



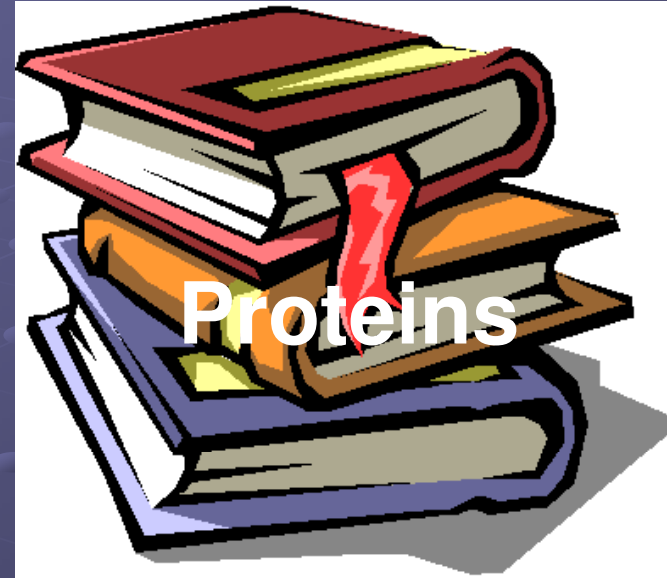
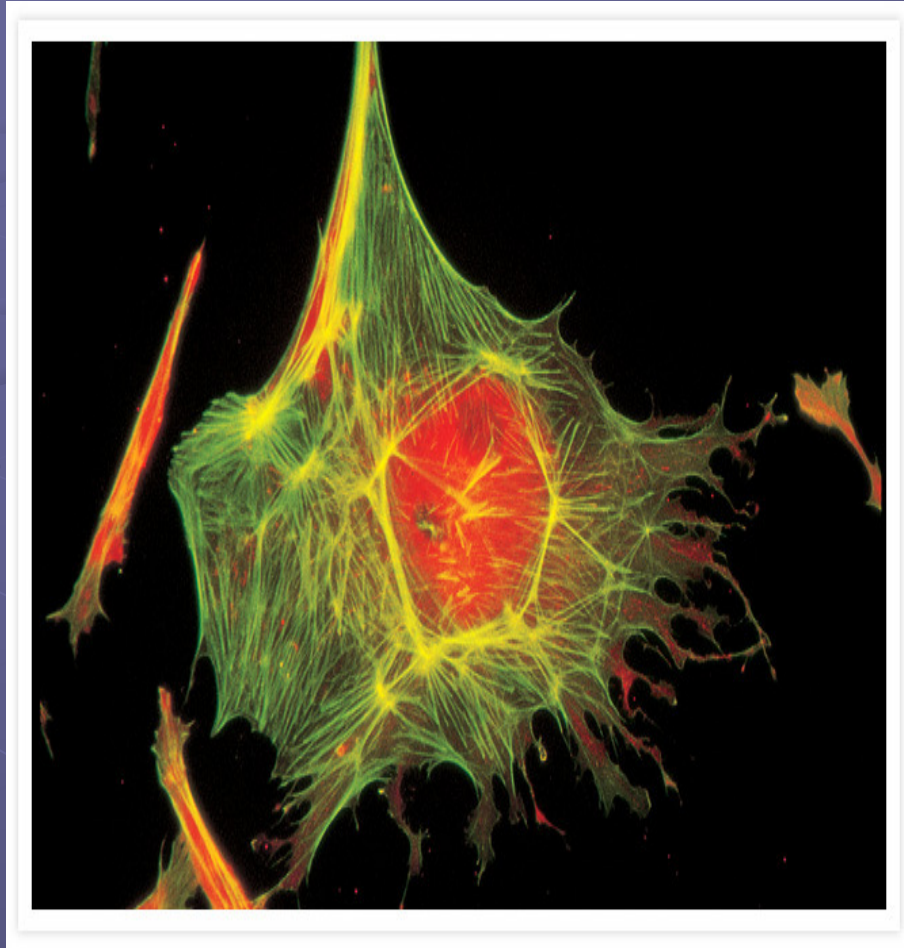
# Proteomics/Peptidomics

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# Proteomics: What?



Proteomics = **the study of the protein library**

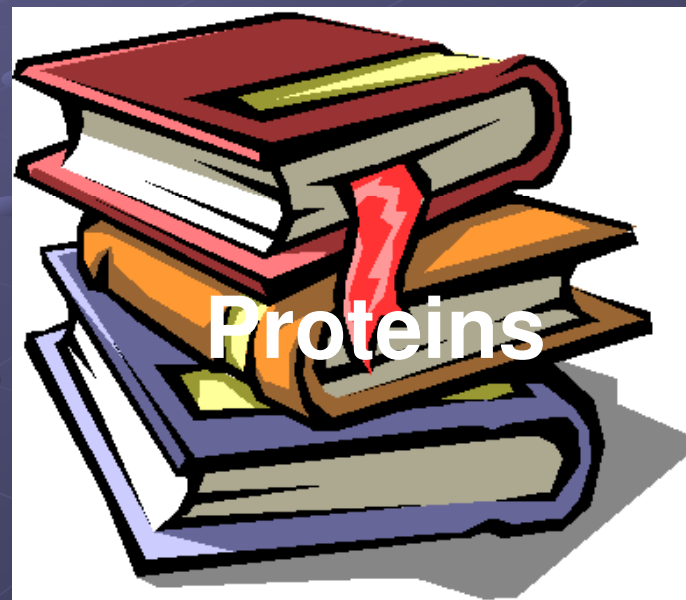
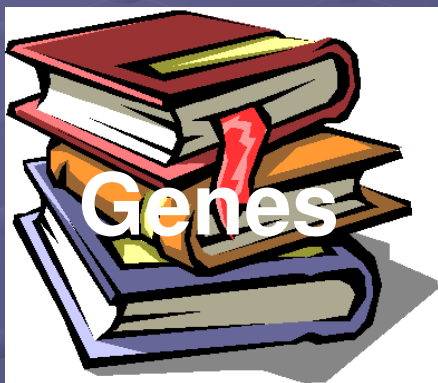
- under certain well-defined conditions
- in certain cells/tissues/organisms

# Proteomics: Why ?

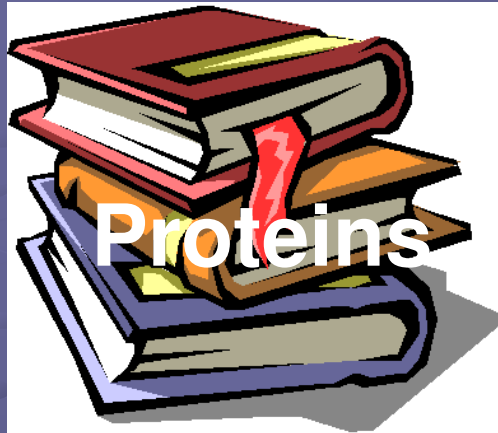
Genomics

=/=>

Proteomics

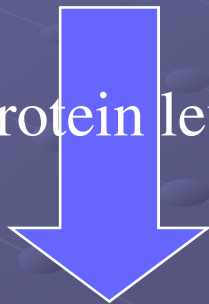


# Proteomics



Symbol	Meaning
Aad	2-Aminoadipic acid
bAad	3-Aminoadipic acid
bAla	beta-Alanine, beta-Aminopropionic acid
Abu	2-Aminobutyric acid
4Abu	4-Aminobutyric acid, piperidinic acid
Acp	6-Aminocaproic acid
Ahe	2-Aminoheptanoic acid
Aib	2-Aminoisobutyric acid
bAib	3-Aminoisobutyric acid
Apm	2-Aminopimelic acid
Dbu	2,4 Diaminobutyric acid
Des	Desmosine
Dpm	2,2'-Diaminopimelic acid
Dpr	2,3-Diaminopropionic acid
EtGly	N-Ethylglycine
EtAsn	N-Ethylasparagine
Hyl	Hydroxylysine
aHyl	allo-Hydroxylysine
3Hyp	3-Hydroxyproline
4Hyp	4-Hydroxyproline
Ide	Isodesmosine
alle	allo-Isoleucine
MeGly	N-Methylglycine, sarcosine
MeIle	N-Methylisoleucine
MeLys	6-N-Methyllysine
MeVal	N-Methylvaline
Nva	Norvaline
Nle	Norleucine
Orn	Ornithine

Protein level



- Proteolytic maturation
- Methionine processing
- Sugars, Ubiquitination
- .....

**MODIFICATIONS !**

# Challenges in Proteomics/Peptidomics

- Dynamic changing (not static)
  - Labile modifications (eg phosphorylation)
    - Handling dependent (sample (pre)treatment !)
    - Wide concentration range (no PCR equivalent)
      - Localization dependent
        - Better technology = more data
          - Differential analysis and quantification

# Proteomics/Peptidomics: How?

## Various ways

examples:

- **(2D)- gel electrophoresis** (old, old fashioned, but it still climbs up the mountains)
- **immunological techniques** [western blot , immunohistochemistry, fluorescence,...]
- **chromatography: UV profiling**
- **fluorescent tagged proteins** [full- length, (sub)cellular localization]
- **Protein (Peptide) arrays**
- **Mass spectrometry**

# Proteomics/Peptidomics: How?

Thanks to 2 “soft ionization” techniques  
(ESI and MALDI)



Mass spectrometry



# Flow Chart: Proteomics/Peptidomics



Separation

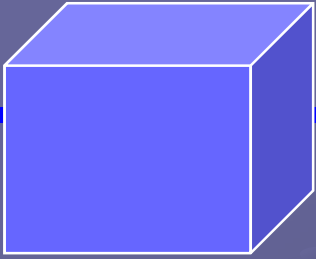
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Analysis

Data processing

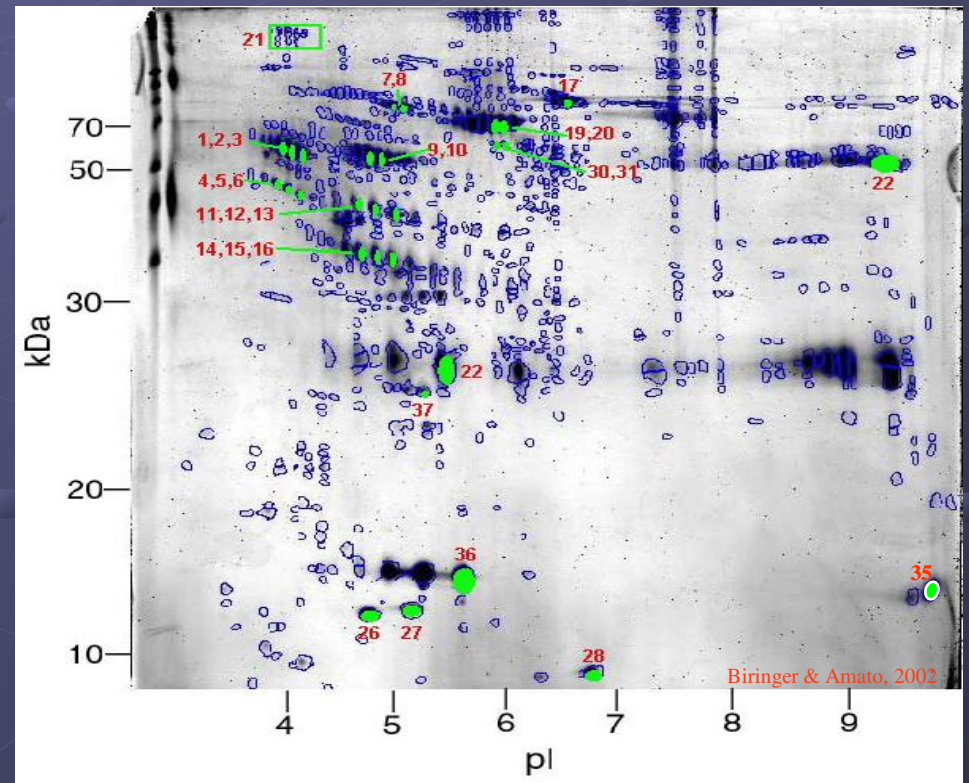
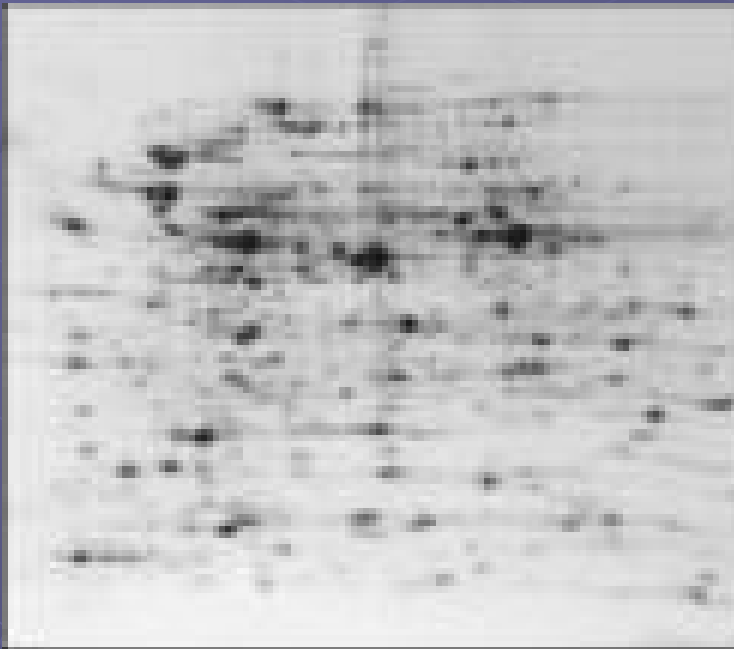


# Separation



## GEL based separations

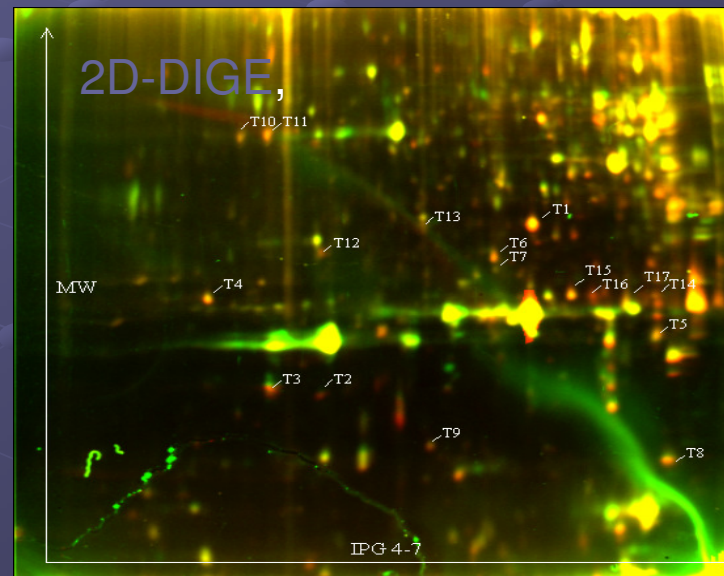
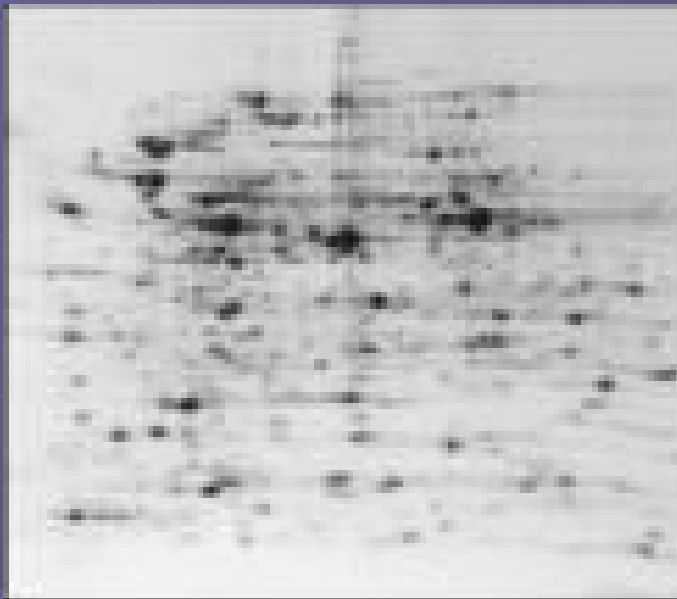
- 1D Gel (SDS-PAGE)
- 2D GEL -> 2D DIGE



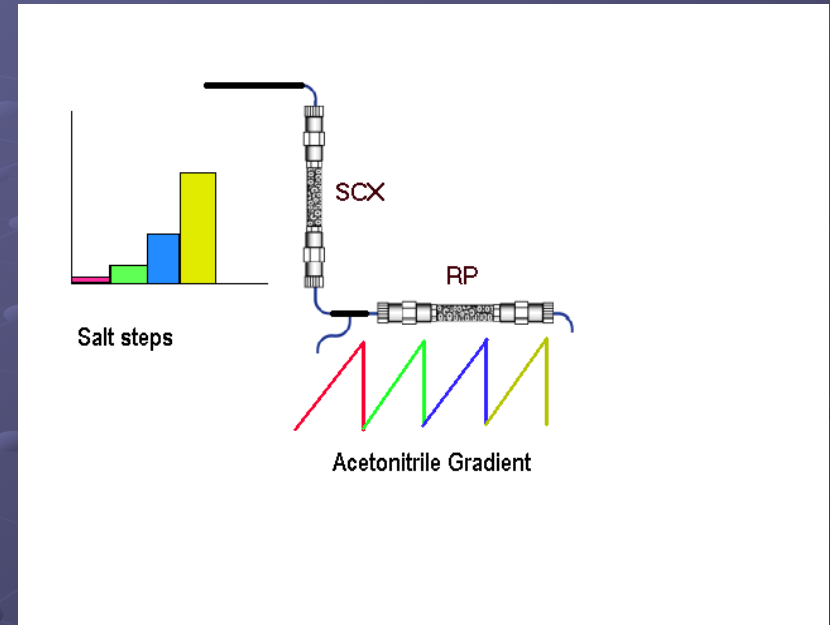
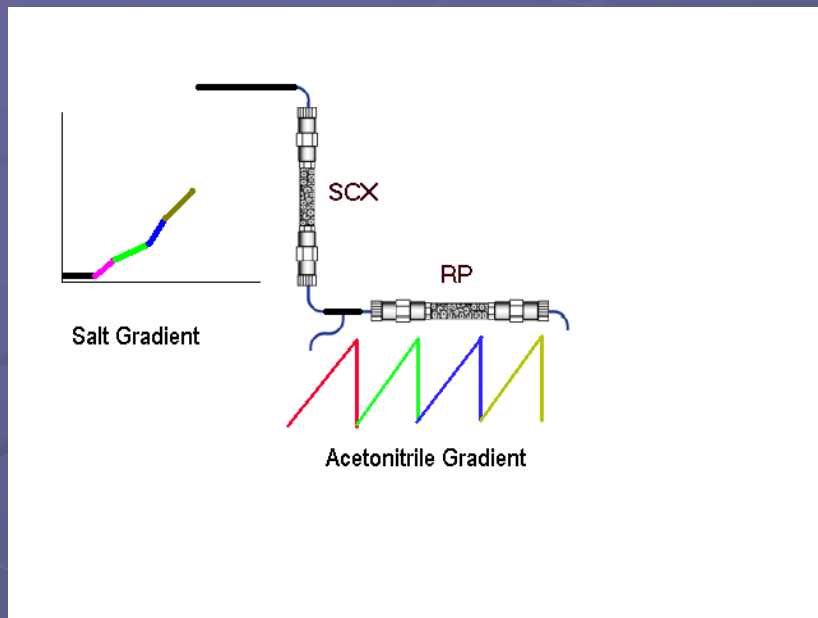
# Separation

