

Proteome quantitation by Mass Spectrometry (MS)

A short guide to data processing and interpretation

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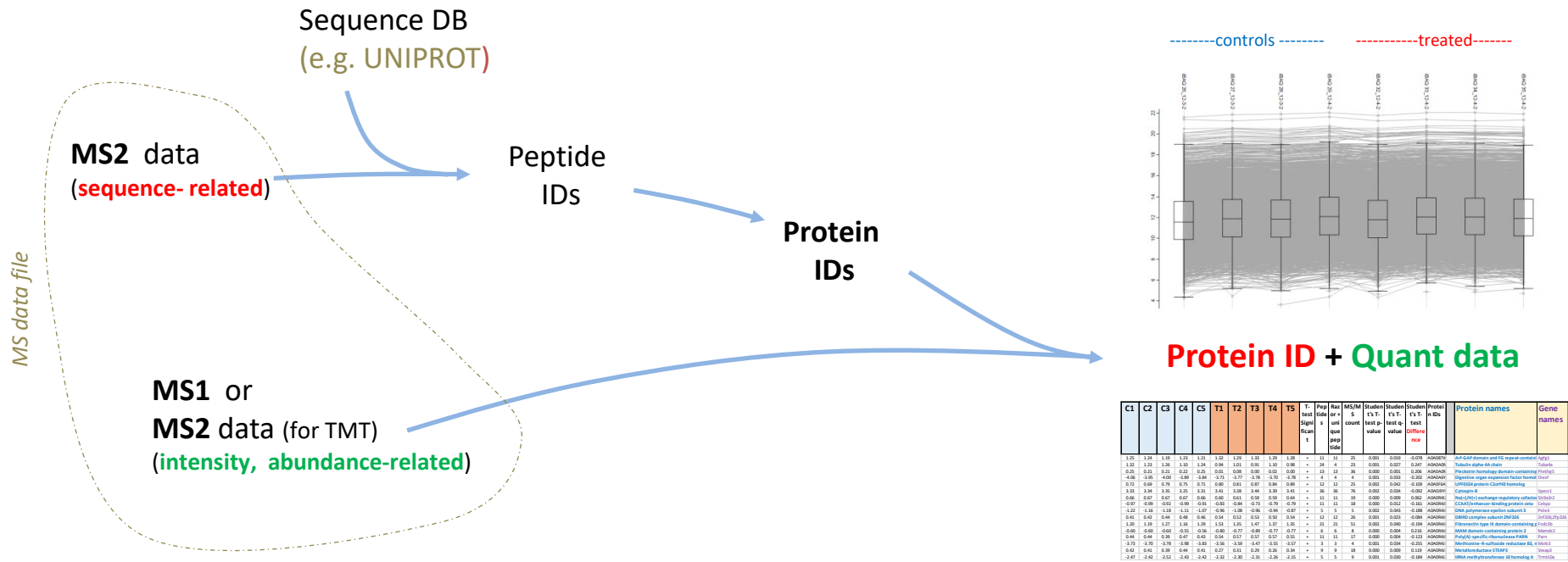
Goals of this guide

- Explain last part of data analysis pipeline, with special attention to processing steps that impact final results
- Describe format of data sent to users
- Describe options for downstream data processing and interpretation
- Answer commonly asked questions
- **Note** : a separate guide will be available for PTM-specific datasets (e.g. [phosphoproteomics](#))

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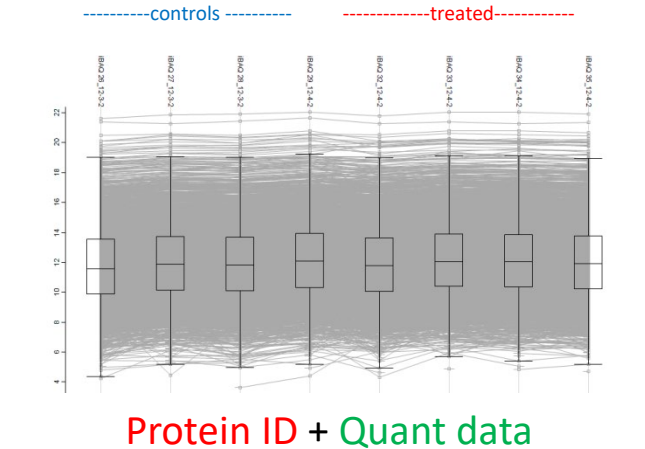
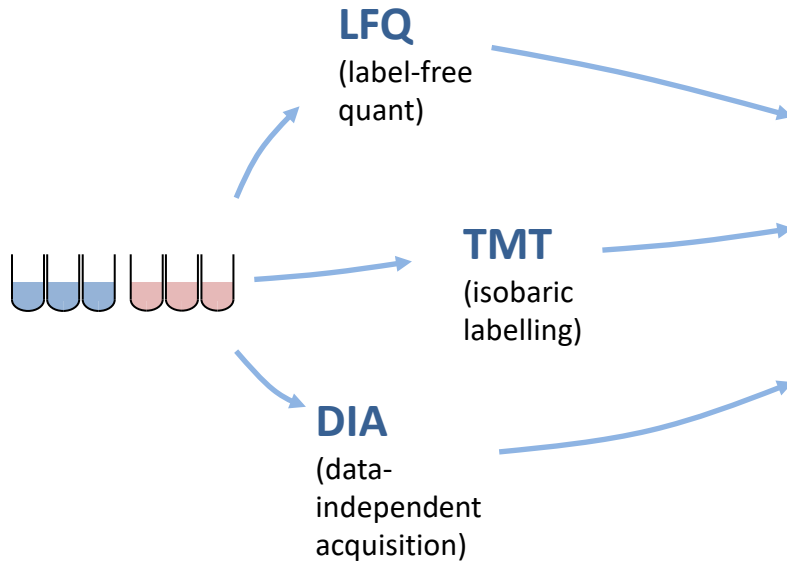
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Nuts and bolts : Mass Spec data and measurables



