Mass spectrometry-based proteomics

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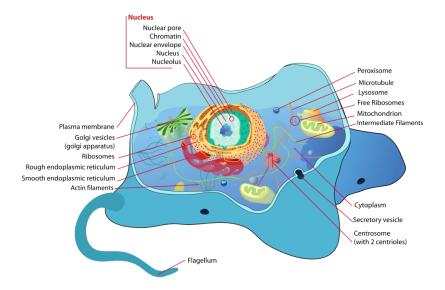
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Biological information flow

There are three main biological entities that respectively store information, act as data intermediates, and the functional units, and the figure below show how information flows between these three levels.

DNA, that lives in the nucleus of cells, is the central information storage mechanism, and encodes the blueprint of the functional units as genes. DNA is **transcribed** into **messenger RNA** (mRNA), that relocalises outside the nucleus and is further processed into its mature *exon*-only form after removal of the non-coding *introns* sequences. Finally, the mRNA is translated by the ribosomial machinery into **proteins** directly into the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) where they are then redirected to their final destination.



In addition to the standard information worflow where DNA is transcribed into RNA that itself is translated into proteins, there is also reverse transcription, that generates (complementary) DNA



Figure 1: Information flow in biological systems (Source *Central dogma of biology* on Wikipedia).

from and RNA molecule, as well as replication of DNA (during cell division) and RNA molecules.

Why studying proteins

Proteins as the functional units in all living organisms, and they are highly dynamic. The caterpillar and the resulting butterfly have the same genome. The complement of all the expressed proteins, termed the proteome is however very different.



Figure 3: The metamorphosis from a caterpilar to a monarch butterfly. (Image from Phys.org)

There are different modalities of the proteome that are of interest. In addition to the presence or amount of protein in a biological samples, it is also important to study the interactions between proteins forming protein-protein complexes, the presence of posttranscriptional modification (such as, for example, phosphorylations), the rate at which proteins are produced and degraded, or where the proteins reside inside a cell.

The technique of choice to study proteins in a high throughput way is mass spectrometry.

A beginner's guide to mass spectrometry—based proteomics (Sinha and Mann 2020) is an approachable introduction to sample preparation, mass spectrometry and data analysis.

Setup

We are going to use the Bioconductor (Huber et al. 2015) MSnbase package (Laurent Gatto and Lilley 2012; Laurent Gatto, Gibb, and Rainer 2020), which can be install with the BiocManager package, available from CRAN. If BiocManager isn't available on your computer, install it with:

install.packages("BiocManager")

Now, install MSnbase and its dependencies with



Figure 4: The 'MSnbase' package.

BiocManager::install("MSnbase")

For additional information on how to analyse mass spectrometrybased proteomics data, refer to (L. Gatto and Christoforou 2014) and (Laurent Gatto 2019), or explore the the proteomics- and mass spectrometry-related packages on the Bioconductor page

The recent R for Mass Spectrometry initiative, and the documetation book provide further details and state-of-the-art infrastructure for MS and proteomics data analysis.

How does mass spectrometry work?

Mass spectrometry (MS) is a technology that separates charged molecules (ions) based on their mass to charge ratio (M/Z). It is often coupled to chromatography (liquid LC, but can also be gas-based GC). The time an analytes takes to elute from the chromatography column is the retention time.

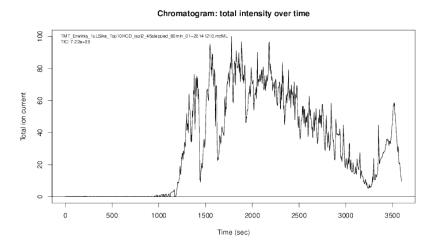




Figure 5: The *R for Mass Spectrometry* intiative.

Figure 6: A chromatogram, illustrating the total amount of analytes over the retention time.

