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- [2] Baker, D. R. *Capillary Electrophoresis*; Wiley: New York, **1995**; Chapter 3.
- [3] Niessen, W. M. A. In *Applications of LC-MS in Environmental Chemistry*; Barcelo, D., Ed.; Journal of Chromatography Library *59*; Elsevier: Amsterdam, **1996**; Chapter 1.

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