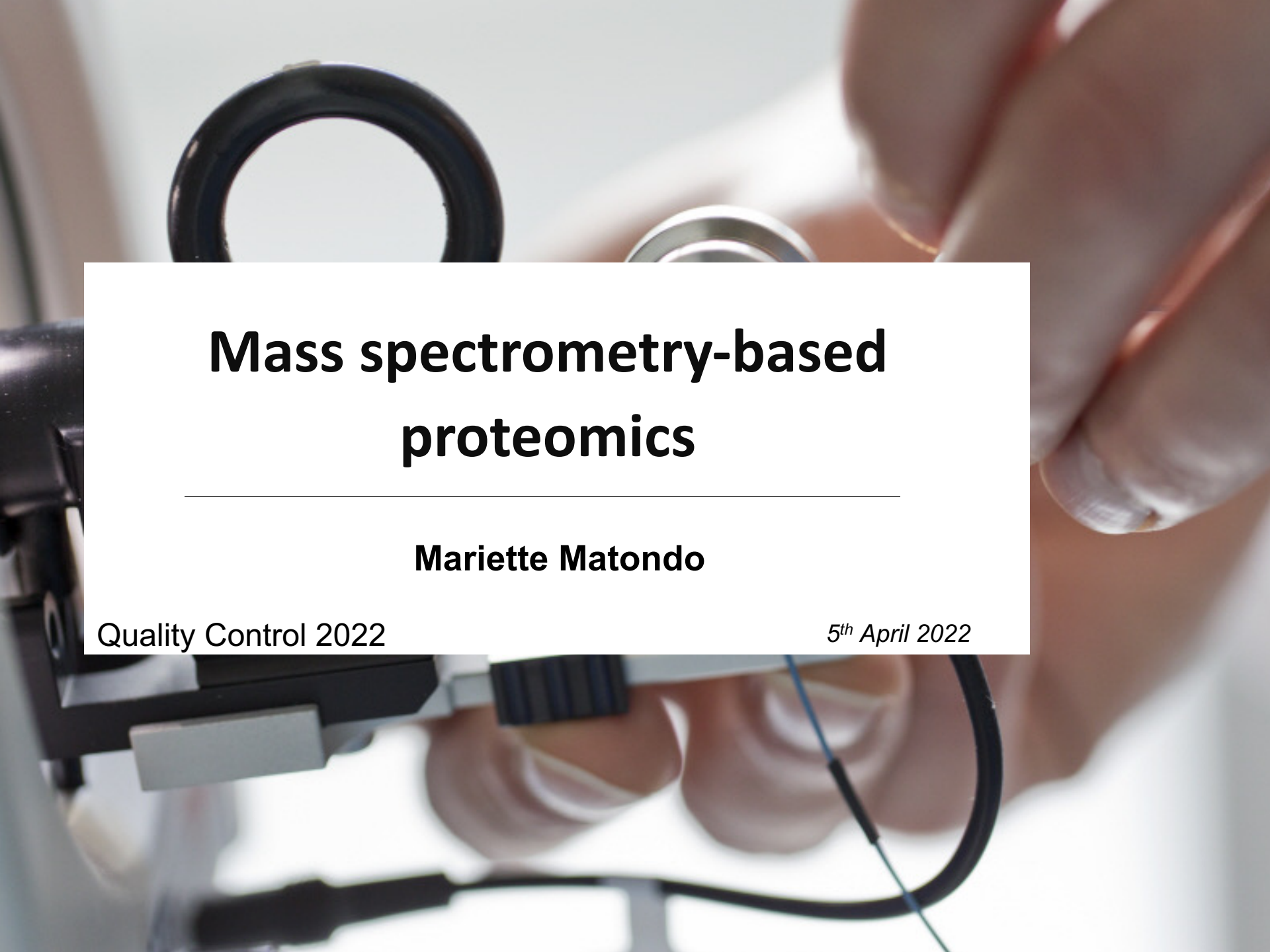




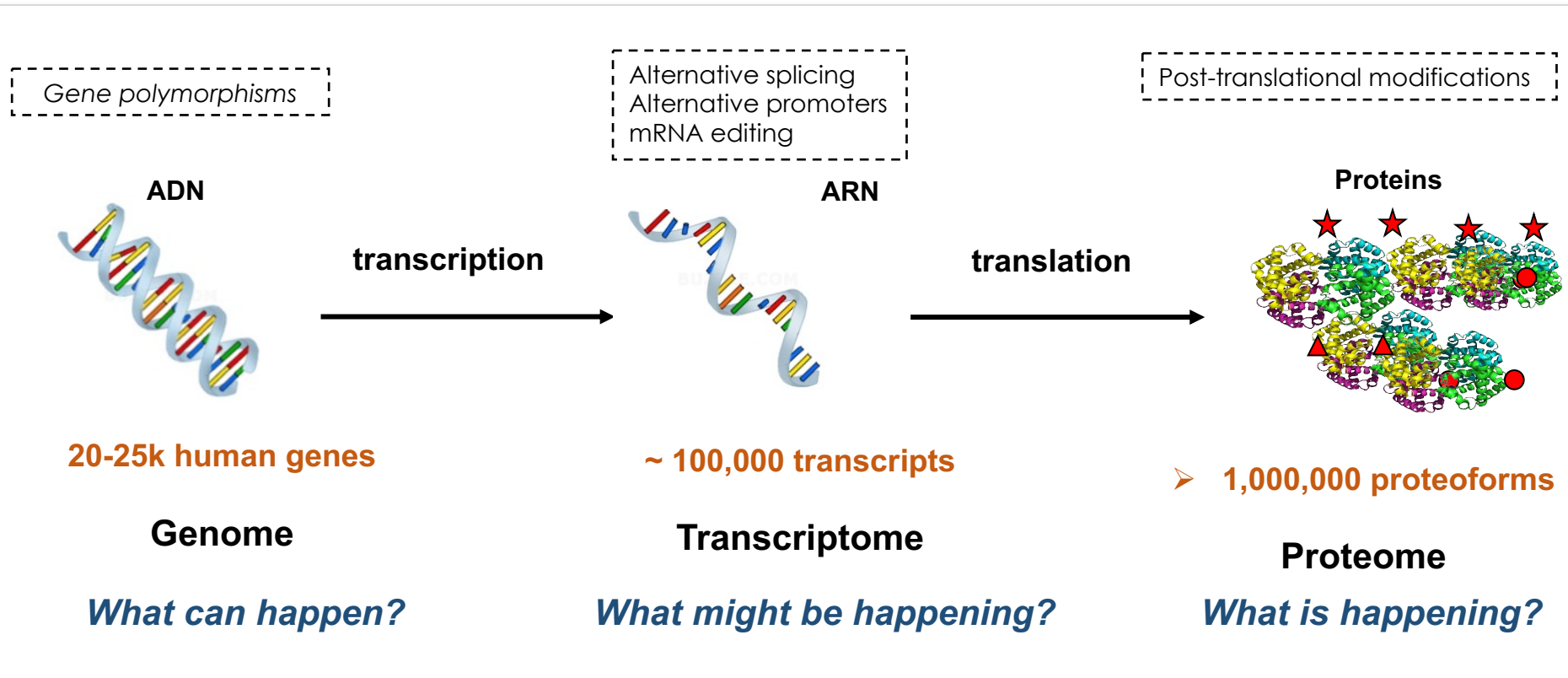
Mass spectrometry-based proteomics

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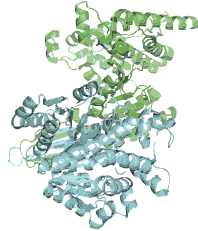
- From genomics, transcriptomics to proteomics



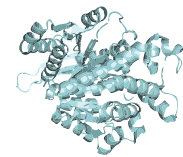
What is a proteoform?

- A distinct molecular form of a protein product arising from a single gene

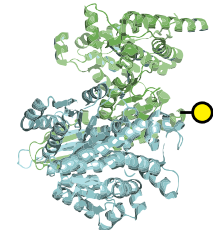
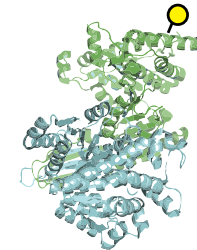
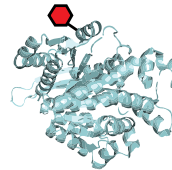
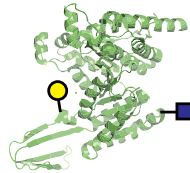
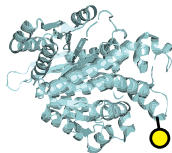
Canonical
Sequence
(UniProtKB)



Endogenous proteolysis, mRNA splicing,
Mutations, SNPs



Site specific features:
Govern activity, localization, interactions, half-life



Temporal interactions

Cryo-electron microscopy
Cross-linking mass spectrometry
& Molecular Modeling

Copy numbers & Composition

Quantitative mass spectrometry
Quantitative immunoblotting

Atomic Structure

Cryo-electron microscopy
& Atomic modeling
X-ray crystallography
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)

Protein interactions

Mass spectrometry
Cross-linking
Two-Hybrid System

Molecular architecture

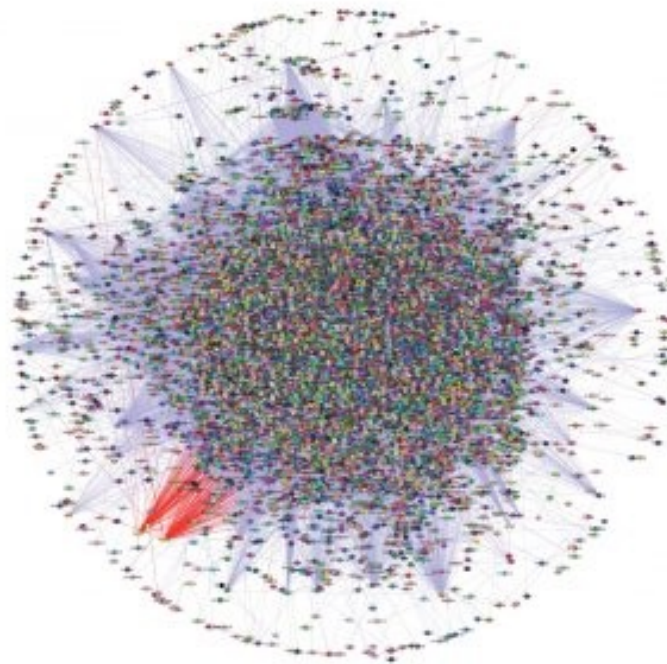
Cryo-electron microscopy
& Atomic modeling
Saxs

Residue Positions

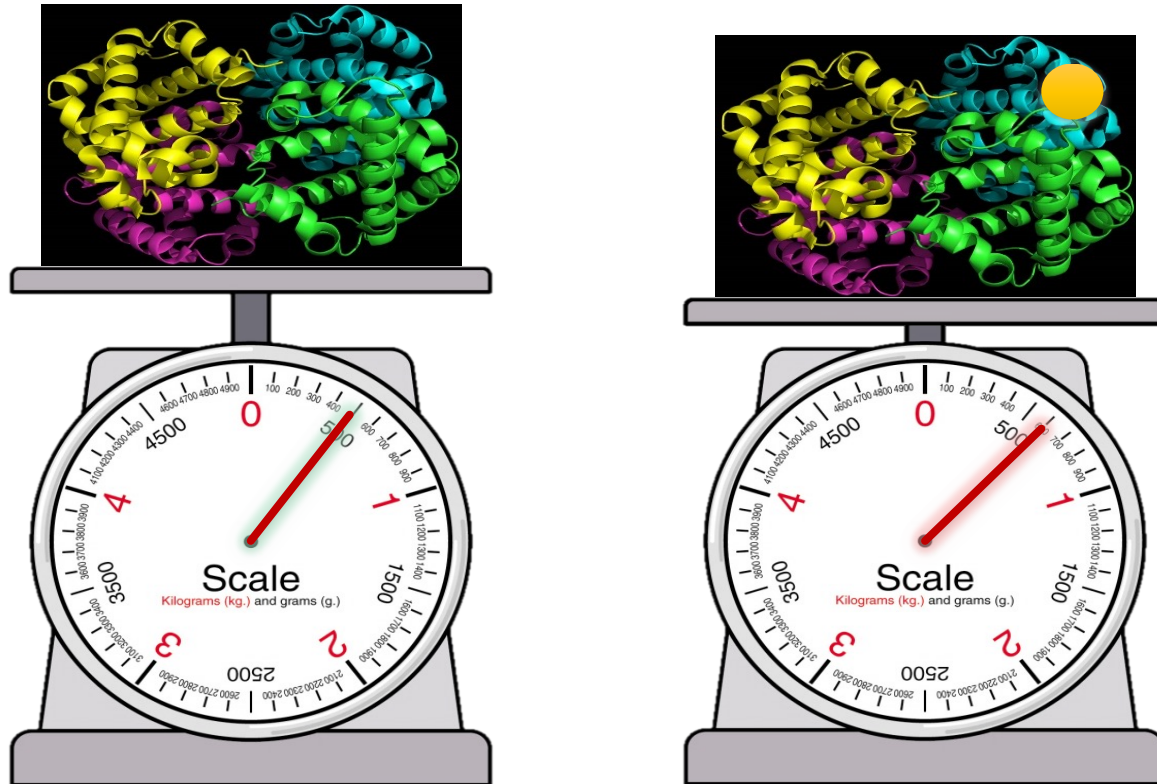
Mass spectrometry (HDX, LiPs, XL)

Complex shape and symmetry

SAXS
Cryo-electron microscopy

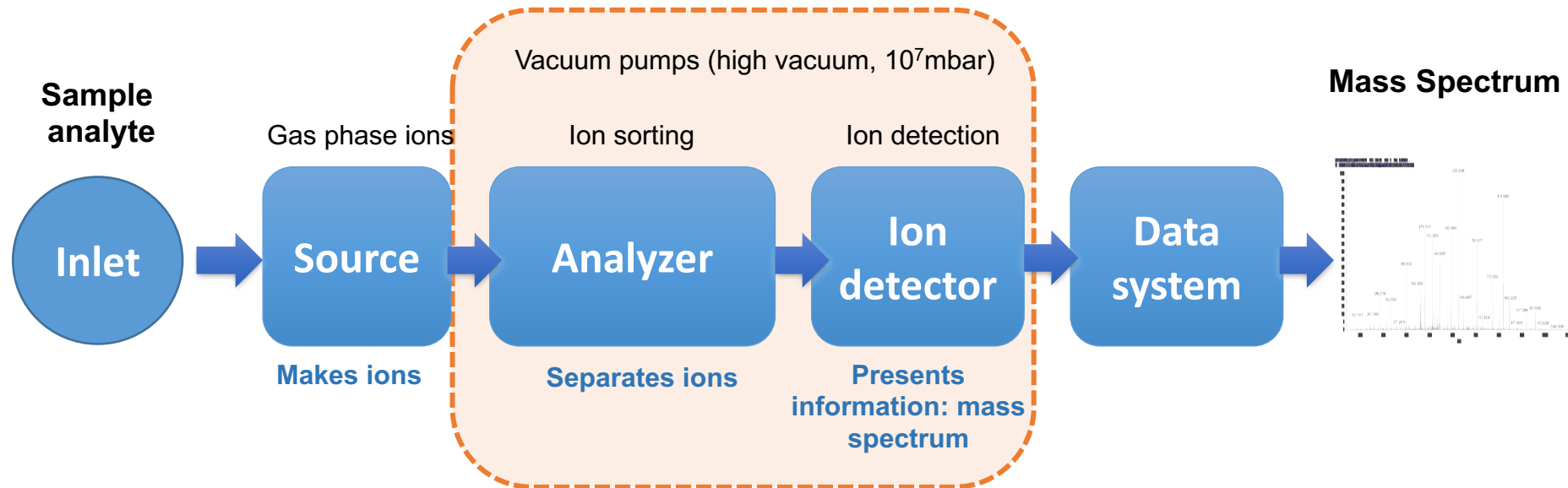


Measuring Intact Proteins (Simple idea!)



It measures masses with high accuracy.
It can give information about chemical structures

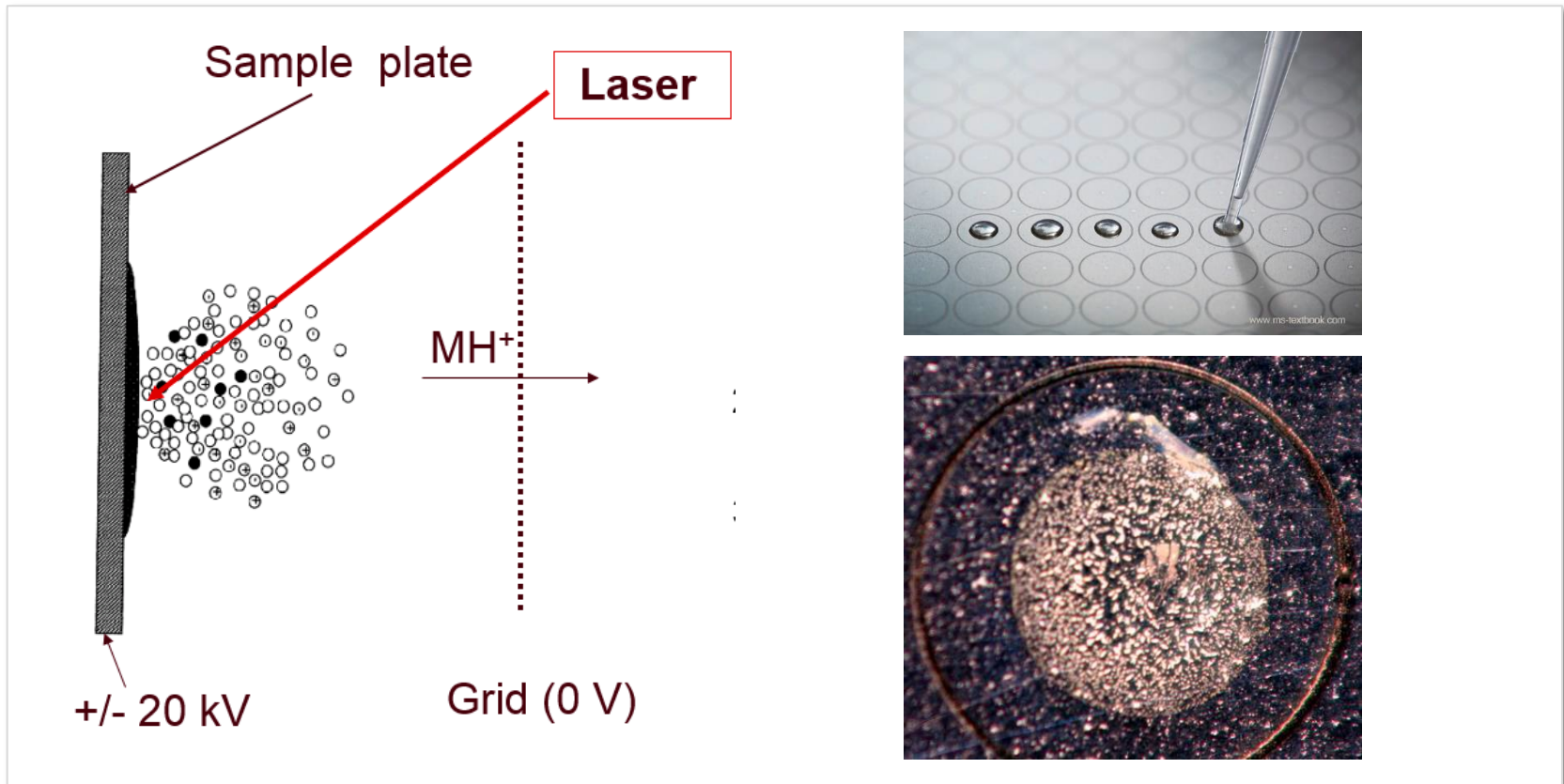
- A **mass spectrometer** is a device for measuring the **mass-to-charge ratio** of ionized molecules.



