

# Commercialization of Cell-Free Protein Synthesis for the manufacture of Antibody/Protein Drug Conjugates

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# Cell-Free Manufacturing of Therapeutic Proteins

Prof. Jim Swartz, Stanford University, initiated work in the late 90's to answer the question:

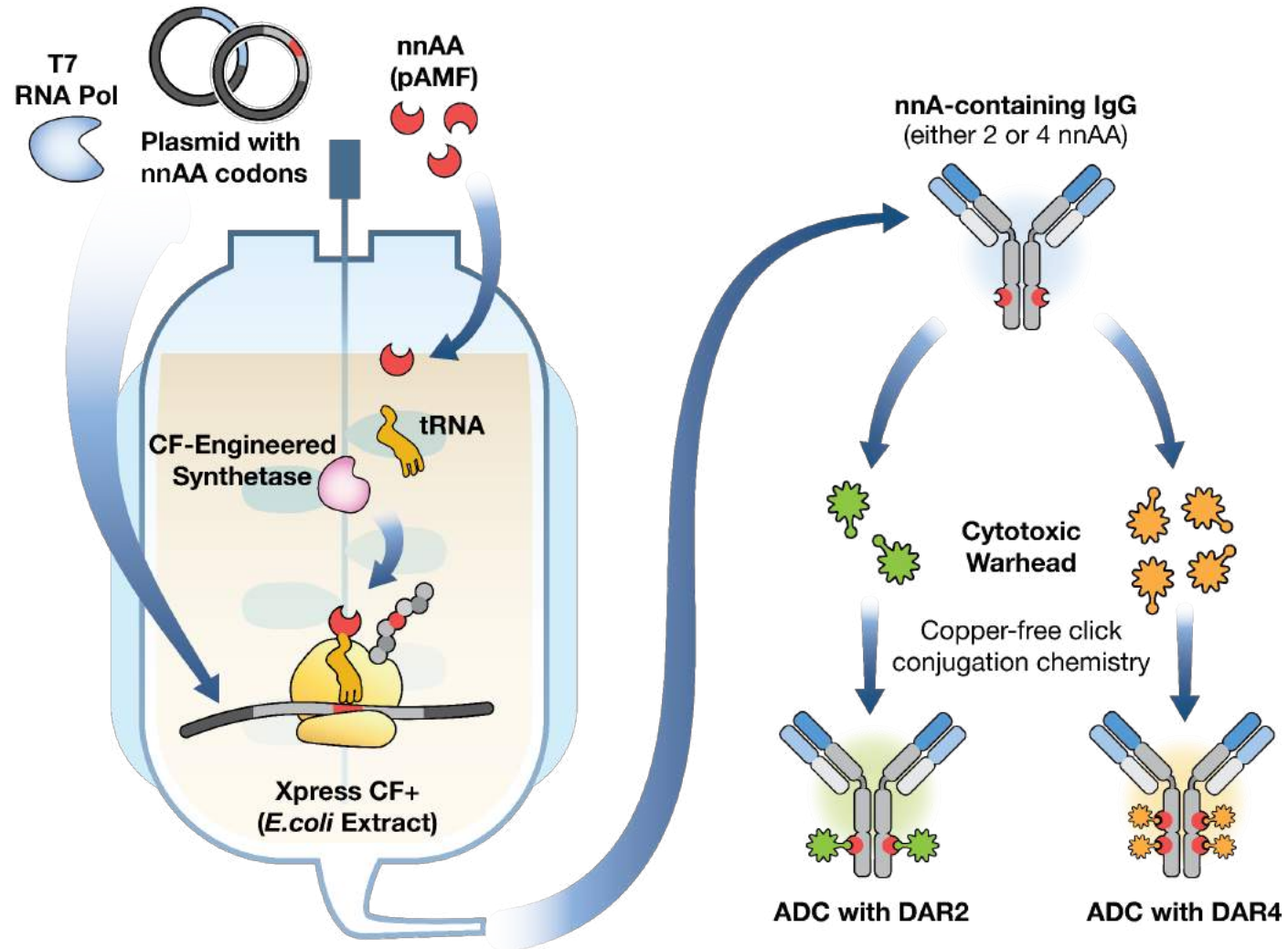
Is it possible to harvest the internal machinery of *E. coli* and use it in a biochemical reaction, free of living cells, to cost-effectively manufacture therapeutic proteins?

