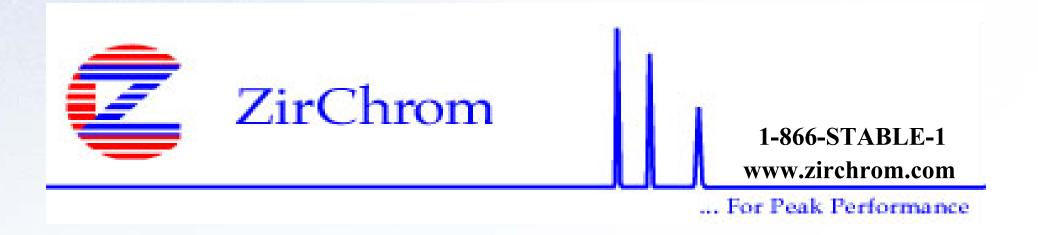


# Zirconium Dioxide and Titanium Dioxide for the Enrichment of Phosphorylated Peptides for MS Analysis

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## Outline

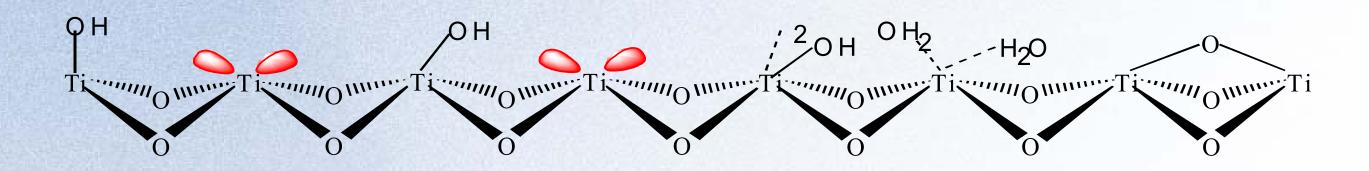
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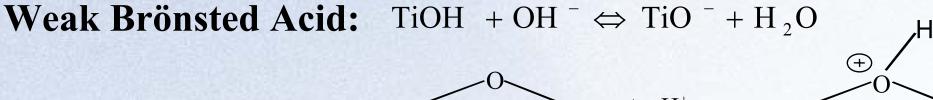


## Abstract

Zir Historically, researchers have been unable to fully realize the benefits of mass spectrometry as an analysis method for phosphopeptides because isolation of the molecules from nonphosphorylated peptides is frequently required before examination of the complex samples can proceed. Previously, immobilized metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) was the most widely utilized technique for phosphopeptide enrichment by mass spectroscopy. IMAC methods can vary widely in effectiveness depending on the type of metal ion and loading/elution procedure. The technique also uses valuable research time for the required metal ion loading and washing steps and is difficult to incorporate into an on-line application. As non-specific binding of non phosphorylated peptides further hampers the technique, researchers using mass spectroscopy needed a more specific on-line technique for isolating the phosphopeptides in order to fully realize the time saving benefits of mass spectroscopy. Recent innovative research highlights the unparalleled selectivity and ease of use that are fast making titanium dioxide and zirconium dioxide particles the new standard for enrichment of phosphorylated peptides for MS analysis. This poster profiles the use and benefits of these revolutionary materials for phosphopeptide enrichment.

## Surface Chemistry of Titania-Based Supports for HPLC





Weak Brönsted Base:

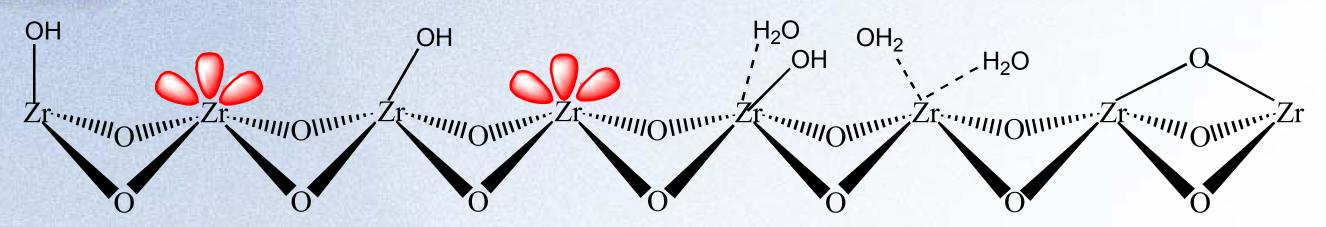
Lewis Acid:

ZirChrom®

SCX mode



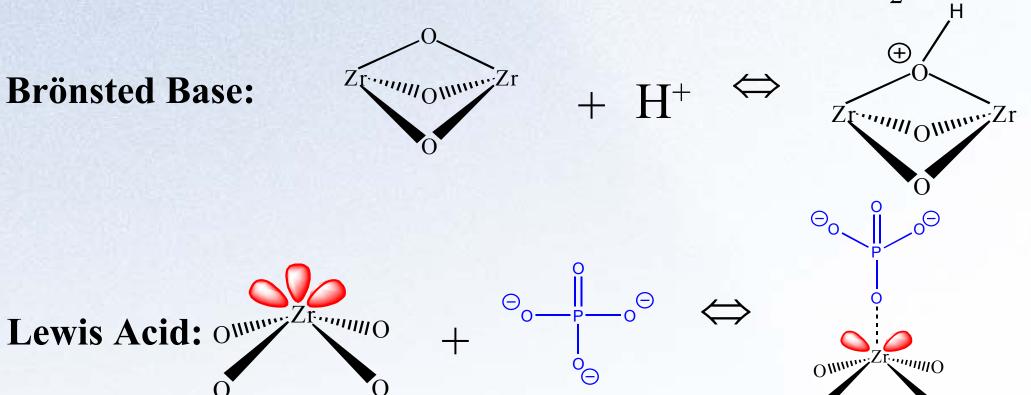
## Surface Chemistry of Zirconia-Based Supports for HPLC



**Brönsted Acid:** 

$$ZrOH + OH^- \Leftrightarrow ZrO^- + H_2O$$

**Brönsted Base:** 

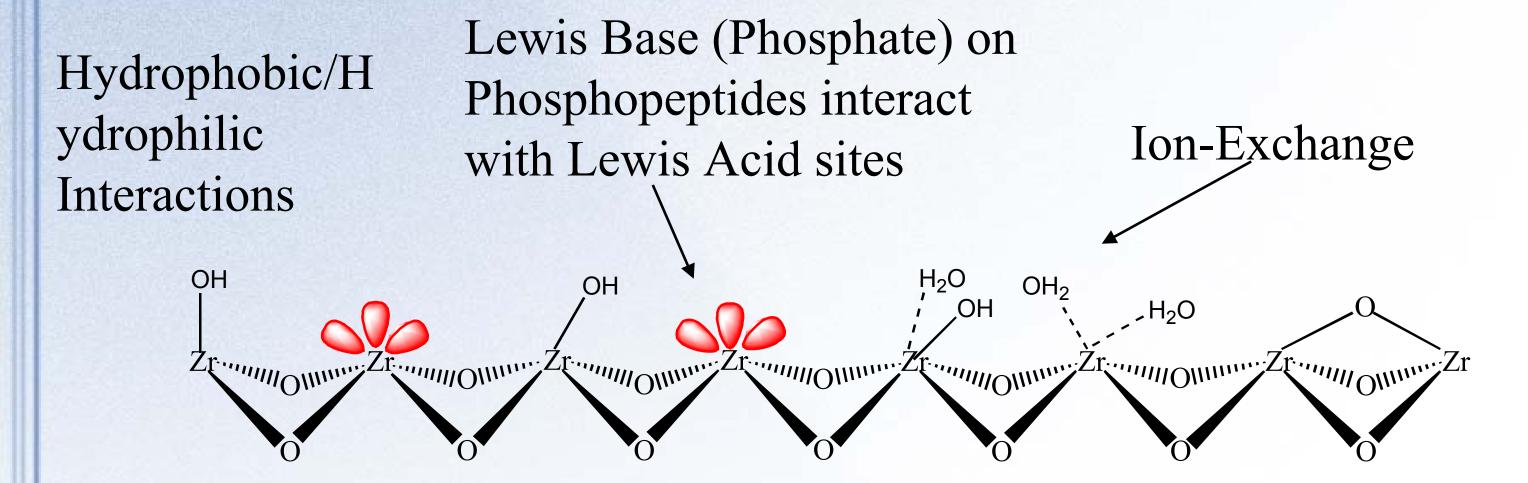


Unique surface chemistry of Titania and Zirconia allows for multi-modal preferential binding of Lewis Basic molecule such as phosphopeptides



