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Direct Analysis of Heterogeneous Biotherapeutics

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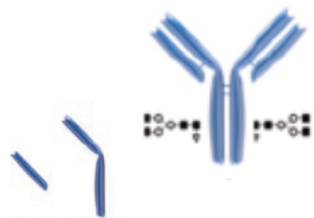
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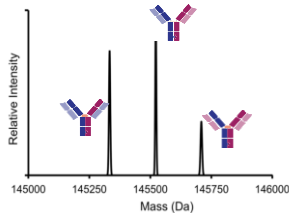
Intact Mass Measurement Approaches for Biotherapeutics



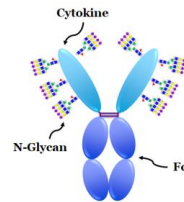
Denaturing MS



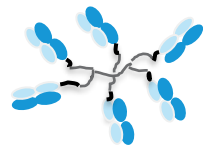
Native MS



Hyphenated nMS



Charge reduction
(PTCR)



Charge
Detection MS
(DMT)

Molecular Complexity

Ease of analysis

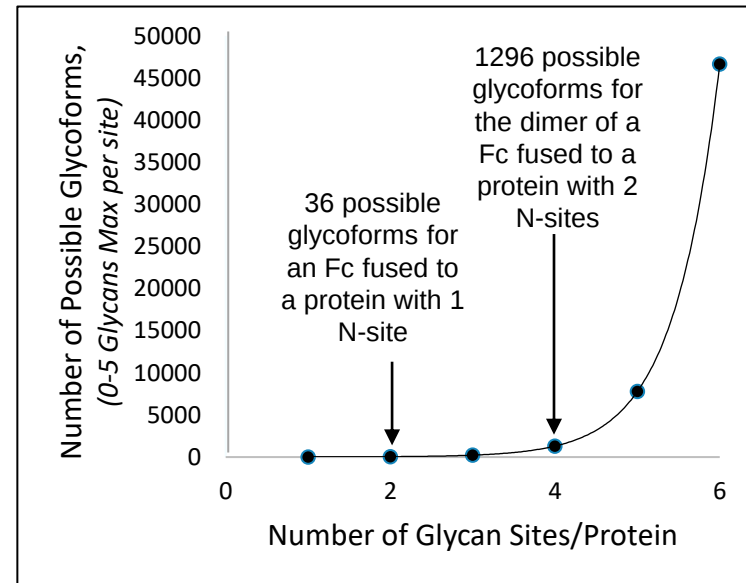
Biological representation



Glycoproteins as biotherapeutics

- Glycosylation is present on **>50%** of all human proteins
 - Role of glycosylation in the cell: Fc effector function, protein structure, more...
- **>40% approved biotherapeutics are glycosylated**
 - IgG-based and Fc-fusion biologics
- Glycosylation can affect pharmacological properties of biotherapeutics:
potency, stability, bioavailability, solubility, and immunogenicity.

- A single glycosylation site on a protein can produce **vast molecular heterogeneity** that precludes direct analysis by mass spectrometry (MS), the predominant analytical tool for glycoprotein characterization.



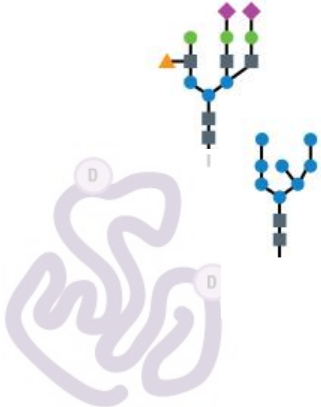
Strategies to investigate glycoproteins by MS

Ease of analysis

Biological representation

Glycan Comp

Released glycans
Total glycoforms



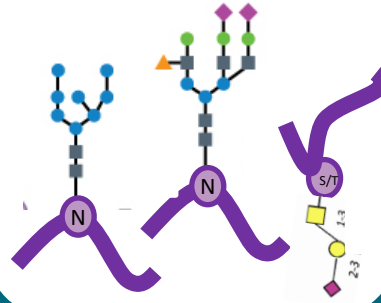
Site Occupancy

Percentage PTM for each
N-motif position



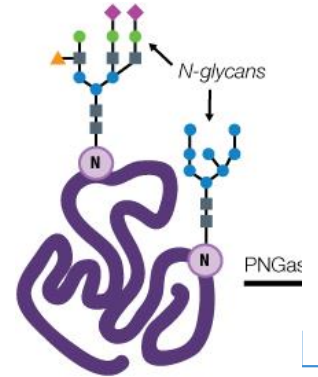
Site Mapping

Which glycoforms are
present on what sites

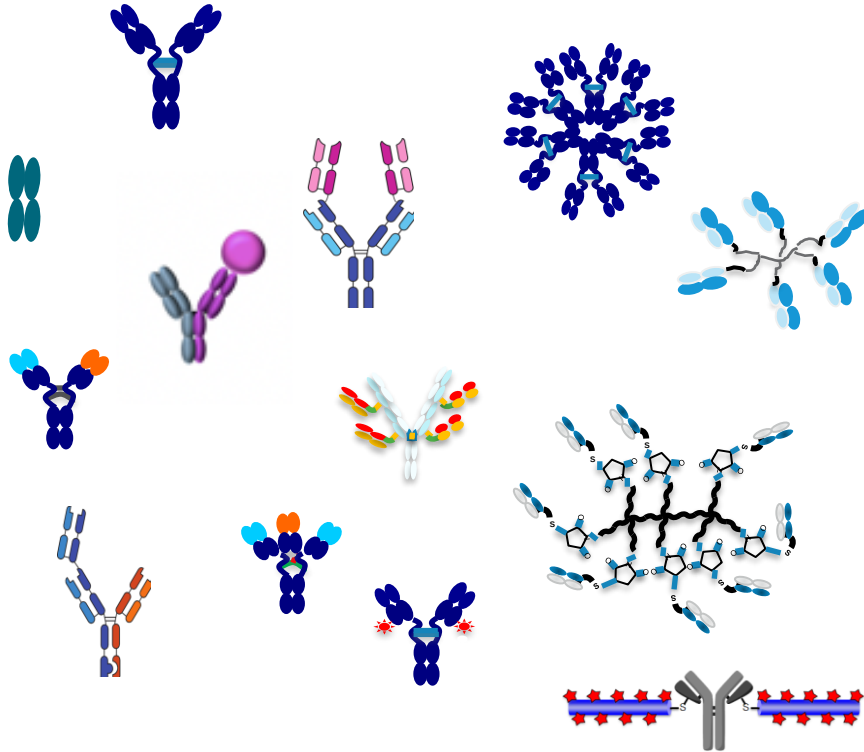


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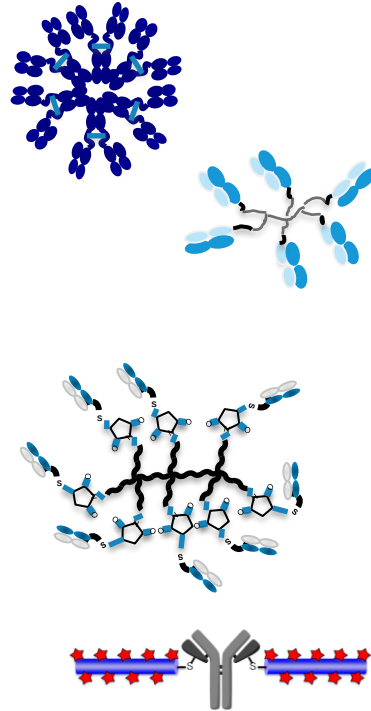
Nature of PTMs on molecule and
complexity



Increasingly complex modalities require adaptive analytical strategies

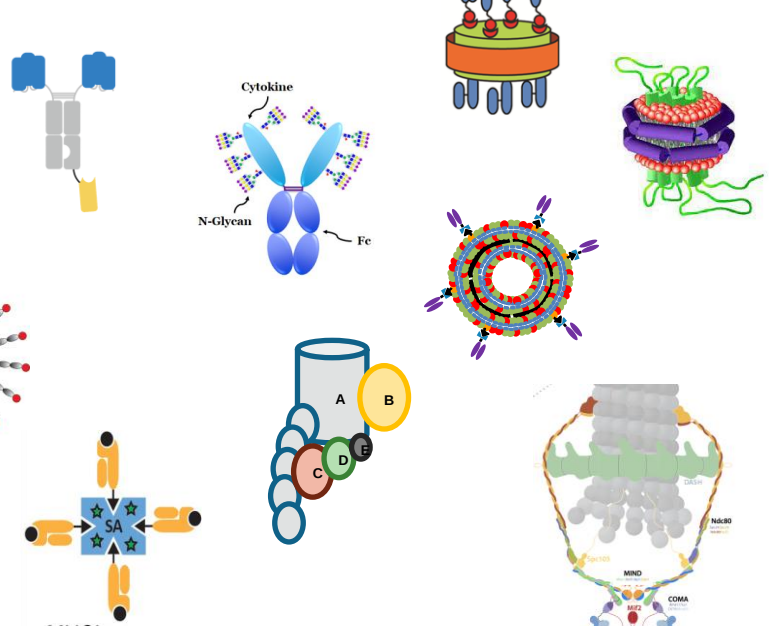


Antibody/Fab Derivatives



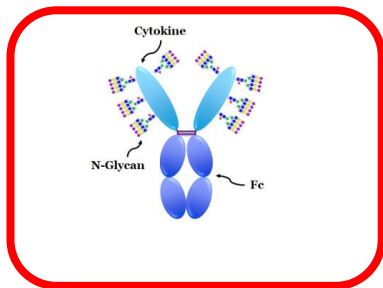
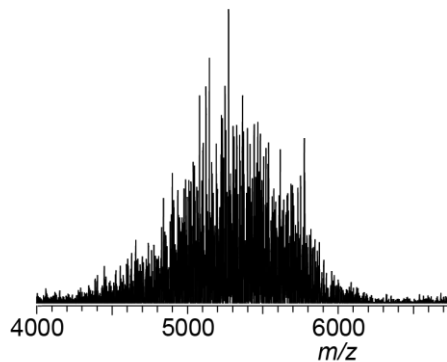
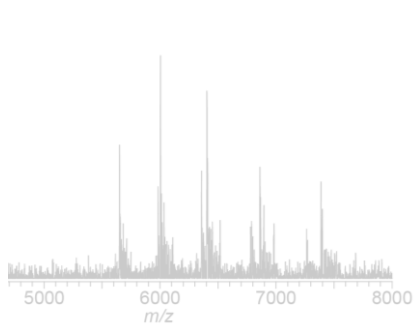
Conjugated Formats

Fc Fusion proteins

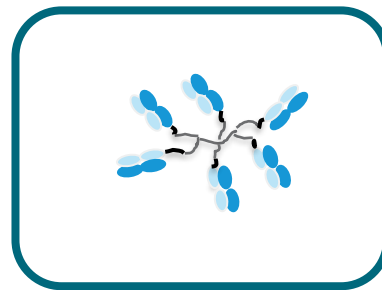


Non-covalent complexes/membrane proteins

Intact Mass Measurement Approaches for Biotherapeutics

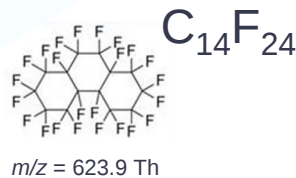
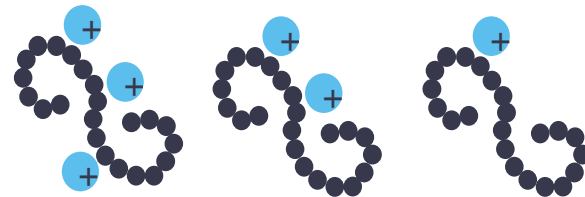
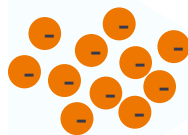
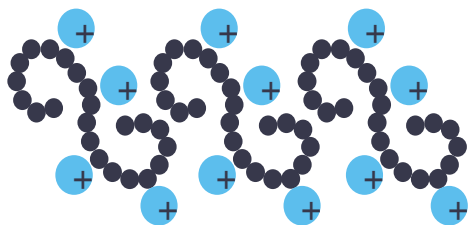


Charge reduction
(PTCR)

