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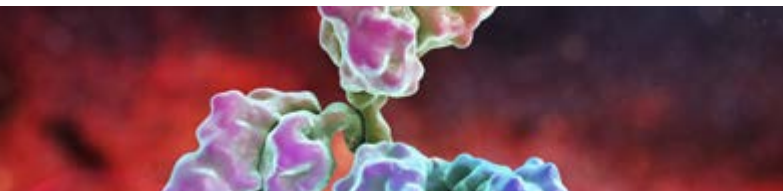
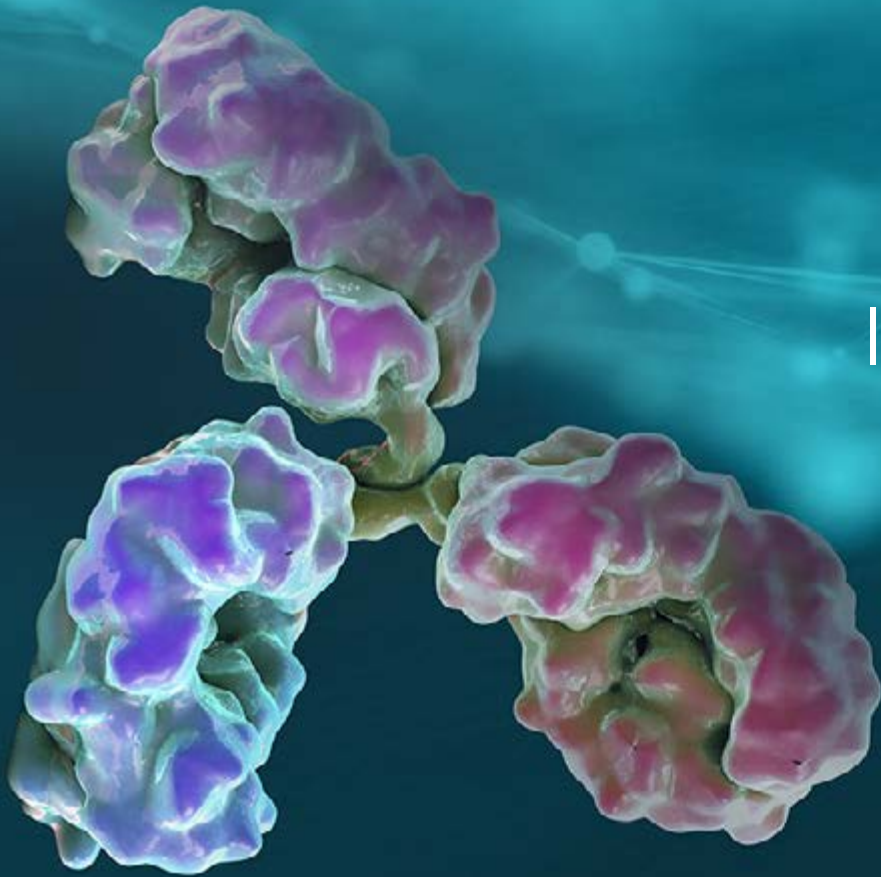
The background of the top half of the page is a complex, multi-colored illustration. It features various molecular structures, including what appears to be a protein or enzyme complex on the left, a network of glowing blue and green nodes and lines in the center, and several large, detailed molecular frameworks on the right. The overall color palette is dominated by teal, blue, and purple, with some green and yellow highlights.

## Ion Chromatography for Pharma and Biopharma

Complete IC solutions for pharmaceuticals  
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# Ion Chromatography Pharma/Biopharma



Monosaccharides,  
Sialic Acids & Glycans



Cell Culture Media  
& Fermentation Broths



Counterion and  
Impurity Analysis



Aminoglycosides

# Solutions for Applied Markets



## Ion Chromatography – Making It Easier To Get Results

Universal	No need for sample derivatization
Fast	Little to no sample preparation needed
Safe	Minimal handling of toxic reagents
Simple	Sample can simply be reconstituted in water and directly injected
Reliable	Maintains sample integrity & stability, no interferences due to labelling reagents
Green	No generation of hazardous chemical waste

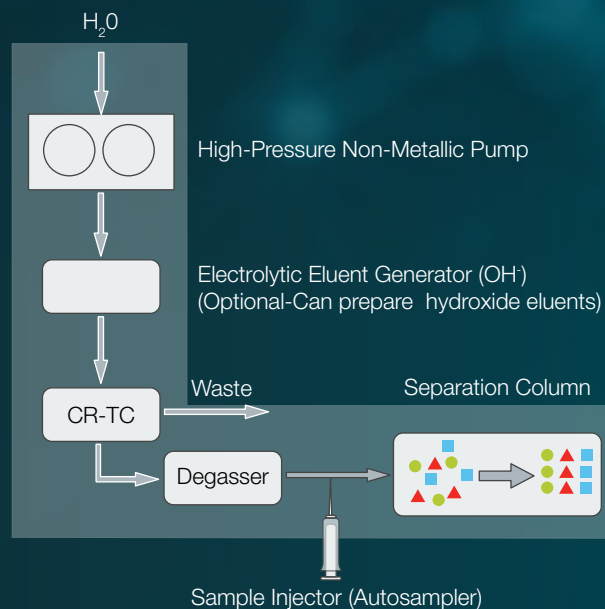
# Separation

## High Pressure Ion Chromatography (HPIC™)

– Our metal-free integrated and modular systems are capable of running up to 5,000 psi. Higher pressure tolerance enables the use of smaller particle size columns and allows faster flow rates

## Reagent-Free Ion Chromatography (RFIC)

– No handling of acids or bases  
– Just add water! RFIC feature eliminates eluent preparation and provides ease-of-use, reproducibility and precise gradients



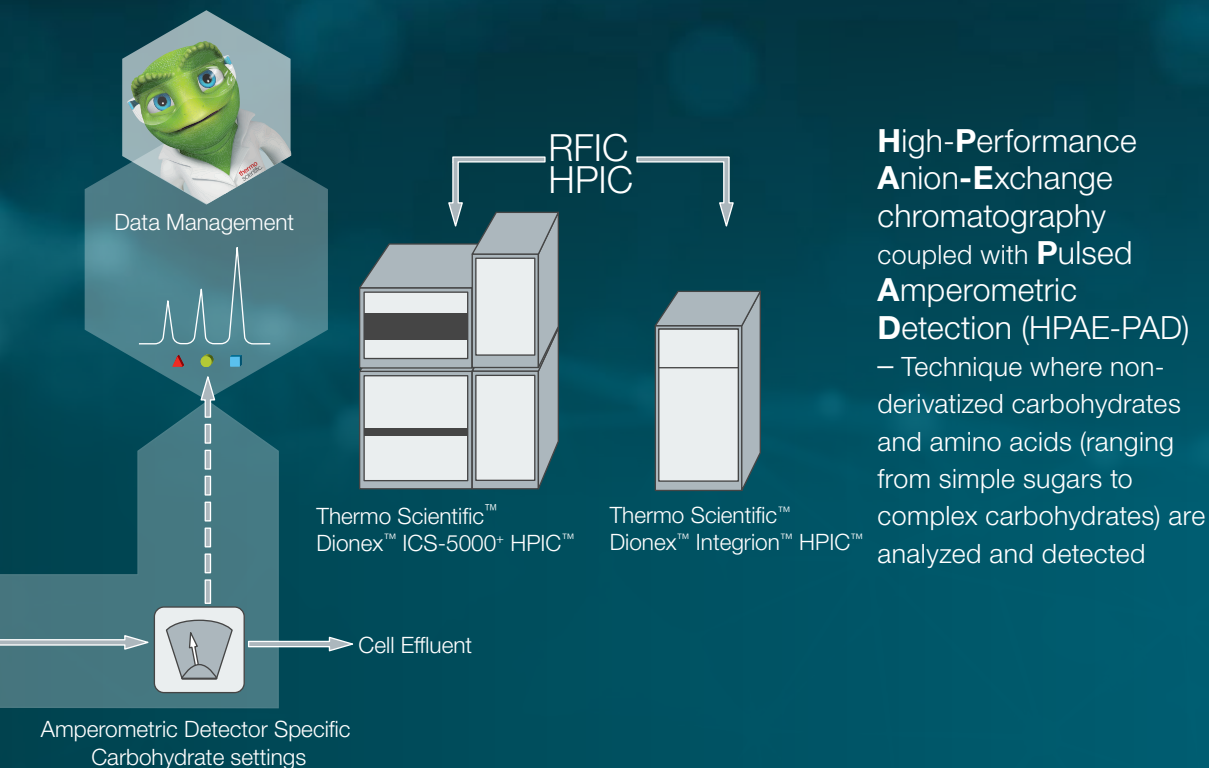
## Basics of High Performance Anion Exchange (HPAE) Chromatography

