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Development and Characterization of a Proteomics Standard Consisting of 1000 Stable Isotope Labeled Peptides

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Study Timeline

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Three Year Study

- **Year 1:** Peptide synthesis and qualification by sPRG.
- **Year 2:** Initiate the study, collect and analyze the data, commercialization of the standard
- **Year 3:**
 - **Additional analysis conducted to put some light on unexpected intra-lab reproducibility**
 - **Characterization of the standard across different matrixes**
- (Future) Publication of Manuscript



Continuing from 2014 results...

multi-lab experiment questions

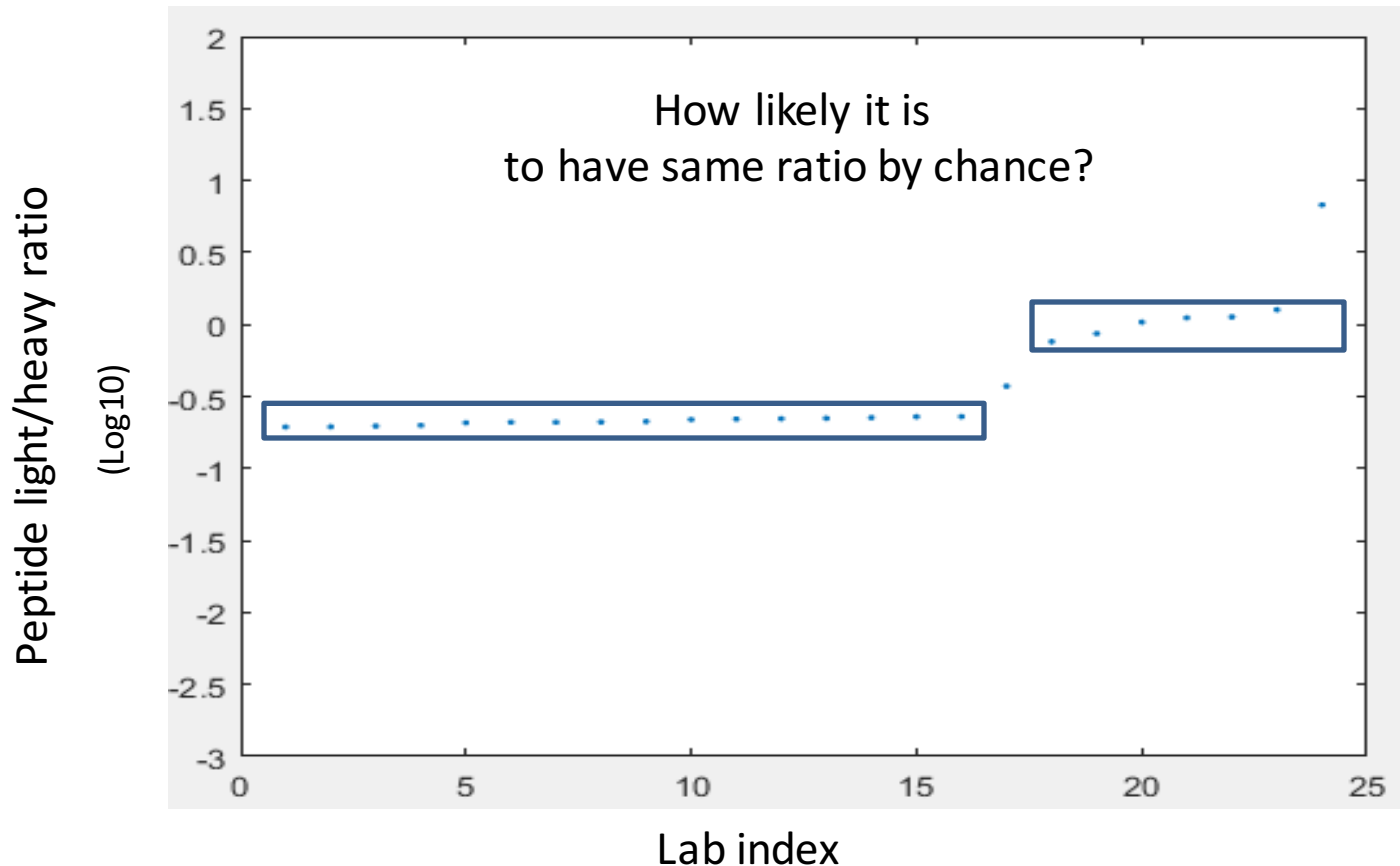
- What is correct answer?
 - It is impractical to manually validate ~1000 peptides
- Are we averaging across too many different factors?
 - Or we have some ‘noise’, bias, that we did not account for?
- What can we learned about the standard
 - Useful guidelines for more accurate results



What is the correct ratio for this peptide?

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- Multi-Lab experiment –
 - what is reasonable estimate of true light/heavy ratio

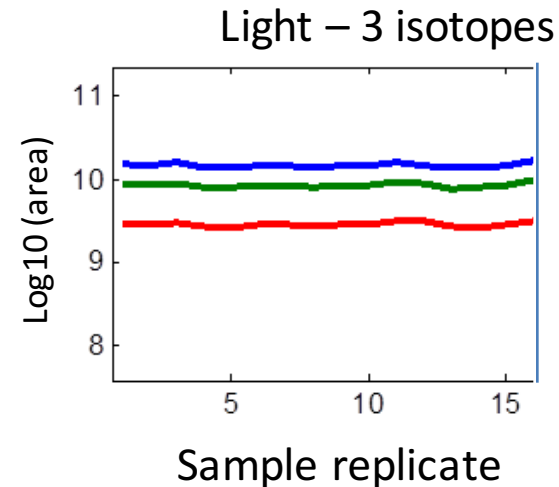
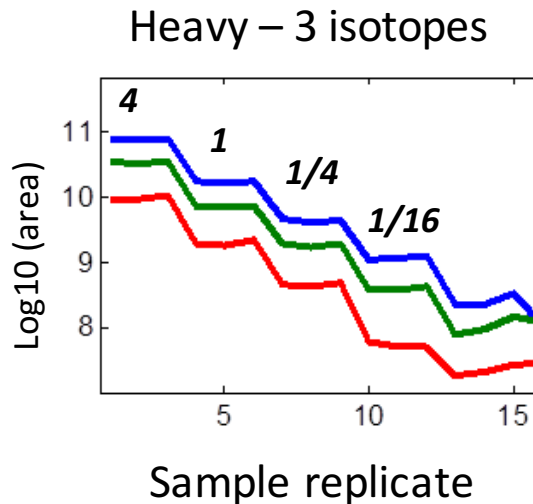




Dilution experiment and the correct answer

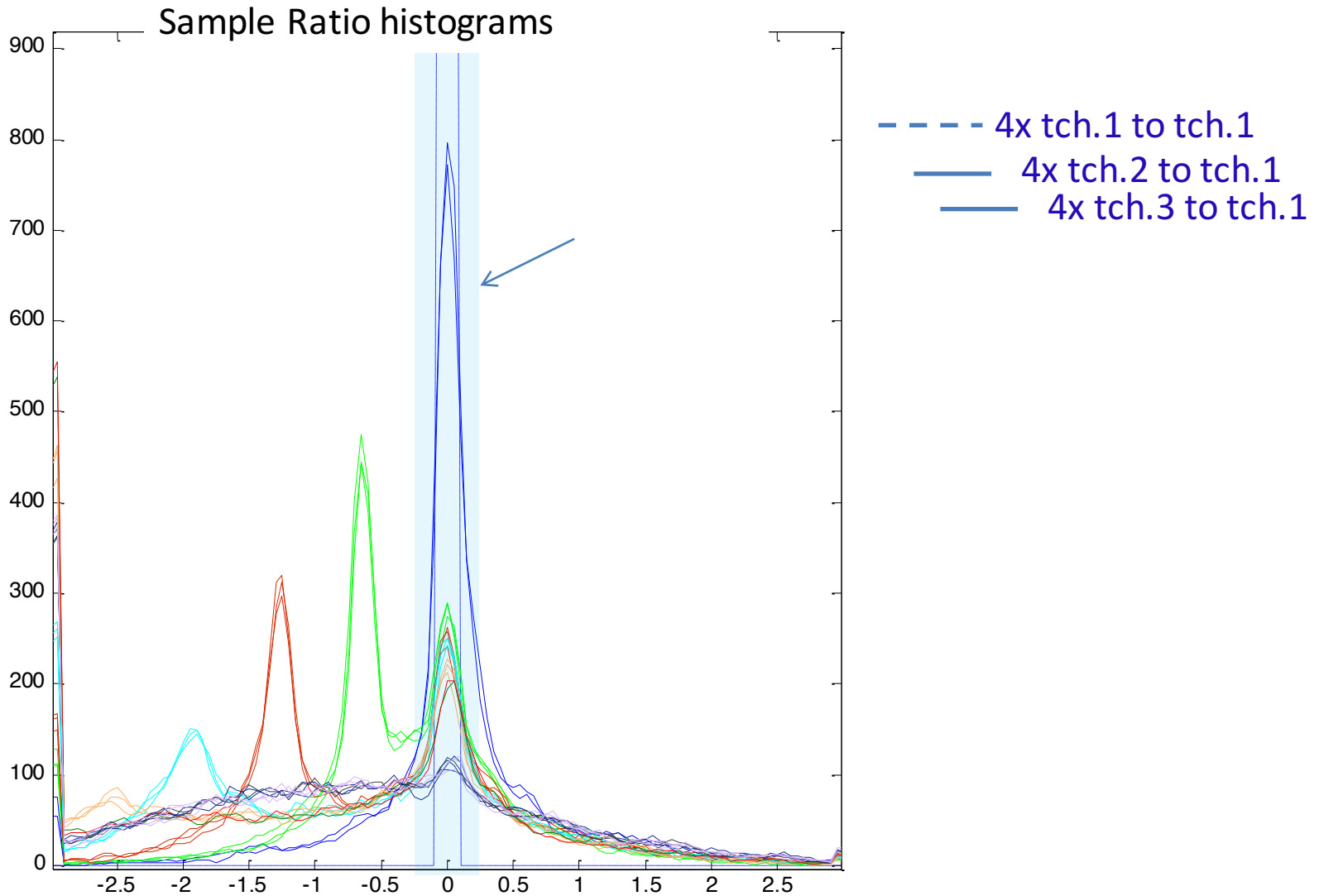
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- Dilution experiment:
 - If we are integrating correct peak, we expect to see characteristic intensity patterns
 - We expect ratio of two dilutions to be 4X



