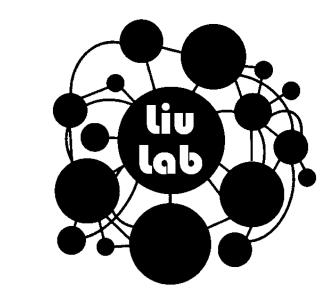


Methodological advances in XL-MS increase detection sensitivity and quantification accuracy of large-scale interactomics studies



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TMT-based large-scale interactomics quantification

- **Two-interactome dataset**: TMT10plex-labeled DSSO cross-linked *E. coli* lysate spiked into TMT10plex-labeled DSSO cross-linked HEK293T lysate
- XL identification and quantification accuracy of different methods assessed •
- **Remarkably higher energies** required for TMT10plex-labeled XL fragmentation
- **Stepped HCD-MS2** provides vast number of XLs with high quantification accuracy
- Simple applicability paves way for multiplexed PPI quantification from complex biological systems

Generating a two-interactome dataset

LysC + Trypsin 10-plex diaest

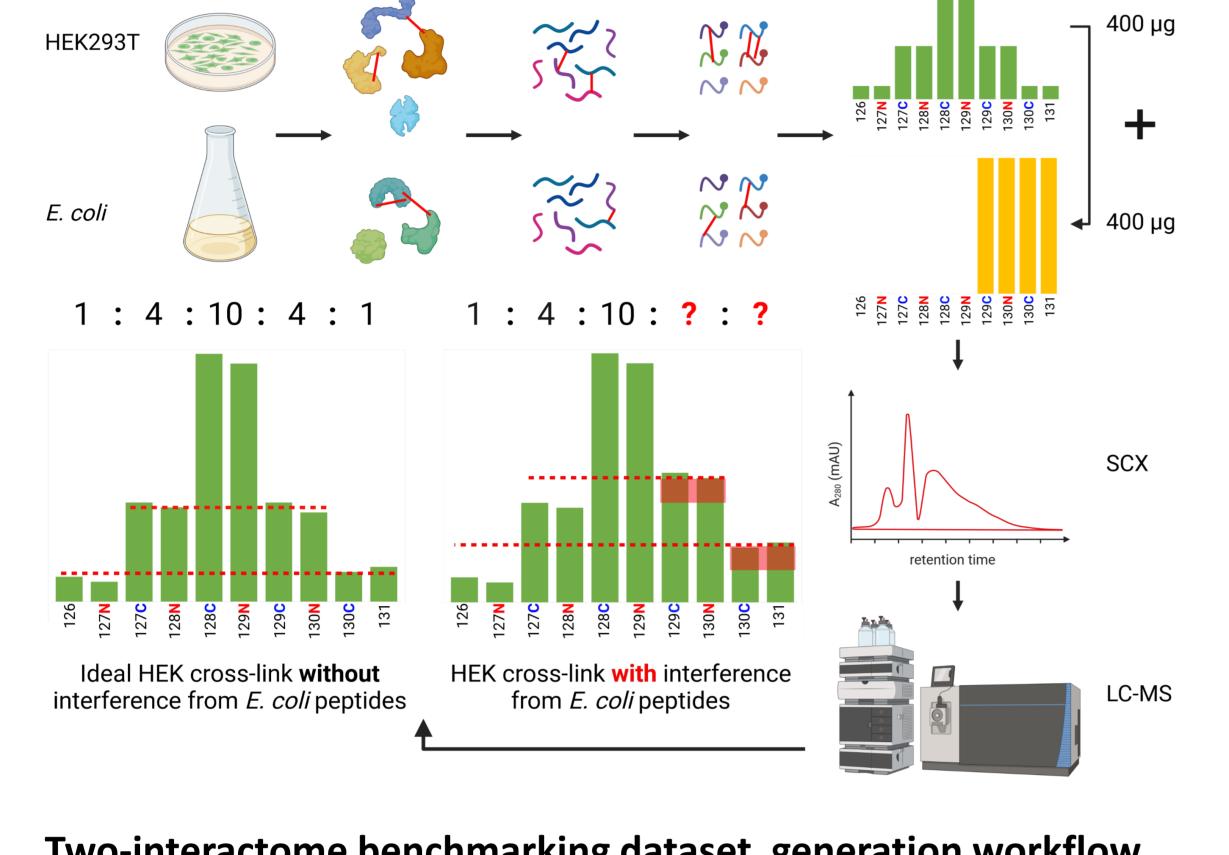
mixing

Real-time library search-guided acquisition

- XLs can be enriched from excess of linear peptides
- Mono-links (ML) remain and hinder XL identification
- MLs and XLs generate **unique fragmentation patterns**
- **Real-time library search** (RTLS) can trigger targeted acquisition
- **RTLS improves XL identification** from low- and high complexity
 - tbPhoX cross-linked samples
- most beneficial for **unenriched samples and short LC-gradients**

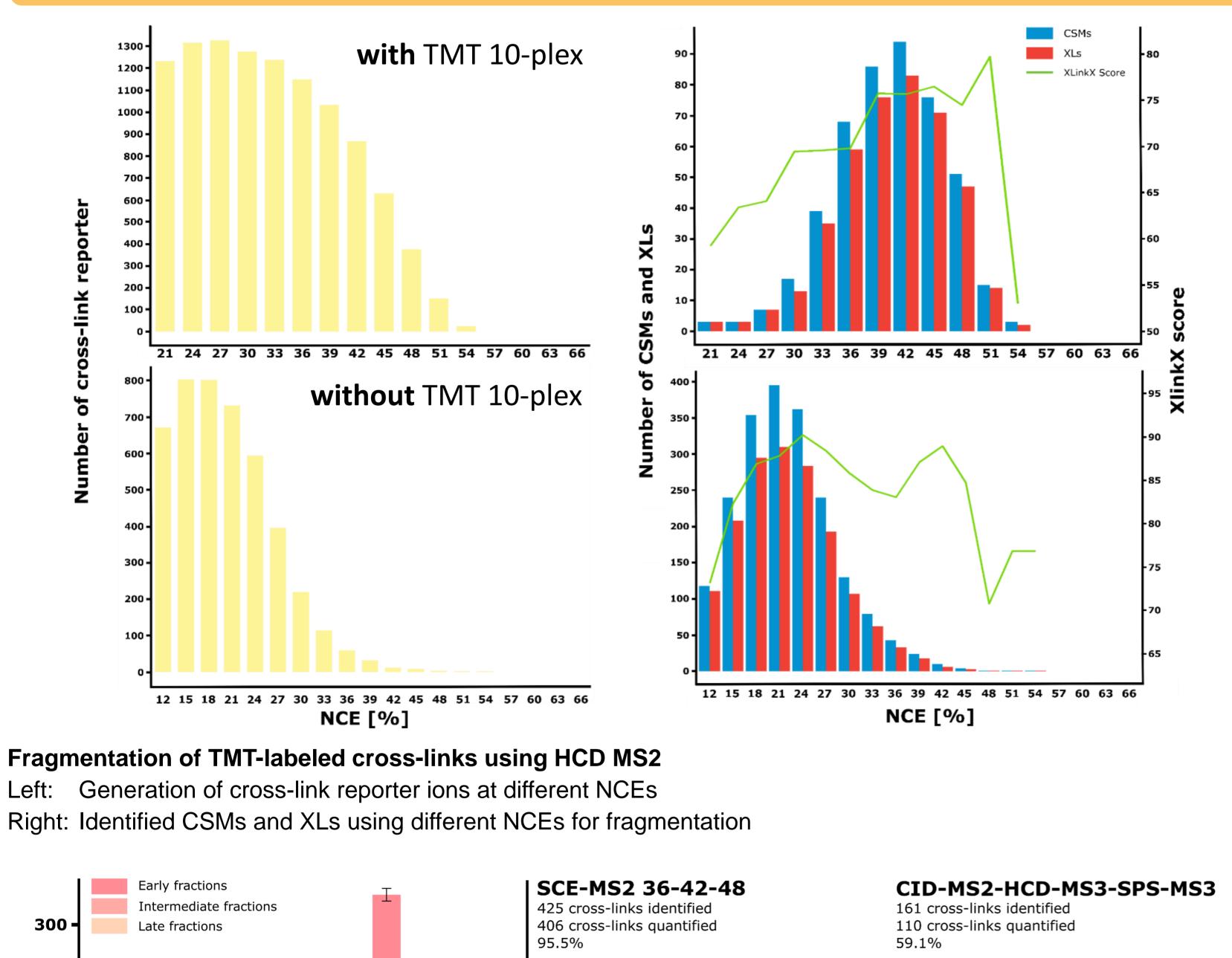
Creating a RTLS-guided trigger mechanism

