DART-ID Increases Single-Cell Proteome Coverage

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Summary

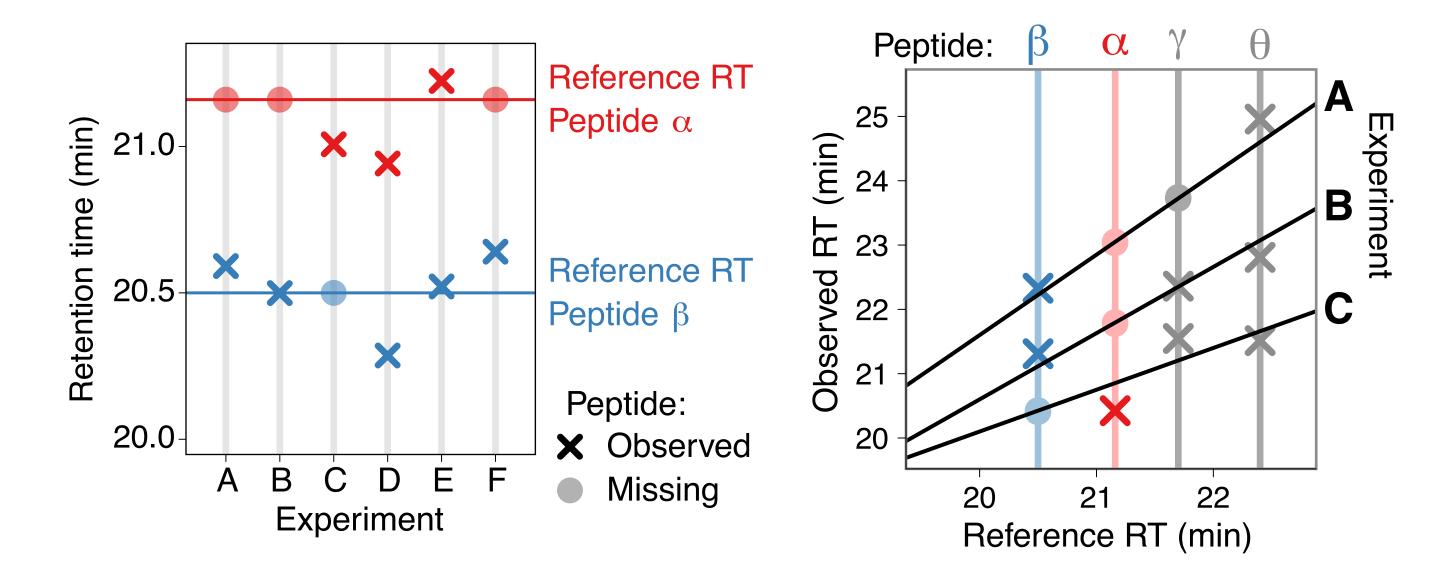
 Cells are unique; differences between single tumor cells can drive resistance to immune system, drugs, and targeted therapies

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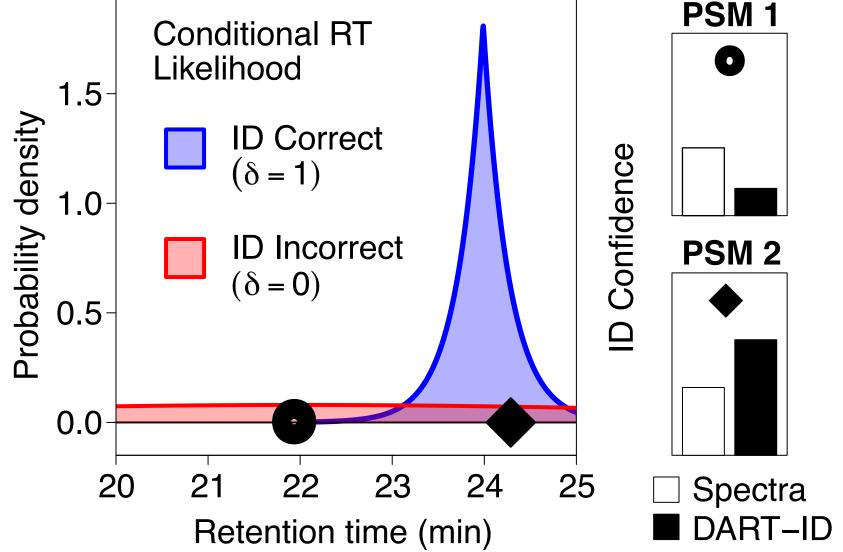
- Can quantify these differences with proteomics by mass-specrometry
- Single cell samples generate noisy peptide identifications, which reduce the amount of data available for downstream analyses
- Incorporating peptide retention time (RT) within a principled Bayesian framework increases ID confidence and proteome coverage.
- Global alignments of peptide RTs across experiments are more accurate and boost our results even further
- Manuscript: https://doi.org/10.1101/399121
- GitHub: https://github.com/SlavovLab/DART-ID

