

# “Proteomic Technologies”

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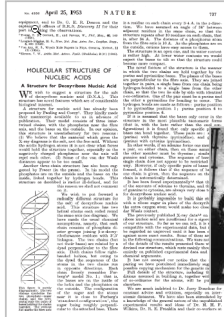
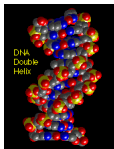
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## Proteomic Technologies

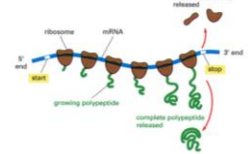
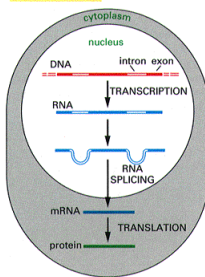
- Background
  - What is a protein?
  - What is proteomics?
  - In general, how is it done?
  - Is it worth doing?
- Biomedical applications of proteomics
  - 1-D and validation - Neurocalcin delta binding proteins
  - 1-D and validation - Topoisomerase binding proteins
  - Sample preparation, validation, new discoveries both clinical and biological - Pancreatic cancer
  - Biomarker discovery: sample preparation, validation - Prostate cancer
  - 2-D; isotope labelling, quantitative proteomics - Drug toxicity in the liver
- Conclusions
  - Conway Institute Proteome Research Centre

## DNA structure



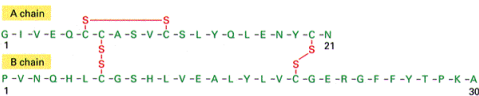
## From DNA to protein

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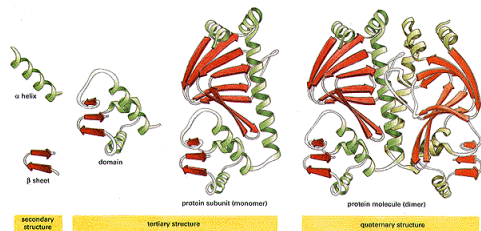
Numbers .....

## Protein primary structure



<b>A</b> = Ala = alanine	<b>G</b> = Gly = glycine	<b>M</b> = Met = methionine	<b>S</b> = Ser = serine
<b>C</b> = Cys = cysteine	<b>H</b> = His = histidine	<b>N</b> = Asn = asparagine	<b>T</b> = Thr = threonine
<b>D</b> = Asp = aspartic acid	<b>I</b> = Ile = isoleucine	<b>P</b> = Pro = proline	<b>V</b> = Val = valine
<b>E</b> = Glu = glutamic acid	<b>K</b> = Lys = lysine	<b>Q</b> = Gln = glutamine	<b>W</b> = Trp = tryptophan
<b>F</b> = Phe = phenylalanine	<b>L</b> = Leu = leucine	<b>R</b> = Arg = arginine	<b>Y</b> = Tyr = tyrosine

## Protein structure



## What is a Proteome?

Oxford English Dictionary: [*< prote-* (in **PROTEIN** *n.*) + *-ome* (in **GENOME** *n.*).]

The entire complement of proteins that is (or can be) expressed by a cell, tissue, or organism.

**1995** V. C. WASINGER et al. in *Electrophoresis* **16** 1090. **2000** *New Scientist* 15 July 67 (*adv.*) We have the unique ability to select **disease relevant targets** from the proteome.

(1994 – Marc Wilkins – PhD student – Siena)

## What is a “Biomarker”?

WebSearch: the webpages from Ireland: Results 1 - 10 of about **591,000** for **Biomarker** [*definition*]. (0.14 seconds)

“A specific physical trait used to measure or indicate the effects or progress of a disease or condition:

*Biomarkers of aging include thinning of the hair and diminished elasticity of the skin.”*

Oxford English Dictionary: [*< BIO-* + **MARKER** *n.*]

A substance used as an indicator of the presence of material of biological origin, of a specific organism, or a physiological condition or process; *spec.* a diagnostic indicator of (predisposition to) a medical condition.

