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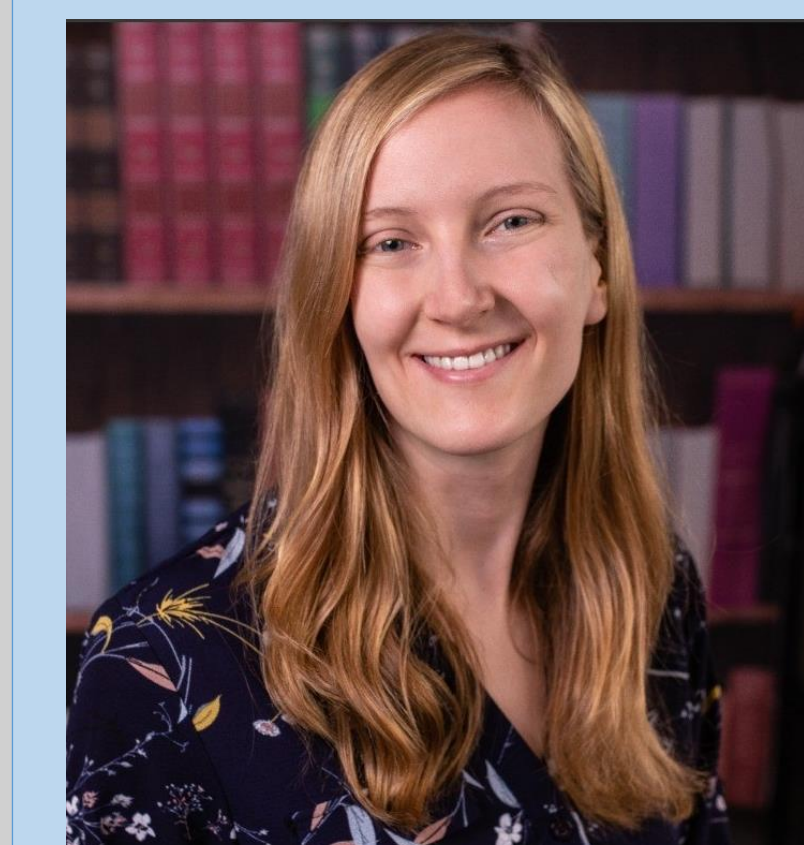
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Introduction

- In upstream bioprocess development, timely feedback on process and product related information are crucial to affect design-make-test cycle.
- Waters Immerse Delaware is built to mimic an upstream cell culture and analytical setting.
- The center is currently equipped with Ambr® 250 bioreactor (Sartorius AG) for DOE experiment, Andrew+™ Robots for automated sample preparation, an ACQUITY™ UPLC™ system, BioAccord™ LC-MS system, and other bioanalyzers for cell counting and other attributes.
- In this poster, automated sample preparation and rapid LC, LC-MS screening methods are detailed for titer, aggregation, media and other CQA assays. These methods can be readily adopted by process engineers allowing timely data collection and analysis.
- These analytical techniques have been applied to process optimization experiments using Ambr250 Multi-Parallel Bioreactor system. Example data are displayed.



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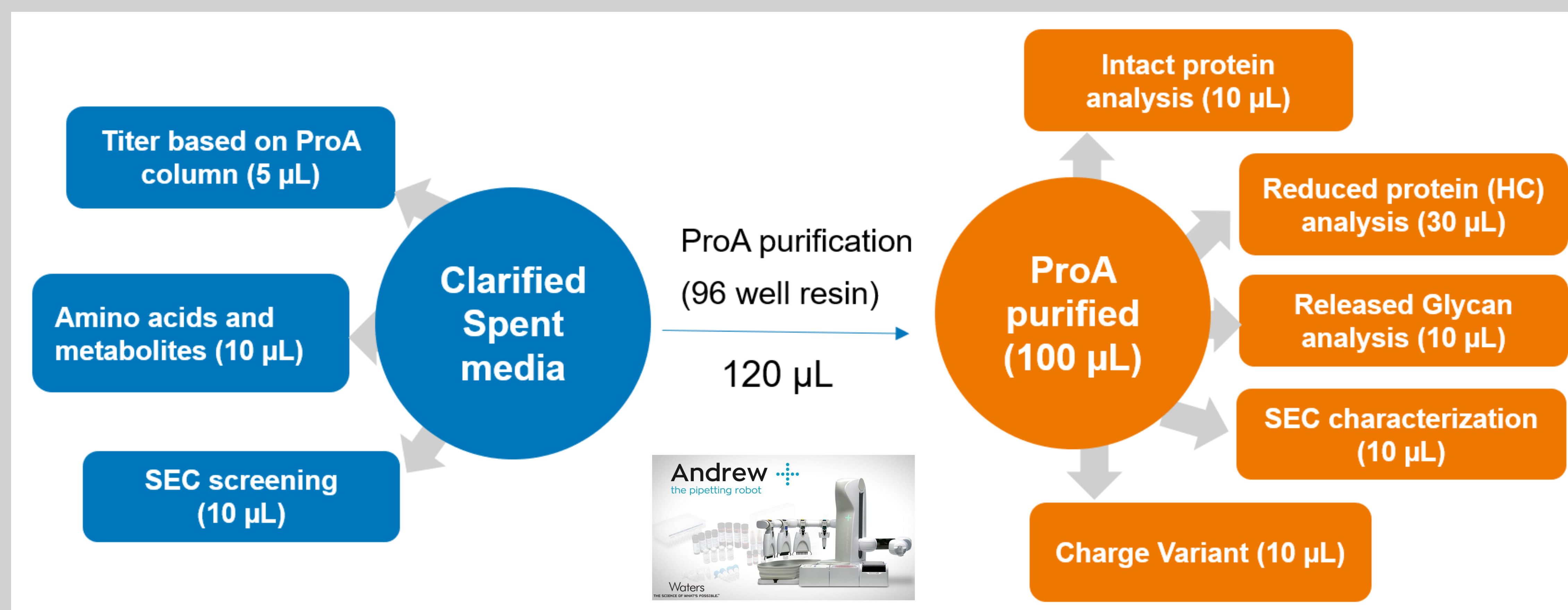
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Automated Sample Preparations

