

# Part I: Normalization & Summarization

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# Outline

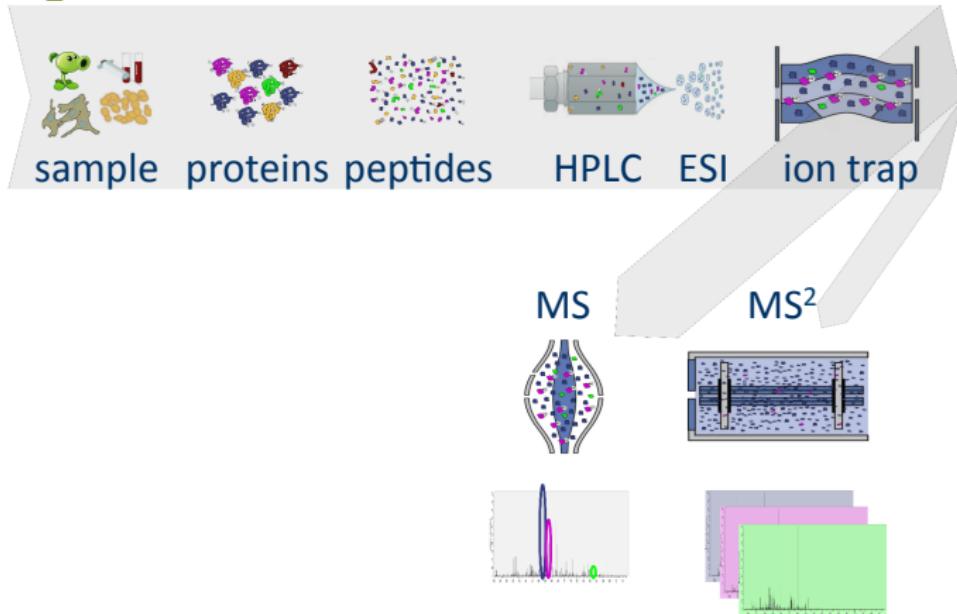
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- ① Label free MS based Quantitative Proteomics Workflow and Challenges

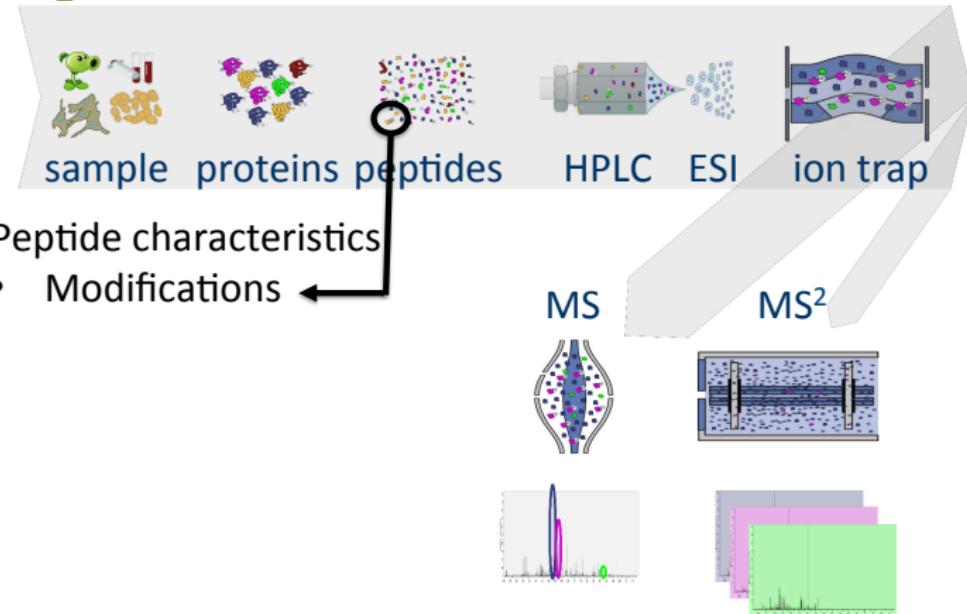
## ② Preprocessing

- ① Filtering
- ② Log transformation
- ③ Normalization
- ④ Summarization

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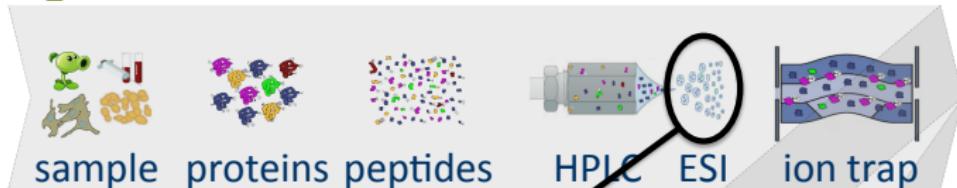


