

Application of Light Scattering in a Core Facility Setting

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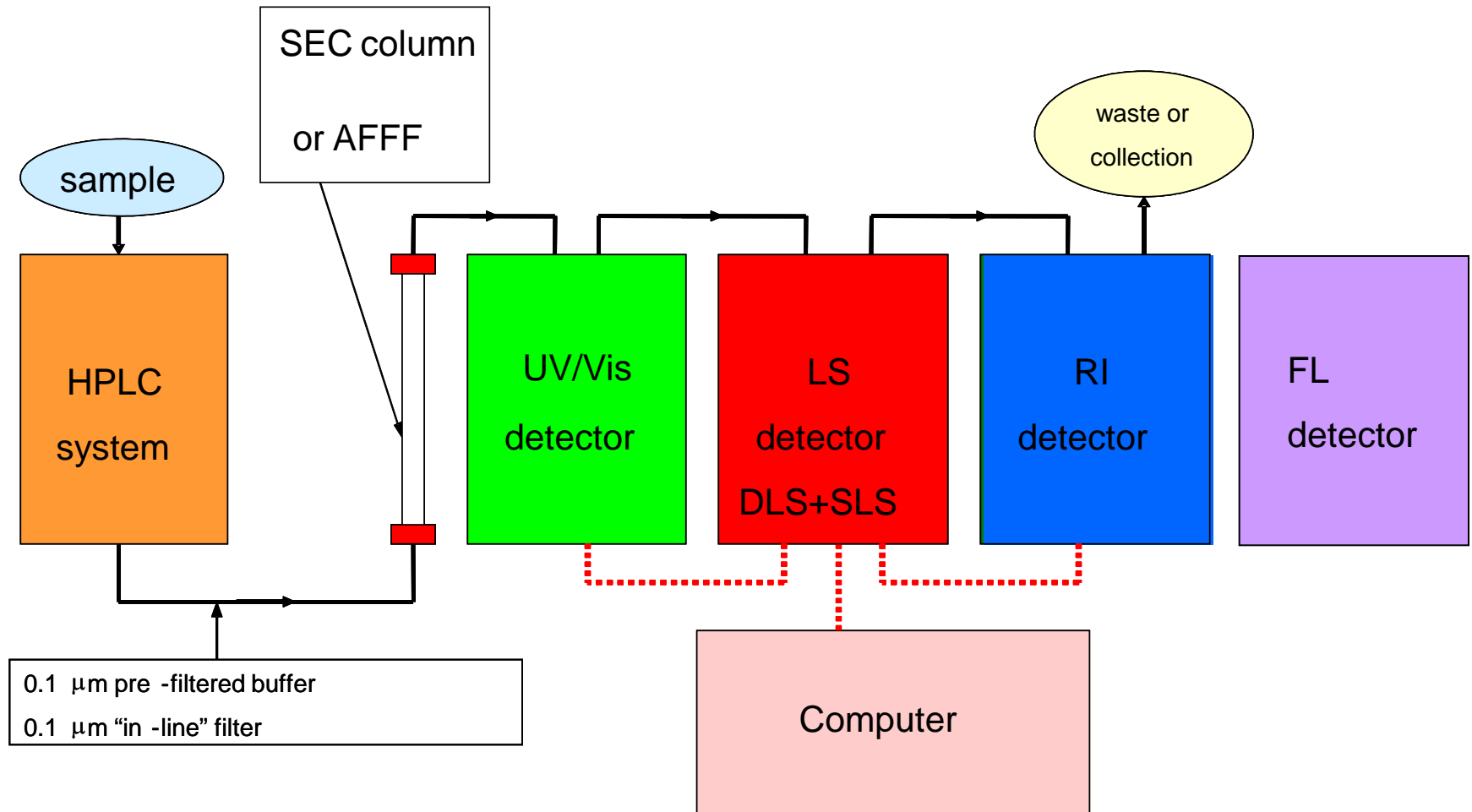
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Typical SEC(AFFF); MALLS system



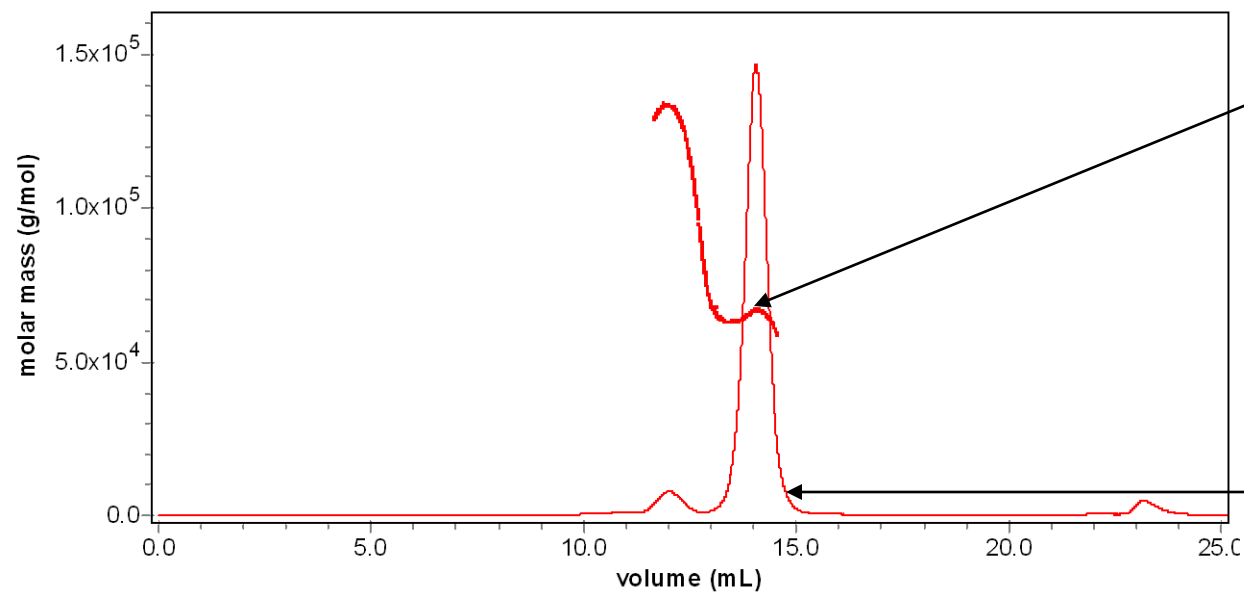
SEC/LS results: Molar Mass Distribution Plot

BSA

Monomer: 66 kDa

molar mass vs. volume

BSA_S200_110708a_P_N



Weight-average molar mass
Measured every 2 μ l

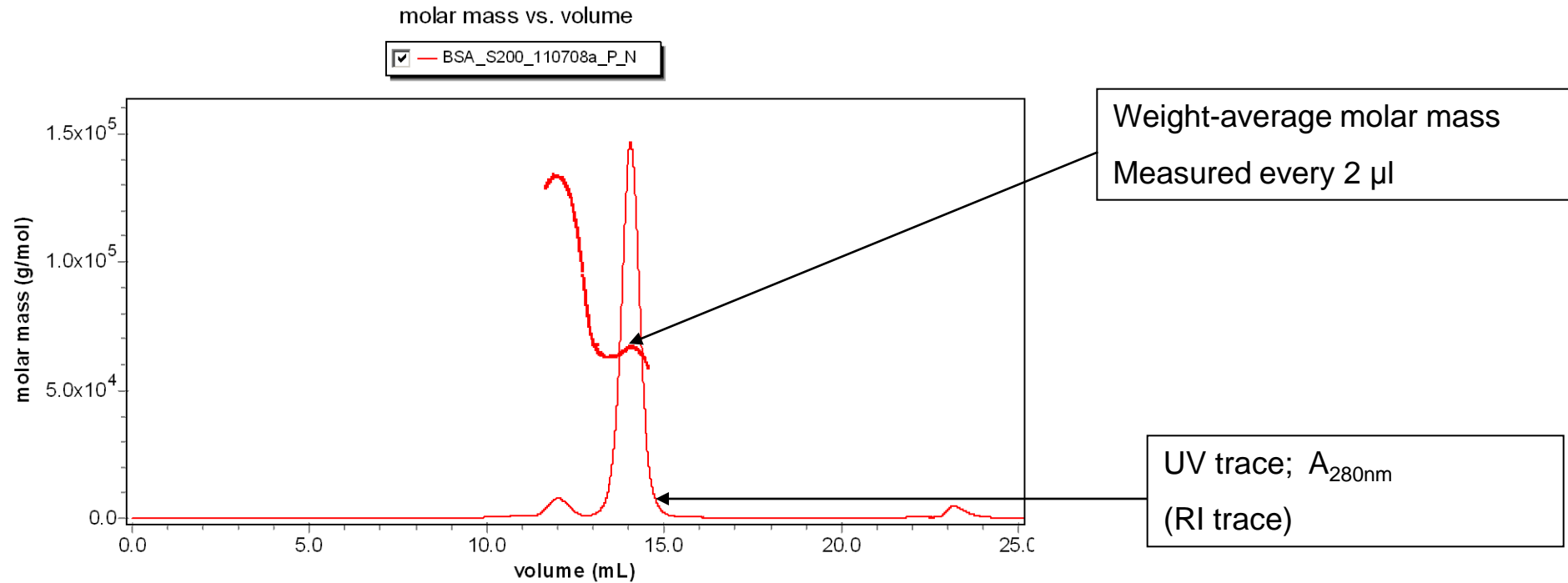
UV trace; $A_{280\text{nm}}$
(RI trace)

Is that ALL?

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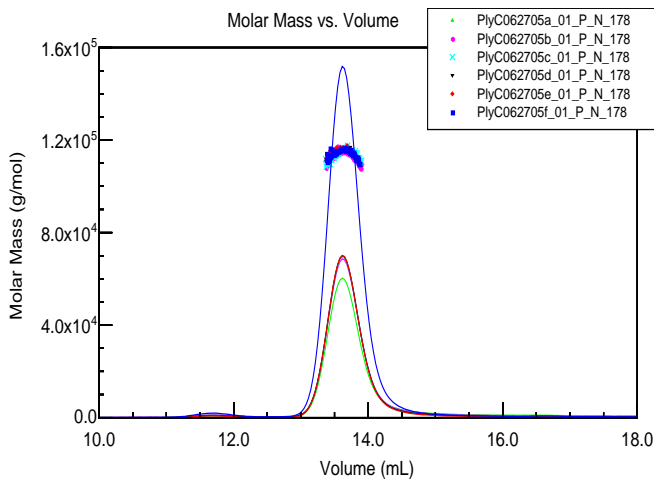
The streptococcal C1 bacteriophage lysin, PlyC,
Holoenzyme is a multimeric protein:

50.3 kDa, “catalytic” subunit

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8.0 kDa, “binding” subunit

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SEC/LS MW= 114.0 0.4 kDa

PlyC 1 big+8 small predicted MW = 114.3 kDa

SEC/LS accuracy ~3 % , i.e. ~ 3kDa for PlyC

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“on-line” determination of extinction coefficient ^a from UV/RI ratio

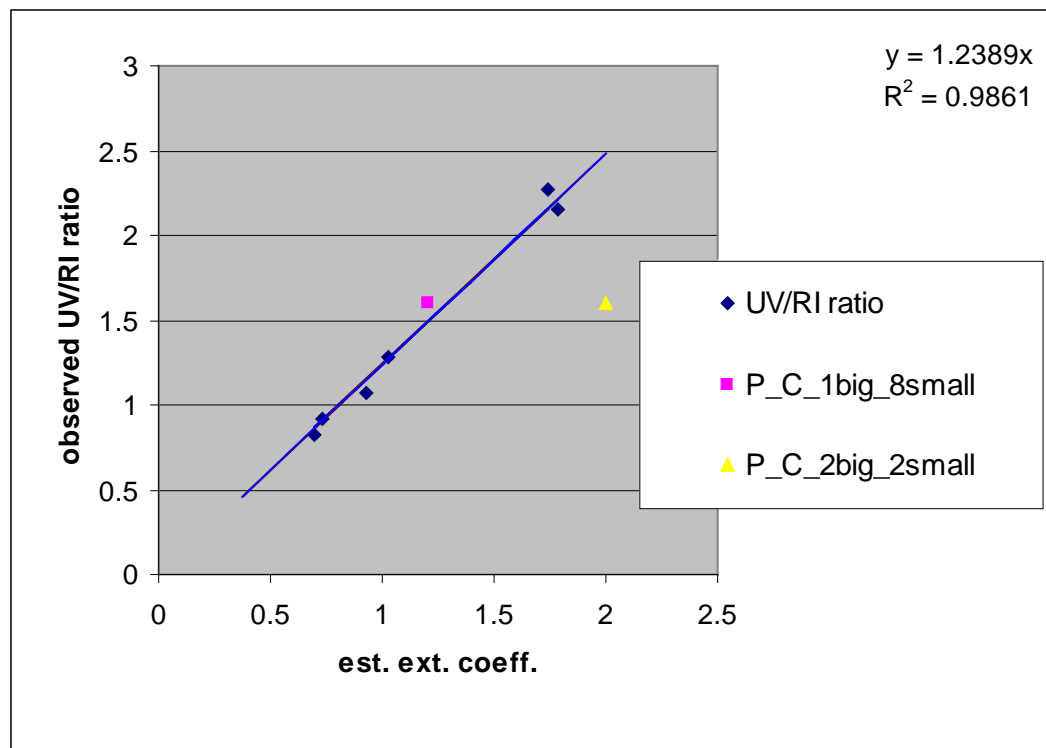


Evaluated models:

1 big+8 small MW= PlyC model (1+8)

2 big+2 small MW= PlyC_bis model (2+2)

Octameric PlyCB. The eight PlyCB subunits arranged in a ring as observed in the crystal structure of PlyC.



