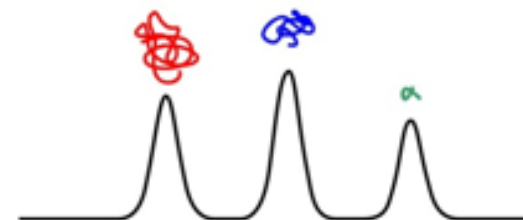


# Helpful 'Hints' for Protein SEC Success

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# Outline for Talk

## Getting started

- SEC definition, common terminology, and why use it?
- Considerations for selecting an SEC column
  - Pain Points/Challenges for SEC
  - Importance of Pore Size and Particle Size Selection
- Mobile Phases and Buffer Considerations
- Common Detectors
- Considerations for the LC instrument

# Protein Characterization

## Testing Importance of Aggregates & Fragments

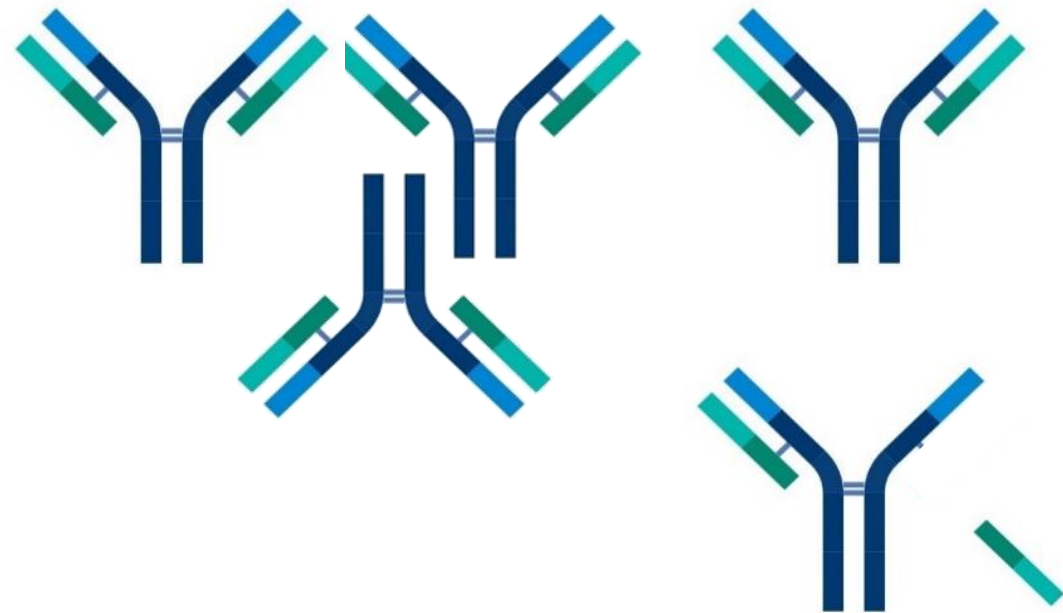
Aggregation is not only highly risky – possibly triggering an immunogenic response – it is very common.

Aggregation is a common response when a protein is exposed to stress conditions:

- Upstream or downstream processes
- Changes in concentration
- Changes in pH or temperature
- Exposure to surfaces or shear forces

Proteins are relatively unstable

Do not always adopt native conformation



# SEC = Size Exclusion Chromatography

Separates (ideally) purely by sample size in solution

NOT by typical particle surface/sample interaction

SEC Size Exclusion Chromatography is for aqueous mobile phase conditions

GPC Gel Permeation Chromatography is for organic solvent mobile phase conditions

# Separation Mechanism

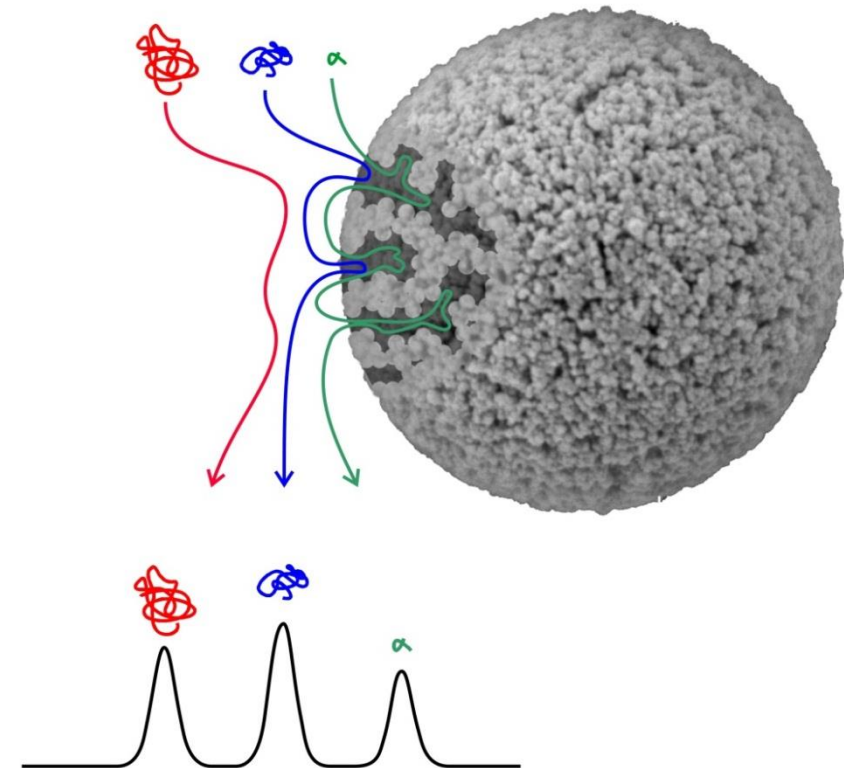
Largest molecules cannot penetrate the pores – they are excluded and elute first

Smallest molecules diffuse into all of the pores - elute from the columns last

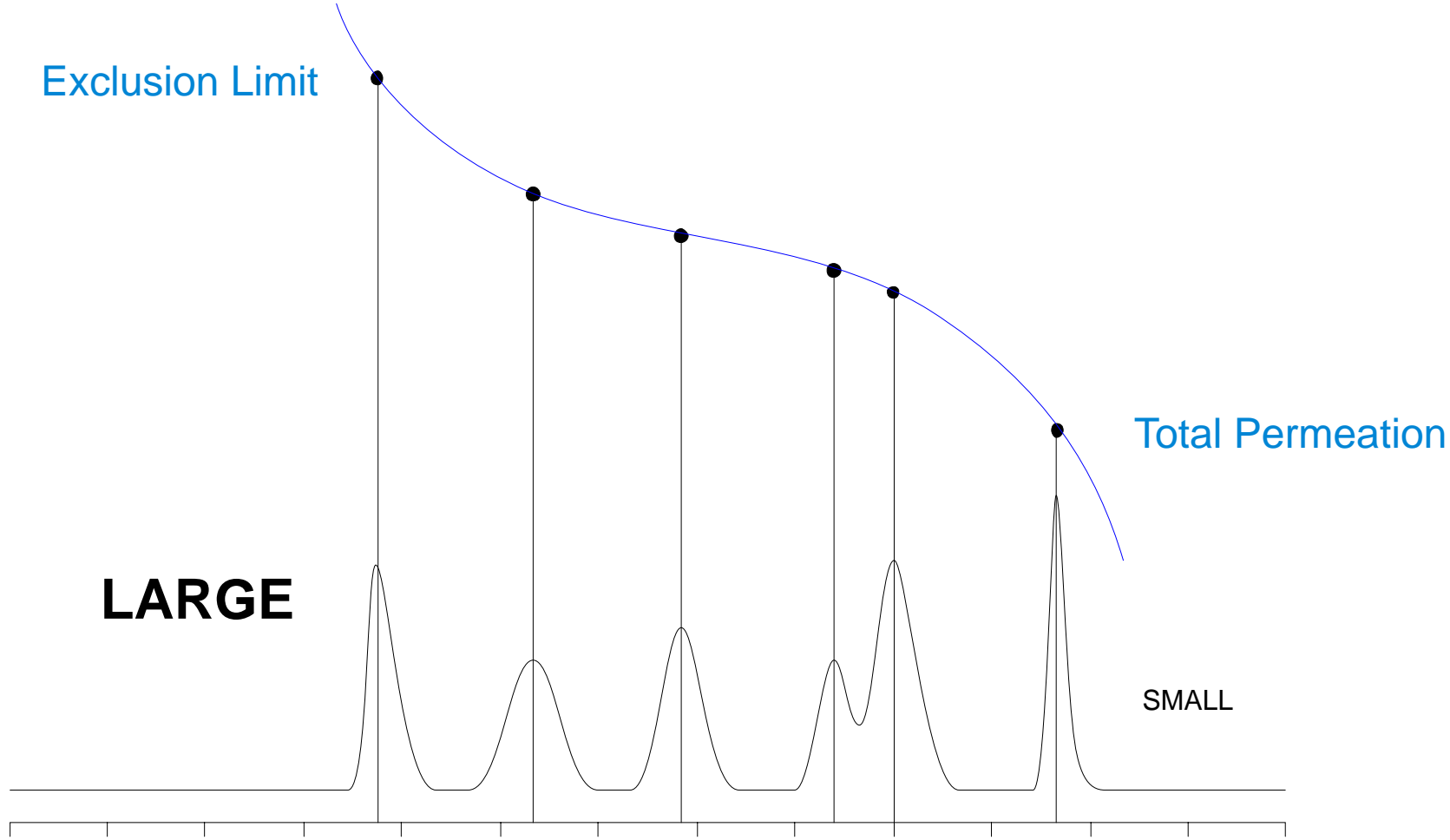
Resolution of the column is dependent on the pore volume in the column

To increase resolution, it is sometimes necessary to run multiple columns in series

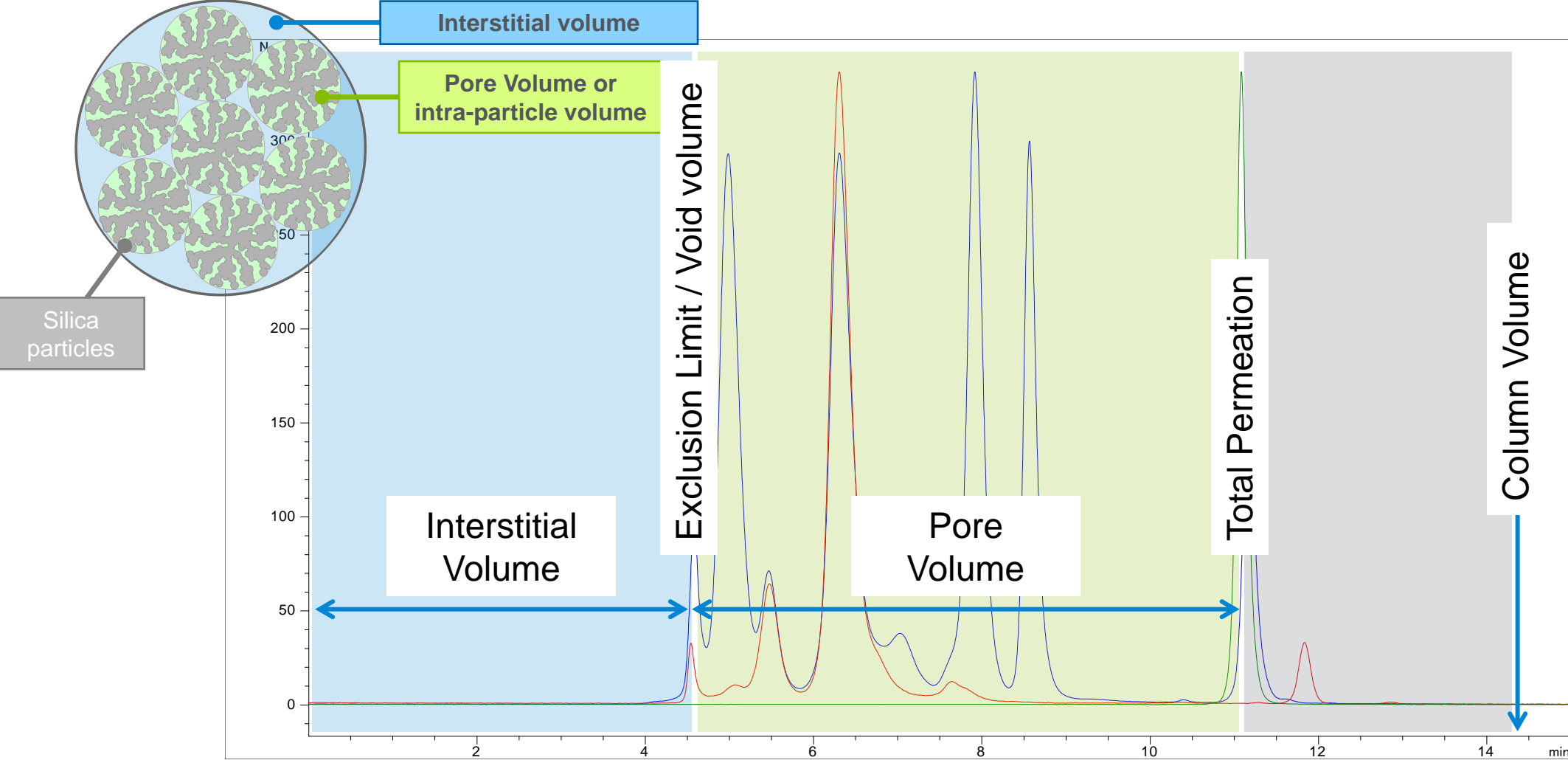
SEC: A Non-interactive isocratic technique;  
correct choice of pore size is critical for  
success



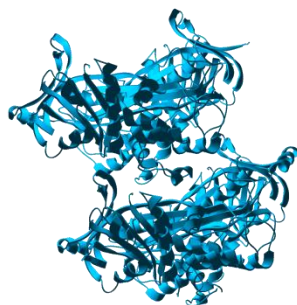
# Making sense of Size Exclusion Chromatography



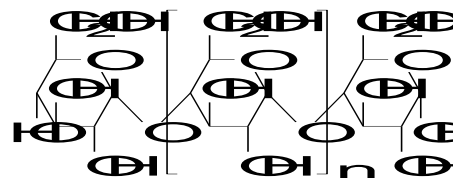
# Common Terminology and chromatogram example noting common terms



