

# **Advanced Mass-Spectrometry based Proteomics: quantification and post- translational modifications**

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## WORKSHOP II SCHEDULE 2018

- 9.00 Course start
- 9.05 Recapitulation of basic concepts in proteomics
- 9:15 Statistical validation of protein identification: advanced concepts
- 9:30 Post-translational modifications: general concepts and analytical specificities
- 9:45 Phosphorylation analysis
- 10:15 **PTM exercise**
- 10:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 Discussion of exercise results
- 11:15 Other biological modifications, unexpected PTMs, artefacts
- 12:00 **Lunch break**
- 13:00 Introduction to quantitative proteomics, label-free and labeled quantitation
- 14:00 **Perseus exercise for quantification**
- 15:00 Exercise discussion
- 15:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:50 Statistics and validation in quantitation, publication guidelines
- 16:00 Targeted quantification, DIA, conclusions
- 16.25 **Short break**
- 16:30 Test
- 17:00 End

**Red : exercises**

# Today's goals

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**1) Give some knowledge on the mass spectrometry (MS) techniques used in proteomics to identify post-translational modifications in complex mixtures and quantify proteins**

**2) Practical analysis of datasets and evaluation of results**

## STEPS

1) Strategies for identification of PTMs with MS data : concepts and examples

- Mascot

2) Protein quantification with labeled and label-free techniques: concept and examples

- Perseus

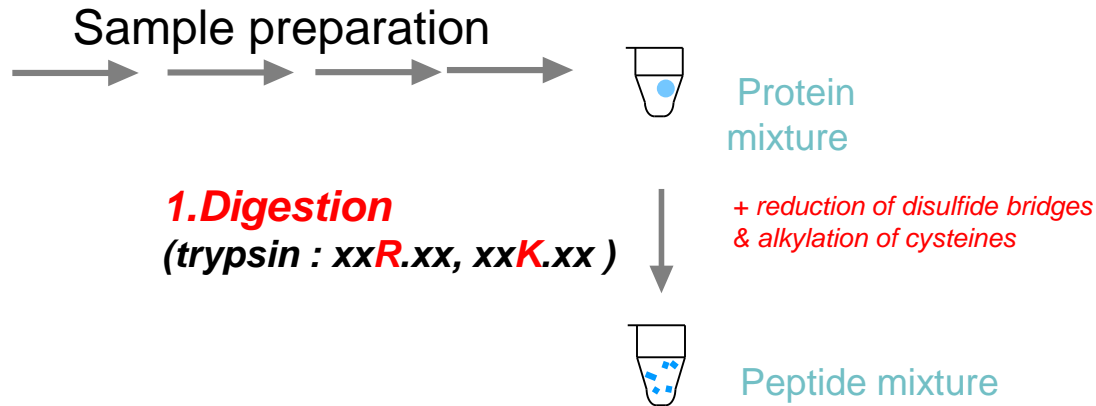
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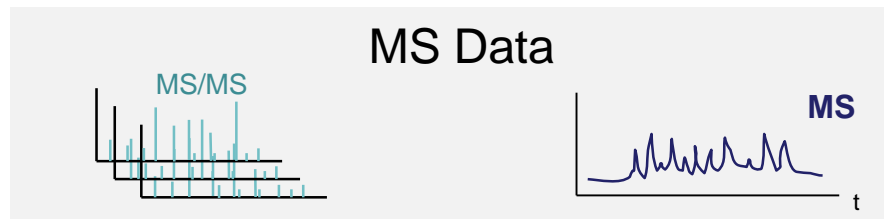
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# Main pipeline (bottom-up proteomics)



## 2. LC-MS/MS



## 3. Database search

Majority protein IDs	Protein names	Gene names
P0DMV9;P	Heat shock 70 kDa prot	HSPA1B;HS
P04792	Heat shock protein beta	HSPB1
Q8WTT2	Nucleolar complex prot	NOC3L
Q53EL6	Programmed cell death	PDCD4
P25685	DnaJ homolog subfam1	DNAJB1
Q9H0E2	Toll-interacting protein	TOLLIP
P10644	cAMP-dependent protei	PRKAR1A
O95433	Activator of 90 kDa heal	AHSA1

Protein ID

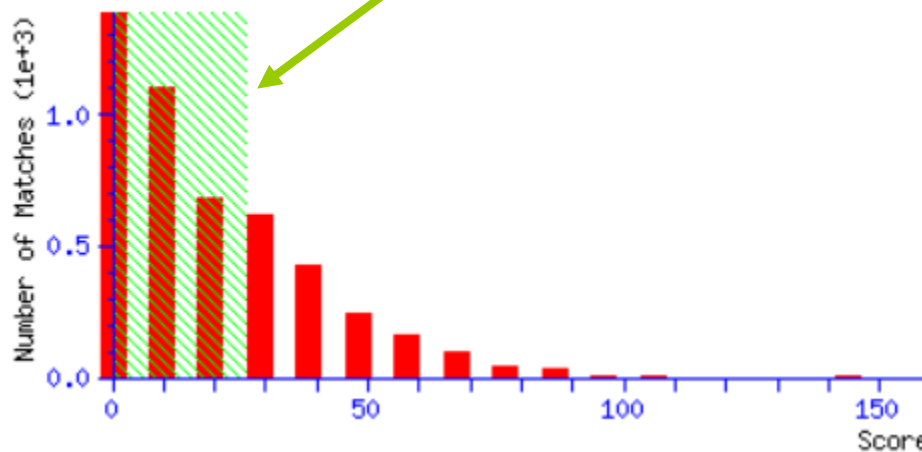
# Mascot scoring

## Mascot Score Histogram

### Peptide score distribution.

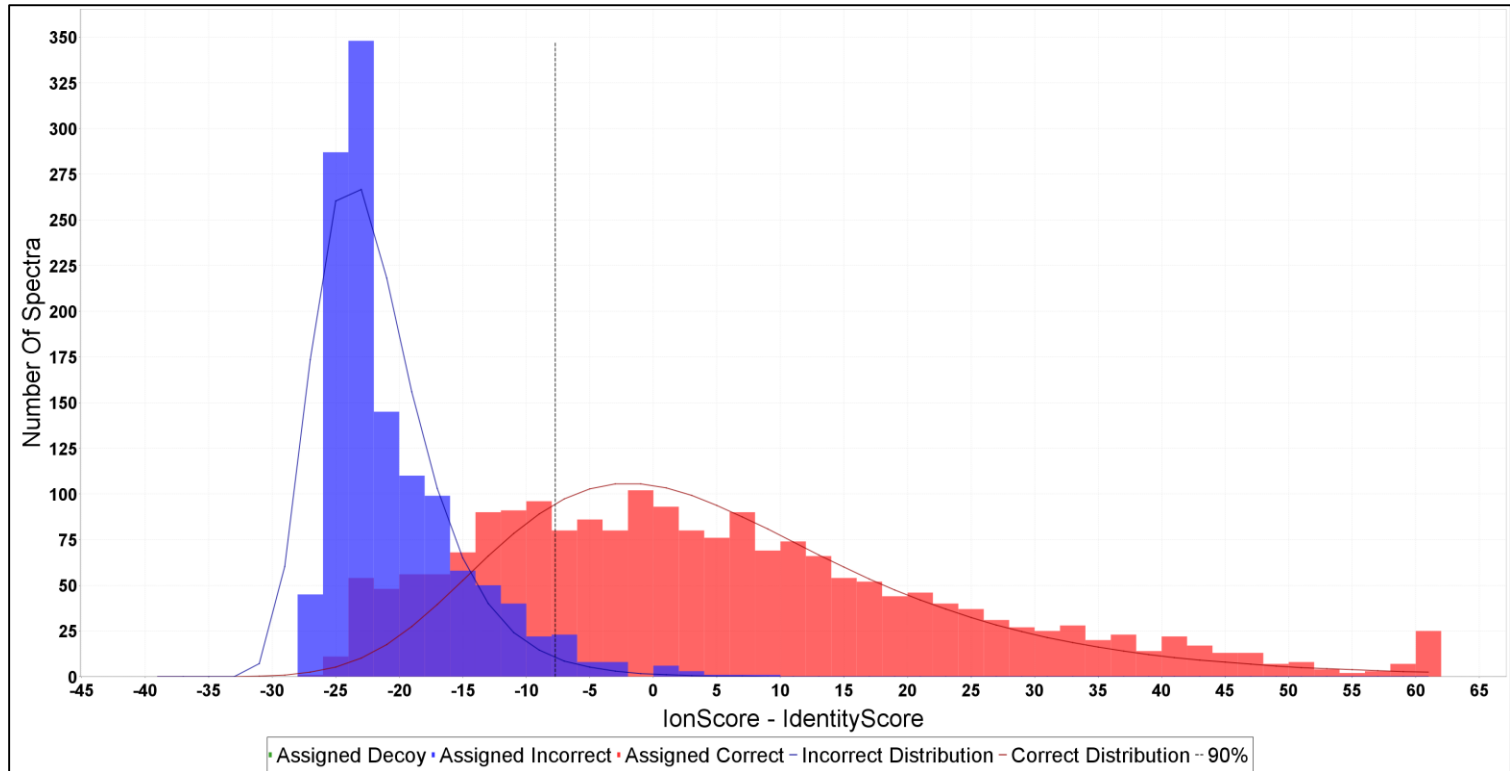
Ions score is  $-10\log(P)$ , where  $P$  is the probability that the observed match is a random event.

On average, individual ions scores  $> 26$  (beyond green shading) indicate **identity or extensive homology** ( $p < 0.05$ ).

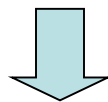


- At **threshold score** there is a **5% probability** of **random peptide spectrum match** (PSM)
- When identifying **several thousands PSMs**, a **significant** number of them are **random matches**: **multiple testing problem**
- How many wrong identifications, **False Discovery Rate** (FDR) ?

# Spectra score distribution

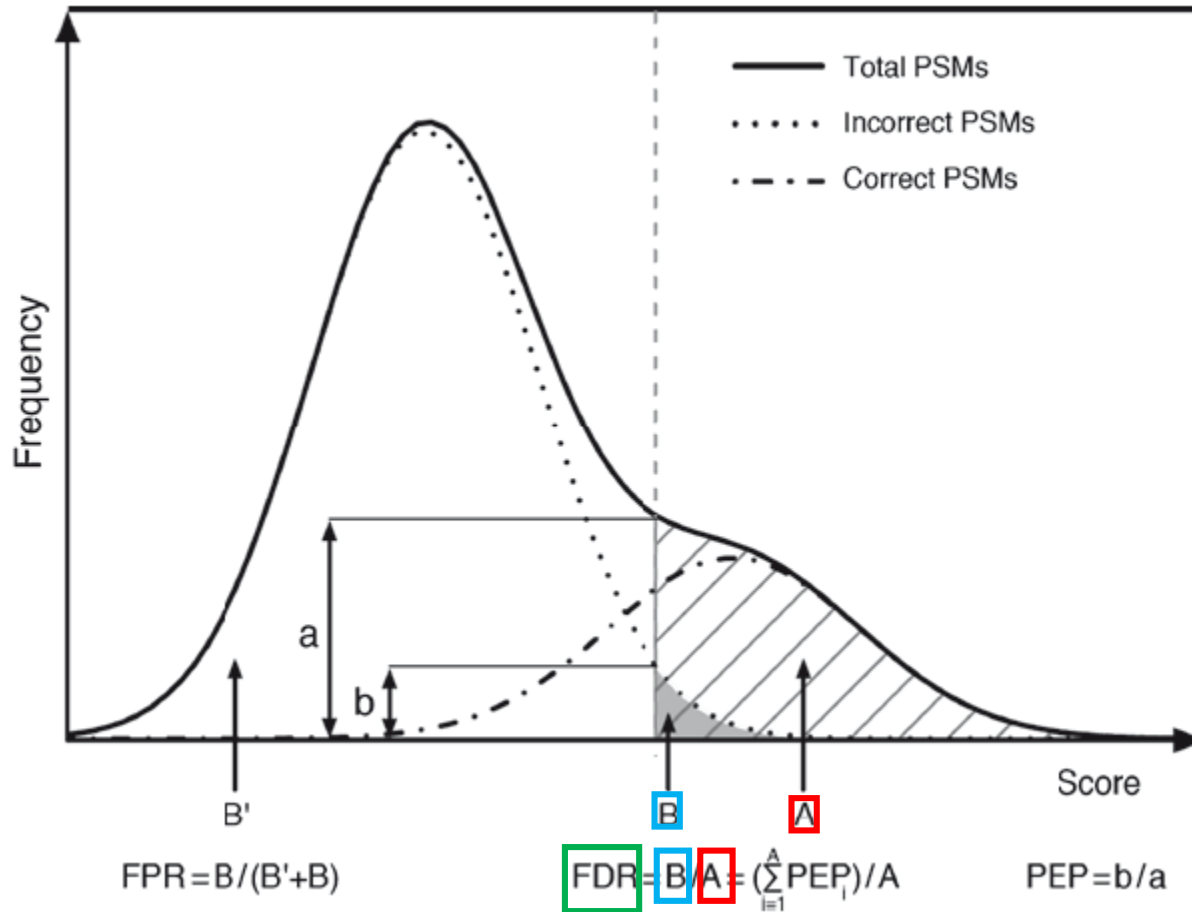


- Score distribution can be modeled for spectra validation (ex: **Peptide Prophet**)



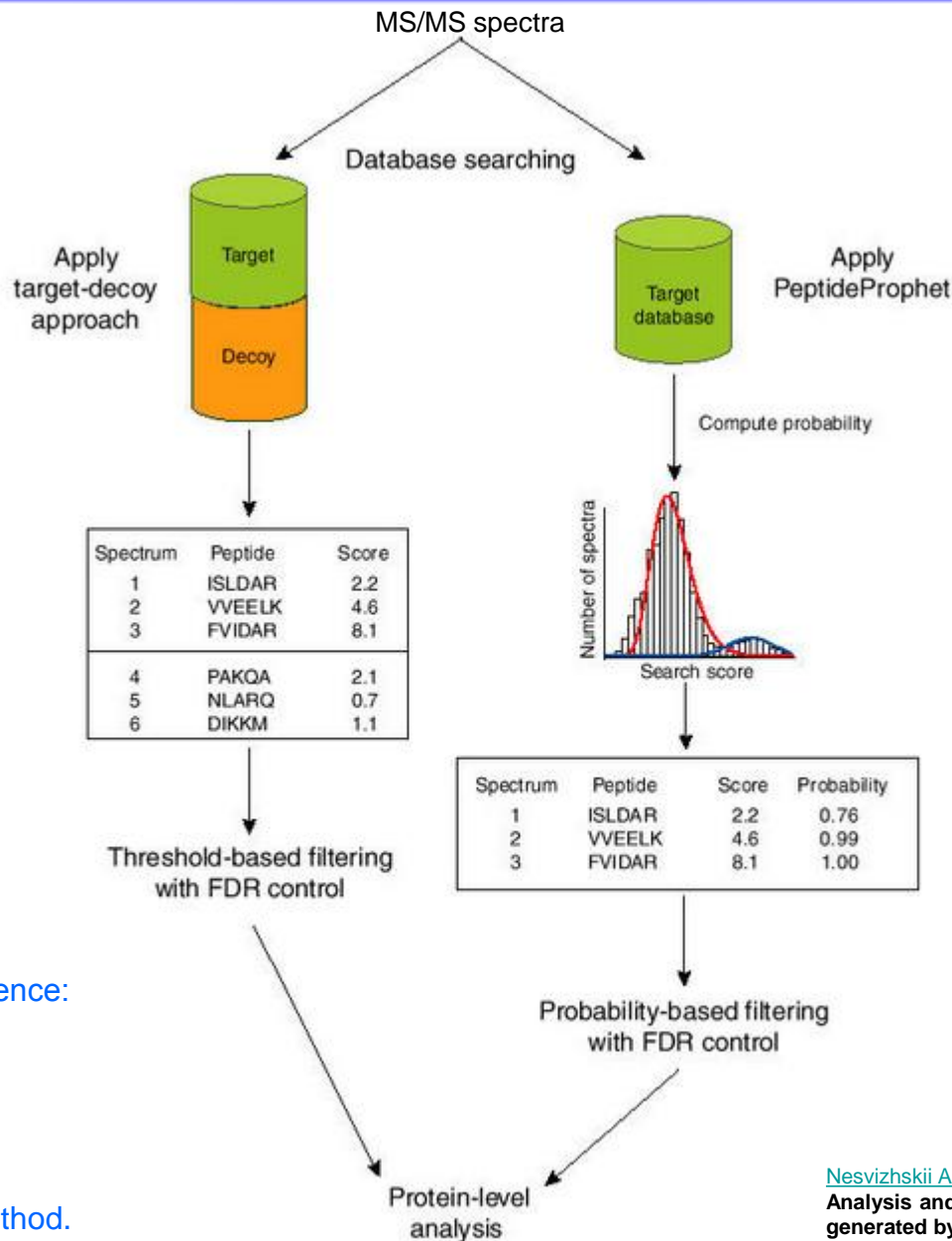
**FDR**

# False Discovery Rate (FDR) - Peptides



FDR is defined as the expected proportion of incorrect identification among all identifications judged correct

# Target-Decoy and probability-based filtering



→ Decoy DB is built by sequence:

- reversing
- shuffling
- randomization

or a combination of either method.



# False Discovery Rate - summary

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- **FDR** is calculated at the **peptide** and at the **protein** (ex: Protein Prophet) level
- Various approach exist for FDR calculation, most of them relying on **target-decoy** approach
- Reporting of the **FDR threshold** applied is mandatory in proteomics publication:  
usually **1%** is selected at peptide and protein level
- For **very large datasets**, **FDR** calculation is **challenging** and specific algorithms must be applied

# Caveat

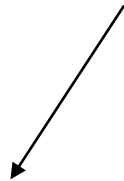
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## Protein identification

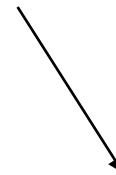
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## protein characterisation

Two peptides are enough to identify a protein  
but  
we are still identifying two peptides, not the entire protein



Highly similar sequences cannot be distinguished



**For finding PTMs extensive sequence coverage is essential !!!**

# Post-translational modifications

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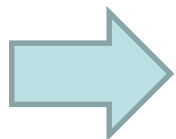
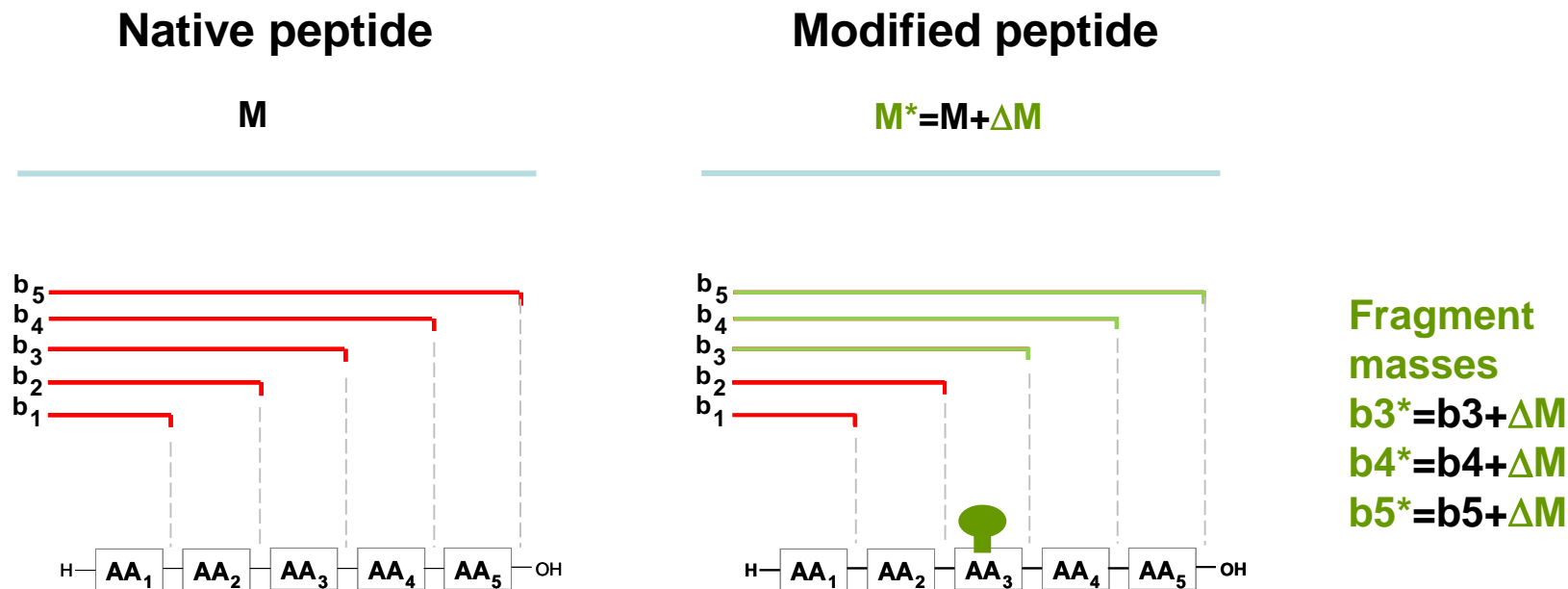
**Modification proteomics:** the analysis of post-translational modifications (PTMs).

