

Modern Proteomics: Locating the targets in drug action

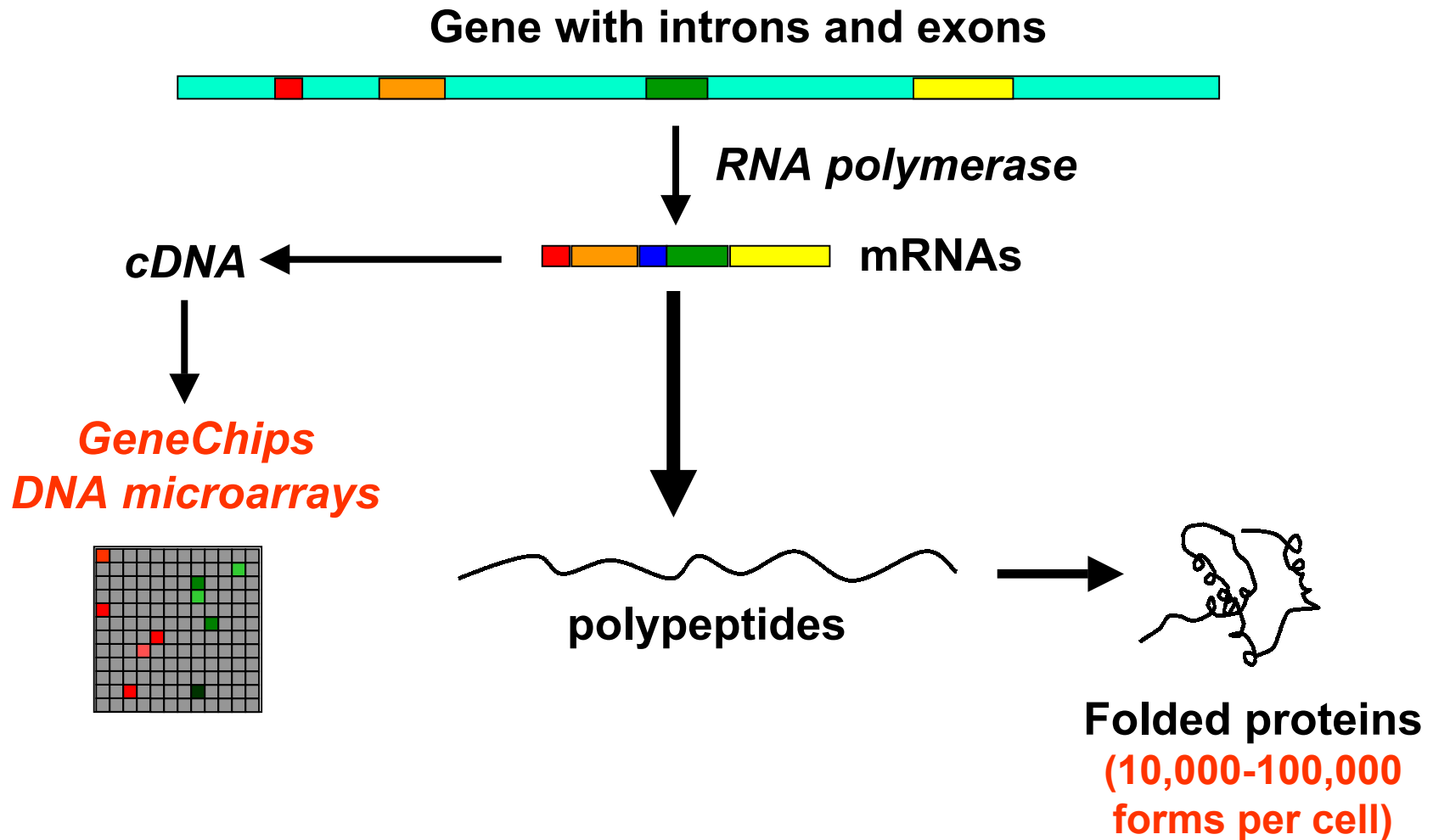
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Outline of talk

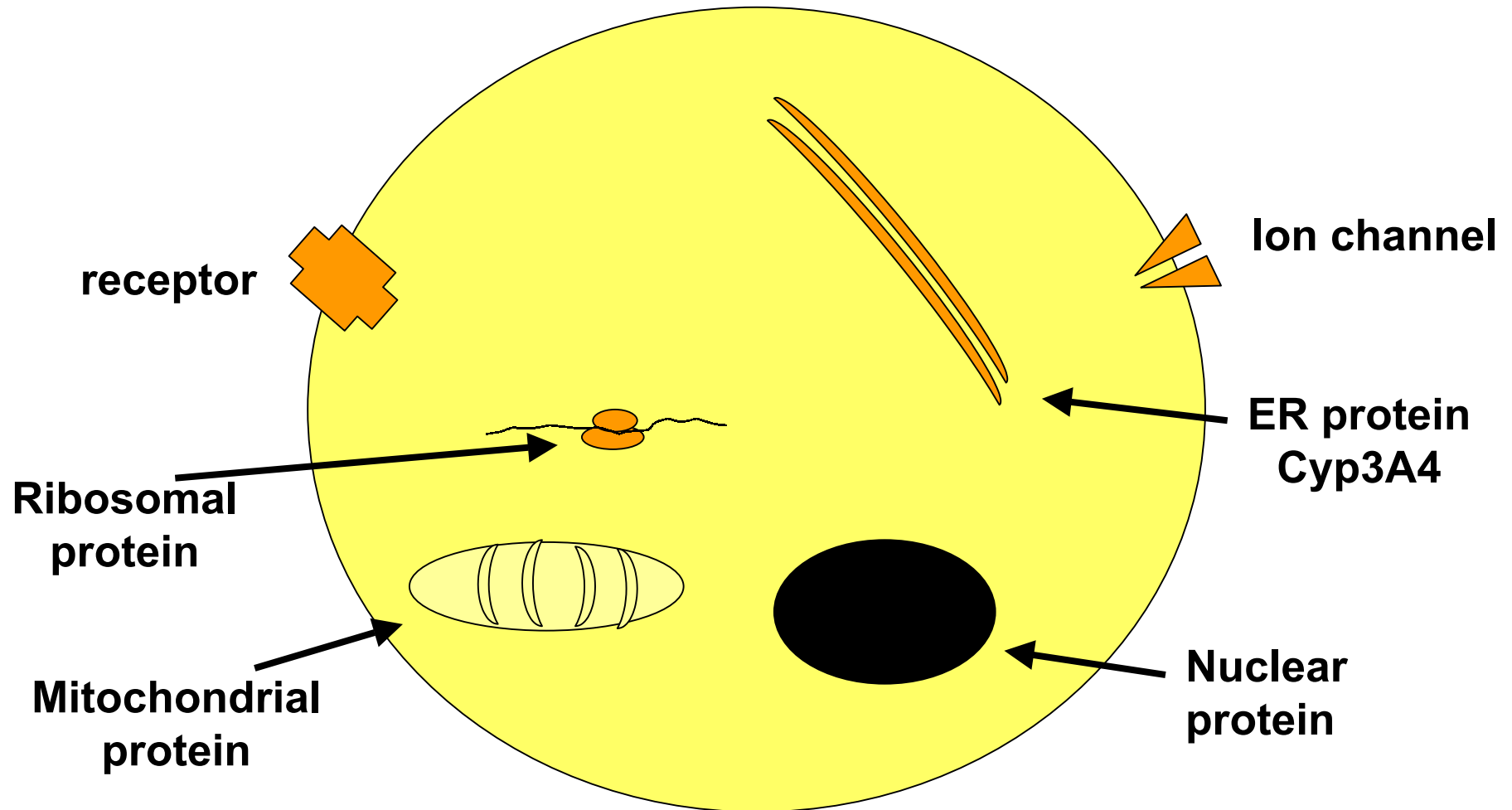
- **Reminder about proteins in biochemistry**
- **The collapsing gene-disease-drug paradigm**
- **Protein networks**
- **What is 2D-proteomics?**
- **Peptide fingerprinting and protein identification**
- **Doing MALDI-TOF experiments and bioinformatics**
- **The Q-tof and peptide sequencing**
- **Realities, the future and closing remarks**

Basics of biochemistry



Proteins in a cell

or excuse me, I'm just a target

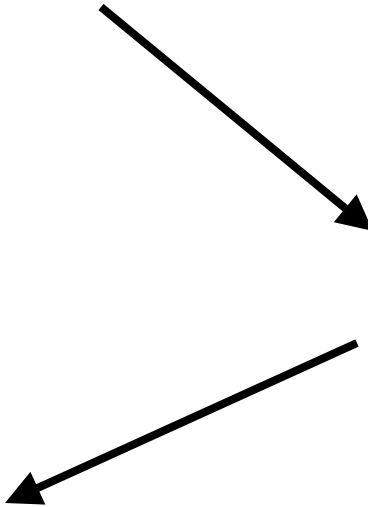


The proteomics numbers challenge

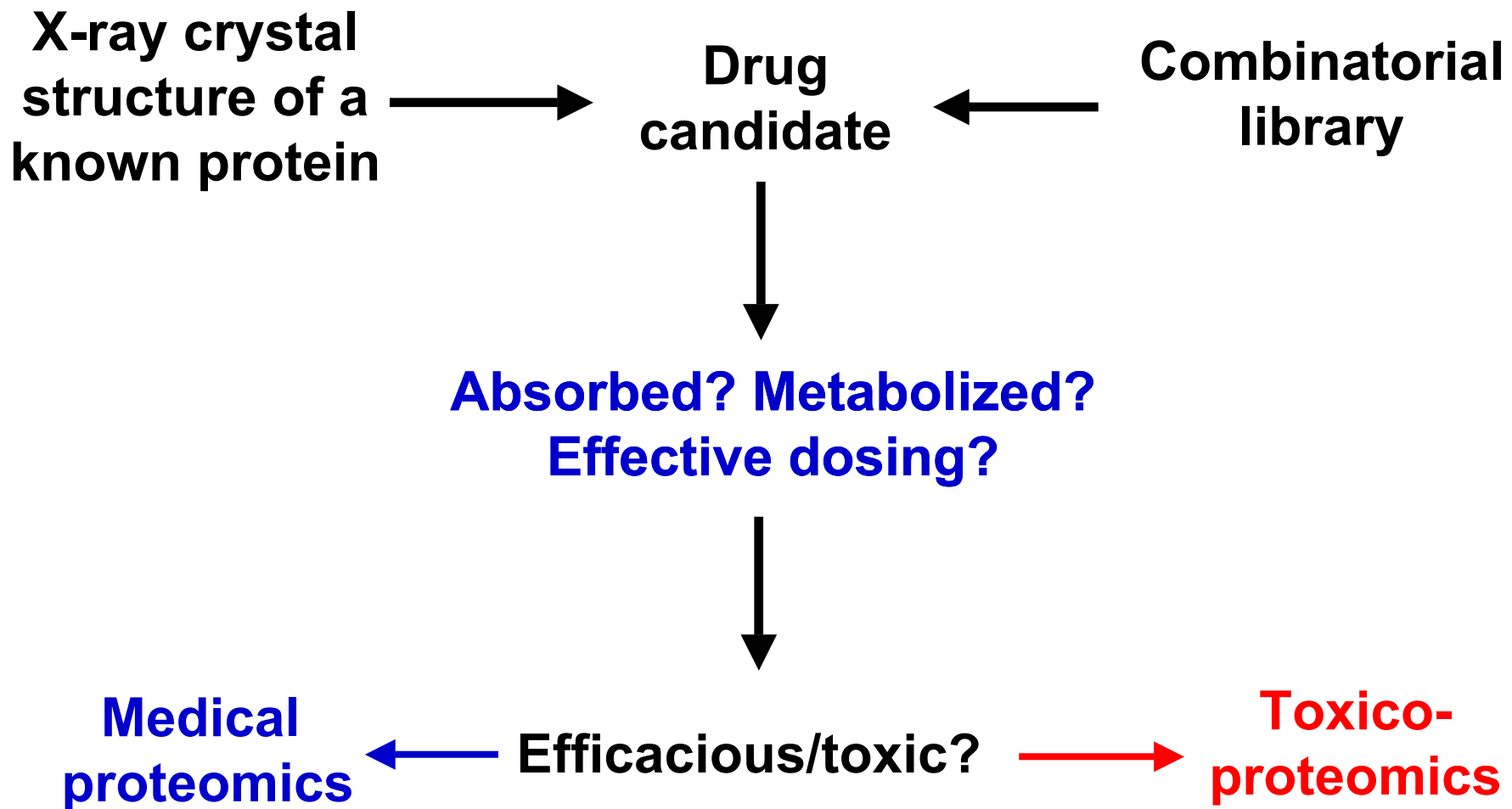
Genes expressed
n = 5,000 - 10,000

Expressed proteins
+
all the modified
forms
n = 50,000-100,000

Interactions
between proteins
n = ??



