

## New Proteomics Strategies for Studying Alzheimer's and Related Dementias

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### Projects Related to Signatures of AD and Related Dementias

- Neuropathological assessment of resilience in post-mortem brain
  - Can we have a molecular assay that can distinguish between:
    - Different AD genetic risk
    - Associated co-morbities
    - Resilience to AD neuropathologic change
  - Can we develop a proteomics assay to use as a replacement of traditional histopathological assessment.
- Cerebral spinal fluid assay that can reflect brain pathophysiology
  - Can we expand beyond the use of CSF A $\beta_{42}$ , tau, and P181-tau, and PET imaging for amyloid and pathologic tau protein

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#### Parallel Reaction Monitoring (PRM)



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Amodei et al JASMS 2019





## 20 m/z DIA + Overlap + Demultiplexing





### **Separating Detection from Quantitation**



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# Are the Measurements Quantitative or Differential?

Can we define LOQ and LOD for many peptides at once?

## Assessment of LOD and LOQ



*Building on:* Galitzine C et al, MCP 2018

## **Matched Matrix Dilution Curves**



**Building on:** Grant and Hoofnagle, Clin Chem 2014



### Not all Peptides are Equal Quantitative Proxies for a Protein



## Not all Peptides are Quantitative

#### Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) method development using DIA-MS



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## **Comparing Signal Intensities Between Labs, Instrument Platforms**

Signal Calibration in Proteomics?

## Peak area measurements should scale with the amount of peptide in the sample



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## Measurements on different platforms are not measured on the same scale



#### **Between Batch/Platform/Lab Signal Calibration**

#### **Purpose of signal calibration**

#### COLORS



THE ORIGINAL KILOGRAM IS KEPT UNDER GUARD IN SÈVRES, FRANCE. IT IS BASED ON THE WEIGHT OF A LITER OF PURE WATER.

## Data harmonization between days, instrument platforms, and laboratories



#### Aliquots of reference material are prepared together with each experimental batch



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## Signals measured on different platforms are often on different scales



## External reference calibration places different platforms on the same scale











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## Different Peptides Reflect Different Proteoforms

#### **Amyloid Precursor Protein**



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Tau



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### Measuring More Analytes Requires Measuring More Samples



## Conclusions

- Data independent acquisition offers systematic sampling over traditional discovery proteomics.
- We have the ability to perform DIA with selectivity of 50% the precursor isolation window size across the entire m/z range.
- Dynamic range and sensitivity that approximates PRM but is comprehensive
- Signal can be calibrated between labs and instrument platforms using a common external reference sample
- Stop doing protein roll up for bottom-up proteomics.
- Proteomics assays that measure lots of peptides require lots of samples.

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