

# The Effect of Amine Counterion Type on the Retention of Basic Compounds on Octadecyl Bonded Silica Based and Polybutadiene Coated Zirconia Phases

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# Outline

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  - Both the hydrophobicity and the steric effect of the counterion matter

# Basic Solutes for Mixed-Mode Retention

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- Chromatographic interactions

- ✓ Reversed phase interaction and ion-exchange interaction

$$k' = k'_{RP} + k'_{IEX} = \phi_{RP} K_{RP} + \phi_{IEX} K_{IEX} / [C^+]_m$$

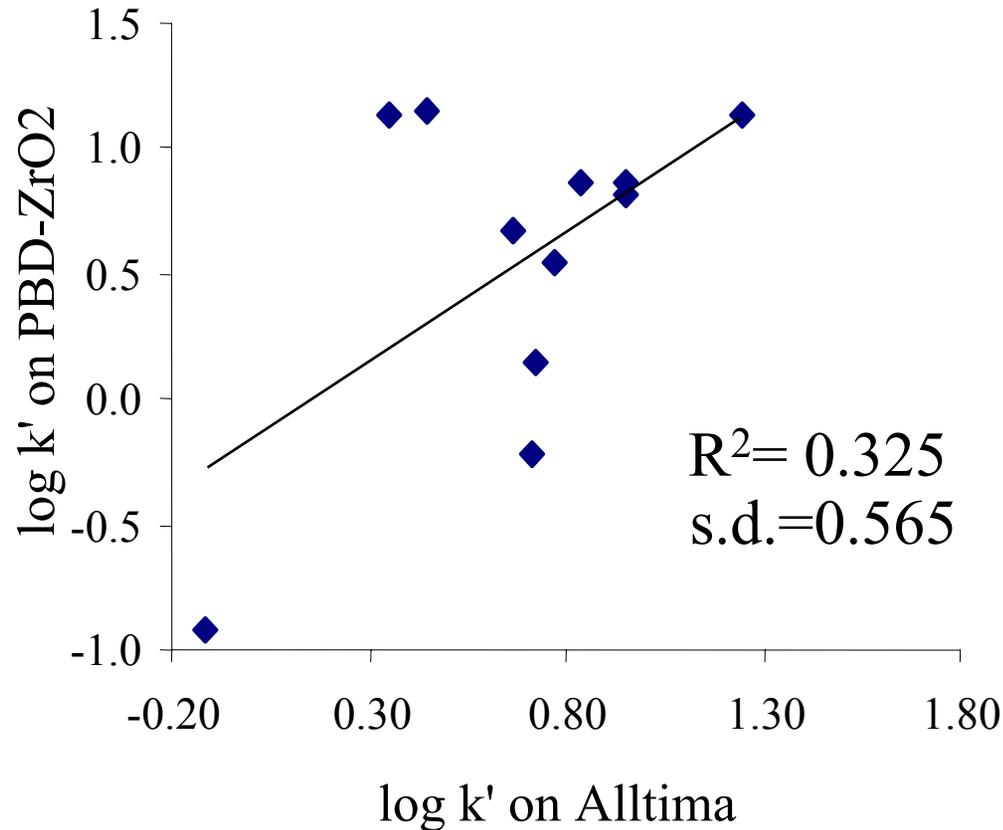
- Interaction of a basic solute with ODS

- ✓ Steric hindrance around N
- ✓ Substitution on N (4<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> > 2<sup>nd</sup> > 1<sup>st</sup>)
- ✓ Hydrophobicity, chain length

- Solutions:

- ✓ Stationary phase modification
- ✓ Low pH or high pH mobile phase
- ✓ “Silanol blocker” in the eluent (type, concentration).

