



**SPEEDING UP  
REPRODUCIBILITY WITH  
SMART DIGEST AND THE  
VANQUISH UHPLC**

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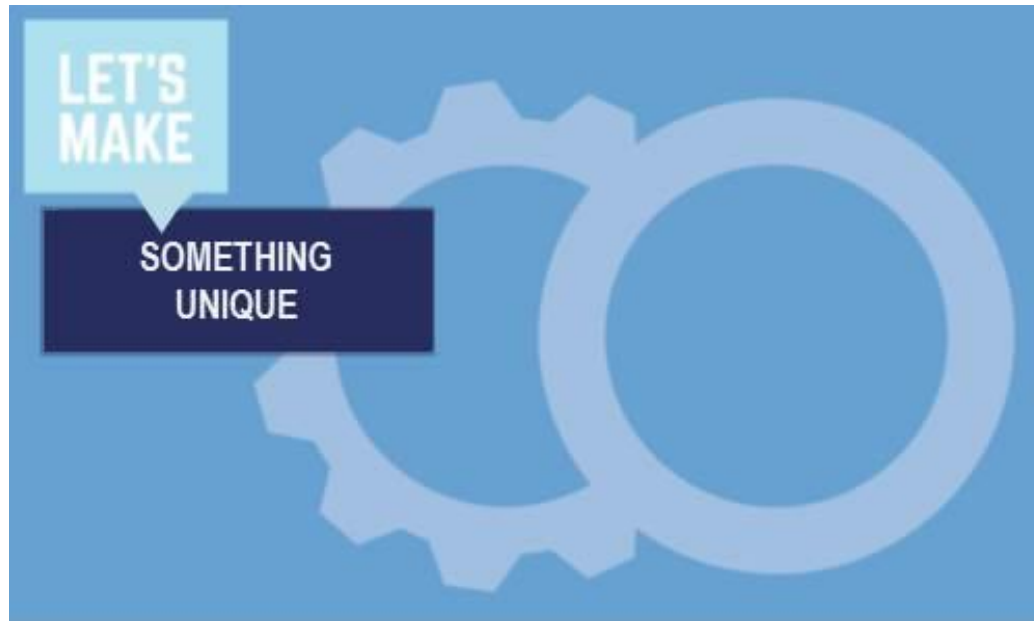
**ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT  
TEAM**

# OVERVIEW

- Short introduction to Althea
- Background in peptide mapping
- Moving up to SMARTer digests
- Vanquish UHPLC

# ALTHEA OVERVIEW

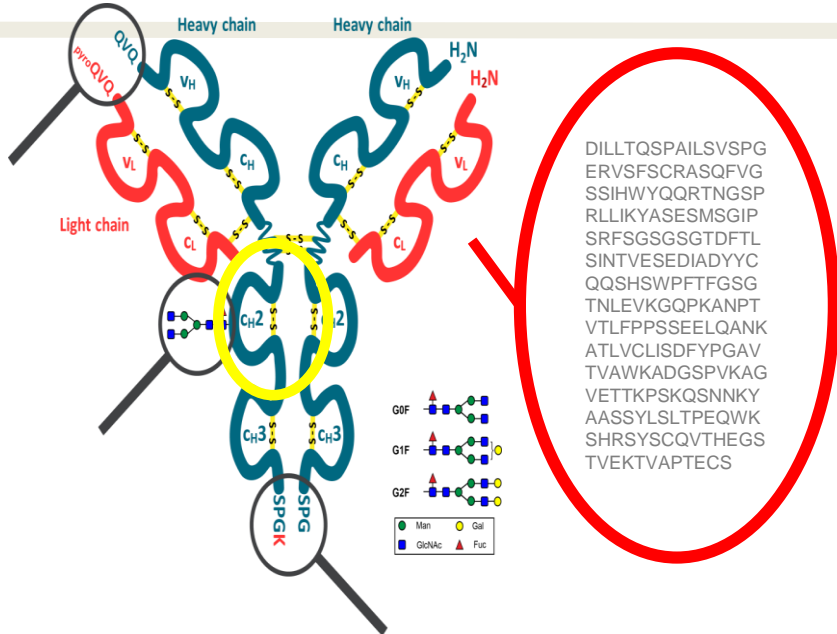
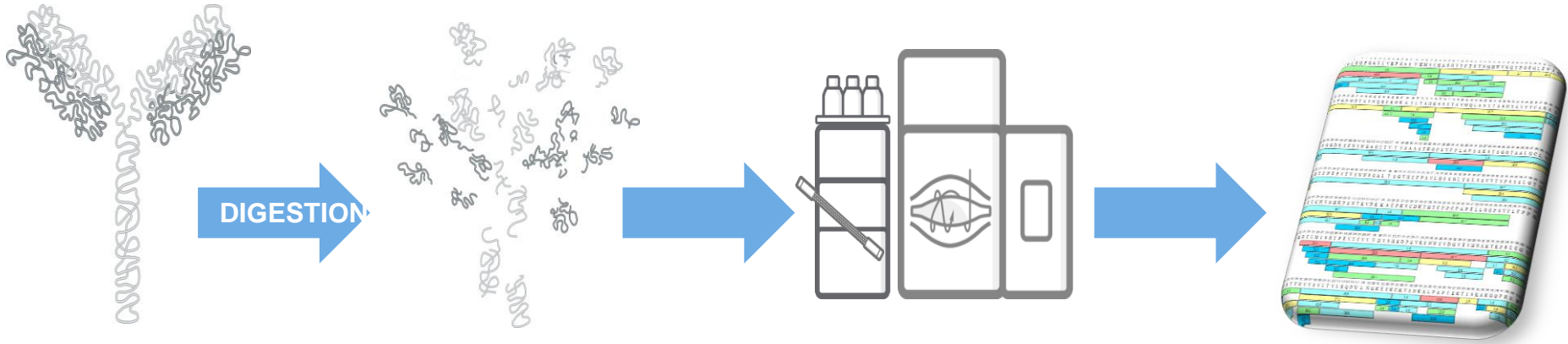
- Full service contract manufacturing organization (CMO)
- Analytical development (early phase-commercial manufacturing support)
- Formulations (proprietary Crystalomics technology)
- State of the art Antibody Drug Conjugate facility (ADC)



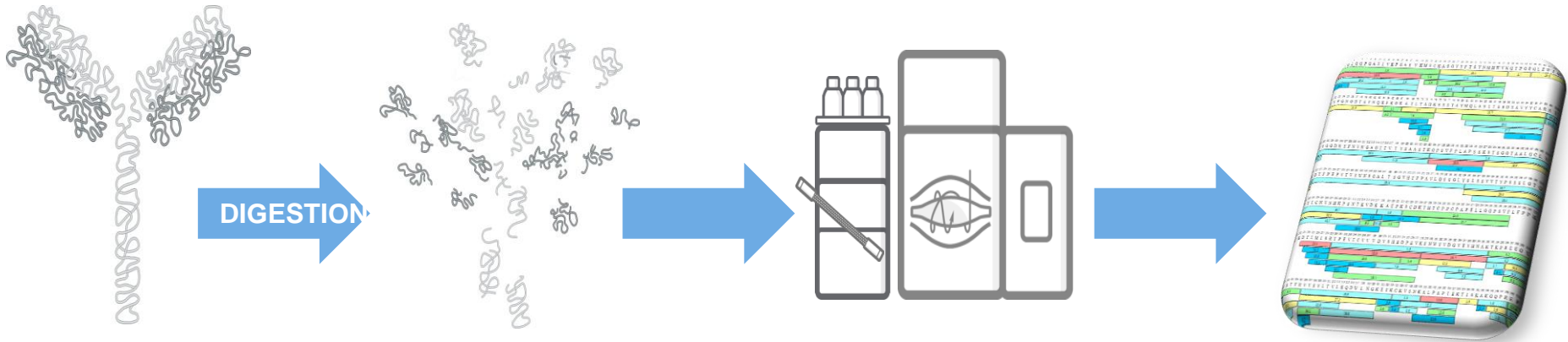
# ALTHEA ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Supports external and internal clients (manufacturing, process development, Formulations/Crystalomics)
- Work with development partners in early phase development through commercial manufacturing
- Antibody drug conjugate testing and development

