

# GC-MS Analysis of Non-volatile Small Molecules and Metabolomics Workflows

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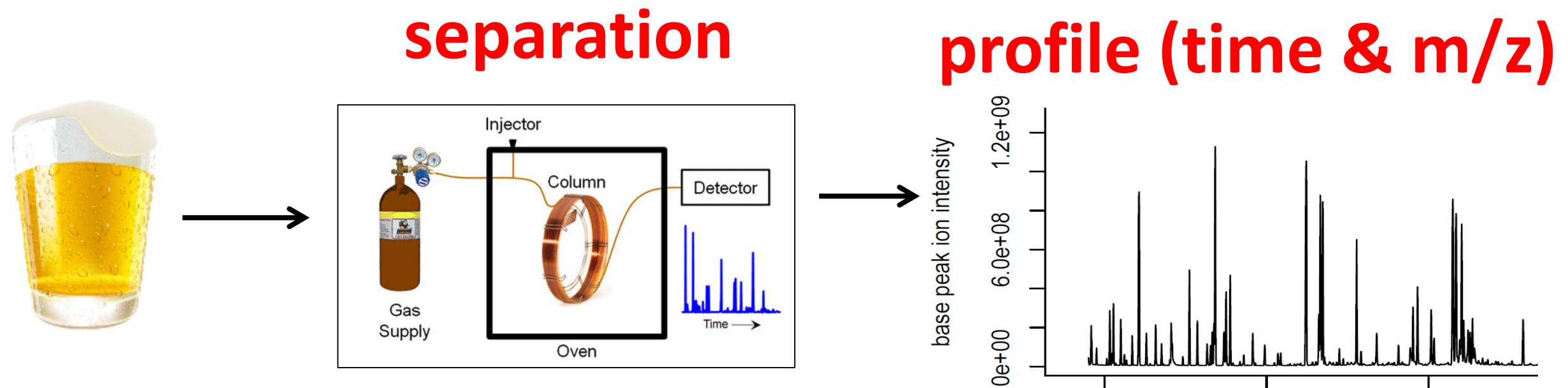
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# Outline

- (1) How to analyze **non-volatile** small molecules using GC-MS
- (2) GC-MS **metabolomics workflows** including data processing
- (3) **Statistics** used to interpret GC-MS metabolomics data



# Gas Chromatography Provides Great Detection For Small Molecules



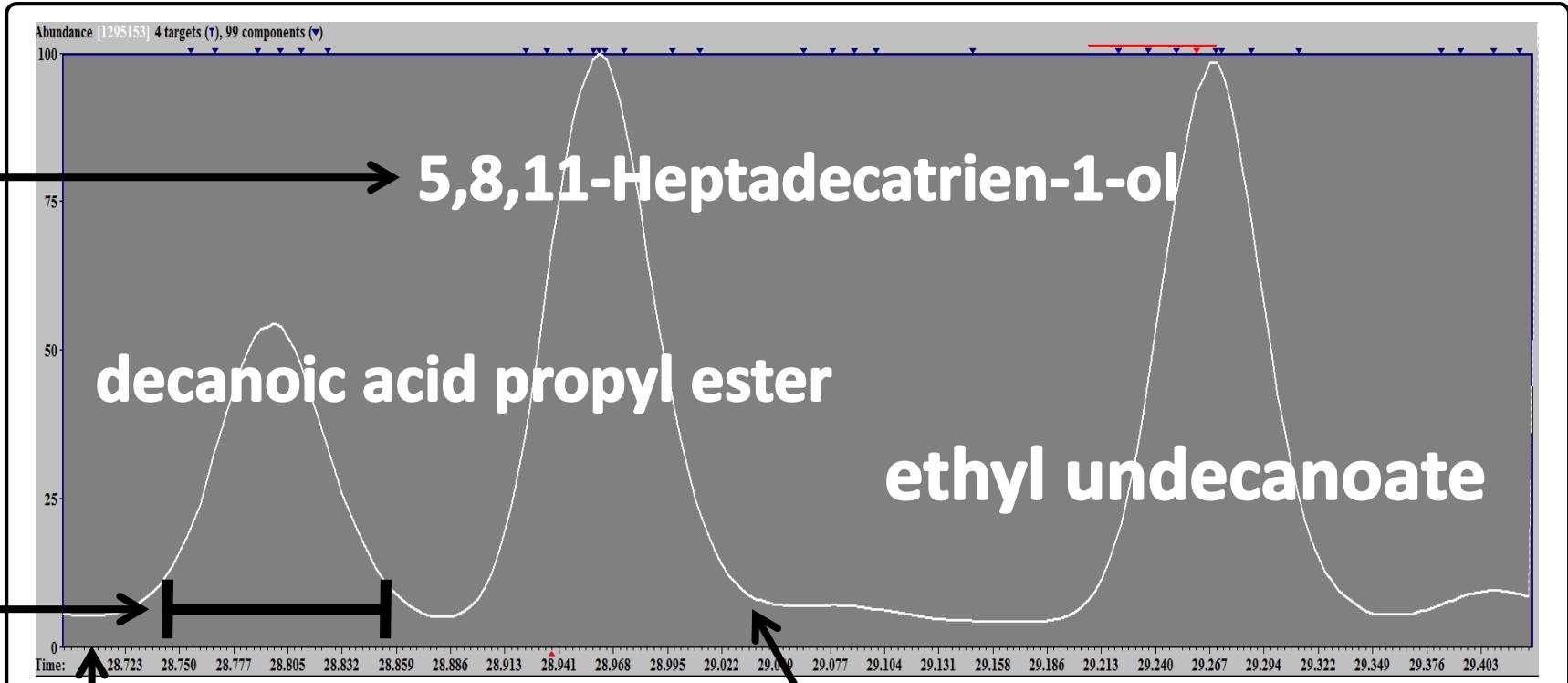
# For Small Molecules, GC-MS is Selective, Sensitive, and Provides Excellent Quantitation

**descriptive  
(MS)**

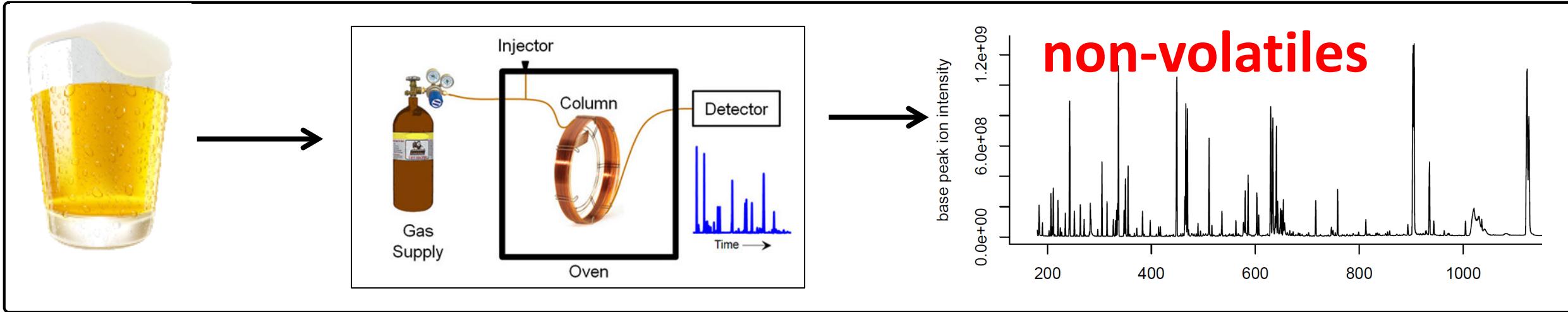
**narrow peaks  
(~6 sec)**

**low noise**

**low tailing**



# There Is Value in Using GC-MS for Non-volatile Small Molecules



*robust*

- high-throughput
- reproducible
- sensitive

*resourced*

- standard methods
- retention index and MS databases

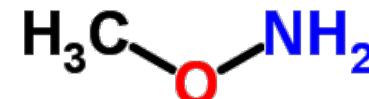
*reduced*

- cost-effective

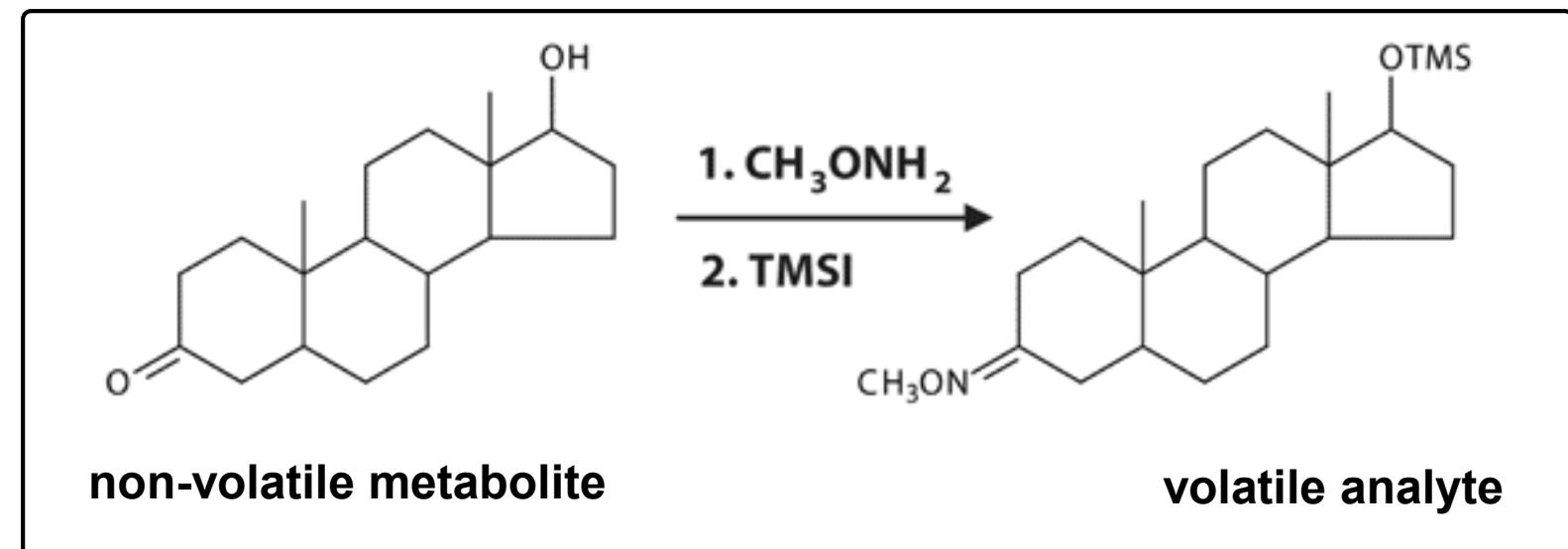
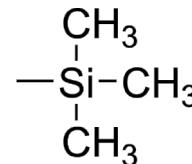
# Non-volatiles Are Amenable With GC-MS Analysis Via Derivatization

**Derivatization = a chemical alteration of the initial metabolite**

- **methoximation**



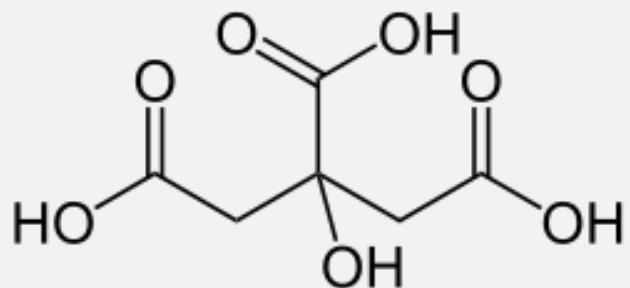
- **silylation**
- **-OH groups**
- **-NH groups**



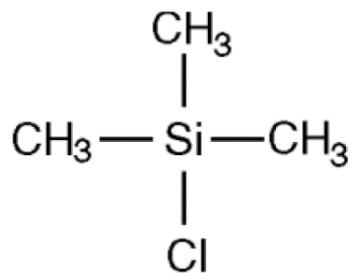
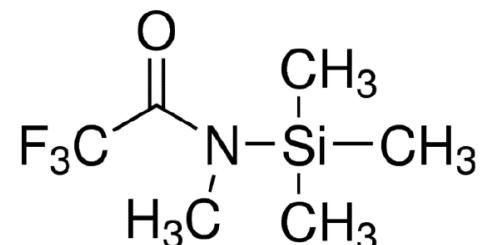
# MSTFA Is The Most Common Derivatization Reagent