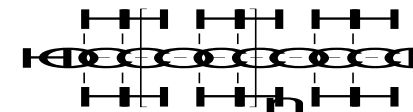
# Molecular Weight or Size in Solution



Ovalbumin  
MW 44,330D  
385 amino acids



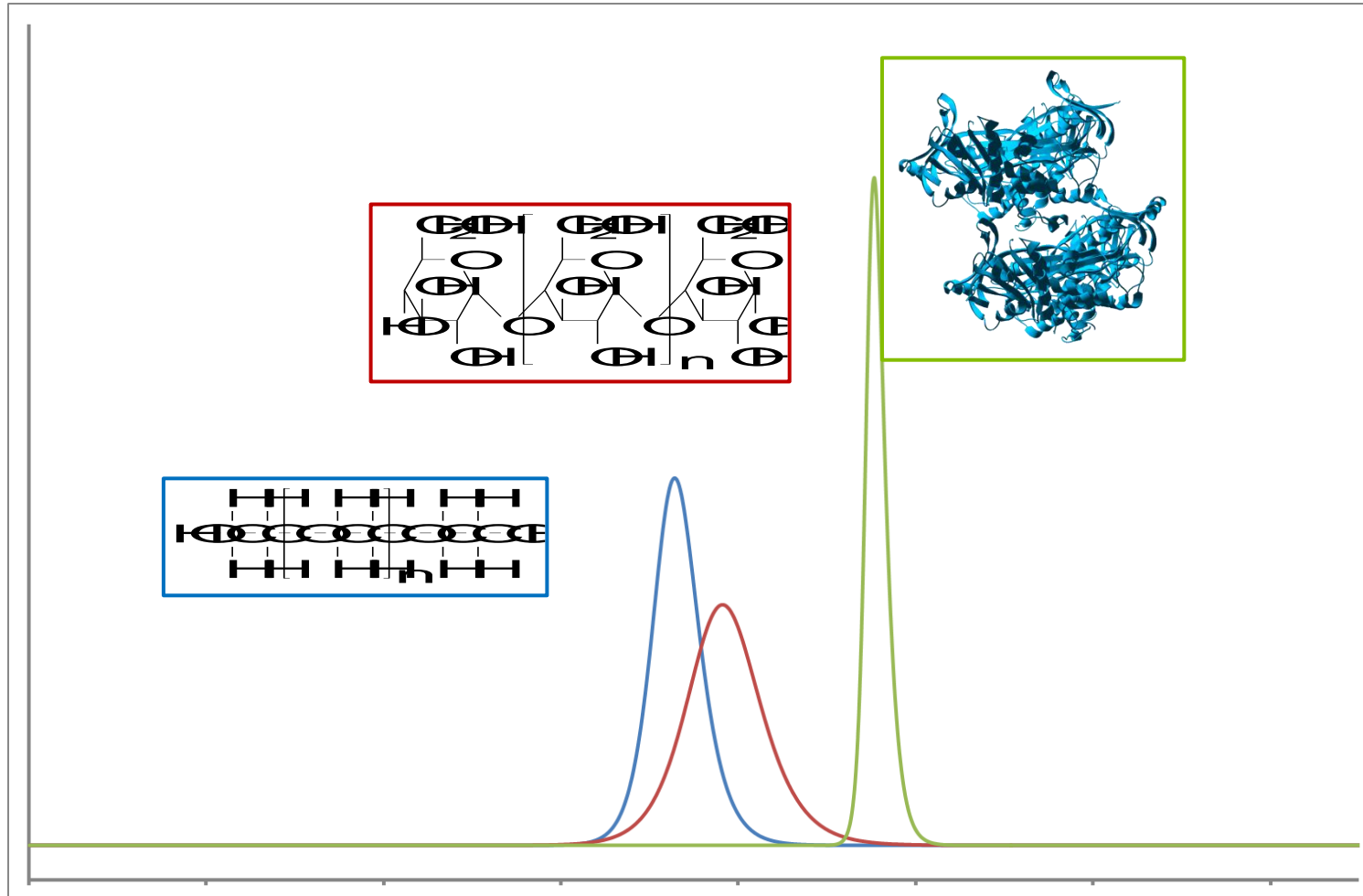
Pullulan  
MW 45,000D  
n ~ 275



PEO  
MW 45,000D  
n ~ 1000



# Molecular Weight or Size in Solution



# Column Selection Criteria

## Pore size

- depends on molecular weight range of sample
- avoid exclusion of sample components
- maximize pore volume in required separation region

## Particle size

- smaller particles for higher resolution

## Number of columns/ length

- compromise between resolution and analysis time
- Smaller length column for increased throughput
- Longer length column for improved resolution

## Column ID

- smaller column ID can be used for reduced solvent consumption, smaller injection volume, or improved sensitivity

# Considerations for Column Selection

## Pain points and common challenges for SEC





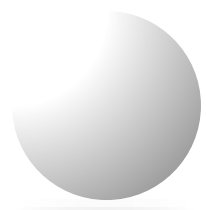
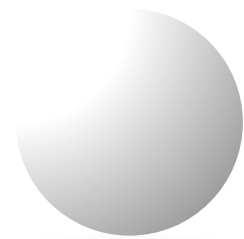
- Limited resolution - insufficient/incorrect pore sizes can reduce resolution
- Non-specific interactions contribute to loss of sample, lead to inconsistent results, rework
- Long analysis times - SEC is typically slow
- Poor pressure stability creates rework and increased cost
- Want consistent and reproducible results
- High salt conditions puts excessive wear on instrument, parts

# Agilent Biomolecule Columns Portfolio

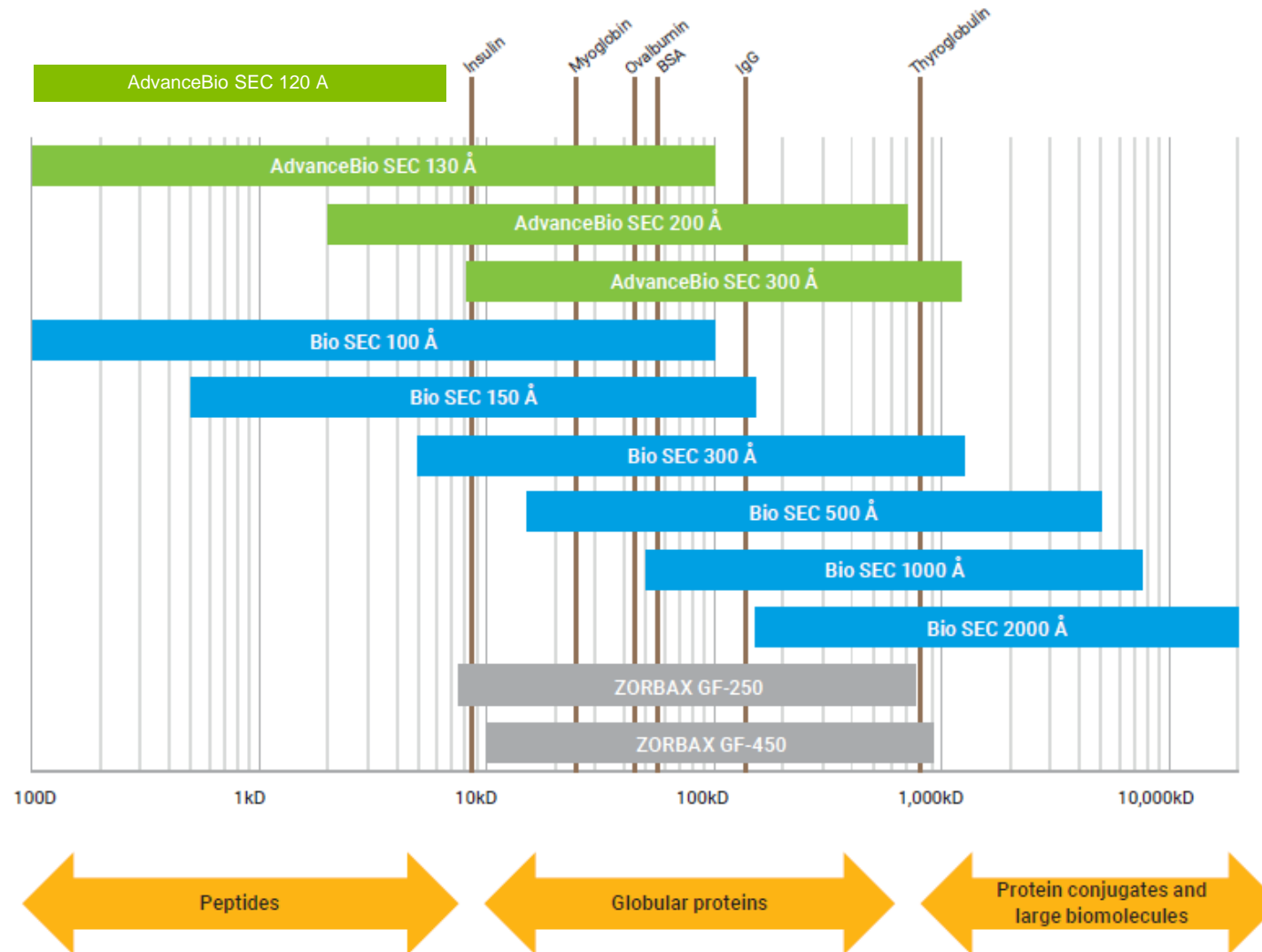
Titer Determination	Aggregate Analysis	Intact Purity & PTM Analysis		Sequence Variant & PTM Analysis	Charge Variant Analysis	Glycan Analysis	Amino Acid / Cell Culture Media Analysis	
Affinity	Size Exclusion	Reverse Phase >150 Å	Hydrophobic Interaction	Reverse Phase < 150 Å	Ion Exchange	Hydrophilic Interaction	Reverse Phase < 150 Å	Hydrophilic Interaction
Bio-Monolith Protein A	AdvanceBio SEC	PLRP-S	AdvanceBio HIC	AdvanceBio Peptide Plus	Bio mAb	AdvanceBio Glycan Mapping	AdvanceBio Amino Acid Analysis (HpH)	AdvanceBio MS Spent Media
Bio-Monolith Protein G	Bio SEC-3	AdvanceBio RP mAb		AdvanceBio Peptide Mapping	Bio IEX (SAX, WAX, SCX, WCX)	ZORBAX RRHD 300-HILIC 1.8 µm	ZORBAX AAA	
	Bio SEC-5	ZORBAX RRHD 300 Å, 1.8 µm			PL SCX, SAX			
	ProSEC 300S	ZORBAX 300SB			Bio-Monolith (QA, DEAE, SO3)			
	ZORBAX GF250 & GF450	Poroshell 300						



# Agilent Size Exclusion Columns

AdvanceBio SEC	AdvanceBio SEC	Bio SEC-3	Bio SEC-5	ProSEC 300S	ZORBAX GF-250 & GF-450
1.9µm	2.7µm	3µm	5µm	5µm	4µm, 6µm
200Å, 120Å	130Å, 300Å	100Å, 150Å, 300Å	100Å, 150Å, 300Å, 500Å, 1000Å, 2000Å	Nominal 300Å (linear resolving range)	150Å, 300Å
Coated silica (USP L59)	Coated silica (USP L59)	Coated silica (USP L59)	Coated silica (USP L59)	Silica Diol (USP L20)	Zirconium stabilized silica diol (USP L35)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mAb and ADC analysis</li> <li>Dimer/monomer</li> <li>LMW mAb fragments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mAb and ADC analysis</li> <li>Higher-order aggregates</li> <li>Dimer/monomer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polypeptide to small proteins</li> <li>MS capable separations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadest range of pore sizes for wide variety of biomolecules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unique linear resolving range</li> <li>30cm and 60cm column lengths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legacy product</li> <li>Larger column dimensions</li> <li>Ideal for GF-450 &amp; GF-250 in series</li> </ul>
					

# Agilent Size Exclusion Columns



# What to Look for in an SEC Column

## The Right Pore Size for Your Sample

- Pores must be large enough for sample to permeate the pores and not be excluded
- Pores that are too large will limit the separation capability
- Optimum pore size  $\sim 300\text{\AA}$  for mAbs

## Well Packed Column & Large Pore Volume

- Minimize interstitial volume
- Maximize pore volume

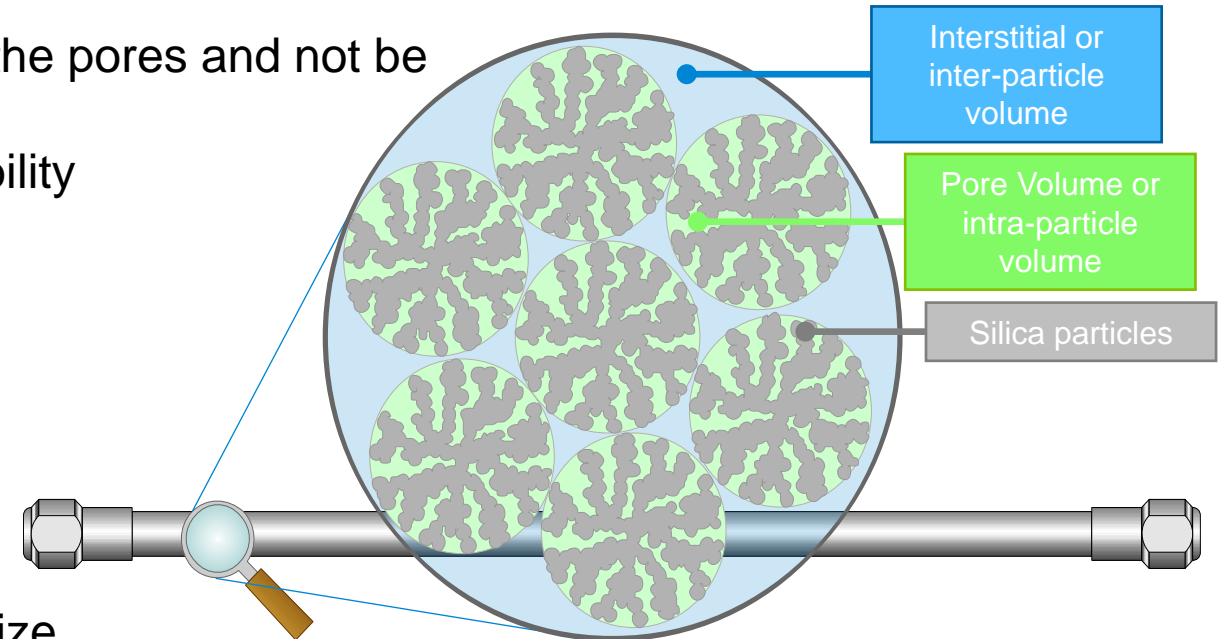
## Inert Chemistry

- Ideal SEC separations are based only on molecular size
- Best to avoid secondary interactions between the sample and stationary phase

## The Right Dimensions for Your Application

4.6 or 7.8 x 150 mm for higher throughput,  
faster separations

7.8 x 300 mm for higher resolution  
4.6 x 300 mm for higher sensitivity

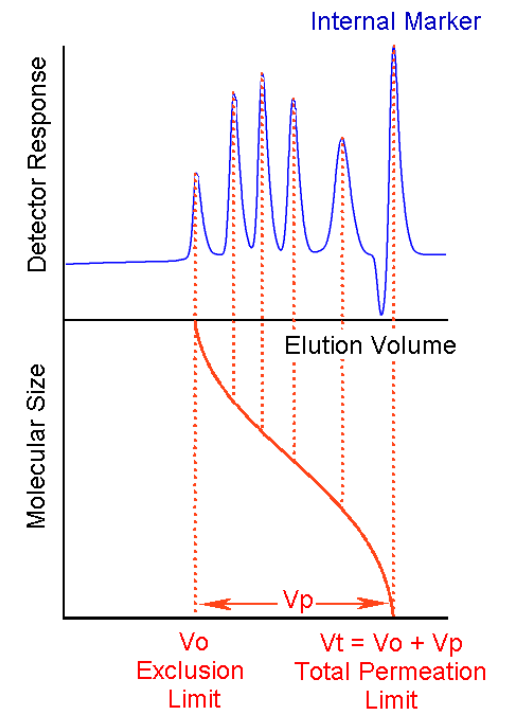


# Column Selection:

## Choose the right pore size

- It is essential to select a column that has pores sufficiently large enough to allow your molecule to permeate into the pore structure of the stationary phase and to not be excluded.
- Provides for complete coverage for the MW range of your sample and for your calibration standards
- Choose a pore size that allows you to work in the linear portion of the calibration curve
- It is also essential to choose a pore size that is not too large

Ex: For monoclonal antibodies the optimum pore size is around 300Å ...





