

# Protein Bioinformatics (260.655)

## *Lecture 9: Quantitative Proteomics*

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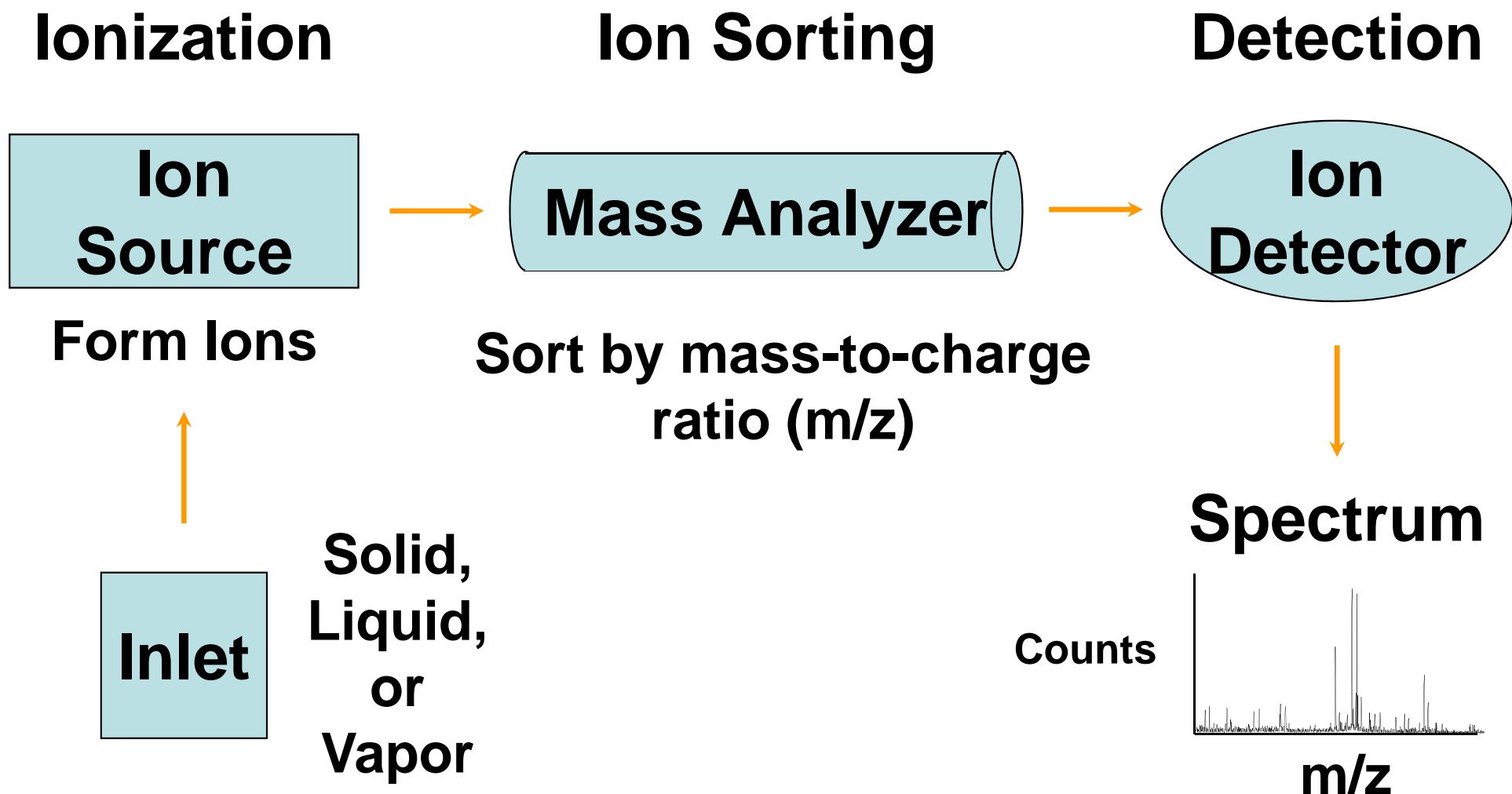
# Topics

**Protein identification by mass spectrometry**

**Relative quantification of proteins**

**Applications**

# How a Mass Spectrometers Measure Mass



# Identifying Proteins by Mass Spectrometry

## Three Methods

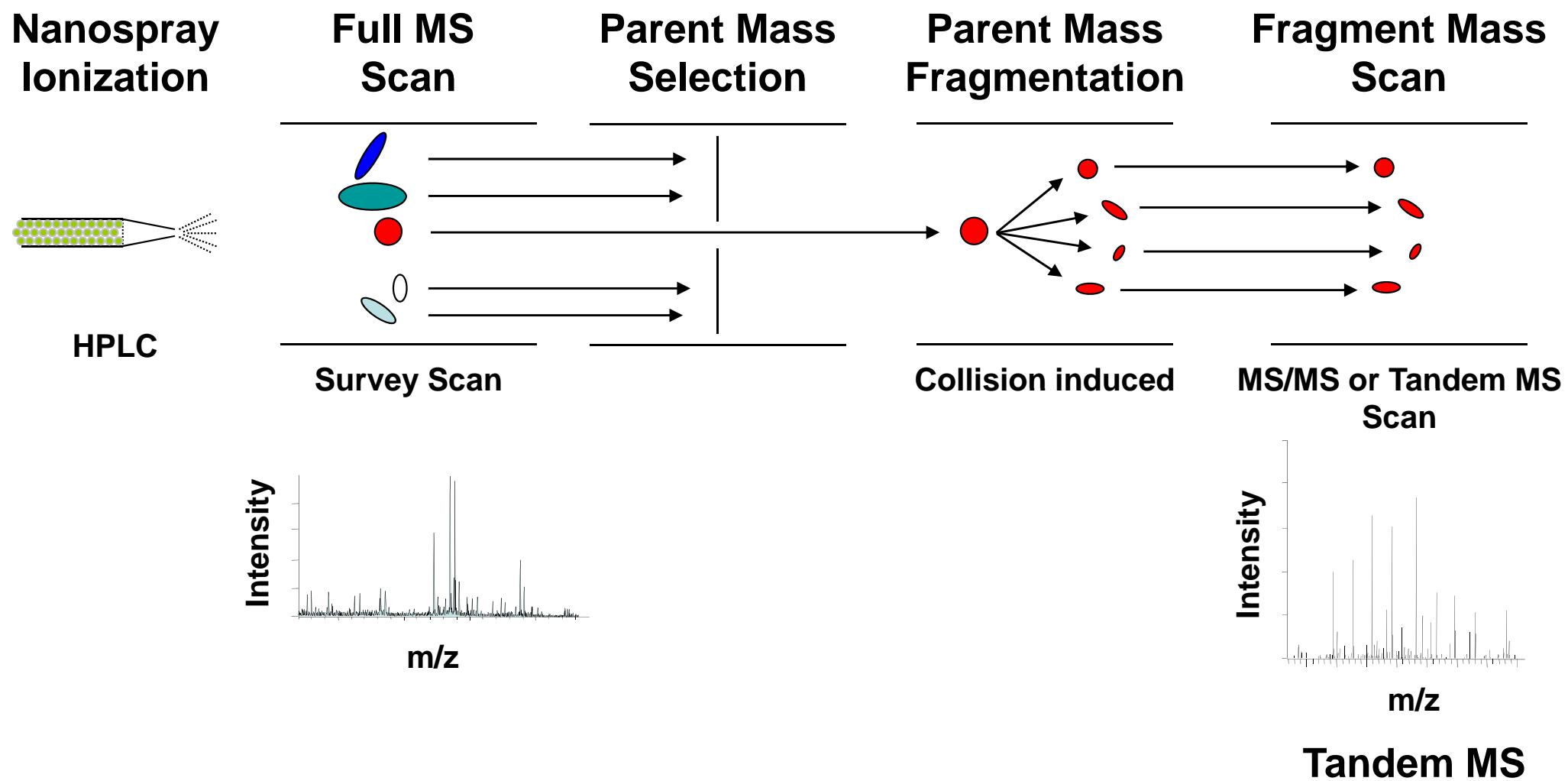
**Bottom Up:** Proteins identified from **a few peptides**  
*Know cleavage site, peptide mass and sequence*  
*Do not know protein's actual size and modifications*  
*Problems: Sequence homology, seeing all peptides*

**Top Down:** Proteins identified from **the intact protein**  
*Know protein's size and whether it is modified*  
*Sequence usually from ends of protein*  
*Problems: Size limitations, Internal sequences*

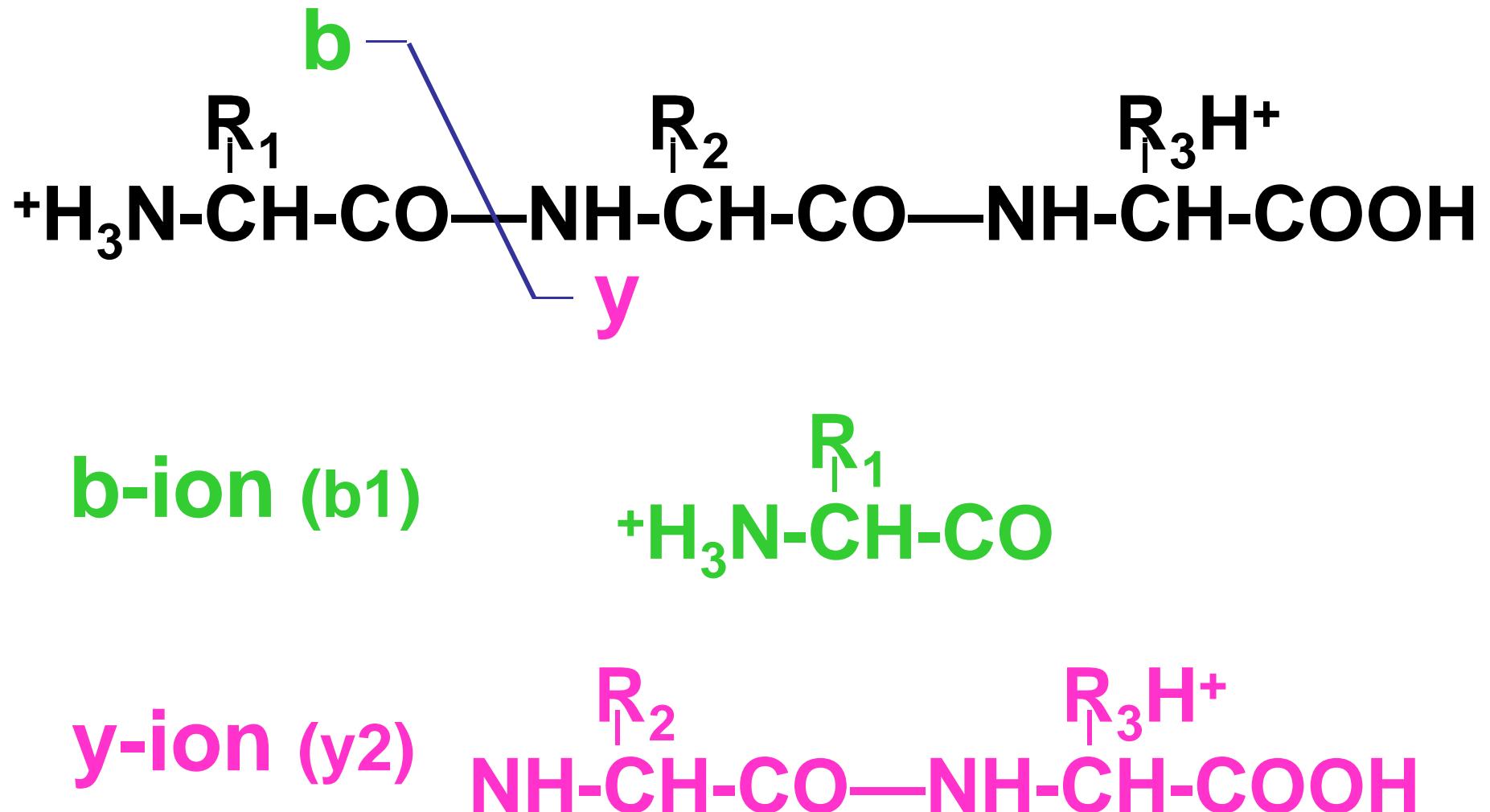
**Middle Down:** Proteins identified from **large sections of protein**

# Identifying Proteins from Peptide Sequence

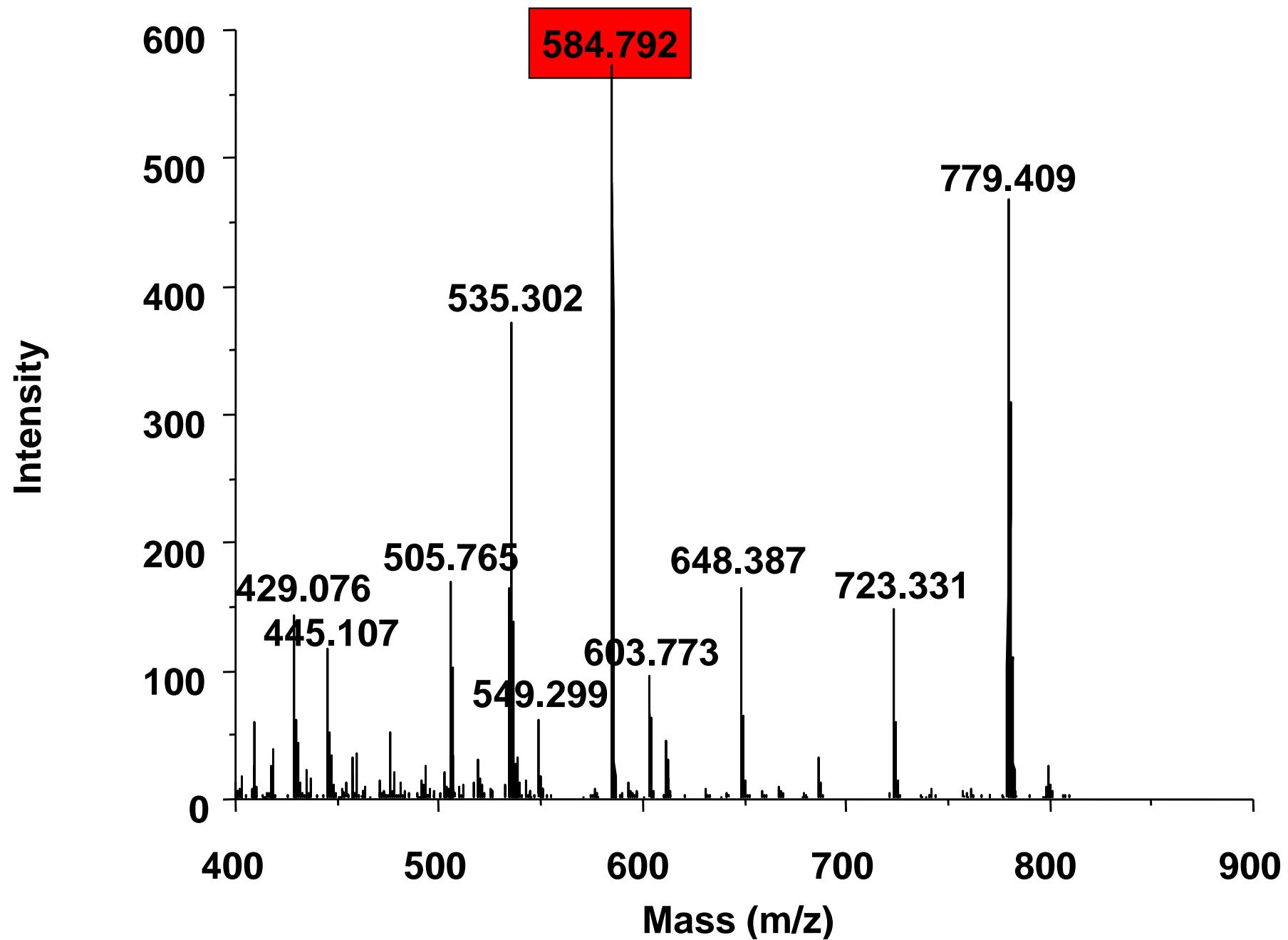
(Many proteins in solution, gel bands or spots)