*non-volatile metabolite*

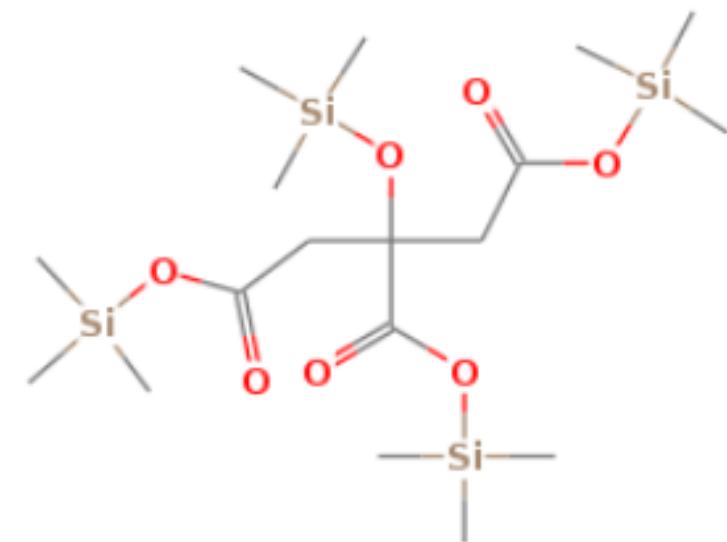
**citric acid**



**MSTFA + 1% TMCS**



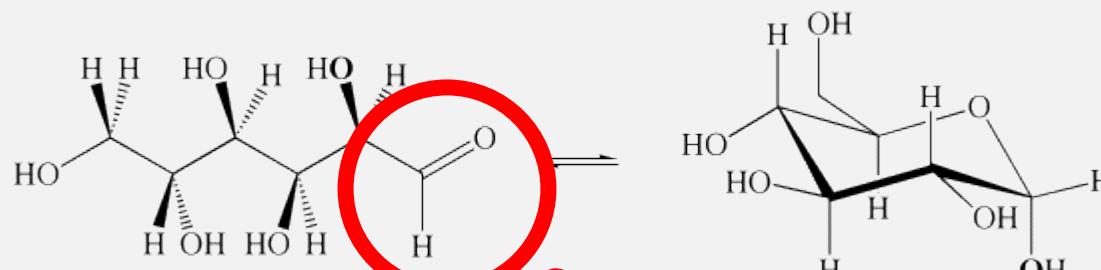
*volatile analyte*



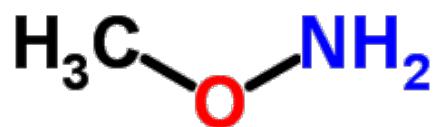
**citric acid 4TMS**

# Methoximation Is A Critical First Step For Samples With Saccharides

glucose

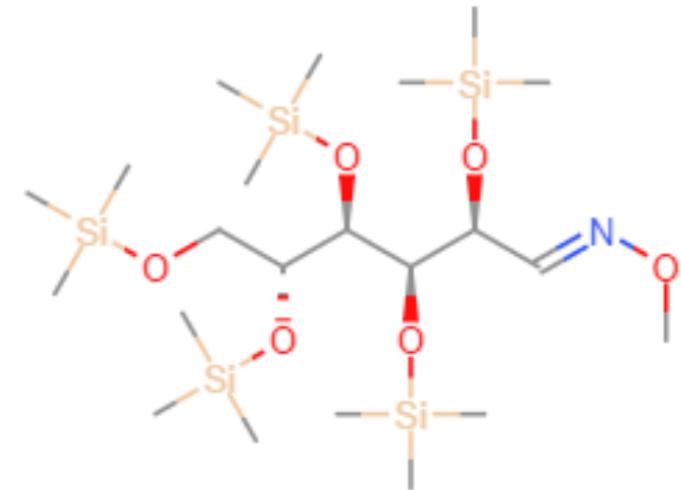


carbonyl group

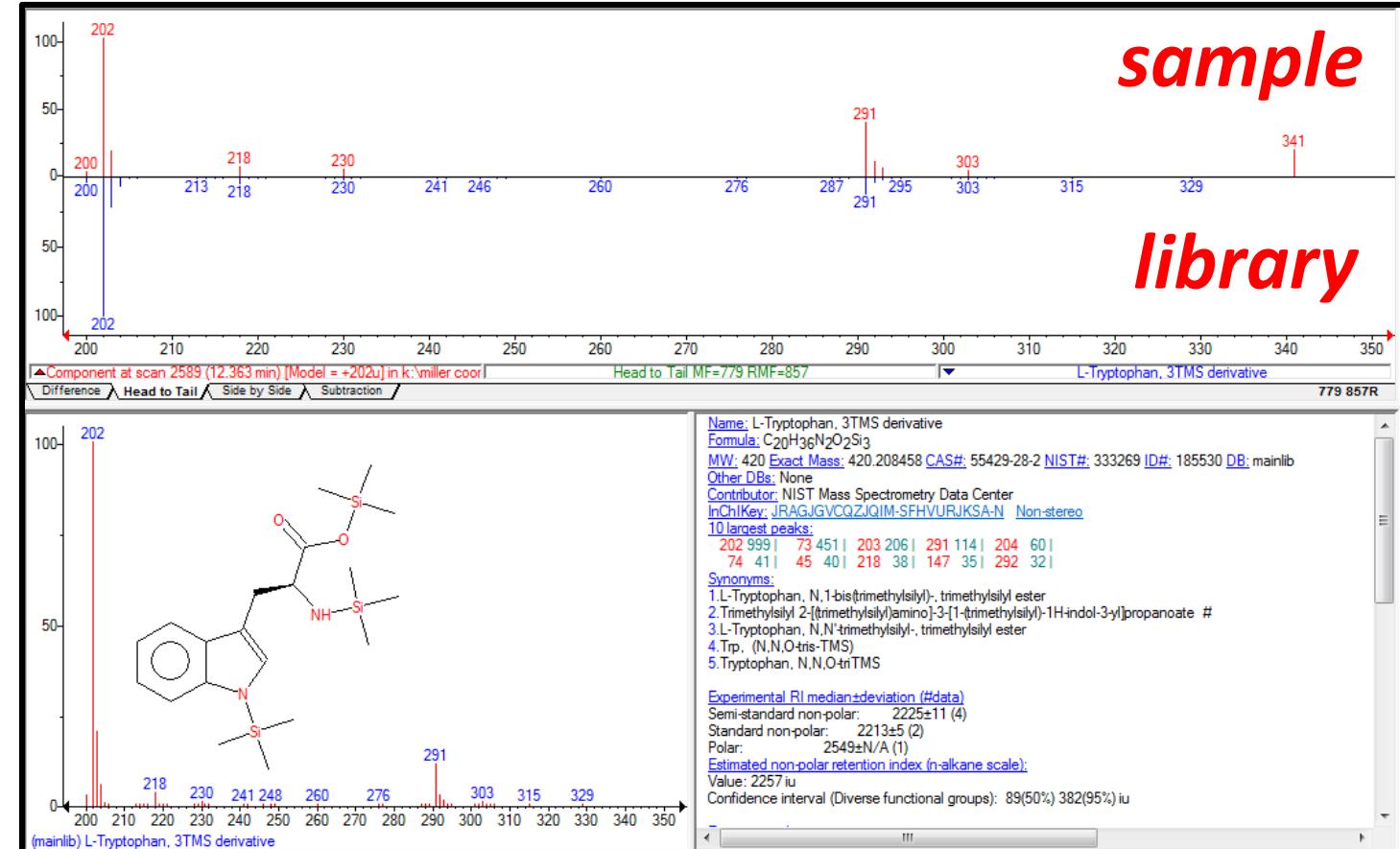
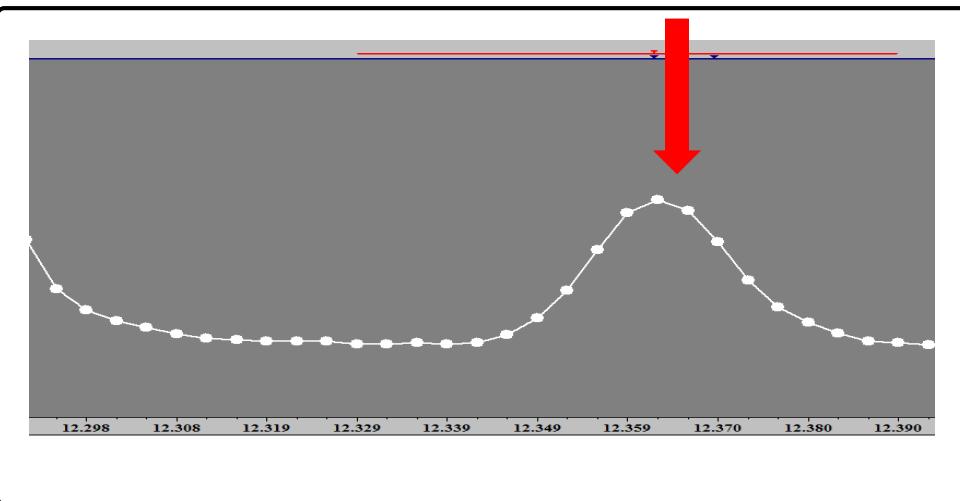


(1) methoxyamine HCl  
(2) MSTFA + 1% TMCS

glucose 1MEOX 5TMS



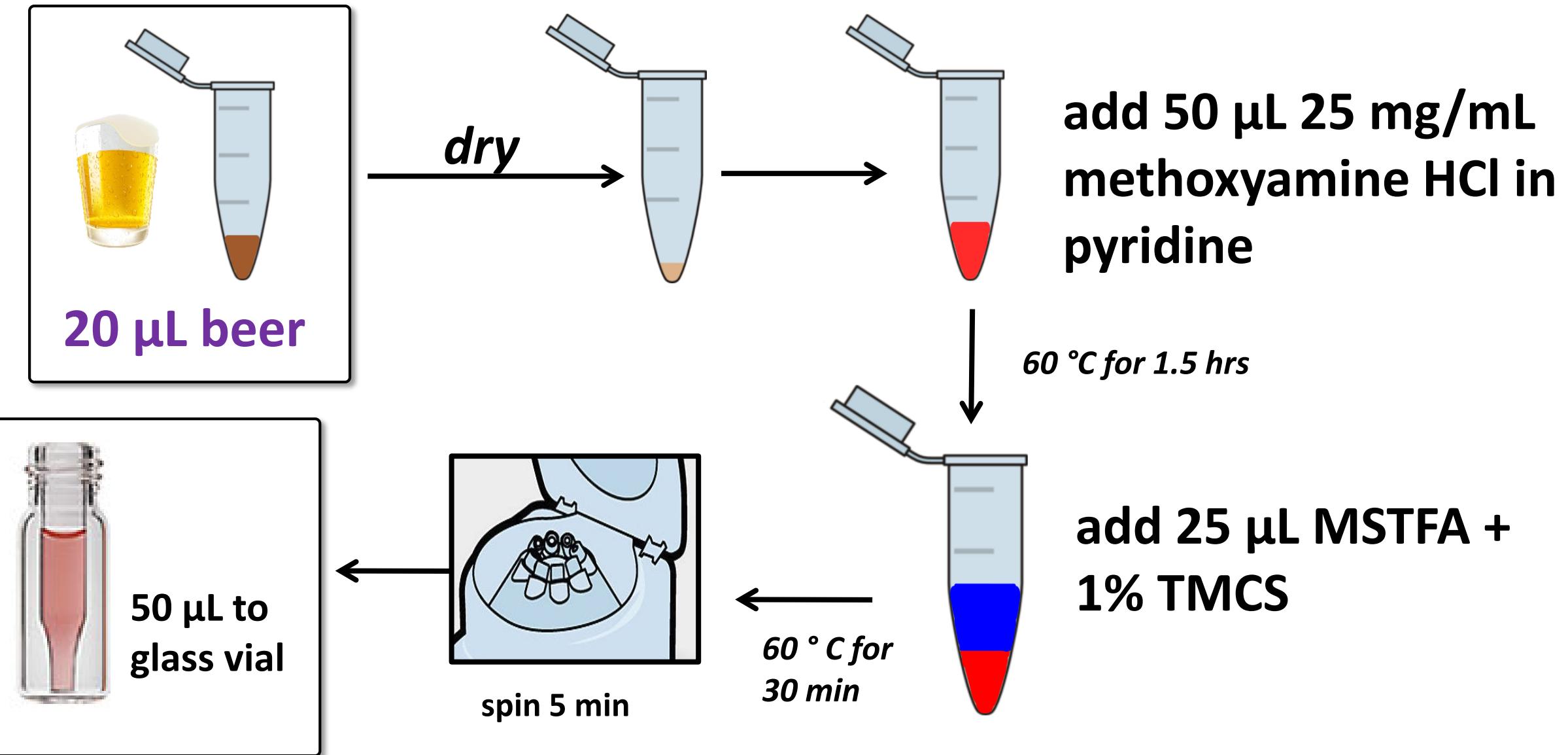
# Metabolite Databases Are Curated With Analytes



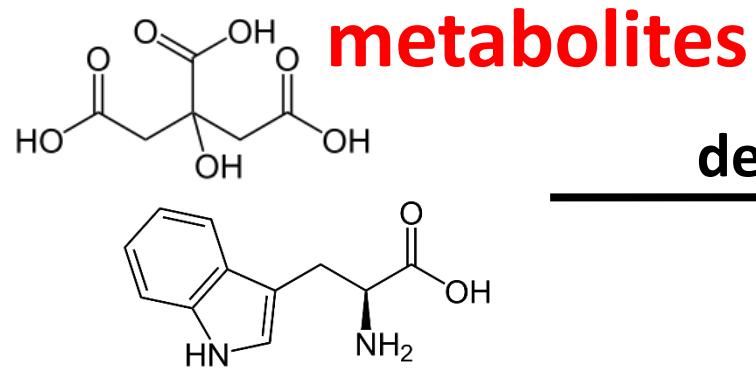
## Key databases:

- NIST MS
- Golm Metabolome Database

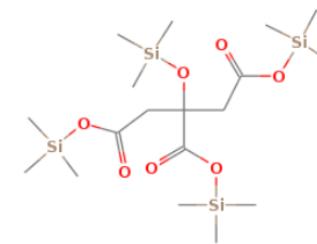
# An Example Derivatization Protocol



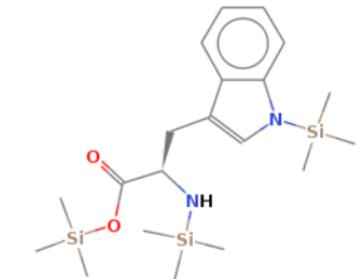
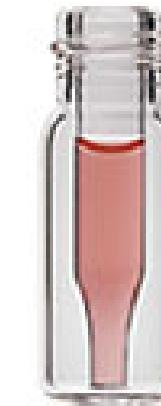
# GC-MS Non-Volatile Metabolite Profile of Beer



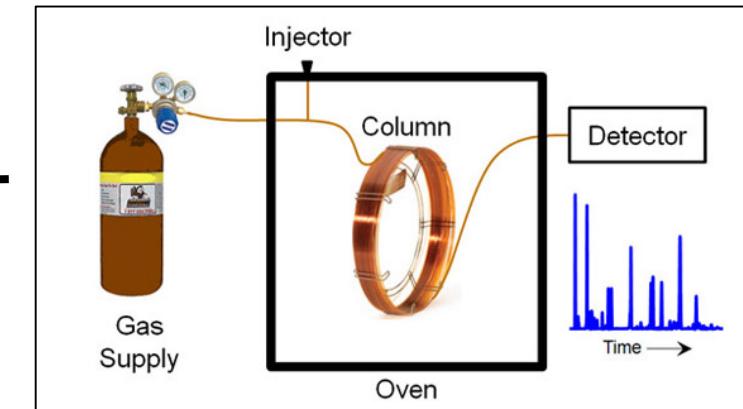
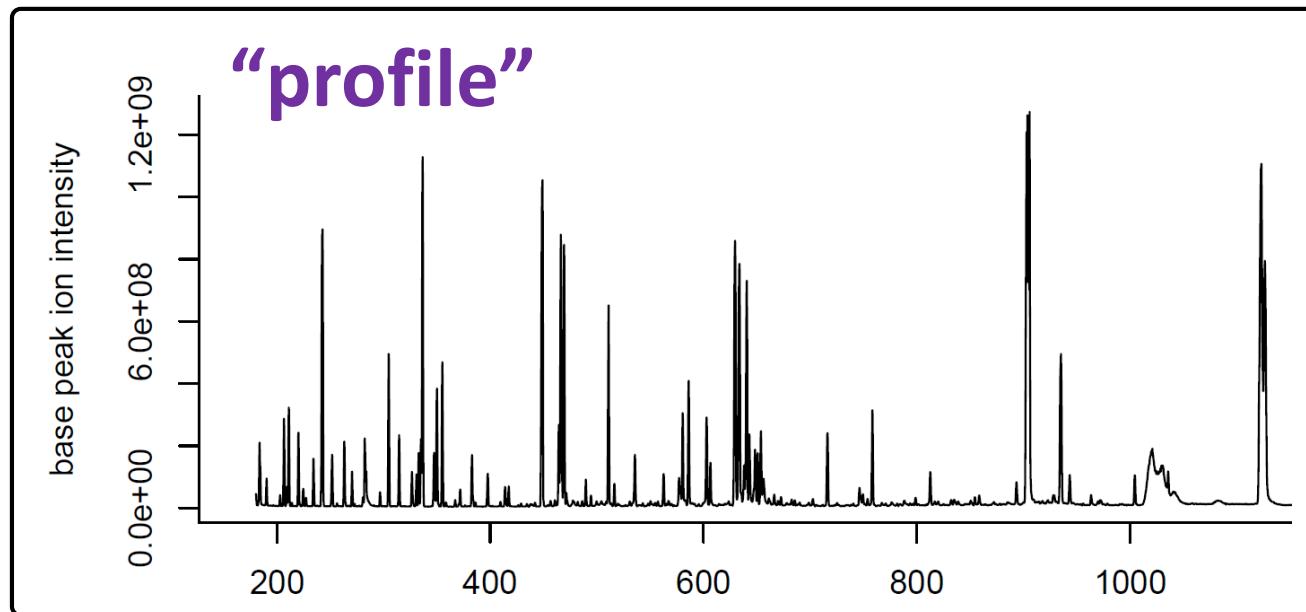
derivative →



