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**Raise your nano LC-MS performance with
new Thermo Scientific solutions**

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The Thermo Scientific™ nano LC portfolio

- Thermo Scientific™ UltiMate™ 3000 RLSCnano with New ProFlow™ technology
 - General system overview
 - ProFlow technology: features and advantages
 - Nano LC-MS application examples
- The new Thermo Scientific™ EASY-nLC™ 1200
 - Established concept
 - New features
 - Application examples
- Questions & Answers



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Challenges and Goals in nano LC-MS based proteomics

Goals

Protein Identification

- More protein identifications from single run analysis
- Analysis of low sample amounts

Confident Quantitation

- Precise label-free quantification in large cohorts
- Sensitive targeted quantification in complex matrixes

High sample throughput

- Fast samples profiling with high MS sensitivity

Challenges

System Performance

- Chromatographic resolution
- Chromatographic repeatability

System Usability

- Required level of expertise
- Sample throughput

- UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano with ProFlow technology
- EASY-nLC 1200

provide superior nanoLC performance

The Thermo Scientific nano LC portfolio

EASY-nLC 1200



**Launched at HUPO,
27-30 September 2015**

UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano



**ProFlow technology
launched at HTC-14,
27-29 January 2016**

The Thermo Scientific nano LC portfolio

EASY-nLC 1200



Dedicated

- Optimized, and fully integrated solution for LC/MS based proteomics
- Provides effortless ultra-high performance for non-chromatography experts
- Highest pressure rating available in market – ideal for ultra long column applications

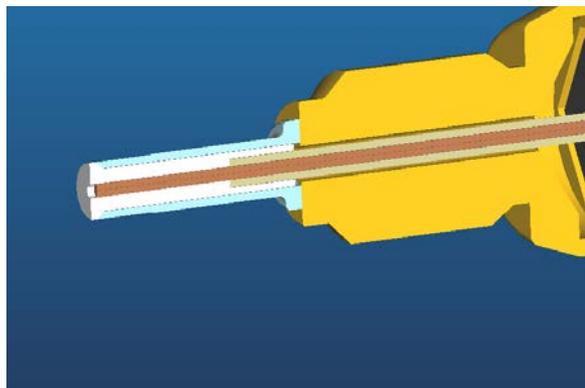
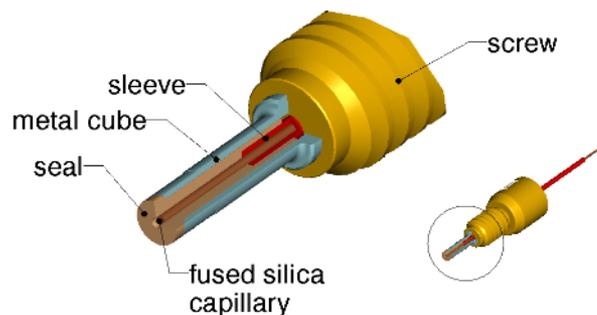
UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano



Versatile

- Optimized ultra-high performance platform for proteomics, metabolomics, and biopharmaceutical analysis
- Routine and advanced workflows
- Wide application range
 - nano-, cap- or micro-, and analytical flows
 - Direct injection, Pre-concentration, online and offline 2D-LC/MS

nanoViper™ – Nano LC Capillary Connections Made Easy



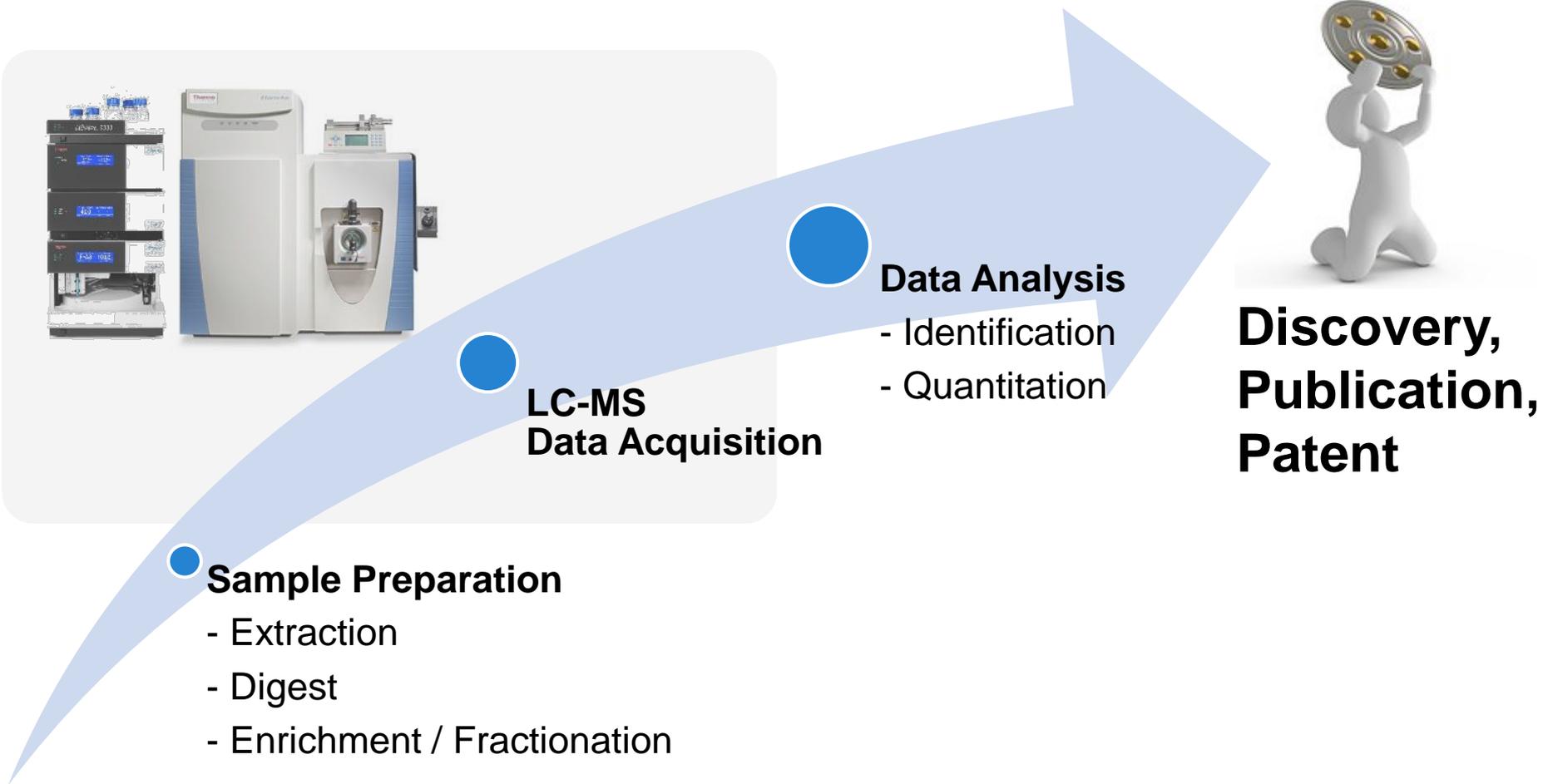
Features

- UHPLC Fingertight connection
- Up to 1200 bar
- Universal fit
- Near zero-dead-volume by design

Values

- Tool-free assembly, easy fluidics
- UHPLC compatible
- Compatible with most LC columns and valves
- High peak capacity and low peak broadening

The standard proteomics workflow



UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano: Flow Range Versatility

Nano Flow

New ProFlow technology

- **Flow range:**
50-1500 nL/min (recommended)
- **Max System Pressure:**
860 bar at full flow range

Capillary Flow

- **Flow range:**
0.5-10 μ L/min (recommended)
- **Max System Pressure:**
800 bar at 5 μ L/min



Micro Flow

- **Flow range:**
5-50 μ L/min (recommended)
- **Max System Pressure:**
800 bar at 25 μ L/min

Analytical flow

with LPG pump in NCS-3500RS

- **Flow range:**
< 2500 μ L/min
- **Max System Pressure:**
620 bar

UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano: ProFlow technology

Nano Flow

New ProFlow technology

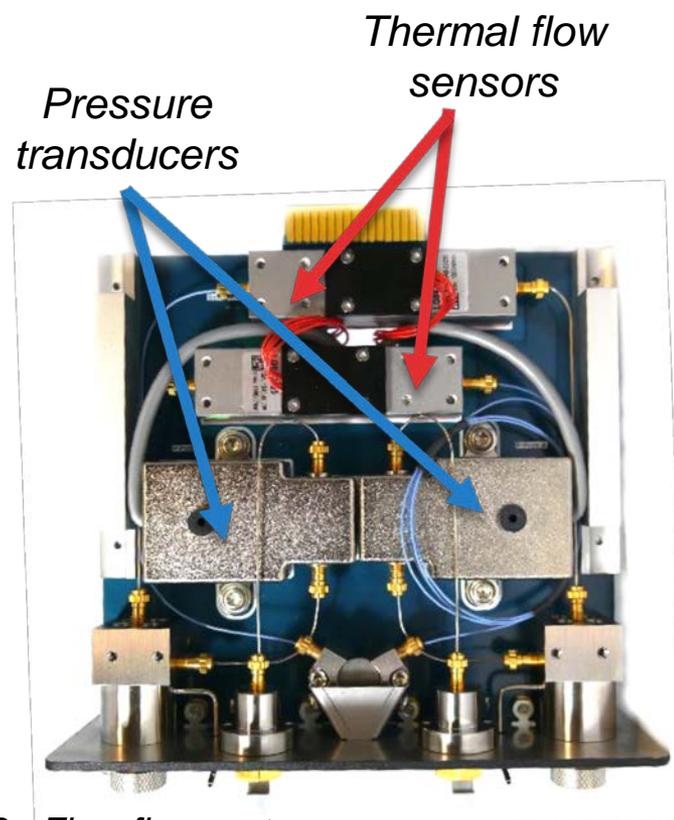
- **Flow range:**
50-1500 nL/min (recommended)
- **Max System Pressure:**
860 bar at full flow range

Fast and simple system start-up and operation

- **Purging pump heads:**
when changing solvents - 15 min
when refreshing solvents - 5 min
- **Purging flow meter:** 10 min
- **Equilibrating the System:** 30 min



- ✔ Thermal flow sensors dedicated to nano flow rates provide exceptional flow precision
- ✔ Robust pressure transducers ensure long term system stability



