

# Find your proteins easier and faster with 2-D DIGE



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# Overview

Unique 2-D DIGE concept

Advantages over classical 2-D electrophoresis

Improved workflow with new products

Benefits in practice



# What is unique with 2-D DIGE?

## Traditional 2-D electrophoresis

- Time consuming
- High experimental variation

## 2-D DIGE (Difference gel electrophoresis) system

- Leading edge technology
  - Experimental design – unique for this technique
- Greatly reduces number of gels
  - Multiplexing – multiple pre-labeled samples run on same gel
- Provide greater accuracy
  - Internal standard – run on all gels within an experiment



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# What is Ettan™ DIGE system?



Ettan DIGE System is a leading edge technology for differential analysis of protein abundance using 2-D gel electrophoresis

## Sample labeling



## CyDye™ DIGE Fluors for protein labeling

Highly fluorescent dyes designed specifically for this application

Sensitive, photostable and spectrally distinct

## Image acquisition



## Imager for image acquisition

Typhoon Imager designed specifically for this multiplexing technology

## Differential analysis



## Differential Analysis Software for image analysis

DeCyder™ 2-D designed specifically for this multiplexing technology

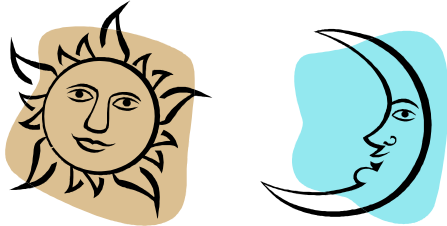


# Why switch to 2-D DIGE?

2-D electrophoresis



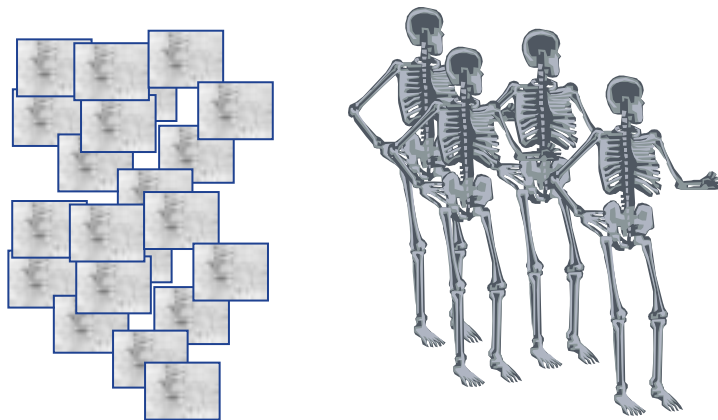
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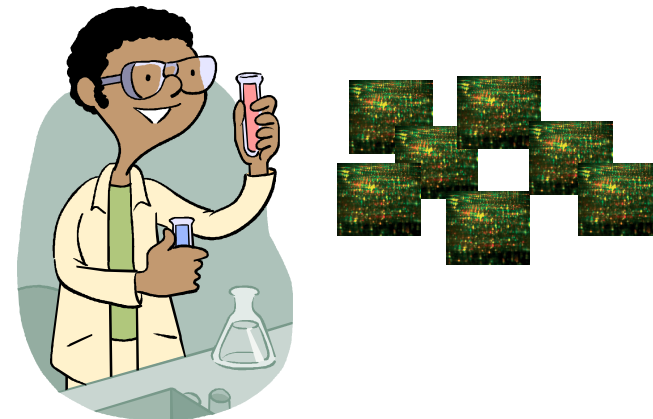
Working overtime



Take a break once in a while

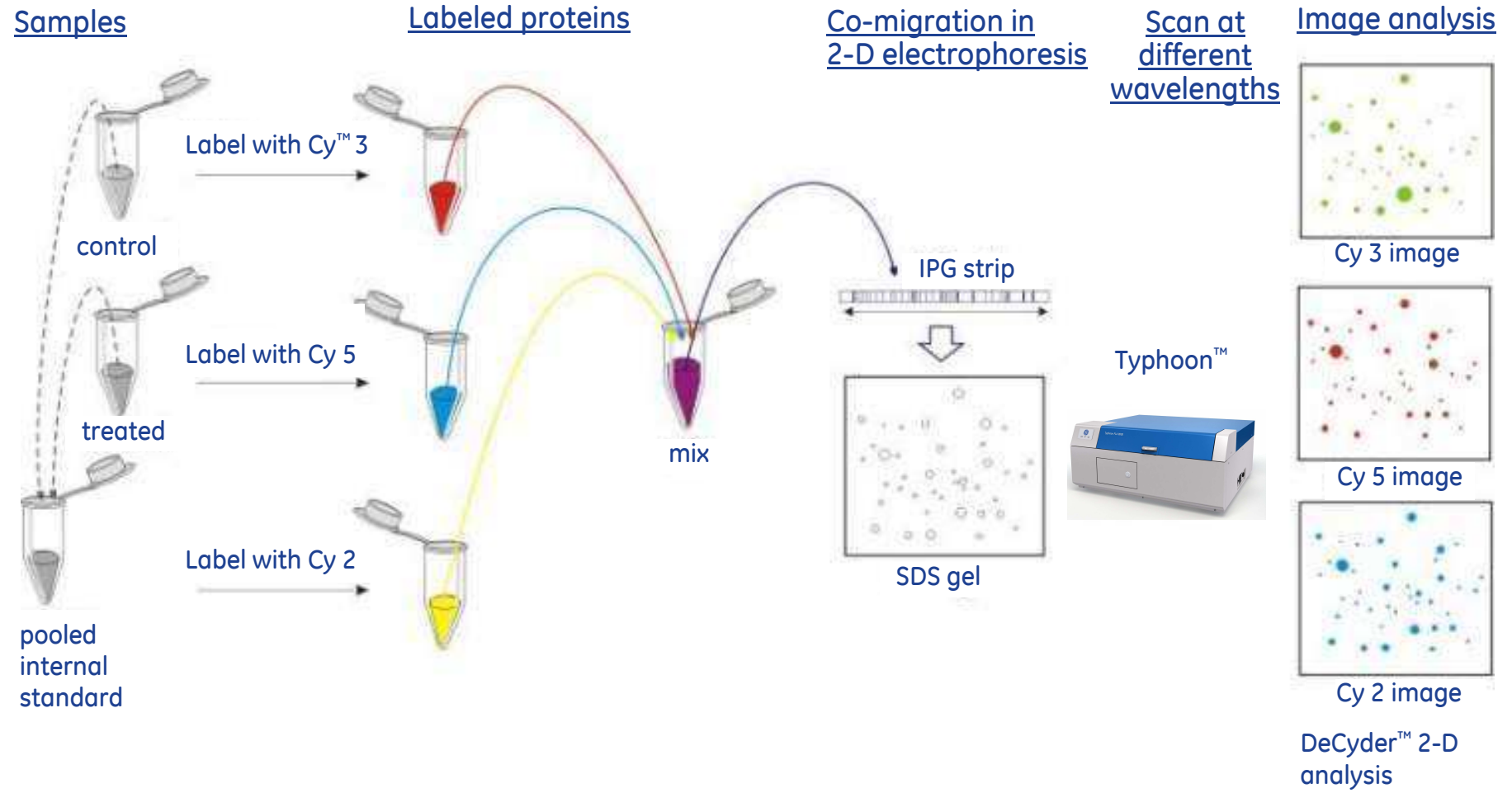


1 year later:  
Do we really have a 50% difference???



