

# Next-Generation Protein Sequencing™ Resolves Peptide Variants Derived from Tropomyosin Proteoforms

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## NAA recognizers and aminopeptidases enable parallel sequencing of single peptides

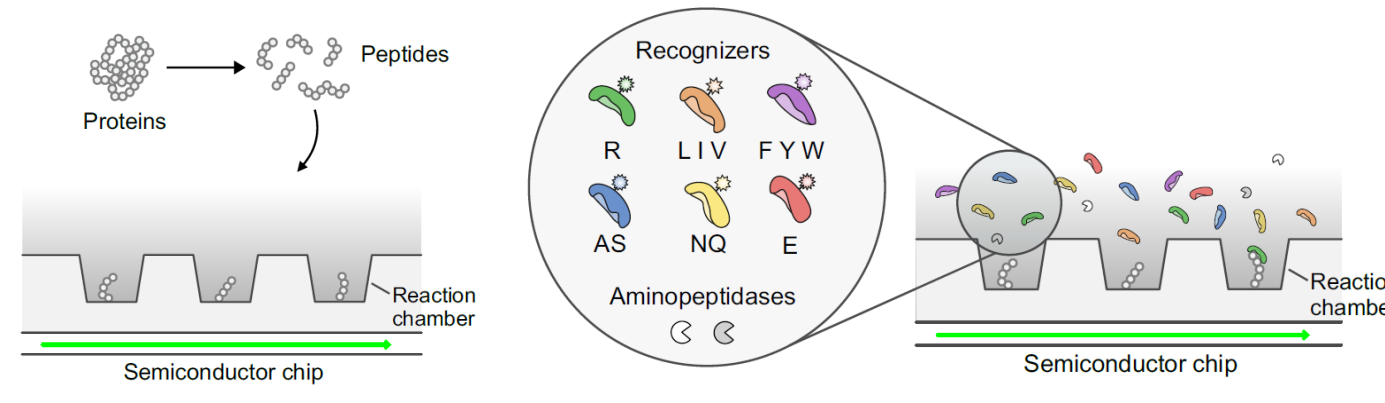
### Platinum® instrument



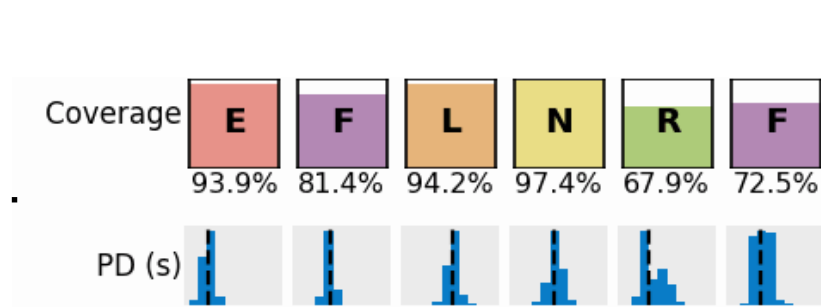
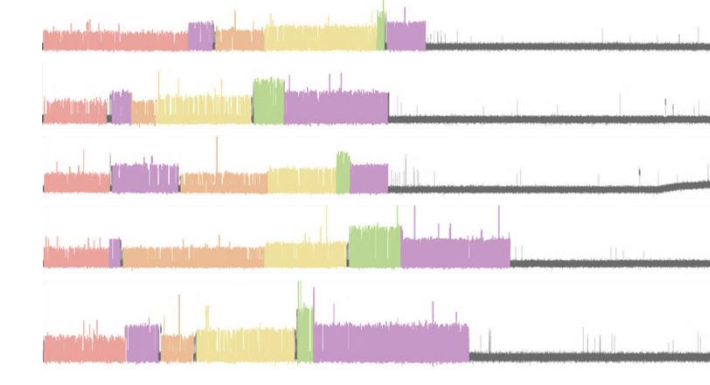
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- Peptide functionalization at C-terminal lysines enables immobilization to the chip.
- Labeled N-terminal amino acid (NAA) recognizers and aminopeptidases sequentially read and cleave each AA.
- Sequencing process proceeds in real time without fluidic exchange of reagents.

