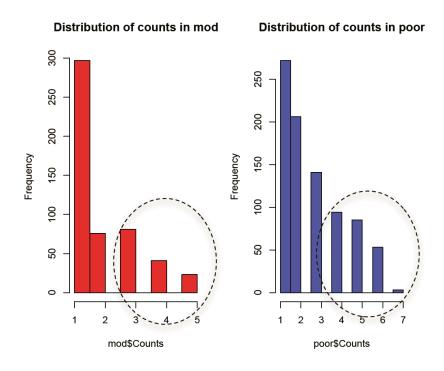
CS4220: Knowledge Discovery Methods for Bioinformatics Unit 4: Proteomic Profile Analysis

Wong Limsoon





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 Experimen

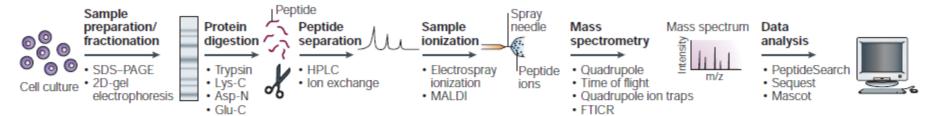


Figure 1 | **The mass-spectrometry/proteomic experiment.** A protein population is prepared from a biological source — for example, a cell culture — and the last step in protein purification is often SDS–PAGE. The gel lane that is obtained is cut into several slices, which are then in-gel digested. Numerous 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.

See also http://www.slideshare.net/joachimjacob/bits-introduction-to-mass-spec-data-generation

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



Diagnosis Using Proteomics

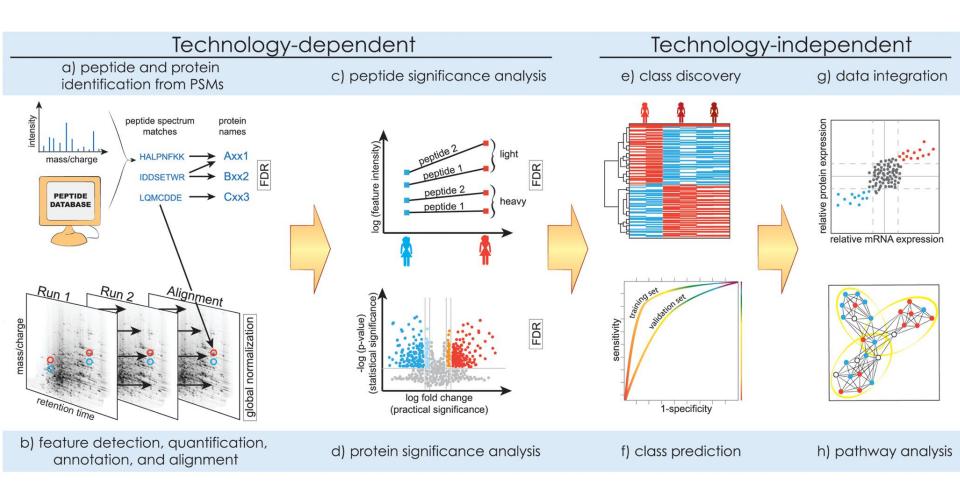


Image credit: Kall and Vitek, PLoS Comput Biol, 7(12): e1002277, 2011

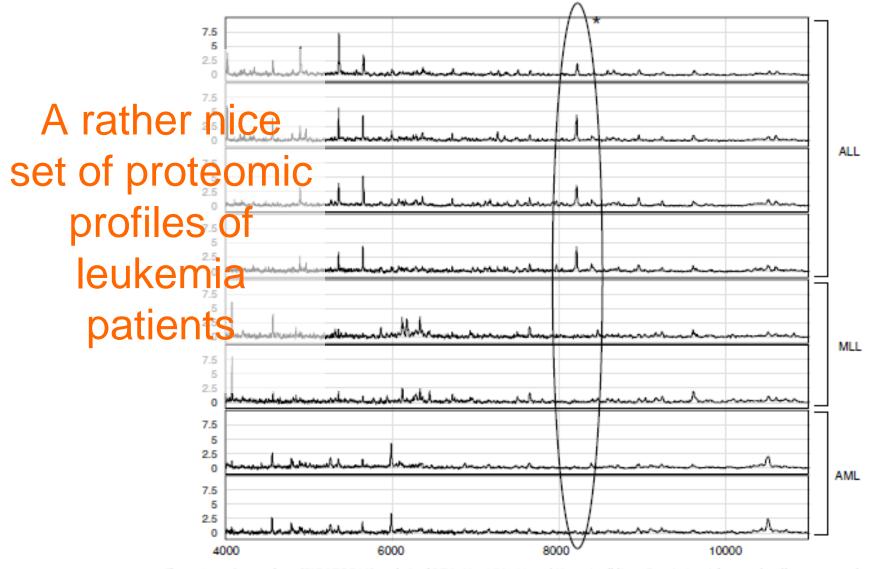


Figure 1 Spectra from SELD1-TOF MS analysis of REH, 697, MV4;11, and Kasumi cell lines. Protein (4 μg) from each cell type was analyzed on SAX2 ProteinChip⁶⁰ Arrays. ALL cell lines shown are REH and 697, the MLL cell line is MV4;11, and the AML cell line is Kasumi. The asterisk indicates the differentially expressed protein at 8.3 kDa.





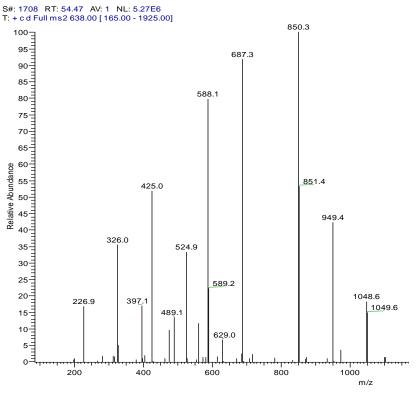
S e q u e n

Step 1:

MS/MS instrument

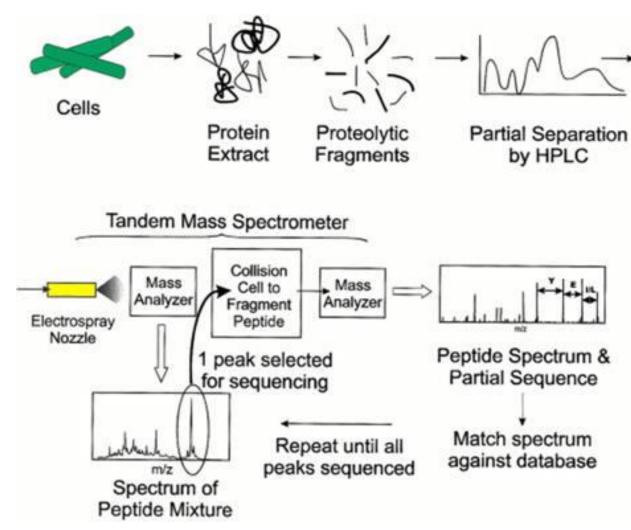
Database search

- Sequest, Mascot, InSpect
 de Novo interpretation
- Lutefisk, Peaks, PepNovo



National University of Singapore

Tandem Mass-Spectrometry



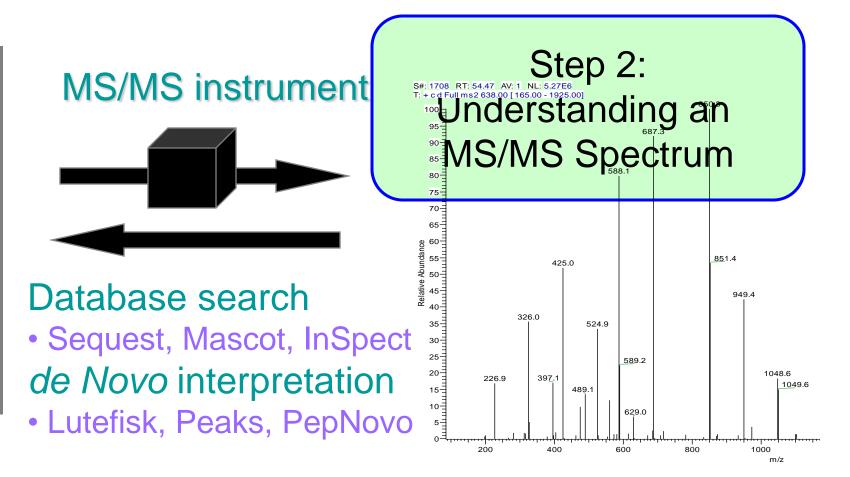
Breaking Protein into Peptides, sand Peptides into Fragment Ions

- 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

Peptide Identification by Mass Spe



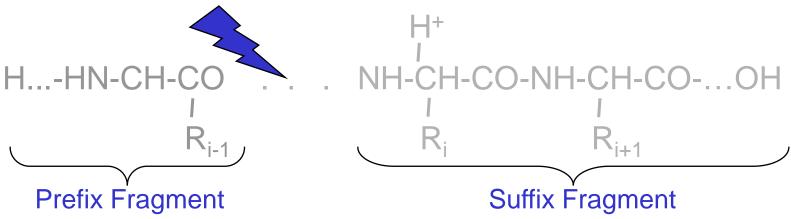
Sequence





Peptide Fragmentation

Collision Induced Dissociation



- 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



Peptide Fragmentation

(a)

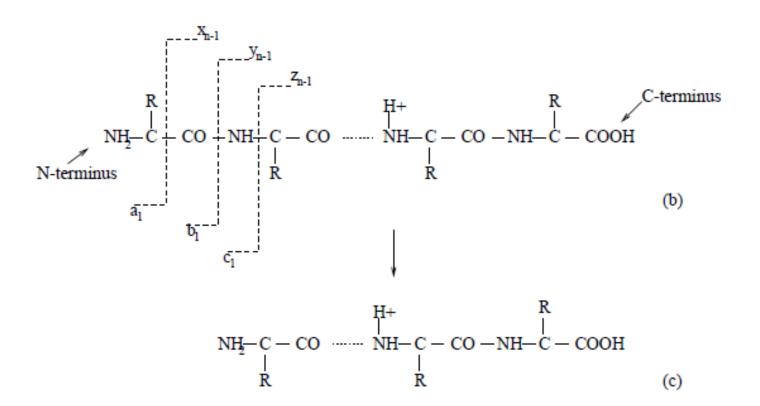
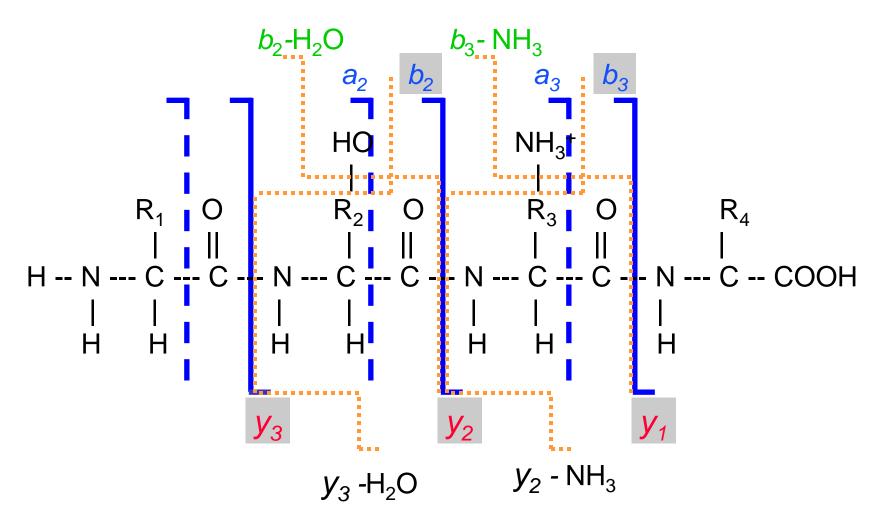
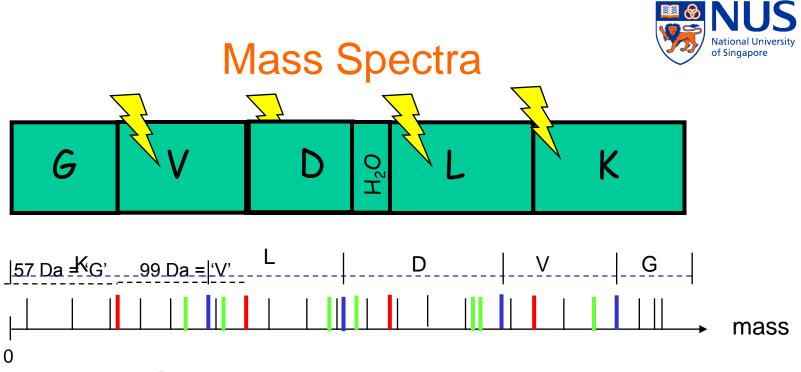


Figure 1: (a) The structure of an amino-acid. (b) An ionized peptide. (c) y_{n-1}^+ ion

... 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

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



Example MS/MS Spectrum

b-ions	924	778	663	534	405	292	145	88
	K	D	E	E	L	F	G	S
y-ions	141	262	391	520	633	780	837	924