Bottom view of ProFlow flow meter

UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano: ProFlow Technology

NEW



ProFlow technology for a direct nano flow control



NCS-3500RS



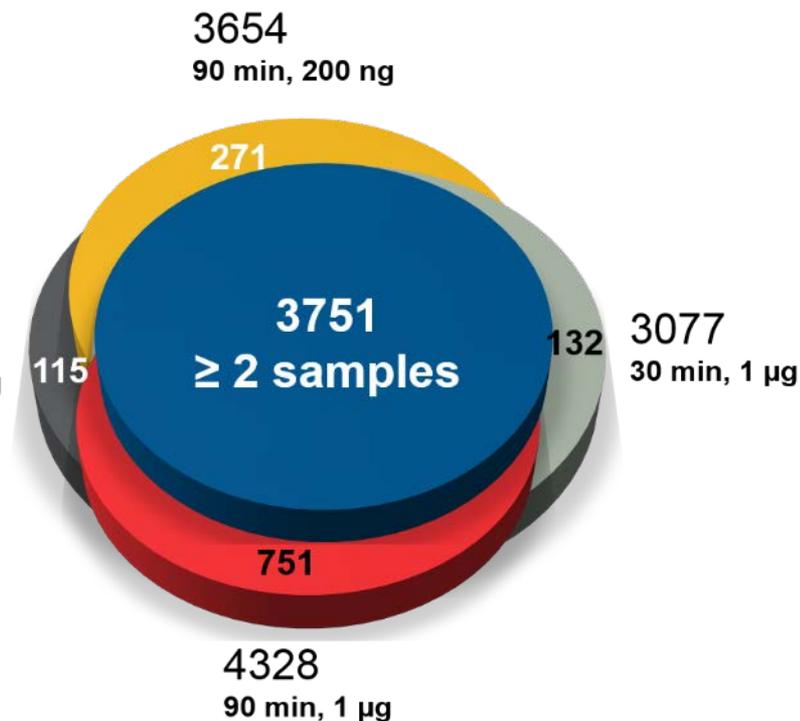
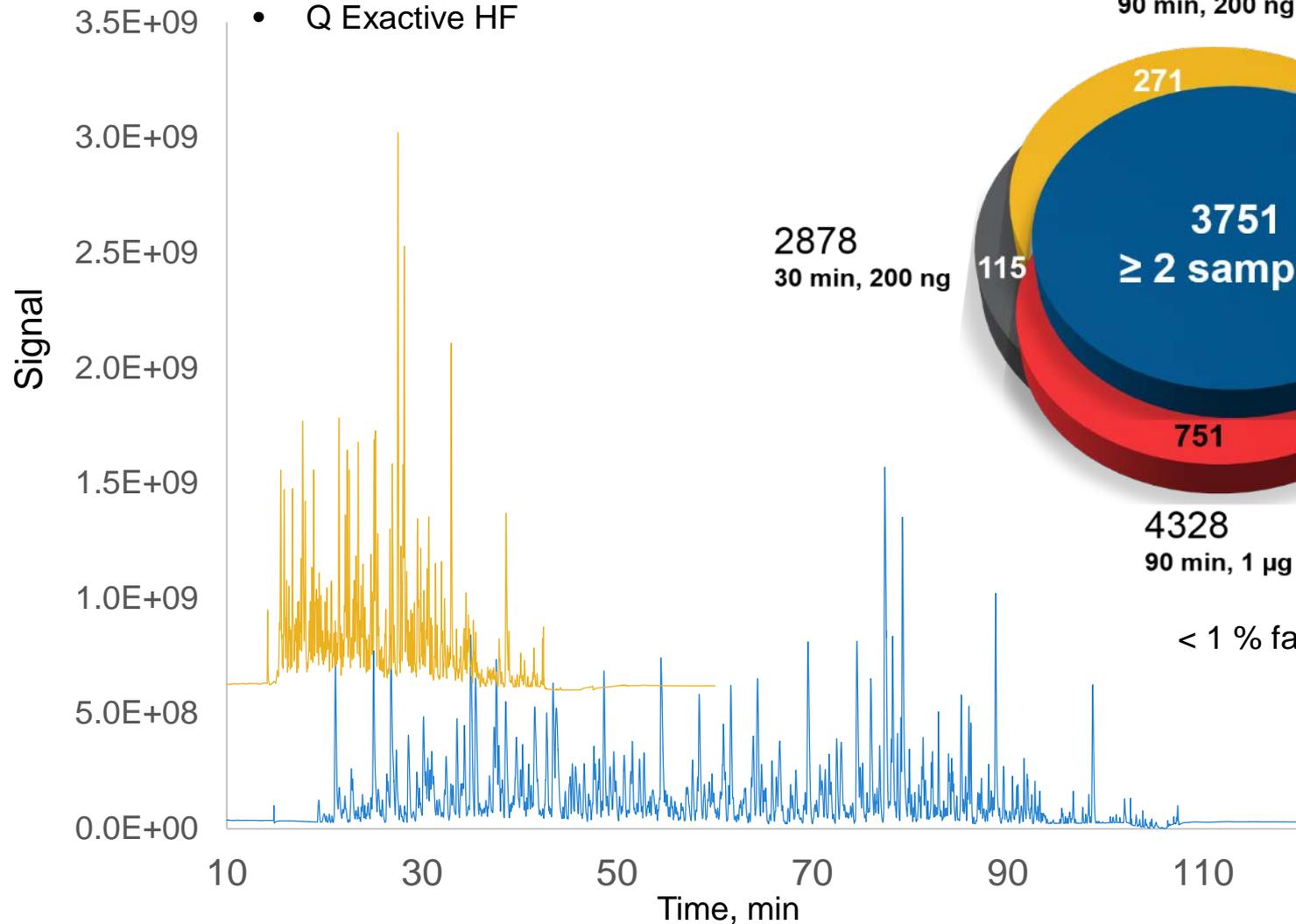
UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano

- ✔ Better user experience with fast and simple system start-up and operation
for longer system uptimes and robust nano LC-MS data acquisition
- ✔ Enhanced reproducibility through uncompromised retention time precision
for more confident identification and accurate quantification in large cohorts
- ✔ Wide nano flow – pressure footprint
for better resolution with longer columns or high throughput
- ✔ Standard Instrument Integration (SII) for LC-MS control
for seamless single software system operation

- **Nano LC-MS for shotgun proteomics**
- Label-free and targeted quantification
- High throughput analysis

RSLCnano and HR/AM MS for shotgun proteomics

- HeLa cell lysate digest
- EASY-Spray column: 75 μm x 50 cm, 2 μm
- Q Exactive HF

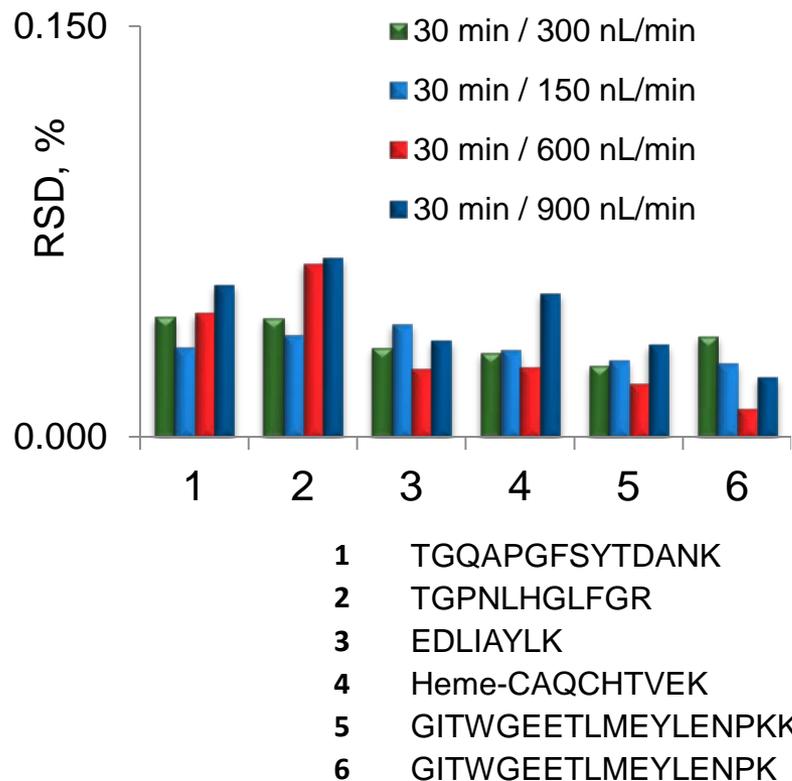


< 1 % false discovery rate (FDR)

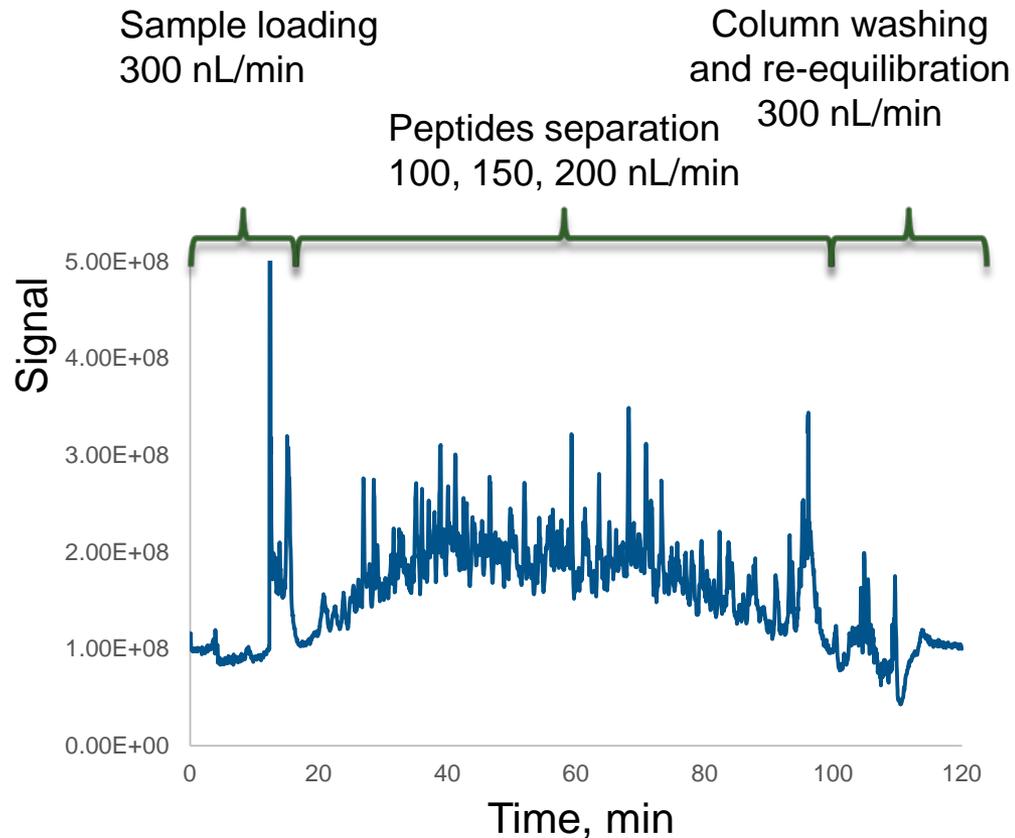


Enhanced sensitivity with low nano-flow rates

Retention time reproducibility



Separation conditions

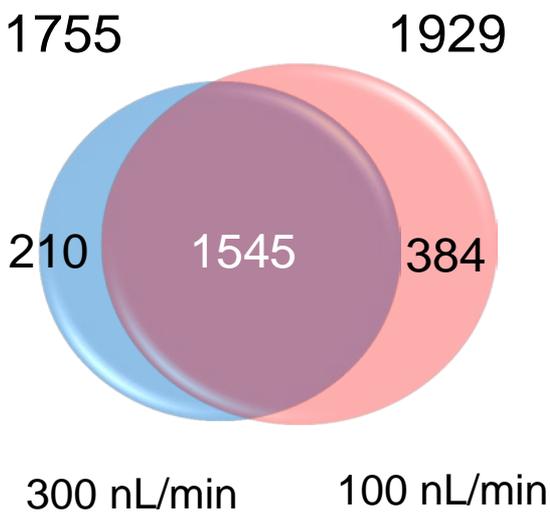


- RSD, % values were averaged for 3 RSLCnano systems with ProFlow flow meter
- Direct injection of Cytochrome C digest
- 12 replicates, 30 min gradient

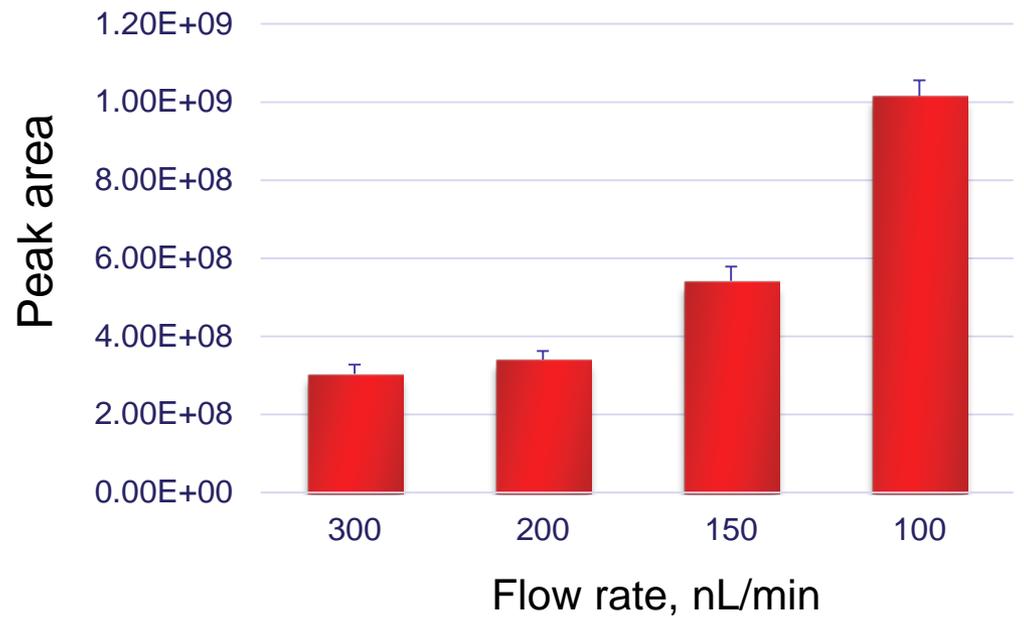
Analysis of small sample amounts

- Flow rates: 100 nL – 300 nL min
- 90 min gradient
- 75 µm x 15 cm, 2 µm Acclaim PepMap
- MS: Q Exactive HF