2 months later:  
We have a 10% difference!!!

# Ettan™ DIGE system – experimental procedure



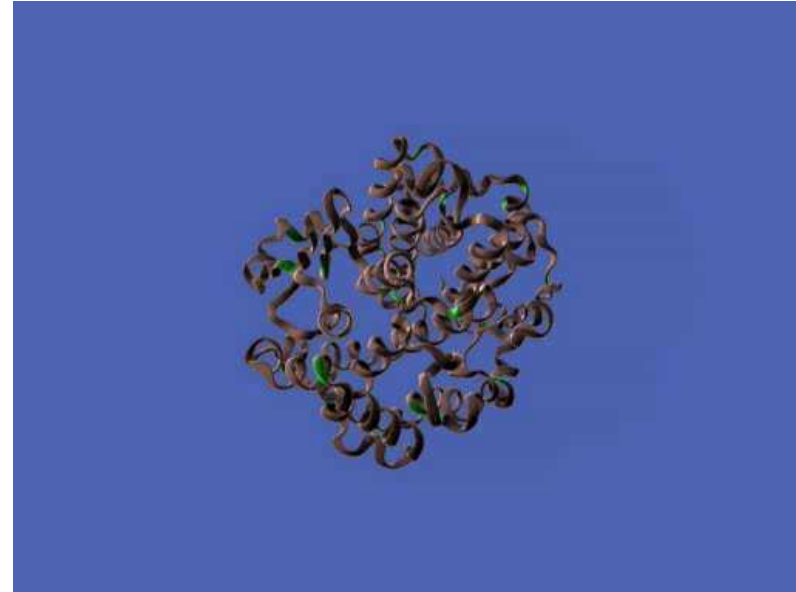
# Minimal CyDye™ DIGE fluors

## Minimal labeling

- 50 µg protein
- single label (3 %)
- ε-amino group of lysine

## 3 dyes: Cy™ 2, Cy 3, Cy 5

- charge matched (+1 charge)
- size matched (~450Da)
- labeled samples co-migrate
- Sensitivity: 0.25 ng
- linear dynamic range: over 4 orders of magnitude



# Saturation CyDye™ DIGE fluors

## Saturation labeling

- 5 µg protein
- multiple labels (100 % of all cysteines)
- thiol group of cysteine

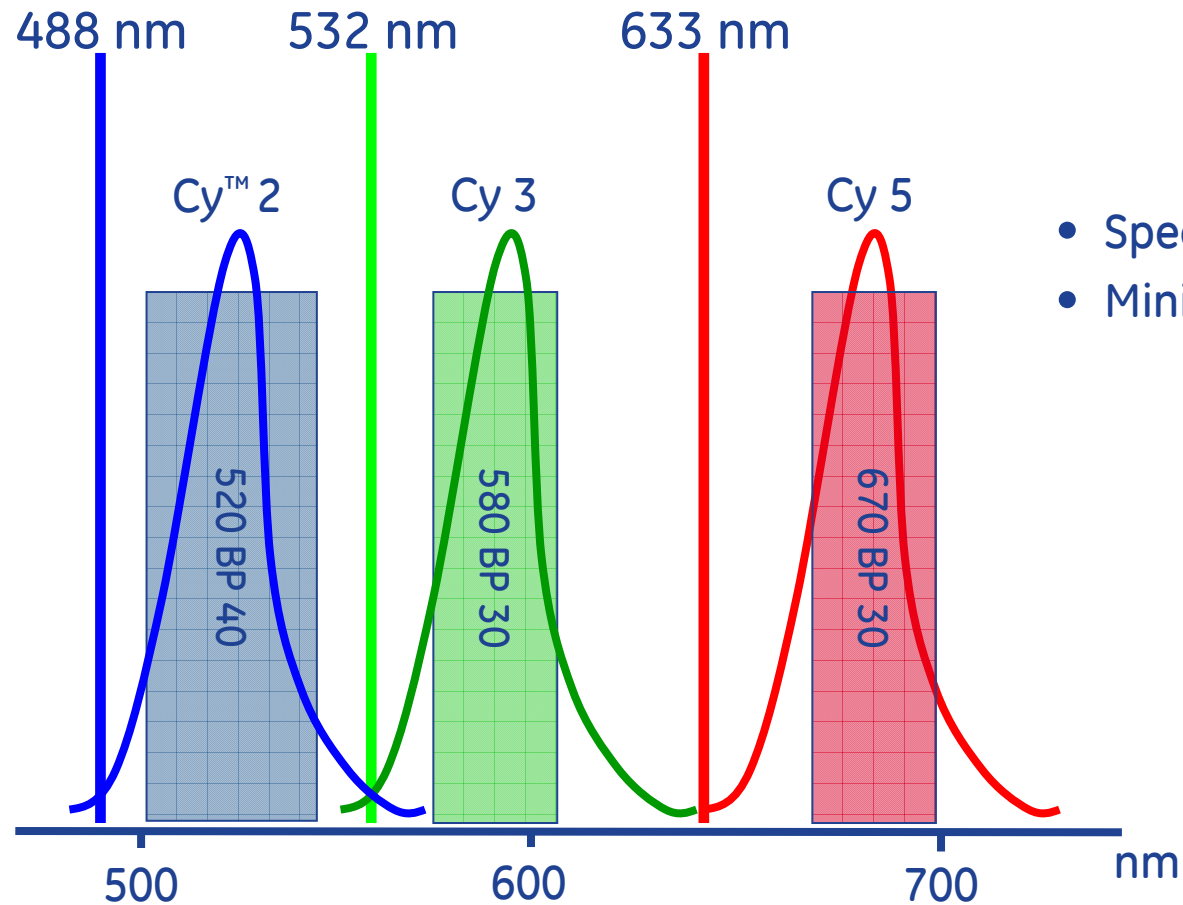
## 2 dyes: Cy™ 3, Cy 5

- charge matched (neutral)
- size matched (~680Da)
- Sensitivity: lower than 0.025 ng
- linear dynamic range:  
over 3 orders of magnitude