# Column Selection

## Agilent AdvanceBioSEC and BioSEC columns pore size options

Pore Size	MW Range (Globular Protein)	Typical Sample
100Å 120Å	100 – 100,000	Small proteins
150Å	500 – 150,000	Small proteins
200Å	2,000 – 700,000	Monomer, dimer & LMW fragments – mAb & ADC
300Å	5,000 – 1,250,000	Monomer, dimer, higher order aggregates – mAb & ADC
500Å	15,000 – 5,000,000	Larger proteins and antibodies (IgM)
1000Å	50,000 – 7,500,000	Very large proteins
2000Å	> 10,000,000	Very large molecules – viruses Lower limit on this column is hard to define, Use only for special applications

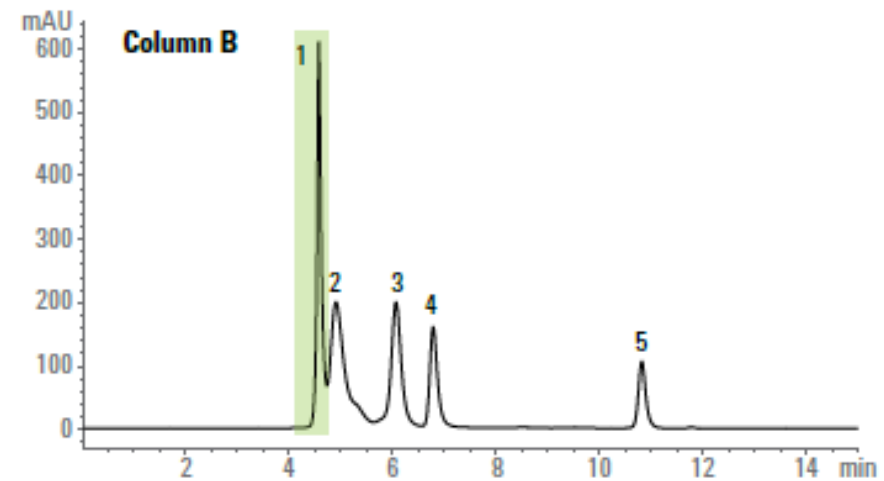
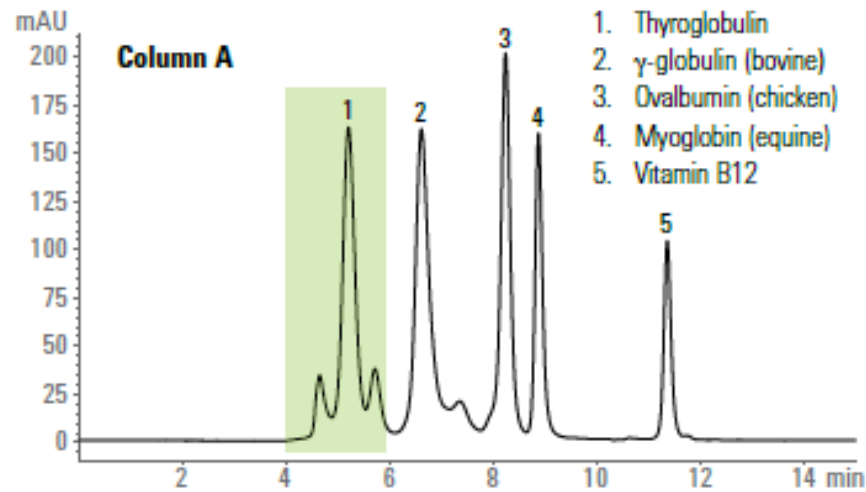
# Importance of Pore Size Selection Calibrants

Instrument: Agilent 1260 Infinity Bio-inert Quaternary LC System  
Mobile phase: 150 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.0  
Flow rate: 0.35 mL/min  
Detector: UV, 220 nm  
Sample: BioRad gel filtration standards mix

**Column A:** AdvanceBio SEC 300Å  
4.6 x 300 mm, 2.7 µm (p/n PL1580-5301)

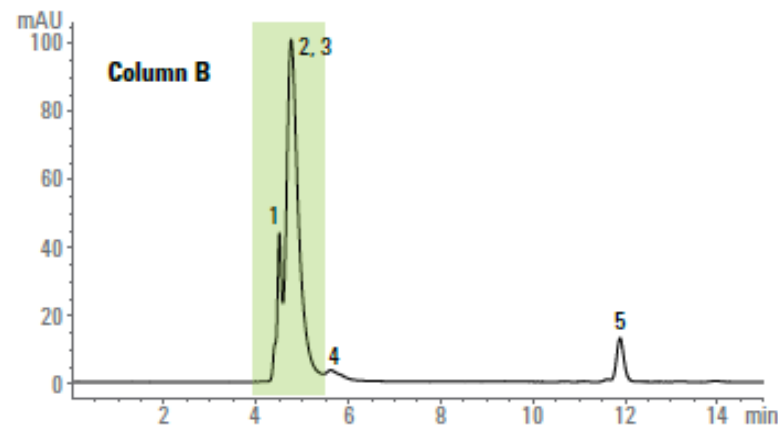
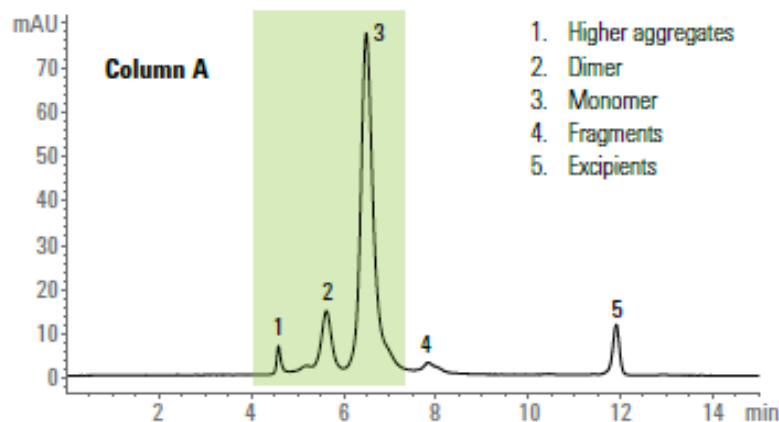
**Column B:** AdvanceBio SEC 130Å  
4.6 x 300 mm, 2.7 µm (p/n PL1580-5350)

## BioRad gel filtration standards mix



# Importance of Pore Size Selection Sample

## Polyclonal IgG separation



**Column A:** AdvanceBio SEC 300Å  
4.6 x 300 mm, 2.7 μm (p/n PL1580-5301)

**Column B:** AdvanceBio SEC 130Å  
4.6 x 300 mm, 2.7 μm (p/n PL1580-5350)

Instrument: Agilent 1260 Infinity Bio-inert Quaternary LC System

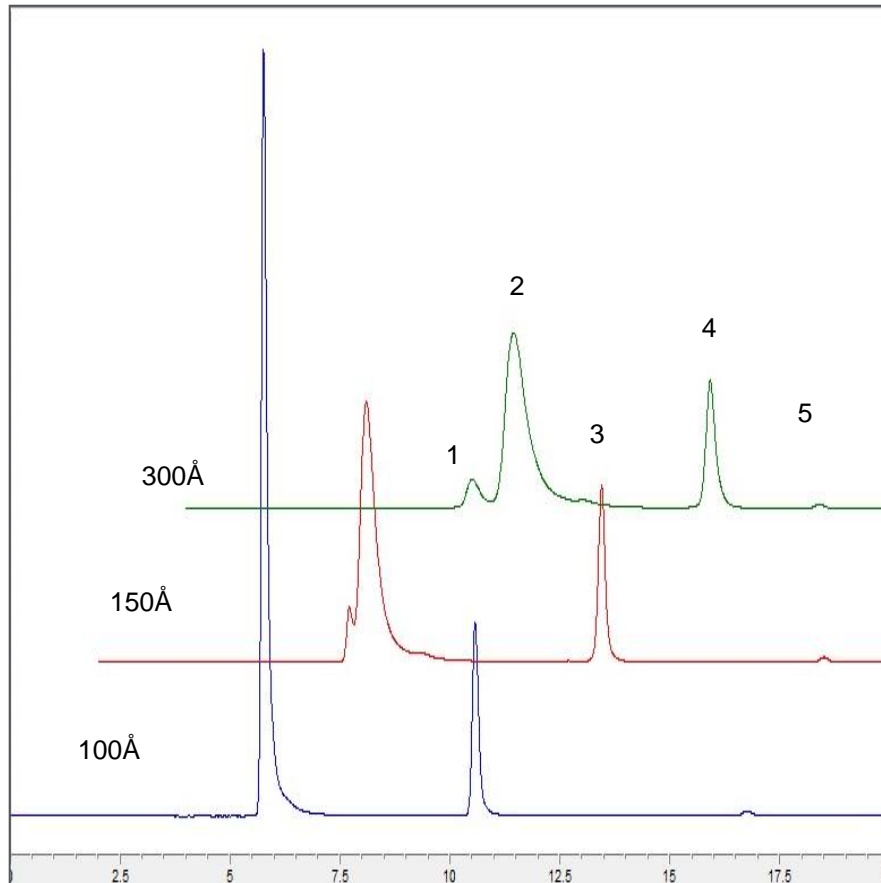
Mobile phase: 150 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.0

Flow rate: 0.35 mL/min

Detector: UV, 220 nm

Sample: Polyclonal IgG

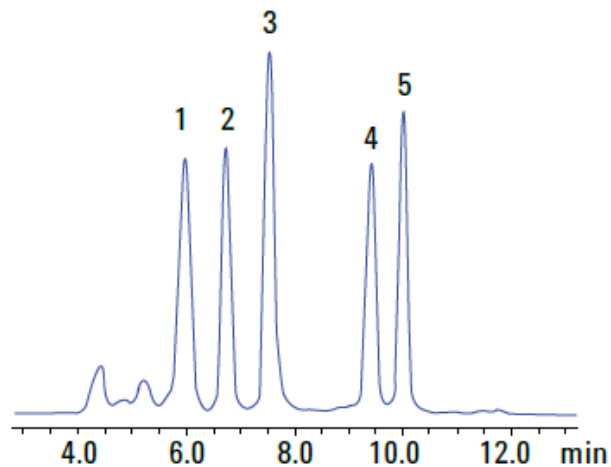
# Pore Size Selection Choice for Antibody Analysis



Eluent: 50mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> + 0.15M NaCl, pH6.8  
Columns: Bio SEC various pore sizes  
Flow: 0.35ml/min  
Detector: UV@220nm  
System: Agilent 1260 Infinity Bio-Inert LC  
Sample: Mouse IgG

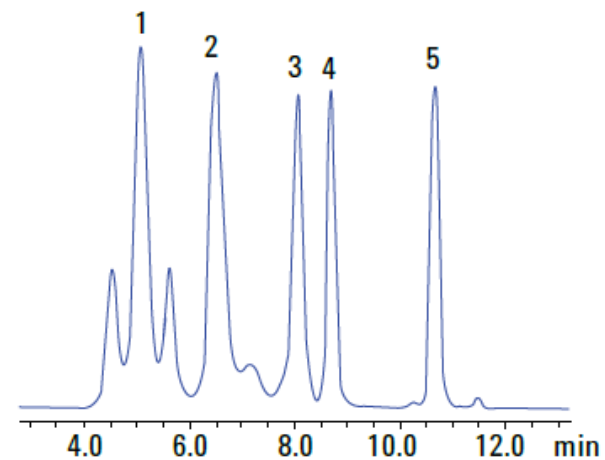
1. Dimer
2. Monomer
3. Monomer Fragment
4. Azide
5. Retained Molecule

# AdvanceBio SEC Protein Standards:



AdvanceBio SEC 130Å Protein Standard separation on AdvanceBio SEC 130Å column

AdvanceBio SEC 130Å Protein Standard (p/n 5190-9416, 1.5 mL vial)	
Analyte	MW
1. Ovalbumin	45,000
2. Myoglobin	17,000
3. Aprotinin	6,700
4. Neurotensin	1,700
5. Angiotensin II	1,000



AdvanceBio SEC 300Å Protein Standard separation on AdvanceBio SEC 300Å column

AdvanceBio SEC 300Å Protein Standard (p/n 5190-9417, 1.5 mL vial)	
Analyte	MW
1. Thyroglobulin	670,000
2. $\gamma$ -globulin	150,000
3. Ovalbumin	45,000
4. Myoglobin	17,000
5. Angiotensin II	1,000



