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From -omics to phenotyping for crop improvement

Proteomics to study flower and fruit phenotypes characterized by different colours and quality properties

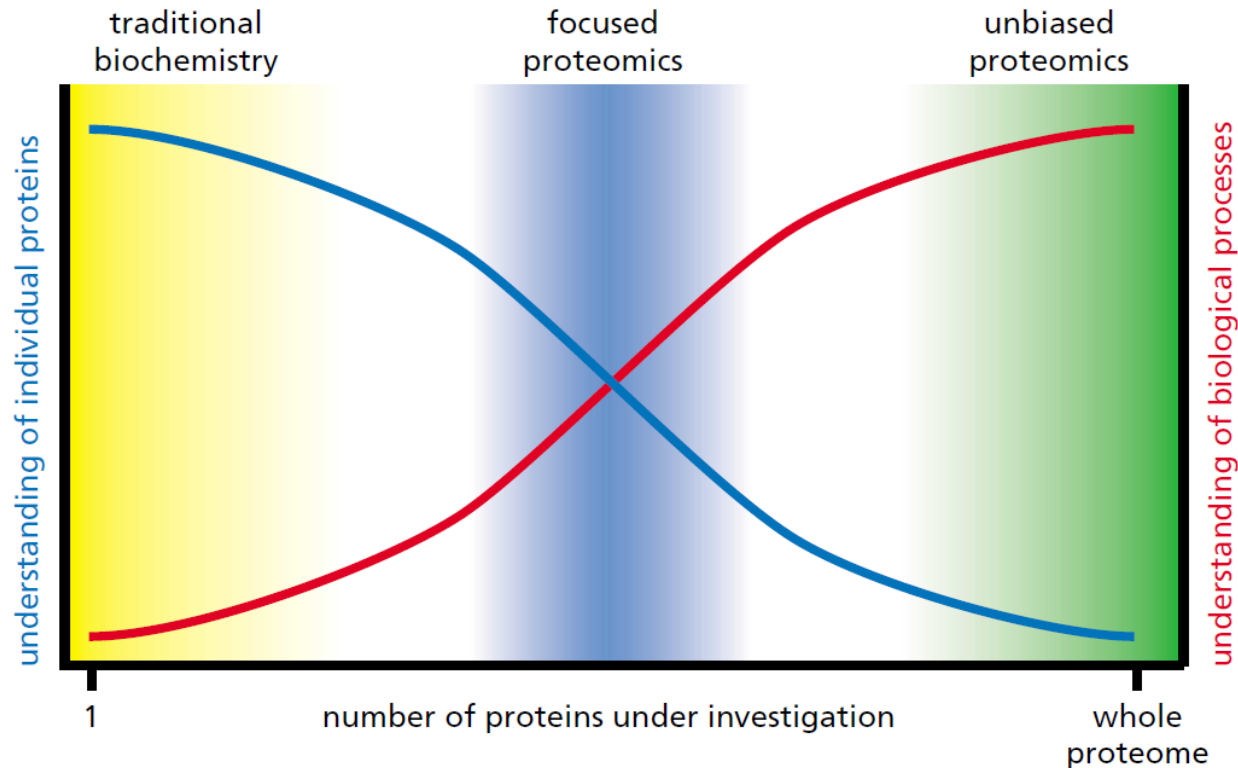
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WHAT IS PROTEOMICS?

Proteomics was defined as the **large-scale characterization** of the **entire protein complement** of a cell line, tissue, or organism (Wilkins et al 1995, Genet Eng Rev 13:19)



(MacBeath, 2002 Nat Genet, doi:doi:10.1038/ng1037)

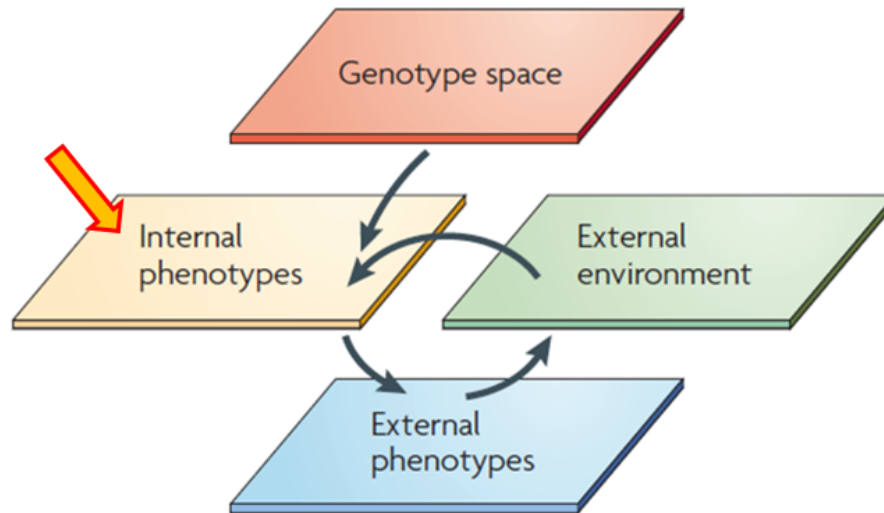
- Proteomic is a **system-wide approach**: study of **biological processes**.
 - Proteomics is **unbiased**: holistic approaches
- **Proteomics is discovery oriented**: is aimed at characterizing novel relations among proteins.

WHY PROTEOMICS?

Proteomics provides information about the internal **phenotypes**:

THE GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE MAP

Phenotype: Genotype X Environment



(Houle et al., 2010 Nat Genet, doi:10.1038/nrg2897)

“ Internal phenotypes are the levels in which the environmental factors and crop management are integrated into appropriate cellular reactions that result in the actual phenotype ”.

(Großkinsky et al, 2015, J Exp Bot doi:10.1093/jxb/erv345)

Cellular reactions include biochemical and physiological responses.

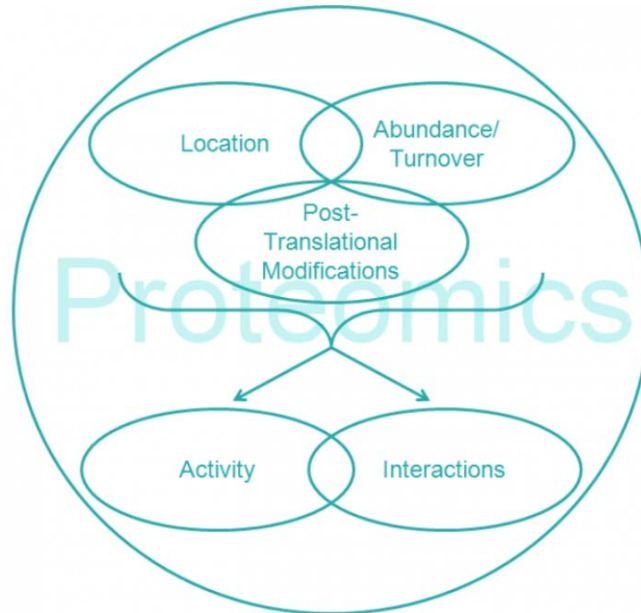
Proteomics provides information about:

- The protein variants affecting phenotypes.
- Relations among metabolic pathways and regulatory networks.
 - Pleiotropy.

THE ROLES OF PROTEOMICS IN SYSTEM BIOLOGY

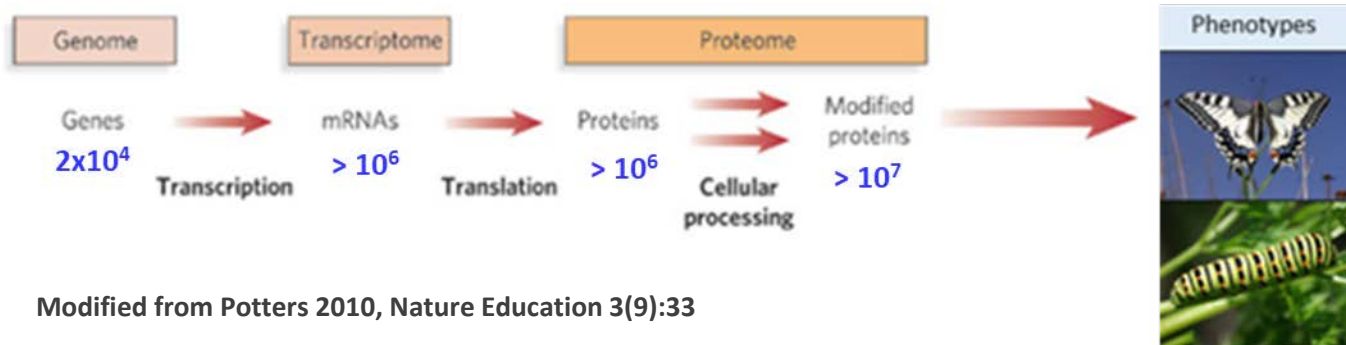
Proteomics provides distinct and complementary information to the other “omics”

- Study of the **metabolic interlinks** among biochemical pathways
- **Integration of the data obtained by other approaches**: transcriptomics often does not correlate with changes at protein level (Gigy et al 1999, Mol Cell Biol 19:1720); many proteins are not enzymes and their functionality is not reflected at metabolite level
- **Post-translational modifications (PTM)**: turnover, maturation by proteolysis, amino acid modifications (>200 amino acid variants by Mann and Jensen 2003, Nat Biotechnol 21:255), subcellular localization, isoforms, interactions with other proteins...
- **Quality and Safety of Food**: organoleptic properties, allergens, protein toxins.

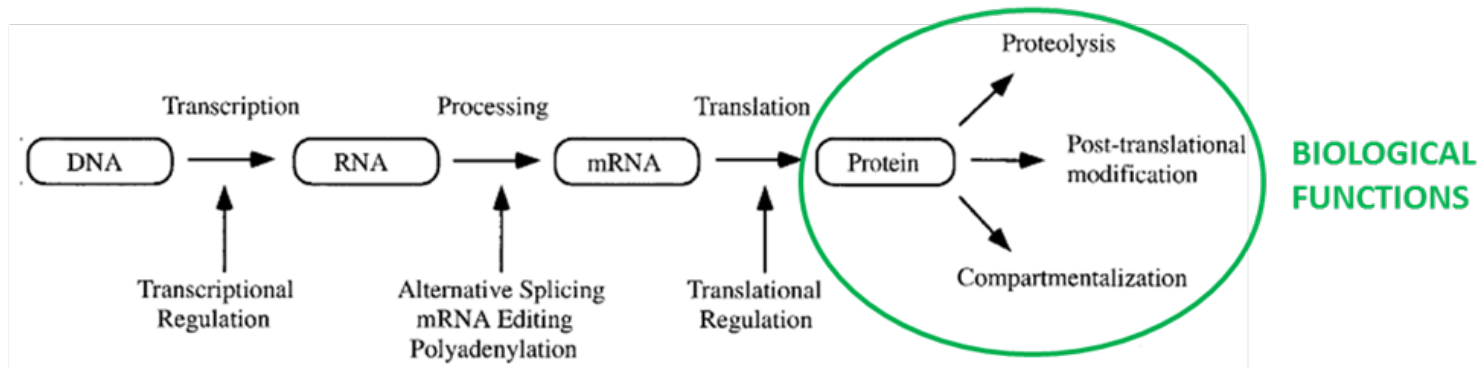


THE PROPERTIES OF PROTEOME: 1. HIGH COMPLEXITY

- Every living organism is characterized by many different proteomes (organelle, cell and tissue specific) that are extremely dynamics.



- Every single gene encodes for many proteins derived from post-translational modifications.



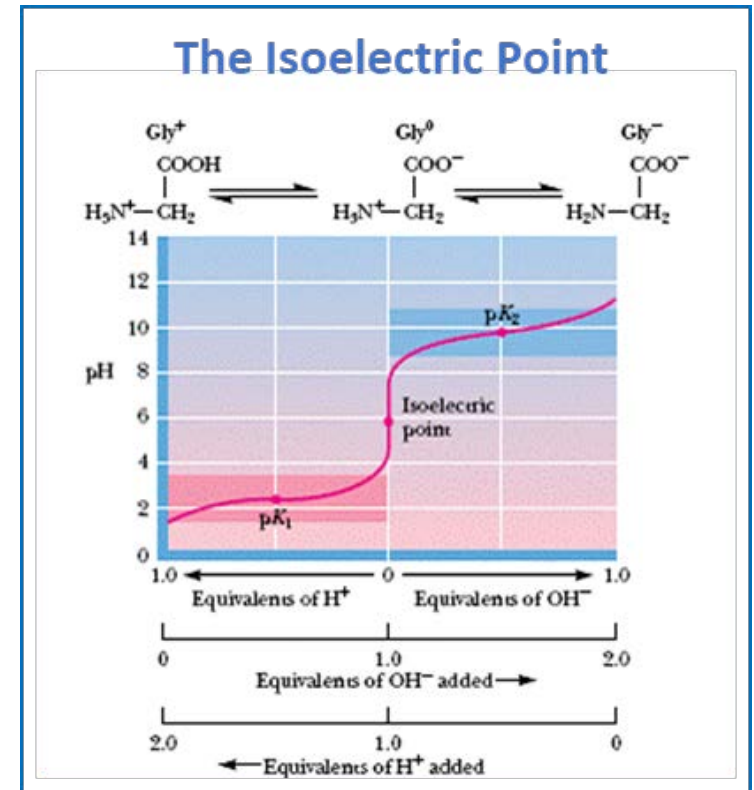
Mechanisms by which a single gene can give rise to multiple gene products. Multiple protein isoforms can be generated by RNA processing when RNA is alternatively spliced or edited to form mature mRNA. mRNA, in turn, can be regulated by stability and efficiency of translation. Proteins can be regulated by additional mechanisms, including posttranslational modification, proteolysis, or compartmentalization.

A cell can contain up to 20.000-50.000 unique proteins

THE PROPERTIES OF PROTEOME: 2. HIGH HETEROGENEITY

The proteins are macromolecules characterized by many and different chemo-physical properties:

- **Charge:** is variable and is linked to the isoelectric point ($pI=0-14$).
- **Molecular Weight:** from 50 to 2000 amino acids (5.000-200.000 Da)
- **Solubility:** depends on charge, molecular weight and on the hydrophobicity of the primary sequence.



The proteomic studies need of extraction procedures which allow to collect and preserve a very heterogeneous set of polypeptides.

THE PROPERTIES OF PROTEOME: 3. HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE

The proteome comprises molecules with very different abundances:

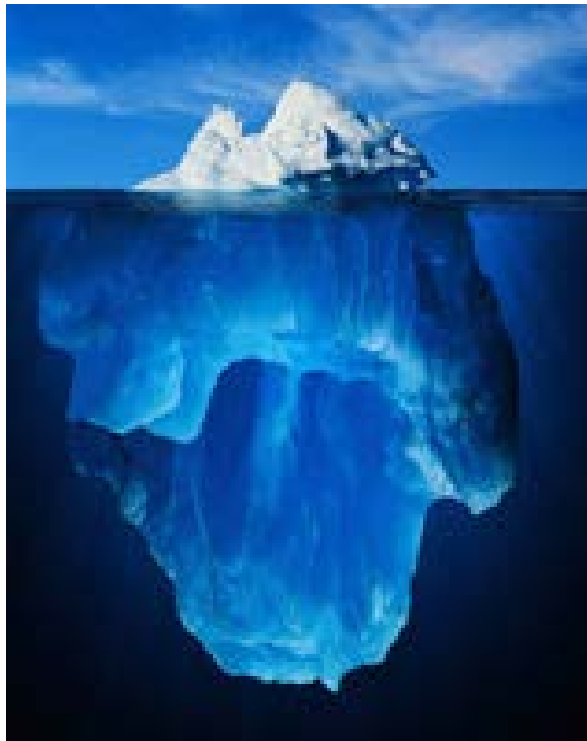
from few 10s copy/cell (like transcription factors or transporters) to a lot of 10.000s copy/cell (like structural proteins).