- For biomolecules (thermolabile): MALDI or electrospray

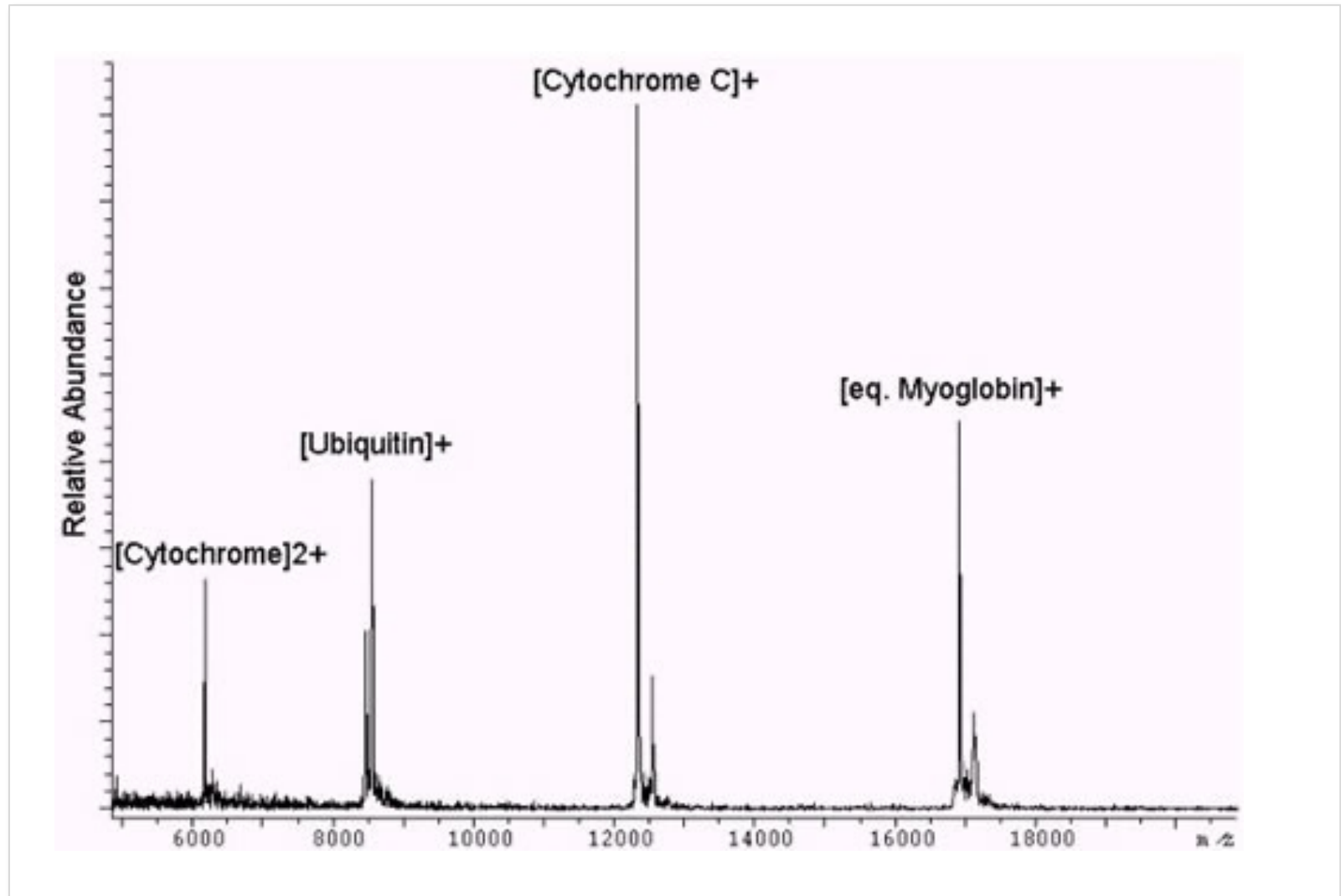
MALDI (Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionisation)

The sample is mixed with a matrix, dried on plate and MH^+ ions are formed after laser shot



MALDI ionization is appropriate for imaging

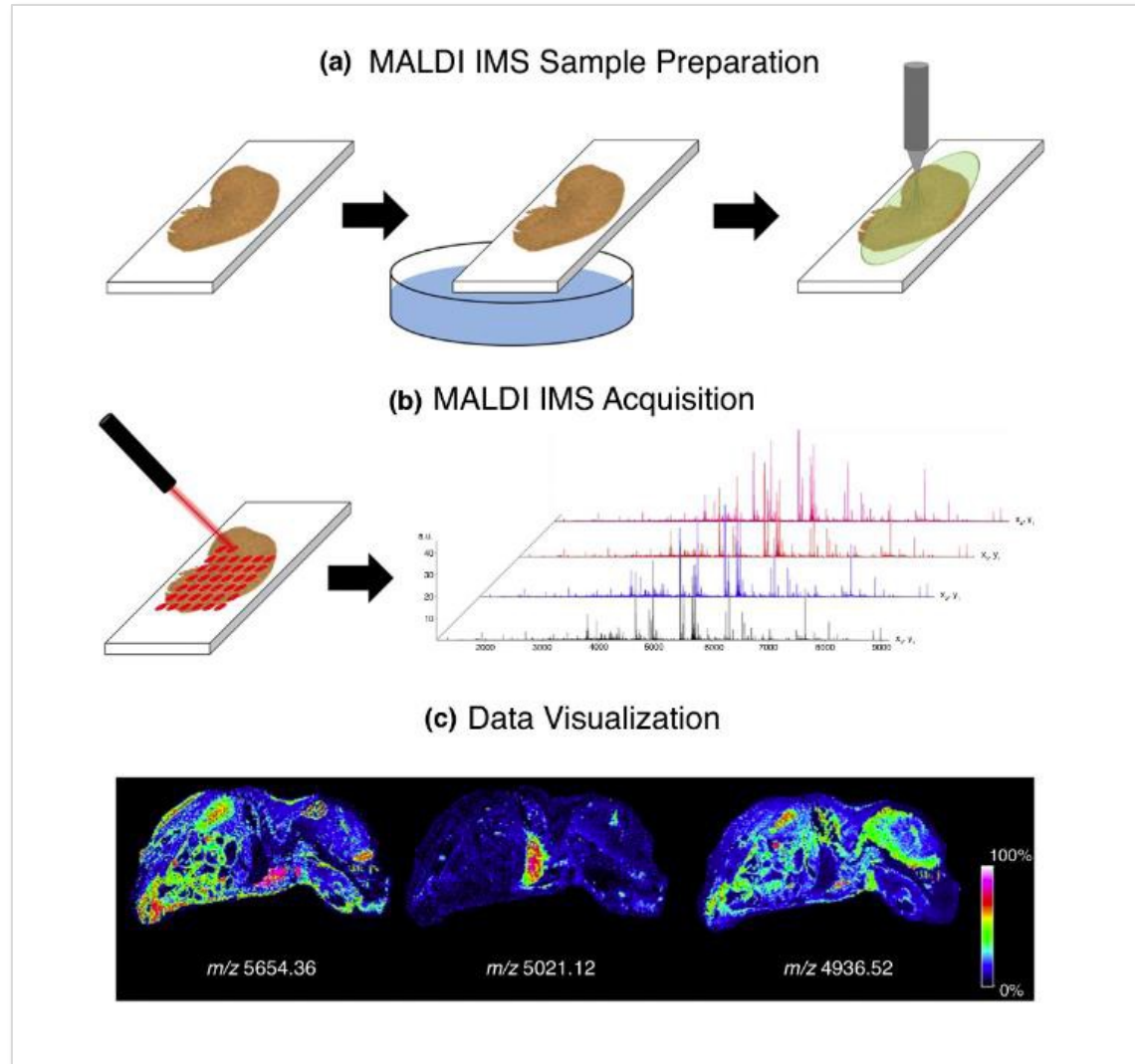
- Example of MALDI-TOF spectrum



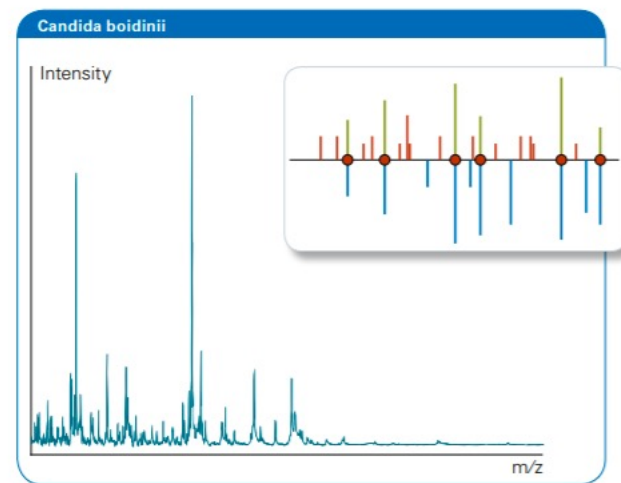
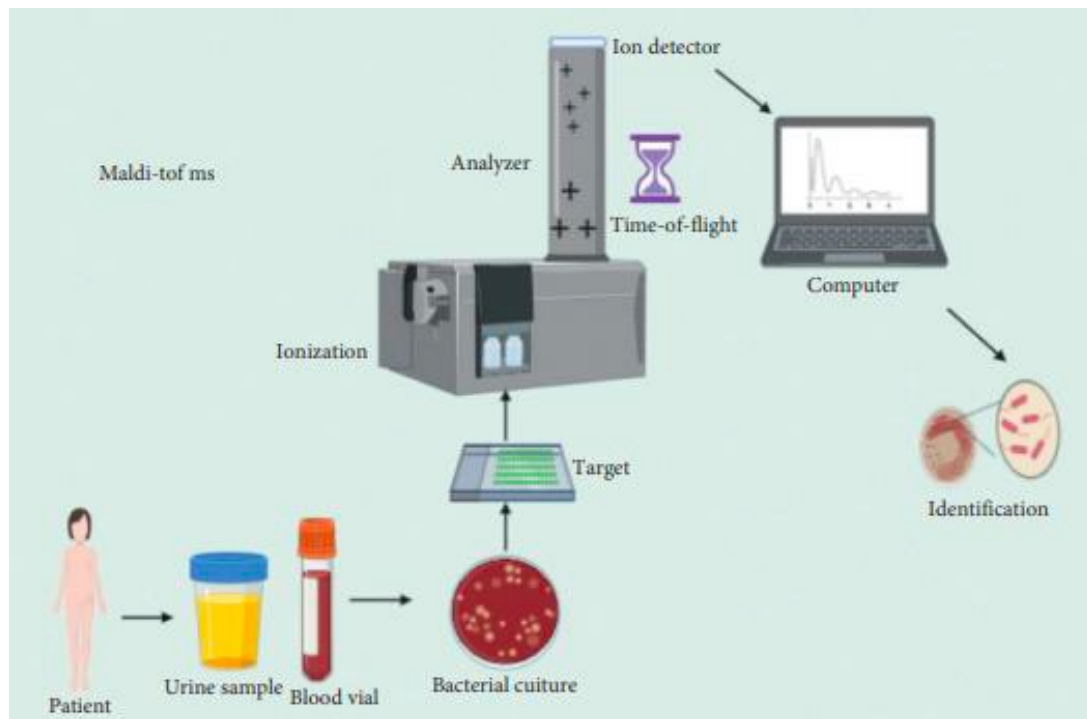
No protein identification using only molecular weight (MW)

TOF: Time Of Flight

- Tissue sample is sectioned, washed to remove interfering salts and lipids, and coated homogeneously with a MALDI matrix.
- The sample is loaded into the instrument and the section is irradiated by a laser, moving a defined lateral distance which dictates the spatial resolution of the image.
- A mass spectrum is generated at each pixel location.
- Ion intensities for a selected mass range are then plotted in a coordinate system within the sampled tissue area, creating an ion image.



Major application of MALDI: discrimination of microorganisms



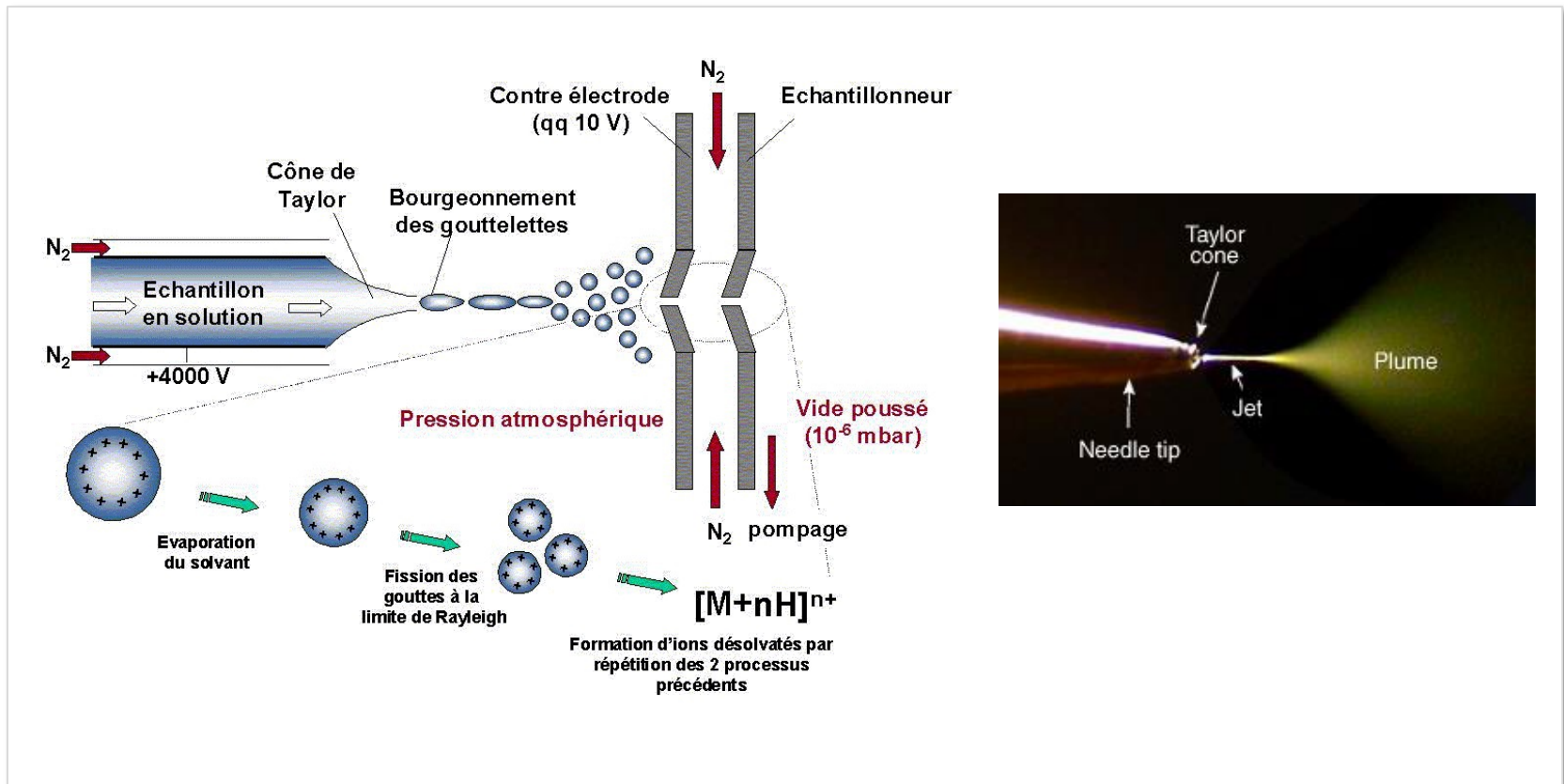
MALDI-TOF MS spectrum

- Bacterial or fungal growth is isolated from plated culture media and applied directly onto the MALDI plate.
- Samples are then overlaid with matrix and dried.
- MALDI-TOF MS spectrum is matched against a reference library to lead to an identification.

- For biomolecules (thermolabile): MALDI or electrospray

Electrospray (ESI)

- Ions are preformed in solution and multiply charged ions $(M+nH)^{n+}$ are formed after droplet desolvation
- ESI can be directly coupled to liquid chromatography (LC)



John FENN



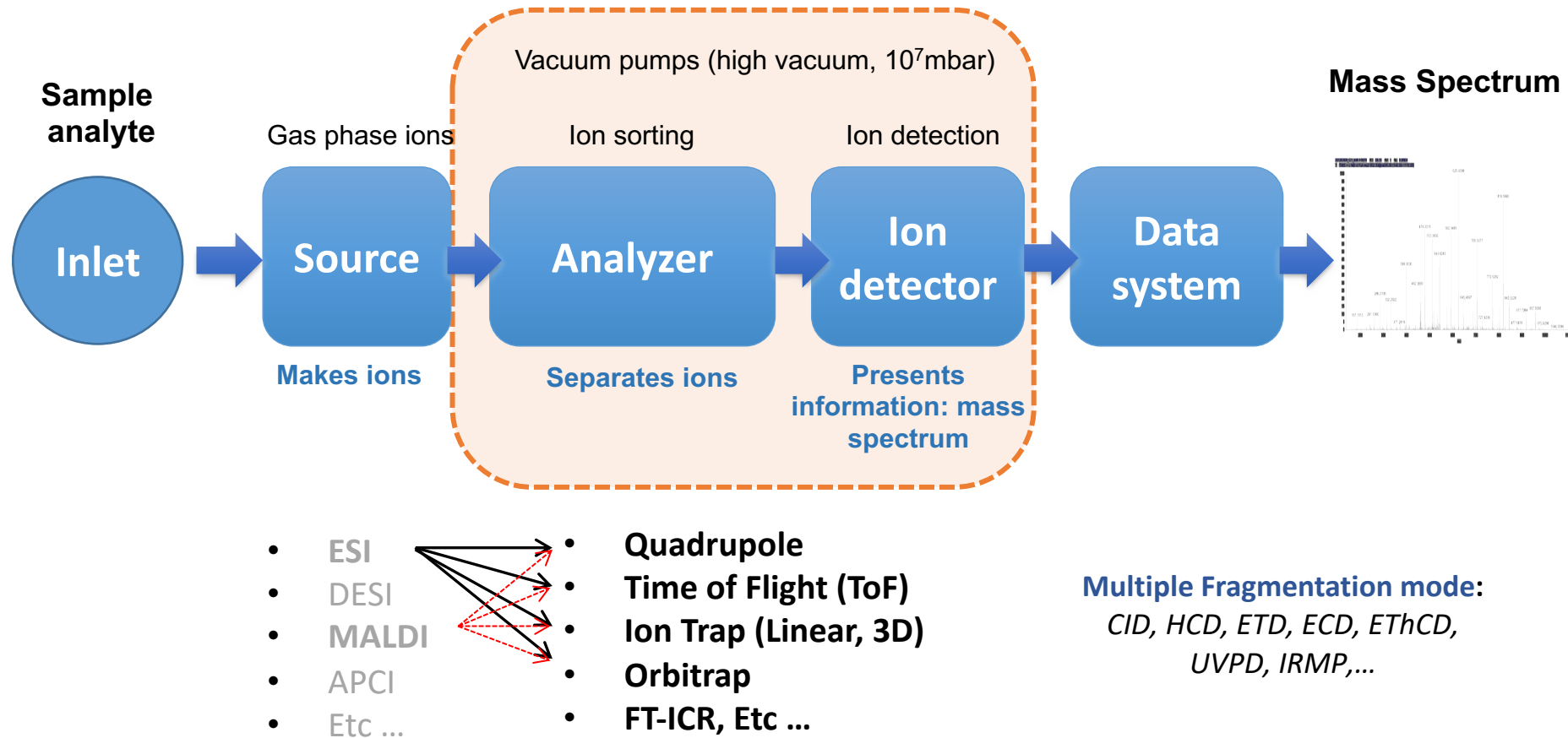
Electrospray

Koichi TANAKA



MALDI

- A **mass spectrometer** is a device for measuring the **mass-to-charge ratio** of ionized molecules.



- It operates under **high vacuum** to keep ions from bumping into gas molecules
- **Ions are separated** according to their **mass-over-charge (m/z) ratio**

Measured in **Dalton (Da)**

1Da = one twelfth of the mass of a neutral atom of carbon-12

John Dalton

(6 septembre 1766 – 27 juillet 1844). Chimiste et physicien britannique.

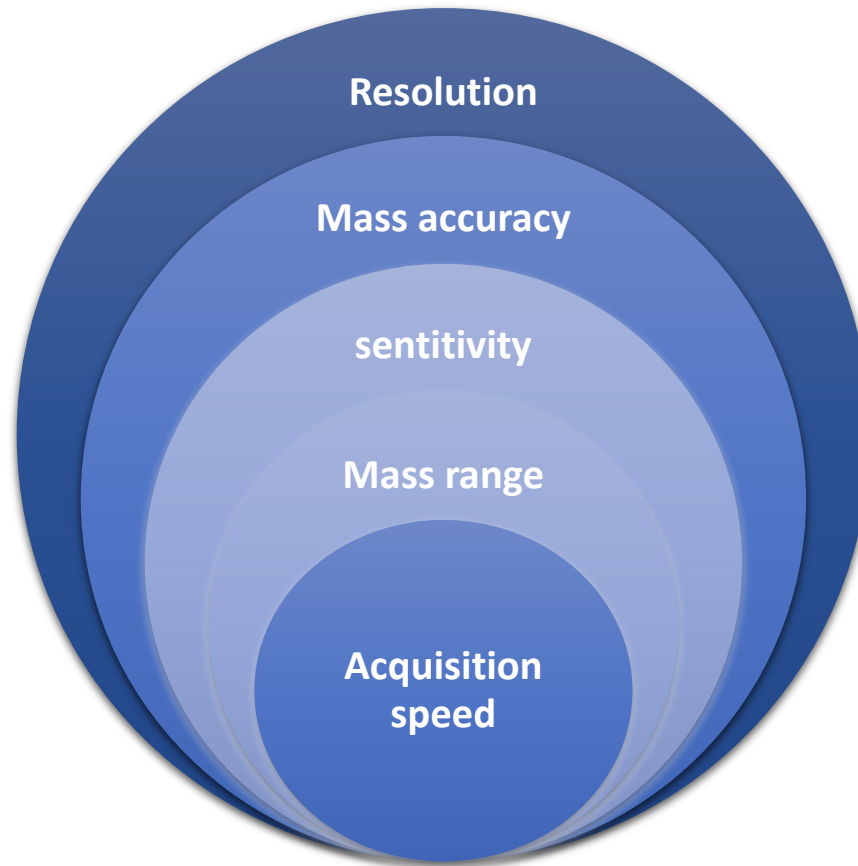
En 1793, il entra à la "Warrington Academy" de Manchester où il installa un laboratoire de recherche. Ses travaux ont tôt fait de susciter l'attention du monde scientifique de l'époque. Fondateur de la théorie atomique, il permit l'introduction d'une nouvelle manière de considérer les choses. Cette vision sera décisive pour le développement ultérieur de toute la chimie.