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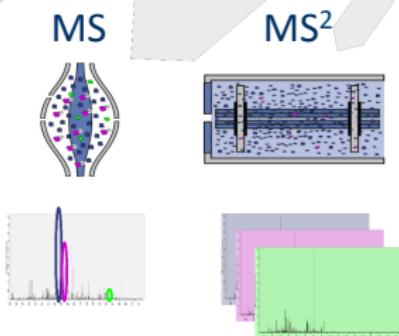
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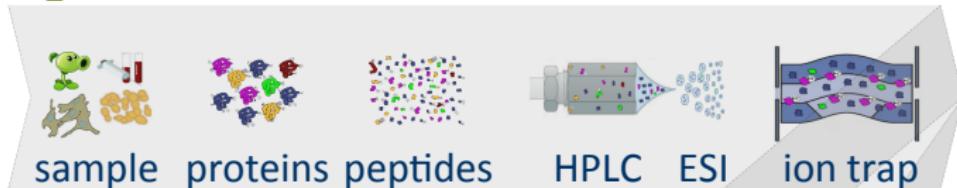
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  - Outliers
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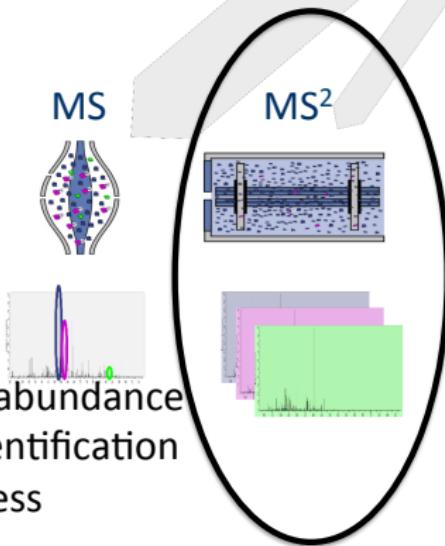
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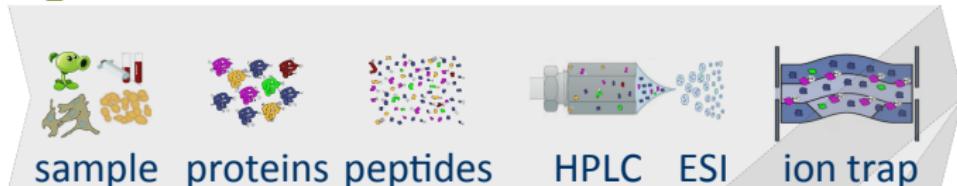


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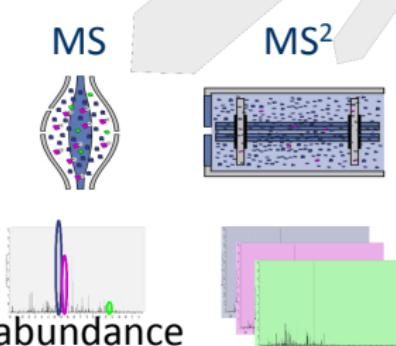


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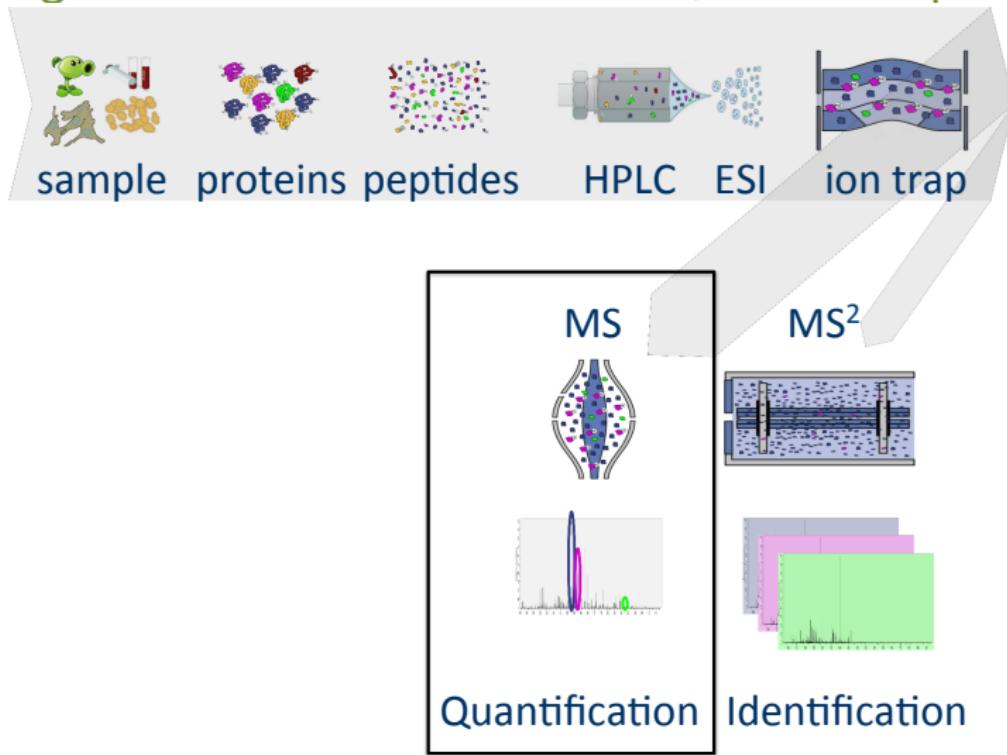
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**Unbalanced peptides identifications across samples and messy data**

