

De la fiabilité des données d'identification et de quantification de protéines par MS

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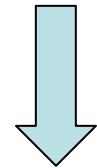
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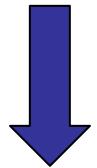
Definition of proteomics

GENES → TRANSCRIPTS (RNA) → PROTEINS



Genomics

TRANSCRIPTS (RNA)

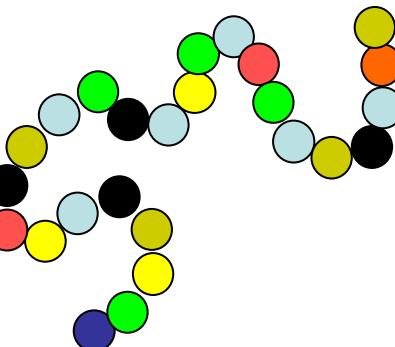
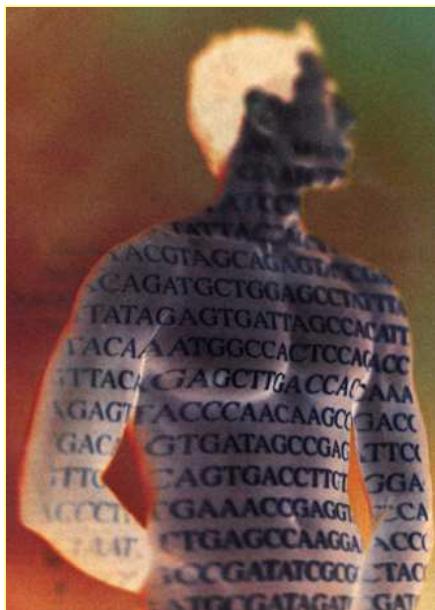


Transcriptomics

PROTEINS



Proteomics



Dynamics
(differential expression: localization, time)

- Processing
- PTMs
- Localization
- Partners
- Etc.

Proteomics: what's for ?

Some questions

- mutation or environmental conditions
- protein-protein interactions
- searching for biomarkers
- etc.

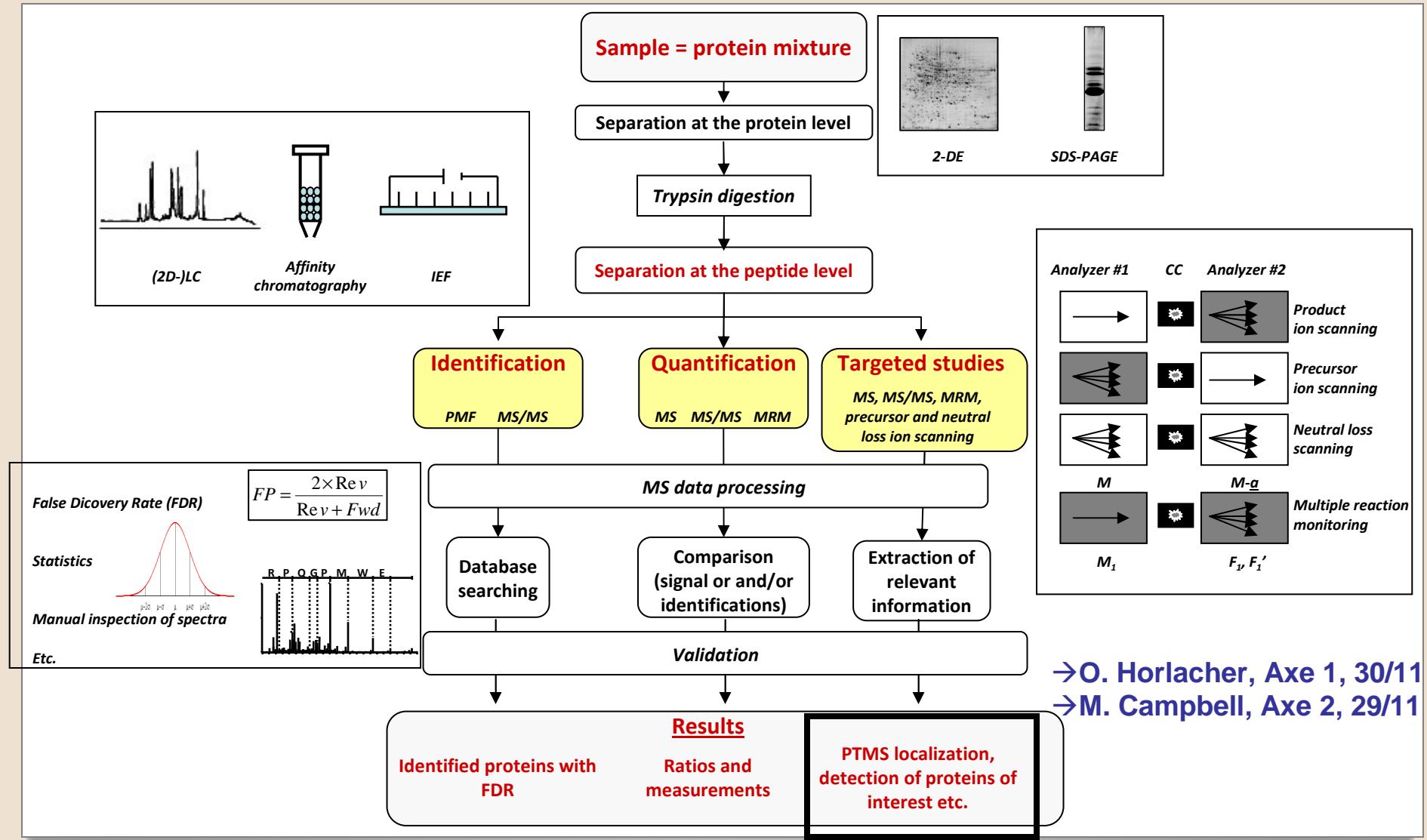


Data visualization

New knowledge and questions !

From Käll & Vitek, 2011

Proteomics analyses using MS



→O. Horlacher, Axe 1, 30/11
 →M. Campbell, Axe 2, 29/11

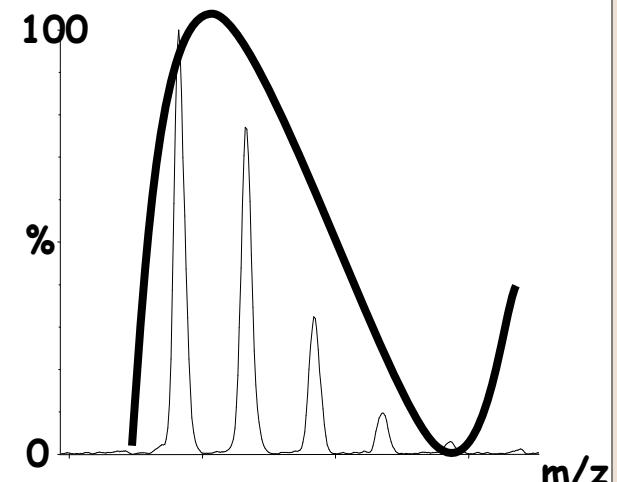
Some reminders about mass spectrometry measurements

Reminder # 1: the molecular mass

- Ex: EWMPGQPR = C44 H65 N13 O12 S

- Nominal mass (approximation)

C=12; H=1; N= 14; O=16; S=32
→ M = 999



- Monoisotopic mass (the more stable isotopes)

C=12; H=1.007825; N= 14.003074; O=15.9949146; S=31.9720718
→ M = 999.4596

- Average mass (barycentre of all masses)

C=12.011; H=1.007994; N=14.006674; O=15.9994; S=32.066
→ M= 1000.1464

Reminder # 3: m/z ratio



- M = molecular mass (ex: peptide)
- H+= proton
- z = state of charge

$$m/z = \frac{M + z H^+}{z}$$

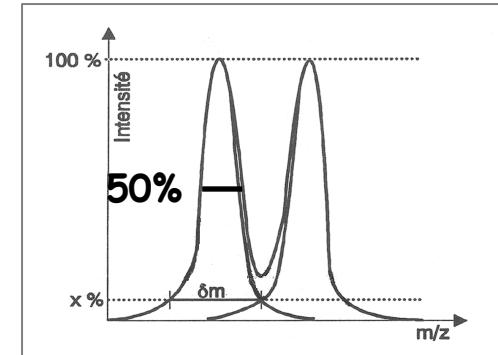
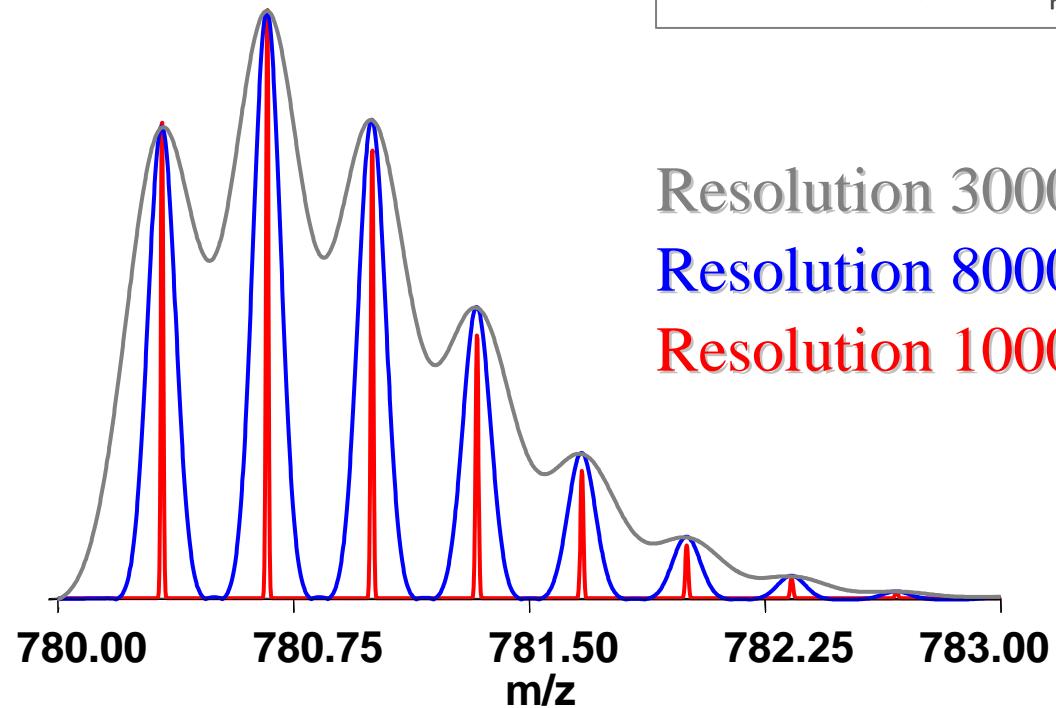
Reminder # 4: resolution

- Characterize peaks separation

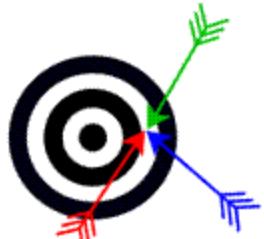
(FWHM: Full Width at Half Maximum)

$$R = \frac{\Delta m}{m}$$

Insulin (Chain A) 3+



Accuracy and precision



High precision but low accuracy



High precision but high accuracy

Precision is related to reproducibility → careful control of instrument settings

Accuracy is related to calibration and resolution

Instrument with high resolving power (e.g OrbiTrap VELOS)

Resolution = 60 000

Mass accuracy (Orbitrap analyser) ~ 1-5 ppm

$$\frac{|M_{\text{exp}} - M_{\text{th}}|}{M_{\text{th}}}$$

ppm = part per million

Features of mass spectrometers



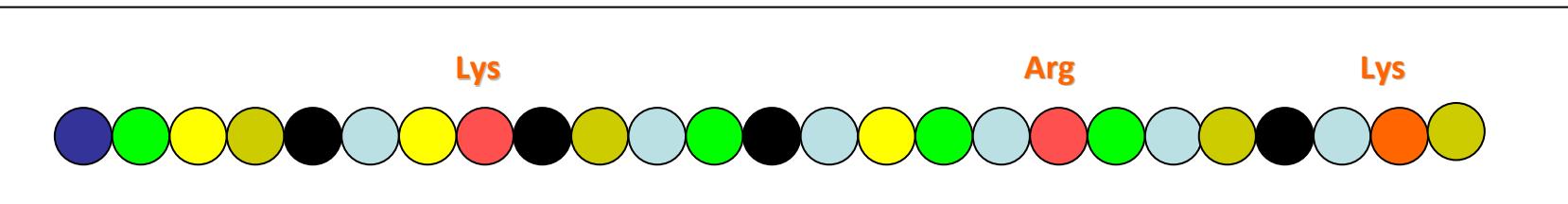
Table 1 Performance comparisons of the mass spectrometry instruments

Instrument	Applications	Resolution	Mass accuracy	Sensitivity	Dynamic range	Scan rate
LIT (LTQ)	Bottom-up protein identification in high-complexity, high-throughput analysis, LC-MS ⁿ capabilities	2000	100 ppm	Femtomole	1e4	Fast
TQ (TSQ)	Bottom-up peptide and protein quantification; medium complexity samples, peptide and protein quantification (SRM, MRM, precursor, product, neutral fragment monitoring)	2000	100 ppm	Attomole	1e6	Moderate
LTQ-Orbitrap	Protein identification, quantification, PTM identification	100,000	2 ppm	Femtomole	1e4	Moderate
LTQ-FTICR, Q-FTICR	Protein identification, quantification, PTM identification, top-down protein identification	500,000	<2 ppm	Femtomole	1e4	Slow, slow
Q-TOF, IT-TOF	Bottom-up, top-down protein identification, PTM identification	10,000	2–5 ppm	Attomole	1e6	Moderate, fast
Q-LIT	Bottom-up peptide and protein quantification; medium complexity samples, peptide and protein quantification (SRM, MRM, precursor, product, neutral fragment monitoring)	2,000	100 ppm	Attomole	1e6	Moderate, fast

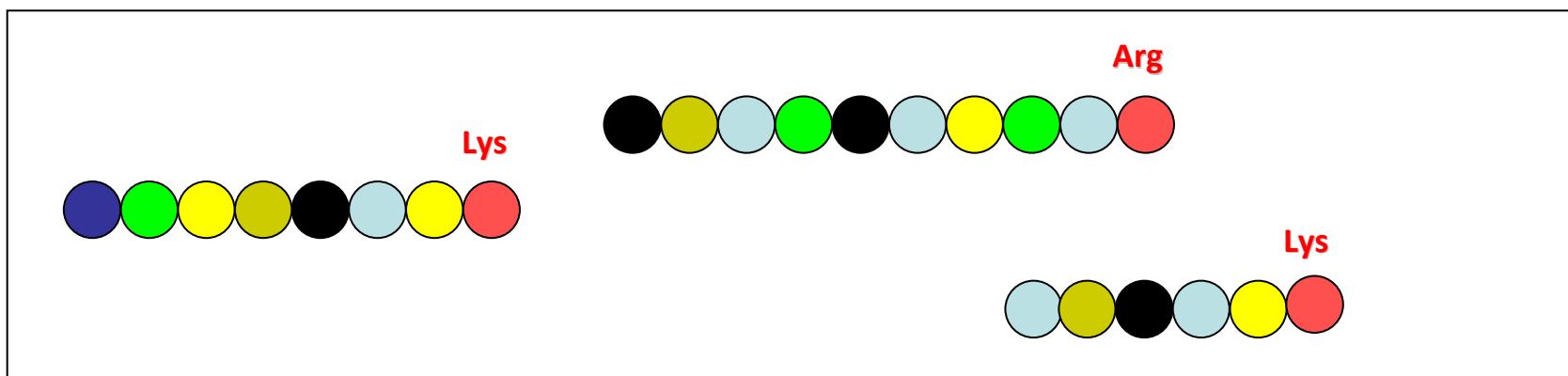
The strategies for protein identification

Trypsin digestion

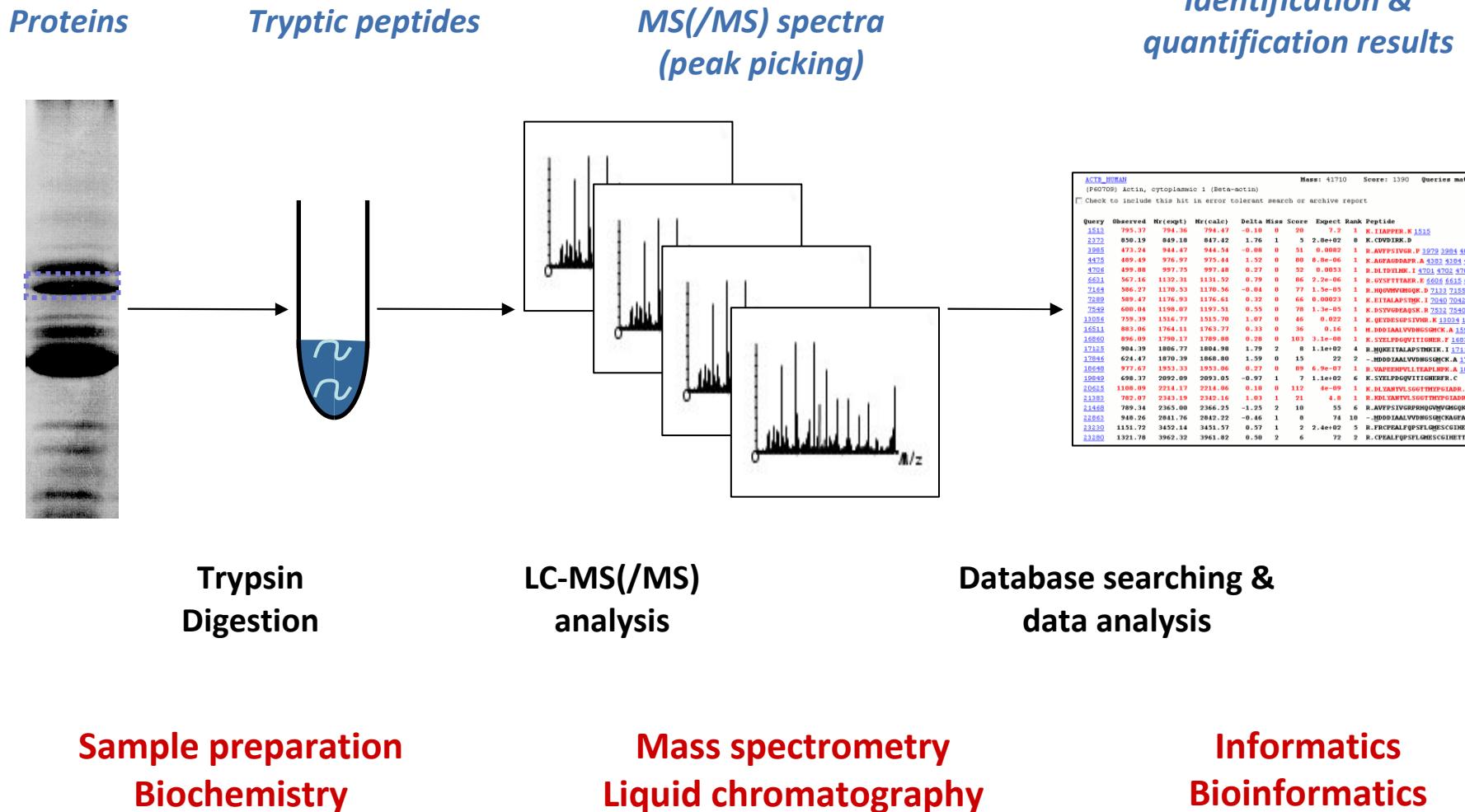
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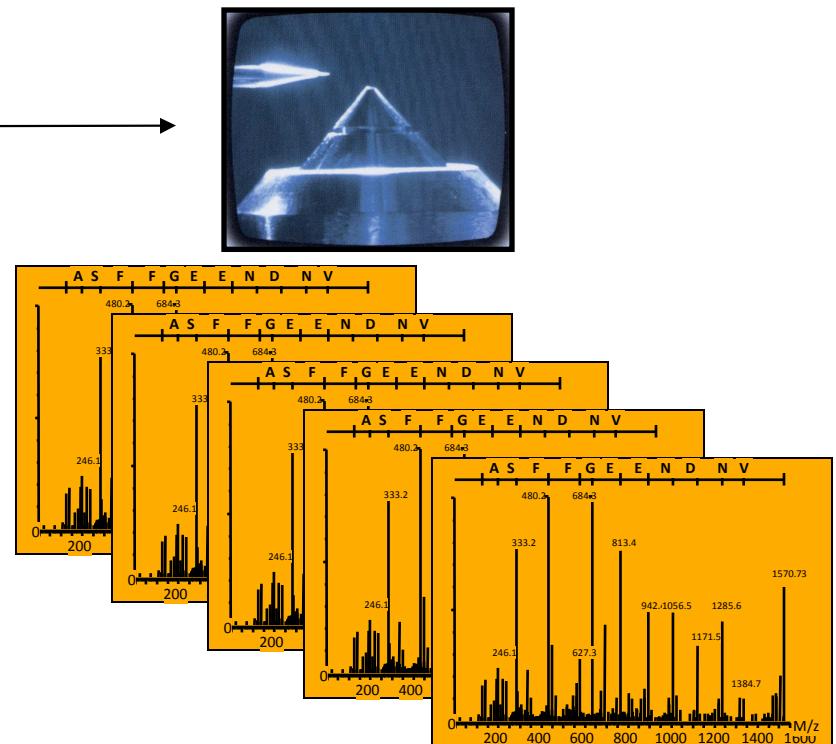
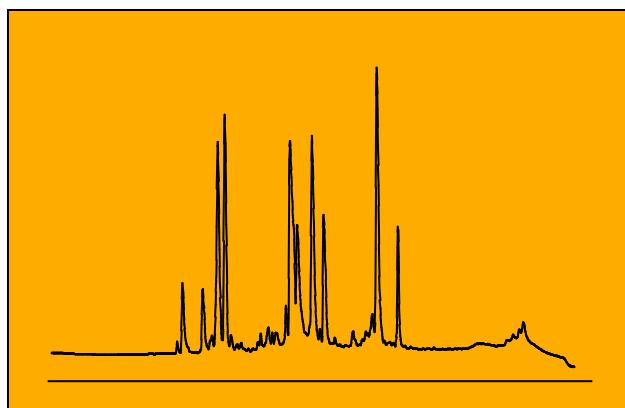
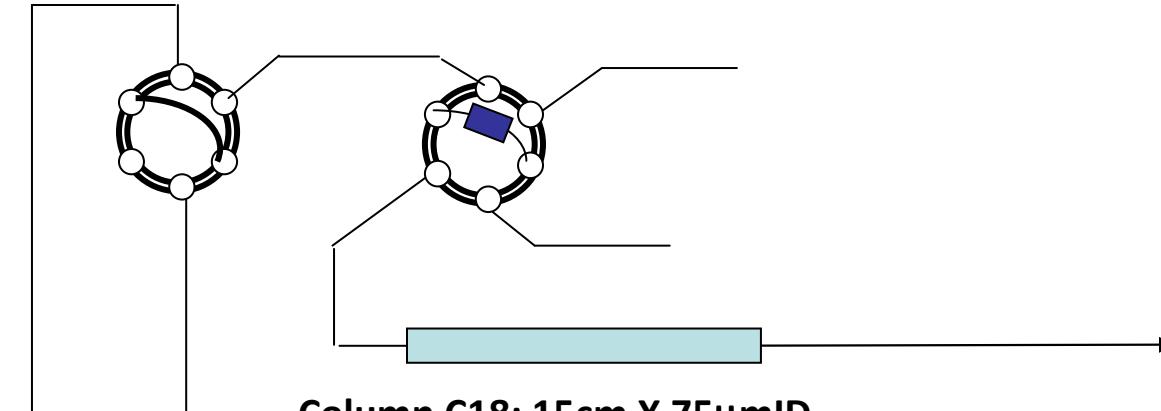
Peptides