*Typical question : how is protein activity modulated by covalent chemical modification ?*

# Some common PTMs

<b>Modification</b>	<b><math>\Delta</math> Mass</b>	<b>Residue</b>	<b>Origin</b>
Proteolysis	Various	Any	PTM, artefact
Dehydration	- 18.0106	N, Q, S, T, Y	PTM, artefact
Glycosylation (N-, O-, simple/complex)	Various	N, S, T, (Q)	PTM
Phosphorylation	+ 79.9663	S, T, Y	PTM
Sulfonation	+ 79.9568	S,T,Y,C	PTM
Acetylation	+ 42.0106	N-term or K	PTM, derivative
Carbamidomethylation	+ 57.0215	C	Derivative
Methylation	+ 14.0156	K, R, D, E, ...	PTM, artefact
Ubiquitination (mono-, di-, poly, K48, K63, ..)	Various / + 114.043	K	PTM
Sumoylation (SUMO-1, -2, -3)	Various	K	PTM
Oxidation	+ 15.9949	C, M, W	PTM, artefact
ADP-ribosylation	+ 541.0611	R,C,N,S,E	PTM
Myristoylation	+ 210.1984	N-term G, K, C	PTM
Palmitoylation	+ 238.2297	C, K, S, T, N-term	PTM
Prenylation (farnesyl-, geranylgeranyl- )	Various	CaaX (C-term)	PTM
Nitrosylation	+ 28.9902	C	PTM
..... Almost 100 known.....			

# Mass shifts induced by Post Translational Modifications (PTMs)



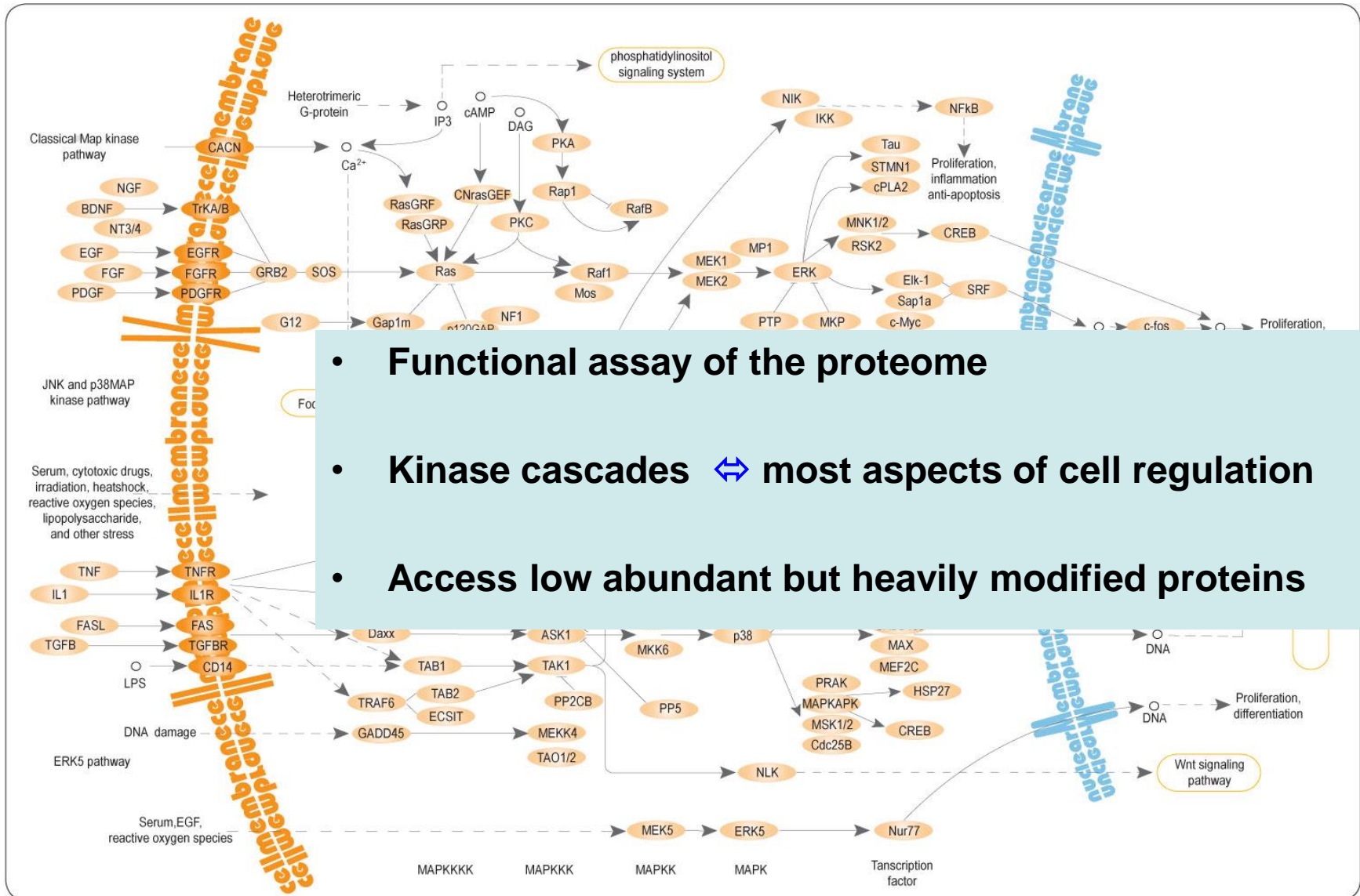
MS analysis and modified matching parameters can identify modified peptides and sites of modification

# Common issues in PTM analysis

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- Protein sequence coverage  
→ can be increased by multi-enzyme digestion, linked to abundance issue
- Labile PTMs / MS suitability  
→ enzyme inhibitors, PTM derivatisation, use of alternative MS fragmentation (for ex. ETD)
- Abundance  
→ PTM enrichment
- Artefacts  
→ appropriate sample preparation, control experiments
- Isobaric PTMs  
→ high resolution MS, specific fragments (for ex. immonium ions)
- Unknown (untargeted) PTMs  
→ error-tolerant search, blind search
- Localization  
→ use of alternative MS fragmentation, localization algorithms
- Connectivity  
→ middle-down / top-down analysis

# Phosphoproteomics



- **Functional assay of the proteome**
- **Kinase cascades** ⇔ **most aspects of cell regulation**
- **Access low abundant but heavily modified proteins**

# Questions in phosphorylation analysis

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- Is a **protein** of interest **phosphorylated** ?
- **Which** proteins are phosphorylated in a cell (or in a precise **pathway** ?)
- **Localizing** phosphorylation sites : exact residues
- **Quantitation** of changes in response to a stimulus
- Effect on physiological **protein activity**



# Problems with phosphopeptide analysis

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1) **Quantity problem** : abundance of the protein to analyze is often low and phosphorylation is substoichiometric, especially when purifying from in vivo

→ Scale up preparation, P-peptide enrichment

2) **Bad fragmentation** due to neutral loss : highly variable depending on peptide sequence

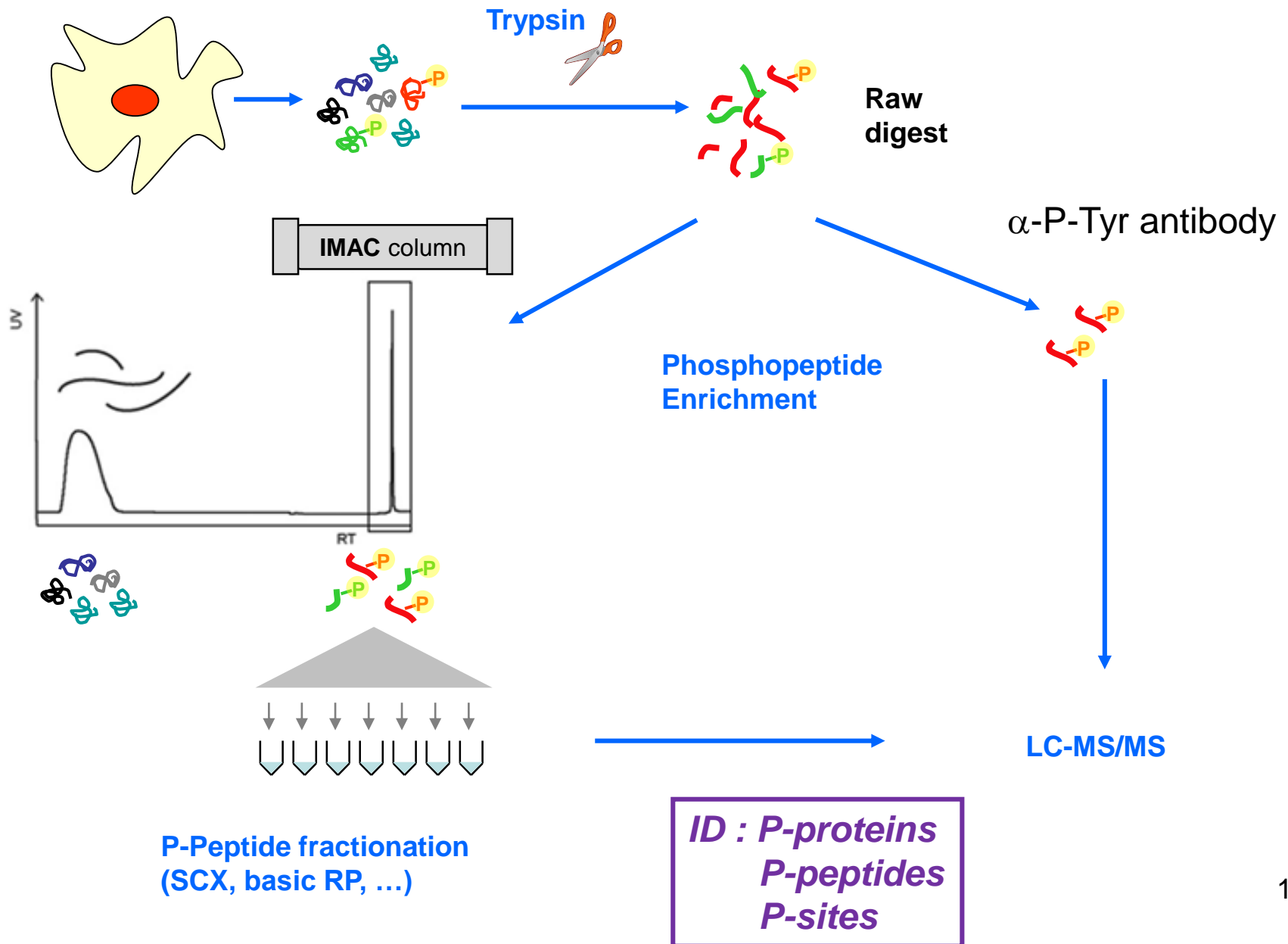
→ Choice of MS instrument and MS/MS fragmentation (HCD, CID, ETD)

3) **Enzyme** used for digestion: is trypsin always the correct choice ?

Phosphorylated regions are sometimes (often ?) in problematic regions of proteins : very acidic, K/R-poor or K/R-rich sequences

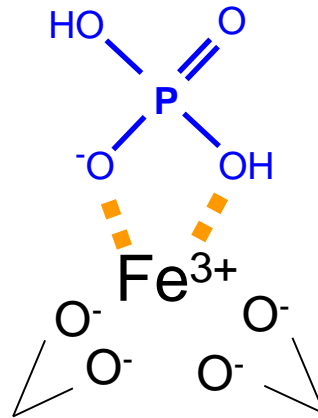
→ Digestion with multiple proteases

# Typical workflows for phosphopeptide enrichment



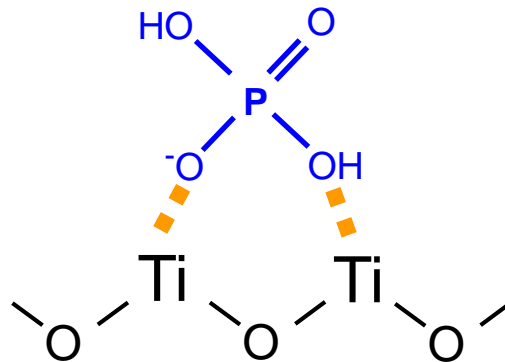
# Enrichment of P-peptides by affinity chromatography

Classical IMAC :  
Chelated Fe<sup>3+</sup>  
(ex. IDA : iminodiacetic acid)



- Bind : pH 3-4  
Aqueous conditions
- Wash : pH 3-4  
Aqueous conditions
- Release : pH >9

Metal oxides :  
Titanium dioxide  
Aluminium hydroxide  
Zirconium oxides



- Bind : pH 1.5-4  
Almost any solvent
- Wash : pH 1.5-4  
Almost any solvent
- Release : pH >9

Exact binding mode ?

# Snapshot : P-peptides enrichment by IMAC

**859.1** 2::SRRM1\_HUMAN Score 450 Mass 102331 Matches 19 (19) Sequences 7 (7) emPAI 0.50 Serine/arginine repetitive matrix protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SRRM1 PE=1 SV=2

▼ 19 peptide matches (13 non-duplicate, 6 duplicate)

Auto-fit to window

Query Dupes	Observed	Mr (expt)	Mr (calc)	ppm	M	Score	Expect	Rank	U	Peptide
544 ▶1	443.1998	884.3850	884.3851	-0.098	0	37	0.00089	▶1	U	-.MDAGFFR.G + Acetyl (Protein N-term)
929	448.2044	894.3943	894.3933	1.03	0	34	0.0026	▶1	U	-.MDAGFFR.G + Acetyl (Protein N-term); Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R)
9693	452.7200	903.4254	903.4251	0.28	0	22	0.019	▶1	U	K.FAECLEK.K + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
49029	654.8304	1307.6462	1307.6427	2.68	1	52	1.7e-05	▶1	U	R.KVELSESEEDK.G + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
65411	480.6260	1438.8562	1438.8548	0.99	1	28	0.0024	▶1	U	K.VNLEVIKPWITK.R
65415 ▶1	720.4358	1438.8570	1438.8548	1.57	1	40	0.00041	▶1	U	K.VNLEVIKPWITK.R
67369 ▶1	728.4492	1454.8839	1454.8832	0.49	1	27	0.004	▶1	U	K.VNLEVIKPWITK.R + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
67370 ▶1	485.9690	1454.8852	1454.8832	1.36	1	24	0.0056	▶1	U	K.VNLEVIKPWITK.R + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
69706	737.8859	1473.7573	1473.7563	0.66	0	89	1.7e-08	▶1	U	K.MMQINLTGFLNGK.N + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
114315 ▶1	916.4872	1830.9599	1830.9575	1.35	1	78	7.9e-07	▶1	U	K.VKEPSVQEATSTSDILK.V
116215	616.6696	1846.9868	1846.9859	0.53	1	59	9.1e-06	▶1	U	K.VKEPSVQEATSTSDILK.V + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
116217 ▶1	924.5016	1846.9886	1846.9859	1.49	1	69	2.3e-06	▶1	U	K.VKEPSVQEATSTSDILK.V + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)
208438	815.9460	3259.7548	3259.7537	0.34	1	45	0.00012	▶1	U	R.BFMGELWPLLSAQENIAGIPSAFLELKK.E + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K)

Before....

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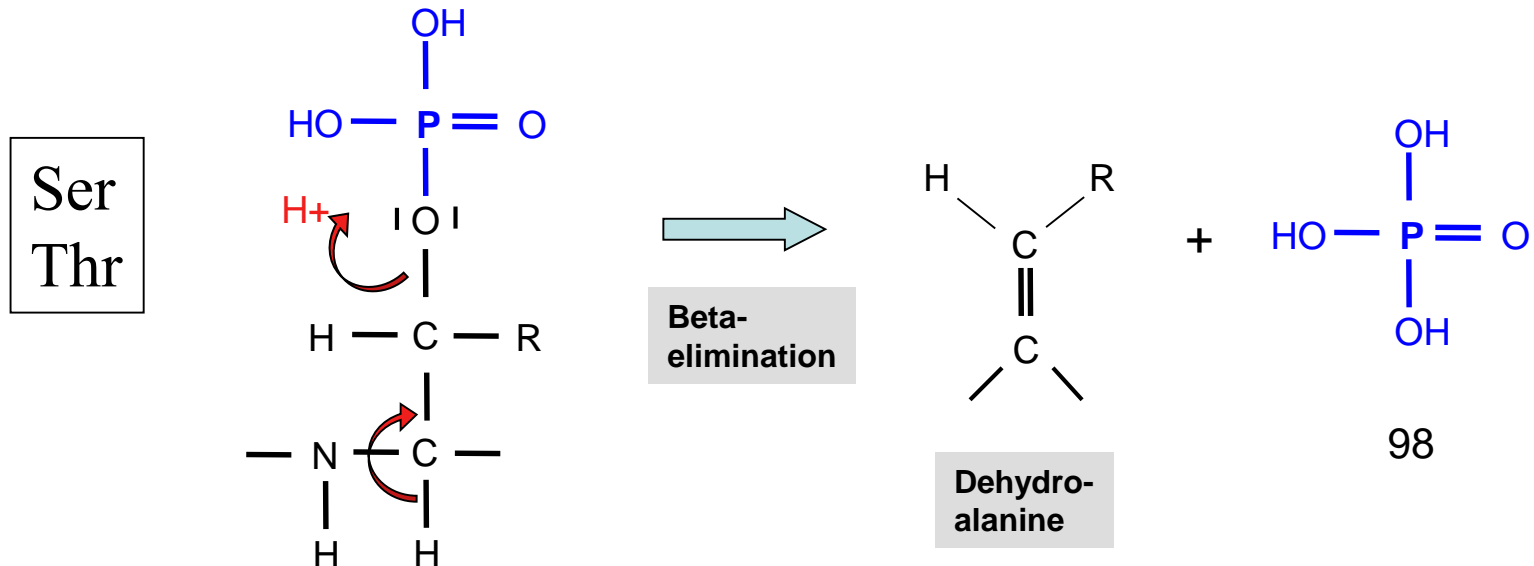
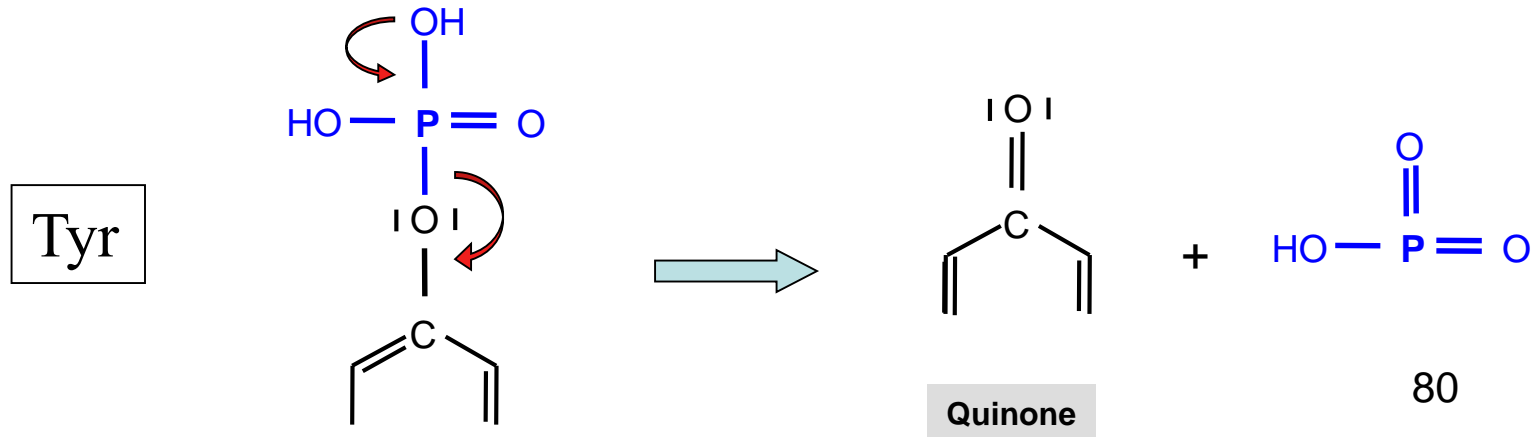
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1113 ▶2	490.2407	978.4668	978.4667	0.084	0	57	4.9e-06	▶1	U	R.TASPPPPPK.R + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K); Phospho (ST)
1990 ▶1	366.1812	1095.5216	1095.5226	-0.90	1	25	0.0042	▶1	U	R.RYSPPIQR.R + Phospho (ST)
1993 ▶2	548.7690	1095.5234	1095.5226	0.73	1	32	0.0068	▶1	U	R.RYSPPIQR.R + Phospho (ST)
2146	556.7544	1111.4942	1111.4939	0.35	0	19	0.016	▶1	U	K.SPTSPSPPR.N + Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
2180 ▶1	372.8532	1115.5379	1115.5392	-1.13	1	32	0.0034	▶1	U	R.RYSPPIQR.R + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
2183	558.7772	1115.5399	1115.5392	0.66	1	25	0.045	▶1	U	R.RYSPPIQR.R + 2 Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
2306 ▶1	376.5245	1126.5518	1126.5536	-1.61	1	33	0.0009	▶1	U	R.TASPPPPPK.R + Phospho (ST)
2308 ▶1	564.2838	1126.5530	1126.5536	-0.57	1	29	0.0018	▶1	U	R.TASPPPPPK.R + Phospho (ST)
2506	382.5322	1144.5749	1144.5761	-1.06	1	35	0.00058	▶1	U	R.TASPPPPPK.R + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K); Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
2508	573.2956	1144.5766	1144.5761	0.50	1	32	0.0026	▶1	U	R.TASPPPPPK.R + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K); Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
2623	577.7822	1153.5499	1153.5493	0.56	1	41	0.00041	▶1	U	R.VSVSPGRTSGK.V + Phospho (ST)
2824	586.7931	1171.5716	1171.5717	-0.087	1	31	0.0013	▶1	U	R.VSVSPGRTSGK.V + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K); Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
3247	403.1991	1206.5754	1206.5758	-0.34	1	20	0.014	▶1	U	K.KAASPSQSVR.R + Phospho (ST)
3248 ▶1	604.2954	1206.5763	1206.5758	0.41	1	60	6.8e-06	▶1	U	K.KAASPSQSVR.R + Phospho (ST)
3432 ▶1	408.5196	1222.5369	1222.5373	-0.35	2	26	0.011	▶1	U	R.RRTSPPPR.R + 2 Phospho (ST)
3467	409.2067	1224.5983	1224.5983	0.081	1	24	0.0052	▶1	U	K.KAASPSQSVR.R + Label:13C(6)15N(2) (K); Label:13C(6)15N(4) (R); Phospho (ST)
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...and after IMAC