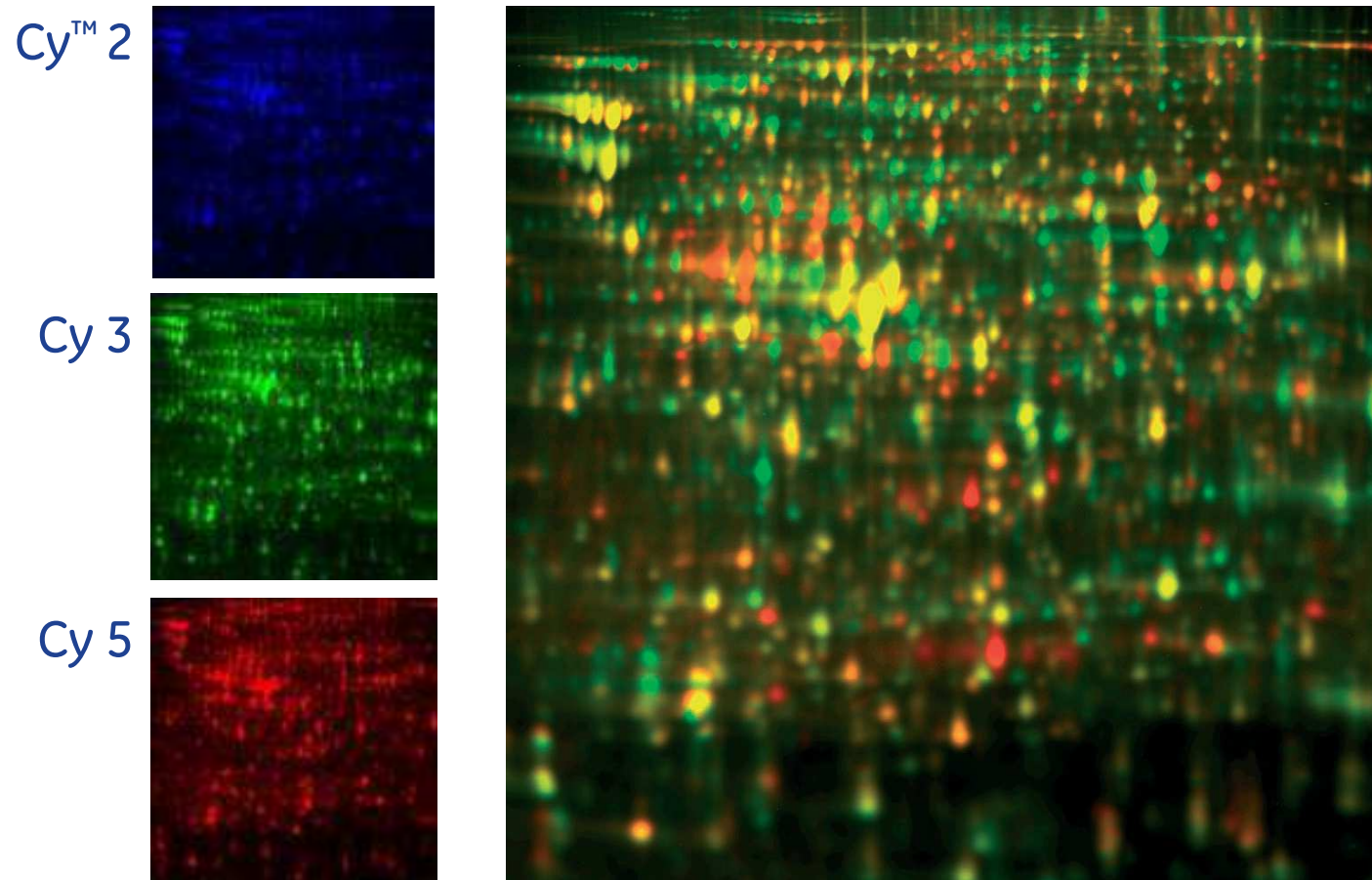


# Multiplex detection – fluorescence excitation and emission



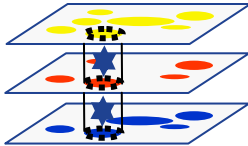
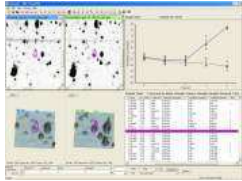
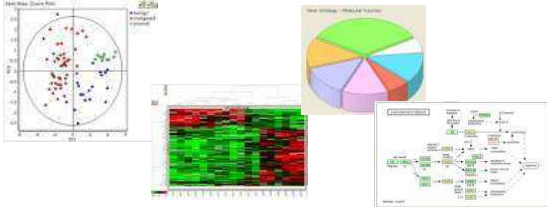
- Spectrally well resolved dyes
- Minimal cross-talk

# Multiplex detection three color image from scanner



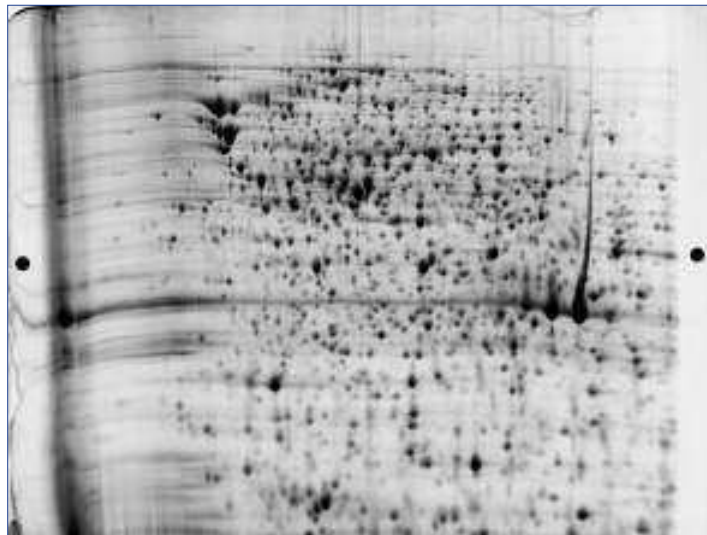
Three color overlay

# Image analysis – DeCyder™ 2-D Differential Analysis Software

DeCyder module		Function
DIA (Differential In-gel Analysis)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spot co-detection on all three images</li> <li>- In-gel normalization</li> </ul>
BVA (Biological Variation Analysis)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matches all gels</li> <li>- Statistics for quantitative comparisons</li> </ul>
EDA (Extended Data Analysis)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multivariate modeling</li> <li>- Expression pattern analysis</li> <li>- Classification</li> </ul>

# Protein identification

Preparative 2-D gel  
(matched against analytical gels)



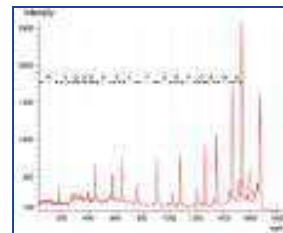
Automated spot picking



Spot digestion



MALDI target spotting



Identification with MS

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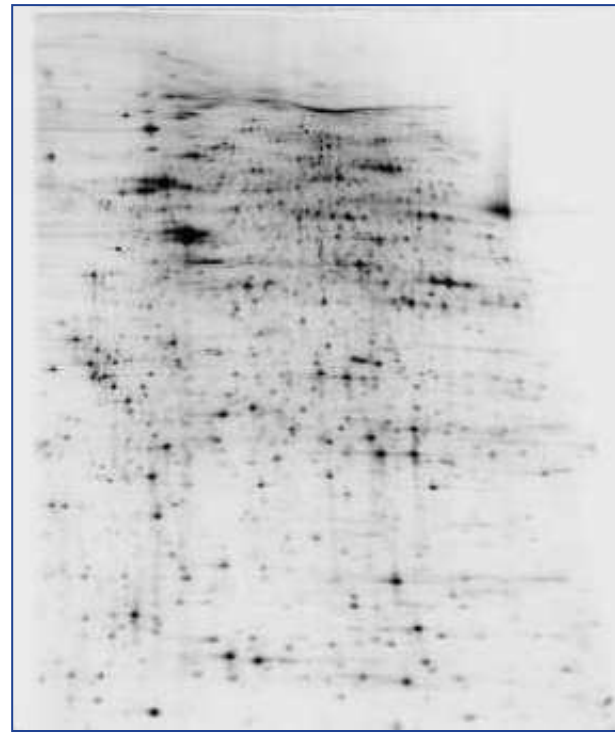
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# Post-staining vs fluorescent pre-labeling – sensitivity