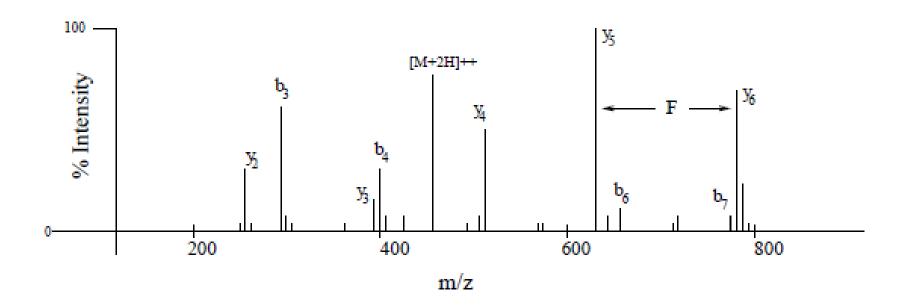
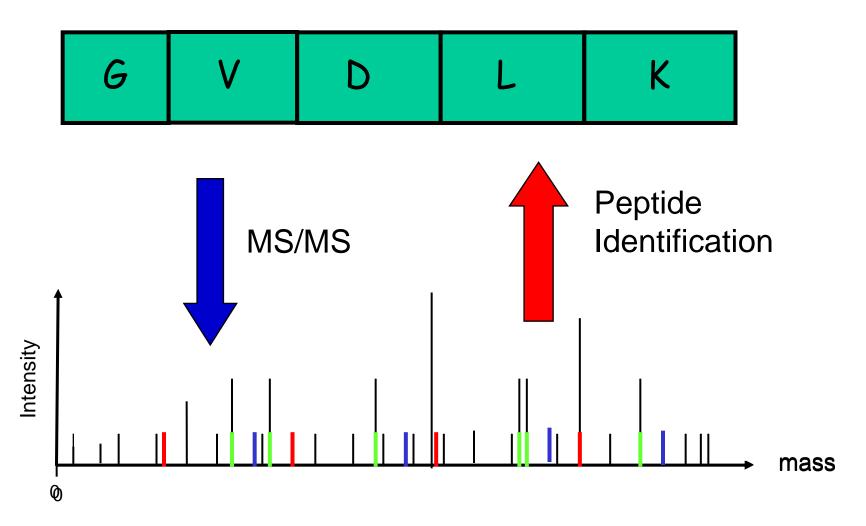


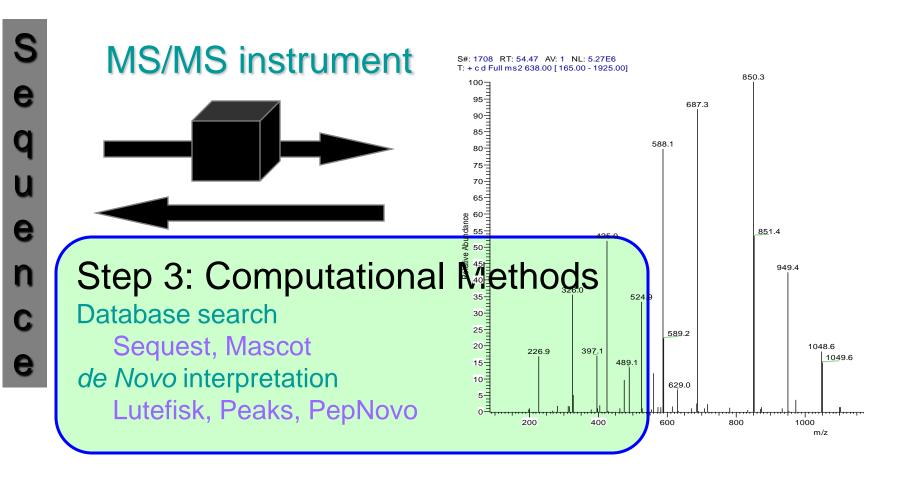
Figure 2: MS/MS spectrum for peptide SGFLEEDK.

Protein Identification with MS/MS





Peptide Identification by Mass





Database Search Algorithms

Database search

- Used for spectrum from known peptides
- Rely on completeness of database

General Approach

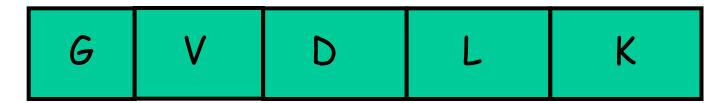
- Match given spectrum with known peptide
- Enhanced with advanced statistical analysis and complex scoring functions

Methods

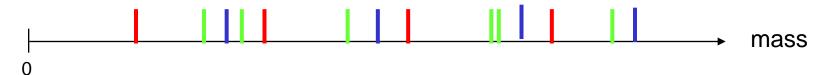
SEQUEST, MASCOT, InsPecT, Paragon

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

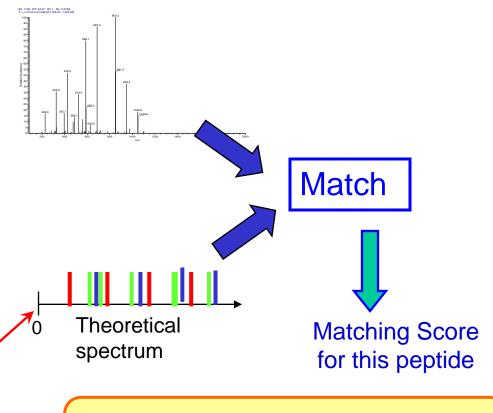


Database Search Algorithm

Database Search

Database of known peptides

MDERHILNM, KLQWVCSDL, PTYWASDL, ENQIKRSACVM, TLACHGGEM, NGALPQWRT, HLLERTKMNVV, GGPASSDA, GGLITGMQSD, MQPLMNWE, ALKIIMNVRT, AVGELTK, HEWAILF, GHNLWAMNAC, GVFGSVLRA, EKLNKAATYIN..