# Unique Selectivity

#### **Multi-modal Interactions**





# Unparalleled Stability

Robust materials allow for increased method stability

Particle Stability

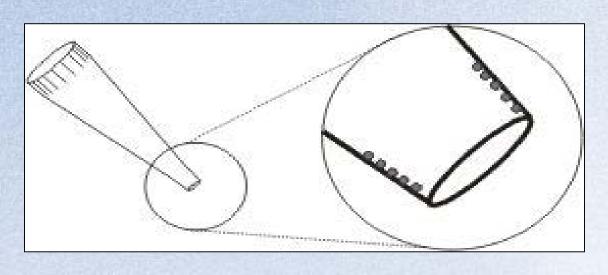
- > pH range 1-14
- > Allows for Full Range of Mobile Phase and Solvent Options
- > Temperature Range up to 200C

#### Tip Materials

- > Polypropylene
- > pH Range 0-14



# NuTip<sup>TM</sup> Overview



A revolutionary new SPE cartridge in which the chromatography material is embedded in the inner surface of a pipette tip. This maximizes the surface area in contact with the sample. The lack of polymers or glue for embedding the material, avoids potential problems with contamination or permeability.

- > Faster sample preparation with minimal sample loss
- > No contamination from the supporting matrix
- > Sample volumes as small as 0.1 μl
- > Available in volumes of: 0.1-10 μl and 10-200 μl



# NuTip<sup>TM</sup> Capacities

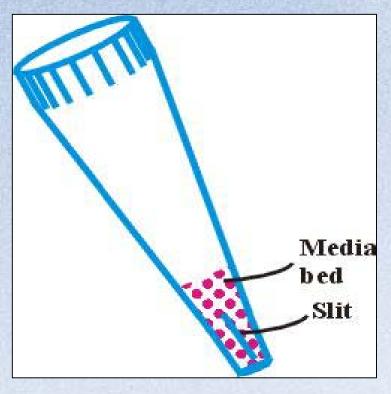


All capacities are estimates based on the standard enrichment protocol with monophosphorylated peptides.

Particle	Sample Capacity		Sample Capacity	Estimated Phosphopeptide Capacity
Zirconium dioxide	0.1-10 µl	1 µg	10-200 µl	2 µg
Titanium dioxide	0.1-10 µl	1 µg	10-200 µl	2 μg



# TopTip<sup>TM</sup> Overview



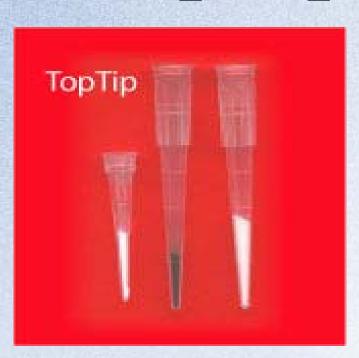
This is a unique concept in solid phase extraction (SPE). Top Tip is a pipette tip with a fine slit at the bottom (slit width: 1-2 µm which permits liquid to pass through but retains the chromatographic material (20-30 µm) in the tip. This also eliminates the need for a filter and, thus, dead volume. Top Tip contains just your desired chromatography material and nothing else and is excellent for working with small samples.

#### Revolutionary SPE Micropipette Tips:

- > Faster sample preparation with minimal sample loss
- >No contamination from the supporting matrix
- Sample volumes as small as 1 μl
- $\triangleright$  Available in volumes of: 1-10  $\mu$ l, 10-200  $\mu$ l, 100-1000  $\mu$ l



# TopTip<sup>TM</sup> Capacities



All capacities are estimates based on the standard enrichment protocol with monophosphorylated peptides.

	Sample Capacity	Estimated Phosphopeptide Capacity	_	Estimated Phosphopeptide Capacity	Sample Capacity	Estimated Phosphopeptide Capacity
Zirconium dioxide	1-10µl	100 µg	10-200 µl	200 μg	100-1000 µl	500 µg
Titanium dioxide	1-10µl	100 µg	10-200 µl	200 μg	100-1000 µl	500 µg



#### Bulk Material & Other Products

#### Additional phosphopeptide enrichment formats available:

- > Bulk Material-Zirconia and Titania in various particle and pore sizes
- ➤ Lab-in-a-Plate<sup>™</sup> SPE plate
- ➤ Lab-in-a-Film<sup>™</sup> Microtiter Film
- ➤ Lab-in-a-Filter Plate™
- LC-Fiber sample prep capillary tubing
- > SyringeTip revolutionary new micro ovringe tip
- ➤ Micro Gel-loader Tip Columns
- > MALDI-PENTM
- > PEEK Trap columns