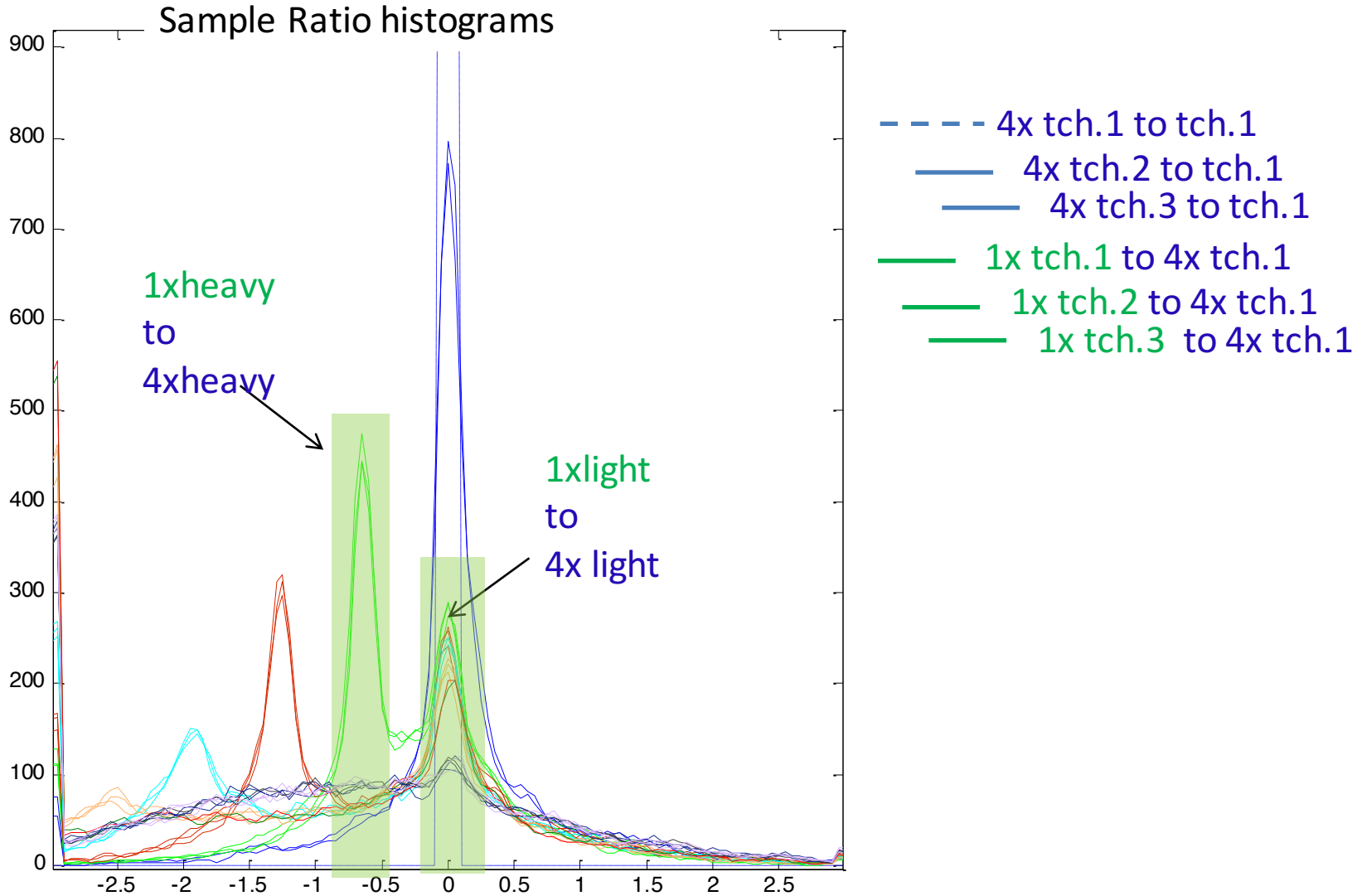


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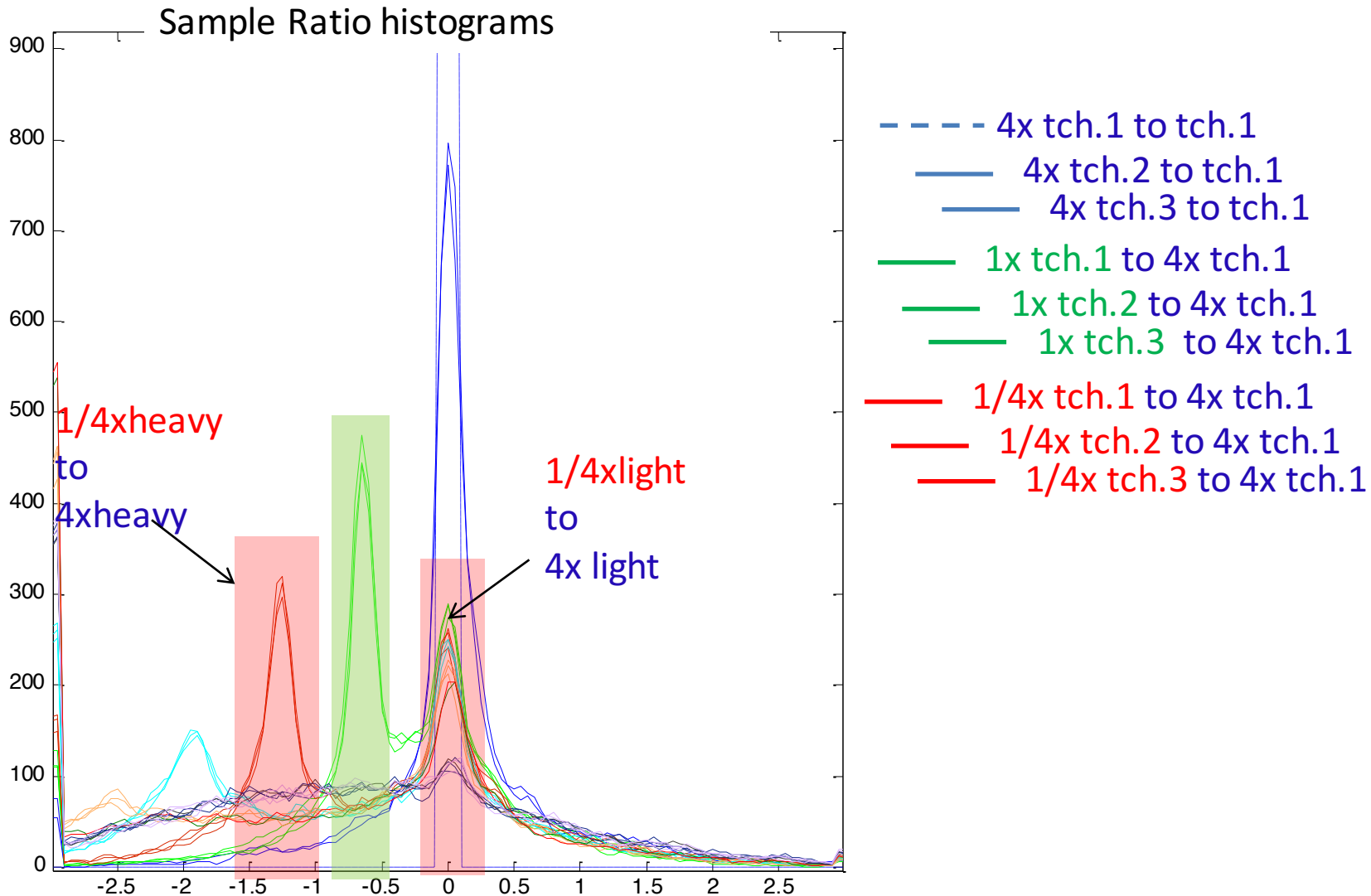


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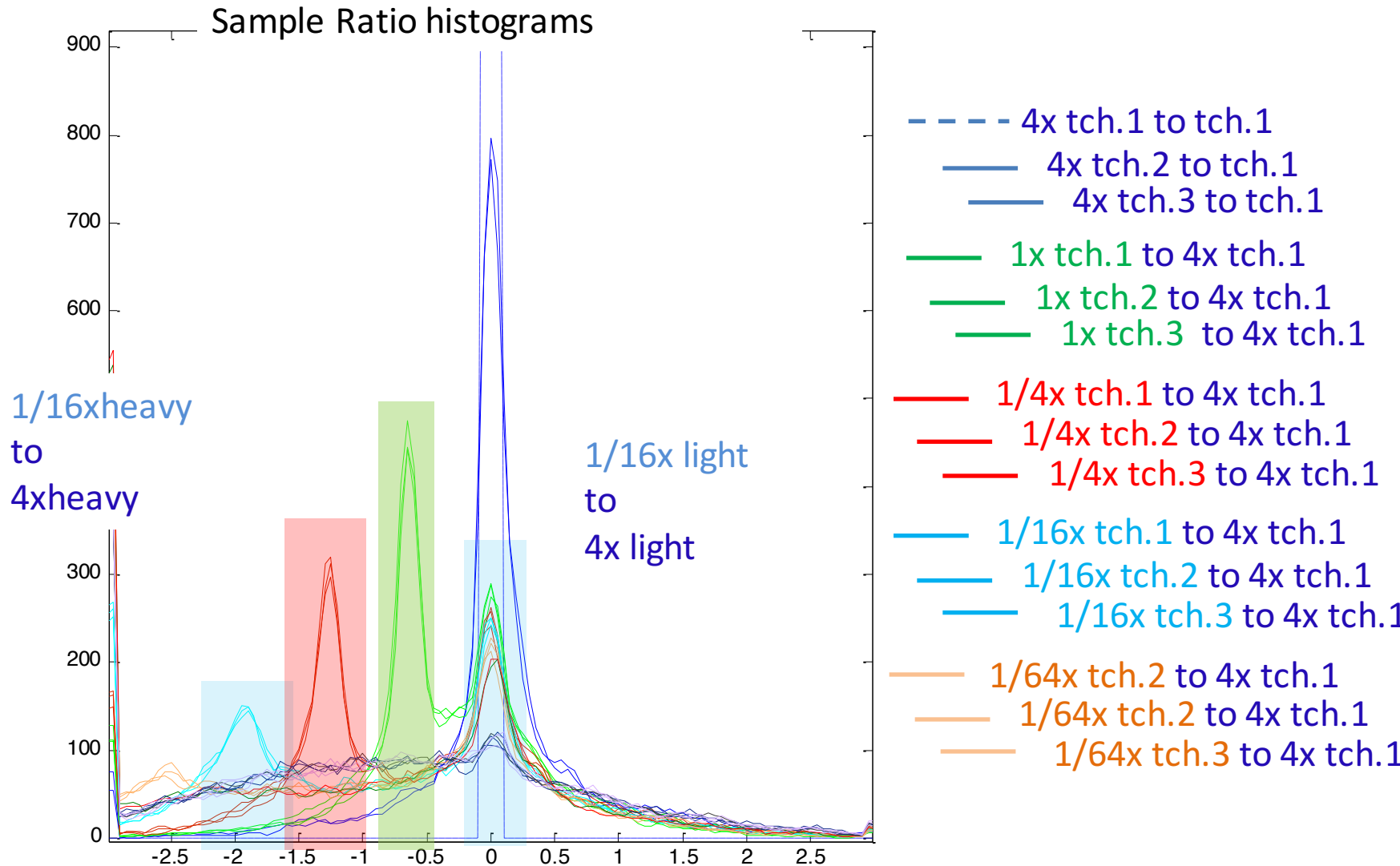


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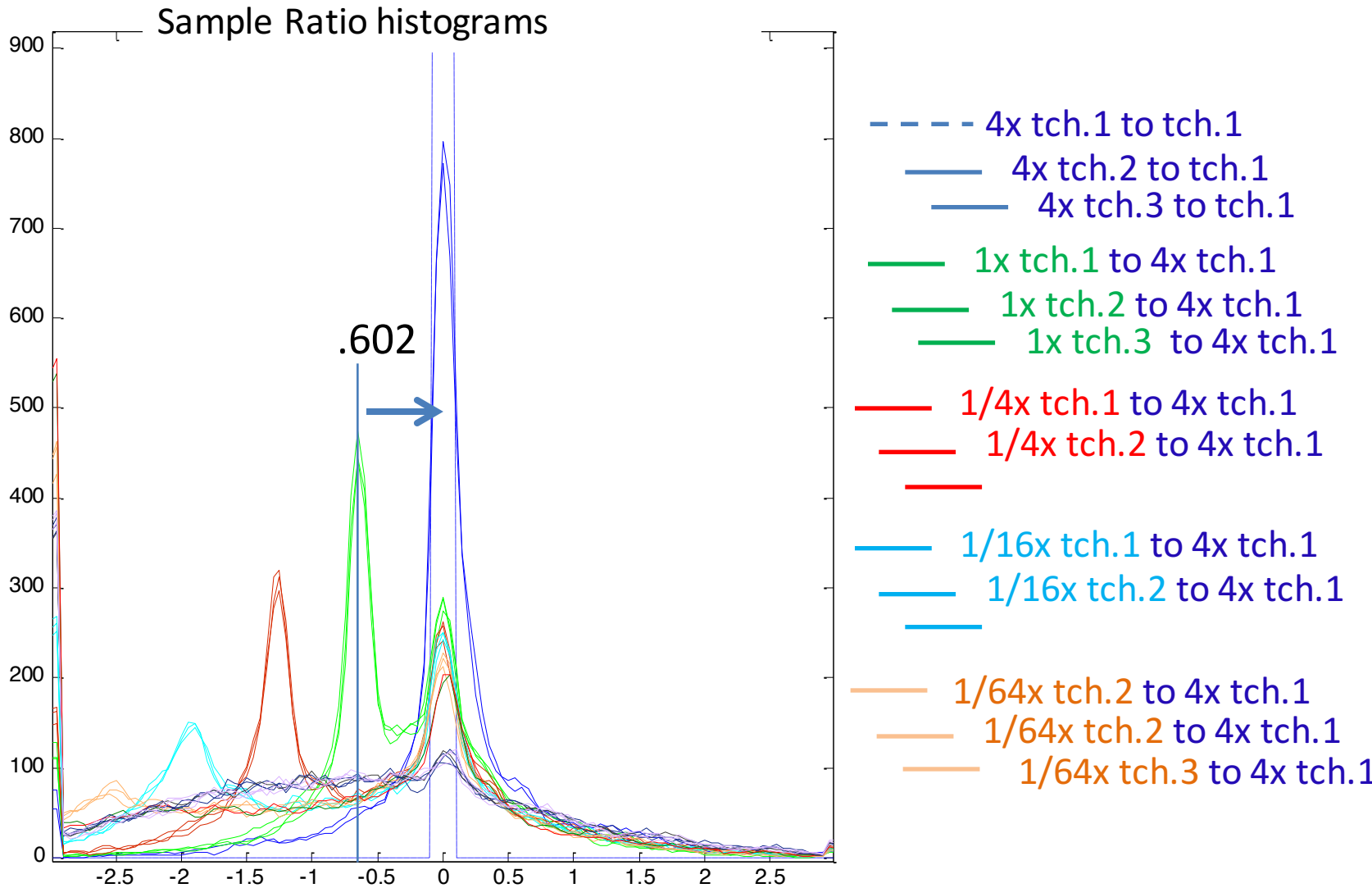


