

# Filling the Biomarker Pipeline: Overview and Historical Context

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Good biomarkers have been  
found before, and with  
better tools it should be  
easy, right?

# Many Important Existing Clinical Tests Measure Proteins in Plasma

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Since when?

Decades

How many tests?

> 10 million/yr

What instruments?

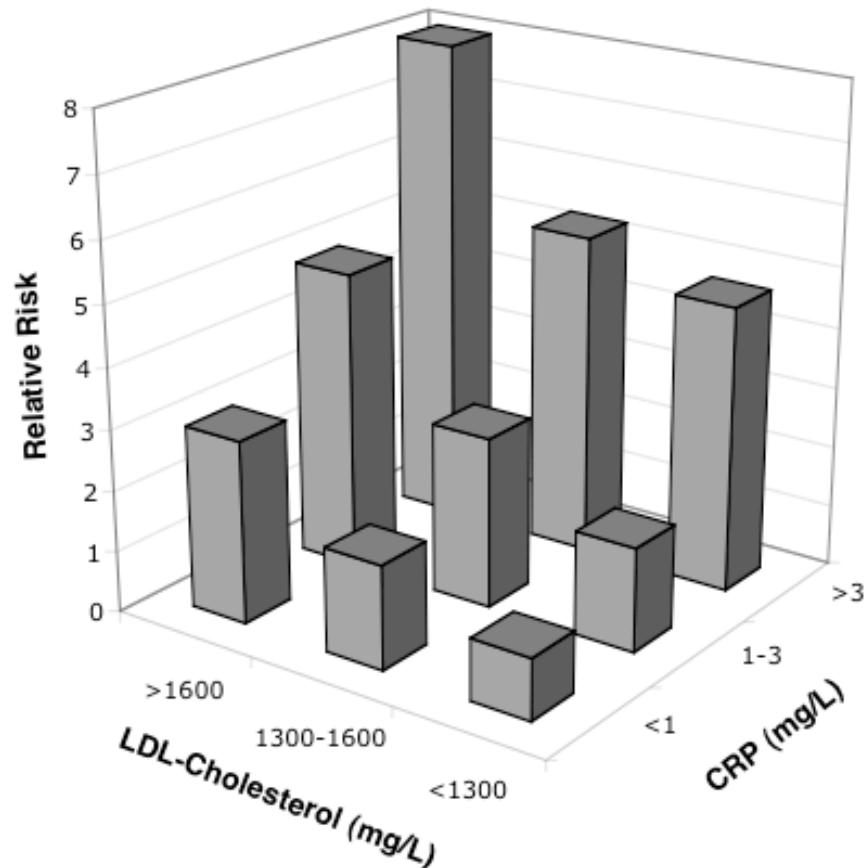
50-100,000 machines in hospitals etc

How accurate?

CV~5-10% worldwide at 100pg/ml

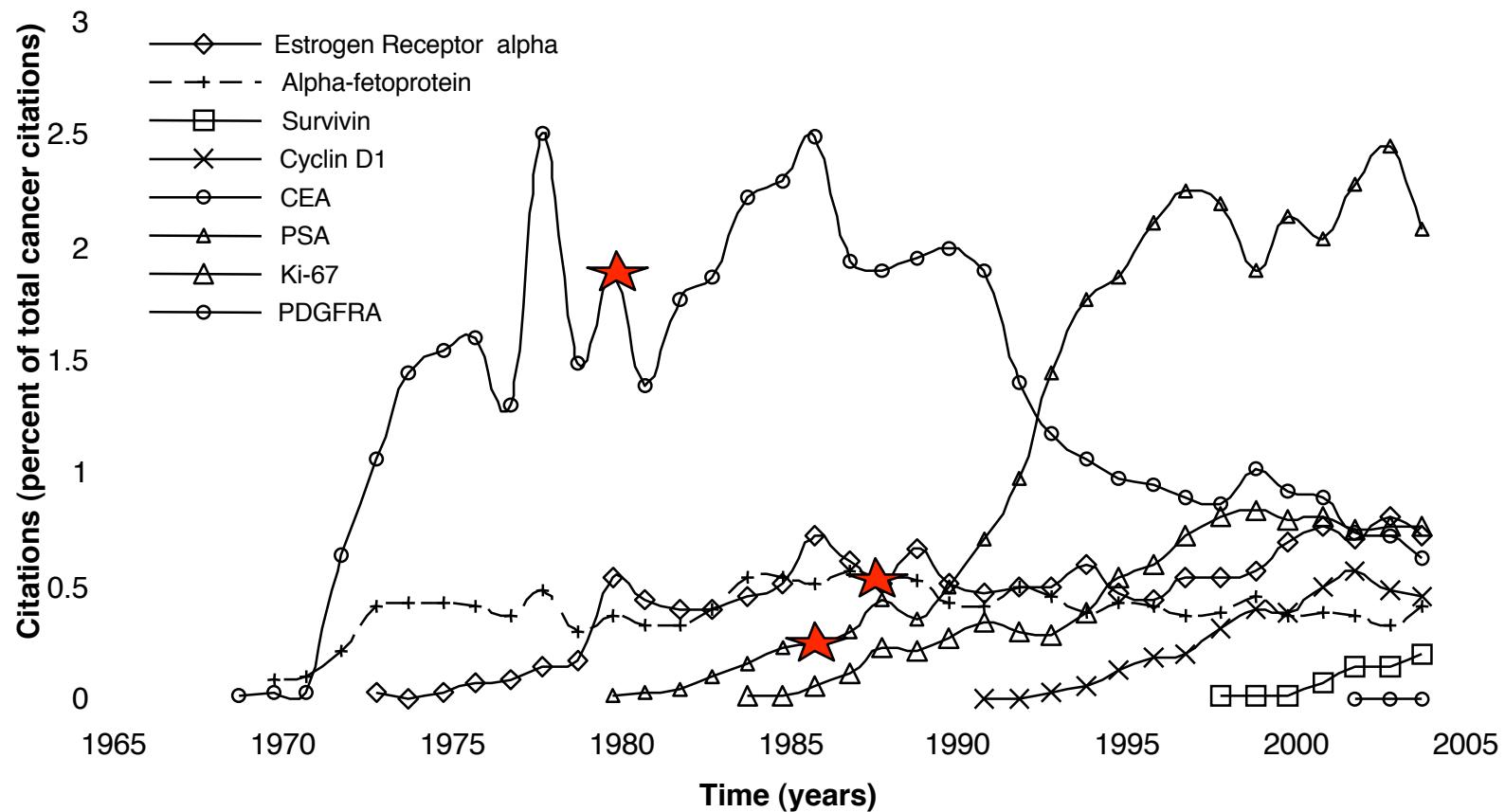
Cardiac damage	TnI, CK-MB, Mb, MPO, BNP
Cancer	PSA, CA-125, Her-2
Inflammation	CRP, SAA, cytokines, RF
Liver Damage	ALT, ALP, AST, GGT (enzyme assays)
Coagulation	AT-III, proteins C&S, fibrinogen, VWF
Allergy	IgE against various antigens
Infectious disease	HIV-1, Hepatitis BsAg

# Often One Marker Is Not Enough: Two or More Together Are Better



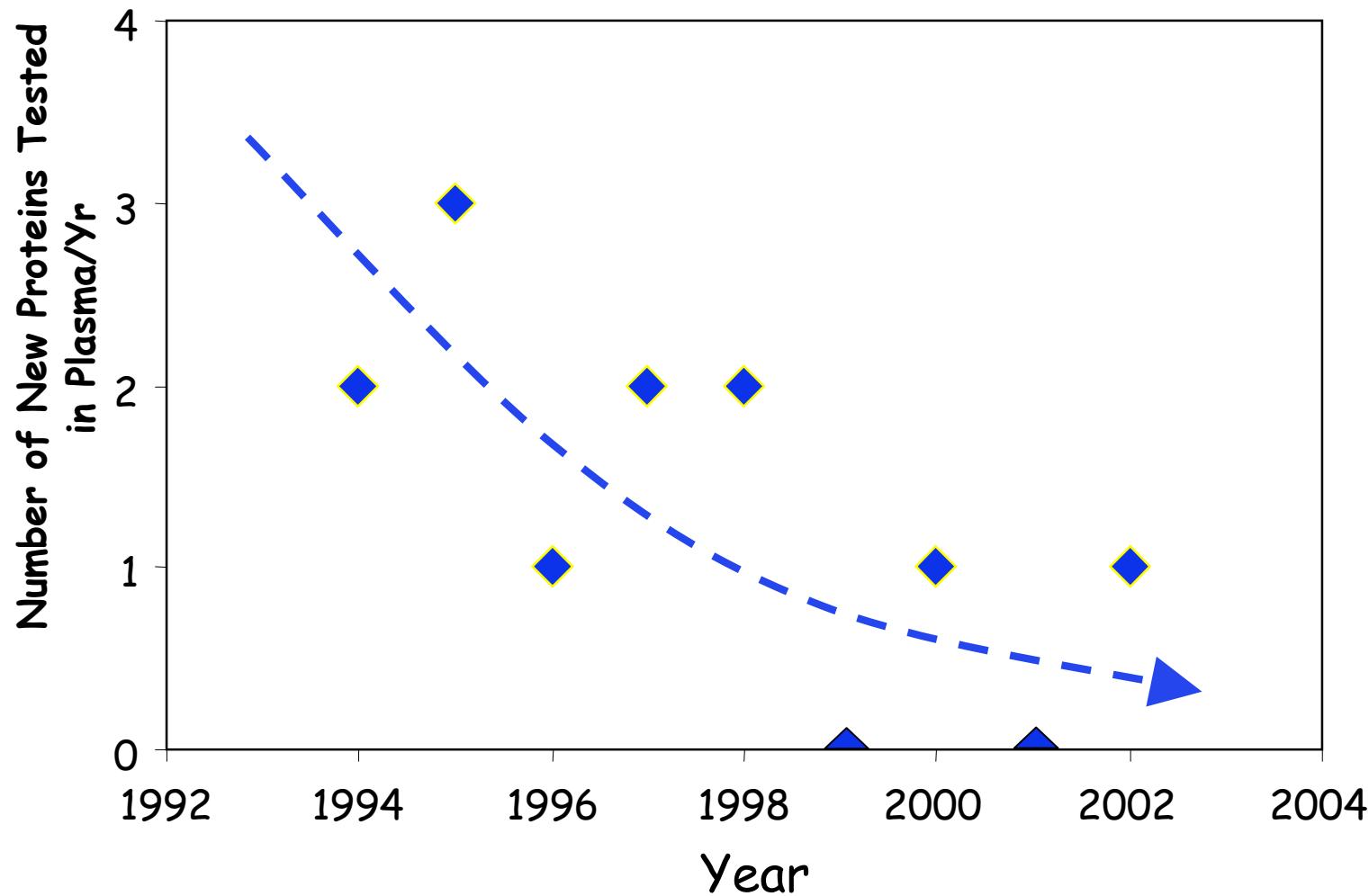
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(2003). *Clin Chem* 49, 666-669.

# Timescale for Diagnostic Marker Development Has Been Long: Cancer Markers



# Introduction of New Clinical Biomarkers is Slowing

New FDA-Approved (CLIA) Diagnostic Protein Tests in Serum/Plasma  
Declined for the Last Decade



From: The human plasma proteome: history, character, and diagnostic prospects.  
Anderson, N. L. Anderson, N. G., Mol Cell Proteomics (2002) 1:845-67.

"The appealing notion that research advances travel from bench to bedside is laudable, but conceptually flawed. Even though the U.S. Congress fully anticipates that funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will result in advances in clinical medicine and that other forces, presumably non-governmental, will translate the latest in exciting science into health technologies, under the system of healthcare we have today, this advancement is not likely to happen."

Why are we focused on  
plasma?