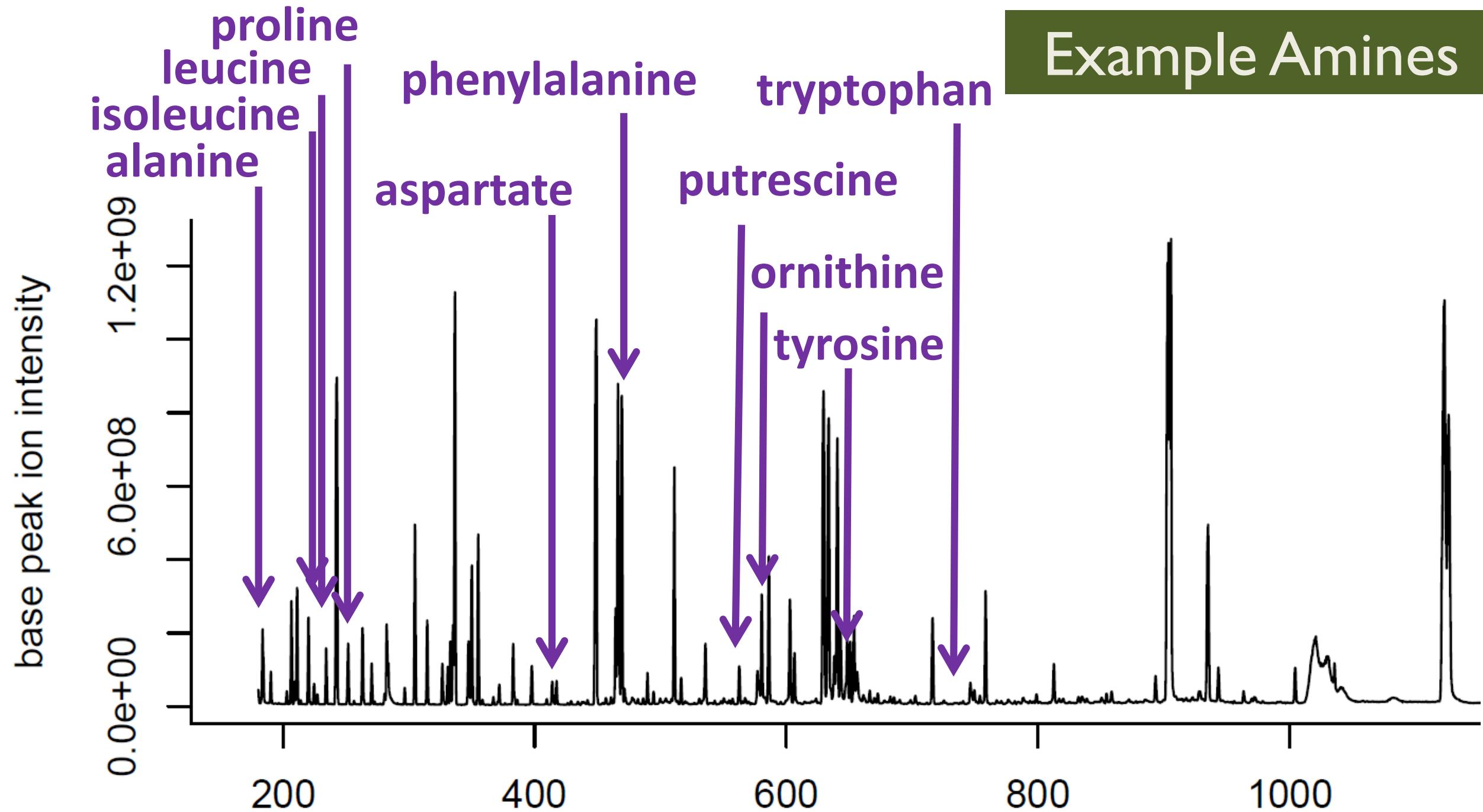
**analytes**



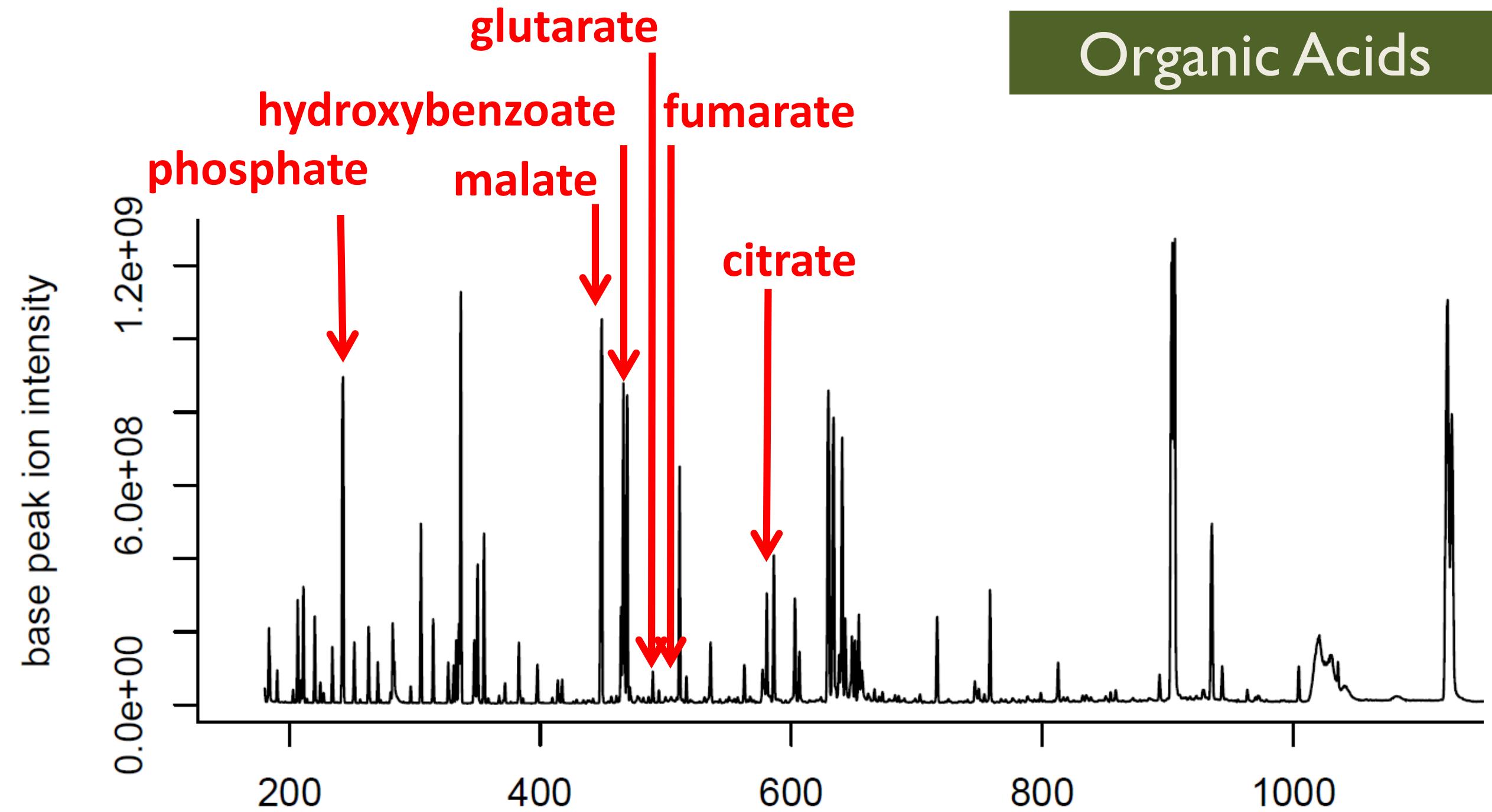
↓  
**inject 1 μL**



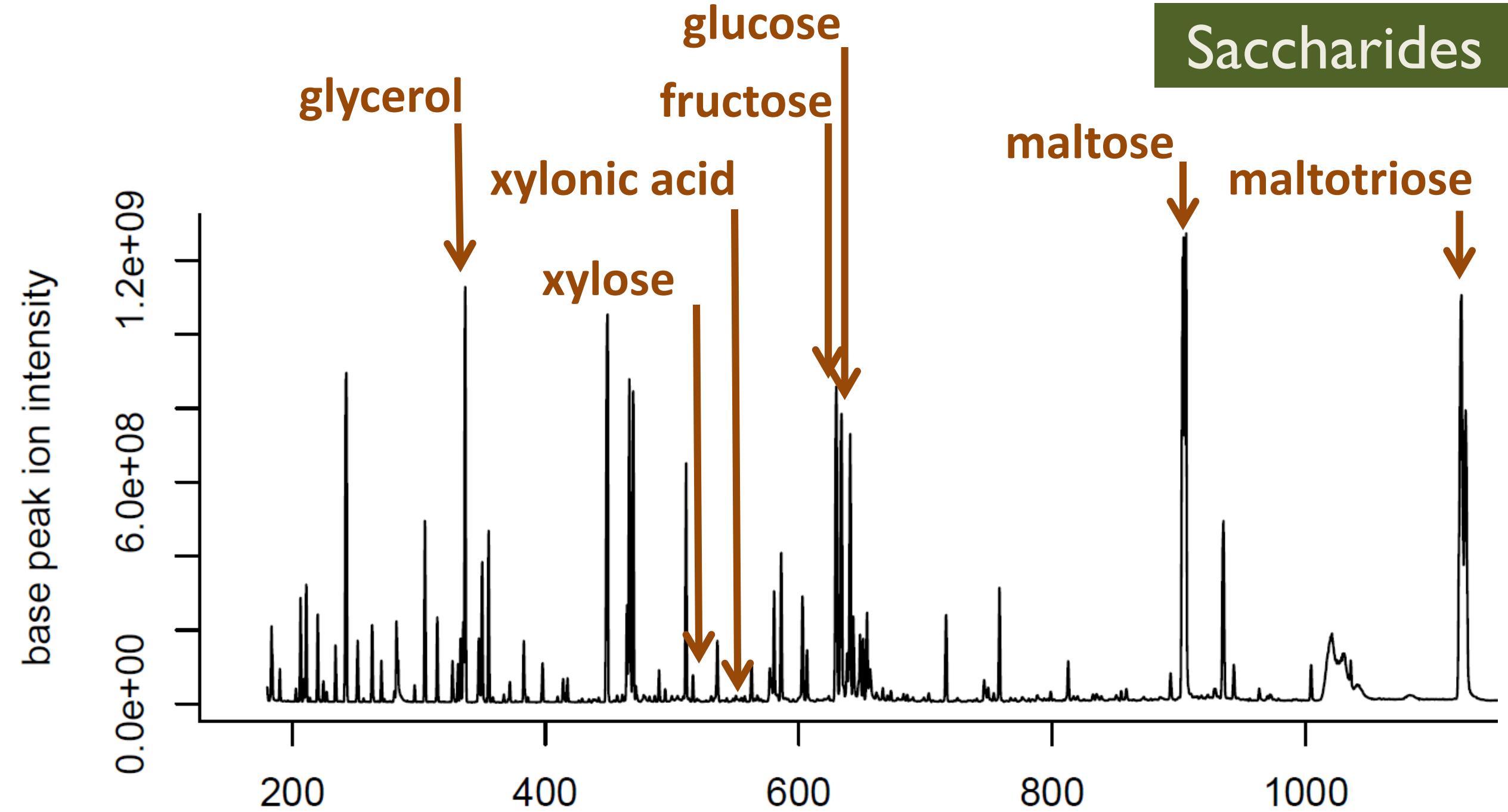
## Example Amines



# Organic Acids



# Saccharides

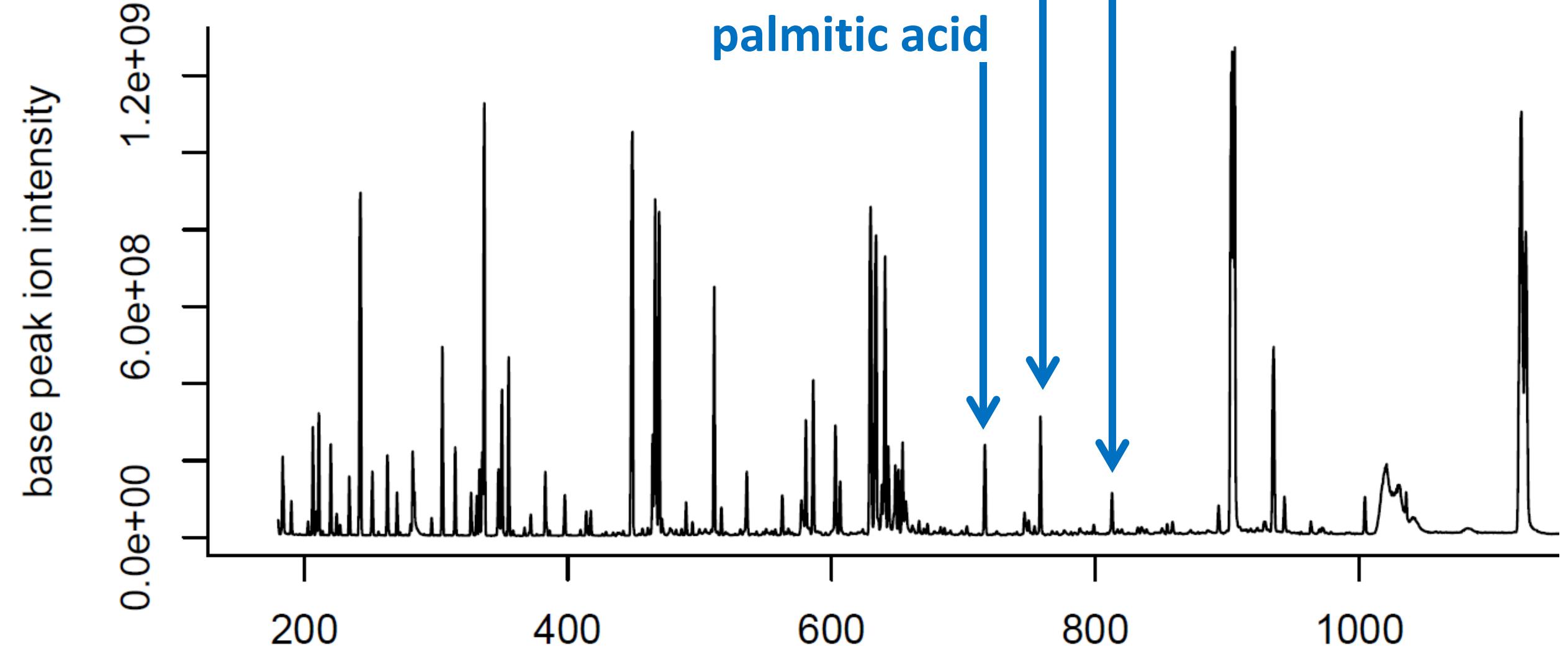


glyceropalmitic acid

Lipids

stearic acid

palmitic acid



# Summary of Analyzing Non-volatiles via GC-MS

## THE REALLY GOOD

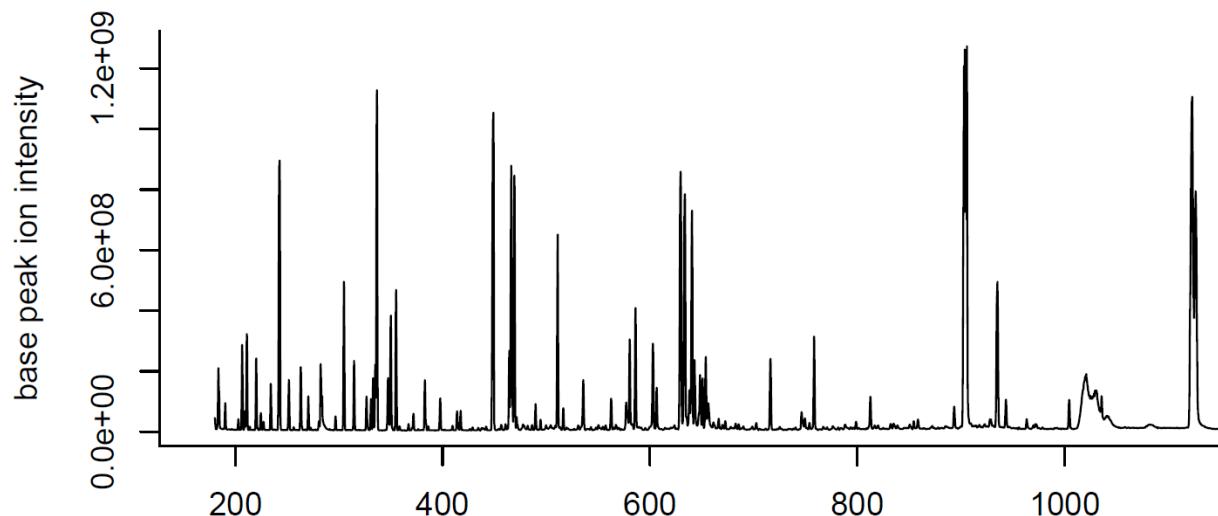
- sensitivity
- selectivity – complexity is reduced due to bias for volatility
- reproducibility – easy to compare GC-MS studies
- cost -- GC systems are robust and easy to maintain
- complement to reverse-phase LC methods

## THE NOT SO GOOD

- selectivity – volatility is required for detection
- dirty inlets (due to oligomers, syrups) and ion sources
- derivatization requires time, supplies, and reagents
- incomplete derivatization and artifacts

# What Makes A GC-MS Analysis ‘Metabolomics?’

***Metabolomics is a **comparative analysis** of many metabolite profiles***



**x 5 beer types  
x 5 process conditions  
x 5 time points  
= 125 samples!**

# Early Metabolomics Studies Used MSTFA + GC-MS

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## RESEARCH ARTICLES

### Metabolite profiling for plant functional genomics

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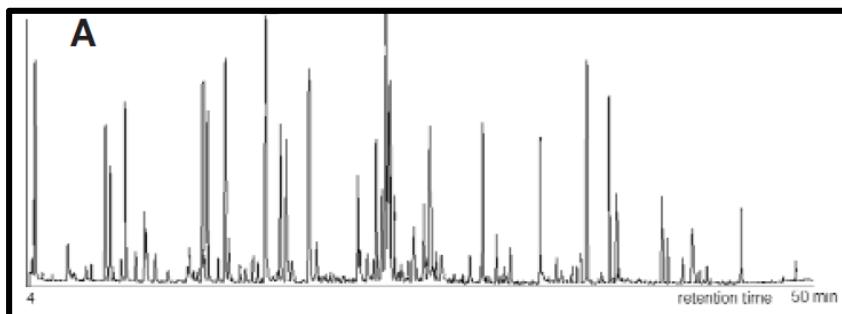
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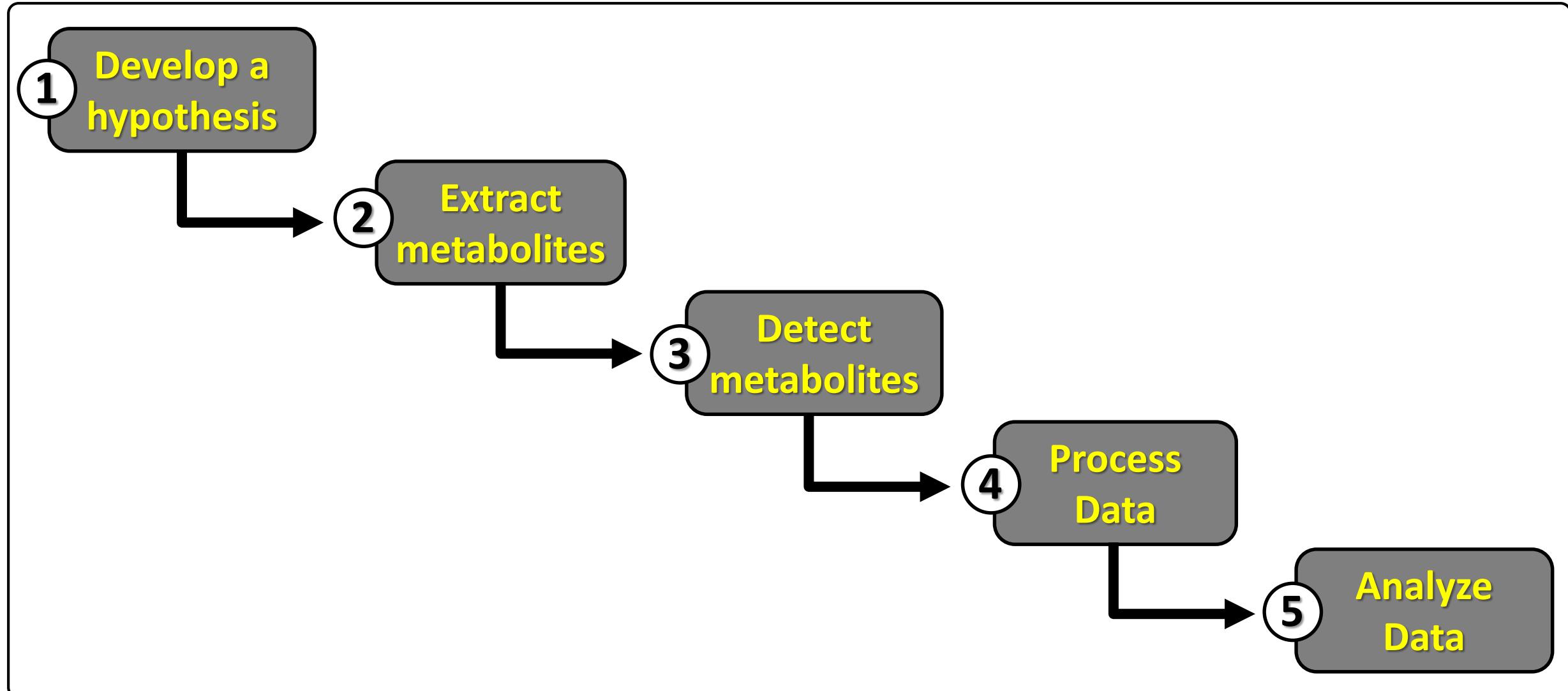
Multiparallel analyses of mRNA and proteins are central to today's functional genomics initiatives. We describe here the use of metabolite profiling as a new tool for a comparative display of gene function. It has the potential not only to provide deeper insight into complex regulatory processes but also to determine phenotype