- Samples used in various analysis for process and products attributes are either raw media or purified media based on ProA affinity capture.
- Andrew+ Pipette Robots is extensively used in sample preparation.
- Figure below shows sample generation/consumption for various analysis. Blue colored are those using raw media. Orange colored are those using ProA purified samples.



Total spent media volume used = 150 µL

Total ProA purified volume used = 70 µL

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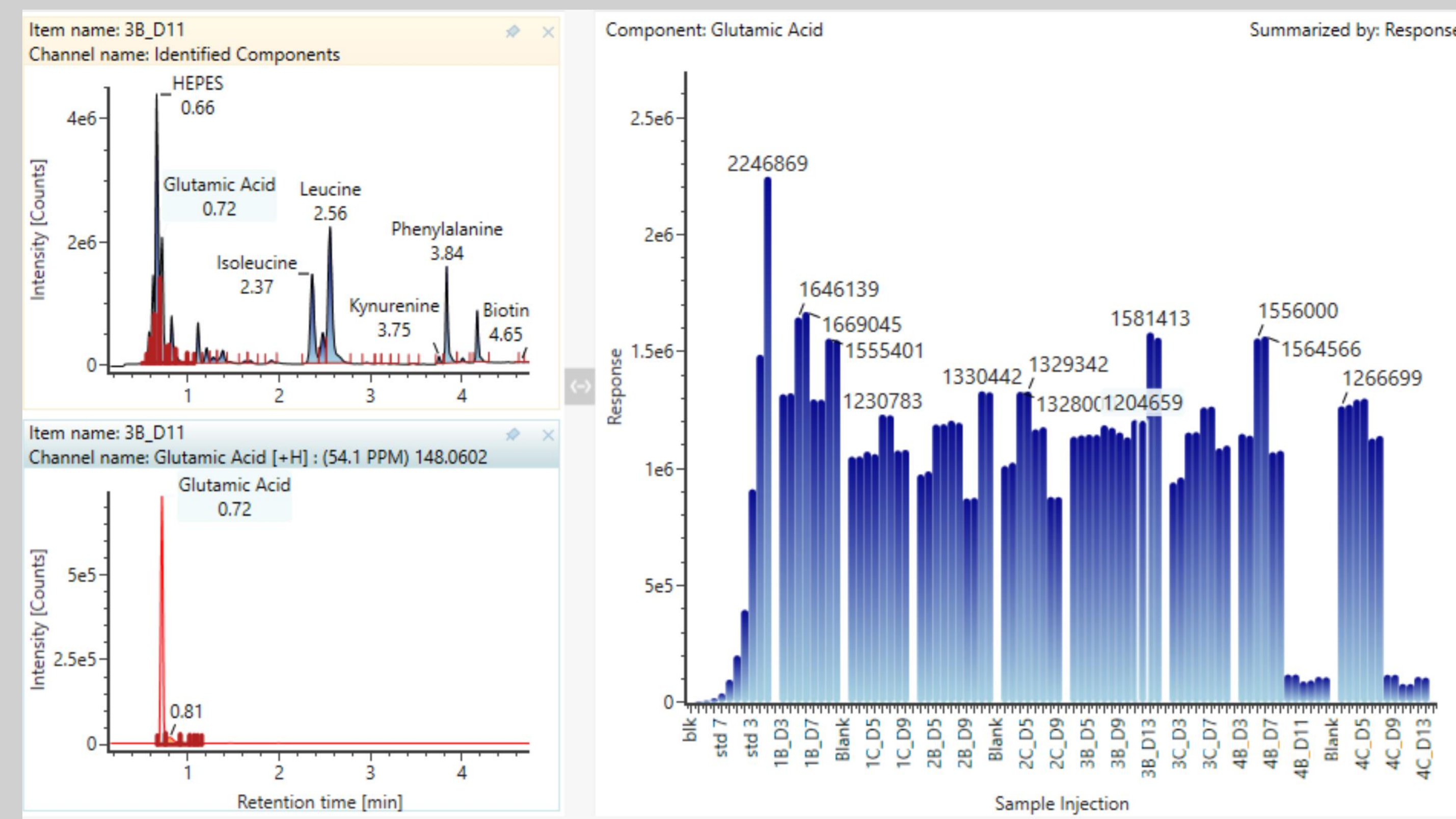
Cell culture media and metabolites analysis

- Spent culture media and metabolites analyses is based on reversed-phase chromatography using Waters ACQUITY Premier HSS T3 1.8 µm 2.1 x 100 mm column on the BioAccord HRMS system. Run time is 9 min.
- The method comes with an analysis package including 220+ compounds library and guided workflow using waters_connect™ instrument controlling software.

