



# Agilent 1290 Infinity II 2D-LC Solution Biopharmaceutical Polymer Analysis

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# Overview

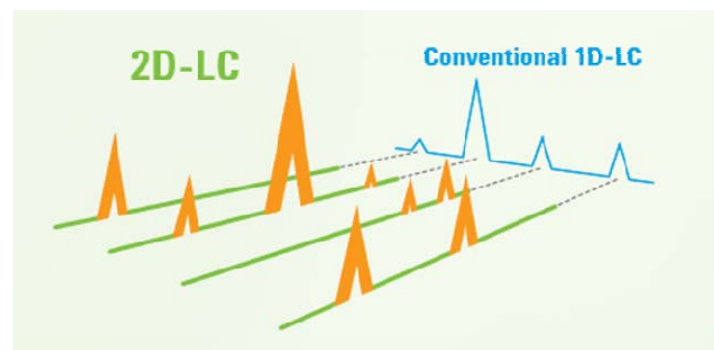
- Resolving power and how to measure it
- Why two-dimensional LC?
- Setup of a 2D-LC System
- Different modes of 2D-LC
  - Heart-Cutting 2D-LC
  - Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC
  - High Resolution Sampling 2D-LC
  - Comprehensive 2D-LC
- One software for all 2D-LC modes
- Online 2DLC for Biopharmaceuticals – 4 case studies

# Increasing Lab Efficiency

## UHPLC and Other Solutions



- Accelerating Analysis
  - UHPLC particles (sub-2 $\mu\text{m}$  columns + UHPLC systems)
- Automation
  - Automated sample preparation
  - Valve solutions
- Increasing peak capacity
  - Longer columns
  - Online 2D-LC



# Why Two-Dimensional LC? General Thoughts in Separation Science



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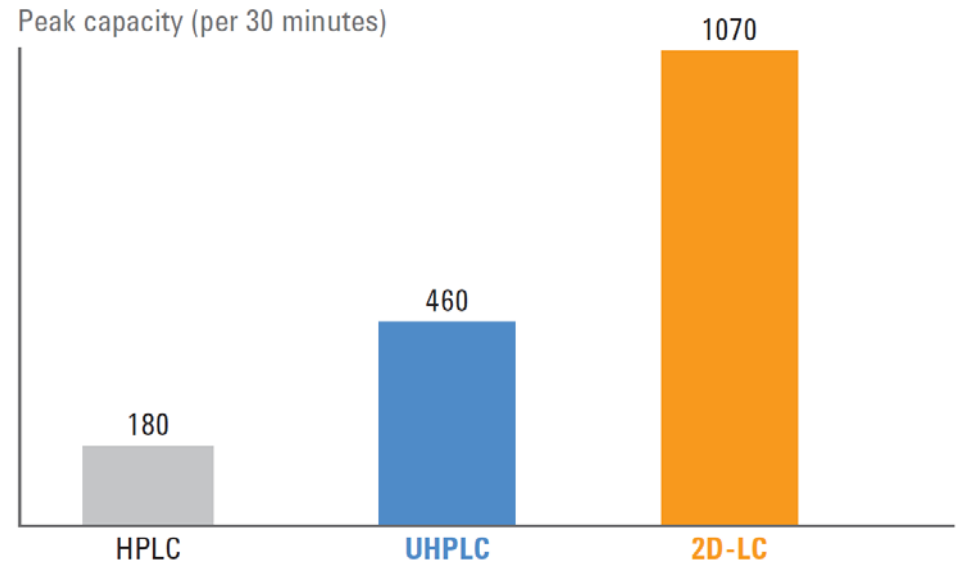
Review

Some reflections on speed and efficiency of modern  
chromatographic methods

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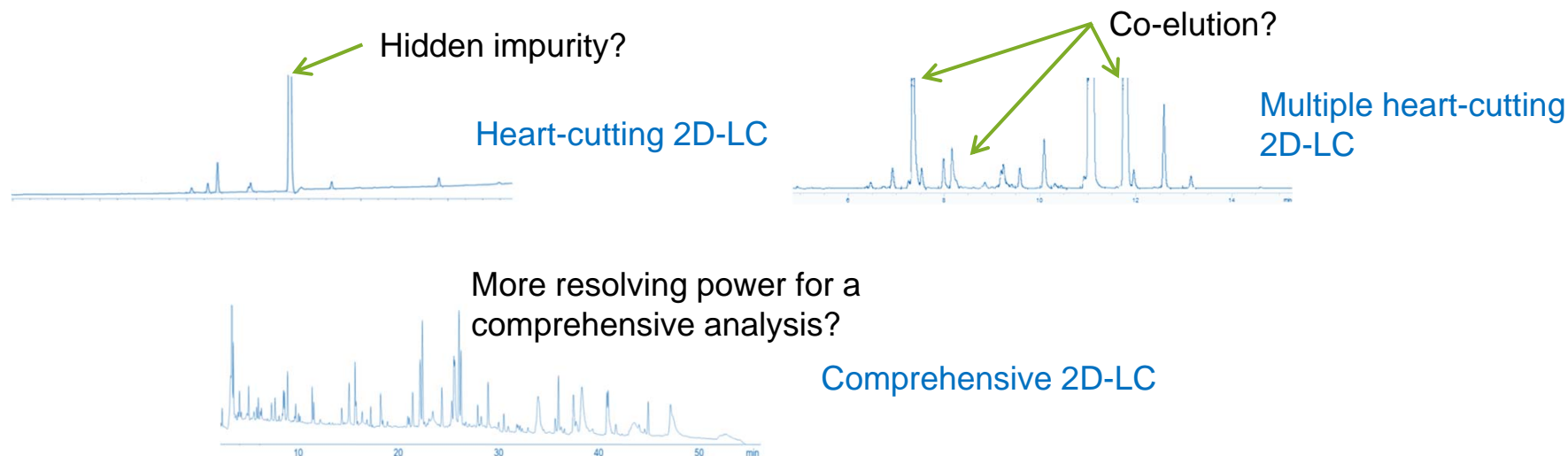
***“Resolving power is what it is all  
about in analytical separation  
science.”***



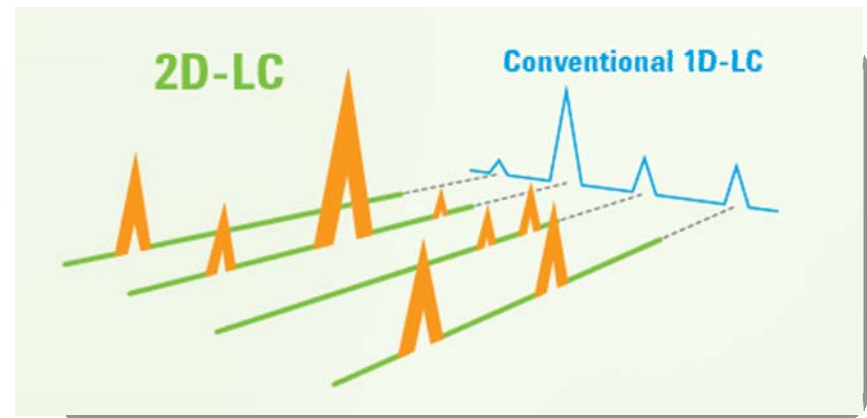
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# Why Two-Dimensional LC?

- Increased peak capacity
- Further resolution of a complex mixture that cannot be separated on a single column
- Sample cleanup by removing matrix or interfering compounds
- Increase sample throughput (two separations going on at once)

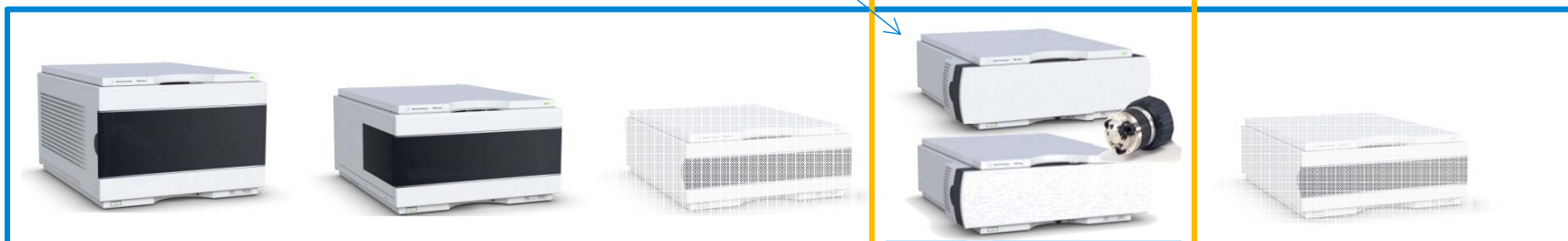


# Agilent's 2D-LC Solution



# 2D LC Modules

## 1. Dimension



1290 Infinity Binary Pump

1290 Infinity Autosampler or 1260 HiP Autosampler

Optional 1260/1290 Infinity Detector

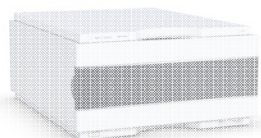
## 2. Dimension



1290 Infinity Binary Pump

Optional 1260/1290 Infinity Detector

To monitor waste-line



1260 Infinity Capillary Pump



1260 Infinity Autosampler

For 1st dimension chromatogram and peak-triggering



1260/1290 Infinity detector

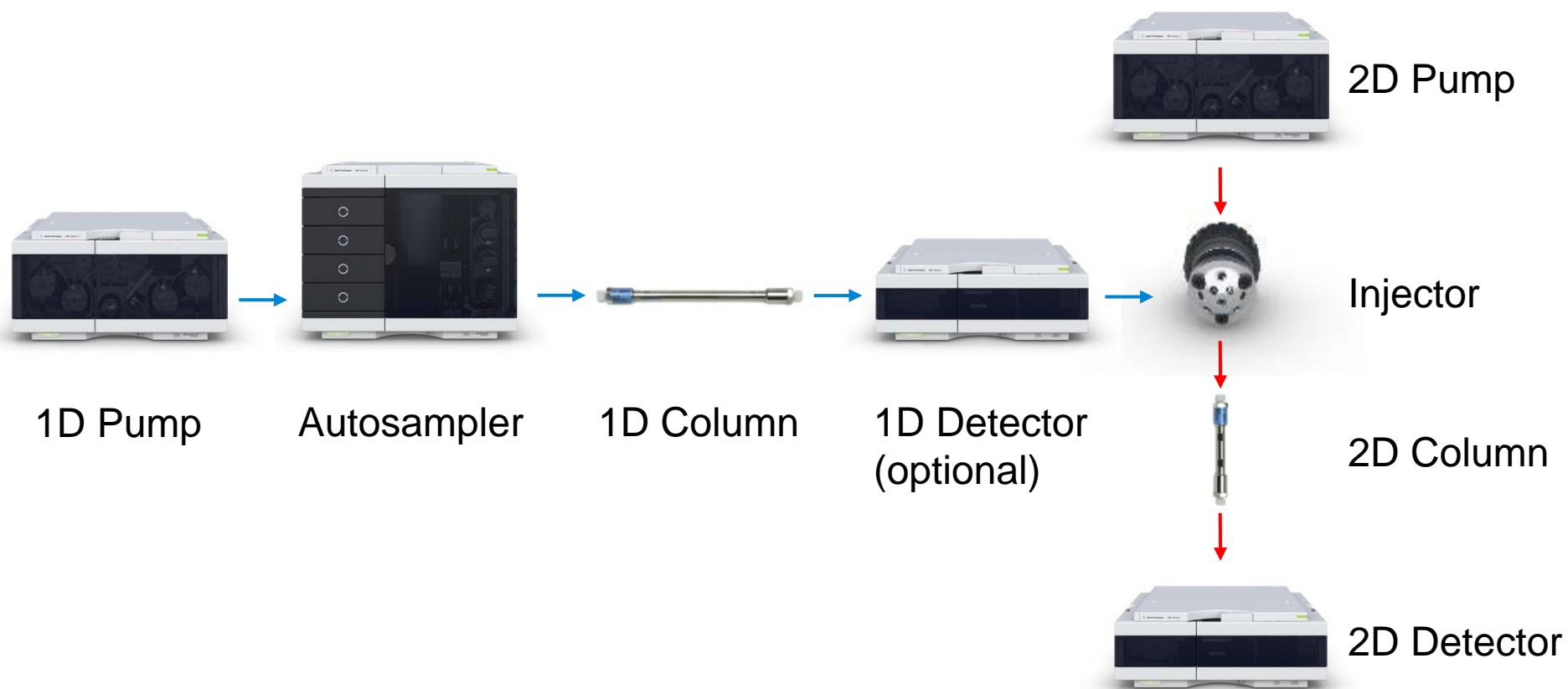


1260 Infinity Binary or Quaternary Pump

**Almost any Agilent pump or autosampler in the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension!  
Almost any detectors are supported!  
A 1290 Infinity Binary Pump for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension is required.**



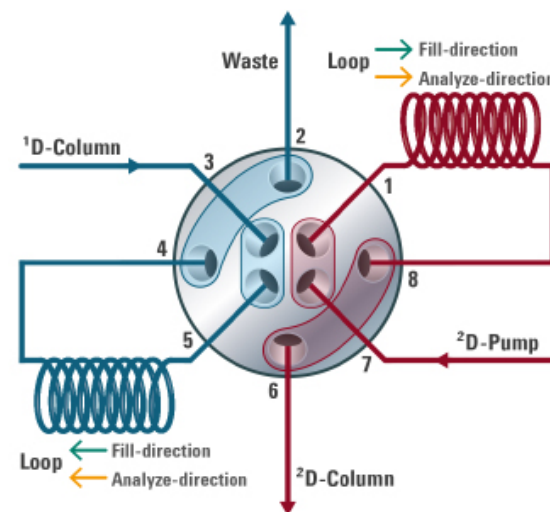
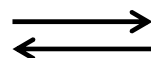
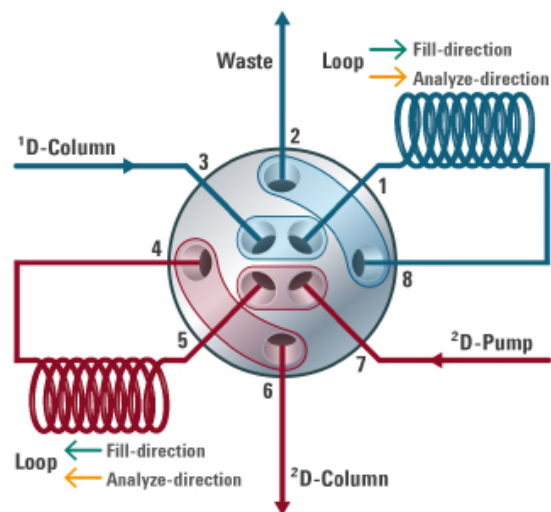
# 2D-LC System Configuration



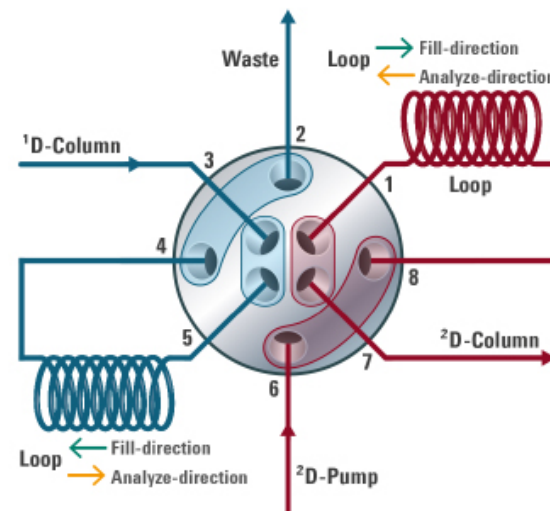
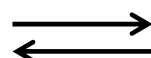
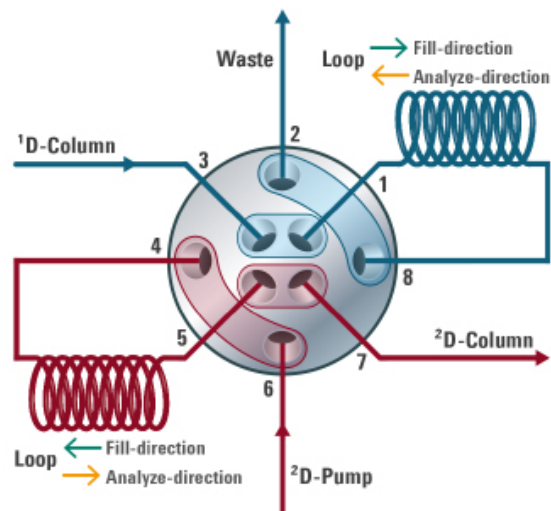


# Unique Agilent 2D-LC Valve

Cocurrent



Countercurrent



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# Consider Dedicated Bio-inert HPLC Protein Analysis for First Dimension

Unspecific surface binding

Low throughput, low resolution

Peak tailing for critical proteins

Corrosion and pH issues with standard LC

Decreased column lifetime and chromatographic performance

Metal-free chromatography needs (e.g. Cr Speciation)

High pH applications

Phosphorylated compounds, oligonucleotides

# Agilent 1260 Infinity II Bio-Inert Quaternary LC

## The New Standard in Bioanalysis



### 100% Bio-inert

- ✓ Precious sample does **not touch metal surfaces**
- ✓ pH range 1-13 (shortterm 14)
- ✓ 2 M salt, 8 M urea
- ✓ No stainless steel in mobile phase flow path
- ✓ New **capillary technology**

### UHPLC capability

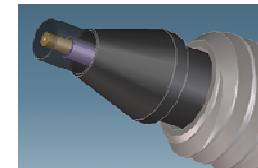
- ✓ 600 bar

### Ease of Use and Robustness

- ✓ Corrosion resistant
- ✓ Active seal wash
- ✓ Quaternary buffer mixing
- ✓ Bio-HPLC columns for biotherapeutic characterization



- Metal clad PEEK design, mechanical interlock, molded tip
- 600 Bar



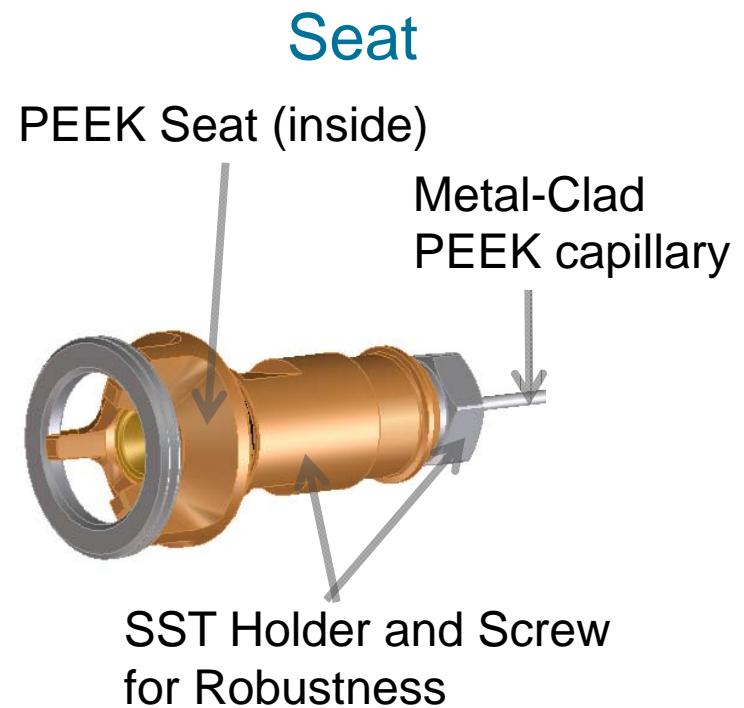
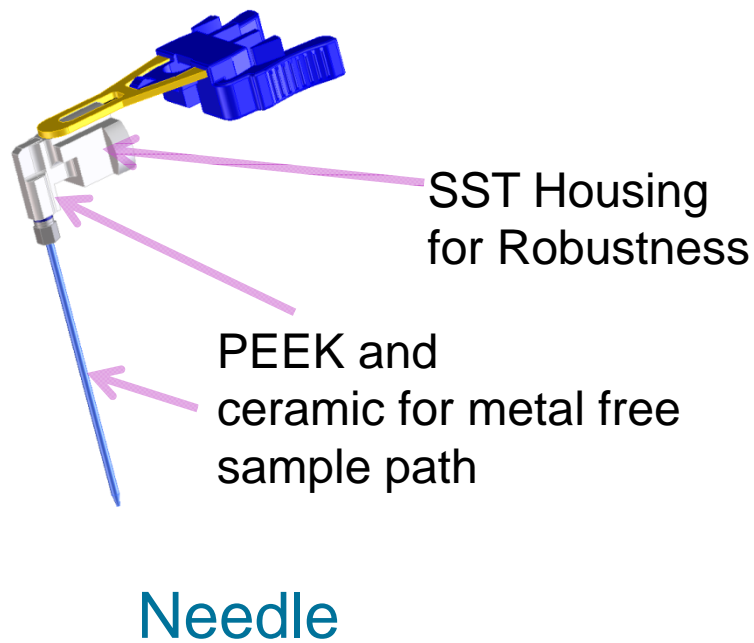
- Hybrid technology fitting design, fingertight handle available
- Ease of use at 600 bar

*The choice for both, bioanalytical and biopurification up to 10 ml/min*



# Bio-Inert Components

Inert materials: Titanium (mechanical parts), PEEK, Ceramics, PTFE, FFKM



# New Capillary Design Ensures Bio-Inertness

Capillaries

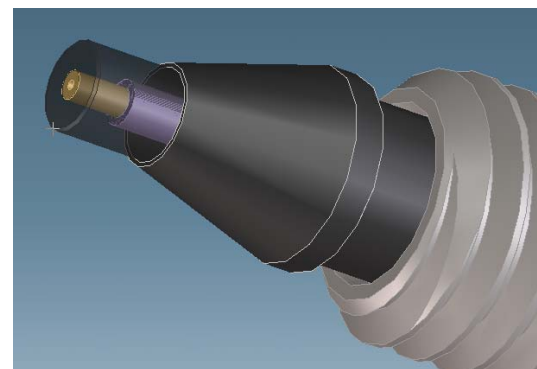


Metal-clad PEEK capillary  
(Titanium Capillary also available)



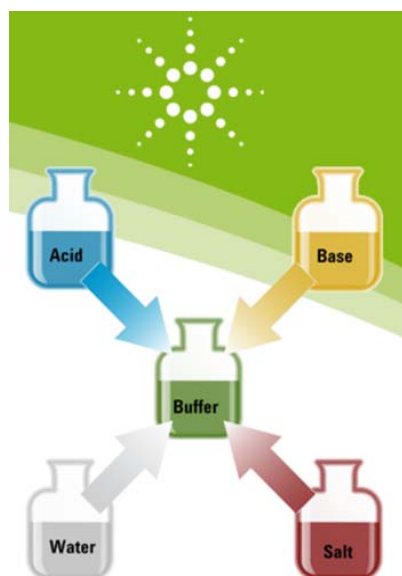
Newest fitting design: Hybrid technique

New capillary technology  
enables **600 bar**  
AND is completely metal free !!