Au début ses travaux scientifiques le dirigèrent à l'étude de l'air et des gaz en général. Ensuite, il s'intéressa à la chimie. Il travailla sur les constituants de l'air et il découvrit, à peu près en même temps que Gay-Lussac, la loi sur la dilatation uniforme des gaz. Ces deux chercheurs trouvèrent la même valeur pour le coefficient de dilatation $p = 1/266 = 27 \times 10^{-6}$. Quelques années plus tard, deux autres chercheurs corrigèrent cette valeur et trouvèrent $p = 1/273 = 36,5 \times 10^{-6}$.

Le 21 octobre 1803, Dalton fit une conférence sur les lois qu'il avait découvertes. Il proposa un premier tableau portant sur six éléments (H, N, C, O, P, S) et treize combinaisons, et publia sa théorie atomique en 1805.



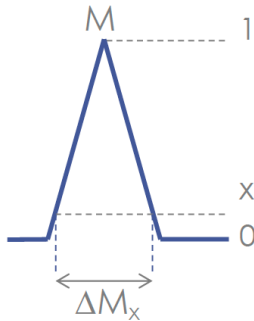
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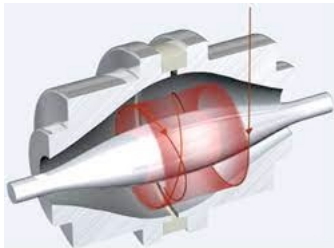
Resolution

$$R = \frac{M}{\Delta M_x}$$



ΔM_x : width of the peak measured at a specific fraction of the peak height

As important as for microscopy or structural biology, describes the ability of the instrument to resolve neighboring peaks



Example:

Orbitrap analyzer can have up to 1,000,000 FWHM **ultra-high resolution**

Mass accuracy

$$\text{Accuracy (ppm)} = 10^6 \times \frac{M_{\text{meas}} - M_{\text{theo}}}{M_{\text{theo}}}$$

Difference between **measured mass** and **calculated exact mass**, linked to resolution. Generally given as relative mass accuracy in parts per million (**ppm**)

Example:

Measured mass (M_{meas}) : 1000,001

Calculated exact mass (M_{theo}) : 1000,000

Difference: 0,001

Relative mass accuracy/mass error:

$0,001/1000 = 1.10^{-6} = 1 \text{ ppm}$

Key specifications of the analyzer are :

sensitivity

Amount needed to see signal

1 mole	6.10^{23} molécules
1 millimole	6.10^{20} molécules
1 micromole	6.10^{17} molécules
1 nanomole	6.10^{14} molécules
1 picomole	6.10^{11} molécules
1 femtomole	6.10^8 molécules
1 attomole	6.10^5 molécules
1 zeptomole	6.10^2 molécules

Avogadro number
 $N = 6,022045 \cdot 10^{23}$



amol(10^{-18}) sensitivity, 1 attomole equals $\approx 600\,000$ molecules

- A broad range of analyzers with different performances and cost
- Trend: higher resolution (R) and accuracy at higher speed

FT-MS*	Analyzer	Resolution	Accuracy	Mass Range
	Quadrupole	$10^2 - 10^3$	100 ppm	10^3
	Ion Trap	$10^2 - 10^3$	50 - 100 ppm	10^3
	ToF	$10^3 - 10^4$	5 - 50 ppm	$> 10^5$
	Orbitrap	$10^5 - 5 \cdot 10^5$	2 - 5 ppm	4 000 (can be extended)
	FT-ICR	$10^4 - 10^6$	0.2 – 5 ppm	10^4

* FT-MS: Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometry

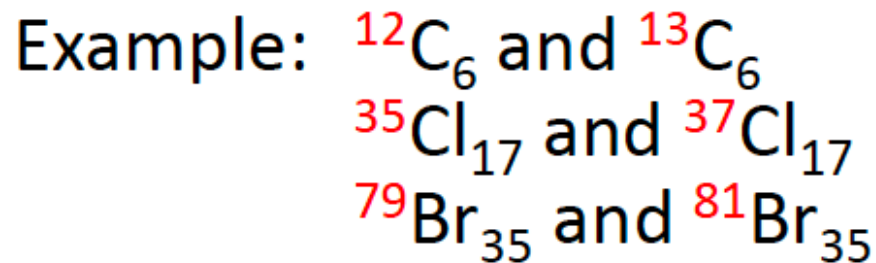
- Most of the elements exist in nature as a mixture of isotopes
- Two atoms are called **isotopes** if they have the same number **of protons** but different number of **neutrons**

An element is defined by :



- Atomic number Z (number of protons)
- Mass number A (number of protons + neutrons)

Isotopes: atoms of same atomic number (Z) but with different mass numbers (A)



Importance of Isotopes

Element	isotope	%	Isotopic mass	isotope	%	Isotopic mass	isotope	%	Isotopic mass	Average mass
C	^{12}C	98.89	12.0000	^{13}C	1.1	13.0033				12.011
H	^1H	99.97	1.0078	^2H	0.015	2.0140				1.0079
N	^{14}N	99.64	14.0031	^{15}N	0.37	15.0001				14.0067
O	^{16}O	99.76	15.9949	^{17}O	0.04	16.9991	^{18}O	0.20	17.9992	15.9994
S	^{32}S	94.76	31.9721	^{33}S	0.789	32.9715	^{34}S	4.44	33.9679	32.066
F	^{19}F	100	18.9984							
Cl	^{35}Cl	75.76	34.9688				^{37}Cl	24.24	36.9659	35.453
Br	^{79}Br	50.69	78.9183				^{81}Br	49.31	80.9163	79.904

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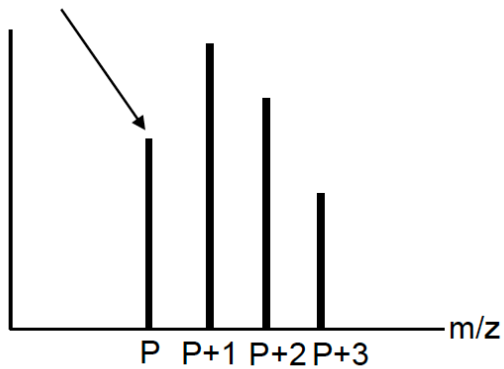
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Mass M+1

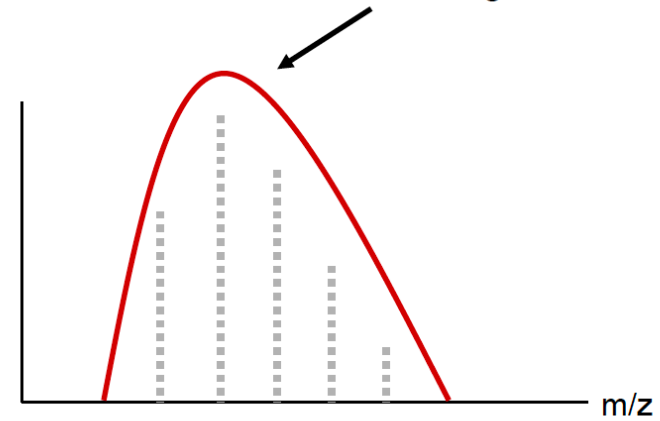
Effect of the presence of isotopes on MS detection

Monoisotopic peak



High resolution instruments

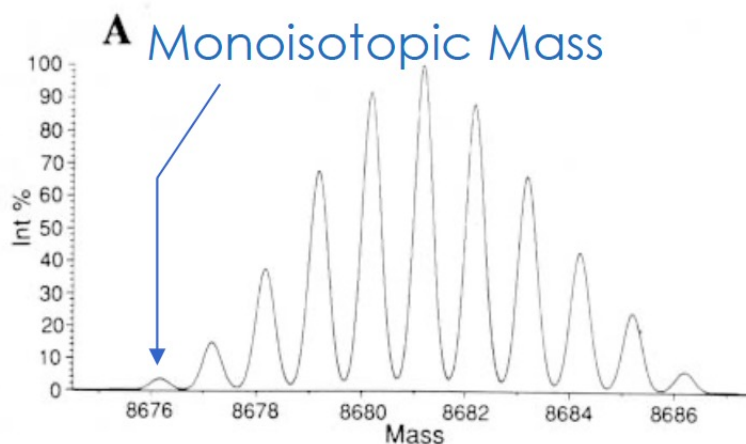
Average mass



Low resolution instruments

- Example: Bovin Proinsulin ($C_{381}H_{586}N_{107}O_{114}S_6$)

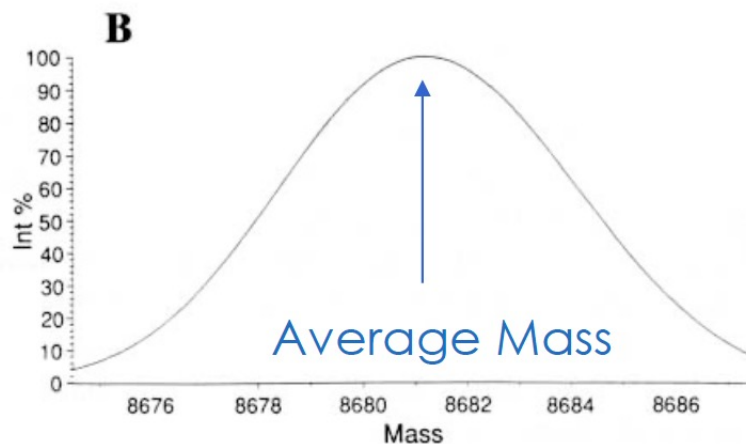
R=10 000



Monoisotopic mass:

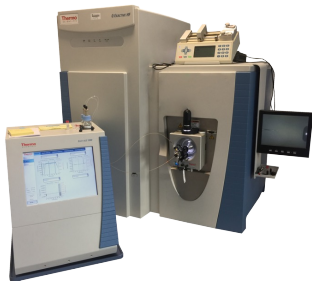
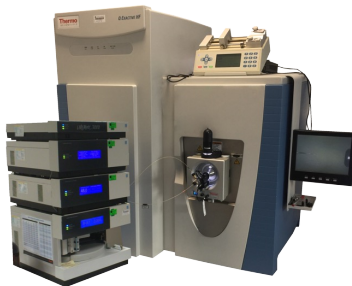
Sum of the masses of the atoms in a molecule using the most abundant isotope for each element.

R=1 000

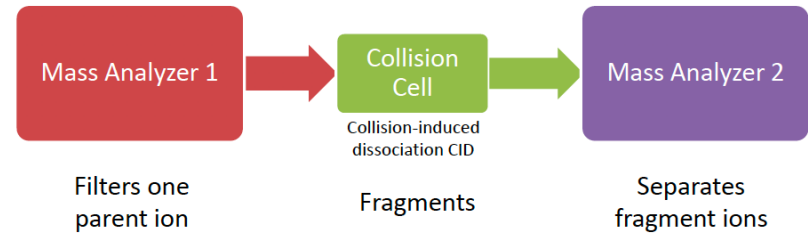
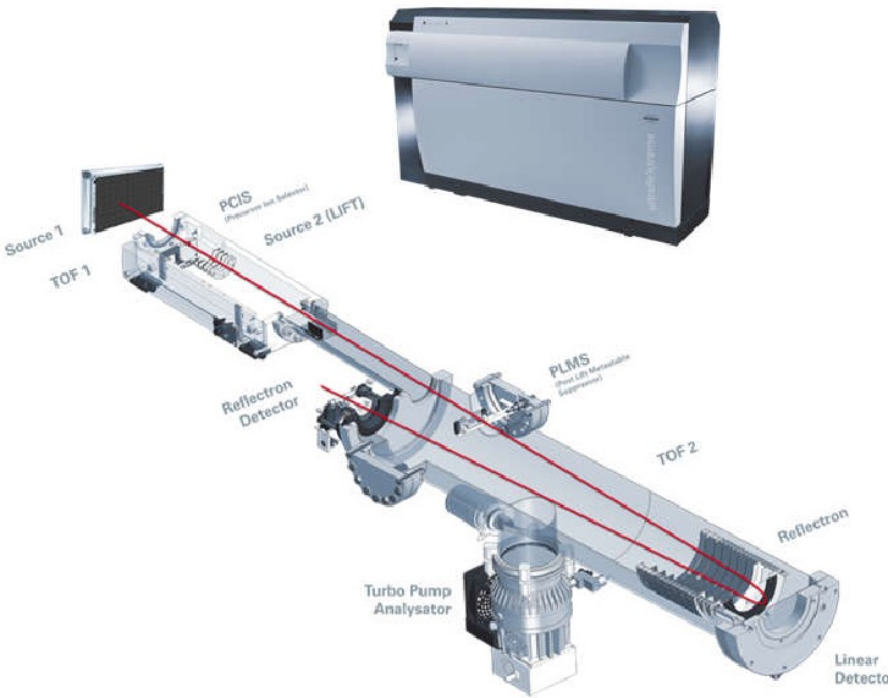


Average mass:

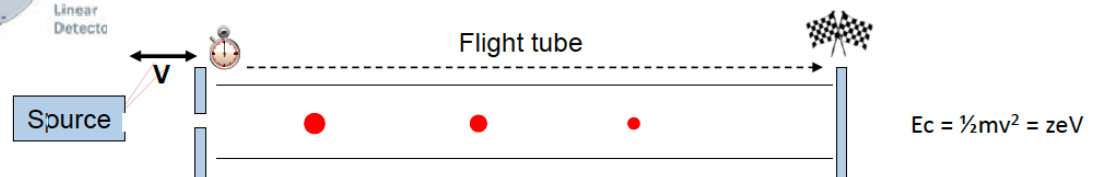
Sum of the average atomic masses of the constituent elements.

Instruments	  			 	
	Velos OrbiTrap pro	2 Q-exactive plus	Q-exactive HF	2 Orbitrap Lumos/ Synapt G2-Si HDMS Eclipse	
Sources	ESI <i>High resolution, high sensitivity, high precision</i>			ESI <i>High resolution, high sensitivity, high precision</i>	
Geometry	Trap Orbitrap	Hybrid Quadrupole- Orbitrap	Hybrid Quadrupole- Orbitrap	Quadrupole- Trap Orbitrap	Quadrupole -IMS-ToF
Applications	- Protein quantification (label-free, TMT, SILAC etc...) - PTMs characterization - Protein identification - Interactomics - X-link etc ...			- Native MS - IMS - HDX-MS - Top-down proteomics - Single cell proteomics Structural proteomics	

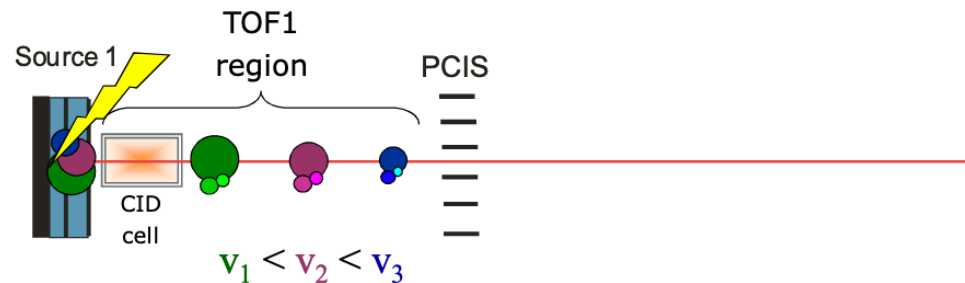
Instrument	Source	Geometry	Applications
 Bruker Ultraflex	MALDI	ToF -ToF	• QC proteins • QC peptides • Lipids • Oligonucleotides • Etc ...



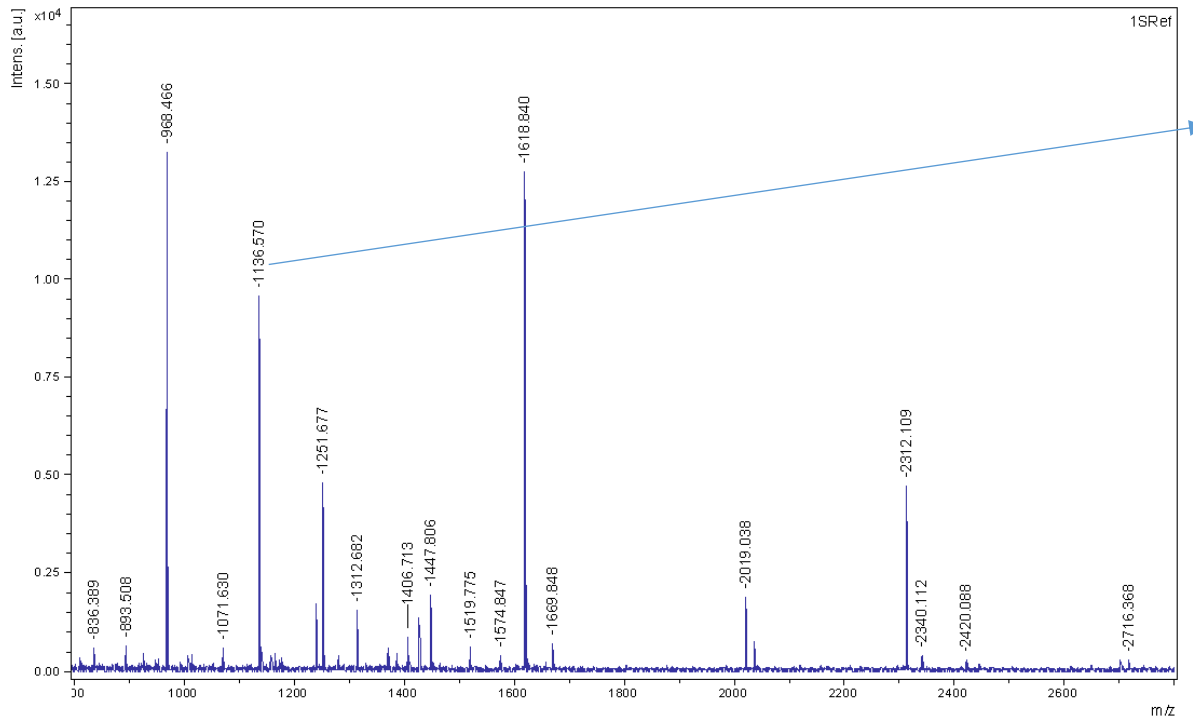
TOF principle



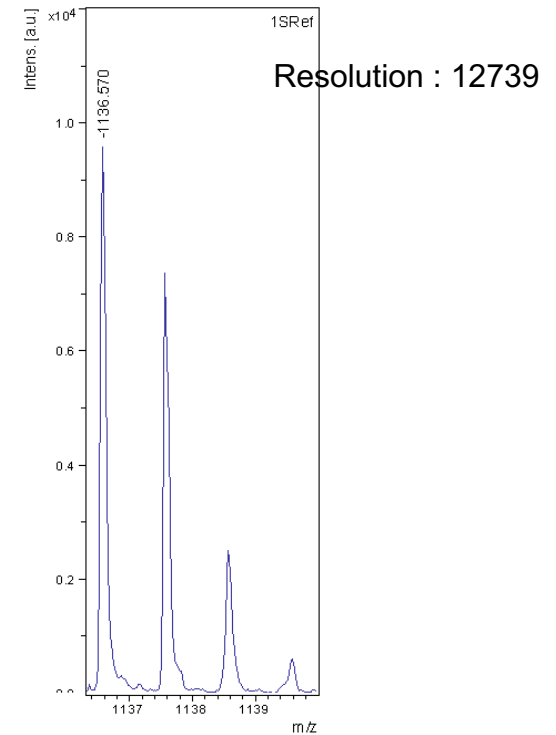
Time-of-Flight (TOF) analyzer distinguishes the molecules by their arrival times at the detector