# Why Peptide Mapping?

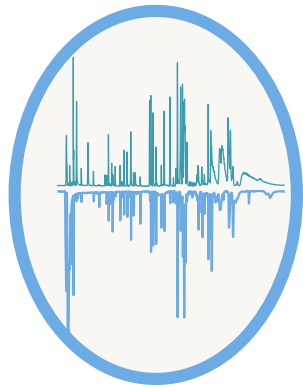


# Why Peptide Mapping?



DILLTQSPAILSVSPPER  
VSFSCRASQFVGSSIH  
WYQQR TNGSPRLIKY  
ASEMSGIPSRFSGSG  
SGTDFTLSINTVEEDIA  
DYQCQSHSWPFTFGS  
GTNLEVKGQPKANPTV  
TLFPPSSEELQANKATL  
VCLISDFYPGAVTVAWK  
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EQWIKSHRSYSCQVTHE  
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Identity & Purity



Comparability



Quantitation

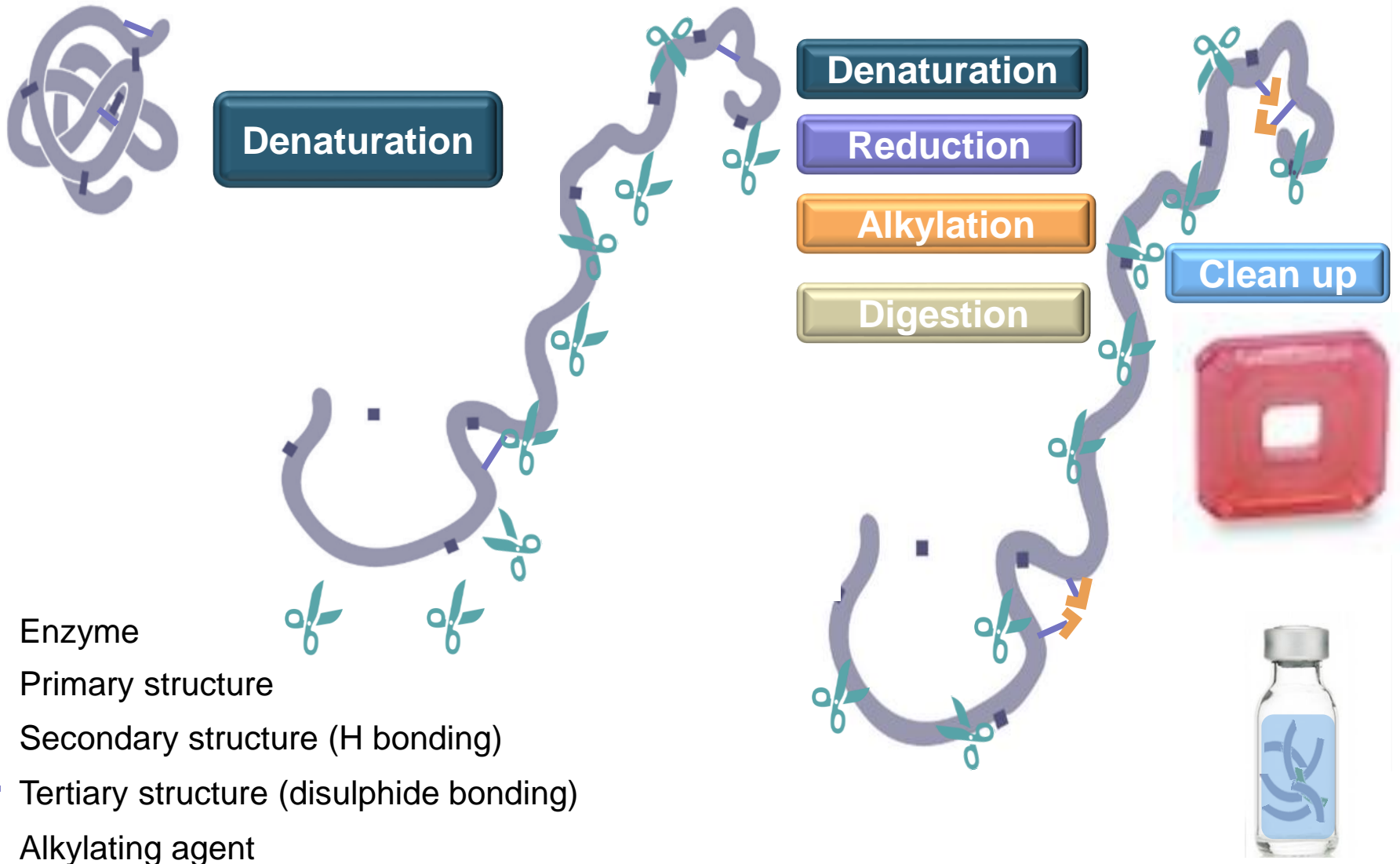


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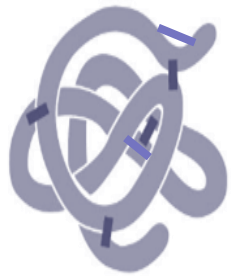