### Prepare samples for sequencing



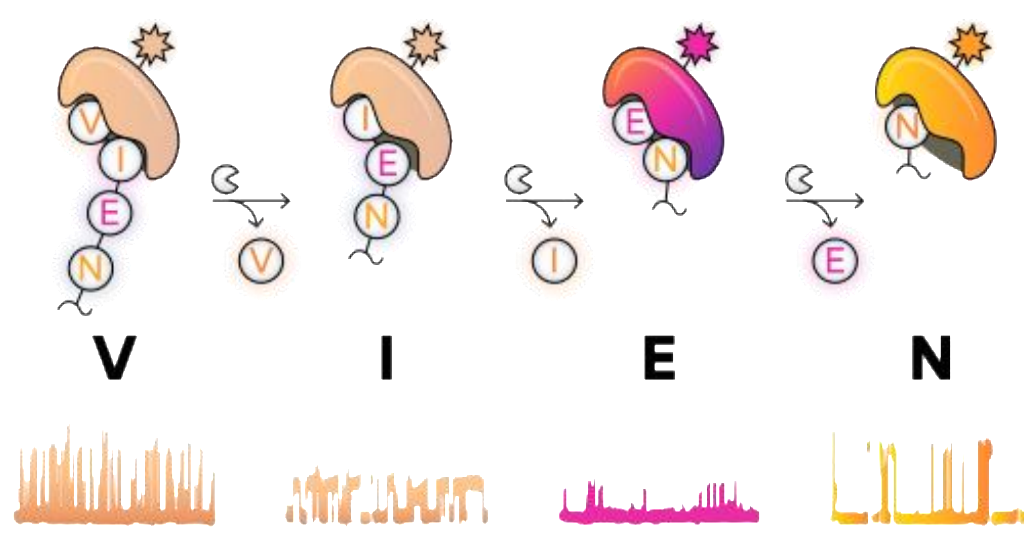
## Cloud-based analysis provides kinetic signatures of single AAs



- **Kinetic signatures**  
Measurable characteristics of the series of dynamic recognizer events that uniquely identify a peptide.
- Sensitive to AA variations and PTMs.

- **Pulse duration (PD)/ Interpulse duration (IPD)** reflects the differences in binding affinity driven by different dissociation/association rates for each type of recognizer-NAA interaction.
- Histograms represent the statistical distribution of kinetic data for all the pulses associated with a specific residue. Values reported are the median of the mean PD/IPD for each RS.

### Sequencing on Platinum



#### Recognition events:

Pulse duration (PD) can distinguish NAAs with the same recognizer

#### Aminopeptidase activity:

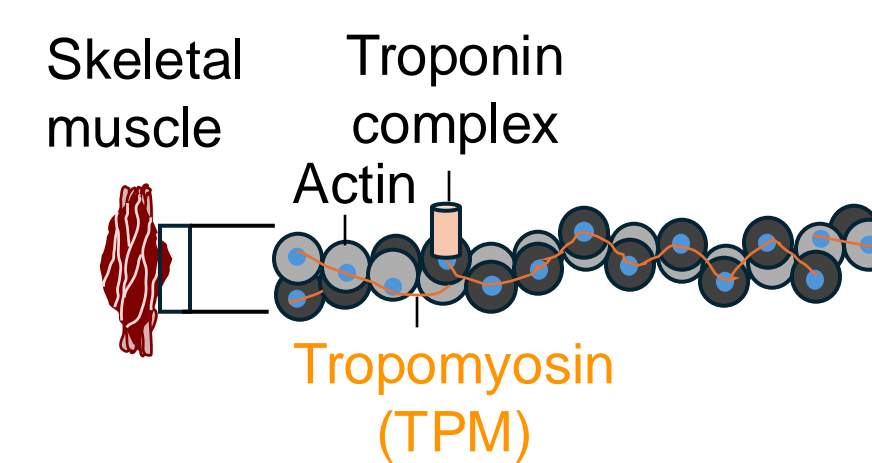
Cleavage events stochastic at single-trace level

Recognition segments (RSs)

## TPM variants are highly homologous and functionally distinct proteoforms

>40 TPM isoforms in mammals  
Need to detect at peptide/protein level

TPM1 and TPM2 share 87% AA sequence identity  
Detecting unique peptides can be used to discern proteoforms



