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Talk outline

- Key take homes from the Brainspan neuroproteomic survey

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Isoform-Level Interpretation of High-Throughput Proteomics Data Enabled by Deep Integration with RNA-seq

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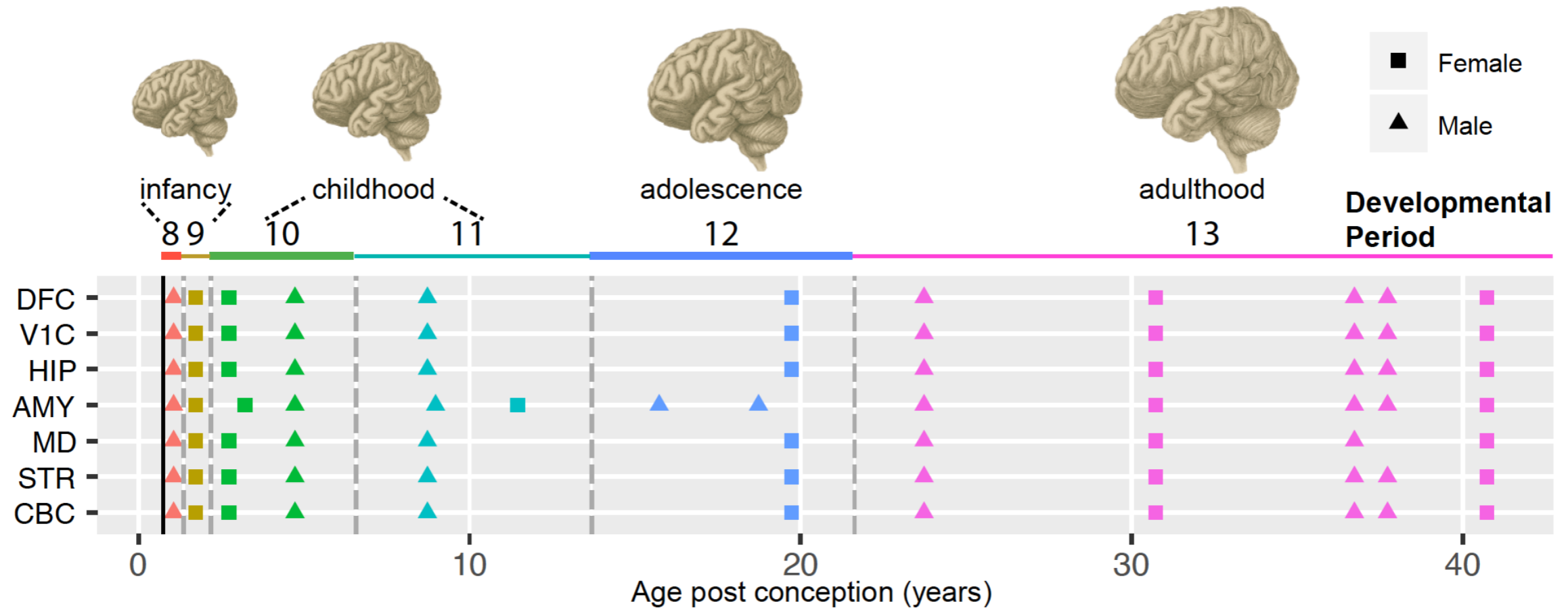
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BrainSpan/psychENCODE project samples