The estimated Dynamic Range is about 10^7 order of magnitude



The proteomic researcher works with protein in **NATURAL ABUNDANCE**



GENERAL WORKFLOW IN PLANT PROTEOMICS

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:

- Functional proteomics: comparative analysis of proteomes in control vs perturbed sample
- Descriptive proteomics: proteome profiles to obtained electrophoretic reference maps

SAMPLE MANIPULATION:

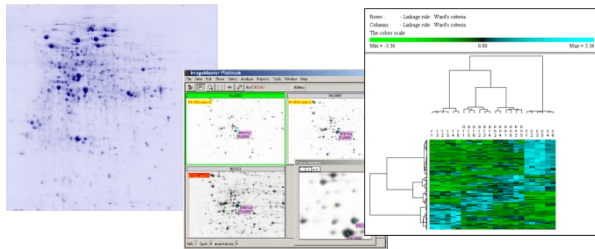
purification of the protein fraction from sample. This is a very crucial step in plant proteomics

SAMPLE FRACTIONATION:

GEL-BASED PROTEOMIC

2DE:

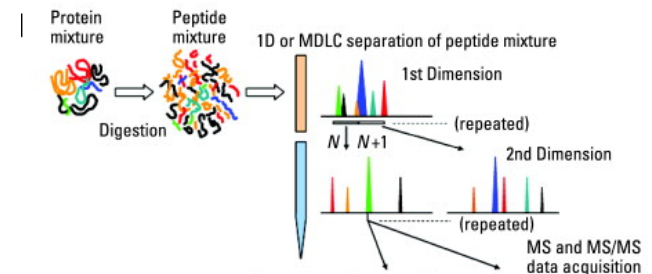
IEF, electrophoresis, detection, image statistical analysis to highlight proteins of interest



GEL-FREE PROTEOMIC

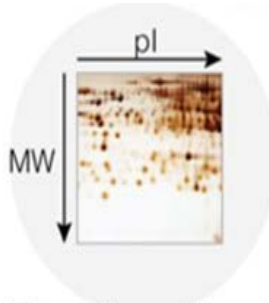
2D-HPLC:

SCX/RP-chromatography of the peptides; coupled with isotope-labeling to get quantitative analysis

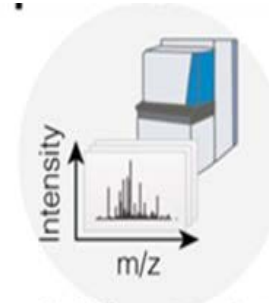


MASS SPECTROMETRY:
protein identification and characterization

GENERAL WORKFLOW IN PLANT PROTEOMICS



Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis



Gel-free tandem mass spectrometry

		untargeted	targeted
Scope (# proteins)	$\sim 10^2$	$10^3 - 10^4$	$\sim 10^2$
Throughput (# samples)	$\sim 10^2$	$\sim 10^2$	$10^2 - 10^3$
Dynamic Range	$\sim 10^3$	$\sim 10^7$	$\sim 10^5$
Sensitivity	$\mu\text{g/ml}$	ng/ml	pg/ml

Platforms for protein biomarker discovery. The scope, throughput, sensitivity, and dynamic range of gel-based, gel-free mass spectrometry, and aptamer platforms are outlined.

PLANT PROTEOMICS RELIES ON GENOMICS AND TRANSCRIPTOMICS DATA

Protein identification depends on the **availability of gene sequences**:
the recent progresses in mass spectrometry and bioinformatics approaches allow to move from
model plant species to **non-model plant species**

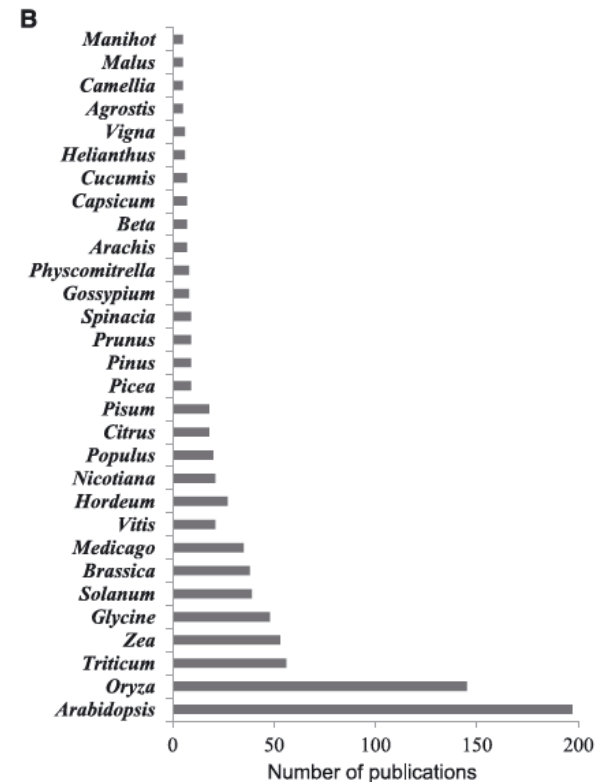
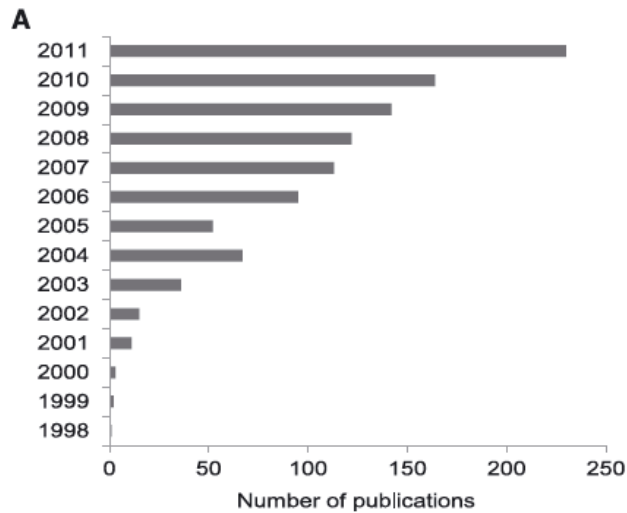
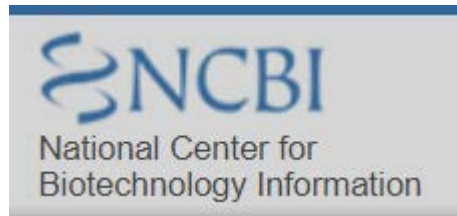
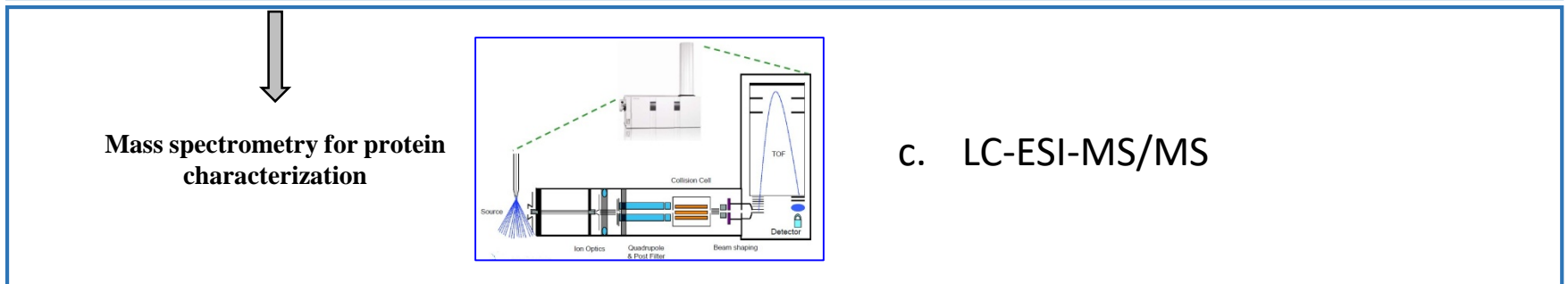
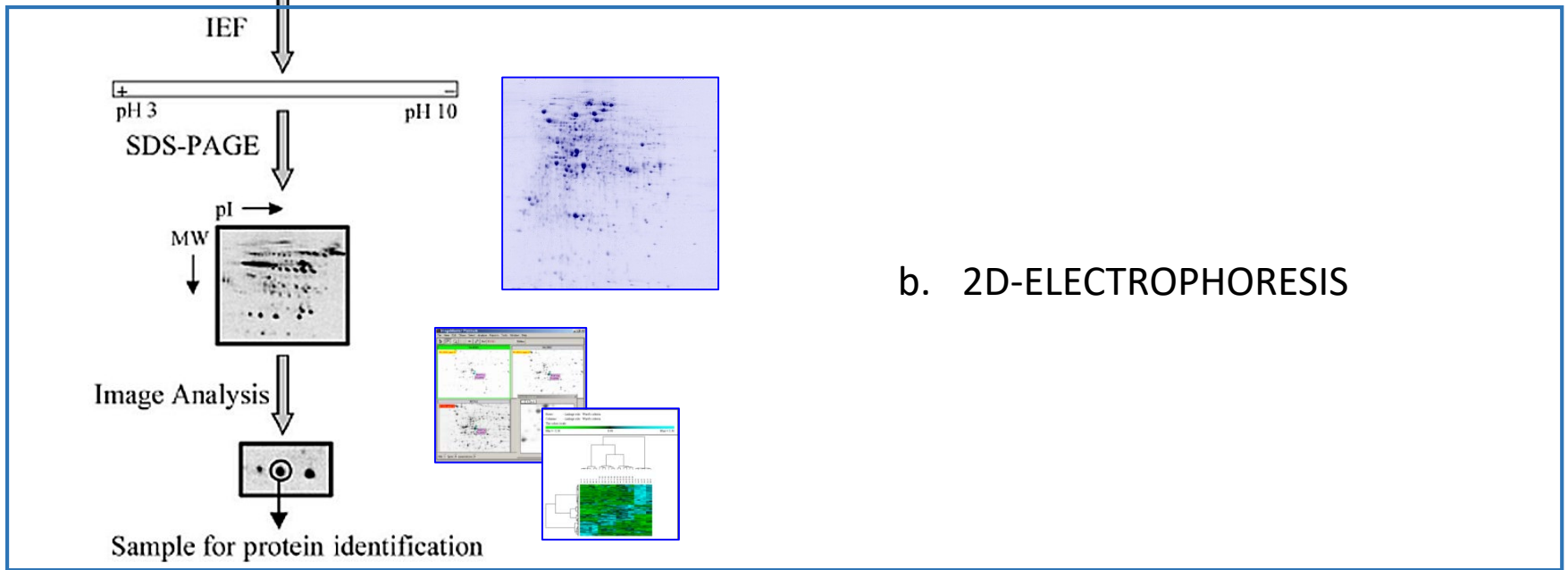
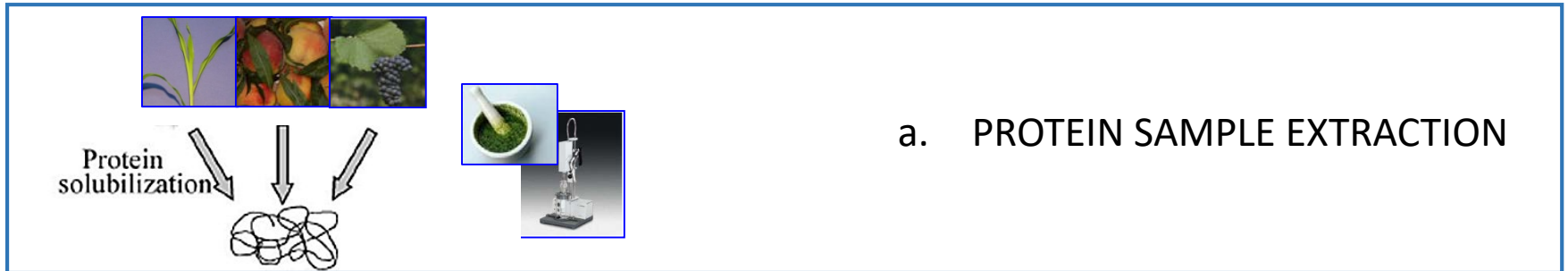


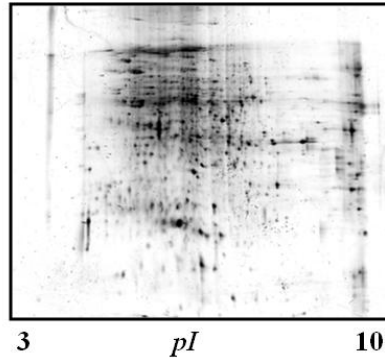
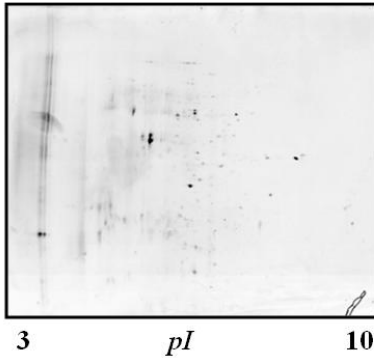
Figure 1. Number of publications per year related to plant proteomics. (A) Number of publications per year. The key words used in the search of the Scopus database were "proteom*" and "plant*." The raw data can be found in Supporting Information Table 1. (B) Number of publications for the 30 genera most often used over the period 1998–2011.

GEL-BASED PROTEOMICS



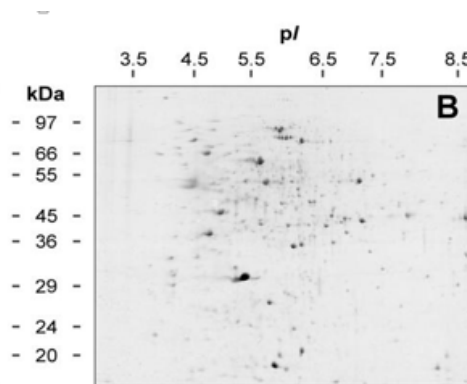
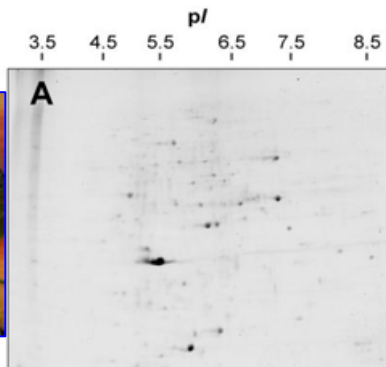
PROTEIN EXTRACTION

The optimization of extraction procedures depends on tissue/organ features



Grape cell wall proteome
acetone washing to remove phenolic compounds.

