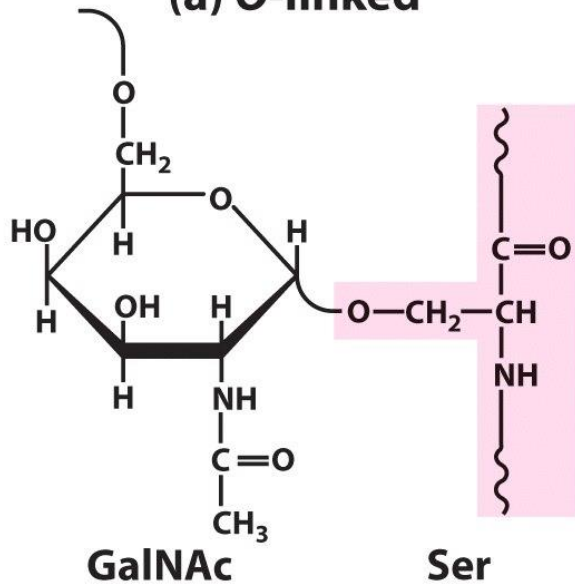
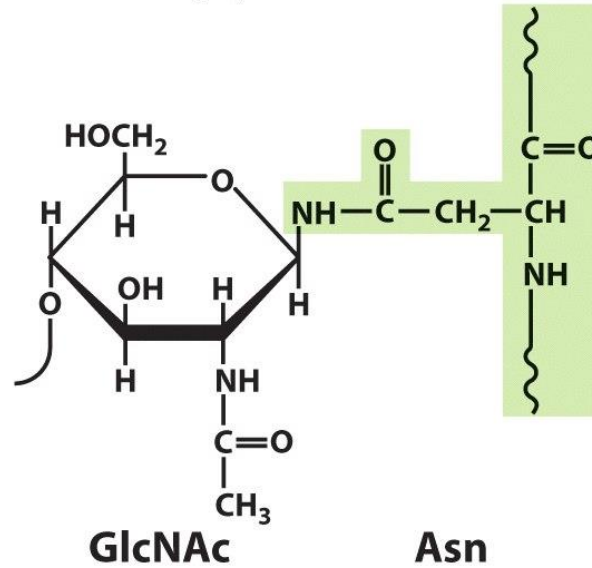


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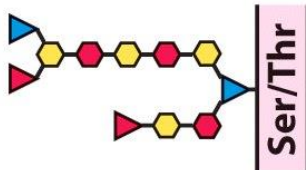
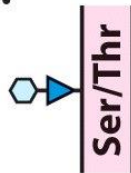
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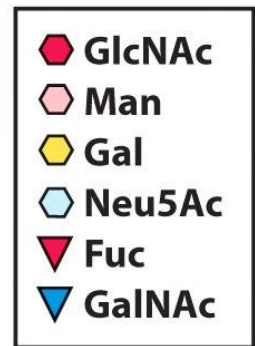
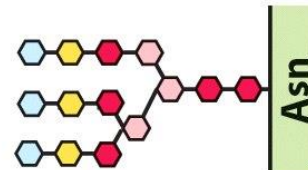
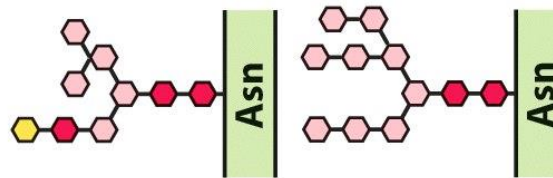
(b) N-linked



Examples:



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Working with Carbohydrate

- **Oligosaccharides removed from protein or lipid conjugates**
- **Stepwise degradations with specific reagents (eg. O- or N-glycosidase) that reveal bond position and stereochemistry**
- **Mixture separated by chromatography**
- **Overall composition and analysis by GC, Mass and NMR**

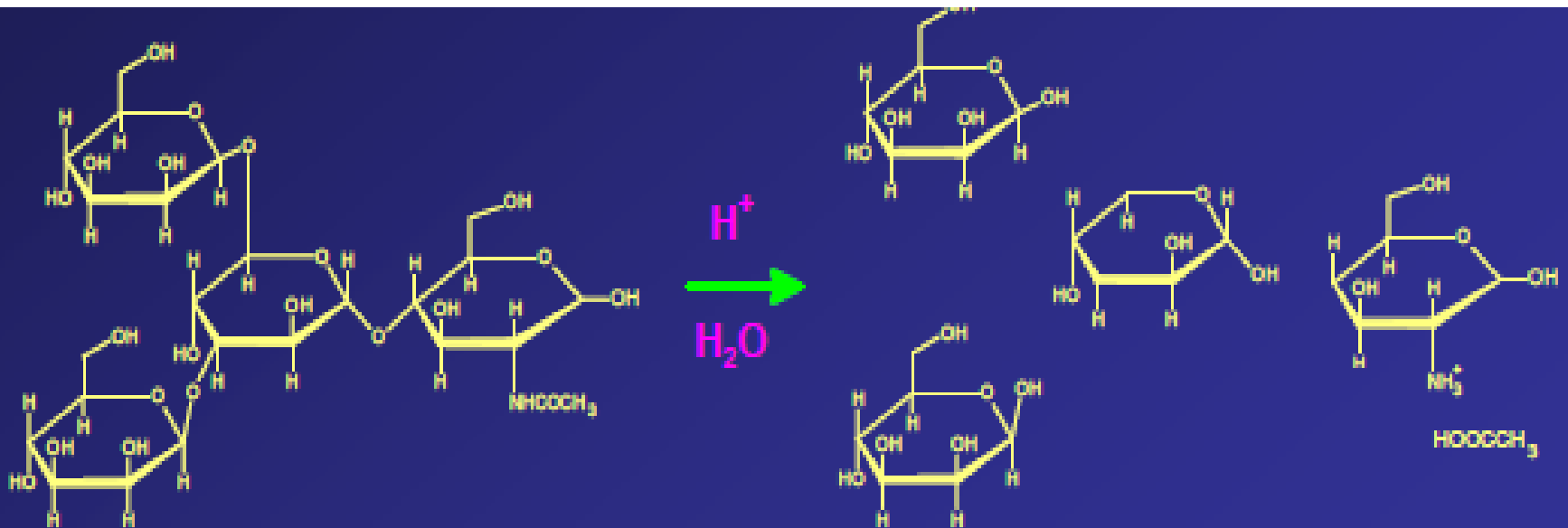
degradations with specific reagents

- Acid hydrolysis
- Methylation
- Smith degradation
- Chemical deglycolysation
- Glycosyl hydrolases
- Exoglycosidases
- endoglycosidases

Chemistry of Glycans

Acid Hydrolysis

- Many different conditions: acid concentration, temperature, time, solvent conditions
- General purpose to break oligosaccharide down into constituent monosaccharides
- Some monomers more susceptible to hydrolysis: weak conditions remove them
sialic acids, fucose