## GEL based separations

- 2D DIGE = labeling with fluorescing cyanine dyes:  
Cy2 (green)    Cy3 (orange)    Cy5 (red)



# Separation: 2D LC



- 2D -Gel  $\leftrightarrow$  2D LC
- massive amount of data when linked to MS

# Separation

- **Special affinity based separations (special affinity matrixes: eg for serum samples/ membrane proteins/ phosphorylated peptides, antibodies based separations, dendrimer capture). Popular application: magnetic beads**
- **solid phase extraction**
- **new separations in the MS analyser itself: ion mobility**
- **new LC based separations:**
  - **Advion Robot**
  - **UPLC chip based separations**
  - **robotic MALDI MS spotters**
  - **mixed functional phase columns**

# Serum Proteomics

- high dynamic range of protein concentrations
- dominated by a limited number of high-abundance proteins, constituting up 95–99% of the total protein

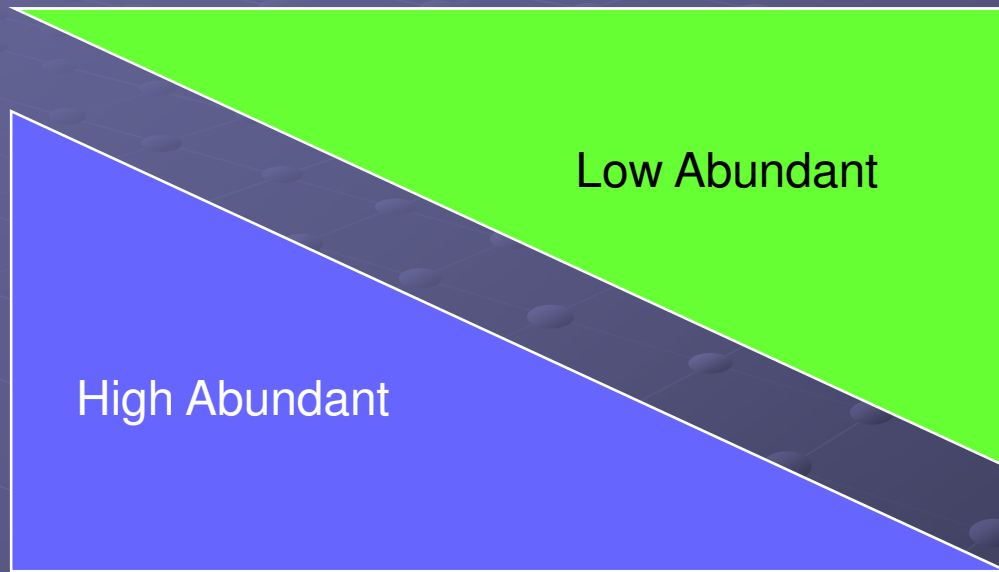
## Depletion methods (2-20 proteins):

Immunodepletion methods

Affinity methods

- old methods: Cibacron Blue (Blue Sepharose): albumin; Protein G (A): IgG
- new methods: combinatorial chemistry: eg short peptide fragments (hexapeptides)

# Serum Proteomics



**Up to 6 fold increase in identification !**

# Separation

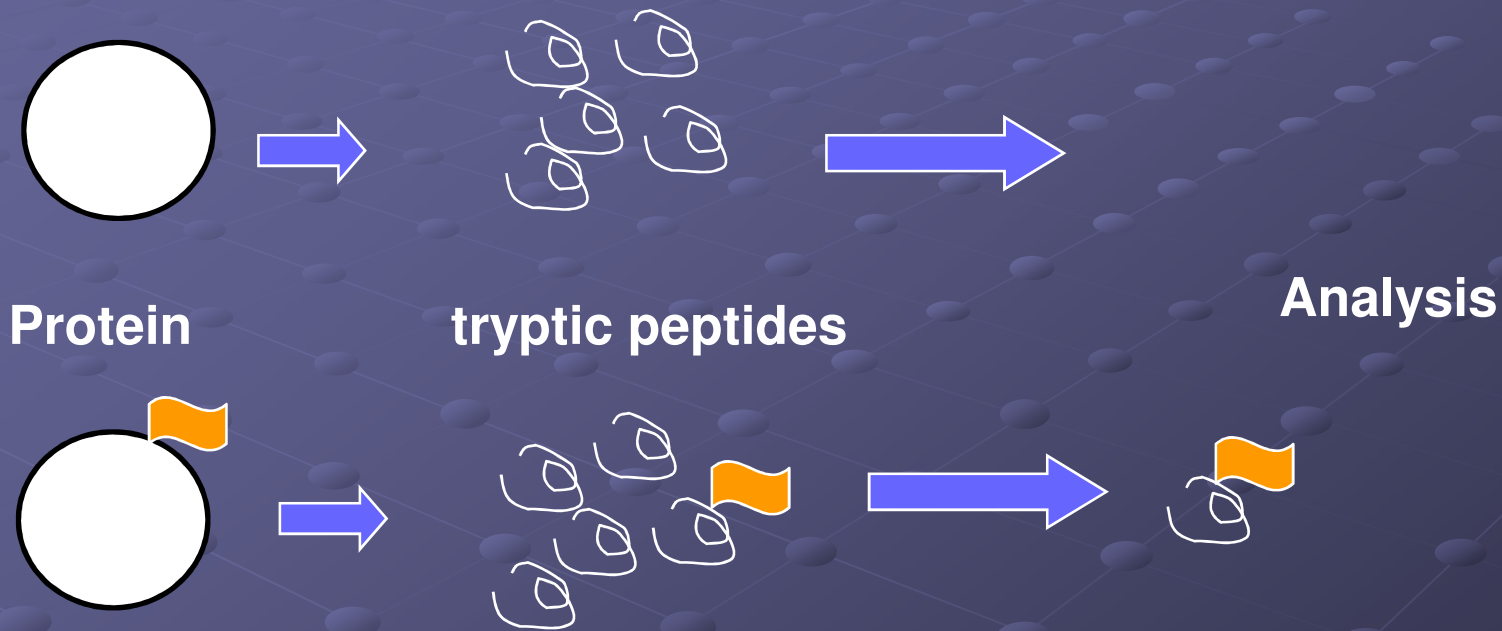
**MORE SEPARATION = MORE IDENTIFICATION**

**→ Combine (pre-) fractionation steps: immuno-affinity based, subcellular fractionation, serum depletion kits, ....**



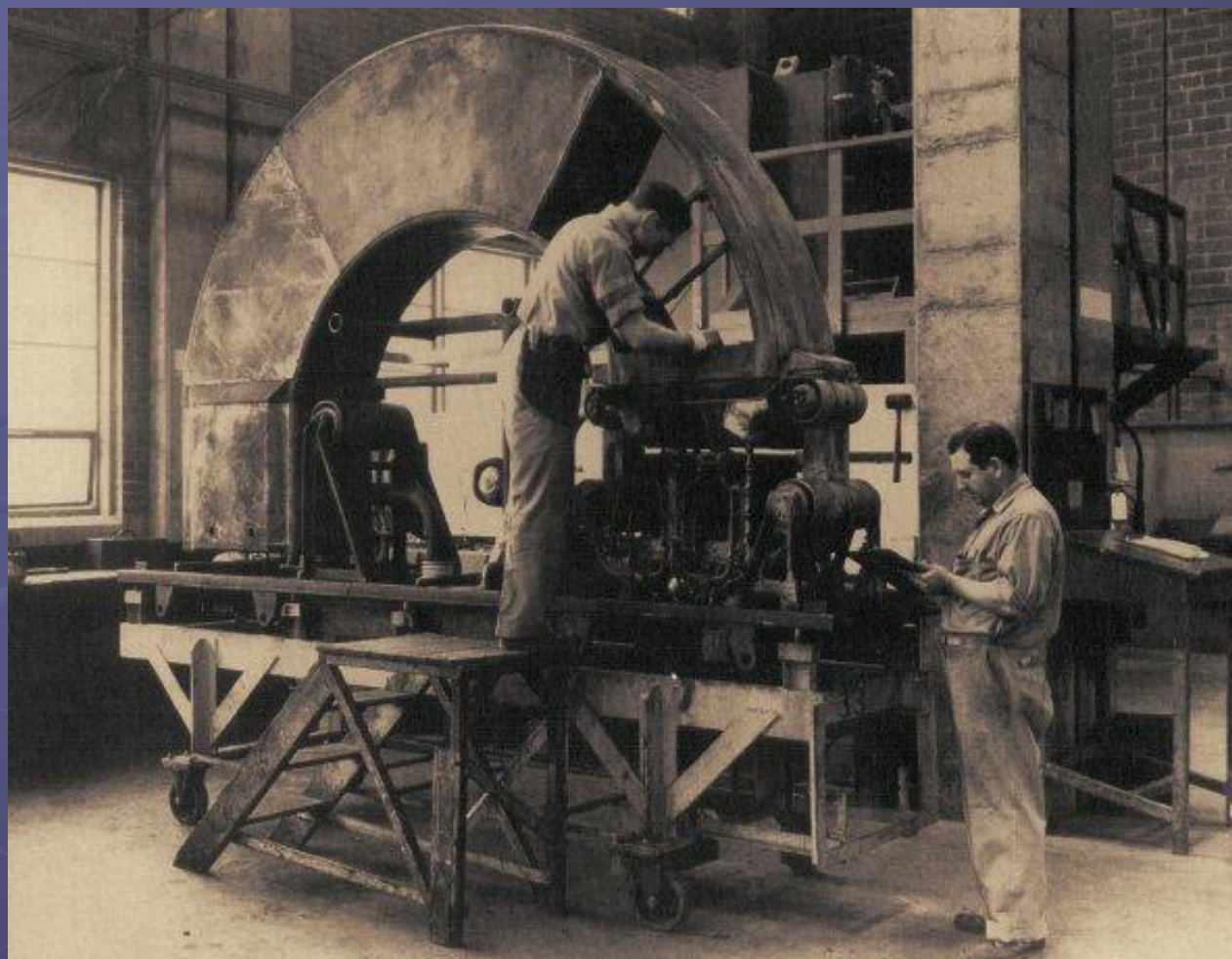
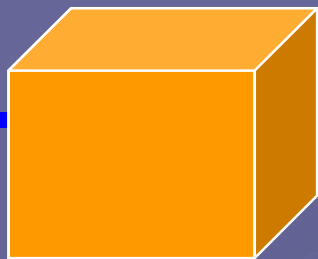
# Special Separation

- label proteins at rarely occurring AA's (eg cysteine or methionine)
- analyze labeled peptides only --> reducing complexity



ICAT (isotope coded affinity tag) , COFRADIC

# Analysis: History



obtained from:

Yergey A.L., Yergey A.K.

Preparative Scale Mass Spectrometry: A Brief History of the Calutron

*JASMS*, 1997, V8(N9), p943-953

# Analysis

## Huge improvement of mass spectrometers:

- end 80's: Soft ionization methods : ESI and MALDI (Nobel price 2002)
- end 90's: hybrid MS instruments, nanospray, MALDI TOF/TOF

### - begin 21 century: exponential growth of MS equipment:

TOF/TOF with real CID, linear iontrap, orbitrap, 9.4 Tesla FT ICR MS, ECD and ETD dissociation, new hybrids (eg MALDI-Iontrap; 3Q-Iontrap..), ion mobility

- CPU power

# Milestones

1897: Sir J.J Thomson, Cavendish Laboratory , University of Cambridge, **discovery of the electron**

1906: Thomson: Nobel Prize for this studies on the conduction of electricity by gasses (**ion movements**)

1912: Thompson: **First mass spectrometer**

1946: William E. Stephens: concept of **time-of-flight** analyzer

1953-58: Wolfgang Paul: **quadrupole** analyzer

1983: first commercial **ion trap**

1989: Paul: Nobel Prize in Physics

1968: Malcolm Dole: first concept of **ESI**

1974: Comisarow & Marshall: **FTMS**

1984-88: John Fenn: **ESI for biomolecule analysis**

Wong, S.F., Meng, C.K. and Fenn, J.B., J. Phys. Chem., 92, 546 (1988)

Meng, C.K., Mann, M. and Fenn, J.B., Z. Phys.D., 10, 361 (1988)

1988: Tanaka (Japan) and Franz Hillenkamp/Michael Karas (Germany): **MALDI**

M. Karas and F. Hillenkamp, Anal. Chem. 60, 2299-2301 (1988)

K. Tanaka et al., Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom. 2, 151-153 (1988)

# Analysis: MS

**Turbo Engine behind Proteomics/Peptidomics =  
Mass Spectrometry (MS)**

**What should we know about MS ?**

- 1. create ions : ionization**
- 2. separate the ions : analyzer**
- 3. measure the ions : detector**

# Basic MS instrument

**source**

ESI or MALDI

**analyzer**

e.g. IonTrap  
or TOF (time of flight)

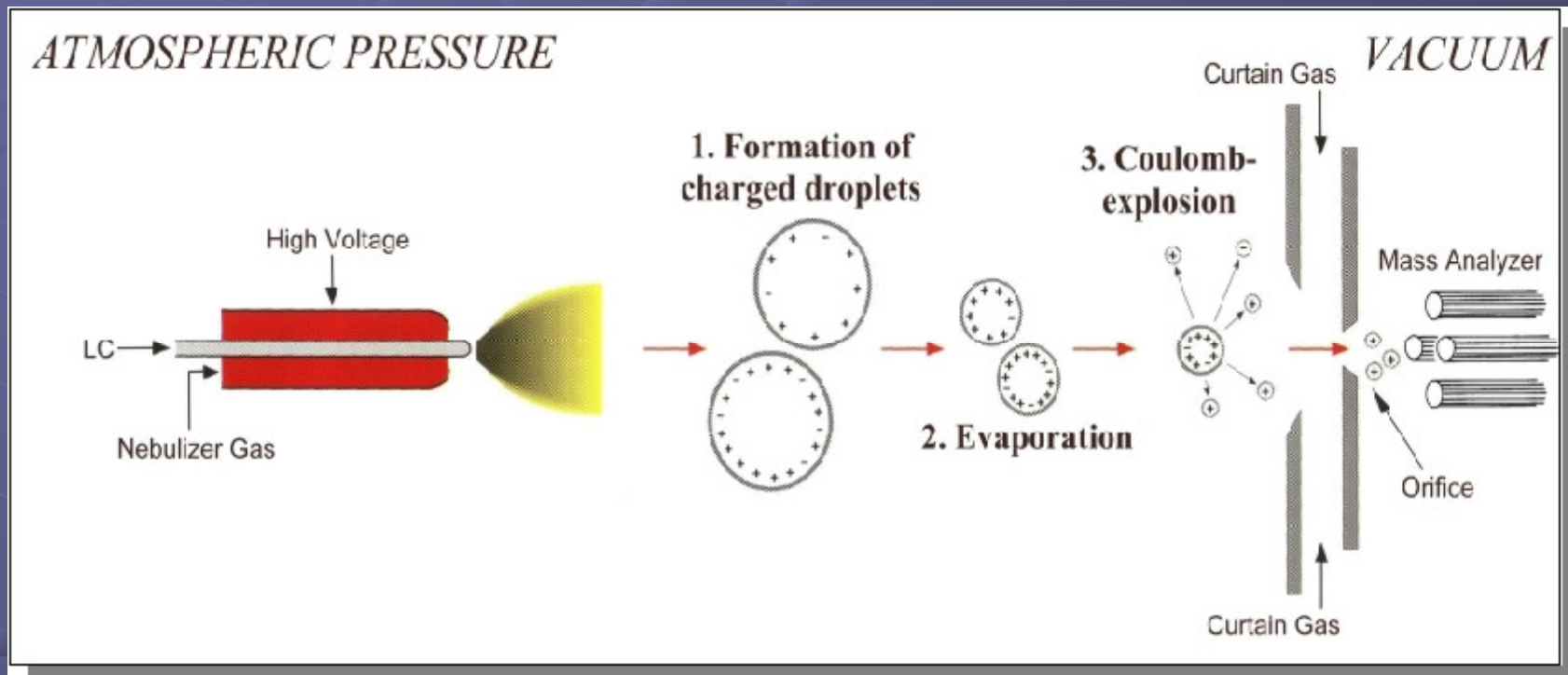
**detector**

Examples:

- ESI IonTrap
- MALDI TOF

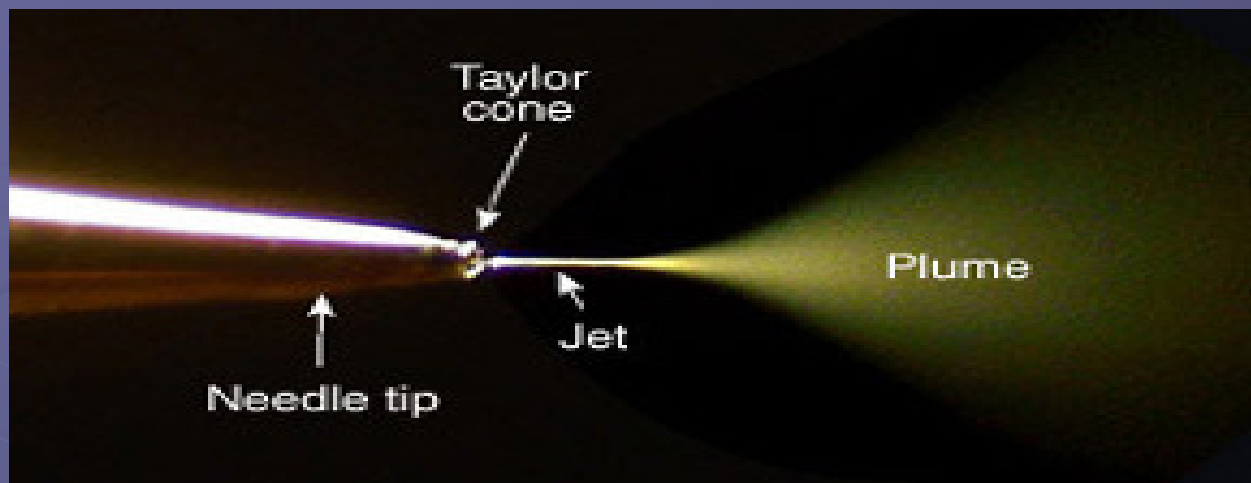


# Electrospray Ionization (ESI)

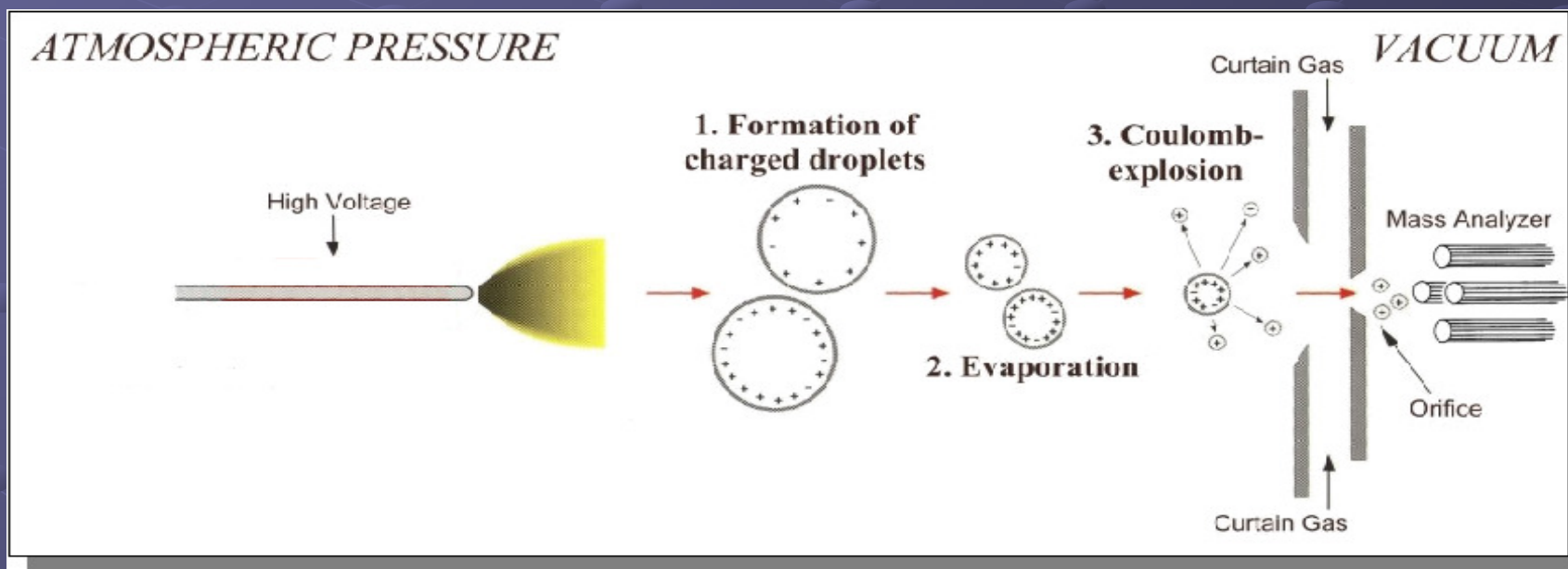




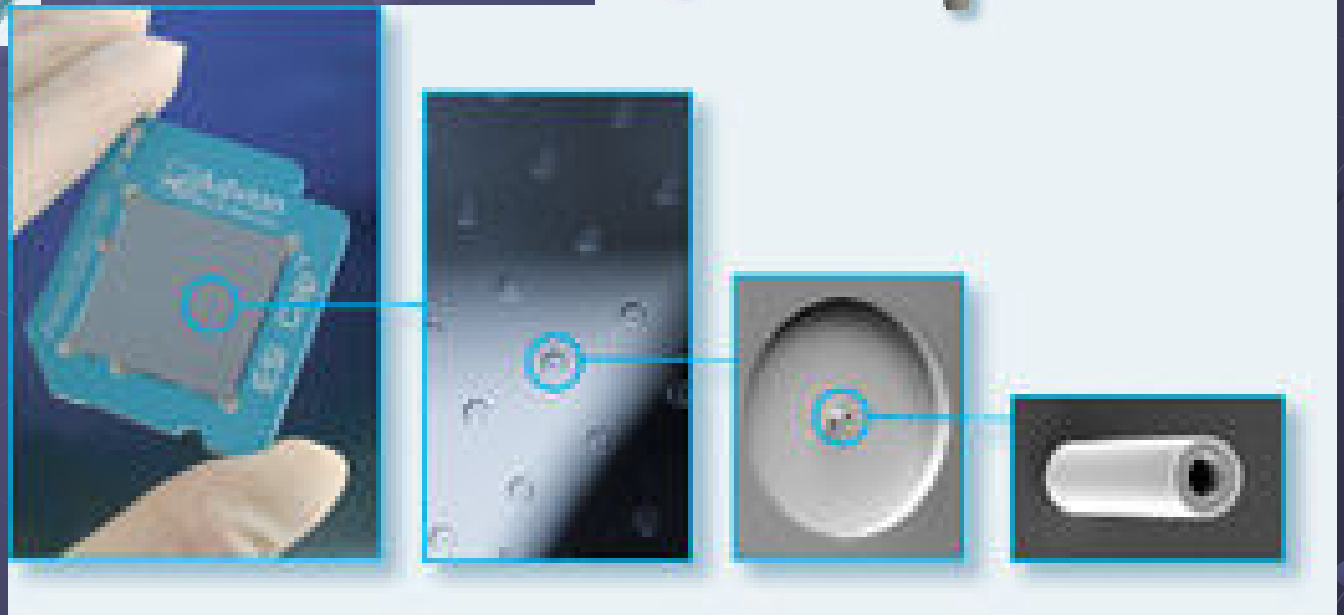
# Special ESI: Nanospray



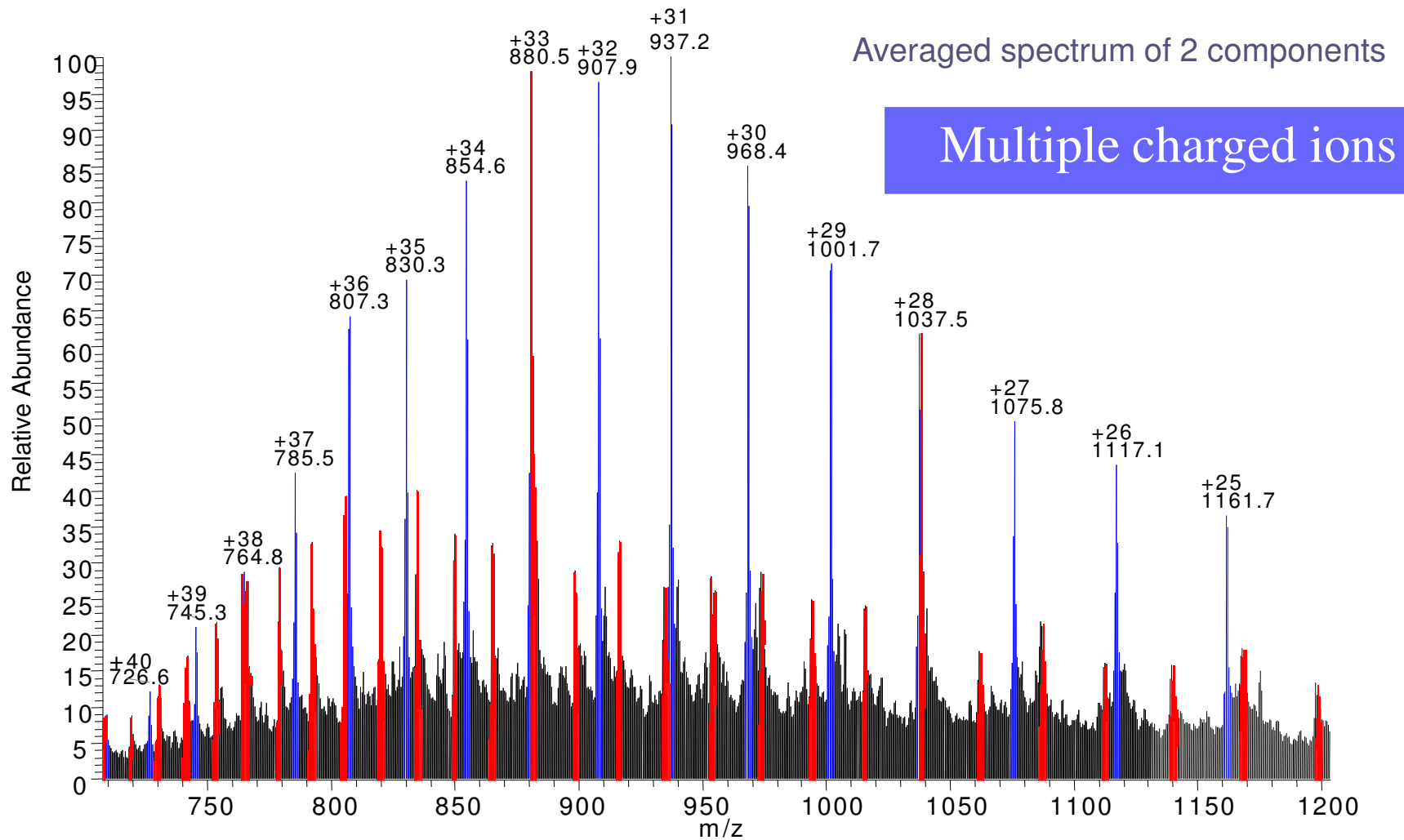
Wilm, 1991



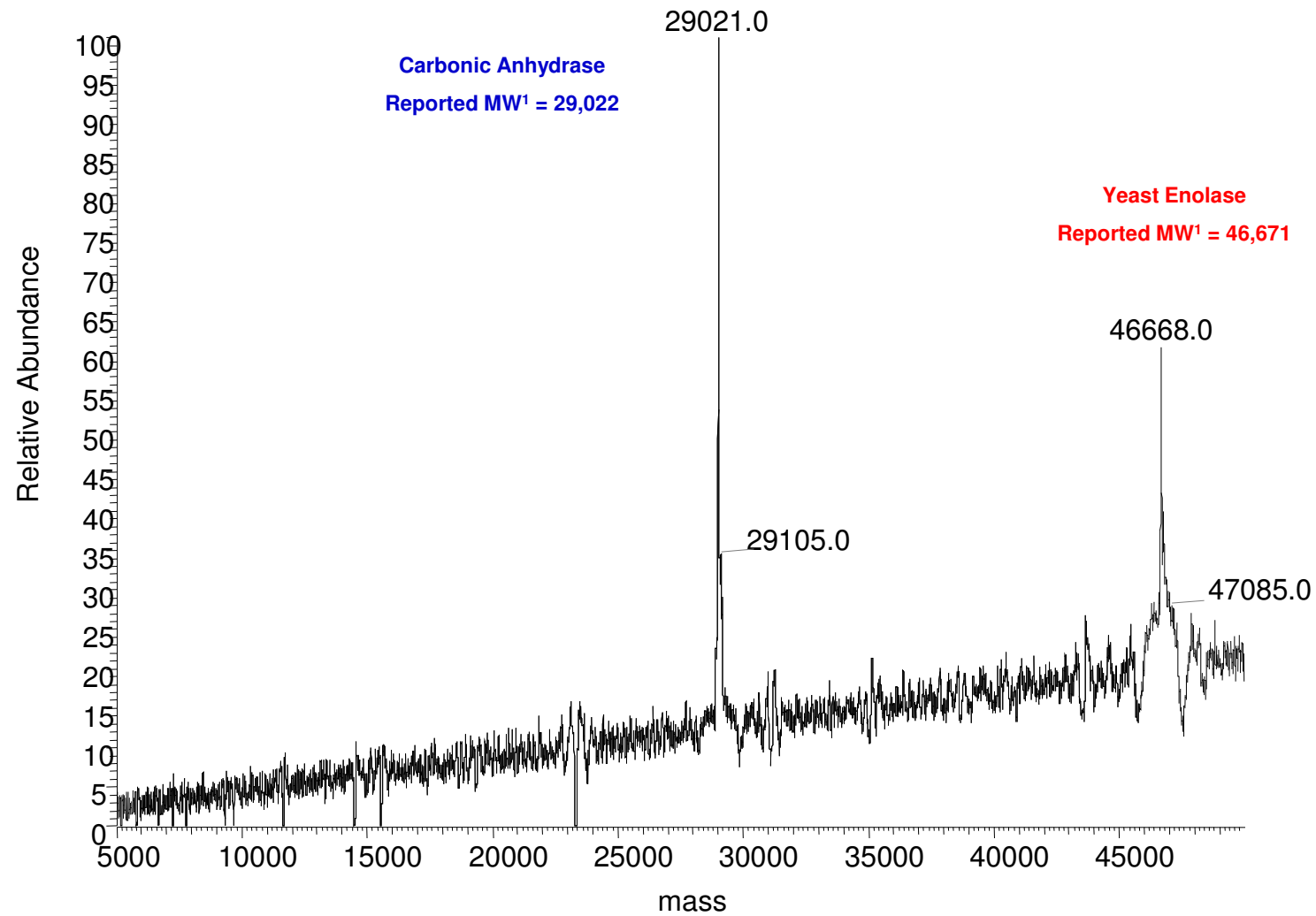
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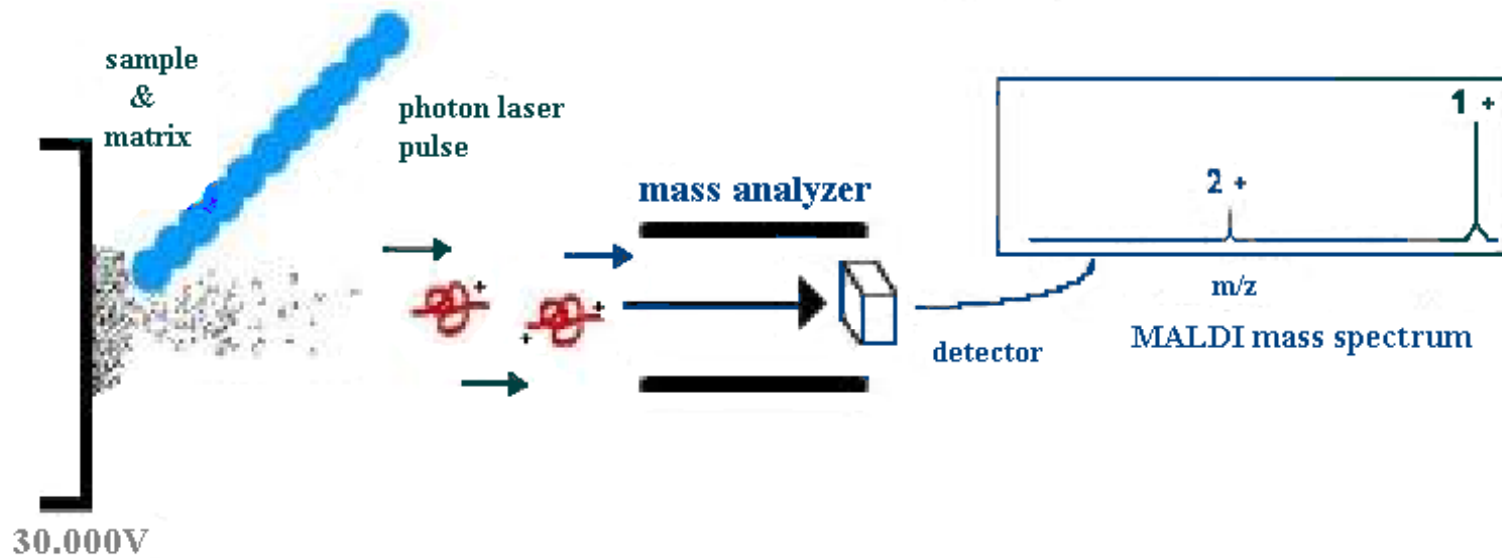


# Deconvolution

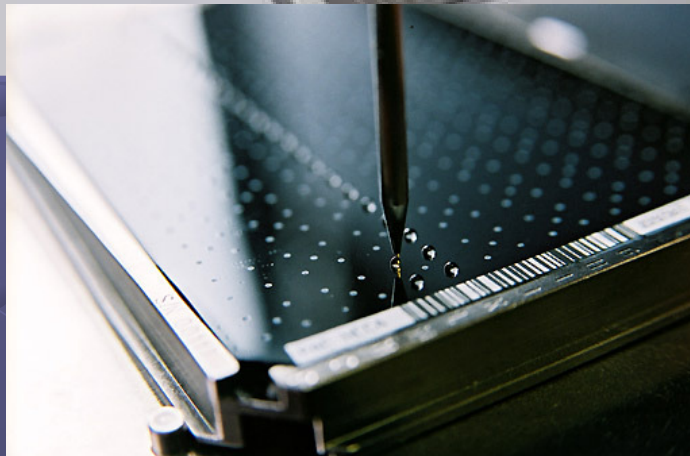


# MALDI ionization

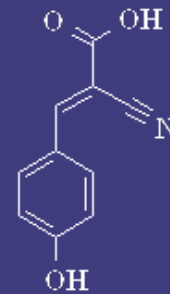
## Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI)



