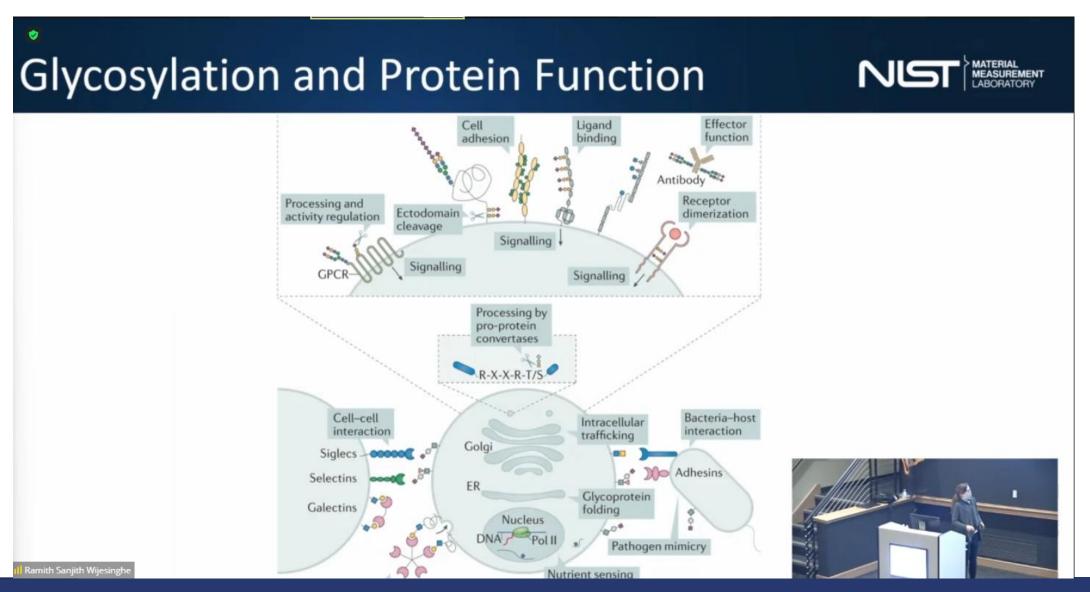
# Measuring Variation in Glycosylation Among Influenza Vaccine Glycoproteins

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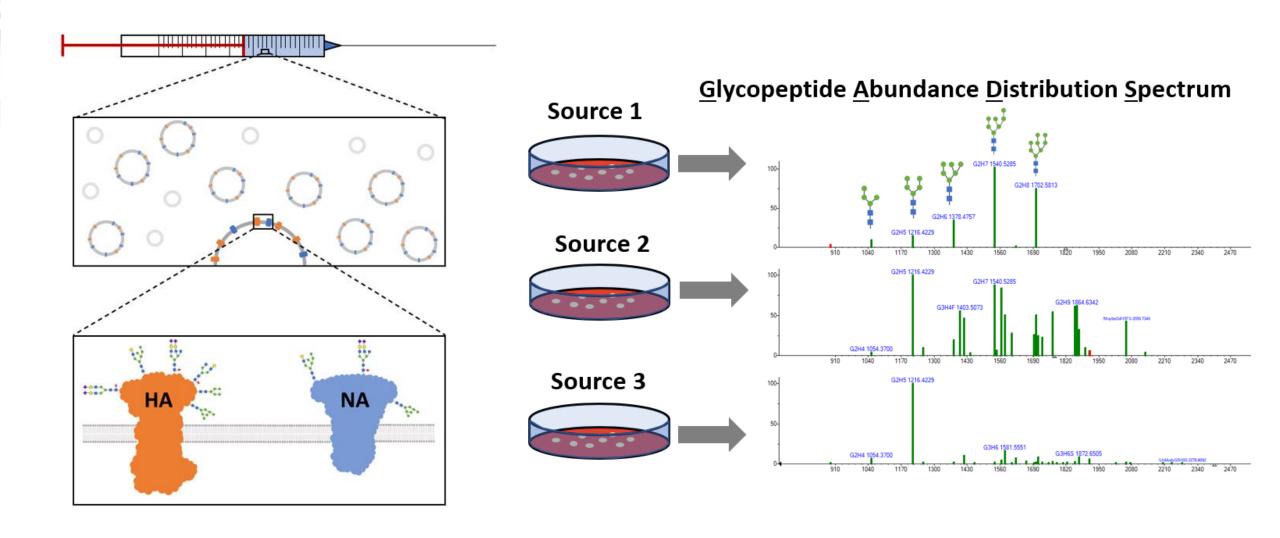
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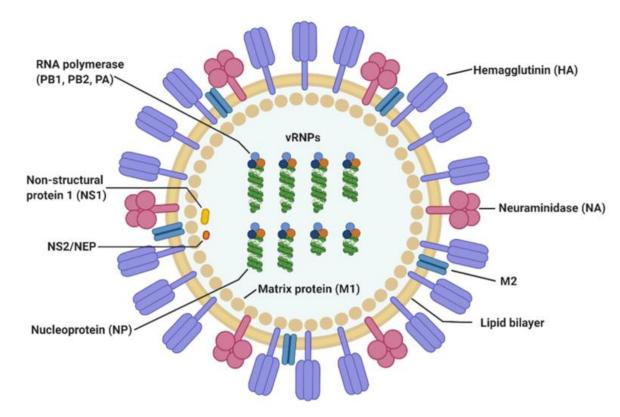






### Influenza Virus

- 10 proteins
- Hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA) transmembrane proteins.
- Diversity of strains arise through two mechanisms: point mutations in the viral genome or reassortment between two co-circulating strains.

