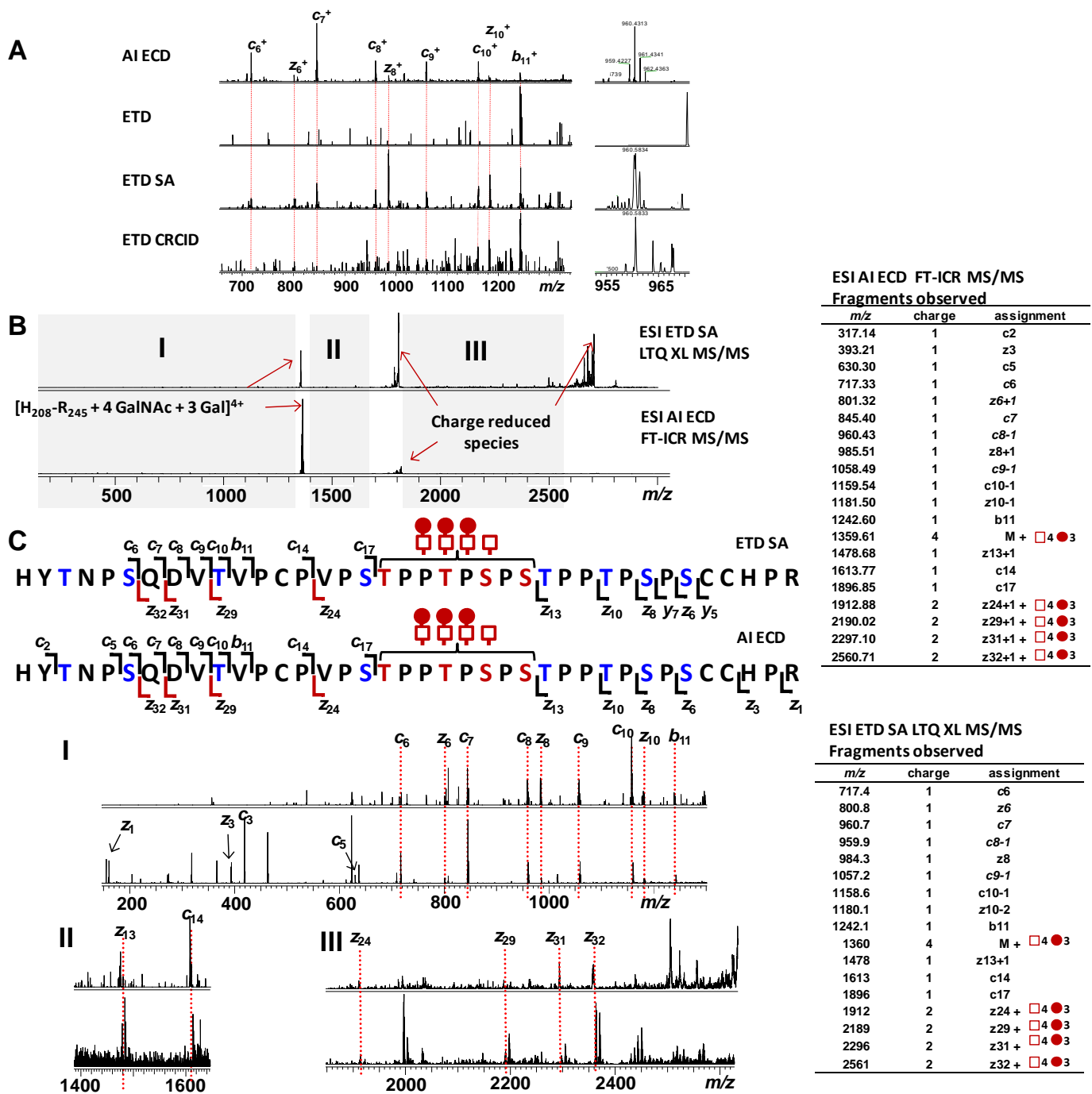
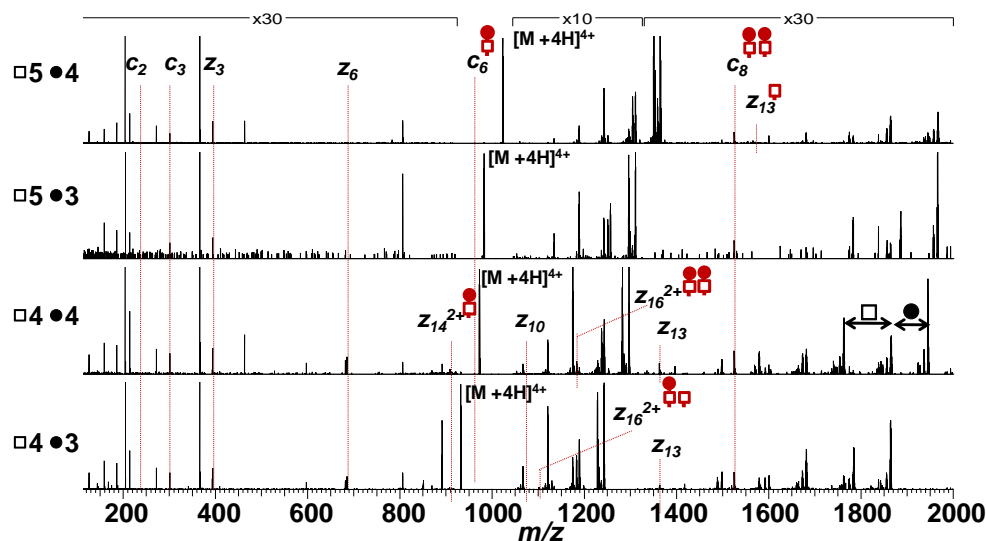