Protein	Ext. coeff. Est.	UV/RI ratio		residual ^2
		observed	computed	
Apo	1.026	1.279	1.271	0.000
BAM	1.788	2.147	2.215	0.005
BSA	0.700	0.821	0.867	0.002
CA	1.737	2.273	2.152	0.015
OVA	0.730	0.919	0.904	0.000
Ti	0.928	1.070	1.150	0.006
PlyC (1+8)	1.204	1.600	1.491	0.012
PlyC_bis (2+2)	2.000	1.600	2.478	0.770

^a Philo J S, Aoki K. H., Arakawa T., Narhi L. O., and Wen J. (1996) Dimerization of the Extracellular Domain of the Erythropoietin (EPO) Receptor by EPO: One High-Affinity and One Low-Affinity Interaction. *Biochemistry* **35**: 1681-1691

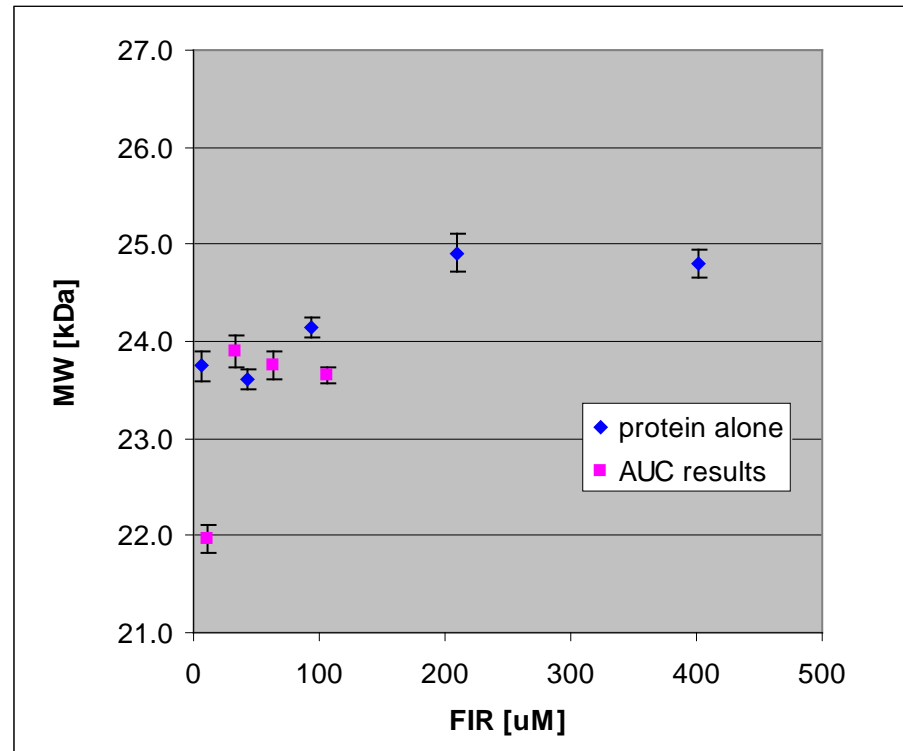
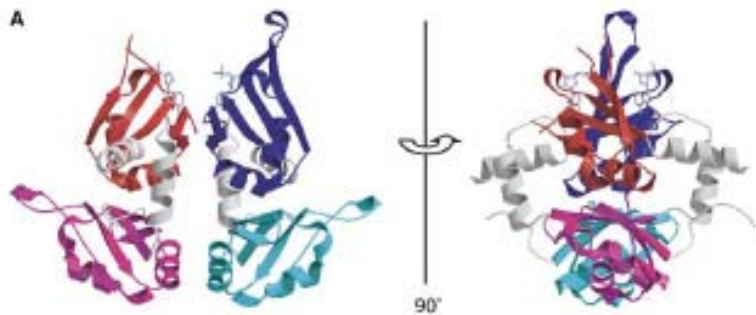
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Dimerization of FIR

FIR: human *c-myc* FarUpStream Element (FUSE) Binding Protein (FBP) Interacting Repressor (FIR)

FIR protein fragment: first two RRM domains

FIR: 23.4 kDa monomer; seen as a dimer in the X-ray structure

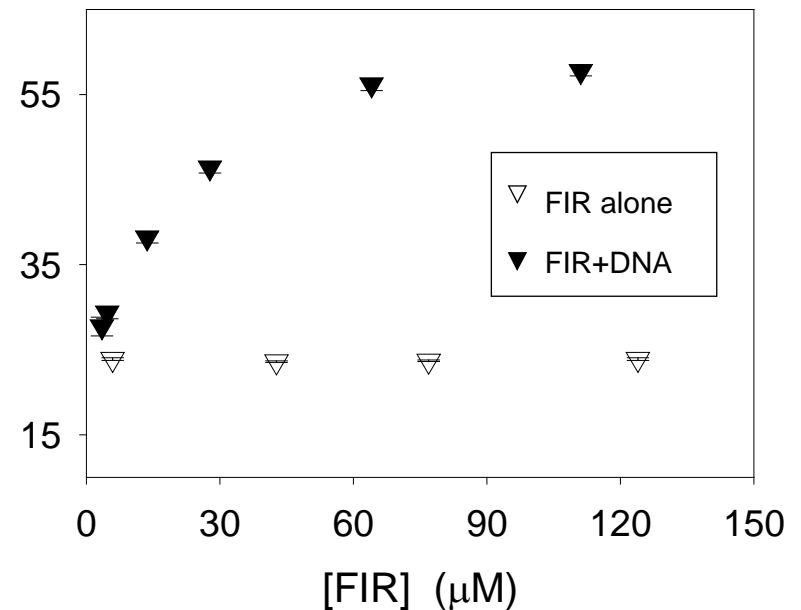
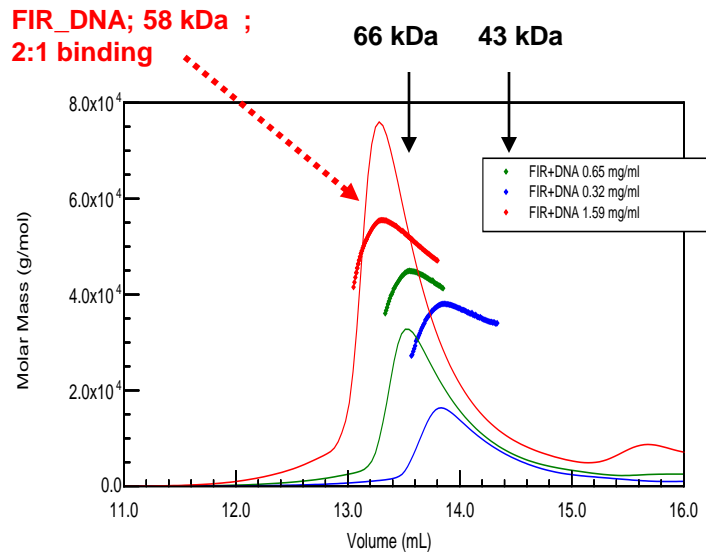


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ssDNA fragment upstream of the P1 promoter, known as FUSE; 8 kDa

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FIR-DNA complexes	MW (kDa)
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Observed MW	57.7

Concentration dependent measurements reveal that in solution the dimerization is driven by DNA binding

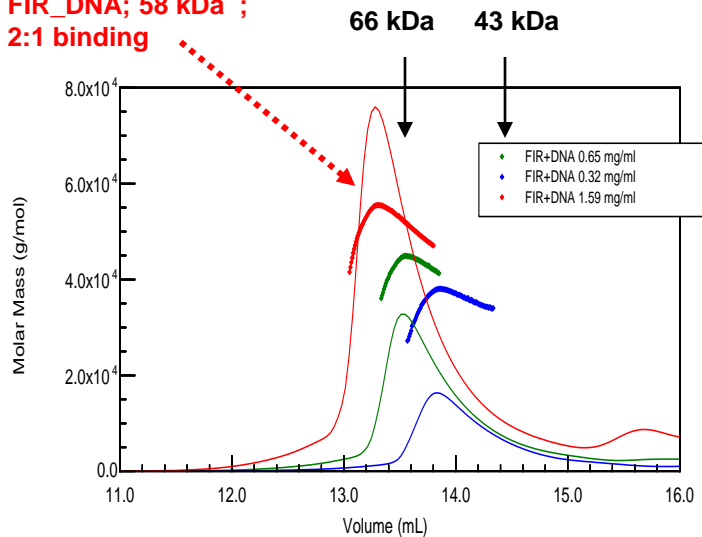
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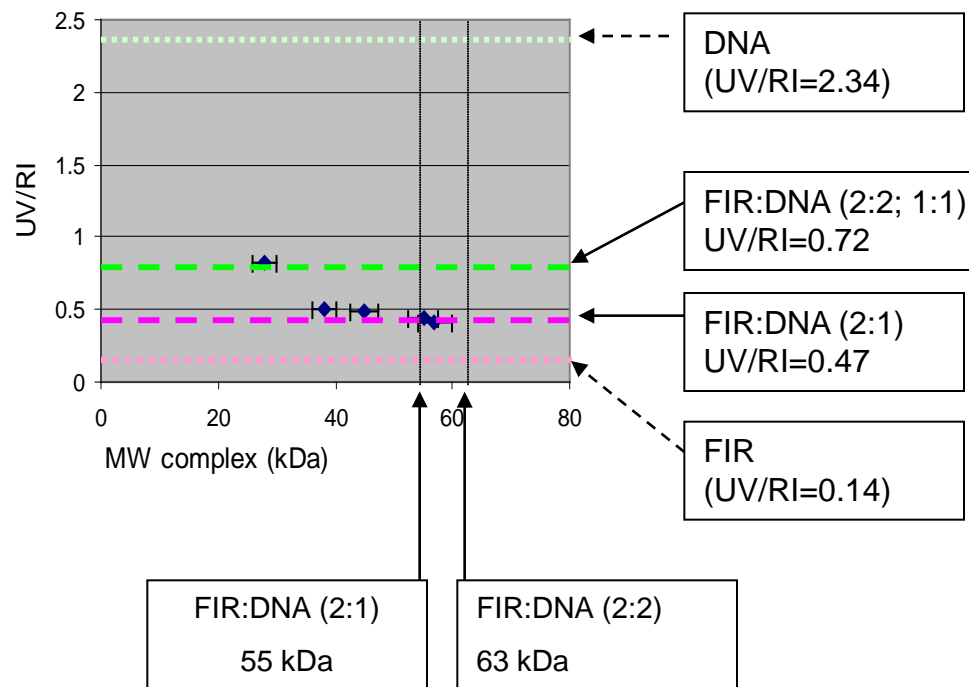
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**FIR-DNA; 58 kDa ;
2:1 binding**



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complex stoichiometry from UV/RI measurements

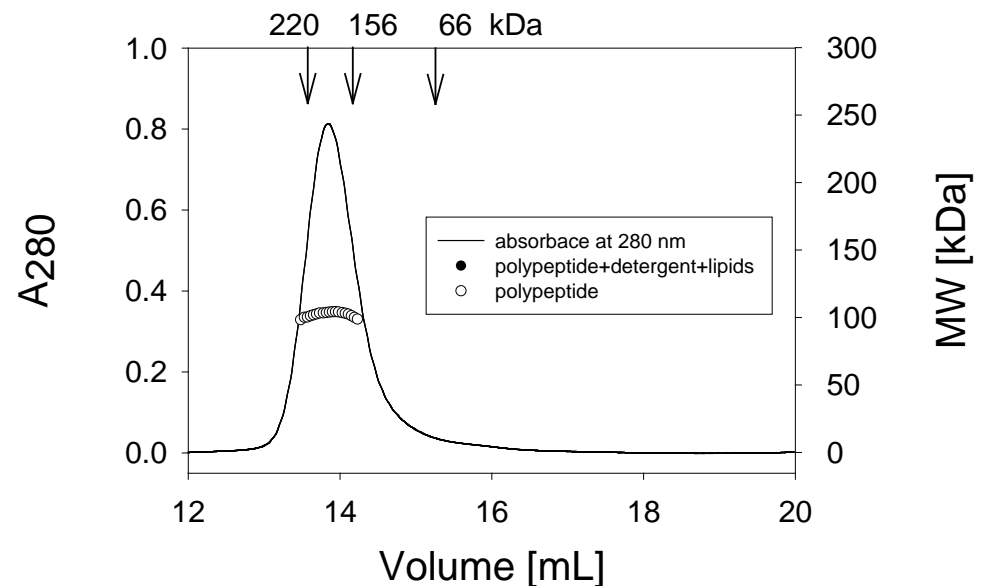


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KtrAB ion transporter:

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KtrB: integral membrane protein isolated in the presence of detergent (DDM) as a polypeptide:detergent(lipid) complex