## What is Proteomics?

Static - identification of all the proteins produced from a genome  
identification  
characterisation

Dynamic - analysis of (up to) several thousand proteins at a time

*Numbers again - Human proteome: 30,000 genes?  
– 250,000 proteins?*

## What is Proteomics?

Measurement of protein expression: *expression proteomics* (1-D, 2-DE, LC, ICAT, iTRAQ etc..)

Measurement of protein composition of cellular organelles (spliceosome, phagosome, speckles etc.): *cell map proteomics*

Analysis of post-translational modifications; of protein:protein interactions; of protein:drug interactions:

*Ultimately these will lead to new diagnostic protein biomarkers, new drug targets*

*And.... the determination of protein function and a more detailed understanding of biological systems*

## A general Proteomics workflow

- Sample acquisition and preparation
  - Biological fluids
  - Tissues – biopsies (disease vs normal)
  - Cells
  - Sub-cellular components (membranes/mitochondria/nuclei etc...)
- Protein/peptide separation
- Protein/peptide detection
- Protein/peptide identification
  - *Sounds easy!*

Validation and functional analysis

## Proteomics .... is not easy

- Proteins have diverse physico-chemical properties
- There are large numbers of them
- They are very dynamic
- Methods for their analysis are complex and still evolving (rapidly)
- Interested in *protein function ....*

## Protein function

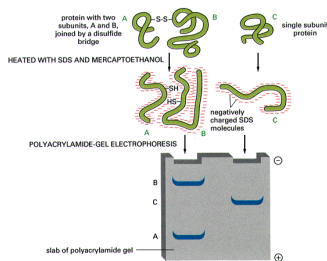
- How is the function (activity) of a protein regulated?
  - Expression
  - Folding
  - Processing
  - Post-translational modifications
  - Interaction with other proteins
  - Sub-cellular localisation (cf. NFkB)
  - Degradation
  - Others (cf. StAR)
- How is the function of a protein determined?

With (great) difficulty ....

## So - why do Proteomics?

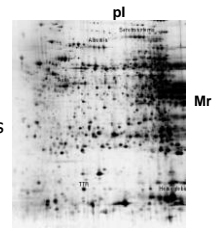
- mRNA expression analysis – (transcript profiling) - does not always reflect the expression level of proteins
- Biological samples such as CSF, serum, urine etc. are often not suitable for mRNA expression analysis
- It focuses on gene products - the active agents in cells/tissues/organisms
- Supports the analysis of the modification of proteins that are not apparent from DNA sequence i.e. post-translational modifications

## Protein separation by SDS-PAGE



## Protein separation by 2-DE

- Developed in mid/late 1970s
- Separates by pI and Mr – up to 10,000 spots
- Protein detection – several stains including fluorescent dyes
- But, protein identification....



High resolution, sensitivity, and reproducibility make this technique a powerful analytical tool which could potentially find use in a wide range of investigations.

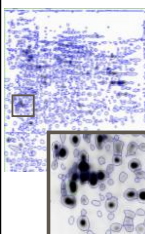
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Received for publication, September 5, 1975

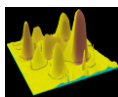
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## Gel image analysis (the bottleneck)

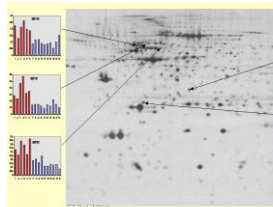
filtering,  
spot detection



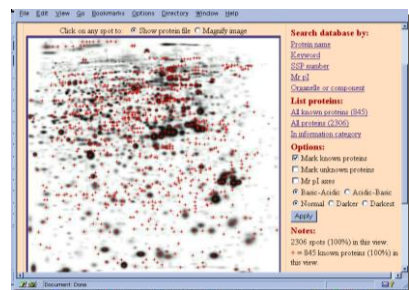
gel matching



quantitative analysis of  
detected proteins

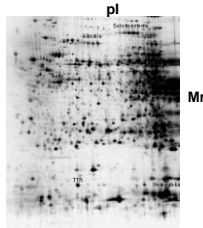


## 2-DE maps and databases



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The American Biochemical Company  
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Patent 3,722,222