# Fragmentation (CID/HCD) reactions in positive mode



# Multi-enzymatic strategy

- Protein sequence coverage can be improved by using different digestion enzymes:
  - Trypsin (K,R)
  - Chymotrypsin (F, L, W, Y)
  - Lys-C (K)
  - Gluc-C (D, E)
  - Arg-C (R)
  - Combination of 2 enzymes

Ex: POM1\_SCHPO (*S. pombe*, fission yeast)

Semi-specific search, 4 missed cleavages allowed:

- SEQ: **sequence covered with trypsin digestion**
- SEQ: **additional sequence covered with chymotrypsin digestion**
- SEQ: **additional sequence covered with Lys-C digestion**
- SEQ: **additional sequence covered with Glu-C digestion**

=> Total sequence coverage: 95.9 %

**S**: phosphosite found with trypsin

**S**: additional phosphosite found with chymotrypsin

**S**: additional phosphosite found with Lys-C

**SS**: *ambiguous phosphosite localization*

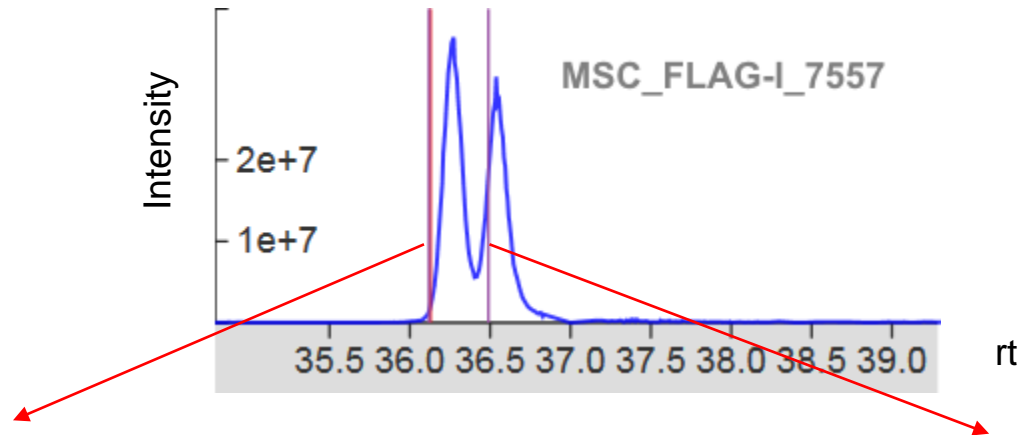
=> Total number of phosphosites : 41

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1  MGYLQSQKAV SLGDENTDAL FKLH[S]SNRK[S] ANMFGIKSEL LNE[S]EIS[AVG
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101  VG[SS]MDNHAI TIHHSTGNGL LR[S]SFDHDYR QKNsprnsIH RLSNISIGNN
151  PIDFESSQON NP[SSLNTSS]H HRTSSISNSK SFG[T]SLSYYN R[SSKPS]DWNQ
201  QNNGGHLGSV ISITQDVSSV PLQSSVFSSG NHAYHASMAR KR[SS]GSRHTN
251  FHSTSHPRAA [SIGNK[S]GIPP VPTIPPNIH STDHQHPKAN ISGSLTKSSS
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351  T[PSVFDNNKP VSSDNHNT[T]TSSQVHPDSR NPDPKAAKPA VSQKT[VDGH
401  RNHEAKHGNT VQNESKSQKS SNKEGRSSRG GFF[S]RLSFSR SSSRMKKGSK
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901  GENEQQLAC IMEIFGPPDH SLIDKCSRK VFFDSSGKPR PFVSSKGVSR
951  RPFKSLSHQV LQCKDVSFLS FISDCLKWDP DERM[T]PQAA QHDFLTGKQD
1001  VRRPN[T]APAR QKFARPPNIE [T]APIRPLPN LPMEYNDHTL E[S]PKEPSNOA
1051  [S]NLV[S]SDKF PNLI[T]NLDYS IISDNGFLRK PVER[S]RP
    
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# Phosphorylation localization

Extracted Ion Chromatogram (XIC) of phosphorylated DLHQPSLSPASPHSQGFER ( $m/z$  723.996)



DLHQPSLS{Phospho}PASPASPHSQGFER

MD-score

85.8%

DLHQPSLSPAS{Phospho}PHSQGFER

86.2%

- Various **phosphoforms** of the same P-peptide can be sometimes distinguished by their different **retention times**
- Localization **algorithms** (Ascore, ptmRS, LuciPHOr, **Mascot Delta Score**, ...) for **automated** site **assignment** with probability score
- In case of phosphoform **co-elution**, site **discrimination** (and quantification) is often **impossible** !

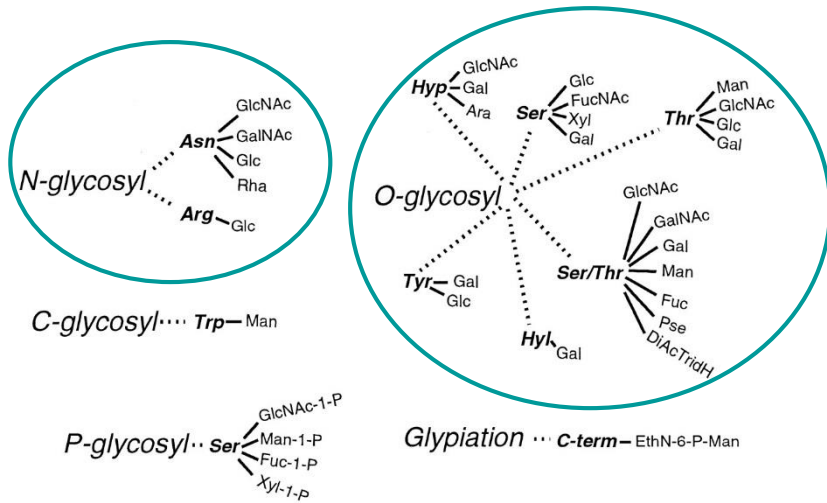
# PTM exercise

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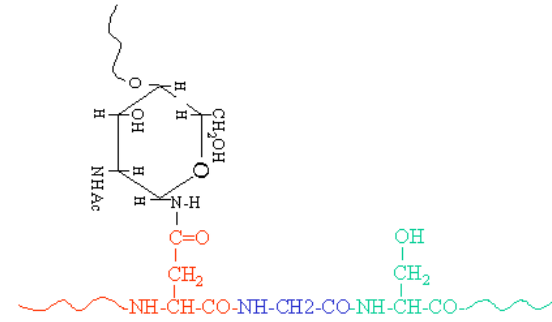


# Glycosylation -1

## Various glycosylation linkages:

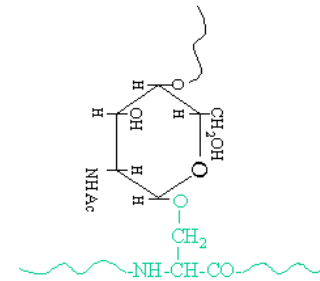


## Consensus sequence for N-glycosylation:



X ≠ proline      N      X      S/T

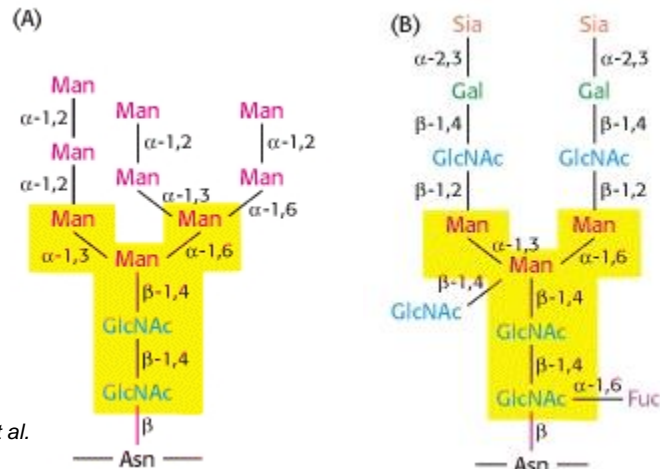
## No consensus sequence for O-glycosylation:



From: www.ionsource.com

From: Spiro RG, *Glycobiology* 2002, 12:43R-56R

## Complexity & heterogeneity of glycans:

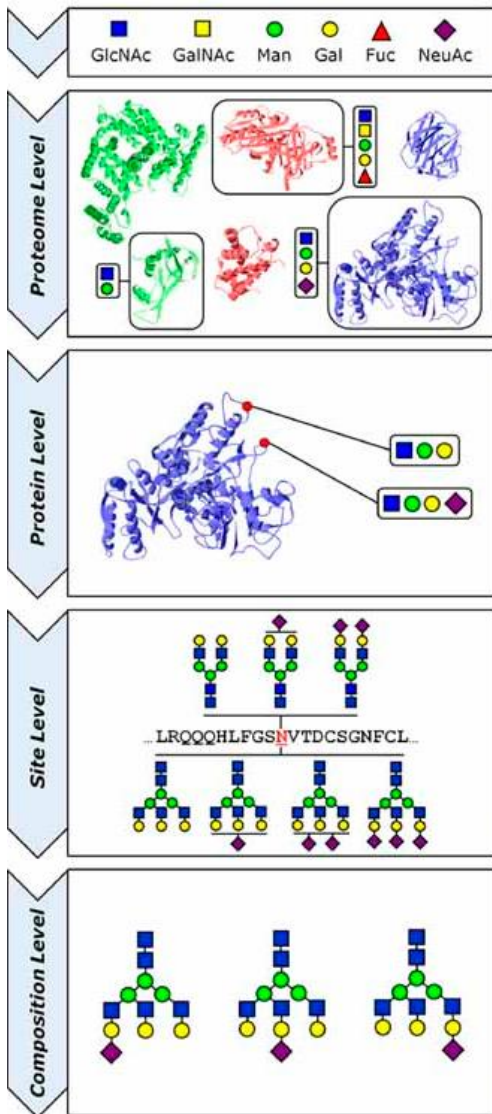


A pentasaccharide core (shaded yellow) is common to all N-linked oligosaccharides  
 A) high-mannose type, (B) complex type

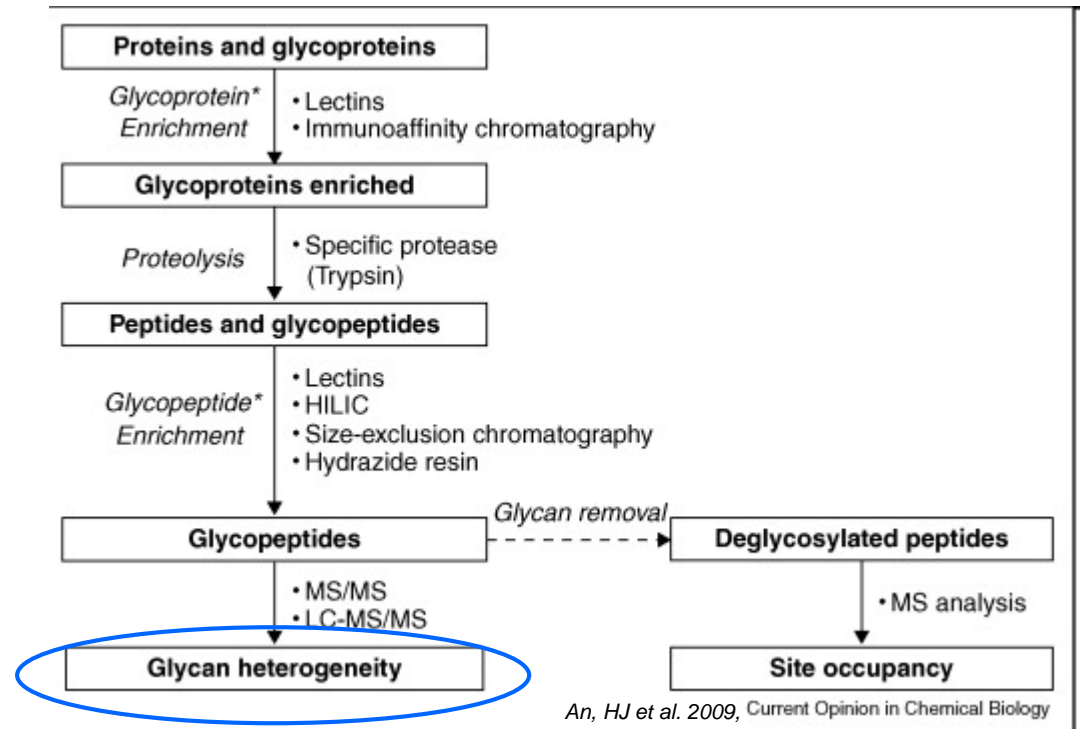
From: *Biochemistry*, 5th edition., Berg JM, et al. New York: W H Freeman; 2002.

# Glycosylation -2

## Levels of glycoproteomic complexity

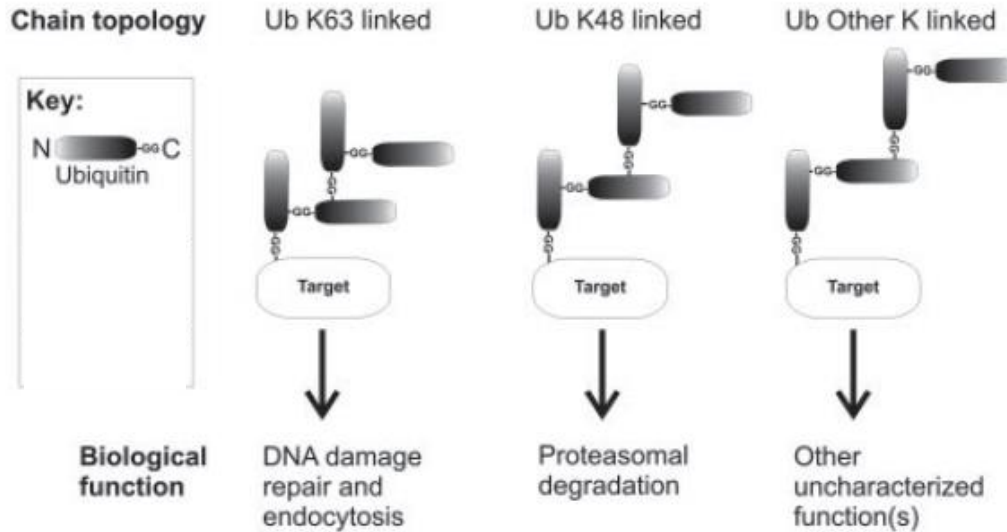


## Standard approaches to determine site-specific glycosylation



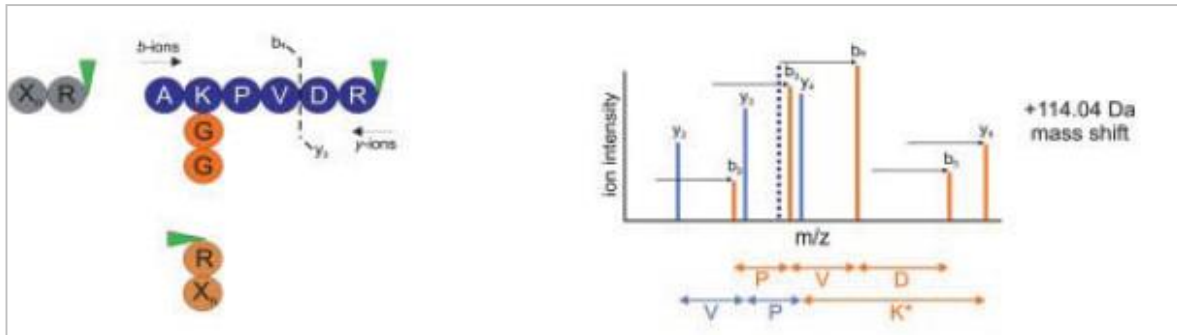
Glycomics

# Ubiquitination



## General questions :

- **Crosslinking site (target protein)**
- **Mono- or polyubiquitination ?**
- **Ub chain linkage type (48,63,...)**



For large scale studies :

Ub-modified proteins can be enriched by :

- 1) Expr. N-term tagged Ub => affinity purification
- 2) Antibodies or resins with immobilized Ub-binding domains (UIM,UBA,UBZ...)

