

## Spectral Libraries and DIA Library Generation — Hands-on

Understand how spectral libraries connect LC&ndash;MS/MS identifications to DIA-based quantification. This module focuses on the concepts behind spectral libraries, how DDA experiments feed library building, the role of retention time anchoring and formats, and how to plan DIA-ready libraries for reproducible proteome coverage.

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### Session 1

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## Spectral Library Concepts & Content

What a spectral library represents in proteomics

**linking peptide IDs to reference spectra** **fragment m/z and intensity patterns** **retention time annotations**

Key fields stored for each library entry (conceptual)

**peptide sequence and charge** **modification state**  
**quality and confidence tags**

Types of spectral libraries and their roles

**project specific vs public** **organism or tissue**  
**focused** **general vs targeted panels**

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### **DDA-Based Library Building Logic**

Using DDA runs as input to libraries

**sample selection ideas** **fractionation to gain**  
**coverage** **importance of high confidence IDs**

Filtering and curating candidate peptides for a library

**FDR and quality thresholds** **charge state and length**  
**ranges** **handling modifications conceptually**

Retention time and iRT anchoring concepts

**normalizing retention times** **using reference peptides**  
**transfer between gradients idea**

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### **DIA-Focused Libraries & Formats**

How DIA engines use spectral libraries conceptually

**matching DIA fragments to library entries** **scoring of**  
**candidate matches** **role of RT and fragment patterns**

Library formats and practical considerations (high level)

**generic vs tool specific formats** **embedded vs**  
**external RT scales** **managing versions of libraries**

Predicted spectral and hybrid libraries (conceptual)

**motivation for predicted libraries** **combining**  
**experimental and predicted content** **coverage vs**

**confidence tradeoffs**

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## Planning DIA Studies Around Libraries

Designing a DIA experiment with library needs in mind

**theory plus planning worksheet**

Library maintenance, extension and documentation

**adding new peptides over time** **tracking provenance and parameters** **linking library versions to studies**

Reporting library generation workflows in studies

**summaries for methods sections** **tables describing coverage and content** **exporting library subsets for sharing**