## A High Definition Proteomics Strategy

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## OVERVIEW ...a High Definition (LC/MS) Proteomics Strategy



#### Data Acquisition

- Sample Complexity
- LC/MS/MS Band-Width

#### Protein Identification

Comprehensive Ion Accounting

#### Protein Quantification

- Relative quantification
- Absolute Quantification

#### Intact Protein Analysis

- Protein-Protein Complexes
- ..."Interactomics"



"...the degree of stringency required in proteomic <u>data generation and analysis</u> appears to have been underestimated...

...As a result, there are likely to be numerous published findings that are of questionable quality..."

M.R. Wilkins *et al.* (2006) Guidelines for the Next 10 years of Proteomics. Proteomics, 6, 4-8



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## **Considerations in Discovery Proteomics**

#### **Experimental Design**

- Biological Context / Diversity
- Complexity / Fractionation
- Copy No. / Dynamic Range
- ID / QUAN Strategy
- Informatics / Statistics

#### Analysis

- IEF / 1D Gel / 2D Gel
- 1D / 2D HPLC On/Off-Line
- Protein Load Optimization
- MALDI / ESI
- Data Interpretation

#### Data

- Protein ID (FDR)
- Sequence Coverage
- PTM Survey
- Replication Rate (n>1)
- Quantification (CV)

## 2D PAGE Gel Analysis

In general for complex samples such as cell lysates run on Kendric Labs Standard sized gel, for Coomassie blue or Sypro ruby staining we suggest a protein load of:

### > 100 µg

Coomassie blue stain gives a reasonably dark spot at 1 µg and a discernable one at:

100 ng



#### Escherichia coli.

2DE conditions: standard size gel, **200** µg protein loaded, pH 4-8 ampholines, 10% slab gel, Coomassie blue stain.

www.kendricklabs.com/bacteria&yeast.htm#E.%20coli

## LC/MS Analysis

For LC/MS analysis of complex samples such as cell lysates run on Waters 75µm internal diameter UPLC columns we require an optimum protein load of:

#### 500ng

The absolute quantity of proteins identified and quantified typically range between 30ng and:

10pg

Log of nano-gram load on column vs. protein ID index



*Escherichia coli.* Standard digestion and on-line UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> analytical protocol, **500 ng** protein loaded.

Internal Standard: 75fmol Phosphorylase B

### Ultra Performance LC ...increases Sensitivity, Resolution (& Speed)



5%B to 55%B in 30 minutes, 0.5 sec/spectra. 5 protein MassPREP™ digest standard mixture, 20 fmol each of enolase, phosphorylase b, hemoglobin, ADH, BSA



### 2D RP/RP UPLC Peak Capacity ...Comparison of 1D PR & 2D RP/RP Separations



#### 365 Proteins 2874 Peptides

massPREP Ecoli standard IDENTITY<sup>E</sup> Search Engine 3 Replicates (ID  $\ge 2 / 3$ )



695 Proteins 7961 Peptides

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#### 778 Proteins 9415 Peptides

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## No. of Data Points Per Peak ?

- 15 to 20 points across a chromatographic peak are required for good quantification.
  - If you have fewer points you will not be able to describe the peak adequately and may lose information (e.g. peak top)
  - Reproducibility is negatively affected with fewer points and you will observe RSD's increasing to unacceptable values.



http://www.ionsource.com/tutorial/msquan/tips.htm



## Dynamic Mass Resolution of oa-TOF MS ...Resolution is Independent of speed



## **Dynamic Mass Resolution...**

## 785.8419 R=5901 786 3435



Figure 4. Resolving power of the orbitrap mass spectrometer achieved for a doubly charged species of EGVNDNEEGFFSAR peptide within specified times. <u>Resolving</u> power is referenced to m/z 400.

Orbitrap Mass Analyser Overview and Applications in Proteomics.

Michaela Scigelova & Alexander Makarov. Practical Proteomics 1-2/2006

### Undersampling ...analytical incompleteness in "classic" LC/MS/MS

"Analytical incompleteness refers to a phenomenon where a technique used for the analysis of complex mixtures of peptides may only yield <u>information for</u> <u>a fraction of relevant peptides</u> in any single run."

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### Classic" LC/MS/MS ...involves stochastic selection of precursor ions



### Complex Discovery Samples ...require higher sampling efficiency/bandwidth



Digested Whole Cell Lysate of *E. Coli* : 164,533 Ion Detections

### **Complex Discovery Samples** ...90% of the information is in the grass ( $\leq 1$ % intensity)



## UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> Data Acquisition ...enables predictable/reproducible peptide sampling





### Label-Free UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> ...Time Alignment: Molecular & Fragment Ions



#### (K)IGLDCASSEFFK(D) Rt= 68.36



#### (K)LGANAILGVSLAASR(A) Rt= 68.57



The two peptides exhibit different peak apex times and peak profiles



"...the risk of a false-positive protein assignment is greater when only a single peptide is used to identify a protein..."

