

The metabolome of duckweed – MS based natural product identification and flux analysis

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Part II – DLEMMA for metabolite identification

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Analysis and identification of natural products – techniques

	MS	NMR
sensitivity	+++	+
Identification level	+	+++
Standards Spectral libraries	++	+
Costs/speed	+++	+



➤ *Mass spectrometry (coupled to chromatography) in combination with computational tools method of choice*



Lemna – what are Lemnaceae?

→ free floating water plant of the duckweed family

→ reproduces mainly vegetatively

(two daughter fronds from one adult plant)

→ High protein & starch content / low lignin

→ High vitamin levels (β -carotene)

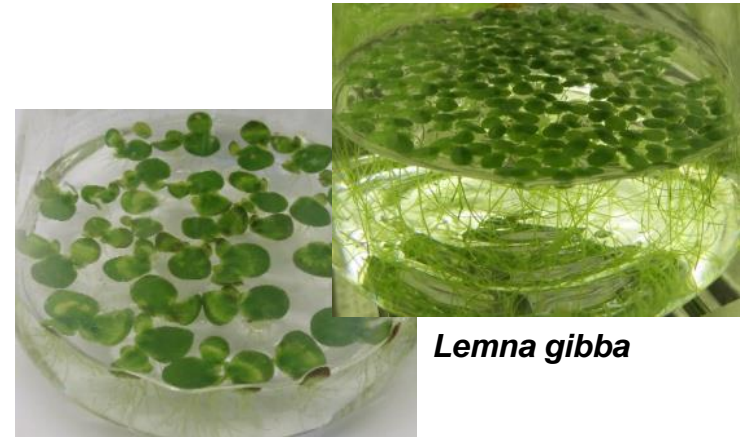
→ Vegetative reproduction

→ **Metabolite profiling**

→ **Metabolic model reconstruction**

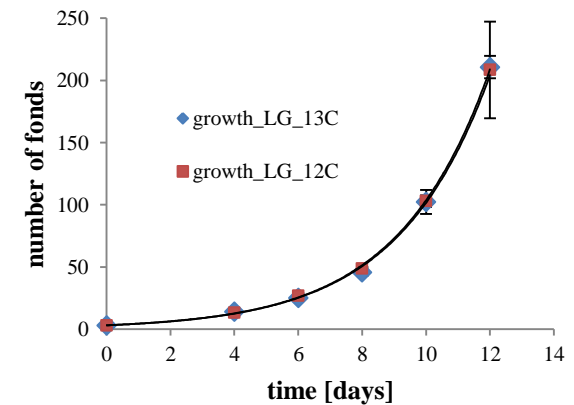
→ **Metabolic flux analysis of “whole plants”**

→ **Metabolic engineering**

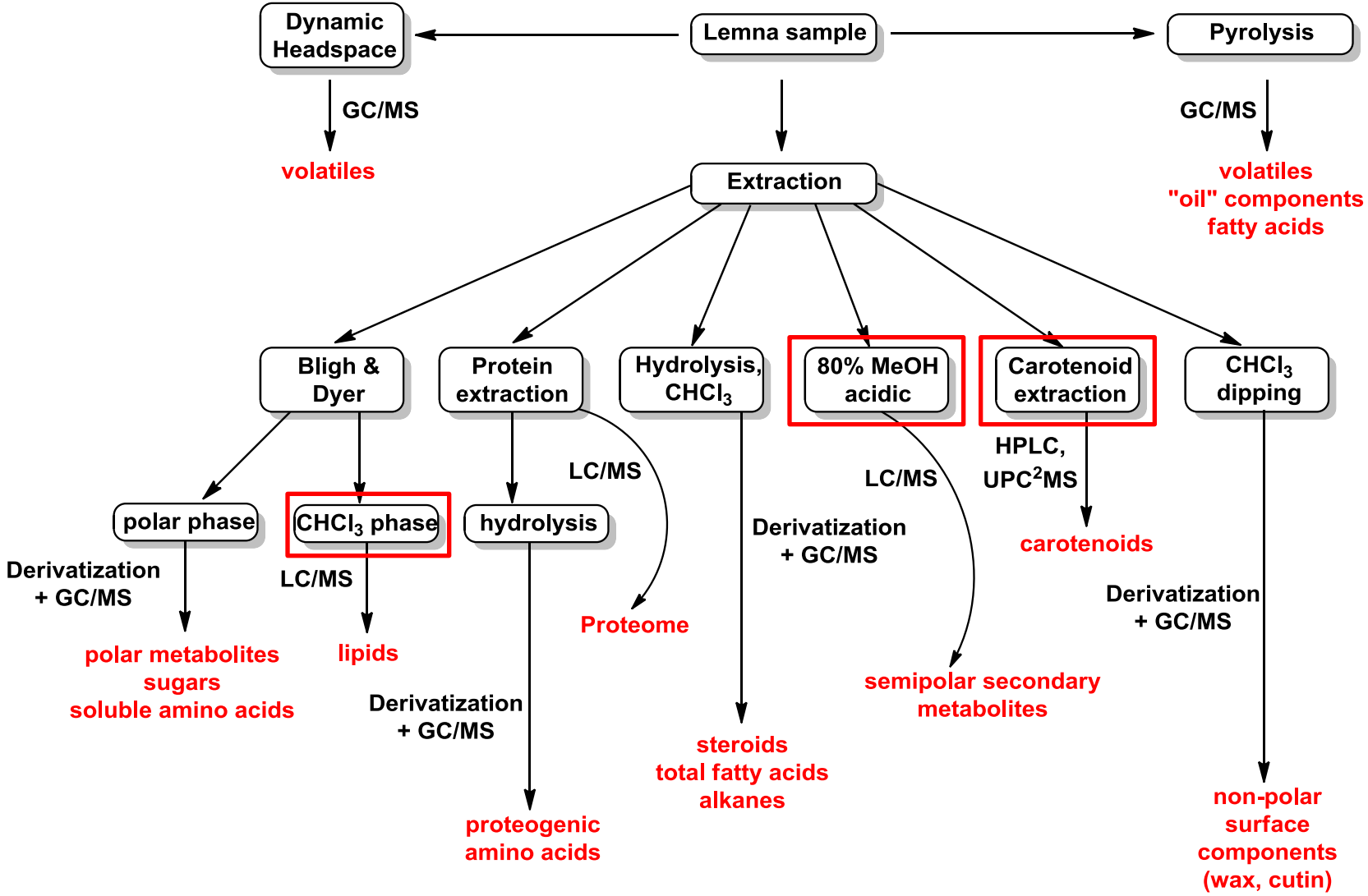


Lemna gibba

Spirodela polyrhiza



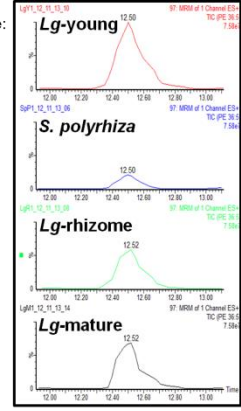
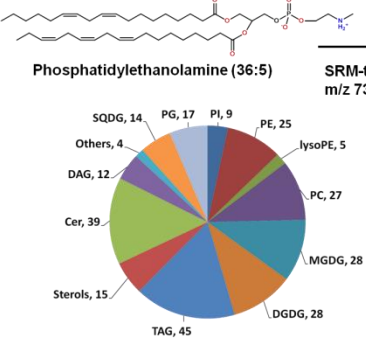
Lemna – profiling - overview



Lemna – profiling – results – 4 species

Lipid analysis

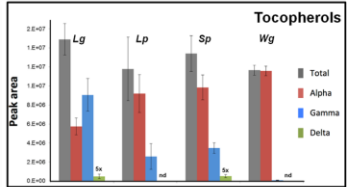
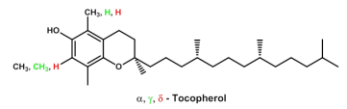
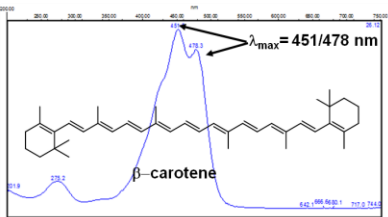
Chloroform extracts were subjected to LC-TQ-MS analysis – Example:



→ Identification of 291 different lipid species, relative quantification, comparison between species & different tissues (*Lemna gibba*: mature & young plant + rhizome)

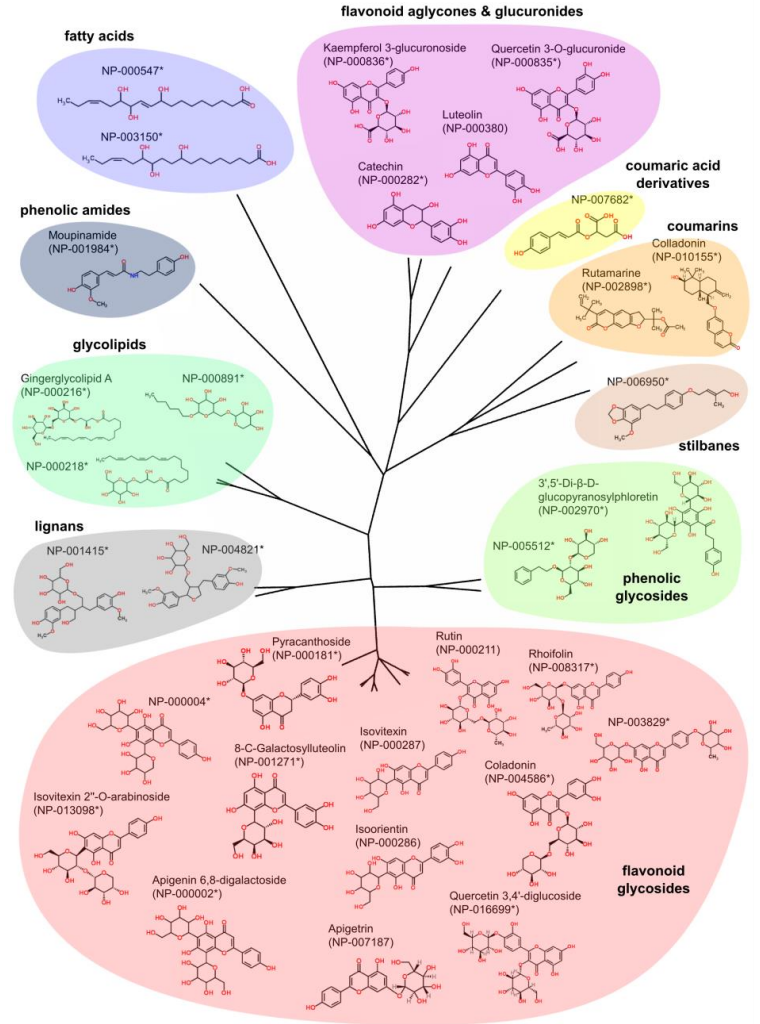
Isoprenoid analysis

Chloroform extracts were subjected HPLC- UV/Fluorescence analysis ; compounds were identified by comparison to authentic standards or absorption characteristics:



→ Identification of 3 tocopherols, 19 carotenoids, chlorophyll a & b and 6 unknown compounds

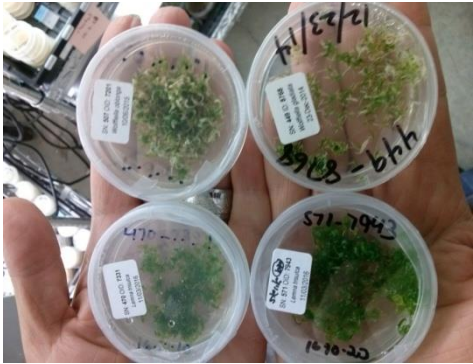
Semipolar secondary metabolites (WISmass)





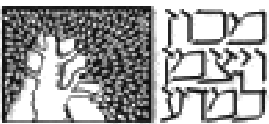
The AA-Lemna collection

- **33** duckweed species
from **RDSC** Rutgers Duckweed Stock Cooperative
- all **5** genera of *Lemnaceae* family (*Spirodela* (6), *Lemna* (14), *Landoltia* (2), *Wolffia* (8) & *Wolffiella* (3))
- “covering the family”
- including **sequenced strains** of *Spirodela polyrhiza*, *Lemna gibba* & *Lemna minor*



Various *Lemna* strains of the RDSC collection





The AA-Lemna collection – geographical distribution

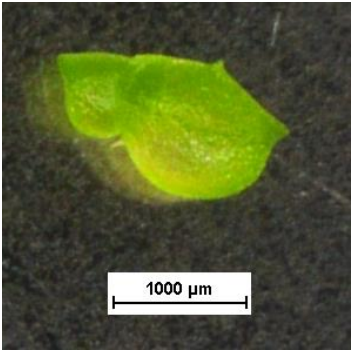
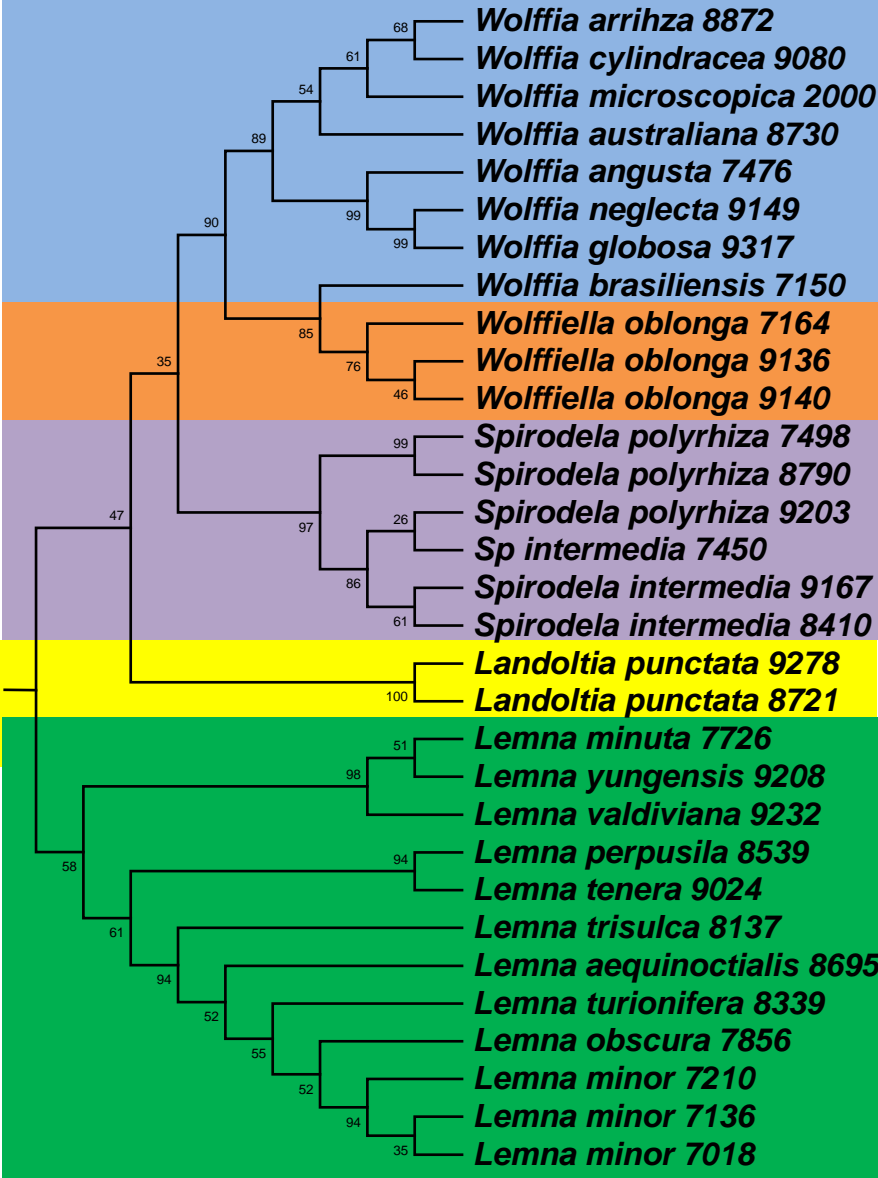
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- Lemna minor
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- Lemna gibba
- Lemna tenera
- Lemna aequinoctialis
- Lemna turionifera
- Lemna valdiviana
- Lemna japonica
- Lemna minuta
- Lemna obscura
- Lemna perussilla
- Lemna yungensis
- Lemna trisulca
- Spirodela intermedia
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- Landoltia punctata
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- Wolffia globosa
- Wolffia microscopica
- Wolffia arhiza
- Wolffia cylindracea
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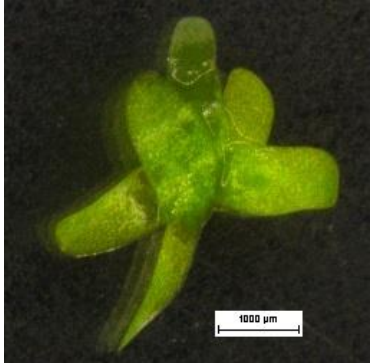




The AA-Lemna collection – diversity



Wolffia sp.



Wolffiella sp.



Spirodela sp.



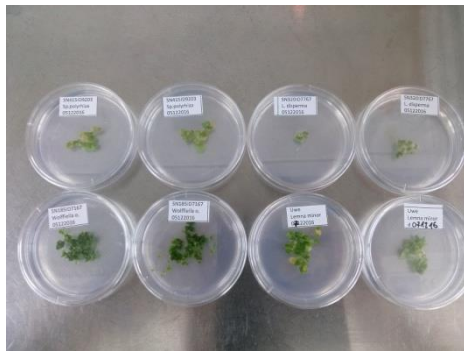
Landoltia sp.



Lemna sp.

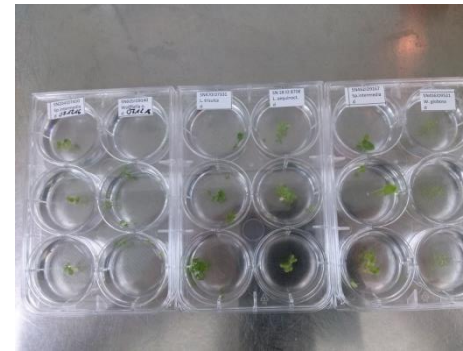


The AA-Lemna collection – growth & LC-MS analysis



Transfer to 6-well
plates, SP-medium

→
Cultivation for 12 d
Constant light, 3% CO₂

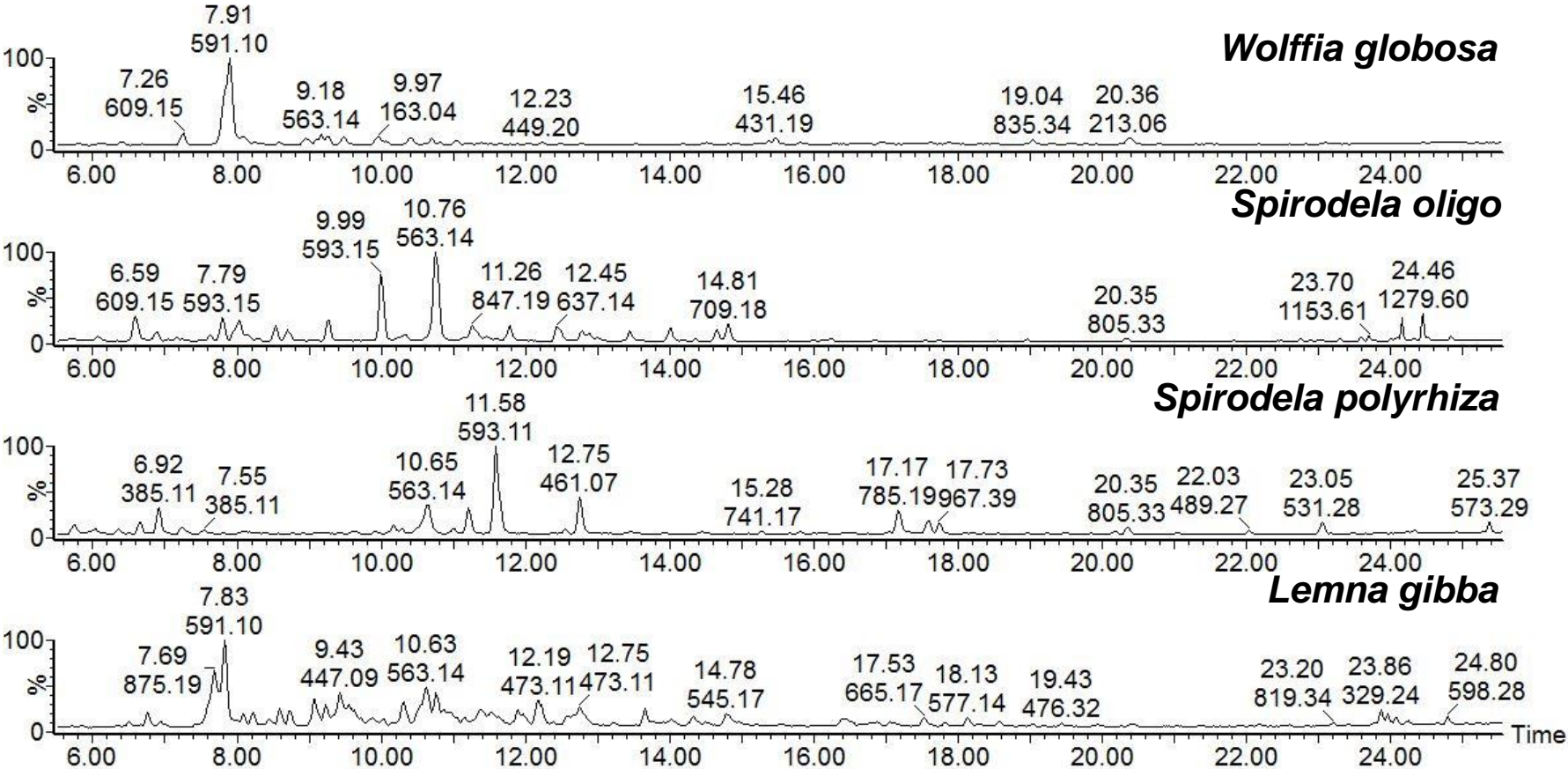


- **harvest** (3 replicates) through filtration & **wash** with cold water
- **homogenization** with mortar & pestle (frozen)
- **extraction** in 80% MeOH + 0.1% formic acid (w/v 1:3)
- after **filtration** (0.22µm) **injection** on UPLC-QTOF-MS (40 min)