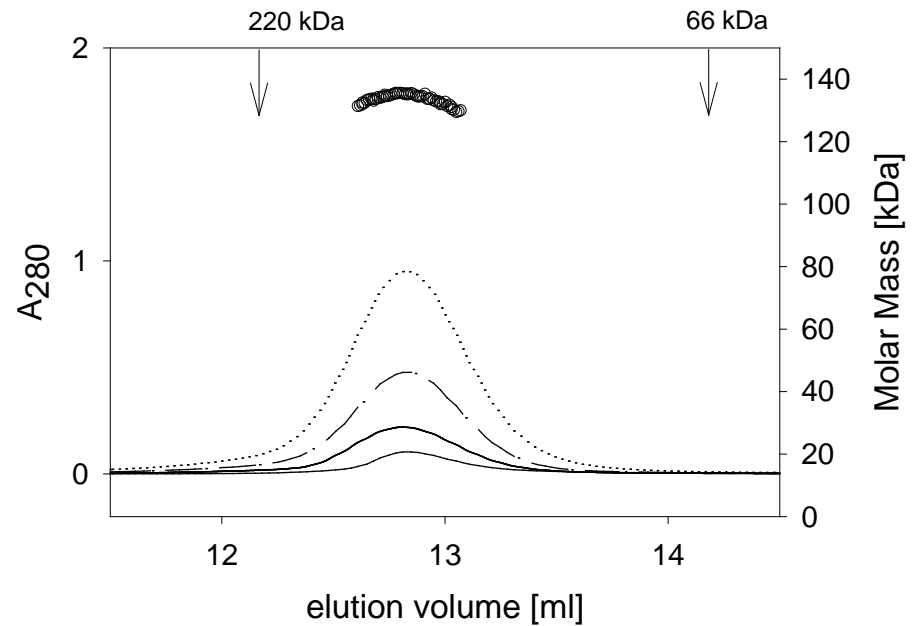
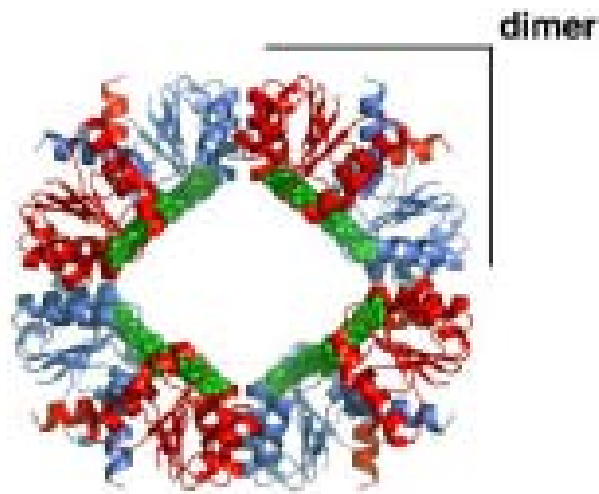
Protein	Polypeptide [kDa]	Oligomeric state	Full complex [kDa]	Grams of detergent/lipids per gram of polypeptide
KtrB (monomer 49kDa)	98	dimer	238	1.4

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KtrA RCK domain : basic assembly dimer, higher order oligomers: tetramer or octamer



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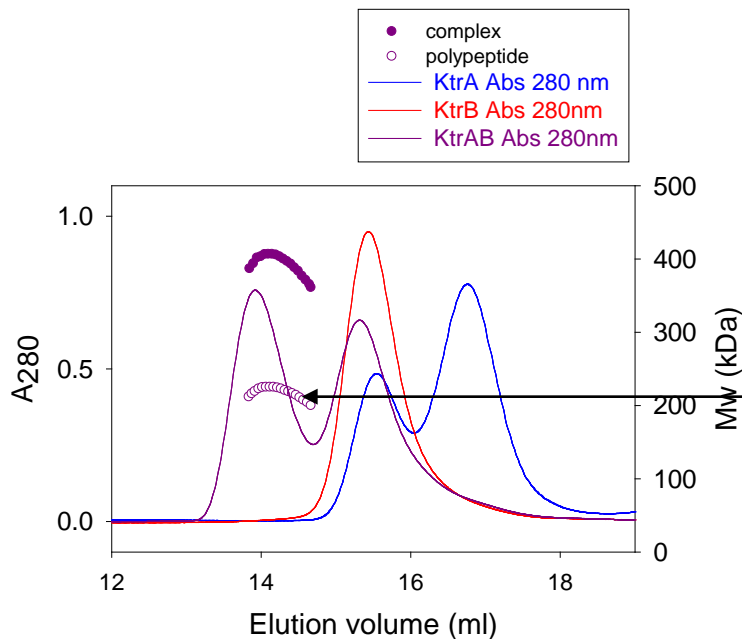
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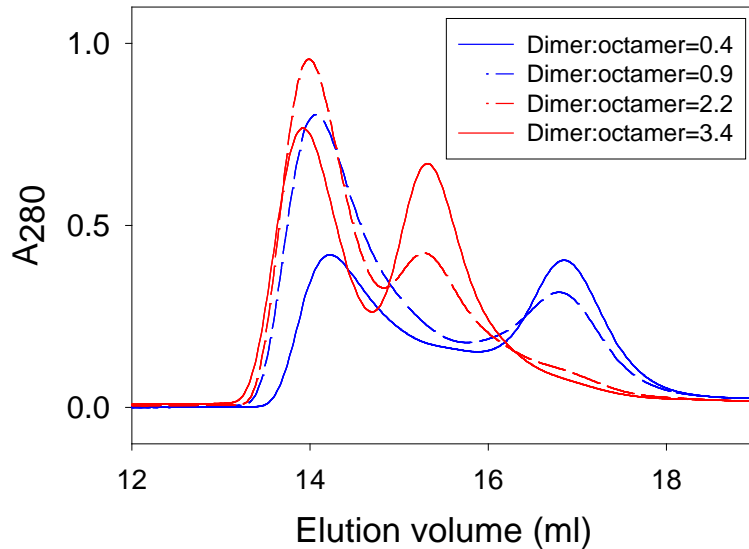
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Buffer: 25 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 1 mM NADH, 1 mM DDM

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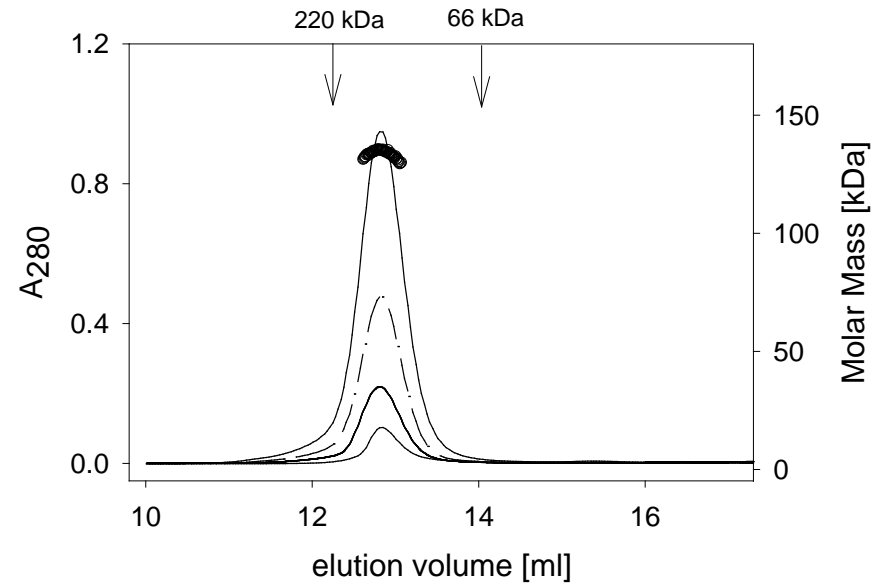
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dimer:octamer KtrB:KtrA	complex	Elution volume (ml)	Total mass of complex (kDa)	Poly- peptide (kDa)	lipids (kDa)
0.4	8:2	14.23	486	228	256
0.9	8:2	14.05	521	240	281
2.2	8:4	13.99	552	302	261
3.7	8:4	13.91	560	299	251

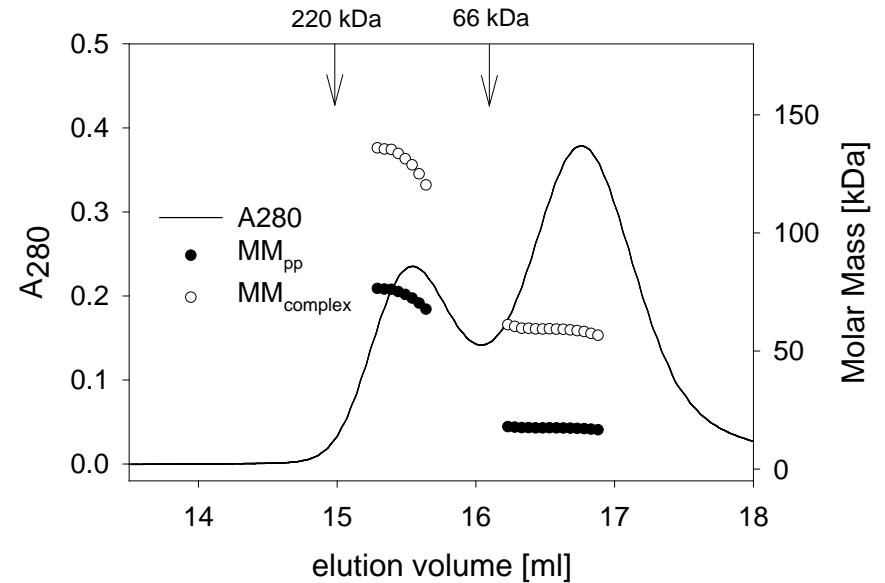
dimer:octamer KtrB:KtrA	Excess KtrB dimer?	Elution volume (ml)	8:2 model (228 kDa)		correct model ?	8:4 model (325 kDa)		correct model ?
			computed MW for complex (kDa)	difference from model (kDa)		computed MW for complex (kDa)	difference from model (kDa)	
0.4		14.23	228	0	Yes	250	-75	
0.9		14.05	240	12	Yes	264	-61	
2.2	Yes	13.99	274	46		302	-24	Yes
3.7	Yes	13.91	271	43		299	-27	Yes

Effects of detergent on oligomeric state of KtrA RCK domain

KtrA RCK domain no detergent
(octamer)



KtrA RCK domain plus detergent
(tetramer and monomer) + micelle



Determination of dimerization constant from SEC-LS measurements

Input:

- SEC/LS analyses at several eluting concentrations

Results:

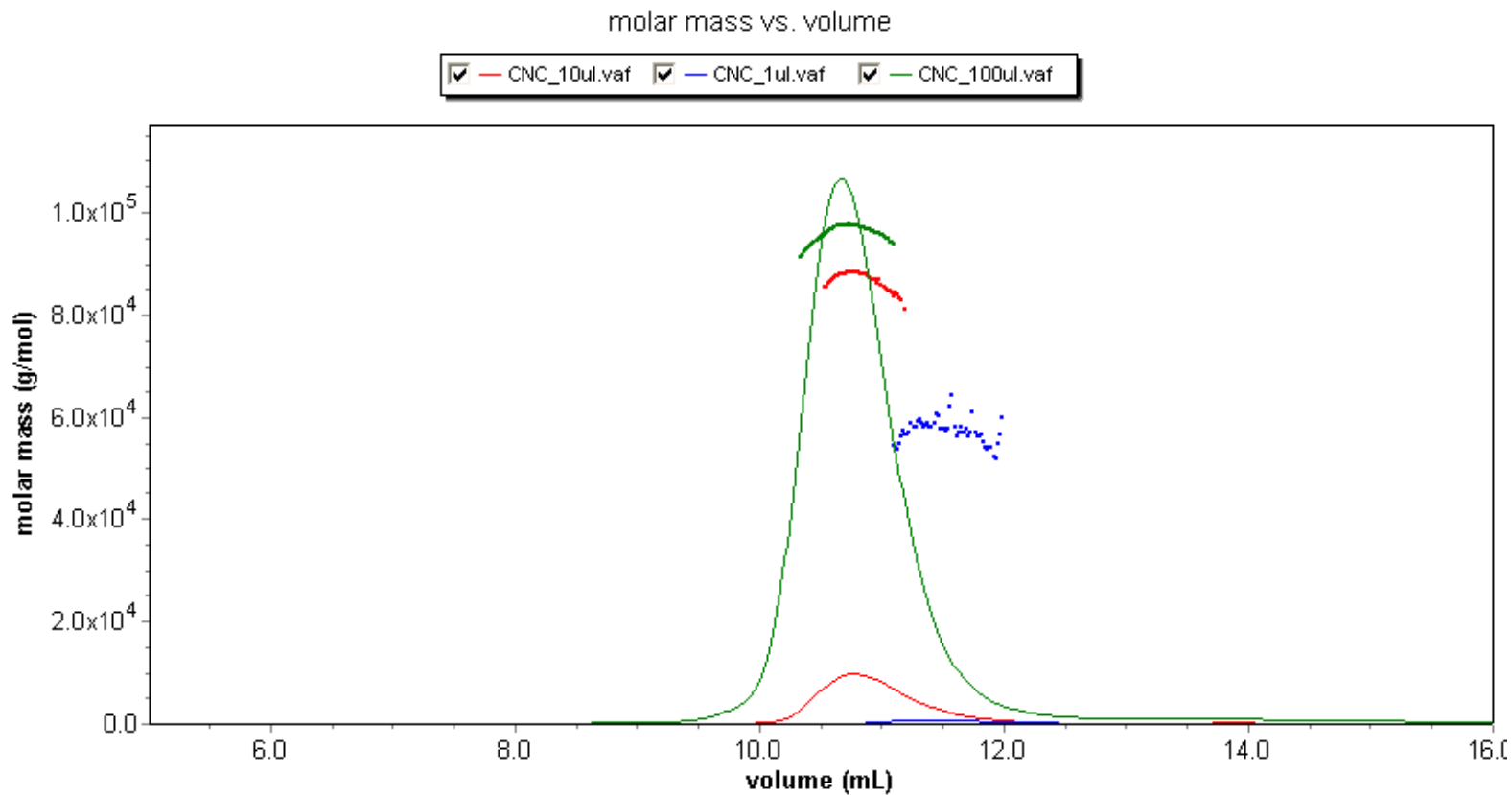
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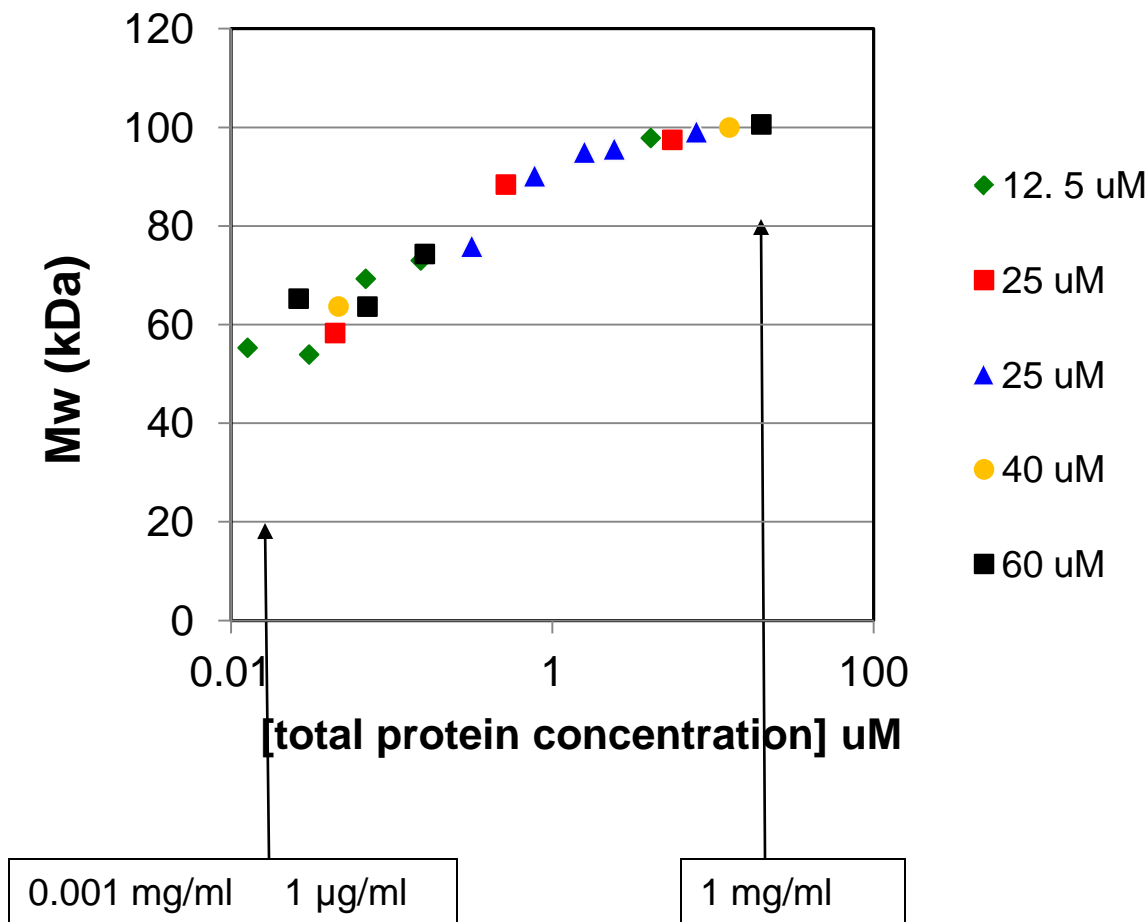