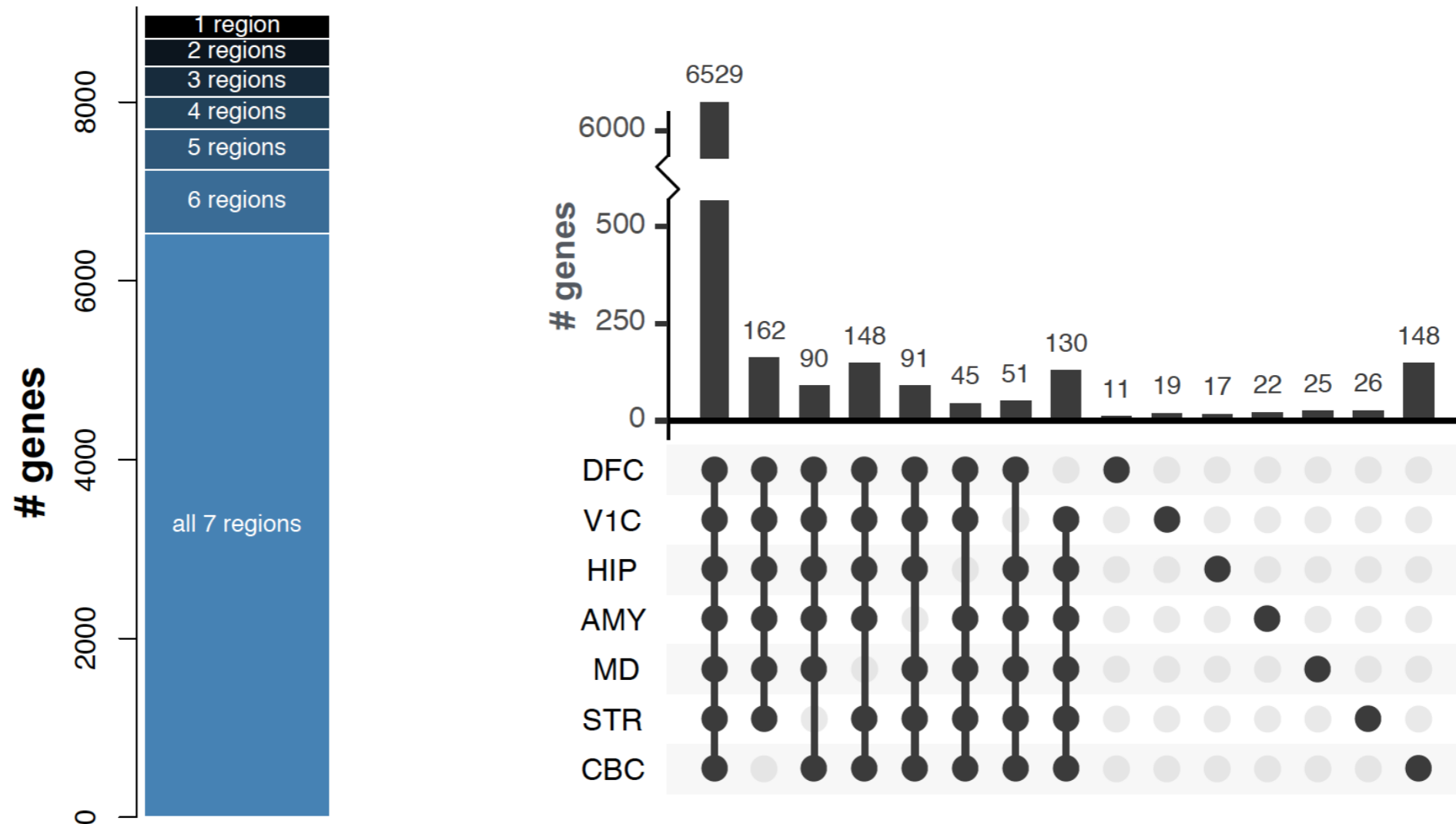


Same pulverized tissue samples as used in BrainSpan for RNA-seq

~6 subjects spanning postnatal development

5 adult subjects, 7 brain regions

Fractionated regions

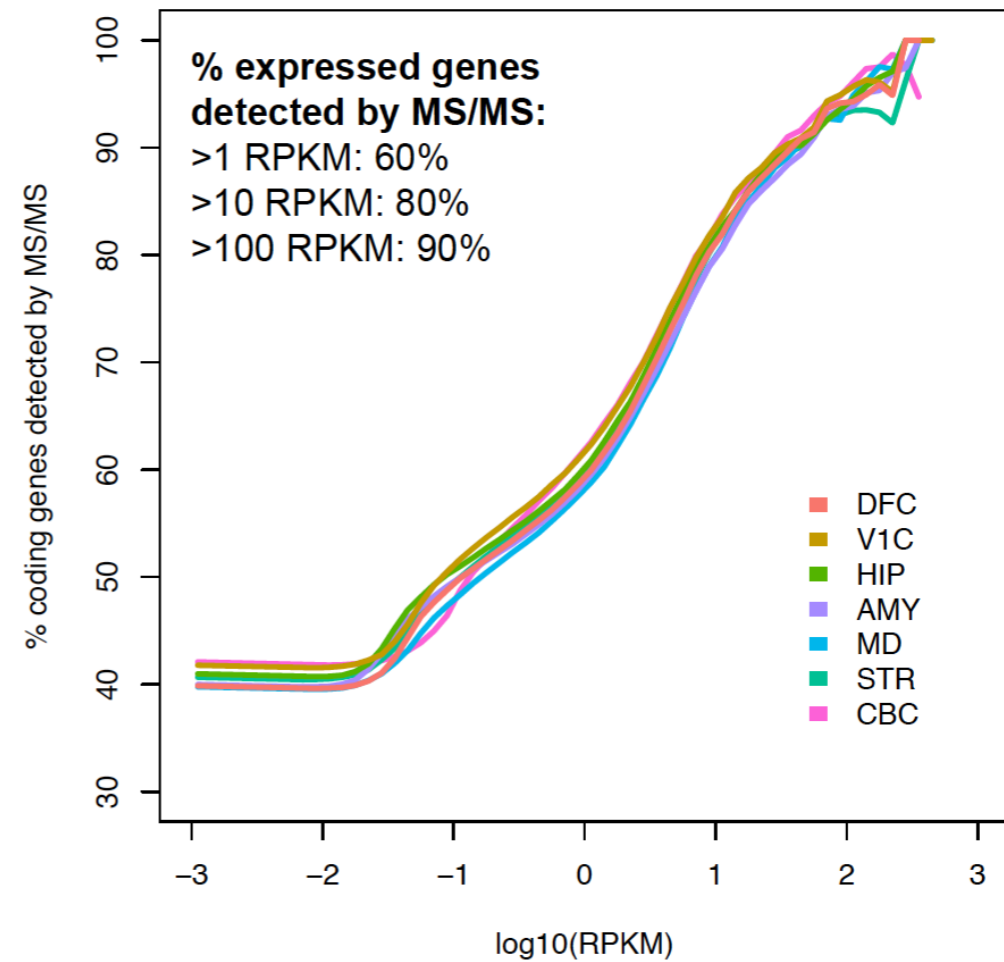
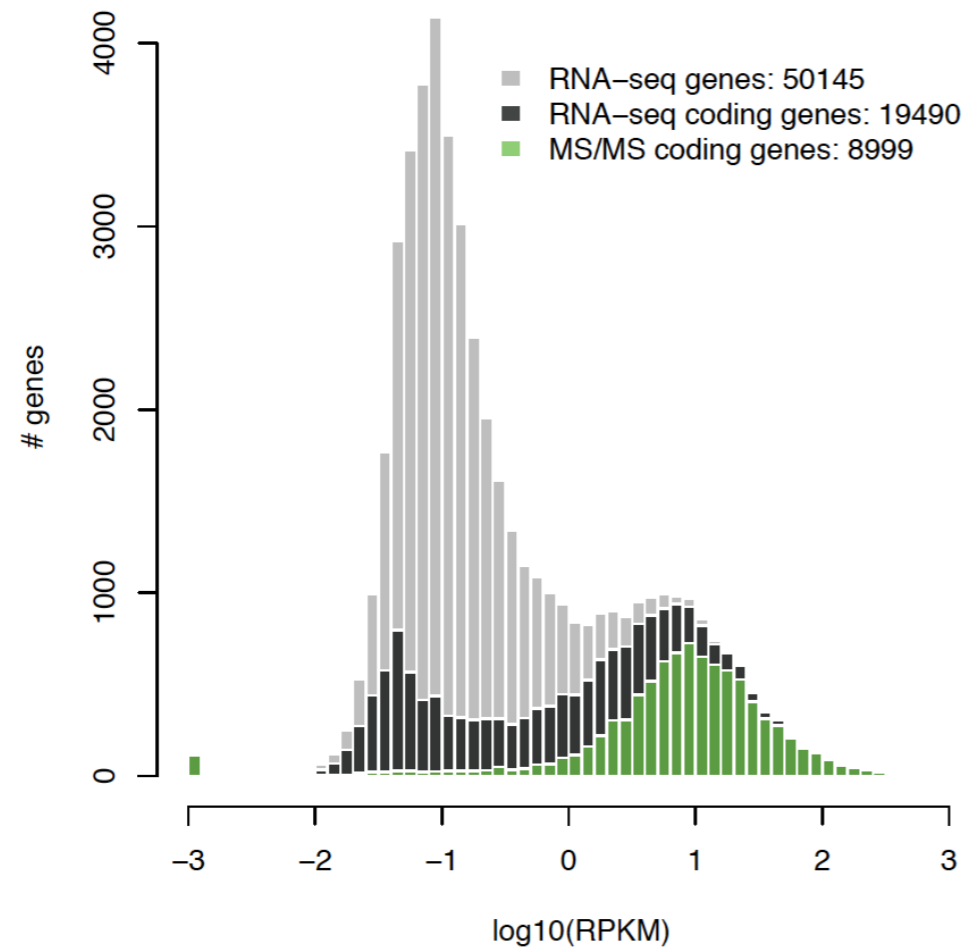


Total protein numbers are comparable to other studies showing ~11,000 proteins (in relatively simpler mixtures)