- **data analysis: compound identification & validation**

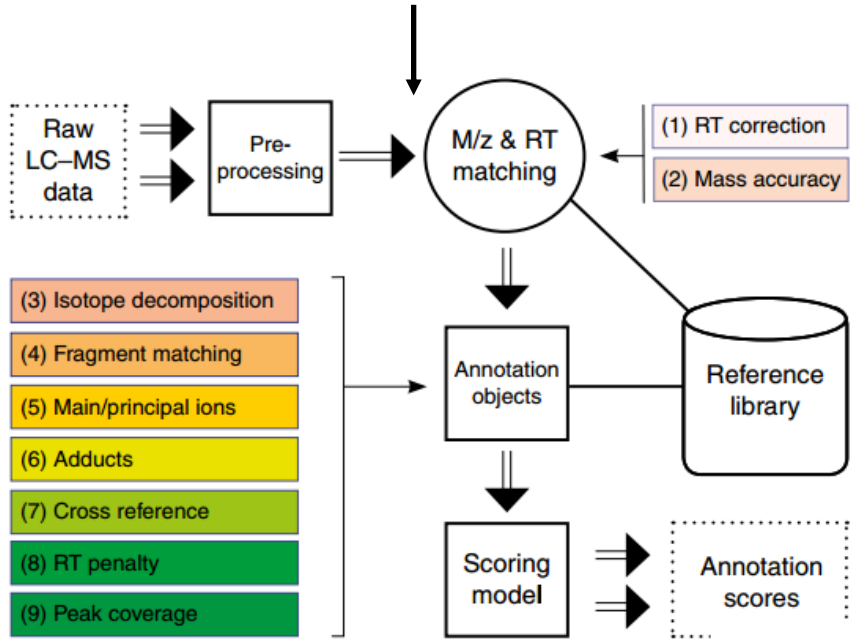
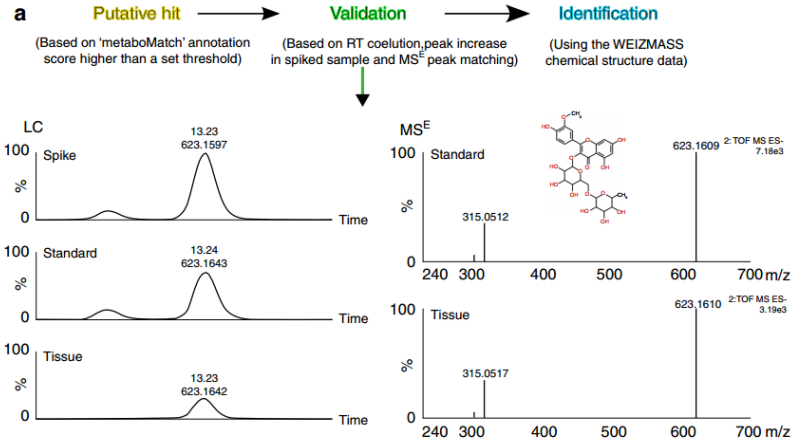
Collection screening – LC-MS (40 min gradient)

Snapshot of detected secondary metabolite diversity (6-24 min):



➤ data analysis strategy? --> introduction of two tools

Weizmass/MatchWeiz – Analyticon library (3500 compounds)



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514.314183	16	AD111784-06	G11	\$\$\$	813	513.3063149	29.37	Cannabis	M	C27H46O9

lowE	highE	pcgroup	peak.table	massTol	intData	found.rt	found.mz	main.mass	max.samp	glmScore	rfScore
14804	699	13	IL_060312_29a_	4.00E-04	@@@	8.87	149.0446.415.1e	415.1605633	IL_310314_3501	0.33022808	known
8233	6900	5	IL_130512_10_2a	9.00E-04	@@@	28.04	415.1452.675.3e	721.3650771	IL_310314_3501	0.21796683	known
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Figure 2 | The MatchWeiz software annotation workflow. Raw LC-MS



Classyfire – module

- software tool trained with 77 Million chemical structures for automated chemical class assignment

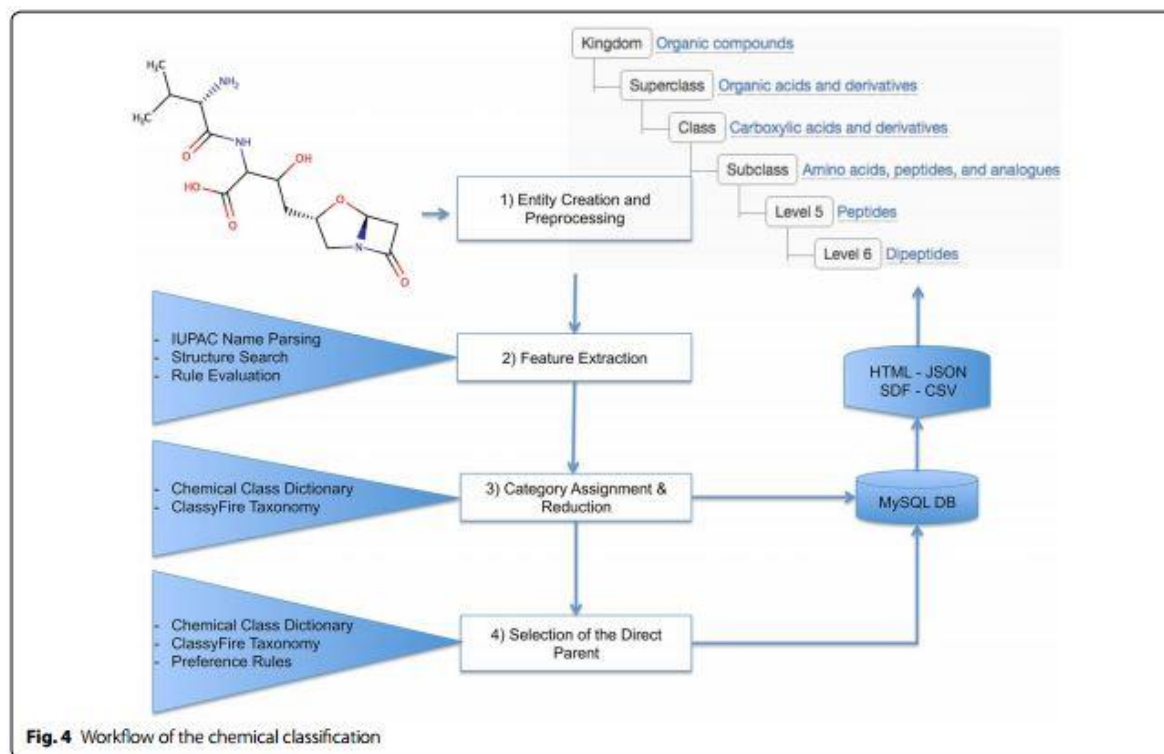
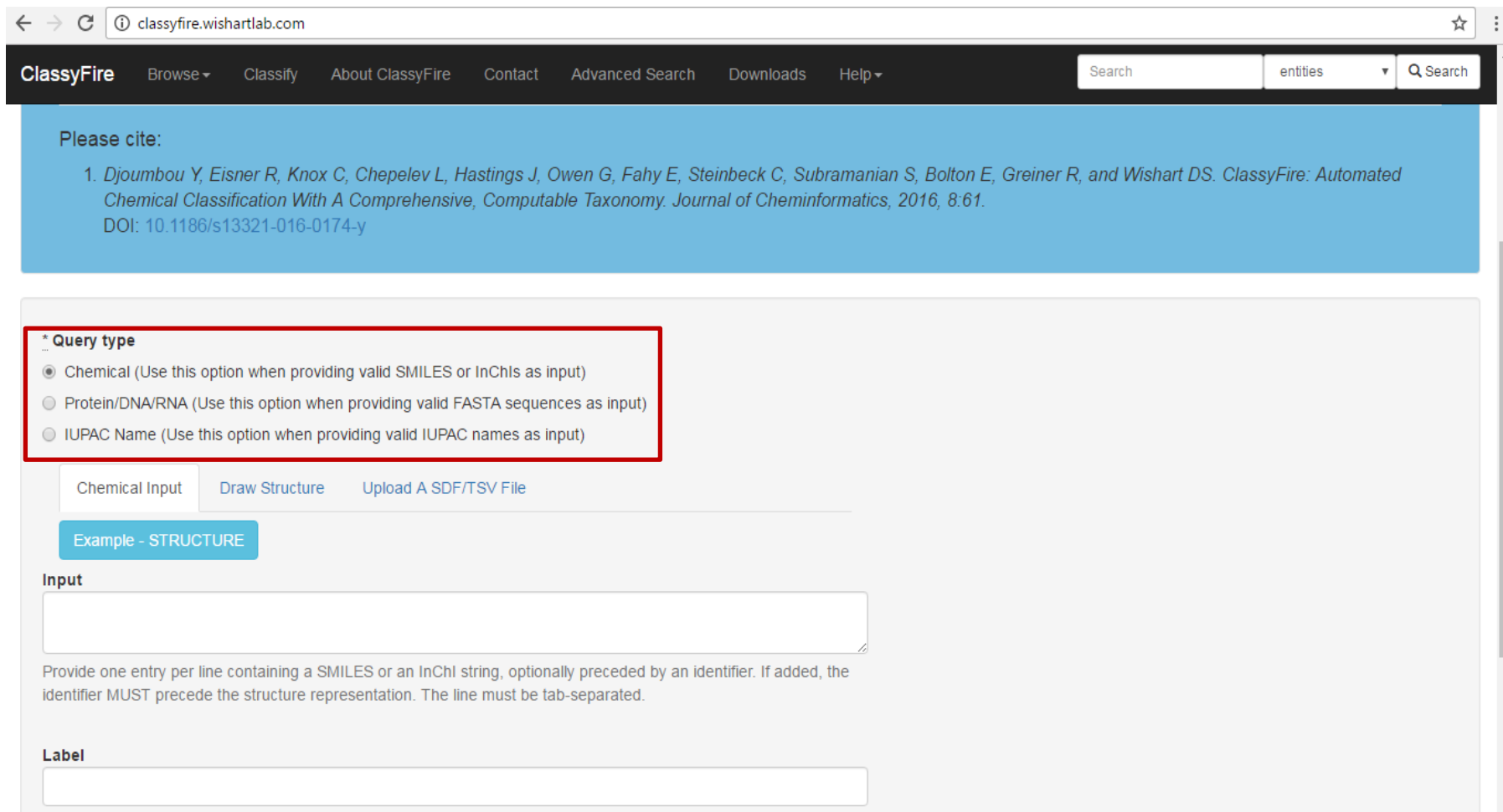


Fig. 4 Workflow of the chemical classification

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Classyfire – web server



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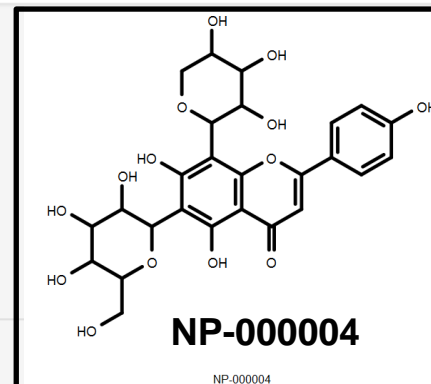
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Example - STRUCTURE



Input

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Classification Results

Export to:

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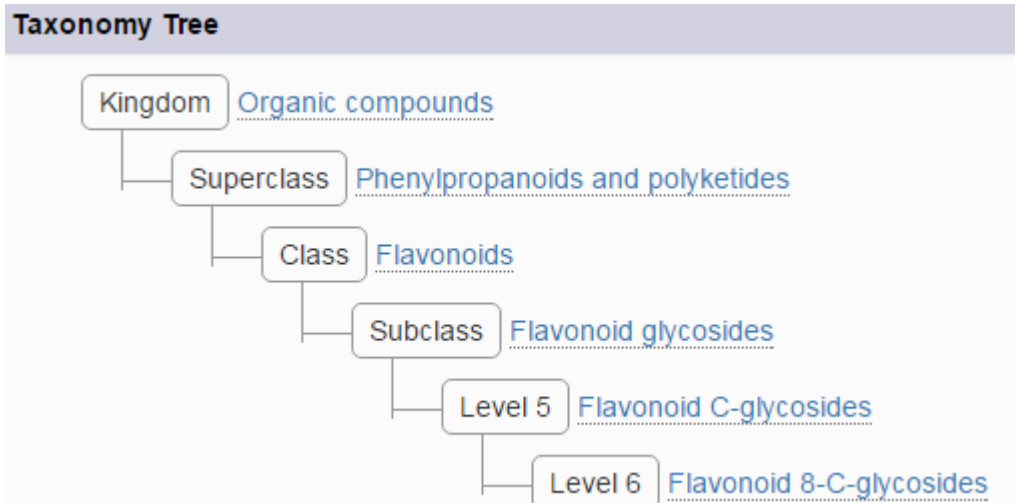
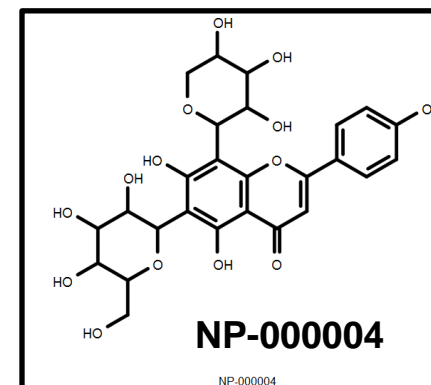
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- possibility of watching your results or exporting to sdf
- batch processing

Classyfire – web server

Compound Identification
SMILES
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InChIKey
InChIKey=MMDUKUSNQNWWET-UHFFFAOYSA-N
Formula
C ₂₆ H ₂₈ O ₁₄
Mass
564.496



Classyfire – web server

Kingdom	➤ Different levels of chemical classification
Organic compounds	
Superclass	➤ Up to 8 levels
Phenylpropanoids and polyketides	
Class	➤ Number of levels depends on structure/class itself (from no classification to all levels)
Flavonoids	
Subclass	
Flavonoid glycosides	
Intermediate Tree Nodes	
Flavonoid C-glycosides	
Direct Parent	
Flavonoid 8-C-glycosides	
Alternative Parents	

NP-000004

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[4'-hydroxyflavonoids](#)
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[Vinyllogous acids](#)
[Secondary alcohols](#)
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[Organic oxides](#)
[Hydrocarbon derivatives](#)
[Primary alcohols](#)

- useful tool as part of metabolite identification workflow?
- **Classification of WISmass library?**

Classyfire – Analyticon library (3500 compounds)

- Library was run in **Classyfire** in batches of 100 compounds (Hila)
- output as **.sdf files**
- manual **validation of 200** compounds

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Classify validations											
2					Description:	Meaningful levels are divided into level1: general compound class (Terpenoid, alkaloid, polyketide),						
3						level 2: subcategory of the previous (sesquiterpene, diterpene, triterpene, steroid) & level 3: specific co						
4					Levels:	1	Kingdom					
5						2	Superclass					
6						3	Class					
7						4	Subclass					
8						5	Intermediate Nodes					
9						6	Direct parent					
10						7	alternative parents					
11						8	Molecular framework					
12												
13	508505											
14	No	ID	correct	meaningful level 1	meaningful level 2	meaningful level 3	No. of levels	Uwe classy on fire delux				
15												
16	1	NP-004636	Y	3	4	5,6	8					
17												
18	2	NP-015137	Y	2	3	/	3					
19												
20	3	NP-010695	Y	3	/	4	4					
21												
22	4	NP-002106	N				0	sesquiterpene, daucene				
23												
24	5	NP-015274	Y	2	3	3,4	4					
25												
26	6	NP-015117	Y	2	3	3,4	4					

➤ first meaningful level (2/3)

➤ # of levels (average 4-5)

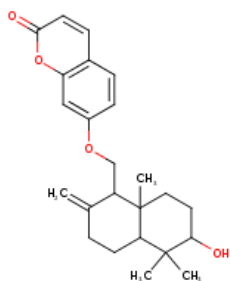
➤ 42 wrong classifications

(21%, lots of terpenes)

➤ what information to use?

Classyfire – “hybrid metabolites”

- “hybrid metabolites” are compounds that are a combination of two chemical classes



Compound Identification

SMILES

CC1(C)C(O)CCC2(C)C(COC3=CC4=C(C=CC(=O)O4)C=C3)C(=C)CCC12

InChIKey

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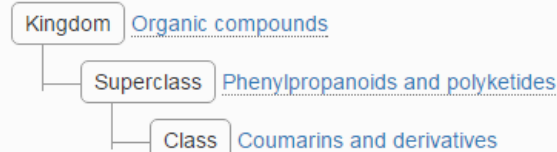
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C₂₄H₃₀O₄

Mass

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Taxonomy Tree



Kingdom

Organic compounds

Superclass

Phenylpropanoids and polyketides

Class

Coumarins and derivatives

Subclass

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Intermediate Tree Nodes

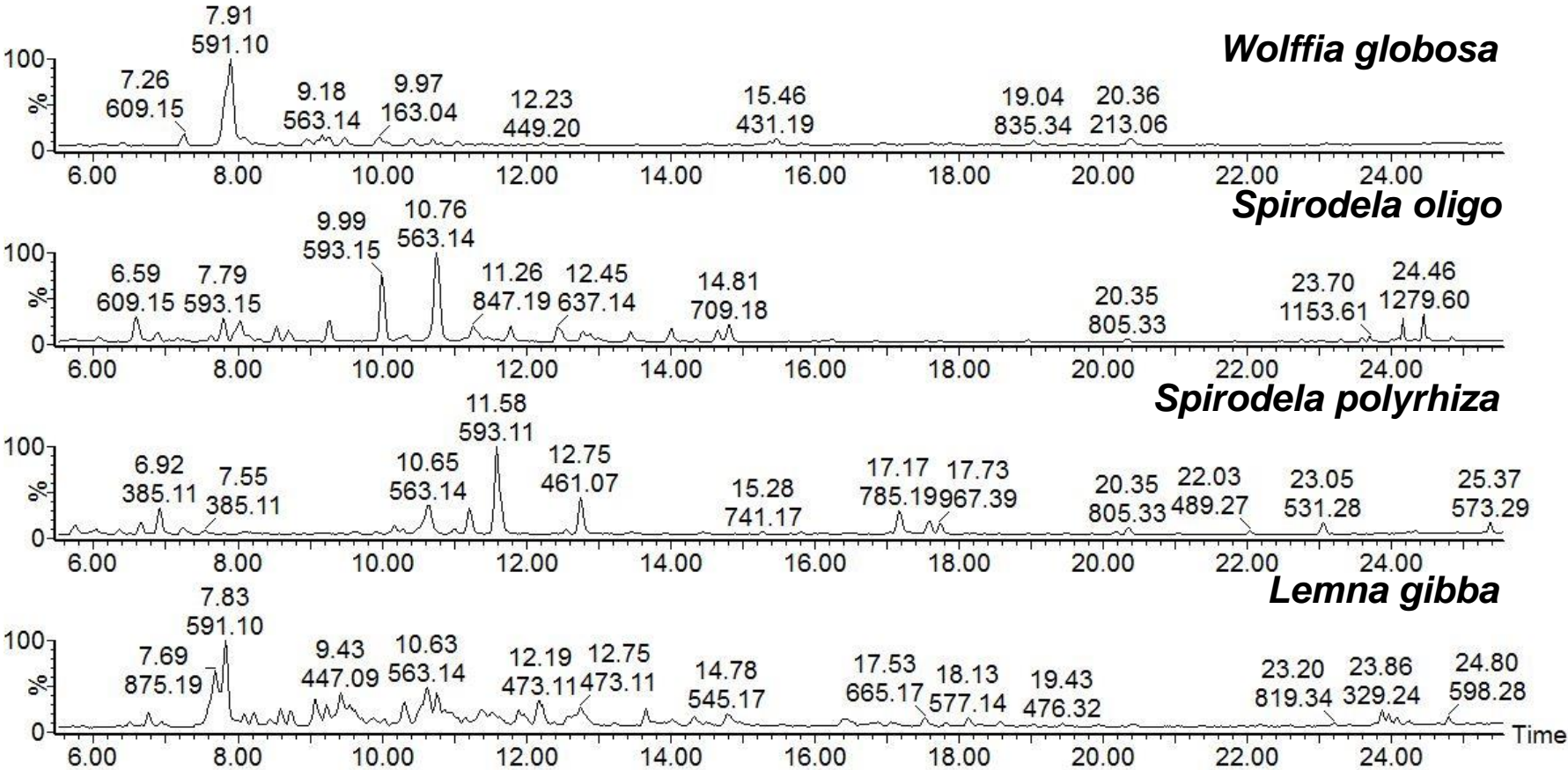
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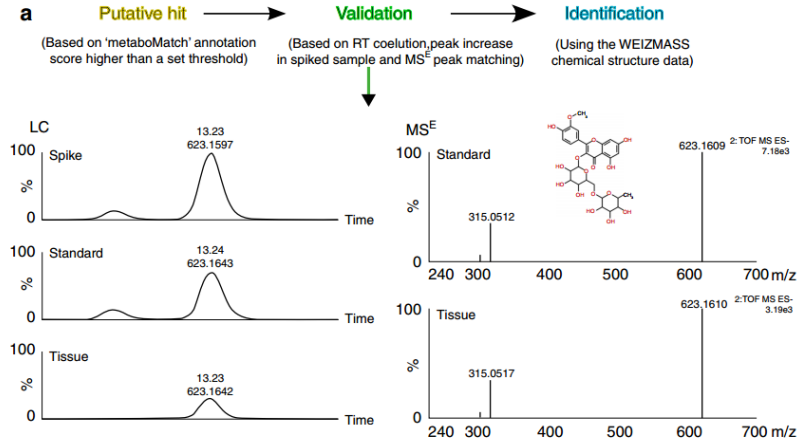
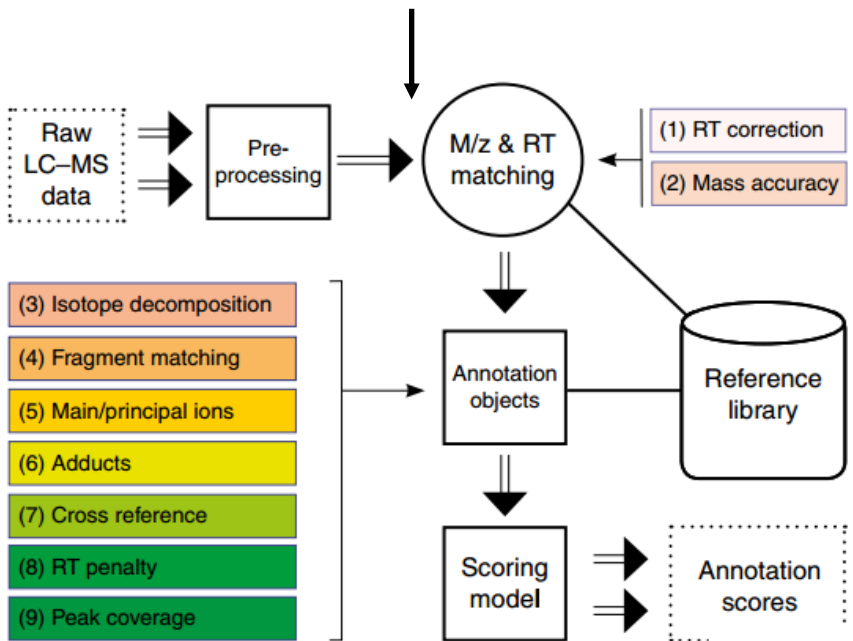
Coumarins and derivatives

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Figure 2 | The MatchWeiz software annotation workflow. Raw LC-MS

Collection screening – Weizmass/MatchWeiz

- Due to diversity of the samples **pre-processing** was performed **per genus** (*Lemna+Landoltia, Wolffia, Spirodela, Wolffia*)
- individual processing with **Weizmass/MatchWeiz**
- **initial identification tables per genus**
- comparison of **common hits** between groups and identification of **previously identified compounds** (Shahaf et al. 2016)

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514.314183	16	AD111784-06	G11	\$\$\$	813	513.3063149	29.37	Cannabis	M	C27H46O9	
lowE	highE	pcgroup	peak.table	massTol	intData	found.rt	found.mz	main.mass	max.samp	glmScore	rfScore
38856	6744	9	IL_060312_59a_	2.00E-04	@@@	8.86	89.0232,113.022	415.1605633	IL_310314_3501	0.30689212	known
14804	699	13	IL_060312_29a_	4.00E-04	@@@	8.87	149.0446,415.16	415.1605633	IL_310314_3501	0.33022808	known
8233	6900	5	IL_130512_10_2i	9.00E-04	@@@	28.04	415.1452,675.36	721.3650771	IL_310314_3501	0.21796683	known
10536	1837	6	IL_130512_41_2i	6.00E-04	@@@	29.48	116.9294,253.05	559.3113598	IL_310314_4201	0.72829149	known

Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

- **Spiking** of compound in sample with highest intensity of compound
- **only in one extract (genus)**

Know in Lemna, not spiked

In Lemna & Spirodela, spiked in Lemna

Lemna	Spirodella	Wolffia	Woolffiela	common
*NP-001271	*NP-000835	*NP-000002	NP-004596	**NP-000212
*NP-000286	NP-016821	*NP-001271	**NP-000061	NP-004940
*NP-000002	*NP-004586	*NP-000286	NP-015651	NP-005064
*NP-000287	*NP-007187	**NP-000212	NP-002437	*NP-004586
NP-013345	NP-001730	**NP-000437	NP-001362	NP-016976
NP-001730	NP-004573	NP-003191	NP-016976	NP-001009
NP-005587	**NP-000437	*NP-007187	NP-017063	**NP-000887
NP-003191	NP-003191	NP-001730	NP-004940	NP-000427
NP-000588	NP-005155	*NP-000835	*NP-004586	*NP-010155
**NP-000212	NP-000902	*NP-000287	NP-002465	NP-015231
NP-000895	**NP-000212	NP-001393	*NP-002970	NP-015334
NP-015692	*NP-000836	NP-000588	NP-005332	NP-017147
*NP-001984	*NP-013098	NP-000062	NP-008402	**NP-005379

Common in all, known from other species, spiked in Wolffiella

- injection of spike, sample and pure standard -> **identification**

Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

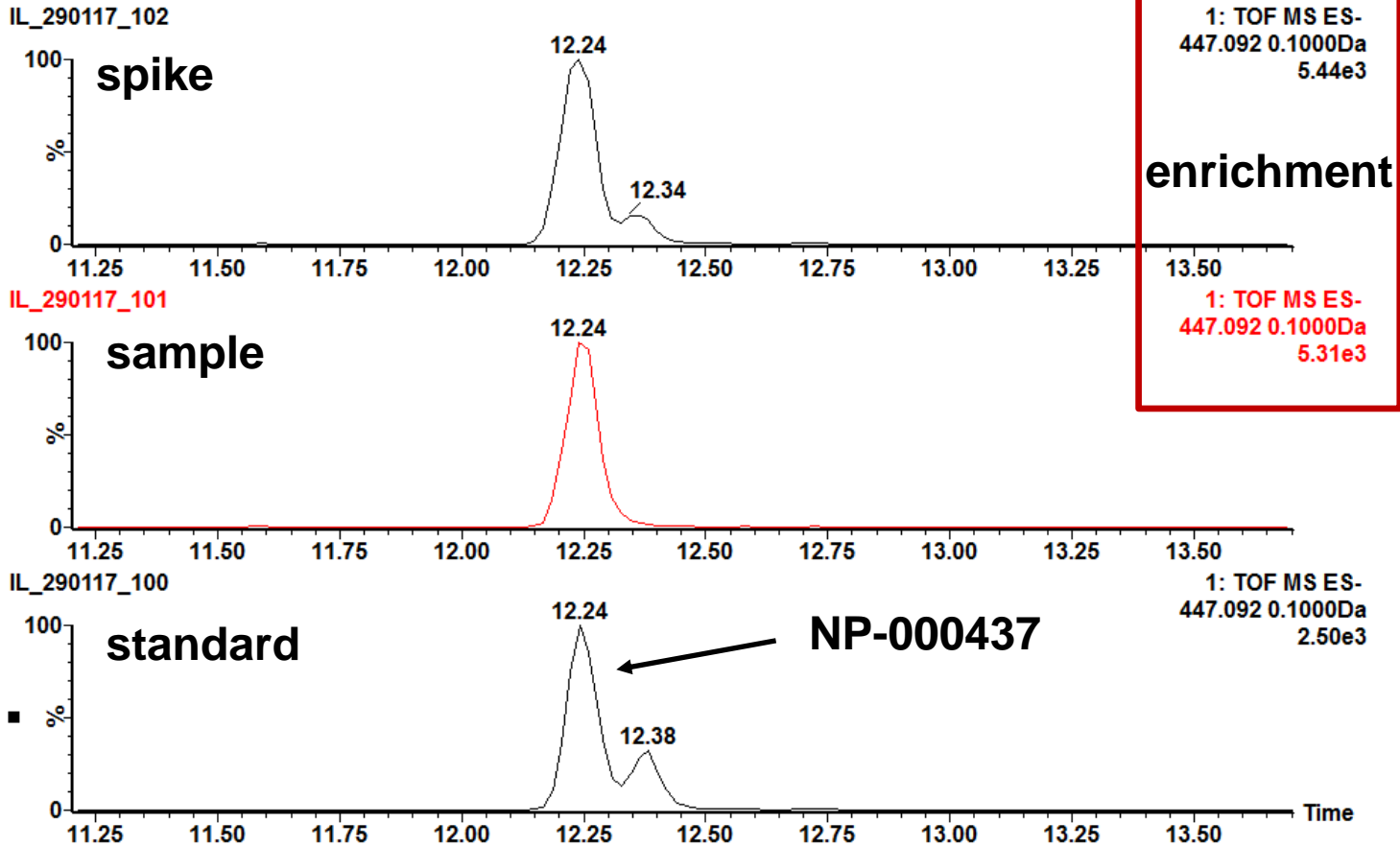
➤ **Possible results of spiking experiment:**

- **positive identification** (RT, MS, MS fragmentation identical)
- **related** = false positive (wrong RT or mass)
- **wrong identification** (no criterium matches)
- identification of **isomers** through impurities in the standard (same mass, MS fragmentation, different RT)



Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

➤ positive identification ESI- (88 compounds)

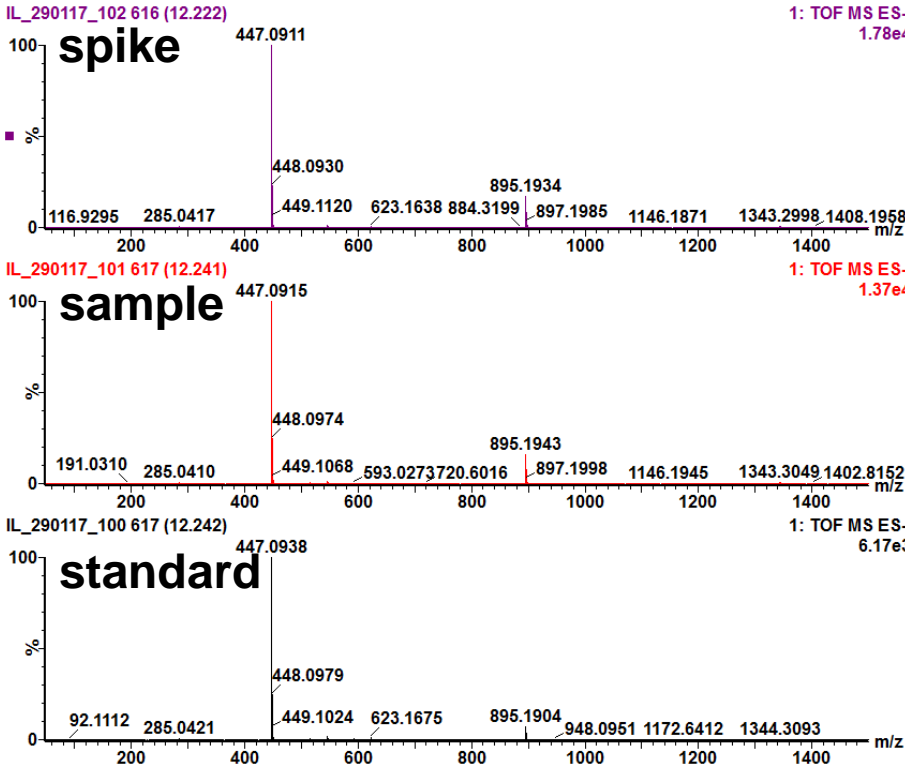




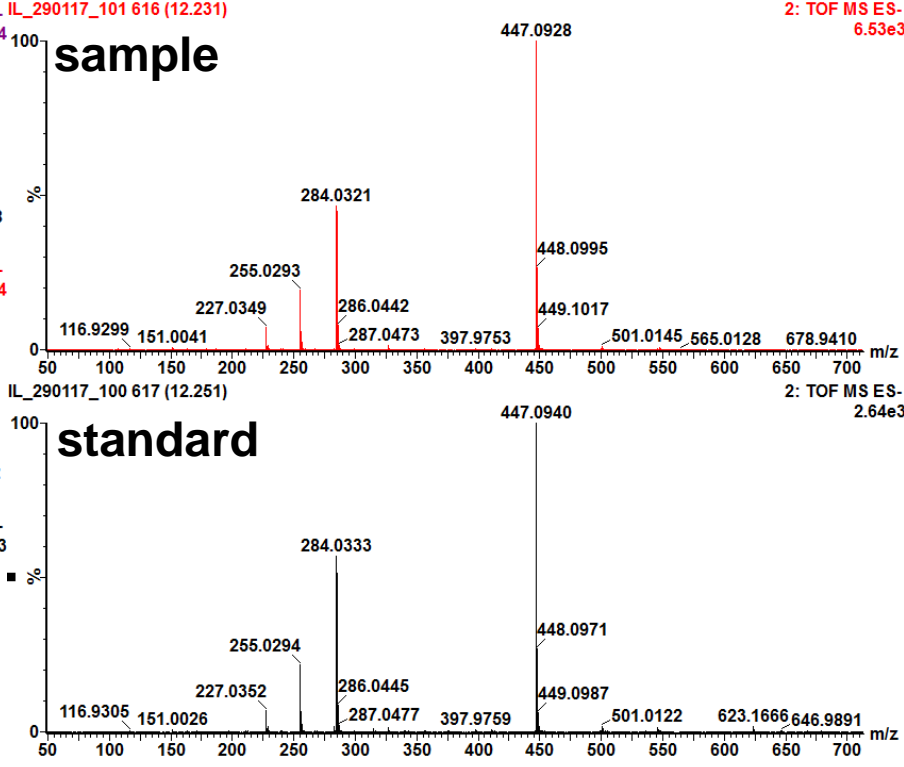
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➤ positive identification (88 compounds)

MS



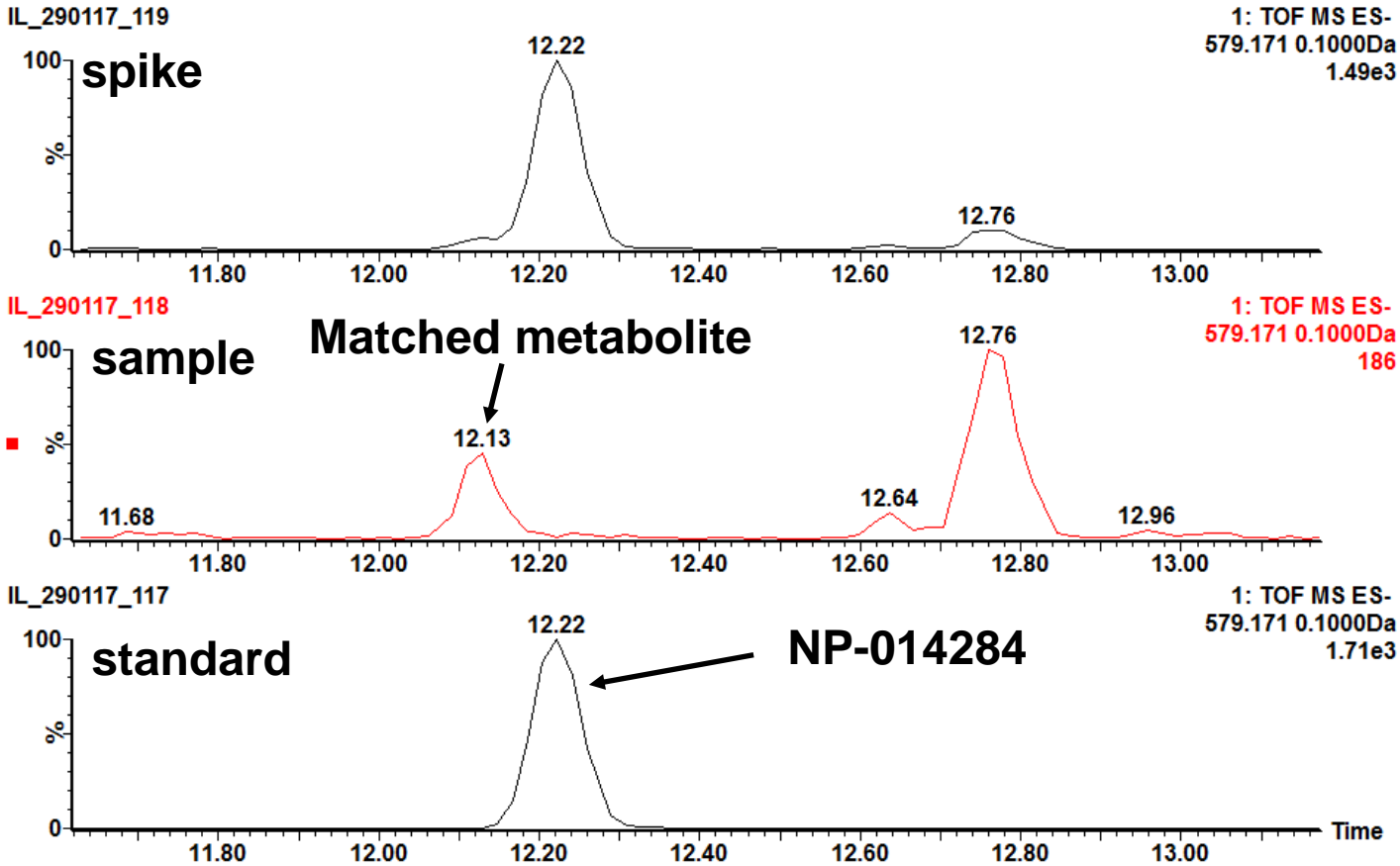
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Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

➤ **related compound = false positive** (Most common case, RT difference sometimes very small, 0.02 min)



Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

➤ compounds that are “too similar”

Lemna gibba (Lg)											
ID	ionMode	rt.cluster	nPeaks	coverage	parentIon	principalIor	adducts	isoConfirmed	xrank	xref	name
NP-016675	neg	1	15	0.68	0.85	0	1.61	0	0	0	Sayaenoside
NP-005512	neg	1	9	0.82	0.85	0	0.93	0	0	0	
NP-000216	neg	2	7	0.27	0.74	0.92	0.91	0	0.28	0	Gingerglycolipid A
NP-000218	neg	1	22	0.79	0.92	0.89	1.78	0	0.92	0	

M	rt.win	plate.id	well.id	XCMS	row.idx	mz.db	rt.db	genus	peak.tag	formula
416.168247	6	AD111784-19	E06	\$\$\$	486	415.1608217	9.01	Milletia	M	C19H28O10
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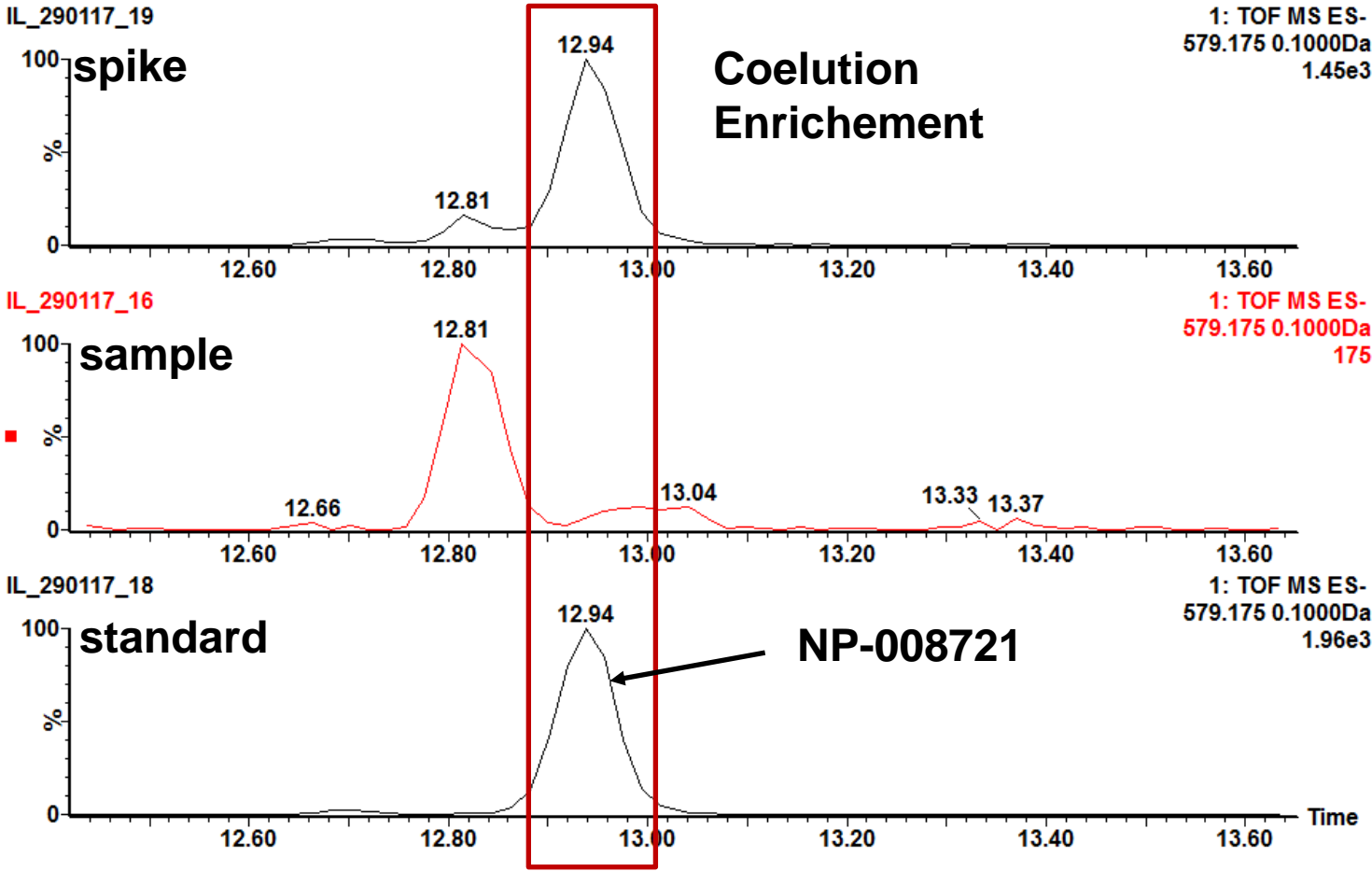
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➤ one compound is true one false, only by spiking !



Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

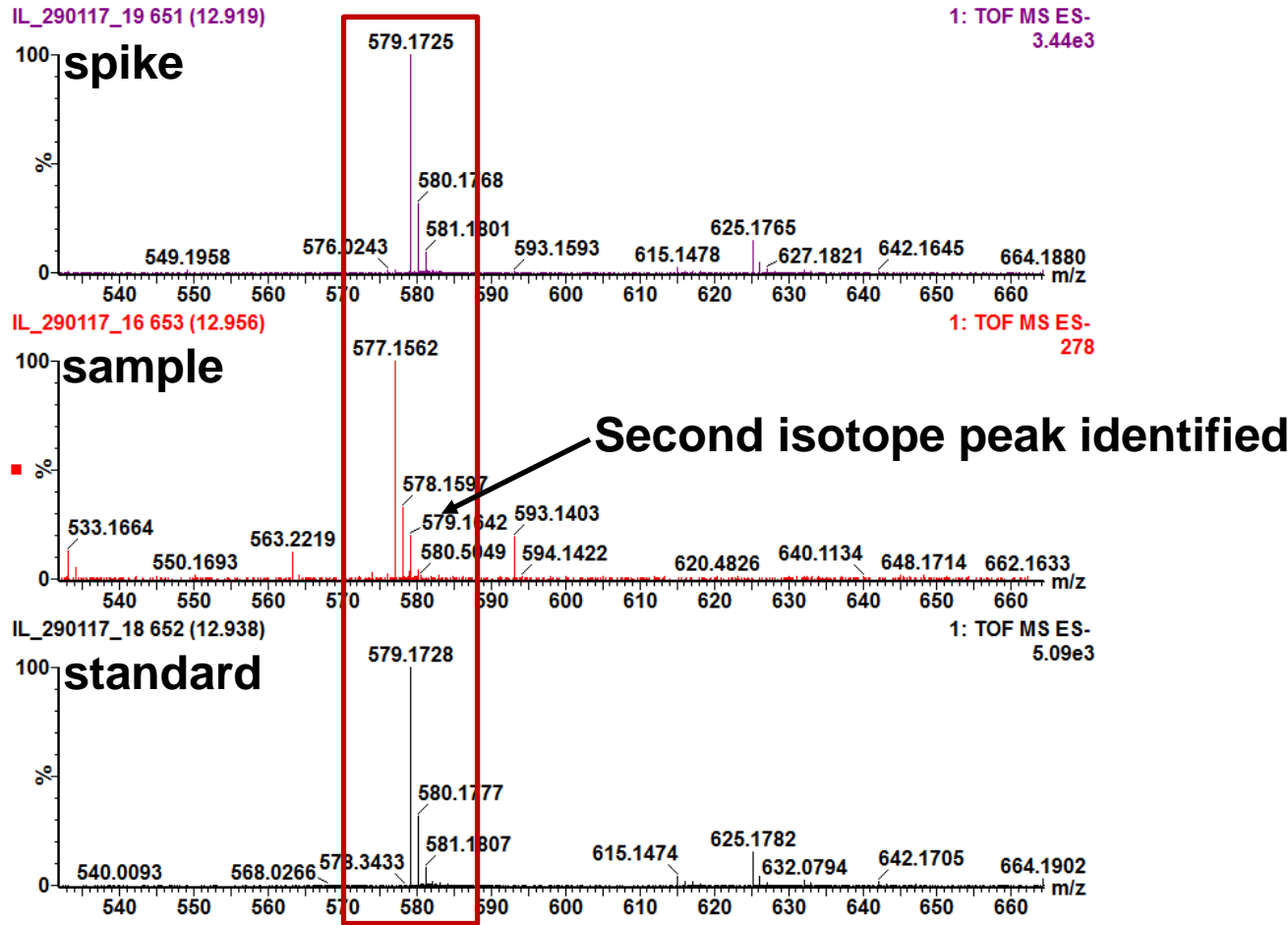
➤ library compound corresponds to **isotope of sample compound**





Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

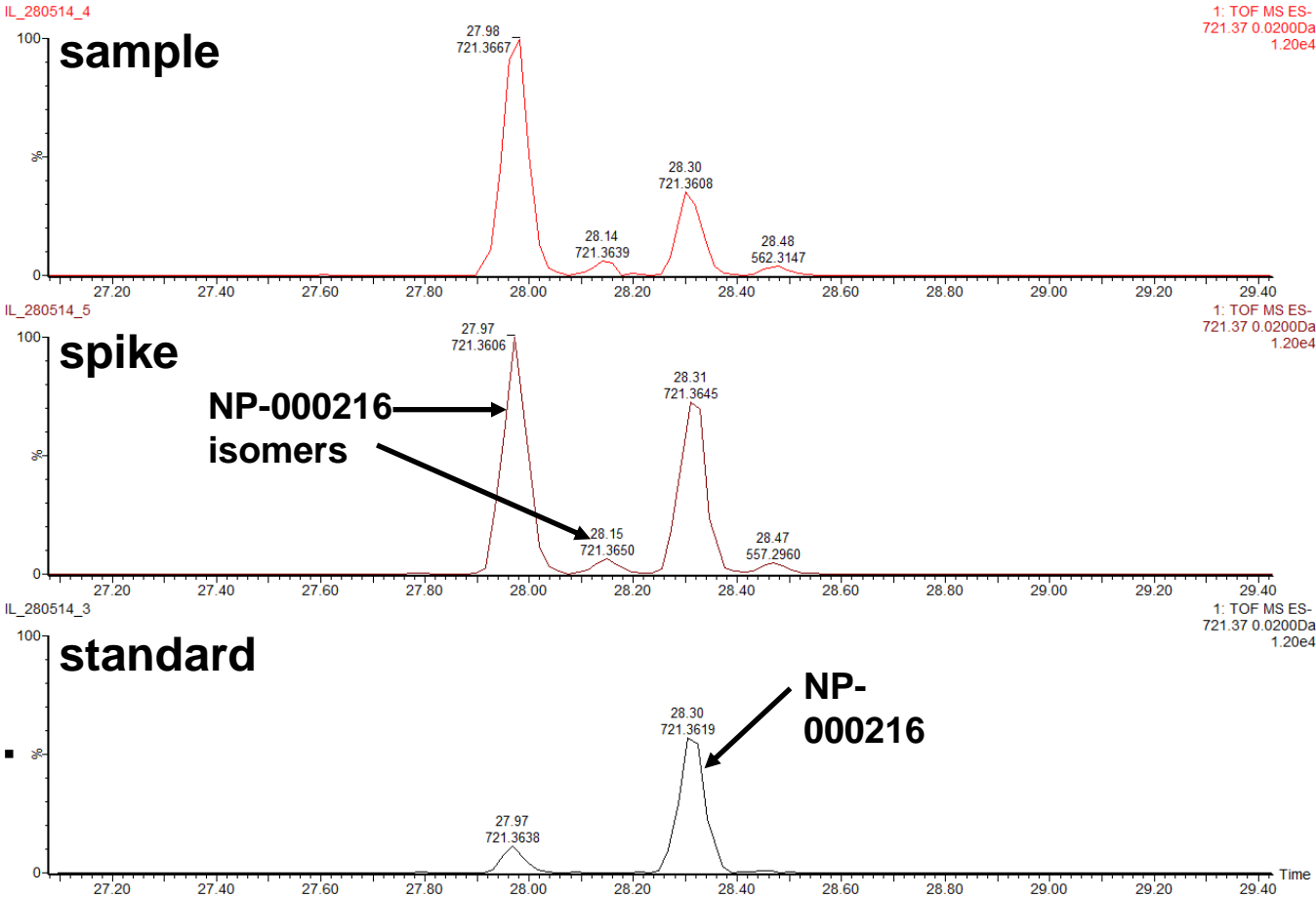
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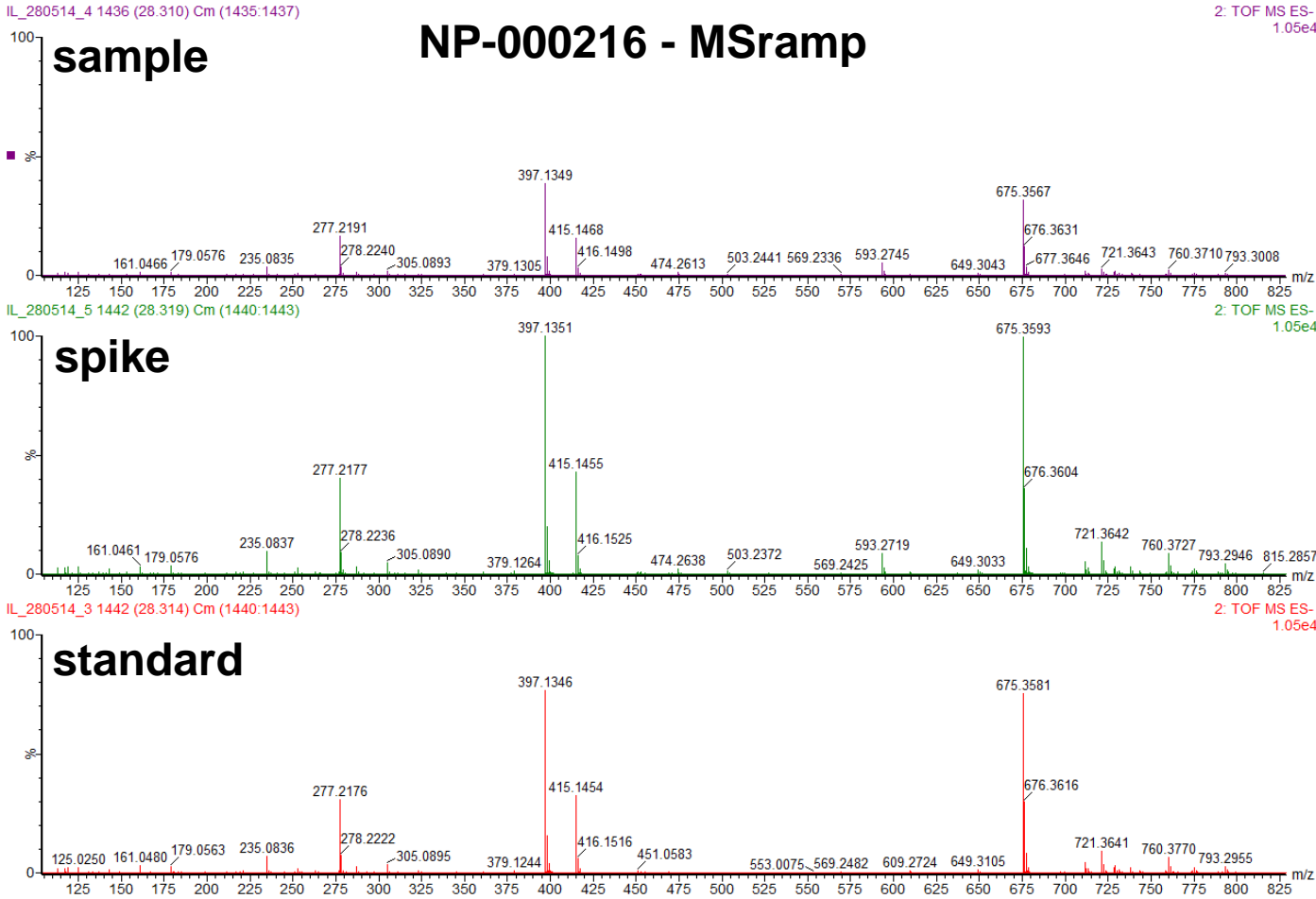
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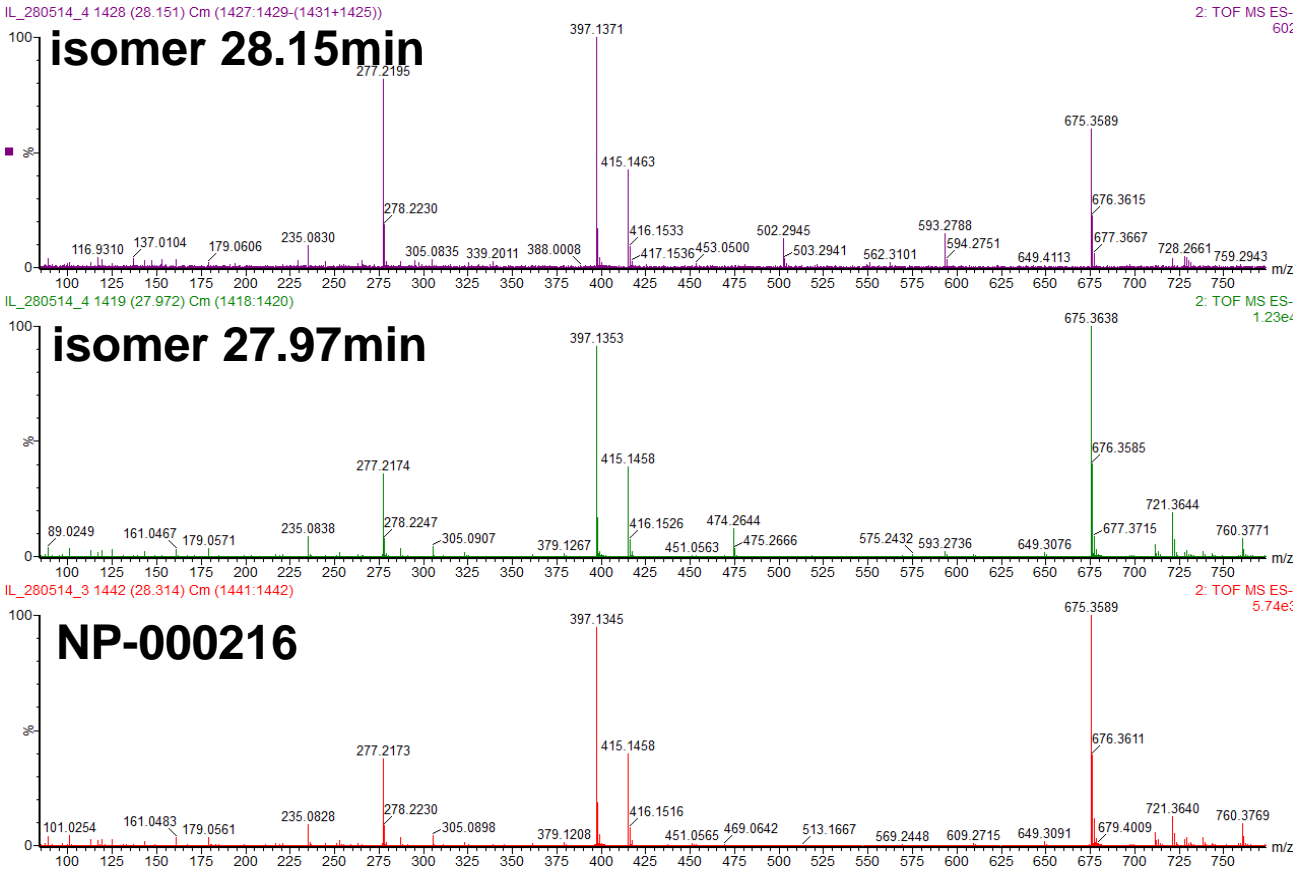
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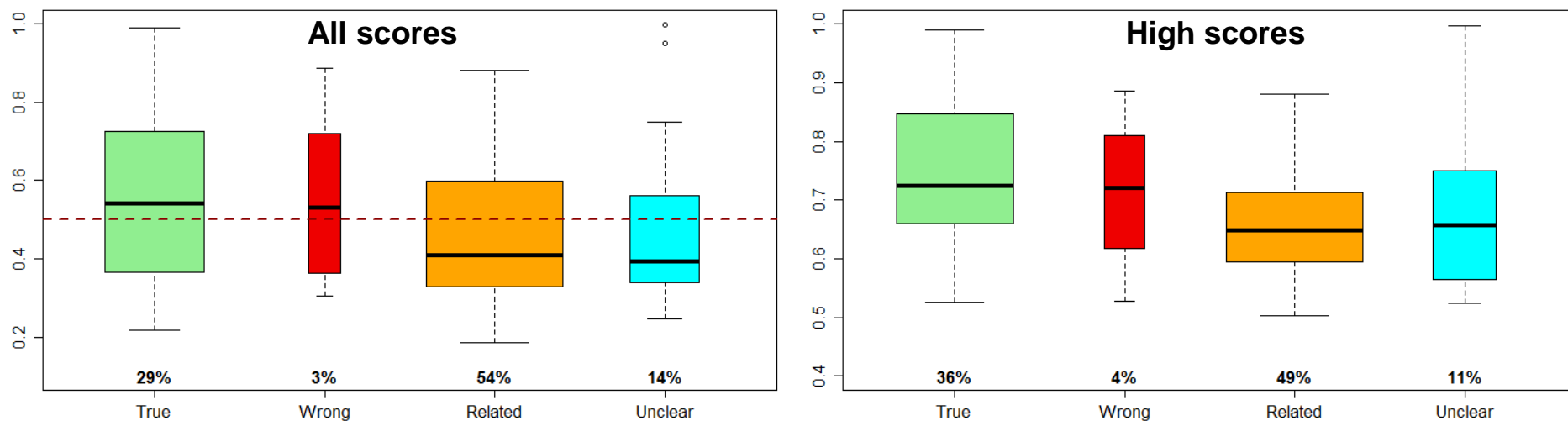
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➤ identification of isomers (many times present in standard, more than 15)



Collection screening – MatchWeiz compound validation

➤ 88 positive identifications (+15 isomers)

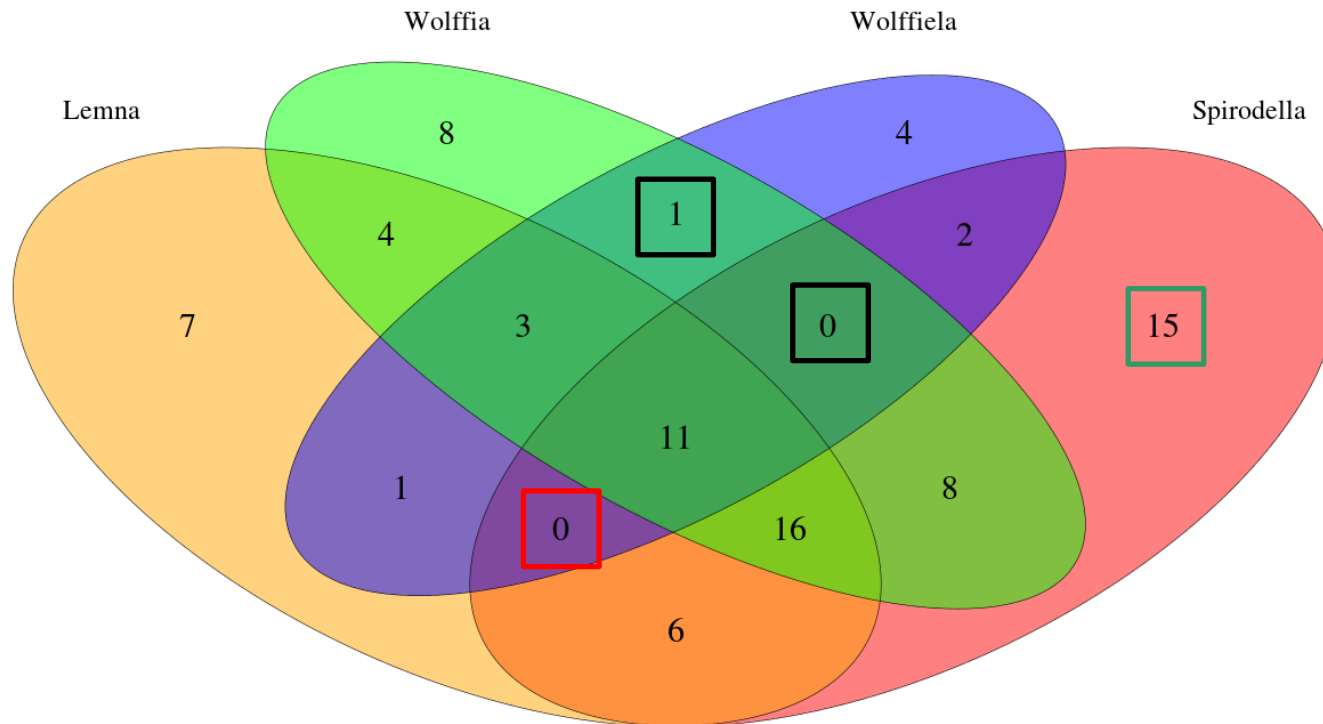


➤ around 30% positive identifications (+isomers)

➤ unclear compounds need MS-MS analysis

➤ cut off by score is problematic and leads to loss of identifications

Collection screening – analysis of Lemna metabolites



- *Spirodela* has most unique metabolites (although only two species)
- Although *Wolffia* and *Wolffiella* are related they share only one compound

Collection screening – analysis of Lemna metabolites

➤ Classification of Lemnaceae compounds (88)

ID positive hits	classifyfire 1st	classifyfire 2nd	classifyfire 3rd	correct	Uwe
NP-000004	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid C-glucoside	Y	N
NP-000286	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside		Y	N
NP-000060	Phenylpropanoids	Organic acid derivatives	Coumaroylquinic acid	N	Y
NP-015333	Terpene	Sesquiterpene	Coumarin-Sesquiterpene conjugate	N	Y
	Phenylpropanoids	Coumarins	Coumarin derivatives	Y	Y
NP-000211	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	Y	N
NP-005203	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	Y	N
NP-000216	Lipids	Glycerolipids	Glucosylacylglycerols	Y	Y
NP-000212	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	Y	N
NP-011395	Carbohydrate conjugates	Benzyl-saccharide	Benzyl-disaccharide	Y	Y
NP-000437	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	N	Y
NP-016699	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	N	Y
NP-005064	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	N	Y
NP-015589	Phenylpropanoids	Organic acid derivatives	Ferulic acid O-glycoside	N	Y
NP-003150	Lipids	Fatty acyls	Hydroxy fatty acid	Y	Y
NP-005791	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid C-glucoside	Y	N
NP-007121	Phenylpropanoids		Flavonoid O-glucoside	Y	N
NP-012952	Carbohydrate conjugate	19 classes	Catechol	Y	Y
NP-017063	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoids	Flavans	Y	N
NP-001730	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	N	Y
NP-000181	Phenylpropanoids	Flavonoid glucoside	Flavonoid O-glucoside	N	Y
NP-005512	Carbohydrate conjugates	Benzyl-saccharide	Benzyl-disaccharide	Y	Y
NP-010155	Terpene	Sesquiterpene	Coumarin-Sesquiterpene conjugate	N	Y
	Phenylpropanoids	Coumarins	Coumarin derivatives	Y	Y

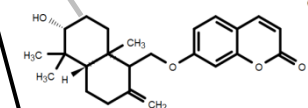
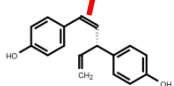
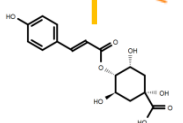
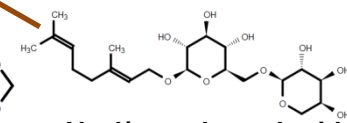
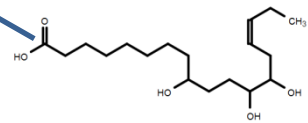
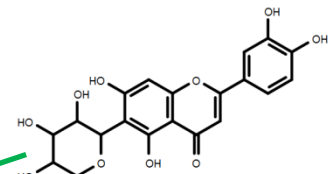
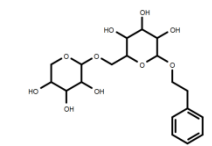
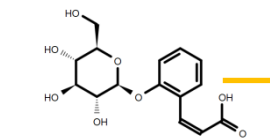
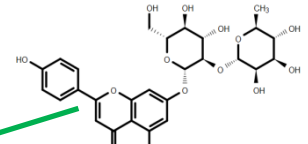
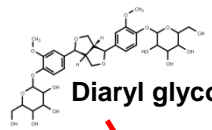
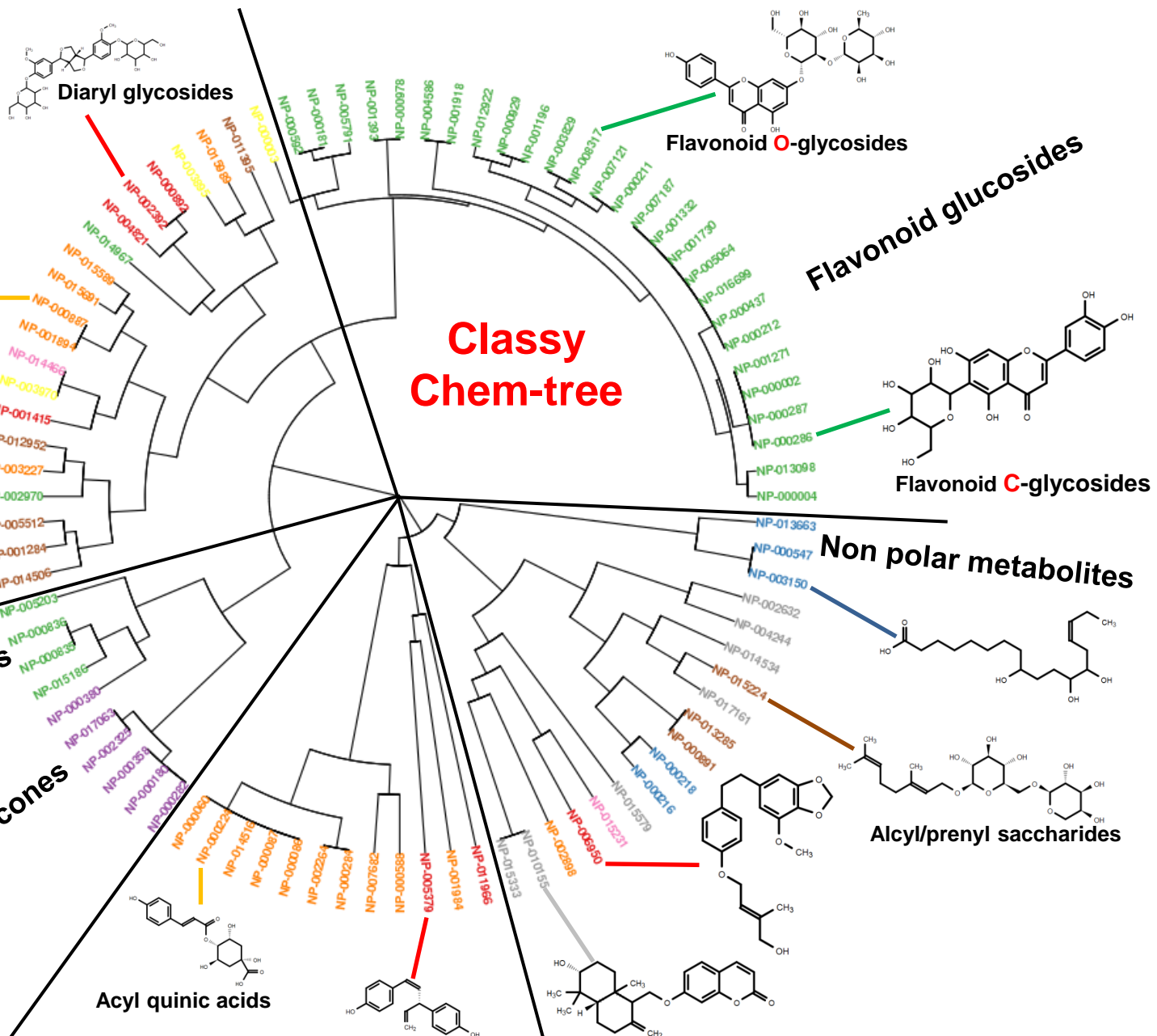
5 classes
general

