Using R and Bioconductor for proteomics data analysis

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Setup

The follow packages will be used throughout this documents. R version 3.1.1 or higher is required to install all the packages using BiocInstaller::biocLite.

```
library("mzID")
library("MSnID")
library("MSGFplus")
library("MSnbase")
library("rpx")
library("MLInterfaces")
library("pRoloc")
library("pRolocdata")
library("rTANDEM")
library("MSGFplus")
library("MSGFgui")
library("rols")
library("rols")
```

The most convenient way to install all the tutorials requirement (and more related content), is to install RforProteomics with all its dependencies.

```
library("BiocInstaller")
biocLite("RforProteomics", dependencies = TRUE)
```

Introduction

This tutorial illustrates R / Bioconductor infrastructure for proteomics. Topics covered focus on support for open community-driven formats for raw data and identification results, packages for peptide-spectrum matching, quantitative proteomics, mass spectrometry (MS) and quantitation data processing. Links to other packages and references are also documented.

The vignettes included in the RforProteomics package also contains useful material.

Exploring available infrastructure

In Bioconductor version 3.0, there are respectively 65 proteomics, 44 mass spectrometry software packages and 7 mass spectrometry experiment packages. These respective packages can be extracted with the proteomicsPackages(), massSpectrometryPackages() and massSpectrometryDataPackages() and explored interactively.

```
library("RforProteomics")
pp <- proteomicsPackages()
display(pp)</pre>
```

Mass spectrometry data

Type	Format	Package
raw	mzML, mzXML, netCDF, mzData	mzR (read)
identification	mzIdentML	${\tt mzR} \ {\rm and} \ {\tt mzID} \ ({\rm read})$
quantitation	mzQuantML	
peak lists	mgf	${\tt MSnbase} \; ({\rm read/write})$
other	mzTab	${\tt MSnbase} \ ({\rm read/write})$

Getting data from proteomics repositories

Contemporary MS-based proteomics data is disseminated through the ProteomeXchange infrastructure, which centrally coordinates submission, storage and dissemination through multiple data repositories, such as the PRIDE data base at the EBI for MS/MS experiments, PASSEL at the ISB for SRM data and the MassIVE resource. The rpx is an interface to ProteomeXchange and provides a basic and unified access to PX data.

```
library("rpx")
pxannounced()
```

15 new ProteomeXchange annoucements

```
##
      Data.Set
                   Publication.Data
                                                Message
## 1
     PXD000715 2014-11-18 16:34:39 Updated information
     PXD000837 2014-11-18 16:30:02 Updated information
## 3 PXD001354 2014-11-18 16:29:15 Updated information
## 4 PXD000627 2014-11-18 16:28:07 Updated information
## 5 PXD001125 2014-11-18 16:27:02 Updated information
## 6 PXD001045 2014-11-18 16:26:04 Updated information
## 7 PXD001260 2014-11-18 16:24:55 Updated information
## 8 PXD001414 2014-11-18 16:22:44 Updated information
## 9 PXD000715 2014-11-18 09:35:10
                                                    New
## 10 PXD000837 2014-11-18 09:27:36
## 11 PXD001260 2014-11-18 09:13:08 Updated information
## 12 PXD001045 2014-11-18 09:12:15 Updated information
## 13 PXD001354 2014-11-18 09:11:16
## 14 PXD001125 2014-11-18 09:05:58
                                                    New
## 15 PXD001414 2014-11-18 08:51:50
                                                    New
px <- PXDataset("PXD000001")</pre>
рх
```

```
## Object of class "PXDataset"
```

```
## Id: PXD000001 with 8 files
## [1] 'F063721.dat' ... [8] 'erwinia_carotovora.fasta'
## Use 'pxfiles(.)' to see all files.

pxfiles(px)

## [1] "F063721.dat"
## [2] "F063721.dat-mztab.txt"
## [3] "PRIDE_Exp_Complete_Ac_22134.xml.gz"
## [4] "PRIDE_Exp_mzData_Ac_22134.xml.gz"
## [5] "PXD000001_mztab.txt"
## [6] "TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_iso12_45stepped_60min_01.mzXML"
## [7] "TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_iso12_45stepped_60min_01.raw"
## [8] "erwinia_carotovora.fasta"
```

Other metadata for the px dataset:

```
pxtax(px)
pxurl(px)
pxref(px)
```

Data files can then be downloaded with the pxget function as illustrated below.

```
mzf <- pxget(px, pxfiles(px)[6])

## Downloading 1 file
## TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_iso12_45stepped_60min_01.mzXML already present.

mzf

## [1] "TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_iso12_45stepped_60min_01.mzXML"</pre>
```

Exercise

Explore what data files have been deposited by Pandey's recent draft map of the human proteome.