Sutro founded in 2003 to develop and explore applications of the cell-free system.



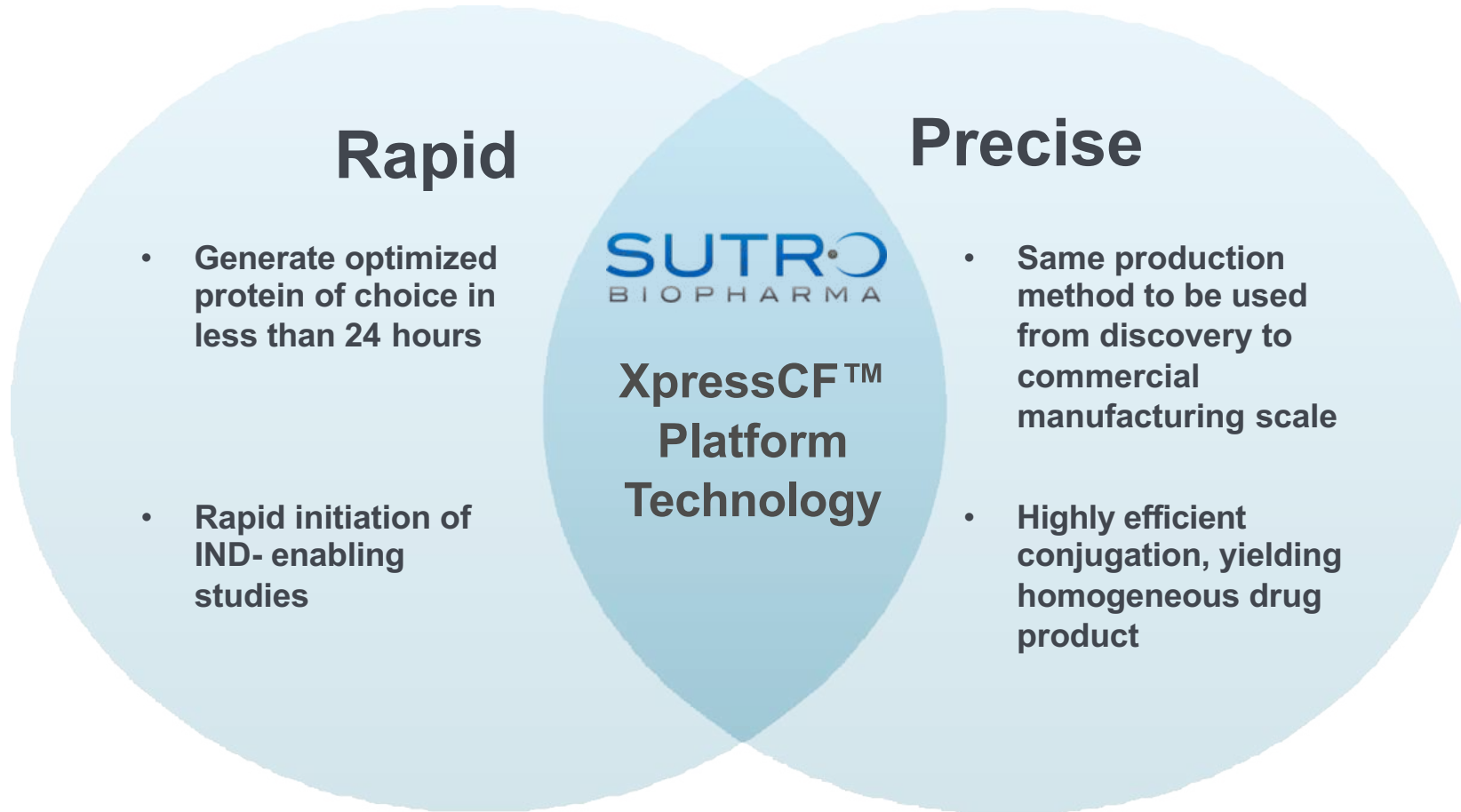
# Sutro Technology: XpressCF+™

Manufacturing Proteins and Antibodies with Site Specific incorporation of Non-natural Amino Acids








