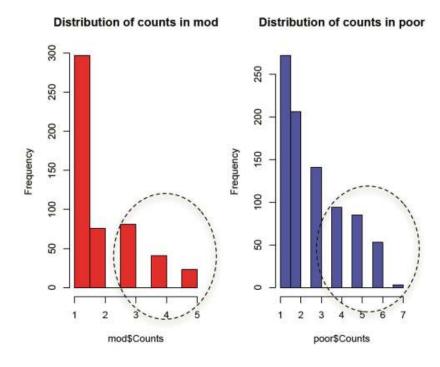
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Delivering more powerful proteomic profile analysis



- Basic proteomic profile
 analysis
- Common issues in proteomic profile analysis
- Improving consistency
 PSP, PDS
- Improving coverage

 CEA, PEP, Max Link

Basic Proteomic Profile Analysis





Typical Proteomic MS Experiment

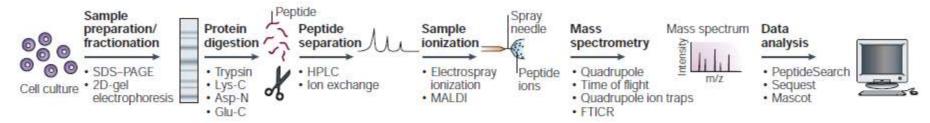


Figure 1 | The mass-spectrometry/proteomic experiment. A protein population is prepared from a biological source — for example, a cell culture — and the last step in protein purification is often SDS–PAGE. The gel lane that is obtained is cut into several slices, which are then in-gel digested. Numerous different enzymes and/or chemicals are available for this step. The generated peptide mixture is separated on- or off-line using single or multiple dimensions of peptide separation. Peptides are then ionized by electrospray ionization (depicted) or matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) and can be analysed by various different mass spectrometers. Finally, the peptide-sequencing data that are obtained from the mass spectra are searched against protein databases using one of a number of database-searching programmes. Examples of the reagents or techniques that can be used at each step of this type of experiment are shown beneath each arrow. 2D, two-dimensional; FTICR, Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance; HPLC, high-performance liquid chromatography.

Source: Steen & Mann. The ABC's and XYZ's of peptide sequencing. *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, 5:699-711, 2004



Diagnosis Using Proteomics

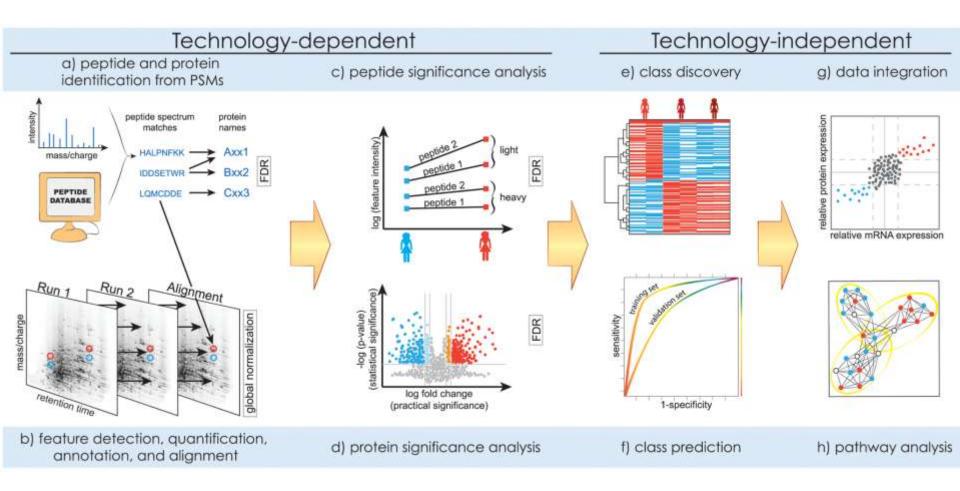
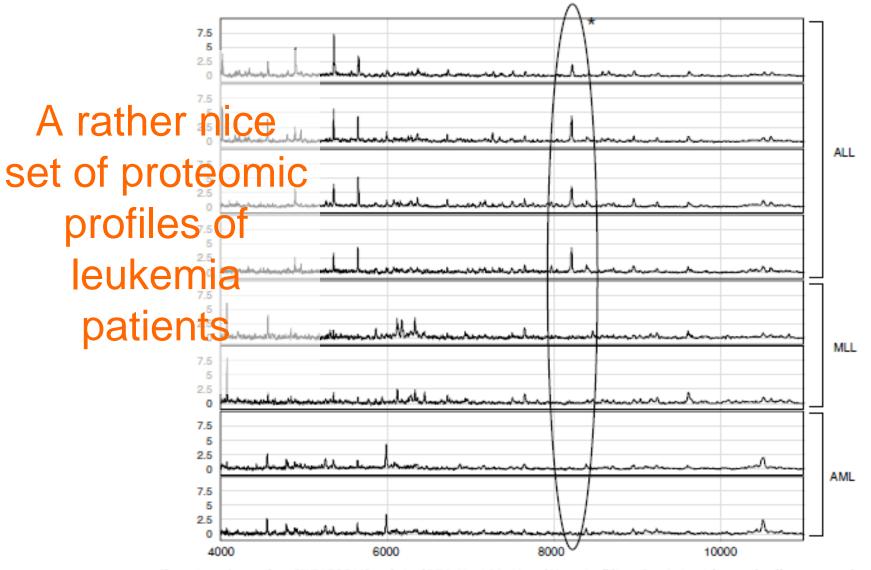
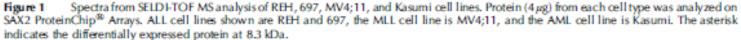


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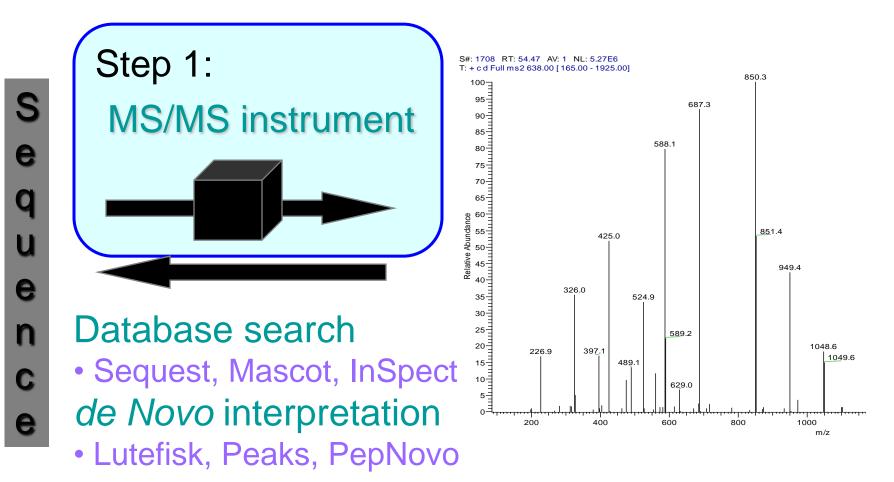