Steven Carr *et al.* (2004) The Need for Guidelines in Publication of Peptide and Protein Identification Data. *Mol. Cell. Proteomics, 3.6,* 531-533



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## IDENTITY<sup>E</sup> Search Engine ...Comprehensive Peptide Ion Accounting

Total product ion intensity Number of consecutive y" and b ions Number of complementary y" and b ions Fragmentation at preferred sites Total y" ion intensity/Total b ion intensity Conformance with retention time model Total product ion intensity/Total precursor ion intensity Neutral losses conform to amino acid composition Multiplicity of charge states conforms to model Number of matched peptides conforms to model Number of matched product ions conforms to model Total product ion intensity/Total precursor ion intensity

25% Confidence

50% Confidence

75% Confidence

100% Confidence

## Number of "Identifiable" Peptides ...proportional to protein mass & on-column loading



#3

The sum product ion intensity ( $\Sigma$  b+y") for a peptide provides the means to predict the total # of detectable peptides.

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## UPLC Retention Time



#### **Observed Retention Time**

2,700 Peptides (E. Coli)

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## Multi-Peptide Identifications ...with high sequence coverage



## **Controlling False Discovery**

Sample Digest	Database	Proteins identified		
E.coli	E.coli	411		
E.coli	B.malayi	2		
E.coli	B.subtilus	5		
E.coli	M.bovis	3		
E.coli	P.aeruginosa	6		
E.coli	S.cerevisiae	10		
E.coli	Wolbachia	8		

Identity<sup>E</sup> analysis of a cytosolic fraction of *E. Coli* spiked with 5 standards. 411 proteins were identified with an *E. Coli* specific dB. Matches to proteins in 6 additional dBs are tabulated. Each dB was appended with a random (decoy) dB, to assess the false discovery rate:  $\leq$  1.5% in each case.

## Hi3 Absolute Protein Quantification

- **Absolute Protein Quantification conventionally requires** co-determination of a unique peptide (for each protein) with its corresponding stable isotope labelled internal standard
  - e.g. "Protein-AQUA" Peptide Standards (SIGMA)<sup>1</sup>
- We have developed a novel Label-Free UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> protocol for Hi3 Absolute Protein Quantification<sup>2</sup>
  - Based on an observation that averaged signal response for the most abundant tryptic peptides (n  $\geq$ 3) may be quantitative <sup>3</sup>
  - Under LC-MS<sup>E</sup> conditions the average signal response (ion counts per pmole) is constant +/-10%
  - A known protein standard therefore enables the concentration of all well-characterised proteins in a mixture to be estimated
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- Gygi SP *et al*
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# Significance of Column Loading





massPREP Ecoli standard analyzed with identical 2D (5 fraction) protocols at 2 locations.

## **Relative Protein Quantification**

- Established HPLC/MS methods for Relative Protein Quantification include:
  - Stable isotope labelling (*e.g.* ICAT, GIST, SILAC)
  - Isobaric labelling (e.g. I-TRAQ)
  - Label-Free (a.k.a. ion current intensity)
  - Spectral Counting
- A recent ABRF quantification study involving both Label-Free and isotope/isobaric labelling approaches indicate that the Label-Free methods performed at least as well as the conventional labelled methods <sup>1</sup>
- We have developed a novel, high bandwidth, UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> method for Label-Free Relative Protein Quantification <sup>2</sup>
  - Waters Expression<sup>E</sup> High Definition Proteomics System

 ABRF PRG: 2006 Relative Protein Quantification Study. www.abrf.org
Quantitative Proteomic Analysis by Accurate Mass Retention Time Pairs. JC Silva <u>et al</u>. Anal.Chem. 2005, 77, 2187-2200

## **Relative Quantification Strategies**



An Assessment of Software Solutions for the Analysis of Mass Spectrometry Based Quantitative Proteomics Data.

Lukas N. Mueller, <u>et al</u>. J. Proteome Res.; 2008, 7, 51-61



## Label-Free Relative Quantification ...tryptic peptide ratios are compared (n=3)



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# Label-Free Relative Quantification

PROTEIN	TRUE FOLD CHANGE	EXPRESSION <sup>®</sup> FOLD CHANGE	EXPRESSION <sup>E</sup> FOLD CHANGE % ERROR
Bovine Serum Albumin	0.00	0.0	0.0 %
Lactoperoxidase	0.00	+0.06	6.0 %
Ribonuclease	0.00	-0.06	6.0 %
Peroxidase C1A	0.00	+0.05	5.0 %
Casein	+4.00	+3.89	2.75%
Catalase	+5.00	+4.83	3.4 %
Carbonic Anhydrase	-3.22	-3.22	0.0 %
Glycogen Phosphorylase	-76.9	-66.6	13.4 %
			Average = 4.6 %
	The fold change differences across two s		

The fold change differences across two samples containing eight well characterized proteins in known amounts was determined using Waters ExpressionE Label-Free relative quantification protocol with an average error of 4.6%. These data compare very favorably with a recent 20-laboratory study of identical samples, employing all of the common commercial isotopic/ isobaric labelling techniques, which exhibited an average error of 4.6%.