Column temperature = 40 °C
Mobile phase A = 0.1%FA
Mobile phase B = 90%ACN/10%IPA/0.1%FA
Run time = 9 min x 2 (pos/neg)
Injection volume = 2 µL
Desolvation temperature = 550 °C
Capillary voltage = 1 kV (pos)
Cone voltage = 20 V (pos)

Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Composition A (%)	Composition B (%)	Curve
0.00	0.350	100.0	0.0	Initial
1.00	0.350	100.0	0.0	6
2.50	0.350	95.0	5.0	6
4.50	0.350	60.0	40.0	6
7.00	0.350	5.0	95.0	6
8.00	0.350	5.0	95.0	6
8.10	0.350	100.0	0.0	6
10.00	0.350	100.0	0.0	6

LC-MS conditions and gradient table



Example data showing TIC of all detected compound, XIC for glutamic acid and its trending plot of bioreactor sampled over the course of incubation.

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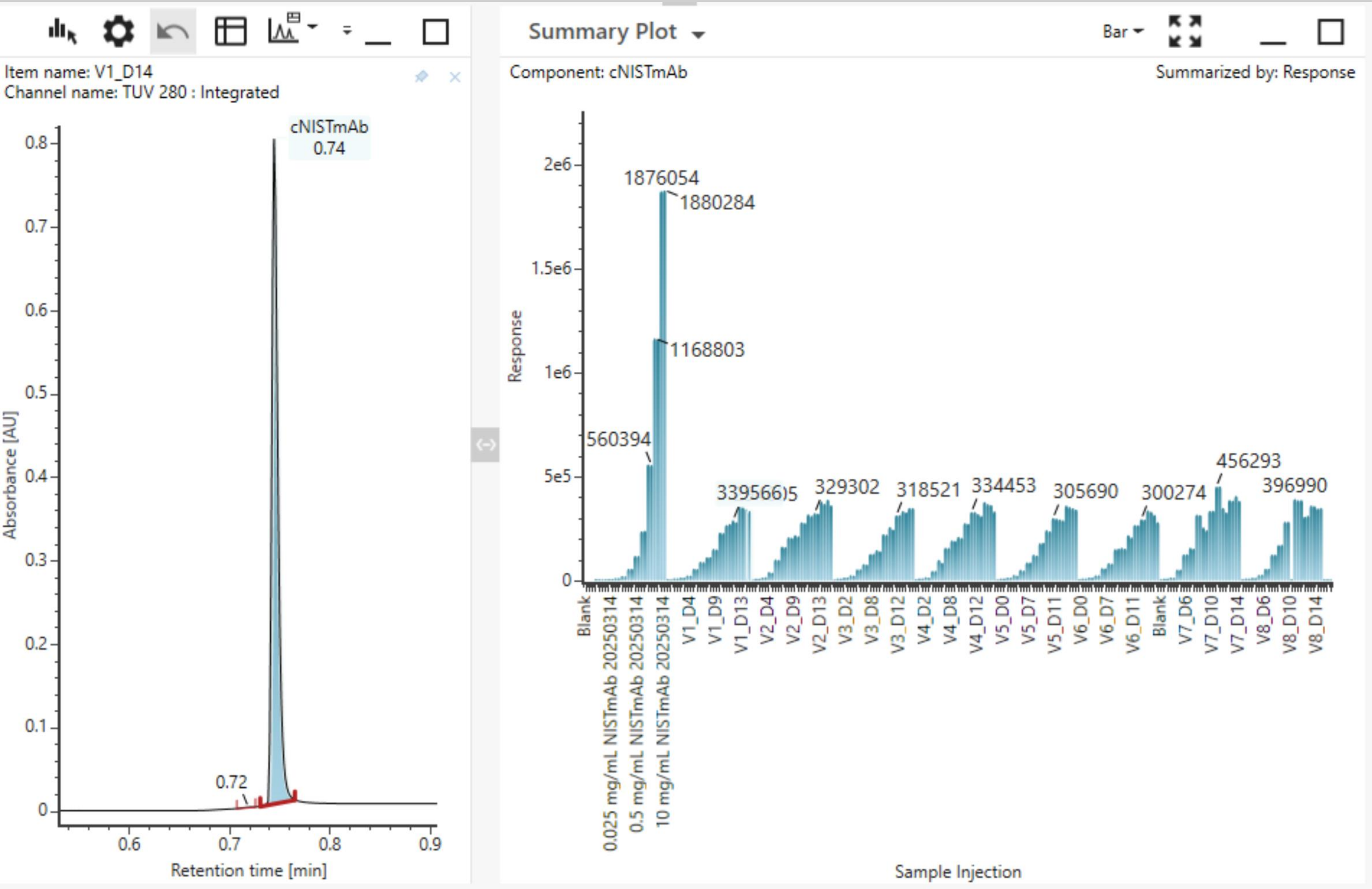
Titer determination using ProA affinity chromatography

- Titer (g/L) measurement is based on Waters ProA affinity column 2.1 x 20 mm using ACQUITY Premier LC-UV system. Run time is 3 min.
- Samples are clarified spent media from bioreactor.

Column temperature = 25 °C
Mobile phase A = 1x DPBS
Mobile phase B = 0.1%FA
UV = 280 nm
Injection volume = 1-2 µL

Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Composition A (%)	Composition B (%)	Curve
0.00	0.750	100.0	0.0	Initial
0.50	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
0.51	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.00	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.01	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
1.20	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
1.21	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.40	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.41	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
1.60	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
1.61	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.80	0.750	0.0	100.0	6
1.81	0.750	100.0	0.0	6
3.00	0.750	100.0	0.0	6

LC-UV conditions, gradient cycling post elution was included for a reduced carryover.