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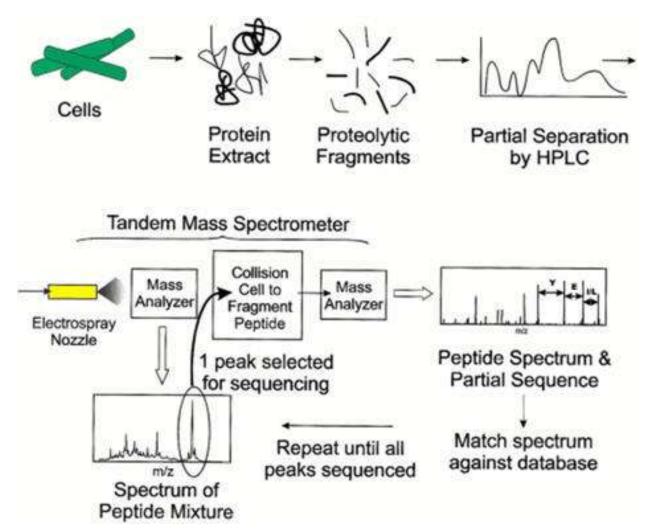


Protein Identification by Mass Spec





Tandem Mass-Spectrometry



Source: Leong Hon Wai

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Breaking Protein into Peptides, and Peptides into Fragment lons

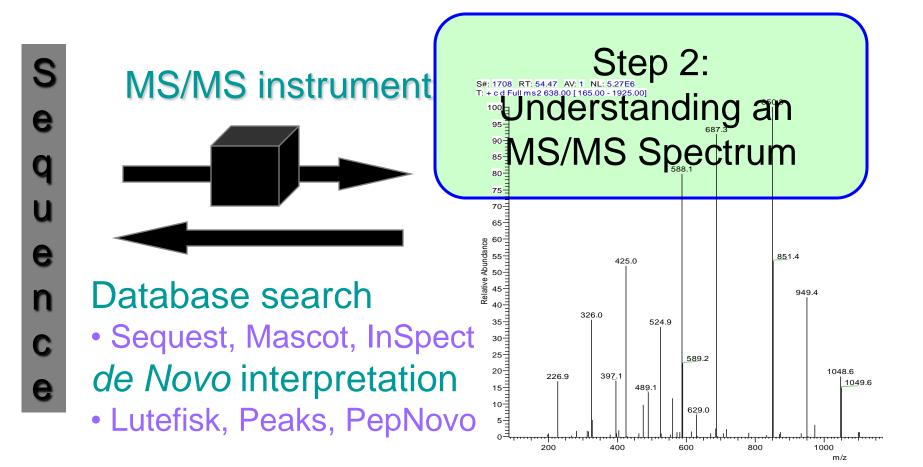
- Proteases, e.g. trypsin, break protein into peptides
- A Tandem Mass Spectrometer further breaks the peptides down into fragment ions and measures the mass of each piece
- Mass Spectrometer accelerates the fragmented ions; heavier ions accelerate slower than lighter ones
- Mass Spectrometer measures mass/charge ratio
 of an ion



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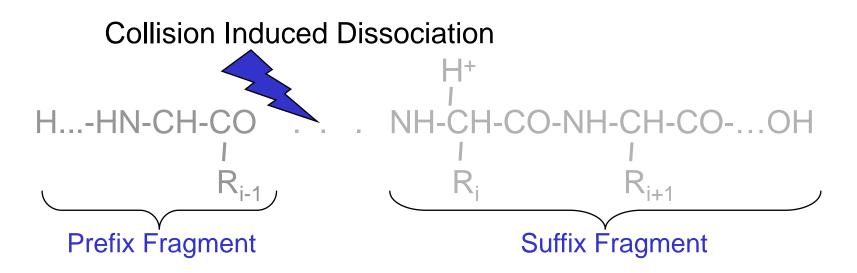
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Peptide Identification by Mass Spee





Peptide Fragmentation



- Peptides tend to fragment along the backbone
- Fragments can also loose neutral chemical groups like NH₃ and H₂O

Bafna & Edwards. "On de novo interpretation of tandem mass spectra for peptide identification". RECOMB 2003, pp. 9-18



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Peptide Fragmentation

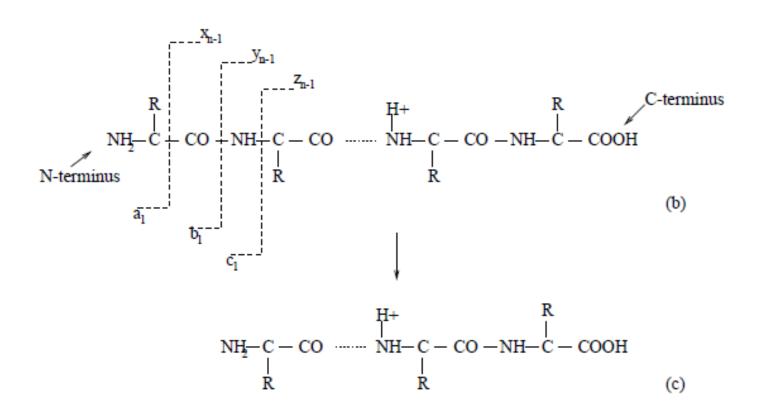
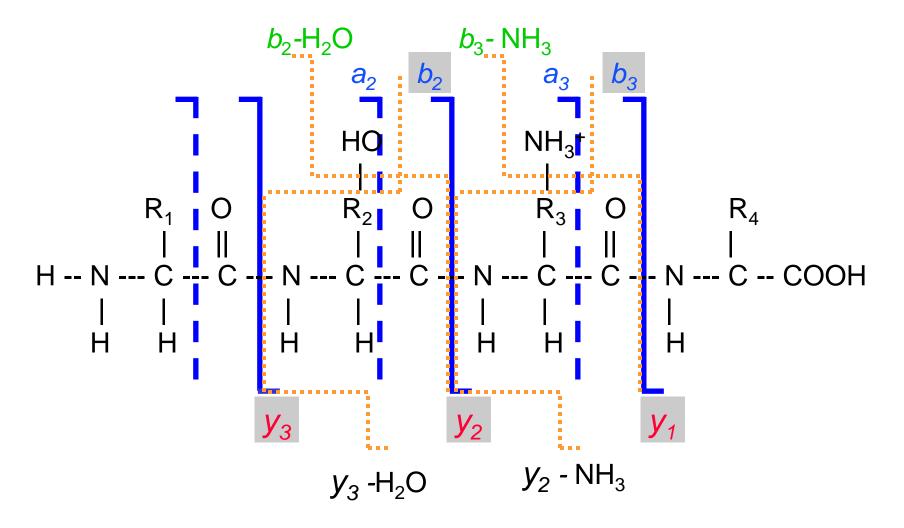
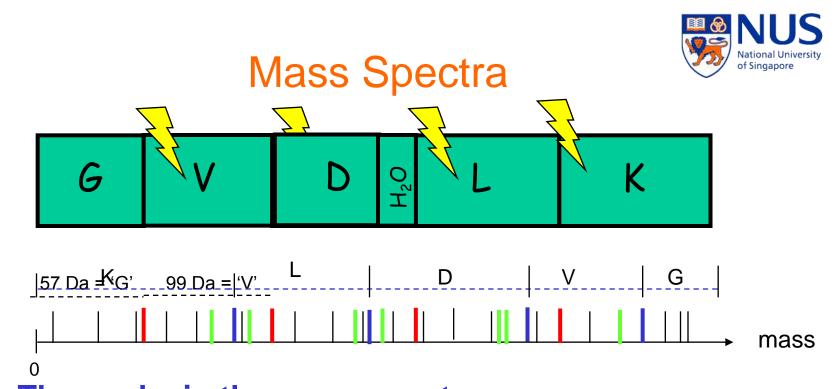