Most proteins are common to all regions

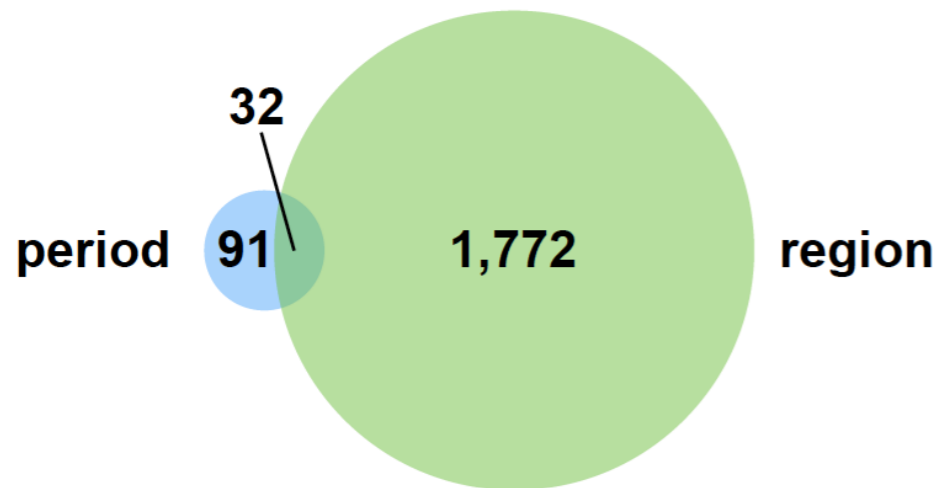
The cerebellum is a clear outlier

Fractionated regions - Comparison with RNA-seq



Unsurprisingly, coverage improves the more abundant a gene is

Single shot data: DEX genes - regions

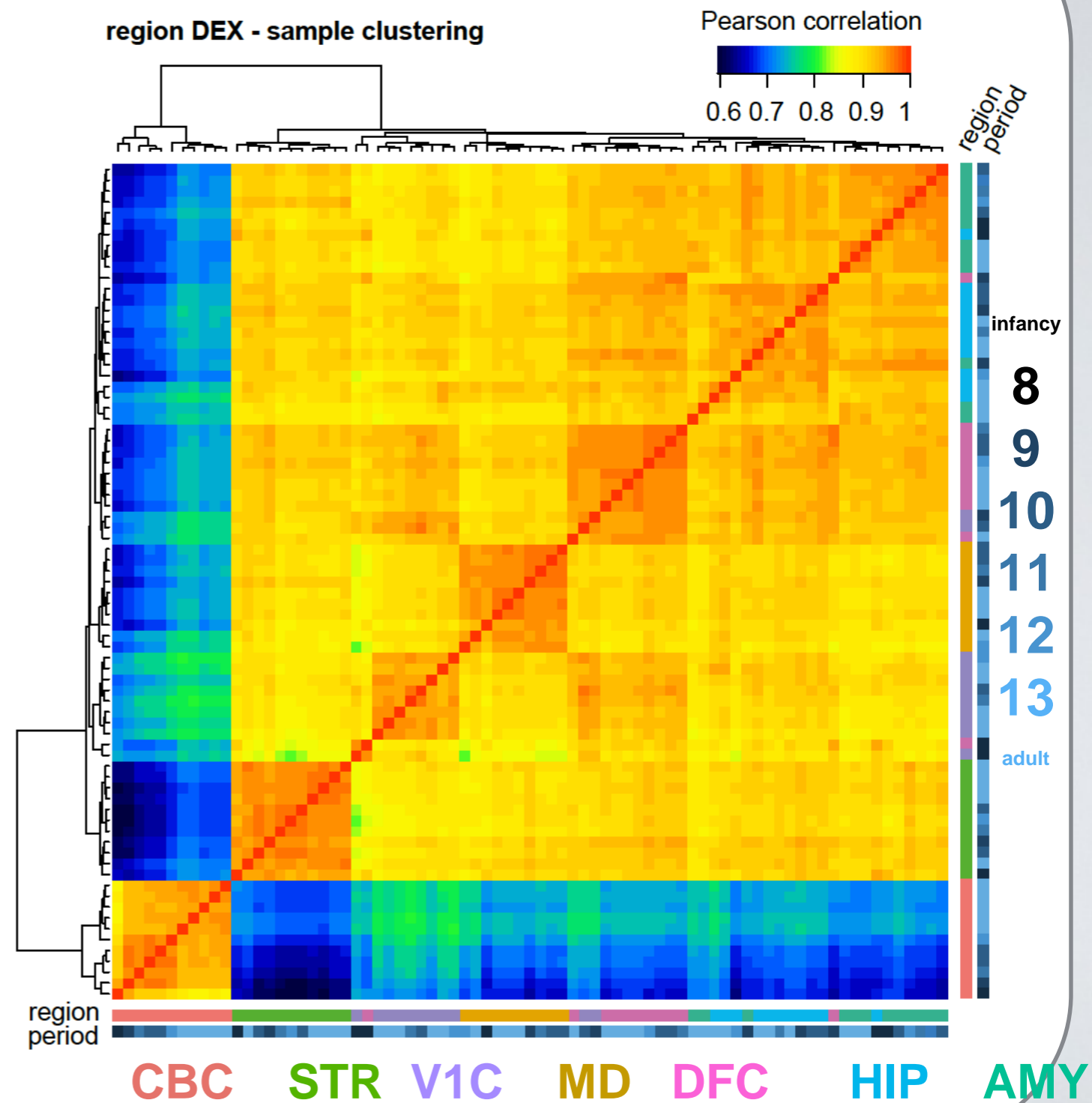


5151 proteins were reliably quantified

Samples were clustered on the basis of DEX genes

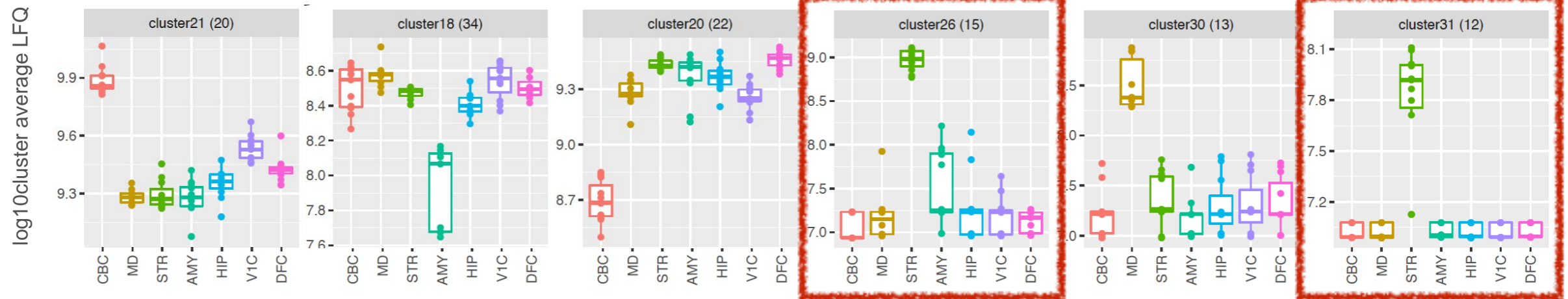
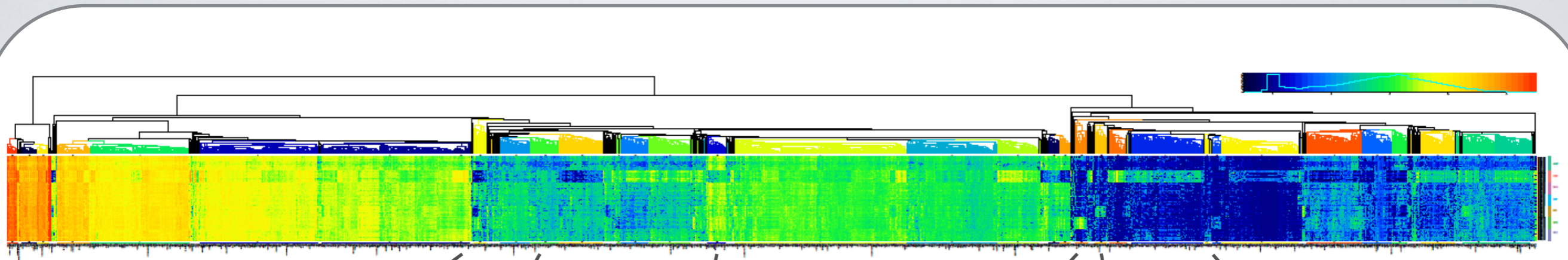
Cerebellum and striatum are clearly defined by their proteome in both development and adulthood

These two regions are markedly more homogenous with regards to cell type than the other 5 regions



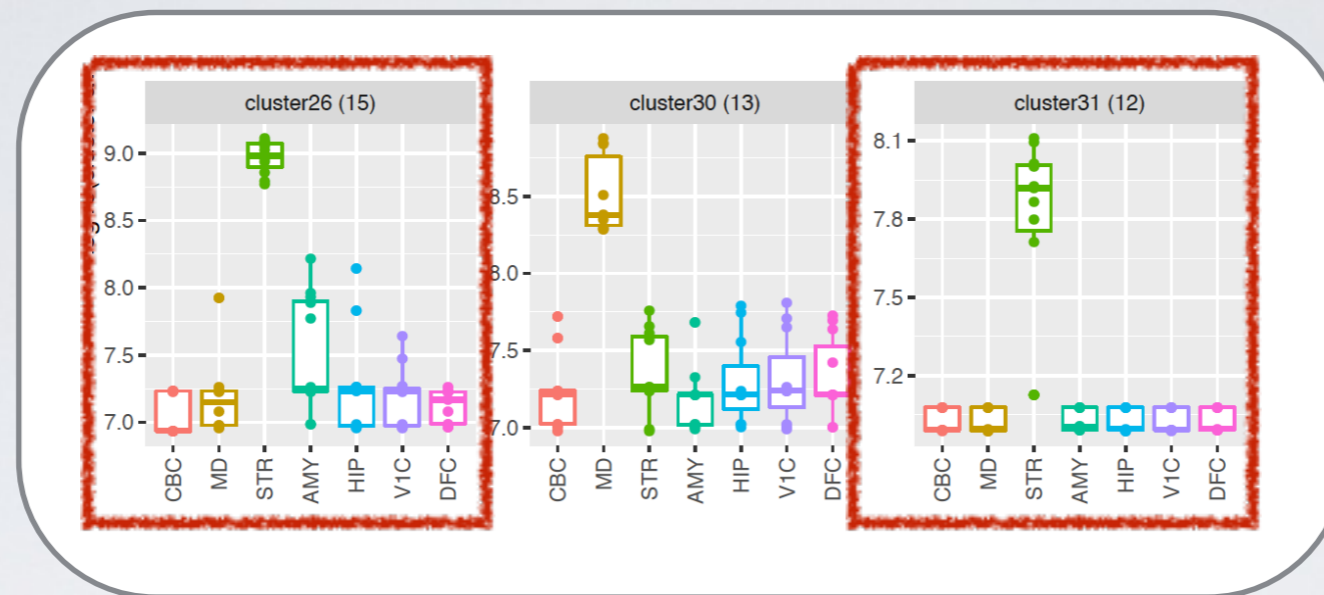
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32 region DEX clusters