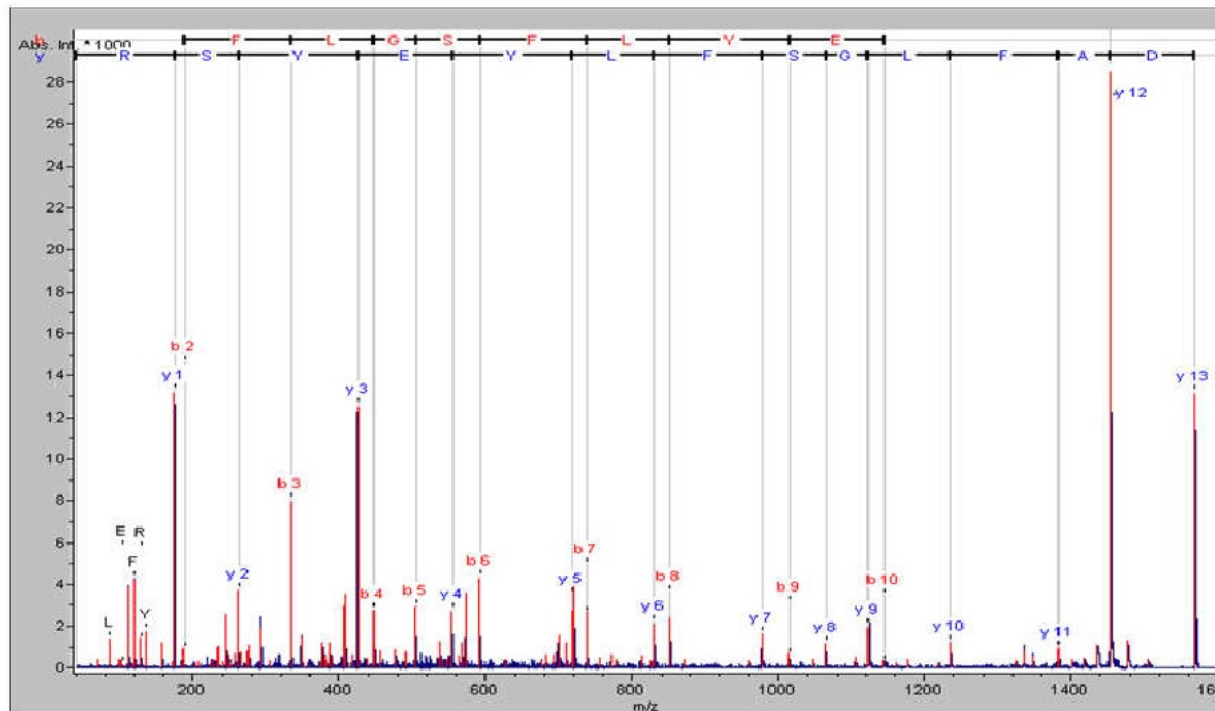
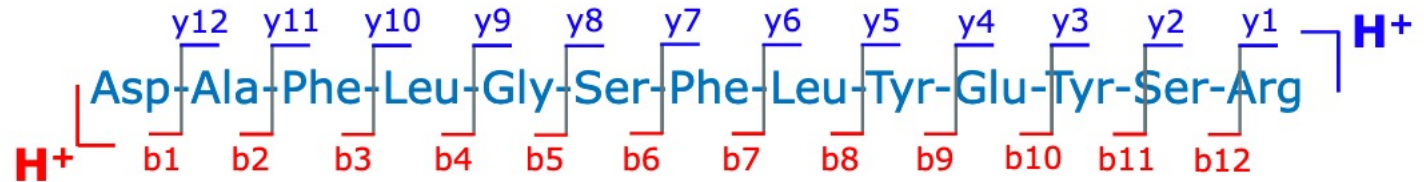


MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of 100 fmol yeast ADH digested with trypsin



Isotopic resolution

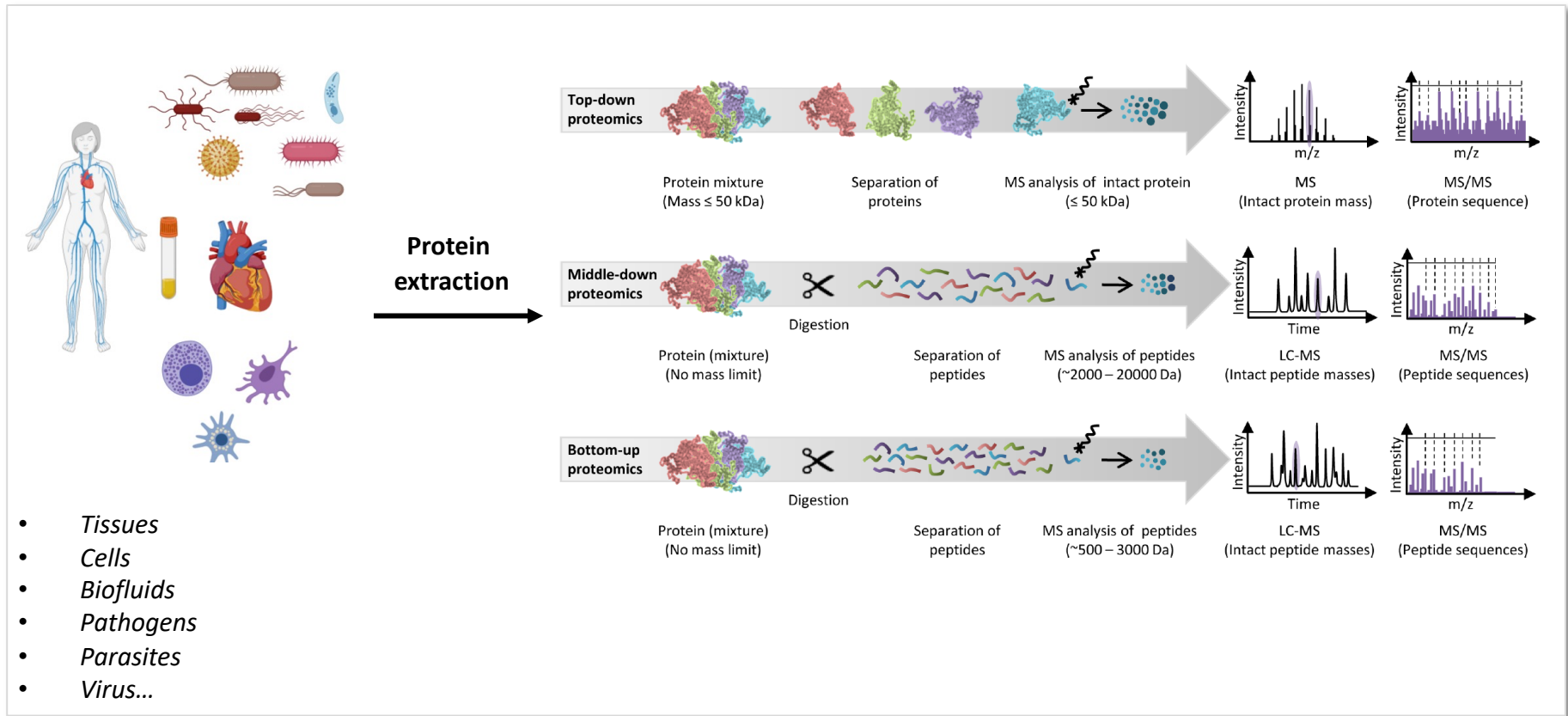




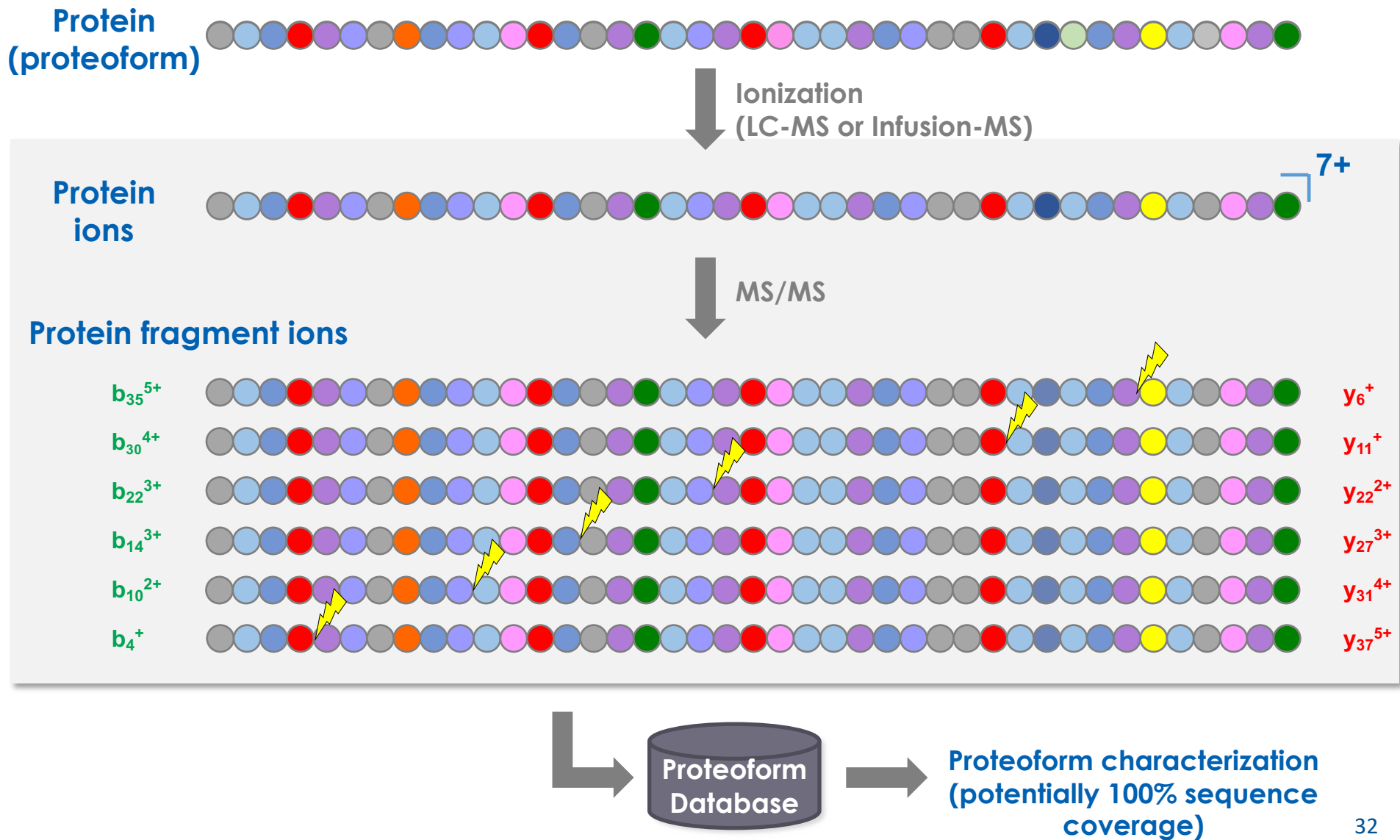
MS-based proteomics

General workflows and strategies

- The aim of the MS-based proteomics is **to identify and quantify all proteins and their post translational modifications (PTMs)**



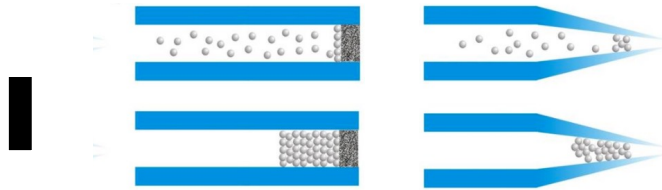
Top-down proteomics



- Poor protein solubility (SDS frequently used)
- Greater sample diversity at protein level (charge, hydrophobicity)
- Lack of « proteotypic » protein
- Decreased chromatographic resolution
- Lower throughput and reproducibility concerns

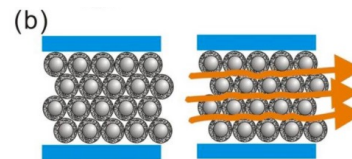
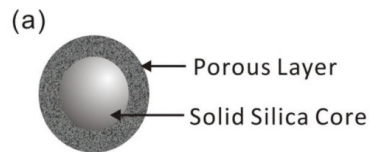
- Reverse Phase columns

- C₄, C₅, C₈ porous particles



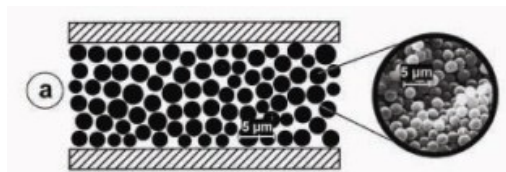
Home-made tip-packed nanoLC column (75 μ m, 50 cm)

- C₄, C₅, C₈ core-shell

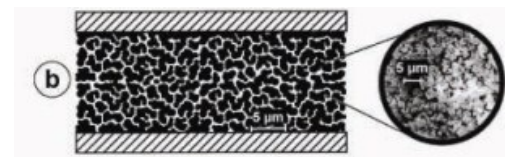


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- Monolithic columns: pepsswift PS-DVB, proswift RP-4H, proswift C4 RP-5H (Thermo Fisher)

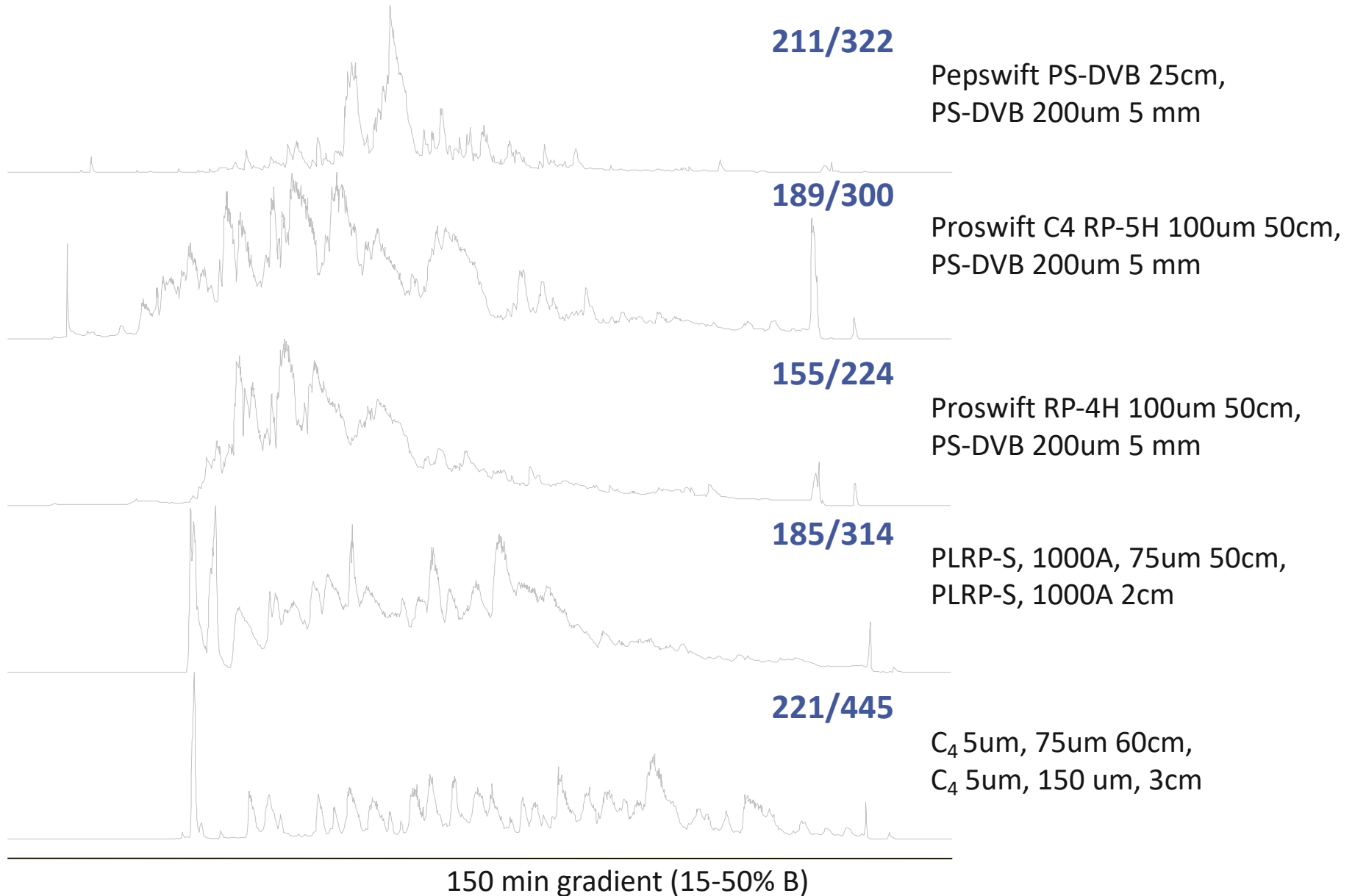


Classical column



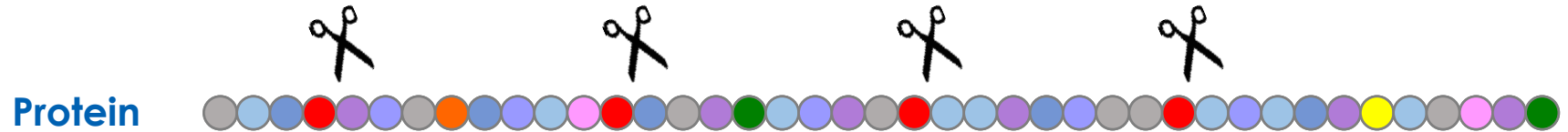
Monolithic column
(PS-DVB)

Online LC separation (E. coli) – Different phases



Bottom-up proteomics

- Most used approach



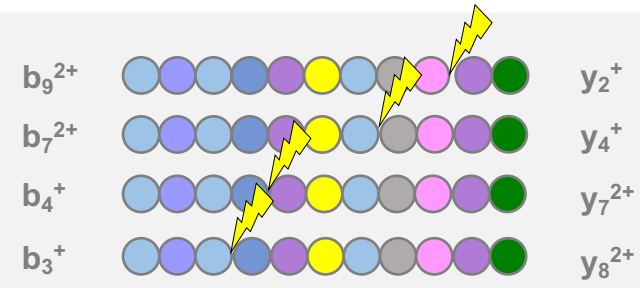
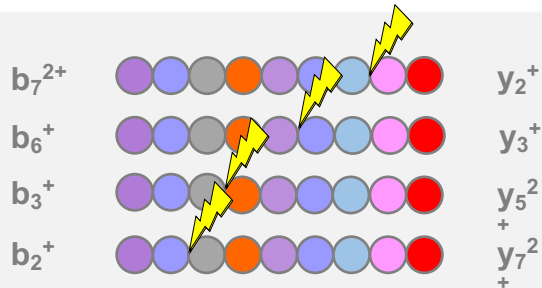
Enzymatic Digestion

Peptides

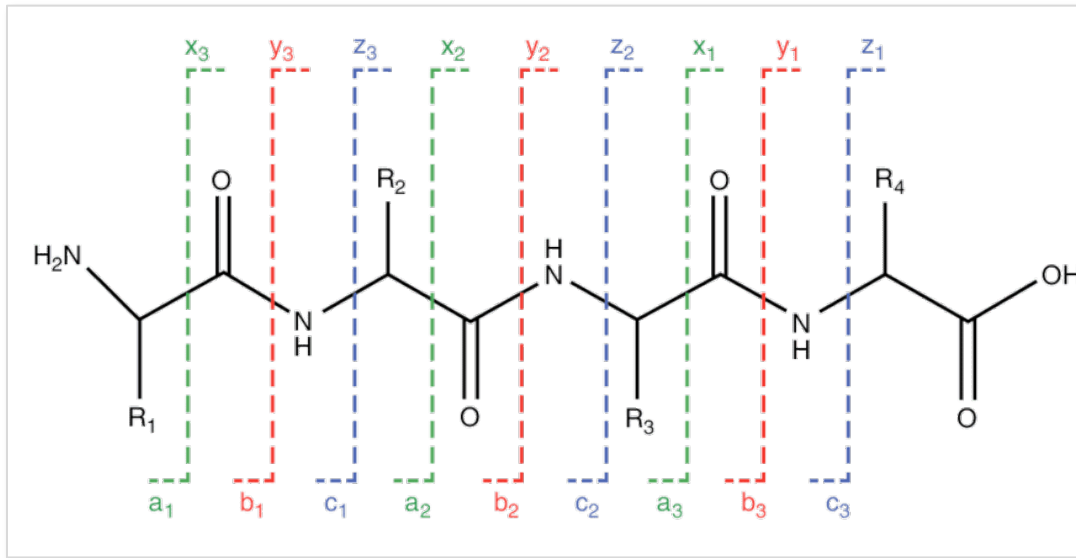


LC-MS/MS

Peptide fragment ions



**Protein identification
based on peptide
identification (partial
sequence coverage)**



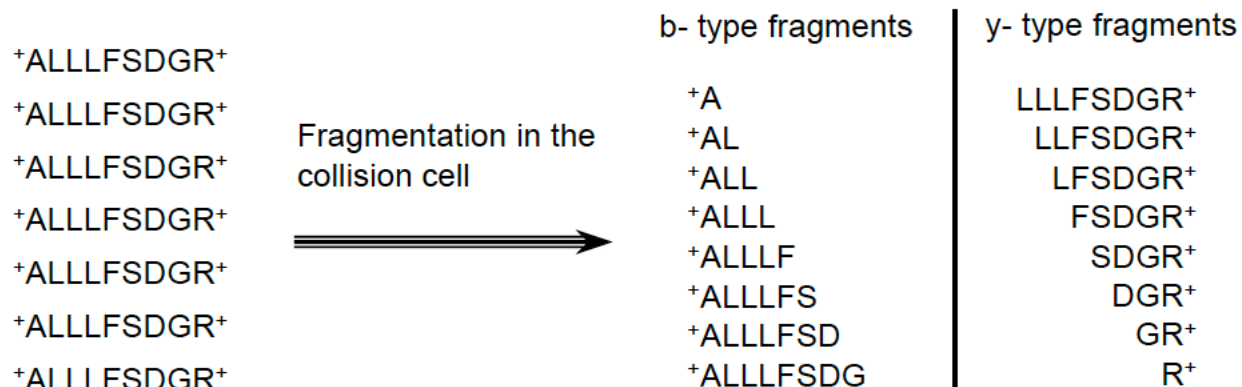
Fragmentation mode

ETD **c/z**
 CID/HCD **b/y**
 etc...