Figure 1: (a) The structure of an amino-acid. (b) An ionized peptide. (c) y_{n-1}^+ ion



... and fragments due to neutral losses





- The peaks in the mass spectrum:
 - Prefix and Suffix Fragments
 - Fragments with neutral losses (-H₂O, -NH₃)
 - Noise and missing peaks

Source: Leong Hon Wai

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Example MS/MS Spectrum

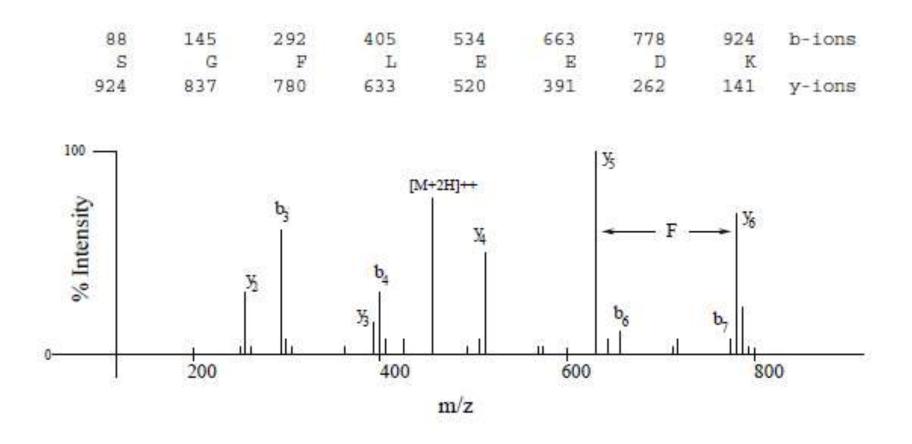
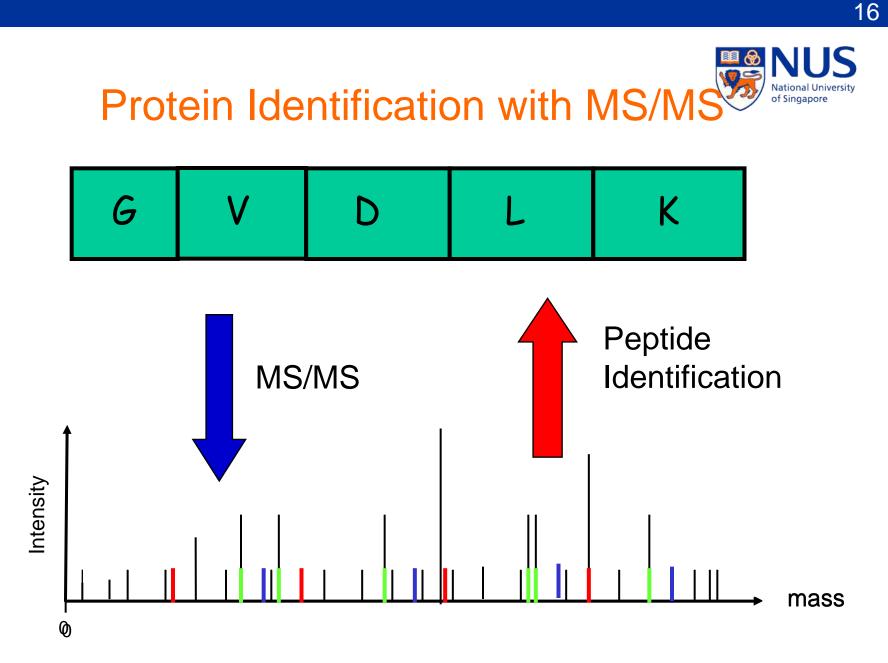
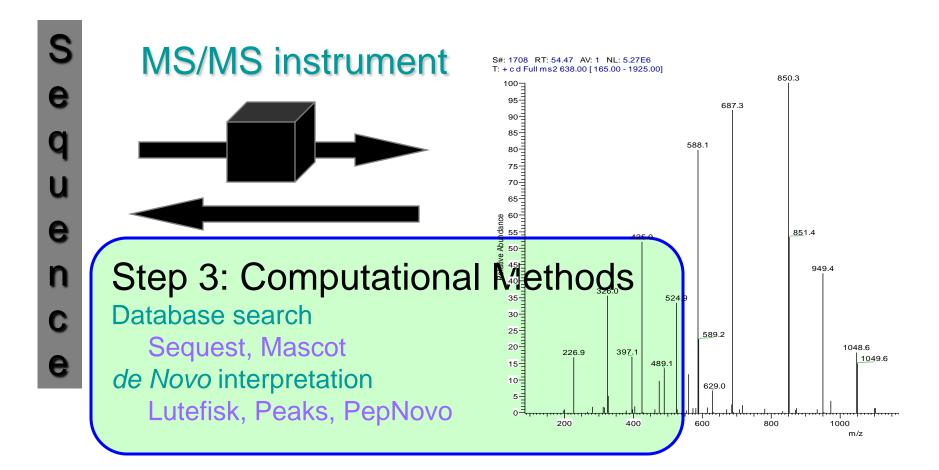


Figure 2: MS/MS spectrum for peptide SGFLEEDK.