**After trypsin cleavage :**  
**Peptide modification is +GlyGly,  $\Delta M=+114.0429$**   
**Isobaric with +N, +2\*Iodoacetamide**

Using mass spectrometry to identify ubiquitin and ubiquitin-like protein conjugation sites

Stanley M. Jeram , Tharan Srikumar , Patrick G. A. Pedrioli and Brian Raught , *Proteomics* 2009, 9, 922–934

# Ub-like proteins

## C-termini of some Human Ub-like proteins

### Ubiquitin

...VL**LRGG**

### SUMO1

...TP**KELG**MEEEDVIEVYQEQT**GG**

### SUMO2

...DTPAQLEMEDED**TIDVFQQQTGG**

### SUMO3

...DTPAQLEMEDED**TIDVFQQQTGG**

### NEDD8

...DY**KILGGS**VLHLVLAL**LRGG**

### ISG15

...GLKPLSTVFMNLL**LRGG**

### URM1

...LGELDYQLDQDSVLFISTL**HGG**

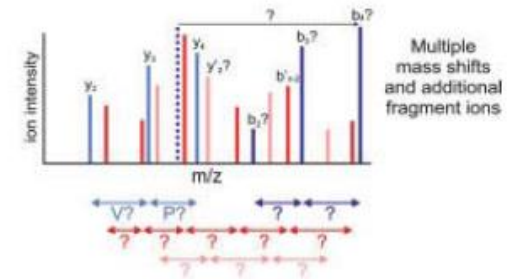
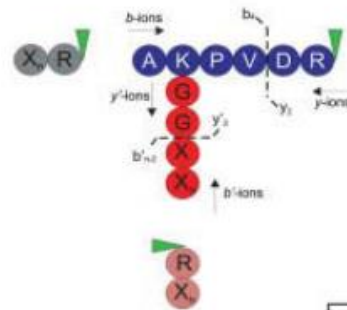
## Problems :

SUMO, URM1 :

Trypsin => Large cross linked peptides

Other proteases : poorer activity, specificity, MS of peptides

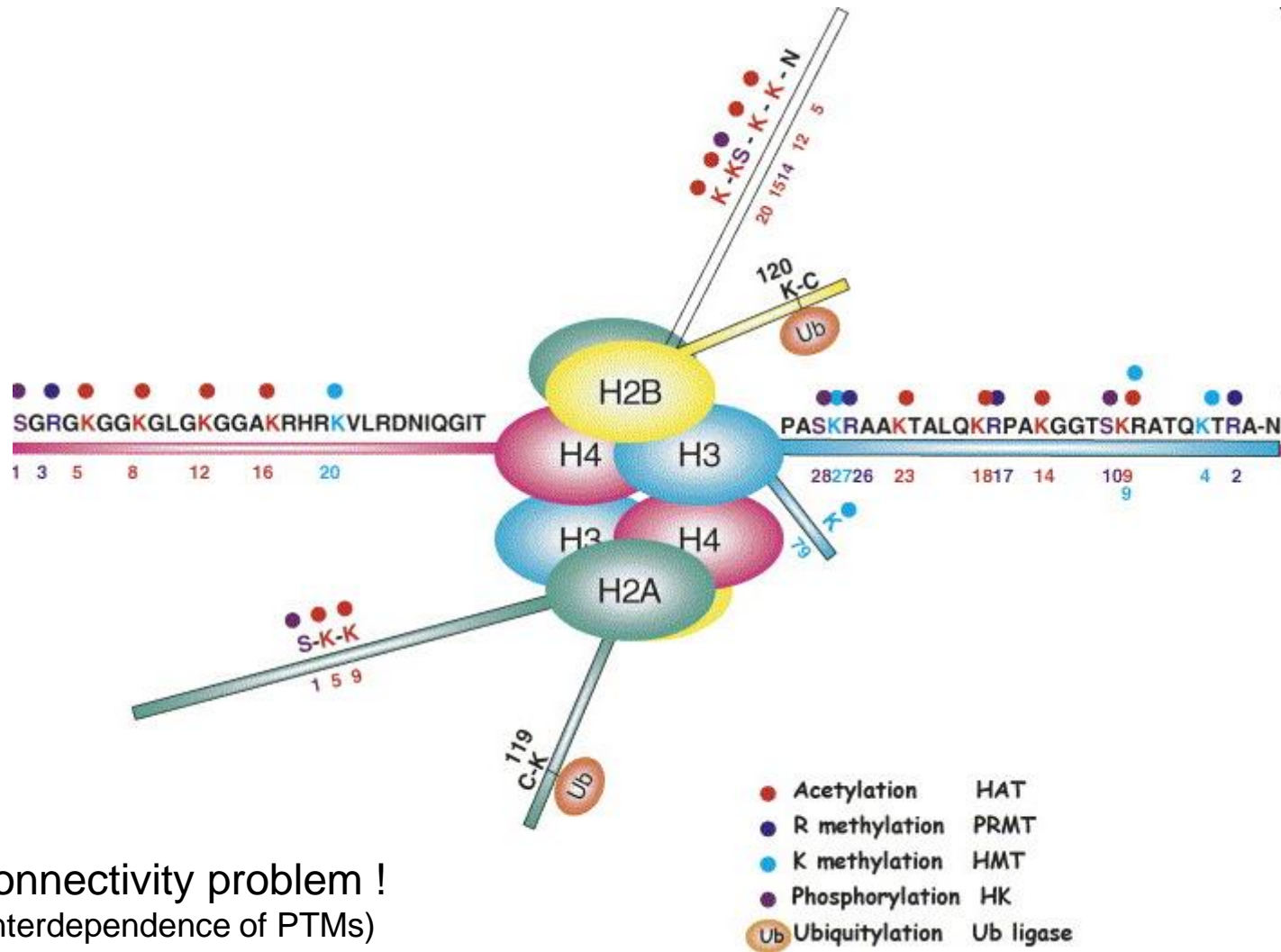
Fragmentation patterns complex, special software needed



▼ = Trypsin

NEW : WALP protease : ..T**GG**-

# The extreme case : histone tails

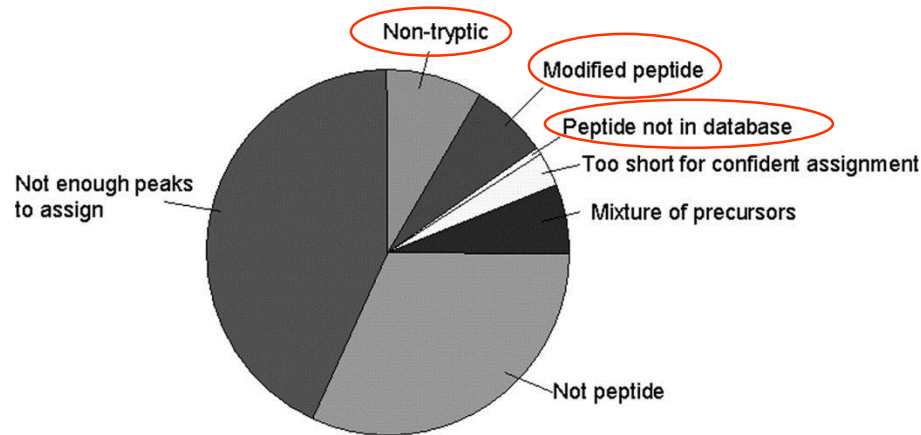


⇒ connectivity problem !  
(interdependence of PTMs)

→ Middle-down proteomics

# Unknown PTMs – mining unassigned MS/MS spectra

- A large proportion of MS/MS spectra are not assigned in proteomics samples:



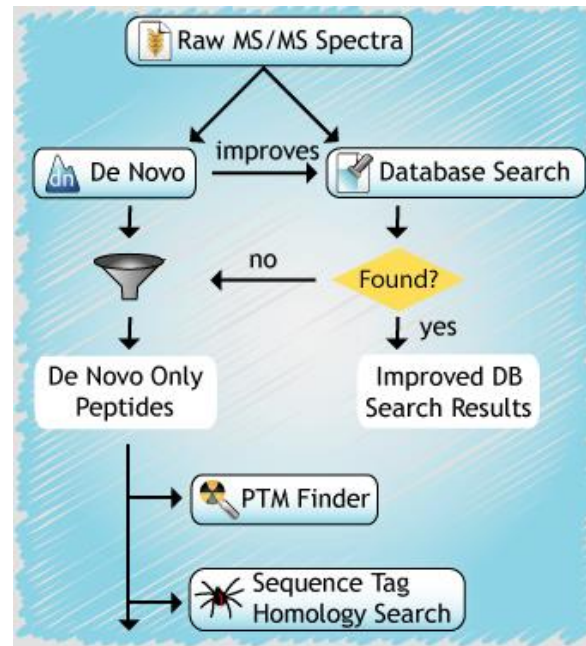
Ex. From: Chalkley R J et al. *Mol Cell Proteomics* 2005;4:1189-1193

- Percentage of non-ID spectra is highly variable, 25-60%, depending on: sample complexity, MS instrument resolution, depth of analysis, DB search parameters, ...
- All possible unknown PTMs cannot be searched in the classical way because of too large search space:  
→ high % of false positive matches, computationally heavy

# Mining Unknown PTMs

- Various strategies/software used for discovery of unknown PTMs: error-tolerant search (Mascot), dependent peptides (MaxQuant), MODa, SpecOMS, Open-pNovo, **PTM Finder (PEAKS)**, ...

Ex: **PEAKS** workflow



- Results of open search must be interpreted with caution: many artefacts (PTM identity or position) !
- Many PTMs can be explained by sample preparation artefacts (oxidation, carbamylation, propionamide, ...)



# Ex: PEAKS PTM Finder

Coverage | Peptides | De novo Only Tags

>sp|O60496|DOK2\_HUMAN Docking protein 2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=DOK2 PE=1 SV=2

1 MGDGAVKQGF LYLQQQQTFG KKWRFRGASL YGGSDCALAR LELQEGPEKP RRCEAARKVI RLSDCLRVAE AGGEASSPRD

81 TSAFFLETKE RLYLLAAPAA ERGDWVQAIC LLAFPGQRKE LSGPEGKQSR PCMEENELYS SAVTVGPHKE FAVTMRPTEA

80 AAs per line  10AA gap

Sequence Display Option

Show de novo only sequences

de novo tags sharing  AAs

de novo peptides fully matched

show confident modification site

minimal ion intensity  %

minimal Ascore

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$\Delta M$	PTM	...
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+14.02	Methyl ester	162
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+15.99	Oxidation (M)	68
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+21.98	Sodium adduct	46
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-17.03	Pyro-glu from Q	32
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+37.95	Replacement of 2 protons by c...	25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+27.99	Formylation	21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+0.98	Deamidation (NQ)	16
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+37.96	Replacement of proton by pot...	5
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+31.99	Sulphone	2
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+13.03	Michael addition with methyla...	1
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Additional PTMs found with open search



# LUNCH

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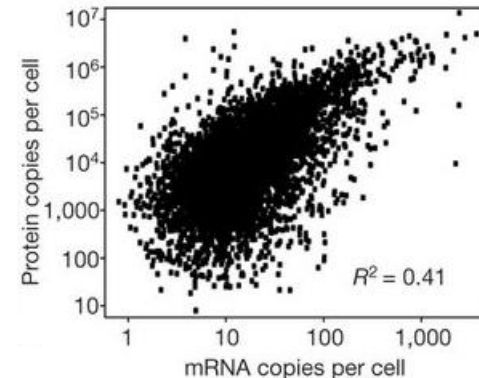
# Quantitative proteomics

**Expression proteomics** : analysis of protein expression levels and their changes

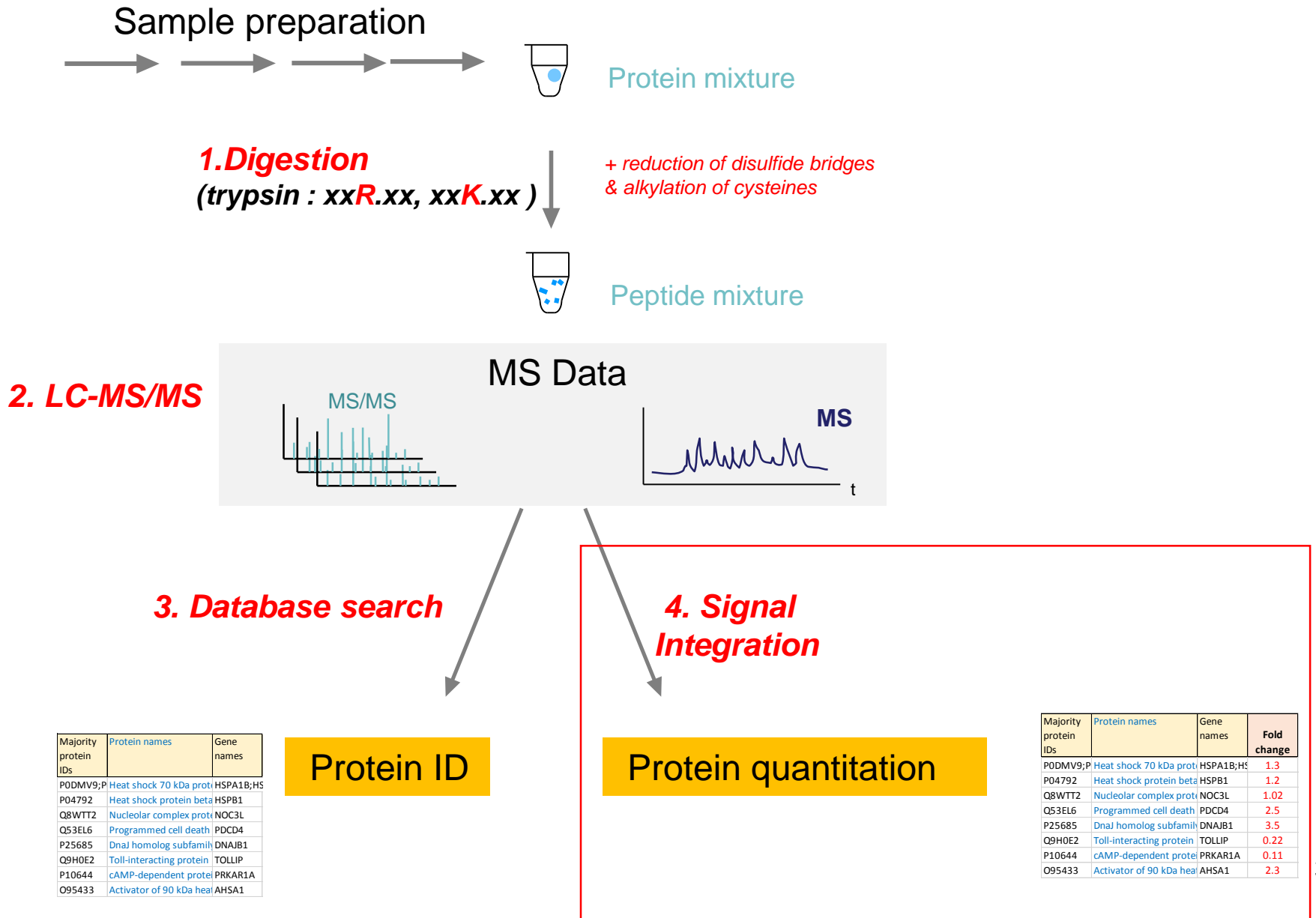
*Typical questions :*

- \* what distinguishes a lymphocyte from a neuron ?*
- \* which proteins are newly induced in a cell after a specific stimulus ?*

- Protein levels : main end product of gene activation, functionally active molecules
- Transcriptomics (cDNA, Affymetrix oligo chips, RNAseq,...) vs. proteomics
  - Comprehensive
  - Higher throughput, fast(er)
  - More sensitive
  - Assumption : [mRNA] ~ [protein]

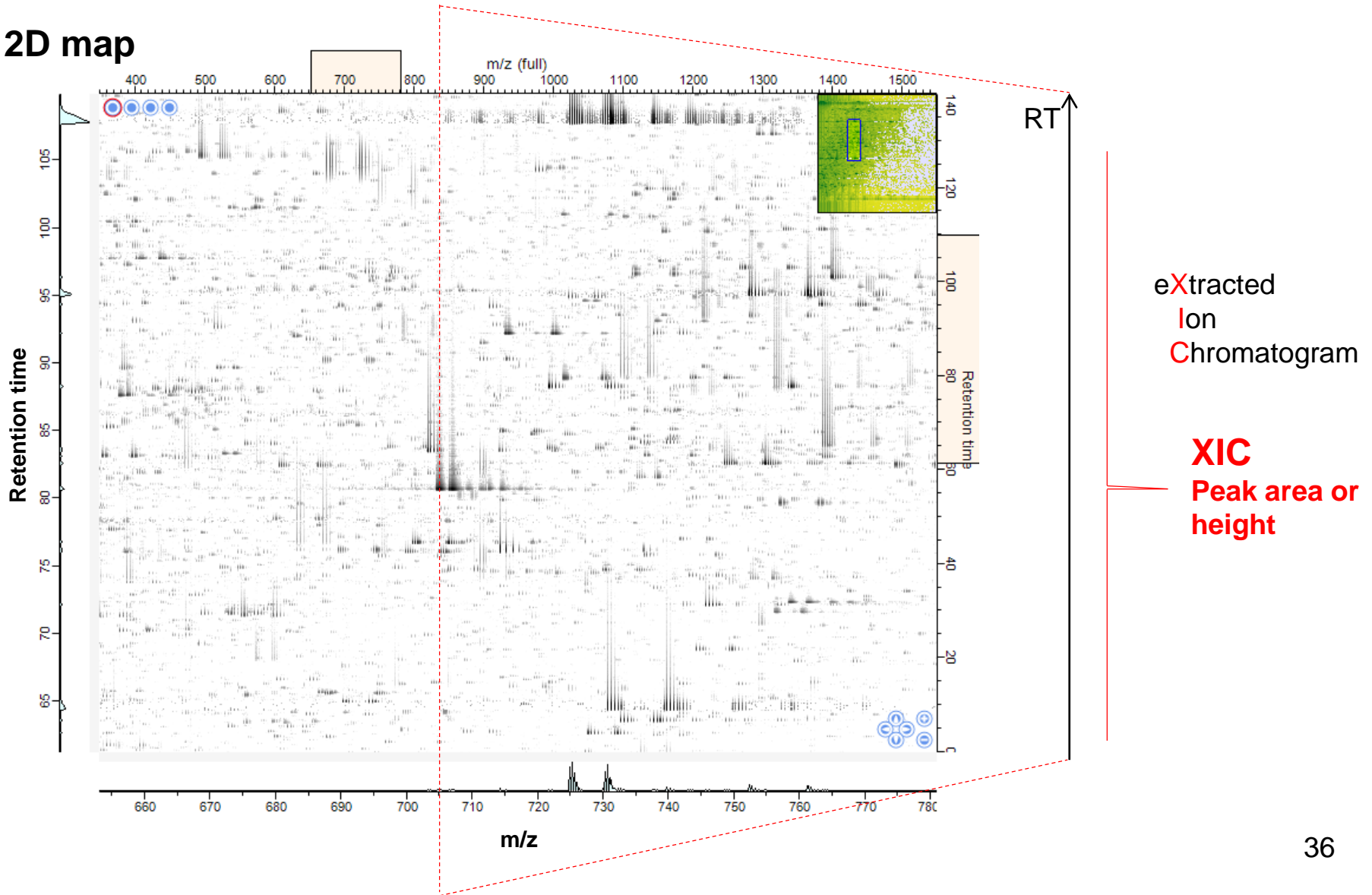


# Main pipeline (bottom-up proteomics)



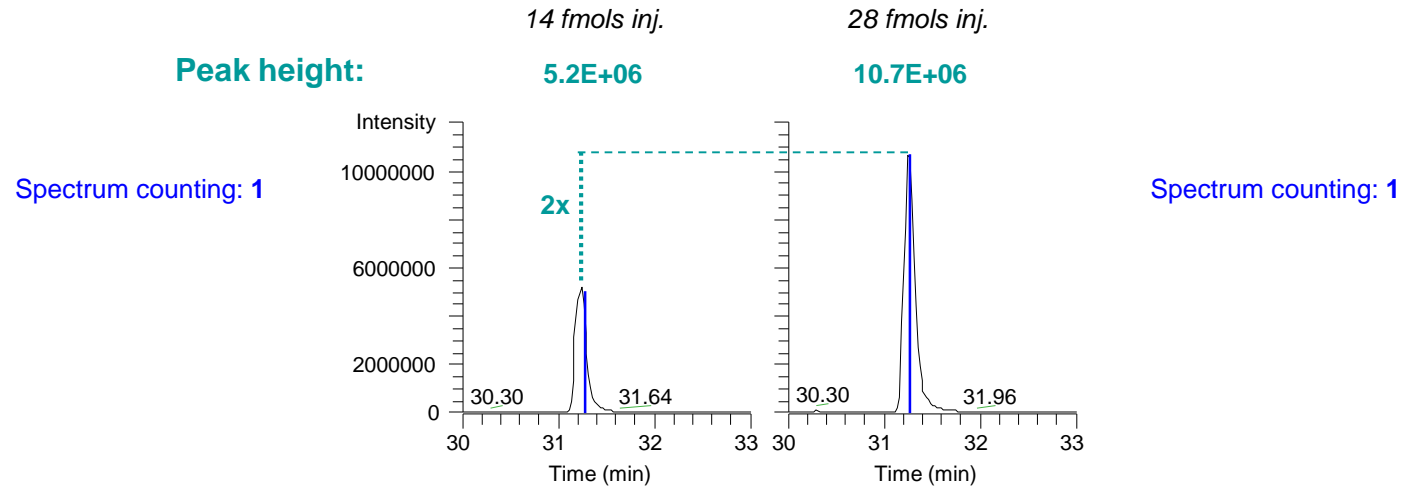
# The XIC is used for quantitating peptide signals