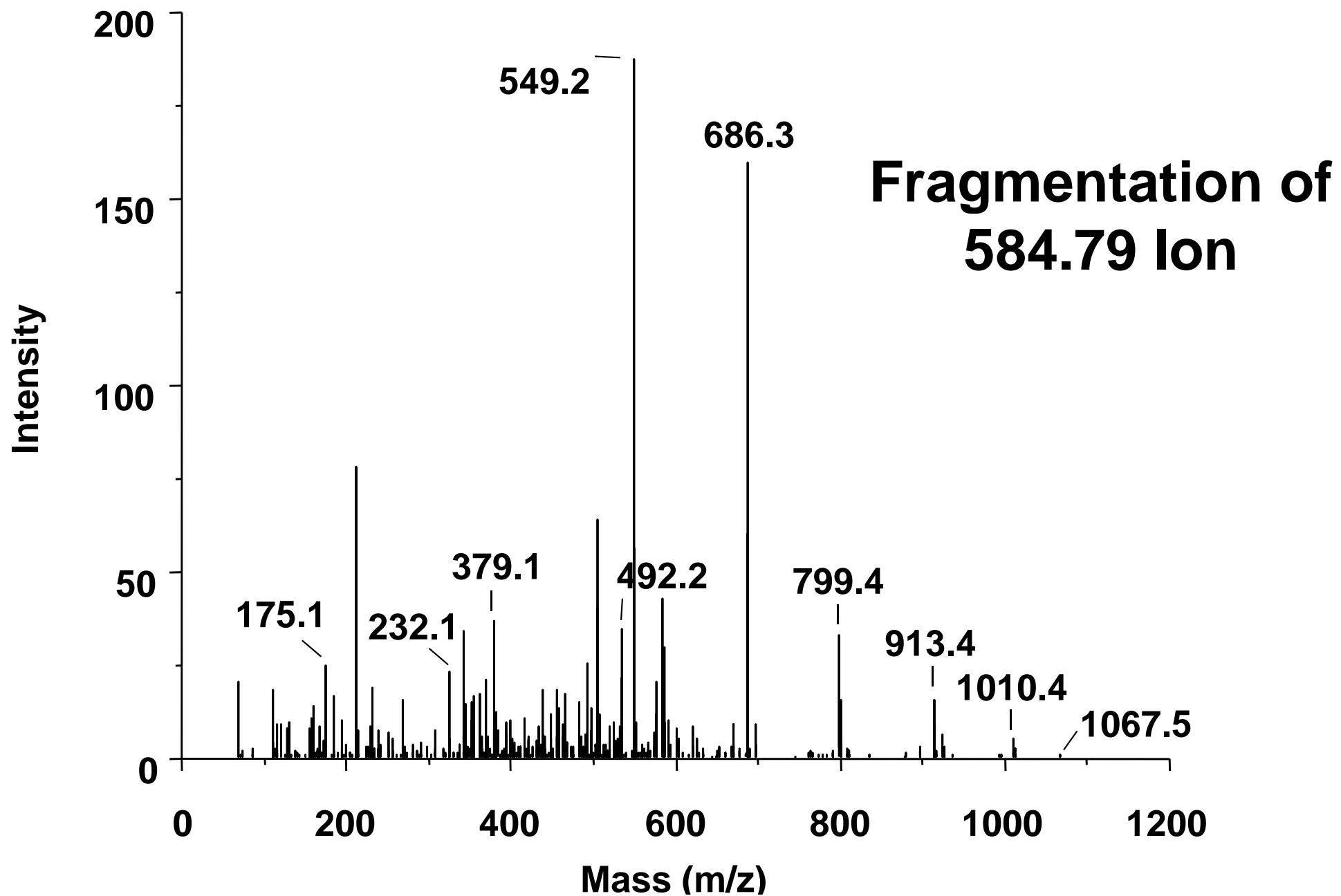
# Sequencing Peptides by Fragmentation

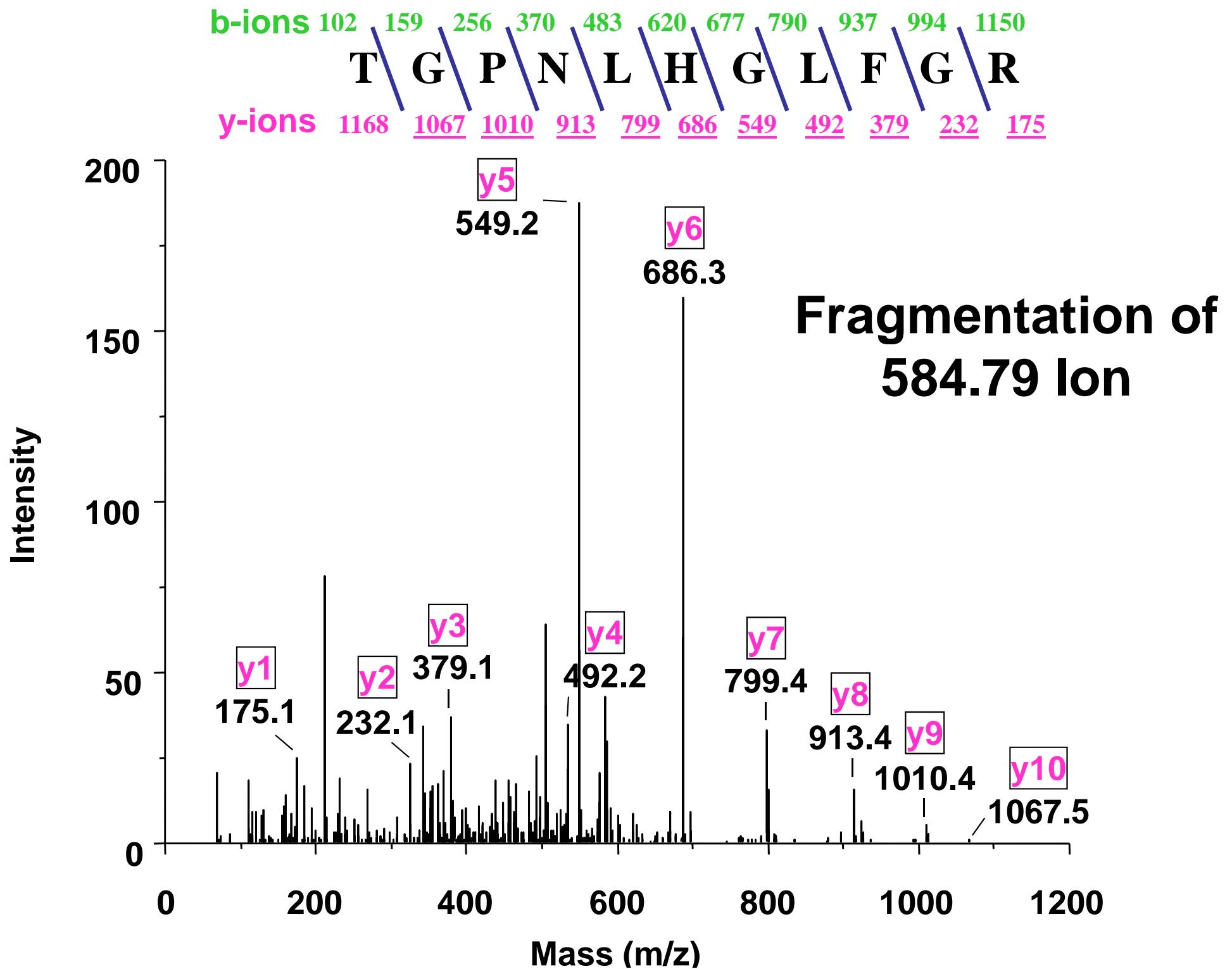


# Survey (Full MS or MS1) Scan of Peptides



# MS/MS (MS2) Scan of Peptide Fragments showing Amino Acid Sequence





# Tandem MS (MS/MS)

Uses Peptide Mass and Sequence Tag

Need Only One Peptide Mass with >3 Amino Acids Masses in Sequence (at least two preferred)

High Sample Complexity Tolerated

Protein modifications identified and mapped to an amino acid

High mass accuracy nice, but not required

# Search Engines for Protein Identification from MS Data

## Summary of Programs

Proteome Software  
ExPASy

[www.proteomesoftware.com/](http://www.proteomesoftware.com/)  
[expasy.proteome.org.au](http://expasy.proteome.org.au)

## Free Programs

ProteinProspector  
XProteo  
Prowl  
*Mascot*

[prospector.ucsf.edu](http://prospector.ucsf.edu)  
[xproteo.com:2698](http://xproteo.com:2698)  
[prowl.rockefeller.edu](http://prowl.rockefeller.edu)  
[www.matrixscience.com](http://www.matrixscience.com) (**Free < 300 ions**)

## Open Source Programs

*OMSSA*  
*X! Tandem*

[pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omssa/](http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omssa/)  
[www.thegpm.org/](http://www.thegpm.org/)

## Commerical Programs

*Mascot*  
*Sequest*  
*Spectrum Mill*  
*Proteolynx*

[www.matrixscience.com](http://www.matrixscience.com)  
[fields.scripps.edu/sequest/](http://fields.scripps.edu/sequest/)  
[www.chem.agilent.com/](http://www.chem.agilent.com/)  
[www.waters.com/WatersDivision/](http://www.waters.com/WatersDivision/)

# Quantitative Proteomics

Quantifying Individual Proteins in Complex Mixtures  
(Functional Proteomics)

## Quantifying a Proteome Reveals

Changes in protein levels  
(*biomarkers, pathways, binding partners*)

Changes in protein modifications  
(*structure/function*)

Changes in subcellular localization  
(*trafficking*)

Kinetics  
(*protein turnover, modification dynamics*)

# Quantitative Proteomics Methods

<u>Approach</u>	<u>Methods (Gel or MS based)</u>
Non-Labeling	Gel matching, Densitometry, Spectral Counting, Peak Intensity, Multiple Reaction Monitoring ( <b>MRM</b> )
<u>Labeling</u>	
Chemical	Difference Gel Electrophoresis ( <b>DIGE</b> ) Isobaric Tags for Relative and Absolute Quantitation ( <b>iTRAQ</b> ) Isotope-Coded Affinity Tags ( <b>ICAT</b> )
Metabolic	Radiolabeling Stable Isotope Labeling of Amino Acids in Cell Culture ( <b>SILAC</b> )
Enzymatic	<sup>18</sup> O-Labeling
Spiking	Absolute Quantification ( <b>AQUA</b> ) Multiple Reaction Monitoring ( <b>MRM</b> ) Quantification Concatamers ( <b>QconCAT</b> )

# Best Approach?

There is NO one best approach.

All approaches are:

Complementary

different separation techniques

different sets of proteins identified

Technically challenging

sample preparation

data acquisition

data analysis

Require fractionation to dig deeper into proteome  
limited by dynamic range

# Best Quantitative Proteomic Experiments

Defined question (i.e. hypothesis driven)

Defined system

Independently measurable phenotype

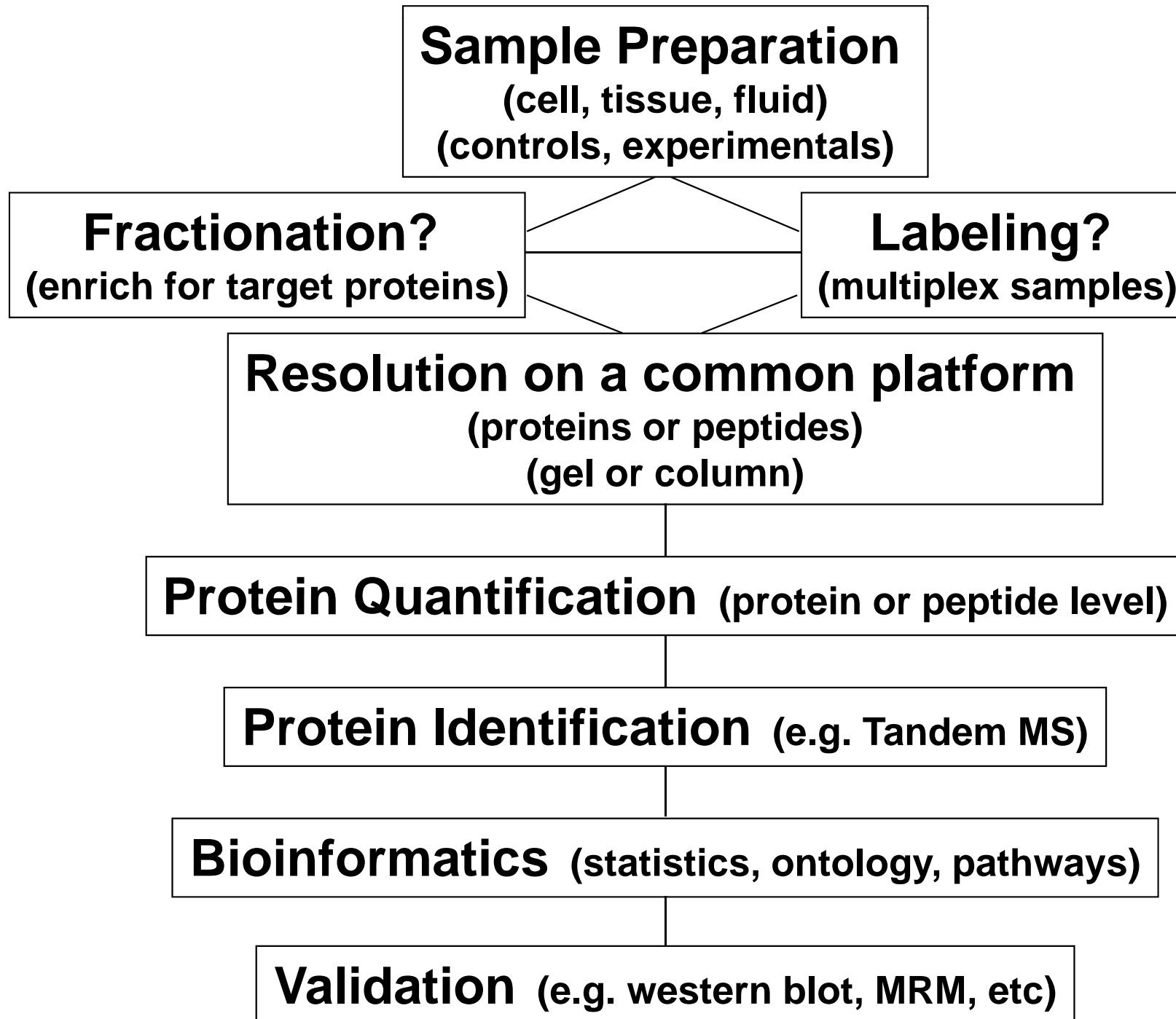
Sample preparation

Reproducible

Scalable

Compatible buffer system

# Typical Quantitative Proteomic Experiment



# Sample Preparation (Most Important Step!)

Reproducibility

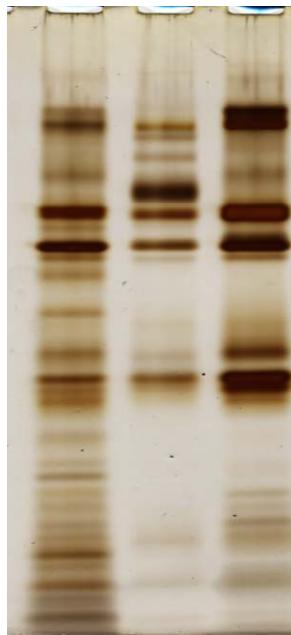
Protein Amount and Complexity

Buffer Composition Compatibility

# Sample Preparation Must Be Reproducible and Standardized!

Biological  
Replicates

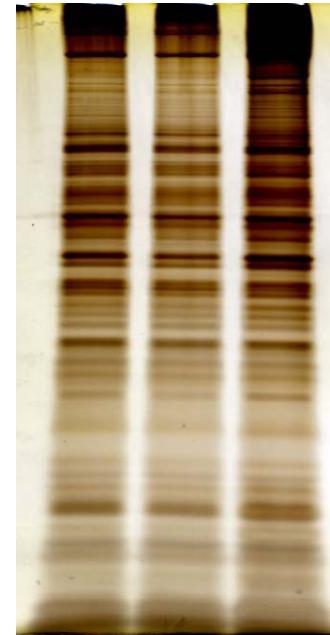
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Initial  
Protocol