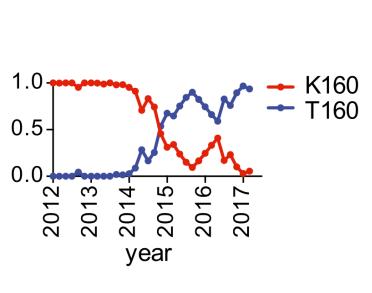


Jung et al., 2020

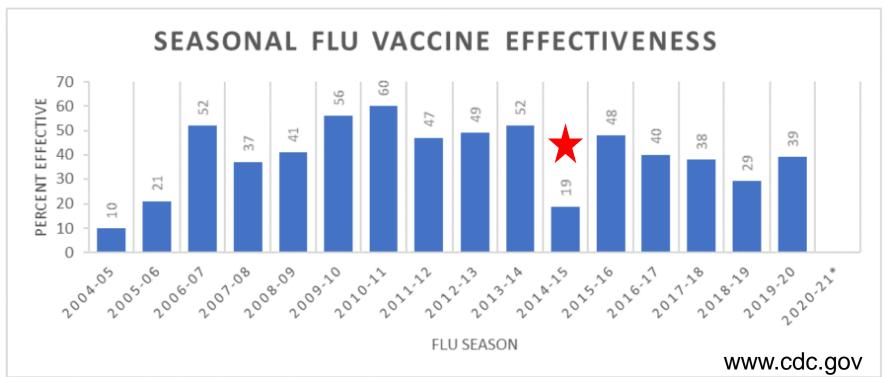
## Why Glycosylation Matters For Vaccines

...THLNFKYPAL...
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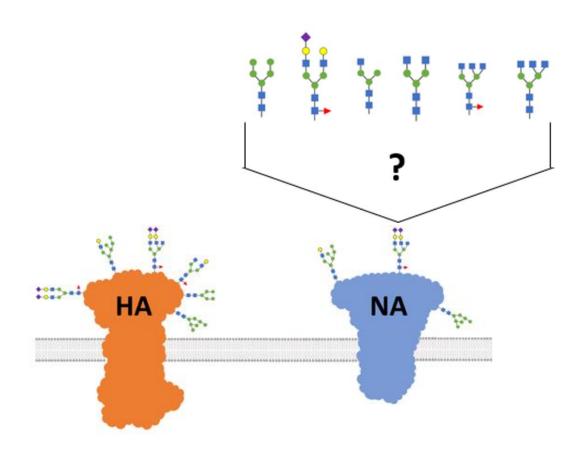
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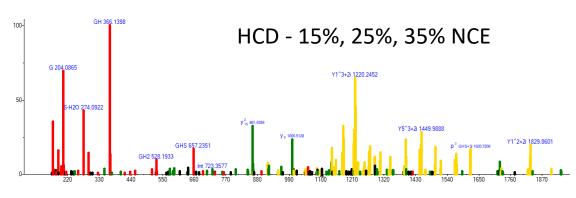
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# Site-Specific Glycosylation



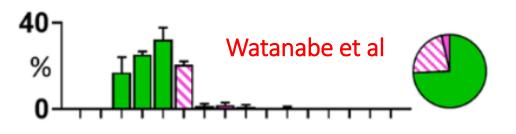


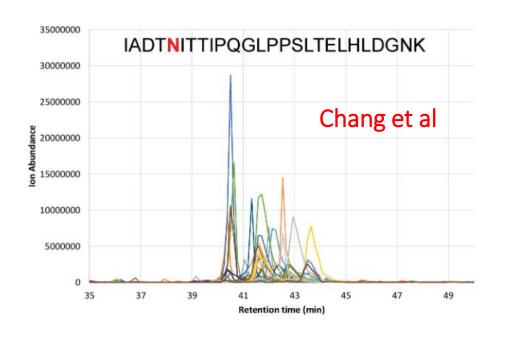


Oxonium ions
Peptide backbone ions
Glycopeptide ions

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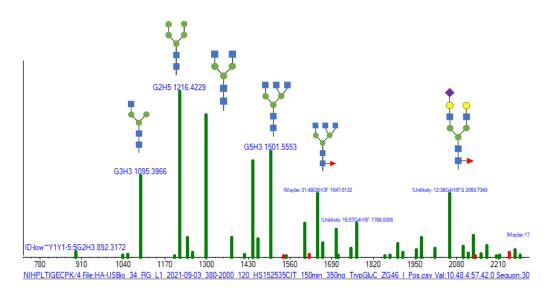
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<u>G</u>lycopeptide <u>A</u>bundance <u>D</u>istribution <u>S</u>pectrum

#### Data Validation

- Hyperscore
- Retention time
- Contingent ion trap scan
- Oxonium ions
- Number of instances
- Glycopeptide (Y) ion series
- MS1 XIC
- MS1 Isotopic envelope
- MS2 purity
- Precursor mass overlap