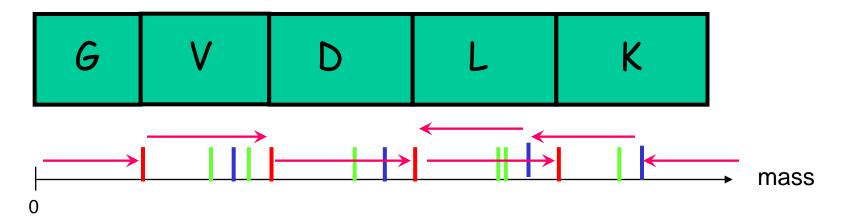
Repeat for all the peptides in the Database

De Novo Sequencing Algorithms

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

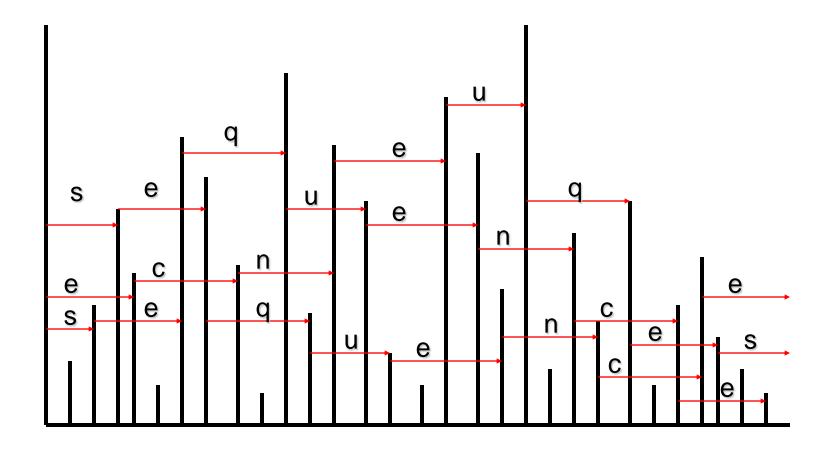


Spectrum Graph for a Peptide



- 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

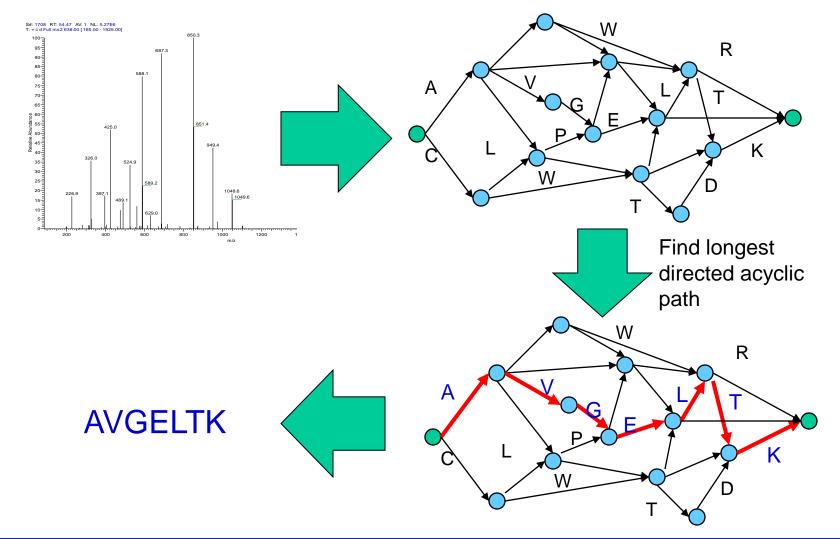
Building a Graph from a Spectrum



of Singapore

Frank, et al. "De Novo Peptide Sequencing and Identification with Precision Mass Spectrometry". J. Proteome Res. 6:114-123, 2007

De Novo Sequencing Algorithms

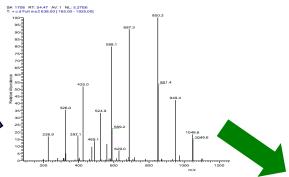




De Novo vs. Database Search

Database Search





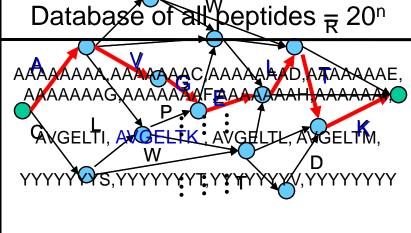
De Novo

Database of known peptides

MDERHILNM, KLQWVCSDL, PTYWASDL, ENQIKRSACVM, TLACHGGEM, NGALPQWRT, HLLERTKMNVV, GGPASSDA, GGLITGMQSD, MQPLMNWE, ALKIIMNVRT, AVGELTK, HEWAILF, GHNLWAMNAC, GVFGSVLRA, EKLNKAATYIN..







De Novo vs. Database Search: A Paradox National University

- The database of all peptides is huge ≈ O(20ⁿ)
- 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 Analys

- 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

Common Issues in Proteomic Profile Analysis





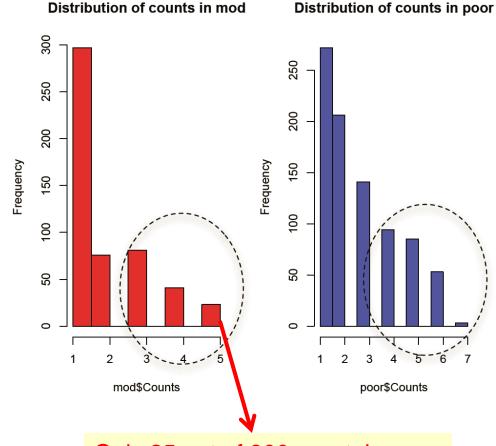
Peptide & protein identification by MS is still far from perfect

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

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



Typical frequency distribution of proteins detected in proteomic profiles



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

Image credit: Wilson Goh



Issues in Proteomic Profiling

Low Threshold

Coverage

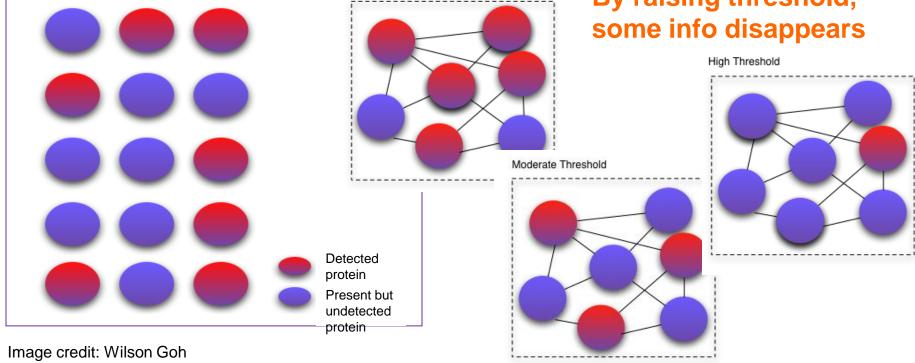
Patient 2

Consistency

Patient 3

⇒ Thresholding

- Somewhat arbitrary
- Potentially wasteful
 - By raising threshold, High Threshold



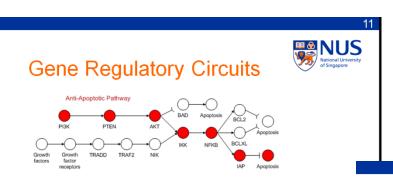
Patient 1

Improving Consistency in Proteomic Profile Analysis



An inspiration from gene expression profile analysis





- · Each disease phenotype has some underlying cause
- There is some unifying biological theme for genes that are truly associated with a disease subtype
- Uncertainty in selected genes can be reduced by considering biological processes of the genes
- The unifying biological theme is basis for inferring the underlying cause of disease subtype

t 2011 © Limsoon '