# Features and Benefits of AdvanceBio SEC

## Particles:

- Large pore volume
- Optimized pore size and narrow pore size distribution
- Smaller particles

## Chemistry:

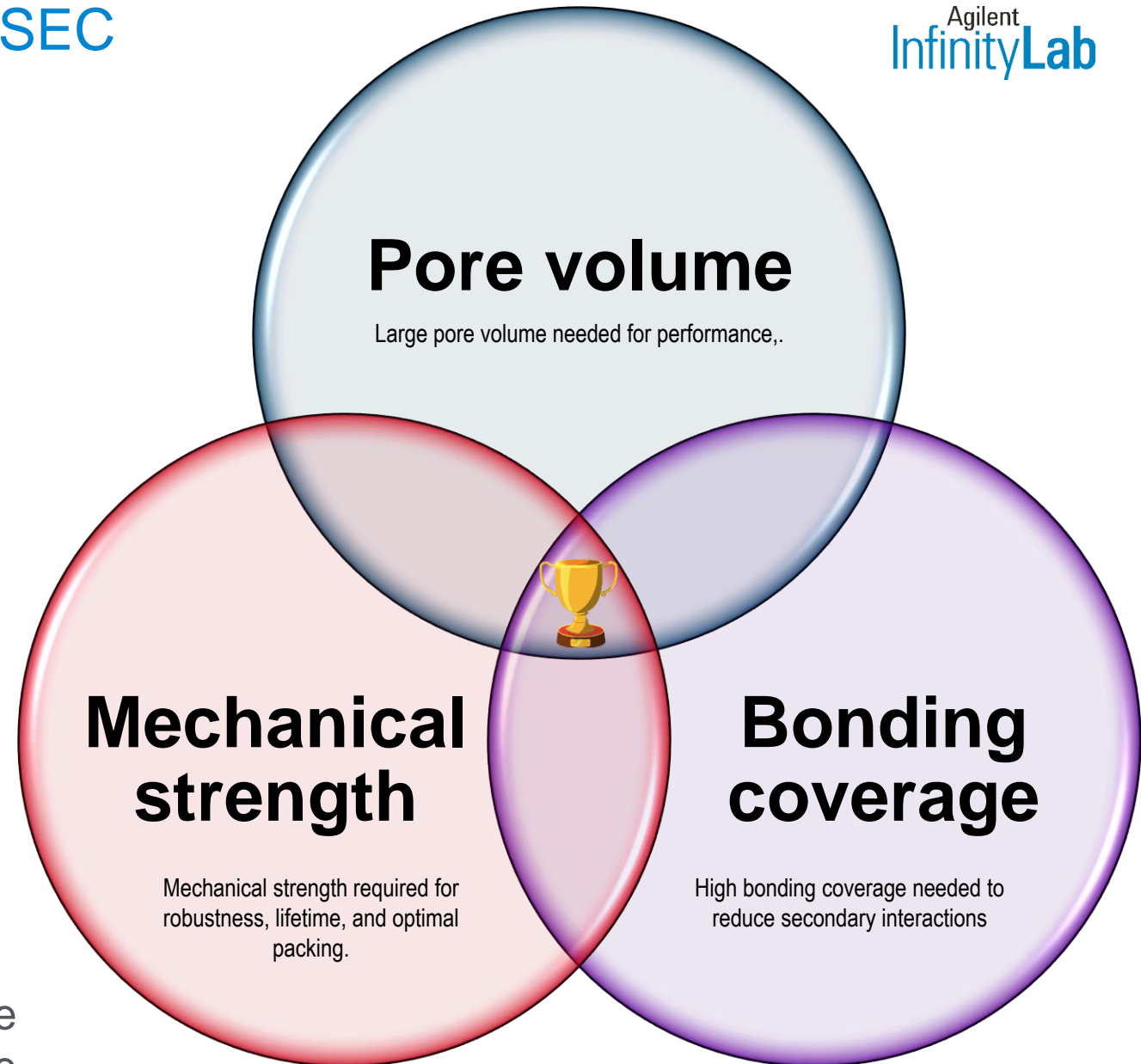
- Hydrophilic surface and inertness
- Stable chemistry (no retention time shift and peak shape change over injections)

## Robustness:

- Strong particles
- Stable packed bed

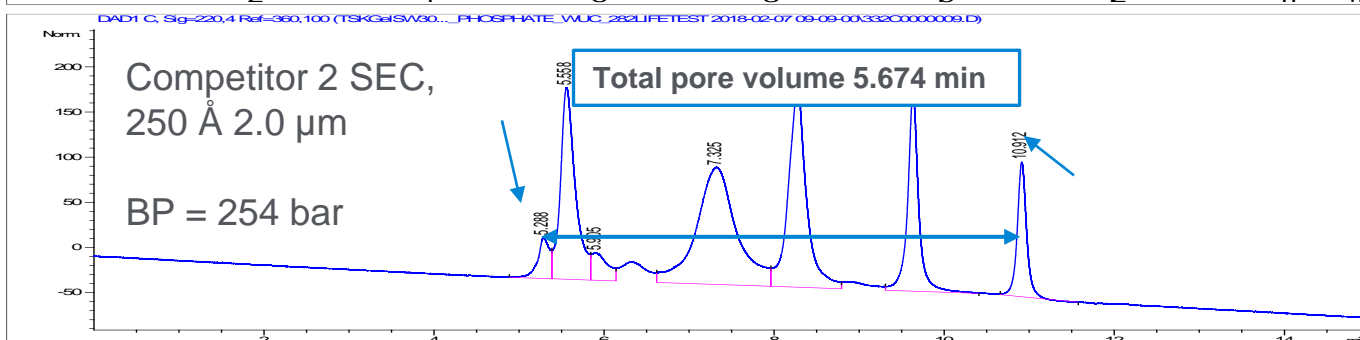
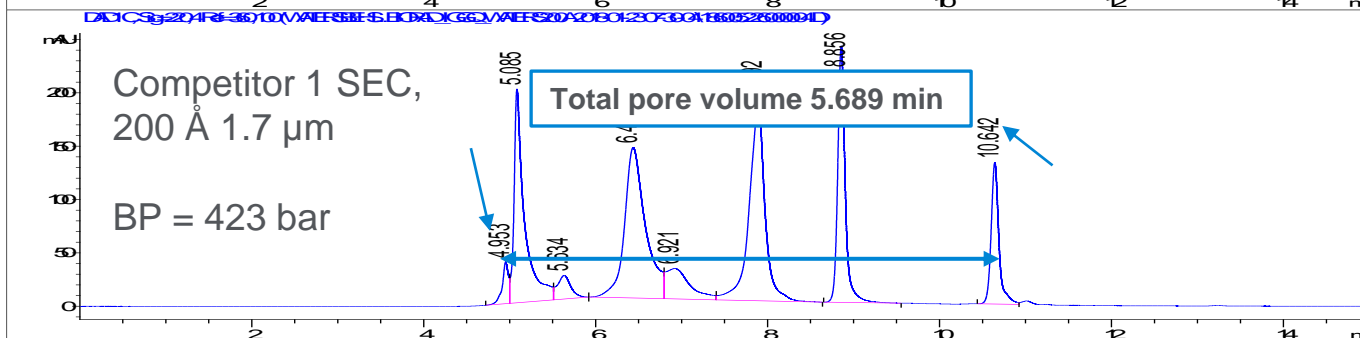
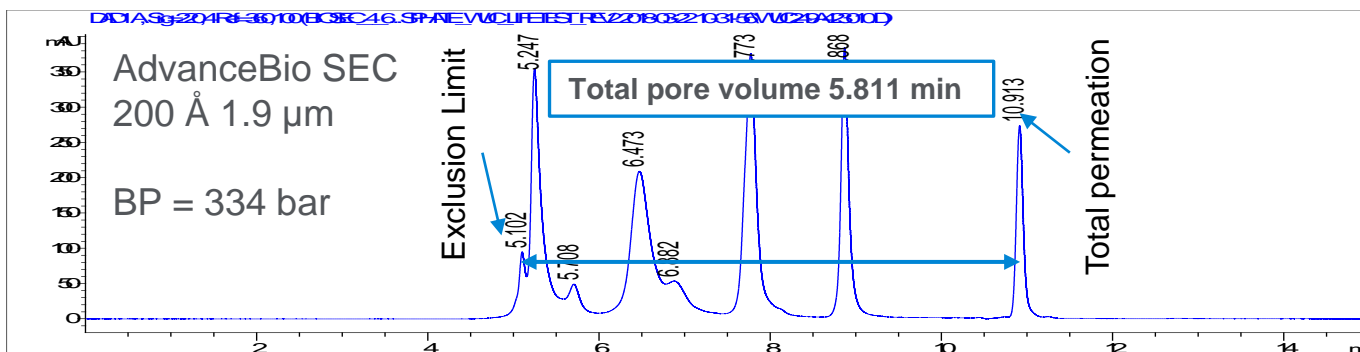
## Available in:

2.7  $\mu\text{m}$  particles 130Å & 300Å pore size  
1.9  $\mu\text{m}$  particles 120Å & 200Å pore size



# Column Pore Volume Analysis

(4.6 x 300 mm, 0.35 ml/min, pH 7.0 Phosphate Buffer, BioRad sample)



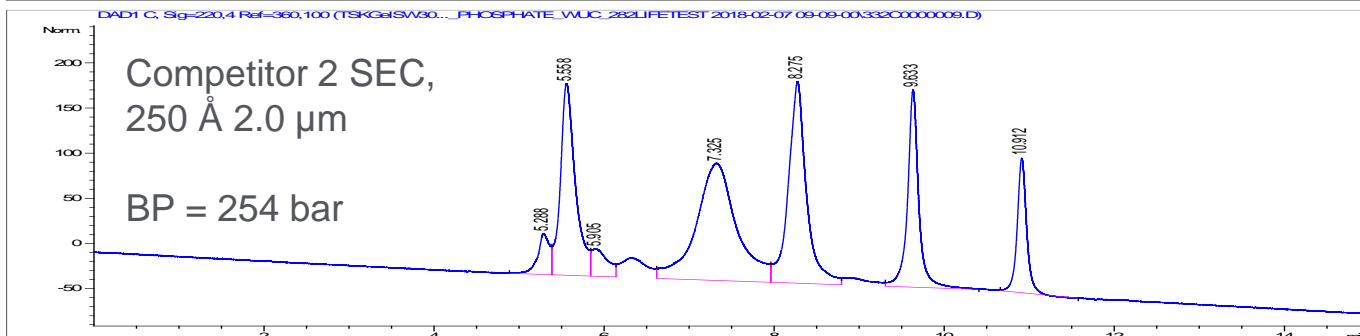
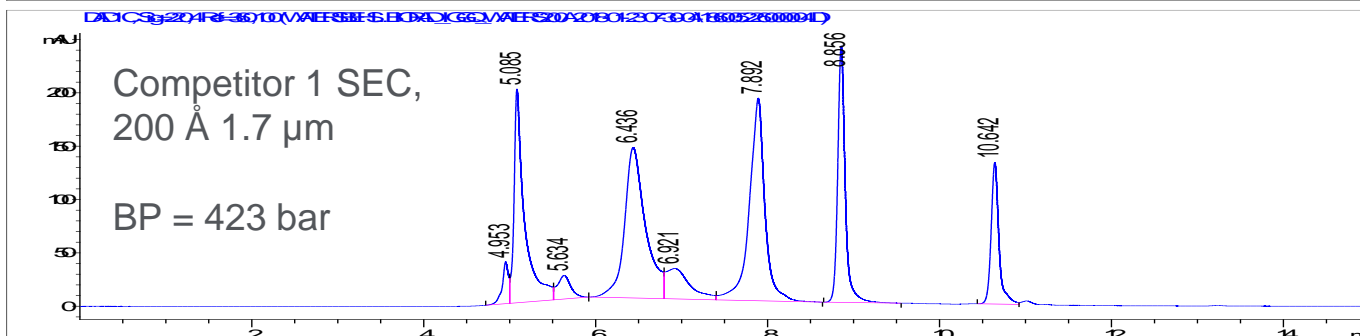
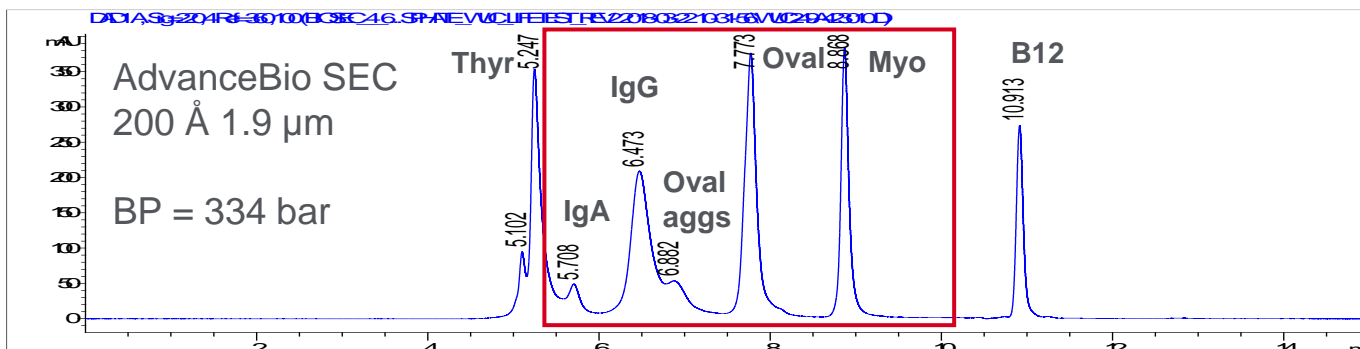
BioRad # 151-1901	Molecular Weight*
Thyroglobulin	670,000
γ-globulin	158,000
Ovalbumin	44,000
Myoglobin	17,000
Vitamin B12	1,350

Column	Exclusion limit (min)	Total Permeation (min)	Total Pore Volume (min)
AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 µm	5.102	10.913	5.811
Competitor 1 SEC, 200 Å 1.7 µm	4.953	10.642	5.689
Competitor 2 SEC, 250 Å 2.0 µm	5.238	10.912	5.674

AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 µm columns provide the widest separation window.