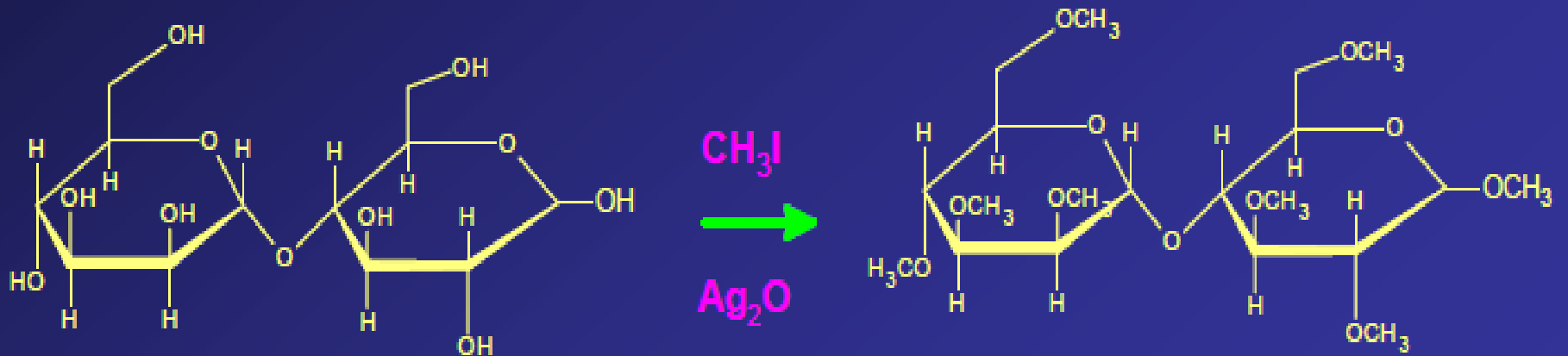
Ether and ester derivatization. Methylation

Esterification

- acid chlorides or acid hydrides
- in alkaline conditions (pyridine)

Ether derivatization (O-alkylation)

- Williamson ether synthesis: excess alkyl halide (R-X) + Ag_2O
- exhaustive ether formation, including the anomeric hydroxyl



Smith Degradation

- A technique useful in studying linkage analysis in smaller oligosaccharides
- Sample is processed in three preparative steps
 1. periodate oxidation
 2. borohydride reduction
 3. mild acid hydrolysis
- Products separated by (paper) chromatography referenced to known / predictable substances
- Standard set of rules are followed to deduce oligosaccharide composition and linkage

Chemical deglycosylation

Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (TFMS)

- Extremely powerful acid
- Excellent tool for deglycosylation of glycoproteins
- Better than trying to deglycosylate enzymatically with glycosidase cocktail
- TFMS is used to remove oligosaccharides from glycoproteins so that the protein can be analyzed in later steps.
- Phosphate-modified amino acids in the protein are apparently unaffected



Anhydrous hydrogen fluoride deglycosylates glycoproteins without degrading either the protein. Monosaccharide structures of neutral and acidic sugars are retained

Glycosyl hydrolases

hydrolytic enzymes break down oligosaccharides into their monomers or smaller oligosaccharides

Exoglycosidases

- remove monosaccharides from a nonreducing terminal
- specific for monosaccharide and anomeric linkage
 - glucosidases
 - mannosidases
 - galactosidases
 - fucosidases
 - neuraminidases
- specific for α - and β -anomeric forms

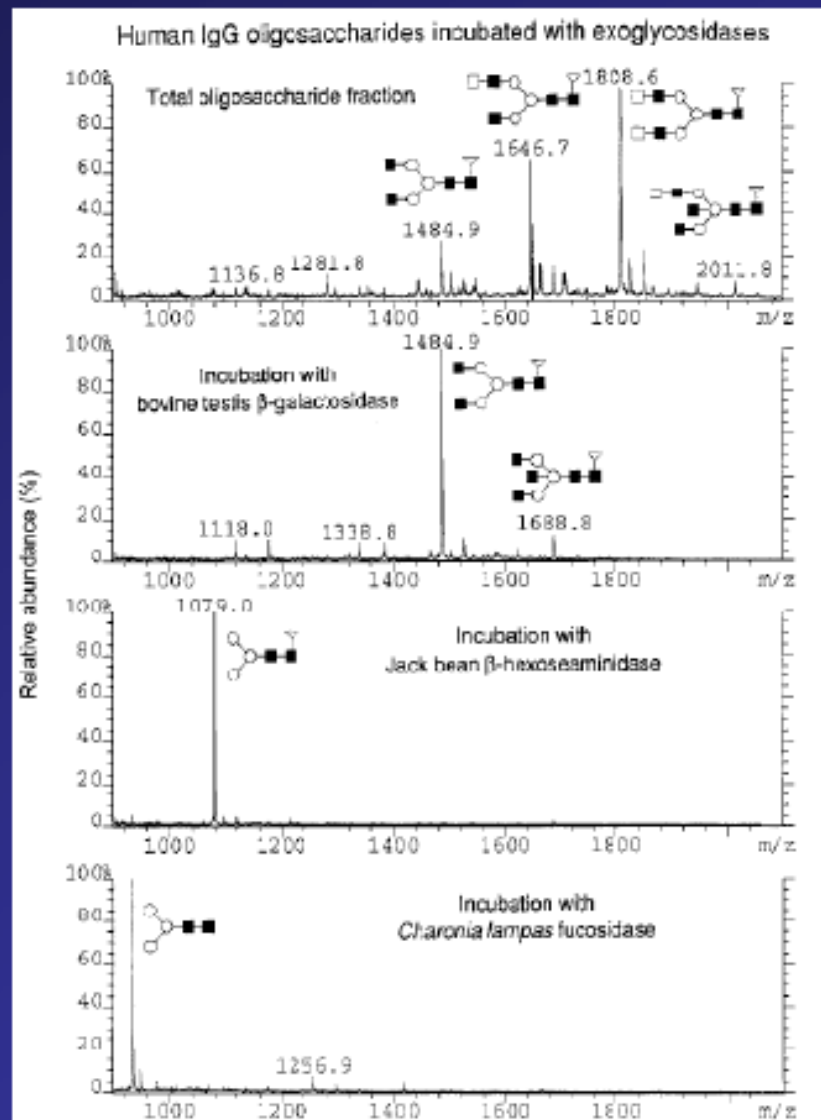
Endoglycosidases

- glycoside bond-hydrolyzing enzyme where bond broken does not produce a monosaccharide from a nonreducing terminus
- usually removes glycan from its aglycone

Sequencing/Structural Analyses

Mass Spectrometry (MS)

- MS excellent tool for structural determination
 - glycans (removed from glycopeptides)
 - intact glycoproteins
- MALDI-MS and ESI-MS/MS methods well described in literature reviews
- For MALDI-MS, special matrices for carbohydrate (e.g. "Super DHB")
- Combined with exo- and endo-glycosidase digestions, sequence and linkage data can be obtained for glycan
- Neutral sugars ionized by Na^+ adduct formation

