

(Digging Deeper in Every Direction)

Developing an Industrial Platform for Advanced Multi-Faceted Characterization of Emerging Complex Biologics

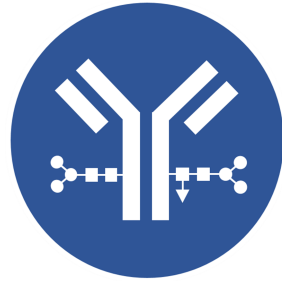
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Mass Spec Services for Drug Research and Development

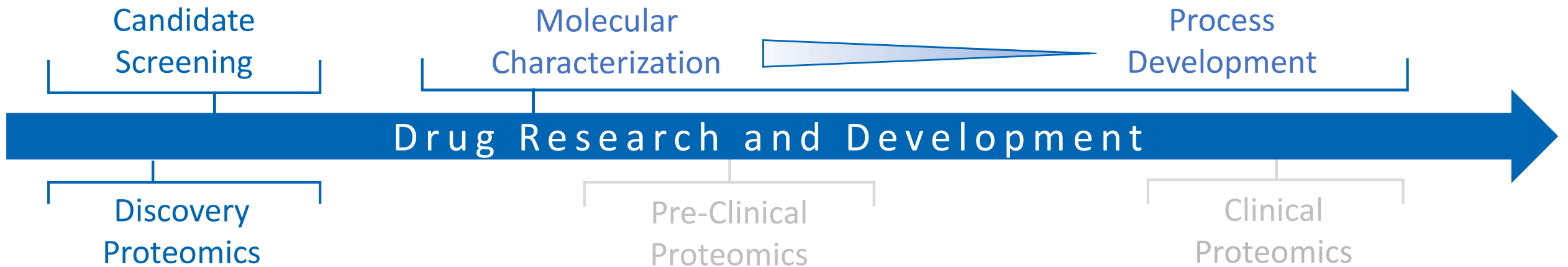


Intact Mass



Peptide Mapping

Biologics



Proteomics

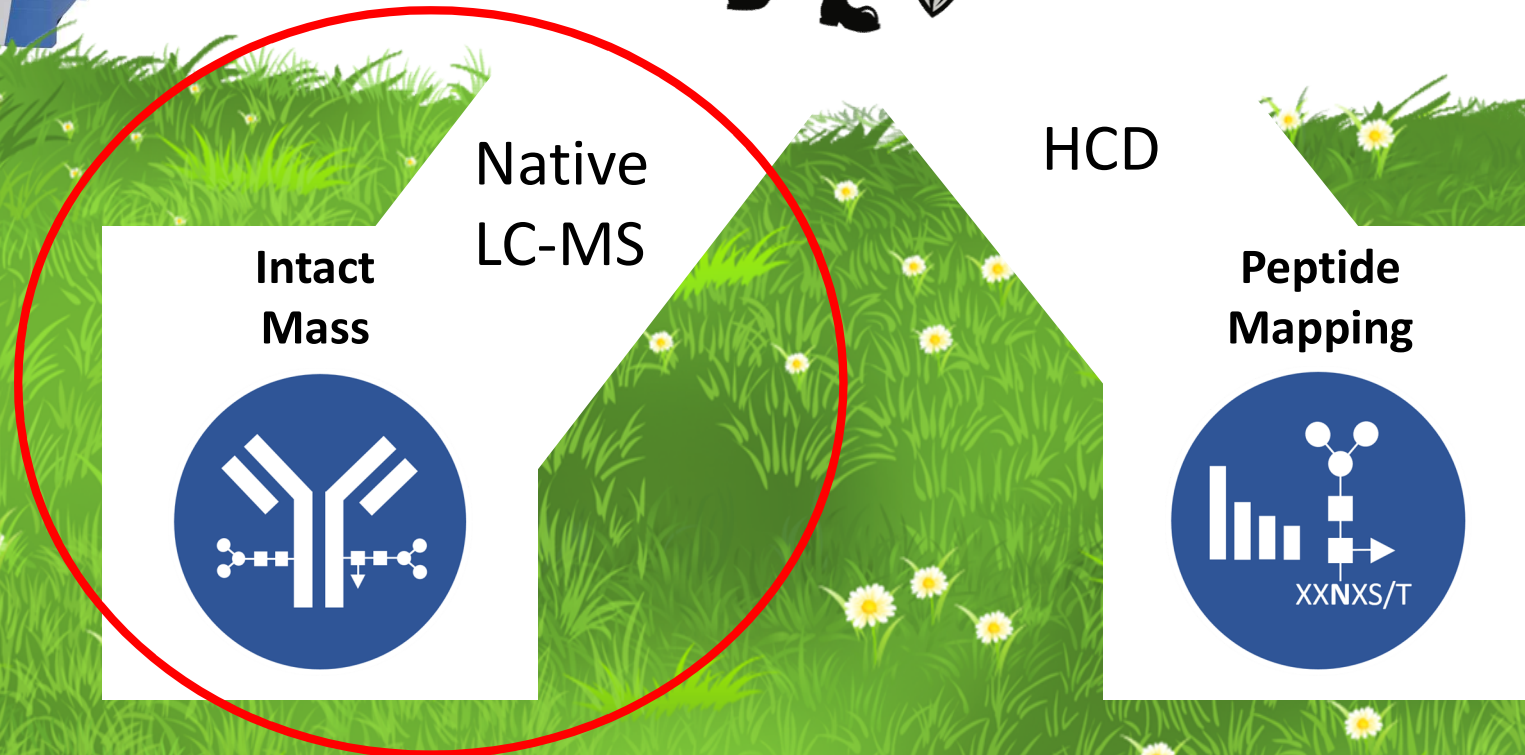
Comprehensive characterization needs both **peptide mapping** and **intact mass**



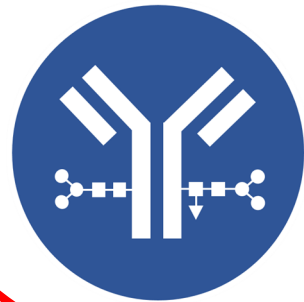
Q Exactive
BioPharma
Plus / HF / HF-X



QE Plus BioPharma (2016)
Began era of 'single MS' platform
for biologics characterization



Intact
Mass



Native
LC-MS

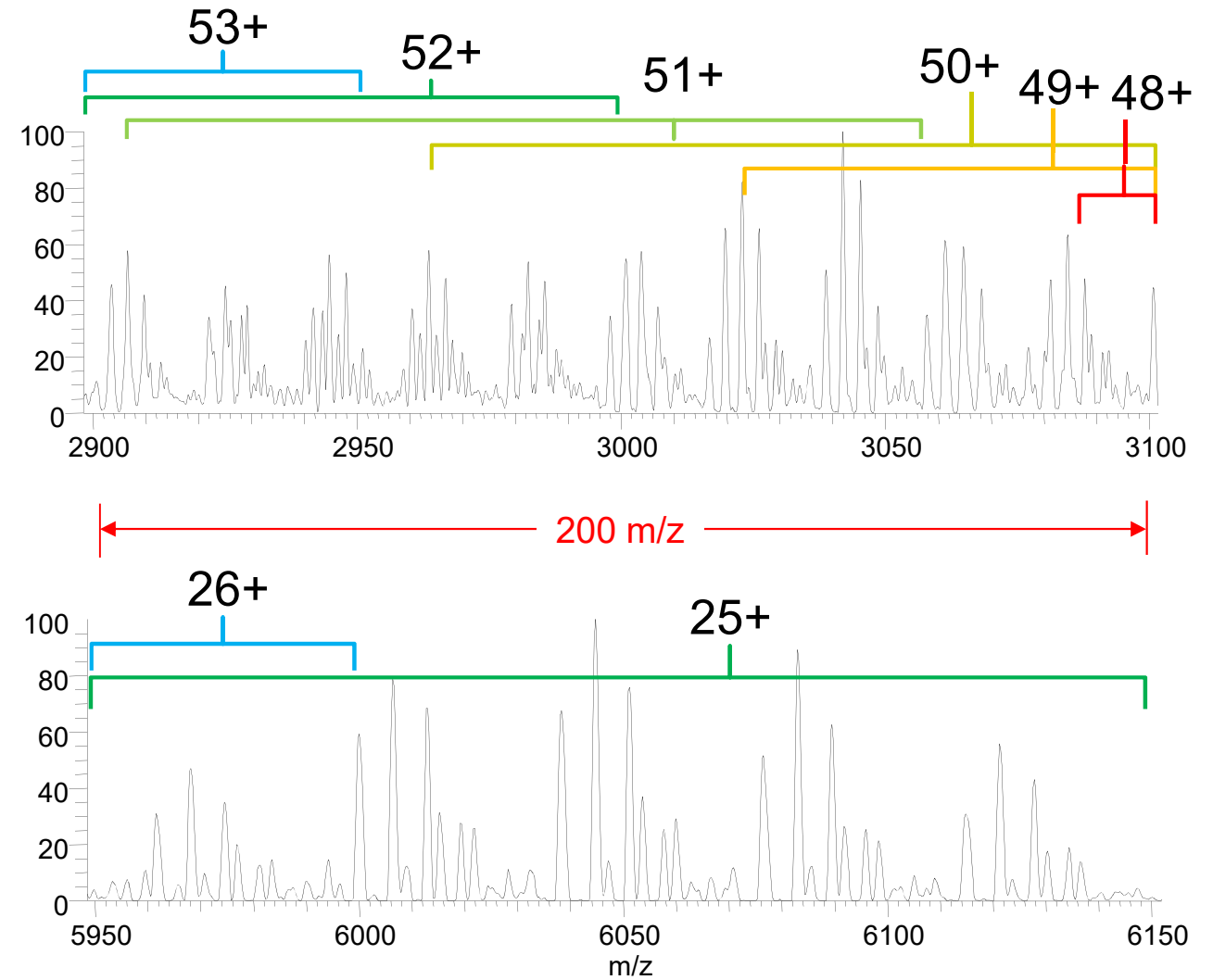
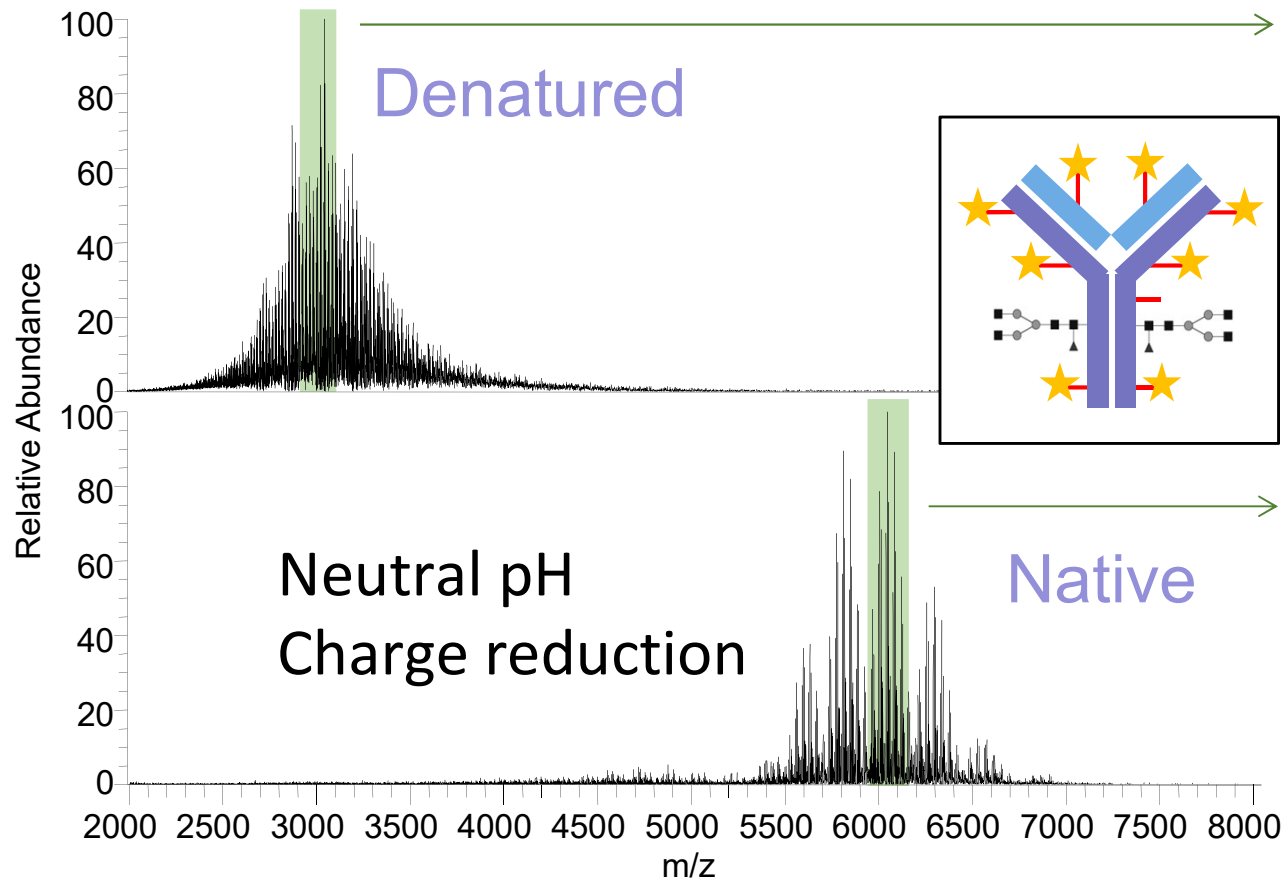
HCD

Peptide
Mapping



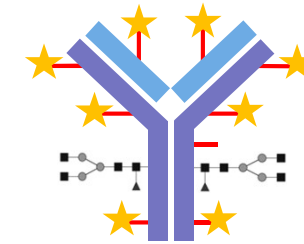
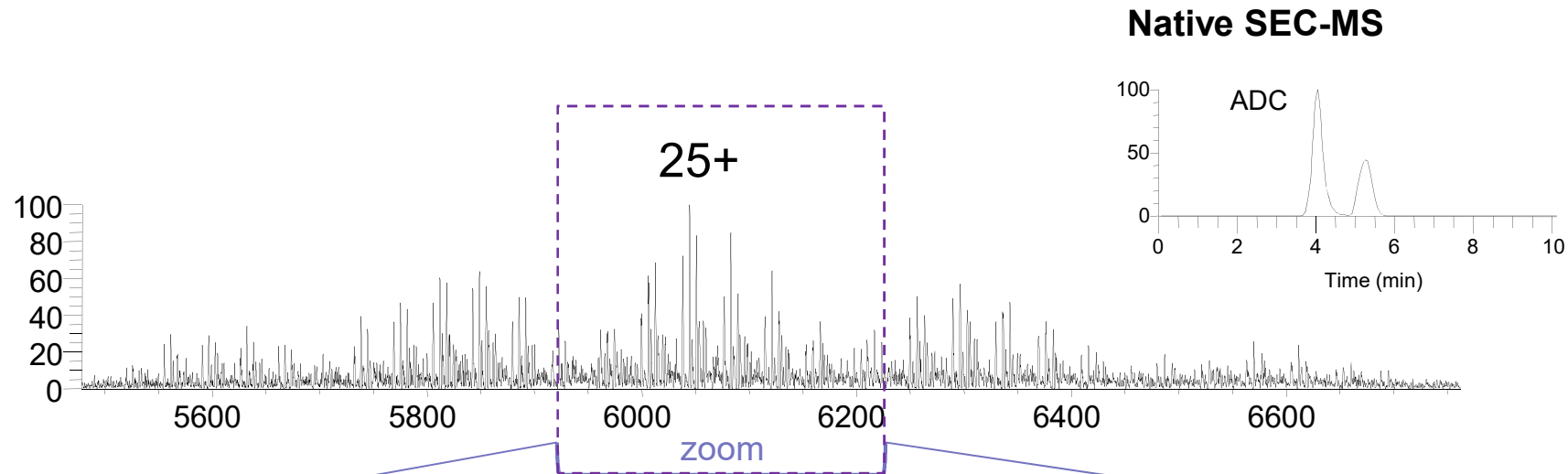
Native MS improves quality of congested intact mass spectra

