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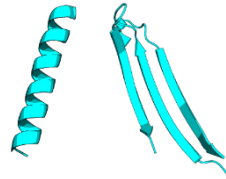
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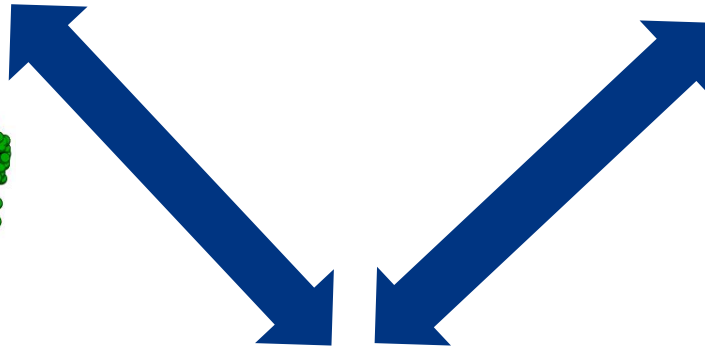
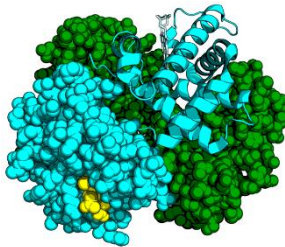
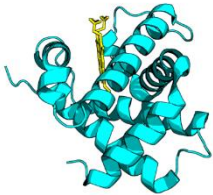
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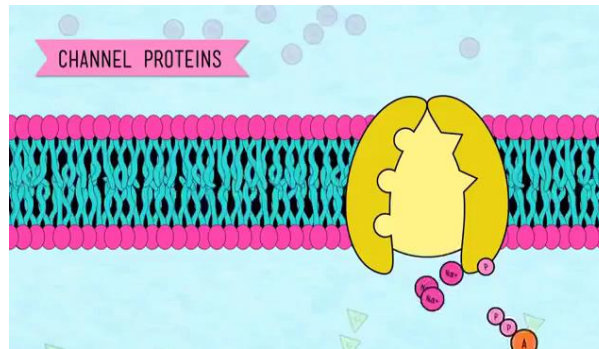
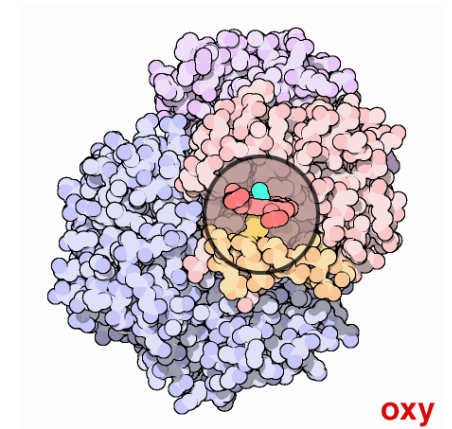
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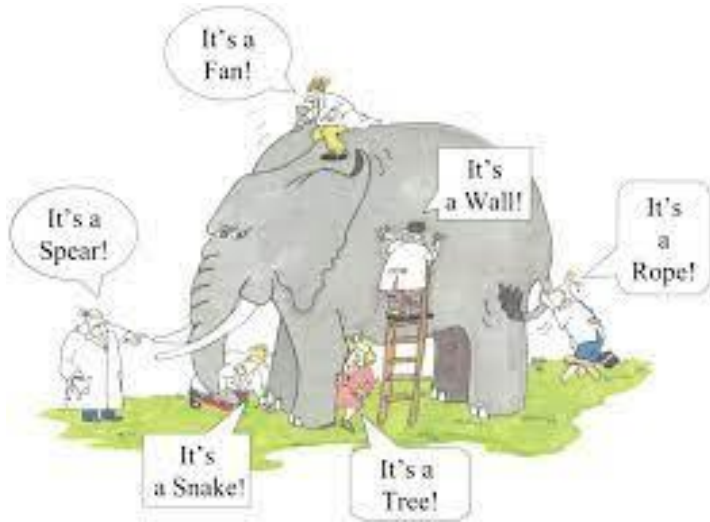
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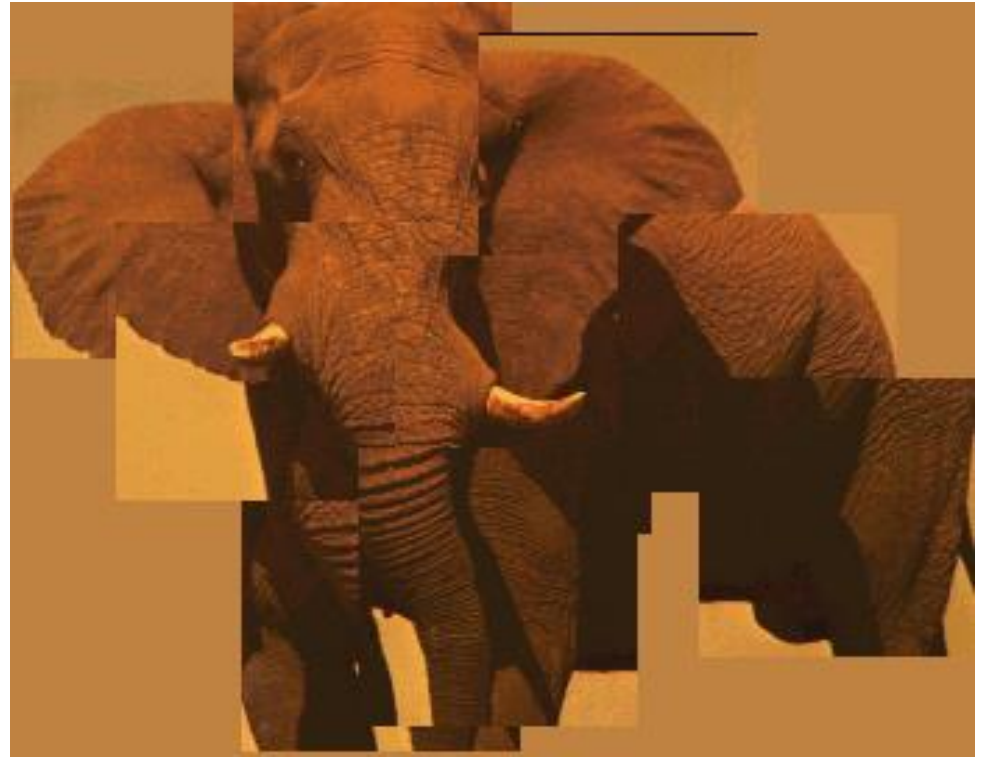


Six Blind Men and the Protein of Unknown Structure



“It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind)
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind...”

John Godfrey Saxe
(1816-1887)



Structural Mass Spectrometry...

Protein covalent labeling

Chemical cross-linking

H/D exchange

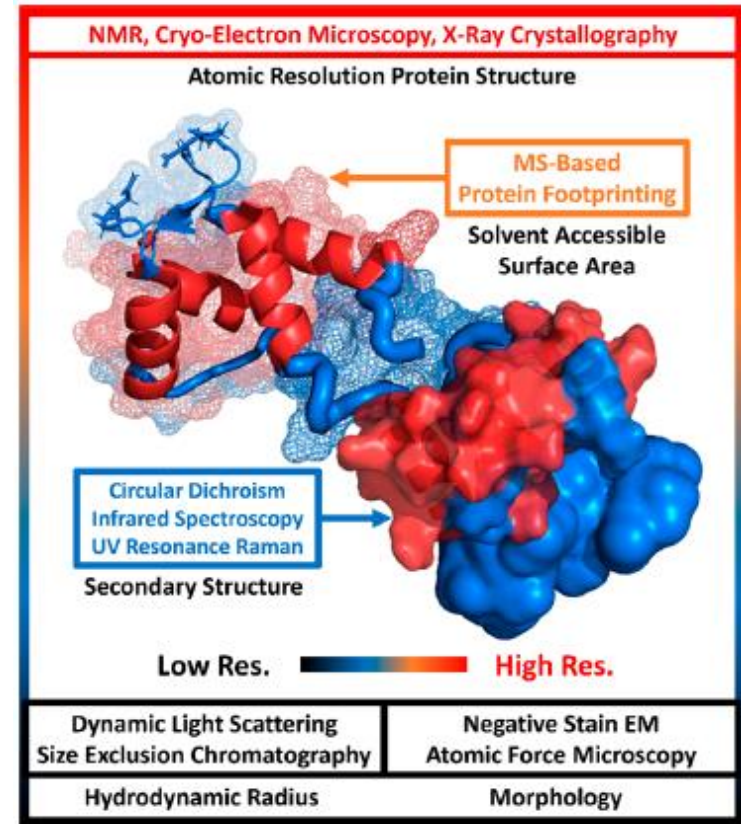
Disulfide bonds mapping

Native mass spectrometry and Ion mobility

Fast photochemical oxidation of proteins

ETD/ECD fragmentation

Limited proteolysis



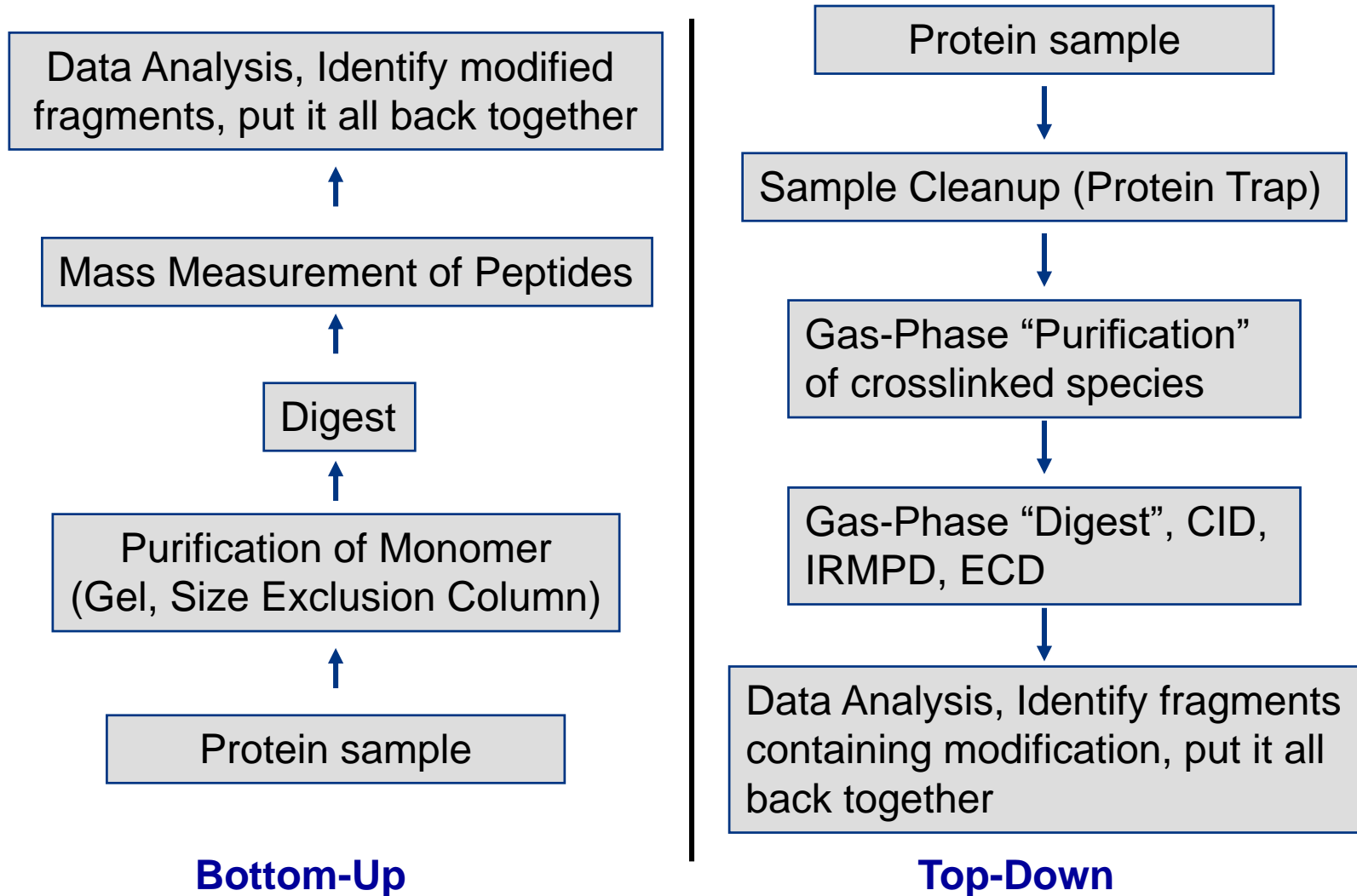
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Structural Mass Spectrometry...



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Mass Spectrometry: Goal in Protein Structure Characterization



Footprinting

Assay **examining higher structures** of biomacromolecules by monitoring **surface accessibility** of their regions

- Single molecule conformation / Conformational changes
- Ligand binding / biomacromolecular interactions

Different techniques

- Enzymatic** / chemical **cleavage**
- Covalent **labeling**

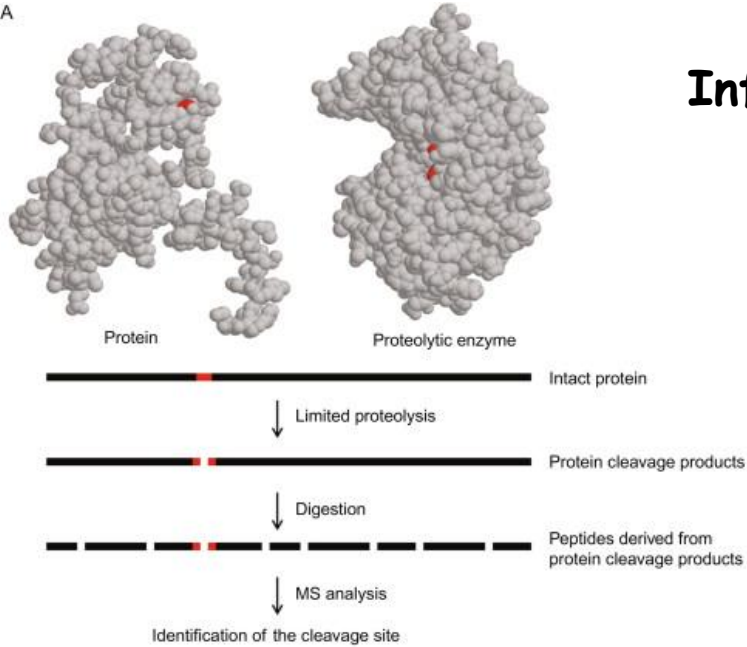


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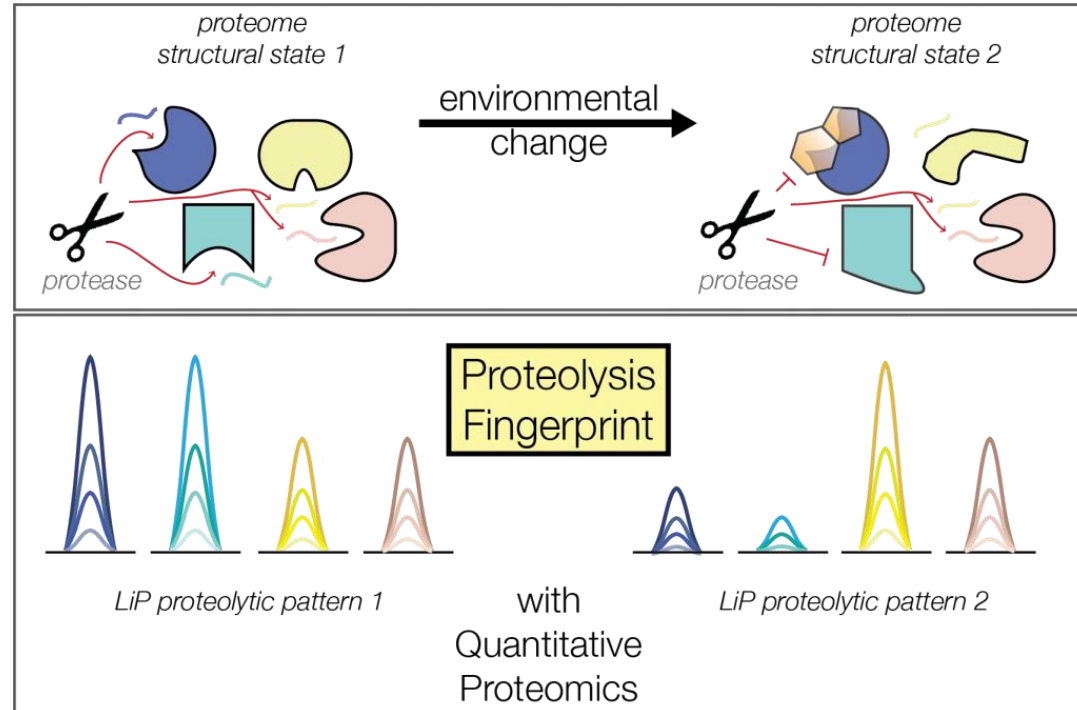
- Hydrogen-deuterium Exchange
- Stable covalent labeling** – Chemical or Radical footprinting and cross-linking

Enzymatic cleavage – Limited proteolysis

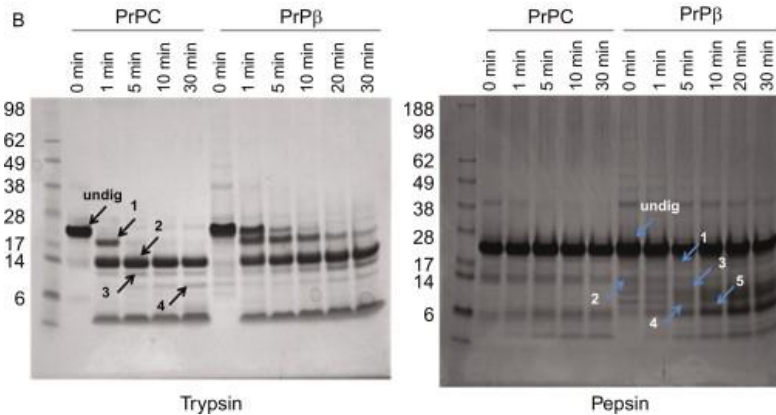
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Information about the accessible surface area



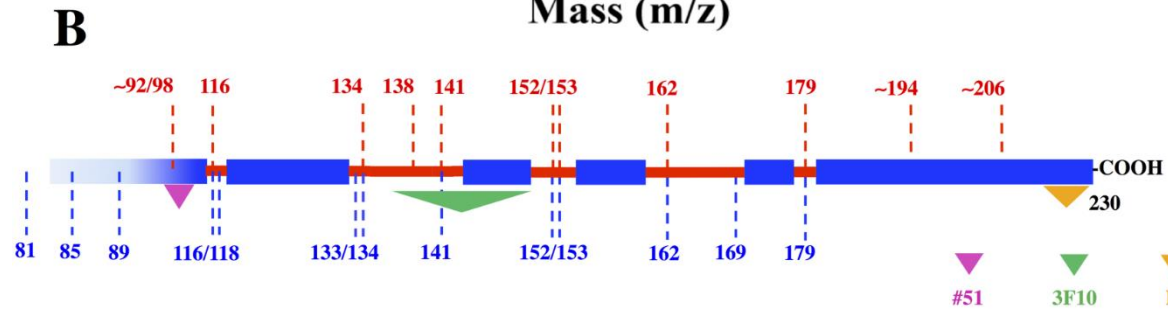
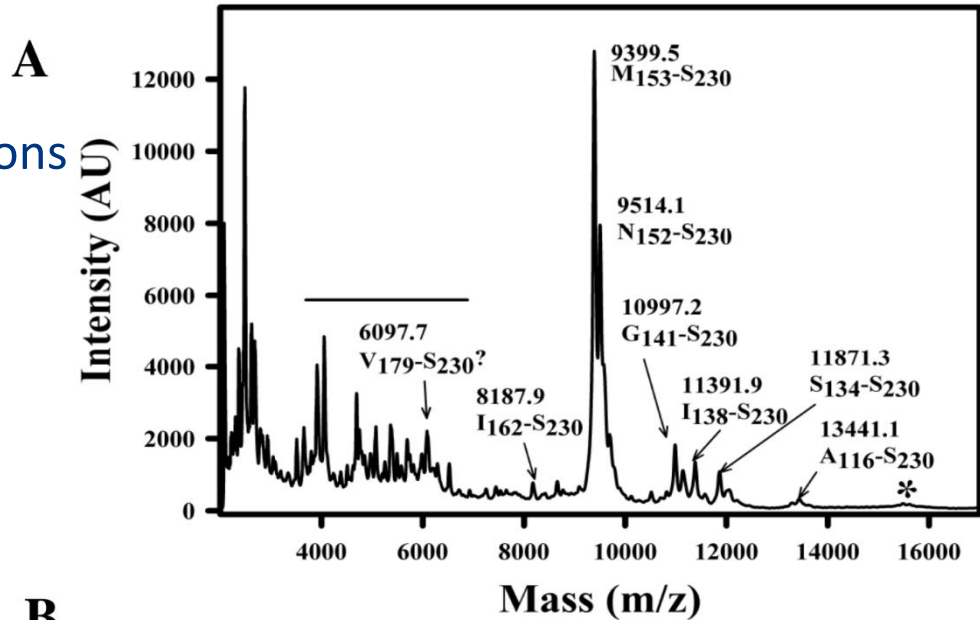
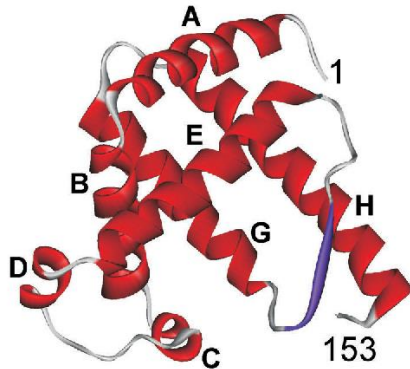
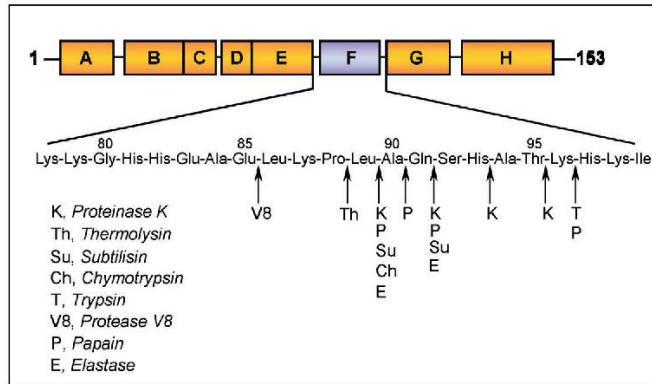
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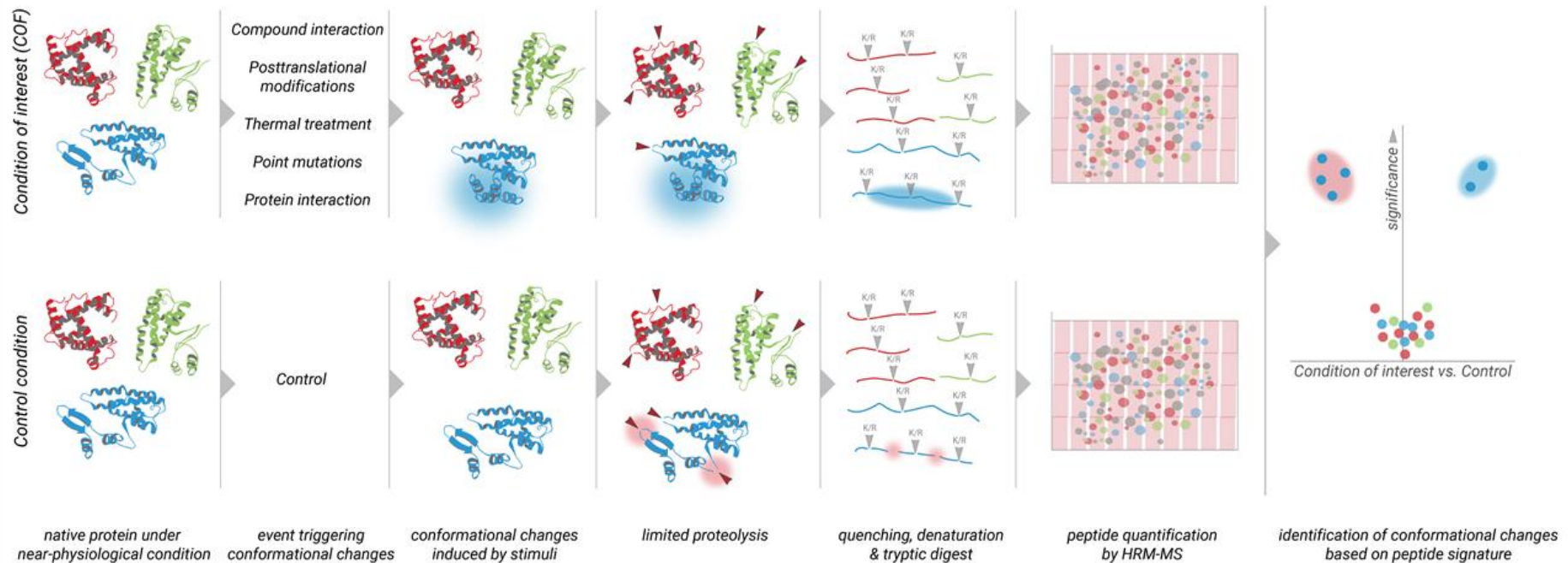
E. V. Petrotchenko, C. H. Borchers, *Modern Mass Spectrometry-Based Structural Proteomics*, Elsevier Inc., 2014.

Limited proteolysis

- protease serves as probe
- controlled cleavage time
- first cleavage of outermost regions
- SDS-PAGE → MS



Limited proteolysis – identification of fragments (“Bottom up”)

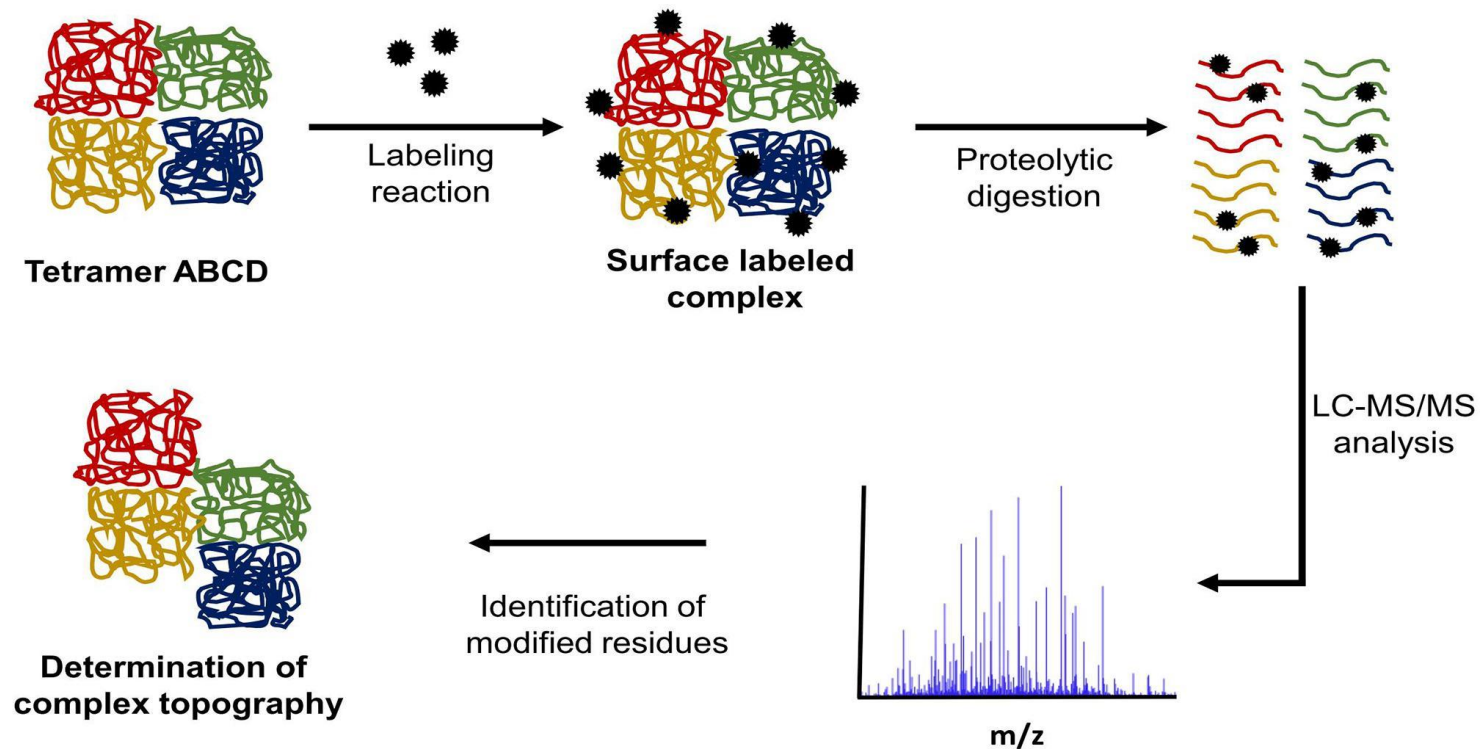


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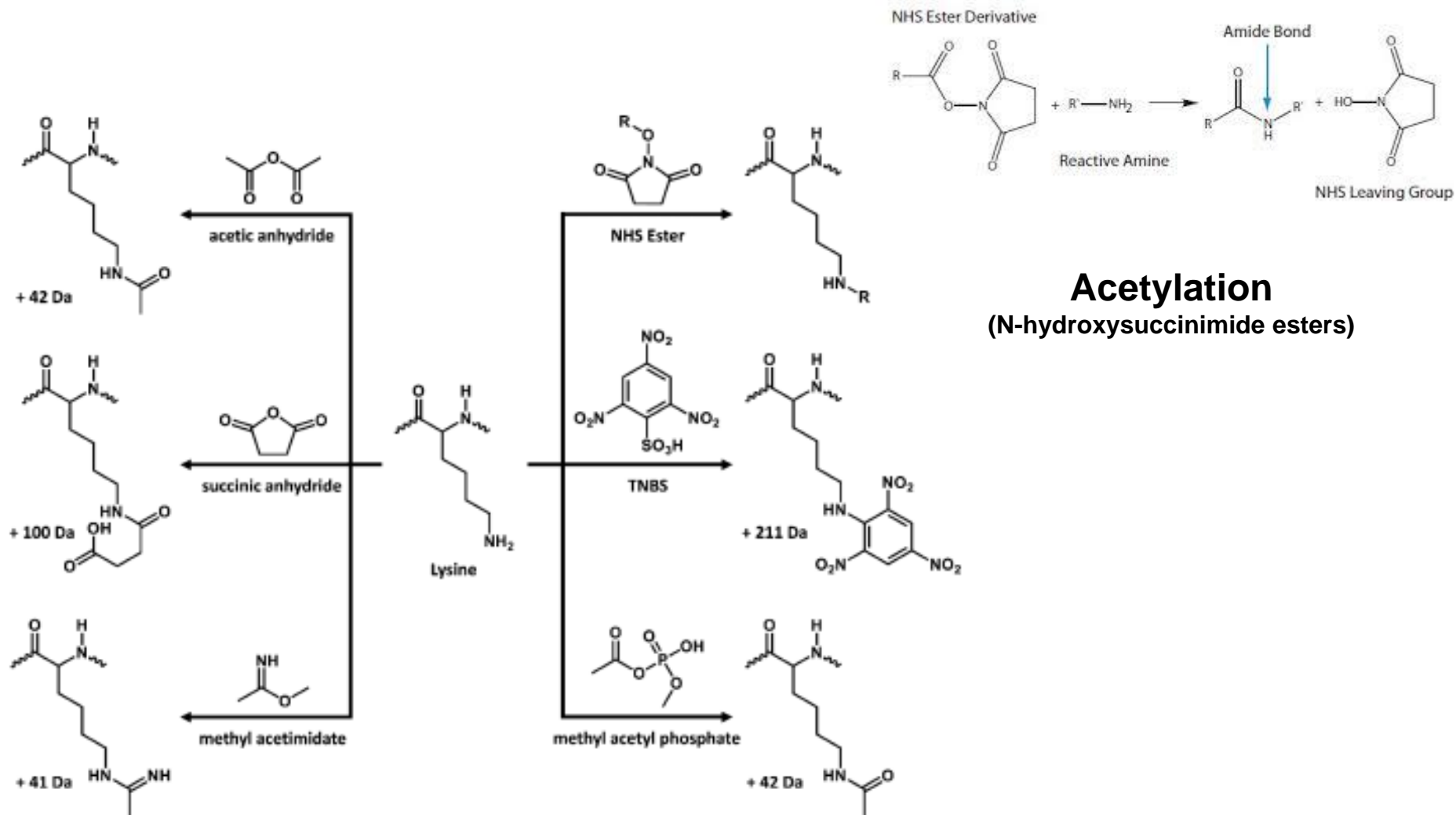
Stable covalent labeling