Peptide Identification by Mass





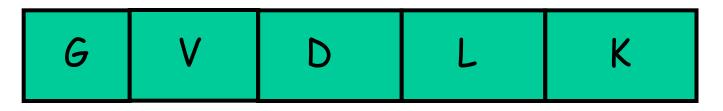
Database Search Algorithms

- Database search
 - Used for spectrum from known peptides
 - Rely on completeness of database
- General Approach
 - Match given spectrum with known peptide
 - Enhanced with advanced statistical analysis and complex scoring functions
- Methods
 - SEQUEST, MASCOT, InsPecT, Paragon

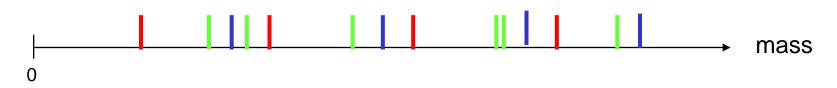


Theoretical Spectrum for a Peptide

• Given this peptide



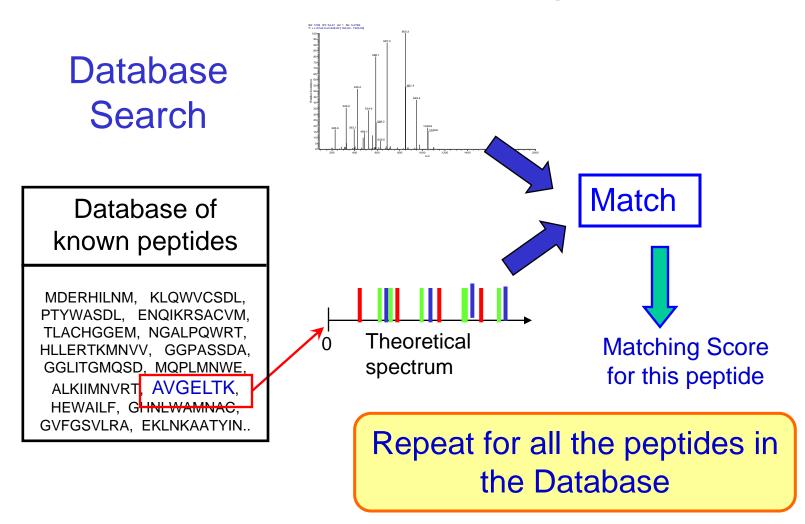
Its theoretical spectrum is



- Theoretical spectrum is dependent on
 - Set of ion-types considered
 - Larger if multi-charge ions are considered



Database Search Algorithm

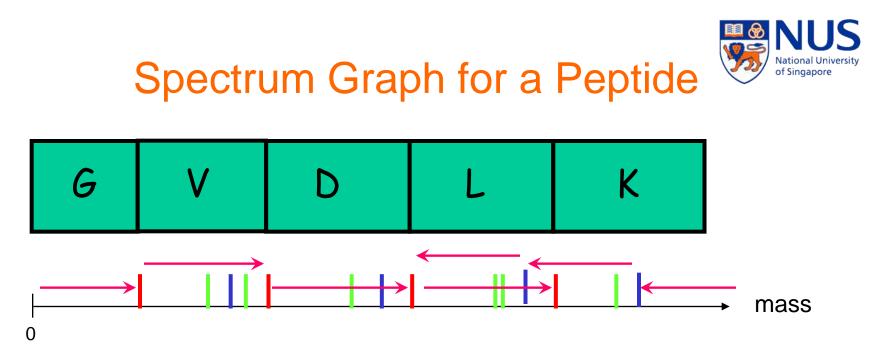


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De Novo Sequencing Algorithms

- Given a spectrum
 - Build a spectrum graph
 - Peptides are paths in this graph
 - Find the best path



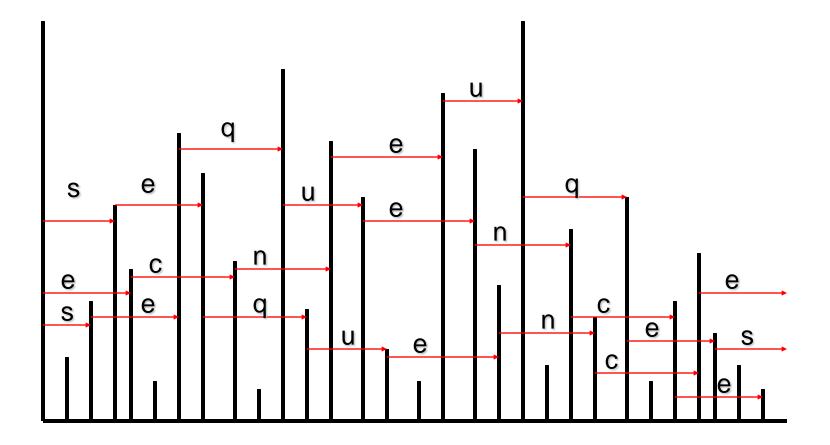
- Connect peaks together
 - If their mass difference = mass of an amino acid
- Theoretical spectrum is dependent on
 - Set of ion-types considered
 - Larger if multi-charge ions are considered

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Building a Graph from a Spectrum?



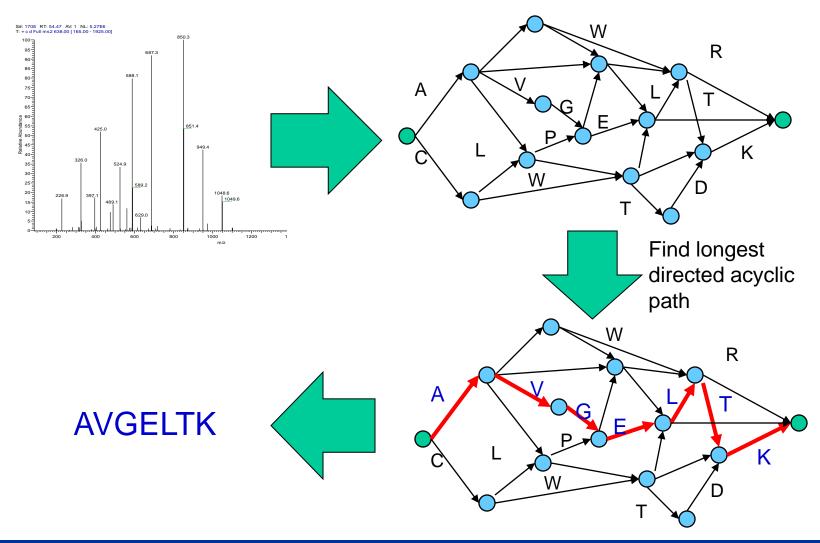
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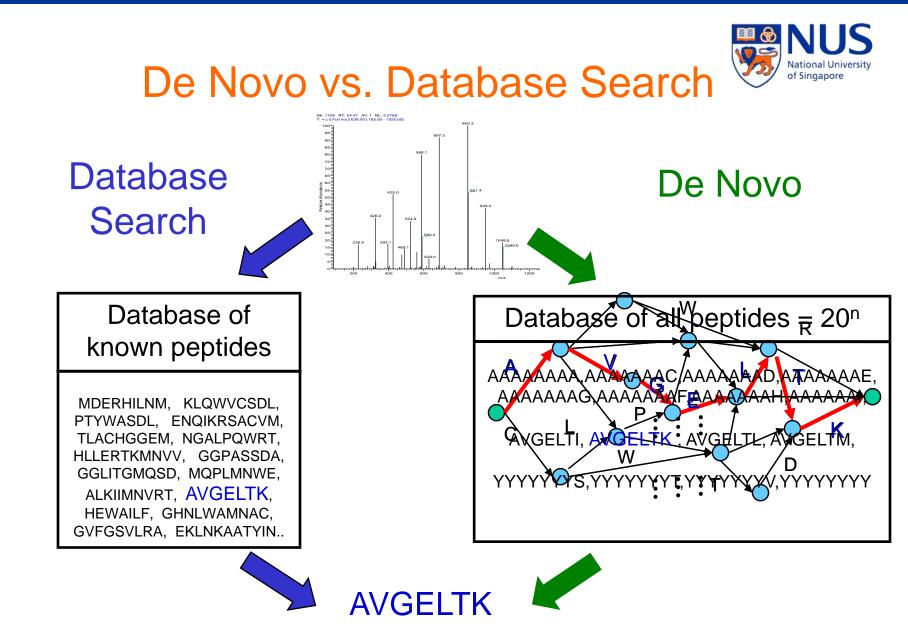