An mass spectrometer is composed of three components:

- 1. The source, that ionises the molecules: examples are Matrixassisted laser desorption/ionisation (MALDI) or electrospray ionisation. (ESI)
- 2. The analyser, that separates the ions: Time of flight (TOF) or Orbitrap.
- 3. The *detector* that quantifies the ions.

When using mass spectrometry for proteomics, the proteins are first digested with a protease such as trypsin. In mass shotgun proteomics, the analytes assayed in the mass spectrometer are peptides.

Often, ions are subjected to more than a single MS round. After a first round of separation, the peaks in the spectra, called MS1 spectra, represent peptides. At this stage, the only information we possess about these peptides are their retention time and their mass-to-charge (we can also infer their charge be inspecting their isotopic envelope, i.e the peaks of the individual isotopes, see below), which is not enough to infer their identify (i.e. their sequence).

In MSMS (or MS2), the settings of the mass spectrometer are set automatically to select a certain number of MS1 peaks (for example 20). Once a narrow M/Z range has been selected (corresponding to one high-intensity peak, a peptide, and some background noise), it is fragmented (using for example collision-induced dissociation (CID), higher energy collisional dissociation (HCD) or electron-transfer dissociation (ETD)). The fragment ions are then themselves separated in the analyser to produce a MS2 spectrum. The unique fragment ion pattern can then be used to infer the peptide sequence using de novo sequencing (when the spectrum is of high enough quality) of using a search engine such as, for example Mascot, MSGF+, ..., that will match the observed, experimental spectrum to theoratical spectra (see details below).

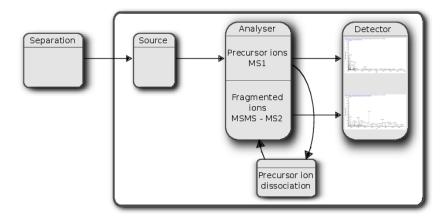
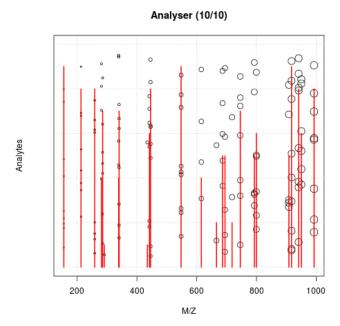


Figure 7: Schematics of a mass spectrometer and two rounds of MS.

The animation below show how 25 ions different ions (i.e. having different M/Z values) are separated throughout the MS analysis and are eventually detected (i.e. quantified). The final frame shows the hypothetical spectrum.

The figures below illustrate the two rounds of MS. The spectrum on the left is an MS1 spectrum acquired after 21 minutes and 3 seconds of elution. 10 peaks, highlited by dotted vertical lines, were selected for MS2 analysis. The peak at M/Z 460.79 (488.8) is highlighted by a red (orange) vertical line on the MS1 spectrum and the fragment spectra are shown on the MS2 spectrum on the top (bot-

Figure 8: Separation and detection of ions in a mass spectrometer.



tom) right figure.

The figures below represent the 3 dimensions of MS data: a set of spectra (M/Z and intensity) of retention time, as well as the interleaved nature of MS1 and MS2 (and there could be more levels) data.

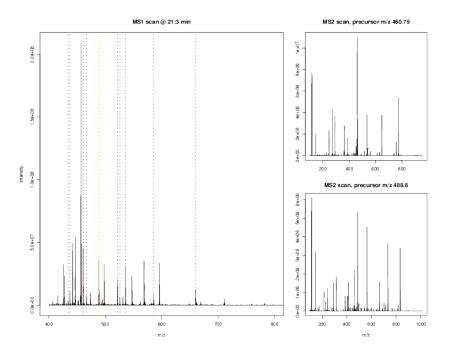
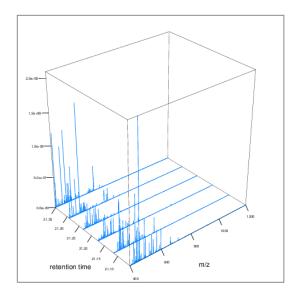


Figure 9: Parent ions in the MS1 spectrum (left) and two sected fragment ions MS2 spectra (right).



