



# Revolutionizing Protein Higher Order Structural Analysis

Offering products & services to pharmaceutical researchers investigating biopharmaceutical structure, interactions, folding, aggregation, formulation, and delivery.





# Laser-Free Flash Oxidation (Fox<sup>™</sup>) Protein Footprinting System Elucidates Changes in Peptide to Amino Acid Solvent Accessibility

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# Higher Order Structure Analysis

*Enabling Biopharmaceutical Development*

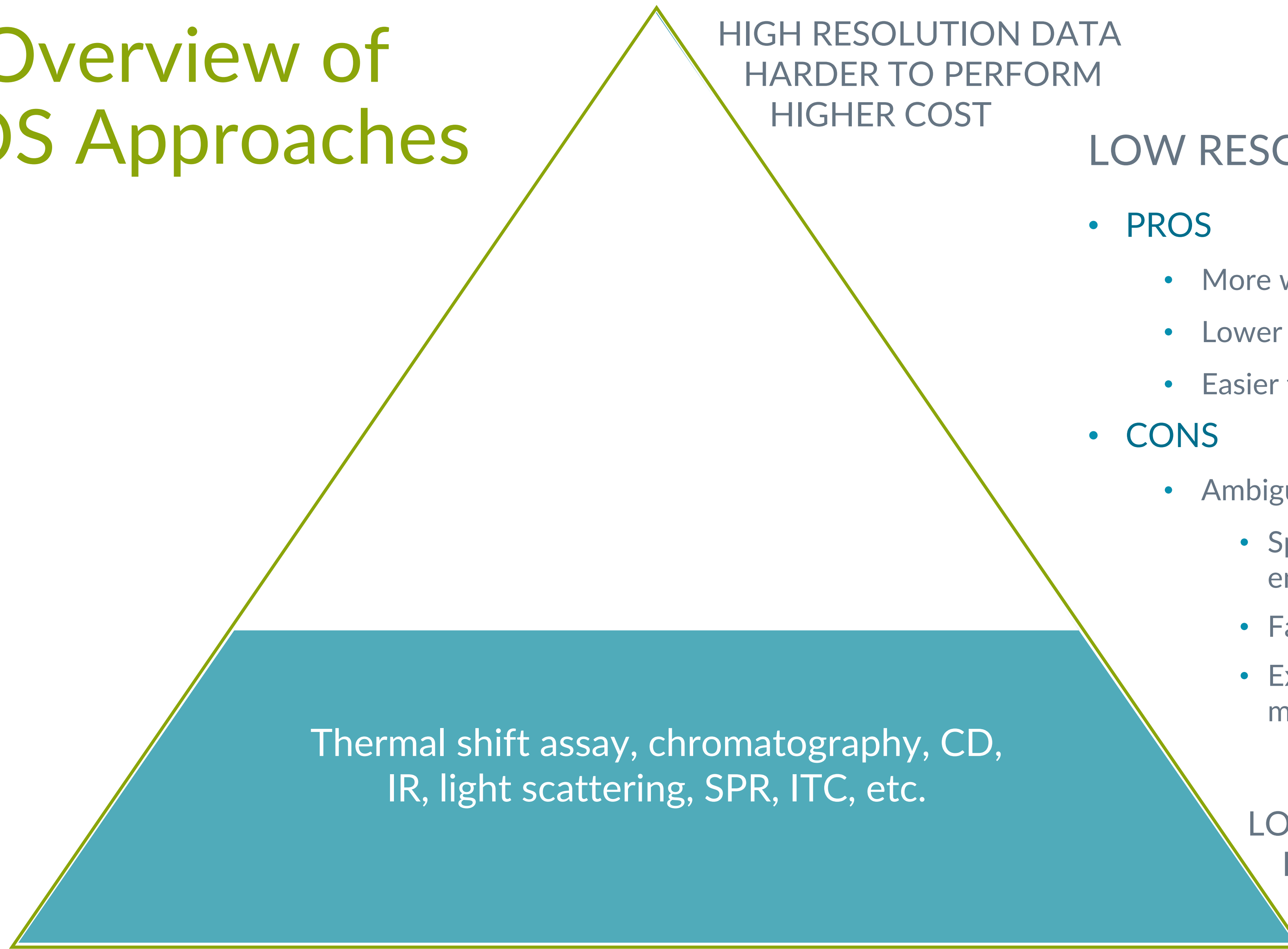
- HOS analysis is important for the design and characterization of biopharmaceuticals
- FDA, CDER, CBER, EDA all recognize the need for new and improved HOS analytics
  - Accelerate development and minimize adverse drug reactions
- By leveraging the power of Fox™ technology, GenNext's mission is to revolutionize the practice of HOS structural biology research

**Quality Considerations in  
Demonstrating Biosimilarity  
of a Therapeutic Protein  
Product to a Reference  
Product**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)

April 2015  
Biosimilarity

# Overview of HOS Approaches



## LOW RESOLUTION DATA:

- **PROS**

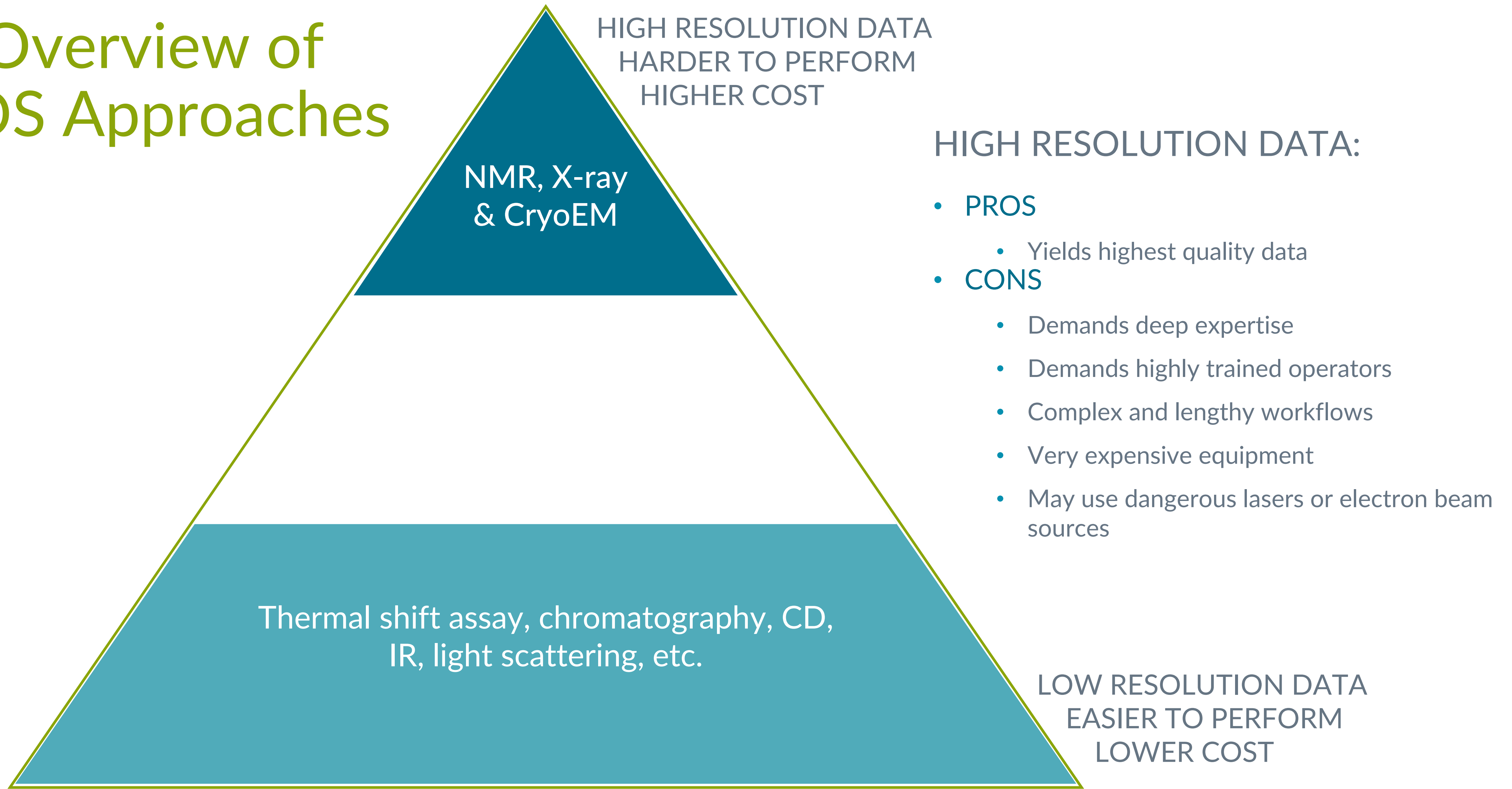
- More widely available
- Lower cost
- Easier to use