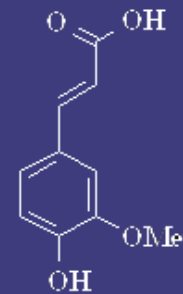
# MALDI ionization



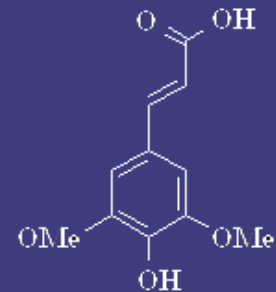
$\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



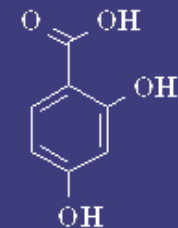
3-methoxy-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



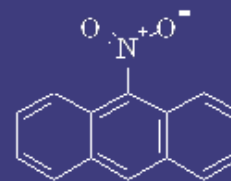
3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



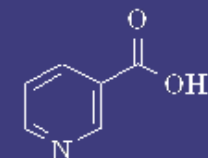
2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid



9-nitroanthracene

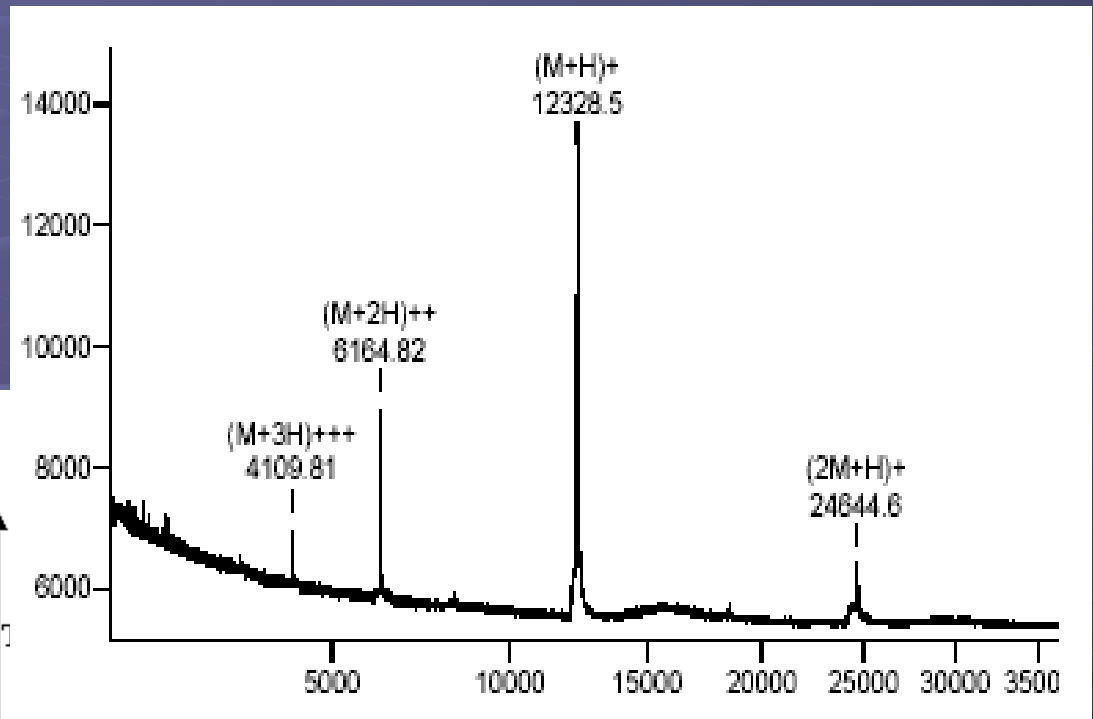
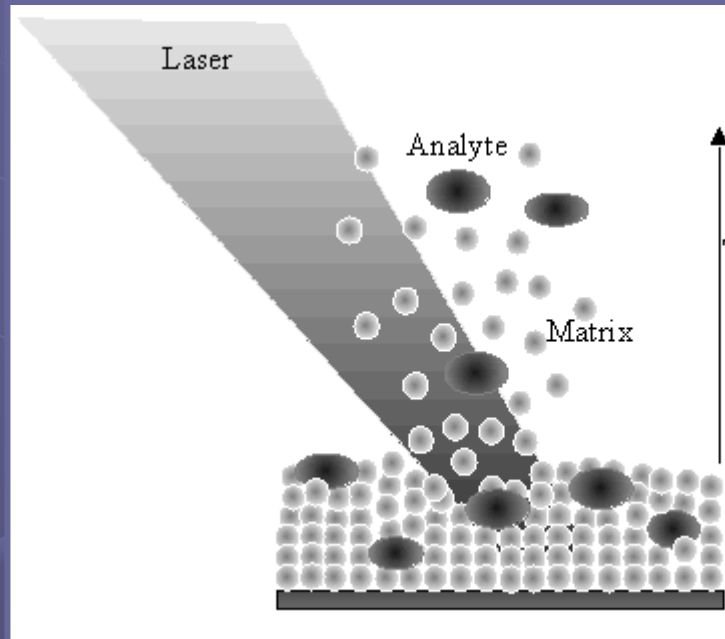


nicotinic acid



# MALDI ionization

## MALDI

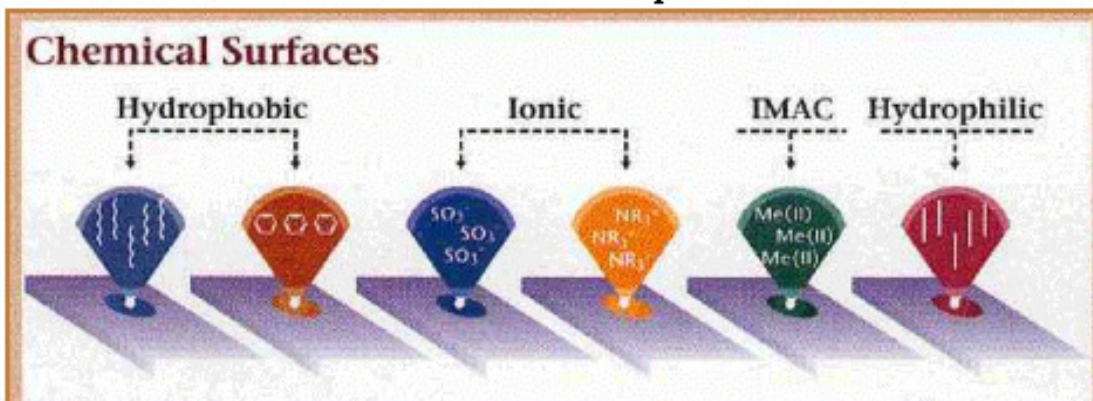


Ions are preferentially +1

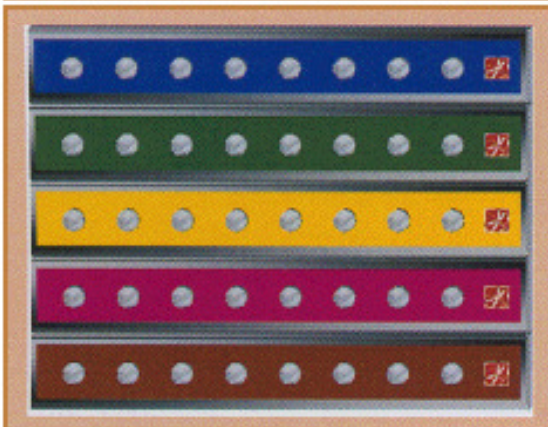


# Special MALDI: SELDI

## Surface Enhanced Laser Desorption Ionization



←**Surface Chemistries**  
Each chip binds a specific set of proteins based on the chromatographic surface of the ProteinChip®.



### ←**Protein Chips**

Each spot on the chip will contain sera from a control- or toxicant-treated animal. The spots are analyzed separately and a mass spectra is created for each spot representing the proteins bound to the chip surface.

# Analyser: separate ions

**source**

ESI or MALDI

**analyzer**

e.g. IonTrap  
or TOF (time of flight)

**detector**

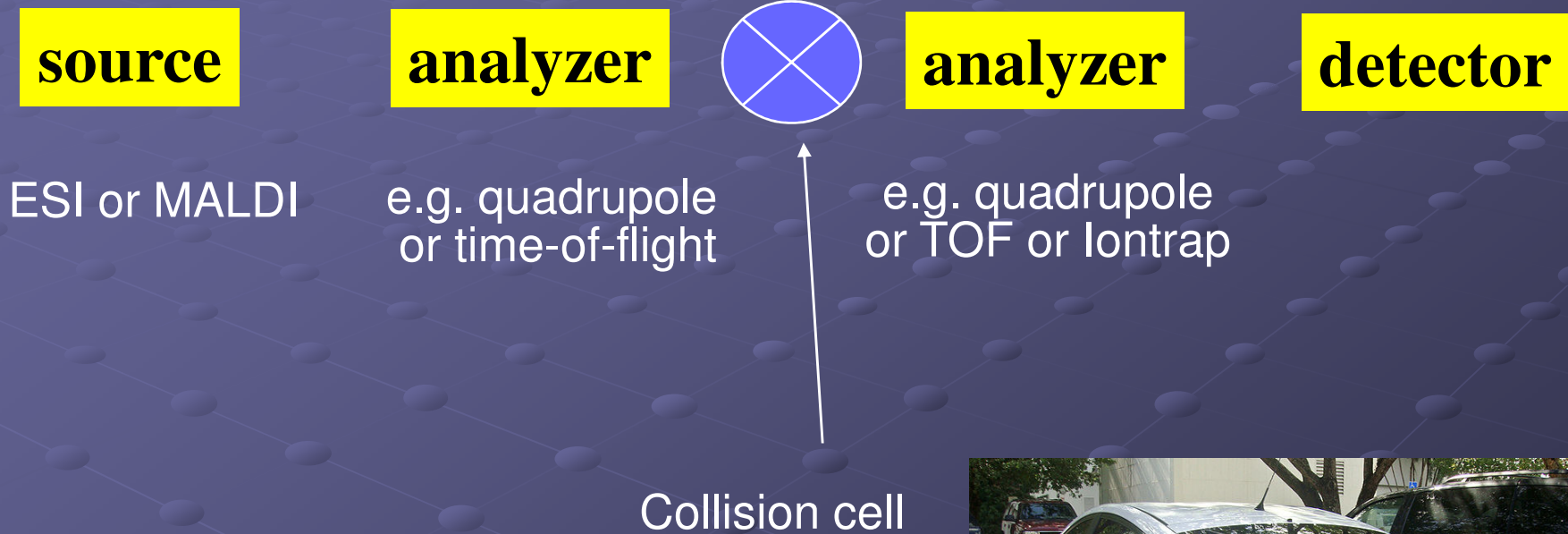
Examples:

- ESI IonTrap
- MALDI TOF

# Analyzer: separate ions

- Ion-trap MS
- Quadrupole MS
- Time-of-flight MS
- Fourier-transform MS
- Magnetic-sector MS

# More complex MS instruments



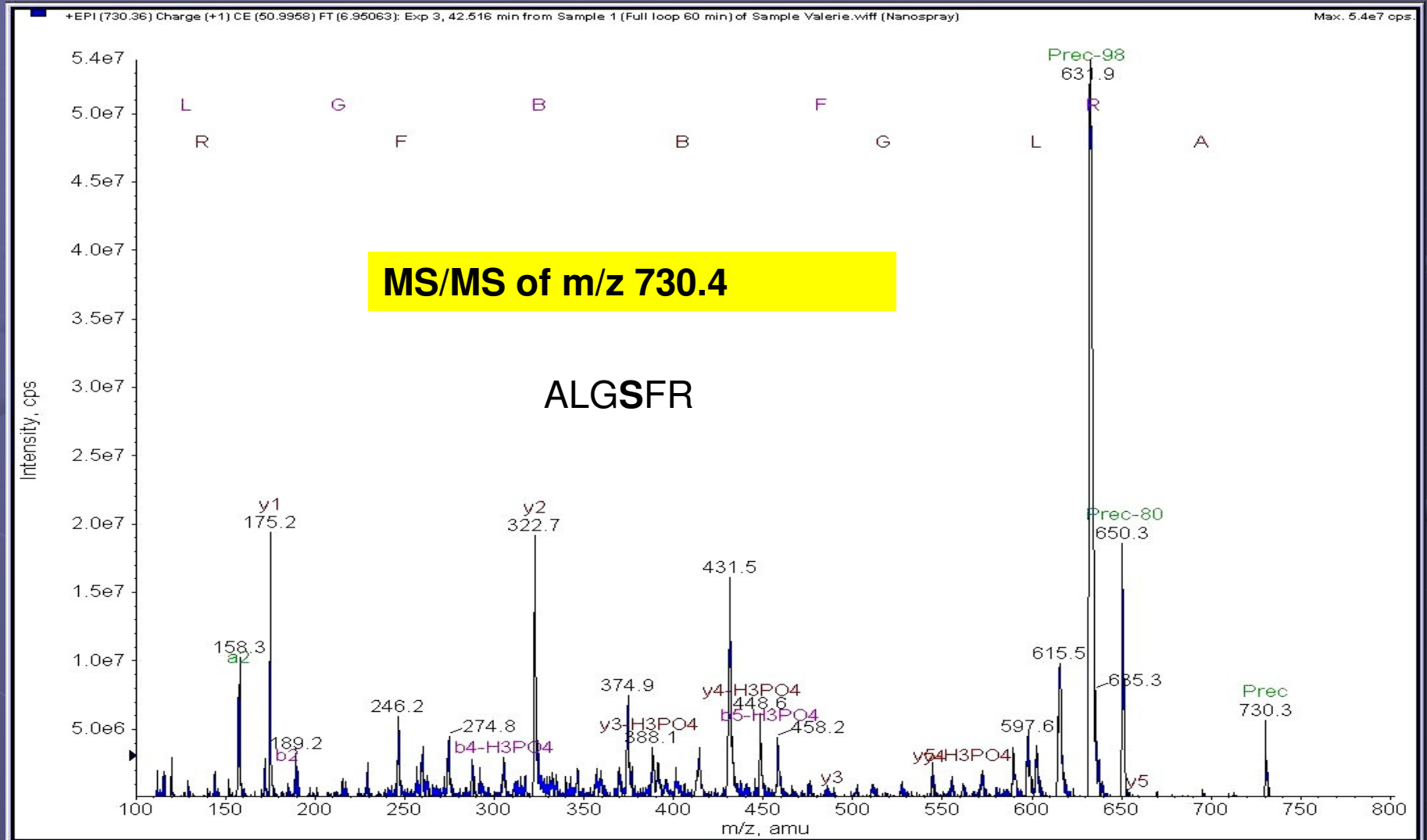
Examples:

- ESI Q TOF
- ESI Q Iontrap
- MALDI Iontrap
- MALDI TOF TOF

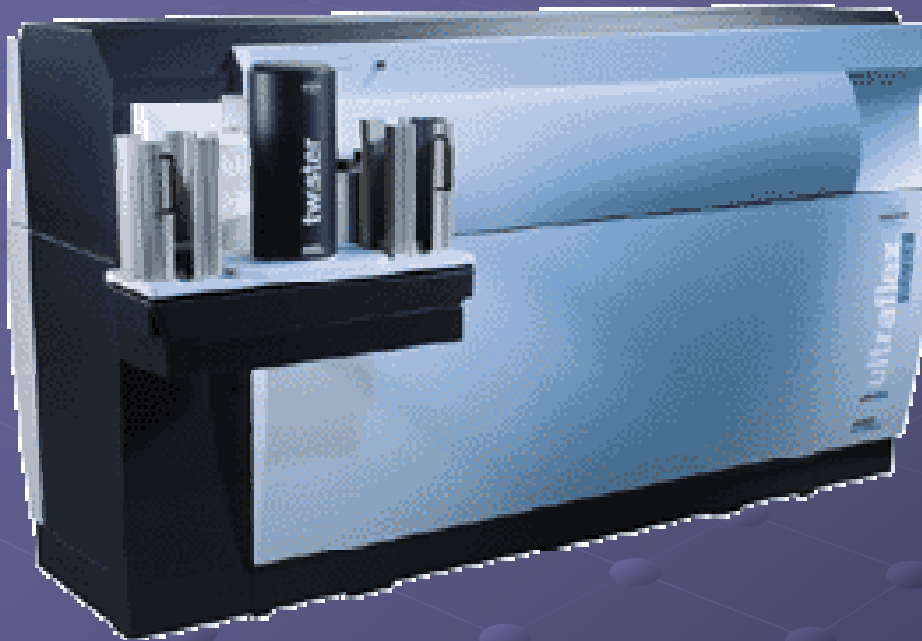


# MS/MS: AA sequence

Note: manual interaction or *de novo* sequence



# MALDI-TOF/TOF





# Triple Q - IonTrap

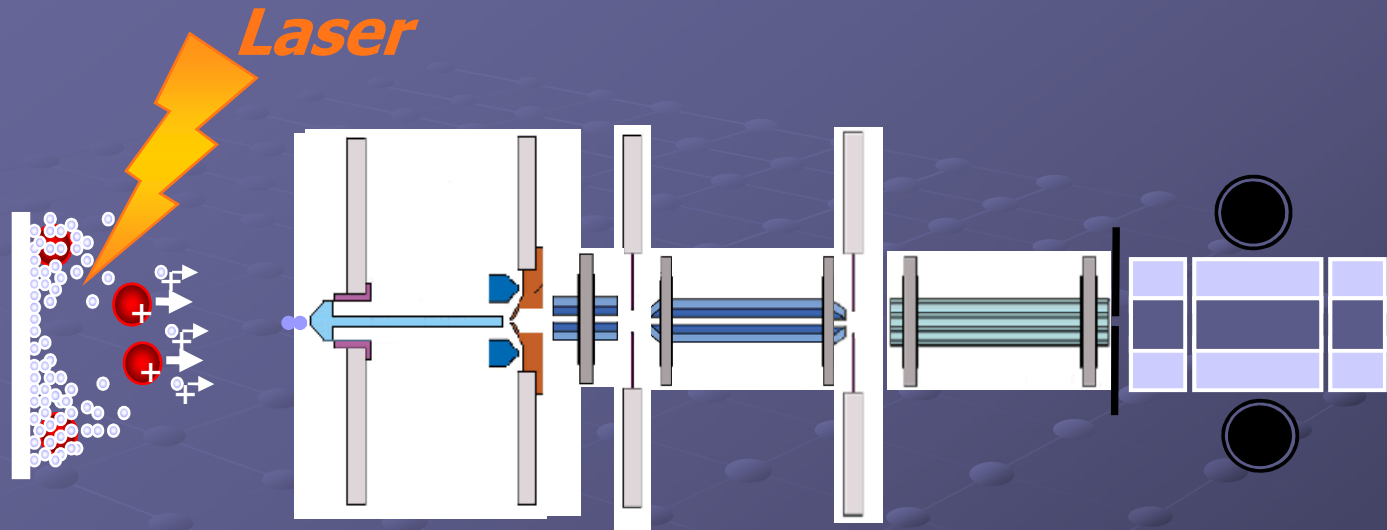




# Q - TOF



# MALDI-IonTrap

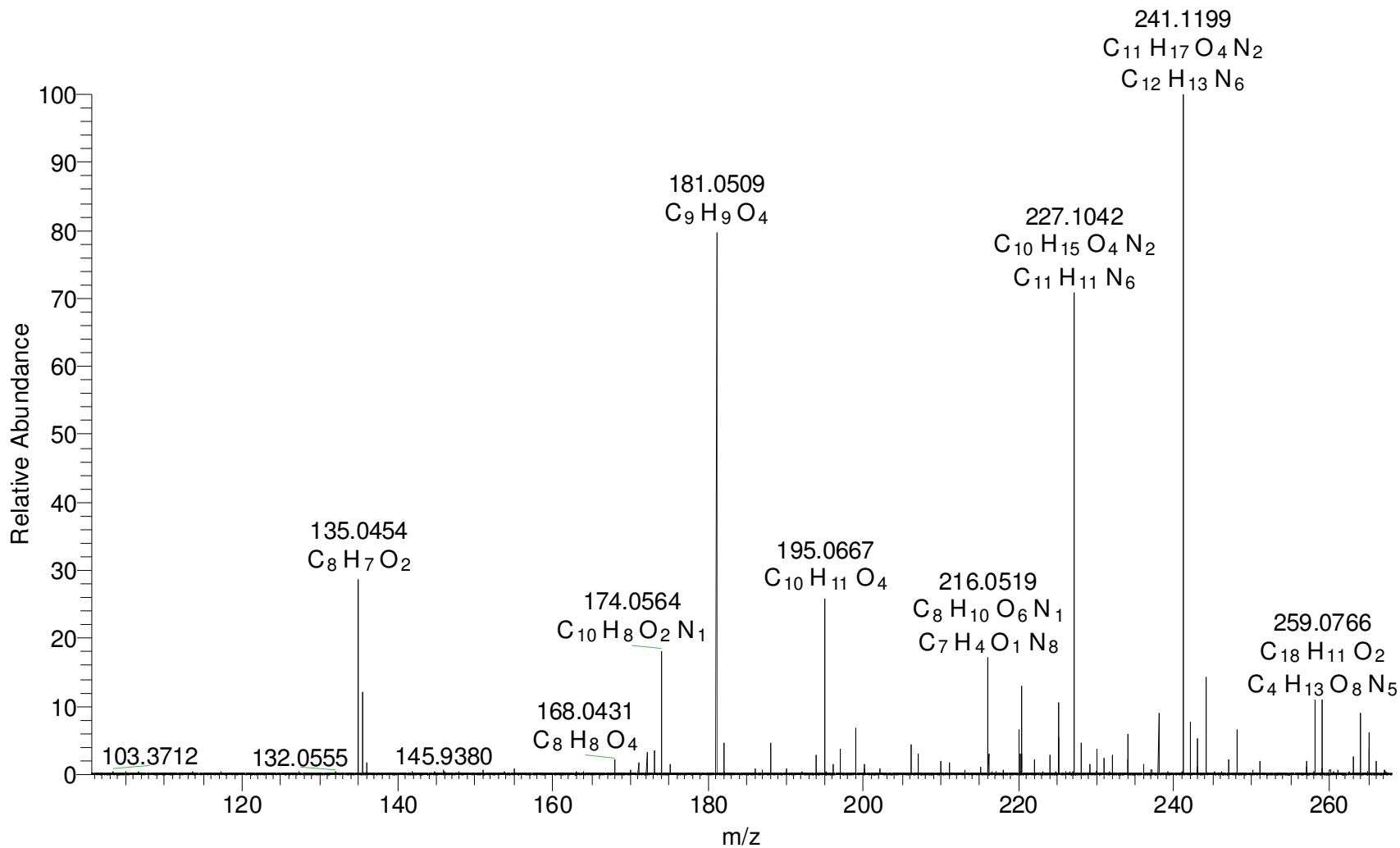


# FT-MS



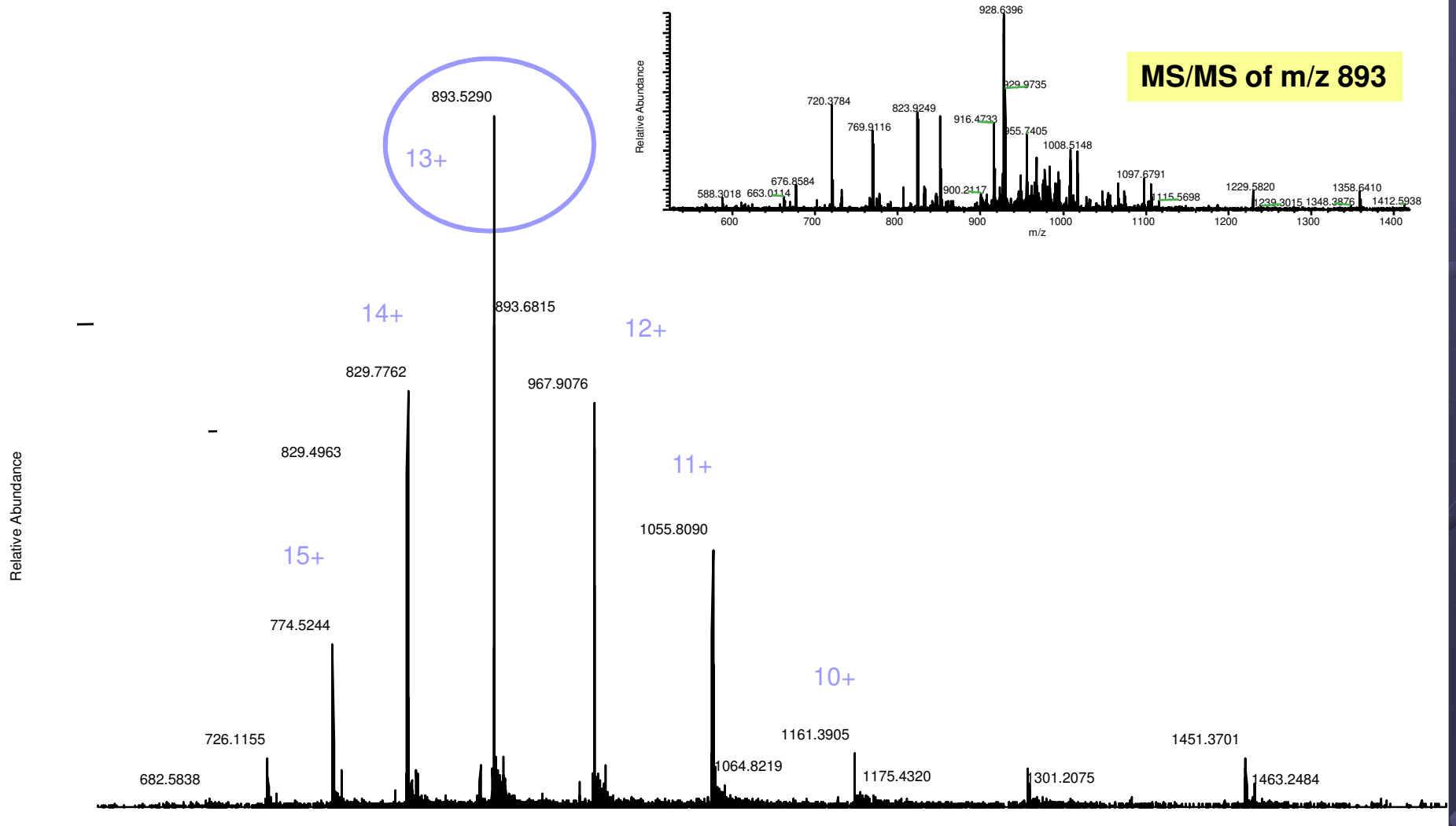
# Empirical formula (composition)

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T: FTMS - p NSI Full ms [ 85.00-1000.00]

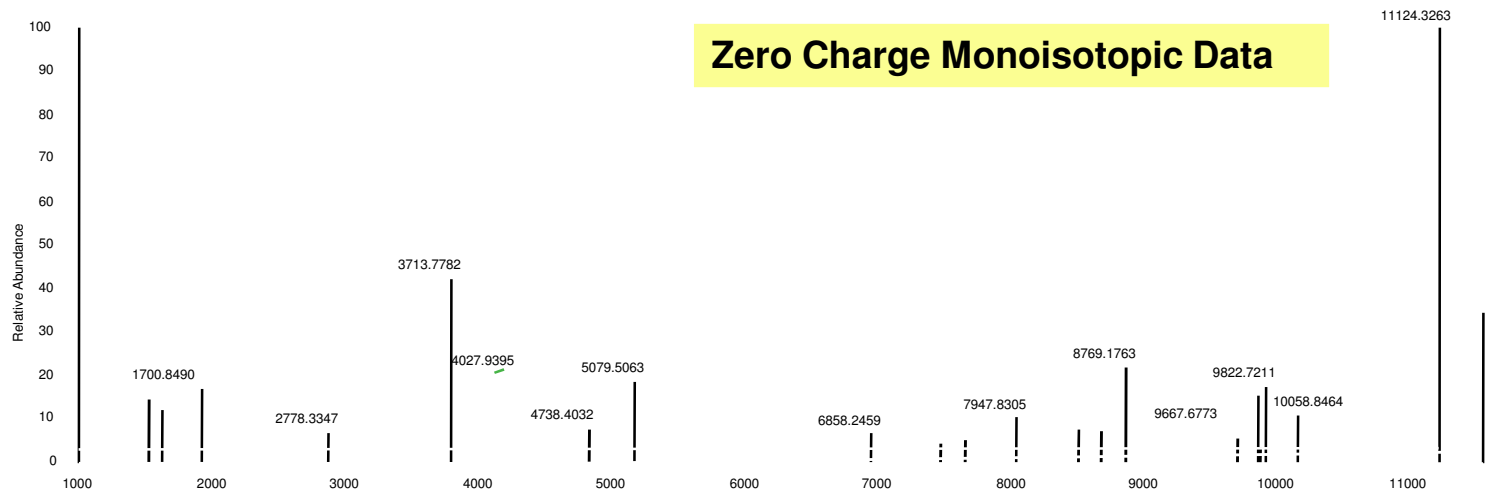
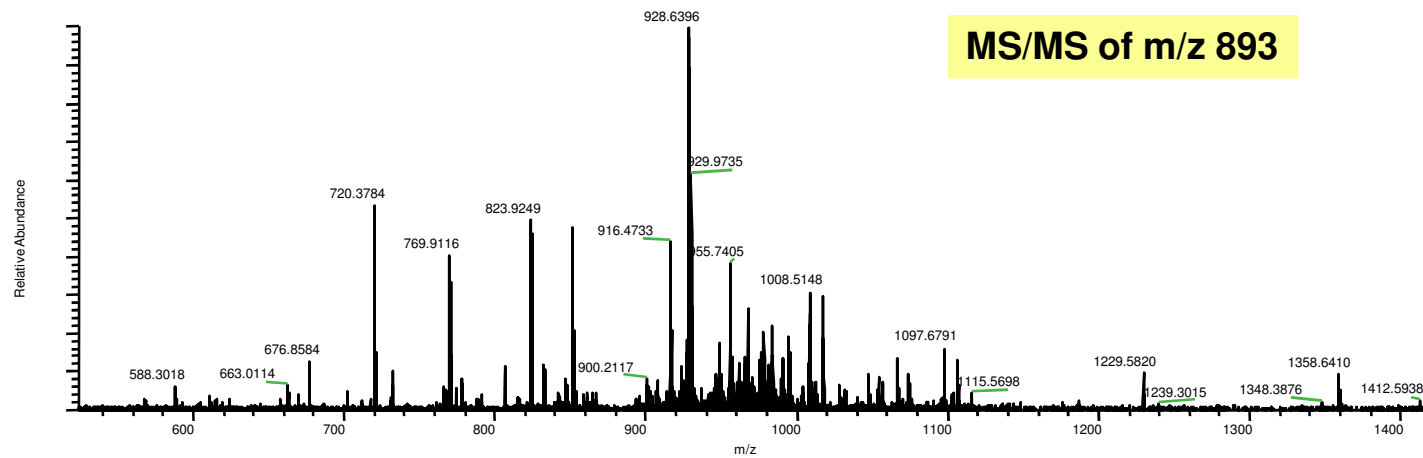


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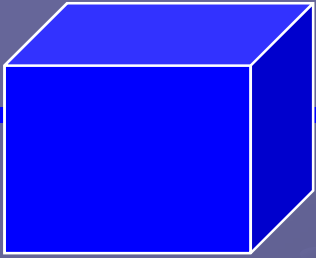
## Sequence Analysis of m/z 893



# Top Down Analysis



# Data Processing



- Protein/peptide identification = search engine to interrogate database(s)
- Find the differences: Biomarker discovery



# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

- Diagnostic
- Prognostic
- Therapeutic

# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

How to find differences ?

2 different strategies:

Labeling

Label free

# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

## Labeling

Based on stable isotopes (not radioactive):  $C^{12} \rightarrow C^{13}$

$N^{14} \rightarrow N^{15}$

Examples:

SILAC (stable isotope labelling )

ICAT

ITRAQ

$O^{18}$  labelling

AQUA (=targetted approach)

unbiased

# Labeling: ICAT

ICAT (Isotope-coded affinity tag)

= Duplex Labeling:

2 tags ("light" and "heavy" linker, 9x  $C^{12}$  and 9x  $C^{13}$ ,  $\Delta$  mass= 9 Da)

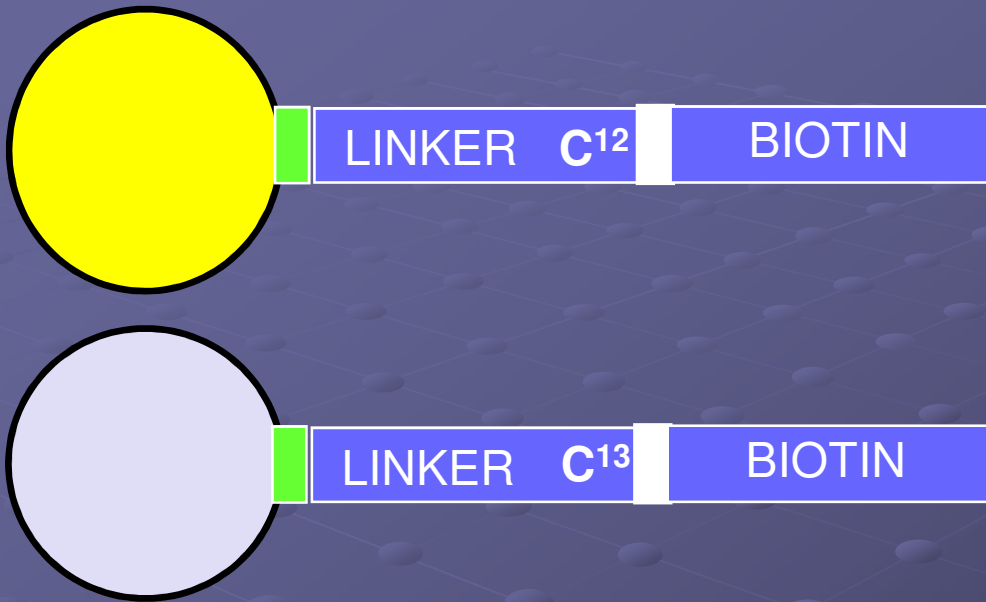
has a biotin tag

labeling = at the protein level (at cysteines)