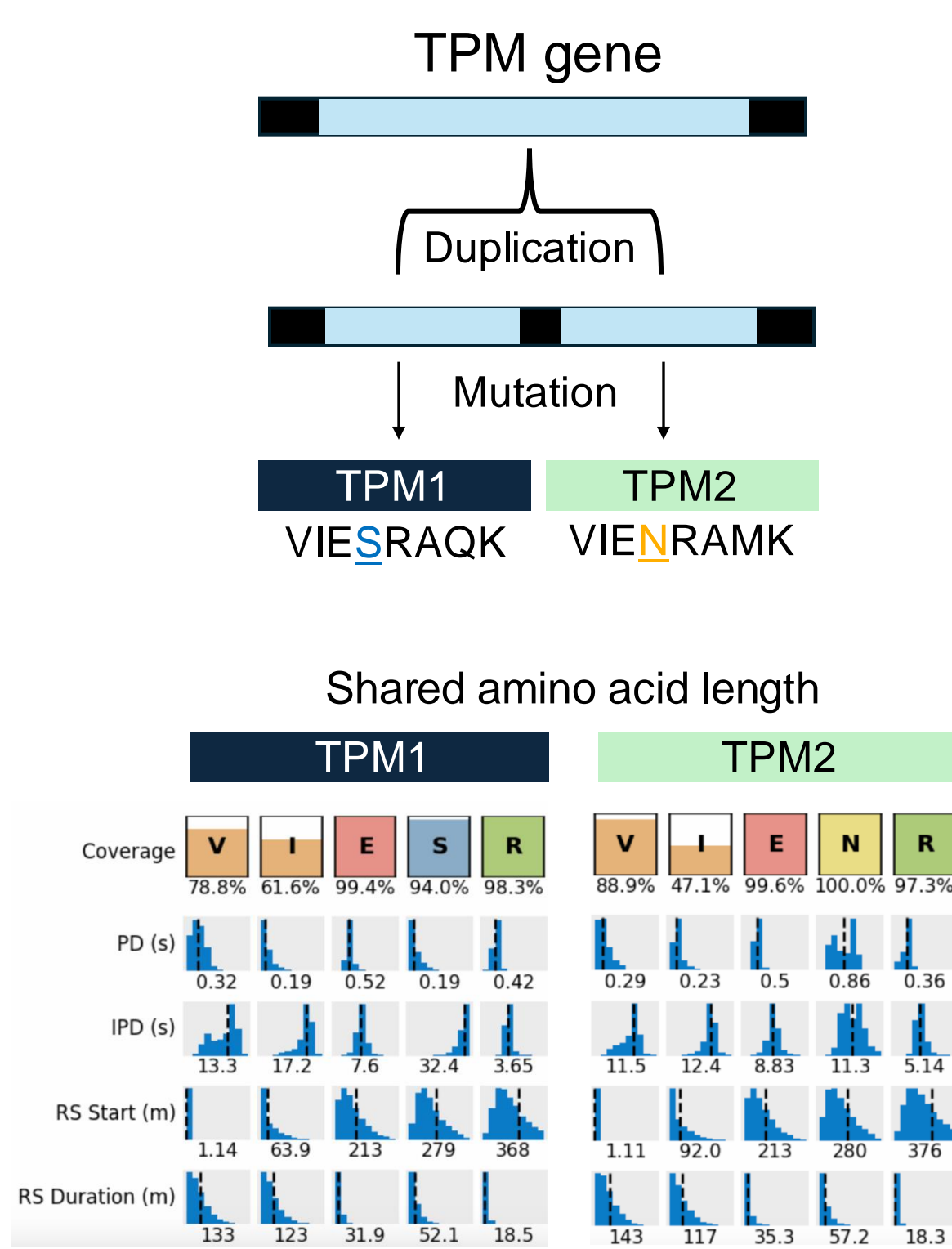
TPM1 paralog  
...VIESRAQK...

TPM2 paralog  
...VIENRAMK...