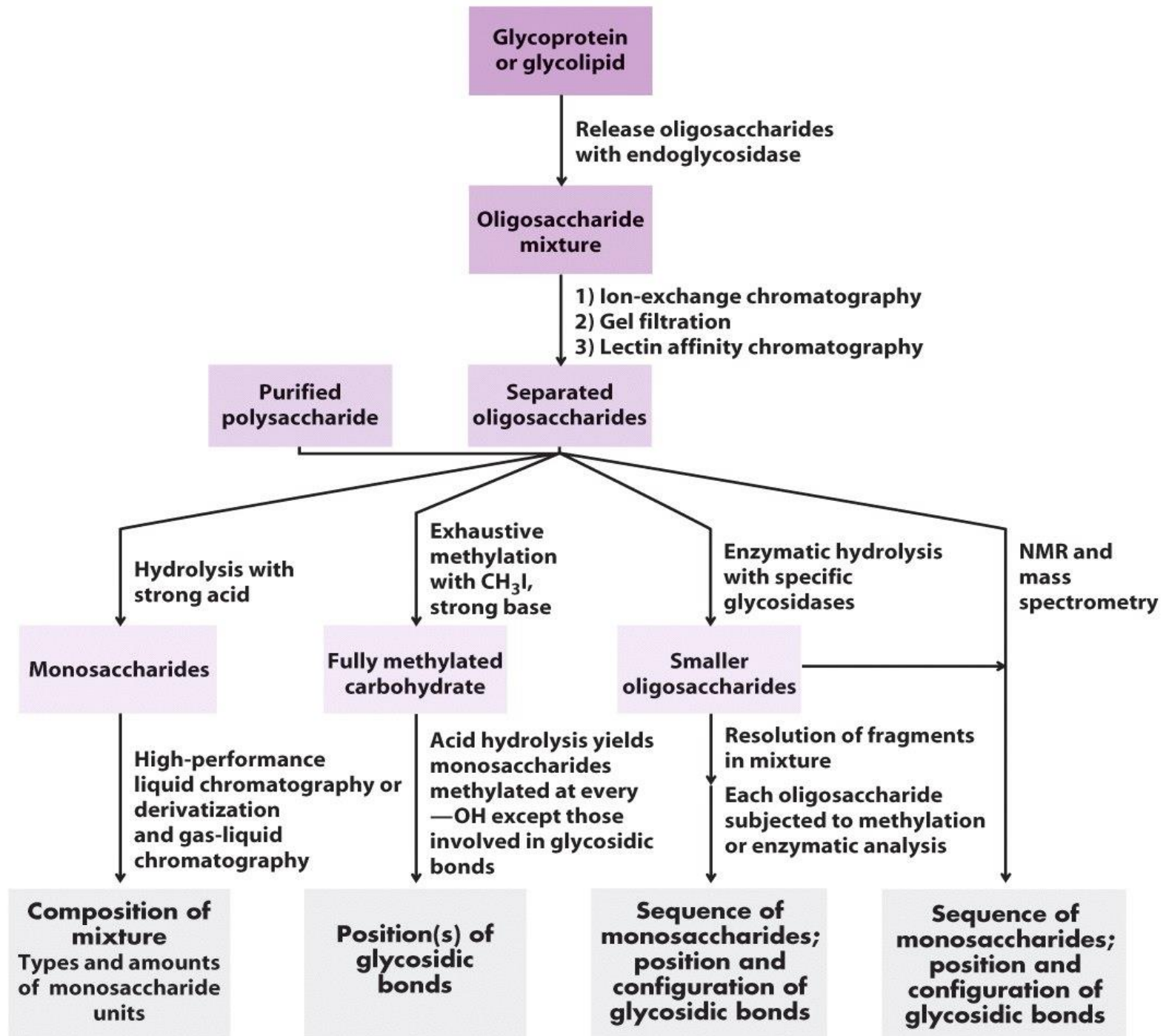


Some Conclusions

- Better to work with glycopeptides rather than the glycoprotein in the preparative (purification) steps if glycan analysis is a goal

digest the glycoprotein

- remove the oligosaccharide from the peptide (enzymatically or chemically)
- combinations of exoglycosidases with mass spectrometry get sequence results



Microanalysis of N-linked oligosaccharides in a glycoprotein by capillary liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry and liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry

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be also terminated with Gal by α 1,3-linkage. CapLC/MS/MS and exoglycosidase followed by CapLC/MS were able to elucidate the detailed carbohydrate structure of HGF through yielding the information of monosaccharide sequence, and linkages.

Oligosaccharides

- Oligosaccharides are important group of polymeric carbohydrates that are found in all living organisms.
- Oligosaccharides composed of **2 to 10** monosaccharide residues.
- These monosaccharide's linked together by glycoside (α -1,4 or α -1,6) bonds.
- The discovery of new enzymes helps in developing other oligosaccharides of monosaccharide's with other linked bonds.

Trehalose (α, α 1,1), **Gentio-oligosaccharides** (β -1,6),
Nigero-oligosaccharides (α -1,3), **Cyclodextrin** (α -1-4).

Oligosaccharides groups

- Sucrose-related oligosaccharides.
- Starch-related oligosaccharides.
- Lactose-related oligosaccharides.
- Others-oligosaccharides.

Oligosaccharides Substrates

Oligosaccharides

- Fructo-oligosaccharide
- Malto- oligosaccharide
- Isomalto-oligosaccharide
- Galacto-oligosaccharide
- Lactosucrose
- Lactulose
- Xylo- oligosaccharide
- Soy- oligosaccharide

Substrate

Sucrose/Innulin.
Starch.
Starch.
Lactose.
Lactose+ sucrose.
Lactose.
Xylan.
Soy.

Properties

- Low sweetness intensity (*1/3 of sucrose*)
- Calorie free.
- Resistance to hydrolysis by digestive enzymes.
- Non-cariogenic (*inhibit the growth of Streptococcus mutans*)
- Highly soluble than sucrose.
- Heat stable (*doesn't degrade by heating process*)
- Hydrolyze in high acid environment.

Benefits

- Prebiotic (*enhance bifidus bacteria in colon*).
- Increase digestion of lactose metabolism.
- Increase mineral absorption.
- Increase HDL/LDL ratio.
- Decrease serum lipids and blood cholesterol.
- Decrease blood pressure.
- Decrease glycemic response.
- Decrease fecal PH, toxic, and carcinogenic metabolites.

Mass spectrometry of oligosaccharides

- **Mass spectrometry is an important tool for the structural analysis of carbohydrates**, and offers precise results, analytical versatility, and very high sensitivity.
- Whereas mass spectrometric analysis options for **proteins** and **peptides** are well-defined **relative** to those for **carbohydrates**.

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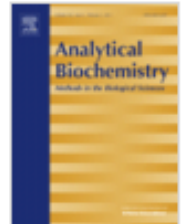
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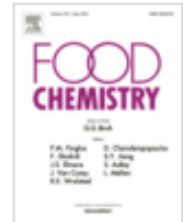
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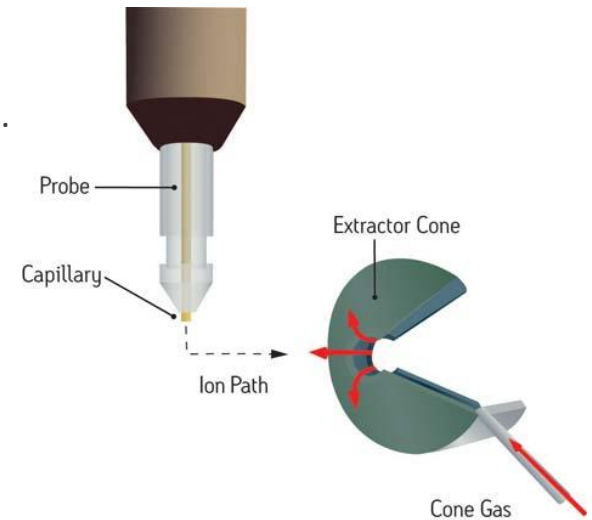
Characteristics of tandem mass spectra of oligosaccharides

1. Electrospray Ionization (ESI)

ESI MS: Conventional ESI MS involves the pumping of a solution (a forced flow) into the ion source, and has been observed to produce relatively weak ion signals for native oligosaccharides compared to those for peptides and proteins.

Nano ESI: on the other hand, produces ion signals that are comparable between the peptide and carbohydrate compound classes.