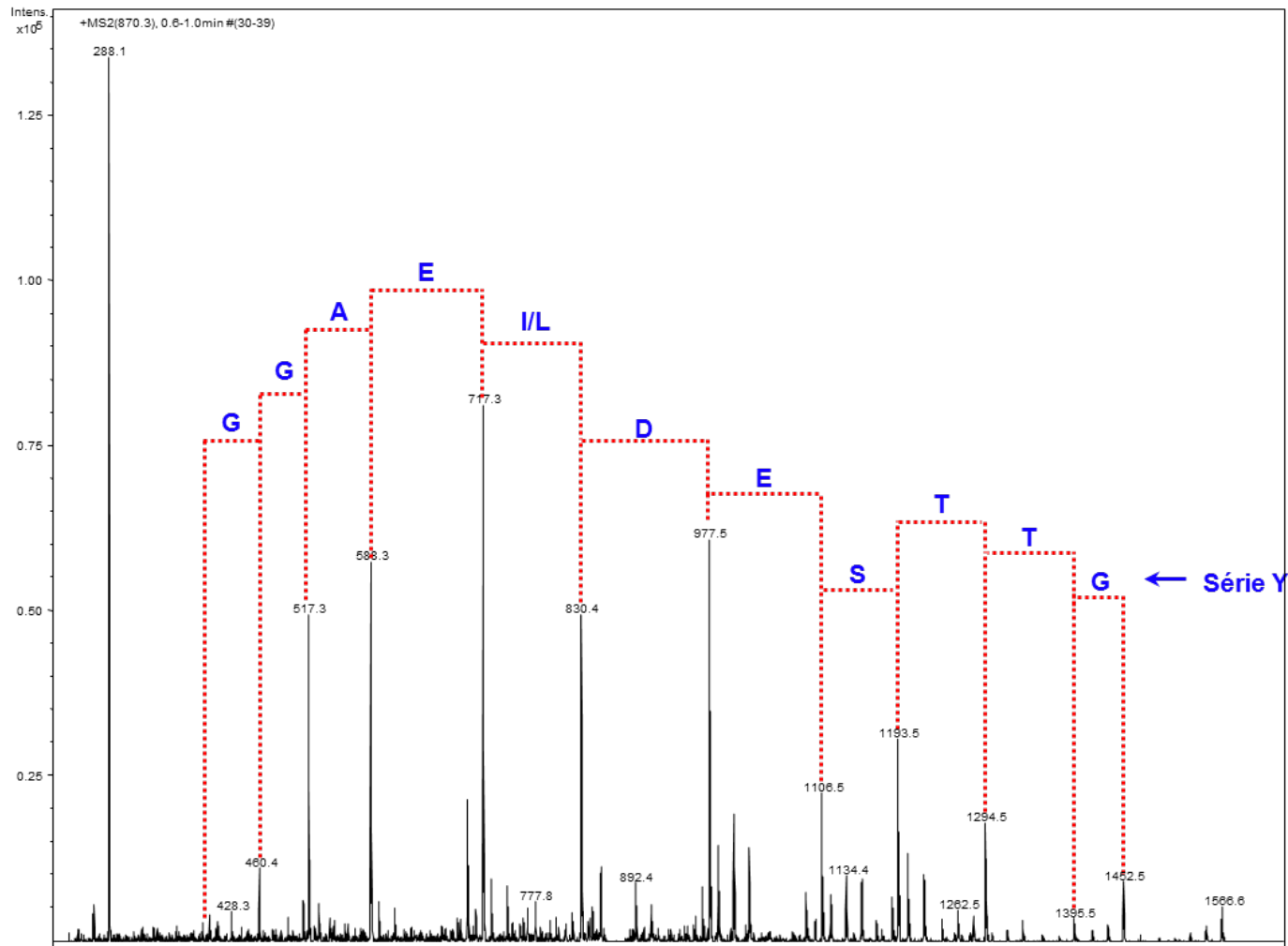
Peptide bond is the weakest bond

Preferential fragmentation, tryptic peptides appropriate

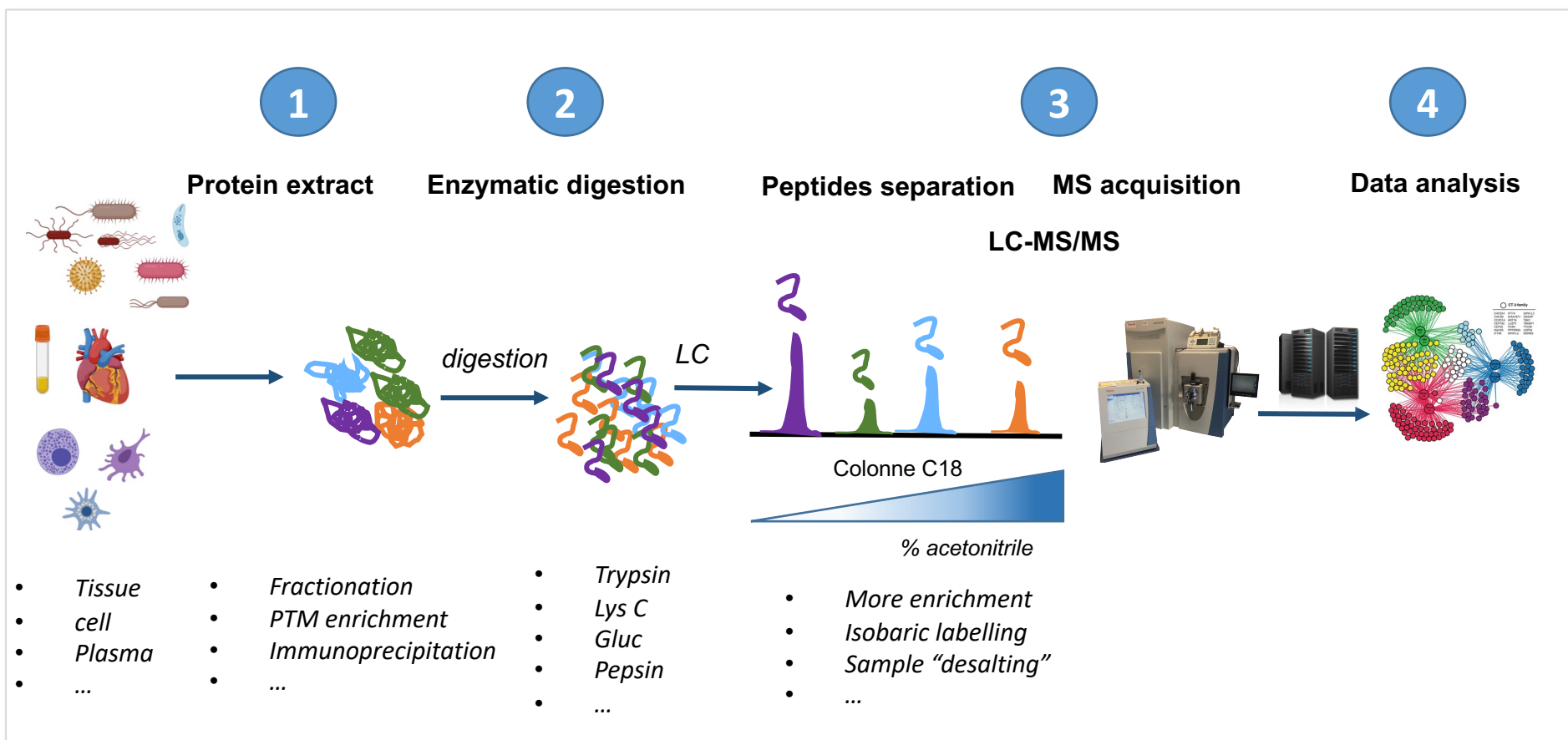
Mass difference between two intense peaks corresponds to an amino acid



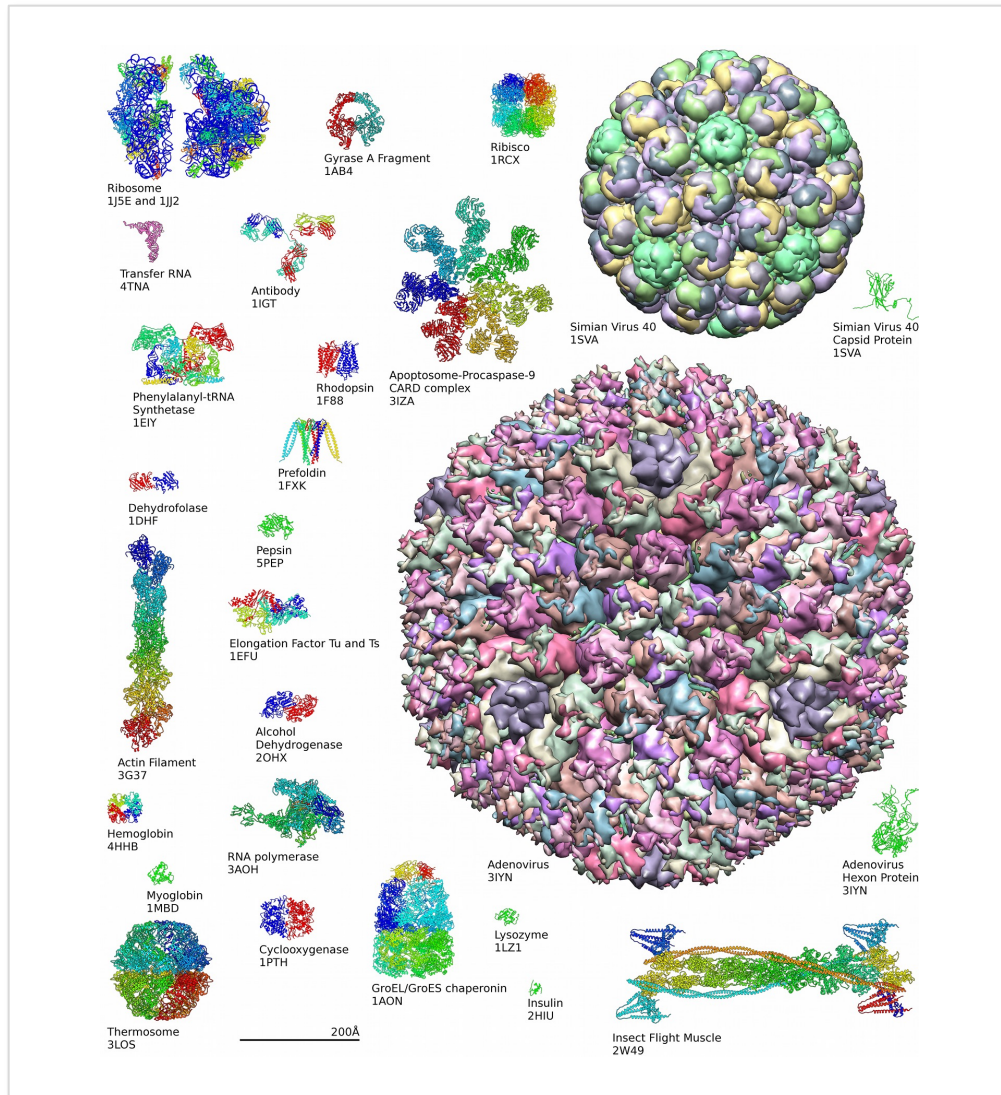
- MS/MS fragmentation Spectrum of a peptide



- Bottom-up proteomics is the most used and mature workflow
- Common method to identify proteins and characterize their amino acid sequences and post-translational modifications (PTMS) by **proteolytic digestion** of proteins prior to the LC-MS/MS analysis

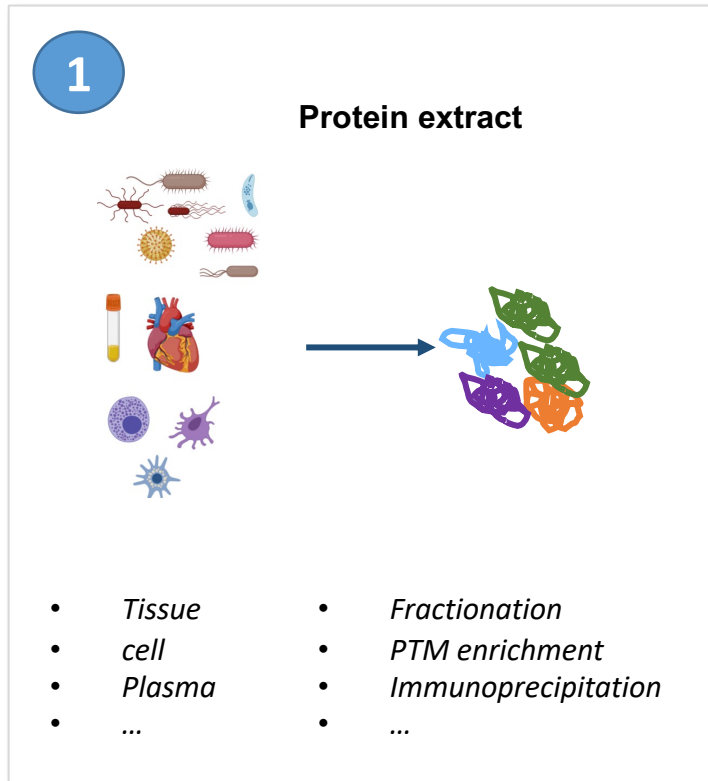


- Proteins are heterogeneous chemical entities



Stability
Hydrophobicity
Chemical
Quantity
structure
PTM
Mass
Molecular

- Protein extraction: main issue in global protein analysis



For which sample type?



How to extract proteins?

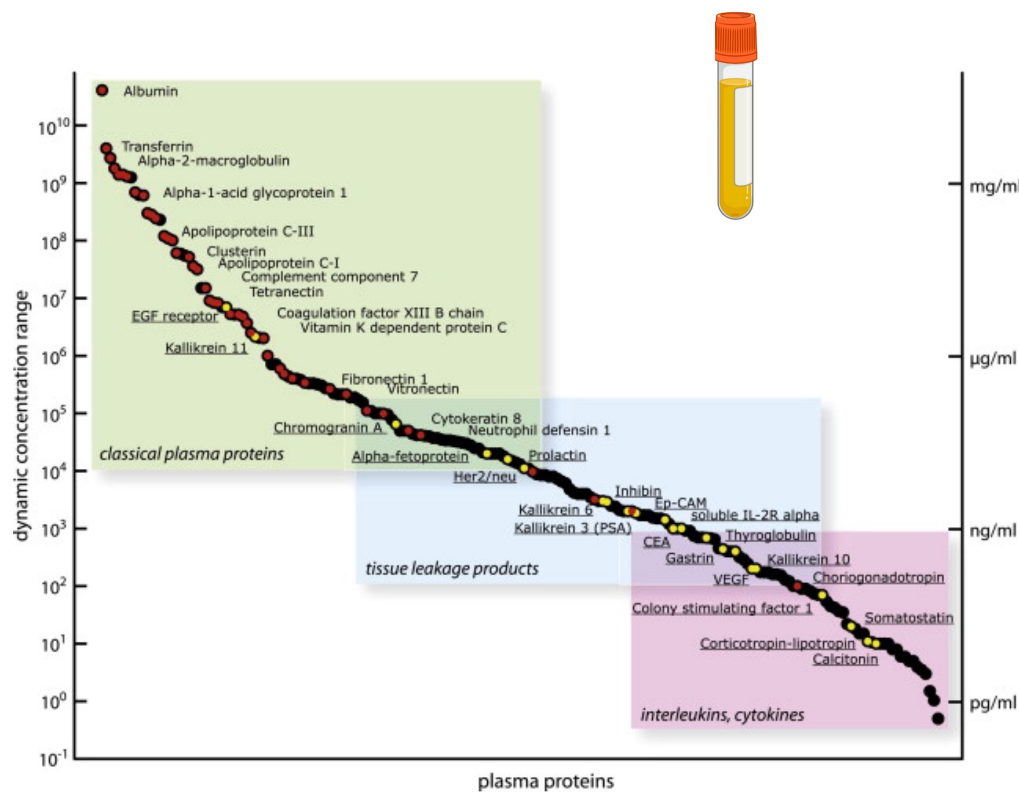
Strongly dependent on the sample type and the biological question

- **Mechanical cell disruption of cells**, e.g. by sonication or by freeze-thawing
- **Non-mechanical cell disruption**, e.g. by detergents (SDS, Chaps, Triton X100, NP40,...) or by chaotropes (Urea, Guanidinium Chloride, ...)
- Prevent protein degradation: protease inhibitor cocktails, samples are kept on ice...

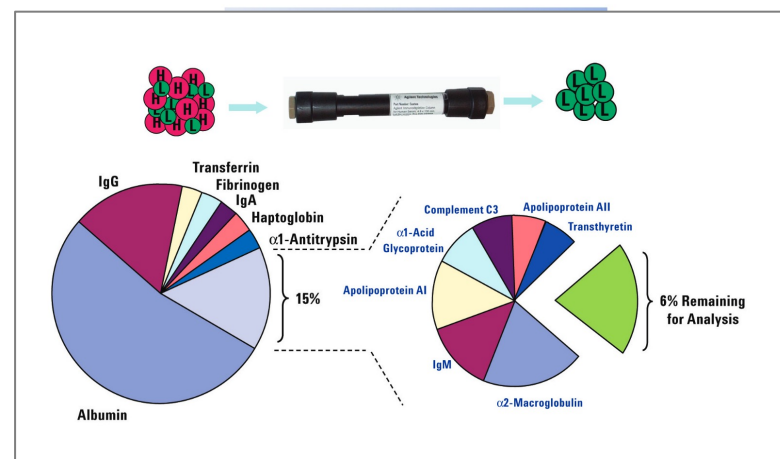
Main issue?

Complete extraction is difficult/impossible

Impact of the dynamic range: Plasma, Serum



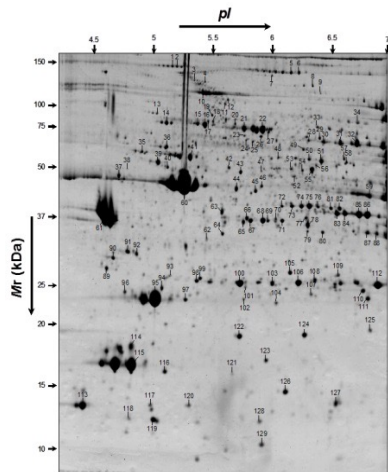
Depletion of high-abundant proteins



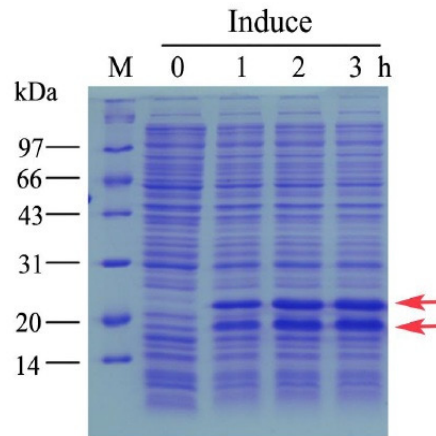
Plasma protein concentration as described by Anderson and Anderson (2002)