- **CONS**

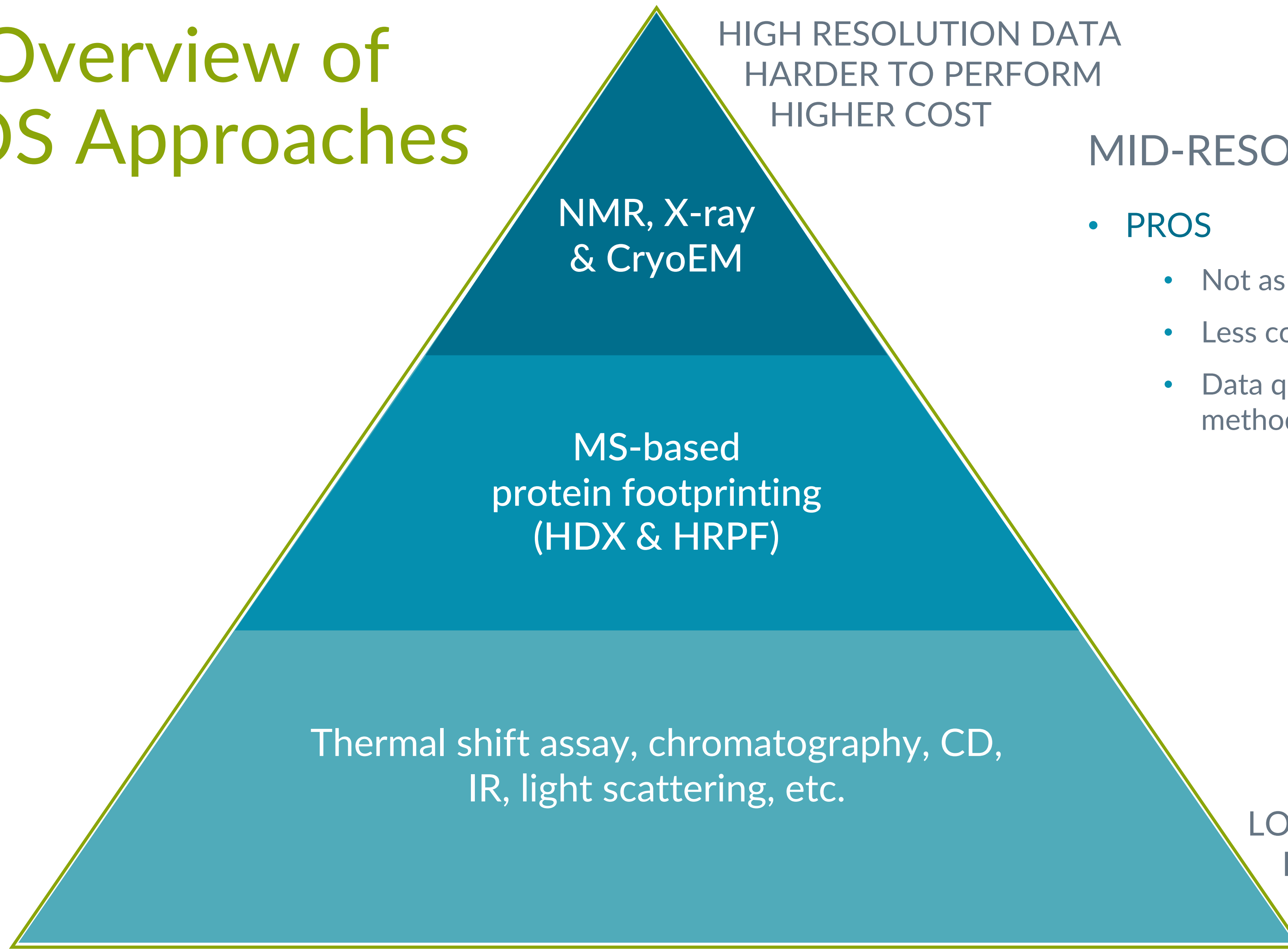
- Ambiguous and marginally actionable HOS data
  - Spatially averaged information over the entire protein population
  - Fails to inform on a residue-level
  - Examines a very limited number of specific moieties in the protein structure



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## MID-RESOLUTION DATA:

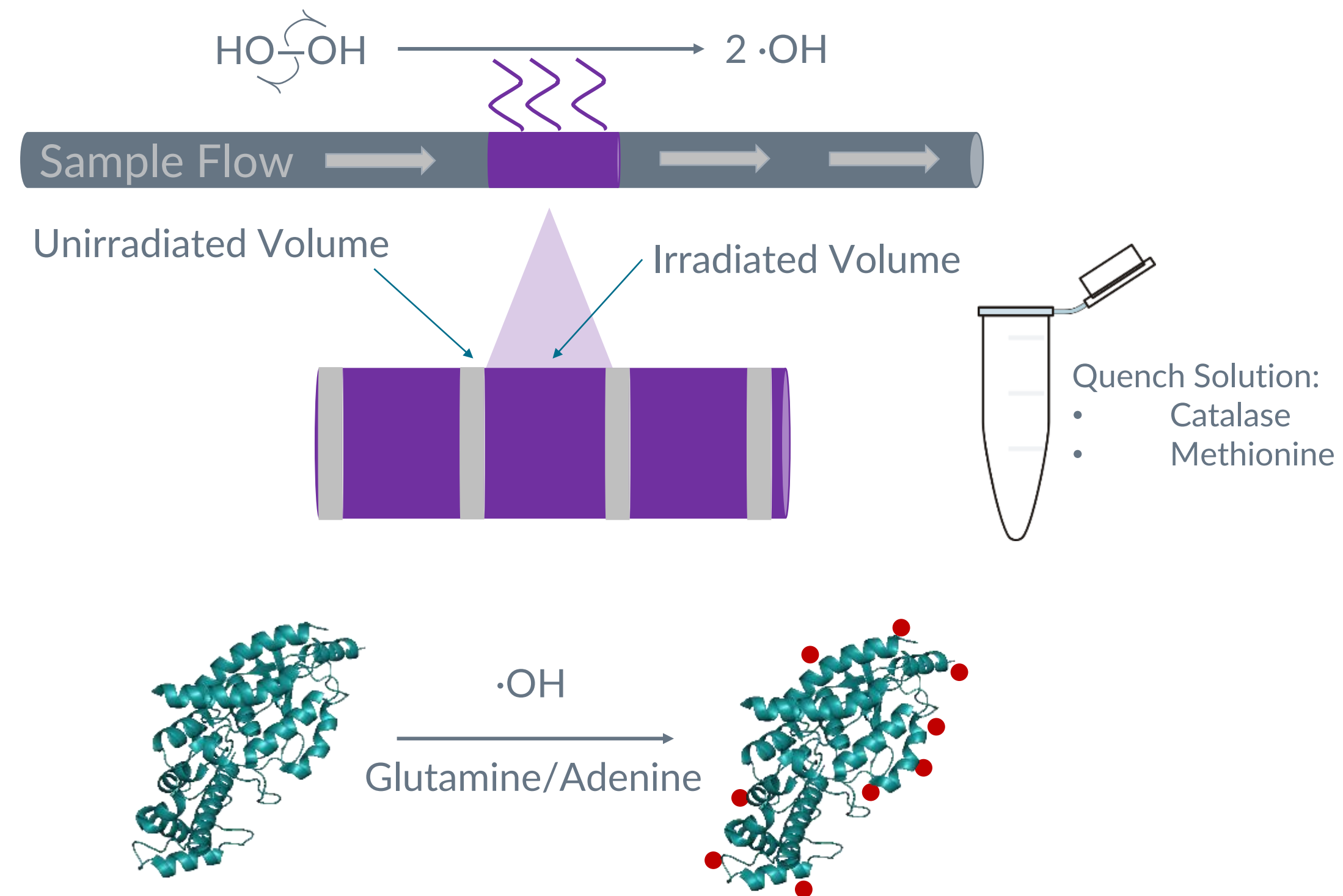
- PROS

- Not as difficult as high-resolution methods
- Less cost than high resolution methods
- Data quality in parity with high resolution methods

# Hydroxyl Radical Protein Footprinting

## Enabling HOS Analysis

- Proteins exposed to a pulse of diffusing hydroxyl radicals
  - OH generated by flash photolysis of hydrogen peroxide
- Modifies exposed side chains
- Measures protein topography at peptide to amino acid resolution



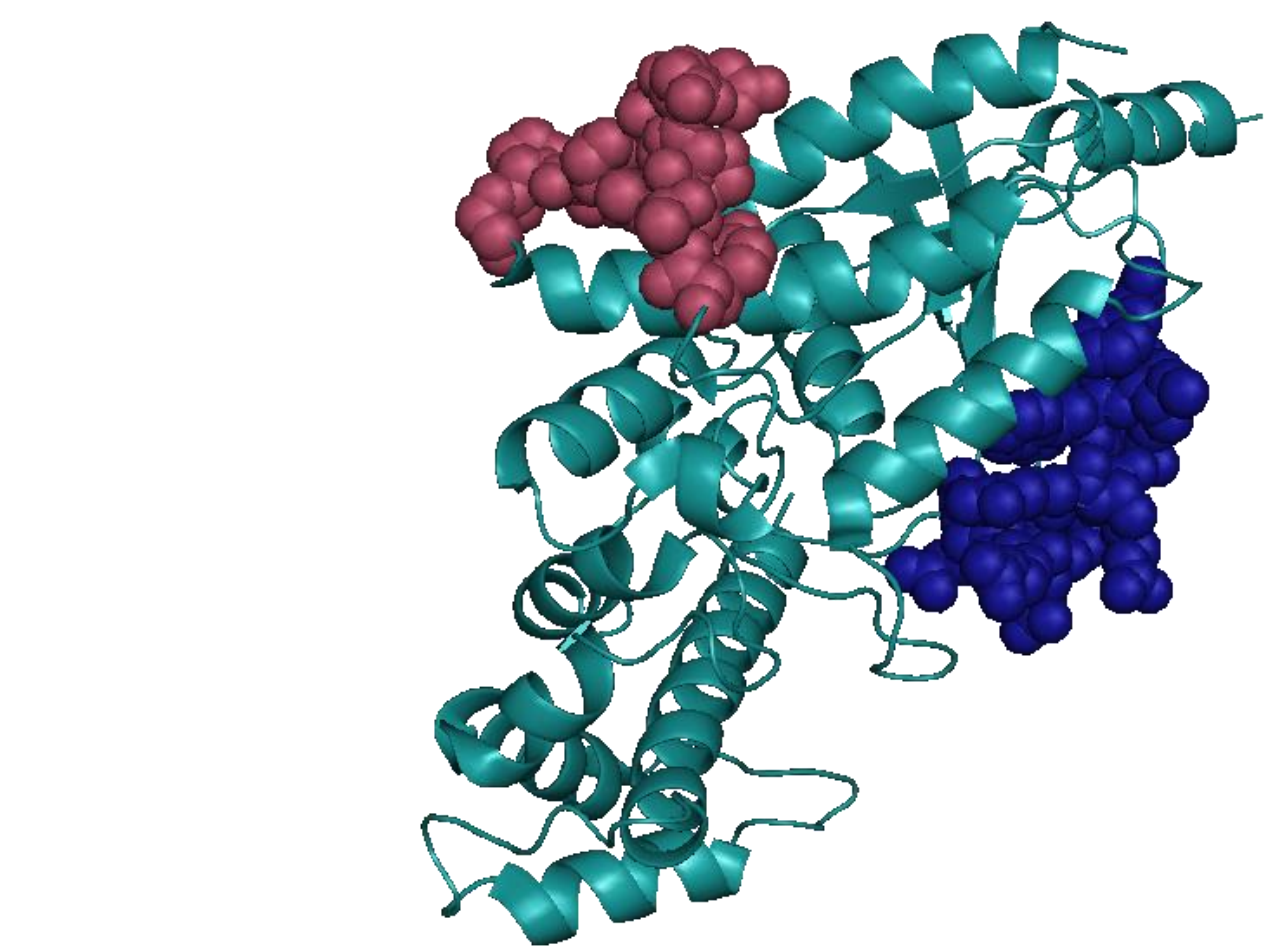
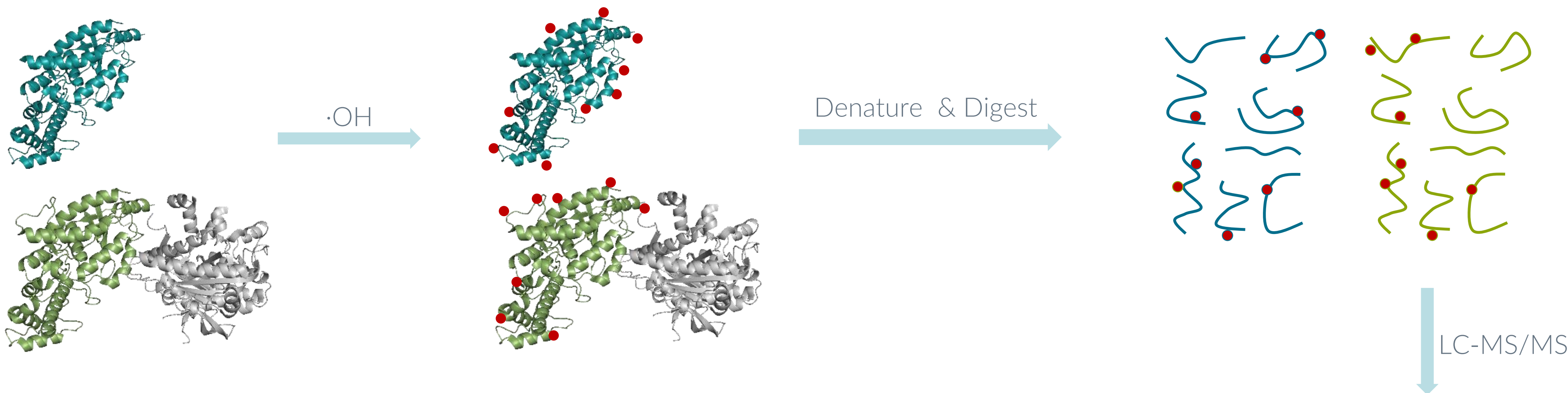
Amino Acid	Rate Constant ( $\text{L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )
Cysteine	3.40E+10
Tryptophan	1.30E+10
Tyrosine	1.30E+10
Methionine	8.30E+09
Phenylalanine	6.50E+09
Histidine	5.00E+09
Arginine	3.50E+09
Isoleucine	1.80E+09
Leucine	1.70E+09
Valine	7.60E+08
Glutamine	5.40E+08
Threonine	5.10E+08
Proline	4.80E+08
Lysine	3.50E+08
Serine	3.20E+08
Glutamic Acid	1.60E+08
Alanine	7.70E+07
Aspartic Acid	7.50E+07
Asparagine	4.90E+07
Glycine	1.70E+07