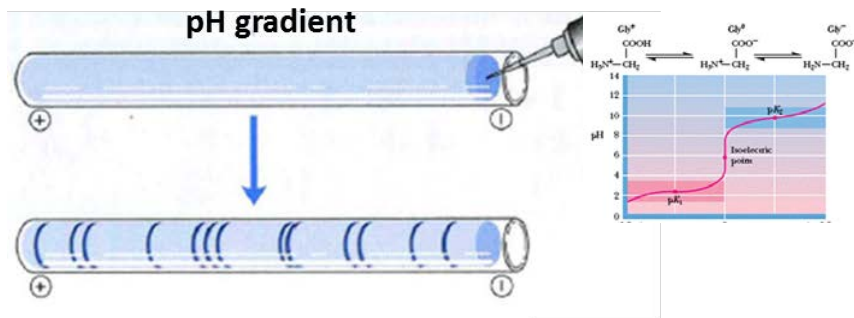
Negri et al 2007, J Plant Physiol 165:1379



Peach mesocarp
lyophilized samples and direct solubilization in buffered phenol to avoid excess of water that provokes sugar-protein aggregation

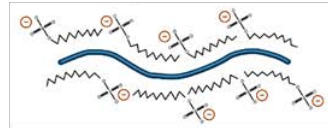
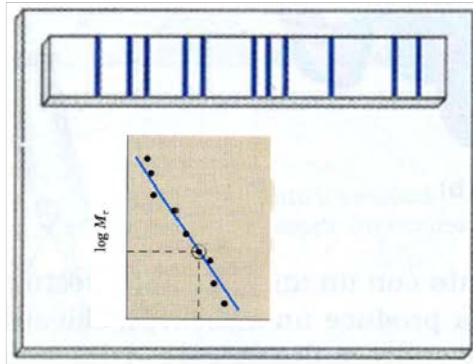
Prinsi et al 2011, Phytochemistry 72:1251

GEL-BASED PROTEOMICS: 2D-PAGE



1st Dimension: IsoElectroFocusing

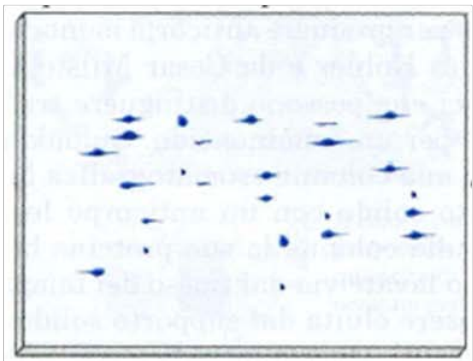
Proteins migrate under an electric field on the basis of their isoelectric point



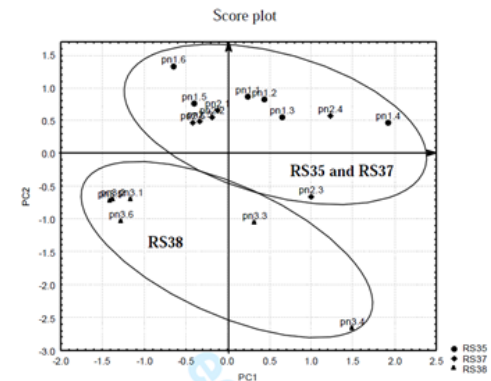
SDS-treatment and second electrophoretic run

2nd dimension: SDS-PAGE

The gel obtained by the IEF is treated with SDS. The proteins, under an electric field, migrate on the basis of their molecular weight, following a logarithmic relationship between mass and migration.



Spot visualization by staining



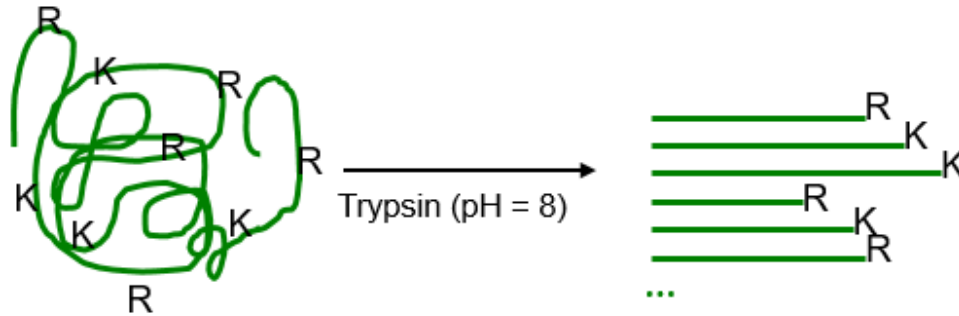
Statistical analysis

Image analysis and different statistical approaches can be applied to individuate the proteins of interest

PROTEIN IDENTIFICATION BY LC-ESI-MS/MS

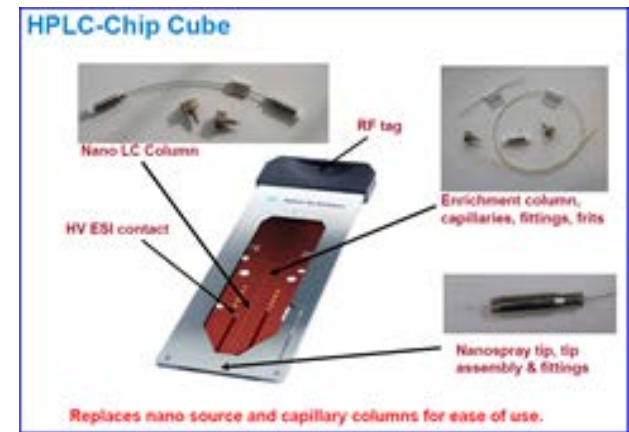
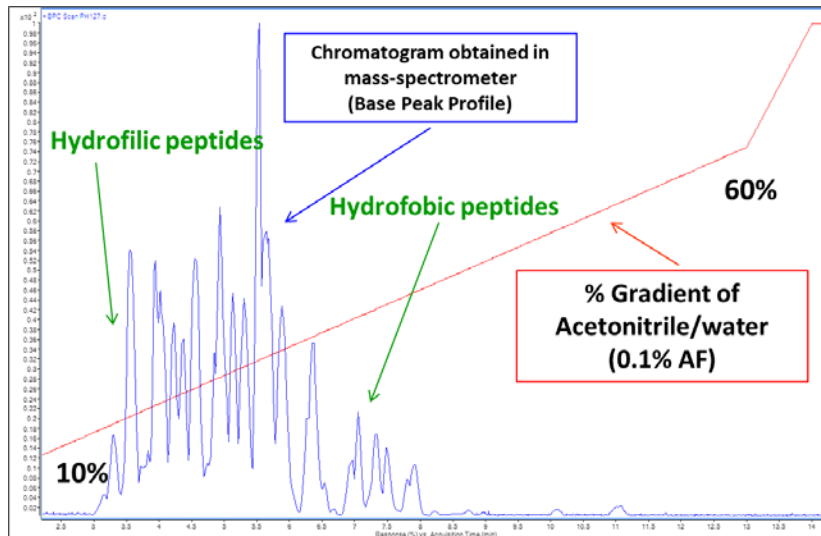
1. ENZYMATIC DIGESTION

- Incubation of the protein sample in the presence of specific proteases



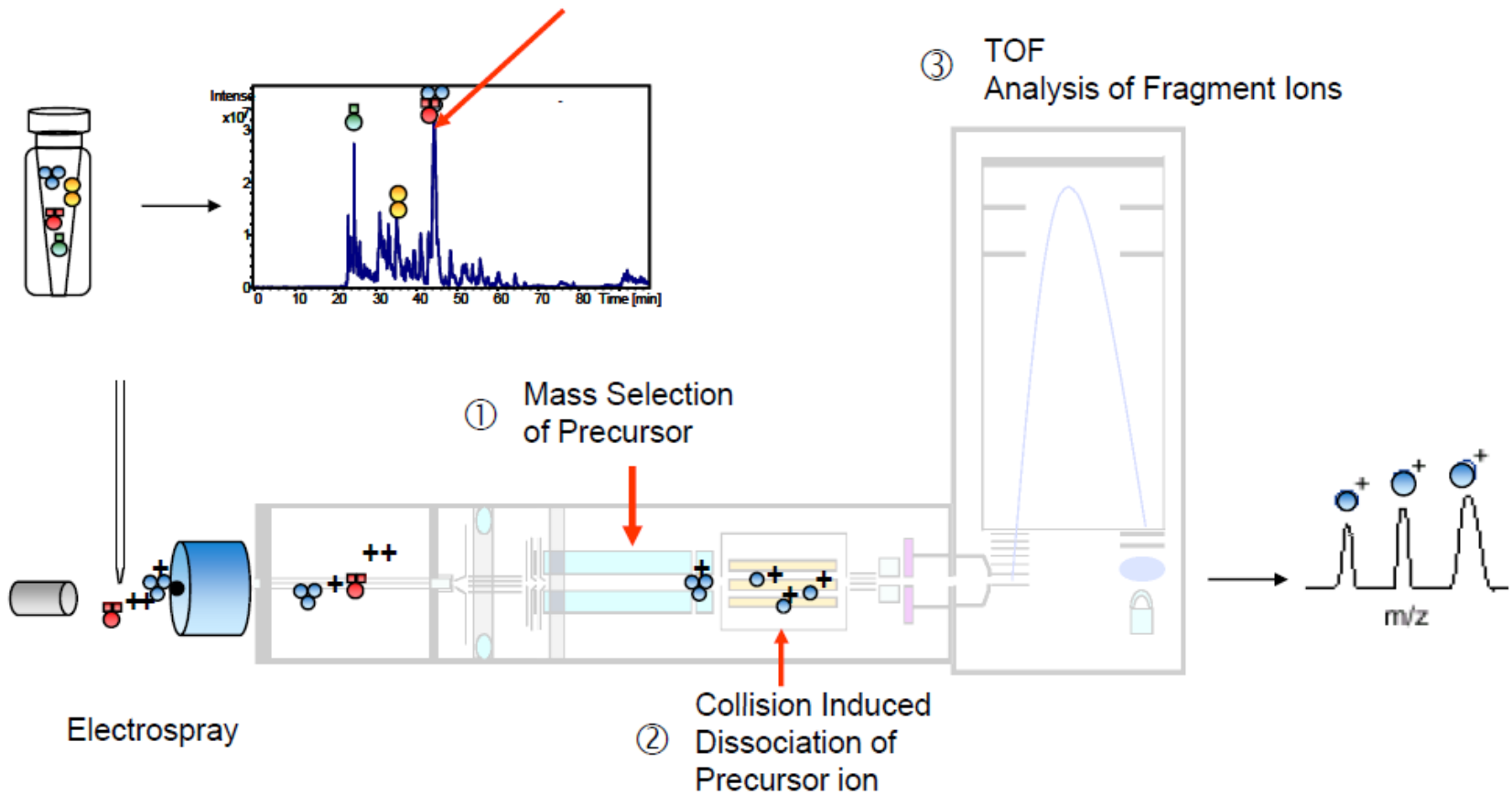
The trypsin hydrolyzes the peptide bond in Lysine (K) and Arginine (R) residues: releasing acidic peptides (generally from 15 to 30 aa)

2. HPLC REVERSE-PHASE CHROMATOGRAPHY



TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETRY

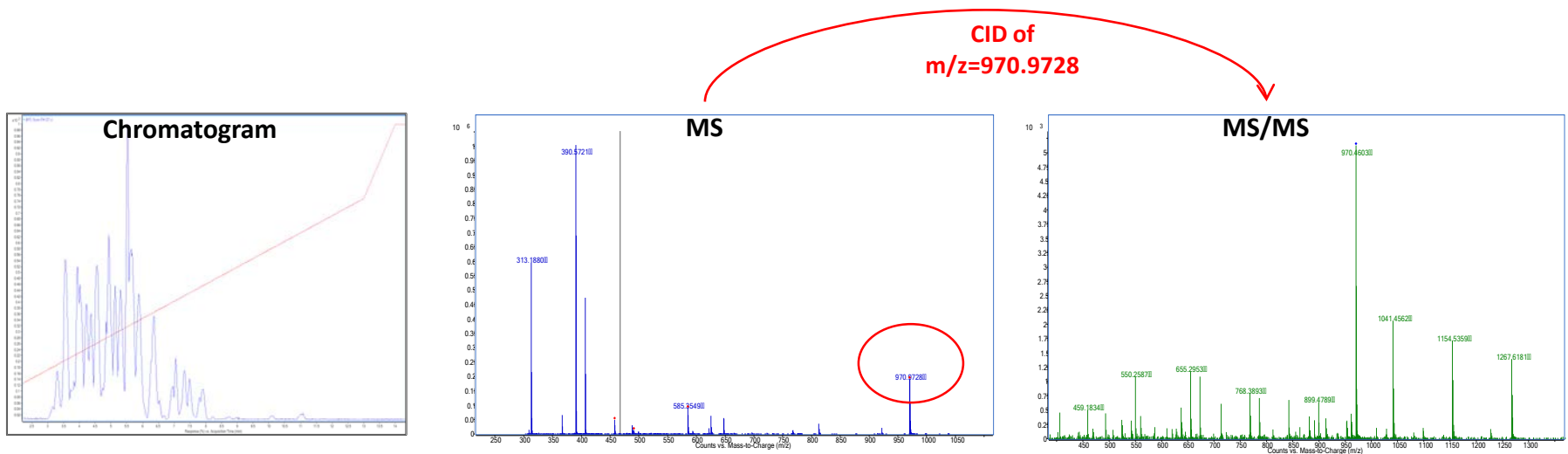
Quadrupole Time-Of-Flight mass spectrometer



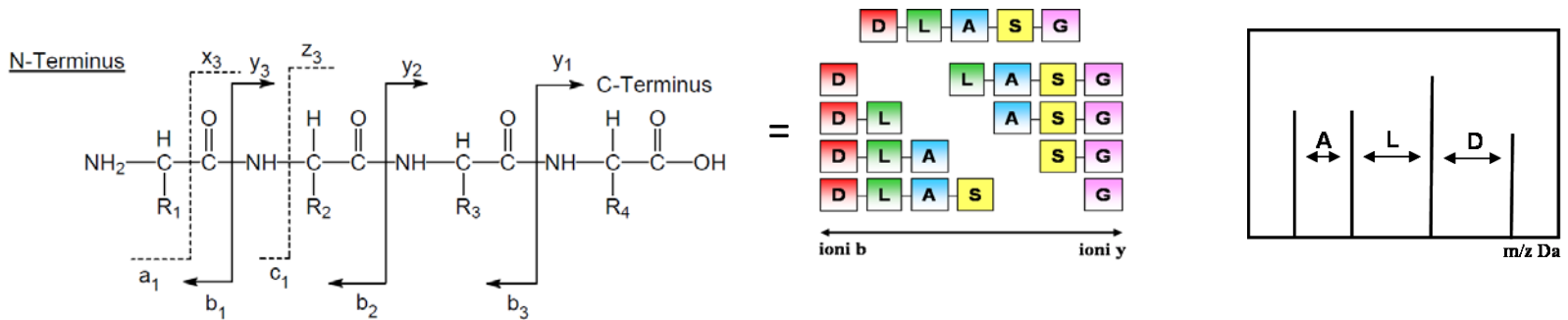
1. Measure of m/z peptide (precursor)
2. Selection and Fragmentation of precursor ion (CID)

TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETRY

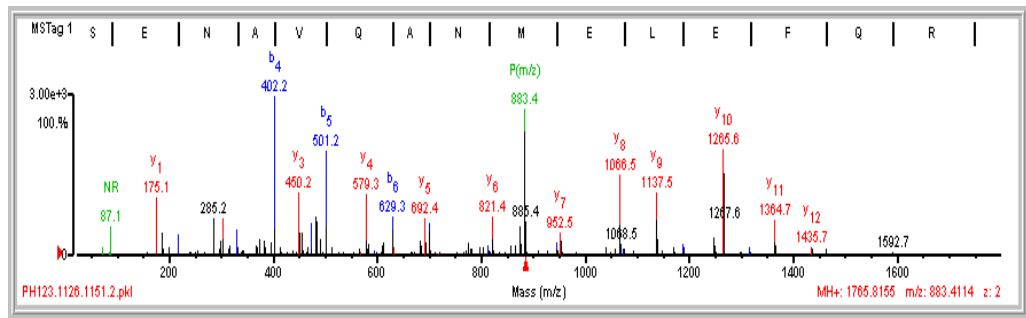
Quadrupole Time-Of-Flight mass spectrometer



PEPTIDE SEQUENCING BY COLLISION INDUCED DISSOCIATION



PROTEIN IDENTIFICATION: BY IDENTITY



Protein identification is done by dedicated software which compare and match the experimental spectra with *virtual spectra* derived from the DNA/Protein sequences available in Database repository