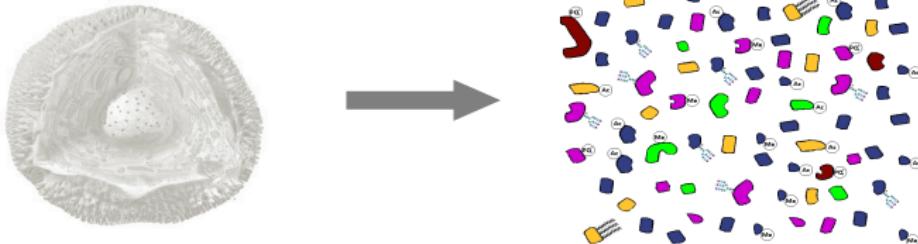


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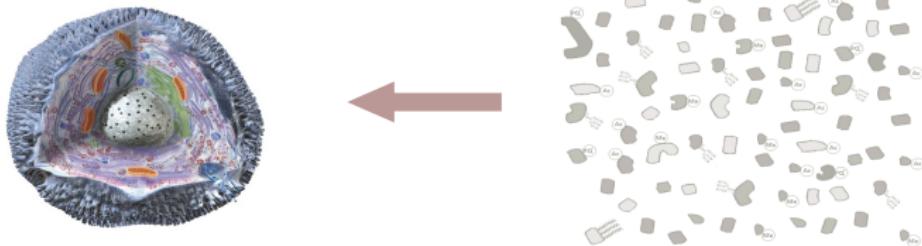
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## MS-based proteomics returns **peptides**: pieces of proteins