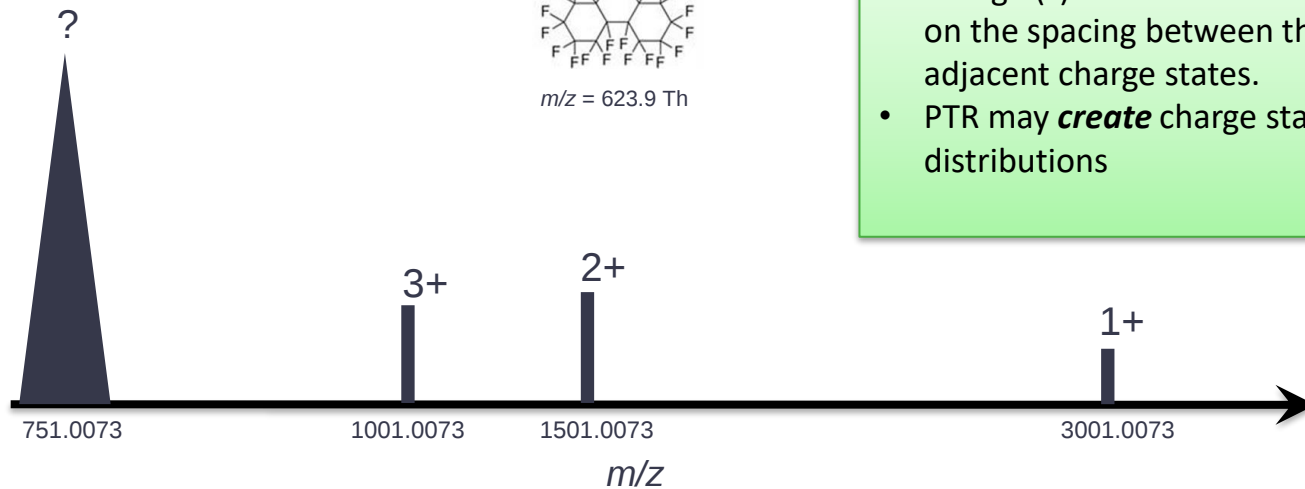


Single Charge
Detection
(DMT)

Proton Transfer Charge Reduction (PTCR)

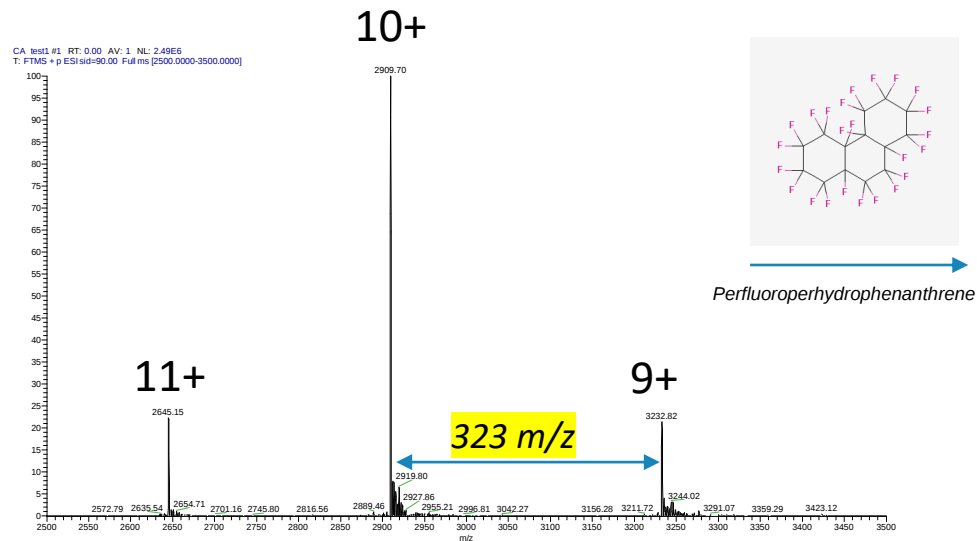


- Charge (z) is determined based on the spacing between the adjacent charge states.
- PTR may **create** charge state distributions

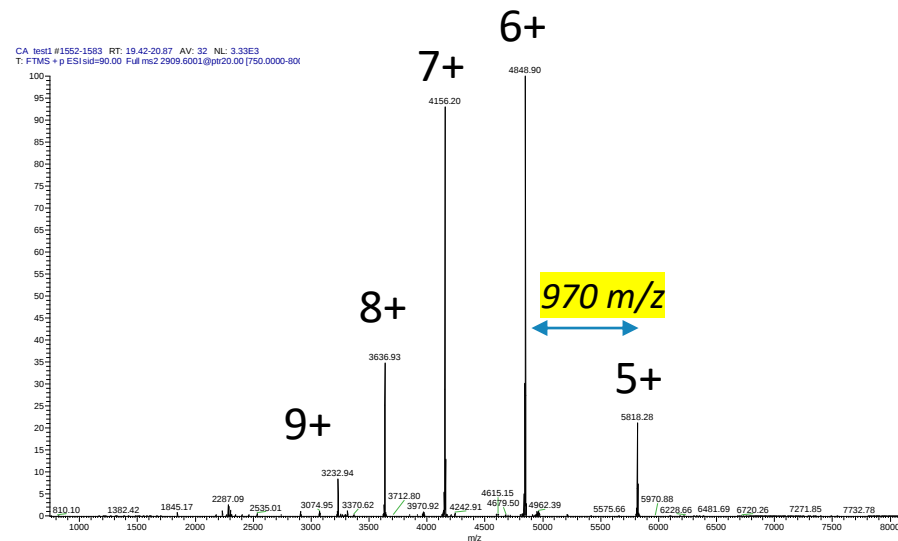


Proton Transfer Charge Reduction (PTCR) on resolved charge states

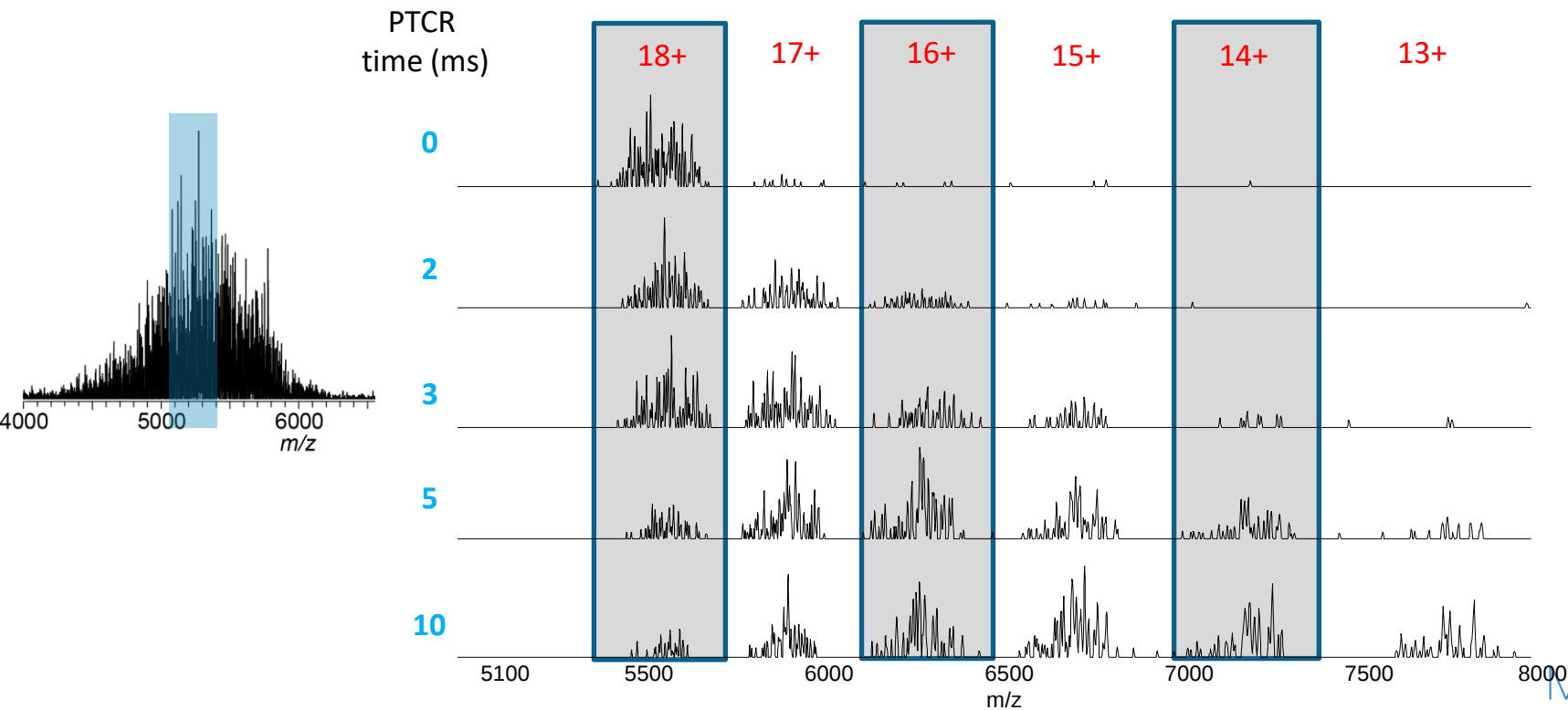
Before PTCR



After PTCR



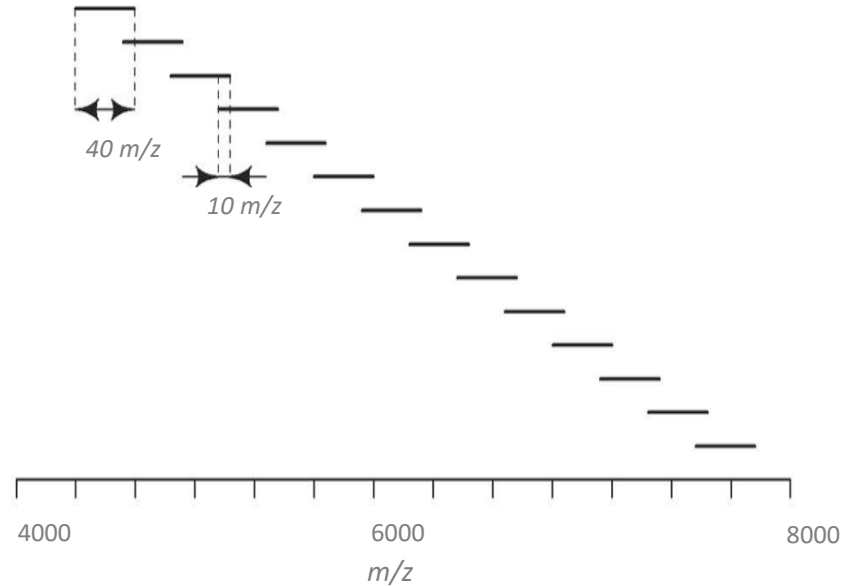
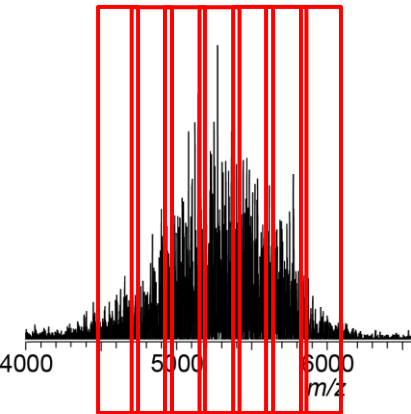
PTCR on unresolved charge states



*ASMS 2019: Orbitrap Eclipse with extended mass range (8k) and PTCR

UNIGLAMs: **U**niversal **I**ntact **G**lycoprotein **A**nalysis by **M**ass **S**pectrometry

Overlapping windows of PTMR spectra are acquired and stitched together for deconvolution



Example: m/z 4000-7000, 30th step, 60th isolation, 10th overlap, 100uscans, PTMR4