Fragment-ion (m/z)	87.100	175.110	285.150	303.175	331.125	384.161	402.163	450.250	473.231	483.221	501.229	579.291	629.293	682.297	692.374	700.322	821.405	952.466	1066.499	1137.545	1248.560	1265.591	1364.673	
Frac. Inten. (% of TIC)	0.05	3.26	2.10	3.05	1.95	1.67	11.02	4.81	2.32	4.65	8.13	4.61	3.66	2.11	3.38	3.58	3.76	2.81	7.12	6.72	2.41	13.35	3.45	
Rel. Inten. (% of BP)	0.38	24.41	15.76	22.86	14.63	12.54	82.52	36.03	17.39	34.85	60.91	34.54	27.45	15.64	25.32	26.82	28.19	21.02	53.32	50.36	18.08	100.00	25.83	
Score	0.33	1.50	-0.16	-0.23	-0.15	0.25	0.50	-0.36	0.50	0.25	0.50	-0.35	0.50	-0.16	-0.25	0.50	-0.28	-0.21	-0.53	1.50	0.50	1.50	1.50	
Ion-type	NR	Y ₁			b ₂ H ₂ O	b ₂	b ₅		a ₆	b ₆	b ₅									Y ₈	Y ₁₁ NH ₃	Y ₁₁	Y ₁₂	
Delta ppm	35.7	-0.3			25.8	2.1		-10.2	1.7	-3.5		6.6							2.2		-15.3	-27.4	-23.9	-11.9

Run #	Run Name	Group	Spectra (#)	Distinct Peptides (#)	Distinct Summed MS/MS Search Score	% AA Coverage	Mean Peptide Spectral Intensity	Database Accession #	Protein Name
1	PHI23	1	29	19	338.05	21	1.96e+005	30407206	aconitase

Validation category	#	Filename	z	Score	Fwd/Rev Score	SPI (%)	Un-matched ions	Spectrum Intensity	Sequence Map	MH ⁺ Matched (Da)	MH ⁺ Mass Shift (Da)	MH ⁺ Error (ppm)
R V C R 1	1	PHI23.1246.1272.2	2	27.76	27.76	97.4	1/25	1.01e+005	(K)F V I E F I Y I Q D I G M S E L S L A D P R (A)	1935.879	15.9944	-0.3
R V C R 2	2	PHI23.0933.0950.0	2	24.25	24.25	100.0	0/25	1.42e+005	(R)S E N A I V I Q A I N M E L E F F Q R (N)	1765.817	-0.0019	-1.0
R V C R 3	3	PHI23.0818.0875.2	2	23.50	23.50	100.0	0/25	4.44e+006	(R)A G E I D A I D I T L I G L I T G I Q E R (Y)	1532.719	0.0018	1.2
R V C R 4	4	PHI23.1306.1335.2	2	23.34	23.34	91.8	4/25	3.57e+005	(R)R D I K T I V I A I N E I A Y L R (A)	1497.725	15.9966	1.1
R V C R 5	5	PHI23.1246.1270.0	2	23.27	23.27	98.0	4/24	2.67e+004	(K)F V I E F I T I Q D I G M S E L S L A D P R (A)	1935.879	0.0000	0.0
R V C R 6	6	PHI23.1128.1151.2	2	23.08	16.69	100.0	0/25	3.09e+005	(R)S E N A I V I Q A I N M E L E F F Q R (N)	1765.817	-0.0019	-1.0
R V C R 7	7	PHI23.1811.1828.0	2	22.80	22.80	92.2	3/25	3.97e+004	(R)N G V I T A T D I L I V I L I T V I Q R L R (K)	1831.995	-0.0033	-1.8
R V C R 8	8	PHI23.0906.0996.2	2	22.66	7.38	97.5	3/25	6.65e+006	(R)I I D I E I N S A I P R E (L)	1172.595	0.0009	0.8
R V C R 9	9	PHI23.1337.1362.2	2	22.23	18.27	94.0	4/25	6.11e+004	(R)S N I L I V I Q M G I V I P L G C F R (A)	1534.812	15.9933	-1.0
R V C R 10	10	PHI23.1172.1252.2	2	21.08	8.78	95.5	3/25	5.37e+006	(R)F Y I S I L P A I N D I P R (E)	1292.663	0.0024	1.8
R V C R 11	11	PHI23.0901.0966.2	2	21.03	7.20	96.3	3/25	8.09e+006	(R)Y L I L I Q S G L Q I R (E)	1049.699	0.0010	0.9
R V C R 12	12	PHI23.1046.1106.2	2	20.58	16.96	94.1	3/25	3.19e+006	(R)S A G Q D I T I I I I A G A I E Y G S S R (D)	1939.936	0.0013	0.7
R V C R 13	13	PHI23.1562.1562.0	2	19.65	19.65	100.0	6/24	2.29e+004	(R)N G V T T A T R L I V I L I T V T Q M L R (R)	1831.995	15.9949	0.0
R V C R 14	14	PHI23.0937.0510.2	2	19.27	11.19	98.4	7/24	1.41e+005	(R)D E T M D I D R S P R P Q V R (E)	1323.618	15.9971	1.6
R V C R 15	15	PHI23.1541.1567.0	2	19.06	19.06	88.9	5/25	2.54e+004	(R)N G V I T A T D I L I V I L I T V I T Q M L R (K)	1831.995	15.9948	0.0
R V C R 16	16	PHI23.1043.1100.0	2	19.00	5.05	95.2	4/25	7.43e+005	(R)T V I E I I I P F E P A R (Y)	1169.704	0.0012	1.0
R V C R 17	17	PHI23.0707.0770.2	2	18.88	5.35	97.1	3/25	9.52e+006	(R)T V I E I I I P F E P A R (Y)	1116.626	0.0020	1.8
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R V C R 19	19	PHI23.1422.1451.2	2	18.41	18.41	98.2	1/22	5.03e+005	(R)S D E I T V I A I E I E A Y L R (A)	1497.725	0.0018	1.2
R V C R 20	20	PHI23.0772.0830.0	2	18.38	12.60	99.4	7/25	1.81e+005	(R)G M T D I R P P G P R I G V R (D)	1323.618	0.0013	1.0
R V C R 21	21	PHI23.0745.0811.2	2	17.60	5.15	97.8	4/21	2.07e+006	(R)L L I N G G W P P R (T)	926.531	0.0012	1.3
R V C R 22	22	PHI23.0613.0686.2	2	17.26	6.16	92.9	5/25	1.34e+006	(R)T V I E I I I P F E R (L)	981.536	0.0040	4.0
R V C R 23	23	PHI23.0520.0605.2	2	16.95	16.95	95.2	3/23	1.11e+006	(R)D A I M I N I L I G S D S D R (K)	1286.527	0.0005	0.4
R V C R 24	24	PHI23.1070.1156.2	2	16.62	6.41	93.3	8/25	6.77e+006	(R)G I V I F D A A M R (T)	981.507	0.0017	1.8
R V C R 25	25	PHI23.0928.0960.2	2	16.59	7.72	89.3	8/24	1.03e+006	(R)I V I F D A A M R (T)	981.507	15.9965	3.6

Cytosolic aconitase
(*Nicotiana tabacum*)
(gi11066033;gbAAG28426.1)

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81	PFKPARVLLQ	DFTGVPVAVD	LACMRDAMNN	LGSDSDKINP	LVPVDLVIDH	SVQVDVTRSE	NAVQANMELE	FQRNKERFAF	160
161	LKWGSNAFQN	MLVPPPGSGI	VHQVNLLEYLG	RVVFNREGLL	YPDSVVGTDG	HTTMIDGLGV	AGWGVGGIEA	EAMLGQPMG	240
241	MVLPGVVVFQK	LSGNLENGVT	ATDLVLVTQ	MLRKHGVVQK	FVEFYGEGHS	GLSLADPATI	ANMAPEYGAT	MGFFPVDHVT	320
321	LOYLKLTGRS	DEVGHVESY	LRAINMFDVI	KEPQQEKVYS	SYLNLDLADV	EPCLSGPKRP	HDRVPLKEK	SDWHACLDNK	400
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PROTEIN IDENTIFICATION: BY HOMOLOGY

Identification of the peptide sequence in large protein/EST database from distant species
(i.e. *Viridiplantae* kingdom)

1. Sequencing: peptide can identified in homologous proteins across plant species -> high redundancy -> Selection of the peptide pool (unique peptides)
2. Alignment of unordered unique peptides to individuate the most similar sequence in other species

z	Score	Fwd-Rev Score	SPI (%)	Spectrum Intensity	Sequence Map	m/z measure d (Da)	MH+ matched (da)	MH+ mass shift (Da)	MH+ Error (ppm)	Hom. Protein
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Peptide alignment:
The importance of bioinformatics tools (Blast, MS blast, FASTS)



Glycine dehydrogenase, mitochondrial
(*Solanum tuberosum*)
(gi|3334200|sp|O49954.1)

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It is the best approach for non model species
It is NOT quantitative (the spot quantification is done on 2D-E maps)

APPLICATIONS OF PLANT PROTEOMICS: ... SOME EXAMPLES



Review

Plant proteome changes under abiotic stress — Contribution of proteomics studies to understanding plant stress response

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REVIEW

Proteomics dissection of plant responses to mineral nutrient deficiency

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REVIEW

Crop proteomics: Aim at sustainable agriculture of tomorrow

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Review

Proteomics as an approach to the understanding of the molecular physiology of fruit development and ripening

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We Are What We Eat: Food Safety and Proteomics

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REVIEW

Proteomics and plant disease: Advances in combating a major threat to the global food supply

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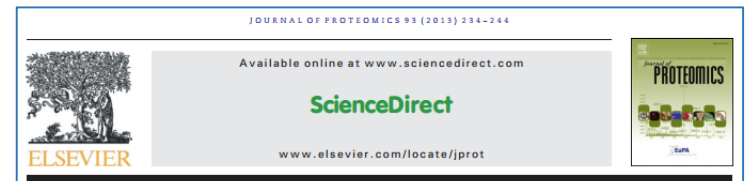
Update on Evaluation of Genetically Engineered Crops

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Evaluation of Genetically Engineered Crops Using Transcriptomic, Proteomic, and Metabolomic Profiling Techniques^[W]

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Review

Biofuels as a sustainable energy source: An update of the applications of proteomics in bioenergy crops and algae[☆]

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PROTEOMICS FOR THE STUDYING MUTANTS GENOTYPES WITH ALTERATIONS IN ANTHOCYANIN IN ACCUMULATION IN FLOWERS AND FRUITS

Proteomics can be a useful approach in order to obtain a **large-scale characterization of biochemical traits in mutant genotypes** of crop species, revealing unexpected pleiotropic effects.

GEL-BASED COMPARATIVE PROTEOMICS OF MUTANT VS WILD-TYPE

1. FLOWER: red vs white flower in petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*)



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Proteomics of red and white corolla limbs in petunia reveals a novel function of the anthocyanin regulator ANTHOCYANIN1 in determining flower longevity

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2. FRUIT: fruit ripening in somaclonal variant of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium* L.)



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Proteomic Comparison of Fruit Ripening between 'Hedelfinger' Sweet Cherry (*Prunus avium* L.) and Its Somaclonal Variant 'HS'

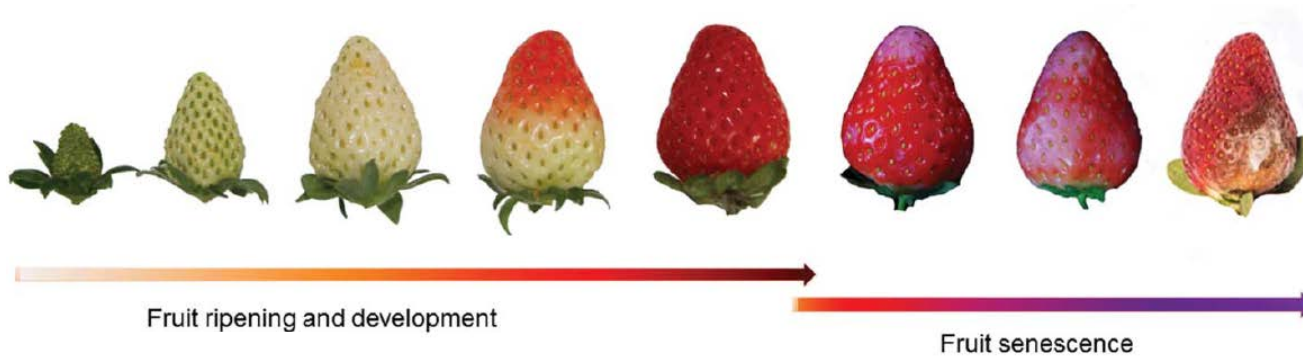
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FLOWERING AND FRUIT RIPENING



(Van Doorn et al, 2003
Plant Mol Biol,
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23670.61059.1d)

Development of flowers) of *Iris hollandica* cv. Blue Magic. Bud development and flower opening from day -3 to day 2.



A specific example of strawberry fruit ripening and senescence.



PIGMENTS

- Biosynthesis
- Accumulation



SENESCENCE

- Climacteric / non-climacteric fruits
- Ethylene sensitive / non-sensitive flowers

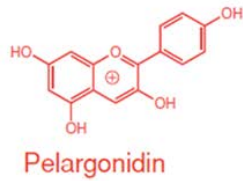
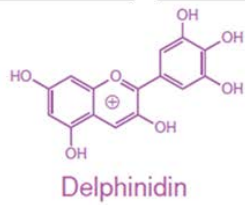
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Table 1

Overview of the latest proteomic studies on flower biology. The table lists the implemented proteomic approaches including separating and mass spectrometer methods, plant species, tissue, and references according to the floral organs.

	Species	Organ/tissue	Protein separation	MS analysis	Reference
Corolla	Rose (<i>Rosa hybrida</i>)	Closed bud, mature flower and flower at anthesis	2DE	MALDI-TOF	[53]
	Petunia (<i>Petunia hybrida</i>)	Non-senescing (unpollinated) and senescing (pollinated) corollas	2DE	LC-MS/MS	[54]
	Soybean (<i>Glycine max</i> L)	Flower buds, and flowers	2DE	MALDI-TOF; N-terminal amino acid sequencing	[91]
	<i>Cymbidium ensifolium</i>	Labellum and the inner lateral petals	2DE	MALDI-TOF/TOF MS	[55]
	Lotus (<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>)	Red and white petals	2DE	MALDI-TOF/TOF	[56]
	Watermelon, tomato, carrot, orange cauliflower, red papaya, and red bell pepper	Chromoplasts	1DE	LC-MS/MS	[107]
	Three <i>Ophrys</i> species (<i>O. exaltata</i> , <i>O. sphegodes</i> and <i>O. garganica</i>) <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Labellum tissue of an unpollinated flower Flower from wild-type and ferritin mutant plants	SDS-PAGE 2DE	LC-MS/MS nanoLC-MS/MS	[32] [88]
Pedicel	Tomato	Floral pedicel treated with ethylene or 1-methylcyclopropene	iTRAQ	nanoLC-MS/MS	[136]
Nectar	<i>Nicotiana attenuata</i>	Nectary	1DE, 2DE	LC-MS/MS	[87]
	Chestnut, acacia, sunflower, eucalyptus and orange	Honey	1DE, 2DE	Orbitrap	[145]
Male reproductive organ	Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)	Anthers	2DE	MALDI-TOF MS	[37]
	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	mature pollen	2DE	ESI-MS/MS	[39]
	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Pollen coat protein	SDS-PAGE	Edman sequencing	[35]
	Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)	Mature pollen grains	1DE, 2DE	MALDI-TOF MS, ESI Q-TOF MS/MS	[36]
Female reproductive organ	Maize (<i>Zea mays</i>)	Pollen coat protein	SDS-PAGE	Not mentioned	[38]
	Canola (<i>Brassica napus</i>)	Mature pollen and the Egg	2DE using DIGE 1DE, 2DE	MALDI-TOF/TOF MS LC-MS/MS	[42] [48]
	Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)	Egg	1DE	LC-MS/MS	[49]
	Soybean (<i>Glycine max</i>)	Un-pollinated and pollinated pistils	2DE	MALDI-TOF-MS	[47]
	<i>Juniperus communis</i> (common juniper), <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> (prickly juniper), <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i> (Port Orford cedar), and <i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i> .	Pollination drop	1DE	LC-MS/MS	[51]
	Douglas Fir	Ovular secretions (pollination drop)	1DE, 2DE	MALDI-TOF MS	[50]
	<i>Lilium longiflorum</i> and <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	Stigmatic exudate (pollination drop) Pollination drop	1DE 1DE, reversed-phase	LC-MS/MS Q-TOF MS/MS	[52] [155]

ANTHOCYANINS IN FLOWERS AND FRUITS



Anthocyanidins

Grotewold, Annu Rev Plant Biol 2006, 57:761–80; Kovinich et al, Planta 2014, 240: 931-941.