MS analysis simultaneously produces different types of information (MS1 and MS2), used for different purposes

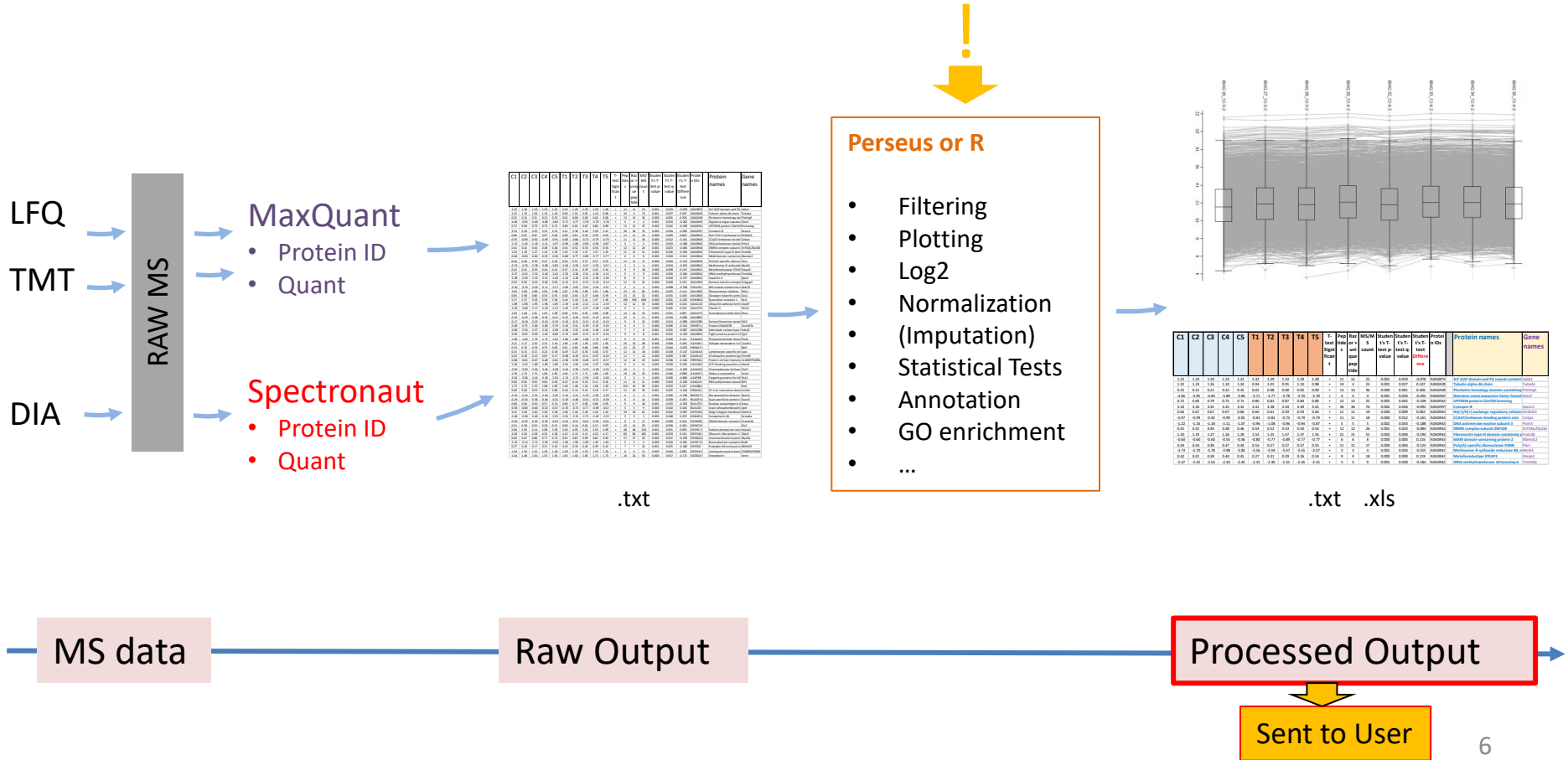
Different MS pipelines, same type of output



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1.21	1.23	1.26	1.27	1.24	0.94	1.01	0.91	1.03	0.98	34	4	31	0.002	0.267	ADAM9K	Tubulin alpha-4b chain	Tub4b	
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-4.06	-3.95	-4.50	-3.89	-3.94	-3.75	-3.77	-3.76	-3.70	-3.78	4	4	4	0.001	-0.202	ADAM9Y	Digestive organ expansion factor homolog	Doef1	
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1.33	1.34	1.35	1.25	1.31	1.41	1.38	1.44	1.39	1.41	36	36	76	0.000	0.034	-0002	ADAM9Y	Cytosin 8	Cy8a11
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0.43	0.41	0.39	0.44	0.41	0.27	0.31	0.20	0.26	0.34	9	9	18	0.000	0.009	0139	ADAM9A	Metalloendoxin STRAP3	Strap3
-2.47	-2.42	-2.52	-2.43	-2.42	-2.32	-2.30	-2.31	-2.26	-2.35	5	5	9	0.001	0.030	-0184	ADAM9A	RNA methyltransferase 10 homolog A	Mtm10a

The final format of the data table is often similar, independently of the pipeline adopted

Data analysis steps and software tools



From Raw output to Processed output - 1

Filtering :

- remove *reverse* hits
- remove contaminants
- remove proteins with low data quality

In large datasets, a search is performed against a «decoy» database made of *reverse* sequences, to determine the frequency of false positive ID's. Scoring parameters are then adjusted to have 1% FDR in the final list.