# The Plasma Proteome Is Unique

Picograms to Megagrams

- Samples the imports and exports of nearly all cells in the body
- Large dilution volume:
  - ~2.5L plasma,
  - ~12L extracellular fluid
- 22+ million liters are fractionated annually to make human therapeutic proteins
- >1 million patients receive plasma protein products
- Largest products:
  - human serum albumin (50,000 kg/yr in US)
  - intravenous immunoglobulin (25,000 kg/yr in US)
- Temporally dynamic:
  - rapid clearance of proteins <60kd
  - albumin halflife of 21 days
- Collected routinely for diagnosis



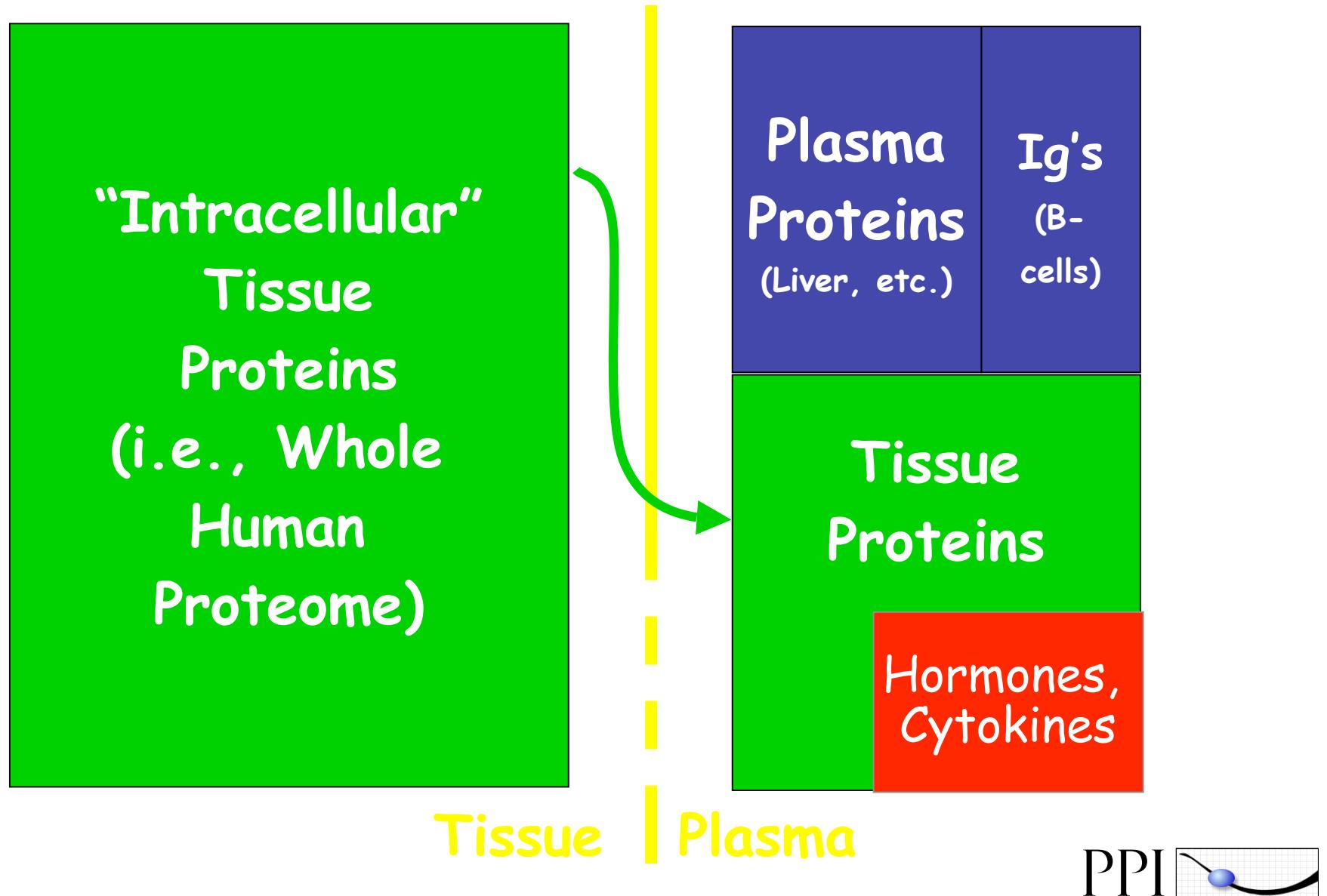
Credit: Space Imaging

The plasma proteome is a  
hard one...

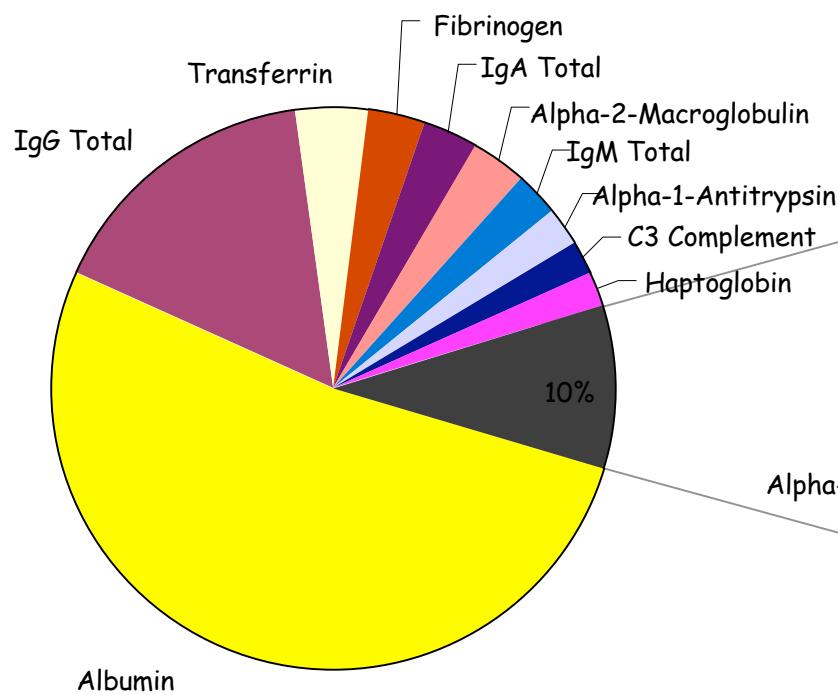
Plasma is the largest, and deepest, version  
of the human proteome

- Largest = Most proteins
- Deepest = Widest dynamic range

# Tissues Leak Proteins: Any Human Protein May Be Detectable in Plasma at Some Level

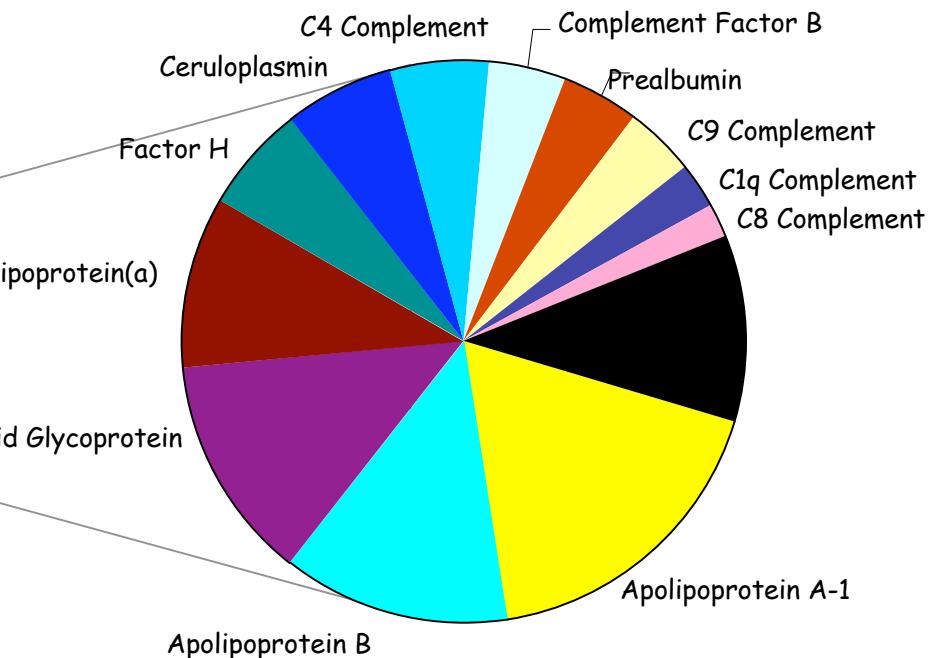


# A Small Number of Proteins Make Up the Top 99% of Plasma by Mass



0 - 90%

(10 proteins)



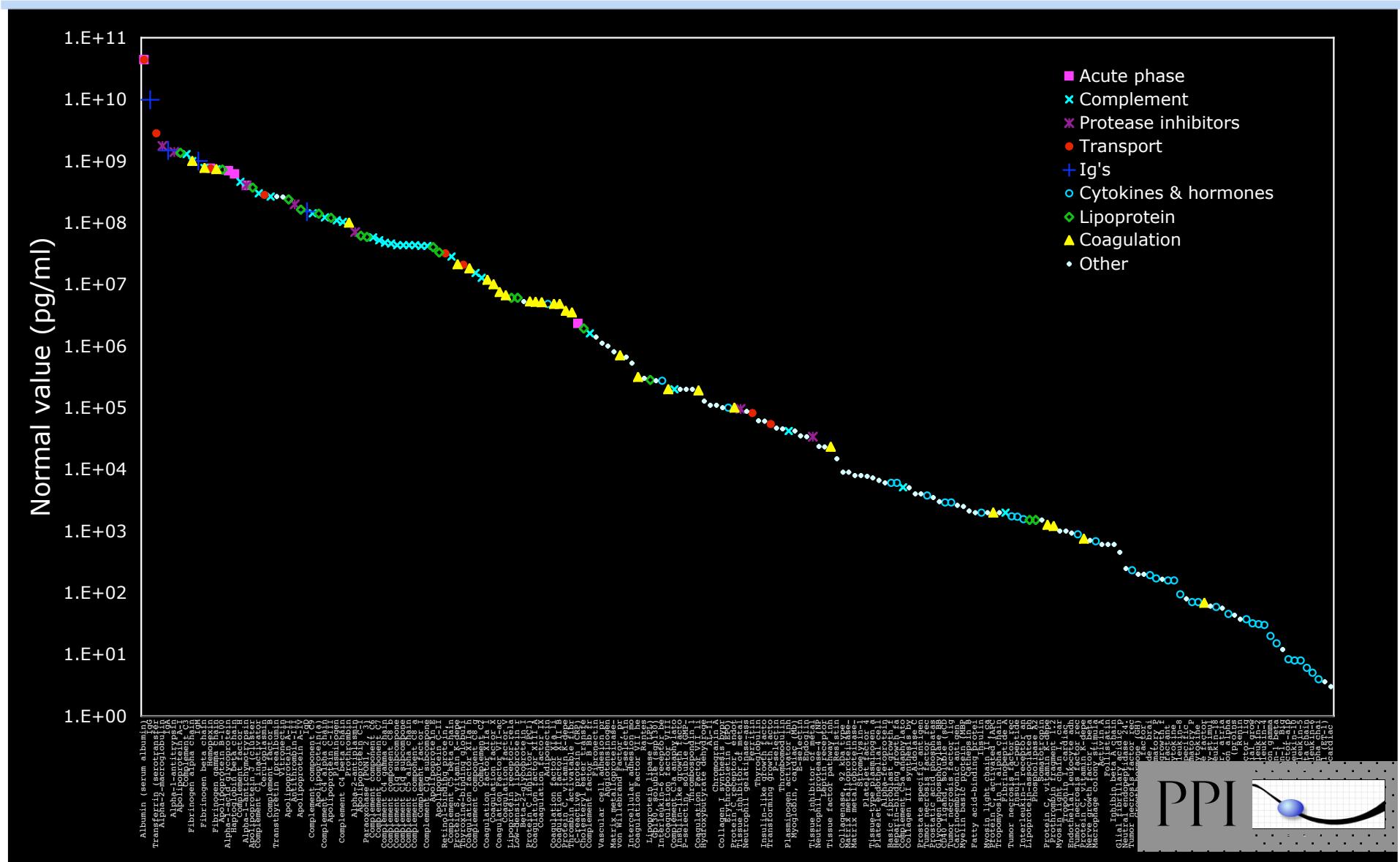
90 - 99%

(12 proteins)

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# Proteins Measured Clinically in Plasma Span > 10 Orders of Magnitude in Abundance

(199 proteins, literature values)



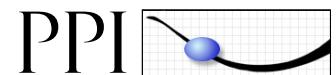
# Detection Limits in Clinical Diagnostics

for a 50 kdal protein analyte

Biomarker concentration	pg/ml	amol/ml	Molecules/ml
50 mg/ml	50,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	6.02E+17
10 mg/ml	10,000,000,000	200,000,000	1.20E+17
1 mg/ml	1,000,000,000	20,000,000	1.20E+16
100 ug/ml	100,000,000	2,000,000	1.20E+15
10 ug/ml	10,000,000	200,000	1.20E+14
1 ug/ml	1,000,000	20,000	1.20E+13
100 ng/ml	100,000	2,000	1.20E+12
10 ng/ml	10,000	200	1.20E+11
1 ng/ml	1,000	20	1.20E+10
100 pg/ml	100	2	1.20E+09
10 pg/ml	10	0.2	1.20E+08
1 pg/ml	1	0.02	1.20E+07

Immuno assays

QqQMS given 1000-fold enrichment

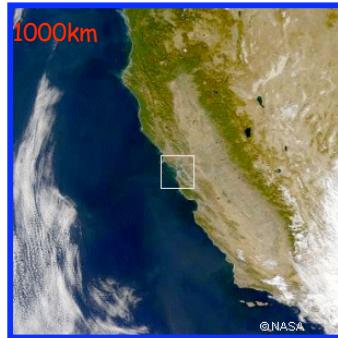


# $10^{10}$ Really Is Wide Dynamic Range

(Here on a linear scale)