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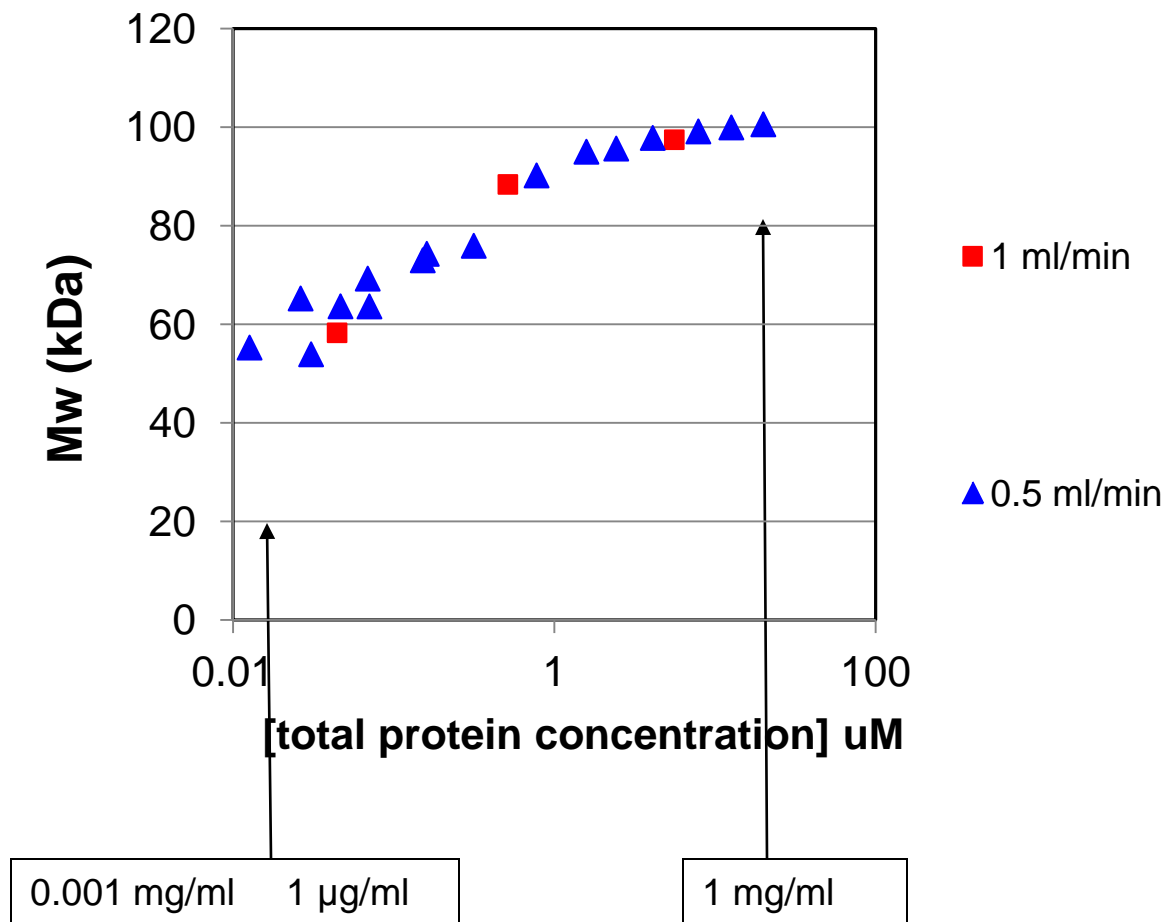


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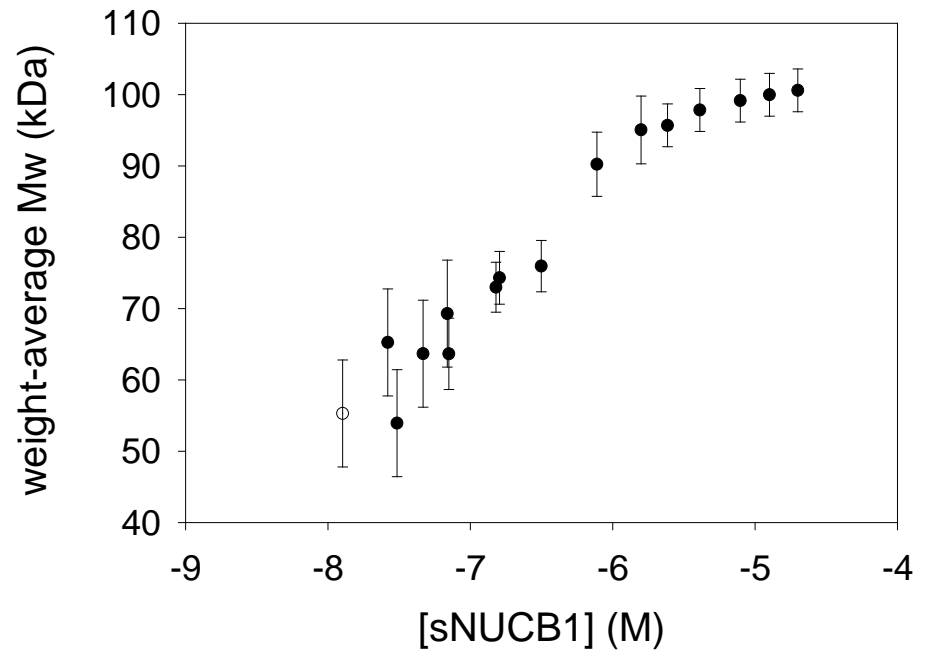
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1.52E-07	73
1.61E-07	74.32
4.10E-06	97.84
7.88E-06	99.16
1.26E-05	99.97
2.00E-05	100.6
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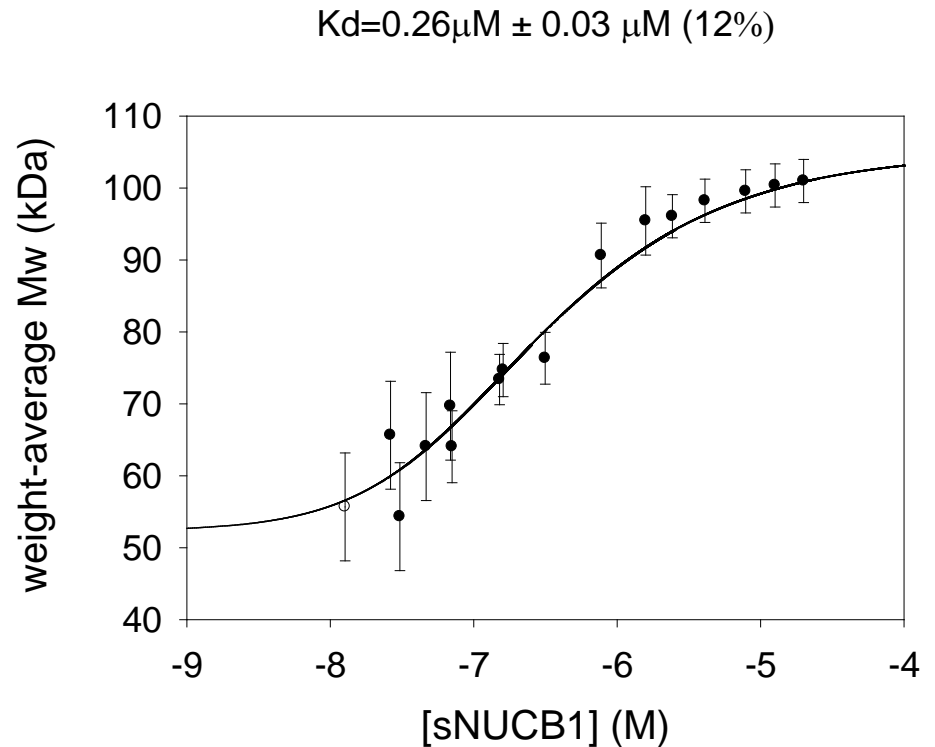
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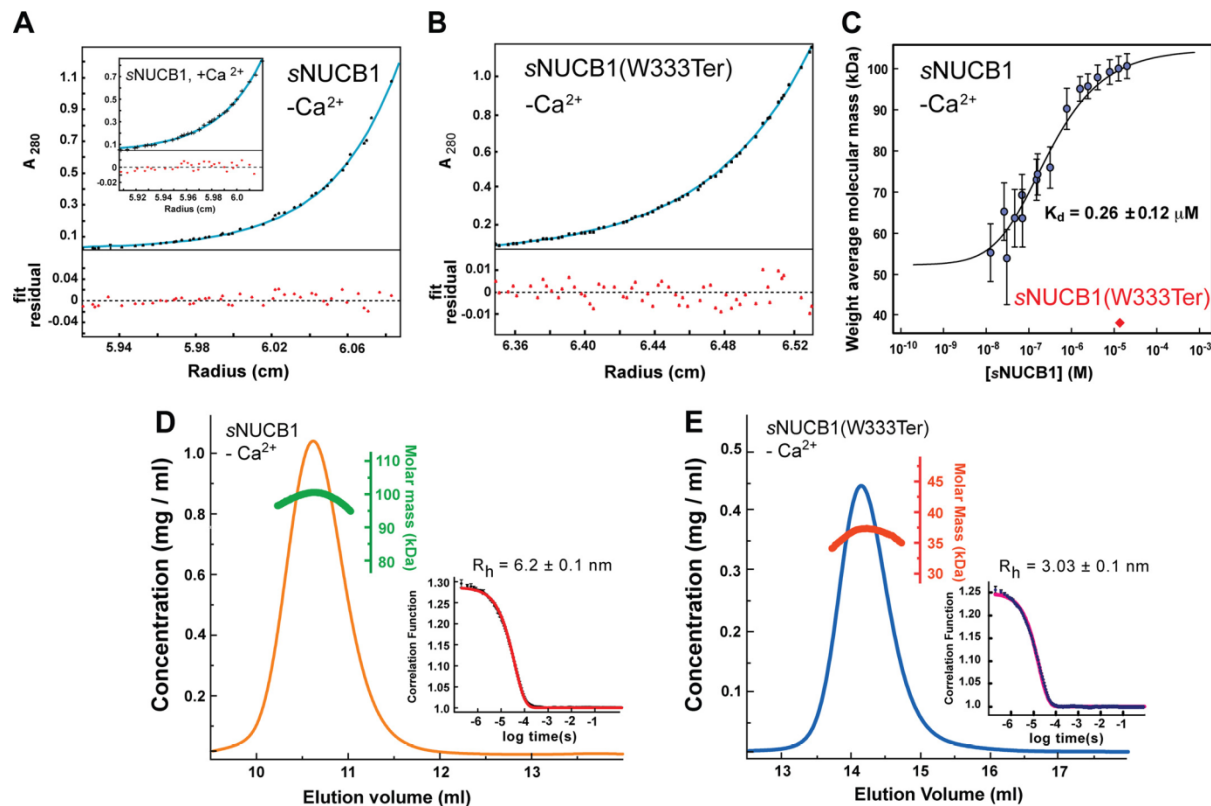
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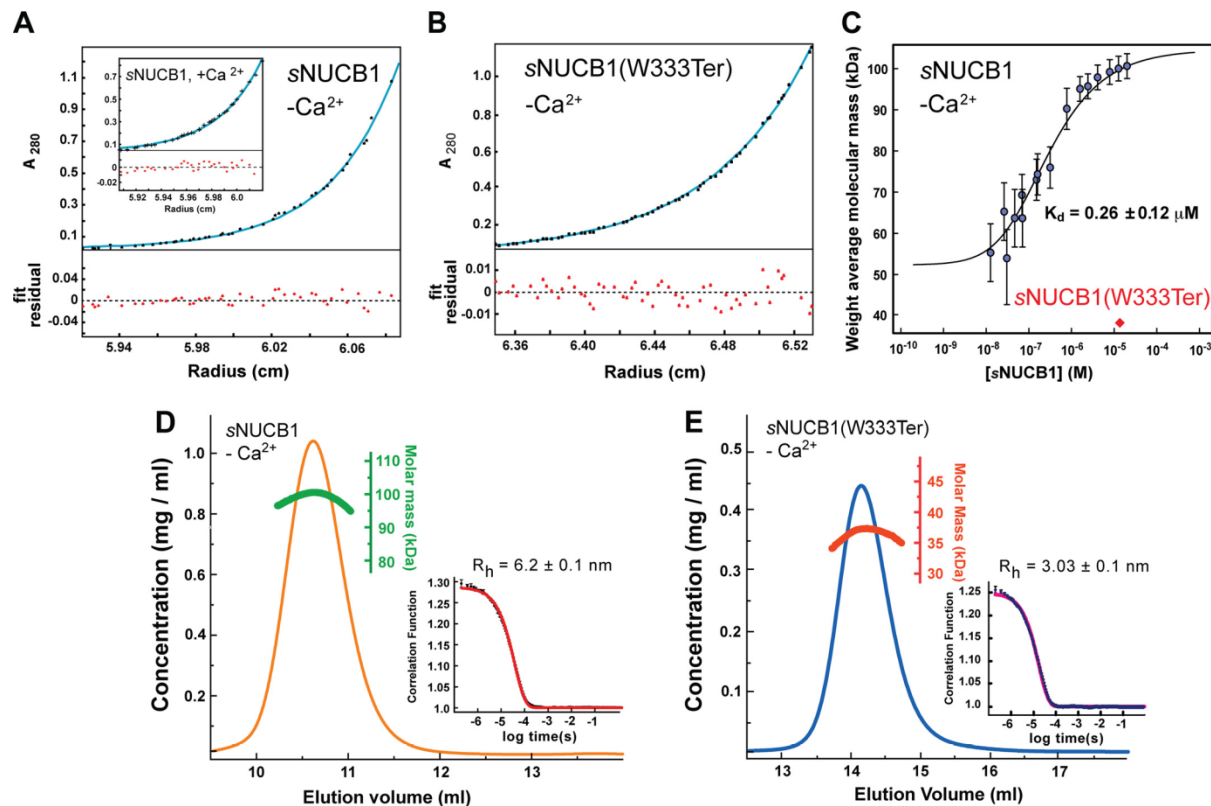