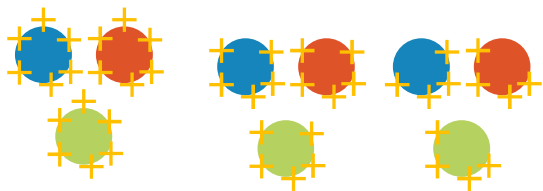
UNIGLAMs Workflow

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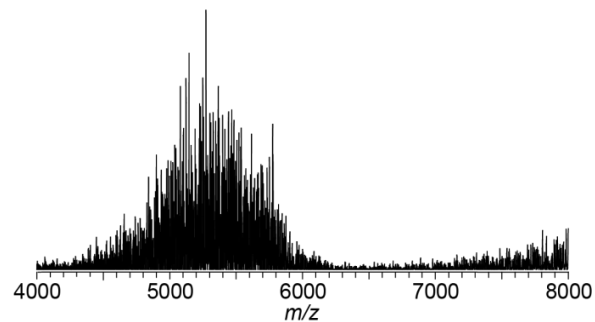
~~ISOLATION~~

~~PCR~~

ORBITRAP
MS



Spectrum



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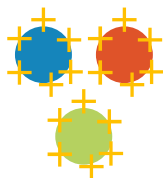
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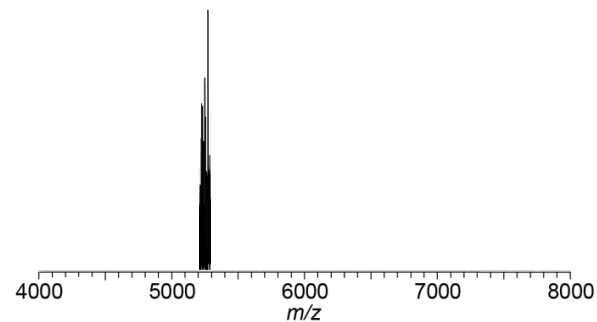
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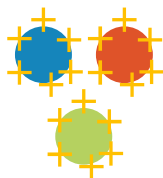
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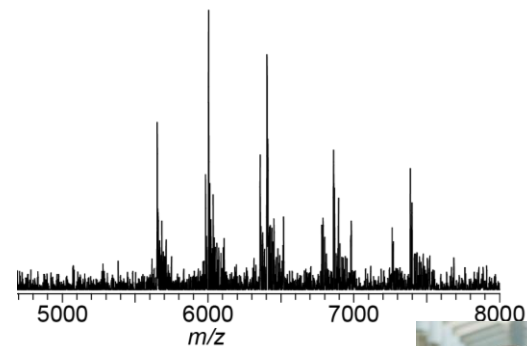
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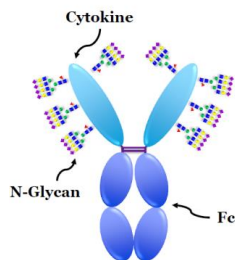


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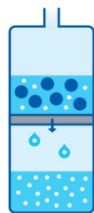


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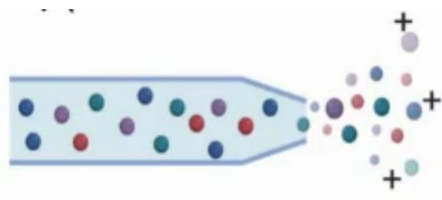




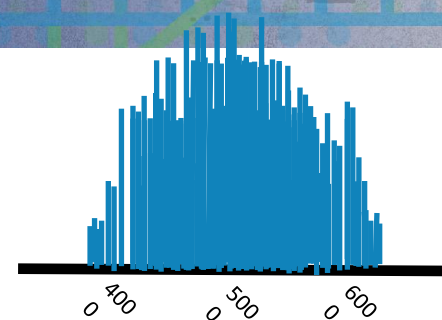
Glycoprotein



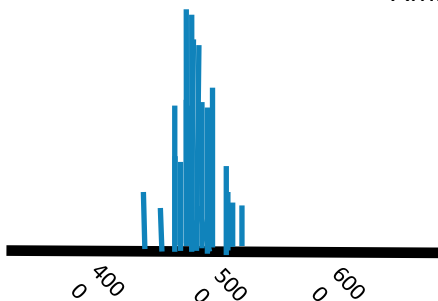
Desalt & buffer
exchange to 100mM
Ammonium acetate



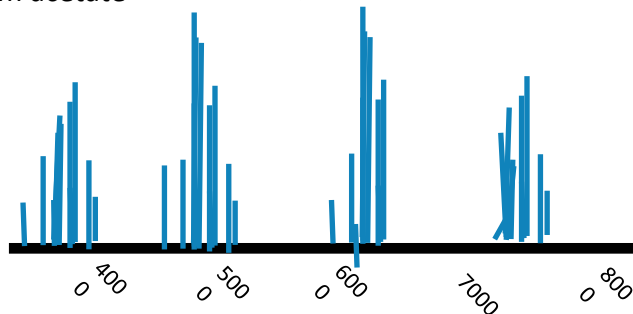
Nano capillary
infusion to mass
spectrometer



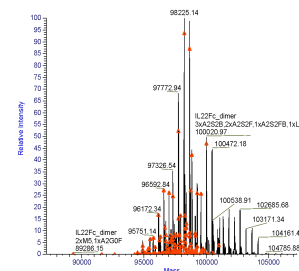
MS¹ to determine m/z
envelope range for
acquisition and optimum SID



Narrow MS² isolation at apex
to confirm ion signal



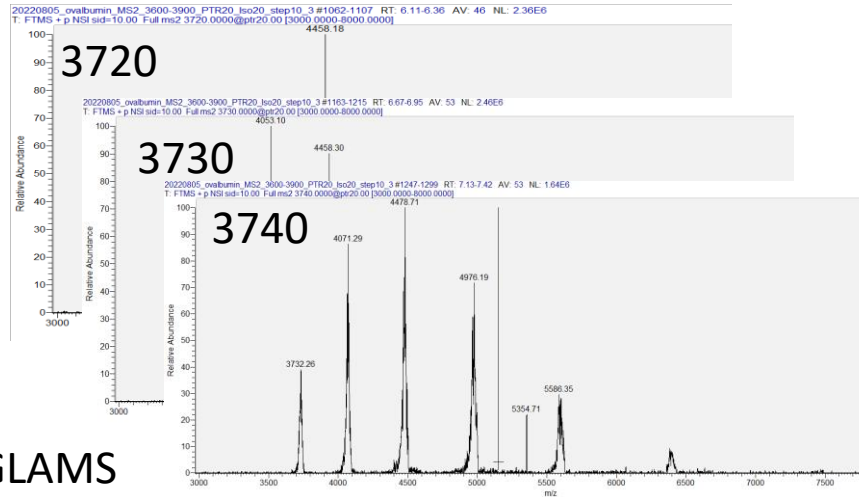
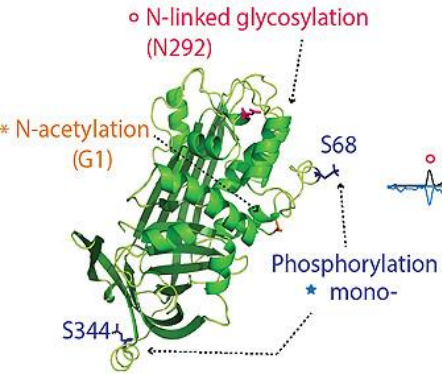
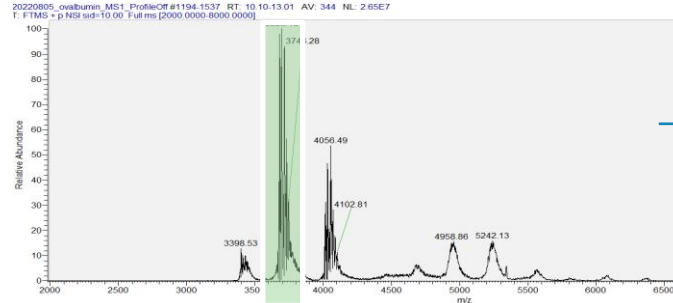
Increase PTCR in MS²
isolation range to establish
appropriate duration



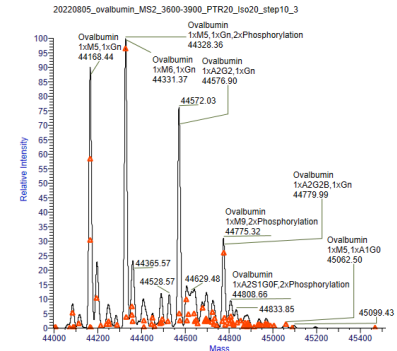
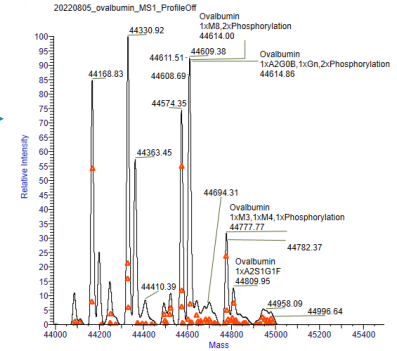
Analyze & annotate