# Sutro's XpressCF™ Platform Advantage:

XpressCF™ enables a rapid and precise drug discovery process

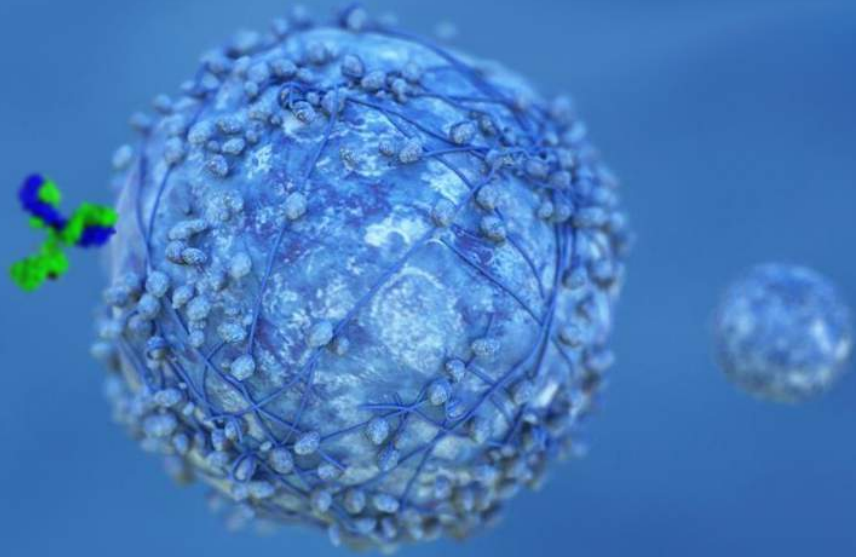


# Sutro Clinical Pipeline

## Owned and Partnered Programs

Program	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1/1b	Phase 2/3	Milestone	Commercial Rights
<b>FoIRa - Targeting ADC</b> STRO-002  <b>CD74 - Targeting ADC</b> STRO-001  <b>Multiple Oncology Programs including iADCs</b>	Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer				 <b>Clinical Data Presented Sep 2020</b> Commence Dose Expansion Phase in 2H 2020  Additional Clinical Data Expected in 2H 2020	  Worldwide Rights
	Lymphomas; DLBCL, Mantle Cell, Follicular Multiple Myeloma (Orphan Drug Designation)					
	Oncology					
<b>BCMA - Targeting ADC</b> CC-99712	Multiple Myeloma				Currently in Phase 1b/2	
<b>MUC1-EGFR Bispecific ADC</b> M1231	NSCLC & sqCC (esophageal)				First in Human Projected 1Q21	
<b>Cytokine Derivatives</b>	Oncology & Autoimmune					
	Oncology					

