

# A Skyline Tool for Creating Robust Large Scale Targeted MS/MS Assays

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### **Data Independent Analysis vs Targeted MS2**

Data Independent Analysis (DIA)

Maximized Ease of Use, High Coverage

Compromised Sensitivity / Selectivity

# **Targeted MS2**

Maximized Sensitivity / Selectivity

Limited Number of Compounds / Hard to Setup & Maintain

Hardware and Processing Improvements

Advancing at Slower Rate



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## **Targeted MS2 Yields Highest Quality Spectra**

Overlapping Precursors Compete for Space in Multipoles, Can Also Cause Signal Processing Issues



# **Targeted MS2 Sometimes Has Better Coverage than DIA**

#### 2x Dilution Example



DIA: 1,359 Peptides Correct Ratio +/- 25% Targeted: 1,414 Peptides Correct Ratio +/- 25%

Lilian Heil, et. al. ASMS 2022

# New, Bead-Based Protocol: Suitable for High-Throughput Target MS2 Assay?

#### **Christine Wu Poster Tues 589**

Mag-Net: Bead based capture of membrane particles from plasma enables liquid biopsy measurements for >4,500 proteins



Bead-Based Plasma Prep Gas-Phase Fractions, LIT Analyzer

#### DIA is the Current Technique of Choice for Such a Sample, But Let's Try Targeted MS2

Results are from 6x Gas-Phase Fractions, Using LIT with 1 Th Isolation Width, Peptide Searching with SEQUEST + Inferys

### Why is Targeted MS2 Not Used at Large Scale?

#### Challenge

**Fiddly and Manual Processes** 

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#### More About RT Alignment at the End!

# We've Made a Skyline External Tool

To Enable Large-Scale Targeted Experiments

- 1. To Eliminate (or at Least Drastically Reduce)
  - Manual Editing of Spreadsheets
  - Manual Review of Selected LC Peaks
- 2. Implement New Features
  - Automated Transition Selection
  - Precursor Load Balancing
- 3. Share Our Advances While Maintaining Control of a Few Proprietary Algorithms



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#### **External Tools for Skyline**

To learn more about creating External Tools of your own and making them easy to install and share with others, please consult the resources on the Skyline **Documentation** page.

To submit an External Tool to the Skyline Tool Store, click here.



DALL-E A shiny, golden hammer with its head embedded in a rock, like Excalibur. It is illuminated by a brilliant sun.

# **Overview of High Throughput (>1k) Targeted Workflow**



# **Step 1: Acquire Chromatogram Library**



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Cancel Import

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# **Step 2: Refine Results with Additional Targeted Injections**



~6.7k Precursors ~54k Transitions

#### **Start the External Tool**

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#### Document Grid: PRM Builder: Precursor Refine

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# **Refine the Chromatogram Library**

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Searle et. al. Chromatogram libraries improve peptide detection and quantification by data independent acquisition mass spectrometry | Nature Communications

### **Using Tool to Update Skyline Document**



## **Step 2: Refine Results with Additional Targeted Injections**



### **Checking the Precursor Quantitative Precision**

Particularly if there are Many Precursors, We Can Filter Out the Ones with Poor Precision



# Situation: Library Filtered, CV Filtered



# **Advanced Filtering: Using Dilution Curve**

#### For Example, Dilute Human in Chicken Plasma

#### One Could Accept Peptides with Correct Ratio at 50% Dilution



One Could Additionally Optimize Transitions Using Dilution Curve LOQ Results

#### Nick Shulman Poster Tues 552

Optimizing lower limits of quantification and detection by choosing transitions in Skyline

# **Step 3: Design Assay**

#### **Account for Finite Instrument Speed**











#### **Ranked Best to Worst Score** Pep3, Pep2, ProtA ProtA Pep2, Pep3, Pep4, **ProtB ProtB ProtB** Pep2, ProtC Pep2, ProtD







We Take the Peptide2 Instead



Instrument Time

Add Peptides Until No More Fit



### **Optimization 2: Scan Range Minimization**

#### Example: LIT Scan Rate 0.008 ms/Th

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### **Optimization 2: Scan Range Minimization**

	Define Method		
	Analyzer Vontrap V		
	Scan Rate (kDa/s) 125 v		
	Min Dwell (msec) 5.00		
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	Optimize Scan Range		
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### **Optimization 2: Scan Range Minimization**



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# **Effect of Acquisition Segment Width**



## **Narrower Acquisition Segment Width Increases Throughput**



## **Narrower Acquisition Widths Improves Peak Picking**

Generally, is Very Good, Due to Narrow Acquisition Windows

Consistent Peak Picking Between Replicates



### **Fraction of Questionable Peaks is ~1% with Larger Data Sets**



### **Real-Time Alignment: Overview**

Acquisition Windows 2-3x Narrower Than Traditional Targeted MS2  $\rightarrow$  2-3x More Targets

Replicate 1

Replicate 2





















## **Real-Time Alignment with Uncertainty Bounds**

Cyan Line Denotes Full Width Half Maximum of Cross Correlation



# **Alignment Acquisitions Are Inserted Into Methods**

#### **Gas-Phase Fractions**



# **Alignment Acquisitions Are Inserted Into Methods**

#### Subsequent Targeted Methods



Alignment Acquisitions
 Typically Performed at
 ~3 Points per LC Peak,
 i.e. Not Every Cycle

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# Automated Alignment Between Survey Runs and Creation of Reference File



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# Large Scale Targeted Assays (5-7k Peptides/Hour) are Practical

Skyline Provides Excellent Platform and External Tools to Enable New Features



# Thank You!

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