Silver stain of 10.000 cells



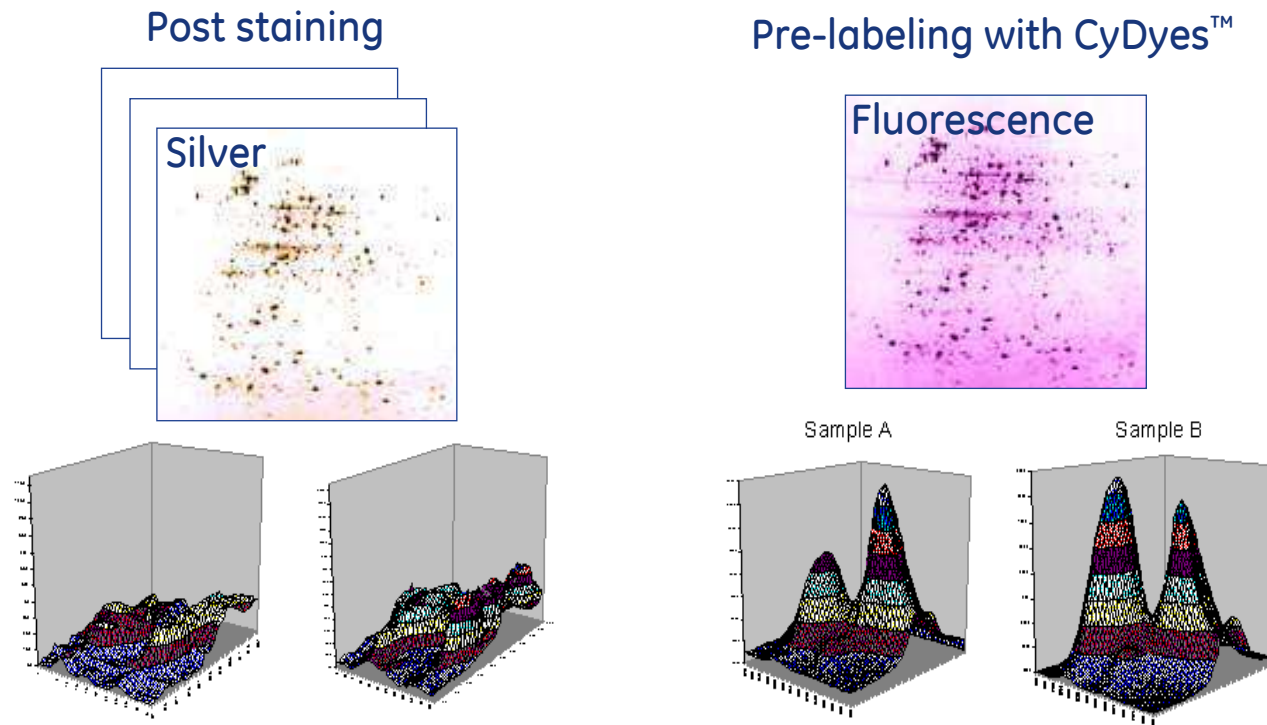
Cy5 stain of 5.000 cells



**Class leading sensitivity  
Only 250 ng protein**

# Post-staining vs fluorescent pre-labeling – dynamic range

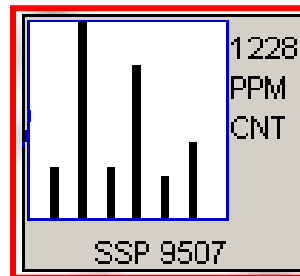
Fluorescent labelling and staining techniques offer significant increase in **detection levels** combined with **dynamic range** (4-5 orders of magnitude) as compared to for instance classical silver staining techniques



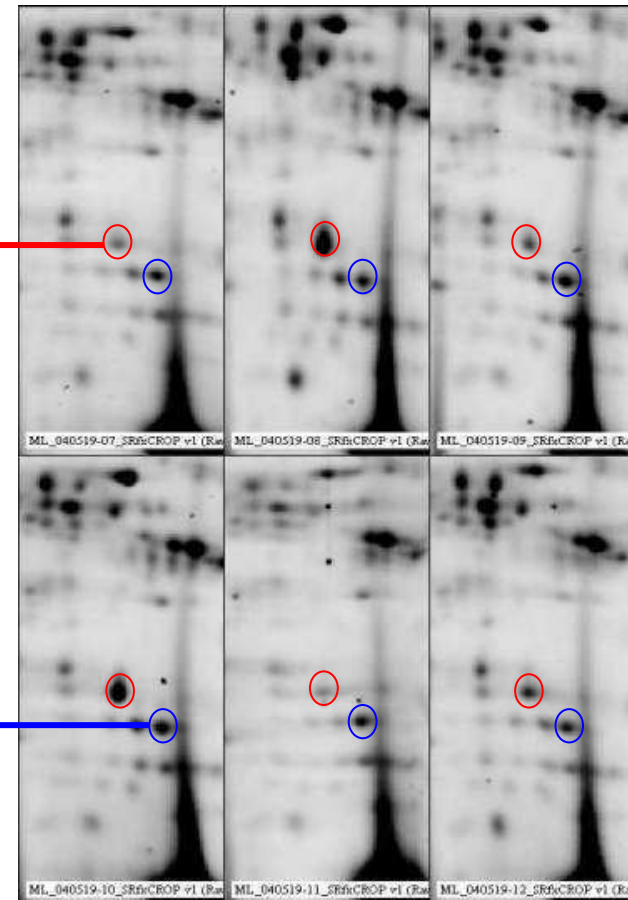
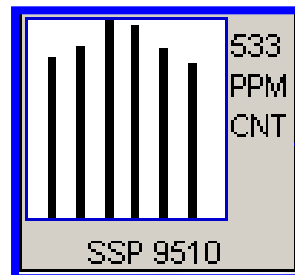
# Remove system variation