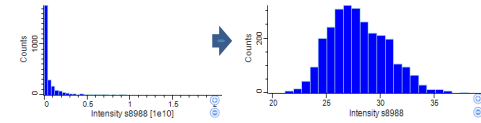
E.g. Keratins, Trypsin, Bovine Serum Albumin,...

For ex. proteins identified by only 1 peptide in only 1 sample

Transform values :

- Log2 transform quant values

Obtain a normal distribution, make plotting easier



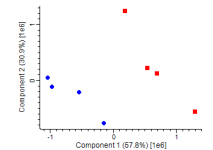
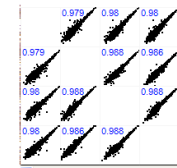
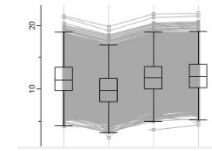
Plotting : look at

- medians , distributions
- negative and positive control proteins
- correlation between samples, clustering

Detect loading differences, measurement biases

Assess sensitivity, biological QC

QC of conditions. Find outliers. Any groups emerging ?



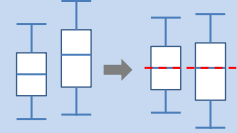
From Raw output to Processed output - 2

Normalization :

Remember : it is usually assumed that most of the proteome does not change (stable background)

- Correct for differences in total loading
- normalize based on intensity of a protein of interest

Simplest method : equalize median of populations



In case of protein complexes, organelles etc

Statistical tests : find significant differences

- Define groups/conditions
- Student's T-test or Welch Test
- Large datasets → multiple testing correction is necessary

Difference between groups must be larger than variability within groups.



Statistical power (# of replicates) is crucial.

Correction of p-value => q-value.
Benjamini-Hochberg or other methods

From Raw output to Processed output - 3

Add functional annotation :

annotation is useful but also redundant and not always perfect

- Add Gene Ontology (GO) , KEGG, Corum, Reactome,...

Annotation enrichment analysis :

A sensitive method that can detect broad changes of small amplitude

- Are the proteins that change enriched in some pathways, localization, functions ?

Many terms, long lists...risk of false positives ! Multiple testing correction is needed here, too.

...but why log intensity data ?

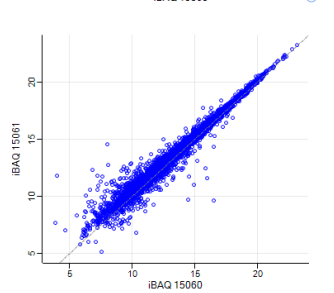
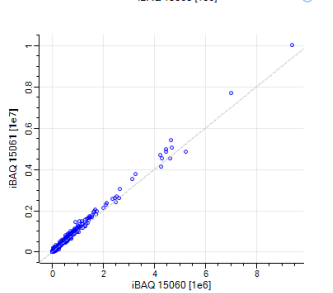
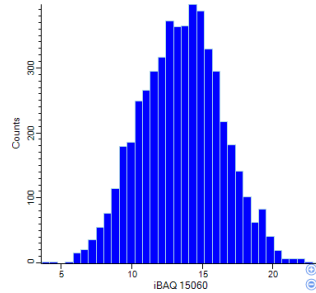
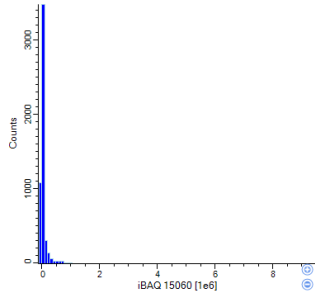


Raw (LINEAR) data :

- Vast dynamic range
- Asymmetric distributions

Transformed (log) data :

- Manageable dyn. range (plots)
- More symmetric distributions



Reminder : log-transformed intensities :

Multiplication (LIN) \rightarrow sum (log)

Division (LIN) \rightarrow subtraction (log)

i.e.