# Motivation



**Ion-exchange interactions on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub> are more than twofold of that on ODS!**

Condition: 72 % MeOH, 25 mM phosphate, pH=6.0, 35 °C, 1 mL/min. Solutes: antidepressant

**Very different selectivity of ODS and PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>**

# Experimental Design

## Amine Counterions

Ammonium  $\text{NH}_4$

Butylamine  $\text{C}_4\text{N}$

Pentylamine  $\text{C}_5\text{N}$

Hexylamine  $\text{C}_6\text{N}$

Octylamine  $\text{C}_8\text{N}$

Dipropylamine  $(\text{C}_3)_2\text{N}$

Dimethylbutylamine  $(\text{C}_2)_2\text{NC}_4$

Triethylamine  $(\text{C}_2)_3\text{N}$

Tributylamine  $(\text{C}_4)_3\text{N}$

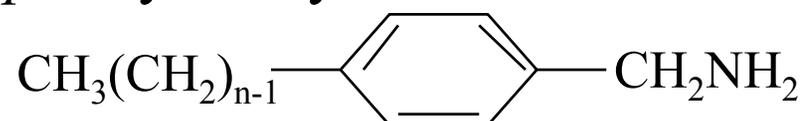
1,6-Hexanediamine  $\text{C}_6\text{N}_2$

phosphate buffer (pH 6.0)

## Solutes and Analytical Column

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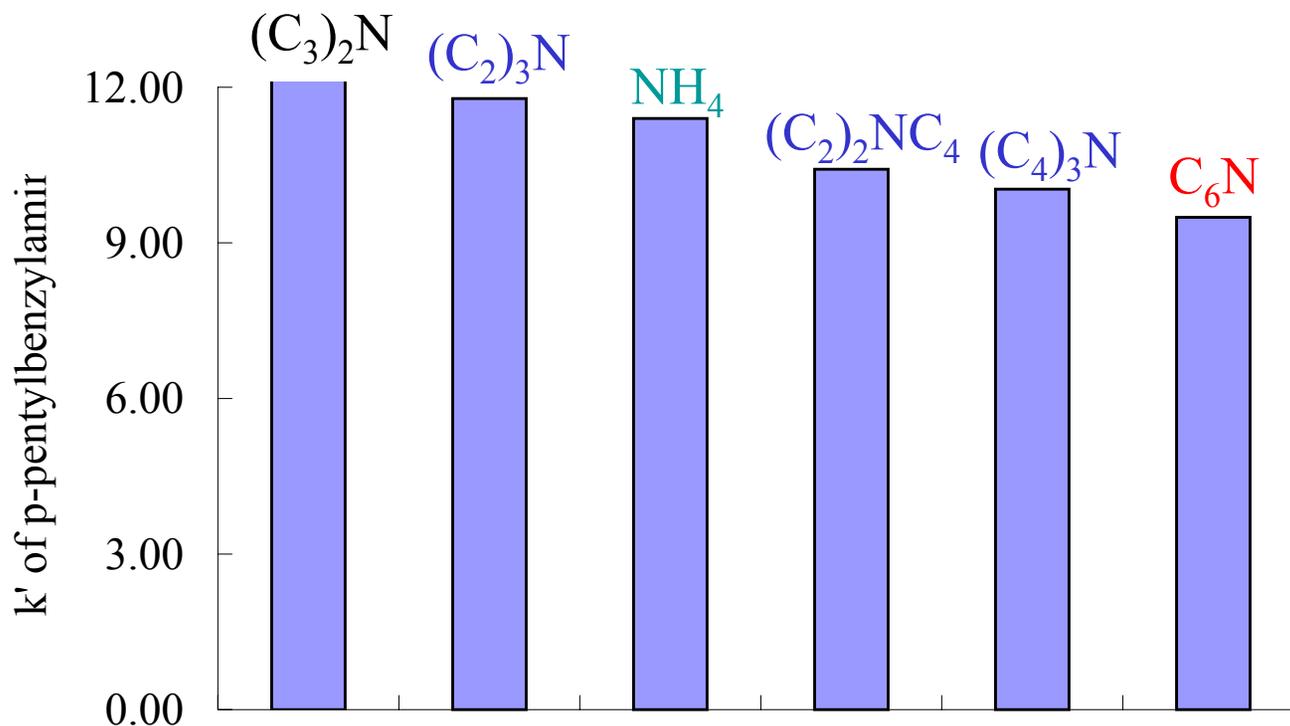
*p*-alkylbenzylamines



Column:

- Alltima ODS phase
- PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>

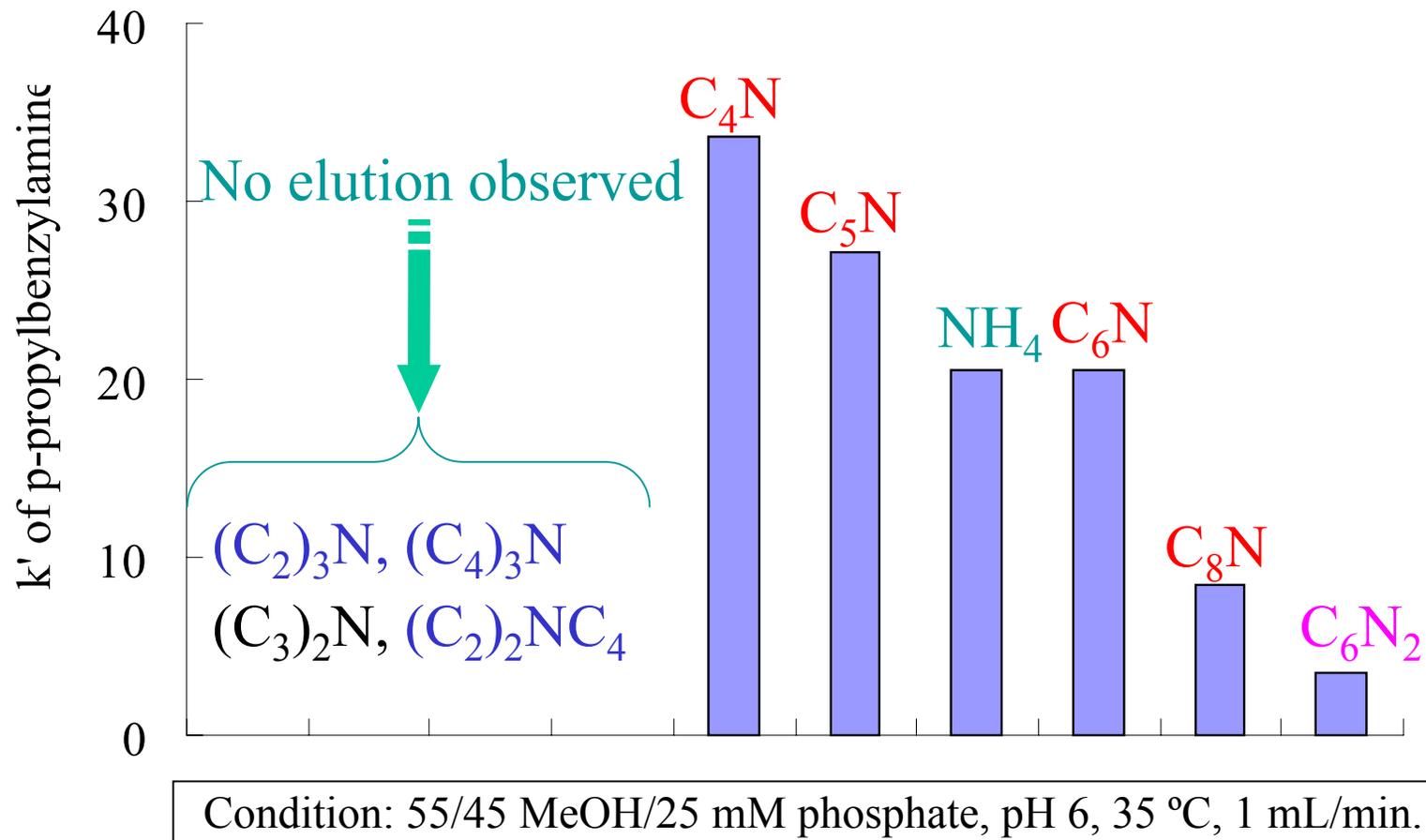
# Effect of Amine Counterion on Retention of Basic Solutes on ODS



Condition: 55/45 MeOH/25 mM phosphate, pH 6, 35 °C, 1 mL/min.

