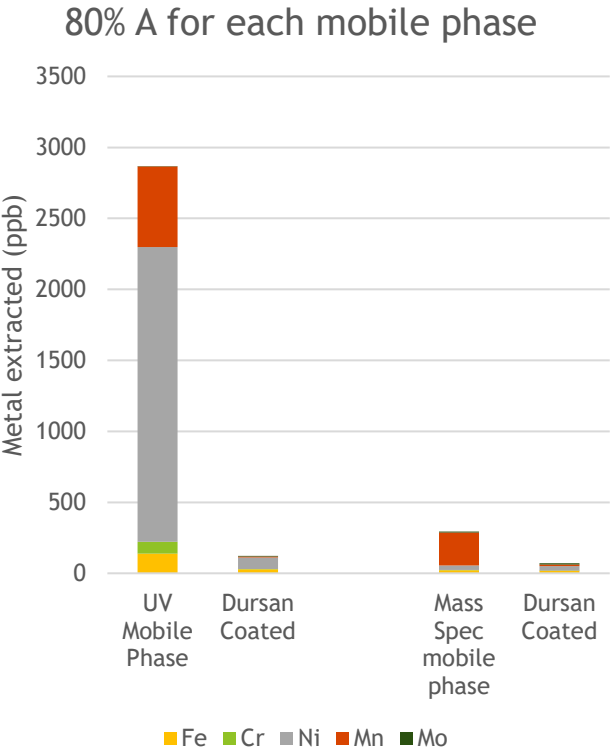
UV compatible mobile phase



# Mass spec mobile phase TEA and HFIP in Water (A) and 50% MeOH (B)



# 21-mer oligonucleotide recovery study





# siRNA purification

- ▶ High pH and high salt content caused metal leaching into flow path
- ▶ The scientist was only able to do 6-8 injections per column
  - ▶ Too much on column degradation
    - ▶ Specifically: PS→PO oxidation
  - ▶ Impurities were lost in the noise
- ▶ Scientist opened the column afterwards and saw this:



# After coating column hardware with Dursan

- ▶ We're happy to report that he has seen the following benefits using a coated column/system:
    - ▶ 100x lifetime improvement on the column (Each column is \$10K)
    - ▶ Higher loadability and recovery from the column
    - ▶ Far less oxidation of the oligos of interest leading to less on column degradation
    - ▶ Higher peak to valley ratios in the impurities
      - ▶ Makes automating fraction collection much easier
-

# Other resources with coated HPLC hardware:

- ▶ [Oligonucleotide recovery data](#). YMC's Accura line of columns are coated with Dursan
- ▶ [Ion exchange columns](#). YMC recently released a line of ion exchange columns that show superior performance to PEEK (a plastic material)
- ▶ [Lipid analysis](#). Trace levels of lipids require coated hardware, and once again Dursan outperforms PEEK.
- ▶ [Analysis of phospholipid-enriched microenvironment](#). Dursan coating was necessary to limit metal interactions.
- ▶ [New line of semi-preparative columns](#) based on the work done with the siRNA scientist with the rusty column.

# Life Sciences Coating Application Examples

- BPE flow paths
- Liquid chromatography analytical and preparatory columns
- Filters
- Sample probes
- Chambers, vessels, and mixers
- Glass vials
- Tubing and piping in both straight and coiled form
- Valves and fittings
- Custom parts





# Thank you!



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