Regulatory

# The Fundamental Steps In a Typical Protein Digest



# FIVE TYPICAL TIME CONSUMING STEPS



Denaturation

Reduction

Alkylation

Digestion

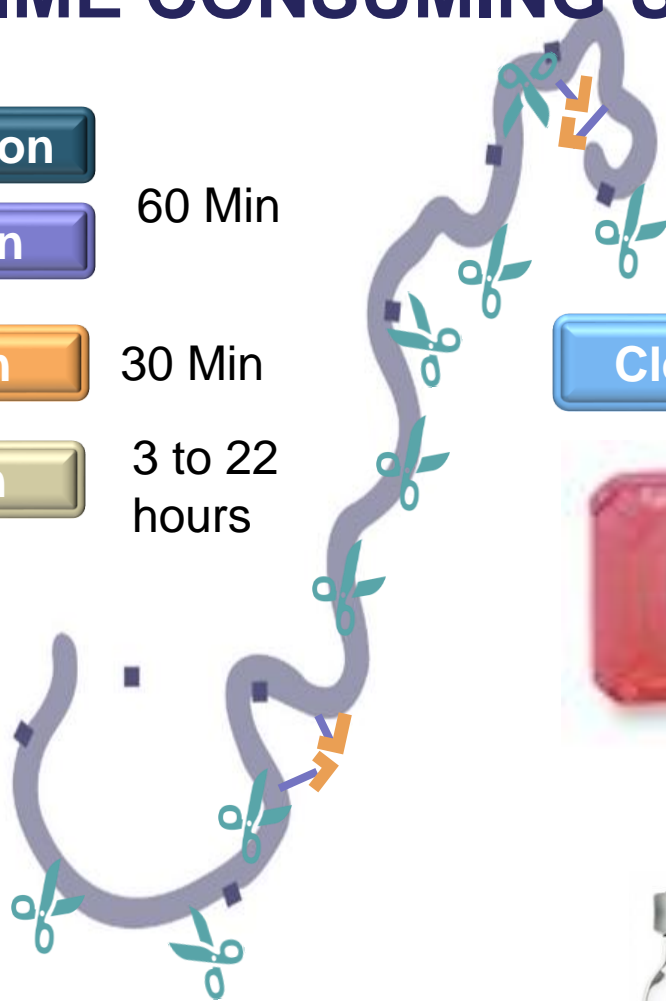
60 Min

30 Min

3 to 22  
hours

Clean up

3 to 12 hours

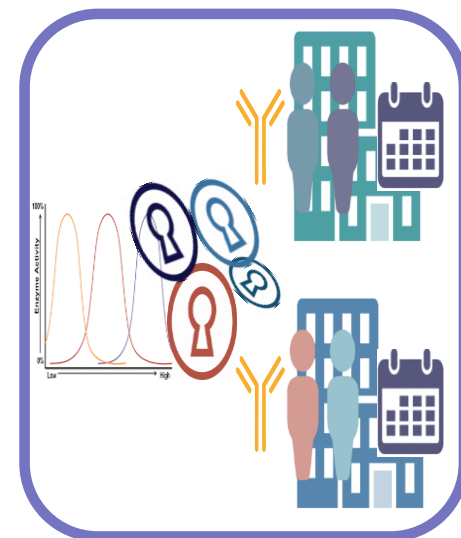
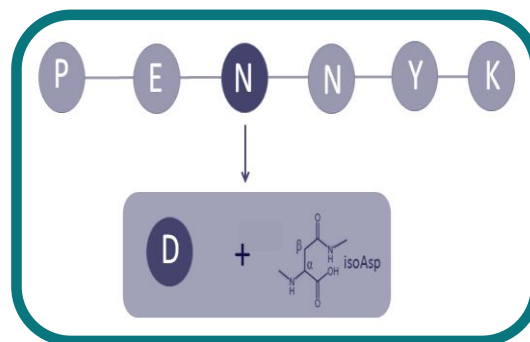
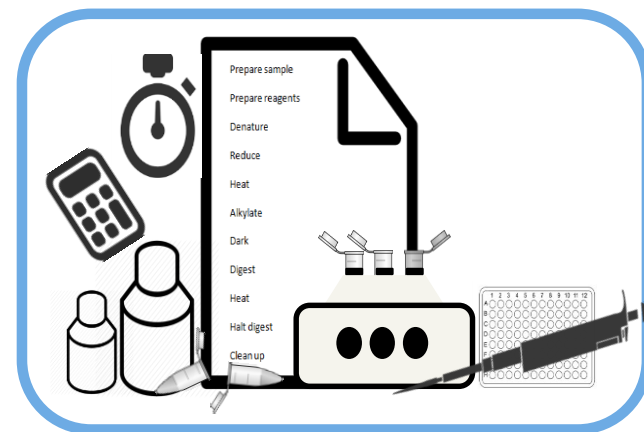


**Total Time to Injection: 8 to 36 hours**

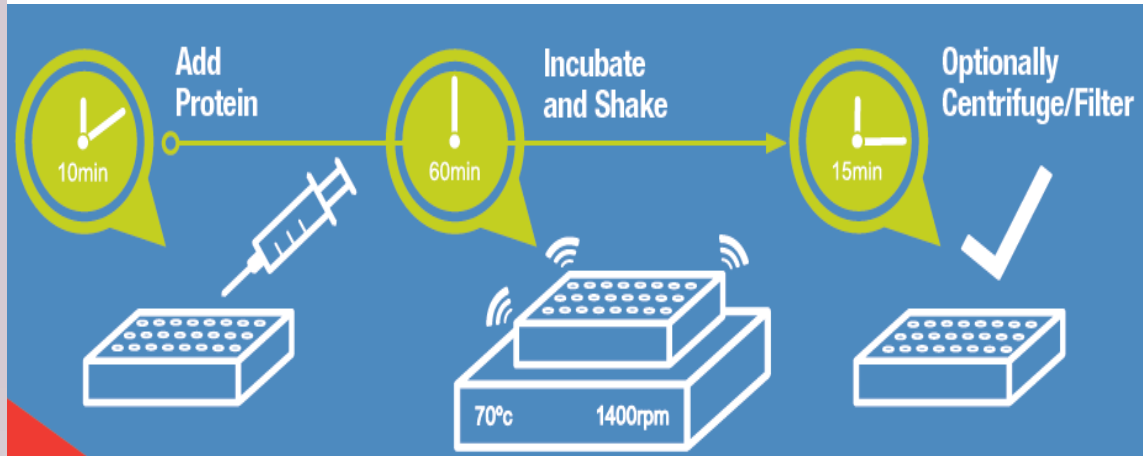


# Improvement Opportunities

- Lengthy multi-step protocols
- Process-induced PTMs
- Reproducibility
- Throughput/speed
- Method development ease



# Thermo Scientific™ SMART Digest™ Kits



5 steps simplified

Denaturation

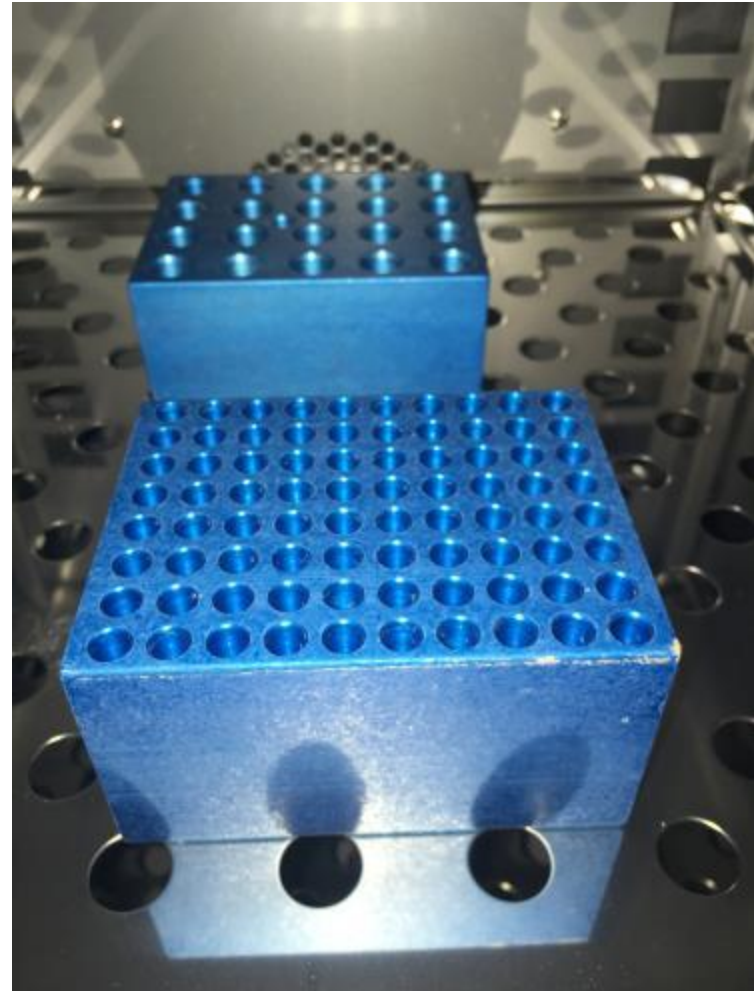
Digestion

Clean up

# ALTHEA ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT CASE STUDY

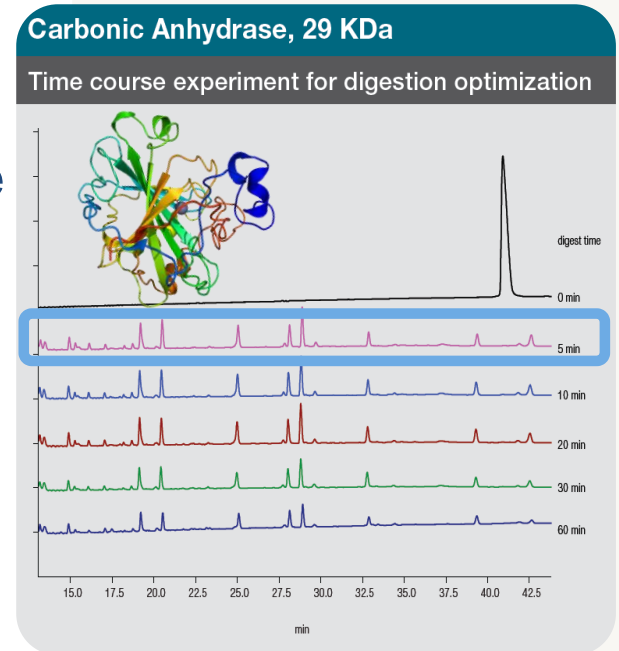
- How much can we decrease analysis time/increase throughput by incorporating SMART digest and using the Vanquish UHPLC
- User to user reproducibility
- Can the technology easily be transferred to a QC setting

# INITIAL SET UP



# DEVELOPMENT OF DIGEST METHOD

- Time-course to determine optimum digestion time
- Determine if reduction or alkylation are necessary for your application
  - I am worried I may see scrambled disulphides/ my protein has free cysteines – **alkylate before**
  - I want to know where my disulphides are! – **yes & no**
  - My mass spectrometer won't acquire/is not optimized for higher mass peptides - **maybe**