1 2 3



Standardized  
Protocol

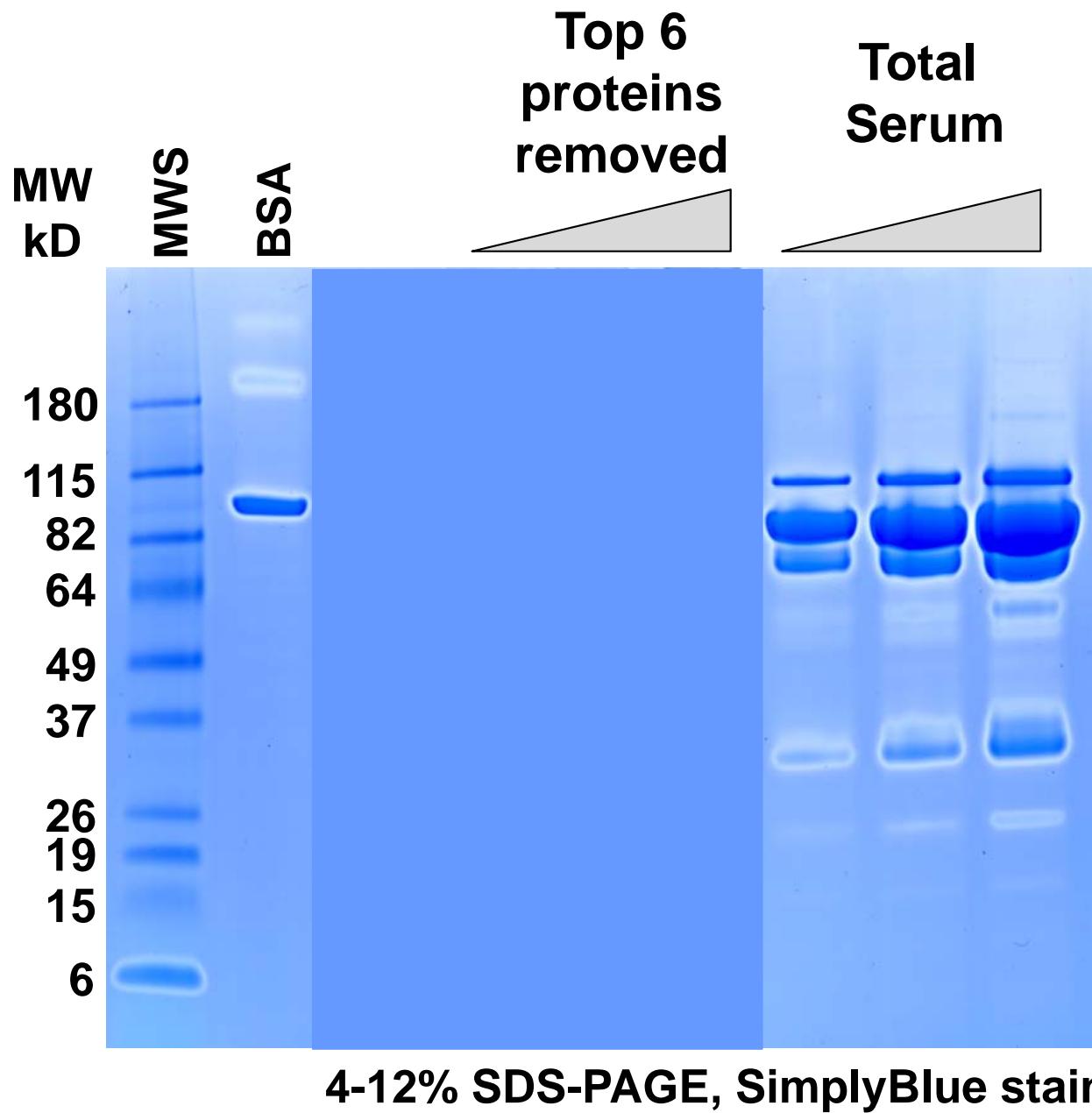
Reduce Sources of Variability:

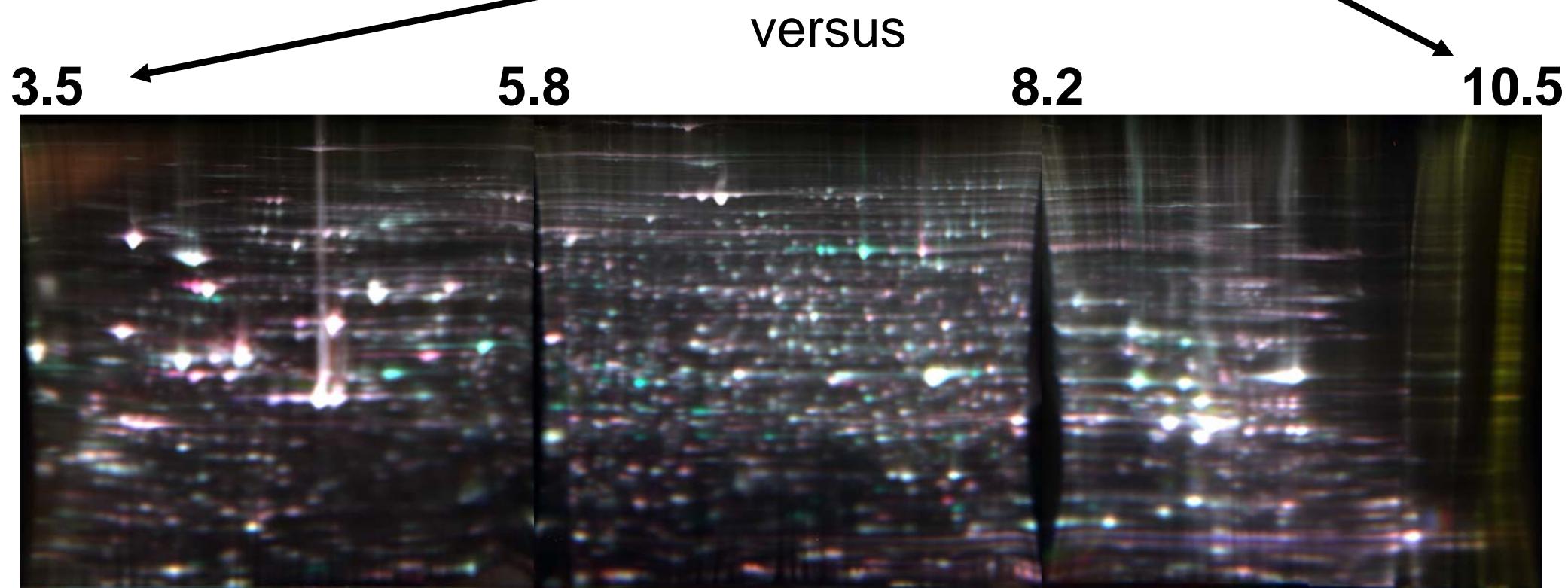
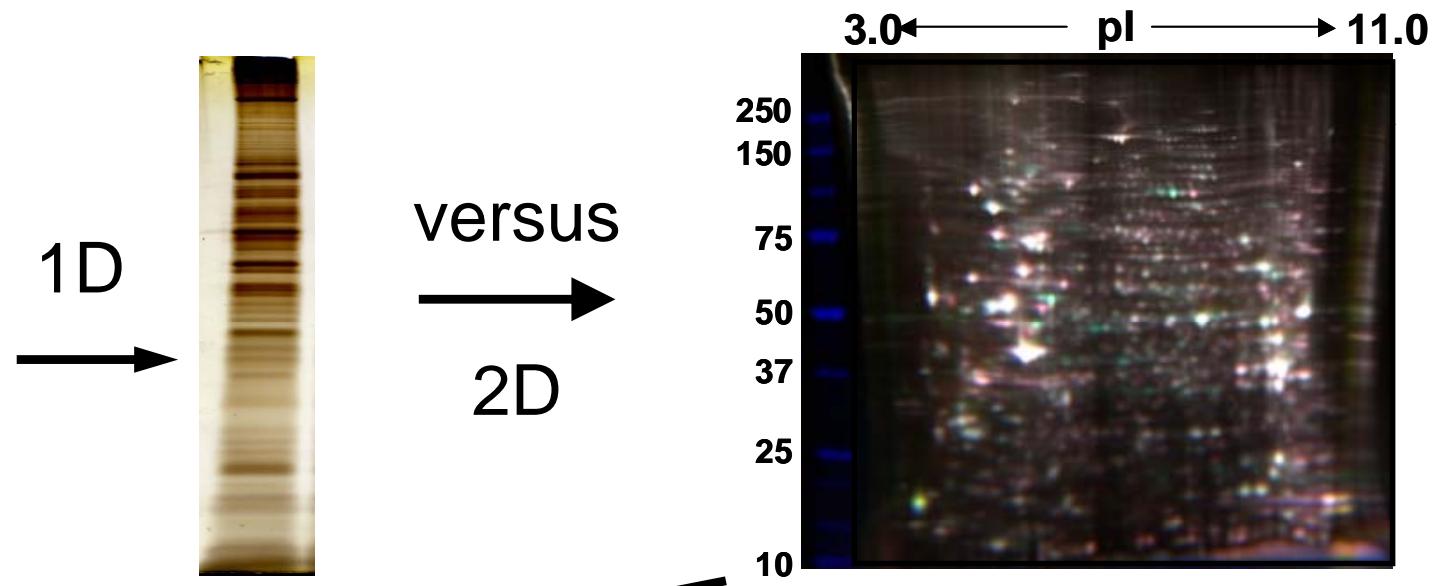
Technical:     “good” < “bad hands”  
                 few < many steps

Biological:    cells < tissue < body fluids  
                 yeast < nematode < human

# Protein Amount and Complexity

## Detect Low Abundance Proteins by Fractionating





# Quantitative Proteomics Methods

## Non-Labeling Methods

No additions to analysis

Separate analysis of Each sample

Biological Variability

Technical Variability (Sample Prep and MS analysis)

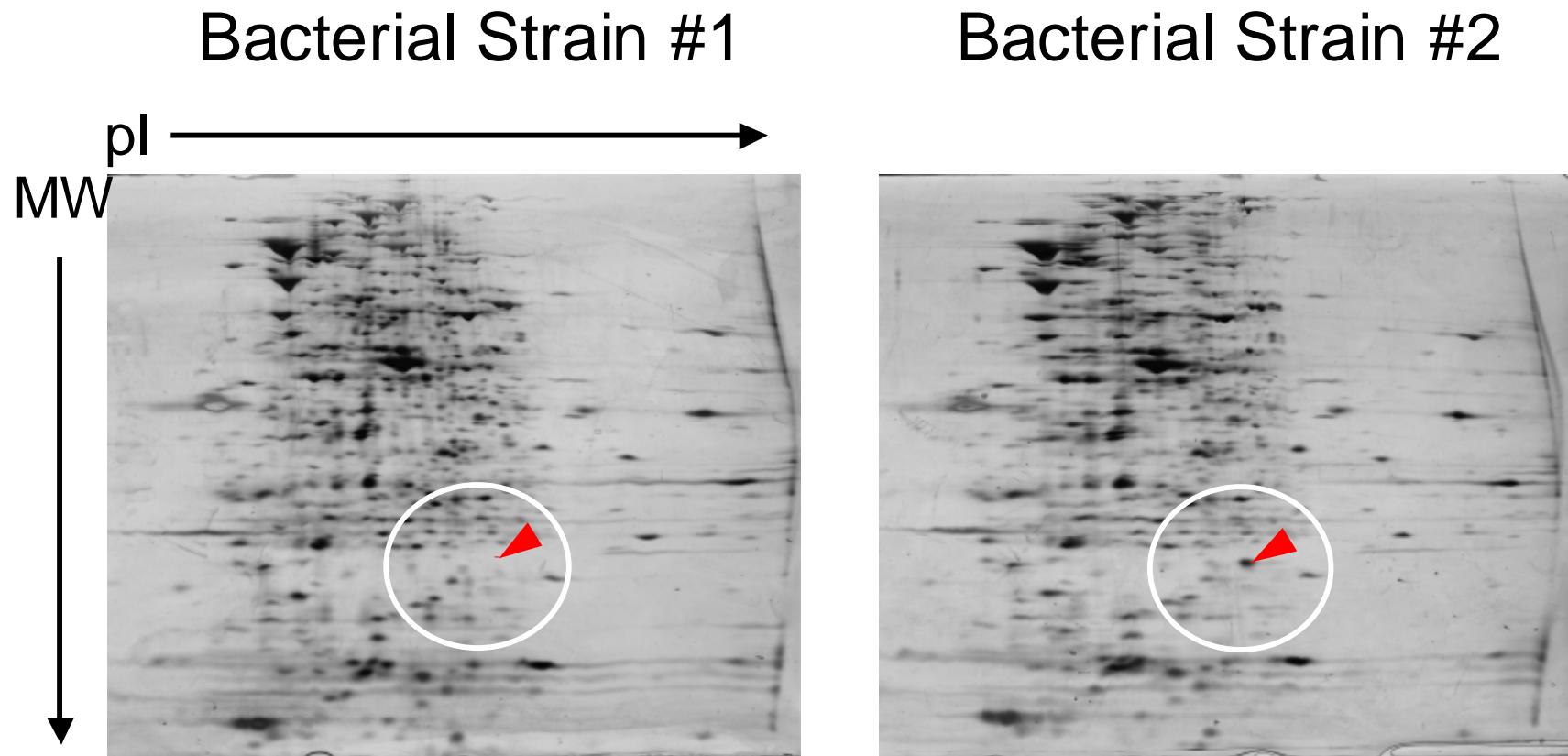
# Non-Labeling – Densitometry -1D Gel



Gel slice number	Name of protein
22	<b>Polymeric immunoglobulin receptor</b>
22	<b>Transferrin</b>
22	<b>Vanin 1</b>
21	<b>1B-glycoprotein</b>
21	<b>Complement component 5</b>
21	<b>hGC-1 (human G-CSF-stimulated clone-1)</b>
21	<b>IgG Fc-binding protein</b>
21	<b>Mac-2-binding protein</b>
18	<b>-1-antichymotrypsin</b>
18	<b>Albumin</b>