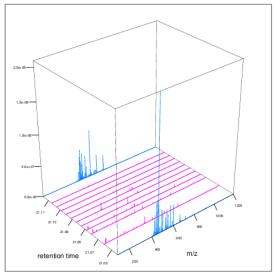


Figure 10: MS1 spectra (blue) over retention time (left). MS2 spectra (pink) interleaved between two MS1 spectra (right),

Reading and accessing MS data

Let's read a very small raw MS data file into R using the readMSData from the MSnbase package. The file that we are going to load is also available in the package.

1. Load the MSnbase package

```
library("MSnbase")
## Warning: multiple methods tables found for 'intersect'
## Warning: multiple methods tables found for 'intersect'
2. Get the path to the dummyiTRAQ.mzXML file
rawf <- dir(system.file(package = "MSnbase", dir = "extdata"),</pre>
            full.name = TRUE,
            pattern = "mzXML$")
basename(rawf)
## [1] "dummyiTRAQ.mzXML"
3. Read it in using the readMSData function.
x <- readMSData(rawf)</pre>
## MSn experiment data ("MSnExp")
## Object size in memory: 0.18 Mb
## - - - Spectra data - - -
## MS level(s): 2
## Number of spectra: 5
## MSn retention times: 25:01 - 25:02 minutes
## - - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Mon Mar 10 11:47:33 2025
## MSnbase version: 2.32.0
## - - - Meta data - - -
## phenoData
##
     rowNames: dummyiTRAQ.mzXML
     varLabels: sampleNames
     varMetadata: labelDescription
##
## Loaded from:
     dummyiTRAQ.mzXML
## protocolData: none
## featureData
     featureNames: F1.S1 F1.S2 ... F1.S5 (5 total)
##
     fvarLabels: spectrum
##
##
     fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
```

The object that is returned by readMSData is of class MSnExp, that can store, access and manipulate raw MS data. Note that here we are focusing on MS-based proteomics data, but this also applied to MS-based metabolomics data.

```
class(x)
```

```
## [1] "MSnExp"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "MSnbase"
```

4. We can find out how many spectra are available in that data using the function length. Full MS acquisitions would contain hundreds of thousands spectra.

```
length(x)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

5. We can use various accessor function to get the MS level of these spectra, their retention time, or the M/Z and intensity of the precursor peaks of the ion corresponding to the MS2 spectra.

```
msLevel(x)
```

```
## F1.S1 F1.S2 F1.S3 F1.S4 F1.S5
##
       2
             2
                   2
                         2
                                2
rtime(x)
     F1.S1
             F1.S2
                     F1.S3
                              F1.S4
## 1501.35 1501.59 1501.85 1502.07 1502.31
precursorMz(x)
##
      F1.S1
               F1.S2
                        F1.S3
                                  F1.S4
                                           F1.S5
## 645.3741 546.9586 645.3741 716.3405 437.8040
precursorIntensity(x)
      F1.S1
               F1.S2
                        F1.S3
                                  F1.S4
                                           F1.S5
## 47659400 26356100 23432400 24854800
                                        7052960
```

6. We can also extract individual spectra using [[and plot them.

x[[3]]

```
## Object of class "Spectrum2"
   Precursor: 645.3741
  Retention time: 25:02
##
##
  Charge: 2
## MSn level: 2
## Peaks count: 2125
  Total ion count: 150838188
```

plot(x[[3]])

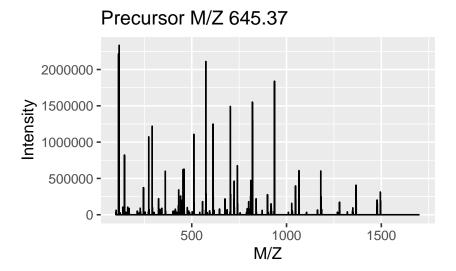


Figure 11: Visualisation of the 3rd MS spectrum in our small test data set.

Exercise

For the rest of this tutorial, we will be using a slightly larger dataset (still tiny compared to full acquisitions) that is distributed with the MSnbase package. Load it as shown below and compute the number of spectra available in that dataset, their MS level, and the retention time range over which these spectra have been acquired.

