

IMPROVED IMMUNOPEPTIDOME ANALYSIS USING TIMSTOF FRAGMENT ION INTENSITY PREDICTION

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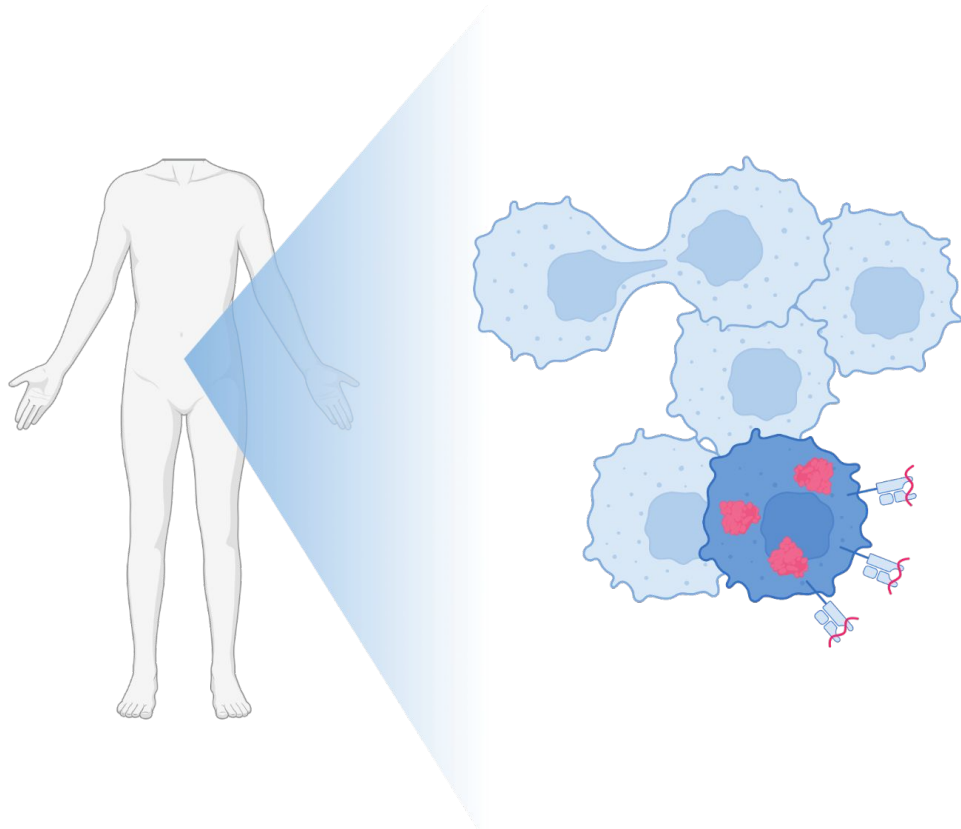


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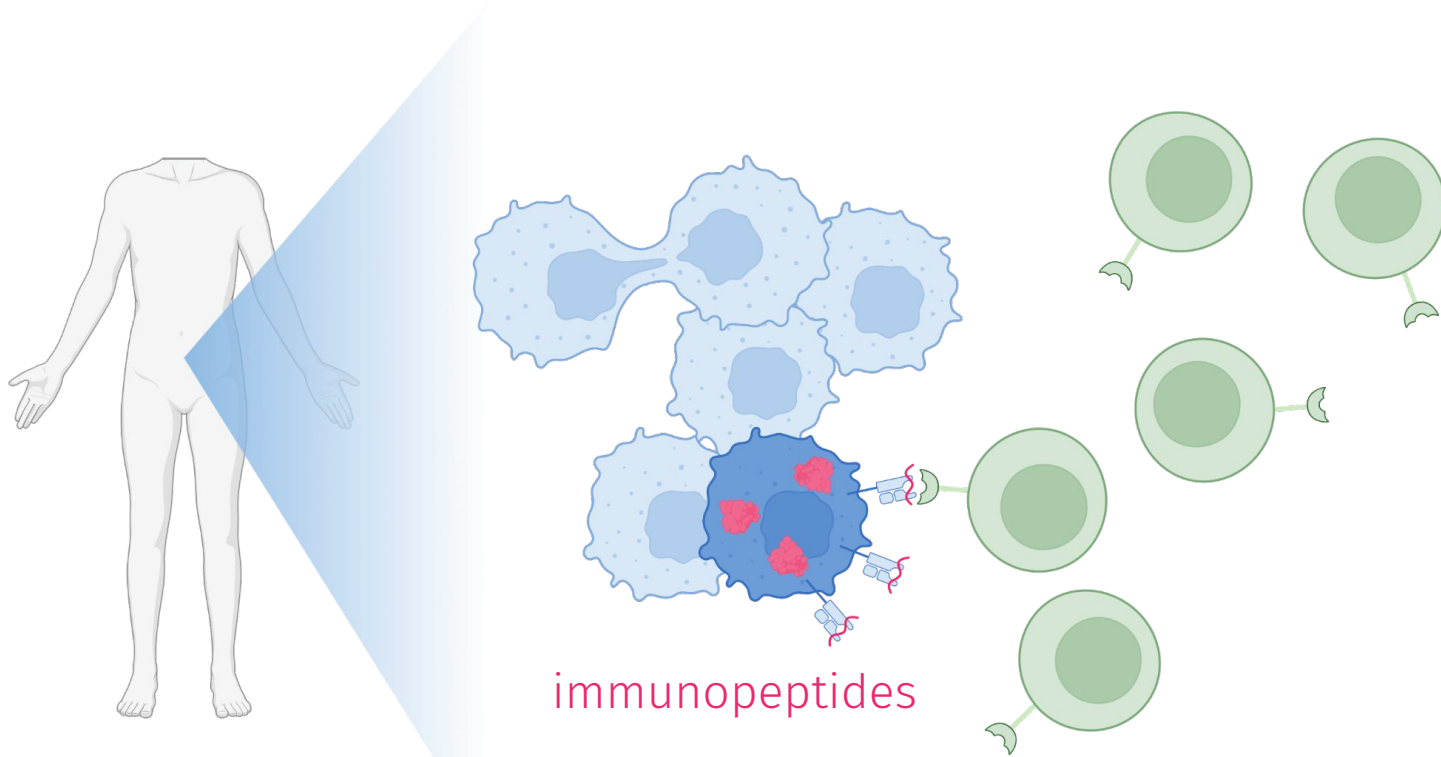