- Fractionation at protein level

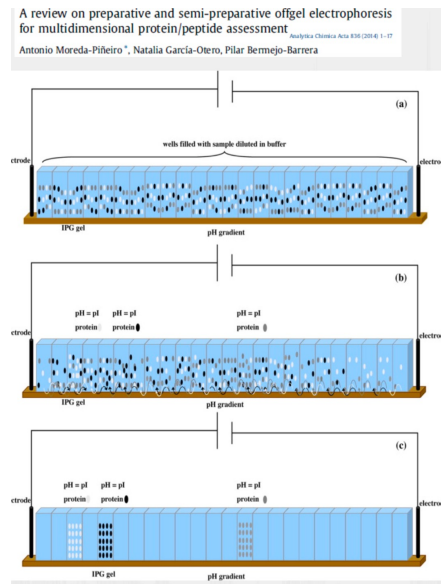
2D Gels



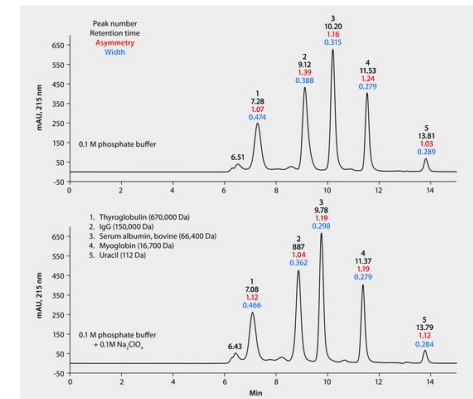
SDS-PAGE



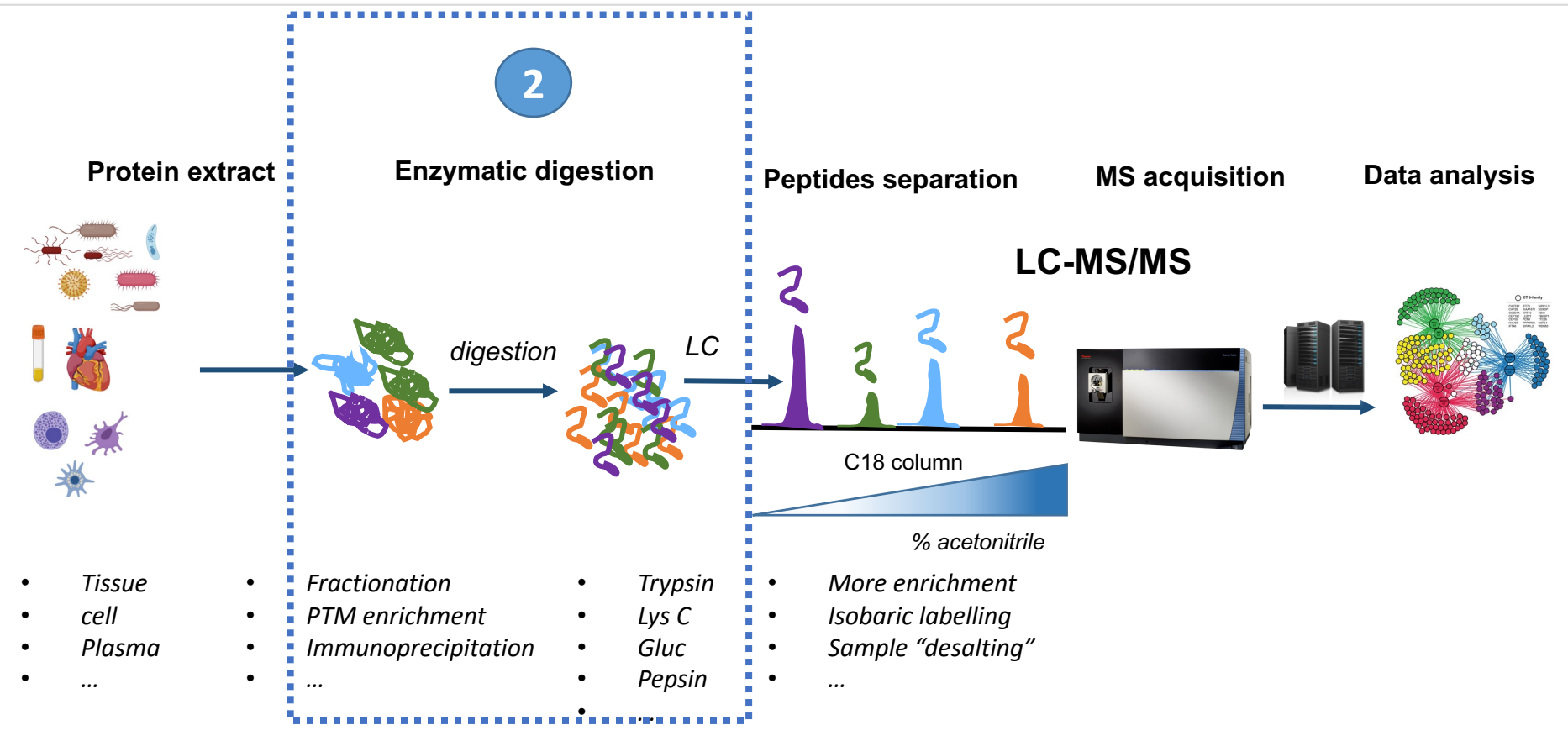
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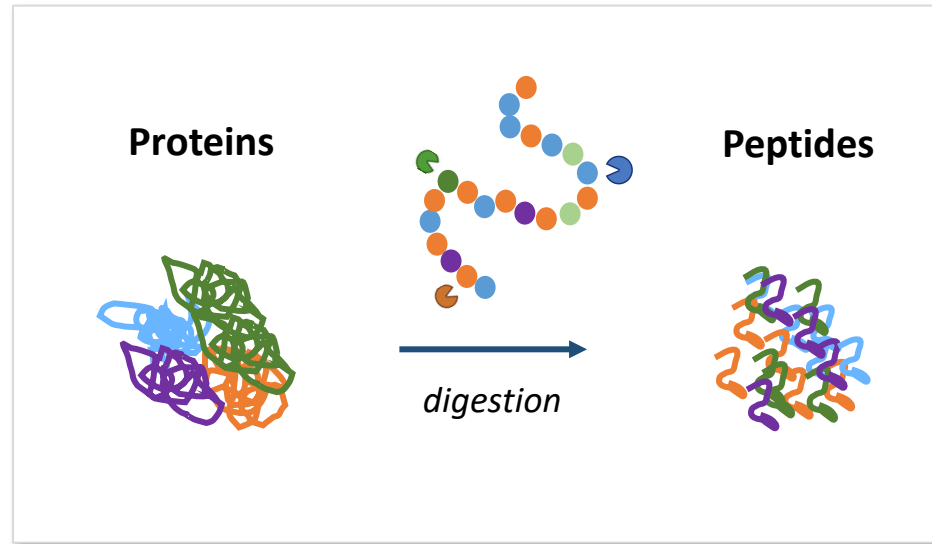
HPLC



■ Protein digestion

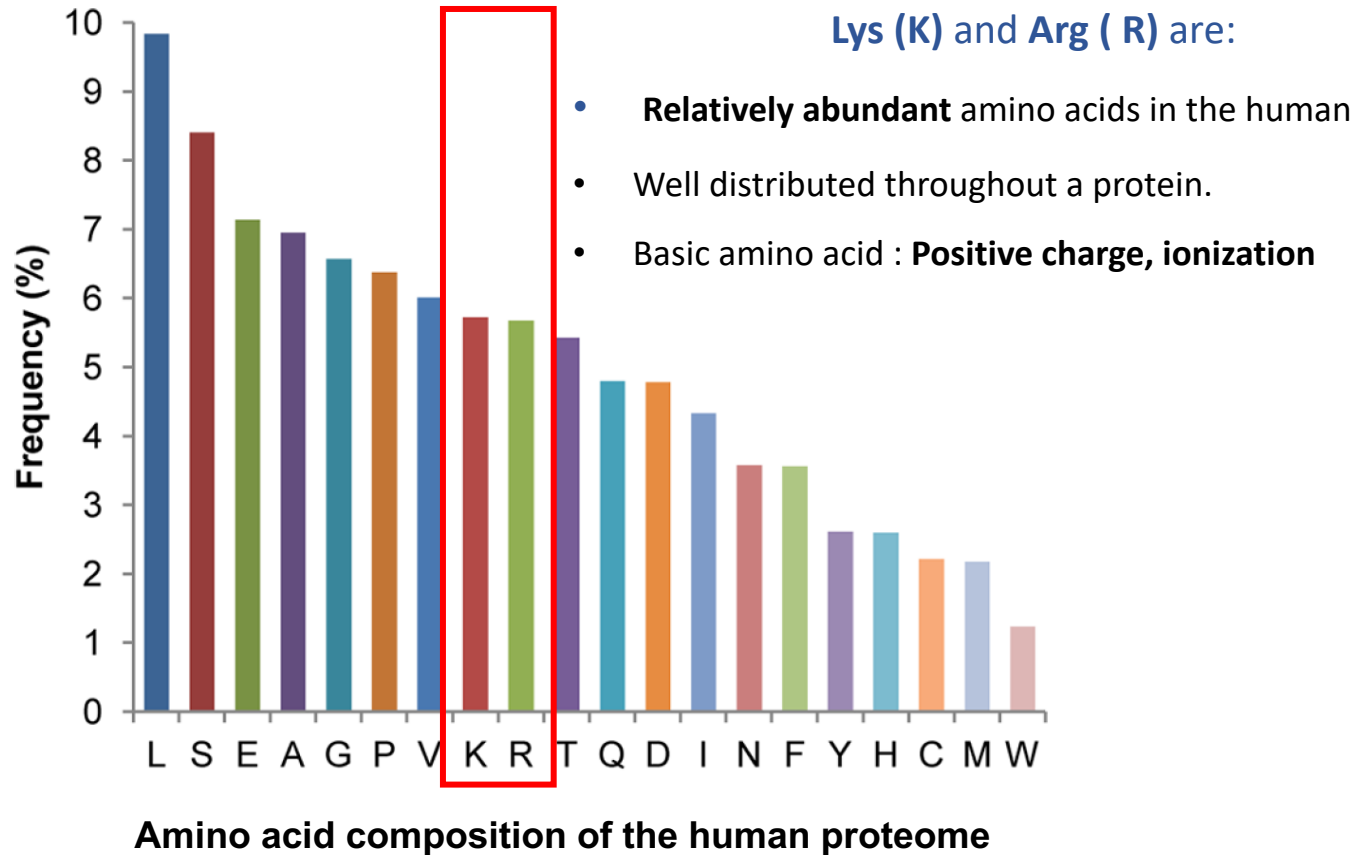


- Protein digestion: *from proteins to peptides*



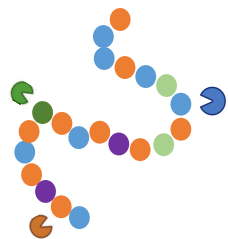
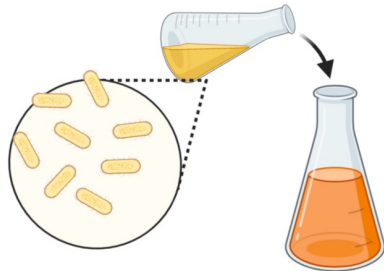
protease	organism	specificity	pH range	chemical	specificity	pH range
Arg-C	<i>Clostridium histolyticum</i>	R'	7.2–8.0 ^b	CNBr	M'	acidic
Asp-N	<i>Pseudomonas fragi</i>	'D	7.0–8.0 ^b	HAc	'D' ^d	acidic
Glu-C	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	E' ^b	4.0–7.8 ^b	FA	D'	acidic
Lys-C	<i>Lysobacter enzymogenes</i>	K'	8.5–8.8 ^b	HCl	D' ^e	2.0 ^e
Lys-N	<i>Lysobacter enzymogenes</i>	'K ^c	8.0 ^c	NTCB	'C ^e	9–10 ^f
Trypsin	<i>Bos taurus</i>	K,R'	8.0 ^b	Hydroxylamine	N–G	9.0 ^g
Chymotrypsin	<i>Bos taurus</i>	F,W,Y'	7.0–9.0 ^b			
Pepsin	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	'F,L,W,Y'	1.3			
		'F,L'	2.0			
Thermolysin	<i>Bacillus thermoproteolyticus</i>	'A,F,I,L,M,V	8.0 ^h			
Papain	<i>Carica papaya</i>	R,K,D,H,G,Y ^b	6.0–7.0 ^b			
Pronase	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	A,E,F,I,L,T,V,W,Y'	6.0–7.5 ^b			

■ Sample Preparation : Protein digestion



- Importance of the combined enzymes for the digestion:

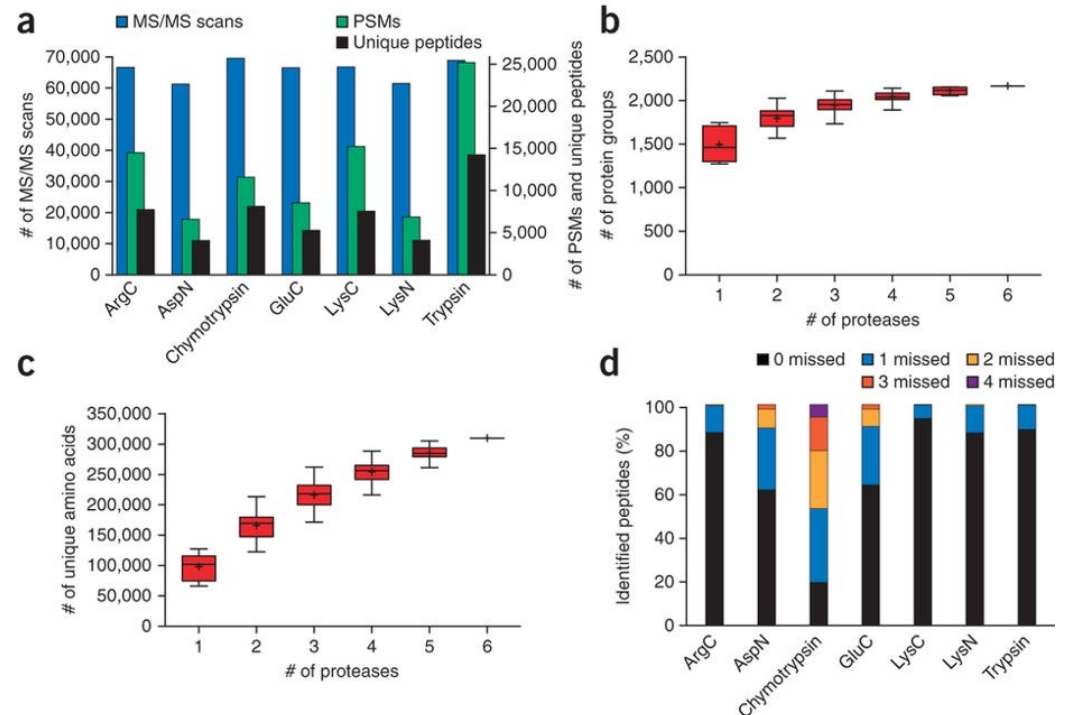
E. coli



*Digestion
With combined
enzymes*

Peptides

LC-MS analysis of *E. coli* lysate digests

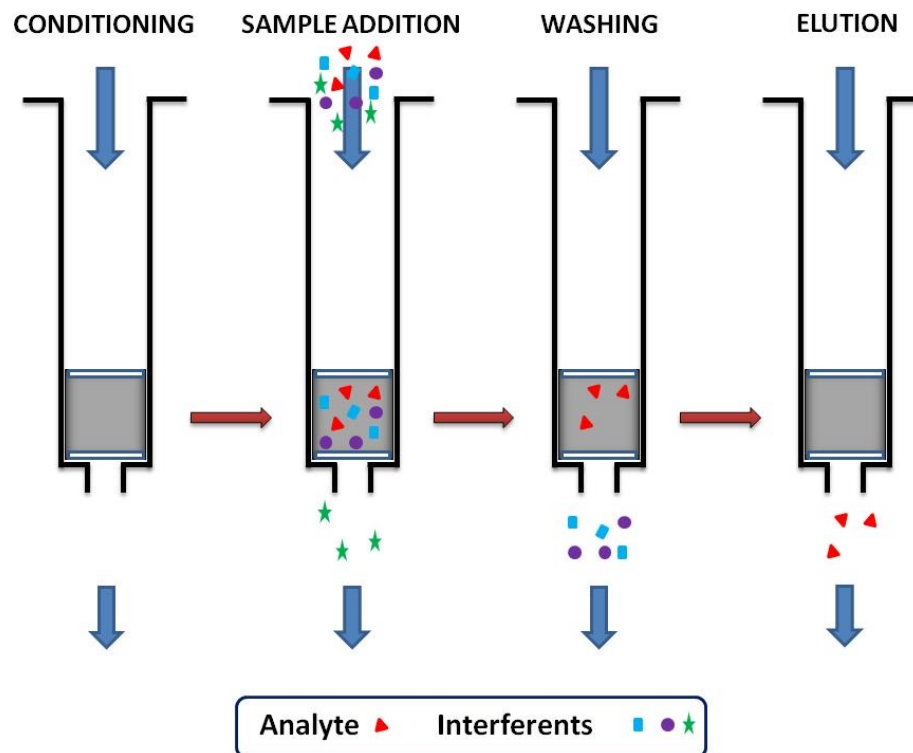
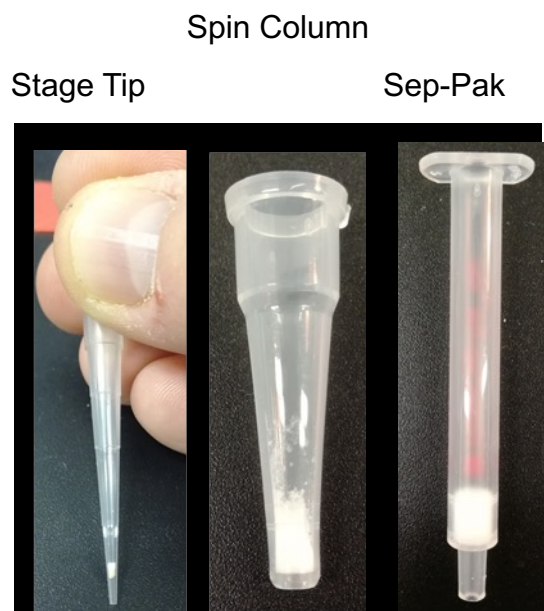


- Protein digestion: **take home message**

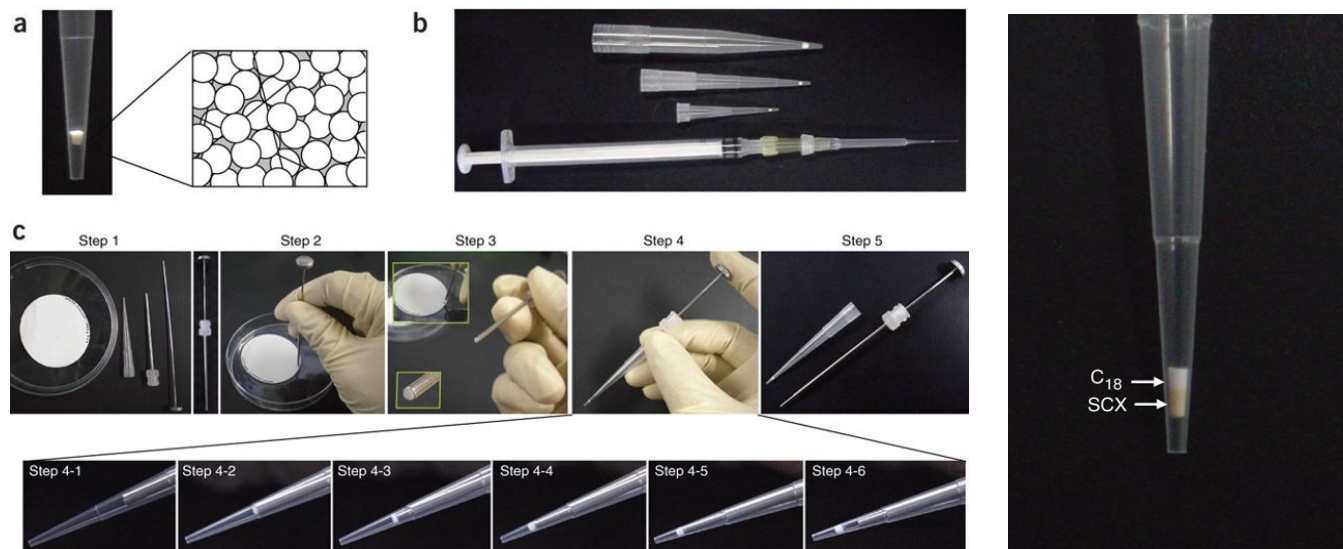
- Trypsin is most widely applied in bottom-up proteomics (gold standard)
- Tryptic peptides lead to high quality MS/MS fragmentation spectra and confident peptide identification in protein database searches.
- Arg-C and Lys-C : retain two basic amines in the peptide, N-terminal and Lys or Arg side chain leading to doubly protonated peptides.
- Double digestion Trypsin / LysC for complex proteome

- Peptide Clean-UP: desalting

Use of C18 materials in tips or columns to eliminate impurities/salt



■ Stage Tips



Empore material	Application in StageTips
C ₁₈ -silica	Desalting of peptides; fractionation of peptides at acidic and neutral pH
C ₈ -silica	Desalting of large peptides and proteins; usage as frit to retain beads in a tip
Activated carbon	No application described so far
Poly(styrene-divinylbenzene) copolymer (SDB)	Fractionation of peptides at basic pH
Anion exchange (SAX)	Fractionation of peptides by salt or pH steps
Cation exchange (SCX)	Fractionation of peptides by salt or pH steps
Chelating beads	No application described so far
Combinations by stacking of disks	
C ₁₈ -SCX	Desalting combined with fractionation of peptides by salt or pH steps
C ₁₈ -SCX-C ₁₈	Desalting combined with fractionation of peptides by salt or pH steps followed by desalting again
SDB-SAX	Desalting combined with fractionation of peptides by salt or pH steps
Combination of beads and disks	
Metal oxide-C ₈	Enrichment of phosphopeptides

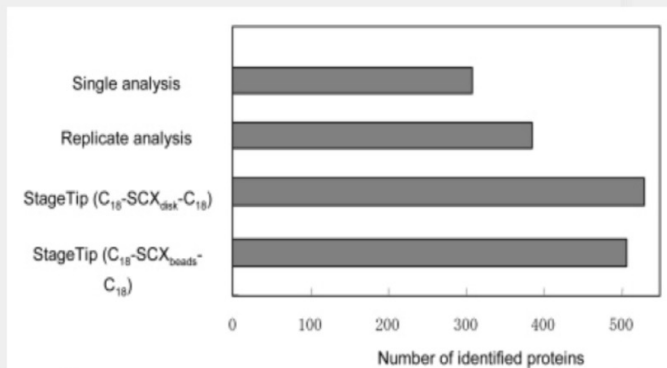
Peptides fractionation

technical notes
Journal of
proteome
research

Modular Stop and Go Extraction Tips with Stacked Disks for Parallel and Multidimensional Peptide Fractionation in Proteomics