A proteomics workflow



Shotgun analyses

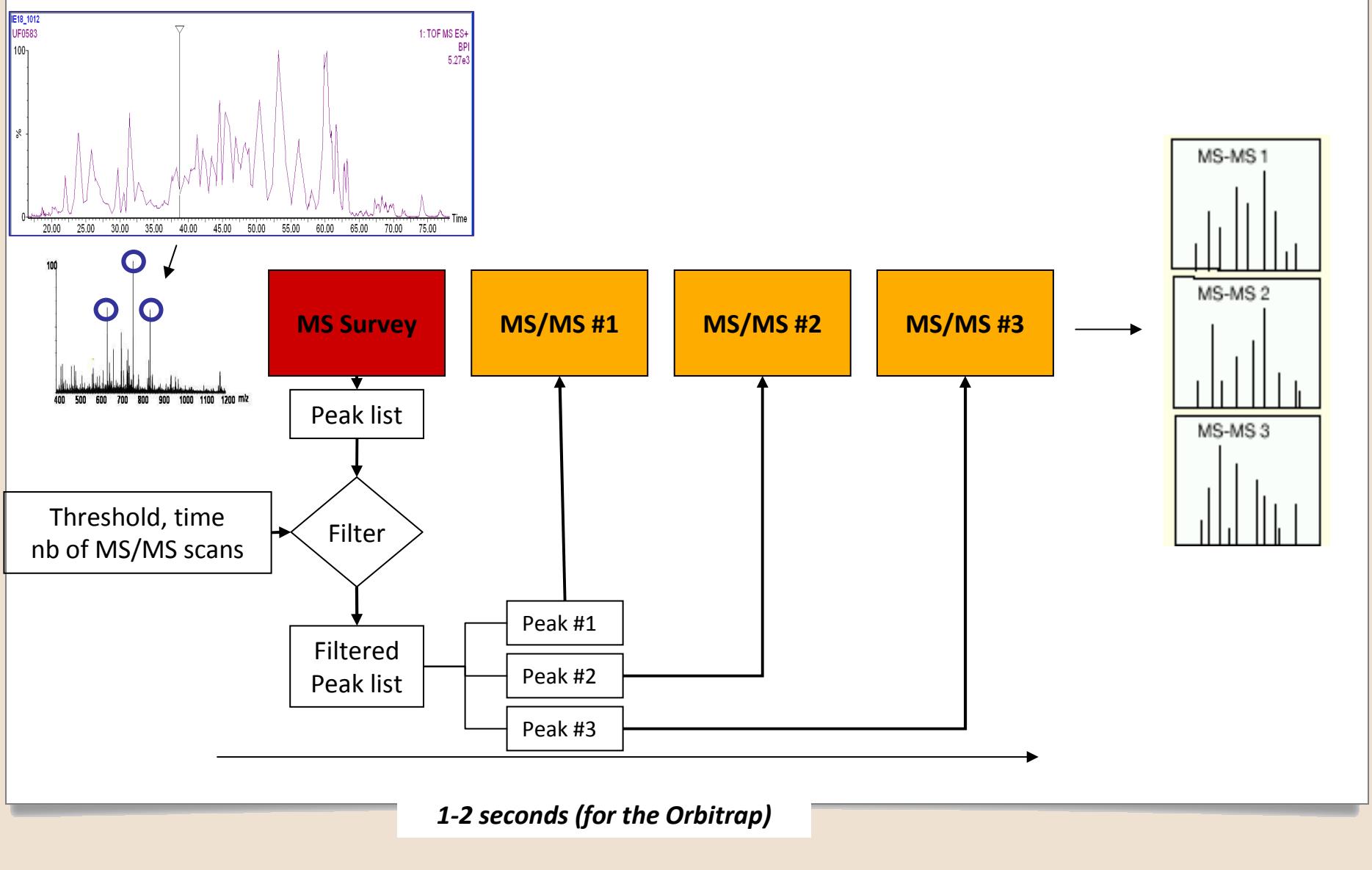


Ex: Orbitrap Velos ~ 5000 spc/hr

Separation and concentration

Automated MS/MS

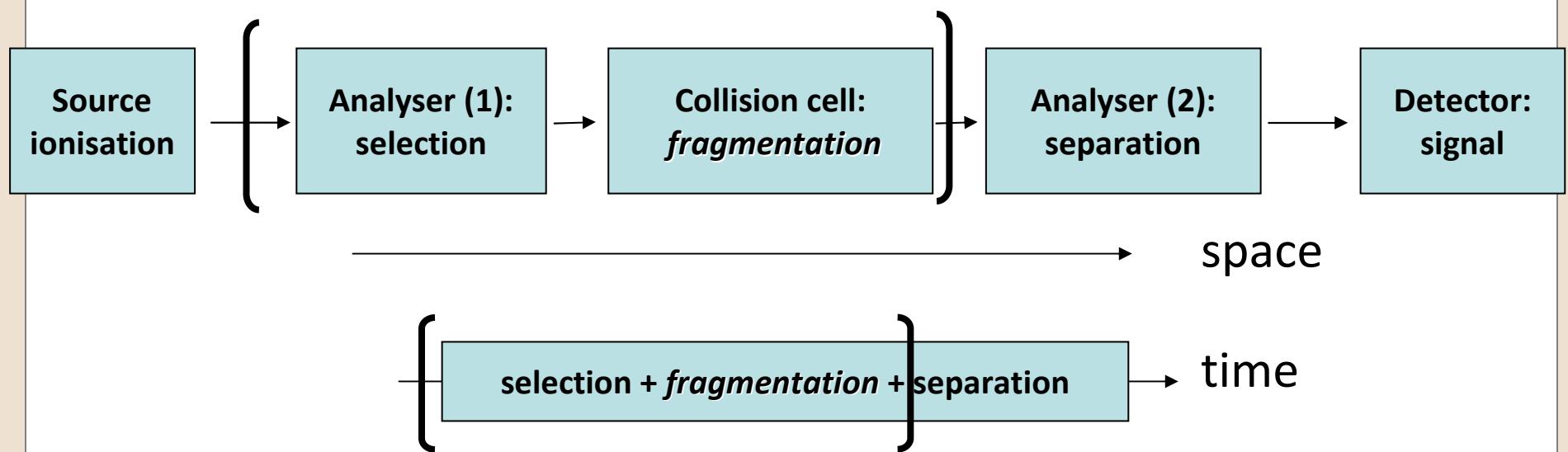
Data dependent acquisition



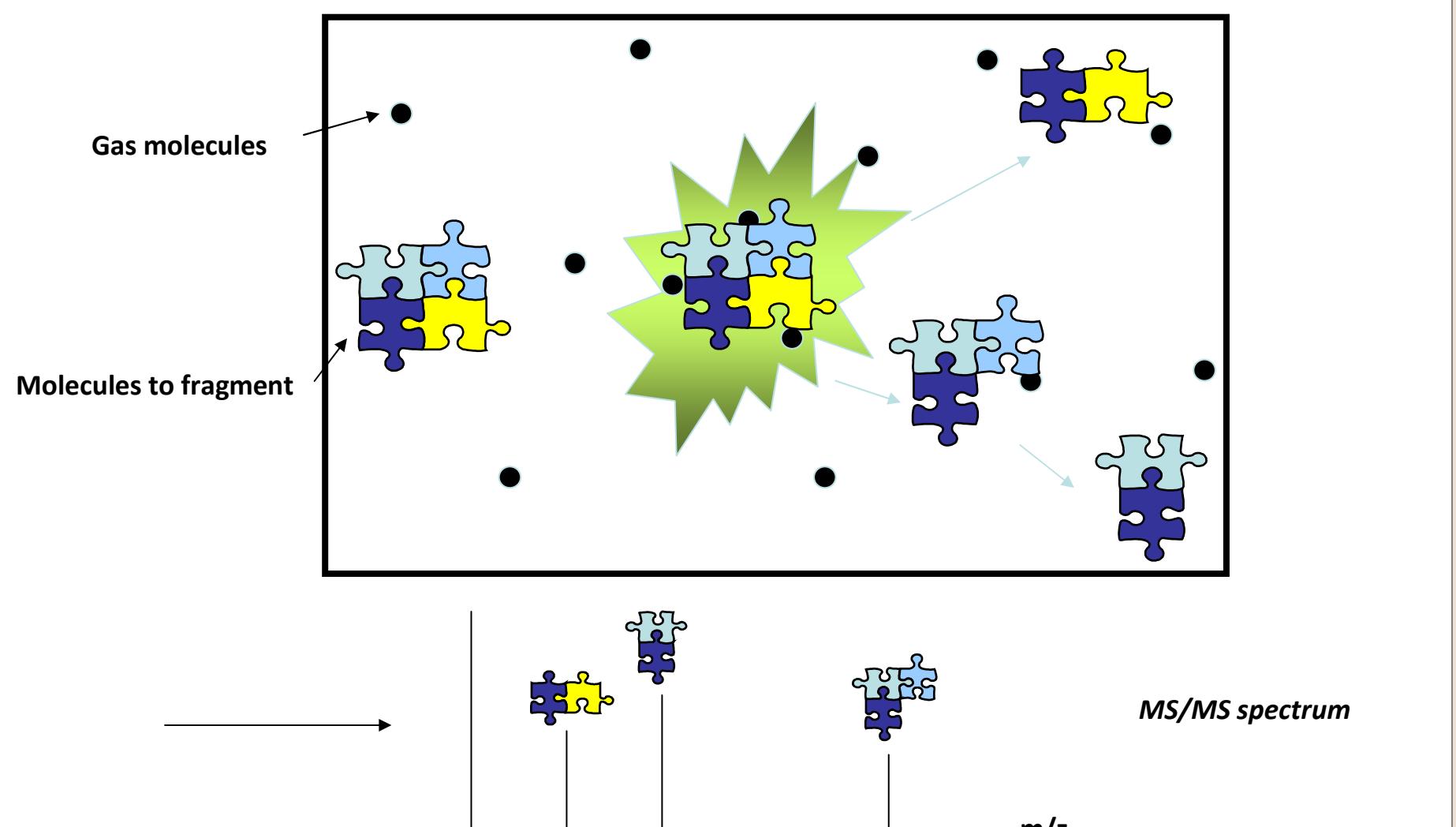
Tandem mass spectrometry



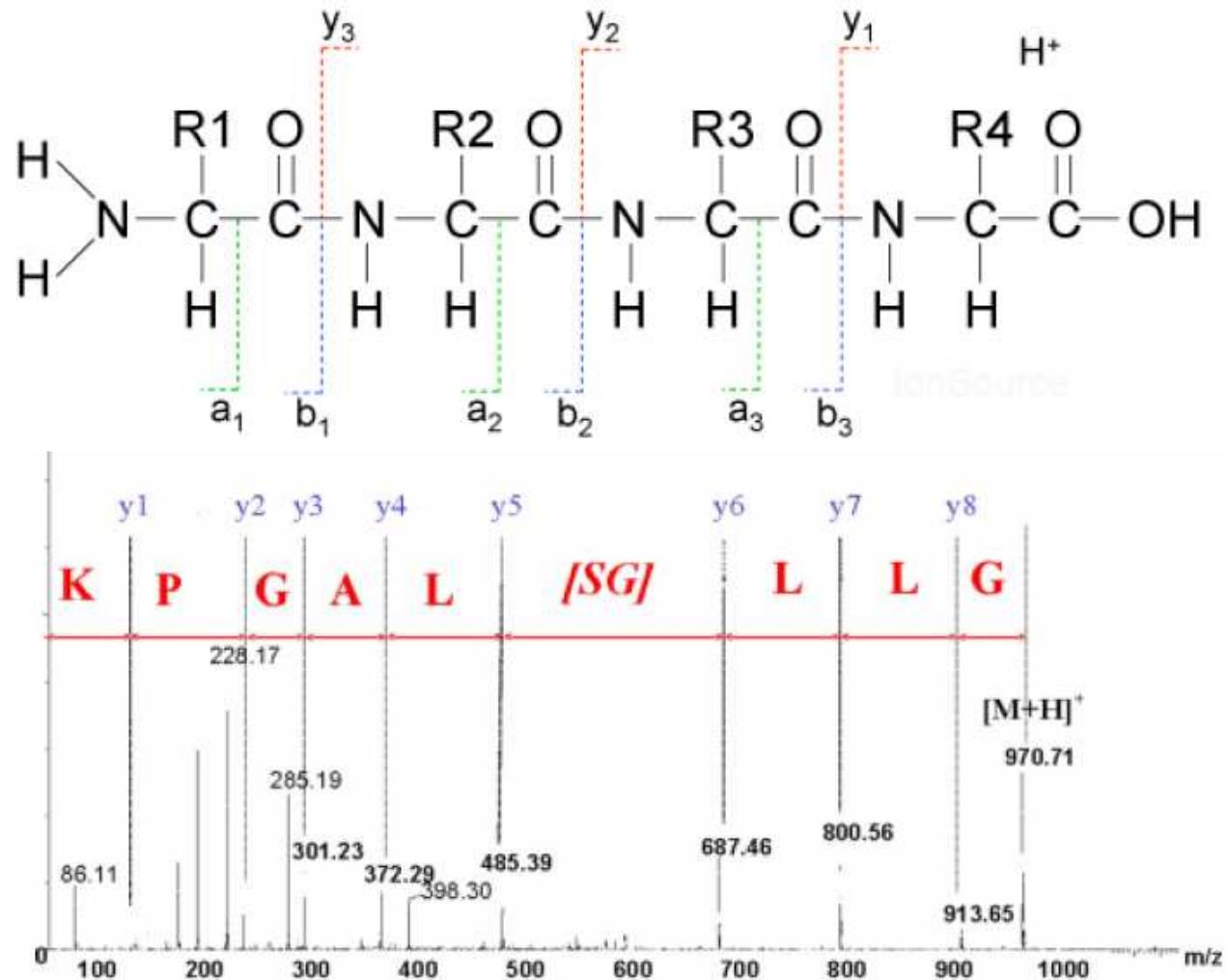
Tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) → peptide fragmentation



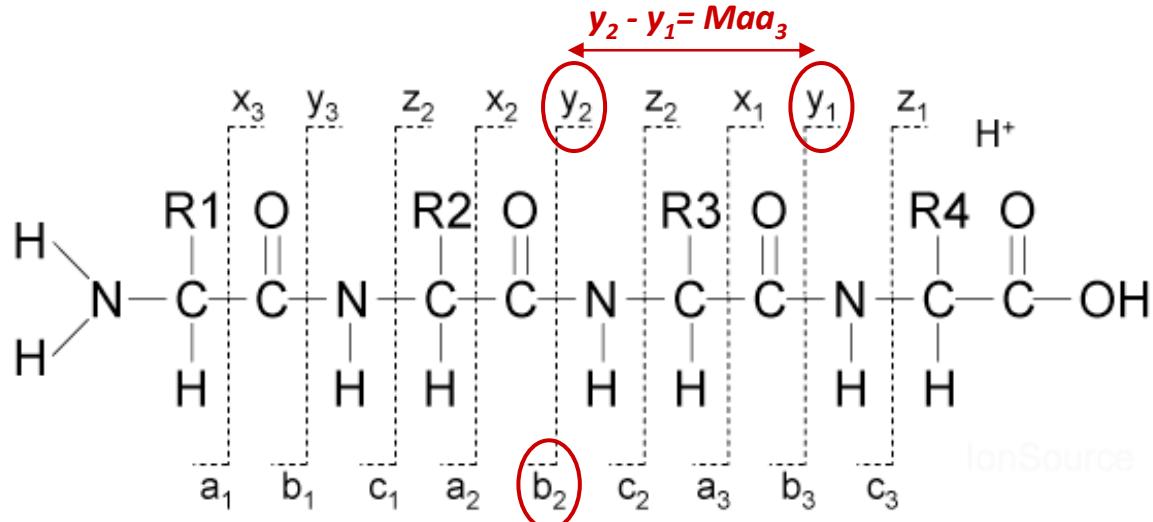
Peptide fragmentation in the mass spectrometer