Handling raw MS data

The mzR package provides an interface to the proteowizard code base, the legacy RAMP is a non-sequential parser and other C/C++ code to access various raw data files, such as mzML, mzXML, netCDF, and mzData. The data is accessed on-disk, i.e it does not get loaded entirely in memory by default. The three main functions are openMSfile to create a file handle to a raw data file, header to extract metadata about the spectra contained in the file and peaks to extract one or multiple spectra of interest. Other functions such as instrumentInfo, or runInfo can be used to gather general information about a run.

```
library("mzR")
ms <- openMSfile(mzf)
ms</pre>
```

```
## Mass Spectrometry file handle.
## Filename: TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_iso12_45stepped_60min_01.mzXML
## Number of scans: 7534
hd <- header(ms)
dim(hd)
## [1] 7534
              21
names(hd)
   [1] "seqNum"
                                    "acquisitionNum"
                                    "polarity"
   [3] "msLevel"
##
   [5] "peaksCount"
                                    "totIonCurrent"
## [7] "retentionTime"
                                    "basePeakMZ"
## [9] "basePeakIntensity"
                                    "collisionEnergy"
                                    "lowMZ"
## [11] "ionisationEnergy"
## [13] "highMZ"
                                    "precursorScanNum"
## [15] "precursorMZ"
                                    "precursorCharge"
## [17] "precursorIntensity"
                                    "mergedScan"
## [19] "mergedResultScanNum"
                                    "mergedResultStartScanNum"
## [21] "mergedResultEndScanNum"
```

Exercise

Extract the index of the MS2 spectrum with the highest base peak intensity and plot its spectrum. Is the data centroided or in profile mode?

Read the MSnbase::MSmap manual and look at the example to learn how the mzR raw data support can be exploited to generate maps of slides of raw MS data. (Note that the hd variable containing the raw data header was missing in MSnbase version < 1.14.1.)

Handling identification data

reading TMT_Erwinia.mzid.gz... DONE!

The RforProteomics package distributes a small identification result file (see ?TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_isol2_45ste that we load and parse using infrastructure from the mzID package.

id

```
## An mzID object
##
## Software used: MS-GF+ (version: Beta (v10072))
##
## Rawfile: /home/lgatto/dev/00_github/RforProteomics/sandbox/TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_isol
##
## Database: /home/lgatto/dev/00_github/RforProteomics/sandbox/erwinia_carotovora.fasta
##
## Number of scans: 5287
## Number of PSM's: 5563
```

Various data can be extracted from the mzID object, using one the accessor functions such as database, scans, peptides, ... The object can also be converted into a data.frame using the flatten function.

Exercise

Is there a relation between the length of a protein and the number of identified peptides, conditioned by the (average) e-value of the identifications?

The mzR package also support fast parsing of mzIdentML files with the openIDfile function. Compare it, it terms of output and speed with mzID.

MS/MS database search

While searches are generally performed using third-party software independently of R or can be started from R using a system call, the rTANDEM package allows one to execute such searches using the X!Tandem engine. The shinyTANDEM provides a interactive interface to explore the search results.

```
library("rTANDEM")
?rtandem
library("shinyTANDEM")
?shinyTANDEM
```

Similarly, the MSGFplus package enables to perform a search using the MSGF+ engine, as illustrated below:

A graphical interface to perform the search the data and explore the results is also available:

```
library("MSGFgui")
MSGFgui()
```

Exercise

Search TMT_Erwinia_1uLSike_Top10HCD_isol2_45stepped_60min_01.mzXML against the fasta file from PXD000001 using, for example, MSGFplus/MSGFgui.

Analysing search results

The MSnID package can be used for post-search filtering of MS/MS identifications. One starts with the construction of an MSnID object that is populated with identification results that can be imported from a data.frame or from mzIdenML files.

```
library("MSnID")
msnid <- MSnID(".")</pre>
## Note, the anticipated/suggested columns in the
## peptide-to-spectrum matching results are:
## -----
## accession
## calculatedMassToCharge
## chargeState
## experimentalMassToCharge
## isDecoy
## peptide
## spectrumFile
## spectrumID
PSMresults <- read.delim(system.file("extdata", "human_brain.txt",
                                    package="MSnID"),
                        stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
psms(msnid) <- PSMresults</pre>
show(msnid)
## MSnID object
## Working directory: "."
## #Spectrum Files: 1
## #PSMs: 997 at 37 % FDR
## #peptides: 687 at 57 % FDR
## #accessions: 665 at 65 % FDR
```

The package then enables to define, optimise and apply filtering based for example on missed cleavages, identification scores, precursor mass errors, etc. and assess PSM, peptide and protein FDR levels.

```
msnid$msmsScore <- -log10(msnid$`MS.GF.SpecEValue`)
msnid$absParentMassErrorPPM <- abs(mass_measurement_error(msnid))

filt0bj <- MSnIDFilter(msnid)
filt0bj$absParentMassErrorPPM <- list(comparison="<", threshold=5.0)
filt0bj$msmsScore <- list(comparison=">", threshold=8.0)
show(filt0bj)

## MSnIDFilter object
## (absParentMassErrorPPM < 5) & (msmsScore > 8)
```

The resulting data can be exported to a data.frame or to a dedicated MSnSet data structure for quantitative MS data, described below, and further processed and analyses using appropriate statistical tests.