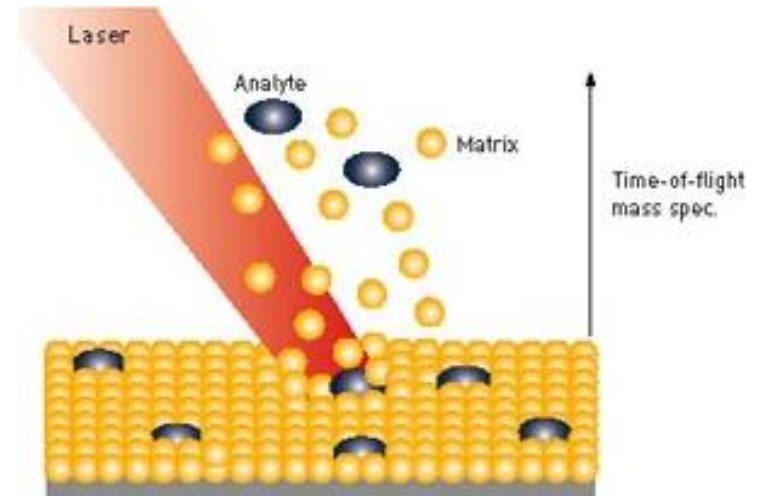
It, therefore, appears that the **hydrophilicity** of oligosaccharides **limits the surface activity** in ESI droplets and that, **with small droplets, their sensitivity is significantly enhanced.**



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2. Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization (MALDI)

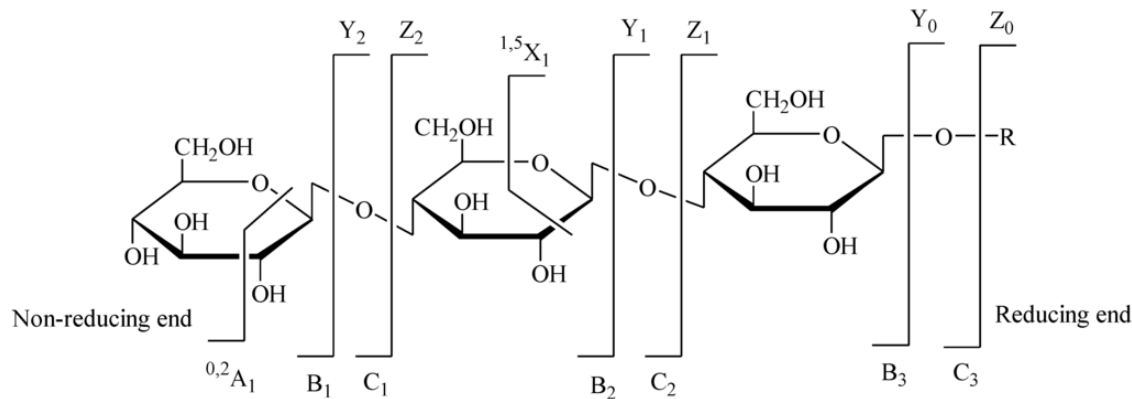
The MALDI-TOF ionization efficiency for neutral carbohydrates oligomers has been observed to **be constant as the size of the molecule increases**, in contrast to that for ESI, where the ionization efficiency decreases with an increasing molecular weight.



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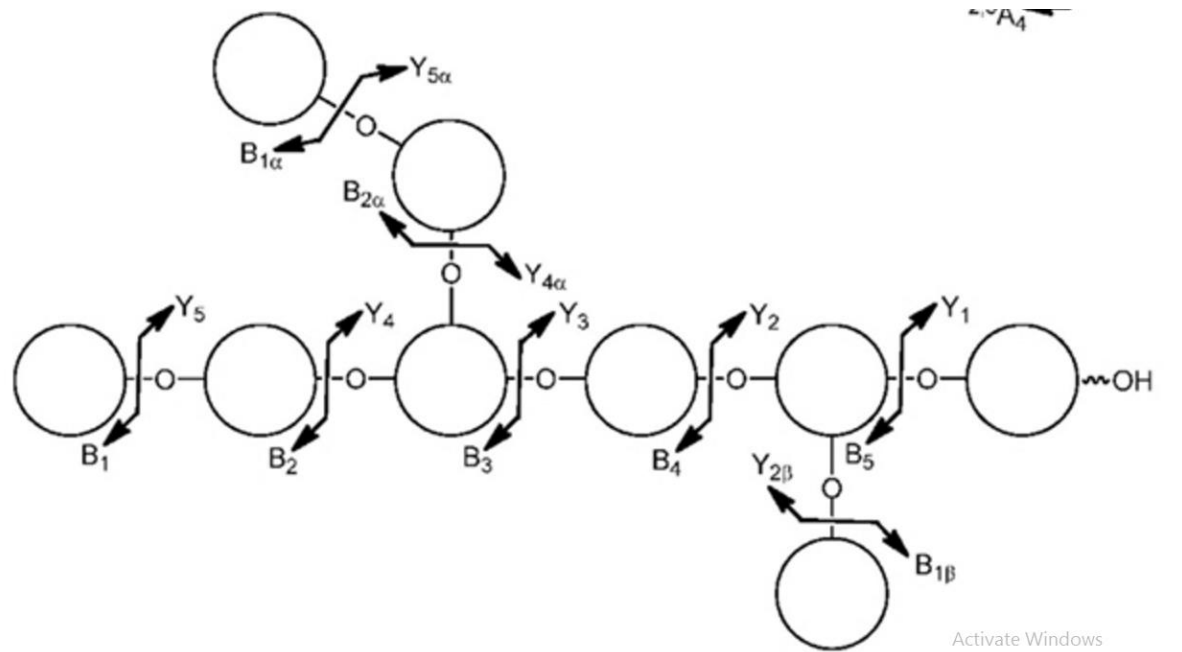
- **Note:** The **advantages** of MALDI in terms of ionization response have to be balanced against the **disadvantages** of the **metastable fragmentation** that is caused by the higher internal energies imparted to the ions relative to those resulting from ESI.