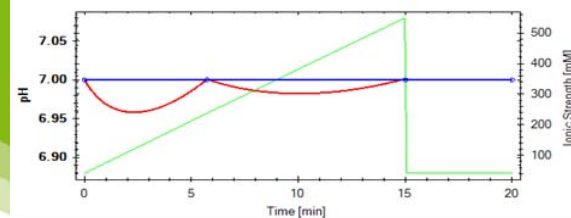


# Quaternary Buffer Mixing with Buffer Advisor

## Use with Ion Exchange Chromatography



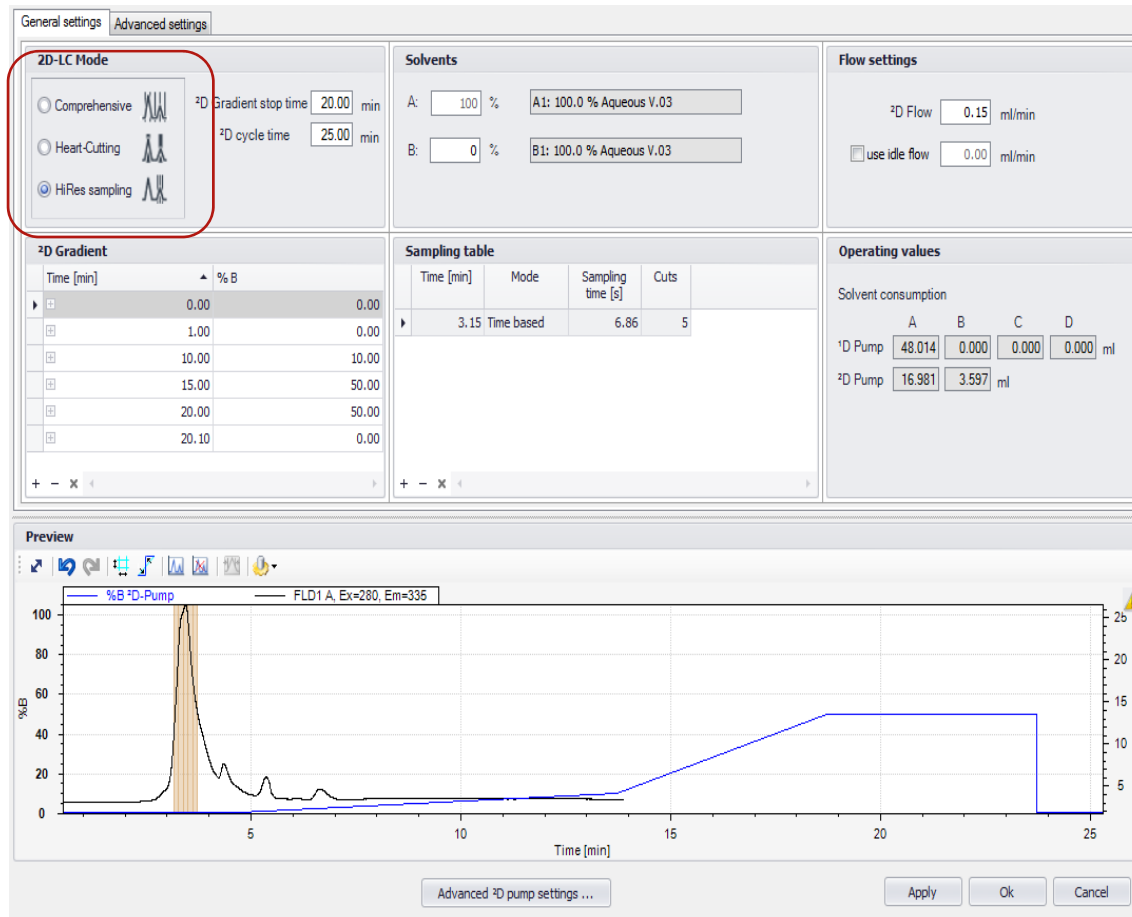
Create a salt gradient with constant pH



Time	% A	% B	% C	% D	Init. pH	Calc. pH	IS	BC	Cond.	Status
0	36.6	0	37.5	25.9	7	7	41.2	12	0.252	Correct
5.73	28.6	12.7	25.5	33.2	7	7	238	10.1	2.15	Correct
15	10.8	33.3	18.2	37.7	7	7	550	8.15	4.95	Correct
15.01	36.6	0	37.5	25.9	7	7	41.2	12	0.252	Correct
Can	36.6	0	37.5	25.9	7	7	41.2	12	0.252	Correct

# 2D-LC Acquisition Software

## *One easy-to-use software for all operation modes*



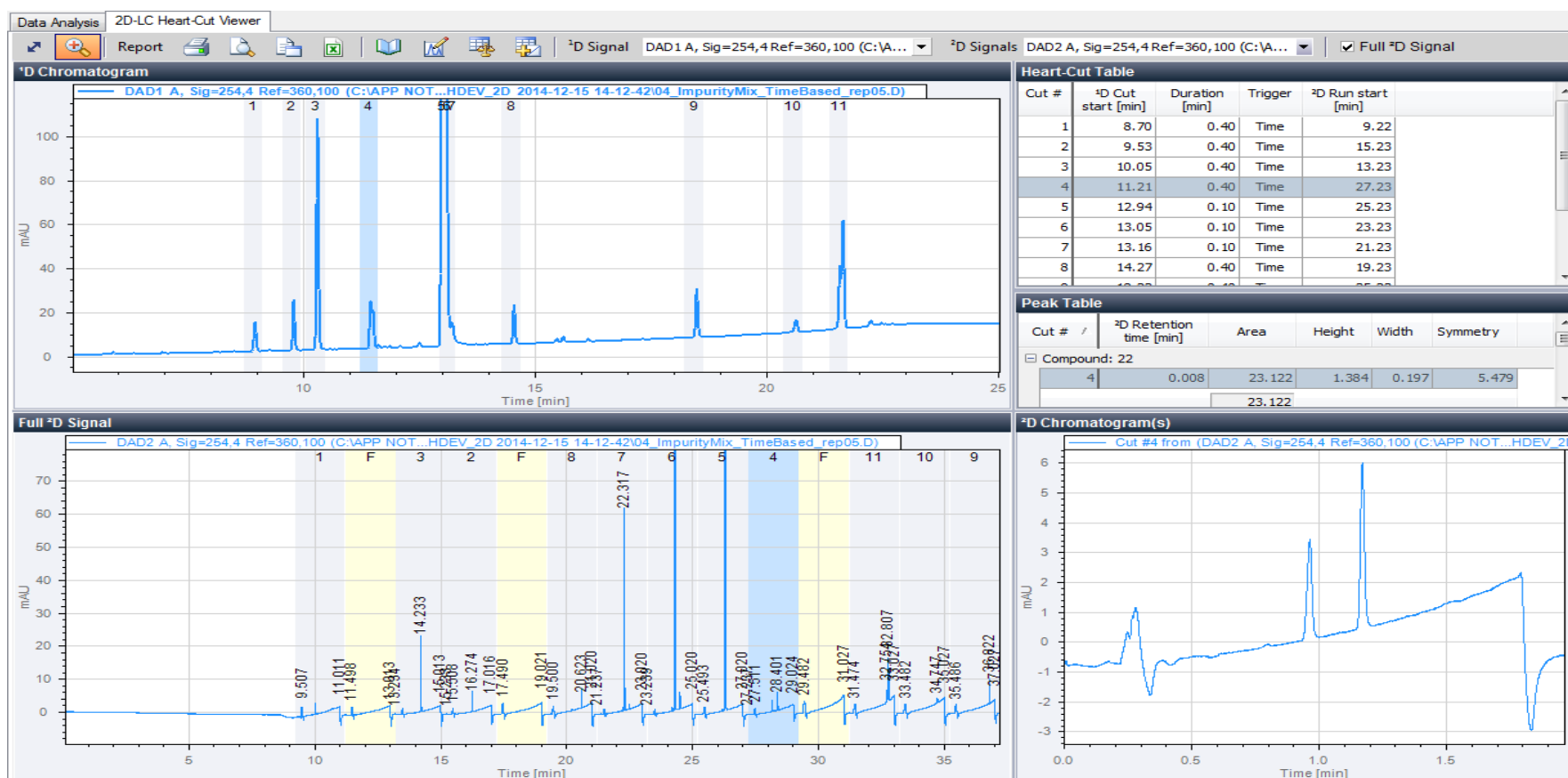
Most intuitive software to set up and edit methods within seconds:

- 1<sup>st</sup> dimension gradient
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension gradient
- Gradient shift
- Time-segments
- Method parameter
- Method set-up calculator
- Reference chromatogram overlay for heart-cutting
- Time-based or peak-based mode

# Data Analysis

## (Multiple) Heart-Cutting and High Resolution Sampling

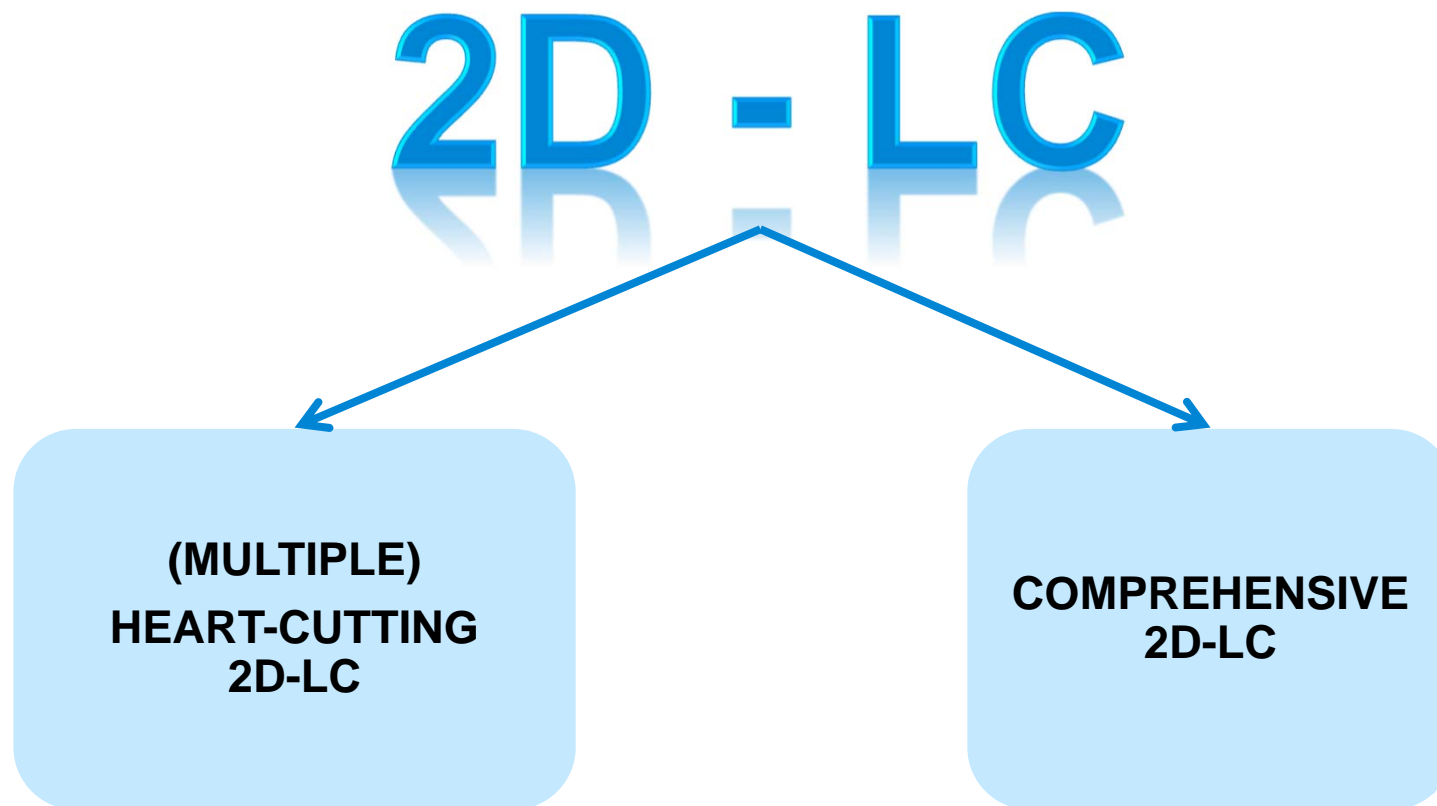
The 2D-LC Heart-Cut Viewer allows straightforward data analysis of (multiple) heart-cutting and High resolution sampling 2D-LC data.





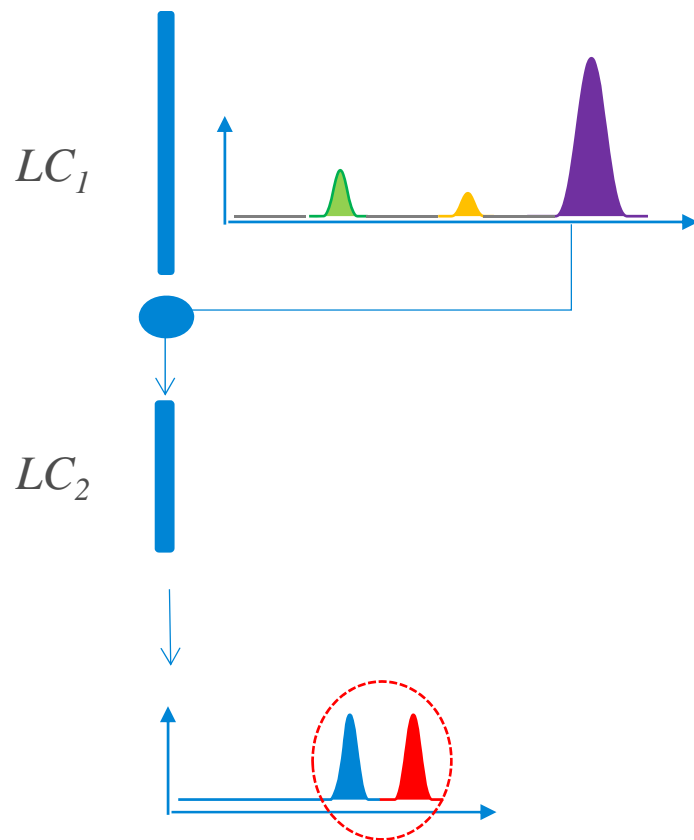
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# 2D-LC Major Types of Operation



# 2D-LC – Heart-Cutting

## Heart-cutting 2D-LC (LC-LC):

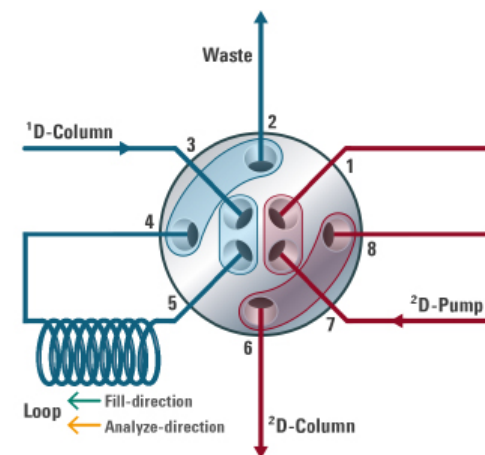
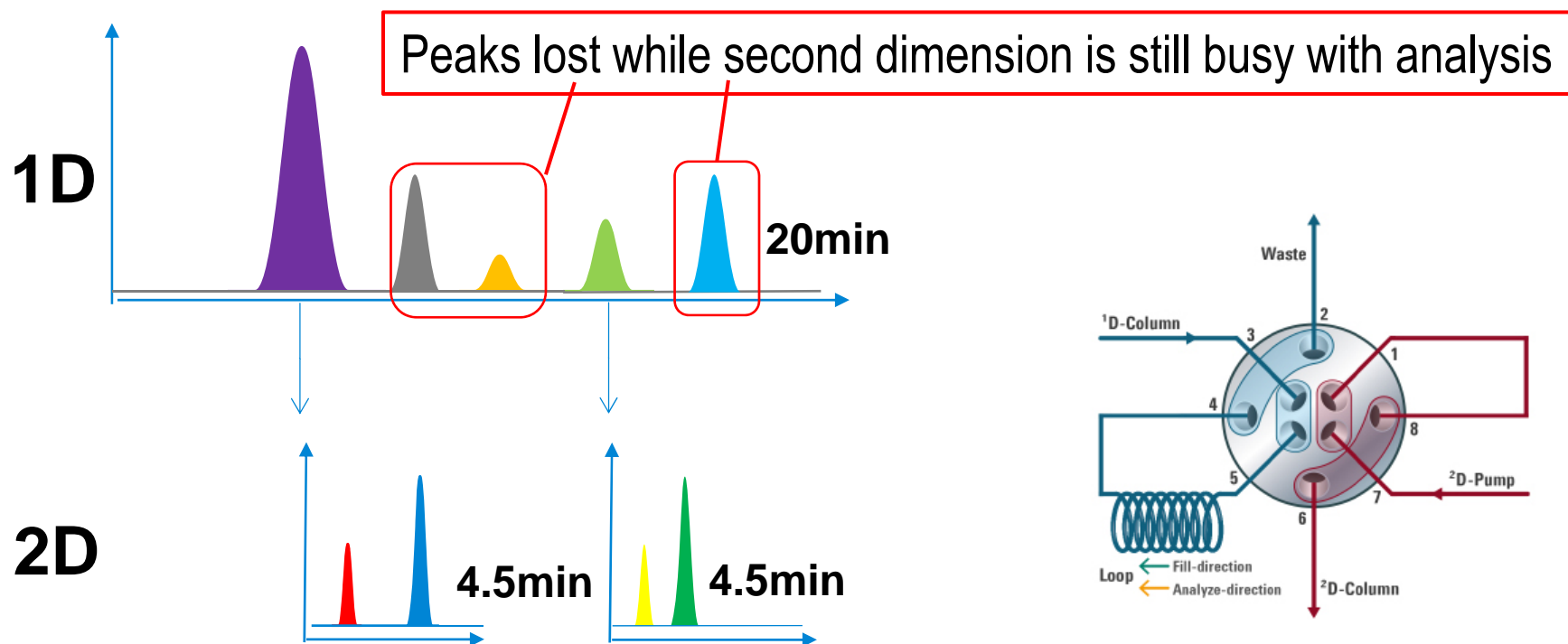