Taming false positives by considering pathways instead of all possible groups



Group of Genes

- Suppose
 - Each gene has 50% chance to be high
 - You have 3 disease and 3 normal samples
- What is the chance of a group of 5 genes being perfectly correlated to these samples?
- Prob(group of genes correlated) = $(1/2^6)^5$
 - Good, << 1/2⁶

- ⇒ Even more false positives?
- Perhaps no need to consider every group

of pathways = 1000

E(# of pathways correlated) = $1000 * (1/2^6)^5 =$ $9.3*10^{-7}$

NUS National University

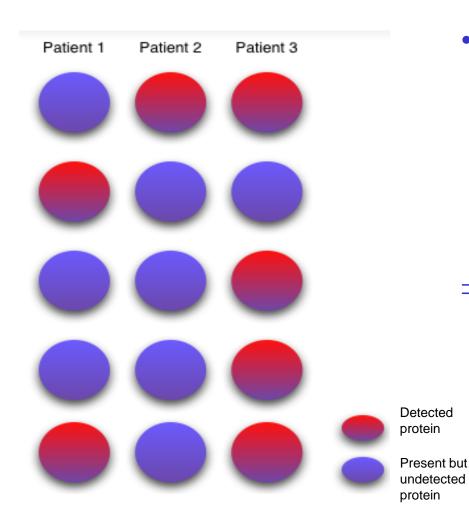
Copyright 2011 © Limsoon Wong

Contextualization!

Copyright 2013 © Limsoon Wong



Intuitive Example



- 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?

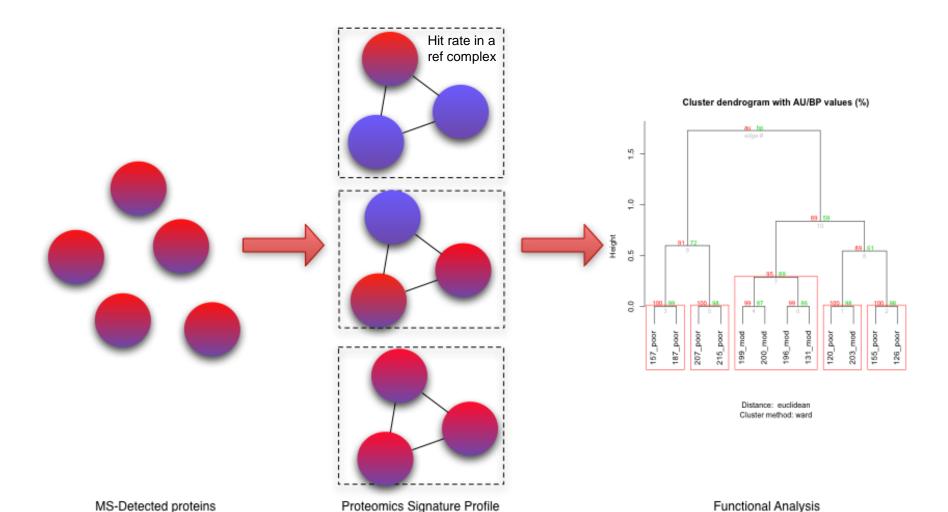


We try an adaptation of SNet on proteomics profiles...

"Proteomic Signature Profiling" (PSP)

Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012.

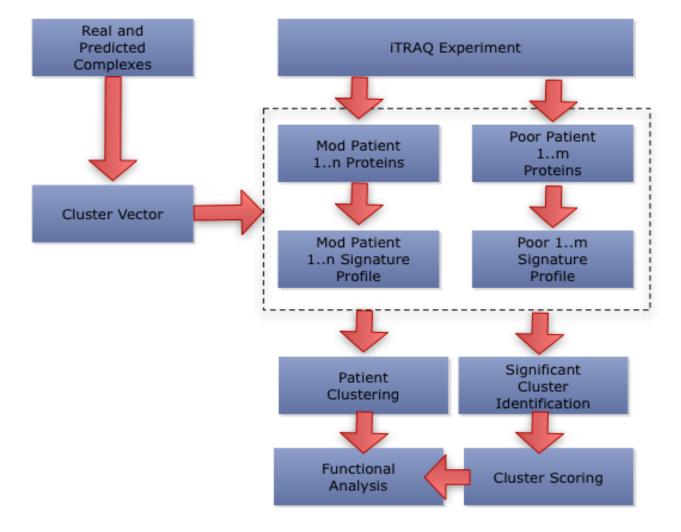
"Threshold-free" Principle of PSP



of Singapore

Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012.

Applying PSP to a HCC Dataset

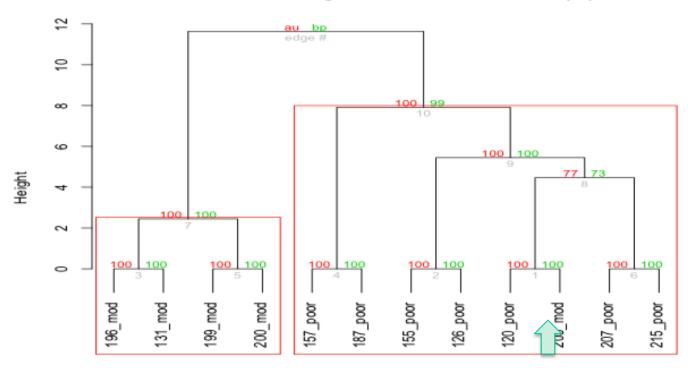


Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012



Consistency: Samples segregate by their classes with high confidence

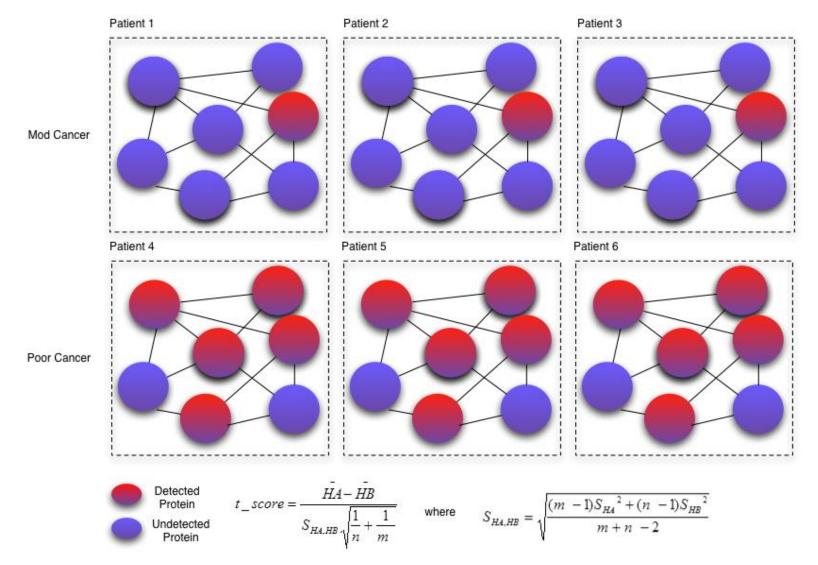
Cluster dendrogram with AU/BP values (%)