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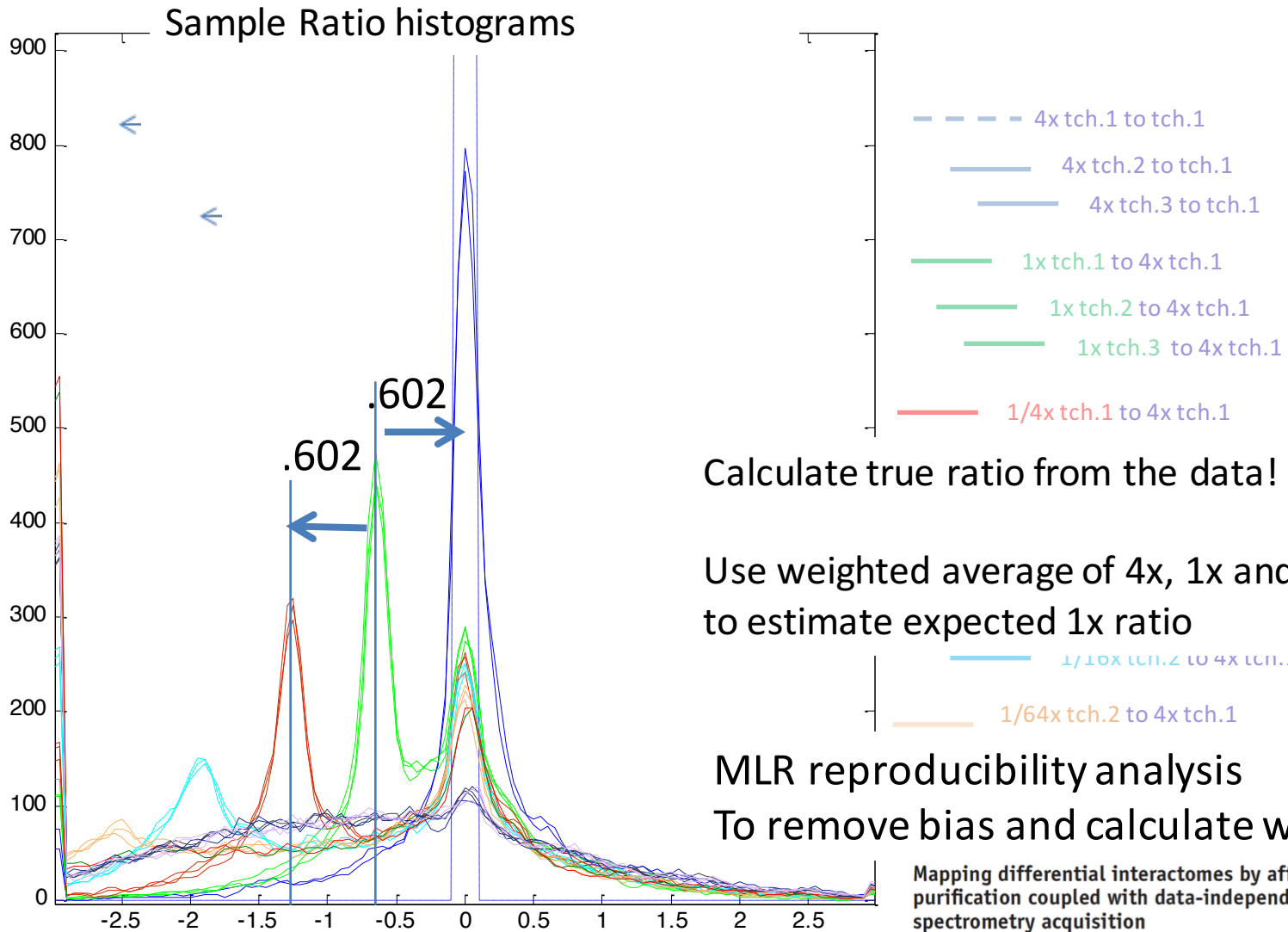


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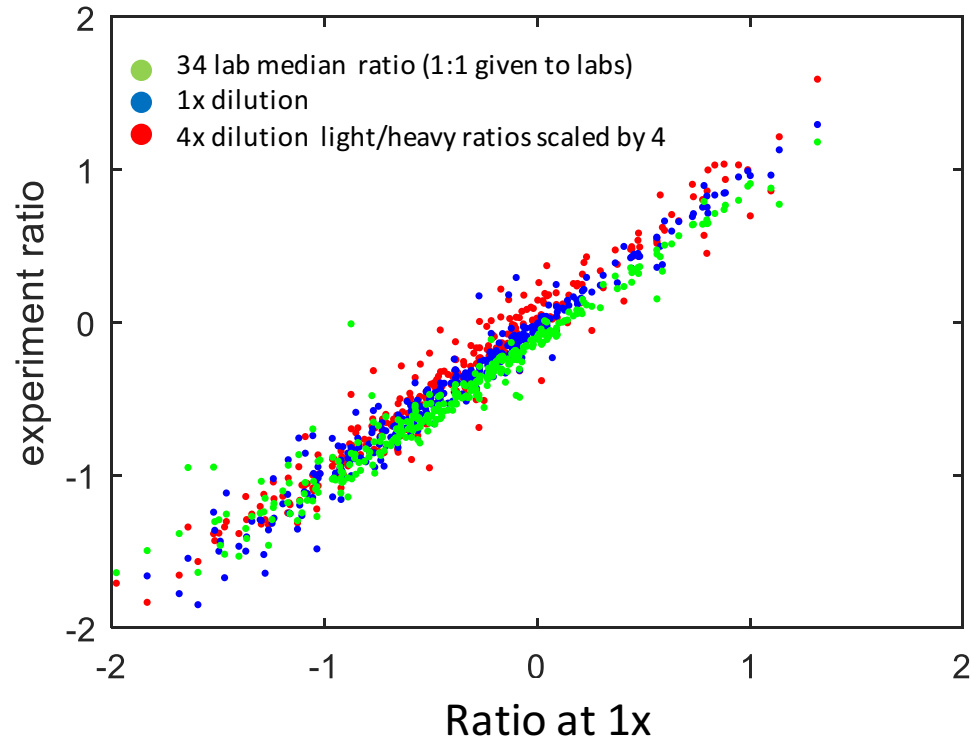


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Check if all experiments are comparable

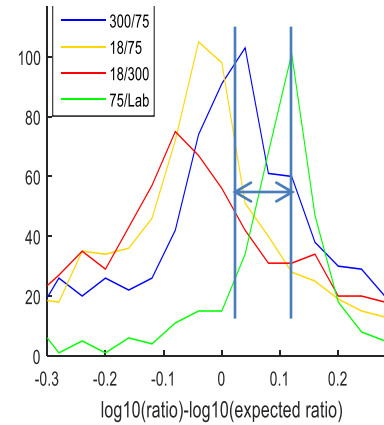
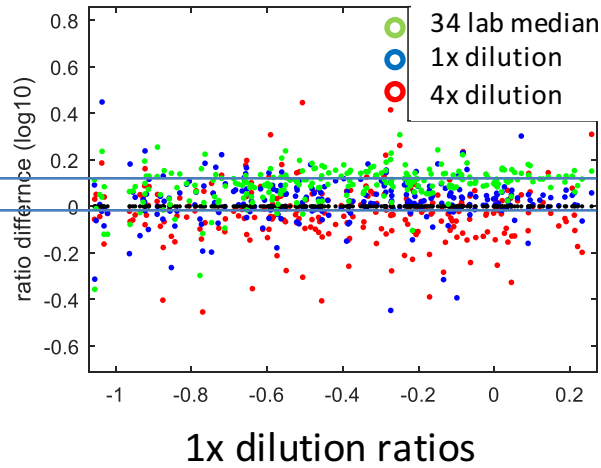


1x in dilution not in agreement with 1x in lab experiment
4x in dilution is not exactly 4x



Correcting for experimental bias

.1 distance!

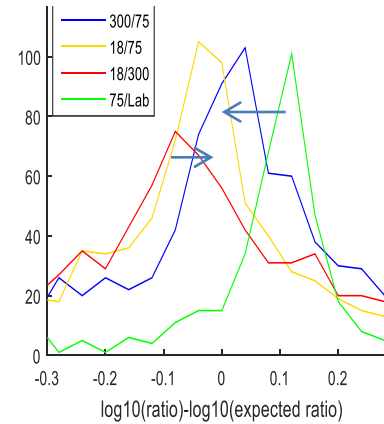
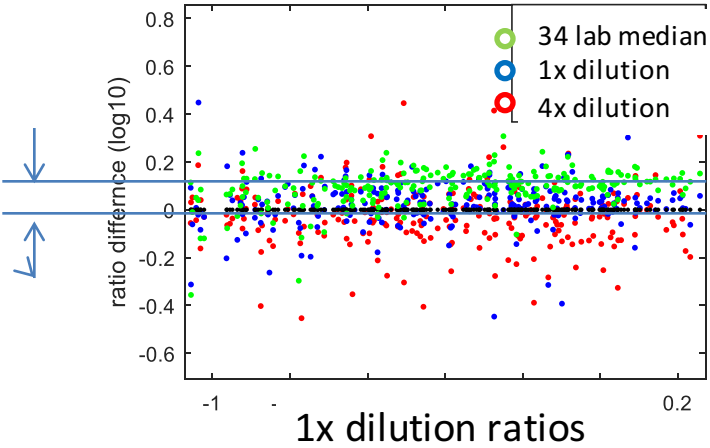


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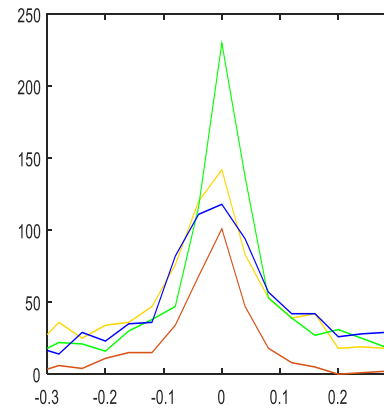
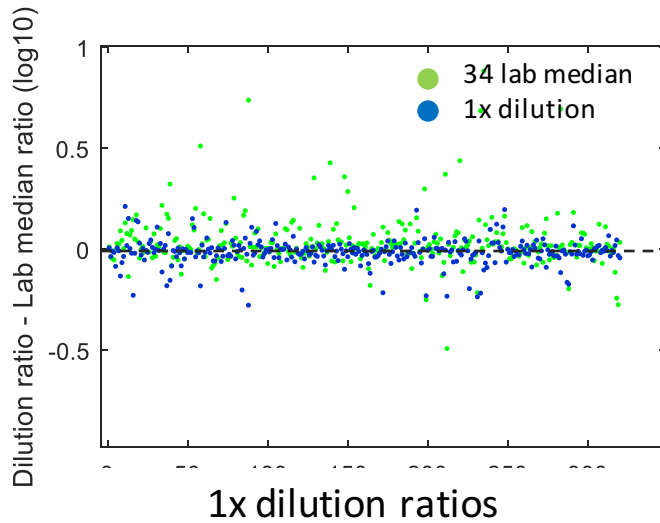


Calculate correction factor for dilutions

Originally:
.1 distance!