Protein IDs 20 ng injection



< 1 % false discovery rate (FDR)



Peptide: **R.GC[CAM]HLLVATPGR.L**

Protein: **O00571 (DDX3X_HUMAN)**

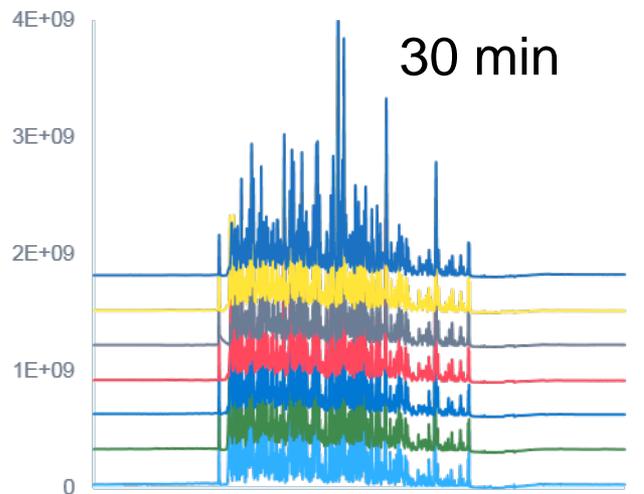


Applications: Proteomics

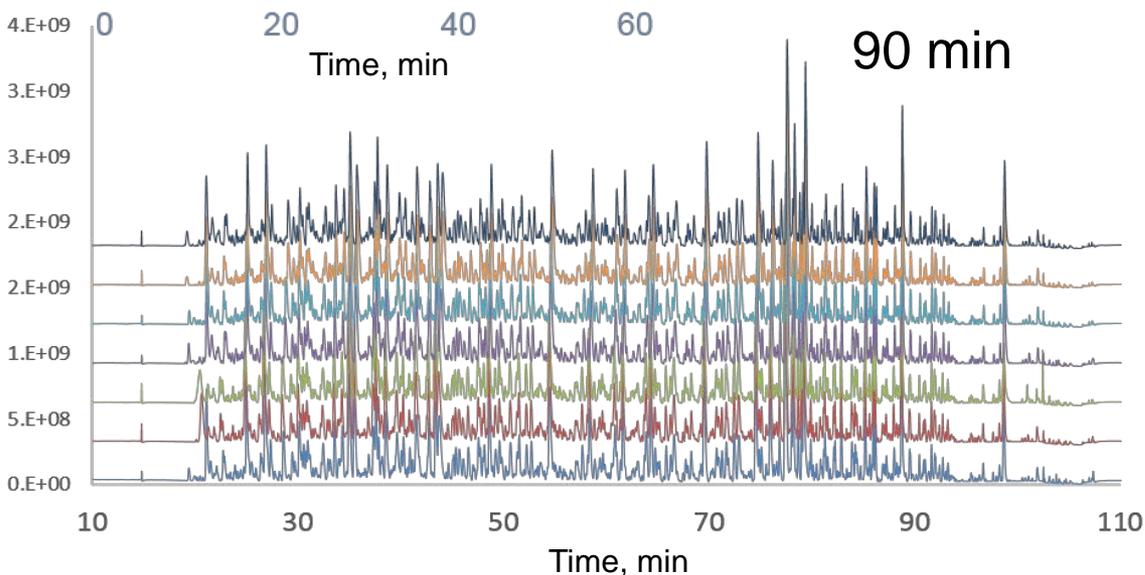
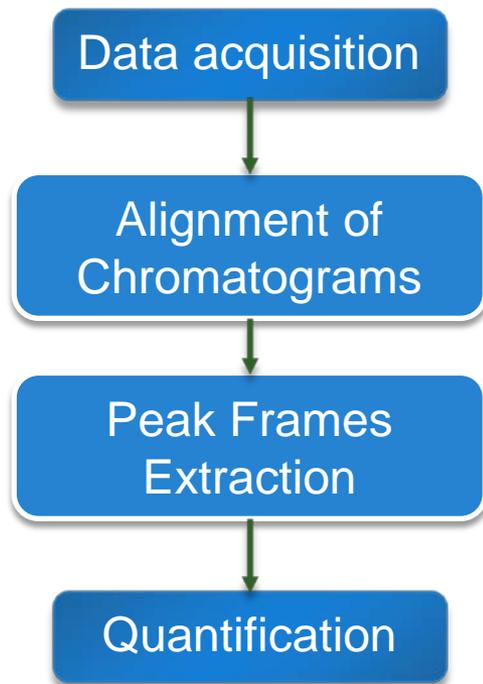
- Nano LC-MS for shotgun proteomics
- **Label-free and targeted quantification**
- High throughput analysis

Label-free quantification: analytical variability

High precision of nano LC-MS label-free quantification



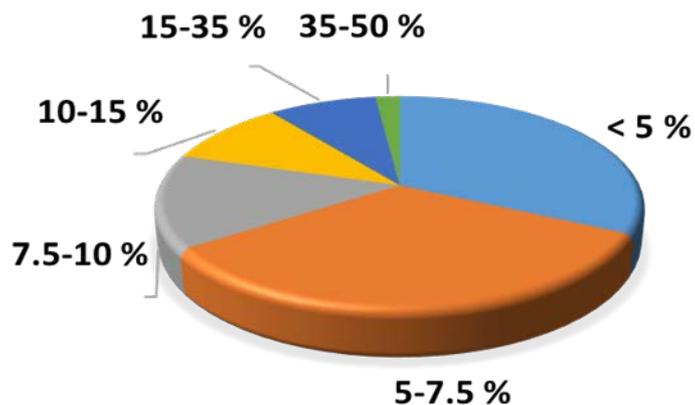
- 7 consecutive replicates
- HeLa cell lysate digest
- EASY-Spray 75 μm x 500 mm, 2 μm
- MS detection: Q Exactive HF
- 30 and 90 min gradient
- SIEVE 2.1 software



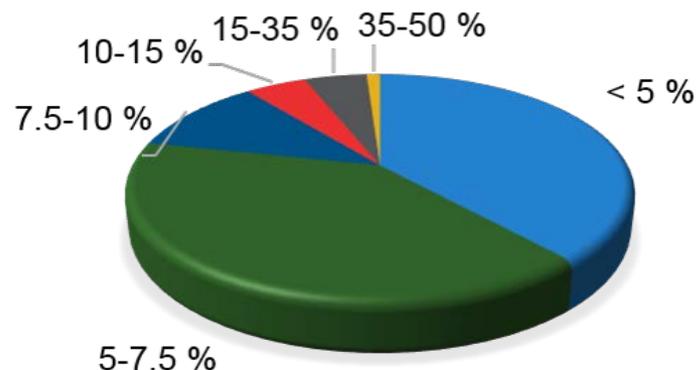
Label-free quantification: analytical variability

High precision of nano LC-MS label-free quantification

Analytical variability
> 40,000 targets were quantified with
less than 15% peak area RSD



30 min gradient

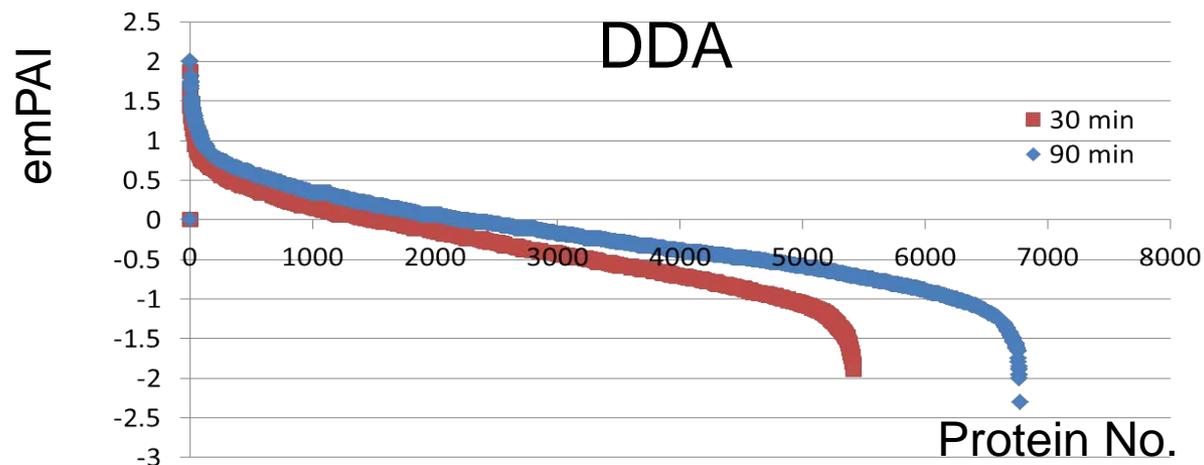


90 min gradient

Number of peak frames that were quantified with corresponding peak area RSD, % values for 7 replicates
50,000 Peak frames in total



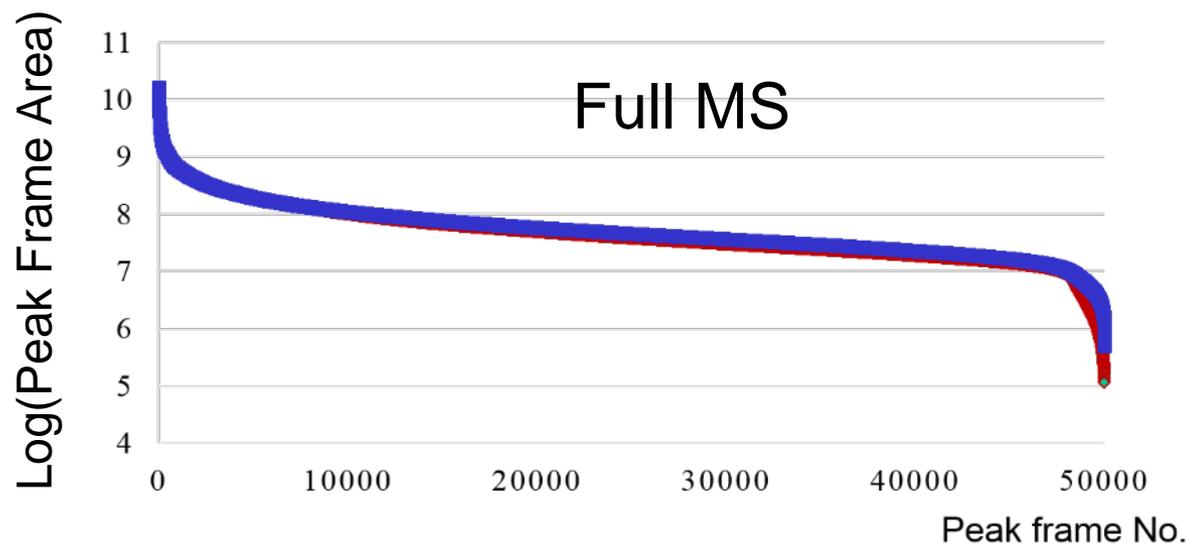
Label-free quantification: deepness of proteome profiling



Log transformed and sorted exponentially modified protein abundance index (emPAI)

4 orders of magnitude

30 min (red) and 90 minute (blue) gradient data.