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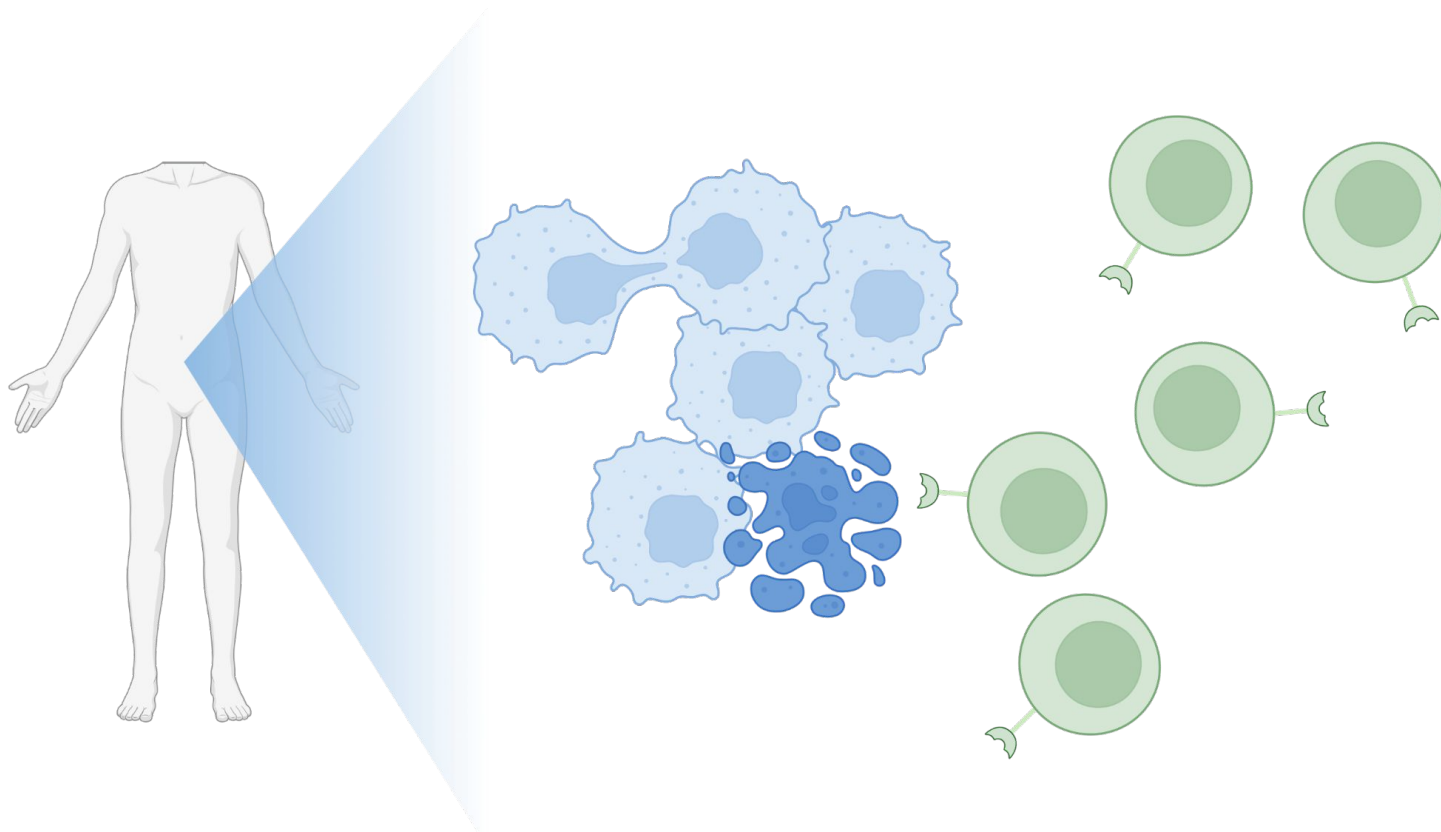
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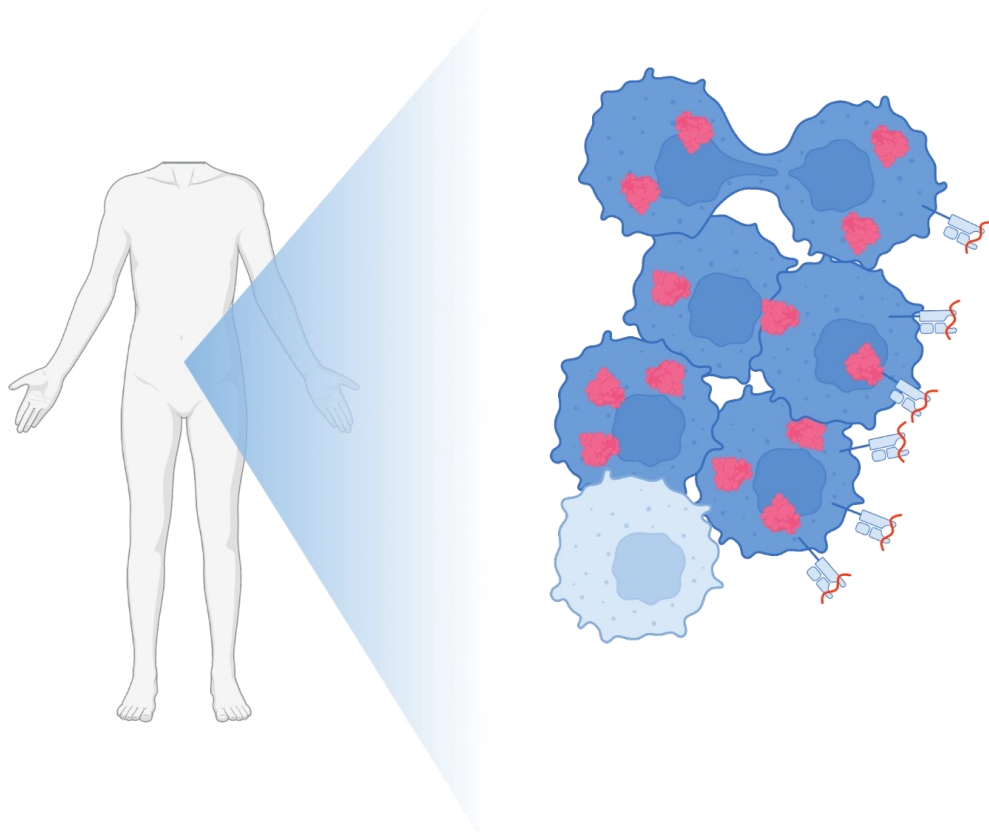
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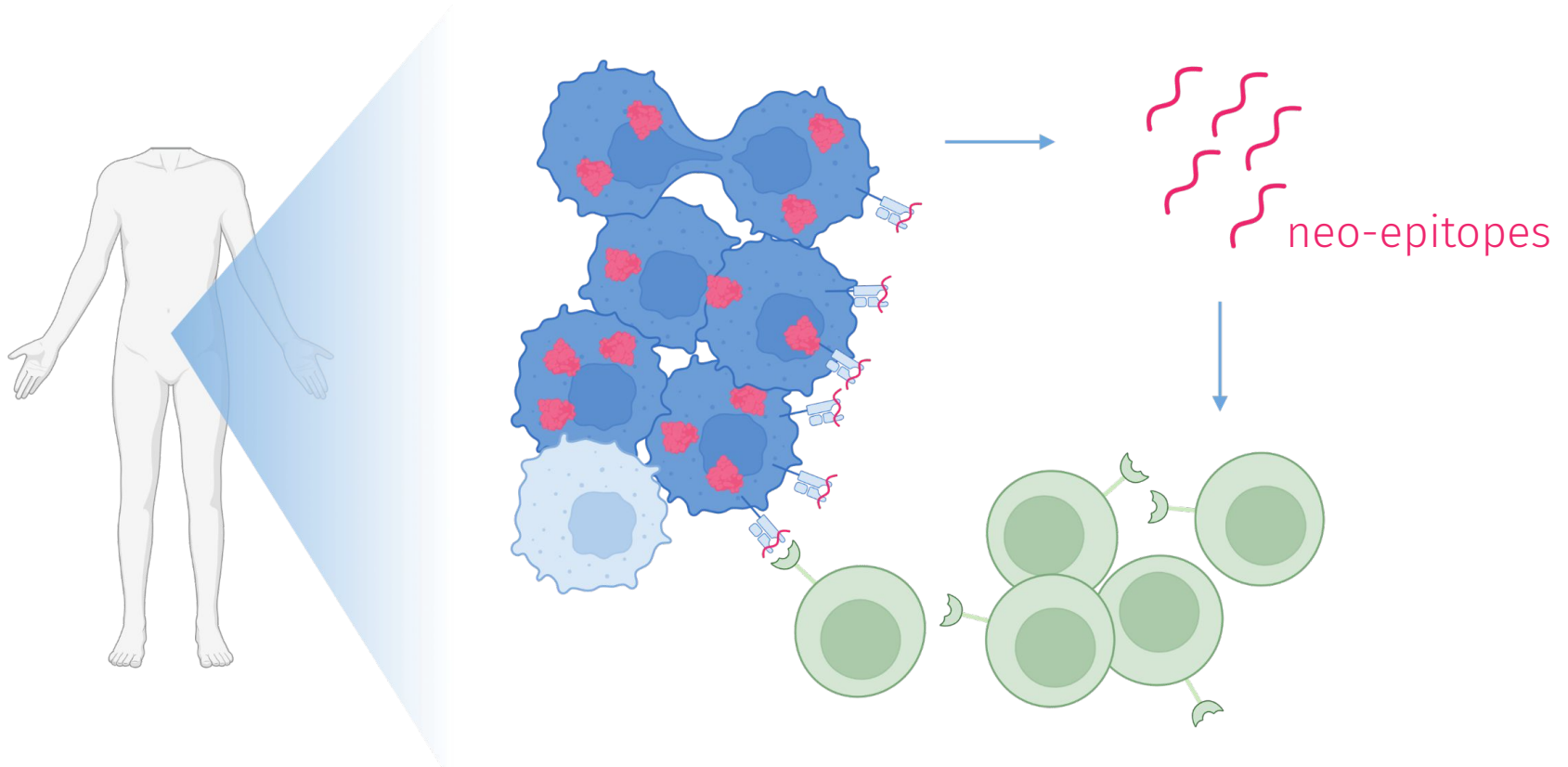
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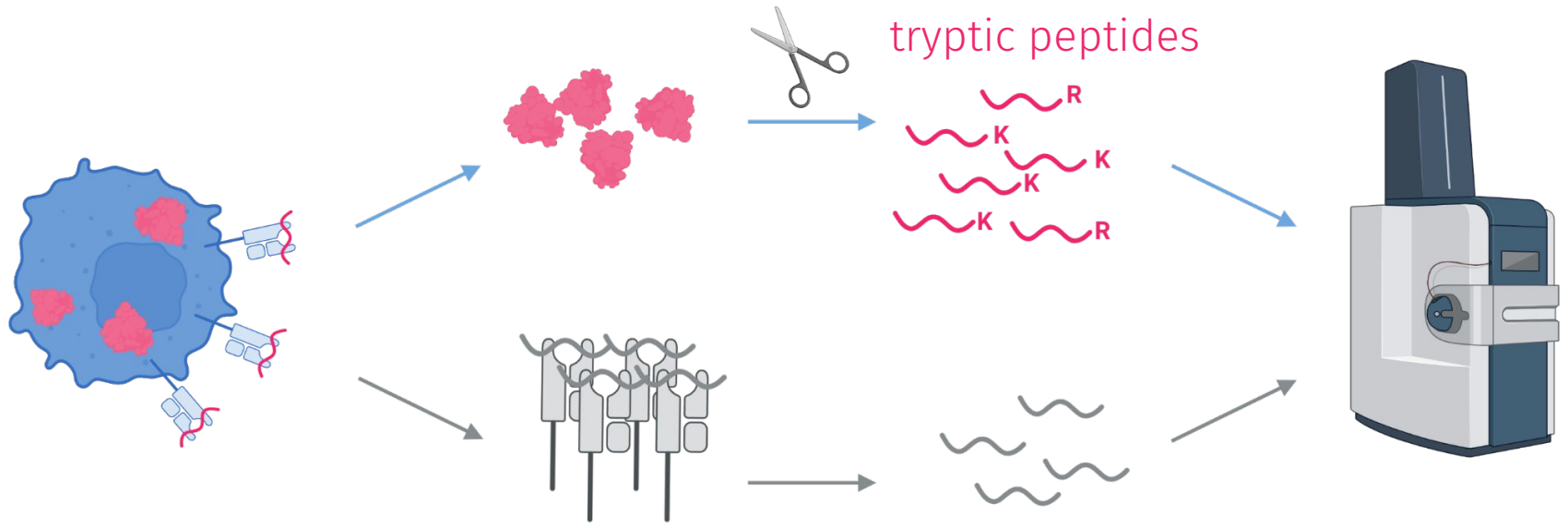
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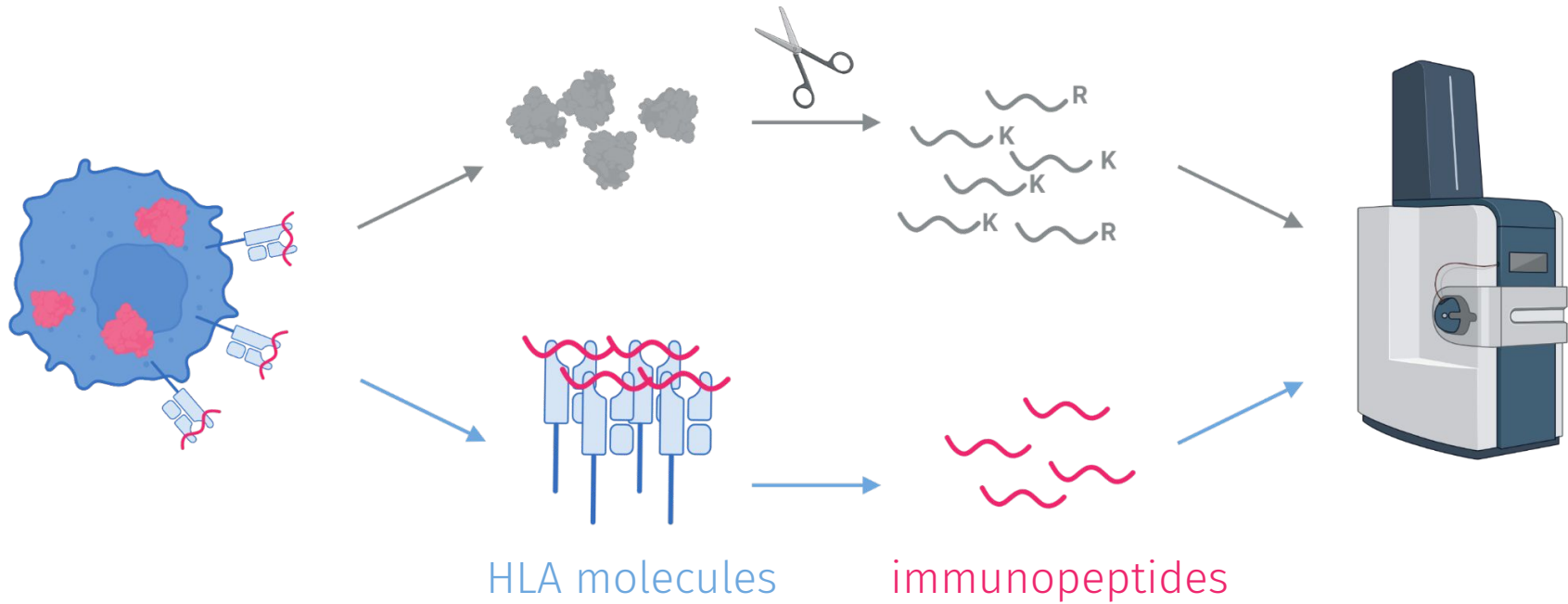
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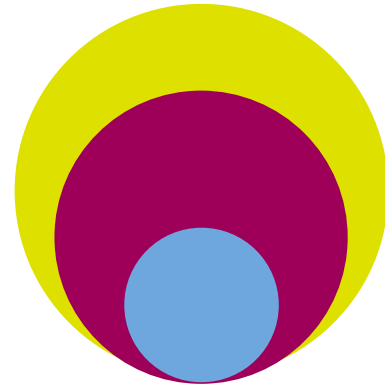