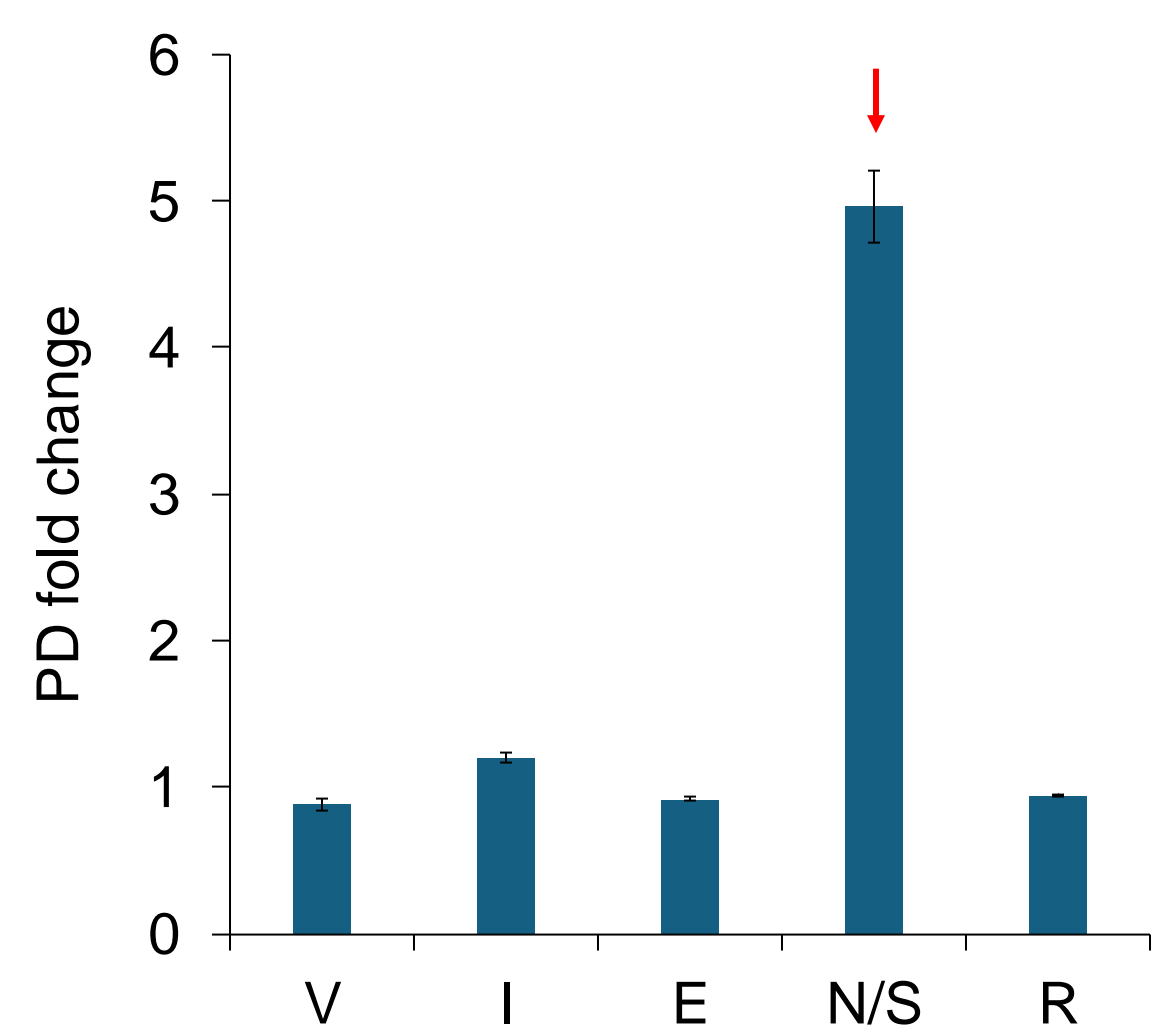
Region interacts with troponin

Arg mutation in myopathies

## Platinum sequences paralog-specific peptides

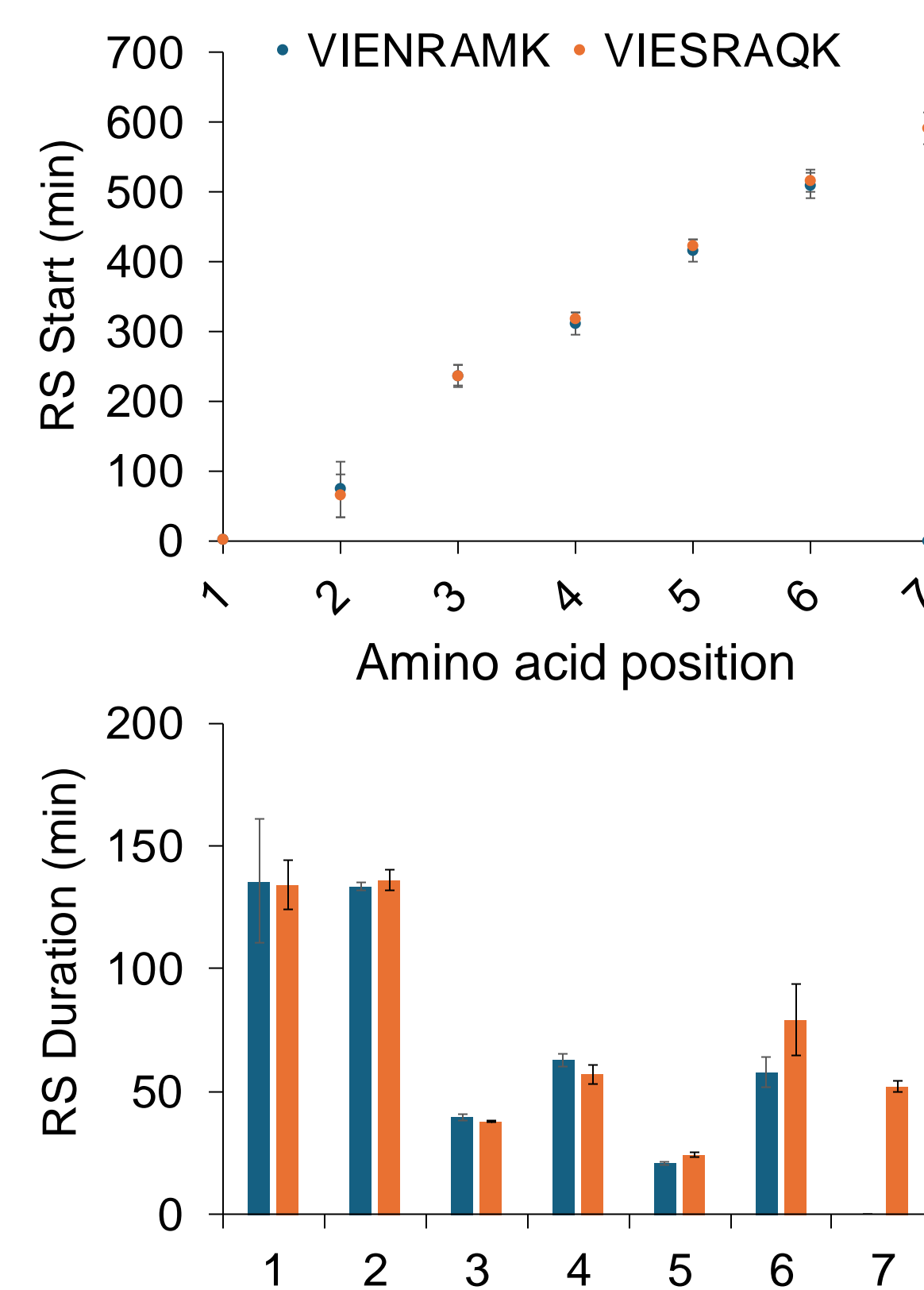