- Carbohydrates are separated as oxyanions at high pH ( $\geq 12$ ) using hydroxide-based eluents
- For High Mannose, Complex and Hybrid oligosaccharides, separations can be facilitated and further improved by using sodium acetate gradients in sodium hydroxide
- Separations of carbohydrates ranging from mono- to oligosaccharides are achieved using our diverse column portfolio
- For more information:  
[www.thermofisher.com/ICColumns](http://www.thermofisher.com/ICColumns)

Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™  
CarboPac™ Columns



# Detection



**High-Performance Anion-Exchange chromatography coupled with Pulsed Amperometric Detection (HPAE-PAD)** – Technique where non-derivatized carbohydrates and amino acids (ranging from simple sugars to complex carbohydrates) are analyzed and detected

**Disposable Gold (Au) Working Electrode:** Greater reproducibility of PAD between electrode to electrode and user to user

## Basics of Pulsed Amperometric Detection (PAD)

- Non-derivatized carbohydrates are detected on a gold working electrode at high pH by pulsed amperometric detection (PAD)
- PAD applies a series of potentials (a waveform) to a working electrode
- Pulsed amperometry detects analytes containing functional groups which are oxidized at the applied detection voltage
- For more information: [www.thermofisher.com/Carbohydrates](http://www.thermofisher.com/Carbohydrates)

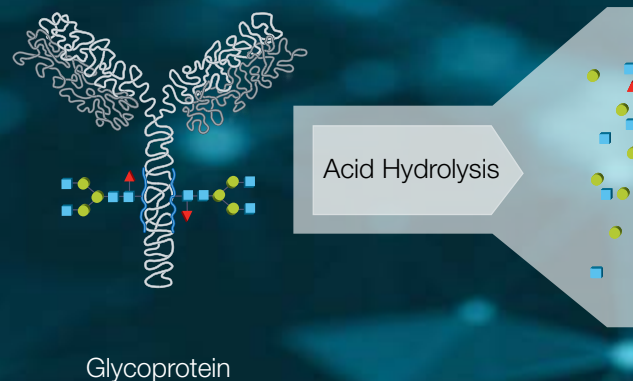


Electrochemical Detector Cell

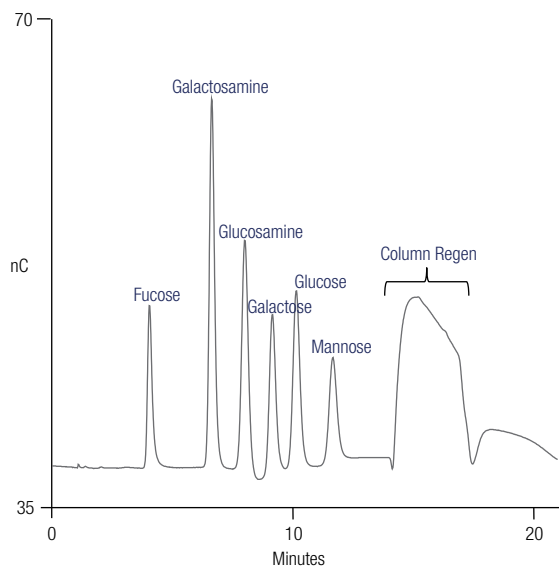
# Monosaccharides and Sialic Acids

## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

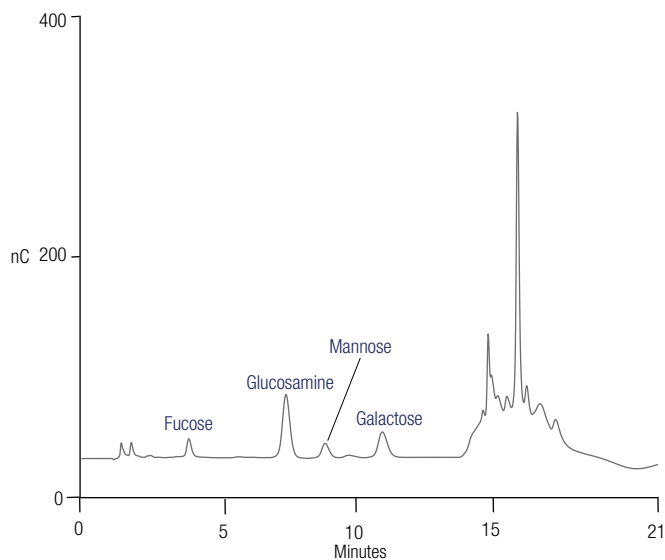
- High-resolution separations of carbohydrates using our diverse CarboPac columns
- Sensitive detection with no derivatization
- Same system can analyze a variety of carbohydrates and amino acids
- Allows measurement of total sugars and amounts of specific monosaccharides and sialic acids