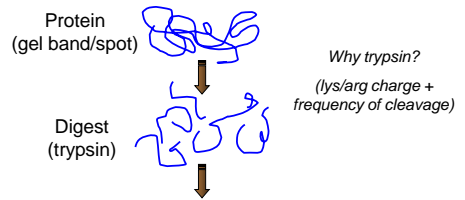
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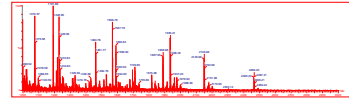
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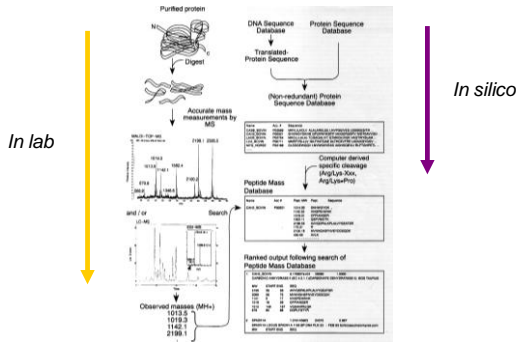
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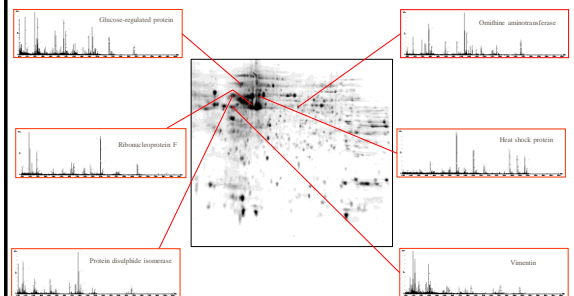
### MALDI MS spectrum



## Peptide mass fingerprinting



## Protein identification



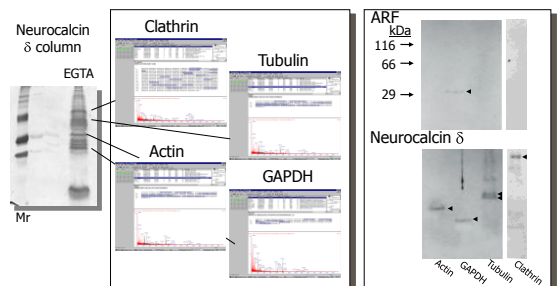
## Can proteomics deliver?

- Benchmark Pharma example – Novartis (van Oostrum)
  - Bengamide – inhibitor of tumour growth
  - Unknown mode of action
  - Transcript profiling reveals no transcriptional response
  - 2-DE protein expression profiling (15-20,000 protein features)
  - Novel spot change in 14-3-3 protein
  - Detailed (painstaking and slow) analysis and validation leads to identification of protein modification and target for bengamide
  - Methionine aminopeptidases (24 including novel enzymes)
  - New compounds (1 in clinical trial – others to follow)
- Benchmark biomedical example – many emerging (phagosome proteome)

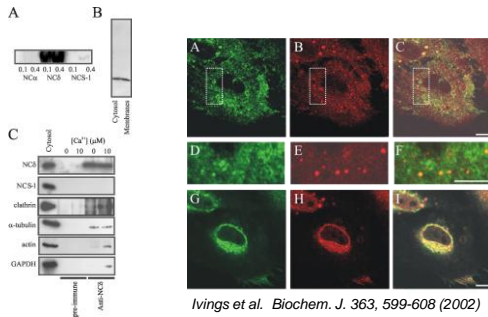
Answer – yes

Can you believe everything you read?