Ovalbumin contains a single N-linked glycan yet has multiple proteoforms

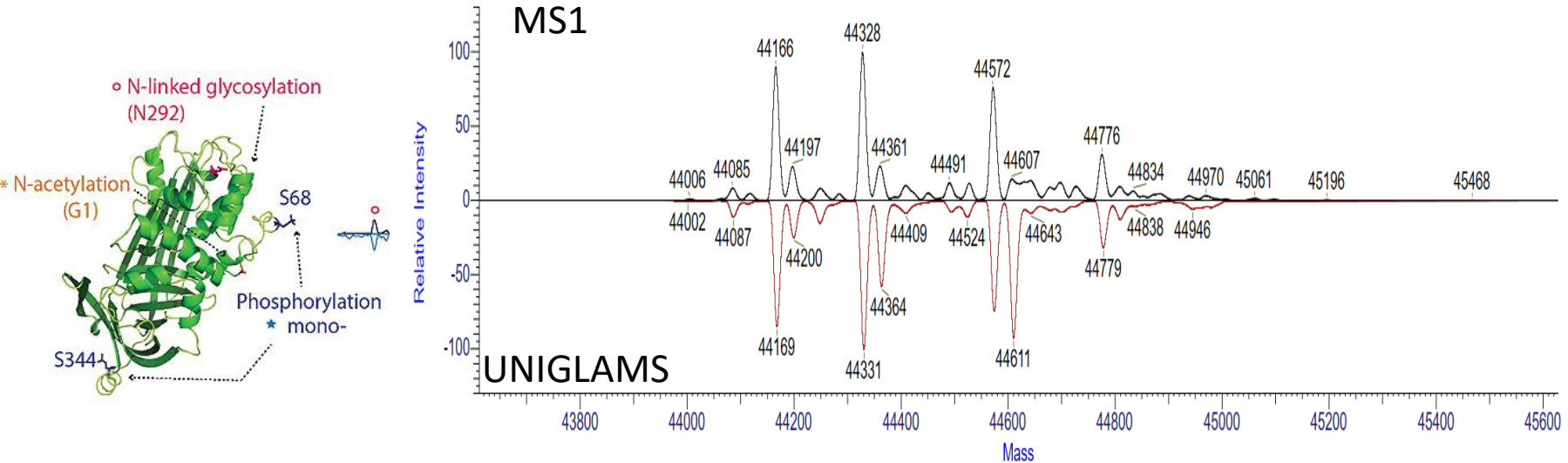
MS1



UNIGLAMs



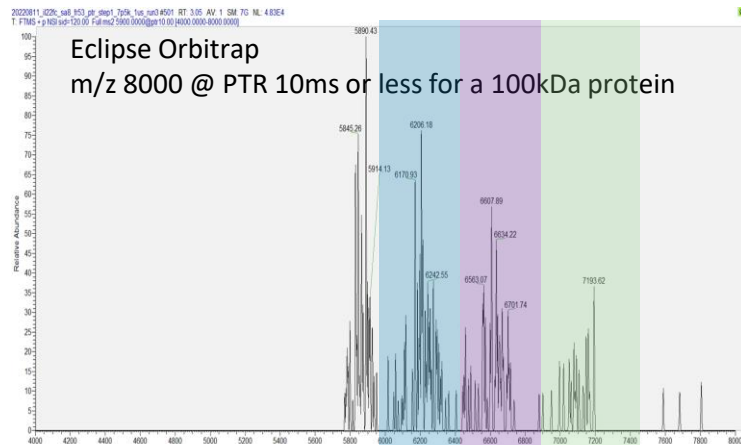
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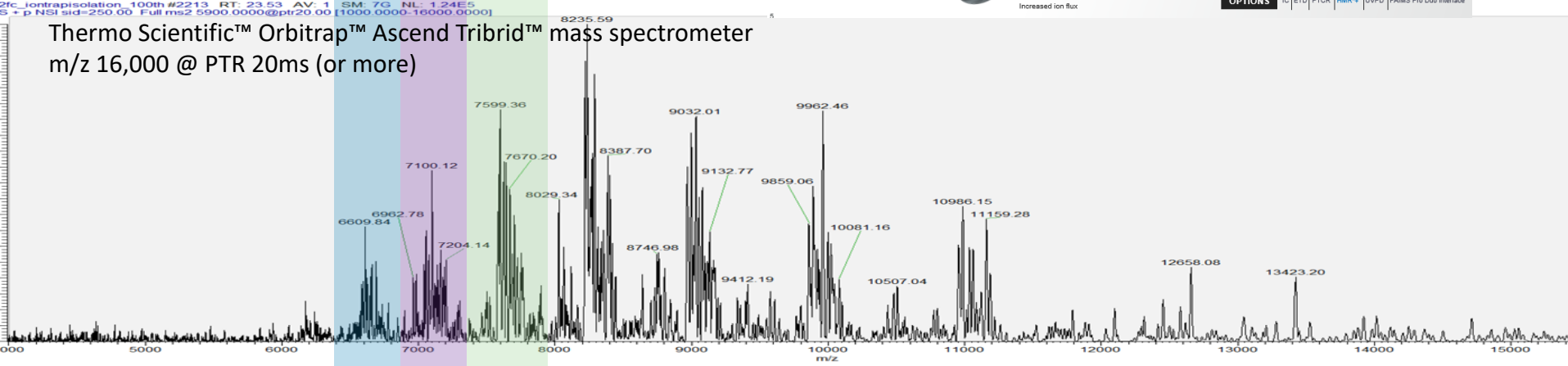
Utility of PTCR is limited by Eclipse m/z range

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Eclipse Orbitrap
m/z 8000 @ PTR 10ms or less for a 100kDa protein

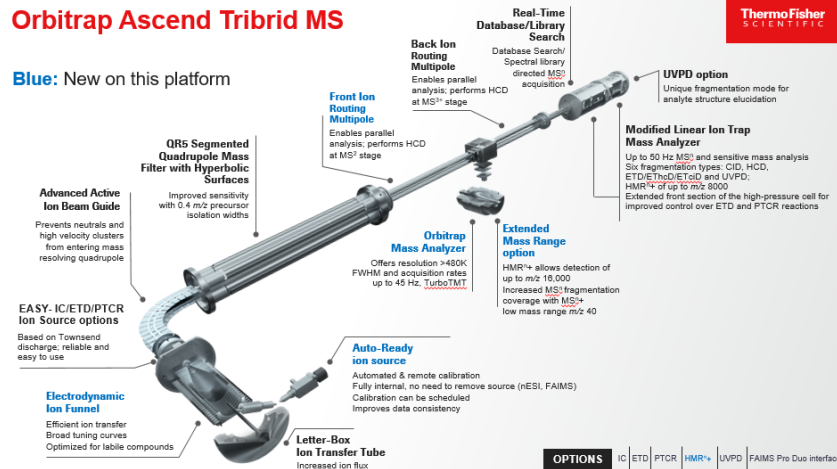


Thermo Scientific™ Orbitrap™ Ascend Tribid™ mass spectrometer
m/z 16,000 @ PTR 20ms (or more)



Orbitrap Ascend Tribid MS

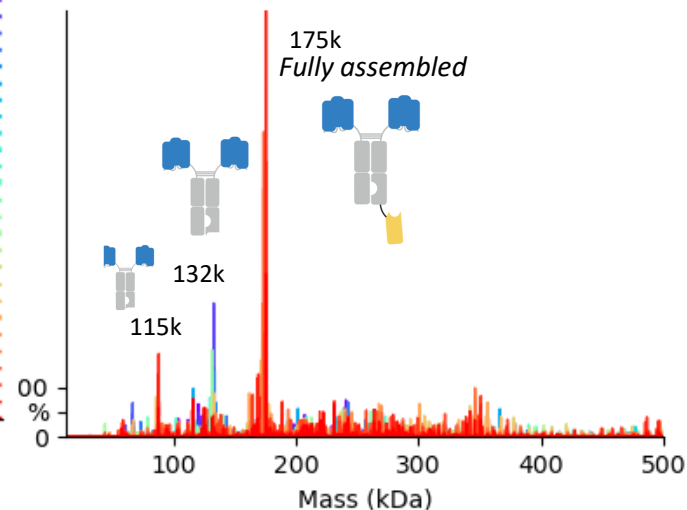
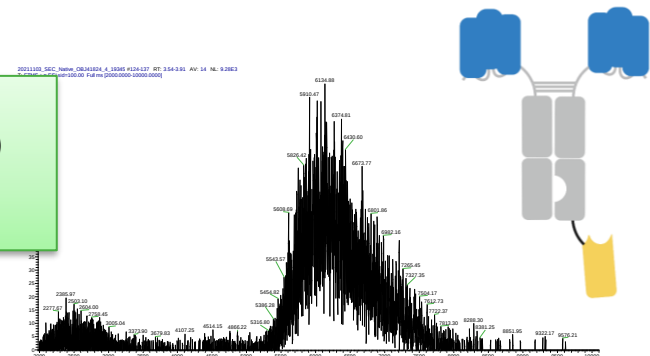
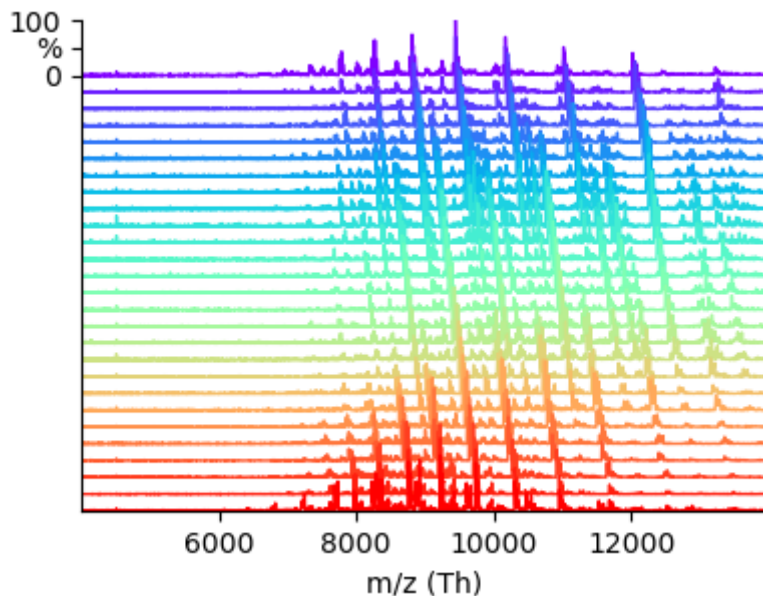
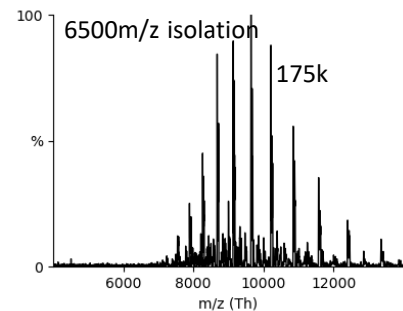
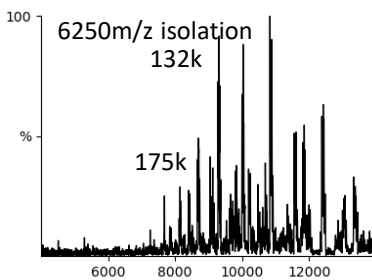
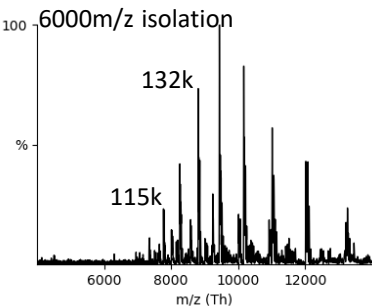
Blue: New on this platform



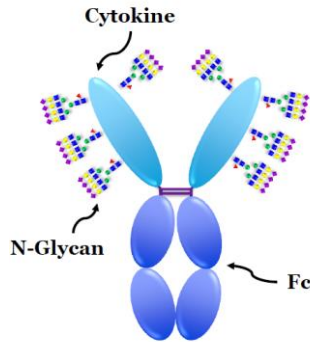
Charge reduced segmented isolation resolved proteoforms for identification

20k ligand scTrimer fused to mulgG2A

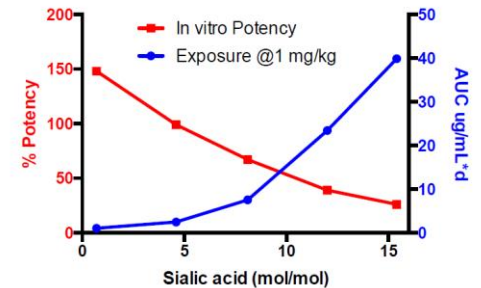
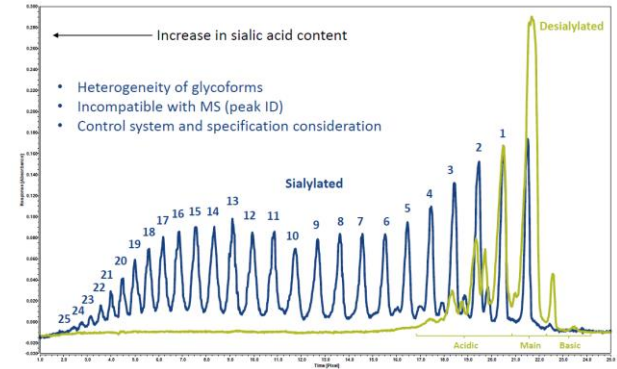
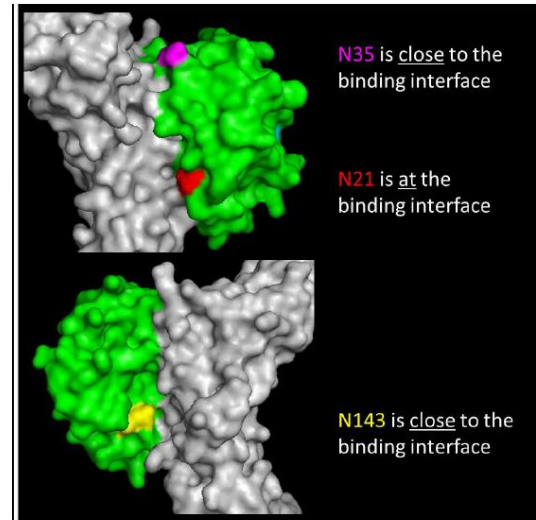
Each ligand subunit has 1 N-linked glycan (on NVT)
GSS linkers of varying lengths (why there are multiple samples)
Unresolvable by native MS or SEC-MS, even after N&O degly
Expected MW = ~160 kDa