High-level data interface

The above sections introduced low-level interfaces to raw and identification results. The MSnbase package provides abstractions for raw data through the MSnExp class and containers for quantification data via the MSnSet class. Both store

- 1. the actual assay data (spectra or quantitation matrix), accessed with spectra (or the [, [[operators) or exprs;
- 2. sample metadata, accessed as a data.frame with pData;
- 3. feature metadata, accessed as a data.frame with fData.

The figure below give a schematics of an MSnSet instance and the relation between the assay data and the respective feature and sample metadata.

Another useful slot is processingData, accessed with processingData(.), that records all the processing that objects have undergone since their creation (see examples below).

The readMSData will parse the raw data, extract the MS2 spectra (by default) and construct an MS experiment file

(Note that while readMSData supports MS1 data, this is currently not convenient as all the data is read into memory.)

```
## [1] "dummyiTRAQ.mzXML"
```

```
msexp
## Object of class "MSnExp"
## Object size in memory: 0.2 Mb
## - - - Spectra data - - -
## MS level(s): 2
## Number of MS1 acquisitions: 1
## Number of MSn scans: 5
## Number of precursor ions: 5
## 4 unique MZs
## Precursor MZ's: 437.8 - 716.34
## MSn M/Z range: 100 2016.66
## MSn retention times: 25:1 - 25:2 minutes
## - - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Tue Nov 18 20:18:50 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.14.0
## - - - Meta data - - -
## phenoData
##
    rowNames: 1
##
     varLabels: sampleNames
    varMetadata: labelDescription
## Loaded from:
    dummyiTRAQ.mzXML
## protocolData: none
## featureData
##
    featureNames: X1.1 X2.1 ... X5.1 (5 total)
     fvarLabels: spectrum
##
     fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
MS2 spectra can be extracted as a list of Spectrum2 objects with the spectra accessor or with the [operator.
Individual can be accessed with [[.
length(msexp)
## [1] 5
msexp[[2]]
## Object of class "Spectrum2"
## Precursor: 546.9586
## Retention time: 25:2
## Charge: 3
## MSn level: 2
## Peaks count: 1012
## Total ion count: 56758067
```

msexp <- readMSData(rawFile, verbose = FALSE)</pre>

The identification results stemming from the same raw data file can then be used to add PSM matches.

```
fData(msexp)
##
        spectrum
## X1.1
               1
## X2.1
               2
## X3.1
               3
## X4.1
               4
## X5.1
               5
## find path to a mzIdentML file
identFile <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),</pre>
                 full.name = TRUE, pattern = "dummyiTRAQ.mzid")
basename(identFile)
## [1] "dummyiTRAQ.mzid"
msexp <- addIdentificationData(msexp, identFile)</pre>
## reading dummyiTRAQ.mzid... DONE!
fData(msexp)
        spectrum scan number(s) passthreshold rank calculatedmasstocharge
##
## X1.1
               1
                               1
                                           TRUE
                                                   1
                                                                    645.0375
## X2.1
               2
                               2
                                           TRUE
                                                   1
                                                                    546.9633
## X3.1
               3
                              NA
                                             NA
                                                  NA
                                                                           NA
## X4.1
               4
                              NA
                                                  NA
                                             NA
                                                                           NA
## X5.1
               5
                               5
                                           TRUE
                                                   1
                                                                    437.2997
        experimentalmasstocharge chargestate ms-gf:denovoscore ms-gf:evalue
## X1.1
                         645.3741
                                             3
                                                               77
                                                                      79.36958
                         546.9586
                                             3
## X2.1
                                                               39
                                                                       13.46615
## X3.1
                               NA
                                            NA
                                                               NA
                                                                             NA
## X4.1
                               NA
                                            NA
                                                               NA
                                                                             NA
## X5.1
                         437.8040
                                             2
                                                                5
                                                                     366.38422
        ms-gf:rawscore ms-gf:specevalue assumeddissociationmethod
## X1.1
                    -39
                            5.527468e-05
                                                                 CID
## X2.1
                            9.399048e-06
                                                                 CID
                    -30
## X3.1
                    NA
                                                                <NA>
## X4.1
                    NA
                                                                <NA>
## X5.1
                    -42
                            2.577830e-04
                                                                 CID
        isotopeerror isdecoy post pre end start
                                                          accession length
## X1.1
                    1
                        FALSE
                                 Α
                                      R 186
                                               170 ECA0984; ECA3829
                                                                        231
## X2.1
                    0
                        FALSE
                                       K 62
                                                50
                                                            ECA1028
                                                                        275
                                 Α
## X3.1
                 <NA>
                           NA <NA> <NA>
                                          NA
                                                NA
                                                               < NA >
                                                                        NA
## X4.1
                                                                        NA
                 <NA>
                           NA <NA> <NA>
                                          NA
                                                NA
                                                               < NA >
## X5.1
                        FALSE
                                          28
                                                            ECA0510
                                                                            description
## X1.1 DNA mismatch repair protein; acetolactate synthase isozyme III large subunit
```