Comparing protein bands on same gel  
Quantify by densitometry  
Often more than one protein per band

# No Labeling – Densitometry - 2D Gels

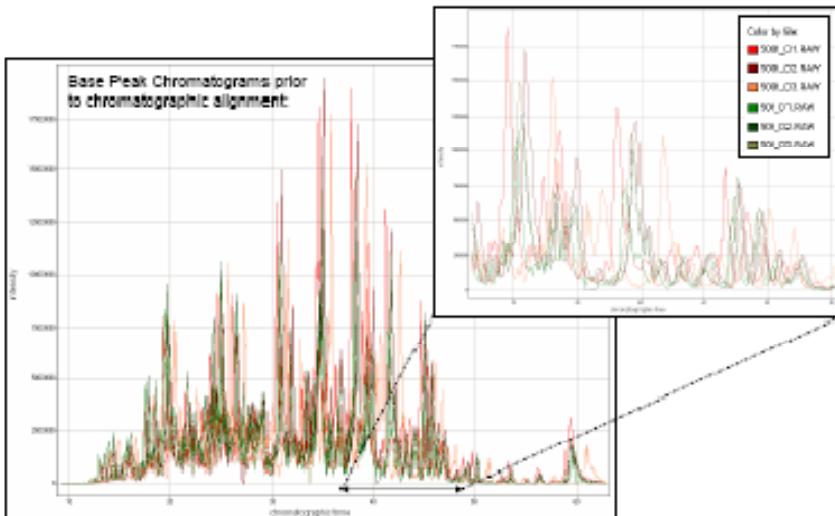


Compare spots from different gels  
Quantify by relative spot volume  
Gel reproducibility and spot matching critical  
Gel warping for matching spots can warp out modification  
Often more than one protein per spot

# No Labeling – MS Methods

## Spectral Counting

Each sample separate LCMS/MS experiment



Compares multiple LCMS/MS experiments

Quantify each protein from:  
number of peptides from protein  
number of spectra for each peptide

1. CH60\_HUMAN Mass: 61016 Score: 1225 Queries matched: 31  
60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial precursor (Hsp60) (60 kDa chaperonin) (CPN60) (Heat shock

Check to include this hit in error tolerant search

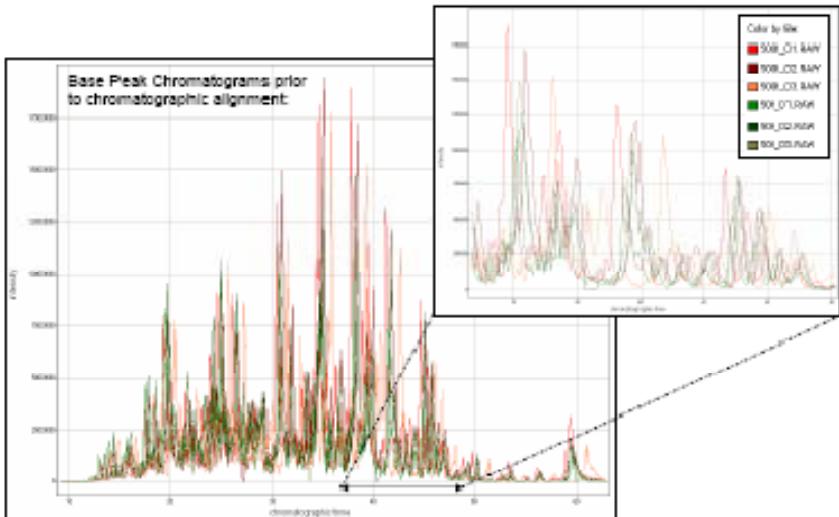
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Reproducibility of LCMS/MS system critical

# No Labeling – MS Methods

## Peak Intensity

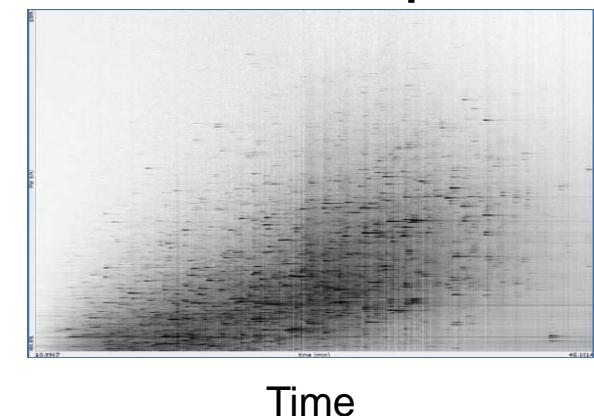
Each sample separate LCMS/MS experiment



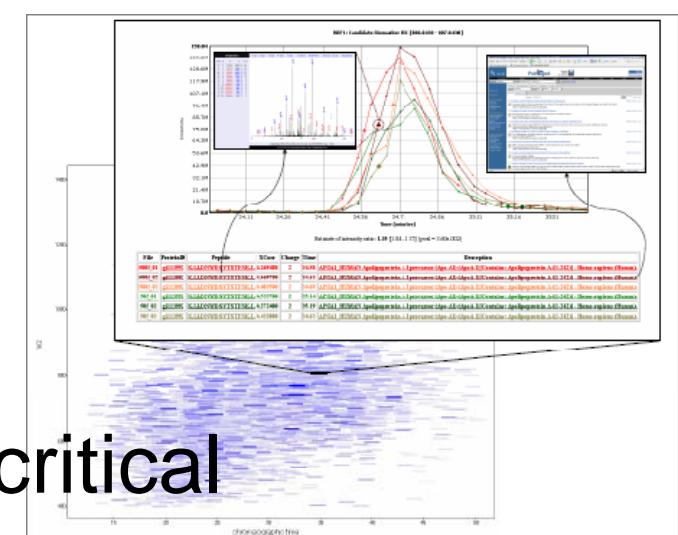
Compares multiple LCMS/MS experiments

Quantify each protein from:  
intensity of 3 most intense peptides  
averaged from 3 technical replicates

3D  
Peak Intensity  
Map



Annotate  
“Spots”



Reproducibility of LCMS/MS system critical

# Quantitative Proteomics Methods

## Non-Labeling Methods

No additions to analysis

Separate analysis of Each sample

Biological and Technical Variability

## Labeling Methods

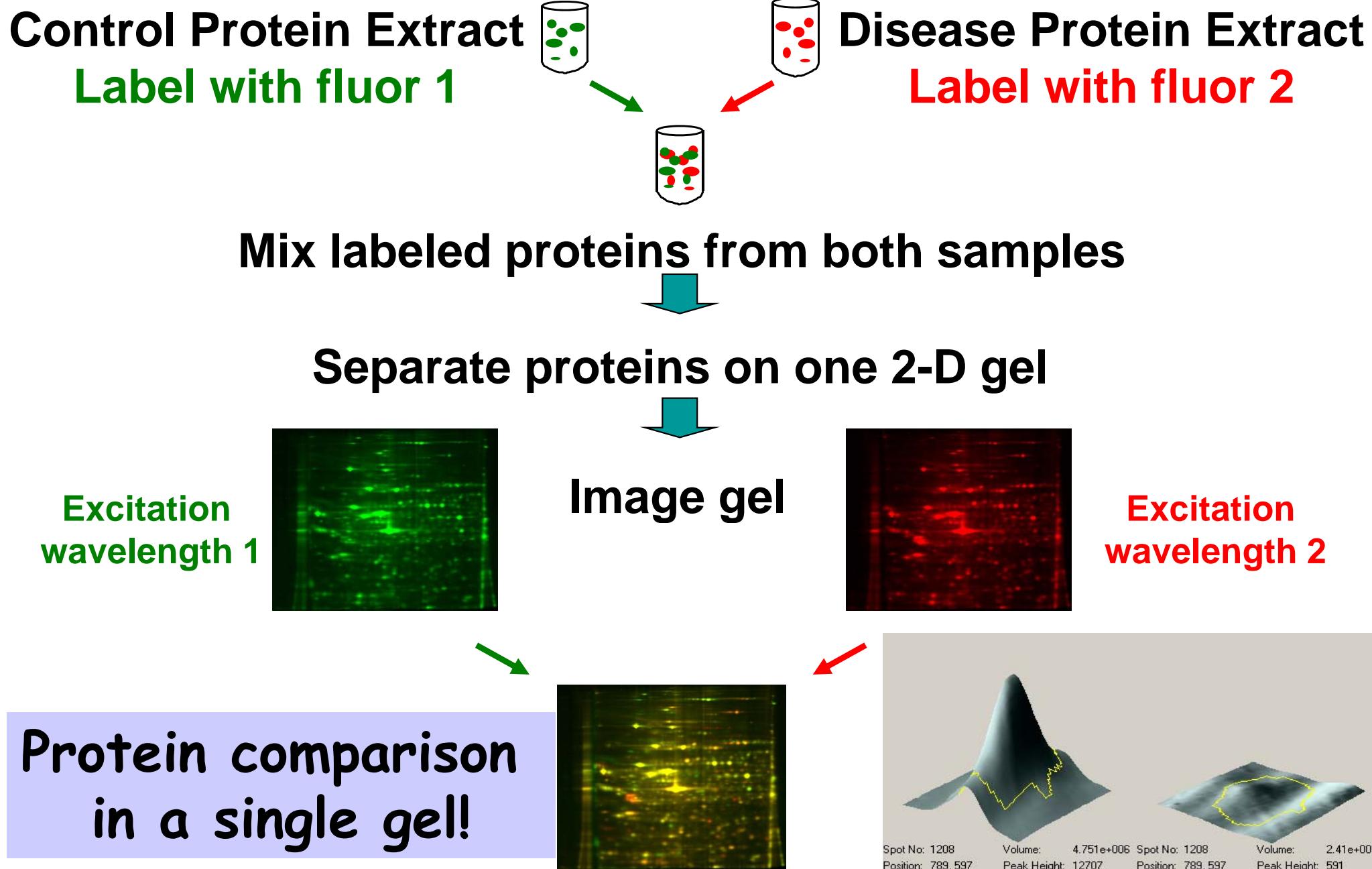
Typically adds steps to analysis

Simultaneous analysis of Many samples (Multiplexing)

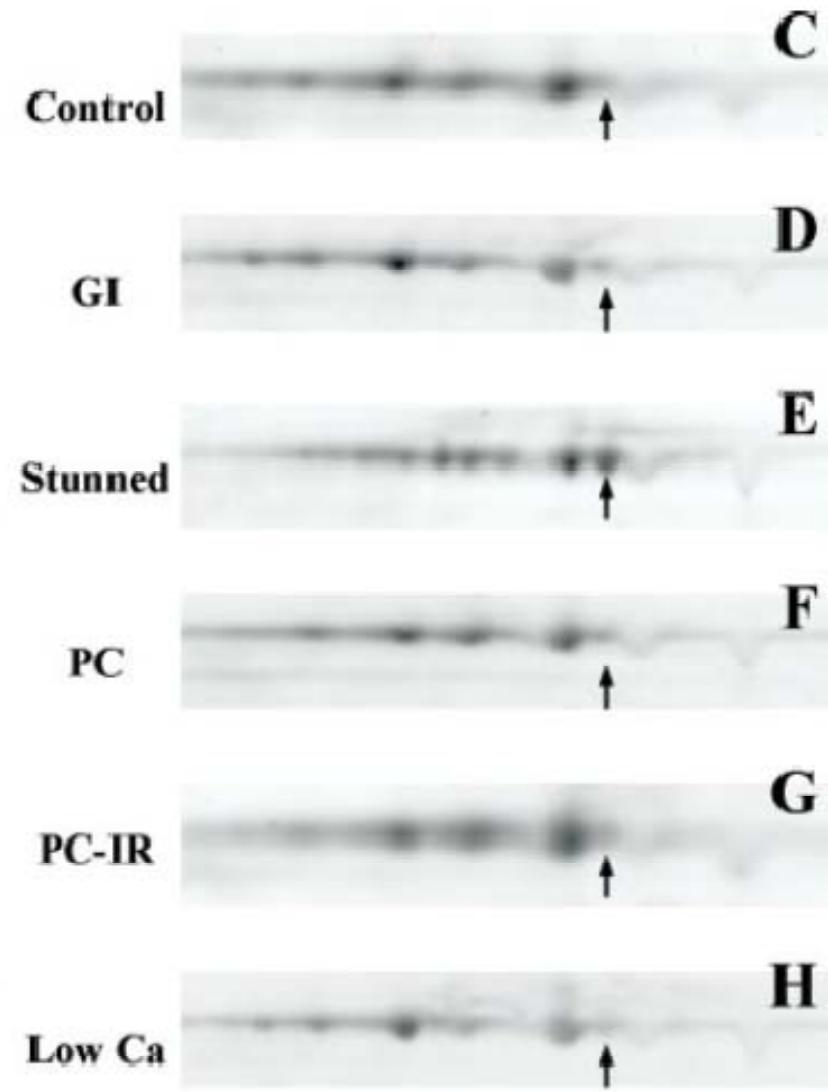
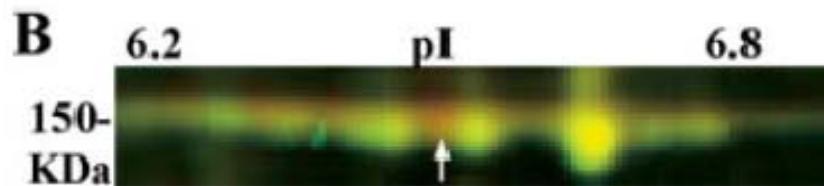
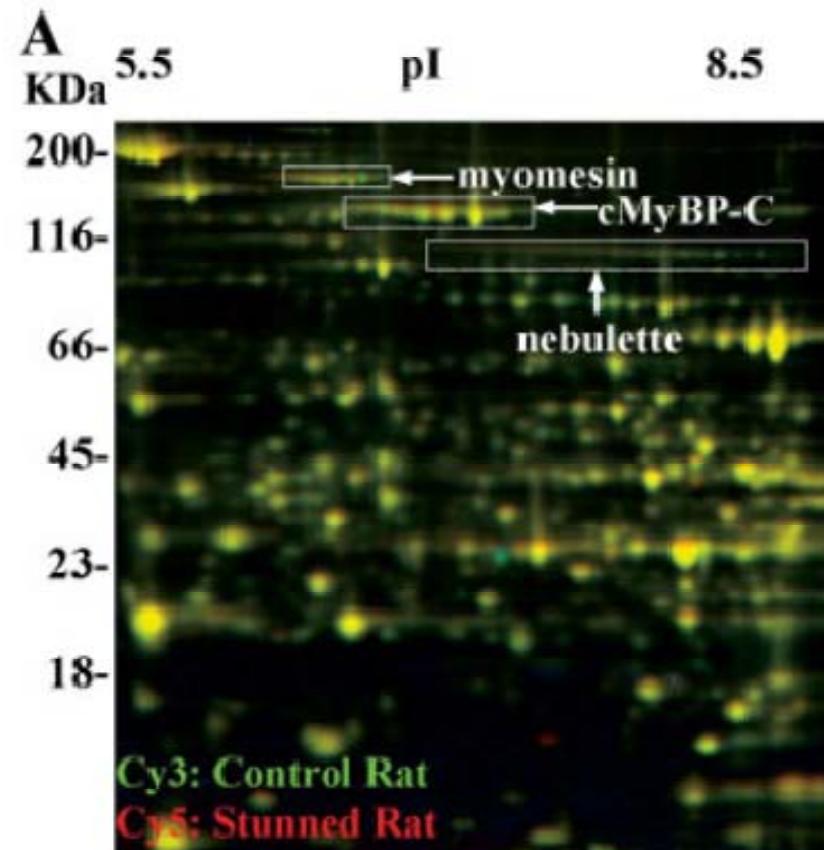
Biological Variability, Reduces Technical Variability

Cuts instrument time (data collection) by 50-75%

# Difference Gel Electrophoresis (DIGE)



# Novel Phosphorylation of Myofilament Protein Correlates with Myocardial Stunning

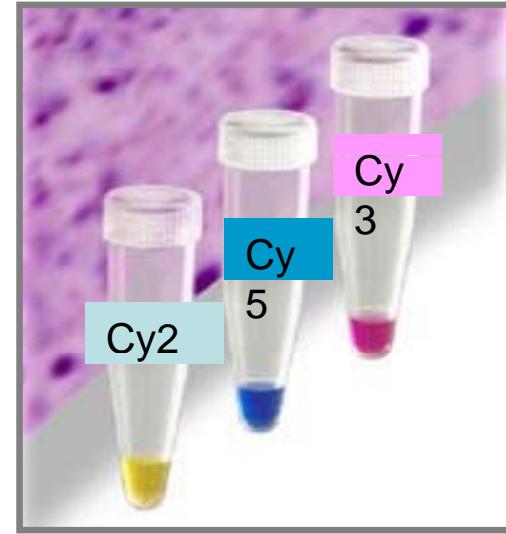


# Three Fluorescent Cy Dyes

**Cy2, Cy3, Cy5**

**$\epsilon$ -amino group of lysine**

**Matched for Charge and MW**



**Third Cy Dye used as an Internal Standard**

All possible protein spots overlaid on every gel.