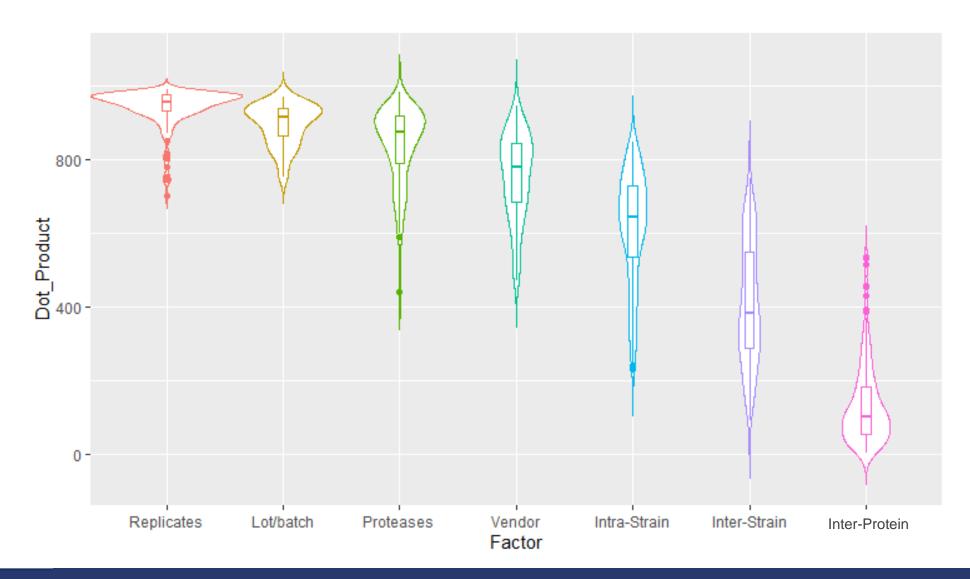
hyperscore = 
$$\log \left( N_b! N_y! \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} I_{b,i} \sum_{i=1}^{N_y} I_{y,i} \right)$$

## Recombinant Proteins

**TABLE 1** Recombinant proteins analyzed for site-specific glycosylation

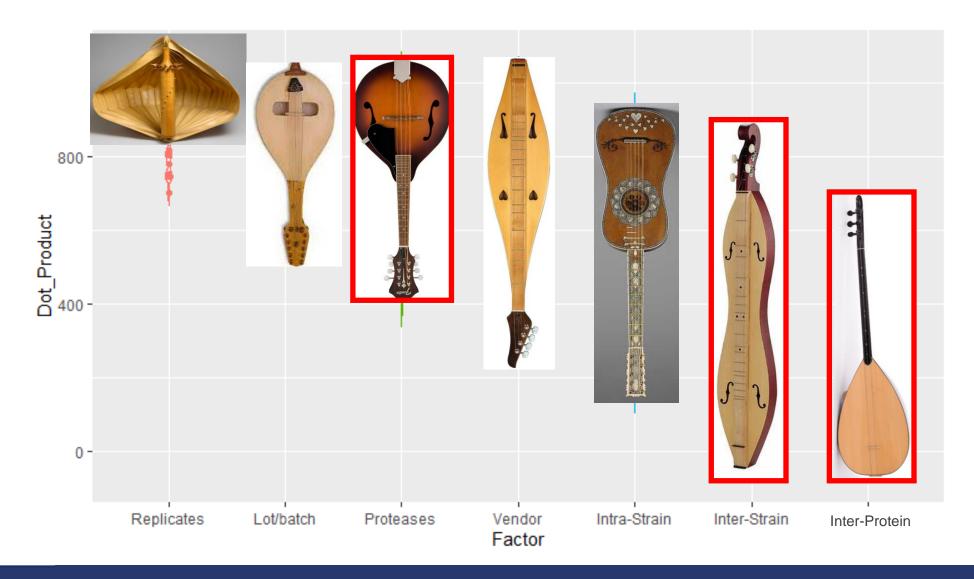
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HA-JP57	НА	A/Japan/305/1957	H2N2	Creative Biomart	8	63
HA-HK14	НА	A/Hong Kong/485197/2014	H3N2	Biovision	13	64
НА-НК97	НА	A/Hong Kong/483/1997	H5N1	BioVision, US Biological, Sino Biological	8	64
NA-AZ08	NA	A/Arizona/13/2008	H1N1	Sino Biological	9	52
NA-TH04	NA	A/Thailand/1(KAN-1)/2004	H5N1	BioVision, US Biological, Sino Biological	3	49
NA-NL03	NA	A/Netherlands/219/2003	H7N7	Creative Biomart	11	52
						*Unglycosylated

# Review - Variation in glycosylation profile



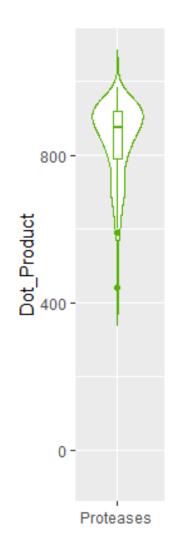


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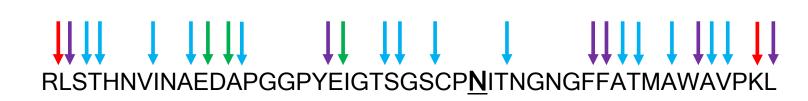




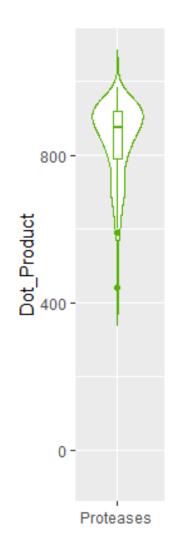
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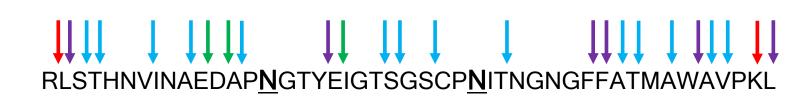
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Trypsin + Glu-C	KRED	
Trypsin + Chymotrypsin	KRFWYL	
Chymotrypsin + Glu-C	FWYLED	
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Alpha-lytic	TASV	