directly. Using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS), we automatically quantified 326 distinct compounds from *Arabidopsis thaliana* leaf extracts. It was possible to assign a chemical structure to approximately half of these compounds. Comparison of four *Arabidopsis* genotypes (two homozygous ecotypes and a mutant of each ecotype) showed that each genotype possesses a distinct metabolic profile. Data mining tools such as principal component analysis enabled the assignment of "metabolic phenotypes" using these large data sets. The metabolic phenotypes of the two ecotypes were more divergent than were the metabolic phenotypes of the single-loci mutant and their parental ecotypes. These results demonstrate the use of metabolite profiling as a tool to significantly extend and enhance the power of existing functional genomics approaches.

Keywords: functional genomics, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, metabolite profiling, cluster analysis, metabolomics, bioinformatics

metabolite stability and volatility as reported<sup>8</sup>. Briefly, the lipid phase was transmethylated and trimethylsilylated for the analysis of total fatty acids, fatty alcohols, sterols, and aliphatics, whereas the polar phase was methoximated and trimethylsilylated for the analysis of hydroxy- and amino acids, sugars, sugar alcohols, organic monophosphates, (poly)amines, and aromatic acids. Metabolite sizes were in the range of ethylene glycol (62 AMU) to trisaccharides (504 AMU). Optimal reaction conditions were established as a compromise between reaction completeness



# Metabolomics Is Performed As A Workflow (5 Steps)



# MS-Metabolomics Data Processing Creates a Data Matrix of Samples and Molecular Features

Process  
Data

Analyze  
Data

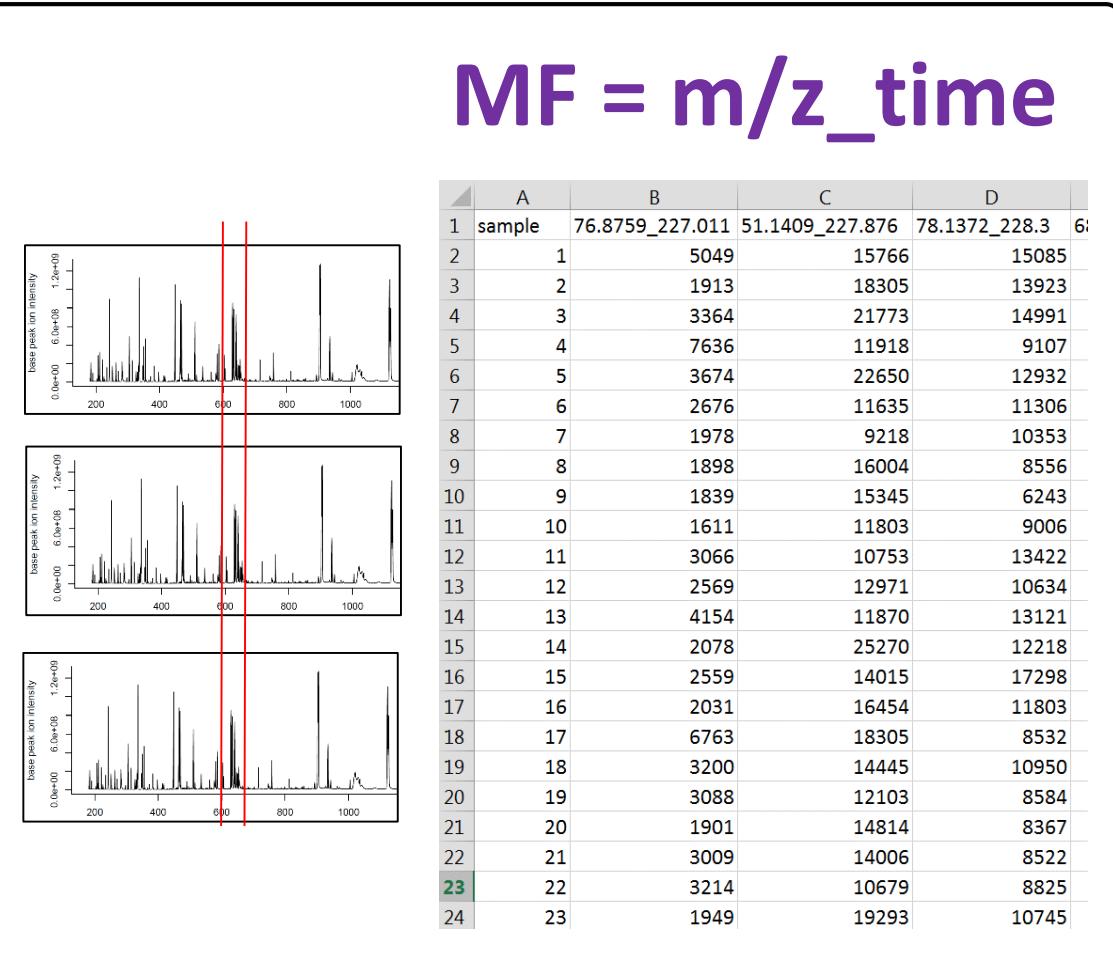
## STEPS:

A/B: batch peak detection/grouping

C: retention time alignment

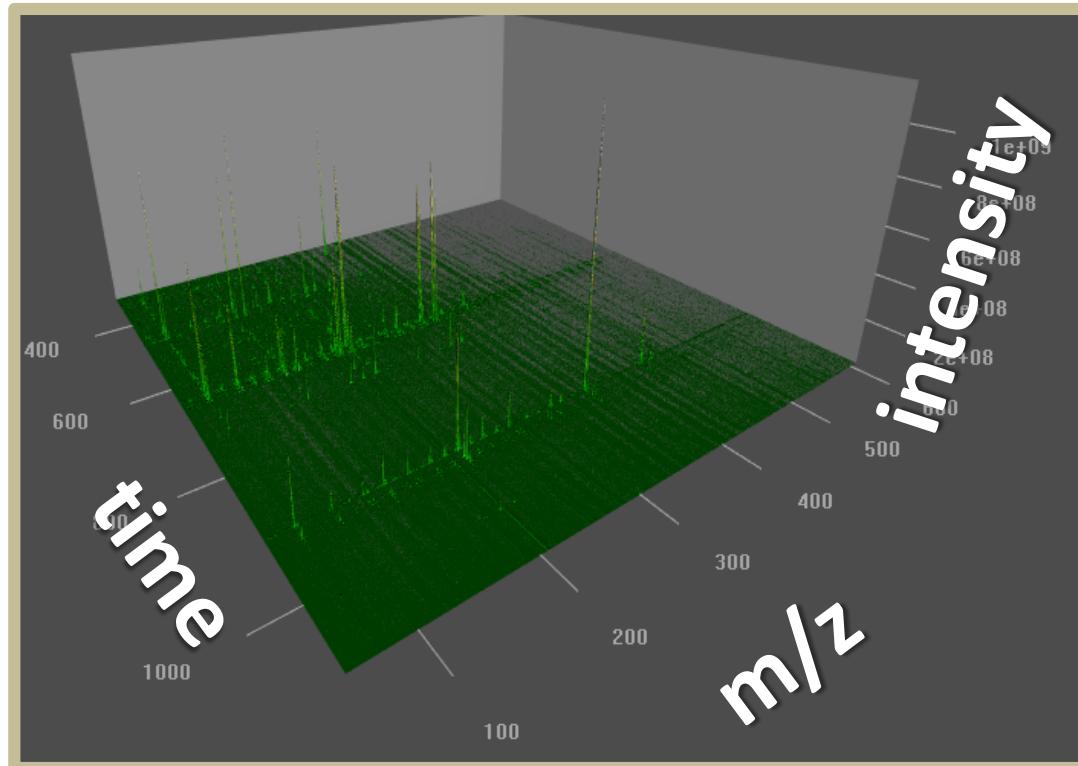
D: intensity normalization

OUTPUT: data matrix

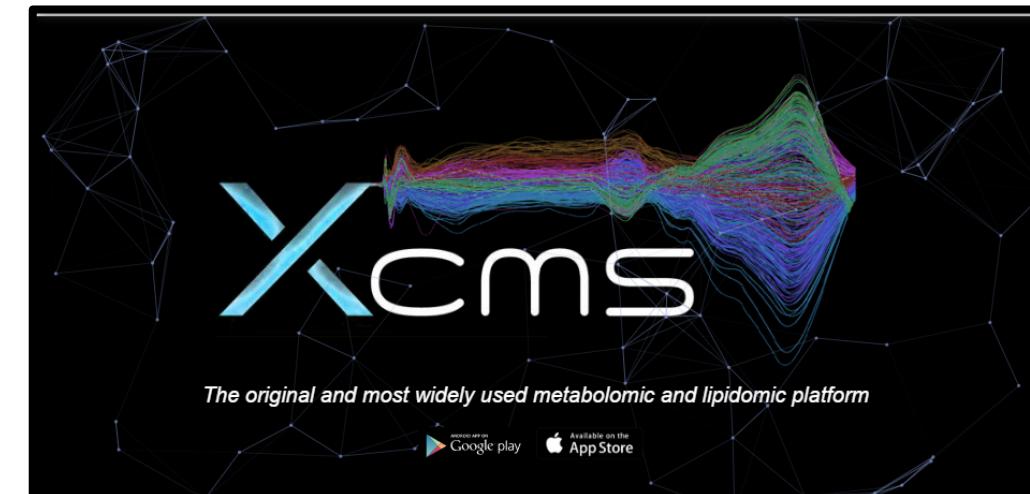


# Example XCMS Code in R

Data processing aligns m/z values across many samples



```
#LOAD XCMS  
library(xcms)  
  
#VIEW YOUR DATA  
f1 <- xcmsRaw(dataset[1], profstep=0.5)  
plotSurf(f1, log = FALSE, aspect = c(1, 1, .5), mzrange=c(50,610),  
rrange=c(300,1080))
```



## Statistics

XCMS, initiated in 2004, has a unique graphical user interface that allows users to dig deeper into their data simply by clicking on heat

## Pathways

XCMS allows users to perform pathway analyses directly from their raw metabolomic data, and it enables proteomic and genomic data

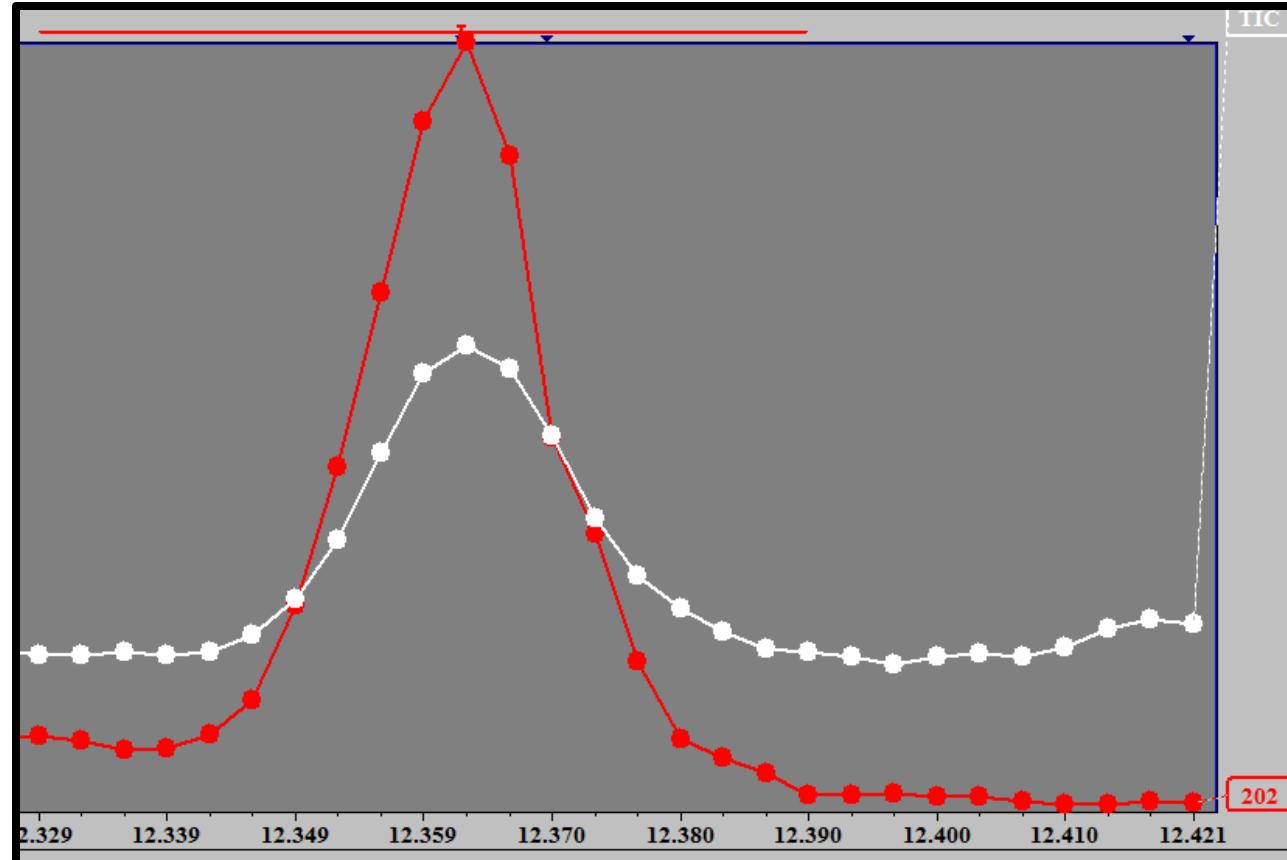
## Metlin

METLIN was created in 2004 to facilitate metabolite identification and pathway analysis. METLIN includes 961,829 molecules

## Sharing

XCMS Online in the cloud means you can freely share your completed jobs privately or publicly with any collaborator you choose. Public

# Step A: Detect Peaks



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rrange=c(300,1080))

#DETECT PEAKS
xset <- xcmsSet(dataset, phenoData=dataset, nslaves=4,
method = "matchedFilter", fwhm = 8, max = 500, snthresh = 5,
step = 0.1, steps = 2, mzdiff = 0.3, index = FALSE, sleep = 0)
xset

#GROUP PEAKS
xset <- group(xset, bw=2, minfrac=0.5, max = 100, mzwid=0.02)
xset

#RT CORRECTION
xset <- retcor(xset, method="loess", family = "gaussian",
plottype = "mdevden", span=2, missing=2)
xset

#REGROUP
xset <- group(xset, bw=1.5, minfrac=0.45, max= 100, mzwid=0.04)
xset

#FILL PEAKS
xset <- fillPeaks.chrom(xset)
xset

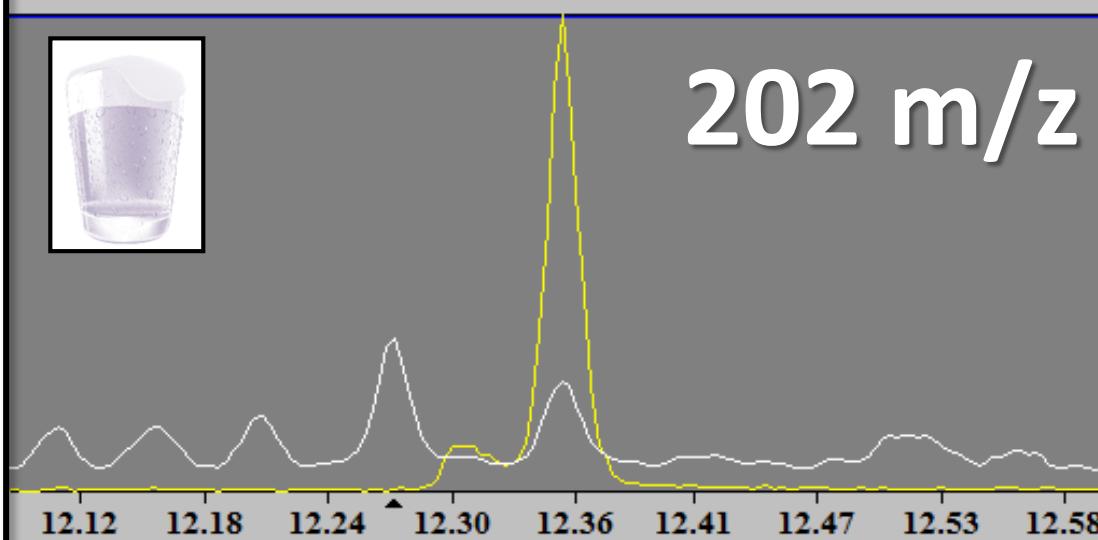
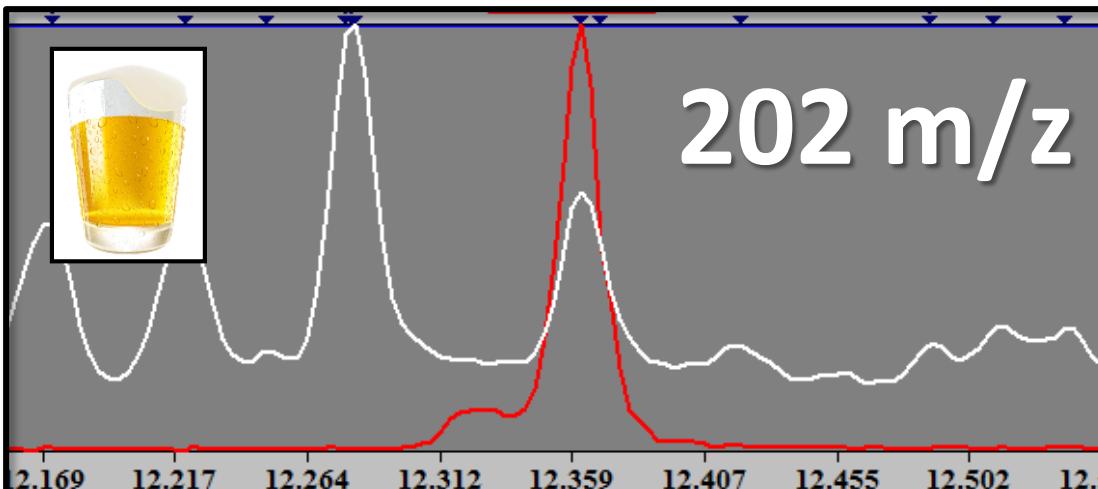
##SAVE THE R OBJECT
save(xset, file="xset.Rdata")

#EXTRACT AND NORMALIZE DATA
xset2 <- groupval(xset,value="into")
xset3<-t(xset2)
TIC<-rowsums(xset3)
NORM<-1000000*xset3/TIC
xset4<-NORM
seq<-read.csv(file="seq.csv", header=TRUE, row.names=2)
xset5<-merge(seq, xset4, by="row.names", all.x=FALSE, all.y=FALSE)

#EXPORT DATA MATRIX
write.csv(xset5, file="veggie_data.csv", row.names=FALSE)

#DECONVOLUTION
library(RAMClustR)
RC<-ramclustR(xset, blocksize=500, st=1, sr=0.5)
str(RC)
```

# Step B: Group Peaks



```
#LOAD XCMS
library(xcms)

#VIEW YOUR DATA
f1<-xcmsRaw(dataset[1], profstep=0.5)
plotSurf(f1, log = FALSE, aspect = c(1, 1, .5), mzrange=c(50,610),
rtrange=c(300,1080))

#DETECT PEAKS
xset <- xcmsSet(dataset, phenoData=dataset, nslaves=4,
method = "matchedFilter", fwhm = 8, max = 500, snthresh = 5,
step = 0.1, steps = 2, mzdiff = 0.3, index = FALSE, sleep = 0)
xset

#GROUP PEAKS
xset <- group(xset, bw=2, minfrac=0.5, max = 100, mzwid=0.02)
xset

#RT CORRECTION
xset <- retcor(xset, method="loess", family = "gaussian",
plottype = "mdevden", span=2, missing=2)
xset