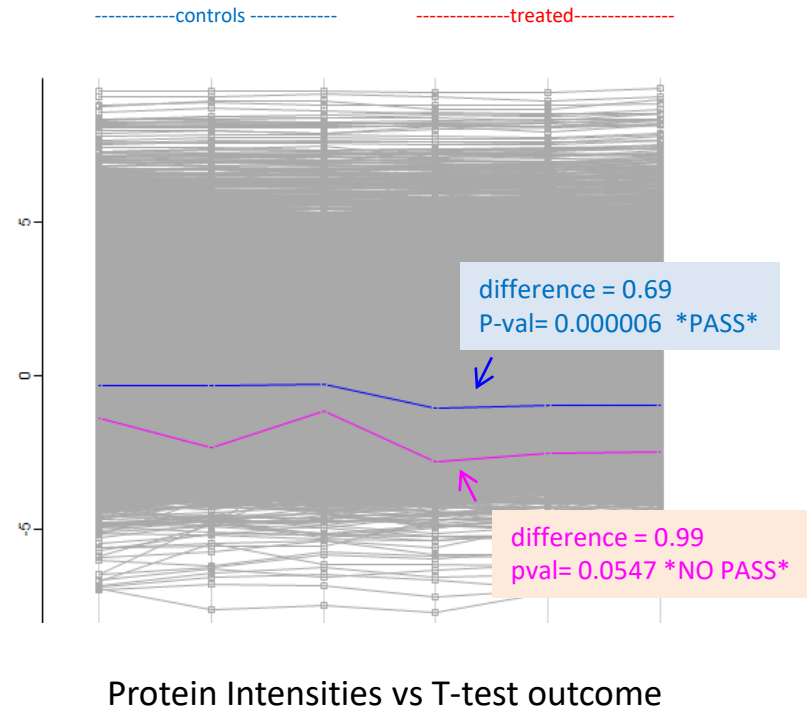
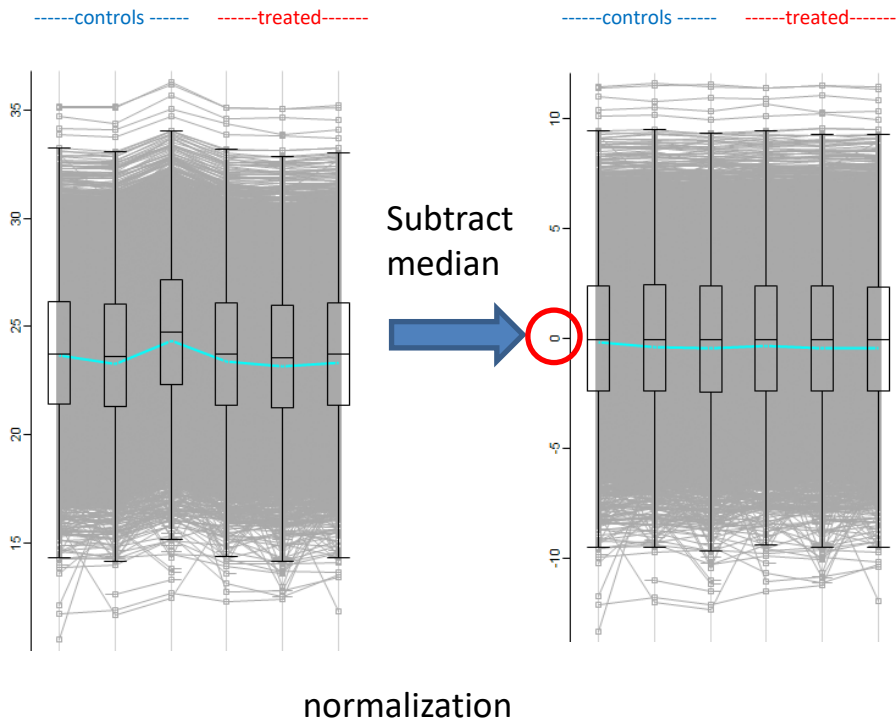
LIN : $A / B = X$ [FOLD change]

log₂ : $\log_2(A) - \log_2(B) = \log_2(X)$ [log₂ diff]

Log₂ diff = 1.0 \rightarrow A/B = 2

Log₂ diff = -1.0 \rightarrow A/B = 0.5

Examples of profile plots for visualization



Content of Main Result Tables

The exact identity and naming of columns can vary

Quant values for conditions. Depending on pipeline, these can be «Intensity» or «LFQ» or «iBAQ» or «PG:Quantity»

Is protein group passing Statistical test? Usually with Q-val<0.05

Number of peptides used for ID or quant. Includes shared peptides

Unique peptides for this protein group

-log(10) of T-test p-value (uncorrected)

Q val = p-value after multiple testing correction

Difference of means of conditions. Equivalent to fold change, but in LOG2 scale

Each line is a PROTEIN GROUP, including one or more database sequences, in case they cannot be discriminated by the set of assigned peptides

LFQ - Ctr R1	LFQ - Ctr R4	LFQ - Ctr R3	LFQ KO - R1	LFQ KO - R2	LFQ KO - R3	Student's T-test Significant Ctr_KO	GOBP name	GOMF name	GOCC name	KEGG name	Peptides	Razor + unique peptides	Unique peptides	Sequence coverage [%]	Unique + razor sequence coverage [%]	Unique sequence coverage [%]	Mol. weight [kDa]	Q-value	Score	Intensity	MS/MS count	iBAQ	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	Raz or + unique peptide s 1190	-Log Student's T-test p-value Ctr_KO	Student's T-test q-value Ctr_KO	Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	Protein IDs	Majority protein IDs	Protein names	Gene names		
-0.28	-0.29	-0.25	-1.00	-0.95	-0.95	+	adipose 5'-deoxy cell part;chromat				5	5	5	46.8	46.8	46.8	11.832	0	33.63	31.44	80	29.1	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5.161	0.035	0.694	P52926;F5 P52926;F5	High mobility group protein HMGI-	HMGA2	
-2.32	-2.31	-2.30	-2.03	-2.04	-2.01	+	actin cyt enzyme cell junction;cell				22	22	22	18.7	18.7	18.7	200.03	0	61.83	31.41	107	24.9	6	5	5	5	6	17	18	18	18	19	17	4.810	0.039	-0.285	O43166;F5 O43166;F5	Signal-induced proliferation-assoc	SIPA111					
0.37	0.39	0.37	0.59	0.59	0.61	+	anatomical activin r cell junc Tight junc				9	9	8	33.5	33.5	31.9	54.461	0	105.5	32.4	62	28.3	9	9	9	8	9	9	4	4	4	4	3	4.539	0.049	-0.221	P46937;H4 P46937;H4	Transcriptional coactivator YAP1	YAP1					
-1.97	-1.95	-1.96	-1.68	-1.63	-1.65		biosynthr catalytic cell part;cytoplasm				7	7	7	26.7	26.7	26.7	38.155	0	21.91	30.53	36	26.6	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	5	3	6	6	4.260	0.070	-0.306	Q5T440 Q5T440	Putative transferase CAF17, mitoch	IBA57					
5.15	5.15	5.15	4.96	5.00	4.97		cellular binding; cell part; Systemic				33	33	33	58.6	58.6	58.6	46.836	0	308.2	37.49	730	33	32	32	32	32	31	29	29	31	30	29	4.087	0.083	0.180	P05455;E7 P05455	Lupus La protein	SSB						
-0.57	-0.55	-0.56	-0.37	-0.32	-0.34		catabolic process cell part; DNA rep				5	5	5	36.8	36.8	36.8	26.302	0	10.34	31.79	29	28.2	5	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3.902	0.102	-0.214	E9PN81;Q E9PN81;Q	Ribonuclease H2 subunit C	RNASEH2C					
1.57	1.57	1.59	1.67	1.68	1.68		biologic; catalytic cell part; cytoplasm				20	20	20	35	35	35	77.528	0	112.2	33.85	214	28.5	16	15	14	15	13	14	17	15	16	16	17	16	3.809	0.102	-0.098	Q6ZRP7;H Q6ZRP7;H	Sulfhydryl oxidase 2;Sulfhydryl oxid	QSOX2				
0.10	0.08	0.11	-0.22	-0.21	-0.28		carboxyladenyl r cell part; cytoplasm				13	13	13	35.8	35.8	35.8	63.652	0	83.22	32.43	75	27.8	11	10	11	9	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	3.767	0.102	0.333	E9PF16;Q6 E9PF16;Q6	Acyl-CoA synthetase family membe	ACSF2					
-2.54	-2.07	-2.53	-1.84	-1.76	-1.78		anatomical binding; apical p; Basal cel				5	5	4	25.3	25.3	21.2	39.917	0	27.07	30.3	14	26	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3.706	0.102	-0.795	I3L2W9;O I3L2W9;O	Segment polarity protein dishwell	DVLL2						
2.18	2.23	2.23	2.00	1.97	1.97		axon gub binding; adheren Cell adh				23	23	23	47.5	47.5	47.5	65.102	0	122.2	34.87	266	30	19	19	20	19	20	19	21	21	22	21	20	21	3.631	0.102	0.238	Q13740;F5 Q13740;F5	CD166 antigen	ALCAM				