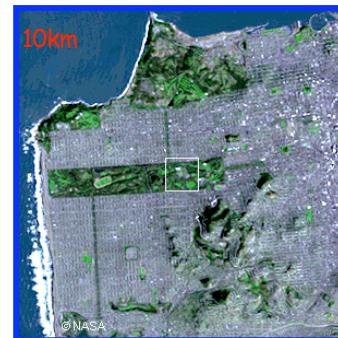
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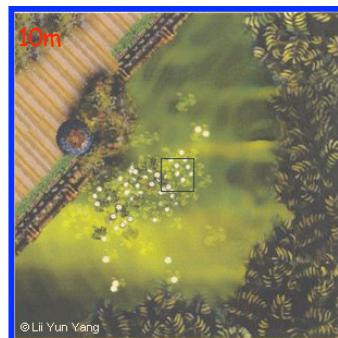
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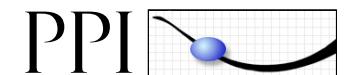
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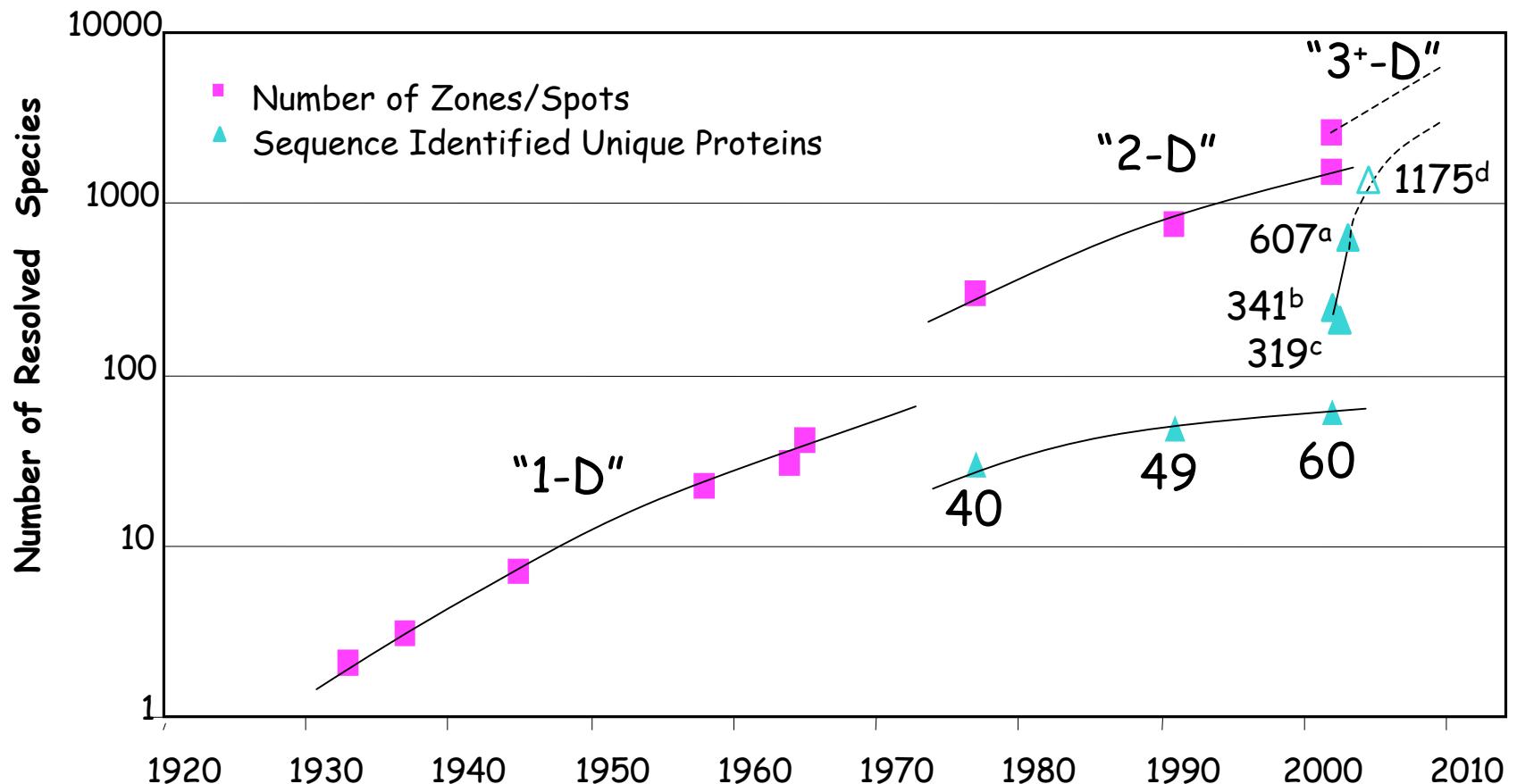
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How does proteomics  
technology stack up against  
this problem?

# History of Plasma Proteomics



- a. J. N. Adkins, et al, *Mol Cell Proteomics* 1, 947-55.
- b. R. S. Tirumalai, et al, *Mol Cell Proteomics* 2, 1096-103.
- c. R. Pieper, et al, *Proteomics* 3, 422-32.
- d. H\_Plasma\_NR-v2

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# The State of the Art in Plasma Proteomics c. 1976: 2-D Gels

5424 Biochemistry: Anderson and Anderson

*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74 (1977)

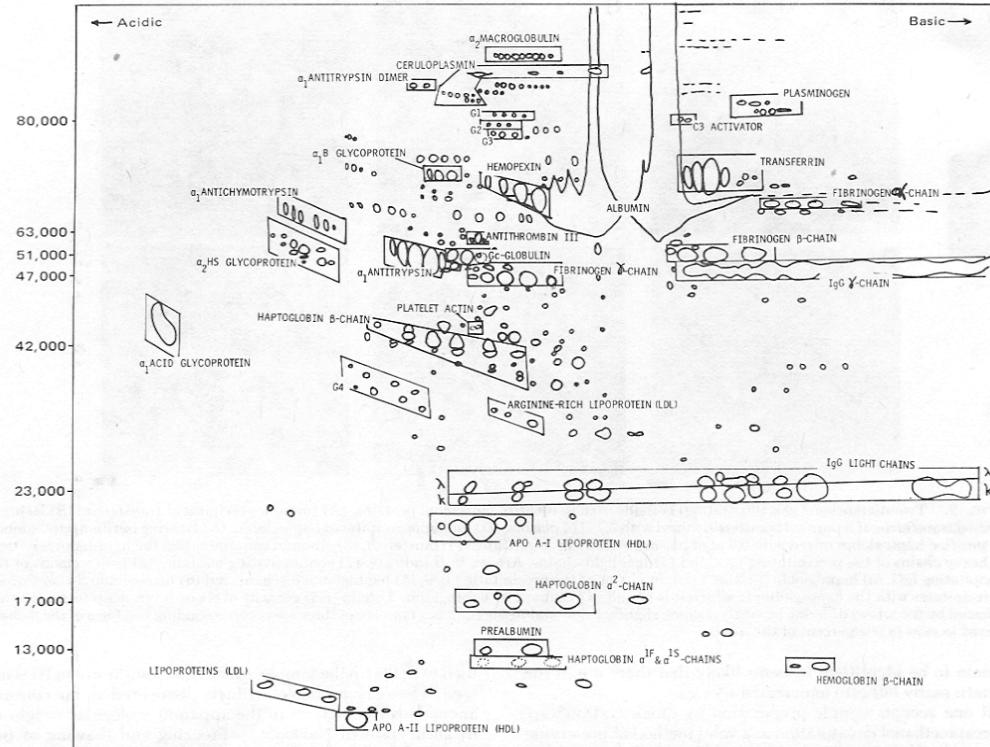


FIG. 3. Diagram drawn from the gel shown in Fig. 1, and labeled to indicate positions of known plasma proteins. Hemopexin and the C3 activator are somewhat obscured by albumin overloading. Ceruloplasmin appears to be present in two major and two minor forms (all between 80,000 and 90,000 daltons), each present as a row of four or more dots due to sialic acid heterogeneity. The highest molecular weight form interacts strongly with the albumin precipitate, while the others do not. Plasminogen exists in two forms: the Glu-form (upper horizontal row of dots) and the Lys-form (lower row, more basic) (19). Gc-globulin can be present as three spots; the left-hand pair appears to correspond to type 1, and the right-hand spot to the type 2 allele. The immunoglobulin light chains ( $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$ ) are partially resolved (20) and show similar isoelectric distributions. Identification of the lipoproteins is based on the presence of spots in certain of the low (LDL) and high (HDL) density lipoprotein fractions, as well as similarity to isolated materials for the arginine-rich and apo A-I lipoproteins. Platelet actin, Gc-globulin spot 3, and the haptoglobin  $\alpha^{1F}$  and  $\alpha^{1S}$  chains are shown although they were not present in the sample run in Fig. 1. As yet unrecognized glycoproteins G1, 2, 3, and 4 are labeled for use in the text. The hemoglobin  $\alpha$ -chain is too basic to appear in a separation with these ampholytes.

Anderson,L., Anderson,N. G. High resolution two-dimensional electrophoresis of human plasma proteins. (1977) PNAS 74, 5421-5

2-D Electrophoresis  
300+ resolved spots  
40 identified proteins

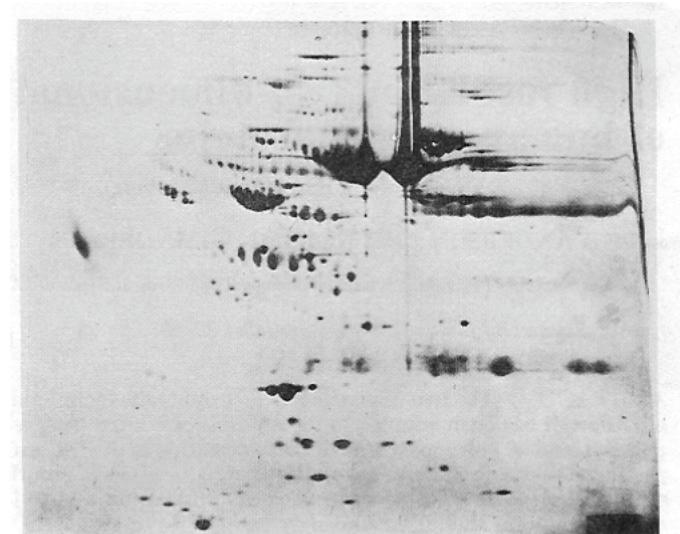
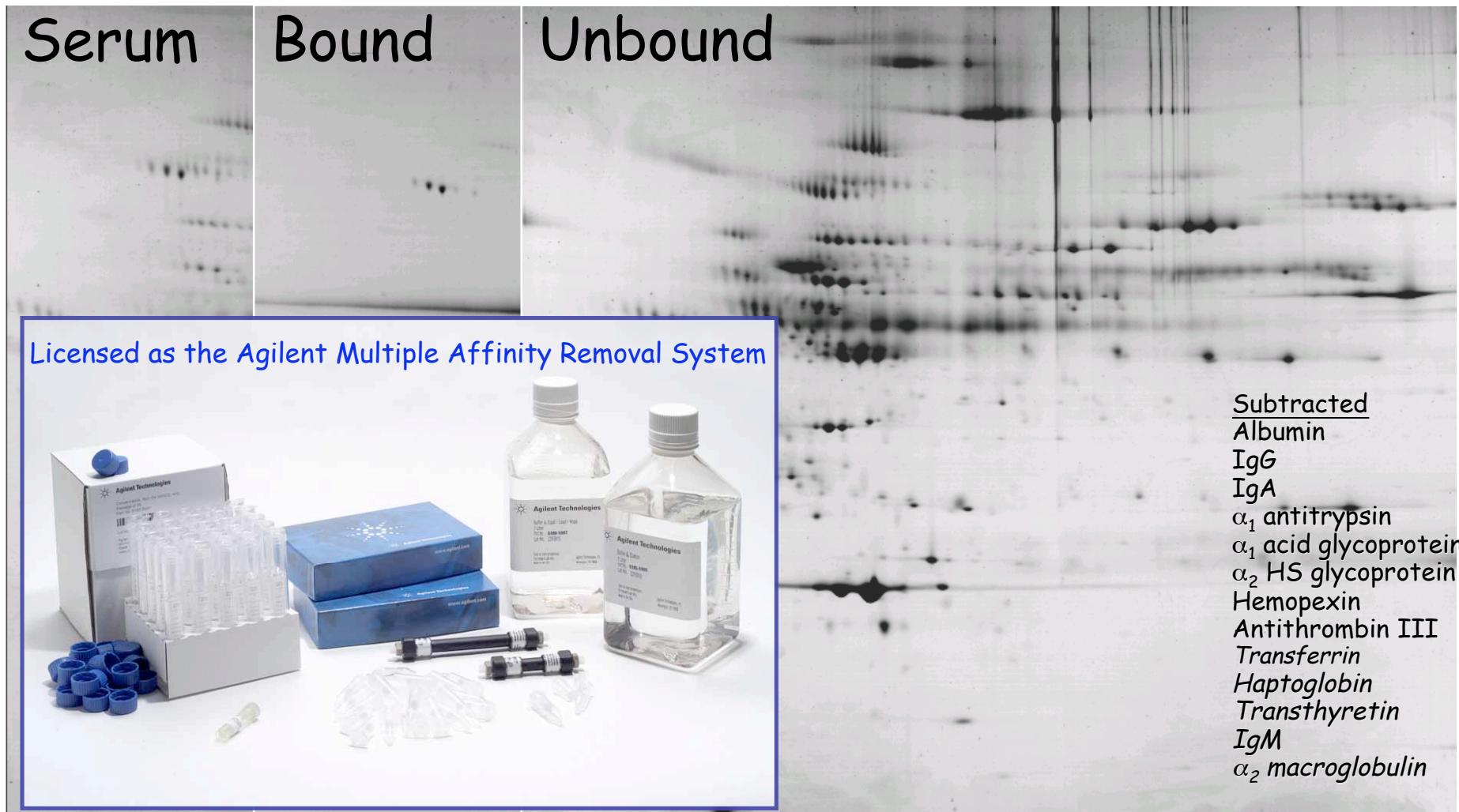


FIG. 1. Two-dimensional gel of human plasma proteins. The sample was 10  $\mu$ l of fresh heparinized plasma denatured in Na-DodSO<sub>4</sub>/mercaptoethanol.