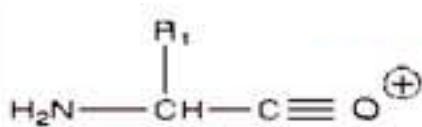
A typical MS/MS spectrum



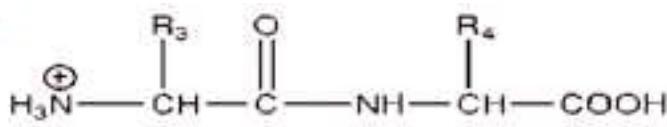
Rules of fragmentation



Peptide bond cleaved: complementary ions y'' et b



b ion → peptide N-ter



y ion → peptide C-ter

Other ions

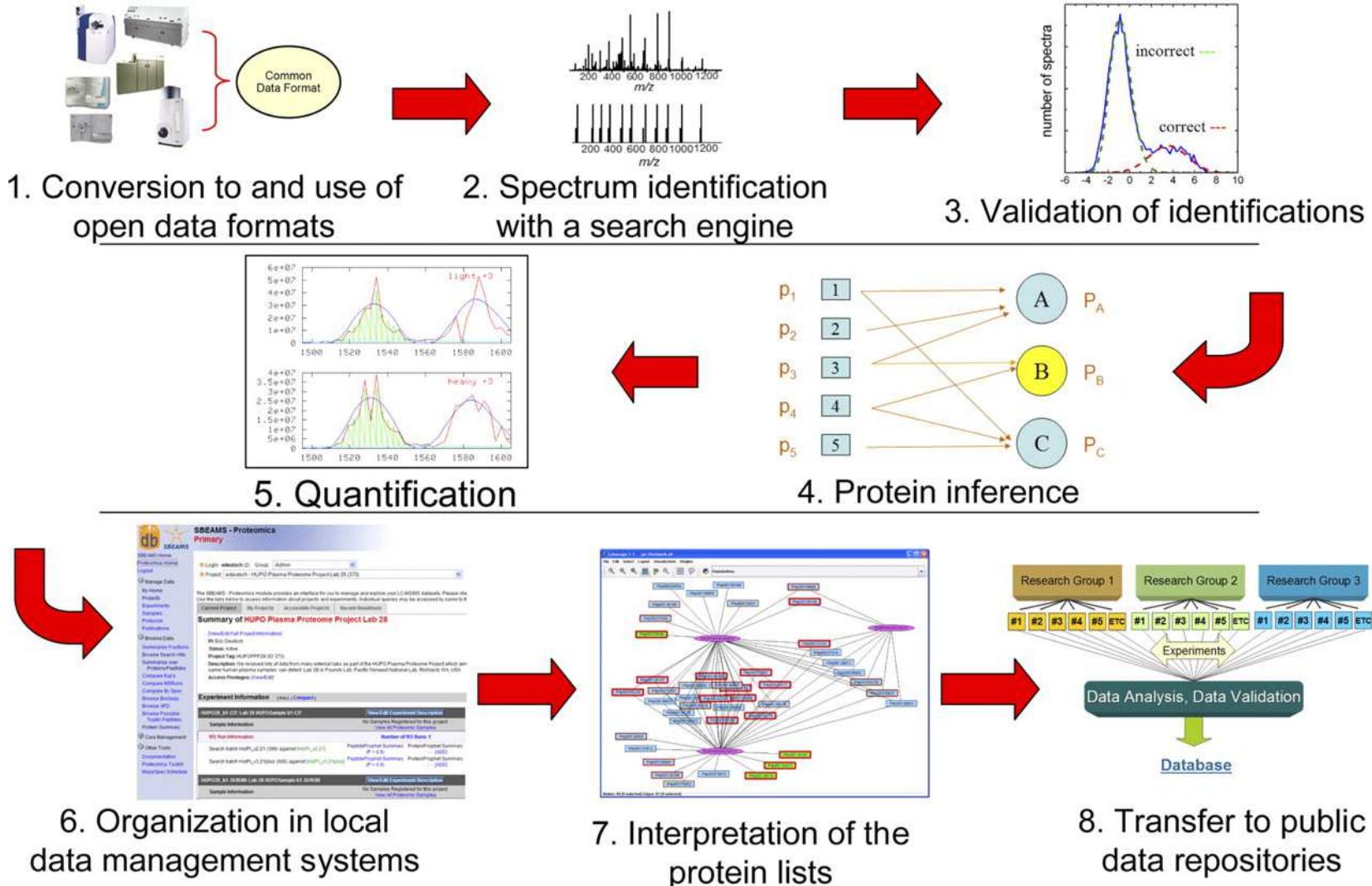
Immonium ions : specific of each amino acid ex: m/z 120 → Phe

Internal fragments

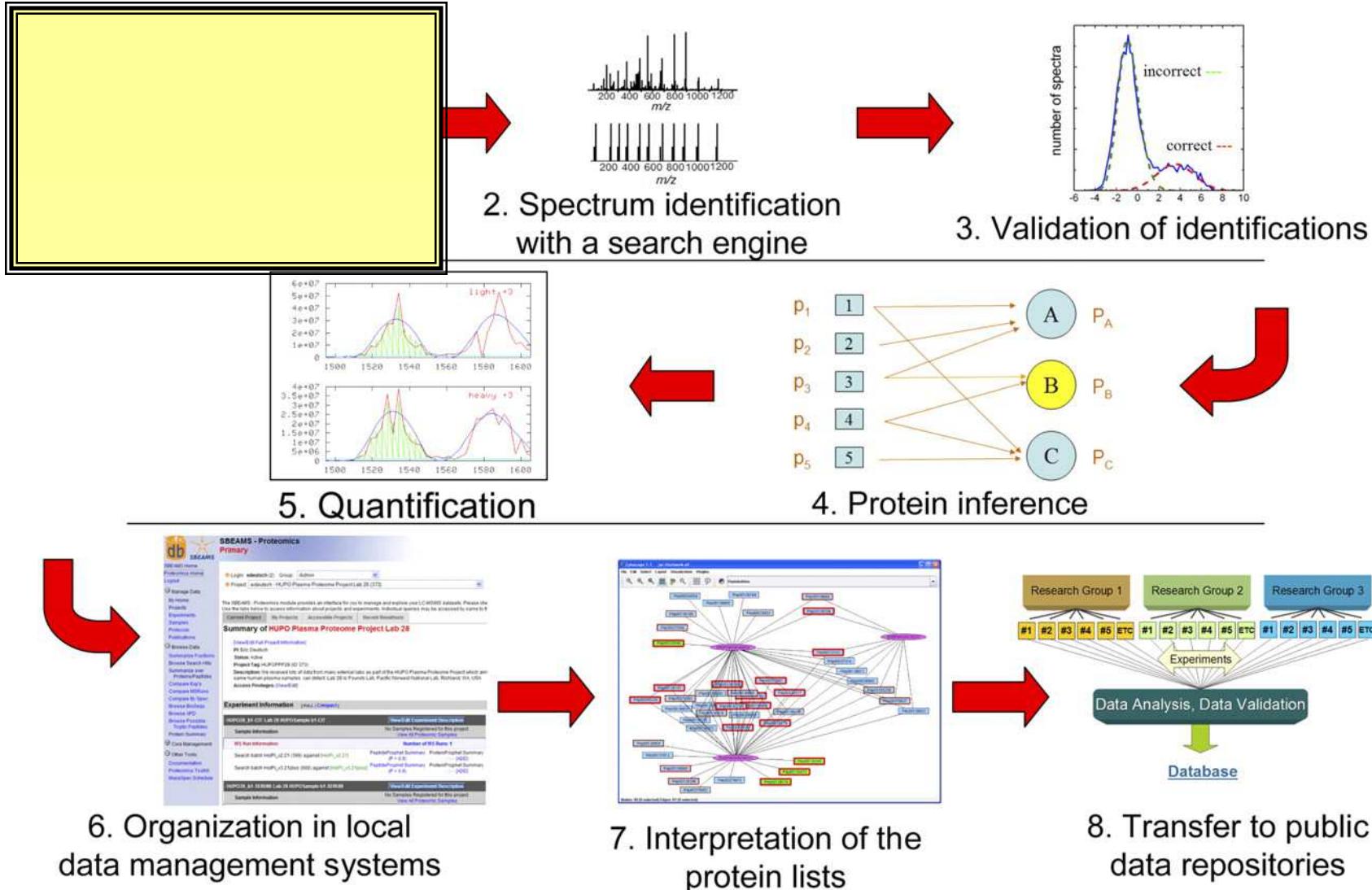
Specific fragmentations of PTMs (cf M. Jaquinod presentation)

Neutral loss ex: - 18 Da → perte d'H₂O

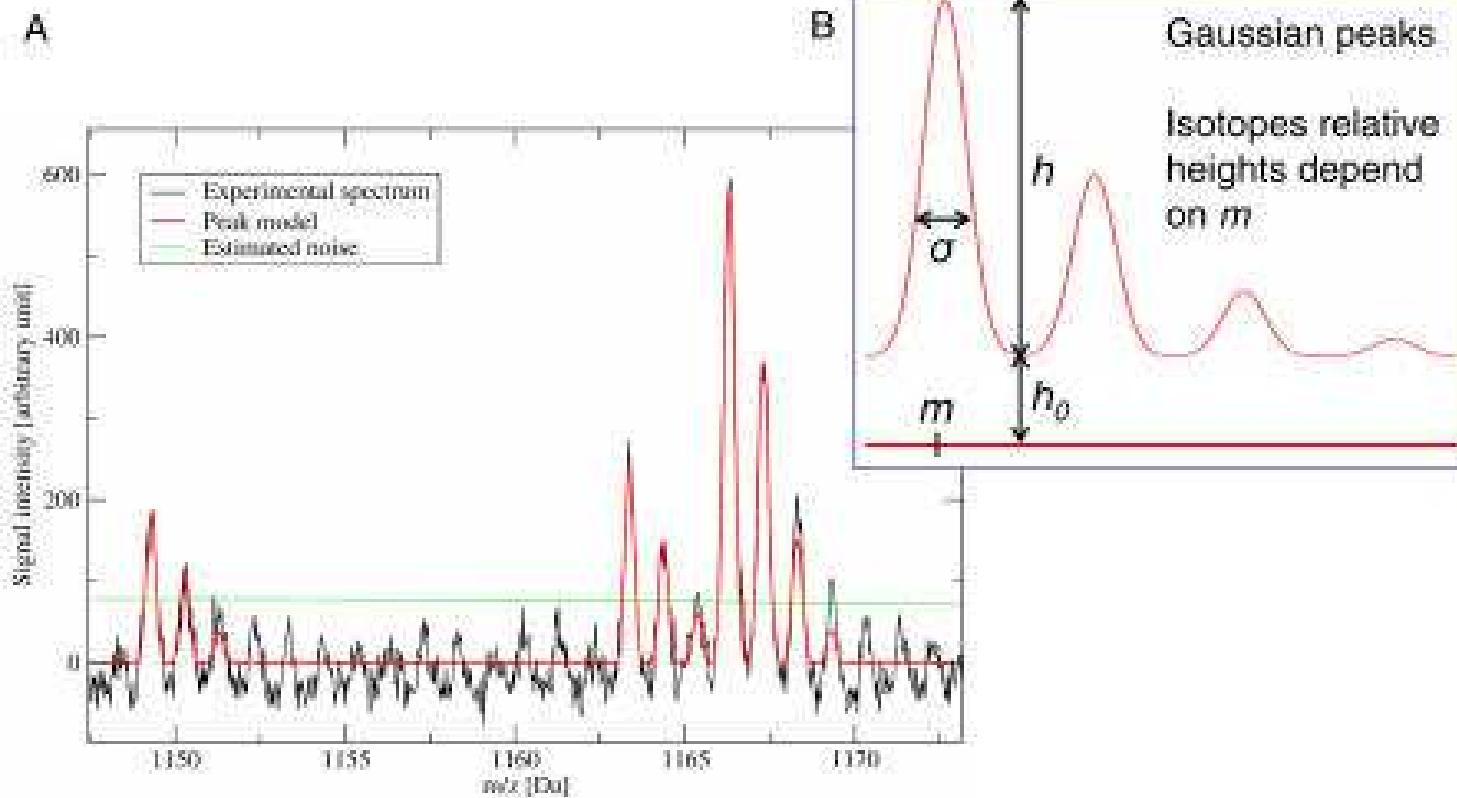
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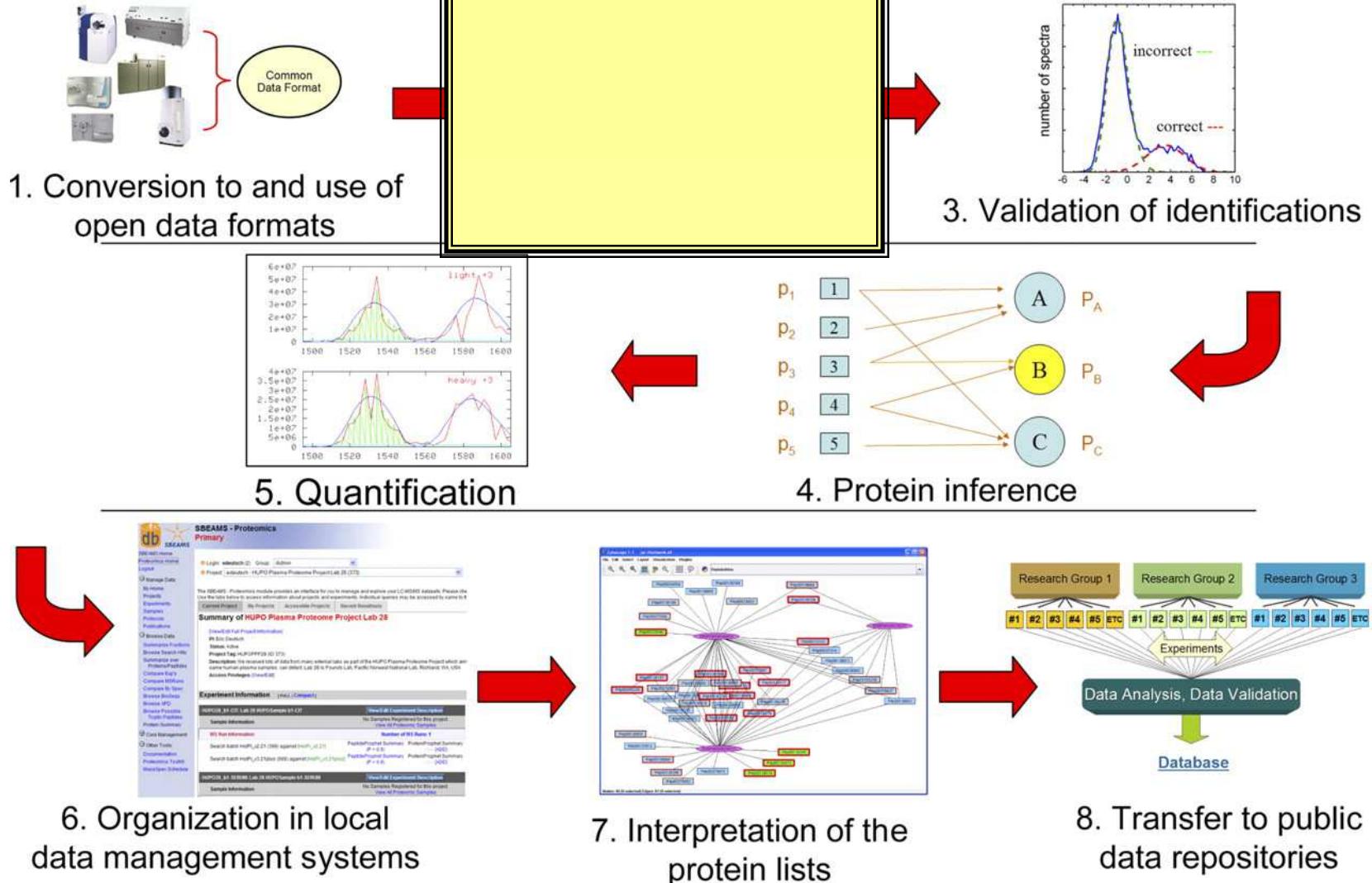


Peak detection



From Colinge & Bennett, 2007

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The paradigms for protein identification using MS/MS data



- **Database searching (protein sequences)**
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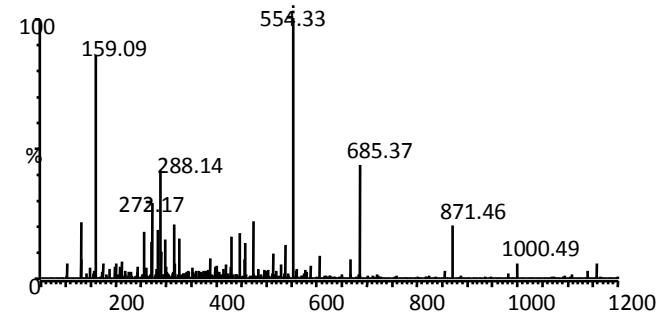


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Searching uninterpreted MS/MS spectra

Experimental data :

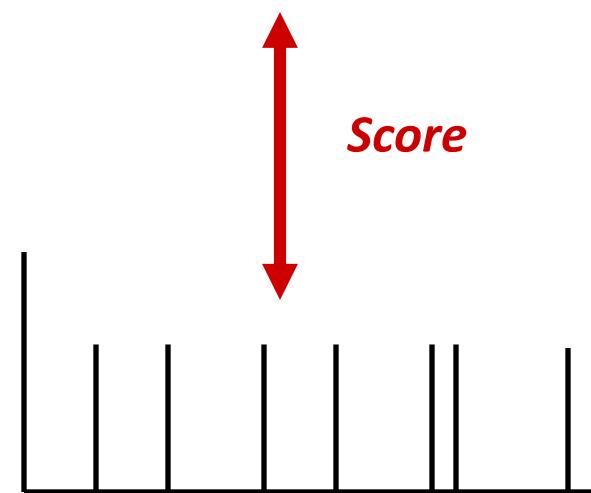
- 1- M = mass of the peptide
- 2- MS/MS spectrum



Mascot, Sequest, X! Tandem, OMSSA...

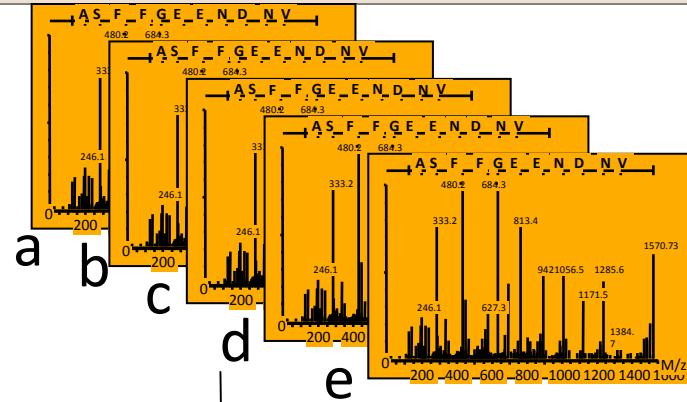
Virtual data:

- 1- trypsin digestion → n M
- 2- n MS/MS spectra



Protein databanks

Database searching for shotgun analyses



*Database searching
(uninterpreted MS/MS spectra)*

Clustering



Search engines for uninterpreted MS/MS spectra

- **Open source tools**

- X! Tandem
- OMSSA
- Comet ...

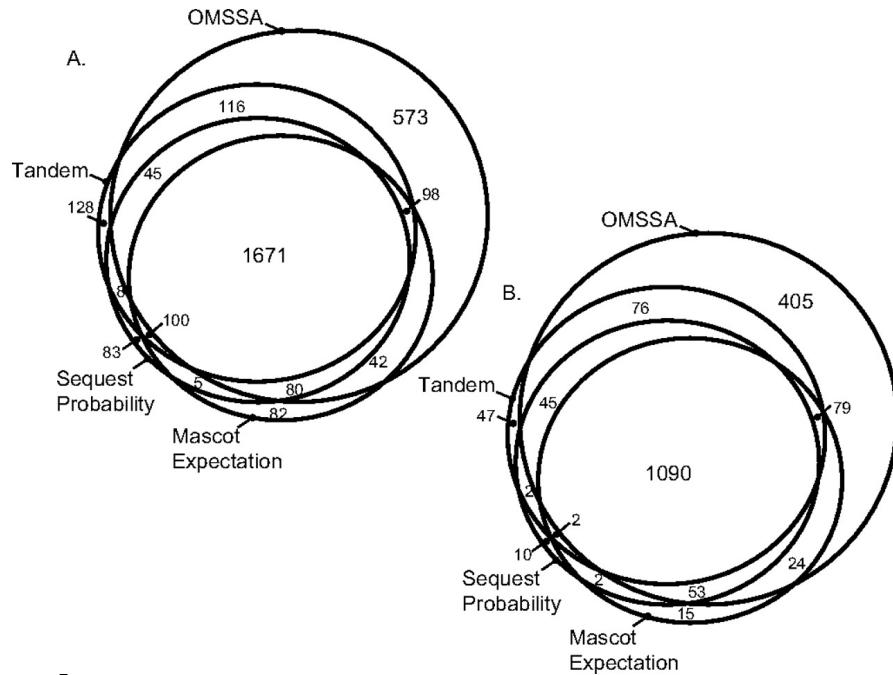
- **Commercial softwares**

- Mascot
- Phenyx ...