Q Exactive Plus BioPharma 2016
Trastuzumab Emtansine lysine-linked ADC

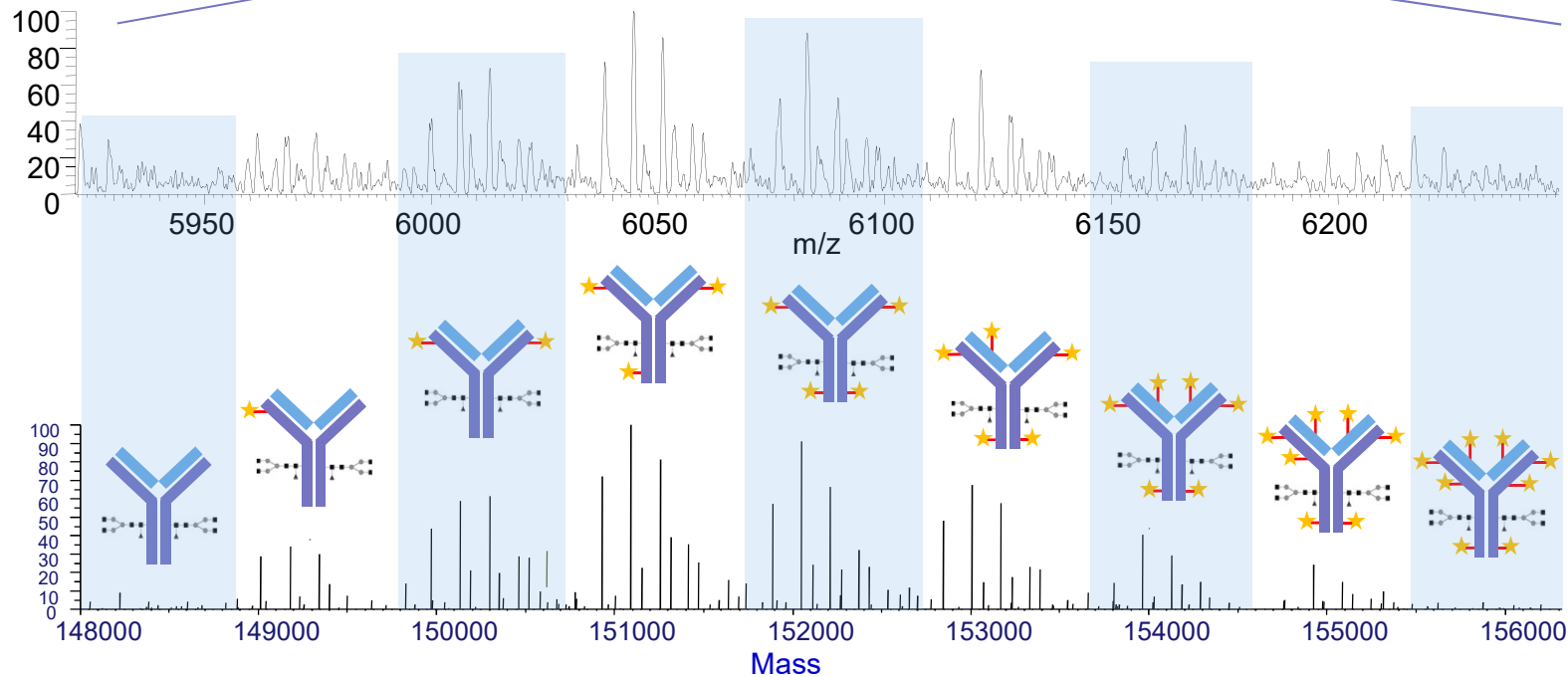


- Greater m/z separation of co-eluting species' charge states
- Helpful for **microheterogenous isoform mixtures** of covalently-assembled molecules

Intact mass analysis via native SEC-MS provides accurate high throughput answer



Average
Drug-to-Antibody
Ratio (DAR)
3.71



G0F/G1F DAR	Mass Accuracy (ppm)	Relative Abundance
DAR0	6.49	9.19
DAR1	21.69	34.26
DAR2	0.05	59.03
DAR3	6.81	100.00
DAR4	5.17	91.16
DAR5	6.69	67.42
DAR6	15.20	40.46
DAR7	6.28	24.28
DAR8	3.78	3.84

Solution phase charge reduction additives are powerful but messy



Thermo Scientific™ Q
Exactive™ UHMR Hybrid
Quadrupole-Orbitrap™
Mass Spectrometer

Thermo Scientific™
Vanquish™ Horizon
UHPLC System



Heated capillary requires
constant cleaning with
many solution phase
additives



Isocratic flow
50 mM NH₄Ac with:

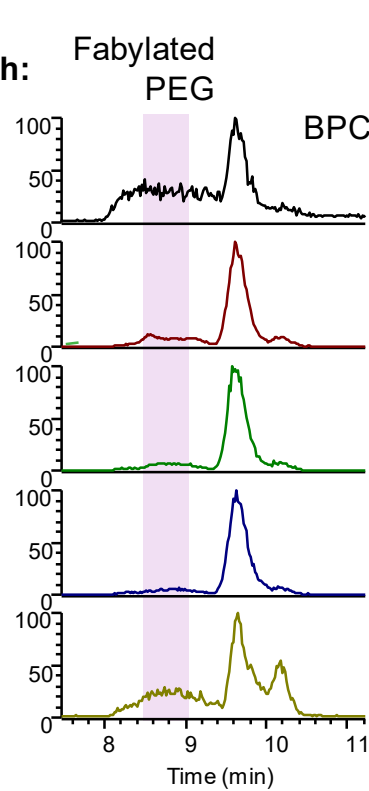
0 mM TEAA

5 mM TEAA

10 mM TEAA

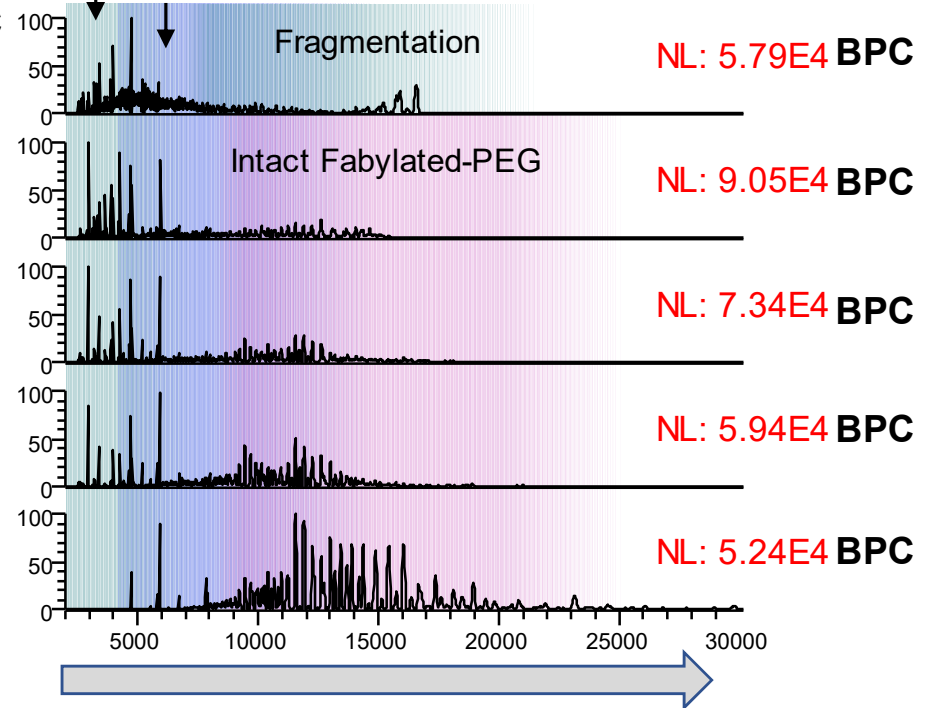
15 mM TEAA

20 mM TEAA



Fragmentation

Dissociated Fab'



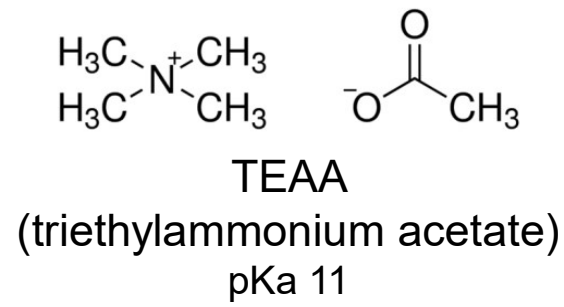
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NL: 5.24E4 BPC



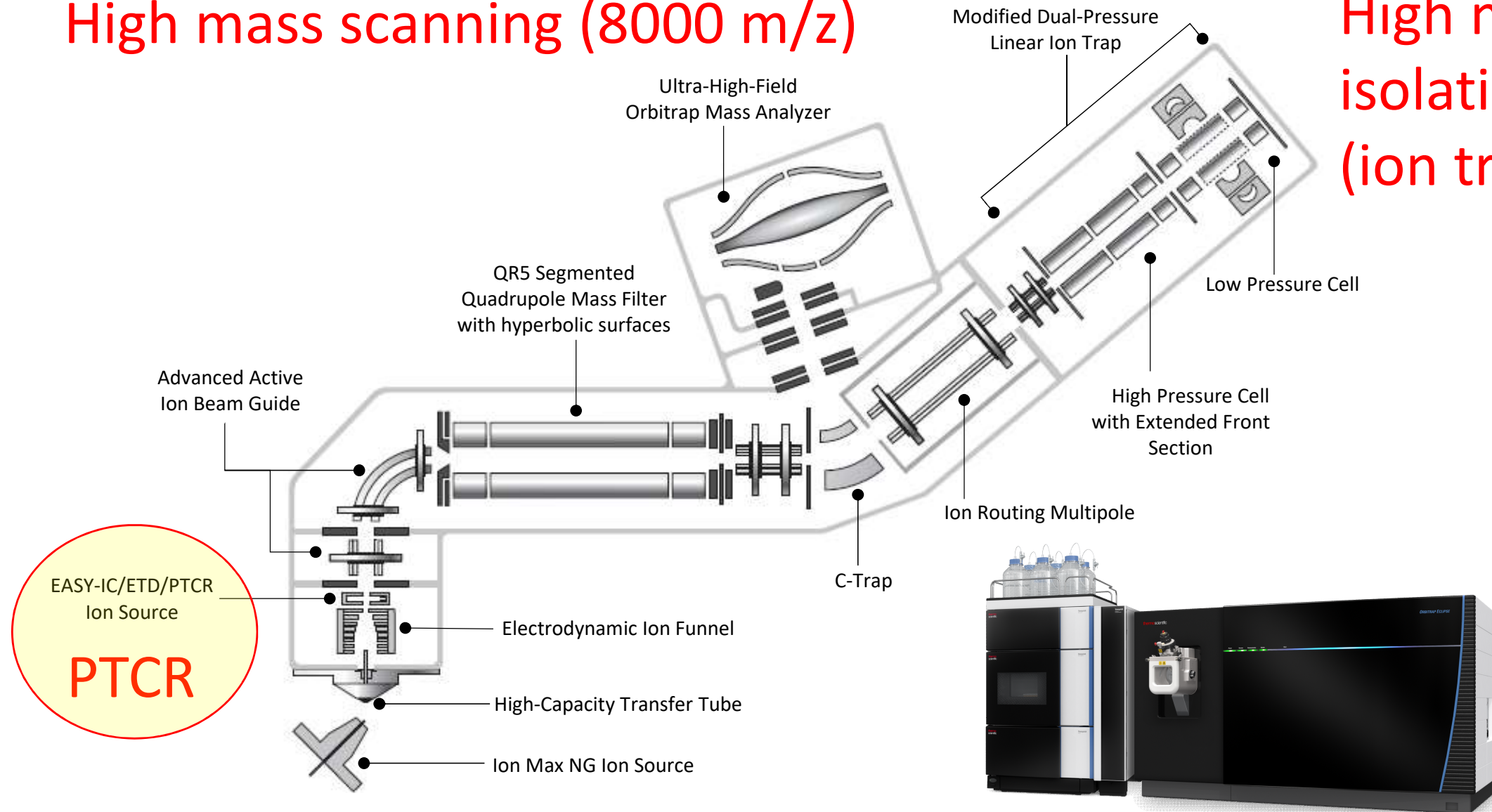
Higher TEAA concentration
drives further charge reduction
and greater spectral separation
of intact protein isoforms

Testing new Orbitrap Eclipse Tribrid MS Platform (2019)



High mass scanning (8000 m/z)

High mass isolation (ion trap)



What is Proton Transfer Charge Reduction (PTCR)?

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Ion/Ion Reactions in the Gas Phase: Proton Transfer Reactions Involving Multiply-Charged Proteins

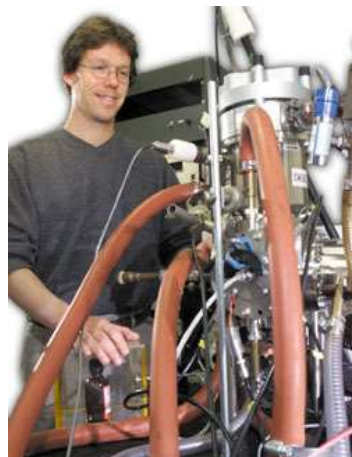
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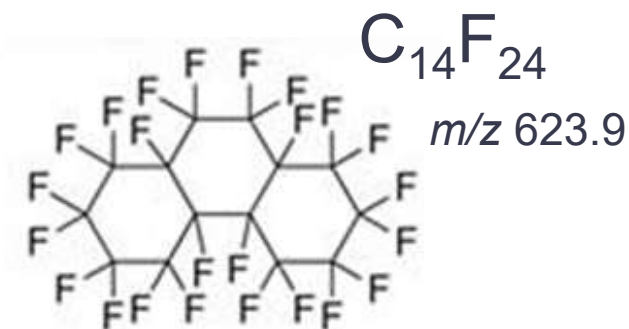
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James L. Stephenson



- Proton Transfer Charge Reduction (PTCR)
 - Same Technique Described by Stephenson and McLuckey.
- Ion-Ion Proton Transfer (IIPT)
 - Hunt Lab
- Proton Transfer Reaction (PTR-MS)
 - Proton Transfer Ionization

New era of ADVANCED 'single MS' platform for biologics characterization



Orbitrap
Eclipse
Tribrid MS



Native
LC-MS

HCD

ETD

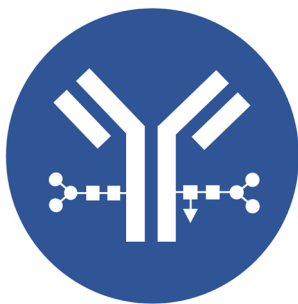
EXTENSIVE GLYCOSYLATION

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MODIFICATIONS

Intact
Mass



More charge
reduction!

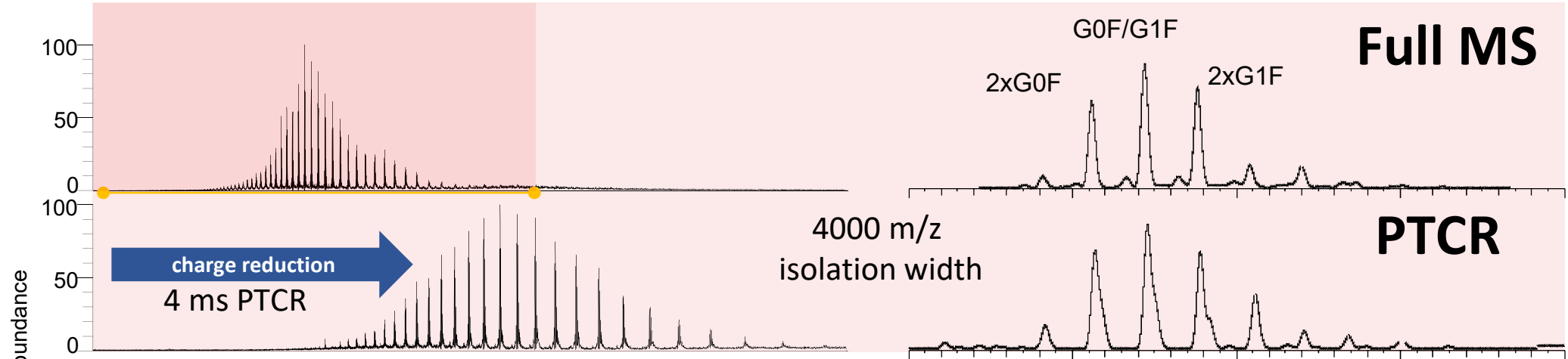
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Peptide
Mapping

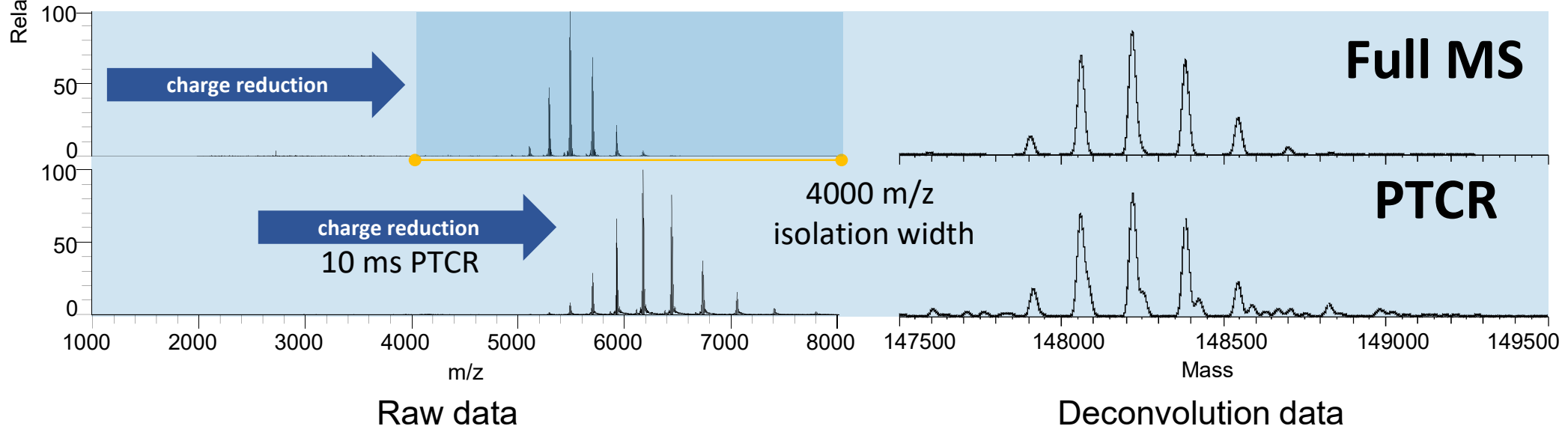


Proton Transfer Charge Reduction (PTCR)

