

# N型糖ペプチドの負イオンフラグメンテーションの特徴

## Fragmentation characteristics of N-linked glycopeptides in negative-ion mode

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### Introduction

#### Glycopeptide analysis

- Glycan profiling + Glycosite analysis = **Site-specific glycoproteomics**
- Structural analysis using MS/MS is necessary.

#### Common approach: Positive-ion mode glycopeptide analysis

- CID: Glycosidic bond cleavages → verification of the glycan composition
- CID and ExD (ECD or ETD) are available for peptide identification.
- Preferential glycosidic bond cleavages } X In-depth glycan structural analysis
- Glycan rearrangements
- Ionization efficiency largely depends on the presence of basic amino acid (A.A.) residues.

#### Alternative approach: Negative-ion mode glycopeptide analysis

- Potentially useful for detecting glycopeptide signals
- MS/MS may result in additional structural information

However, glycopeptide fragmentation behavior in neg.-in mode mostly remains unclear.

**Purpose of this study:** Understanding the fragmentation behavior of N-linked glycopeptides in negative-ion mode

### Methods

#### Analyses: well-characterized glycoproteins

- RNaseB, IgG, Fetuin (Fet), Transferrin (Tf), Lactoferrin (LF), AGP

#### Enzymes: Trypsin, Thermolysin, PronaseE, etc.

#### Glycopeptide enrichment

- Hydrophilic affinity enrichment (cellulose microtip)

#### MALDI-QIT-TOFMS (AXIMA-Resonance™)

- CID in ion trap, collision gas: Ar

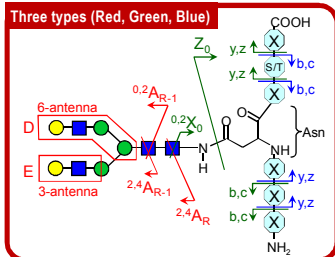
#### Tested glycopeptides

- >200 glycopeptides

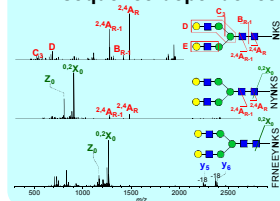
Peptide Sequence	Peptide Mass (Da)	Major Glycoform	Enzyme	Peptide Sequence	Peptide Mass (Da)	Glycoform	Major Glycoform	Enzyme	
N	132.1	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	ANCS	459.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
NL	248.2	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	LNCIS	563.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
RN	288.2	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	ANCSV	549.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
NLT	348.2	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	MCS	394.1	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
SRN	375.2	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	LNI-SR	603.3	Fat	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
NLNT	528.3	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	LNCISV	702.4	Fat	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
NLTK	474.3	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	MRSIVV	688.4	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
NLTKV	589.3	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	MSV	383.1	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
SRNLTK	717.4	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	LIP-C	528.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
NLTKSR	745.4	RNaseB	Man5-9	pronase E	ASNSIS	583.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
FN	279.1	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	NESENSY	729.3	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
YN	427.2	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	NAENSIS	877.3	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
FNST	320.1	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	pronase E	NESENS	840.2	Fat	Man2, Man3	pronase E
EEOYNST	869.3	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	NIS	333.1	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
TOPEOYNST	1158.6	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	LNS	448.2	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
EEOYNSTYR	1188.5	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	SGQN	332.2	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
TOPEOYNSTYR	1323.6	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	SGQNV	404.2	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
AK-PHIEEOYN	1362.7	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	VDNT	404.2	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NAHTPHIEEOYNST	1604.8	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	VDNTW	460.2	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
TOPEOYNSTYR	1670.8	IgG	GDF, GH, GGF	thermolysin	VDNTWV	573.3	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
N	132.1	TF	NA2	pronase E	NLTV	833.3	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NK	206.1	TF	NA2	pronase E	NLTVN	878.4	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
YN	347.2	TF	NA2	pronase E	NLTVW	977.4	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NL	295.1	TF	NA2	pronase E	VDNTWVW	1103.5	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NYSNS	624.3	TF	NA2	pronase E	VDNTWVWV	1248.6	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NYSNSD	730.3	TF	NA2	pronase E	Glu-C	748.1	LF	Man7, Man8, Man9	pronase E
NYSNSD	866.3	TF	NA2	pronase E	ITN	348.2	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
MSKNSGSDTPE	1307.5	TF	NA2	pronase E	TNT	405.2	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
CDLQPLKALQNK	1419.7	TF	NA2	pronase E	VDFVFNAT	910.5	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
GSN	276.1	TF	NA2	pronase E	VDFVFNATLTD	1251.7	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
GSNV	376.2	TF	NA2	pronase E	LVN	424.2	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
GSNVY	476.2	TF	NA2	pronase E	LVNYS	639.3	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
GSNVTC	751.3	TF	NA2	pronase E	FRSIVN	623.3	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
FGSNVTC	891.2	TF	NA2	pronase E	FRSIVNYS	1185.5	AGP	Man2, Man3	thermolysin
FN	442.2	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin	FRSIVNYSV	1351.6	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin
FNYS	779.3	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin	FRSIVNYSV	1591.6	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin
NT	384.1	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin	FRSIVNYSV	1591.6	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin
NT	802.4	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin	FRSIVNYSV	1591.6	AGP	Man2, Man3, NA4	thermolysin