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De Novo Sequencing Algorithms[®]



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De Novo vs. Database Search: A Paradox

- The database of all peptides is huge $\approx O(20^n)$
- The database of all known peptides is much smaller ≈ O(10⁸)
- However, de novo algorithms can be much faster, even though their search space is much larger!
 - A database search scans all peptides in the search space to find best one
 - De novo eliminates the need to scan all peptides by modeling the problem as a graph search



Protein Identification

- After all the peptides have been identified, they
 are grouped into protein identifications
- Peptide scores are added up to yield protein scores
- Confidence of a particular peptide identification increases if other peptides identify the same protein and decreases if no other peptides do so
- Protein identifications based on single peptides should only be allowed in exceptional cases

Source: Steen & Mann. The ABC's and XYZ's of peptide sequencing. *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, 5:699-711, 2004

Cf. Gene Expression Profile Analysis

- Once the proteins are identified, the proteomic profile of a sample can be constructed
 - I.e., which protein is found in the sample and how abundant it is
- Similar to gene expression profile. So gene expression profile analysis techs can be applied
- Some key differences
 - Proteomic profile has much fewer features
 - Proteomic profiling study has much fewer samples

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Common Issues in Proteomic Profile Analysis





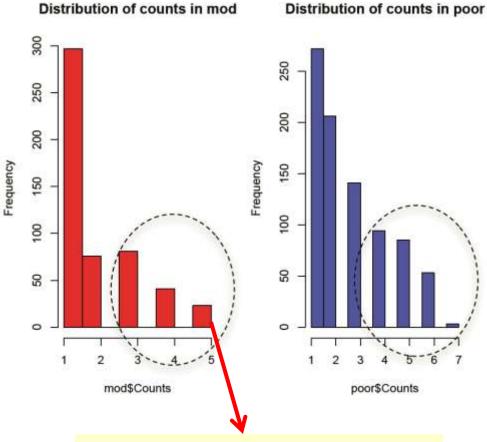
Peptide & protein identification by MS is still far from perfect

 "... peptides with low scores are, nevertheless, often correct, so manual validation of such hits can often 'rescue' the identification of important proteins."

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Typical frequency distribution of proteins detected in proteomic profiles



Only 25 out of 800+ proteins are common to all 5 mod-stage HCC patients!

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Issues in Proteomic Profiling

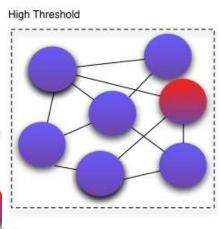


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- Coverage
- Consistency

\Rightarrow Thresholding

- Somewhat arbitrary
- Potentially wasteful
 - By raising threshold, some info disappears



Low Threshold Patient 1 Patient 2 Patient 3 Moderate Threshold Detected protein Present but undetected protein

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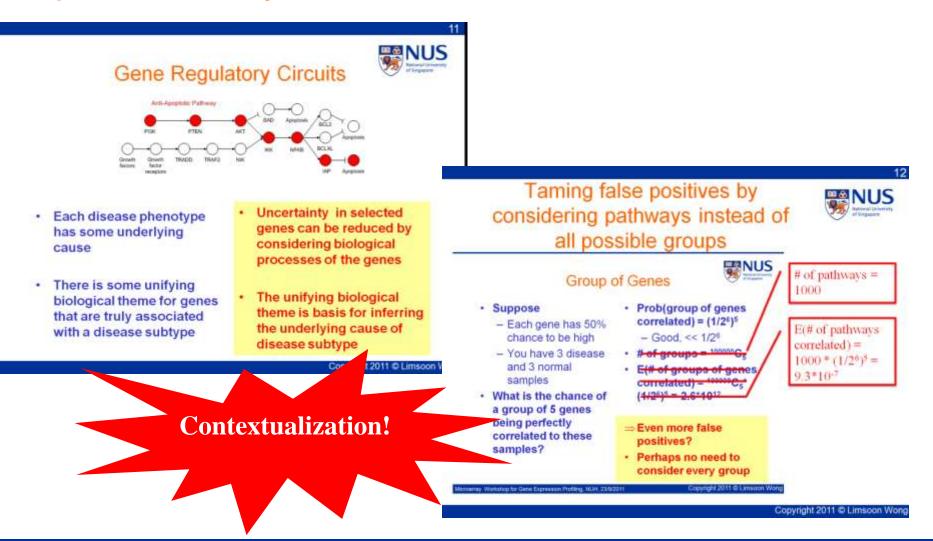
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Improving Consistency in Proteomic Profile Analysis