Parts of the 1D effluent are injected onto 2D system

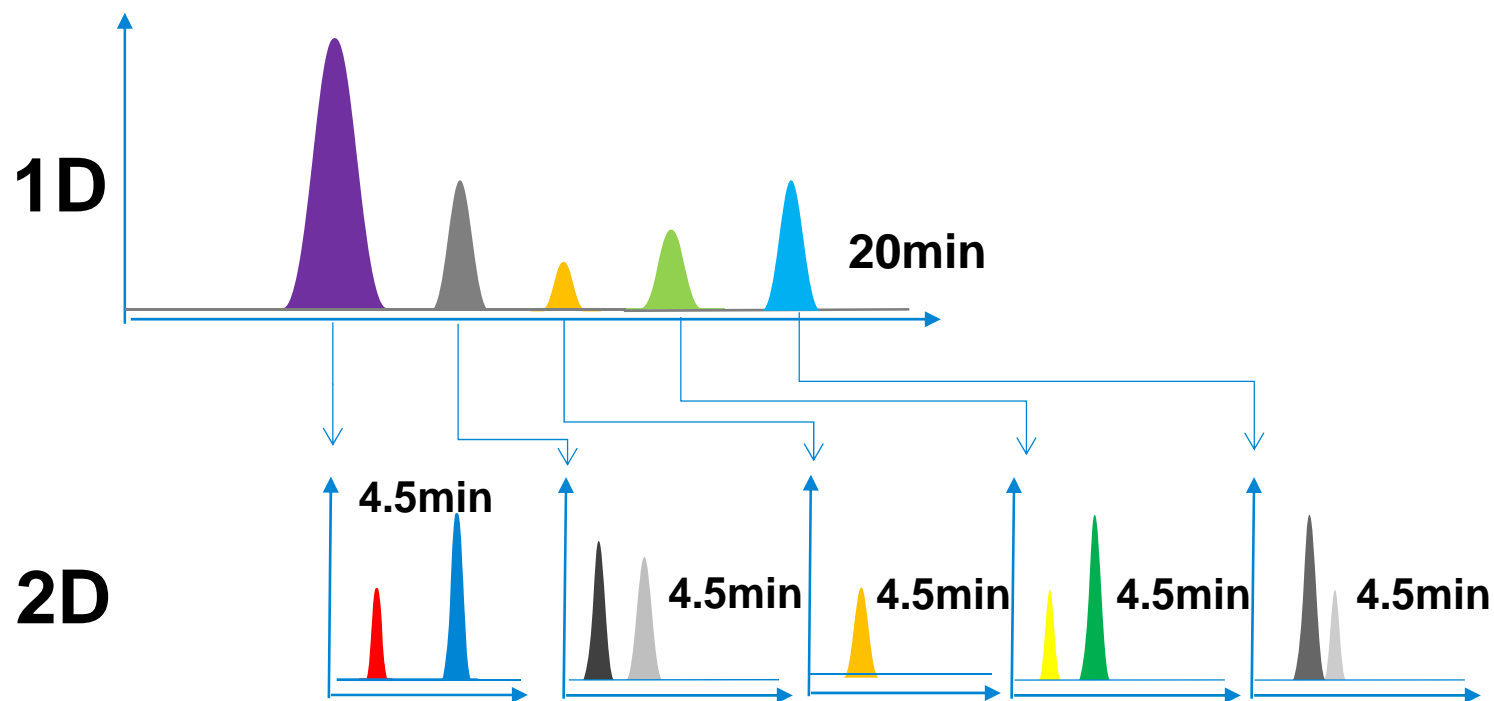
Long 2D gradients possible → good data quality

Limited 2D information

# Limitation of Heart-Cutting 2D-LC

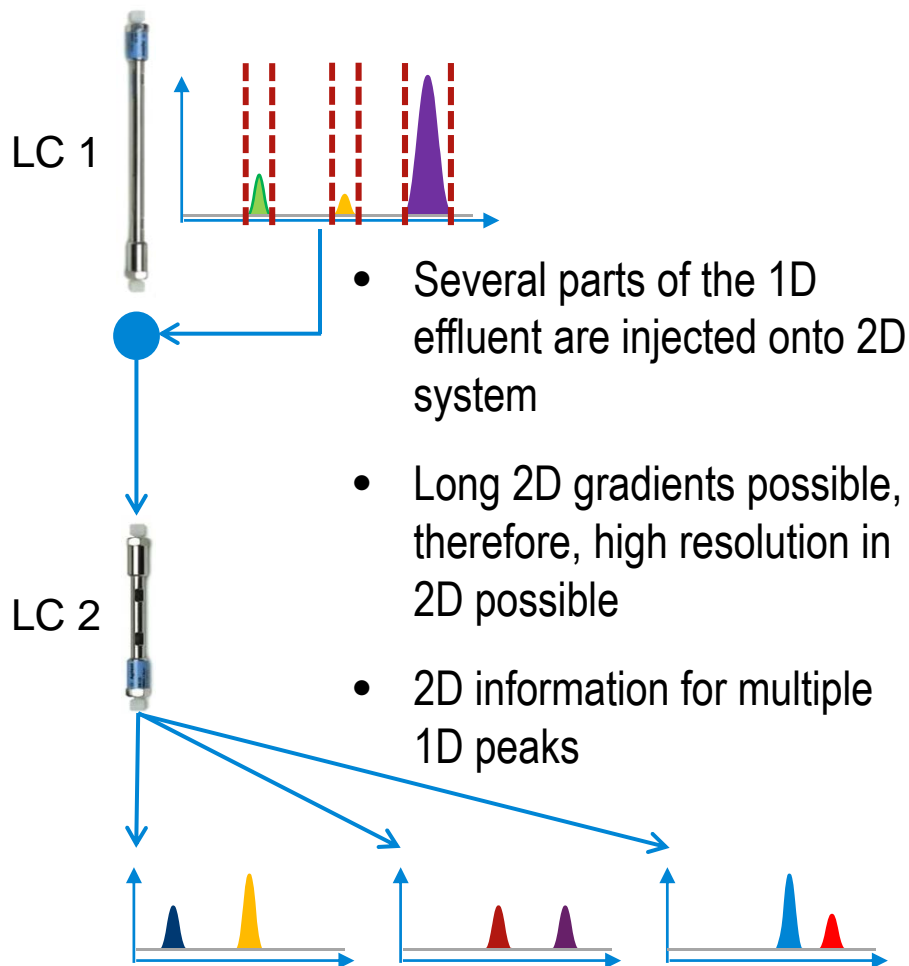


# From Single to Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC

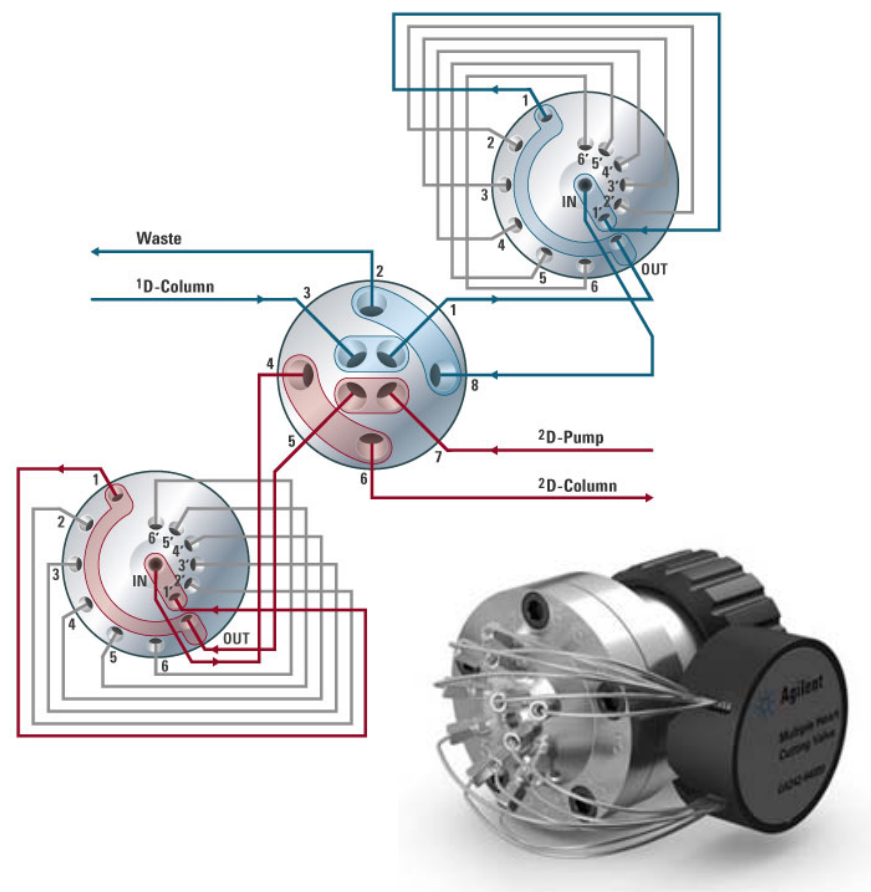


Idea: De-couple the first and second dimensions by intermediately storing peaks eluted from the first dimension for later analysis in the second dimension.

# Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC

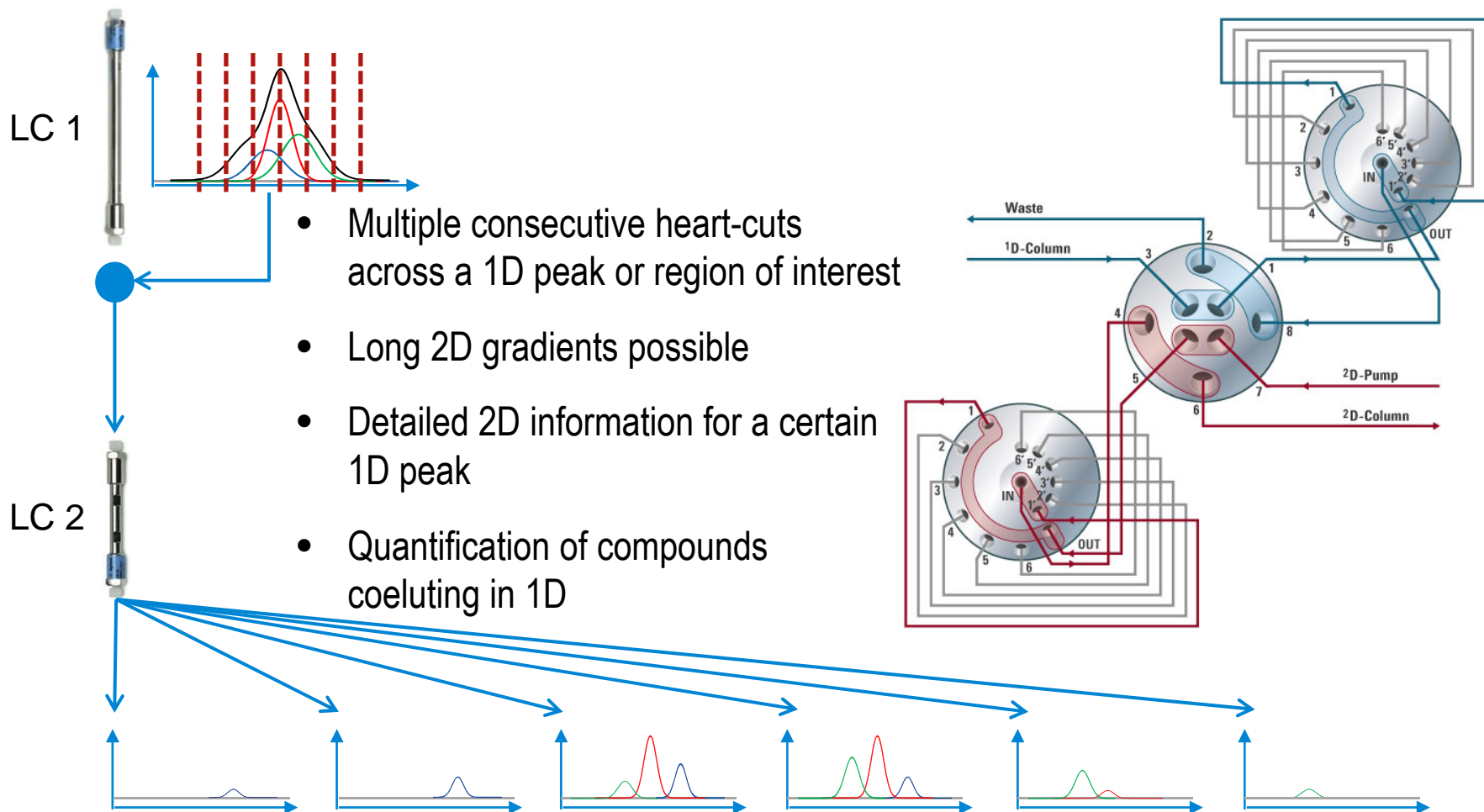


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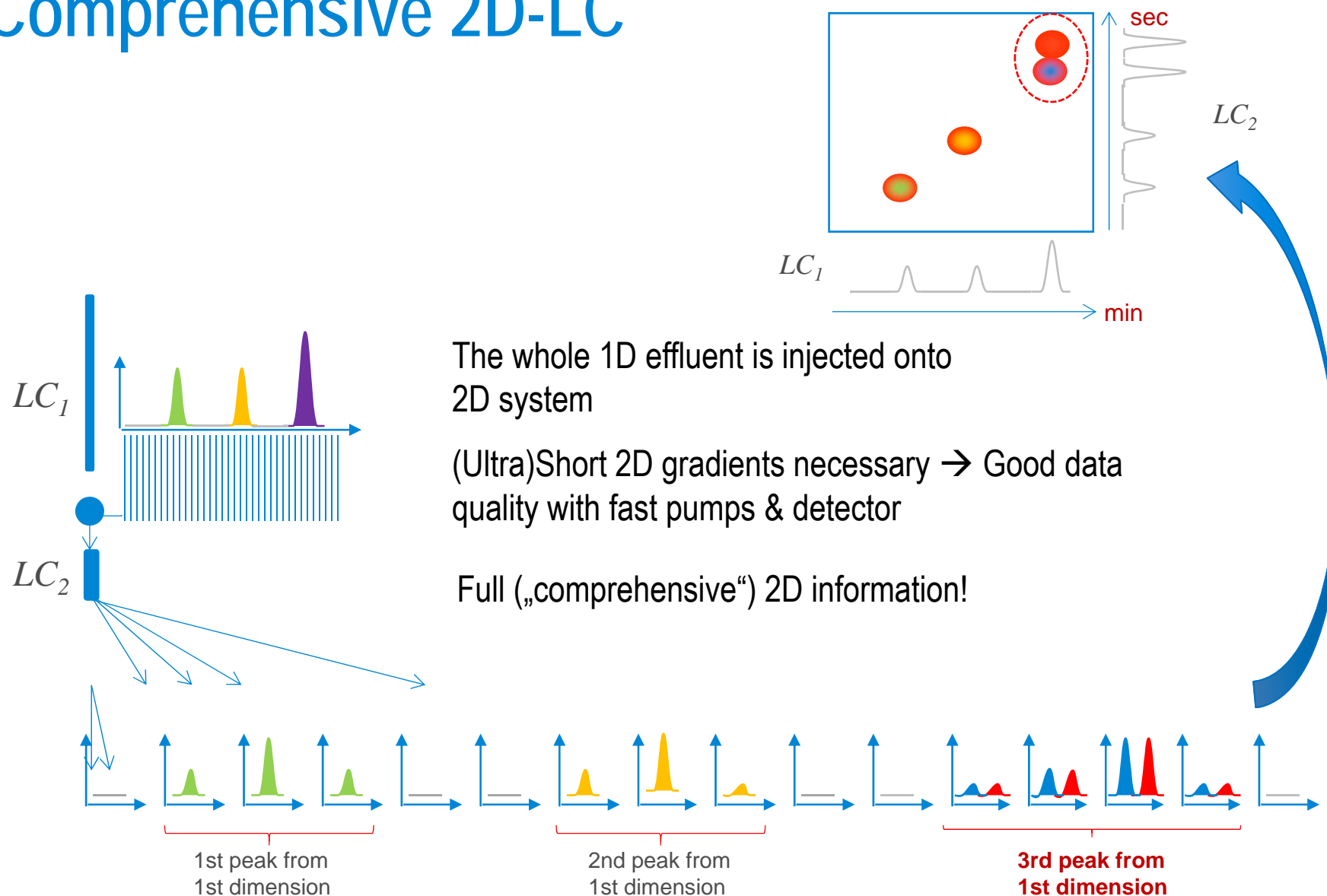


# High-Resolution Sampling 2D-LC

## Valve and loop configuration

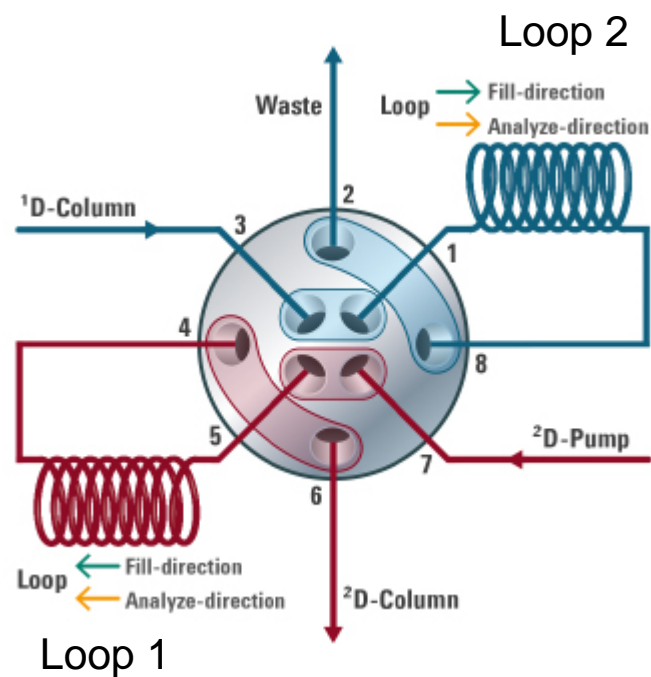
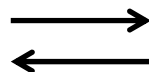
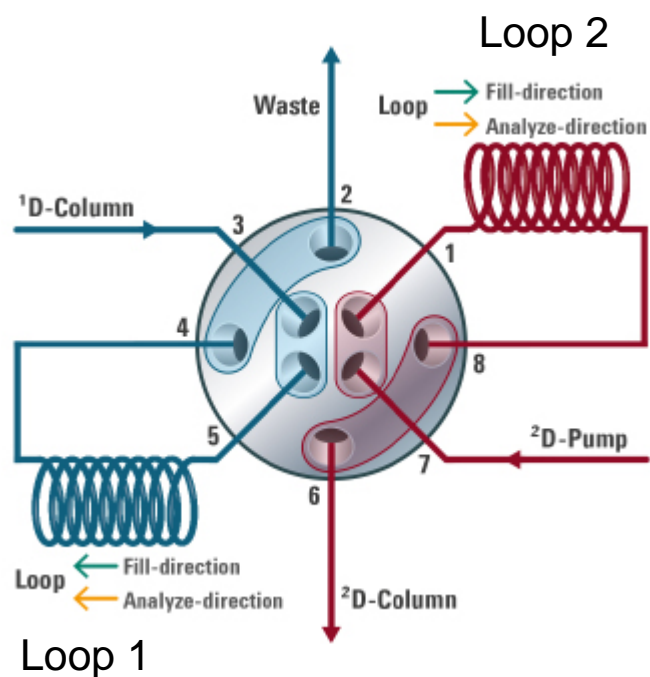


# Comprehensive 2D-LC



# Comprehensive 2D-LC

## How it works



- Collection of effluent from the first dimension column in loop 1
- Analysis of the content from loop 2

- Collection of effluent from the first dimension column in loop 2
- Analysis of the content from loop 1





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# Applications of Comprehensive 2D-LC