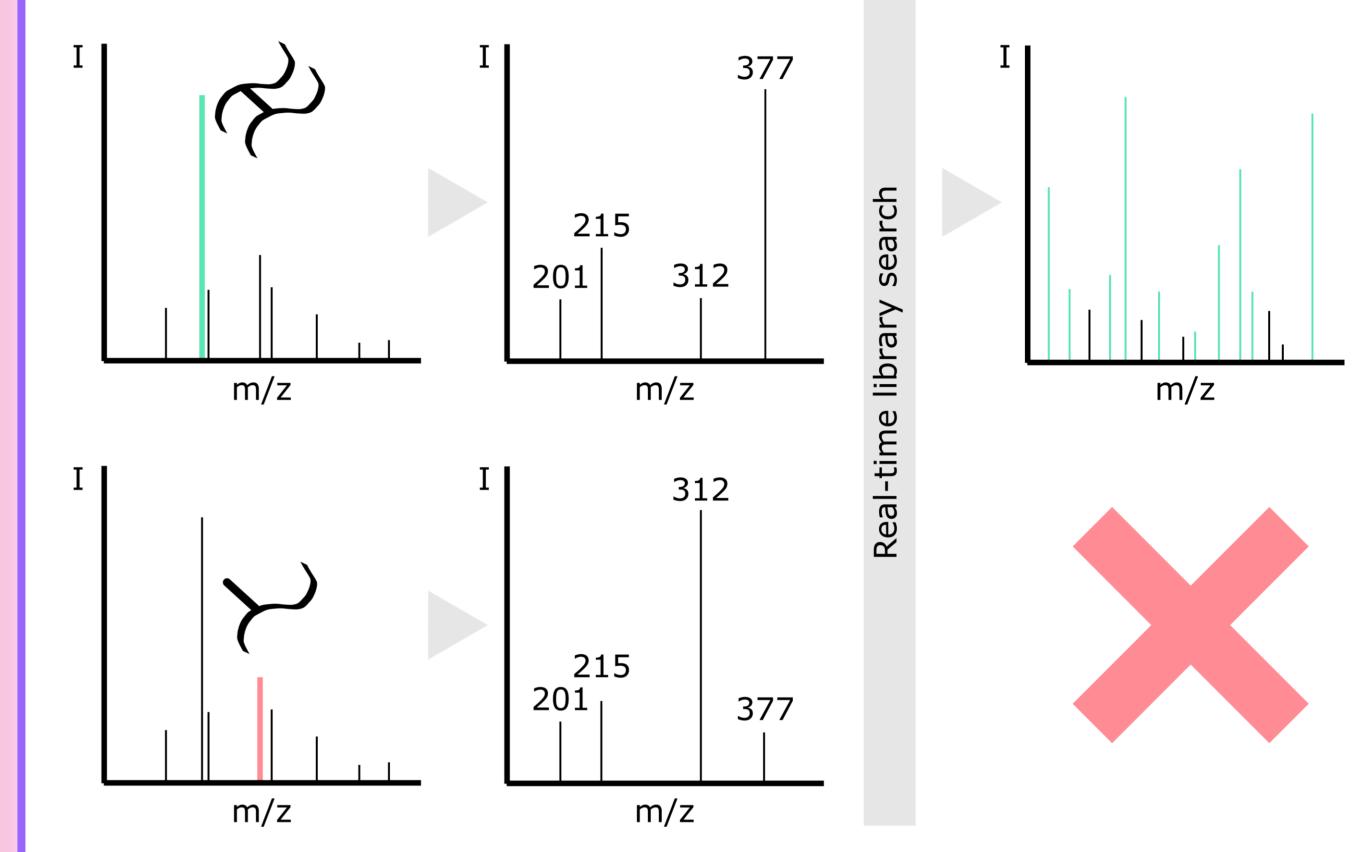
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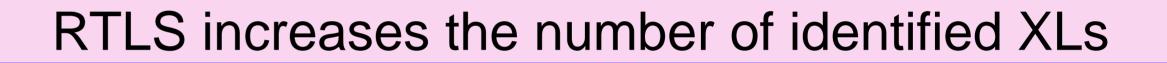
Two-interactome benchmarking dataset generation workflow.