Denatured SEC-MS

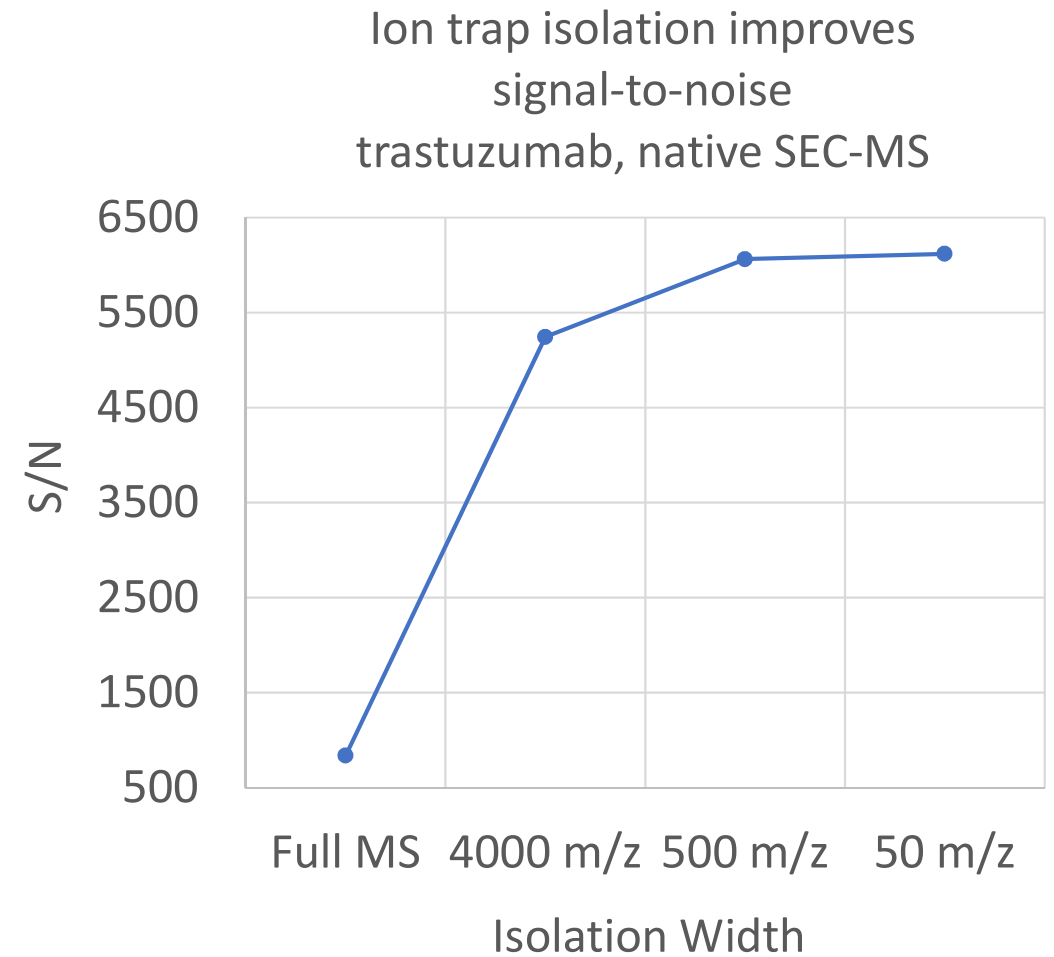
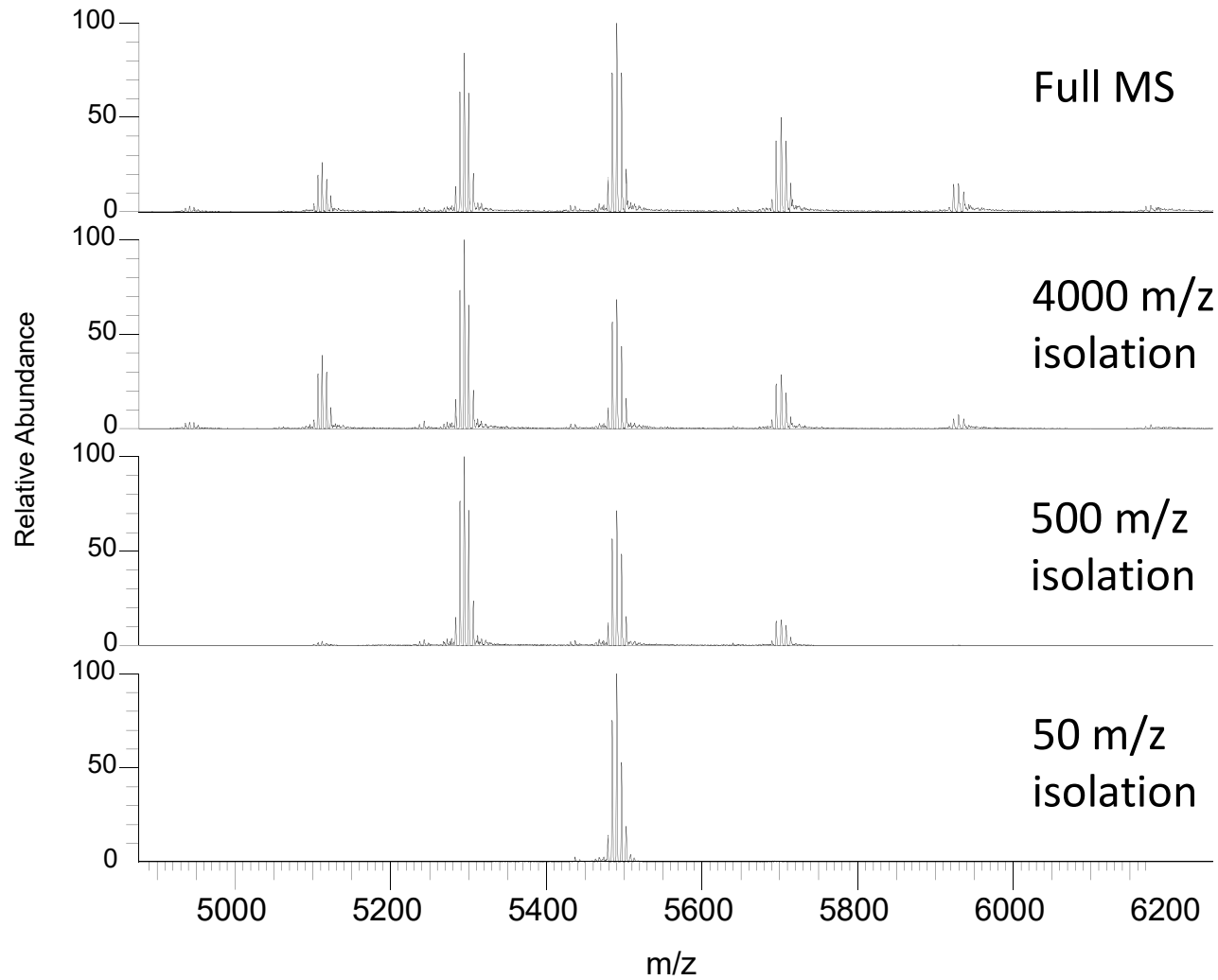


Native SEC-MS

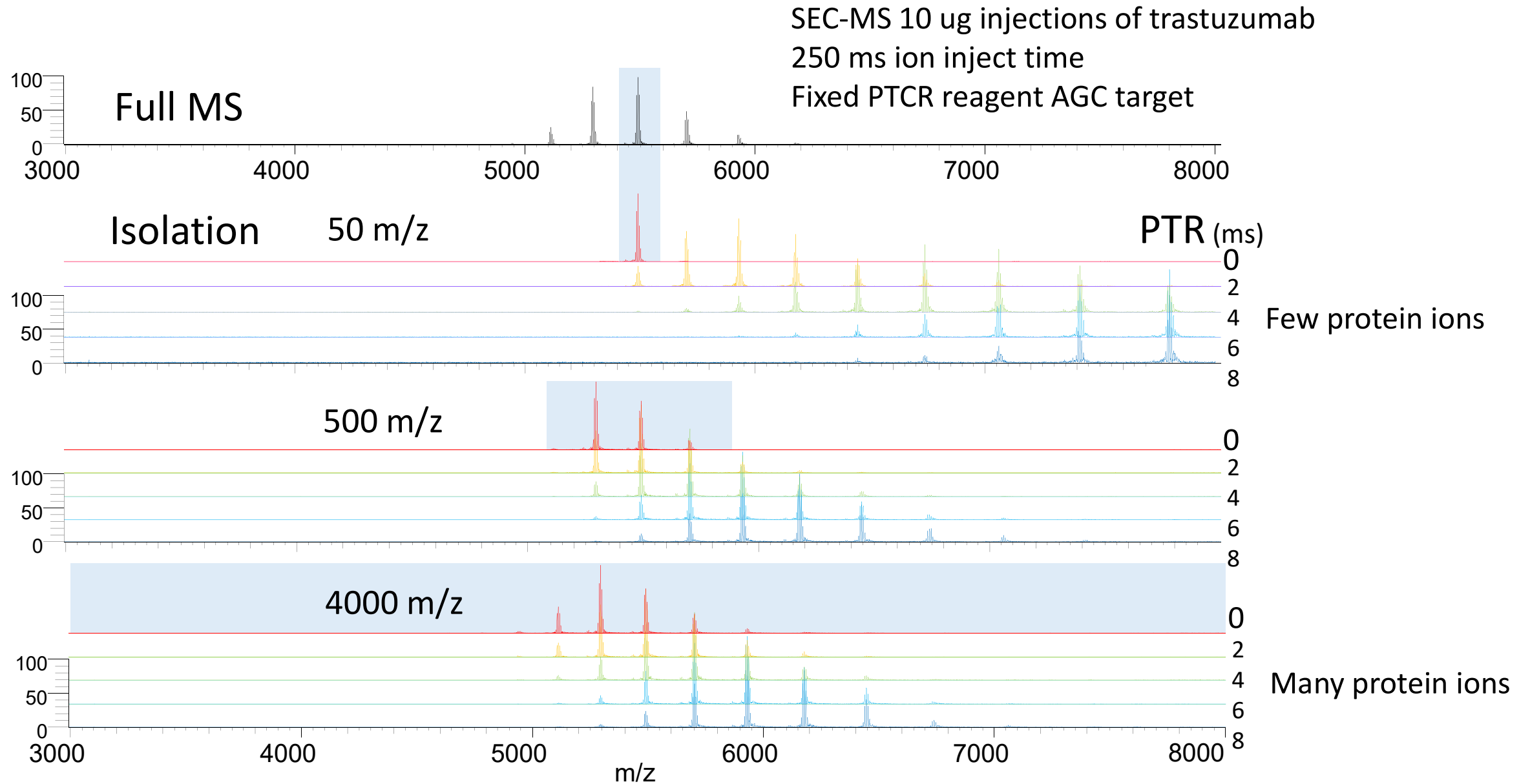


Further charge reduction of Native SEC-MS platform possible using PTCR gas phase chemistry

Ion Trap Isolation Improves Signal-to-Noise of native intact mAb mass spectra



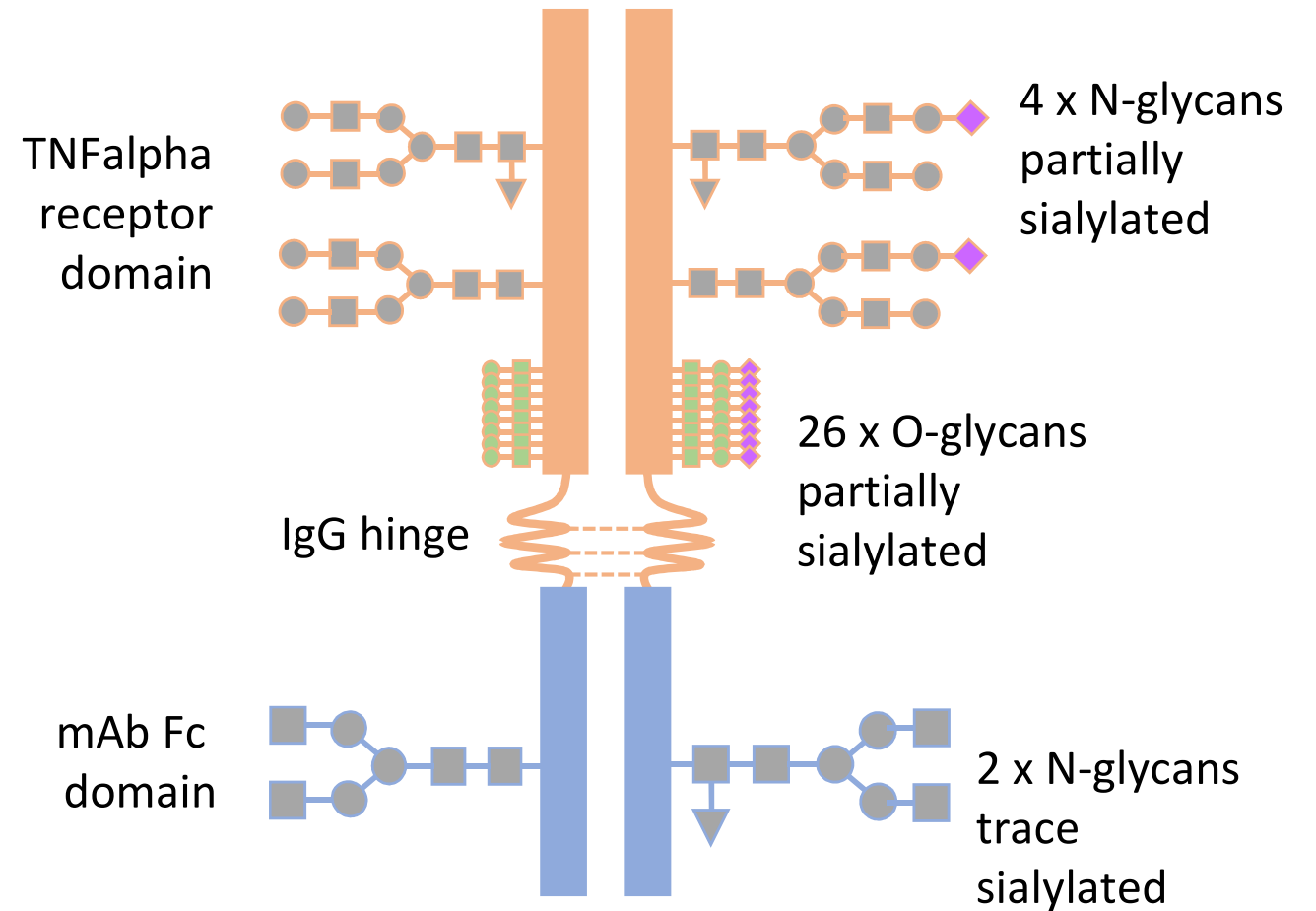
PTCR reaction influenced by available ion current, isolation window size



Etanercept: highly glycosylated Fc-fusion therapeutic protein



- Sequesters free Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF)
- Treatment for rheumatoid arthritis
- Enbrel® is a trademark of Amgen



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HCD+ETD peptide mapping results: Trypsin 30 min + AspN 18hrs