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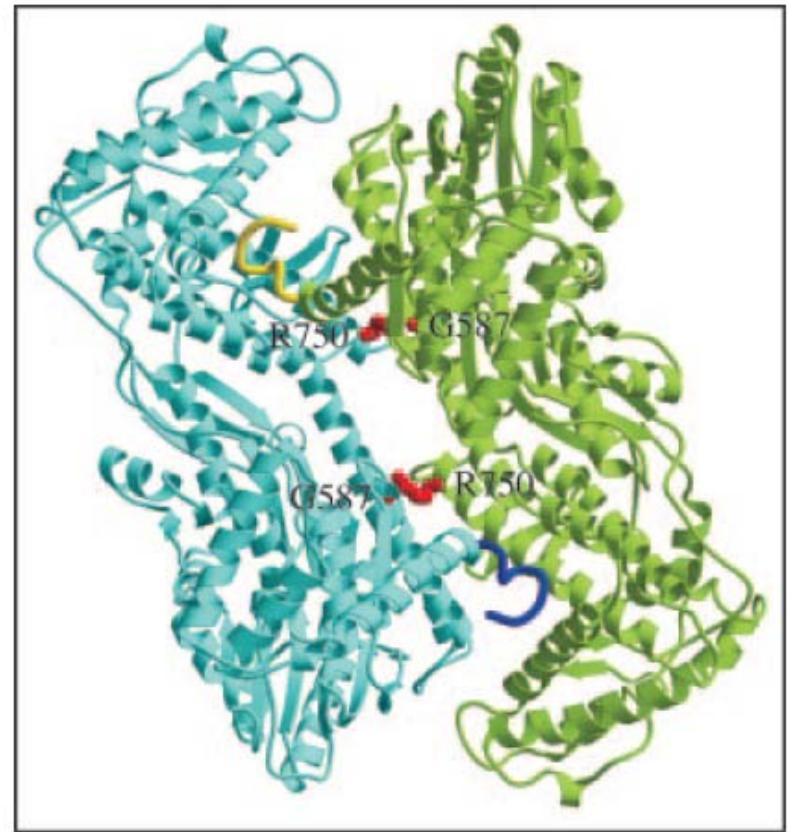
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Met Leu Ile Lys Leu Leu Thr Lys Val Phe Gly



The two subunits in the crystal structure of *B. subtilis* SecA
The first nine residues of each subunit are shown in yellow and blue^a.

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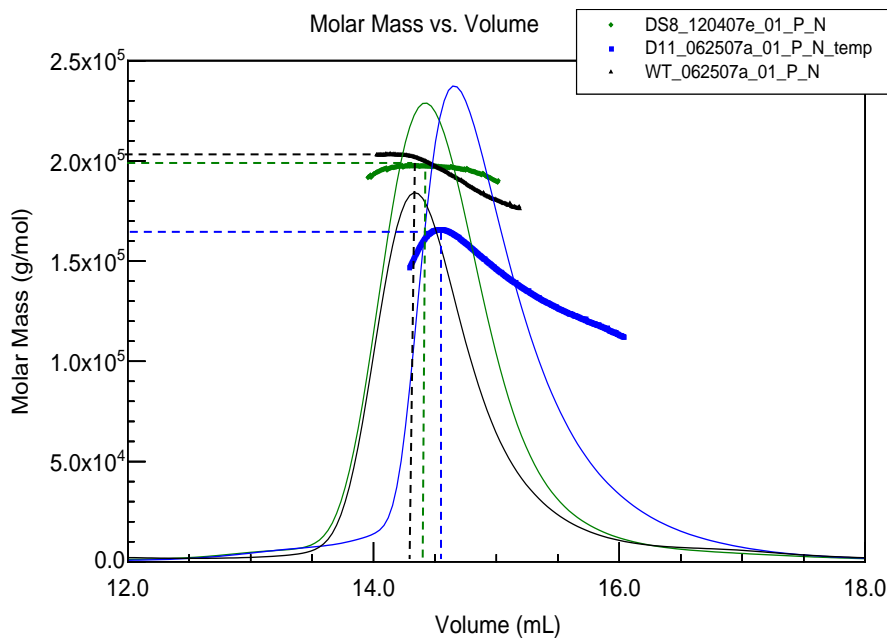
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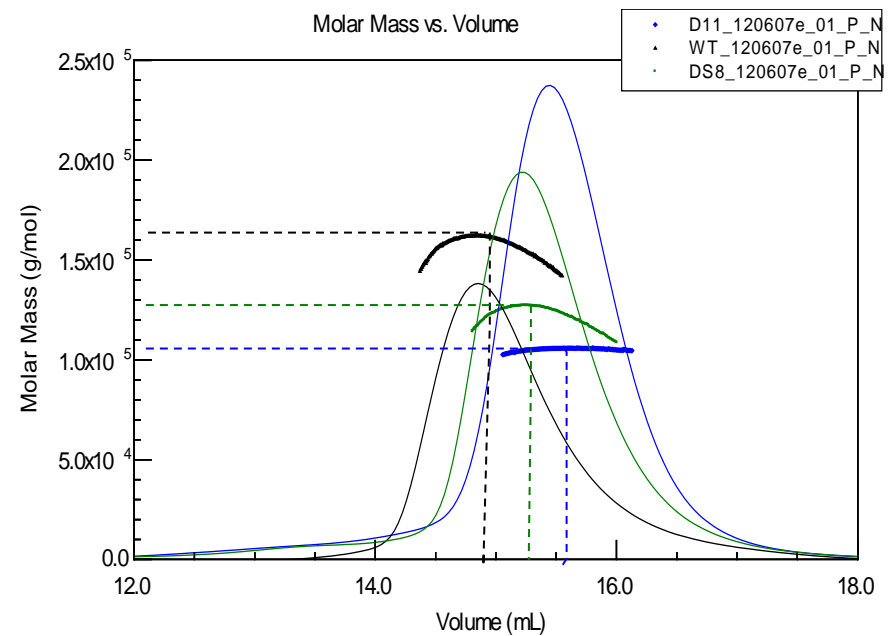
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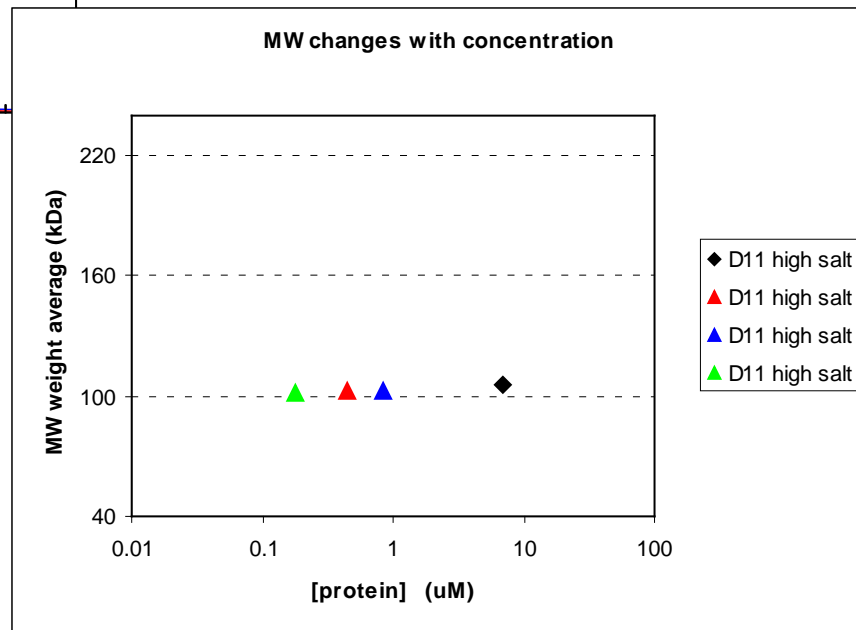
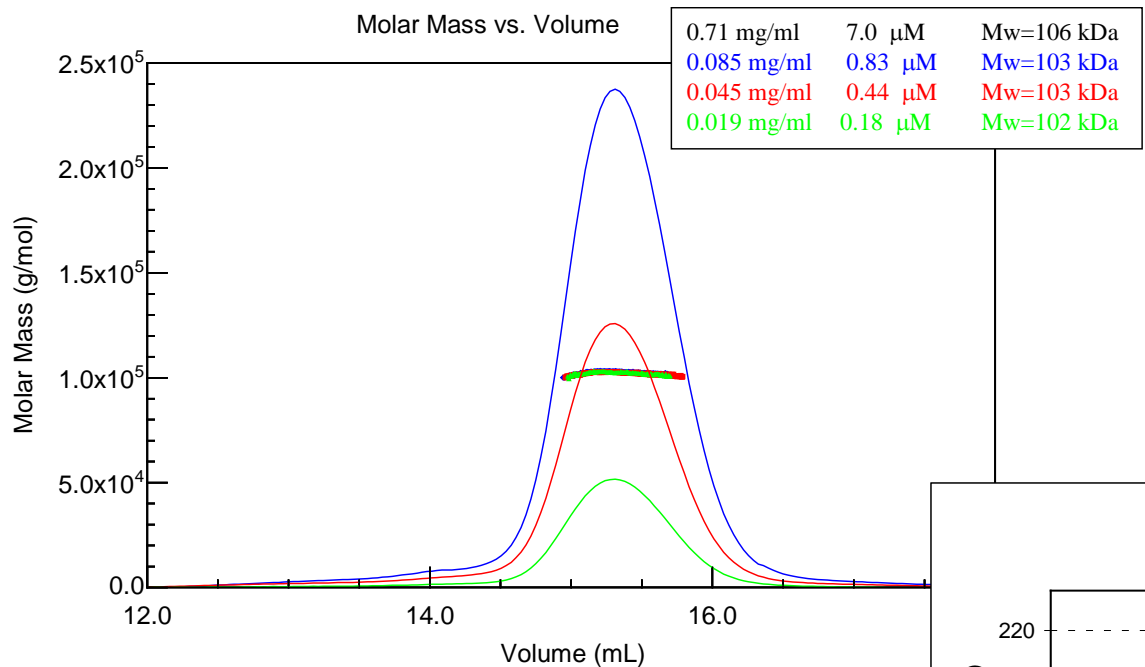