## Glycoprotein Monosaccharide Analysis

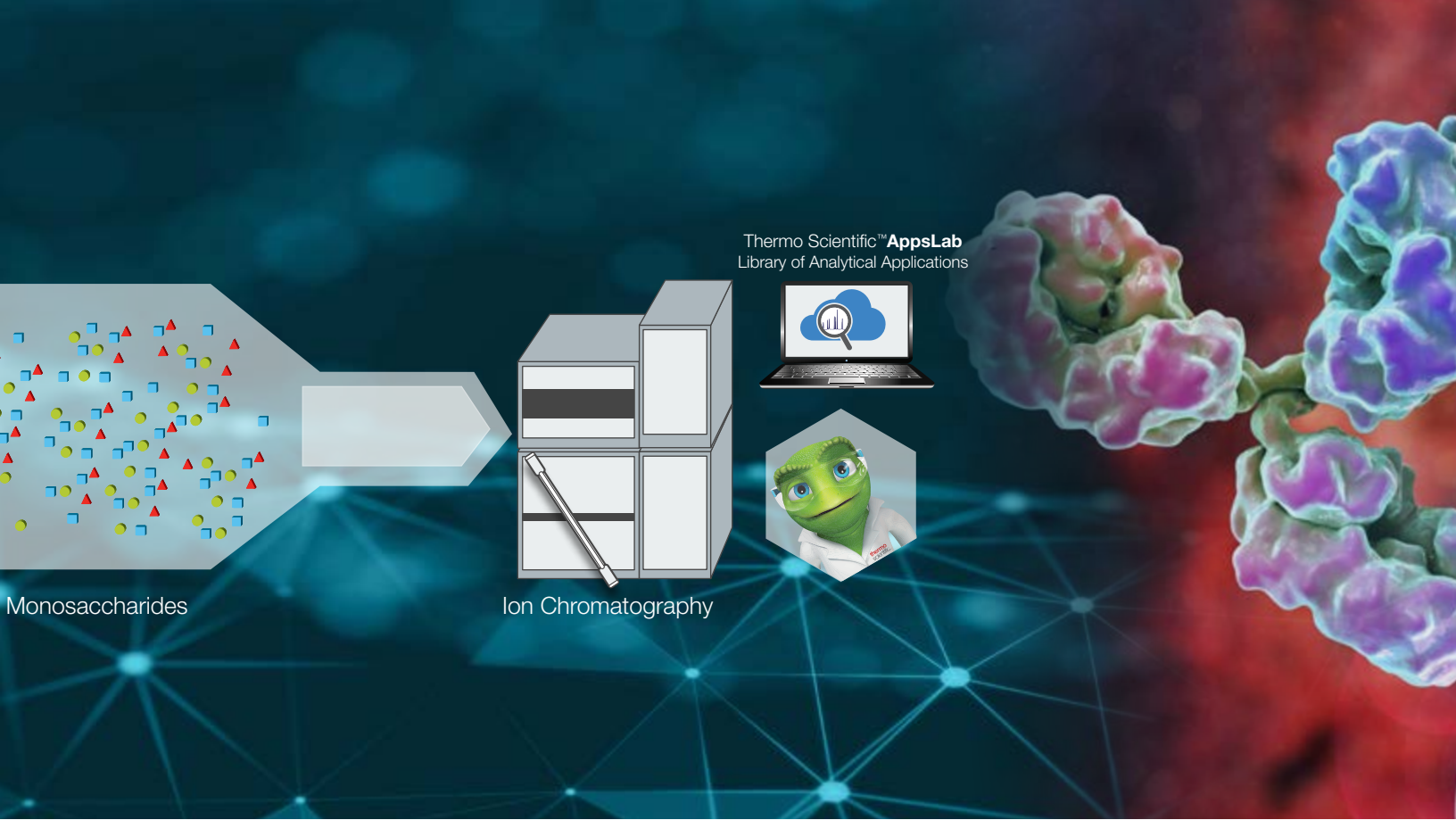


Robust method for monosaccharide composition analysis with high precision for screening changes in glycosylation



Fast and reproducible monosaccharide composition analysis in a digested glycoprotein sample

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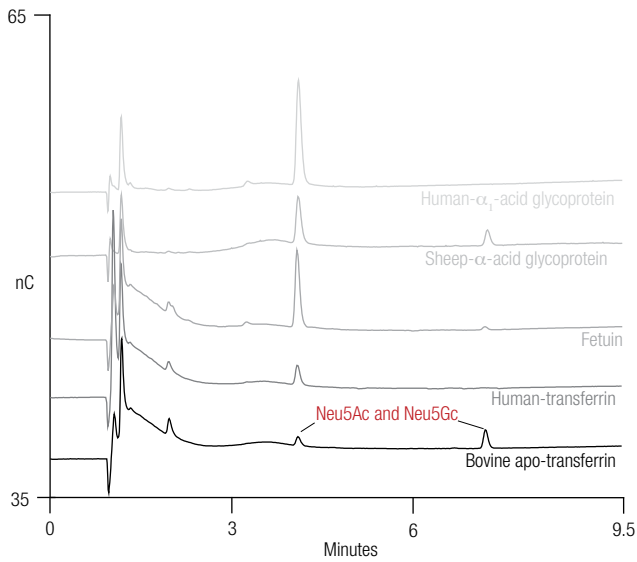


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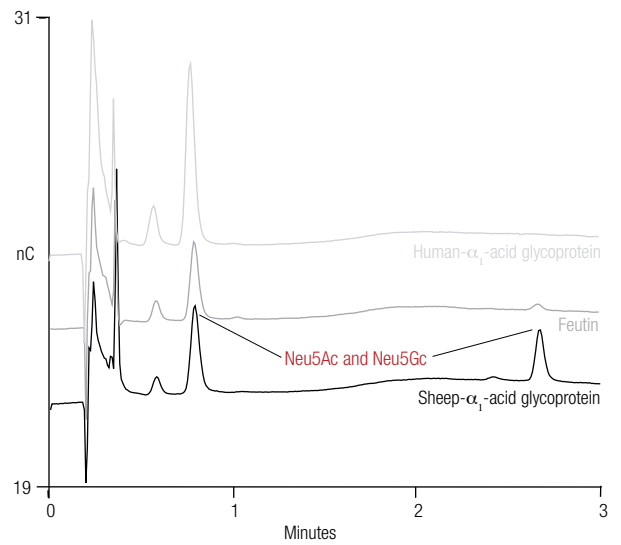
Monosaccharides

Ion Chromatography

## Sialic Acid Analysis



Direct and accurate quantification of sialic acids – a convenient method for screening sialic acids in glycoprotein hydrolysates



Faster separations - the two most commonly analyzed forms of sialic acid can be determined under 3 minutes

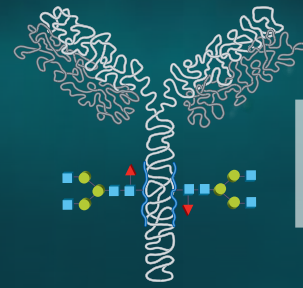
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# Non-derivatized *N*-linked Glycans

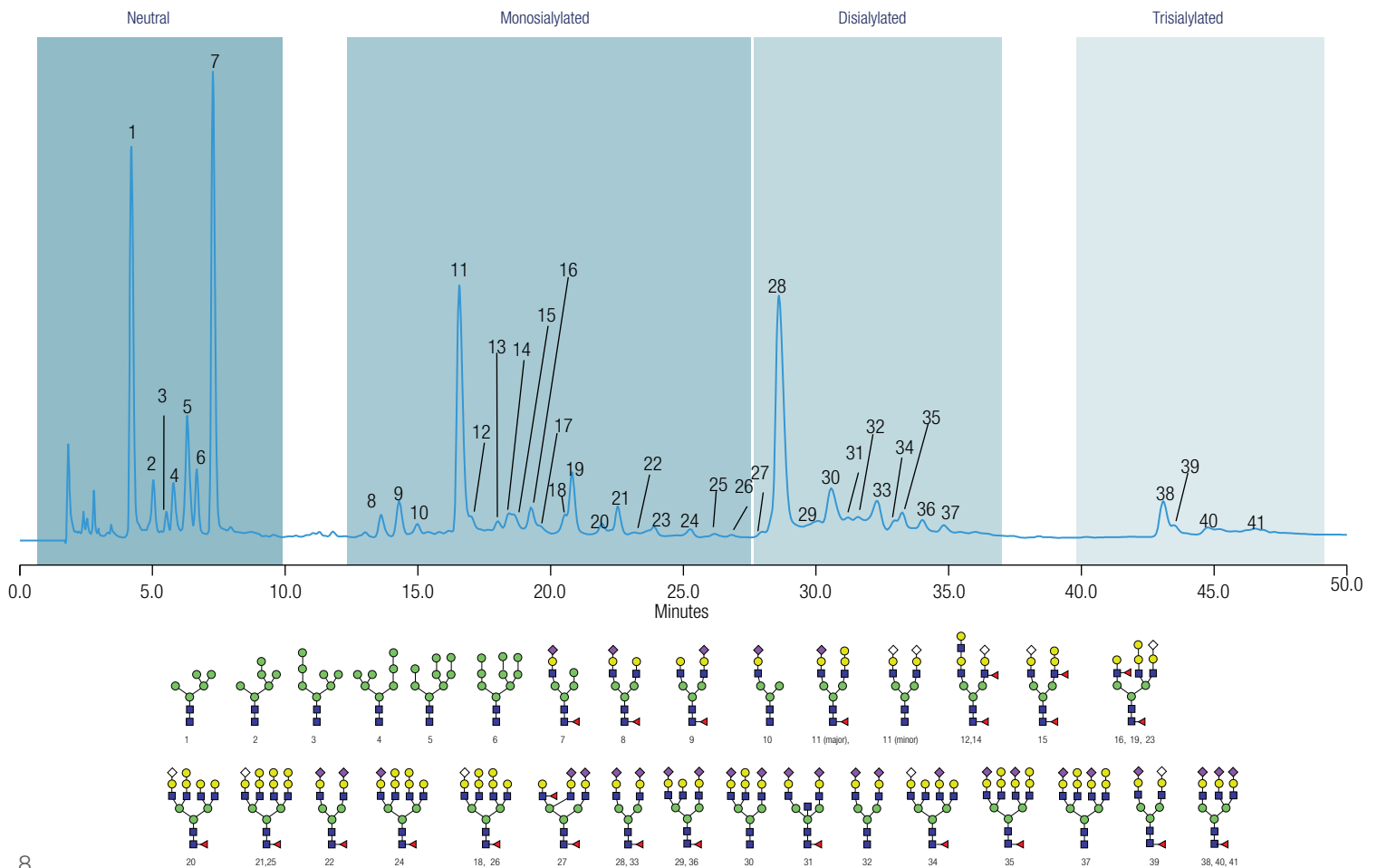
## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