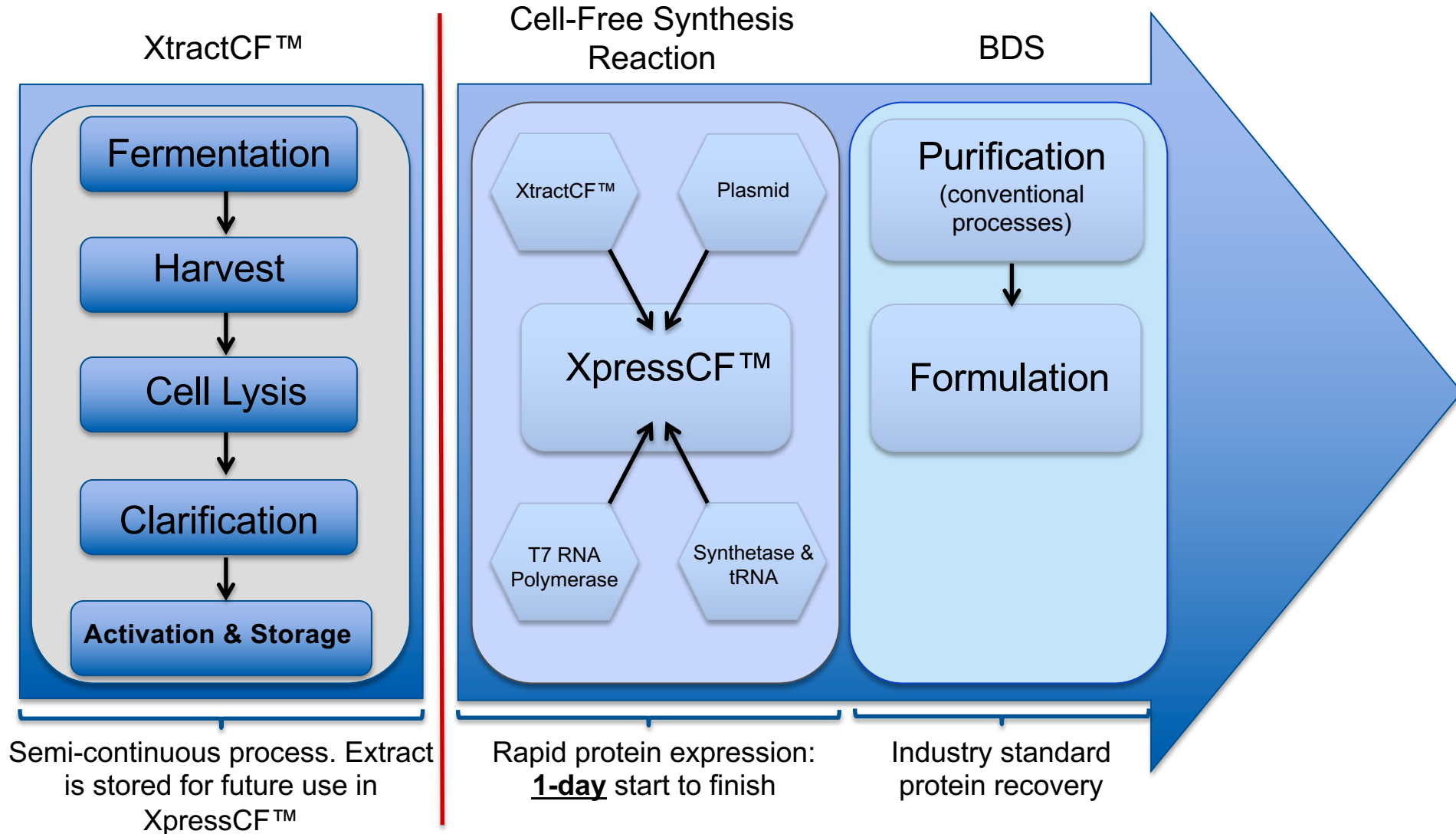
BMS automatically obtained worldwide rights to the BCMA - targeting ADC---the first collaboration product candidate to achieve IND clearance in the United States.  
EMD Serono, an affiliate from Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany



## Scalability and Commercialization of Sutro's Cell-Free System (XpressCF™) for the manufacture of antibody/protein drug conjugates

# Sutro's Protein Expression Platform

1. Cell lysate (XtractCF™) is manufactured from a proprietary *E. coli* strain
2. XtractCF™ is used in a cell-free reaction (XpressCF™) to manufacture the protein of interest
3. Bulk drug substance is purified using conventional chromatography & filtration techniques



# World's Only cGMP Cell-Free Synthesis Manufacturing Facility San Carlos, CA



Continuous culture (chemostat) bioreactor for the cell-free extract (XtractCF™) production