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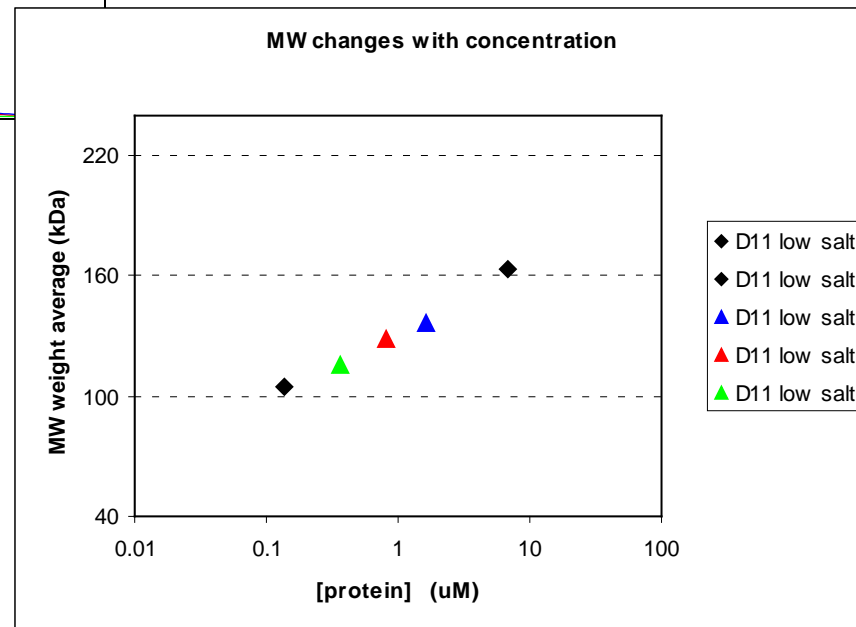
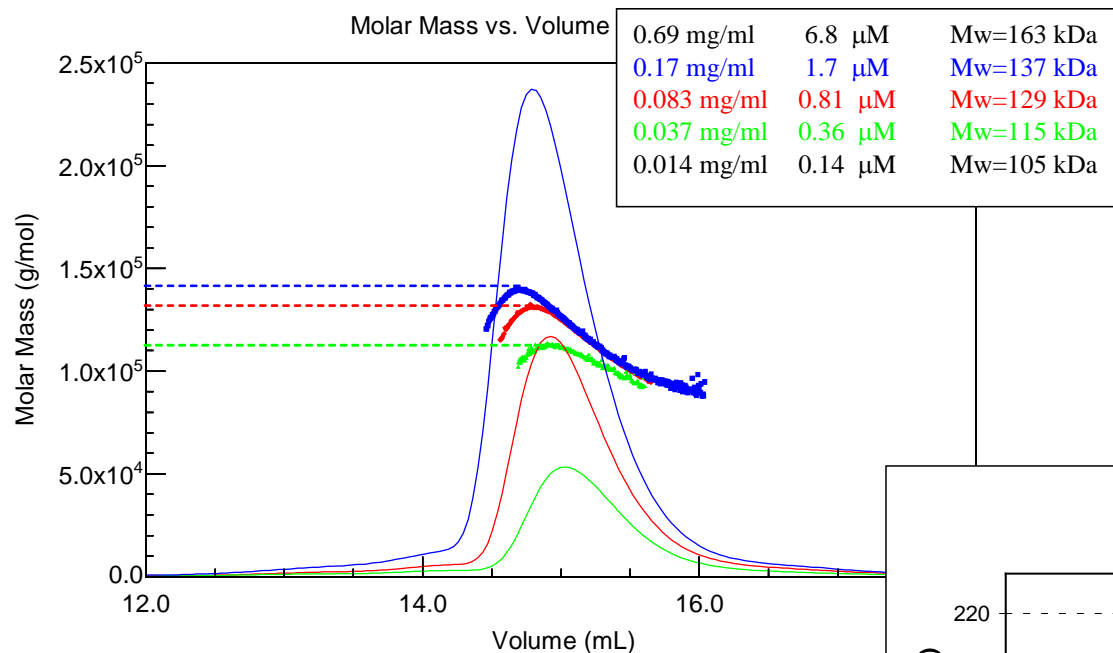


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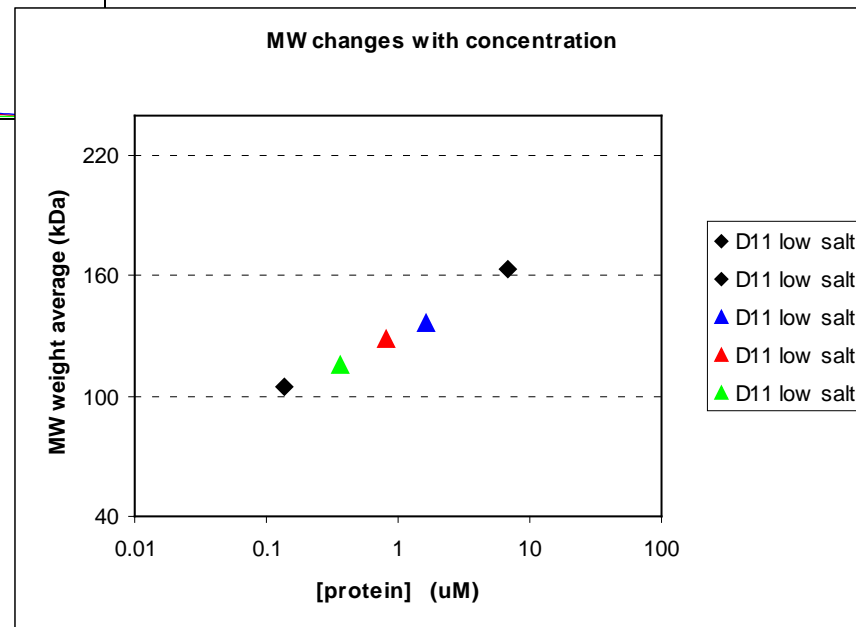
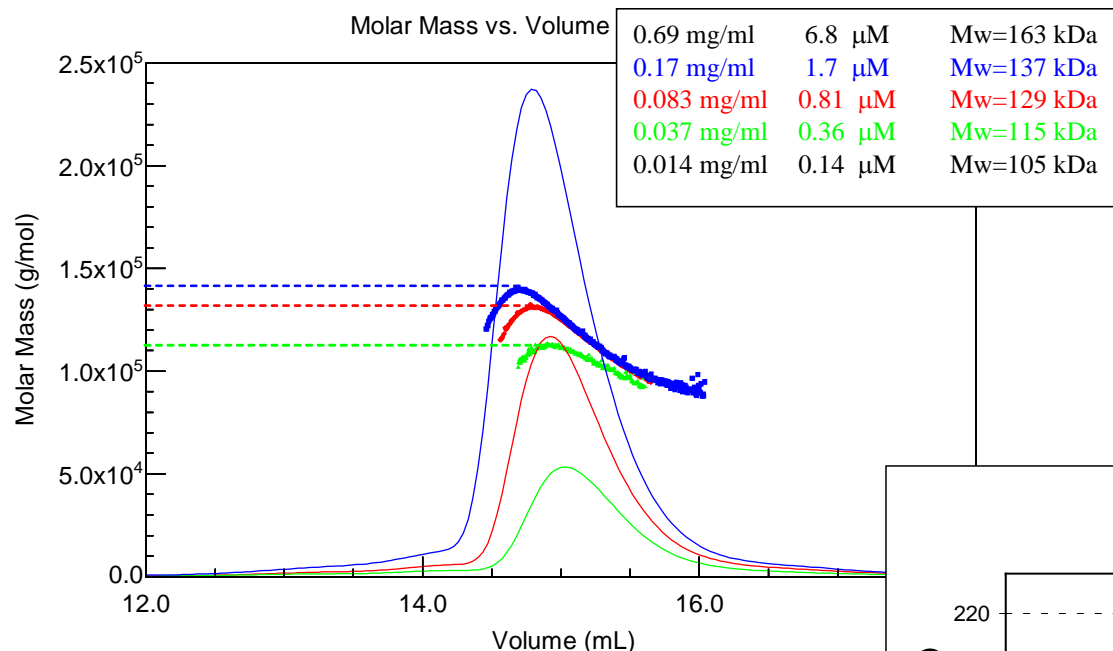
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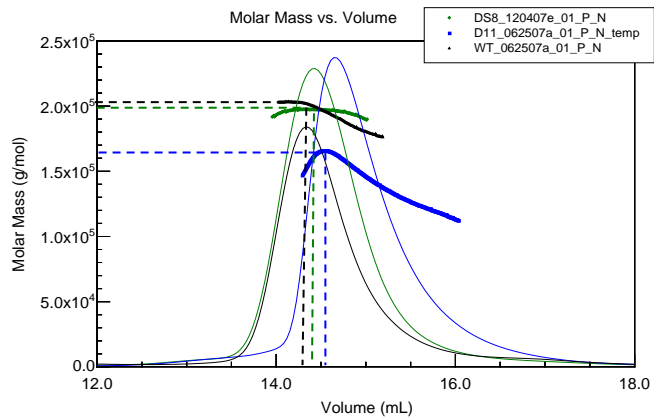
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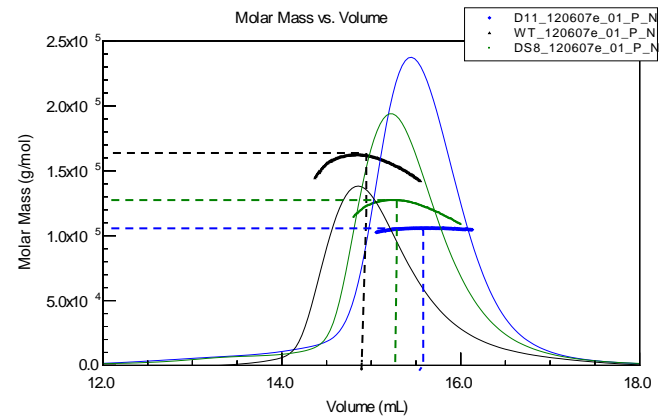
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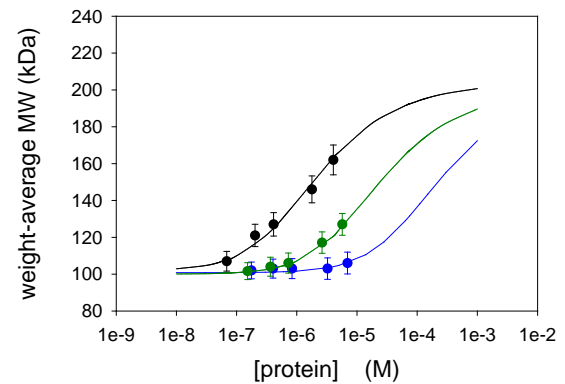
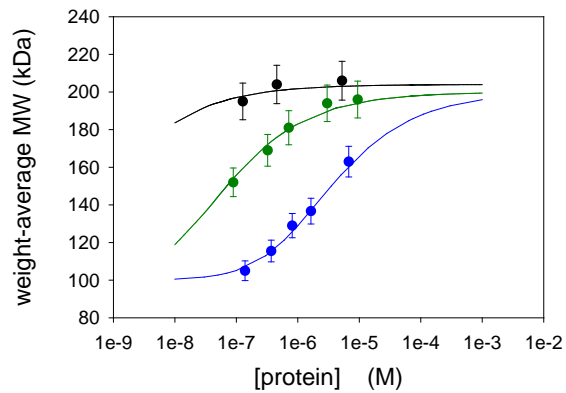


