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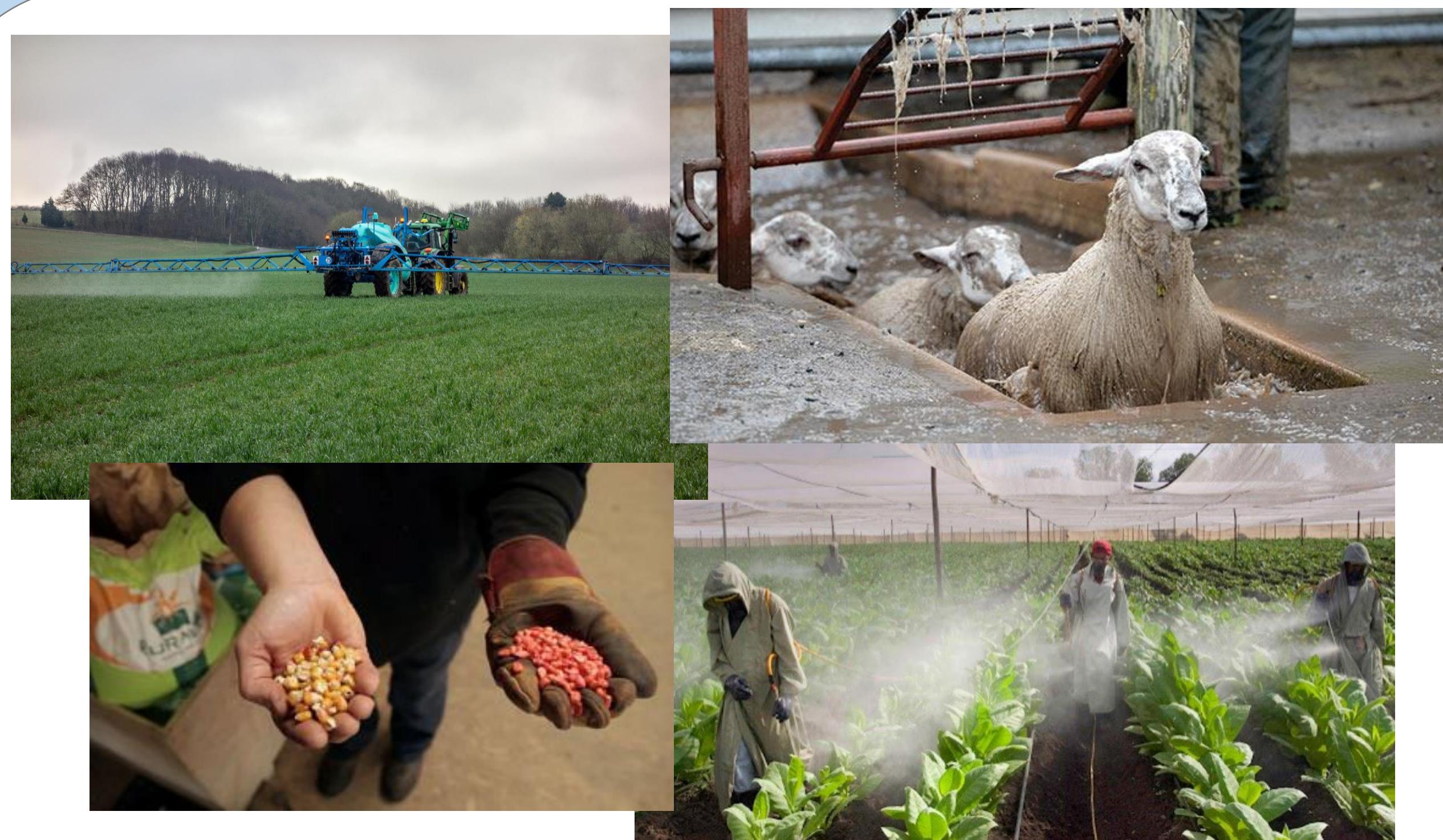
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Context : Agricultural activity and cancer



Examples of agricultural tasks associated with exposure to pesticides

Link between **occupational exposures** and **cancers** demonstrated in **farmers**

Pesticides exposure effects?
Other determinants?