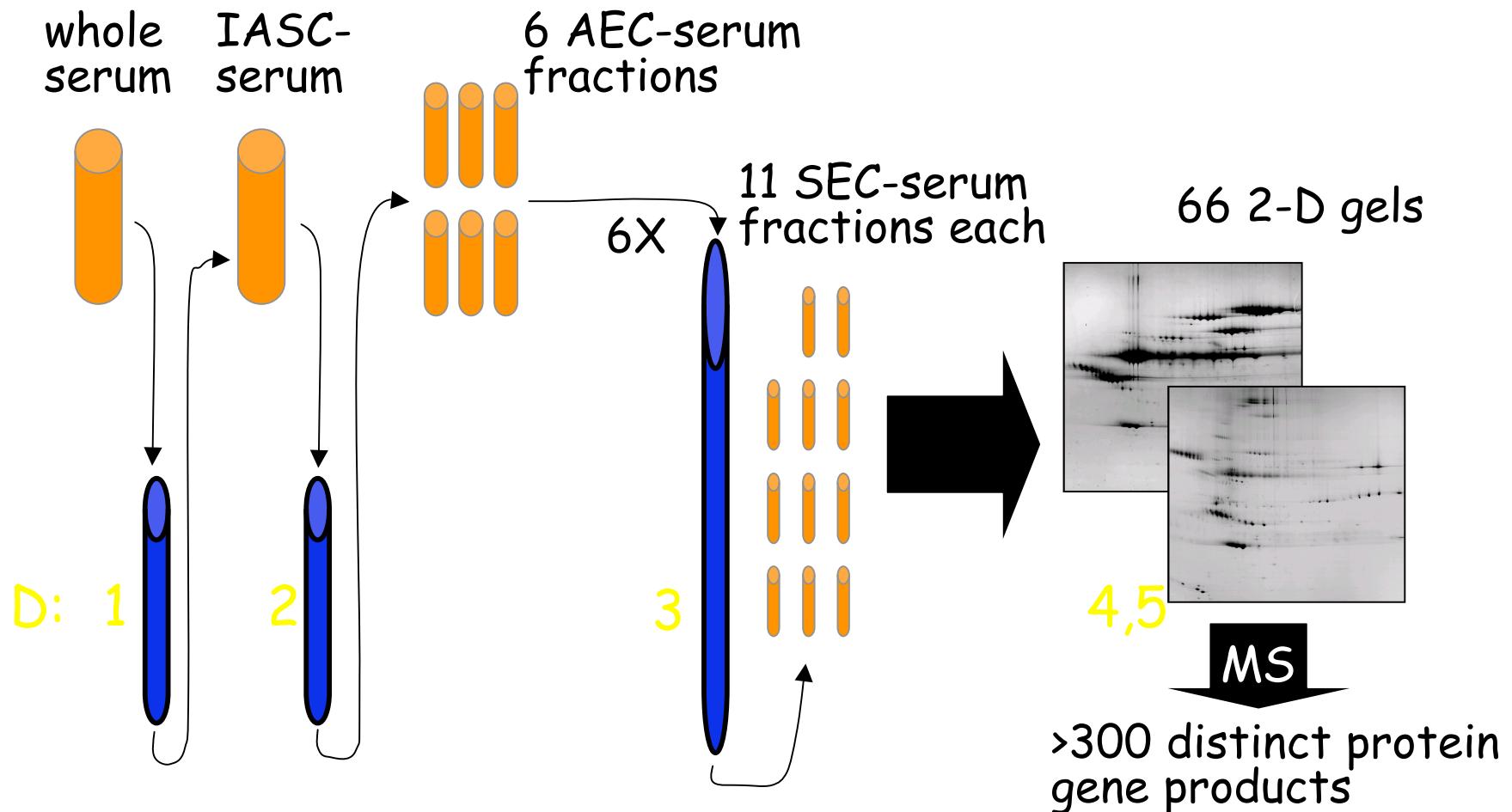
# Antibody Affinity Subtraction as a Starting Point for Serum Fractionation



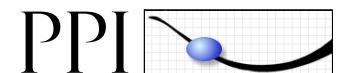
Multi-Component Immunoaffinity Subtraction Chromatography, An Innovative Step Towards A Comprehensive Survey Of The Human Plasma Proteome,  
Rembert Pieper, et al, Proteomics, (2003) Proteomics 3, 422-32.

# Multi-Dimensional 2DE-Based Plasma Biomarker Discovery Proteomics

(e.g., 3-D Chromatography + 2-DE + LC/MS)



The human serum proteome: Display of nearly 3700 chromatographically separated protein spots on two-dimensional electrophoresis gels and identification of 325 distinct proteins. Pieper, R., et al Proteomics 3(7): 1345-64. (2003).



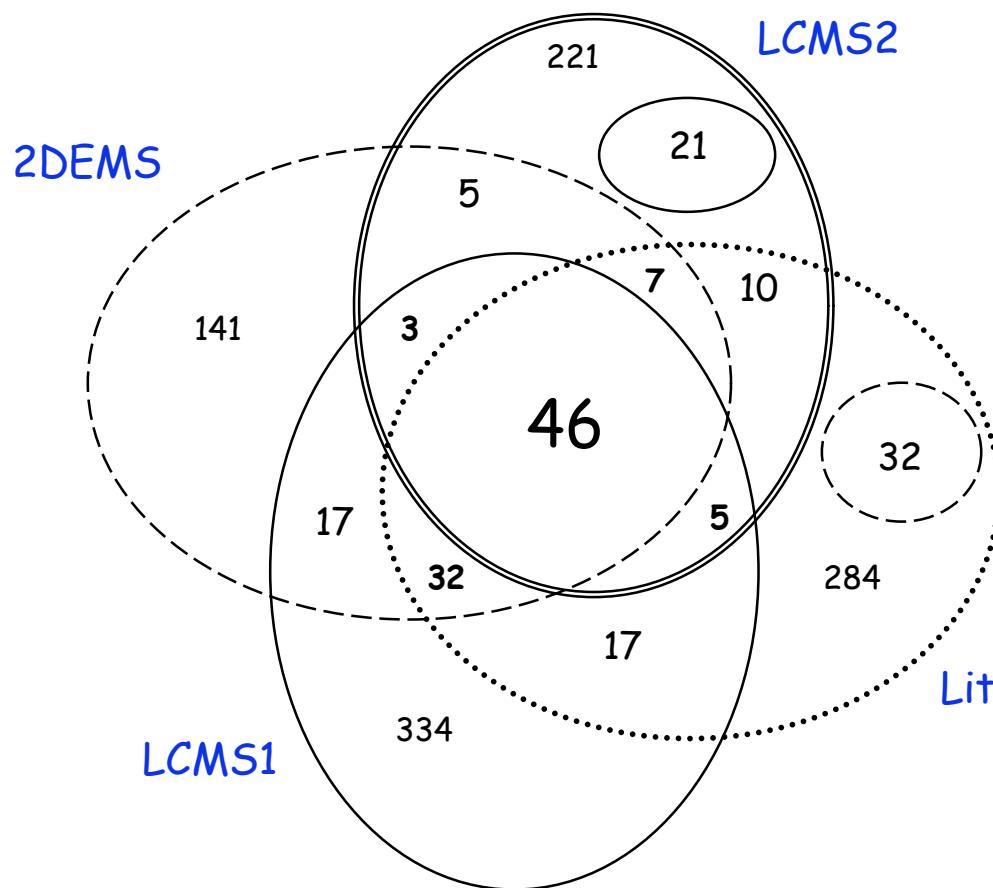
# Different Technologies Provide Different Views of the Human Plasma Proteome

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- Four datasets compared:
  - Base list of ~450 proteins reported in "non-proteomics" literature as measured/detected in plasma or serum
  - Three sets of 300-600 proteins each from proteomics surveys (2-D gels + MS/MS; LC/LC-MS/MS)
- Made non-redundant using methods of genomics
  - Redundancy definition: >95% homology over  $\geq 15$  amino acid subsequence
- Questions:
  - What is the overlap between different methods?
  - Can low-abundance proteins be detected in surveys?
  - Can a useful plasma database be collected?

# Overlap of Four Plasma Proteome Datasets

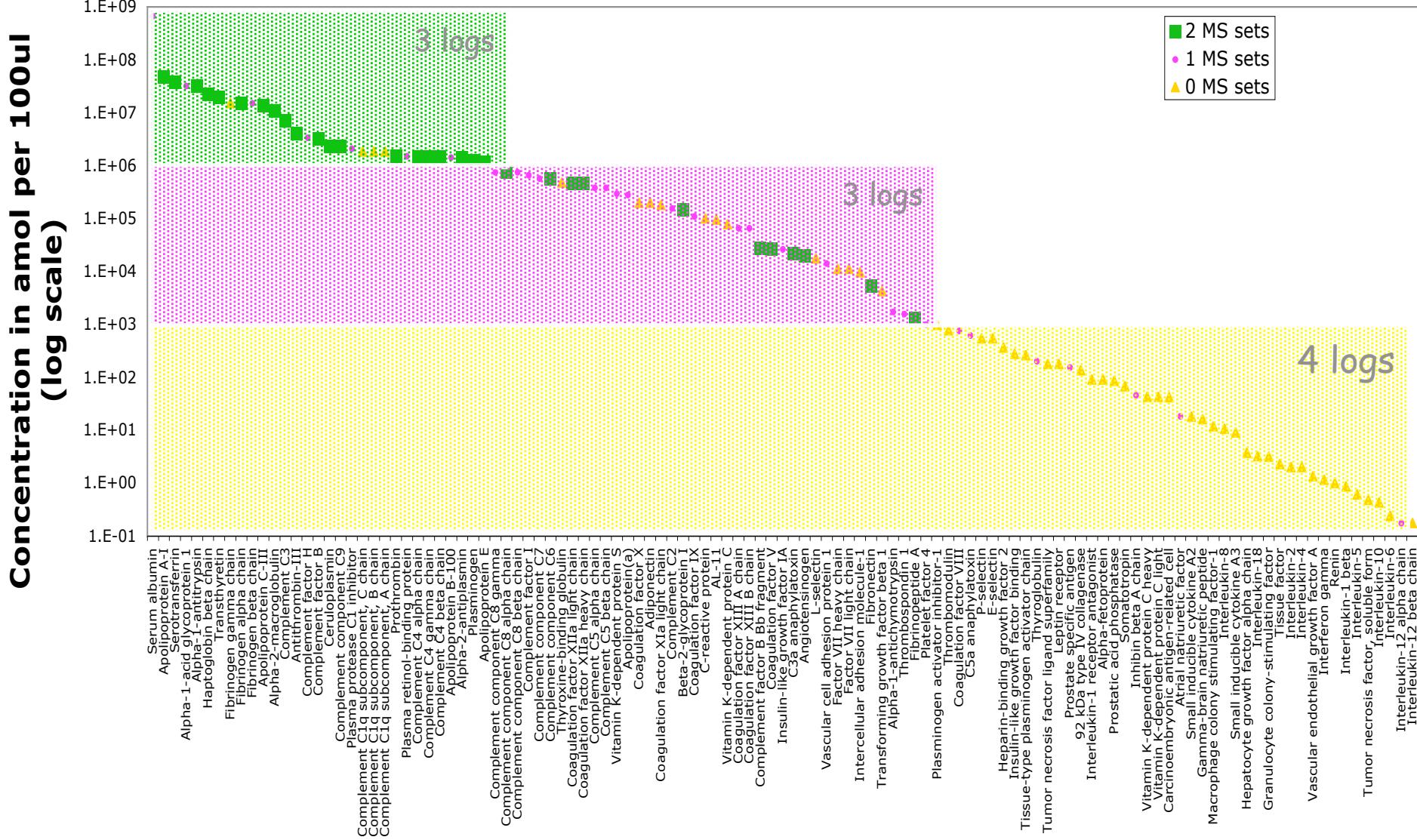
(Number of NR proteins)



- 46 proteins in all four lists
- 195 proteins in 2 or more lists
- 1175 NR proteins total

From: The Human Plasma Proteome: A Non-Redundant List Developed by Combination of Four Separate Sources, N. L. Anderson et al, Molec. Cell Proteomics, 3: 311-326 (2004).

# Plasma Proteome Surveys Detect Primarily Higher Abundance Proteins



\* The Human Plasma Proteome: A Non-Redundant List Developed by Combination of Four Separate Sources, N. L. Anderson et al, Molec. Cell Proteomics, 3: 311-326 (2004).

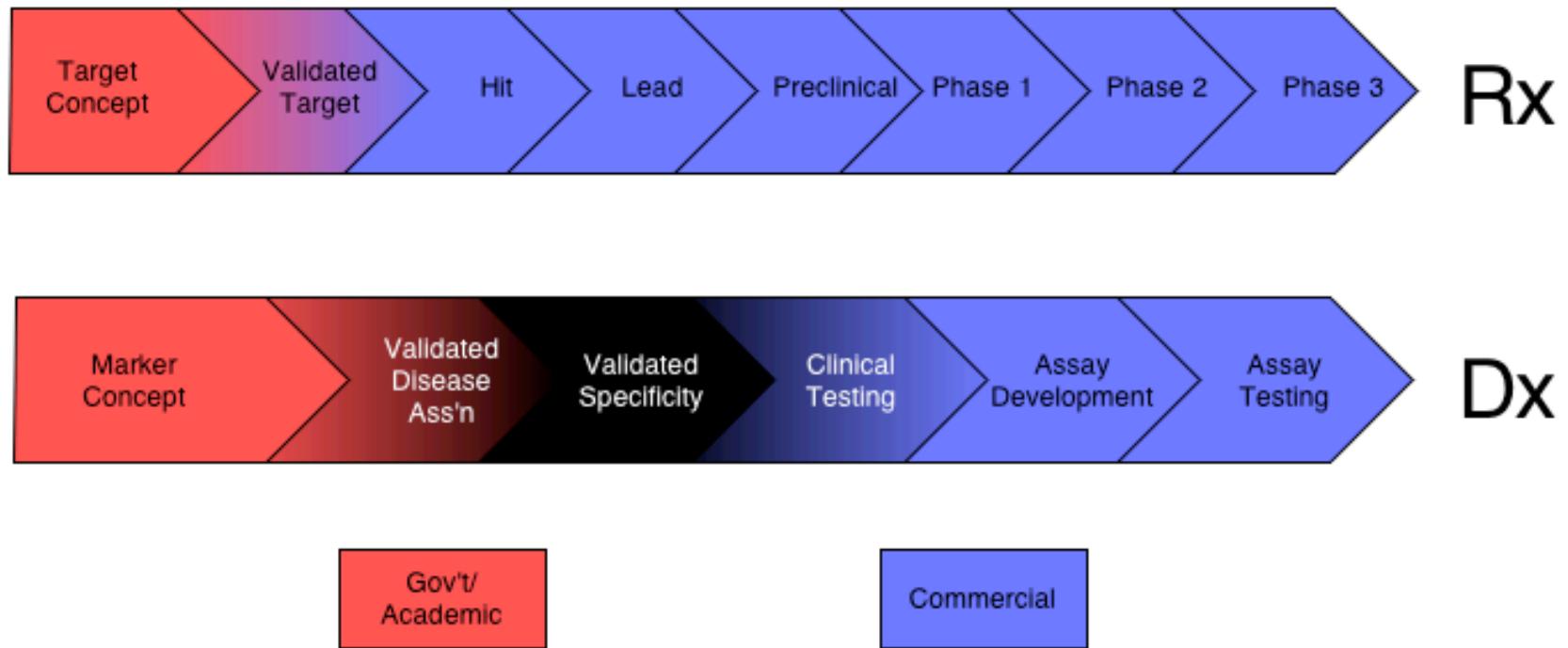
# Challenges and Limitations of Plasma Discovery Proteomics

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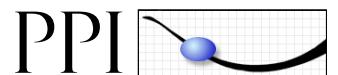
- So far, there is no comprehensive exploratory proteomics platform for plasma
- Multi-dimensional fractionation is crucial to penetrate deeper into the abundance distribution
  - However this multiples analytical effort, increasing cost and decreasing sample numbers
- Adapting/confirming candidates between platforms is challenging
- Use of multiple platforms significantly enhances chance of finding new markers
- Where possible, it may make more sense to discover the markers in tissues or non-plasma fluids where they occur at higher concentrations... but we ultimately need to measure them in plasma

What kind of pipeline could  
translate the results of disparate  
plasma biomarker discovery efforts  
into In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD)?