#REGROUP
xset <- group(xset, bw=1.5, minfrac=0.45, max= 100, mzwid=0.04)
xset

#FILL PEAKS
xset <- fillPeaks.chrom(xset)
xset

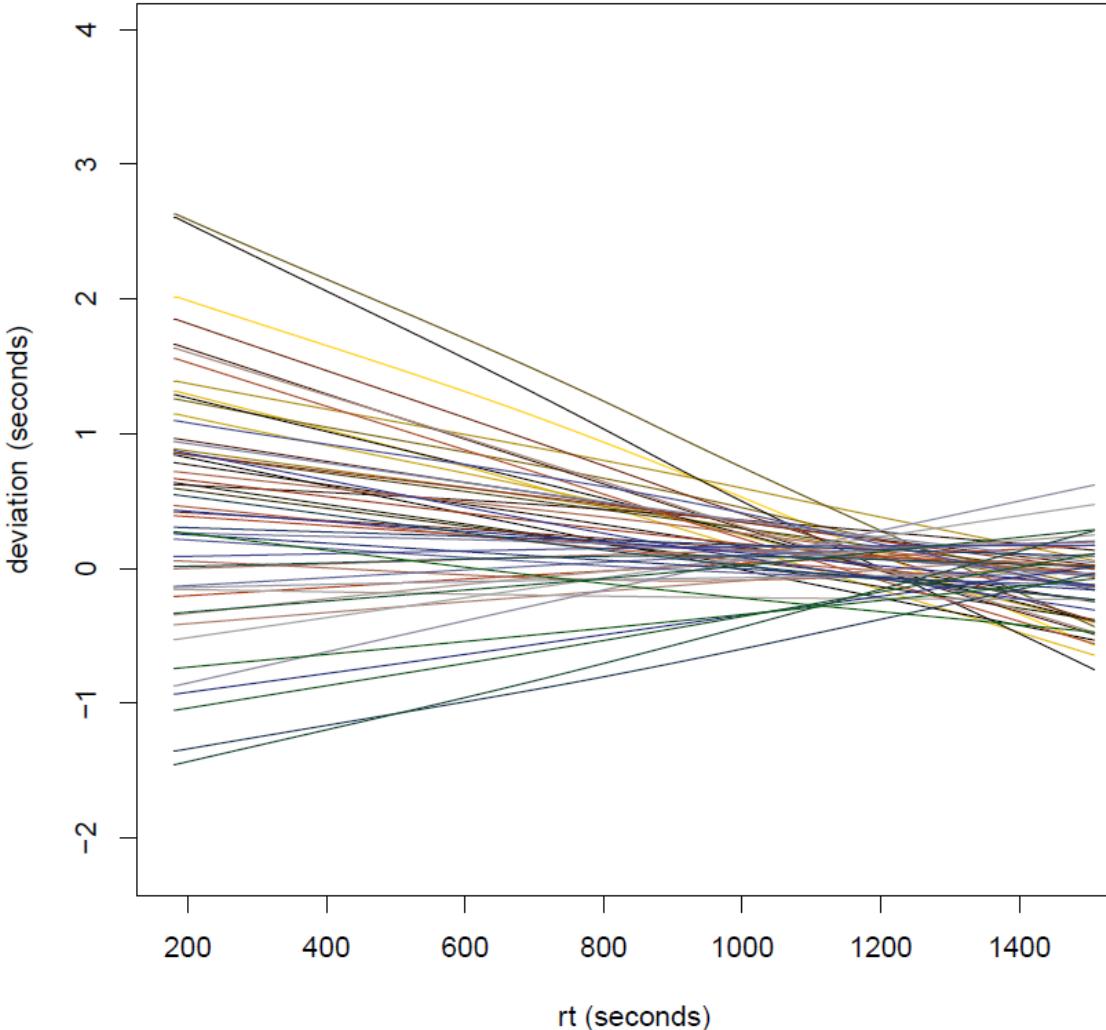
##SAVE THE R OBJECT
save(xset, file="xset.Rdata")

#EXTRACT AND NORMALIZE DATA
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TIC<-rowSums(xset3)
NORM<-1000000*xset3/TIC
xset4<-NORM
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xset5<-merge(seq, xset4, by="row.names", all.x=FALSE, all.y=FALSE)

#EXPORT DATA MATRIX
write.csv(xset5, file="veggie_data.csv", row.names=FALSE)

#DECONVOLUTION
library(RAMClustR)
RC<-ramclustR(xset, blocksize=500, st=1, sr=0.5)
str(RC)
```

# Step C: RT Correction



```
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library(xcms)

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plotSurf(f1, log = FALSE, aspect = c(1, 1, .5), mzrange=c(50,610),
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#DETECT PEAKS
xset <- xcmsSet(dataset, phenodata=dataset, nslaves=4,
method = "matchedFilter", fwhm = 8, max = 500, snthresh = 5,
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xset

#GROUP PEAKS
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xset

#RT CORRECTION
xset <- retcor(xset, method="loess", family = "gaussian",
plottype = "mdeviden", span=2, missing=2)
xset

#REGROUP
xset <- group(xset, bw=1.5, minfrac=0.45, max= 100, mzwid=0.04)
xset

#FILL PEAKS
xset <- fillPeaks.chrom(xset)
xset

##SAVE THE R OBJECT
save(xset, file="xset.Rdata")

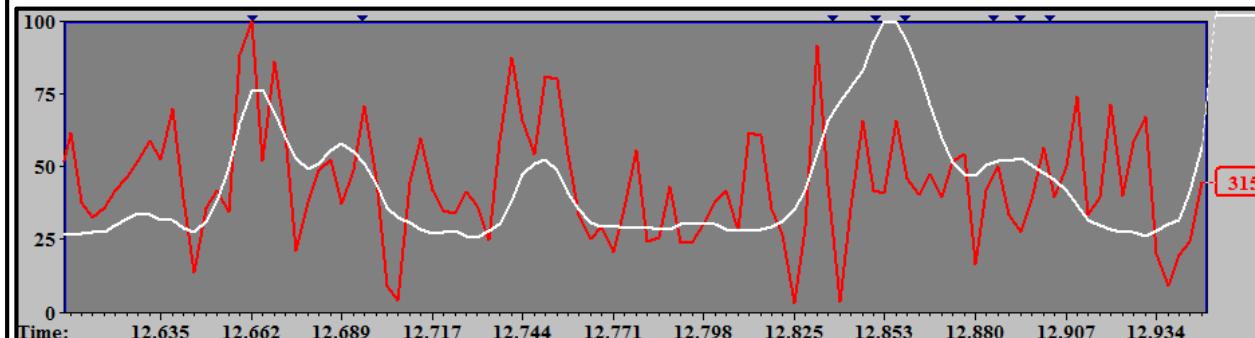
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#DECONVOLUTION
library(RAMClustR)
RC<-ramclustR(xset, blocksize=500, st=1, sr=0.5)
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# Step D: Fill Peaks & Normalize

**'0' values are replaced with an estimation of local noise**



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#RT CORRECTION
xset <- retcor(xset, method="loess", family = "gaussian",
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xset

#REGROUP
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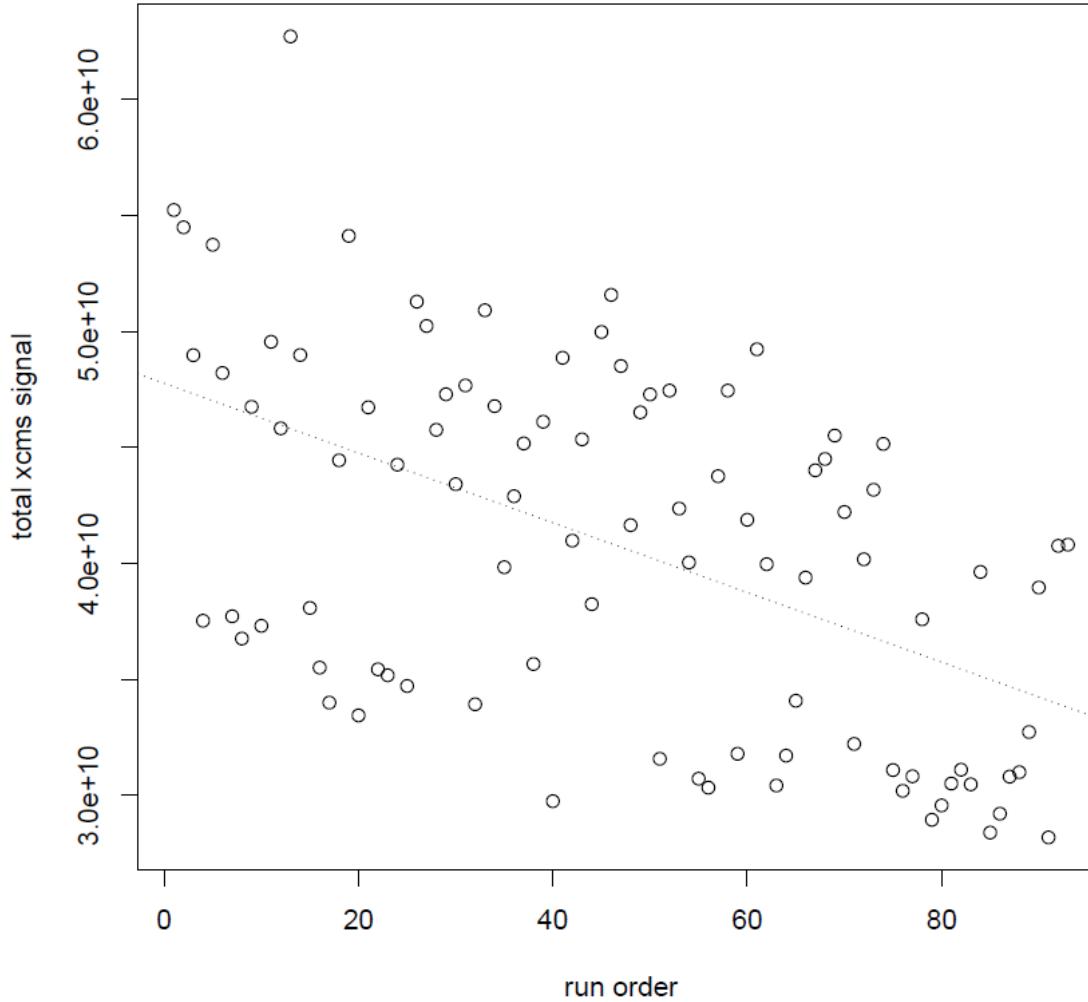
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# The End Product Is a Data Matrix of Samples and Molecular Features

***XCMS aligned m/z and retention time among all samples***

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	sample	76.8759_227.011	51.1409_227.876	78.1372_228.3	68.9466_228.573	64.056_228.733	125.9805_56.9305_260.7199_255.163_22117.7181_8				
2	1	5049	15766	15085	3477	419	1381	2079	2459	1879	16972
3	2	1913	18305	13923	4910	656	1436	1992	3166	1517	12409
4	3	3364	21773	14991	4361	320	1306	2713	2687	3503	10642
5	4	7636	11918	9107	4913	555	1541	1435	2456	2235	14140
6	5	3674	22650	12932	3626	220	1004	2892	2366	788	10578
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14	13	4154	11870	13121	3040	635	1541	889	3437	1327	8443
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23	22	3214	10679	8825	3600	85	1344	2439	1573	2313	15287
24	23	1949	19293	10745	5730	1330	609	1917	1787	1529	7648

# Deconvolution Reduces Data Complexity and Improves Quantitation and Statistics

	A	B	C
1	sample	76.8759_227.011	51.1409_227.876
2	1	5049	15766
3	2	1913	18305
4	3	3364	21773
5	4	7636	11918
6	5	3674	22650
7	6	2676	11635
8	7	1978	9218
9	8	1898	16004
10	9	1839	15345
11	10	1611	11803
12	11	3066	10753
13	12	2569	12971
14	13	4154	11870
15	14	2078	25270
16	15	2559	14015
17	16	2031	16454
18	17	6763	18305
19	18	3200	14445
20	19	3088	12103
21	20	1901	14814
22	21	3009	14006
23	22	3214	10679
24	23	1949	19293

RAMClust  
deconvolution  
algorithm



Name: C1  
SYNON: \$:00in-source  
SYNON: \$:04  
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SYNON: \$:06QUAD  
SYNON: \$:07Thermo ISQ  
SYNON: \$:09Thermo Trace GC: TG-5MS column  
SYNON: \$:10EI  
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Comment: Rt=894.58 Contributor=Heuberger Study=Beer  
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41059 249.1223 40932 455.2259 40475 151.0812 39521 18  
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213.0978 13304 164.1691 13297 178.1456 13128 237.0965  
9552 337.1601 9251 165.1346 8896 431.166 8282 469.208  
250.1405 7044 382.1824 6883 351.1818 6728 422.2081 60  
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sample	C1	C2	C3
1	3082	2686	104967
2	1662	1987	91740
3	1635	2522	84272
4	2544	1906	78988
5	3155	2083	72516
6	3004	2168	98226
7	2471	1836	93222
8	2241	2042	94619
9	1742	1950	83389
10	2691	2311	100043
11	1745	2352	82148
12	2253	2560	84004
13	1502	2166	65728
14	2955	2256	95223
15	2381	2304	90304
16	1918	2117	82843
17	2346	2575	101296
18	2103	2829	110123
19	1696	2162	88921
20	1982	1656	95223
21	1825	2376	101436
22	1945	2410	91912
23	1941	2192	85924
24	1770	1608	73445
25	2581	2393	92053

# Metabolite Annotation Using RamSearch

**Compounds**   Hide Annotated  Group Rows by Original Name

**Spectrum Match:** M000040\_A189002 **Annotation:**

Compound Retention Time = 623

**Search Results**

**Display Options**

**Comments:**

Confidence:   Static Mass Axis

Show all masses:  Min:  Max:  Font Size:

**Set Output Columns**

**Run MSPepSearch**

**Export Results**

**Publish (Save Matches)**

Autosave "RT sigma"

**File**

Search Type:

GCMS InSource

# of Results:

Mass Accuracy Error:

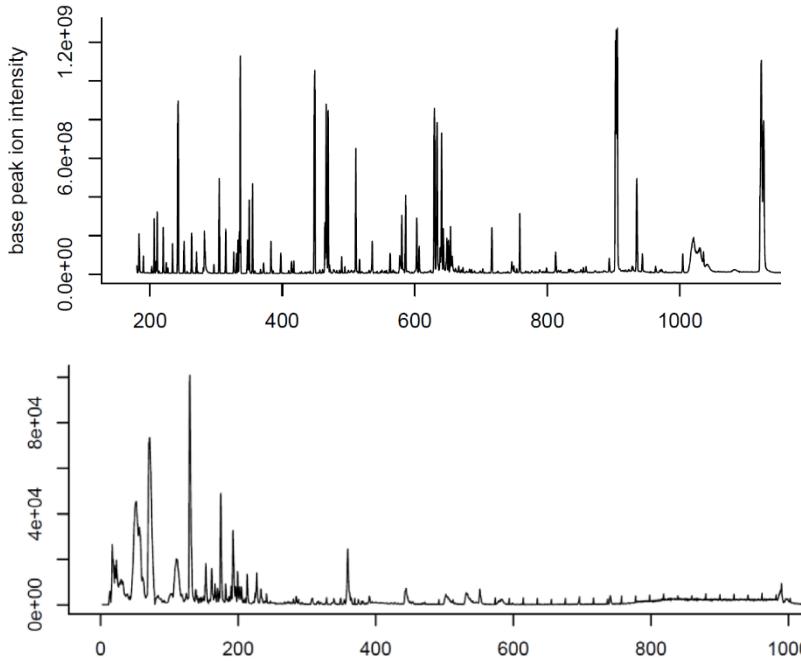
**Accept Match** **Clear Match** **Reload Aux Data**