Reference: Buxton et al, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data, Vol. 17, No. 2, 1988

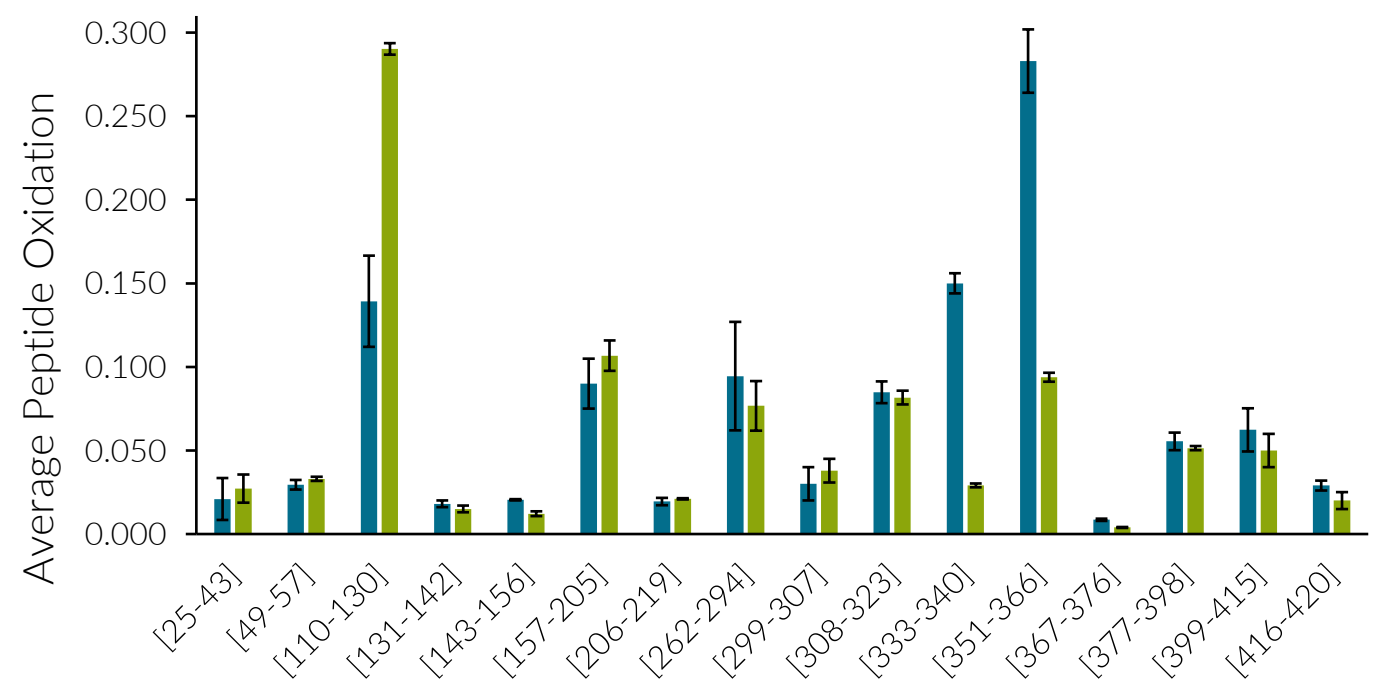


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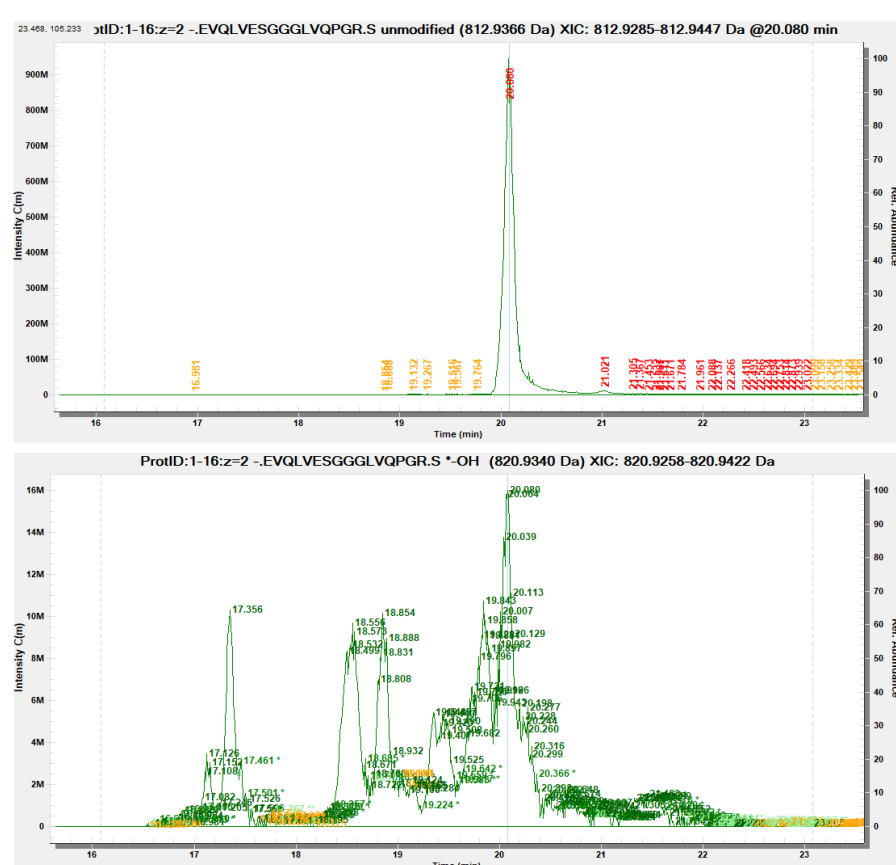
## Typical Workflow



Modeling



Peptide-Level Changes





“I invented HRPF because HDX was too hard!”  
-Mark Chance

# HDX Versus HRPF

*Well-Characterized Techniques for Protein Footprinting*

	HDX	HRPF
Amino Acid Resolution	No	Yes
Glycosylated Proteins	No	Yes
Time Sensitive Conformations	No	Yes
Complex Samples	No	Yes

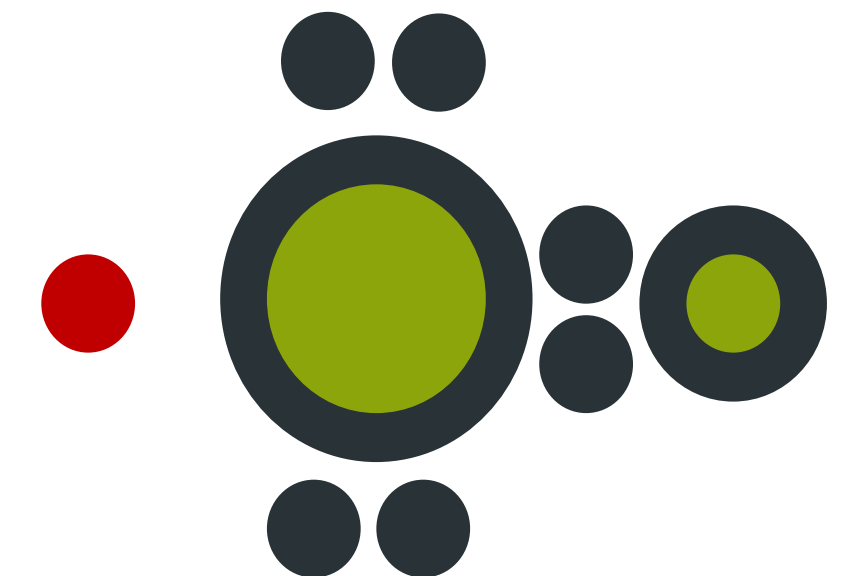
# Barriers to BioPharma Adoption

*Dangerous Lasers, Poor Reproducibility & Arduous Data Processing*

Expensive and hazardous lasers create undue risk that limits HRPF adoption and perceived value



Compromised robustness and reproducibility from background scavenging erodes confidence