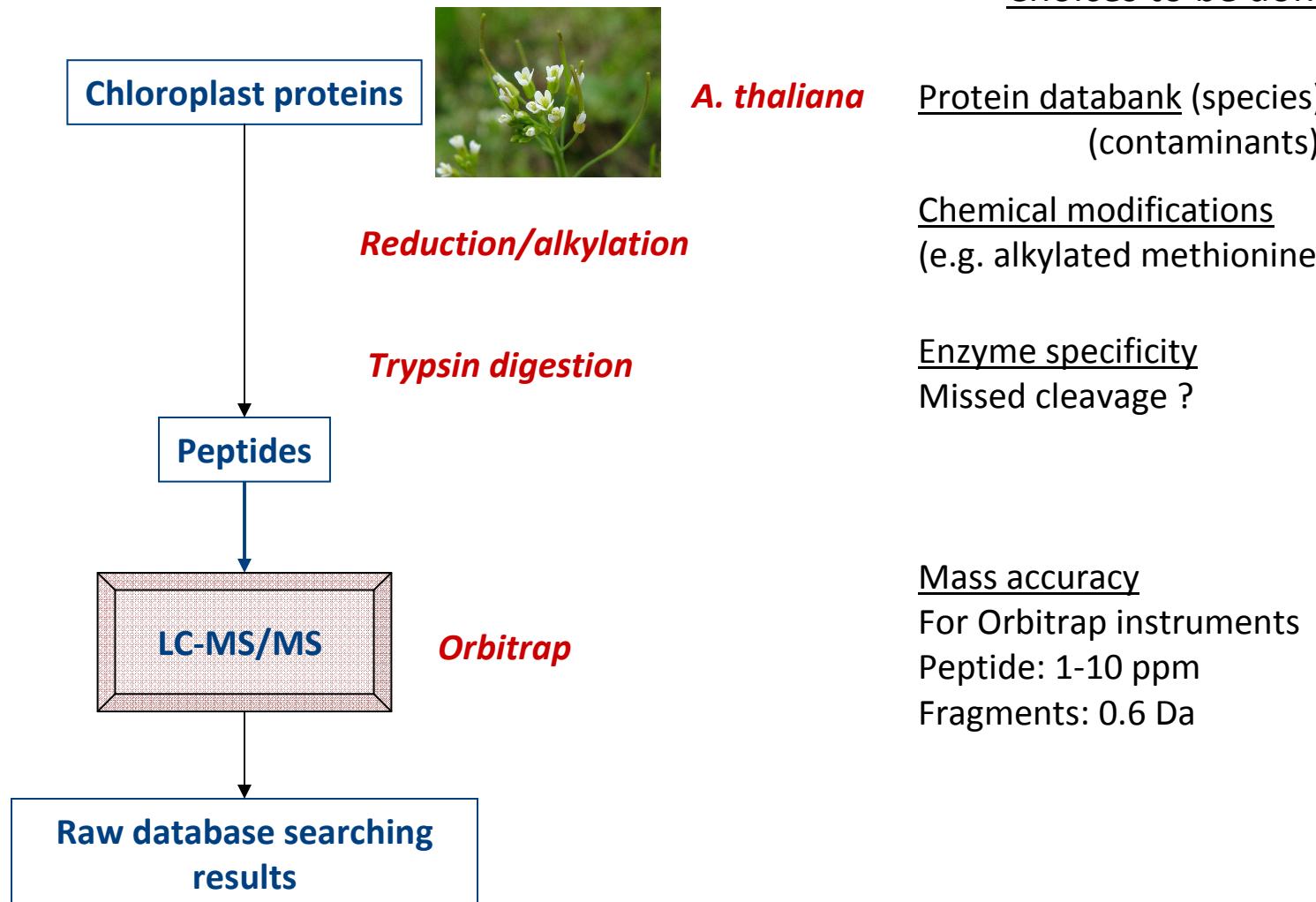
- **Available with Mass spectrometers**

- Sequest
- ProteinLynx Global Server
- ProteinPilot ...

→ A. Cornuéjols, Axe 1, 30/11



Search constraints



Constraints in database searching



MASCOT MS/MS Ions Search

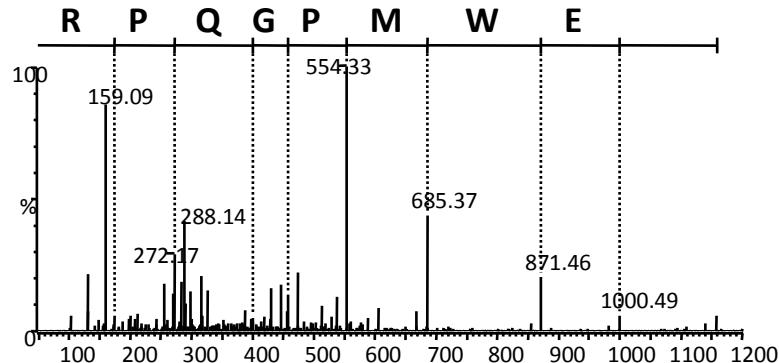
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De novo sequencing



PepNovo; PEAKS etc.

MS/MS interpretation

EWMPGQPR → whole or partial sequence

MSBlast, BLASTP, TBLASTN ...

Alignment with protein, EST and genomic databases

EWMPGQPR
....VGRRHGSRVSKSAEWMPGQPRPPHLDGSAPGD....

Searching for similar proteins

EWMPGQPR
....VGATNSSMSRFSMSA**D**WMPGQPRPSYLDGSAPGD....

Dancik V, Addona TA, Clouser KR, Vath JE, Pevzner PA. *De novo peptide sequencing via tandem mass spectrometry*. J Comput Biol. 1999 Fall-Winter;6(3-4):327-42.

Shevchenko A, Chernushevich I, Shevchenko A, Wilm M, Mann M. "De novo" sequencing of peptides recovered from in-gel digested proteins by nanoelectrospray tandem mass spectrometry. Mol Biotechnol. 2002 Jan;20(1):107-18.

The paradigms for protein identification



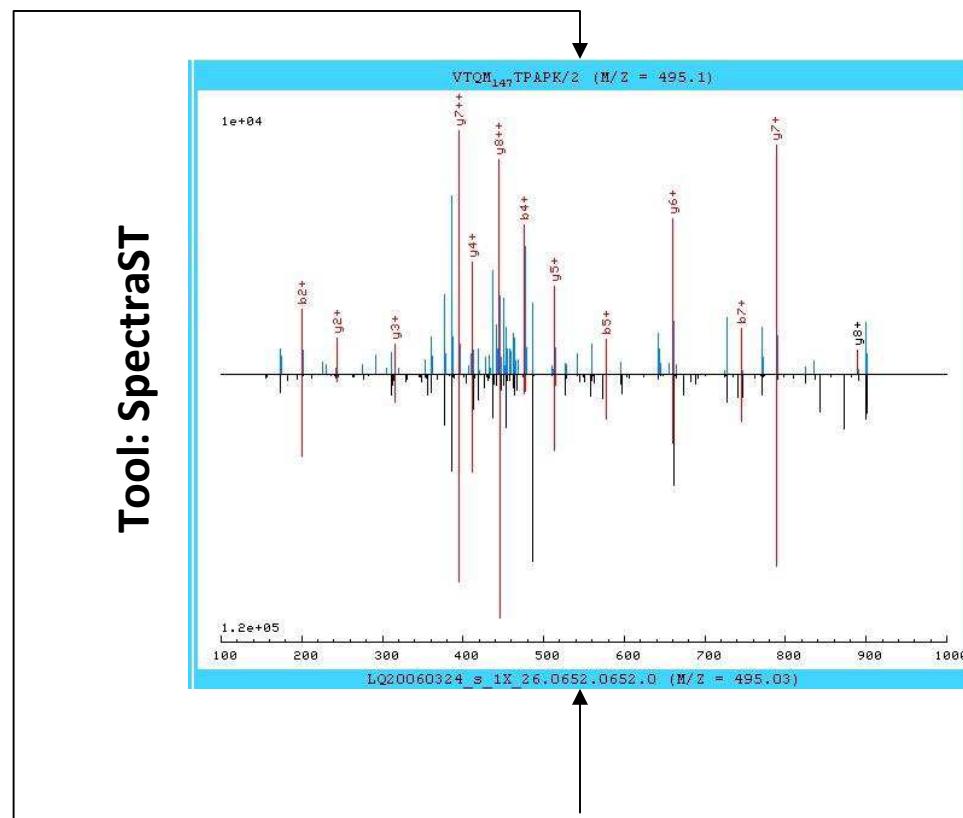
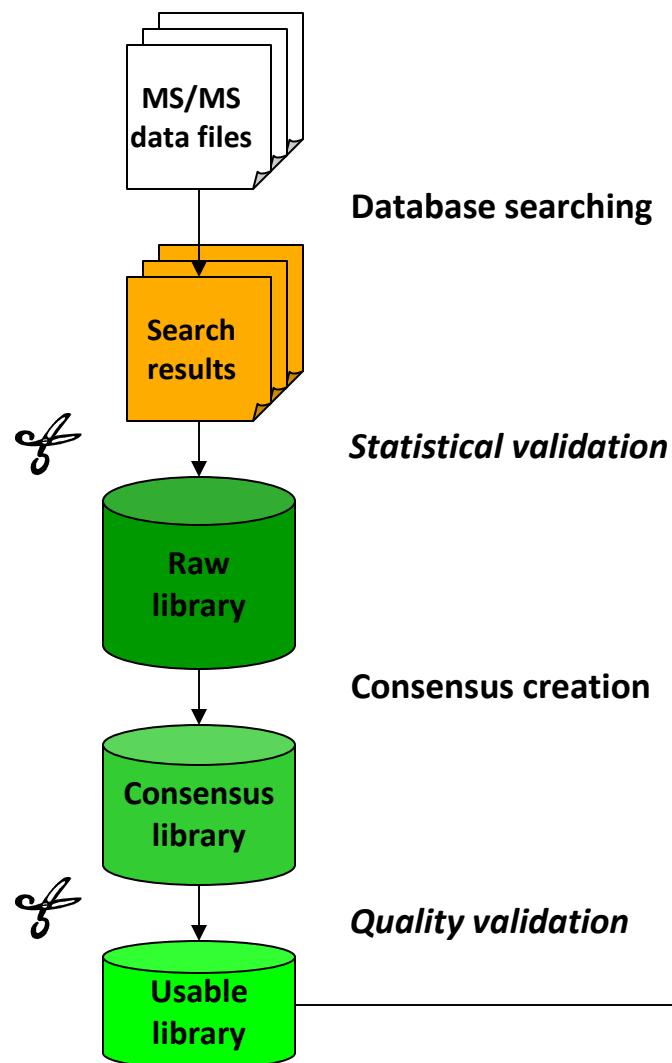
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→ Prerequisite: MS/MS spectra already “annotated”

Spectral libraries

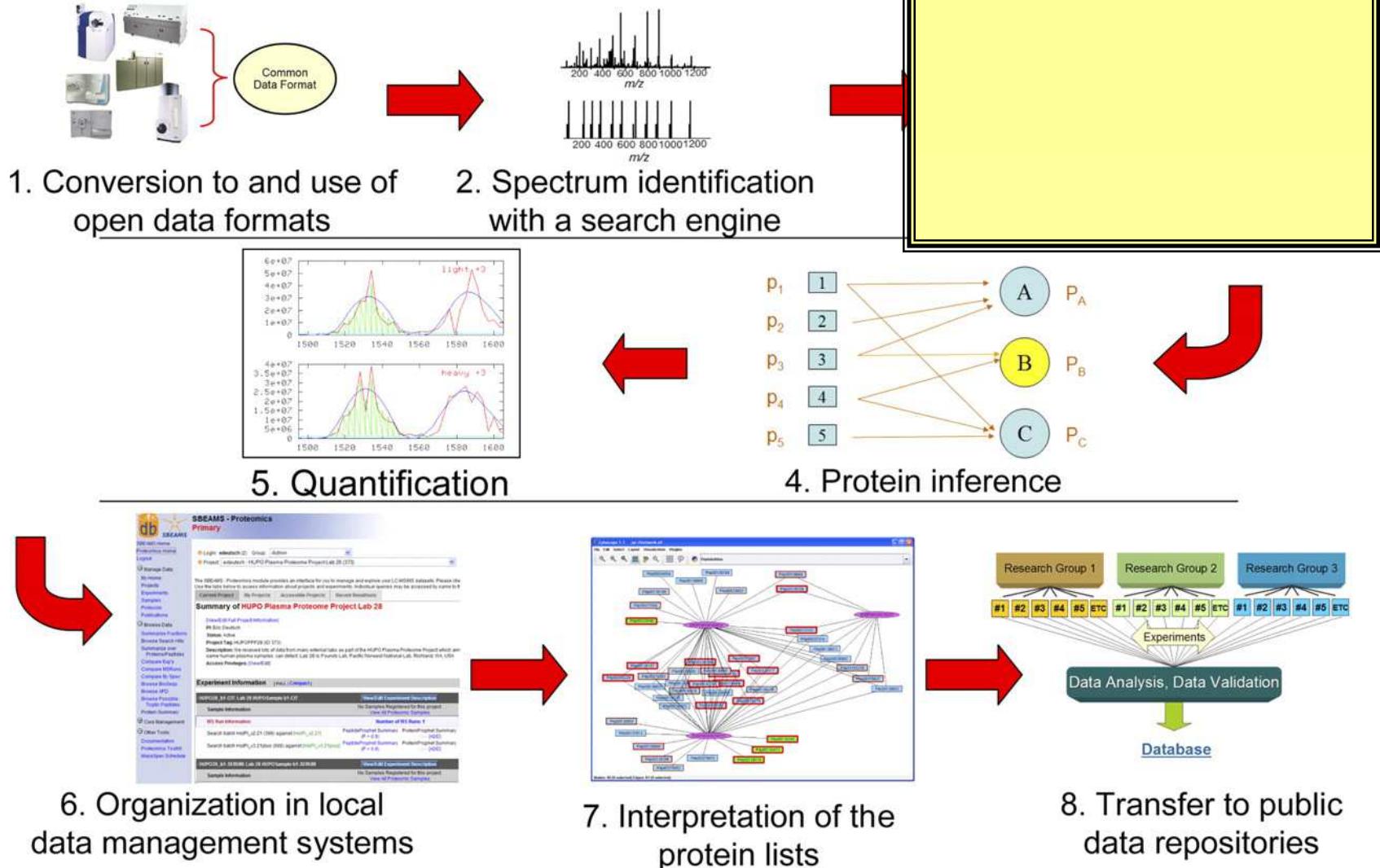


- **Concept**
 - Capitalize on validated experimental data
 - Use peptide fragmentation « pattern »
- **Principle**
 - Create a « consensus » spectrum for all peptides identified from experimental spectra
 - Compare this « consensus » spectrum with new experimental spectrum

Pipeline of a spectral library search



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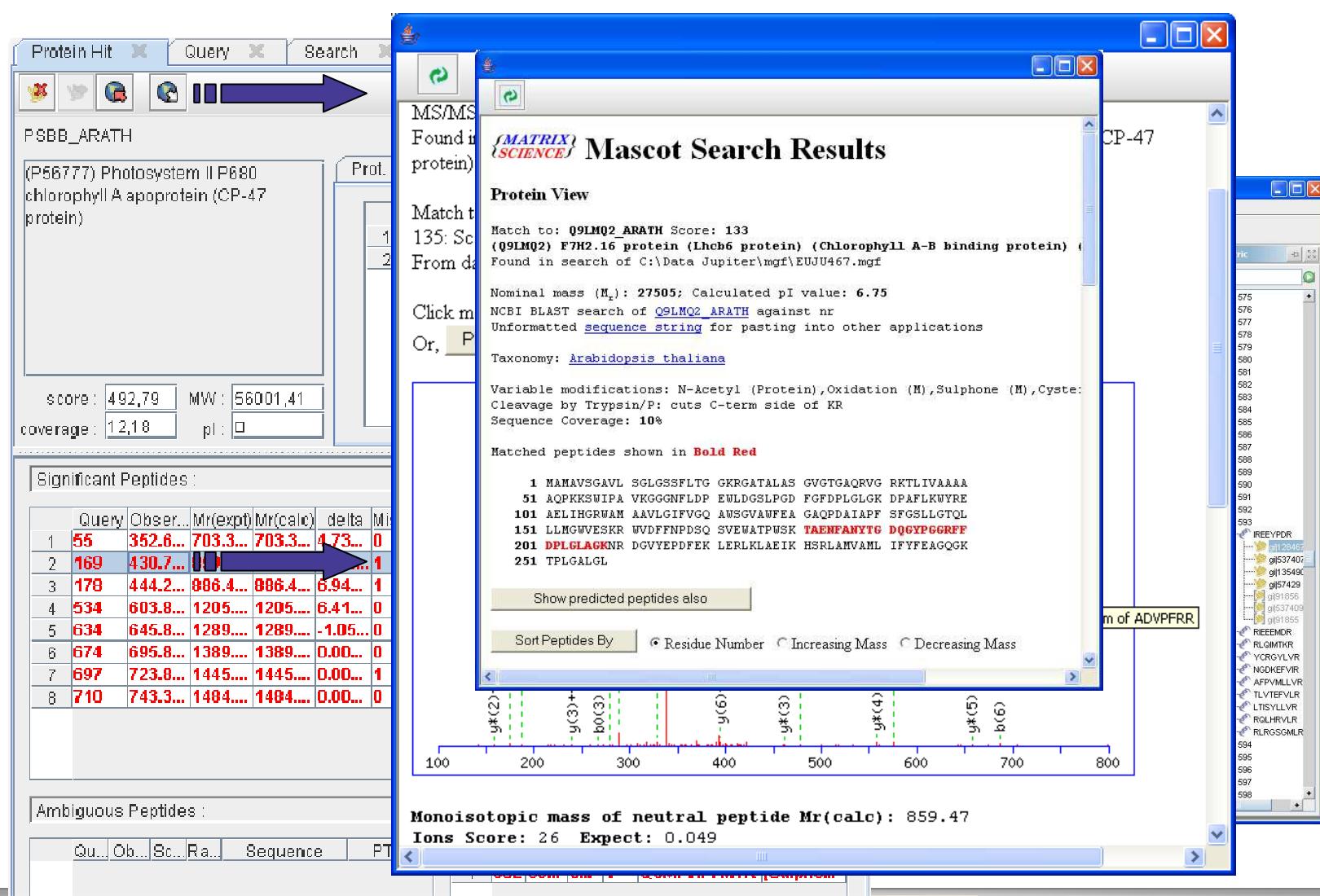


Validation of database searching results



- **Tools**
 - Many!
- **Needs**
 - Results filtering
 - Using predefined rules
 - Manual filtering
 - Validate spectrum-peptide match
 - View « matched » spectrum on peptide sequence
 - Access protein description (NCBI, SwissProt, etc)
 - Refine a result by re-submitting spectra
 - Save on-going validation
 - Generate reports
 - Filtered ... but consistent

Validation of the results: an example using IRMa

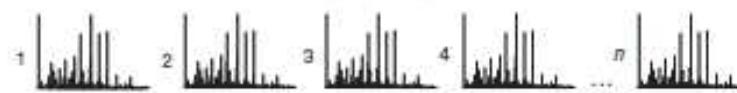


False discovery rate (FDR)

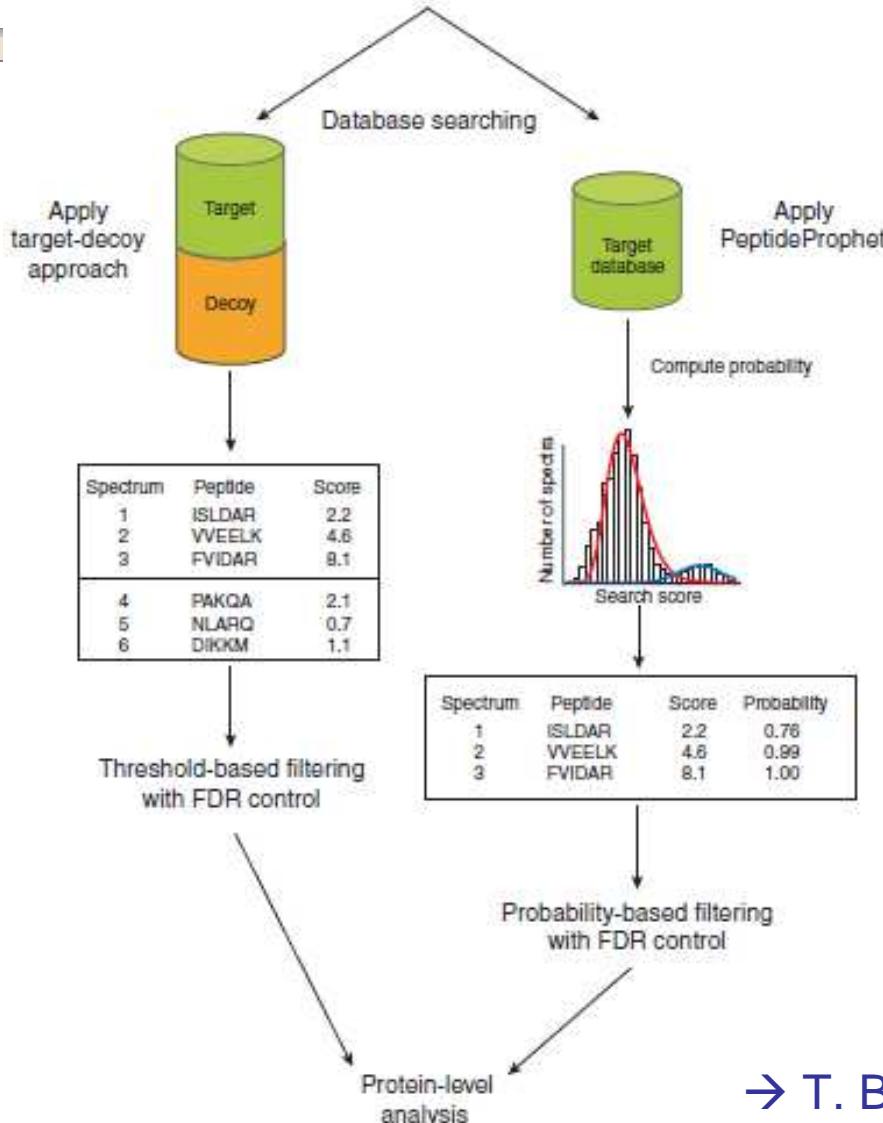


- **False discovery rate**
 - Percentage of incorrect peptide-spectra matches in identification result
- **Problem**
 - How to distinguish « true » and « false » PSMs