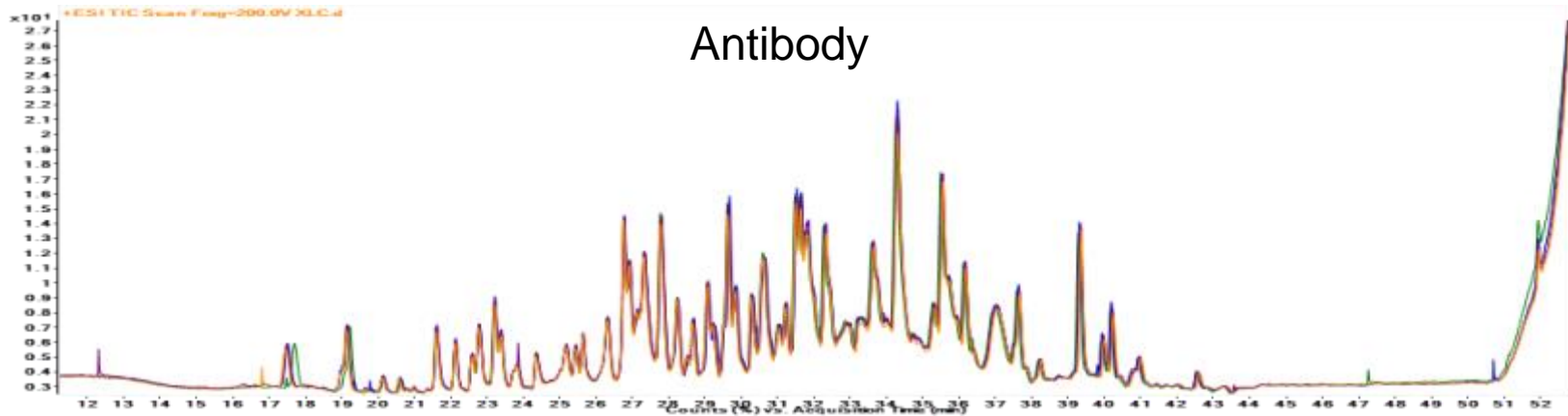
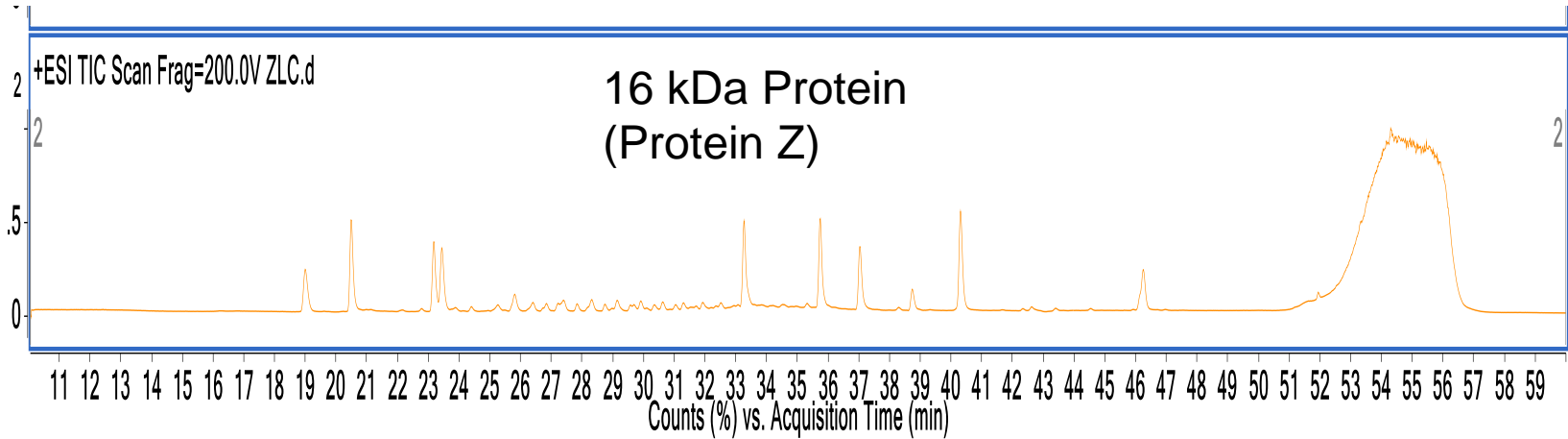