Chemical probes

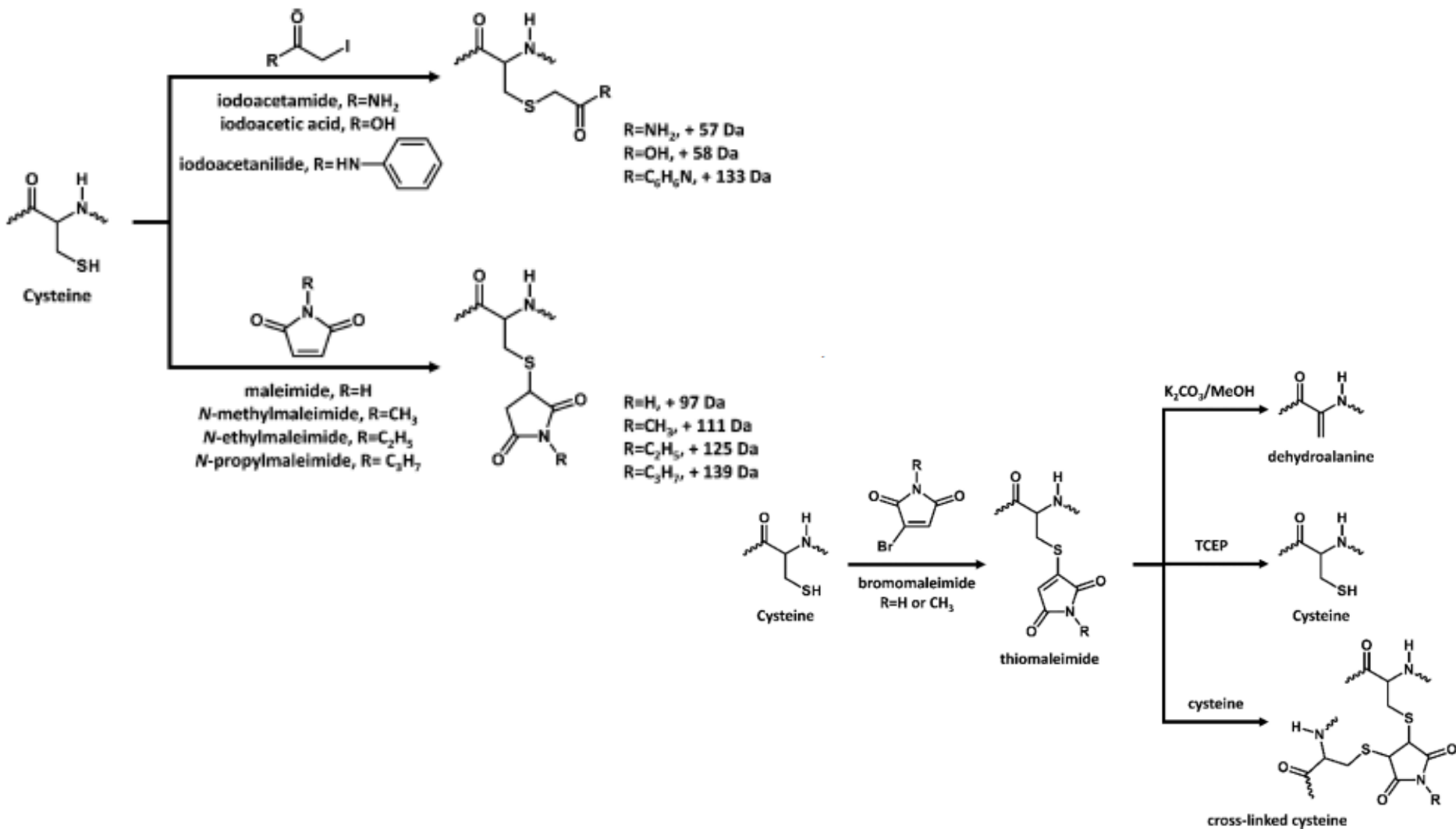
- amino acids functional groups (-COOH, -SH, -NH₂, -OH, CONH₂, aromatic ring)
- **reactivity, specificity** × solvent-accessible surface area (SASA)
- reaction time - minutes to hours
- bifunctional footprinters = **cross-linkers**



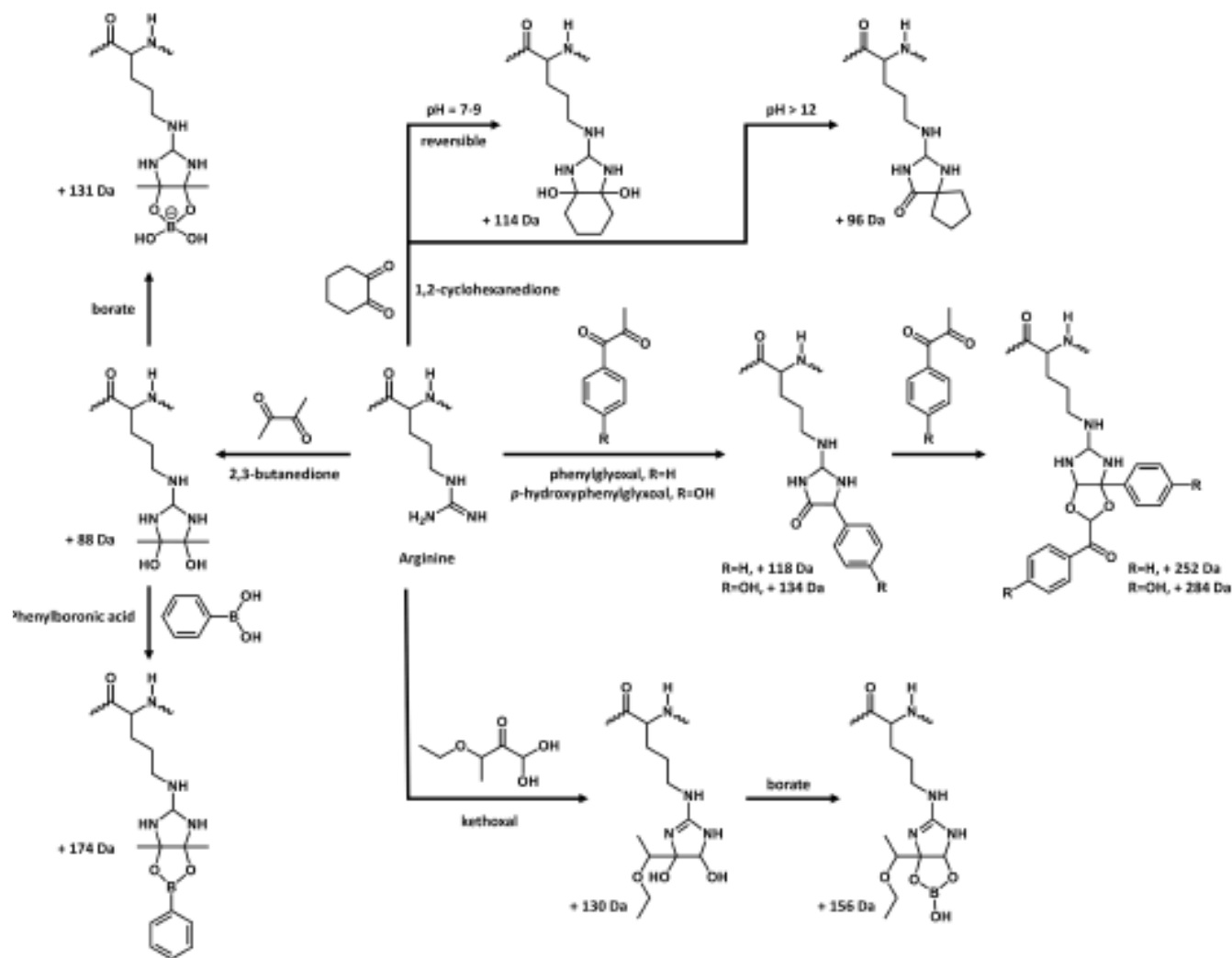
Covalent modification of amino acid side chains - lysine



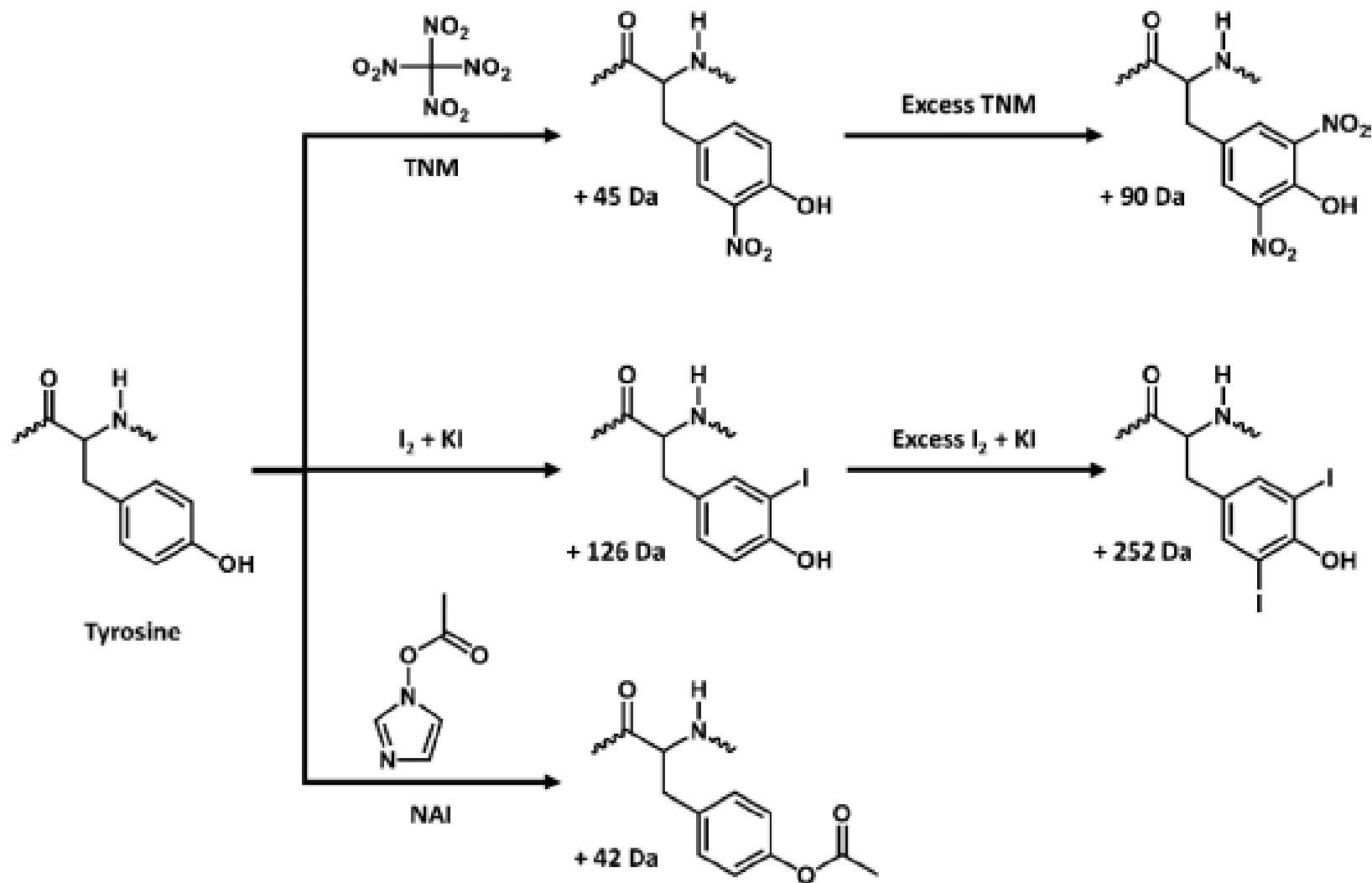
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Covalent modification of amino acid side chains - arginine

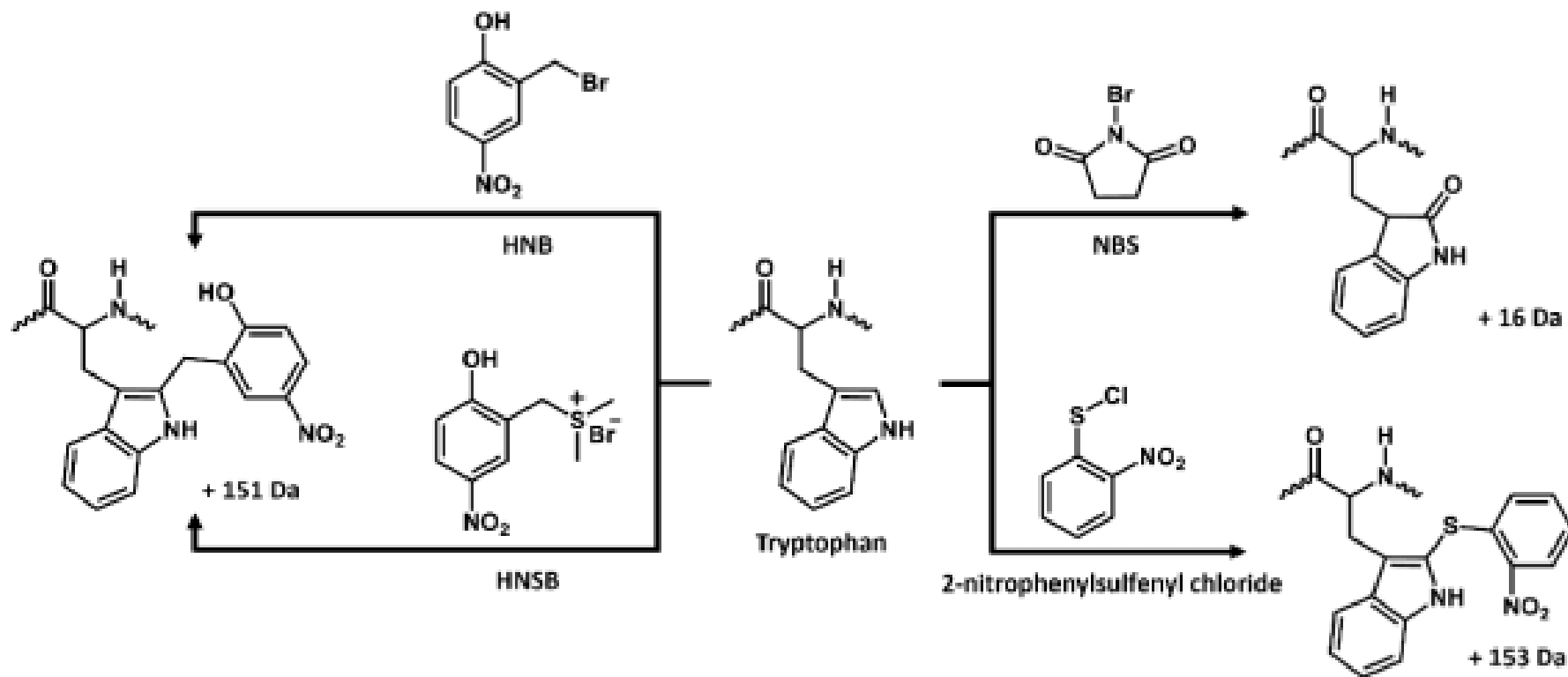


Covalent modification of amino acid side chains - tyrosine

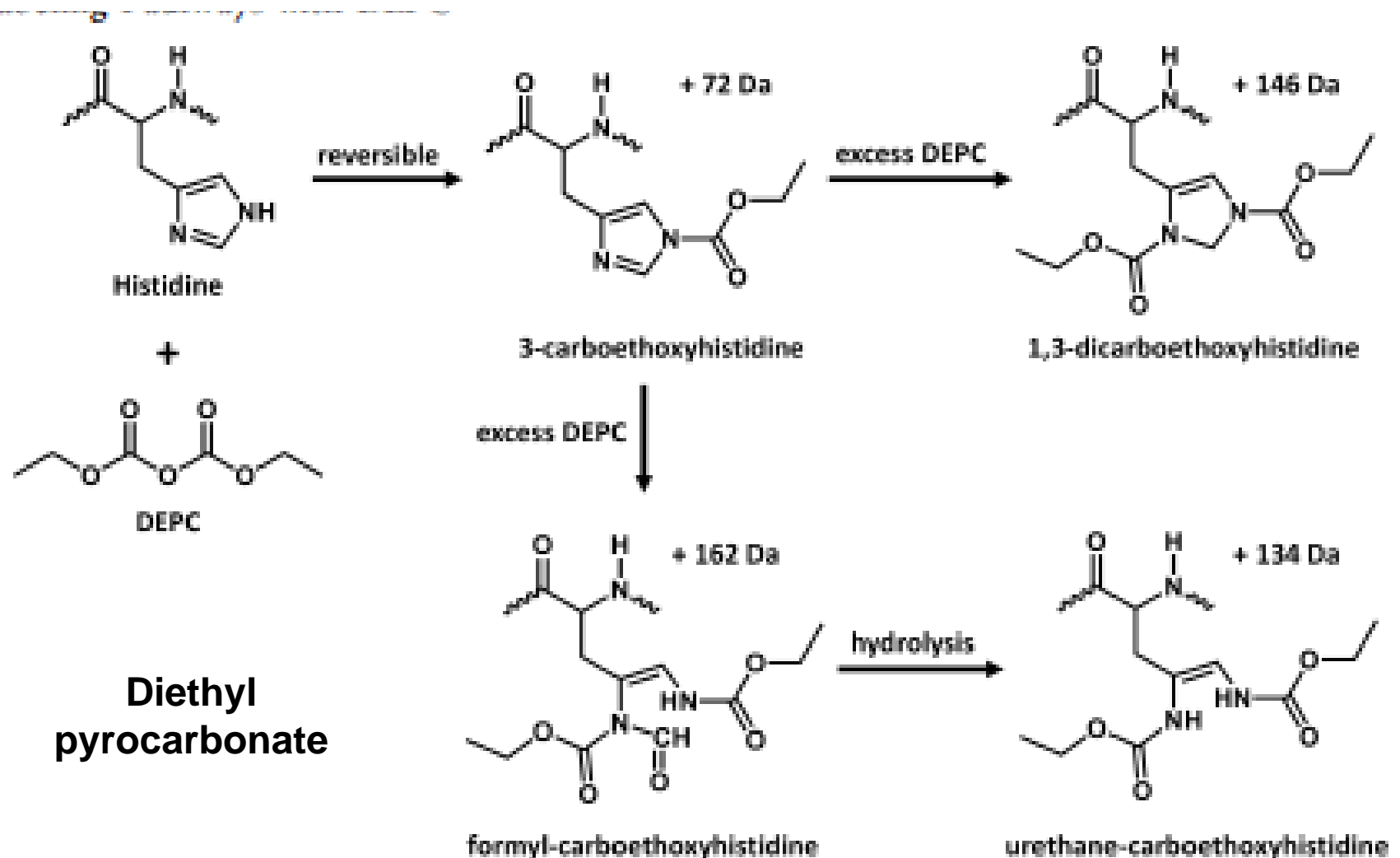


Covalent modification of amino acid side chains - tryptophan

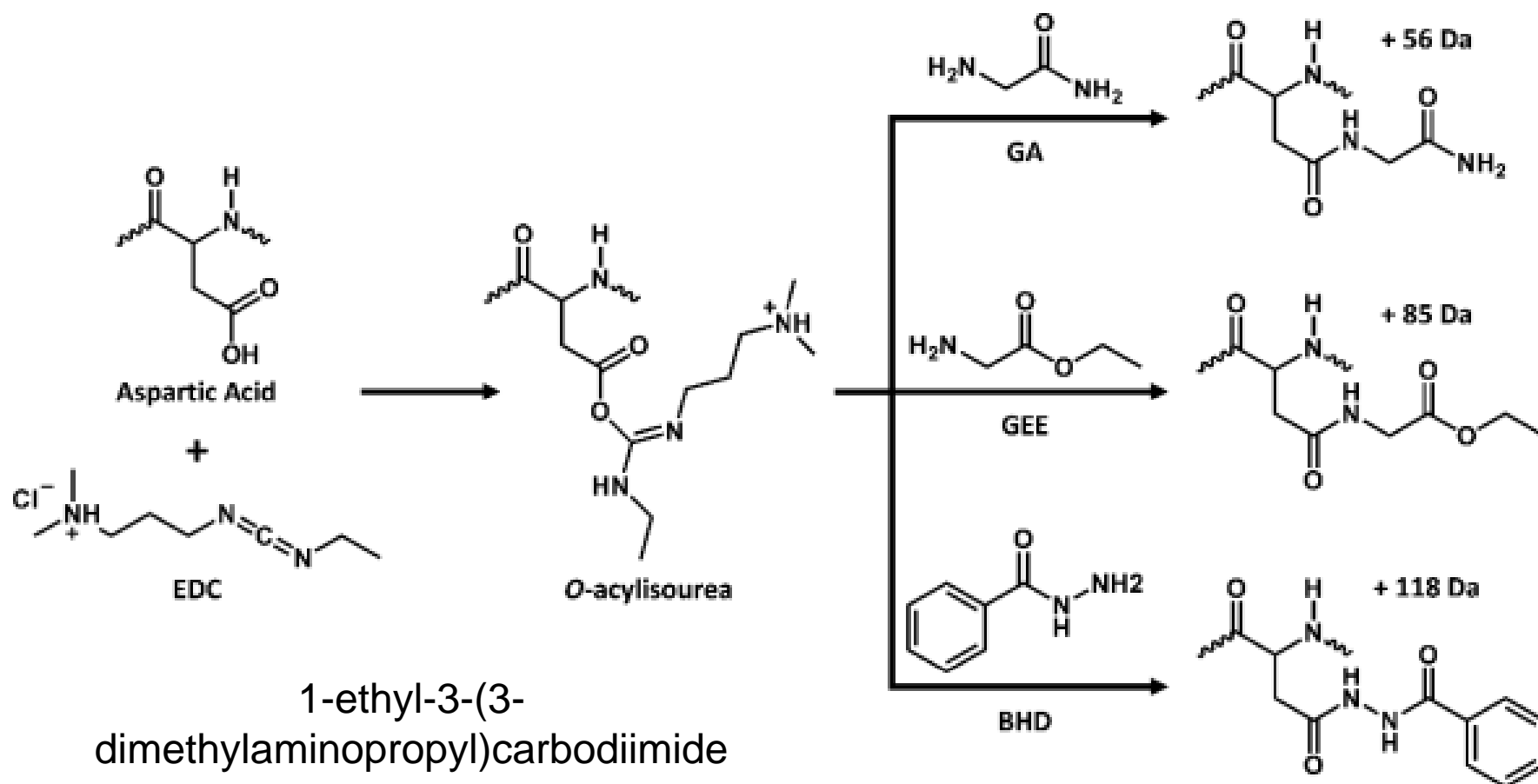
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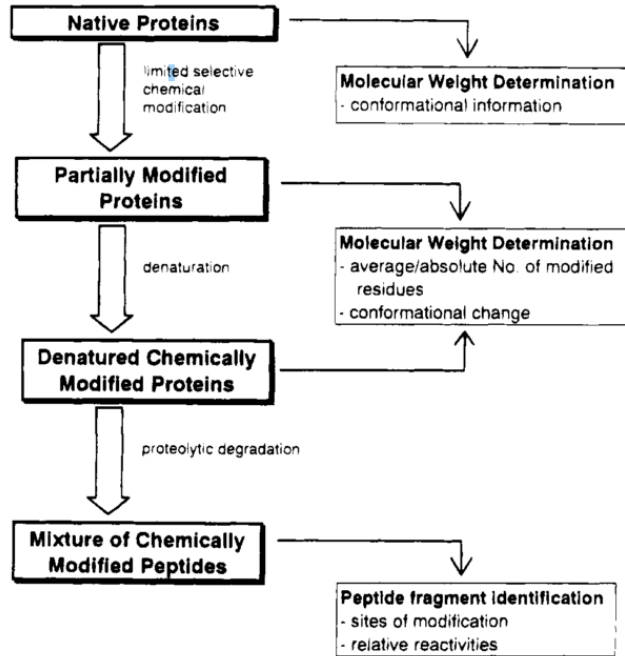
Covalent modification of amino acid side chains - histidine



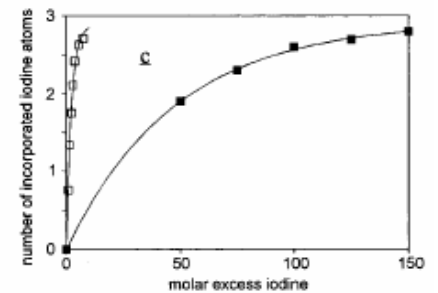
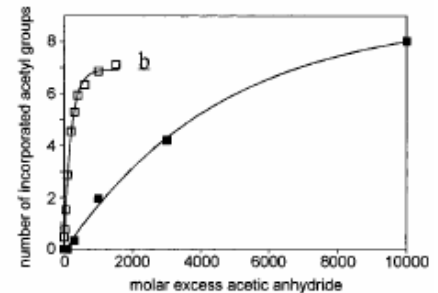
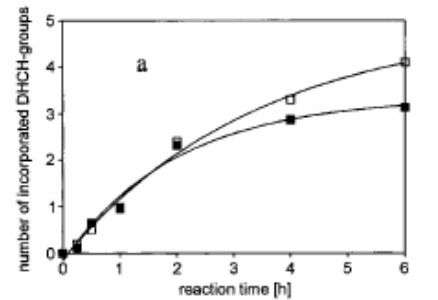
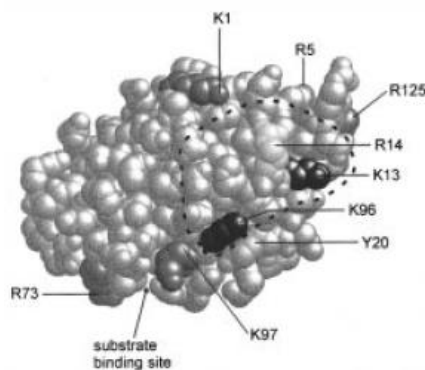
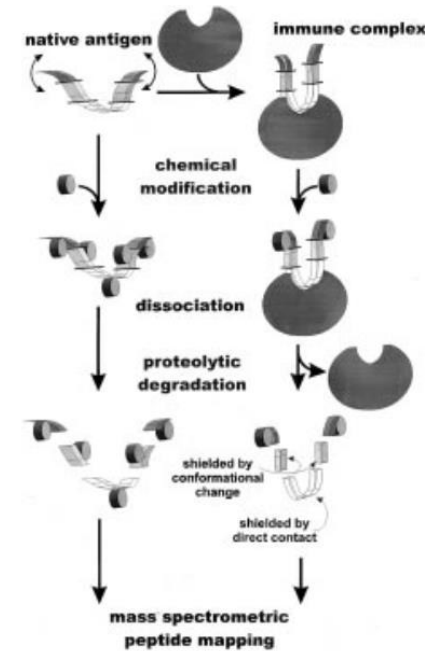
Covalent modification of amino acid side chains – Asp, Glu



Protein covalent labeling: Lys, Tyr, Arg



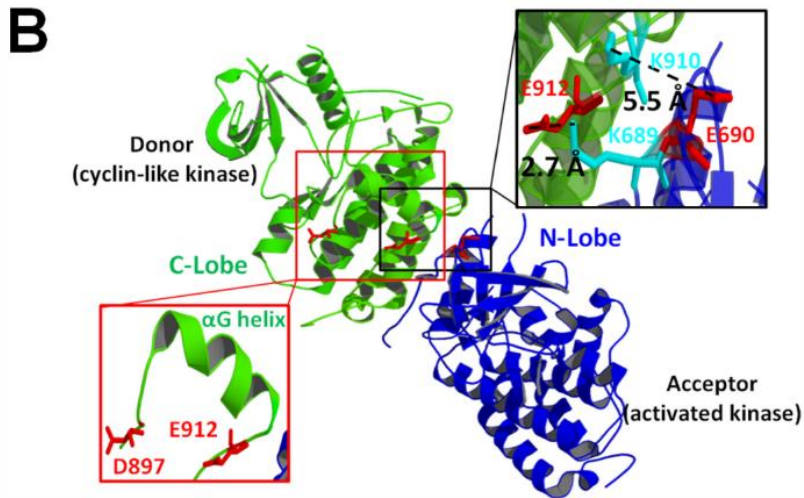
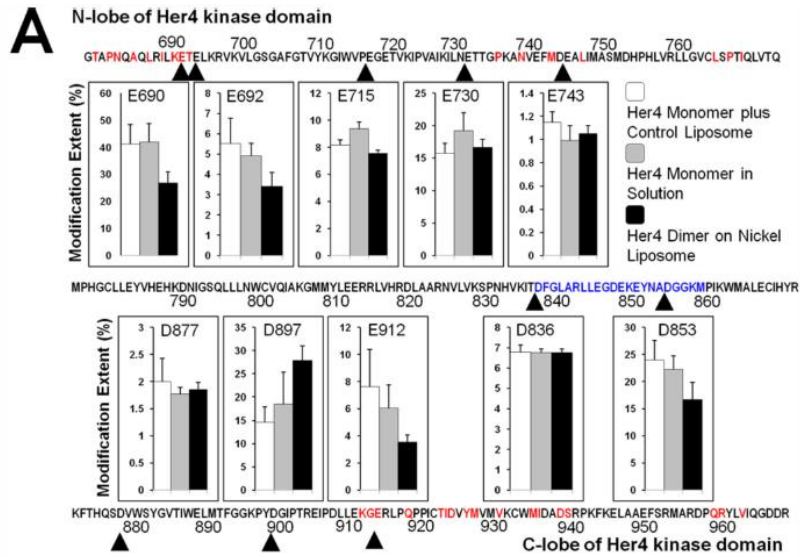
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	α-NH ₂		α-NH ₂
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2	1, 7, 37	1	16, 42, 87
3	31, 61, 91	13, 116	56, 50, 62, 78, 102
4	66, 98	96	96, 47, 87, 133, ^b 118 ^b



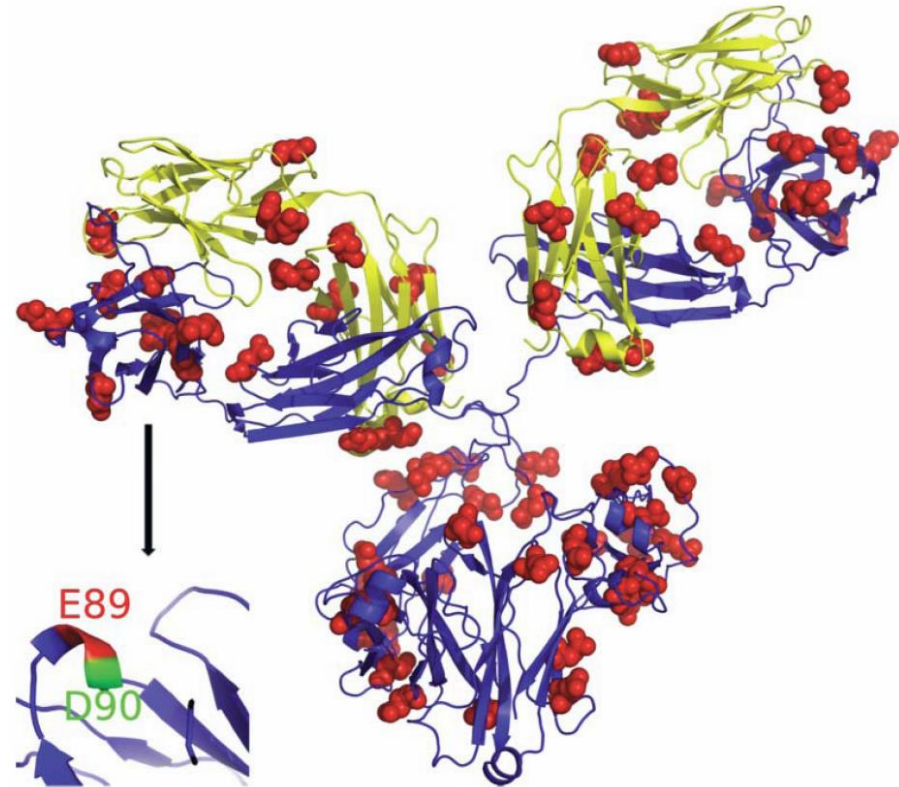
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Protein covalent labeling: Asp, Glu

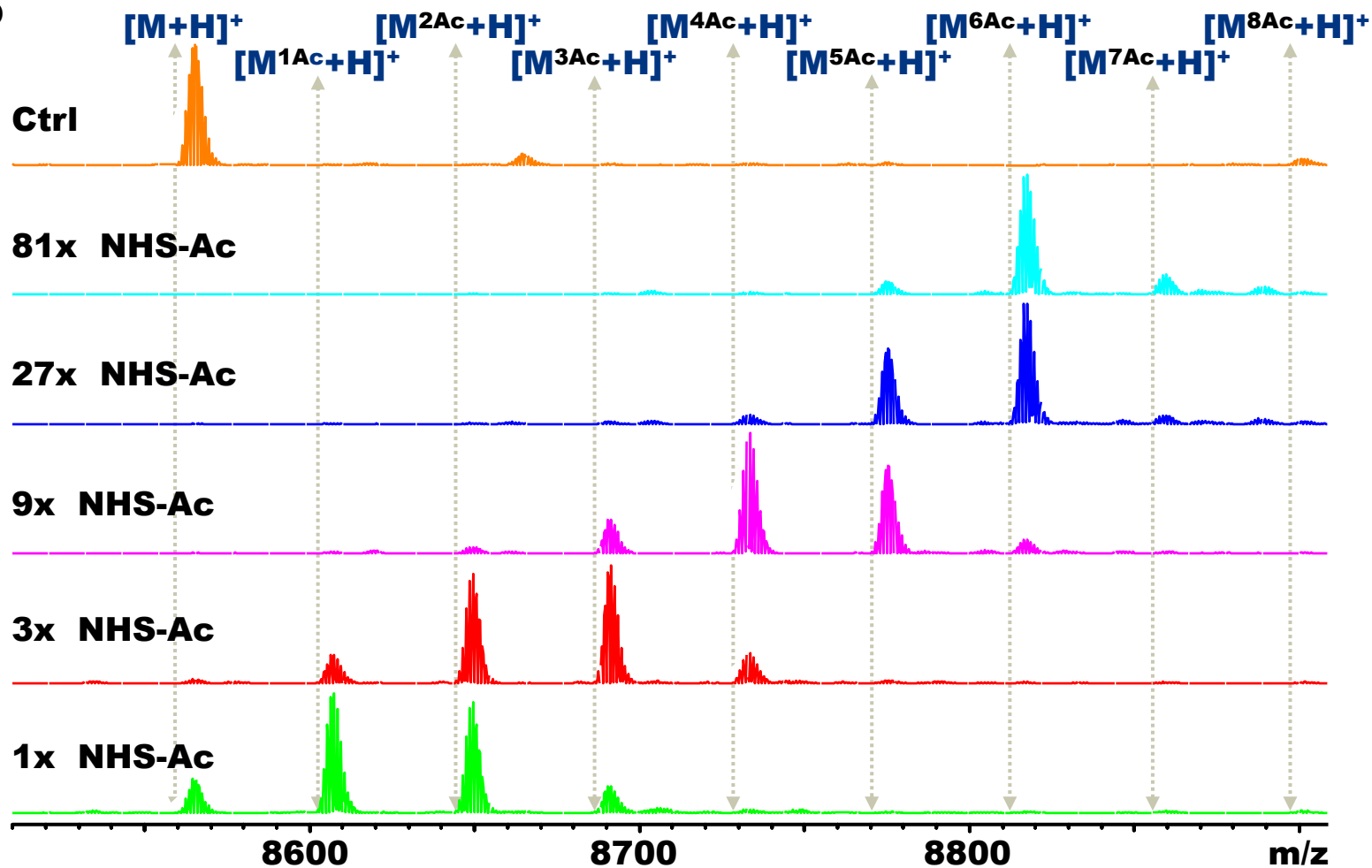
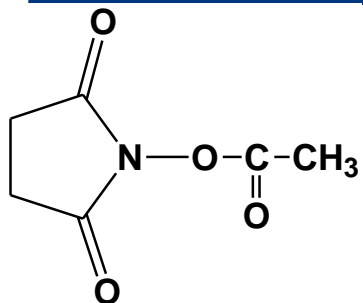