Building a drug and rediscovering how it works



Collapse of the single target paradigm

Old paradigm

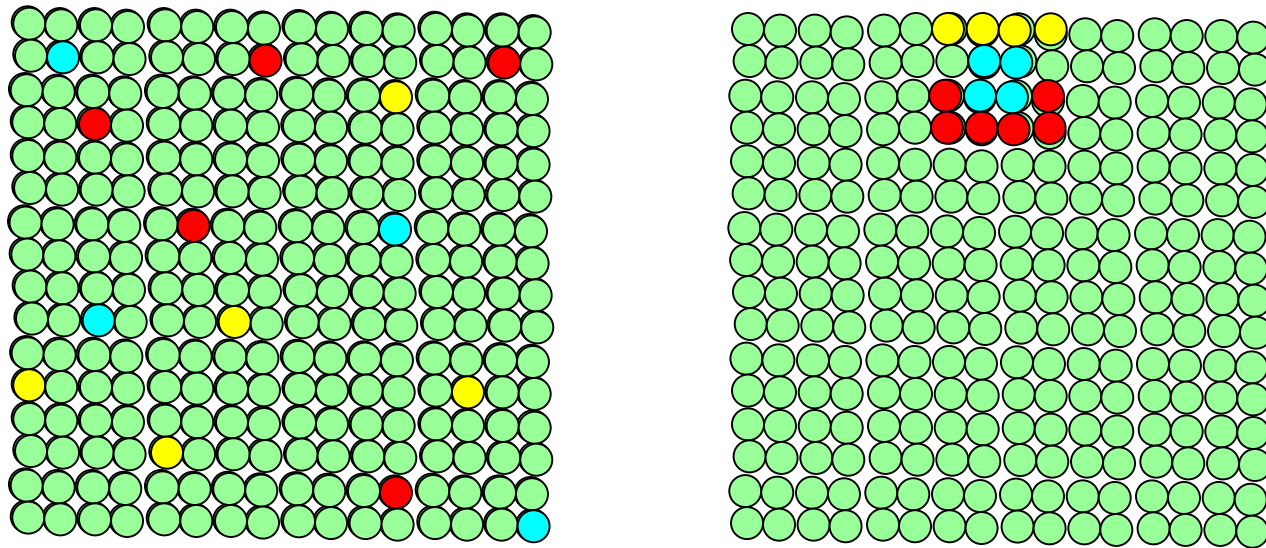
Diseases are due to single genes - by knocking out the gene, or designing specific inhibitors to its protein, disease can be cured

But the gene KO mouse didn't notice the loss of the gene

New paradigm

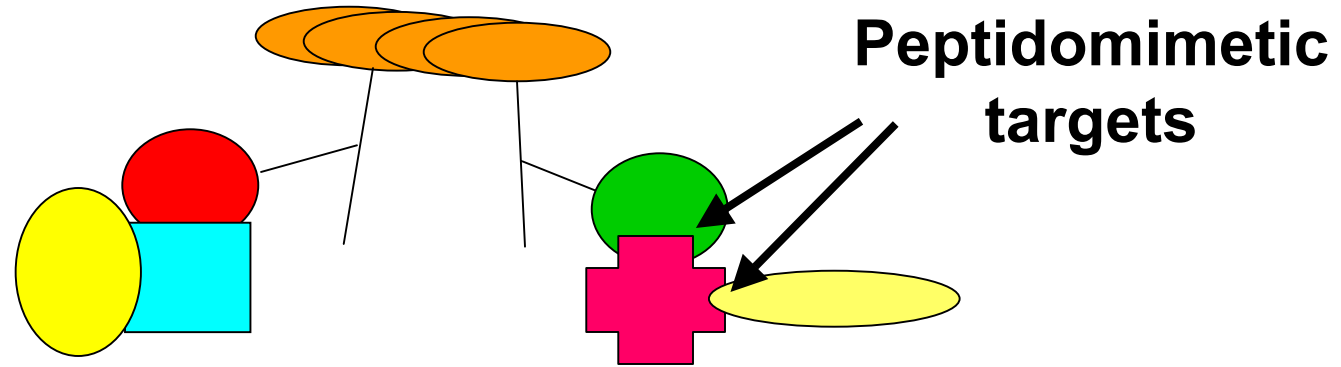
*We have to understand gene and protein networks - **proteins don't act alone** - effective systems have built in redundancy*

Proteins aren't random in cells



So, who's binding to whom?

Proteins (and spies) don't act alone



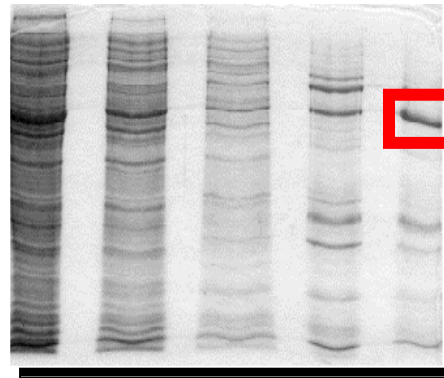
**Signal transduction
complex lying in
anticipation**

<http://www.bind.ca>

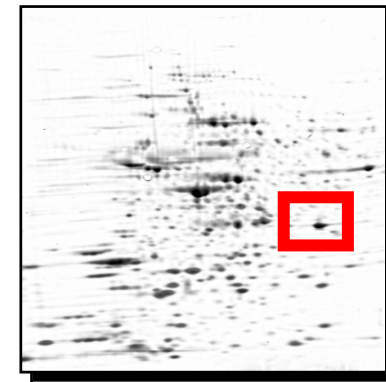
How to discover protein brotherhoods

Old method:
*Yeast 2-hybrid
screen*

New method:
*Recover protein
complexes*



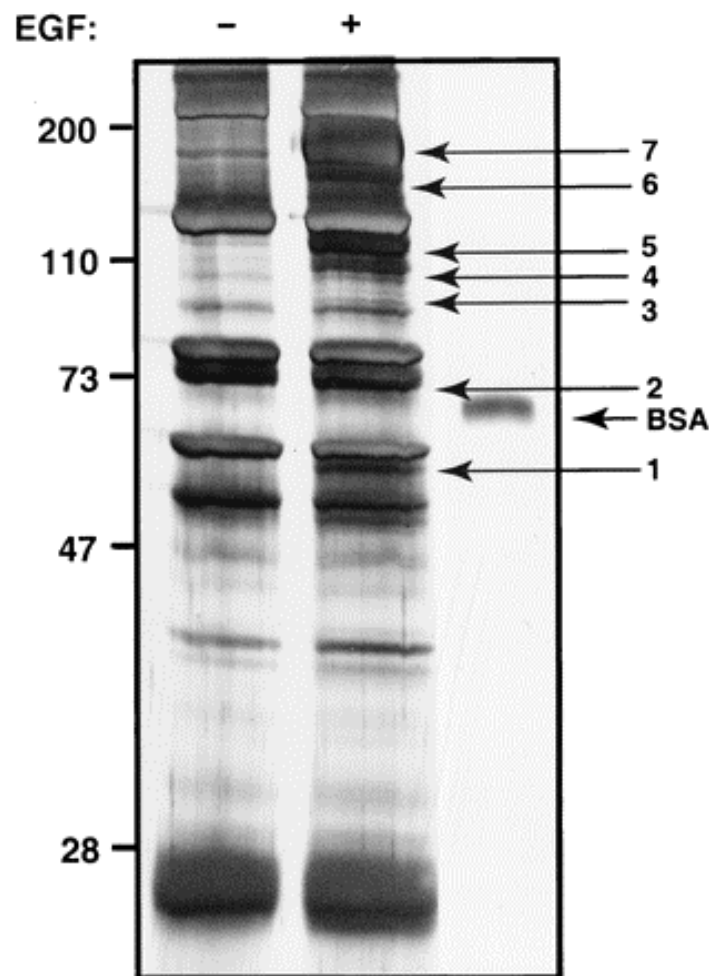
SDS-PAGE



IEF/SDS-PAGE

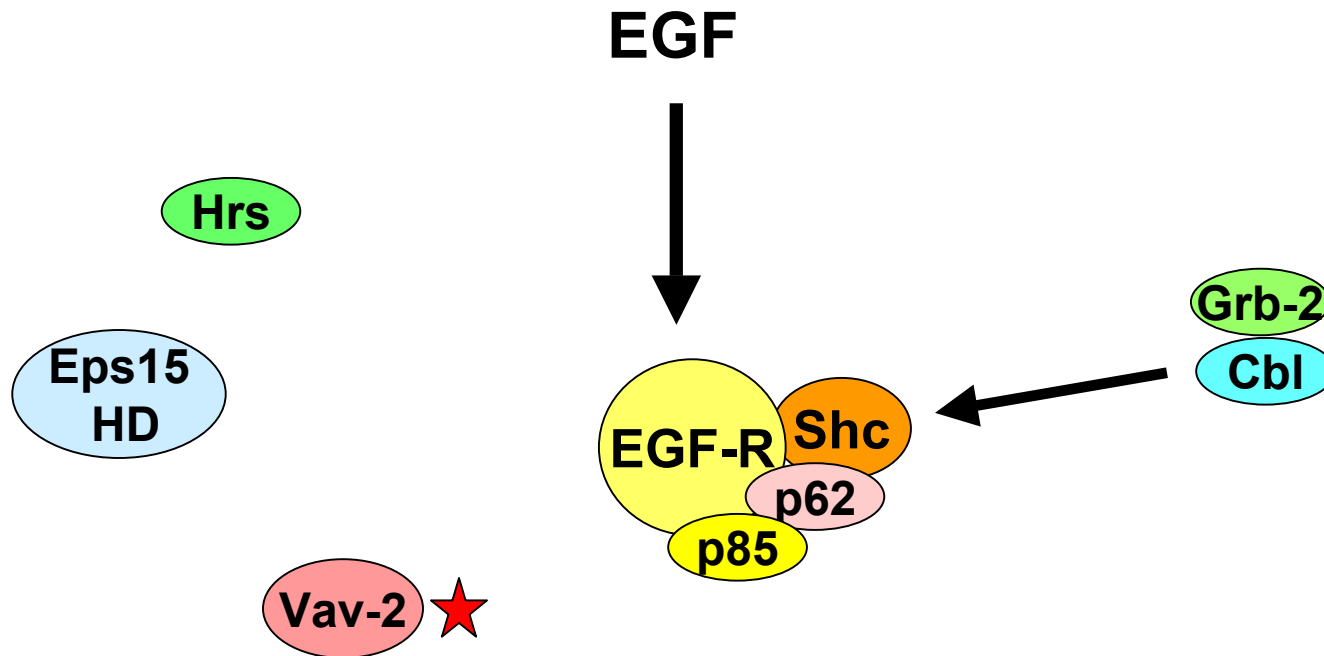
Affinity isolation of EGF-responsive proteins