## Gel to gel variation

Large gel-to-gel variation



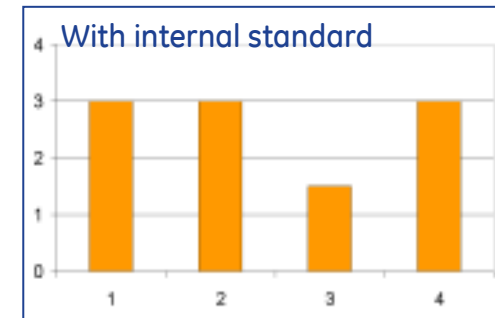
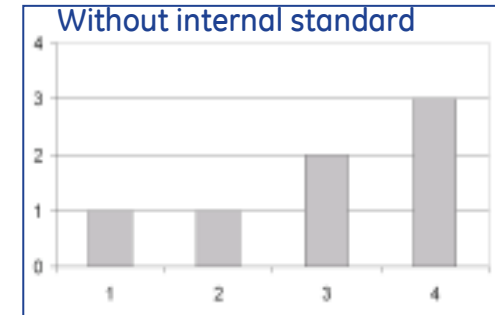
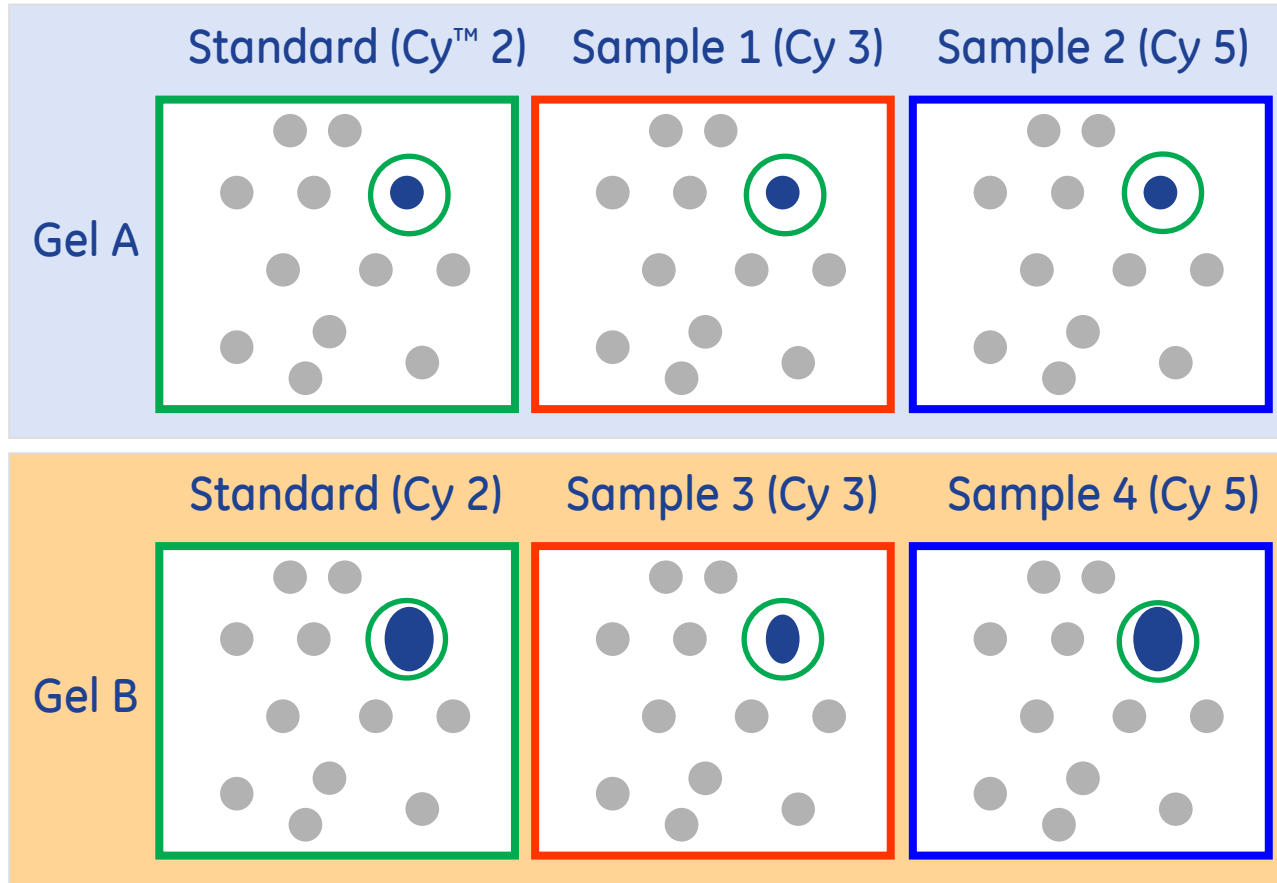
Small gel-to-gel variation



6 replicate gels made from the same sample (SYPRO™ Ruby)



# With 2-D DIGE, variation is eliminated

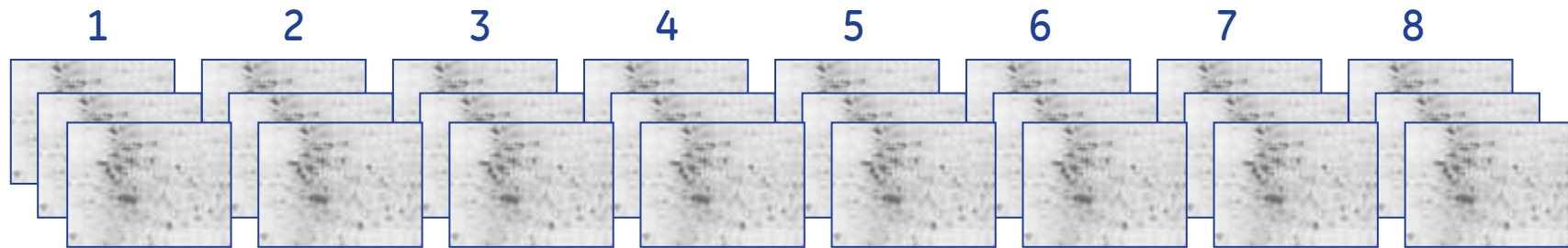


Virtual elimination of gel-to-gel variation reveals induced biological change with statistical accuracy capable of revealing differences in abundance of less than 10% between samples

# Faster and more accurate results with 2-D DIGE

## Traditional 2-D electrophoresis (1-colour)

8 samples:  
8 gels x triplicate = 24 gels



Post stain

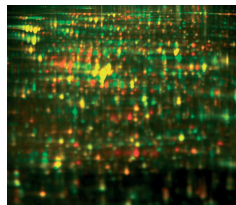


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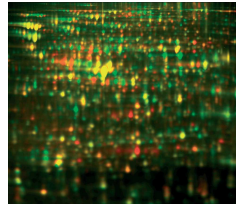
## Ettan™ DIGE (3-colour)

8 samples:  
4 gels (no gel replicates) = 4 gels

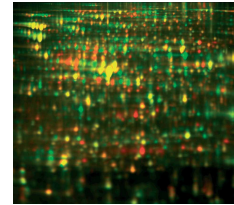
Cy 2™ Internal standard  
Cy 3 Sample 1  
Cy 5 Sample 2



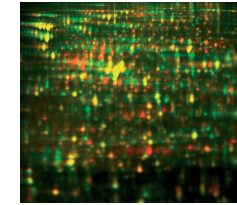
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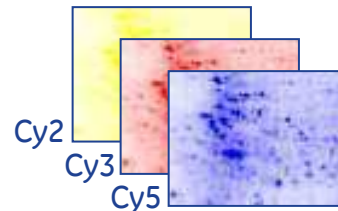
Cy 2 Internal standard  
Cy 3 Sample 5  
Cy 5 Sample 6



Cy 2 Internal standard  
Cy 3 Sample 7  
Cy 5 Sample 8



Imaged using Typhoon™ fluorescent Imager



# Traditional 2-D vs 2-D DIGE

## – summary

### Traditional 2-D (1-colour)

- More gel replicates (24 gels)
- Poor accuracy for quantification
- Slow and labour intensive analysis

### Ettan™ DIGE

- Less gels required (4 gels)
- High accuracy for quantitation
- Analysis fast and highly automated

2-D with no internal standard can show inaccurate or incorrect results  
➡ could lead to *false biological conclusions*

To maximize confidence in results and get the most out of the data  
➡ *an internal standard MUST be used*

# Detection system affects results

Staining	Detection limit	Dynamic range
Silver	1 ng	$\sim 10^1$
Coomassie™ Blue	10 ng	$\sim 10^2$
Deep Purple™ Sypro™ Ruby	1–2 ng	$\sim 10^{3.5}$
CyDyes™ Multiplexing possible!	0.25 ng	$\sim 10^4$