**Compound List**

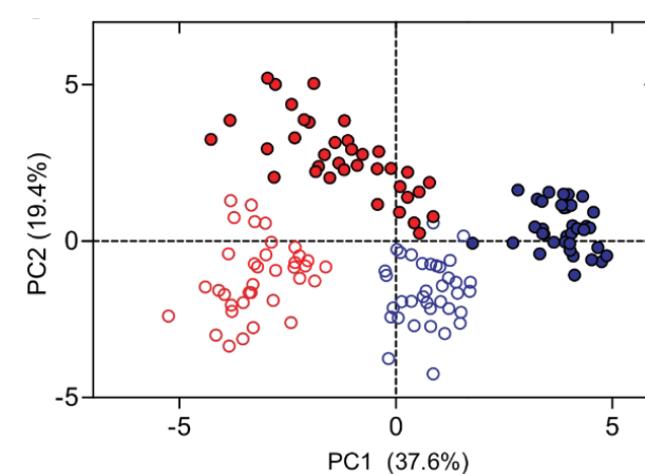
#	Name	Ma
1	C1	509
2	M000040_A189002-101-xxx_NA_1880,5_TRUE_VAR5_ALK_Glucose (1MEOX) (5TMS) MP	835
3	C3	596
4	C4	631
5	M000269_A355003-101-xxx_NA_3507,56_TRUE_VAR5_ALK_Maltotriose (1MEOX) (11TMS)	606
6	M000075_A129001-101-xxx_NA_1262,42_TRUE_VAR5_ALK_Phosphoric acid (3TMS)	537
7	C7	260
8	C8	590
9	C9	576
10	C10	287
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12	C12	562
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# Data Analysis Involves Many Types of Statistics