Simplifies gel to gel matching.

Each spot has it's own internal standard spot for normalizing across gels.

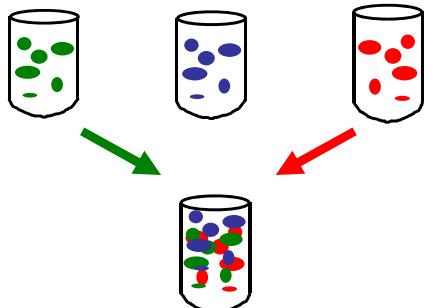
Reduces experimental variations.

Accounts for differences in sample load.

# DIGE Analysis

**Control Protein Extract  
Label with Cy3**

**Pooled Samples labeled with Cy2**  
(on all gels to compare one gel to another)

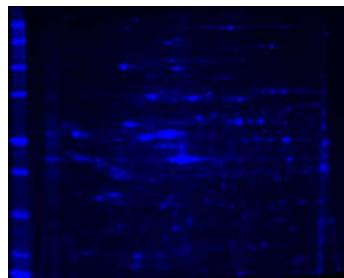
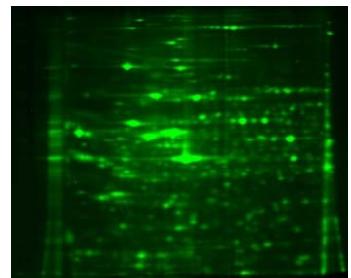


**Disease Protein Extract  
Label with Cy5**

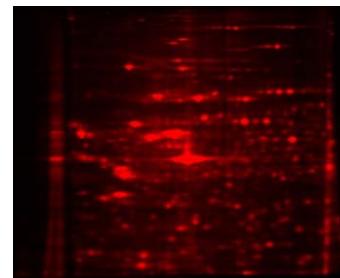
**Mix samples**

**Separate proteins on one 2-D gel**

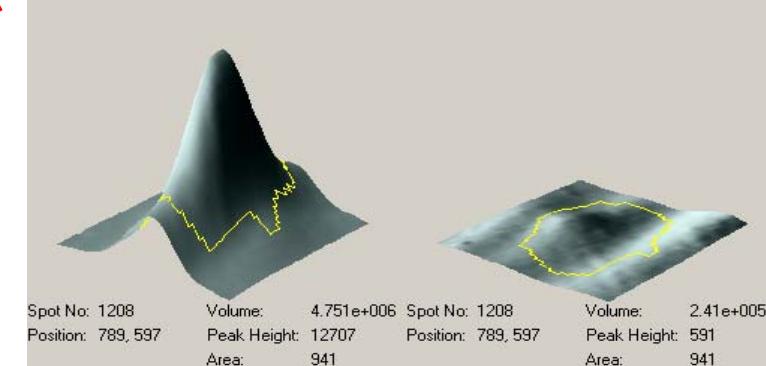
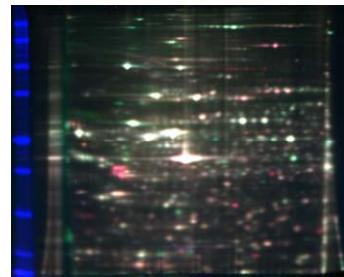
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wavelength 1**

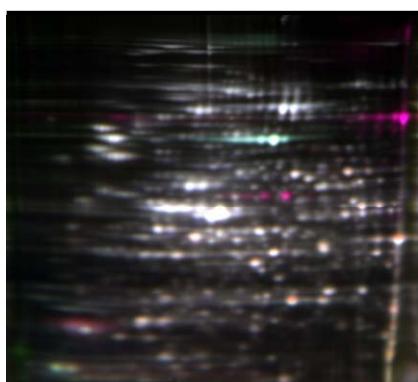
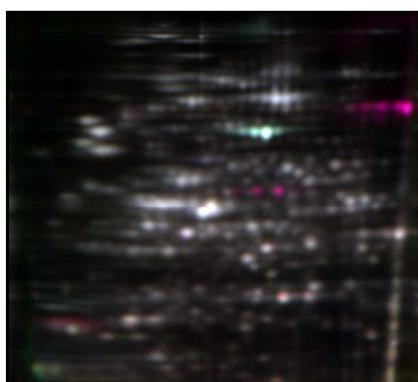
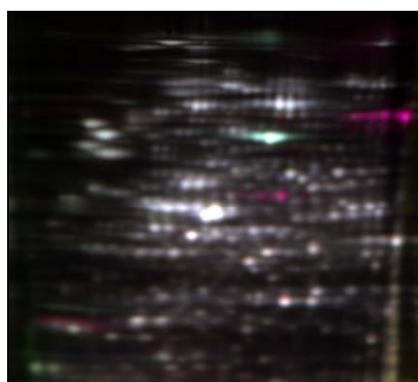
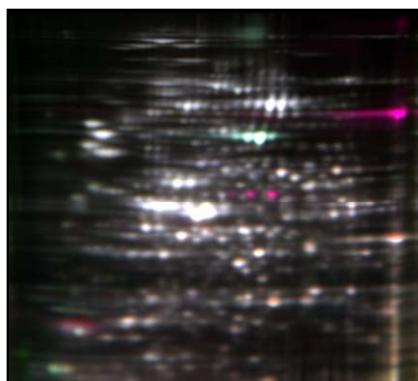
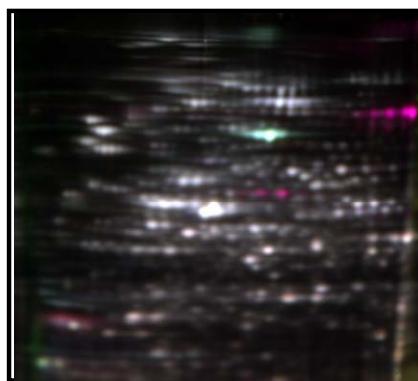
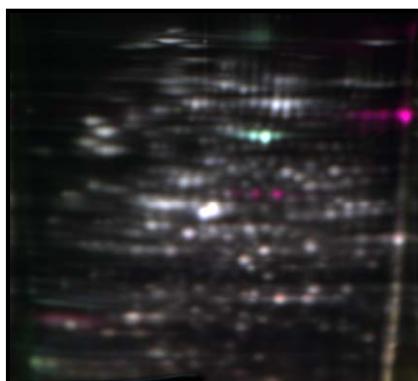
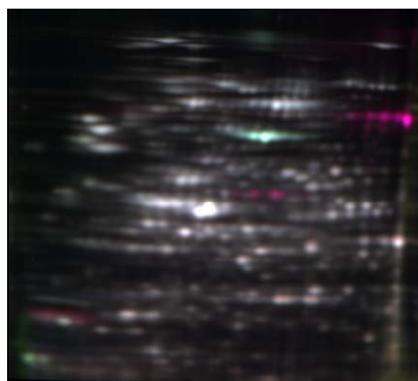
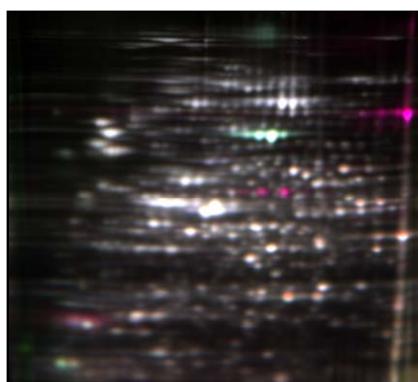
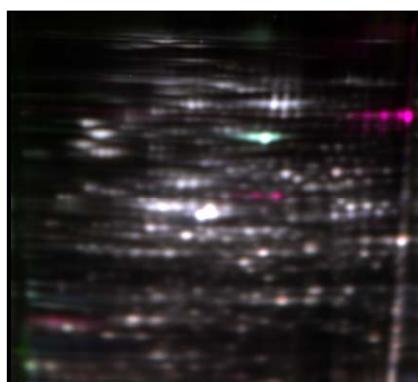
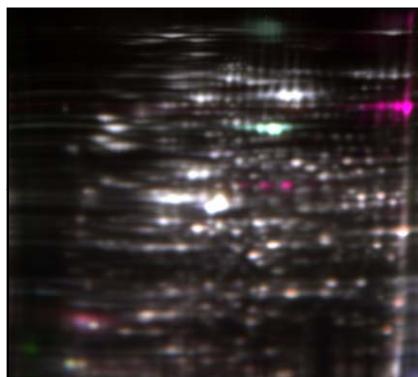
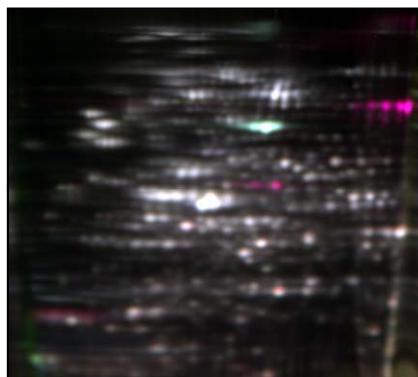
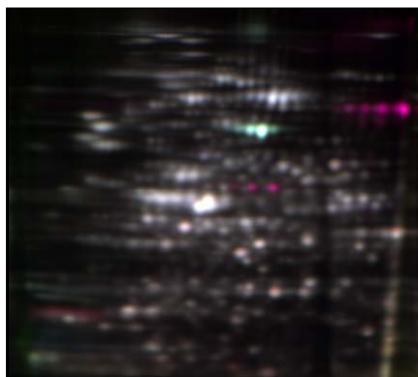
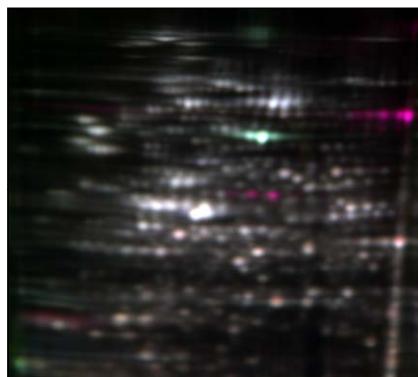


**Excitation  
wavelength 2**



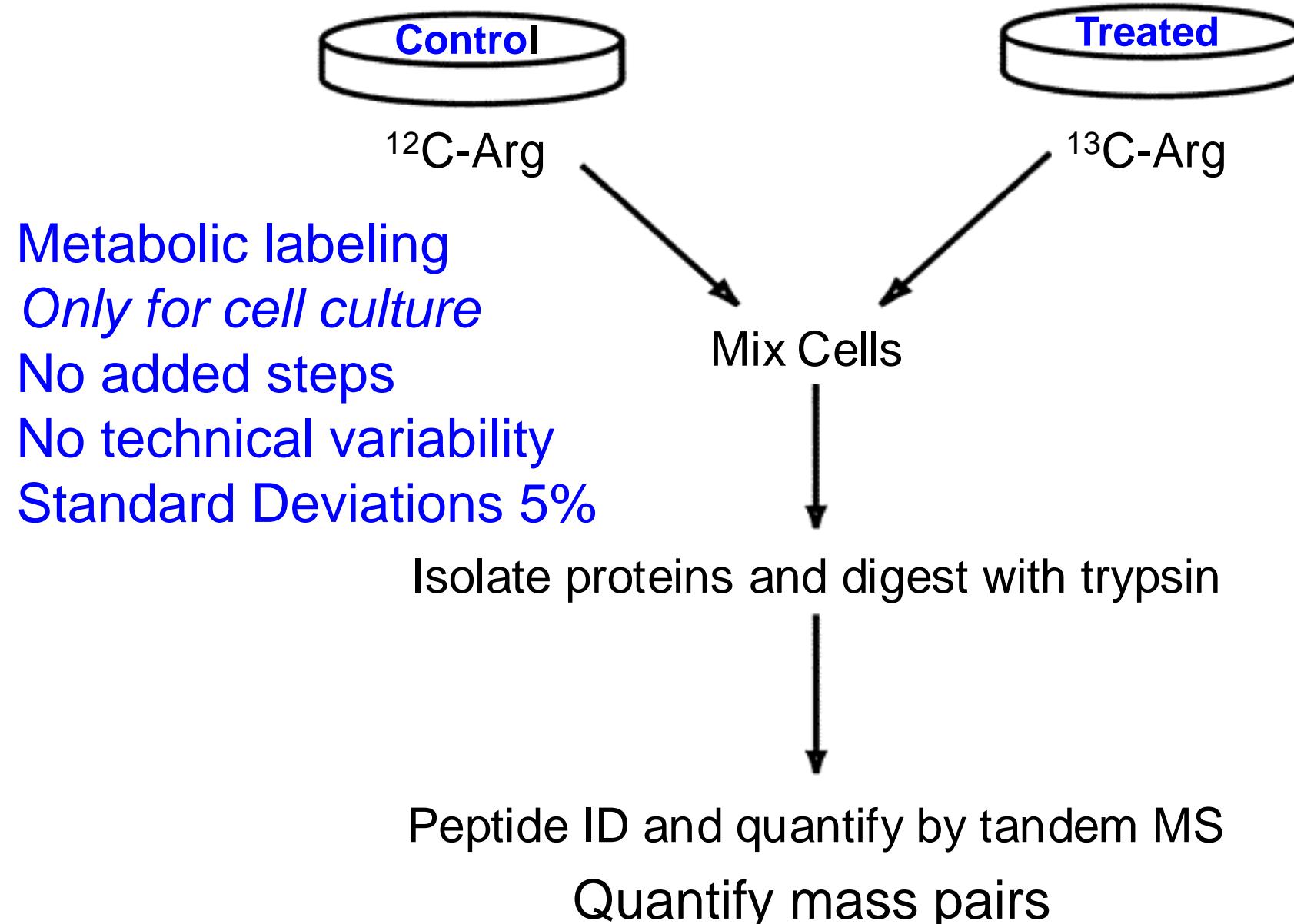
**Quantify intact proteins  
Cells, tissue, fluids  
One additional step  
Reduced technical variability**