2,3,4,5-tetrahydropyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate N-succinyltransferase

<NA>

X2.1

X3.1 ## X4.1

```
## X5.1
                           putative capsular polysacharide biosynthesis transferase
##
                   pepseq modified modification
                                                              databaseFile
## X1.1 VESITARHGEVLQLRPK
                              FALSE
                                              NA erwinia_carotovora.fasta
## X2.1
            IDGQWVTHQWLKK
                              FALSE
                                              NA erwinia_carotovora.fasta
## X3.1
                     <NA>
                                 NA
                                              NA
                                                                      <NA>
## X4.1
                     <NA>
                                 NA
                                              NA
                                                                      <NA>
                              FALSE
                                              NA erwinia_carotovora.fasta
## X5.1
                  LVILLFR
        identFile nprot npep.prot npsm.prot npsm.pep
##
## X1.1
                2
                      2
                                 1
## X2.1
                2
                      1
                                 1
                                           1
                                                    1
## X3.1
               NA
                     NA
                                NA
                                          NA
                                                   NA
## X4.1
               NA
                     NA
                                NA
                                          NA
                                                   NA
## X5.1
                2
                       1
                                 1
                                           1
                                                    1
```

Spectra and (parts of) experiments can be extraced and plotted.

msexp[[1]]

```
## Object of class "Spectrum2"
## Precursor: 645.3741
## Retention time: 25:1
## Charge: 3
## MSn level: 2
## Peaks count: 2921
## Total ion count: 668170086
```

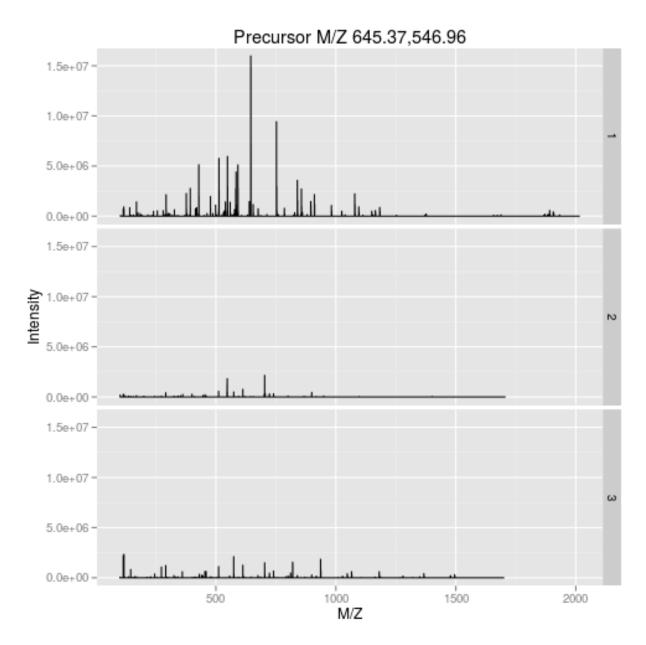
```
plot(msexp[[1]], full=TRUE)
```



msexp[1:3]

```
## Object of class "MSnExp"
## Object size in memory: 0.13 Mb
## - - - Spectra data - - -
## MS level(s): 2
## Number of MS1 acquisitions: 1
## Number of precursor ions: 3
## 2 unique MZs
## Precursor MZ's: 546.96 - 645.37
## MSn M/Z range: 100 2016.66
## MSn retention times: 25:1 - 25:2 minutes
```

```
## - - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Tue Nov 18 20:18:50 2014
## Data [numerically] subsetted 3 spectra: Tue Nov 18 20:18:50 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.14.0
## - - - Meta data - - -
## phenoData
## rowNames: 1
    varLabels: sampleNames
##
##
   varMetadata: labelDescription
## Loaded from:
## dummyiTRAQ.mzXML,
                        dummyiTRAQ.mzid
## protocolData: none
## featureData
## featureNames: X1.1 X2.1 X3.1
##
    fvarLabels: spectrum scan number(s) ... npsm.pep (30 total)
##
    {\tt fvarMetadata:\ labelDescription}
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
plot(msexp[1:3], full=TRUE)
```



Coercion to a data.frame is straightforward.

```
as(msexp[[1]], "data.frame")[100:105, ]
```

```
## mz i
## 100 141.0990 588594.812
## 101 141.1015 845401.250
## 102 141.1041 791352.125
## 103 141.1066 477623.000
## 104 141.1091 155376.312
## 105 141.1117 4752.541
```