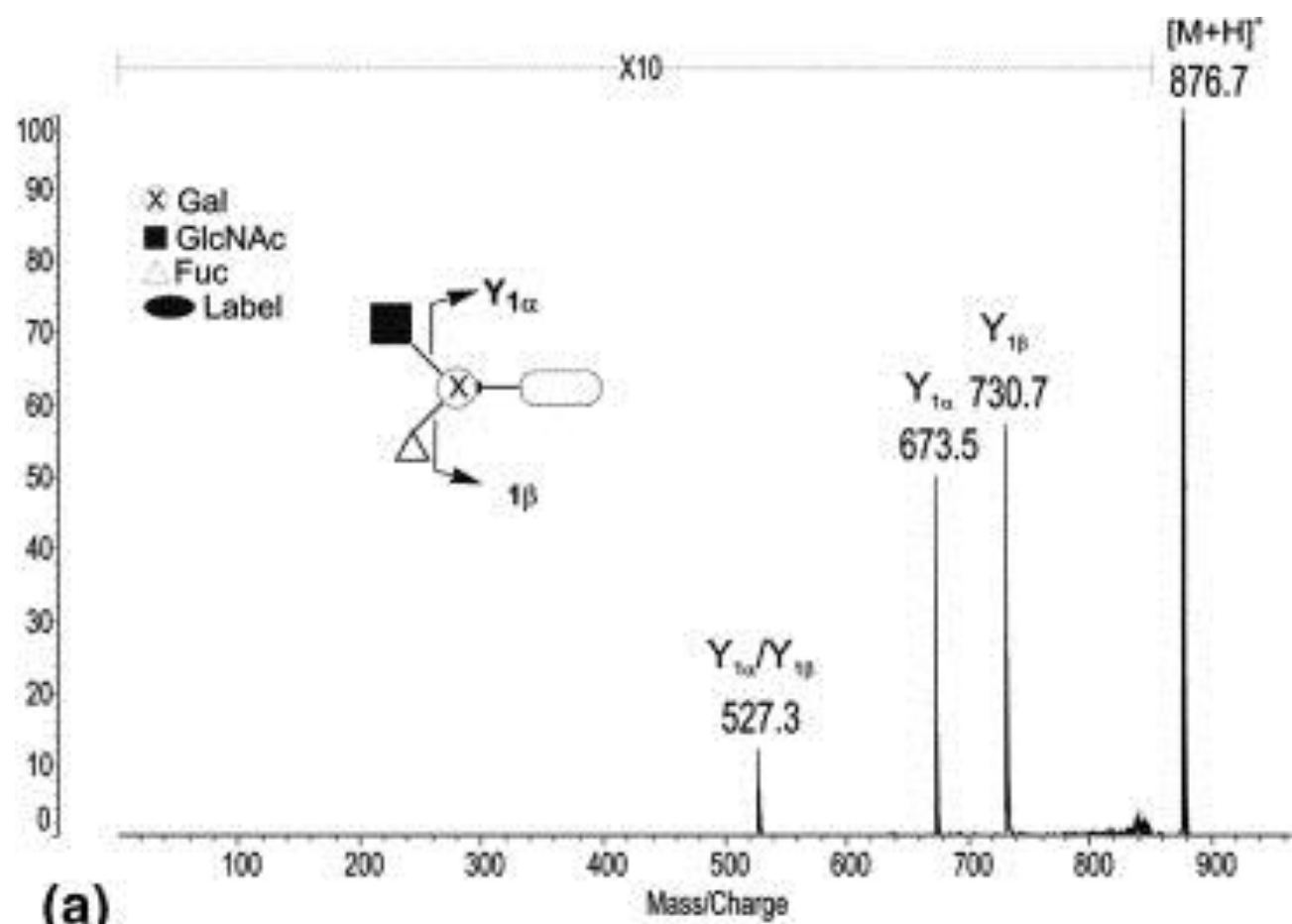
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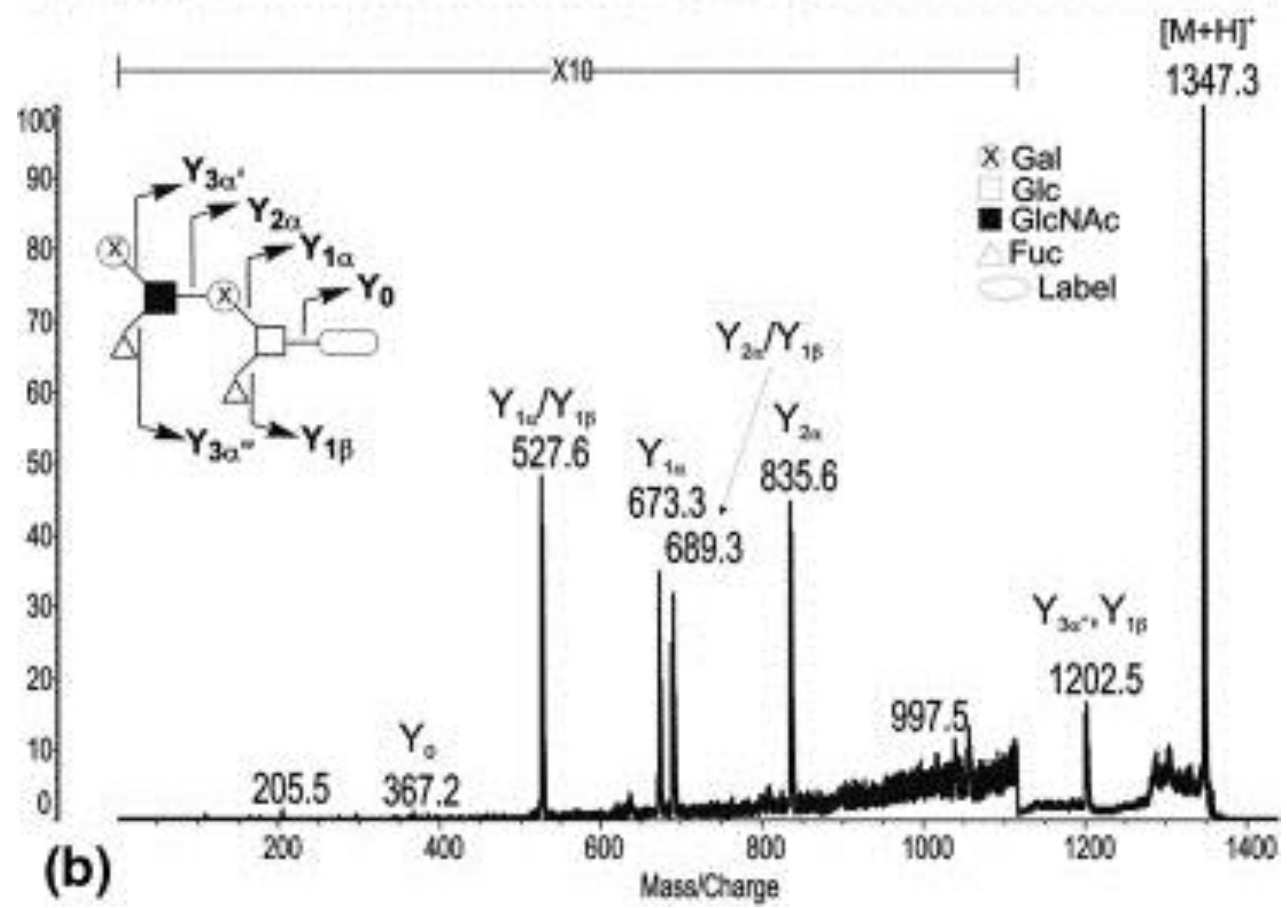


- Fragment ions that contain **a non-reducing terminus** are labeled with uppercase letters from the beginning of the alphabet (A, B, C),
- and those that contain **the reducing end** of the oligosaccharide or the aglycon are labeled with letters from the end of the alphabet (X, Y, Z); subscripts indicate the cleaved ions.
- The A and X ions are produced by cleavage across the glycosidic ring, **and are labeled by assigning each ring bond a number and counting clockwise.**

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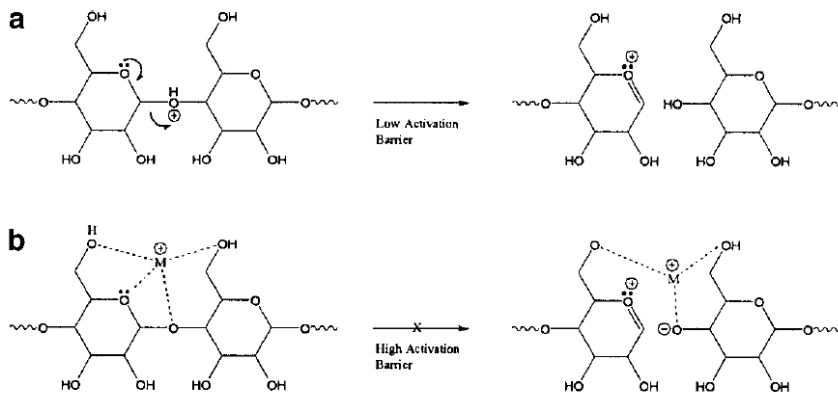