- Direct detection for profiling native glycans
- Sensitive separations based on charge, linkage, positional isomerism, and fucosylation
- Rapid workflow to release glycans with excellent reproducibility

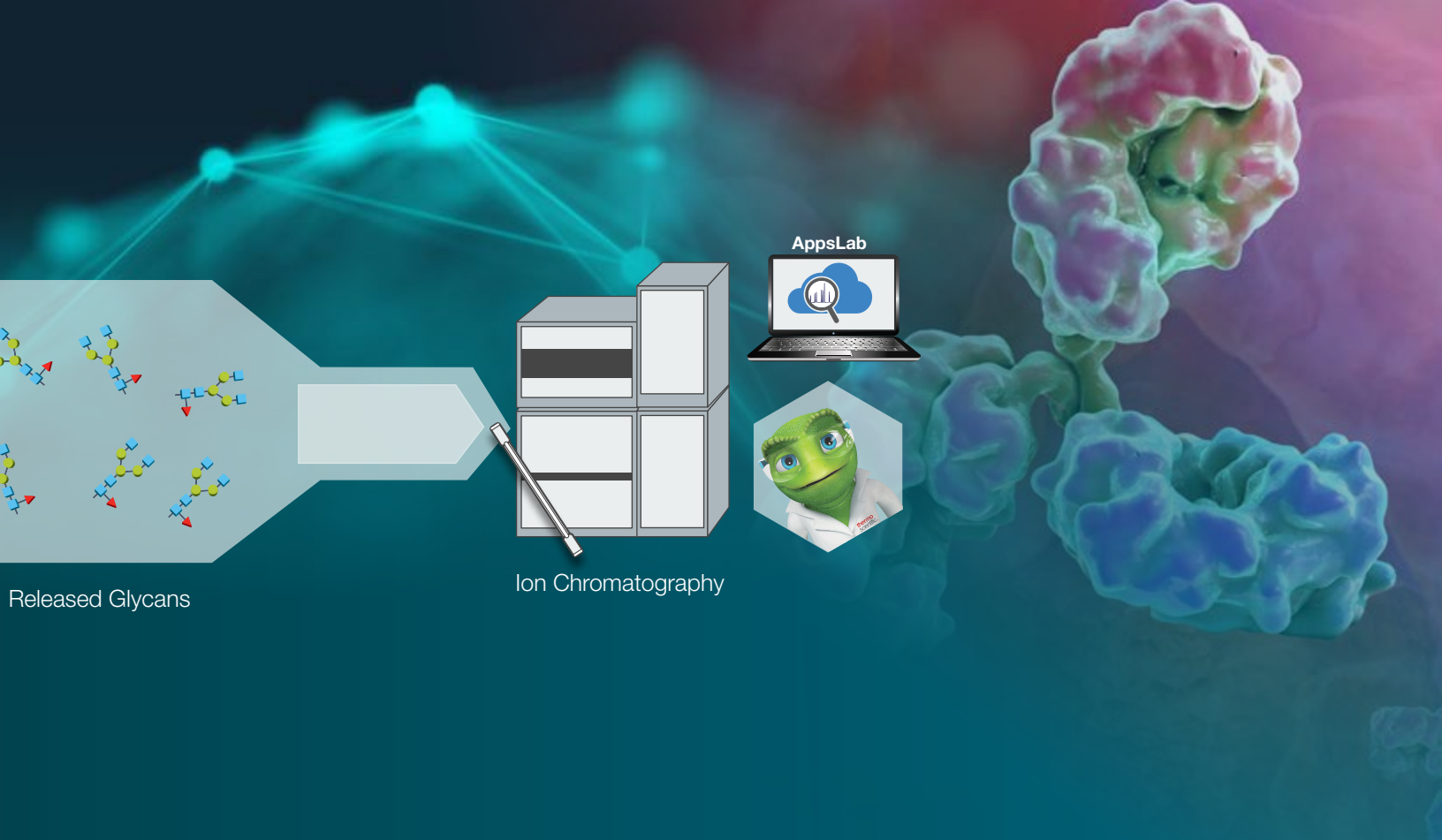


Glycoprotein

## Released Glycan Analysis from Bovine Thyroglobulin





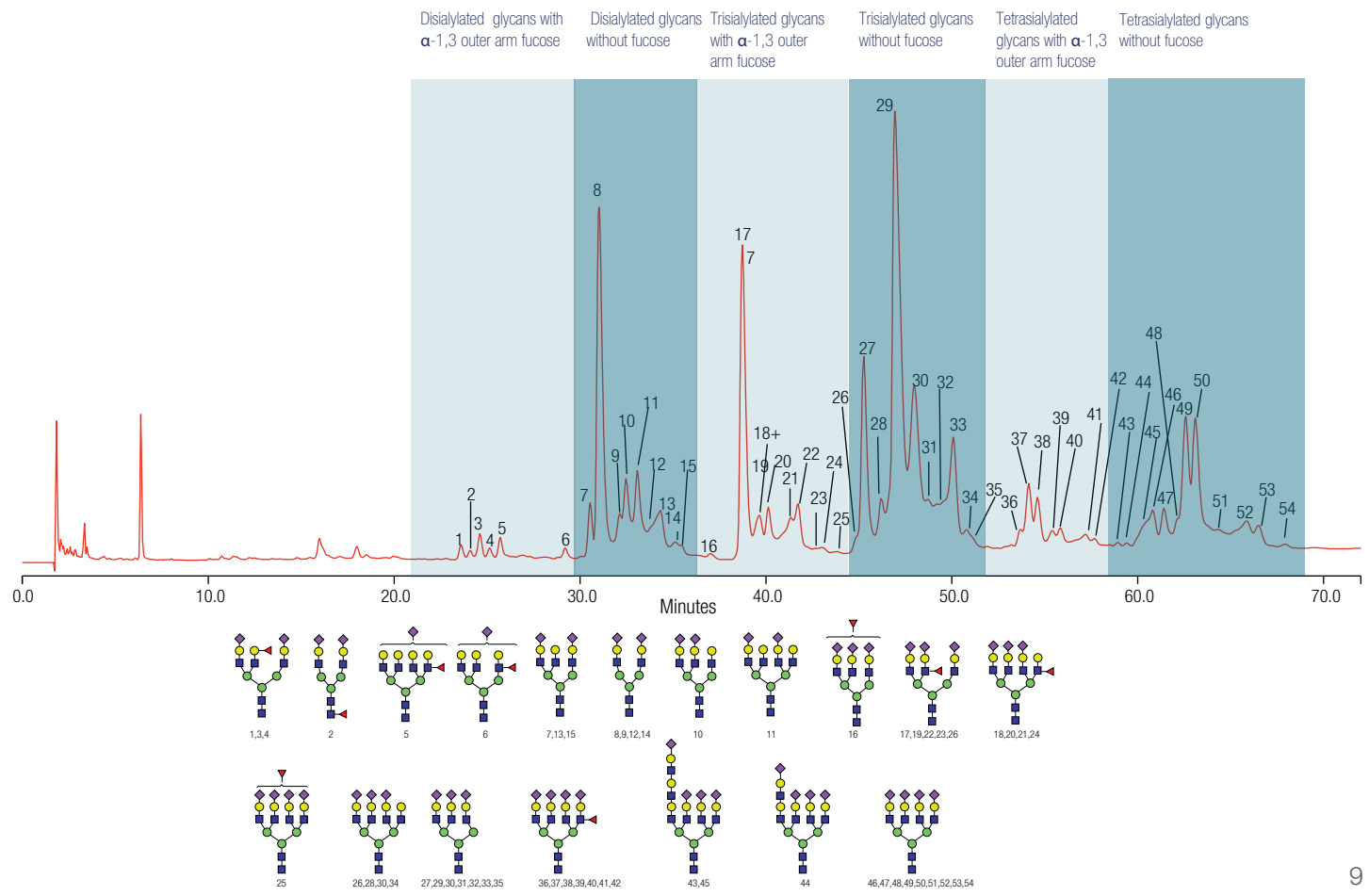


Released Glycans

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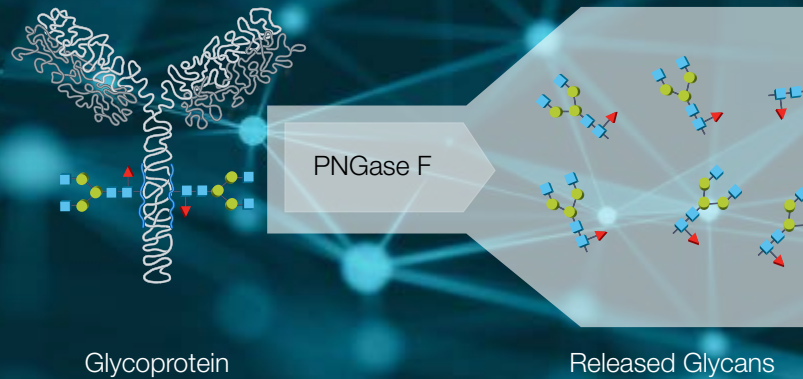
## Released Glycan Analysis from hAGP



