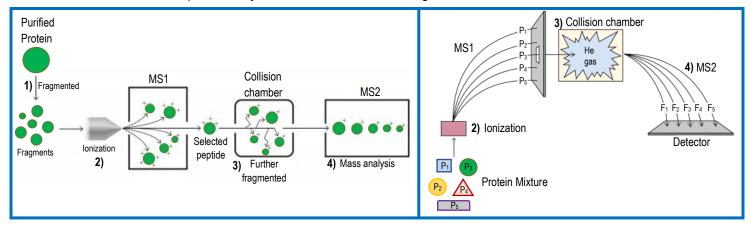
## **CONCEPT: TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETRY**

| ◆Tandem MS (or MS/MS): _                     |   | //S (or <i>MS/MS</i> ): <sub>-</sub>   | mass spectrometers   | s are hooked up in tandem.  |
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|  | ı It'                                     | s the  | standard for sequencing pro                                      | oteins & can analyze purified protein or a single protein in a mixture. |
|  | □ Allows for                              |  | of unwanted ions to obtain a much cleaner/simpler mass spectrum. |   |
| ● Tandem MS consists of the following steps: |   |  |  |   |
| 1  | ) Purified protein is first with a chemic |  |  | _ with a chemical or a protease.  |
| 2  | 2)  | ) Protein fragments are ionized & subjected to so one fragment is filtered/selected to emerge at the |  |   |
|  |   | □ Selected   | protein fragment enters a _                                      | cell vacuum chamber.  |
| 3  | 3)  | A ga   | ıs (ex. He or Ar) further fragm                                  | ments the selected protein (usually breaks at peptide bonds).           |

4) Generated protein fragments enter a \_\_\_\_\_ mass spectrometer, which measures all the m/z ratios.

**EXAMPLE:** Tandem Mass Spectrometry of a Purified Protein & a Single Protein in a Mixture.



PRACTICE: Tandem mass spectrometry combines which of the following devices?

- a) Mass spectrometer with HPLC.
- b) Mass spectrometer with chromatography.
- c) Mass spectrometer with a PMF database.
- d) Mass spectrometer with a mass spectrometer.

**PRACTICE:** In your tandem mass-spectrometry of a pure protein, you focused a fragment with an m/z of 1,268 through the process & into the second mass-spec and found y-ion peaks of 1,137 and 1,022. The mass in Daltons for the possible relevant amino acids are provided: Y (163), N (114), W (186), D (115), G (57), L (113) and M (131). What is the order of the first two amino acid residues in the 1,268 fragment from N-terminal to C-terminal?

- a) N-M.
- b) N-Y.
- c) M-D.
- d) M-L.
- e) D-N.