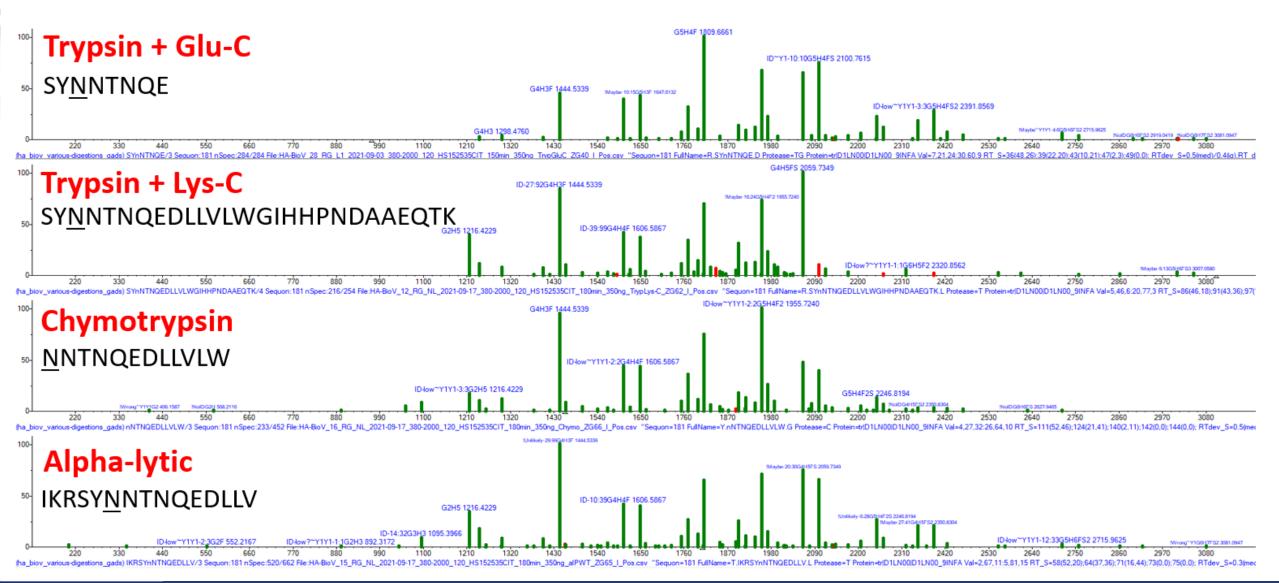
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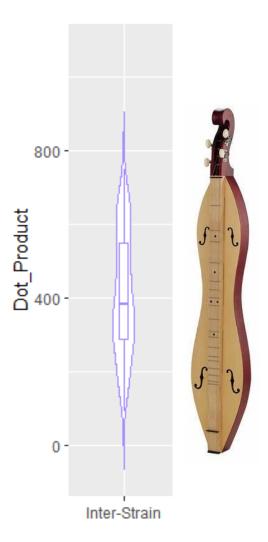


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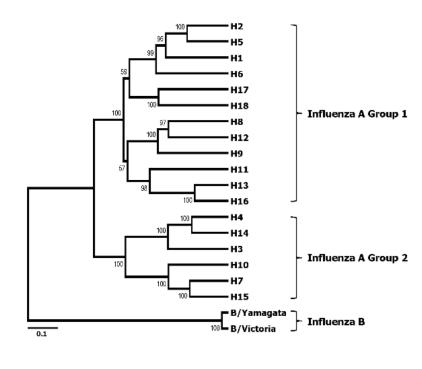




## Variation From Different Strains

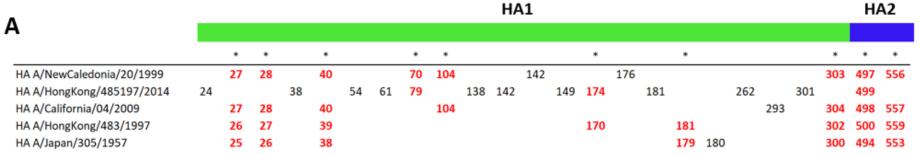


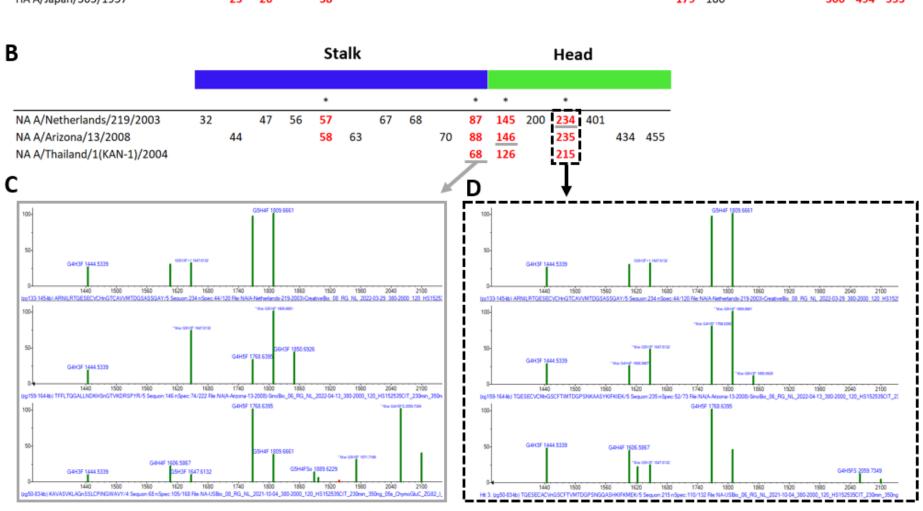
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НА	A/Japan/305/1957	H2N2
НА	A/Hong Kong/485197/2014	H3N2
НА	A/Hong Kong/483/1997	H5N1
NA	A/Arizona/13/2008	H1N1
NA	A/Thailand/1(KAN-1)/2004	H5N1
NA	A/Netherlands/219/2003	H7N7