2D map



# Spectral counting vs MS1 XIC

Peptide **LVNELTEFAK** (BSA),  $m/z$  582.320 ( $z=2$ )



- Spectral counting may not reflect actual intensity differences, especially for low signals
- Even when it does indicate a difference it is often not linear/accurate (stochasticity of precursor picking)
- **Better quantification with MS1 (XIC) signal**

# Relative protein quantification

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**Comparison :**      **A**  **B**

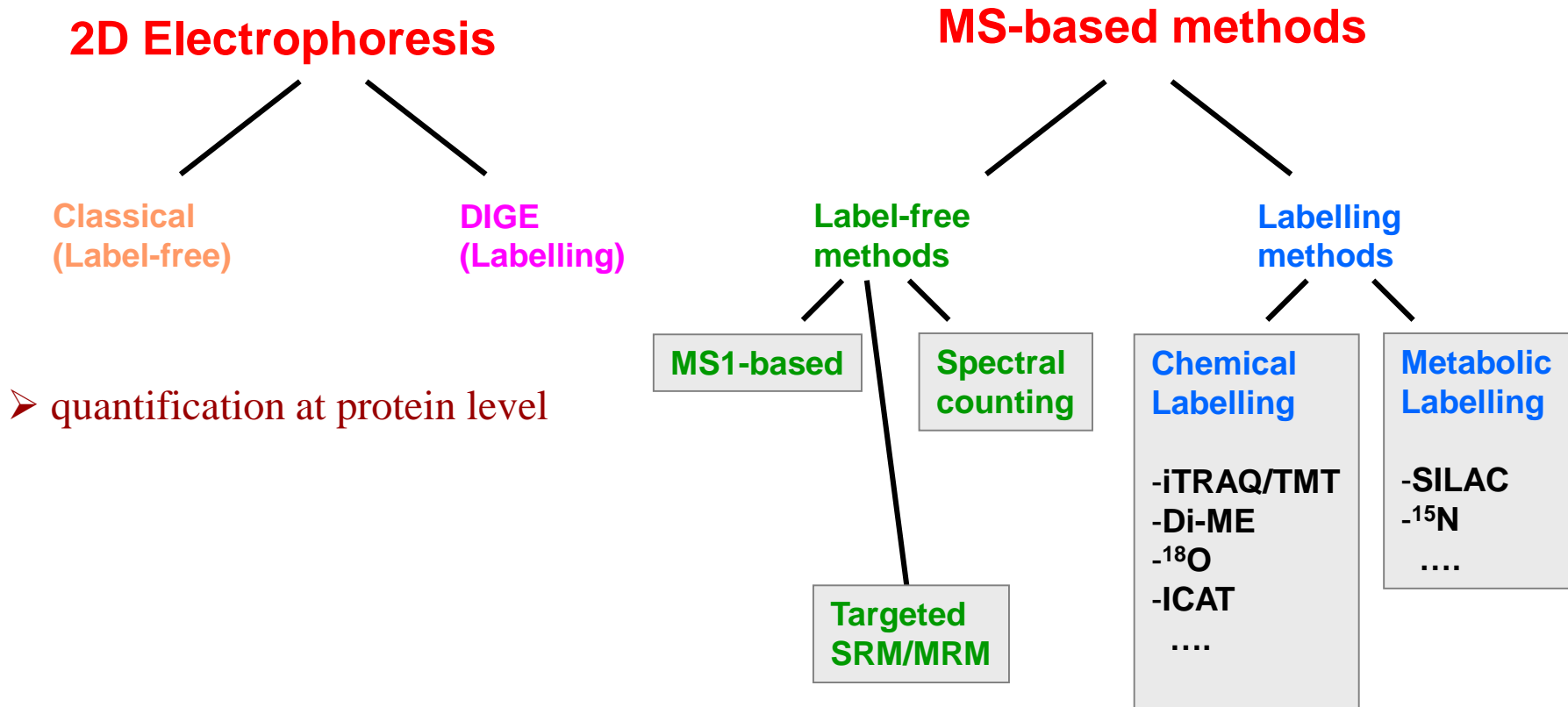
**? Which proteins change in amount and how much ?**

**Applications :**

- **Healthy vs. diseased tissues**
- **Healthy vs. diseased body fluids**
- **Drug treated / untreated cells**
- **Stimulated / unstimulated cells**
- **Mutants / wt cells**

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# Techniques for large scale quantitative proteomics

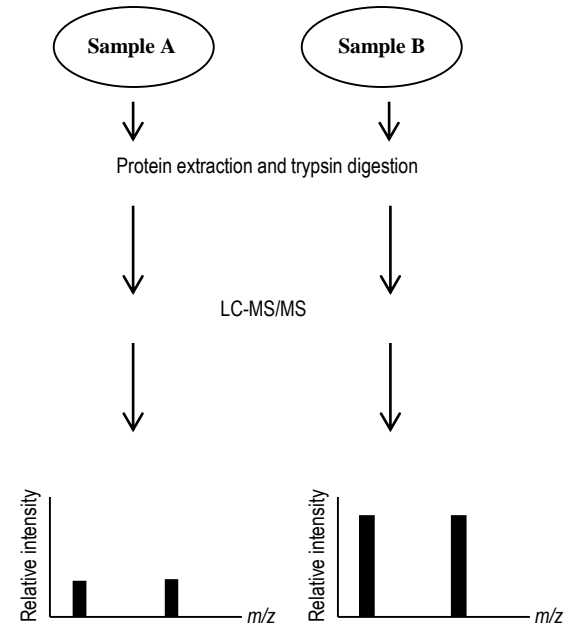
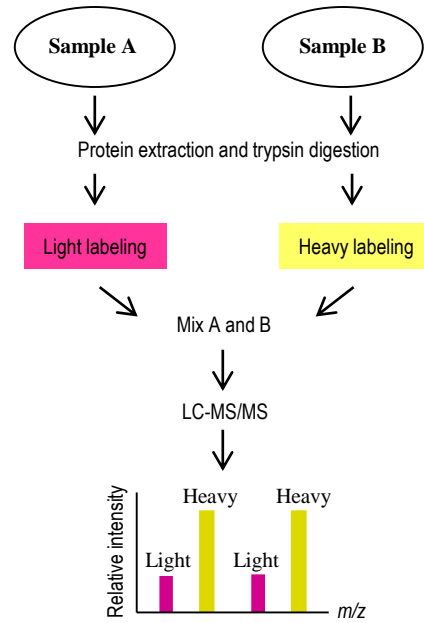
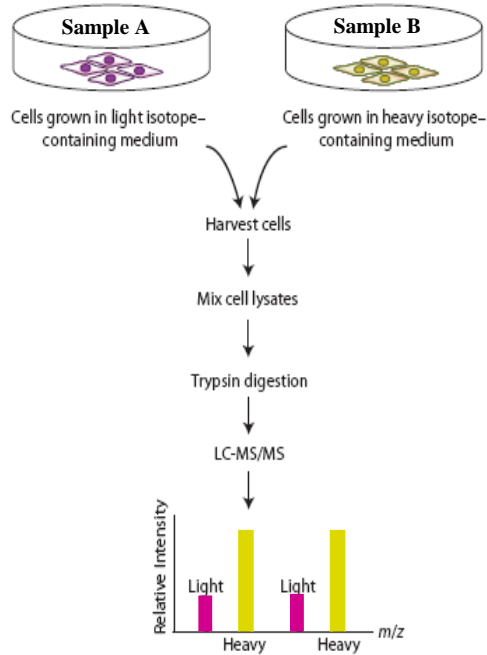


➤ quantification at peptide level

# Metabolic labelling

# Chemical labelling

# Label free



## Labeling

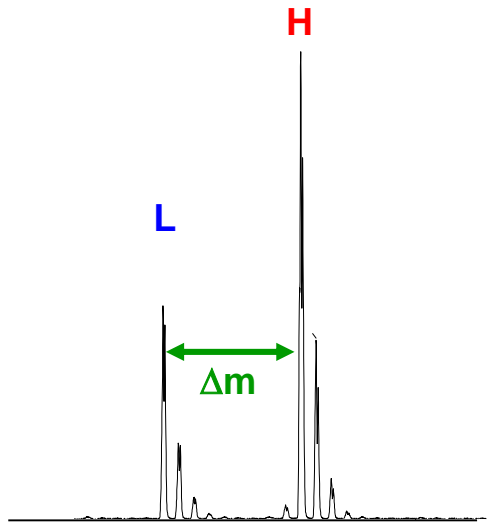
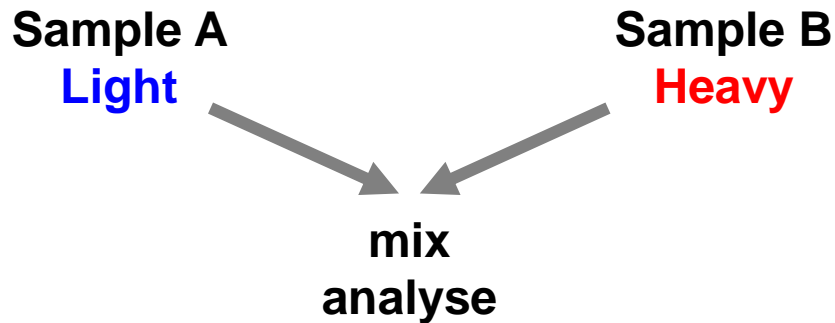
- 👍 Analytical variability minimized
- 👎 Number of samples limited (2-8)

## Label free

- 👍 Number of samples unlimited  
Simpler sample preparation
- 👎 Analytical variability  
Computationally heavy (XIC)



# Relative quantification by stable isotope labelling



## Labelling strategies :

- Chemical (side chains : **C, K, N-term**)  
*ICAT, iTRAQ, ICPLP,...*
- Metabolic ( **K, R, all** )  
*SILAC,...*
- Enzymatic  
*Trypsin + 18O, ...*

Co-analyse



Eliminate  
analytical  
variability

# How to label ? Pros and cons

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- **Metabolically** ( during protein synthesis )

- Incorporation of one or more labelled amino acid

- (+) *“native” proteins*

- (+) *compatible w. purifications*

- (+) *accurate*

- (-) *need cultivatable organism*

- (-) *limited multiplexing (max. 3)*

- **Chemically** ( post protein synthesis )

- “specific” chemical modification of AA side chain

- (+) *any sample can be done*

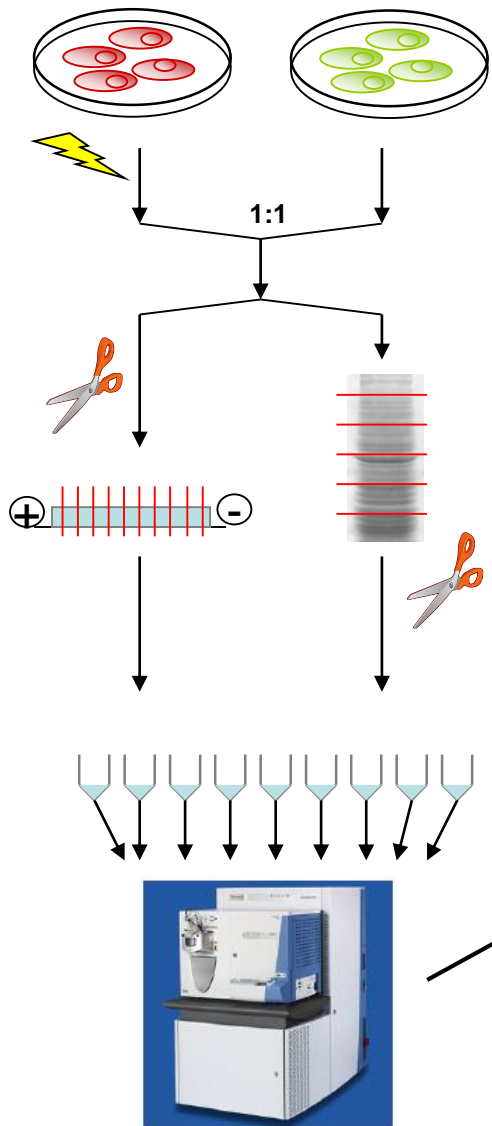
- (+) *higher multiplex (iTRAQ max 8-plex)*

- (-) *side (or incomplete) reactions*

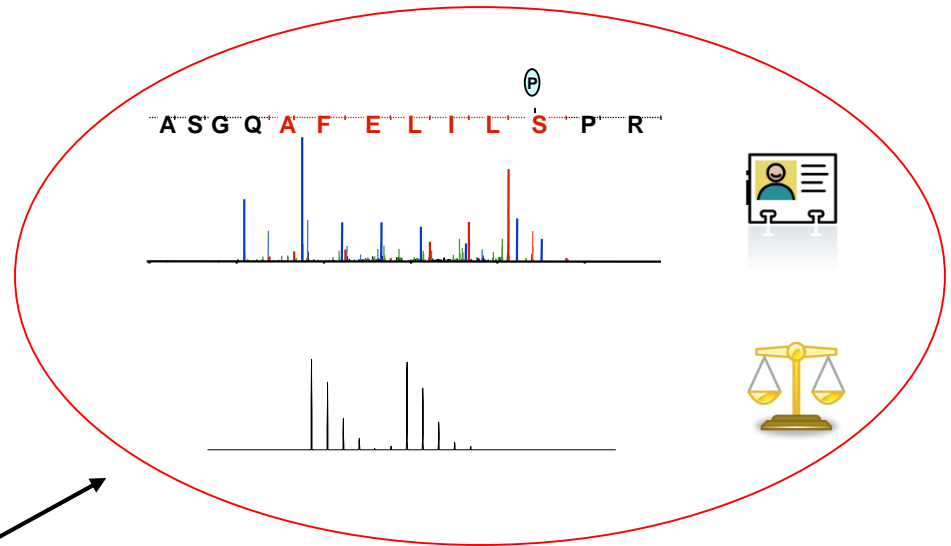
- (-) *separate purifications*

- (-) *less accurate*

# SILAC experiment workflow



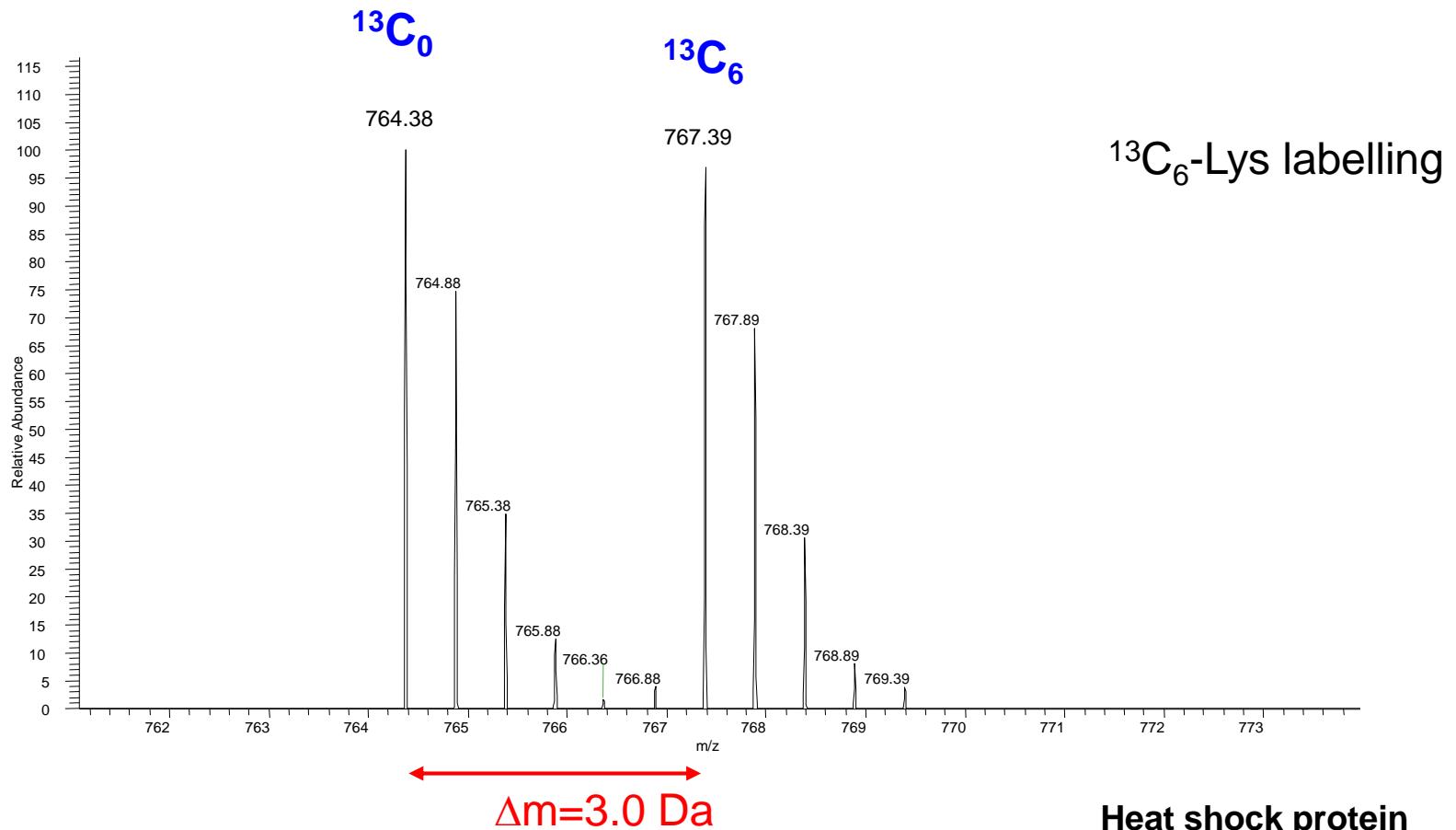
Data analysis software !



MaxQuant

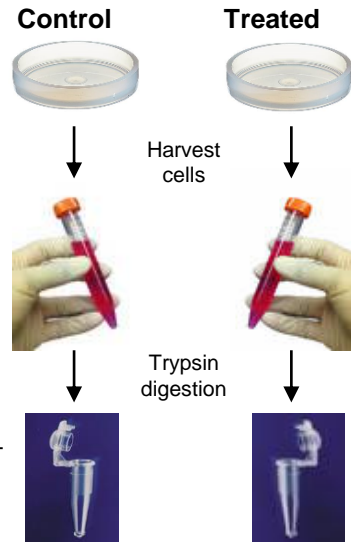
# SILAC peaks

...**K** SLTNDWEDHLAV**K** H...