# Example: GMP Antibody Production Batch

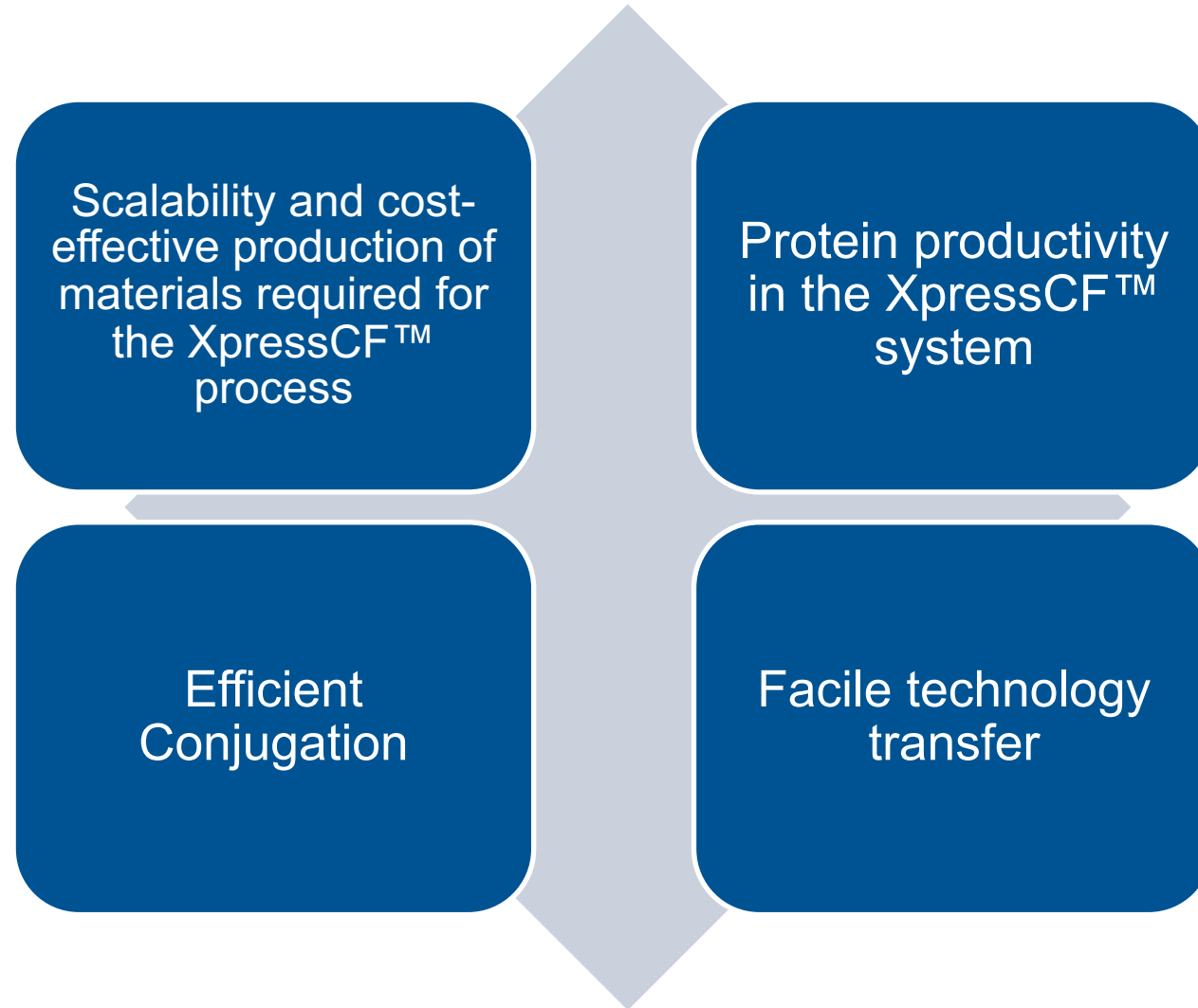
## Step Yield and Purity for an Ab GMP Lot (800 L reaction)

Step	Protein (g)	Step Yield	Purity (% monomer, HMW, LMW)
CF Reaction	233	-	ND
Clarified Harvest	222.5	96%	ND
Protein A Pool	200.9	90%	93.2, 0.3, 6.5
Chrom 2 Pool	180.7	90%	99.7, 0.3, 0.0
Chrom 3 Pool	146.8	81%	99.8, 0.2, 0.0
TFF Pool	146.4	100%	ND
Overall Yield		63%	

The Ab production process takes 7 process days from start of CF reaction to filtered bulk.



# Commercialization Considerations



# Inputs to the XpressCF™ Cell Free system

## Sutro Technology and Manufacturing Processes

- **XtractCF™** – 35% of XpressCF™ process volume
- **Lysates** (multiple) – <1% of XpressCF™ process volume

## Commercial Sources

- **Plasmid**: approx. 6g per Kg Ab
- **nnAA** (para-methyl azido phenylalanine, pAMF): approx. 2kgs per Kg Ab
- **Payload**: approx. 4-8% per kg Ab; efficient conjugation to Ab through click-chemistry >85% yield



# XtractCF™ – Commercialization Plan

E.coli (Sutro proprietary strain) - Continuous fermentation process in industry standard equipment affords ease of scalability, efficient utilization of manufacturing suites and cost-effective manufacture.

Process developed to spray dry extract to produce a dry powder form for ease of storage, transportation and use.