Pandey et al., PNAS 97: 179-184 (2000)



EGF-induced tyrosine phosphorylation in HeLa cells. Serum-deprived HeLa S3 cells (5×10^9) were either left untreated or treated with $1 \mu\text{g/ml}$ EGF for 5 min. Cleared cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with a mixture of monoclonal anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies, washed, and resolved by SDS/PAGE. The gel was then silver-stained. Numbers indicate the positions of the bands that were excised for enzymatic digestion by trypsin and subsequent mass spectrometric analysis.

EGF-stimulated, tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins identified by mass spec



See protein interactions at www.bind.ca

Limitations of proteomics

- Unlike its mRNA counterpart, proteomics doesn't have a PCR equivalent
- It's limited by Avogadro's number - 1 fmol is 6×10^8 molecular ions
- If a cell has a 100 copies of a protein, then at a minimum you need to have 6×10^6 cells - in reality, you need much more
- Fourier Transform-MS using trapped ions may be the solution
- Beware of Western blots

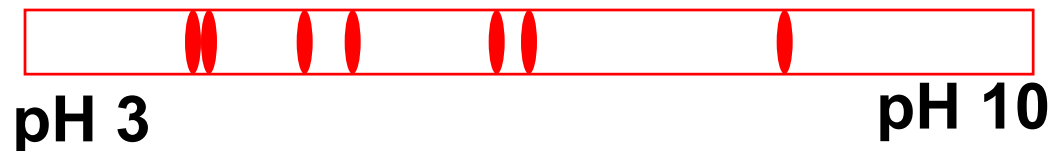
What are the proteomics methods?

- I. **2-dimensional electrophoresis (2-DE) & mass spectrometry**
- II. **Liquid chromatography & mass spectrometry (LC-MS or LC/LC MS/MS)**
- III. **“Chip” technology:**
2-D array of recombinant polypeptides or antibodies on a single microscope slide; the entire chip is probed with a labelled “ligand” (protein, lipid, drug); SELDI-TOF analysis

What 2-D electrophoresis involves:

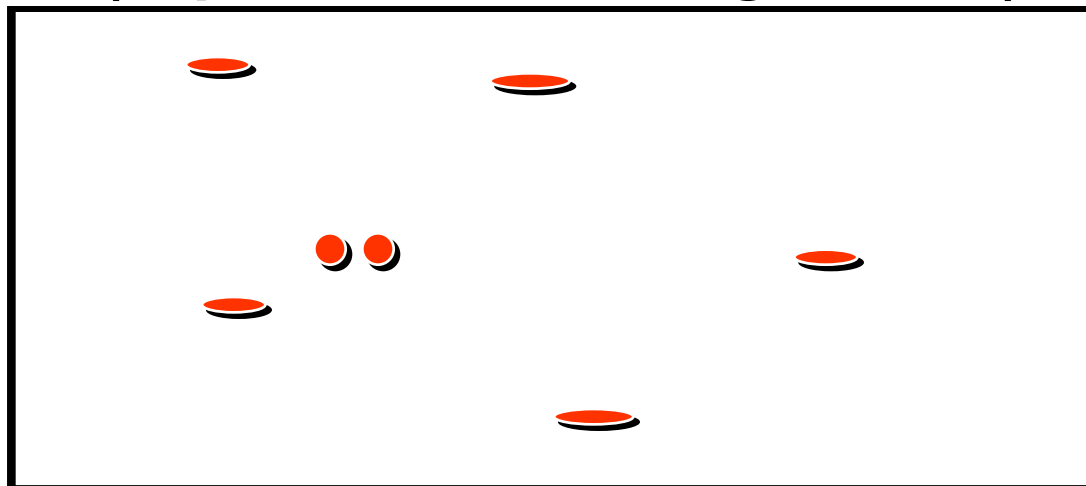
- 1st dimension: Isoelectric focussing

(separation according to charge)



- 2nd dimension: (SDS)-PAGE

(separation according to size)



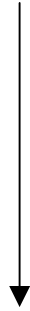
High m.w.



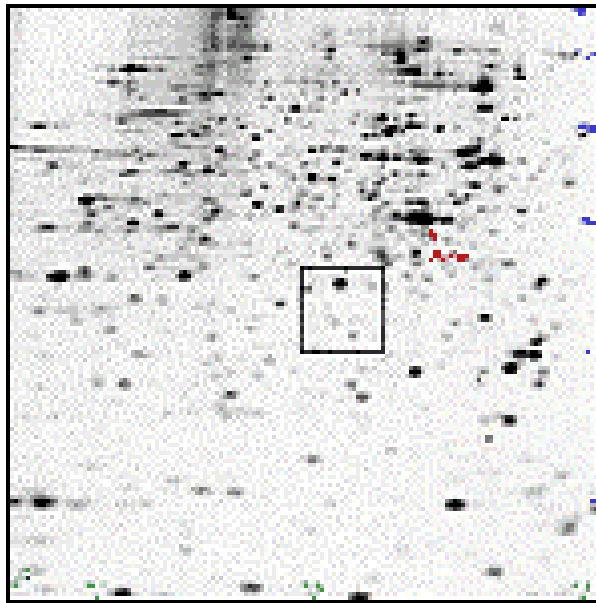
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Separating proteins in two dimensions

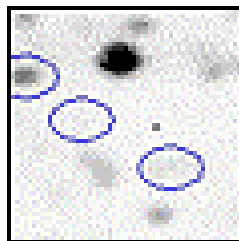
SDS-PAGE



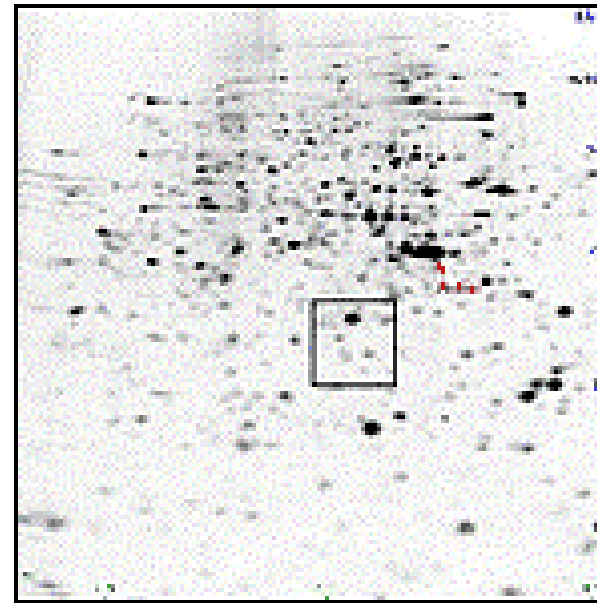
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Full Image



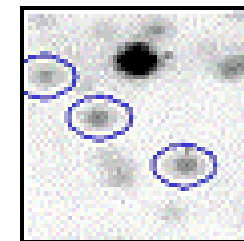
Experimental
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Region Outlined



Experimental Result:
Full Image



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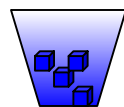
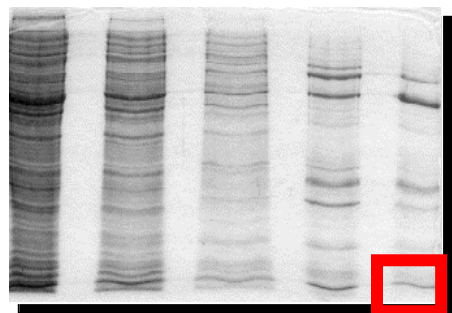


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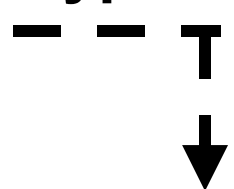
Find this and other 2-D gels at <http://www.expasy.org>

Basic protein mass spectrometry:

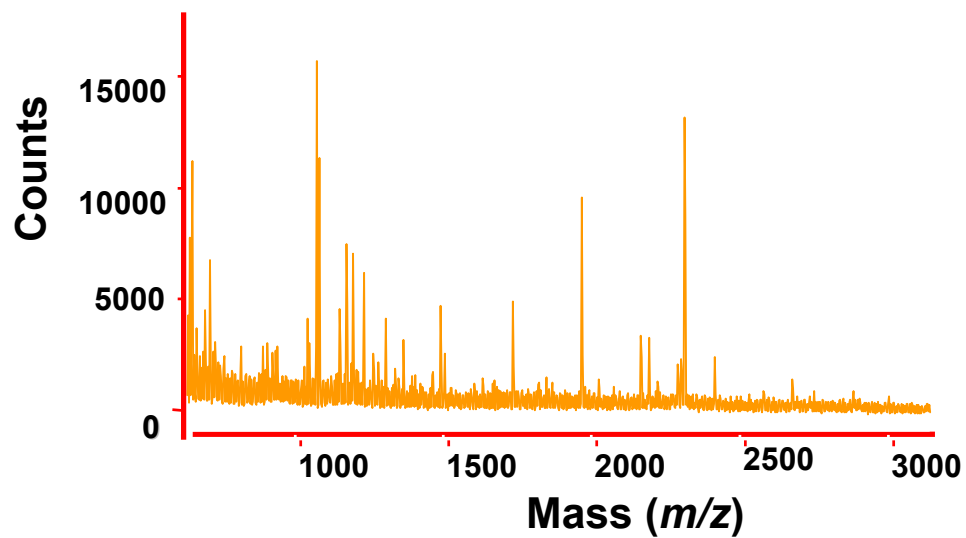
From a band on a gel to a “tryptic peptide fingerprint”