```
data(itraqdata)
length(itragdata)
## [1] 55
unique(msLevel(itraqdata))
## [1] 2
formatRt(range(rtime(itraqdata)))
## [1] "19:09" "50:18"
```

This object also contains additional metadata for each spectrum, that can be accessed, as a data.frame, with fData.

Identification

The raw data is still a long way of obtaining biologically relevant proteomics data. The first step to obtain proteomics data is to identify the peptides that have been acquired in the MS. Peptide identification work by comparing expected and observed spectra. As shown below, when a precursor peptide ion is fragmented in a CID cell, it breaks at specific bonds, producing sets of peaks (a, b, c and x, y, z) that can be predicted.

It is thus possible to calculate the expected set of fagment peaks for a given peptide, such as SIGFEGDSIGR below.

calculateFragments("SIGFEGDSIGR")

```
##
             mz ion type pos z
                                      seq
      88.03931 b1
                           1 1
                                        S
## 1
## 2
     201.12337 b2
                           2 1
                                       SI
## 3 258.14483 b3
                           3 1
                                      SIG
                       b
## 4 405.21324 b4
                       b
                           4 1
                                     SIGF
                           5 1
## 5 534.25583 b5
                                    SIGFE
                       b
## 6 591.27729 b6
                           6 1
                                   SIGFEG
## 7 706.30423 b7
                           7 1
                                  SIGFEGD
                       b
## 8 793.33626 b8
                           8 1
                                 SIGFEGDS
                       h
## 9 906.42032 b9
                           9 1 SIGFEGDSI
## 10 963.44178 b10
                         10 1 SIGFEGDSIG
## 11 175.11895 y1
                           1 1
                       У
## 12 232.14041
                           2 1
                                       GR
## 13 345.22447
                у3
                           3 1
                                      IGR
## 14 432.25650
                y4
                           4 1
                                     SIGR
                       У
## 15 547.28344
                у5
                           5 1
                                    DSIGR
## 16 604.30490
                y6
                           6 1
                                   GDSIGR
   [ reached 'max' / getOption("max.print") -- omitted 16 rows ]
```

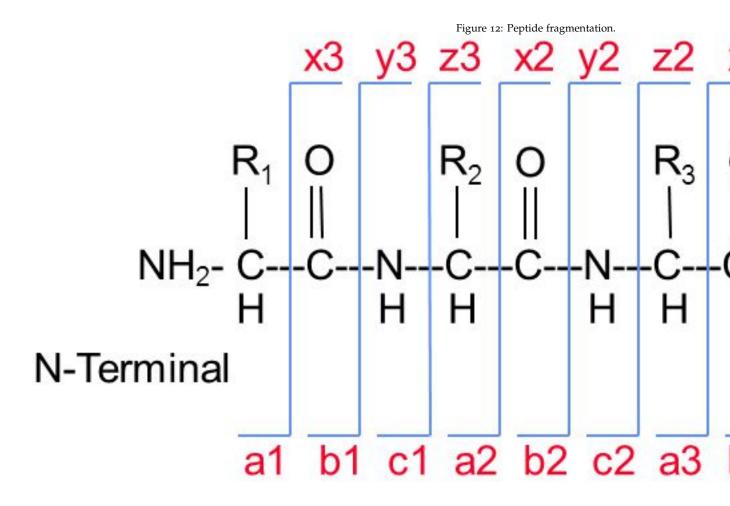
The last step is to compare obseved and expected peaks. If there is a good match, the MS2 spectrum is assigned the peptide sequence.