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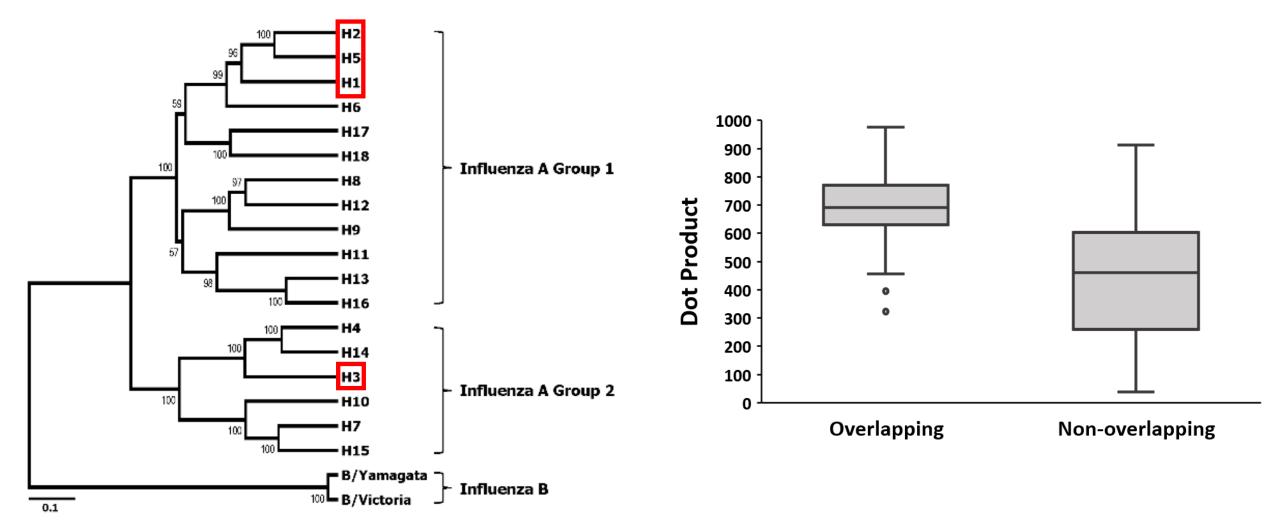








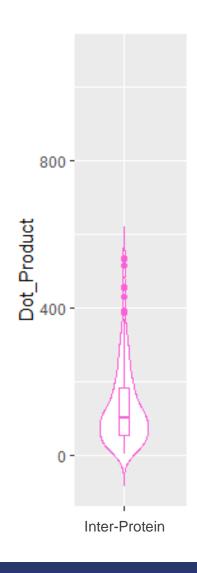
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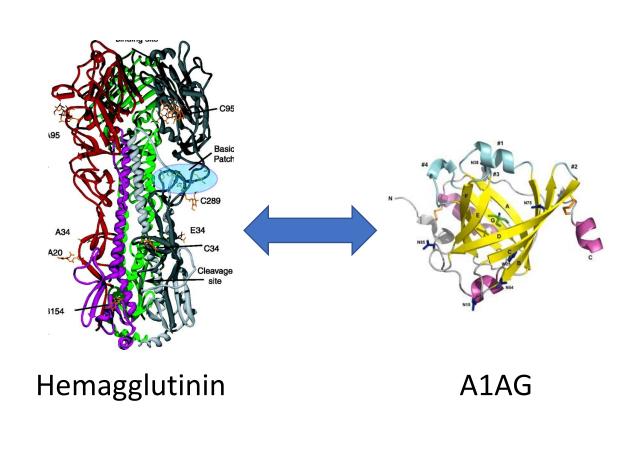


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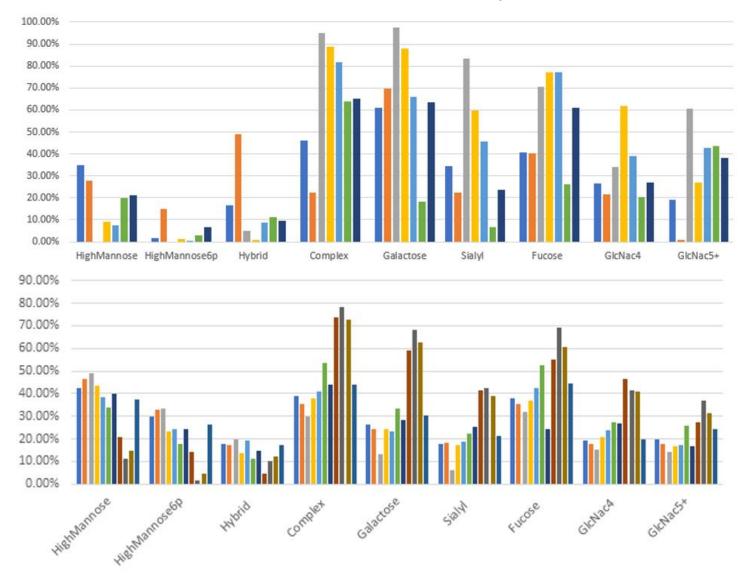