Tandem MS of Native Oligosaccharide Molecular Ions

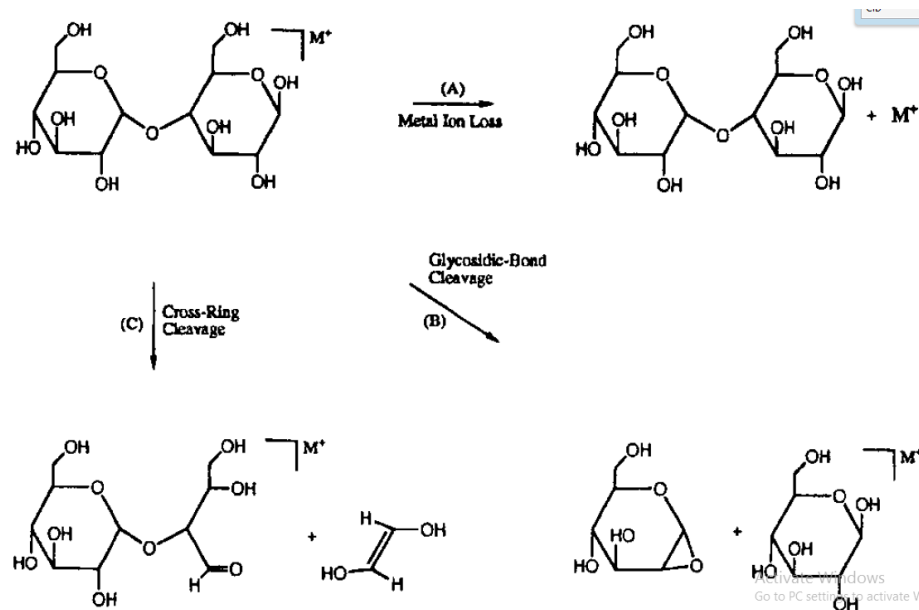
- 1. Protonated Ions: $[M+H]^+$
- 2. Deprotonated Ions: $[M-H]^-$ ions
- 3. Alkali and Alkaline Earth Adducted Ions: $[M(Li)+Li]^+$ ions



1996). Fragmentation yields were highest for oligomers with the least branching, and were inversely related to cation size, following the order $H^+ > Li^+ > Na^+ > K^+ > Rb^+ > Cs^+$. Mechanism of fragmentation of protonated ions is likely to be charge-induced, whereas that for cesiated ions is likely to be charge-remote. Charge-remote fragmentation requires more energy than charge-induced fragmentation, and the degree to which this occurs increases with increasing cation size.

FIGURE 2. Fragmentation of (a) protonated and (b) alkali-cationized glycosidic bonds (Modified from Cancilla et al., 1996).

Three possible fragmentation pathways for metal-cationized oligosaccharides



Computer-Based Approaches for Interpretation of Oligosaccharide Product-Ion Mass Spectra

- (1) monosaccharide residue loss from the non-reducing termini
- (2) subsequent monosaccharide residue losses from the aforementioned ions, generating a Y_n ion series
- (3) the complementary B_m ions
- (4) formation of internal fragment ions from loss of pyridylamidated residues from the Y_n ions
- (5) formation of internal fragments from B_m ions
- (6) formation of Z_n , as well as the complementary C_m ions.

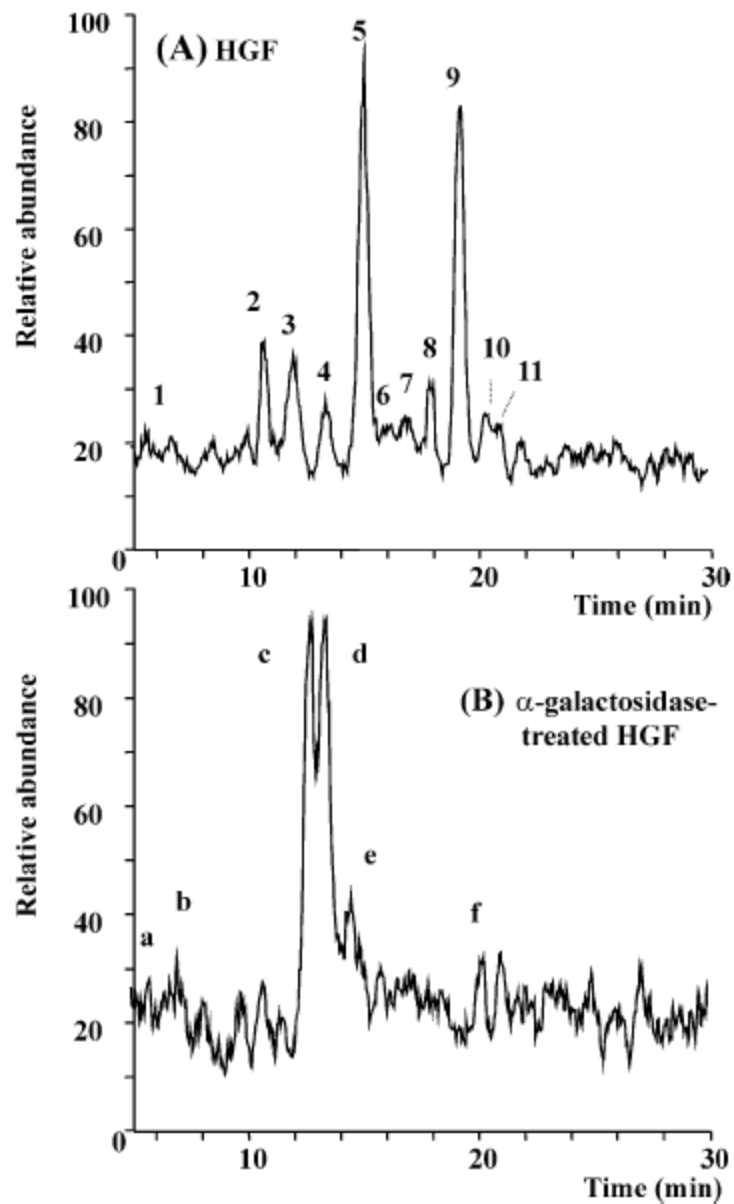
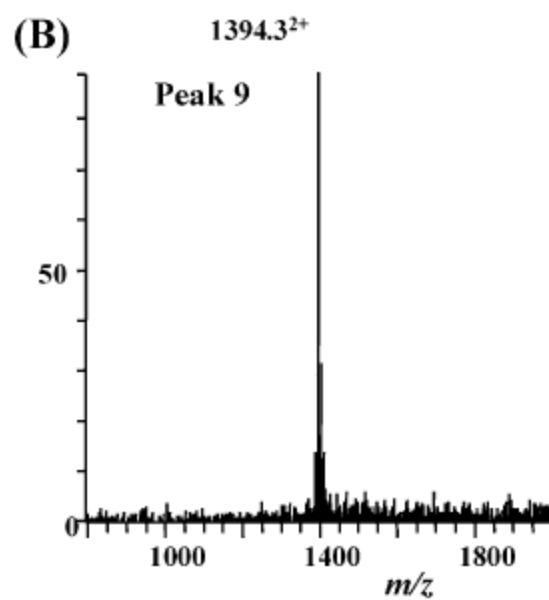
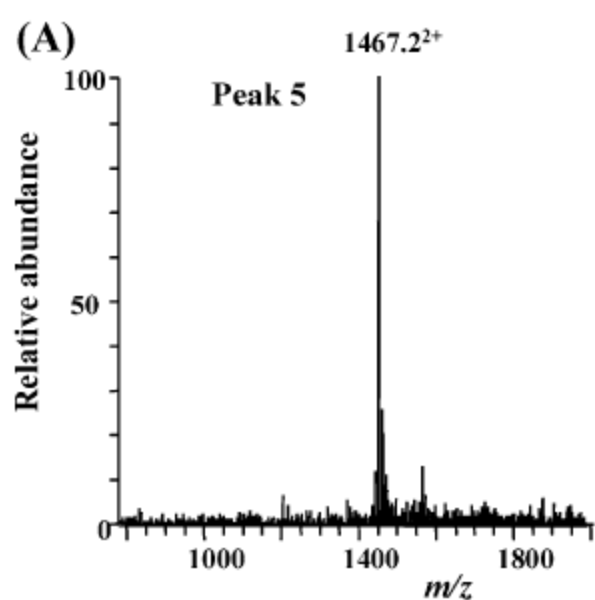