```
itraqdata2 <- pickPeaks(itraqdata, verbose = FALSE)</pre>
s <- "SIGFEGDSIGR"
plot(itraqdata2[[14]], s, main = s)
```

It is also possible to plot 2 spectra to compare them directly.

```
plot(itraqdata2[[25]], itraqdata2[[28]],
     sequences = rep("IMIDLDGTENK", 2))
```

In a full experiment, all possible peptides from the known (or relevant) proteome of interest (such as databases that can be downloaded



Biemann, K Methods Enzymol (1990) 193 886-8

SIGFEGDSIGR 0e+00 5e+06 intensity у9 y2 y10 0 200 400 600 800 1200 m/z

Figure 13: Matching observed and expected peaks.

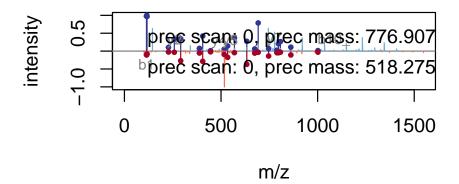


Figure 14: Direct comparison of 2 MS2 spectra.

from the $UniProt\ site^1$) are compared to the millions of observed spectra.

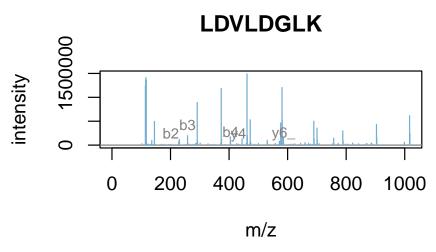
¹ The Universal Protein Resource (UniProt) is a freely and accessible comprehensive resource for protein sequence and annotation data.

From the list of identified peptides, it is then necessary to infer the most provable proteins that were present in the biological sample.

Exercise

Plot the 44th spectrum of the itragdata2 experiment. The sequence can be accessed in the feature metadata with