A Phase IIb heterogeneous glycosylated cytokine Fusion protein



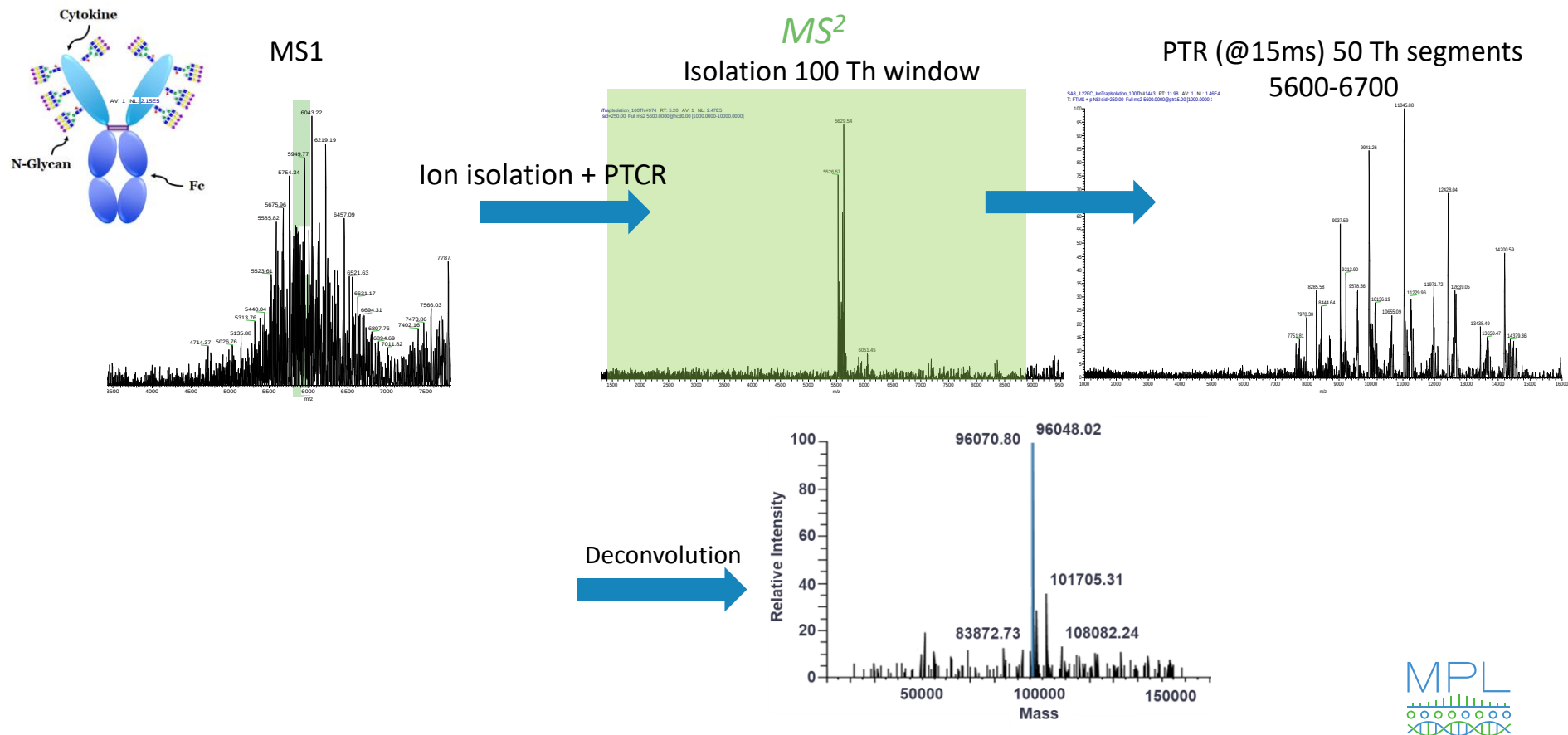
4 N-glycosylation sites on each cytokine (N21, N35, N64, N143)



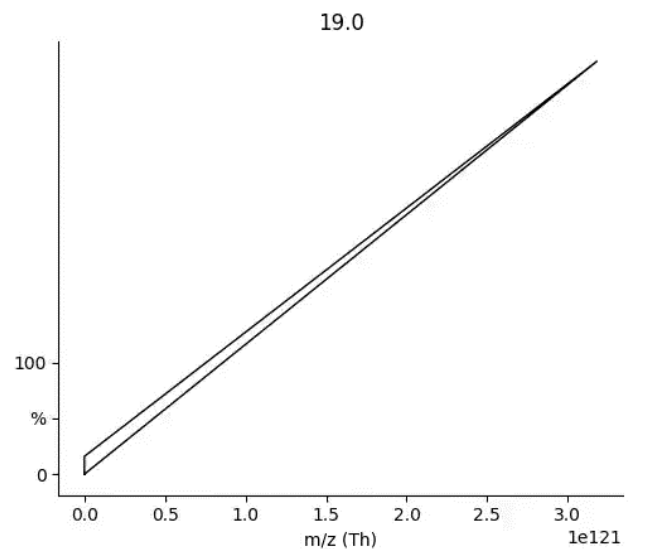
- With increase in sialic acid levels, exposure increases, *in vitro* potency decreases
- Drug exposure is the primary driver of *in vivo* PD response



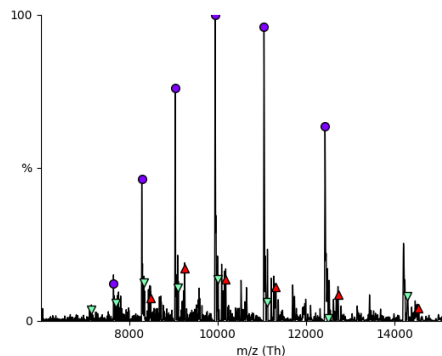
Stepping through glycoforms with UNIGLAMs



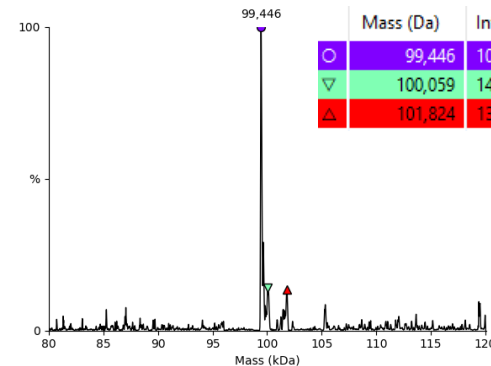
Stepping through Spectra on Orbitrap Ascend



m/z 5950 segment
1uScan (IIT 16ms)

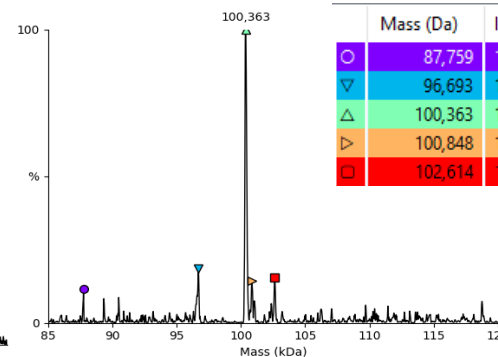
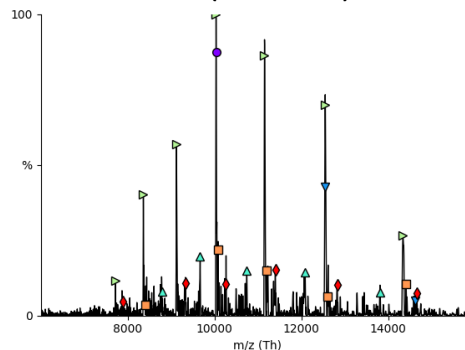


Deconvolved Single Scans



	Mass (Da)	Intensity	DScore
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▽	100,059	14.11	29.33
△	101,824	13.52	38.19

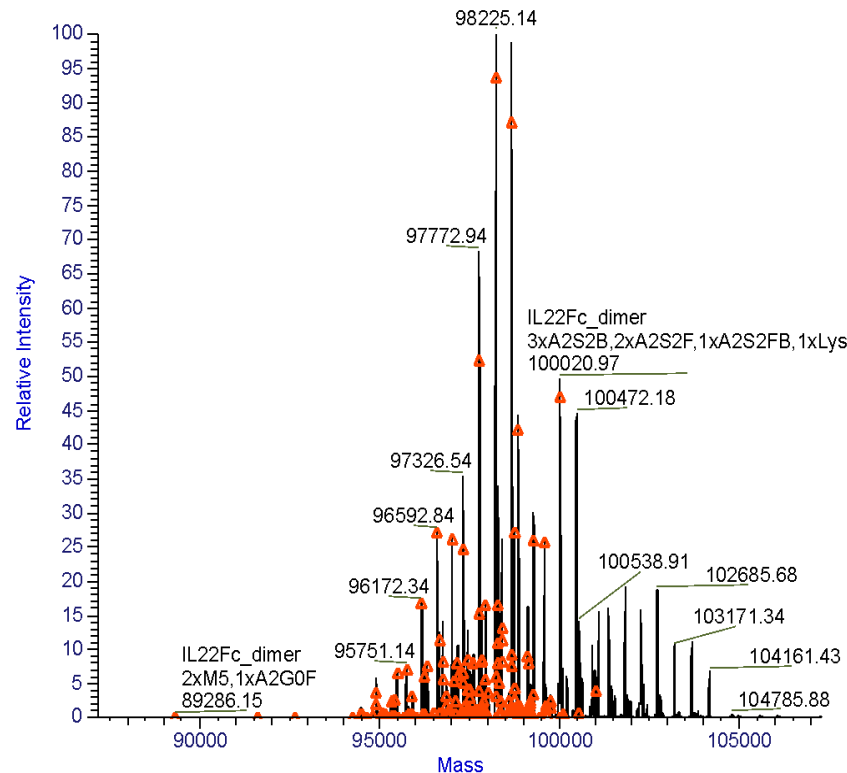
m/z 6000 segment
1uScan (IIT 16ms)



	Mass (Da)	Intensity	DScore
○	87,759	11.60	44.1
▽	96,693	18.36	54.7
△	100,363	100.00	63.36
□	100,848	14.28	38.1
■	102,614	15.42	41.29



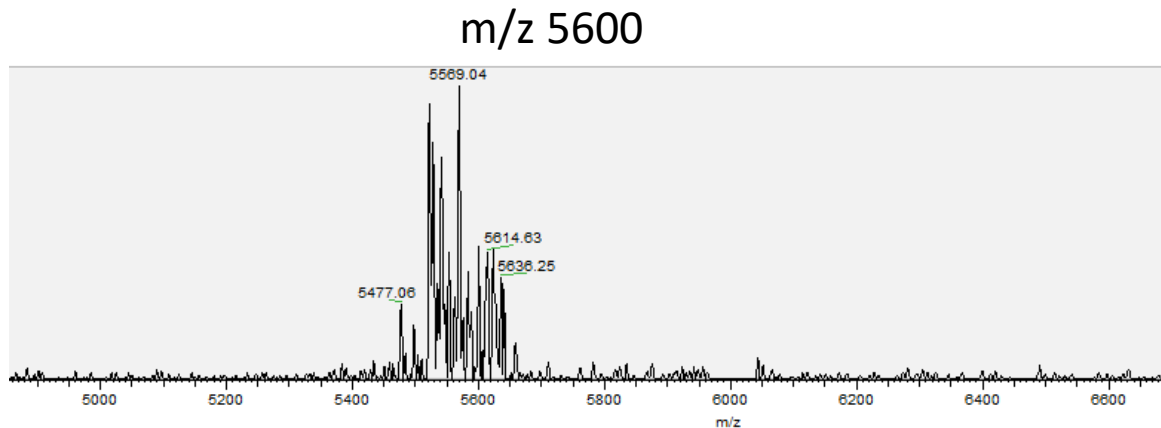
>160 glycoforms identified by BPF from UNIGLAMs on cytokine fusion protein