After alignment

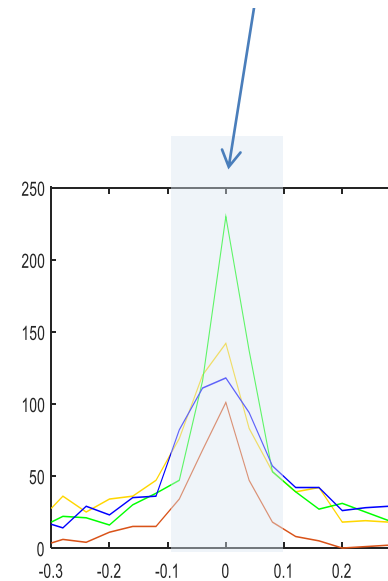
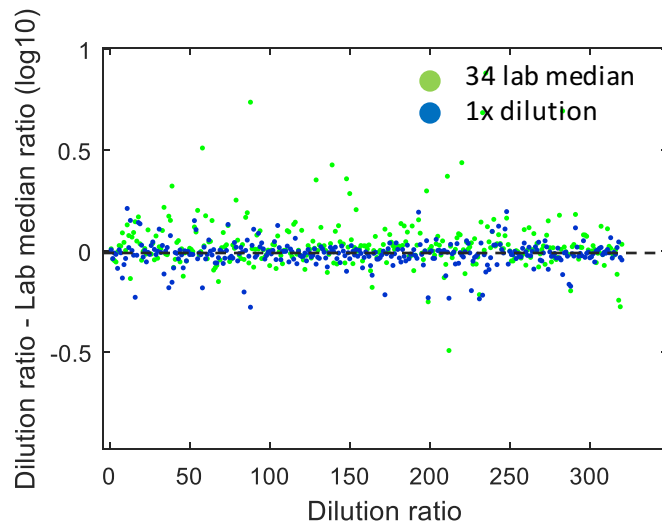




Recognizing reliable measurements

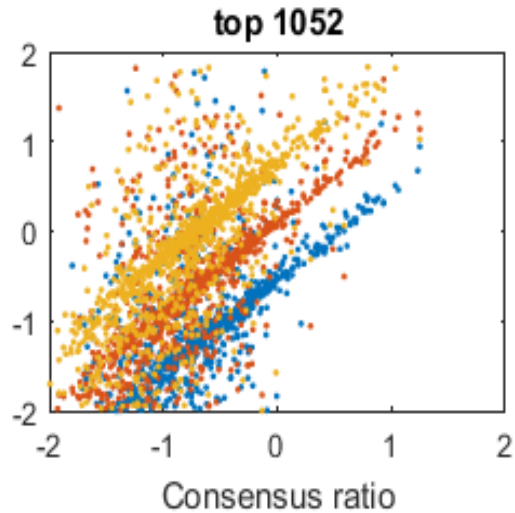
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Are reproducible measurements

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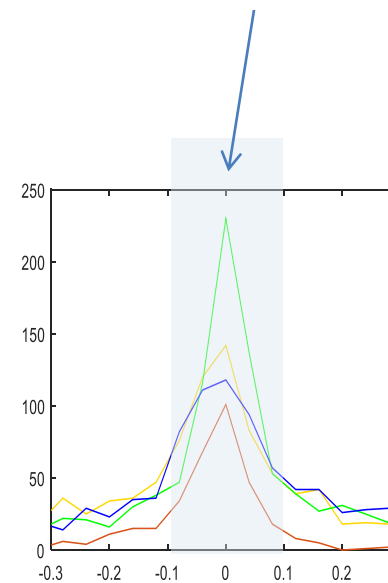




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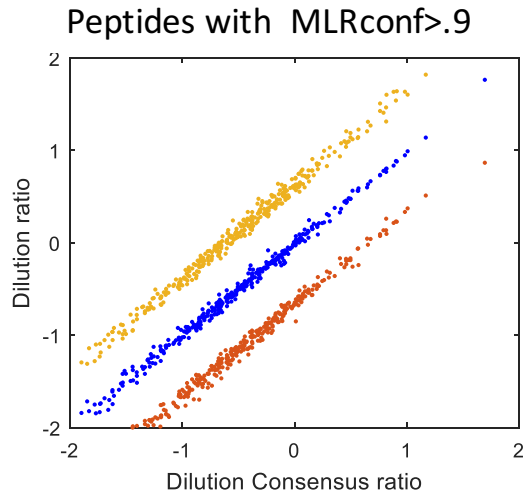
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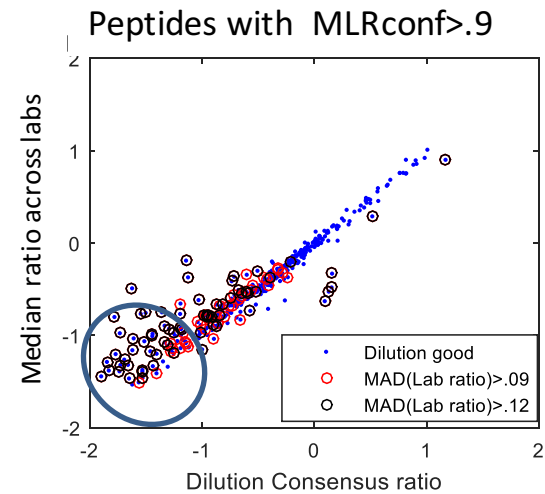
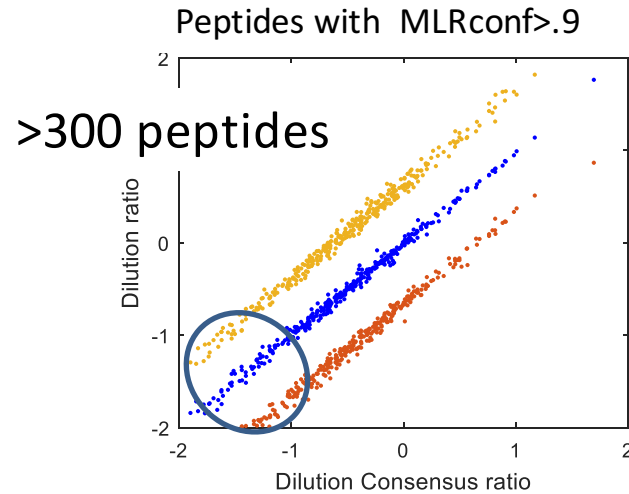




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LAB median versus good from dilution

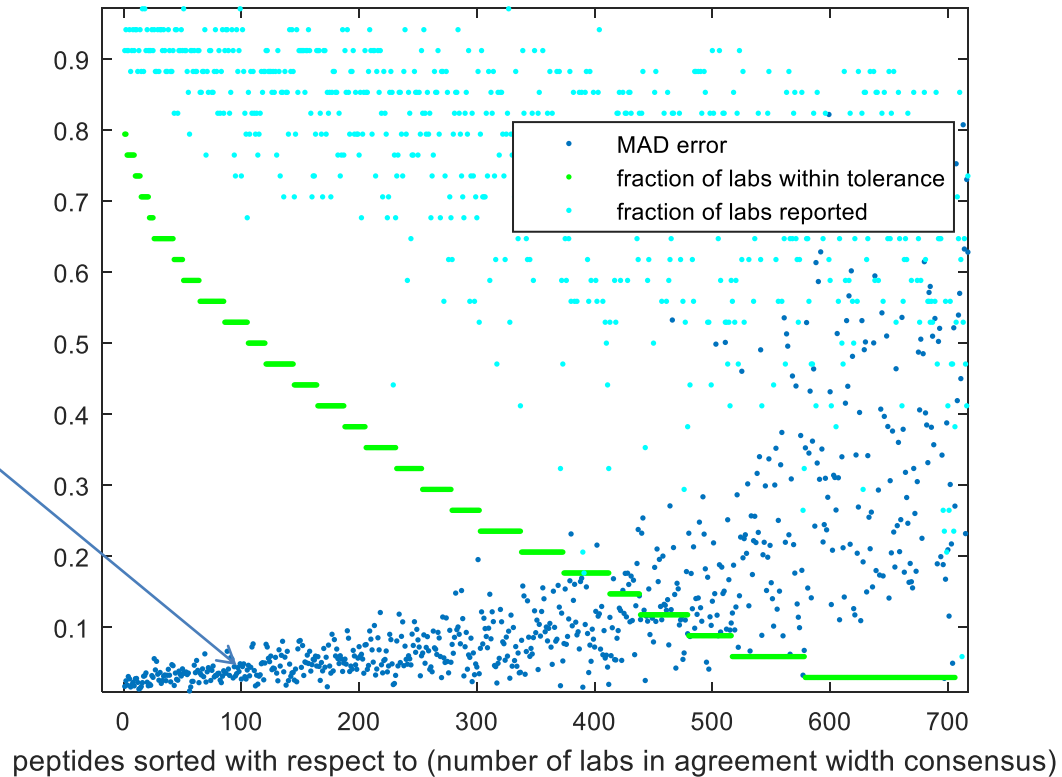


Larger variance for low intensity light



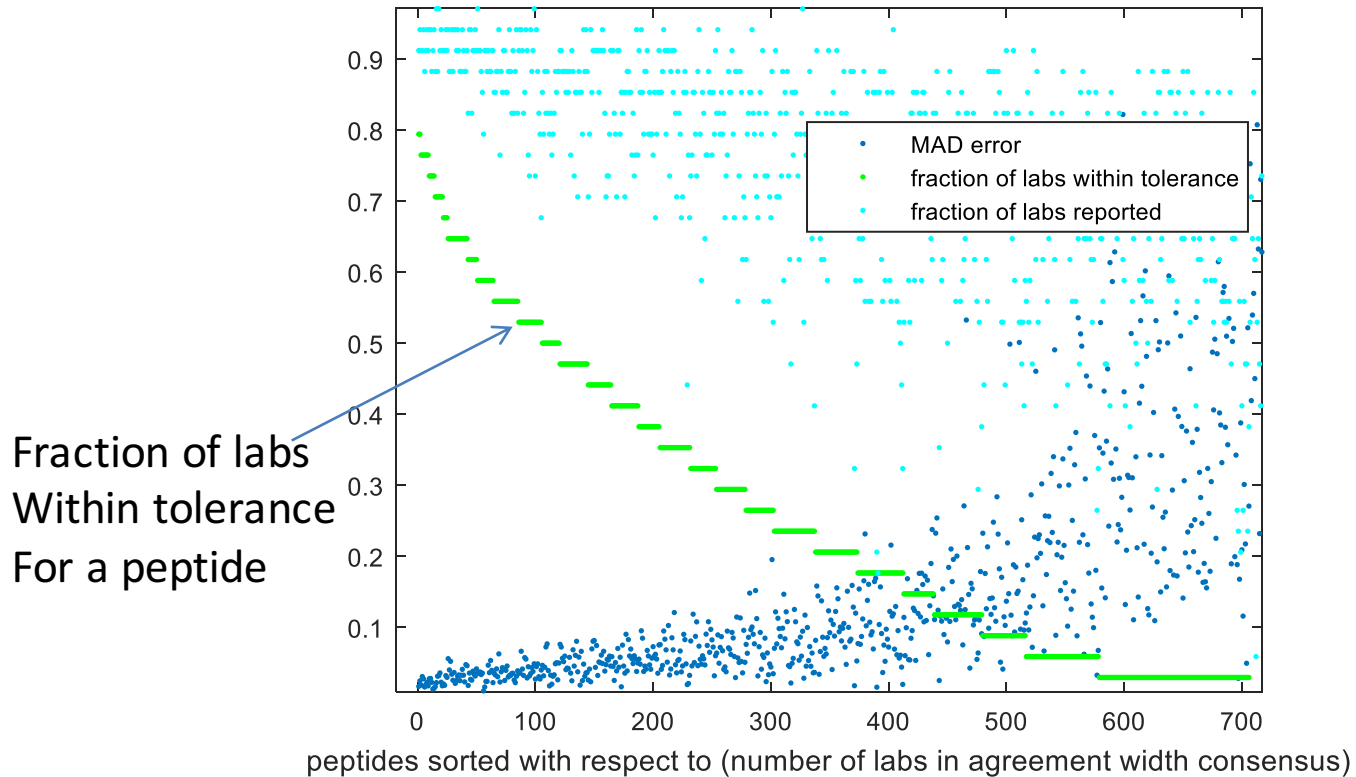
What is definition of 'Good peptide'