- Study cancer biological plausibility, early stages effects, lookout for predictive markers of cancer risks
- Holistic approach of cancers occurrence in **farmers population**

Utilisation of **biobanks samples** associated with **exposure description** and **tasks listing** for a metabolomic analysis

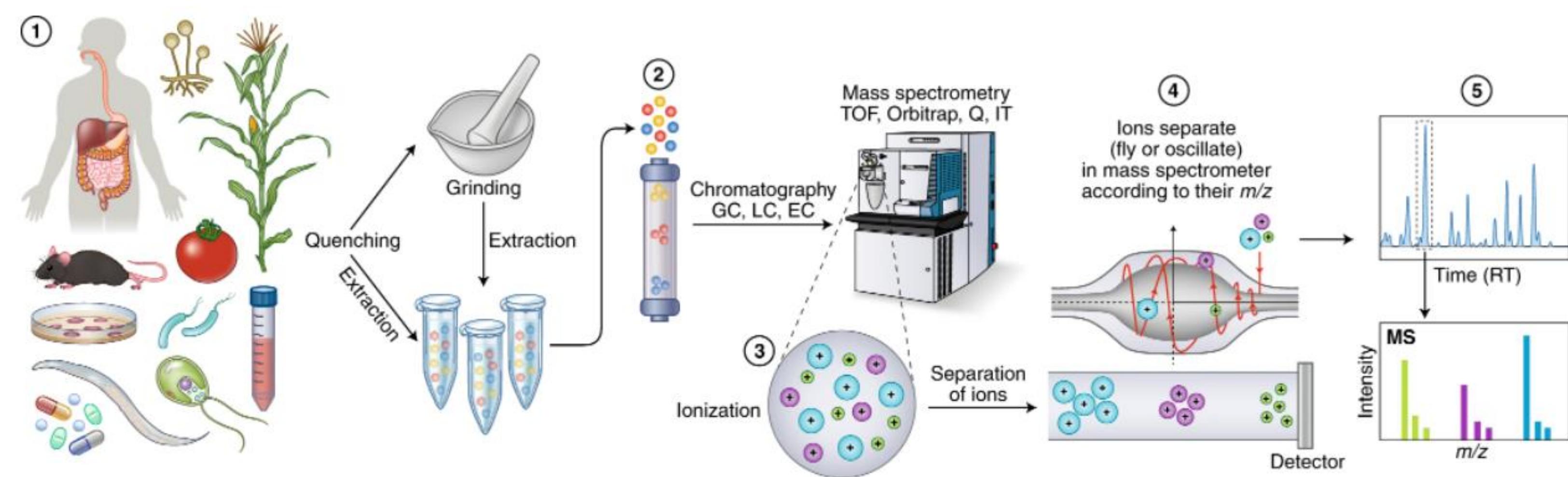
Potential available matrix

- Blood
- Urine
- Saliva
- Hair



Metabolomic

General Workflow



Alseeh S et al. Mass spectrometry-based metabolomics: a guide for annotation, quantification and best reporting practices. Nat Methods. 2021

- ❖ Experimental design
- ❖ Sample preparation
- ❖ **Metabolites separation**
- ❖ Ionisation
- ❖ Detection

- ❖ **Data treatment**
- ❖ Statistical analysis
- ❖ Metabolites identification
- ❖ Biological interpretation

Many steps to be optimized

No general method for metabolomic analysis of human urine samples in the litterature

