

# The Strep-tag® technology – Outstanding performance from purification to analytic applications

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The Strep-tag® technology is a versatile protein purification, detection and immobilization platform. It is well known for its outstanding performance delivering exceptionally pure proteins. The Strep-Tactin®XT provides a remarkable binding affinity in low pM ranges while maintaining its binding reversibility and mild recovery of immobilized proteins. This allows protein purification at high yields and purity that outperforms His-tag purification (e.g. from Expi supernatants). Furthermore, it fulfills the high demands of analytical applications such as SPR or BLI.

## AFFINITY – A COMPROMISE BETWEEN PURIFICATION AND ASSAY

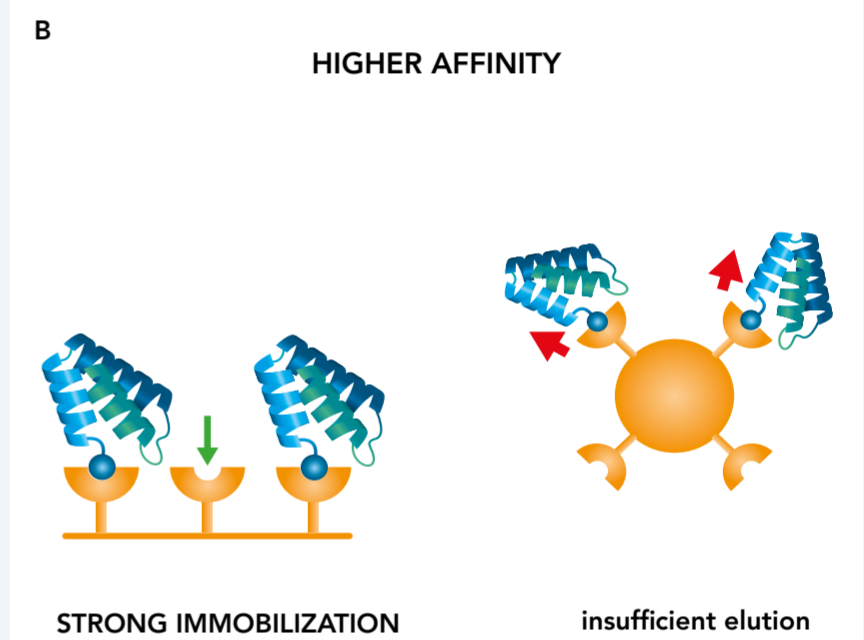
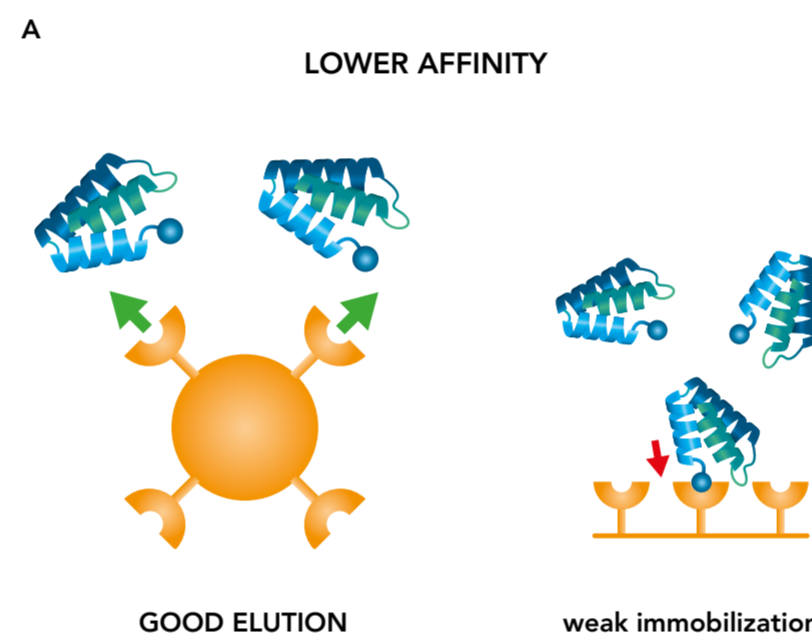
The affinity of a tag to its ligand is an important property depending on the application.