```
fData(itraqdata2)$PeptideSequence[[44]]
## [1] LDVLDGLK
## 47 Levels: AADALLK AAGHDGK AAKPEAPAASPAPALGAR AALESAVK ... VWV[VETGSKizhskii:2005] for further reading.
plot(itraqdata2[[44]], s,
     main = fData(itraqdata2)$PeptideSequence[[44]])
```



Quantitation

The last step of MS data processing is to quantify peptide abundances in the biological samples. The table below summarises the different possibilites depending whether the proteins or peptides are labelled, and whether the quantitation is performed in MS1 or MS2.

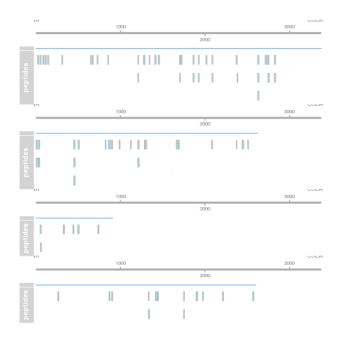
	Label-free	Labelled
MS ₁	XIC Counting	SILAC, 15N iTRAQ, TMT
10132	Counting	IIKAQ, IIVII

Label-free MS2: Spectral counting

In spectral counting, on simply counts the number of quantified peptides that are assigned to a protein.

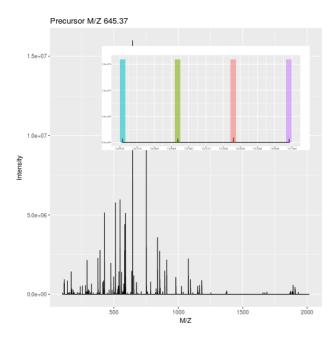
Statistical challenge The matching between millions of observed and possible spectra causes real challenges due to the large search space and the risk of false positives. See [@Kall:2008] for further reading.

Statistical challenge Protein inference is a difficult task, as peptides often match multiple proteins (either different isoforms or proteins stemming from different gene but with identical domains), which leads to the definition of protein groups, i.e. sets of proteins that can't be distinguished with the set of identified peptides at hand. See



Labelled MS2: Isobaric tagging

Isobaric tagging refers to the labelling using isobaric tags, i.e. chemical tags that have the same mass and hence can't be distinguish by the spectrometer. The peptides of different samples (4, 6, 10 or 11) are labelled with different tags and combined prior to mass spectrometry acquisition. Given that they are isobaric, all identical peptides, irrespective of the tag and this the sample of origin, are co-analysed, up to fragmentation prior to MS2 analysis. During fragmentation, the isobaric tags fall of, fragment themselves, and result in a set of sample specific peaks. These specific peaks can be used to infer samplespecific quantitation, while the rest of the MS2 spectrum is used for identification.



Label-free MS1: extracted ion chromatograms

In label-free quantitation, the precursor peaks that match an identified peptide are integrated of retention time and the area under that extracted ion chromatogram is used to quantify that peptide in that sample.

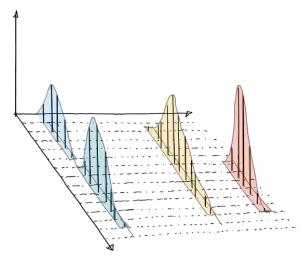


Figure: credit Johannes Rainer.

Labelled MS1: SILAC

In SILAc quantitation, sample are grown in a medium that contains heavy amino acids (typically arginine and lysine). All proteins gown in this heavy growth medium contain the heavy form of these amino acids. Two samples, one grown in heavy medium, and one grown in normal (light) medium are then combined and analysed together. The heavy peptides precursor peaks are systematically shifted compared to the light ones, and the ratio between the height of a heavy and light peaks can be used to calculate peptide and protein foldchanges.

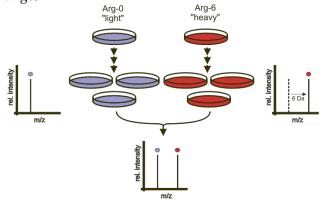
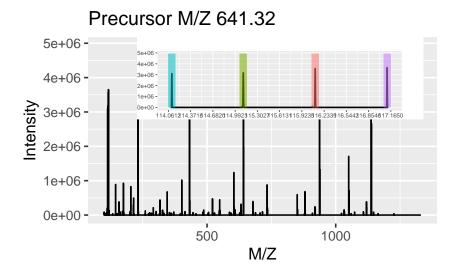


Figure: credit Wikimedia Commons.

Exercise

As its name implies, the itragdata is an iTRAQ-based isobar quantitation experiment. We can visualise the reporter peaks as follows:

plot(itragdata[[14]], reporters = iTRAQ4, full = TRUE)



Interpret the figure above.

Statistical challenge These different quantitation techniques come with their respective and distinct challenges, such as large quantities of raw data processing, data transformation and normalisation, and different underlying statistical models for the quantitative data (count data for spectral counting, continuous data for the others).

Figure 15: Visualisation of the iTRAQ reporter peaks.

From the closed-up panel, we see that the 4 reporter ions indicate that there was slightly less of that peptide in the two first samples, i.e. those labelled with the 114 and 115 reporters.

The rest of the spectrum (i.e m/z > 120) correspond to the dissociated fragment ions, used for identification.

Quantification

We can quantify these four peaks with the quantify method, to produce and object of class MSnSet containing quantitation data. The quantitation values can be accessed with exprs. This data also contains feature metadata that can be accessed with the fData function.