### Gaucher Disease ...Lysosomal Storage Disorder

- A Proto-Typical Lysosomal Storage Disease
  - Inherited deficiency in the activity of Glucocerebrosidase
    - Autosomal recessive genetic defect
  - Resulting in the accumulation of Glucocerebroside in tissue macrophages (Gaucher cells)
  - Prominent clinical symptoms including:
    - Hepatosplenomegaly
    - Bone deformities
    - Pancytopenia
    - Neurological abnormalities
- Enzyme Replacement Therapy
  - Glucocerebrosisdase (e.g. Ceredase)



### Gaucher Disease Study ...Serum sample preparation

#### **Depletion (Agilent MARS)**

- 20 µL serum + 80 µL buffer A
- Filtration 0.22 µm filter @ 13,000 rpm/5min
- Affinity separation followed by buffer exchange with 50 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub>
- Total volume ~ 80 μL
- Tryptic digestion
  - 10 µL 0.1% RapiGest (15 min @ 80 °C)
  - 5 μL 100 mM DTT (30 min @ 60 °C)
  - 5 μL 200 mM IAA (30 min @ ambient/dark)
  - 20 μL 0.5 μg/ μL trypsin (overnight @ 37 °C)
  - 4 µL 6M HCl
  - Total volume ~ 124 μL
- UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> analysis
  - 1:10 dilution with 0.1% aqueous formic acid solution
  - 1:1 dilution with 100 fmol Enolase/µL Internal Standard

## Log/Log Intensity Plots ...treatment effect at the peptide level

3 Conditions / 3 Replicate injections per condition Control + Patient Before Treatment + Patient After Treatment



## **Protein ID Regulation Results** ...treatment effect at the protein level

contol vs before control vs after



## Clustering Analysis ...peptide intensity profiling by K-means clustering



"grouping" of peptides/proteins with similar regulation profiles

## Complement & Coagulation Cascades ...clustering reveals plausible protein relationships



### Chitotriosidase ...quantification of a known Gaucher Biomarker

Chitotriosidase is a known indicator of Gaucher cells

Chitotriosidase shows a large activity increase (~100x) in the serum of symptomatic patients



### Chitotriosidase ...Ion tracking: 3 replicates for each of 3 conditions

				Replication Rate		
[M+H]+	St. dev. (mDa)	ррт	Average Rt	Before Treatment	After Treatment	Control
1003.5934 1120.6200 1171.5692 1444.7467 2297.1311	0.0016 0.0020 0.0037 0.0024 0.0042	1.6 1.8 3.2 1.7 1.8	42.35 47.07 28.57 30.22 73.76	3 3 3 3 3	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0

Chitotriosidase is known to show a large activity increase (~100x) in the serum of symptomatic patients

### Absolute Quantification: UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> ...Gaucher disease <u>before treatment</u> (depleted serum)

- [Chitotriosidase]<sub>MEASURED</sub> =  $1.60 \text{ fmol/}\mu\text{L in } 0.5 \mu\text{g}$ 
  - Serum activity (UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup>)
    - = 39,500 nmol/ml/h
  - Serum activity (biomolecular assay)<sup>1</sup> = 31,800 nmol/ml/h



#### **Enzyme Substrate Assay:**

1. Aerts, J.M.F.G., <u>et al</u>. Deficiecient Activity of Glycocerebrosidase in Urine from Patients with Type 1 Gaucher Disease. *Clin. Chem. Acta* 158, 155-164. (1986)

# Summary: Gaucher Study

- UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> provides a high bandwidth alternative to conventional LC/MS/MS for quantitative and qualitative profiling of complex digest mixtures
- EXPRESSION<sup>E</sup> (Label-Free) relative quantification results demonstrated that post-treatment Gaucher patient protein profiles show conformity to the control (healthy) profile
- Clustering techniques applied to EXPRESSION<sup>E</sup> Proteomics data reveal biologically plausible protein relationships
- Hi3 absolute quantification of Chitotriosidase (pre-treatment) by UPLC/MS<sup>E</sup> is consistent with published enzyme substrate assay data

## Intact Protein Analysis ... Interactomics ?



## Intact Protein Analysis: IgG ....Deconvoluted Spectrum (Z=0)



# Non-Covalent Protein Complex Analysis



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#### **Chaperone Protein Complex**

**2 Non-Covalently Bound** Heptameric rings (14mer)

Monomer Subunit  $\approx$  57kDa Intact complex  $\approx$  800kDa

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mass

### Non-Covalent Protein Analysis ...MS/MS: CID Fragmentation of GroEL [M+68H]<sup>68+</sup>

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![](_page_48_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Measuring Protein Collision Cross Section

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