Log transformed and sorted Peak Frame Areas

> 5 orders of magnitude



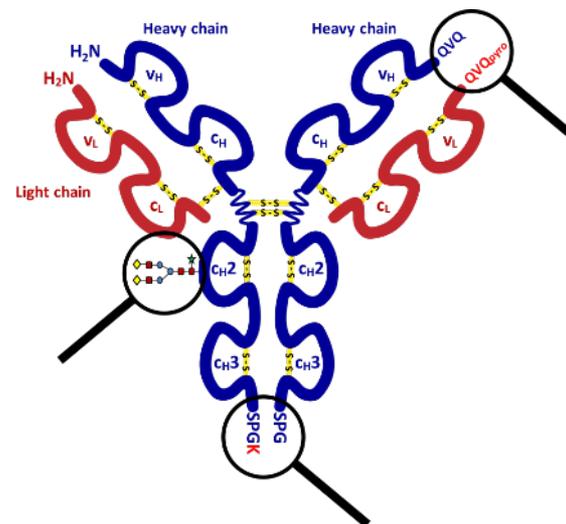
Nano LC HR/AM MS targeted quantification



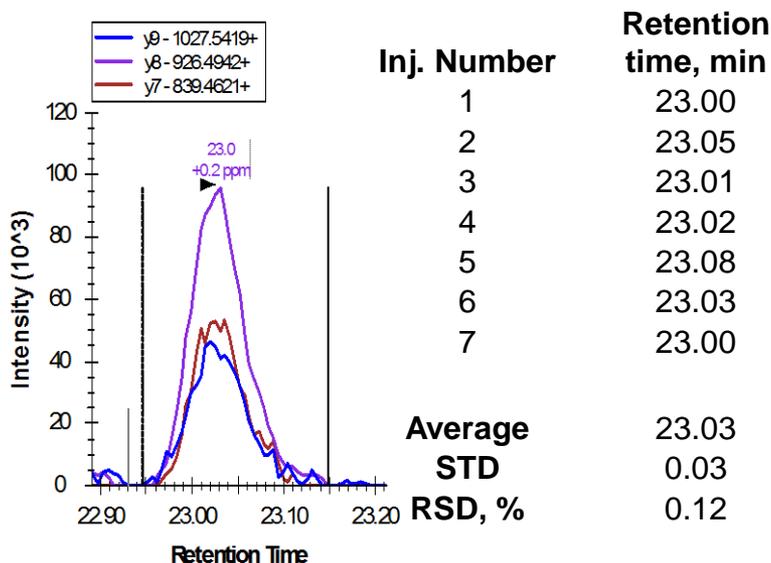
Multiplexed scheduled PRM analysis of rituximab in human matrix

Heavy chain:
Light chain:

5 unique peptides
3 unique peptides



FSGSGGTSYSLTISR



- 7 consecutive replicates
- EASY-Spray 75 μm x 500 mm, 2 μm
- MS detection: Q Exactive HF
- 4 sec peak width
- 30 min gradient

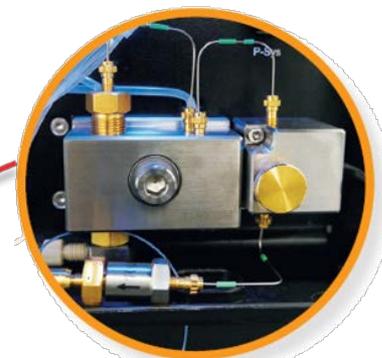
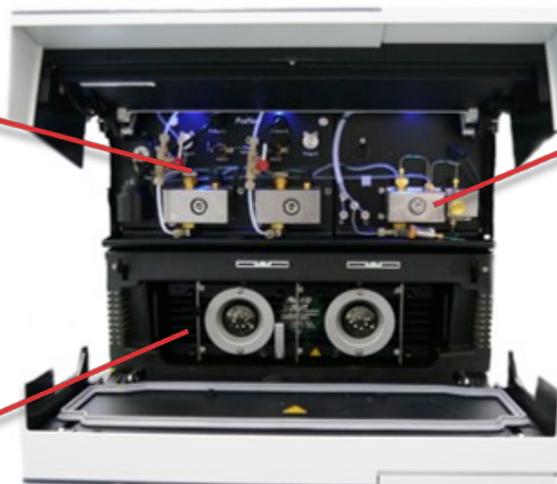
1:10⁴ rituximab to HeLa total protein amount



Applications: Proteomics

- Nano LC-MS for shotgun proteomics
- Label-free and targeted quantification
- **High throughput analysis**

Fast separations with ProFlow Technology

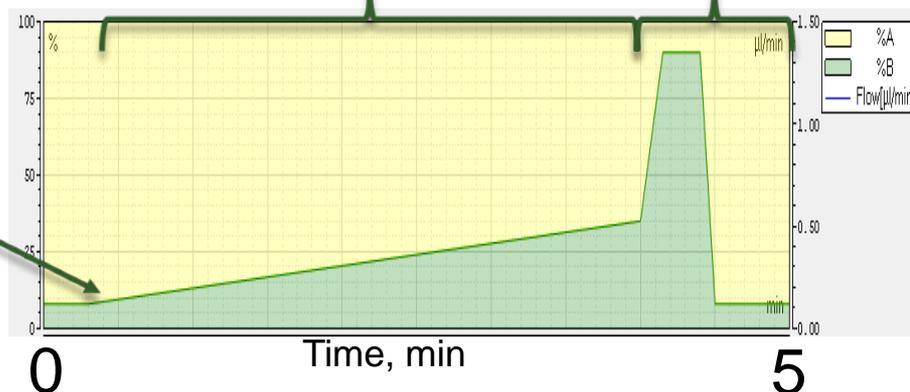


- 5 min total analysis time
- MS detection: Q Exactive HF
- 75 μm x 15 cm Acclaim PepMap
- 20 μL sample loop

Fast sample loading
onto trap column with
ternary micro pump
80 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$

Elution of peptides
Flow rate: 1500 nL/min

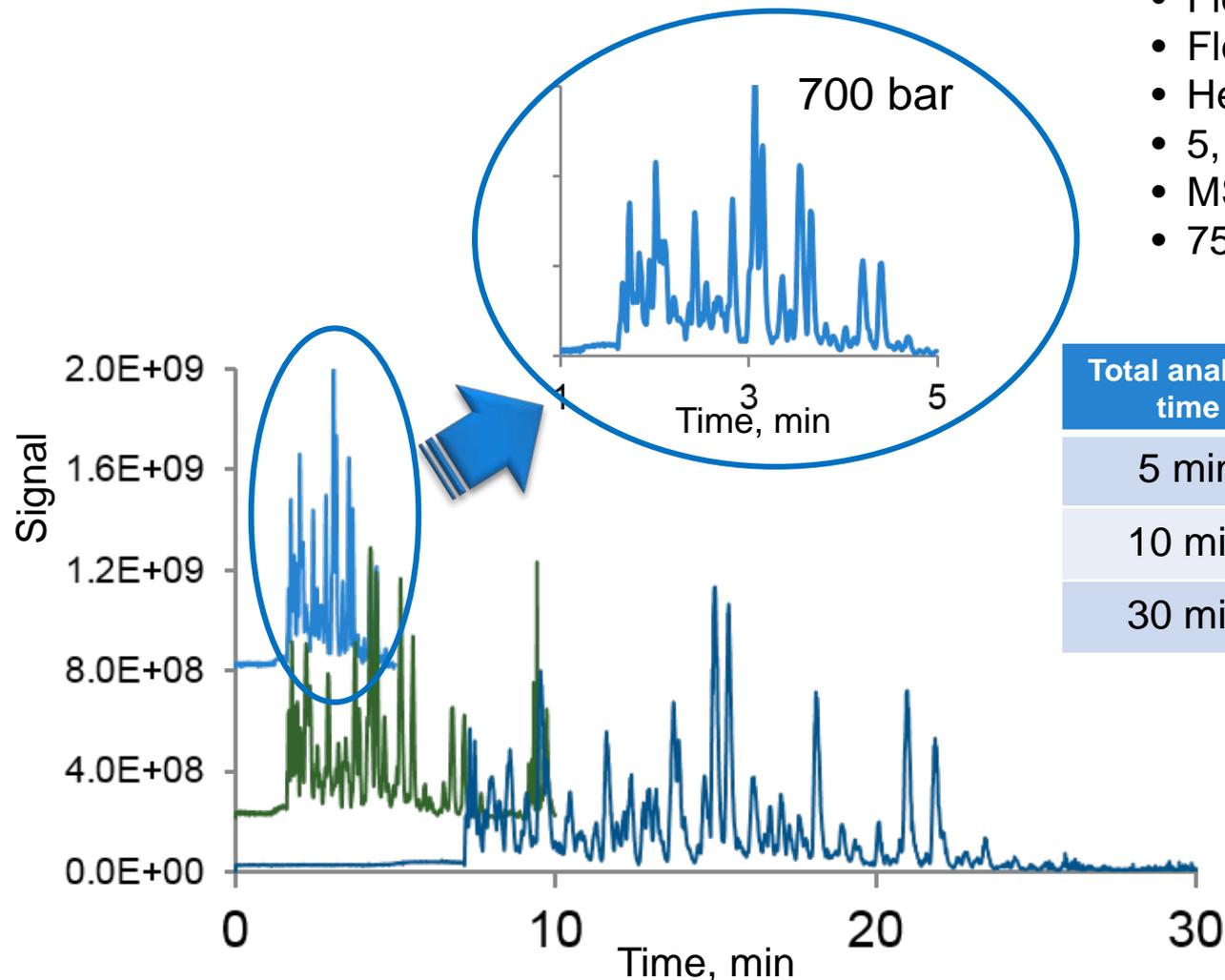
Column washing and
re-equilibration



Fast gradients with ProFlow Technology

Wide flow – pressure footprint for a high throughput nano LC-MS analysis

- Flow rate: 1,500 nL/min
- Flex ion source with metal emitter
- HeLa cell lysate digest
- 5, 10 and 30 min total analysis time
- MS detection: Q Exactive HF
- 75 μm x 15 cm Acclaim PepMap



Total analysis time	# of proteins	# of peptides
5 min	635	2406
10 min	982	4092
30 min	1494	6694



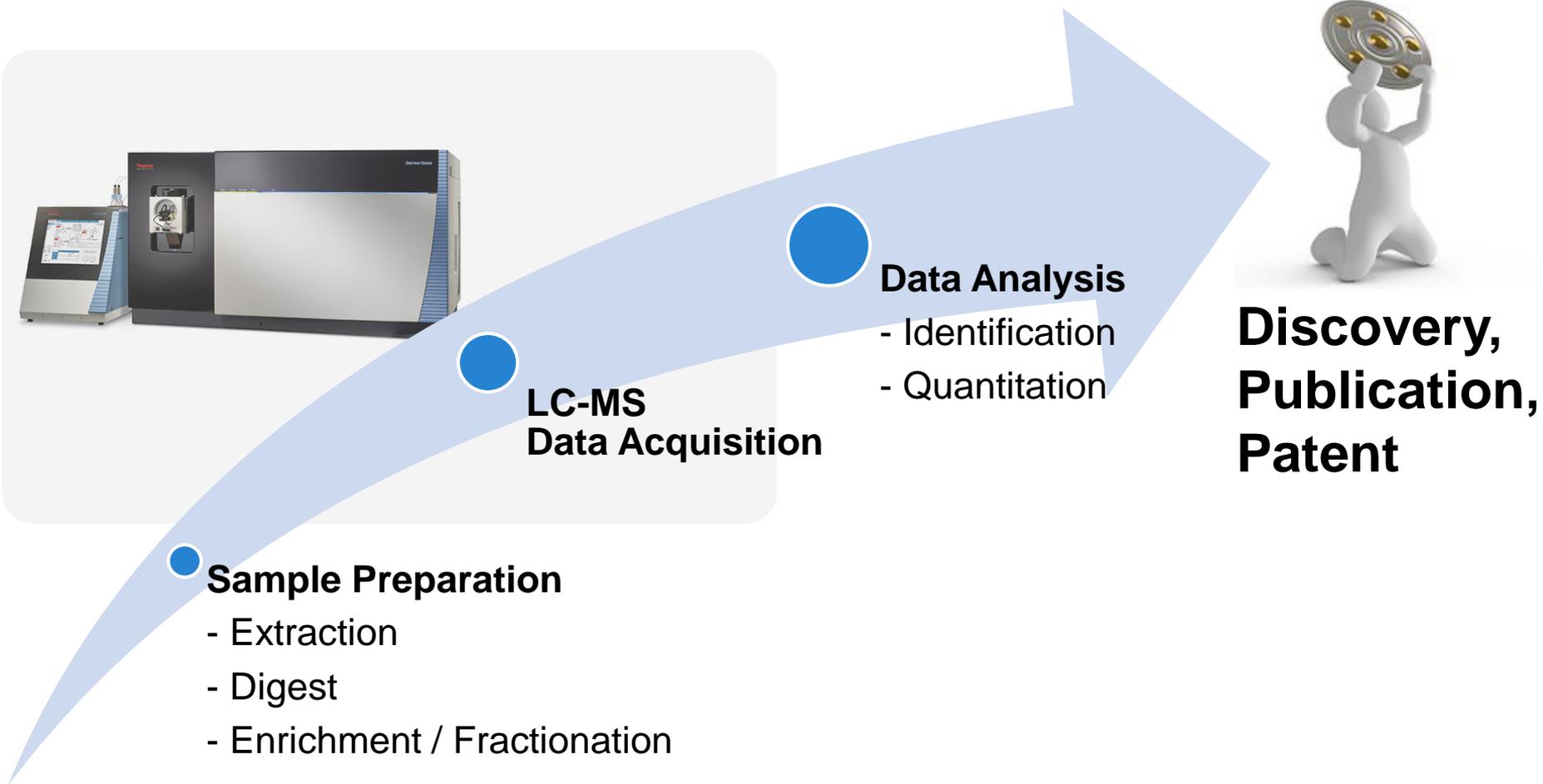
The ultimate solution for all low flow workflows