# Variation from different proteins





# Inter-Protein Comparison



Influenza Hemagglutinin

Sars-CoV-2 Spike protein



# Review - Isolation of Adjacent Sequons

- Site-specific glycosylation methods require a single sequon per peptide. Different proteases are used to maximize isolation.
- Influenza, HIV, Ebola, Herpesvirus, and MERS have adjacent sequons

NXT/S X≠P NNSS, NNTT, NNST, NNTS

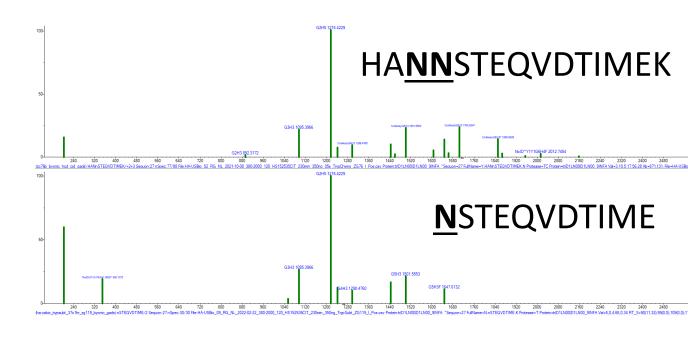


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# Isolation of Adjacent Sequons - Subtilisin

• Bacillus subtilis – extracellular serine endopeptidases





DQICIGYHAN ???

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- Three more proteases from *Bacillus subtilis* were obtained
  - Esperase
  - Savinase
  - Neutrase

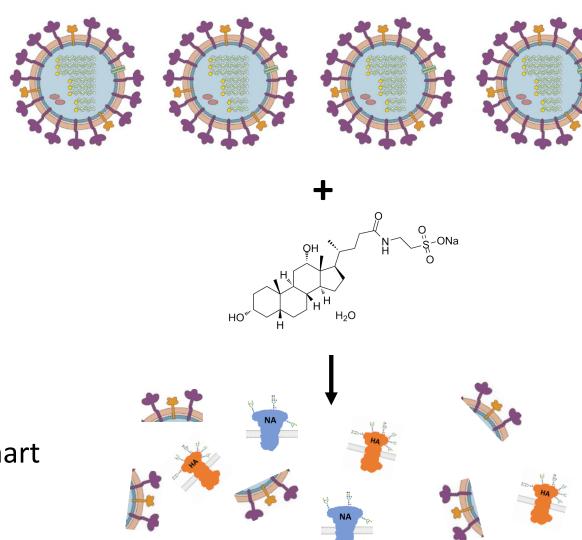




## Influenza Vaccines

#### Contents

- Split virion
- 60 mg HA per dose (15 mg per strain)
- Thimerosal
- Mercury
- Sodium Chloride
- Sodium Phosphate
- Sodium Taurodeoxycholate
- Ovalbumin
- Sucrose......
- Afluria Quadrivalent
- 3 Monovalent vaccines from NIBSC
- 3 Monovalent vaccines from Creative Biomart