# Optimized Performance in the Target Range

(4.6 x 300 mm, 0.35 ml/min, pH 7.0 Phosphate Buffer, BioRad sample)



BioRad # 151-1901	Molecular Weight*
Thyroglobulin	670,000
γ-globulin (IgG)	158,000
Ovalbumin	44,000
Myoglobin	17,000
Vitamin B12	1,350

Column	N (B12)	Rs IgA/IgG	Rs IgG/Oval aggs	Rs Oval/Myo
AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 µm	88839	2.56	1.00	5.47
Competitor 1 SEC, 200 Å 1.7 µm	79659	2.15	1.09	4.40
Competitor 2 SEC, 250 Å 2.0 µm	55558	1.73	NA	4.89

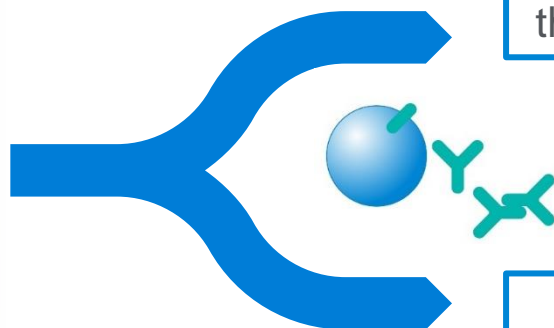
AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 µm columns provide the best efficiency and resolution.



# Product Description

Product Name	Particle	Column Hardware	Column Dimensions	Part Number
AdvanceBio SEC 200Å 1.9 µm	1.9 µm 200Å (coated silica)	RRHD	4.6 x 300 mm 4.6 x 150 mm 4.6 x 30 mm guard	PL1580-5201 PL1580-3201 PL1580-1201
AdvanceBio SEC 120Å 1.9 µm	1.9 µm 120Å (coated silica)	RRHD	4.6 x 300 mm 4.6 x 150 mm 4.6 x 30 mm guard	PL1580-5250 PL1580-3250 PL1580-1250
AdvanceBio SEC 120Å 1.9 µm MVK			3 lots of 4.6x300mm 3 lots of 4.6x150mm	PL1580-5250K PL1580-3250K

**AdvanceBio SEC 1.9 µm 200Å, 120Å is designed for aggregates (monomer / dimer) and analysis of low MW mAb fragments**



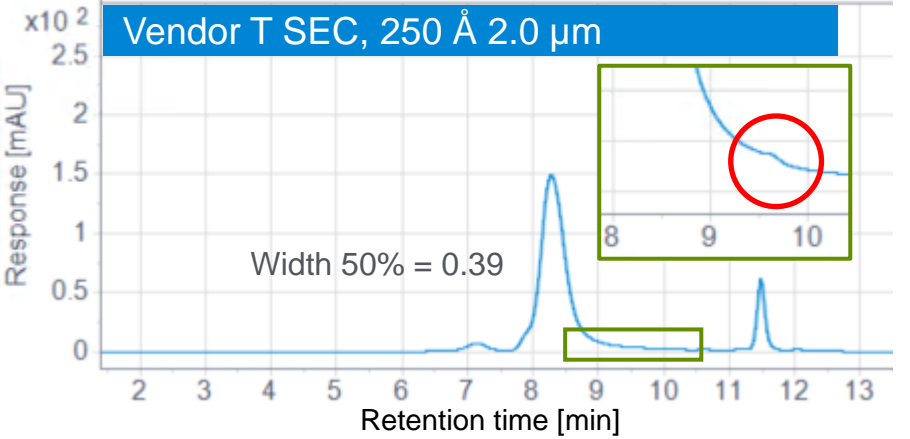
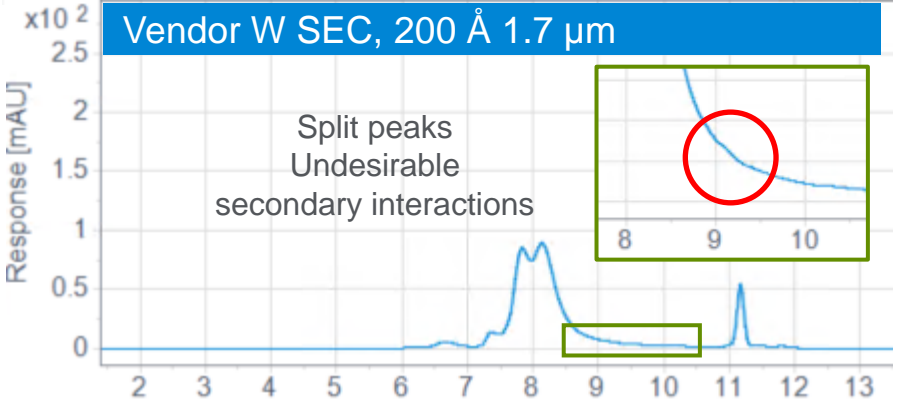
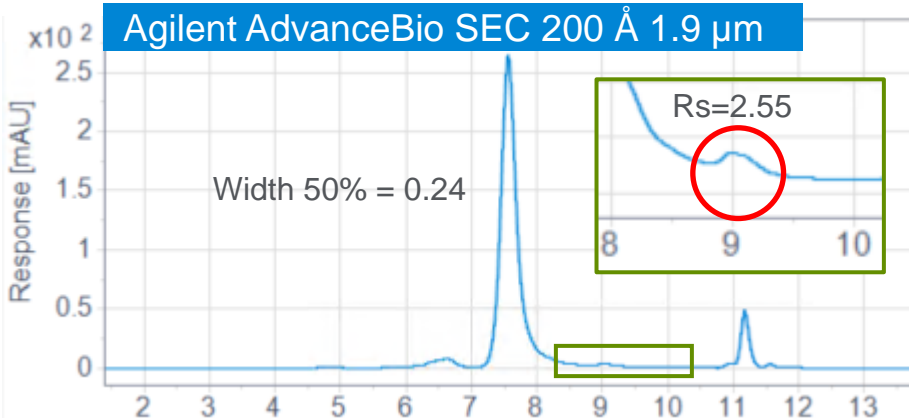
4.6 x 150 mm for higher throughput, faster separations

4.6 x 300 mm for higher resolution and sensitivity



## Resolving Range

**200Å MW: 2,000 - 700,000 Da**  
**120Å MW: 1,000 - 80,000 Da**

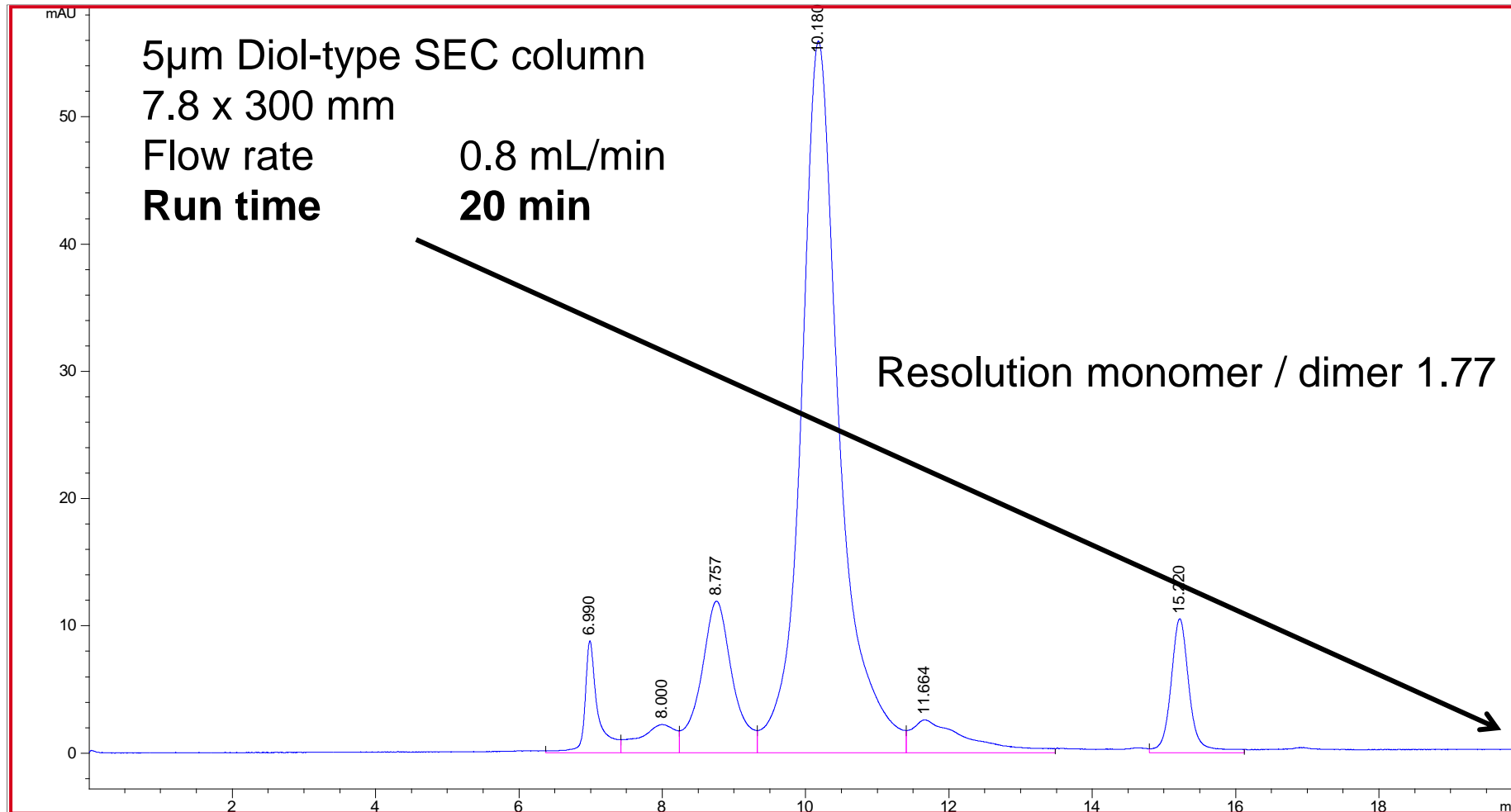


LC Conditions	1260 Infinity II Bioinert LC System
Column dimension	4.6 x 300 mm
Mobile phase	50 mM sodium phosphate, 200 mM NaCl, pH 7.0
Temperature	25 °C
Sample	SigmaMAb ADC Mimic
Flow rate	0.35 mL/min
UV detection	220 nm

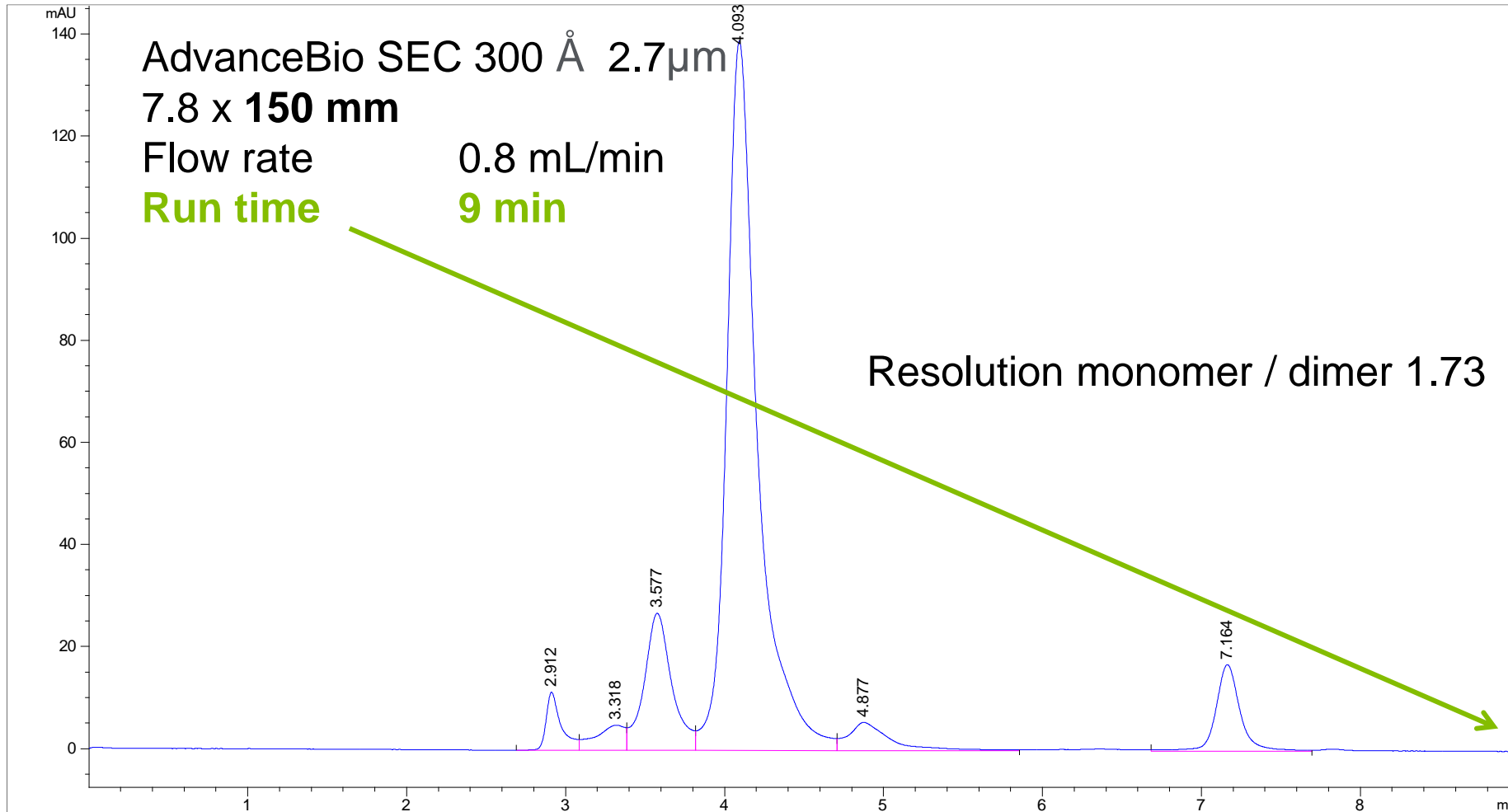
	Monomer peak	Resolution of fragment peak
AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 µm	Single peak (sharper)	Well resolved
Vendor W SEC 200 Å 1.7 µm	Split peaks	Not resolved
Vendor T SEC 250 Å 2.0 µm	Single peak	Partially resolved

**ADC aggregate and fragment separation**  
 Greatly reduced undesirable secondary interactions resulting in a single, sharp monomer peak and well-resolved aggregate and fragment peaks.