Example data showing TUV chromatogram of mAb in question and its trending plot of bioreactor samples obtained throughout the course of an incubation.

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Aggregation measurement based on SEC column

- Two SEC method are used for screening or characterization.
- Screening method uses ACQUITY Premier SEC 250 Å 1.7 µm 4.6 x 100 mm column.
- Characterization method uses Acquity Premier SEC 250 Å 1.7 µm 4.6 x 300 column.

Screening method

Column = Premier SEC 4.6 x 100 mm

Column temperature = 25 °C

Isocratic mobile phase = 1 x DPBS

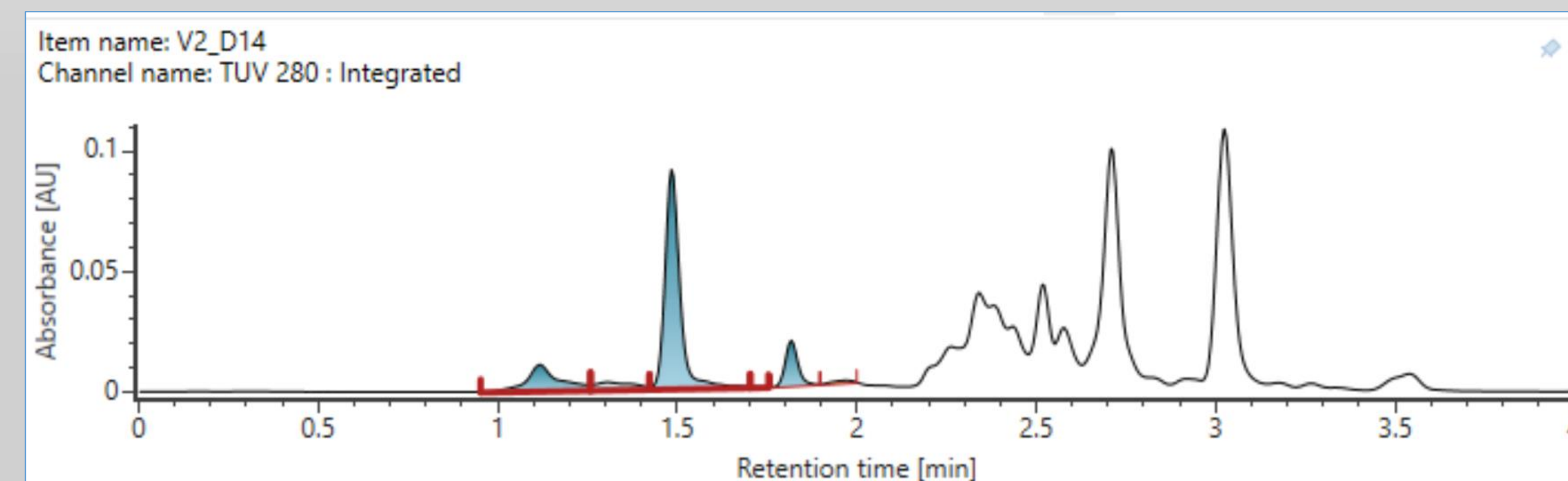
Flow rate = 0.5 mL/min

Run time = 4 min

Injection volume = 1 µL

UV = 280 nm

Sample = clarified Spent media or ProA purified, no
dilution



