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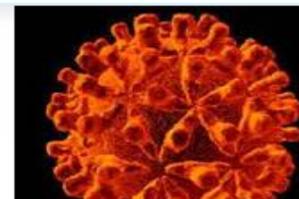
# Major Research Interests

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## Major Research Interests

1. Transcriptomics and Bioinformatics;
2. Using multi-techniques for novel biomarker development, and the application of traditional biomarker for tracing natural or anthropogenic organic matter source;
3. Using GC-ir-MS analysis to measure specific isotopes (mainly  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^2/^1\text{H}$ ) of biomarkers to trace source.



# 1. Transcriptomics and Bioinformatics

Putative TLR and TCR pathways of *L. japonicus* based on new 454 sequencing

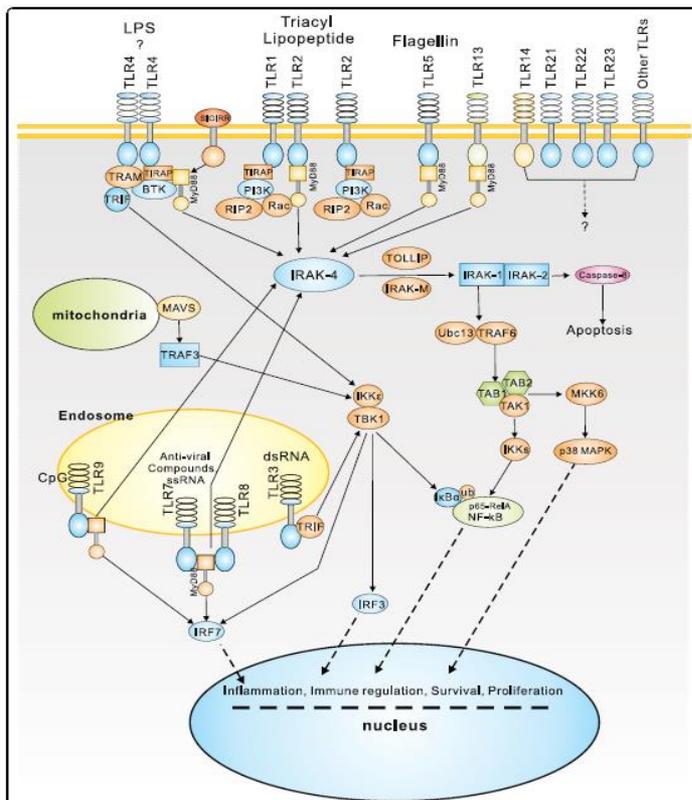


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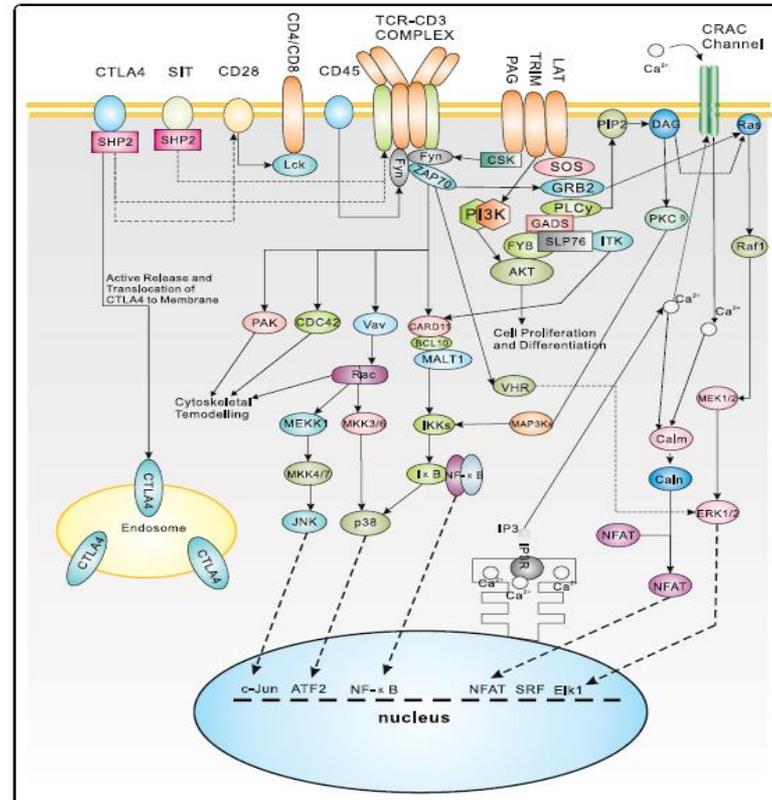
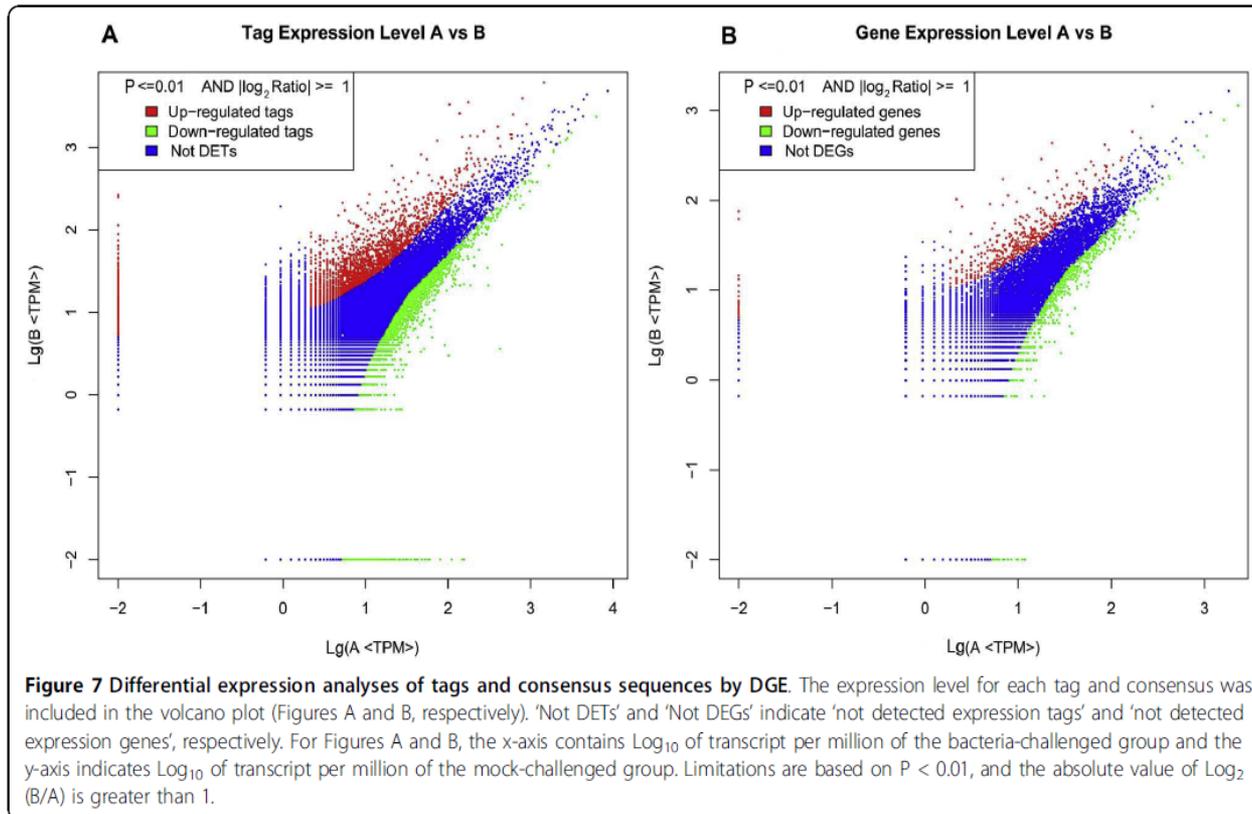