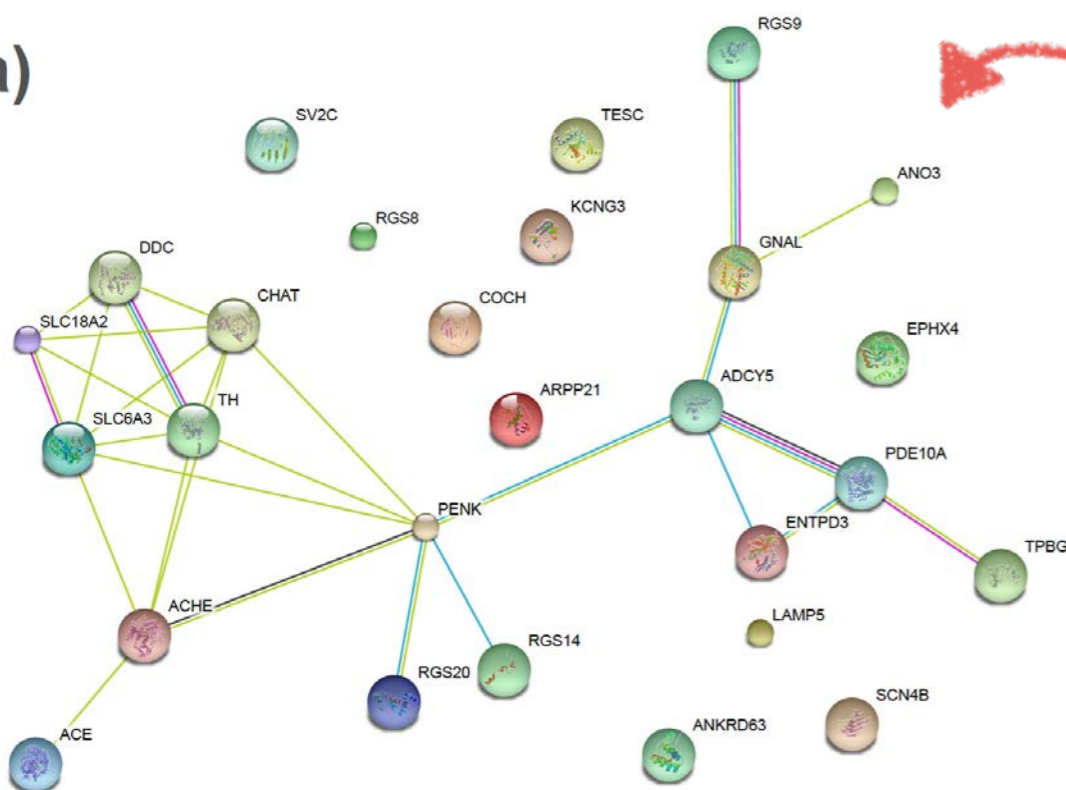


Striatally enriched clusters

DEX genes - clustering



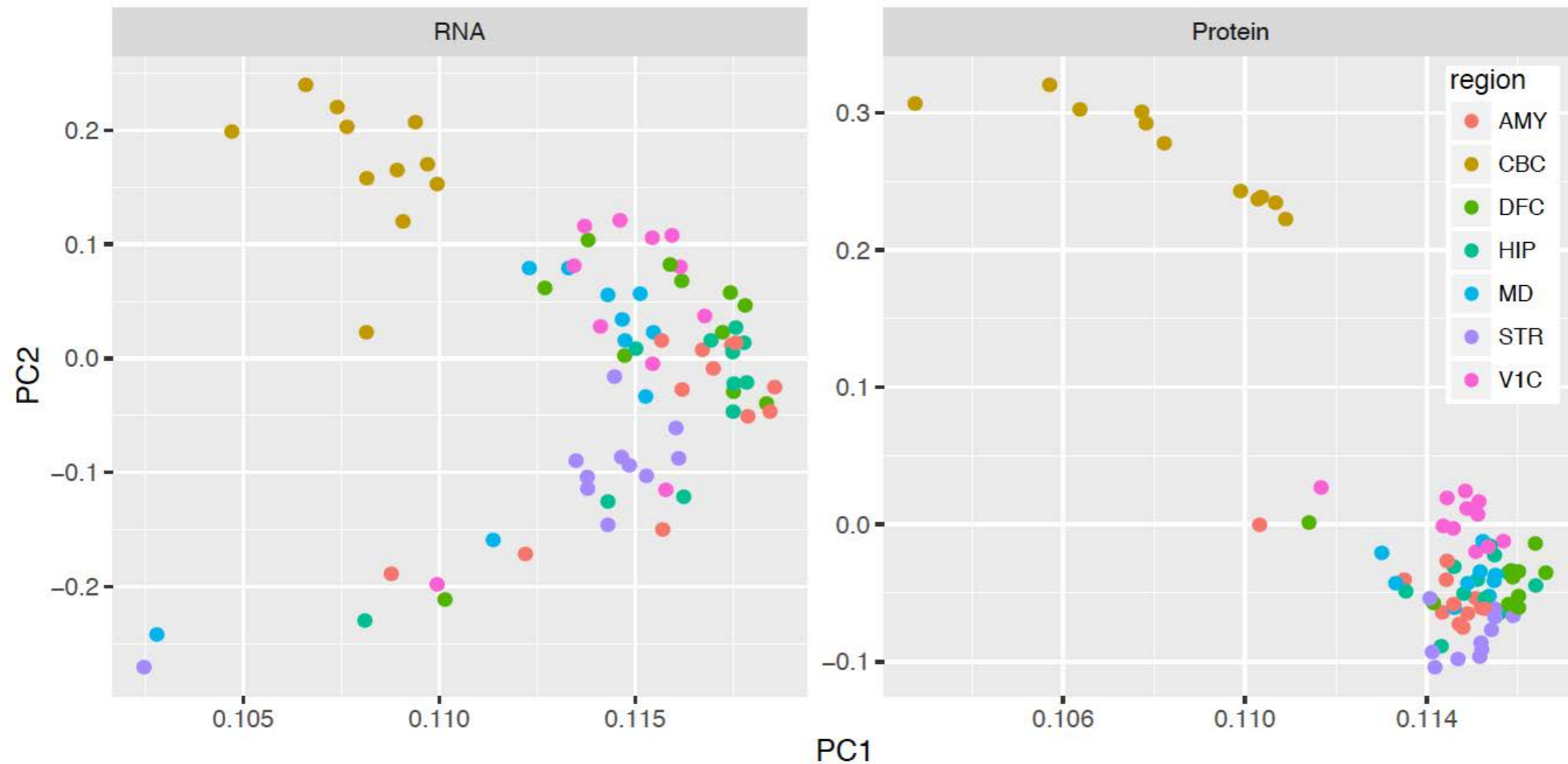
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KEGG pathway	pAdj	proteins
Cocaine addiction	2.55E-06	ADCY5, DDC, RGS9, SLC18A2, SLC6A3, TH
Amphetamine addiction	0.0006	ADCY5, DDC, SLC18A2, SLC6A3, TH
Dopaminergic synapse	0.001	ADCY5, DDC, GNAL, SLC18A2, SLC6A3, TH
Parkinson's disease	0.0147	ADCY5, GNAL, SLC18A2, SLC6A3, TH

Proteins from striatal enriched clusters are functionally related, and enriched for appropriate KEGG pathways