Diverse,
already
compound
specific

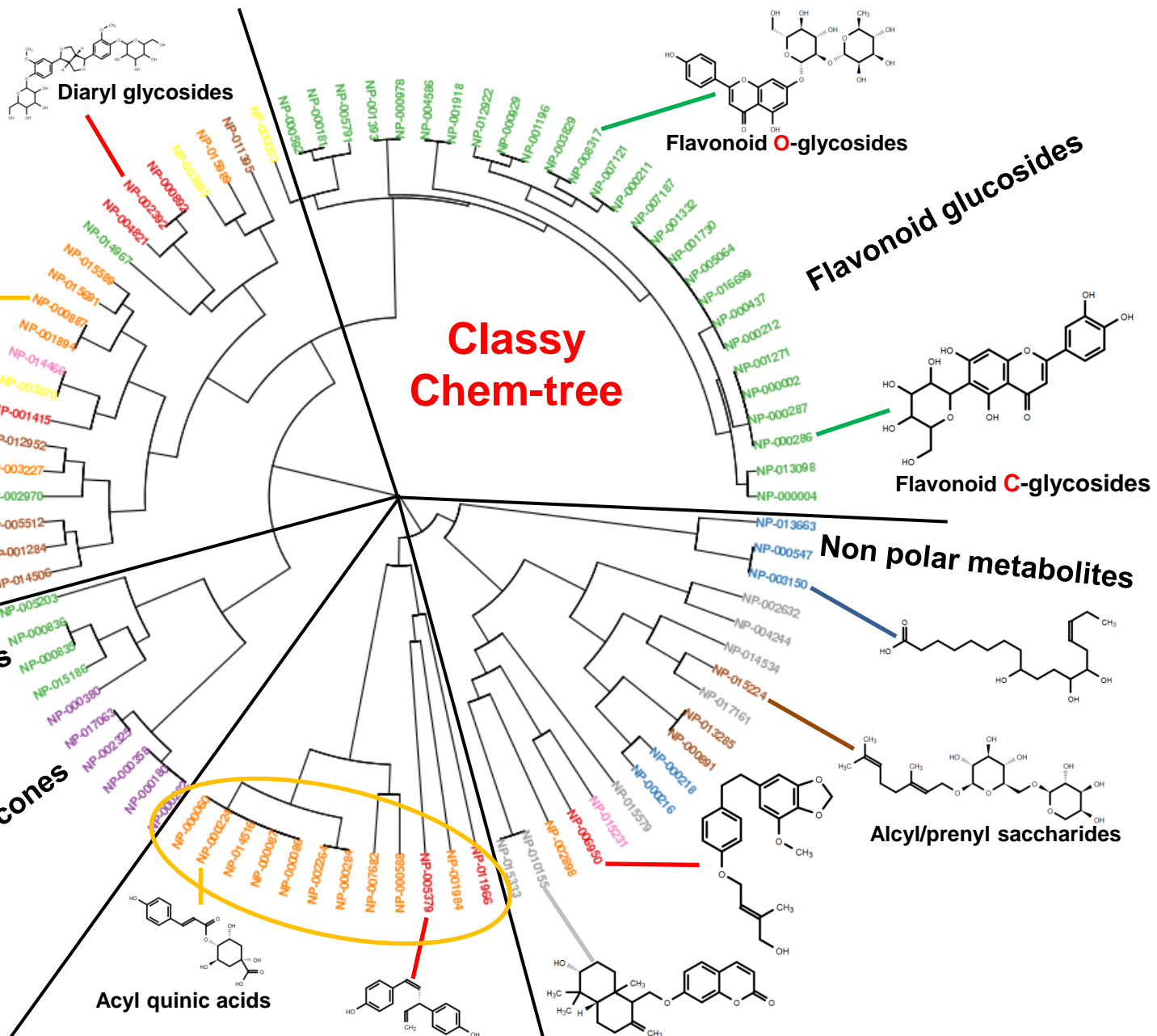
➤ Manual refinement of 2nd level to 9 meaningful classes

➤ Example: Fatty acids and Glycerolipids (monoacyl, mainly FA)

- Flavonoid glucosides
- Organic acid derivatives
- Terpenes
- Fatty acid derivatives
- Saccharide derivatives
- Flavonoids
- Diphenyls
- Tannins
- Phenolic glycosides



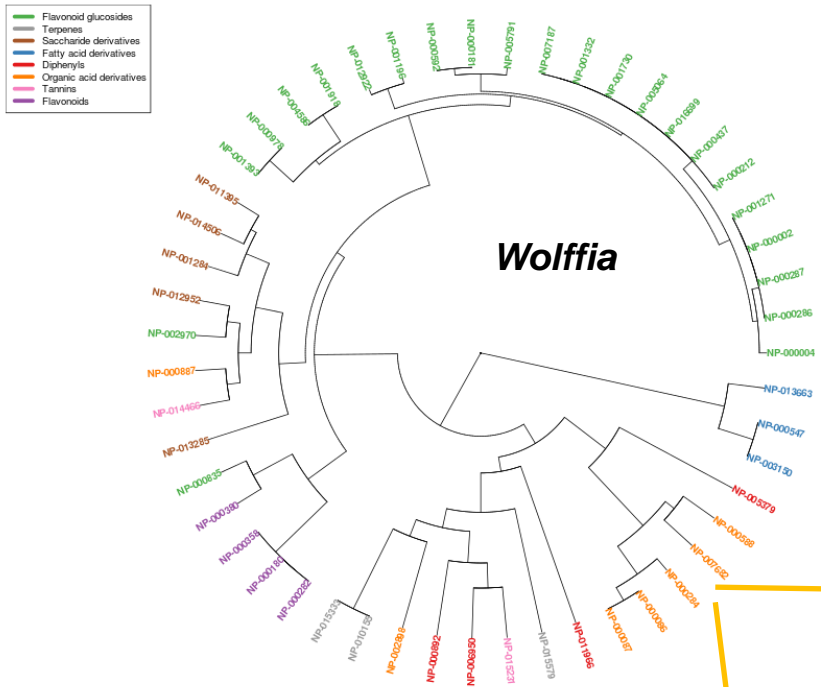
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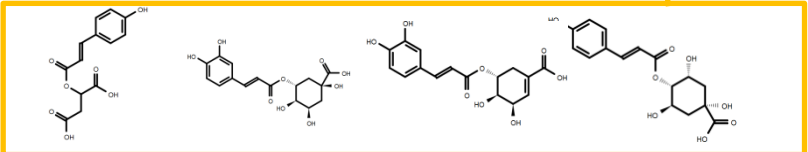
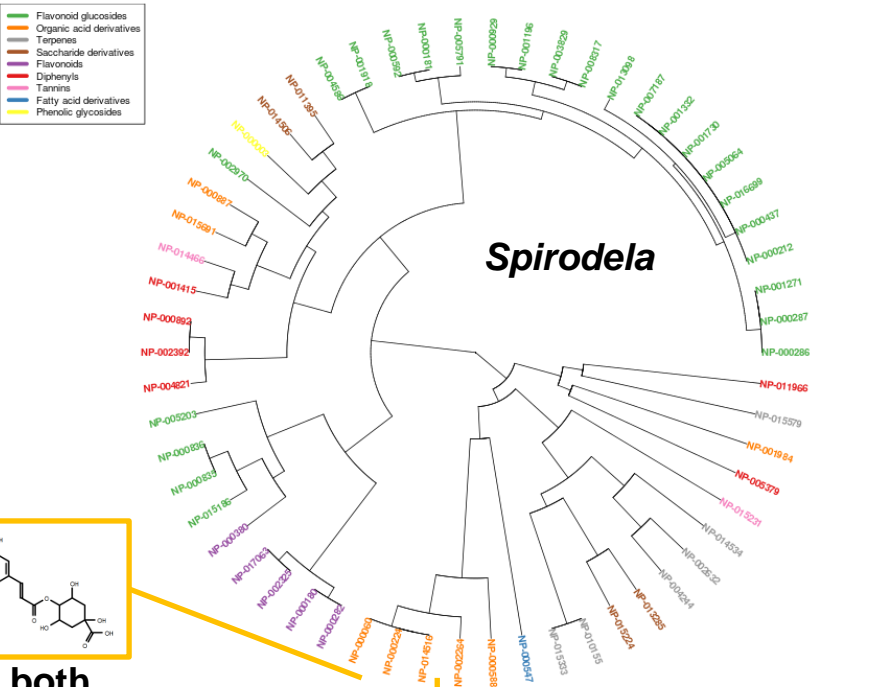
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➤ Classy Chemtree presentation per species

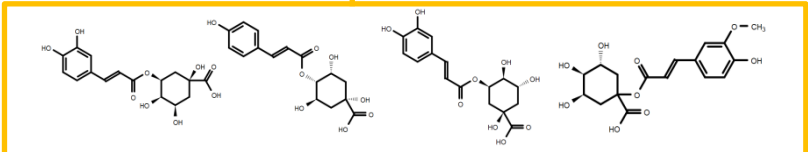
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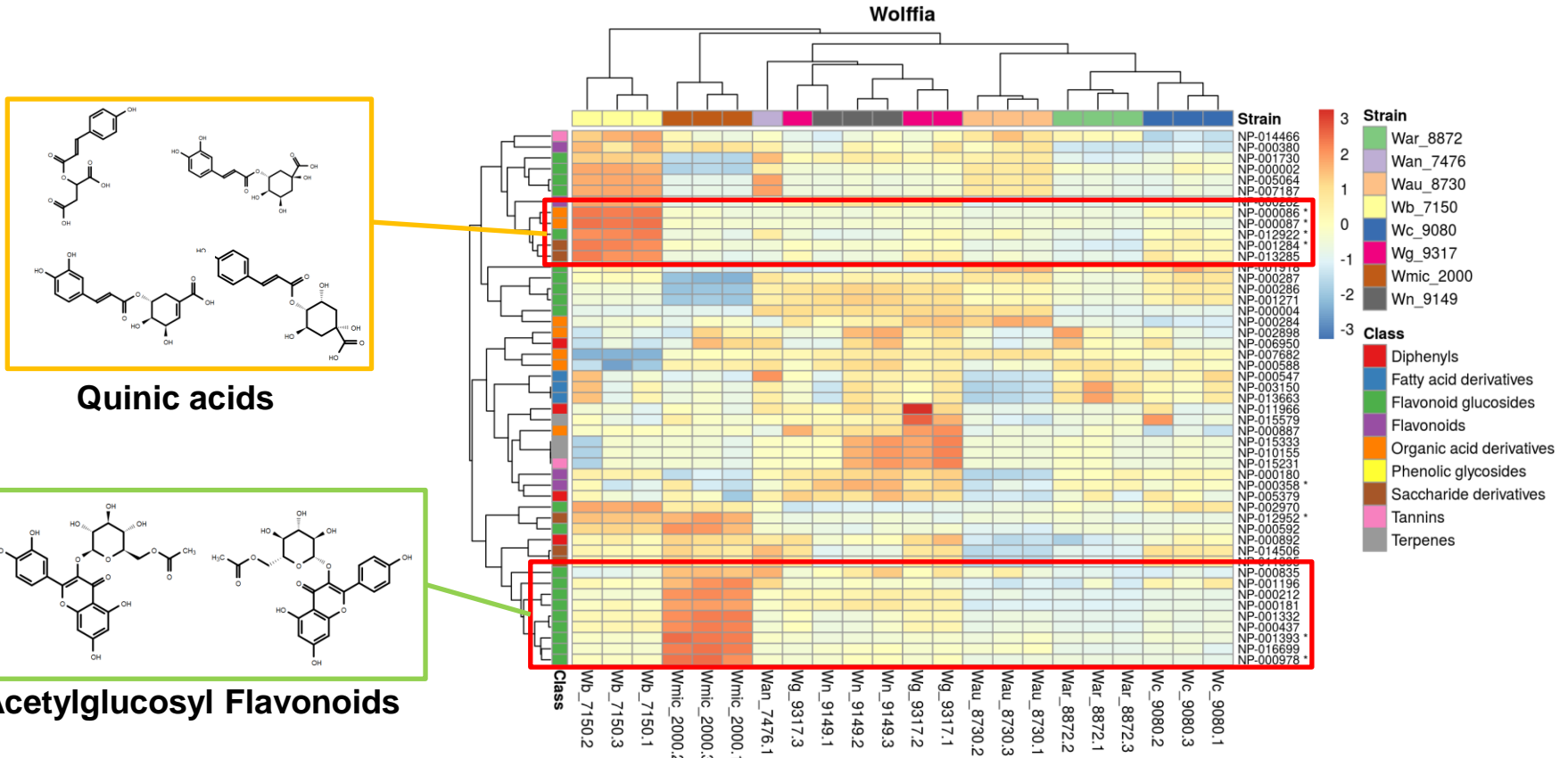
Wolffia specific quinic acids



Spirodela specific quinic acids

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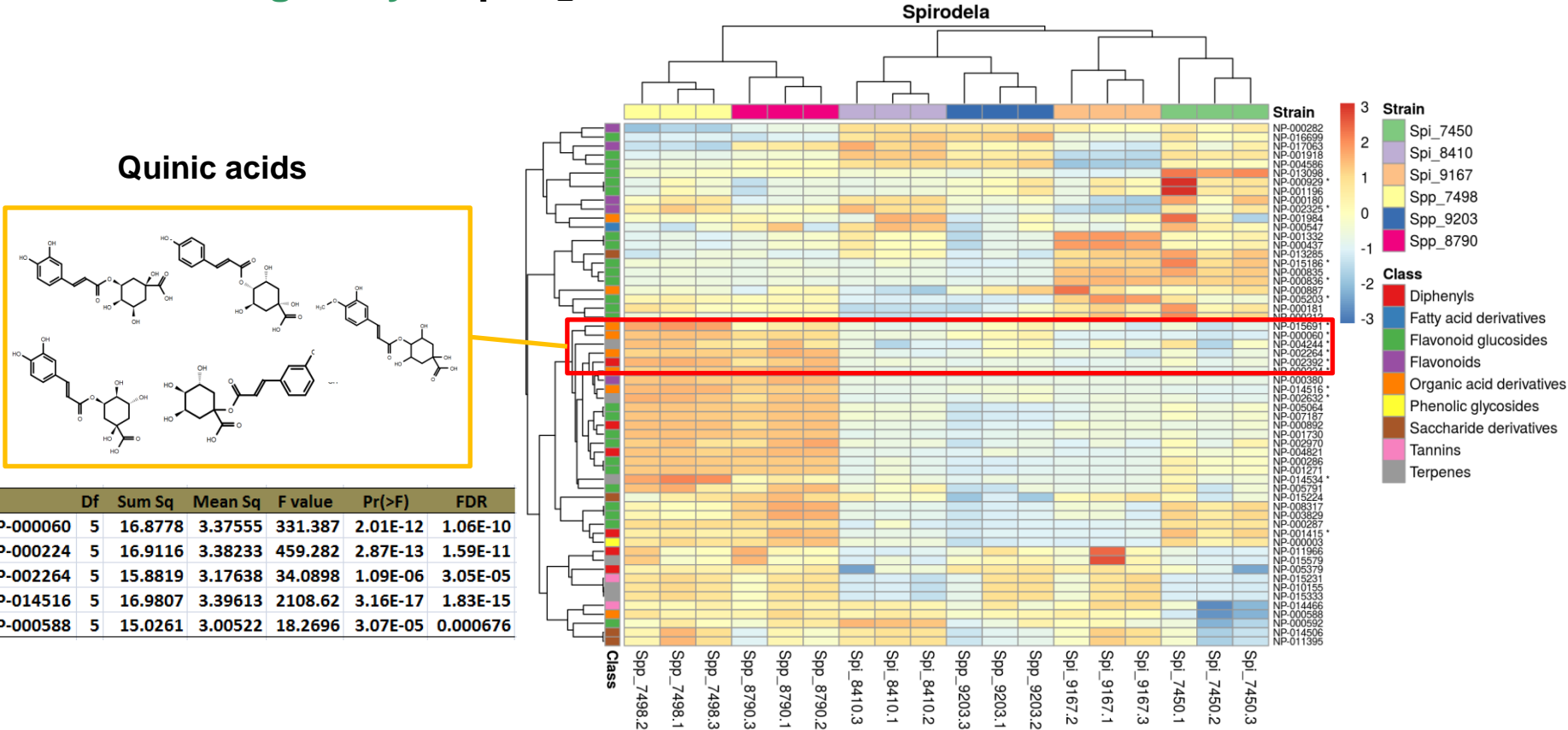
➤ Clustering analysis per genus combined with Classification



➤ Identification of high producers of *Wolffia* specialized metabolites

Collection screening – analysis of Lemna metabolites

➤ Clustering analysis per genus combined with Classification



- *Spirodela polyrhiza* 7498 (sequenced strain) is a producer of Quinic acids
- These acids are exclusively produced by *Spirodela* within the *Lemnaceae*

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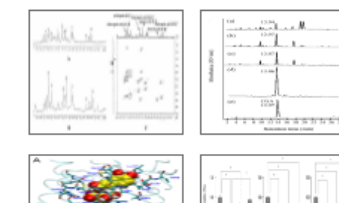
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***Lemna* collection screening summary & perspectives**

- High confidence **identification of 88 (+15)** secondary metabolites in *Lemna*
- Deep analysis of MatchWeiz validation
- Integration of semi-automated compound **classification** into **chemtree** and clustering **visualisation tool** for metabolomics
- Identification of *Wolffia* & *Spirodela* specific metabolites as **Acyl quinic acids**

- **Improvement of MatchWeiz module (RT, output filtration, derivative search)**
- **Reduction of necessary validation spiking experiments**
- **Integration of results in Metabolic network of *Lemna* (SpirodelaCyc)**
- **Pathway elucidation, production of valuable metabolites**

Overview

Part I – metabolic profiling of *Lemnaceae*

Part II – DLEMMA for metabolite identification

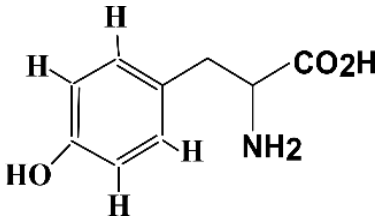
Part III – flux analysis using *Spirodela polyrhiza*

Combining Dual Isotope Labeling of Metabolites for Metabolome Analysis (DLEMMA) with MALDI-MSI

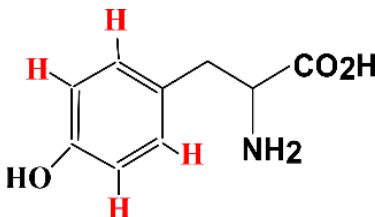
- Difficulties of metabolite identification in MSI and metabolomics
- DLEMMA helps in **structure elucidation** according to their labeling patterns
- DLEMMA enables **tracking a particular metabolic pathway** by enriching in this pathway with precursor feeding

1. Experimental Design

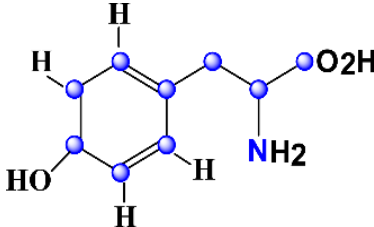
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labelled I



labelled II



A: control

B: un-labelled

C: labelled I

D: labelled II

E: labelled I + II

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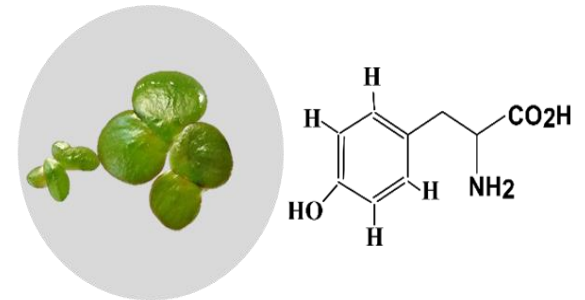
1. Why feed *Lemna* separately? Can we feed all the 3 tyrosines in one *Lemna* group?

Suppose:

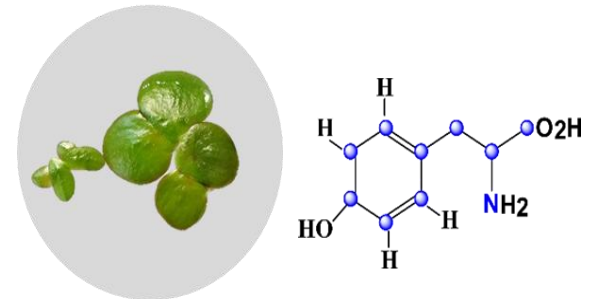
- Analyte X in Group. B, m/z 142.0817, RT=5.52 min
- Analyte Y in Group. D, m/z 151.1119 (=142.0871+9 C¹³), RT= 5.52 min

Is analyte Y the 9 ¹³C labelled X?

- No. Unless Y is only detected in Group. D and E.
- The experiment design efficiently removes false positives



B: un-labelled tyrosine



D: labelled II

1. *Experimental Design*

2. Why do we need the control group A?

- We are creating stress to plants by feeding them
- Some metabolites are produced upon stress
- Group. A helps to remove those stress-induced-metabolites



A: control

2. Workflow

1. Sample Extraction



2. LC-MS and LC-MS/MS

- positive and negative



3. Data preprocessing

- peak-picking with XCMS
- Isotope filtering (home-written R script)



4. Metabolite identification & network construction

- exact m/z , RT, and MS/MS fragmentation
- labeling pattern and database search

- Auto isotope labeling search according to the experiment design

Exp. B		EXP. C			EXP. D		
m/z	RT	m/z	RT	label	m/z	RT	label
105.0701	3.05	108.0865	3.08	3	113.1197	3.07	8
107.0495	2.16	111.0755	2.09	4	113.0879	2.06	6
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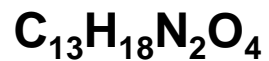
- Reduce from **20,000** to ~ **100** analytes

3. Example of Analyte Identification

Exp. B		EXP. C			EXP. D		
<i>m/z</i>	RT	<i>m/z</i>	RT	label	<i>m/z</i>	RT	label
267.1345	2.75	271.1599	2.74	4	276.1579	2.74	9

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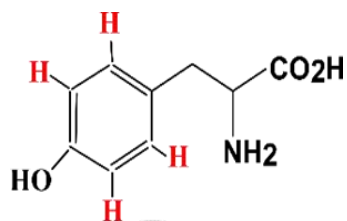
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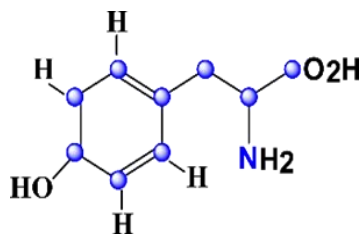
EXP. C: labelled I

there must be one **aromatic ring** in this compound, and with **4 H** on it, **313** compounds

3. Example of Analyte Identification

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there must be one **aromatic ring**, at least **8 C**
bone, on it, **403** compounds



EXP.D: labelled II

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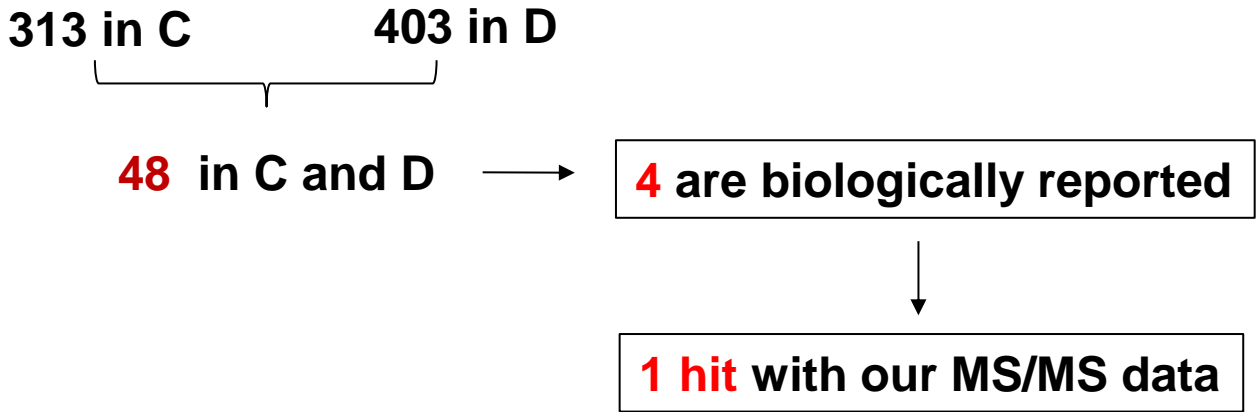
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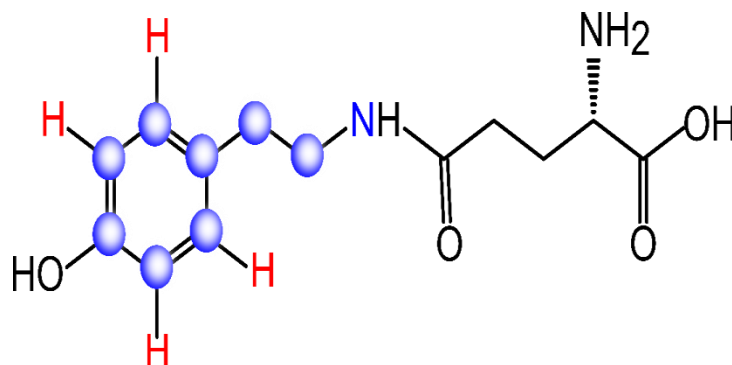
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Glutamine side chain $C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_4$



4. When MALDI Imaging Comes...

What can they do to each other?