IMMUNOPEPTIDOMICS



SEARCH SPACE IN IMMUNOPEPTIDOMICS

- Massive search space: all protein subsequences have to be considered
- Increased probability of identifying high-scoring decoys
- Reduced identification rate at a fixed FDR

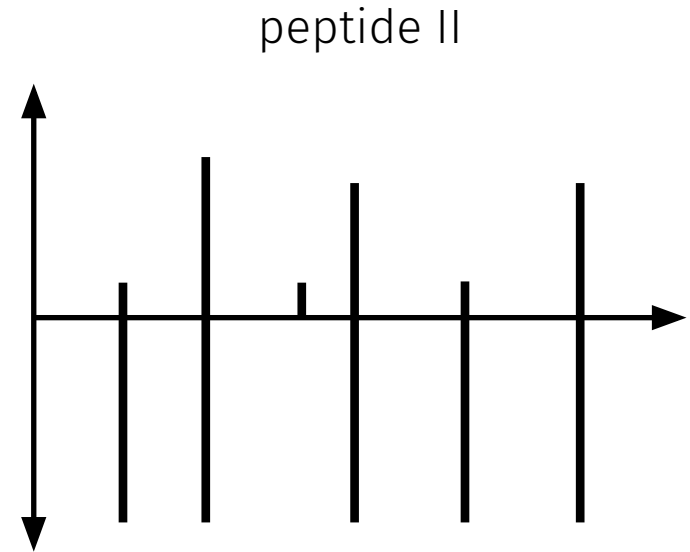
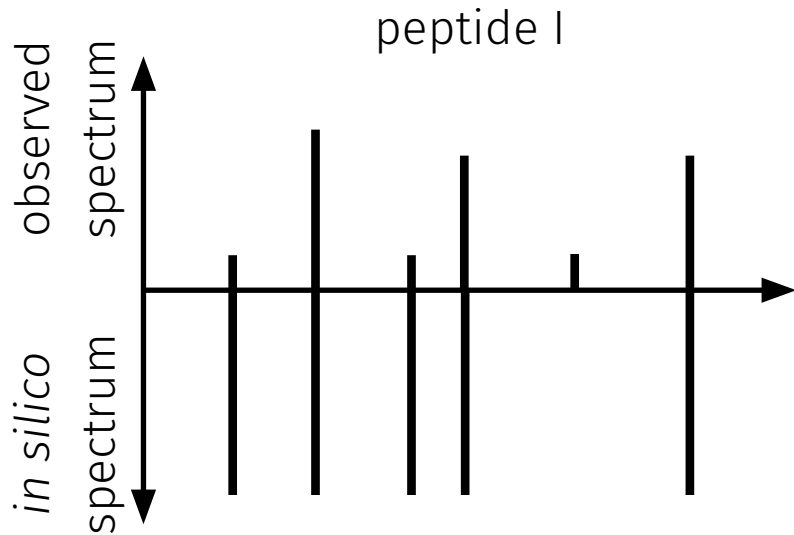