```
msnset <- quantify(itragdata, method = "trap",</pre>
                   reporters = iTRAQ4)
msnset
## MSnSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
## assayData: 55 features, 4 samples
     element names: exprs
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
     sampleNames: iTRAQ4.114 iTRAQ4.115 iTRAQ4.116 iTRAQ4.117
##
##
     varLabels: mz reporters
##
    varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData
##
     featureNames: X1 X10 ... X9 (55 total)
     fvarLabels: spectrum ProteinAccession ... collision.energy (15 total)
##
     fvarMetadata: labelDescription
##
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: No annotation
## - - - Processing information - - -
## Data loaded: Wed May 11 18:54:39 2011
## Updated from version 0.3.0 to 0.3.1 [Fri Jul 8 20:23:25 2016]
## iTRAQ4 quantification by trapezoidation: Mon Mar 10 11:47:39 2025
## MSnbase version: 1.1.22
head(exprs(msnset))
##
       iTRAQ4.114 iTRAQ4.115 iTRAQ4.116 iTRAQ4.117
## X1
        1347.6158 2247.3097 3927.6931 7661.1463
## X10
        739.9861
                   799.3501
                               712.5983
                                          940.6793
## X11 27638.3582 33394.0252 32104.2879 26628.7278
## X12 31892.8928 33634.6980 37674.7272 37227.7119
## X13 26143.7542 29677.4781 29089.0593 27902.5608
## X14 6448.0829 6234.1957 6902.8903 6437.2303
```

head(fData(msnset))

##		spectrum	ProteinAco	cession		Pro	teinDescription	
##	X1	1		BSA		bovin	e serum albumin	
##	X10	10	E	ECA1422 glu	ucose-1-pho	osphate cytid	ylyltransferase	
##	X11	11	i i	ECA4030	50S I	ribosomal sub	unit protein L4	
##	X12	12	E	ECA3882		chapero	ne protein DnaK	
##	X13	13	E	ECA1364	succiny	l-CoA synthet	ase alpha chain	
##	X14	14	E	ECA0871		NADP-depende	nt malic enzyme	
##		PeptideS	equence fi	leIdx rete	ntion.time	precursor.mz	precursor.intensity	
##	X1		NYQEAK	1	1149.31	520.7833	3449020	
##	X10	VTLVDTGE	HSMTGGR	1	1503.03	573.9539	7849420	
##	X11		SPIWR	1	1663.61	401.7392	41253600	
##	X12	T	AIDDALK	1	1663.86	567.8339		
##	X13		SILINK	1	1664.08	488.3269	13025200	
##	X14		NNESDPR	1	1664.32	782.8715		
##		charge p	eaks.count	tic	ionCount	ms.level acq	uisition.number	
##		2	1922	26413754		2	2	
##	X10	3	1376	24482281		2	11	
	X11	2		231075934		2	12	
	X12	2		247323187		2	13	
	X13	2		207247502		2	14	
	X14	2		115317275	115317275	2	15	
##		collision.energy						
##			40					
	X10		40					
	X11		40					
	X12		40					
	X13		40					
##	X14		40					

Quantitative data processing

In our examples, we not have processing data for the 55 peptides and 4 samples. In this data, there is only 1 missing value, corresponding to an absent reporter peak. We are going to simply drop that feature.

Statistical challenge Quantitative data processing come with numerous statistical challenges such as missing data handling, aggregation of quantitation data, data normalisation, ... and the effect of these on the downstream statistical tests.

```
table(is.na(exprs(msnset)))
##
## FALSE TRUE
     219 1
msnset <- filterNA(msnset)</pre>
```

In MS1 label-free experiments, given that each sample is acquired independently, the proportion of missing values can be as high several tens of percent. In such situations, removing rows with missing values isn't possible at all. Imputation is possible, albeit tricky, as different mechanisms can be responsible for missing value that appear either at random or not at random (Lazar et al. 2016).

Next, we aggregate the spectrum-level quantitation values into protein-level data using the median and the combineFeatures function:

```
prots <- combineFeatures(msnset, fcol = "ProteinAccession",</pre>
                        method = "median")
head(exprs(prots))
##
          iTRA04.114 iTRA04.115 iTRA04.116 iTRA04.117
## BSA
            1347.616
                       2247.310 3927.693 7661.1463
## ECA0172 17593.548 18545.620 19361.837 18328.2365
           4923.628 5557.818 5775.203 5079.2952
## ECA0435
## ECA0452
            1524.148
                       1399.897 1547.218 1563.2299
## ECA0469
            1069.945
                       1035.689 1029.420
                                           999.6957
## ECA0621
                       1124.167
                                 1140.093 1191.8055
            1101.062
```

Following on from here, many data processing such as normalisation, non-specific filtering, and hypothesis testing is very similar to other omics data.

Applications in statistical learning

In this section, I illustrate a use case of mass spectrometry-based proteomics to infer sub-cellular protein localisation and the application of statistical learning. This section requires the pRoloc and pRolocdata packages (L. Gatto et al. 2014; Breckels et al. 2016). Both packages can be installed with the BiocManager::install function, as illustrated above.

```
library("pRoloc")
## Warning: multiple methods tables found for 'intersect'
library("pRolocdata")
```

The hyperLOPIT2015 data contains localisation data for 5032 proteins in mouse embryonic stem cells (Christoforou et al. 2016). The protein information is collected along a 20 fraction density gradient - our data matrix has dimensions 5032 rows and 20 columns. We use PCA to easily visualise it in 2 dimensions.



Figure 16: The 'pRoloc' package.

```
data(hyperLOPIT2015)
## set colours
setStockcol(paste0(getStockcol(), 80))
## produce PCA plot
plot2D(hyperLOPIT2015)
```

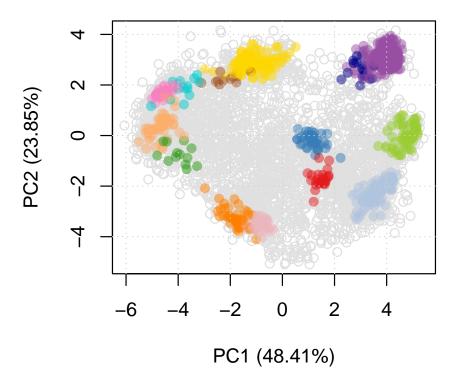


Figure 17: Mouse stem cell spatial proteomics data from Christoforou et al.

Each dot on the PCA plot represents a single protein. The protein is either of unknown localisation, and represented by a grey circle, or is of known localisation (and called an organelle marker) and is coloured according to its expected sub-cellular localisation.

In the next figure, we have trained an support vector machine (SVM) model and classified proteins of unknown localisation using an SVM model. The size of the dots are scaled according to the classifier score and only assignments corresponding to a false discovery rate of 5% have been considered.

```
sz <- exp(fData(hyperLOPIT2015)$svm.score) - 1</pre>
plot2D(hyperLOPIT2015, fcol = "final.assignment", cex = sz)
```

Session information

```
## R version 4.4.1 (2024-06-14)
```

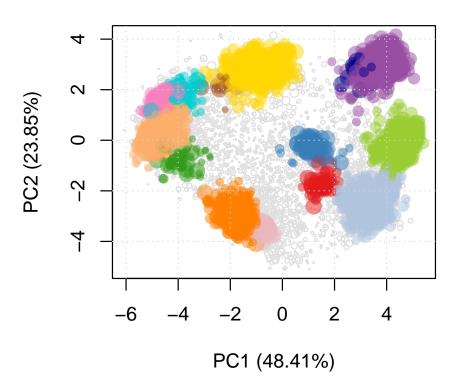


Figure 18: New sub-cellular assignment after using support vector machine classifier.

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## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
## Running under: Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS
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## Matrix products: default
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           /opt/Rpatched/lib/R/lib/libRblas.so
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## [1] stats4
                 stats
                           graphics grDevices utils
                                                          datasets methods
## [8] base
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## other attached packages:
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