analysis = only labeled peptides  $\rightarrow$  reduced complexity



# ICAT



Step 1: label proteins

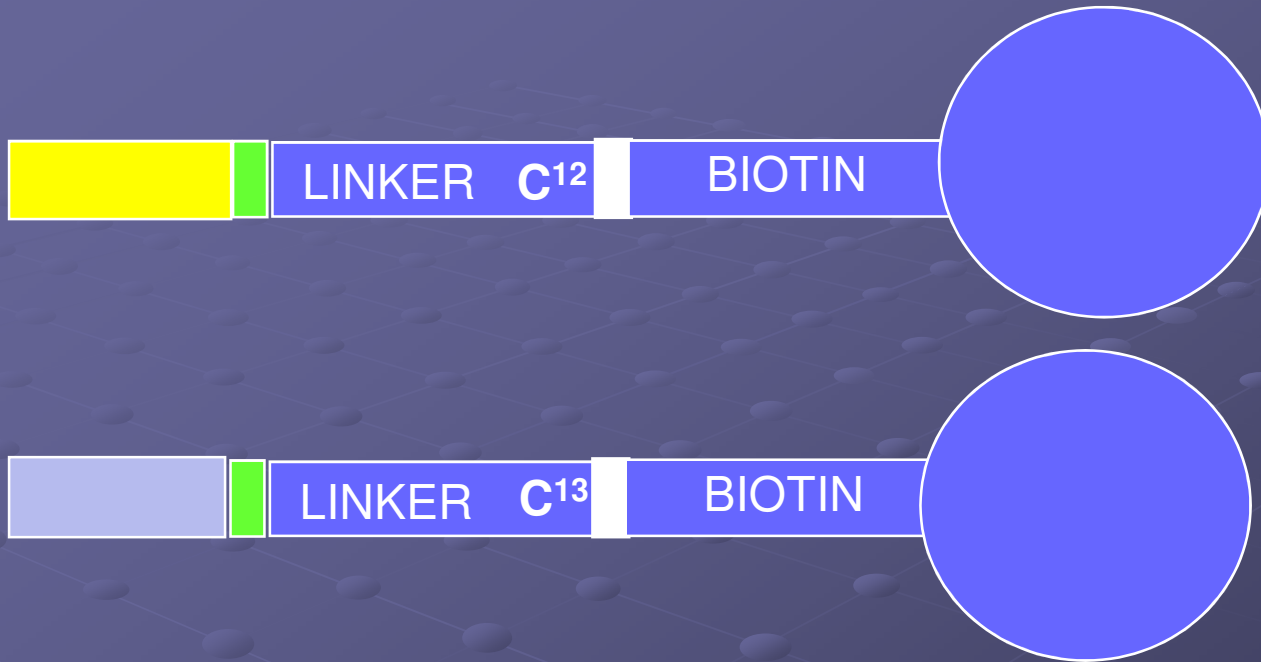
Step 2: digest proteins

# ICAT



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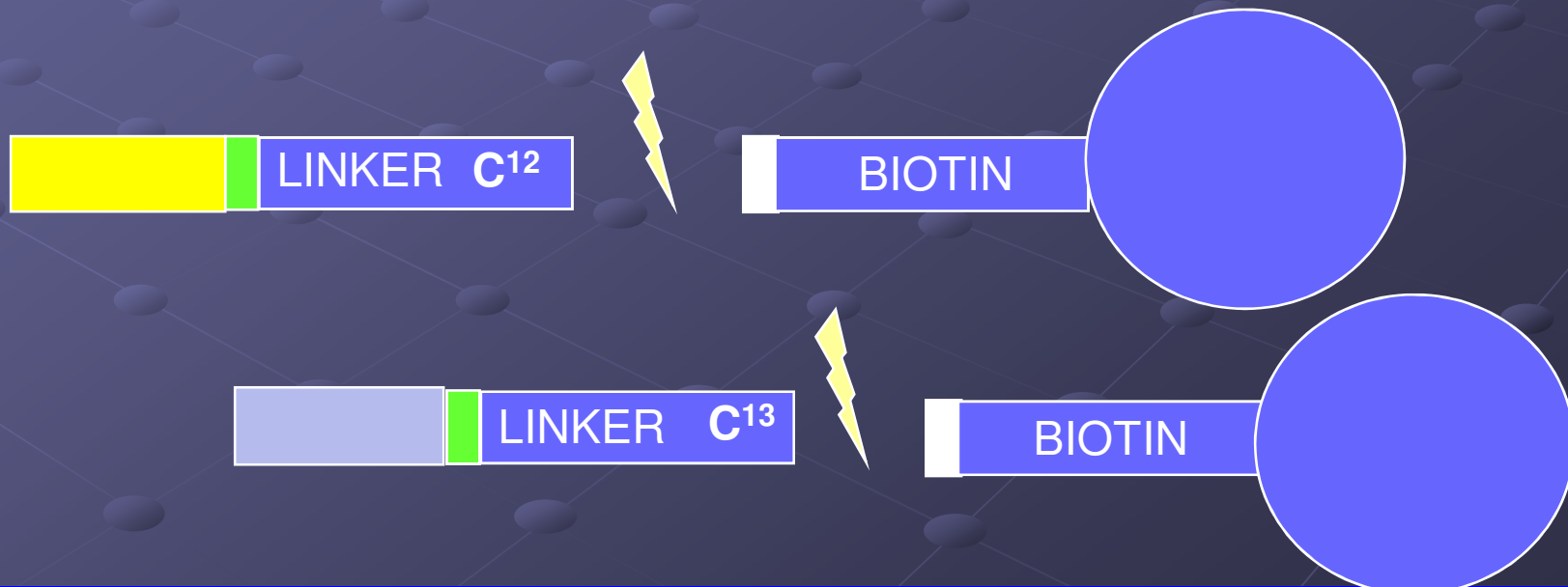


Step 3: isolate labeled peptides



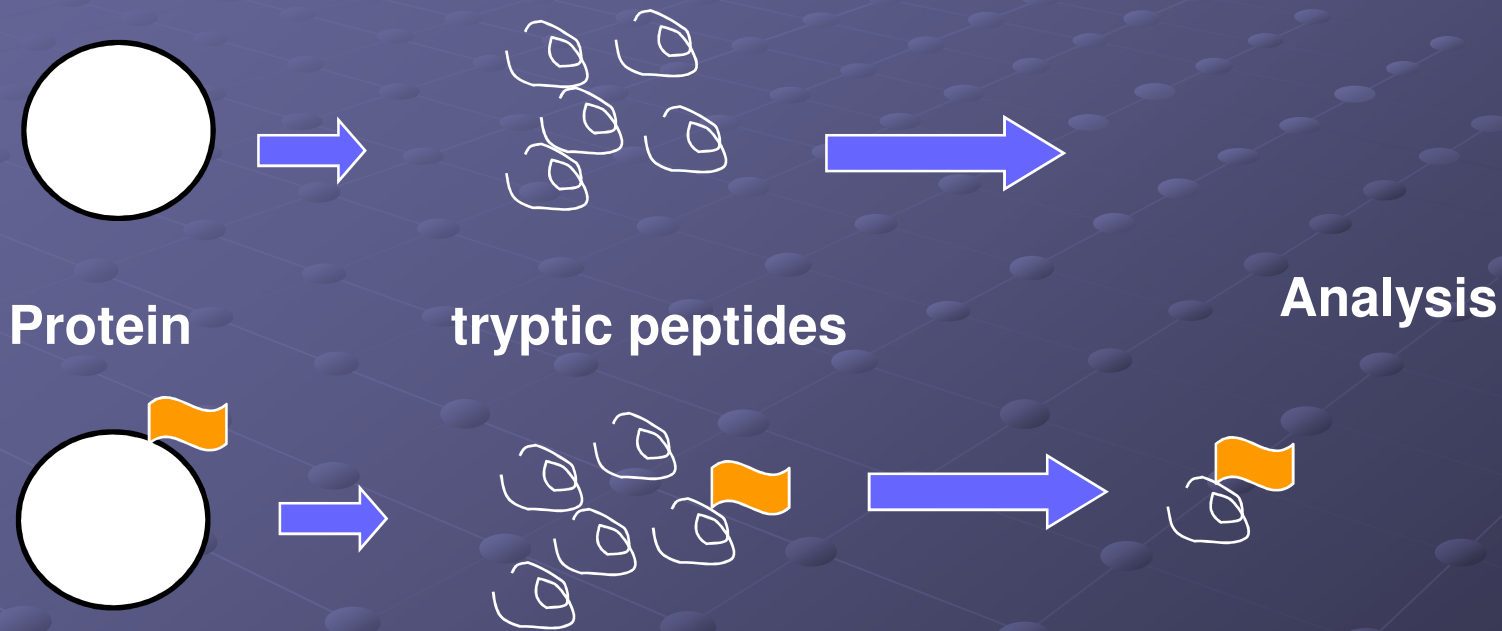
# ICAT

Step 4: remove Biotin tag (= cleavable Isotope-Coded Affinity Tag (cICAT))



# Labeling for Separation

- label proteins at rarely occurring AA's (eg cysteine or methionine)
- analyze labeled peptides only --> reducing complexity



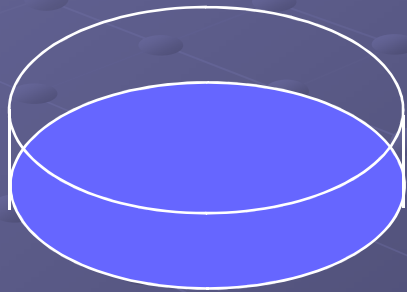
ICAT (isotope coded affinity tag) , COFRADIC

# Labeling: SILAC

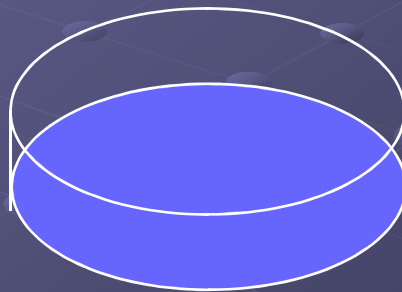
Stable isotope labeling with amino acids in cell culture (SILAC)

eg:  $^{13}\text{C}$  labeled L-lysine :

- 2 populations (“light” and “heavy” amino acid in cell culture)



$^{12}\text{C}$  L-lysine



$^{13}\text{C}$  labeled L-lysine

Duplex Labeling technique  
Labeling *in vivo*

# Labeling: AQUA

Digestion



AQUA peptide: known concentration, isotope labeled

MIX



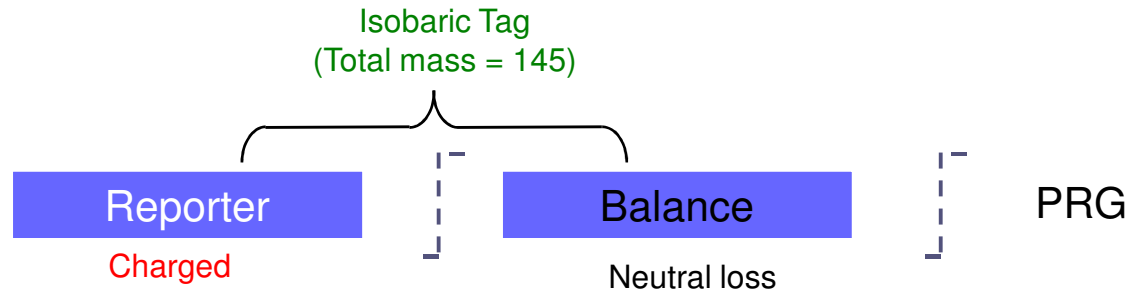
MRM analysis

Set parent ion

Set fragment ion



# Labeling: iTRAQ



- ✓ Gives strong signature ion in MS/MS
- ✓ Gives good b- and y-ion series
- ✓ Maintains charge state
- ✓ Maintains ionization efficiency
- ✓ Signature ion masses lie in quiet region

Reporter  
(Mass = 114 thru 117)

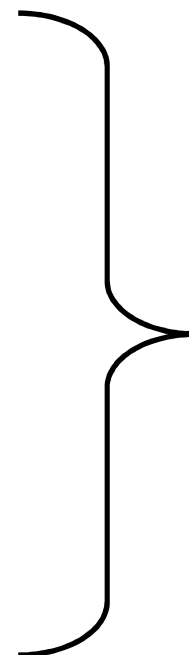
Balance  
(Mass = 31 thru 28)