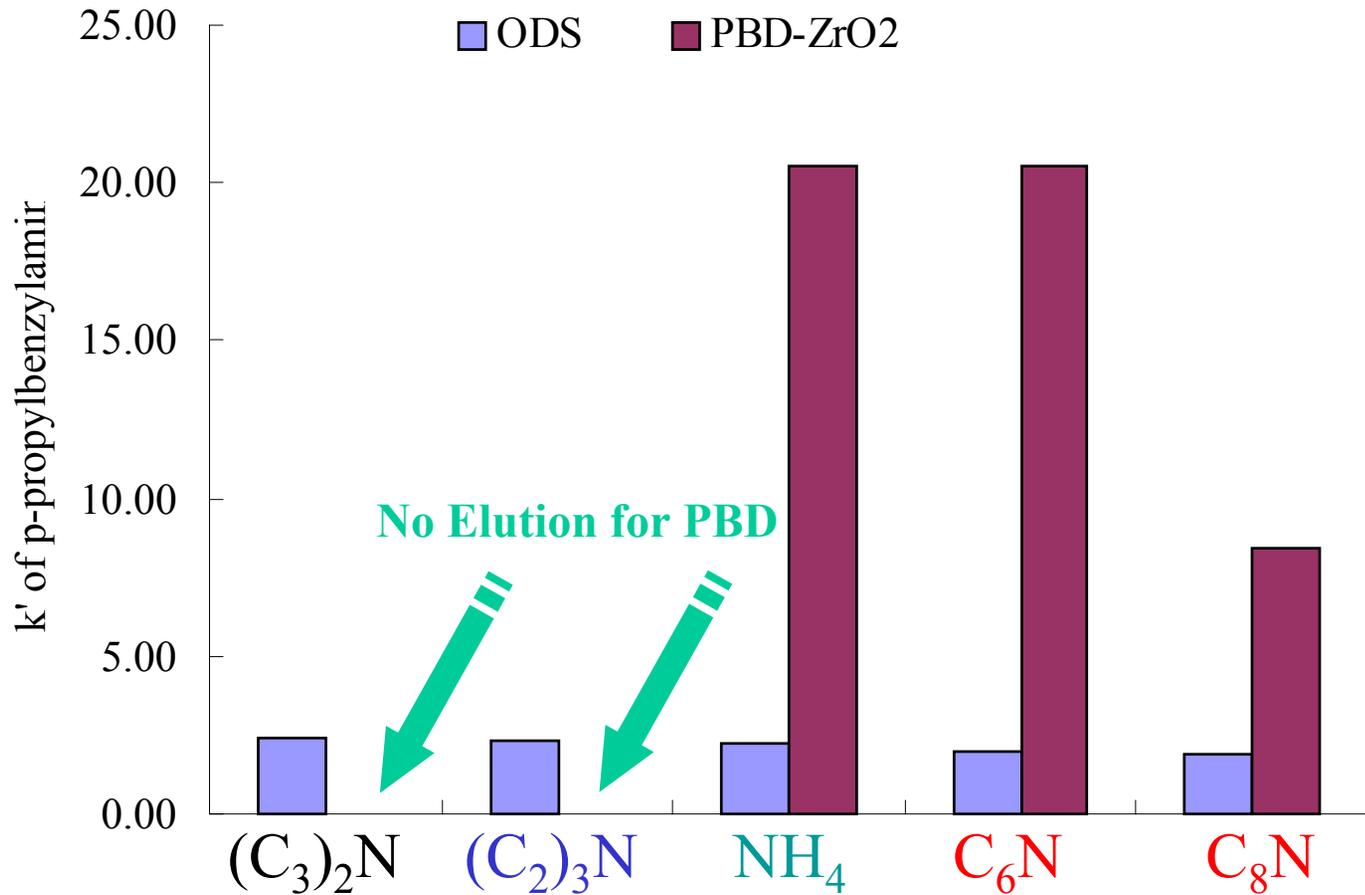
**Type of amine counterion only has small effect on Type B ODS columns**