# Quadrivalent Vaccine Challenges

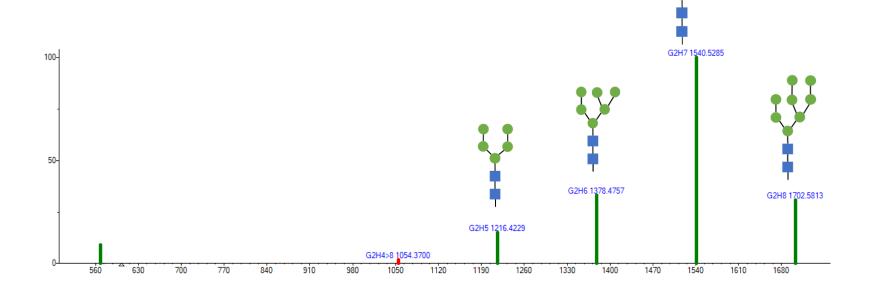
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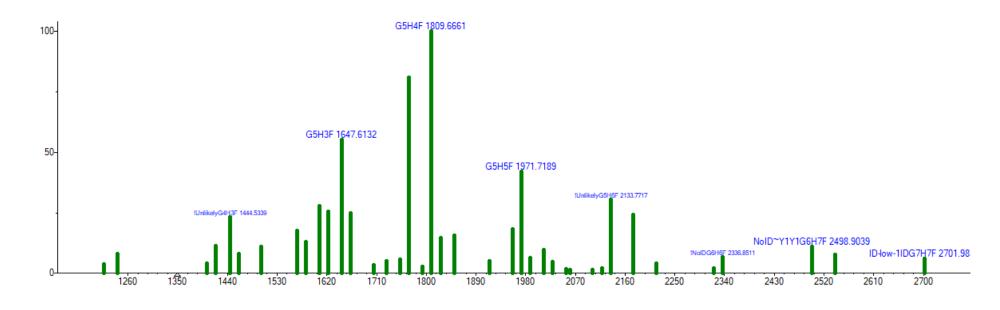
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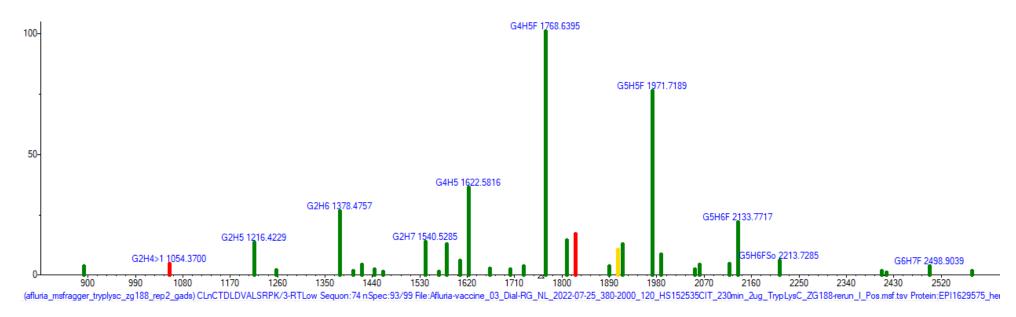
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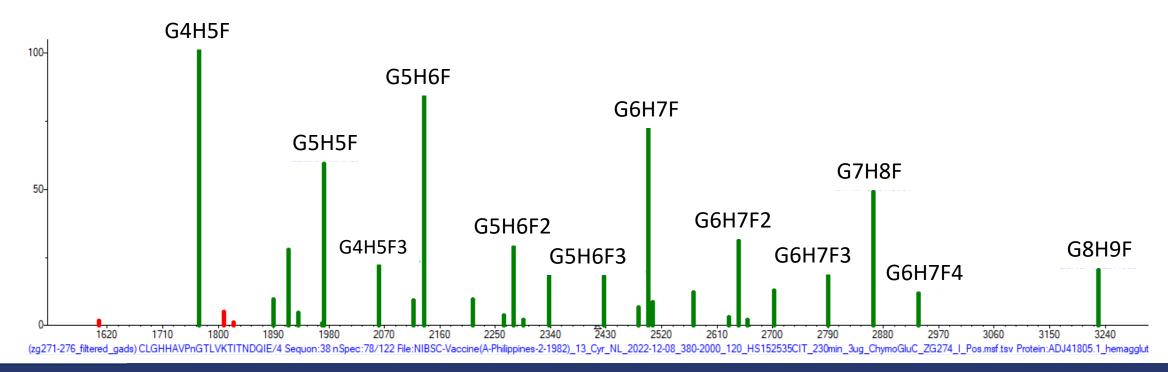
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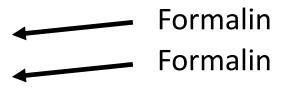
### Monovalent vaccine GADS

- 90% sequons detected
- Three major GADS classes: high mannose, G4/G5, G4/G5 + high mannose
- Again, no major GADS identified for NA.



# Open Search for Vaccine Modifications

Mass shift (Da)	Modification
15.99	Oxidation
28.03	Ethylation
42.00	Acetylation
72.02	Carboxyethyl
113.08	Acetyl Deoxyhypusine
145.03	?
200.11	?
226.16	?





## Next Steps

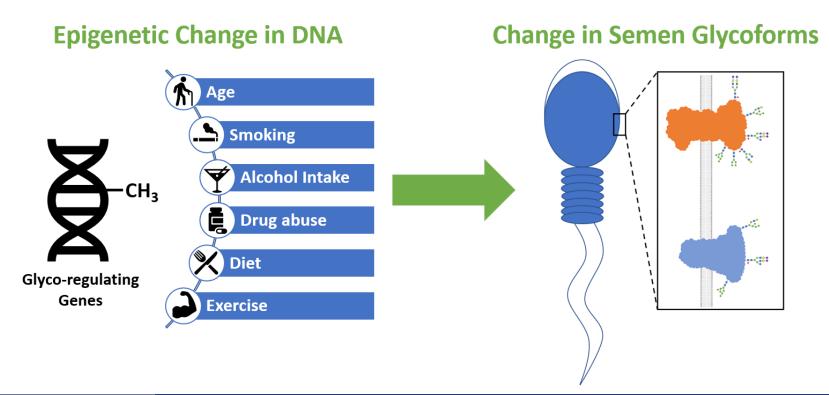
- Three more commercial vaccines were purchased for the 2022-2023 flu season
  - Flublok Recombinant vaccine
  - Afluria Egg based vaccine
  - Flucelvax Cell culture based vaccine
  - How does glycosylation change... year to year

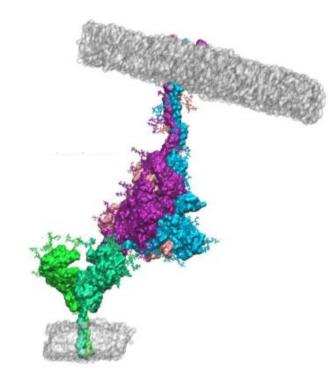
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... between sources

# Next Steps

- Characterize forensic evidence using glycosylation.
- Classification of sperm and egg glycosylation for determining likelihood of fertilization.





#### Conclusions

- Glycosylation profiles between replicates is most similar and between different proteins is least similar.
- Homologous sequence regions between different influenza strains have similar glycosylation distribution compared to non-conserved regions.
- Most glycans are high-mannose or mono-fucoylated complex in eggbased quadrivalent vaccines.
- Next steps:
  - Assess more subtilisin proteases ability to isolate adjacent sequons
  - Digest 2022-2023 vaccines and compare glycan distributions
  - Build reference MS2 and GADS libraries



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## Questions?