## Finger Printing and Profiling Analysis

Analysis of very complex samples

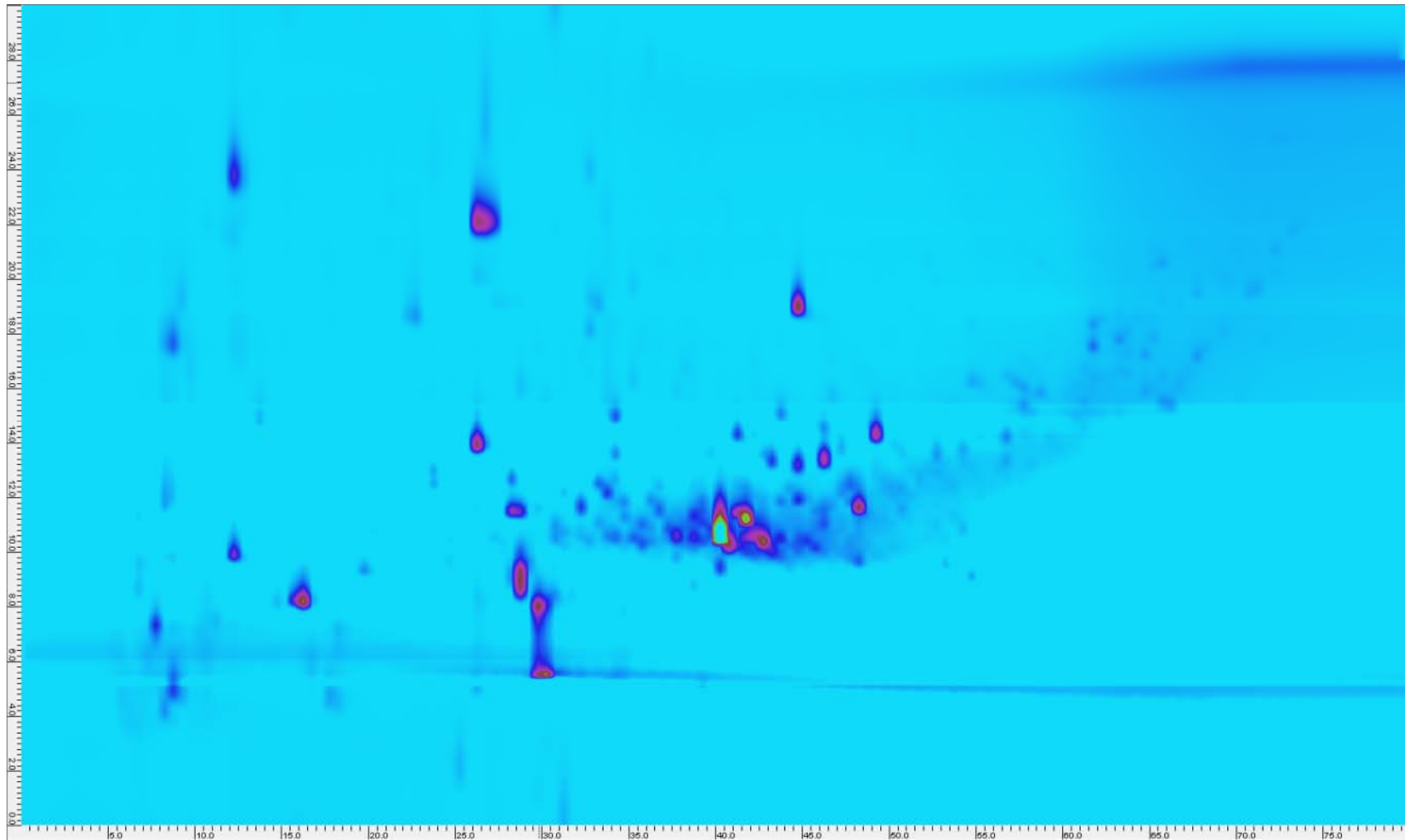
Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)/Chinese Herbal Medicine (CHM):

- Holistic healthcare system
- Pharmaceutical efficacy regarded to depend on synergistic effects of multiple components of the plants

Biopharmaceutical analysis:

- Peptide maps
- Complex glycan pattern

# Comprehensive 2D-LC –Data View



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# Case Studies

## Online 2DLC of Monoclonal Antibodies

- Monoclonal Antibody Digests    HILIC × RPLC-MS  
→ Focus: Peak capacity
- Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies    Protein A x WCX  
→ Focus: Combination of two different workflows
- Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies    SEC x WCX  
→ Focus: Combination of two different workflows
- Characterization of Charge Variants    WCX x RP  
→ Focus: Desalting after IEX prior to MS



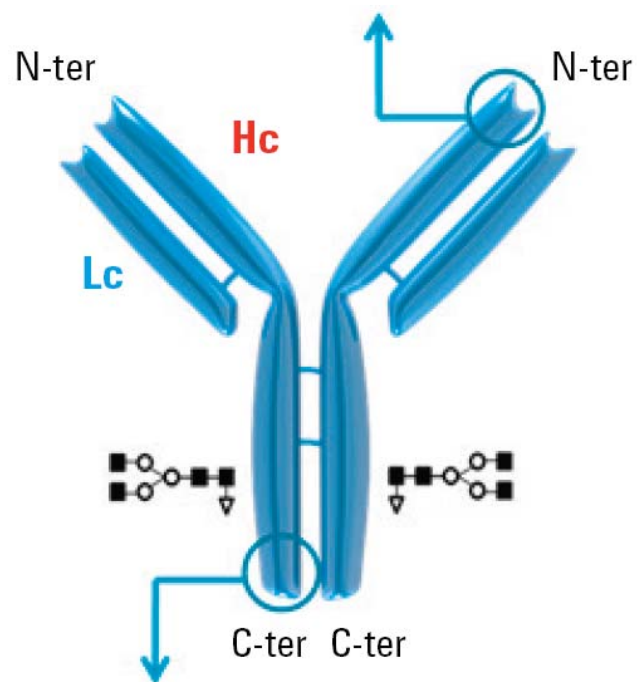
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# Case Study 1 Comprehensive 2D-LC Orthogonal Separations of mAb Tryptic Digest

- Aggregation Studies
- Charge Variant Analysis
- **Peptide Mapping**
- Glycan Profiling
- Titer Analysis
- And others...



# Analysis of Monoclonal Antibody Digests with the Agilent 1290 Infinity 2D-LC Solution

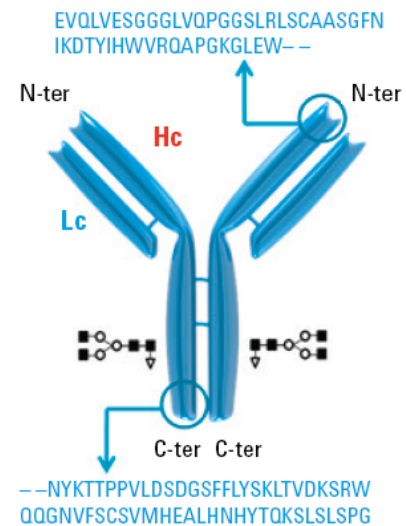
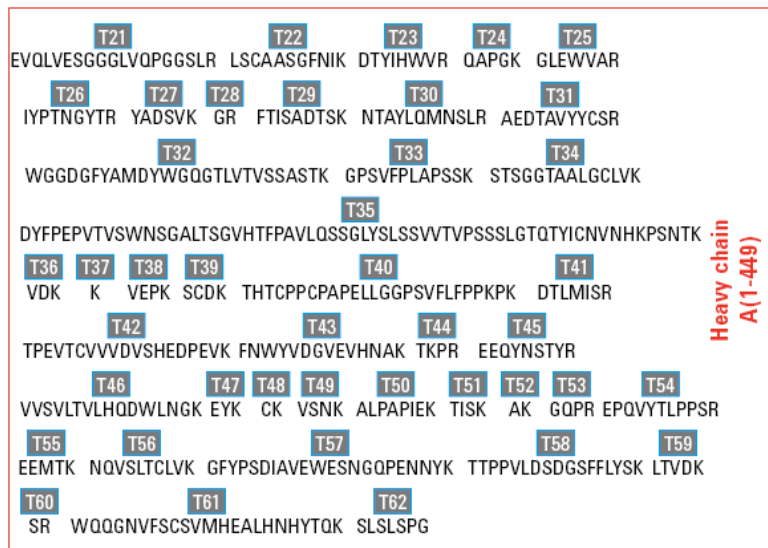
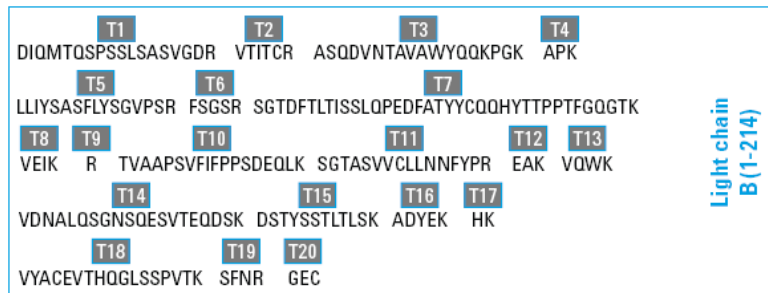


***Focus: High Peak Capacity***



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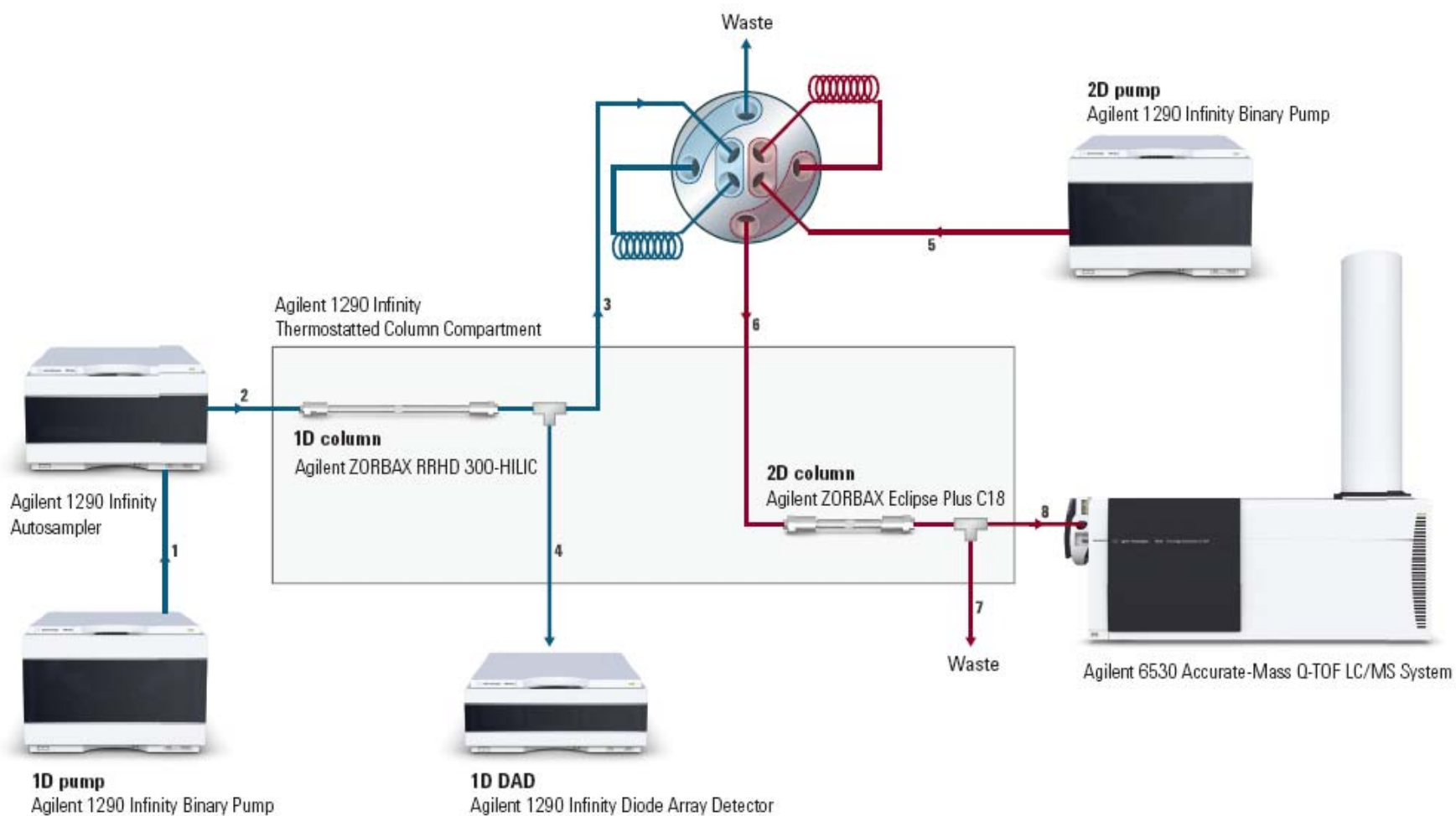
# Structure and Amino Acid Sequence of Trastuzumab



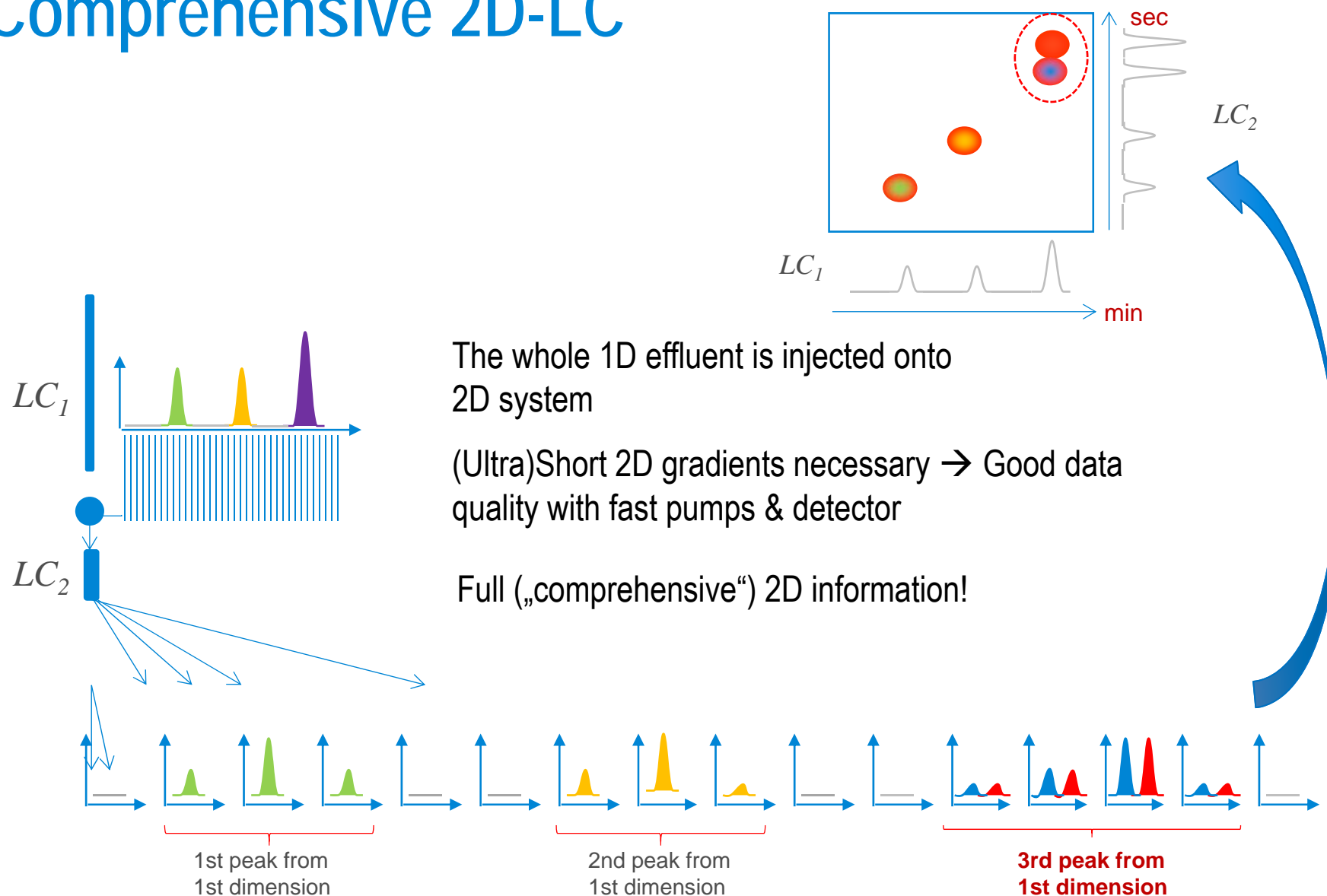
- 62 identity peptides
  - Modifications
  - Incomplete and aspecific cleavages
  - ...
- > 100 peptides