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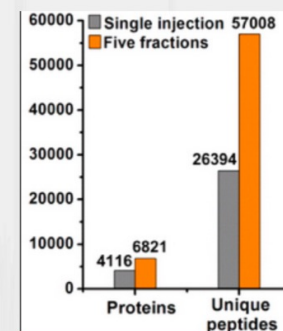
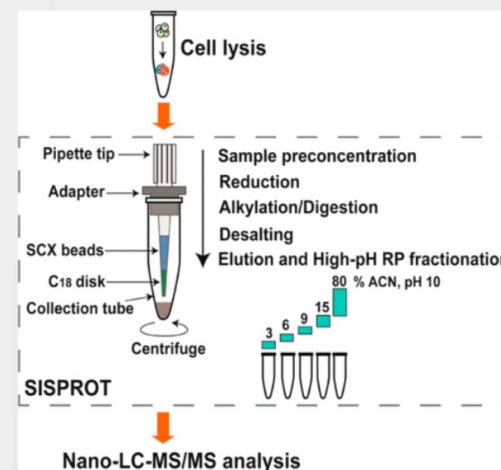
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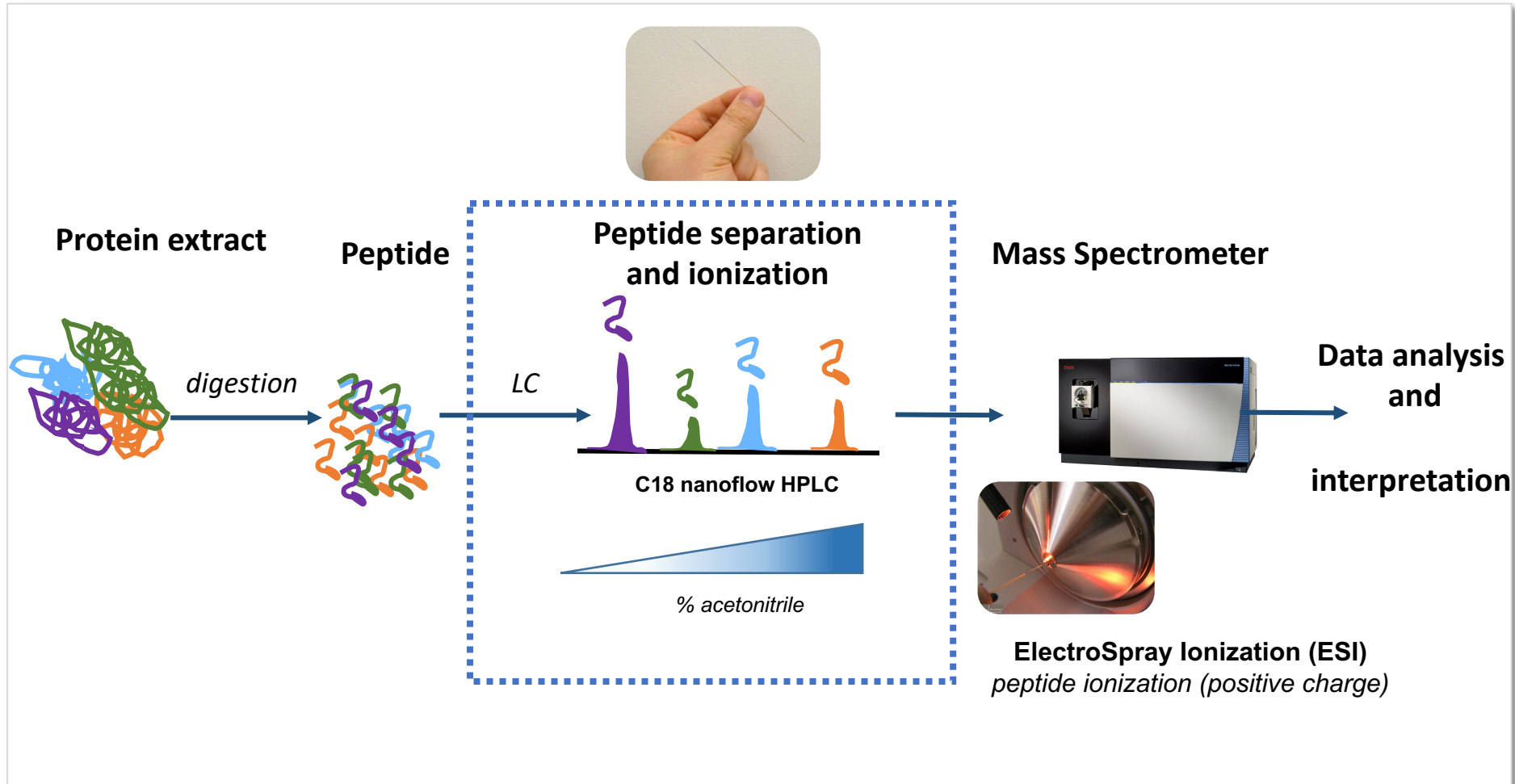
Simple and Integrated Spintip-Based Technology Applied for Deep Proteome Profiling

Wendong Chen^{†,‡}, Shuai Wang[§], Subash Adhikari[†], Zuhui Deng[§], Lingjue Wang[†], Lan Chen[†], Mi Ke[†], Pengyuan Yang[†], and Ruijun Tian^{†,‡}

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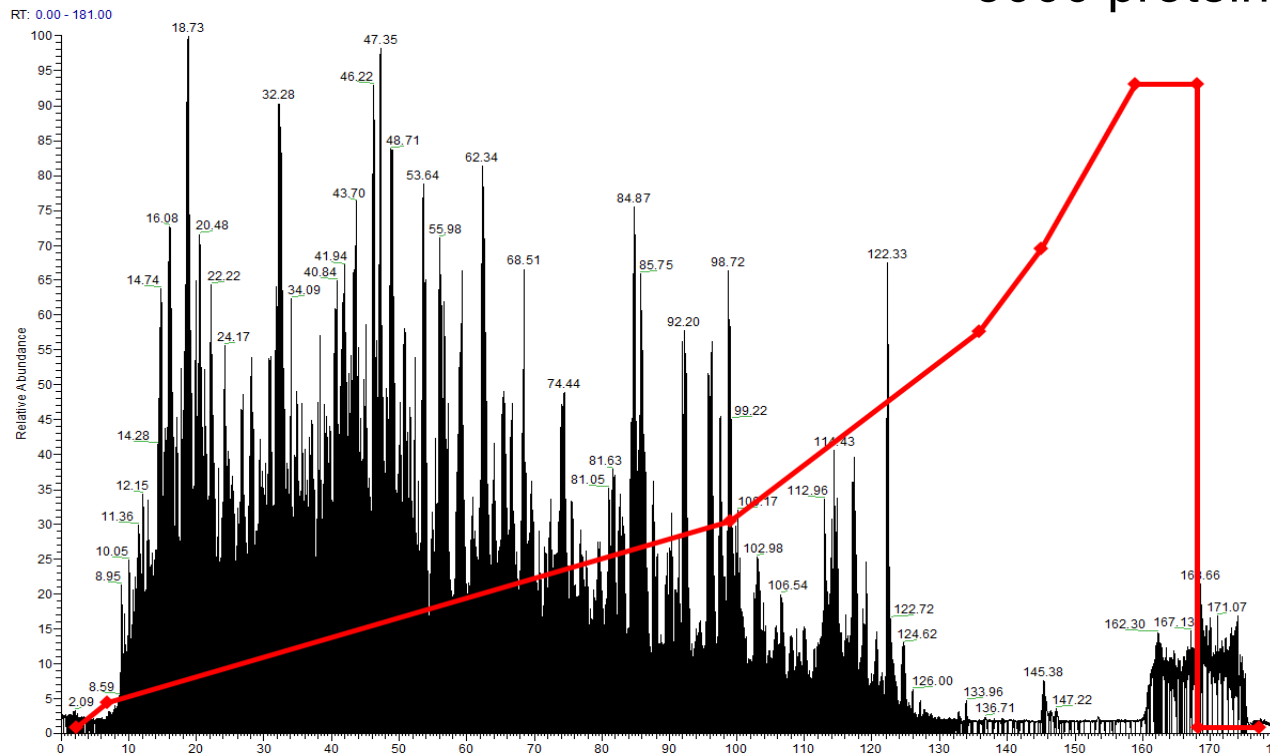
- Peptide separation and ionization



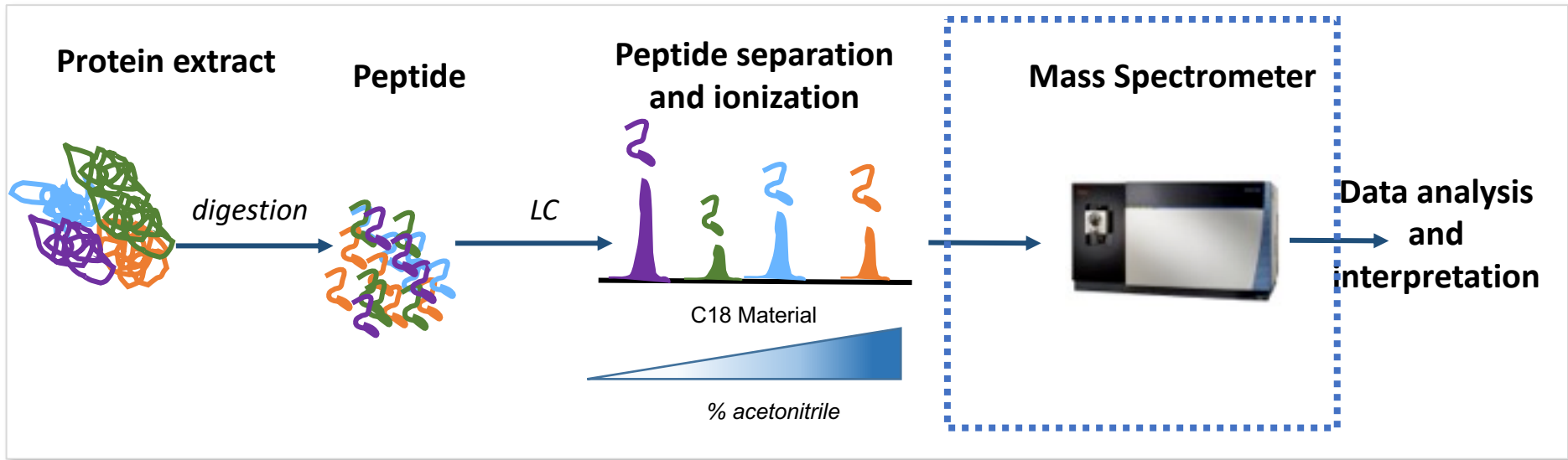
- Separation of peptides using reverse phase nanoLC (C18) coupled to the mass spectrometer

LC MS profile, 3h gradient
Proxeon, C18, 1.9 μ m, 100A 35 cm long, 75 μ m int Diam

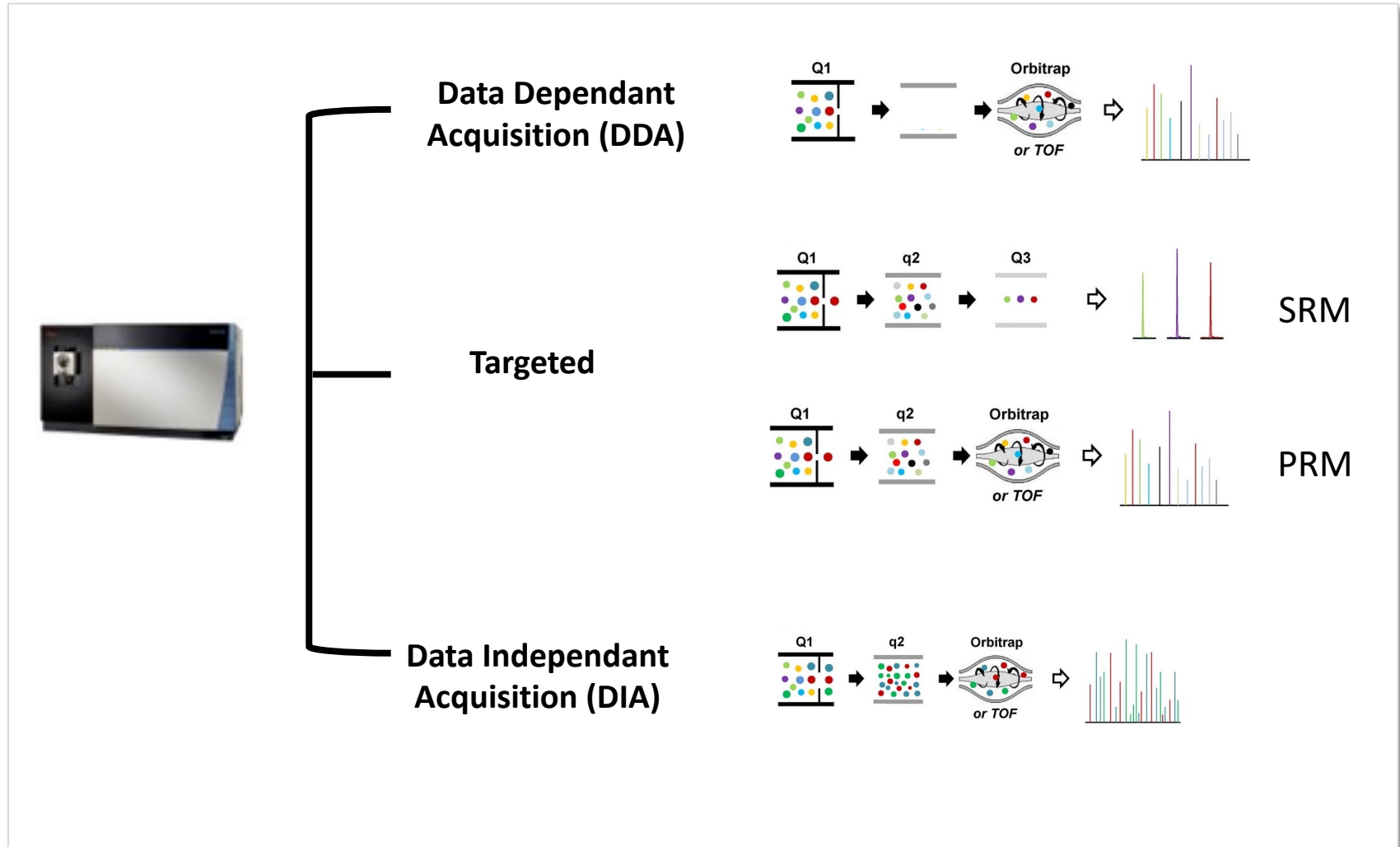
> 5000 proteins identified



- Sample preparation :Protein digestion

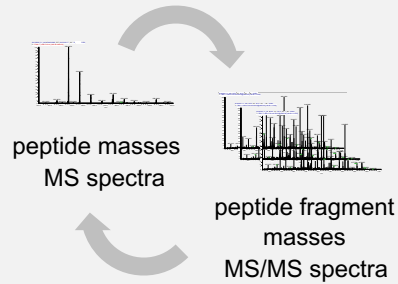


- Three main MS acquisition methods

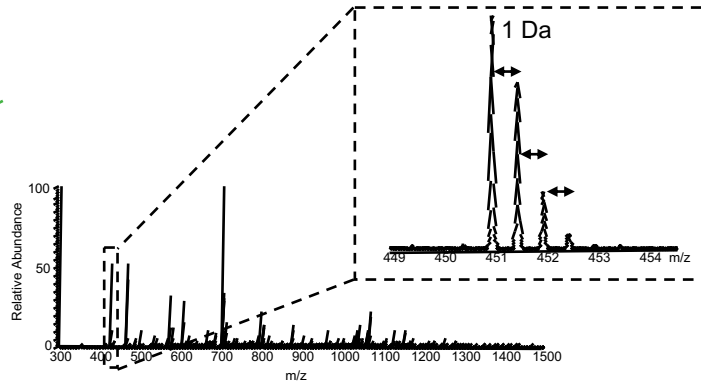


■ Data Dependent Acquisition (DDA)- Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS)

Tandem Mass Spectrometry



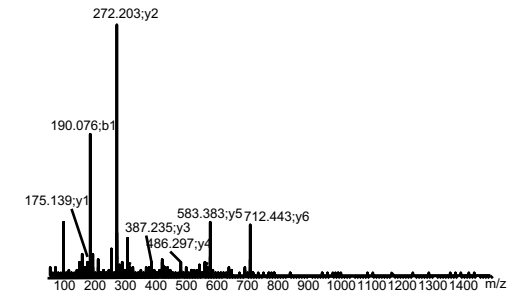
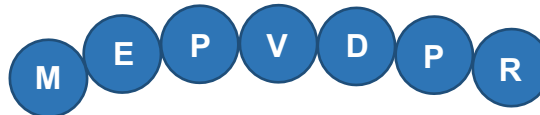
cycles of MS and
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MS spectrum

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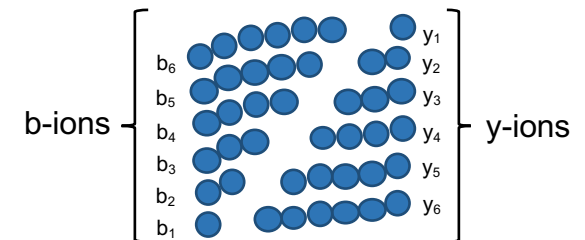
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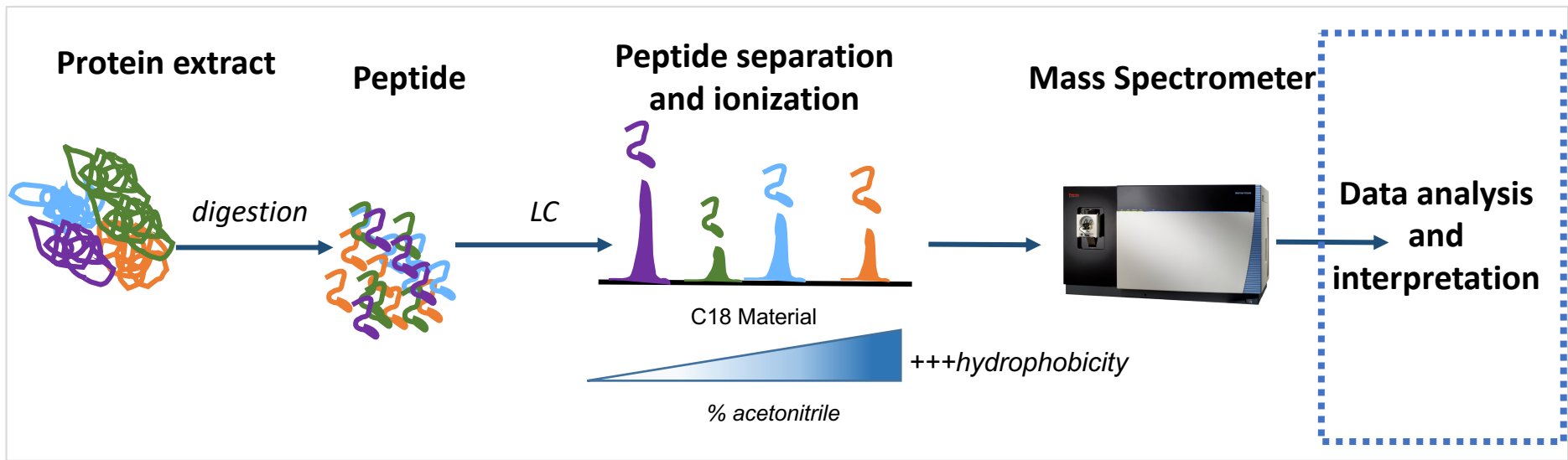
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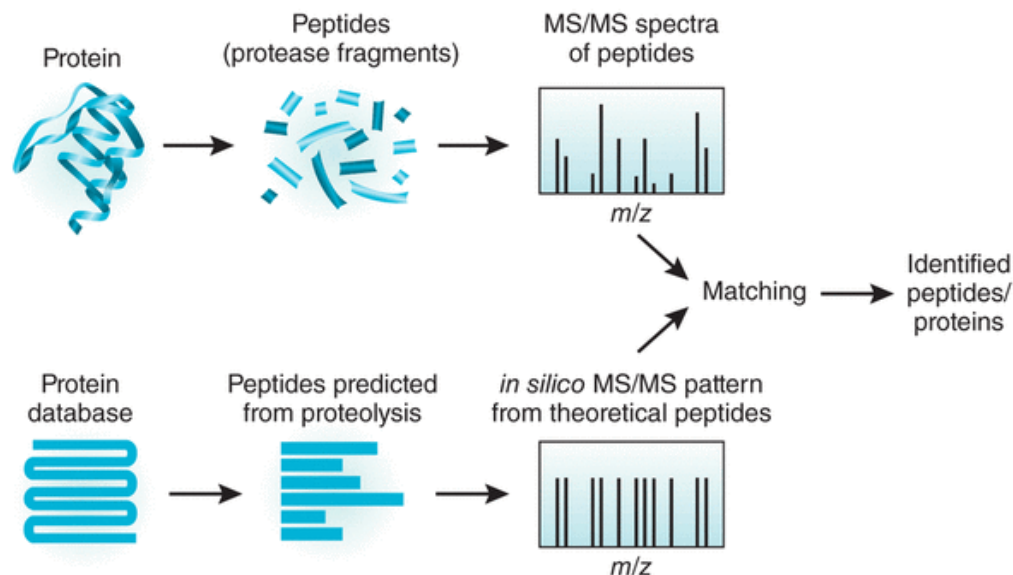
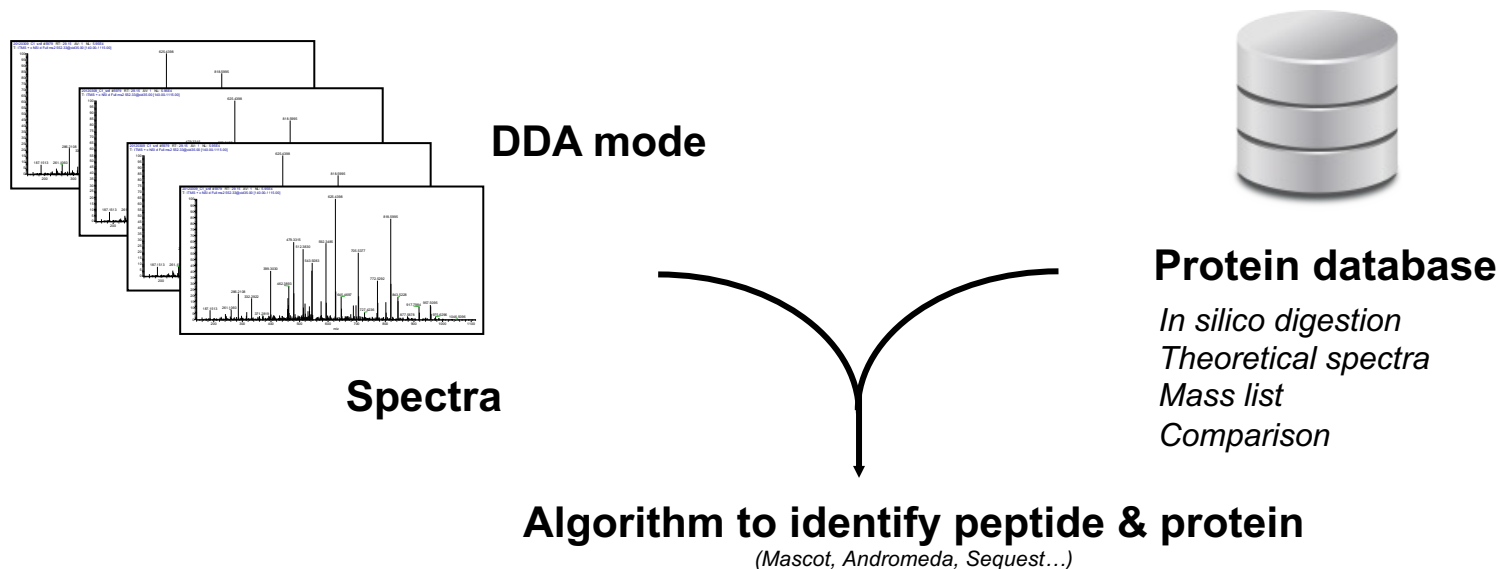
**mass of the peptide
fragments**



