

# MSPathFinder Scoring

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# MSPathFinder: Database Search



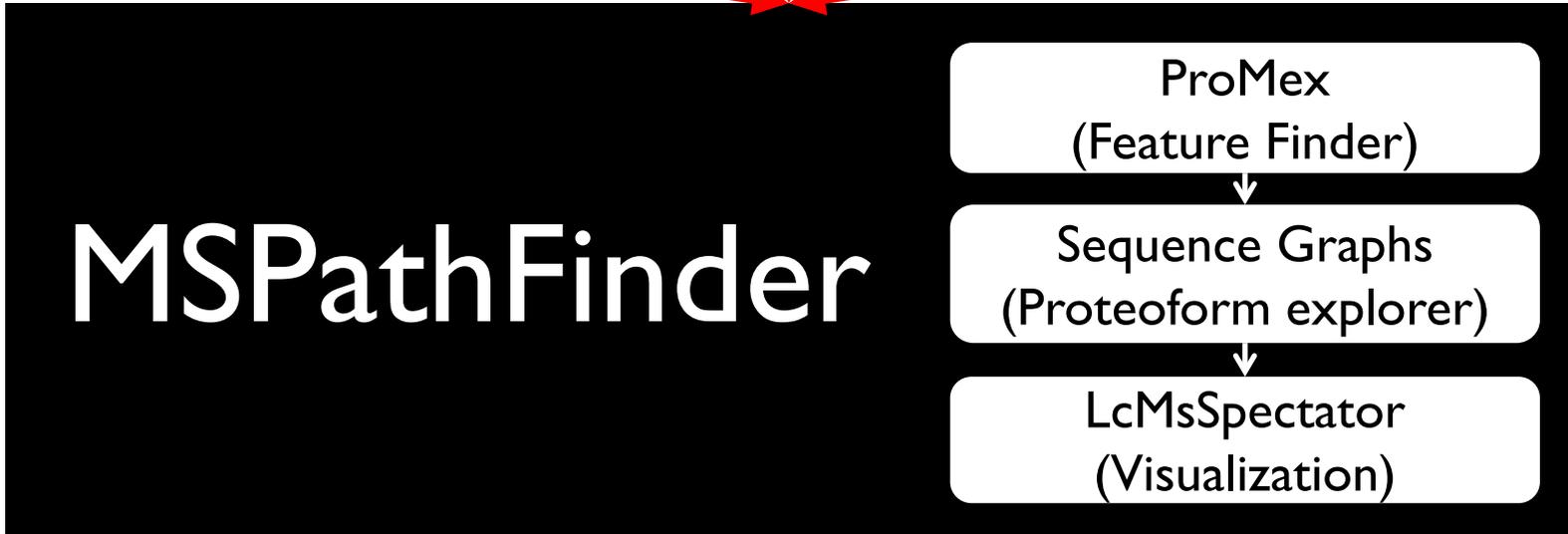
**Raw File**



**Fasta file**

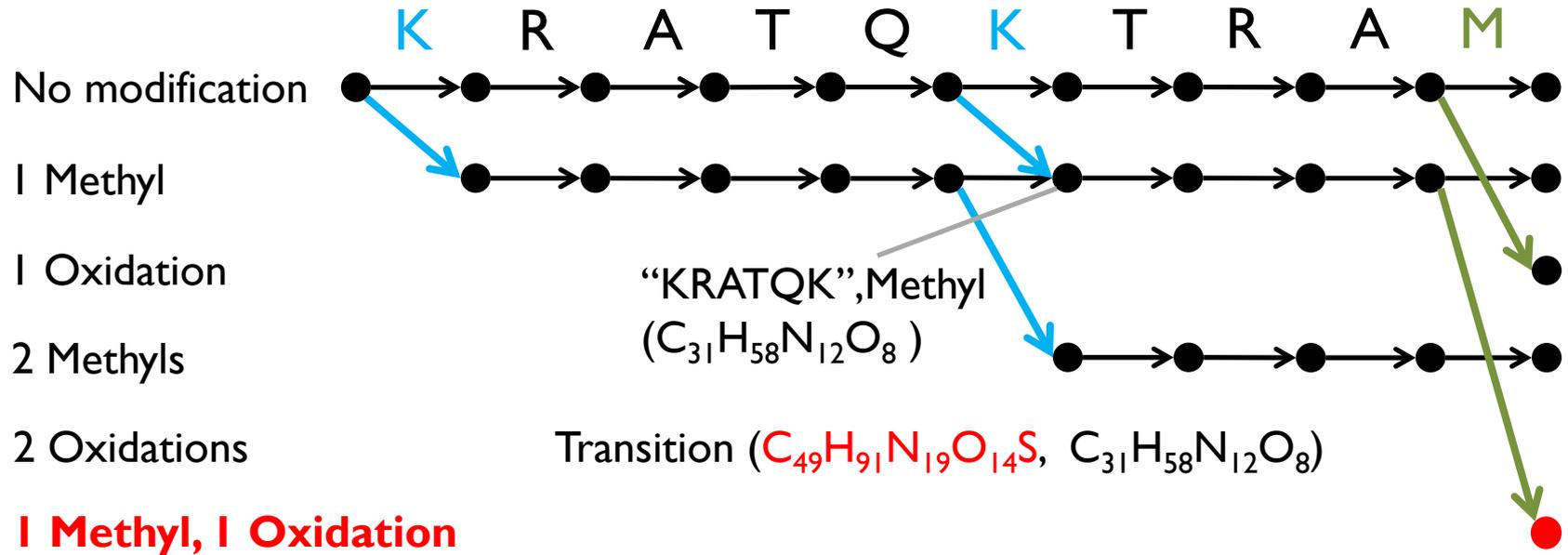


**Modifications**



**Proteoform-Spectrum Matches (PrSMs)**

# Sequence Graph



All proteoforms are represented as paths

Exploring > 50 trillion proteoforms (from the same protein)  
in less than a minute using a graph algorithm

# Internal Cleavages

## Protein in a database

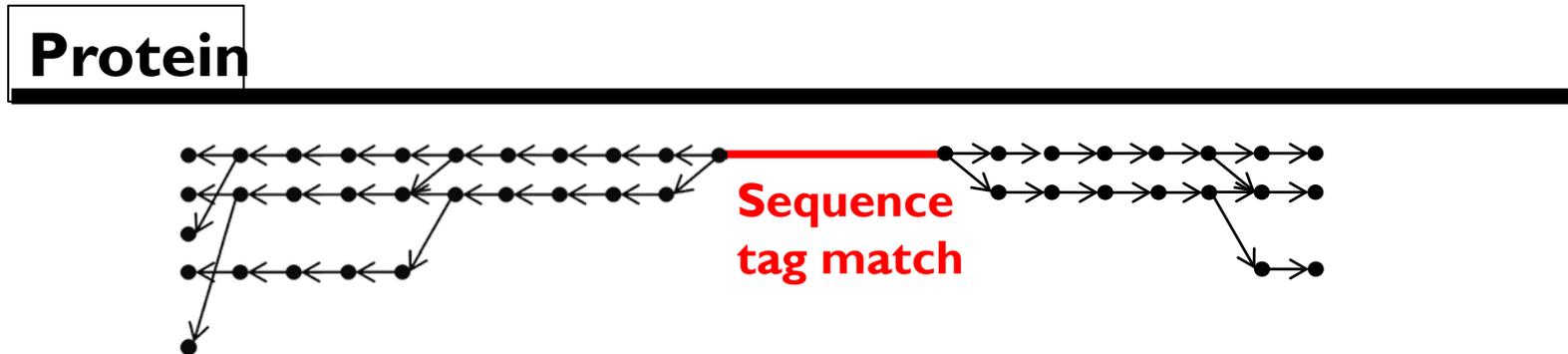
	% in total ID	#Sequences derived from a database
No cleavage or N-term single residue cleavage	25%	112K
Single internal cleavage (+ N-term single residue cleavage)	60%	3M
Multiple internal cleavages	15%	223M

99% search time

Salmonella database containing 5,634 proteins

# Sequence Tag-based Search

- Cover multiple cleavages



- Generate short de novo sequence tags
- Find proteins matching the sequence tags
- Extend sequence tag matches using sequence graphs