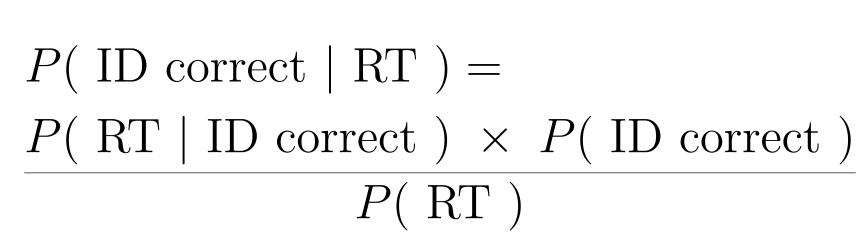
Approach

Develop generative model to simultaneously align all experiments



Incorporate accurate RT estimates with Bayes' Formula

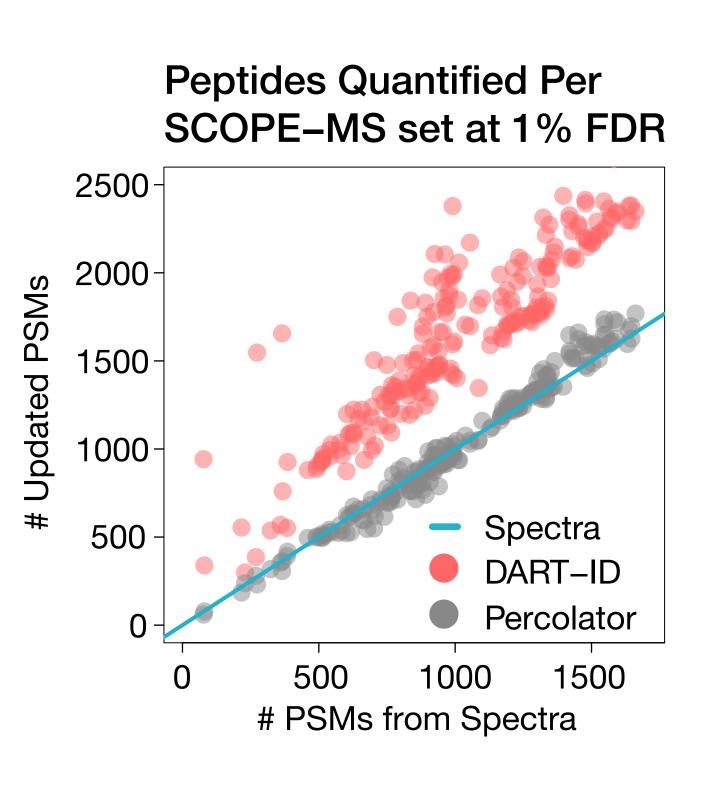


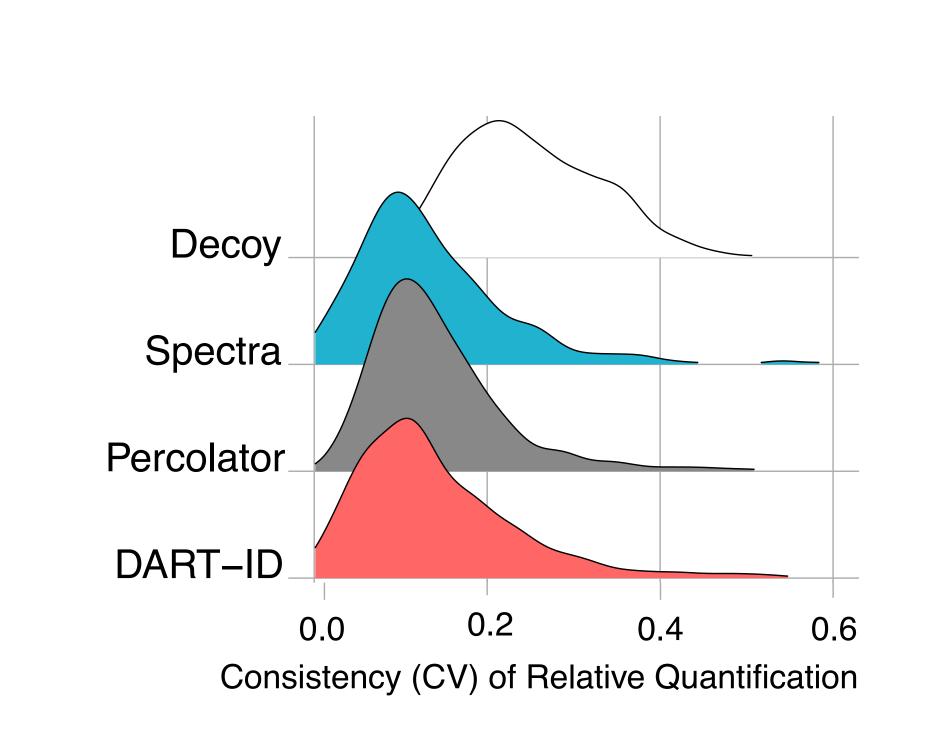