## Differential PDs at single position

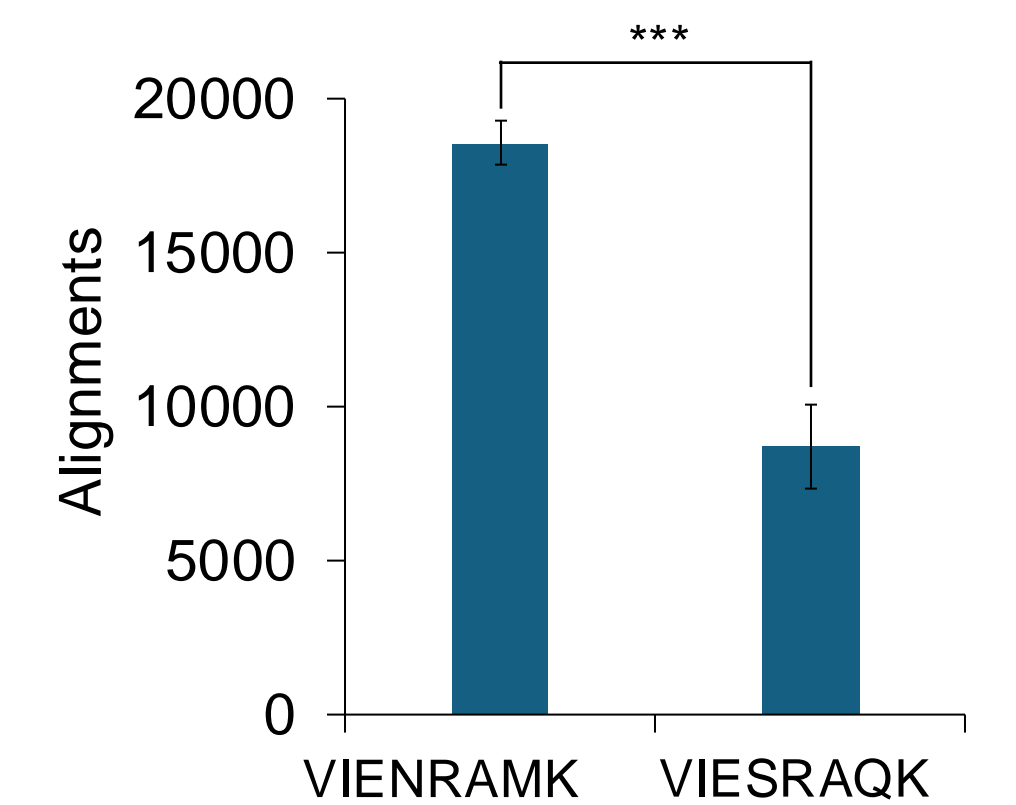


- 5X higher PD with N/Q recognizer vs. S/A recognizer in analogous position
- Higher PD reflects tighter binding and slower dissociation rate

