



MS-based metabolite profiling in plant

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What is a Metabolite?

- Any organic molecule detectable in a system with a MW < 1500 Da
- Includes peptides, oligonucleotides, sugars, nucelosides, organic acids, ketones, aldehydes, amines, amino acids, lipids, steroids, alkaloids, foods, chemical additives, toxins, pollutants,
- Includes human & microbial products
- Concentration > detectable (1 pM)



Metabolite ID

- Two scenarios identification of "known unknowns" and "unknown unknowns"
- For "known unknowns" use spectral or metabolite libraries to ID and quantify via spectral deconvolution
- For "unknown unknowns" (truly novel) use computer-aided structure elucidation methods (CASE)

"...there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns -- the ones we don't know we don't know."







The Pyramid of Life







Different Metabolomes



The Pyramid of Life





Chemical fingerprints











Metabolomics is More Time Sensitive Than Other "Omics"







Metabolomics Workflow







Chemical Analysis

Data Analysis





Chemical diversity



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Metabolomics Technologies



- UPLC, HPLC
- CE/microfluidics
- LC-MS
- FT-MS
- QqQ-MS
- NMR spectroscopy
- X-ray crystallography
- GC-MS
- FTIR



High resolution MS metabolomics

(UHPLC-QTOF)





Chromatography







Mass Spec Principles





Mass Analyzers

- Magnetic Sector Analyzer (MSA)
 High resolution, exact mass, original MA
- Quadrupole Analyzer (Q or Q*)
 Low (1 amu) resolution, fast, cheap
- Time-of-Flight Analyzer (TOF)
 No upper m/z limit, high throughput
- Ion Cyclotron Resonance (FT-ICR)
 Highest resolution, exact mass, costly

Orbitrap Mass Analyzer







The orbital mass analyser is based on the orbital trapping of ions.

Injected ions cycle around the central electrode and at the same time oscillate along the horizontal axis















Quadrupole Mass Analyzer



Uses a combination of RF and DC voltages to operate as a mass filter.

- Has four parallel metal rods.
- Lets one mass pass through at a time.
- Can scan through all masses or sit at one fixed mass.





Quadrupoles have variable ion transmission modes



mass scanning mode



single mass transmission mode



What is MSMS?

MS/MS means using two mass analyzers (combined in one instrument) to select an analyte (ion) from a mixture, then generate fragments from it to give structural information.





Why HRMS?

What if the resolution is not so good?

At lower resolution, the mass measured is the average mass.





High Resolution MS







Why HRMS?

Isotopes

+Most elements have more than one stable isotope.

For example, most carbon atoms have a mass of 12 Da, but in nature, 1.1% of C atoms have an extra neutron, making their mass 13 Da.

+Why do we care?

Mass spectrometers can "see" isotope peaks if their resolution is high enough.

If an MS instrument has resolution high enough to resolve these isotopes, better mass accuracy is achieved.







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Identification / screening



Text/Synonym Search



Sequence Search



FUNCTIONS



MS Spectral DBs

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Comprehensive MetDBs

KEGG





MetaboLights



HumanCyc





Naive vs forced approach

Forced: Find-by-Formula

Naive: Find-by-Molecular-Feature

- Needs a formula or a source of formula (database)
- Deeper in compounds fishing
- Higher number of false positive

- Needs an isotopic model (e.g. glycans, peptides, common organic molecules)
- Often requires a following identification step
 - Lower number of false positives, higher number of false negative





From meaningless to meaningfull data

Huge amount of information

Raw data

- Redundancy? False positive?
- Data gathering

dataset

- Alignment and filtering
- Statistics
- Interpret. Chemometrics & bioinformatics

Answer(s) to a biological problem?





Alignment and filtering

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6	0.892	10	
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4	5.219	10	
6	16.351	0	
7	31.759	0	
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- 1- Review compounds at a glance:
 - Check presence/absence across treatments
 - Preliminary investigate alignment and check for peak shape
- 2- Align and filter
- **3- Export for recursive**

analysis





Alignment and filtering in Mass Profiler Professional

- 1. Alignment (optionally using internal standards) Retention time tolerance
- 2. Filter by mass tolerance
- 3. Remove irreproducible compounds – Filter by Frequency
- 4. Remove weak compounds Filter by Abundance
- 5. Remove highly variable compounds – Filter by Sample Variability



(GC-MS)

SPECTRAL LIBRARIES BASED METABOLOMICS





- GC-MS is often best for identification of amino acids, organic acids, sugars, fatty acids and molecules with MW<500
- GC has higher resolution and better reproducibility than LC
- EI-MS is more standardized than soft ionization methods, so EI spectra are more comparable.