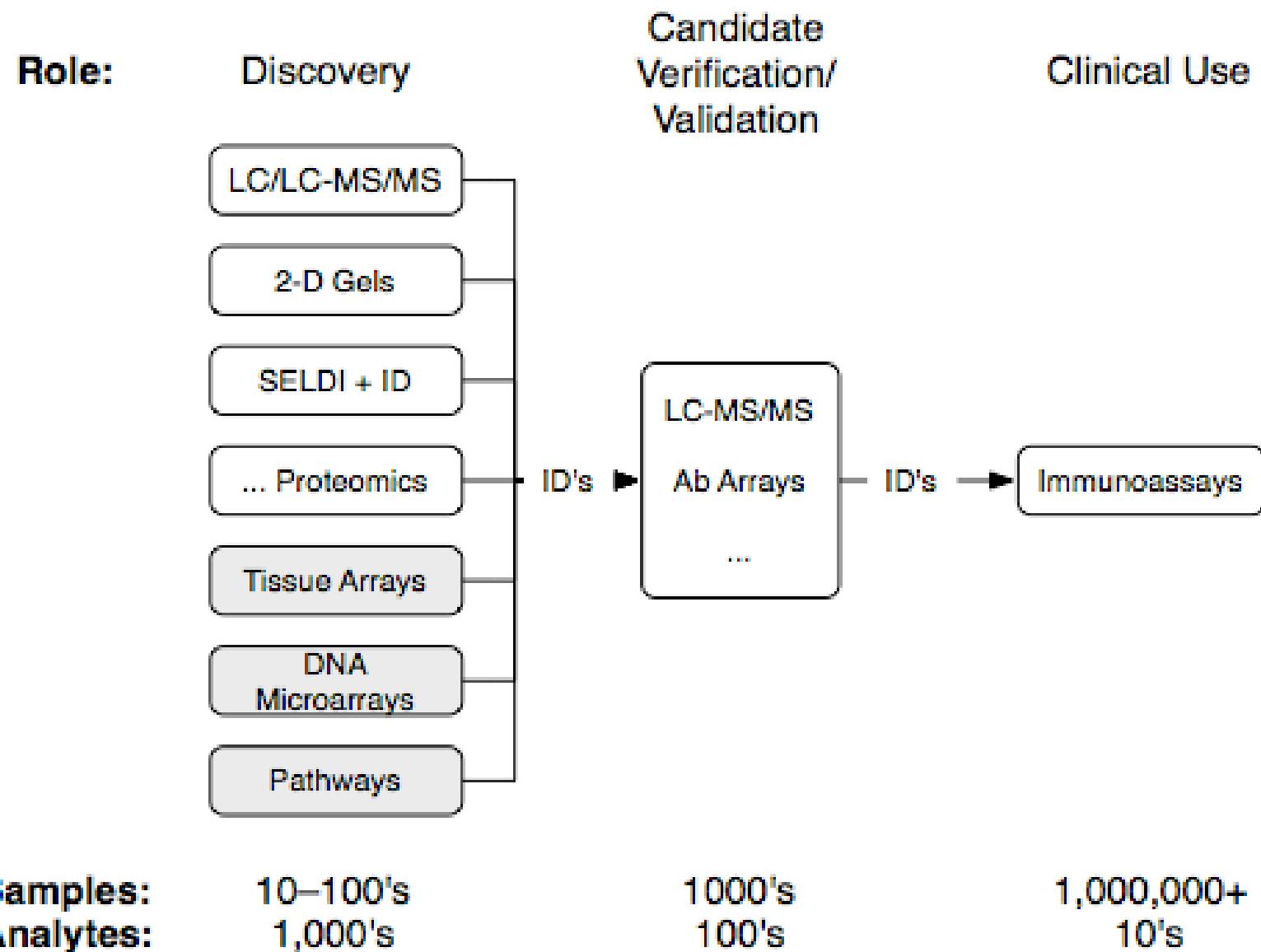
# At Present We Don't Really Have a Pipeline



- Dx industry does not cover discovery or validation as Rx does ( $Dx \text{ scale} = Rx * 0.05$ )
- NIH has not funded marker validation
- A major resource gap has developed in the Dx pipeline at the point of marker validation



# Proposed Three-Stage Dx Pipeline

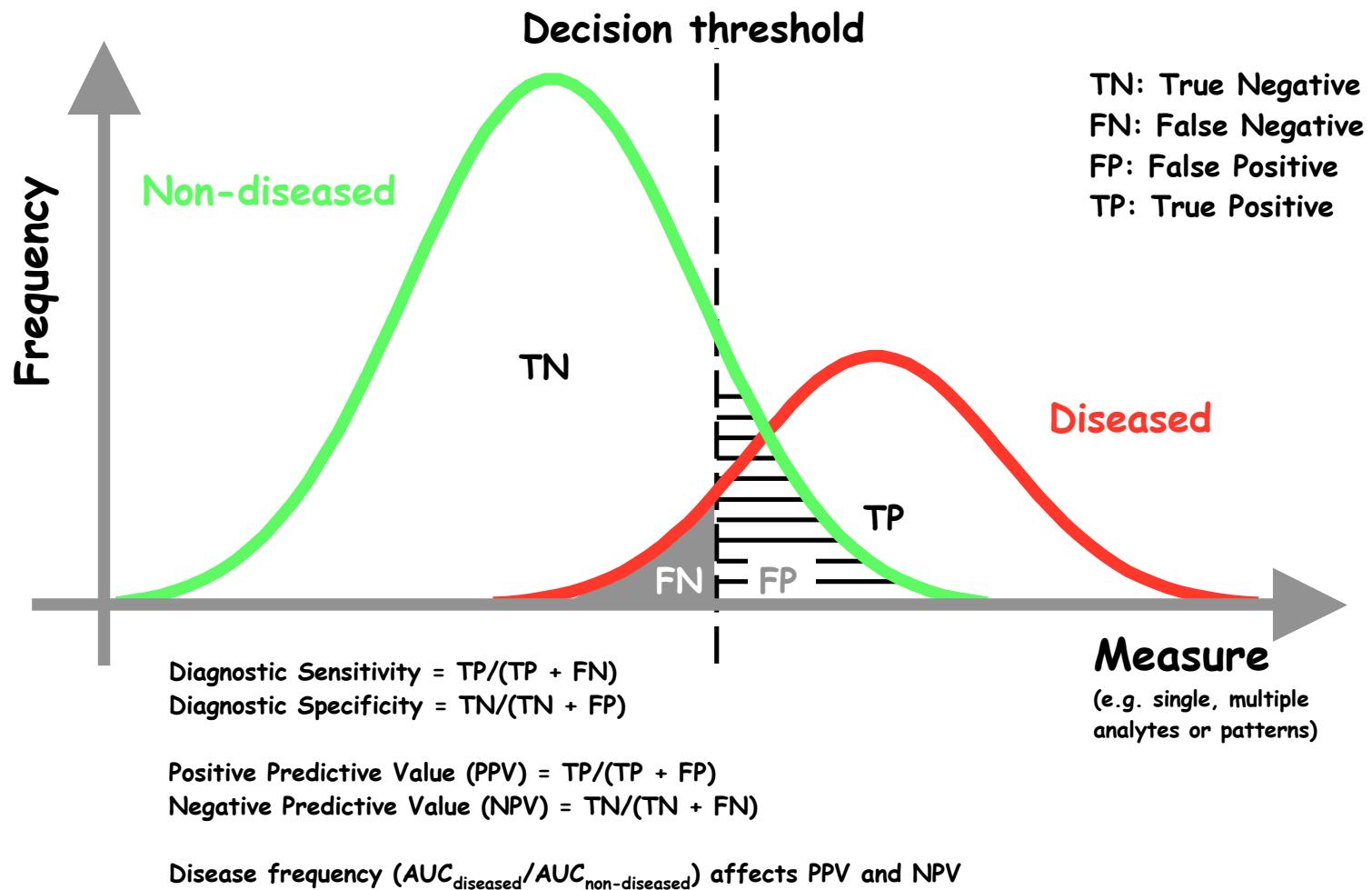


# Biomarker validation is where the rubber meets the road

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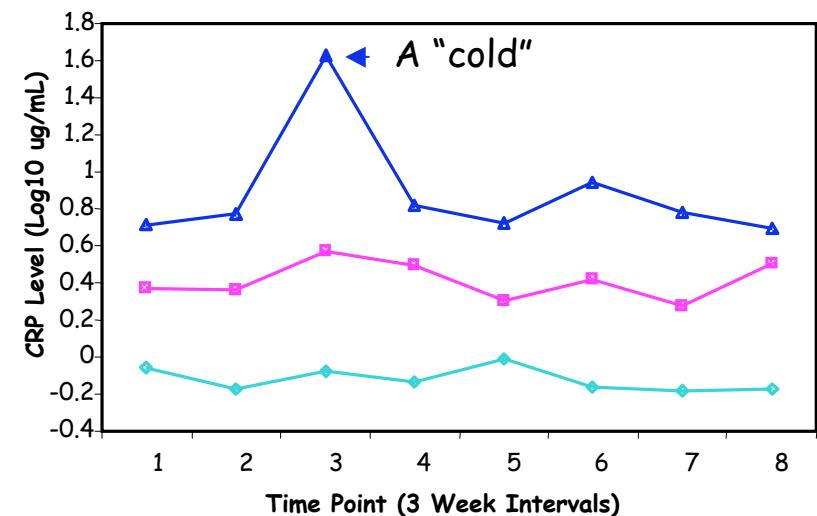
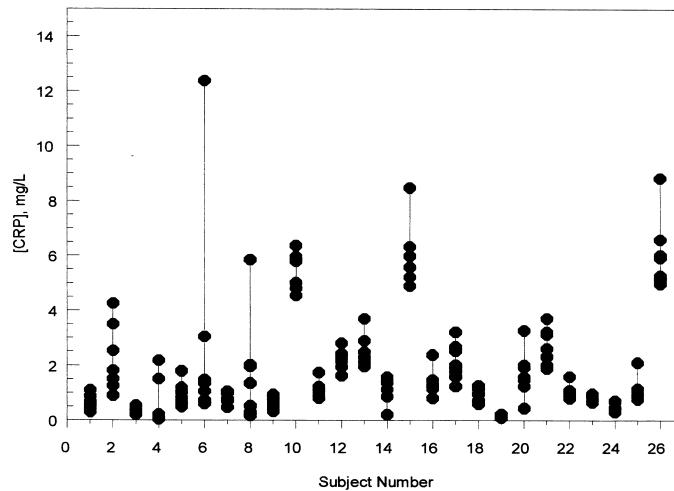
- Is your marker really associated with the target disease in real-world samples?
- Is the signal strong enough relative to underlying biological variation (including all the other diseases)?