MAD error
Across labs
For a peptide





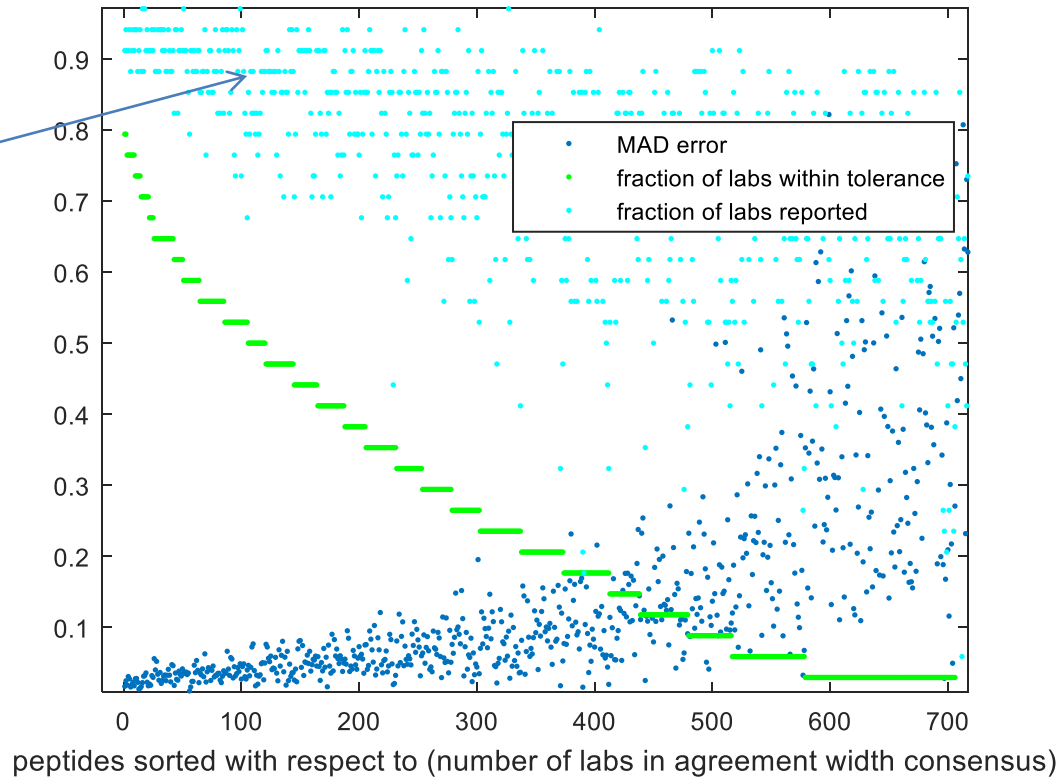
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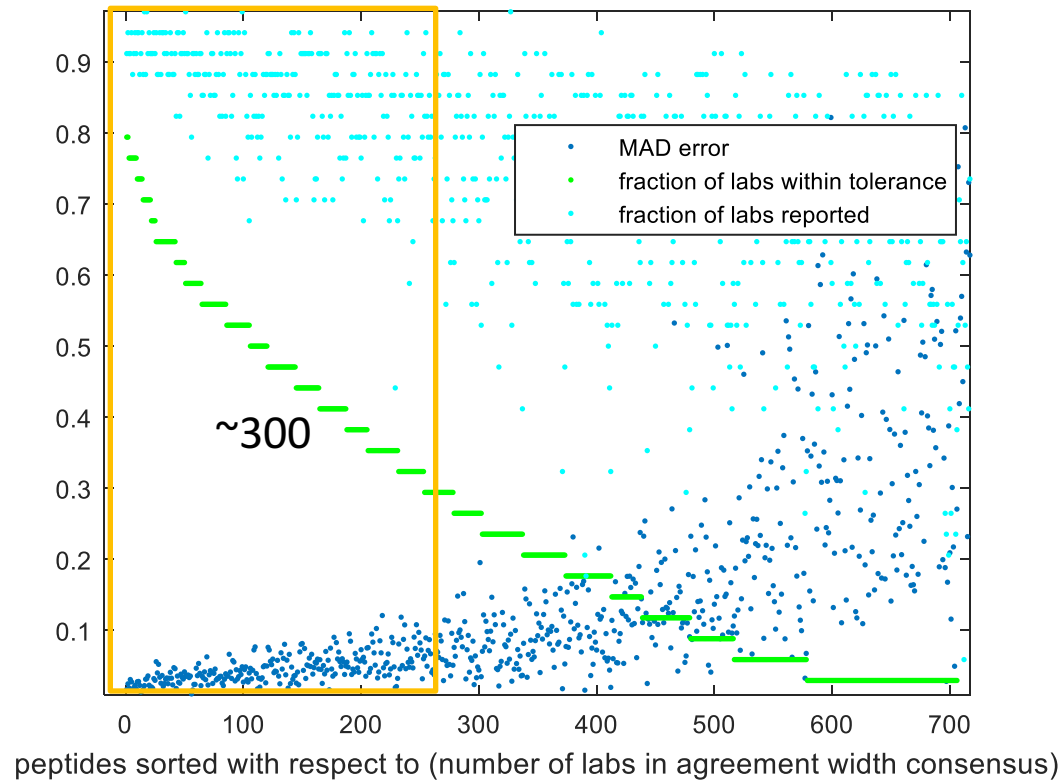
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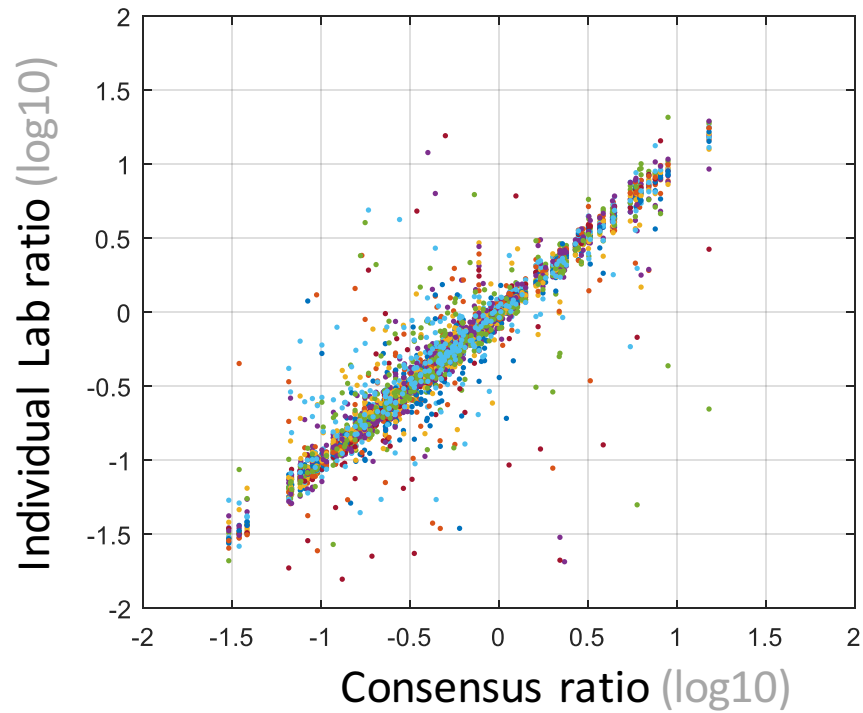


Take the best out of each experiment!



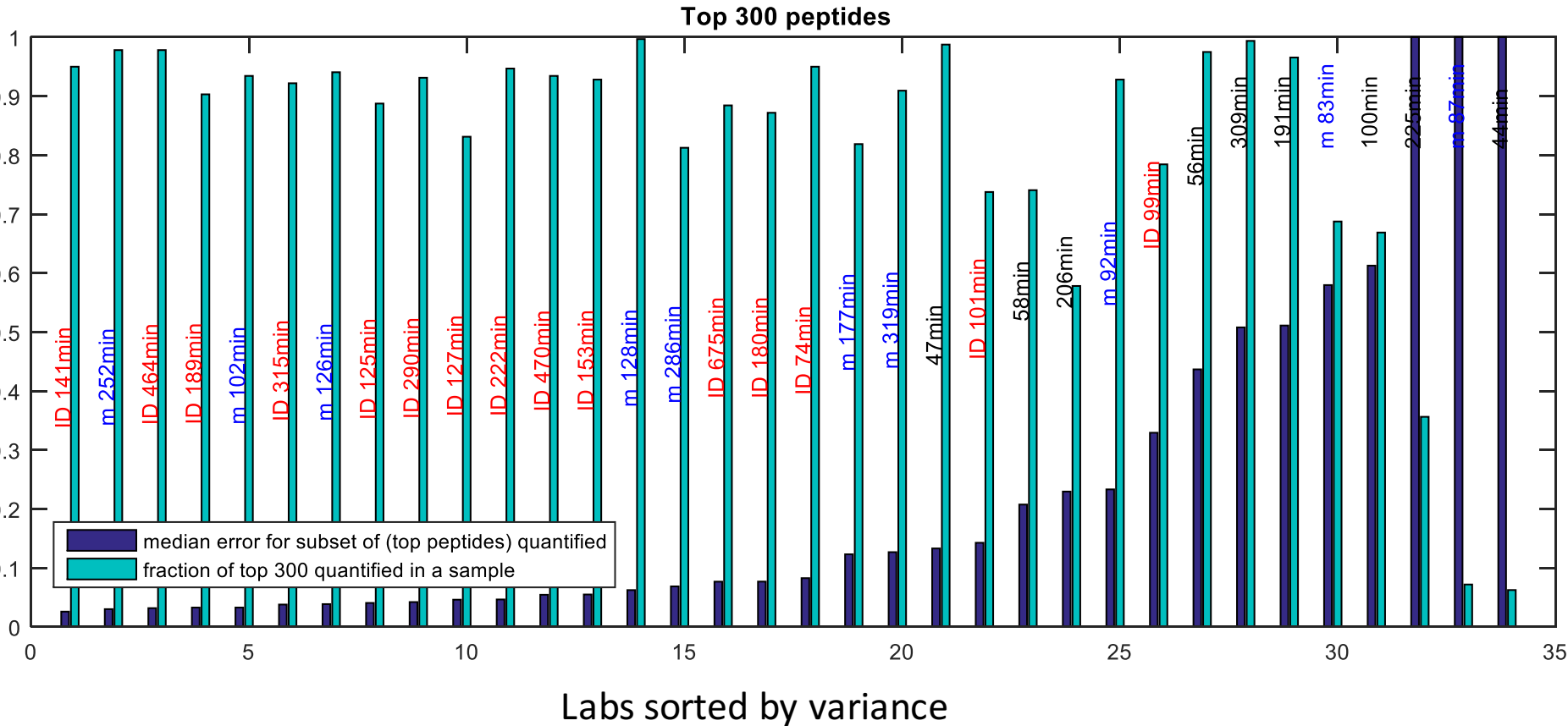
Lab ratio reproducibility

Top 300 without (RT outliers)