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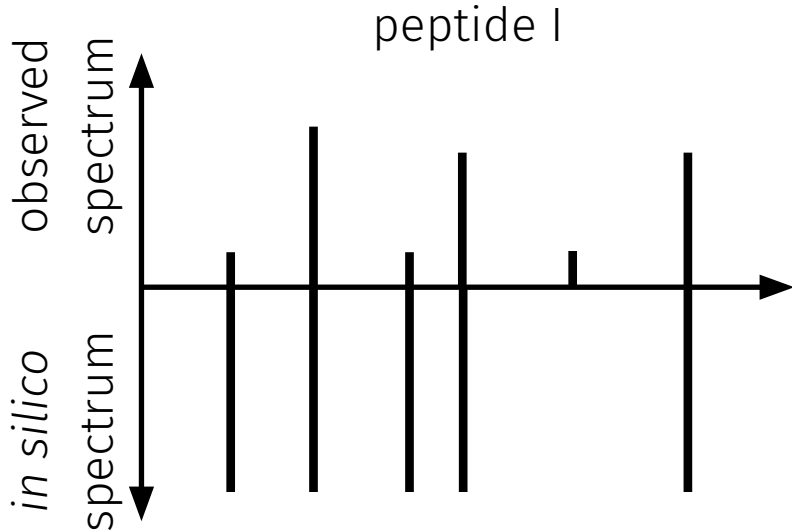
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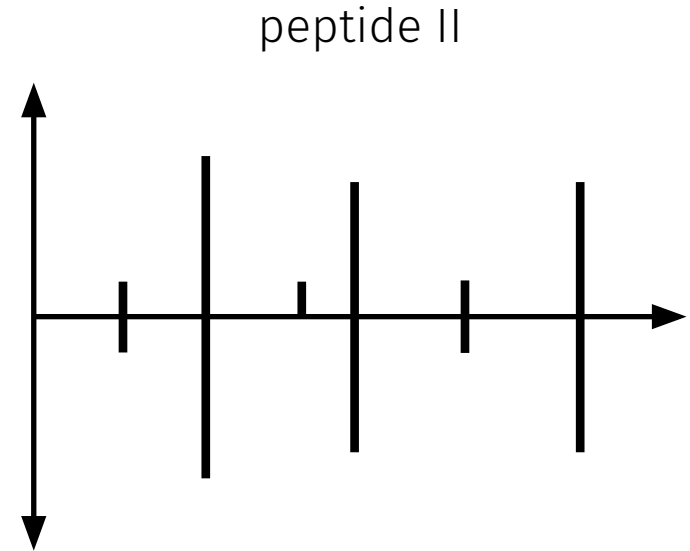
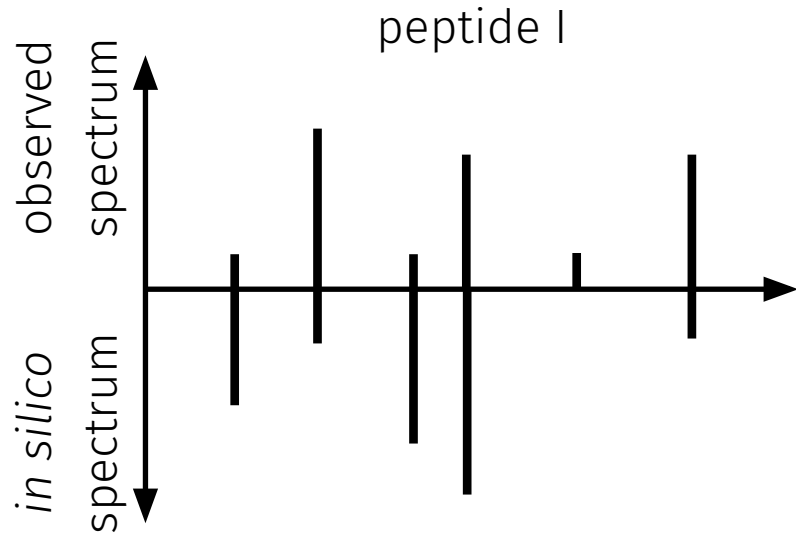
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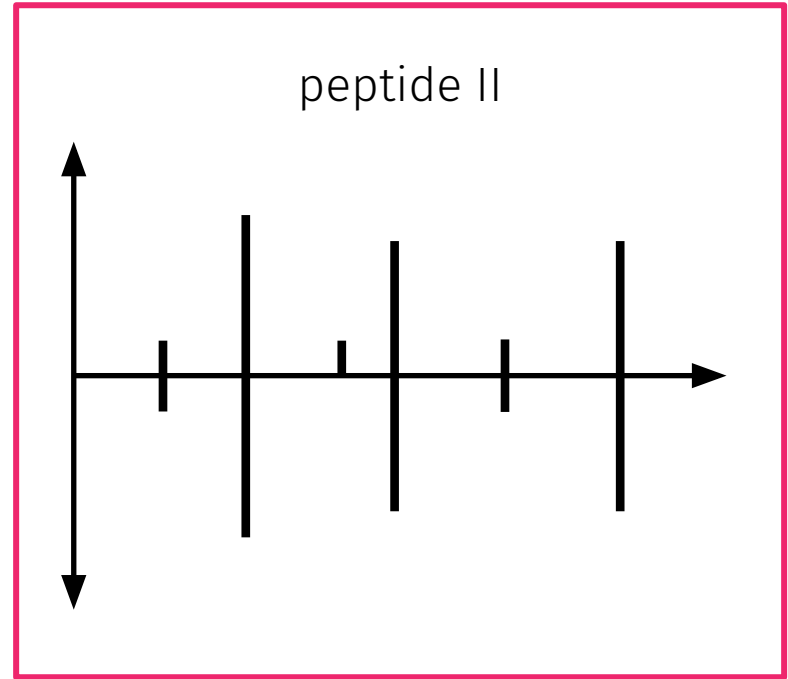
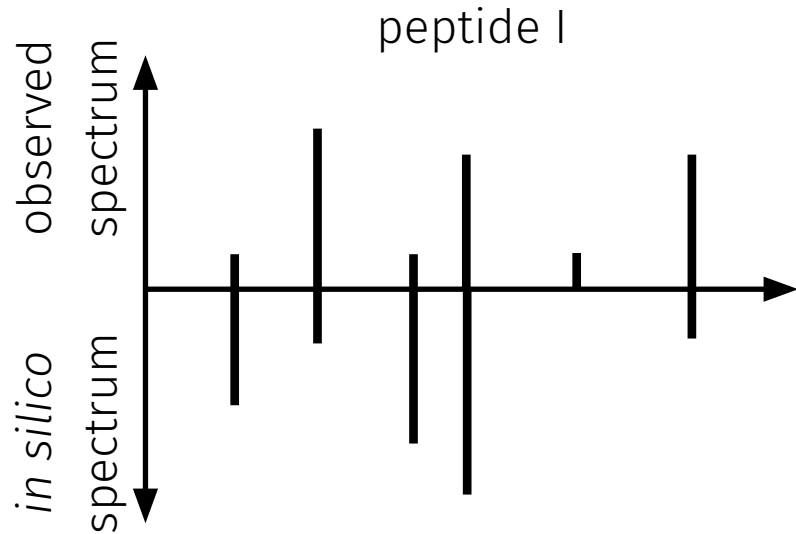
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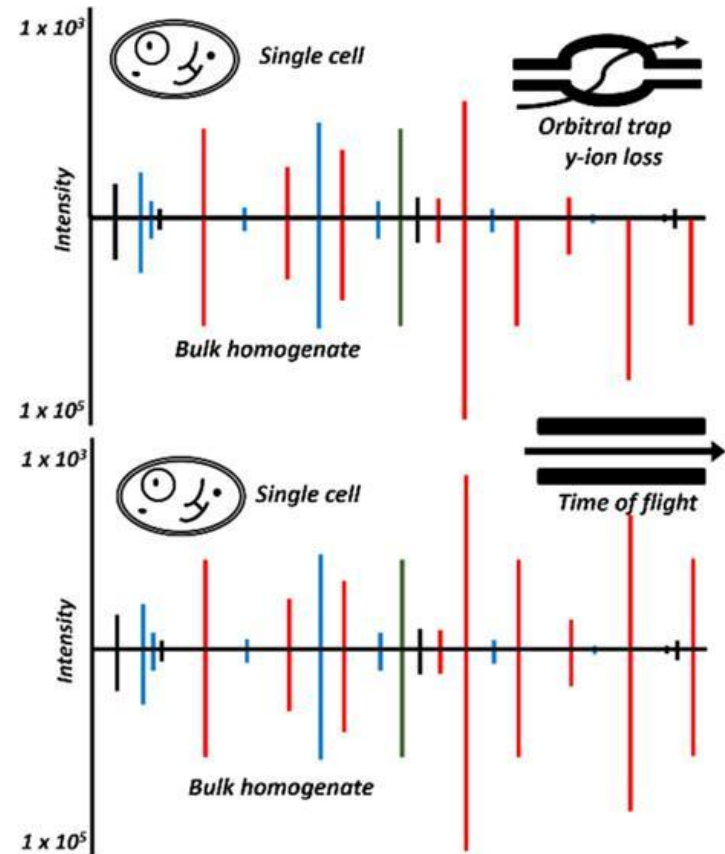


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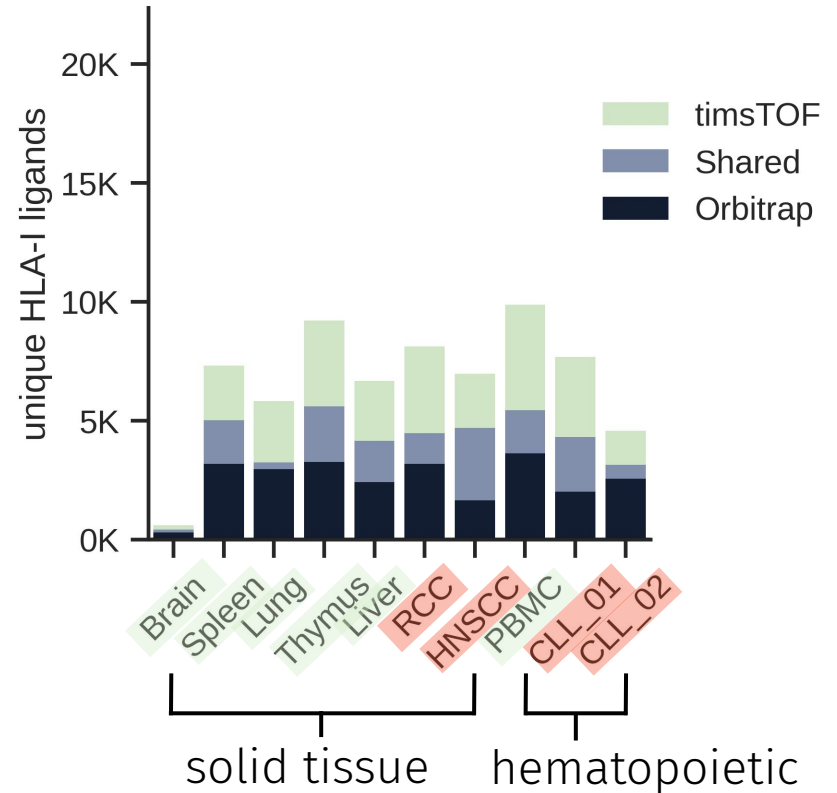
VALUE OF TIMSTOF FOR IMMUNOPEPTIDOMICS

- timsTOF stays stable at low abundances
- A few immunopeptides can elicit an immune response