FDR

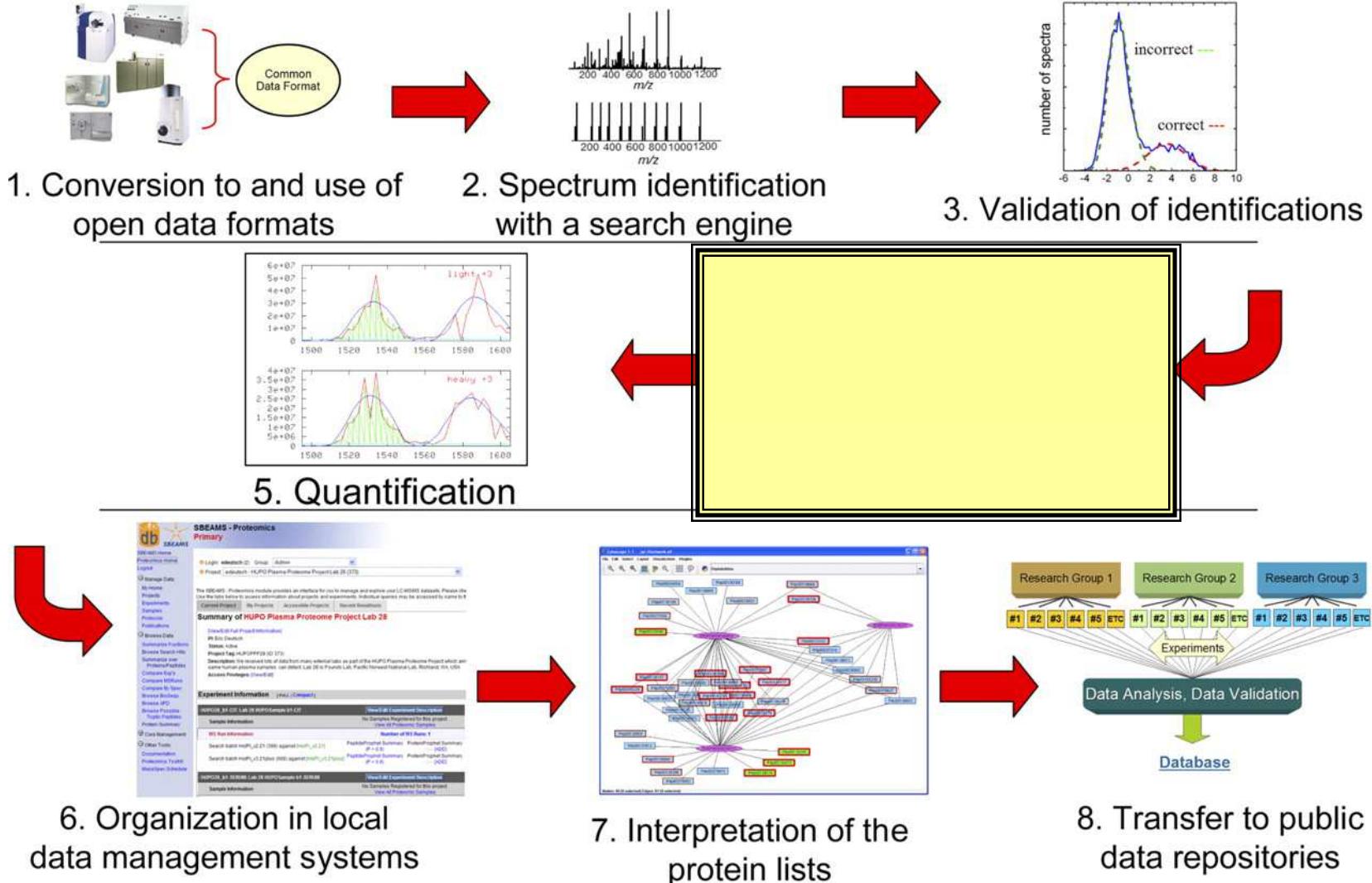


$$FP = \frac{2 \times Rev}{Rev + Fwd}$$



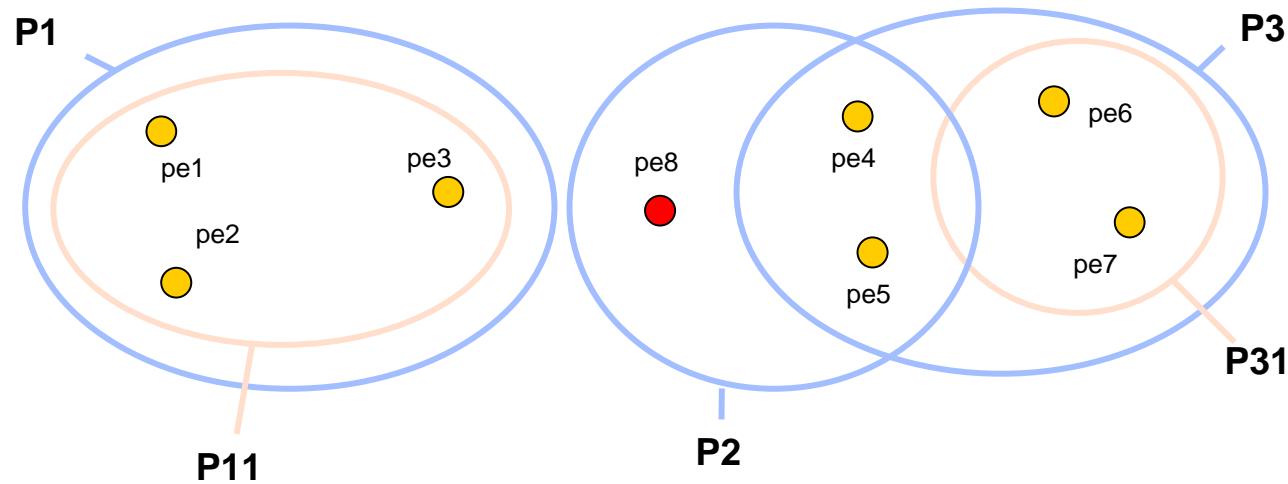
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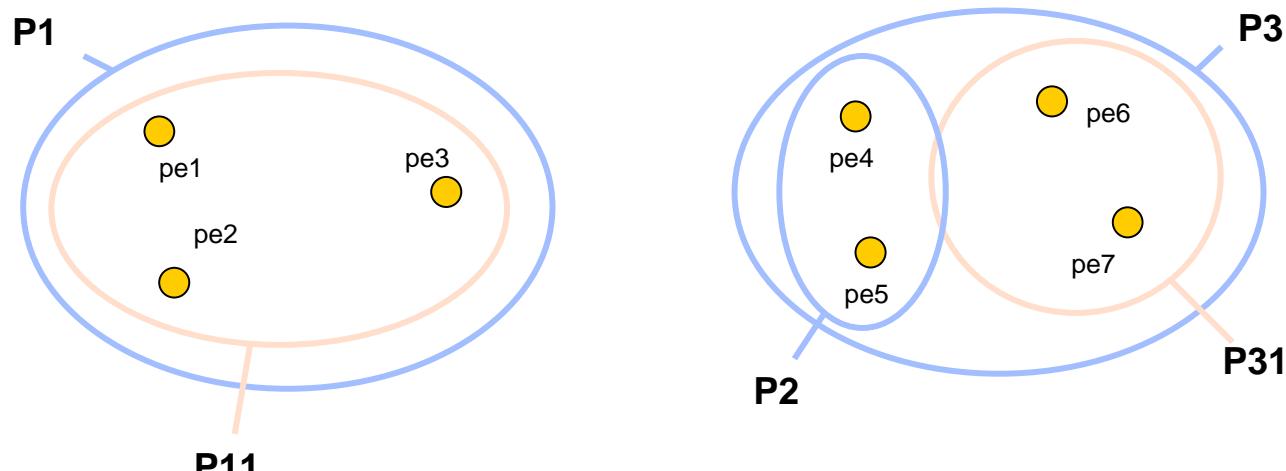
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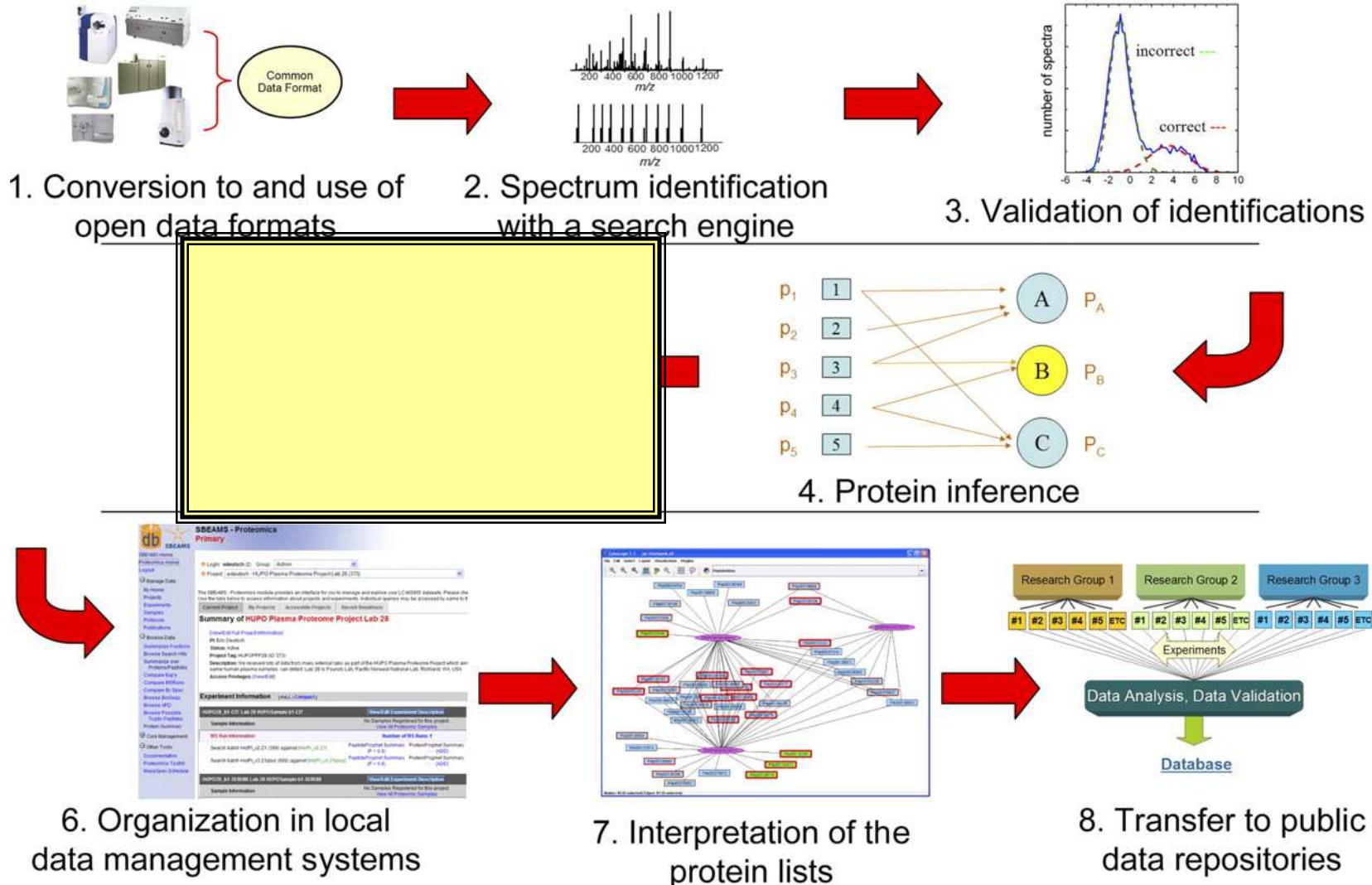
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 - After validation the list of protein groups can be modified (consistency to be assured)



→ B. Valot, S. Bouveret, axe 1, 29/11

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Quantitative proteomics



-Comparison of peptide/protein levels in 2, 3 ... n samples

→ **Relative quantification**

(up- or down-regulation of a protein in a sample relative to an other, results expressed as a ‘fold’ increase or decrease)

Determination of an exact amount (concentration) of peptide/protein in a sample

→ **Absolute quantification**

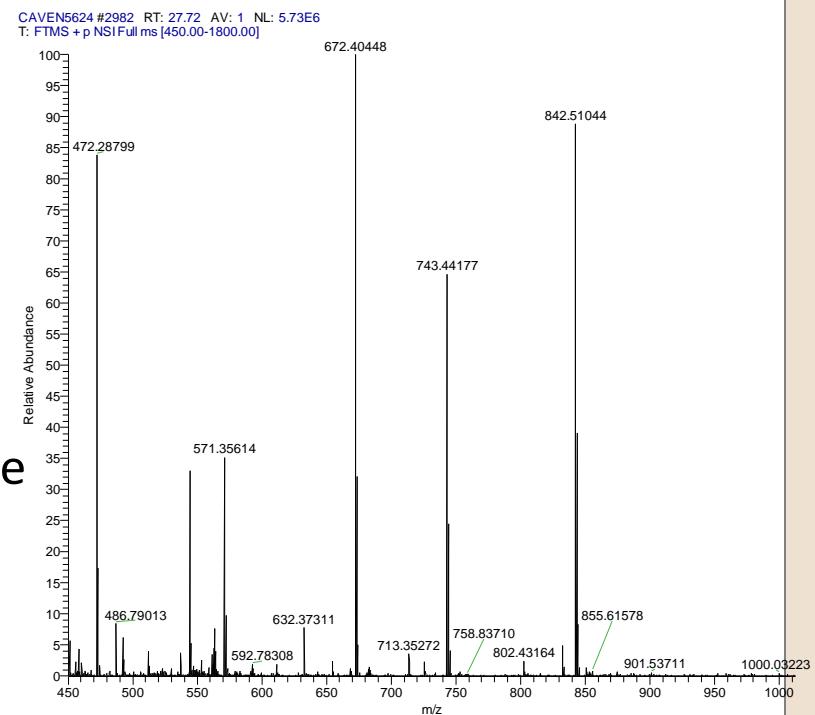
(e.g. ng or nmoles per gram of tissue, or ng or nmoles/ml of plasma ; use of an internal standard)

Even **Absolute quantification is Relative** – relative to an internal standard

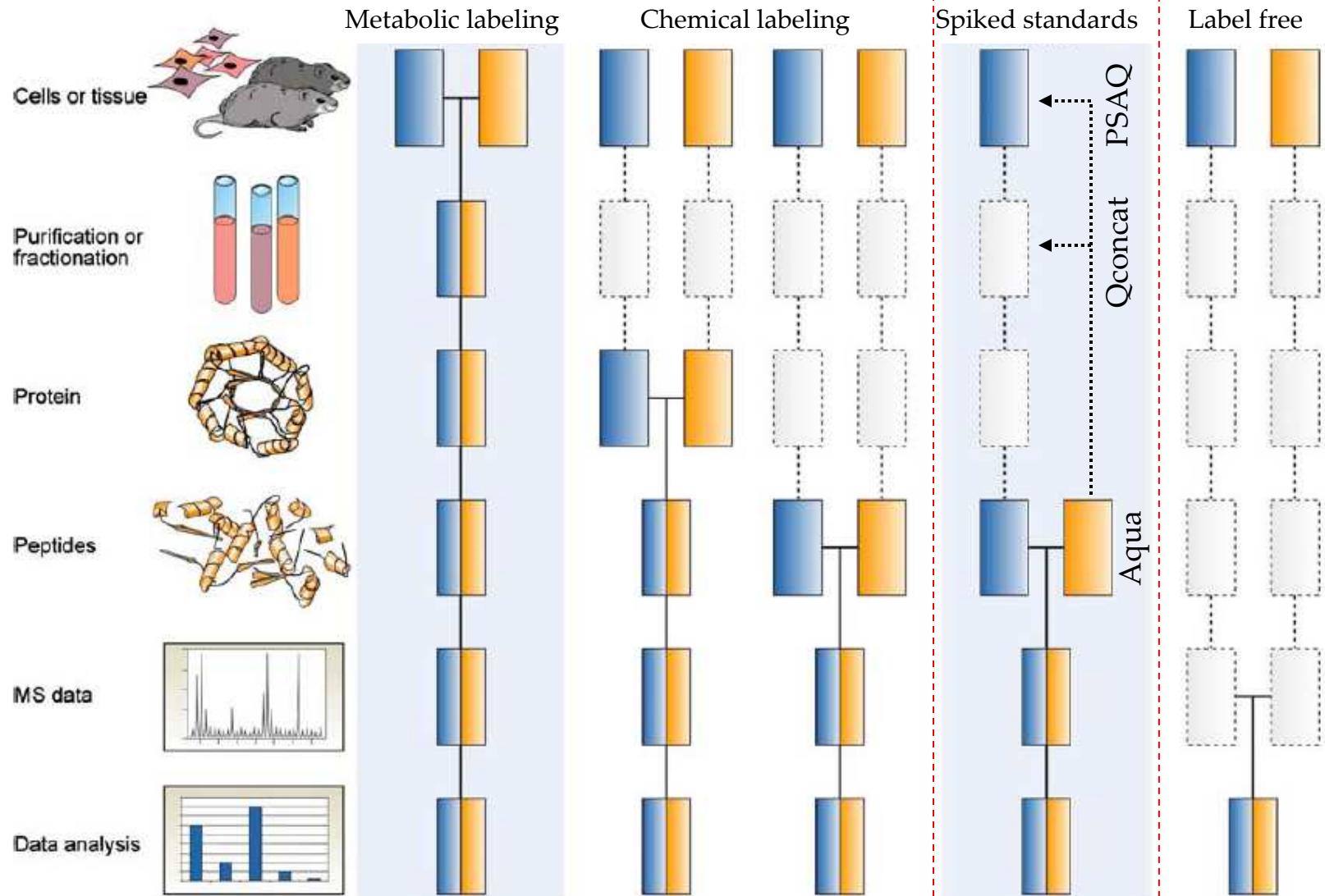
MS-based quantitative proteomics

!!! For several reasons, MS is not a quantitative tool !!!