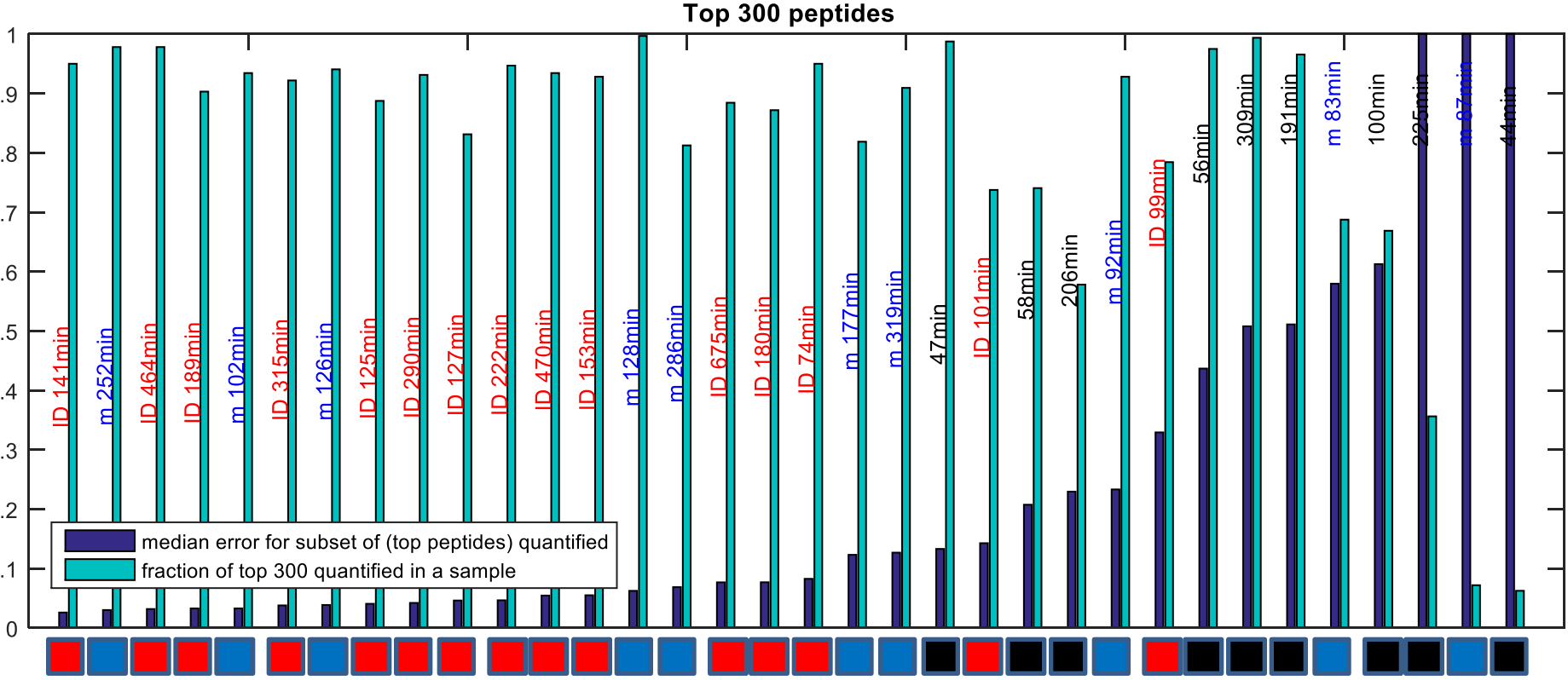
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Labs sorted by variance

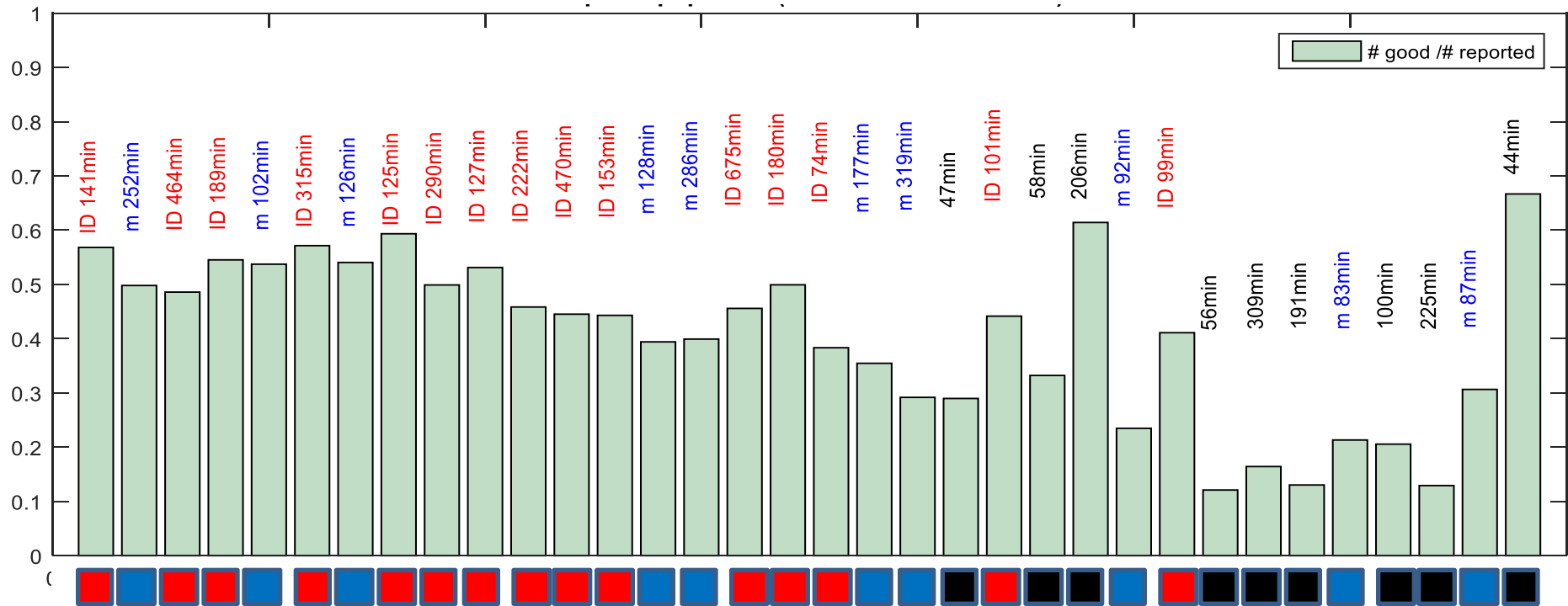
- ID aligned
- Use manual integrated
- No alignment
Or no info

Knowledge of expected RT helps to integrate correct peak



Quant specificity

(subset in agreement with the consensus ratio) / (number of peptides reported)



Even labs that reported most of the peaks within Standard ERT window,
have ~ 50% ratio agreement with consensus
What is happening with the other half?



Why are we over reporting?

- Are we integrating wrong peak?
- Could we use attributes such as RT variance, IDP/LDP, technical replica variance,
to explain or filter those incorrectly reported values?

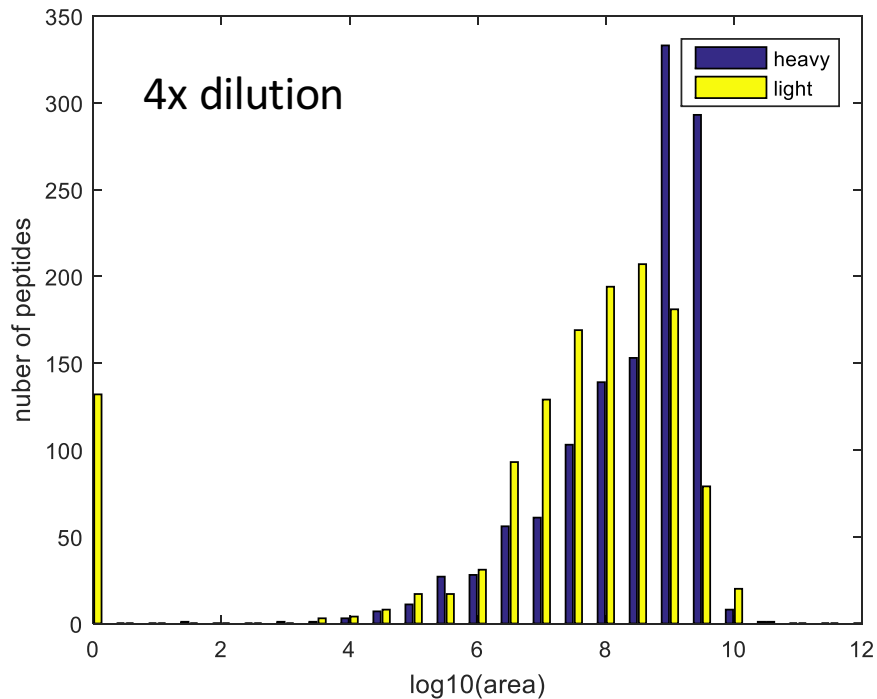


- Few observations might help answer this question



1st important attribute - Intensity

All peptides

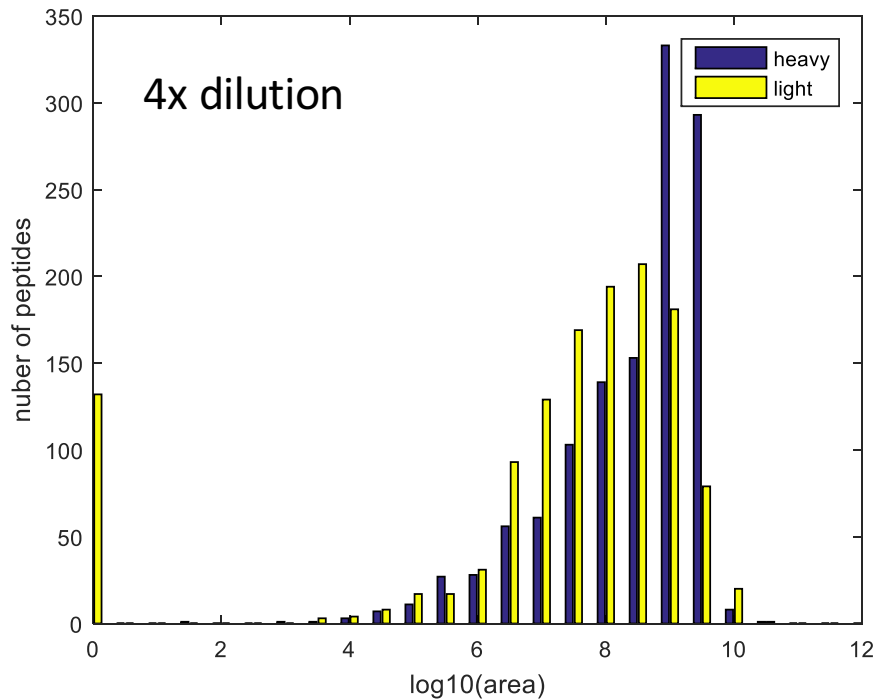


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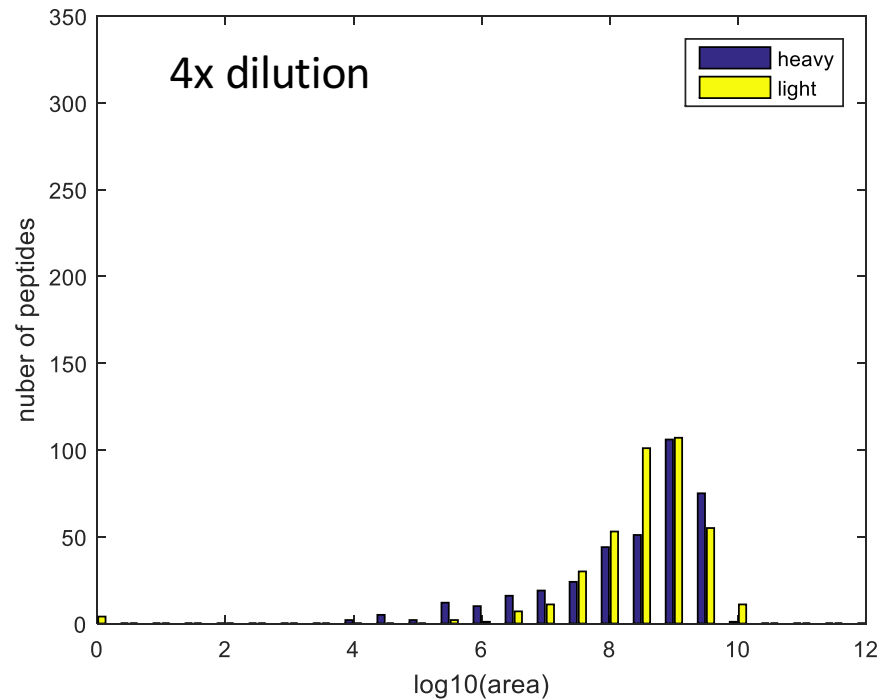