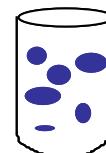
# Relative MS Quantitative Methods

## Stable Isotope Labeling by Amino Acids in Cell Culture **(SILAC)**



# <sup>18</sup>O-labeling Protocol

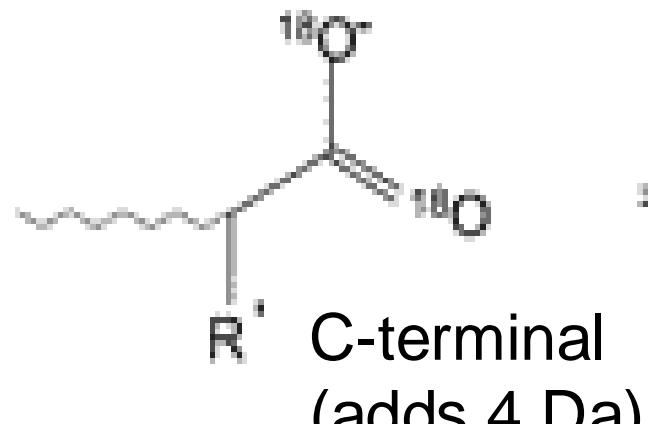
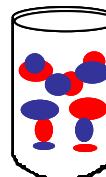
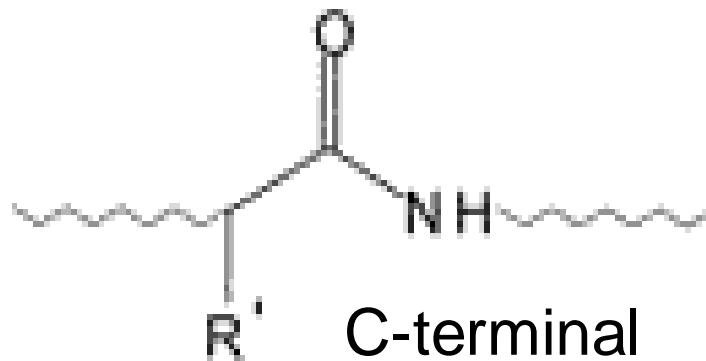
Control  
Protein Extract



Experimental  
Protein Extract

Trypsin

Trypsin + <sup>18</sup>O-water



Mix labeled peptides



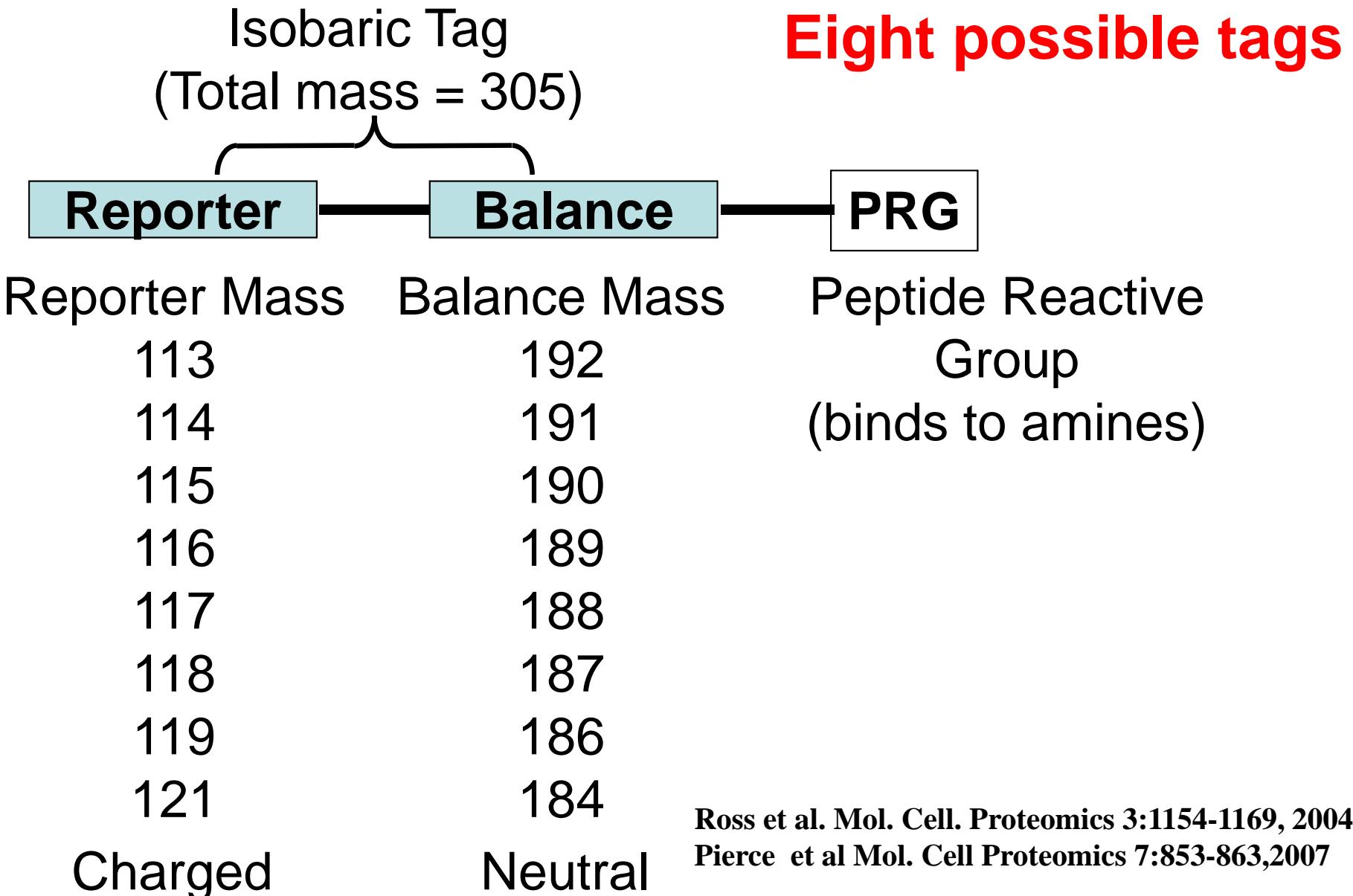
Peptide ID and quantify by tandem MS

No MS technical variability  
Standard deviations 10-20%  
*Loss of label to water*

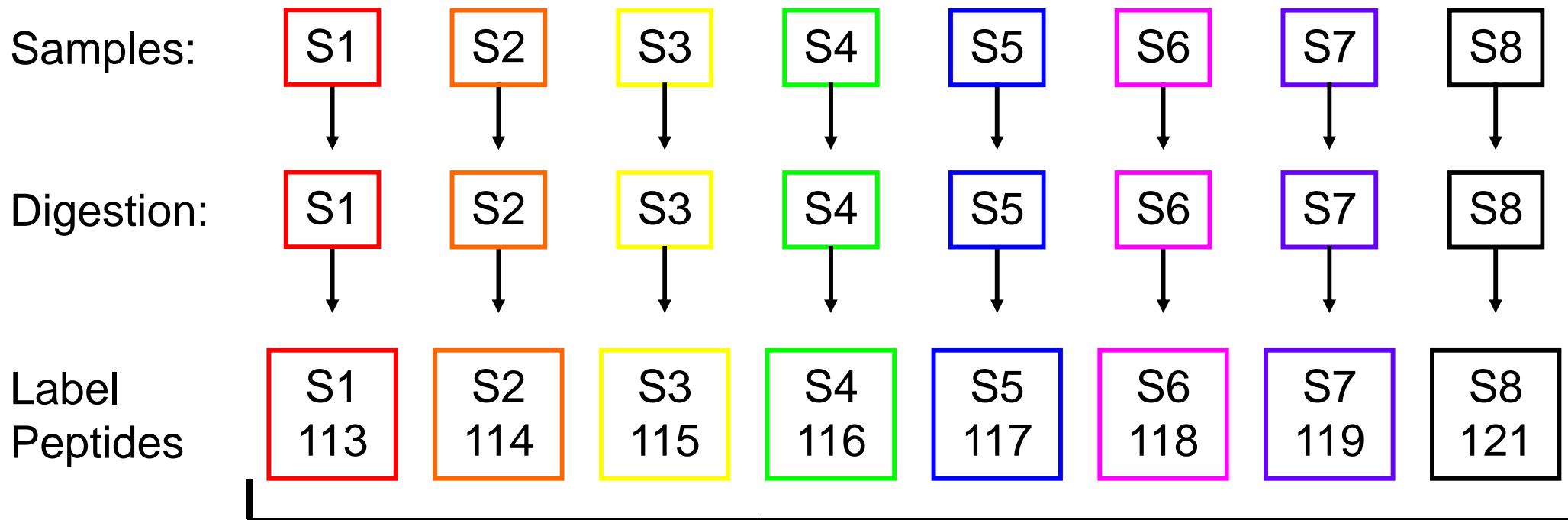
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# iTRAQ Tags

(Isobaric Tag for Relative and Absolute Quantitation)



# 8-plex iTRAQ Workflow



Chemical labeling  
Cells, tissue, fluids  
Adds steps  
No MS technical variability