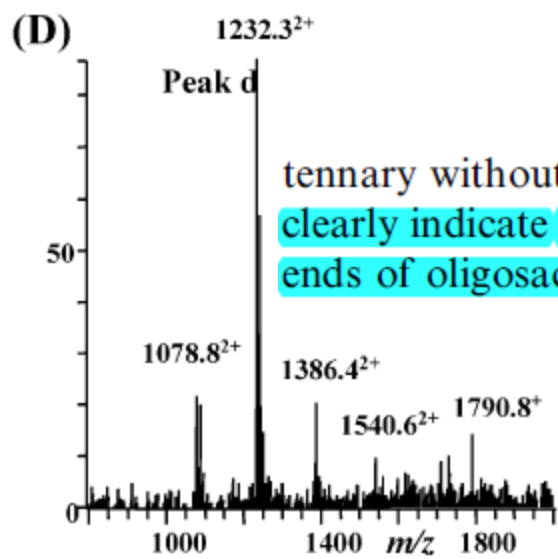
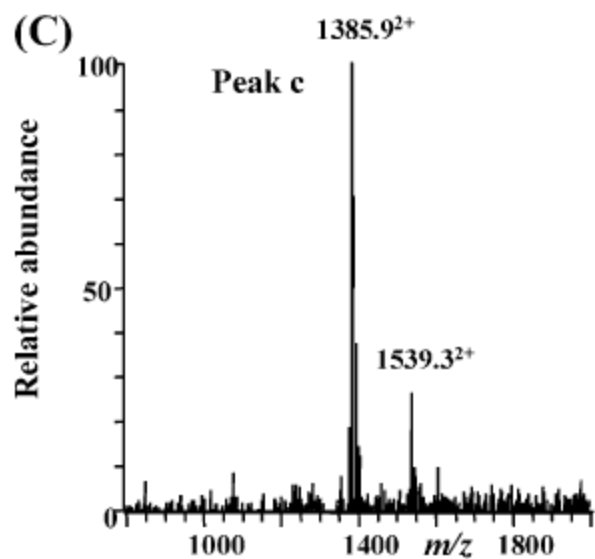
Fig. 2. Full-scan mass chromatography of borohydride-reduced oligosaccharides from HGF (200 ng) using CapLC/MS (A). Full-scan mass chromatography of α -galactosidase-treated borohydride-reduced oligosaccharides from HGF (200 ng) (B).

Exoglycosidase digestion followed by mass spectrometric sugar mapping was performed to determine the Hex and its linkage. Treatment with α -galactosidase, which cleaves Gal α 1-3,4,6Gal/Glc, resulted in new



(peak 5) by losing one Gal (

(peak 9) by losing two Gal

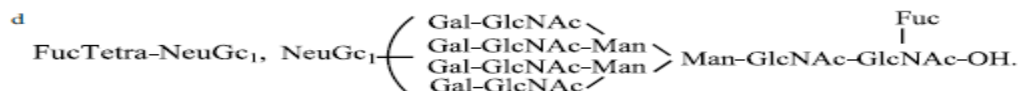
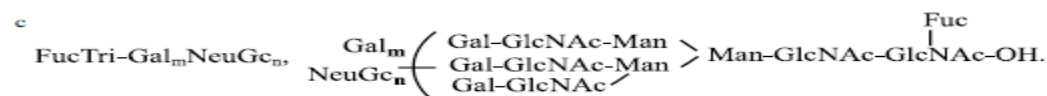


ternary without additional Hex (Table 2). These results clearly indicate α -linked galactosylation on nonreducing ends of oligosaccharides in HGF.

Fig. 3. Mass spectra of peak 5 (A), peak 9 (B), peak c (C), and peak d (D) in Fig. 2.

Carbohydrate compositions and theoretical and calculated masses of peaks in Fig. 2A

Peak	Carbohydrate composition	Deduced carbohydrate structure	Theoretical mass ^a	Calculated mass	Charge state	Observed <i>m/z</i>
1	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₅ [HexNAc] ₄ [NeuGc] ₂	FucBi-NeuGc ₂ ^b	2402.8	2403.6	2+	1202.8
2	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₄ [NeuGc] ₁	FucBi-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₁	2257.8	2258.9	2+	1130.4
3	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-NeuGc ₂ ^c	2768.0	2769.8	2+	1385.9
4	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₃	FucTri-NeuGc ₃	3075.1	3077.8	2+	1539.9
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTri-NeuGc ₁	2460.9	2461.6	2+	1231.8
5	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₃	FucTri-NeuGc ₃	3075.1	3077.2	2+	1539.6
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₂	2930.0	2932.4	2+	1467.2
6	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₄	FucBi-Gal ₂	2112.8	2114.6	2+	1058.3
7	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₂	2930.0	2932.0	2+	1467.0
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTri-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₁	2622.9	2624.4	2+	1313.2
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₂	2930.0	2931.6	2+	1466.8
8	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-Gal ₁ NeuGc ₂	2930.0	2931.6	2+	1466.8
9	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₈ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTri-Gal ₂ NeuGc ₁	2785.0	2786.6	2+	1394.3
10	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₆ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTetra-NeuGc ₁ ^d	2826.0	2827.8	2+	1414.9
11	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₉ [HexNAc] ₅	FucTri-Gal ₃	2640.0	2641.0	2+	1321.5
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₈ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTri-Gal ₂ NeuGc ₁	2785.0	2787.4	2+	1394.7

^a Monoisotopic mass value.

Carbohydrate compositions and theoretical and calculated masses of peaks in Fig. 2B

Peak	Carbohydrate composition	Deduced carbohydrate structure	Theoretical mass ^a	Calculated mass	Charge state	Observed <i>m/z</i>
a	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₅ [HexNAc] ₄ [NeuGc] ₂	FucBi-NeuGc ₂	2402.8	2405.4	2+	1203.7
b	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₅ [HexNAc] ₄ [NeuGc] ₁	FucBi-NeuGc ₁	2095.8	2098.2	2+	1050.1
c	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-NeuGc ₂	2768.0	2769.8	2+	1385.9
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₃	FucTri-NeuGc ₃	3075.1	3076.6	2+	1539.3
d	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₅ [HexNAc] ₄	FucBi	1788.7	1789.8	1+	1790.8
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅	FucTri	2153.8	2155.6	2+	1078.8
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTri-NeuGc ₁	2460.9	2462.6	2+	1232.3
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₂	FucTri-NeuGc ₂	2768.0	2770.8	2+	1386.4
	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₃	FucTri-NeuGc ₃	3075.1	3079.2	2+	1540.6
e	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₆ [HexNAc] ₅ [NeuGc] ₃	FucTri-NeuGc ₃	3075.1	3077.6	2+	1539.8
f	[dHex] ₁ [Hex] ₇ [HexNAc] ₆ [NeuGc] ₁	FucTetra-NeuGc ₁	2826.0	2825.2	2+	1413.6

^a Monoisotopic mass value.