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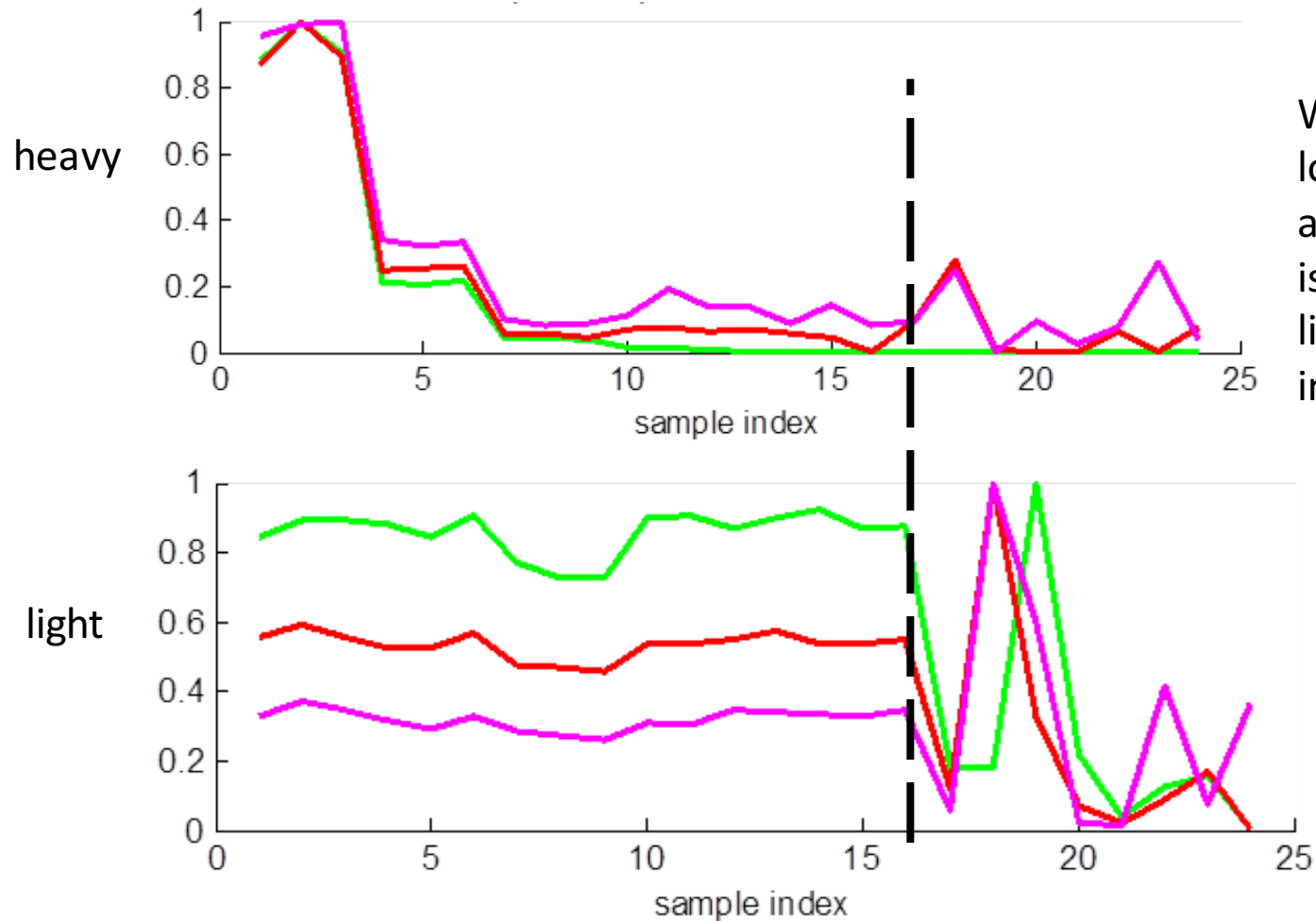
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2nd important attribute

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heavy peptide intensity affects light detection

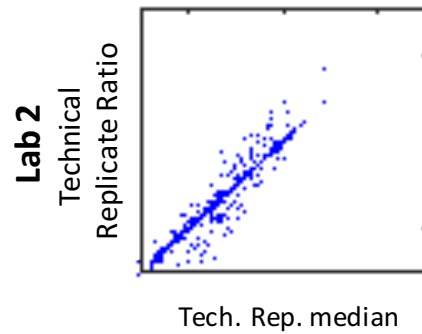
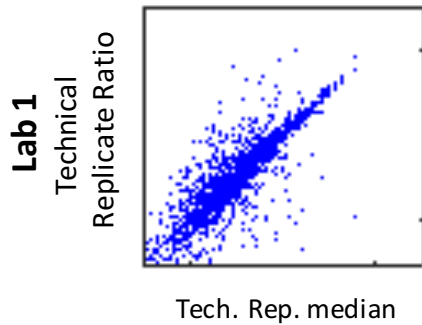


When heavy peptide low intensity our ability to integrate light is reduced even when light is of significant intensity



3rd Attribute— know ERT

Ratio agreement across tch. Rep.

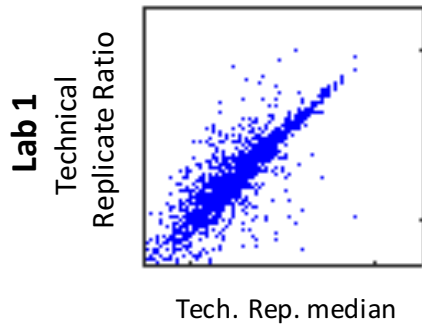


Software will integrate at same retention time in replicates
How often we reproducibly integrate wrong peak?
Does ID RT help?

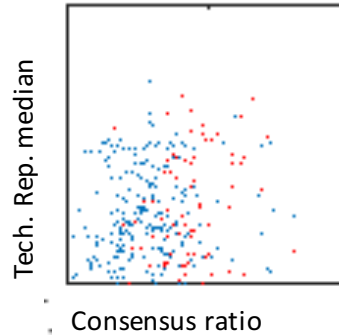
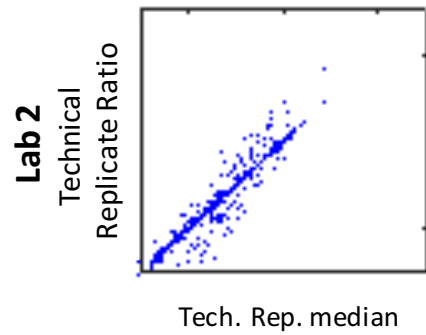
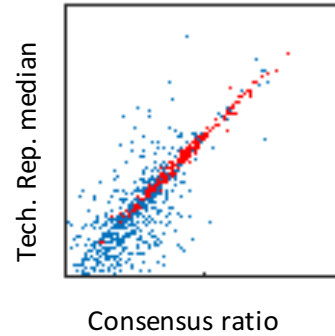


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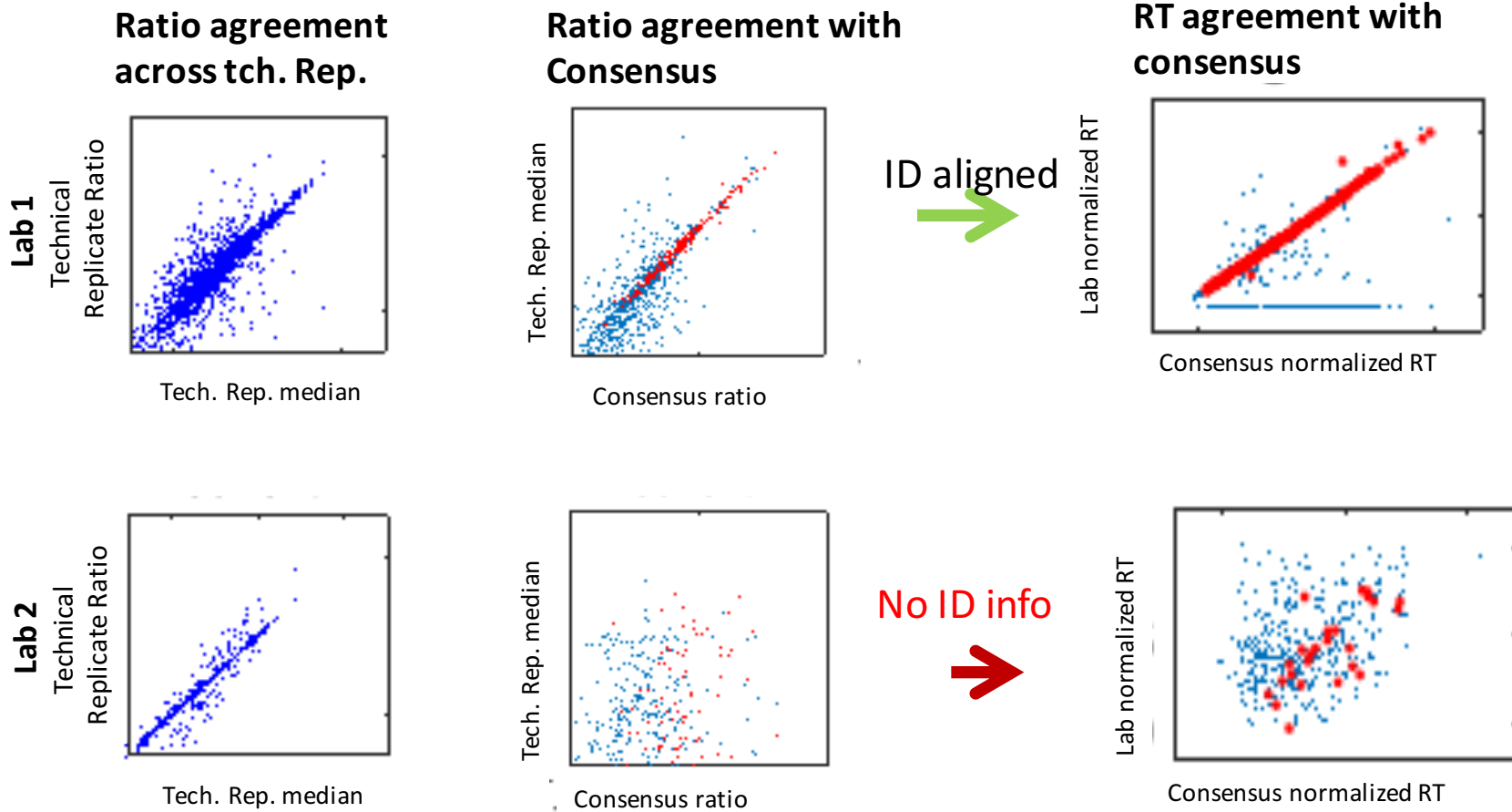


**Ratio agreement with
Consensus**





3rd Attribute— know ERT



Software will integrate at same retention time in replicates but without ID alignment we most often get the wrong answer



300 good peptides for HEK 293 matrix

- Intra lab retention time reproducibility is outstanding
 - within 5% of the gradient
- True answer is not always straight-forward to calculate
 - Sample handling bias
 - Outliers due to large ID uncertainty
- Need to estimate reported number uncertainty
 - By evaluating the uncertainty in your experiment and alignment between measured and expected Standard features, possible to reduce error rate