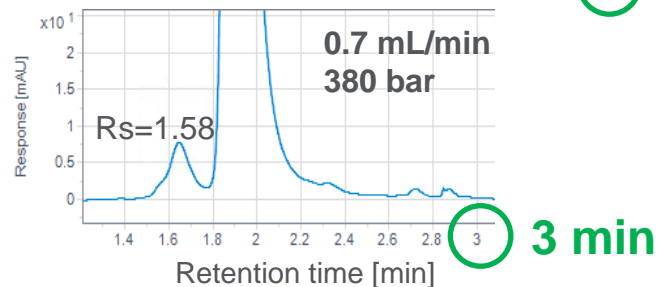
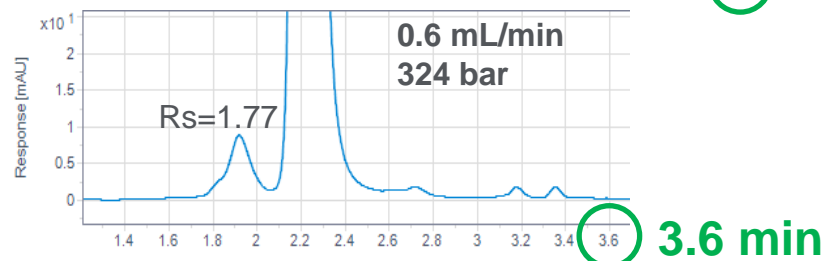
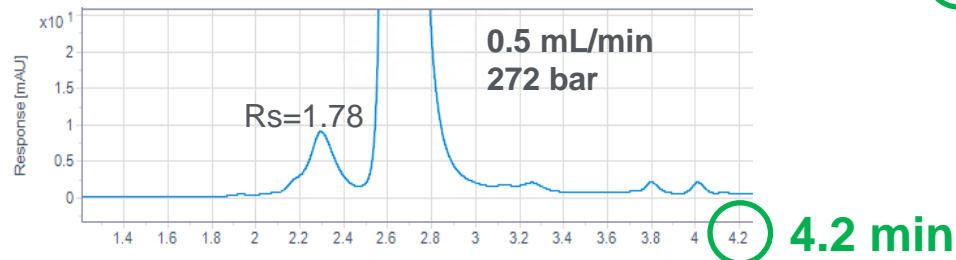
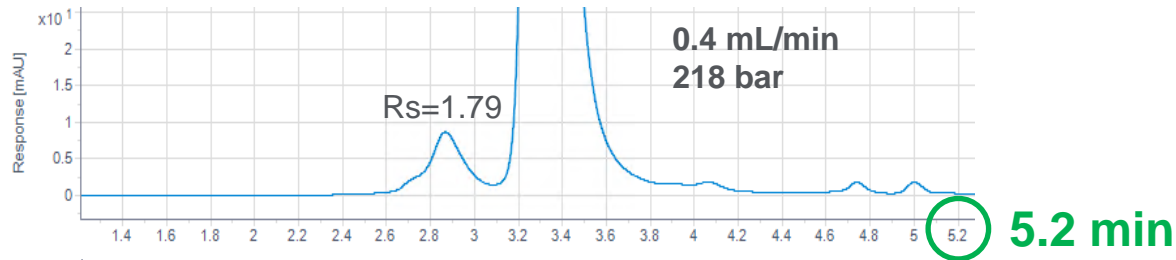
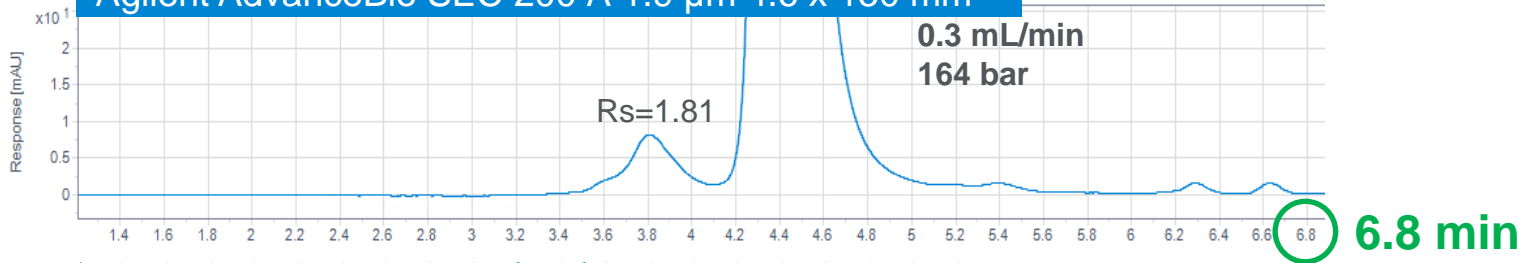
# Fast SEC Initial Conditions



# Same flow rate, 15cm column Same resolution, much shorter run time



# Agilent AdvanceBio SEC 200 Å 1.9 μm 4.6 x 150 mm



LC Conditions	1260 Infinity II Bioinert LC System
Column Dimensions	4.6 x 150 mm
Mobile phase	50 mM sodium phosphate, 200 mM NaCl, pH 7.0
Temperature	25 °C
Sample	SigmaMAb
UV detection	220 nm

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InfinityLab

### Fast Analysis

150 mm  
0.3 mL/min → 2.3 times faster → 150 mm  
0.7 mL/min

300 mm  
0.3 mL/min → 4.6 times faster → 150 mm  
0.7 mL/min

Flow rate (mL/min)	Dimer area%	Samples per hour	Samples per day (24 h)
0.3	2.33	8-9	211
0.4	2.35	11-12	276
0.5	2.35	14	342
0.6	2.39	16-17	400
0.7	2.30	20	480

# Buffers and SEC: criteria for optimal mobile phase

- Mobile phase should contain enough buffer/salt (to overcome ionic interactions).
- Mobile phase should not contain too much buffer/salt (to prevent hydrophobic interactions).
- Mobile phase should not alter the analyte (cause degradation / aggregation etc.).
- Mobile phase should be made up fresh and used promptly (bacterial growth is rapid in dilute buffer stored at room temperature).
- Buffer shelf life < 7 days unless refrigerated.
- Mobile phase should be filtered before use. Particulates may be present in water (less likely) or in buffer salts (more likely).

The optimal eluent for the separation should be determined by the characteristics of the column stationary phase and the proteins/polymers to be analyzed so that non specific interactions are minimized

# Buffer Preparation

## Good Practices

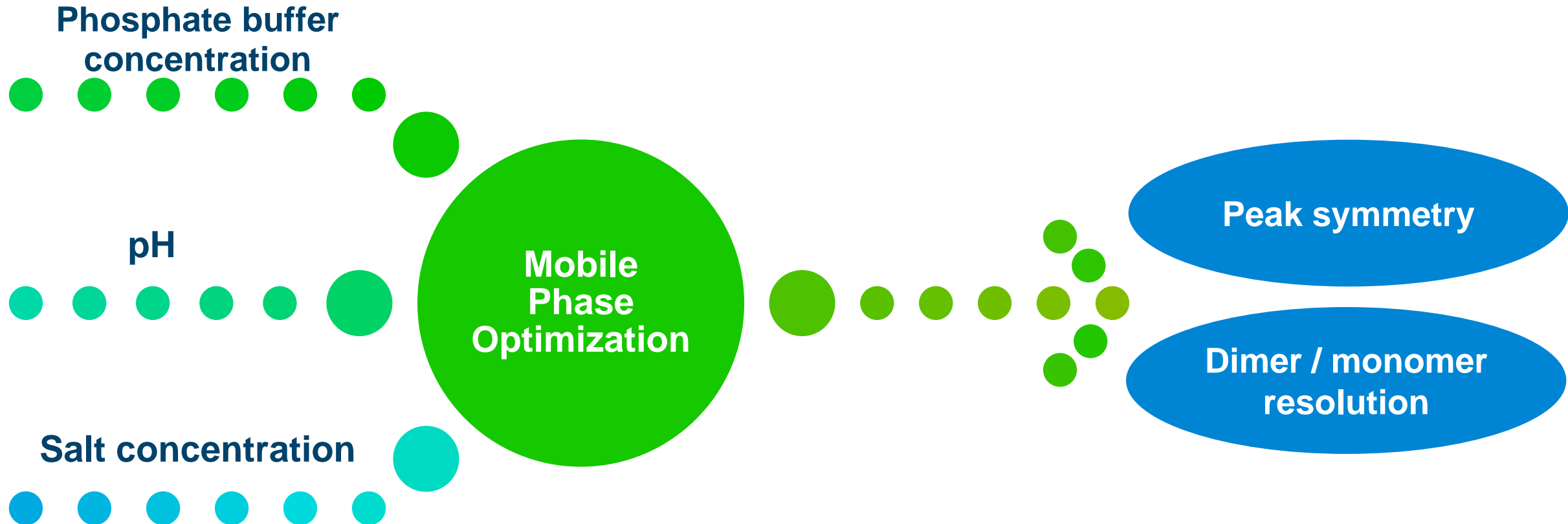
- Use HPLC grade water or Milli Q DI water
- Use HPLC grade reagents including salts and base and acid modifiers
- Use HPLC grade Organic mobile phase modifiers
- Always rinse pH electrode thoroughly when measuring/adjusting pH of mobile phase
- Prepare fresh buffers to avoid contaminants from the growth of bacteria or algae
- Do not top off your mobile phase bottle. Replace with a clean bottle
- Consider using amber solvent bottles to decrease light exposure
- Filter your mobile phase buffer with 0.2um or 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  filter before use
- Solvent filters installed at the end of solvent lines should be replaced periodically



Solvent Filter



# Buffer Considerations





# Recommended Starting Conditions

For AdvanceBio SEC Columns we recommend starting with  
150mM Sodium phosphate, pH 7.0

Peptides, polypeptides, proteins, mAbs  
MW >0.1-1,250 kDa

## AdvanceBio SEC (2.7 µm)

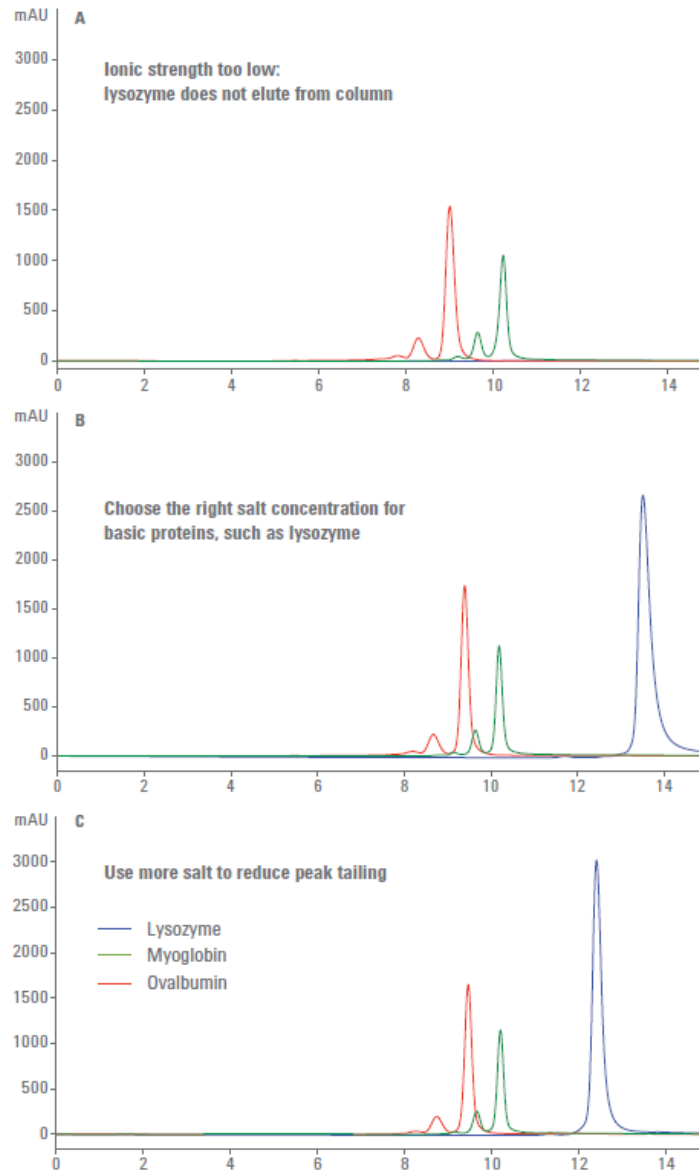
Pore Size	MW Range (kDa)
130Å	0.1-100
300Å	5-1,250

## Recommended Initial Separation Conditions

<b>Column:</b>	AdvanceBio SEC or Agilent Bio SEC-5	<b>Flow rate:</b>	0.1-0.4 mL/min for 4.6 mm id columns 0.1-1.25 mL/min for 7.8 mm id columns
<b>Mobile phase:</b>	150 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.0*	<b>Sample size:</b>	≤ 5% of total column volume
<b>Gradient:</b>	Isocratic in 10-30 min range		
<b>Temperature:</b>	Recommended: 10-30 °C, Maximum: 80 °C		*Other aqueous buffers with high and low salt can be used

Remember buffer concentration and ionic strength can impact retention time, peak shape, and resolution  
Adjustments should be made depending on your sample requirements