Data processing burden takes days to overcome slows productivity and tarnishes appeal

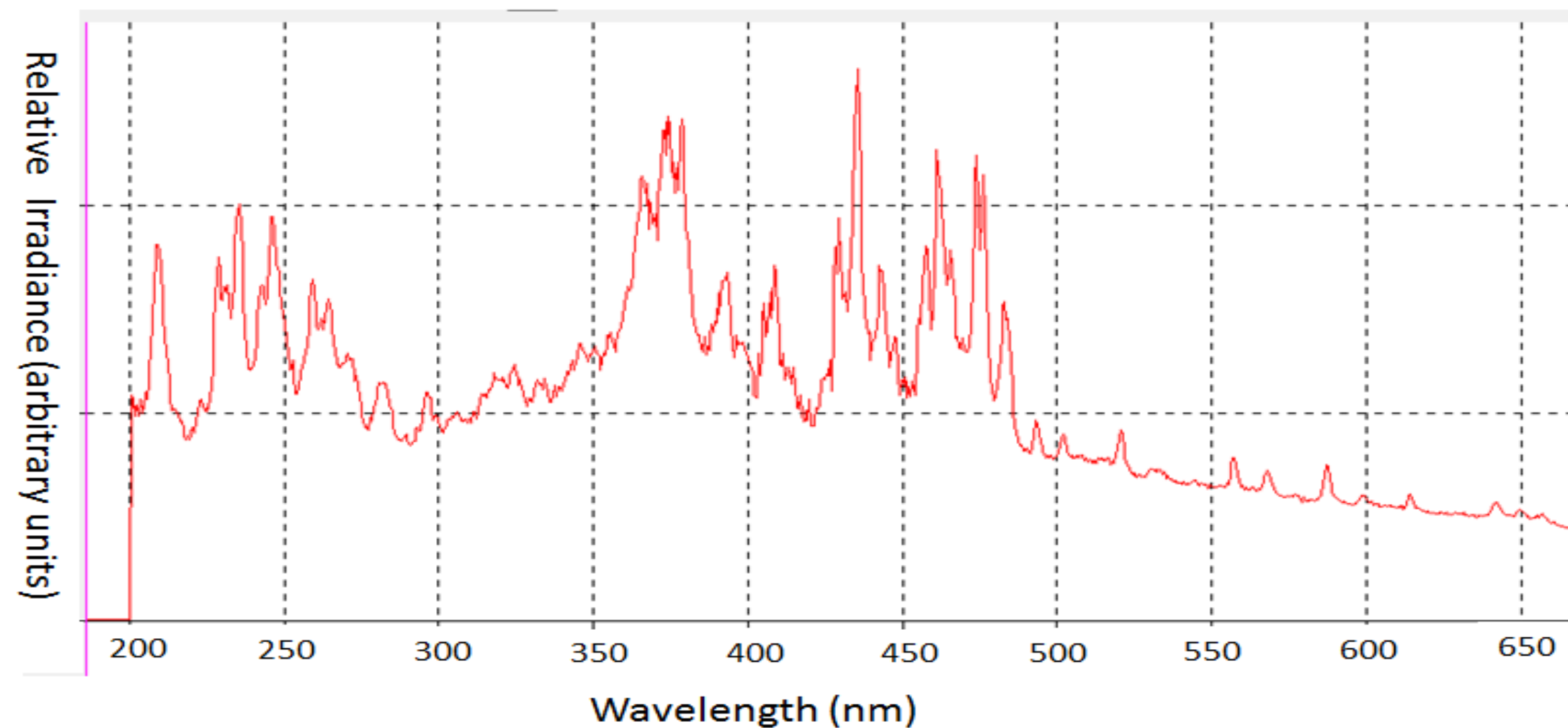




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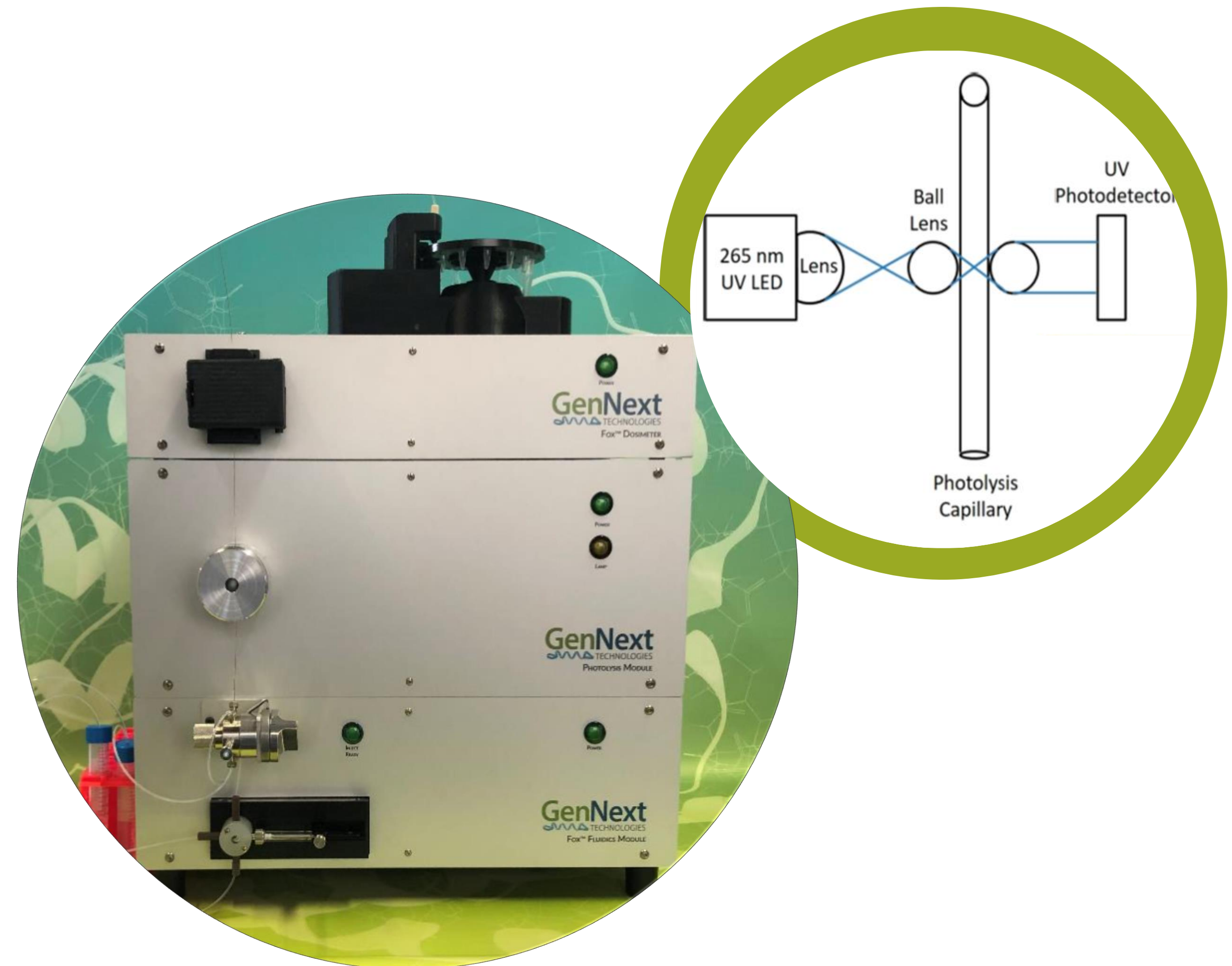
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- Automated product collector facilitates collection of properly labeled sample while disposing unwanted products and reagents to waste