## Consistent RS and aminopeptidase activity

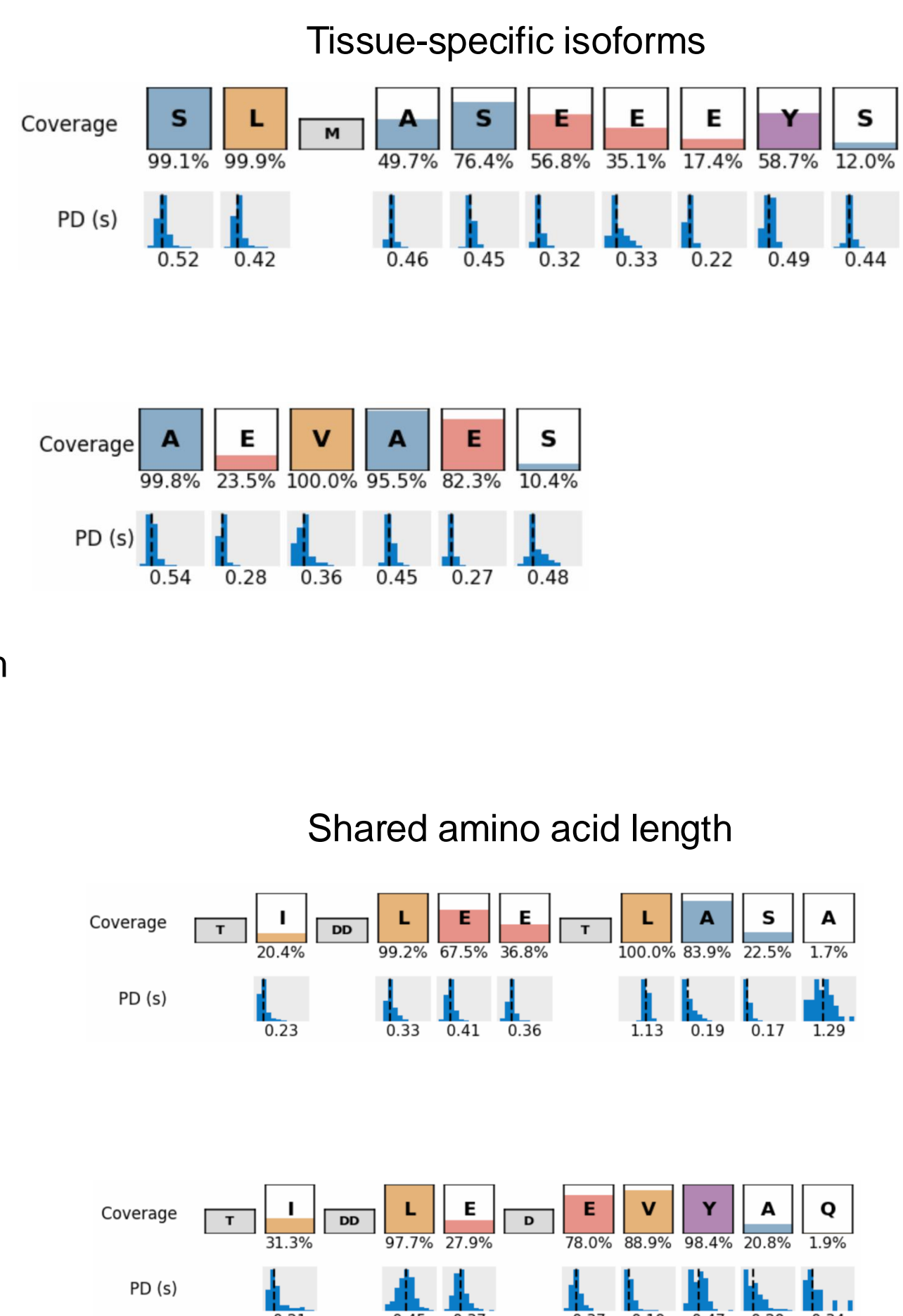
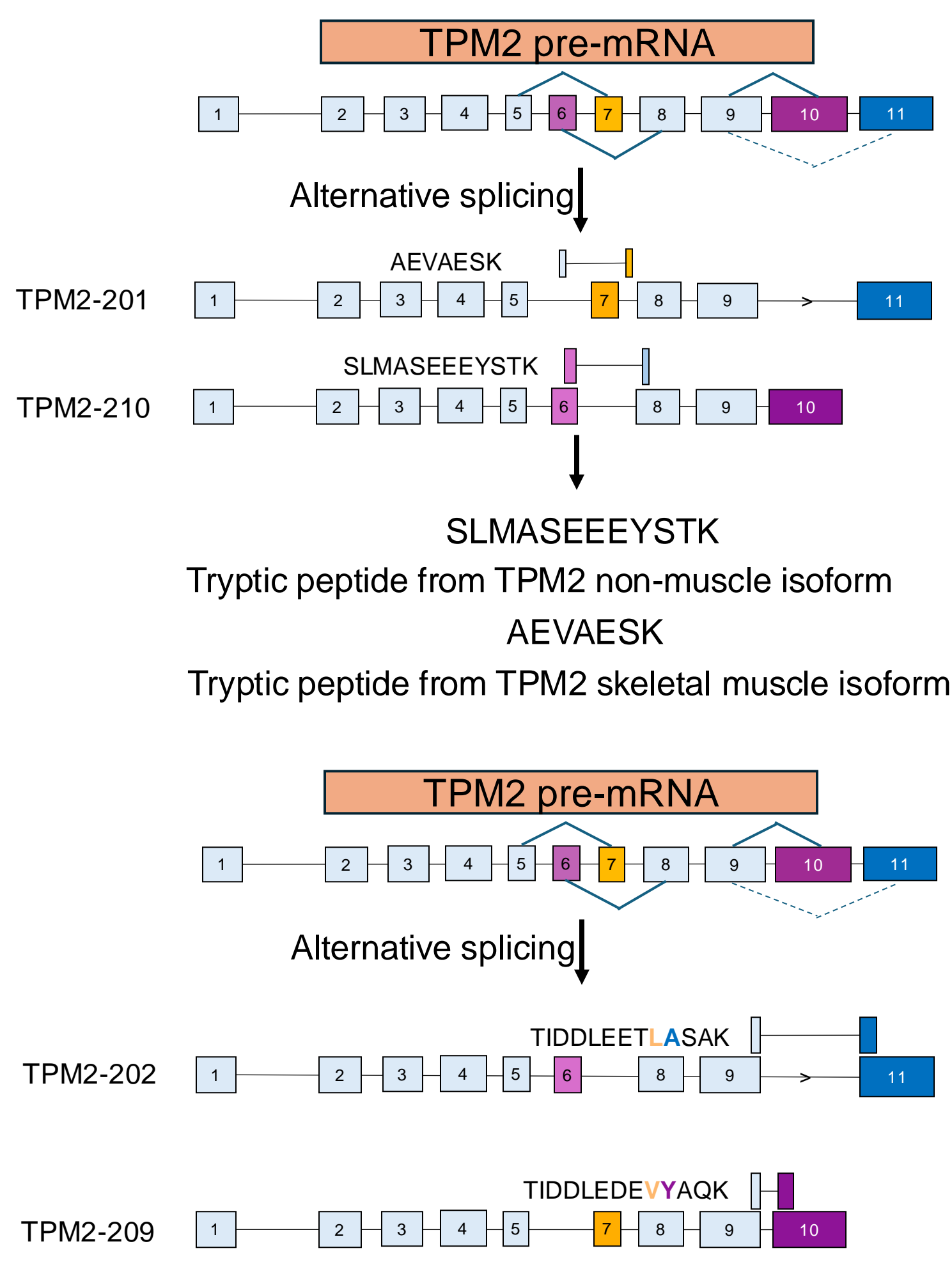