- Wide UHPLC footprint to tune for highest resolution or throughput
- New ProFlow technology for best-in-class retention time precision in nano LC applications
- Straightforward operation and integration with Thermo Scientific mass spectrometers



UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano
with **ProFlow technology**

The standard proteomics workflow



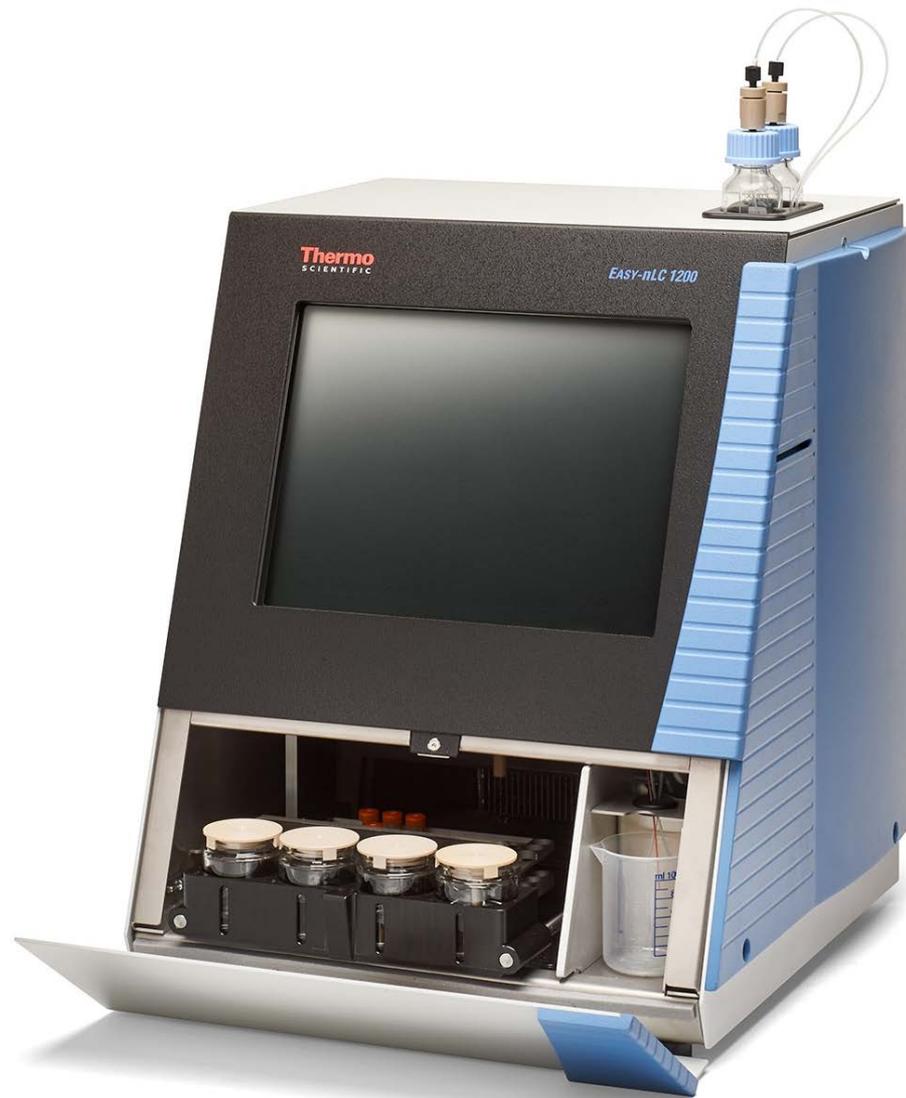
EASY-nLC 1200 – Design Concept & Established Features

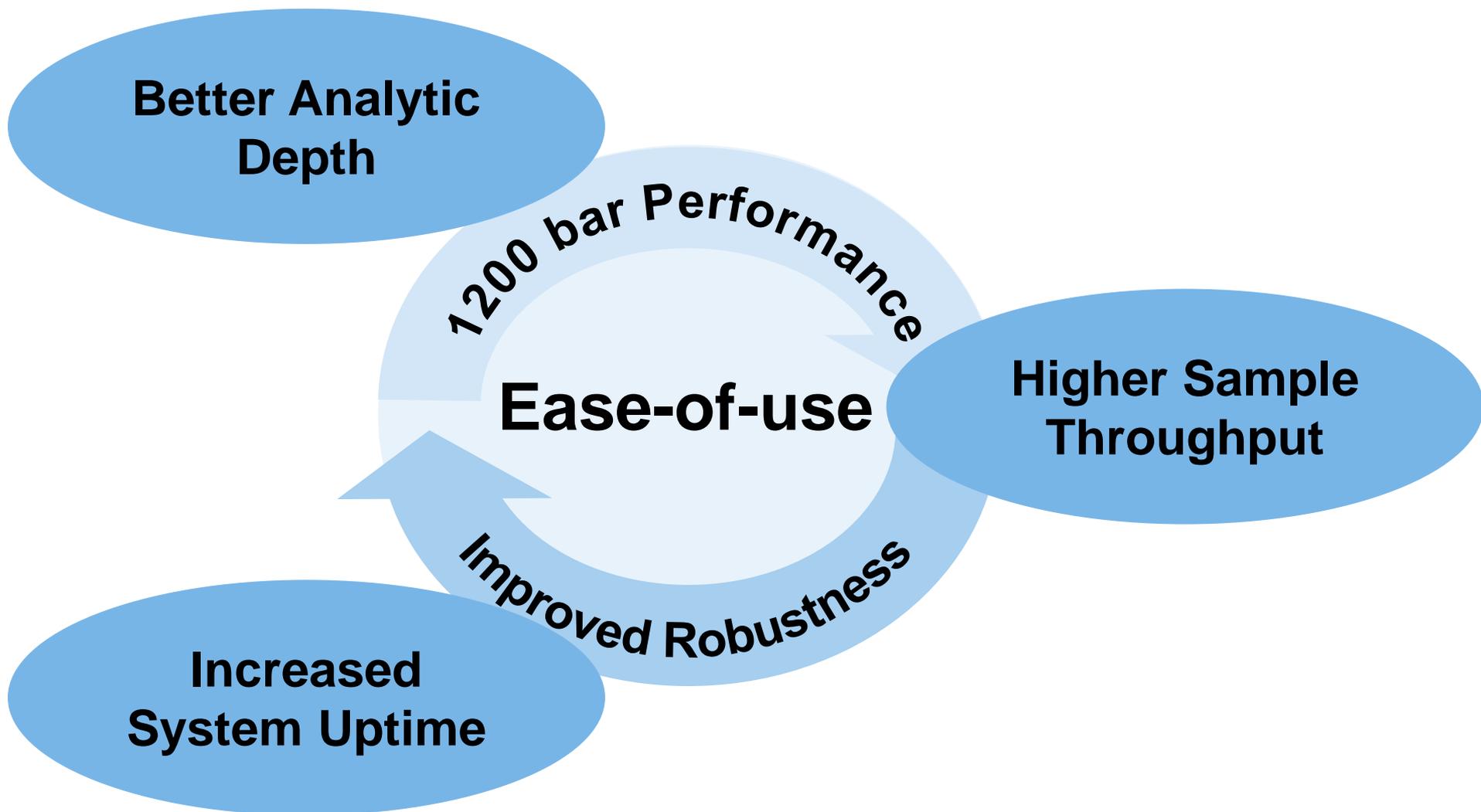
Design Concept

- Integrated System
- Ease-of-use with intuitive system operation
- Wizard style method set-up
- Easy diagnostics and troubleshooting

Established features

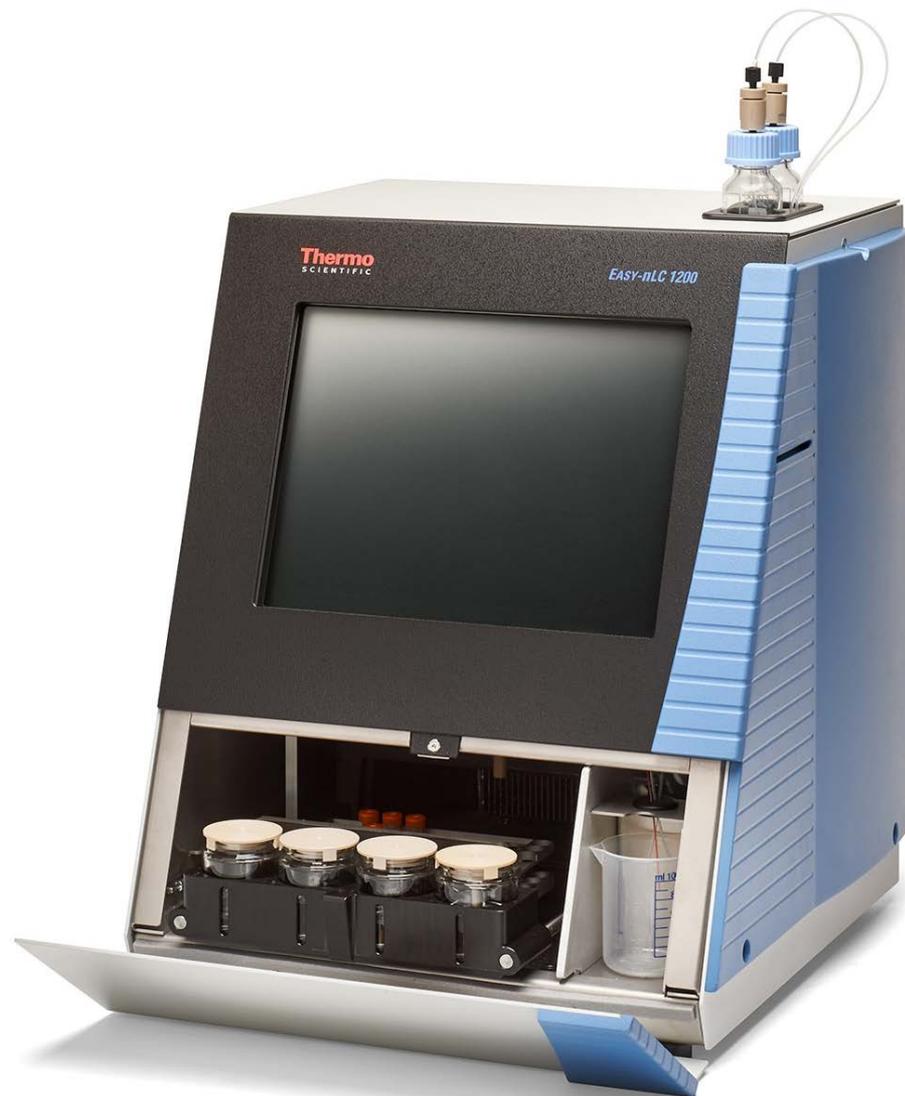
- Layout of flow path
- Autosampler with zero sample loss injections
- Integrated Computer & Touchscreen
- Small footprint