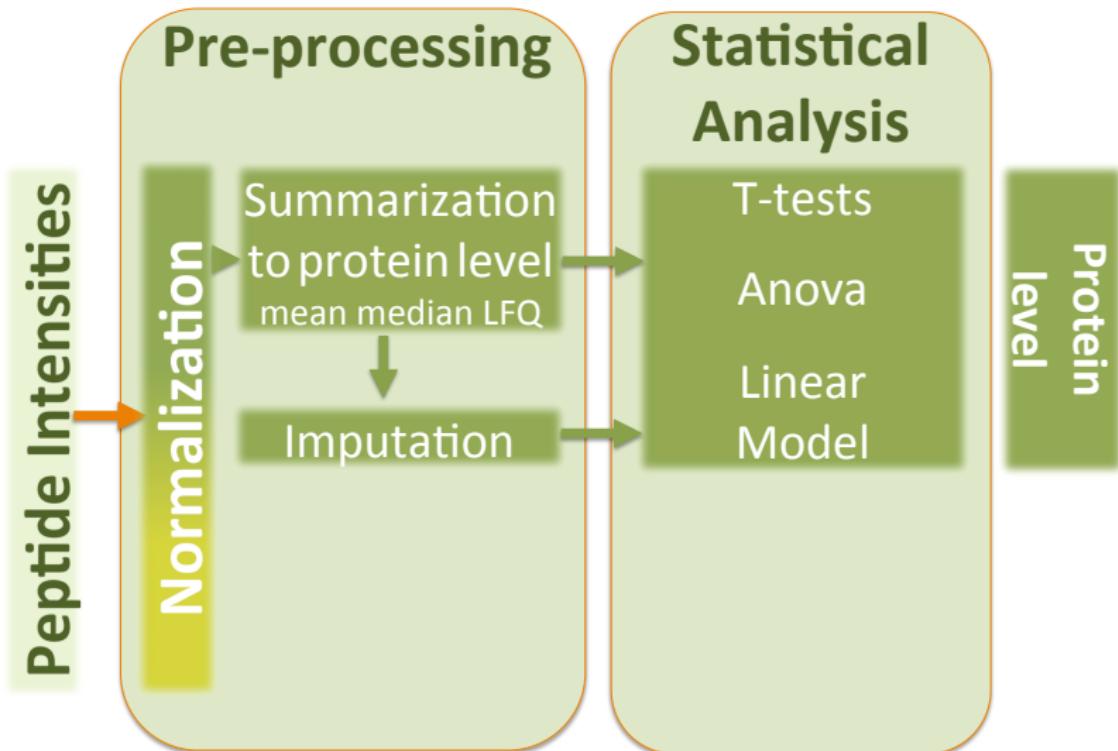


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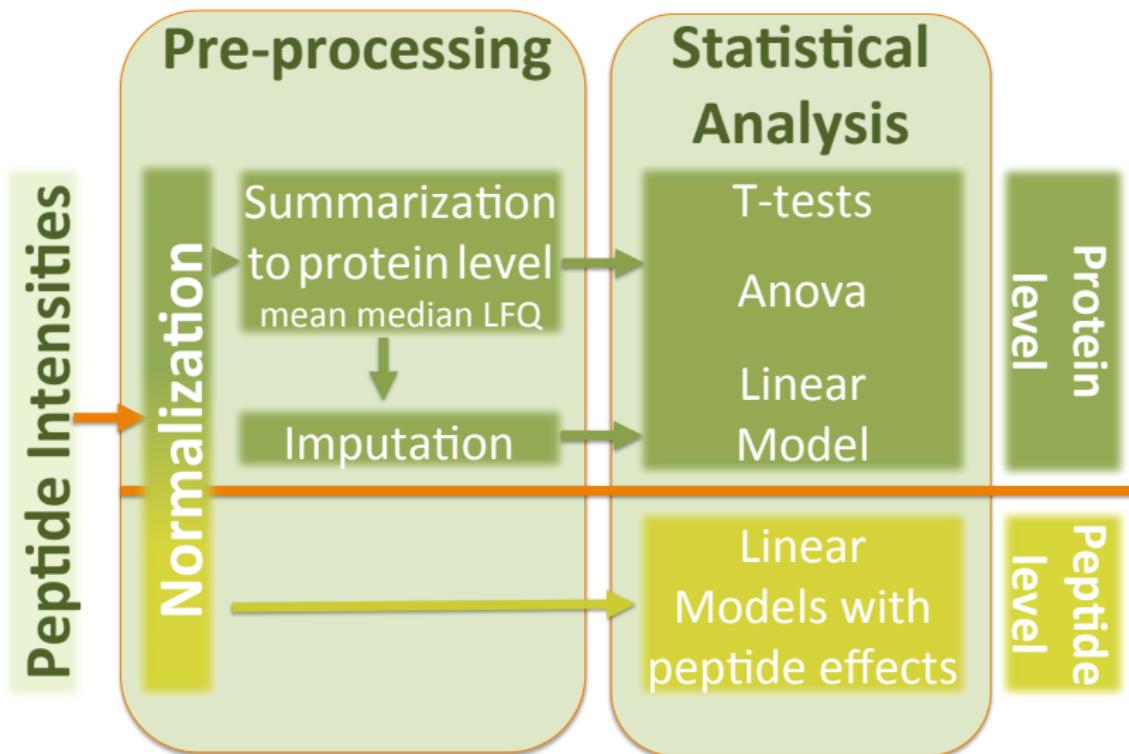
We need information on protein level!



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# CPTAC Spike-in Study

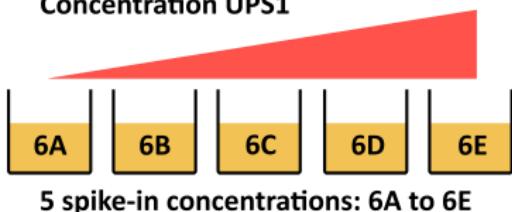
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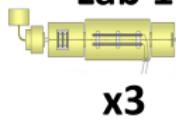
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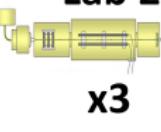
Concentration UPS1



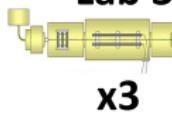
Lab 1



Lab 2



Lab 3



- Same trypsin-digested yeast proteome background in each sample
  - Trypsin-digested Sigma UPS1 standard: 48 different human proteins spiked in at 5 different concentrations (treatment A-E)
  - Samples repeatedly run on different instruments in different labs
  - After MaxQuant search with match between runs option
    - 41% of all proteins are quantified in all samples
    - 6.6% of all peptides are quantified in all samples
- vast amount of missingness