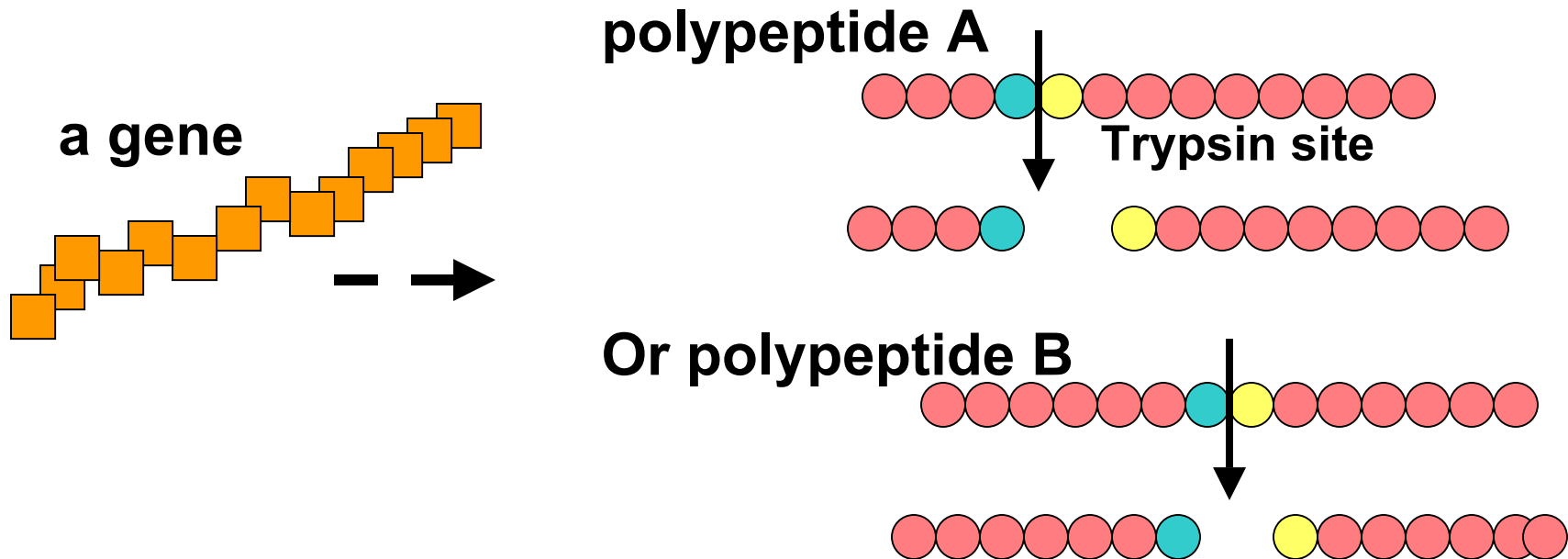
trypsin



MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry



Proteolysis generates sets of peptides that are a “fingerprint” for that polypeptide

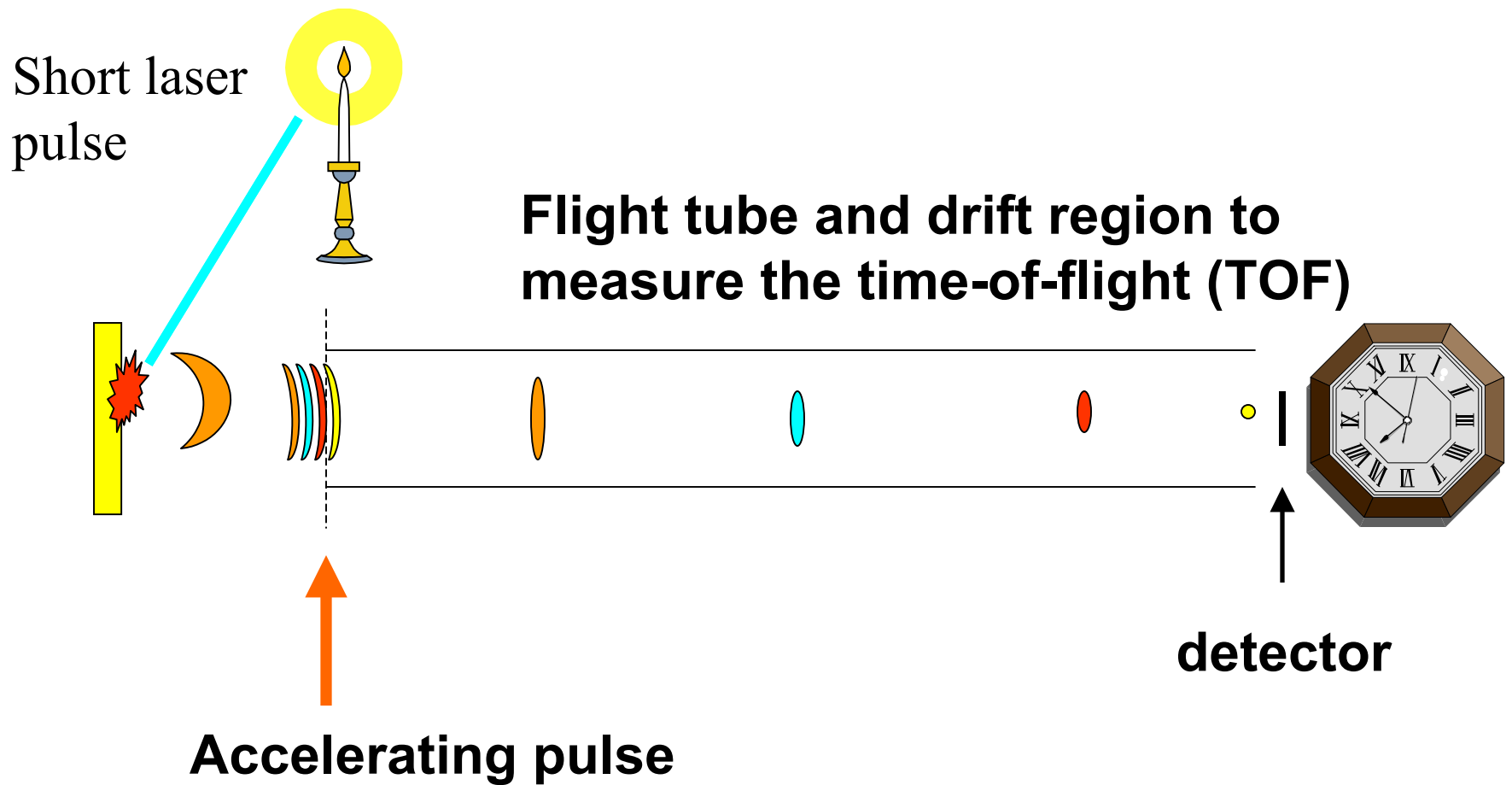


So, polypeptides of identical mass can have nonidentical tryptic “fingerprints.”

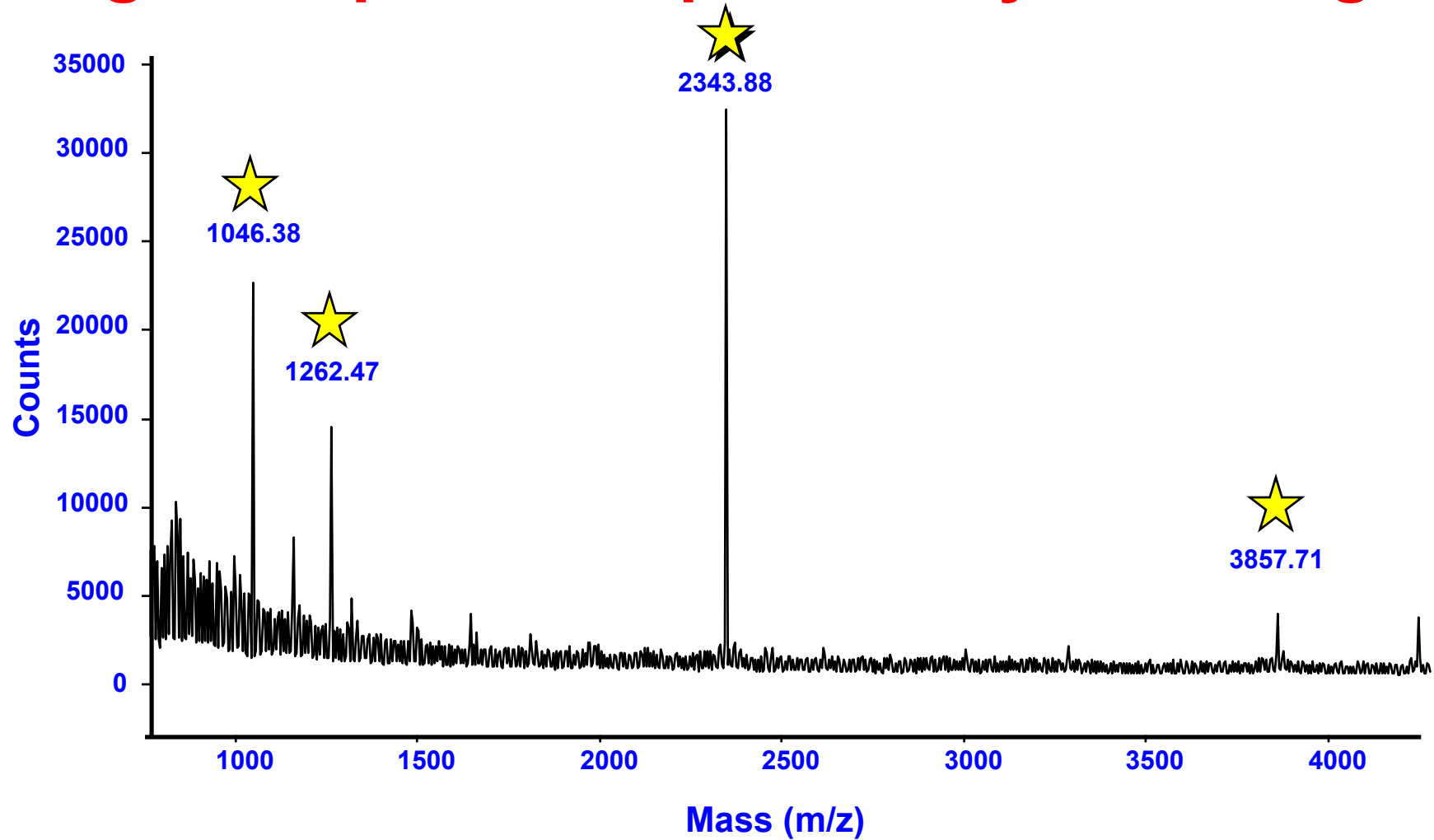
From Proteins to Sequence Tags

- If each protein (average 500 residues) had a cleavage site every 10 residues, then about 1.5-3.0 million peptides describe the expressed products of the human genome
- Each peptide has a molecular weight value that is its individual sequence tag
- Any modification will increase the peptide's molecular weight, e.g., a nitro group adds 45

Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI)



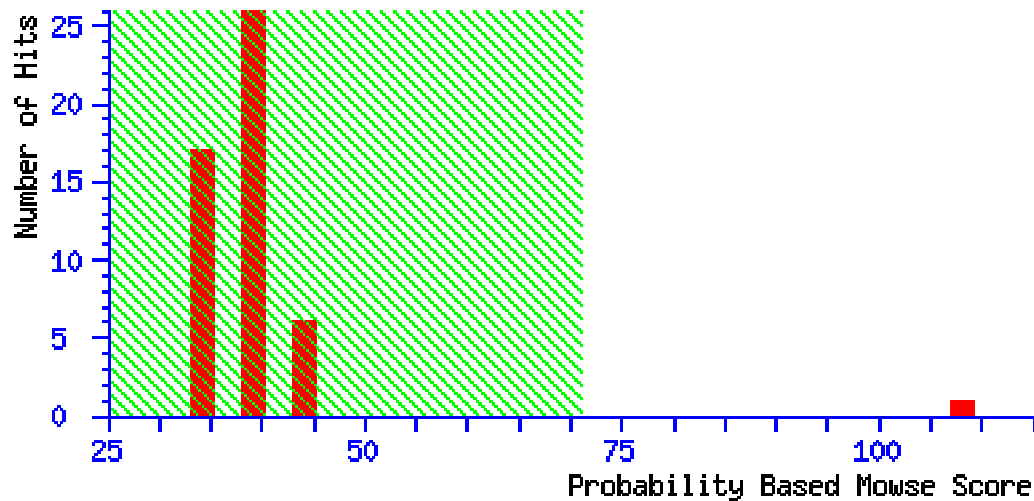
MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of tryptic digest of p22 band purified by 6xHis-tag



Probability Based Mowse Score

Score is $-10 \cdot \log(P)$, where P is the probability that the observed match is a random event.