Distance: euclidean Cluster method: ward Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012



Feature Selection



Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012



Top-Ranked Complexes

Cluster_ID	p_val	mod_score	poor_score	cluster_name
5179	0.000300541	0.513951977	3.159758312	NCOA6-DNA-PK-Ku- PARP1 complex
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
2657	0.008815869	0	2.55616281	ESR1-CDK7-CCNH- MNAT1-MTA1-HDAC2 complex
2007	0.00044044	0	0.55040004	RNA polymerase II complex, incomplete (CDK8 complex), chromatin
3067	0.00911641	0	2.55616281	structure modifying
1226	0.013323983	0.715352108	2.420592827	•
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

Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, March 2012.



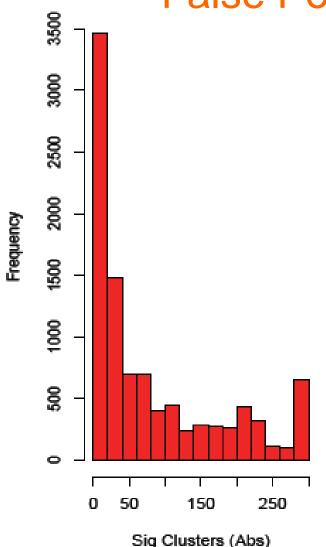
Top-Ranked GO Terms

GO ID	Description	No. of clusters
GO:0016032	viral reproduction	36
GO:0000398	nuclear mRNA splicing, via spliceosome	34
GO:0000278	mitotic cell cycle	
GO:0000084	S phase of mitotic cell cycle	
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:0000086	G2/M transition of mitotic cell cycle	21
	regulation of cyclin-dependent protein kinase	
GO:0000079	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

Goh et al. Enhancing utility of proteomics signature profiling (PSP) with pathway derived subnets (PDSs), performance analysis and specialized ontologies. *BMC Genomes, to appear.*



False Positive Rate Analysis



- Divide 7 poor patients into 2 groups
 - Significant complexes produced by PSP here are false positives
- Repeat many times to get dull distribution
 - Median = 40, mode = 6
- Cf. 523 complexes in CORUM (size ≥4) used in PSP. At p ≤ 5%, 523 * 5% ≈ 27 false positives expected



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)

Goh et al. Enhancing utility of proteomics signature profiling (PSP) with pathway derived subnets (PDSs), performance analysis and specialized ontologies. BMC Genomes, to appear.

Pathway-Derived Subnets (PDS)

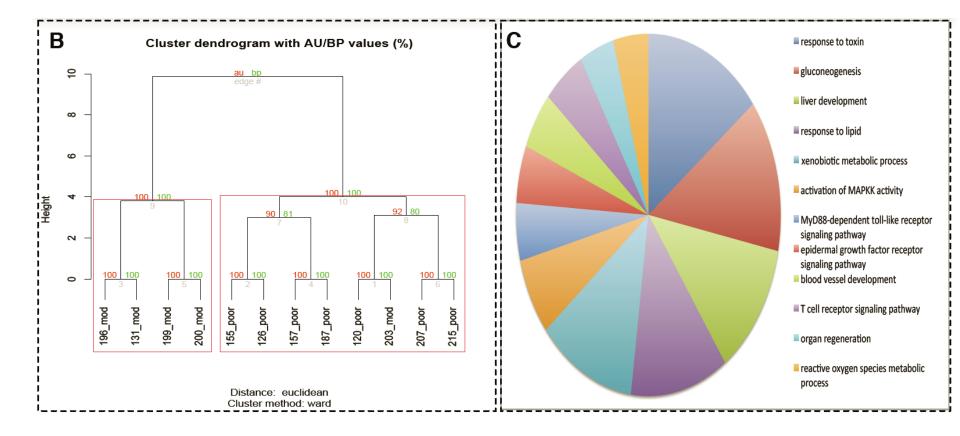
- Identify the set S_i of proteins detected in more than 50% of samples having phenotype P_i
 - Do this for each phenotype P₁, ..., P_k
- Overlay ∪_i S_i to pathways
- Remove nodes not covered by ∪_i S_i
 - ⇒This fragments pathways into subnets
- Use these subnets to form "proteomic signature profiles"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

Source: Wilson Goh

Goh et al. Enhancing utility of proteomics signature profiling (PSP) with pathway derived subnets (PDSs), performance analysis and specialized ontologies. BMC Genomes, to appear.



PDS consistently segregates mod vs poor patients



Source: Wilson Goh



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





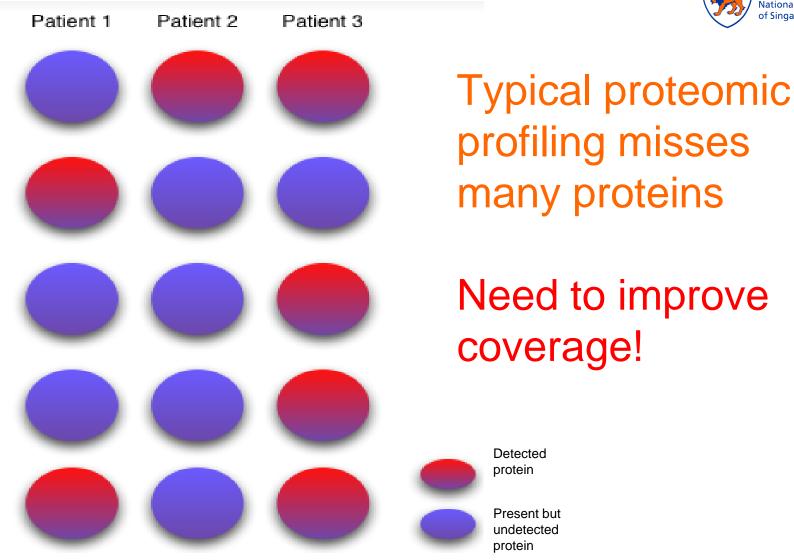


Image credit: Wilson Goh

National University of Singapore

FCS

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.