WT $K_d = <1e-9$
 DS8 $K_d = 7 \pm 1e-8$ M
 D11 $K_d = 3.5 \pm 0.2e-6$ M

High salt buffer: 300 mM KCl

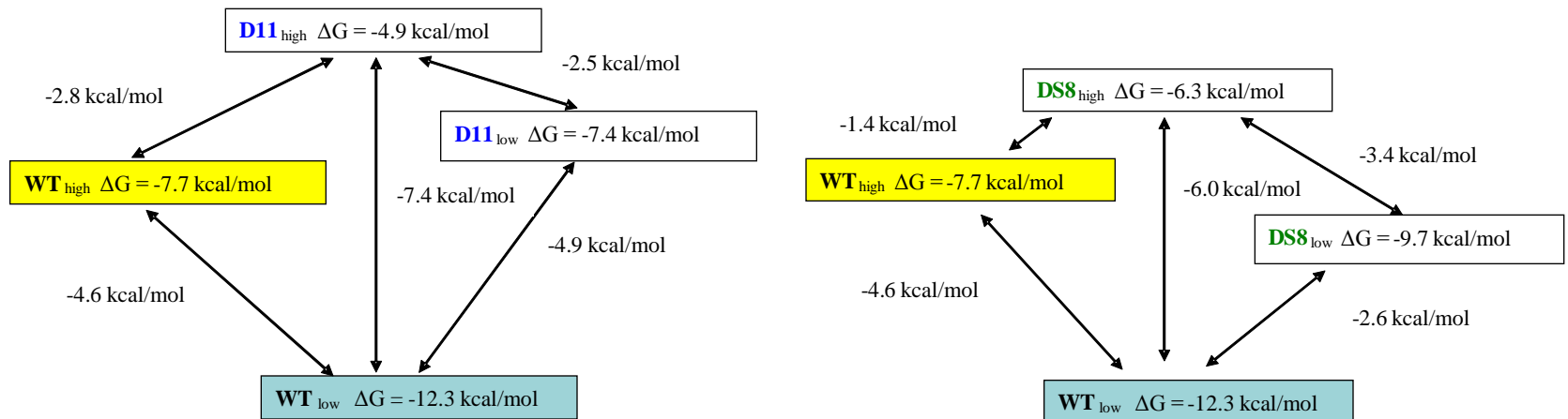


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 D11 $K_d > 2.4e-4$ M



Thermodynamic linkage for SecA dimerization from SEC/MALLS

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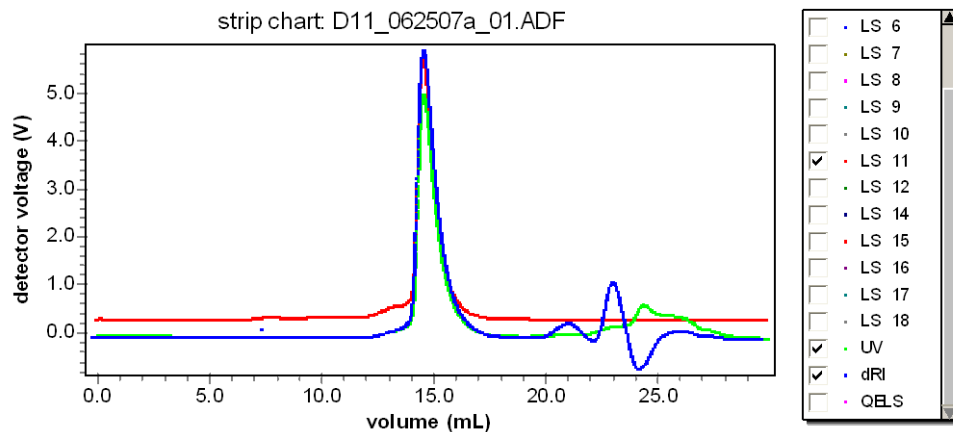
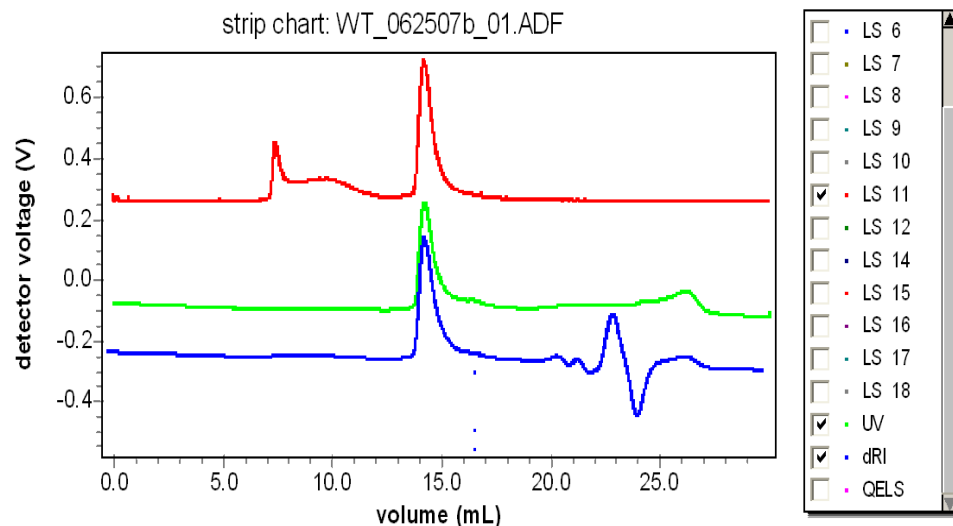
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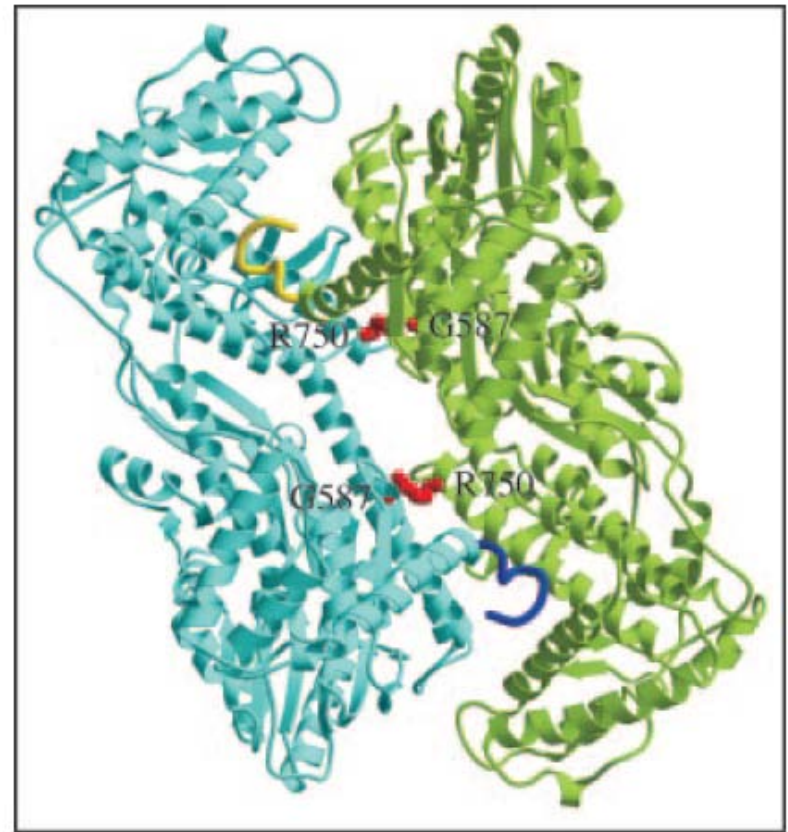
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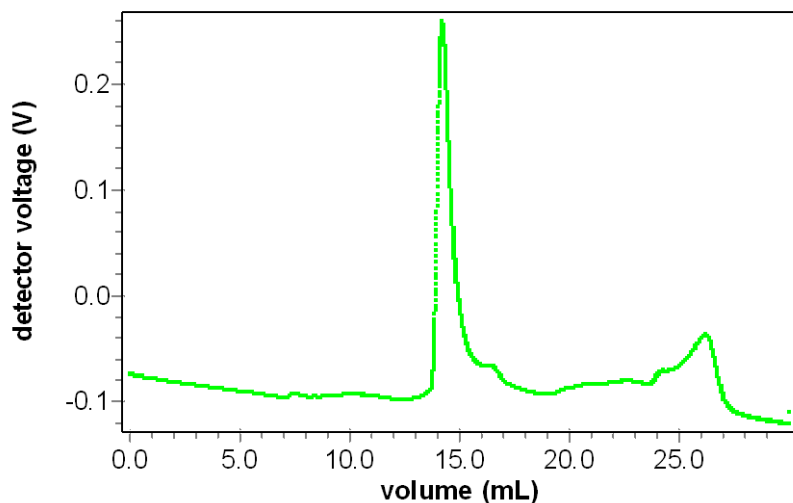
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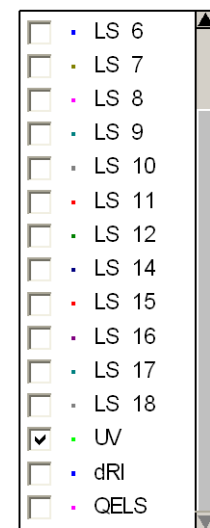
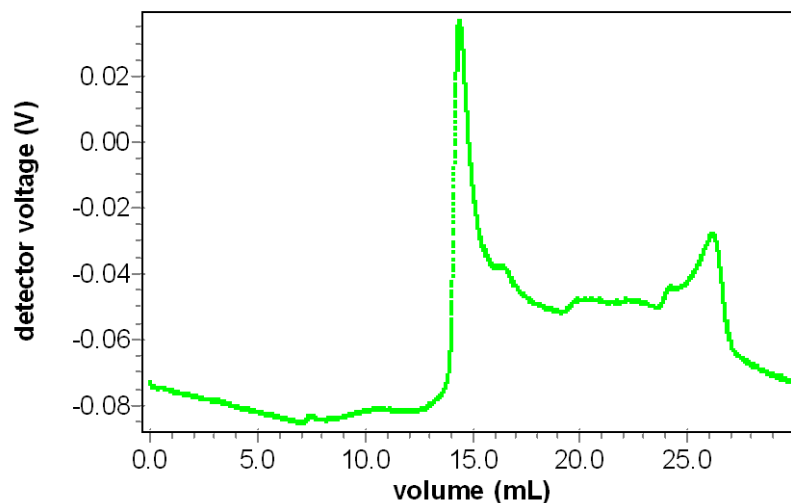
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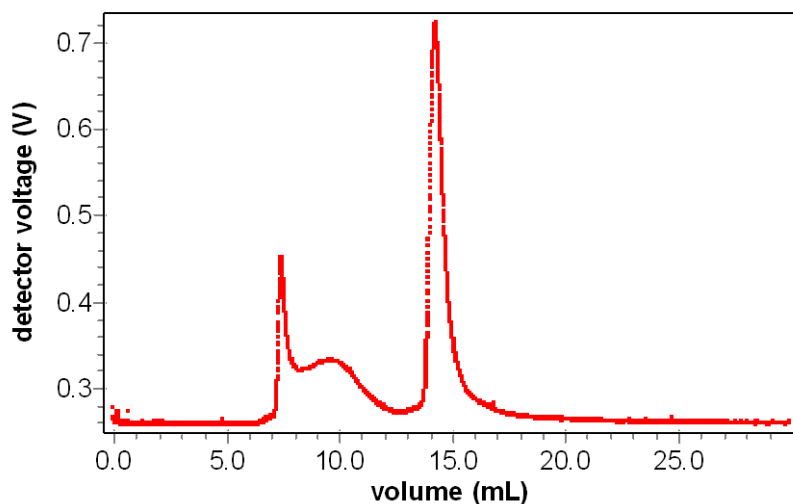
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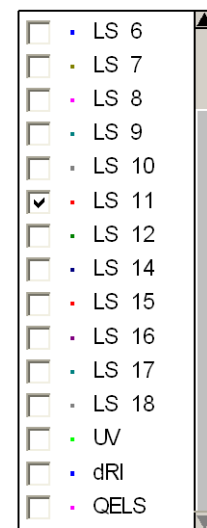
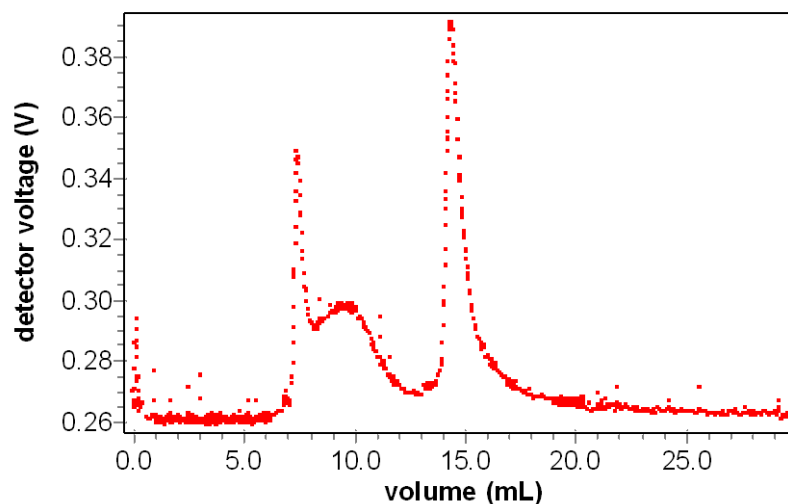
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mGluR LBD is a homodimer with a glutamate binding pocket in each subunit

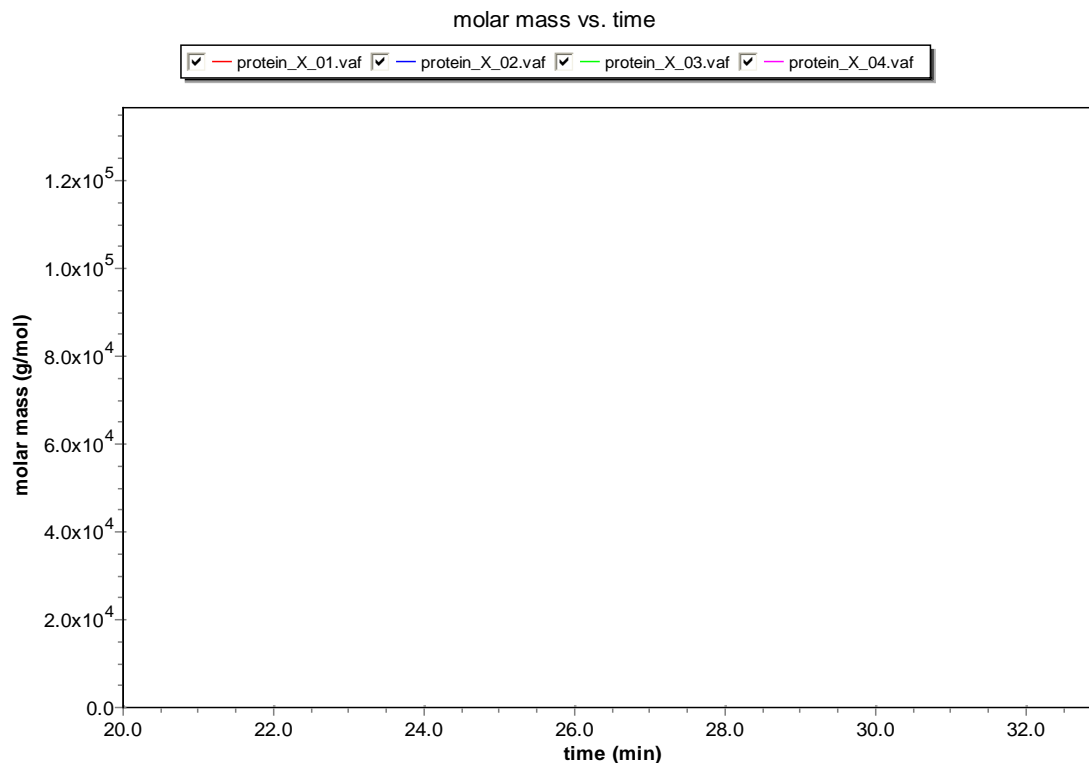
expressed in HEK293S cells; yields ~ 25 ug from a single preparation