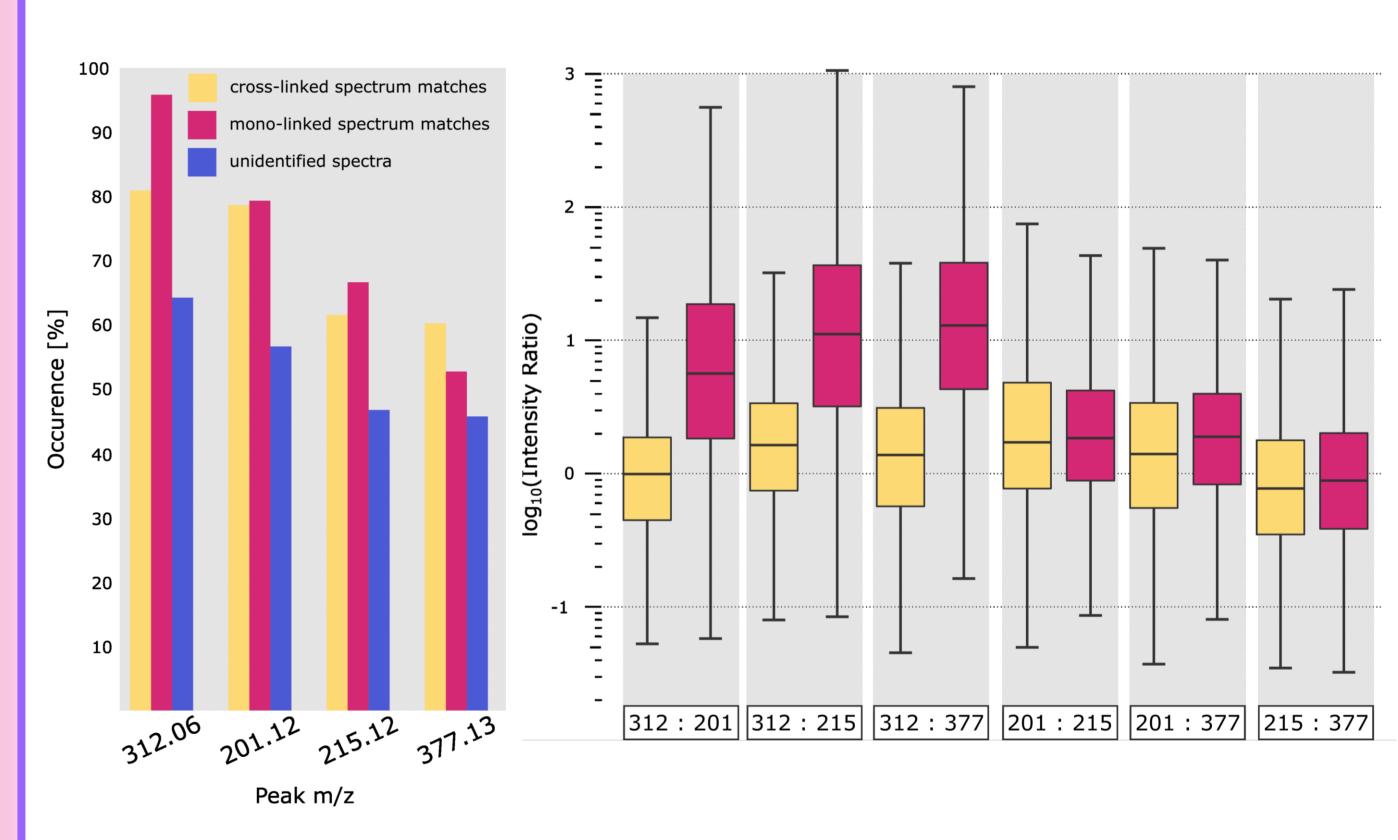
Stepped HCD-MS2 outperforms classical MS2-MS3 strategies