An inspiration from gene expression profile analysis

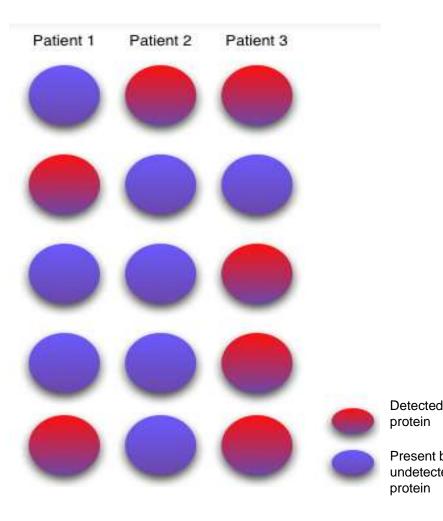


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Intuitive Example

Present but undetected

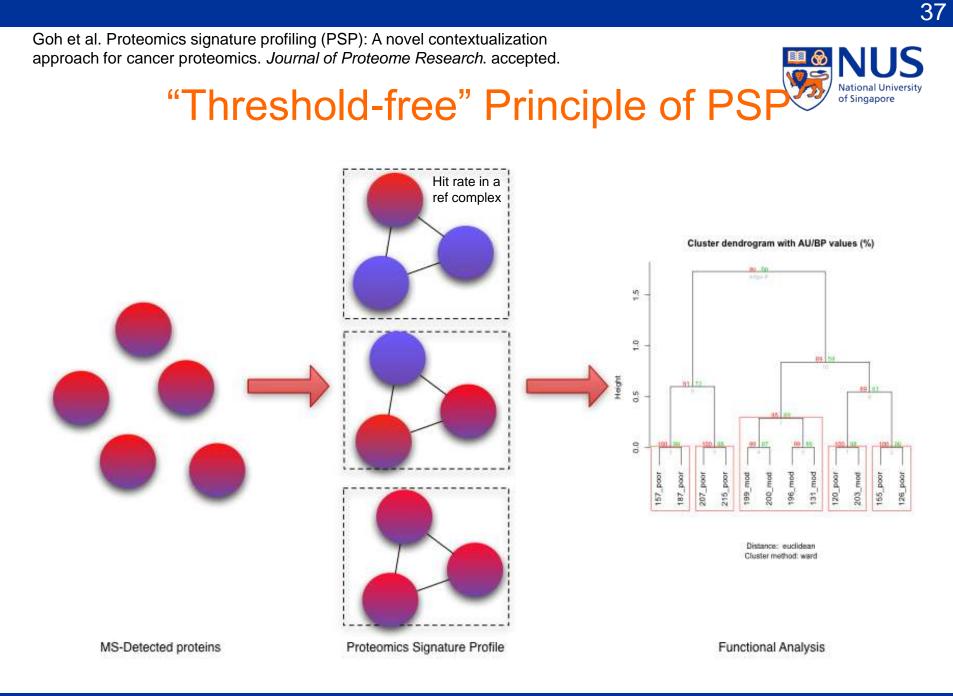


- Suppose the failure to form a protein complex causes a disease
 - If any component protein is missing, the complex can't form
- ⇒ Diff patients suffering from the disease can have a diff protein component missing
 - Construct a profile based on complexes?



We try an adaptation of SNet on proteomics profiles...

"Proteomic Signature Profiling" (PSP)



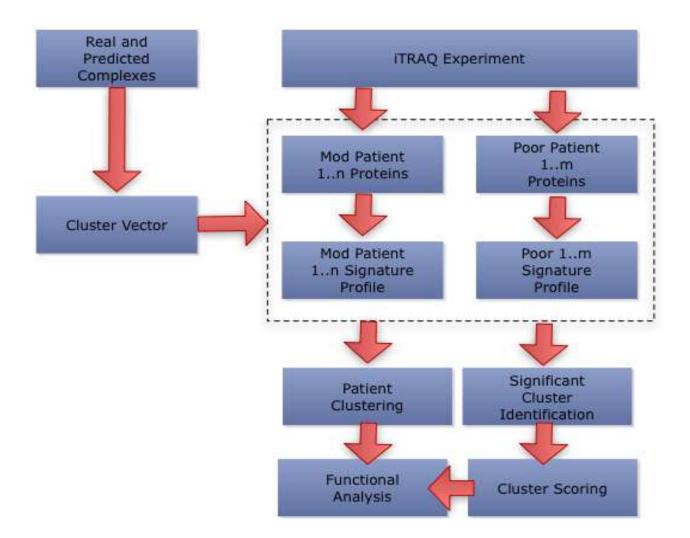
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Applying PSP to a HCC Dataset



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Consistency: Samples segregate by their classes with high confidence

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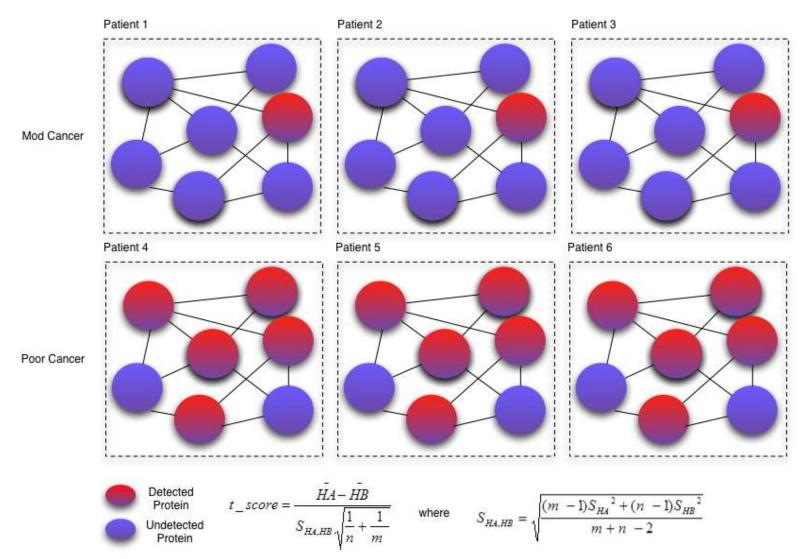
Cluster dendrogram with AU/BP values (%)

Distance: euclidean Cluster method: ward Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. accepted

Feature Selection



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Top-Ranked Complexes

Cluster_ID	p_val	mod_score	poor_score	cluster_name
5179	0.000300541	0.513951977	3.159758312	
5235	0.000300541	0.513951977	3.159758312	WRN-Ku70-Ku80-PARP1 complex
1193	0.000300541	0.513951977	3.159758312	Rap1 complex
159	0	0	2.810927655	Condensin I-PARP-1- XRCC1 complex
				ESR1-CDK7-CCNH- MNAT1-MTA1-HDAC2
2657	0.008815869	0	2.55616281	complex
3067	0.00911641	0	2.55616281	RNA polymerase II complex, incomplete (CDK8 complex), chromatin structure modifying
1226	0.013323983	0.715352108	2.420592827	H2AX complex I
5176	0	0.513951977	2.339059313	MGC1-DNA-PKcs-Ku complex
1189	0	0.513951977	2.339059313	DNA double-strand break end-joining complex
5251	0	0.513951977	2.339059313	Ku-ORC complex
2766	0	0.513951977	2.339059313	TERF2-RAP1 complex