LOG2 scale ! Normalized values can be negative (=lower than median)

Functional annotation (many terms per line)

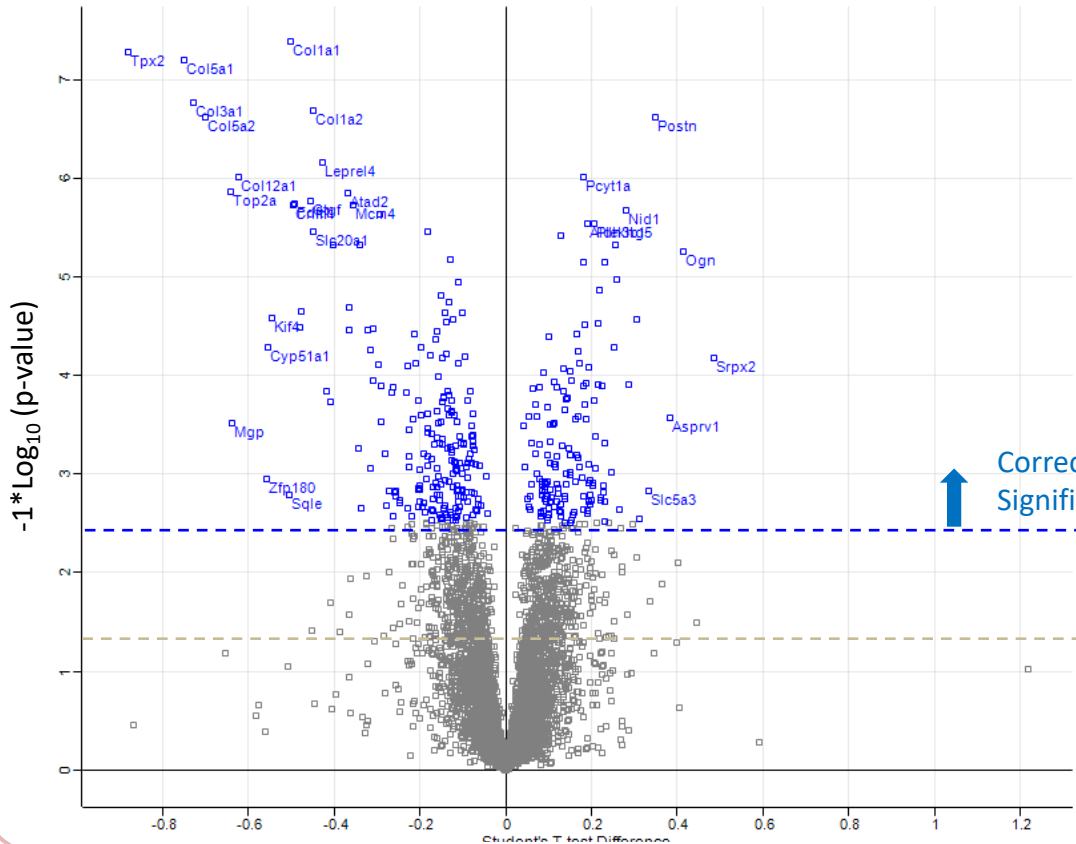
Includes shared peptides but assigned only to highest scoring protein group. These are the peptides used for quantitation. Use this for quality filtering

MS/MS count : Can also be used for filtering/validation if column is present

Database identifier. First one is the best.

Volcano plot

A commonly used way to represent statistical significance (*y-axis*) and fold change (*x-axis*) in a single plot



Corrected p-val (q-value) < 0.05
Significant proteins

p-val < 0.05
Not sufficiently stringent

Student's T-test difference (Log_2 scale)

Missing data (MD) and imputation

- Quantitative proteomics data always contain missing data points. These can result from i) stochasticity of data acquisition in MS ii) peptides/proteins that are near the limit of detection and below in some samples iii) truly absent proteins. Unfortunately it is impossible to discriminate between these events.
- The percentage of MD is variable, some types of data contain more MD (LFQ, iBAQ) , others less (TMT, DIA)
- MD's are a data analysis problem : fold changes cannot be calculated, proteins do not appear on plots.
- Data imputation is the substitution of MD with values used for computations. Imputed values are often chosen at the low end of the distribution, assuming that the reason for the MD is very low signal intensity.
- Imputation has to be applied with caution and on a limited scale. Imputed data should be flagged to be easily identified (and removed) later.