### (A) Protein purification:

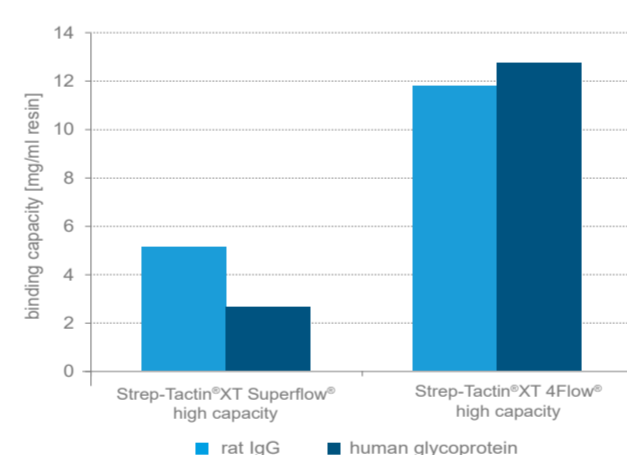
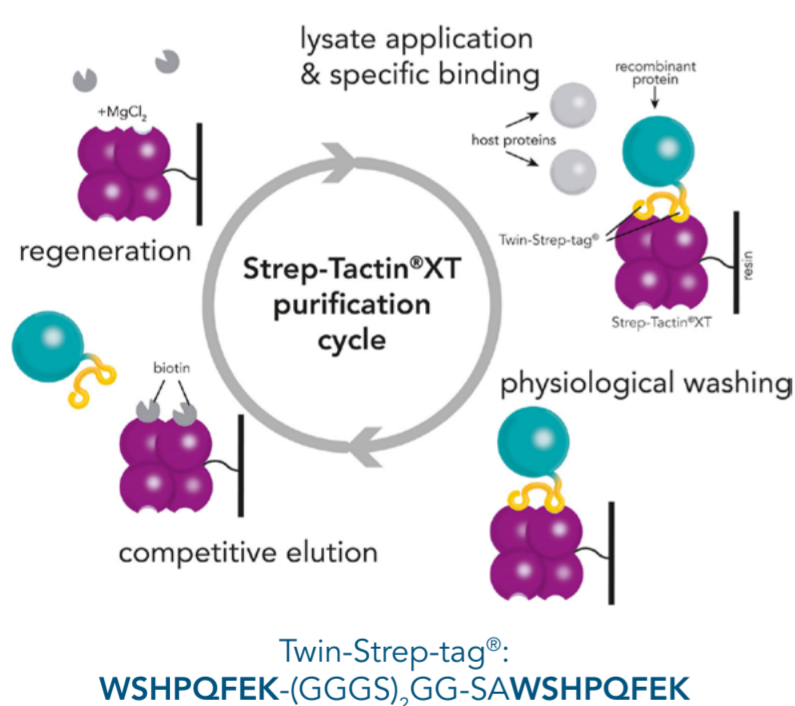
The affinity of the tag should allow an efficient elution from its ligand.

### (B) Analytic applications (immobilization):

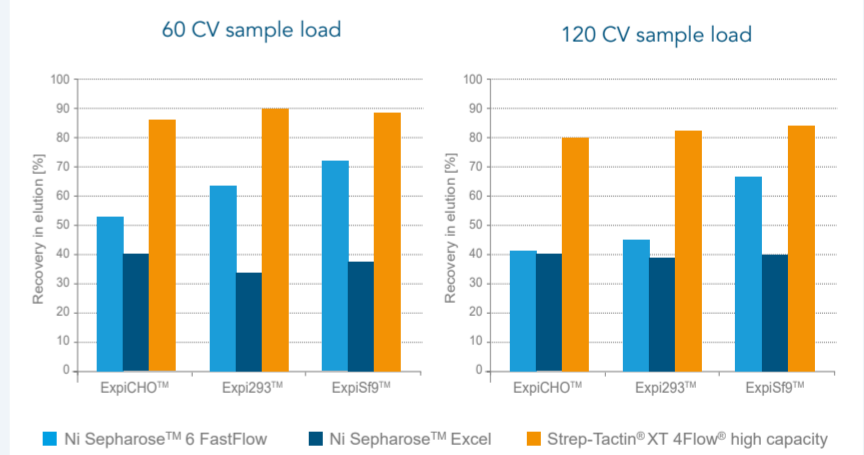
The tag must have an affinity that is high enough to bind efficiently to the ligand - even under challenging conditions.