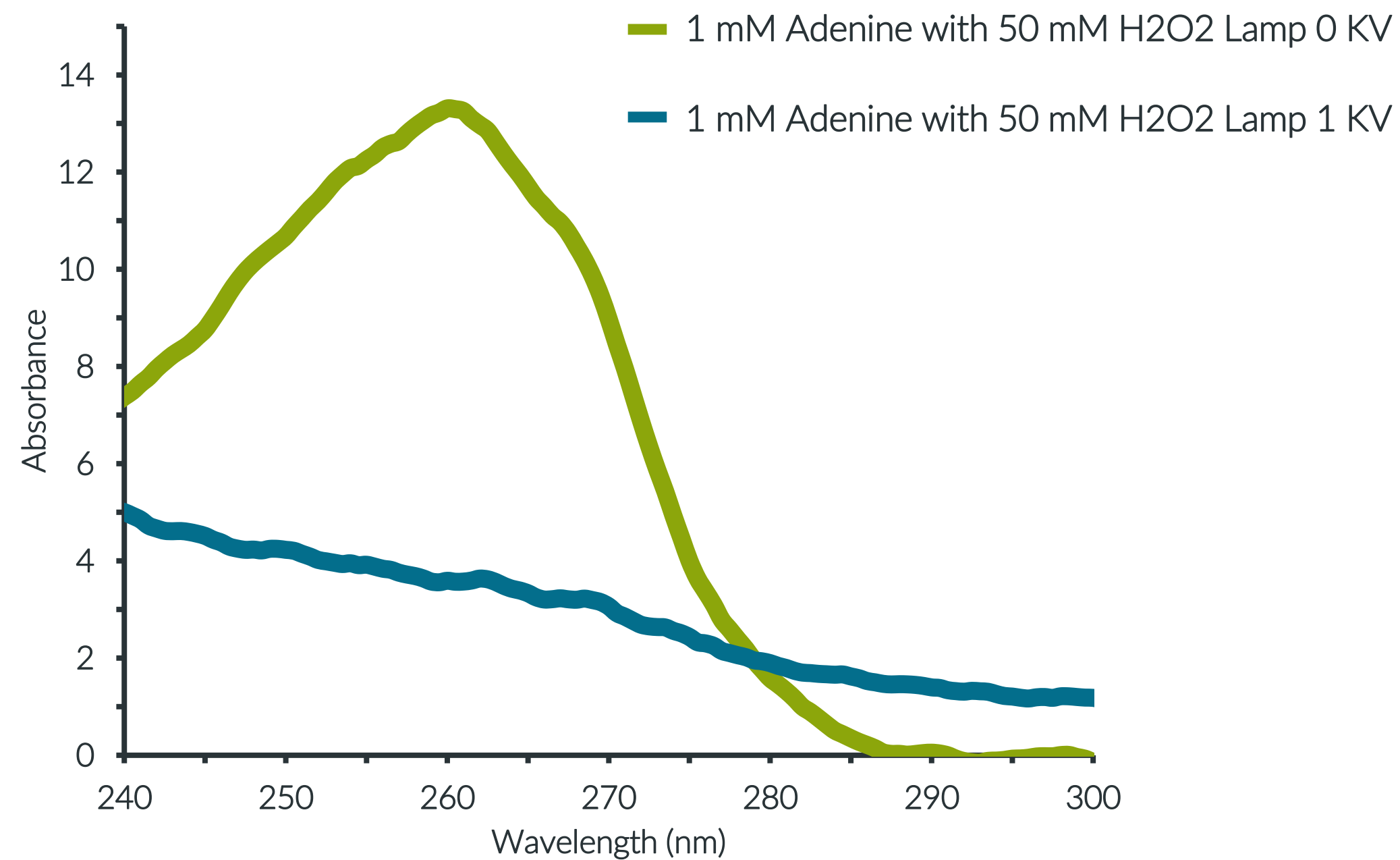




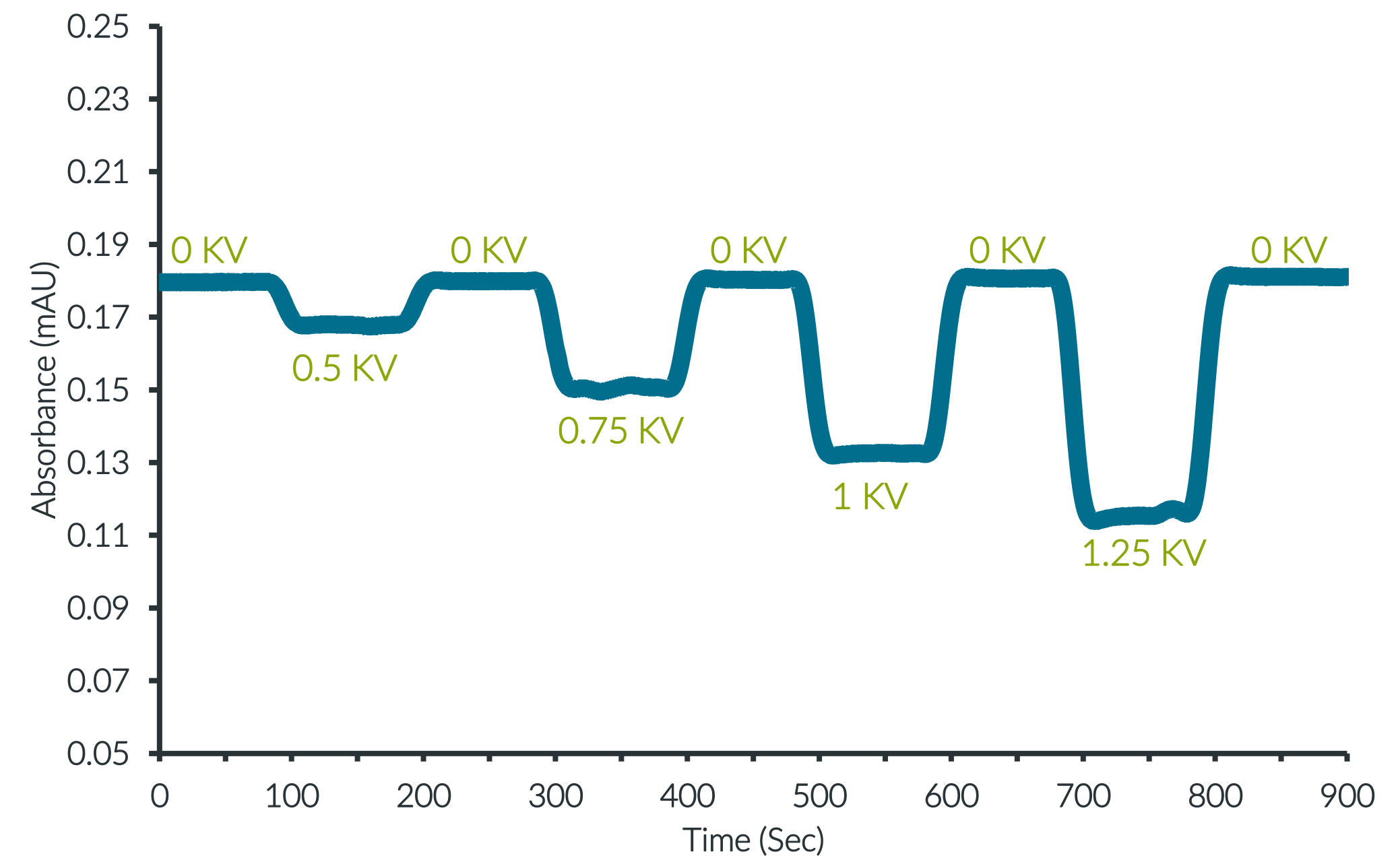
# Real Time Radical Dosimetry for FPOP HRPF