General facts and things to remember

- Proteomes tend to change less than transcriptomes, i.e. the amplitudes of changes are often smaller and the changes slower.
- Reliability of quantitation is lower for weak signals and for proteins with a low number of identified/quantified peptides. These are mostly low abundance proteins.
- Statistical power is crucial to find significantly different proteins. Power is mostly determined by the number of biological replicates. $n=3$ is the minimum for having reliable (*and publishable!*) data. $n>3$ gives much better statistics, especially when quantifying mild changes or when variability is higher, e.g. $n>3$ is recommended for studies on individual animals (mice).

Evaluation of processed output

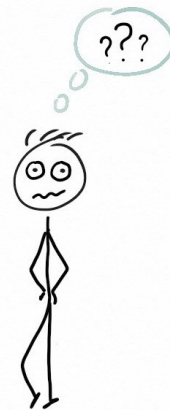
Defining a list of candidate differentially expressed proteins :

- Protein candidates that pass statistical test should be evaluated critically using quality parameters, e.g. number of quantitated peptides or ratios
- Also consider filtering by minimal fold change (0.5x or more)
- Manual check of MS data for validation is possible but very time consuming
- Repetition of experiments is the best confirmation.

Caveat : # peptides vs. # unique peptides

Caveat : always remember if values are in linear or log scale

...ehm, it did not work...



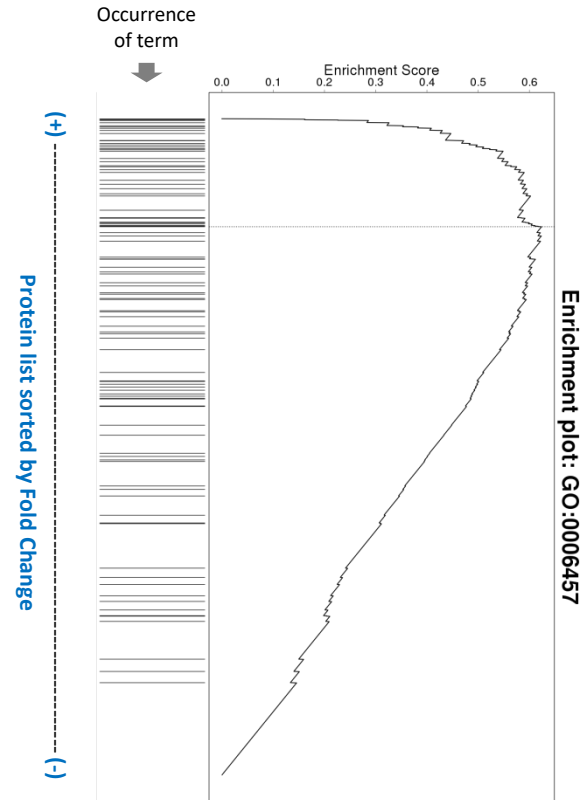
- Sometimes no statistically significant proteins emerge. Most frequent reasons :
 - only small differences between conditions
 - insufficient statistical power (n too low)
 - high variability within groups.
 - ➔ Often more than one of these factors combined.
- How to move on ?
 - It does not necessarily mean there is no difference, just the experiment was not perfect.
 - Select best candidates (**best fold change & p-val, >3 peptides**) and try to quantify them in a **targeted** manner (WB, FACS, ELISA,MS)
 - For **global** trends : look at annotation enrichment analysis
 - **Repeat**, reducing variability or increasing n

Annotation enrichment – basic concepts

Principle (for example GSEA algorithm) :

1. Annotation terms from a controlled vocabulary (for ex. GO terms, <http://geneontology.org/>) are added to each protein in the list. These terms describe functional or structural characteristics, interactions, pathways or other features.
2. The list is first sorted by a relevant parameter resulting from the experiment. This is typically **fold change between conditions**
3. An algorithm is used to determine for each annotation term (for ex. «Ribosomal protein») if it is significantly enriched towards the top or the bottom of the list, e.g. tends to be more associated with proteins that increase or decrease between conditions.
4. A p-value is calculated and should be corrected for multiple testing in case of large datasets.

Note : the algorithm used by Perseus is not GSEA but is conceptually similar
Ref : Cox, J., & Mann, M. (2012) *BMC Bioinformatics*, 13 Suppl 1(Suppl 16), S12.
<https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-13-S16-S12>



Annotation enrichment – results table

Parameter used for sorting the table. Usually «difference» used (~fold change).

Number of protein groups in the list having this annotation term

P-value for enrichment of this term

Median of «difference» for each GO term. In Log2 as usual

Column	Type	Name	Size	Score	P value	Benj. Hoch. FDR	Mean	Median (>0 means decreasing in KO and viceversa)
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOCC name	mitochondrial outer membrane translo	7	0.769	0.000433	0.009	0.281	0.27
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOCC name	proton-transporting ATP synthase comp	8	0.681	0.000854	0.015	0.182	0.13
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOMF name	SNAP receptor activity	20	0.517	0.000065	0.008	0.143	0.13
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOBP name	protein transmembrane transport	14	0.563	0.000270	0.018	0.143	0.12
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Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOMF name	symporter activity	16	0.543	0.000174	0.018	0.108	0.11
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOBP name	response to pH	13	0.699	0.000013	0.002	0.300	0.11
Student's T-test Difference Ctr_KO	GOCC name	mitochondrial small ribosomal subunit	19	0.533	0.000059	0.002	0.075	0.11

GOBP = biological process
GOCC=cellular compartment
GOMF=molecular function

Terms are often redundant, also due to hierarchical organization of GO terms

Corrected P-val (Benjamini-Hochberg method). A cutoff of 0.02-0.05 on this value is applied to generate the list

Useful Trick : Retrieving sets of proteins with a given GO annotation

(from a .txt or .xls table)

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How to get these 13 proteins ??