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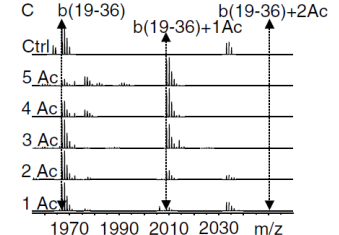
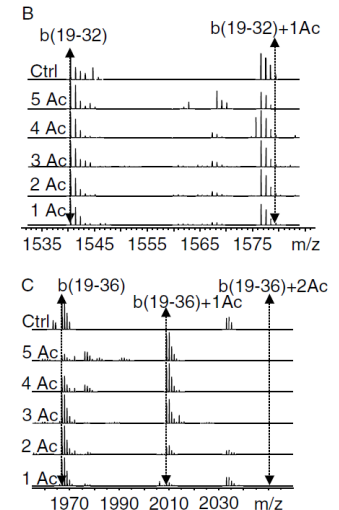
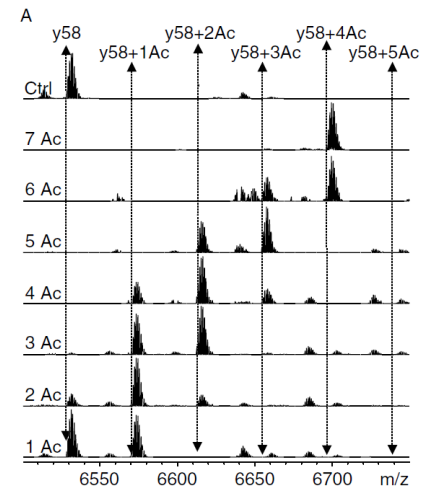
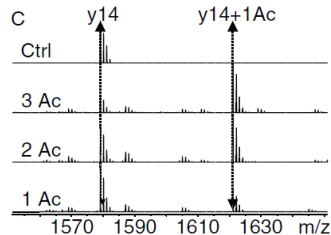
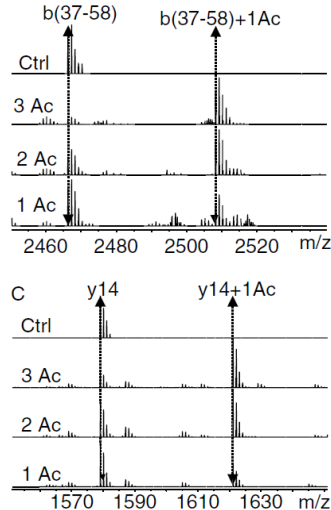
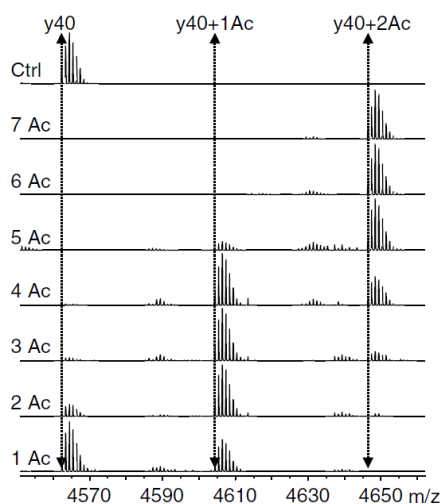
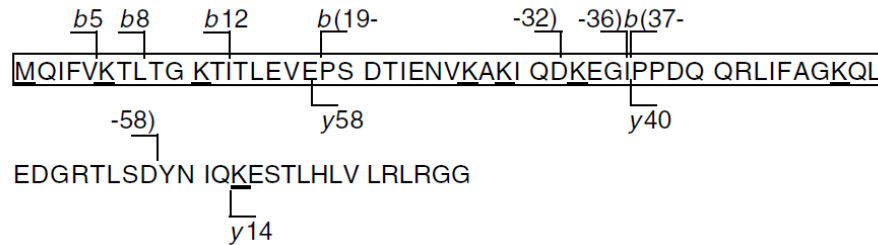
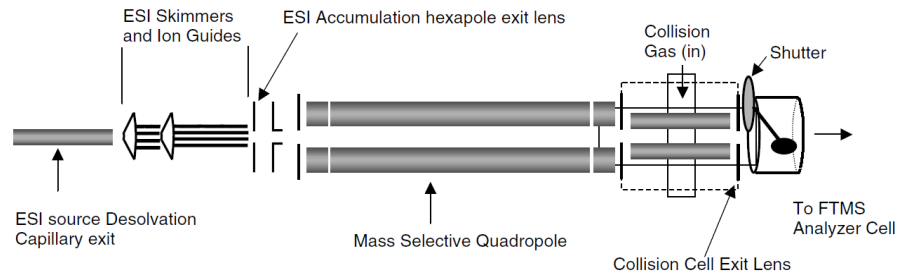


Kaur P. et al. mAb 2015

Protein covalent labeling: Top down



Protein covalent labeling: Top down



Protein covalent labeling: a reactivity of lysine in an issue

¹MQIFV**K**TLTG ¹¹**K**TITLEVEPS ²¹DTIENV**KAKI** ³¹QD**K**EGIPPDQ
⁴¹QRLIFAG**K**QL ⁵¹EDGRTLSDYN ⁶¹IQ**K**ESTLHLV ⁷¹LRLRGG

(¹M~**K6**~**K48**~**K63**) > **K33** > **K11** > (**K27**,**K29**)

- In agreement with NMR data, which shows.
 - **K11** interacts with E34; **K29** interacts with D21
A
- Crystal structure indicates **K27** H-bonds to D52.
- More reactive lysines don't H-bond (**K63**) or H-bond to backbone carbonyls (**K48**, **K33**).
- **K48** and **K63** participate in formation of polyubiquitin.

Novak et. al. J. Mass Spectrom. 2004, 39, 322

Hydroxyl Radical Footprinting

Products of water or hydrogen peroxide molecule homolytic bond cleavage

Hydroxyl radicals can be generated
by various means:

- Fenton reaction
- Irradiation of water by x-rays or electron beams
- Photolysis of hydrogen peroxide
FPOP (fast photochemical
oxidation of proteins)
- Other radicals available • OH,
• I, • CF₃

The relative reactivity of the amino acid side chains

Cysteine, Methionine,
Tryptophan

Tyr > Phe > His
> Leu ~ Ile >
Arg ~ Lys ~ Val
> Ser ~ Thr ~
Pro > Gln ~ Glu
> Asp

Alanine,
Glycine

- Reactive species
- React efficiently with most AA side chains
- Form STABLE oxidation products

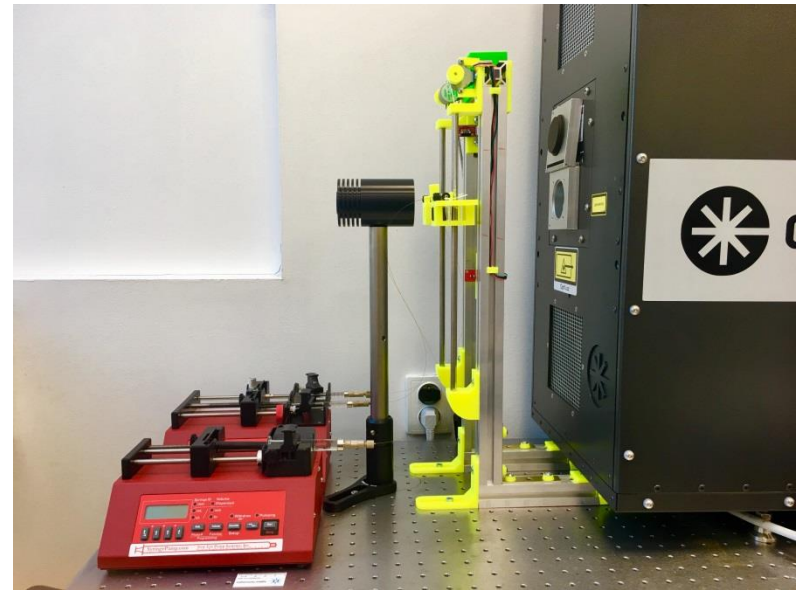
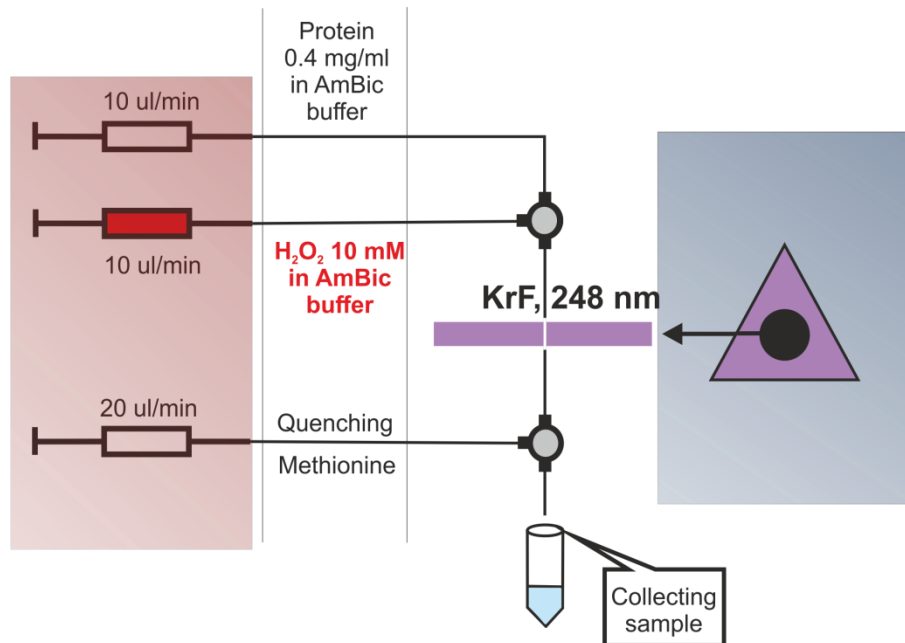
Takamoto K. et al. Annu Rev Biophys Biomol Struct. 2006, 35, 251-276

Conditions for radical labeling

- ▶ Electron pulse radiolysis:
 - reproducible 1-100 ns pulses; MeV energy range on linear accelerator
- ▶ Synchrotron radiolysis:
 - X-ray; 3-30 keV @ beam current ~ 250 mA
- ▶ Laser H₂O₂ photolysis:
 - 1% - 0,04% H₂O₂ (mixing by stopped-flow device or just before irradiation); **quench and removal of residual peroxide** is vital
 - Nd:YAG; 2 mJ/pulse @ 266 nm; 3-5 ns pulse; 1-100 shots
 - 17 ns KrF excimer laser; 50 mJ/pulse @ 248 nm
 - 18 ns KrF excimer laser; 62,5 mJ/pulse @ 248 nm; 16 Hz

Fast photochemical oxidation of proteins

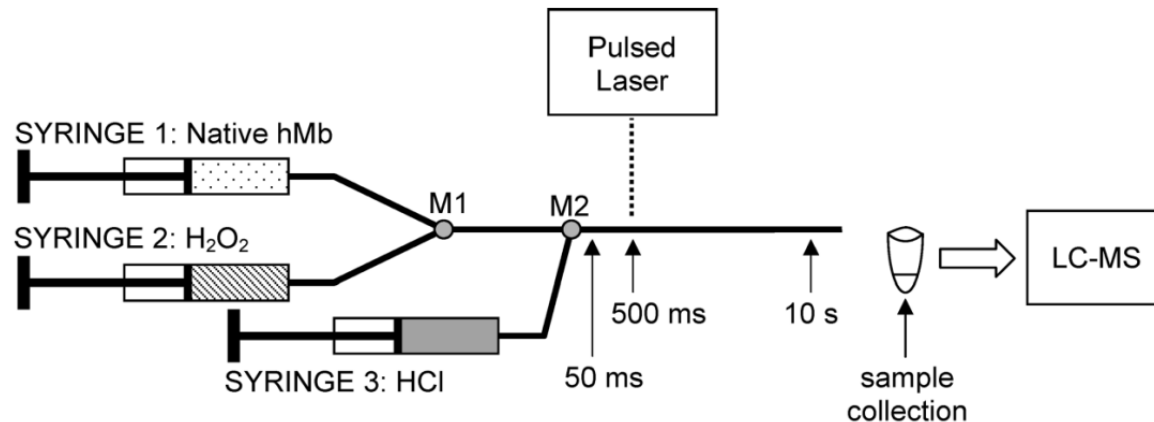
- Covalent modification preserves the primary sequence of modified residues
- High reactivity of $\cdot\text{OH}$ the modifications of more than half of amino acid side-chains, providing a higher coverage



Experimental setup



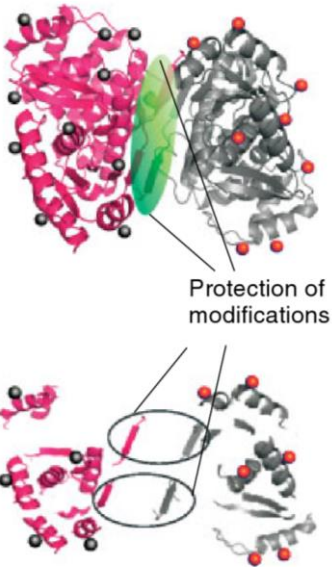
- Sample mixed and irradiated in
 - **μtubes** (sample volume ~ 15 μl) or in
 - **stopped-flow microfluidic mixing device** - essential for folding / kinetic studies (capillary flow ~ 20 μl.min⁻¹)



- Short pulses with high energy are needed to create sufficient concentration of radicals on very short (sub-microsecond) timescales to avoid conformational changes of protein during labeling.
- Possible protein conformational changes occur mostly on a longer than millisecond timescale.

Hydroxyl radical footprinting – work-flow

Protein 1-2 Complex

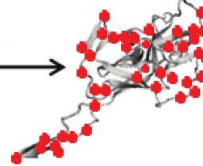


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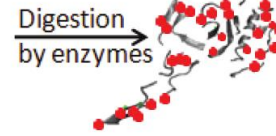
Target Protein



Labeling protein by OH·

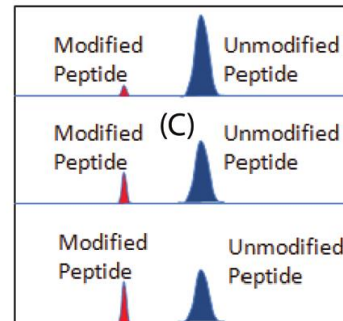
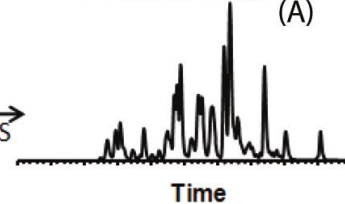


Protein digests



Separation and
Detection by LC-MS

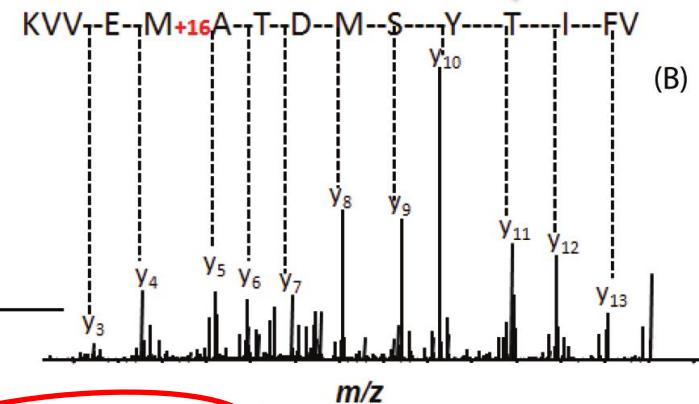
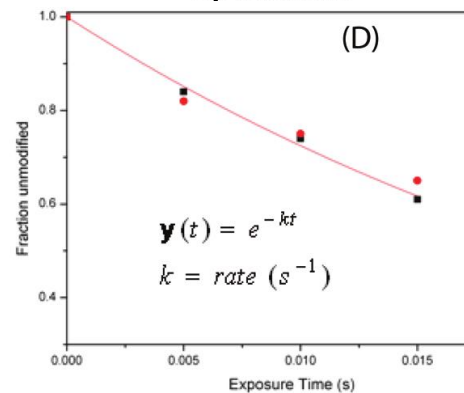
LC chromatogram (A)



Quantifying surface
labeling rate by
Chromatogram peak area
of oxidized peptides

Qualifying
surface labeling
sites by
identification of
peptide and its
modification
using MS/MS

Dose Response Curve



Data analysis and Structural modeling

Hydroxyl radical footprinting – sample complexity

Benefits of Ion Mobility Separation and Parallel Accumulation–Serial Fragmentation Technology on timsTOF Pro for the Needs of Fast Photochemical Oxidation of Protein Analysis

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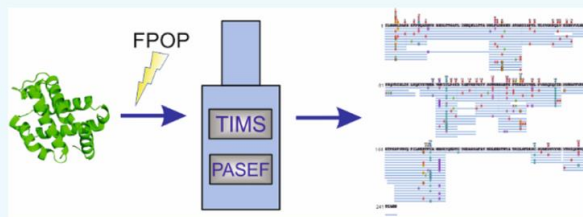
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ABSTRACT: Fast photochemical oxidation of proteins (FPOP) is a recently developed technique for studying protein folding, conformations, interactions, etc. In this method, hydroxyl radicals, usually generated by KrF laser photolysis of H_2O_2 , are used for irreversible labeling of solvent-exposed side chains of amino acids. Mapping of the oxidized residues to the protein's structure requires pinpointing of modifications using a bottom-up proteomic approach. In this work, a quadrupole time-of-flight (QTOF) mass spectrometer coupled with trapped ion mobility spectrometry (timsTOF Pro) was used for identification of oxidative modifications in a model protein. Multiple modifications on the same residues, including six modifications of histidine, were successfully resolved. Moreover, parallel accumulation–serial fragmentation (PASEF) technology allows successful sequencing of even minor populations of modified peptides. The data obtained indicate a clear improvement of the quality of the FPOP analysis from the viewpoint of the number of identified peptides bearing oxidative modifications and their precise localization. Data are available via ProteomeXchange with identifier PXD020509.

- Reproducibility
- Sensitivity
- Precise localization of modification

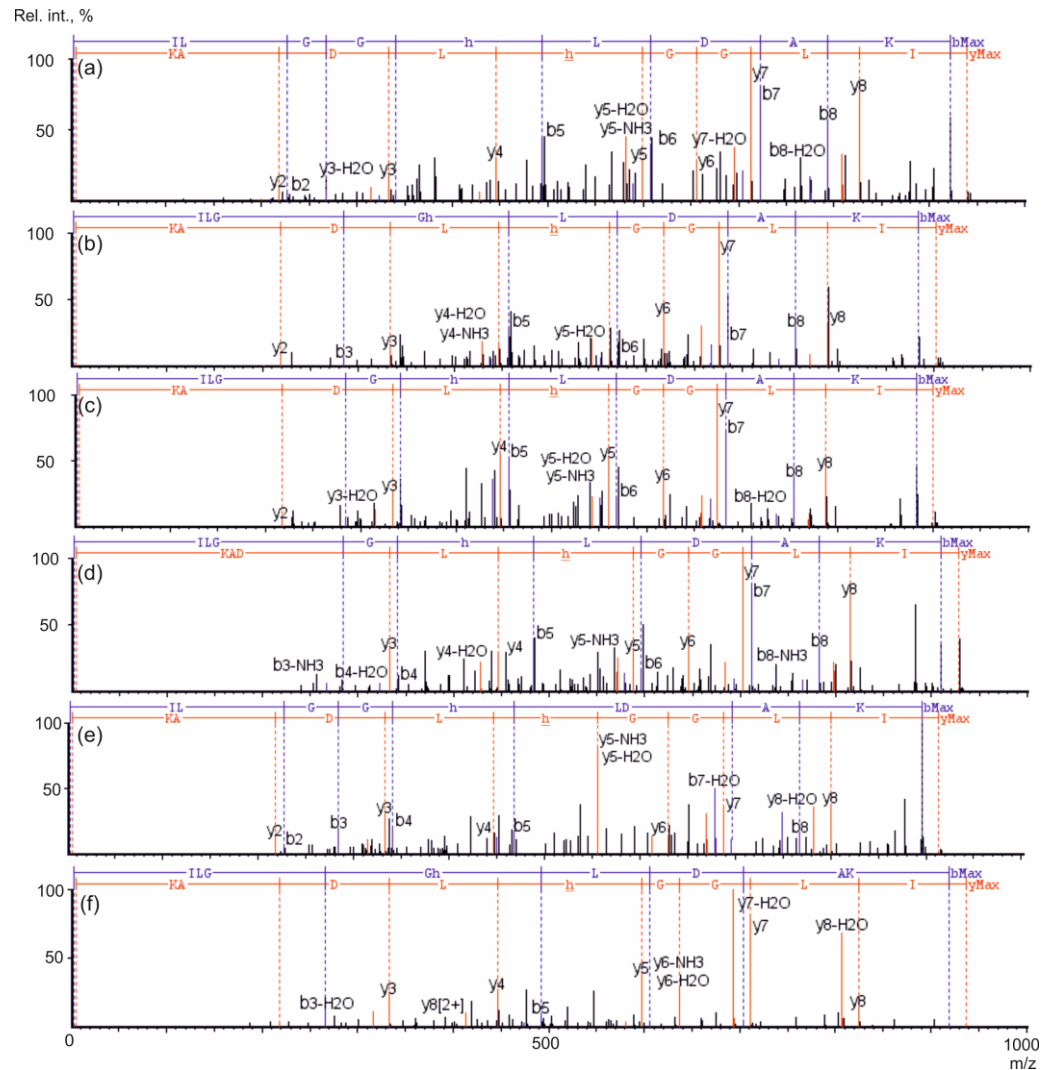


Peptide map of haptoglobin β



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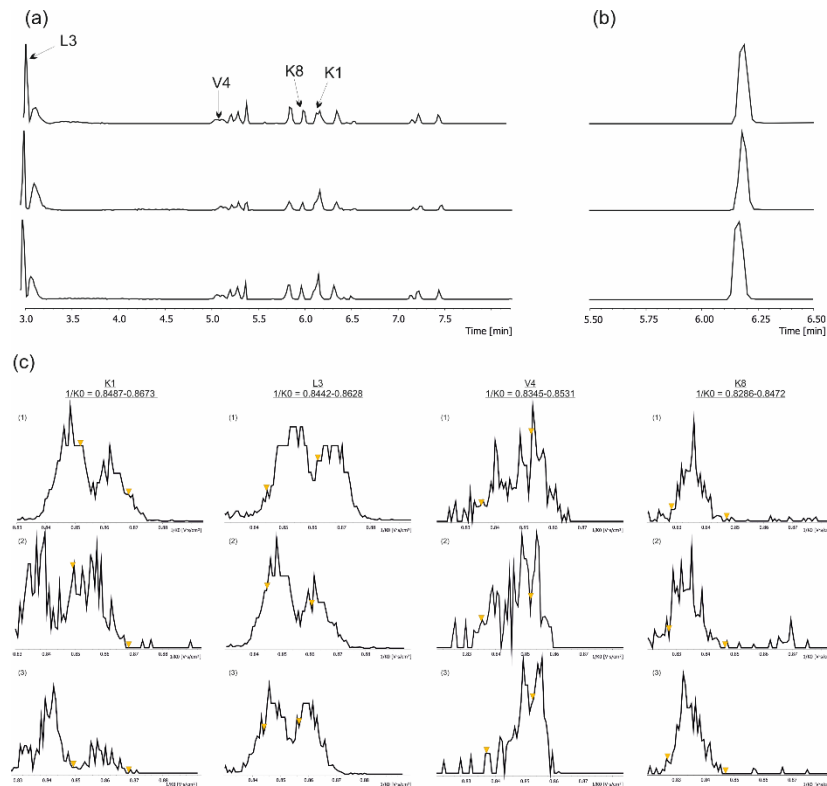
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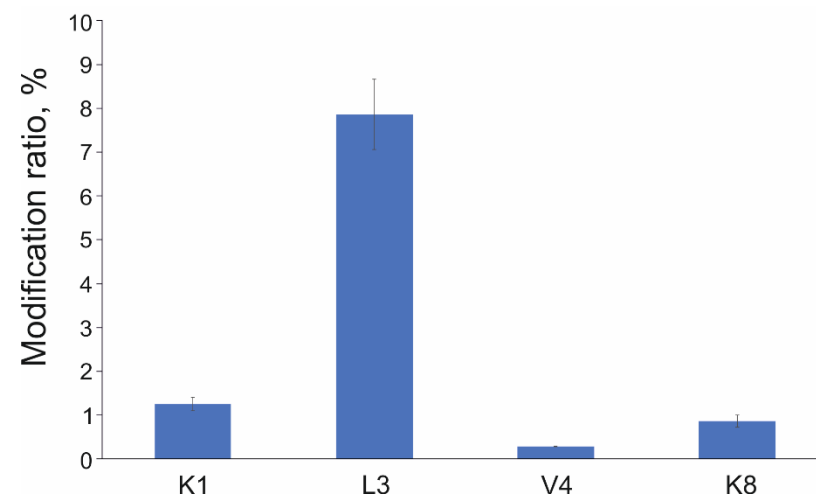
Peptide with the
sequence ILGGHLDAK

Modification	Intensity (no laser/laser)	Contribution to the overall oxidation of the peptide (no laser/laser), %
+14 Da	13852 / 22520	1.2 / 0.6
His-> Asn	- / 41104	- / 1.2
His-> Asp	- / 27527	- / 0.8
-10 Da	8763 / 11365	0.7 / 0.3
+5 Da	- / 21471	- / 0.6
+16 Da	6025 / 505579	0.5 / 14.5

Hydroxyl radical footprinting – several modifications for a single peptide

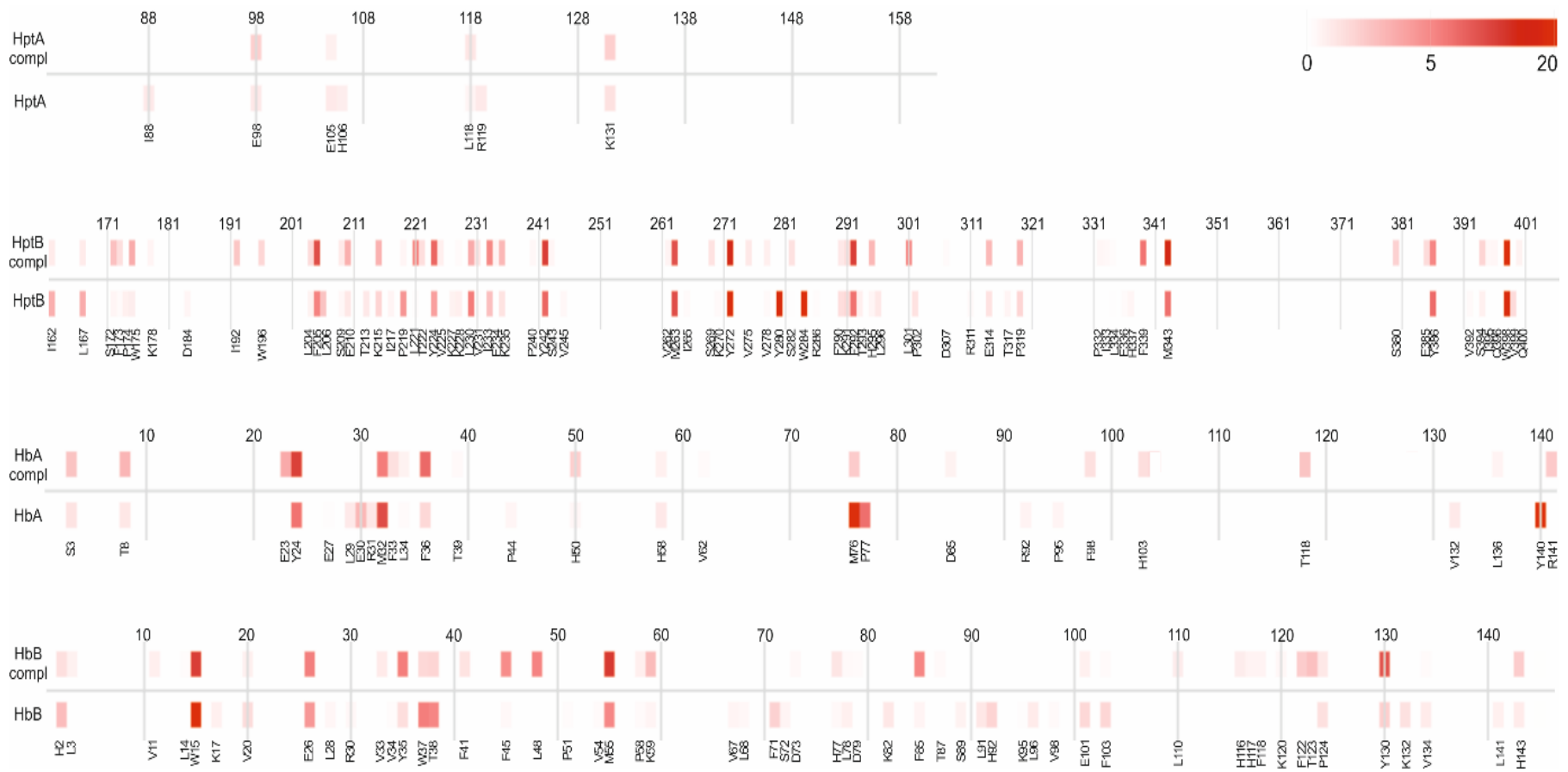


Peptide **KQLVEIEK**
appearing 2⁺ at m/z
501.78



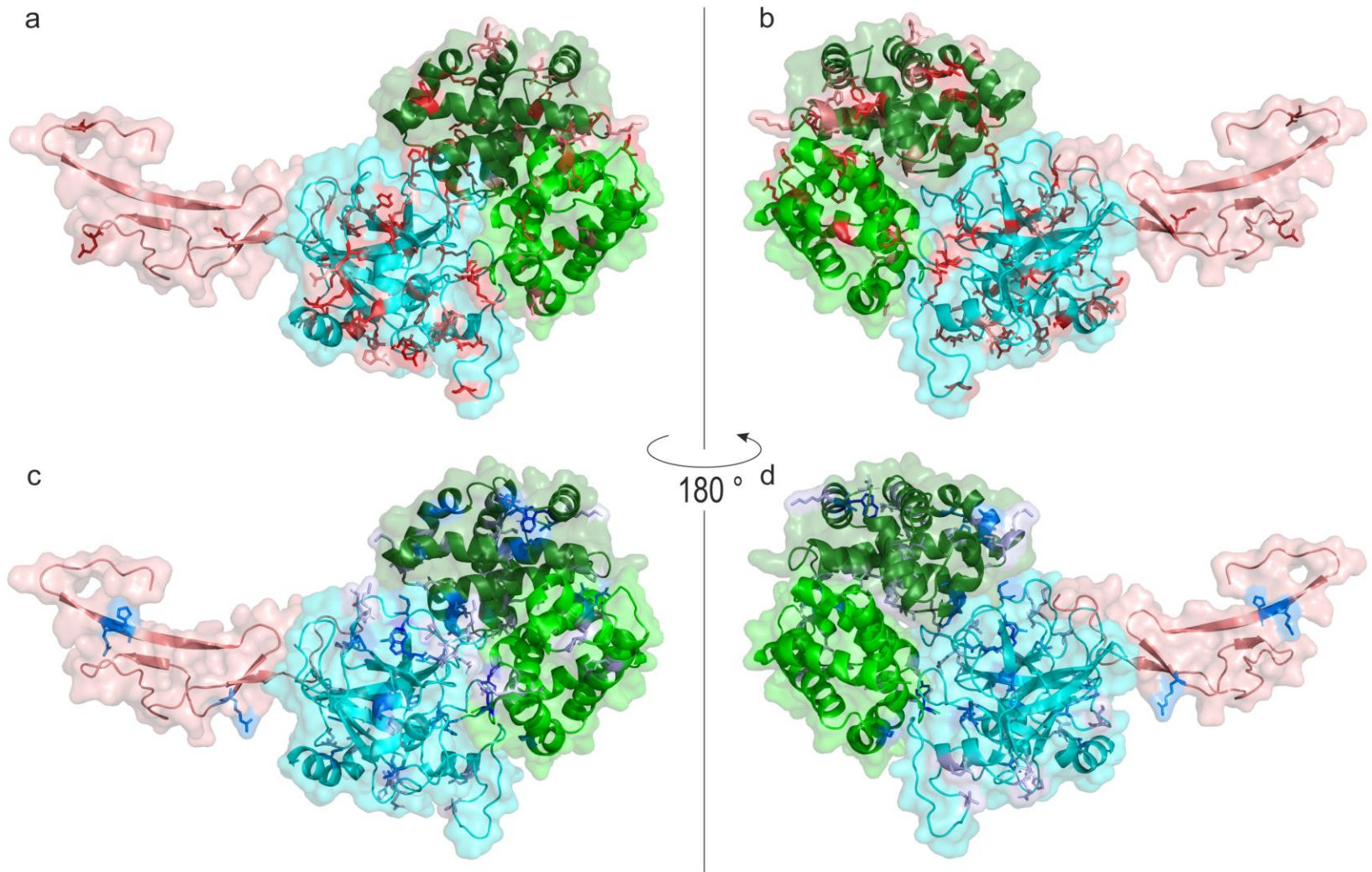
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41.03	2	3.79	0.8345–0.8531	1224	V4	30.46
36.83	2	5.83	0.8286–0.8472	16,835	K8	26.31
43.59	2	6.12	0.8487–0.8673	25,697	K1	36.05
38.07	2	7.15	0.8717–0.8903	5250	I6	32.28
53.33	2	6.31	0.8583–0.8769	1,479,460	NA	NA