# Buffer Considerations



50 mM NaCl in 20 mM buffer



400 mM NaCl in 20 mM buffer

**Column:** Agilent Bio SEC-3 300Å  
4.6 mm x 300 mm, 3 μm  
(p/n 5190-2513)

**Instrument:** Agilent 1260 Infinity Bio-inert Quaternary LC System

**Flow rate:** 0.35 mL/min

**Detector:** UV, 220 nm

A: Eluent 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7 + 50 mM NaCl

B: Eluent 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7 + 100 mM NaCl

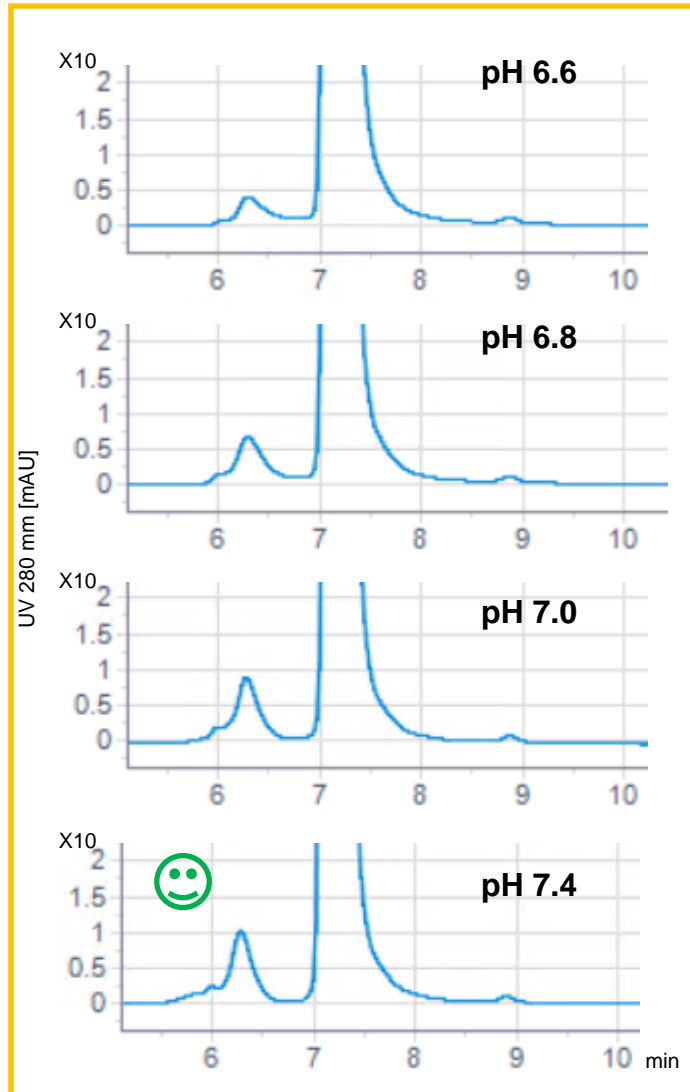
C: Eluent 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7 + 400 mM NaCl

**Injection:** 5 μL

**Sample:** Protein (1 mg/mL 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7)

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## 150 mM sodium phosphate



Buffer (mM)	NaCl (mM)	pH	Asymmetry (As)	Rs (dimer/monomer)
150	0	6.6	1.49	2.33
150	0	6.8	1.43	2.35
150	0	7	1.42	2.67
150	0	7.4	1.41	2.78
200	0	7.4	1.45	2.60
250	0	7.4	1.42	2.57
300	0	7.4	1.40	2.45
350	0	7.4	1.38	2.33



### Sodium phosphate without NaCl

Lower pH, more tailing, less resolution

Higher buffer concentration, less tailing but worse resolution

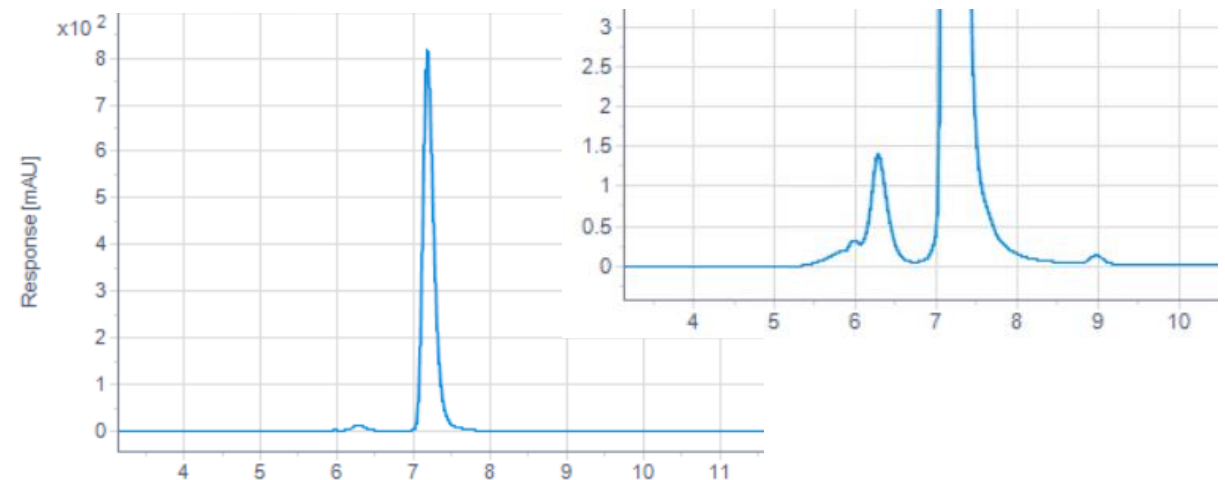
# Mobile Phase Optimization - NISTmAb

## Sodium phosphate concentration and pH screening

Buffer (mM)	NaCl (mM)	pH	As	Rs (dimer/monomer)
25	250	6.6	1.36	2.73
25	250	6.8	1.36	2.86
25	250	7	1.35	2.83
25	250	7.4	1.37	2.86

Buffer (mM)	NaCl (mM)	pH	As	Rs (dimer/monomer)
100	250	6.6	1.36	2.87
100	250	6.8	1.36	2.89
100	250	7	1.35	2.83
100	250	7.4	1.37	2.80

Buffer (mM)	NaCl (mM)	pH	As	Rs (dimer/monomer)
50	250	6.6	1.35	2.87
50	250	6.8	1.33	2.86
50	250	7	1.36	2.85
50	250	7.4	1.36	2.84



For some samples certain concentration of NaCl is needed in the mobile phase with optimized pH for a balance of good peak shape and resolution.

# SEC Method Robustness Agilent Buffer Advisor

## Ease of use

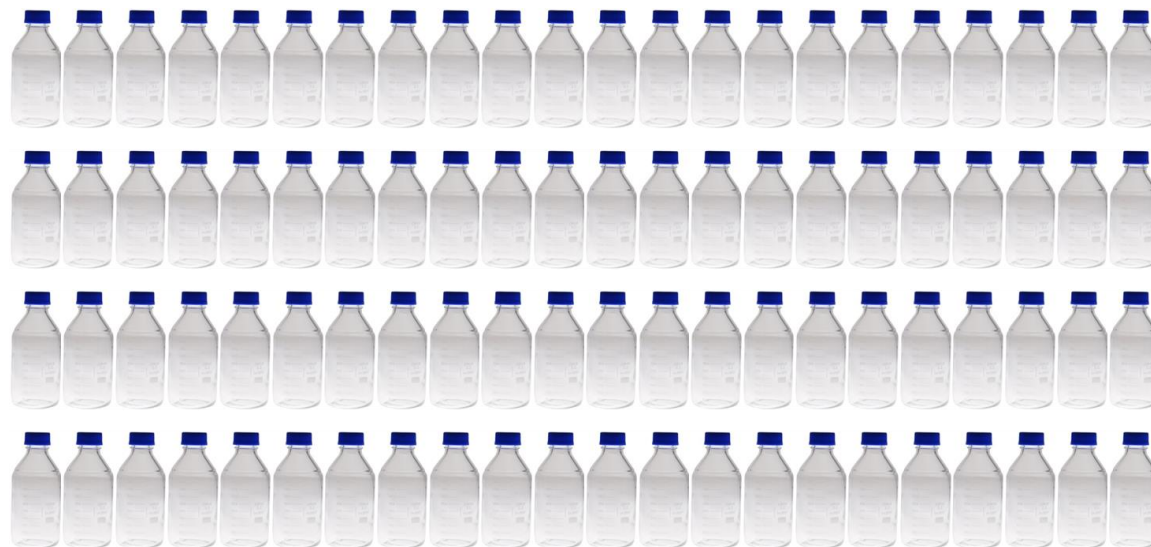
- Automates preparation of mobile phases from stock solutions
- Eliminates the need to prepare multiple mobile phases for a method development/robustness study
- Provides recipes for buffer preparation

## Increase of productivity

- Simplifies pH scouting studies
- Simplifies buffer concentration studies
- Simplifies salt concentration/mobile additive studies



# The Advantage of Buffer Advisor



Manual method  
One bottle for each mobile phase



----- VS. -----



Buffer Advisor method  
Four bottles only



Buffer Advisor helps you achieve more in less time

# Common Detectors

## Choice of Detector

UV and Diode Array Detectors

Refractive Index Detector

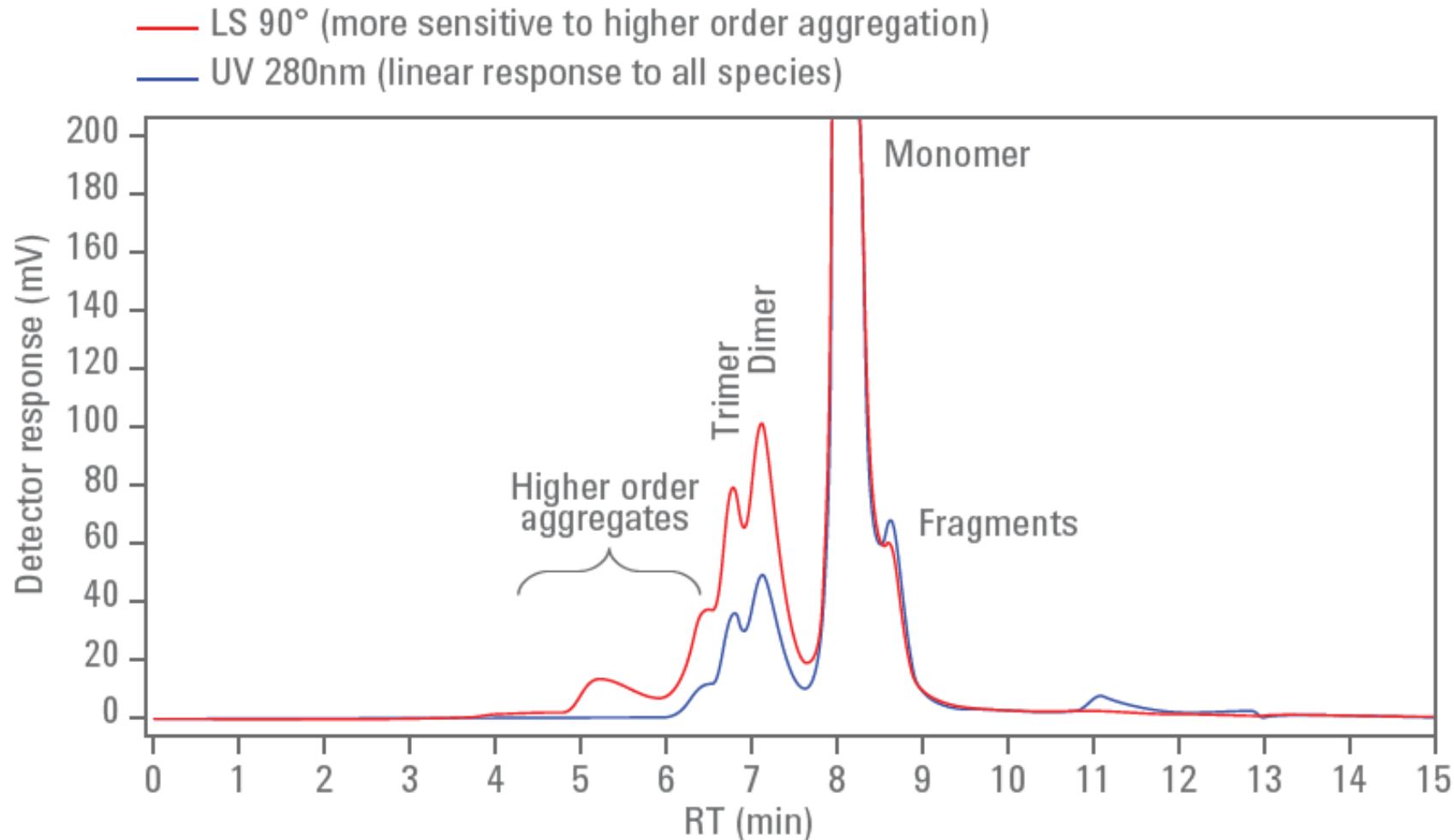
Advanced Detection Techniques

- Light scattering detector
- Mass Spectrometry



# Detection for Size Exclusion Chromatography

## UV and Light scattering



Light-scattering detection achieves much greater sensitivity to the presence of aggregates and is an important technique being increasingly used to study mAb aggregation

Agilent 1260 Infinity Bio-SEC System



# Detection for Size Exclusion Chromatography

## MDS more sensitive to light scattering of higher order aggregates

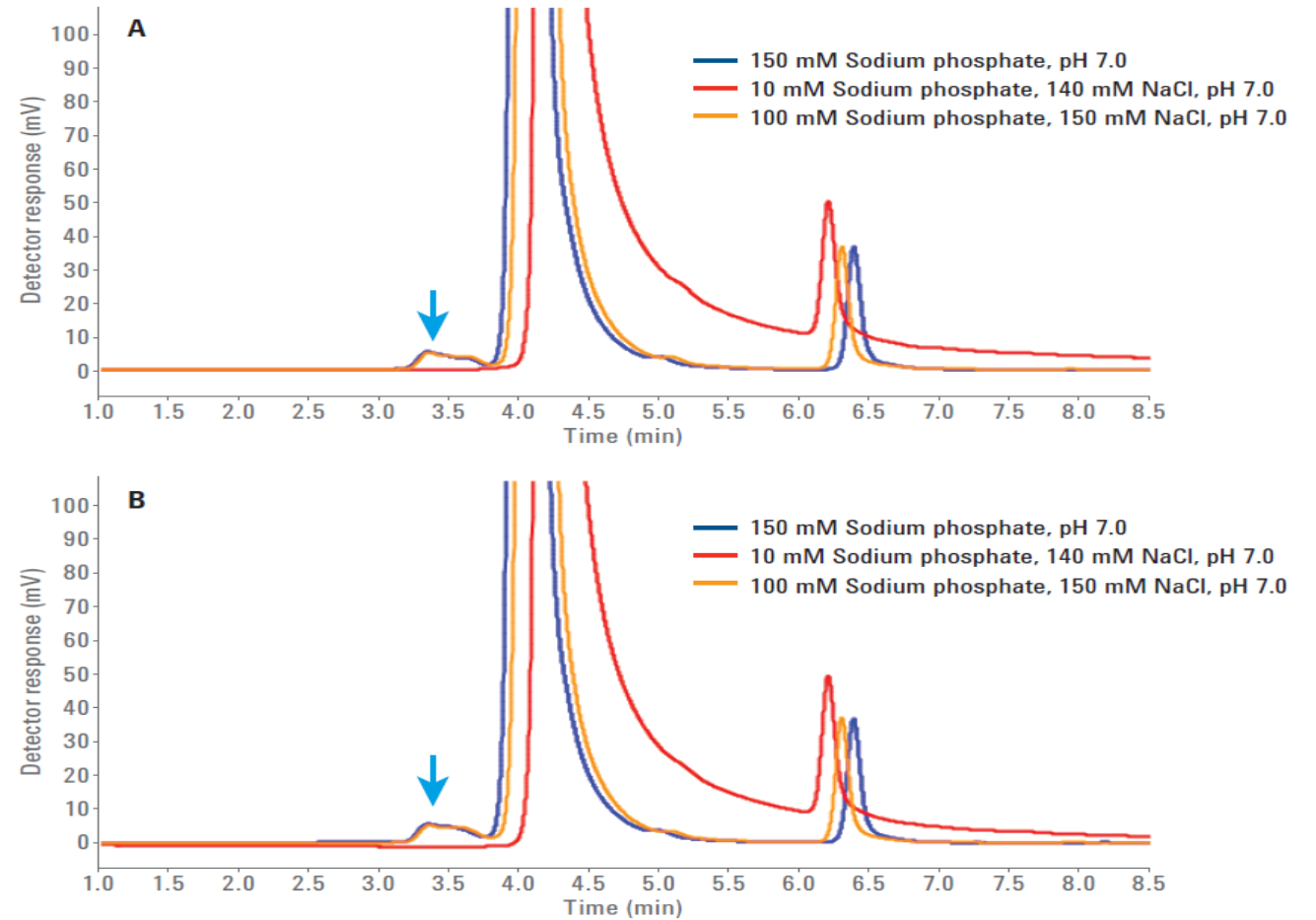


Figure 4. Baseline zoom of UV 220 nm signals of rituximab innovator (A) and rituximab biosimilar (B) run with different buffer salt concentrations at the optimized pH 7.0 (Experiments 3, 6, and 11 in Table 1).

