

Sage ELF™

Sample Fractionation for Protein MS

SDS-protein Fractionation Using Automated Preparative Electrophoresis

Benefits:

- Reduces complexity of protein samples
- Highly reproducibe collection of contiguous protein fractions
- Flexible programming
- Minutes of hands-on time

Specifications:

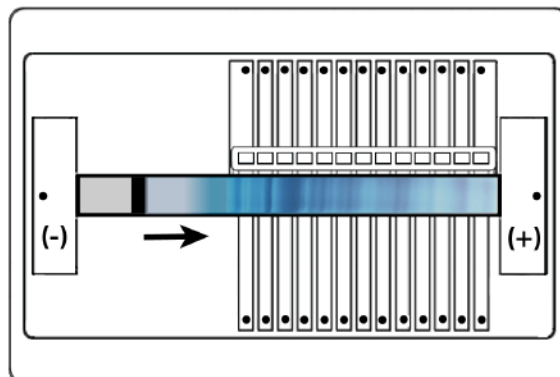
- Agarose SDS gel electrophoresis
- Collects up to 12 fractions between:
 - 18 - 80 kDa (5% agarose)
 - 50 - 200 kDa (3% agarose)
- Maximum sample load = 350 µg
- Run times = 1-2 hours

1. Load a protein sample into 1 or 2 disposable pre-cast gel cassettes and set a run threshold in software.

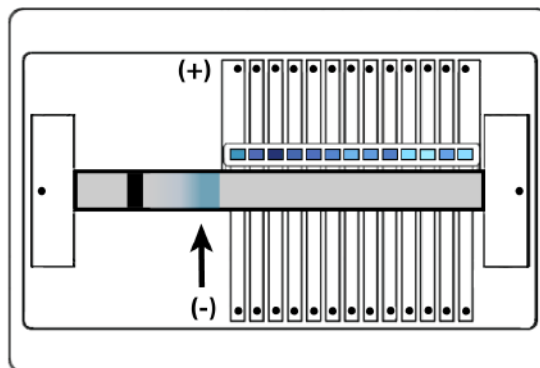


The Sage ELF System

2. Fractionate protein into 12 sub-samples using electrophoretic lateral fractionation.

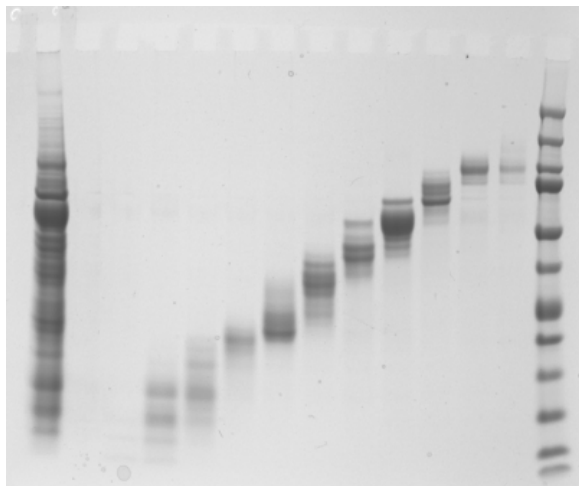


Separate proteins in an agarose gel column



Fractionate into 12 (10 kDa UF) membrane-bound wells

3. Collect the target fractions, in SDS-buffer, with a standard pipette.



PAGE analysis of fractions collected with the ELF systems. The input total protein (liver lysate) sample is shown on the left

SAMPLE FRACTIONATION PRODUCTS FOR PROTEIN-MS

Sage Science has developed two systems for automated preparative electrophoresis of protein samples. These products provide increased reproducibility and ease-of-use for procedures that require gel isolation of proteins, including top-down and bottom-up proteomics studies, and targeted protein analysis for mass spectrometry.

In both systems, the user simply loads samples into precast gel cassettes, programs desired collection ranges into instrument software, and starts the run. At run completion, the user removes the eluted protein fraction(s) from membrane-bound wells within the cassette. The fractionated samples are recovered in SDS buffer – no gel extraction is required. Instrument software controls the timing of protein fractionation using input from on-board optical detection units, which monitor the progress of fluorescently-labeled molecular weight markers during electrophoresis. The systems use SDS agarose gels as the separation matrix, and fractionated proteins are recovered in SDS gel buffer. 5% agarose gels are used for proteins 18-80 kDa in size, and 3% agarose gel are used for sample 50-200 kDa in size.

The systems provide the following fractionation strategies:

The BluePippin– Targeted SDS-Protein Collection

Based on Sage's existing BluePippin system for DNA size selection, this allows users to enter a kDa target in software, and collect the proteins in that range at the end of the run. The BluePippin protein cassettes are useful for collecting one or two targeted protein fractions from as many as five samples per run.

The Sage ELF– Multi-fractionation of SDS-Protein Samples

The Sage ELF (for Electrophoretic Lateral Fractionator) features a cassette system designed to fractionate a protein sample into twelve contiguous size fractions. Users load a single protein sample onto a gel cassette, set a range threshold in software, and the twelve fractions are simultaneously electro-eluted from a separation gel column.