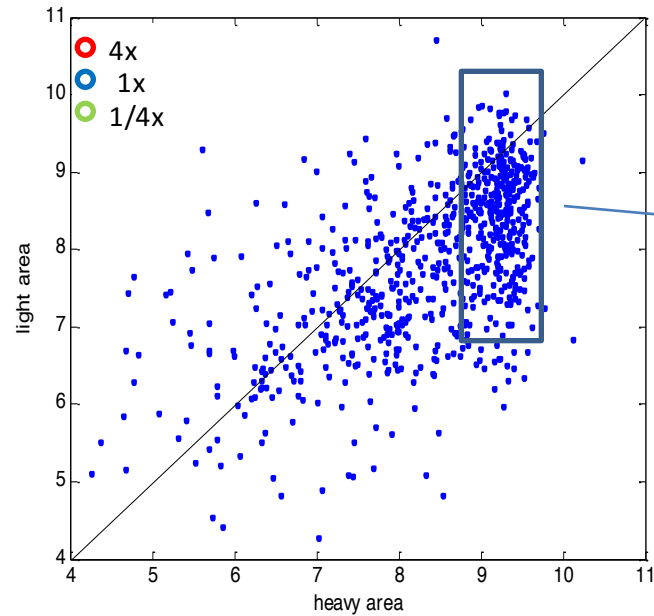
Few conclusions about
Standard for use in intra-lab study normalization



Standard for intra-lab study normalization

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Standard provides good Internal Standard
(narrow range of heavy peptide responses)



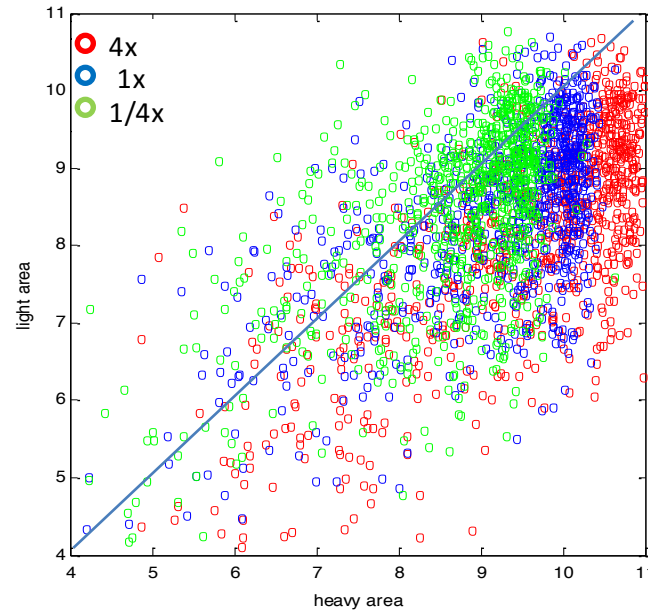
Heavies (>60%) have
narrow intensity
distribution



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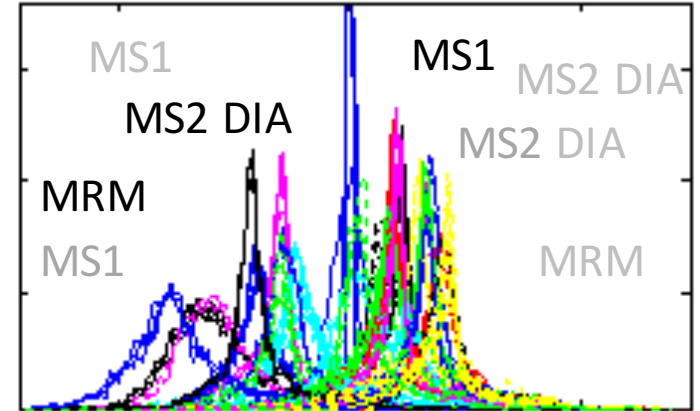
1:1 amount of sample and standers is $\sim 1/4x$ ratio



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Enables comparison of data from
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and experiment of choice



Lab peptide area versus selected lab peptide area

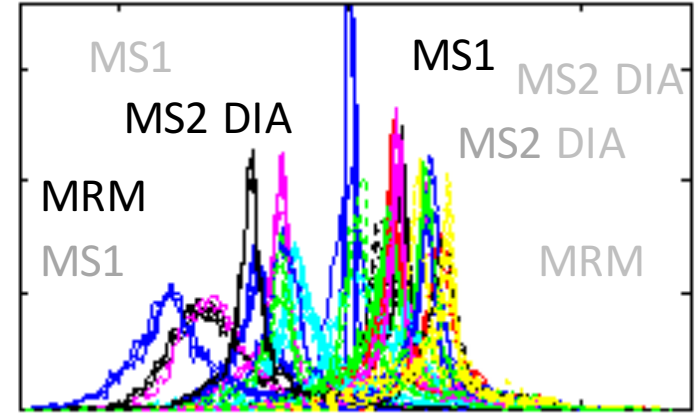
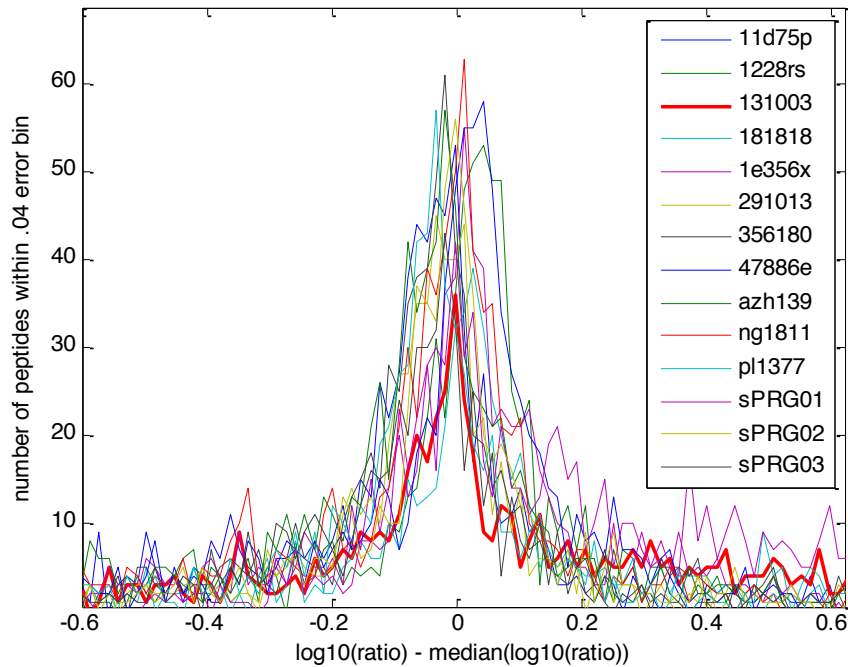


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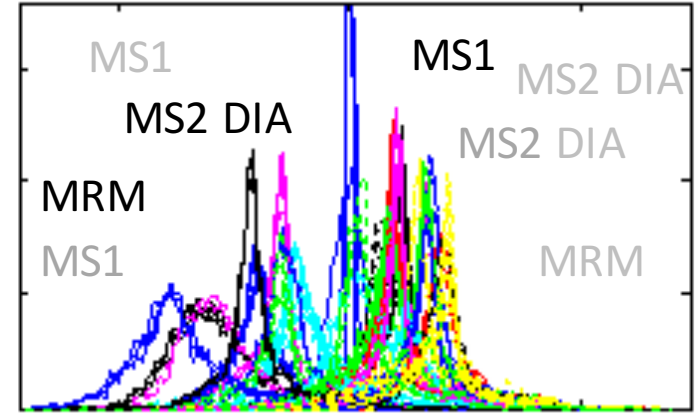
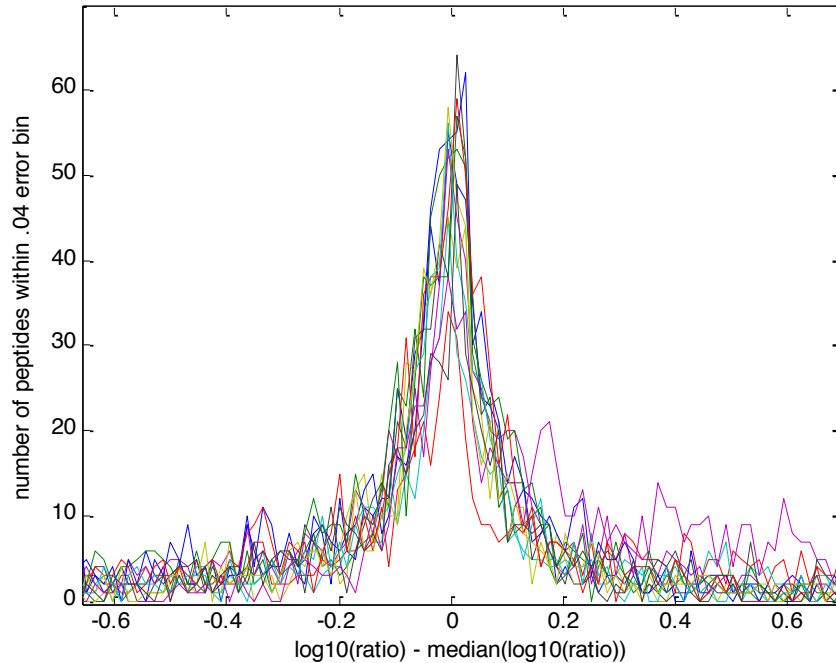


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After Normalization in ratio space
minimized unwanted variance
Higher differential expression detection
sensitivity

After Normalization Peptide form ratio error histograms



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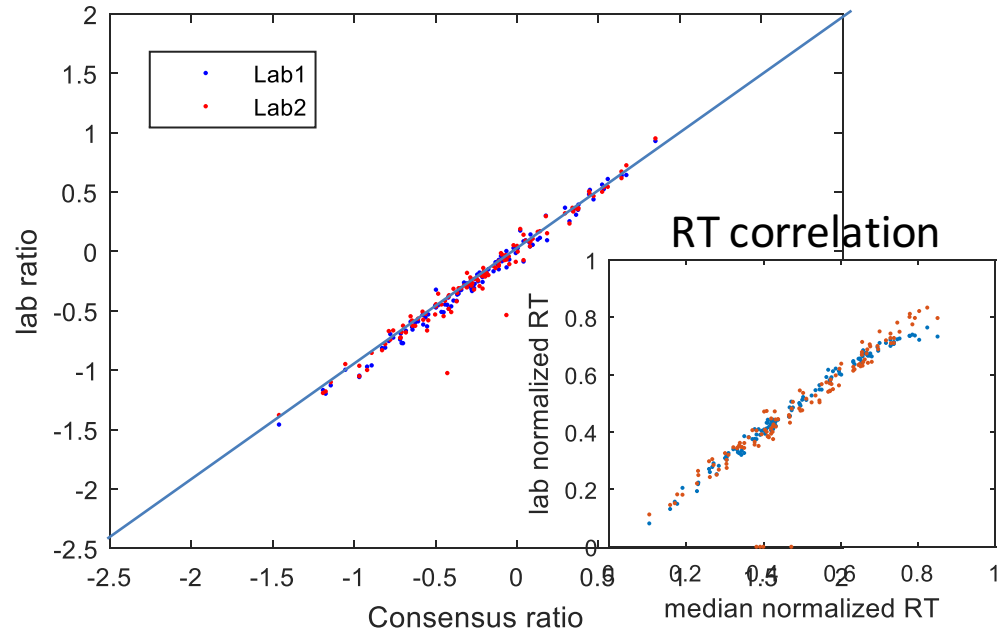
Normalization across variable lab - factors

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High reproducibility and agreement with dilution consensus regardless of difference in LC condition, platform and experiment of choice

- all different between Lab1 and Lab2, Same amount loaded
- peptide ratios within very tight tolerance

Peptide ratio correlation





Summary results

- Correct answer –
 - obscured by large amount of outliers and presence of bias
 - characterized peptide ratios, variance and RT
- Recognized attributes that can detect outliers and define confidence of the result in an experiment
 - Based on individual experiment features
 - Based on Standard characterization results
- Standard provides opportunity and method for alignment and quant analysis across many variable Mass-spec factors



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