# MSPathFinder Scoring Model

## MSPathScore (S, P)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i \in \alpha} [W_{match}^p + W_{intensity}^p I_i + W_{dist}^p D_i + W_{error}^p E_i] \\
 &+ \sum_{i \in \beta} [W_{match}^s + W_{intensity}^s I_i + W_{dist}^s D_i + W_{error}^s E_i] \\
 &+ \sum_{\substack{(i,j) \in (\alpha \cup \beta) \\ i \neq j}} W_{compl} IsComplement(i,j) + W_{consecutive} IsConsecutive(i,j)
 \end{aligned}$$

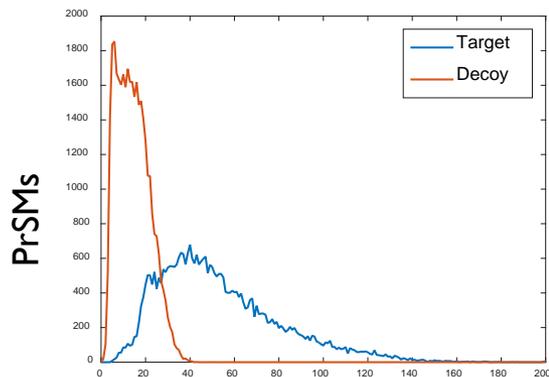
$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  : Sets of prefix and suffix fragment ion matches, respectively

$I$  : Normalized intensity

$D$  : Isotope envelope similarity

$E$  : Mass error

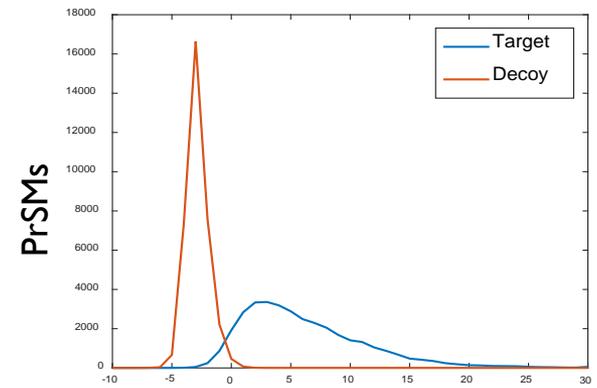
Weight parameters **{W}** are trained by Logistic Regression



#Matched Fragment Ions



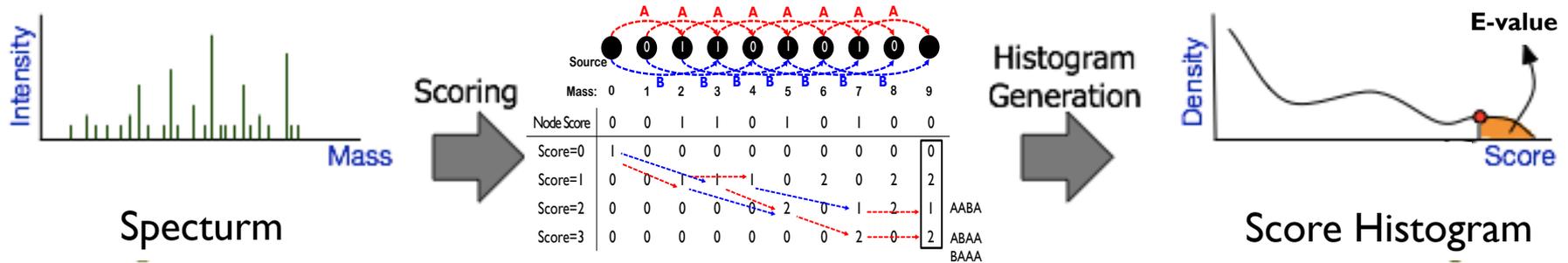
**Training data**  
 (>30,000 PrSMs)  
 Human, Bacteria;  
 ETD, CID



MSPathScore

# Statistical Significance of Protein-Spectrum Match (PrSM)

- Generating Function Approach



Computing the (spectrum-specific) score histogram of **all Proteins**

Raw score (MSPath score) → **E-value**