## *Real-time OH Radical Load Measurement*

Adenine UV Absorbance



Absorbance change with increasing lamp voltage



# FOX™ Protein Footprinting Workflow

*Real-time correction for background scavenging*



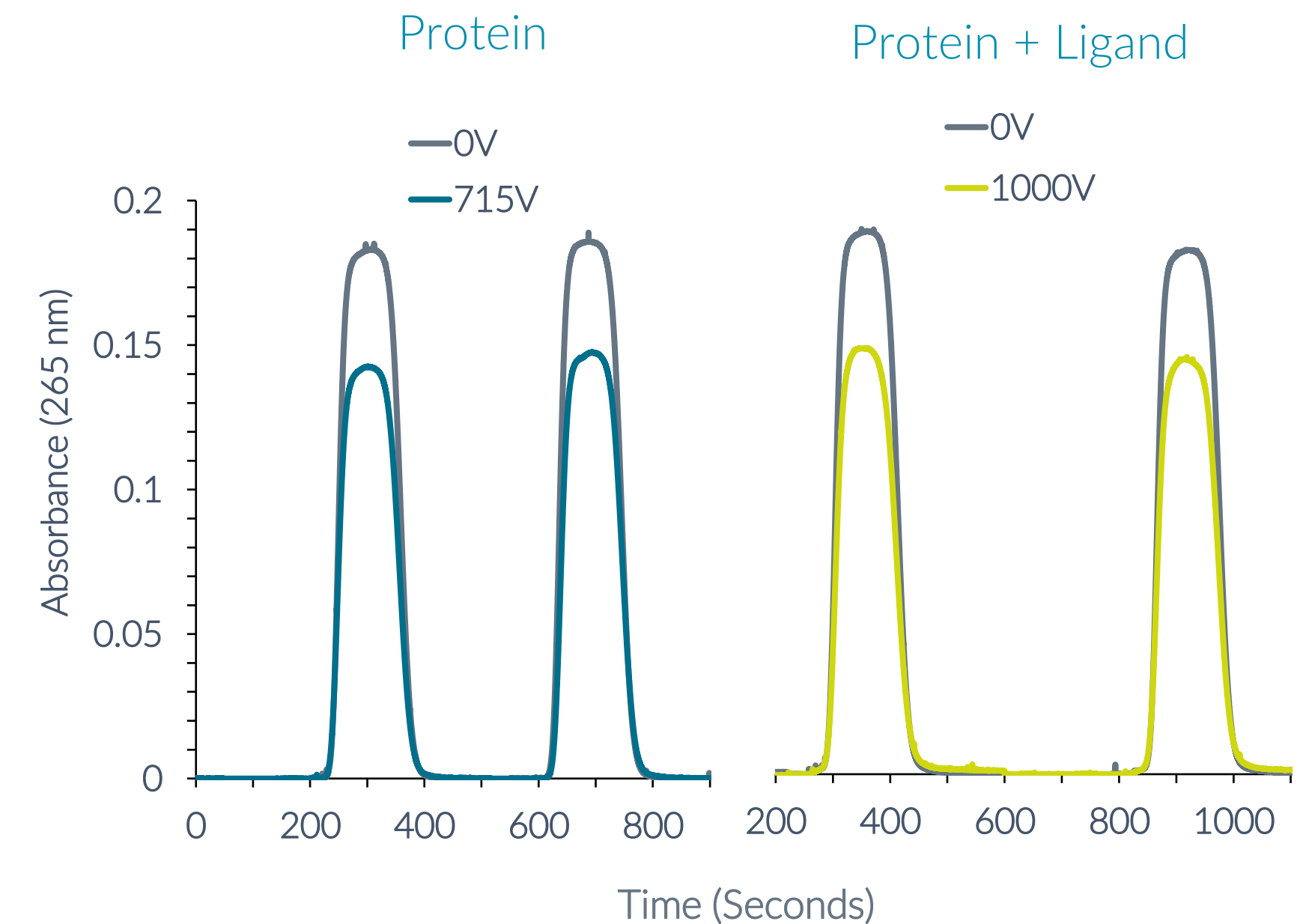
Automatic product collection

Real-time dosimetry

Flash lamp  
energy  
control

Photolysis

Inject protein, peroxide  
and dosimeter





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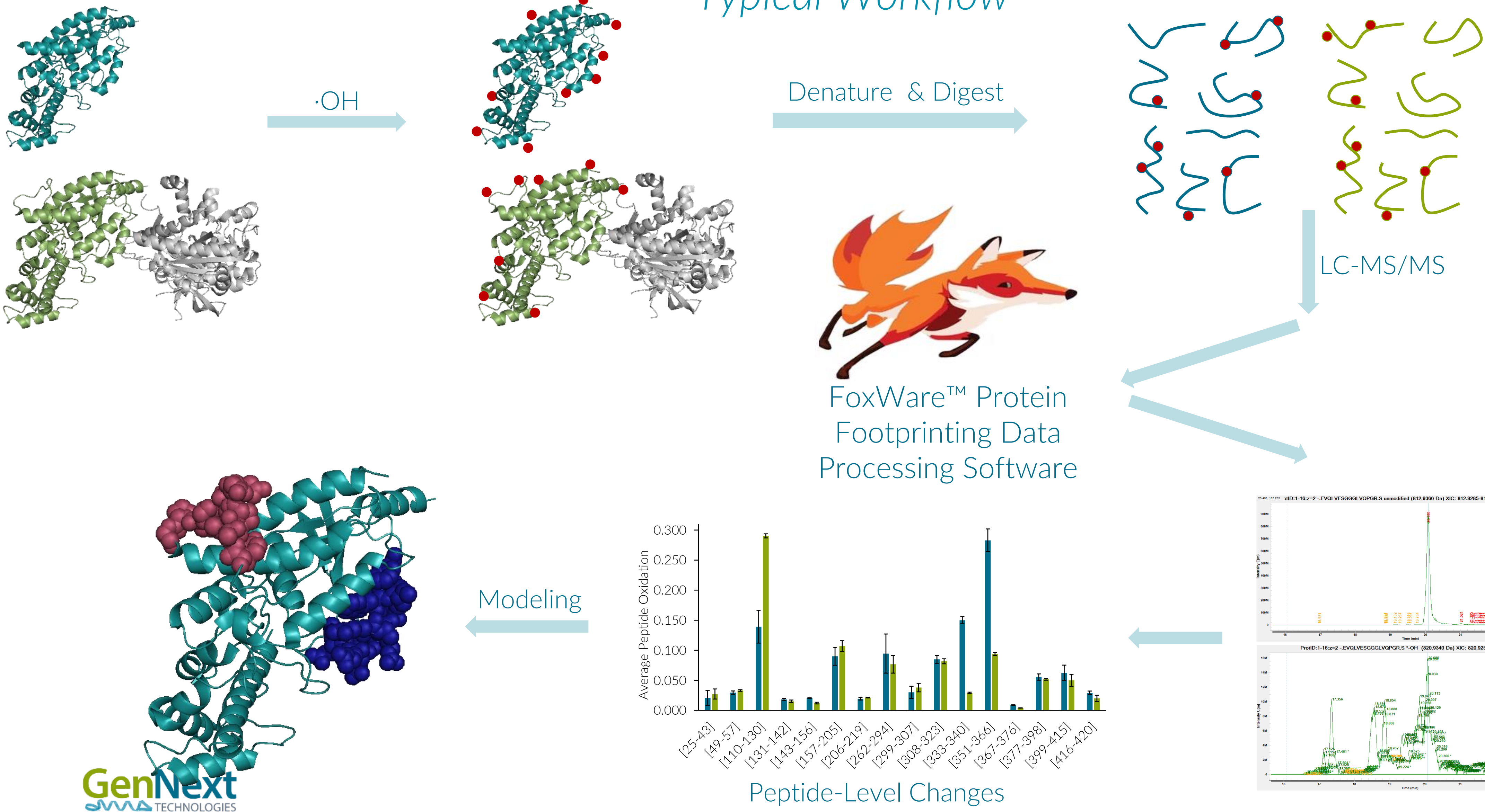
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# FoxWare™ Protein Footprinting Data Processing Software

## FoxWare Pre-Scan Program

- Quick test to confirm good protein coverage and consistent retention times across replicates



## FoxWare Data Processing Software

- Searches for desired FPOP modifications
- Generates XICs for all unmodified and modified peptides
- Calculates the average peptide oxidation (APO)



## FoxWare Radical Dosimetry Software

- Compare APO across varying levels of hydroxyl radical yield
- Sets up method and builds confidence the protein is labeled in its native conformation



## FoxWare Data Analysis Software

- Subtracts background oxidation
- Easily compare APO for multiple conditions
- Identify peptides with a significant change in APO
- Map changes to available crystal structure

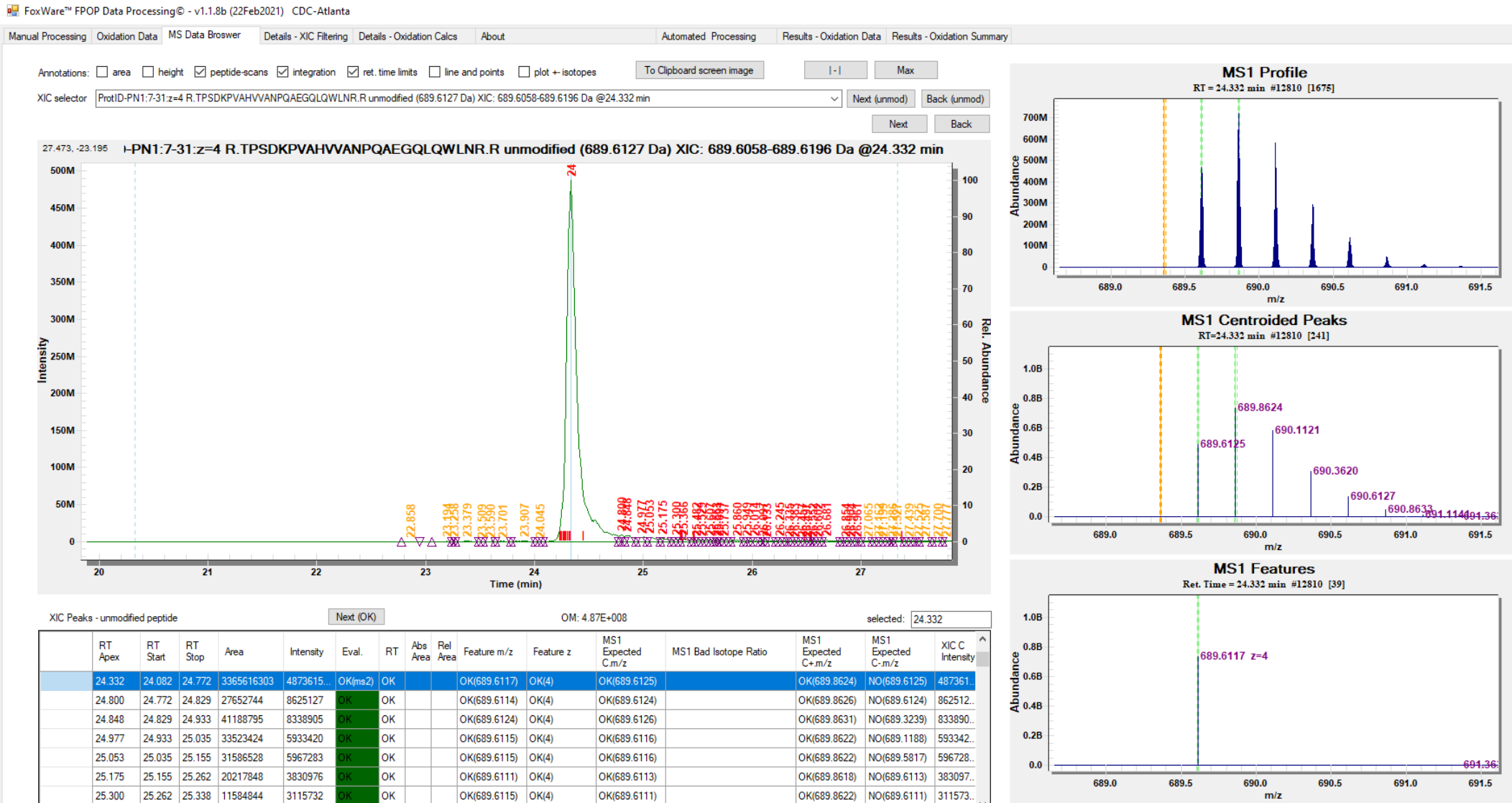
# FoxWare™ Data Processing Software

## Manual and Automated Data Processing

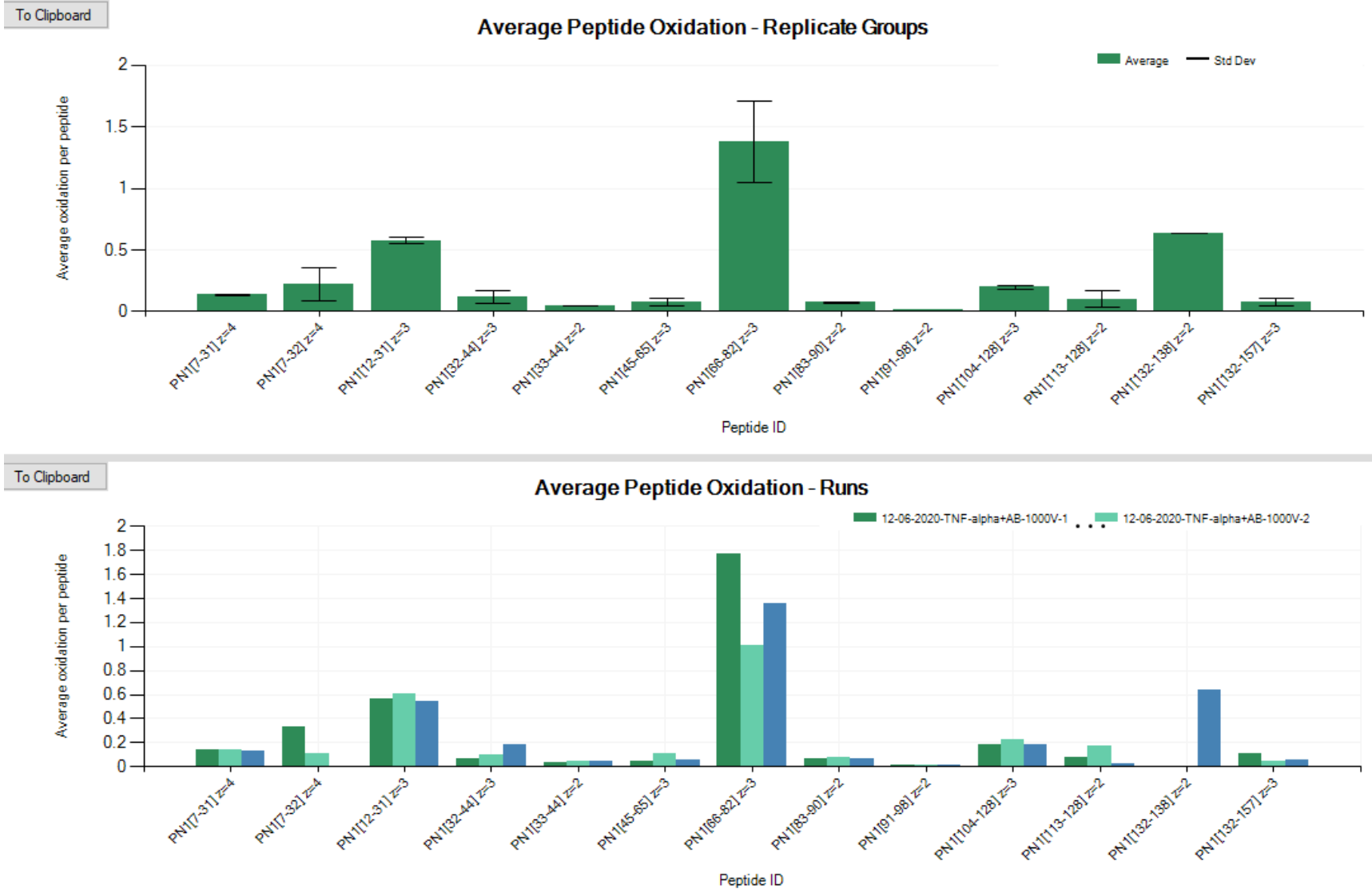
### 1) Searches for desired FPOP modifications