## Toward "Quantum-typicity"



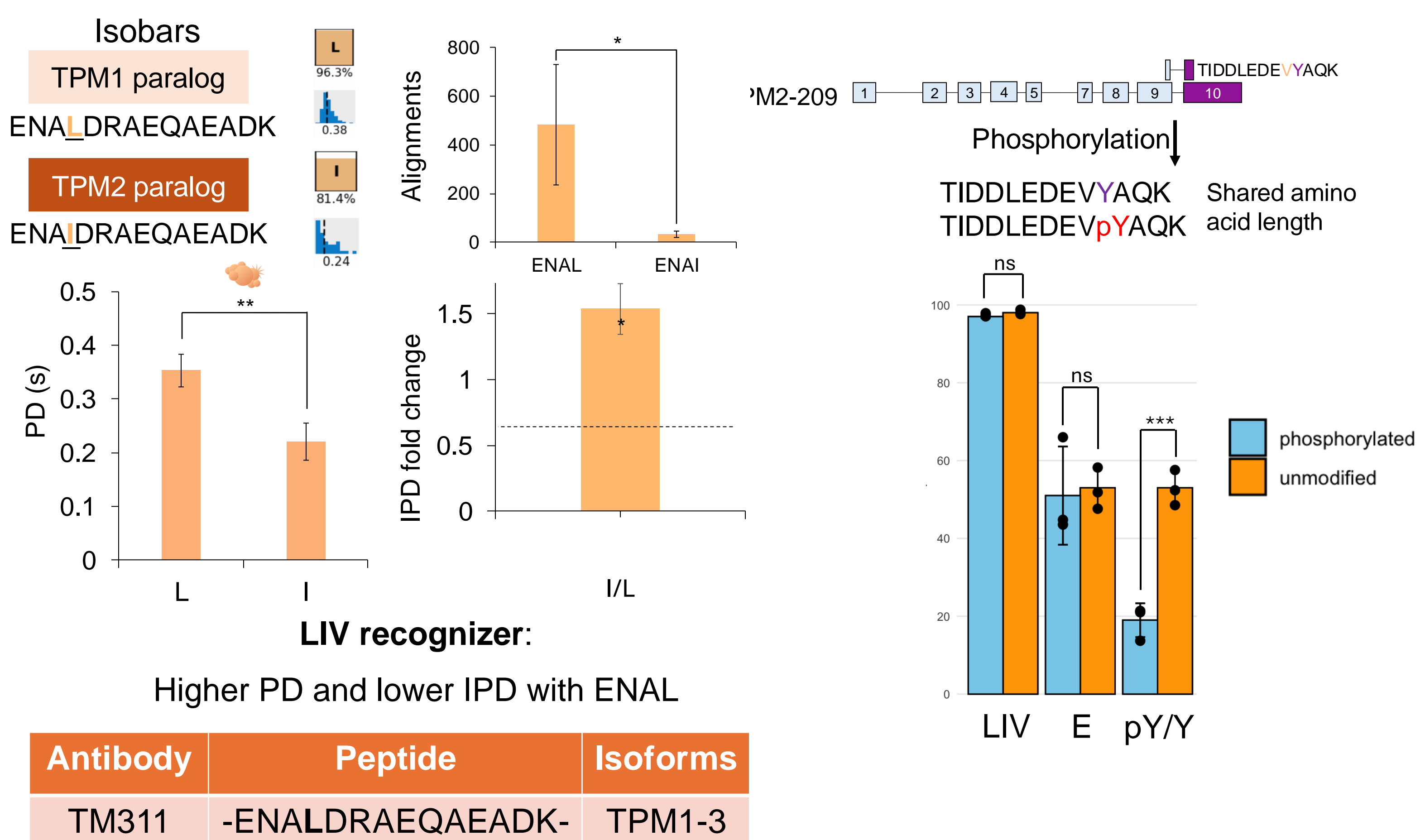
- In proteomic analyses, there is a need to annotate peptides with detectability and isoform specificity for protein ID in mixtures
- Detection of "Quantum-typic" peptides can be used for targeted analysis and relative quantitation of peptides on Platinum