- Anthocyanins are **water-soluble pigments** that are responsible for the **orange, red, purple, and blue colors** of flowers and fruits.
- Anthocyanins are derived from a branch of the **flavonoid pathway**.
- Anthocyanins are **modified** at one or several positions by methylation, acylation, or glycosylation.
- Anthocyanins are accumulated in the **vacuole of epidermal cells**.
- The main biological functions of anthocyanins are is to **attract** pollinators and animals for seed dispersal and **antioxidant activity** in epidermis.

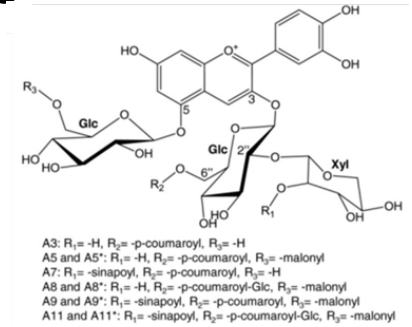
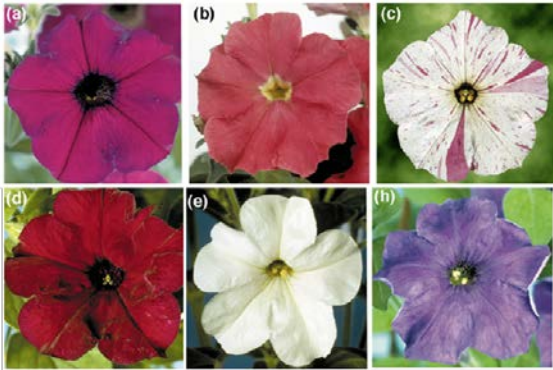


Table 3. Trolox Equivalent Antioxidant Capacity (mM), E_T (V), and $E_p/2$ (V) of Flavonoids (the Hydroxylation Pattern Is Shown in Parentheses for Each Component)

Flavonols			
	TEAC (mM)	E_T (V)	$E_p/2$ (V)
quercetin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4')	4.7	0.33	0.06
quercetin 3-rutinoside	2.42	0.6	0.18
kaempferol (3, 5, 7, 4')	1.34	0.75	0.12
myricetin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4', 5')	3.10	0.36	
galangin (3, 5, 7)	1.49	0.62	0.32
Flavanonols			
	TEAC (mM)	E_T (V)	$E_p/2$ (V)
taxifolin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4')	1.9	0.5	0.15
dihydrokaempferol (3, 5, 7, 3')	1.39		
Flavanones			
	TEAC (mM)	E_T (V)	$E_p/2$ (V)
eriodictyol (5, 7, 3', 4')	1.8		
hesperetin [5, 7, 3', 4'(och ₃)]	1.4		0.4
naringenin (5, 7, 4')	1.5		0.6
naringenin 7-rutinoside	0.8		
Catechins and Catechin Gallates			
	TEAC (mM)	E_T (V)	$E_p/2$ (V)
catechin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4')	2.4	0.57	0.16
epicatechin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4')	2.5		
epigallocatechin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4', 5')	3.8	0.42	
epicatechin gallate	4.93		
epigallocatechin gallate	4.75	0.43	
Anthocyanidins			
	TEAC (mM)	E_T (V)	$E_p/2$ (V)
cyanidin (3, 5, 7, 3', 4')	4.4		-0.23
cyanidin 3-rutinoside	3.2		
pelargonidin (3, 5, 7, 4')	1.3		

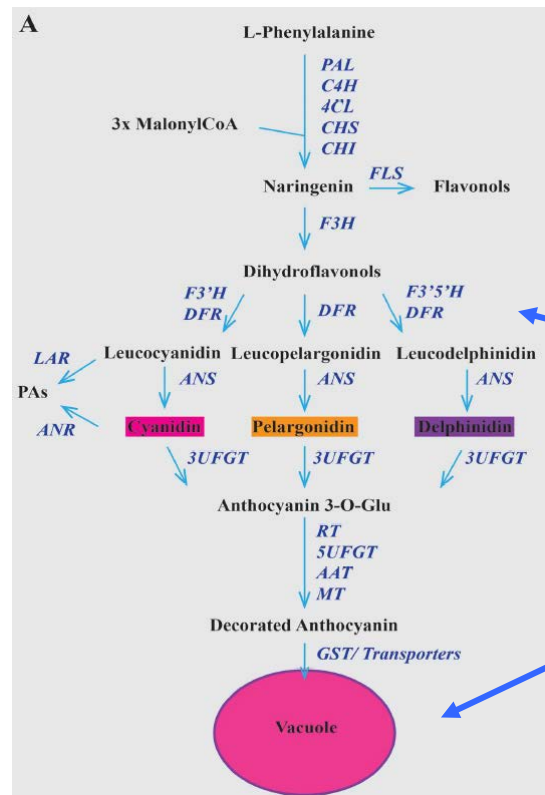
PIGMENTATION IN *PETUNIA HYBRIDA* FLOWERS



Petunia was chosen as a model species to study several aspects of flower pigmentation:

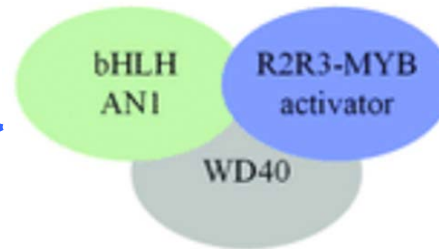
- Large collections of spontaneous mutants.
- Large flowers and continuous flowering in greenhouse.
- Wide-world cultivation and high economic relevance.

Fig. 1. Phenotypes of pigmentation mutants in *Petunia hybrida* flowers. (Mol et al, 1998, Trends Plant Sci, 3, 212-217)



A transcription factor complex (WMB) is involved in the control of:

- Biosynthesis
- Transport into the vacuole
- Vacuolar acidification



Scheme of the biosynthetic pathway for different flavonoid pigments among which anthocyanins. The main enzymes catalysing these actions in the pathway are reported in blue. (Pesseri et al, 2016, Front Plant Sci, 7:153)

SENESCENCE IN *PETUNIA HYBRIDA* FLOWERS

Petal senescence (wilting, withering, abscission) is developmental-regulated and comprises ordered events:

- Protein **degradation** in mitochondria and cytoplasm, and fatty acid **breakdown** in peroxisomes
- **Degradation of macromolecules** due to autophagic processes in the vacuole
- **Transport of the mobile compounds out of the petal**
- **Tonoplast rupture, degradation of nucleic acids in the nuclei** → **Programmed Cell Death (PCD)**

In petunia:

- Corolla senescence is induced after pollination.
- Corolla senescence occurs in unpollinated flowers within 3 days after anthesis.
- Corolla senescence is highly ethylene sensitive and regulated by ethylene

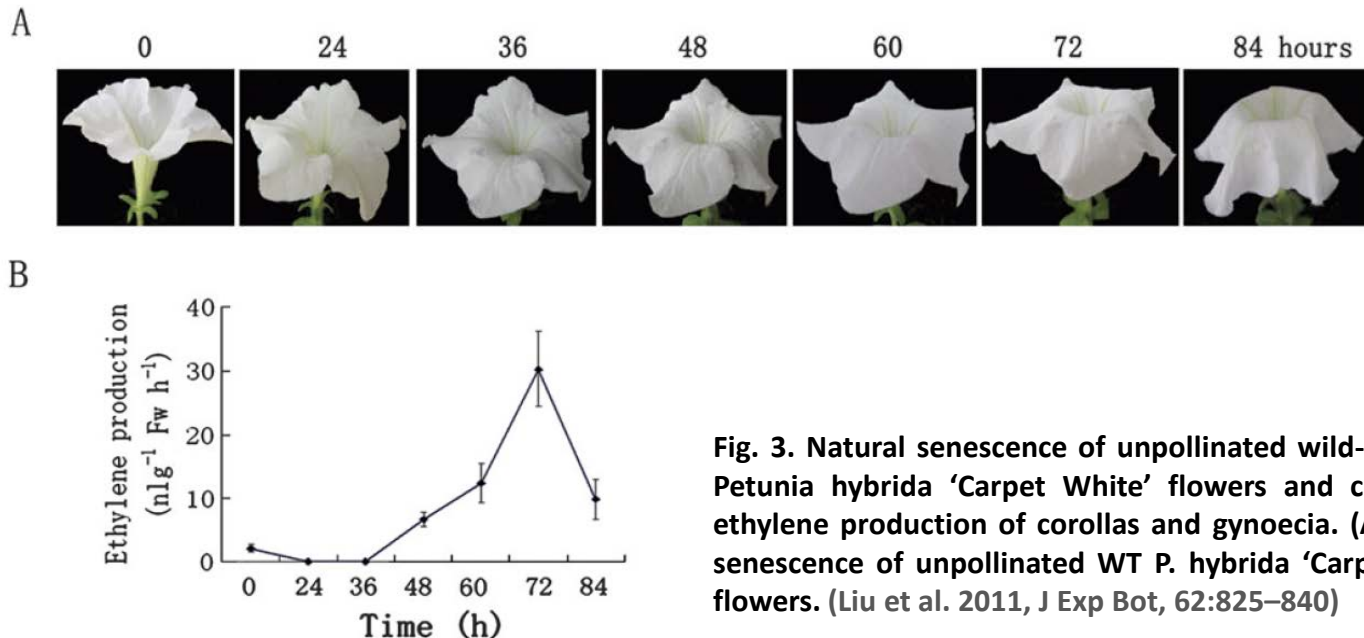


Fig. 3. Natural senescence of unpollinated wild-type (WT) *Petunia hybrida* 'Carpet White' flowers and changes in ethylene production of corollas and gynoecia. (A) Natural senescence of unpollinated WT *P. hybrida* 'Carpet White' flowers. (Liu et al. 2011, *J Exp Bot*, 62:825–840)

PROTEOMIC COMPARISON OF RED vs WHITE FLOWER IN PETUNIA

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

- R27: bright red coloured flowers accumulating cyanidin derivatives
- W225: isogenic line with stable recessive null allele *an1*, white flowers
- Plants grown in pots in growth chamber (16/8 h; 24/20 °C; 65% UR)
- Corolla limbs were collected from flowers at 1 day after anthesis (DAA).

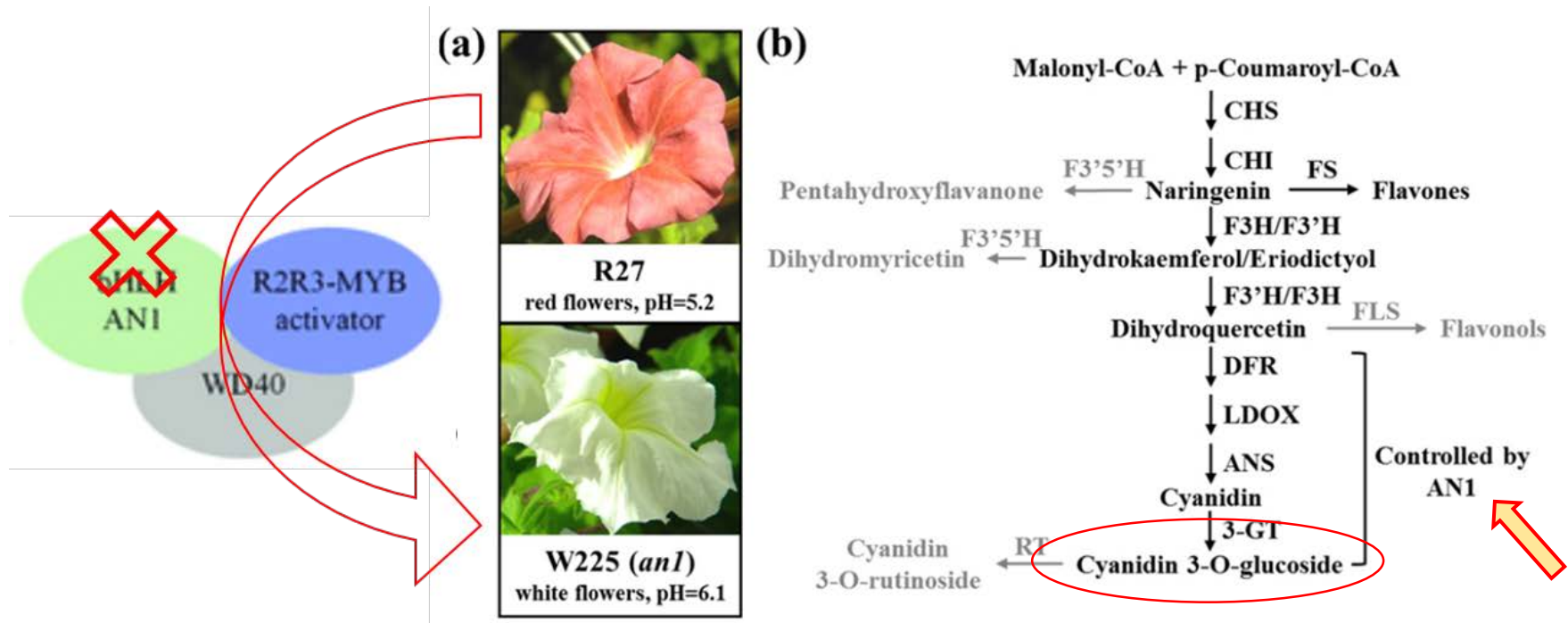


Fig. 1. Phenotypic and genetic characters of the *Petunia hybrida* lines. (a) Flower feature and pH of petal cell sap in R27 and W225 lines. (b) Simplified scheme of the flavonoid pathway in the R27 genetic background. The enzymes (and relative products) encoded by mutated gene are reported in grey. W225 harbours a mutation in the *AN1* gene, encoding a transcription factor that controls Late Biosynthetic Genes (indicated by bracket) and vacuolar acidification. CHS: chalcone synthase; CHI: chalcone isomerase; F3'5'H: flavonoid 3'5' hydroxylase; FS: flavone synthase; F3H: flavonoid 3-hydroxylase; F3'H: flavanone 3'-hydroxylase; FLS: flavonol synthase; DFR: dihydroflavonol 4-reductase; LDOX: leucoanthocyanidin dioxygenase; ANS: anthocyanidin synthase; 3-GT: 3-glucosyltransferase; RT: anthocyanin rhamnosyl transferase.