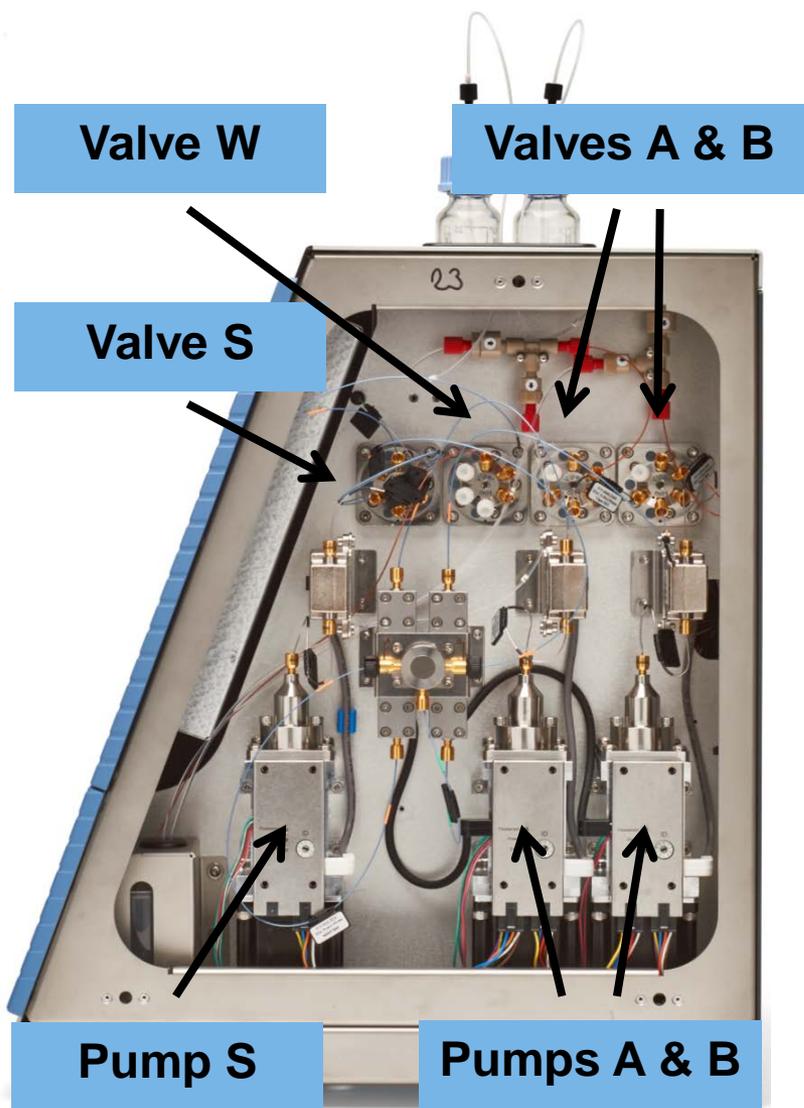




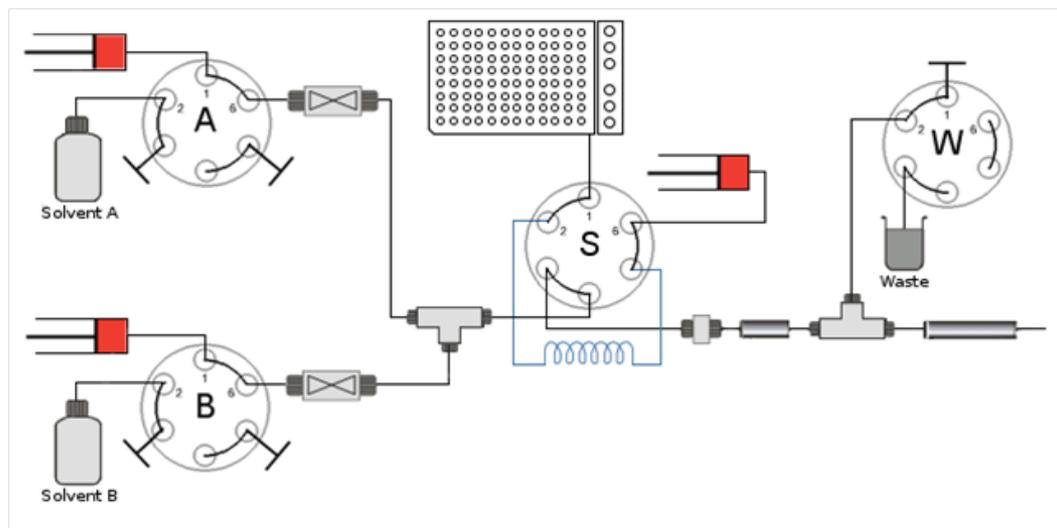
EASY-nLC 1200 – New Features

- 1200 bar system pressure
- Complete nanoViper™ high pressure flow-path
- Maintenance-free valves
- Improved software
 - same concept, new features
- Connection to EASY-Spray™ source for temperature control





On Screen Display

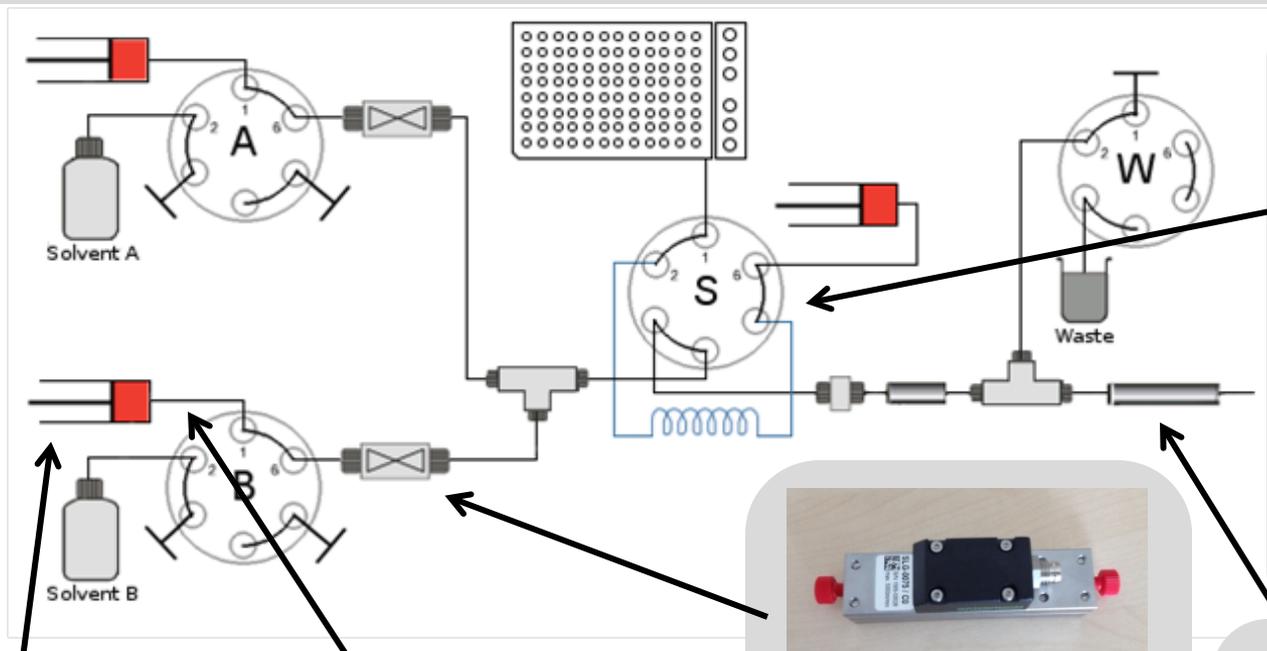


- Actual flow path is displayed on screen
- Components can be interactively controlled by touching them on the screen

EASY-nLC 1200 – New Hardware Features

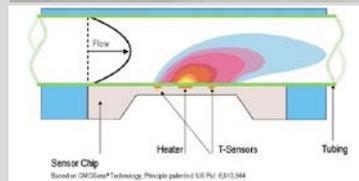


All connections in high pressure flow-path now 1200 bar nanoViper™
(Blue capillary sleeves indicate new pressure rating)



New 1200 bar ceramic valves (all 4)

- Maintenance-free
- nanoViper only
- ≤95% ACN required



New 1200 bar flow sensors

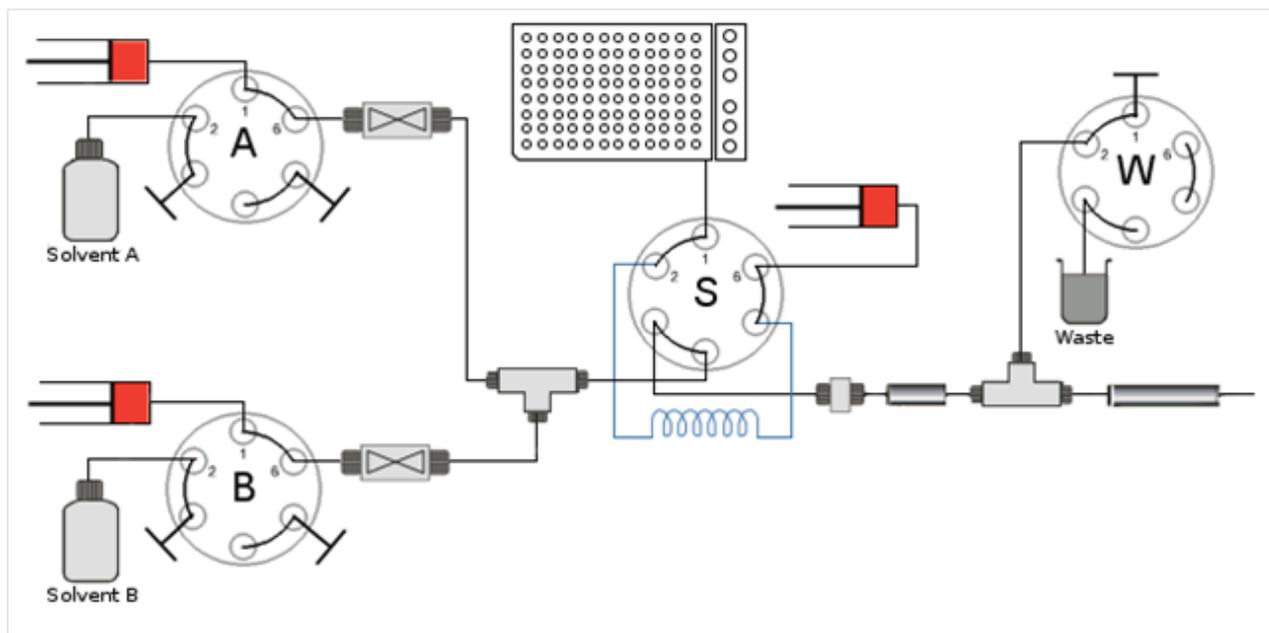


New 1200 bar EASY-Spray™ columns



New 1200 bar pumps and pressure sensors

EASY-nLC 1200 – New Hardware Features



1200 bar
pressure rating

- Higher sample throughput
- Better analytic depth

New components,
e.g. valves

- Improved system robustness

EASY-nLC 1200 – New Software Features

The screenshot displays the Thermo Scientific EASY-nLC 1200 software interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Batch Setup, Method Setup, Maintenance, and Configuration. The Home screen shows system parameters for Solvent A (0.7 bar, 0.0 nl/min, 140.0/140.0 µl) and Solvent B (0.2 bar, 0.0 nl/min, 140.0/140.0 µl). A schematic diagram of the system includes components A, B, S, and W. A red circle highlights the Solvent B reservoir in the diagram, with a callout box stating "Solvent B: 80 %ACN". Another red circle highlights the EASY-Spray™ column icon in the top right, with a callout box stating "Temperature control of EASY-Spray™ columns through home screen and within the LC method". The interface also features a status bar with "Job 00:00:00", a "Job" table, and control buttons for "Eject / Insert tray", "START", and "STOP". A legend indicates "Active" (red), "Finished" (green), "Pending" (blue), and "Cancelled" (yellow) states. A table of operations is visible, including "Pickup sample", "Load sample", "Prepare gradient", "Run gradient", "Initialize system", "Equilibrate precolumn", "Equilibrate analytical column", and "Autosampler wash + refill S".

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Home Batch Setup Method Setup Maintenance Configuration

Overview
Graphs
Queue

0.7 bar
0.0 nl/min
140.0/140.0 µl

Solvent A

0.2 bar
0.0 nl/min
140.0/140.0 µl

Solvent B: 80 %ACN

0.0 bar
0.0 nl/min
140.0/140.0 µl

LSP disabled
Idle flow 50 / 80

7.0 °C

20.0 µl

Active Finished Pending Cancelled

Job 00:00:00

Job

Eject / Insert tray

START STOP

Exit...