# Instrument Setup

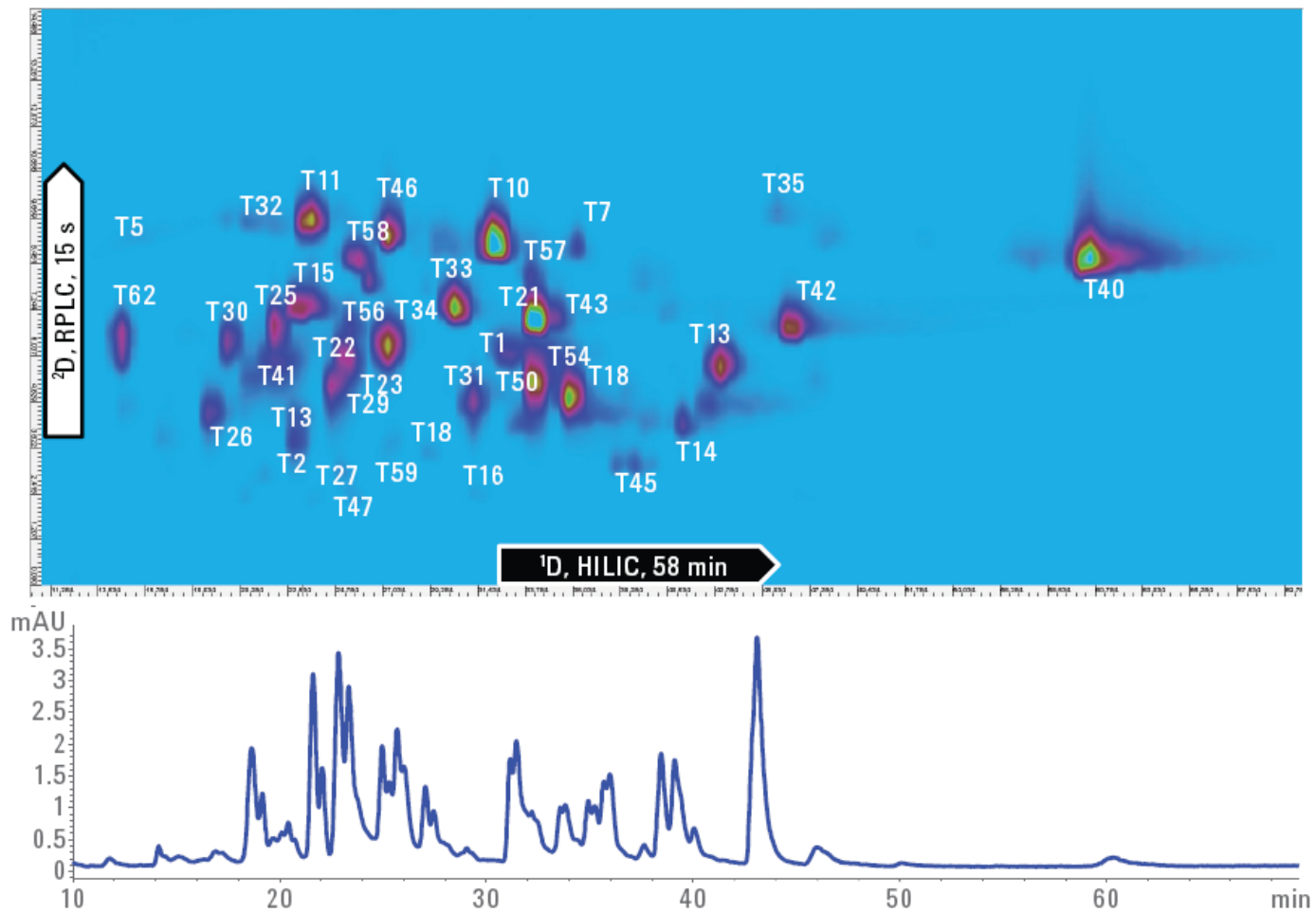


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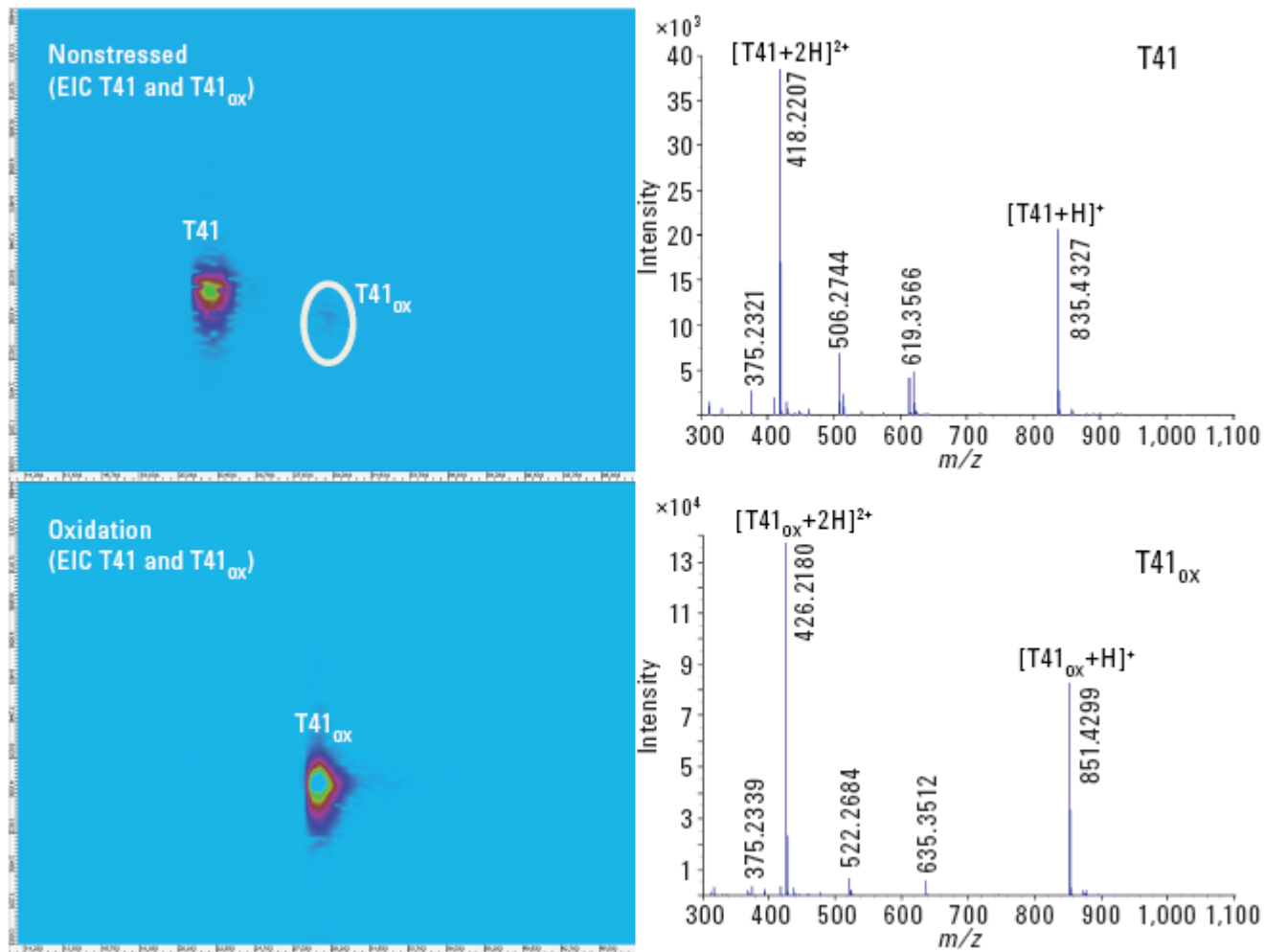




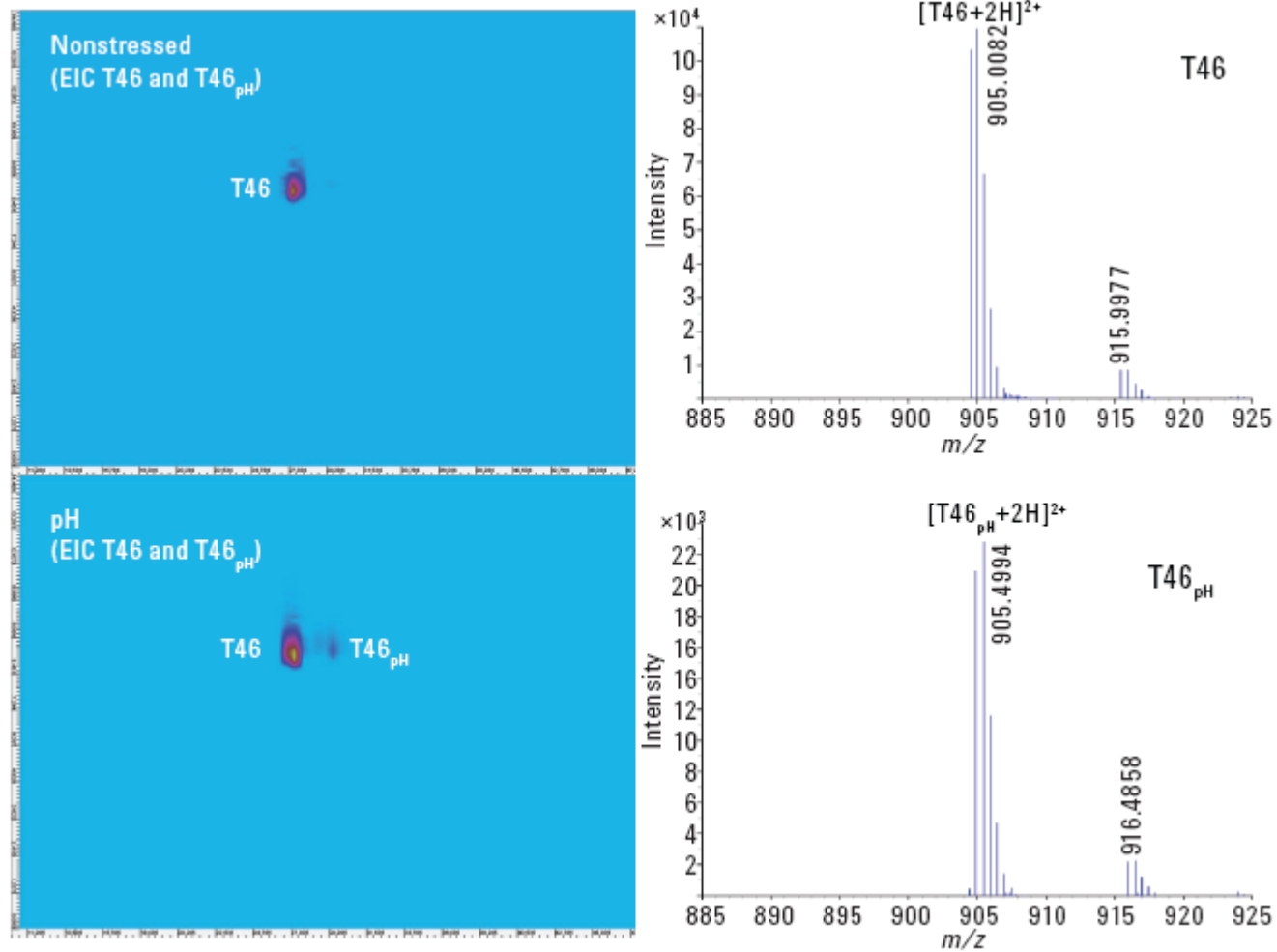
# 2D-LC Contour Plot



# 2D-LC Trastuzumab Oxidation



# 2D-LC Trastuzumab Degradation



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# Comprehensive 2D-LC mAb Tryptic Digest Summary

- Higher peak capacity with 2D-LC
- Improved separation using orthogonal column combination: HILIC x RP
- Proof of concept with the clear differentiation of stressed and non-stressed antibody samples
- Ideal combination of Agilent 1290 Infinity 2D-LC Solution coupled to an Agilent 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS



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# Case Study 2 Combining Two Techniques

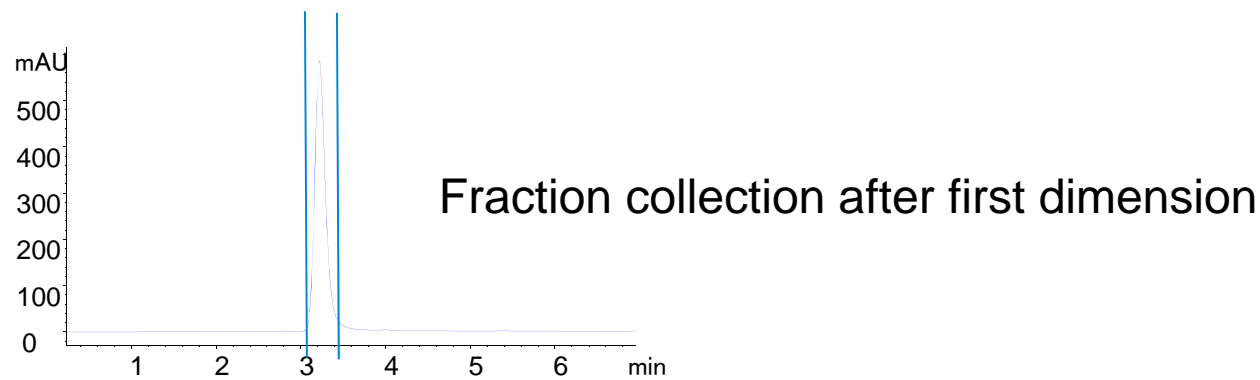
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- **Charge Variant Analysis**
- Peptide Mapping
- Glycan Profiling
- **Titer Analysis**
- And others...

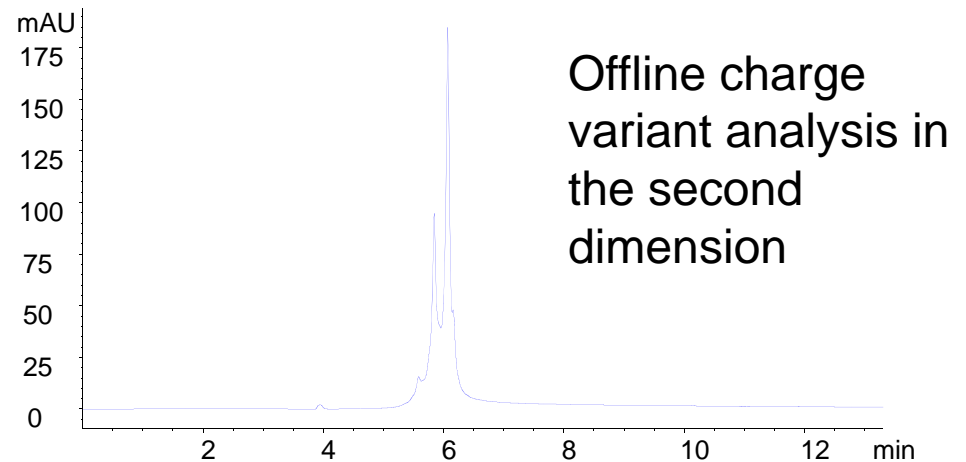


# Combination of Two Analyses

## Offline Approach

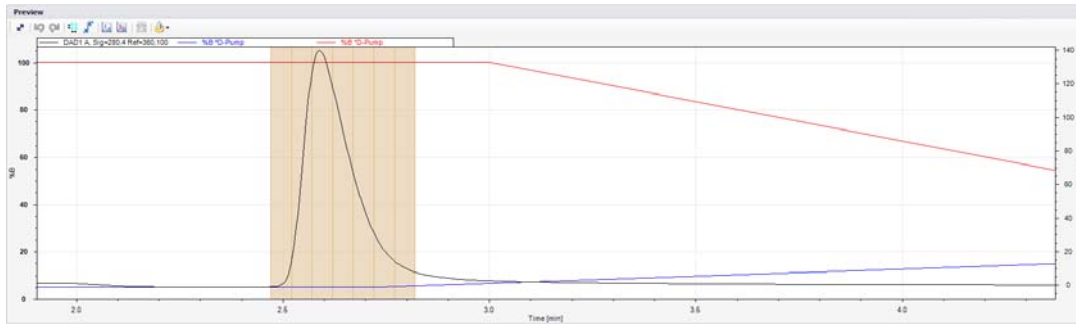


**Requires hands-on time!**

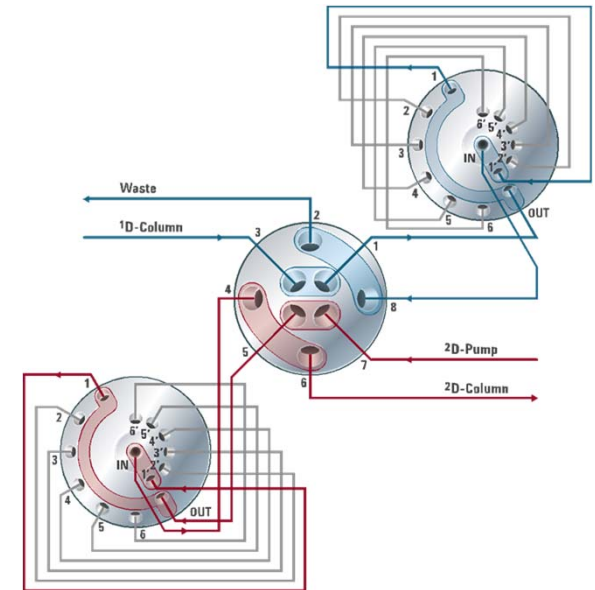


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# Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies Protein A and Weak Cation Exchange Chromatography



High Resolution Multiple Heart Cuts

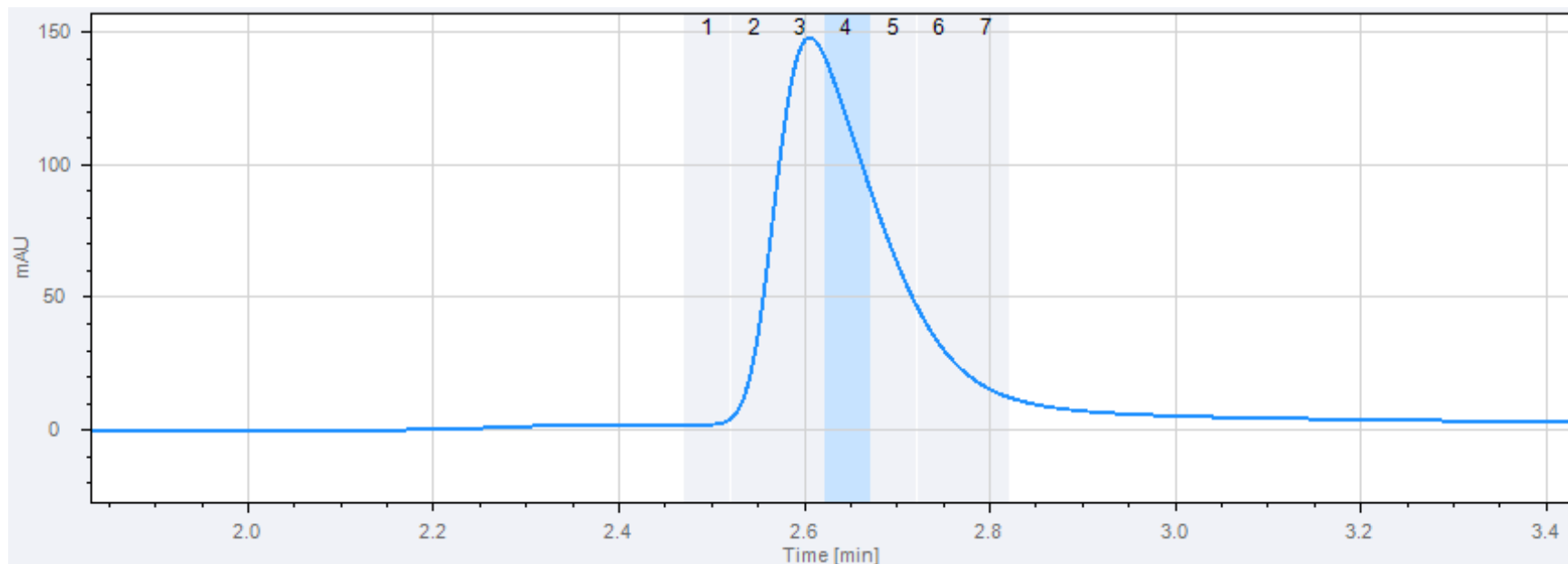


***Focus: Combination of two important Quality Attribute Analyses***



# 2D-LC with High Resolution Sampling

## Protein A Titer Analysis (First Dimension)



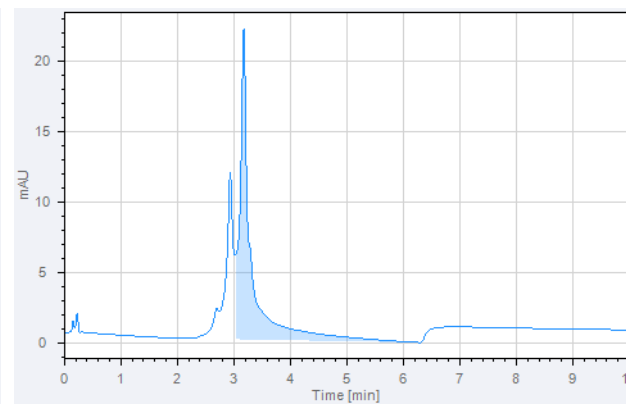
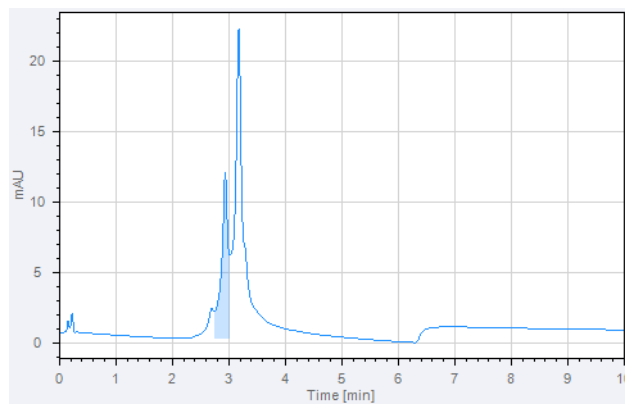
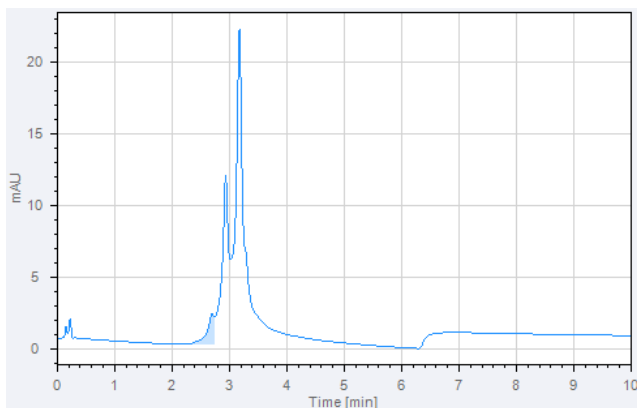
Consecutive Cuts Across the Peak