Supplemental Figure 1. IgA-specific protease+trypsin-released N-terminal fragments of IgA1 HR *O*-glycopeptides. IgA1 HR N-terminal glycopeptides released by IgA-specific protease TIGR4 and trypsin (a, H208-P227) and HK50 and trypsin (b, H208-P231). The H208-227 fragment was observed as three different ion species, including one with no modification (naked peptide), another with a single GalNAc, and the dominant species with a GalNAc-Gal disaccharide. These observed IgA1 HR *O*-glycopeptides included a few that were Gal-deficient or without glycosylation at T225. The H208-P231 fragment further corroborated this conclusion. All identified N-terminal fragments are listed in supplemental **Table 1**.



Supplemental Figure 2. Comparison of AI-ECD and ETD SA fragmentation of IgA1 HR. Results of preliminary experiments with direct infusion Nanomate ESI ETD SA LTQ XL MS/MS of the IgA1 HR $[H_{208-R245} + 4 \text{ GalNAc} + 3 \text{ Gal}]^{4+}$ trypsin-generated fragment were compared with those using AI-ECD FT-ICR MS/MS of the same ion species. In a fashion similar to that with our previous ECD analysis of IgA1 HR *O*-glycopeptides, no *c* or *z* fragment was observed with ETD alone. When supplemental activation (SA) was included, several *c*, *z*, and *b* fragments were generated (a). The ETD spectra appear to have a greater conversion of precursor ion into charge-reduced species in the overall spectrum (b). Upon closer examination (c), the ETD SA fragments were no better for localizing individual sites of *O*-glycosylation in the clustered region than were the AI-ECD-generated fragments, suggesting that the mechanisms of dissociation were essentially identical.