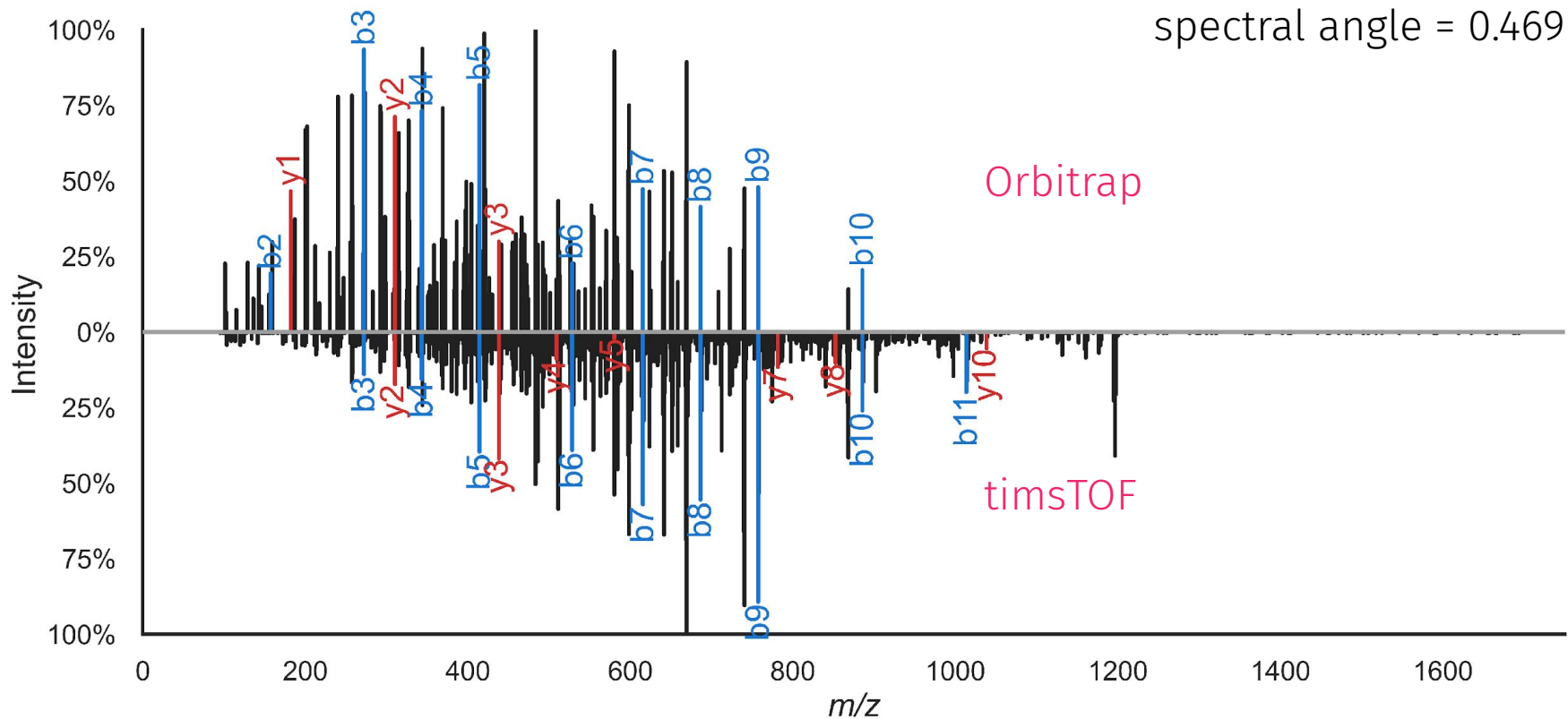


1.5-FOLD PEPTIDE INCREASE ON TIMSTOF

- Benign and malignant samples
- Measured on both Orbitrap and timsTOF

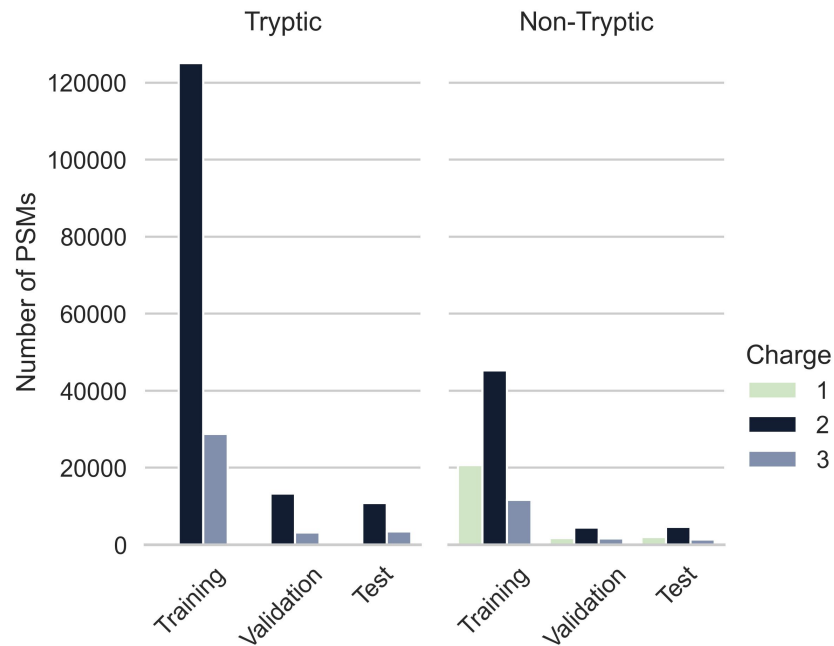


NEED FOR A TIMSTOF INTENSITY PREDICTION MODEL



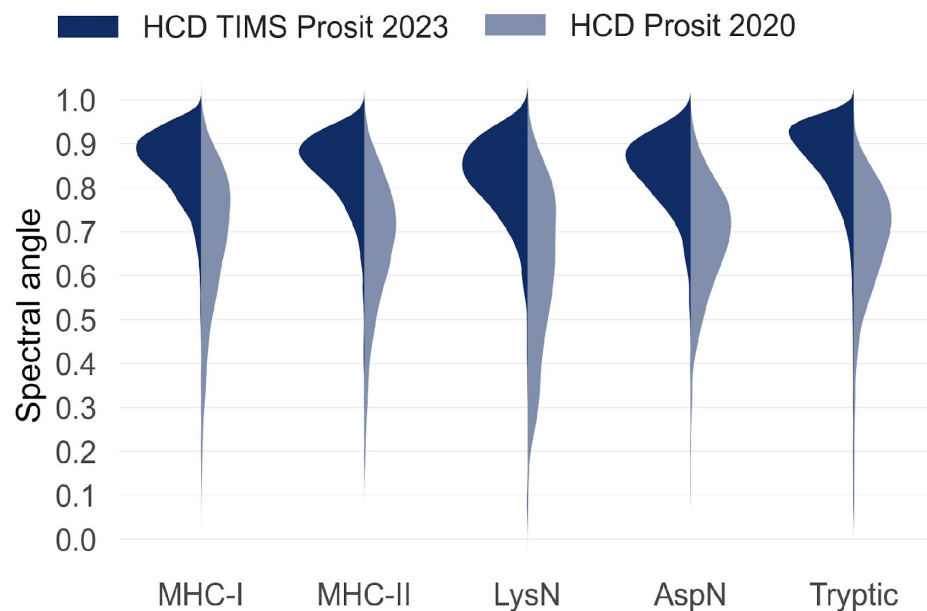
ORIGIN OF THE TRAINING DATA

- Measured >300,000 non-tryptic synthesized peptides
- >120,000 previously acquired tryptic synthesized peptides