CEA

- 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

Goh et al. A Network-based pipeline for analyzing MS data---An application towards liver cancer. *Journal of Proteome Research*, 10(5):2261--2272, May 2011





- 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?





- 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

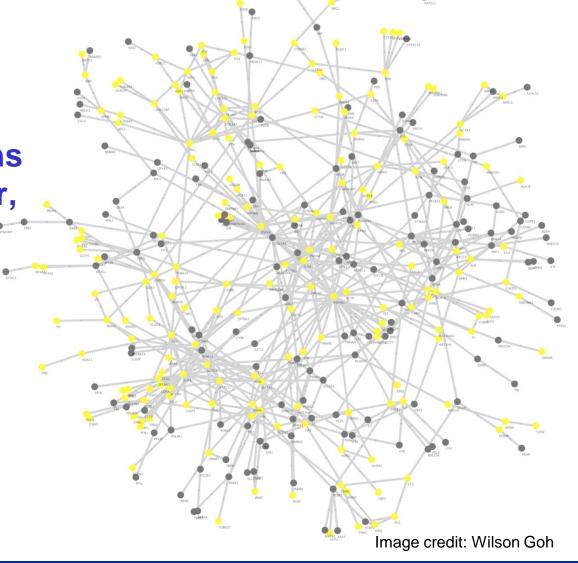
NUS

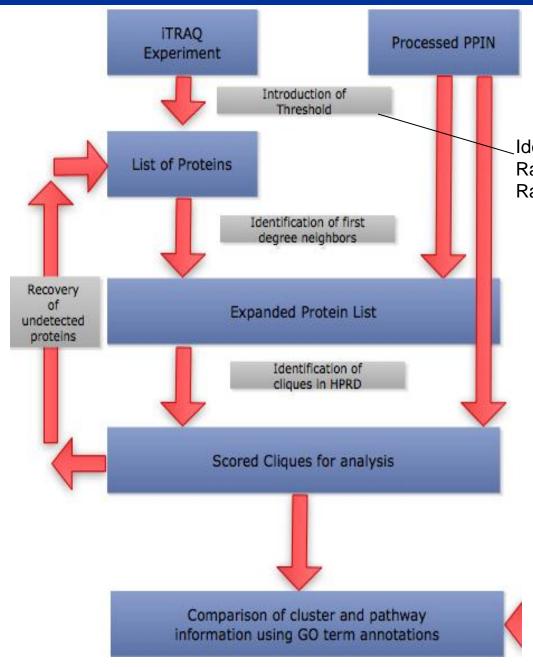
Poor and mod proteins are widely

interspersed

In the subnet of reported proteins in mod and poor, poor and mod genes are well mixed

- Mod and Poor
- Poor only







Identify the "seeds"

Ratio < 0.8 and > 1.25 for Mod (min 3 patients)

Ratio < 0.8 and > 1.25 for Poor (min 4 patients)

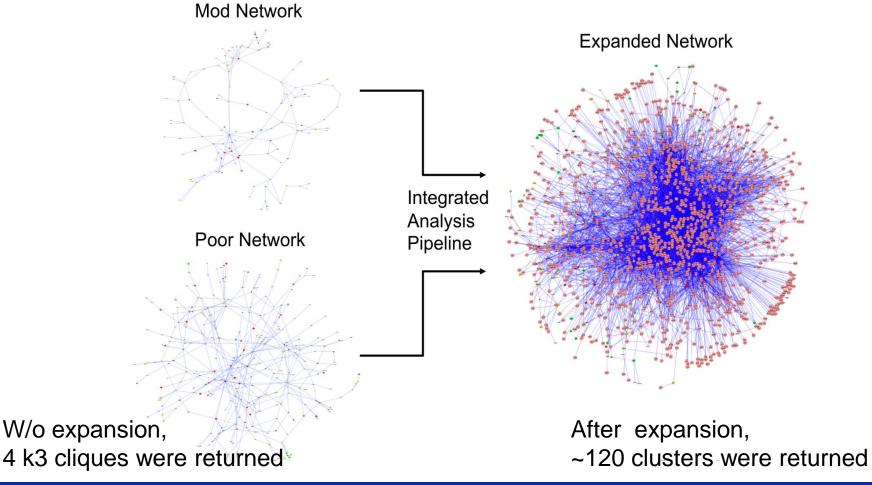
PEP Workflow

Goh et al. A Network-based pipeline for analyzing MS data---An application towards liver cancer. *Journal of Proteome Research*, 10(5):2261--2272, 2011

Goh et al. A Network-based pipeline for analyzing MS data---An application towards liver cancer. *Journal of Proteome Research*, 10(5):2261--2272, 2011



Expansion to include neighbors greatly improves coverage





Returning to Mass Spectra

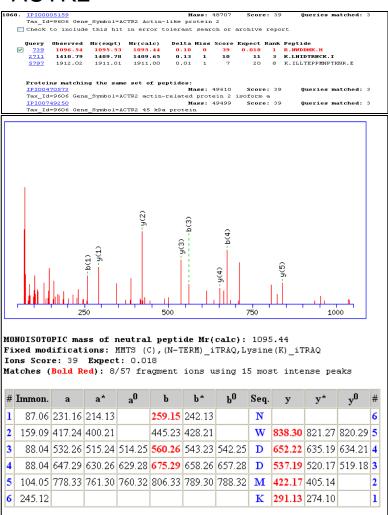
- Test set: Several proteins (ACTR2, CDC42, GNB2L1, KIF5B, PPP2R1A, PKACA and TOP1) from top 34 clusters not detected by Paragon
- The test: Examine their GPS and Mascot search results and their MS/MS-to-peptide assignments
- Assessment of MS/MS spectra of their top ranked peptides revealed accurate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

Goh et al. Journal of Proteome Research, 10(5):2261--2272, 2011

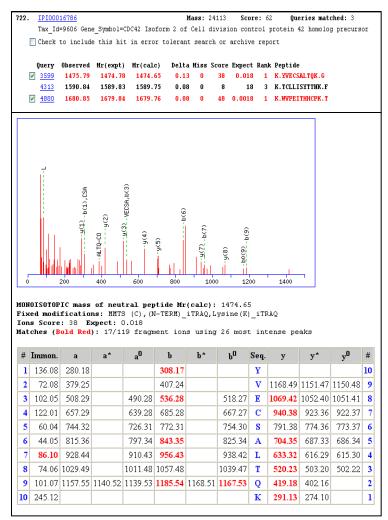


Successful Verification

ACTR2



CDC42



Another Experiment: Comparison

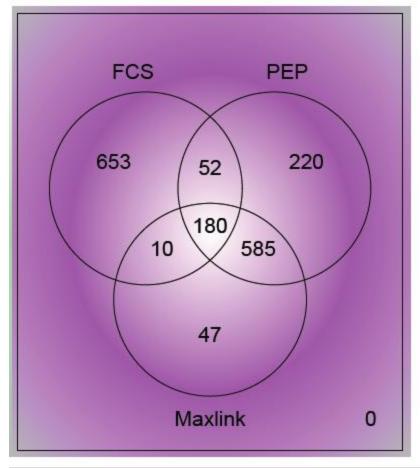


- Valporic acid (VPA)-treated mice vs control
 - VPA or vehicle injected every 12 hours into postnatal day-56 adult mice for 2 days
 - Role of VPA in epigenetic remodeling
- MS was scanned against IPI rat db in round #1
 - 396 proteins identified
- MS was scanned against UniProtkb in round #2
 - 393 additional proteins identified
- All recovery methods ran on round #1 data and the recovered proteins checked against round #2