DLEMMA to MALDI MSI:

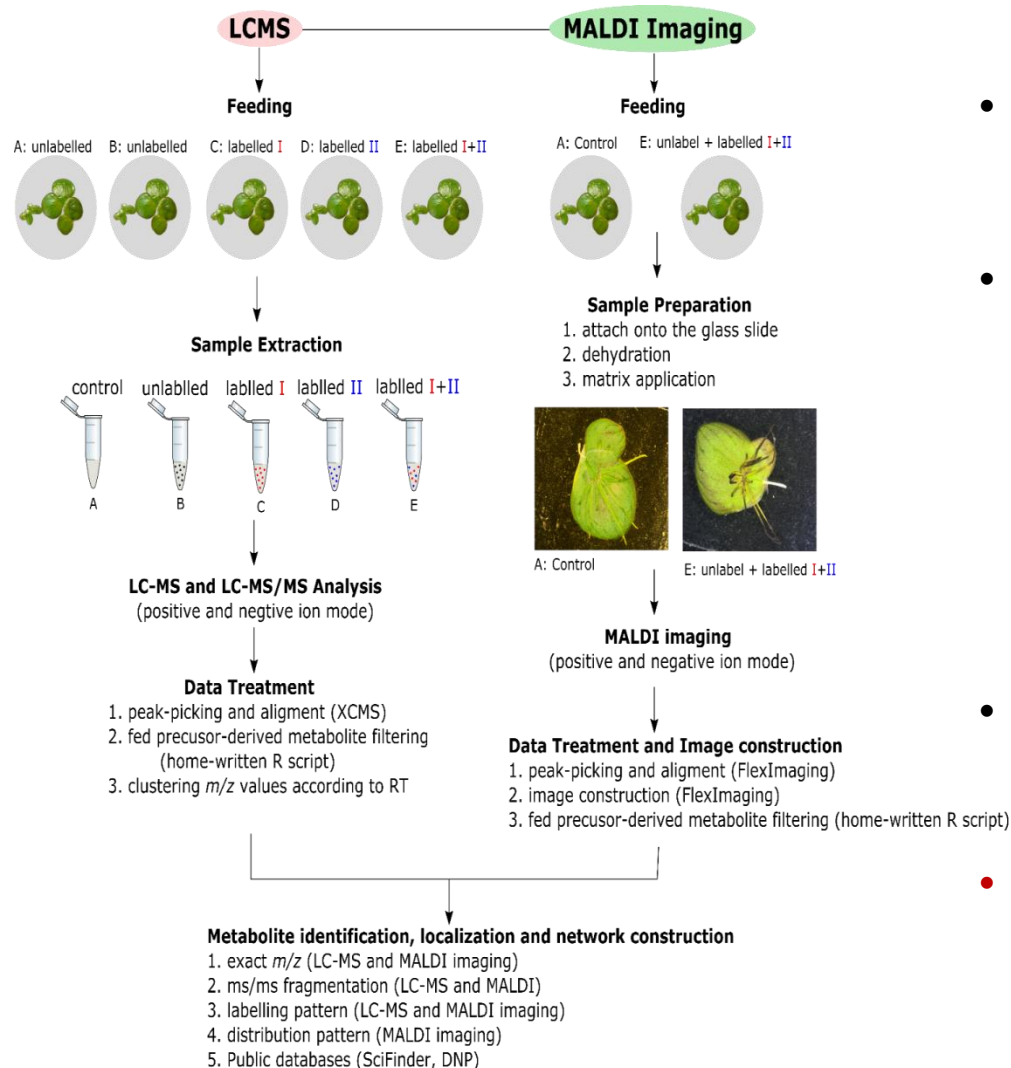
- Help in metabolite identification
- Increase the analyte concentrations by precursor feeding, favoring their detection by MALDI imaging

MALDI MSI to DLEMMA:

- Enhance metabolite identification capability (unlabelled and labelled analytes should have the same distribution pattern)
- Provide information regarding metabolite distribution

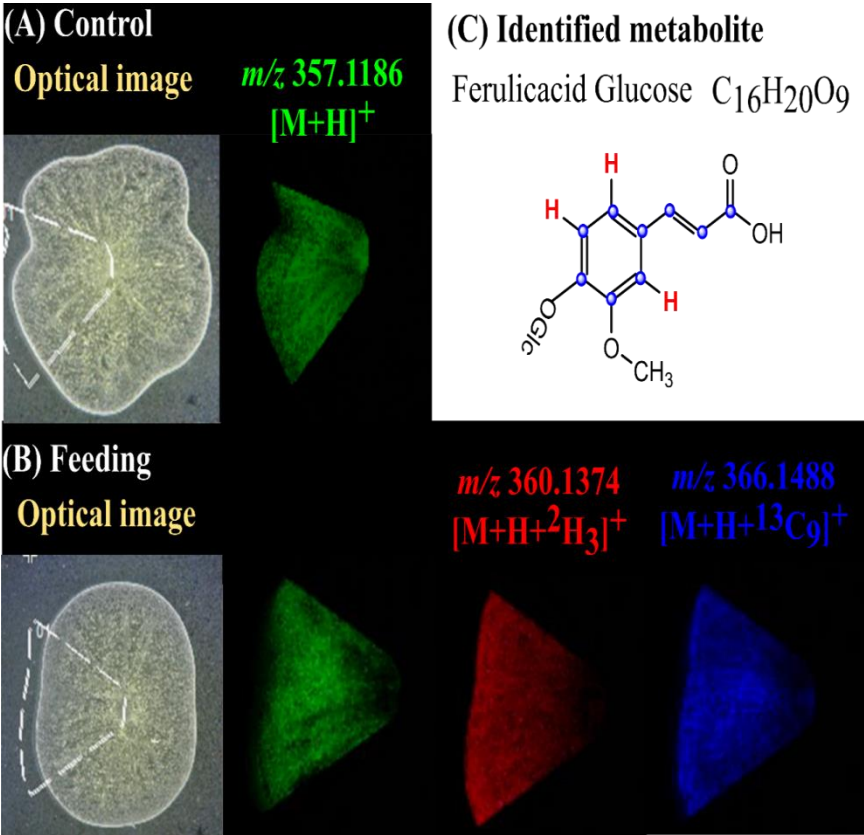


5. DLEMMA-MALDI MSI Experiment Design

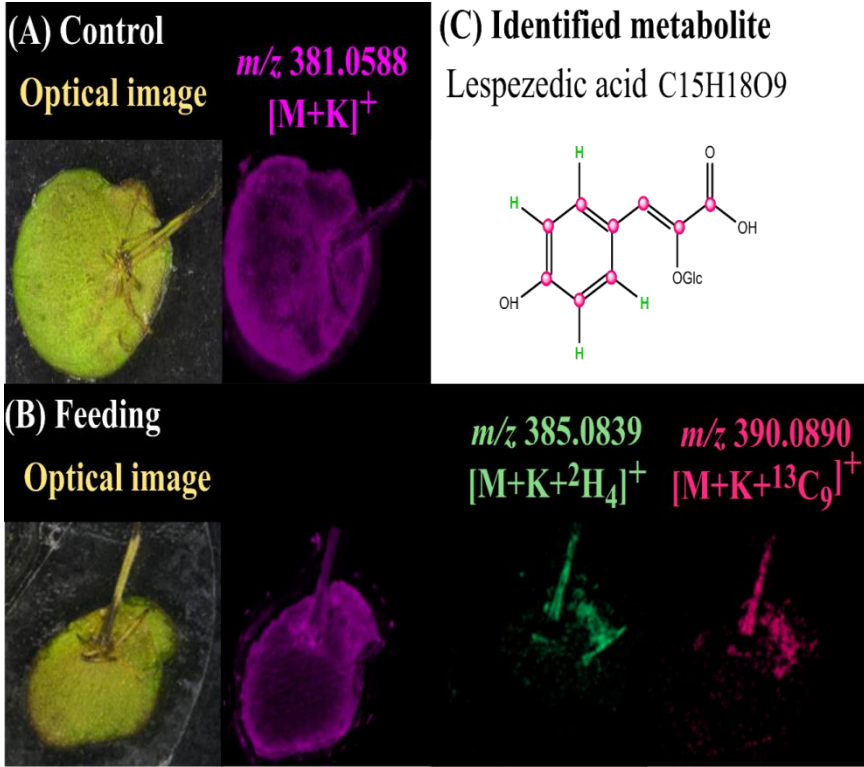


- The workflow is **similar as** conventional **metabolomics analysis**
- In MALDI MSI, un-labelled precursor and its two isotopes were **added to the same tissue** because we want to compare their distribution
- *Lemna* and tomato fruits were used in this study
- **Tyrosine, phenylalanine and tryptophan** as three precursors

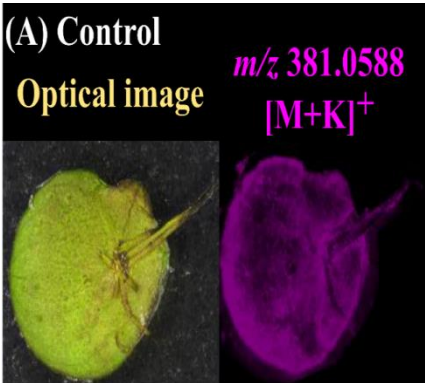
Example 1. Un-labelled and Labelled analytes show **the same** distribution



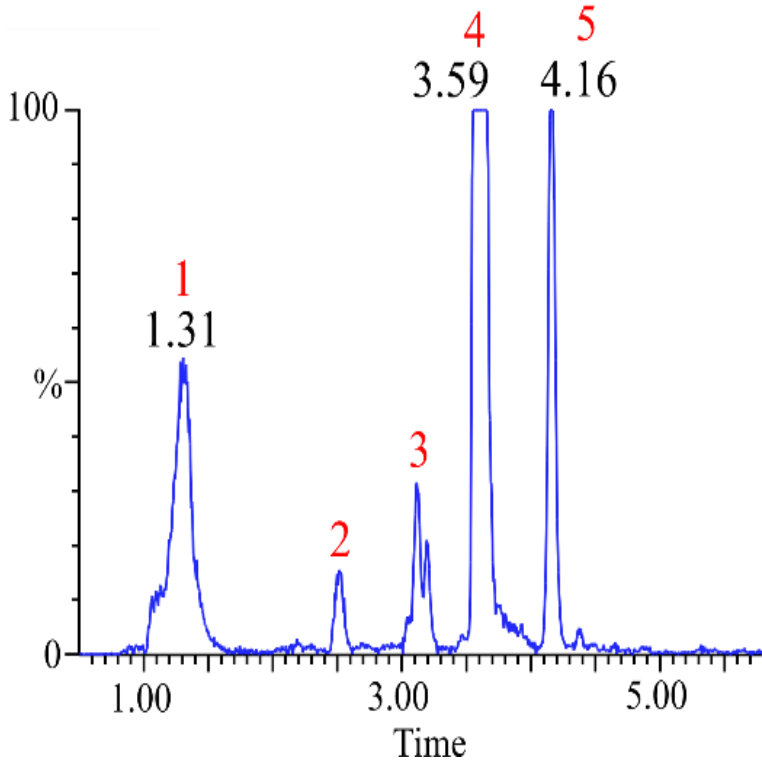
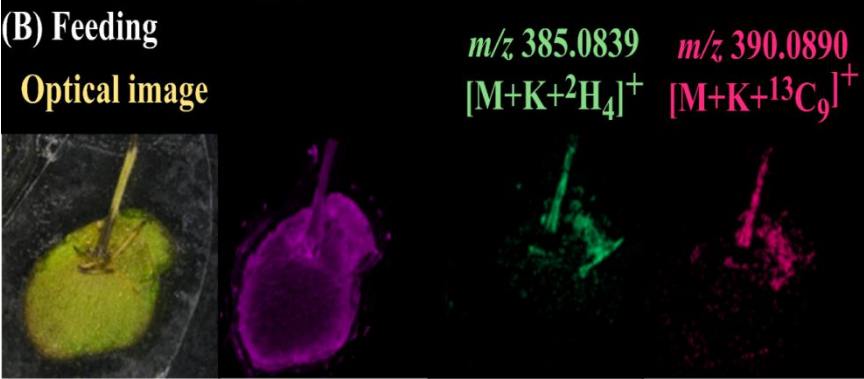
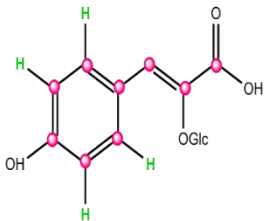
Example 2. Un-labelled and Labelled analytes show **different** distribution



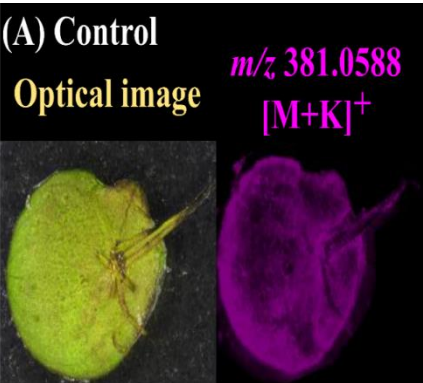
Example 2. Five isomers are Found



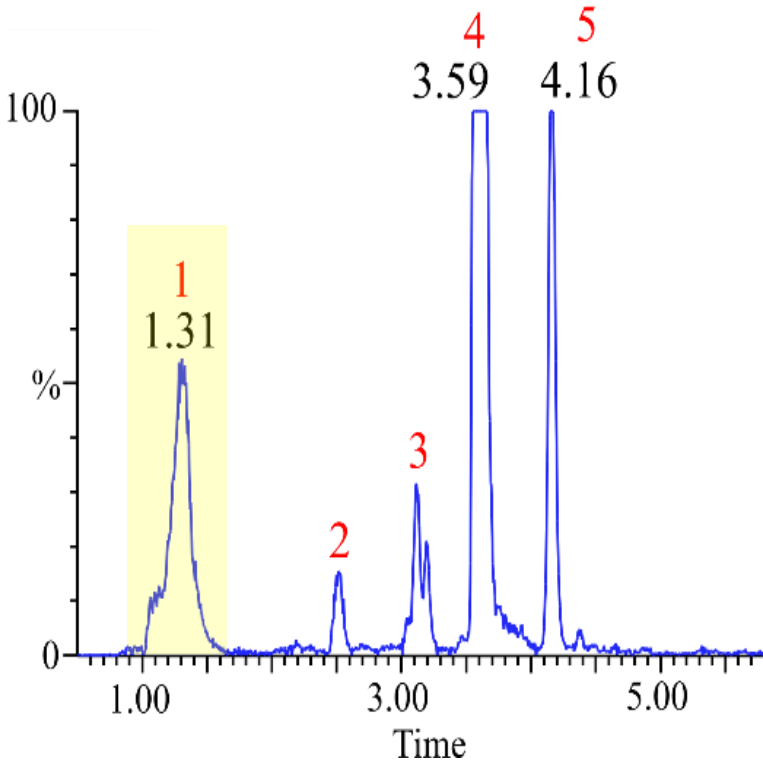
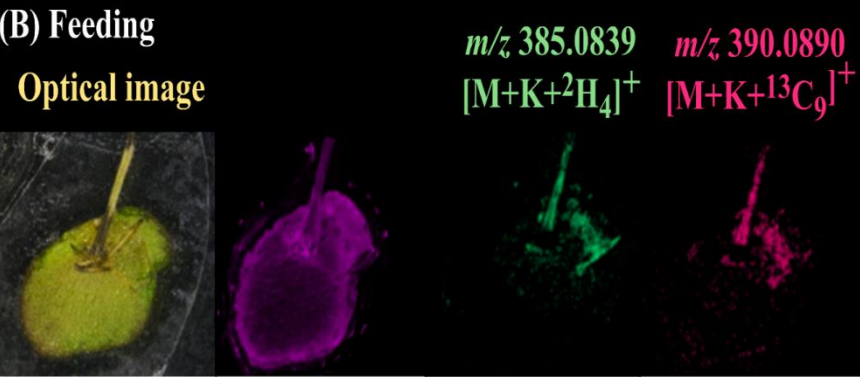
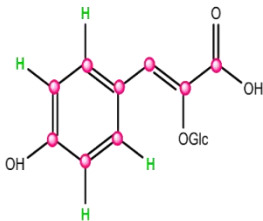
(C) Identified metabolite
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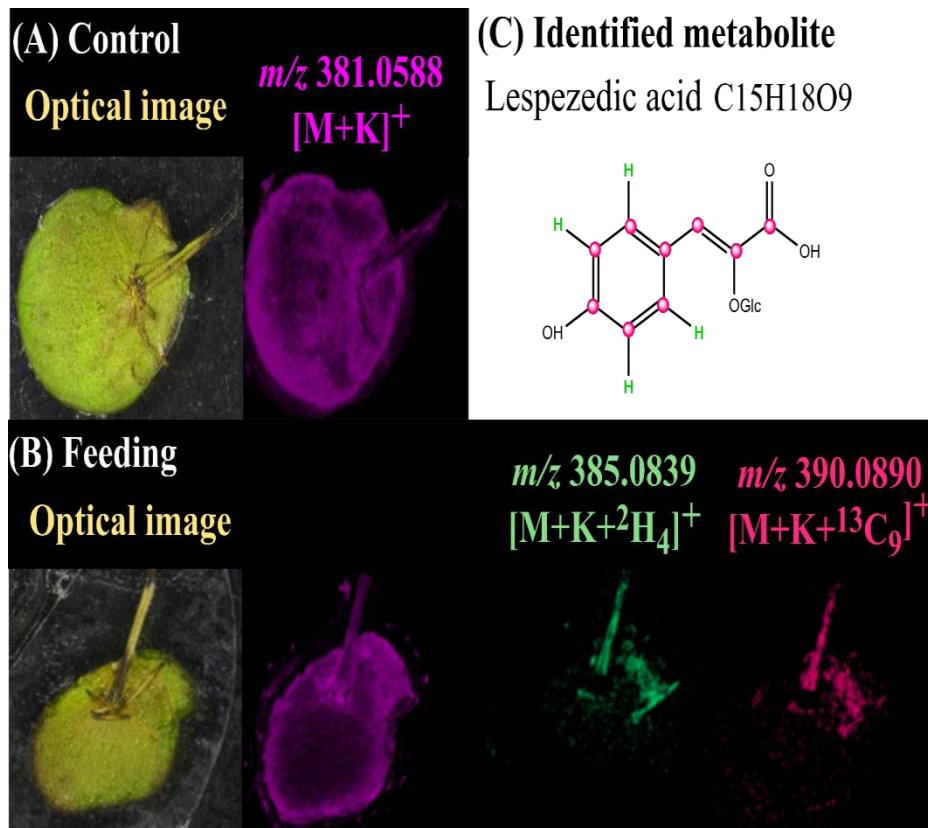


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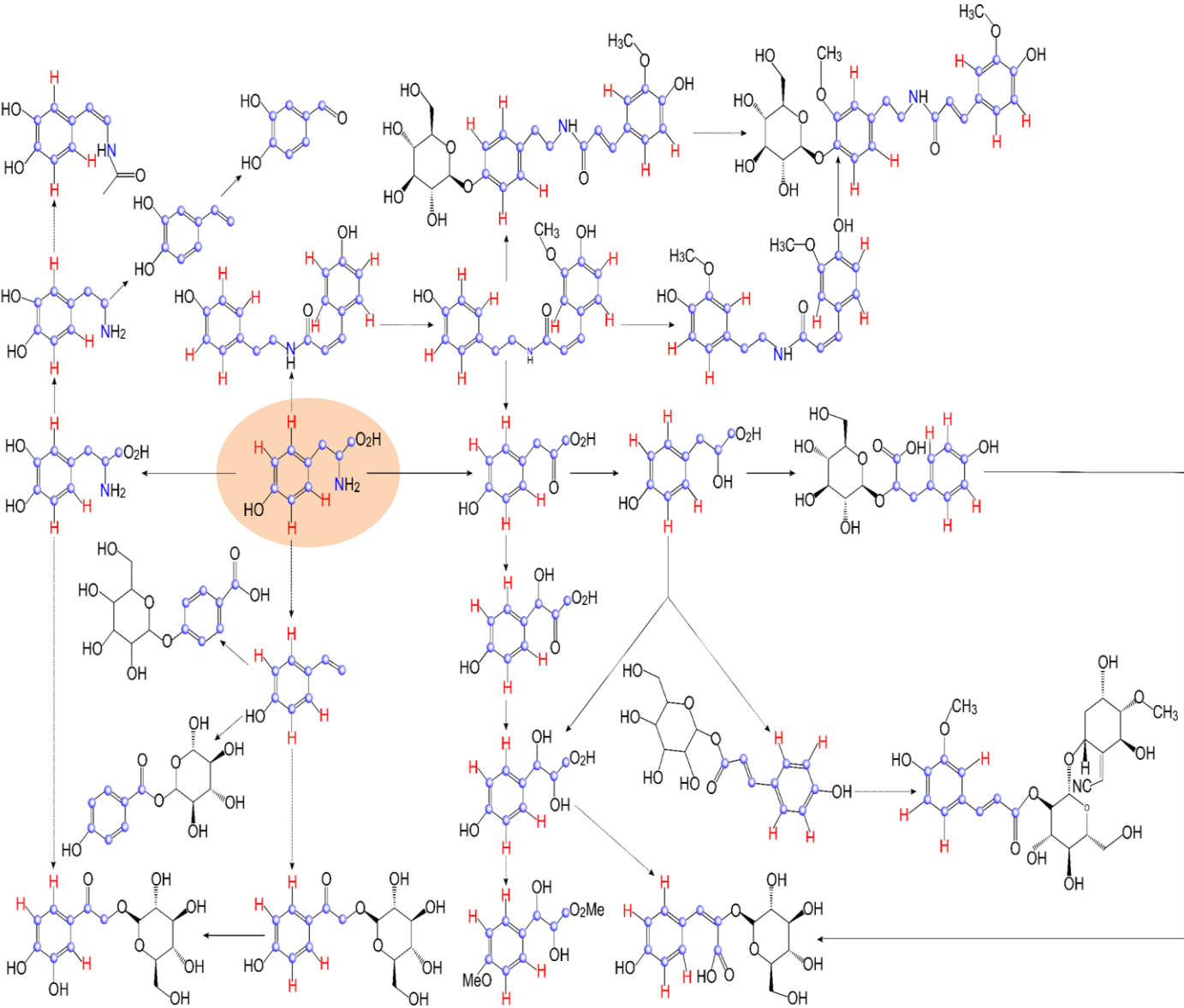