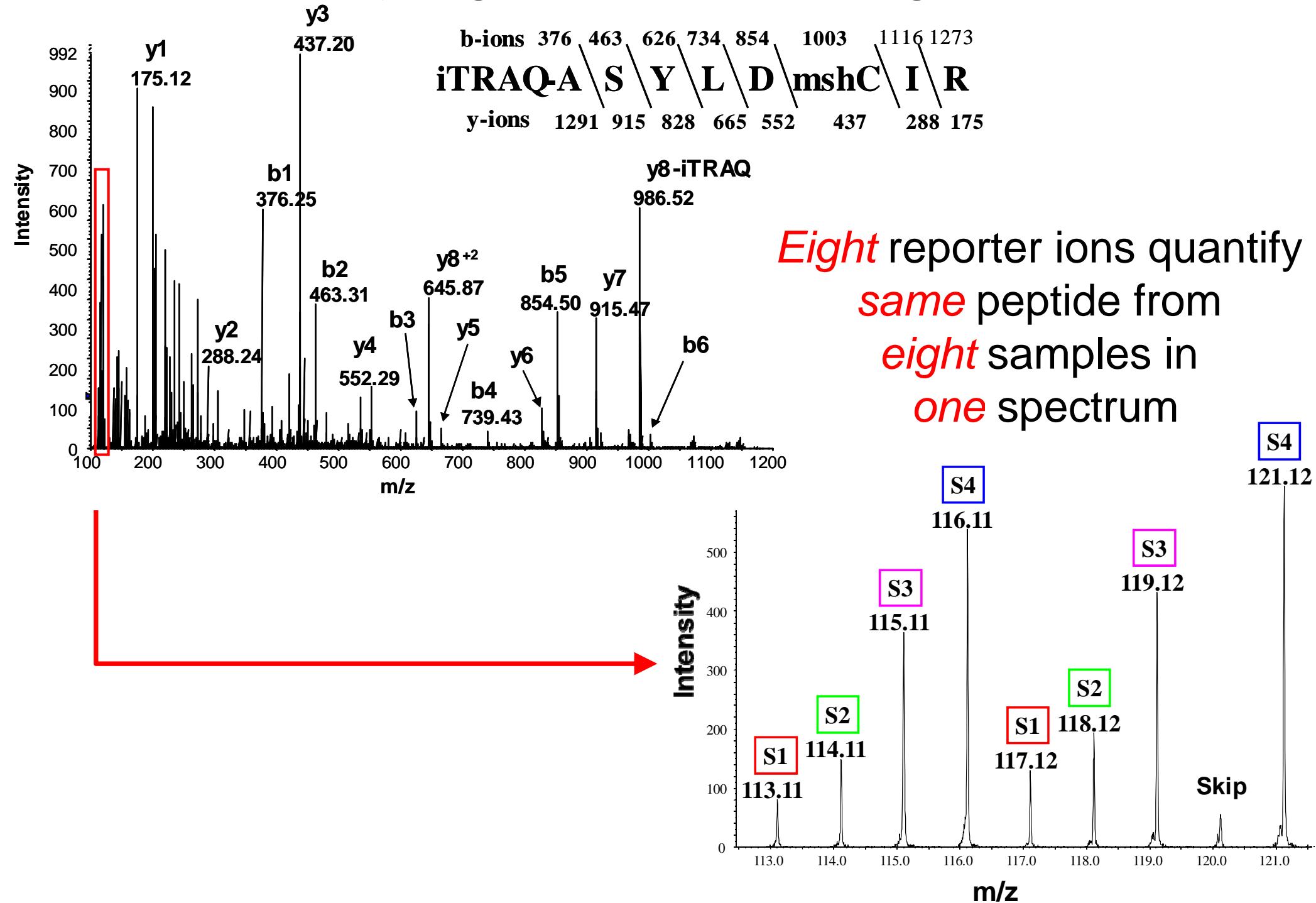
Mix Labeled Peptides

Skip 120  
Phe (F)  
Immonium ion

Fractionate Peptide Mixture on SCX Column

Analyze SCX Fractions by LC-MS/MS

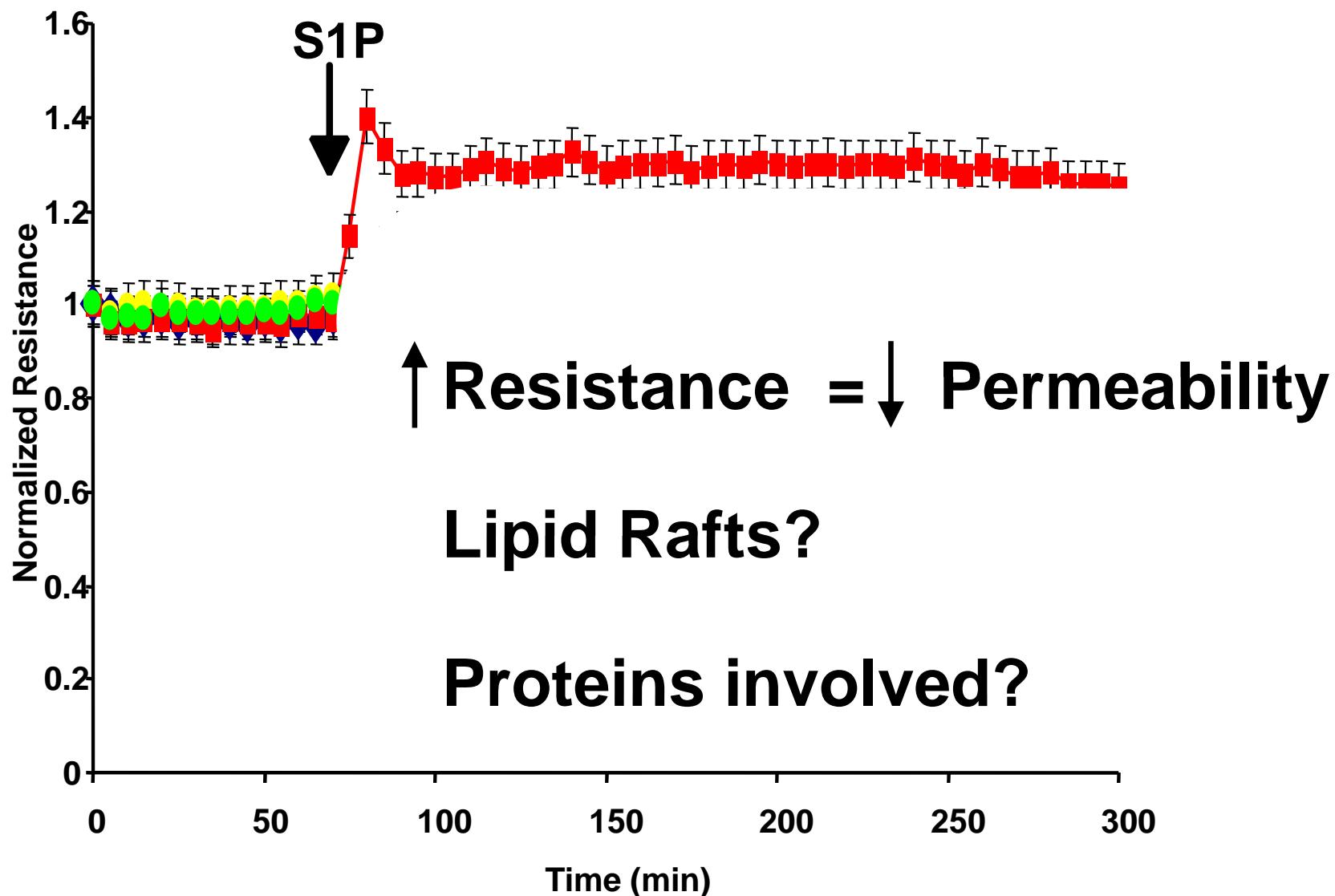
# Quantifying Proteins using iTRAQ



# **Changes in Protein Levels**

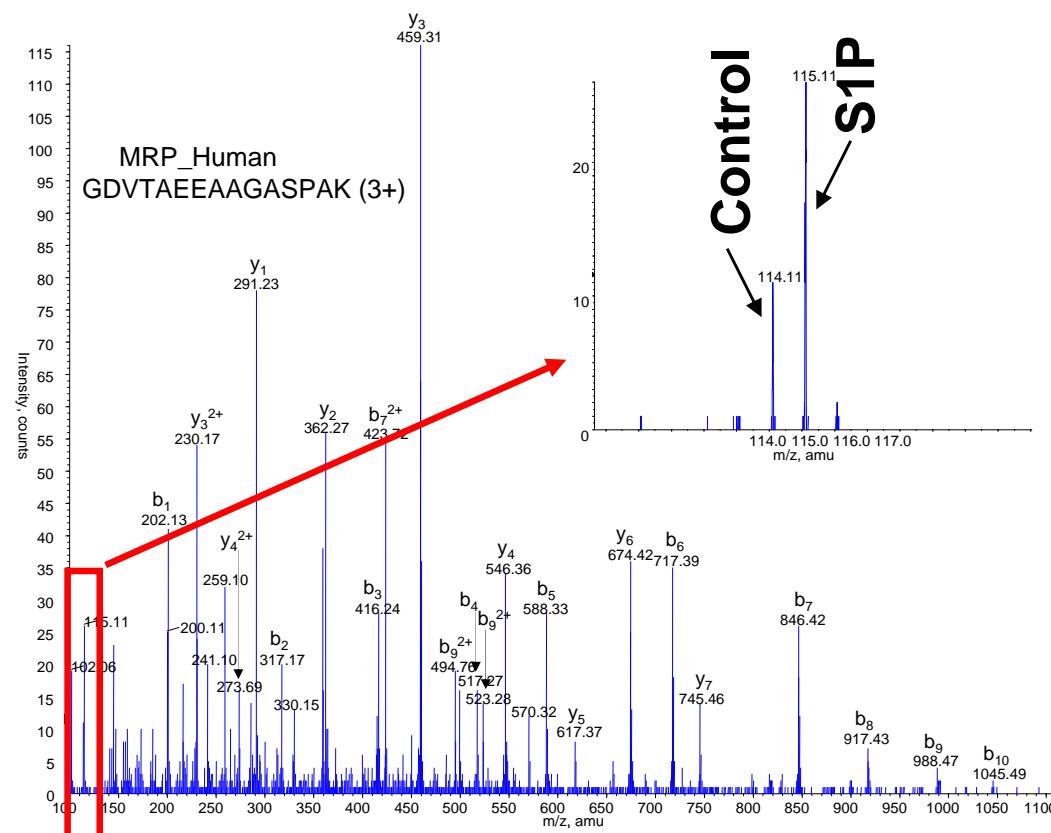
***(biomarkers and pathways)***

# Phospholipid Growth Factor (S1P) on Pulmonary Endothelial Permeability

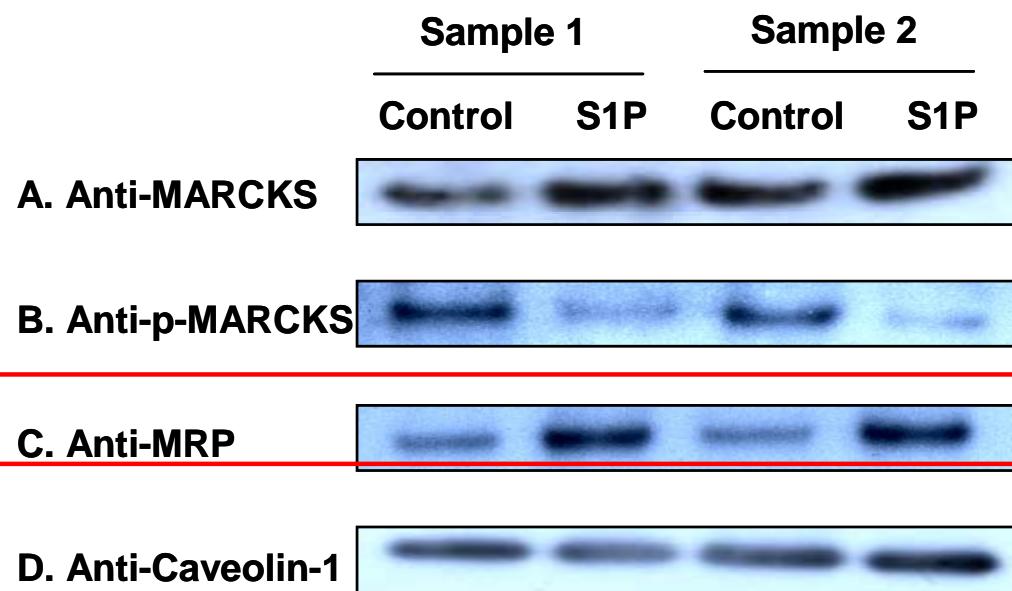


# iTRAQ Revealed Proteins More Abundant in S1P Stimulated Lipid Rafts

## MRP Peptide Fragmentation

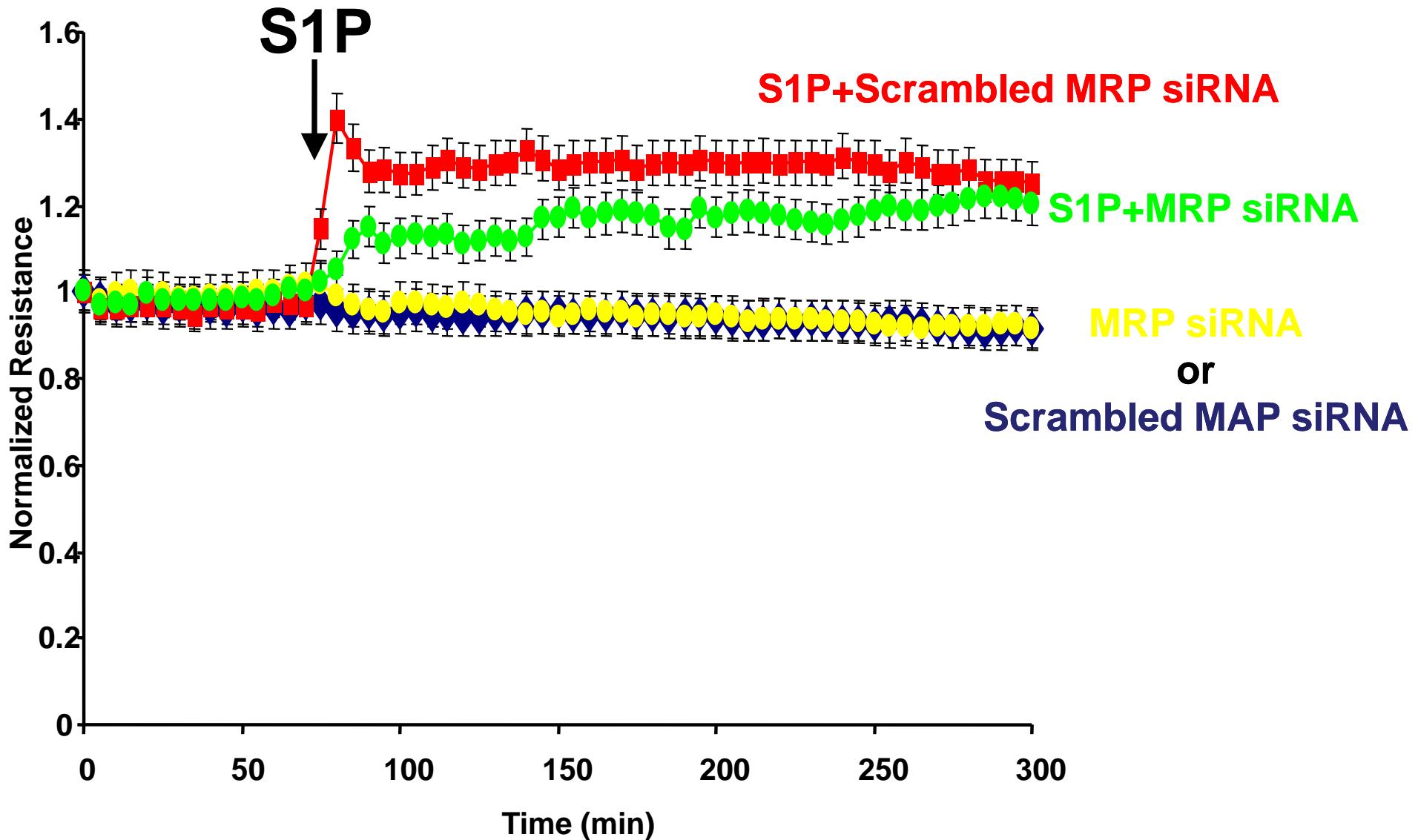


## Western Blots Confirm iTRAQ



MRP is up-regulated using both methods

# MRP siRNA Attenuates S1P Stimulated Endothelial Barrier Enhancement



Can more than 8 samples be analyzed  
using 8-plex iTRAQ?

**Yes!**

## Experimental Design

**Pool of all samples: Standard in all iTRAQ experiments**

**Repeat labeling of at least 1 sample  
in all iTRAQ experiments**

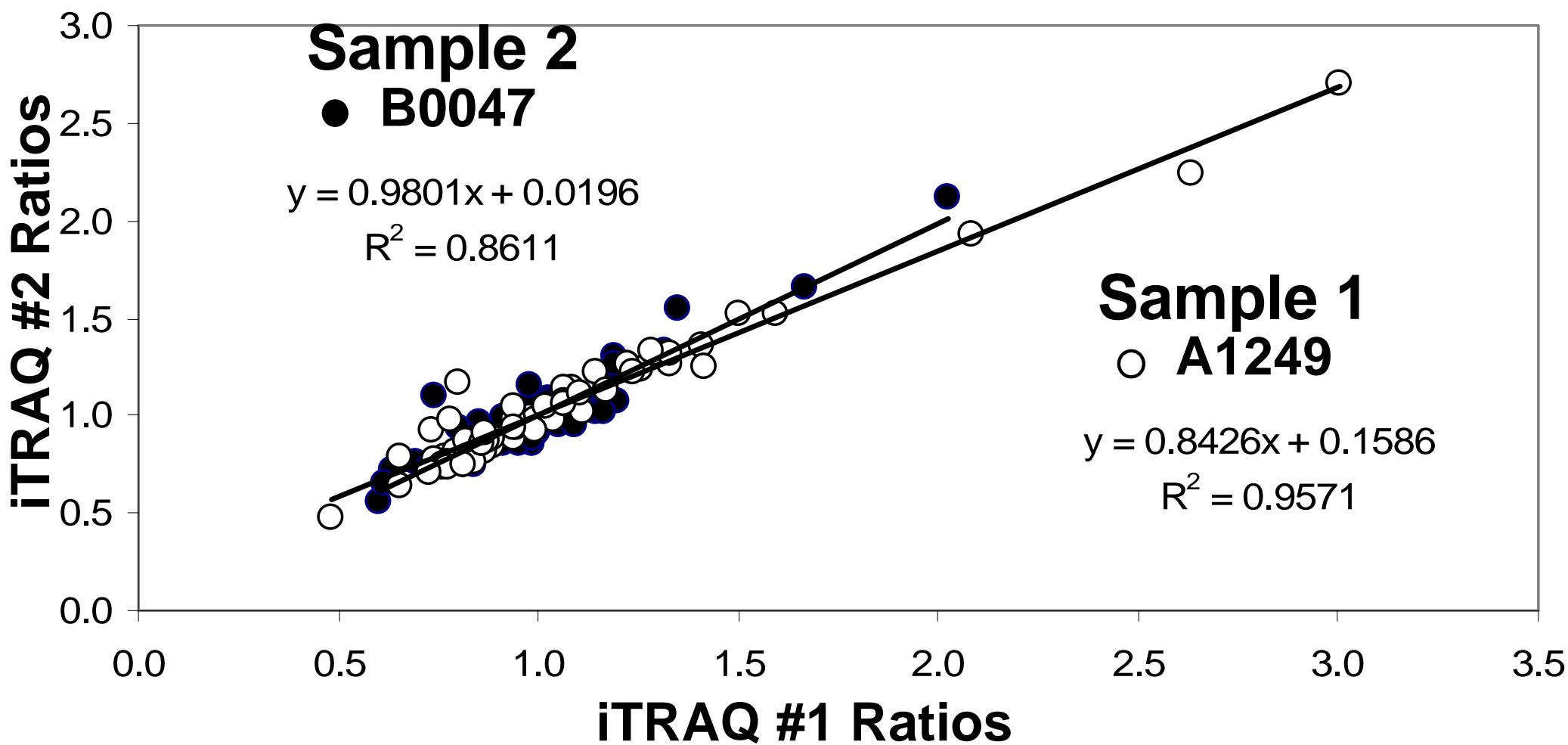
**Completely randomize labeling**

# Expected Result

$$\frac{\text{iTRAQ 1 - Sample 1}}{\text{iTRAQ 1 - Pool}} = \frac{\text{iTRAQ 2 - Sample 1}}{\text{iTRAQ 2 - Pool}}$$

$$\frac{\text{iTRAQ 1 - Sample 2}}{\text{iTRAQ 1 - Pool}} = \frac{\text{iTRAQ 2 - Sample 2}}{\text{iTRAQ 2 - Pool}}$$

Ratios for All Proteins in Sample 1 or Sample 2  
Relative to Pool are the Same in iTRAQ 1 and iTRAQ 2



# Micronutrient Deficiencies and Health of Undernourished

Child and Maternal Health Problems

## Infant/ Child

- Poor growth
- Impaired development
- Disability
- Infection
- Chronic disease
- Childhood Death