# Considerations for LC Instrument

## Best Practices to keep in mind

### Low dispersion LC

Minimized tubing ID and length to reduce extra-column volume and band broadening (shortest possible 0.12 mm ID red tubing).

*Start at a low flow rate such as 0.1 mL/min and gradually increase the flow with no more than 0.1 mL/min increments until you reach the intended operating flow rate.*

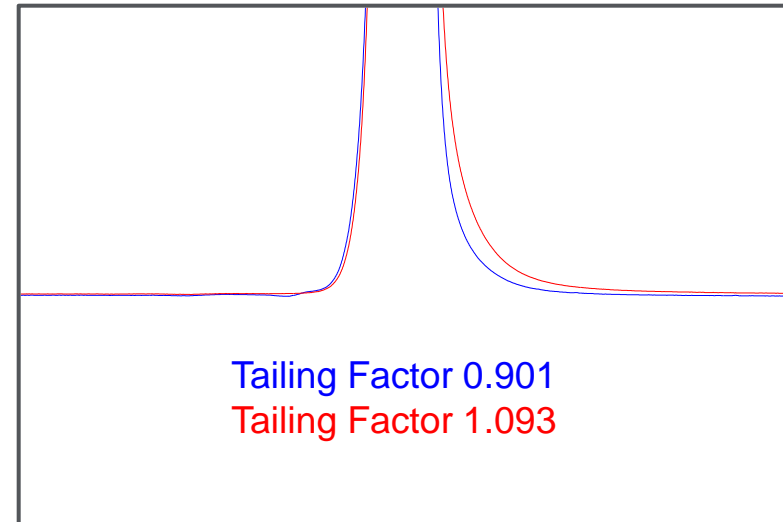
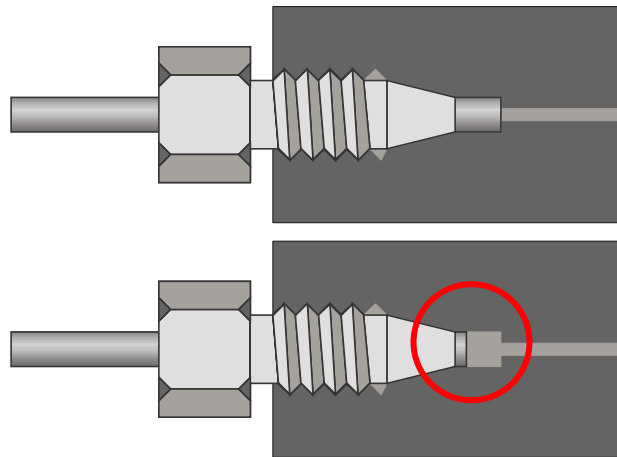
Maximum Flow Gradient

0.100 mL/min<sup>2</sup>

# Best Practices to keep in mind

## AVOID BAD CONNECTIONS !

Ensure column connections do not leave dead spots:

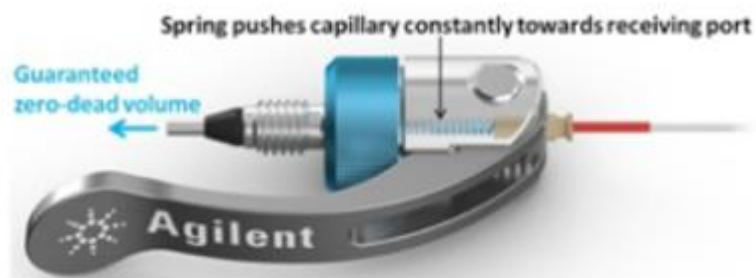


## Use High Data Collection Rates

Data collection rates of 10 – 20 Hz could result in 4 – 5% reduction in column efficiency compared to 40 or 80 Hz.

# Common LC consumables

## Quick Connect and Quick Turn Fittings



Correct connection every time

- Spring loaded design
- Easy! **No tools needed**
- Works for all column types
- Reusable
- Consistent ZDV connection

### Quick Connect Fitting

- Finger tight up to 1300 bar
- Hand tighten the nut, then depress the lever

### Quick Turn Fitting

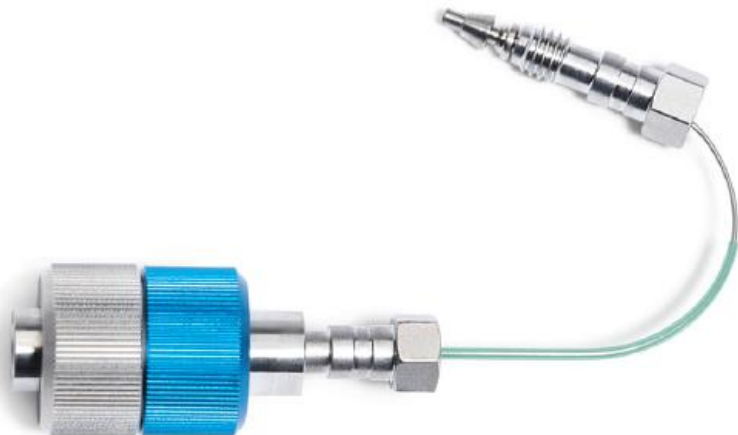
- Finger tight up to 600 bar
- Up to 1300 bar with a wrench
- Compact design



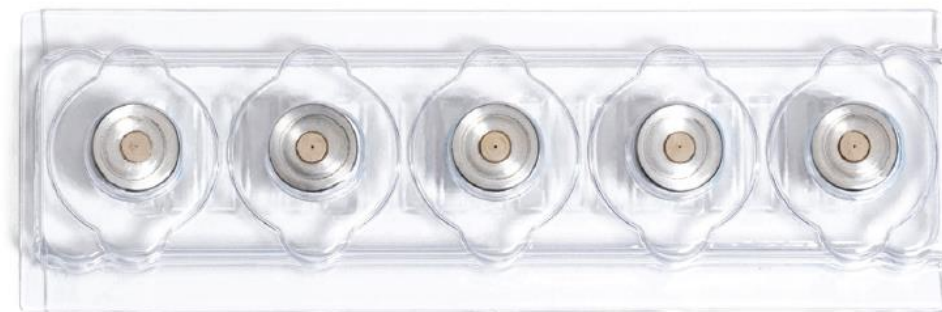
# Common LC consumables

## Inline Filters

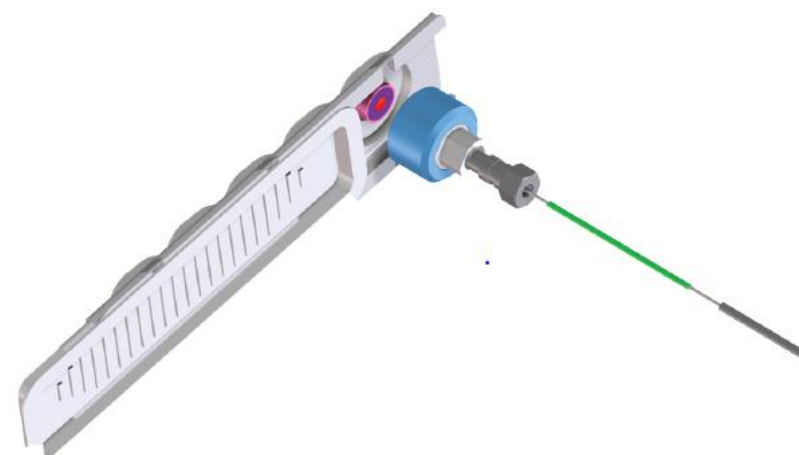
Agilent InfinityLab Quick Change inline filter



Touchless Packaging



Touchless insertion of filter disc to housing

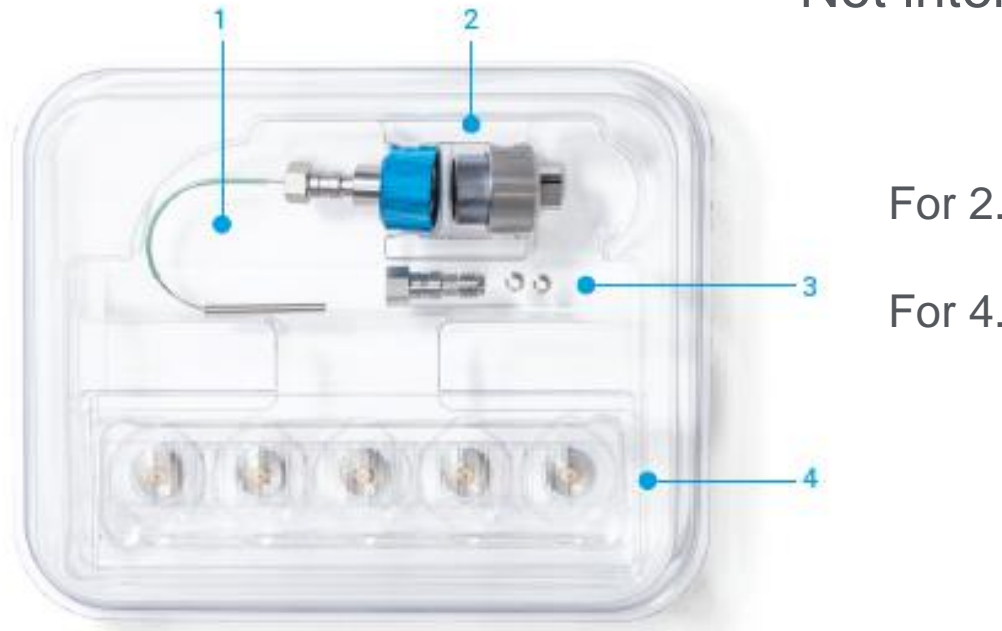


Dimensions and porosities of Filter Discs



# InfinityLab Quick Change inline filter assembly

In-line filters can help extend the life of your column  
Not intended to be a replacement for good sample cleanup



For 2.1 mm ID – comes with 0.2um filter discs, 0.12 x 90mm SS capillary

For 4.6mm ID – comes with 0.5um filter discs, 0.17 x 90mm SS capillary

Parts available to purchase separately

1. Capillary, SST, 90 mm length
2. Filter housing (two parts)
3. Loose fitting for non-swaged end of capillary
4. Filter discs in touchless packaging, 5/pk

[InfinityLab Quick Change Inline Filters \(agilent.com\)](https://www.agilent.com)

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# Common LC consumables

## Solvent Inlet filters



Use a Solvent inlet filter

- Glass solvent inlet filter (20  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 5041-2168
- Stainless steel solvent inlet filter, 01018-60028
- Stainless inlet filter recommended for LCMS



not designed to take the place of good mobile phase hygiene

AdvanceBio SEC 1.9 $\mu\text{m}$		
Pressure limit	620 bar (9000 psi)	
Recommended flow rate	0.1 – 0.5 mL/min	
Flow rate limit	4.6 x 150 mm 4.6 x 300 mm	0.7 mL/min 0.5 mL/min
Shipping solvent	pH 6.7 100mM sodium phosphate buffer with 0.02% $\text{NaN}_3$	
Long term storage	Shipping solvent or 30% ACN in water	
pH stability	2 to 8	
Salt concentration	$\leq 0.5 \text{ M}$	
Operating temperature	20 – 40 °C (recommended) 80 °C (maximum)	

Agilent WebLinks:

[Bio LC Column User Guides | Agilent](#)

**Working at extremes of the operating parameters may reduce column lifetime.**



# Troubleshooting your SEC method

Problem	Source	Solution
Peaks that appear when they should not, based on Molecular weight or peak tailing	Ionic Interactions or basic proteins	Increase the ionic strength – salt concentration at 50-100mM intervals, add to phosphate buffer
Poor peak shapes	Non specific adsorption	Increase salt concentration or try Agilent BioInert System
Poor resolution of analytes	Insufficient pore size for molecule size	Consider an alternative Advance BioSEC or BioSEC column choice
Lower than expected recovery or a broadening of the peaks	Hydrophobic analytes	Add a small amount (10-20%) organic modifier, ACN or MeOH to mobile phase
Increased back pressure	Inline filters, guard, or columns	Change frit for inline filter Replace guard column Remove and test guard column OR the individual columns used

Agilent WebLinks:

[LC Troubleshooting Guide \(agilent.com\)](#)

# LC Columns and Supplies Resources

Product catalog, 'how to' guides, and other resources

- BioHPLC column catalog: [5994-0974en-agilent.pdf](https://www.agilent.com/chem/biohplc/columns)
- SEC for biomolecules "How to" guide: [5991-3651EN\\_LR.pdf \(agilent.com\)](https://www.agilent.com/chem/5991-3651EN_LR.pdf)
- Bio LC column user guides: [Bio LC Column User Guides | Agilent](https://www.agilent.com/chem/biohplc/columns/userguides)
- InfinityLab supplies catalog: [InfinityLab LC Supplies \(agilent.com\)](https://www.agilent.com/chem/infinitylab/supplies)
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**Thank you for attending**

**Any questions?**

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