# MALDI guided SpatialOMx<sup>®</sup> on a timsTOF fleX uncovers proteomic profiles of breast cancer subpopulations



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### The SpatialOMx<sup>®</sup> Advantage for OMICS researchers



**Problem:** identify and differentiate e.g. tumor subpopulations within heterogenous multi-cellular tissue specimen



Piece of fruit that's spoiling the salad?

#### **Current Omics Solution:**

homogenize sample, analyze via LC-MS. This strategy suffers from low specificity and dilution effects, therefore sensitivity suffers





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ID the 'suspected slices' for a deeper look

**SpatialOMx solution:** deconstruct the heterogeneous multi-cellular network by molecular phenotype. Target specific phenotype for deep Omics analysis. Higher cellular specificity minimizes dilution effects





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### Enabling SpatialOMx



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### The SpatialOMx<sup>®</sup> Advantage of the timsTOF fleX 4D Omics AND MALDI Imaging in *ONE instrument*





- High-speed imaging capability
- 4D-molecular imaging





### SpatialOMx Proof of concept (POC) example from the Prof. Ron Heeren Group





#### MALDI guided SpatialOMx uncovers proteomic profiles in tumor subpopulations of breast cancer

MALDI guided SpatialOMx provides an excellent possibility to discover deep proteomics insights into heterogenous tumor subpopulations by retaining the regiospecific information of an imaging technique.

this powerful approach.

#### Abstract

The timsTOF fleX system bridges a current gap by providing MALDI Imaging and in-depth proteomics analysis in just one instrument. The instrument offers all benefits of a timsTOF Pro for timeefficient and sensitive proteomics, combined with a high-resolution

#### MALDI source and stage. Using Introduction PASEF technology, it is possible

to retrieve high protein ID rates Since tissue and disease are corwith small sample amounts. related, SpatialOMx provides the Here we present the new unique opportunity to combine SpatialOMx workflow to identify regiospecific information from MALDI Imaging with deep distinct proteomic profiles for different tumor subpopulations in proteomic coverage for biomarker breast cancer as an example for discovery and molecular characterization. MALDI Imaging has IN IAM WARDEN



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#### **TECHNICAL BRIEF**

Proteomics www.proteomics-journal.com

#### MS Imaging-Guided Microproteomics for Spatial Omics on a Single Instrument

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### SpatialOMx<sup>®</sup> workflow





MALDI guided LMD and proteomics empowered by PASEF on one instrument.

https://www.leica-microsystems.com/solutions/life-science/laser-microdissection

## Defining tumor subpopulations in breast cancer





Pathologist annotations

k-means segmentation of the tumor area





### Protein IDs from about 2000 cells (estimated 160 ng) of sample



- SpatialOMx finds biologically relevant differences.
- Tissue context is important to understanding cellular biochemistry!
- Only SpatialOMx can provide the answer here.



### ~3500 protein IDs/Subpopulation

Cellular component organization

Localization



# Thank you for your attention!

# Questions? Please contact me for further information

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