SEC analysis of raw spent media using screening method

Characterization method

Column = Premier SEC 4.6 x 300 mm

Column temperature = 25 °C

Isocratic mobile phase = 1xDPBS

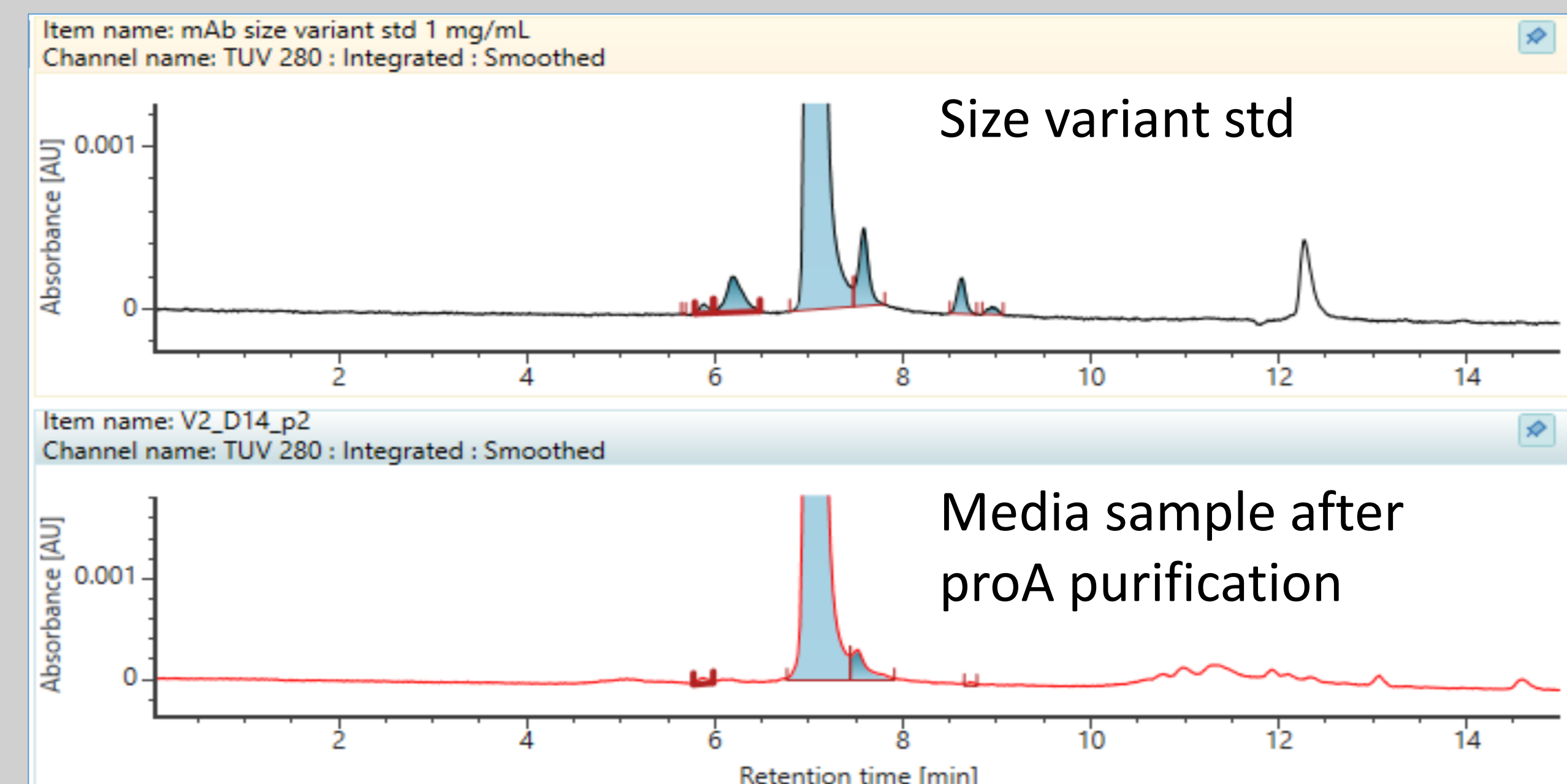
Flow rate = 0.3 mL/min

Run time = 15 min

Injection volume = 1 µL

UV = 280 nm

Sample = ProA purified sample



SEC analysis of ProA purified mAb using characterization method

LC-UV conditions

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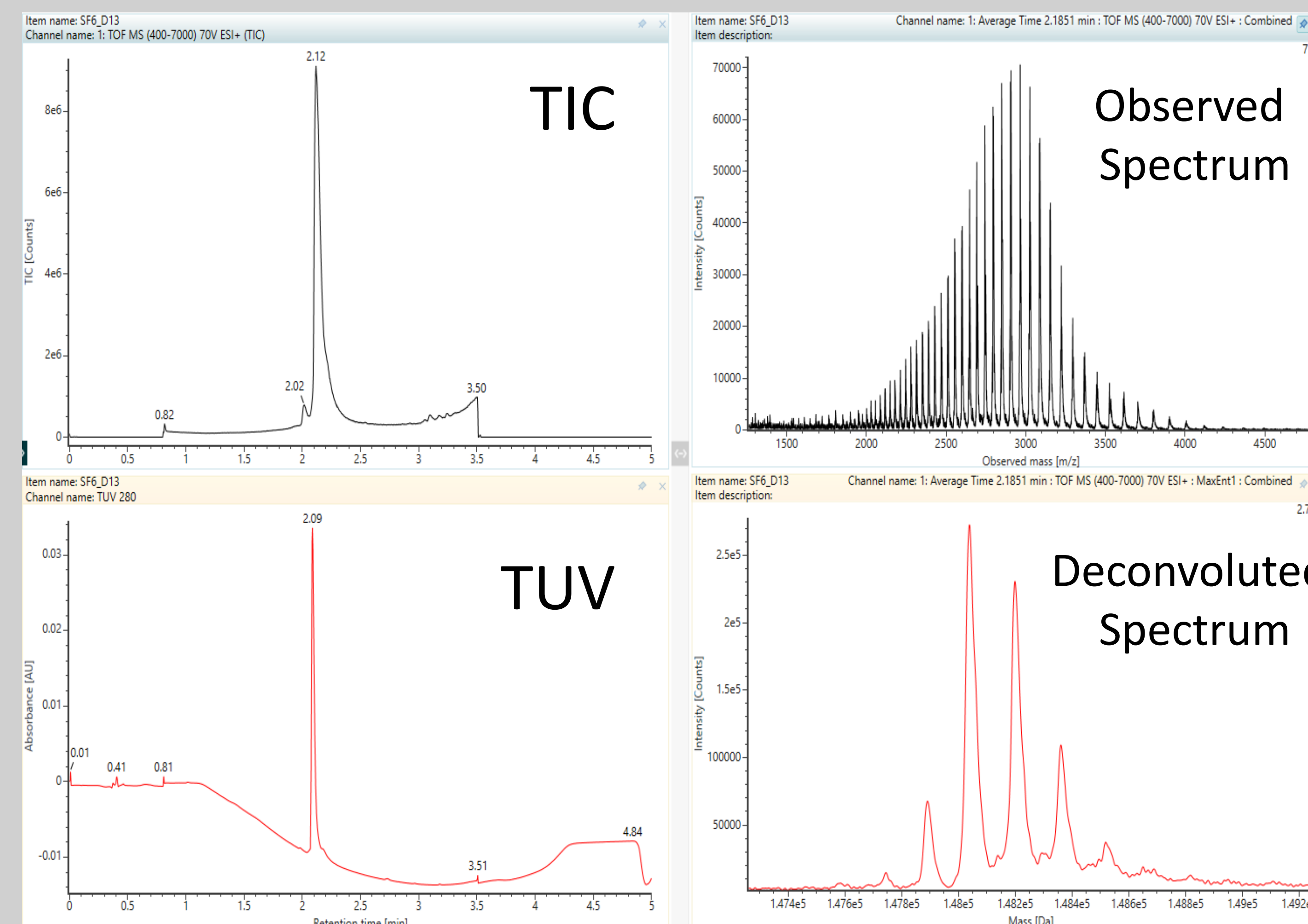
Intact Protein analysis

- Intact protein analysis uses ACQUITY Premier Protein BEH C4 300 Å 1.7 µm 2.1 x 50 mm column on the BioAccord system. Run time is 5 min.
- Media sample were purified using resin based ProA affinity capture on Andrew+ Pipette Robot and diluted 1:10 with formic acid.