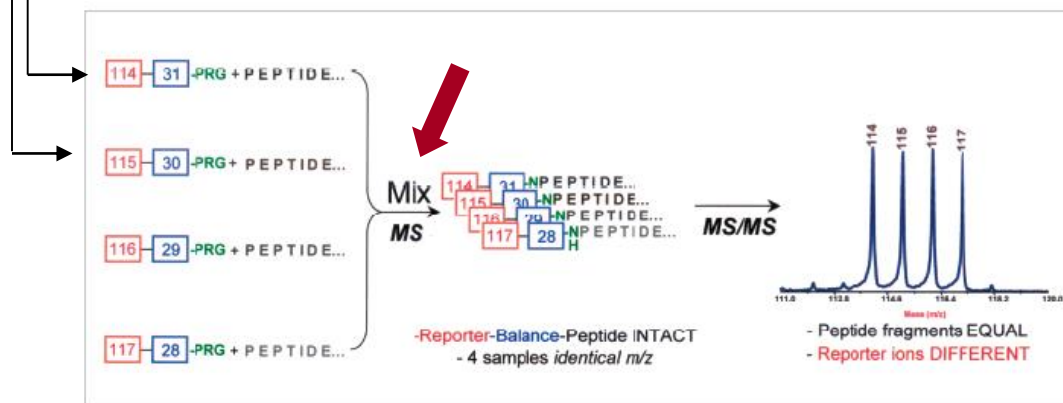
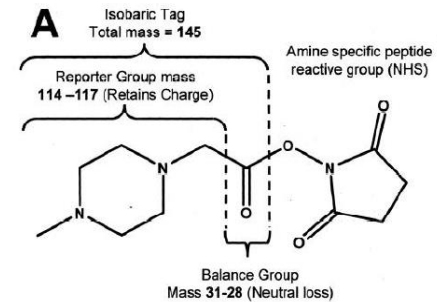


Heat shock protein  
HSP 90 $\beta$

# Chemical labelling : Isobaric Tags (iTRAQ)- multiplex quantification



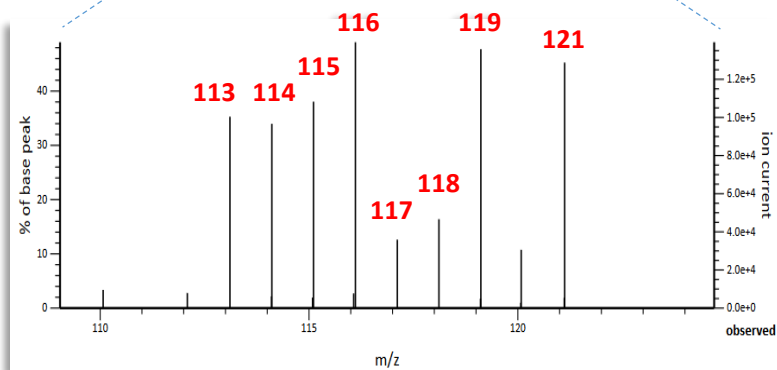
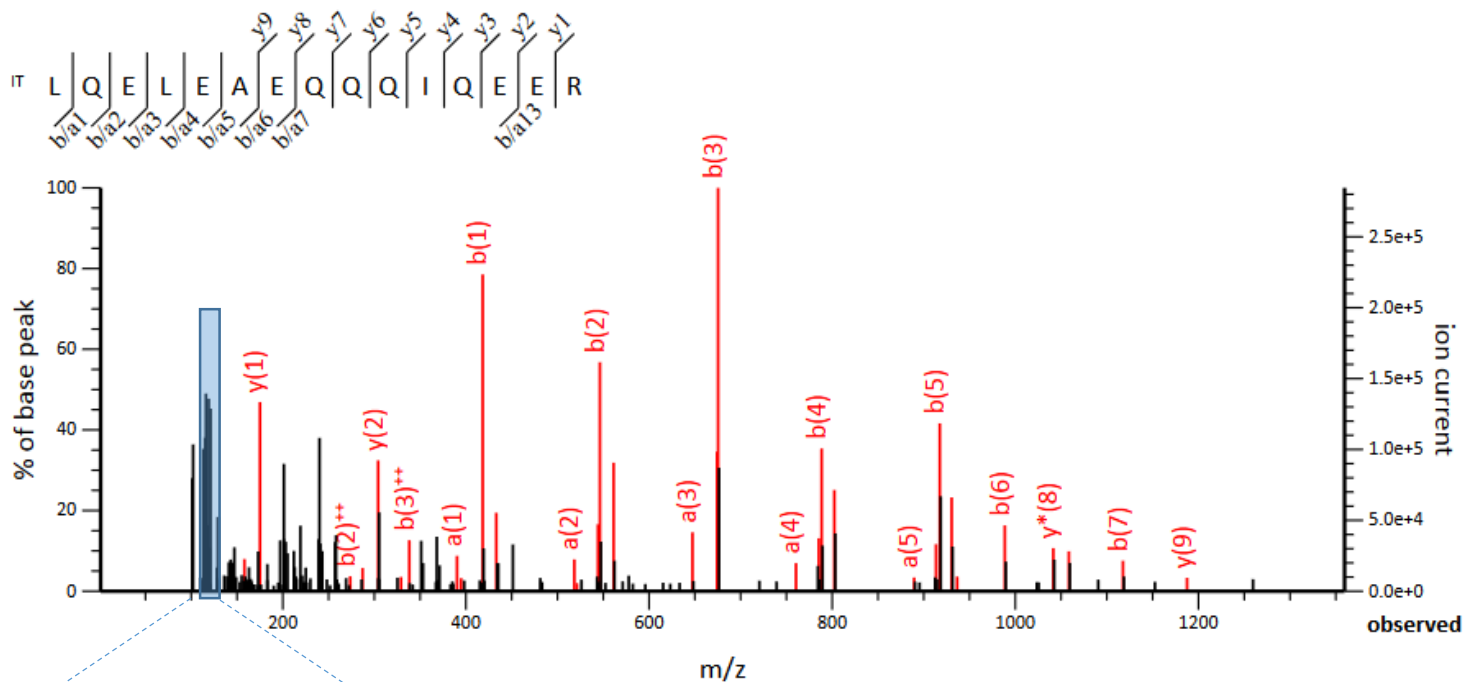
Multiplexed Protein Quantitation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Using **Amine-reactive Isobaric Tagging Reagents**  
Ross P., Pappin D. et al. *Molecular & Cellular Proteomics* 3.12 - 2004



**Figure 1.** The concept of iTRAQ™ Reagent chemistry (example of a 4-plex experiment) Each sample is labeled with one of the four iTRAQ Reagents and then pooled prior to MS analysis.

- ← *in vitro* **chemical** labeling
- ← Same peptide from 4 samples has same mass (**isobaric**)
- ← quantification by tags in **MS/MS** spectra at fixed M/Z

# Information Content of iTRAQ MS2 spectra



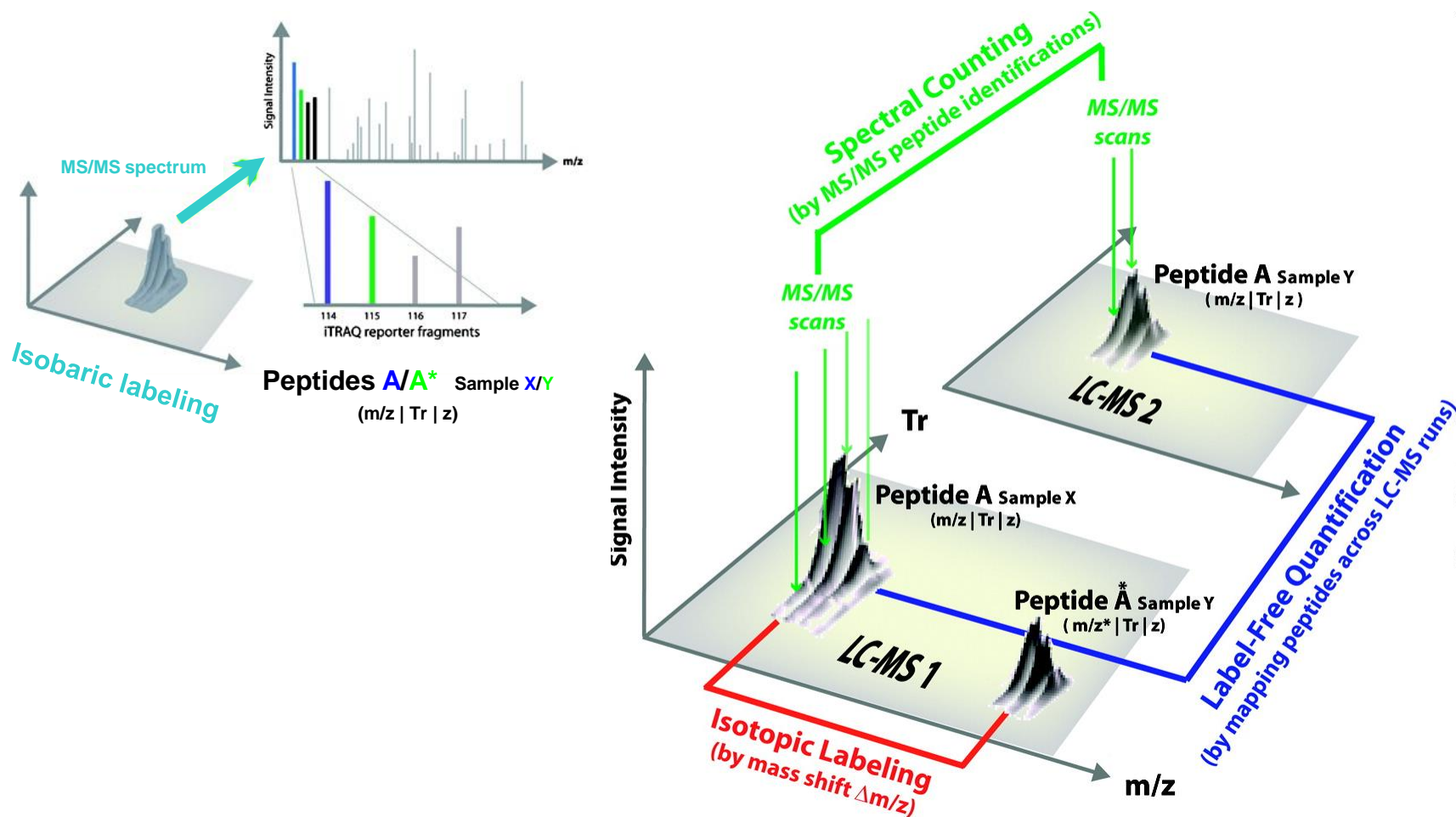
# iTRAQ/TMT formats and reagents

	Multiplexing	Target functional groups	Mass range (max)	Features
iTRAQ	4-, 8-plex	NH <sub>2</sub> (N-term, Lys)	113-121	General peptide labelling
TMT	2-, 6-, 10-, 11-plex	NH <sub>2</sub> (N-term, Lys)	126-131	General peptide labelling ; 10, 11-plex need higher scan resolution to separate reporter ions
TMT	6-plex	-SH (Cys)		Selective for Cysteines
TMT	6-plex	C=O		Glycans, steroids, oxidized proteins

McAlister, G. C., Huttlin, E. L., Haas, W., Ting, L., Jedrychowski, M. P., Rogers, J. C., ... Gygi, S. P. (2012). Increasing the multiplexing capacity of TMTs using reporter ion isotopologues with isobaric masses. *Analytical Chemistry*, 84(17), 7469–78.  
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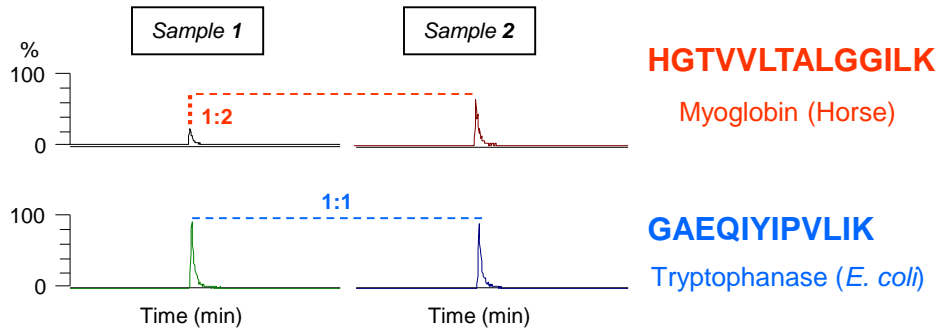
# Signal processing in MS quantification



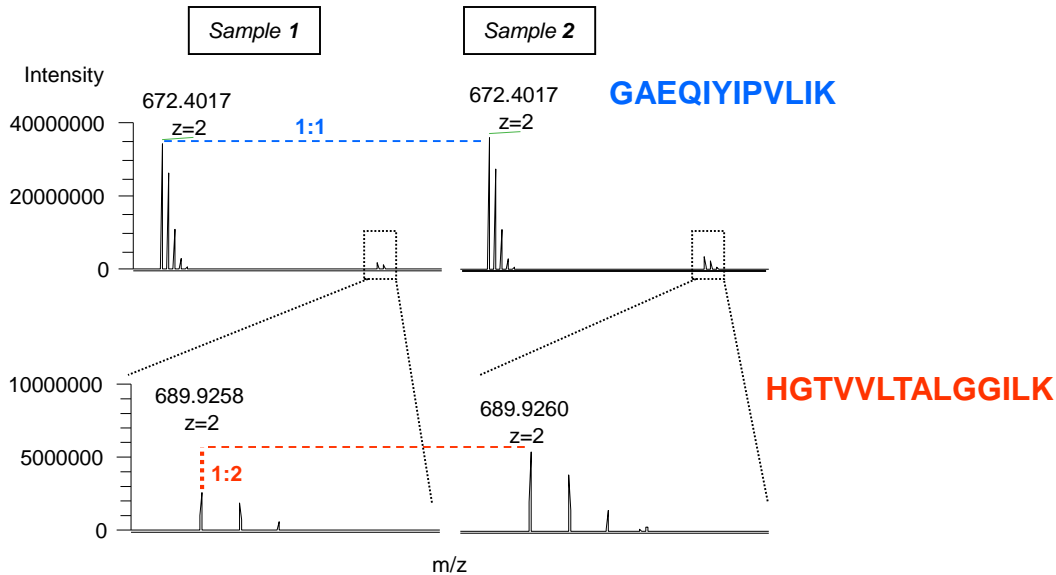


# Example of label-free quantitation

Spiked myoglobin (ratio 1:2) in *E.coli* lysate

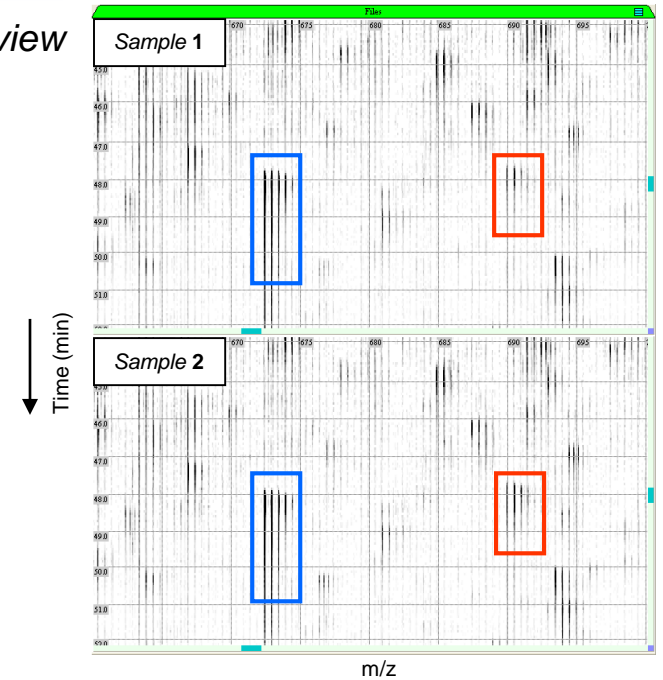


Chromatogram view

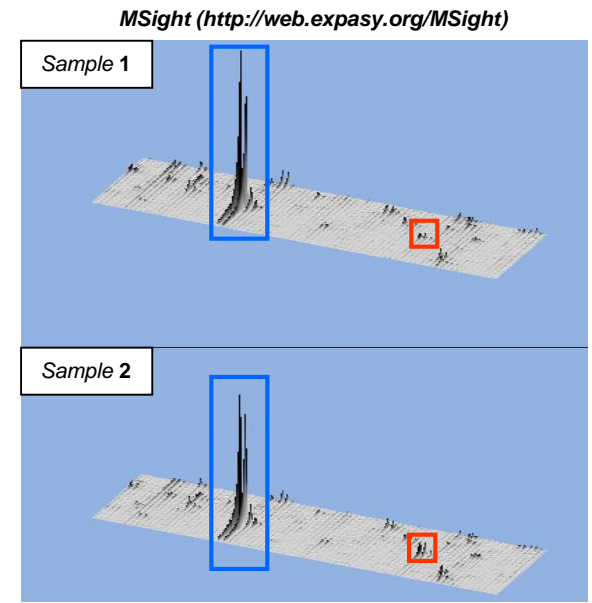


Spectrum view

2D view



3D View



# Processing in label-free quantitation (XIC)

## Main Steps:

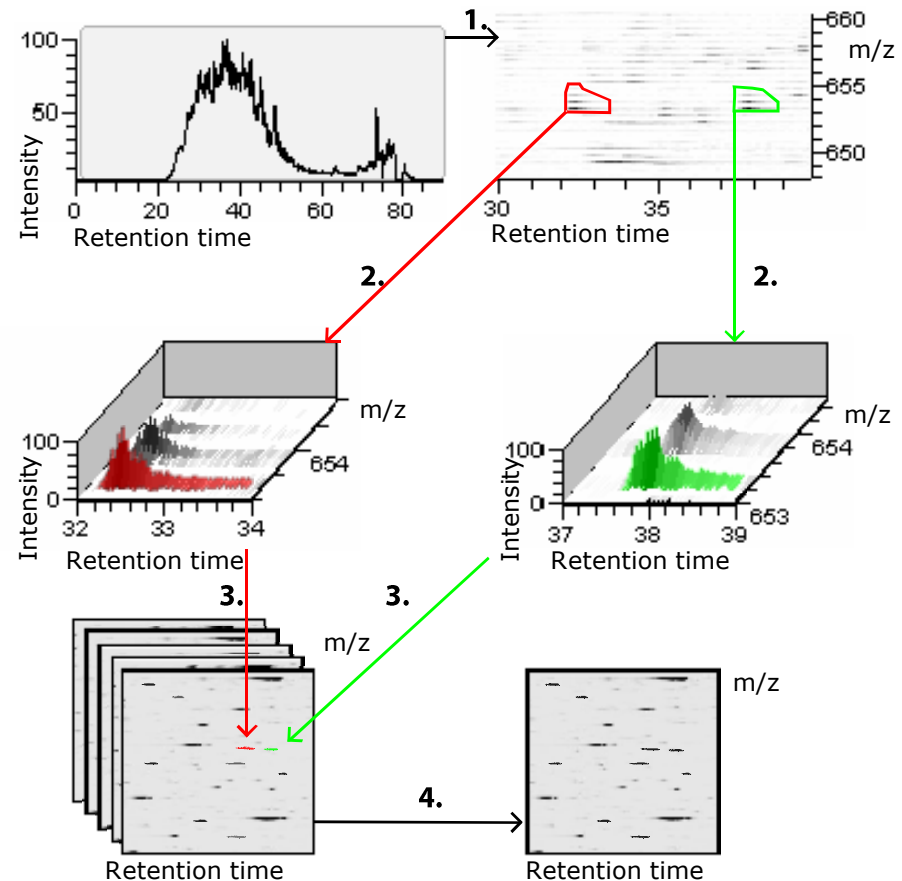
Preprocessing

Feature (m/z, tr, z, intensity)  
extraction

Matching and alignment

Normalisation

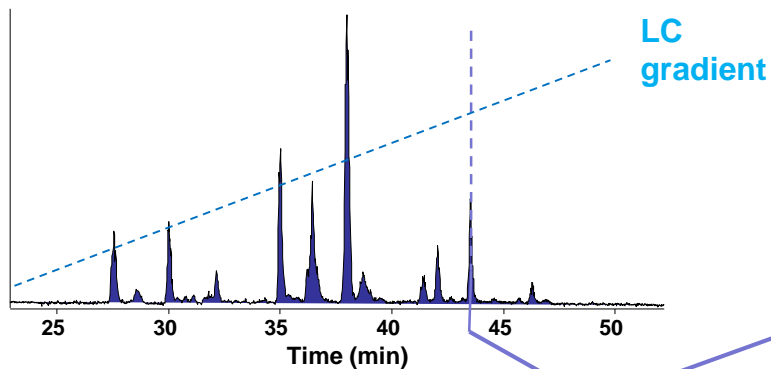
Statistical Analysis



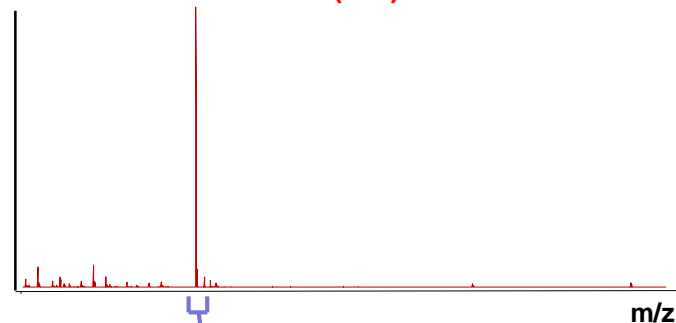
1. feature detection in each LC-MS run
2. quantitation: intensity integration
3. creation of 2D feature map
4. matching and alignment across LC-MS runs