Retrieving sets of proteins with a given GO annotation -2

1. Go to excel table
2. Select column with annotation of interest (ex GOBP)
3. Go to «data» and click «Filter»

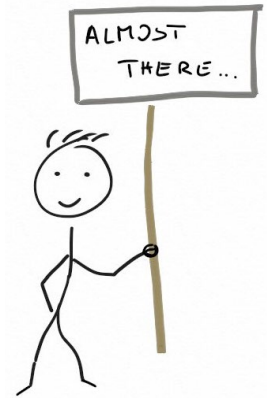
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1	9889	9890														
56	0.498	0.693	Y	2		biological regulation cell part;c			45	1	2.88E-08	121.83	109.25	110.14	0.7665	35117
57	0.401	0.750	Y	2		apoptosis enzyme ac cell juncti			317	1	0.02792	43.083	15.558	43.083	0.154	18009
58	0.190	0.954	Y	3		biosynthe binding:ca cell part;c			424	0.99989	3.97E-07	71.692	67.747	71.692	0.56951	16171
59	0.225	0.915	Y	3		assembly binding:rit Cajal body			383	0.99518	0.00031	72.652	72.652	72.652	0.09986	26245
60	0.313	0.824	Y	2		alcohol m catalytic a brush borc			354	1	0.013	42.001	42.001	42.001	1.1592	15493
61	-0.683	1.809	Y	4		axon guid binding:ca adherens			474	1	2.73E-15	87.659	87.58	70.315	1.0117	64458
62	-0.013	1.113	Y	2		biological binding:ca adherens			94	0.99971	0.00587	61.999	18.753	61.999	0.27139	19941
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65	-0.210	1.213	Y	3					338	0.99245	7.02E-06	49.089	49.089	49.089	1.0696	17460
66	-1.370	2.332	Y	2		antigen p binding:ca cell part;c			305	1	0.00111	86.794	72.637	86.794	0.17635	19440
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68	-0.143	1.084	Y	3		actin cyto adenyil nu cell juncti			109	1	2.39E-20	94.384	90.986	62.663	0.75242	1.4E+
69	-0.131	1.043	Y	3		receptor a cell part;c			397	1	2.53E-21	102.6	102.6	99.366	0.70128	1.1E+
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73	-2.307	1.738	Y	2		activation adenyil nu cell juncti			196	1	4.87E-07	78.908	78.908	78.908	0.8931	20781
74	0.265	0.522	Y	3		amine me binding:ca cell part;c			97	0.99687	6.57E-11	86.455	86.455	86.455	1.2113	17814
75	0.435	0.331	Y	4		receptor a cell part;c			396	1	1.03E-14	119.45	110.58	66.845	0.69284	4.3E+
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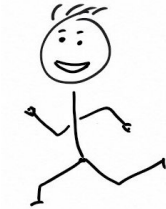
Publication and data submission to repositories

- Please **read** our guidelines on acknowledgements of facility work and authorship : <https://www.unil.ch/paf/home/menuguid/policy.html>
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- Submission to the data repository requires **i)** raw MS data **ii)** project title, description, metadata **iii)** Materials and Methods **iv)** protein ID and quant
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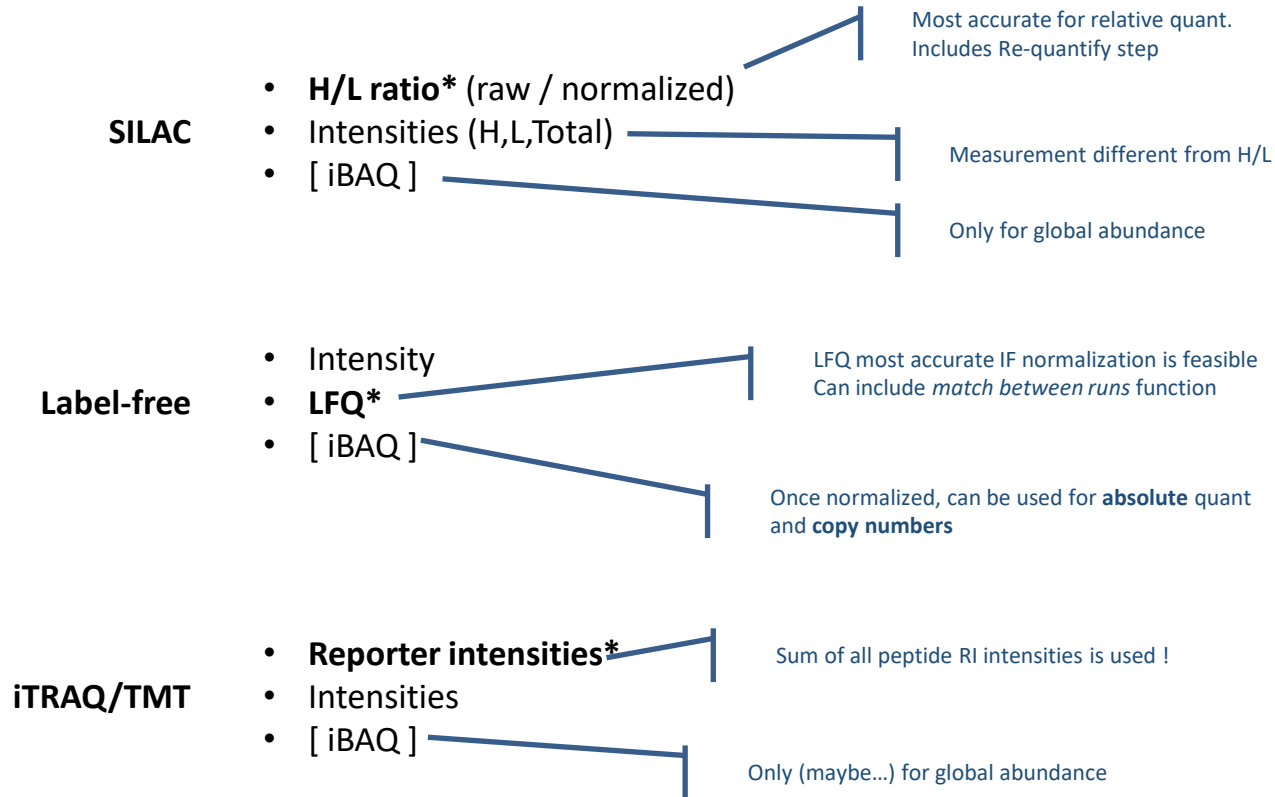
- MaxQuant (<https://maxquant.net/maxquant/>)
- Spectronaut (<https://biognosys.com/technology/publications>)
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- Many **R** packages used for genomics data analysis can be applied to proteomics data after raw MS data processing (e.g. normalization, annotation enrichment, ..). Dedicated packages also exist.