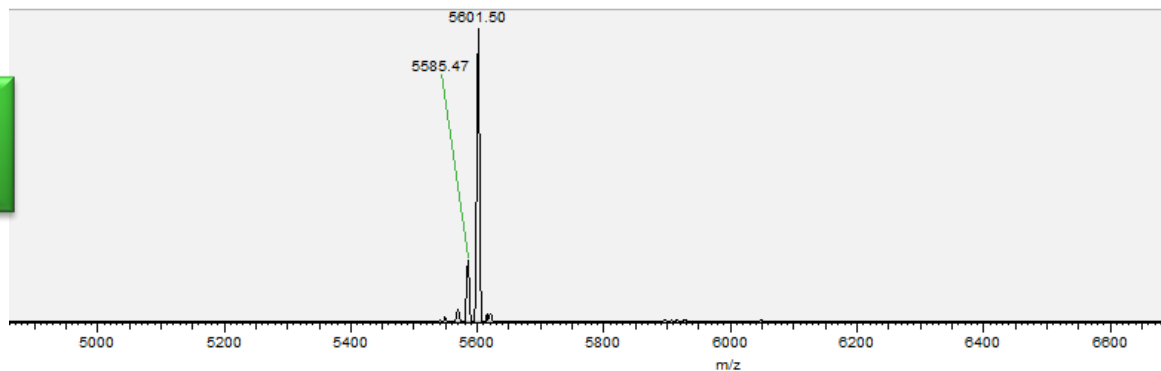
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1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S1G1B, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB	98673.08	98671.96	11.3	5.75E+07	92.92	7.10	46.14
1xM5, 1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB	97771.94	97771.12	8.3	3.45E+07	55.76	4.26	44.91
3xA2S2B, 2xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB, 1xLys	100020.97	100022.21	12.4	3.11E+07	50.24	3.84	43.57
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1xM6, 1xA2S1G1B, 1xA2S1G1FB, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB, 2xLys	98740.78	98741.11	3.3	1.80E+07	29.11	2.22	36.55
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2xA2G1F, 1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G0F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2B, 2xLys	97016.36	97016.61	2.6	1.73E+07	27.90	2.13	37.89
1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S1G1B, 1xA2S1G1FB, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB, 1xLys	99294.49	99294.58	0.9	1.72E+07	27.84	2.13	36.96
3xA2S1G1FB, 2xA2S2B, 1xA2S2FB	99572.42	99572.79	3.7	1.71E+07	27.60	2.11	42.85
1xA2G0F, 1xA2G1F, 1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB, 1xLys	97325.50	97325.84	3.5	1.65E+07	26.57	2.03	43.37
	100472.18	0.00	0.0	1.61E+07	25.96	1.98	40.41
	100468.33	0.00	0.0	1.33E+07	21.47	1.64	45.15
	101822.03	0.00	0.0	1.25E+07	20.24	1.55	40.34
1xM5, 1xA2G0F, 1xA2G1F, 1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2B, 2xLys	96172.29	96172.83	5.6	1.11E+07	17.91	1.37	36.31
1xA2G0F, 1xA2G1F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2FB, 2xLys	97947.79	97947.43	3.7	1.10E+07	17.70	1.35	39.10
1xA2S1G0F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xM8, 1xA2S2, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 2xLys	98294.62	98293.67	9.6	1.09E+07	17.62	1.35	28.80
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	101370.28	0.00	0.0	9.75E+06	15.75	1.20	41.29
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	101088.63	0.00	0.0	7.67E+06	12.39	0.95	30.17
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1xA2S1G0F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S1G1, 1xA2S2, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB	98395.55	98394.69	8.8	7.62E+06	12.30	0.94	39.28
1xA2G1F, 1xA2G2F, 1xA2S1G1F, 1xA2S2B, 1xA2S2F, 1xA2S2FB, 1xLys	98288.89	98289.68	8.1	7.25E+06	11.71	0.89	34.91

Challenges with Ion Isolation

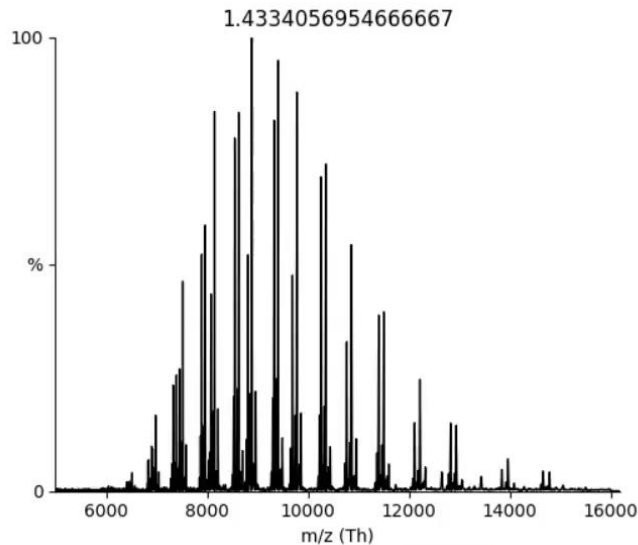
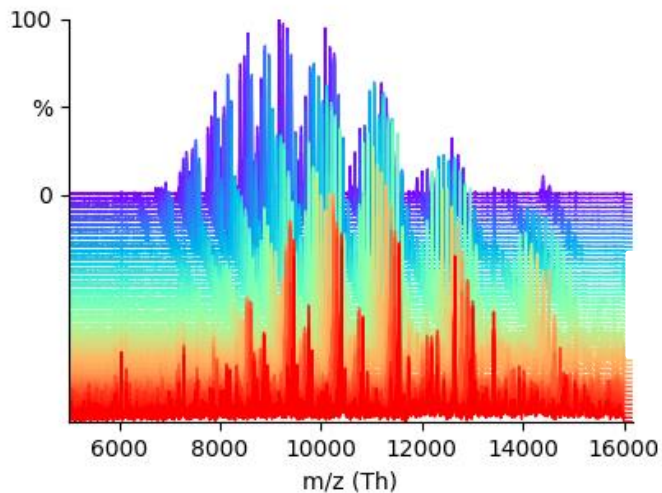
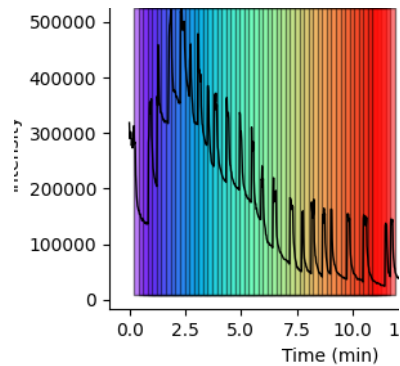
Ion Trap Isolation
100 Th



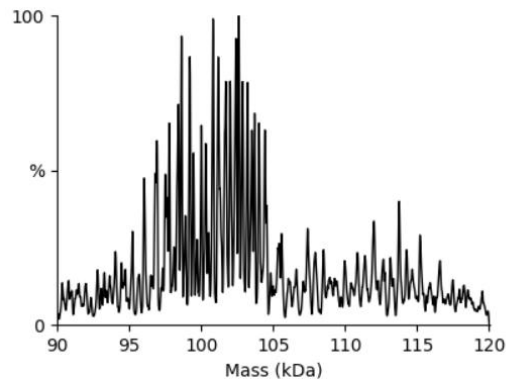
Quadrupole Isolation
~20 Th



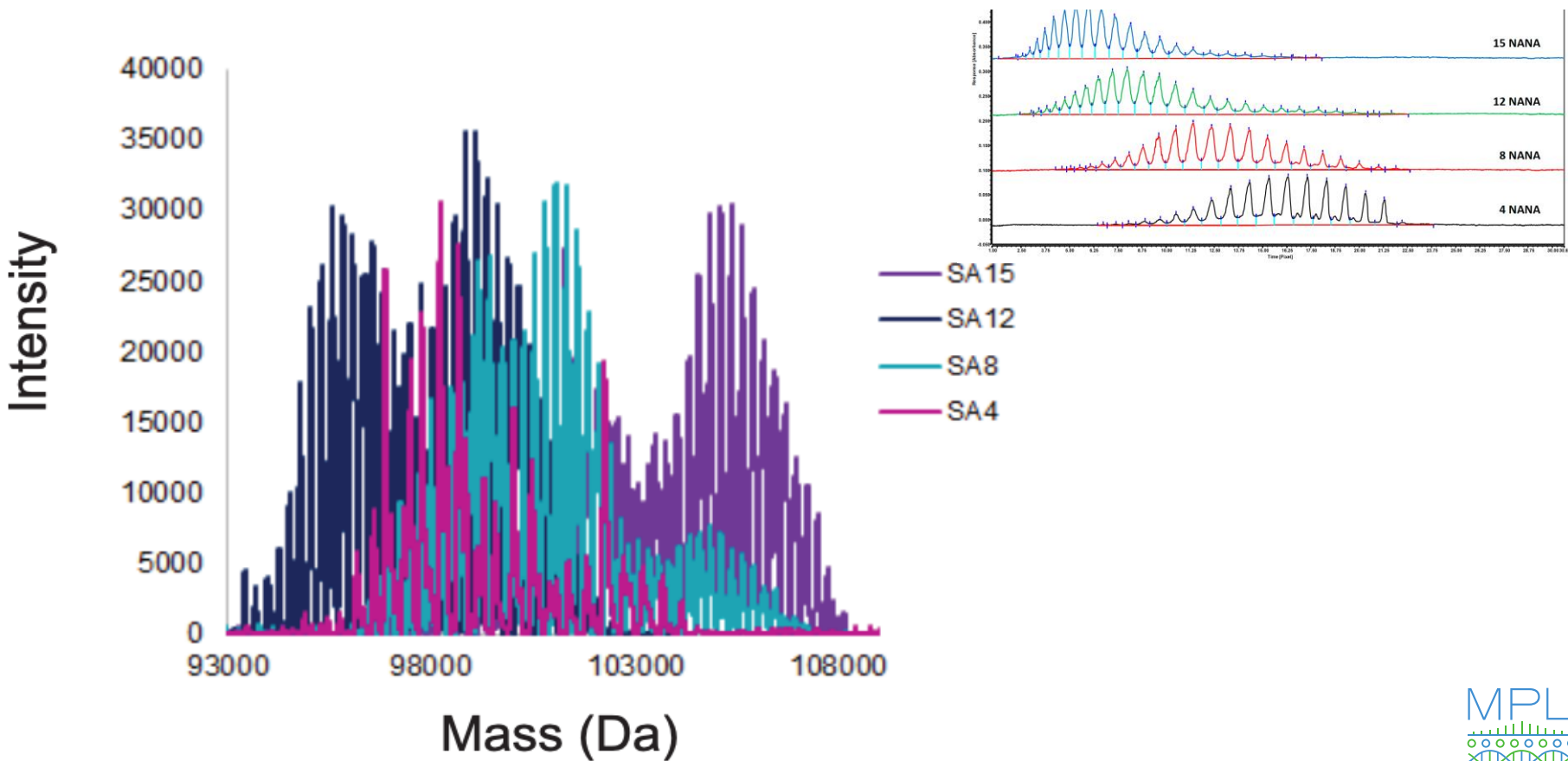
UNIGLAMs with Quadrupole isolation



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98617	98616.7398000...	0.26019999998...	1[G1F] 2[HexNAc(6)Hex(3)] 2[...
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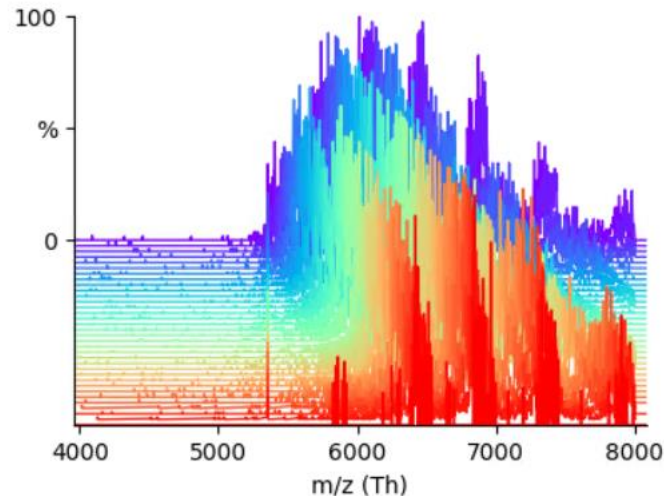
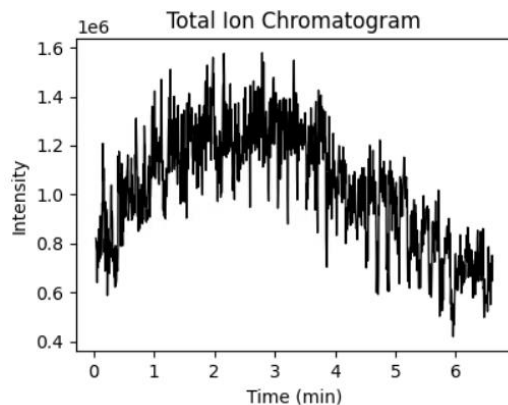
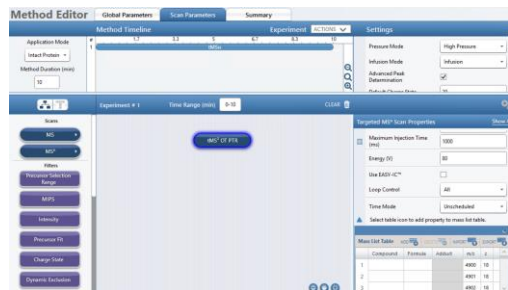
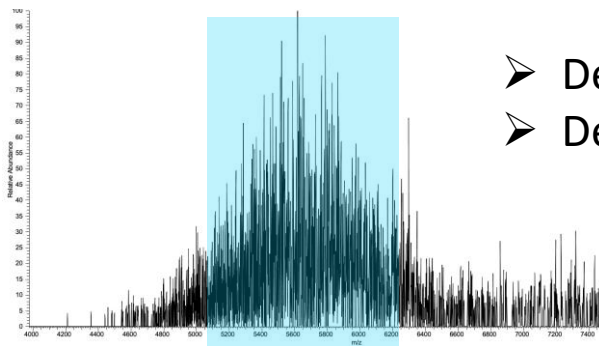