# Effect of Amine Counterion on Retention of Basic Solutes on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



**The molecular geometry of the amine counterion has a big effect. Diamine gives the best “blocking” effect.**

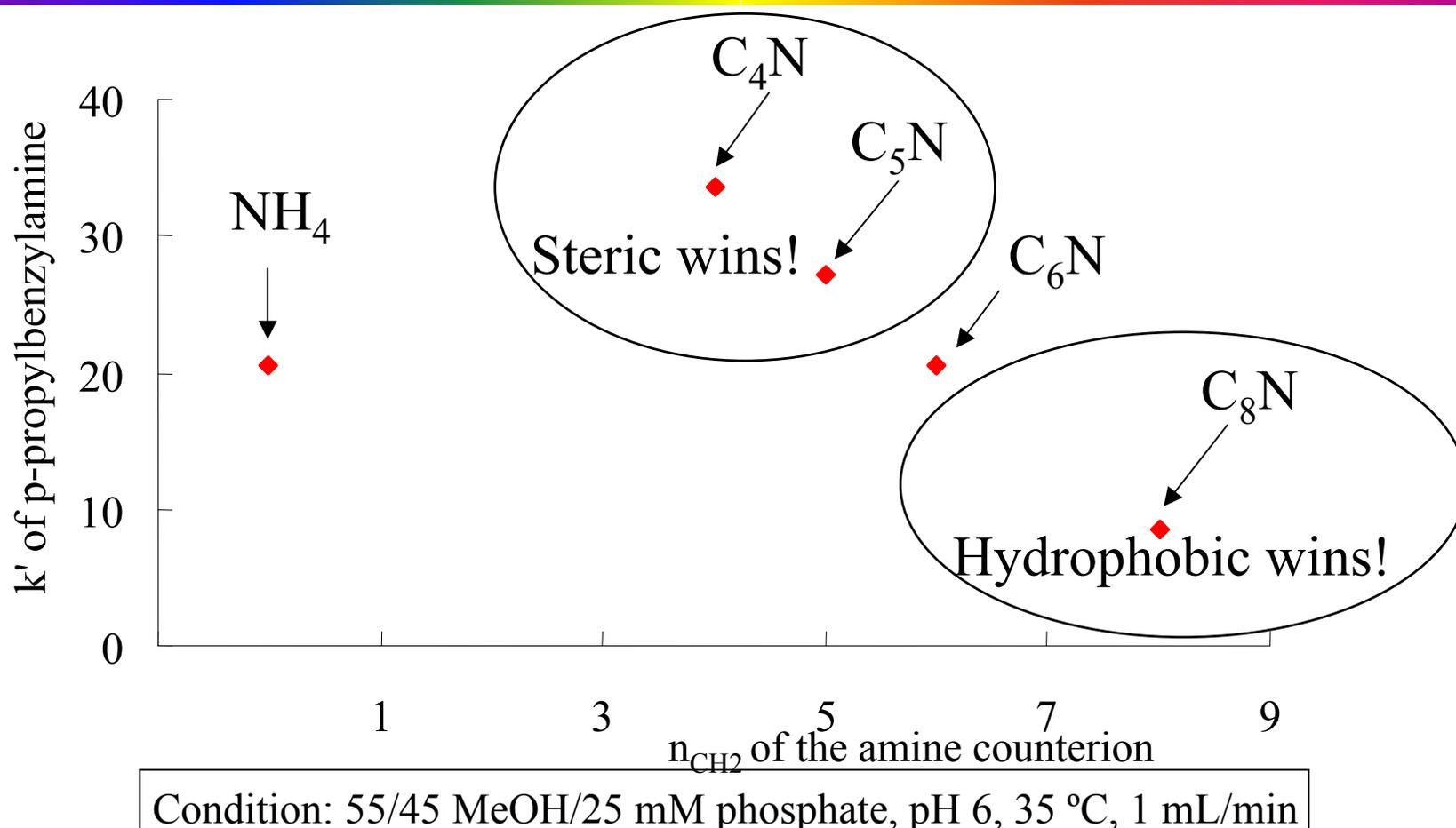
# Counterion Effect on ODS and PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