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Top-Ranked GO Terms

GO ID	Description	No. of clusters
GO:0016032	viral reproduction	36
GO:0000398	nuclear mRNA splicing, via spliceosome	34
GO:0000278	mitotic cell cycle	28
GO:000084	S phase of mitotic cell cycle	28
GO:0006366	transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter	26
GO:0006283	transcription-coupled nucleotide-excision repair	22
GO:0006369	termination of RNA polymerase II transcription	22
GO:0006284	base-excision repair	21
GO:000086	G2/M transition of mitotic cell cycle	21
GO:0000079	regulation of cyclin-dependent protein kinase activity	20
GO:0010833	telomere maintenance via telomere lengthening	20
GO:0033044	regulation of chromosome organization	19
GO:0006200	ATP catabolic process	18
GO:0042475	odontogenesis of dentine-containing tooth	18
GO:0034138	toll-like receptor 3 signaling pathway	17
GO:0006915	apoptosis	17
GO:0006271	DNA strand elongation involved in DNA replication	17



A Shortcoming of PSP

- Protein complex databases are still relatively small & incomplete...
- ⇒ Augment the set of protein complexes by protein clusters predicted from PPI networks!
- Many protein complex prediction methods
 - CFinder, Adamcsek et al. *Bioinformatics*, 22:1021--1023, 2006
 - CMC, Liu et al. *Bioinformatics*, 25:1891--1897, 2009
 - CFA, Habibi et al. BMC Systems Biology, 4:129, 2010



Another Shortcoming of PSP

- Protein complexes provided a biologically-rich feature set for PSP
 - But it is only one aspect of biological function
- The other aspect is biological pathways
 - But coverage issue of proteomic profiles create lots of "holes"
- Can we extract and use subnets from pathways?



Another adaptation of SNet on proteomics profiles...

"Pathway-Derived Subnets" (PDS)



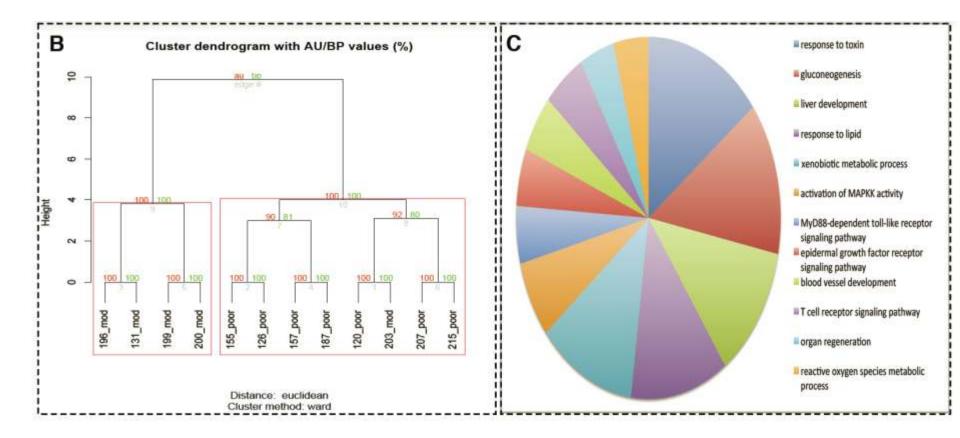
Pathway-Derived Subnets (PDS)

- Identify the set S_i of proteins detected in more than 50% of samples having phenotype P_i
 Do this for each phenotype P₁, ..., P_k
- Overlay $\cup_i S_i$ to pathways
- Remove nodes not covered by $\cup_i S_i$ \Rightarrow This fragments pathways into subnets
- Use these subnets to form "proteomic signature profiles"
 - The rest of the steps is same as PSP

Source: Wilson Goh



PDS consistently segregates mod vs poor patients



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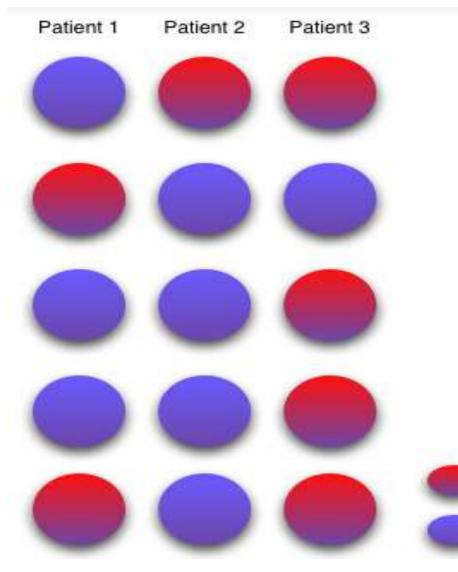


What have we learned?

- Contextualization (into complexes and pathways) can deal with consistency issues in proteomics
- GO term analysis also indicates that contextbased methods (PSP, PDS) select clusters that play integral roles in cancer
- Context-based methods (PSP, PDS) reveal many potential clusters and are not constrained by any prior arbitrary filtering which is a common first step in conventional analytical approaches

Improving Coverage in Proteomic Profile Analysis







Typical proteomic profiling misses many proteins

Need to improve coverage!



protein

Image credit: Wilson Goh



Basic Approach

Rescue undetected proteins from high-scoring
 protein complexes

• Why?

Let A, B, C, D and E be the 5 proteins that function as a complex and thus are normally correlated in their expression. Suppose only A is not detected and all of B–E are detected. Suppose the screen has 50% reliability. Then, A's chance of being false negative is 50%, & the chance of B–E all being false positives is $(50\%)^4=6\%$. Hence, it is almost 10x more likely that A is false negative than B– E all being false positives.

Shortcoming: Databases of known complexes are still small

Li et al. Network-assisted protein identification and data interpretation in shotgun proteomics. *Mol. Syst. Biol.*, 5:303, 2009.



- Generate cliques from PPIN
- Rescue undetected proteins from cliques
 containing many high-confidence proteins
- Reason: Cliques in a PPIN often correspond to proteins at the core of complexes
- Shortcoming: Cliques are too strict
 ⇒ Use more power complex prediction methods

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PFP



- Map high-confidence proteins to PPIN
- Extract immediate neighbourhood & predict protein complexes using CFinder
- Rescue undetected proteins from high-ranking
 predicted complexes
- Reason: Exploit powerful protein complex
 prediction methods
- Shortcoming: Hard to predict protein complexes
 Do we need to know all the proteins a complex?