Protein scores greater than 71 are significant ($p < 0.05$).



Accession	Mass	Score	Description
1. gi 548939	20840	108	FKBP-TYPE PEPTIDYL-PROLYL CIS-TRANS ISOMERASE SLYD (PPIASE) (ROTAMA
2. gi 13384624	46931	45	myocyte enhancer factor 2C [Mus musculus]
3. gi 5257384	43424	44	(AF137308) phytochrome B [Lolium perenne]
4. gi 4505147	50305	44	MADS box transcription enhancer factor 2, polypeptide C (myocyte enhan
5. gi 1515365	44552	43	(U52596) nucleocapsid protein [Avian infectious bronchitis virus]
6. gi 6093850	49443	42	PRESENILIN 2 (PS-2)
7. gi 15225198	47999	42	hypothetical protein [Arabidopsis thaliana]
8. gi 113854	58376	41	NITROGENASE IRON-IRON PROTEIN ALPHA CHAIN (NITROGENASE COMPONENT I)
9. gi 13928425	13831	40	(AB040419) envelope protein [Bovine immunodeficiency virus]
10. gi 4389228	56064	40	Chain Z, Crystal Structure Of The Complex Between Escherichia Coli Glycerol

E. coli: FKBP-TYPE PEPTIDYL-PROLYL CIS-TRANS ISOMERASE

Nominal mass of protein (Mr): 20840

1 MKVAKDLVVS LAYQVRTEDG VLVDESPVSA PLDYLHGHGS
41 LISGLETALE GHEVGDKFDV AVGANDAYGQ YDENLVQRVP
81 KDVFIMGVDEL QVGMFLAET DQGPVPVEIT AVEDDHVVVD
121 GNHMLAGQNL KFNVEVVAIR EATEEELAHG HVHGAHDHHH
161 DHDHDGCCGG HGHDHGHEHG GEGCCGGKGN GGCGCH

Tryptic fragments detected by MALDI-TOF-MS

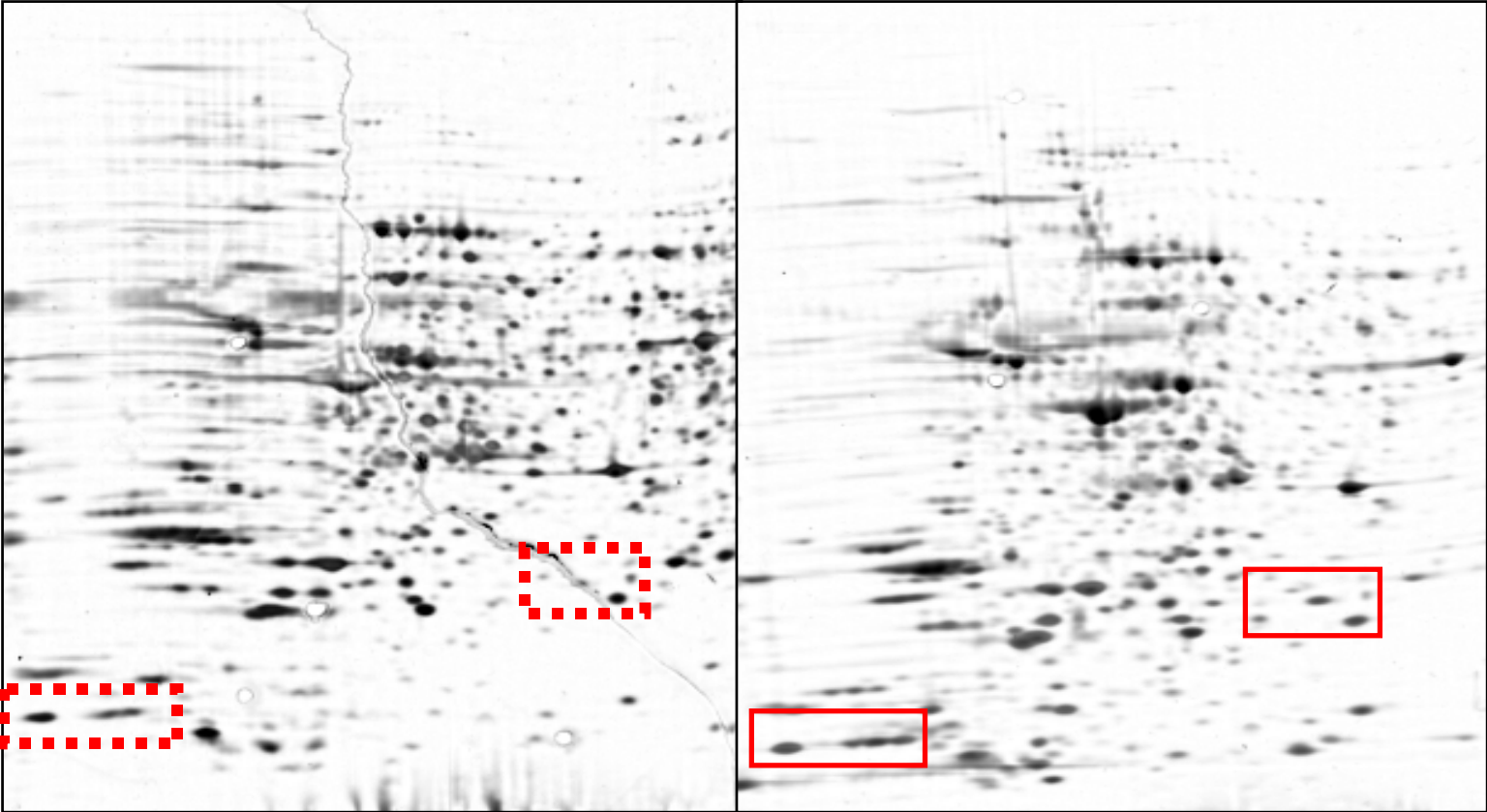
132-140 FNVEVVAIR

6- 16 DLVVSLAYQVR

58- 78 FDVAVGANDAYGQYDENLVQR

96-131 FLAETDQGPVPVEITAVEDDHVVVDGNHMLAGQNLK

Silver-stain detection of soy-induced protein changes in brain proteins

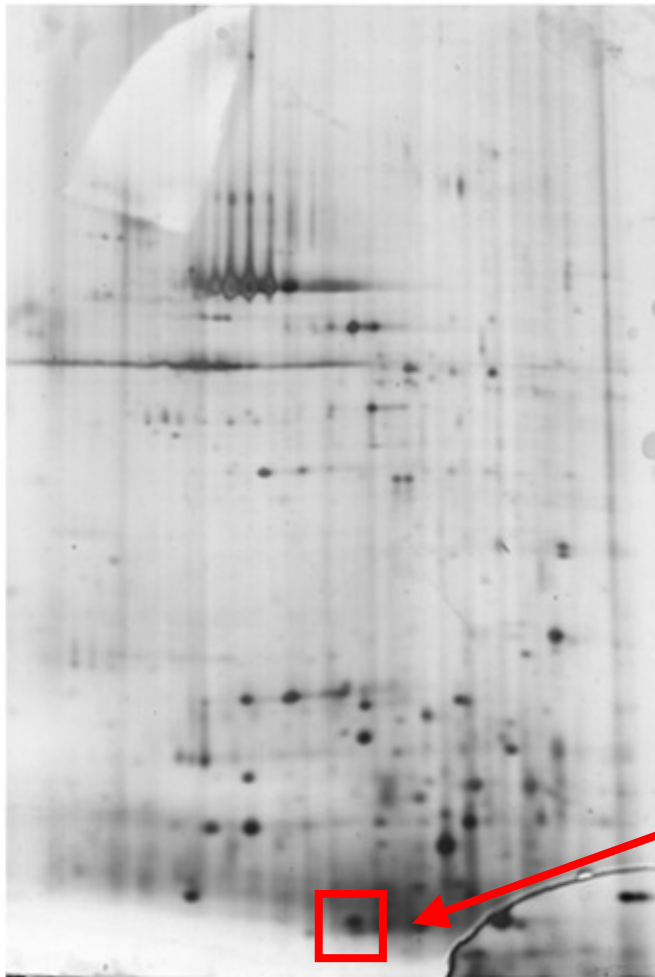


Soy + isoflavones

Soy - isoflavones

Helen Kim

2D-proteomics of HL-60 cells differentiated with DMSO



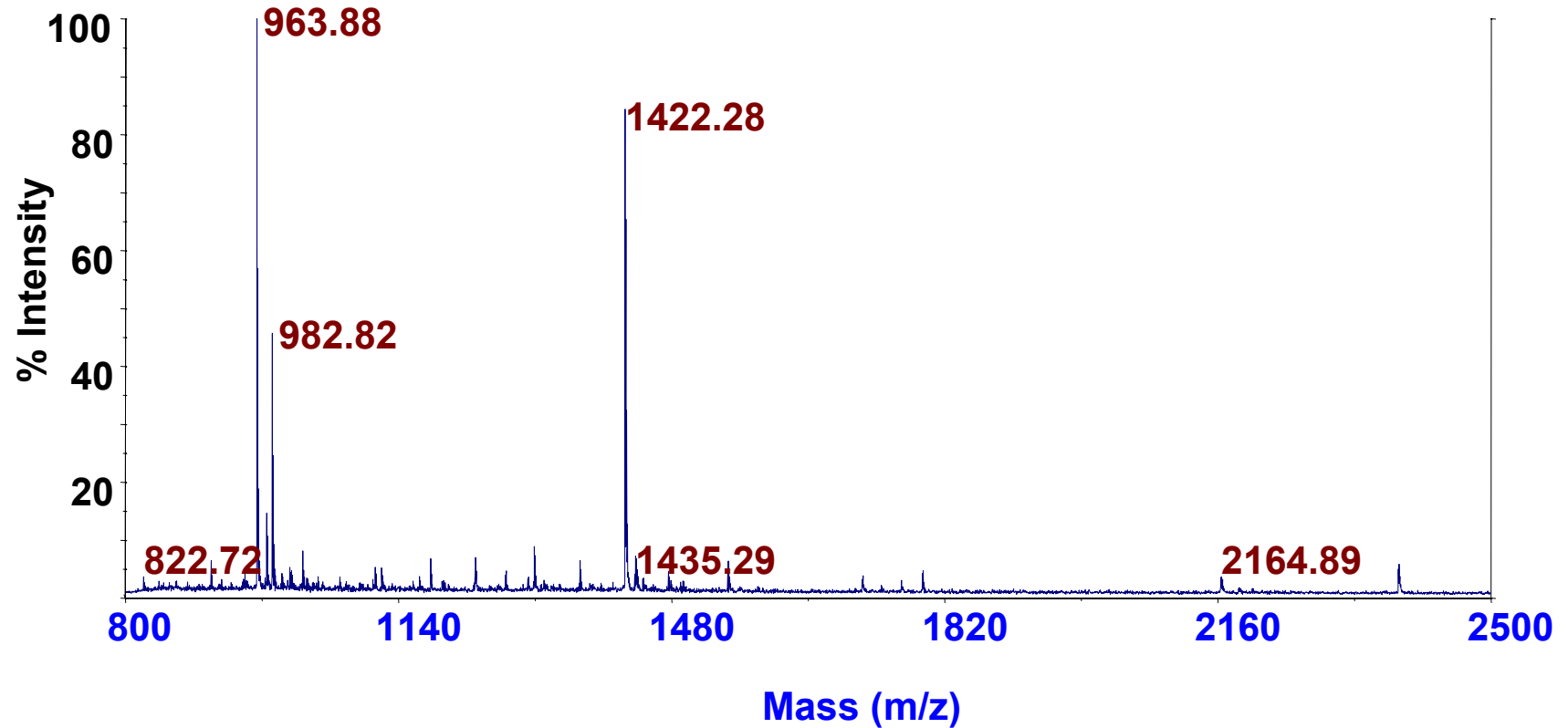
HL-60 cells were treated with DMSO for 7 days, causing their differentiation into a neutrophil phenotype