Separation of four Sialic acid fractions with UNIGLAMs



Automating UNIGLAMs

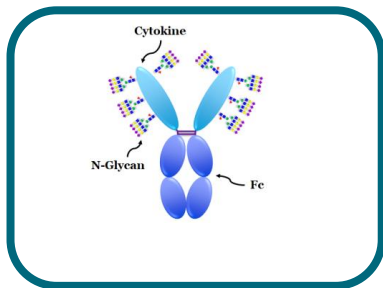
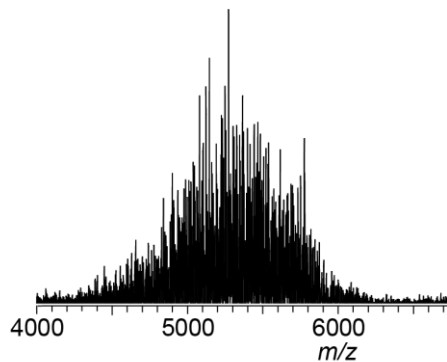
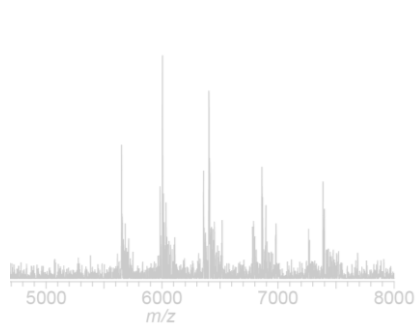
- Determine m/z range by MS1
- Determine optimal PTCR parameters



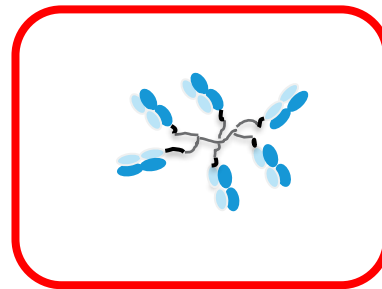
➤ Method Wizard

- Step by 1 Th, can do 1 or more uScans
- 6 min run time for 1uS @ res 15000

Intact Mass Measurement Approaches for Biotherapeutics



**Charge reduction
(PTCR)**



**Direct Mass
Technology
(DMT)**



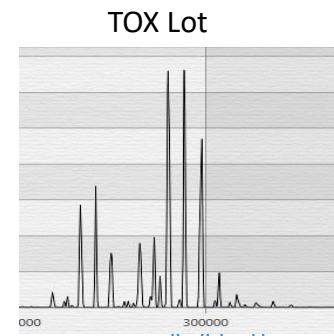
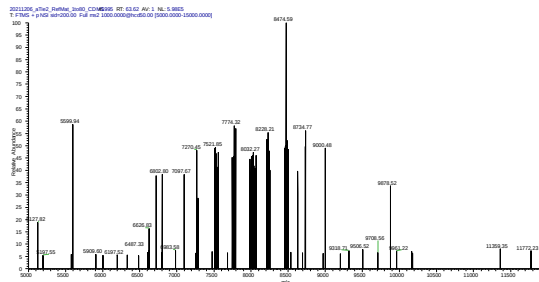
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Individual Ion Mass Spectrometry Enhances the Sensitivity and Sequence Coverage of Top-Down Mass Spectrometry

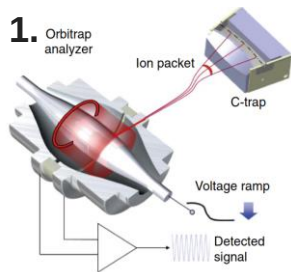
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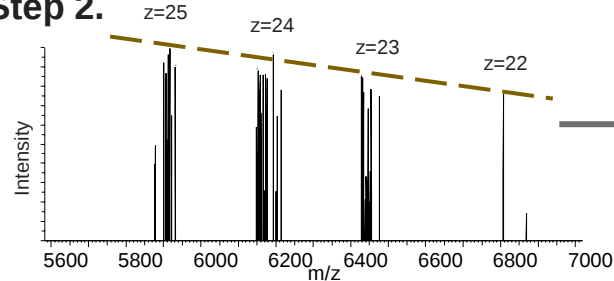
DMT workflow

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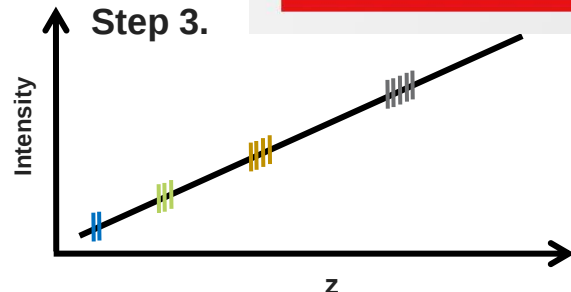
Step 1.



Step 2.



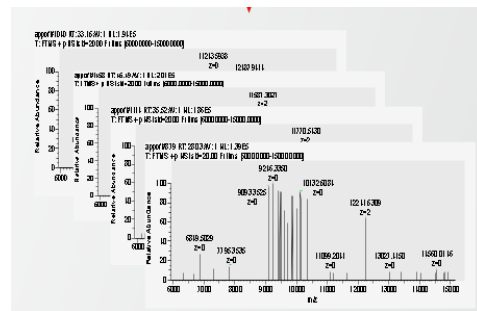
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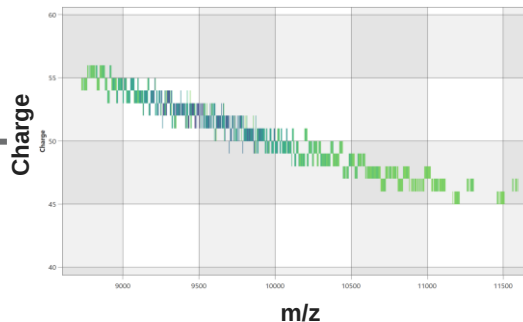
Establish calibration curve



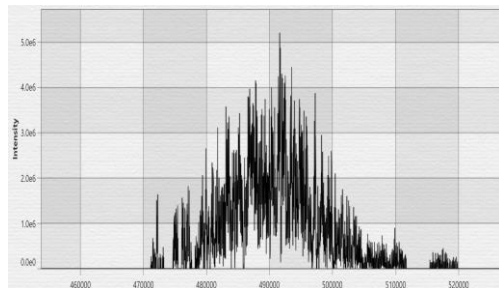
Step 4.



Step 5.



Step 6.



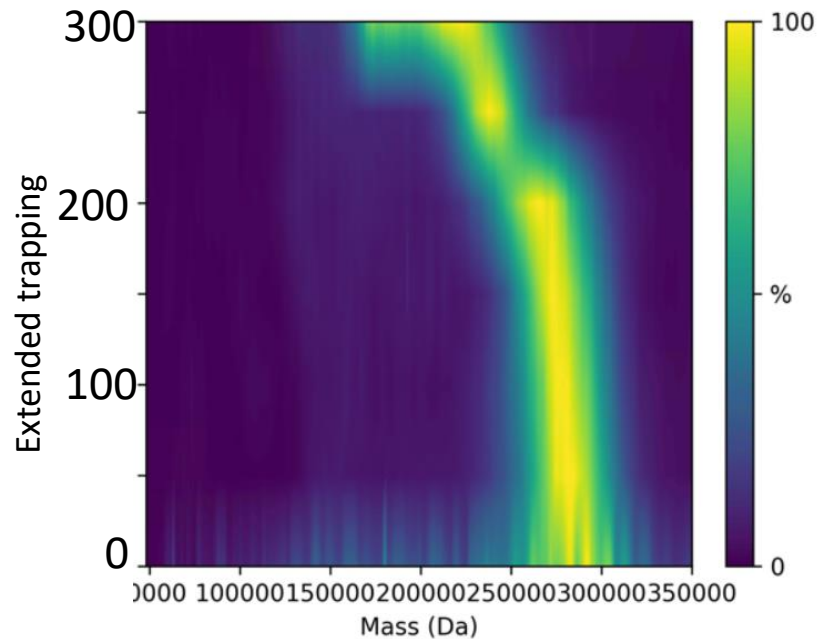
$m/z \times z \rightarrow m$ for each ion