Column temperature = 80 °C
Mobile phase = 0.1% FA
Mobile phase B = 90%ACN/10%IPA/0.1%FA
Injection volume = 5 µL
UV = 280 nm
Desolvation temperature = 550 °C
Capillary voltage = 1.5 kV
Cone voltage = 70 V

Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Composition A (%)	Composition B (%)	Curve
0.00	0.400	95.0	5.0	Initial
0.50	0.400	95.0	5.0	6
1.00	0.400	85.0	15.0	6
3.50	0.400	15.0	85.0	6
3.70	0.400	5.0	95.0	6
4.30	0.400	5.0	95.0	6
4.50	0.400	95.0	5.0	6
5.00	0.400	95.0	5.0	6

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Example data showing UV and Mass chromatogram of mAb, the observed and deconvoluted mass spectra.

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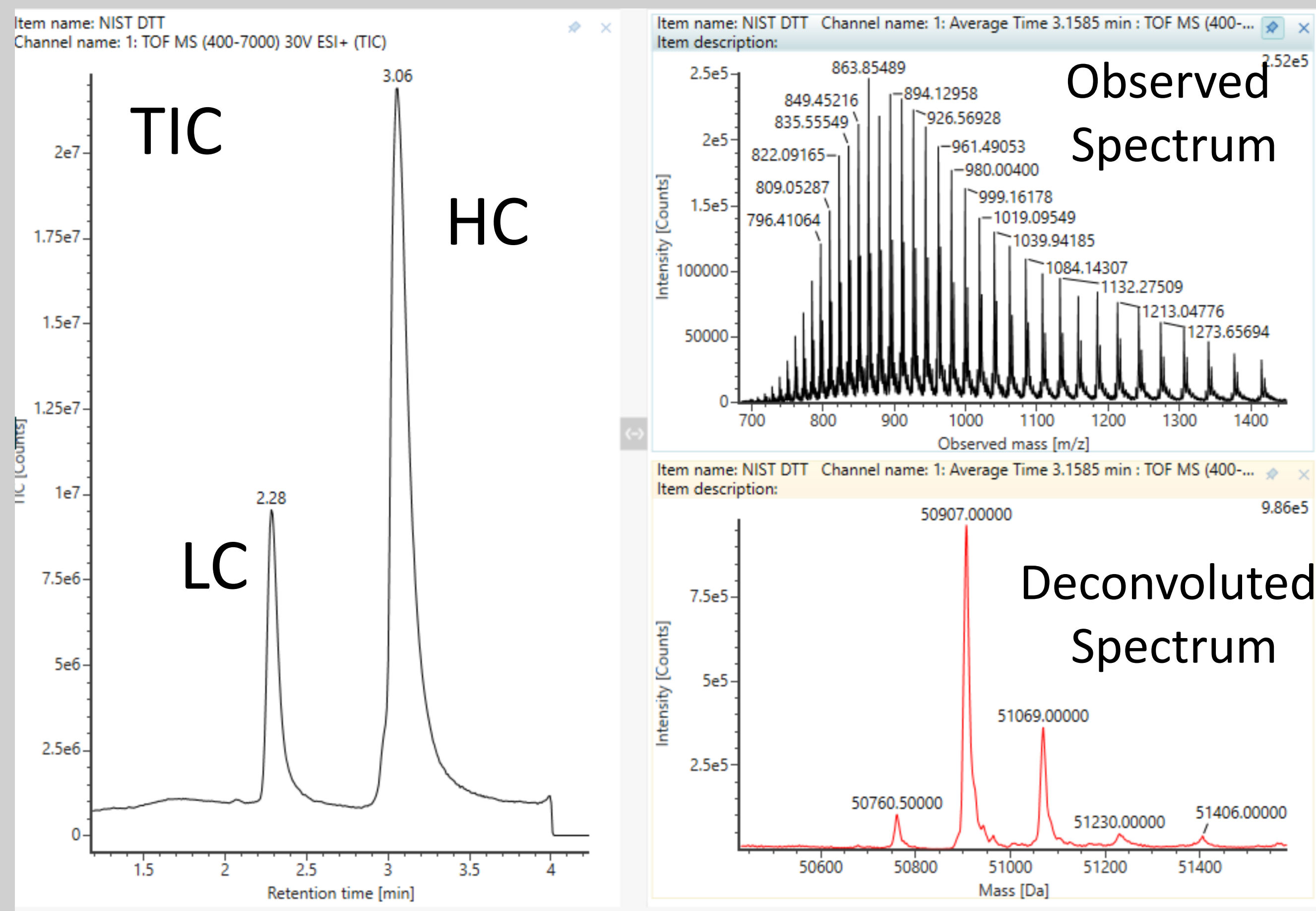
Reduced Protein analysis via LC and HC (DTT reduction)

- Reduced protein analysis is based on guanidine denaturing and DTT reduction to produce light chain (LC) and heavy chain (HC).
- The analysis uses ACQUITY Premier Protein BEH C4 300 Å 1.7 µm 2.1 x 50 mm column using the BioAccord system. Run time is 5 min.