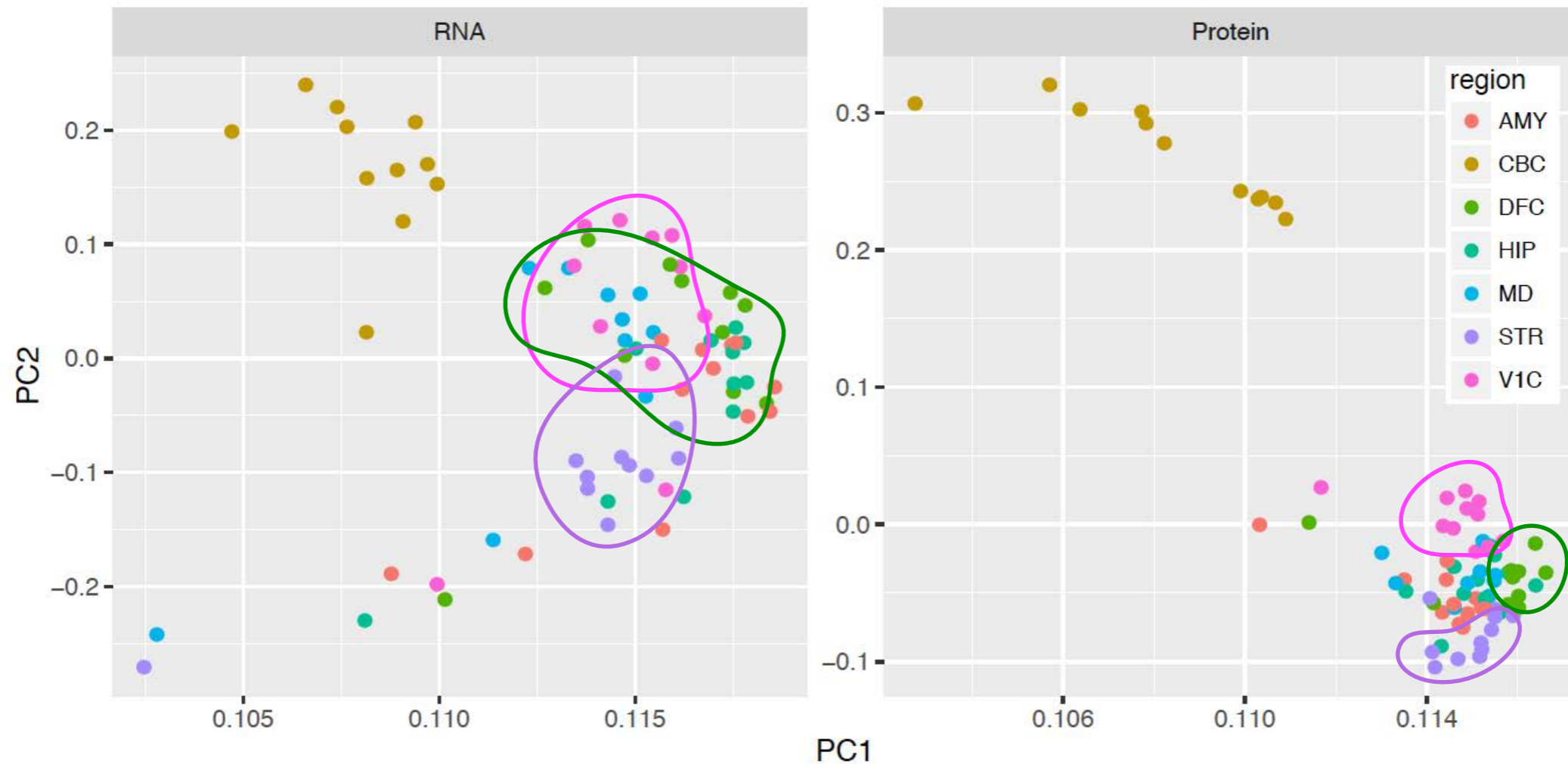
Comparison to RNA-seq



Cerebellum is more clearly separated from the other regions by protein

The other regions are easier to define by protein

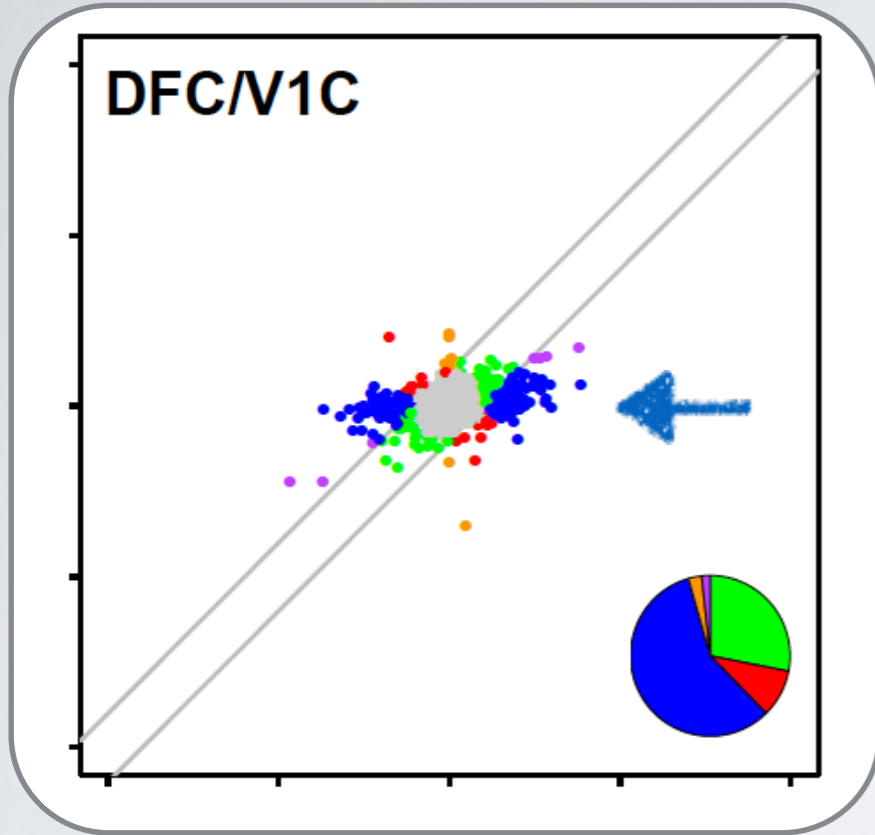
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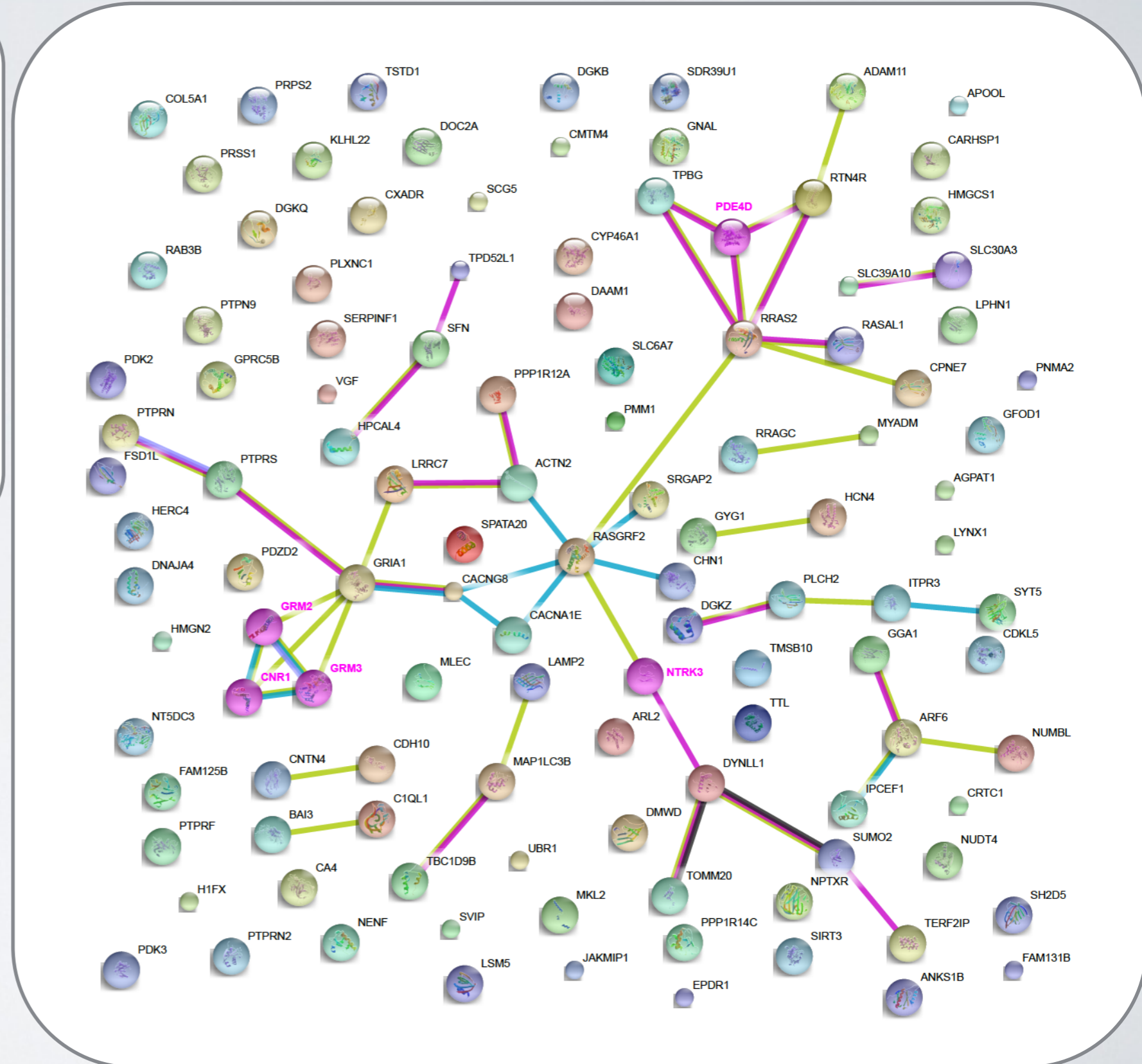