# Parameters of Diagnostic Tests



# Biovariability: Critical Parameters of Candidate Biomarkers Can Only Be Measured in Populations

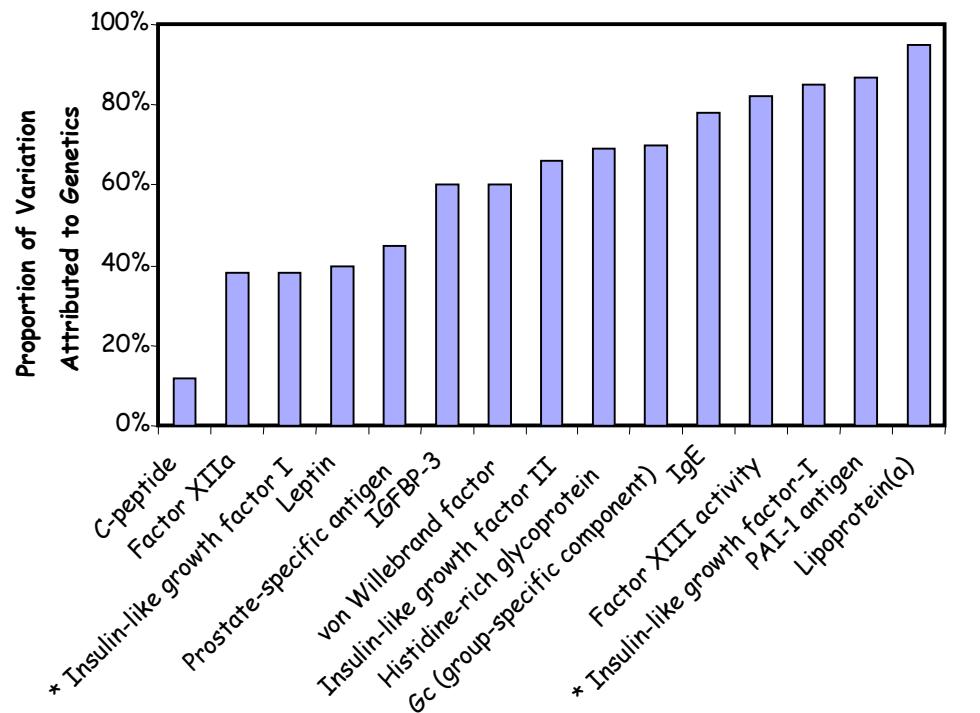
- Many proteins have very stable level in an individual, even when the population shows a wide abundance distribution
- A disease relationship may be detected in an individual over time that is not apparent in comparing one sample with a population



Macy, E. M., Hayes, T. E. and Tracy, R. P., Variability in the measurement of C-reactive protein in healthy subjects implications for reference intervals and epidemiological applications. Clin. Chem. 43, 52-8 (1997)

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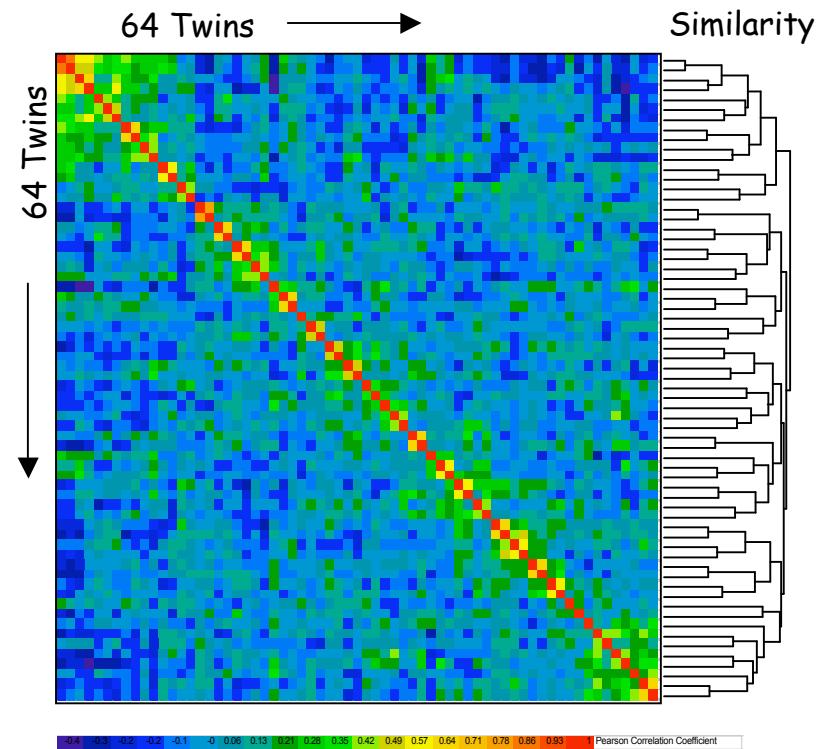
- Measured heritability of plasma concentrations range from 5% to 95% (average 50%)
- Highly heritable markers provide essentially a genetic measurement
- Low heritability markers provide essentially a phenotype measurement
- The difference between genetic and disease phenotype measurements may be critical in evaluating biomarker value



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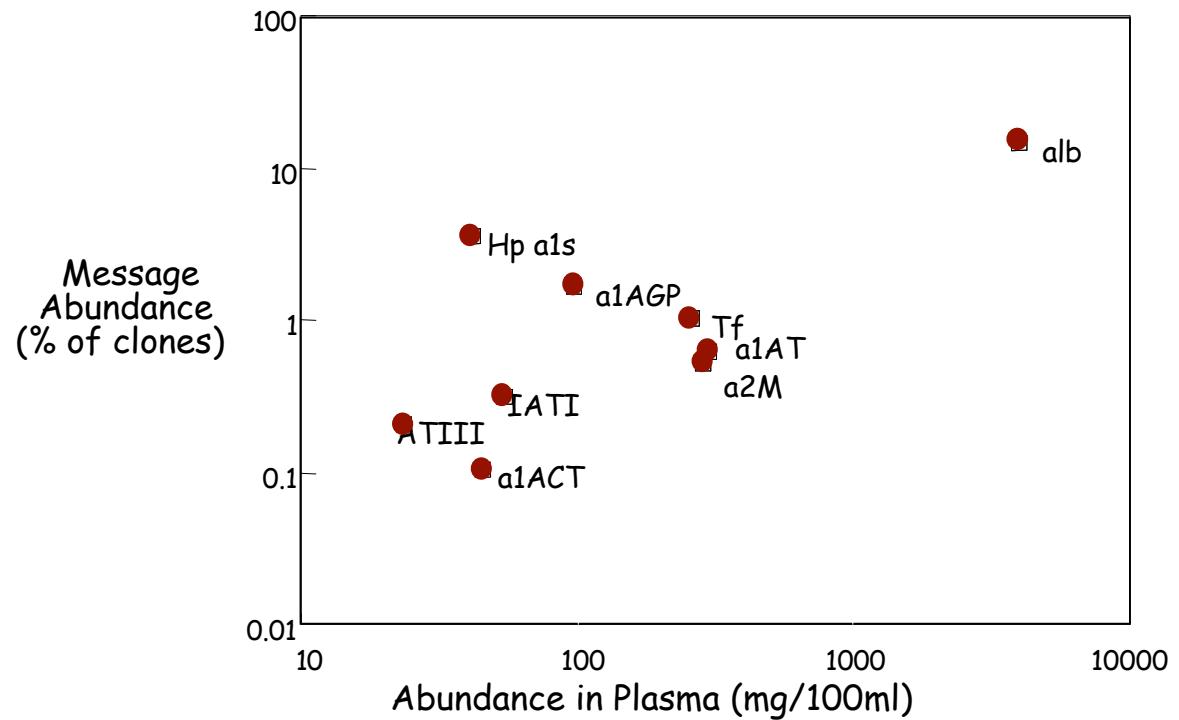
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- Using only abundances of major plasma proteins, 90% of pairs of MZ twins can be correctly clustered together
- Genotype matters.....



# Gene Expression vs Protein Abundance in Plasma

- Almost no correlation with liver mRNA levels



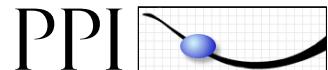
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Biomarker validation, in the context of  
a Dx pipeline, requires pools of  
candidates and sensitive, high-  
throughput specific assays

# There Are More Existing Candidate Disease Markers Than You Might Think: 177 Candidate Cardiovascular Disease Marker Proteins

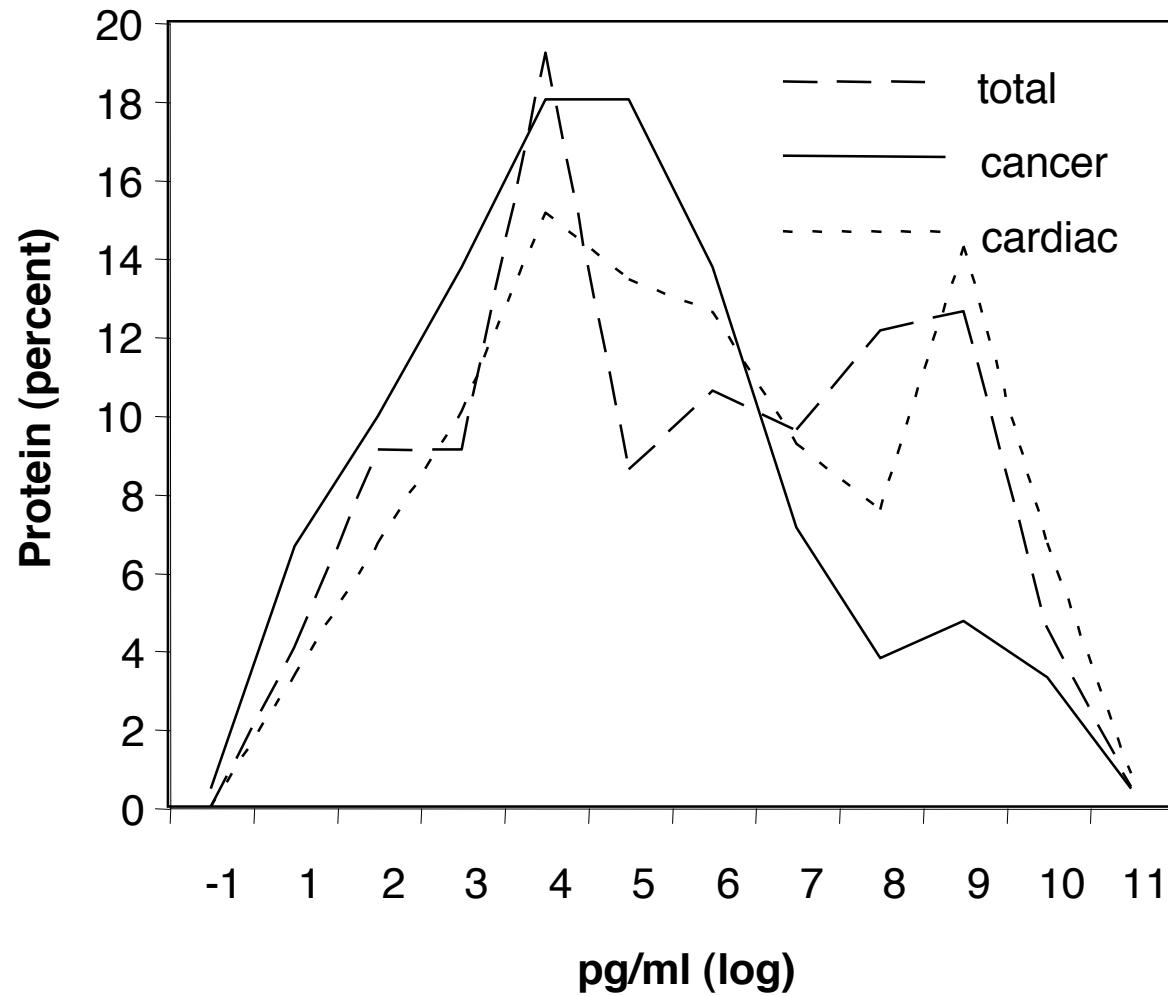
	Name	Accession	Normal Concentration (pg/ml)	Source for concentration	Reason
1	activin A	P08476	6.0E+02	(Eldar-Geva <i>et al.</i> , 2001)	Released by heparin from vascular endothelium (Phillips <i>et al.</i> , 2000)
2	adiponectin (ADPN)	Q15848	4.8E+06	(Mallamaci <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	Higher levels in essential hypertensives (Mallamaci <i>et al.</i> , 2002)
3	albumin	P02768	4.1E+10	(Labs, 2001)	Negative acute phase reactant, lower levels associated with increased risk of cardiovascular mortality (Shaper <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
4	aldolase C	P09972	4.0E+03	(Asaka <i>et al.</i> , 1990)	A more specific and sensitive marker of cerebrovascular diseases than aldolase A (Asaka <i>et al.</i> , 1990)
5	alpha 2 antiplasmin (alpha 2 AP)	P08697	7.0E+07	Progen test insert	An important regulator of the fibrinolytic system
6	alpha 2 macroglobulin (alpha 2 M)	P01023	1.8E+09	(Labs, 2001)	Major plasma protease inhibitor
7	alpha(1)-antichymotrypsin (ACT)	P01011	4.2E+07	(Putnam, 1975)	Major plasma protease inhibitor
8	alpha1 acid-glycoprotein (AAG)	P02763	6.9E+08	(Labs, 2001)	Acute phase reactant
9	alpha1-antitrypsin (AAT)	P01009	1.4E+09	(Labs, 2001)	Major plasma protease inhibitor
10	angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE)	P12821			Lower in stroke patients than controls (Catto <i>et al.</i> , 1996)
11	angiotensinogen	P01019	1.5E+06	(Bloem <i>et al.</i> , 1995)	Precursor of major blood pressure control peptide
12	antithrombin III (AT III)	P01008	2.0E+08	(Kalafatis <i>et al.</i> , 1997)	Major inhibitor of thrombin
13	apolipoprotein A-I	P02647	1.4E+09	(Glowinska <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	Low level associated with mortality and myocardial infarction five years after CABG(Skinner <i>et al.</i> , 1999)
14	apolipoprotein A-II	P02652	2.4E+08	(Luo & Liu, 1994)	Lipoprotein
15	apolipoprotein A-IV	P06727	1.6E+08	(Kondo <i>et al.</i> , 1989)	A relatively independent risk factor for CHD(Warner <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
16	apolipoprotein B	P04114	7.3E+08	(Glowinska <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	Major component of LDL
17	apolipoprotein C-I	P02654	6.1E+07	(Riesen & Sturzenegger, 1986)	Lipoprotein
18	apolipoprotein C-II	P02655	3.3E+07	(Bury <i>et al.</i> , 1986)	Lipoprotein
19	apolipoprotein CIII	P02656	1.2E+08	(Onat <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	marker of CHD independent of cholesterol(Onat <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
20	apolipoprotein D	P05090			Lipoprotein
21	apolipoprotein E	P02649	4.0E+07		presence of epsilon4 allele a strong independent predictor of adverse events (Brscic <i>et al.</i> , 2000)
22	apolipoprotein L1	O14791			Lipoprotein
23	aspartate aminotransferase, mitochondrial (m-type)	P00505			diagnostic for early detection of myocardial infarction (Yoneda <i>et al.</i> , 1992)
24	basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF)	P09038	6.0E+03	(Song <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	sICAM-1level increases in acute cerebral infarction (Song <i>et al.</i> , 2002)
25	beta(2)-glycoprotein I, nicked	P02749			may control extrinsic fibrinolysis via a negative feedback pathway loop (Yasuda <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
26	B-type neurotrophic growth factor (BNDF)	P01138	7.0E+02	(Reynolds <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	Candidate stroke marker (Reynolds <i>et al.</i> , 2003)