Setting up of a test study on healthy volunteers

Men urine samples



Man 1 ... Man 10

Women urine samples



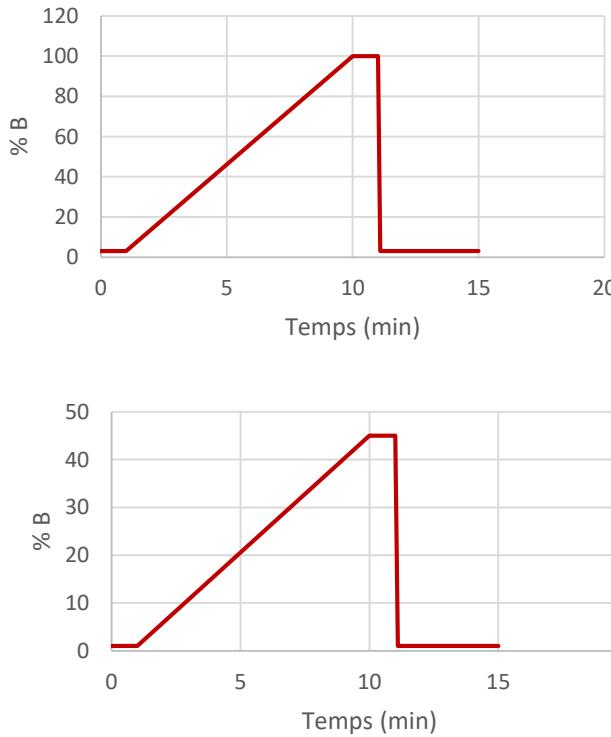
Woman 1 ... Woman 11

Methodology

Chromatographic parameters and HRMS detection

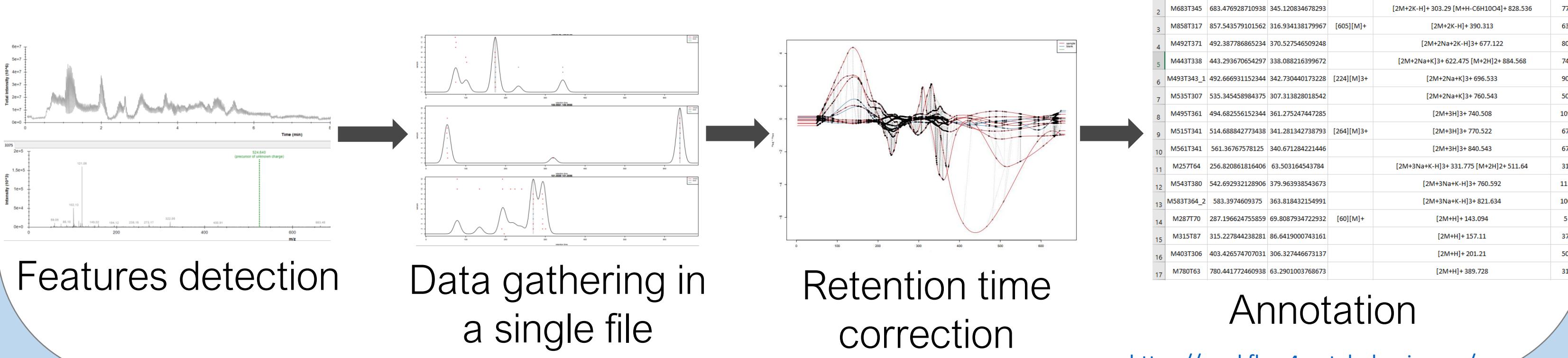
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Separation of high polarity molecules HILIC Waters Acuity® BEH amide (1x100mm; 1,7 µm)	✓	✓