## Current Strategy – High Volume production at CMO

1250L bioreactor working volume and matching spray dryer will produce approx. 7000L (900kgs dry powder) per week (equivalent to 8-10kgs of Ab at 0.5g/L yield in the XpressCF™ process)



# Lysates – Commercialization Plan

Sutro Proprietary E. coli strains

Batch Fermentation and recovery process in industry Standard equipment affords ease of scalability and cost-effective manufacture

Usage requirements per XpressCF™ batch are small. Frozen storage.

Current Strategy for large scale production at CMO

Bioreactor working volume 1000L will produce >500L/batch (equivalent to 25kgs of Ab at 0.5g/L yield in the XpressCF™ process)



# XpressCF™ – Commercialization Plan

- **Increase in Protein Productivity through process improvements**
  - Current target >0.5g/L sufficient for commercial requirements given 24hr cycle time and no need for viral clearance.
- **Existing scalability data at 1000L suggests 5000-10,000L XpressCF™ batch process achievable**
- **Industry standard equipment allows for rapid tech transfer for multi-plant global operations**



# Sutro – Commercializing Cell-Free Manufacturing

## Manufacturing

- Large Scale production of Extract and Lysates on timeline to commercialization
- Scalability of the XpressCF+™ process established

## Regulatory Strategy in place

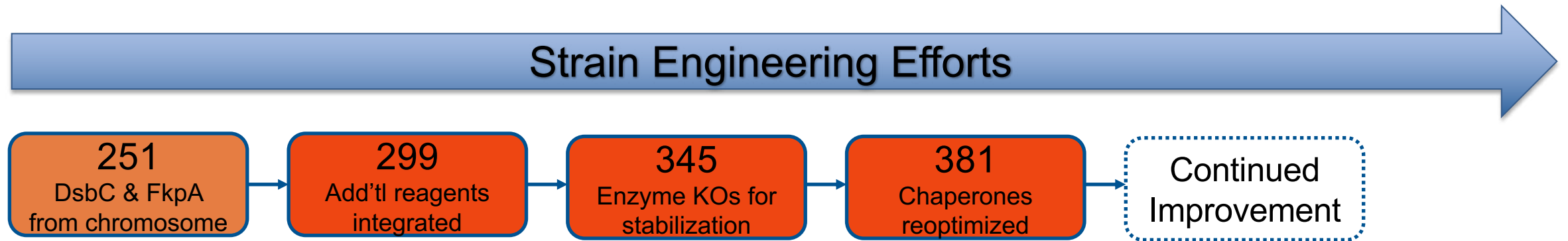
- 4 DMF's filed for Extract and Reagents
- 3 products in clinical trials (2 Sutro, 1 partner)

## Technology Platform

- Scalable/Transferable: Extract and Reagents from Sutro/CMO facility can be shipped globally for the manufacture of proteins/antibodies
- Broad Applications: ADCs, bioconjugates, bsAbs, cytokines, Vaxcyte - Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine



# Continuing to Refine and Optimize The XpressCF™ Process



The progression of the XpressCF™ platform over the last 10 years went from enabling basic protein expression to refining expression with nnAAs in antibodies, to addressing scalability, and ultimately optimization.

Improving protein productivity through strain engineering and process optimization





# Cell Free Manufacturing – Better, Faster, Cheaper?

## XpressCF™ - Production of best-in-class complex biotherapeutic molecules:

- Site-specific, homogeneous ADCs and protein conjugates
- Conjugate vaccines
- Bispecific antibodies