Pickup sample Initialize system Refill A B
Load sample Equilibrate precolumn
Prepare gradient Equilibrate analytical column
Run gradient Autosampler wash + refill S

Display of Solvent B composition on home screen

Temperature control of EASY-Spray™ columns through home screen and within the LC method

EASY-nLC 1200 – New Software Features

The screenshot displays the 'Home' screen of the Thermo Scientific EASY-nLC 1200 software. The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with tabs for 'Home', 'Batch Setup', 'Method Setup', 'Maintenance', and 'Configuration'. On the left, there are menu options for 'Overview', 'Graphs', and 'Queue'. The main area shows a schematic of the liquid chromatography system with various components labeled: Solvent A, Solvent B (80% ACN), pumps A and B, valves, and columns. Key parameters are displayed, such as flow rates (e.g., 2.3 bar, 0.0 nl/min, 122.4/140.0 µl) and temperatures (7.0 °C, 20.0 µl). A legend indicates the status of components: Active (red dot), Finished (green dot), Pending (blue dot), and Cancelled (yellow dot). A 'Flow sensor calibration due' button is highlighted with a red circle. A 'Solvents refresh due' button is also visible. A 'Temperature control of EASY-Spray™ columns through home screen and within the LC method' callout box is present. At the bottom, there are 'Eject / Insert tray', 'START', and 'STOP' buttons. A 'Job' table is partially visible at the bottom left.

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Home Batch Setup Method Setup Maintenance Configuration

Overview
Graphs
Queue

2.3 bar
0.0 nl/min
122.4/140.0 µl

Solvent A

2.0 bar
0.0 nl/min
140.0/140.0 µl

Solvent B: 80 %ACN

7.0 °C

20.0 µl

LSP disabled
Idle flow 50 / 80

Flow sensor calibration due

Solvents refresh due

Job 00:00:00

Exit...

Eject / Insert tray

START STOP

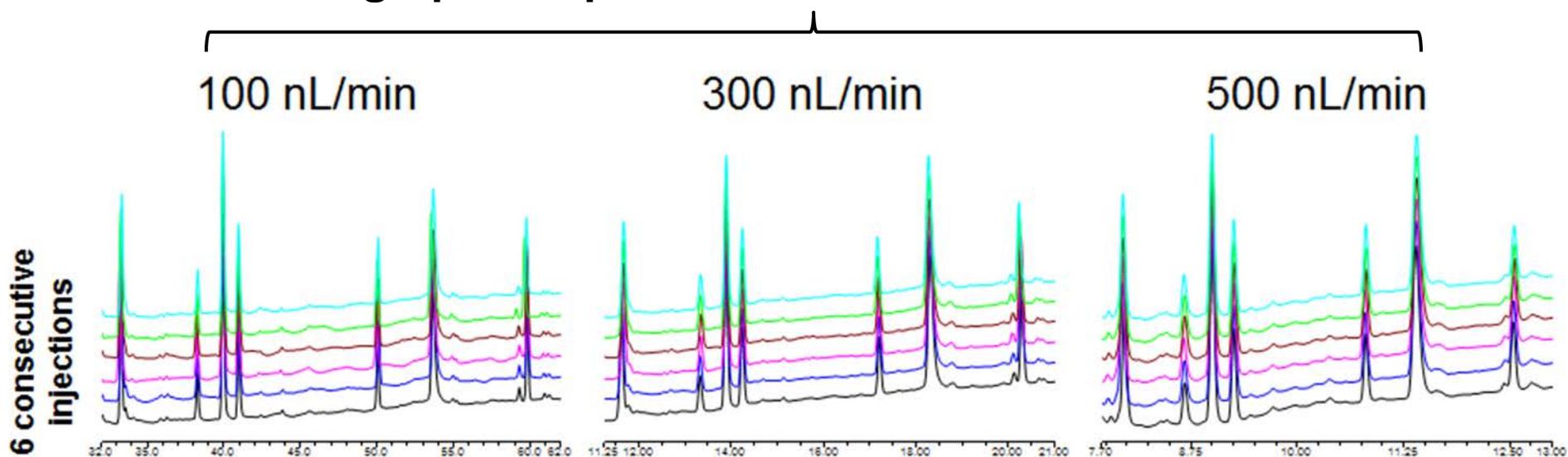
Temperature control of EASY-Spray™ columns through home screen and within the LC method

New reminder buttons for flow sensor calibration (6 months) and solvent exchange (2 weeks)

➤ Easier control of system parameters

Good Retention Time Precision

Chromatographic separation with standard nano LC flow rates



1 pmol Cytochrome C digest, $\lambda = 214 \text{ nm}$

Peak	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7
RT (min)	33.3	38.3	40.0	41.0	50.1	53.7	59.8
RSD (%)	0.12	0.07	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.09

Peak	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7
RT (min)	11.7	13.4	14.0	14.3	17.3	18.4	20.3
RSD (%)	0.56	0.39	0.33	0.34	0.18	0.19	0.11

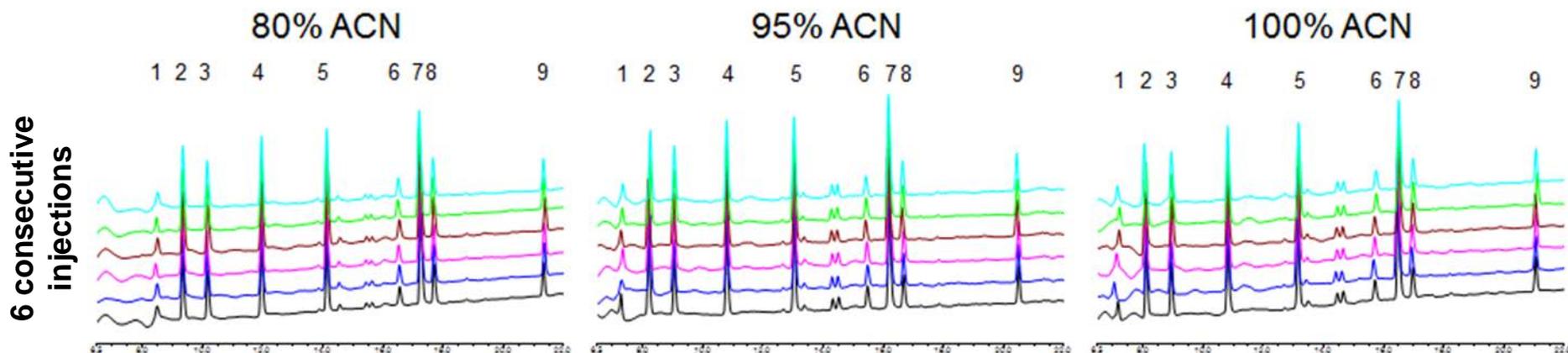
Peak	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7
RT (min)	8.0	8.7	9.0	9.3	10.8	11.4	12.6
RSD (%)	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.08

- Retention time precision <0.4% RSD for flow rates relevant in nano LC-MS applications
- High run-to-run repeatability improves confidence in peptide quantification

80% Acetonitrile as Solvent B

- Reducing acetonitrile concentration is essential for long valve lifetime
 - Specification: $\leq 95\%$ acetonitrile in water
- Reduced acetonitrile concentration improves chromatographic performance

Chromatographic separation with different solvent B compositions



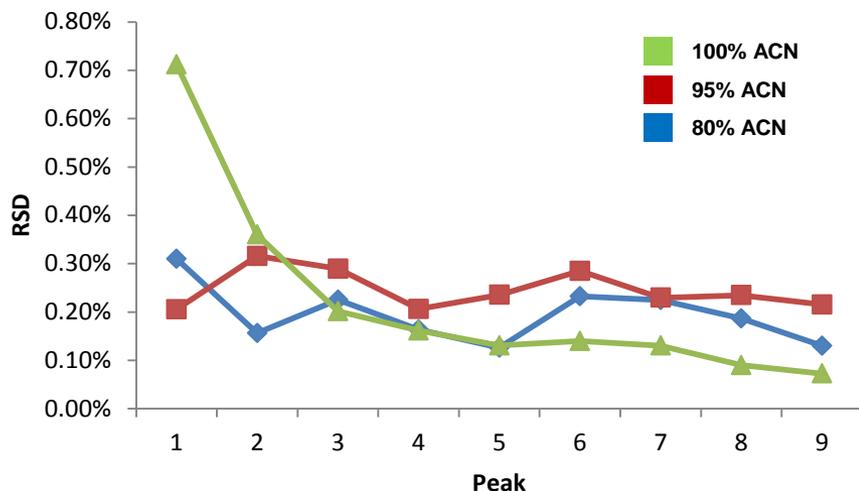
1 pmol Cytochrome C digest

300 nL/min

30 min gradient (adjusted for consistent ACN concentration between experiments)

$\lambda = 214 \text{ nm}$

80% Acetonitrile as Solvent B

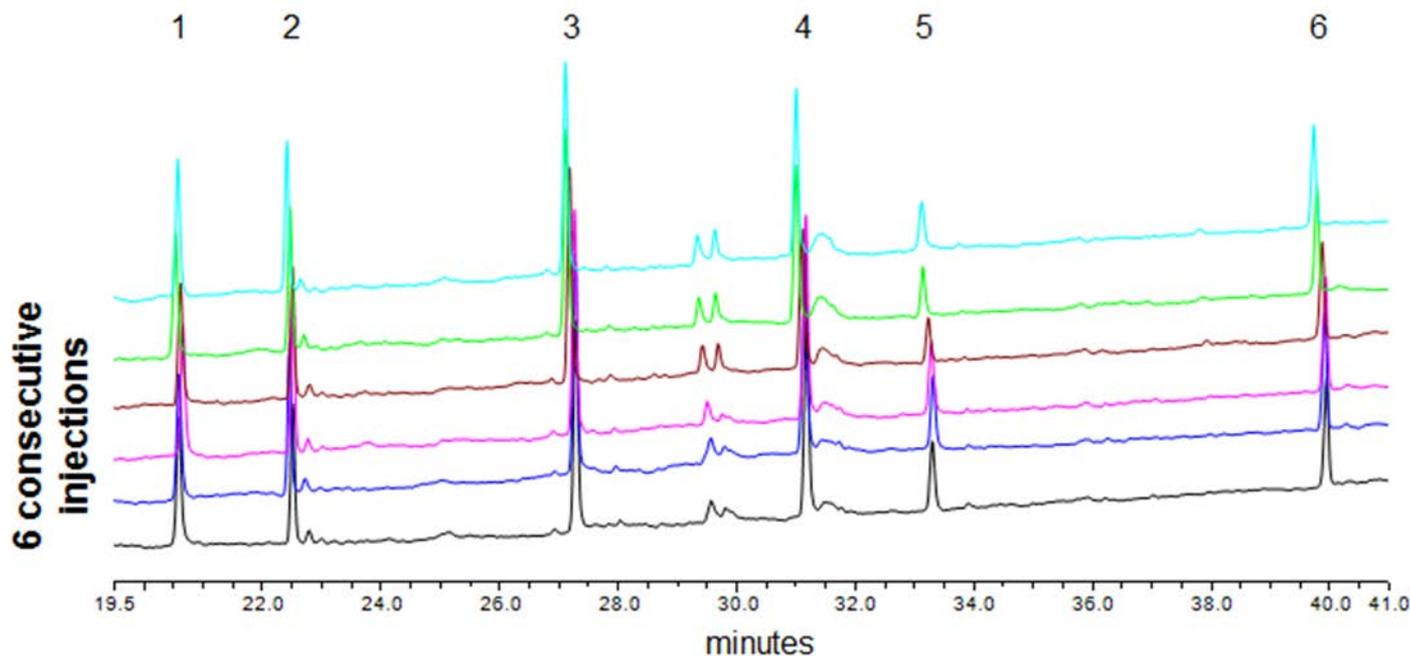


		Peak								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
80% ACN	RT (min)	8.5	9.3	10.1	11.9	14.1	16.5	17.2	17.7	21.3
	RSD (%)	0.31	0.16	0.23	0.16	0.13	0.23	0.22	0.19	0.13
95% ACN	RT (min)	7.3	8.2	9.0	10.8	13.0	15.4	16.1	16.6	20.4
	RSD (%)	0.21	0.32	0.29	0.21	0.24	0.29	0.23	0.23	0.22
100% ACN	RT (min)	7.2	8.1	8.9	10.8	13.2	15.7	16.5	17.0	21.1
	RSD (%)	0.71	0.36	0.20	0.16	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.09	0.07

- Better peptide retention with lower acetonitrile concentration at onset of gradient
 - Lower acetonitrile at start of gradient possible (EASY-nLC 1200 aligns gradient with 2% B)
 - Better mixing performance