MaxLink



- Map high-confidence proteins ("seeds") to PPIN
- Identify proteins that talk to many seeds but few non-seeds
- Rescue these proteins
- Reason: Proteins interacting with many seeds are likely to be part of the same complex as these seeds
- Shortcoming: Likely to have more false-positives



"Validation" of Rescued Proteins

- Direct validation
 - Use the original mass spectra to verify the quality of the corresponding y- and b-ion assignments
 - Immunological assay, etc.
- Indirect validation
 - Check whether recovered proteins have GO terms that are enriched in the list of seeds
 - Check whether recovered proteins show a pattern of differential expression betw disease vs normal samples that is similar to that shown by the seeds



An example using the PEP approach to recover undetected proteins ...



Background

- HCC (Hepatocellular carcinoma)
 - Classified into 3 phases: differentiated, moderately differentiated and poorly differentiated
- Mass Spectrometry
 - iTRAQ (Isobaric Tag for Relative and Absolute Quantitation)
 - Coupled with 2D LC MS/MS
 - Popular because of ability to run 8 concurrent samples in one go

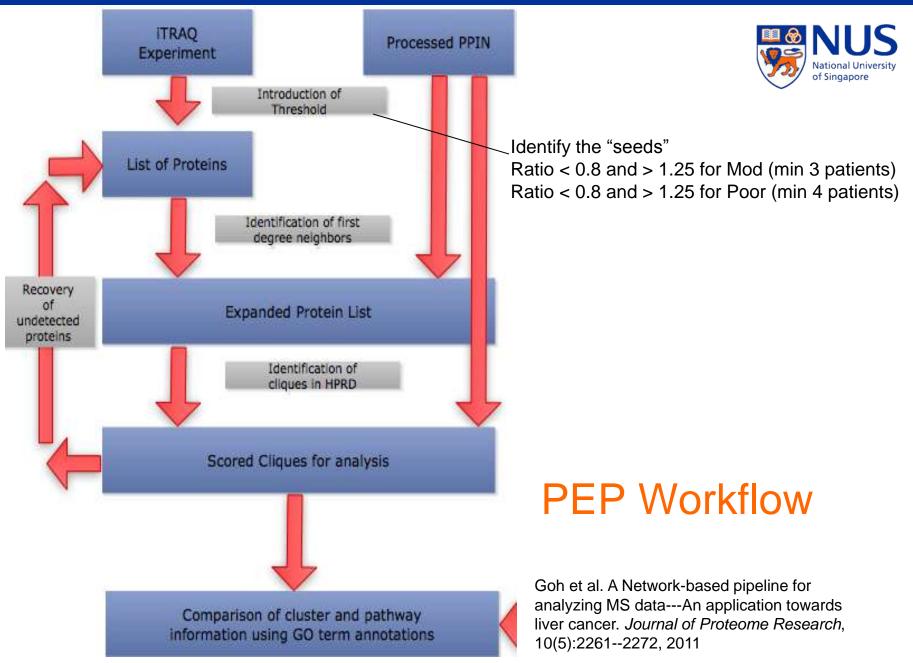


Poor and mod proteins are widely interspersed

- In the subnet of reported proteins in mod and poor, poor and mod genes are well
 mixed
 - Mod and Poor
 - Poor only



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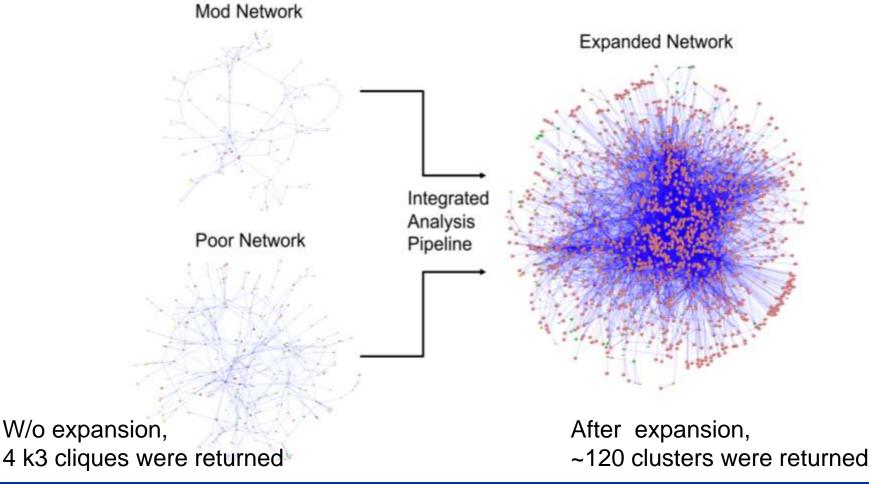
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Expansion to include neighbors greatly improves coverage



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Returning to Mass Spectra

- Test set: Several proteins (ACTR2, CDC42, GNB2L1, KIF5B, PPP2R1A, PKACA and TOP1) from top 34 clusters not detected by Paragon
- The test: Examine their GPS and Mascot search results and their MS/MS-to-peptide assignments
- Assessment of MS/MS spectra of their top ranked peptides revealed accurate y- and b-ion assignments and were of good quality (p < 0.05)
 ⇒ In silico expansion verified

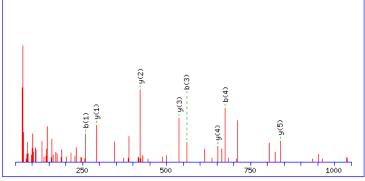
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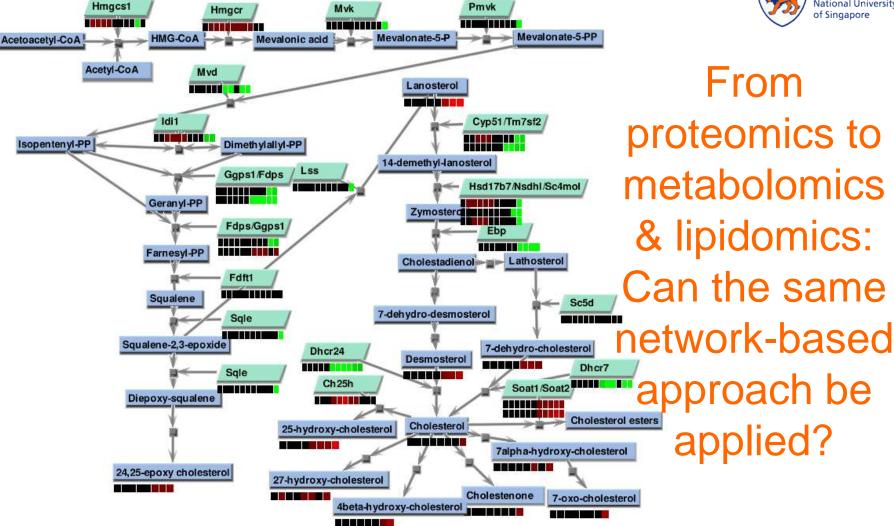
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