Melanie: analysis of proteomics data with ImageMaster and MSight

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Melanie's algorithms and interface, initially developed to analyse 2-DE gel images, were adapted to the visualisation and analysis of LC-MS datasets. These developments demonstrate that proteome imaging follows a general schema. Therefore, a general software framework can be developed that may then lead to software packages for various proteomics techniques where visualisation and data analysis are necessary, such as 2-D PAGE, LC-MS, CE-MS, SDS-MS, etc. Developments of algorithms (such as detection or matching) specific to the application or the type of data must of course be carried out, while the general framework and all the display, visualisation and manipulation tools, as well as the data and statistical analysis modules may be re-used as is. While software reusability has been a key problem in software development, our experience shows that partial solutions can be elaborated with little efforts for proteome informatics.

Differential proteome analysis







Adaptive gradation:

ImageMaster 2-DE Gel Analysis

> Spot detection, Spot matching Gel alignment 2D data handling

Shared features

Image navigation Data management through the Workspace Differential proteome analysis Knowledge extraction



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DIGE analysis Data volume (~ 4MB / gel)

Distinct features

Peak detection, Peak matching Time warping 2 x 1D data handling Data volume (~ 100MB / LC-MS run)

Differential proteome analysis

MSight	
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Spectrum view

MSight is freely available at http://www.expasy.org/MSight ImageMaster 2D Platinum is commercialised by GeneBio and GE Healthcare