- 4 conditions
- 2 gradients



Masse detection : QTOF Agilent 6540, 1 scan/sec, 50-1000 m/z

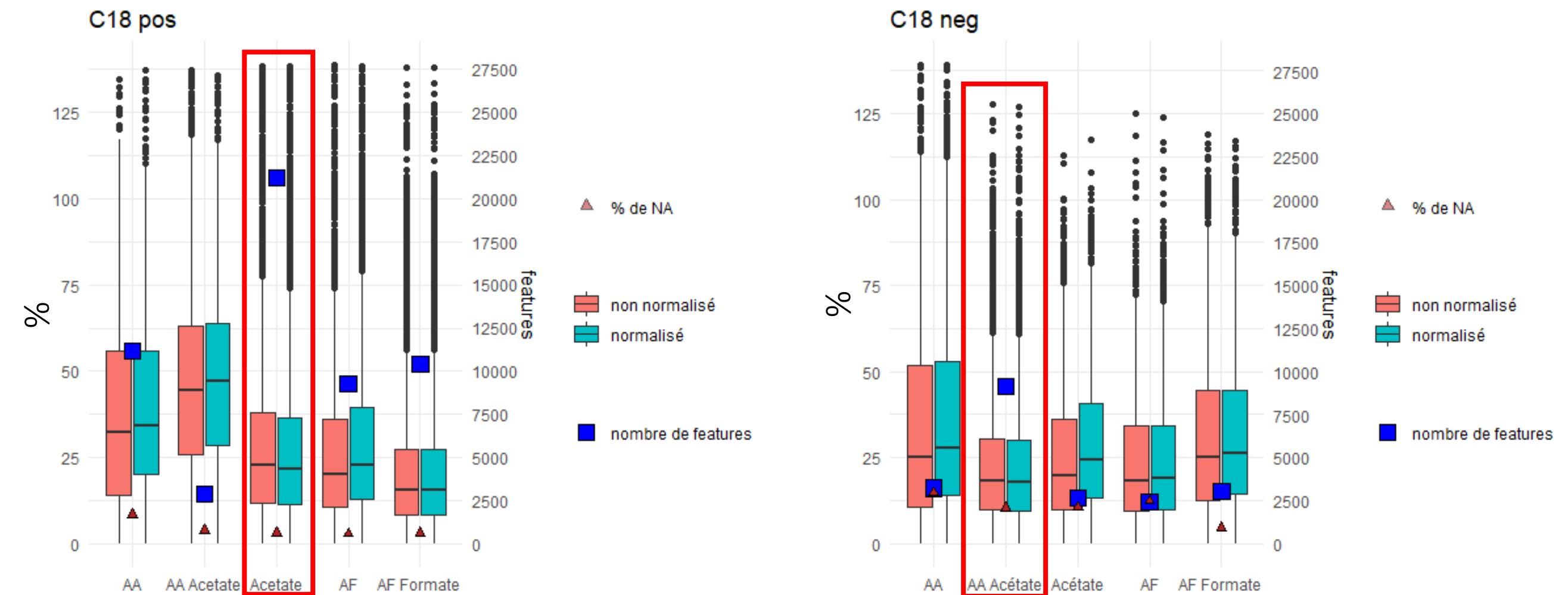
Data treatment : Galaxy W4M & mixOmics



Perspectives

- Ion annotation tool optimisation
- Biobank samples analysis
- Study on blood, hair or saliva
- Use of new statistical tools

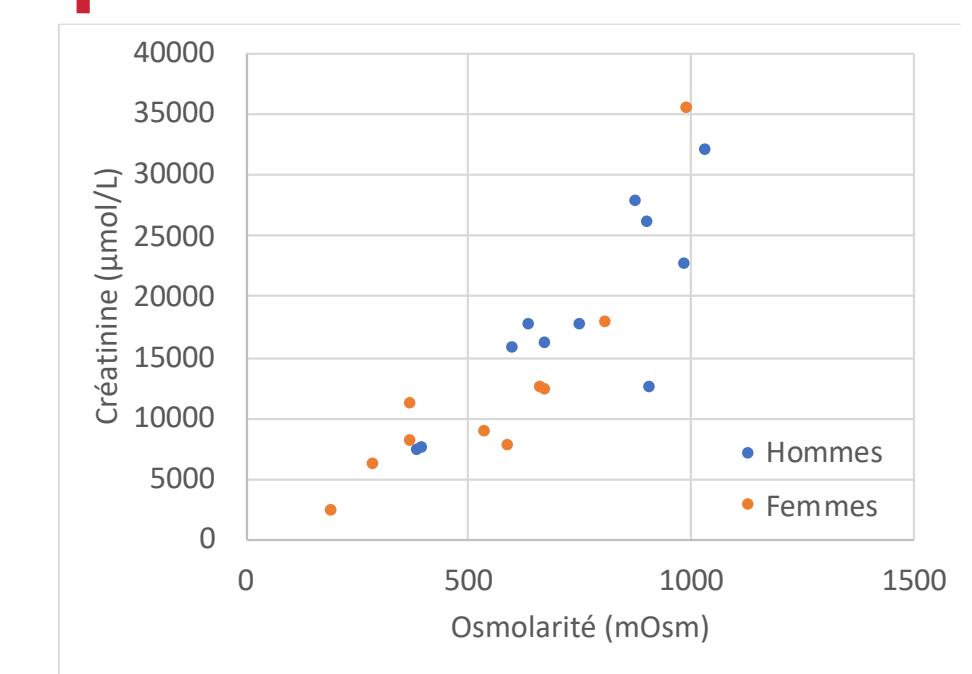
5 mobile phases comparison



Signal normalisation comparison

- Osmolarity
- Creatinine
- Total MS signal

Gagnepain et al., Analytica chimica Acta, 2017
Warack et al., Journal of chromatography B, 2009



Groups separation and markers highlighted