Quantitative proteomics

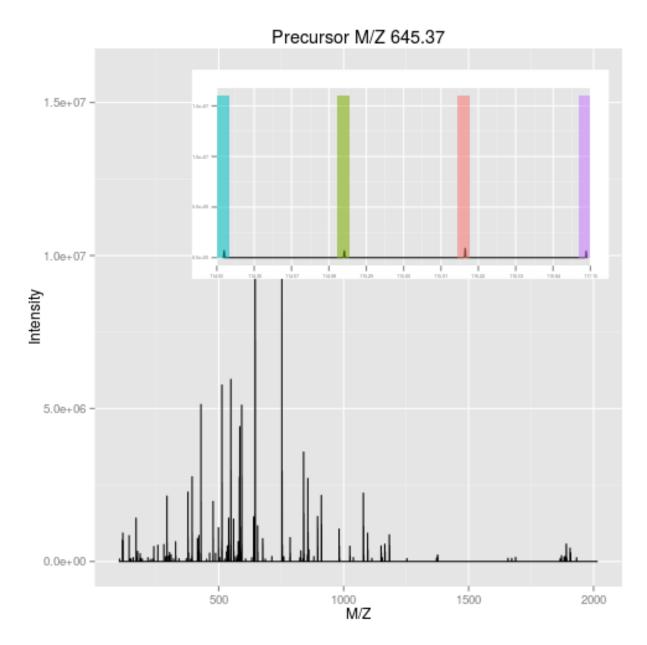
There are a wide range of proteomics quantitation techniques that can broadly be classified as labelled vs. label-free, depending whether the features are labelled prior the MS acquisition and the MS level at which quantitation is inferred, namely MS1 or MS2.

	Label-free	Labelled
MS1	XIC	SILAC, 15N
MS2	Counting	iTRAQ, TMT

In terms of raw data quantitation, most efforts have been devoted to MS2-level quantitation. Label-free XIC quantitation has however been addressed in the frame of metabolomics data processing by the xcms infrastructure.

An MSnExp is converted to an MSnSet by the quantitation method. Below, we use the iTRAQ 4-plex isobaric tagging strategy (defined by the iTRAQ4 parameter; other tags are available).

```
plot(msexp[[1]], full=TRUE, reporters = iTRAQ4)
```



```
msset <- quantify(msexp, method = "trap", reporters = iTRAQ4, verbose=FALSE)
exprs(msset)</pre>
```

```
iTRAQ4.114 iTRAQ4.115 iTRAQ4.116 iTRAQ4.117
## X1.1
       4483.320 4873.996 6743.441
                                       4601.378
## X2.1
       1918.082
                  1418.040
                            1117.601
                                       1581.954
## X3.1 15210.979 15296.256 15592.760 16550.502
## X4.1
        4133.103
                  5069.983
                            4724.845
                                       4694.801
## X5.1 11947.881 13061.875 12809.491 12911.479
```

processingData(msset)

```
## - - - Processing information - - -
```

```
## Data loaded: Tue Nov 18 20:18:50 2014
## iTRAQ4 quantification by trapezoidation: Tue Nov 18 20:18:51 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.14.0
```

Other MS2 quantitation methods available in quantify include the (normalised) spectral index SI and (normalised) spectral abundance factor SAF or simply a simple count method.

Note that spectra that have not been assigned any peptide (NA) or that match non-unique peptides (npsm > 1) are discarded in the counting process.

See also The isobar package supports quantitation from centroided mgf peak lists or its own tab-separated files that can be generated from Mascot and Phenyx vendor files.

Have a look at the **?quantify** documentation file and review the above by walking through the example.

Importing third-party quantitative data

The PSI mzTab file format is aimed at providing a simpler (than XML formats) and more accessible file format to the wider community. It is composed of a key-value metadata section and peptide/protein/small molecule tabular sections.

```
mztf <- pxget(px, pxfiles(px)[2])

## Downloading 1 file
## F063721.dat-mztab.txt already present.

(mzt <- readMzTabData(mztf, what = "PEP"))

## Warning in readMzTabData(mztf, what = "PEP"): Support for mzTab version
## 0.9 only. Support will be added soon.

## Detected a metadata section
## Detected a peptide section</pre>
```

```
## MSnSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
## assayData: 1528 features, 6 samples
     element names: exprs
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
     rowNames: sub[1] sub[2] ... sub[6] (6 total)
##
     varLabels: abundance
     varMetadata: labelDescription
##
## featureData
     featureNames: 1 2 ... 1528 (1528 total)
##
     fvarLabels: sequence accession ... uri (14 total)
     fvarMetadata: labelDescription
##
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation:
## - - - Processing information - - -
## mzTab read: Tue Nov 18 20:19:00 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.14.0
It is also possible to import arbitrary spreadsheets as MSnSet objects into R with the readMSnSet2 function.
The main 2 arguments of the function are (1) a text-based spreadsheet and (2) column names of indices that
identify the quantitation data.
csv <- dir(system.file ("extdata" , package = "pRolocdata"),</pre>
           full.names = TRUE, pattern = "pr800866n_si_004-rep1.csv")
getEcols(csv, split = ",")
##
    [1] "\"Protein ID\""
                                        "\"FBgn\""
    [3] "\"Flybase Symbol\""
                                        "\"No. peptide IDs\""
##
                                        "\"No. peptides quantified\""
   [5] "\"Mascot score\""
   [7] "\"area 114\""
                                        "\"area 115\""
##
   [9] "\"area 116\""
                                        "\"area 117\""
## [11] "\"PLS-DA classification\""
                                        "\"Peptide sequence\""
  [13] "\"Precursor ion mass\""
                                        "\"Precursor ion charge\""
## [15] "\"pd.2013\""
                                        "\"pd.markers\""
ecols <- 7:10
res <- readMSnSet2(csv, ecols)</pre>
head(exprs(res))
     area.114 area.115 area.116 area.117
## 1 0.379000 0.281000 0.225000 0.114000
## 2 0.420000 0.209667 0.206111 0.163889
## 3 0.187333 0.167333 0.169667 0.476000
## 4 0.247500 0.253000 0.320000 0.179000
## 5 0.216000 0.183000 0.342000 0.259000
## 6 0.072000 0.212333 0.573000 0.142667
head(fData(res))
##
     Protein.ID
                        FBgn Flybase.Symbol No..peptide.IDs Mascot.score
```