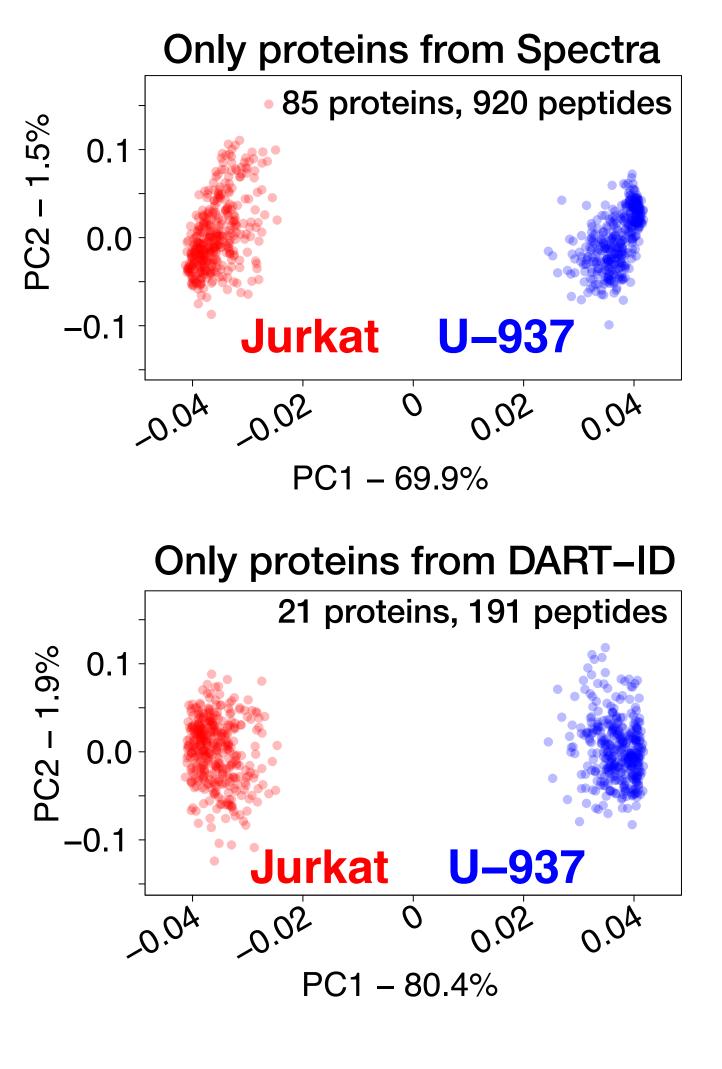
- PSM 1 confidence downgraded
- PSM 2 confidence upgraded

Results

- Increase number of confident peptide identifications by up to 50%
- New identifications are internally and biologically consistent