Column temperature = 60 °C
Mobile phase = 0.1% FA
Mobile phase B = 90%ACN/ 10%IPA/ 0.1%FA
Injection volume = 2 µL
UV = 260 nm
Desolvation temperature = 450 °C
Capillary voltage = 1.2 kV
Cone voltage = 30 V

Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Composition A (%)	Composition B (%)	Curve
0.00	0.400	95.0	5.0	Initial
0.50	0.400	95.0	5.0	6
1.00	0.400	75.0	25.0	6
3.50	0.400	65.0	35.0	6
3.70	0.400	10.0	90.0	6
4.30	0.400	10.0	90.0	6
4.50	0.400	95.0	5.0	6
5.00	0.400	95.0	5.0	6

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Example data showing chromatogram of reduced mAb to generate HC and LC, the observed and deconvoluted mass spectra of HC.

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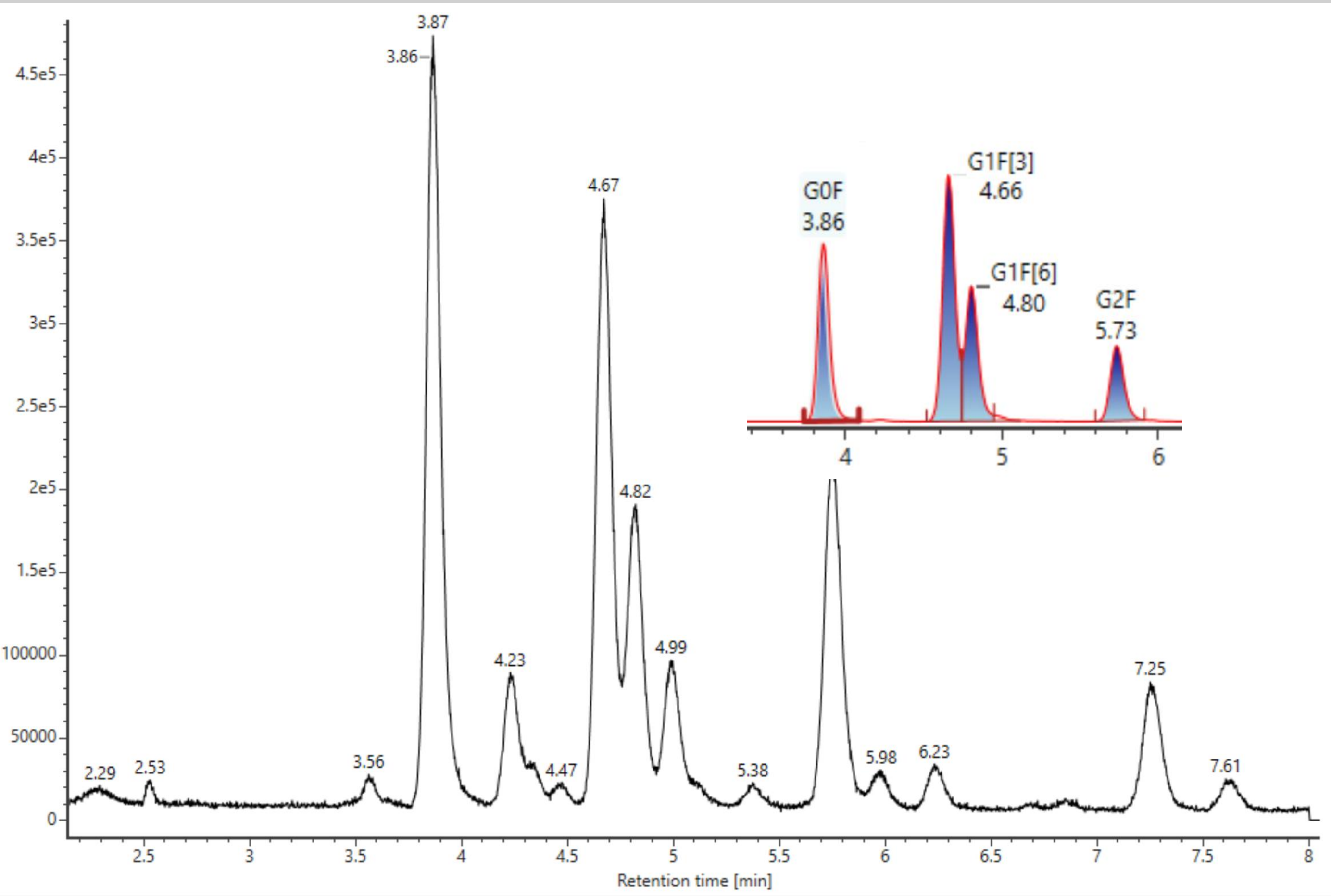
Released Glycan analysis

- Released glycan analysis uses ACQUITY Premier Glycan BEH Amide 130 Å 1.7 µm 2.1 x 150 mm on the BioAccord system. Run time is 10 min.
- Samples were prepared using Waters released Glycan kits using Andrew+ Pipetting Robots.