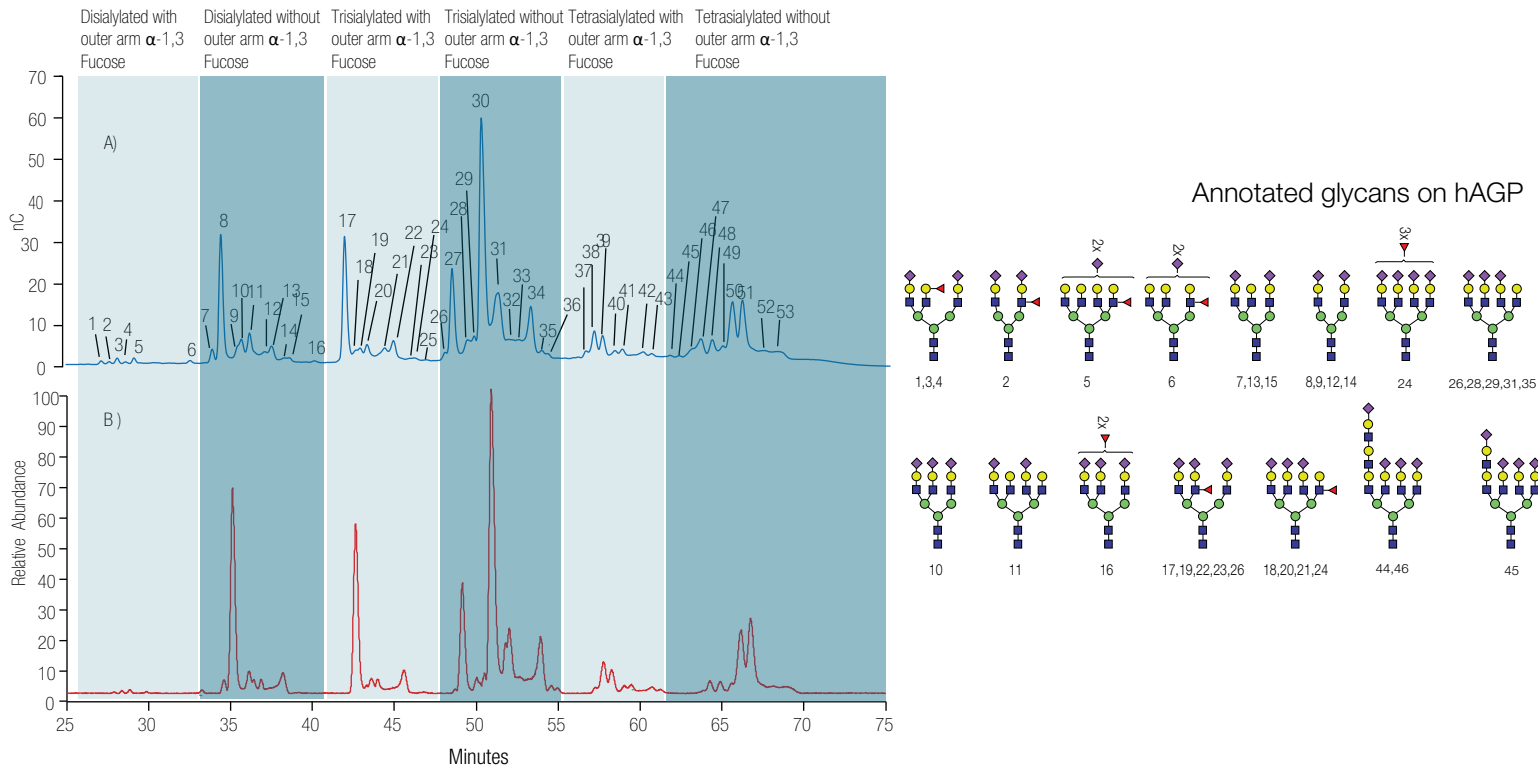
# Non-derivatized *N*-linked Glycans

## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

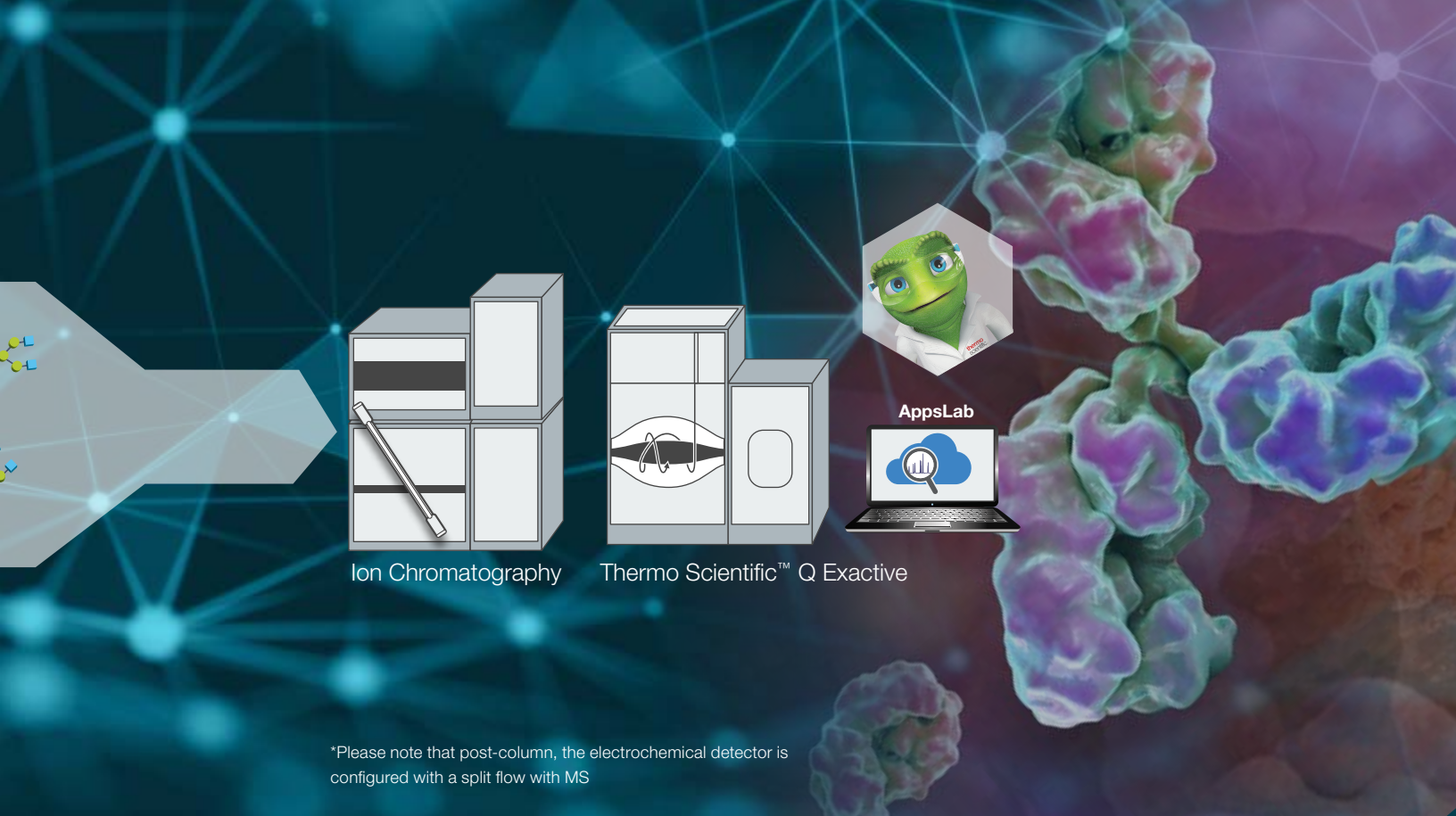
- Simultaneous separation and detection of neutral and sialylated (charged) glycans
- Easily interfaced with mass spectrometry (MS)
- In-depth characterization of all released glycans including low abundant glycans
- Excellent reproducibility of peak area distribution



## PAD (A) and MS (B) Chromatograms of hAGP Glycans



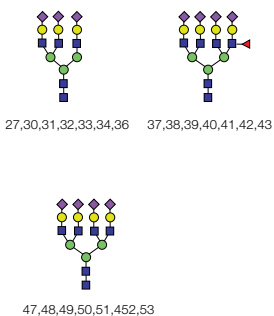
- Bias-free in-depth analysis of native *N*-linked glycans
- High resolution separation of glycans based on charge, linkage, position, and fucosylation
- MS2 spectra with diagnostic fragments allows highly reliable annotation of glycan species



\*Please note that post-column, the electrochemical detector is configured with a split flow with MS

## Glycans Identified from hAGP

(X denotes unknown linkages of sialic acid)

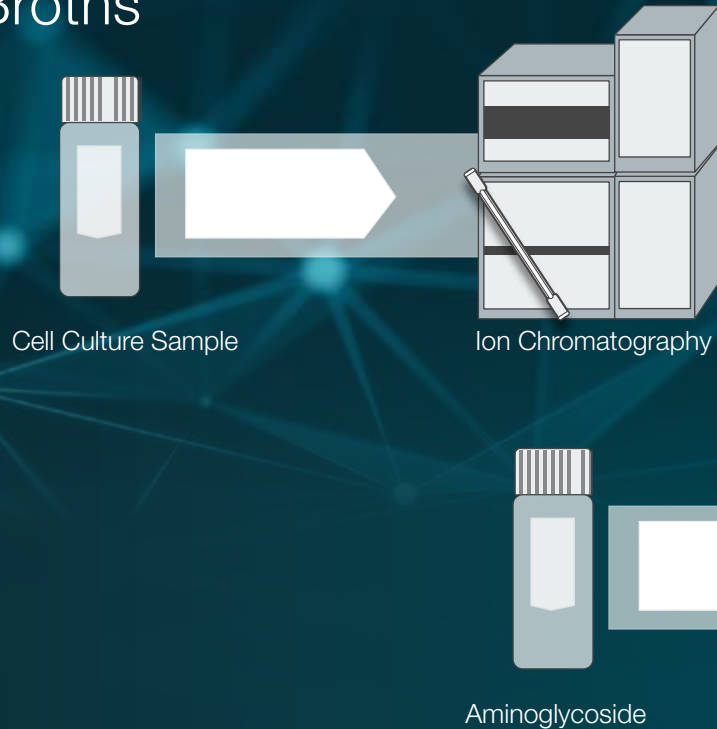


	Peak No.	Mass accuracy (ppm)	Glycan	Characteristic Fragments	
Trisialylated without outer arm fucose	26	0.2314	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)3	B5Z3 (D ion), 2,4A5/Z4β, C4/Y4β, 0,4X6/Z4β	