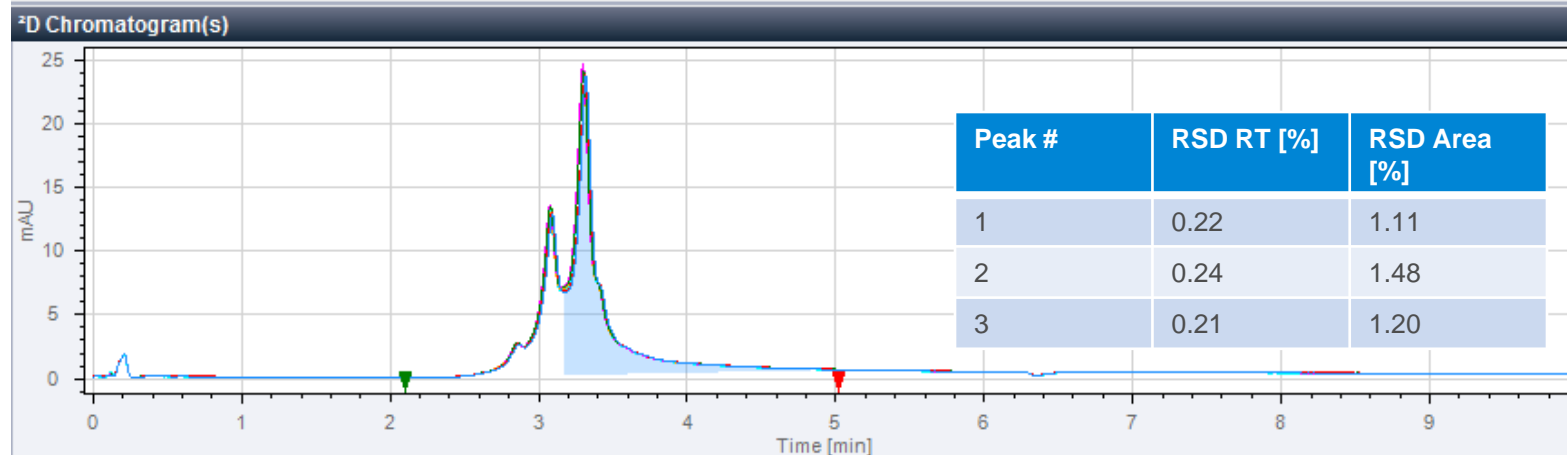
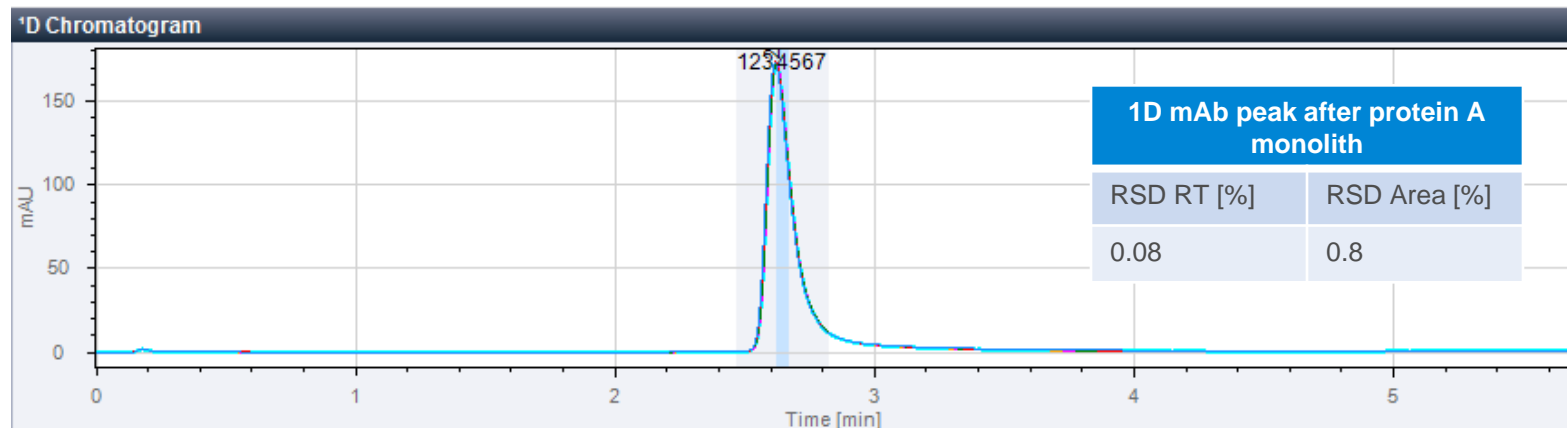
# 2D-LC with High Resolution Sampling

## Weak Cation Exchange Chromatography (Second Dimension)

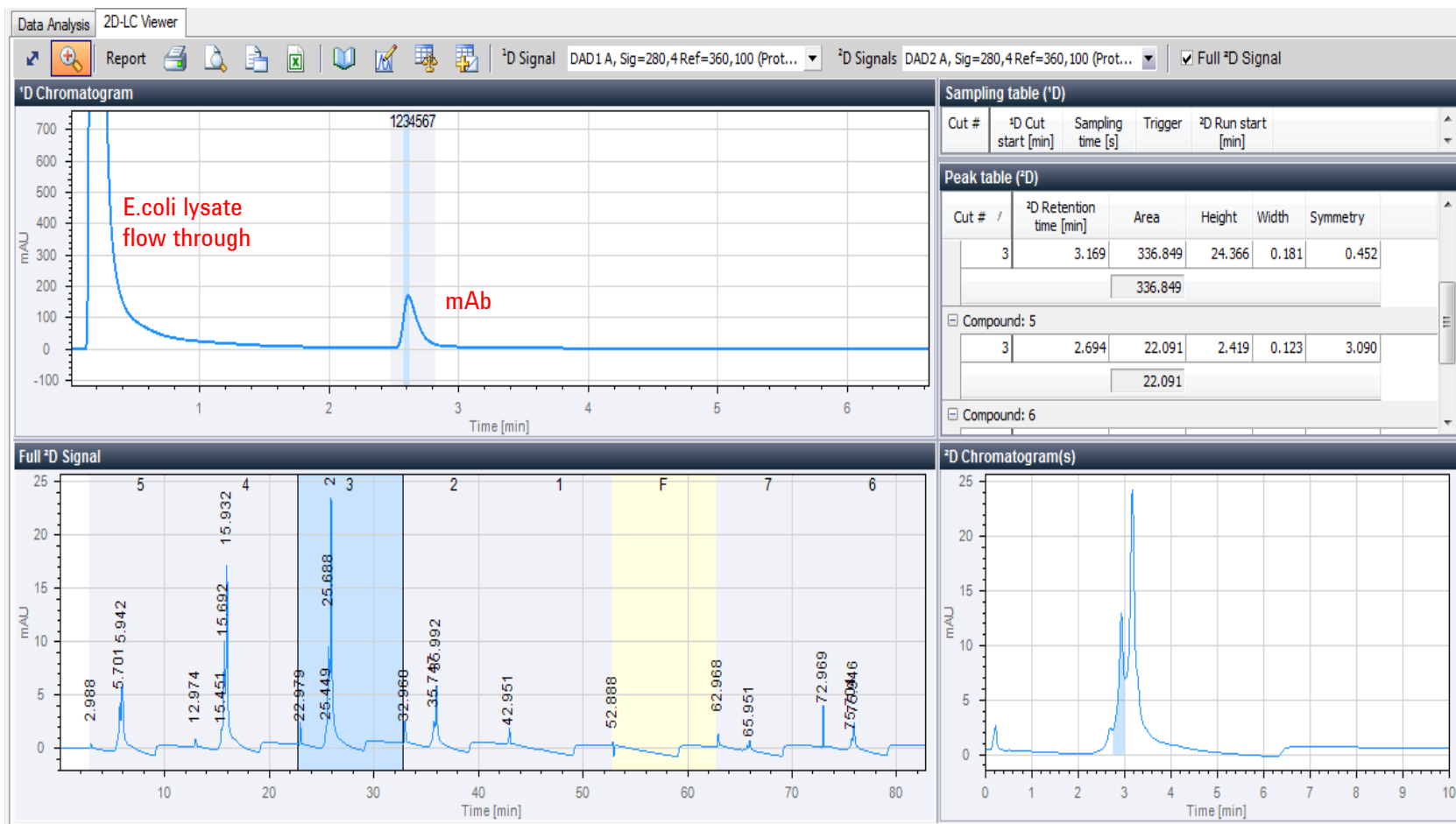
Peak table (2D)					
Cut # /	2D Retention time [min]	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry
Compound: 3					
4	2.946	78.259	9.293	0.115	1.494
	78.259				
Compound: 4					
4	3.184	250.323	17.263	0.188	0.424
	250.323				
Compound: 5					
4	2.706	16.746	1.827	0.123	2.747
	16.746				



# Precision of Retention Time and Area



# Mimicking a Cell Lysate mAb Process Control Sample



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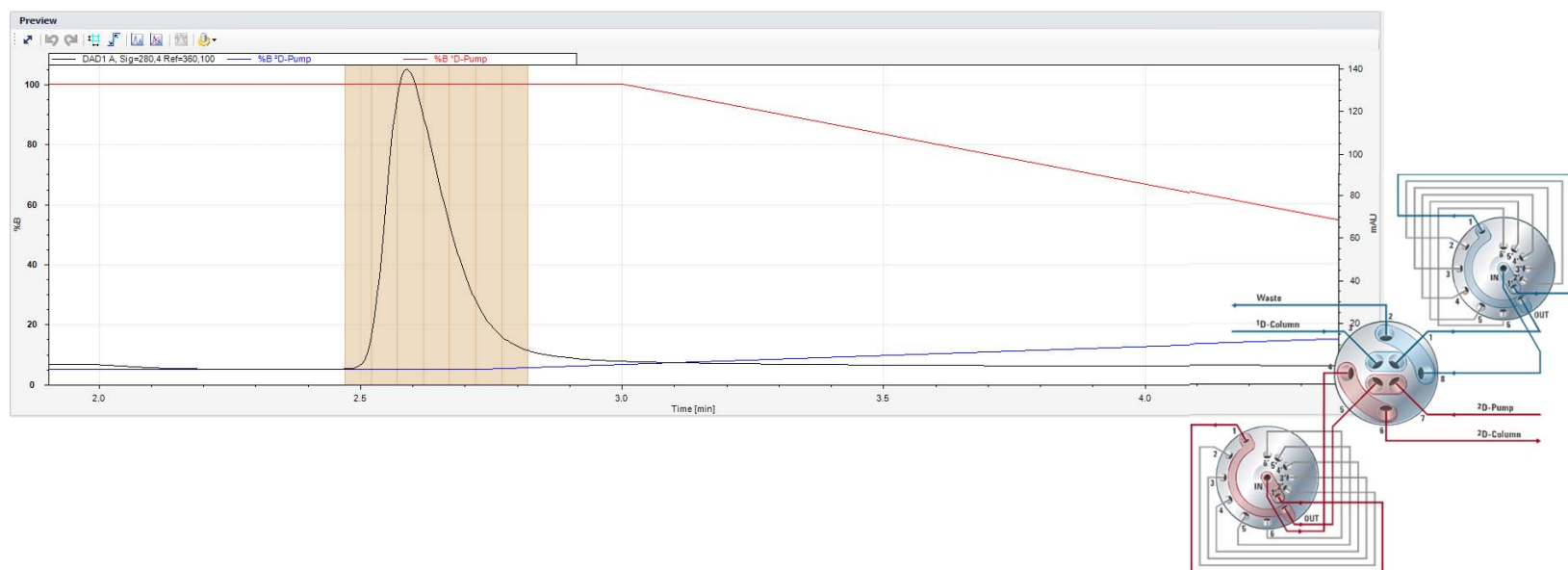
# High Resolution Multiple Heart Cuts Protein A - WCX Summary

- Fully automated combination of two different quality attribute analyses  
→ Protein A titer analysis and charge variants
- No hands-on time required between the two analyses
- High precision of retention time and area found in both dimensions
- Also suitable for process control samples



# Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies

## Size Exclusion and Weak Cation Exchange Chromatography



***Focus: Combination of two important Quality Attribute Analyses***

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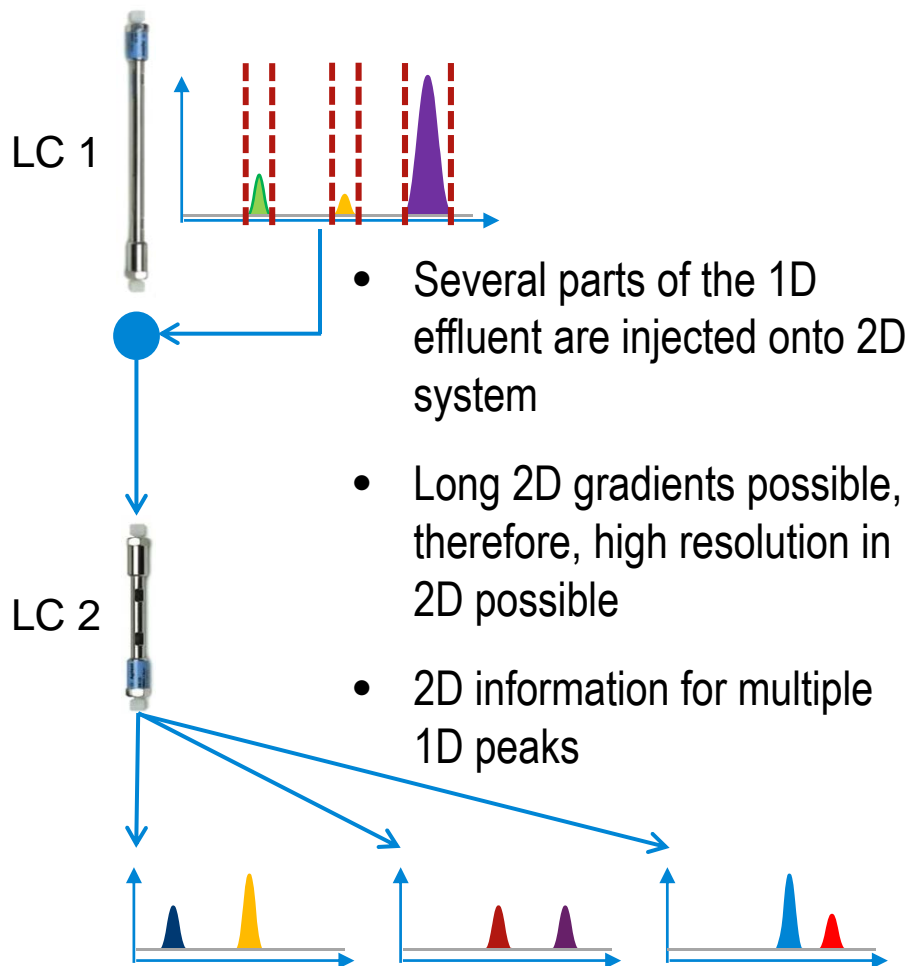
# Case Study 3 Combining Two Techniques

## SEC and WCX

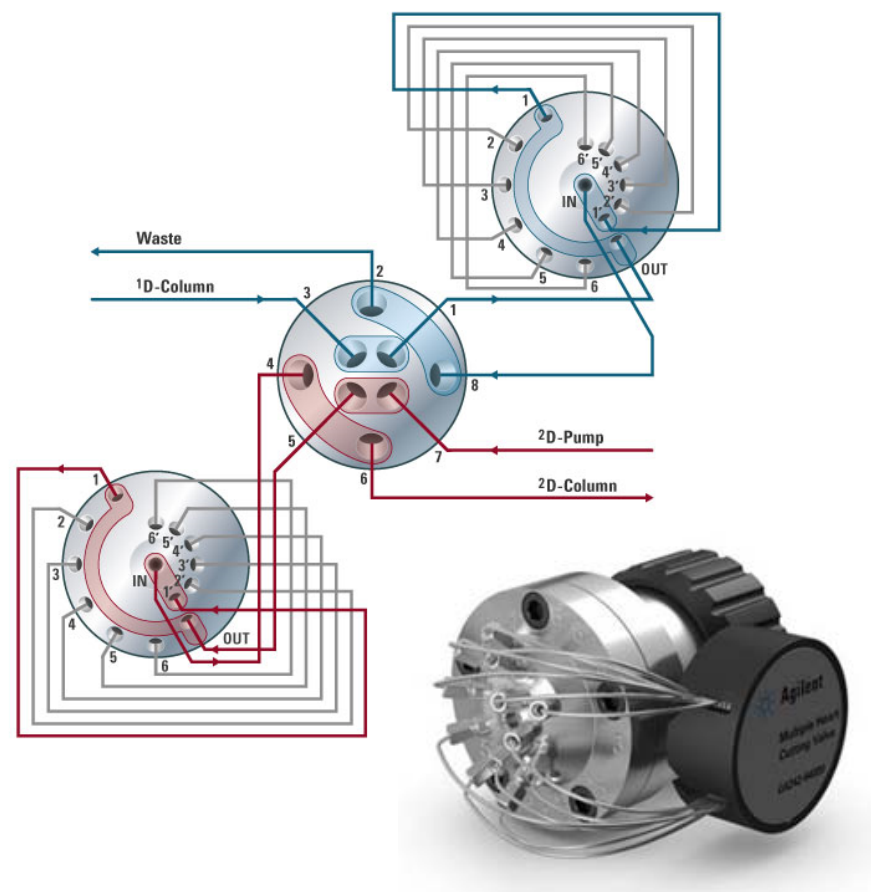
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# Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC

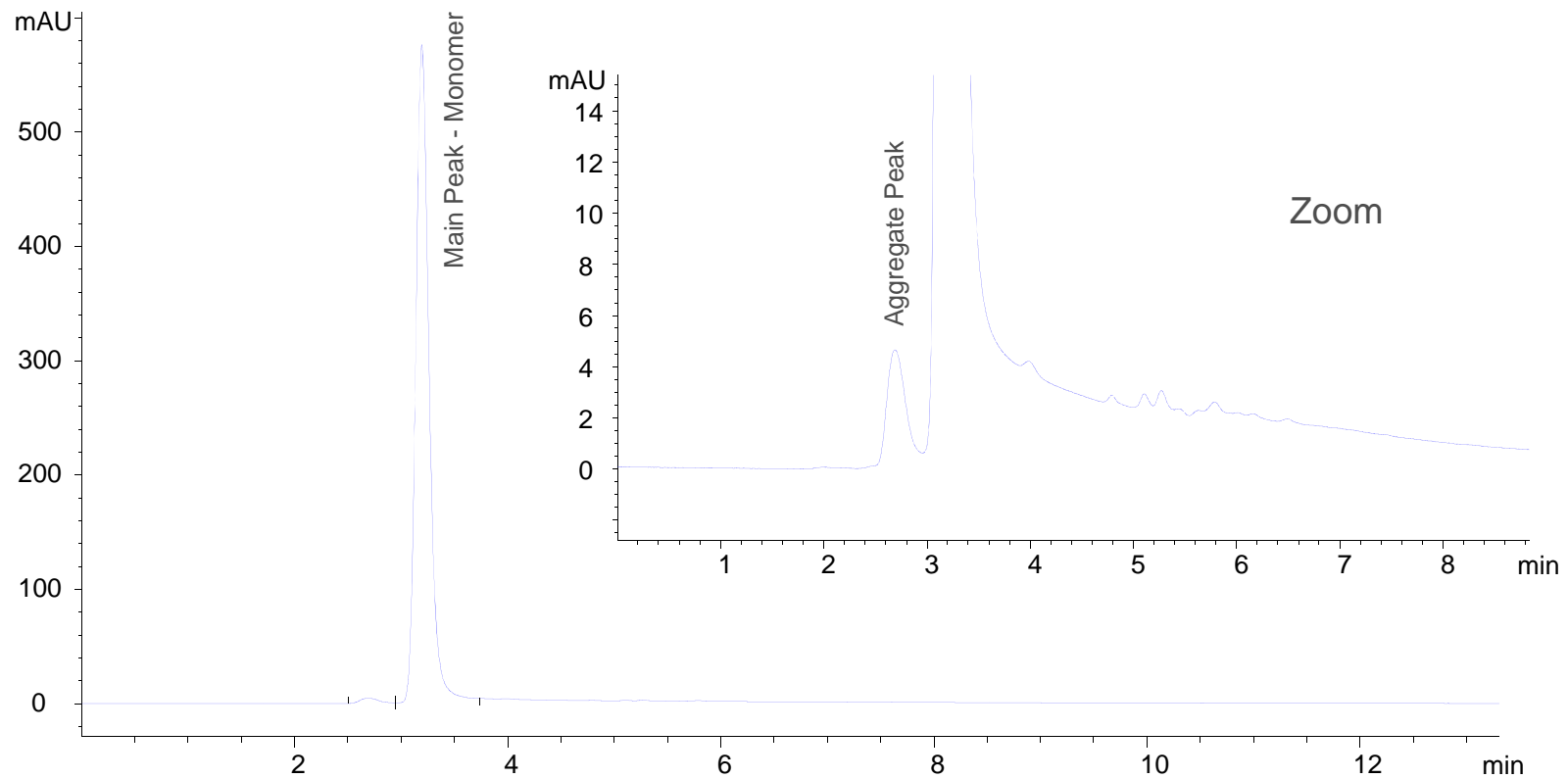


## Valve and loop configuration



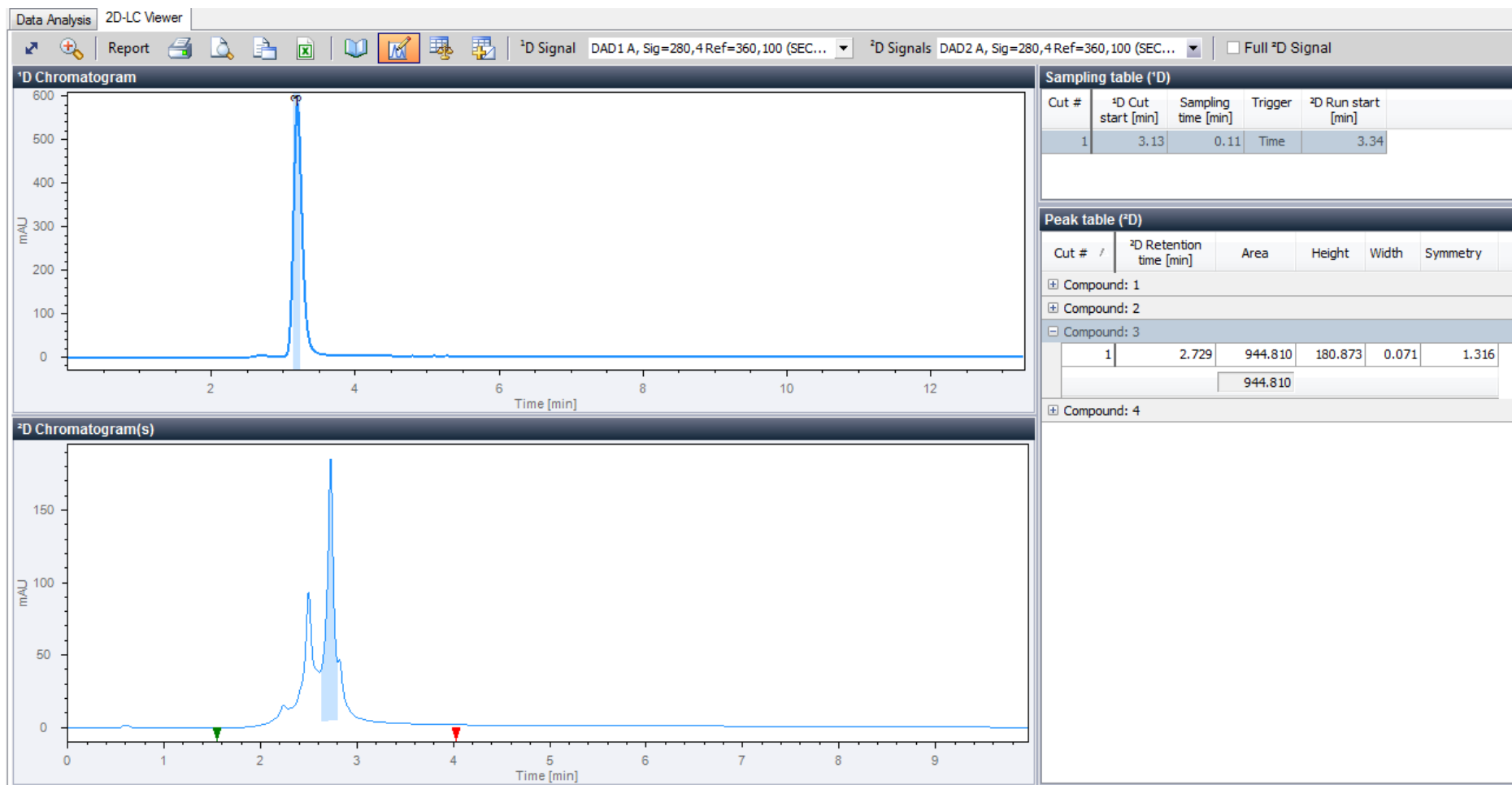
# Aggregation Analysis of mAb

## SEC in the First Dimension



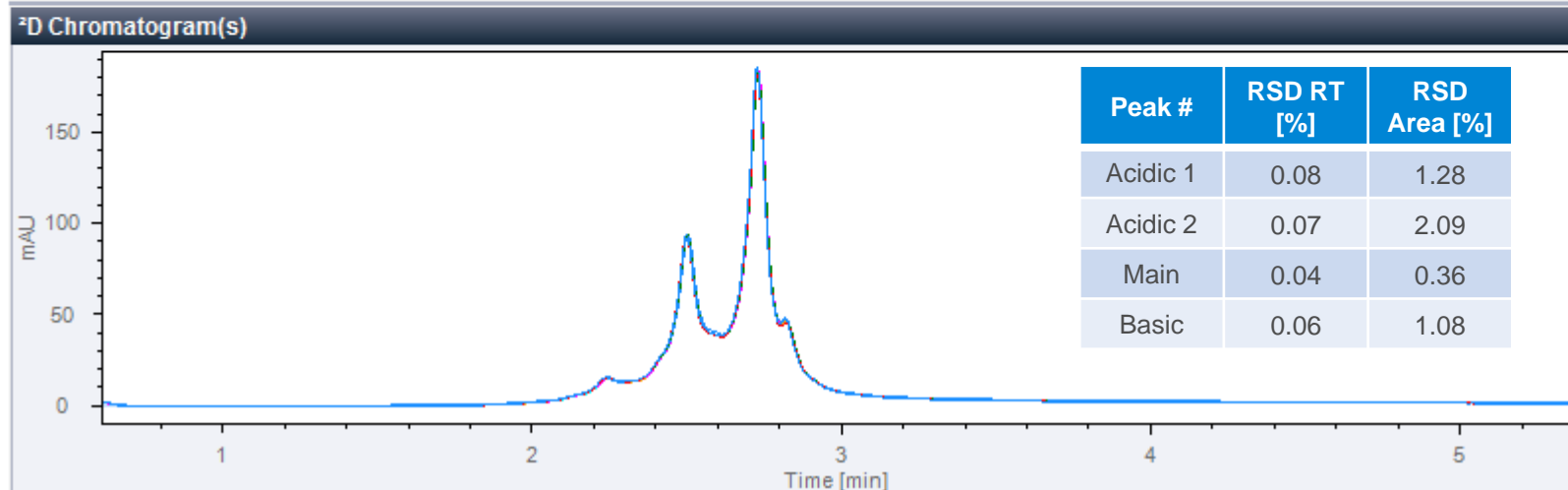
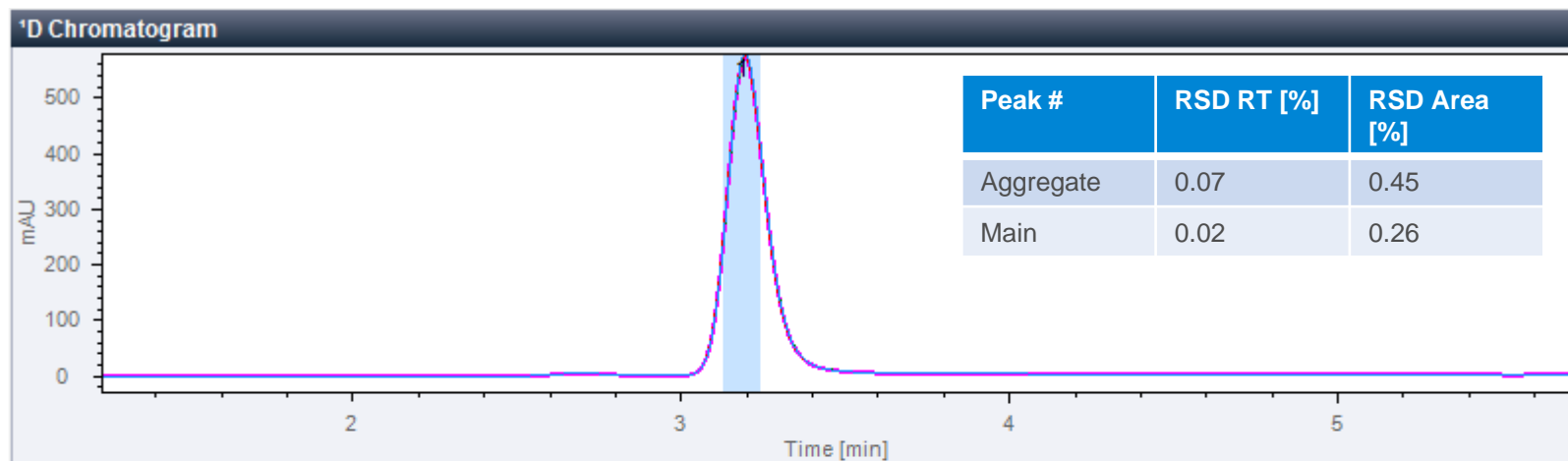


# Heart Cuts from SEC Sent to WCX



# 2D LC Multiple Heart Cut SEC – WCX

## Precision of Retention Time and Area



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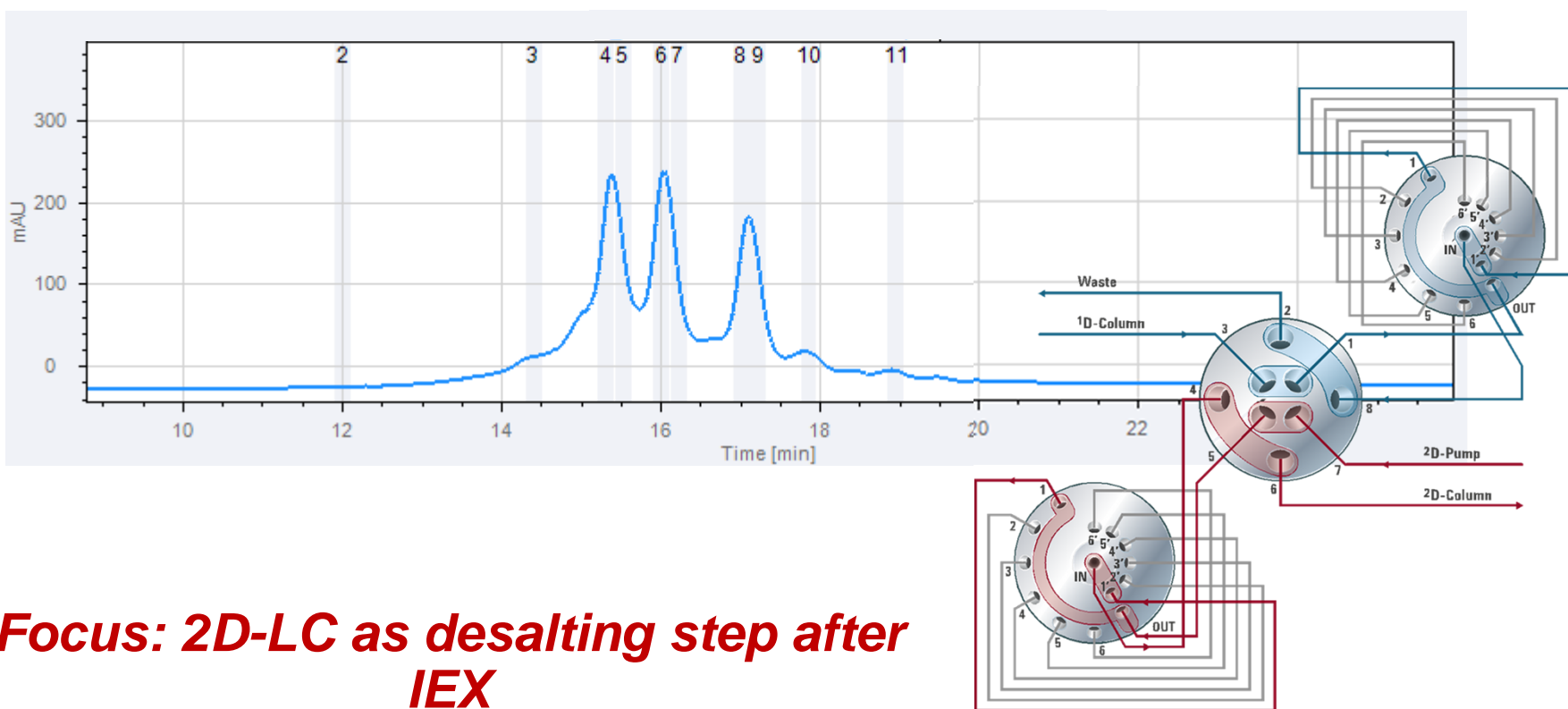
# Case Study 3 Combining SEC and WCX Summary

- Fully automated combination of two different quality attribute analyses  
→ Size Exclusion and Charge Variants
- No hands-on time required between the two analyses
- High precision of retention time and area found in both dimensions



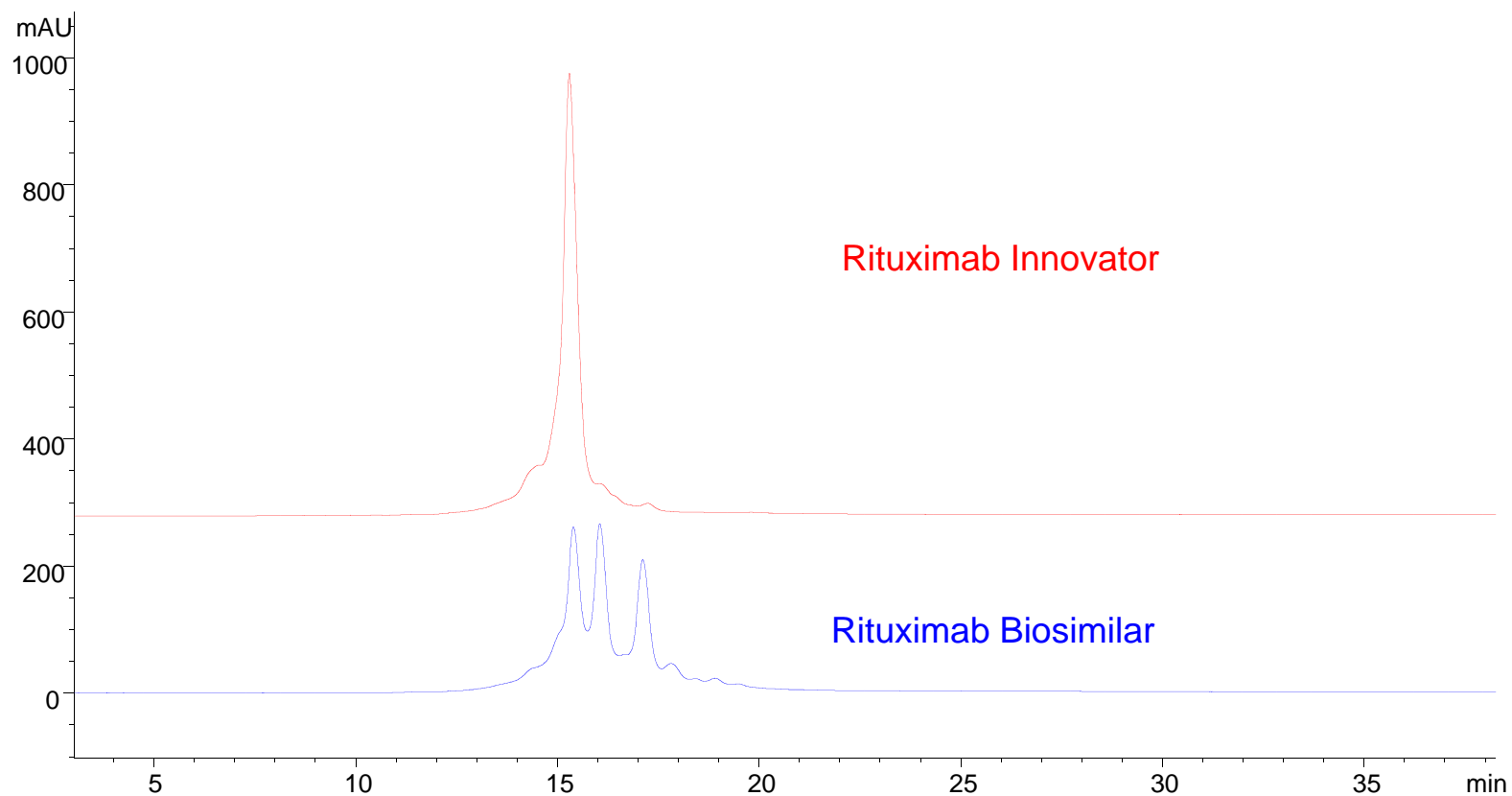
# Case Study 4 Charge Variants Analysis LCMS

## Ion Exchange and Reversed-Phase Chromatography



***Focus: 2D-LC as desalting step after IEX***

# Charge profiles of Rituximab Innovator and Biosimilar



# WCX (first dimension) and Reverse Phase (second dimension)

Setup 2D-Pump: (G4220A DE92900288)

General settings | **Advanced settings**

**2D-LC Mode**

Comprehensive    2D Gradient stop time: 3.00 min  
 Heart-Cutting    2D cycle time: 4.50 min  
 HiRes sampling

**Solvents**

A: 90 %    A1: 100.0 % Water V.03  
B: 10 %    B1: 100.0 % Acetonitrile V.03

**Flow settings**

2D Flow: 1.00 ml/min  
 use idle flow: 0.10 ml/min

**2D Gradient**

Time [min]	% B
0.00	10.00
2.50	60.00
2.75	90.00

**2D Time segments**

Time [min]	Mode	Sampling time [min]	Loop filling [%]	Prioritize	2D in
12.00	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.80	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.35	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.78	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16.00	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16.48	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16.70	Time based	0.20	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Operating values**

Solvent consumption

	A	B
1D Pump	13.900 ml	1.100 ml
2D Pump	48.363 ml	17.925 ml

**Preview**

DAD2 A, Sig=280.4 Ref=360,100    %B 1D-Pump

%B 2D

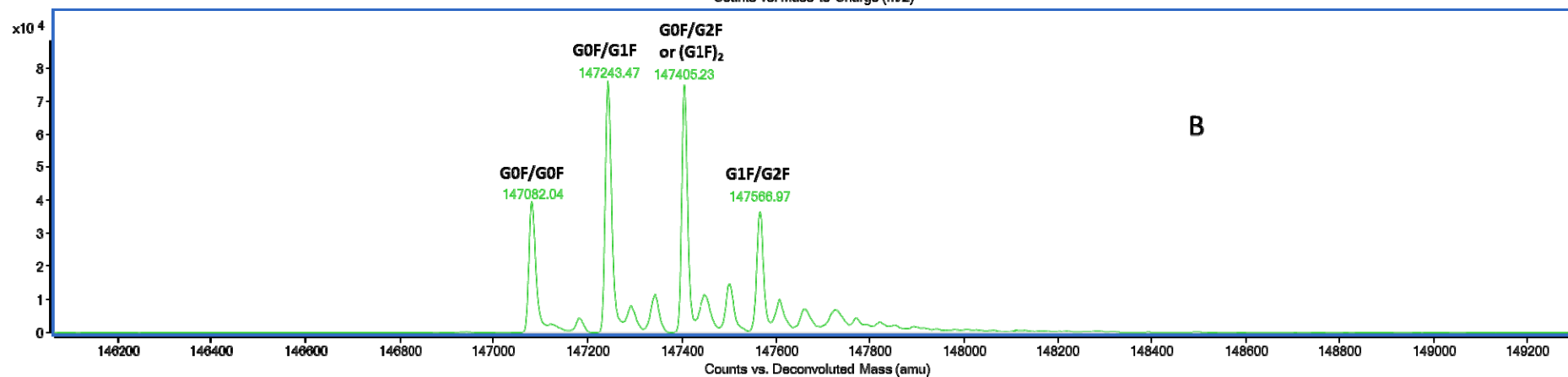
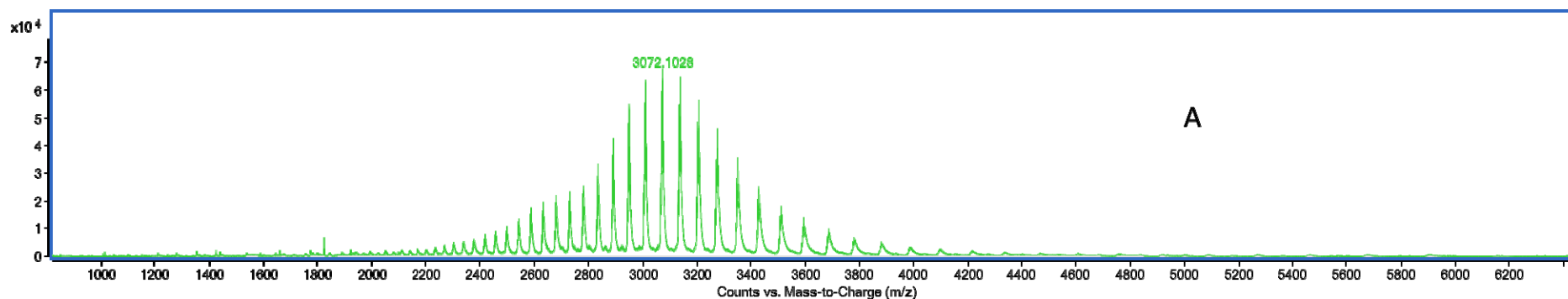
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# Online MS detection