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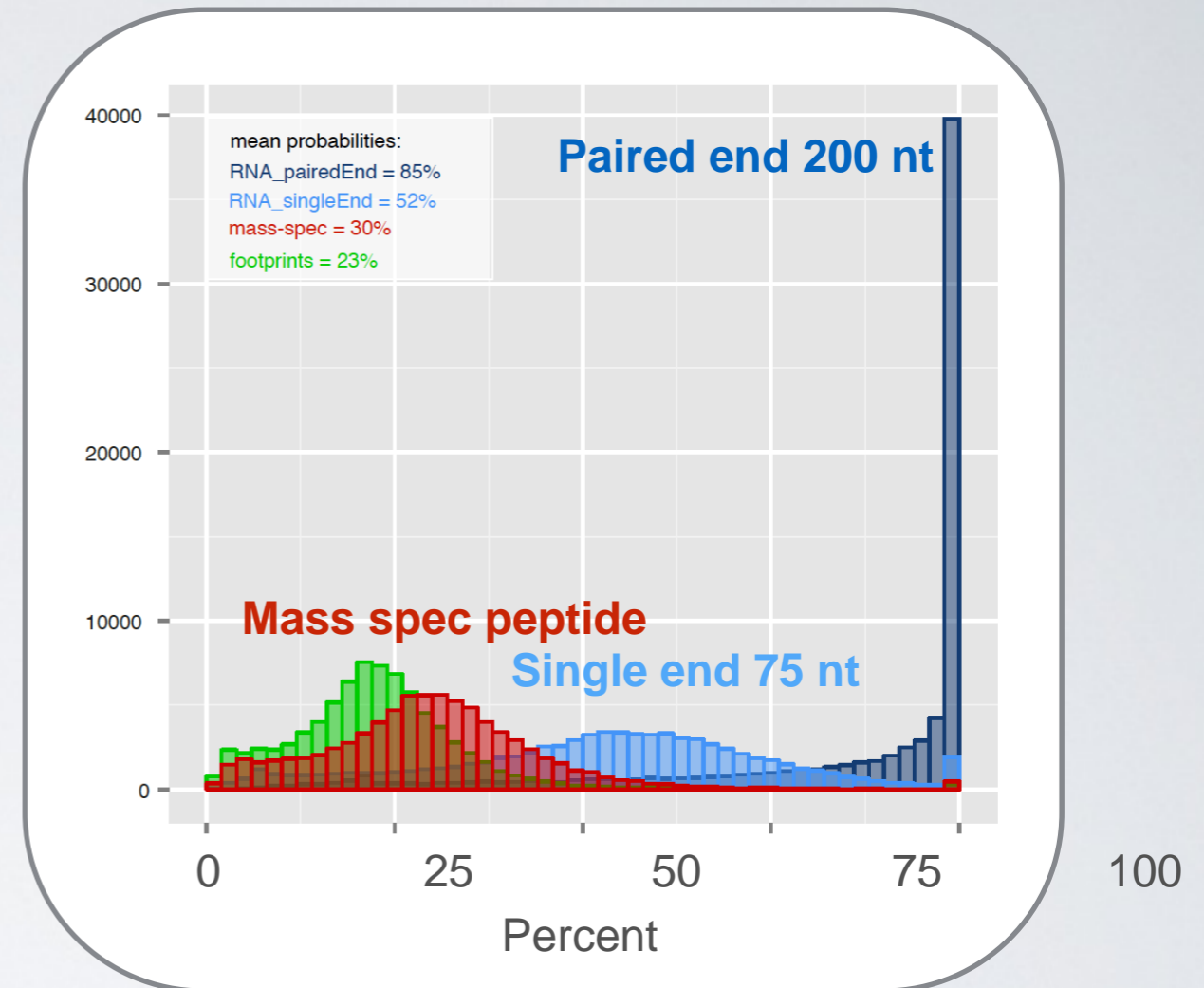
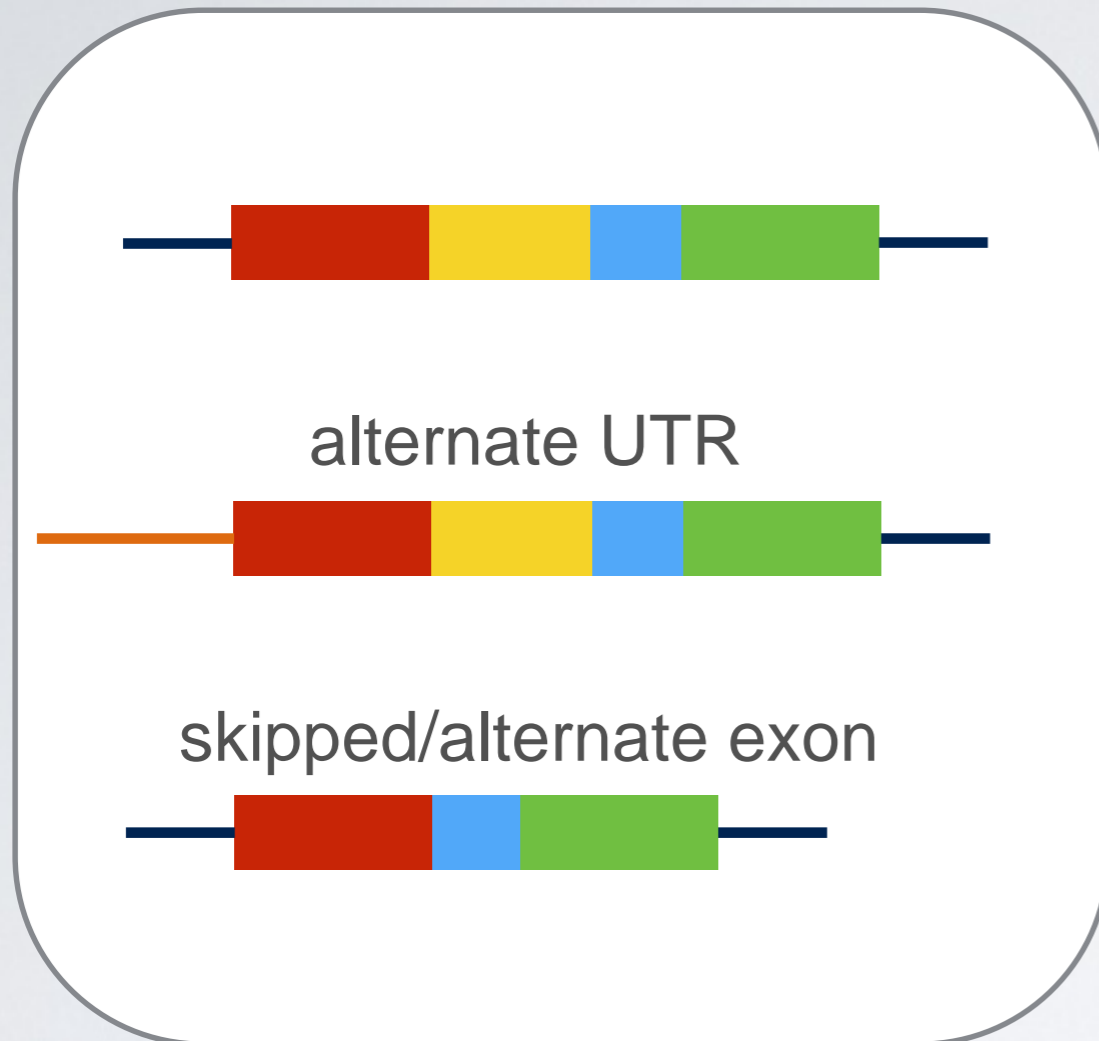
Proteins enriched in dPFC compared to V1C



Proteins enriched in DFC vs V1C are functionally related



Deeper integration with mRNA - why?