3

179.86

222.40

G-ialpha65A

Act57B

CG10060 FBgn0001104

CG10067 FBgn0000044

1

2

```
## 3
        CG10077 FBgn0035720
                                     CG10077
                                                            5
                                                                     219.65
## 4
        CG10079 FBgn0003731
                                                            2
                                                                      86.39
                                        Egfr
## 5
        CG10106 FBgn0029506
                                     Tsp42Ee
                                                            1
                                                                      52.10
## 6
        CG10130 FBgn0010638
                                   Sec61beta
                                                            2
                                                                      79.90
##
     No..peptides.quantified PLS.DA.classification Peptide.sequence
## 1
                            1
                                                   PM
## 2
                            9
                                                   PM
## 3
                            3
## 4
                            2
                                                   PM
## 5
                                                             GGVFDTIQK
                            1
## 6
                                            ER/Golgi
##
                                                    pd.2013 pd.markers
     Precursor.ion.mass Precursor.ion.charge
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                 626.887
                                             2 Phenotype 1
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## 6
                                                   ER/Golgi
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```

Data processing and analysis

Raw data processing

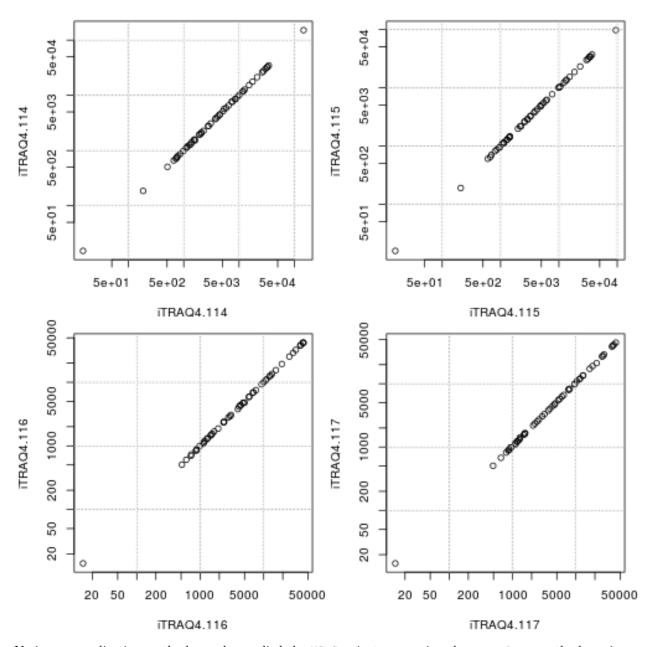
For raw data processing look at MSnbases's clean, smooth, pickPeaks, removePeaks and trimMz for MSnExp and spectra processing methods.

The MALDIquant and xcms packages also features a wide range of raw data processing methods on their own ad hoc data instance types.

Processing and normalisation

Each different types of quantitative data will require their own pre-processing and normalisation steps. Both isobar and MSnbase allow to correct for isobaric tag impurities normalise the quantitative data.

```
## - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Wed May 11 18:54:39 2011
## iTRAQ4 quantification by trapezoidation: Tue Nov 18 20:19:02 2014
## Purity corrected: Tue Nov 18 20:19:02 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.1.22
```



Various normalisation methods can be applied the MSnSet instances using the normalise method: variance stabilisation (vsn), quantile (quantiles), median or mean centring (center.media or center.mean), ...

```
qnt.crct.nrm <- normalise(qnt.crct, "quantiles")
plot0(qnt, qnt.crct.nrm)</pre>
```

The combineFeatures method combines spectra/peptides quantitation values into protein data. The grouping is defined by the groupBy parameter, which is generally taken from the feature metadata (protein accessions, for example).

```
## arbitraty grouping
g <- factor(c(rep(1, 25), rep(2, 15), rep(3, 15)))
prt <- combineFeatures(qnt.crct.nrm, groupBy = g, fun = "sum")</pre>
```

processingData(prt)

```
## - - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Wed May 11 18:54:39 2011
## iTRAQ4 quantification by trapezoidation: Tue Nov 18 20:19:02 2014
## Purity corrected: Tue Nov 18 20:19:02 2014
## Normalised (quantiles): Tue Nov 18 20:19:03 2014
## Combined 55 features into 3 using sum: Tue Nov 18 20:19:03 2014
## MSnbase version: 1.1.22
```

Finally, proteomics data analysis is generally hampered by missing values. Missing data imputation is a sensitive operation whose success will be guided by many factors, such as degree and (non-)random nature of the missingness. Missing value in MSnSet instances can be filtered out and imputed using the filterNA and impute functions.

