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### **UNTARGETED METABOLOMIC APPROACH BY GC-QTOF:**



#### FROM LOW TO HIGH RESOLUTION

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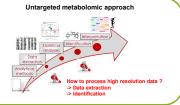
Untargeted metabolomic approach aims to gather information on as many metabolites as possible in biological systems by taking into account all informations present in the data sets. This approach is essential to pinpoint modifications of metabolic pathways associated to nutritional, health or environmental status for identifying biomarkers.

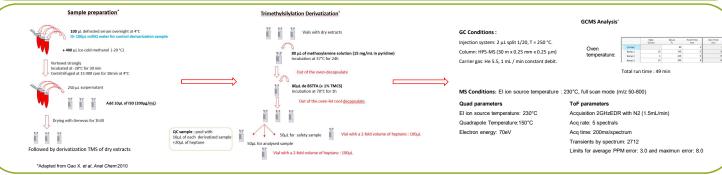
GC is often coupled to single quadrupole analyzers, which offer high sensitivity, good dynamic range but operate with slower scan rates and lower resolution compared to Time of Flight (ToF) systems. GC coupled with ToF Mass Spectrometry is increasingly used for metabolic profiling because of fast acquisition rates, particularly useful for an accurate deconvolution of overlapping peaks obtained from complex mixtures.

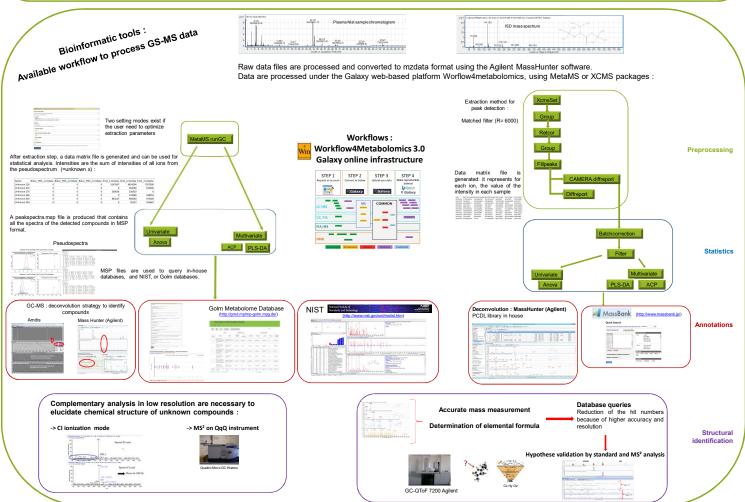


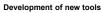












## Data extraction:

Identification

To process high resolution data using MetaMS package it is necessary to optimize extraction parameters. Therefore, a tool was developed in the lab to realize this step. Several parameters can be considered (e.g.: FWHM, similarity\_threshold,...) one by one or in combination



Reference mass spectra are acquired in high resolution in order to implement Peak Forest database.

NIST plasma samples are also analyzed by GC-QToF (MS, MS2) to annotate reference compounds in the



## Conclusion and perspectives

Annotated spectra of reference compounds and biological matrices will be implemented in the metaboHUB national reference database (Peakforest). Accurate mass measurements, as well as the development of new tools for data processing should allow solving the actual bottleneck in biomarker discovery, concerning the identification of