- Ionization is function of the structure
 - Physico-chemical properties of amino acids present in peptide
- Ionization suppression effect
 - Competition between peptides
 - Presence of one peptide may suppress the ionization of another one
- Ionization depends of the sample matrix
 - (salt, detergents, contaminants, ...)
 - Variation in samples will result in variation in signal intensities

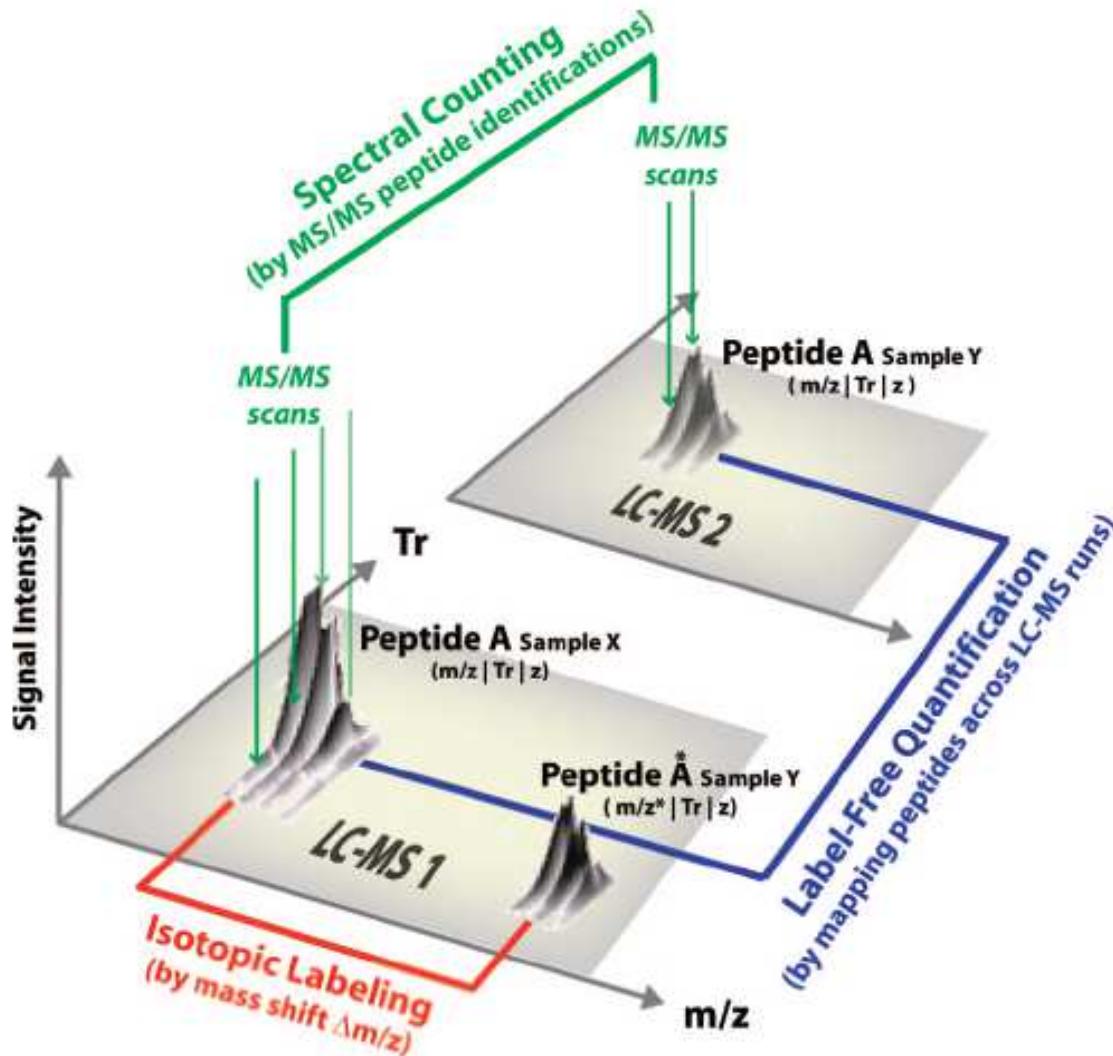


Comparative proteomics workflows



From Bantscheff et al. *Anal Bioanal Chem* (2007) 389:1017–1031

Relative quantification



From Mueller et al., 2008, JPR

Spectral counts



- **Implementations:**

- Number of matched MS/MS spectra for a given protein

- Derived metrics used to determine sample relative composition

$$PAI = \frac{N_{Obsd}}{N_{Obsvbl}} \quad emPAI = 10^{PAI} - 1$$

- **Normalization factors**

- Protein length
- Total number of spectra
- etc.

$$\text{Protein i molar content} = \frac{emPAI_i}{\sum emPAI}$$

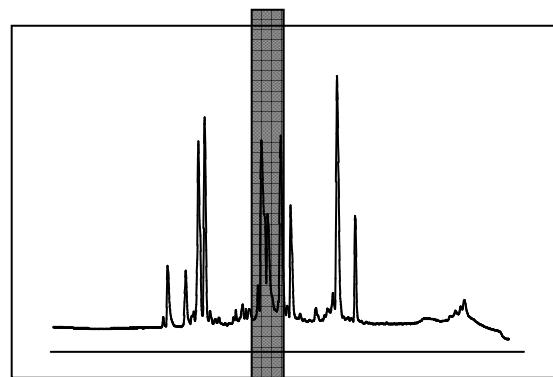
$$APEX_i = \frac{n_i \times p_i}{O_i \times \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{n_k \times p_k}{O_k}} \times C$$

Spectral counts : a semi-quantitative approach

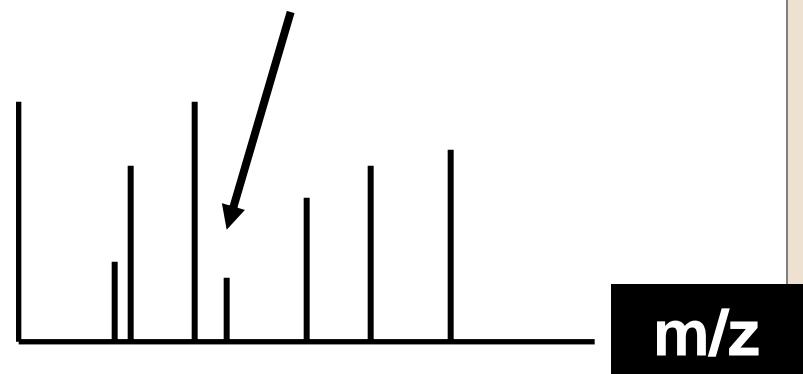


- **Advantages**
 - Easy to implement.
 - Do not require observation of the same peptides between experiments.
- **Drawbacks**
 - Requires many spectra per protein (MudPIT based).
 - Saturation at high SC
 - Complicated in case of shared peptides (isoforms)

Label-free quantification

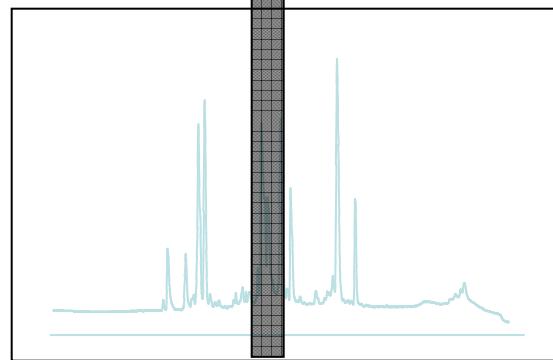


signal intensity

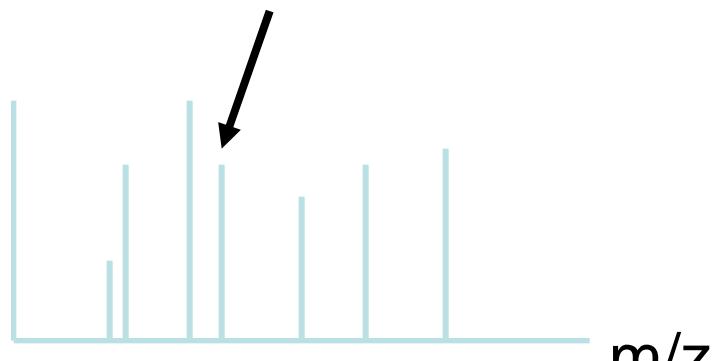


m/z

Mass accuracy, calibration, resolution



Retention time

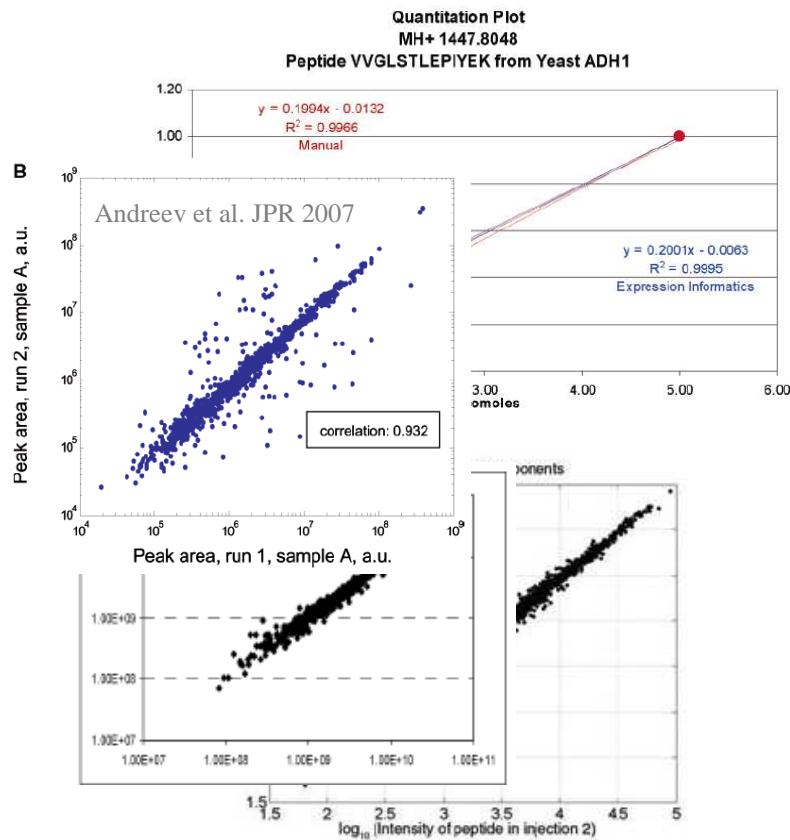


m/z

LC reproducibility

EXtracted Ion Chromatogram (XIC) alias « MS trace »

- Peptides abundances scale linearly with concentration
- Controlled sample handling and analytical procedures allow repeatable peptide abundance measurements

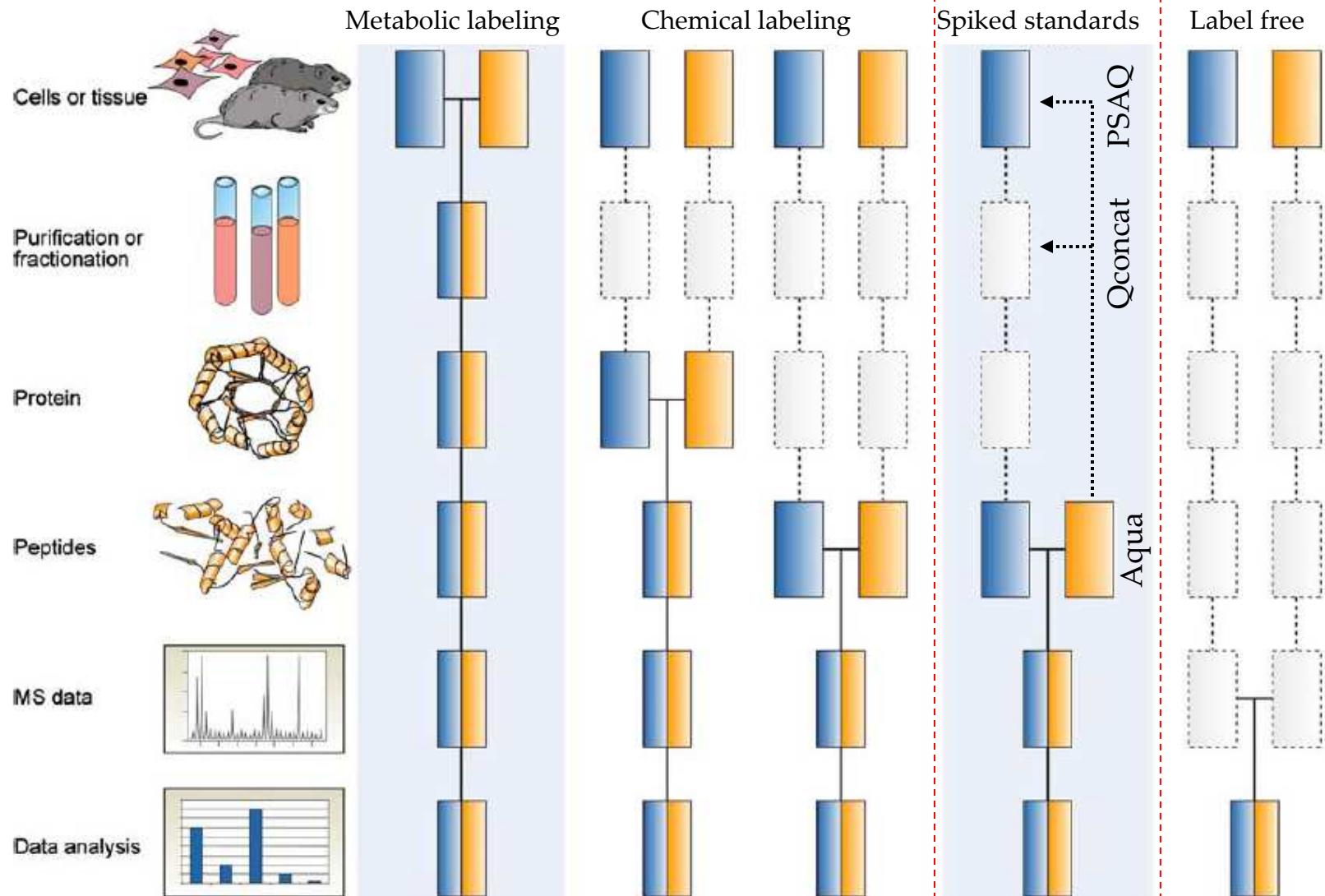


XIC: challenges

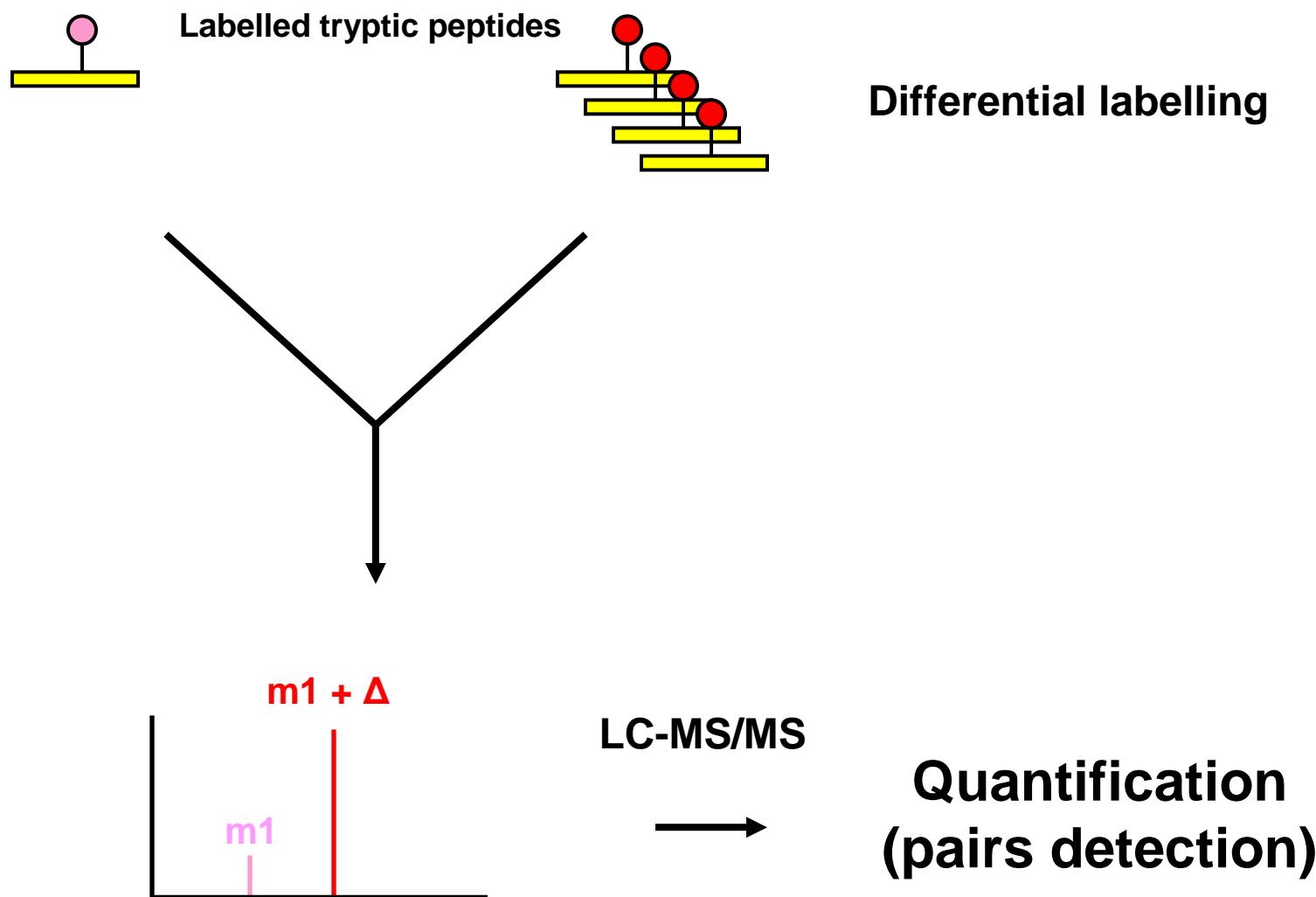


- **Quantitative readings must be extracted from MS or MS/MS spectra → intensities to be extracted**
- Peptide and protein identification must be performed
- The two types of information must be merged and quality controlled
- **Applicable statistical methods have to be identified**
- Individual steps have to be combined in an automated workflow bridging the gaps between commercially available software and custom-built tools.

Labeling approaches

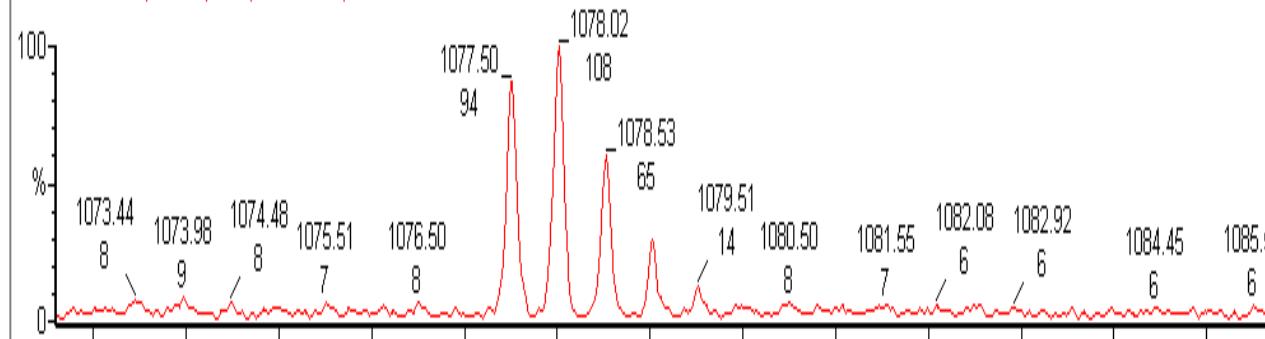


Labeling approaches : general principle

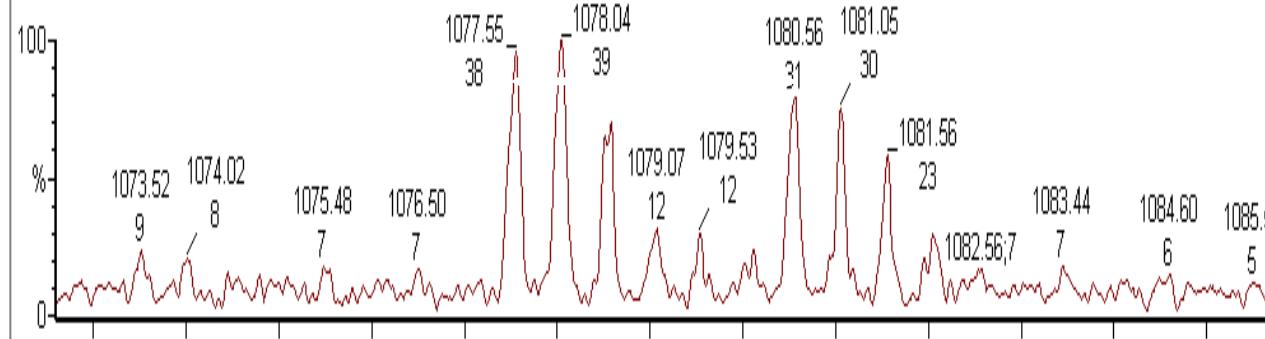


SILAC: example

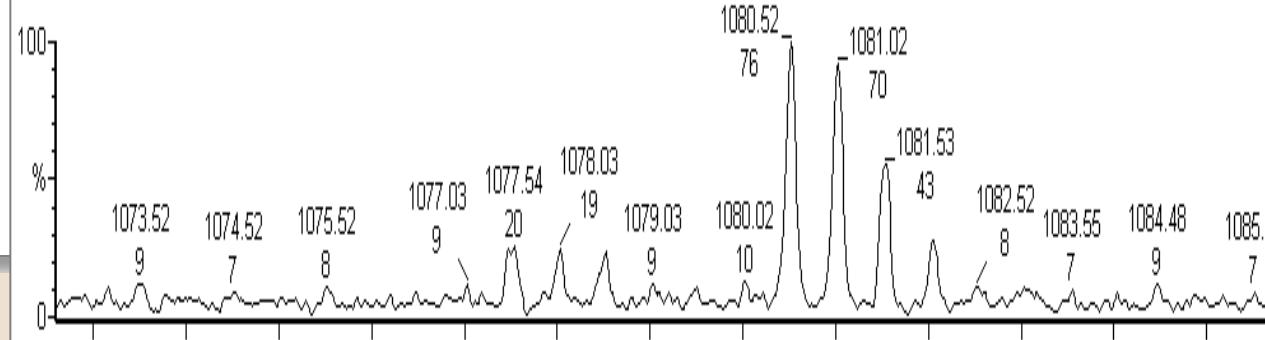
LCU5042 1069 (25.440) Sm (SG, 2x3.00)