Example 2. Only One of Them is Labelled



- MSI is **unable to distinguish isomers**
- Isomers might have different metabolic pathways
- DLEMMA **helps to differentiate them and represents the true distribution** of our analytes of interest

Metabolic Network with Identified Metabolites



Conclusion

DLEMMA-MALDI MSI:

- **Helps in metabolite identification**
- **Allows metabolic network construction**
- **Provide spatial information**

In particular:

- **DLEMMA helps to eliminate the artifacts in MALDI imaging**

Overview

Part I – metabolic profiling of *Lemnaceae*

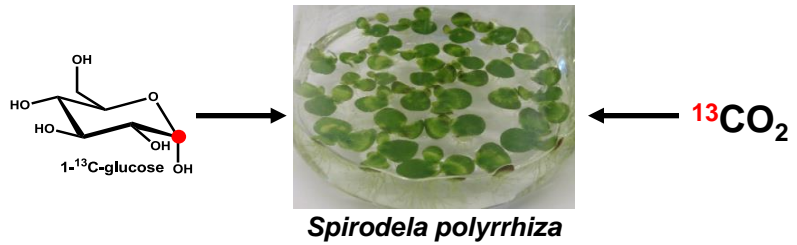
Part II – DLEMMA for metabolite identification

Part III – flux analysis using *Spirodela polyrhiza*

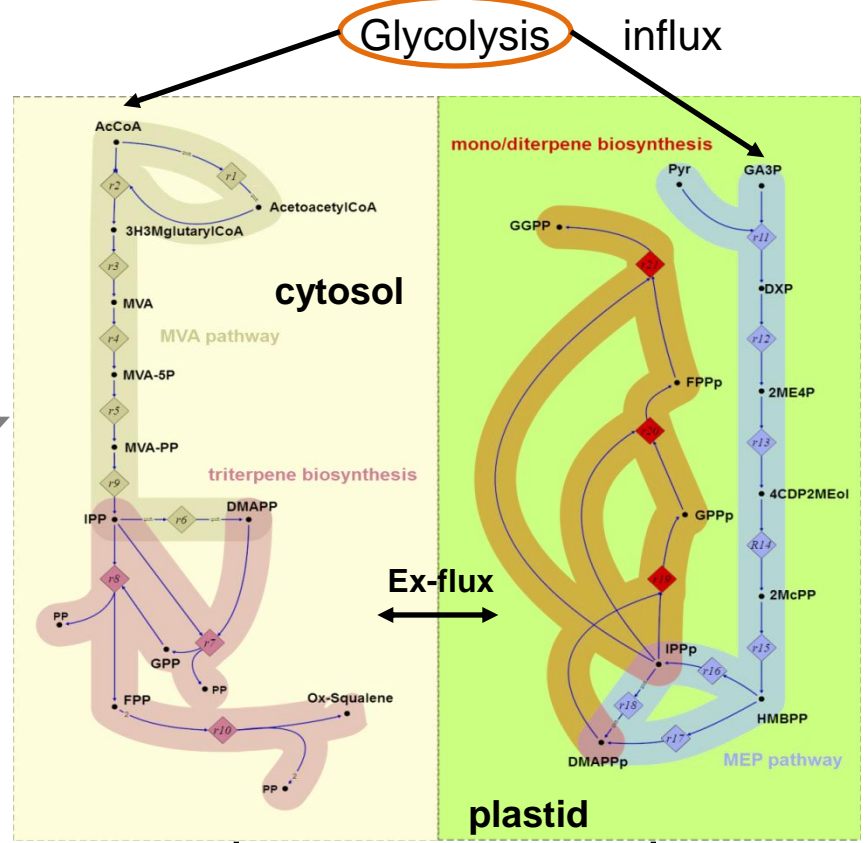
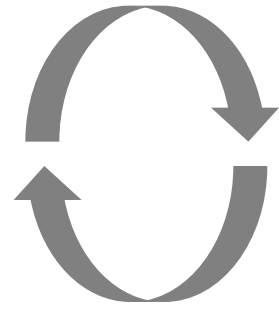
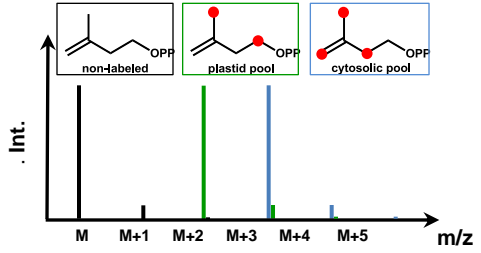
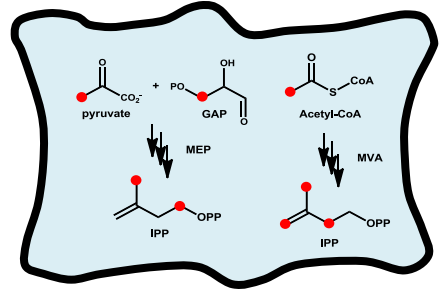
¹³C metabolic flux analysis using Spirodela

¹³C-MFA

Flux map



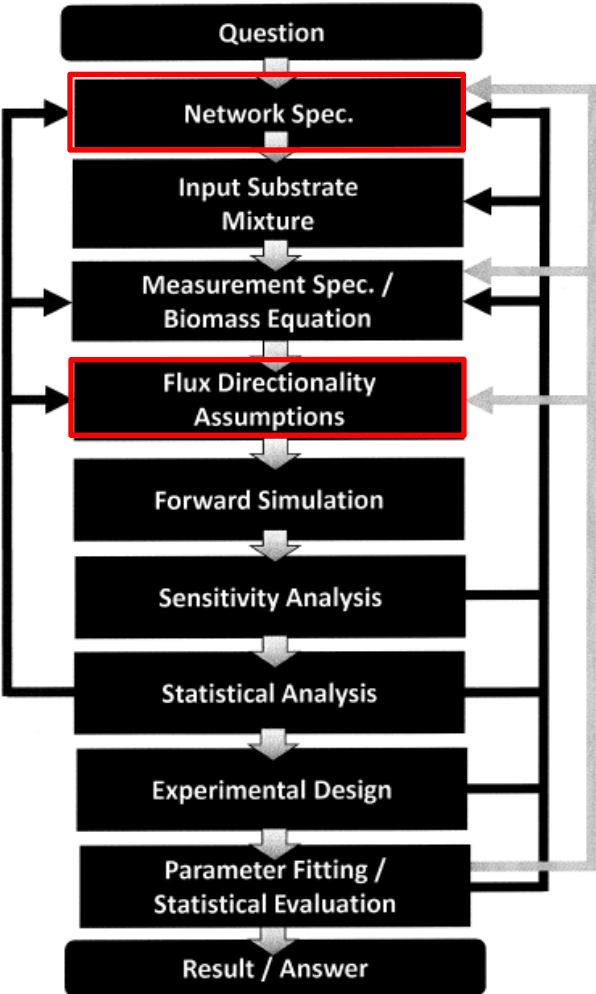
Isotopomer pattern



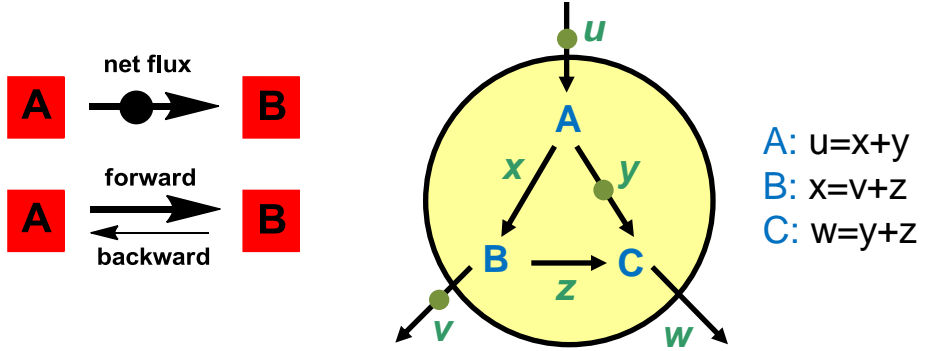
Triterpenes, Sterols (efflux)

Mono-, di-, tetra-terpene, (efflux)

Flux analysis – network construction

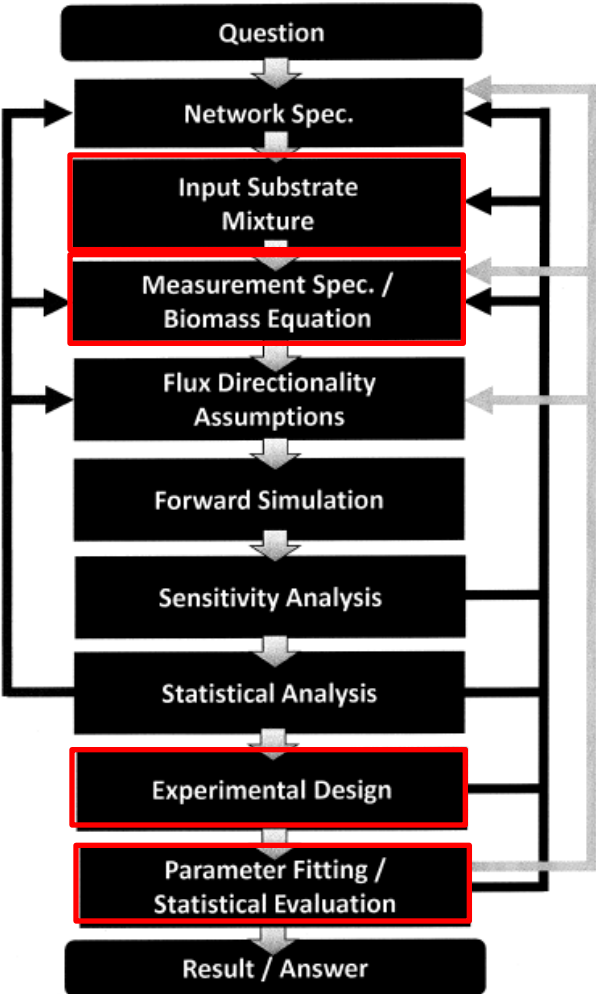


- Stoichiometry of the network (DOF)
- closed carbon balance
- influx and efflux
- network structure (directionality, cycles,...)

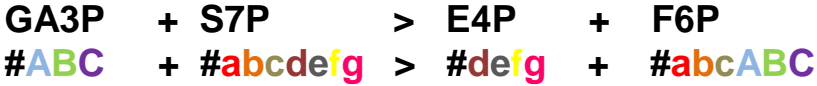


- free fluxes
- constraints
- Example: *E. coli* CCM model:
59 metabolites, 68 reactions

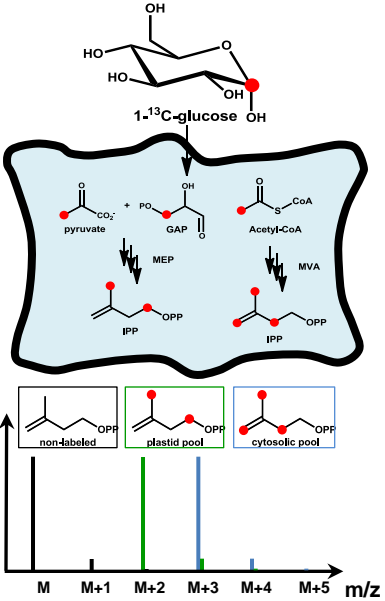
Flux analysis – experimental considerations



- labeled carbon source (1-¹³C-Glu, CO₂)
- analytical technique (MS, NMR)
- atom transitions (where does my label go?)



- number of measurements
- what experiments?
- compounds to measure
- experimental errors
- statistical analysis

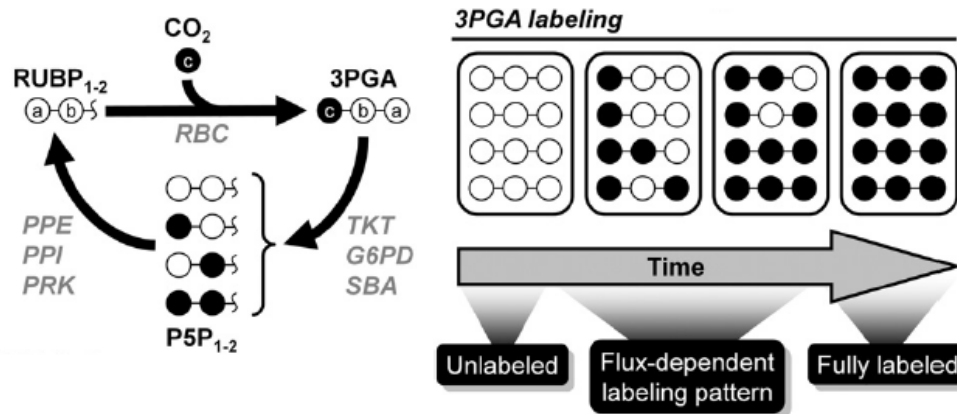


Flux analysis – in whole plants, the major challenges

→ Definition of “metabolic steady state”

→ compartmentation : parallel pathways in different compartments act differently

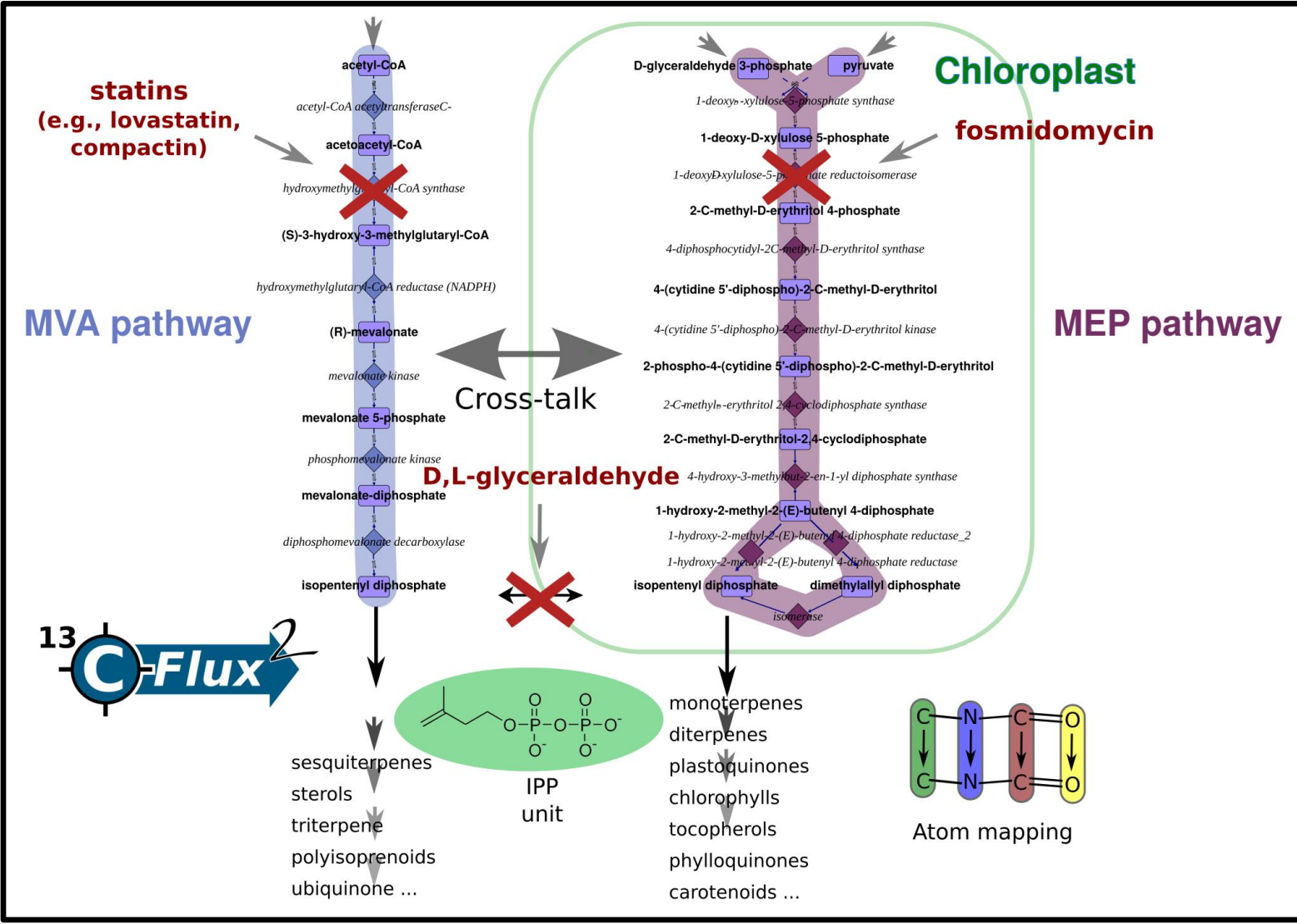
→ phototrophic conditions : $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ as a carbon source results in loss of flux information at “isotopic steady state”



Young et al. 2011

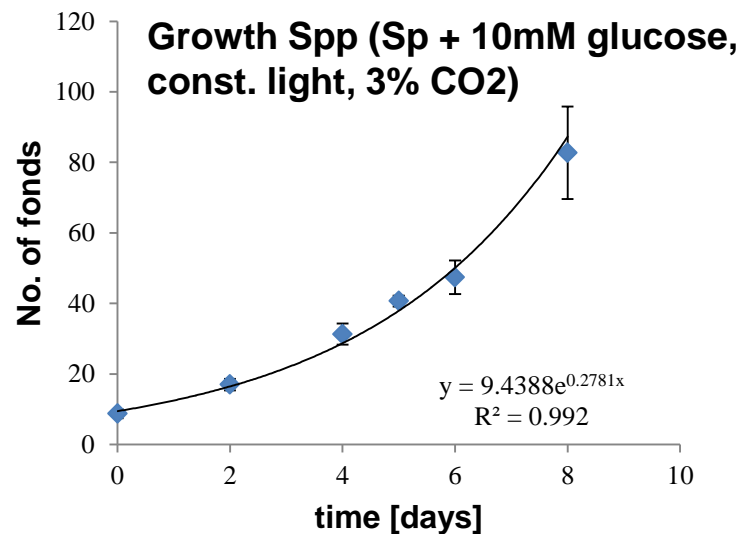
→ Is “steady-state” MFA possible for plants ???

Flux network (Nadine)



Metabolic steady state – MEP+MVA pathway

- time-course experiment and relative quantification of relevant intermediates
- linear pathways without branching, in theory analysis of early and late intermediates should be informative enough

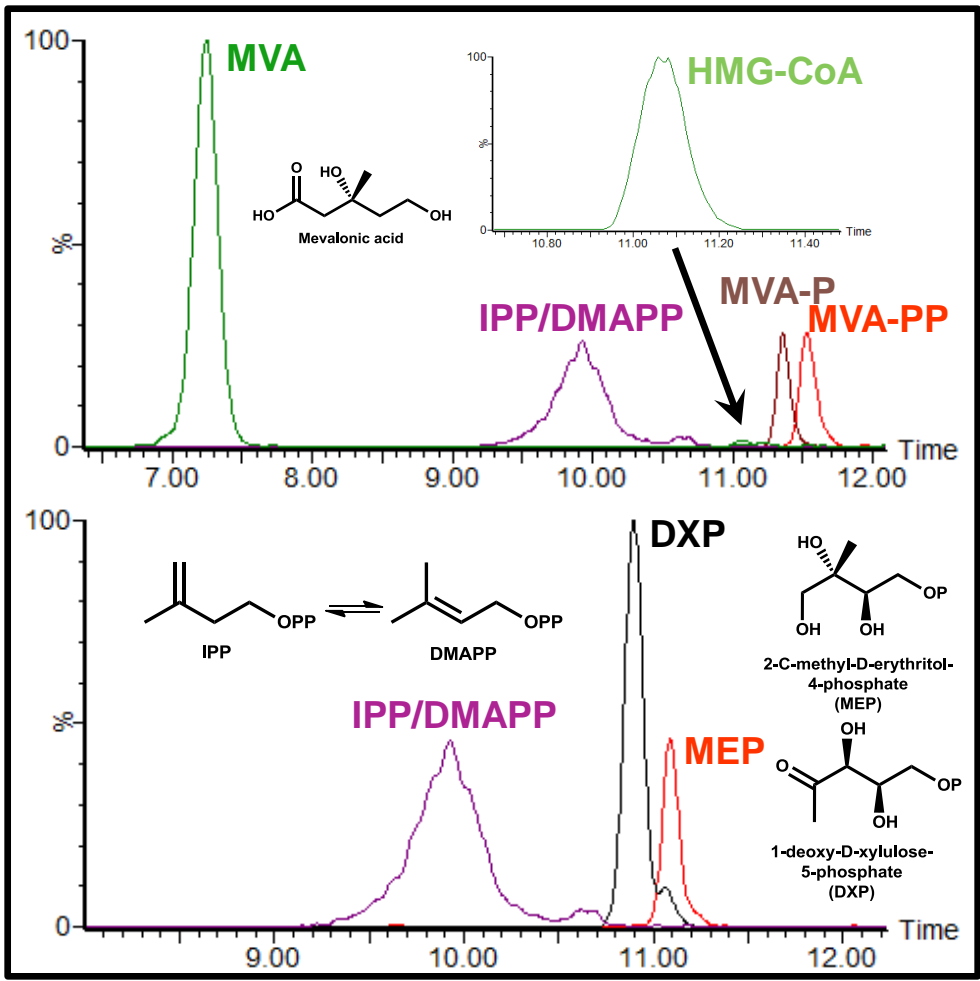


- analysis of MEP and MVA intermediates and terpene end products
- method development for pathway intermediates