	26	0.15414	A4G(4)4S(X)3	C5/Z3 (D ion), 2,4X4α/Y3, 0,4X6β/B4, 2,4A6/Y3α	
	27	0.62524	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	28	0.2466	A4G(4)4S(X)3	C5/Z3 (D ion), 2,4X4α/Y3, 0,4X6β/B4, 2,4A6/Y3α	
	29	0.7294	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	30	0.06167	A4G(4)4S(X)3	C5/Z3 (D ion), 2,4X4α/Y3, 0,4X6β/B4, 2,4A6/Y3α	
	30	0.7294	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	31	0.3126	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	32	0.6252	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	33	0.7294	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	34	0.0616	A4G(4)4S(X)3	C5/Z3 (D ion), 2,4X4α/Y3, 0,4X6β/B4, 2,4A6/Y3α	
	35	0.5210	A3G(4)3S(X)3	B5/Z3 (D ion), 3,5A5, 1,3X6α/Y3, C5/Y3α	
	Tetrasialylated, outer arm fucose	36	-0.3260	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α
		37	-0.5705	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α
38		-0.5705	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α	
39		-0.65195	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α	
40		-0.89645	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α	
41		-0.5705	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α	
42		-0.5705	A4F(3)1G(4)4S(X)4	2,4A6/Y5γ, 1,5X5/B4, 0,2X6α/B4α, 0,2X4β/Y3α	