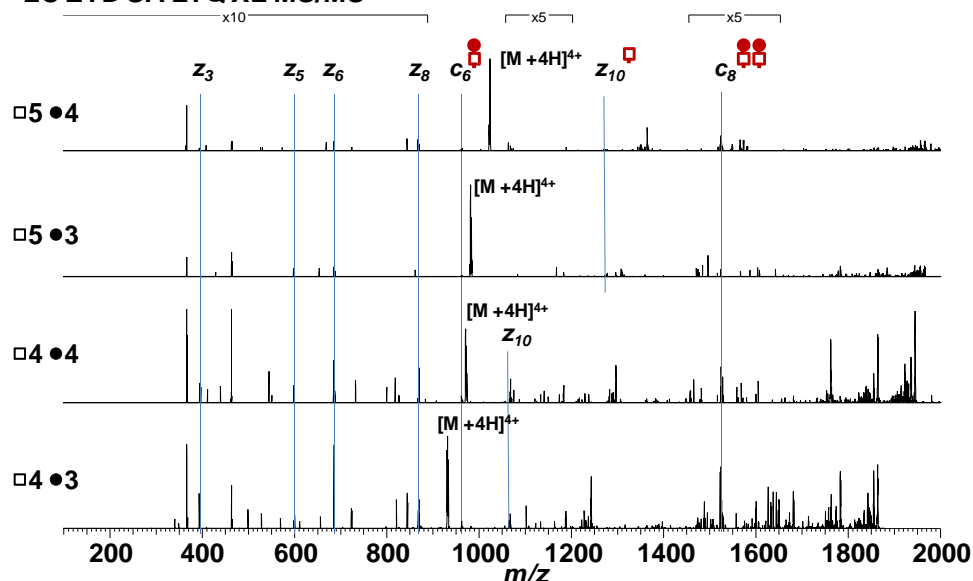
A LC-AI-ECD FT-ICR MS/MS



LC-ESI AI ECD FT-ICR MS/MS Fragments observed

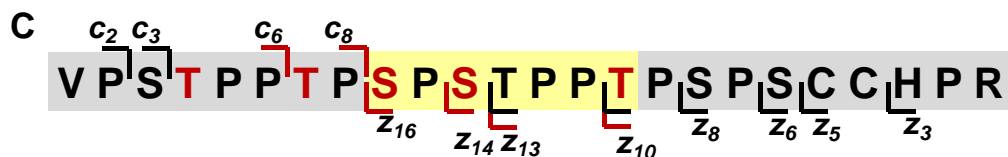
m/z	charge	assignment
Fragments common across all glycoforms		
214.155	1	c2
301.188	1	c3
394.221		z3+1
685.256	1	z6-1
871.358	1	z8+1
961.476	1	c6 + □ ● 1
1524.715	1	c8+ □ ● 2
Fragments that distinguish 4 glycan chains		
908.392	2	z14 + □ ● 1
1068.450	1	z10
1363.591	1	z13-1
□ ● 3		specific M=972.176 4+
1100.968	2	z16 + □ ● 1
1911.869	1	c10 + □ ● 2
□ ● 4		specific M=931.661 4+
1182.999	2	z16-1 + □ ● 2
Fragments that distinguish 5 glycan chains		
□ ● 3		M=982.433 4+
□ ● 4		M=1022.946 4+
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B LC-ETD SA LTQ XL MS/MS

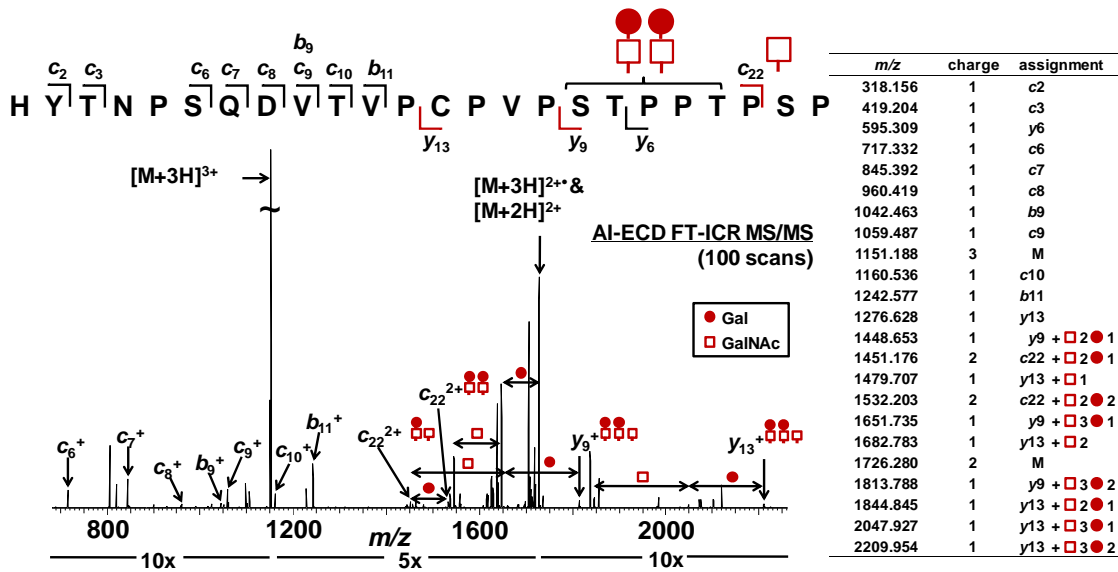
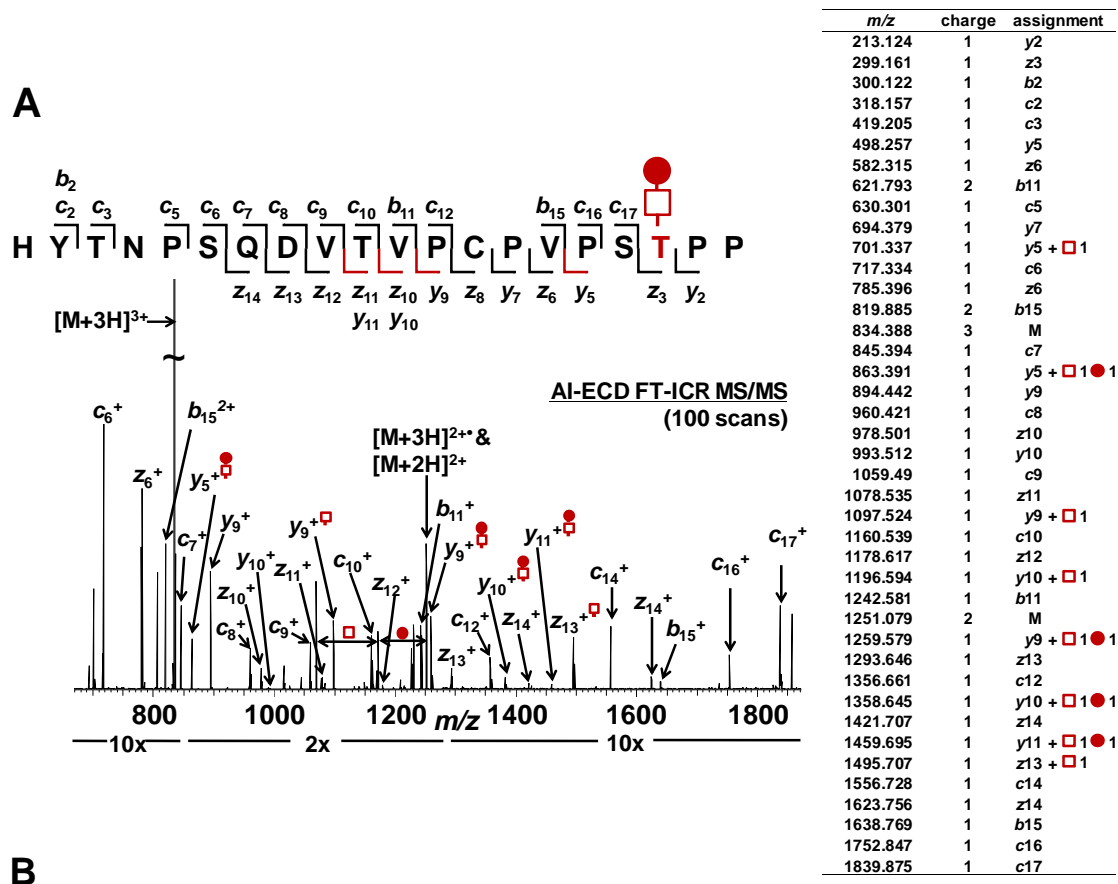