Appendix

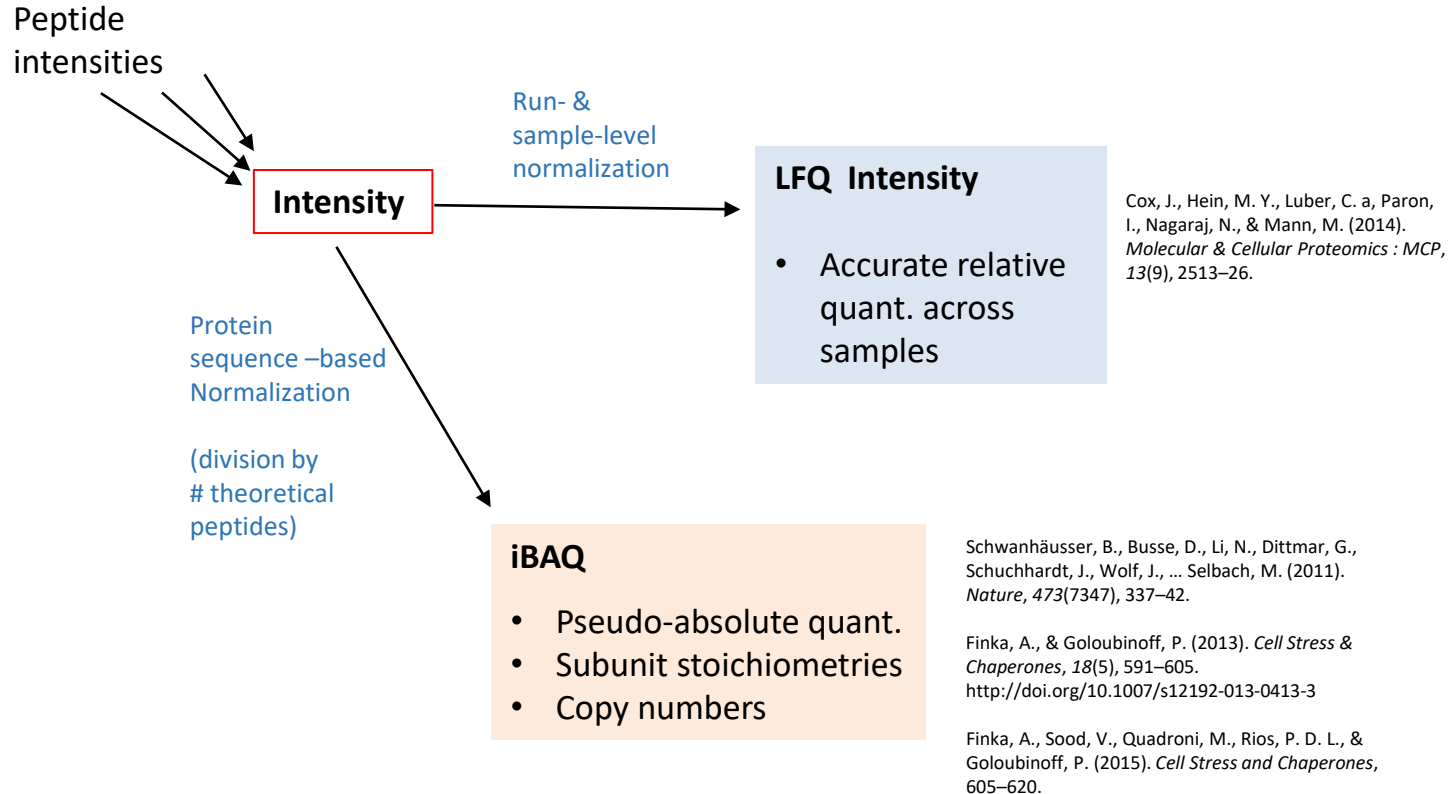
1. Additional information on the quantitation variables produced from MaxQuant for different pipelines

MaxQuant output variables (protein level)



* : main output

MaxQuant label-free output variables (protein level)



Thank you for your attention

We hope it was useful.....