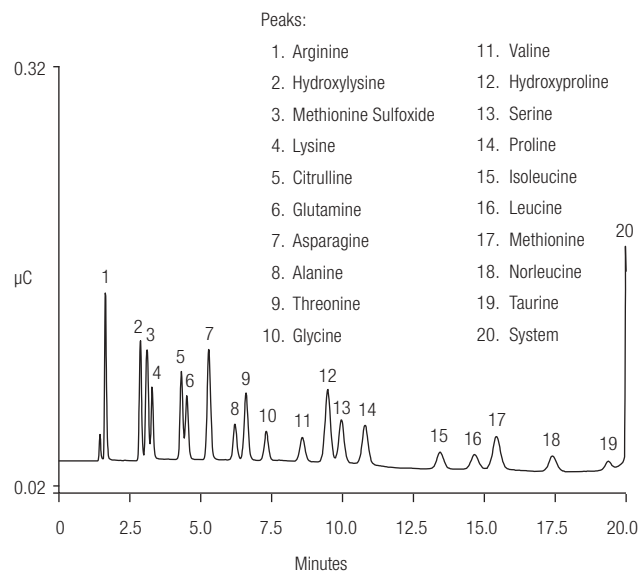
# Cell Culture and Fermentation Broths

## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

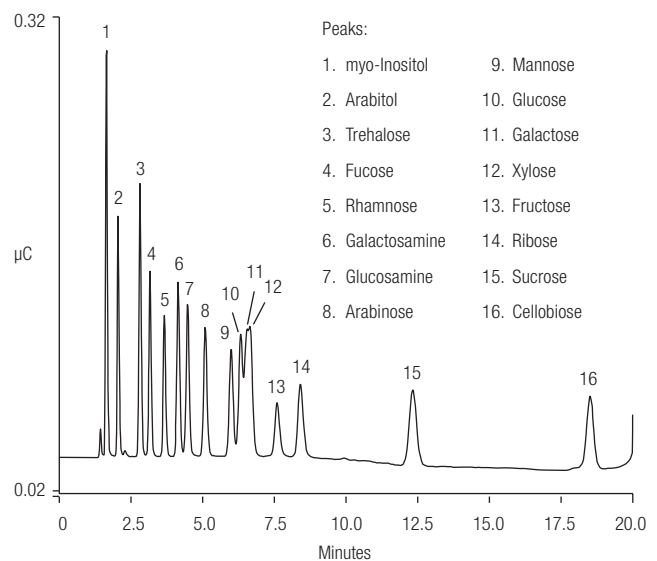
- Simultaneous detection of carbohydrates and amino acids in cell cultures
- Mid-femtomole to low-picomole detection limits
- Compatible with all commonly used hydrolysis procedures
- Compatible with on-line monitoring and analysis



## Amino Acids in Cell Culture Media



## Carbohydrates in Fermentation Broths

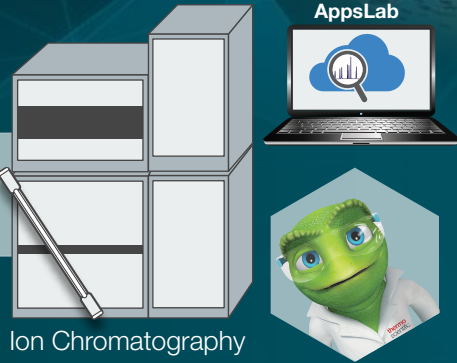


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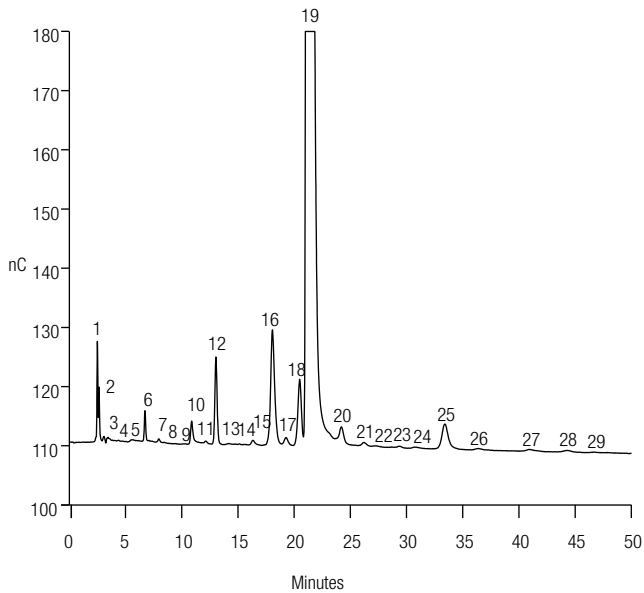
# Aminoglycosides

## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

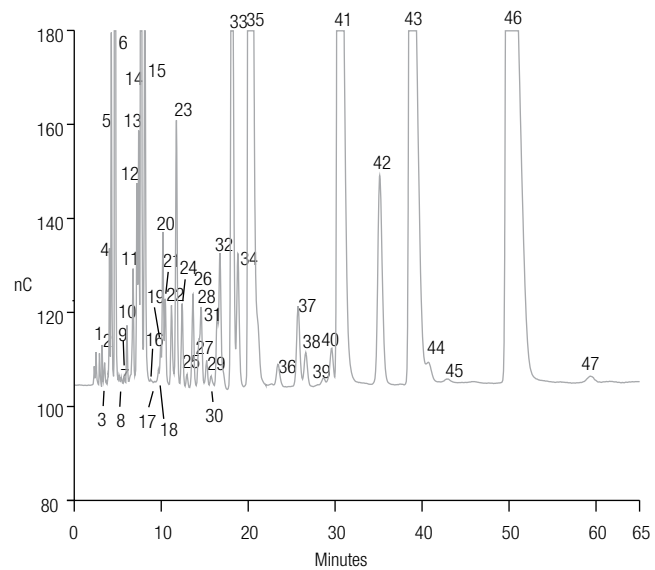
- Reproducible direct detection of aminoglycosides
- Reliable and flexible platform to perform an array of antibiotic analyses
- High sensitivity
  - ~500 times more sensitive than UV
  - ~1,000 times more sensitive than RI and ELSD
- High selectivity
- Minimal interference from excipients in pharmaceutical formulations



## Detection of Impurities in Etimicin



## Screening for Gentamicin Analogs and Impurities

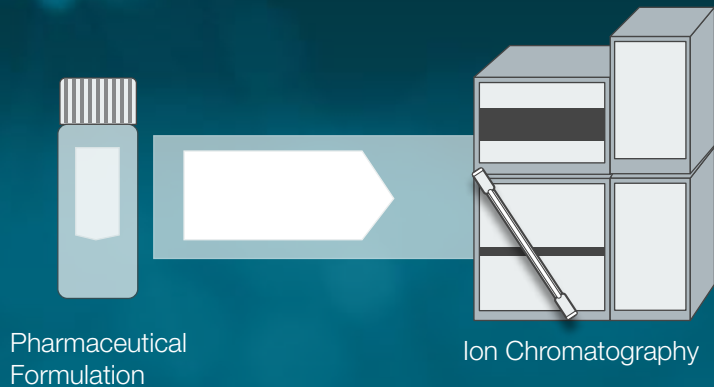


IC offers robust separations and sensitive detections for drug purity characterizations and screenings