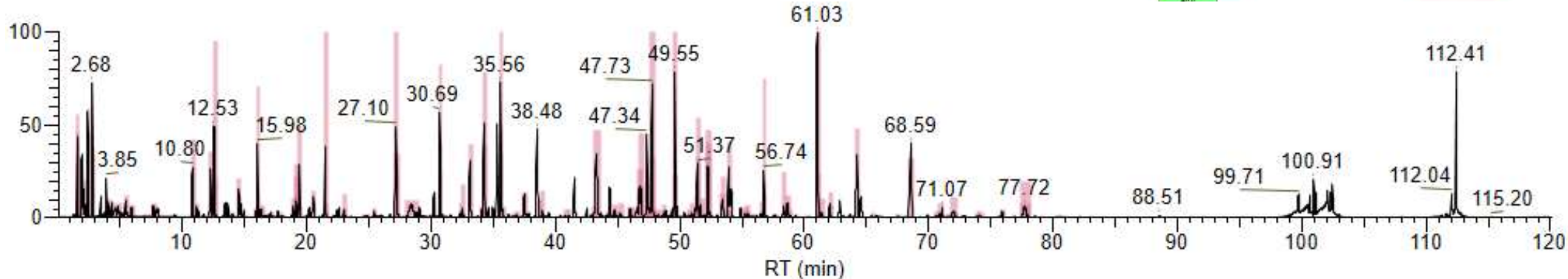
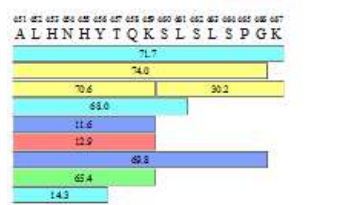
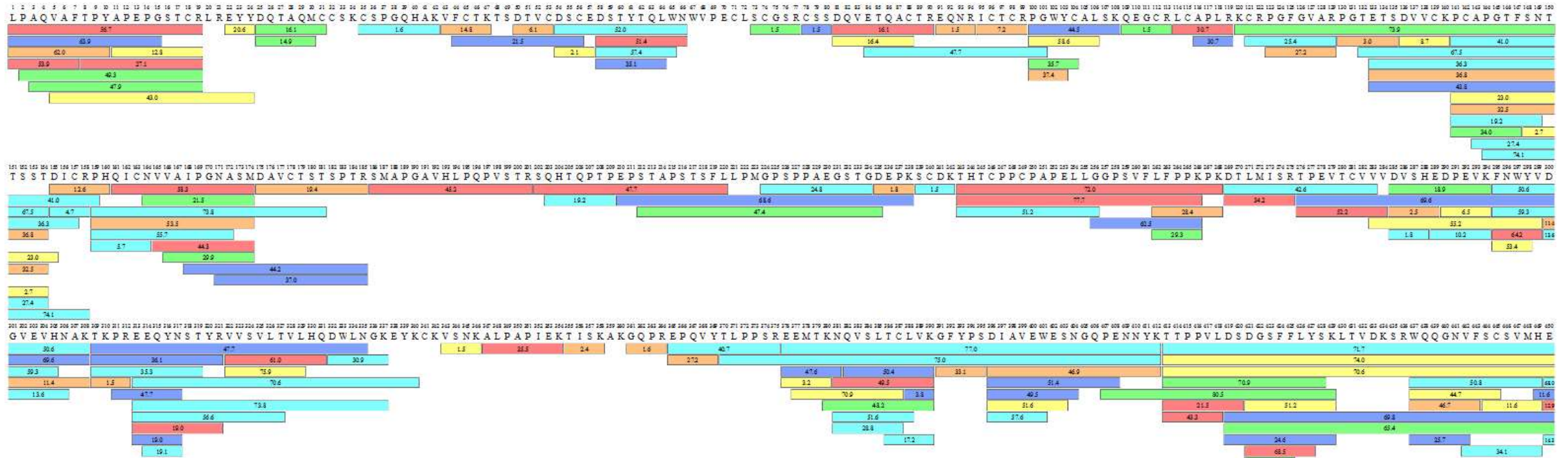
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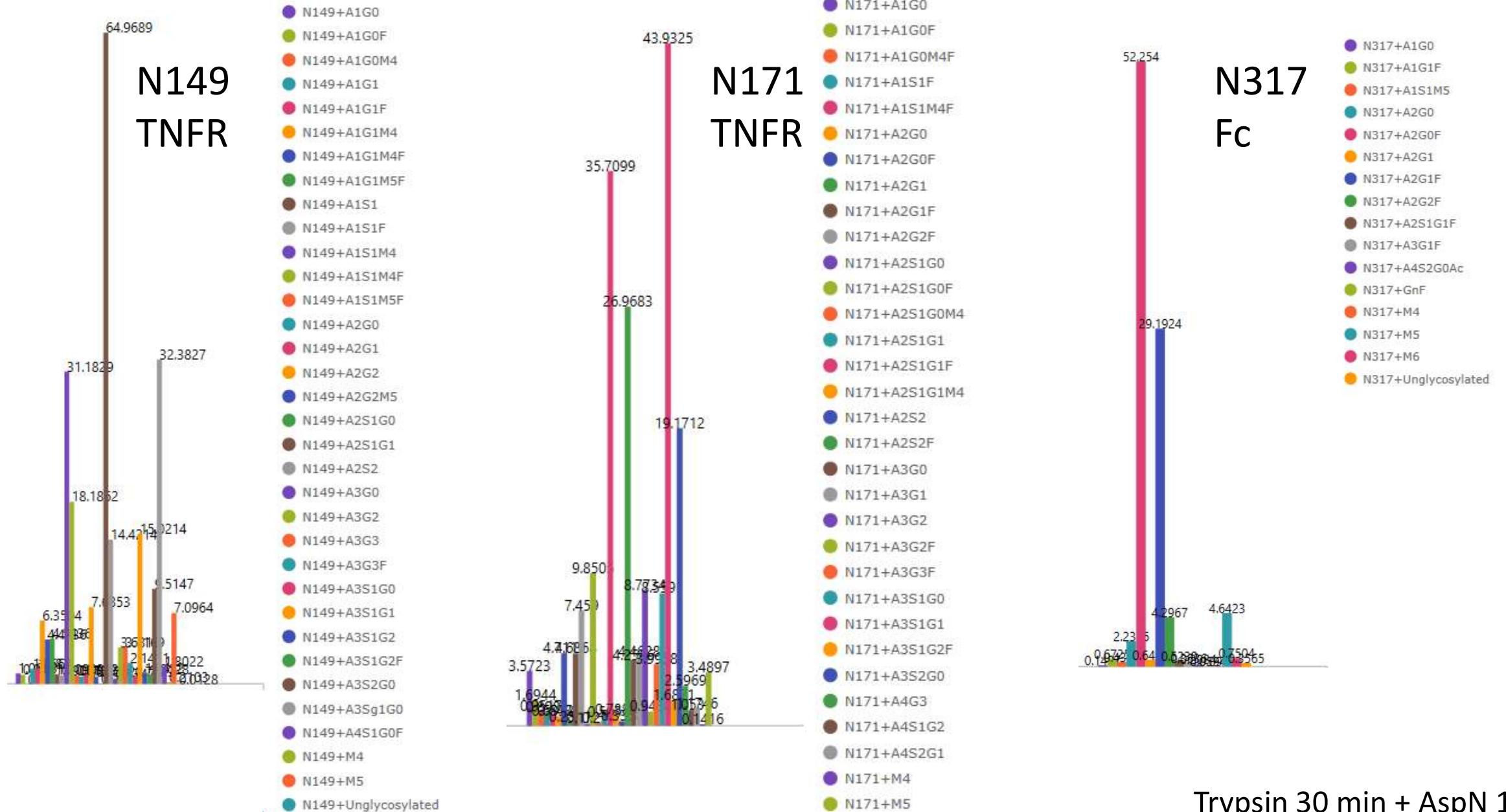
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good	fair	poor						

chain



HCD+ETD N-glycopeptide mapping



HCD+ETD peptide mapping results: Preliminary O-glycan summary



Trypsin 30 min

186	S186+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	22.0349
186	S186+GalNAc-6GGn-3G	O-Glycan	56.7437
186	~S186+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	7.7420
200	T200+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	27.9970
200	~T200+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	27.7357
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	10.3988
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3SG	O-Glycan	36.3837
200	~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	1.0282
202	~S202+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
226	S226+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
309	~T309+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	70.4285
309	~T309+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	29.5715


Trypsin 18 hrs

186	S186+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	45.9604
186	S186+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	12.2392
199	~S199+GalNAc-6Gn-3SG	O-Glycan	55.7023
200	~T200+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	34.0920
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	26.9155
213	~T213+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	99.5643
217	~T217+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
218	~S218+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	0.5719
226	S226+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	89.4899


Trypsin 30 min + AspN 18hrs

186	S186+GalNAc-6G...	O-Glycan	6.4239
186	S186+GalNAc-6G...	O-Glycan	74.3229
199	~S199+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	42.2293
199	~S199+GalNAc-6...	O-Glycan	40.2466
200	~T200+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	0.8195
200	~T200+GalNAc-6G...	O-Glycan	22.8685
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn	O-Glycan	0.6567
200	~T200+GalNAc-6S...	O-Glycan	2.1785
213	~T213+GalNAc-6S...	O-Glycan	100.0000
226	~S226+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
232	~S232+GalNAc-6S	O-Glycan	100.0000
287	S287+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	2.7387
287	S287+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	54.0540
287	S287+GalNAc-6S-...	O-Glycan	48.0036

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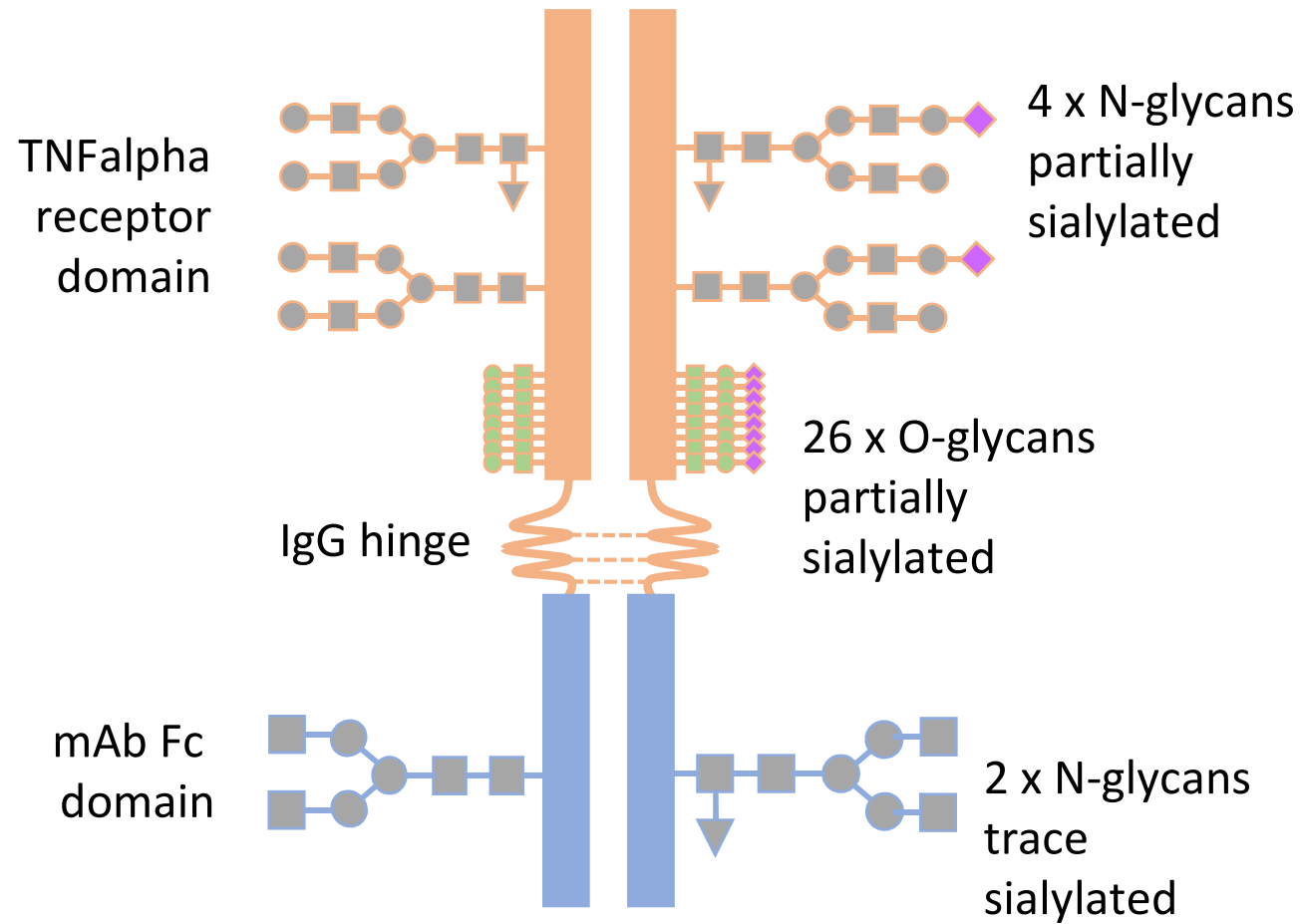
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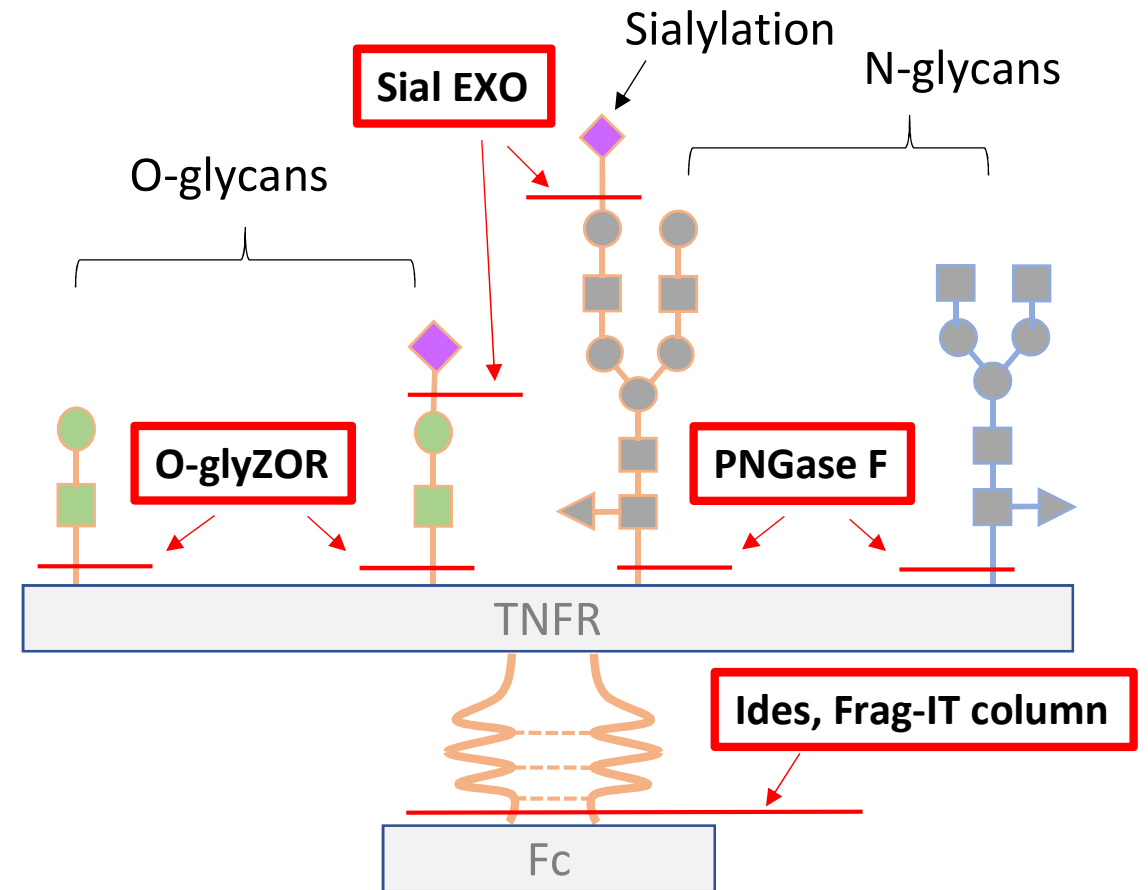
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Etanercept structure and enzymatic tools for intact characterization