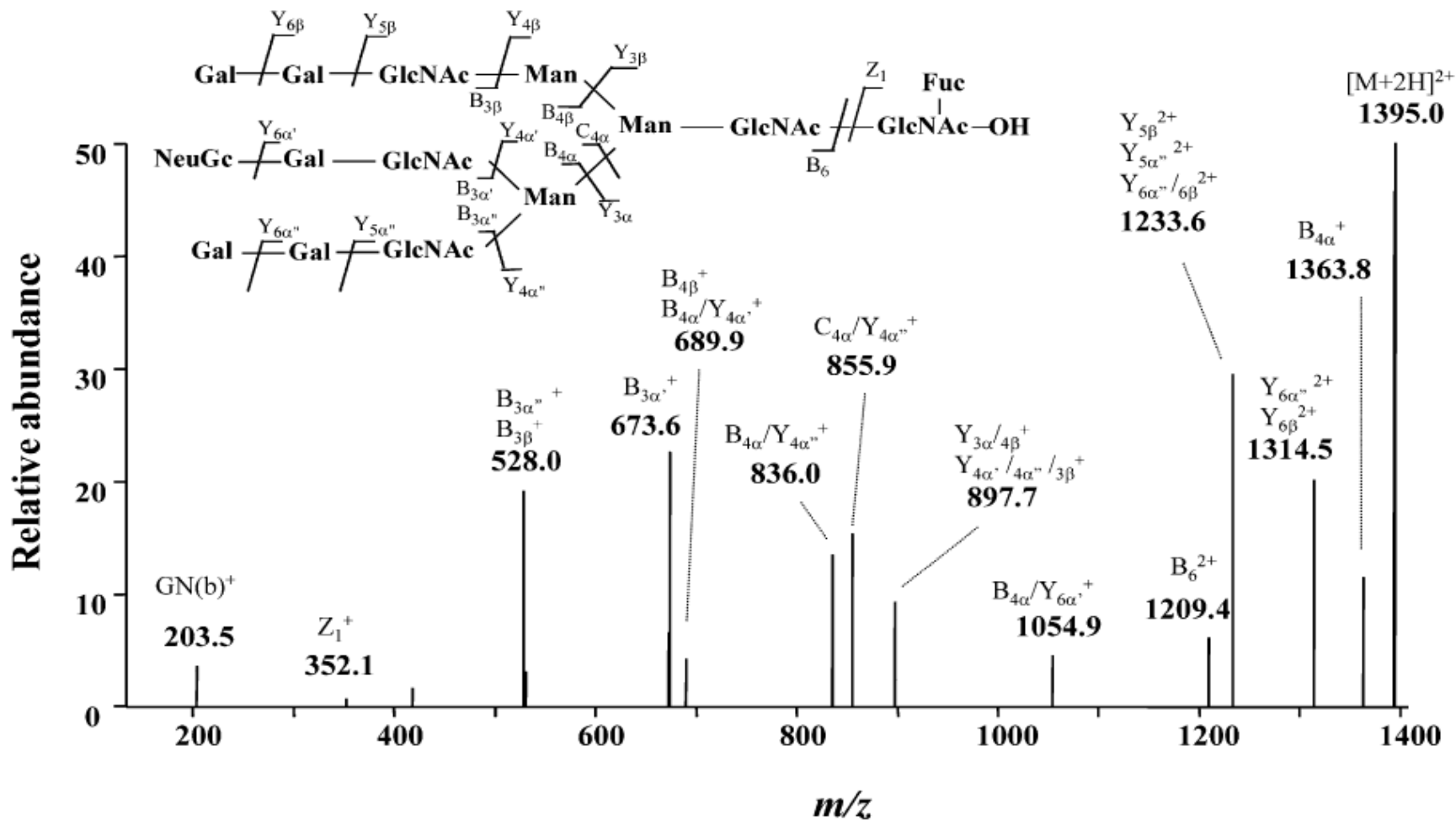


Fig. 4. MS/MS spectrum of the FucTri-Gal₂NeuGc₁²⁺ at *m/z* 1395.

[HexNAc]₄²⁺. These fragment ions suggest the mono-saccharide sequence of FucTri-Gal₂NeuGc₁ shown in

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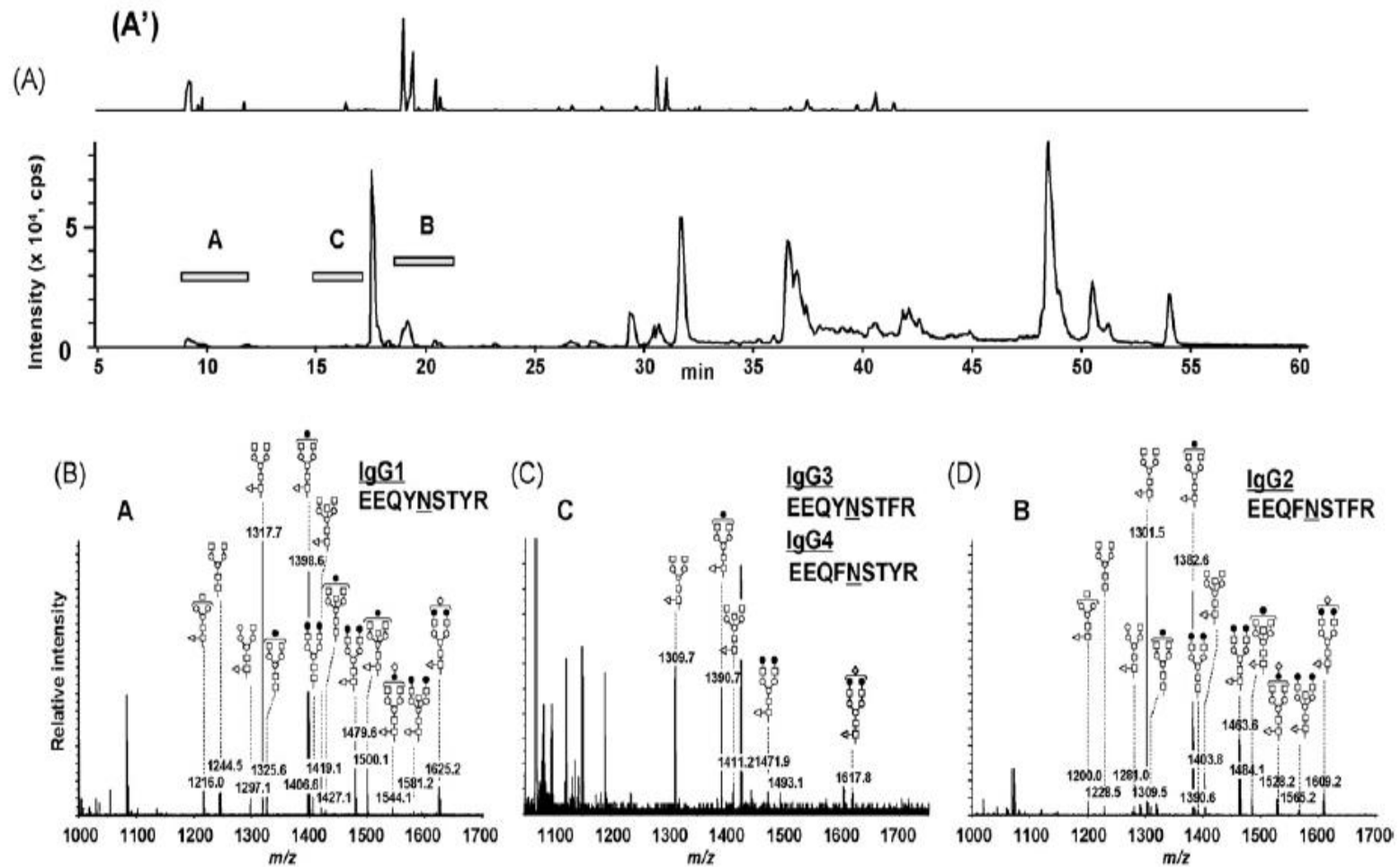


Fig. 5. Peptide map of commercially available human polyclonal IgG. (A) TIC (m/z 1000–2000) obtained by LC/MS/MS of trypsin-digested IgG. (A') EIC (m/z 204.05–204.15) obtained by data-dependent MS/MS. (B) Mass spectrum of peak A, which was assigned as glycopeptides of EEQYNSTYR of IgG.1 (P01857). (C) Mass spectrum of peak C, which would be glycopeptides of EEQYNSTFR of IgG.3 (CAA67886) and/or EEQFNSTYR of IgG.4 (P01861). (D) Mass spectrum of peak B, which was assigned as glycopeptides of EEQFNSTFR of IgG.2 (P01859).