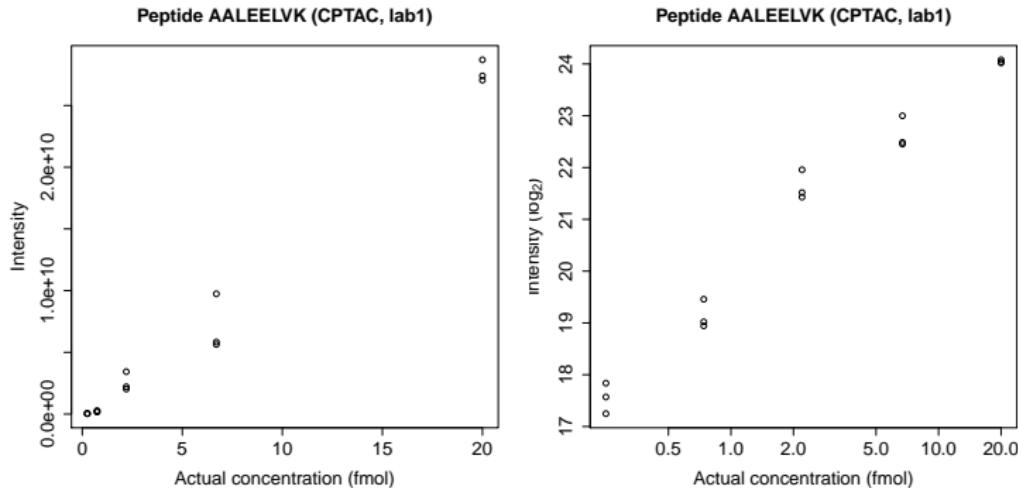
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- Typical preprocessing steps
  - 1 Filtering
  - 2 Log-transformation
  - 3 Normalization
  - 4 (Summarization)
- Many methods exist

# Filtering

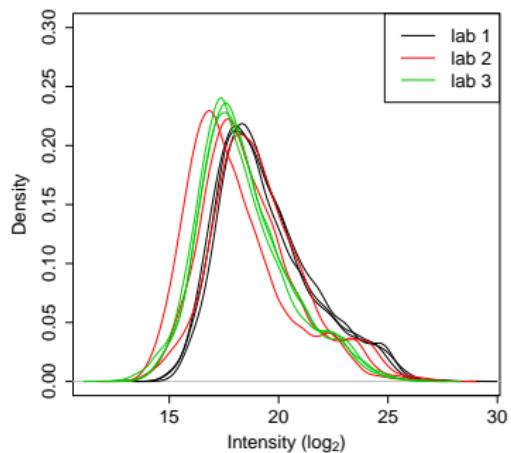
- Reverse sequences
- Only identified by modification site (only modified peptides detected)
- Razor peptides: non-unique peptides assigned to the protein group with the most other peptides
- Contaminants
- Peptides few identifications
- Proteins that are only identified with one or a few peptides
- Filtering does not induce bias if the criterion is independent from the downstream data analysis!

# Log-transformation

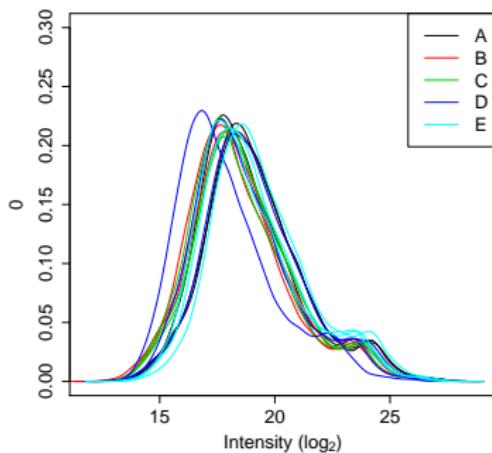


Variability more equal upon log transformation: often multiplicative error structure of intensity-based read-outs

Raw peptide intensity (CPTAC D)



Raw peptide intensity (CPTAC lab2)