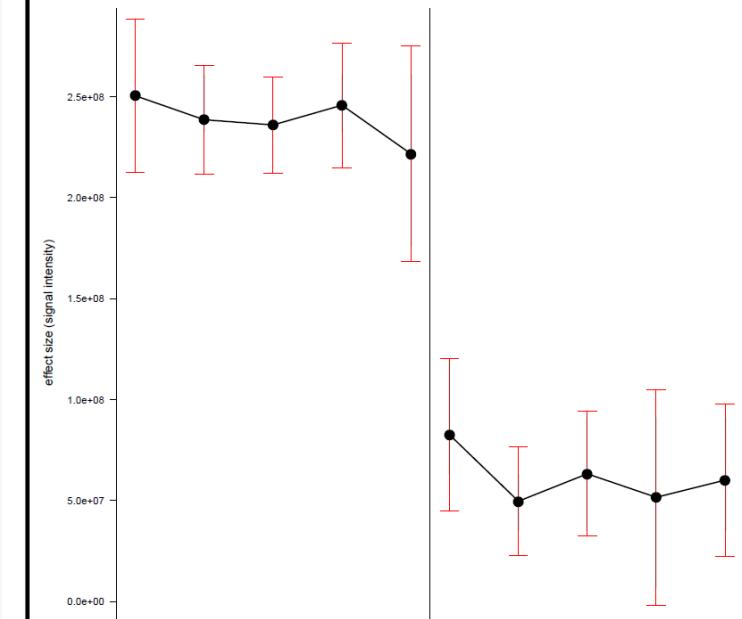
## Quality Control Statistics



## Overview Statistics

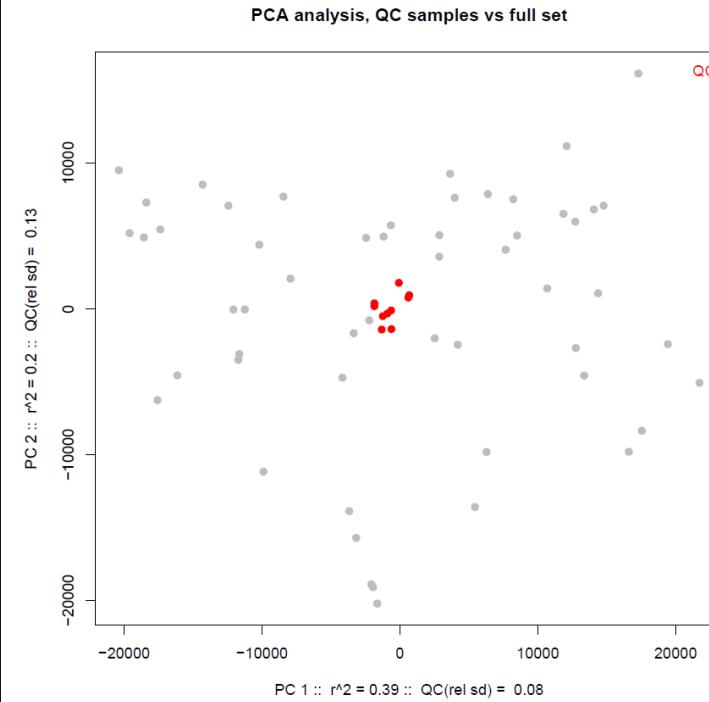


## Comparative Statistics

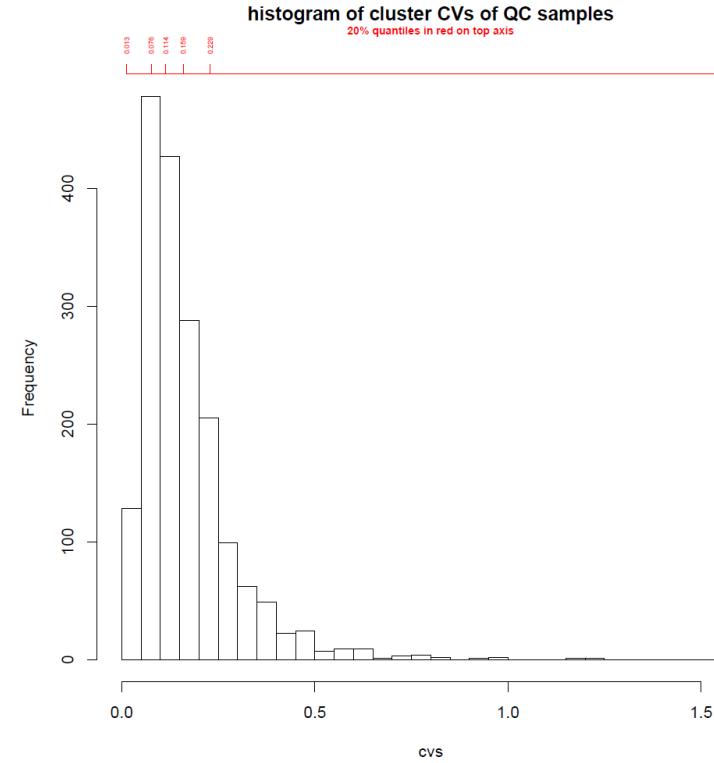


# Quality Control/Assurance Statistics

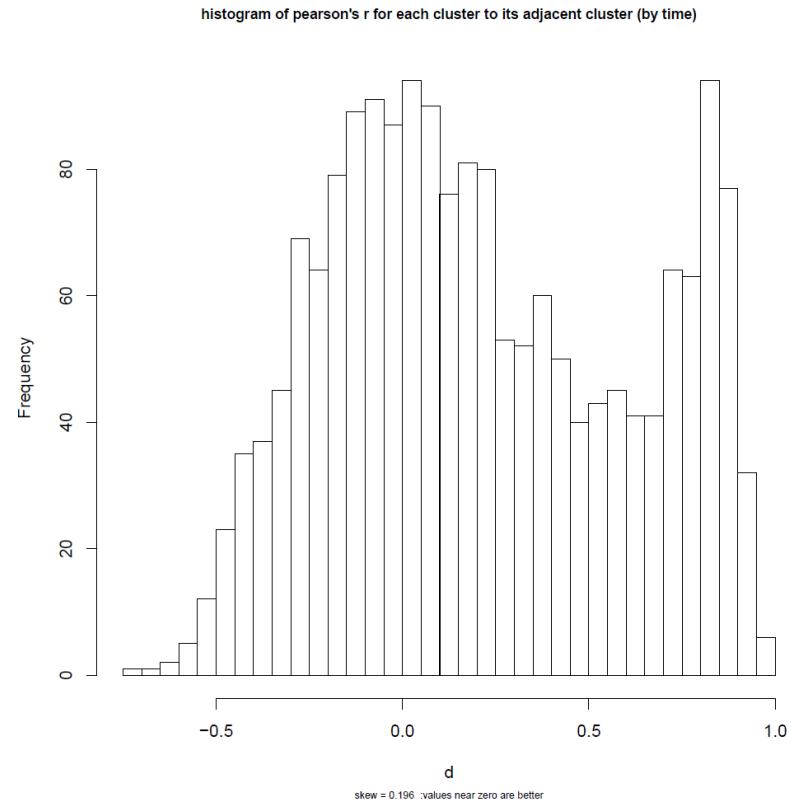
## PCA of pooled QC samples



## CVs of QC samples

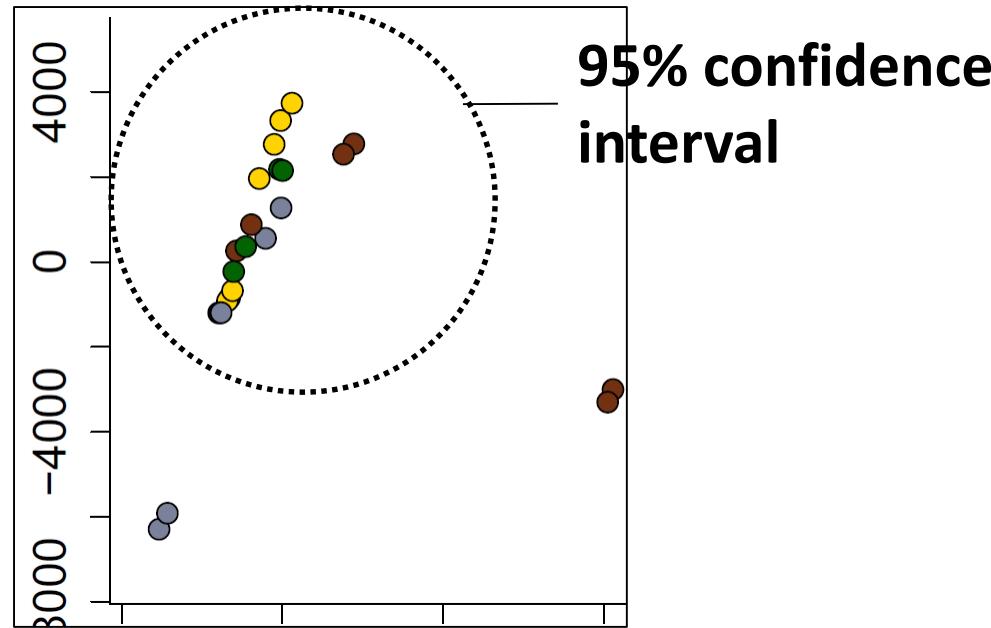


## Deconvolution QA

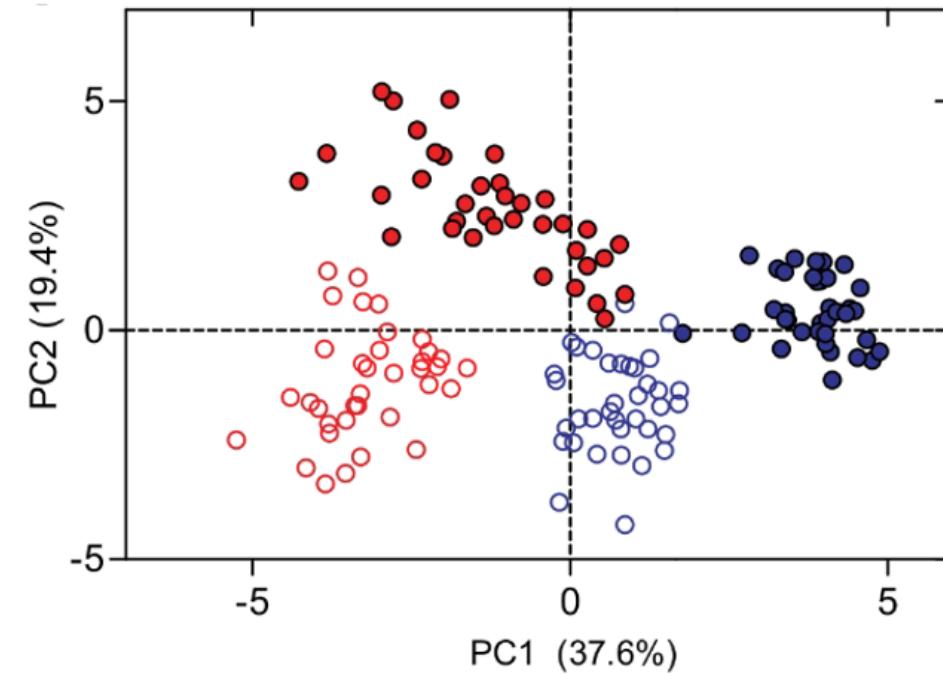


# PCA Provides A Great Overview of Metabolite Data

**PCA can detect outliers**



**PCA can show trends in chemical variation**



# ANOVA and Regression Are Important Univariate Models (Use FDR Correction!)

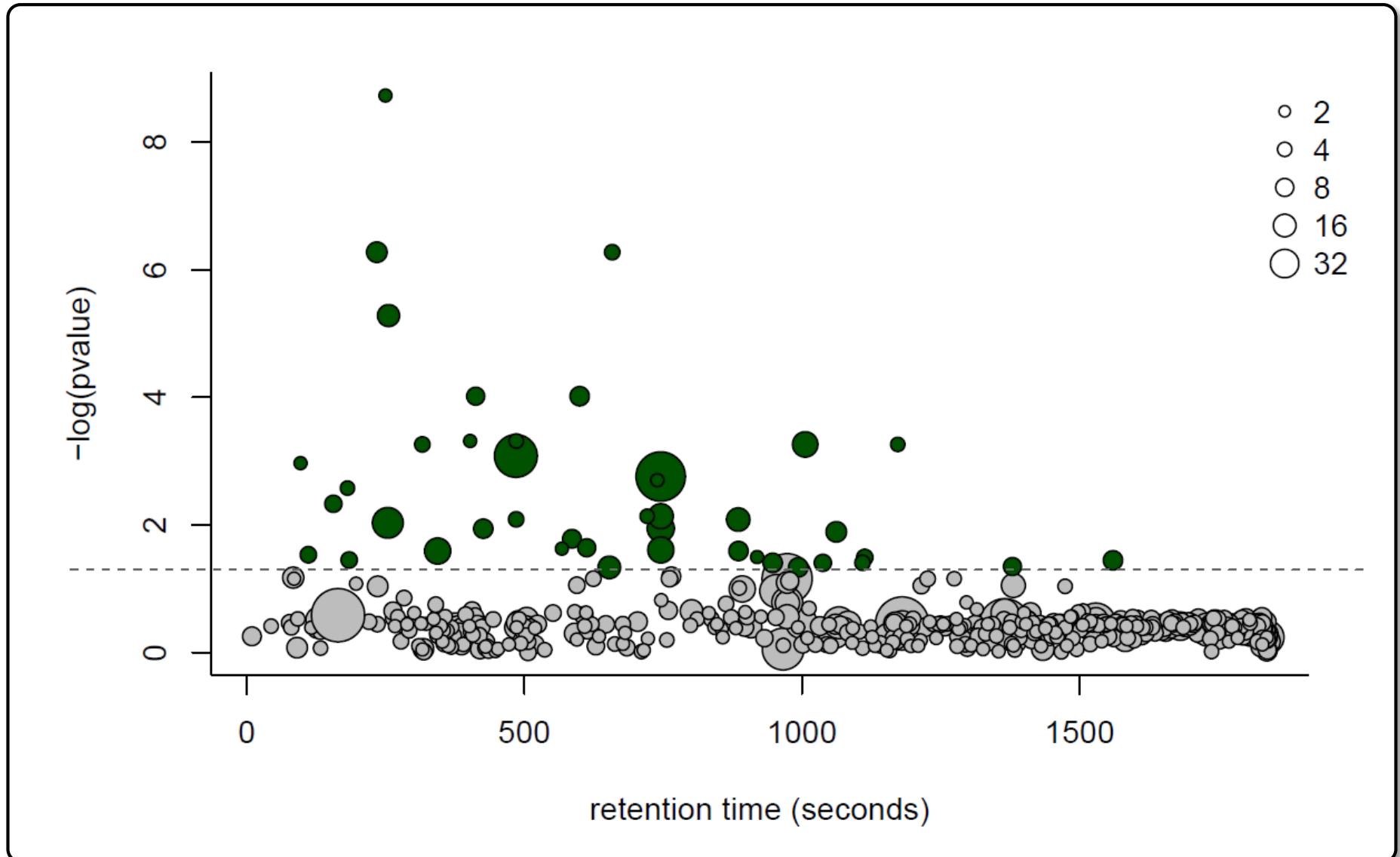
met ~ type + time + type\*time

time =  $\beta$  (met) + intercept = 0?

*each metabolite is assigned  
a p-value for each test*

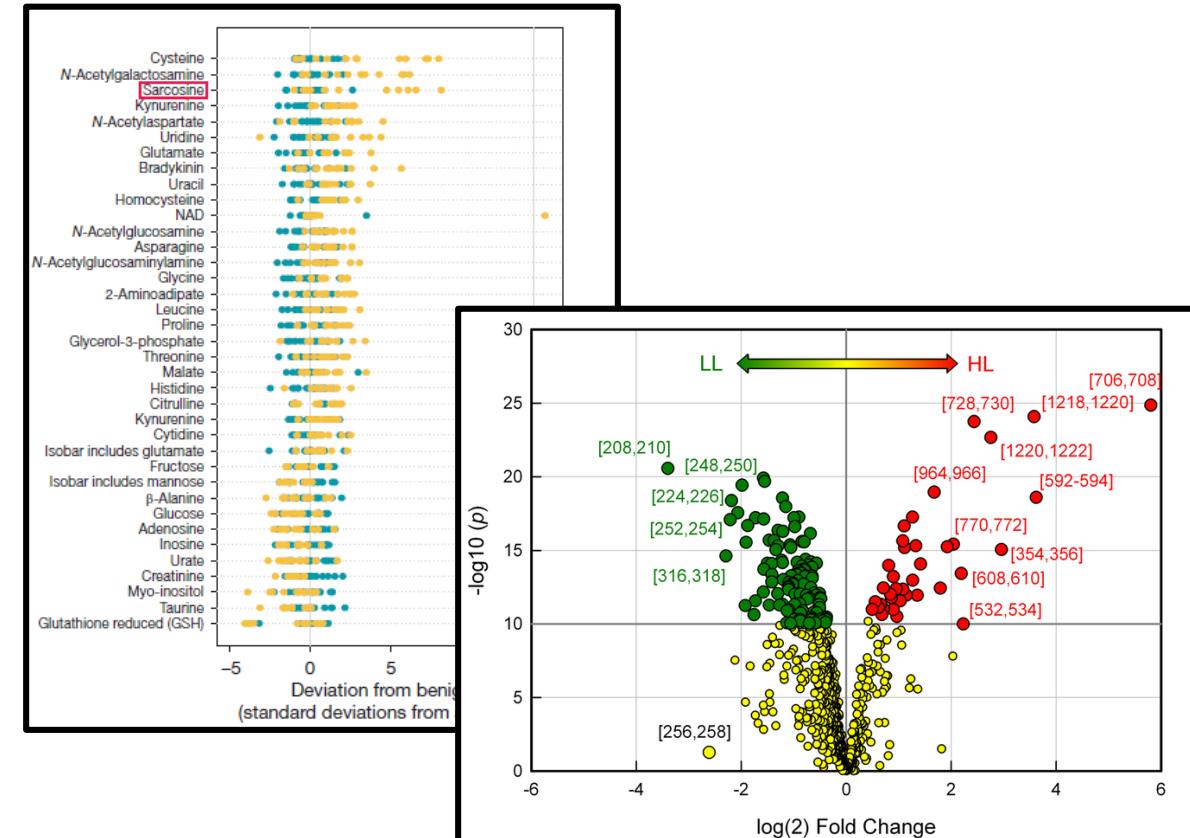
1	sample	maltose	tryptophan	citric acid	lactic acid	glucose
2	NB - time 1 - rep 1	3082	2686	104967	4430	192
3	NB - time 1 - rep 2	1662	1987	91740	2849	382
4	NB - time 1 - rep 3	1635	2522	84272	4288	165
5	Odell - time 1 - rep 1	2544	1906	78988	3678	136
6	Odell - time 1 - rep 2	3155	2083	72516	3496	309
7	Odell - time 1 - rep 3	3004	2168	98226	4148	263
8	NB - time 2 - rep 1	2471	1836	93222	5716	155
9	NB - time 2 - rep 2	2241	2042	94619	5780	182
10	NB - time 2 - rep 3	1742	1950	83389	6284	157
11	Odell - time 2 - rep 1	2691	2311	100043	3837	211
12	Odell - time 2 - rep 2	1745	2352	82148	3456	228
13	Odell - time 2 - rep 3	2253	2560	84004	4212	110
14	NB - time 3 - rep 1	1502	2166	65728	4613	459
15	NB - time 3 - rep 2	2955	2256	95223	3570	219
16	NB - time 3 - rep 3	2381	2304	90304	3141	159
17	Odell - time 3 - rep 1	1918	2117	82843	2460	218
18	Odell - time 3 - rep 2	2346	2575	101296	4915	218
19	Odell - time 3 - rep 3	2103	2829	110123	2985	429

# P-Value Bubble Plots (P values vs. Retention Time)



# There Are Many Ways To View And Interpret Data (The Statistics Toolbox)

- **z scores**
- **hierarchical clustering**
- **heat mapping**
- **fold differences**
- **multivariate regressions (e.g. PLS)**
  - **discriminant analysis (A vs. B)**
  - **regression:  $y \sim \text{met1} + \text{met2} \dots$**
- **data integration methods (O2PLS)**
- **networking**

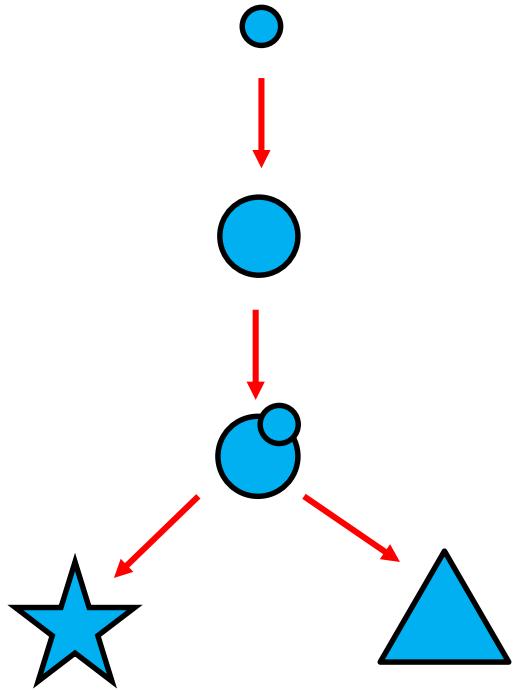


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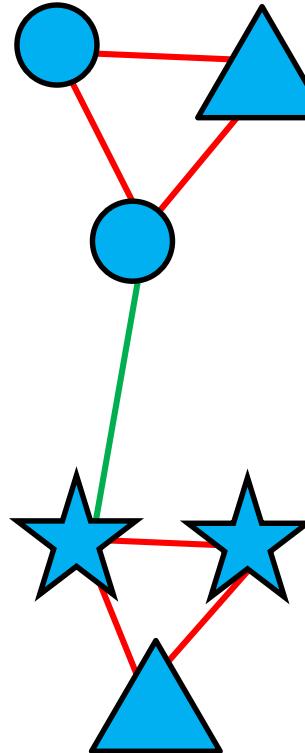
Grace, Stephen C., Stephen Embry, and Heng Luo. "Haystack, a web-based tool for metabolomics research." *BMC bioinformatics* 15 Suppl 11 (2014): S12.

# Organizing The Data Is An Important Step To Facilitate Interpretation

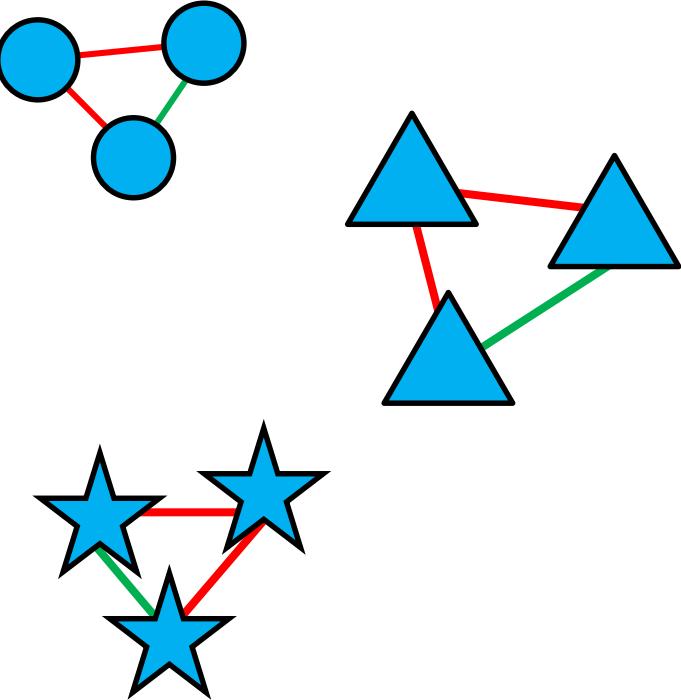
## Biochemistry



## Co-variation



## Chemical Structures



1

Develop a hypothesis

2

Extract metabolites



3

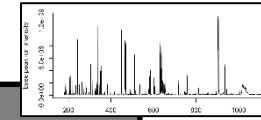
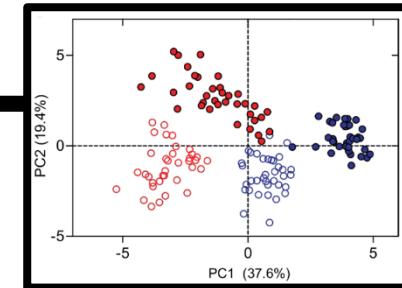
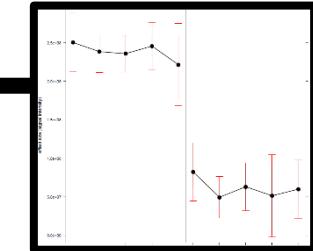
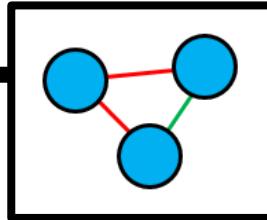
Detect metabolites

4

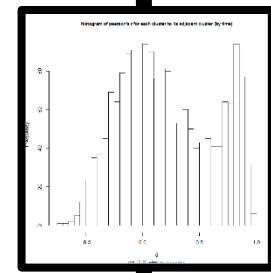
Process Data

5

Analyze Data



sample	malto	tryptophanic acid	lactic acid	glucose
2	3082	2686	104967	4430
3	NB-time 1 - rep 1	1662	1987	91740
4	NB-time 1 - rep 3	1635	2522	84272
5	Odell-time 1 - rep 1	2544	1906	78988
6	Odell-time 1 - rep 2	3155	2083	72516
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10	NB-time 2 - rep 3	1742	1950	92689
11	Odell-time 2 - rep 1	2691	2311	100043
12	Odell-time 2 - rep 2	1745	2352	87148
13	Odell-time 2 - rep 3	2253	2560	84004
14	NB-time 3 - rep 1	1502	2166	65728
15	NB-time 3 - rep 2	2055	2256	95223
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17	Odell-time 3 - rep 1	1918	2117	82843
18	Odell-time 3 - rep 2	2346	2575	101296
19	Odell-time 3 - rep 3	2103	2829	110123
				425



A better understanding  
of chemical variation in  
your system!

# Summary

- GC-MS is a robust method to detect non-volatile metabolites
- Metabolomics is a **method that compares metabolites profiles**, and this may be useful to investigate hypotheses in brewing science
- A **metabolomics workflow** consists of extraction, detection, and analysis methods

## Resources

- Metacyc (Pathway Tools)
- Gramene Metabolic Map for cereals
- Metlin (Scripps)
- Lipidmaps
- Human Metabolome Database
- Foodb.ca
- Metabolomics Society
- North American Metabolomics Society