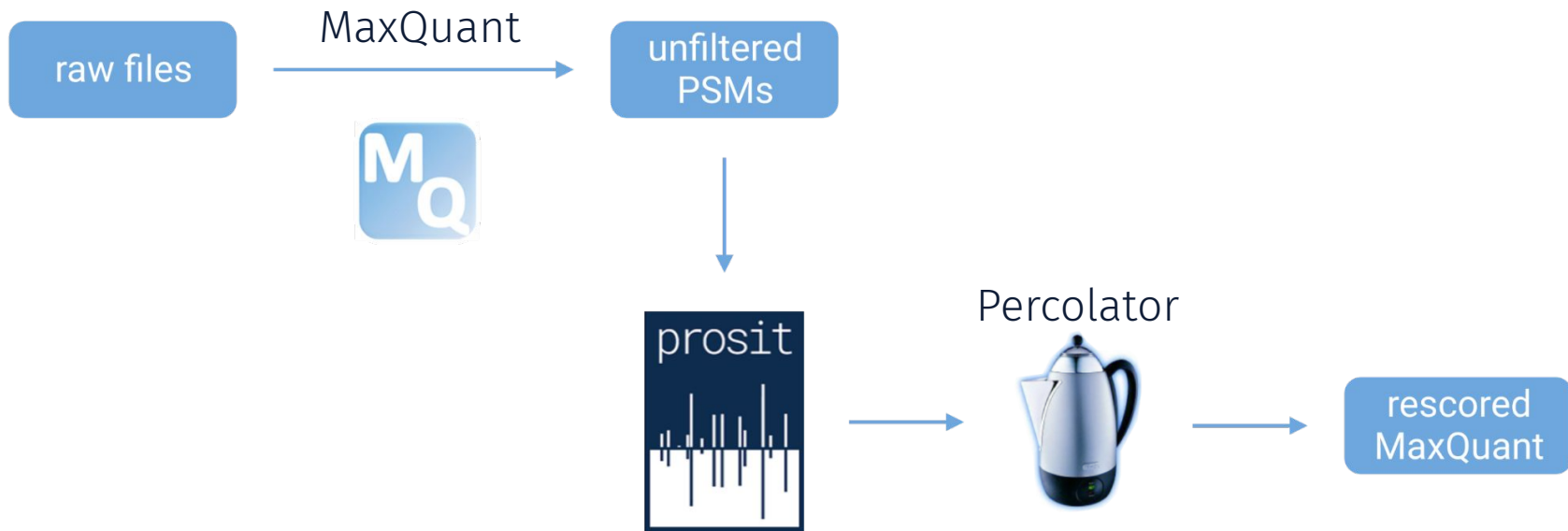


FINE-TUNING THE PROSIT HCD MODEL

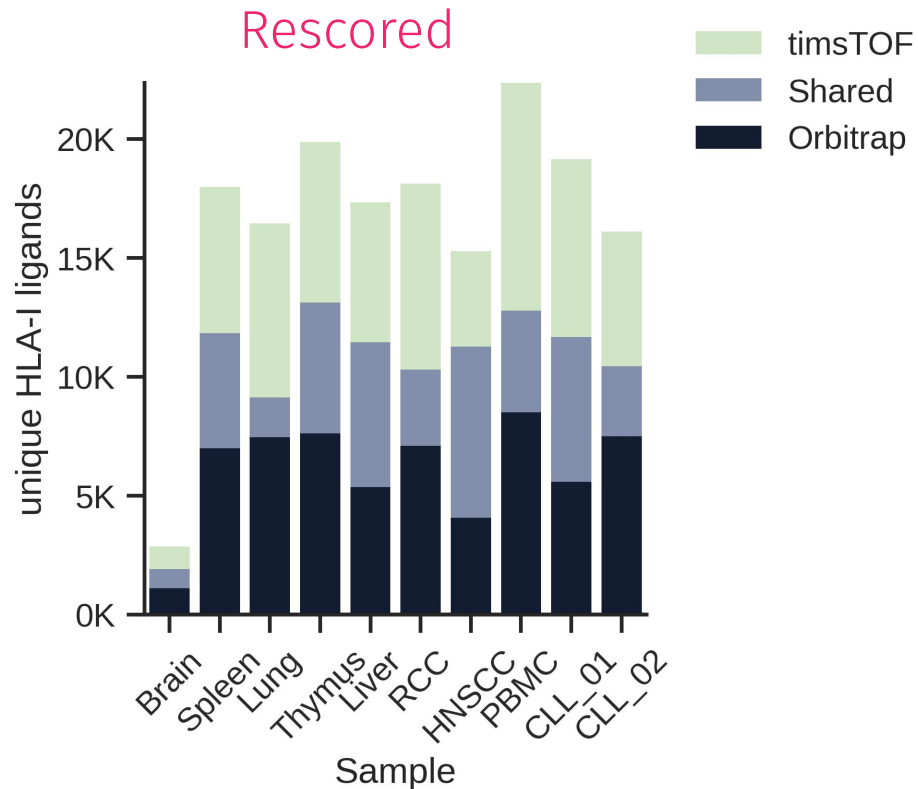
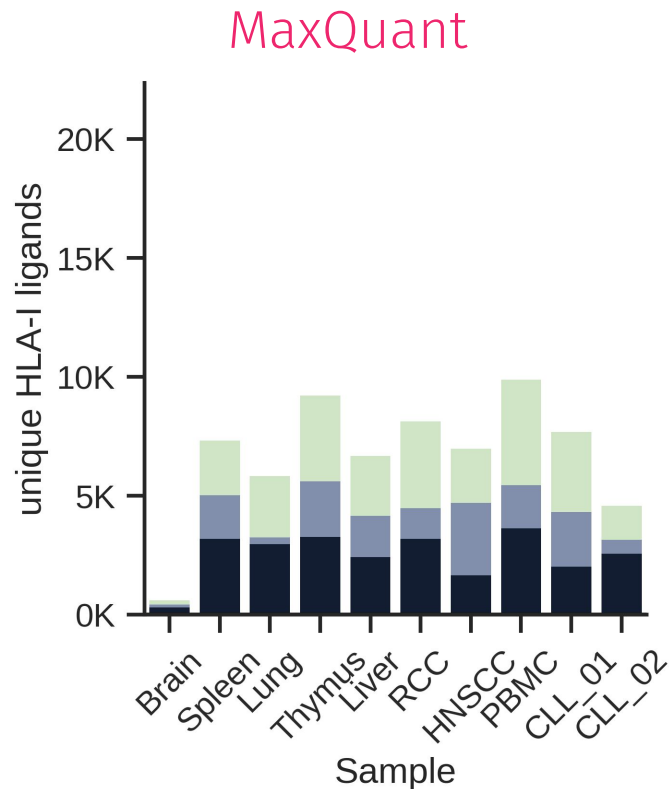
- Prosit HCD 2020 was trained on ~30 million spectra (9 million non-tryptic spectra)
- ~280,000 timsTOF spectra
- Improved spectral angle between predicted and experimental spectra



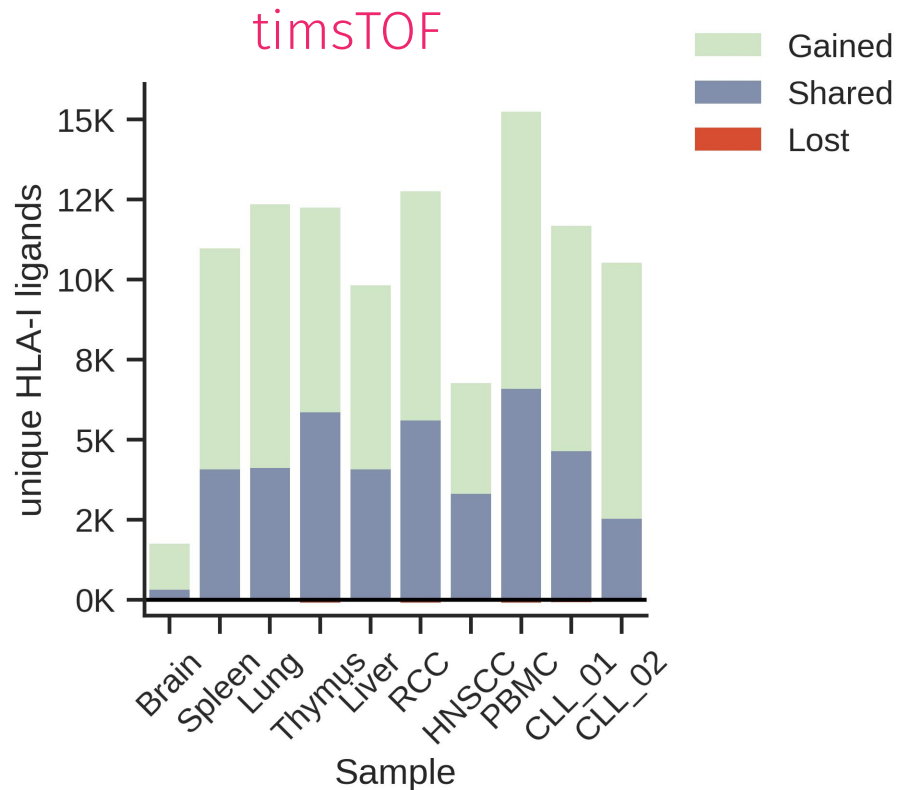
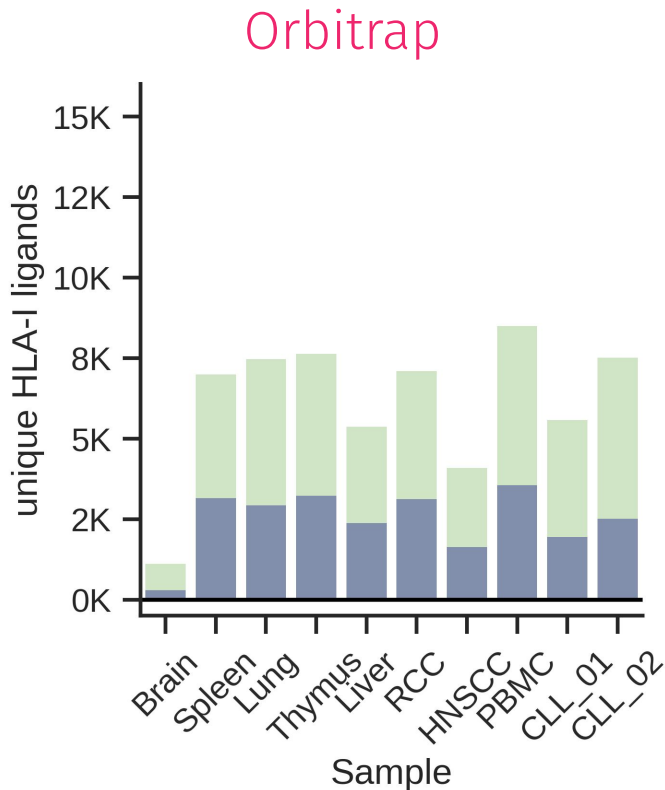
OUR RESCORING PIPELINE



2.4-FOLD PEPTIDE INCREASE AFTER RESCORING



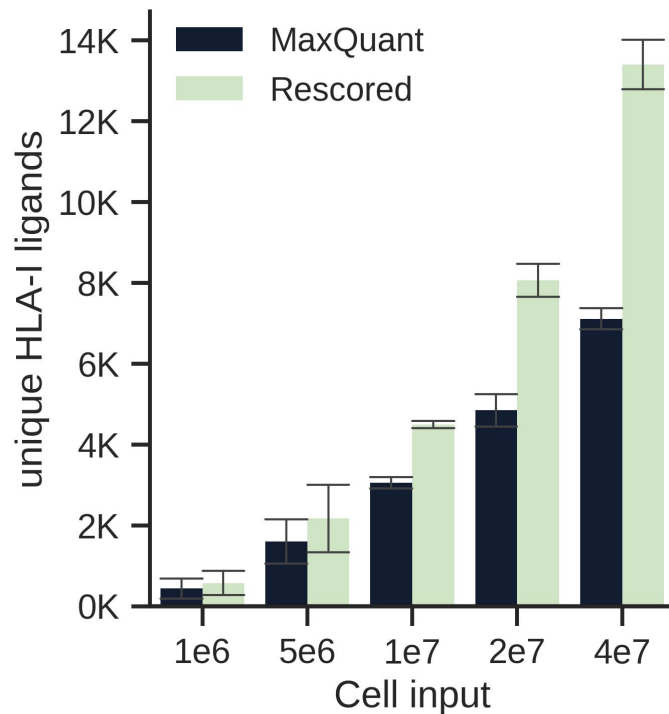
INCREASED PERFORMANCE ON TIMSTOF VS ORBITRAP