Column temperature = 60 °C
Mobile phase A = Ammonium format glycan solution
Mobile phase B = ACN
Injection volume = 2 µL
UV = 260 nm
Desolvation temperature = 550 °C
Capillary voltage = 1.3 kV
Cone voltage = 40 V

Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Composition A (%)	Composition B (%)	Curve
0.00	0.400	35.0	65.0	Initial
7.00	0.400	40.0	60.0	6
7.10	0.400	60.0	40.0	6
7.50	0.400	60.0	40.0	6
7.60	0.400	35.0	65.0	6
10.00	0.400	35.0	65.0	6

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Example data showing total ion chromatogram of released glycan of a mAb sample. Insert showed major glycans detected.

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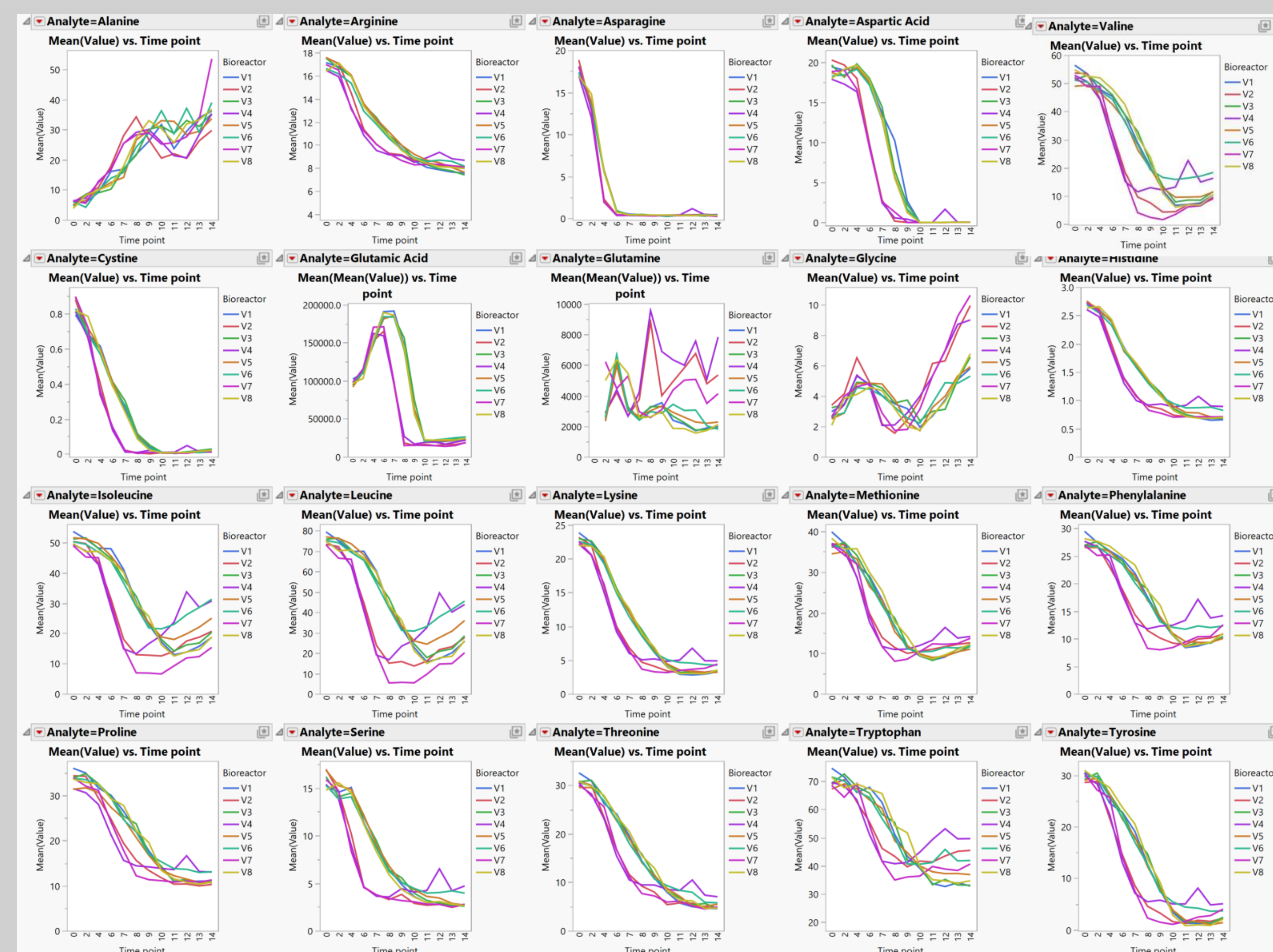
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JMP add-in for data visualization and analysis

- Waters add-in is available in JMP® (SAS Institute Inc.) marketplace free-of-charge for download. The add-in enables data import, organize and display data based on class or biotransformation pathways. One example is shown below displaying overlaid plot of amino acid in 8 bioreactors over 14 days of incubation.



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- Rapid analytical methods are developed for titer, aggregation, intact protein, reduced protein, and released glycan analysis.
- When possible, same mobile phases are used across multiple assays:
 - Intact protein, reduced protein, and media and metabolite analysis share the same mobile phase A: (H₂O/0.1%FA), and Mobile phase B (90% ACN, 10% IPA, 0.1% FA).
 - Titer and SEC analysis use the same mobile phase A (DPBS buffer solution)
 - Aqueous buffer mobile phases are all from commercially available for ease of preparation.
- All sample preparations are carried out using Andrew+ Pipetting Robots.
- These methods1 have been applied in Ambr250 incubation, timely feedback of process and product related attributes have provided detailed understanding of the process in the design-make-test cycle.