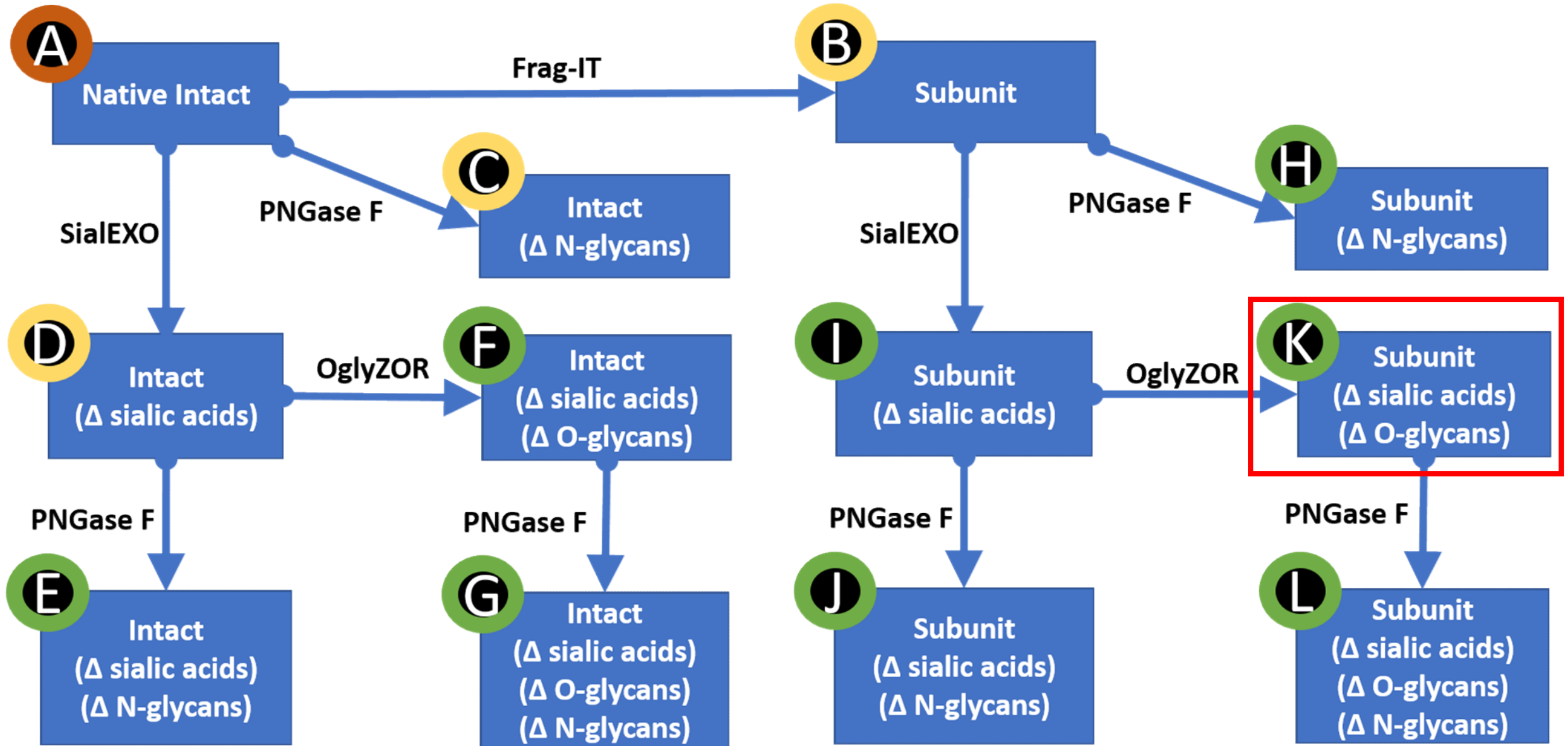


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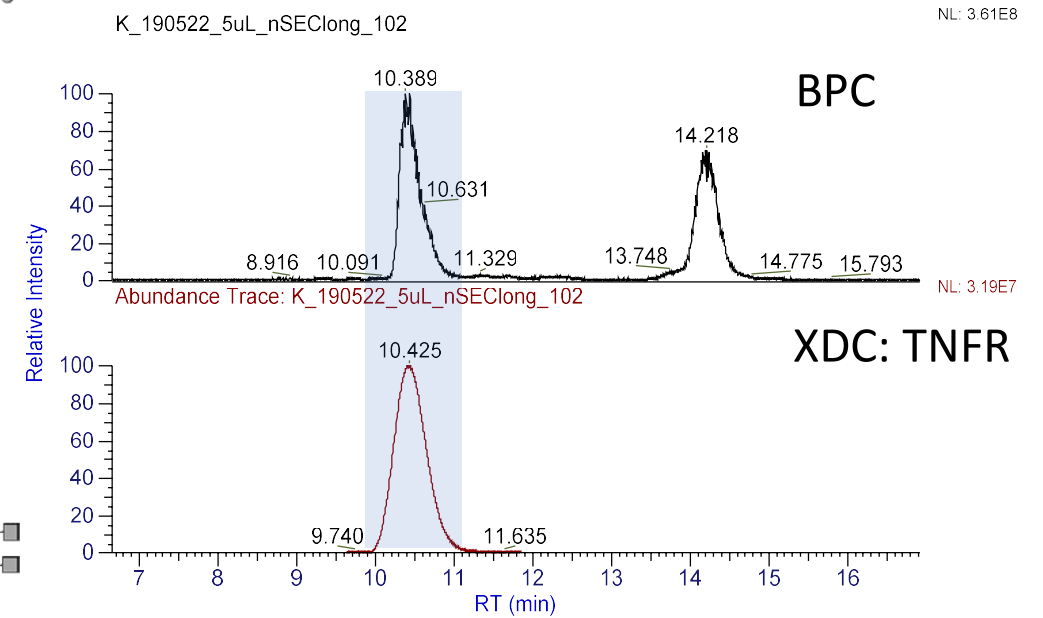
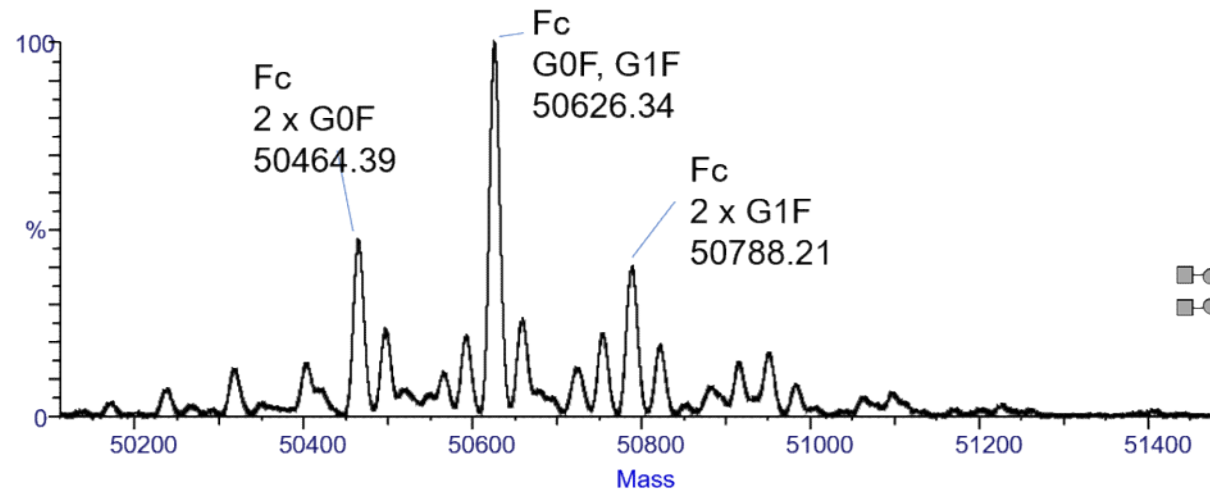
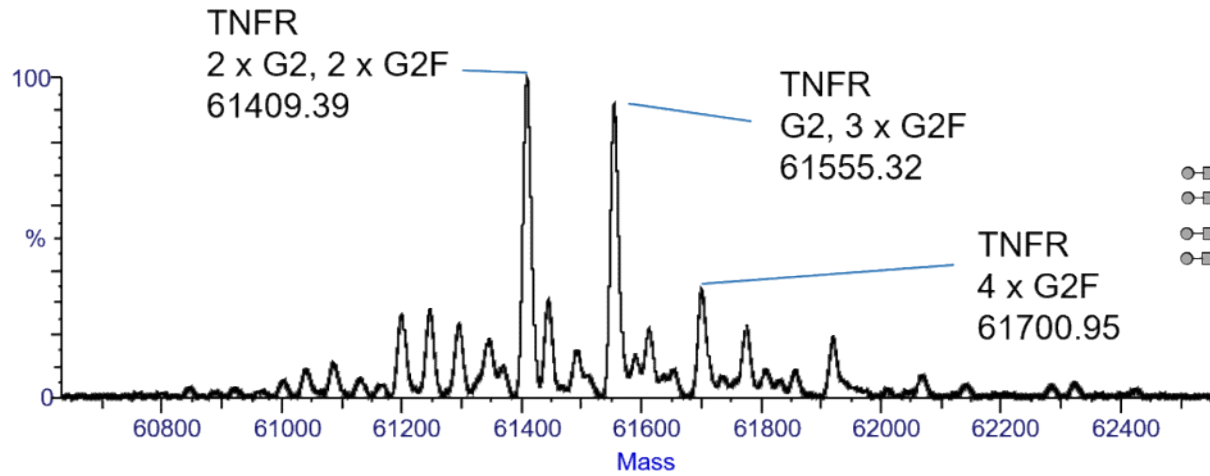


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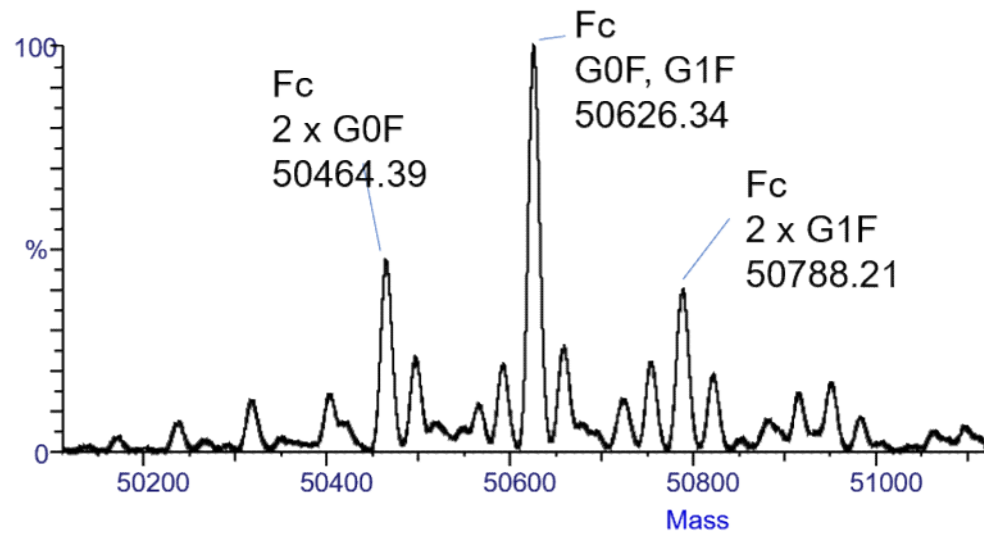
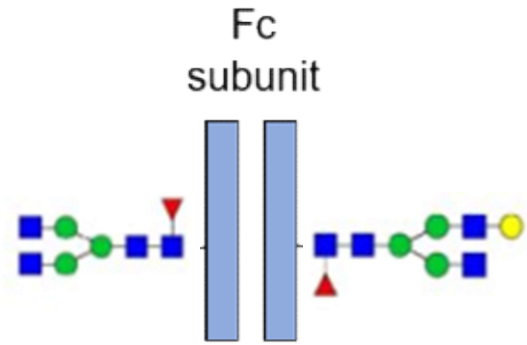
Prep K – native SEC-MS

K Subunit
(Δ sialic acids)
(Δ O-glycans)