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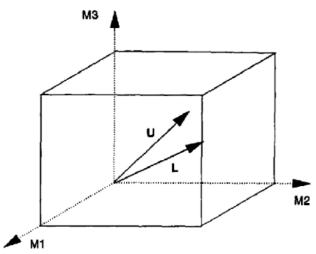


**Dot Product** 

Cosine of the angle between spectra represented as vectors

$$\frac{(\Sigma W_L W_U)^2}{\Sigma W_L^2 \Sigma W_U^2}$$

 $W_L$  = Weighted intensity of library  $W_{IJ}$  = Weighted intensity of unknown



**Figure 1.** Vector representation of a hypothetical three-peak unknown (U) and library (L) mass spectrum in three-dimensional space (peaks have mass M1, M2, and M3).

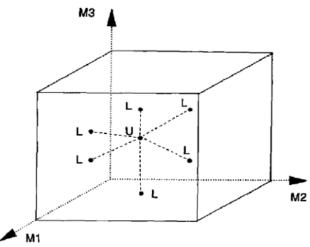
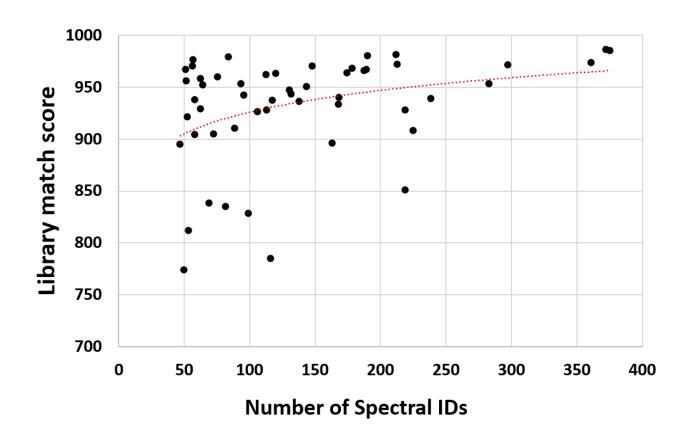


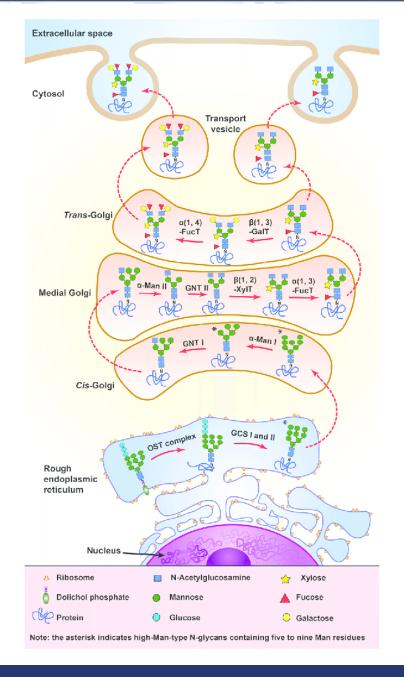
Figure 2. Point representation of library search results (L) for a hypothetical three-peak unknown (U) spectrum (masses M1, M2, and M3)



## Glycobiology

- In viruses
  - Immune evasion
  - Host cell attachment

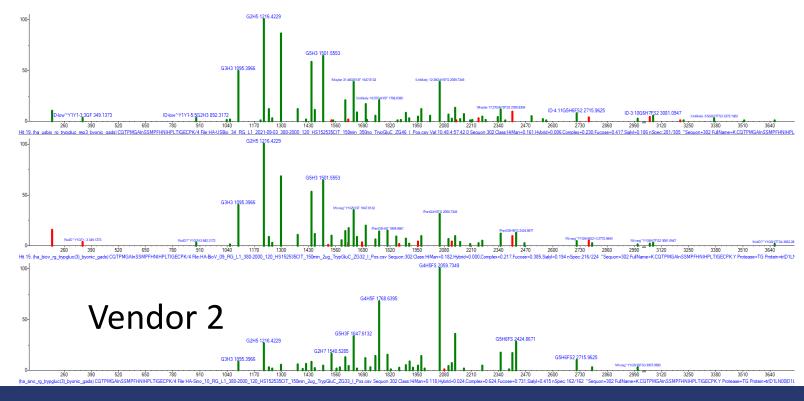
- In mammalian cells
  - Protein folding
  - Protein stabilization
  - Communication
  - Function



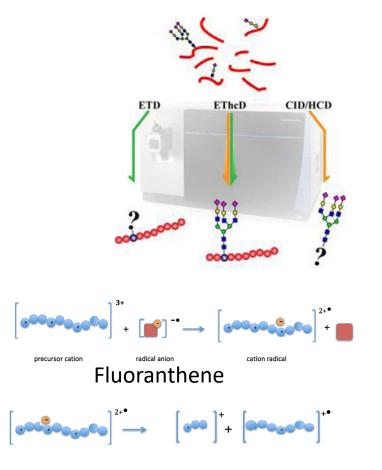
#### **Vendor Comparison**

Glycan distribution was skewed toward higher mass (sialylated complex) glycans for vendor 2 and toward lower mass glycans (oligomannose and hybrid) for vendor 1

and vendor 3.



**EThcD** 



#### Stepped HCD

Peptide bond Glycosidic bond N-glycosidic bond