Hydroxyl radical footprinting – human hemoglobin-haptoglobin complex

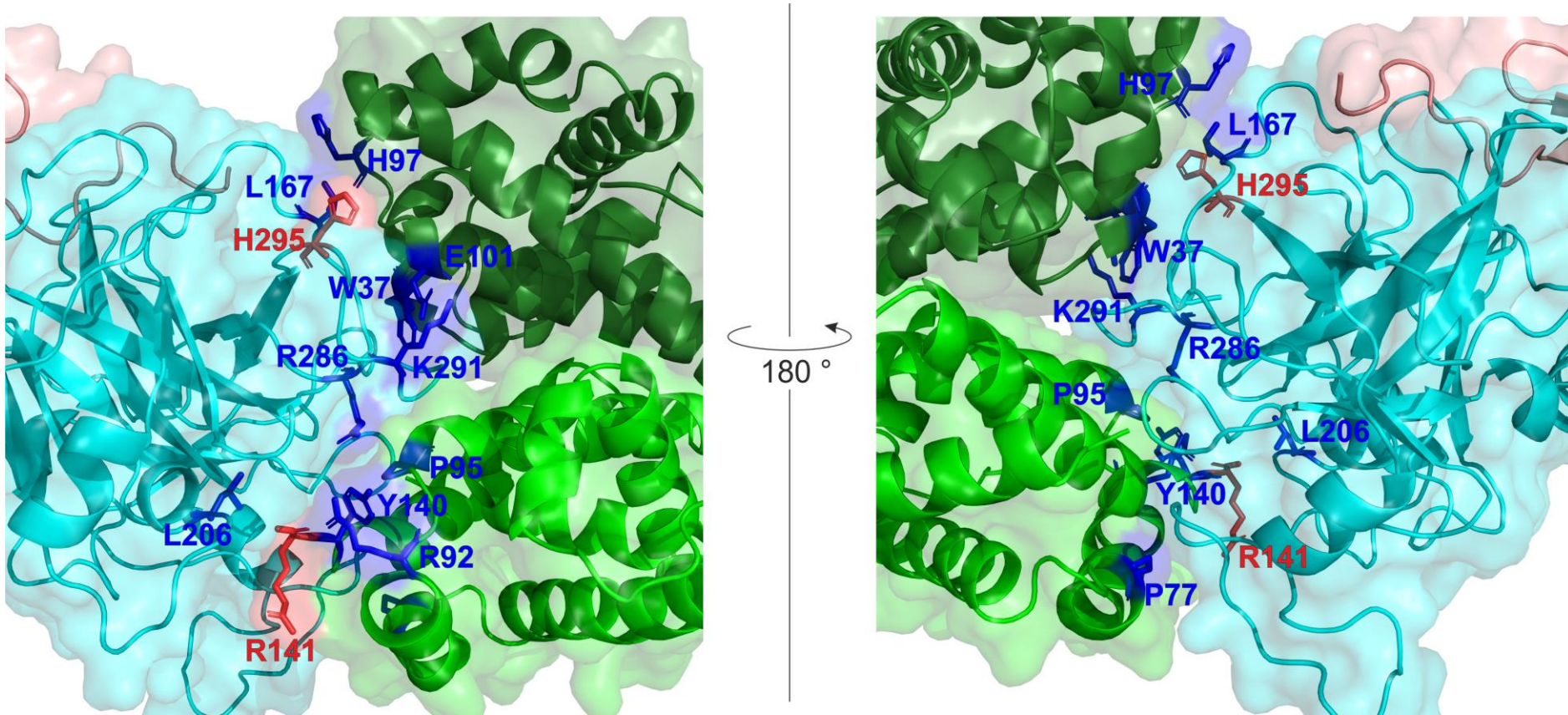


An oxidation rate was determined for 7, 77, 30 and 56 residues in Hp α , Hp β , Hb α and Hb β , respectively

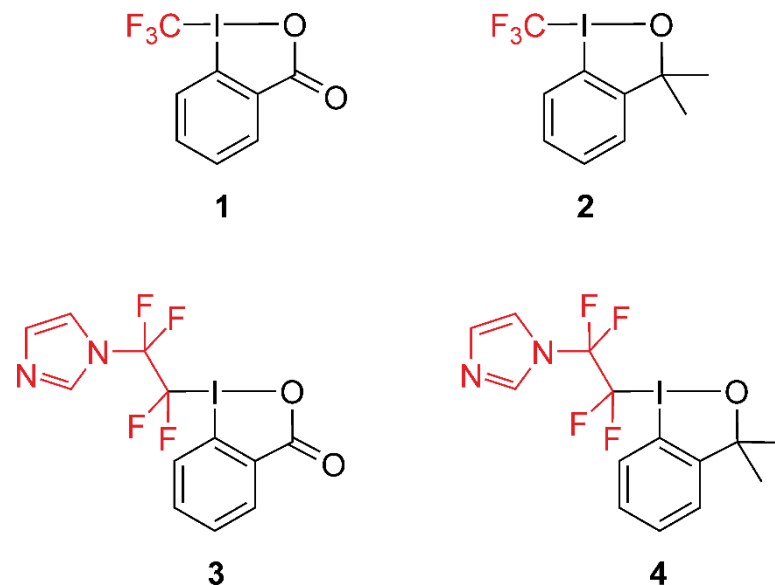
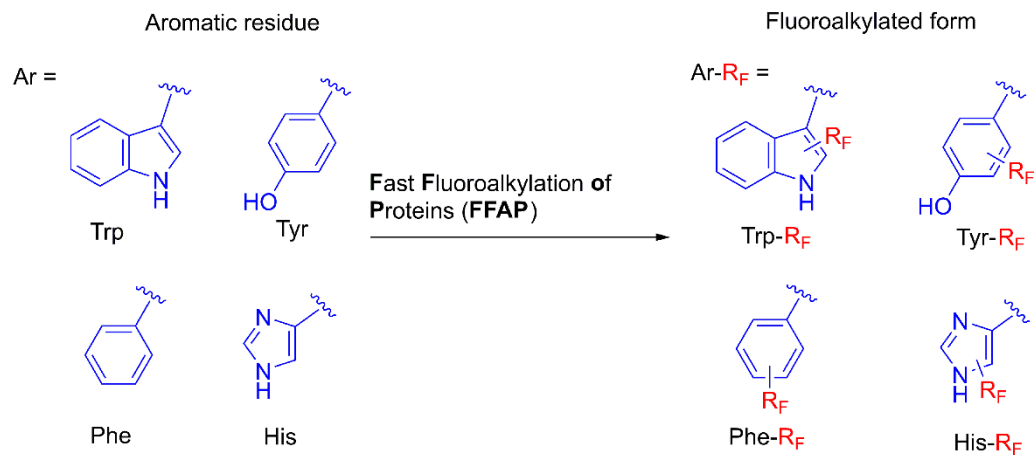
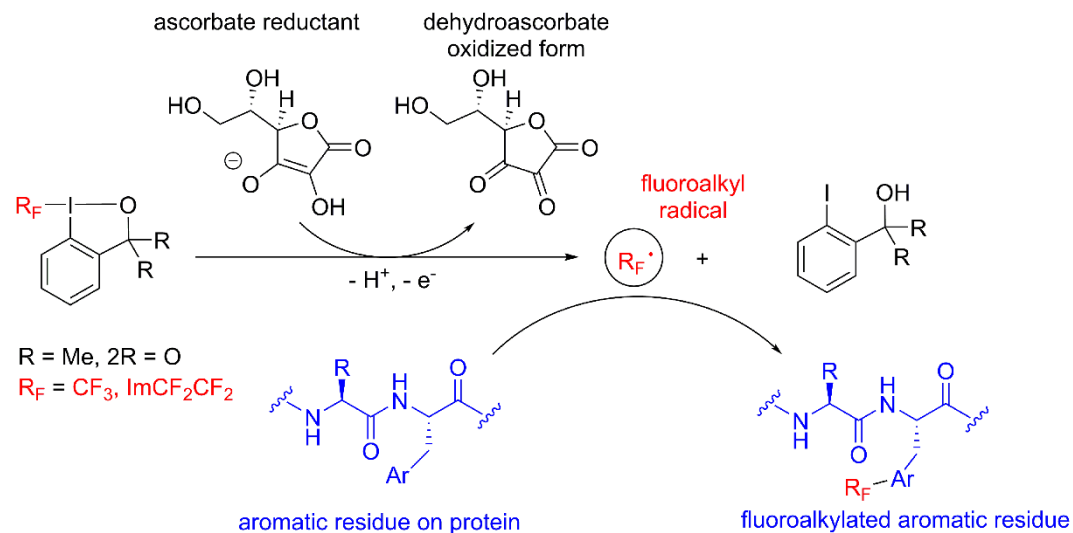
Structural model of a tetrameric Hb – Hp complex



Interacting interface of a tetrameric Hb – Hp complex



Selective radical chemistry



Fluoroalkylation

Reductant-Induced Free Radical Fluoroalkylation of Nitrogen Heterocycles and Innate Aromatic Amino Acid Residues in Peptides and Proteins

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Uncovering amino acid side chains sensitive to Togni chemistry

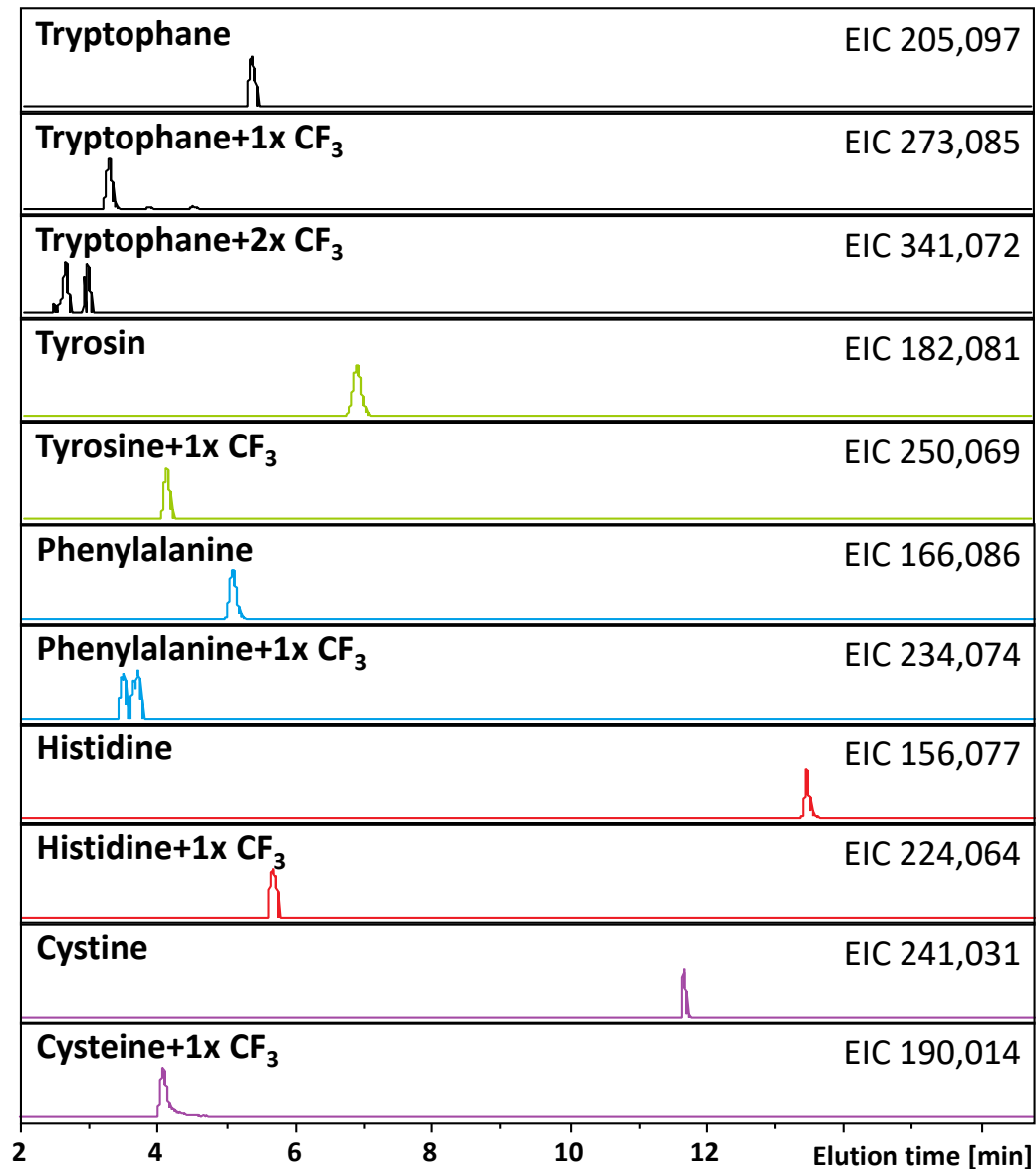
**Mixture of 20 amino acids
+ Togni reagent**

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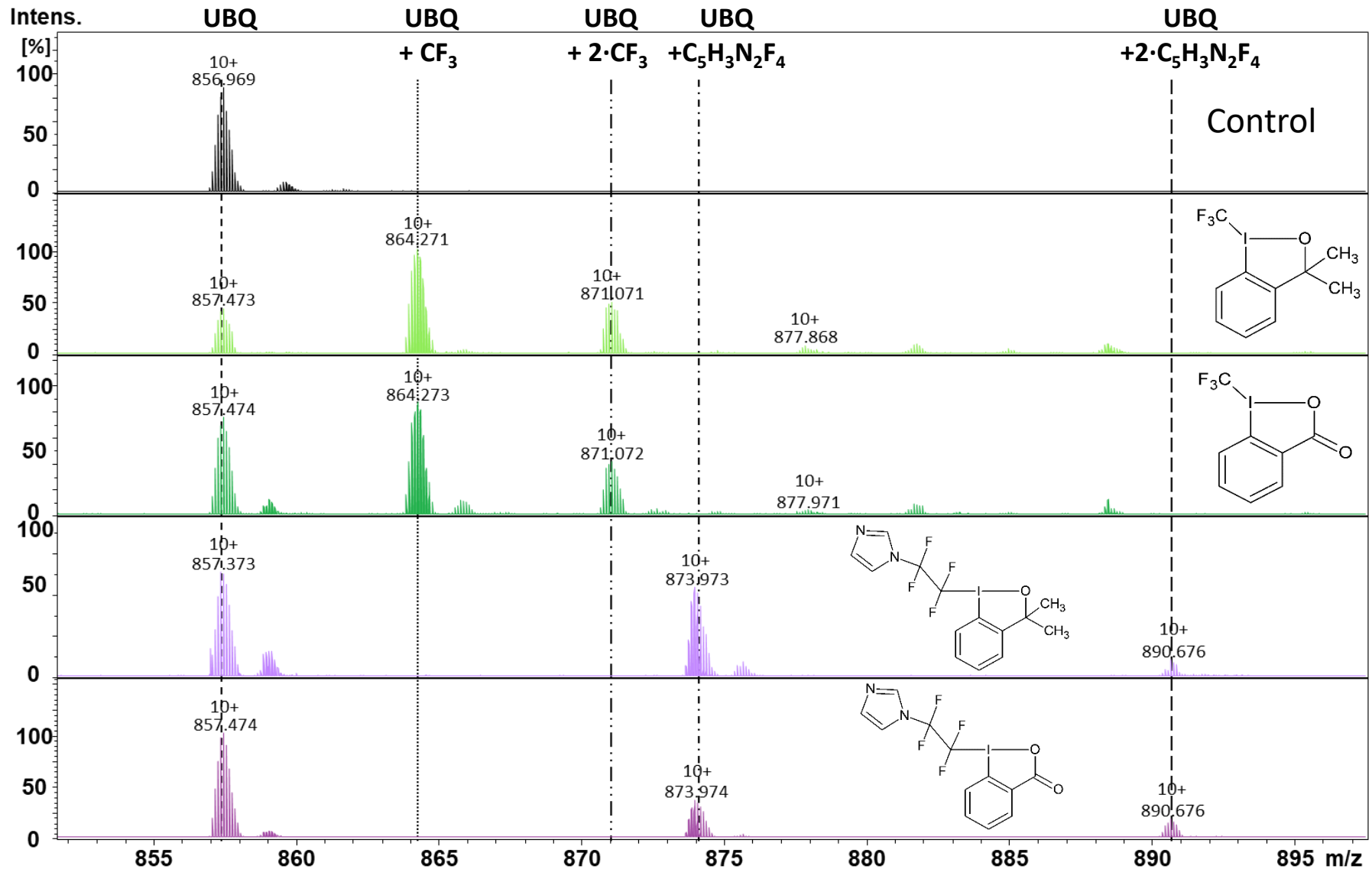
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from 80% Buffer B (0.1% formic
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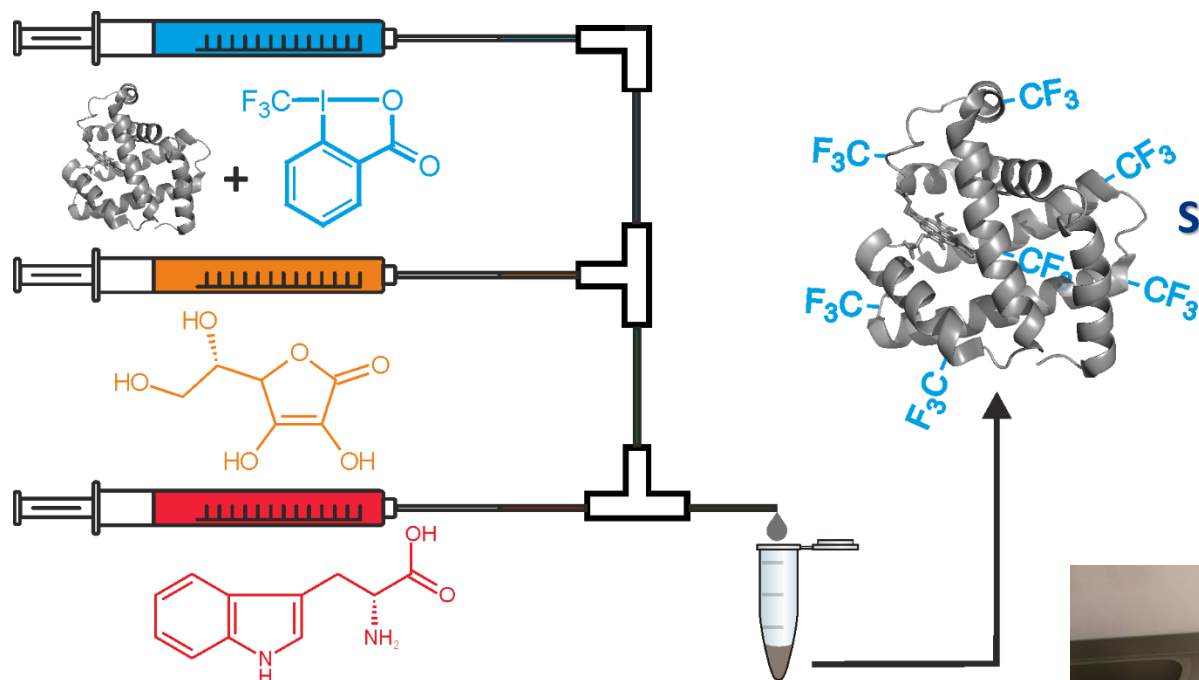
**Reactive residues:
Trp, Tyr, Phe, His, Cys**



Does Togni work for proteins as well? The case of Ubiquitin



Fast Fluor-Alkylation of Proteins (FFAP)



So let's move to quench flow set up

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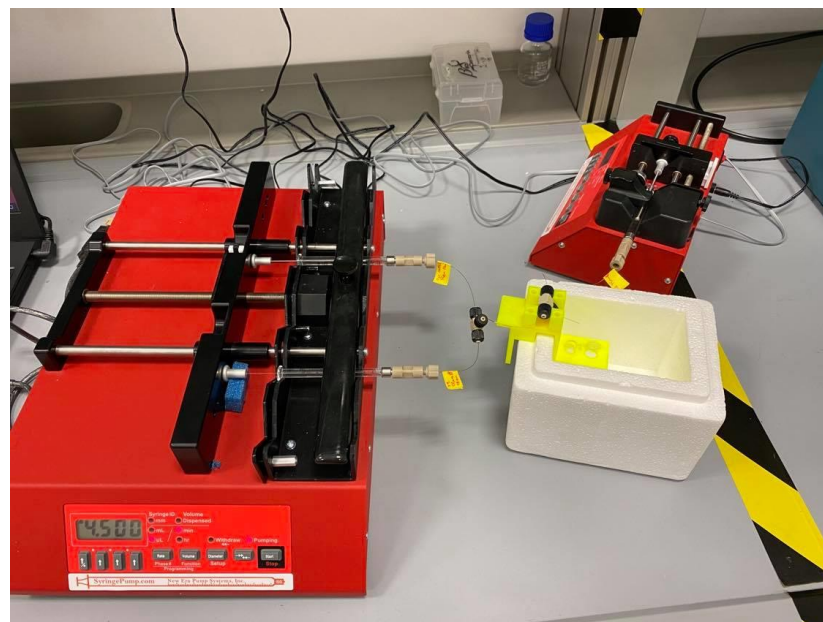
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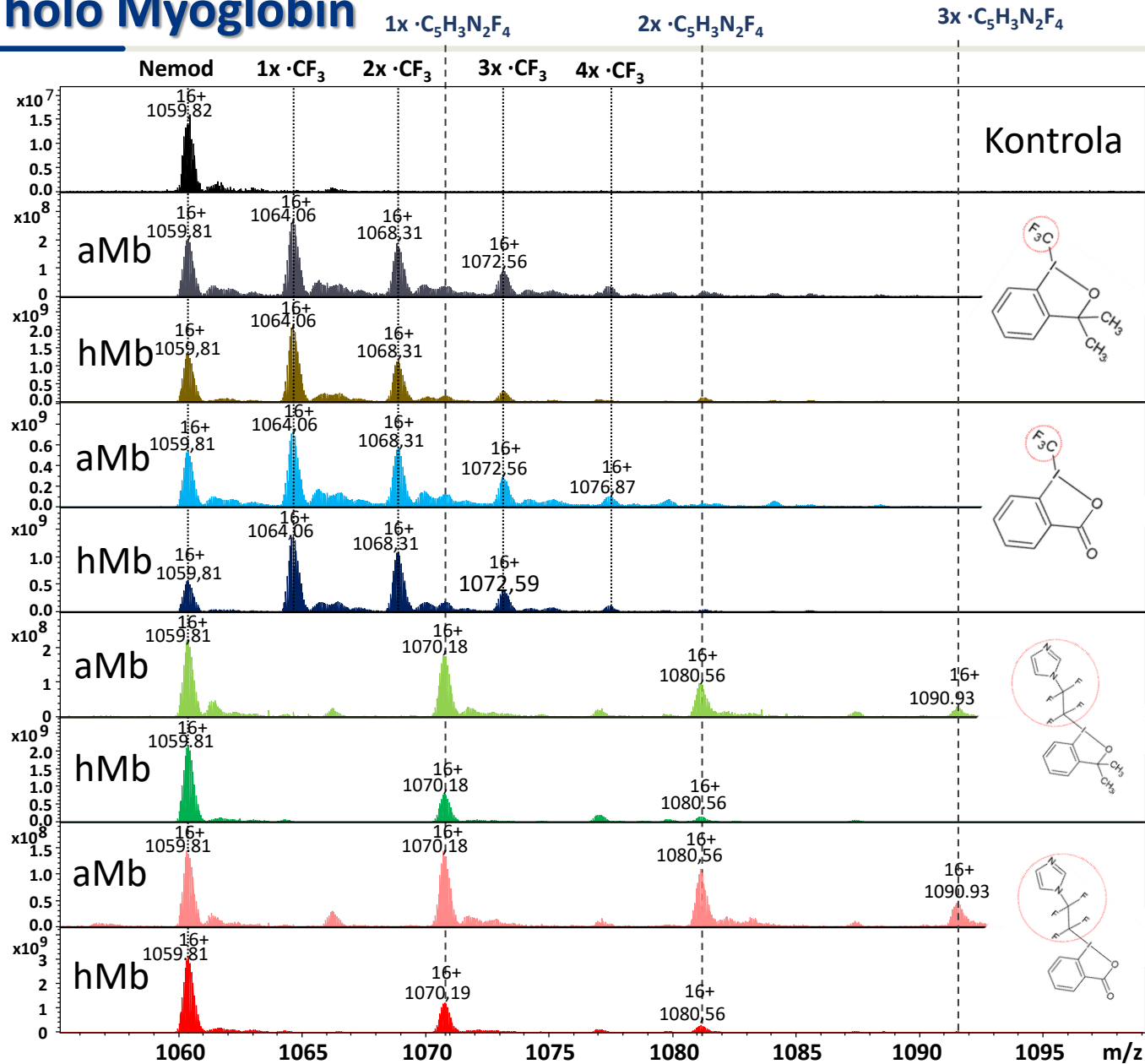


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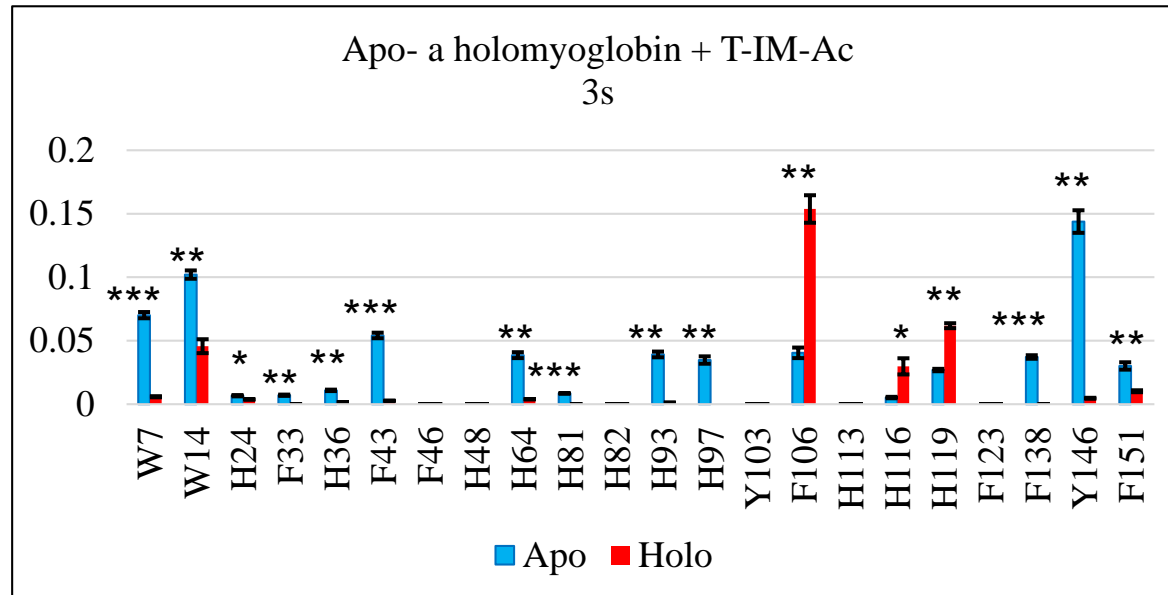
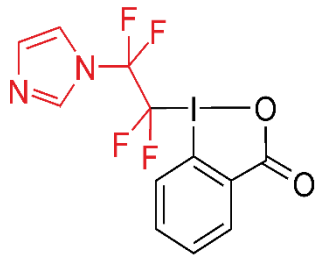
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Apo and holo Myoglobin



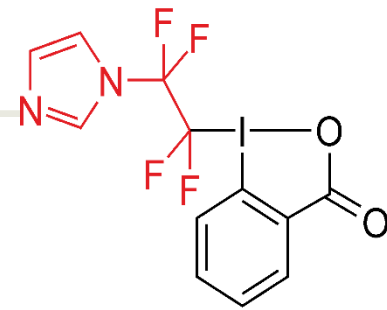
Quantifying the extend of modification for each residue on Myoglobin

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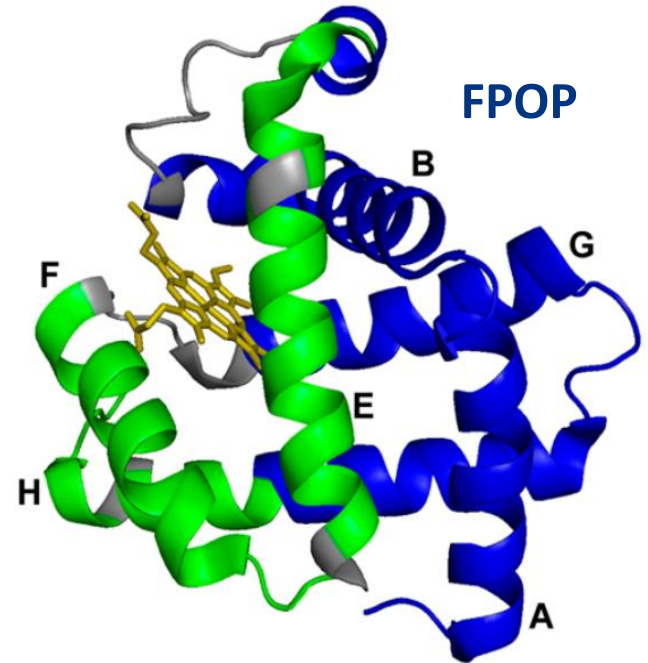
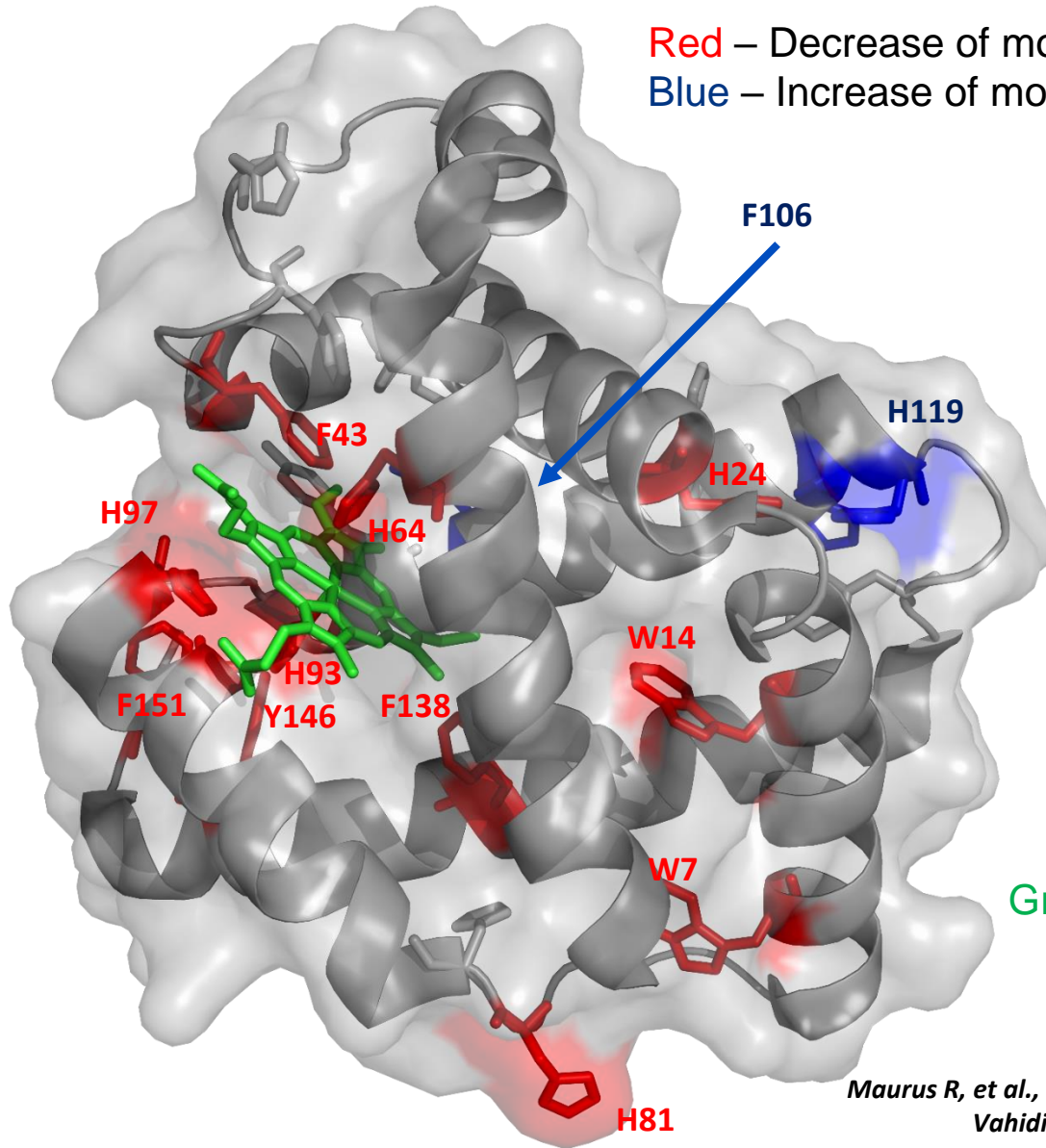


T-test = *** - P < 0,005; ** - P < 0,01; * - P < 0,05

Does the footprinting reflect the Myoglobin structure?