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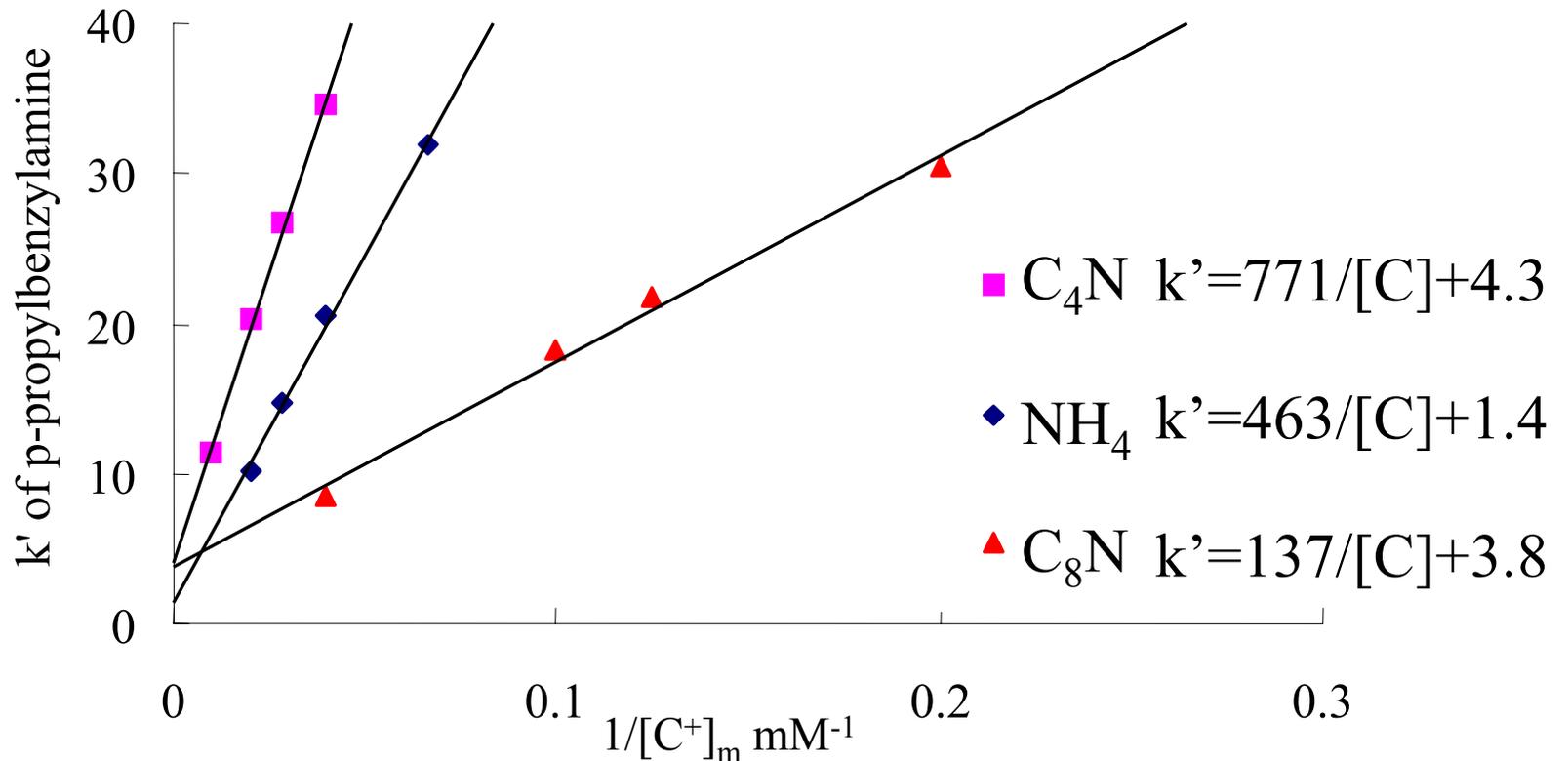
**Radically different effect of amine counterion on ODS and PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>.**