Fluorescent detection enables improved quantitative analysis

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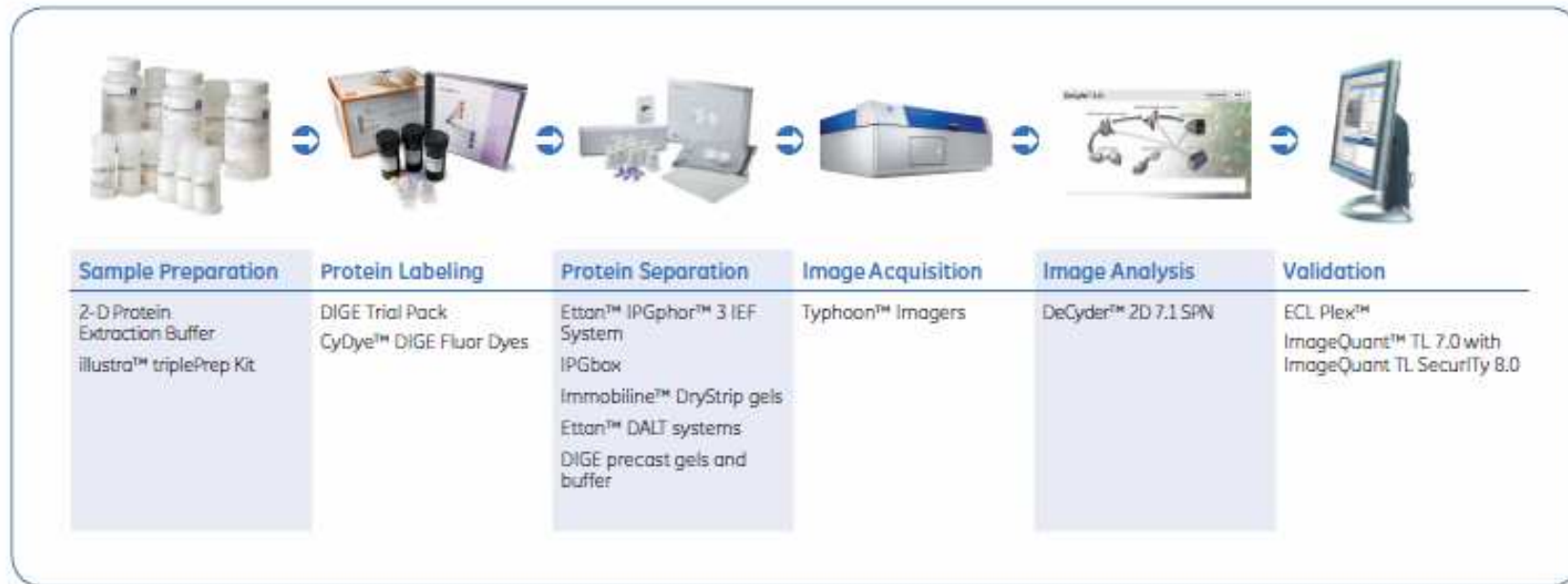
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# Synchronized solutions

## 2-D and 2-D DIGE have never been better



- Improvements across the entire 2-D electrophoresis workflow
- Simplifies and improves 2-D electrophoresis

# Protein separation - IEF

## New rehydration solution for Immobiline DryStrips

### IPGbox™

- Oil-free rehydration
- Higher quality of IPG strip rehydration
- Lid Insert - prevention of IPGstrips drying out

### IPGbox Kit

- No cross-contamination: disposable Trays and Insert
- 10 Reswell Trays + 1 disposable IPGbox Insert





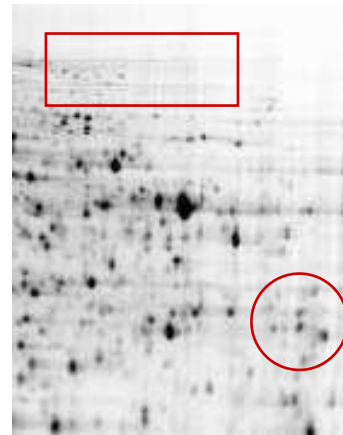
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## Improved quality of IPG buffer 3-10 and 3-10NL

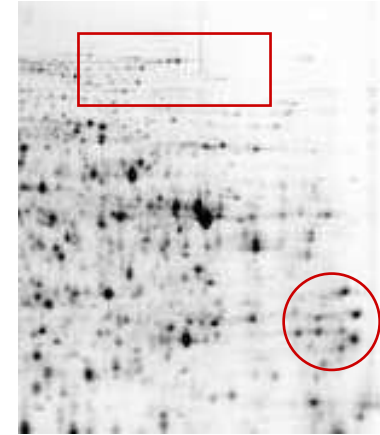
- New formula for IPG buffer 3-10 and 3-10NL
- Additional proteins spots (HMW and basic area)
- Increased intensity
- Detecting more low abundant proteins



Current 3-10NL



New 3-10NL



# Protein separation – SDS-PAGE

## New precast DIGE gels and DIGE buffer kits

### DIGE Gels

- Precast gels in low fluorescent glass cassettes
- Homogenous 12.5%
- Long shelf life (12 months)
- Higher reproducibility vs homecast gels



### DIGE Buffer kit

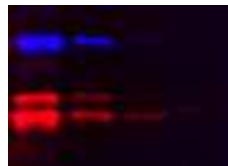
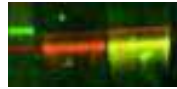
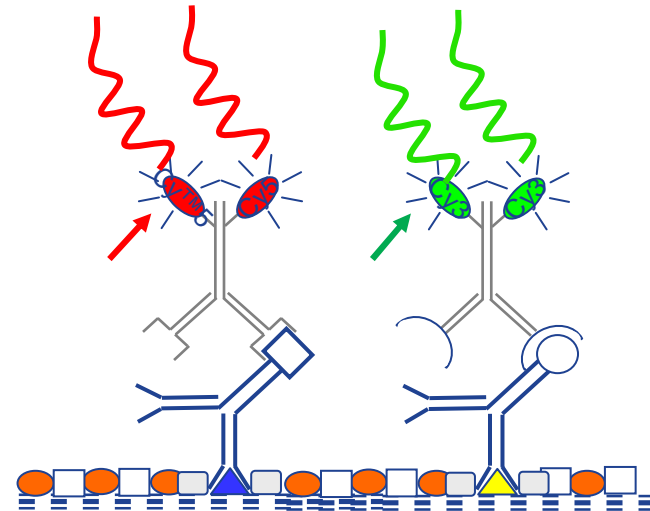
- Concentrated running buffers (based on piperidinopropionamide (PPA)) and Sealing Solution
- Ready-to-use products