Red – Decrease of modification in hMb
Blue – Increase of modification in hMb



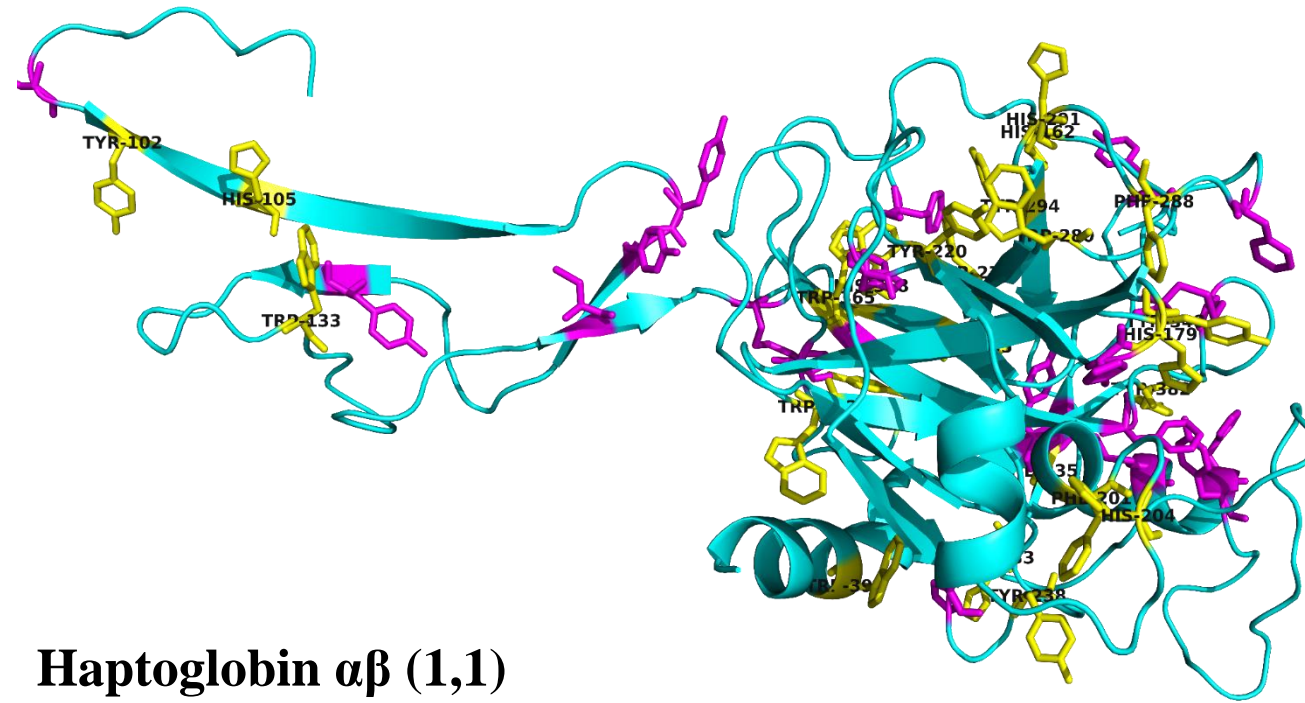
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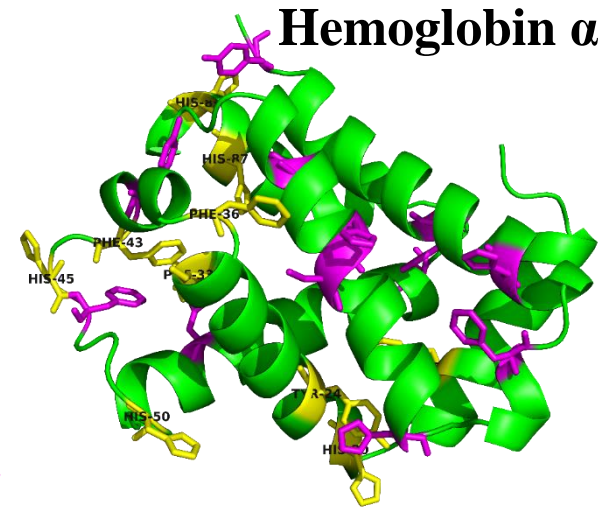
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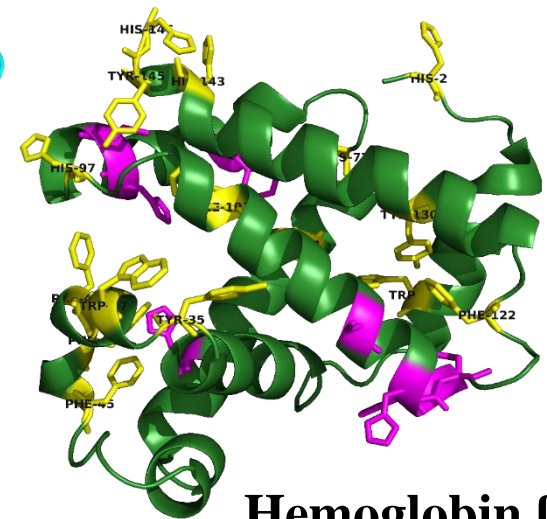
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Haptoglobin $\alpha\beta$ (1,1)



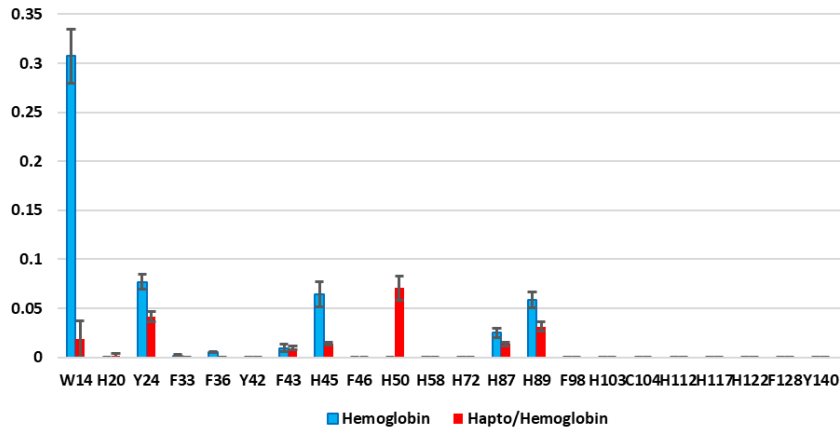
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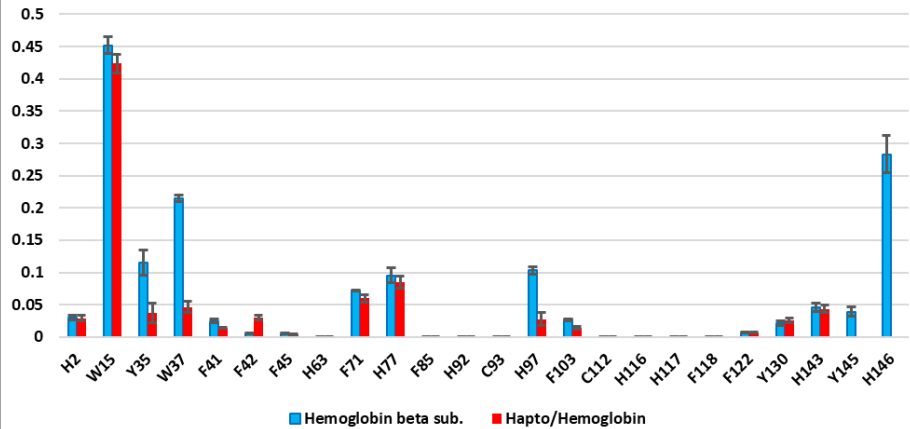
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The extend of modification for each residue on Hp-Hb complex

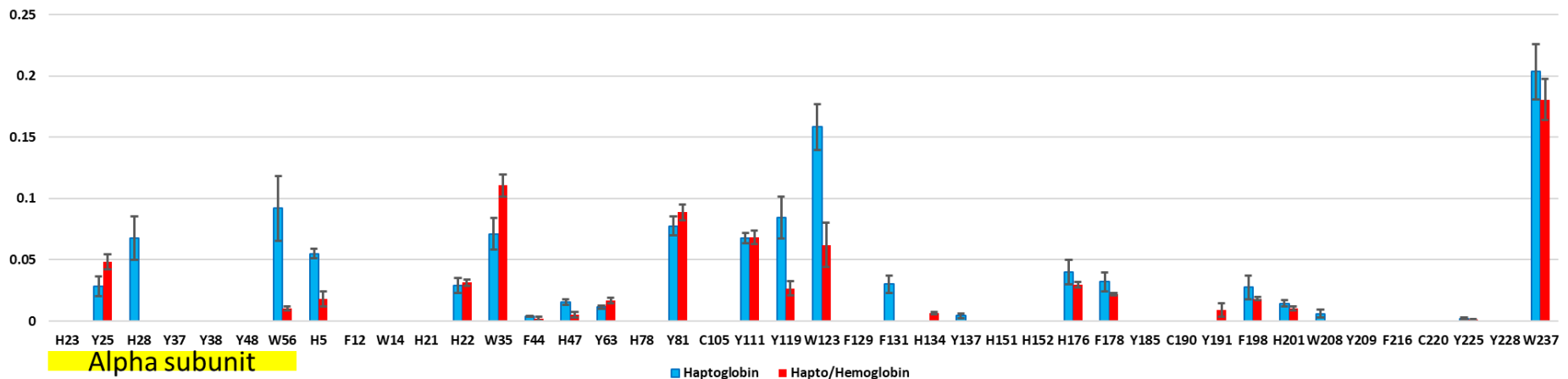
Extend of modification for Hb α amino acids.



Extend of modification for Hb β amino acids.

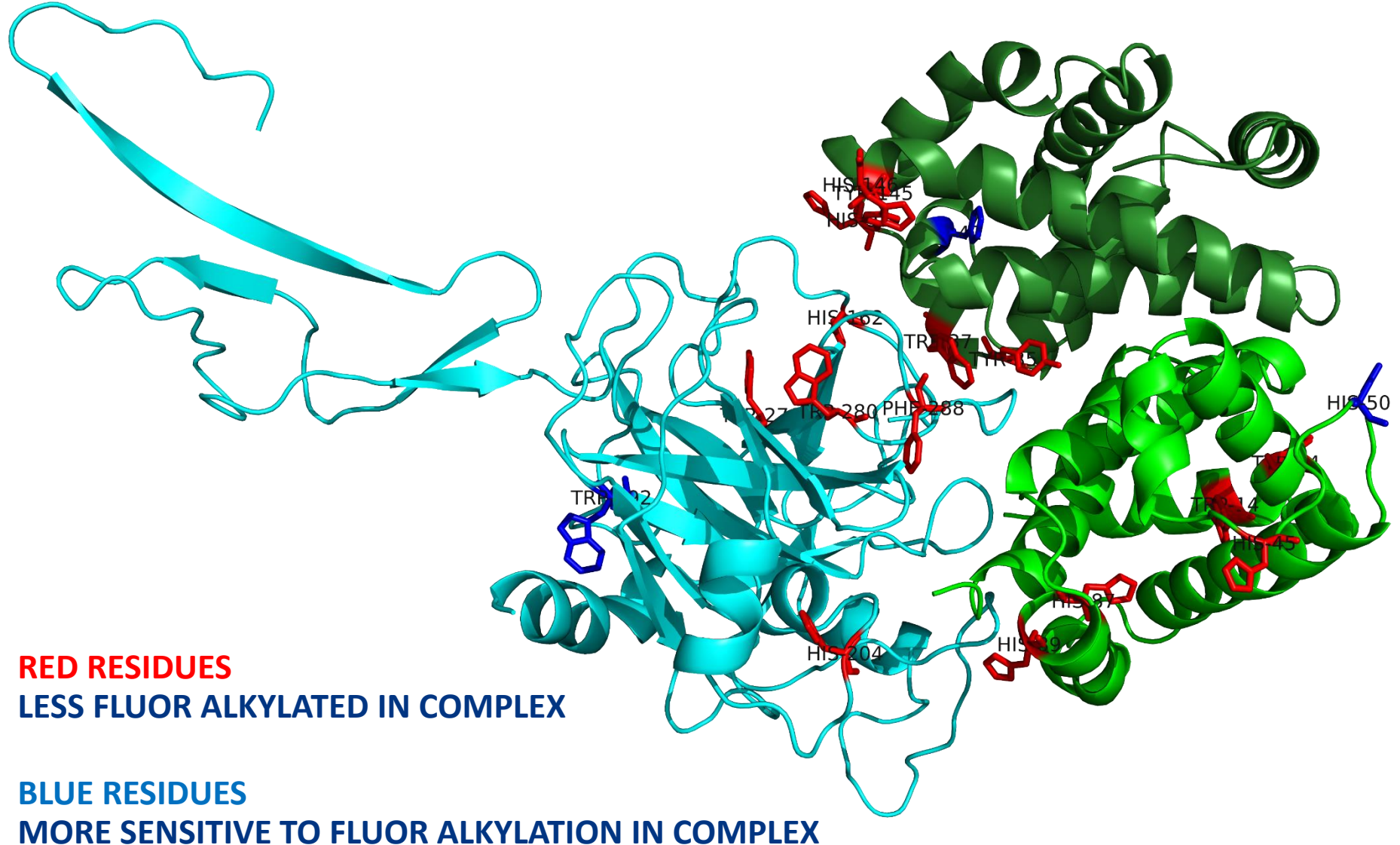


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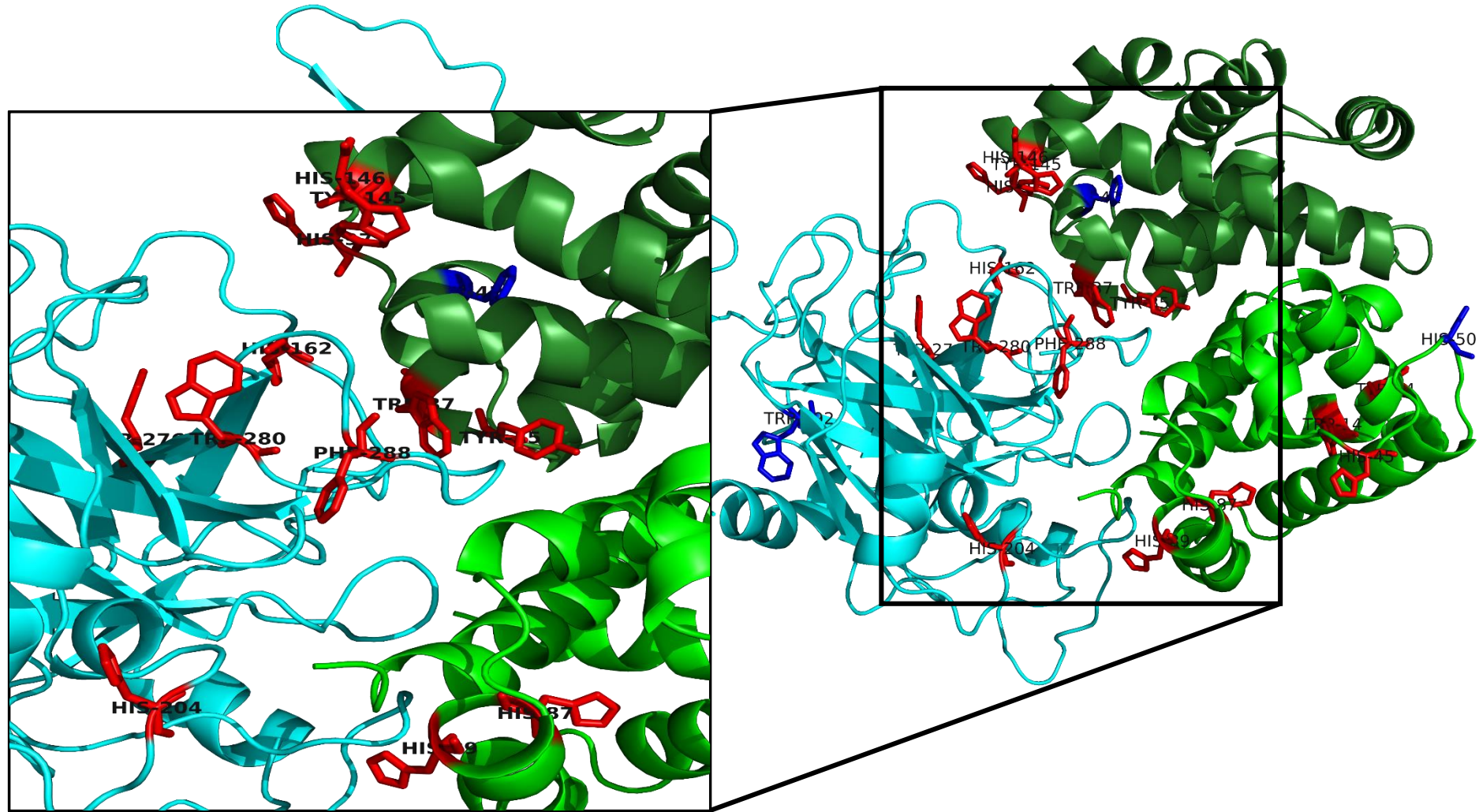


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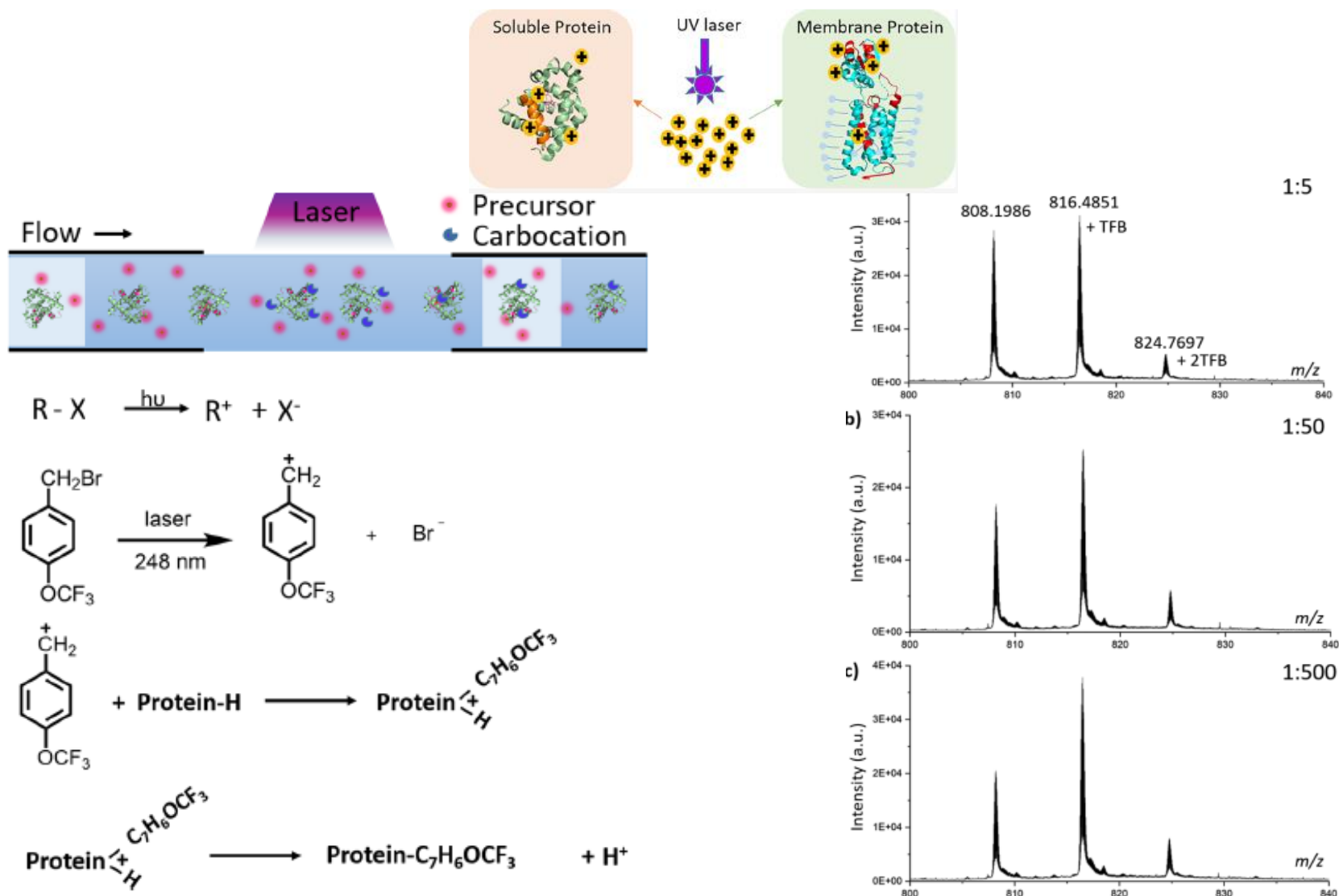
Complex of Hemoglobin α , β subunits and Haptoglobin α , β (1,1)



Interaction interface of the Hb α , β and Hb α , β (1,1) complex

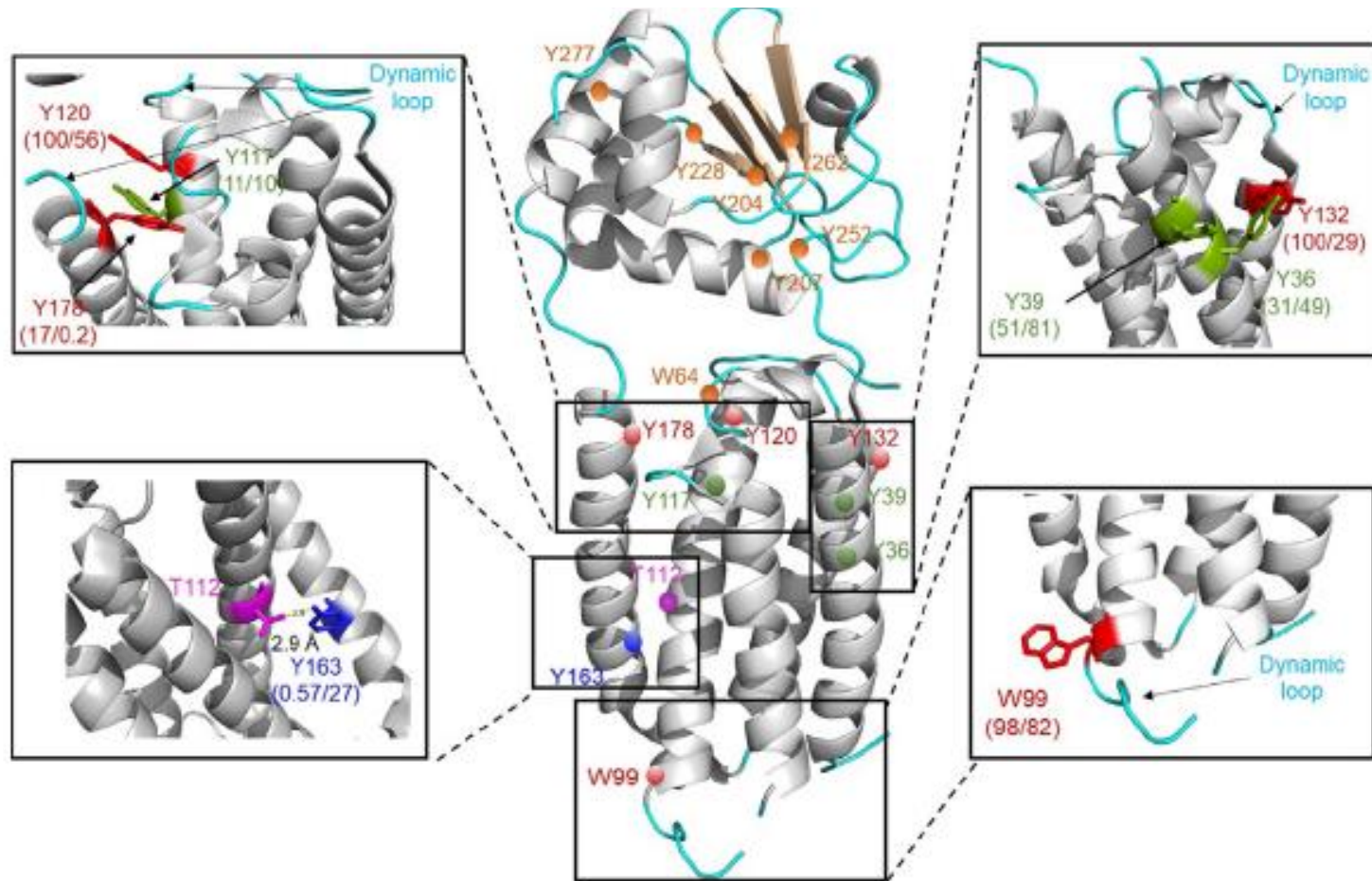


Carbocation Footprinting



Sun J, Li S, Li W, Gross ML. Carbocation Footprinting of Soluble and Transmembrane Proteins. *Anal Chem.* 2021; 93:13101-13105.

Recent development for membrane proteins



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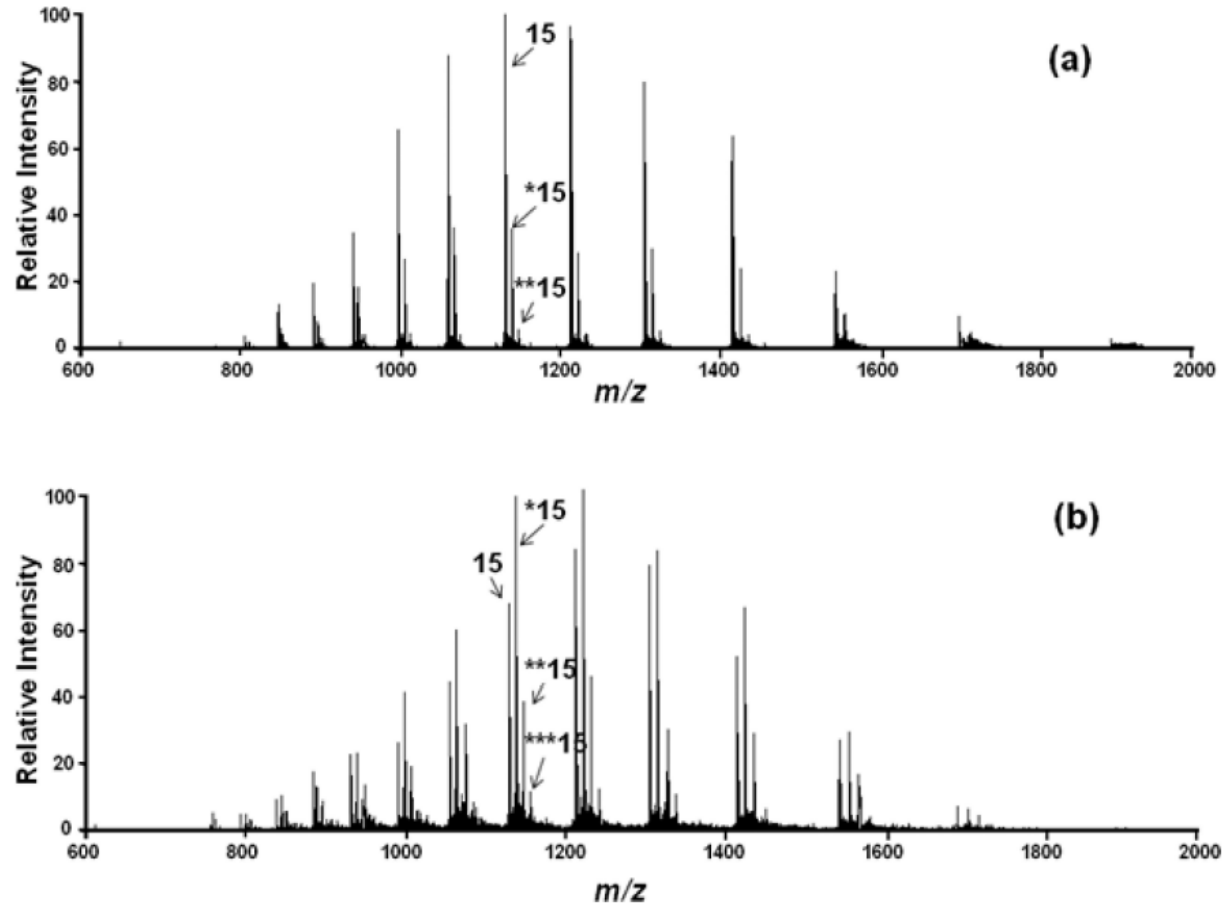


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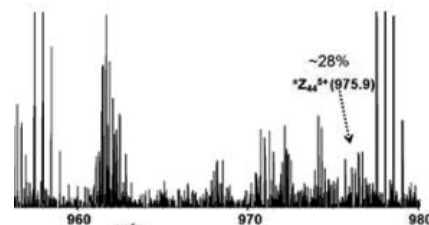
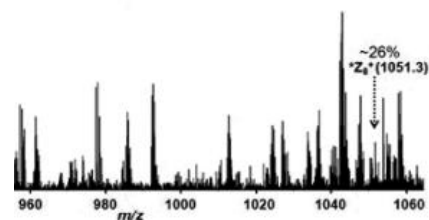
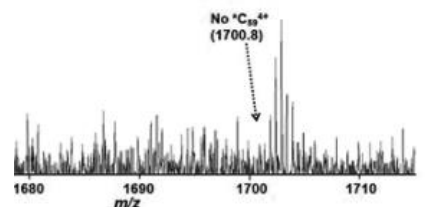
(a) Full ESI mass spectrum of iodinated myoglobin (Mb). (b) Full ESI mass spectrum of iodinated apomyoglobin (aMb). The unmodified, mono-, di- and tri-iodinated species of the 15th charge state are indicated by the number of stars.

Chen J, Cui W, Giblin D, Gross ML. New protein footprinting: fast photochemical iodination combined with top-down and bottom-up mass spectrometry. *J Am Soc Mass Spectrom*. 2012;23(8):1306-1318. doi:10.1007/s13361-012-0403-1

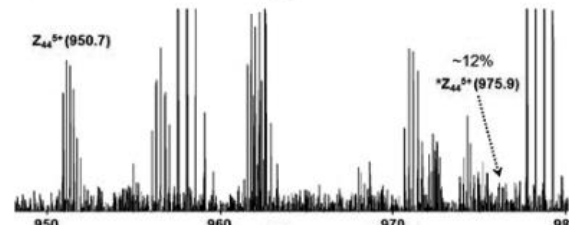
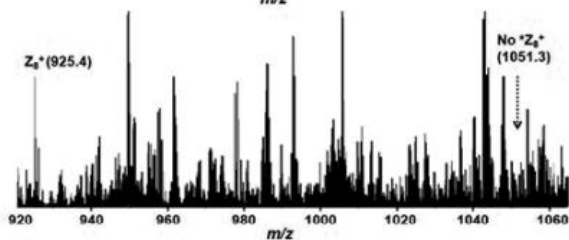
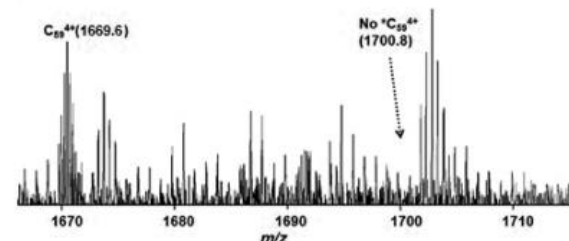
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Mb
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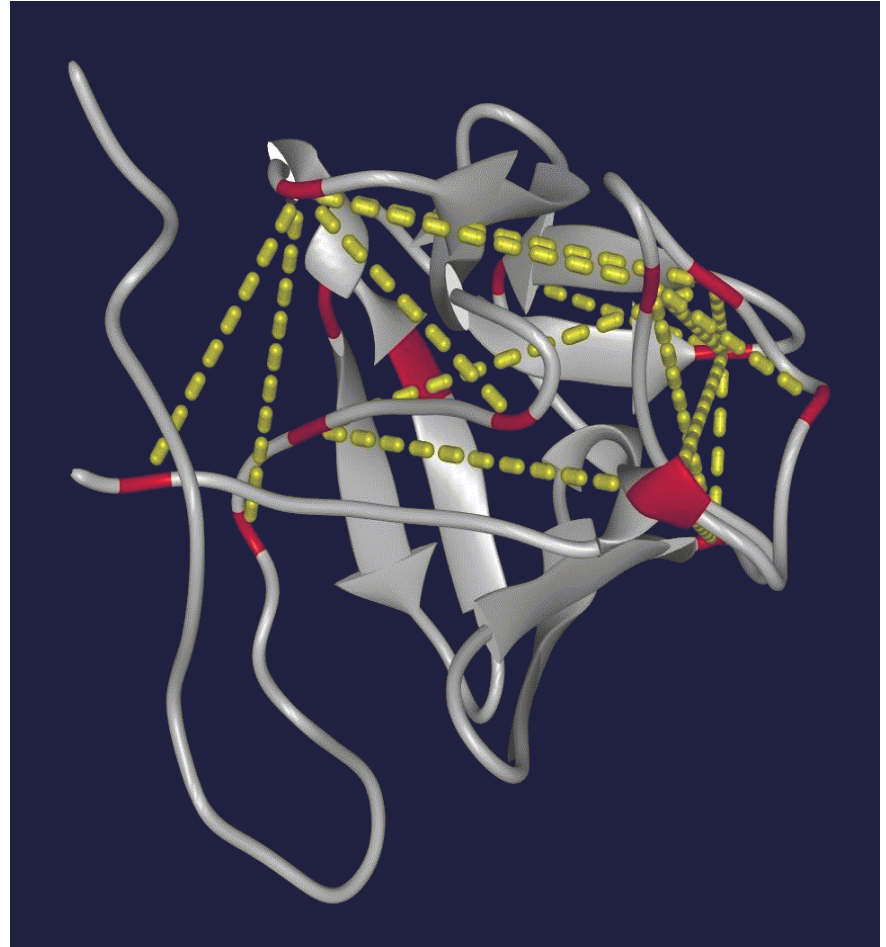


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Chemical cross-linking

Chemical cross-linking combined with MS has been proposed as a method to obtain distance constraints (MS3D)



Young, Tang et al. *PNAS* 97(11):5802-6. 2000.

The schematic diagram illustrates the experimental workflow for FGF-2 cross-linking and analysis:

- FGF-2** (represented by a pink tangled line) is reacted with **BS³** (represented by a chemical structure of N-ethylmaleimide cross-linker).
- The reaction results in a cross-linked protein complex (represented by a pink tangled line with yellow and blue segments).
- The cross-linked complex is analyzed by **SEC-MALS** (Size Exclusion Chromatography-Multi-Angle Light Scattering), showing a chromatogram with peaks for **dimer** and **monomer** (Y-axis: A_{210} , X-axis: Time (min)).
- The cross-linked complex is treated with **+ Trypsin** for digestion.
- The digested sample is analyzed by **LC-MS/MS** (Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry), showing a chromatogram with peaks for **peptides** (Y-axis: A_{210} , X-axis: Time (min)) and a dashed line indicating the **%B** gradient (Y-axis: %B, X-axis: Time (min)).



Top 20 threading models ranked by constraint error

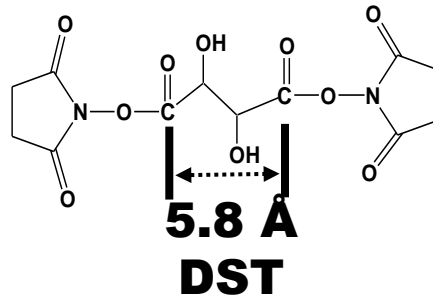
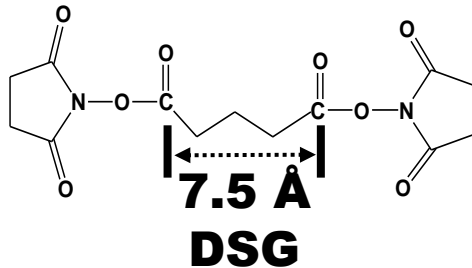
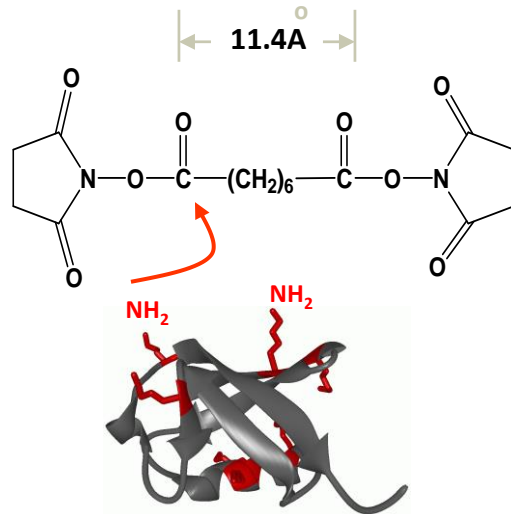
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IL-1 β	β -Trefol	12.7	5	0.0	0
Gastrotrypin	Lipocalin	7.1	8	2.9	1
Hisactophilin	β -Trefol	8.6	12	5.5	2
Guanylate kinase	P-loop	12.4	9	7.4	4
NTP pyrophosphohydrolase	NTP pyrophosphohydrolase	9.3	6	14.5	3
Glutathione peroxidase	Thioredoxin	11.1	14	16.6	5
Retinol-binding protein	Lipocalin	9.1	18	17.1	3
Nucleoside diphosphokinase	Ferrioxo-like	8.8	20	18.6	2
Cytochrome c	Cytochrome c	12.6	11	21.4	5
Aspartate carbamoyltransferase	Ferrioxo-like	9.8	13	22.6	4
D-UTPase	β -Clip	7.8	2	27.5	7
Disulfide bond formation protein	Thioredoxin	8.4	15	28.1	8
ASV integrase	Ribonuclease H-like	7.8	19	28.6	5
Endoglucanase C	Galactose binding	11.6	4	33.8	6
TATA box-binding protein	TATA box-binding protein-like	10.3	7	40.0	8
Phospholipase A2	Phospholipase A2	9.5	16	55.4	7
PRD paired domain	3-Helix bundle	12.7	17	143.4	8

Young et. al. PNAS 2000, 97, 5802

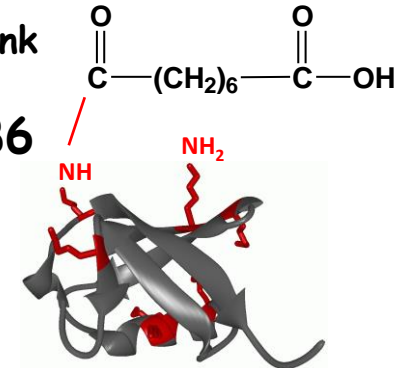
Chemical cross-linking: the chemistry behind...