PROTEOMICS COMPARISON OF RED vs WHITE FLOWER IN PETUNIA

2-DE COMPARATIVE PROFILE

- The analysis visualized an average of 1600 spots.
- 62 spots showed statistical significant differences in the accumulation levels.
- 56 spots were identified by homology search.
- **21** proteins were more abundant in red flowers, **35** proteins were more abundant in white flowers

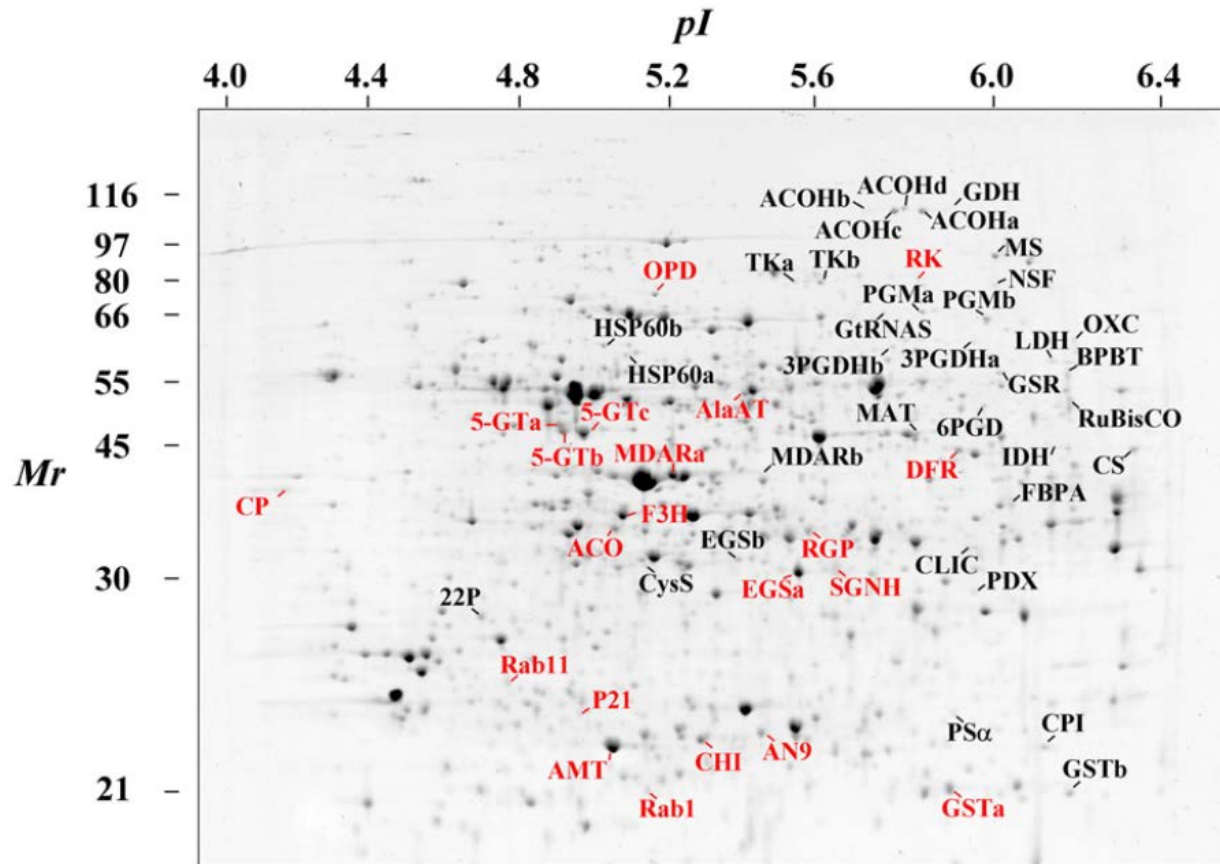


Fig. 2. 2-DE profile of proteins differentially accumulated in corolla limbs of *Petunia hybrida* AN1 (R27) and *an1* (W225) lines at 1 day after anthesis. The figure reports one of the electrophoretic maps of the R27 corolla limbs. Total proteins (400 µg) were analysed by IEF at pH 4–7, followed by 10% SDS-PAGE and visualized by cBB staining. Acronyms refer to Table 1. Protein with higher accumulation level in R27 red flowers are reported in red, those more abundant in W225 white flowers are reported in black. Standard molecular mass range in kDa (Mr) and pI range are reported on the left and above, respectively.

PROTEOMICS COMPARISON OF RED vs WHITE FLOWER IN PETUNIA

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DIFFERENTIALLY ACCUMULATED PROTEINS

- Nine functional classes
- The enzyme involved in anthocyanin pathway were more abundant in R27.
- White flowers were characterized by higher levels of enzymes related to primary cell functions.

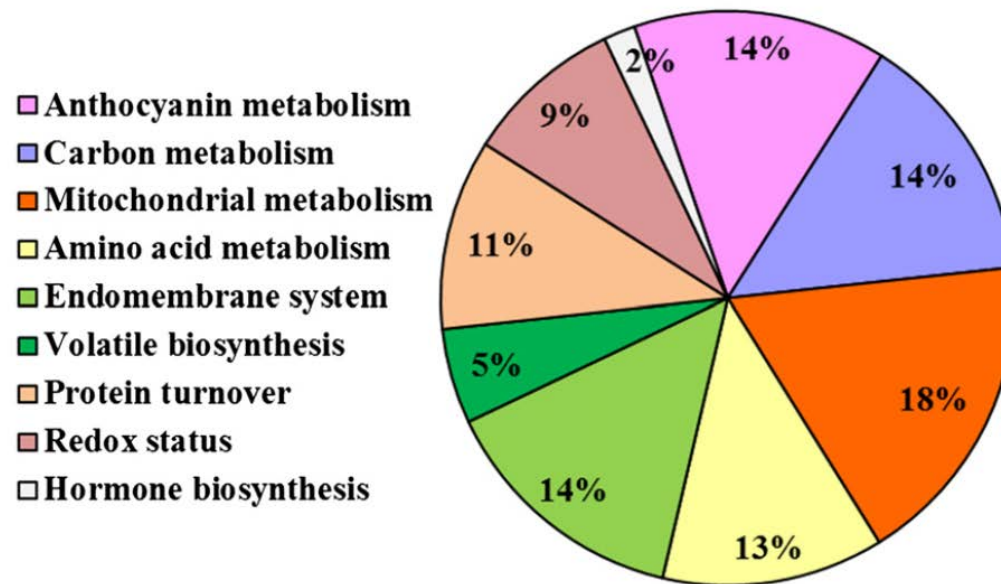


Fig. 3. Functional distribution of the characterized proteins in corolla limbs of *Petunia hybrida* flowers. The proteins differentially accumulated in corolla limbs of petunia *AN1* (R27) and *an1* (W225) lines are classified in nine distinct functional classes, according to function assignment in literature and GeneBank. Functional distribution indicates the percentage of each metabolic class as compared to the total number of identified proteins (56, see Table 1 and Fig. 2).

The analysis reveals that the mutation in the *AN1* gene in W225 has ample pleiotropic effects on flower metabolism

PROTEOMICS COMPARISON OF RED vs WHITE FLOWER IN PETUNIA

DIFFERENCES IN FLAVONOID METABOLISM

Protein abundance in W225 (white flower) relative to R27 (red flower)

N ^a	Acronym ^b	Accession species	Protein description	Δ W225/R27 ^d
<i>Anthocyanin metabolism</i>				
1596	CHI	P11650 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Chalcone isomerase A	0.24
1024	F3H	Q07353 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Flavanone 3-hydroxylase	0.50
809	DFR	P14720 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Dihydroflavonol 4-reductase	0.50
744	5-GTa	BAA89009 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Anthocyanin 5-O-glucosyltransferase	0.48
761	5-GTb	BAA89009 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Anthocyanin 5-O-glucosyltransferase	0.23
776	5-GTc	BAA89009 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Anthocyanin 5-O-glucosyltransferase	0.09
1610	AMT	AIE77046 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Anthocyanin methyltransferase	0.19
1582	AN9	CAA68993 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Glutathione S-transferase	0.26

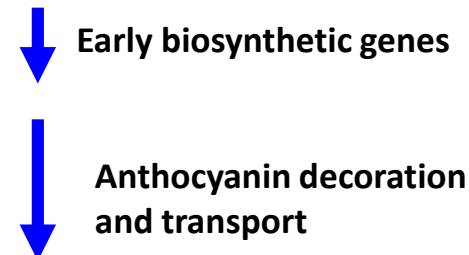


Table 2

Levels of flavonoids in corolla limbs of *Petunia hybrida* AN1 (R27) and an1 (W225) lines at 1 day after anthesis.

	Molecular ion – Fragment ions ^a (M ⁺ m/z)	$\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}\text{FW}^c$	
		R27	W225
Flavanones		0.48 ± 0.05	0.84 ± 0.04
Eriodictyol ^b	289.07	0.48 ± 0.05	0.38 ± 0.02
Eriodictyol glucoside ^b	451.12 – 289.07		0.45 ± 0.02
Dihydroflavonols		1.08 ± 0.10	3.06 ± 0.30
Dihydroquercetin	305.07	0.62 ± 0.07	2.09 ± 0.24
Dihydroquercetin glucoside	467.12 – 305.07	0.46 ± 0.03	0.97 ± 0.06
Flavonols		3.20 ± 0.40	1.71 ± 0.05
Quercetin	303.05	0.36 ± 0.01	
Quercetin glucoside ^b	465.10	0.54 ± 0.03	0.34 ± 0.01
Quercetin diglucoside	627.16 – 465.10 – 303.05	0.96 ± 0.14	0.60 ± 0.07
Quercetin triglucoside	789.21 – 627.16 – 465.10	1.34 ± 0.21	0.77 ± 0.02
Anthocyanins		2.95 ± 0.26	
Cyanidin glucoside ^b	449.11 – 287.06	1.40 ± 0.11	
Cyanidin diglucoside ^b	611.16 – 449.11 – 287.06	0.89 ± 0.14	
Cyanidin triglucoside	773.21 – 611.16 – 449.11	0.27 ± 0.01	
Peonidin glucoside	463.12 – 301.07	0.40 ± 0.01	
TOTAL		7.72 ± 0.80	5.61 ± 0.39



- Changes in the composition of flavonoids in corolla
- Overall decrease in the flavonoid content in corolla

Proteomics reveals that AN1 mutation in W225 provokes secondary effects on flavonoid metabolism, probably driven by biochemical factors.

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DIFFERENCES IN PRIMARY METABOLISM

Protein abundance in W225 (white flower) relative to R27 (red flower)

N ^a	Acronym ^b	Accession species	Protein description	Δ W225/R27 ^d
<i>Carbon metabolism</i>				
624	RuBisCO	P04992 <i>P. hybrida</i>	RuBisCO large subunit	5.23
497	HSP60a	AAB39827 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Chaperonin-60 beta subunit	3.09
655	6PGD	BAA22812 <i>G. max</i>	6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase	8.34
284	TKa	CAA75777 <i>C. annuum</i>	Transketolase 1	2.56
285	TKb	CAA75777 <i>C. annuum</i>	Transketolase 1	3.44
348	PGMa	Q9M4G4 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Phosphoglucomutase cytoplasmic	2.46
354	PGMb	Q9M4G4 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Phosphoglucomutase cytoplasmic	2.83
957	FBPA	ABC01905 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase	2.06
<i>Mitochondrial metabolism</i>				
780	CS	P20115 <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Citrate synthase 4, mitochondrial	2.80
123	ACOHa	BAG16527 <i>C. chinense</i>	Putative aconitase	3.26
124	ACOHb	BAG16527 <i>C. chinense</i>	Putative aconitase	3.37
127	ACOHc	BAG16527 <i>C. chinense</i>	Putative aconitase	2.92
122	ACOHd	AAG28426 <i>N. tabacum</i>	Cytosolic aconitase	3.09
785	IDH	P50218 <i>N. tabacum</i>	Isocitrate dehydrogenase [NADP]	4.65
457	HSP60b	P29197 <i>A. thaliana</i>	Chaperonin CPN60, mitochondrial	2.87
108	GDH	O49954 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Glycine dehydrogenase, mitoc.	7.94
473	LDH	AAS47493 <i>C. annuum</i>	Lipoamide dehydrogenase	2.78
395	OXC	CAN69570 <i>V. vinifera</i>	Oxalyl-CoA decarboxylase ^e	4.02
<i>Amino acid metabolism</i>				
1247	PDX	AAS92255 <i>N. tabacum</i>	Pyridoxine biosynthesis isoform A	2.50
425	3PGDHa	XP_002273552 <i>V. vinifera</i>	D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase	2.92
461	3PGDHb	XP_002300235 <i>P. trichocarpa</i>	D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase ^f	2.92
1204	CysS	CAJ32462 <i>N. tabacum</i>	Put. cytosolic cysteine synthase 7	3.97
207	MS	AAF74983 <i>S. tuberosum</i>	Methionine synthase	3.18
771	MAT	P43282 <i>S. lycopersicum</i>	S-adenosylmethionine synthase 3	3.00
642	AlaAT	AAR05449 <i>C. annuum</i>	Alanine aminotransferase	0.18



The corolla in W225 line was characterized by higher levels of enzymes of primary metabolism
 → Organelle dismantlement in R27 ?? Remobilization of macromolecules ??

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DIFFERENCES IN THE PROGRESSION OF FLOWER SENESCENCE

PROTEOMICS

Protein abundance in W225 (white flower) relative to R27 (red flower)

N ^a	Acronym ^b	Accession species	Protein description	Δ W225/R27 ^d
<i>Protein turnover</i>				
1548	P21	AAC49361 <i>P. hybrida</i>	P21	−∞
886	CP	AAU81589 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Cysteine proteinase	0.10
1766	CPI	AAU81597 <i>P. hybrida</i>	Cysteine proteinase inhibitor	+∞
1536	PS α	Q9XG77 <i>N. tabacum</i>	Proteasome subunit alpha type-6	2.90
362	GtRNAS	XP_002297878 <i>P. trichocarpa</i>	Glycyl-tRNA synthetase ^f	3.72
312	OPD	XP_002527223 <i>R. communis</i>	Oligopeptidase A, putative	0.15
<i>Hormone biosynthesis</i>				
1070	ACO	BAF33504 <i>O. minor</i>	ACC oxidase ^g	0.44

IN PLANTA ANALYSIS

Visual evaluation of flower longevity in (R27) and an1 (W225) lines.



BIOCHEMICAL EVALUATION AT 1 DAA

Table 3

Biochemical evaluation of senescence-related parameters in flowers of *Petunia hybrida* AN1 (R27) and an1 (W225) lines at 1 day after anthesis.

	R27	W225
Limb fresh weight (g) ^a	0.143 ± 0.002	0.144 ± 0.003
Limb water content (%) ^a	89 ± 1	90 ± 1
GSH + 2GSSG (nmol g ⁻¹ FW) ^b	34.76 ± 1.86	32.84 ± 2.53
GSH (%) of total glutathione ^b	89.2 ± 2.1	86.7 ± 2.0
Reducing sugars (μmol g ⁻¹ FW) ^b	119.36 ± 2.23 ^c	77.11 ± 4.52 ^c
Sucrose (μmol g ⁻¹ FW) ^b	6.88 ± 2.10	9.72 ± 4.01



The AN1 mutation in W225 line is associated with a prolonged longevity in flowers

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THE SUGAR PARADOX IN FLOWER SENESCENCE

“... In some species, the petal sugar levels remain rather high, and thus do not seem to become limiting, but sugar feeding extended the life of these petals ...

... **sugar signal is translated into an anti-ethylene signal** in sensitive species...”