# Effect of Amine Counterion on Retention of Basic Solutes on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



**The blocking effect is a balance between steric hindrance and hydrophobicity.**

# $k'$ vs. $1/[C^+]_m$ on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



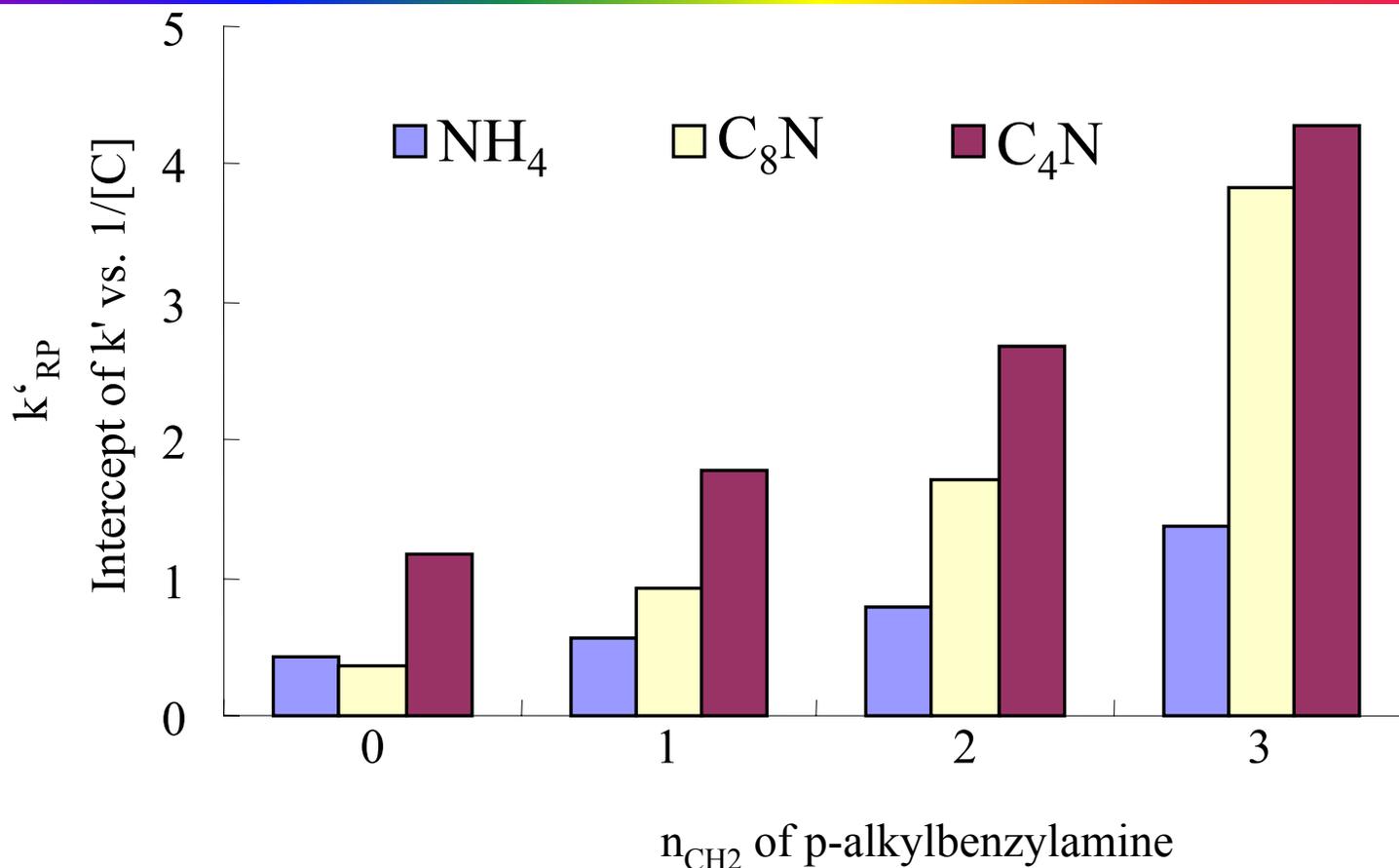
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$$k' = k'_{RP} + k'_{IEX} = k'_{RP} + \phi_{IEX} K_{IEX} / [C^+]_m$$