**Total Time To Develop 4 Protein Methods: 8 hours**

**-4 hours for set up and perform initial digest studies**

**-4 hours to analyze the digests**

# TWO EXAMPLES

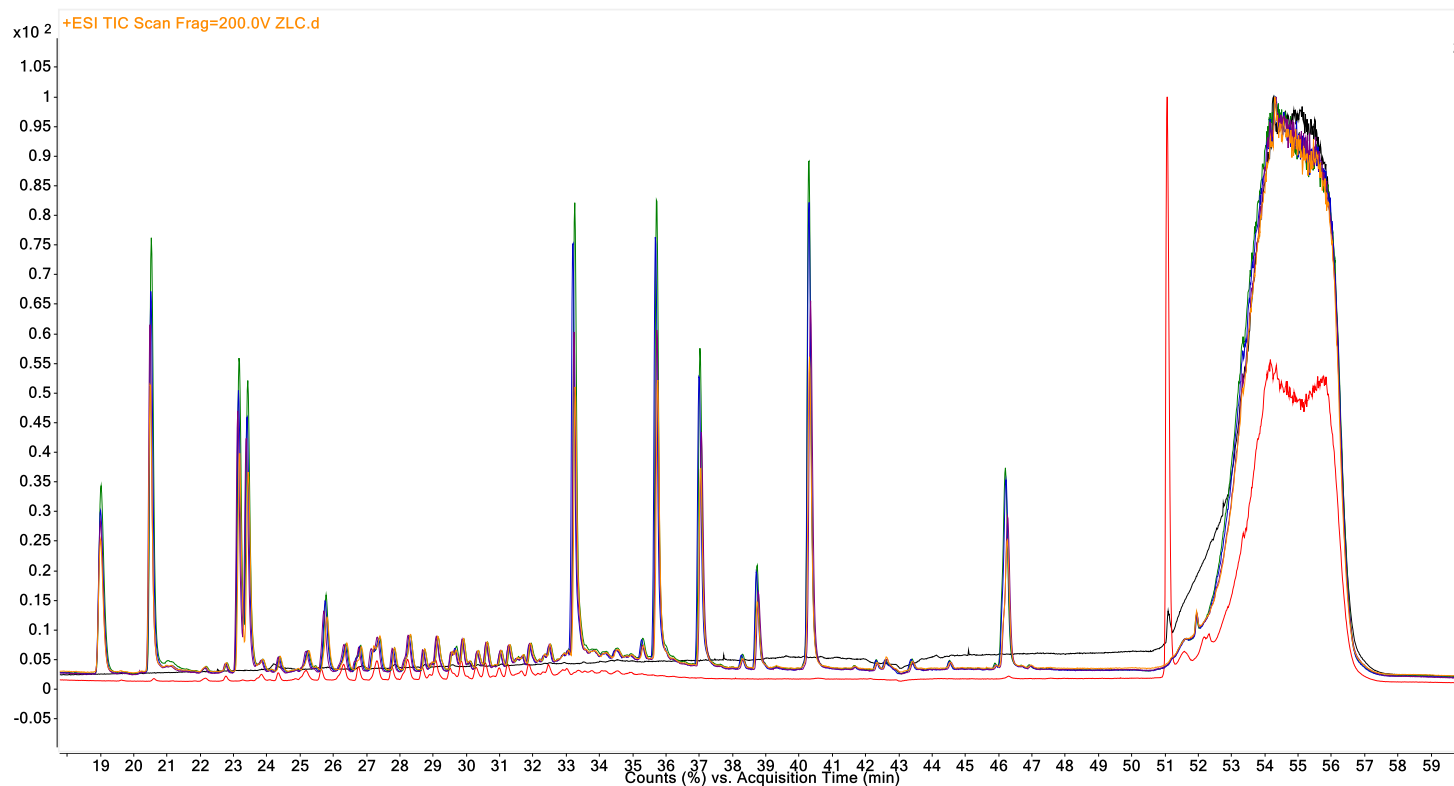


# REPRODUCIBILITY

## Four Individual Analysts

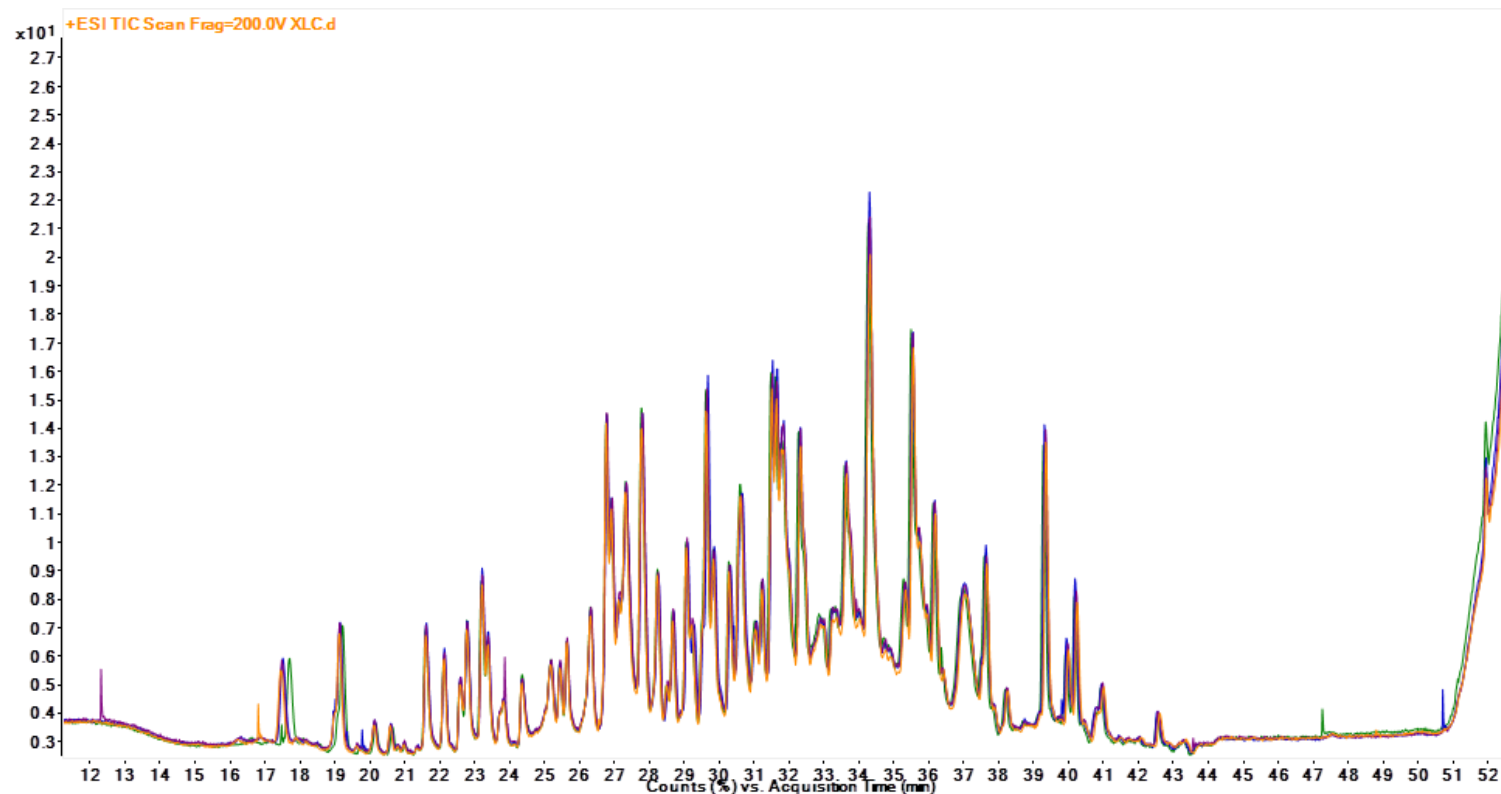
- Two experienced in mass spectrometry and enzyme digestions
- One lab analyst inexperienced in enzyme digestions
- One sales rep

# REPRODUCIBILITY (PROTEIN Z)





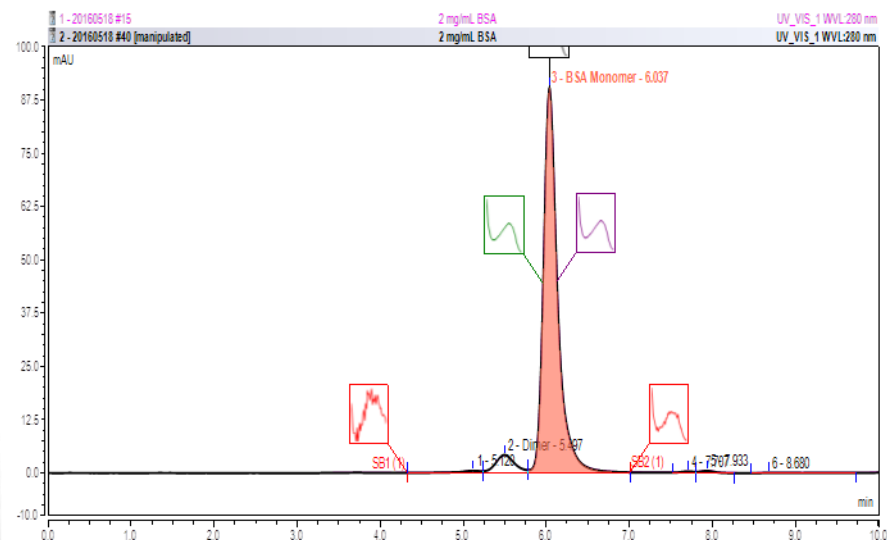
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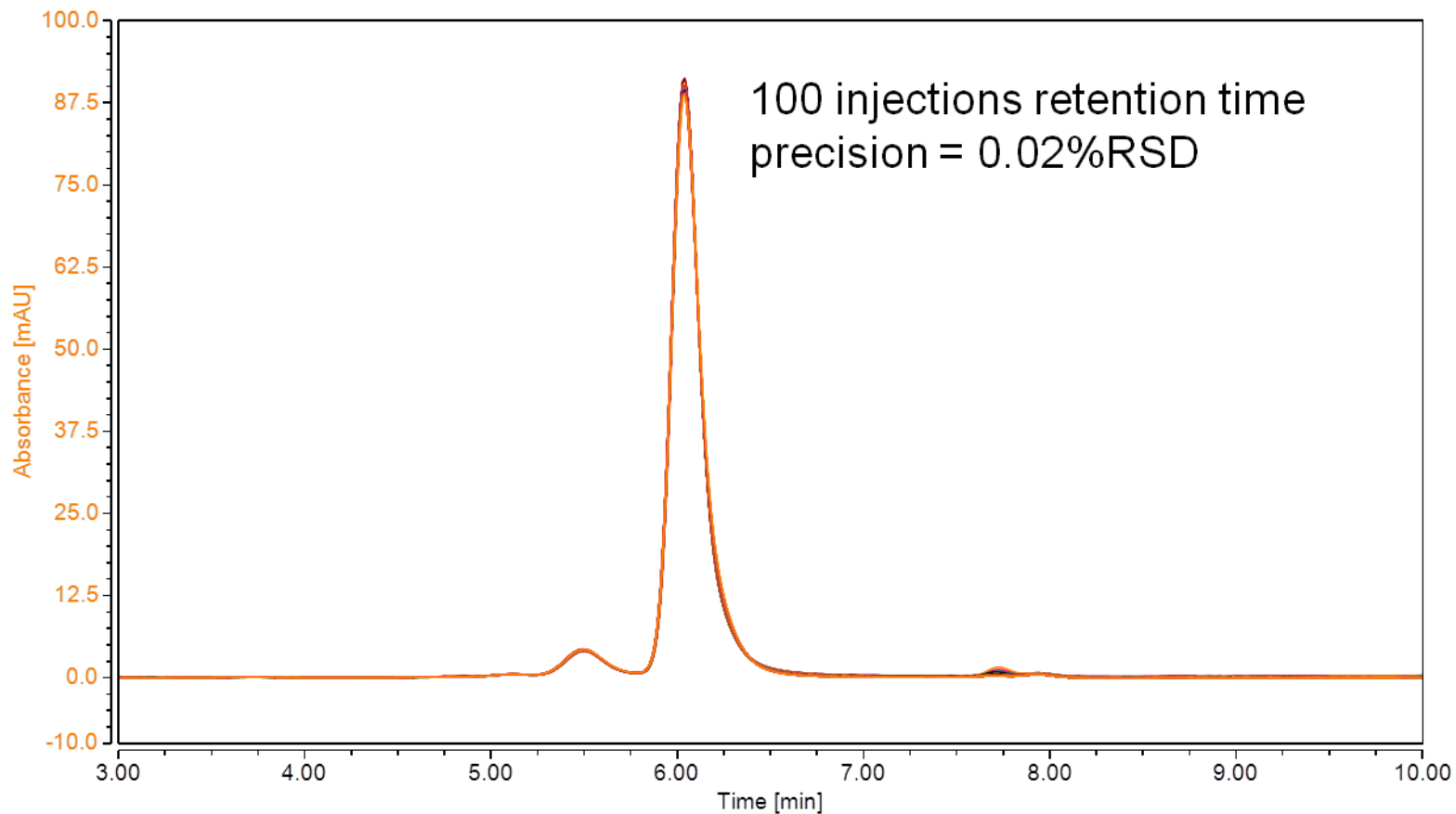
# INSTRUMENTATION OVERVIEW