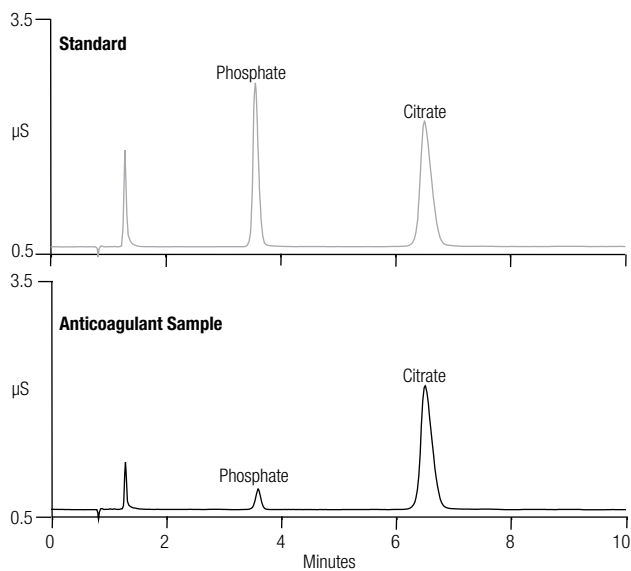
# Counterion and Impurity Analysis

## Uses of Ion Chromatography

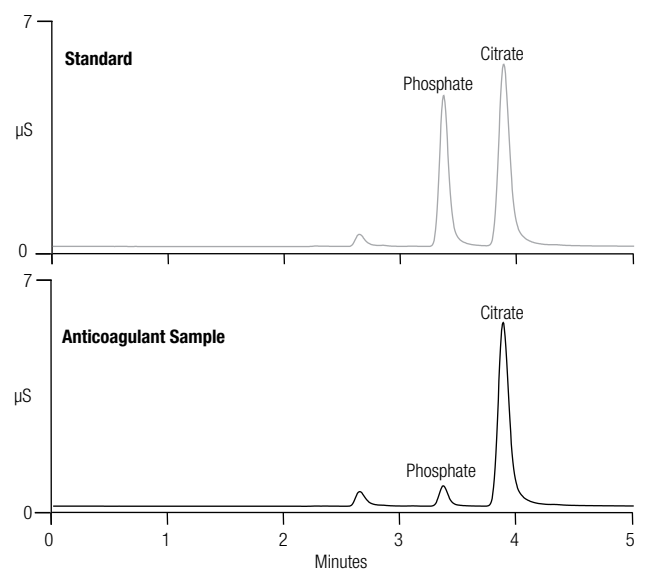
- Counterion determinations
- Impurity analysis in drug substances
- Assay of the drug substance
- Measuring excipients in drug products



## Assays



Determination of citric acid/citrate & phosphate in pharmaceutical formulations; USP General Chapter <345>



Modernized IC assay for citric acid/citrate and phosphate in pharmaceutical formulations

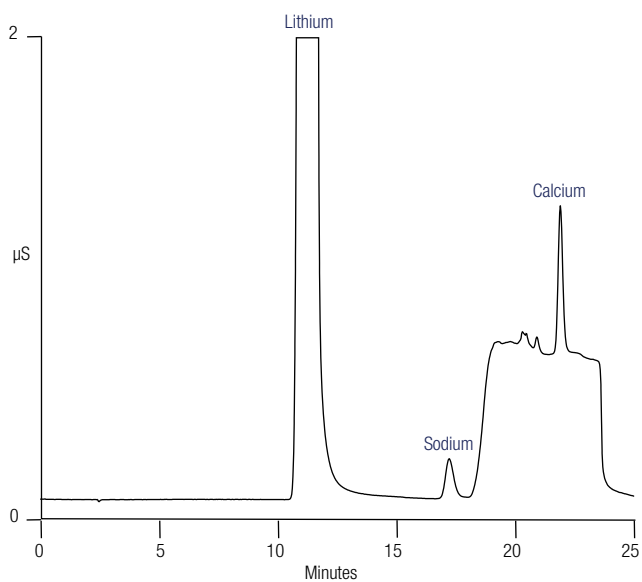
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## Benefits of Ion Chromatography

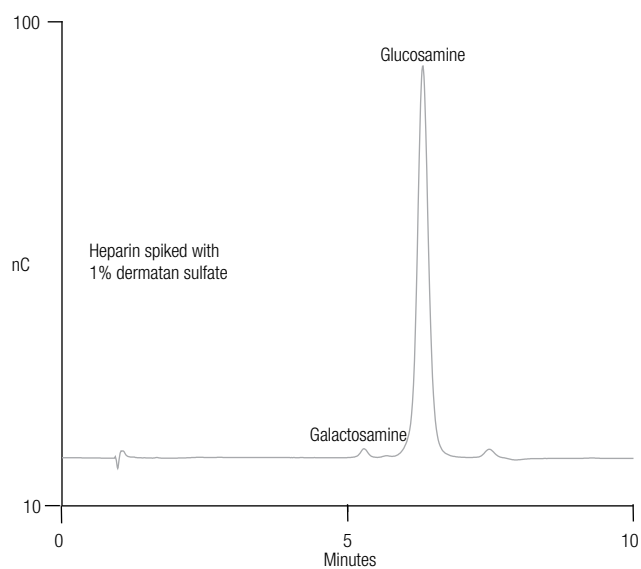
- Faster analysis - simultaneously measure multiple ions with a single injection
- Enhance method reproducibility using RFIC eluent generator
- USP recognized chromatographic chemistries and consumables
- IC often demonstrates detection limits well below the limits set in the USP monograph

### Lithium Assay



Assay of lithium in lithium carbonate

### Organic Impurity Analysis



Determination of galactosamine as an impurity in acid-hydrolyzed heparin samples

# Recommended Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ column portfolio for carbohydrate and amino acid analysis

Column Options	Recommended application use
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA200 Column Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA100 Column	Fast, pH-stable and high-resolution mapping and analysis of charged and neutral oligosaccharides; separations based on size, charge, degree of branching, and linkage isomerism.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA20 Column	High-resolution separations of mono- and disaccharides, including optimized resolution of glucosamine/galactose and glucose/mannose peak pairs.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA20 Fast Sialic Acid Column	Fast analysis of sialic acids (e.g., N-acetyl- and N-glycolylneuraminic acids) in glycoprotein acid hydrolysates.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ MA1 Column	For sensitive, rugged, and reliable separations of reduced sugars. Achieve baseline resolution of fucose, N-acetyl-(D)-glucosamine, N-acetyl-galactosamine, mannose, glucose, galactose, and neutral oligosaccharides in the same separation.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA10 Column	Separation of mono- and disaccharides in drugs and mammalian glycoproteins; separation of sialic acids when sodium acetate is added to the eluent.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CarboPac™ PA1 Column	Separation of mono- and disaccharides including sialic acids, as well as specific oligosaccharides using an isocratic eluent.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ AminoPac™ PA10 Column	High-resolution separation of free amino acids using the Thermo Scientific AAA-Direct Amino Acid Analyzer.
Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ IonPac™ AmG RP Column	High performance RP (C18) PEEK column for robust ion-pair separation of aminoglycosides.

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