## Neurocalcin $\delta$ binding proteins

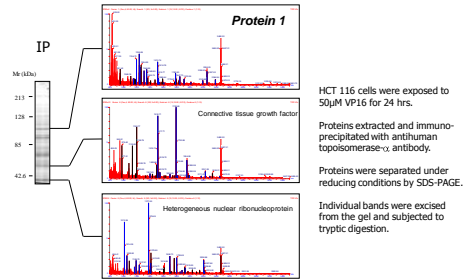


## NC $\delta$ protein interactions



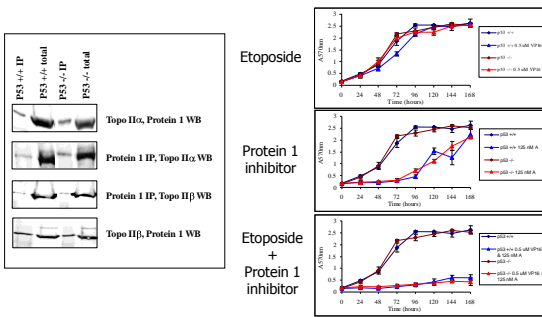
Living et al. *Biochem. J.* 363, 599-608 (2002)

## Topoisomerase binding proteins



HCT 116 cells were exposed to 50 $\mu$ M VP16 for 24 hrs. Proteins extracted and immunoprecipitated with anti-topoisomerase $\alpha$  antibody. Proteins were separated under reducing conditions by SDS-PAGE. Individual bands were excised from the gel and subjected to tryptic digestion.

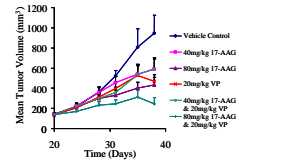
## Functional interaction



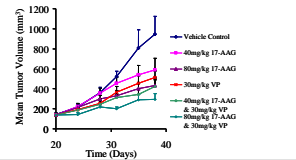
## Colon tumour xenografts

Mice treated when tumour volume = 140 mm<sup>3</sup>. Etoposide administered intraperitoneally (i.p.) at doses of 20 and 30mg/kg weekly. 17-AAG administered i.p. at doses of 40 and 80 mg/kg 3 times per week. Experiment ended when control xenografts reached 1000mm<sup>3</sup>.

### 40 or 80mg/kg 17-AAG and 20mg/kg etoposide

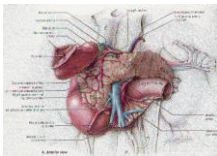


### 40 or 80mg/kg 17-AAG and 30mg/kg etoposide



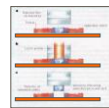
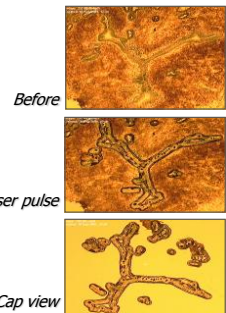
**17-AAG**  
17-allylamino-17-demethoxygeldanamycin  
**VP**  
Etoposide

## Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma

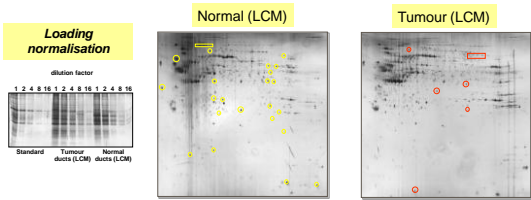


- Accounts for 90% of all pancreatic cancer
- Pancreatic cancer is the 4<sup>th</sup> most common cause of cancer-related death in the western world
- Responsible for 7000 deaths per year in the UK (40,000 in Europe)
- Majority of patients present with advanced disease
- 10-15% of these are suitable for potential curative surgery.
- 5 year survival range between 10-24%
- Arises from ductal cells of pancreas