# Protein validation and quantitation

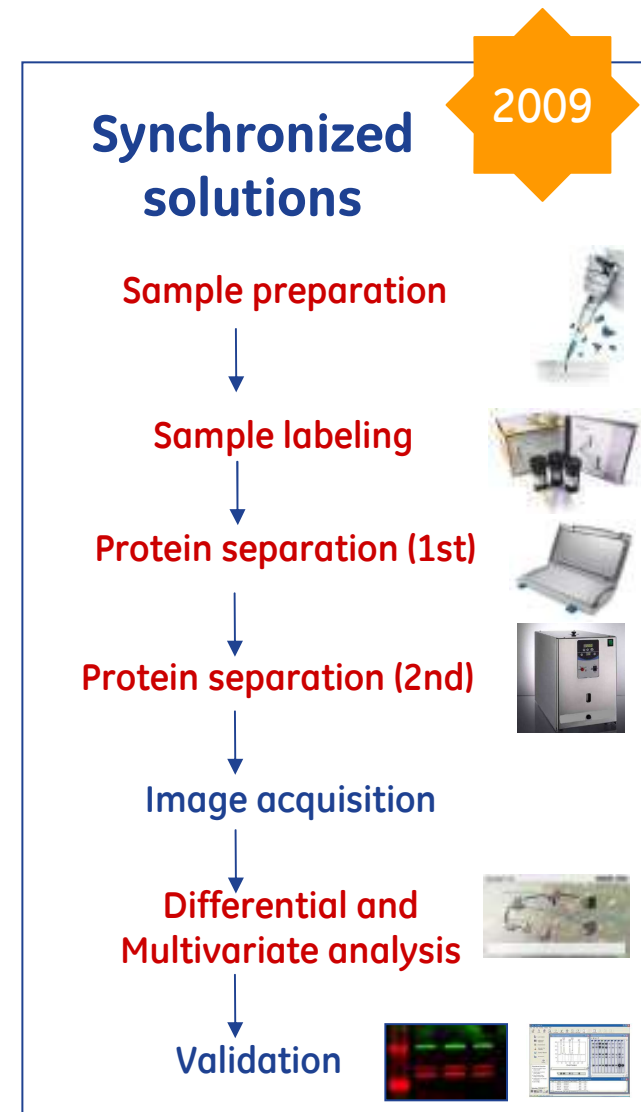
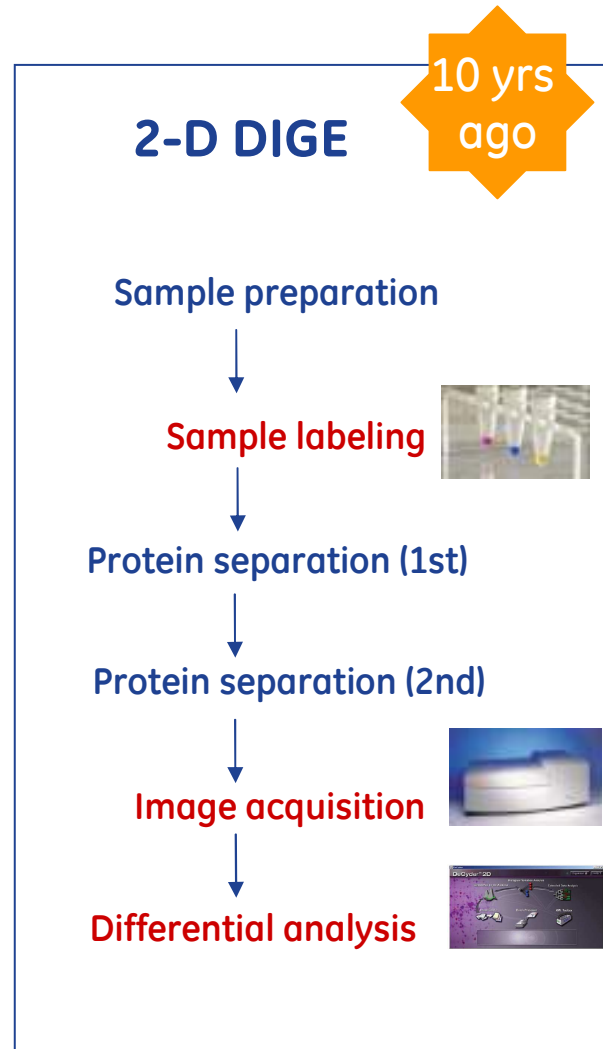
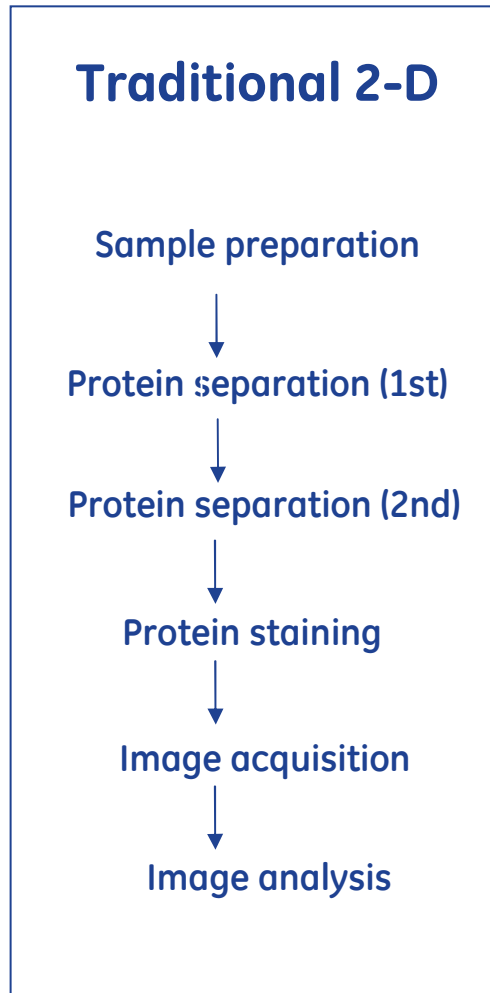
## ECL Plex

### Multiplexing

- Detection of two proteins simultaneously
- Normalization against “housekeeping protein” for reliable quantification
- Increased dynamic range
- Highest sensitivity for the detection of low abundant proteins



# Improvements through the 2-D workflow



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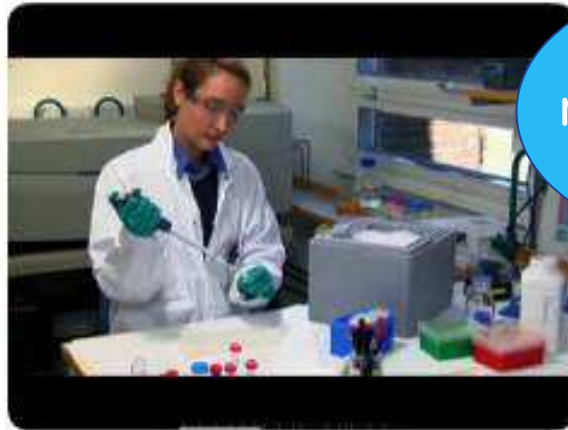
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# Film showing experimental procedure



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JoVE video

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“Selective Labelling of Cell-surface Proteins using  
CyDye DIGE Fluor Minimal Dyes”