(Van doorn and Woltering, 2008, J Exp Bot 59: 453-480)



IN VITRO EVALUATION OF SENSITIVITY TO ETHYLENE IN R27 AND W225

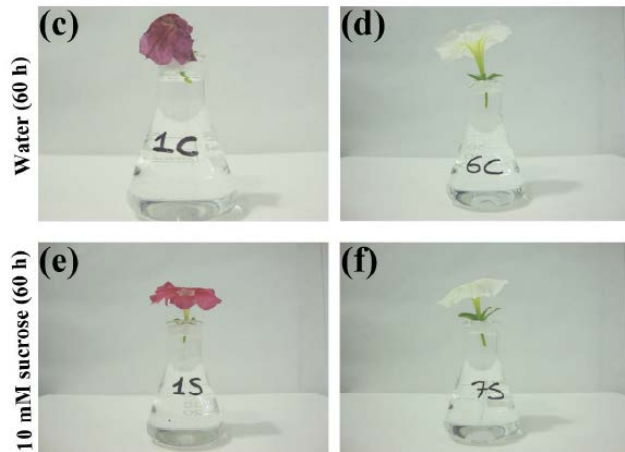


Table 4

Longevity of *in planta* and cut flowers of *AN1* (R27) and *an1* (W225) plants. The values reported are the hours from anthesis to the appearance of visible corolla wilting symptoms.

	R27 (h)	W225 (h)
<i>In planta</i>	72.0 ± 1.1 (b)	123.3 ± 2.9 (c)
Cut flowers in water	55.3 ± 1.8 (a)	70.7 ± 1.3 (b)
Cut flowers in 10 mM sucrose	72.7 ± 0.7 (b)	73.3 ± 1.3 (b)

Values are the mean ± SE of six flowers analysed in triplicate (n = 3). The significance was assessed through factorial ANOVA test (p < 0.01, Tukey *post hoc* test).

- Sucrose supply restores flower longevity of cut flowers in R27 → **ethylene-sensitive**
- Sucrose supply does NOT restore flower longevity of cut flowers in w225 → **ethylene-insensitive**

The proteomic/biochemical analysis suggest that AN1 could be involved in ethylene perception

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SUMMARY

The study on petunia mutant provides new information about

- Biochemical factors affect the accumulation of enzymes involved in the anthocyanin biosynthesis that are independent from the AN1 genetic control
- Proteins/enzymes involved in flower senescence in *Petunia hybrida*
- Novel roles for the AN1 transcription factor.



THE PROTEOMIC INVESTIGATION COMBINED WITH BIOCHEMICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL APPROACHES WAS A VERY USEFUL TOOL FOR THE STUDY OF GENETIC PLEIOTROPY.

Wild-type R27
red flowers, pH=5.2



Mutant W225 (*an1*)
white flowers, pH=6.1



Proteomic Studies on Fruit Ripening and Senescence

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Table 1. Proteomic studies of fruit ripening and development.

Fruit crops	Strategies	Proteomic approaches	References
<i>Non-climacteric fruits</i>			
Strawberry	Gel-based	2DE/2D-DIGE LC-ESI-IT-MS/MS	Bianco <i>et al.</i> 2009
	Gel-free	Peptides dimethylation labeling LC/MS qTOF	Li <i>et al.</i> 2013
	Gel-free	multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) LC-MS/MS	Song <i>et al.</i> 2015a; Song <i>et al.</i> 2015b
Grape	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI-TOF MS On-line capillary HPLC nanospray ion trap MS/MS LC-ESI-MS/MS MALDI-TOF MS	Sarry <i>et al.</i> 2004 Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2008 Deytieux <i>et al.</i> 2007 Negri <i>et al.</i> 2008 Giribaldi <i>et al.</i> 2007
Pepper	Gel-based	SDS-PAGE MALDI-TOF/TOF	Camejo <i>et al.</i> 2015
Pomegranate	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI-TOF-TOF MS	Cao <i>et al.</i> 2014
<i>Climacteric fruits</i>			
Peach	Gel-based	SDS-PAGE MALDI-TOF/TOF & MS/MS	Camejo <i>et al.</i> 2010
	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI-TOF/TOF & MS/MS/LC-ESI-MS/MS	Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2012 Hu <i>et al.</i> 2011 Prinsi <i>et al.</i> 2011 Nilo <i>et al.</i> 2012 Wu <i>et al.</i> 2016 Karagiannis <i>et al.</i> 2016
Pear	Gel-based	2-DE LTQ Orbitrap XL LC-MS/MS	Hu <i>et al.</i> 2012
	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI TOF/TOFTM	Gao <i>et al.</i> 2016
	Gel-based	2D-DIGE MALDI-TOF/TOF	Li <i>et al.</i> 2015
	Gel-free	iTRAQ	Reuscher <i>et al.</i> 2016
Apple	Gel-free	label-free (emPAI)	Guarino <i>et al.</i> 2007
	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI-TOF-MS and μ LC-ESI-IT-MS/MS	Zheng <i>et al.</i> 2013 Li <i>et al.</i> 2016
Banana	Gel-free	tandem mass tag (TMT) nano liquid chromatography (LC)-MS/MS analysis in an LTQ-Orbitrap Velos	Toledo <i>et al.</i> 2012
	Gel-based	2D-DIGE Q-TOF LC-MS/MS	Esteve <i>et al.</i> 2013
Prickly pear	Gel-based	SDS-PAGE nLC-MS/MS	Rosas-Cárdenas <i>et al.</i> 2012
Mango	Gel-based	2-DE ESI-Q-TOF MS/MS and MALDI-TOF MS	Andrade <i>et al.</i> 2012
Apricot	Gel-based	DIGE MALDI-MS/MS	D'Ambrosio <i>et al.</i> 2013
	Gel-free	2-DE MALDI-TOF-PMF nanoLC-ESI-LIT-MS/MS	Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2017
Kiwifruit	Gel-based	Label-free LC-ESI-MS/MS	Minas <i>et al.</i> 2012
Papaya	Gel-based	SDS-PAGE Q-TOF LC-MS/MS	Huerta-Ocampo <i>et al.</i> 2012
	Gel-based	2-DE nano-LC-ESI/MS/MS	Nogueira <i>et al.</i> 2012
Olive	Gel-based	DIGE Q-TOF LC-MS/MS	Wu <i>et al.</i> 2011
	Gel-based	2-DE MALDI-TOF/TOF-MS	Bianco <i>et al.</i> 2013
Sweet cherry	Gel-based	2-DE LC-ESI-MS/MS	Prinsi <i>et al.</i> 2016

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THE SOMACLONE HS FROM SWEET CHERRY 'HEDELFINGER' (*Prunus avium* L.)

Prunus avium L
cv Hedelfinger
(wild-type, H)



Prunus avium L
Cv Hedelfinger
(somaclone, HS)



SOMACLONAL VARIATION for crop improvement



Plant tissue *in-vitro* culture:
Regeneration from leaf explants

Commercial crop



Improvement of agronomic traits:

- Reduction in vegetative vigour
- Reduction in tree size and canopy density
- High efficiency for light interception
- No differences in photosynthesis
- No differences in flowering time and flower morphology

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THE SOMACLONE HS FROM SWEET CHERRY 'HEDELFINGER' (*Prunus avium* L.): FRUIT QUALITY

- No differences in fruit colour, shape, size and weight
- Differences in fruit titratable acidity.
- Differences in the dynamic of fruit growth.

Table 7 Fruit skin colour as assessed by Minolta for wild type (H) and somaclone (HS) within the two ripening classes

Genotype	Class	N	Min	Max	Average	Std. dev
a* H	1	125	22.1	44.0	35.0	4.2
a* H	2	124	5.7	30.7	18.0	5.8
a* HS	1	67	19.5	44.3	34.4	5.7
a* HS	2	58	6.1	28.2	16.0	4.8
b* H	1	124	2.5	18.8	11.3	3.0
b* H	2	124	0.9	14.5	3.9	2.6
b* HS	1	67	1.1	18.8	11.0	4.2
b* HS	2	58	0.9	15.8	3.3	2.6

a* and b* minimum, maximum and average value of the L*a*b* Minolta CIELAB scale

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Table 8 Carpometric parameters (fruit weight, longitudinal and two equatorial poles diameter, pedicel length): effect of genotype × ripening class interaction

Genotype	Ripening class	Weight, g	long Ø, mm	Equat 1 Ø, mm	Equat 2 Ø, mm	Pedicel, mm
H	1	5.2 a	20.8 b	20.0 b	18.4 a	35.9 a
H	2	5.3 a	21.4 a	20.6 a	18.8 a	34.8 a
HS	1	4.6 b	19.3 d	19.7 b	18.0 b	31.9 b
HS	2	5.1 a	20.4 c	20.7 a	18.8 a	33.0 b

Means with the same letter are not different according to the Tukey's test; P = 0.05 (n = 20)

Table 9 Fruit stone/pulp ratio, flesh firmness, titratable acidity (TA, g malic acid 100 ml⁻¹), total soluble solids content (TSS) and pH as determined for H and HS ripening 'class 2'

Genotype	Stone/pulp ratio %	Flesh firmness N	TA°	TSS° (°Brix)	pH
H	7.5	4.2	17.2	16.9	3.8
HS	7.2	4.5	17.9*	16.1	3.8

The asterisks indicate a significant difference between means at 0.05 level (n = 20; $\pi \neq 3^\circ$)



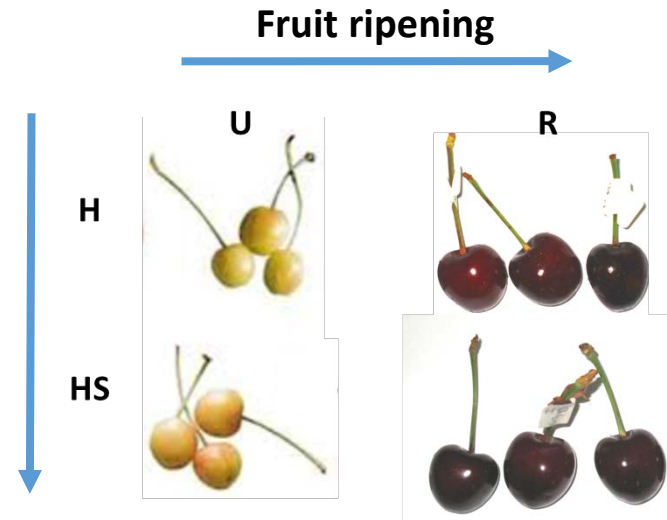
**PROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF FRUIT RIPENING TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT
BIOCHEMICAL FENOTYPIC TRAITS**

FRUIT RIPENING IN SOMACLONAL VARIANT OF SWEET CHERRY

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

- Comparison of Hedelfinger (H) and HS fruits
- Comparison of two stage of ripening:
 - (U, unripe): onset of ripening
 - (R, ripe): full ripeness

Genotypic differences



EVALUATION OF BIOCHEMICAL RIPENING-RELATED PARAMETERS

Table 1. Metabolic Profiles in Sweet Cherries of 'Hedelfinger' and Its Somaclonal Variant HS at Unripe and Ripe Stages^a

	H unripe	HS unripe	H ripe	HS ripe
chlorophyll ($\mu\text{g/g FW}$)	11.75 ± 0.27 c	8.33 ± 0.34 b	1.88 ± 0.11 a	2.53 ± 0.19 a
reducing sugars ($\mu\text{mol glc/g FW}$)	432.3 ± 14.4 a	417.2 ± 7.7 a	1025.1 ± 11.9 b	1124.8 ± 49.6 b
sucrose ($\mu\text{mol glc/g FW}$)	26.27 ± 1.54 a	31.05 ± 1.23 a	33.14 ± 4.59 a	20.44 ± 3.73 a
amino acids ($\mu\text{mol leu/g FW}$)	73.57 ± 1.15 b	77.06 ± 4.66 b	32.86 ± 1.06 a	36.30 ± 0.97 a
TEAC (mM Trolox/100 g FW)	1.59 ± 0.01 b	1.79 ± 0.01 b	0.95 ± 0.08 a	1.03 ± 0.08 a
total anthocyanins (mg CGE/100 g FW)	0.33 ± 0.03 a	0.37 ± 0.02 a	11.47 ± 0.28 b	14.38 ± 0.76 c

- **Traits related to fruit ripening:** chlorophyll degradation, accumulation of reducing sugars, change in TEAC, anthocyanin accumulation.
- **Traits different in HS vs H:** HS accumulated a higher concentration of anthocyanins

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THE PROTEOMIC MAP

- 40 spots were selected on the basis of discriminant power on PCA and PLS-DA
- 39 spots were identified by homology search by LC-ESI-MS/MS

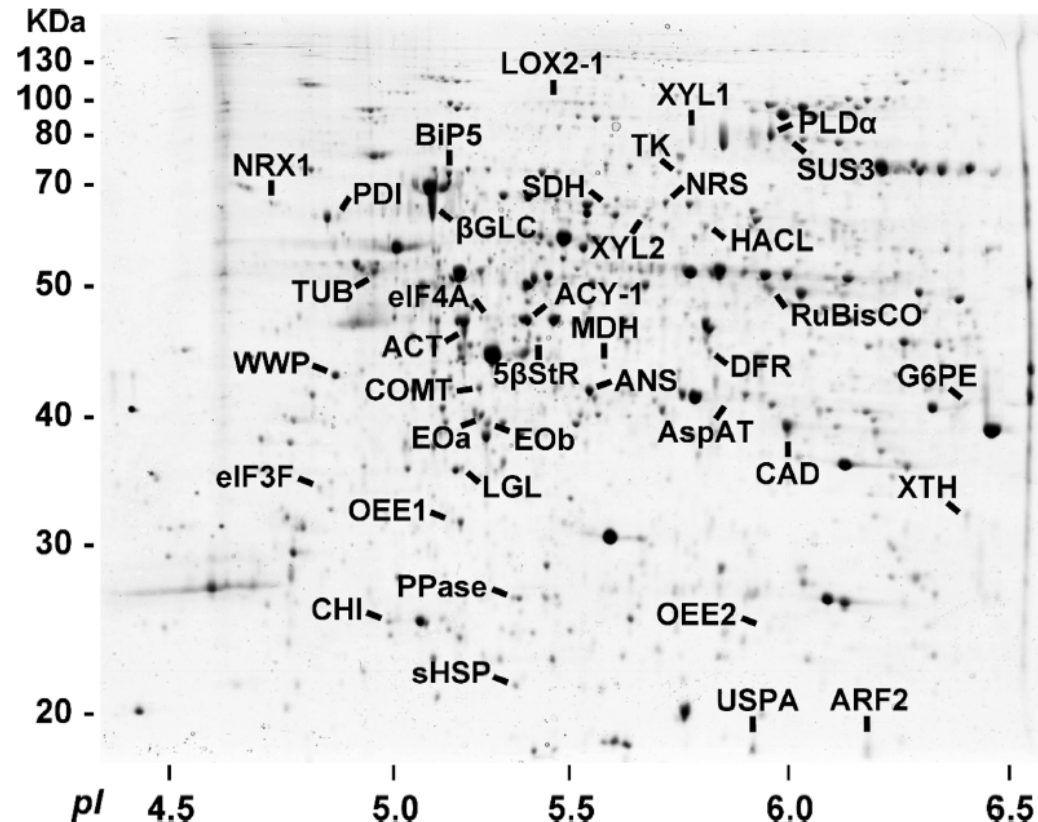


Figure 3. 2-DE profile of the proteins differentially accumulated in 'Hedelfinger' (H) and its somaclonal variant HS sweet cherries at unripe and ripe stages. The figure shows one of the electrophoretic maps of the ripe fruits of H. Total proteins were analyzed by IEF at pH 4–7, followed by SDS-PAGE and visualized by cCBB. Acronyms refer to Table 2 and Figure 4. Standard molecular mass range in kDa (M_r) and pI range are reported on the left and at the bottom, respectively.

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FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DIFFERENTIALLY ACCUMULATED PROTEINS

- **Eight** functional classes, each of them embracing protein influenced by **ripening** or **genotype**
- The analysis suggests a **large metabolic reprogramming** during fruit ripening.
- The analysis **suggests biochemical differences** in H and HS fruits.