#### General Enrichment Protocol

**Product:** Glygen TiO<sub>2</sub> & ZrO<sub>2</sub> NuTip<sup>TM</sup> (part # NT1TIO & NT1ZRO)

**Conditioning:** Tips conditioned with 5 aspiration/expulsion (A/E) cycles of

HPLC grade water

Loading: 10 μL of sample loaded in 10 A/E cycles

Wash: 10 μL of HPLC grade water for 10 A/E cycles

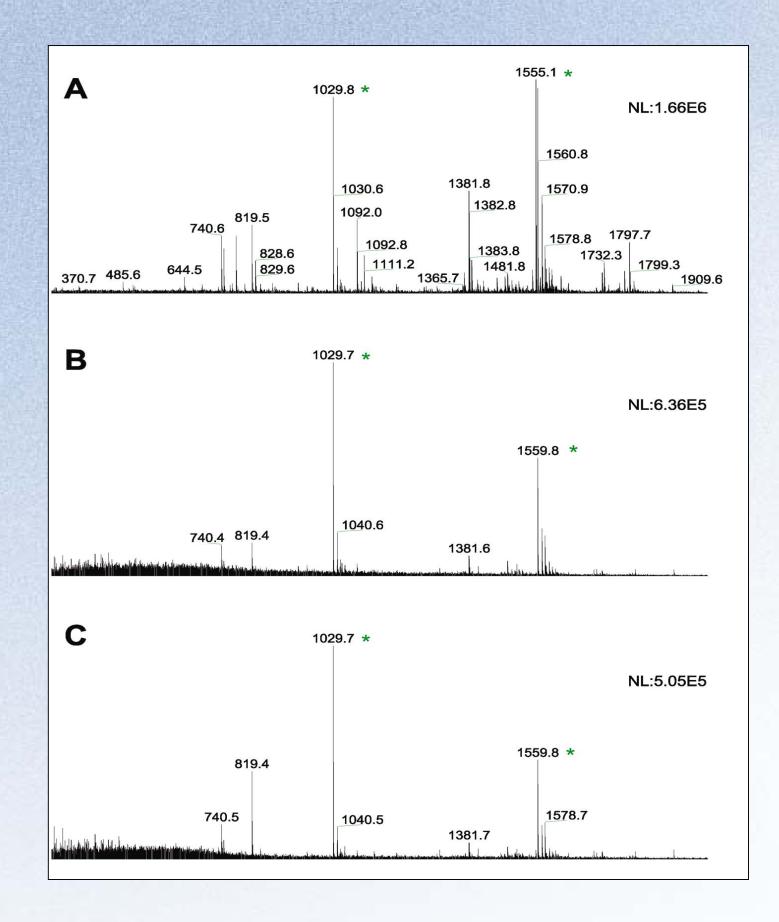
Elution:  $2 \mu L \text{ of } 50/50 50 \text{mM NH}_4 HCO_3/50 \text{mM TEA}$ 

Post Elution: Addition of 2 μL of a 50mM TEA in methanol solution

followed by immediate mixing and centrifugation.

**Detection:** All samples were analyzed via ESI-MS in negative-ion

mode.



An overnight tryptic  $\beta$ -casein digest was performed and the sample was then diluted with a 0.1% formic acid solution to generate a 1 pmol/ $\mu$ L solution. The enrichment procedure outlined previously was applied.

Figure 1. A) Spectrum of  $\beta$ -casein without Enrichment B) Spectrum of  $\beta$ -casein after purification by  $TiO_2$  tip C) Spectrum of  $\beta$ -casein after purification by  $ZrO_2$  tip

Data Courtesy of New Objective, Inc. Woburn, MA and Glygen Corporation Columbia, MD



## Discussion

Figure one clearly demonstrates both Zirconia and Titania preferentially enrich phosphopeptides. The results obtained on both TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> compare favorably with traditional techniques, successfully enriching the phosphopeptides and thus greatly improving the signal-to-noise ratio for phosphopeptide analysis. Interestingly the materials are complementary, each preferentially enriching different types of phosphopeptides, thus allowing for 20-30% increase in coverage.



### Conclusions

Zirconia and Titania based phosphopeptide enrichments allows for:

- > Ease of Use
- > Robust Materials
- > Versatile Formats
- > Increased Specificity of Phosphopeptide Binding
- > Complementary Selectivity between Zirconia and Titania

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