## Laser capture microdissection

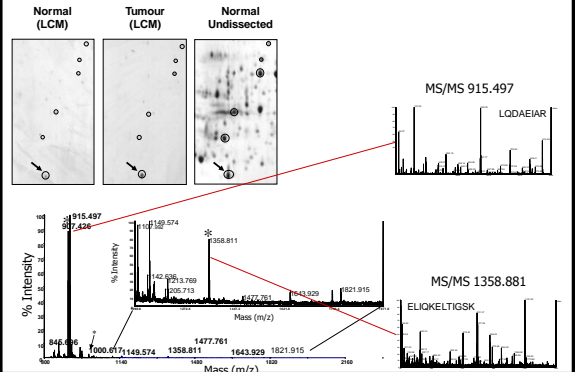


## Matched comparisons

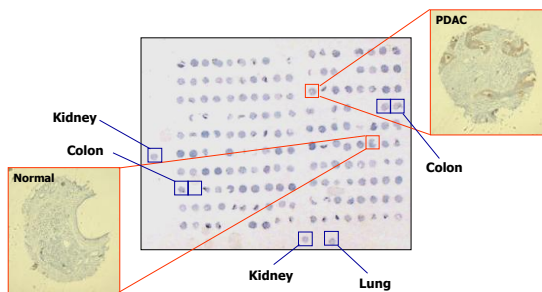


Several of the differentially expressed proteins have been identified – validation against tissue arrays is in progress

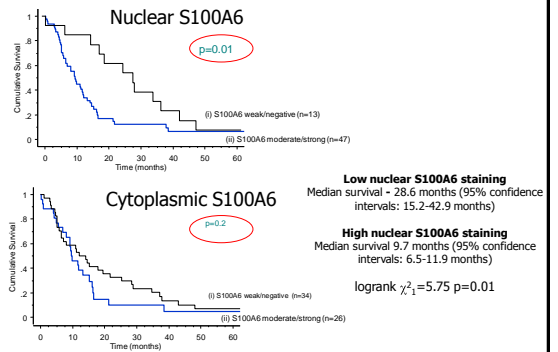
## Identification of protein spot 1 – S100a