	Ox. Class	Select	Residue	Modification	Code	ΔMass(Da)	Max Allowed	Occurance
▶	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All except Gly, G	hydroxy	*-OH	+15.9949	3	Common
	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>	All except Gly, G	carbonyl	*=O	+13.9793	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ser, S	carbonyl	S=O	-2.0156	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thr, T	carbonyl	T=O	-2.0156	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cys, C	hydroxy	C-OH	-15.9772	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asp, D	decarboxylation	D-DCB	-30.0106	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glu, E	decarboxylation	E-DCB	-30.0106	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	His, H	ring-open	H-RO1	-22.0320	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	His, H	ring-open	H-RO2	-10.0320	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	His, H	ring-open	H-RO3	+4.9789	1	Rare
	Residue Specific	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arg, R	deguanidination	R-DG	-43.0534	1	Common
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### 2) Generates XICs for all unmodified and modified peptides



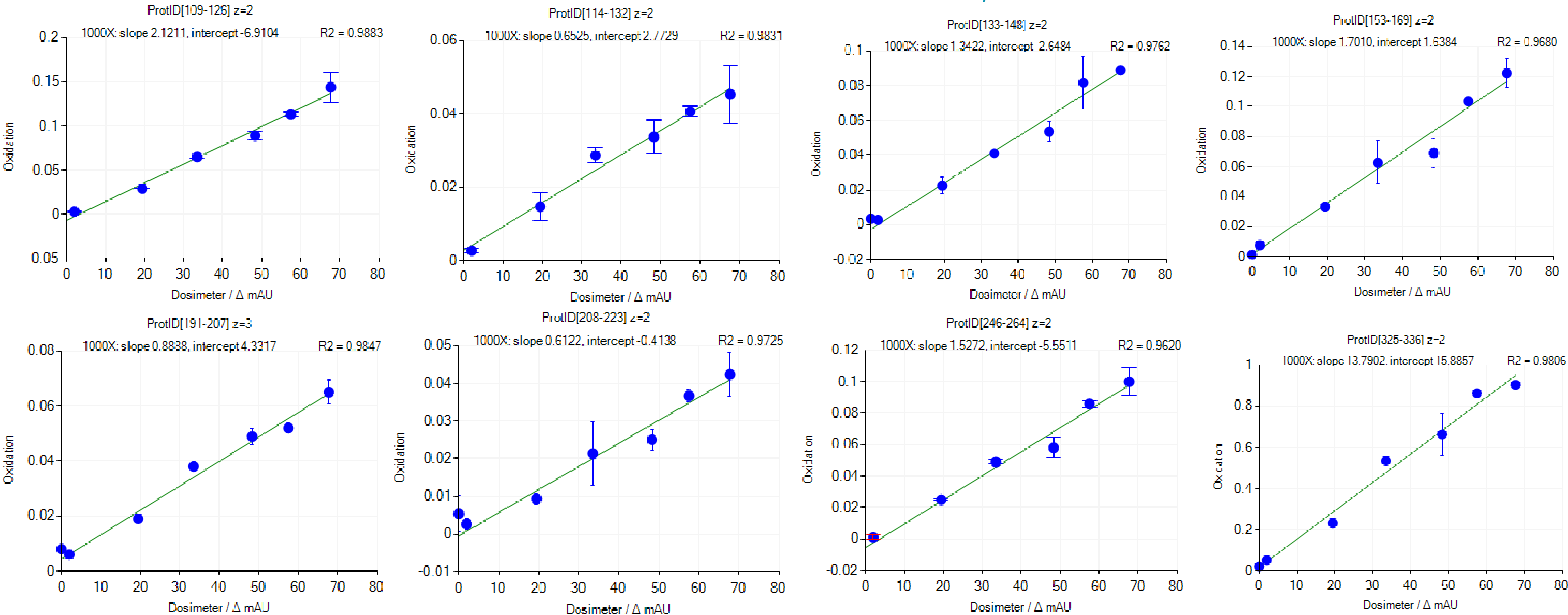
### 3) Calculates the average peptide oxidation (APO)





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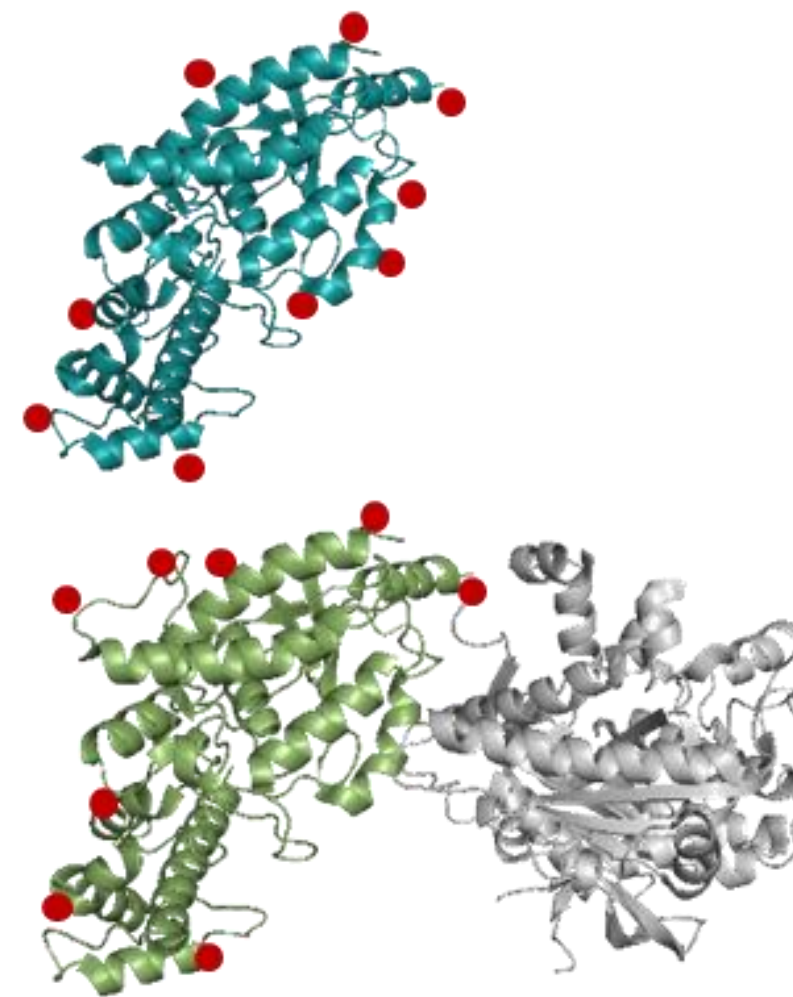
## Protein Radical Dosimetry



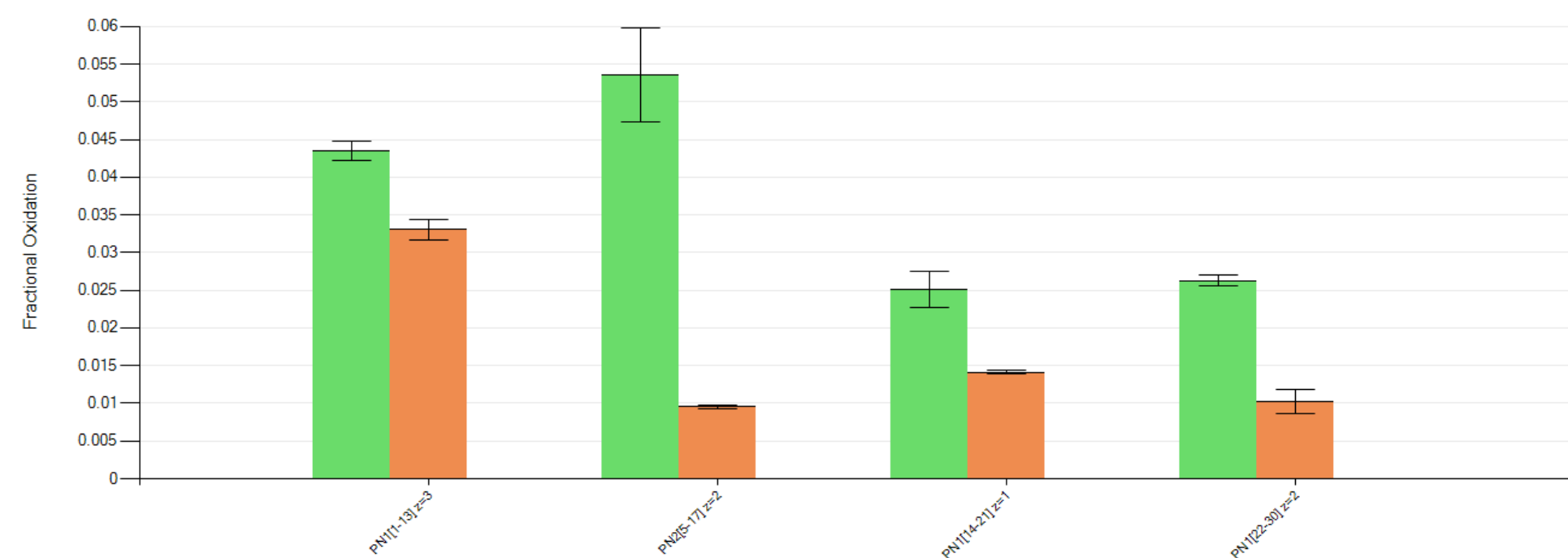
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## FPOP Oxidation for Differential Studies