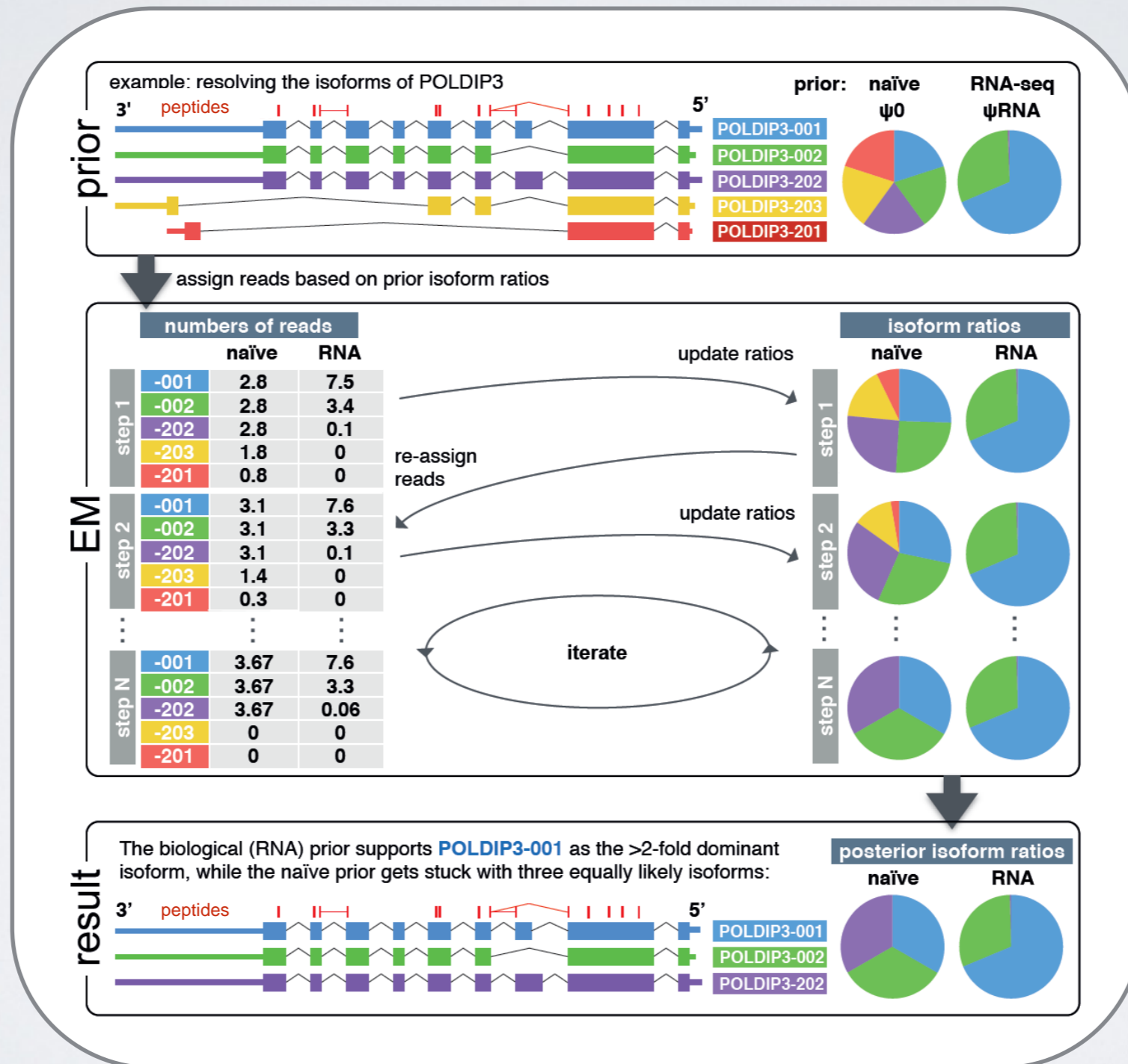


- Main benefits:

- Libraries for searching peptides can be decreased in size - lose fewer proteins through FDR correction (fewer tests)
- Peptides can be assigned to isoforms rather than genes - increased functional information
- Proteins with redundant sequences can be defined more clearly

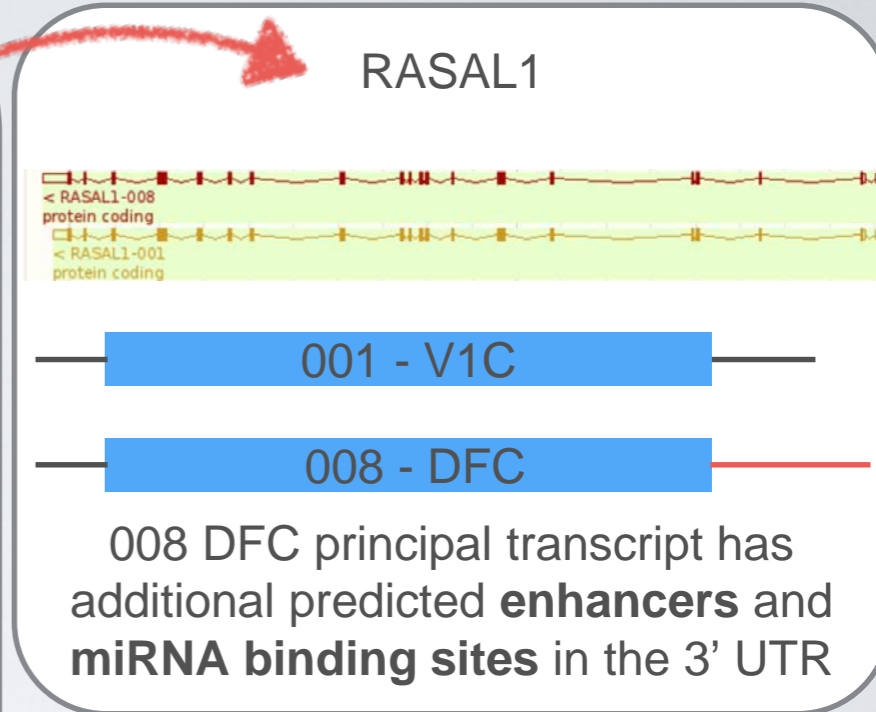
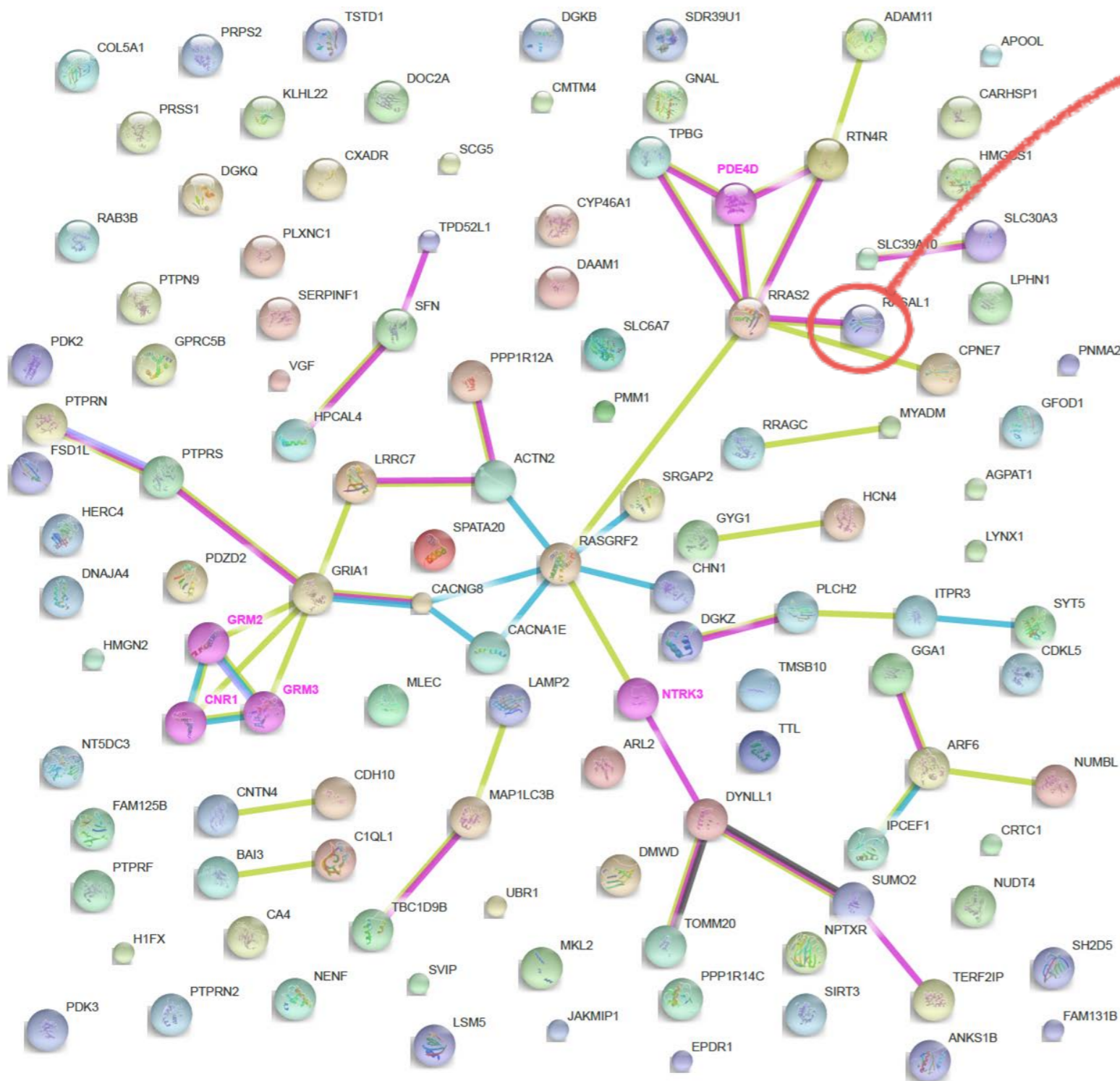
EMpire software