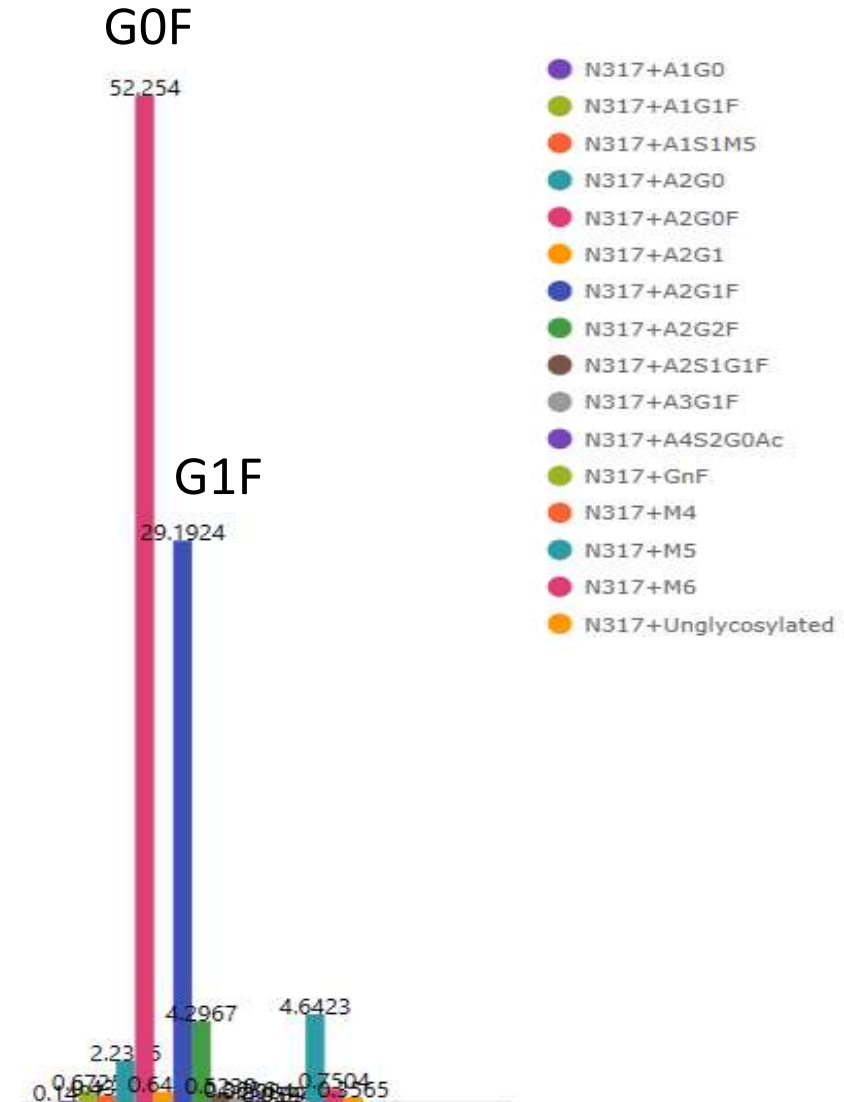


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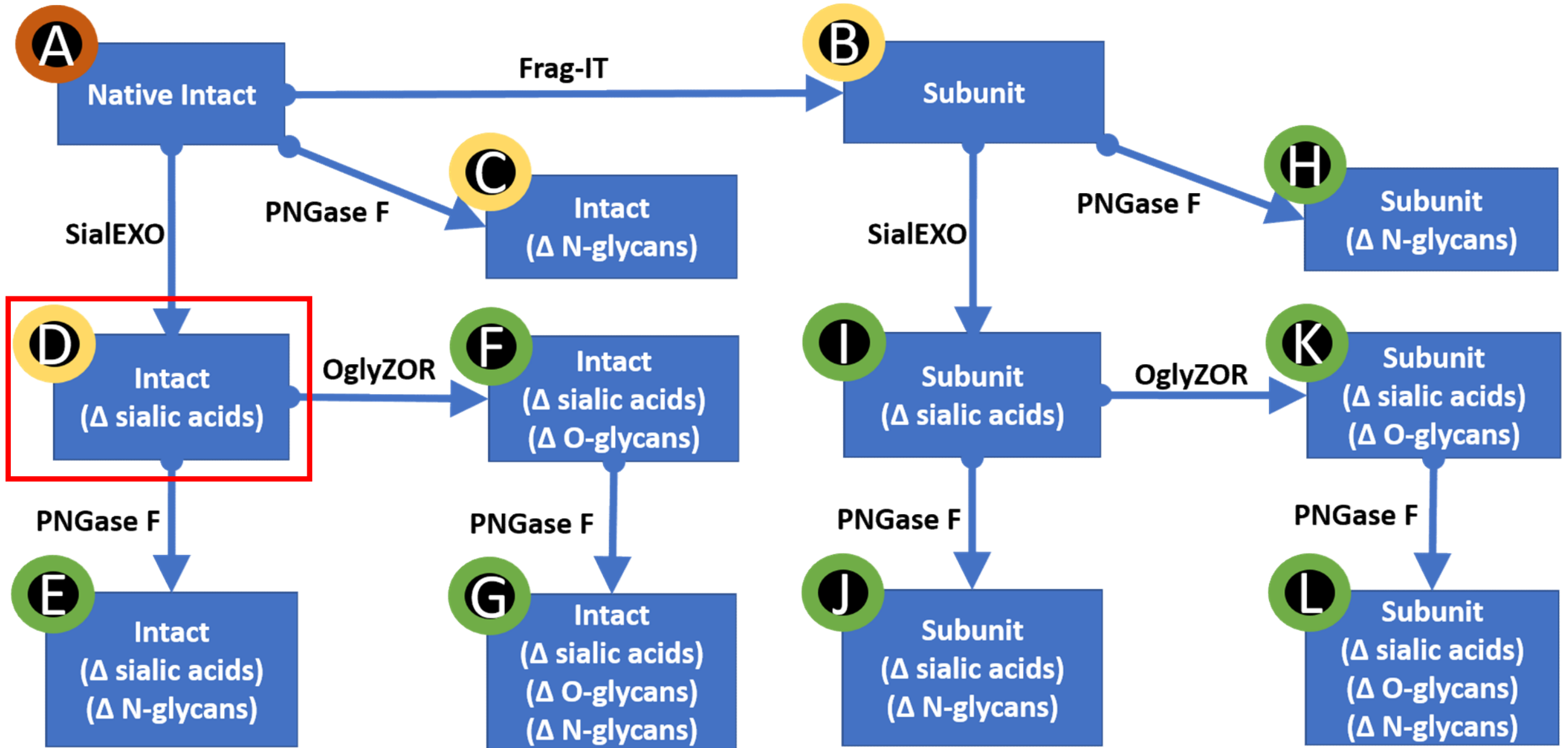
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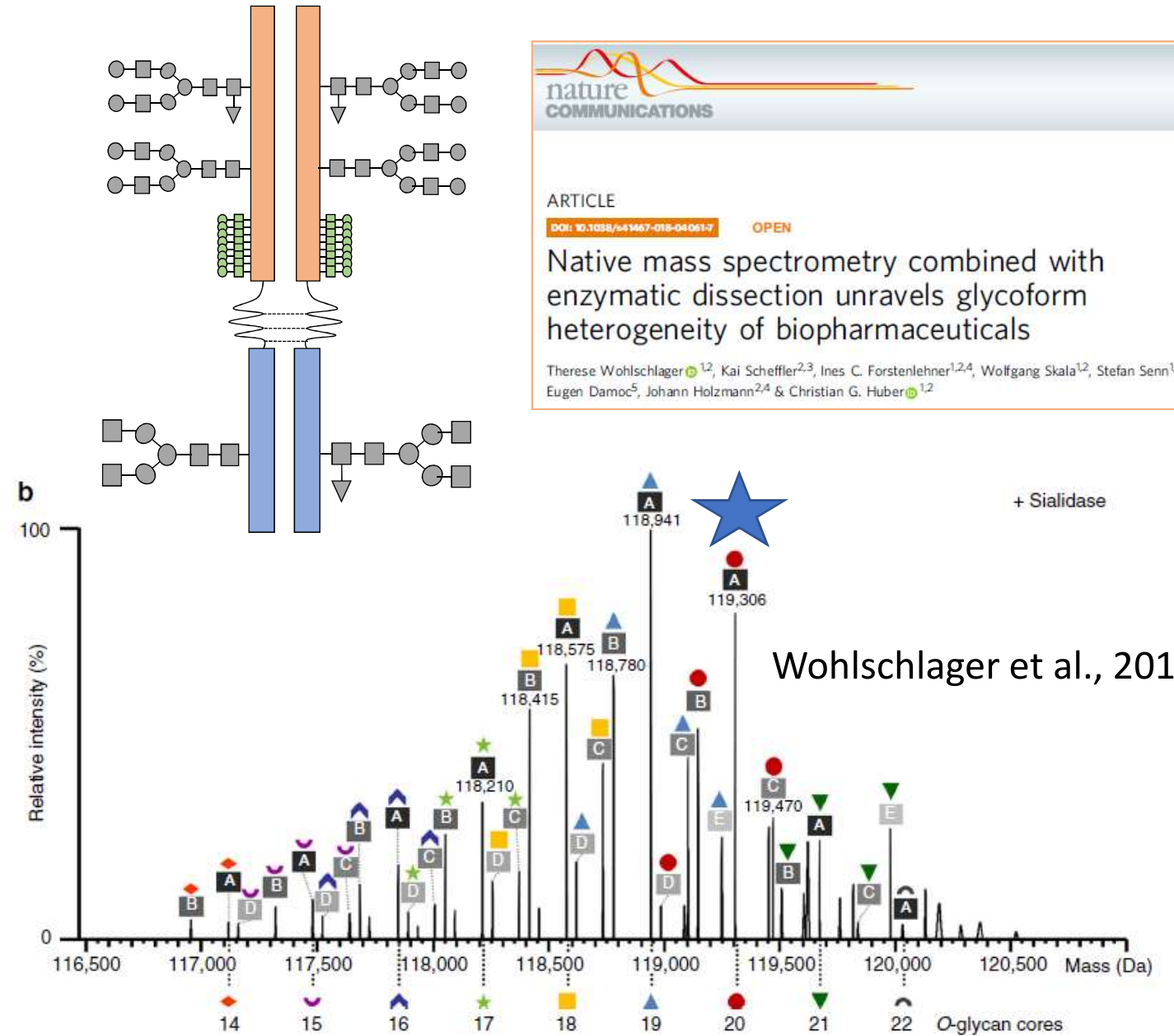
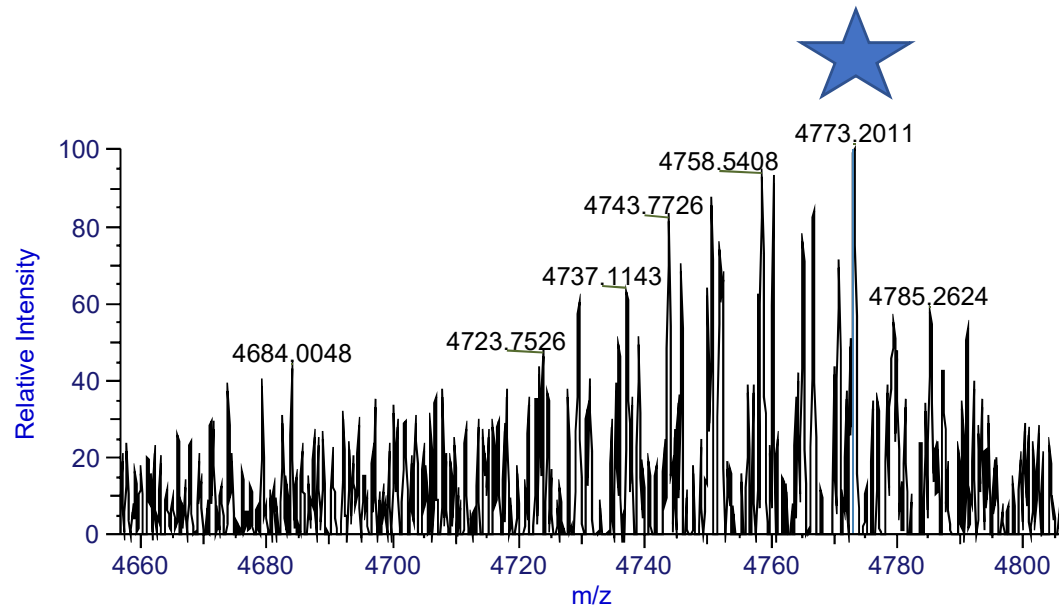
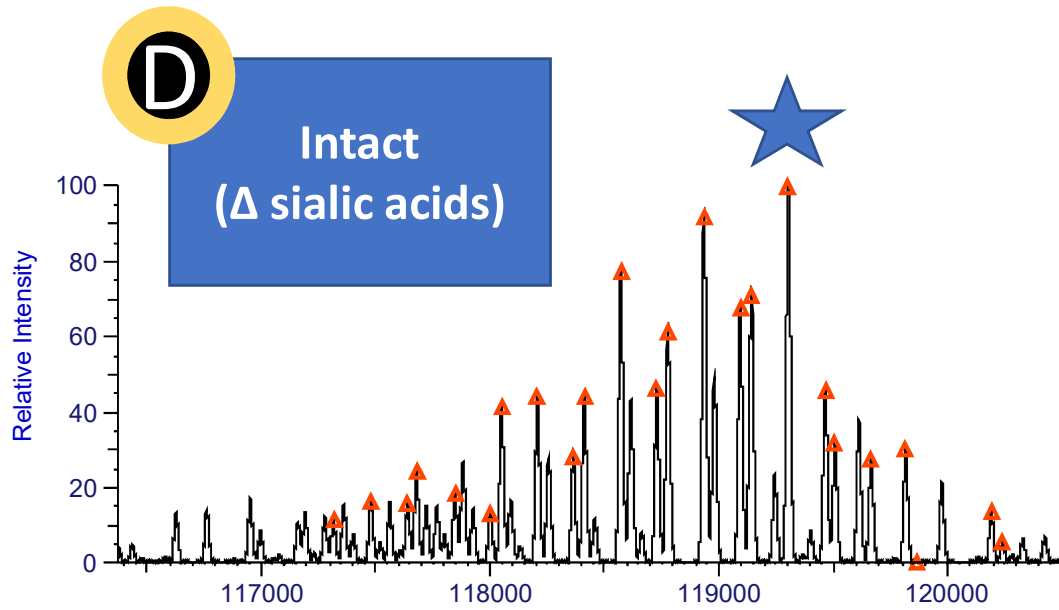
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Prep D – Autosampler loop inject (native nano-ESI)



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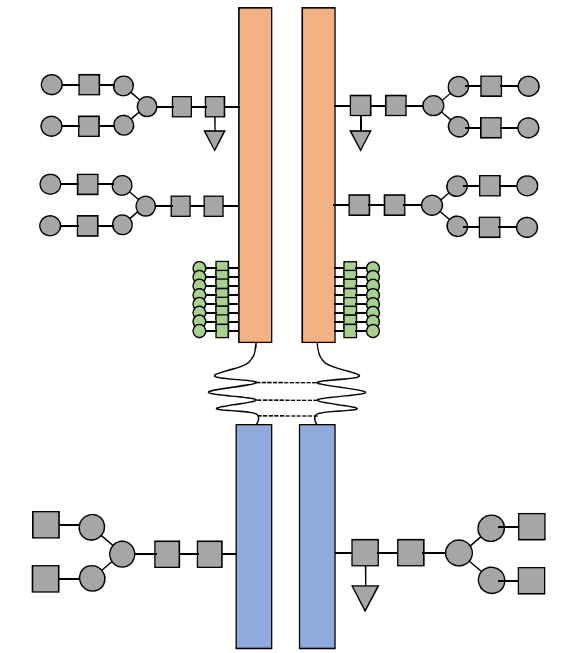
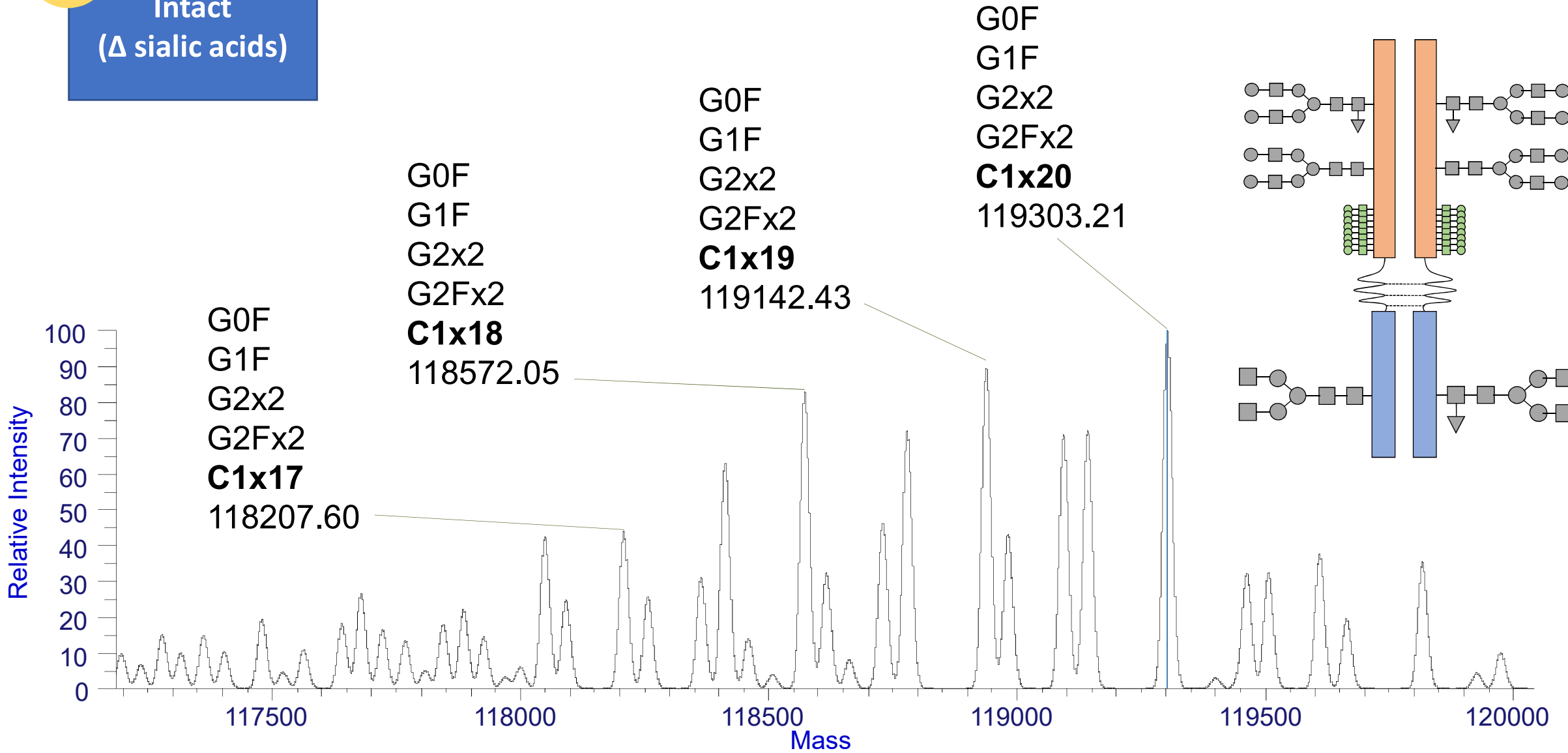
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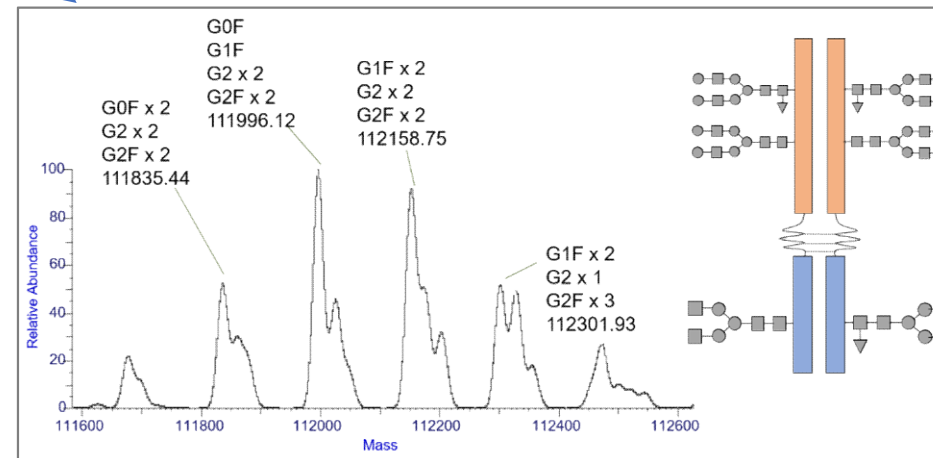
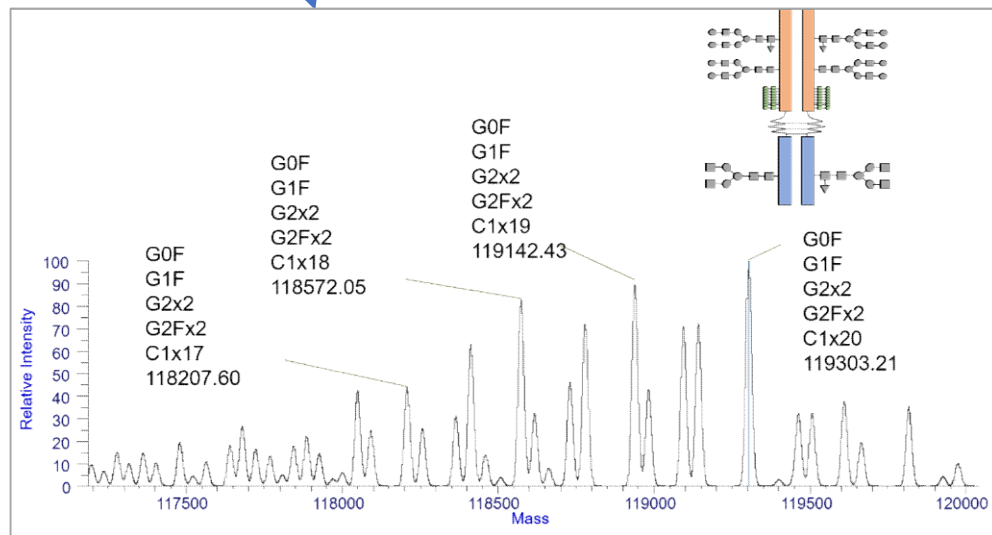
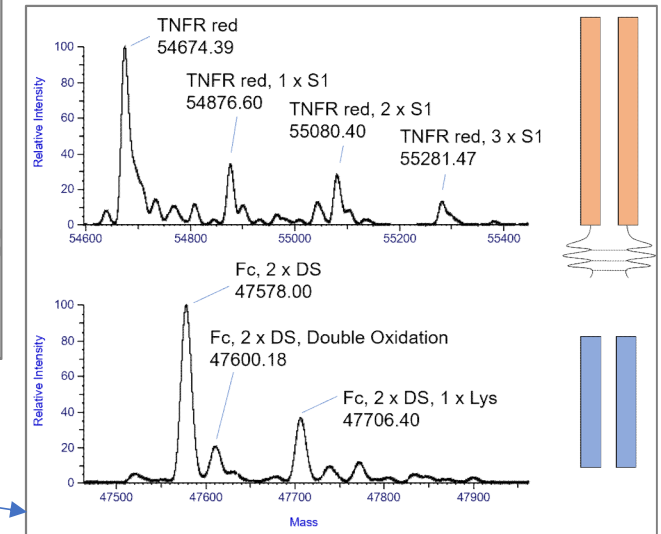
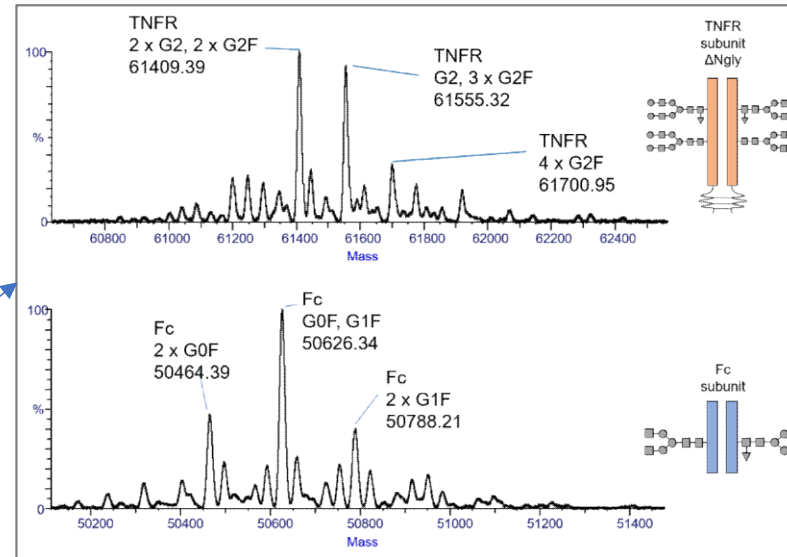
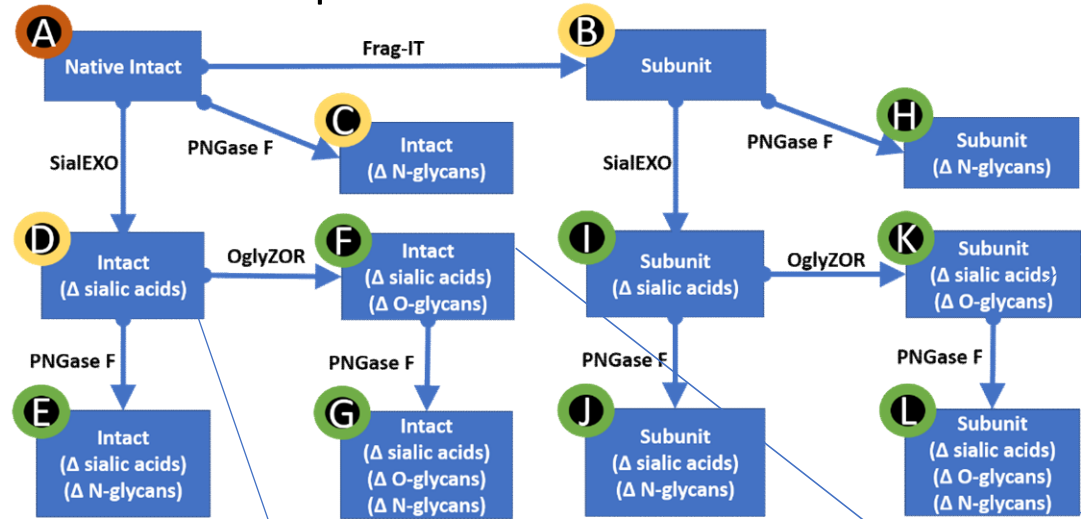
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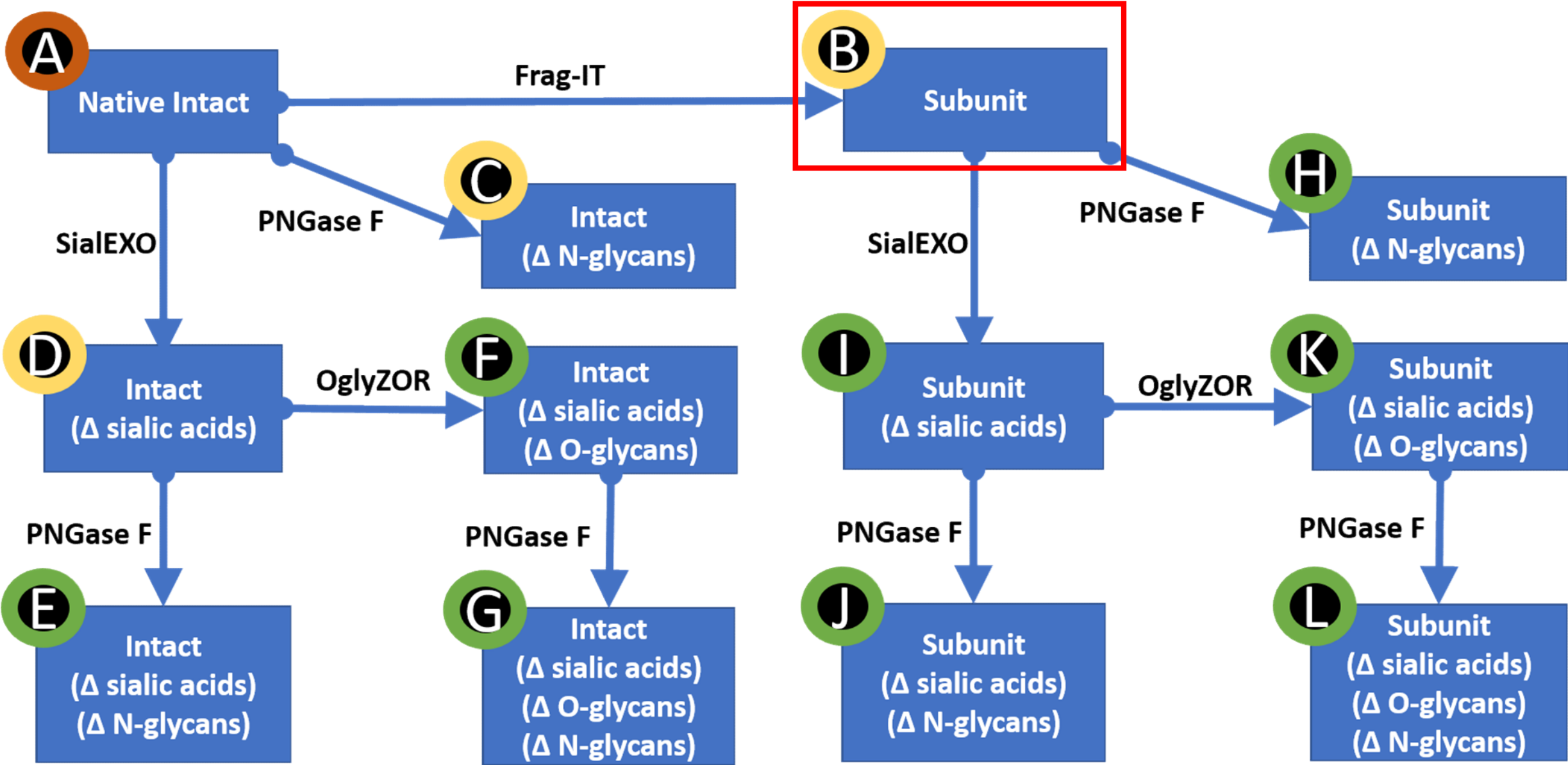
Automated native LC-MS (tested both SEC and nano loop inject)