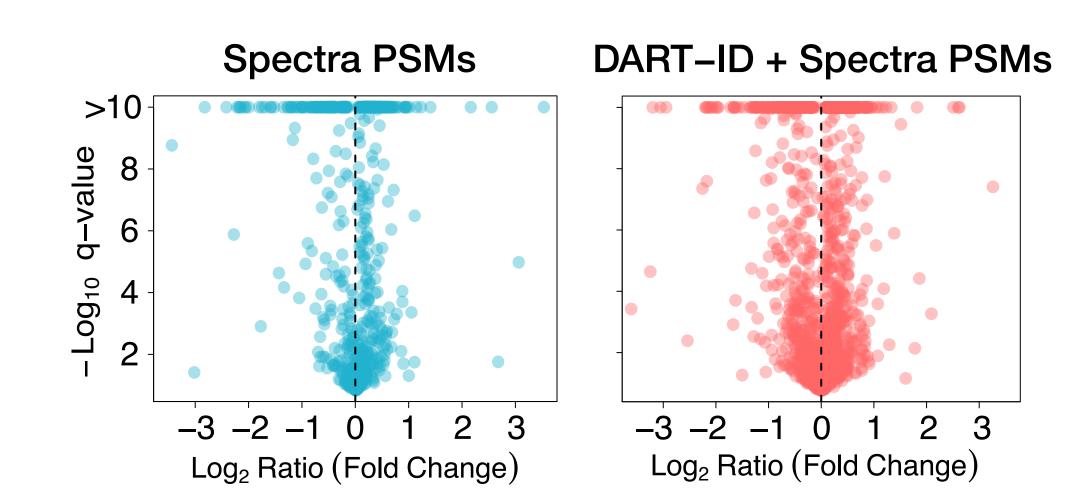


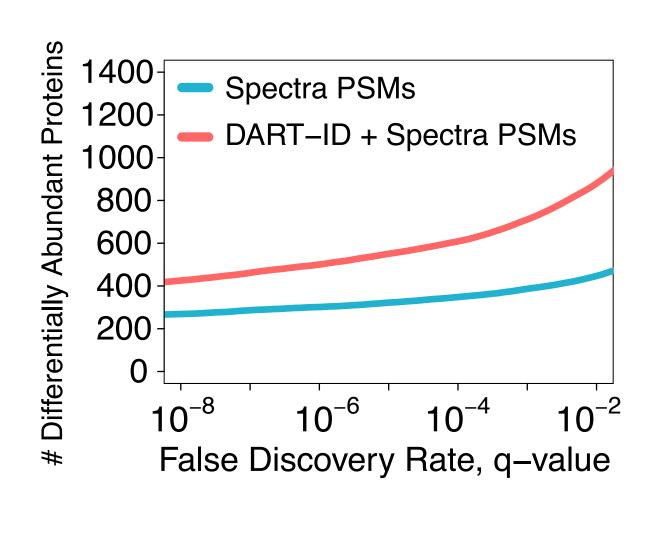


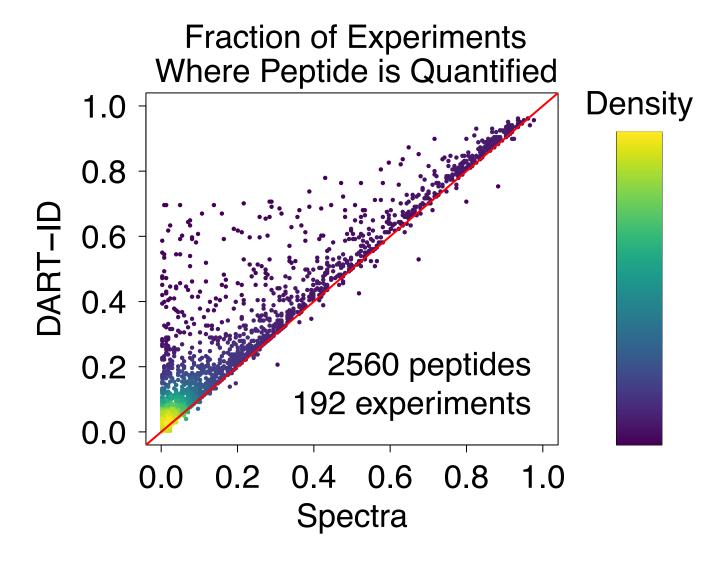


Impact

Uncover new differentially abundant proteins, reduce amount of data imputation needed







- Boost quantitative coverage of single-cell proteomics experiments
- Improve understanding of individual regulation within single cells, uncover cool single-cell biology

Single cell analysis of differentiating mouse embryonic stem cells (Budnik et al 2019)