UHPLC:Thermo Scientific™ Vanquish™  
Horizon UHPLC System  
Detectors: DAD

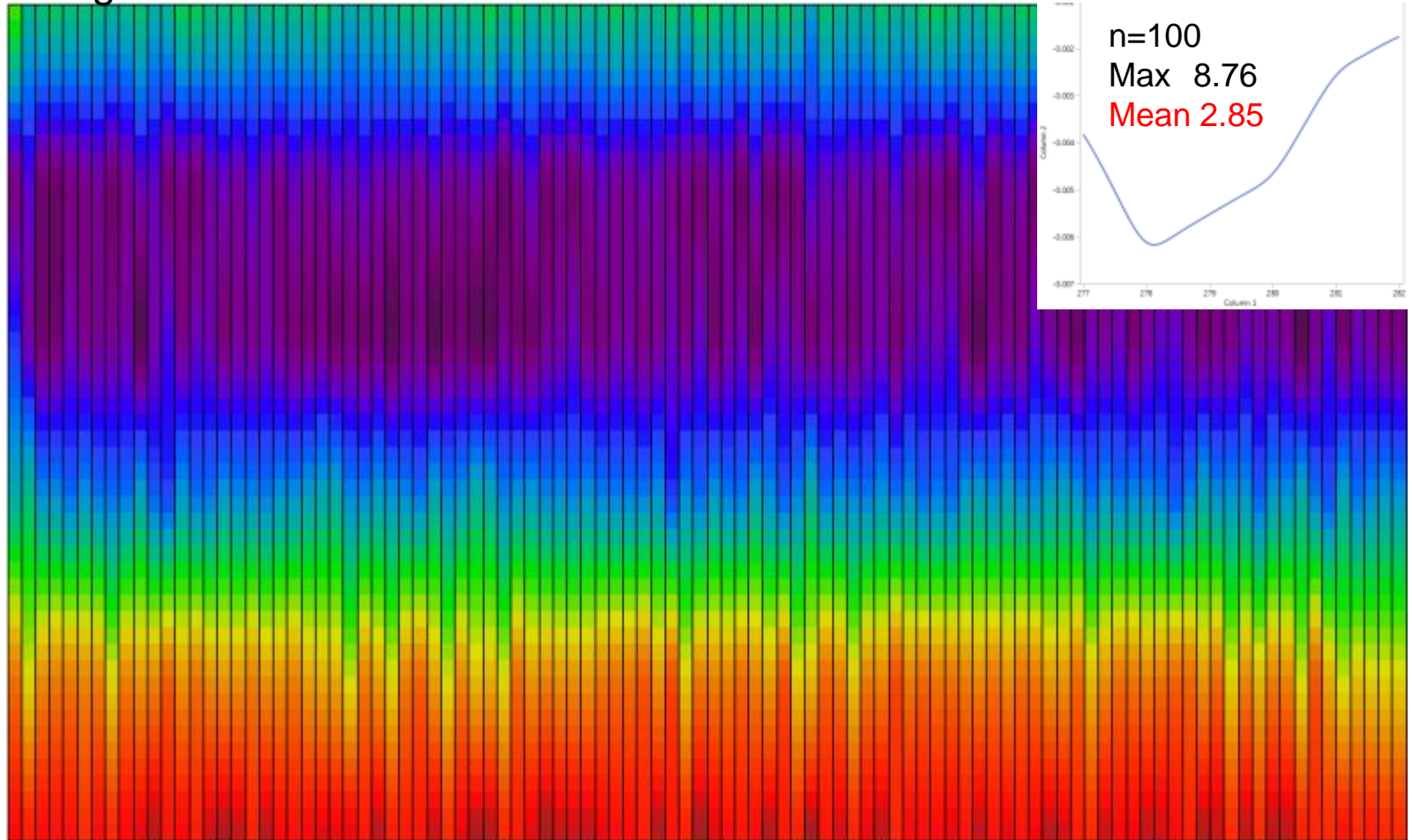


# RETENTION TIME PRECISION

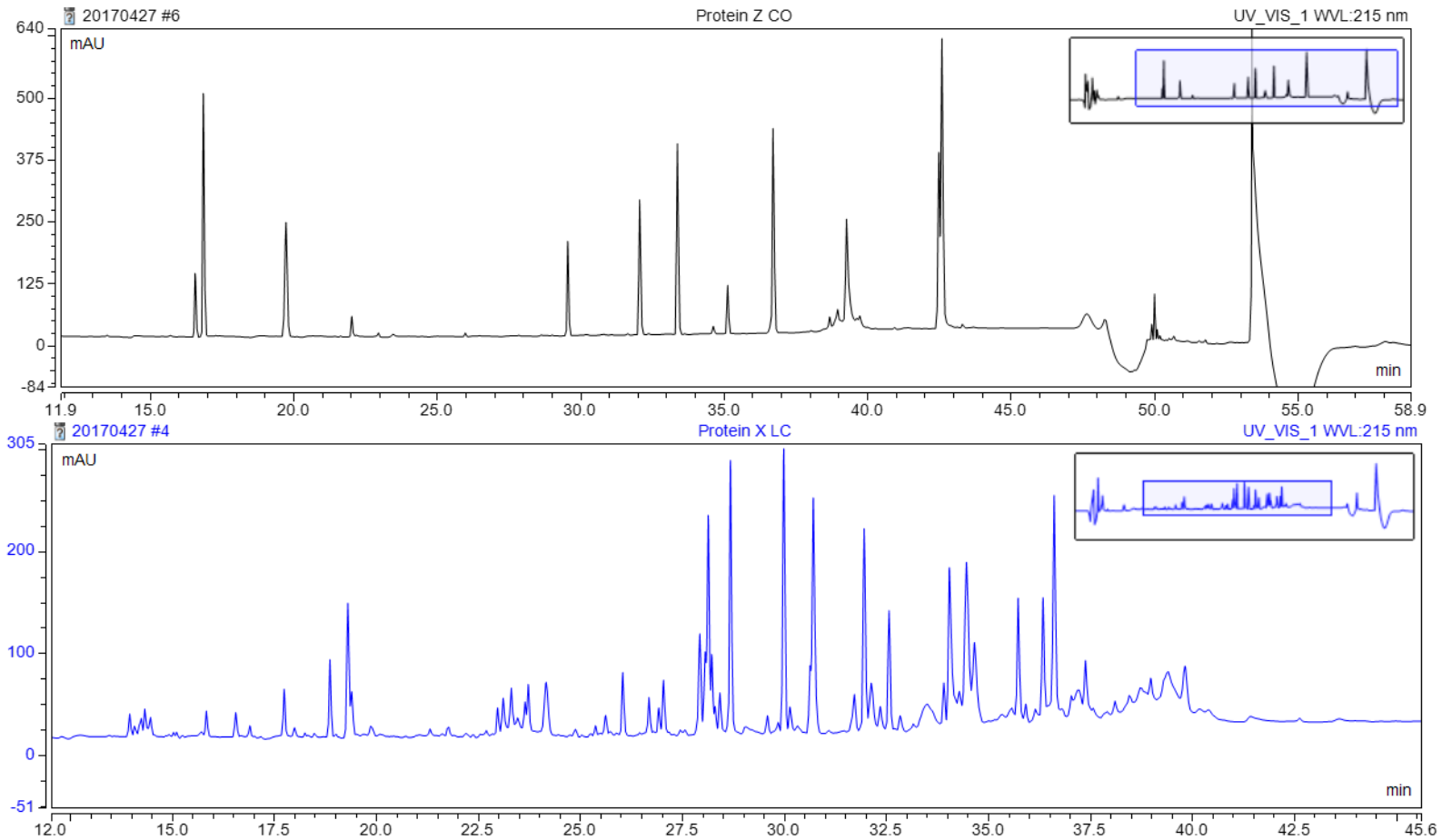


# SIGNAL REPRODUCIBILITY OF THE VANQUISH DAD

100 injections X 600 data points with the average RSD less than 3%, including the noise