- Data analysis and interpretation



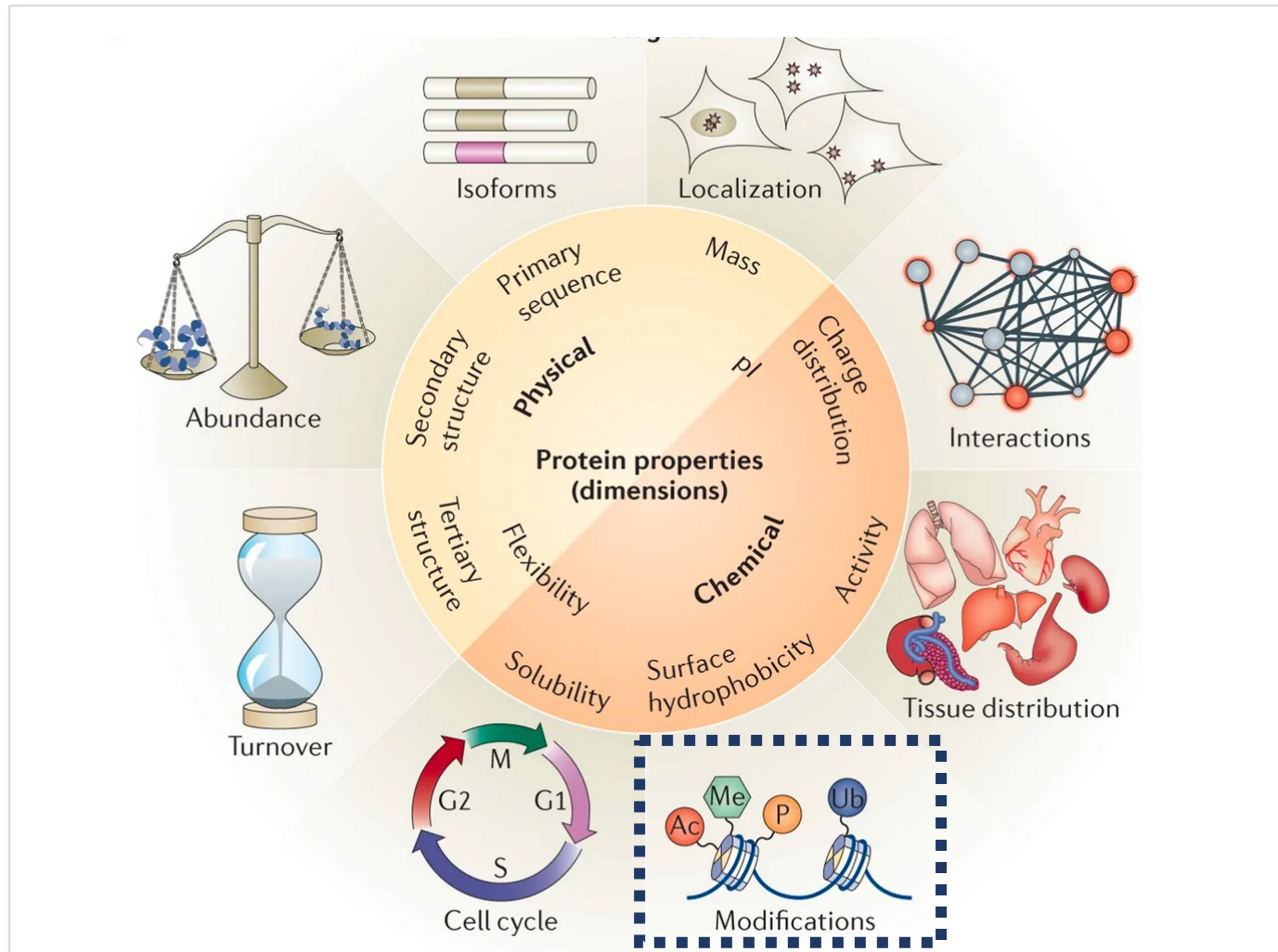
- Data analysis



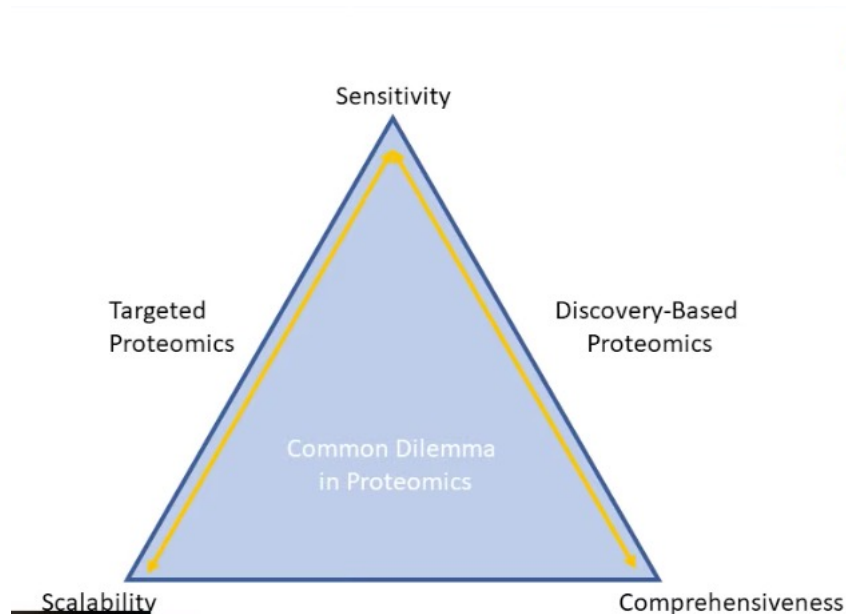
Quantitative Proteomics

Mass-spectrometric exploration of the proteome

- Aim: Quantifying individual proteins and their modifications in biological systems



Strategies for quantitative proteomics



Challenges of MS based Proteomics:

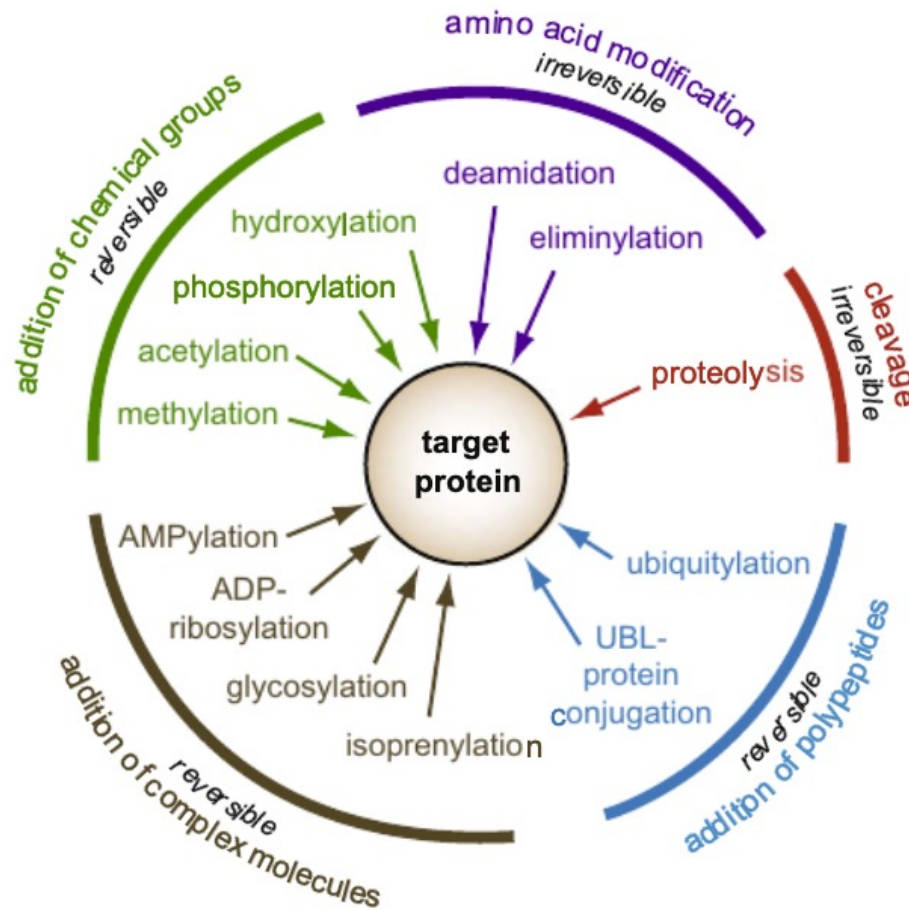
Quantitation of complex samples using MS is challenging due to:

- Wide dynamic range of abundance
- Sensitivity limits of instrumentation
- Ionization suppression
- Missing information for quantitation

Solutions:

- Reduce sample complexity through enrichment (immunoprecipitation)
- Introduce isotopically labeled internal standards

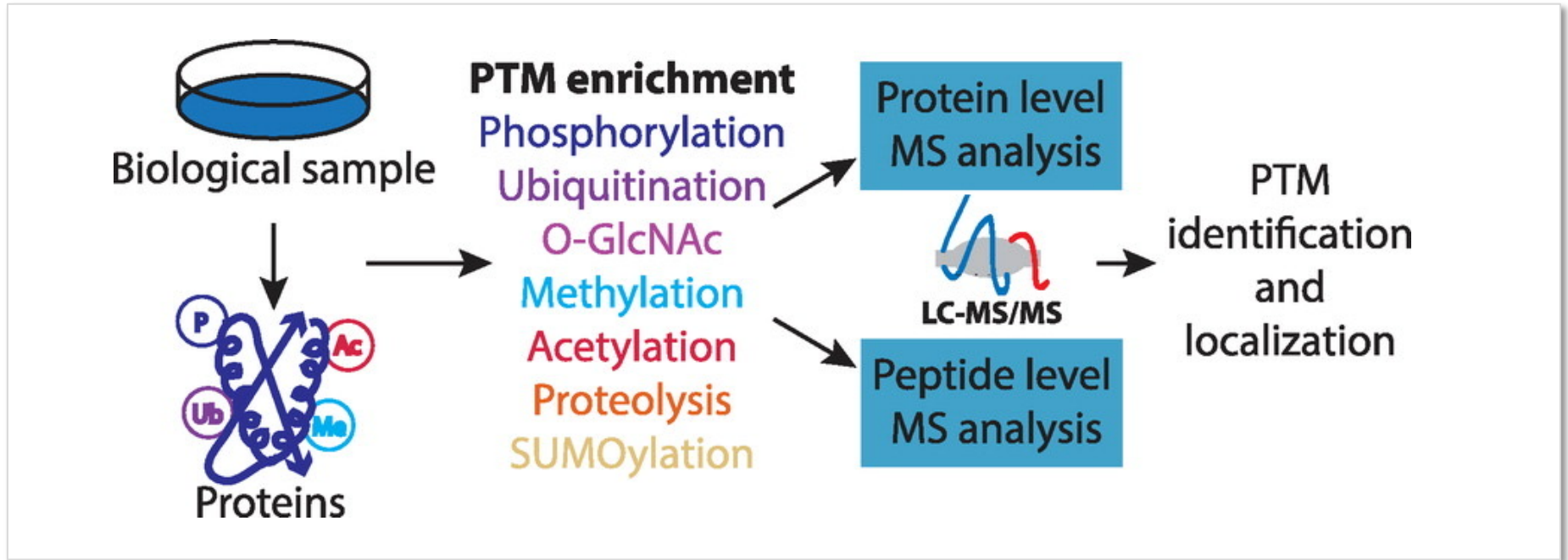
- Strategies to enrich for post-translational modification (PTM)



The most common PTMs in eucaryotic cells:

- Phosphorylation (S, T and Y)
- Ubiquitylation (K)
- Glycosylation (N and O mainly)
- Acetylation (K, S)

- How to identified PTMs by mass spectrometry ?



PTM Enrichment Strategies

PTM Enrichment at the Protein Level

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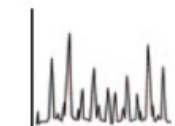
Typically requires **high input amounts** (100s to 1000s of ug starting material)

ion-exchange
size-exclusion

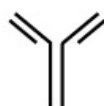
Protein level enrichment



Molecular weight



Liquid Chromatography



Immuno-affinity

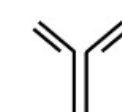
Peptide level enrichment



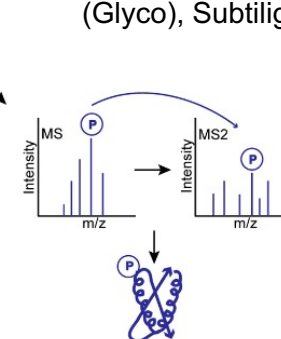
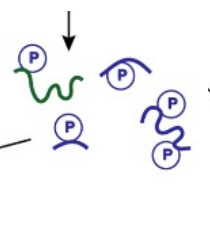
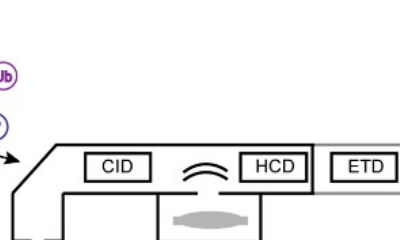
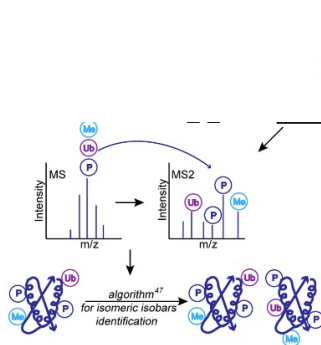
TiO2



IMAC



Immuno-affinity



Antibody-based

Phosphorylation (Y), Methylation (R,K), Acetylation (K), Ubiquiti-like (K)

Ionic-interaction-based

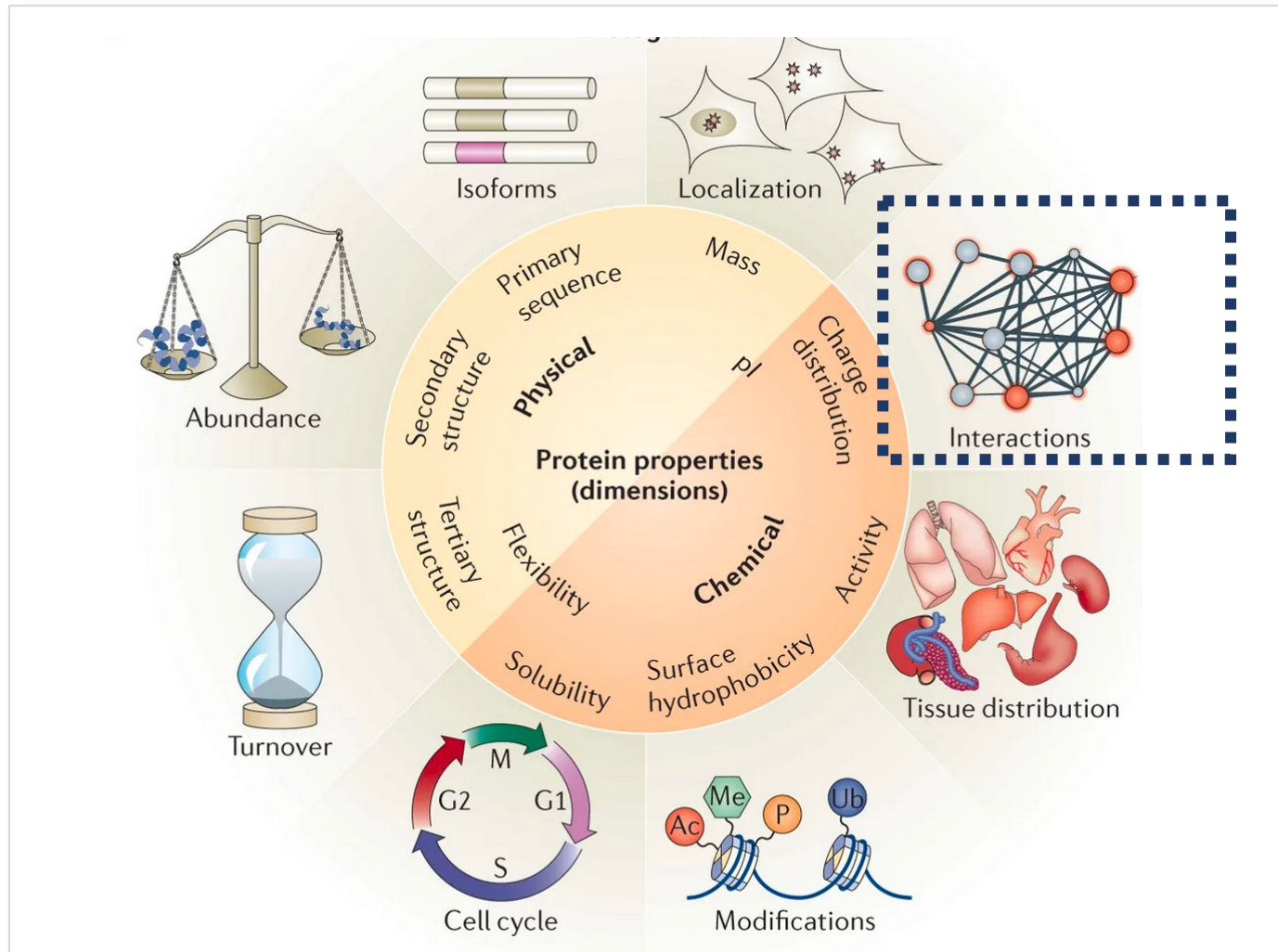
Phosphorylation (S, T, R)

Enzymatic-Based

Protein ligase (SUMO), PNGase (Glyco), Subtiligase (proteomysis)

Discussion

- Aim: Quantifying individual proteins and their modifications in biological systems



- Combined techniques to solve the structure of large dynamics complexes