Electron impact MS spectra





Need for derivatization

Step I. Methoxyamination to protect carbonyl groups



Step II. Trimethylsilylation to decrease the boiling point







GC-Columns





Polysiloxane



Retention Time/Index

- Retention time (RT) is the time taken by an analyte to pass through a column
- RT is affected by compound, column (dimensions and stationary phase), flow rate, pressure, carrier, temp.
- Comparing RT from a standard sample to an unknown allows compound ID
- Retention index (RI) is the retention time normalized to the retention times of adjacently eluting n-alkanes





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Metabolite ID by GC-MS





Spectral comparison







Library search



DATA REDUCTION and INTERPRETATION



Data analysis

Data collected represented in a matrix

variables going across in different column						
Objects going down in different rows	X- <u>var</u> 1	X- <u>var</u> 2	X- <u>var</u> 3	Y- <u>var</u> 1	Y- <u>var</u> 2	
Sample 1						
Sample 2						

A propositional approach to describing and using metabolomics data (the x-data) for analyzing complex systems. These may have other specific properties (the y-data) which one may also wish to 'explain' in terms of the x-data.

- Chemometric Approach
 - Principle Component Analysis (PCA)
 - Partial Least-Squares (PLS) Method
 - Orthogonal PLS (OPLS)
- Targeted Profiling





Condition

treatment

Unsupervised cluster analysis

Legend - Hierarchical Combined Tree









Volcano analysis







- Unsupervised
- Multivariate analysis based on projection methods
- Extract and display the systematic variation in the data
- Each Principle Component (PC) is a linear combination of the original data parameters
- PCs Orthogonal to each other
- Conversion of original data leads to two matrices, known as scores and loadings
- The scores(T) represent a low-dimensional plane that closely approximates X. Linear combinations of the original variables. Each point represents a single sample spectrum.
- A loading plot/scatter plot(P) shows the influence (weight) of the individual X-variables in the model. Each point represents a different spectral intensity.
- The part of X that is not explained by the model forms the residuals(E)



• $X = TP^{T} = t_1 p_1^{T} + t_2 p_2^{T} + ... + E$





- Supervised learning method.
- Principles that of PCA. But in PLS, a second piece of information is used, namely, the labeled set of class identities.
- Two data tables considered namely X (input data from samples) and Y (containing qualitative values, such as class belonging, treatment of samples)
- The PLS algorithm maximizes the covariance between the X variables and the Y variables



The class assignment problem. The inputs can be considered, and are referred to, as the "explanatory variables" or "x-data" whereas the functional or the other classes of interest, which are still variables associated with the samples, are referred to as "dependent variables" or "y-data" and are to be obtained as the outputs.





OPLS



A geometrical illustration of the difference between the PLS-DA and OPLS-DA models. In the left panel, the PLS components cannot separate the between-class variation from the within-class variation, and the resulting PLS component loadings mixes both types of variations. In the right panel, the OPLS components are able to separate these two different variations. Component 1 (t_{1p}) is the predictive component and displays the between-class ([blue circles], [yellow squares]) variation of the samples. The corresponding loading profile can be used for identifying variables important for the class separation. Component 2 (t_{2p}) is the **Y**-orthogonal component and models the within group (within-class) variation.

- OPLS method is a recent modification of the PLS method to help overcome pitfalls
- Main idea to seperate systematic variation in X into two parts, one linearly related to Y and one unrelated (orthogonal).
- Comprises two modeled variations, the Y-predictive (T_pP_p^T) and the Y-orthogonal (T_oP_o^T) components.
- Only Y-predictive variation used for modeling of Y.
- OPLS-DA compared to PLS-DA

APPLICATIONS



Cluster analysis varietà carciofo (phenolic profiling)

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NARINGENIN



Effect of abiotic stress on plant metabolism (Zn vs salinity vs control)





Discrimination of different processing technologies

Unsupervised cluster analysis

Partial Least Square Discriminant Analysis (PLS-DA)



Lucini, Rocchetti, Kane, & Trevisan. Food Control, 2017

Model accuracy: 100%



Rintracciabilità dei processi fermentativi (fave cacao)





Tutela produzioni – Grana DOP







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Utilizzo olio di palma





Fermentazione intestinale farine gluten free



Eigenvectors



Molecular Structure Correlator

"Systematic bondbreaking" approach [Hill and Mortishire-Smith, 2005] to correlate tandem MS data with chemical structures



 Scores are generated from each product ion, the mass accuracy of the fragments, and the overall percentage of ions intensity being plausibly explained with sub-structures





Structure elucidation & metabolite ID







Structural confirmation





Confirm structure of selected differential metabolites





From totally unknown to structures