### Results and Discussion

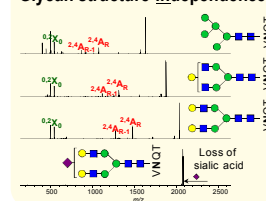
The fragment species are variable depending on their A.A. sequence, and can be classified into **three types**.



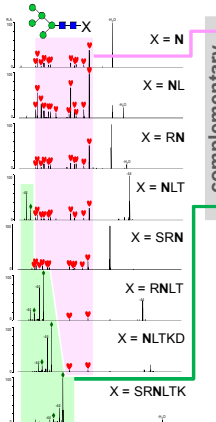
#### A.A. sequence-dependence



#### Glycan structure-independence



### Details of the three types of fragment ions

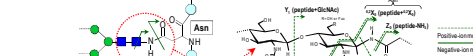


#### Type (i): glycan fragments ♥

- Glycopeptides with short A.A. sequences preferentially yield this type of ions. The contribution of type (i) ions negatively correlates with the number of A.A. residues.
- These are same fragment ion species with neg.-ion CID of (released) N-glycan; therefore, they are potentially useful for characterizing in-depth glycan structure.

#### Type (ii): glycan-lost fragments ◆

- Glycopeptides with medium or long A.A. sequences preferentially yield this type of ions. The contribution of type (ii) ions positively correlates with the number of A.A. residues.
- Two fragment ion species (i.e.,  $0.2X_0$  and  $Z_0$ ) are formed.
- These ions are useful for the confirmation of peptide mass.

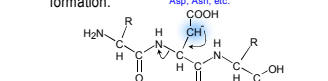


- These signals are often accompanied by specific neutral losses caused by fragmentation within the side-chain of A.A. residues.

Characteristic neutral losses  
Ser: -30 (CH<sub>2</sub>O) Asp & Glu: -18 (H<sub>2</sub>O)  
Thr: -44 (CH<sub>2</sub>CHO) Asn & Gln: -17 (NH<sub>2</sub>)  
Carbamidomethylated Cys: -91 (NH<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>2</sub>SH)

#### Type (iii): Fragment ions with intact N-glycan moiety ♠

- This type of ions is formed by direct and specific peptide backbone cleavages of N-C bonds. (N-terminal sides of Asp, Asn, Glu, and Gln).
- (z ions are formed).
- These signals are often accompanied by specific neutral losses described above.
- Rationalized by the mechanism via enolate anion formation.
- When a glycosylated Asn (gAsn) is located on the C-terminus, [Glycan+Asn-36] (z<sub>1</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O) is preferentially formed. (glycosite-dependence)



### Conclusions & Summary

Purpose: Understanding the fragmentation behavior of N-linked glycopeptides in neg.-ion mode

Methods: >200 glycopeptides  
MALDI-generated singly-deprotonated ions  
Trap-type low-energy CID

Results: Fragment species depends on their A.A. sequences, and can be classified into **three types**;  
(i) Glycan fragments ♥  
(ii) Glycan-lost fragments ◆  
(iii) Fragment ions with intact N-glycan moiety ♠

Glycopeptides with short A.A. sequence... ♥ > ◆  
Glycopeptide with long A.A. sequence... ♥ < ◆  
N-terminal sides of Asp, Asn, Glu, (Gln)..... ♥ < ◆  
Glycosylation near the C-terminus  
..... [Glycan+Asn-36] (z<sub>1</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O)

Concluding remarks:  
• Observed fragments are reasonably explained by a combination of existing fragmentation rules suggested for N-glycans and peptides in neg.-ion mode.  
• Neg.-ion CID of deprotonated glycopeptides potentially offers in-depth structural information of the glycan moiety. (type (i))  
• Glycopeptide detection and characterization are now possible in neg.-ion mode.

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