Purification

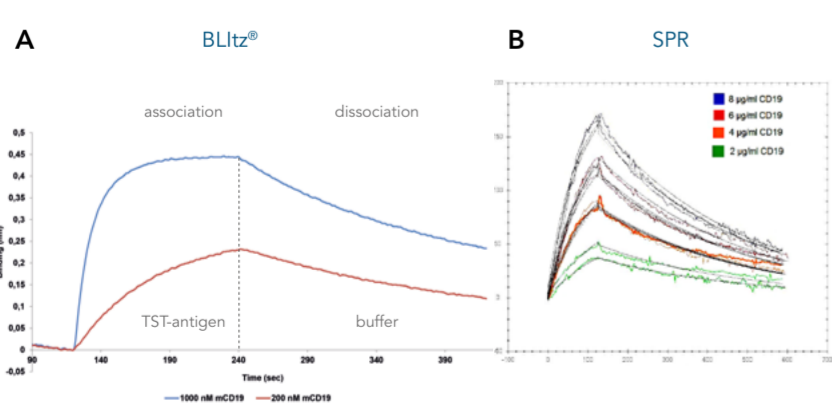


**Strep-Tactin®XT 4Flow® – Higher capacity for large proteins.** Twin-Strep-tag® proteins of different size (rat IgG, 150.2 kDa and human glycoprotein, 129 kDa) were spiked in buffer W and purified with either Strep-Tactin®XT Superflow® high capacity or Strep-Tactin®XT 4Flow® high capacity. Purification with Strep-Tactin®XT 4Flow® high capacity provides higher yields for both proteins.

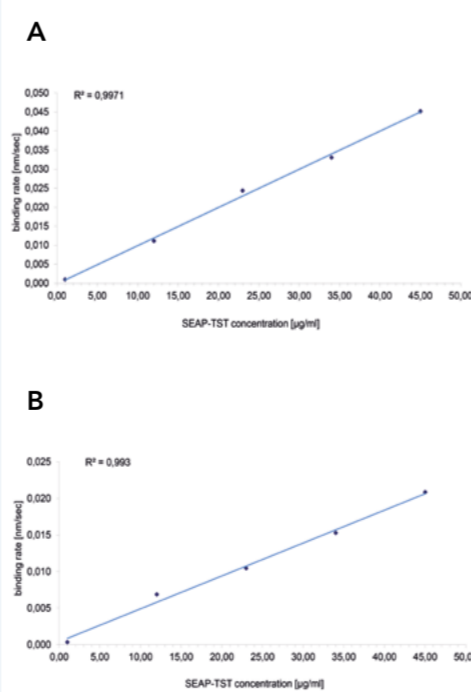


**Strep-tag® outperforms His-tag in purification from Expi supernatants.** A protein was purified with Ni Sepharose™ 6 Fast Flow, Ni Sepharose™ Excel, or Strep-Tactin®XT 4Flow® high capacity from Expi293™, ExpiCHO™ and ExpiSf9™. Independent from different sample loading volumes, the highest recovery was achieved with Strep-Tactin®XT 4Flow® high capacity.

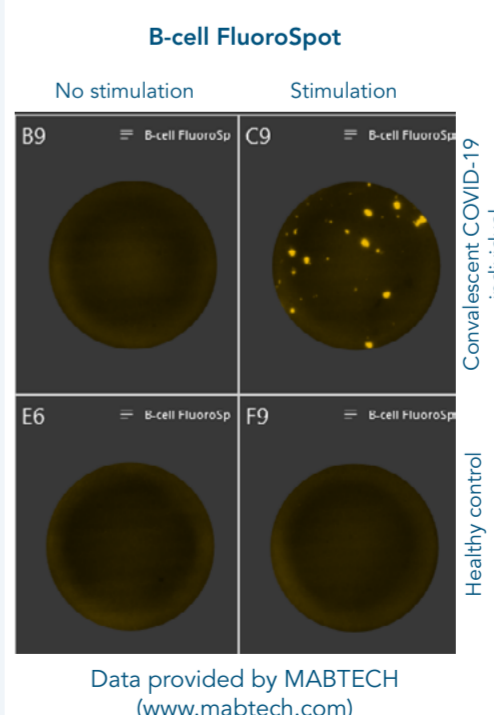
Immobilization



**Binding kinetic of an anti-mouse CD19 nanobody to mouse CD19 receptor.** Kinetic was determined with BLItz® (A) and SPR (B) using Strep-Tactin®XT coated chips or biosensors. The nanobody and the antigen contained a Twin-Strep-tag®.



**Reliable protein concentration measurements with Strep-Tactin®XT Dip and Read Biosensors on a BLItz® device.** ExpiCHO™ (A) and Expi293™ (B) supernatants were spiked with five different SEAP-TST concentrations. Calibration curves show a high coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) for a linear fit. Therefore, Strep-Tactin®XT Biosensors can be used for reliable high throughput measurement of protein concentration in high density cell culture media like Expi.



**Antibody detection – Strep-Tactin®XT for FluoroSpot.** To detect specific IgGs against a receptor binding domain protein (RBD) from SARS-CoV2, immobilized anti-human IgG antibodies are used to capture RBD specific IgGs secreted by B cells, derived from convalescent COVID-19 individuals. The RBD specific IgG, in turn, binds the Twin-Strep-tagged RBD, which can be detected afterwards with fluorescent labeled Strep-Tactin®XT.