2D-proteomics analysis revealed spots that both increased and decreased in amount

This spot was absent in control HL-60 cells

Tracy D'Alessandro

MALDI-TOF analysis of trypsinized spot from 2D-analysis of DMSO-differentiated HL-60 cells



DMSO-treated HL-60 cell spot analysis

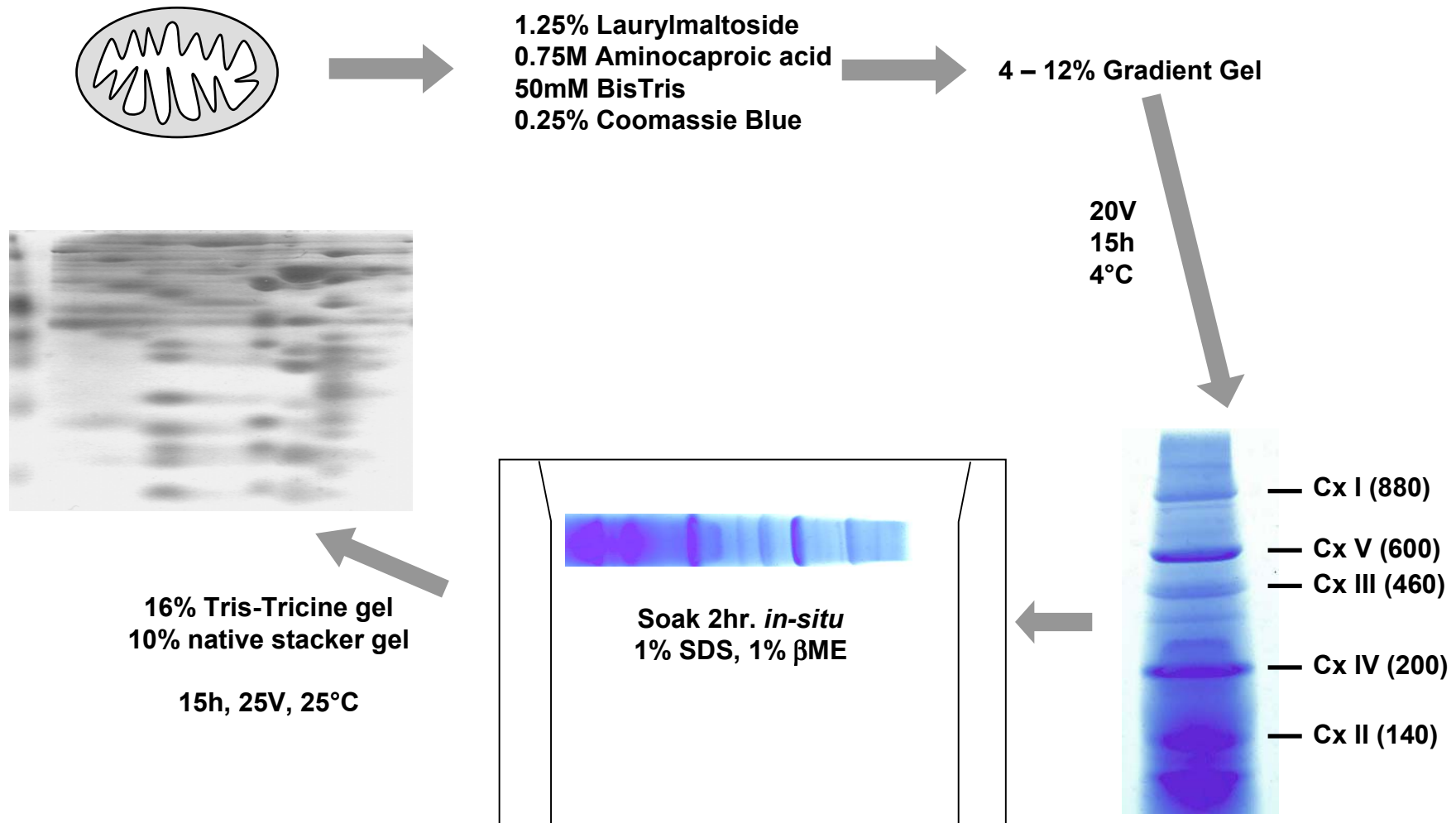
- **DMSO-induced spot was shown to be S-100 (or calgranulin A) - a calcium binding protein**
- **BLAST showed that the sequence of S-100 is shared by migratory inhibitory factor related protein 8**
- **Two of these entries have a pdb entry (4-letter alphanumeric descriptor) - this means there is a molecular structure available**

Problems in all proteomics work

- **Non-stoichiometric recovery from the tissue/cell matrix**
- **Failure of proteins to absorb into or elute from IEF or SDS-PAGE gels, or column packing materials**
- **Non-linear response of the detecting method - coomassie blue, Sypro ruby, silver stain, etc.**

Complexes in lipid membranes

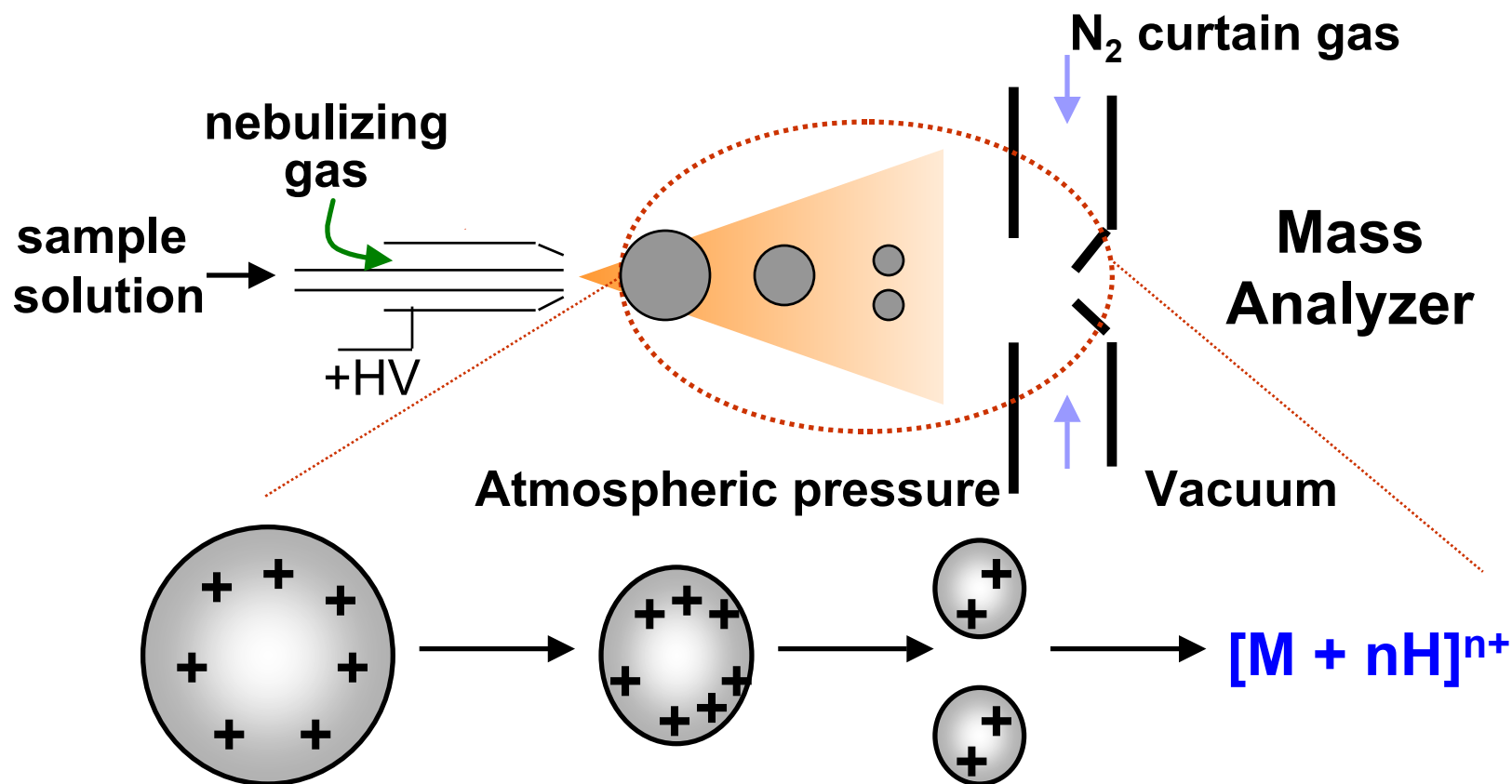
(Paul Brookes, Pathology)



Options in proteomics analysis

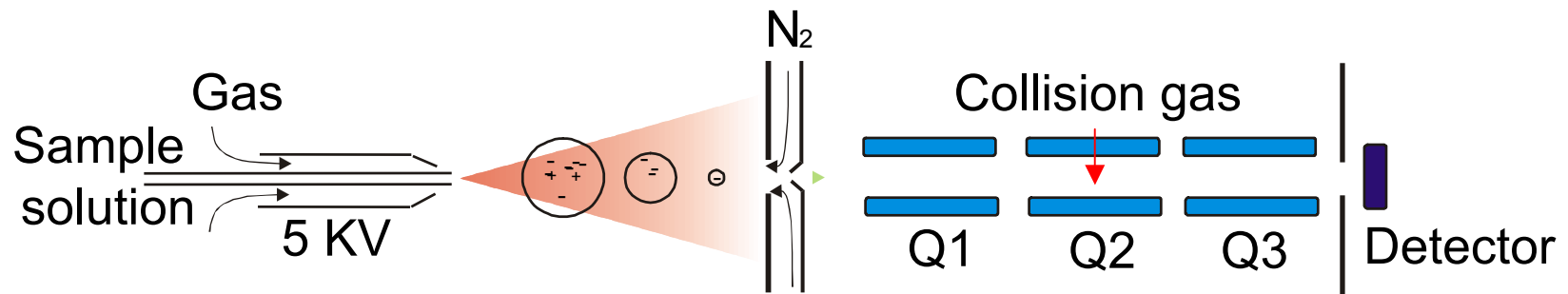
- **Methods for protein separation and identification**
 - *2D-electrophoresis of proteins*
 - Reverse phase nanoLC-MSMS of peptides
 - Ion exchange/reverse phase LC-LC-ESI-MSMS
 - Isotope-coded affinity tagging LC-ESI-MSMS
 - CE- or reverse phase nanoLC/MALDI-TOF-MS
- **Radical methods on the horizon**