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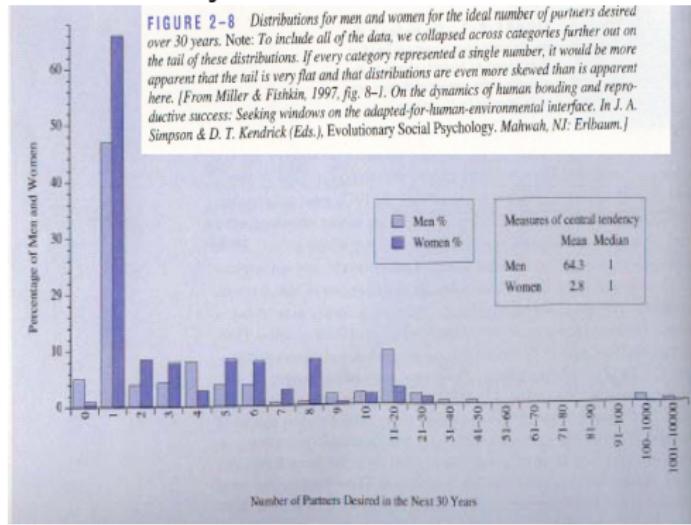
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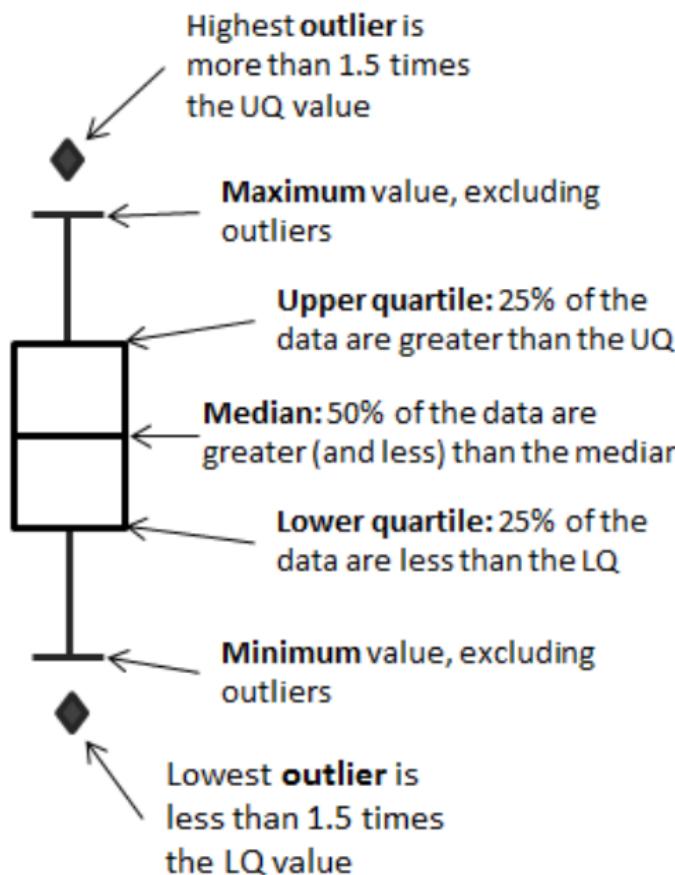
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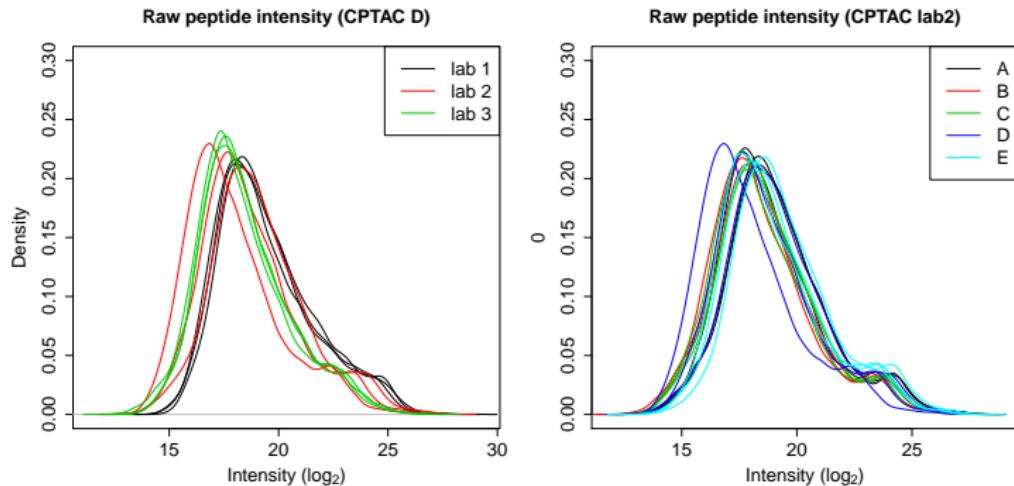
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- Over a period of 30 years males, is the median of the number of desired partners is 1 for both males and females. (Miller and Fishkin, 1997)

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Mean is very sensitive to outliers!