## Validation: pancreatic tissue arrays

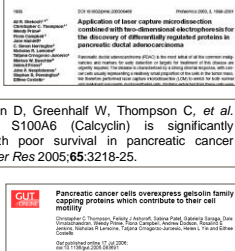


## Validation - linkage

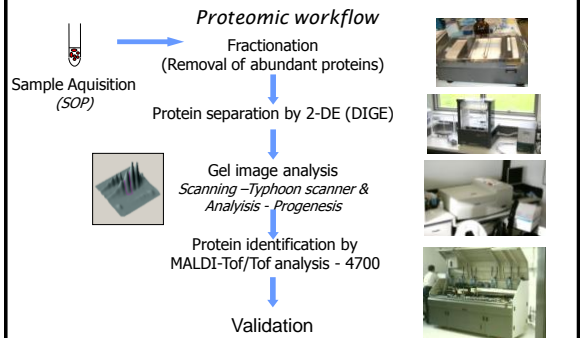


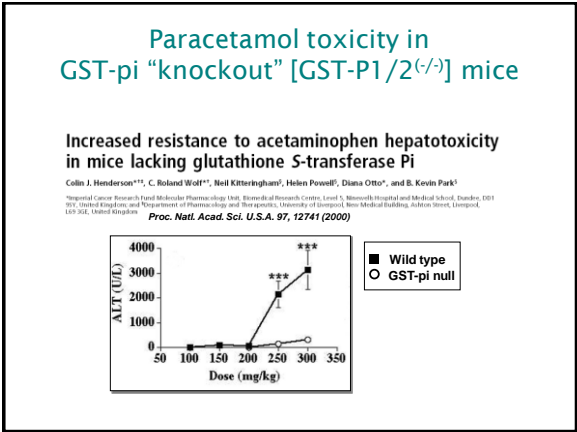
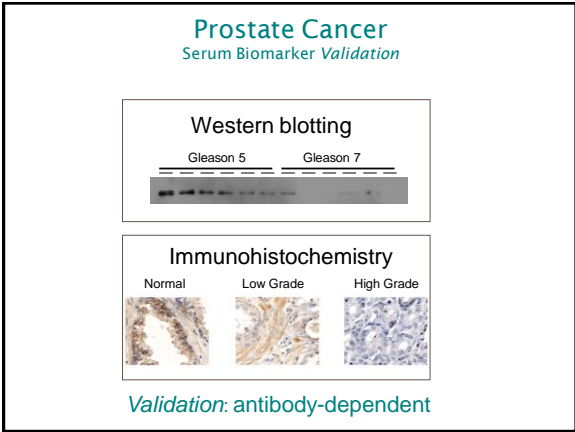
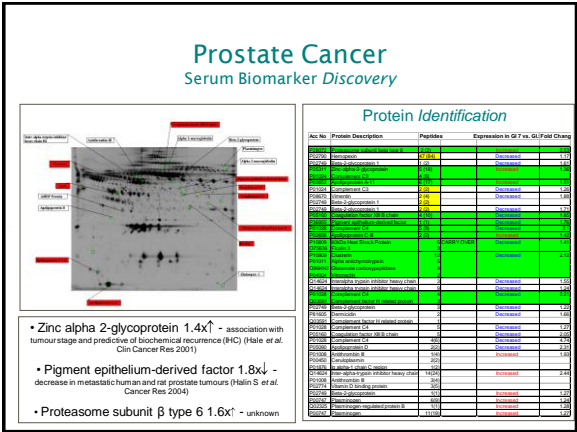
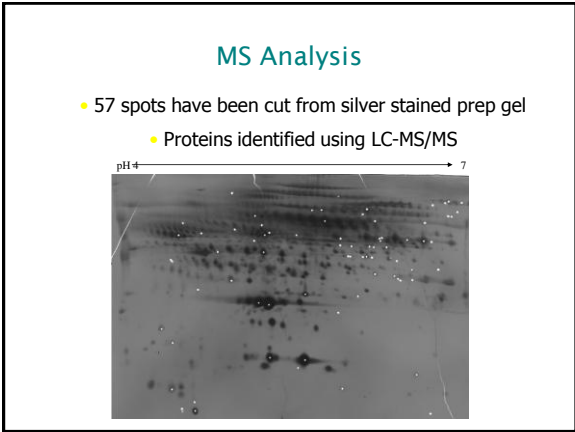
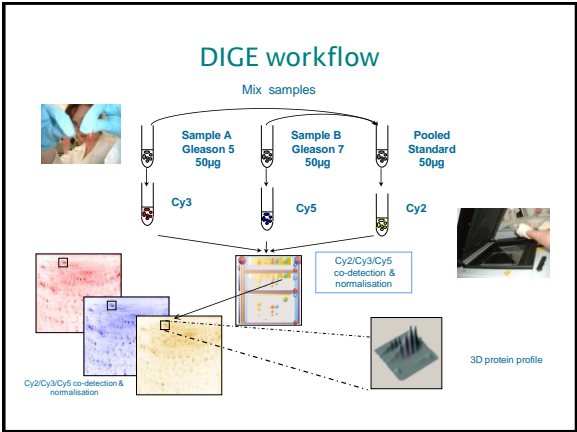
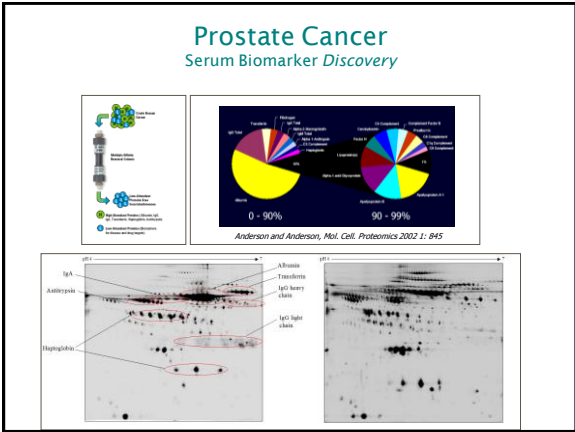
## Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma Conclusions