Electrospray Ionization (ESI)

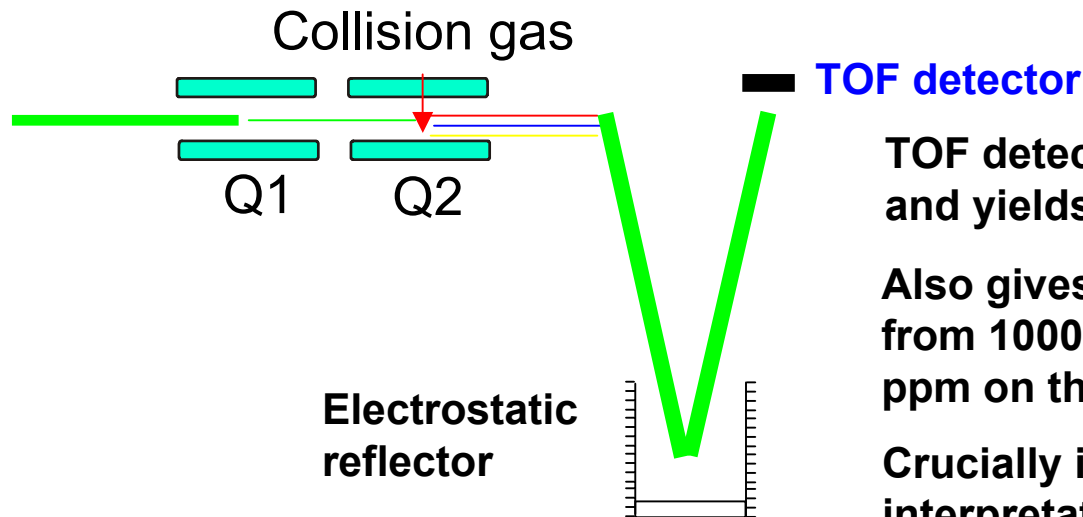


1. Solvent evaporation
2. Coulombic repulsion

Triple quad versus Q-tof and sensitivity



The quadrupole analyzer (Q3) is slow and insensitive - it's a filter - thus throws away large amounts of data



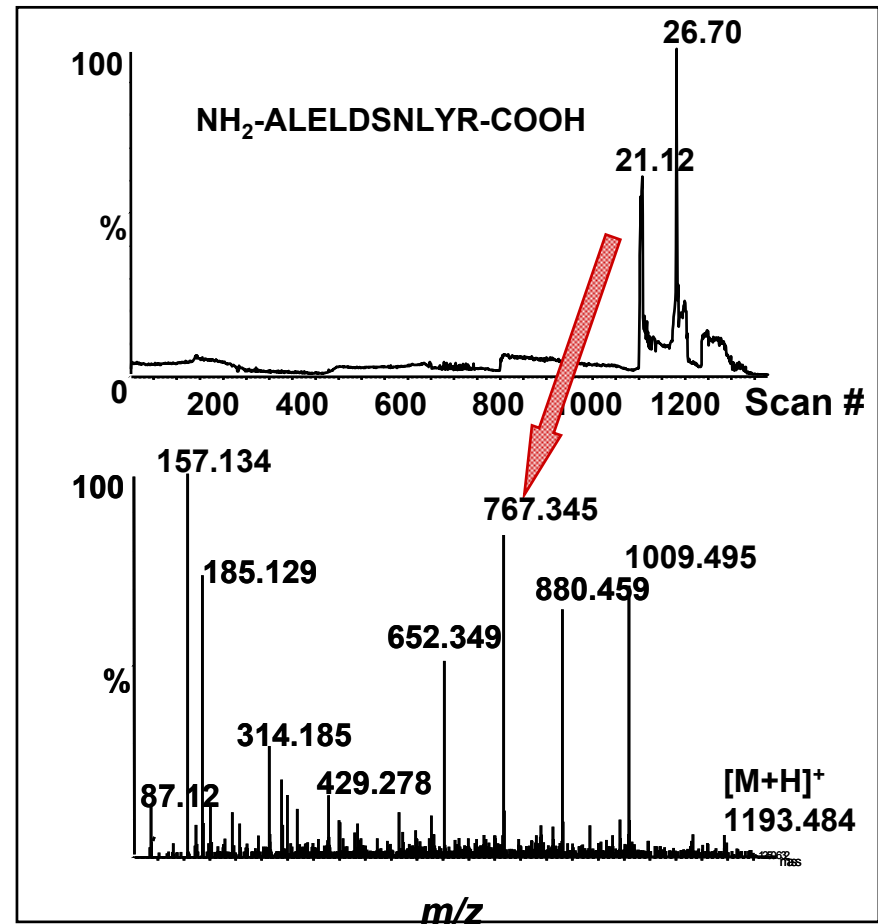
TOF detector collects all ions generated and yields fmol rather than pmol sensitivity

Also gives far greater mass accuracy - from 1000 ppm on the triple quad to 5-10 ppm on the Q-tof

Crucially important for automated interpretation of MS-MS spectra to yield amino acid sequence

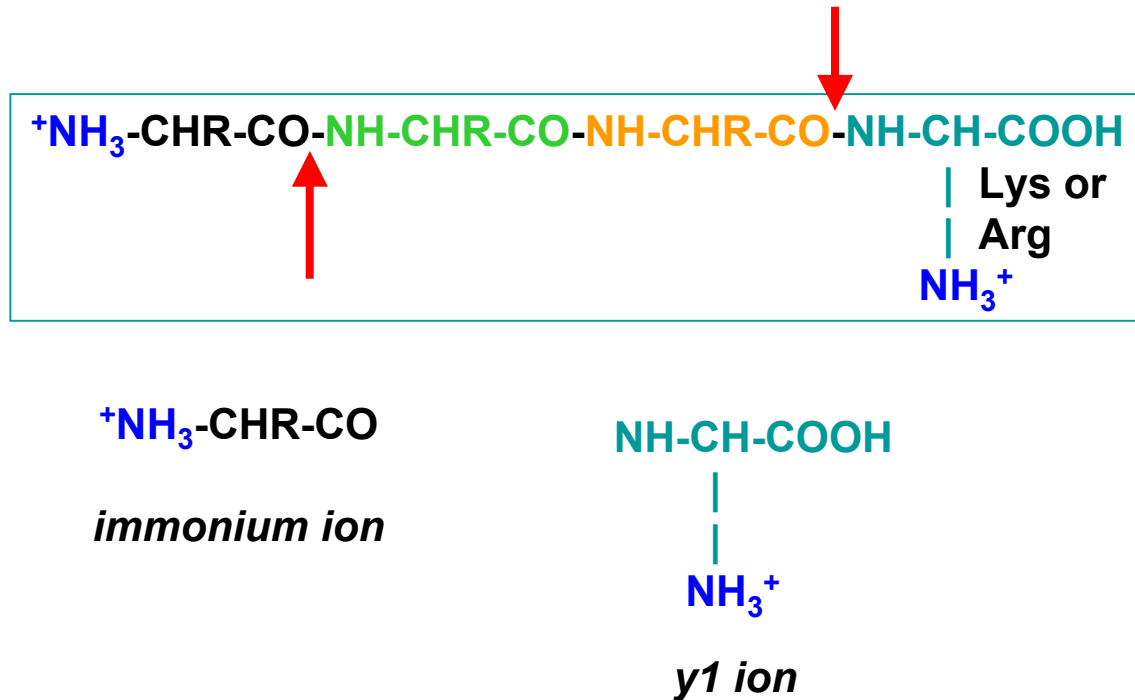
Reverse phase nanoLC-MSMS

- Peptides are separated on an acetonitrile gradient using columns with i.d.s of 0.05-0.30 mm. These operate at 200-2000 nL/min
- Peptides are introduced by electrospray and analyzed on a Qtof. Ions are selected by a quadrupole filter, collision-dissociated and analyzed by time-of-flight (accuracy 5-10 ppm)