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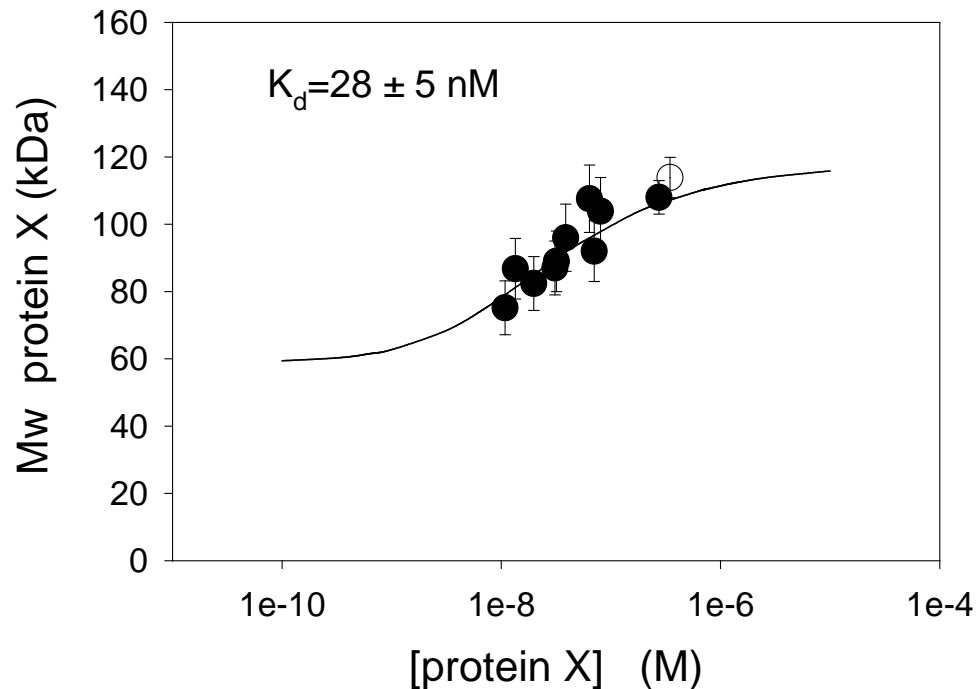
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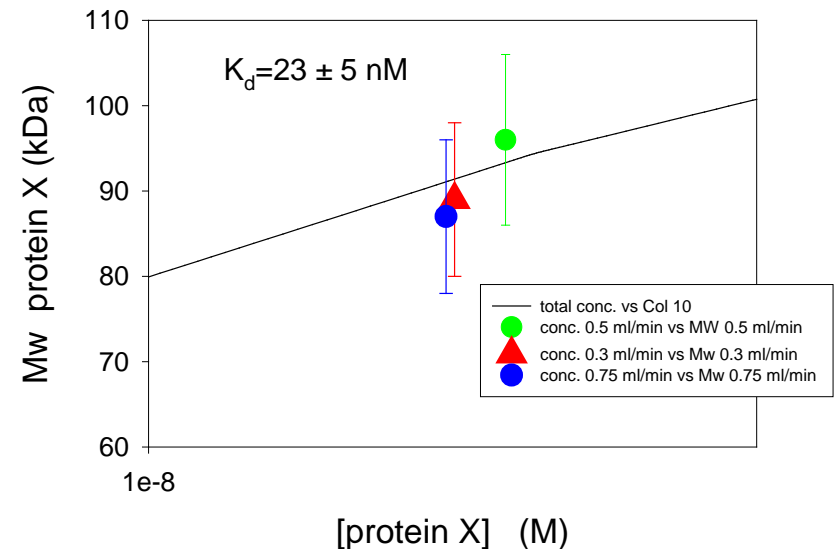
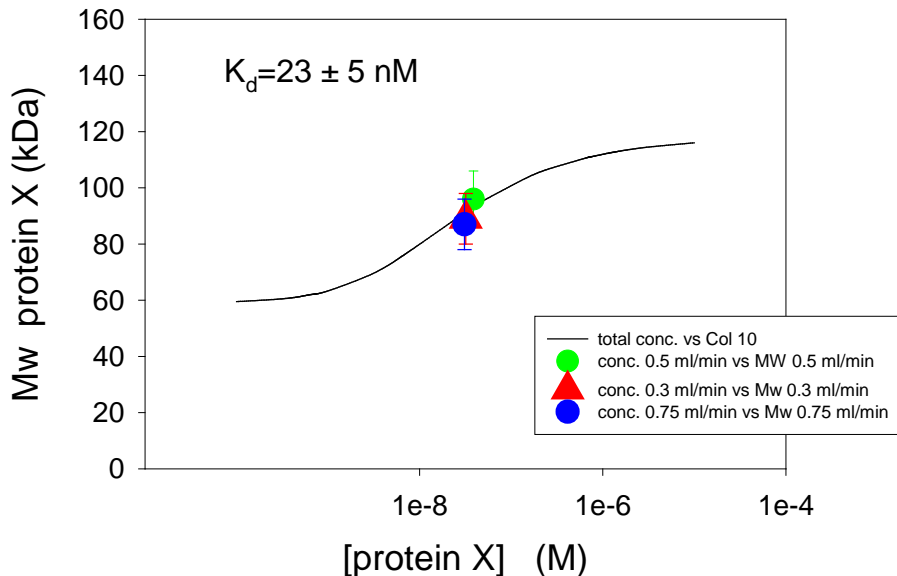
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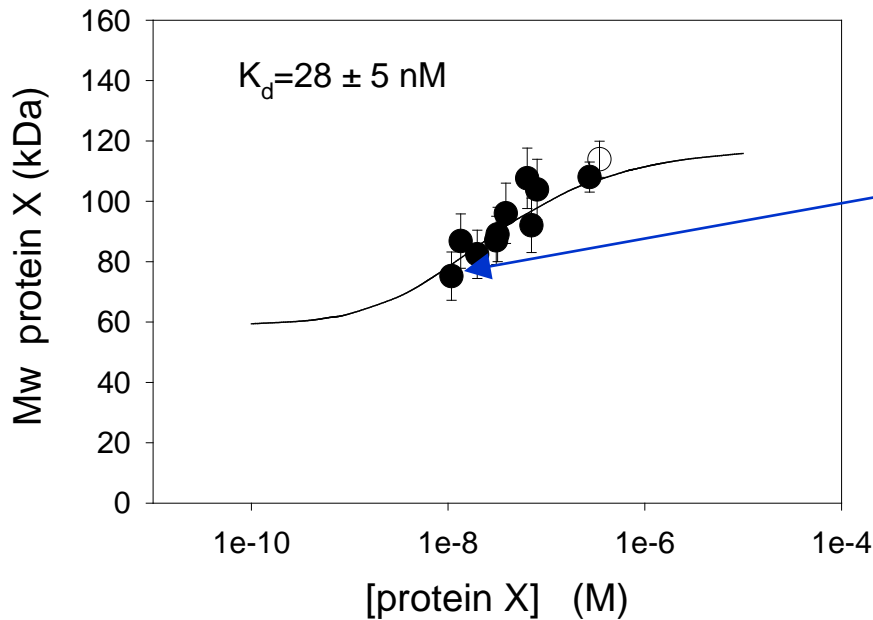


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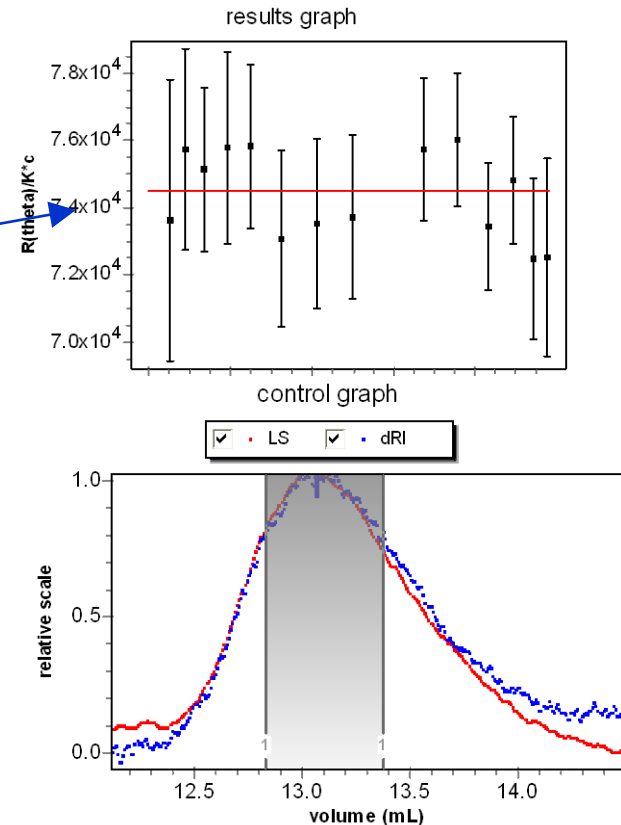
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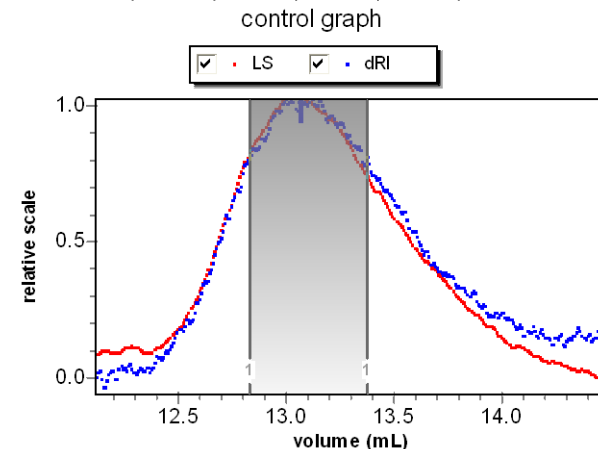
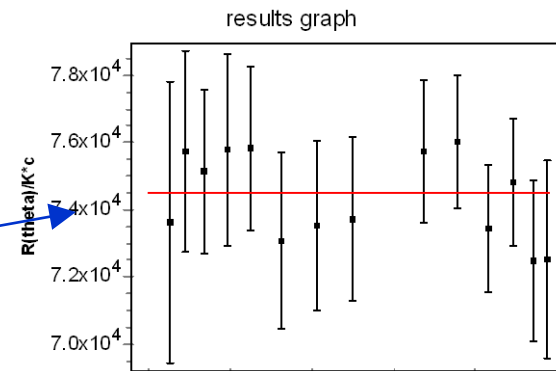
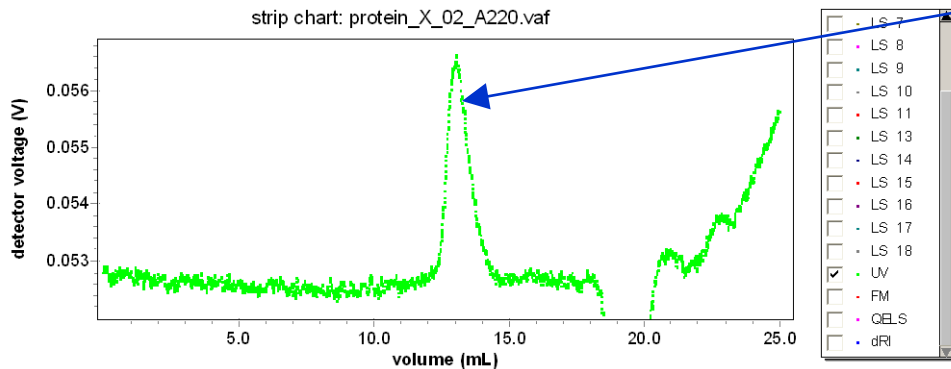
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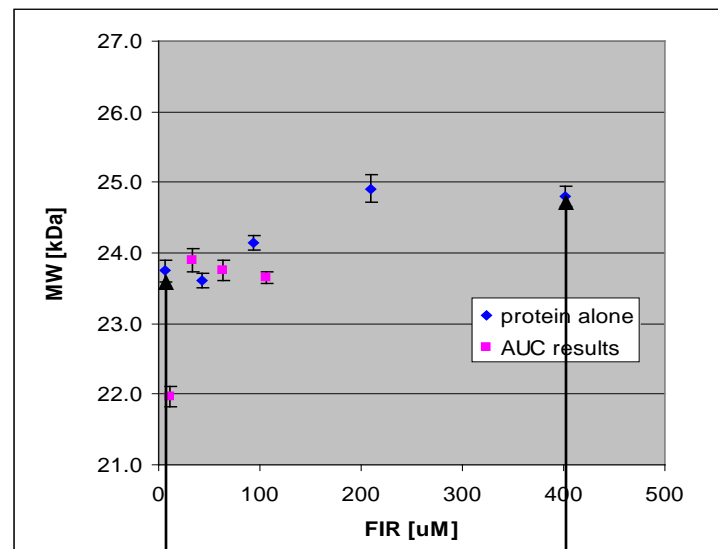
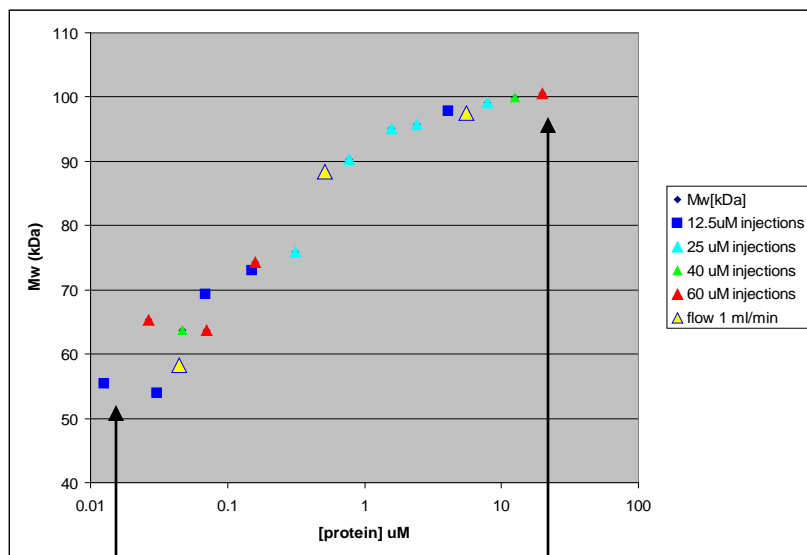
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Concentration range accessible on an analytical SEC/LS system

~1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ to ~10 mg/ml



Concentration range:
~4 orders of magnitude

0.001 mg/ml 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

1 mg/ml

0.1 mg/ml

9 mg/ml

Size Exclusion Chromatography coupled with Light Scattering

- Fast and accurate determination of molar masses (weight average) in solution
- Can be used at wide range of protein concentrations from $\sim 1\mu\text{g/ml}$ to $>10\text{mg/ml}$ (correction for non-ideality)
- The SEC-UV/RI/LS (static and dynamic) data are very information rich and can be utilized to learn much more about the sample than “just” determination of M_w
 - Determination of stoichiometry of protein complexes:
 - protein-nucleic acid complexes
 - membrane protein in complexes with lipids and detergents
 - Provide information about shape (frictional ratio, f/f_0)
 - Determination of dimerization constant

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