Peptide Reactive  
Group

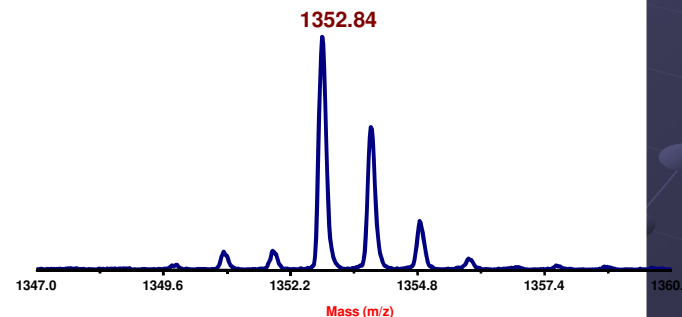
MS/MS Fragmentation Site

# iTRAQ: Multiplexing

114	31	PEPTIDE
115	30	PEPTIDE
116	29	PEPTIDE
117	28	PEPTIDE

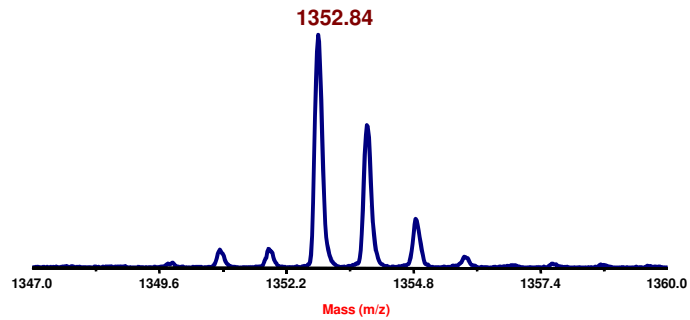


MIX → MS

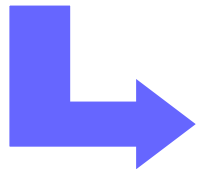


**1 M/Z peak !**

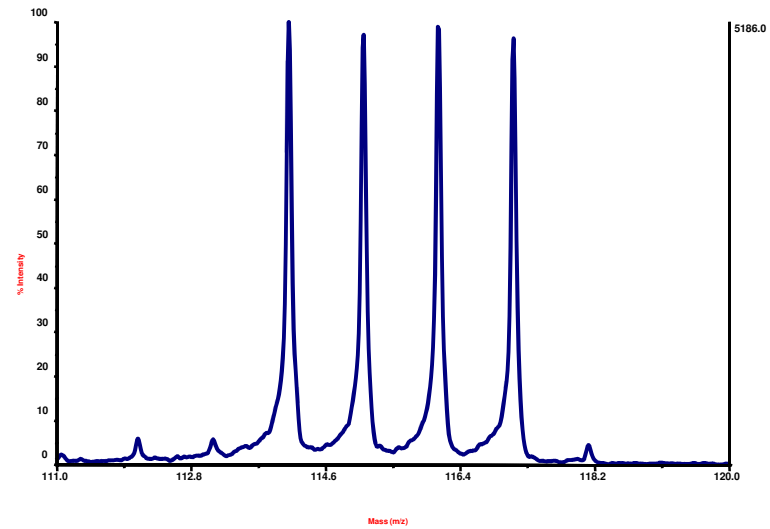
# iTRAQ: Multiplexing



**1 M/Z peak !**



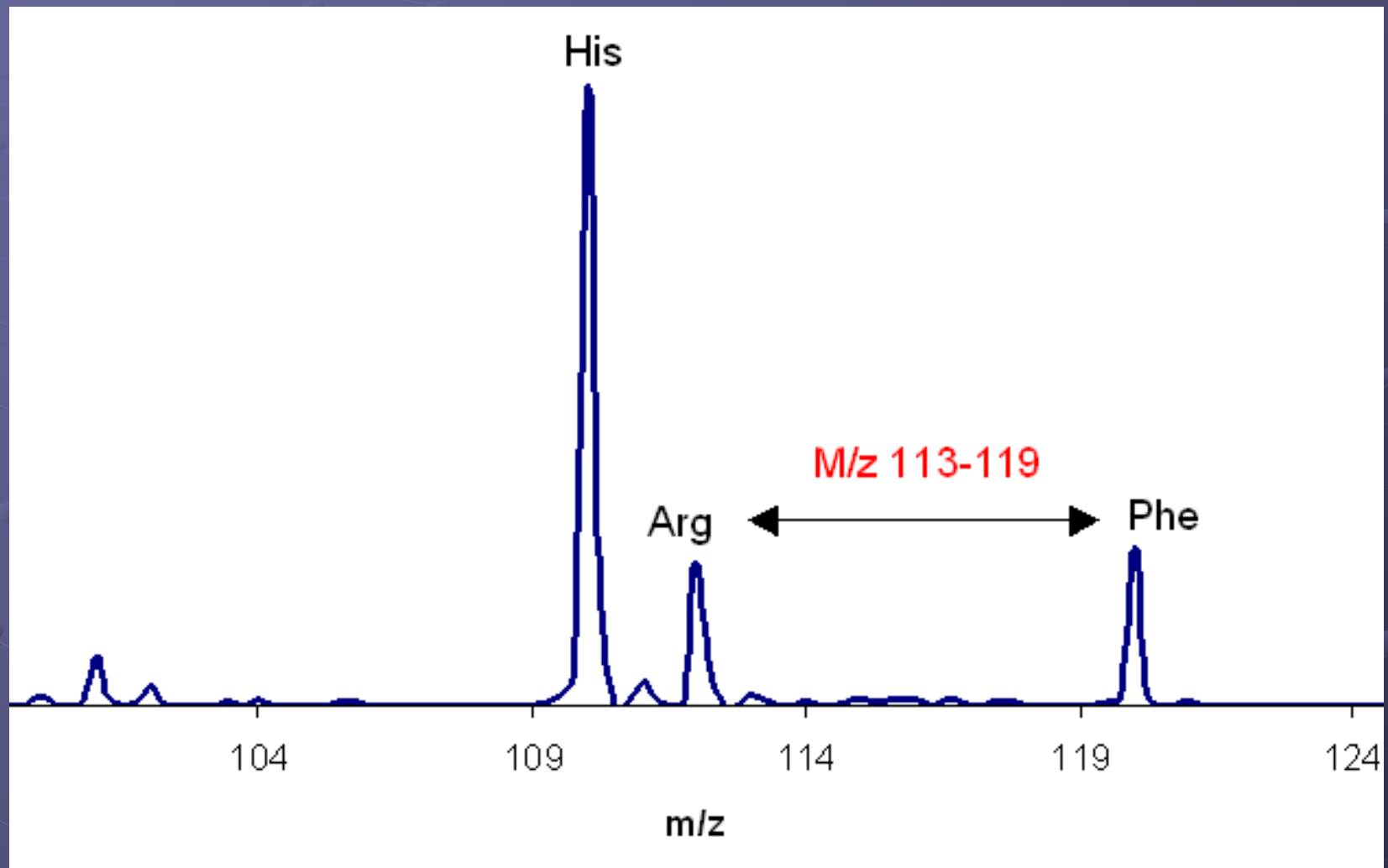
**MS/MS**



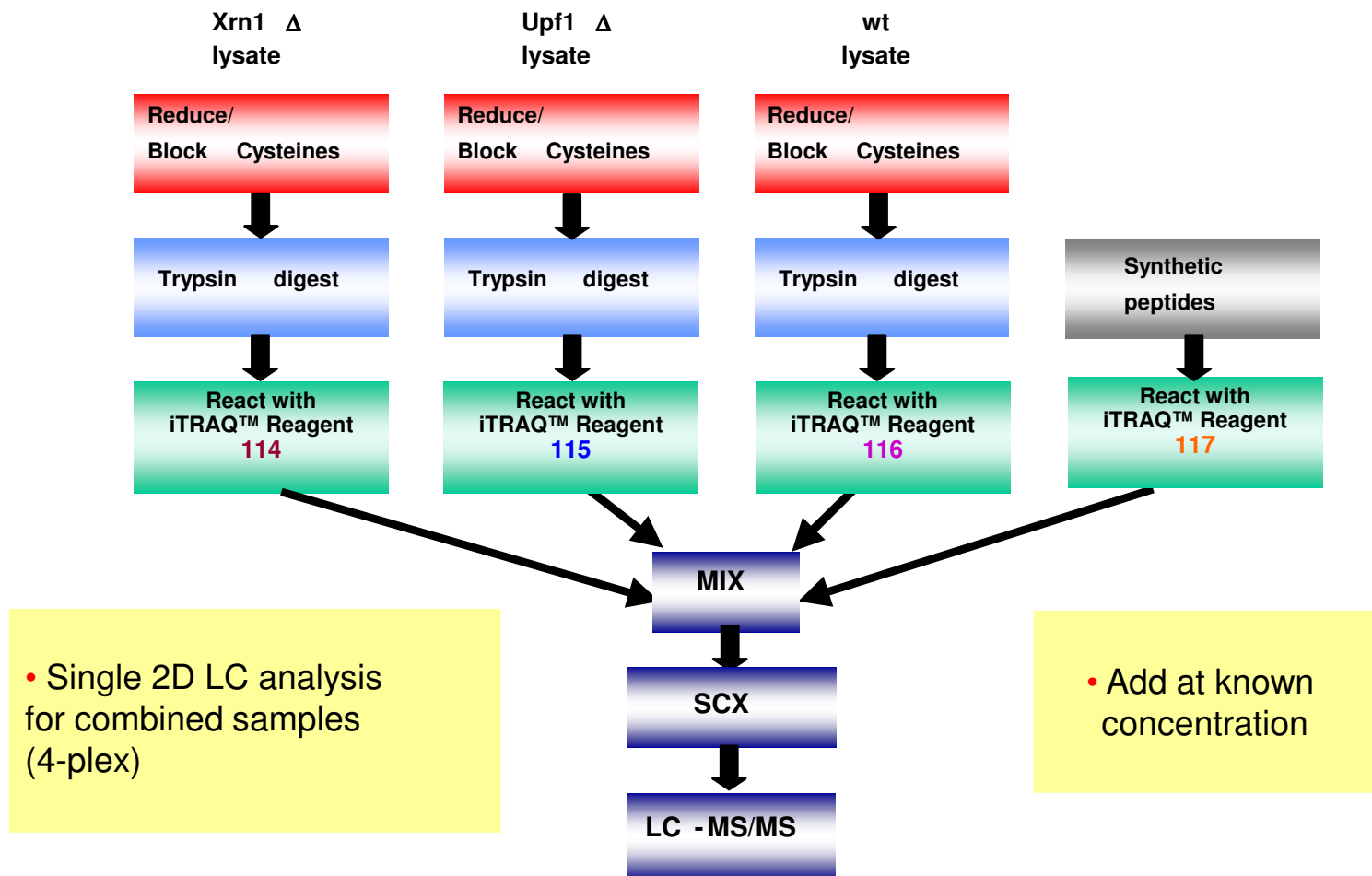
**4 # fragments !**



# iTRAQ



# iTRAQ: Absolute Quantification



# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

## Labeling

- At protein level or at peptide level
- relative quantification and absolute quantification (using standards)
- allows MULTIPLEXING

Note:

2D DIGE = also multiplexing and relative quantification

# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

**Label-free**

NO MULTIPLEXING

DATA Processing !!!!

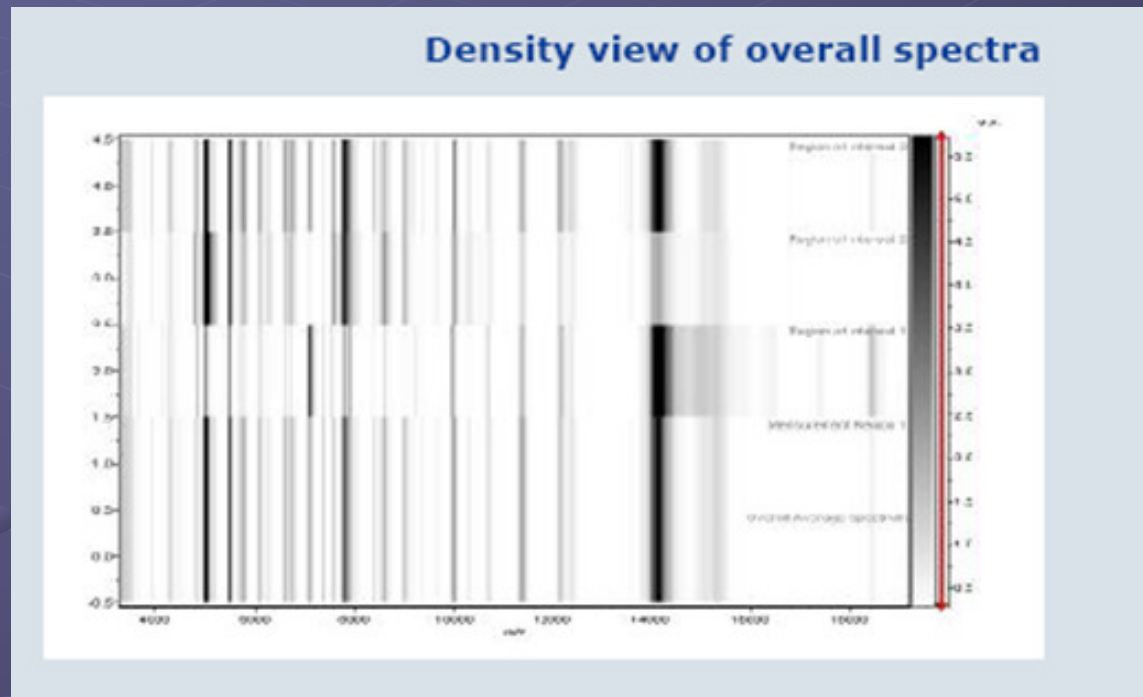
# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

## Label-free

Profiling

“GEL” view matching approach

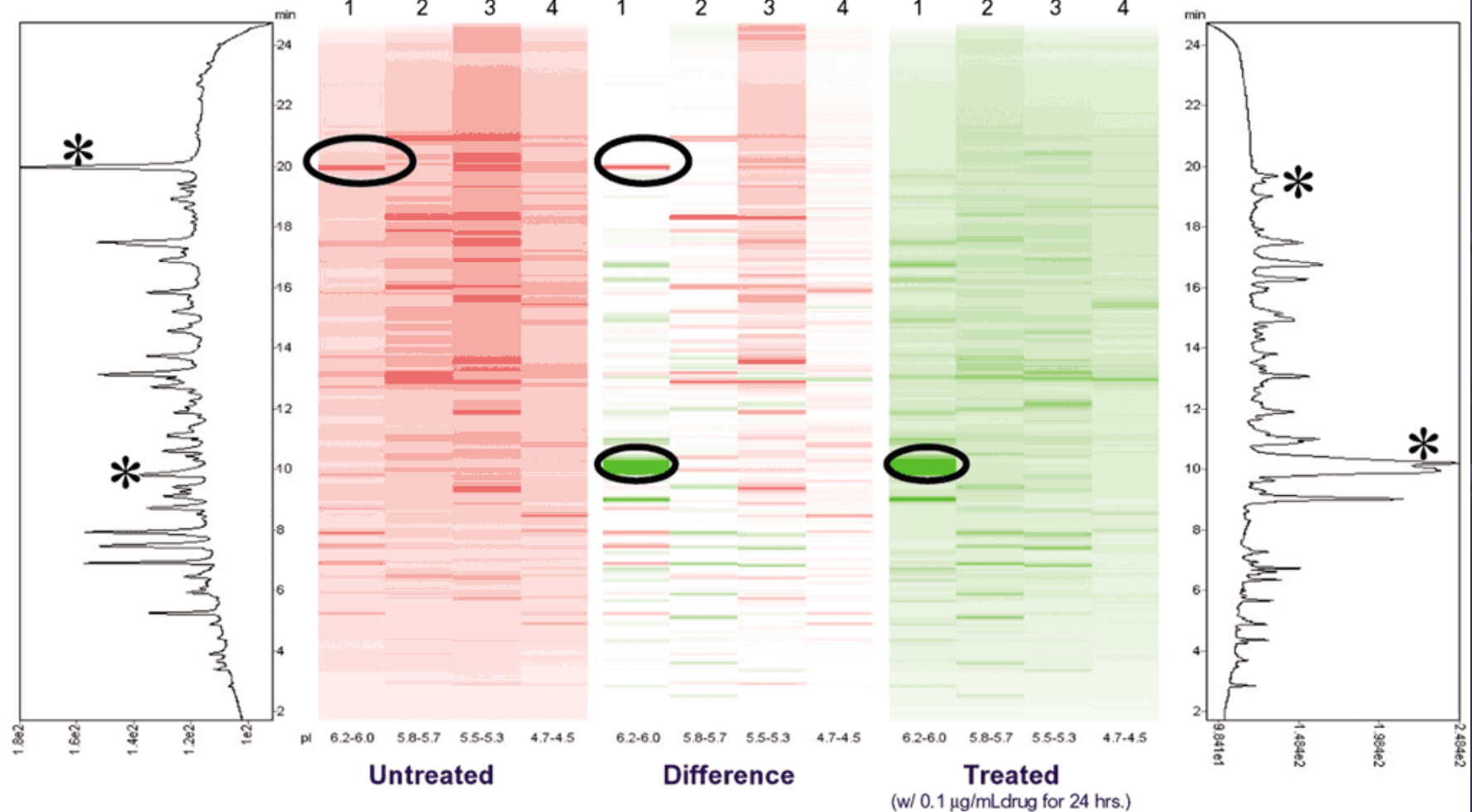
1D GEL view:



# 1D Gel view

Using UV spectra: PF2D

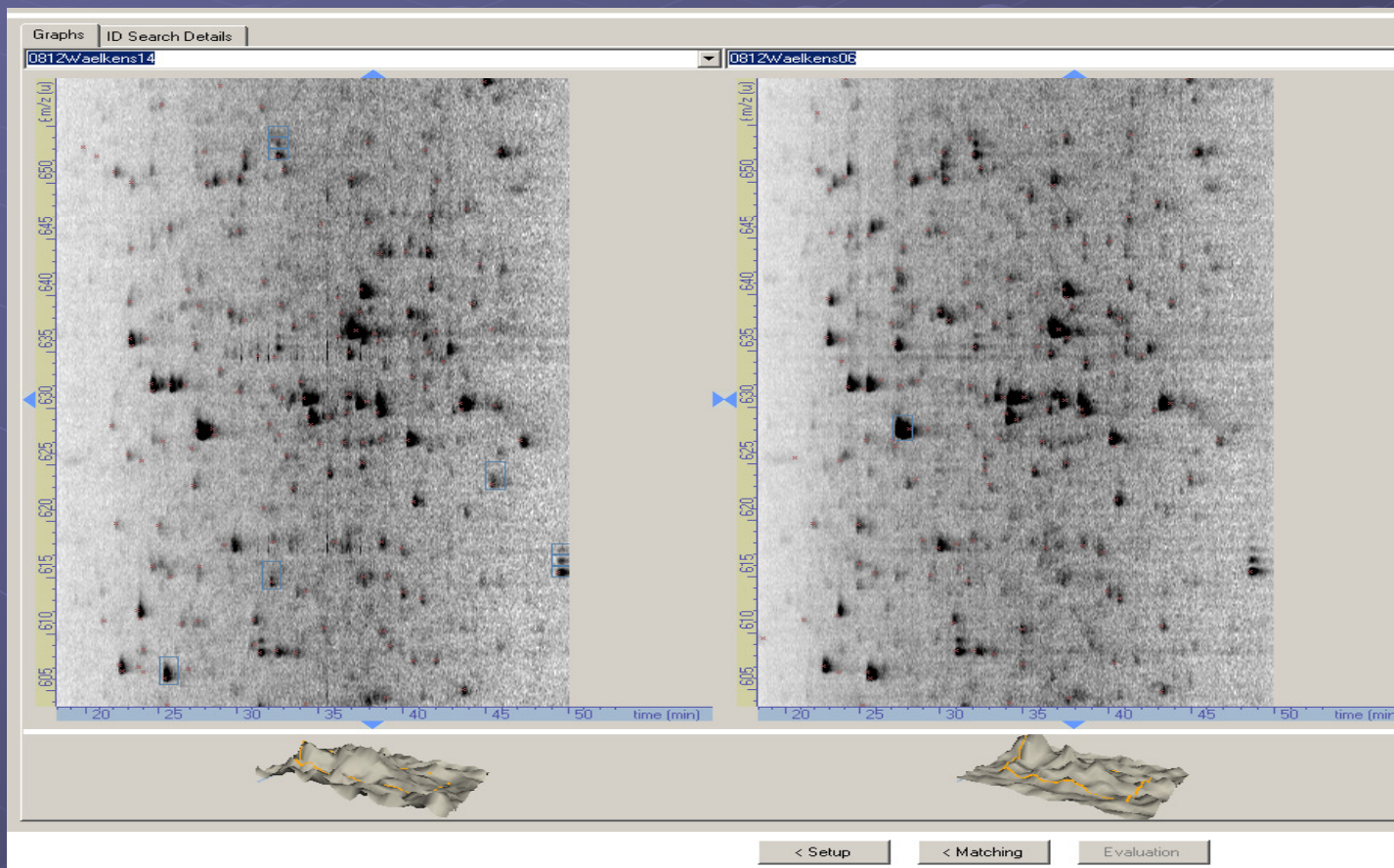
## Partial pI/UV map of colon cancer cell line before and after treatment



# 2D Gel view

**Label-free** “GEL” view matching approach

2D GEL view: mapping using retention time and m/z value





# Label-free: MRM approach

Digestion

MRM= Multiple Reaction Monitoring



Set parent ion

Set fragment ion



# Clinical Proteomics: Biomarkers

## Label-free

- At protein level or at peptide level
- only relative quantification (using standards)
- no MULTIPLEXING
- Cost effective and easy

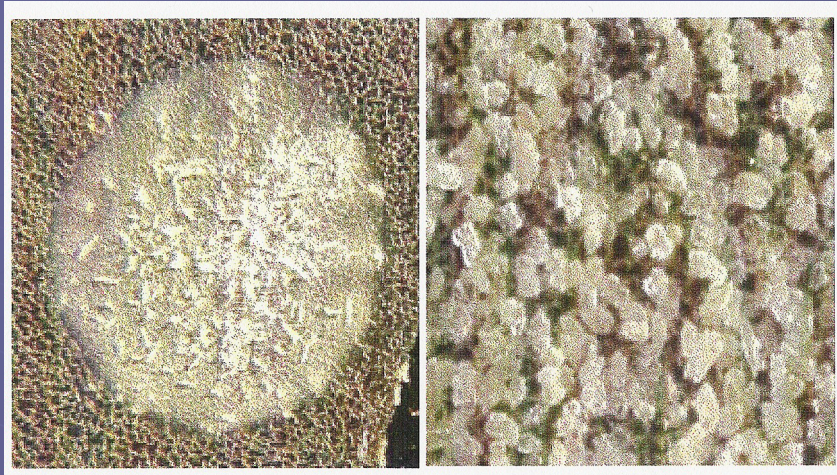
Examples:

SELDI-MS

2D LC MS/MS with mapping of the data  
using retention time and m/z value

MRM methods

# Appetizer: Imaging Mass Spectrometry



Matrix Coating on Tissue

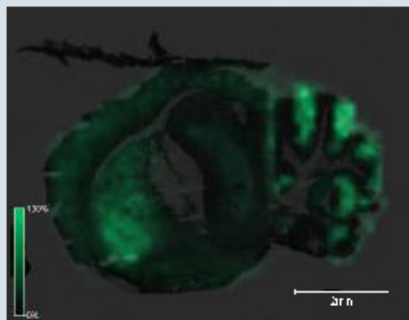


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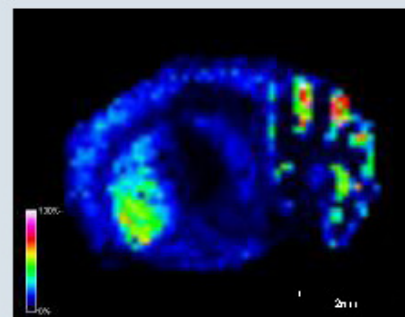
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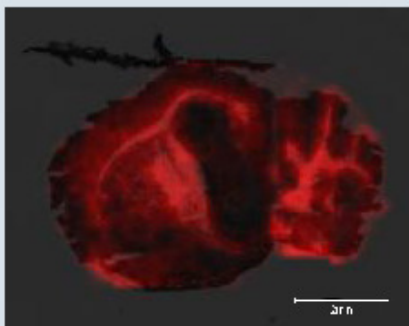
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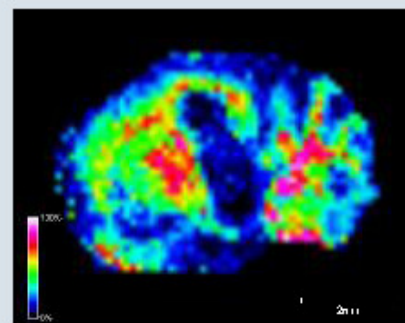
Overlay optical image with  
distribution of peak  
 $m/z = 6723$  Da