- Uses biologically relevant mRNA-seq priors to bias assignment of peptides to isoforms, through a process of expectation maximisation



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Isoform differences in dIPFC vs V1C



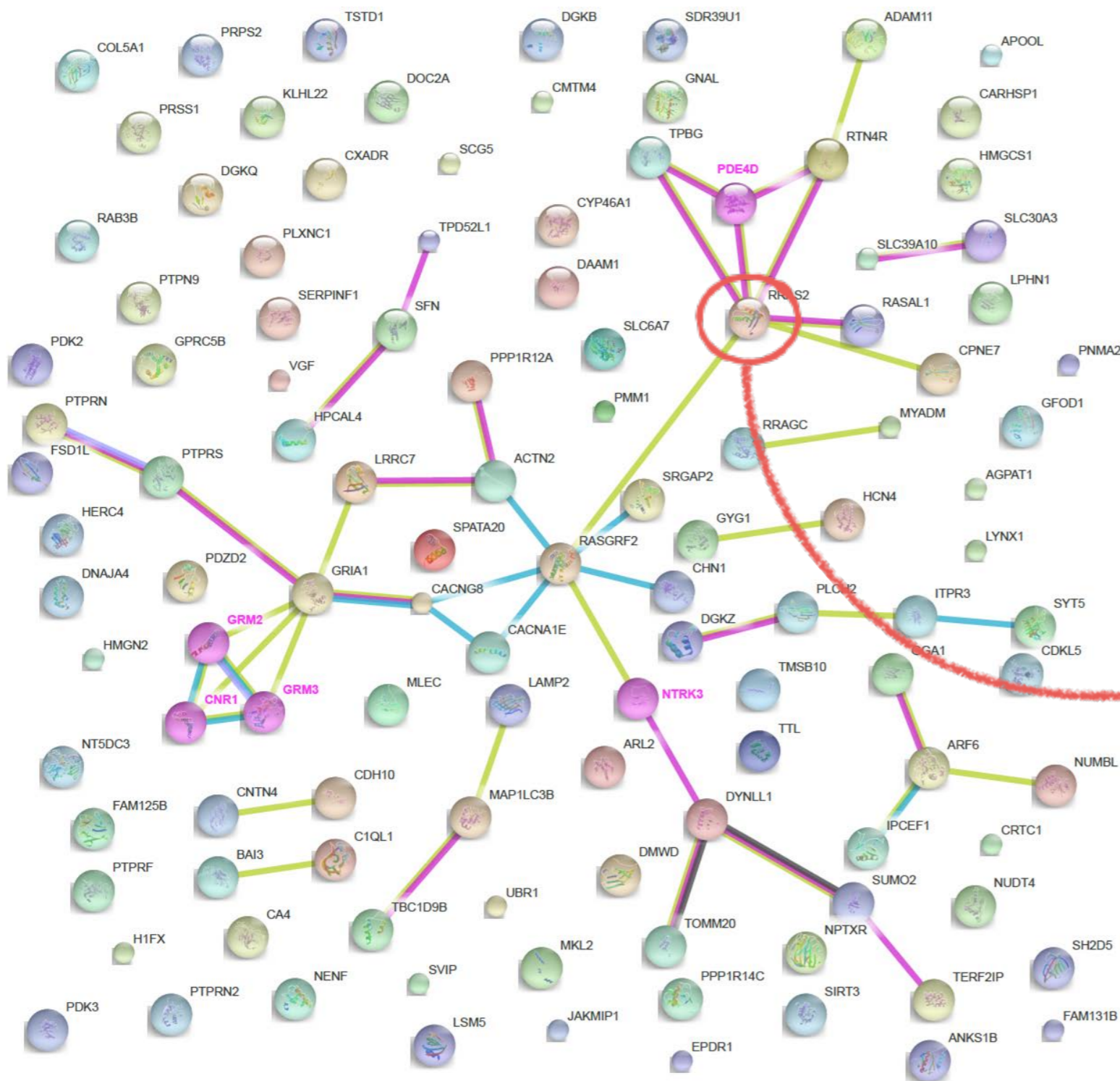
RegRNA 2.0

RASAL1 is involved in ERK/PKA signaling regulation

Expression levels have been linked to the regulation of GABA receptor subunit expression

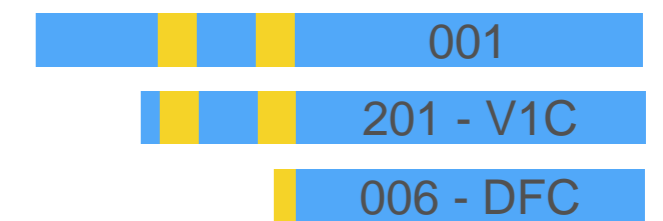
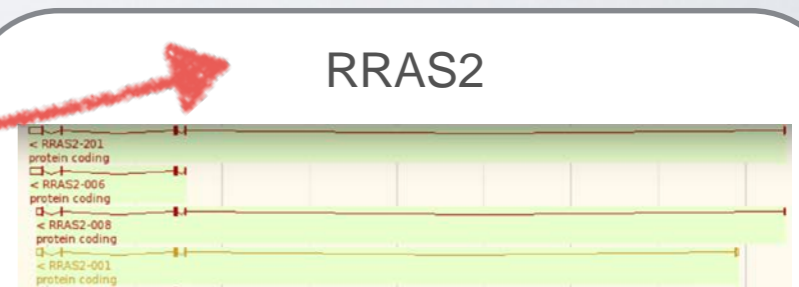
Mulligan et al., 2012, PLoS One

Isoform differences in dIPFC vs V1C



RRAS2 is a membrane bound small GTPase

Switch domains mediate the interaction of RRAS2 with downstream effectors, changing resultant activity of the protein



006 DFC principal transcript is lacking intact switch domains

Summary

- Proteomic measurements can detect between-region changes in expression not detected by RNA-level measurements
- Integration of RNA-seq level data with proteomics may lead to increased functional insight into protein-protein interactions and regulation
- There is a caveat here - the sensitivity of proteomics may change the isoform outcome (for example, if a key isoform defining peptide is suppressed by a more abundant protein), so individual targets should be followed up carefully

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