- Discovery
- Linkage
- Functional validation

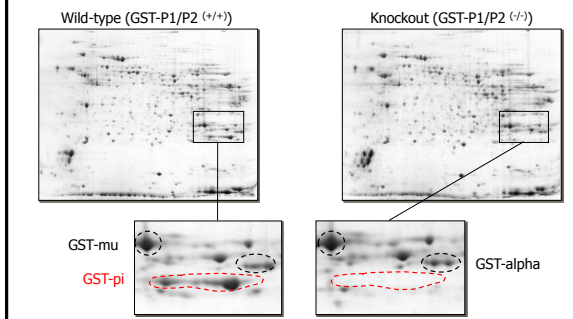


## Prostate Cancer Serum Biomarker Discovery

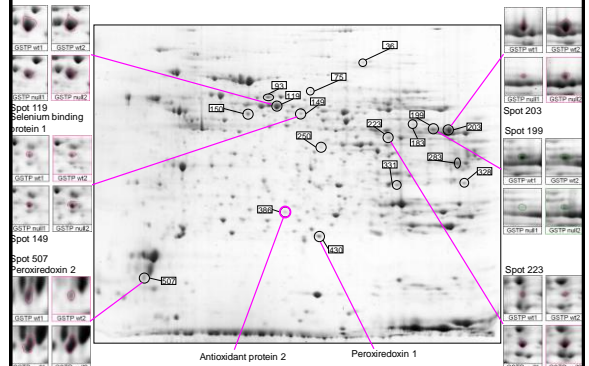




## Role of GST-pi (P1/P2) in paracetamol toxicity



## Proteomic analysis of GST-P1/2<sup>-/-</sup> mice



## Where are the P450s?

Fountoulakis *et al.*, 2001

- ☞ Mouse liver
- ☞ Excised 5800 spots
- ☞ Identified 2500 proteins
- ☞ 328 unique genes
- ☞ No P450

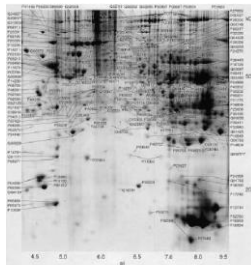
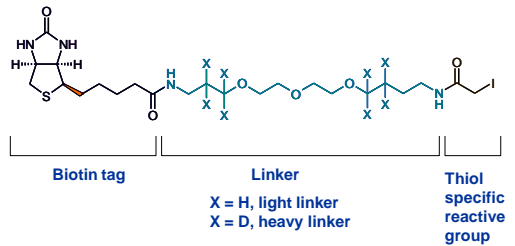


Figure 8. 2-D image of the mitochondrial fraction of the mouse liver particles. Conditions as in Fig. 1.

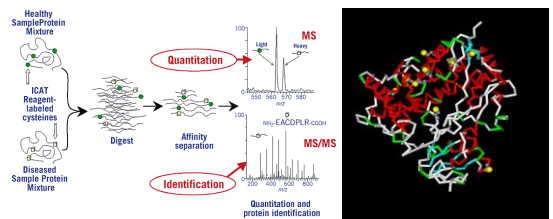
## Isotope-coded affinity tagging (ICAT)

ICAT reagents



Relative level of each P450 in control and induced samples

## P450 3D structure: Cysteine residues

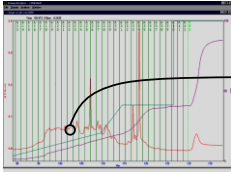




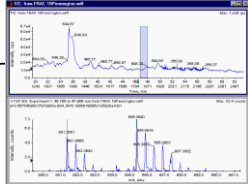
## ICAT labelling of liver microsomes

Comprehensive analysis of proteins present in microsomes  
 Investigate whether can use the approach to identify P450 and quantify their expression  
 Label, digest, cation exchange, avidin affinity isolation; nano-LC MS