From: Candidate-Based Proteomics in the Search for Biomarkers of Cardiovascular Disease, Leigh Anderson, J. Physiol., in press 2004



# Candidate Cancer Markers Appear Distributed at Lower Plasma Concentrations Than Unselected Proteins or Cardiac Markers

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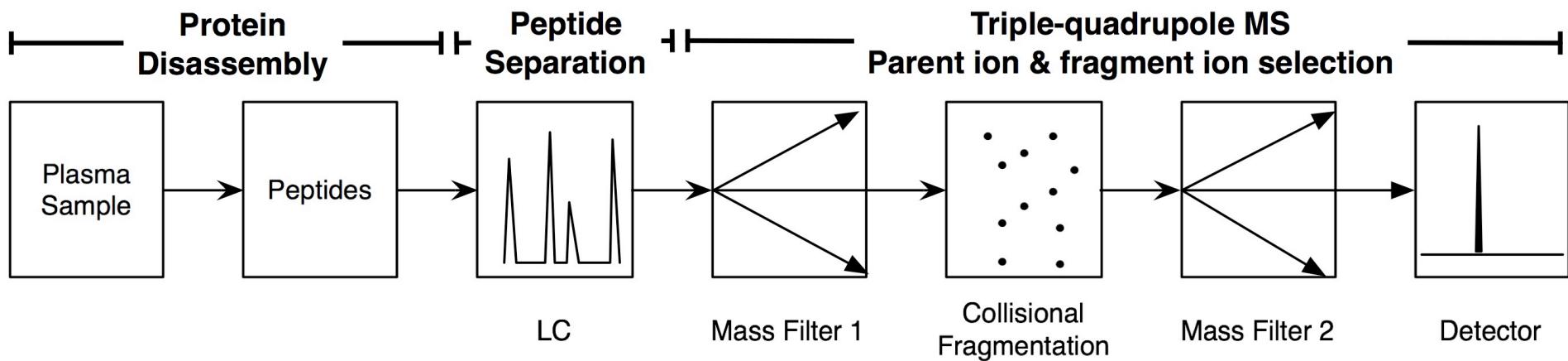
# Technology Alternatives for Candidate-Based Proteomics

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- Immunoassays (likely clinical test implementation)
  - Very sensitive
  - Expensive: IVD-quality assays cost \$2-4 million
  - Specificity issues with less well-developed assays
  - Multiplexing limits in a single assay volume
- Hybrid MS-based assays
  - Peptide MS for quantitation and identification
  - Specific enrichment for sensitivity
  - Absolute analyte specificity
  - Multiplex 25-200 assays/analysis

# A General Approach to Protein Measurement via MS/MS

- Objective: direct design of protein assays from sequence, using peptides as measurement surrogates:
  - Variation of protein physical properties make them hard to address comprehensively
  - Postulate: within every protein (good,bad) there is  $\geq 1$  good tryptic peptide
  - Absolute quantitation using isotope dilution (stable isotope labeled peptide internal standards)



- The triple-quadrupole MS (LC-MS/MS) platform is very widely used for small molecular assays in plasma (drug metabolites, inborn errors, pesticides)
- Multiplex 100-200 assays per run

# Alpha-1-acid glycoprotein 1 peptide EQLGEFYEALDBLR

1742.8

Detected ions passing MS1 and MS2 (871.9/1186.6) over course of 180 minute LC peptide separation: single sequence-specific peak

MS1:  $871.9 \pm 1$  amu

Whole peptide, +2 charge



Peptide fragmented



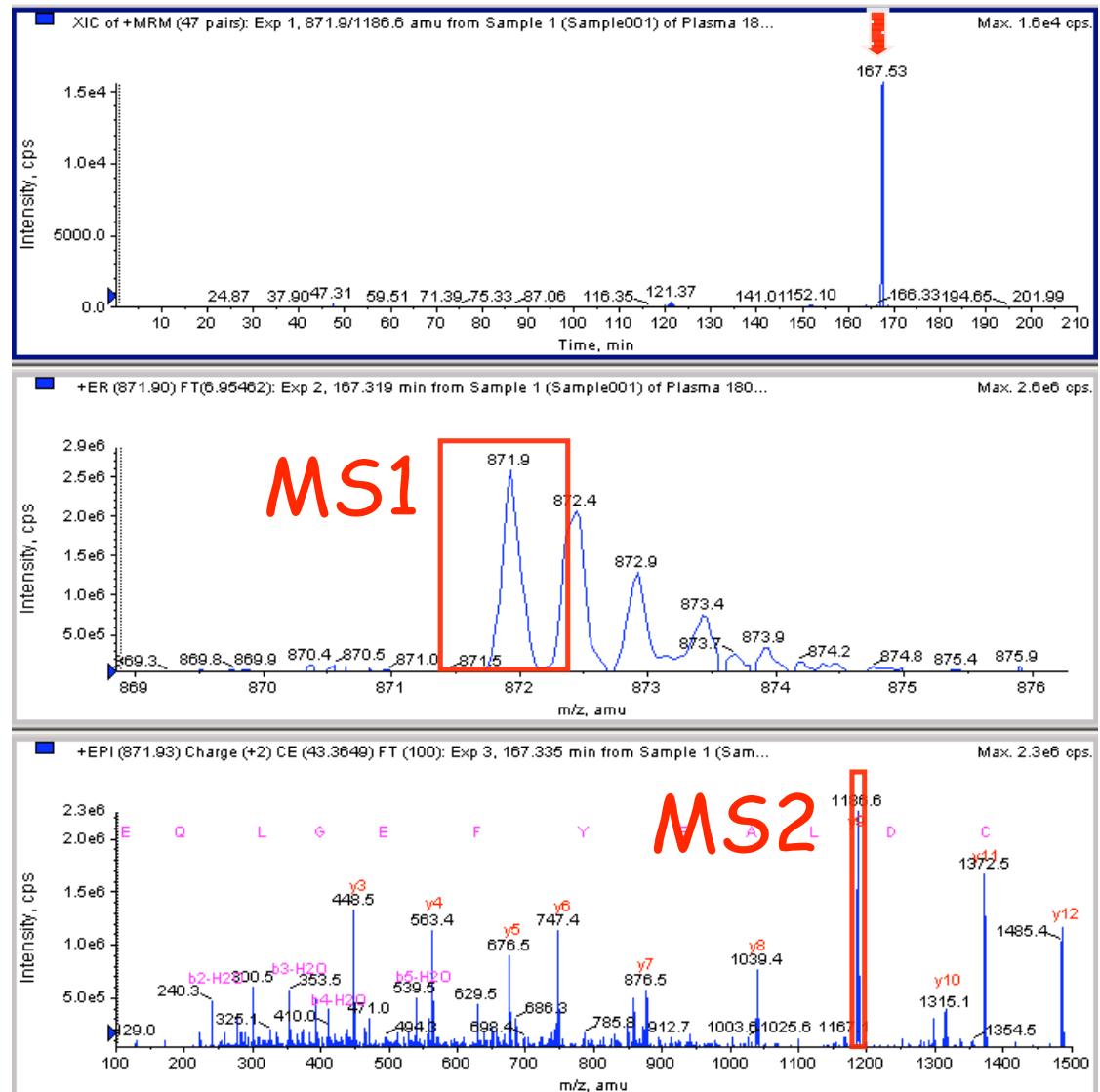
MS2:  $1186.6 \pm 1$  amu

Fragment ion, +1 charge

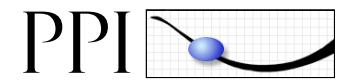


Detector

This defines an MRM assay, referring to "multiple reaction monitoring"



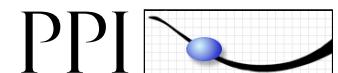
Collaboration with Christie Hunter (ABI) using 4000 Q TRAP MS



# *In Silico* MS Assay Design via Bioinformatics

Protein Sequence	In Silico Tryptic Peptides	In Silico Features	Experimental Features	Assay Param's
<pre>&gt;sp P14151 LYAM1_HUMAN L- selectin precursor MIFPWKCQSTQRDLWNIFKLWGWTML CCDFLAHHGTDCWTYHYSEKPMNWQR ARRFCRDNYTDLVAIQNKAEIEYLEK TLPPFSRSYYWIGIRKIGGIWTWVGTN KSLTEEAENWDGEPNNKKNKEDCVE IYIKRKNKDAGKWNDACHKLKAALCY TASCQPWCSGHSHEGECVEIINNYTCNC DVGGYYGPQCQFVIQCEPLEAPELGMT DCTHPLGNFSFSSQCAFSCSEGTLNT GIEETTCGPFGNWSSPEPTCQVIQCE PLSAPDLGIMNCNSHPLASFSFTSACT FICSEGTELIGKKKTICESSGIWSNP SPICQKLDKSFSMIKEGDYNPLFIPV AVMVTAFTSGLAFIIWLARRLKKGKKS KRSMNDPY</pre>	<pre>MIFPWK CQSTQR DLWNIFK LWGWTMLCCDFLAHHGTDCWT PMNWQR AR R FCR DNYTDLVAIQNK <b>AEIEYLEK</b> TLPPFSR SYWIGIR K IGGIWTWVGTN KSLTEEAENWDGEPNNK .</pre> <p style="text-align: center;">8-15aa</p>	+ P - C, -M, -W Hydrophilic Immunogenic - PTM? - SNP Unique to protein	Ionizable? Best frags	MS1 MS2

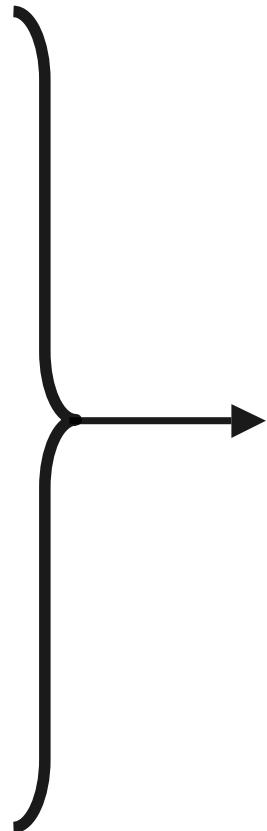
- Pure *in silico* yields a low proportion of good peptides
- Addition of experimental data yields >90% success
- Improvements needed in prediction of ionization and fragmentation



# Efficient Production of Stable Isotope-labeled Standards (SIS) as polySIS\*

Apolipoprotein A-I  
Alpha-1-acid glycoprotein 1  
Haptoglobin beta chain  
Fibrinogen gamma chain  
Fibrinogen alpha chain  
Fibrinogen beta chain  
Alpha-1-antichymotrypsin  
Complement C3  
Antithrombin-III  
Ceruloplasmin  
Prothrombin  
Complement C4 gamma chain  
Apolipoprotein B-100  
Alpha-2-antiplasmin  
Plasminogen  
Apolipoprotein E  
Coagulation factor XIIa heavy chain  
Apolipoprotein(a)  
Coagulation factor X  
Adiponectin  
Beta-2-glycoprotein I  
Coagulation factor IX  
C-reactive protein  
Vitamin K-dependent protein C  
Coagulation factor XIII A chain  
Coagulation factor XIII B chain  
Cholesteryl ester transfer protein  
Coagulation factor V  
Angiotensinogen  
L-selectin

ATEHLSTLSEK  
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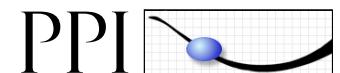
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QDQLVLVAAKAEIEYLEK

Synthesize gene CVD\_1a (codon optimized)

Clone into pIVEX2.4d expression vector

Express in Roche RTS E coli-based cell-free system (<sup>15</sup>N, <sup>13</sup>C-Lys)

polySIS protein standard



# Absolute Protein Quantitation in Relation to polySIS<sup>\*</sup> Peptide Standards

## ***polySIS CVD\_1 (lys-labeled standard)***

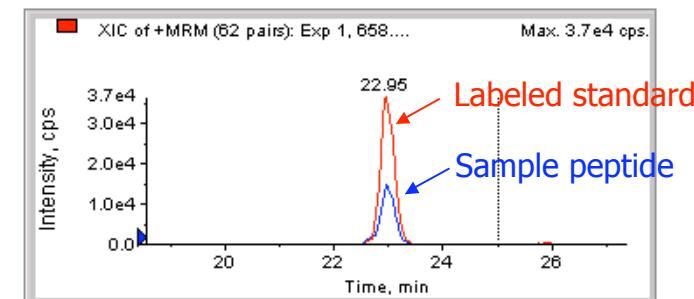
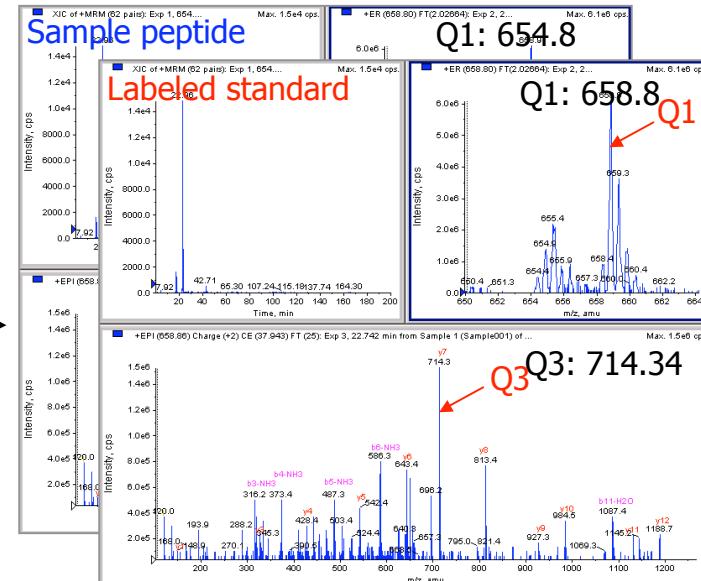
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## ***Fibrinogen β chain (in sample)***