## Platinum sequences spliceform (isoform)-specific TPM2 peptides



Application: Detect tissue-specific spliceform expression

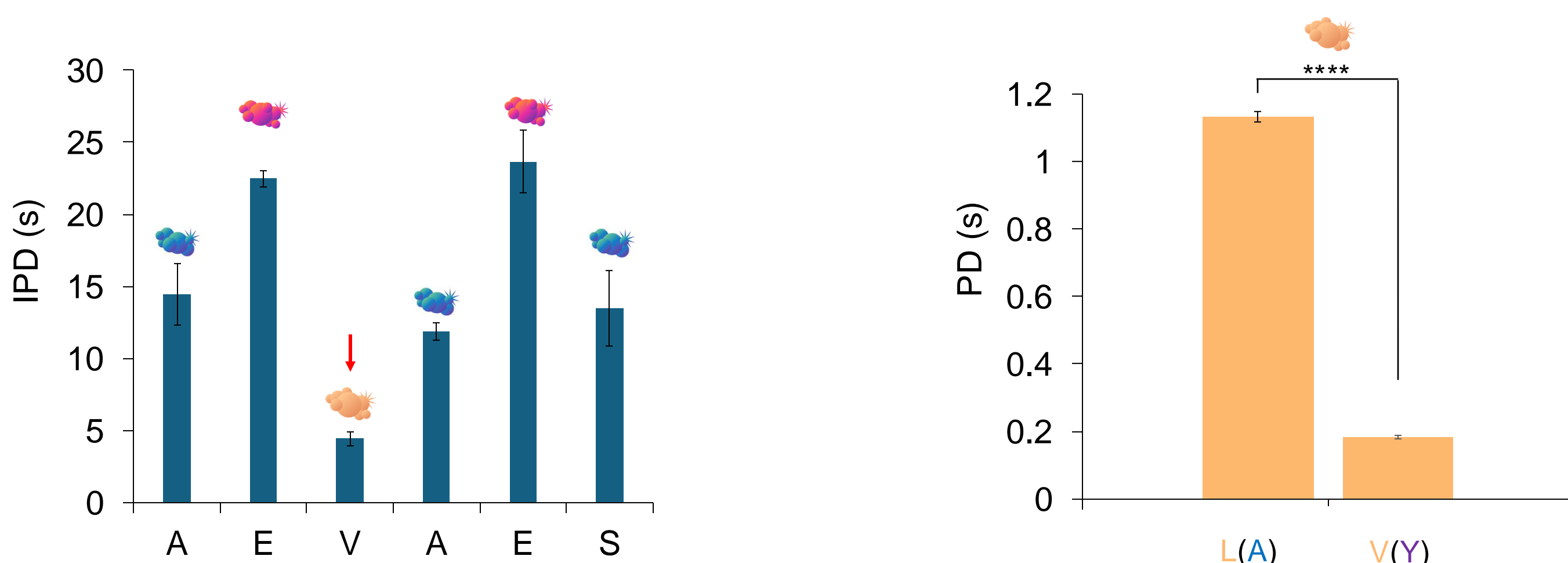
## Platinum distinguishes isobaric AA variants and unmodified and phosphorylated tyrosine



Application: Epitope mapping

Application: Kinase substrate profiling

## NAA recognizers distinguish similar AAs via binding kinetics



- A shorter IPD indicates faster recognizer-NAA association.
- For AEVAESK peptides, IPD profiles are consistent for the recognizers A/S and E, but distinct for V.
- Thus, a single AA change (V) distinguishes AEV and SLM peptides

- A longer PD indicates longer recognizer-NAA residence time
- Platinum can discern L and V with the same recognizer based on kinetics

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## Summary and Conclusions

- NGPS resolves proteotypic peptides representing the three main types of regulation — genetic, splicing, and post-translational modifications — contributing to proteomic molecular diversity
- Kinetic signatures produced by NGPS are a novel orthogonal datatype that can complement other commonly used proteomics approaches
- NGPS data can be used for a range of protein characterization applications, including detecting tissue-specific variant expression, epitope mapping, and PTM profiling

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