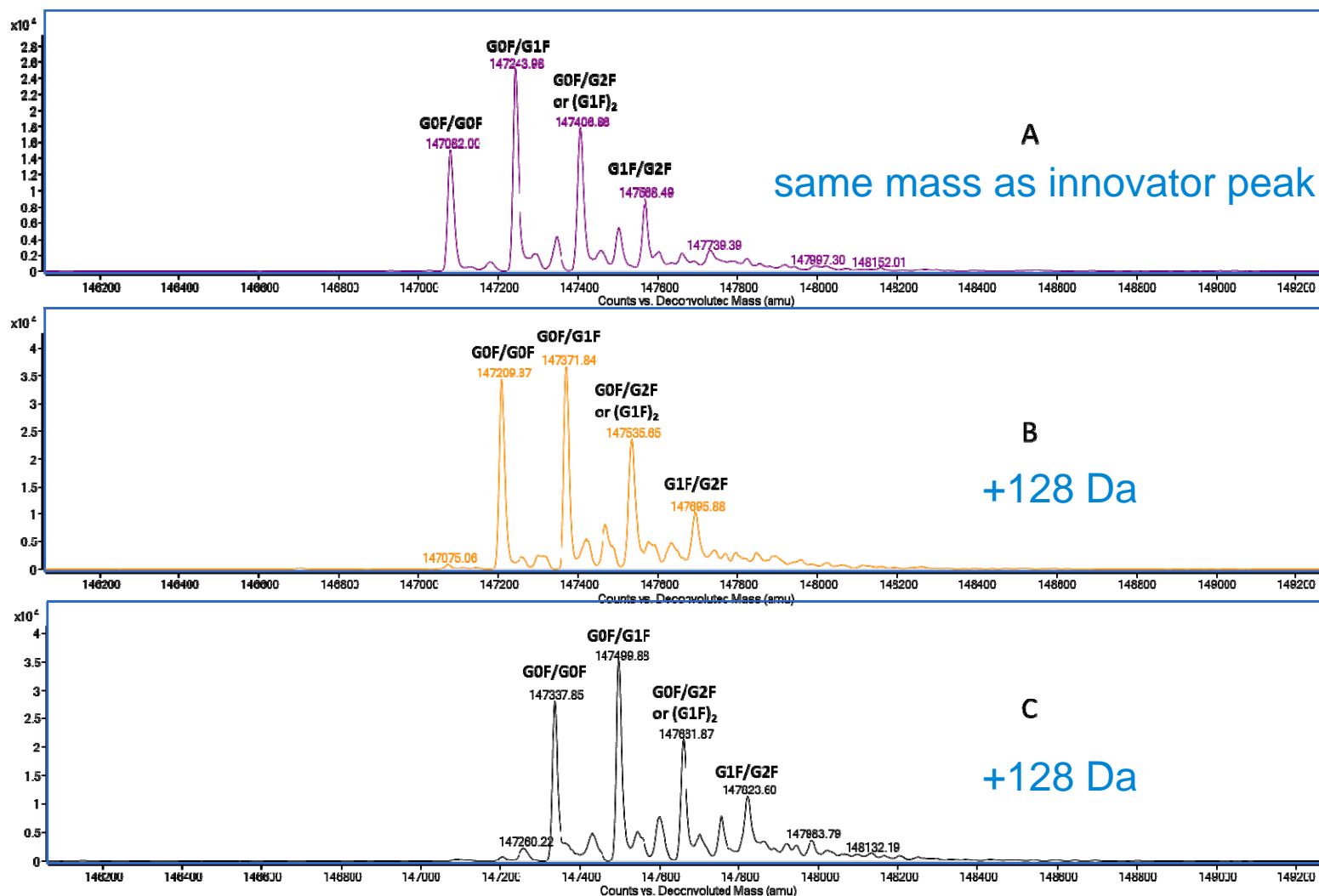
## *Intact mass analysis of Innovator Rituximab – 1 peak*





# Online MS detection

## *Intact Mass Analysis of Biosimilar Rituximab – 3 peaks*



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# Case Study 4 Charge Variants Analysis LCMS Summary

- Innovator and Biosimilar Rituximab charge variants were analyzed using weak cation exchange chromatography
- Online 2DLC-MS qualification was enabled by automated desalting and denaturation
- The three peaks of the biosimilar vs one peak of the innovator were qualified as c-terminal lysine variants (mass shift of 128 Da)



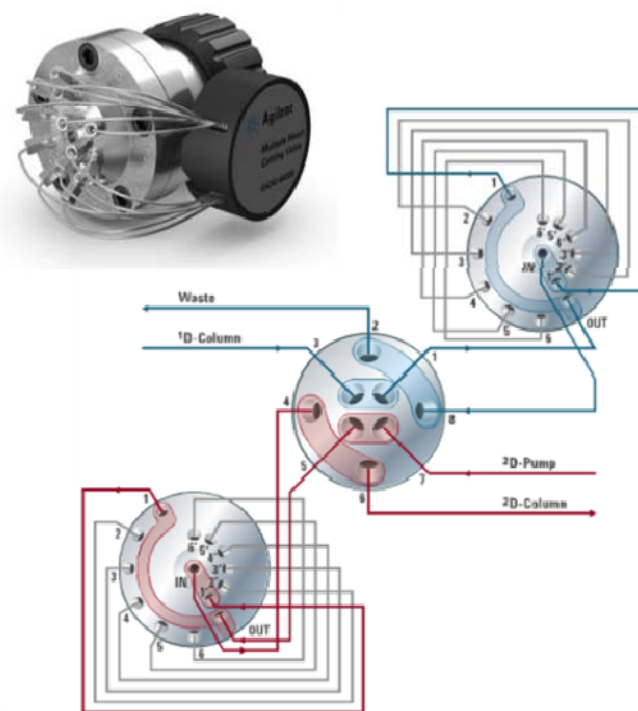
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# Online 2D-LC Analysis of Complex N-Glycans in Biopharmaceuticals



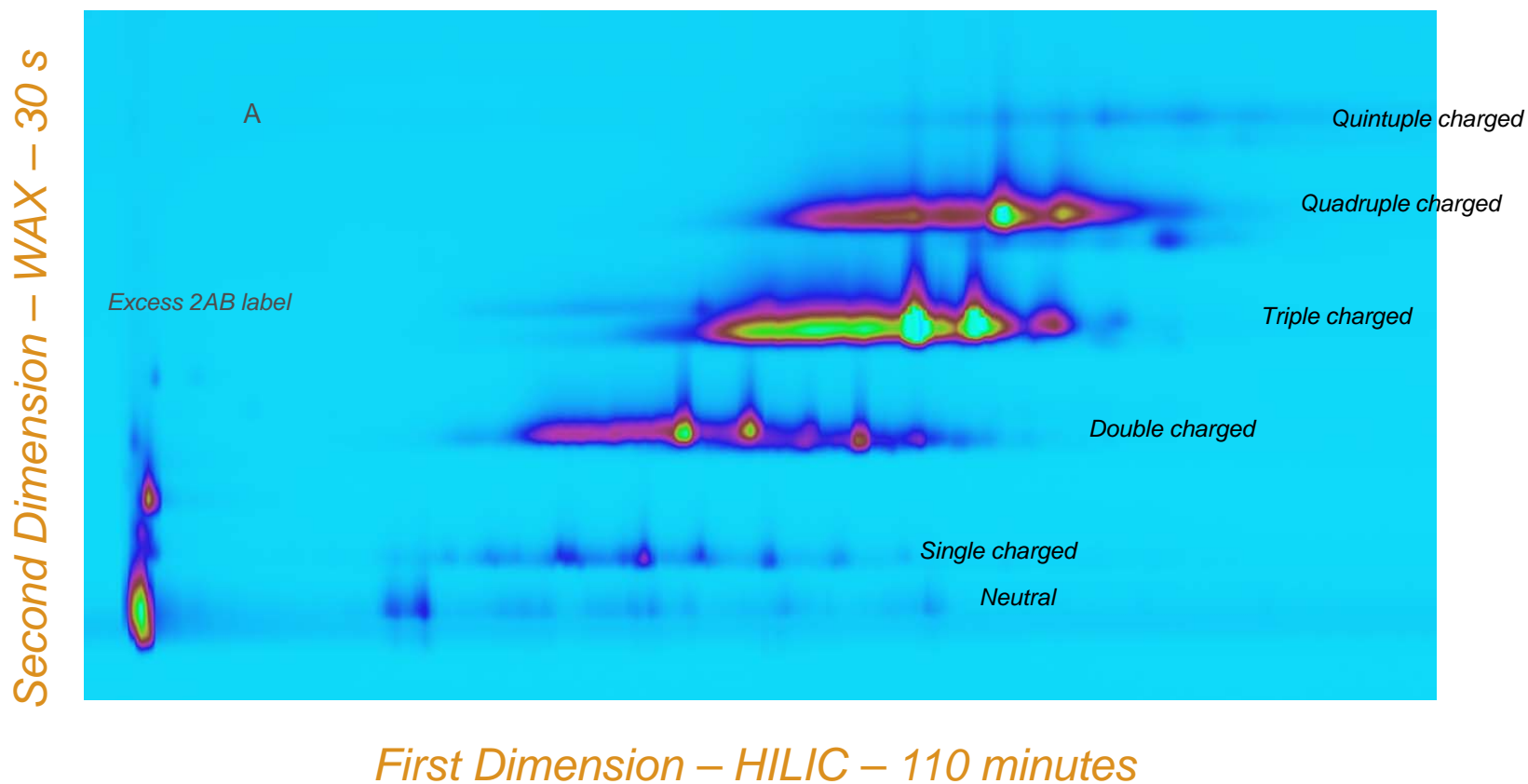
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# Comprehensive 2D-LC of Glycans

## HILIC / WAX

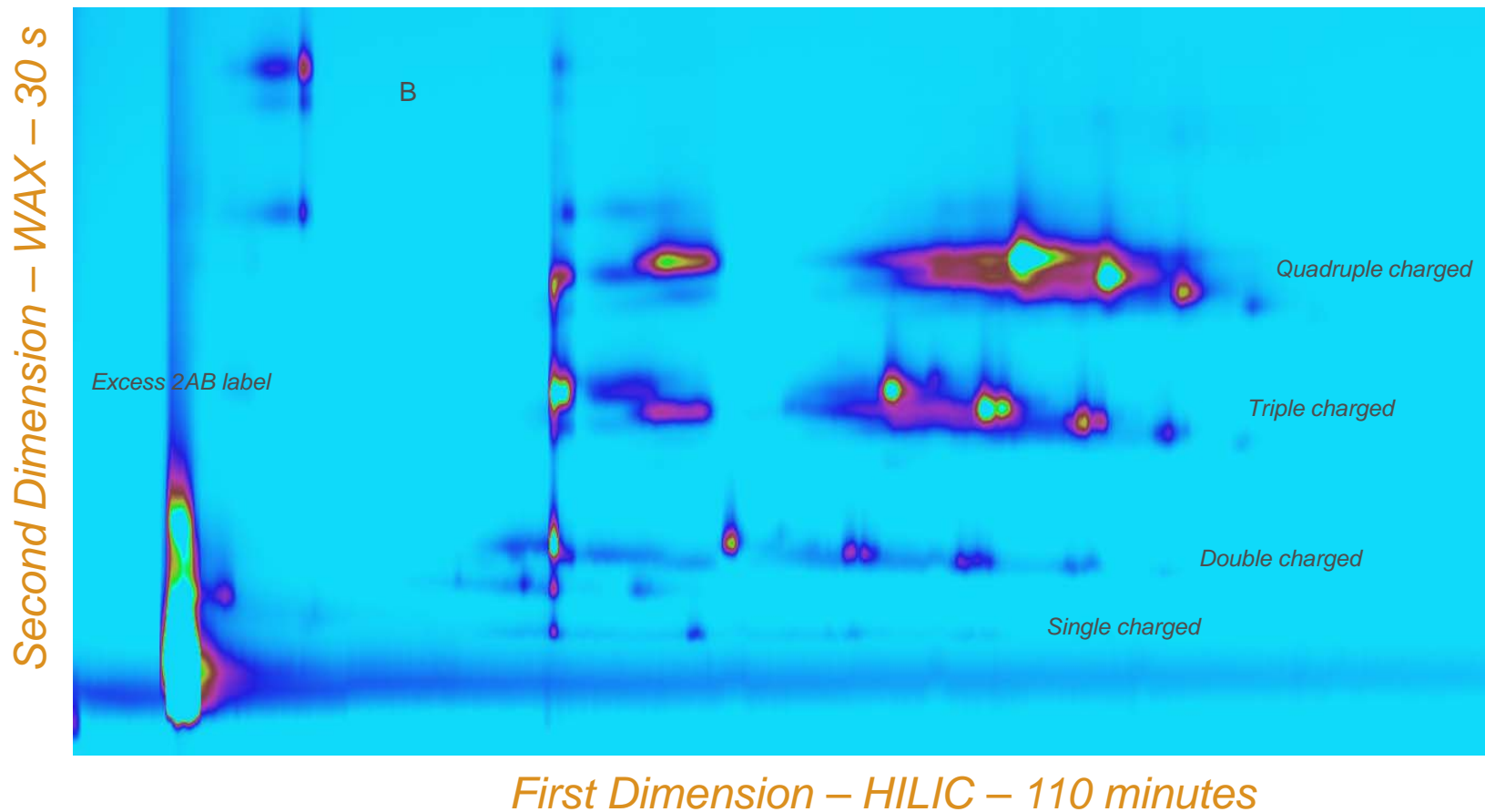
- First Dimension:
  - Agilent AdvanceBio Glycan Mapping column, 2.1 × 150 mm, 1.8 μm  
Total run time 165 min (Stoptime + Posttime)
- Second Dimension:
  - Agilent Bio WAX column, 2.1 × 50 mm, 5 μm  
30 seconds 2D gradients

# Comprehensive 2D-LC of Fetuin HILIC/WAX



<http://web.expasy.org/glycomod/> for the determination of glycan structures

# Comprehensive 2D-LC of EPO HILIC/WAX



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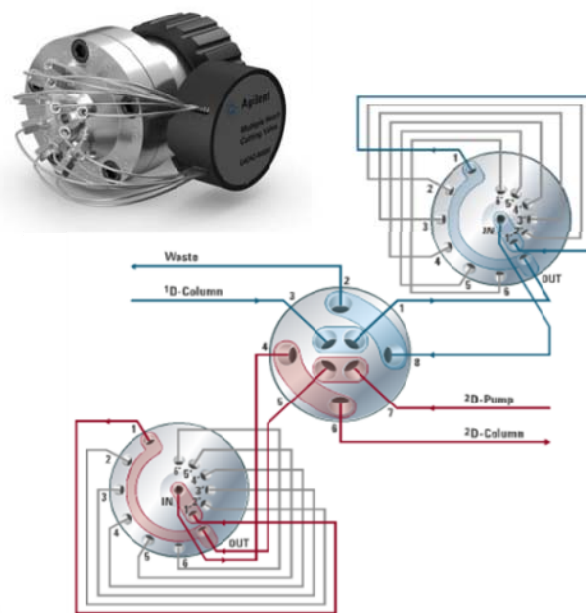
# Comprehensive 2D-LC Analysis of Glycans Summary

- Comprehensive HILIC/WAX – high peak capacity
- Complete automation possible within a run time of about 110 minutes
- Easy data analysis and interpretation due to the grouping of the glycans according to their charge in the second dimension, enabling simultaneous charge profiling





# Multiple Heart-Cutting 2D-LC of Glycans



# Time-Based Multiple Heart-Cutting of EPO 2D-LC Method Setup

General settings | Advanced

**2D-LC Mode**

Comprehensive  Heart-Cutting

<sup>2</sup>D Gradient stop time: 3.50 min  
<sup>2</sup>D cycle time: 4.90 min

**Solvents**

A: 35 % A1: Aqueous  
B: 65 % B1: 100.0 % Acetonitrile V.03

**Flow settings**

<sup>2</sup>D Flow: 2.00 ml/min  
 use idle flow: 0.50 ml/min

**2D Gradient**

Time [min]	% B
0.00	65.00
3.50	57.00

**2D Time segments**

Time [min]	Mode	Loop fill time [min]	Add transfer volume
6.85	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.45	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.85	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.15	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.45	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.75	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.30	Time based	0.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Operating values**

Loop filling: 62.5 %  
Inj. volume / <sup>2</sup>D column volume: 14 % ⚠

**Solvent consumption**

	A	B	ml
<sup>1</sup> D Pump	15.656	2.344	
<sup>2</sup> D Pump	53.331	88.644	

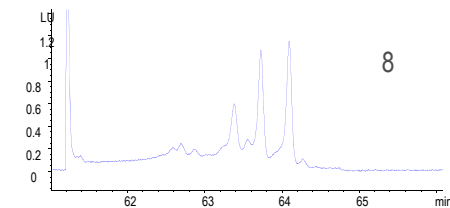
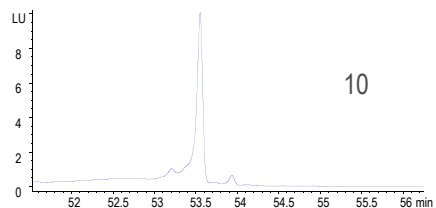
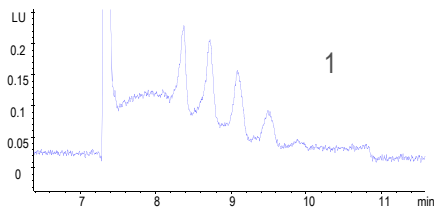
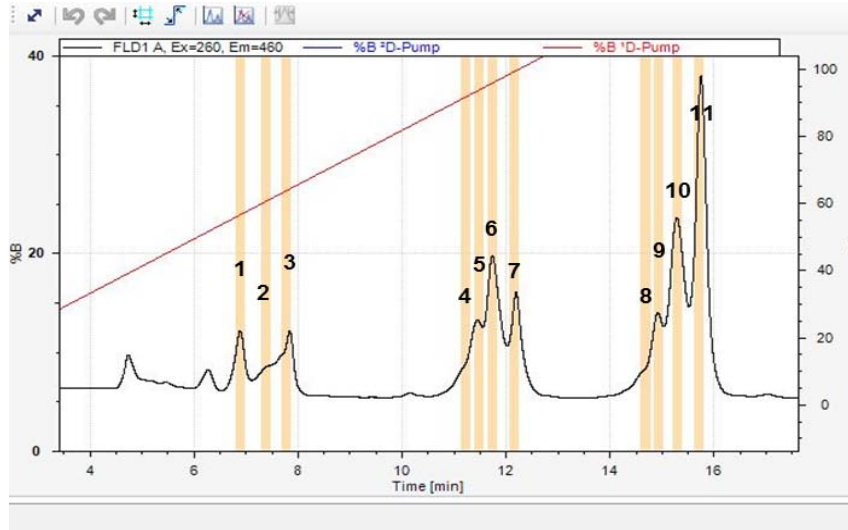
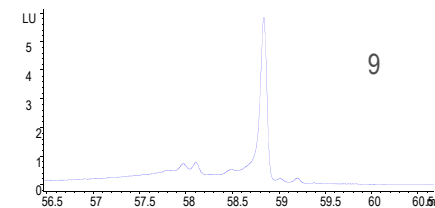
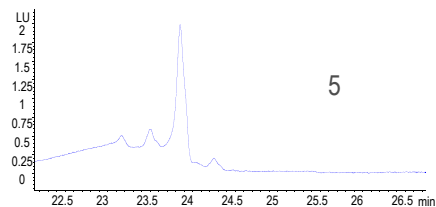
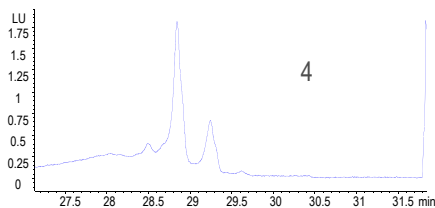
**Gradient preview**

Chromatogram showing %B vs Time [min]. The x-axis ranges from 4 to 16 minutes, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 40% B. A red line indicates the %B gradient, which starts at approximately 15% at 4 minutes and increases linearly to 40% at 16 minutes. Several peaks are visible, with vertical orange bars indicating heart-cutting events at 6.85, 7.45, 7.85, 11.15, 11.45, 11.75, and 12.30 minutes. The legend indicates 'FLD1 A, Ex=260, Em=460' and '%B \*D-Pump'.

Zoomed-in view of the %B gradient and heart-cutting events. The x-axis ranges from 0 to 5 minutes, and the y-axis ranges from 40 to 100% B. The blue line shows the %B gradient, which starts at approximately 65% at 0 minutes and decreases to approximately 57% at 3.50 minutes. Vertical dashed lines indicate heart-cutting events at 6.85, 7.45, 7.85, 11.15, 11.45, 11.75, and 12.30 minutes.

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# Time-Based Multiple Heart-Cutting of EPO



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# Time-Based Multiple Heart-Cutting of EPO

## Summary

- Multiple heart-cutting WAX/HILIC High Resolution
- Higher flexibility – no limitation to super short gradients and high flow rates in the second dimension
- Facilitates the combination of WAX/HILIC having WAX in the first and HILIC in the second dimension enabling partly fill of the sample loops
- Time saving of over 70 % compared to the offline WAX/HILIC analysis with 4 hours vs only 70 minutes



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# Thank you for your attention

## Questions?