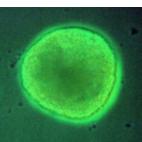
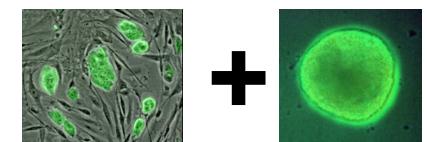
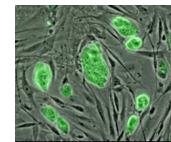
LCU5038 980 (23.748) Sm (SG, 2x3.00)



LCU5022 881 (21.865) Sm (SG, 2x3.00)

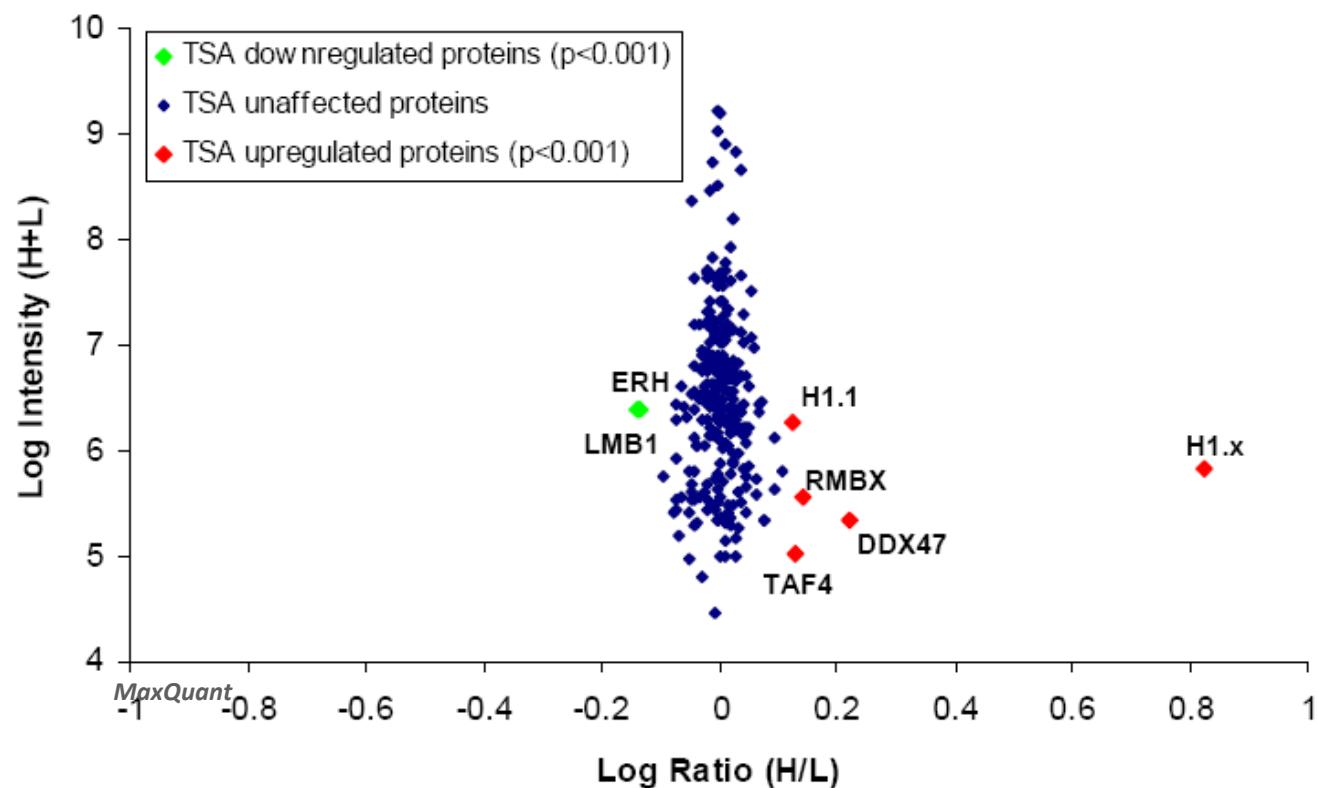


ES (¹²C-Arg)



ESd (¹³C-Arg)

SILAC: application exemple



Biological duplicates + Cross-labelling

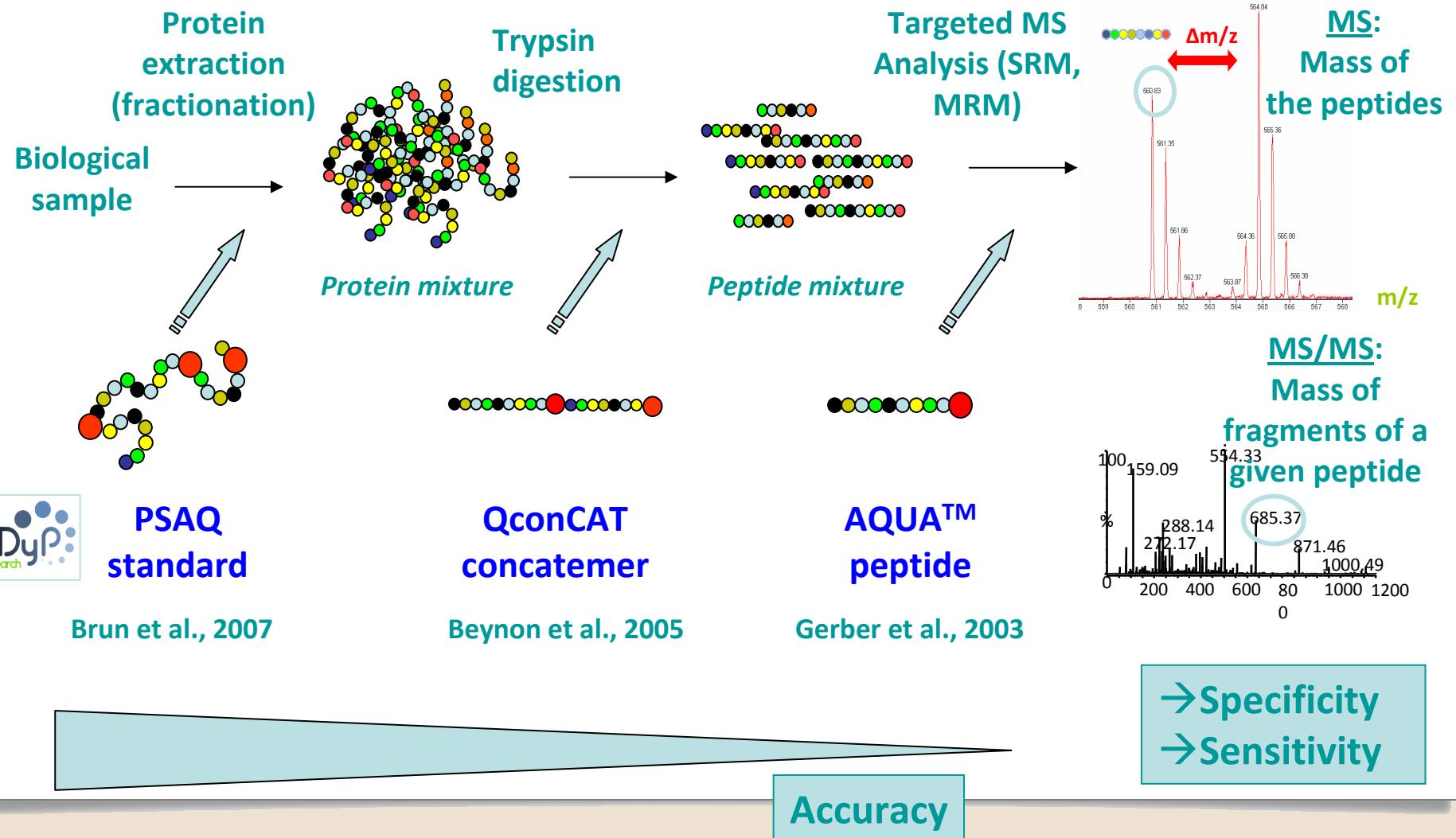
Identification : 1% False positive – Quantification : At least 2 peptides / protein

Methods with standards

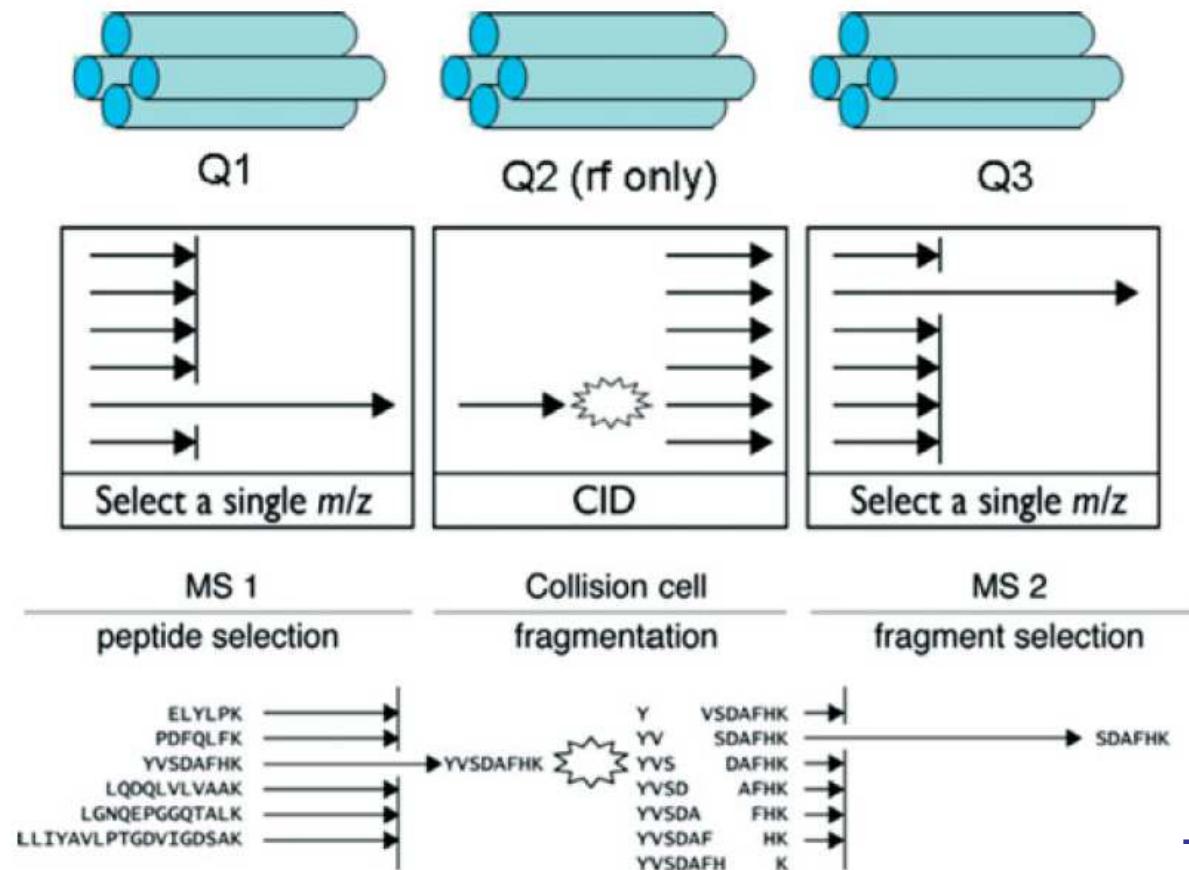


- Towards « absolute » (accurate) quantification : measuring the amount of a given protein in a complex mixture
- The proteins to be quantified are already identified (ex: validation de biomarkers)

Absolute quantification of proteins: use of labelled standards (isotope dilution)



Monitoring of selected parent and specific fragment ions (enhanced accuracy and specificity).



Selection of proteotypic peptides and of good transitions.

Less automated process than discovery proteomics.

→ JF Giovanelli, Axe 1, 30/11

Quantitative proteomics: a question of choice



Label-free, labeling
Absolute, relative
Limited replicates

Orbitrap
Qtrap
Etc.

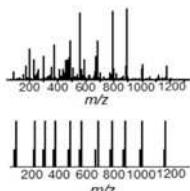
T-tests
Logistic regression
ML → A. Klich, Axe1, 29/11
Etc. → L. Gerfault, Axe1, 30/11

→Not necessarily the optimal choice but the most pragmatic one

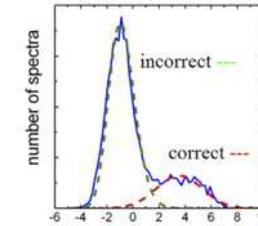
Schematic overview of a typical workflow of the proteomics informatics processing of a data set



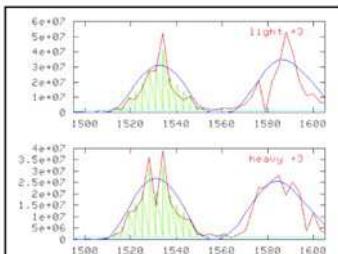
1. Conversion to and use of open data formats



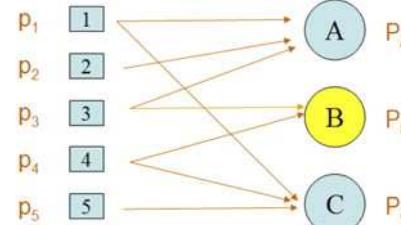
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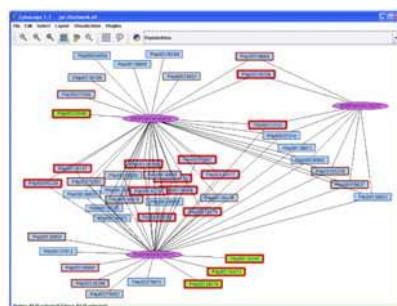
3. Validation of identifications



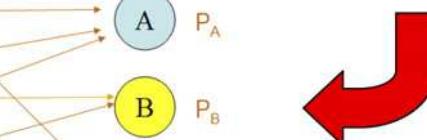
5. Quantification



4. Protein inference



7. Interpretation of the protein lists

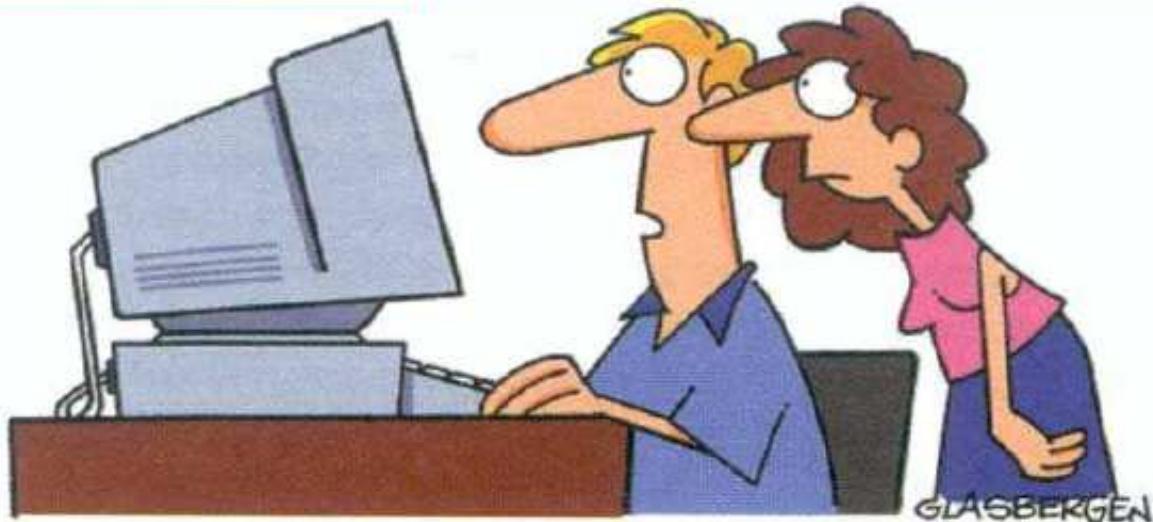


8. Transfer to public data repositories

Need for computing assistance !



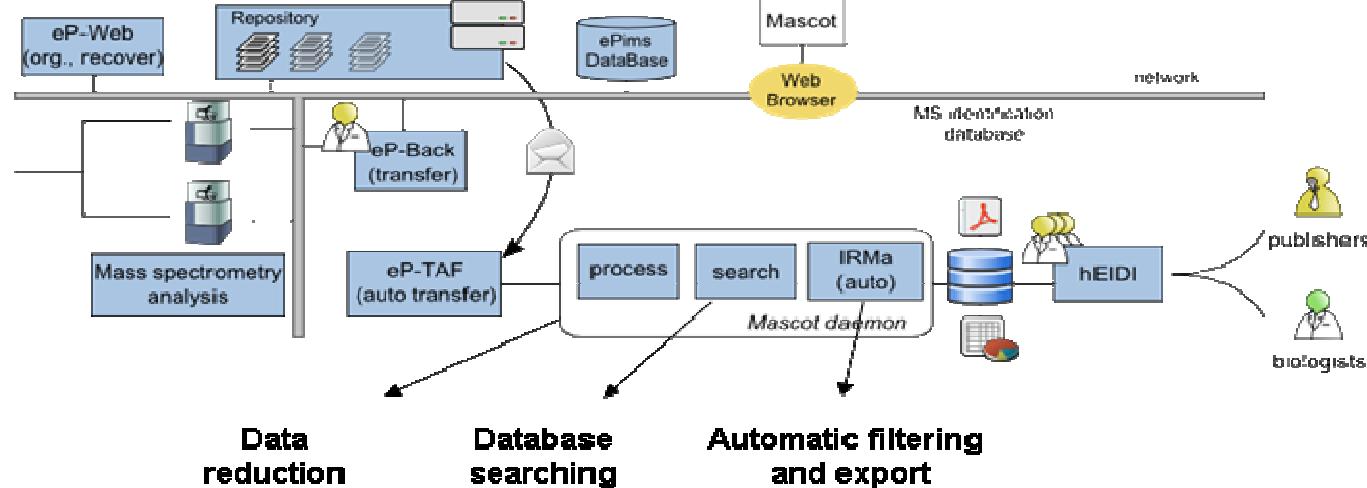
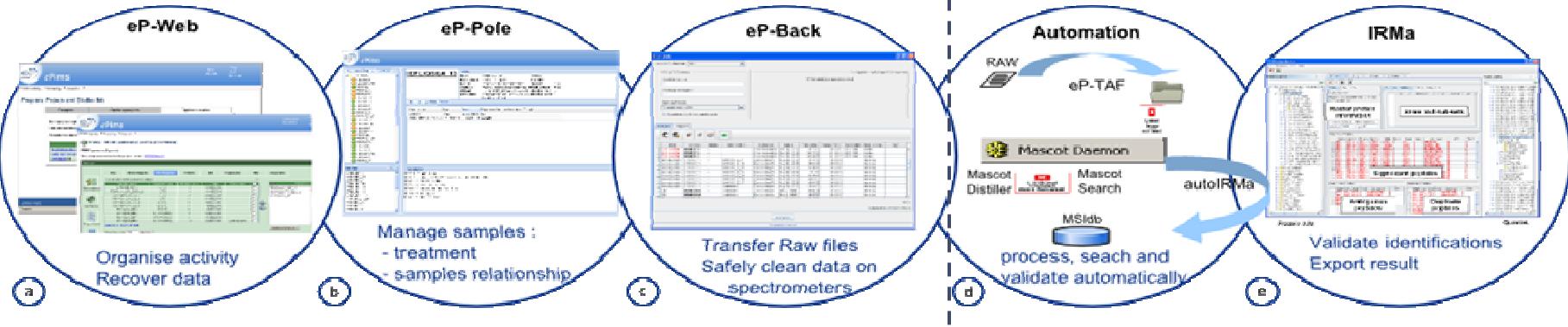
*600 proteins/h/ instrument
Up to 20 000 MS-MS spectra/day/instrument
Up to 50 Go de données/ day*



*« The computer says I need to upgrade my brain
to be compatible with proteomic data analysis »*