LC-ESI ETD SA LTQ XL MS/MS Fragments observed

m/z	charge	assignment
Fragments common across all glycoforms		
394.1		z3+1
598		z5
685.3	1	z6-1
867	1	z8-3
961.2	1	c6 + □ ● 1
1524.8	1	c8+ □ ● 2
Fragments that distinguish 4 glycan chains		
□ ● 3		M=972 4+
□ ● 4		M=931 4+
1068.1	1	z10
1363	1	z13-1
Fragments that distinguish 5 glycan chains		
□ ● 3		M=982.4 4+
□ ● 4		M=1023 4+
1271	1	z10
1565.8	1	z13-1 □ 1



Supplemental Figure 3. Data-dependent LC-ECD/ETD analysis of IgA1 HR *O*-glycopeptides. **A.** LC-AI-ECD MS/MS (a) and LC-ETD SA MS/MS (b) of four most abundant IgA1 HR V222-R245 *O*-glycoforms isolated and fragmented within a single LC-MS analysis by each instrument. The ECD/ETD fragments that all four IgA1 HR *O*-glycoforms share in common were readily identified in all spectra with *c*₆ and *c*₈ ions. With these spectra, a GalNAc-Gal disaccharide can be assigned to T225 and T228. The z₁₀ fragment that distinguished the glycoforms with four *O*-glycan chains from those with five is also readily apparent. Fragments between S230 and P234 were less abundant, but still distinguishable, in the LC AI-ECD MS/MS analysis by accurate mass (c). Each individual fragmentation spectrum represents the sum of 6-8 scans. This number is considerably less than the 100 scans required for off-line preparations and allows analysis of clinically practical amounts of IgA1. All isolated precursor ions were quadruply charged.



Supplemental Figure 4. AI-ECD of N-terminal IgA1 HR fragments. Direct infusion Nanomate ESI AI-ECD FT ICR MS/MS of IgA1 HR protease-trypsin N-terminal fragments H208-P227 and H208-231. A single GalNAc-Gal disaccharide was localized to T225 for the dominant H208-P227 fragment (see Supplementary Fig. 1A). Still, there are several z and y fragments from the C-terminal end of this peptide that corresponded to the loss of the disaccharide (below the sequence in black), rendering the assignment ambiguous. The same feature was found for the H208-P231 + 3 GalNAc + 2 Gal fragment with a y₆ ion lacking a carbohydrate residue. The ambiguity of these AI-ECD spectra contrasts to the clarity for the spectra of the C-terminal fragments that include a C-terminal arginine with loss of carbohydrate residues from the parent ion species but no ambiguity in the c, z, and y fragments in the spectra for assignment of the sites of O-glycosylation.