```
set.seed(1)
qnt0 <- qnt
exprs(qnt0)[sample(prod(dim(qnt0)), 10)] <- NA
table(is.na(qnt0))

##
## FALSE TRUE
## 209 11

qnt00 <- filterNA(qnt0)
dim(qnt00)

## [1] 44 4

qnt.imp <- impute(qnt0)
plot0(qnt, qnt.imp)</pre>
```



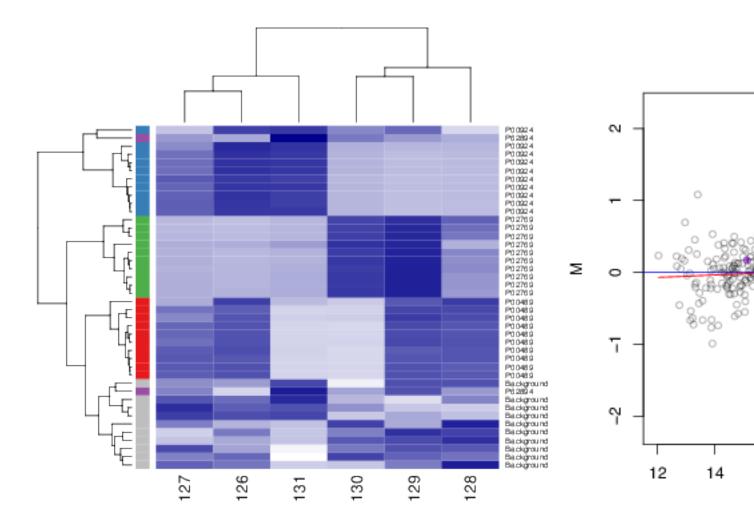
Exercise

The mzt instance created from the mzTab file has the following is a TMT 6-plex with the following design:

In this TMT 6-plex experiment, four exogenous proteins were spiked into an equimolar *Erwinia* carotovora lysate with varying proportions in each channel of quantitation; yeast enolase (ENO) at 10:5:2.5:12.5:10, bovine serum albumin (BSA) at 1:2.5:5:10:5:1, rabbit glycogen phosphory-lase (PHO) at 2:2:2:2:1:1 and bovin cytochrome C (CYT) at 1:1:1:1:1:2. Proteins were then digested, differentially labelled with TMT reagents, fractionated by reverse phase nanoflow UPLC (nanoACQUITY, Waters), and analysed on an LTQ Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientic).

Explore the mzt data using some of the illustrated functions. The heatmap and MAplot (see

MAplot function), taken from the RforProteomics vignette, have been produced using the same data.



Statistical analysis

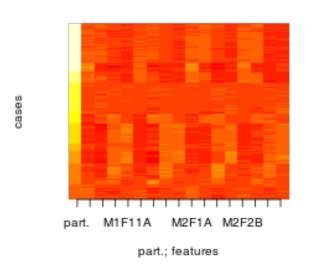
R in general and Bioconductor in particular are well suited for the statistical analysis of data. Several packages provide dedicated resources for proteomics data:

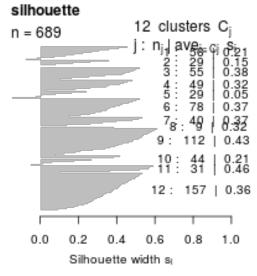
- MSstats: A set of tools for statistical relative protein significance analysis in DDA, SRM and DIA experiments.
- msmsTest: Statistical tests for label-free LC-MS/MS data by spectral counts, to discover differentially expressed proteins between two biological conditions. Three tests are available: Poisson GLM regression, quasi-likelihood GLM regression, and the negative binomial of the edgeR package.
- isobar also provides dedicated infrastructure for the statistical analysis of isobaric data.

Machine learning

The MLInterfaces package provides a unified interface to a wide range of machine learning algorithms. Initially developed for microarray and ExpressionSet instances, the pRoloc package enables application of these algorithms to MSnSet data.