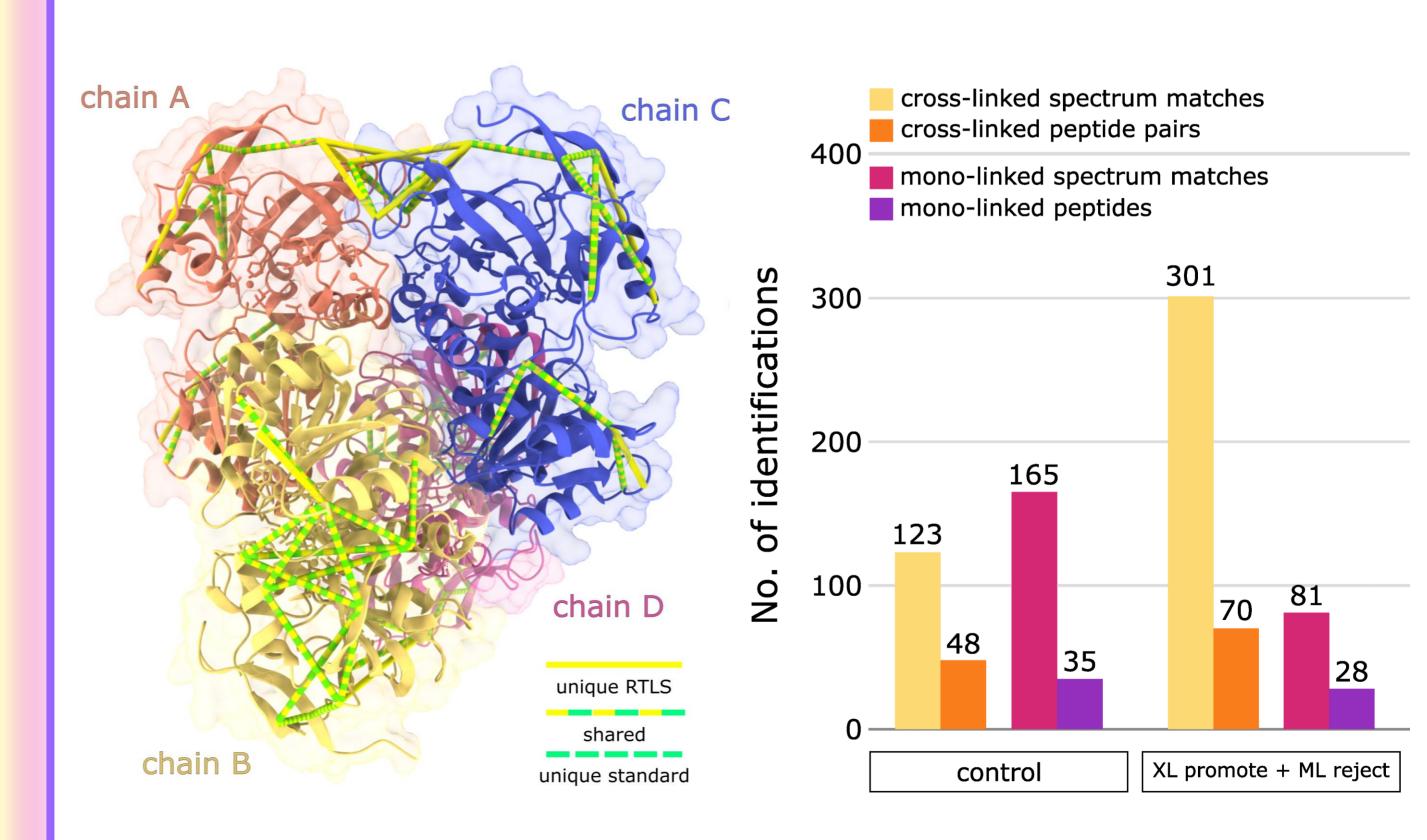


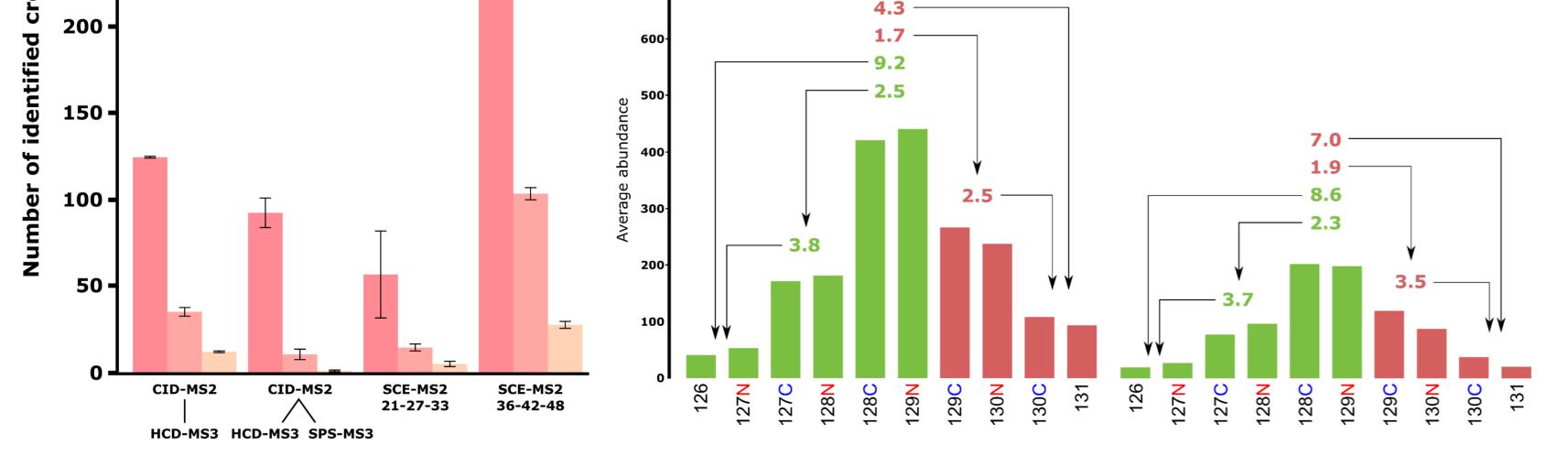
Real-time library search triggered XL acquisition scheme.





Assessment of XL and ML fragmentation patterns Identifying the four most frequently occuring peaks in XLs and MLs Left: Right: Relative intensity ratios of peaks diagnostic for XLs and MLs





Assessment of MS2- and MS3-based XL identification efficacy and quantification accuracy Identification of TMT-labeled XLs using different acquisition strategies Left: Right: Average TMT abundance (reporter ion S/N) and ratio distortion of human XLs

RTLS improves XL identification and increased depth of XL-MS data RTLS helps to identify inter-subunit cross-links of yeast ADH Left: Right: RTLS increases the identification of XLs from tbPhoX cross-linked BSA



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