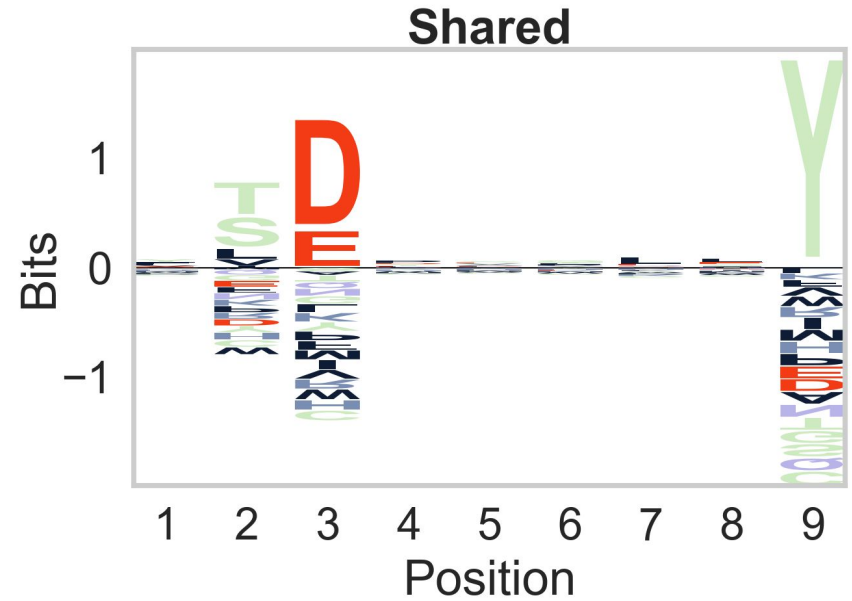
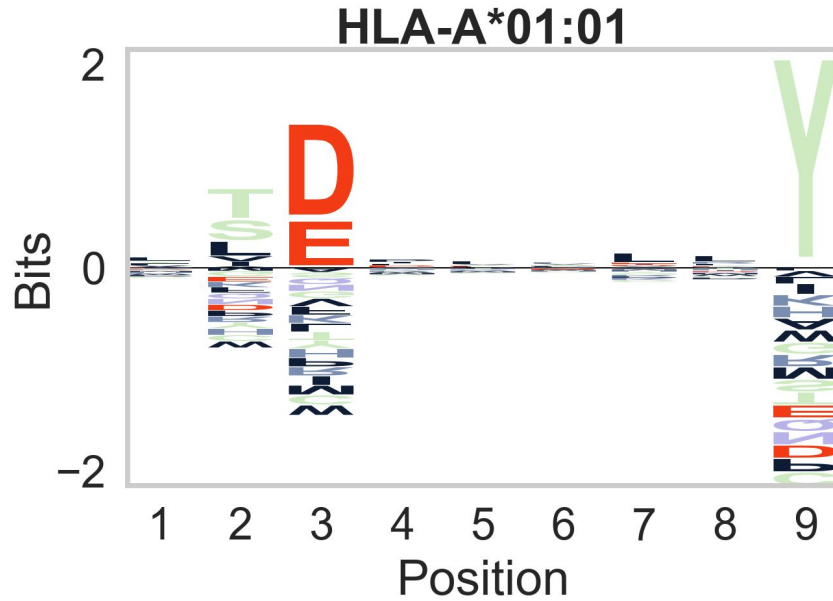
IMMUNOPEPTIDOMICS ON MELANOMA CELLS

- A375, a melanoma cell line
- Measured in triplicate
- Missense SNPs were added to the FASTA file
- HLA types