```
library("MLInterfaces")
library("pRoloc")
library("pRolocdata")
data(dunkley2006)
traininds <- which(fData(dunkley2006)$markers != "unknown")</pre>
ans <- MLearn(markers ~ ., data = t(dunkley2006), knnI(k = 5), traininds)
ans
## MLInterfaces classification output container
## The call was:
## MLearn(formula = markers ~ ., data = t(dunkley2006), .method = knnI(k = 5),
       trainInd = traininds)
## Predicted outcome distribution for test set:
##
##
       ER lumen ER membrane
                                       Golgi Mitochondrion
                                                                 Plastid
##
              5
                           140
                                          67
                                                        51
                                                                       29
                      Ribosome
                                                   vacuole
##
              PM
                                         TGN
##
              89
                            31
                                           6
## Summary of scores on test set (use testScores() method for details):
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
  0.4000 1.0000 1.0000 0.9332 1.0000 1.0000
kcl <- MLearn( ~ ., data = dunkley2006, kmeansI, centers = 12)</pre>
## clusteringOutput: partition table
##
##
         2
                         6
                             7
                                 8
                                     9 10 11 12
   56 29 55 49 29 78 40
                                 9 112 44
                                           31 157
## The call that created this object was:
## MLearn(formula = ~., data = dunkley2006, .method = kmeansI, centers = 12)
plot(kcl, exprs(dunkley2006))
```

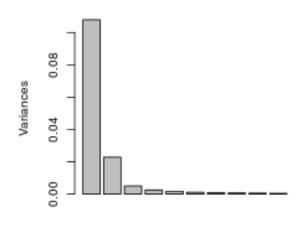


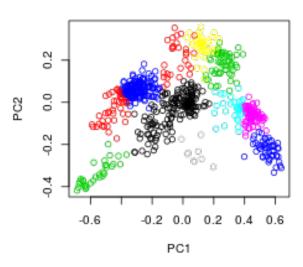


Average silhouette width: 0.33

PCA screeplot

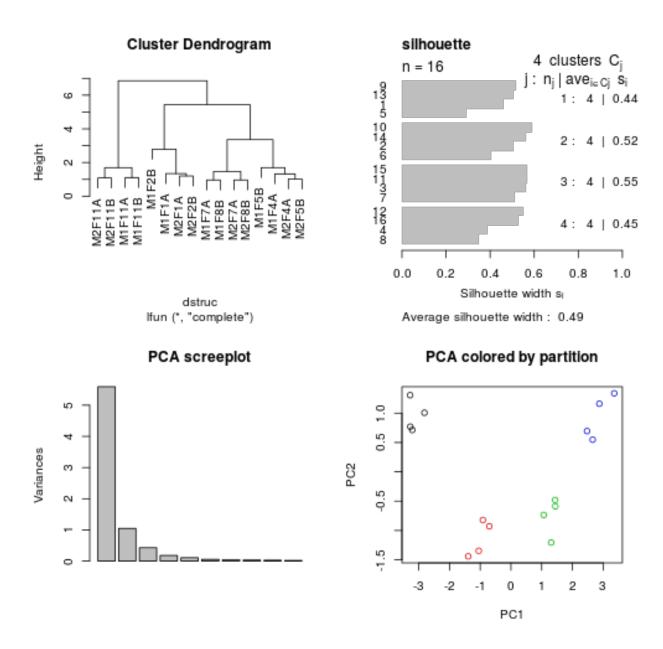
PCA colored by partition





```
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```

plot(hcl, exprs(t(dunkley2006)))



A wide range of classification algorithms are also available, as described in the ?MLearn documentation page. The pRoloc package also uses MSnSet instances as input and ,while being conceived with the analysis of spatial/organelle proteomics data in mind, is applicable many use cases.

Annotation

All the Bioconductor annotation infrastructure, such as biomaRt, GO.db, organism specific annotations, ... are directly relevant to the analysis of proteomics data. A total of 93 ontologies, including some proteomics-centred annotations such as the PSI Mass Spectrometry Ontology, Molecular Interaction (PSI MI 2.5) or Protein Modifications are available through the rols.

```
library("rols")
olsQuery("ESI", "MS")
```

```
## MS:1000073 MS:1000162
## "ESI" "HiRes ESI"
```

Data from the Human Protein Atlas is available via the hpar package.

Other relevant packages/pipelines

- Analysis of post translational modification with isobar.
- Analysis of label-free data from a Synapt G2 (including ion mobility) with synapter.
- Analysis of spatial proteomics data with pRoloc.
- Analysis of MALDI data with the MALDIquant package.
- Access to the Proteomics Standard Initiative Common QUery InterfaCe with the PSICQUIC package.

Additional relevant packages are described in the RforProteomics vignettes.

Session information

```
## R version 3.1.1 Patched (2014-09-02 r66514)
## Platform: x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu (64-bit)
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats4
                 parallel stats
                                     graphics grDevices utils
                                                                    datasets
## [8] methods
                 base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] hpar_1.8.0
                             rols_1.8.0
                                                  MSGFgui_1.0.1
## [4] rTANDEM_1.6.0
                             data.table_1.9.4
                                                  pRolocdata_1.5.2
## [7] pRoloc_1.7.1
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                                                  MSnID_1.0.0
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                             BiocGenerics_0.12.1 BiocInstaller_1.16.1
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## [1] affy_1.44.0
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## [29] ggplot2_1.0.0
                                     graph_1.44.0
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## [39] interactiveDisplay_1.4.0
                                     interactiveDisplayBase_1.4.0
## [41] iterators 1.0.7
                                     kernlab 0.9-19
## [43] labeling 0.3
                                     lattice 0.20-29
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