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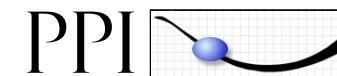
+ Digest →

## ***LC-TQMS of QGFGNVATNTDGK***



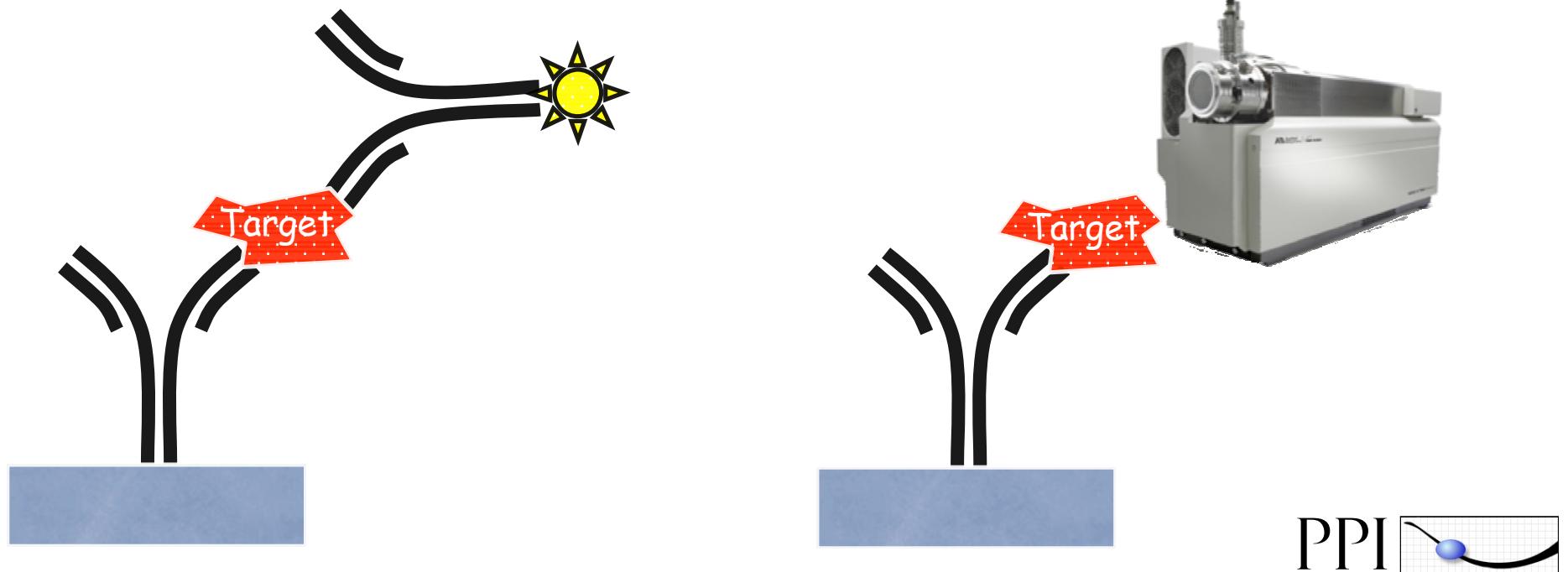
MRM Chromatogram

\* Patent Pending



# Hybrid Ab-MS Assays: MS as a Universal Second Antibody

	Antibody	Mass Spectrometer
Sensitivity	+++	++
Specificity	++	++++
Shared across targets	No	Yes

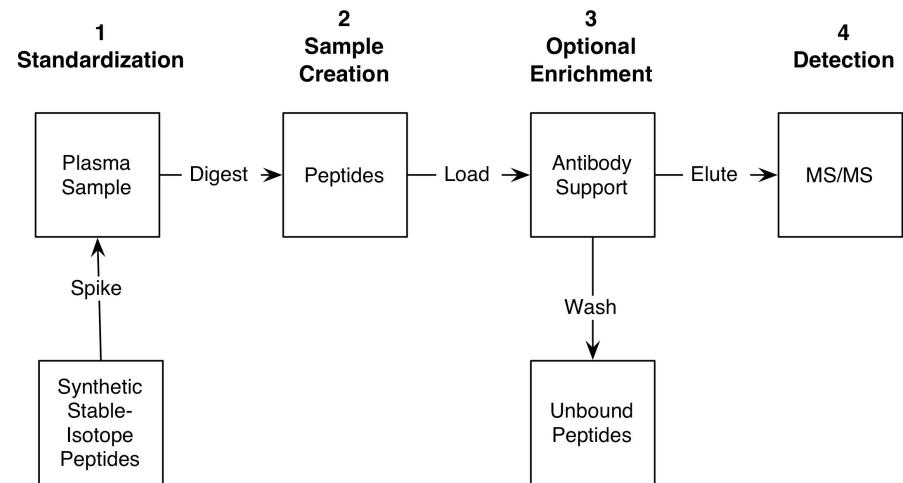


# Sensitivity Enhancement via Specific Capture

- Employ MS/MS assay as "2nd antibody" with absolute specificity
- Add specific capture step, e.g., using anti-peptide antibody
  - Demonstrated  $10^2$ -fold sensitivity improvement with polyclonals
  - Up to  $10^5$ -fold enhancement expected with monoclonal Ab's
- Forgiving of Ab performance
  - Complete specificity not required (MS does this)
  - Ab does not quantitate (stable isotope standards + MS do this)

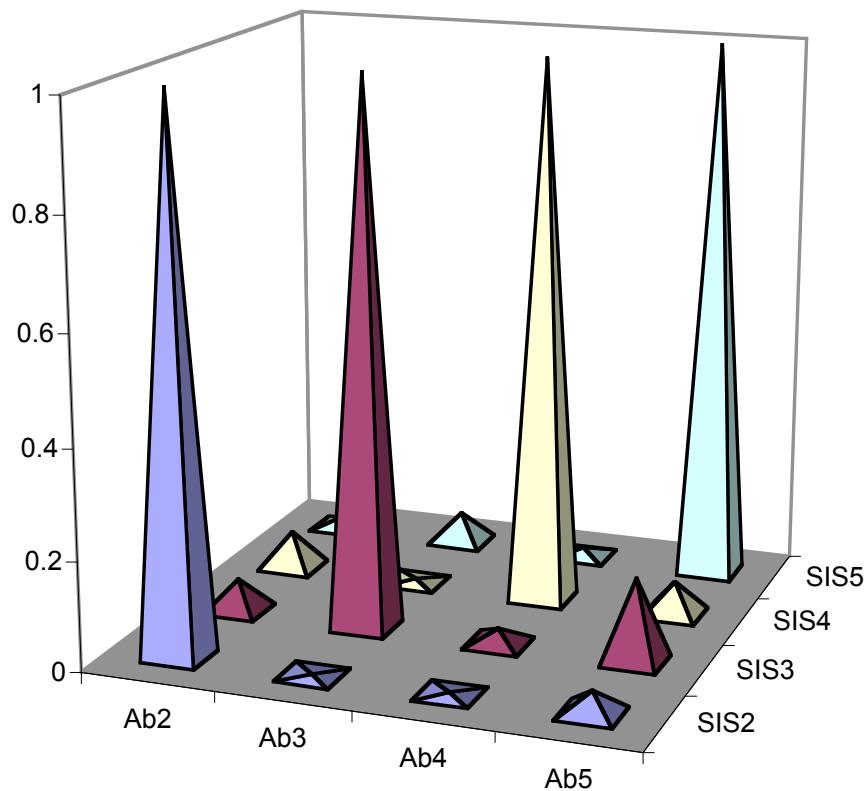
SISCAPA is an immunoassay in which the second (detection) antibody is replaced by a mass spectrometer. This provides:

- Increased assay specificity (absolute structural specificity of MS/MS)
- High sensitivity (low fmol- high amol at peptide level)
- Lower cost (one Ab instead of two)
- Lower analyte-analyte interference (and greater sample stability) by digesting proteins to peptides



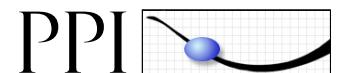
# Relative Quantities of Four SIS Peptides Bound by Four Anti-Peptide Antibodies, Using Two-stage MS Selection (SRM)

Average Peptide Enrichment by Ab > 100-fold

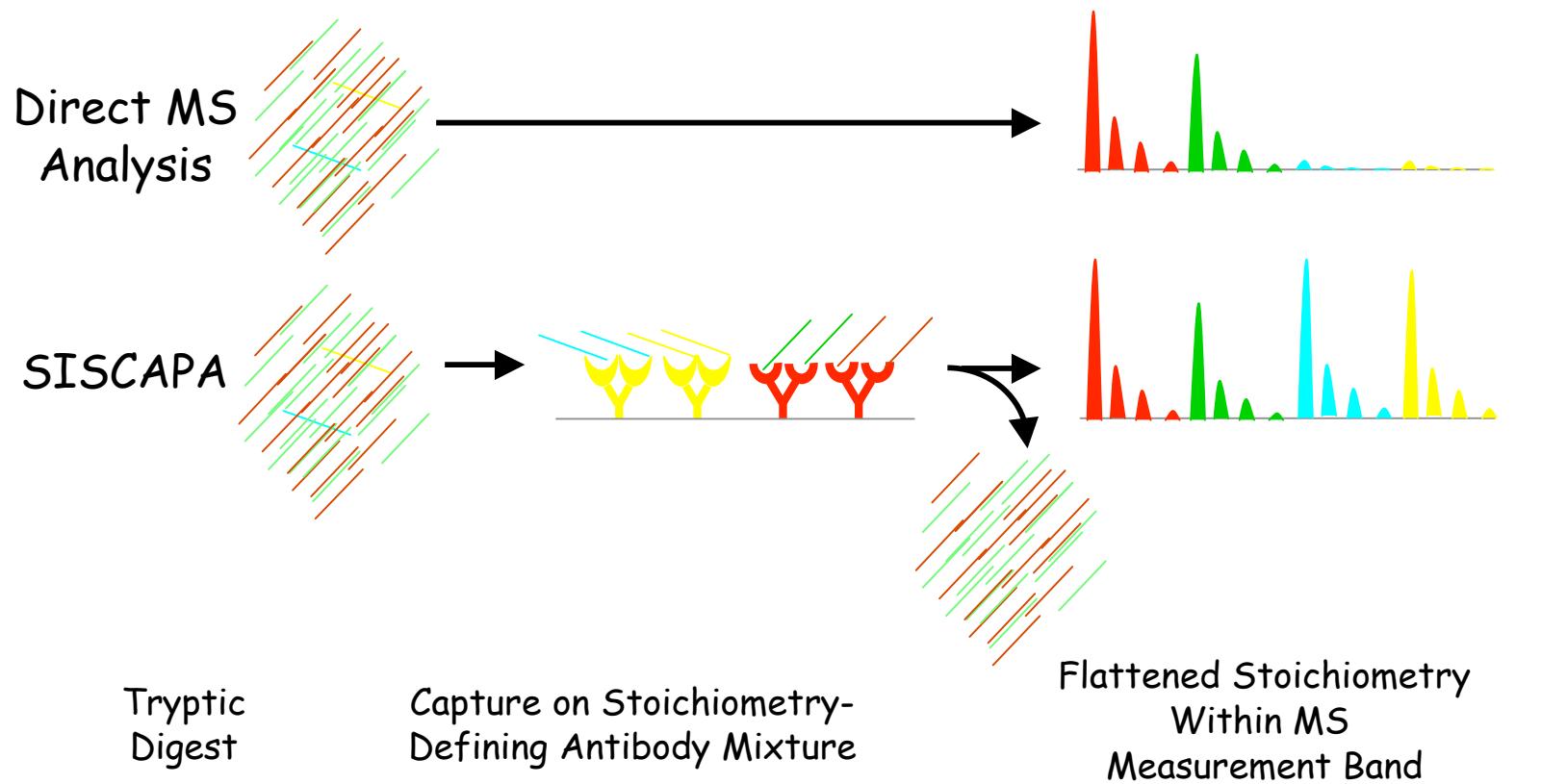


The signals (vertical axis) for each antibody are normalized to the largest signal for that antibody

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## SISCAPA Captures Similar Amounts of Peptides, Flattening the Abundance Distribution to Accommodate MS Dynamic Range



# Some Definitions of Success for Biomarker Proteomics

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Growing funding for biomarker discovery Yes

Candidates in at least one commercial pipeline Yes?

Consensus on best experimental approach No  
to biomarker discovery

Generally-accessible pipeline for translating candidates to tests No

Clinical tests in general use No

# The Heroic Age of Mass Spectrometry



A bank of 32 Calutrons (of 1152 built) for preparative MS of isotopes at Oak Ridge built circa 1945

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