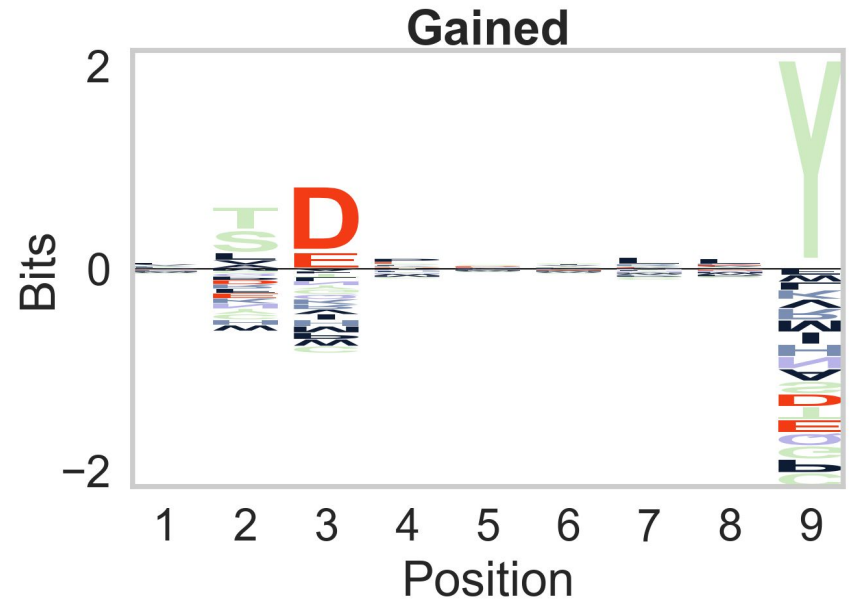
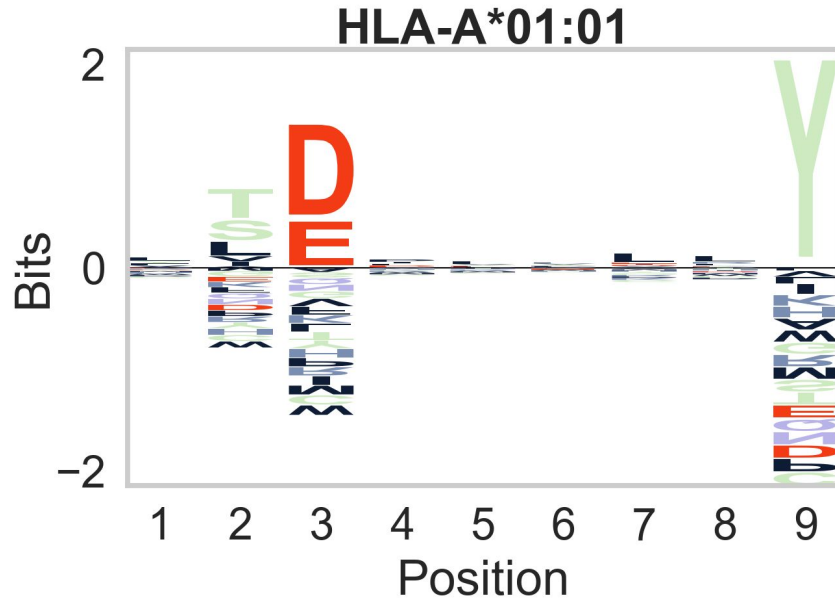
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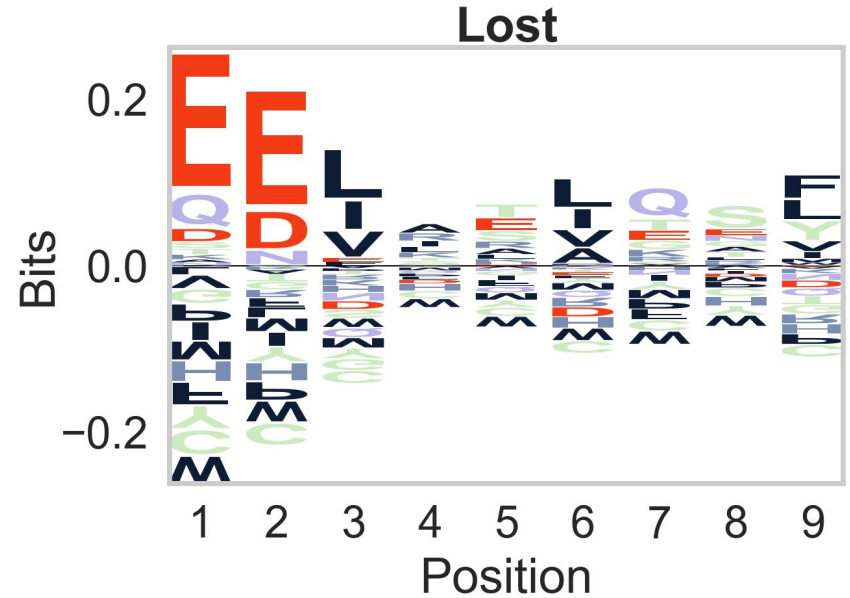
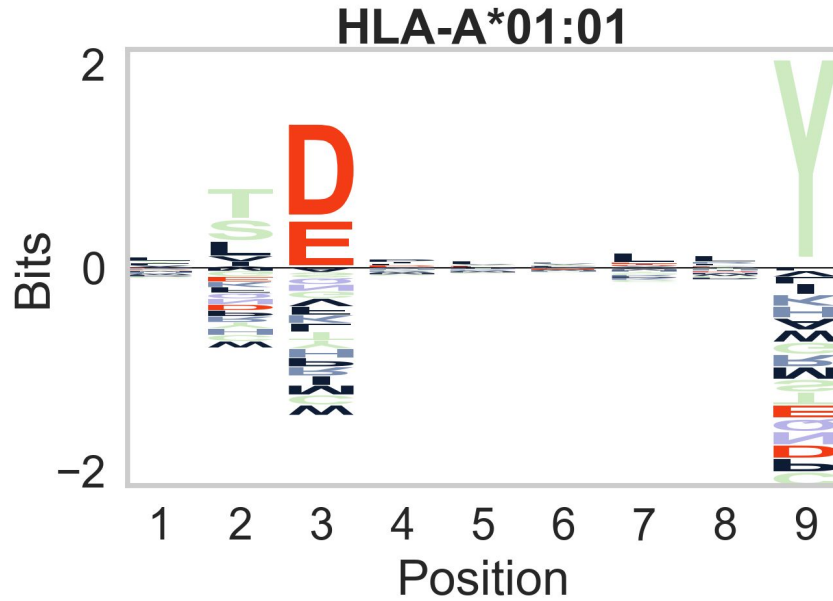
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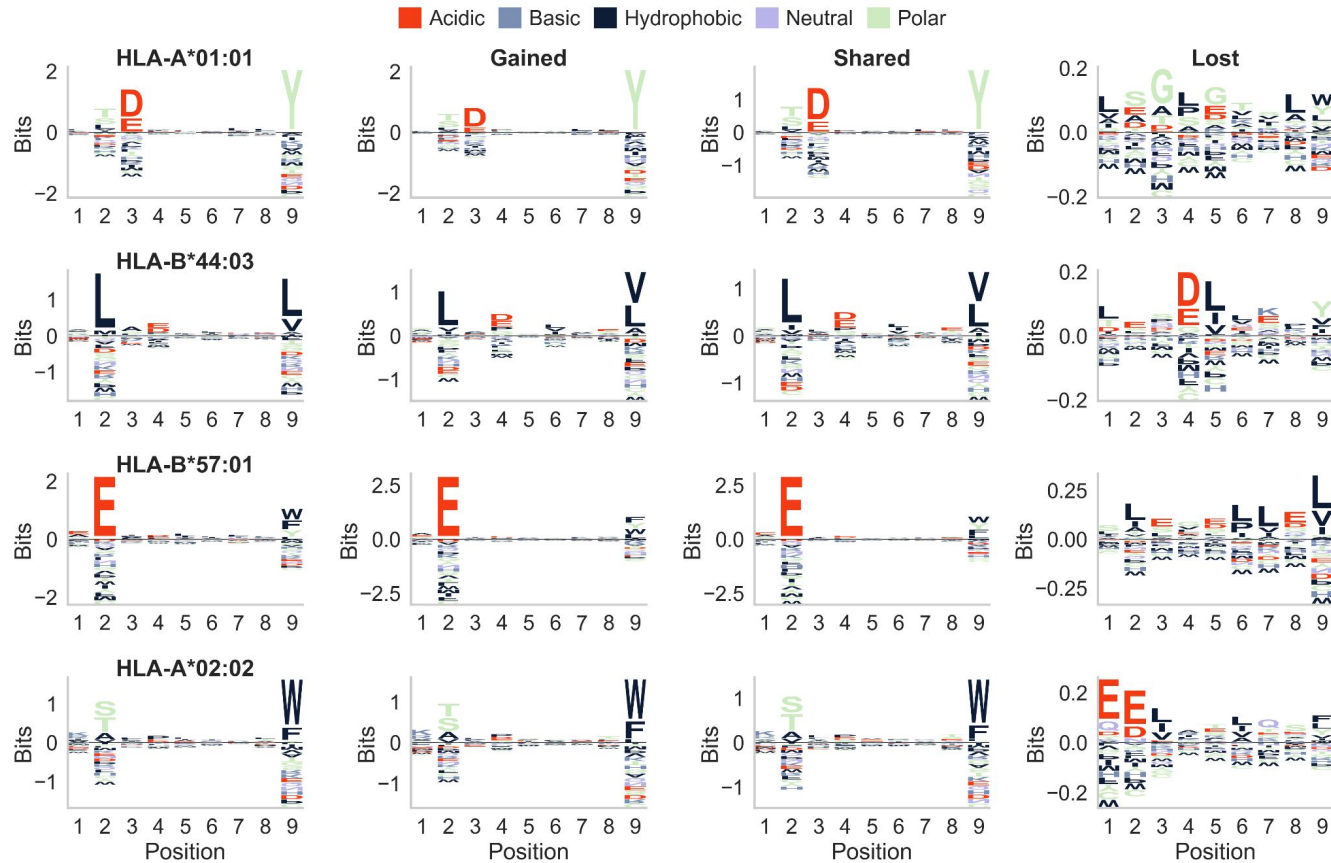
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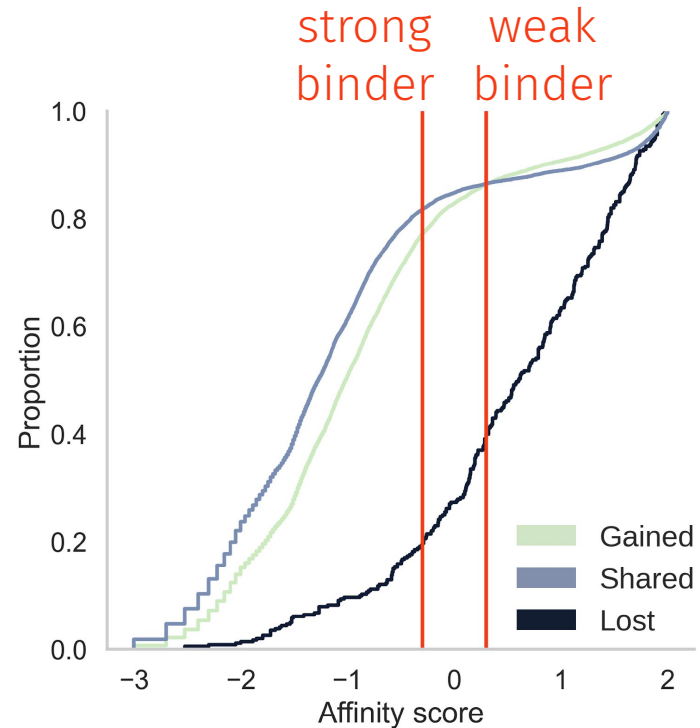


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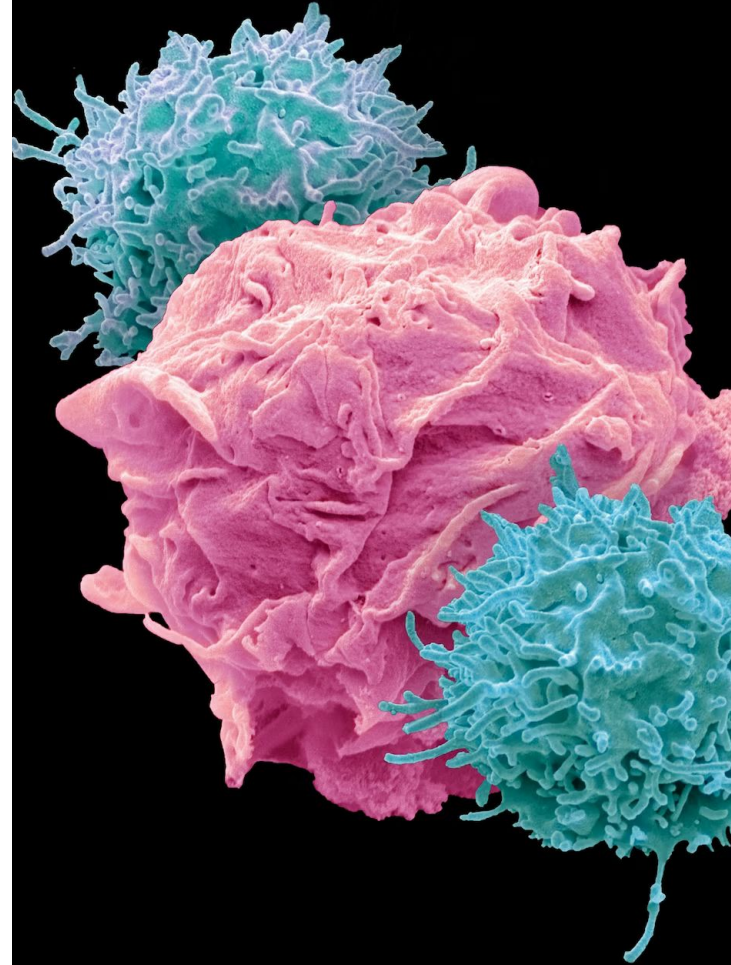
IDENTIFIED PEPTIDES HAVE STRONG HLA BINDING

- NetMHCpan 4.1 to predict the HLA binding affinity
- Best (=lowest) score selected for each peptide against HLA types
- 86% of peptides after rescoring are at least weak binders



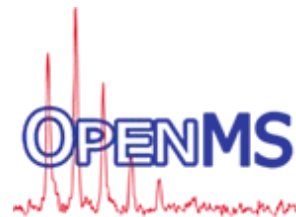
CONCLUSION

- Identifying immunopeptides is challenging
- Fragment ion intensity prediction for rescoring on timsTOF data
- Discover neo-epitopes that could be used to develop immunotherapies





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