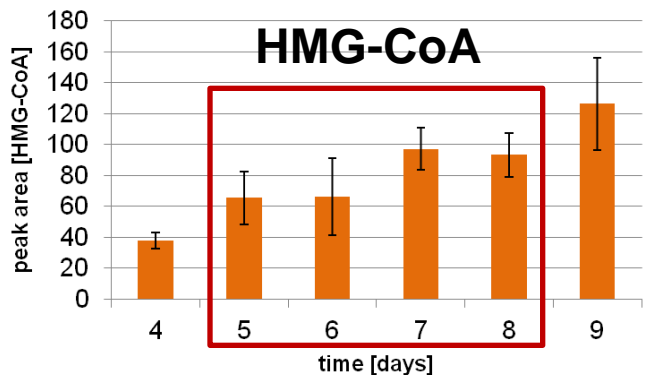
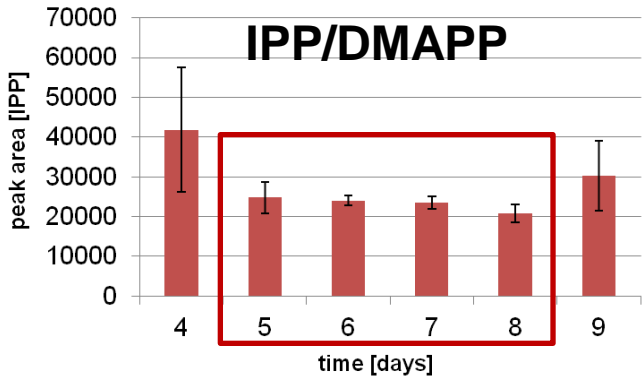
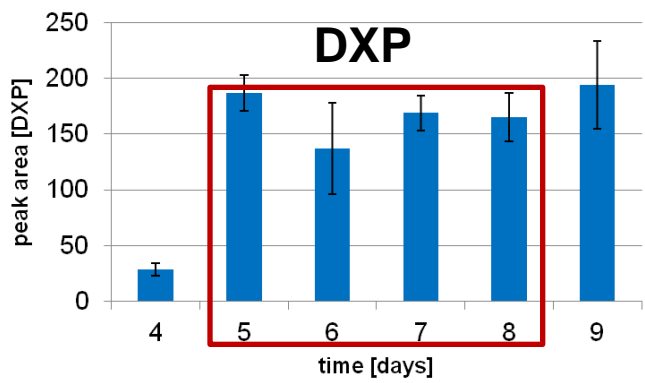
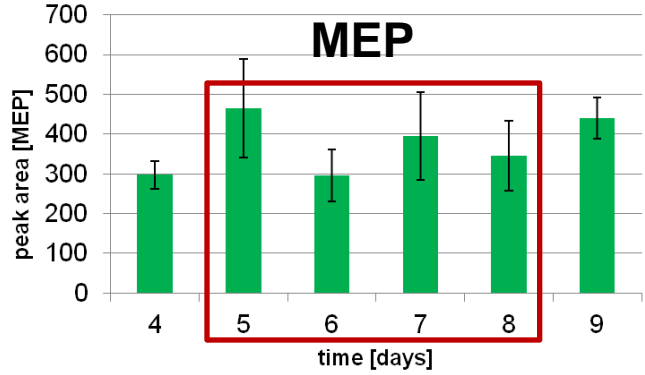
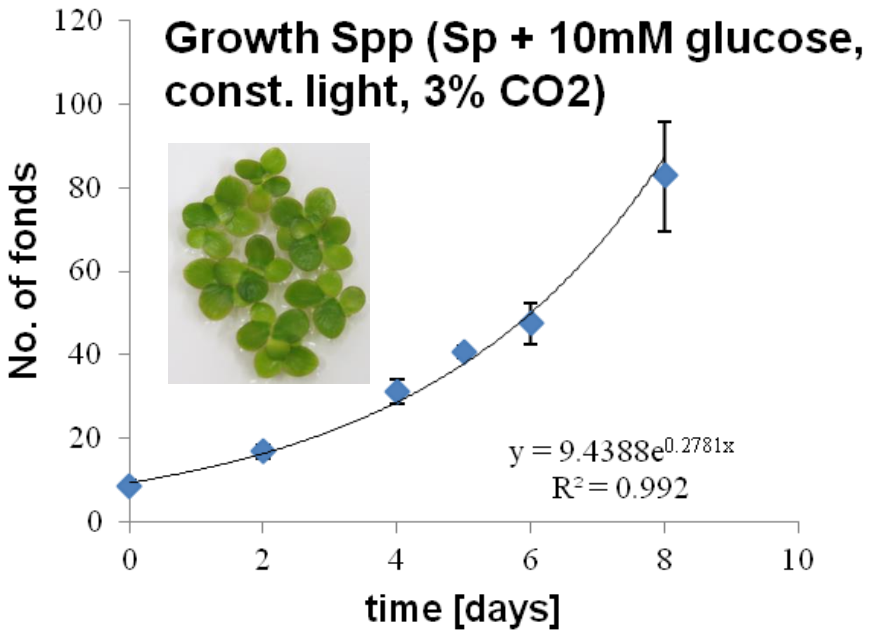
Metabolic steady state – MEP+MVA pathway

➤ **LC-TQ MS method** (Zic-pHILIC-TQ-MS (MRM) (gradient elution, A: 50mM NH₄OAc pH 10 in 3%ACN, B: ACN)
(Li et al. 2013)

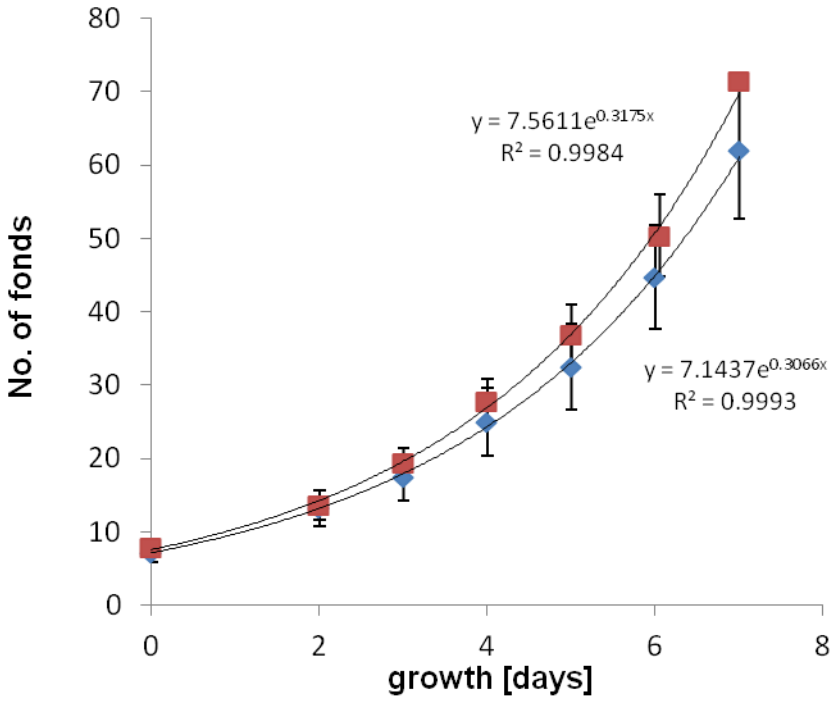
compound	transition	CE [eV]	RT [min]
MVA	147.2 --> 59	23	7.22
MVA-P	227.1 --> 97.1	14	11.35
MVA-PP	307.1 --> 79	25	11.55
HMG-CoA	454.6 --> 686.3	17	11.06
DXP	213.05 --> 97	13	10.88
MEP	215.2 --> 79	20	11.1
IPP/DMAPP	245.1 --> 79	20	9.9



Metabolic steady state – MEP+MVA pathway



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- ◆ 12C-glucose
- 13C-glucose
- Expon. (12C-glucose)
- Expon. (13C-glucose)

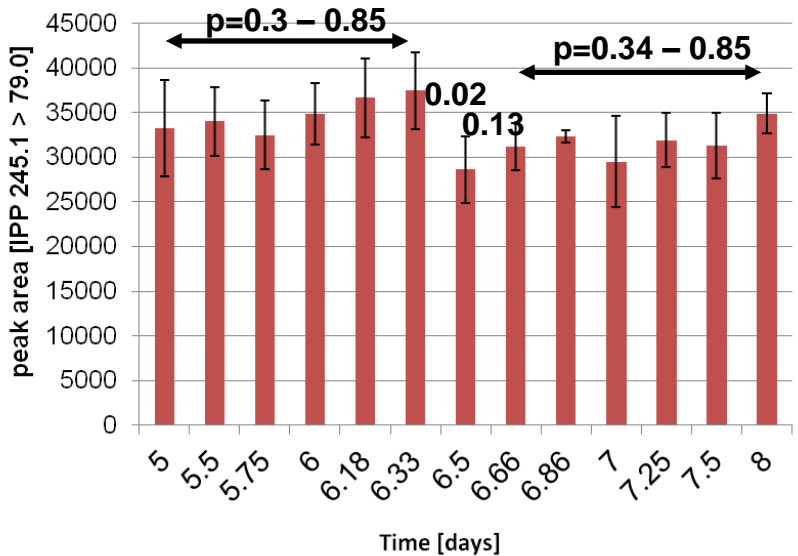
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7	6.5	Thursday	4:15	3
8	6.666	Thursday	8:15	3
9	6.833	Thursday	12:15	3
10	7	Thursday	16:15	3
11	7.25	Thursday	22:15	3
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- metabolic steady state
- feeding experiments
- sampling for isoprenoid analysis

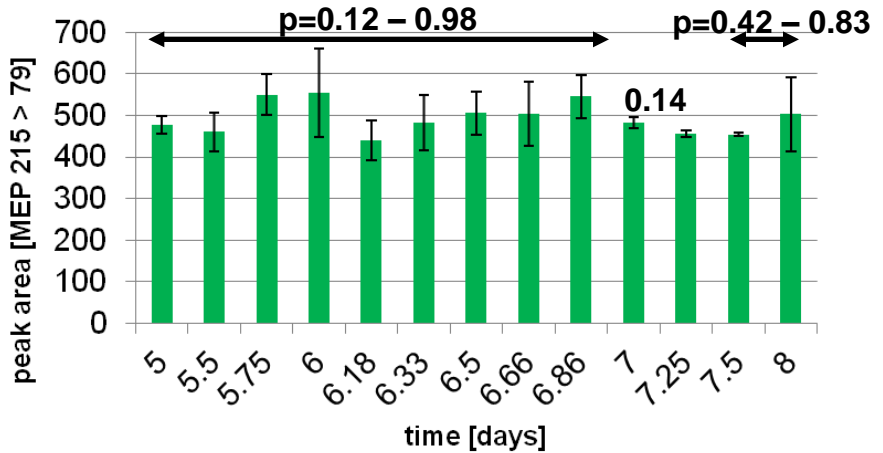


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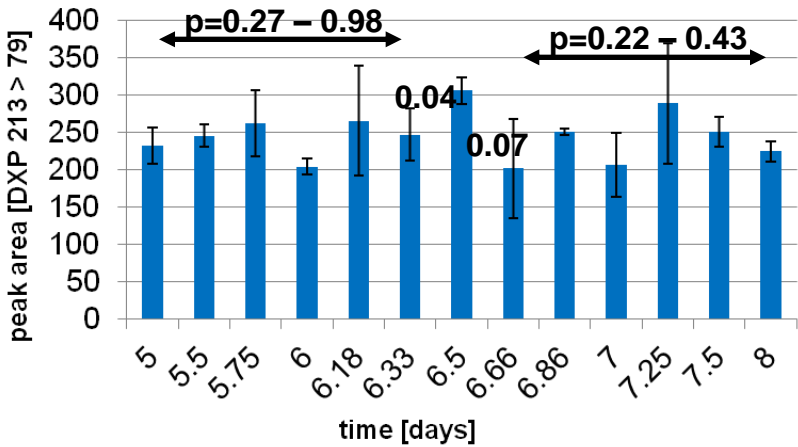
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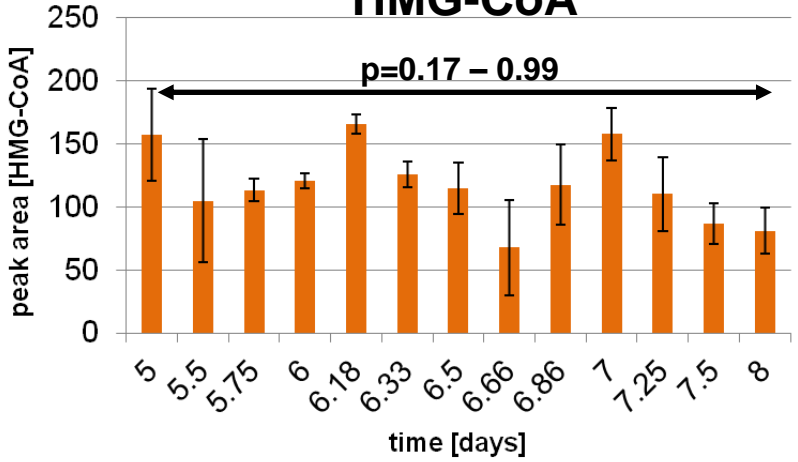
MEP



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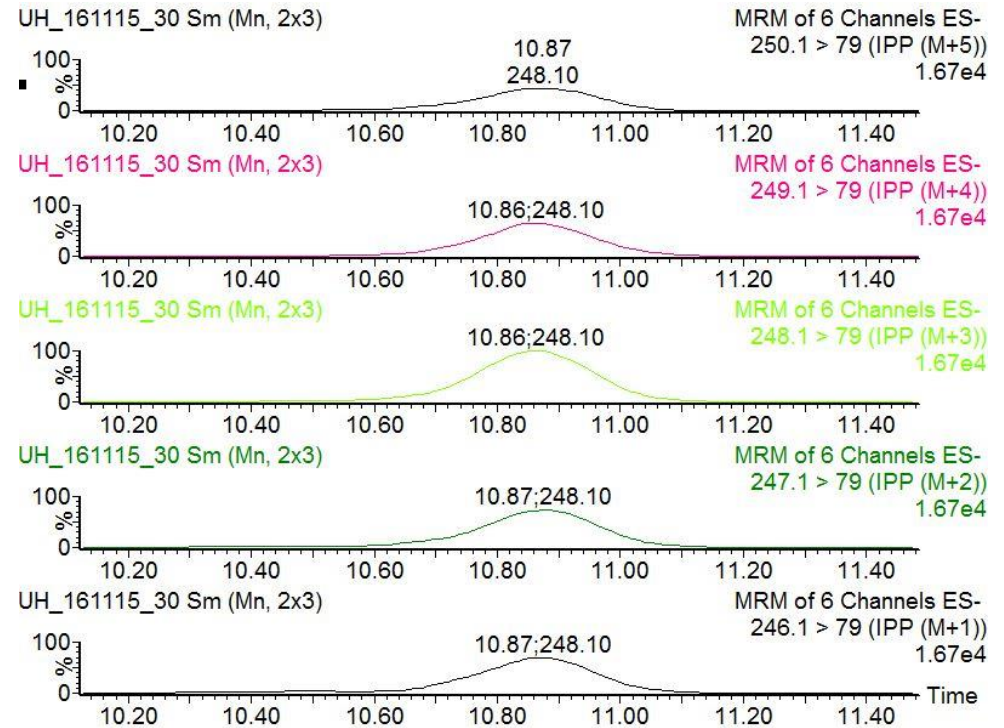
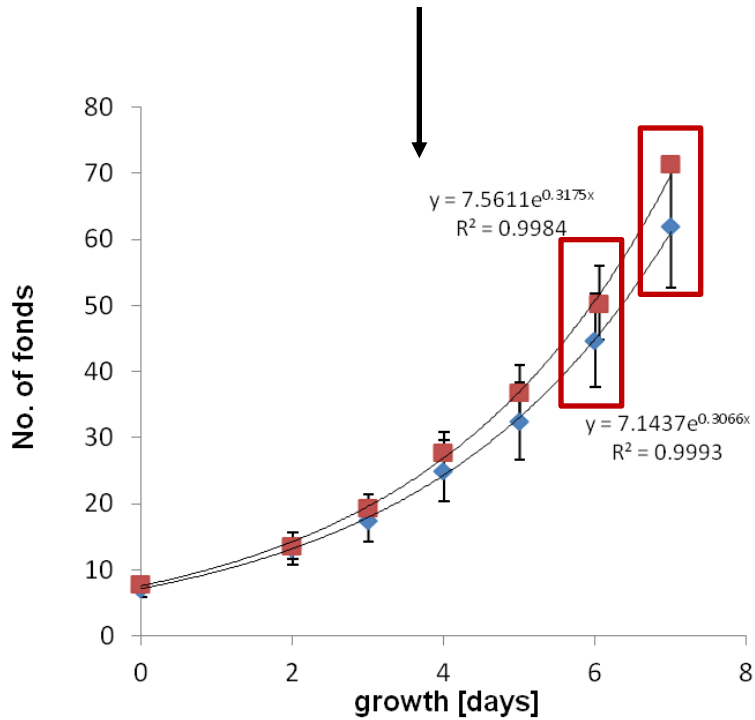
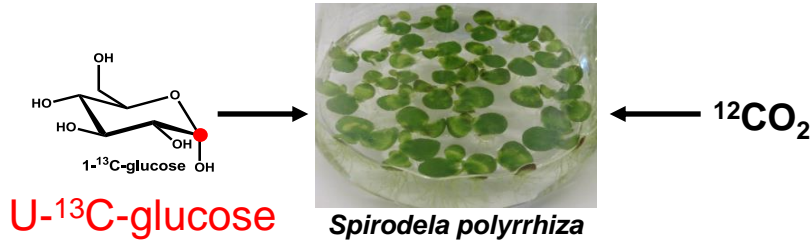


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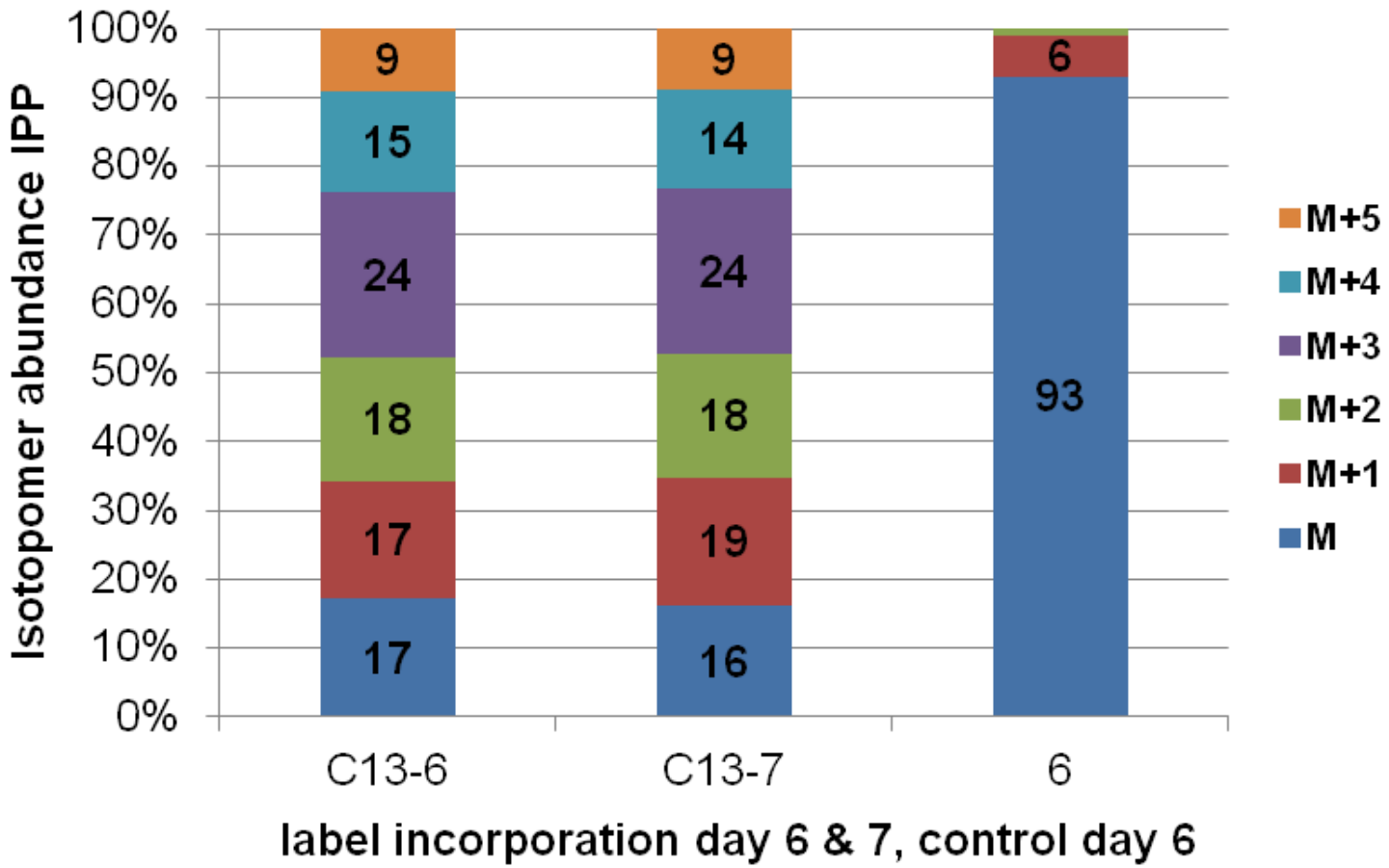


Isotopic steady state – MEP+MVA pathway



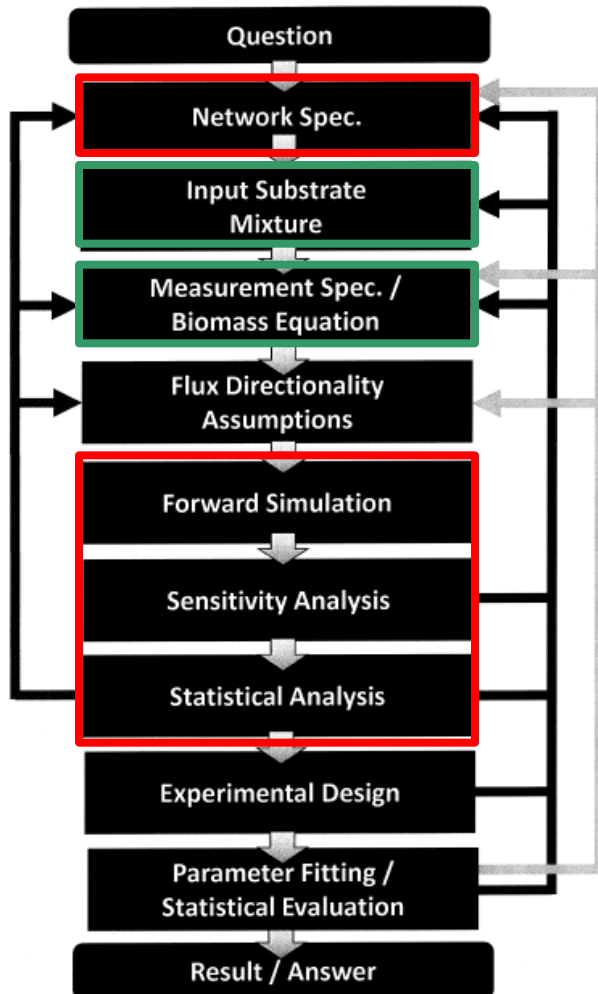
➤ MRM for all possible isotopomers

Isotopic steady state – MEP+MVA pathway





Flux analysis – ongoing experiments



- *labeling experiments with U-13C-glucose*
- *labeling experiments with 1-13C-glucose*
- *end product measurements*
- *treatments with inhibitors (Me jasmonate, Statins)*

- *forward simulations*
- *measurement of precursors / constrain influx*
- *flux calculations*

Summary

- ***Weizmass & Matchweiz for identification of natural products***
- ***Labelling techniques can assist identification***
- ***spacial resolution as another dimension***
- ***Lemna as a model system for ^{13}C -MFA in “whole plants”***



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