Primary amine reactive cross-linker

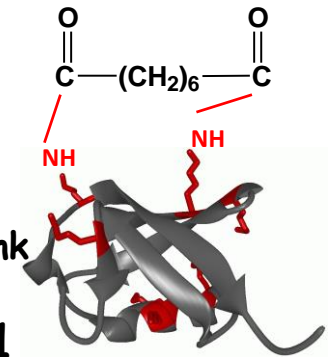
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Cross-linker "arm length"



"Hanging" Cross-link
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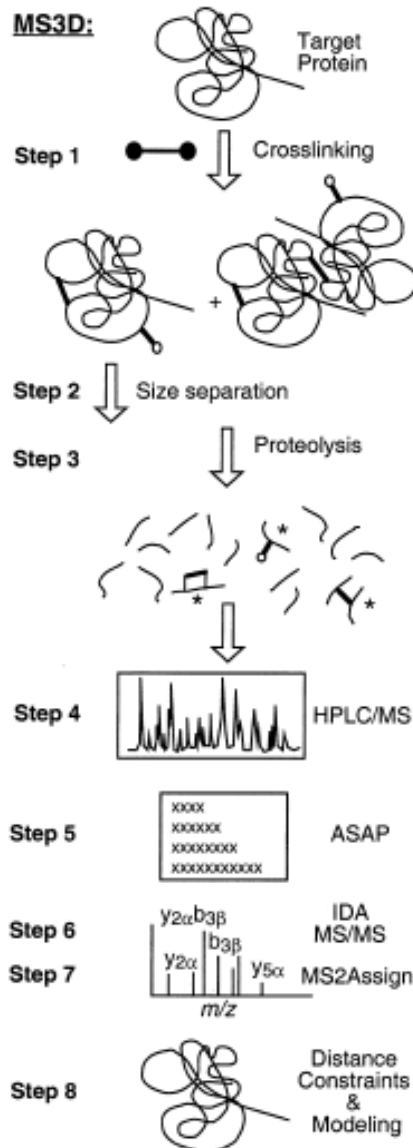


"Internal" Cross-link
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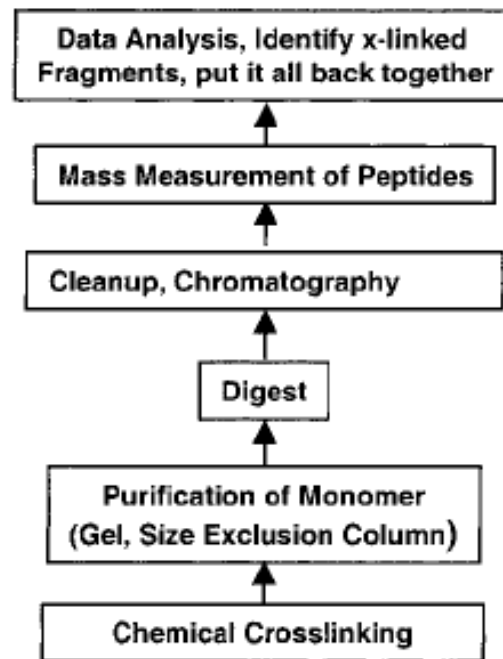


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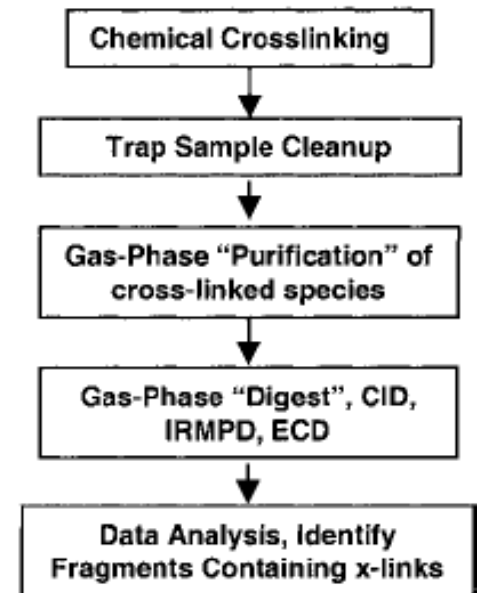
MS3D:



Bottom Up



Top Down



Nomenclature of peptide cross-linked fragments

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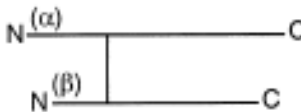
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Type 1
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Type 2
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(b) Multiple modifications

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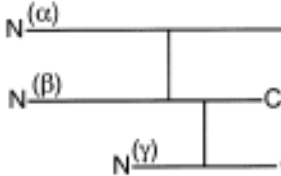
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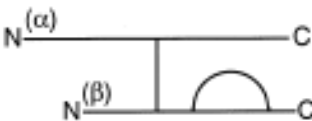
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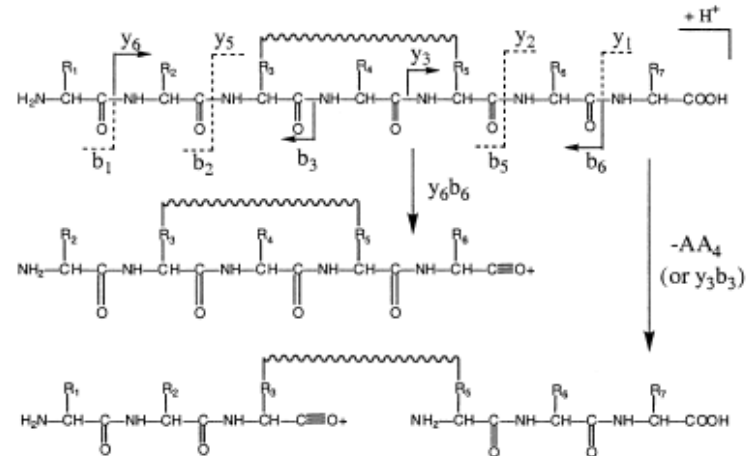
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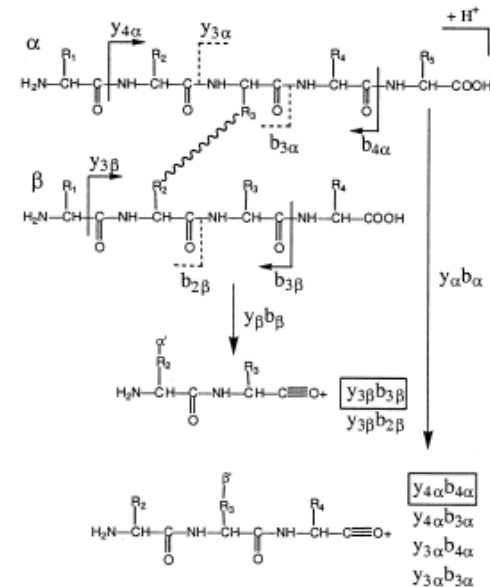
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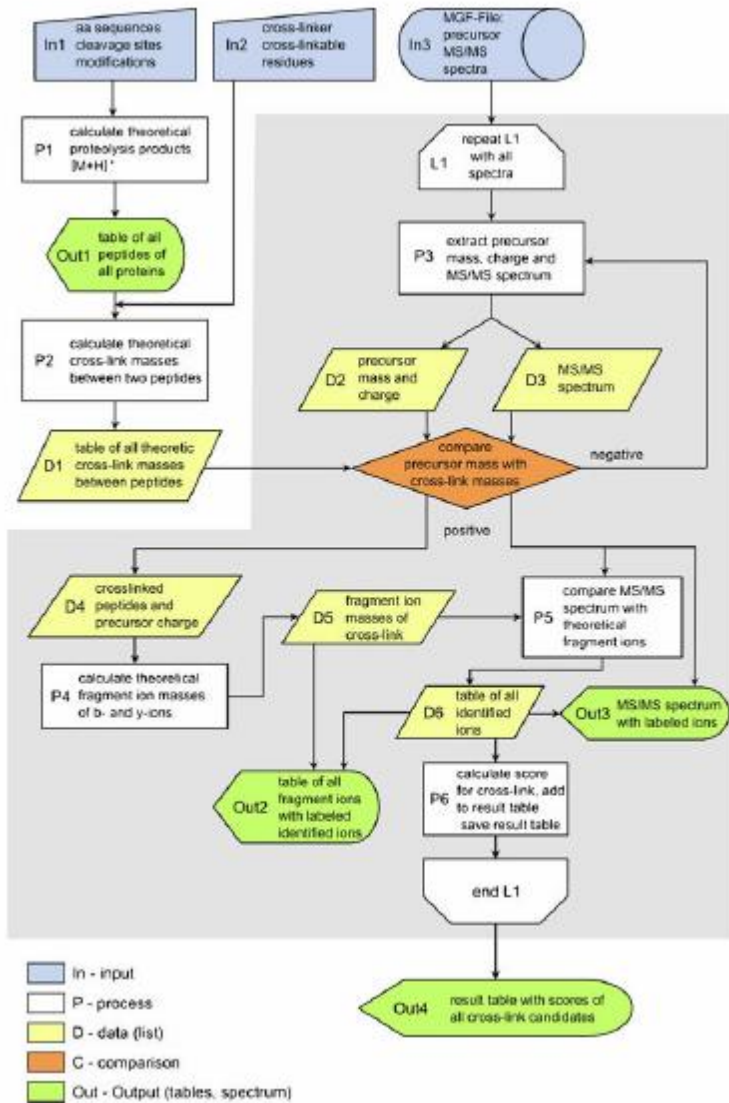


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Schilling B, Row RH, Gibson BW, Guo X, Young MM. MS2Assign, automated assignment and nomenclature of tandem mass spectra of chemically crosslinked peptides. J Am Soc Mass Spectrom. 2003;14(8):834-850.

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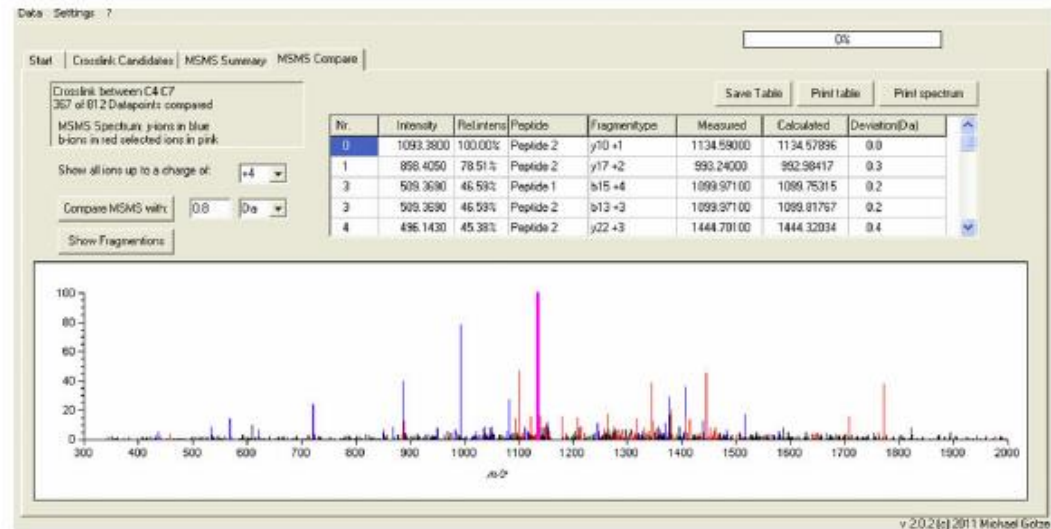
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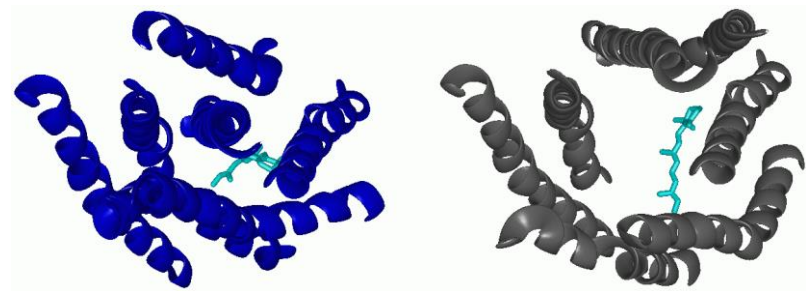
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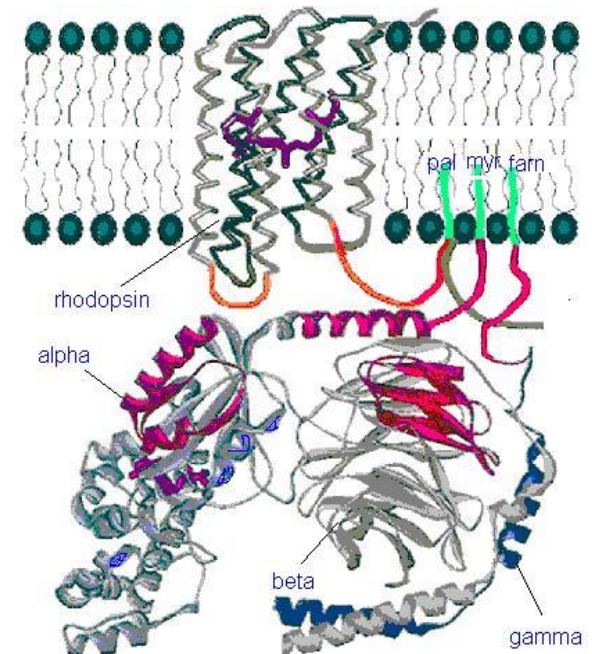
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Middle down - *Rhodopsin*

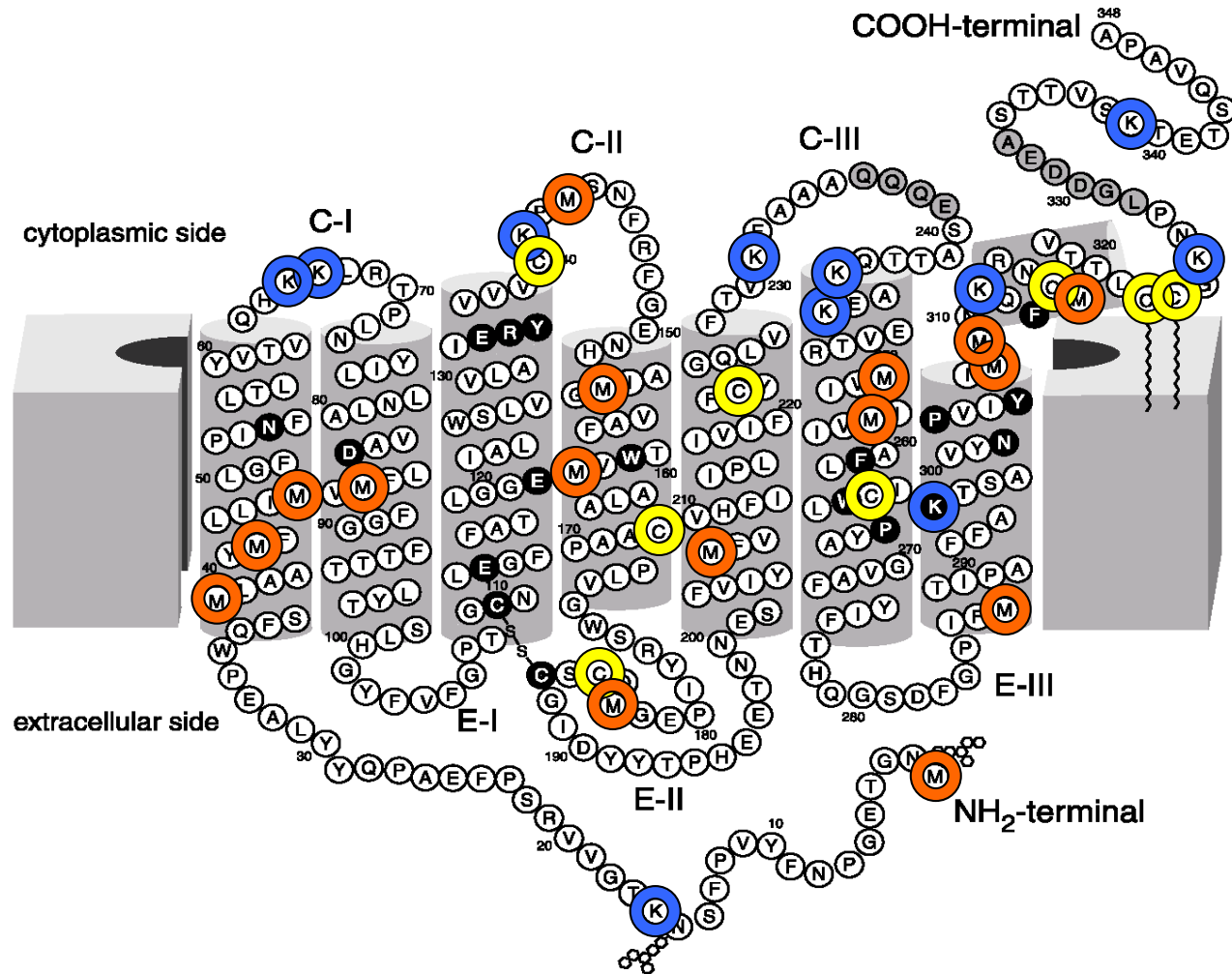
Rhodopsin has open structure/function questions



- What is the conformational change that occurs upon light activation?
- What is the configuration of loops involved in G_i binding (not visible on X-ray)?



Rhodopsin Has Many Potential Targets for Cross-linking



Proteoliposomes/Detergent

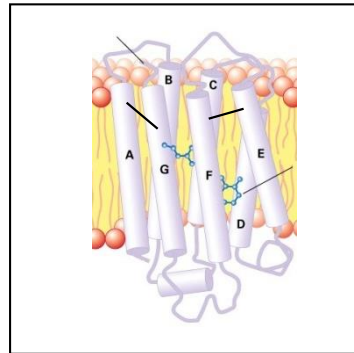
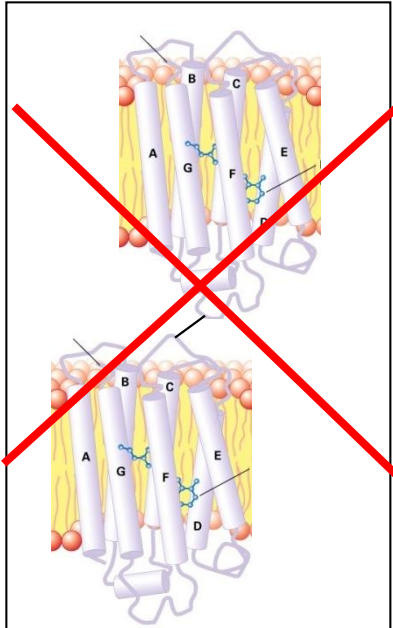
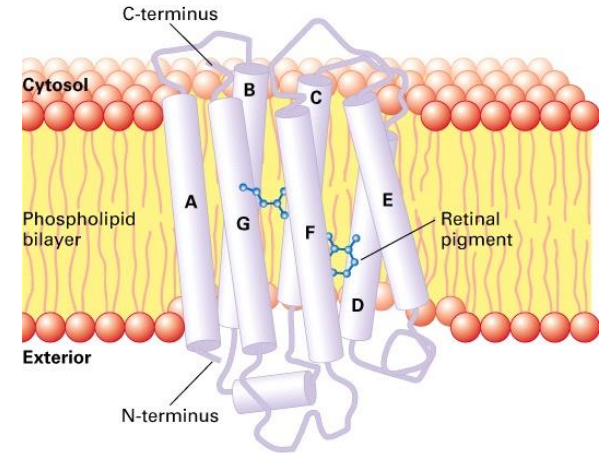
Crosslink Protein

Purify Monomer

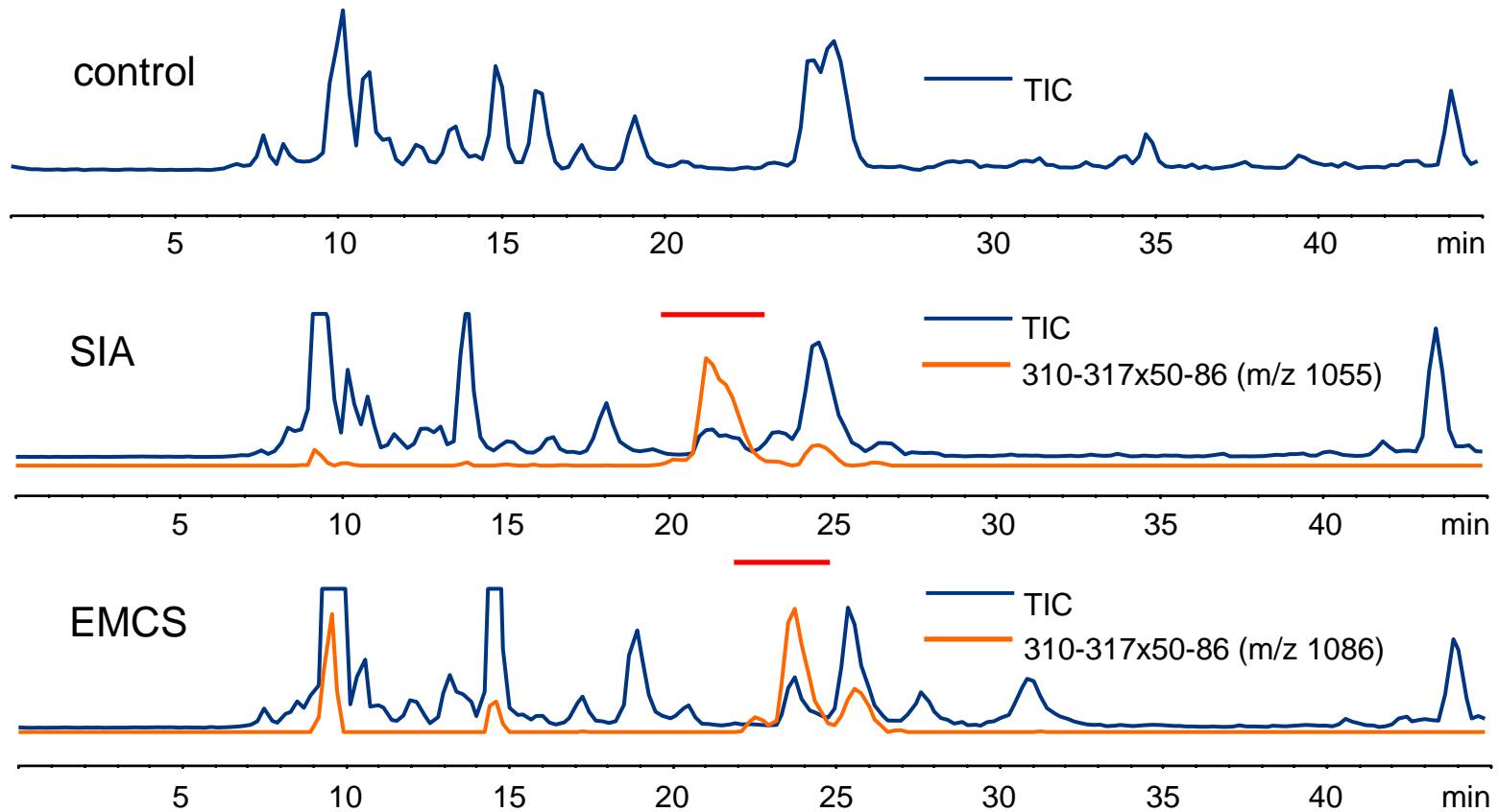
Protein Digestion

LC/MS Analysis

Data Analysis



LCMS analysis of Rhodopsine CNBr digest



**Red line corresponds to extracted ion chromatograms
of selected cross-linked peptides.**

What's wrong? Too many possibilities....

α - 50 **LGFPINFLTLYVTVQH** **KK**LRTPPLNYILLNLAVADLFM⁸⁶



β_1 - 310 **NKQFRN** **CM**³¹⁷

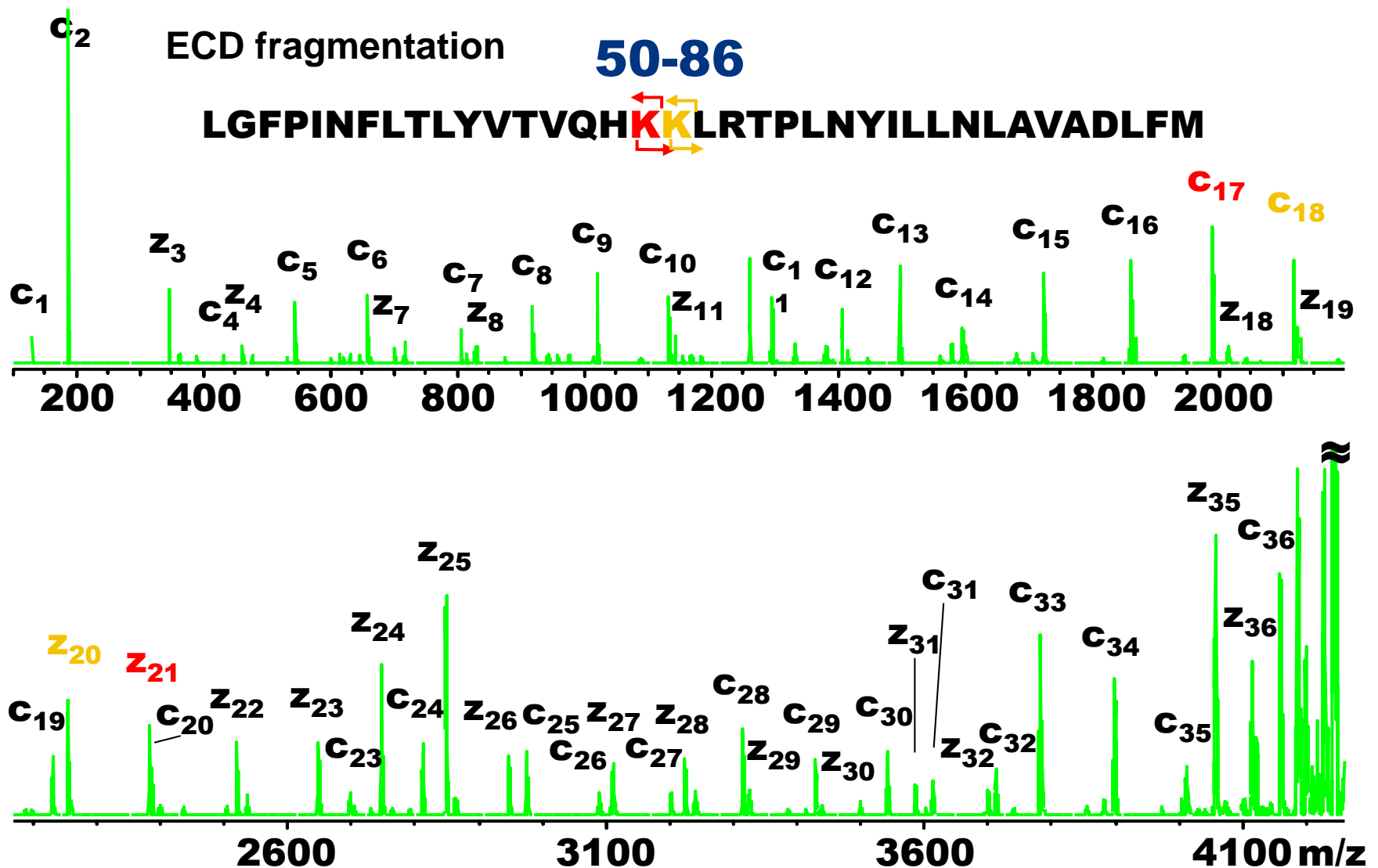
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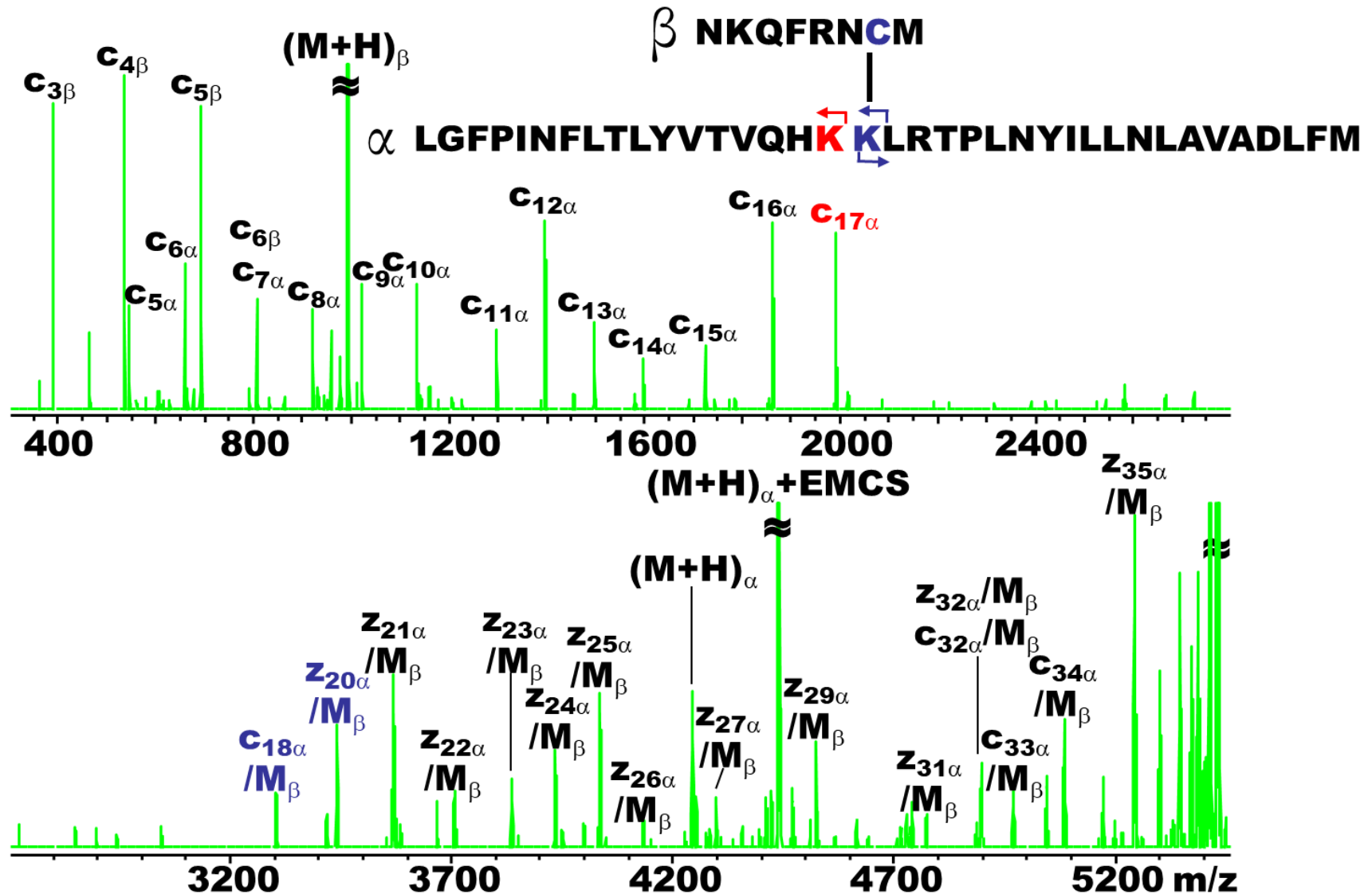
β_2 - 318 **VTTLC** **CG** **K**NPLGDDEASTTVS **K**TETSQVAPA³⁴⁸



Can We Resolve the Cross-link at K66/K67?



ECD fragmentation of cross-linked peptides



ECD enables single residue resolution!