Intensity distribution of  
peak  $m/z = 6723$  Da



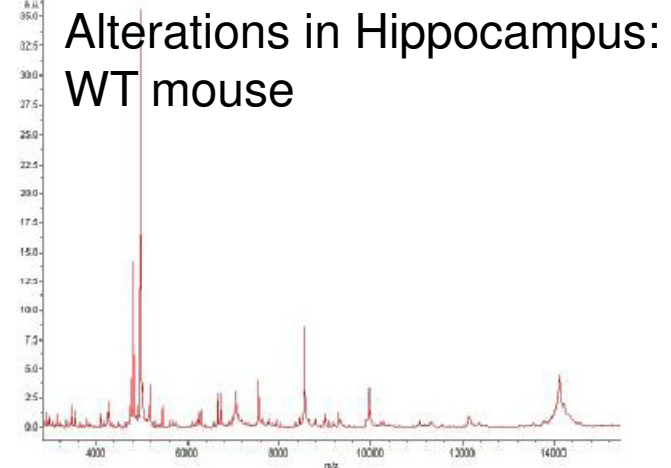
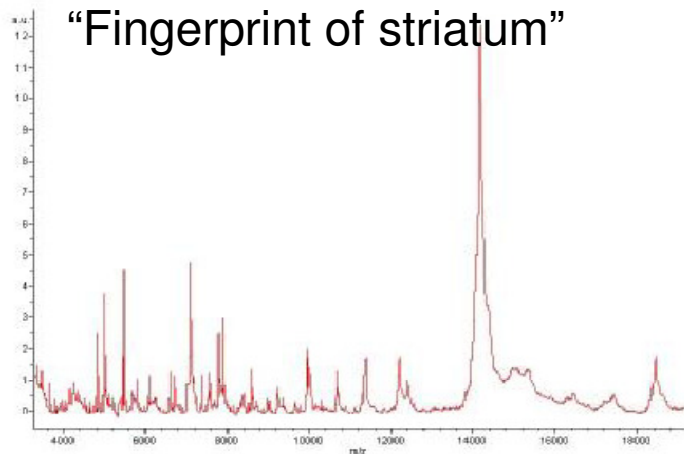
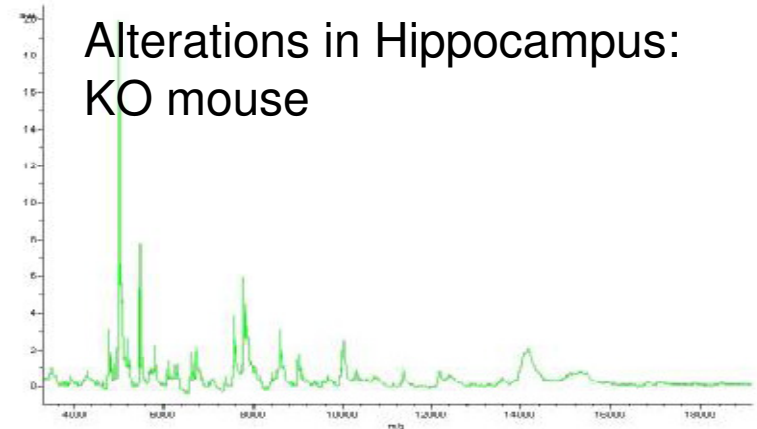
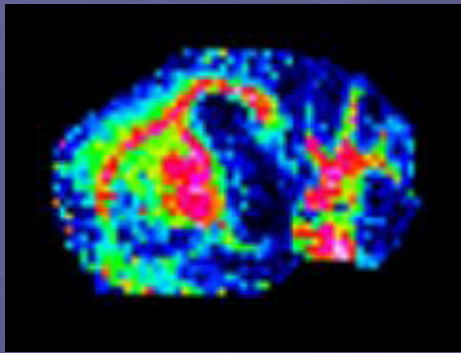
Overlay optical image with  
distribution of peak  
 $m/z = 7069$  Da



Intensity distribution of  
peak  $m/z = 7069$  Da

# Appetizer: Tissue Proteomics using IMS

## Tissue Biomarker Discovery





# General considerations

## Clinical Proteomics/Peptidomics

- Many possible approaches
- More separation = more identification
- Serum/plasma proteomics: use depletion methods
- Biomarker discovery: start with the target sample
- Bioinformatics !
- Future perspectives:  
genomics + proteomics + peptidomics + metabolomics + ...  
→ **Personalized medicine**

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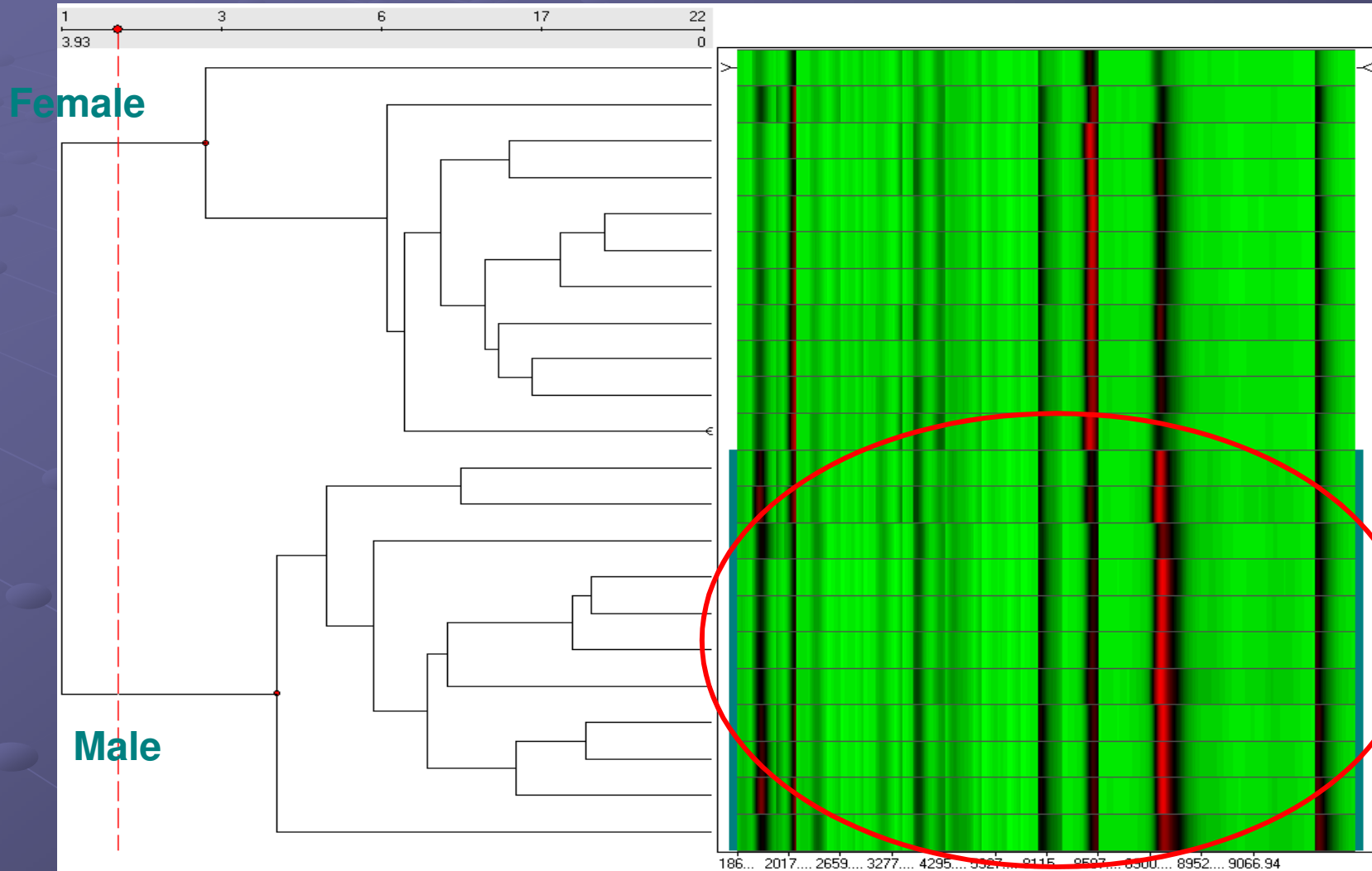


# Advanced Data processing

1	PeptIdent			
2				
3	Score	# peptide	rAC	ID Description
4	0.19	48	P20929	NEBU_HU Nebulin. - Homo sapiens (Human).
5	0.16	40	Q8NF91	SNE1_HUI Nesprin 1 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 1) (Synaptic nuclear envelope protein 1) (Syne-1) (Myocyte nuclear envelope protein 1) (Myne-1)
6	0.16	39	Q8NF91-4	SNE1_HUI Splice isoform 4 of Nesprin 1 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 1) (Synaptic nuclear envelope protein 1) (Syne-1) (Myocyte nuclear envelope protein 1) (Myne-1)
7	0.15	38	Q8IZT6	ASPM_HU Abnormal spindle-like microcephaly-associated protein (Abnormal spindle protein homolog) (Asp homolog). - Homo sapiens (Human).
8	0.14	35	Q8VWXHD	SNE2_HUI Nesprin 2 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 2) (Syne-2) (Synaptic nuclear envelope protein 2) (Nucleus and actin connecting element protein 2) (Nucleus and actin connectin)
9	0.14	35	Q8VWXHD-2	SNE2_HUI Splice isoform 2 of Nesprin 2 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 2) (Syne-2) (Synaptic nuclear envelope protein 2) (Nucleus and actin connecting element protein 2) (Nucleus and actin connectin)
10	0.13	33	Q8NF91-7	SNE1_HUI Splice isoform 7 of Nesprin 1 (Nuclear envelope spectrin repeat protein 1) (Synaptic nuclear envelope protein 1) (Syne-1) (Myocyte nuclear envelope protein 1) (Myne-1)
11	0.12	30	Q96PK2	MAC4_HU Microtubule-actin crosslinking factor 1, isoform 4. - Homo sapiens (Human).
12	0.12	29	Q03164	HRX_HUM Zinc finger protein HRX (ALL-1) (Trithorax-like protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
13	0.12	29	Q03164-2	HRX_HUM Splice isoform 14P-18B of Zinc finger protein HRX (ALL-1) (Trithorax-like protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
14	0.11	28	Q9NRC6	SPCR_HU Spectrin beta chain, brain 4 (Spectrin, non-erythroid beta chain 4) (Beta-V spectrin) (BSPECV). - Homo sapiens (Human).
15	0.11	27	Q14204	DYHC_HU Dynein heavy chain, cytosolic (DYHC) (Cytoplasmic dynein heavy chain 1) (DHC1) (Fragment). - Homo sapiens (Human).
16	0.11	27	Q9UPN3	MACF_HU Microtubule-actin crosslinking factor 1, isoforms 1/2/3/5 (Actin cross-linking family protein 7) (Macrophin 1) (Trabeculin-alpha) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1)
17	0.11	27	Q9UPN3-1	MACF_HU Splice isoform 1 of Microtubule-actin crosslinking factor 1, isoforms 1/2/3/5 (Actin cross-linking family protein 7) (Macrophin 1) (Trabeculin-alpha) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1)
18	0.11	27	Q9UPN3-4	MACF_HU Splice isoform 5 of Microtubule-actin crosslinking factor 1, isoforms 1/2/3/5 (Actin cross-linking family protein 7) (Macrophin 1) (Trabeculin-alpha) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1) (620 kDa actin-binding protein 1)
19	0.11	27	P78527	PRKD_HU DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit (EC 2.7.1.37) (DNA- PKcs) (DNPK1) (p460). - Homo sapiens (Human).
20	0.11	27	P78527-2	PRKD_HU Splice isoform 2 of DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit (EC 2.7.1.37) (DNA- PKcs) (DNPK1) (p460). - Homo sapiens (Human).
21	0.1	26	P11532	DMD_HUN Dystrophin. - Homo sapiens (Human).
22	0.1	26	P11532-4	DMD_HUN Splice isoform 3 of Dystrophin. - Homo sapiens (Human).
23	0.1	25	P46100	ATRX_HUI Transcriptional regulator ATRX (X-linked helicase II) (X-linked nuclear protein) (XNP) (Znf-HX). - Homo sapiens (Human).
24	0.1	25	P46100-4	ATRX_HUI Splice isoform 3 of Transcriptional regulator ATRX (X-linked helicase II) (X-linked nuclear protein) (XNP) (Znf-HX). - Homo sapiens (Human).
25	0.1	25	Q15149	PLE1_HUI Plectin 1 (PLTN) (PCN) (Hemidesmosomal protein 1) (HD1). - Homo sapiens (Human).
26	0.1	25	Q15149-2	PLE1_HUI Splice isoform 2 of Plectin 1 (PLTN) (PCN) (Hemidesmosomal protein 1) (HD1). - Homo sapiens (Human).
27	0.1	25	Q15149-3	PLE1_HUI Splice isoform 3 of Plectin 1 (PLTN) (PCN) (Hemidesmosomal protein 1) (HD1). - Homo sapiens (Human).
28	0.1	24	P46100-2	ATRX_HUI Splice isoform 1 of Transcriptional regulator ATRX (X-linked helicase II) (X-linked nuclear protein) (XNP) (Znf-HX). - Homo sapiens (Human).
29	0.1	24	P46100-3	ATRX_HUI Splice isoform 2 of Transcriptional regulator ATRX (X-linked helicase II) (X-linked nuclear protein) (XNP) (Znf-HX). - Homo sapiens (Human).
30	0.1	24	P46100-5	ATRX_HUI Splice isoform 5 of Transcriptional regulator ATRX (X-linked helicase II) (X-linked nuclear protein) (XNP) (Znf-HX). - Homo sapiens (Human).
31	0.1	24	Q94833	BPEA_HU Bullous pemphigoid antigen 1, isoforms 6/9/10 (Trabeculin-beta) (Bullous pemphigoid antigen) (BPA) (Hemidesmosomal plaque protein) (Dystonia non-specific autoantigen)
32	0.1	24	Q94833-3	BPEA_HU Splice isoform 9 of Bullous pemphigoid antigen 1, isoforms 6/9/10 (Trabeculin-beta) (Bullous pemphigoid antigen) (BPA) (Hemidesmosomal plaque protein) (Dystonia non-specific autoantigen)
33	0.1	24	Q13439	GOA4_HU Golgi autoantigen, golgin subfamily A member 4 (Trans-Golgi p230) (256 kDa golgin) (Golgin-245) (72.1 protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
34	0.1	24	Q13439-2	GOA4_HU Splice isoform 2 of Golgi autoantigen, golgin subfamily A member 4 (Trans-Golgi p230) (256 kDa golgin) (Golgin-245) (72.1 protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
35	0.1	24	Q13439-3	GOA4_HU Splice isoform 3 of Golgi autoantigen, golgin subfamily A member 4 (Trans-Golgi p230) (256 kDa golgin) (Golgin-245) (72.1 protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
36	0.1	24	Q13439-4	GOA4_HU Splice isoform 4 of Golgi autoantigen, golgin subfamily A member 4 (Trans-Golgi p230) (256 kDa golgin) (Golgin-245) (72.1 protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).
37	0.1	24	Q9NU22	MDN1_HU Midasin (MIDAS-containing protein). - Homo sapiens (Human).

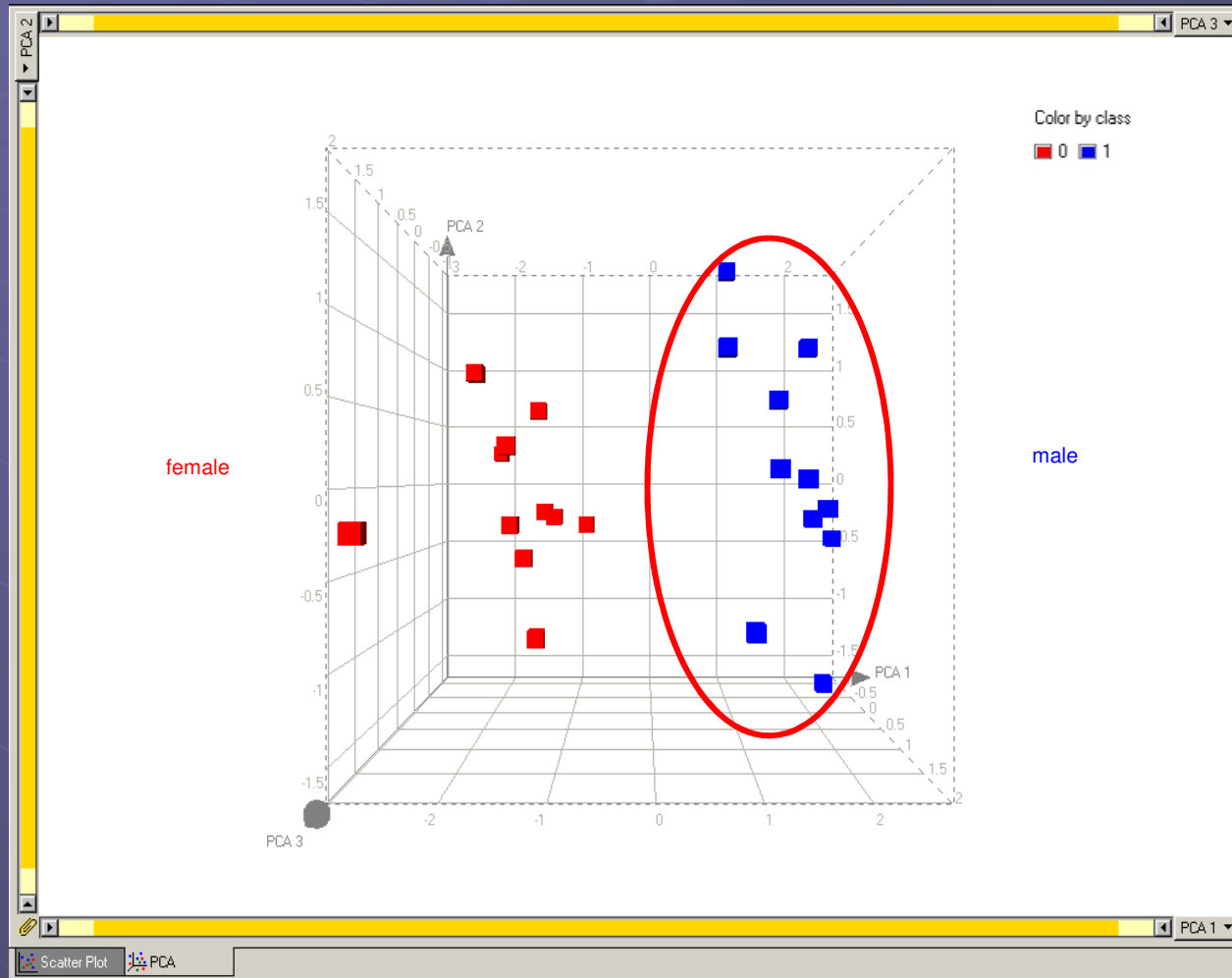
# Advanced Data Processing

## Hierarchical Clustering



# Advanced Data Processing

## PCA Classification



# And finally...

- Many candidates
- Validation of potential candidates
- Design of “kits”