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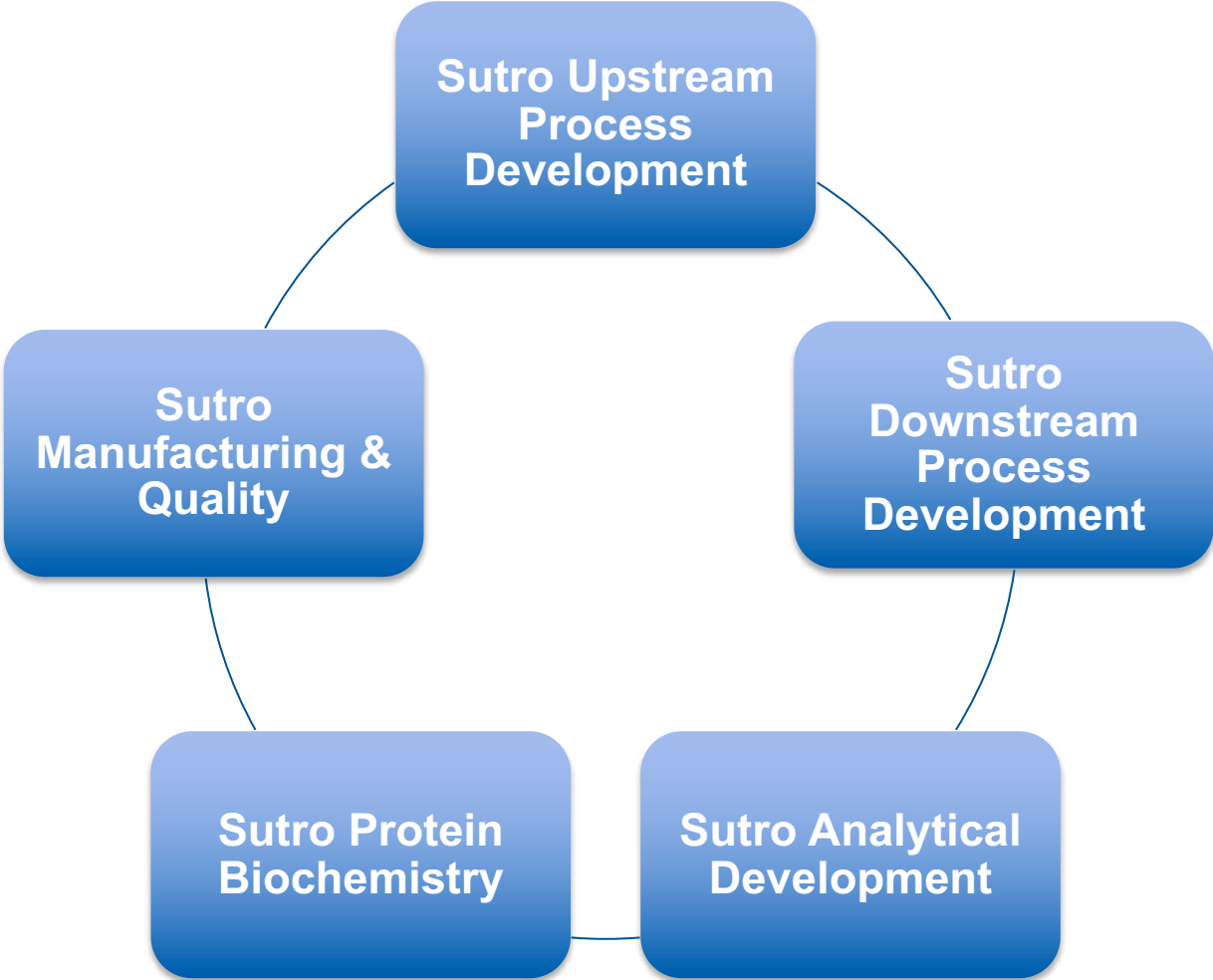
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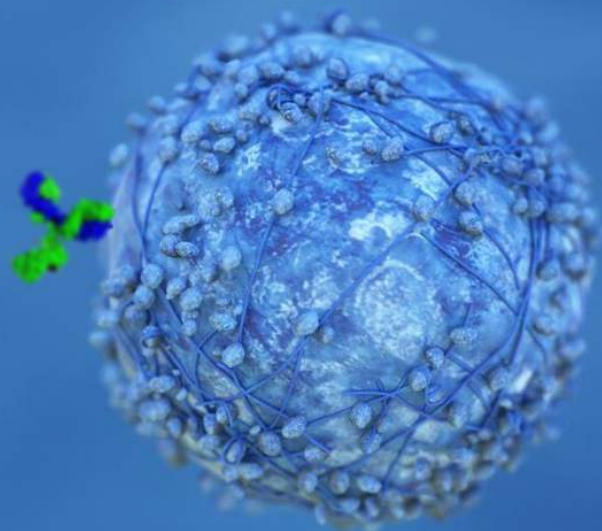
Extract in inventory provides manufacturing flexibility and reduces cycle times (<24hr) allowing for efficient plant design, capital utilization and capacity planning.

No Viral testing a plus!



# Acknowledgements





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