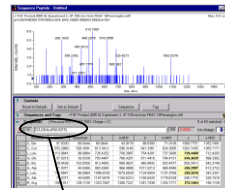
### Cation exchange chromatography (30 fractions collected)



### Nano-LC MS (of 1 fraction)



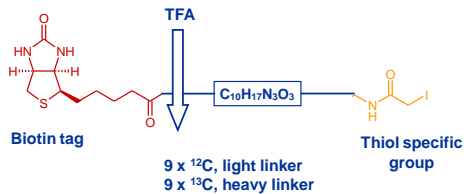
## Identification & quantification



Analysis shows:  
 Several cytochrome P450 proteins (Cyp 2C, 2E, 3A)  
 Cytochrome P450 reductase  
 Microsomal glutathione transferase

Protein Name	Accession	Score	Rank	Label	Score	Rank
Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1	Q95288	10.0	1	100%	10.0	1
Cytochrome P450 2C8	Q95288	8.0	2	100%	8.0	2
Cytochrome P450 2C9	Q95288	7.0	3	100%	7.0	3
Cytochrome P450 2C10	Q95288	6.0	4	100%	6.0	4
Cytochrome P450 2C11	Q95288	5.0	5	100%	5.0	5
Cytochrome P450 2C12	Q95288	4.0	6	100%	4.0	6
Cytochrome P450 2C13	Q95288	3.0	7	100%	3.0	7
Cytochrome P450 2C14	Q95288	2.0	8	100%	2.0	8
Cytochrome P450 2C15	Q95288	1.0	9	100%	1.0	9
Cytochrome P450 2C16	Q95288	0.5	10	100%	0.5	10

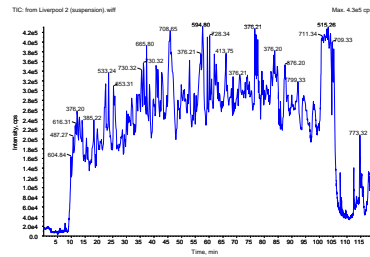
## Evolving technology: Cleavable ICAT



- Less complex MS/MS
- More peptides
- Linker modified to improve co-elution

## Analysis of mouse microsomal proteins with cleavable ICAT reagents

### Unfractionated sample - TIC

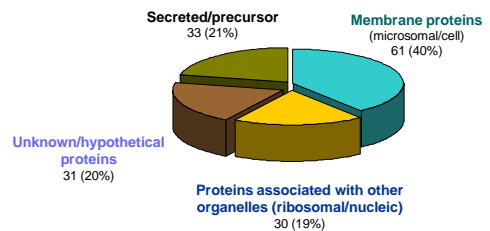


- 2 hour LC-MS run
- 1903 survey scans
- 1685 MS/MS spectra
- 830 peptides matched
- 155 mouse proteins identified

## Identification of P450's

Family	Isoform	Peptides found at confidence level		
		75%	90%	99%
Cyp1	cyp1a2	2	1	
Cyp2	cyp2a4	2	1	1
	cyp2a12	1		
	cyp2c29	4	4	3
	cyp2d9	1	1	
	cyp2d11	1		
	cyp2e1	3	3	
	cyp2f2	2		
	cyp2j9	1		
Cyp3	cyp3a11	1		
Cyp4	cyp4v3	1	1	
Cyp8	cyp8b1	1		
<b>TOTAL P450s</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL Proteins</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>33</b>

## Sub-cellular localisation of ICAT labelled proteins



155 proteins - single LC run

But.... would it be the same 155 next time?  
 Do we want to see this group of 155?