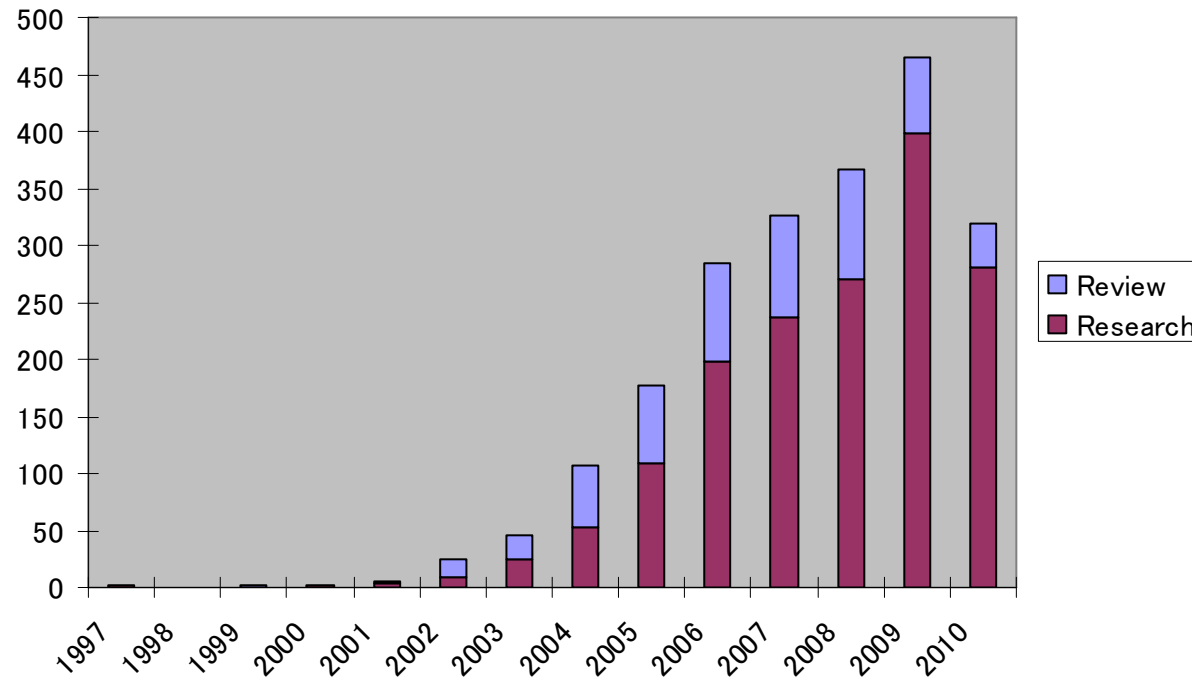
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# 2-D DIGE

- an exciting technology that delivers real results

Total number of DIGE publications Aug 2010  
>2100 publications



Top 5 categories of DIGE publications:

1. Human medicine
2. Proteomics
3. Molecular biology
4. Plants
5. Environment

# User endorsements

*“We do not perform standard 2-D electrophoresis anymore! We only do DIGE because it is **quicker, cheaper** and gives us far **higher quality** information.”*

Dr Richard Burchmore,  
SHW Functional Genomics Facility,  
University of Glasgow

*“...the DIGE technology is **very sensitive** for **quantitative** variation...”*

*“The DIGE analysis showed a much **lower technical variation** (~7%) than the proteomics methods used in other studies (2-D electrophoresis without internal standards). Thus, the internal standard **increases the statistical confidence** of the analysis substantially.”*

Prof. Dr. Oehler, Academical Hospital (AKH), Vienna  
Winkler W, Zellner M, Diestinger M, Babeluk R, Marchetti M, Goll A, Zehetmayer S, Bauer P, Rappold E, Miller I, Roth E, Allmaier G, Oehler R.  
Biological variation of the platelet proteome in the elderly population and its implication for biomarker research. Mol Cell Proteomics 7 (2008) 193-203.





# Frost & Sullivan Technology Innovation Award 2007

*“GE’s Ettan™ DIGE System is capable of comparing protein expression patterns from two different samples in a single gel. This information is crucial in the search for biomarkers that may change in expression levels during the initiation or progression of a disease from one phenotype to a more malignant phenotype.*

*The need to isolate and identify these protein biomarkers that appear or fail to appear is likely to also influence the way patients’ treatment protocols are determined.”*

North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Technology Innovation (2007)



# Printed material

## Data Files

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Data file 28-9488-39 AA Protein sample preparation

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### 2-D Protein Extraction Buffer

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Data file 28-9488-45 AA 2-D electrophoresis

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### Immobiline DryStrip Gel IPG Buffer

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Data file 28-9480-26 AA 2-D electrophoresis

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### DIGE Gel and DIGE Buffer Kit

## Application Notes

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Application Note 28-9352-01 AA Liquid chromatography

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### Increased dynamic range in quantitative proteomics using CyDye labelling, Ettan LC for 2D micropreparative chromatographic separation, and SDS-PAGE

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Application Note 11-0033-92 AB 2-D DIGE

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### Selective labeling of cell-surface proteins using CyDye DIGE Fluor minimal dyes

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**Protein Detection Methods in Proteomics Research**

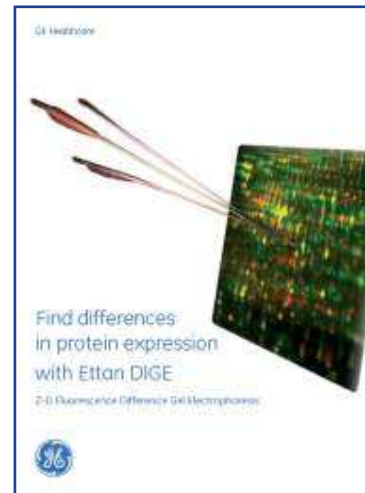
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## Quick Guide Protocol



## Brochures



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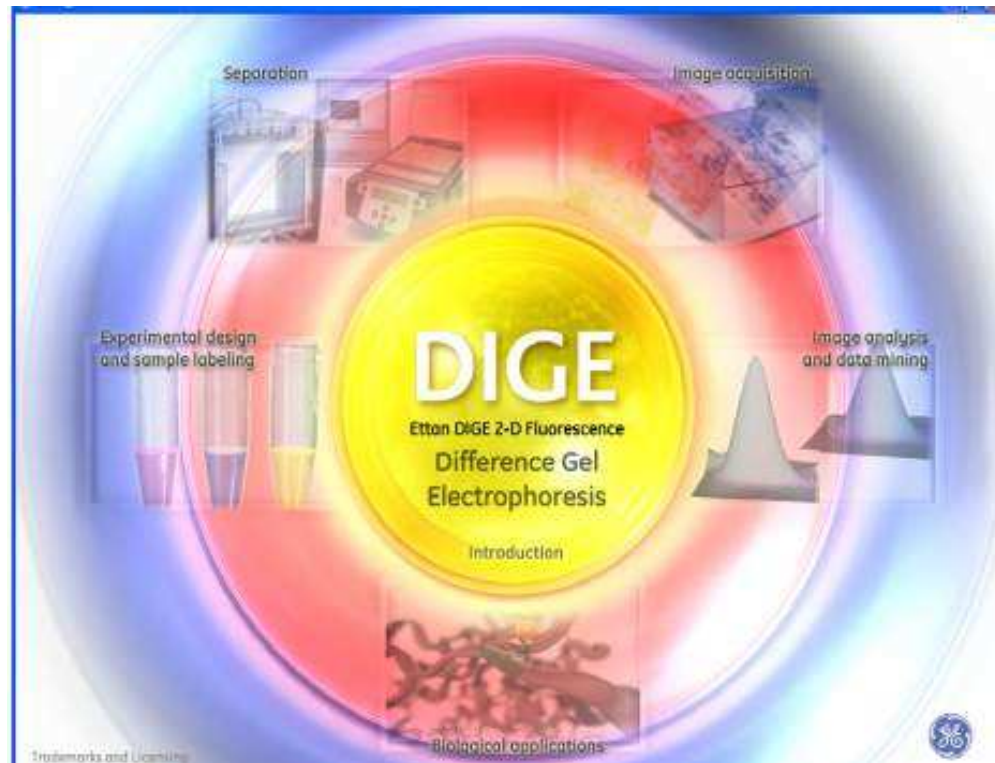


# Summary

## Advantages with DIGE technology:

- Faster and more accurate results - Multiplexing
- Improved sensitivity (subnanogram level)
- Wider dynamic range (4-5 orders of magnitude)
- Eliminate variation – Internal standard
- Detection of small differential changes (down to 10%)

# DIGE video



Thank you for your attention!

Questions ?