An IT workflow

ePims

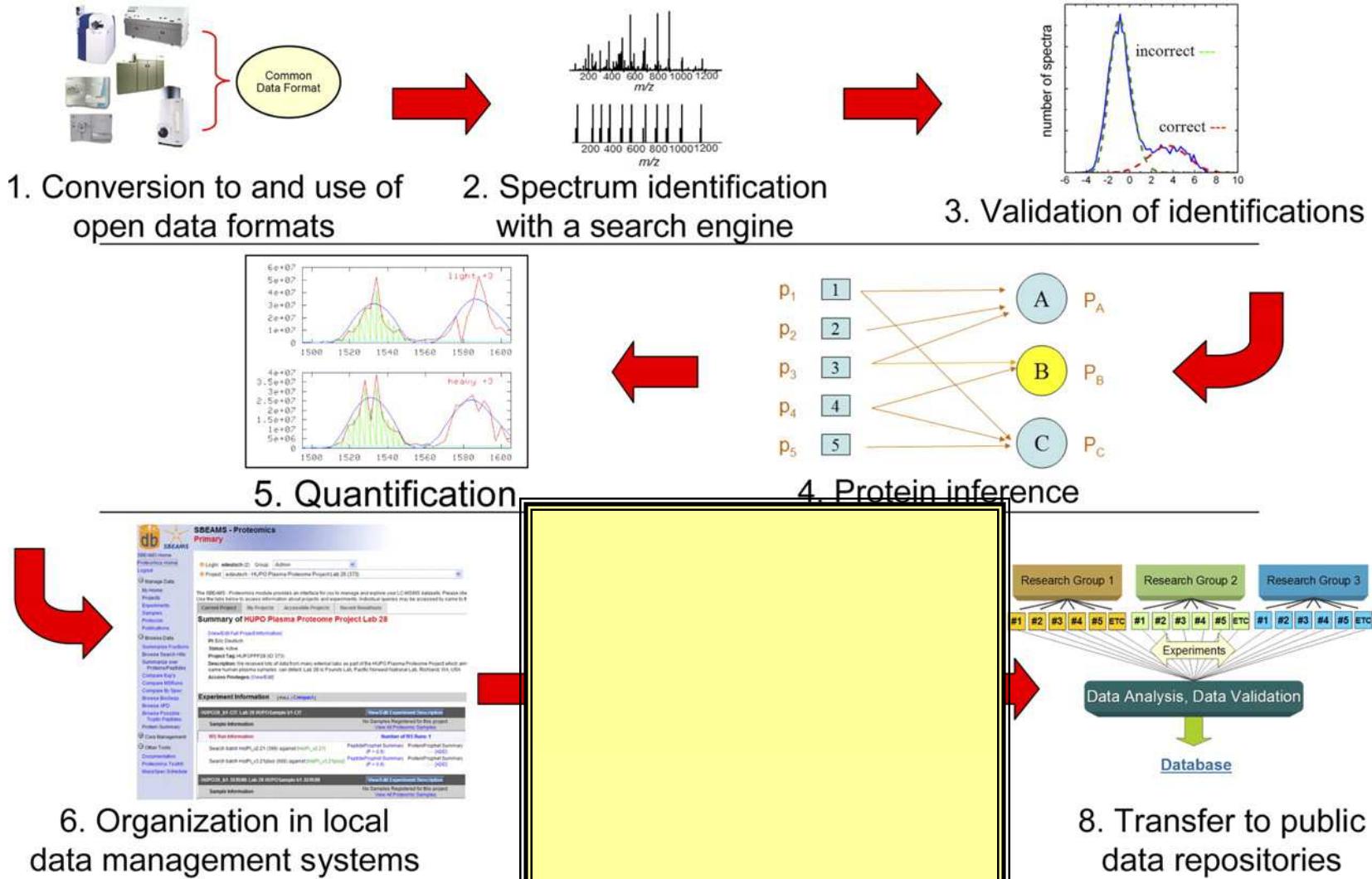


ePIMS™: a dedicated LIMS for proteomics, open source (EDyP)

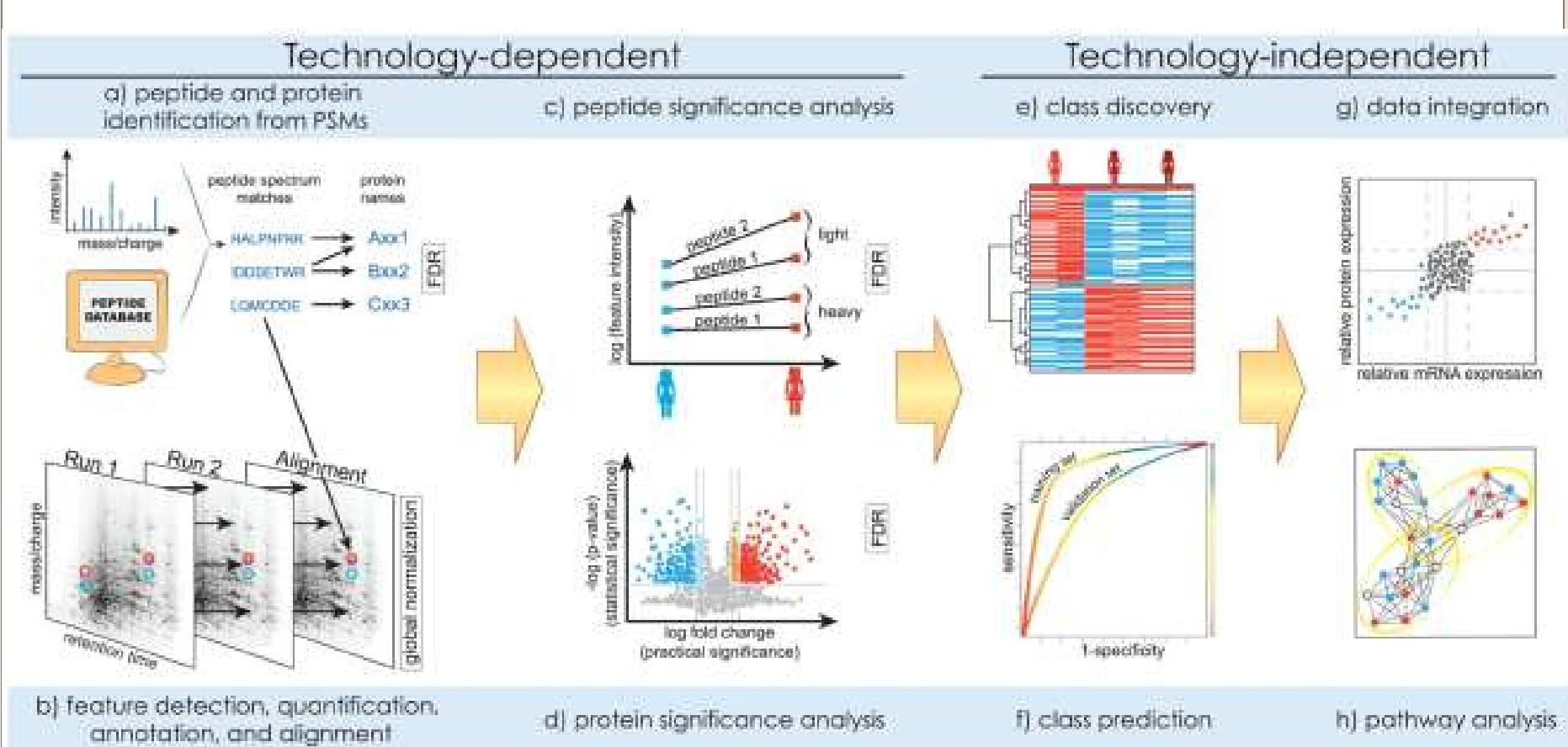
IRMa: automatic validation of Mascot results. *Dupierris et al. 2009, Bioinformatics*

MSIdb: relational database for the storage of proteomics data (identification, quantification)

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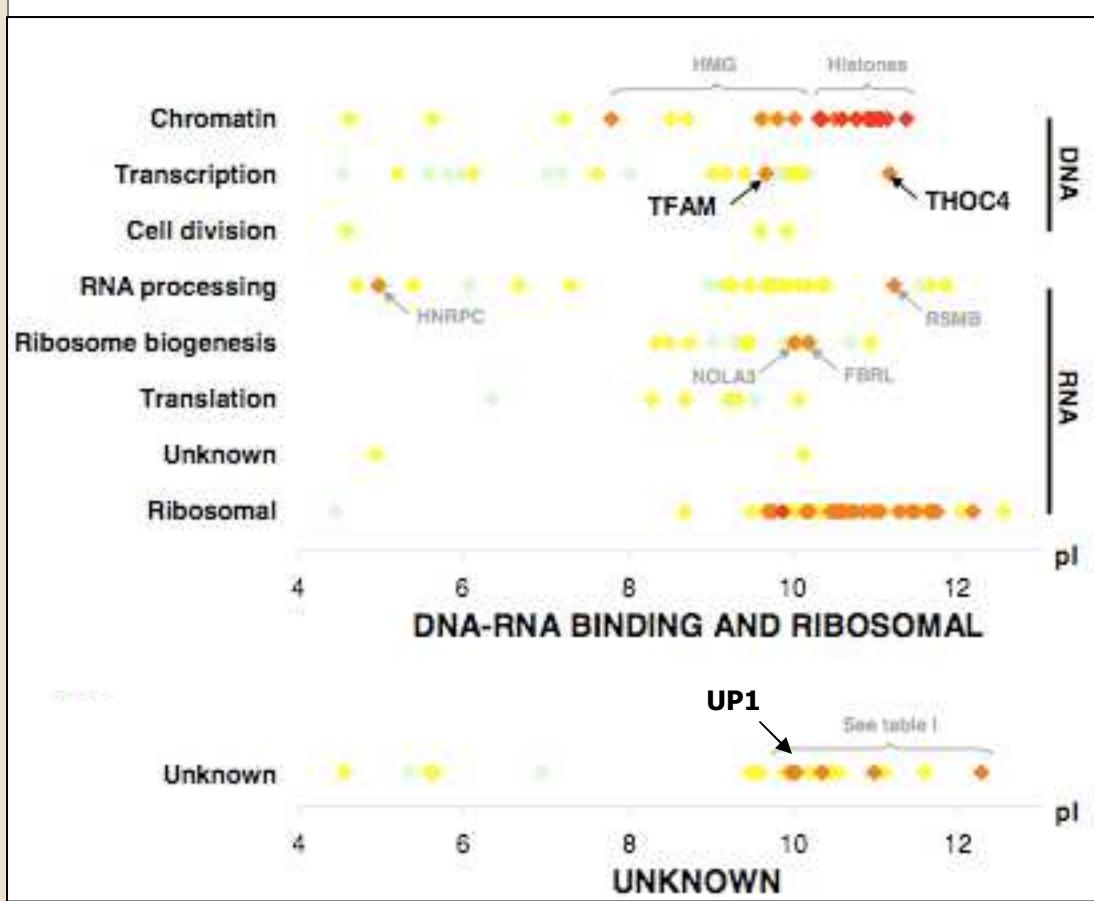


Looking for additional information

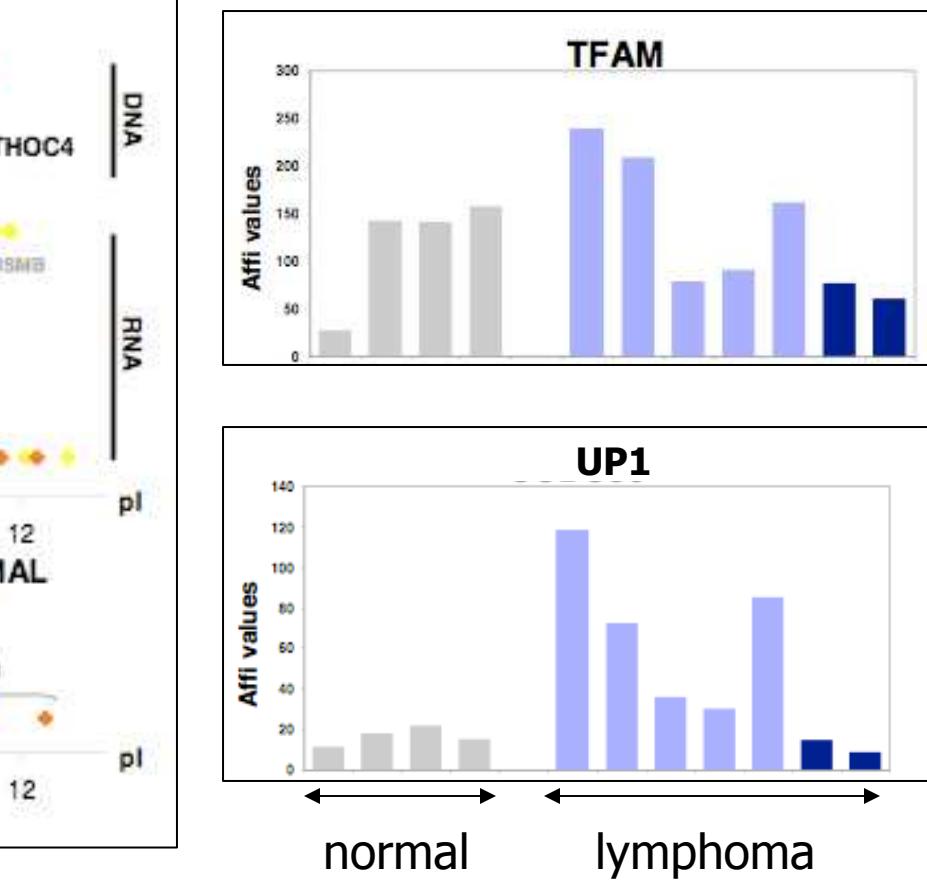


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Integration of OMICS data

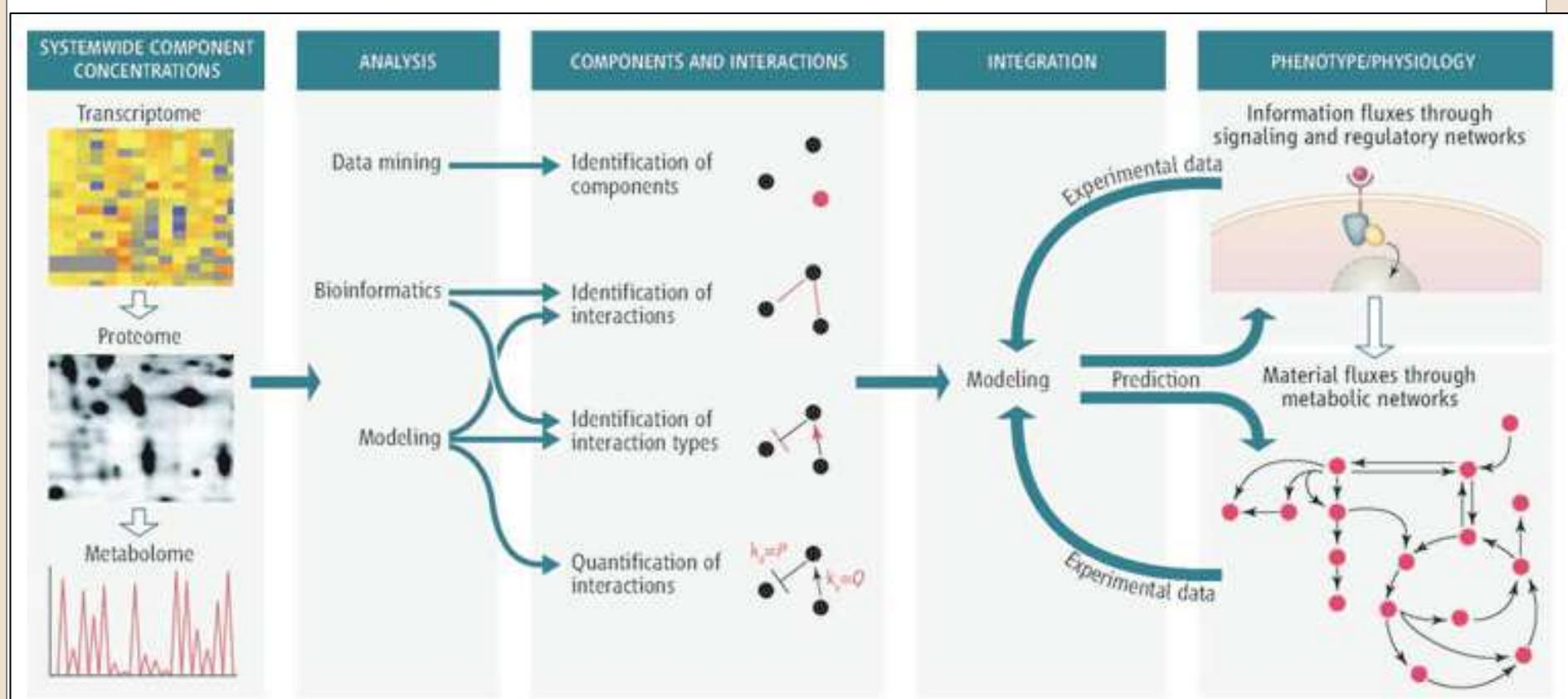


Proteomics: detection of proteins with high expression levels



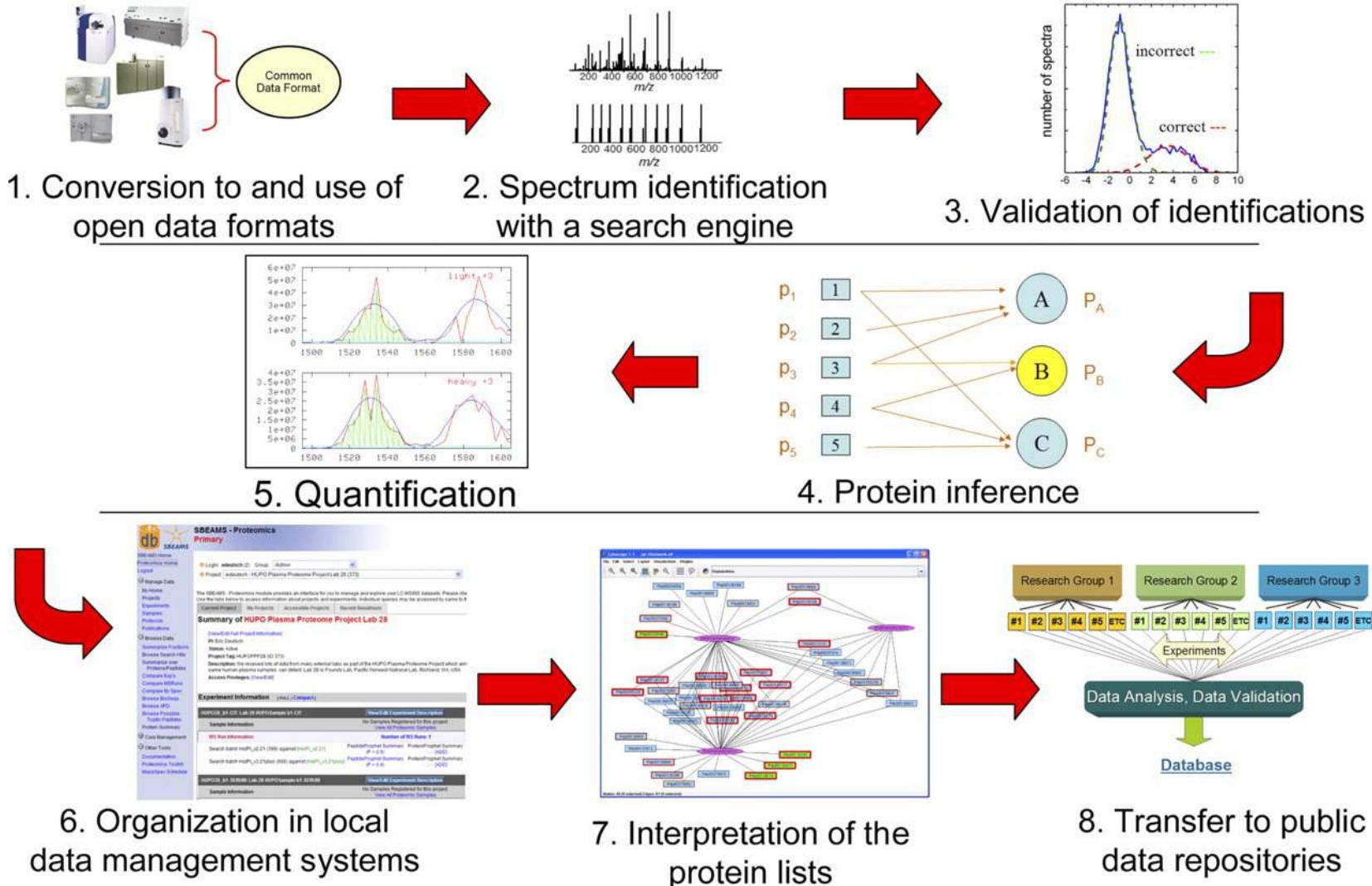
Transcriptomics: differential expression between normal and lymphoma cells (GEO database; Basso set)

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