**Intercept: Reversed phase contribution  $k'_{RP}$**

**Slope: Ion-exchange contribution  $K_{IEX}$**

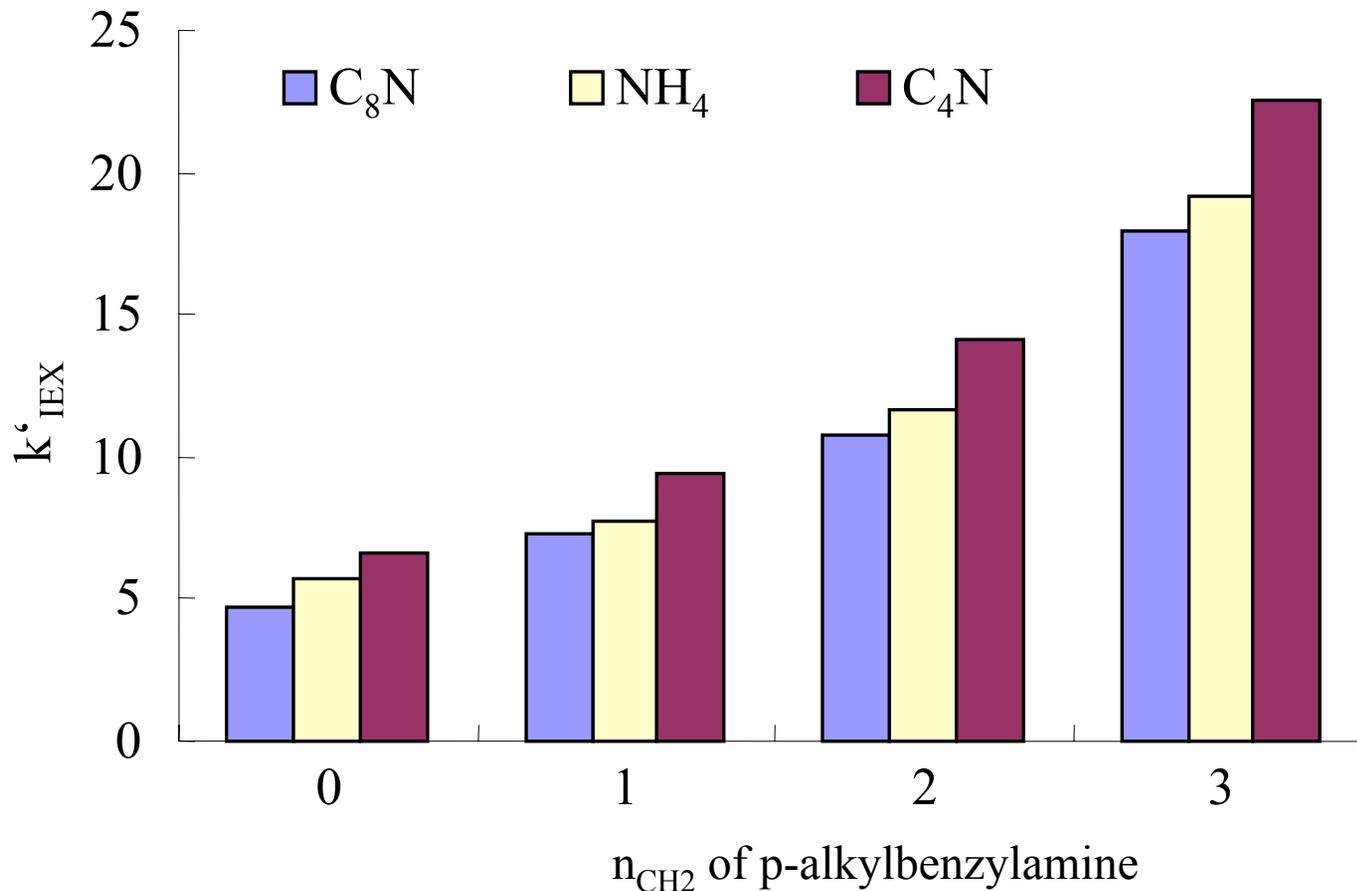
# Contribution of Reversed Phase Interactions on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



Condition: 55/45 MeOH/ phosphate, pH 6, 35 °C, 1 mL/min

**A weaker counterion butylamine leads to larger reversed phase interactions for basic solutes.**

# Contribution of Ion-Exchange Interactions on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>



Condition: 55/45 MeOH/25 mM phosphate, pH 6, 35 °C, 1 mL/min

**The stronger the counterion, the smaller the ion-exchange interactions.**

# Conclusions

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1. Counterion is more useful for selectivity adjustment on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>.
2. Relatively small effect of the type of the amine on Type B silica column.
3. Big effect of the type of the amine counterion on PBD-ZrO<sub>2</sub>.
4. Both steric hindrance and hydrophobicity of the amine counterion influence the retention of basic solutes.
5. Doubly charged diamine is much more effective than the singly charged amine.

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