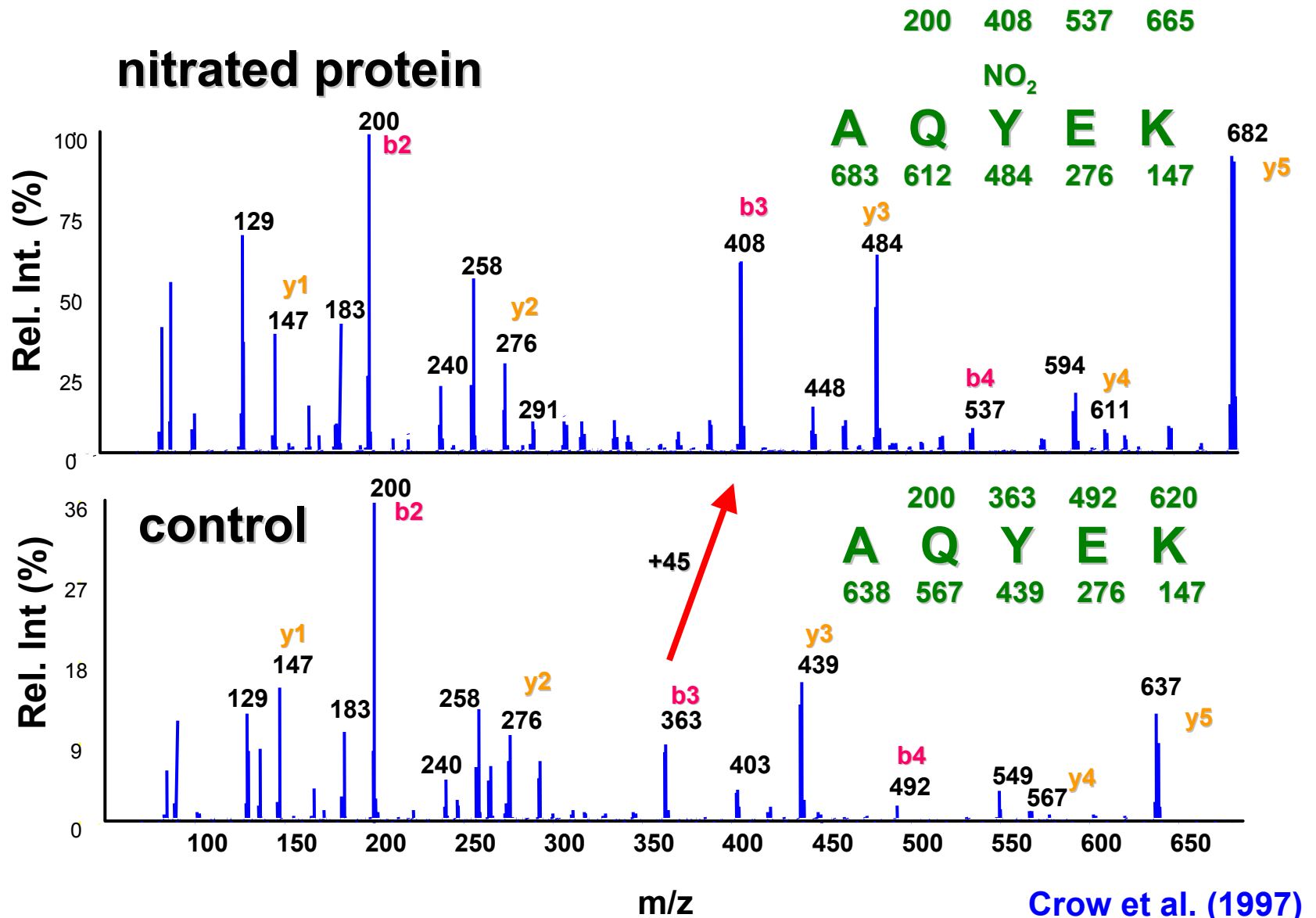


Fragmentation of peptide ions

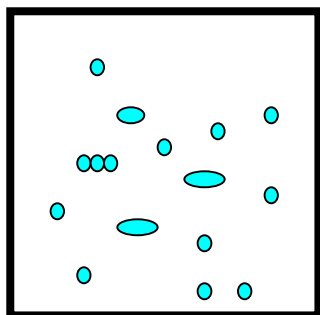
Tryptic peptides are charged at each end



Site-specific nitration of a tyrosine-containing peptide using CID MS-MS spectra

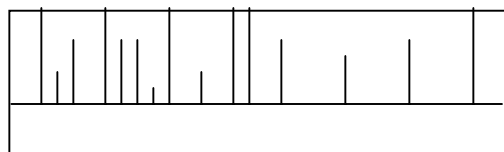


When to use which technology?

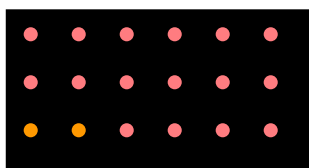


2-D gels (& MS):

- ➔ Available today; *NCRR grant to Helen Kim for robotics*
- ➔ Is the only method that readily indicates posttranslational modifications;
- ➔ *Least high throughput for the whole proteome, but the most informative*

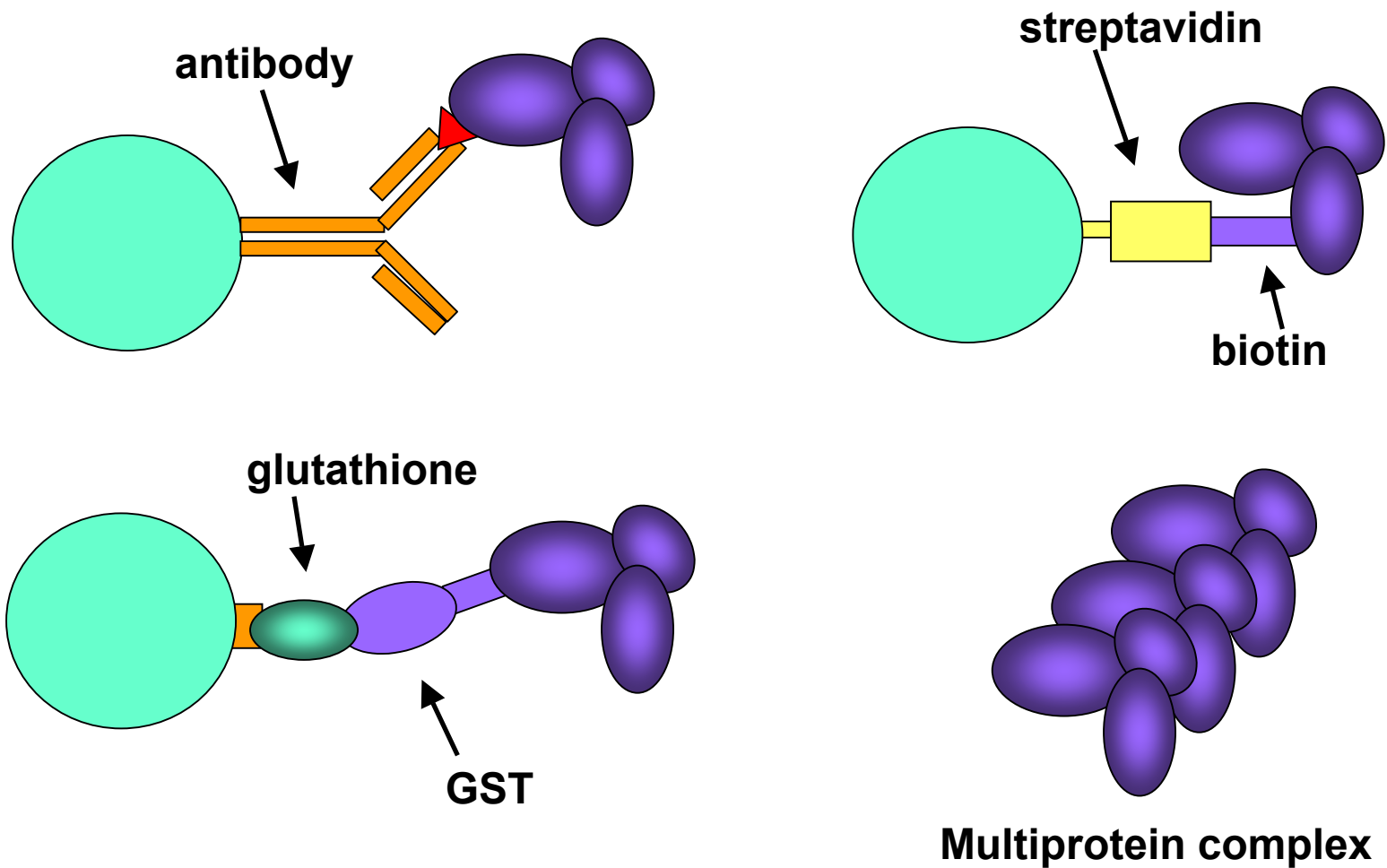


LC/LC-MS/MS: To catalogue a new proteome; **HIGH THROUGHPUT;** possible quantitation - at a price



Protein Chip: To identify all possible targets of a drug, or ligand, or protein; **HIGH THROUGHPUT**

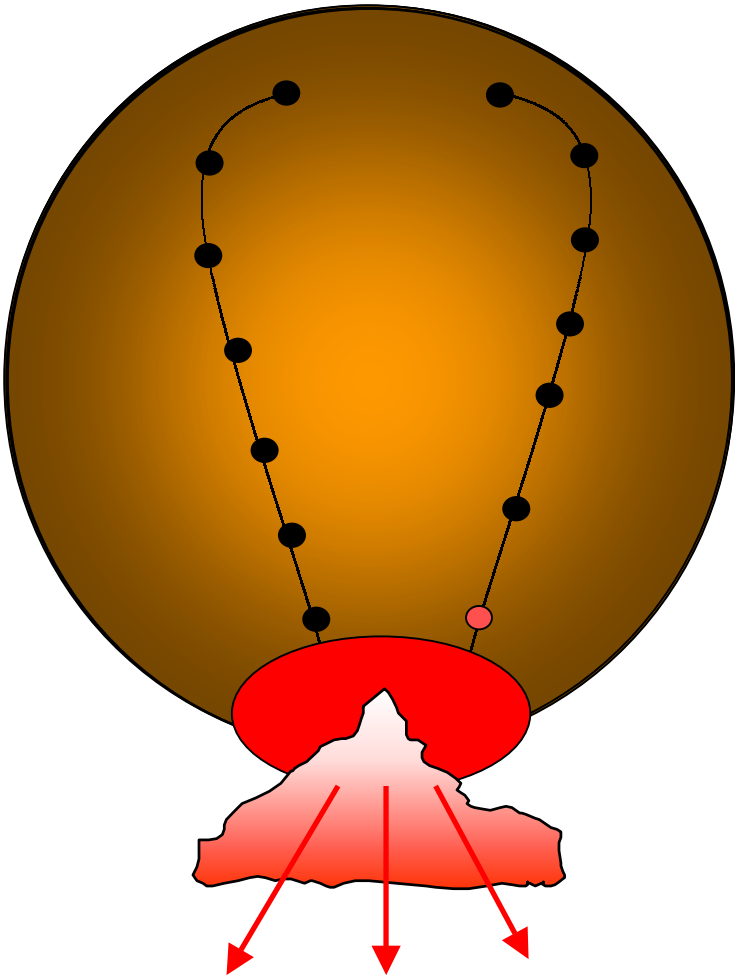
Affinity methods for recovering complexes



Summary

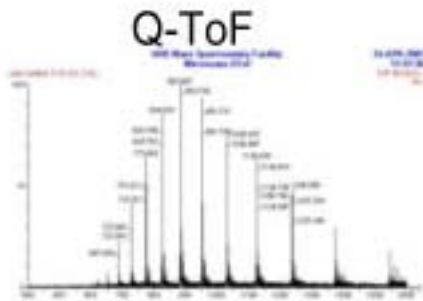
- **Powerful proteomics and bioinformatics tools exist to separate and identify proteins**
- **2D-proteomics and tandem mass spectrometry enables detection of protein modifications**
- **Protein-protein interactions are readily determined, even for membrane-associated complexes**
- **Proteomics has the power to assess where drugs act and where they shouldn't**

Visualization at the whole cell level

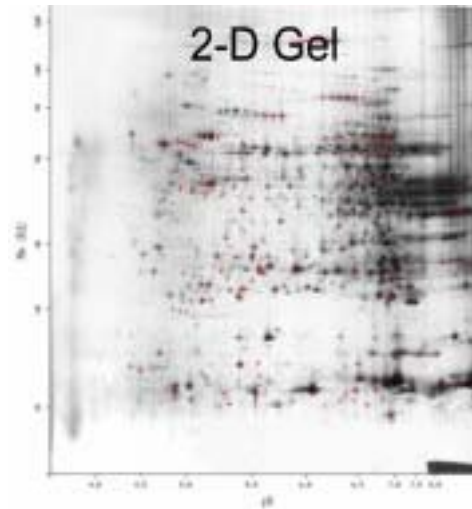


Mass Spectrometry website

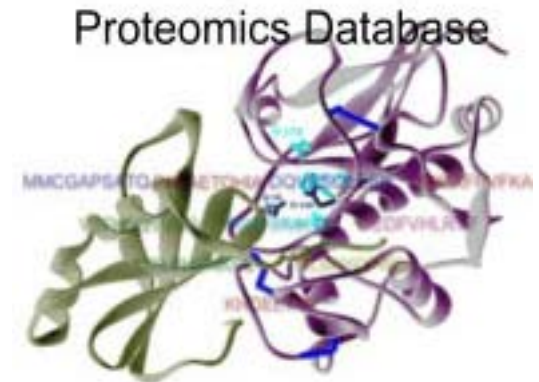
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