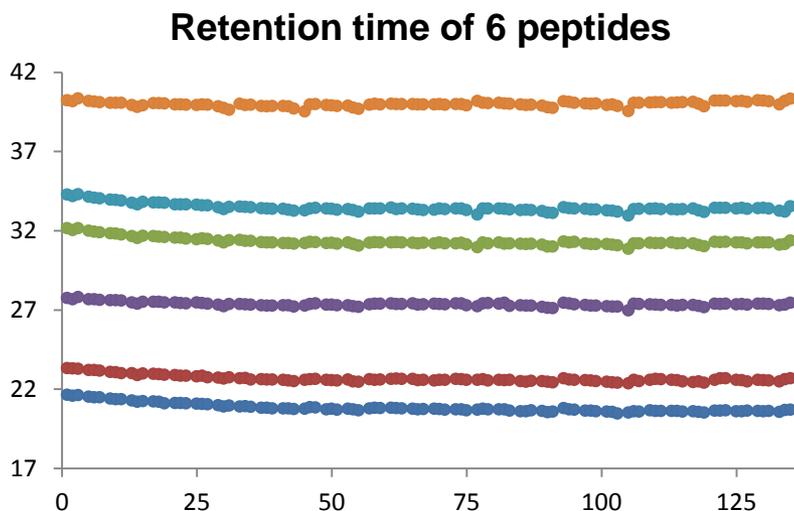
- **Using 80% acetonitrile will improve data quality**
 - 80% Acetonitrile, 20% water, 0.1% formic acid available through Fisher Scientific (LS122-500, 500 mL bottle)

Retention time stability throughout 135 injections (8 days of measurement)



1 pmol Cytochrome C digest
75cm Acclaim™ PepMap™ column
300 nL/min gradient flow
60 min gradient
1180 bar sample loading and column equilibration
900 bar gradient maximum pressure
 $\lambda = 214 \text{ nm}$

Retention time stability throughout 135 injections (8 days of measurement)



	Peaks					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
All injections						
RT (min)	20.82	22.66	27.36	31.31	33.45	39.98
RSD	1.32%	0.92%	0.48%	0.79%	0.74%	0.37%
6 consecutive injections during the sequence (injections 64 – 69)						
RT (min)	20.59	22.48	27.21	31.10	33.23	39.86
RSD	0.20%	0.17%	0.29%	0.26%	0.25%	0.22%

- Good retention time stability over the whole sequence of injections
- Long injections sequences can be reproducibly run on the EASY-nLC 1200

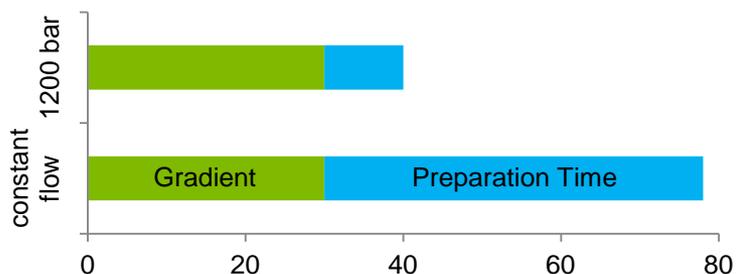
Increase Throughput with IFC™

Sample loading and column equilibration are major contributors to cycle time in nano LC-MS analyses

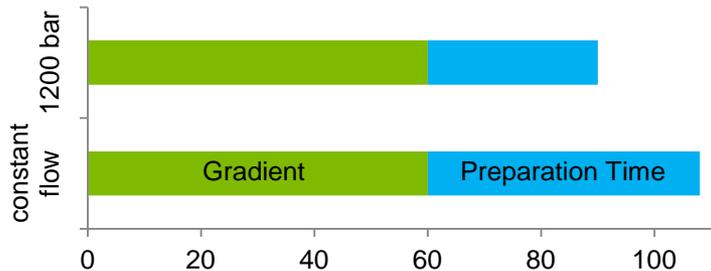
Accelerate sample loading and column equilibration with Intelligent Flow Control (IFC™):
flow rate determined by maximum system pressure

Increase sample throughput without compromising on data quality

15 cm column



50 cm column



	15 cm column		50 cm column	
Loading & equilibration mode	Constant flow (300 nL/min)	IFC™ (1200 bar)	Constant flow (300 nL/min)	IFC™ (1200 bar)
Gradient length	30 min	30 min	60 min	60 min
Column equilibration, sample pick-up and loading	48 min	10 min	48 min	30 min
Cycle time	78 min	40 min	108 min	90 min
Injections per day	18.5	36.0	13.3	16.0
Additional throughput increase (%)		49%		17%

Increased Protein Identification Rates with 75 cm Columns

- Comparison of 75 cm and 50 cm EASY-Spray column
 - Sample: HeLa Digest (1 μg)
 - Gradient: 120 min or 240 min

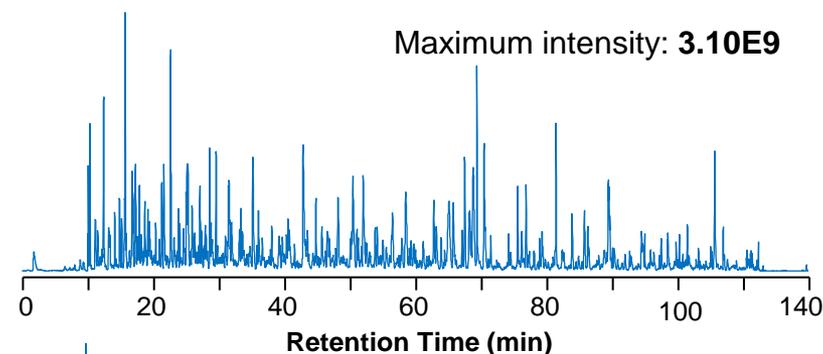
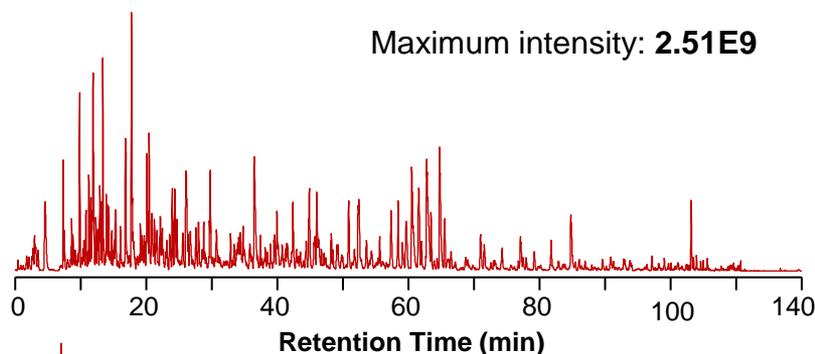
50 cm column

75 cm column

2 hr gradient

Maximum intensity: **2.51E9**

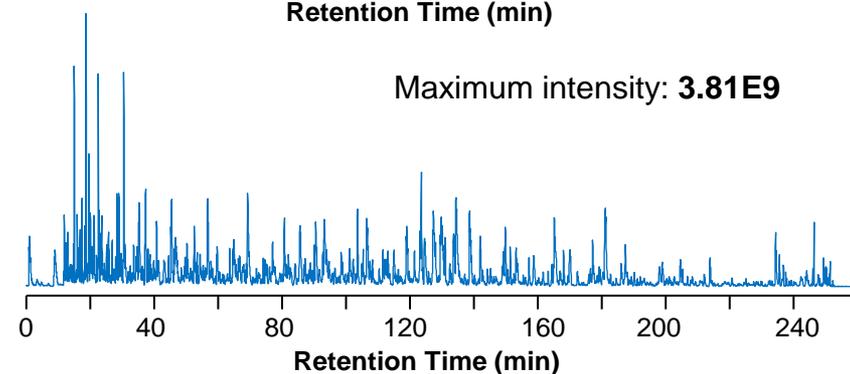
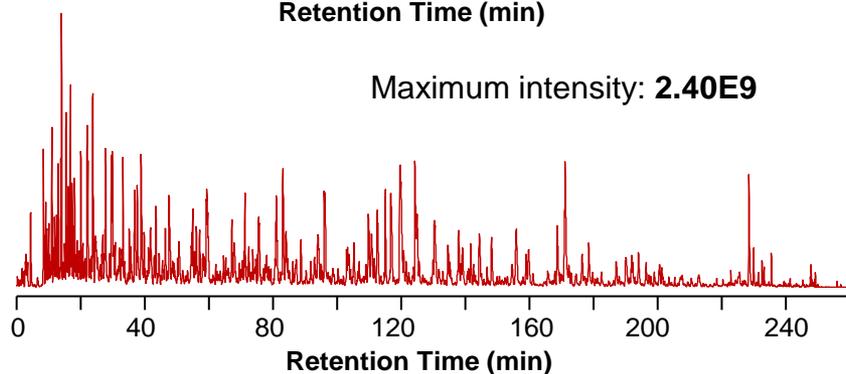
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4 hr gradient

Maximum intensity: **2.40E9**

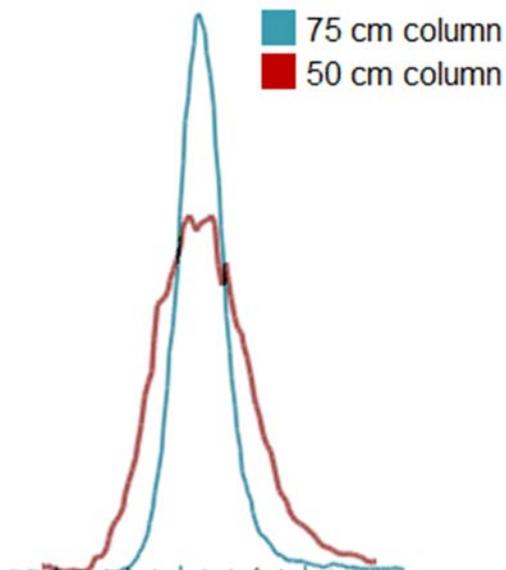
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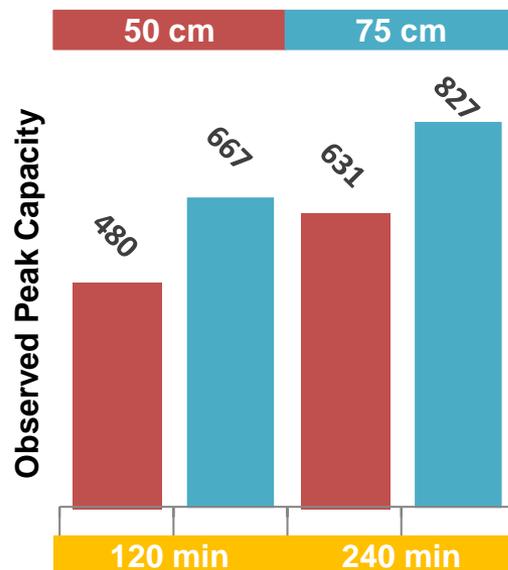
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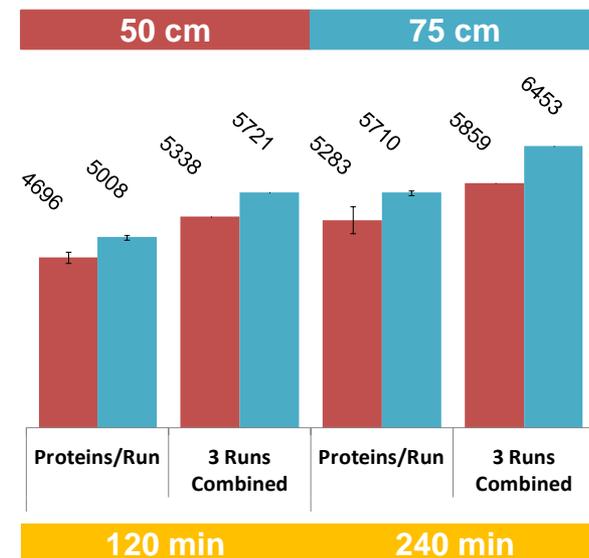
Peak Width



Peak Capacity



Identified Proteins



- Narrower peak width in 75 cm column increases peak capacity
- ~10% higher protein identifications with 75 cm columns possible

Effortless ultra high performance

- Optimized for proteomics
- Intuitive system operations
- For every level of expertise



Conclusion

- Thermo Fisher Scientific offers the right solution for every nano flow application
 - New nano LC technologies for robust and precise nano flow delivery
 - nanoViper connections for fast and reliable fluidics set-up
- New ProFlow technology improves retention time stability
 - more confidence in your analyte identifications
 - better precision for label-free and targeted quantitation
 - increased sensitivity with low nano flow rates
- New EASY-nLC 1200 provides new levels of system performance
 - increased throughput with better system robustness and higher system pressure
 - increased analytic depth with longer analytical columns

Thank you for your attention

- Questions

- Online resources

- Thermoscientific.com/nanoLCMS
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