# LC-MS/MS data dependent acquisition (DDA)

## 1. MS scan: Determination of peptide mass(es)

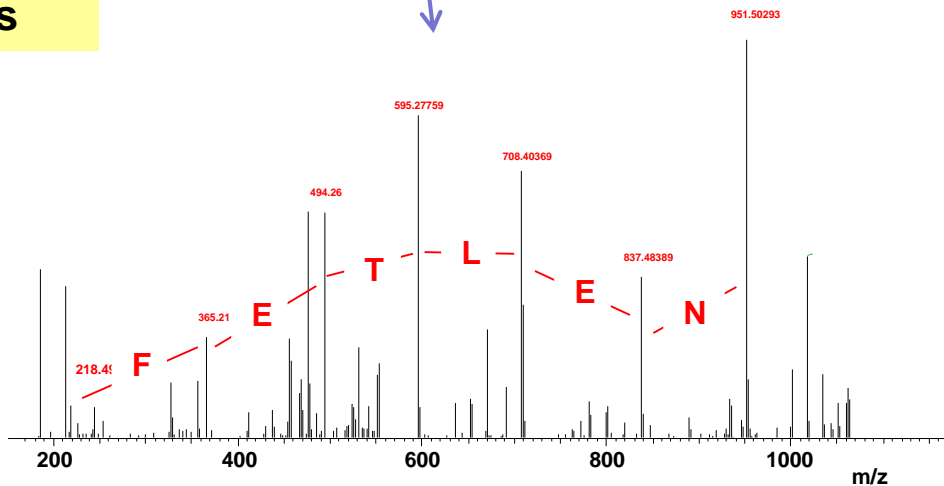
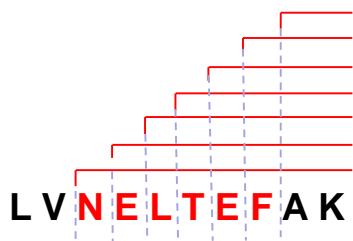


$M_r = 1162.625 \text{ Da}$   
 $m/z = 582.321 (z=2)$

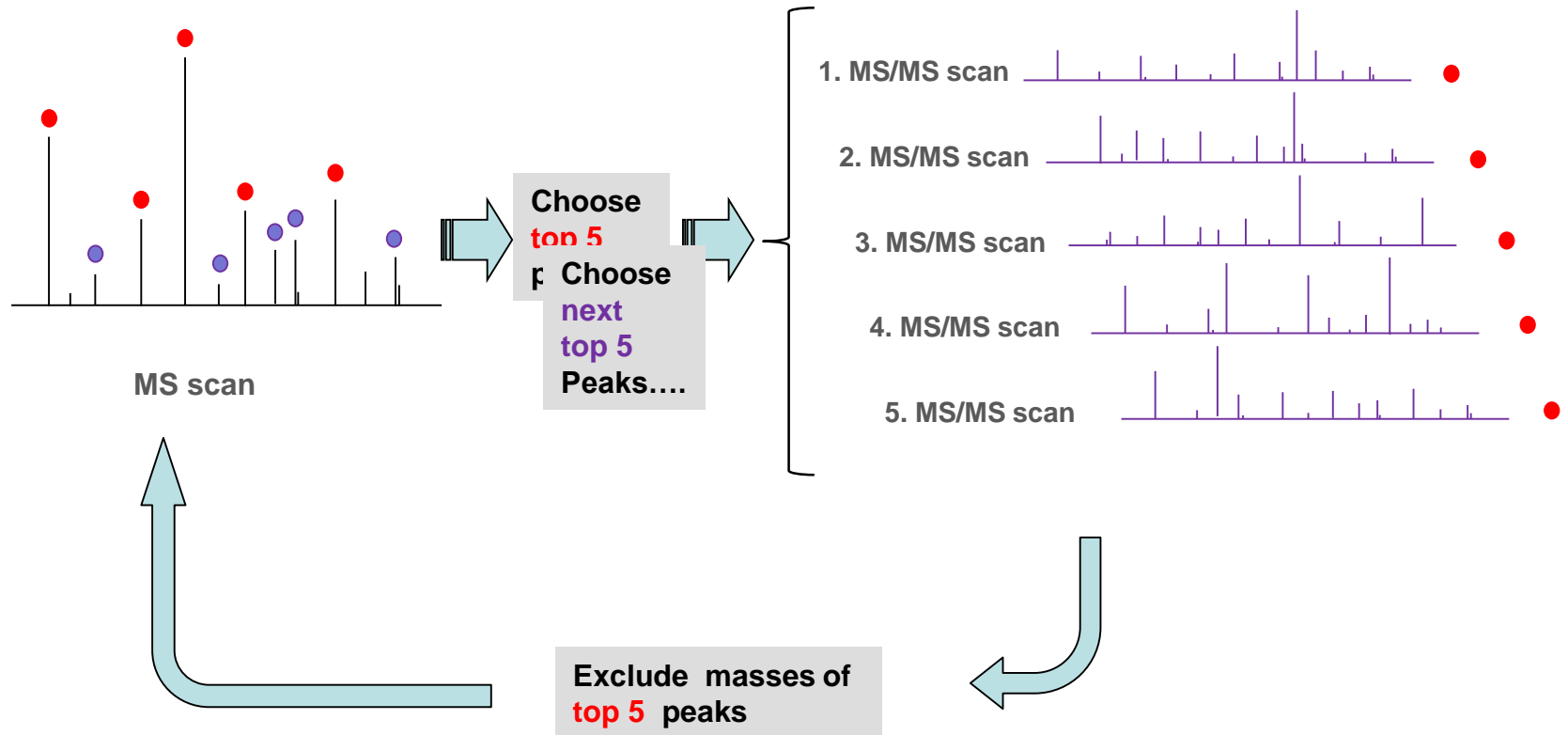


## 2. MS/MS scan: Isolation, fragmentation, fragment analysis

Ion isolation  
Collision Induced Dissociation (CID)



# Automated DDA cycle



**Goal : selection and fragmentation of a maximum number of peptides per unit of time**

# Missing data problem in DDA

- **Data Dependent Acquisition (DDA)** is a highly flexible method that can deal with the most diverse samples
- However, precursor selection in DDA is **partially stochastic** (or better, **non deterministic**) since it is based on contingent factors
- Especially in complex samples, the set of chosen (low abundance) precursors varies, even between replicate injections of the same sample

→ missing peptide ID's across samples (even when precursor is present)

→ Loss of significant numbers of peptides/proteins values

Solutions :

1) Match between runs (MaxQuant)

2) Data-Independent Acquisition

repl.1	repl.2	repl.3
23.1	21.3	22.5
18.7	17.2	14.3
8.9	9.9	NaN
26.2	25.3	23.4
20.1	25.2	19.4
7.3	6.4	8
NaN	21.2	17.2
14.2	NaN	15.3
18.1	18.2	19.6
11.2	NaN	13.2

# Quantitation tools : choice is limited

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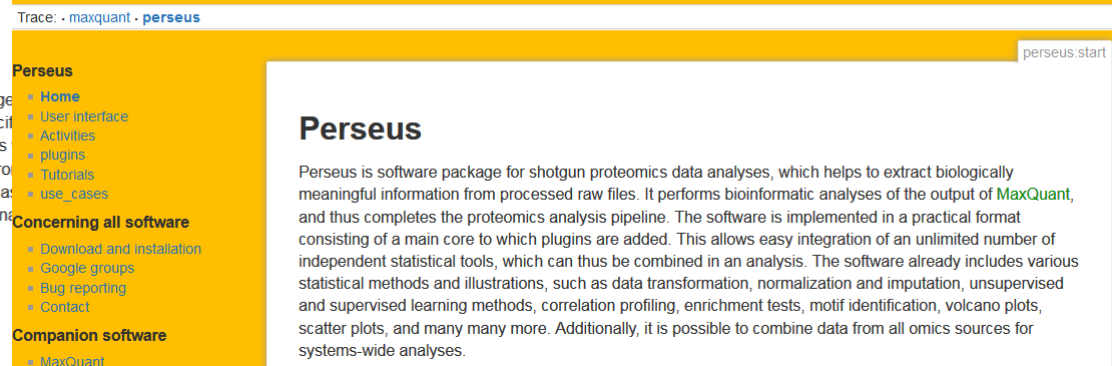
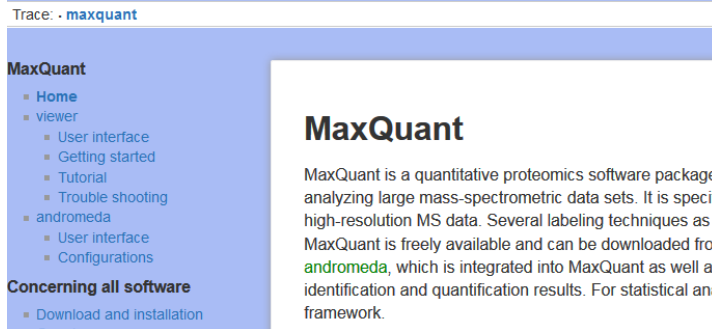
- **Proteome Discoverer** (Thermo Fisher Scientific)
  - Good GUI
  - Workflows and working with user plugins, other search engines => versatility
  - Compatibility only w. Thermo data
  - Commercial => expensive, licenses limit processing usage
  - Windows only
- **MaxQuant/Perseus** :
  - Freeware (but not open source) academic product
  - Versatile : LFQ, SILAC, iTRAQ, ...
  - Complex experimental designs possible
  - Extensive data output tables
  - Scalable (100's, 1000's of files)
  - Coherent, long term development
  - Windows mainly but LINUX coming next
  - No manual (though web resources available)=> parameters ?
  - No release notes
- Many other **commercial packages** (none is of broad scope)
- **OpenMS** initiative...interesting but not well known
- **Skyline** (DDA, DIA, targeted quantification)
- Other **ad hoc academic software tools** : poor/difficult diffusion outside originating lab

**Note** : many other search engines exist but mostly not (or not well) coupled to quantitation

# MaxQuant/Perseus environment



<http://www.coxdocs.org>



Google groups :

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/perseus-list>

YouTube videos :

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MaxQuantChannel>

Workflows on Doku-Wiki pages [http://www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=perseus:user:use\\_cases:start](http://www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=perseus:user:use_cases:start)

## MaxQuant refs

Cox, J. and Mann, M. MaxQuant enables high peptide identification rates, individualized p.p.b.-range mass accuracies and proteome-wide protein quantification. *Nat Biotechnol*, 2008, 26, pp 1367-72.

Cox J., Hein M. Y., Luber C. A., Paron I., Nagaraj N., and Mann M., Accurate Proteome-wide Label-free Quantification by Delayed Normalization and Maximal Peptide Ratio Extraction, Termed MaxLFQ. *Mol Cell Proteomics*, 2014, 13, pp 2513–2526.

Cox, J., Matic, I., Hilger, M., Nagaraj, N., Selbach, M., Olsen, J. V., & Mann, M. (2009). A practical guide to the MaxQuant computational platform for SILAC-based quantitative proteomics. *Nature Protocols*, 4, 698–705. <http://doi.org/10.1038/nprot.2009.36>

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# MaxQuant output variables (protein level)

## SILAC

- **H/L ratio\*** (raw / normalized)
- Intensities (H,L,Total)
- [ iBAQ ]

Most accurate for relative quant.  
Includes Re-quantify step

Measurement different from H/L

Only for global abundance

## Label-free

- Intensity
- **LFQ\***
- [ iBAQ ]

LFQ most accurate IF normalization is feasible  
Can include *match between runs* function

Once normalized, can be used for absolute quant  
and copy numbers

## iTRAQ/TMT

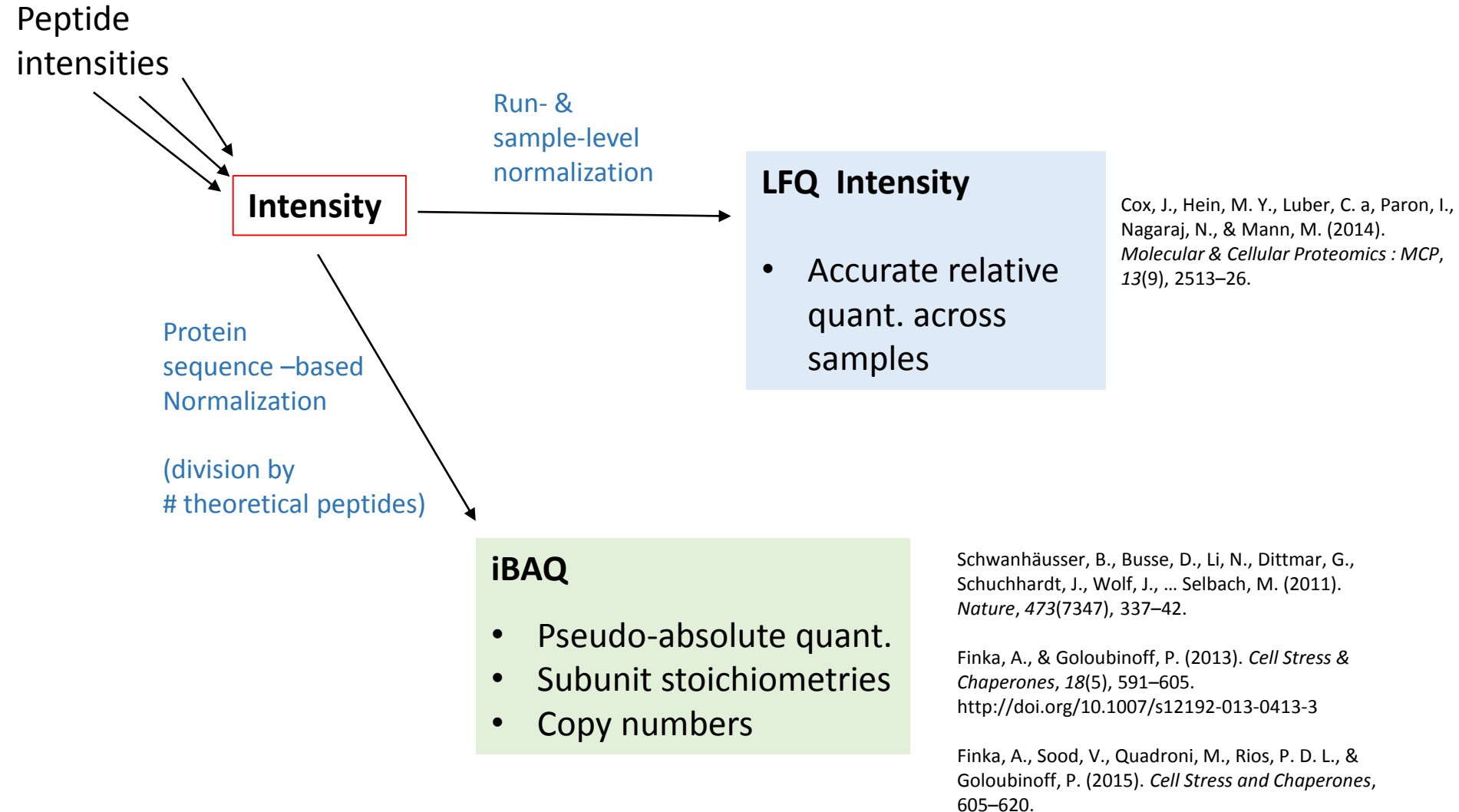
- **Reporter intensities\***
- Intensities
- [ iBAQ ]

Sum of all peptide RI intensities is used !

Only (maybe...) for global abundance



# MaxQuant label-free output variables (protein level)



# Quantitation summary

	Application	Multiplexing	Accuracy (process)	Quantitative proteome coverage	Linear dynamic range <sup>a</sup>	Ease of use
<b>Metabolic protein labeling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complex biochemical workflows</li> <li>• Cell culture systems only</li> </ul>	2-3	+++	++	1–2 logs	+
<b>Chemical protein labeling (MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium to complex biochemical workflows</li> </ul>	2-3	+++	++	1–2 logs	+
<b>Chemical peptide labeling (MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium complexity biochemical workflows</li> </ul>	2-3	++	++	2 logs	+
<b>Chemical peptide labeling (MS/MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium complexity biochemical workflows</li> </ul>	2-8	++	++	2 logs	+
<b>Enzymatic labeling (MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium complexity biochemical workflows</li> </ul>	2	++	++	1–2 logs	++
<b>Spiked peptides</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium complexity biochemical workflows</li> <li>• <b>Targeted analysis of few proteins</b></li> </ul>	multiple	++	+	2 logs	++
<b>Label free (ion intensity)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple biochemical workflows</li> <li>• Whole proteome analysis</li> </ul>	multiple	+	+++	2–3 logs	++
<b>Label free (spectrum counting)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple biochemical workflows</li> <li>• Whole proteome analysis</li> </ul>	multiple	+	+++	2–3 logs	+++

<sup>a</sup> In MRM mode, dynamic range may be extended to 4–5 logs

# Data processing in quantitative proteomics

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- Experimental design: think about statistical testing before experiments ! Better to discuss with a biostatistician to pick up the correct test (power, data independence, parametric/non-parametric, hypothesis to test, ...):

***“To call in the statistician after the experiment is done may be no more than asking him to perform a postmortem examination: he may be able to say what the experiment died of.”***

*Ronald Fisher, Indian Statistical Congress, Sankhya, around 1938.*

- From peptide to protein quantitation:

→ median (resistant to outliers), min. 3 values (peptides, “evidence” or spectra values ?!)

- Normalization of data according to some assumption:

→ ex: most proteins don't change

- Dealing with ratios: log-transformation (usually  $\log_2$ ):

→ data symmetric and “more” normal → statistics

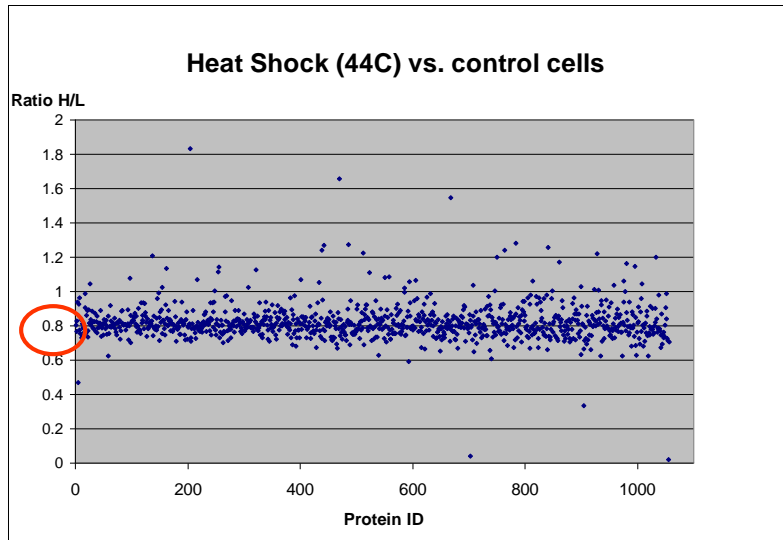
- Exploratory data analysis (descriptive statistics):