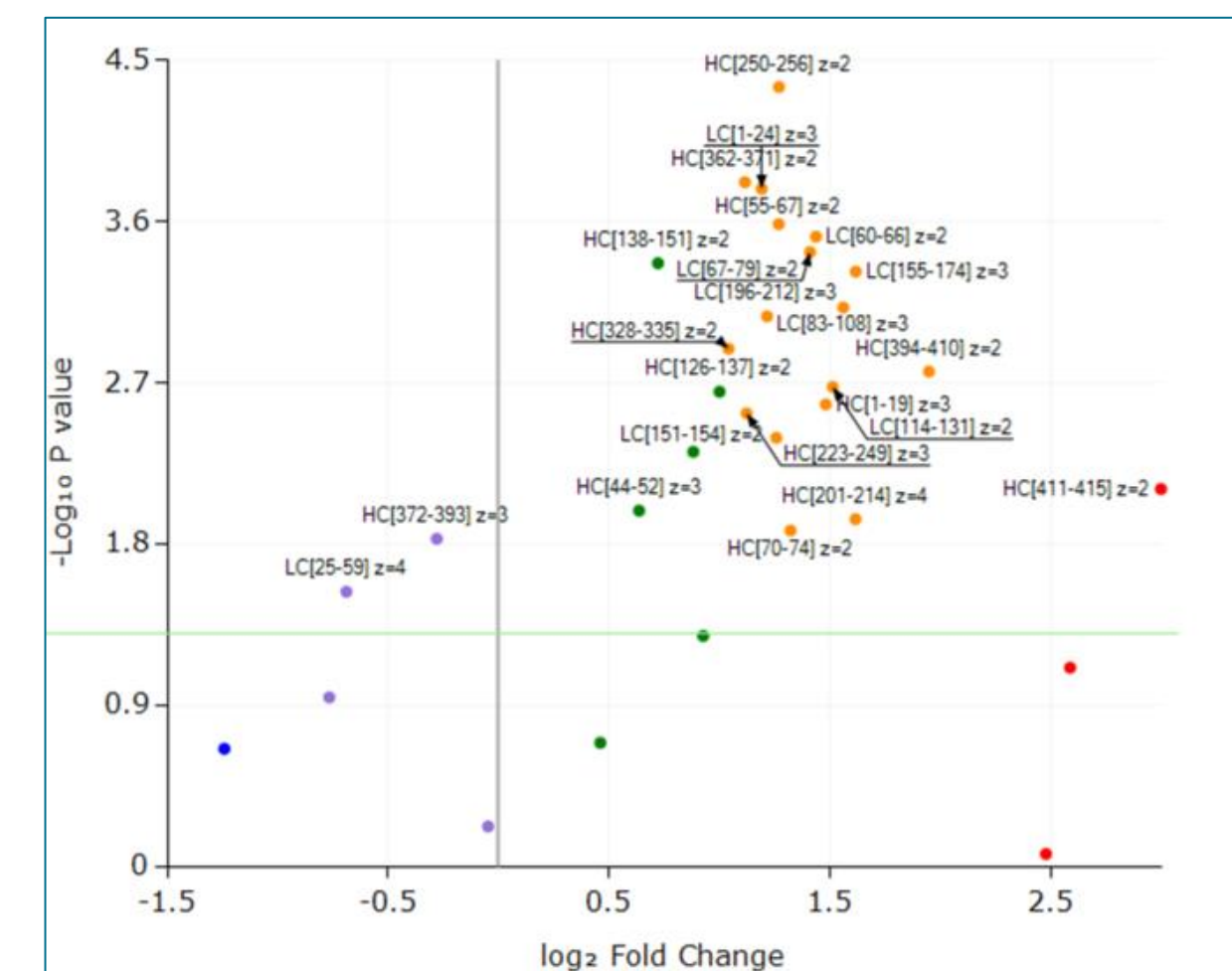
1) Combine and organize data across a full differential experiment



2) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> induced modification subtraction



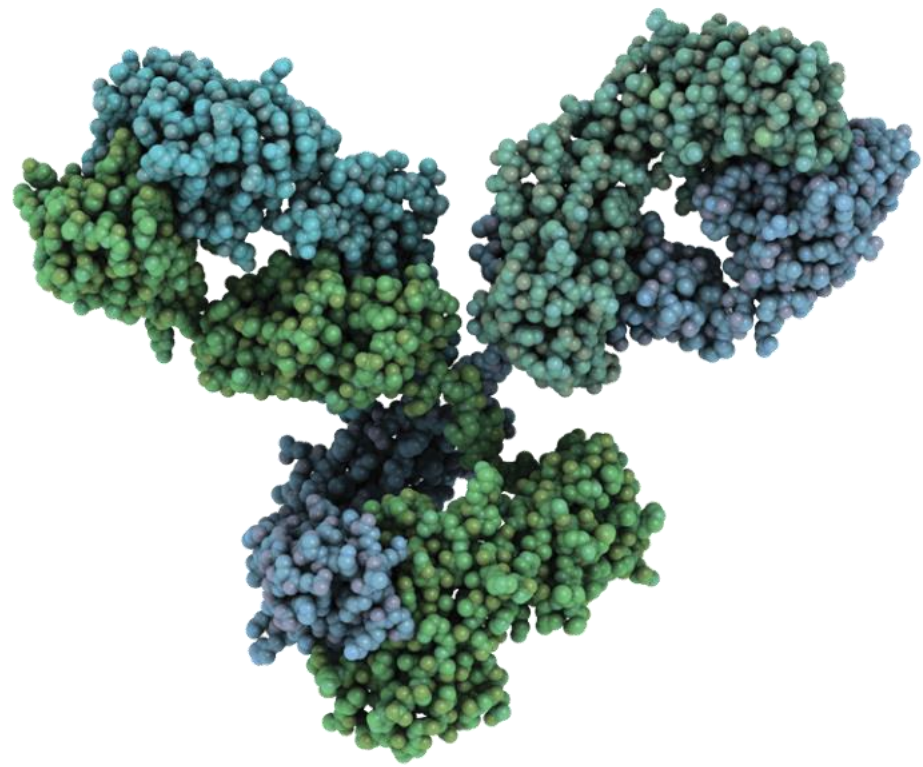
3) Advanced analytics and data presentations





# Protein Footprinting Applications

## *Biopharmaceutical Drug Discovery & Development*



- **Monoclonal Antibodies**
  - Epitope Mapping
  - Paratope Mapping
  - Aggregation
  - Formulation Studies
- **Druggable Target Discovery**
  - Drug Binding Site
  - Allostery
- **Biosimilar Development**
  - Originator Comparison
- **Biomolecular Interactions**
  - Protein-Ligand
  - Protein-Protein
- **Expression Platform Studies**
- **Excipient Effects**
- **Structure**
- **Stability**

# Protein Footprinting Webinar Series



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## Introduction to Protein Footprinting

- Professors Mark Chance of Case Western Reserve University and Joshua Sharp of the University of Mississippi

## Protein Footprinting Applications in Structural Biology

- Professor Michael Gross of the Washington University in St. Louis

## Fast Photochemical Oxidation of Proteins (FPOP) HRPF

- Professor Joshua Sharp of the University of Mississippi

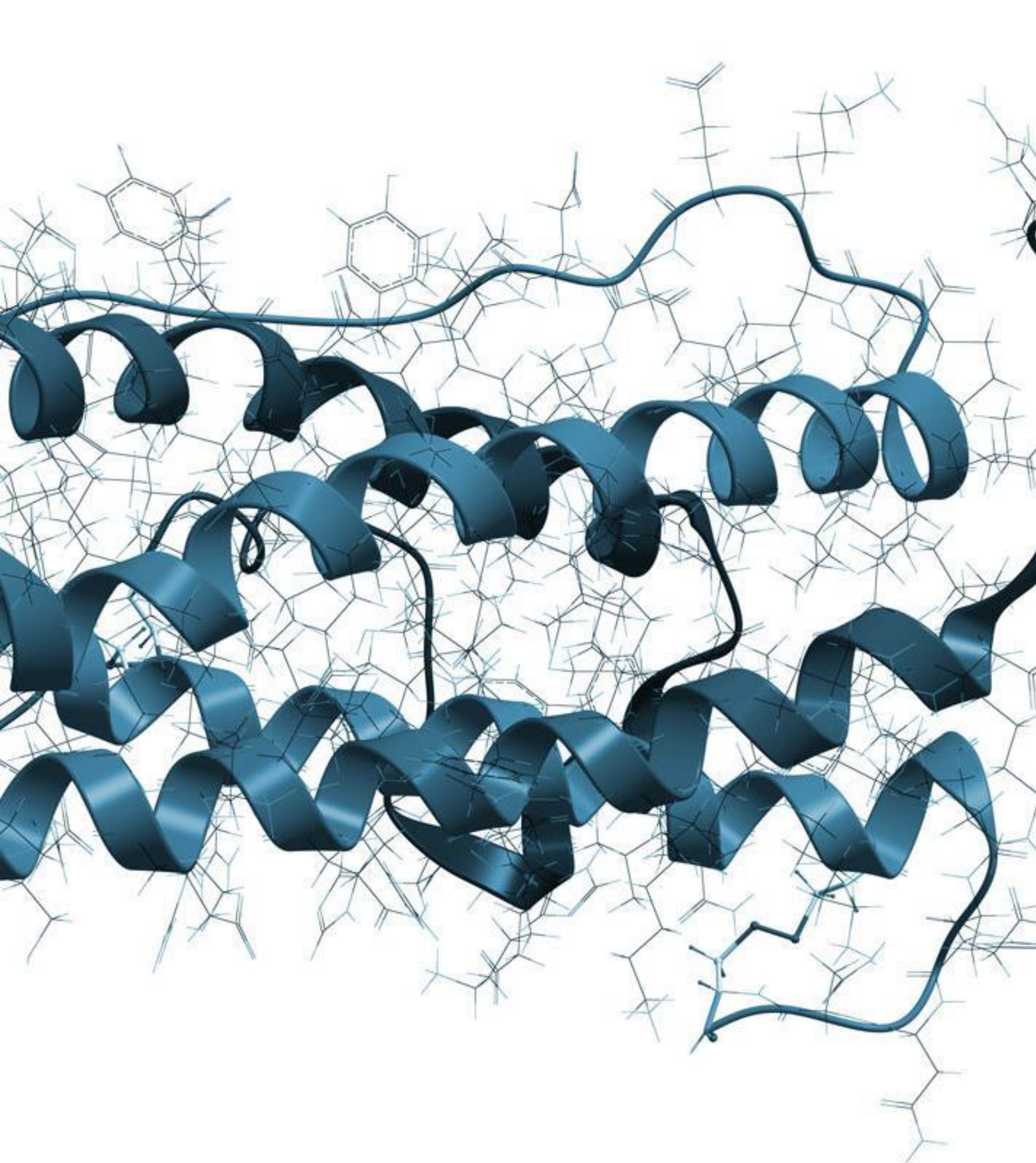
## HRPF Data Processing and Higher Order Structural Analysis

- Professor Joshua Sharp of the University of Mississippi

## In-cell and *in vivo* FPOP

- Professor Lisa Jones of the University of Maryland Baltimore





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Start doing structural biology the easy and robust way.

Learn how our products can fit smoothly into your lab's workflow  
or test-drive the Fox™ System on an outsourced project basis.





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