α - ⁵⁰**LGFPINFLTLYVTVQH** **KK**LRTPPLNYILLNLAVADLFM⁸⁶

β_1 - ³¹⁰**NKQFRN** **C**M³¹⁷

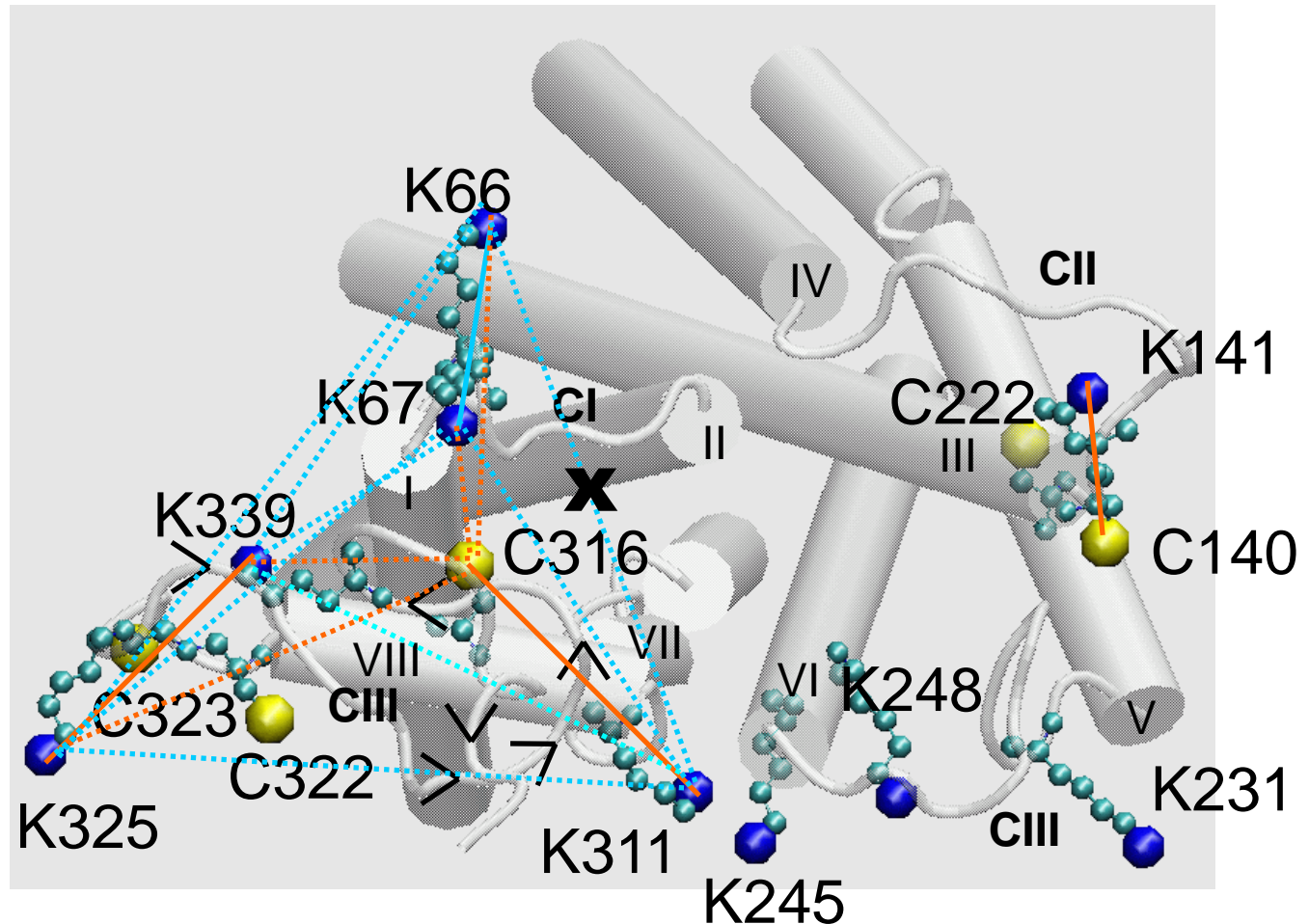
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Novak P, Haskins WE, Ayson MJ, et al. Unambiguous assignment of intramolecular chemical cross-links in modified mammalian membrane proteins by Fourier transform-tandem mass spectrometry. Anal Chem. 2005;77(16):5101-5106. doi:10.1021/ac040194r

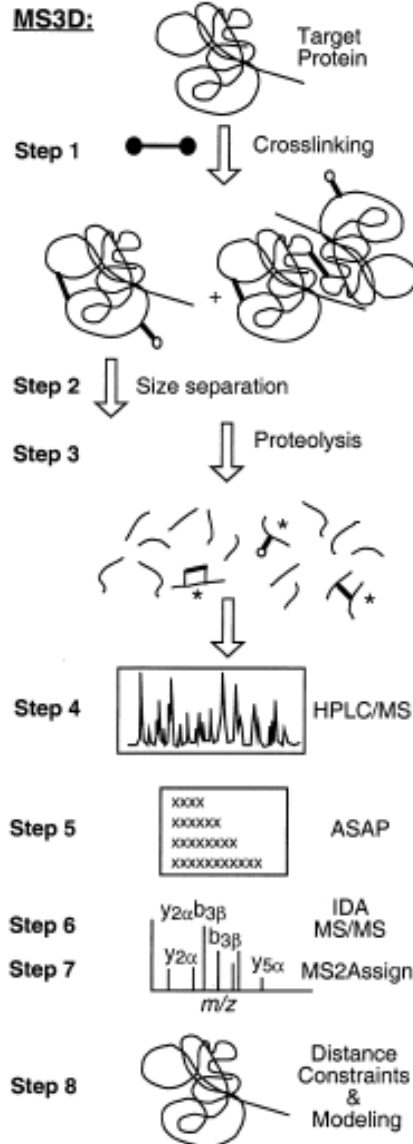
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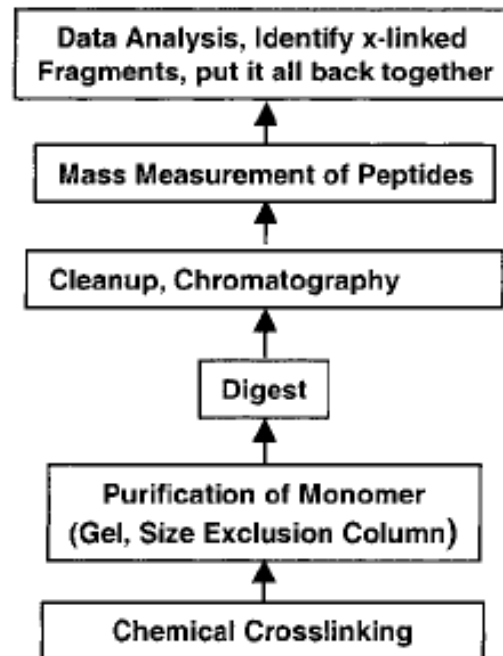
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CXMS experiment: Top-down approach

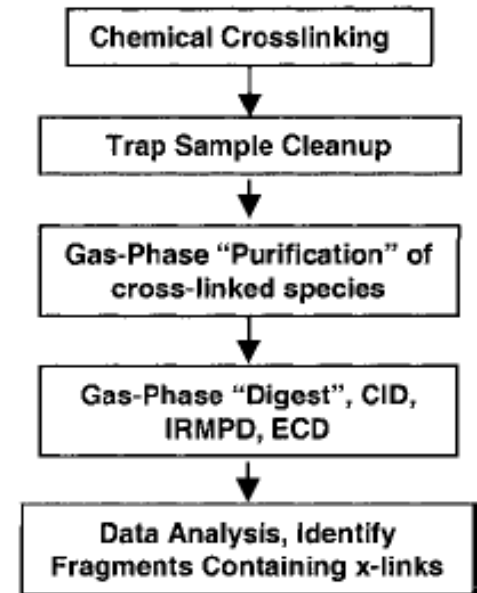
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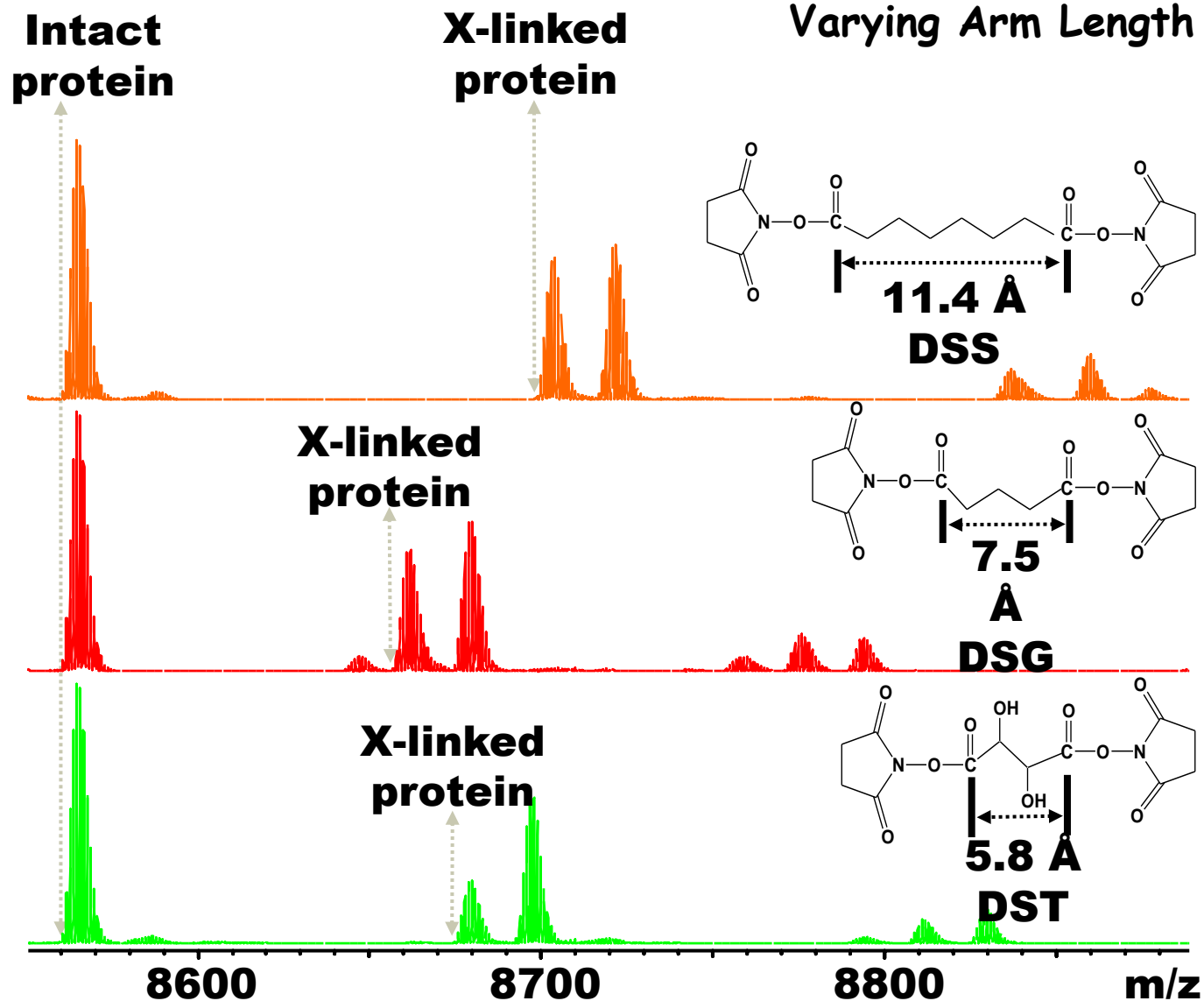
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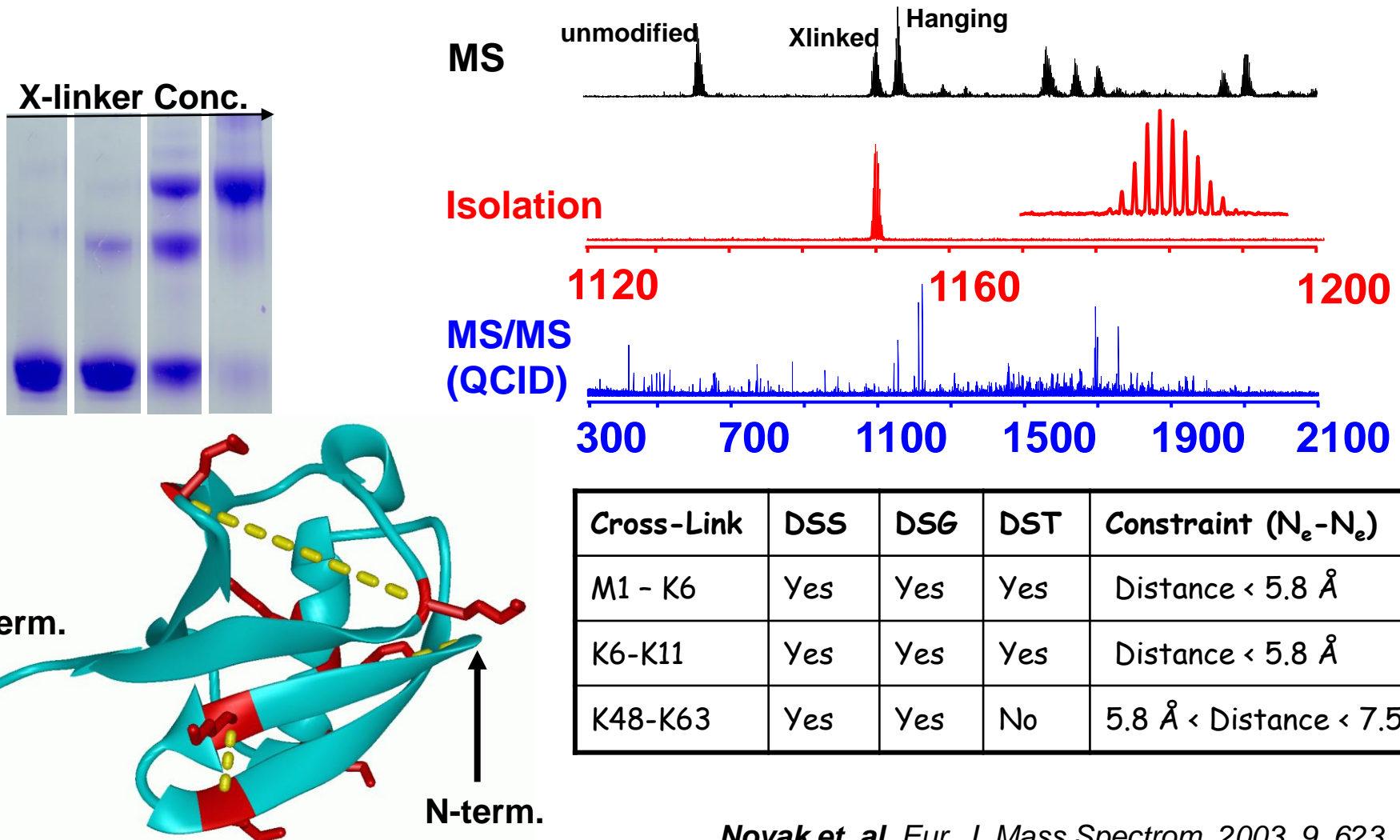
Top Down



Top down: Cross-linked Ubiquitin with a Series of Cross-linkers



Chemical cross-linking: the identification of cross-link



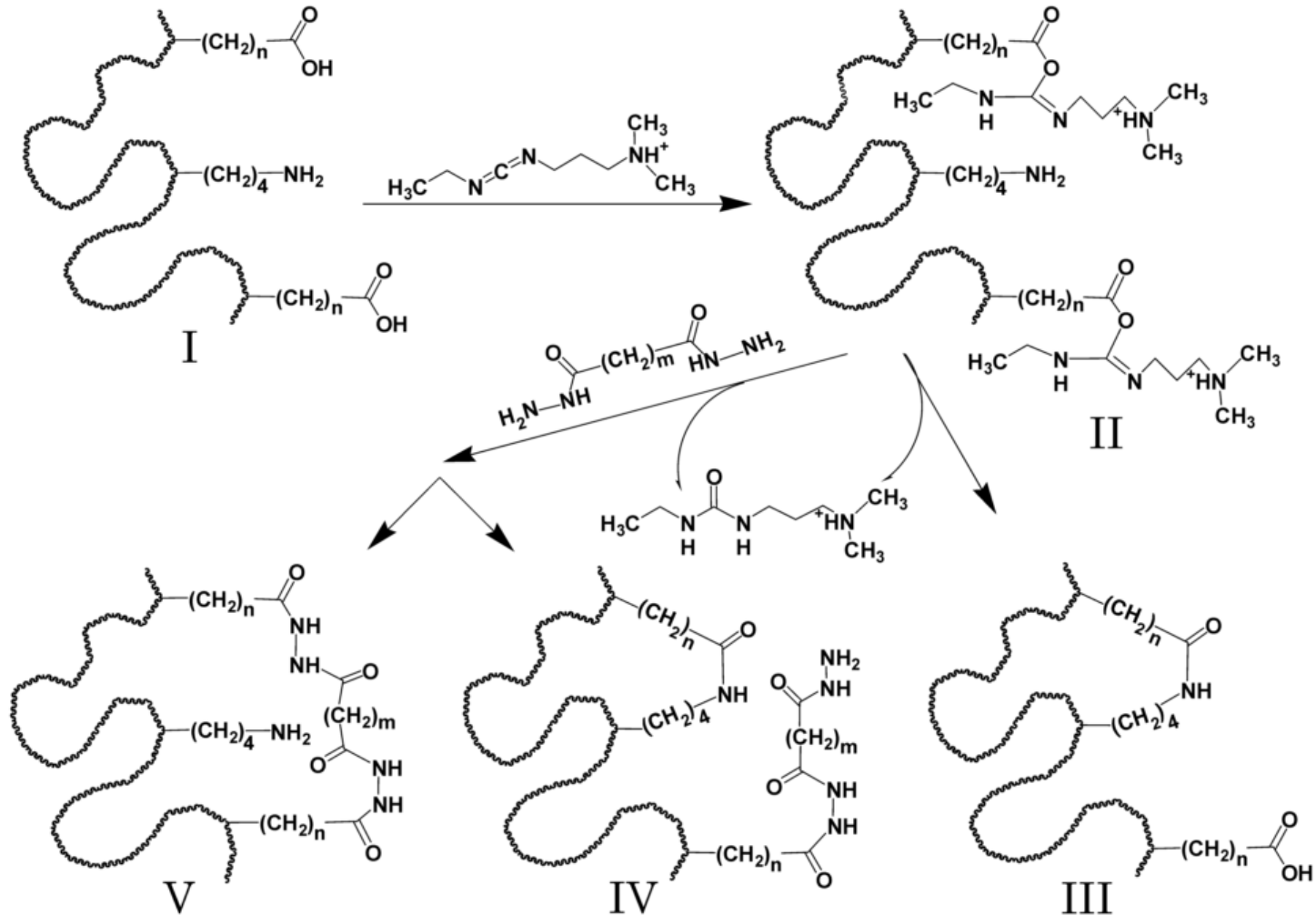
Novak et. al. *Eur. J. Mass Spectrom.* 2003, 9, 623

Zero-Length and Carboxy-Carboxy Cross-linking

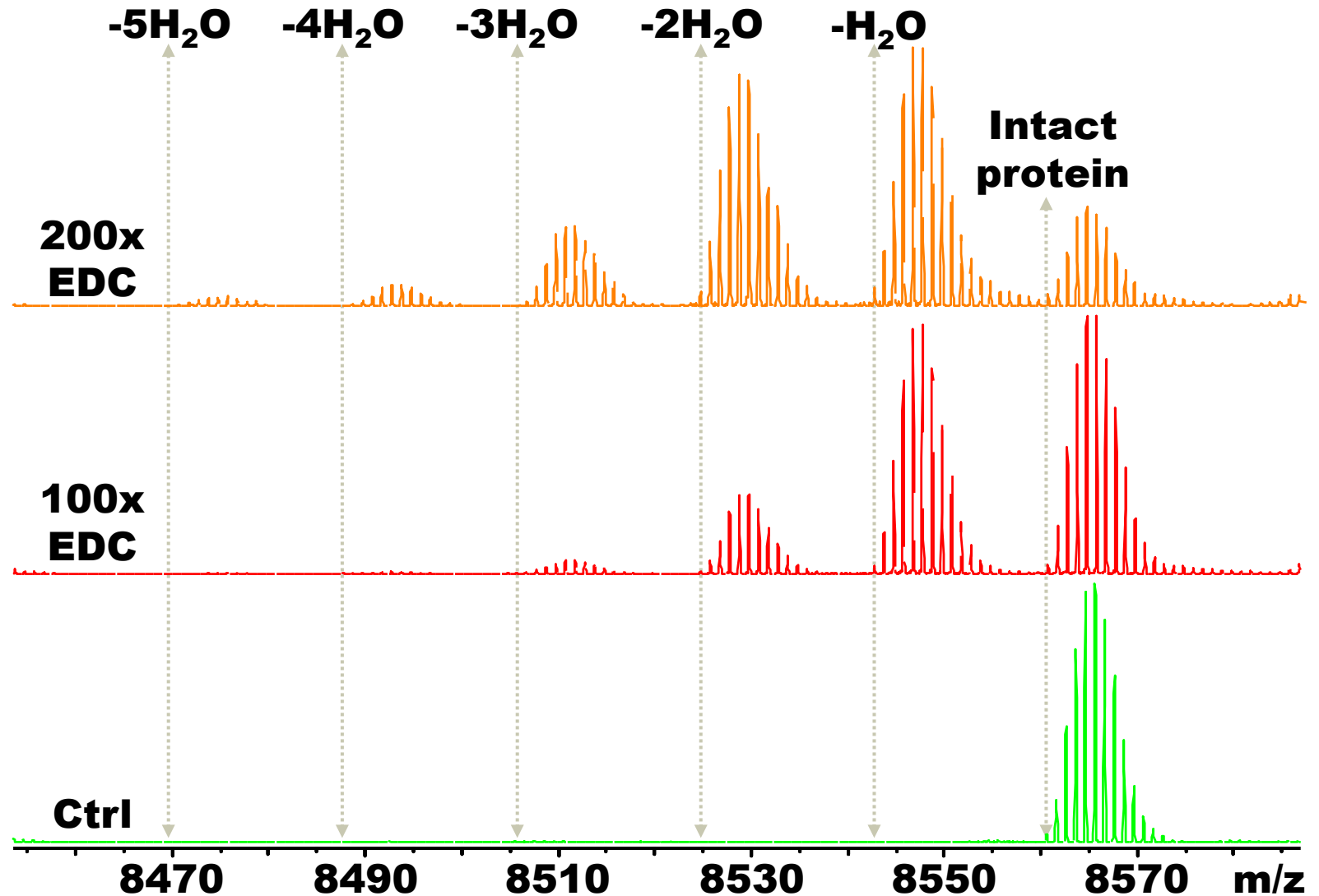
- “Zero-Length” Cross-linking
 - **No cross-linker used.**
 - **Activate carboxylic acid groups with EDC.**
 - **Activated acid side-chains react with primary amine side-chains (DEO-XK).**
 - **Cross-link formed via new amide linkage.**
- EDC activation can also be used to cross-link acidic side-chains to each other (DEO-DEO)
 - **Use dihydrazides as the cross-linking reagent.**

Chemical cross-linking: an alternative chemistry

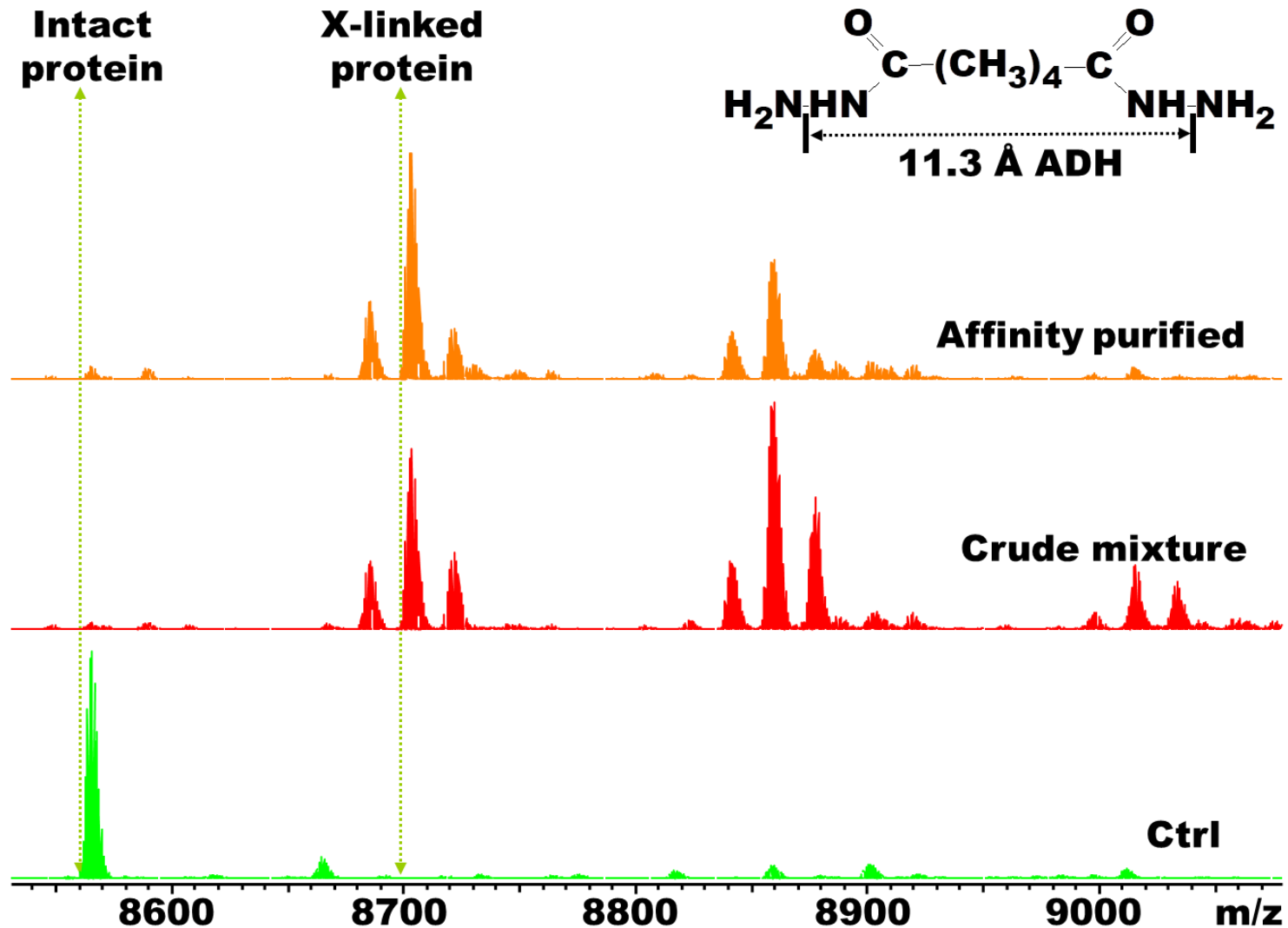
Carboxylic group reactive cross-linkers



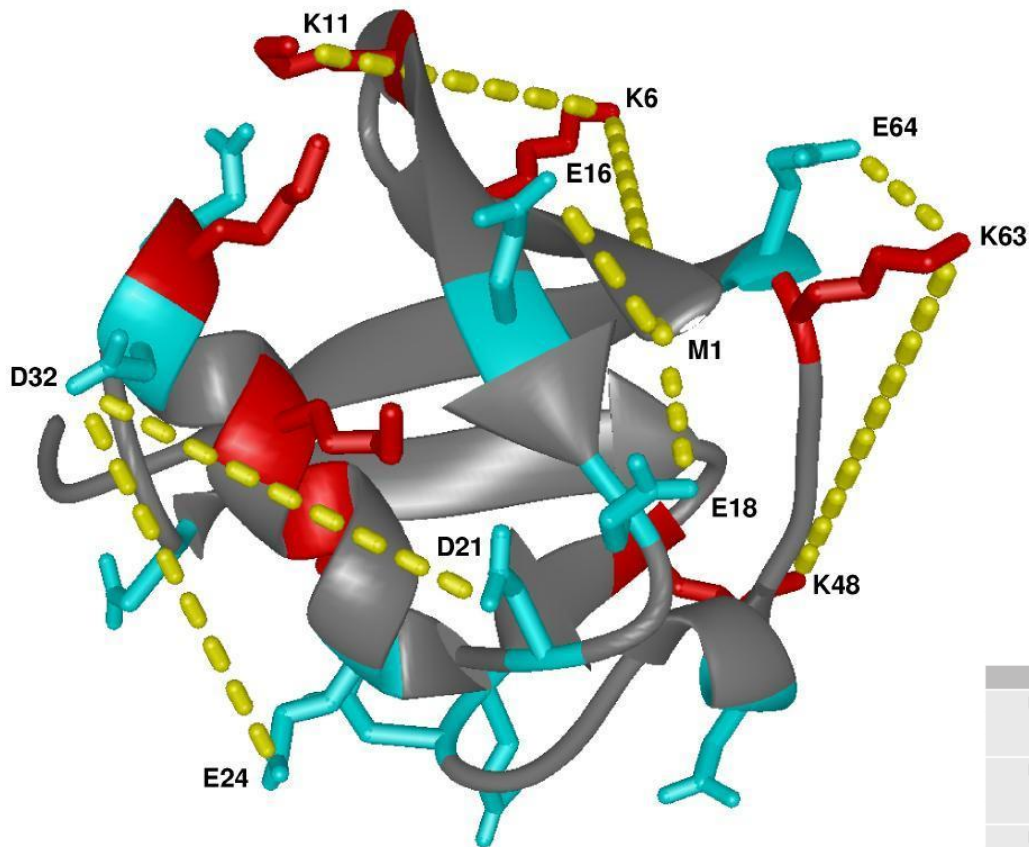
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Carboxy-Carboxy Cross-linking



Chemical cross-linking: an alternative chemistry

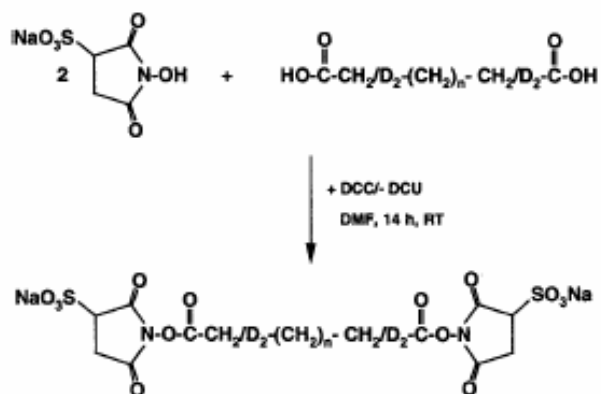


Residue	Cross-linker	Cross-link	Constraint (X-ray constraint)	Type
M1-K6	DSS	Yes	5.8 Å < Distance < 7.5 Å (20.0 Å)	$N_{\alpha}-N_{\epsilon}$
	DSG	Yes		
	DST	No		
K6-K11	DSS	Yes	Distance < 5.8 Å (14.0 Å)	$N_{\epsilon}-N_{\epsilon}$
	DSG	Yes		
	DST	Yes		
K48-K63	DSS	Yes	5.8 Å < Distance < 7.5 Å (19.8 Å)	$N_{\epsilon}-N_{\epsilon}$
	DSG	Yes		
	DST	No		
M1-E16	EDC	Yes	Distance < 1.5 Å (6.2 Å)	$N_{\alpha}-C_{\delta}$
M1-E18	EDC	Yes	Distance < 1.5 Å (4.4 Å)	$N_{\alpha}-C_{\delta}$
K63-E64	EDC	Yes	Distance < 1.5 Å (4.8 Å)	$N_{\epsilon}-C_{\delta}$
D21-D32	ADH	Yes	5.8 Å < Distance < 7.5 Å (12.9 Å)	$C_{\gamma}-C_{\gamma}$
	SDH	No		
E24-D32	ADH	Yes	5.8 Å < Distance < 7.5 Å (14.0 Å)	$C_{\delta}-C_{\gamma}$
	SDH	No		

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Introduction of isotopically labeled probes

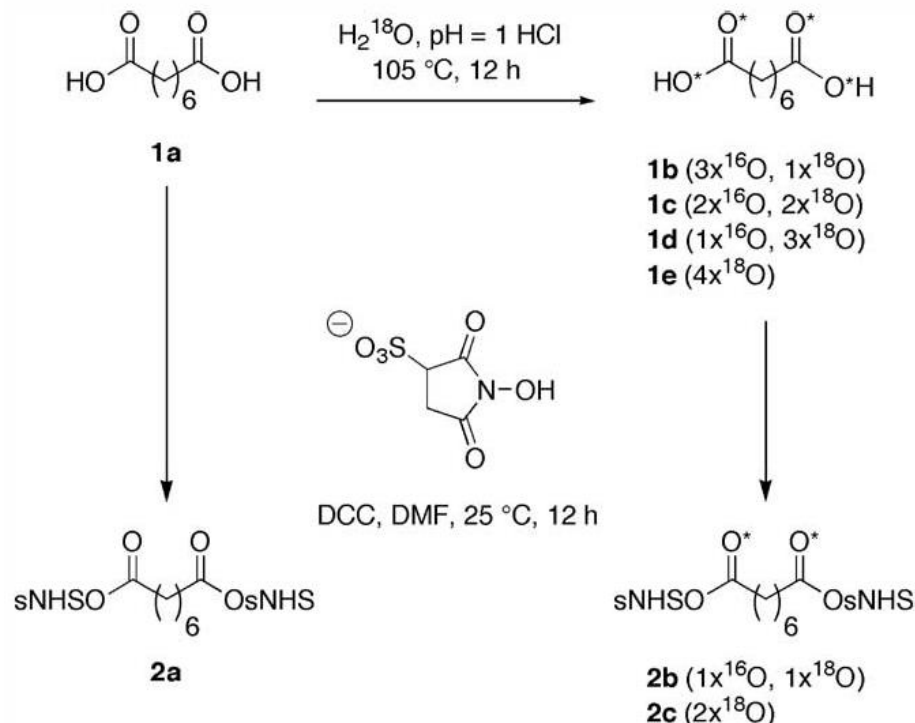
Incorporation of stable isotopes (deuterium) to the linker



¹³C available as well

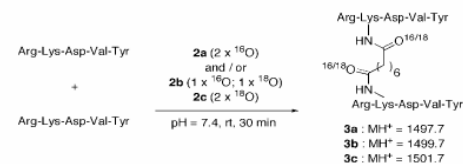
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Incorporation of stable isotopes (oxygen, ¹⁸O) to the linker



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Introduction of isotopically labeled probes



Simplifies data analysis

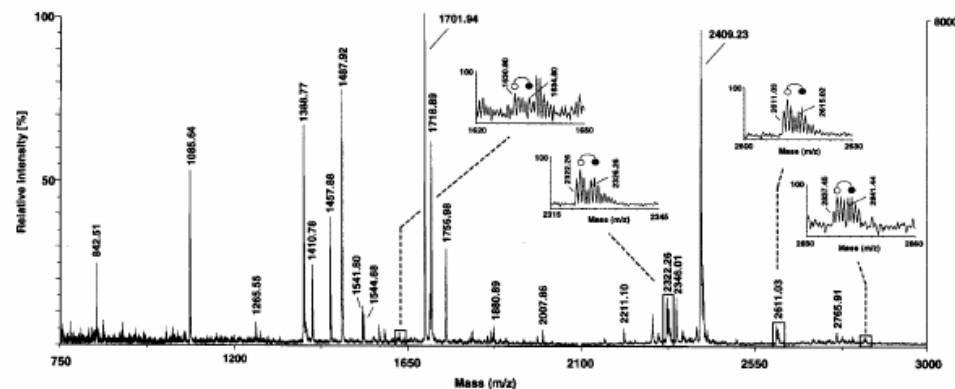
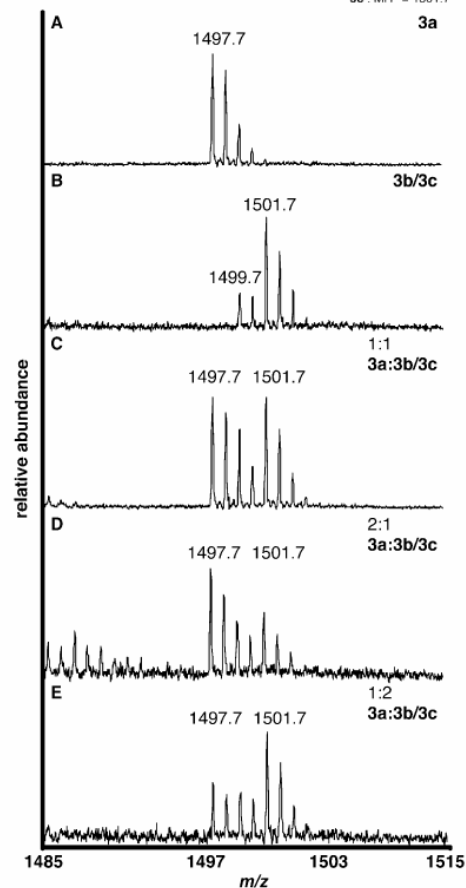
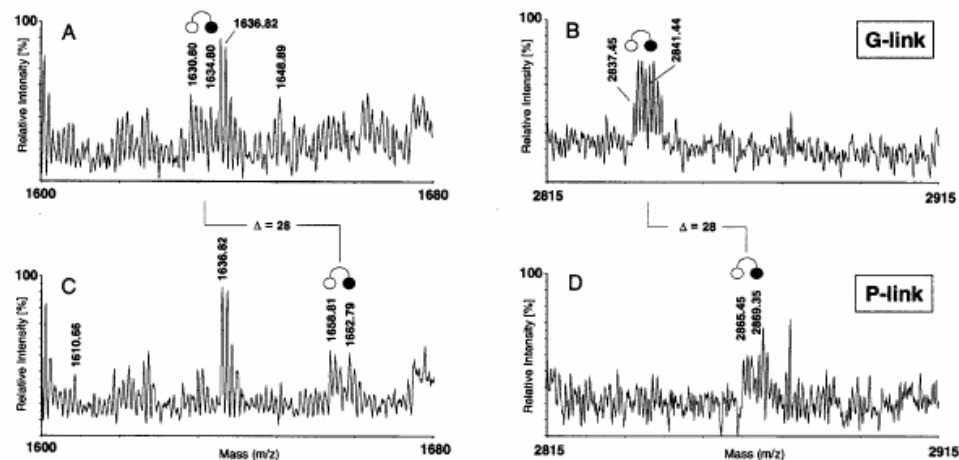


Figure 4. MALDI mass map obtained from G-linked Op18-tubulin complexes with doublet regions expanded in insets.