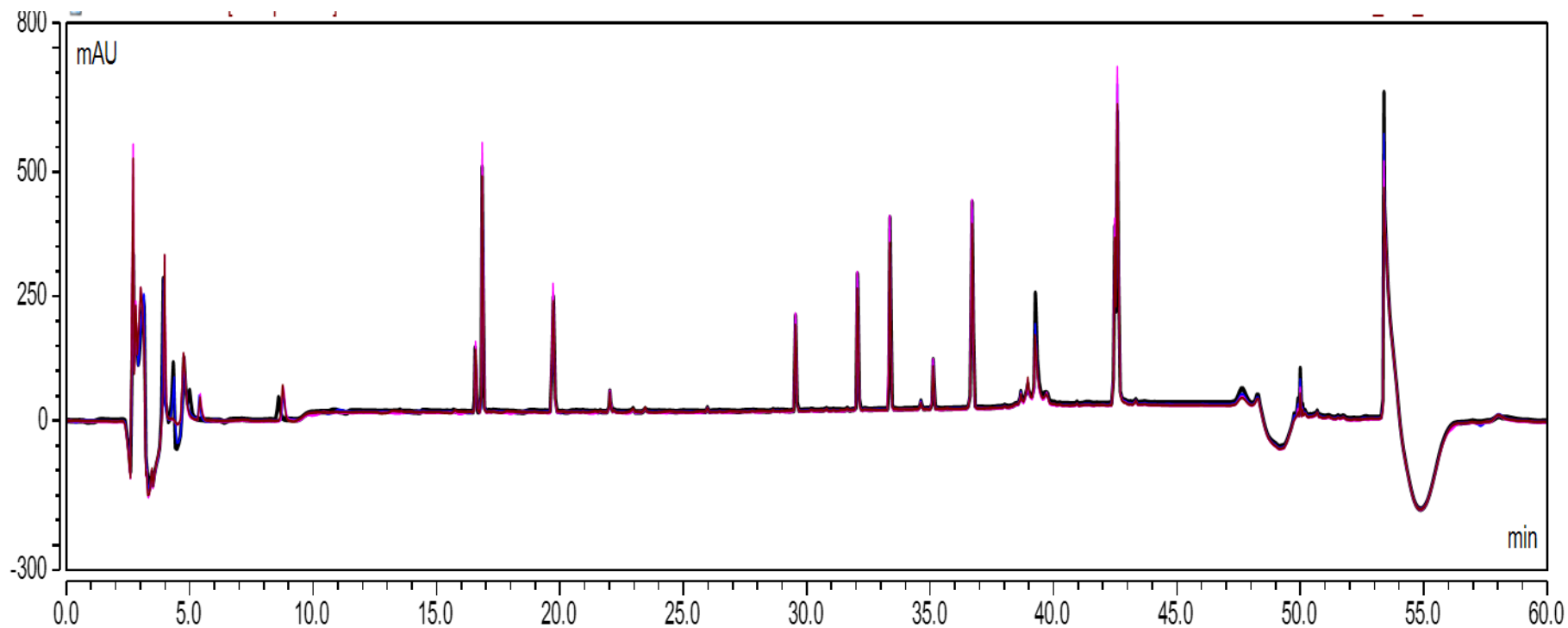


# INITIAL TRANSFER OF THE METHOD TO THE VANQUISH

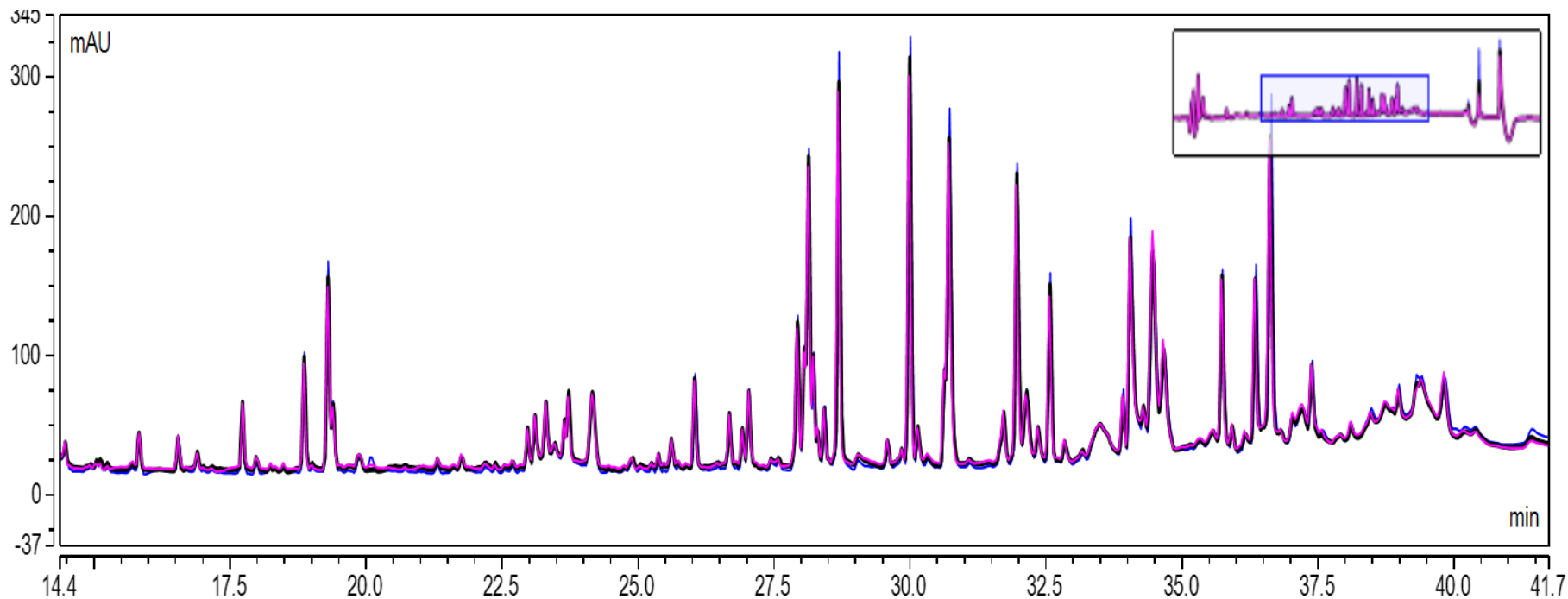


Same Flow Rate and Gradient  
Forced Air Column Heating

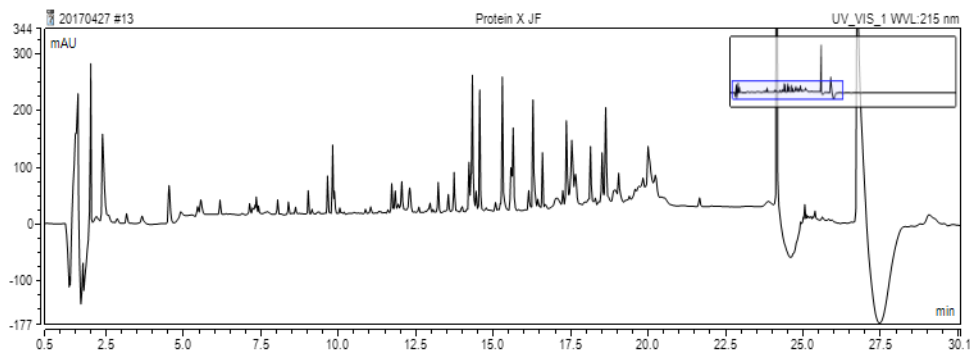
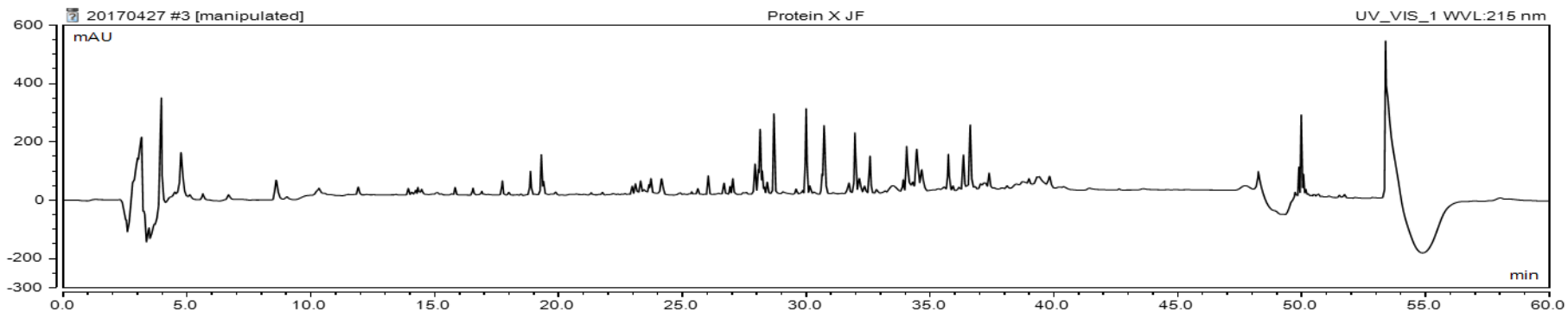
# 4 ANALYSTS PROTEIN Z



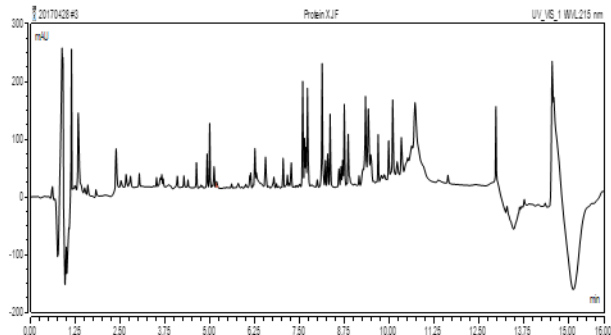
# FOUR ANALYSTS (ANTIBODY)



# HOW FAST CAN IT GO



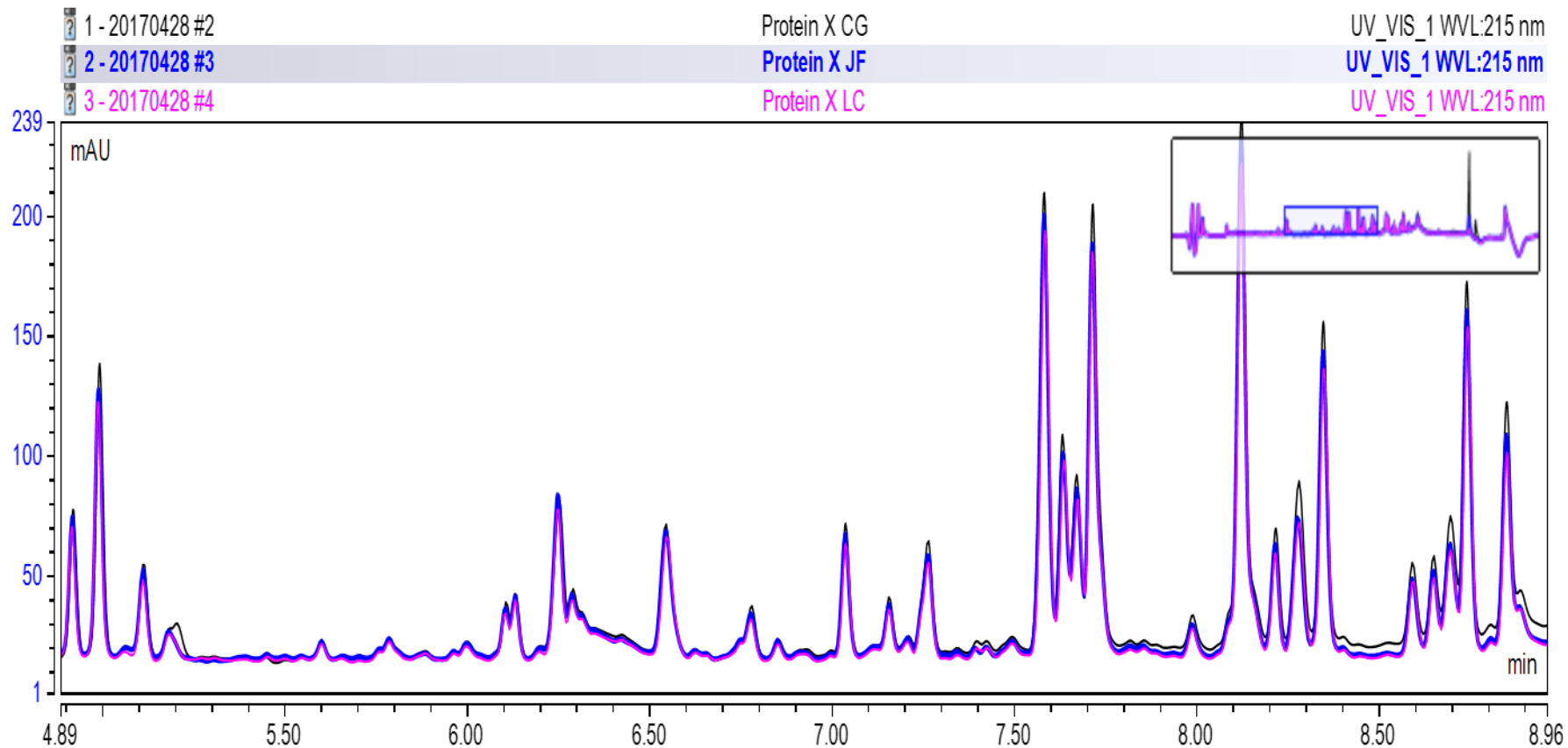
← 30 Minutes



← 15 Minutes



# REPRODUCIBILITY (ANTIBODY)



# PRECISION

N=4

Protein Z Peak Area Precision									
	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4	Component 5	Component 6	Component 7	Component 8	Component 9
Protein Z-1	8.31	31.05	23.06	12.05	19.08	26.21	6.05	33.17	77.76
Protein Z-2	8.26	28.10	20.95	11.78	18.41	25.18	6.01	31.81	82.93
Protein Z-3	9.47	34.04	25.67	12.60	19.55	26.87	6.24	34.24	87.32
Protein Z-4	8.08	28.72	22.27	10.75	16.72	22.93	5.22	29.10	77.63
RSD	7.43	8.84	8.65	6.56	6.71	6.81	7.70	6.93	5.71

Protein Z Retention Time Precision									
	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4	Component 5	Component 6	Component 7	Component 8	Component 9
Protein Z-1	16.56	16.84	19.73	29.54	32.05	33.37	35.12	36.70	42.59
Protein Z-2	16.58	16.86	19.73	29.53	32.04	33.36	35.12	36.70	42.58
Protein Z-3	16.58	16.84	19.72	29.54	32.04	33.36	35.11	36.69	42.58
Protein Z-4	16.58	16.85	19.72	29.54	32.04	33.36	35.12	36.70	42.58
RSD	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

# GOALS OF THE STUDY

1. Determine if SMART digest could be easily implemented in the lab
2. Determine how reproducible the results are
3. Determine how experienced the analysts need to be to perform a digest from start to finish (i.e. can a sales rep perform a SMART digest with confidence)
4. How much throughput can be gained by combining SMART with Vanquish UHPLC

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A: Yes, even if a time study was needed to determine digestion times a SMART digest can be developed in a single day in most cases

2. Determine how reproducible the results are

A: results amongst four individual analysts are highly reproducible, even considering analyst experience

3. Determine how experienced the analysts need to be to perform a digest from start to finish (i.e. can a sales rep perform a SMART digest with confidence)

A: I could probably perform a SMART digest . . . Maybe!

4. How much throughput can be gained using the Vanquish UHPLC

A: At least a 6x increase is achievable, depending on the complexity of the peptide map 12X or more increase in efficiency seems achievable

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