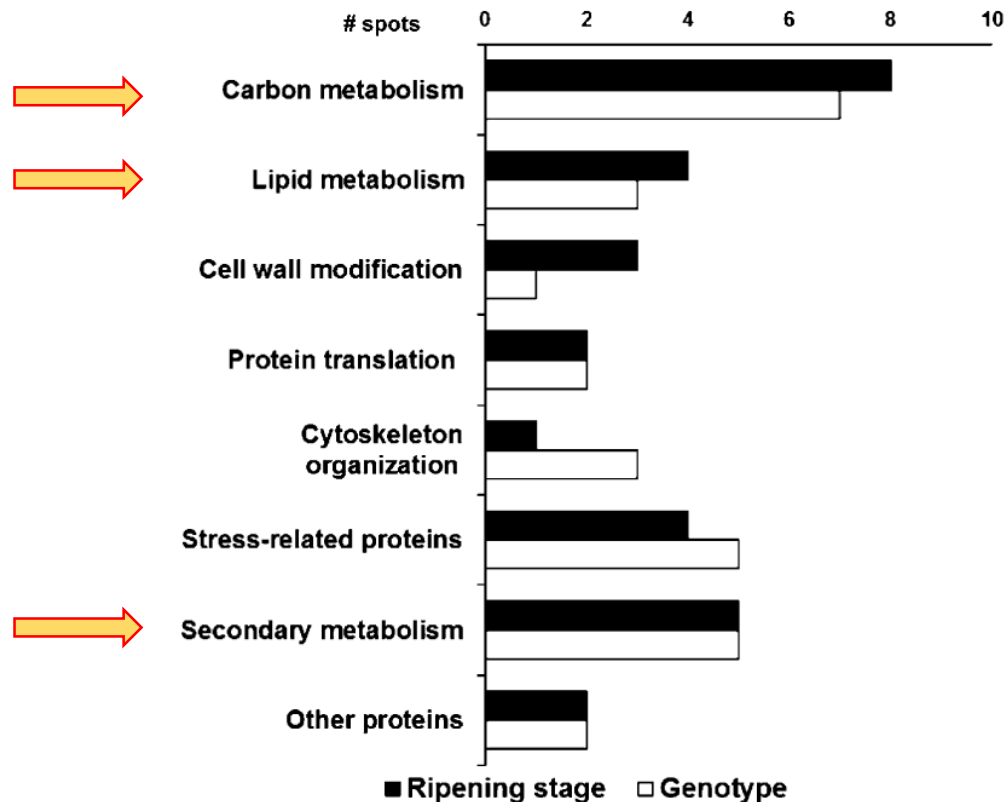
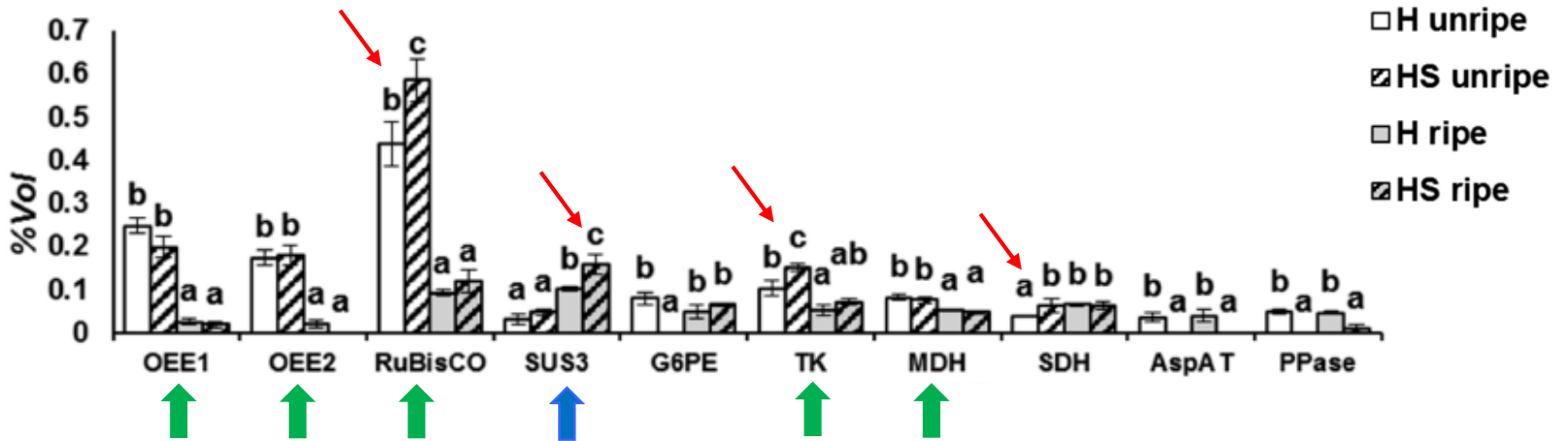


Figure 5. Number of proteins assigned to the different functional classes (Table 2) whose trends discriminated between ripening stages (black bars) or genotypes (white bars).

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CARBON METABOLISM



OEE1 oxygen-evolving enhancer prot 1 chl; **OEE2** oxygen-evolving enhancer prot 2 chl; **RuBisCO** RuBisCO large subunit; **SUS3** sucrose synthase 3; **G6PE** glc-6-phosphate 1-epimerase; **TK** transketolase, chl; **MDH** malate dehydrogenase [NADP], chl, **SDH** succinate dehydrogenase [ubiq] flavoprotein sub 1, mit; **AspAT** aspartate aminotransferase, **PPase** soluble inorganic pyrophosphatase

Traits related to fruit ripening:

- general decline of chloroplastic functionality, increase in SUS → lessening of gross photosynthesis and the increment in sink strength of fruits.

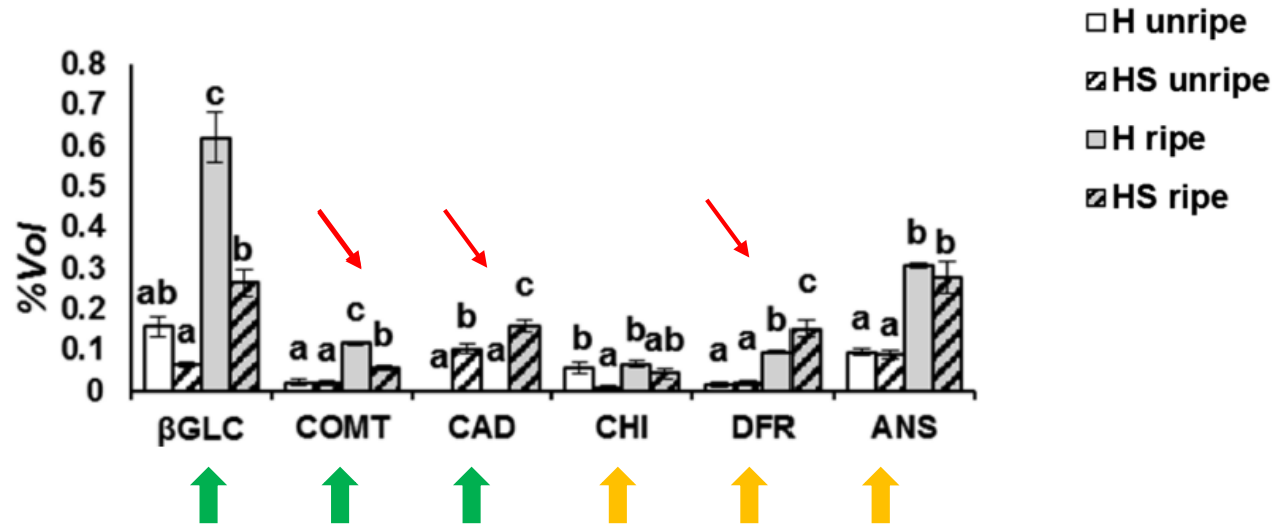
Traits different in HS vs H:

- HS unripe fruits were characterized by higher levels of RuBisCO, TK, SDH.
- HS ripe sweet cherries were also characterized by higher abundance of SUS3.

The proteomic analysis suggests that the higher exposure to light of leaves and/or fruits in HS trees supports an increment in fruit carbon metabolism.

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METABOLISM OF PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS



βGLC AAA91166 avium β-glucosidase, partial; **COMT** caffeic acid 3-O methyltransferase; **CAD** cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase; **CHI** chalcone flavonone isomerase; **DFR** dihydroflavonol 4-reductase; **ANS** anthocyanidin synthase

Traits related to fruit ripening:

- Increase in the levels of enzymes involved phenylpropanoid pathway.

Traits different in HS vs H:

- Differences in the levels of enzymes involved in phenolic metabolism

The proteomic analysis suggests that the somaclonal variation provoked some effects on phenolic metabolism in HS fruits.

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PROFILES OF COMPOSITION IN PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS

Table 3. Relative Percent Abundance of the Identified Phenolic Compounds in Sweet Cherries of 'Hedelfinger' and of Its Somaclonal Variant HS at Unripe and Ripe Stages^a

	H unripe	HS unripe	H ripe	HS ripe
coumaroylquinic acid	148.8 ± 6.8 b	153.4 ± 6.1 b	46.3 ± 0.7 a	51.4 ± 1.4 a
neochlorogenic acid	139.8 ± 6.2 b	139.2 ± 4.9 b	59.4 ± 0.6 a	61.6 ± 1.9 a
chlorogenic acid	145.8 ± 9.3 b	141.6 ± 4.6 b	56.9 ± 0.8 a	55.7 ± 1.2 a
catechin	158.9 ± 5.7 b	152.5 ± 4.3 b	40.3 ± 0.7 a	48.3 ± 1.6 a
epicatechin	138.8 ± 8.3 b	154.0 ± 6.2 b	50.7 ± 0.3 a	56.6 ± 1.5 a
procyanidin B	90.3 ± 5.1 a	133.6 ± 7.0 b	81.2 ± 0.5 a	94.9 ± 2.4 a
quercetin-3-O-rutinoside	75.2 ± 2.8 a	85.0 ± 0.4 a	114.0 ± 3.9 b	125.8 ± 2.6 b
kaempferol-3-O-rutinoside ^b	52.3 ± 2.6 a	63.1 ± 1.2 b	127.5 ± 5.5 c	157.1 ± 2.1 d
cyanidin-3-O-glucoside	nd ^c	nd	108.3 ± 4.6 b	91.7 ± 1.0 a
cyanidin-3-O-rutinoside	nd	nd	89.9 ± 2.5 a	110.1 ± 2.8 b

Traits related to fruit ripening:

- **hydroxycinnamic acids and catechins** sharply decreased while **flavonols and anthocyanins** increase during fruit ripening → these compounds contribute in green and red fruits, respectively, to protect tissues from oxidative stress.

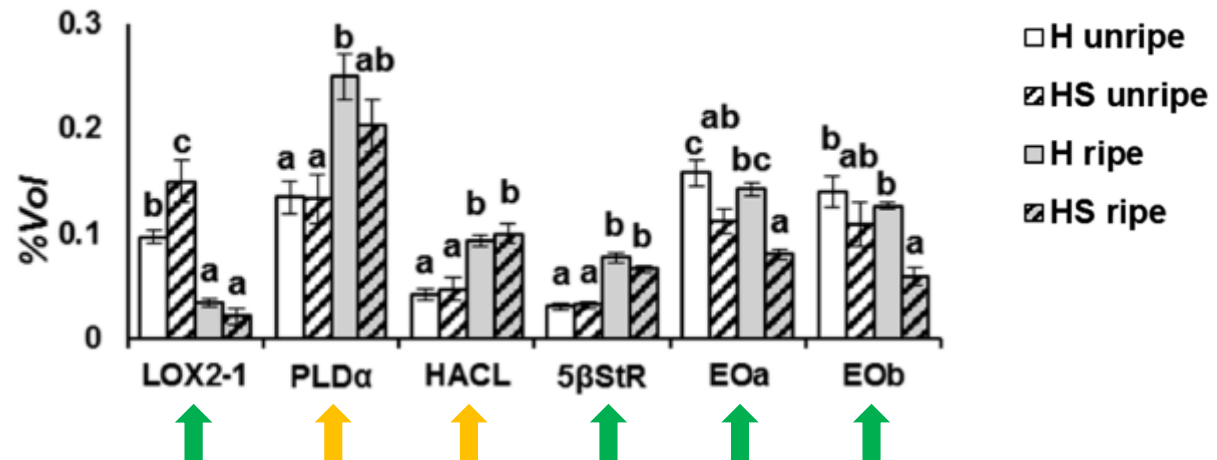
Traits different in HS vs H:

- Procyanidin B was more abundant by about +40% in HS with respect to H.
- HS fruits contain higher amounts of flavonols and anthocyanins.

The analysis suggests that the higher exposure to light of fruits in HS supports a higher accumulation of phenolic compounds and, in particular, anthocyanins at full ripening.

FRUIT RIPENING IN SOMACLONAL VARIANT OF SWEET CHERRY

LIPID METABOLISM



LOX2 linoleate 13S-lipoxygenase 2-1, chl like; **PLDα** phospholipase D a1; **HACL** 2-hydroxyacyl-CoA lyase; **5βStR** 3-oxo-d(4,5)-steroid 5-β-reductase-like; **EOa** enone oxidoreductase; **EOb** enone oxidoreductase

Traits related to fruit ripening:

- **LOX2-1, Eoa, Eob, 5βStR** markedly decreased to similar levels in ripe fruits of both genotypes → production of **volatile component of sweet cherry aroma** (hexanal, furaneol).
- **PLDα and HACL** increased during ripening → markers of phospholipid catabolism in the **senescing systems**.

The proteomic analysis suggests that

- fatty acid catabolism has valuable relevance during fruit development in sweet cherry.
 - the somaclonal variation has had a lower impact on this metabolism in fruits.

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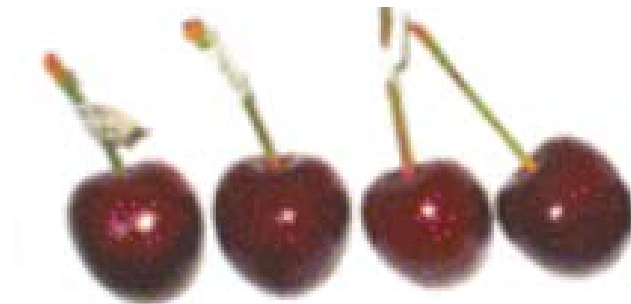
SUMMARY

The study on somaclonal variant in sweet cherry 'Hedelfinger' provides information about:

- **Protein markers** discriminating genotype and fruit ripening stage.
- Modulation of **pivotal enzymes of carbon metabolism** in fruits influenced by tree **morphological traits**, such as the canopy light interception.
- Protein markers involved in **production of volatile aroma** and in **senescence** during fruit ripening.
- Biochemical changes in phenolic metabolism in fruits related to somaclonal variation



THE PROTEOMIC INVESTIGATION PROVIDES NEW INFORMATION ABOUT FRUIT RIPENING AND FRUIT PHENOTYPE RELATED TO SOMACLONAL VARIATION IN SWEET CHERRY.



CONCLUSION

PROTEOMIC CAN BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE LARGE SCALE CHARACTERIZATION OF BIOCHEMICAL PHENOTYPES RELATED TO GENETIC VARIATION IN CROP SPECIES

PROTEOMIC CAN BE USED FOR VALIDATION OF PHYSIOLOGICAL / BIOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS EVALUATED BY NON-INVASIVE PHENOTYPING APPROACHES

PROTEOMIC CAN PROVIDE NOVEL INFORMATION ABOUT PUTATIVE MOLECULAR MARKERS OF PHYSIOLOGICAL / DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESSES RELATED TO CROP PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY

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