Etanercept

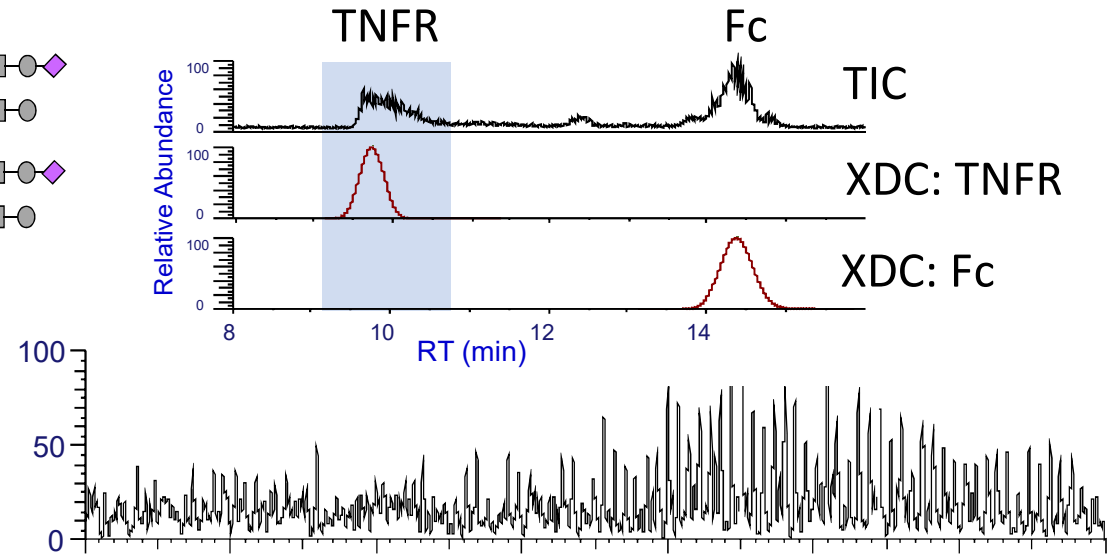
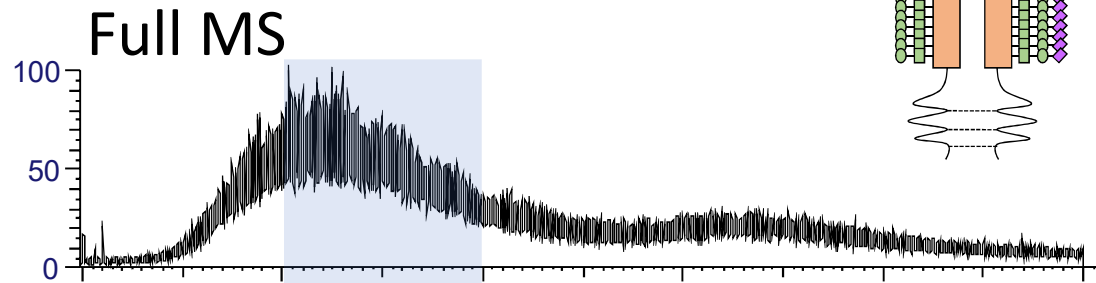
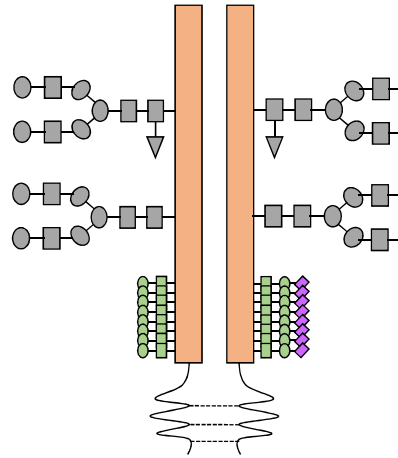


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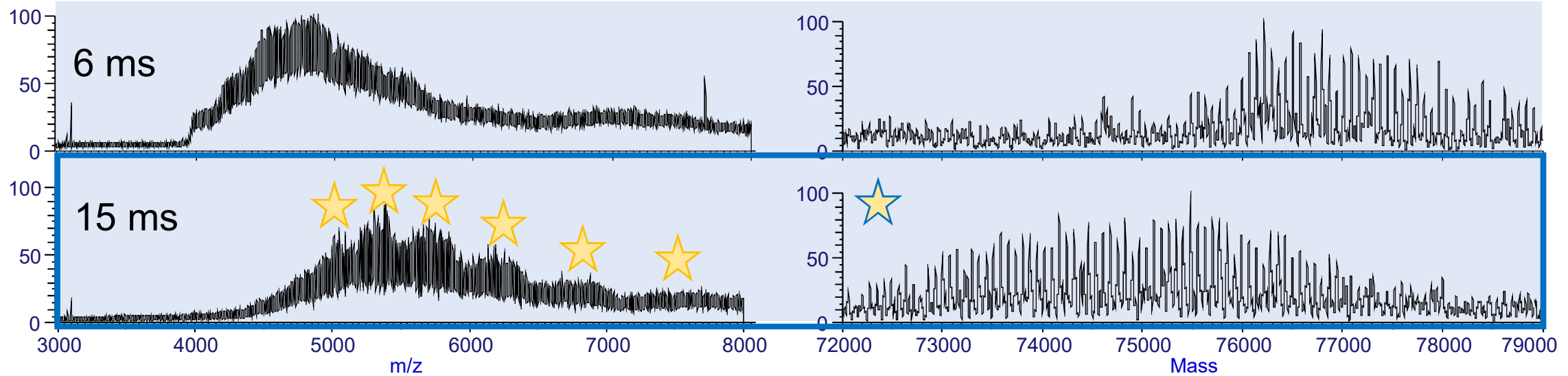


Prep B – TNFR Subunit

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Subunit



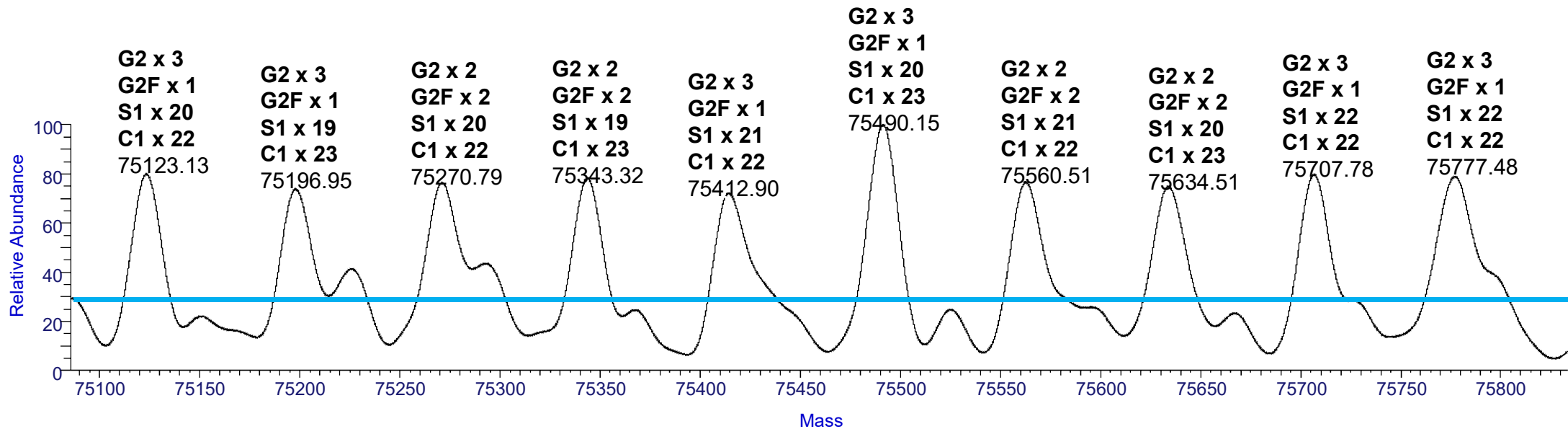
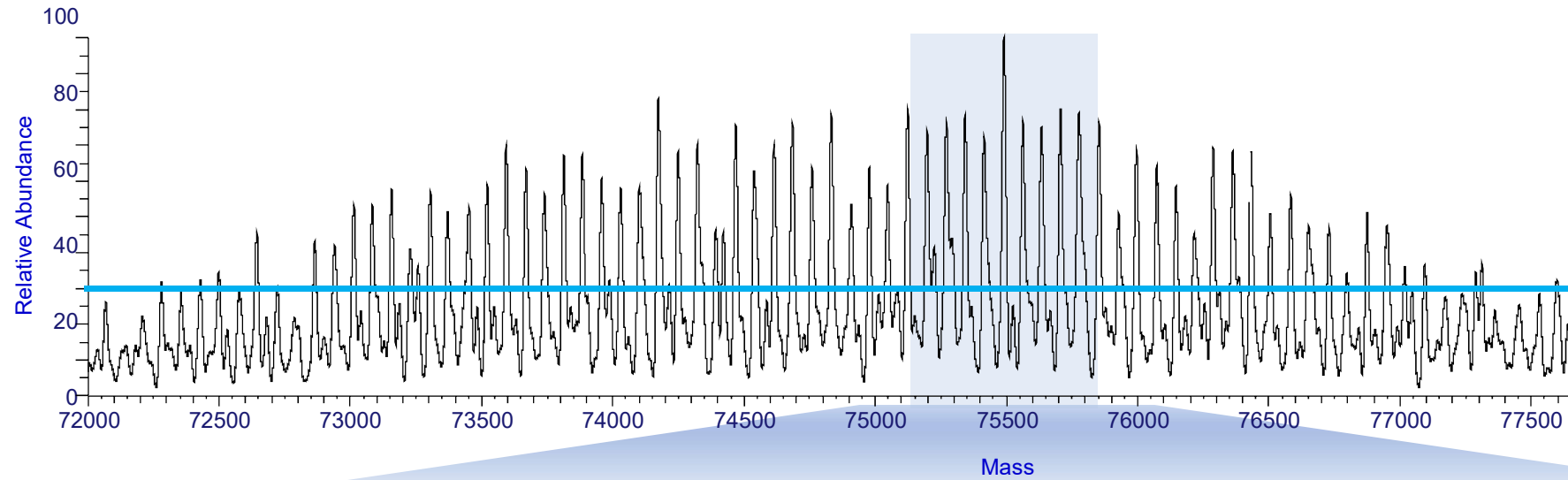
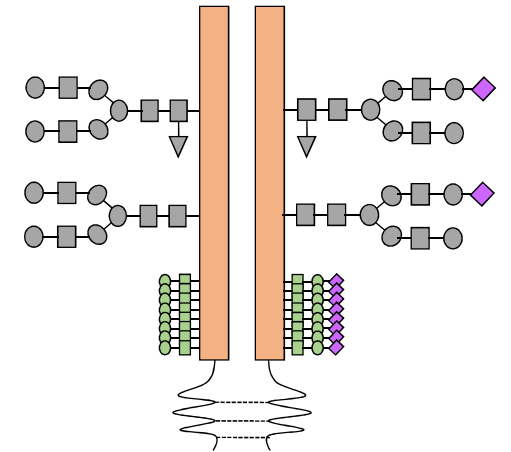
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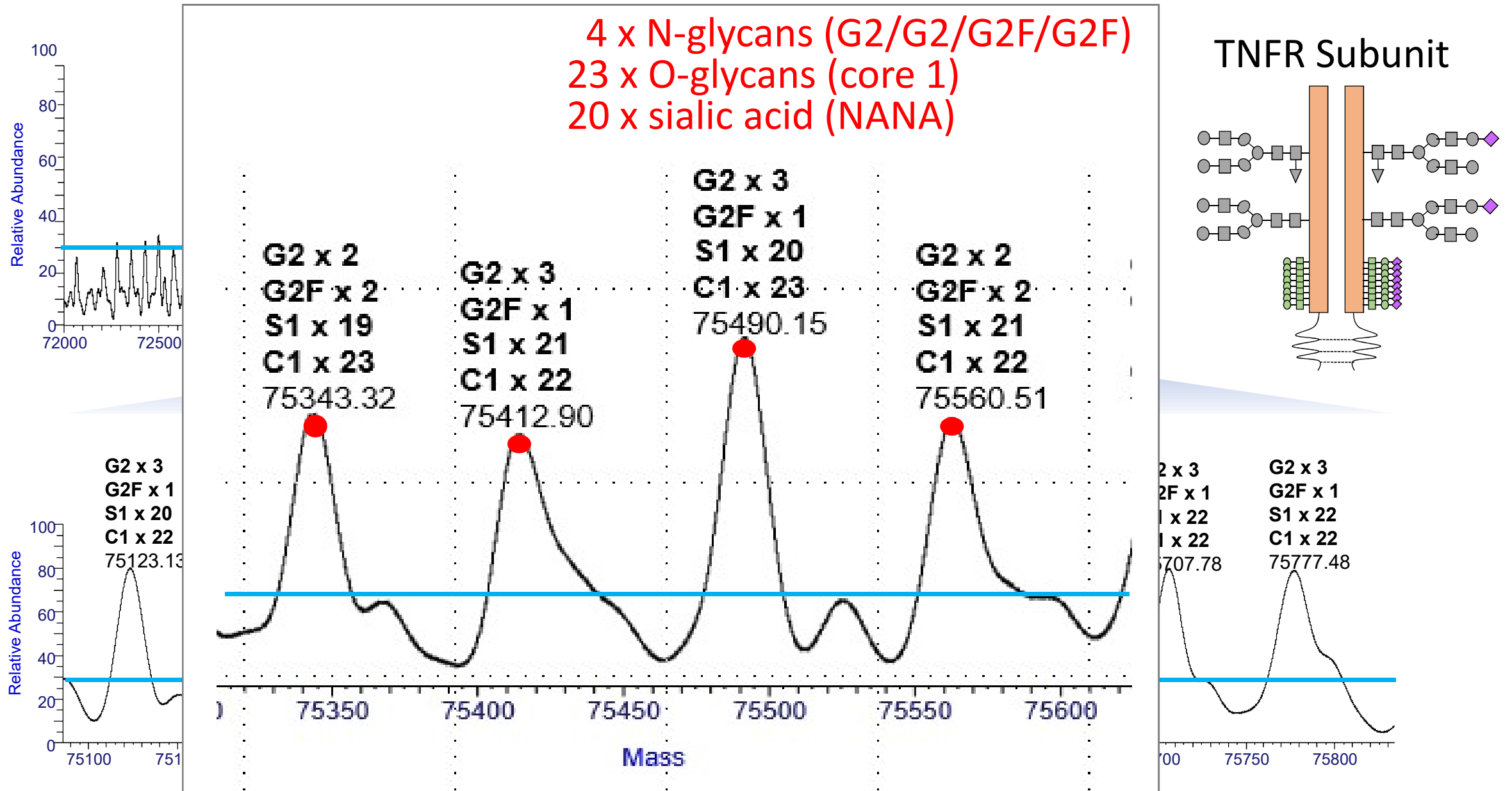
94 isoforms identified above 30% abundance level, within 50 ppm mass accuracy