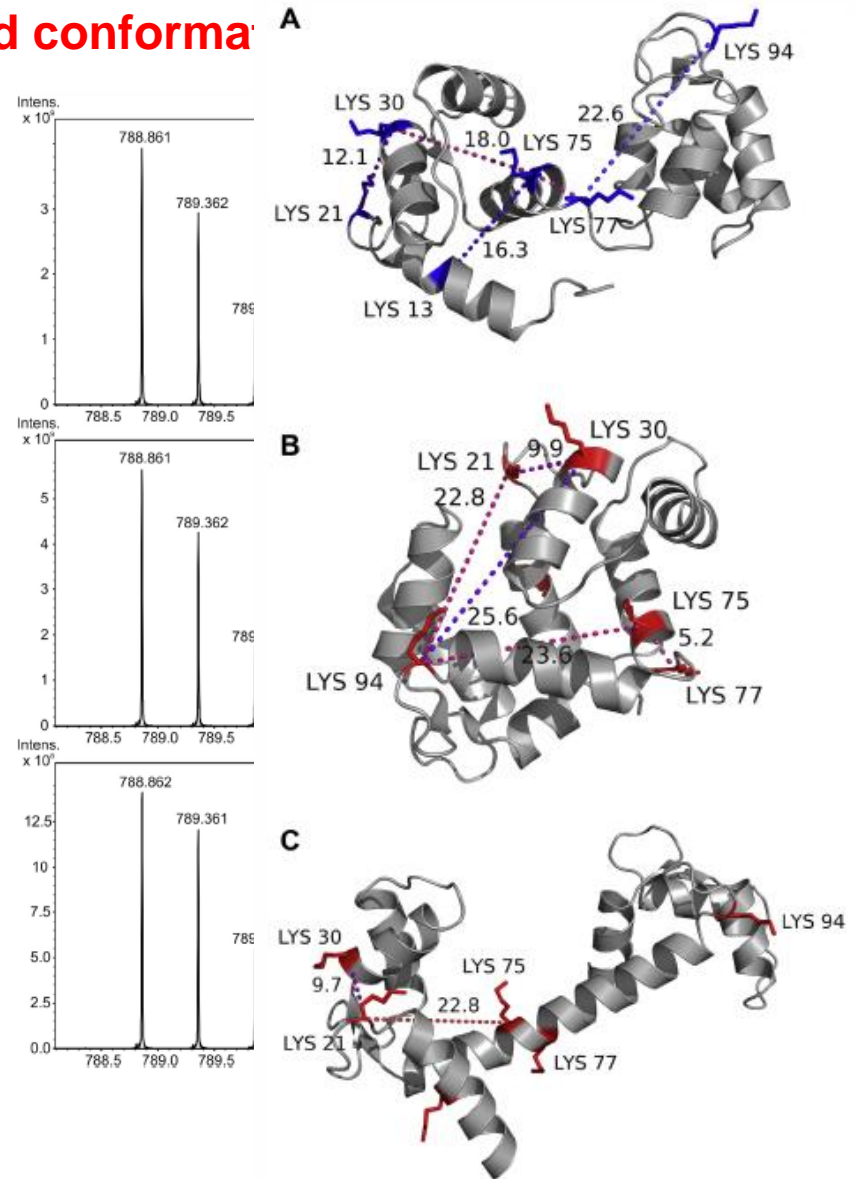
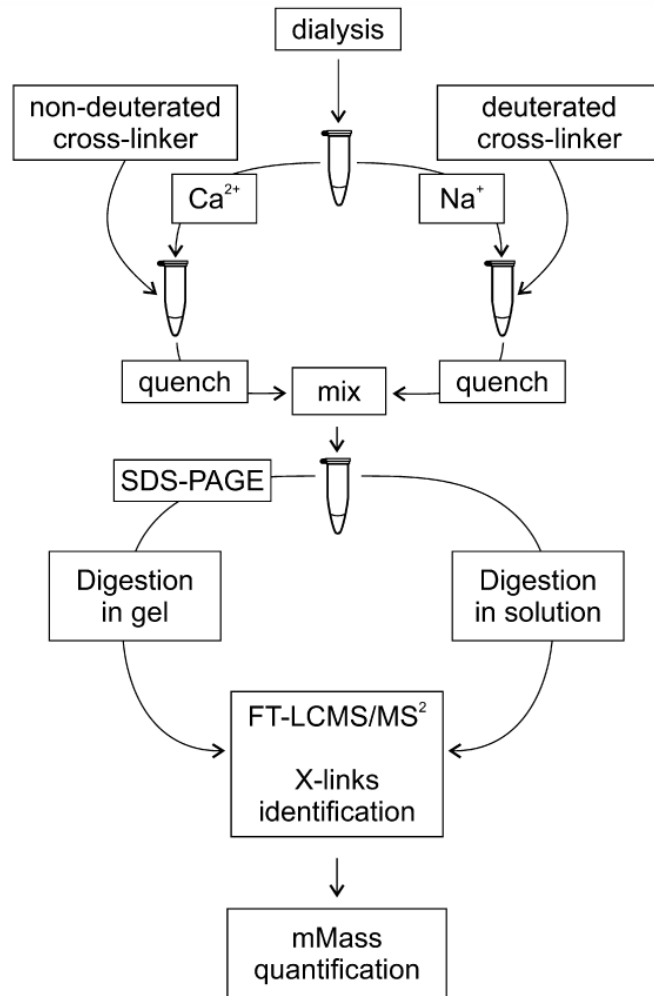


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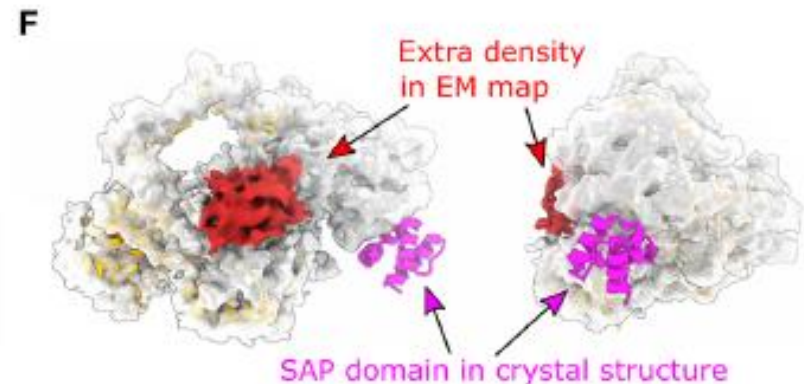
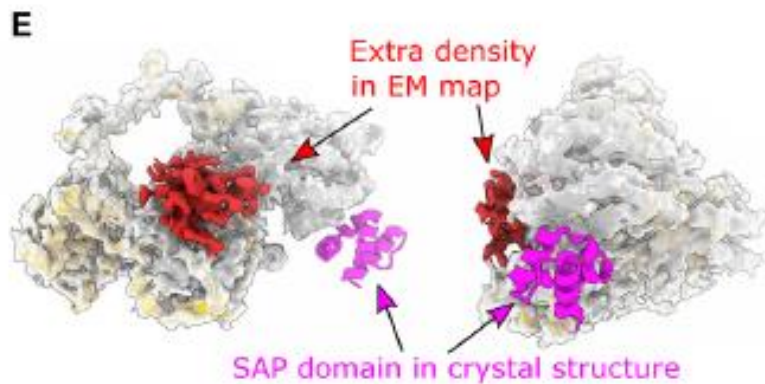
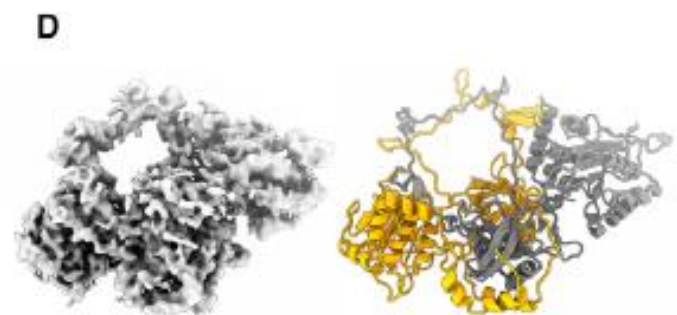
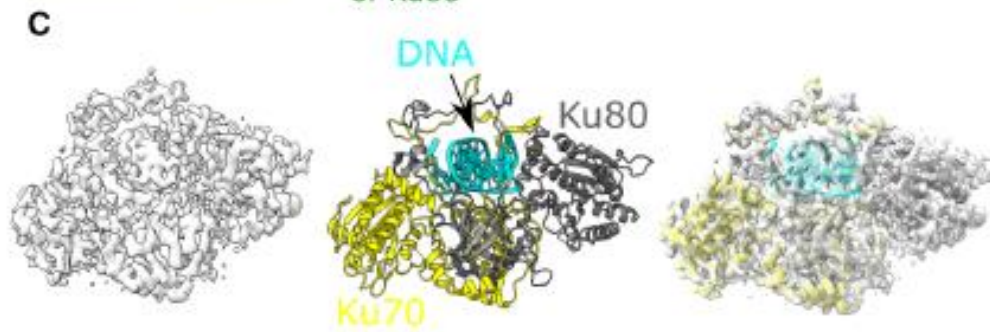
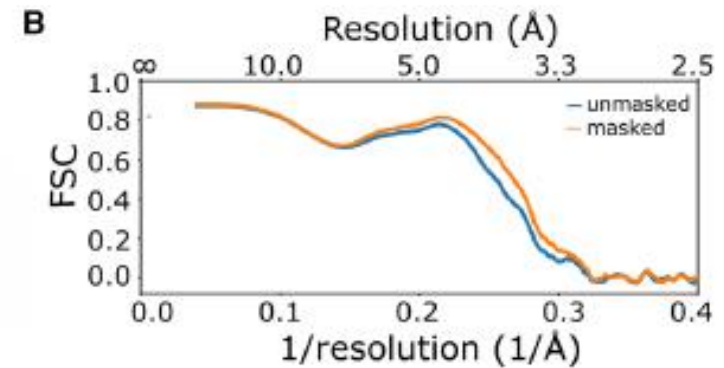
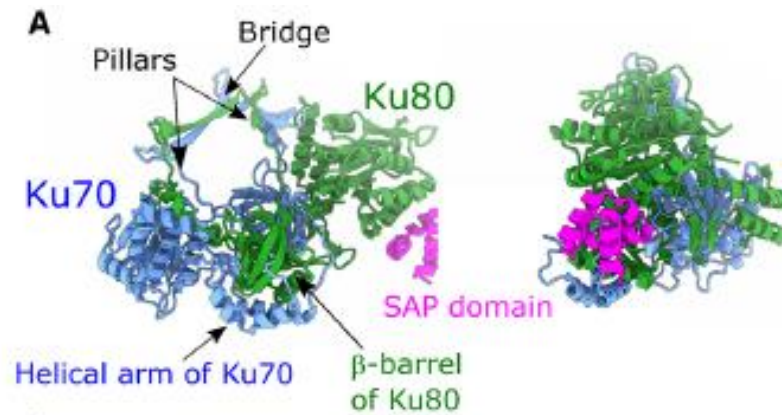
Quantitative chemical cross-linking

Protein dynamics and conforma



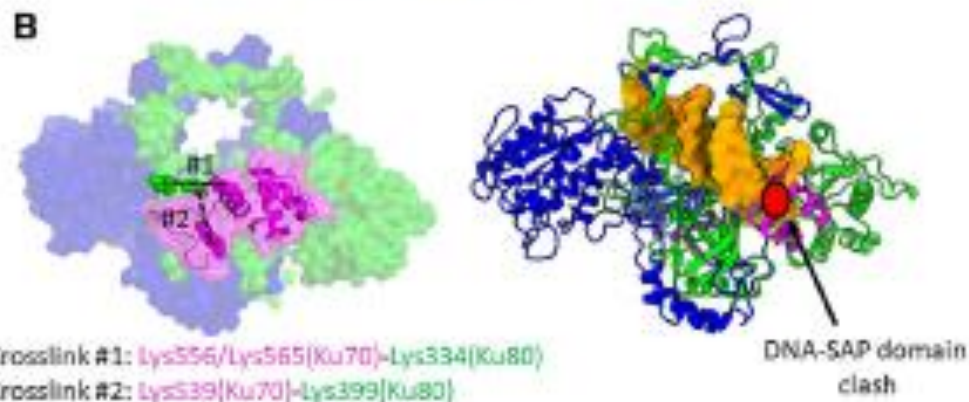
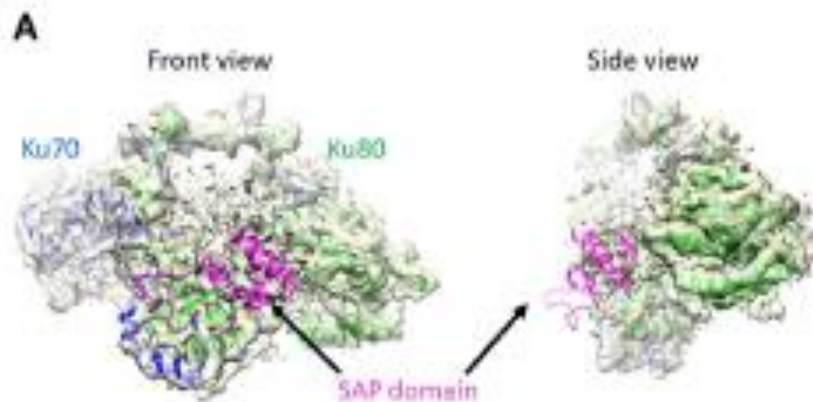
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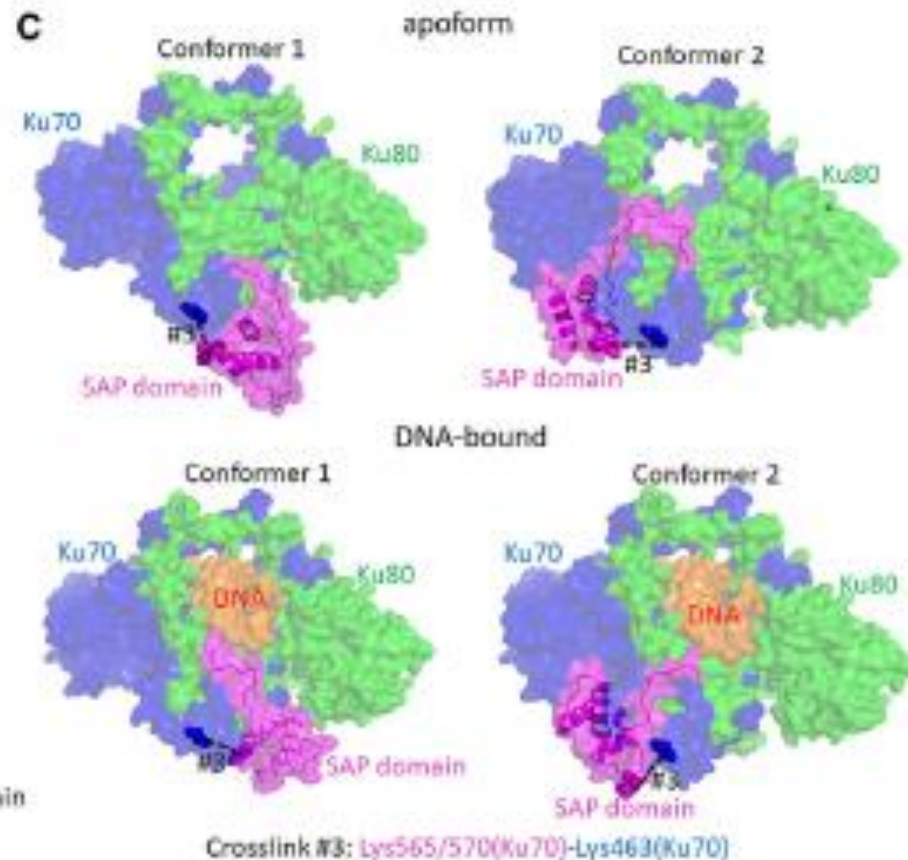
Ku70/Ku80 with and without DNA complexes

Crosslink #1: Lys334 (Ku80) – Lys556/565 (Ku70)



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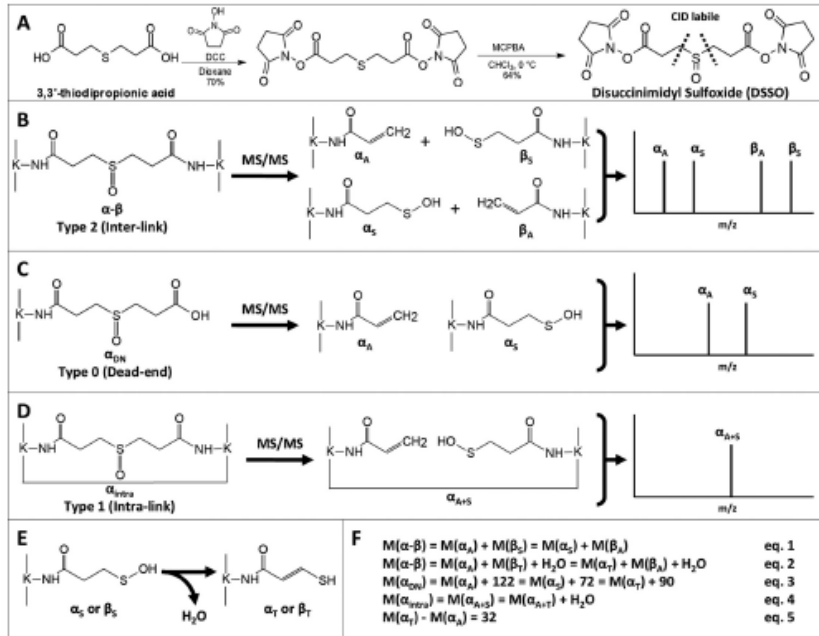
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New generation of cleavable cross-linkers

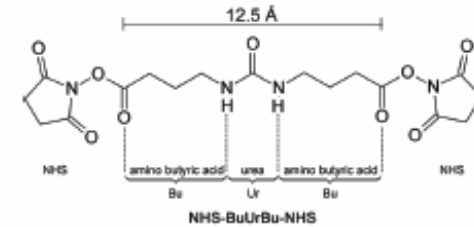
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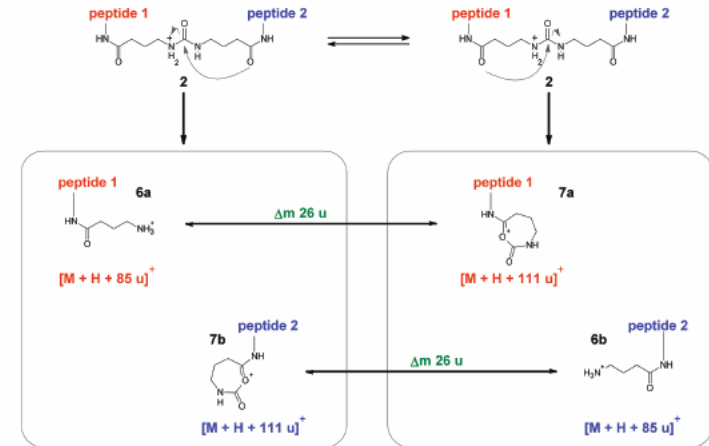
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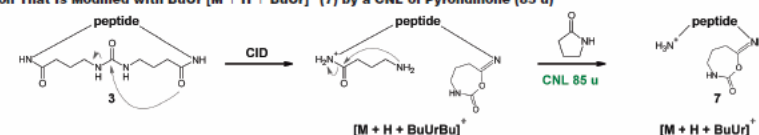
Scheme 1. Structure of the Symmetric NHS-BuUrBu-NHS Compound (1) for Chemical Cross-Linking



Scheme 3. Fragmentation Mechanism of Protonated 2 upon CID, Delivering Two Complementary Doublets of 26 u Mass Shifted Product Ions^a

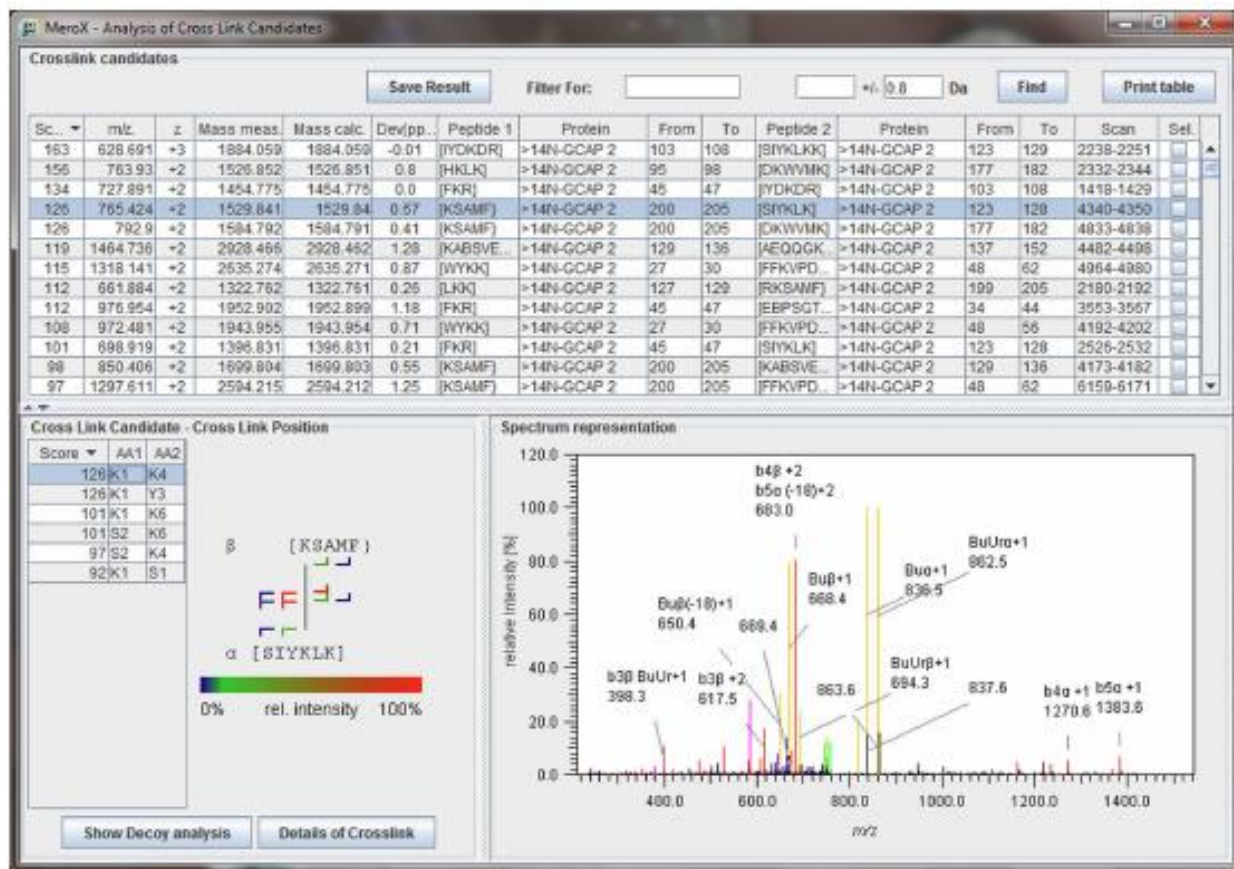
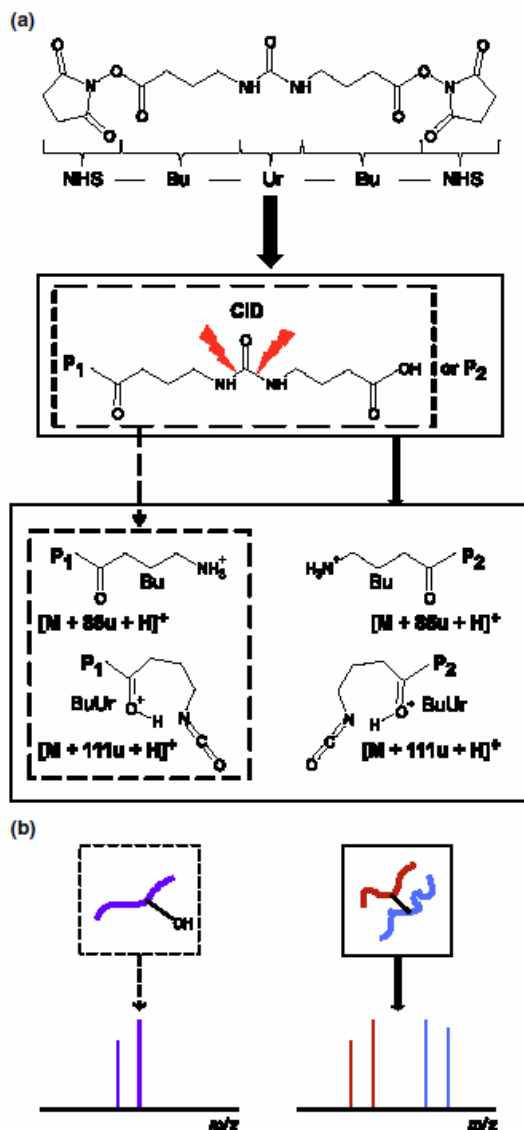


Scheme 4. Fragmentation Mechanism of a Protonated Type 1 Modified Peptide (3) upon CID, Delivering a Product Ion That Is Modified with BuUr [M + H + BuUr]⁺ (7) by a CNL of Pyroglutamine (85 u)



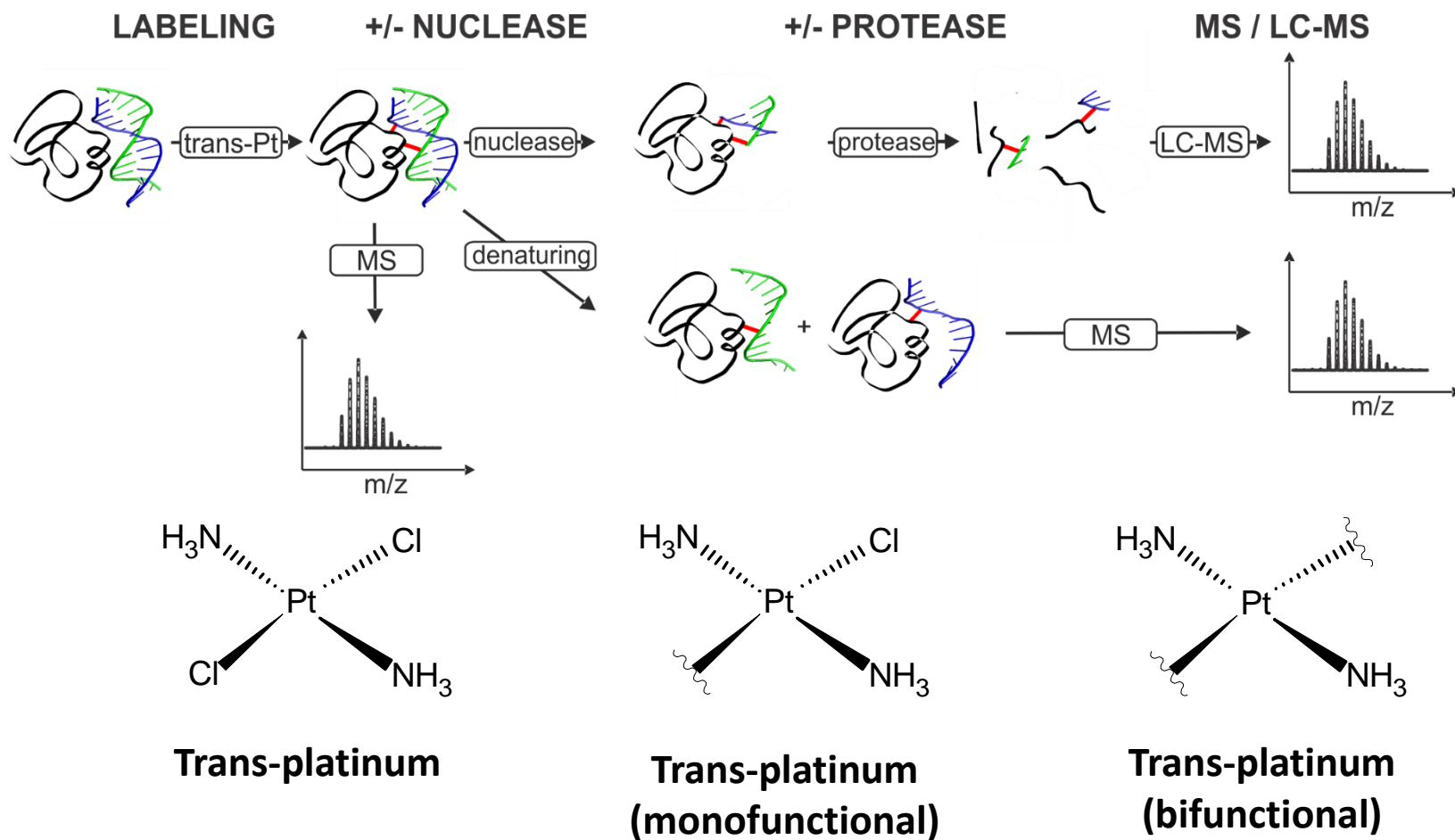
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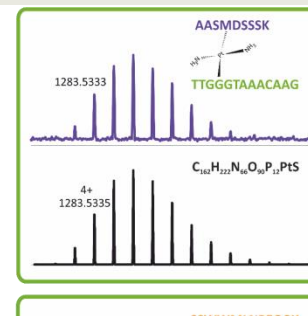
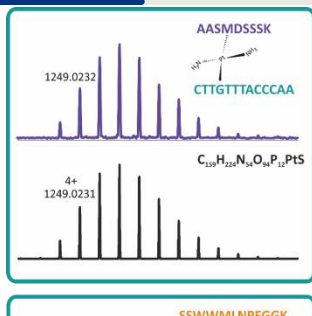
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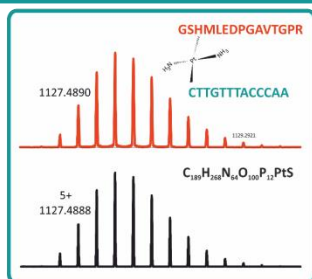
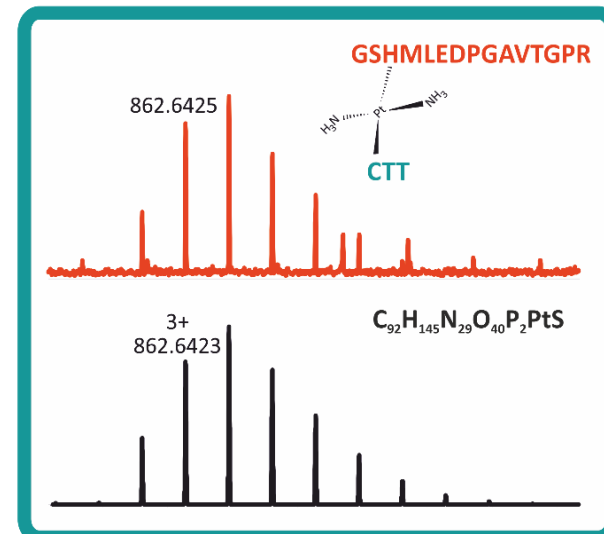
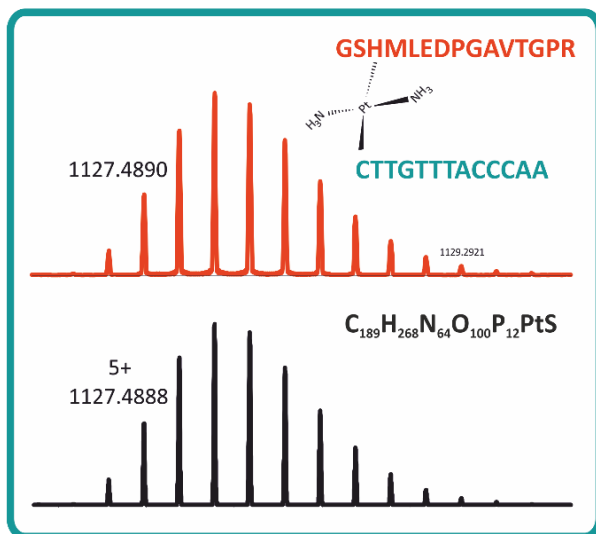
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Protein – DNA cross-links

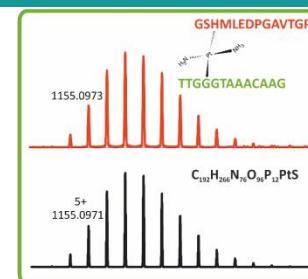
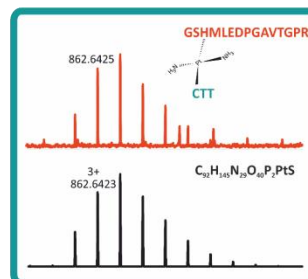
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