MW of heterogenous molecule

Obtain charge state and m/z

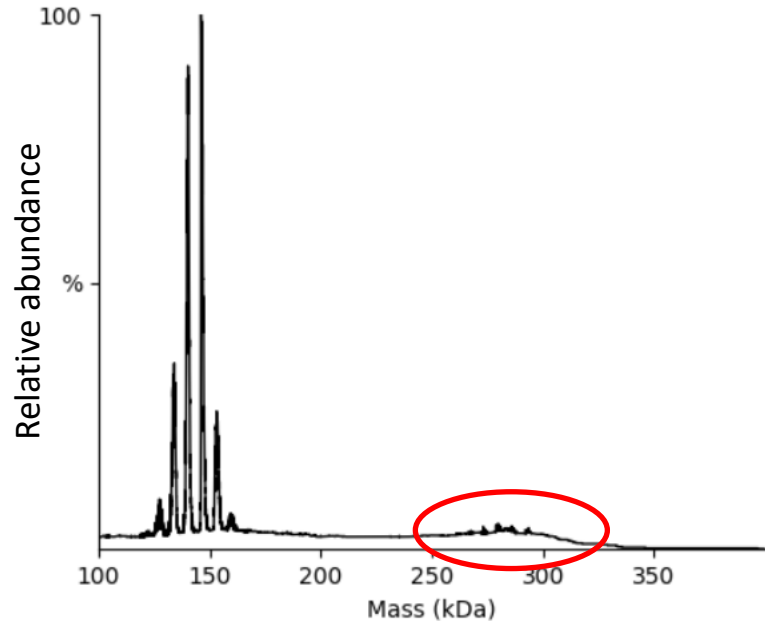
Collect scans of individual ions

Some Applications of DMT



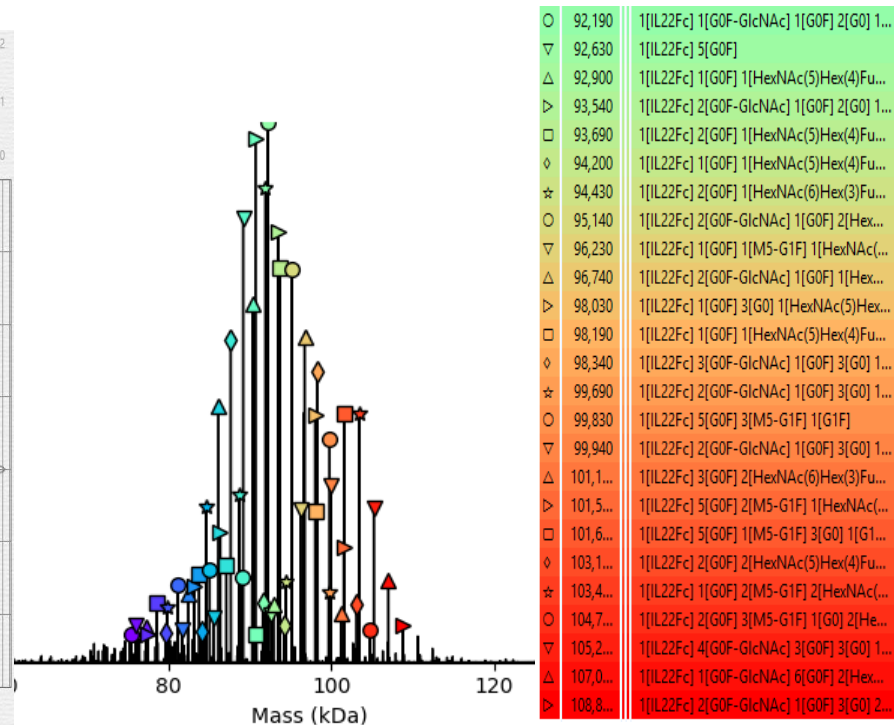
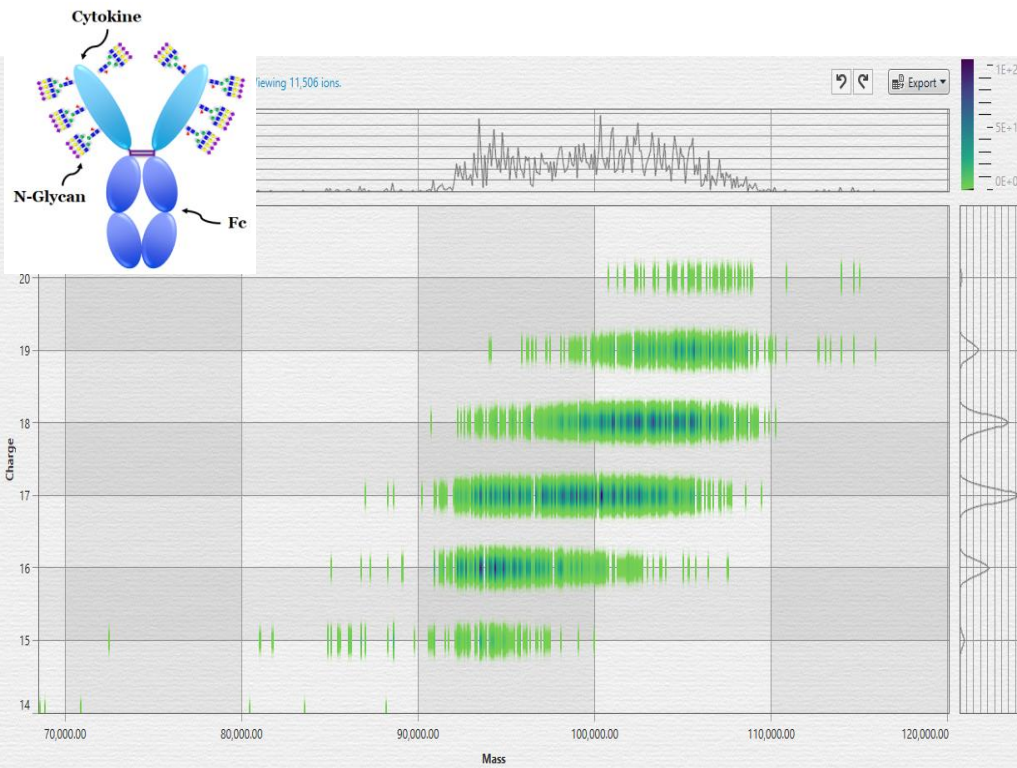
- Membrane protein in nanodisc
- 5 min collection per CE

with Michael Marty

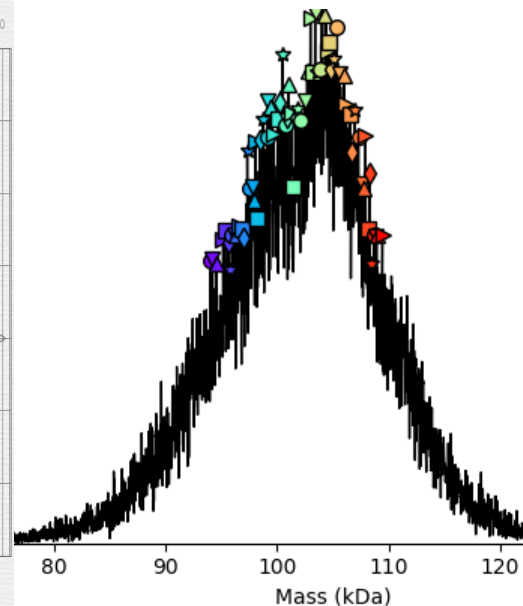
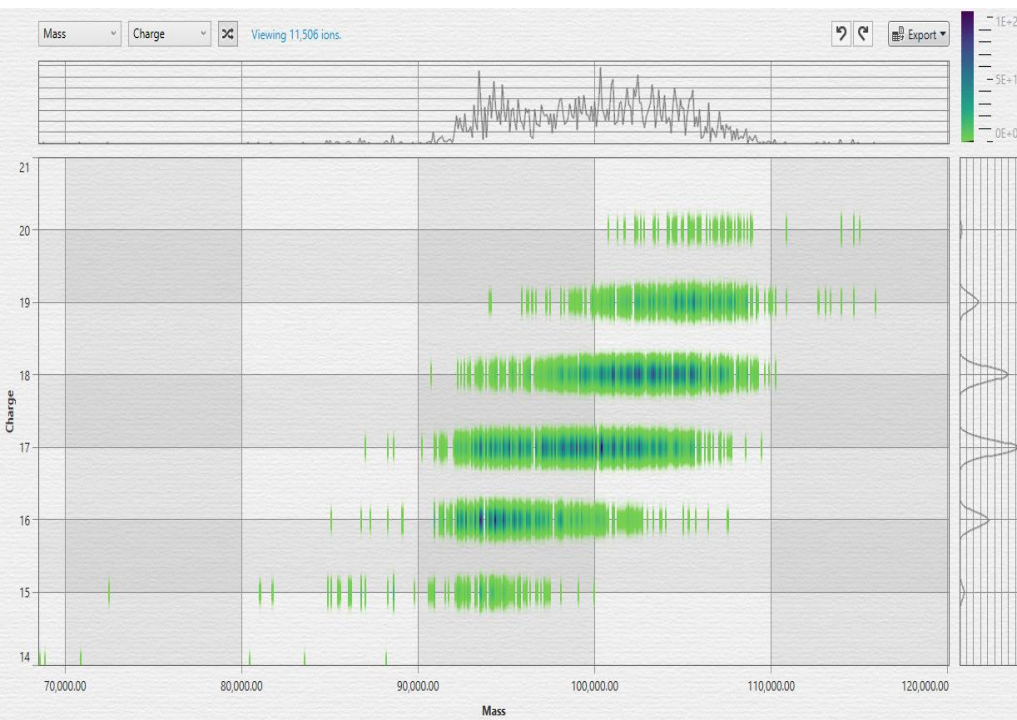


- Low concentration BsAb (100ug/ml)

DMT on the low SA Fraction: a cautionary tale of oversampling?

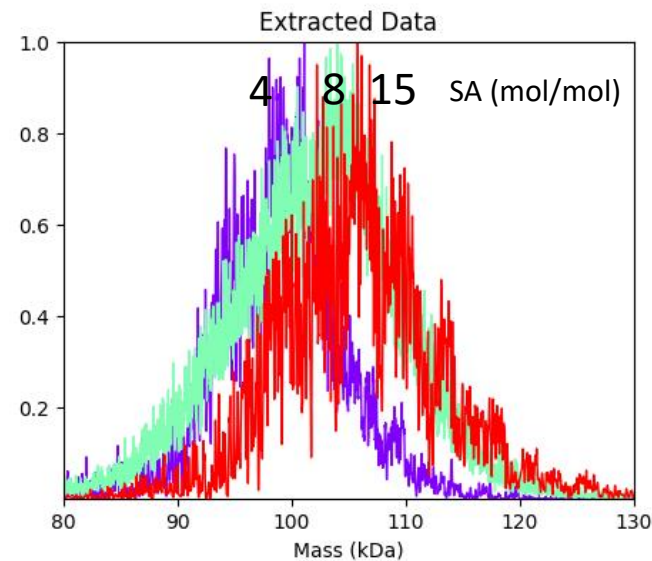
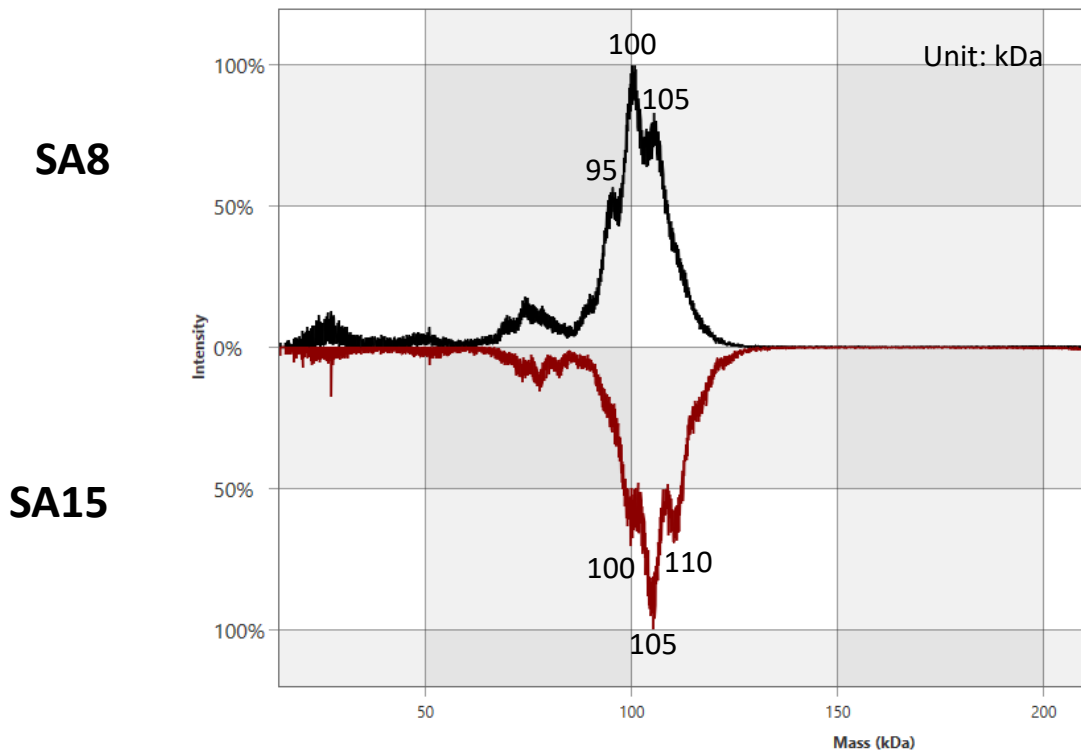


DMT on the low SA Fraction: a more conservative analysis



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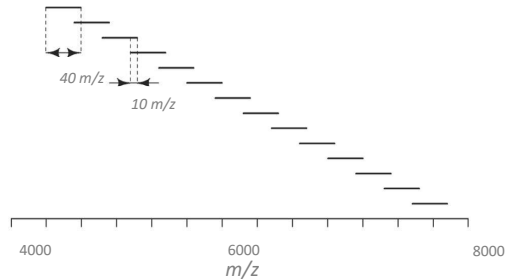
No resolution to the resolution issue



- MW of SA15 shifts higher compared to MW of SA8

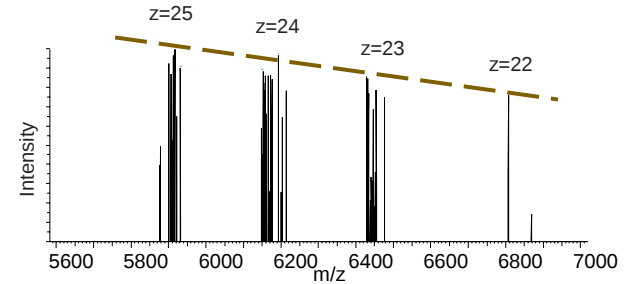
Two approaches to improve spatial resolution of heterogeneous biomolecules

UNIGLAMs



- Small window isolation followed by charge reduction.
- Multiple scan windows may be merged together after deconvolution to reveal proteoforms present
- Ideal for glycoproteins and other biomolecules with overlapping charge states

DMT



- Single particle detection at high resolution
- No deconvolution needed (so complexity not an issue)
- Useful for large molecules or complexes, membrane proteins and oligomeric structures

Thank you!

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