TNFR Subunit



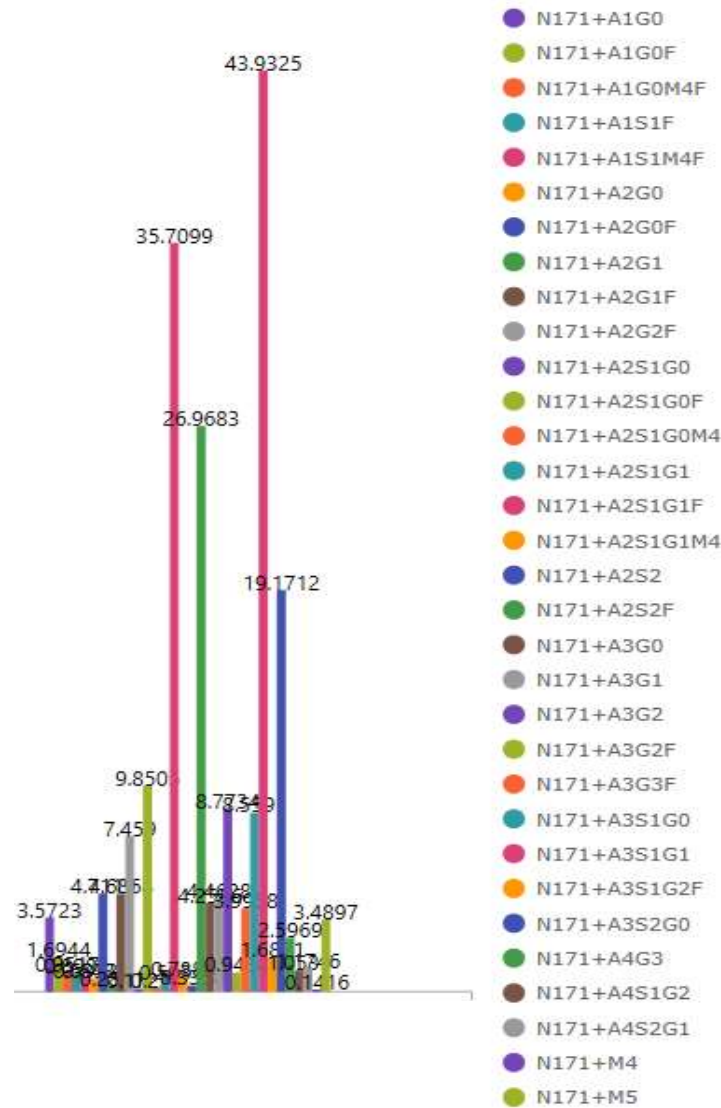
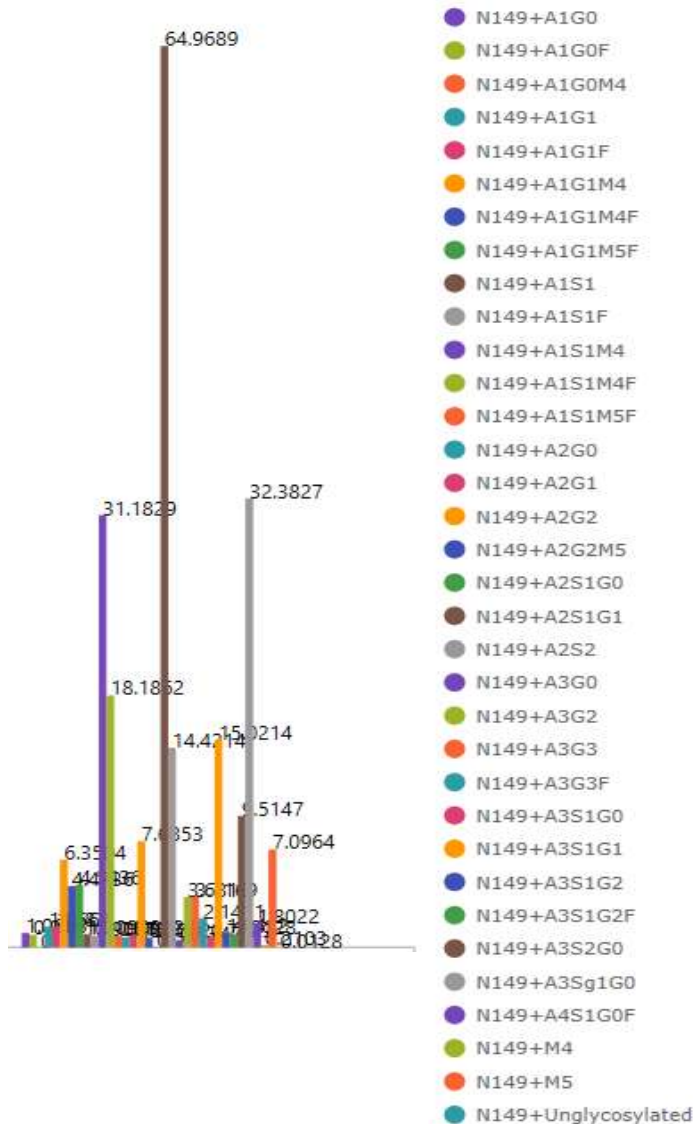
94 isoforms identified above 30% abundance level, within 50 ppm mass accuracy



End goal is to align intact data with highly complex glycopeptide map data



TNFR N-glycan sites

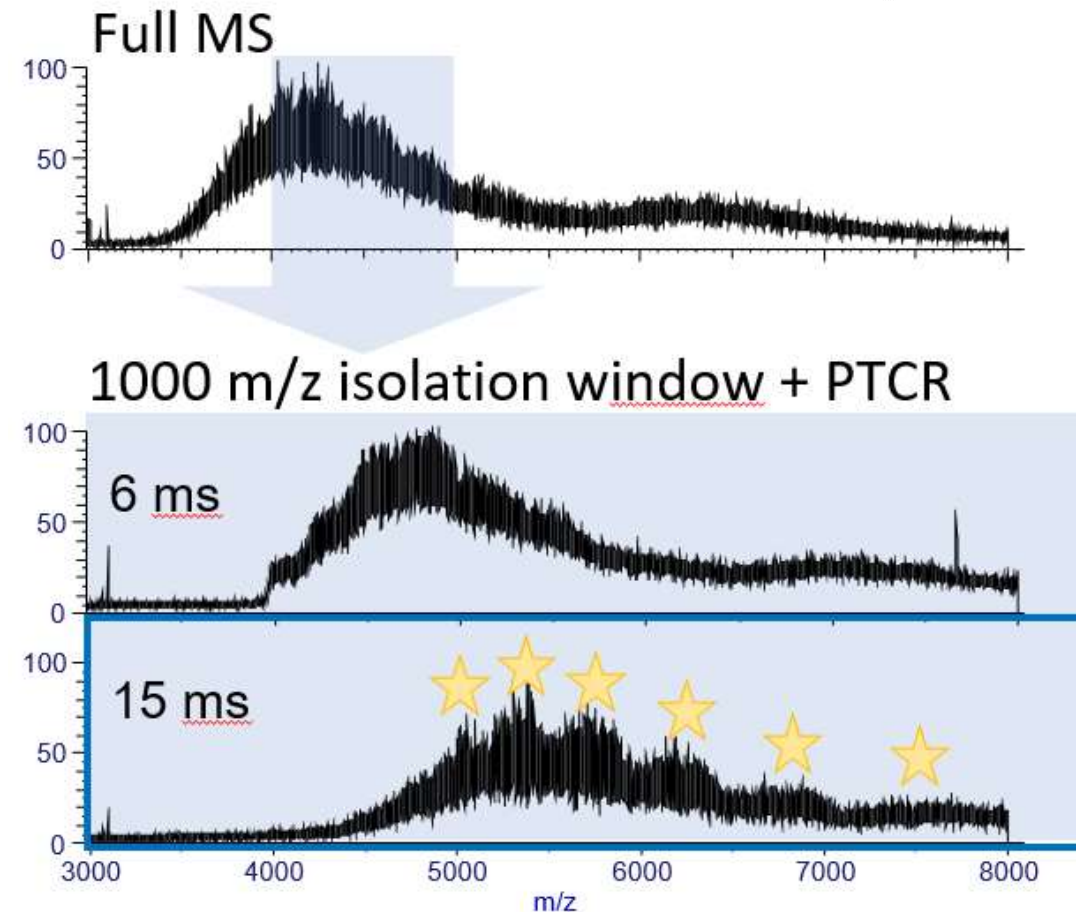
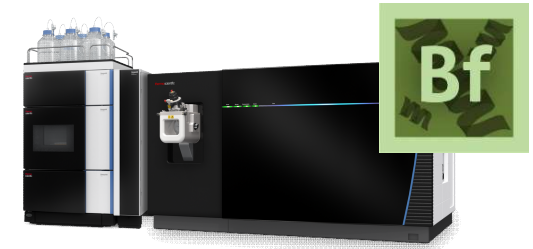


TNFR O-glycan sites

186	S186+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	45.9604	
186	S186+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	12.2392	
199	~S199+GalNAc-6Gn-3SG	O-Glycan	55.7023	
200	~T200+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	34.0920	
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	26.9155	
213	~ 186 S186+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	22.0349	
217	~ 186 S186+GalNAc-6GGn-3G	O-Glycan	56.7437	
218	~ 186 ~S186+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	7.7420	
226	S 200 T200+GalNAc-6GGn-3SG	O-Glycan	27.9970	
	200 ~T200+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	27.7357	
	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	10.3988	
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	186 S186+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	6.4239
200	~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	186 S186+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	74.3229
202	~S202+GalNAc-3SG	199 ~S199+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	42.2293
226	S226+GalNAc-3SG	199 ~S199+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	40.2466
309	~T309+GalNAc-3G	200 ~T200+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	0.8195
309	~T309+GalNAc-6S-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	22.8685
	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6Gn-3G	O-Glycan	0.6567
	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	2.1785
213	~T213+GalNAc-6S-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
226	~S226+GalNAc-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
232	~S232+GalNAc-6S-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	100.0000
287	S287+GalNAc-3G	200 ~T200+GalNAc-3G	O-Glycan	2.7387
287	S287+GalNAc-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-3SG	O-Glycan	54.0540
287	S287+GalNAc-6S-3SG	200 ~T200+GalNAc-6S-3SG	O-Glycan	48.0036

Thoughts on using PTCR for measuring isoform distributions

- PTCR method requires that m/z window is **isolated** prior to reaction
 - Ion trap-based isolation (not MS1)
 - Concentrated ion population → improved ion statistics
- *Best way to avoid skewed isoform distribution?*
 - Need to measure 'true' isoform profile
 - ***How many charge states should we ideally isolate?***
- Rapid, confident methods create greater need for aligning intact data with peptide map data

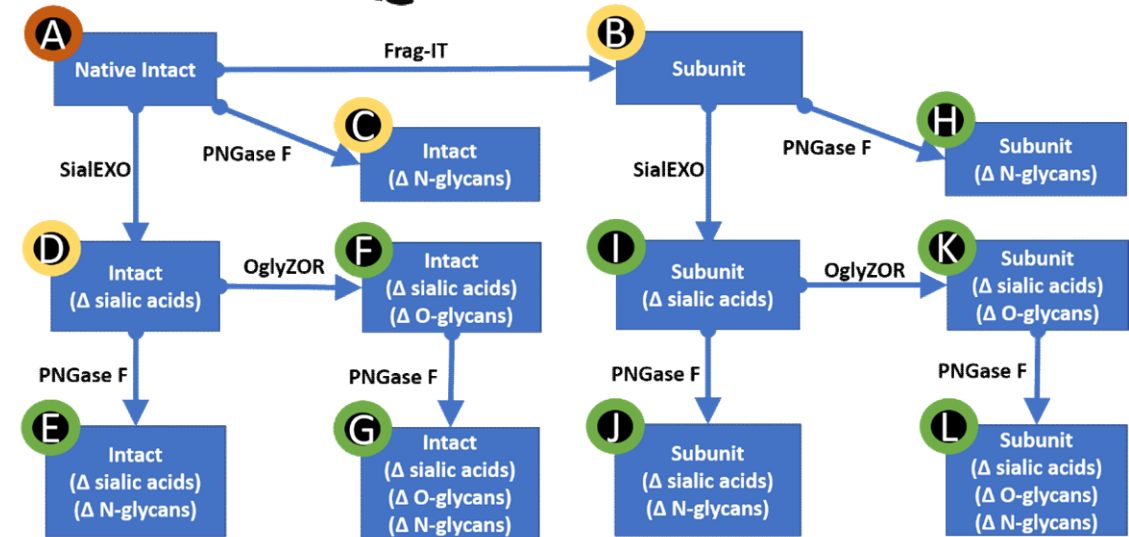


Summary

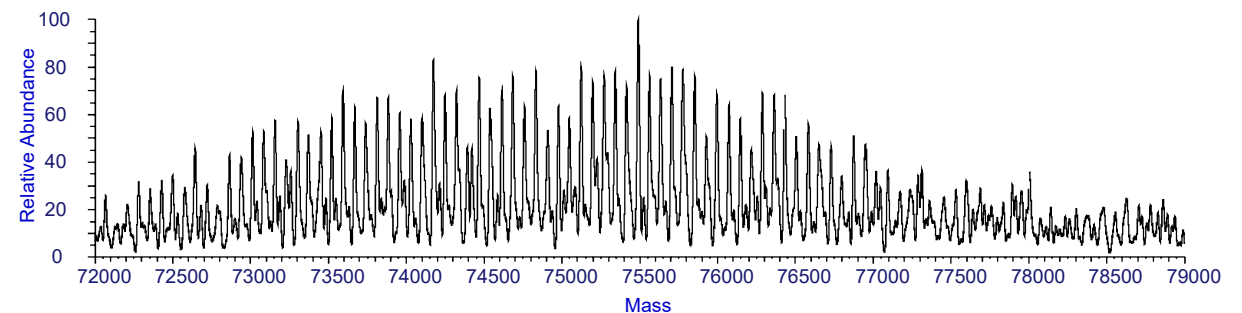
- Native SEC-MS + PTCR charge reduction is an automatable, state-of-the-art approach for intact mass analysis of highly complex biologic drugs



- Orbitrap Eclipse MS provides new means to analyze intact microheterogeneous protein isoform mixtures on a single MS platform



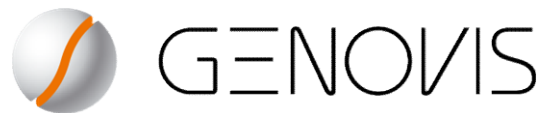
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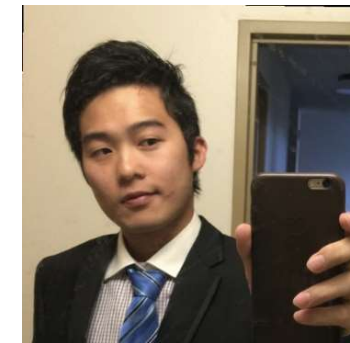
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