## Mother

- Obstetric morbidity
- Infection/sepsis
- Anemia
- Death

Nutritional Deficiencies

## Micronutrient Status

- Vitamin A, zinc, iron, iodine, folate, others

## Serum Protein Profiles?

500 samples

75 iTRAQ experiments



Gates Foundation Grant, PI: Keith West, JHSPH

# Changes in Protein Modifications

*(structure/function)*

# Using iTRAQ to Quantify Site Specific Auto-Phosphorylation of the EGF Receptor Kinase

1 MRPSGTAGAALLALLAALCPASRALEEKKVCQGTSNKLTLQLGTFEDHFLS  
51 LQRMFNNCEVVLGNLEITYVQRNYDLSFLKTIQEAVGYVLIALNTVERIP  
101 LENLQIIRGNMYYENSYALAVLSNYDANKTGLKELPMRNLQEILHGAVRF  
151 SNNPALCNVESIQWRDIVSSDFLSNMSMDFQNHLGSCQKCDPSCPNGSCW  
201 GAGEENCQKLTGKIICAQQCSGRCRGKSPSDCCHNQCAAGCTGPRESDCLV  
251 CRKFRDEATCKDTCPPLMLYNPTTYQMDVNPEGKYSFGATCVKKCPRNYV  
301 VTDHGSCVRACGADSYEMEEDGVRKCKCEGPCRKVCNGIGIGEFKDSL  
351 INATNIKHFKNCTSISGDLHILPVAFRGDSFTHTPPLDPQELDILKTVKE  
401 ITGFLLIQAWPENRTDLHAFENLEIIRGRTKQHGQFSLAVVSLNITSLGL  
451 RSLKEISDGDIISGNKNLCYANTINWKLFGTSGQKTKIISNRGENSCK  
501 ATGQVCHALCSPEGCWGPEPRDCVSCRNVSRGRECVDKCNLLEGEPRFV  
551 ENSECIQCHPECLPQAMNITCTGRGPDNCIQCAHYIDGPHCVKTCPAGVM  
601 GENNTLVWKYADAGHVCHLCHPNCTYGCTGPGLEGCPNGPKIPSIAATGM  
651 VGALLLLVVALGIGLFMRRRHIVRKRTLRLQEREELVEPLTPSGEAPN  
701 QALLRILKETEFKKIKVLGSGAFGTVYKGLWIPEGEKVKIPVAIKELREA  
751 TSPKANKEILDEAYVMASVDNPHVCRLLGICLTSTVQLITQLMPFGCLLD  
801 YVREHKDNIGSQYLLNWCVQIAKGMYLEDRRLVHRDLAARNVLVKTPQH

Tyr<sup>869</sup>

851 VKITDFGLAKLLGAAEKE **Y** HAEGGKVPIKWMALESILHRIYTHQSDVWSY  
901 GVTWELMTFGSKPYDGIPASEISSILEKGERLPQPPICIDVYMIMVKC  
951 WMIDADSRPKFRELIIIEFSKMARDPQRYLVIQGDERMHLPSPTDSNF **Y** R

Tyr<sup>998</sup>

# Experimental Design

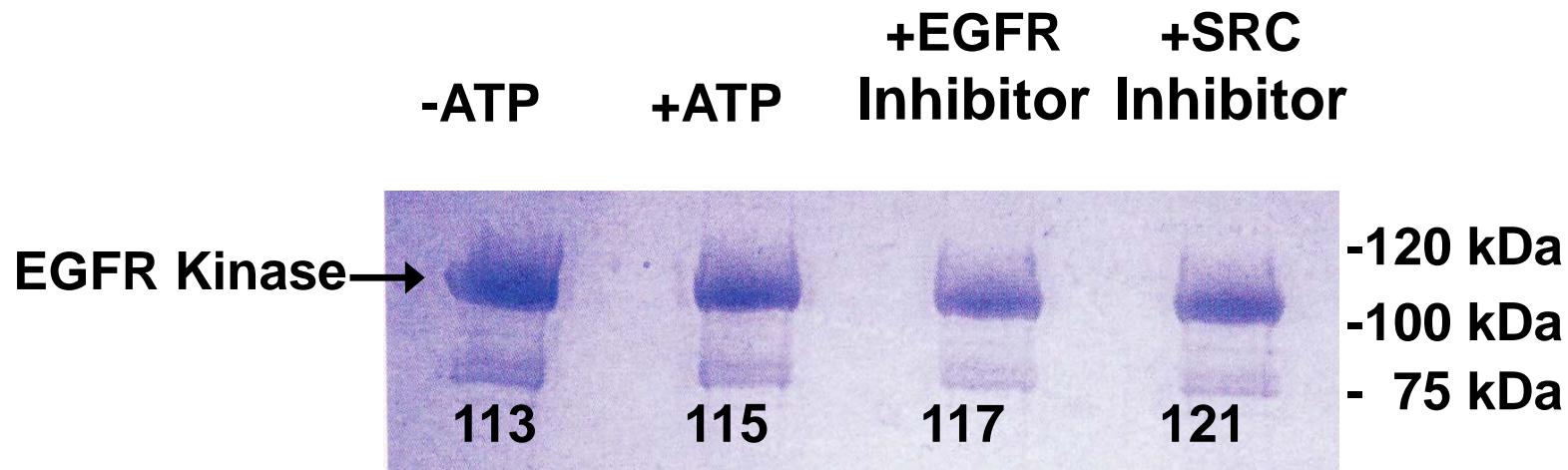
Expressed EGFR Kinase

Incubated +/- ATP and +/- kinase inhibitors

Isolated EGFR Kinase

Resolved EGFR Kinase by SDS-PAGE

In gel digest, iTRAQ label, SCX, LCMS/MS



# EGFR Top Hit

>35 peptide IDs with at least 95% confidence

Same amount of EGFR in all gel bands

(Ratios relative to No ATP sample labeled with 113)

<b>+ATP</b>	<b>+EGFR kinase Inhibitor</b>	<b>+SRC kinase Inhibitor</b>
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Rank	Score	% Cov	Name	Species	115:113	117:113	121:113
1	70	65	Epidermal growth factor receptor precursor - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	1.10	1.15	1.32
2	9	49	Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	0.76	1.00	1.20
3	8	43	Exportin-2 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	0.98	0.89	1.31
4	5	36	Exportin-4 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	0.98	0.98	1.25
5	4	39	Exportin-1 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	0.94	1.00	1.29
6	2	46	Exportin-T - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	1.07	1.19	1.56
7	2	34	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 10 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	0.70	0.75	1.21
8	2	71	Uncharacterized protein C14orf139 - Homo sapiens (Human)	HUMAN	1.15	0.87	1.12

Phosphotyrosines:	<u>Increase</u> with ATP or Inhibitor to another kinase, but <u>NOT</u> with an Inhibitor to EGFR Kinase.
Phosphothreonines:	No change
Phosphoserines:	No change
	<b>+EGFR</b> <b>+Scr</b> <b>+ATP</b> <b>Kinase</b> <b>Alone</b> <b>Inhibitor</b> <b>                </b> <b>Kinase</b> <b                        < b="">      <b>Inhibitor</b> </b                        <>

Confidence	Sequence	Phosphate Modification	115:113	117:113	121:113
99	ELVEPL <u>T</u> PSGEAPNQALLR	Phospho(T)@7	1.14	1.01	1.52
99	LLGAEKEY <u>Y</u> HAEGGK	Phospho(Y)@9	16.98	1.71	14.62
99	LLGAEKEY <u>Y</u> HAEGGKVPIK	Phospho(Y)@9	5.18	1.27	3.99
99	LLGAEKEY <u>Y</u> HAEGGKVPIK	Phospho(Y)@9	6.33	1.27	4.89
99	MHLPSPTDSNF <u>Y</u> R	Phospho(Y)@12	2.71	1.63	2.88
99	MHLPSPTDSNF <u>Y</u> R	Phospho(Y)@12	2.24	1.15	2.28
99	MHLPSPTDSNF <u>Y</u> R	Phospho(Y)@12	2.00	0.78	1.75
99	MHL <u>S</u> PPTDSNFYR	Phospho(S)@5	0.77	0.80	0.98
70	MHL <u>S</u> PPTDSNFYR	Phospho(S)@5	1.10	1.21	1.74

# Kinetics

*(protein turnover, modification dynamics)*

# Which peptide is a better substrate?

Experimental Design:

Wade Gibson

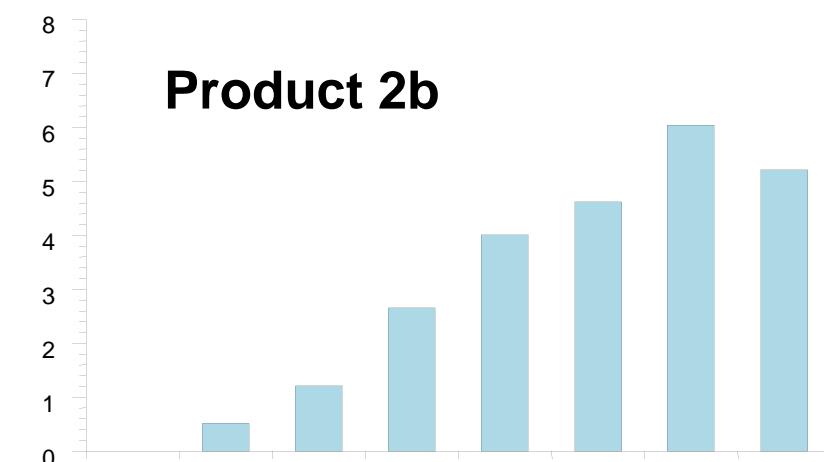
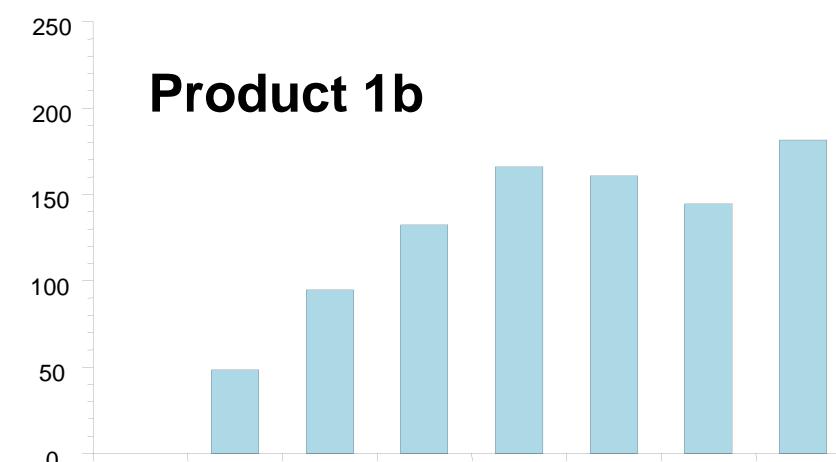
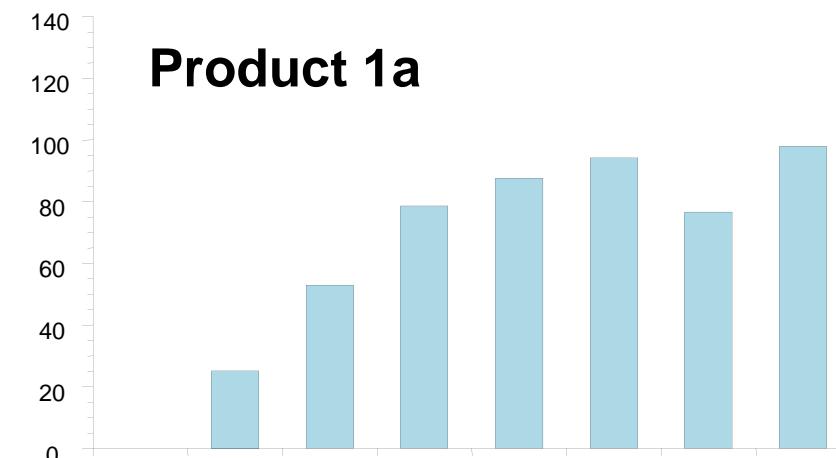
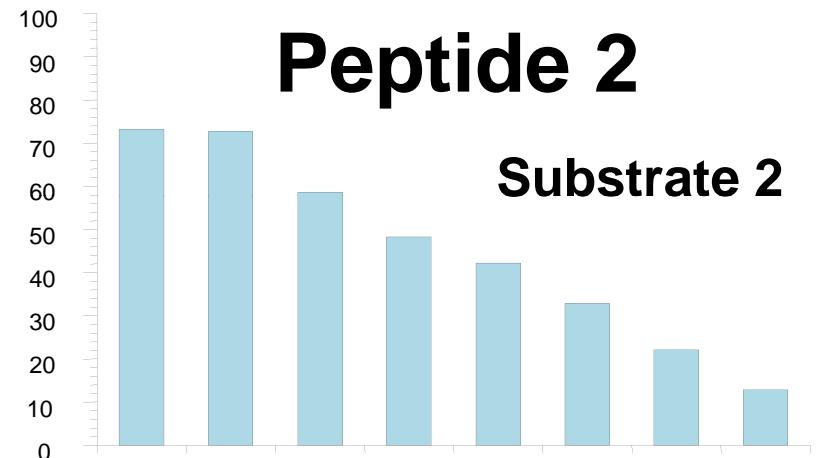
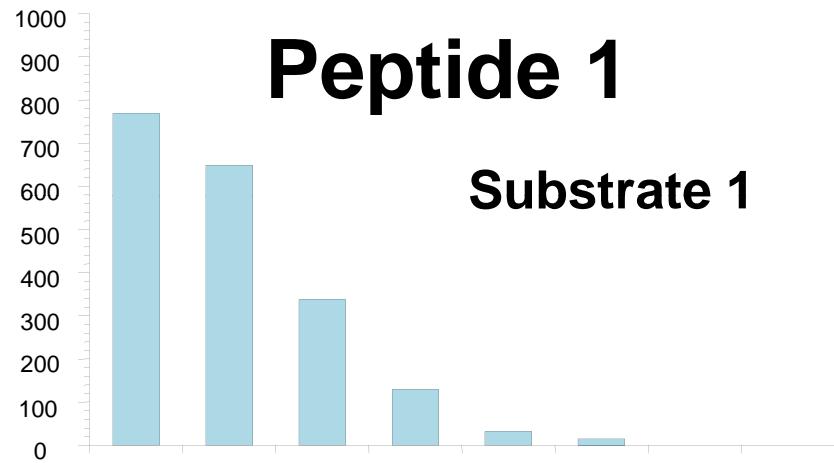
Two time courses (one for each peptide)

Two iTRAQ experiments (one for each time course)

Substrate and products labeled with *same* iTRAQ tag  
at *each* time point reagent

*Different* iTRAQ label for *different* time points

<u>Time (hr)</u>	<u>iTRAQ Label</u>	
0	113	
0.5	114	Mix <i>all</i> iTRAQ labeled substrates and proteins from <i>all</i> time points
1	115	
2	116	
3	117	Run <i>one</i> MS analysis (LCMS/MS) for <i>each</i> time course
4.5	118	
6	119	
24	121	



**iTRAQ Label**  
**Time (hr)**

iTRAQ Label	Time (hr)
113	0
114	0.5
115	1
116	2
117	3
118	4.5
119	6
121	24

# **Software for Identifying and Quantifying Proteins**

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