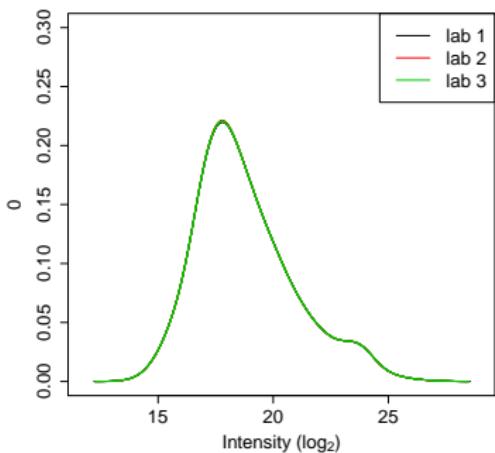


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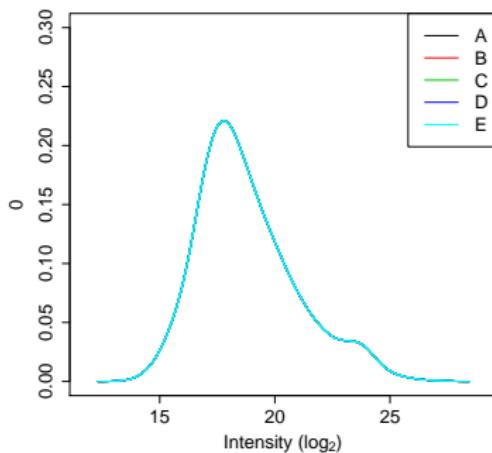
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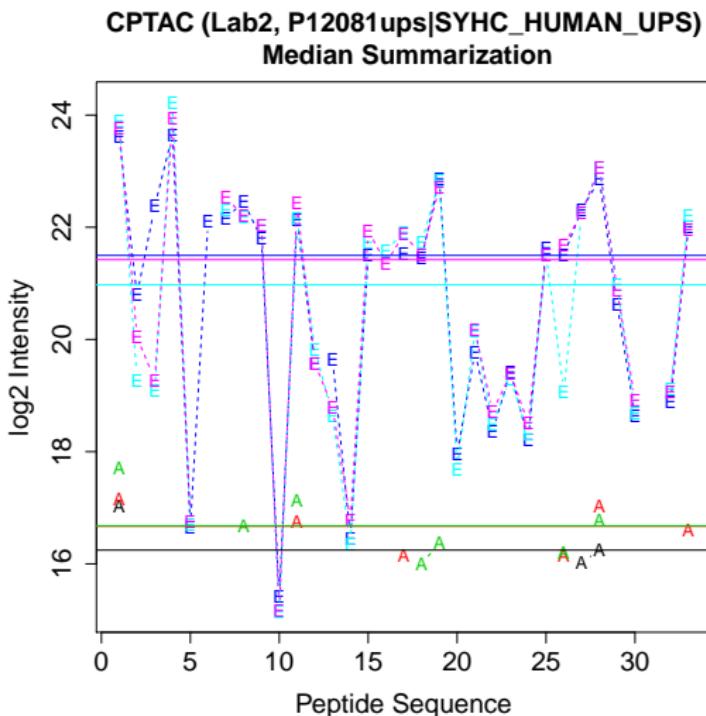
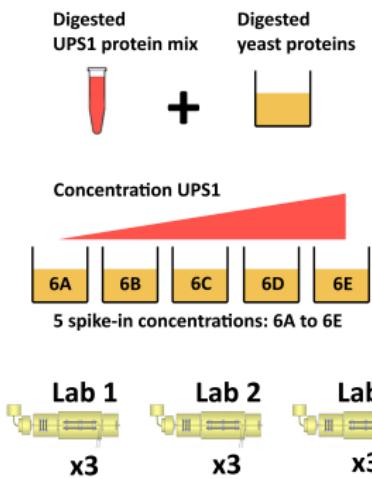
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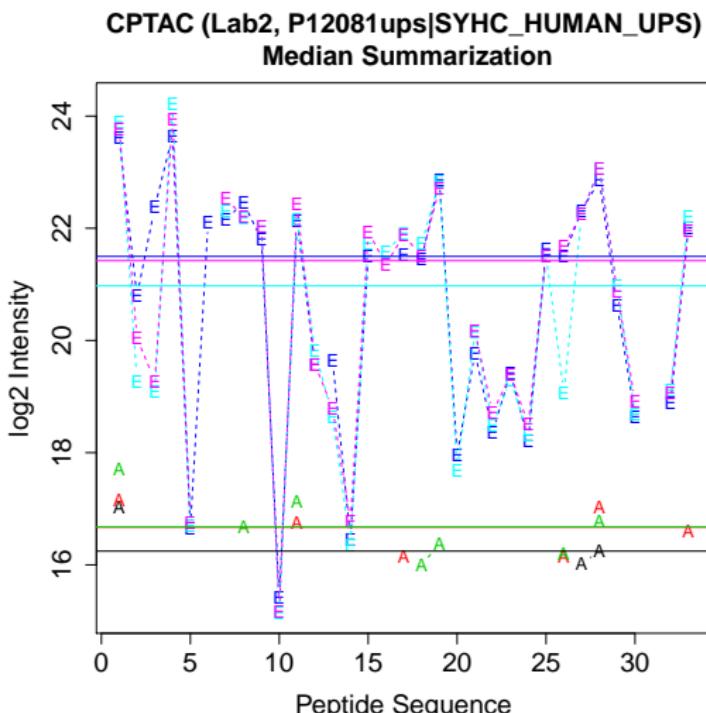
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- Normalization is needed, e.g. **quantile normalization**

# Summarization



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- Strong peptide effect
- Unbalanced peptide identification
- Summarization bias
- Different precision of protein level summaries



# MaxLFQ summarization

**a**

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>P63208
MPSIKLQSSDGEIFEVDVEIAKQSTIKTMLEDLGMDDEGDD
DPVPLPNVNNAILKKVIQWCTHKKDDPPPFEDDENKEKRTDD
IPVWDQEFLKVDQGTLFELILAANYLDIKGLLDVTCKTVANM
IKGKTFEEIRKTFNIKNDFTEEEAQVRKENQWCEEK
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**b**