Moderate level of agreement of reported proteins between various recovery methods

FCS (Real Complexes)

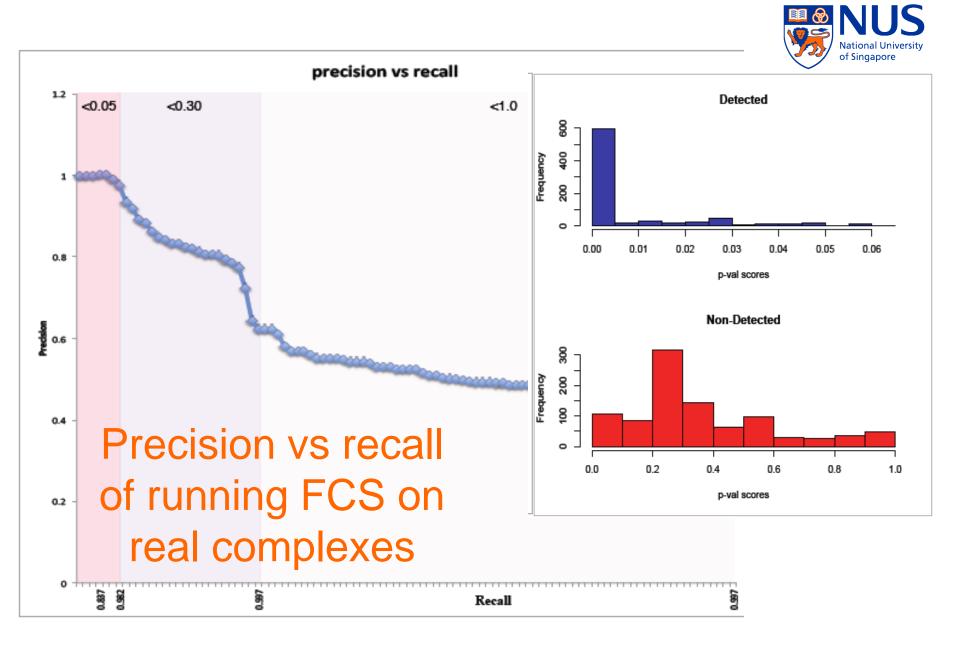




Performance Comparison

Method	Novel Suggested Proteins	Recovered proteins
PEP	375	158
Maxlink	910	226
FCS (predicted)	678	224
FCS (complexes)	789	775

 Looks like running FCS on real complexes is able to recover more proteins and more accurately





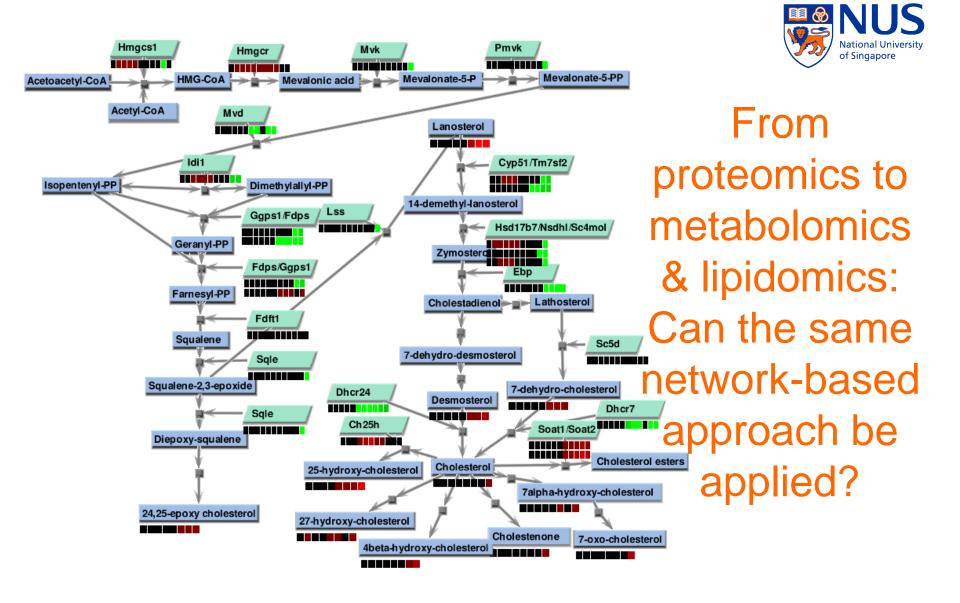
Must Read

- Steen & Mann. The ABC's and XYZ's of peptide sequencing. Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology, 5:699-711, 2004
- Käll & Vitek. Computational Mass Spectrometry–Based Proteomics. PLoS Comput Biol, 7(12): e1002277, 2011
- Goh et al. How advancement in biological network analysis methods empowers proteomics. *Proteomics*, 12(4-5):550-563, 2012



Good to Read

- [PSP] Goh et al. Proteomics signature profiling (PSP): A novel contextualization approach for cancer proteomics. *Journal of Proteome Research*. 11(3):1571-1581, 2012
- [CEA] Li et al. Network-assisted protein identification and data interpretation in shotgun proteomics. Mol. Syst. Biol., 5:303, 2009.
- [PEP] Goh et al. A Network-based pipeline for analyzing MS data---An application towards liver cancer. *J Proteome Research*, 10(5):2261-2272, 2011
- [MaxLink] Goh et al. A Network-based maximum-link approach towards MS. Int J Bioinform Res and App, 8(3/4):155-170, 2012
- Frank, et al. De Novo Peptide Sequencing and Identification with Precision Mass Spectrometry. J. Proteome Res. 6:114-123, 2007





Acknowledgements

- The slides on peptide identification were adapted from those given to me by A/P Leong Hon Wai
- A lot of the slides on PSP, PDS, and PEP came from the work of Wilson Goh



Leong Hon Wai



Wilson Goh