→ numerical and graphical summaries

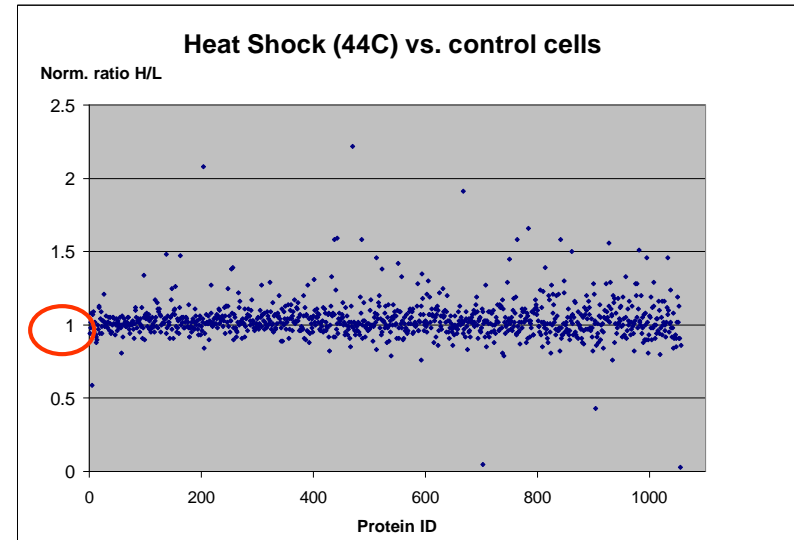
# Quantitation exercise

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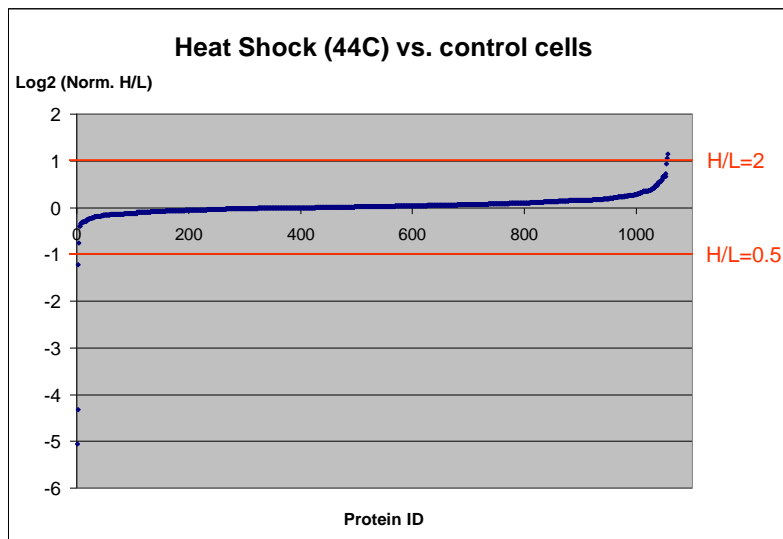
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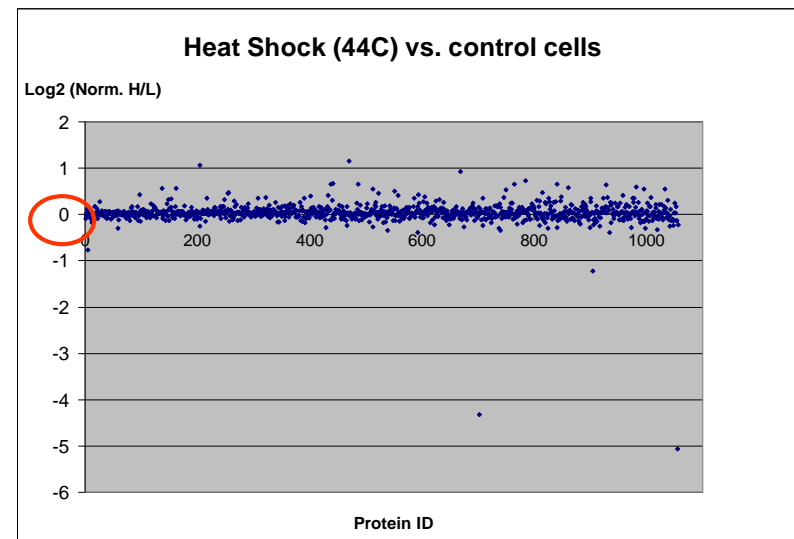
Normalization



Log<sub>2</sub> transformation



Sorting by ratio



# Statistics & validation - summary

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- Missing data problem

→ **Imputation (to use with caution !)**

- Multiple testing problem: false positives

→ **FPR (Bonferroni, stringent) or FDR (Benjamini & Hochberg, less conservative) correction**

- Significant differences  $\neq$  meaningful differences

→ **Statistical significance does not mean biological significance: minimum fold change threshold**

- Statistical criteria stringency will depend on downstream data analysis

→ **Is the aim of analysis a confident list of varying proteins or an overview of the proteome dynamics ?**

# Publication guidelines (MCP): quantitative results

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## ▪ Experiments

- How the quantitation was performed (number of peaks, peak intensity peak area, XIC)
- Minimum thresholds required for data to be used for quantitation
- Justification of removal of outlier data points
- Explanation of statistics used to assess accuracy and significance of measurements
- Indication of how biological and analytical reproducibility was addressed by experimental design  
*=> Biological replicates are almost mandatory these days...!*

## ▪ Results

- Number of peptides used for protein quantitation measurement
- Protein quantitation measurement and accuracy (e.g. mean and standard deviation).

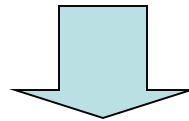
→ see also guidelines for reporting protein identification and PTMs

<http://www.mcponline.org/site/misc/MSDataResources.xhtml>

# Targeted quantification

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- Shotgun MS/MS : « fishing » experiment; sometimes desired molecule(s) are not detected



- Need targeted techniques : measure what we want (ex. *Western Blot*)
- Need to increase robustness, obtain absolute (not relative) quantification
- Expected : more sensitivity through selectivity

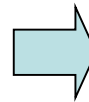


# Targeted quantification by Selected Reaction Monitoring (SRM)

- Follows proteomics discovery phase
- Targeted quantitation of proteins through « **proteotypic** » peptides
- Simplified MS / MS
- Any peptide (+PTM) can be measured
- Absolute quantitation (if done w. synthetic internal labeled standard )
- A few hundreds proteins measured in few hours

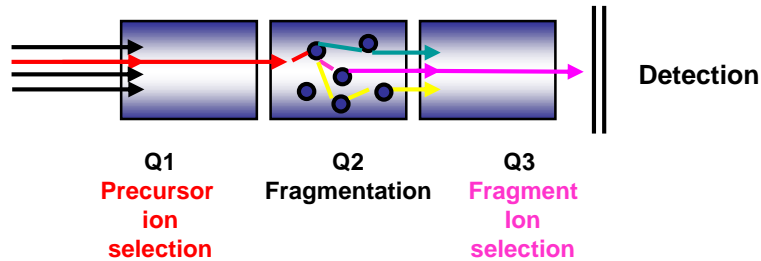
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1  MSKPHSEAGT AFIQTQQLHA AMADTFLEHM CRLDIDSPPI TARNTGIICT
51  IGPASRSVET LKEMIKSGMN VARLNFSHGT HEYHAETIKN VRTATESFAS
101 DPILYRPVAV ALDTKGPEIR TGLIKGSGTA EVELKKGATL KITLDNAYME
151 KCDENILWLD YKNICKVVEV GSKIYVDDGL ISLQVKQKGA DFLVTEVENG
201 GSLGSKKGVN LPGAAVDLPA VSEKDIQDLK FGVEQDVDMV FASFIRKASD
251 VHEVRKVLGE KGKNIKIISK IENHEGVRFF DEILEASDGI MVARGDLGIE
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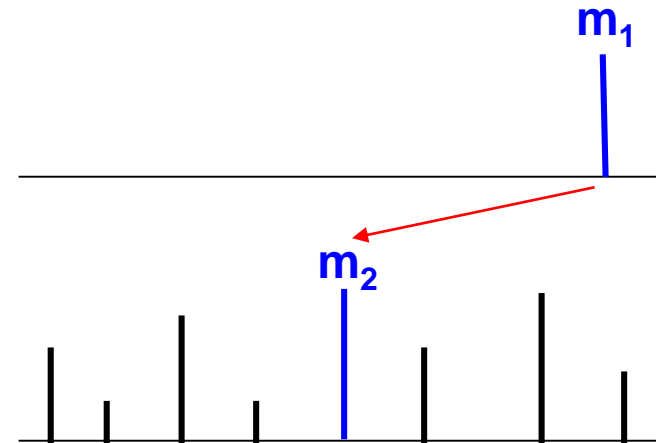


- Identify « good peptides »
  - Good signal
  - Fragment well
  - Not modified
- Define « transition » :  
m (precursor) / m (fragment)
- Assemble list of transitions :
  - 2-3 transitions / peptide
  - Min 2 peptides / protein

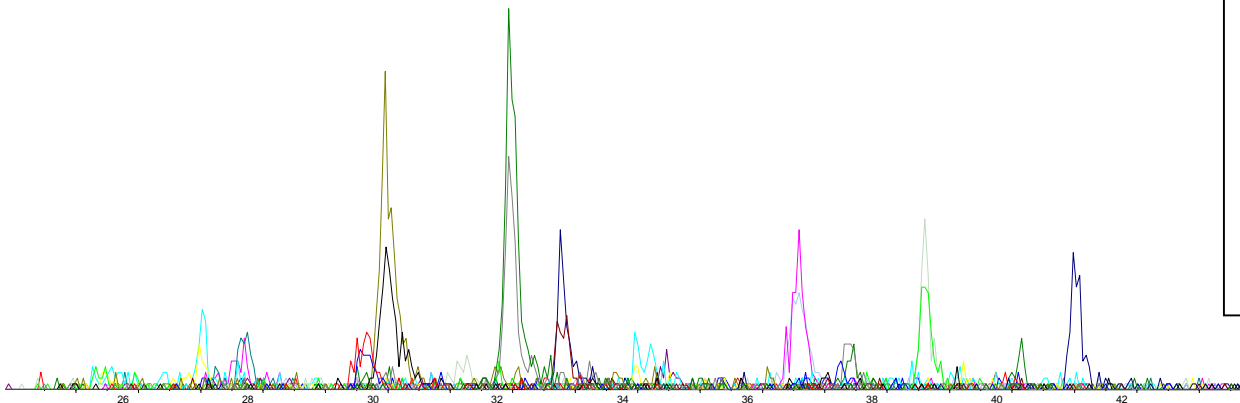
# Selected Reaction Monitoring on proteotypic peptides



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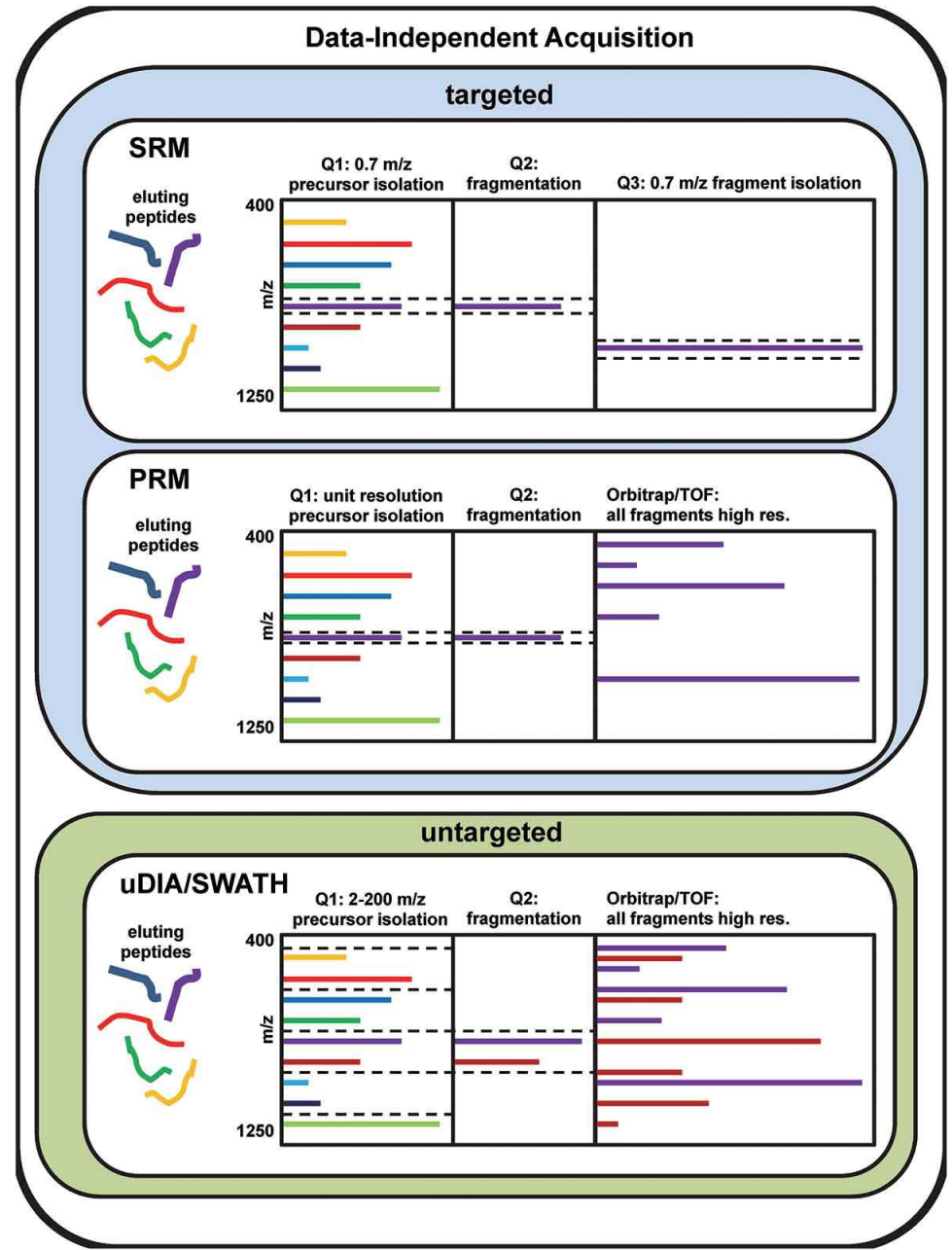


- One trace / transition
- Transitions for same peptide should coelute
- Quantitation for peptides from same protein should correlate



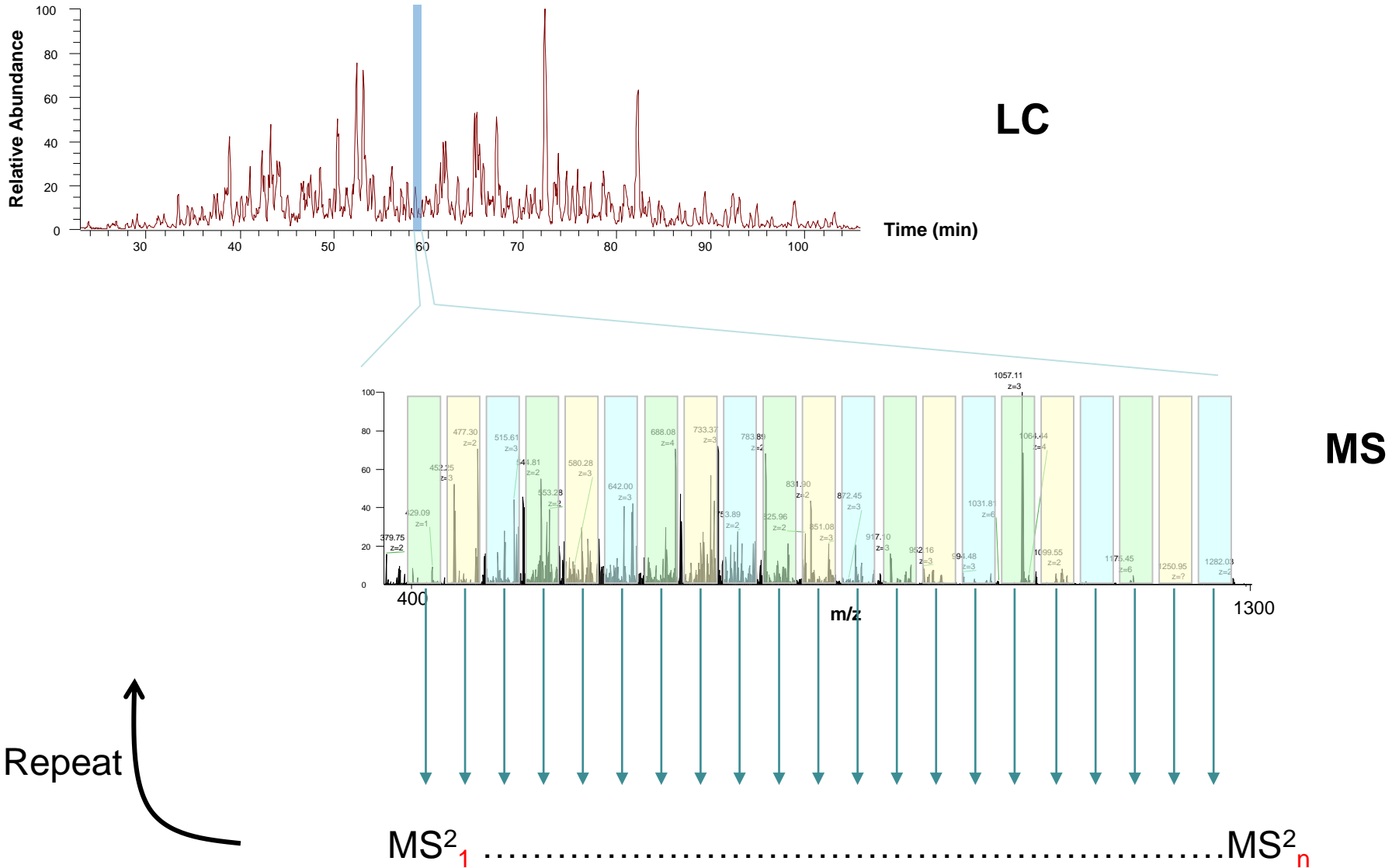
# Targeted quantification and DIA

## DIA: Data Independent Acquisition

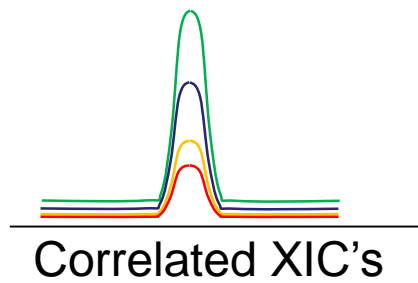
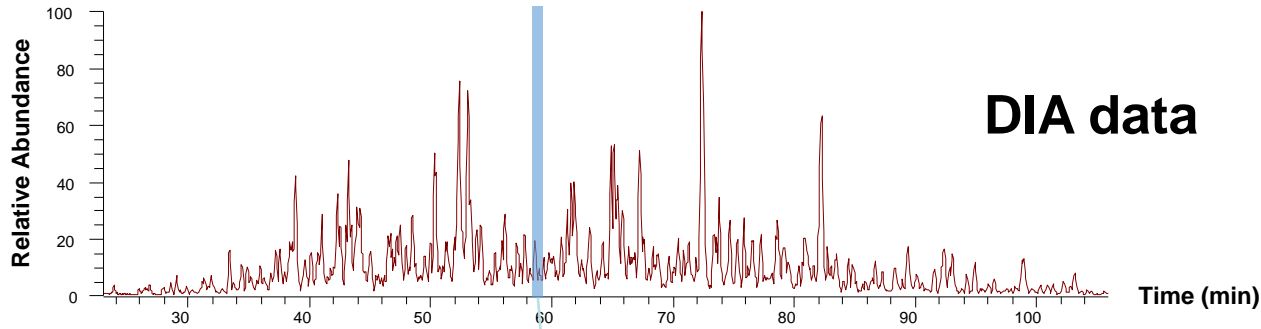


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Clinical applications of quantitative proteomics using  
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Expert Rev Proteomics. 2017 May;14(5):419-429.

# DIA principle (simplest method) 1

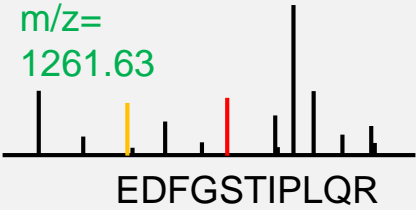


# DIA principle (simplest method) 2



Peptide «ID» + quant

**Spectral library (DDA)**



# Data Dependent ↔ Data Independent Acquisition

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## DDA

- Precursor isolation => specificity of MS/MS spectrum (?)
- ⊕ – Precursor isolation => max sensitivity (AGC)
- Flexible algorithm, «universal» method
- ⊖ – Semi-stochastic precursor selection => non reproducible
- Missed precursors => missing data

## DIA

- Fragment **everything** => no missing data
- ⊕ • Sample record «complete», can be reinterrogated later
- More reproducible quantitation
- ⊖ • Large precursor windows => mixed MS/MS spectra
- Less sensitivity/specificity for weak precursors

# Summary of key concepts

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- **The Proteome : complexity, plasticity, dynamic range**
- **Proteomics : more challenging than genomics but direct access to cell functions**
- **LC & MS : many workflows to ID and quantify proteomes to depths of 5000 - 7000 proteins**

# Take home message-1

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- Many new possibilities in large scale protein analysis

## PTM's

- PTM are one of the most exciting and difficult « new » fields
- Huge variety and complexity of PTMs; no general workflow exists

## Quantitative proteomics

- Quantitation is now feasible on a significant fraction of the proteome
- Several methods available; data quality and throughput are variable. Choice is often based on the experimental system and design



# Take home message-2

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- Some choices crucial for success:
  - Biological question : what are we looking for ?
  - Model system
  - Sample preparation (!)
    - Abundance of protein of interest
    - Complexity of mixture
    - Enrichment mechanism
  - Data analysis : *not soooooooooooooo easy!*
  - If we get results, can we interpret them ?
  - If we get results, are they going to be useful ?

# Some good reviews

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## *Review and comparison of analytical techniques used in quantitative proteomics*

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