Peptide species	Sequence	Charge	Mod.
P <sub>1</sub>	LQSSDGEI <b>F</b> EVDVEIAK	2	–
P <sub>2</sub>	LQSSDGEI <b>F</b> EVDVEIAK	3	–
P <sub>3</sub>	<b>R</b> <u>T</u> <b>D</b> <b>D</b> <b>I</b> PVWD <b>Q</b> EFLK	2	–
P <sub>4</sub>	<b>T</b> <u>V</u> <b>A</b> <b>N</b> <b>M</b> <b>I</b> K	2	–
P <sub>5</sub>	<b>T</b> <u>V</u> <b>A</b> <b>N</b> <b>M</b> <b>I</b> K	2	Oxid.
P <sub>6</sub>	<b>T</b> <b>P</b> <b>E</b> <b>E</b> <b>I</b> R <b>K</b>	3	–
P <sub>7</sub>	<b>N</b> <b>D</b> <b>F</b> <b>T</b> <b>E</b> <b>E</b> <b>E</b> <b>A</b> <b>Q</b> <b>V</b> <b>R</b>	2	–

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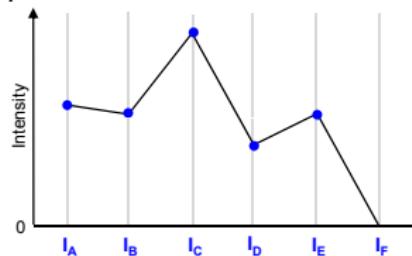
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A	+						+
B		+	+				+
C	+	+	+	+		+	+
D	+	+		+		+	+
E		+		+			+
F	+				+		

**d**

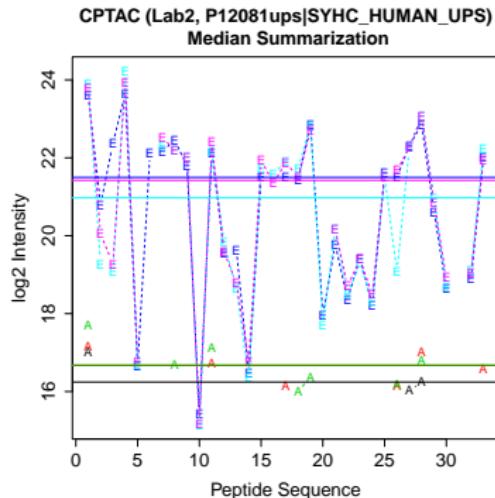
A	$r_{BA}$					
B	$r_{CA}$		$r_{CB}$			
C	$r_{DA}$	$r_{DB}$	$r_{DC}$			
D	$r_{EA}$	$r_{EB}$	$r_{EC}$	$r_{ED}$		
E	$r_{FA}$	$r_{FB}$	$r_{FC}$	$r_{FD}$	$r_{FE}$	
F						
	A	B	C	D	E	F

**e**

$$\begin{array}{lll} r_{BA} = I_B / I_A & r_{CA} = I_C / I_A & r_{CB} = I_C / I_B \\ r_{DA} = I_D / I_A & r_{DB} = I_D / I_B & r_{DC} = I_D / I_C \\ r_{EC} = I_E / I_C & r_{ED} = I_E / I_D & I_F = 0 \end{array}$$

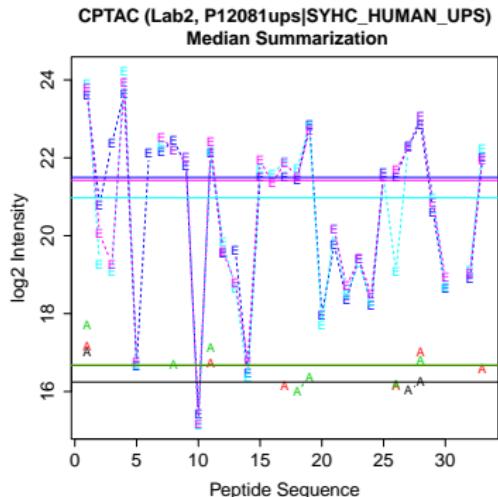
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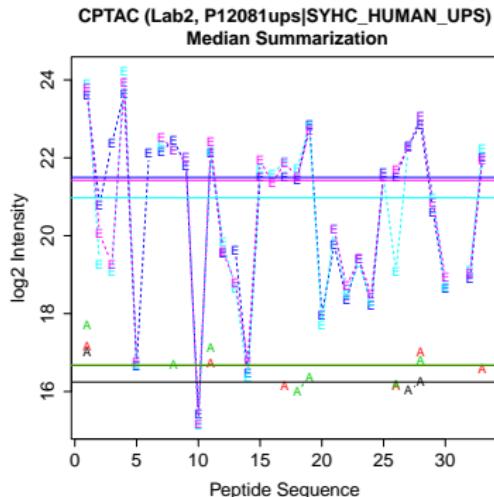
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 $y_{pept} \sim peptide + sample$