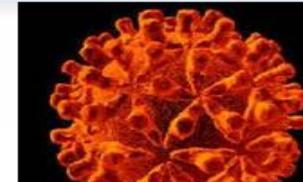
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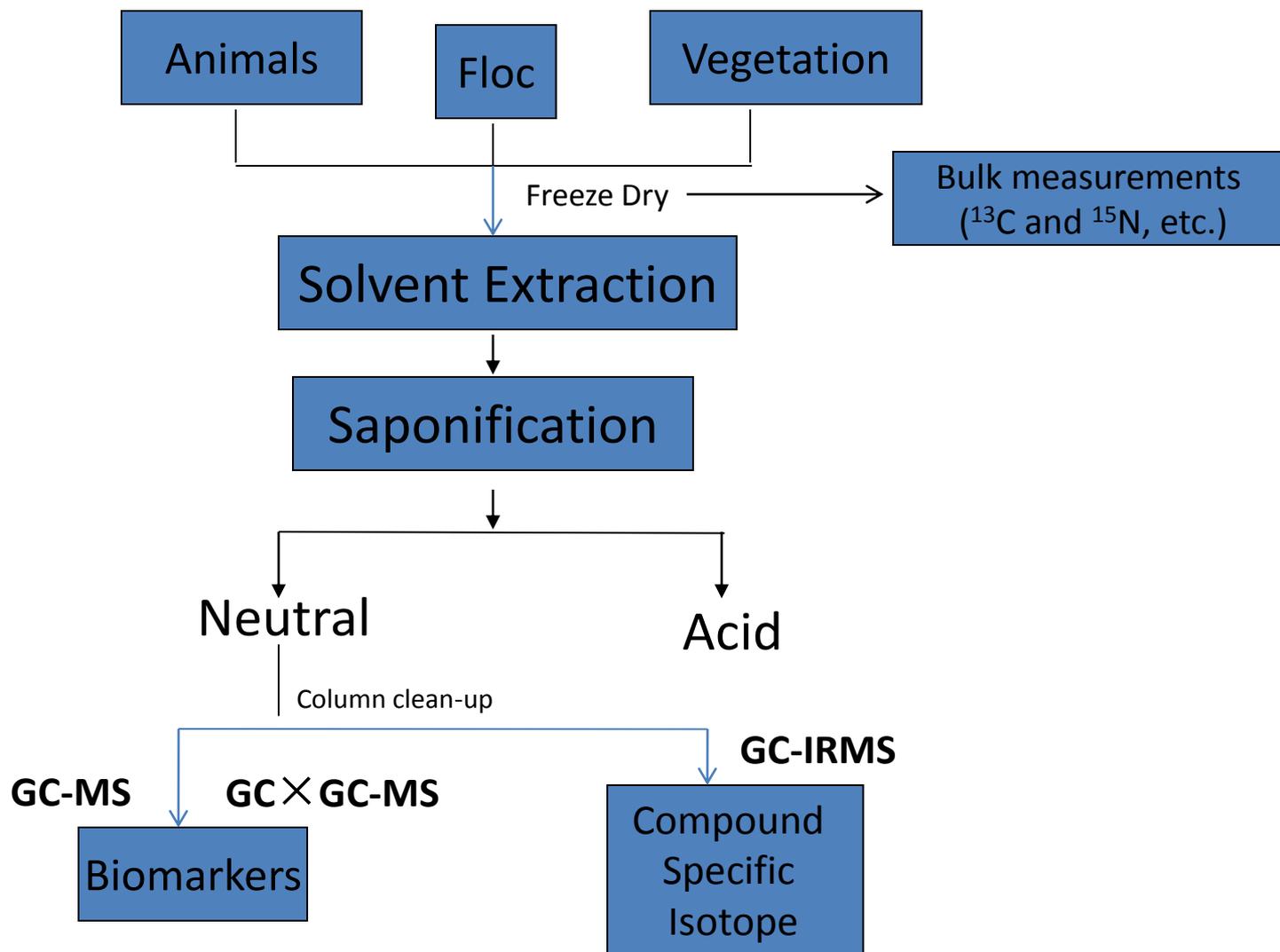
# 1. Transcriptomics and Bioinformatics

Different expression analyses of stages and consensus sequences in *L. japonicus* under bacteria-challenge.





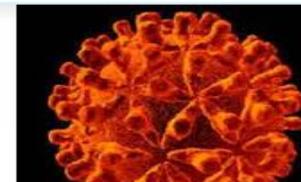
## 2. Biomarkers: Analytical Methods





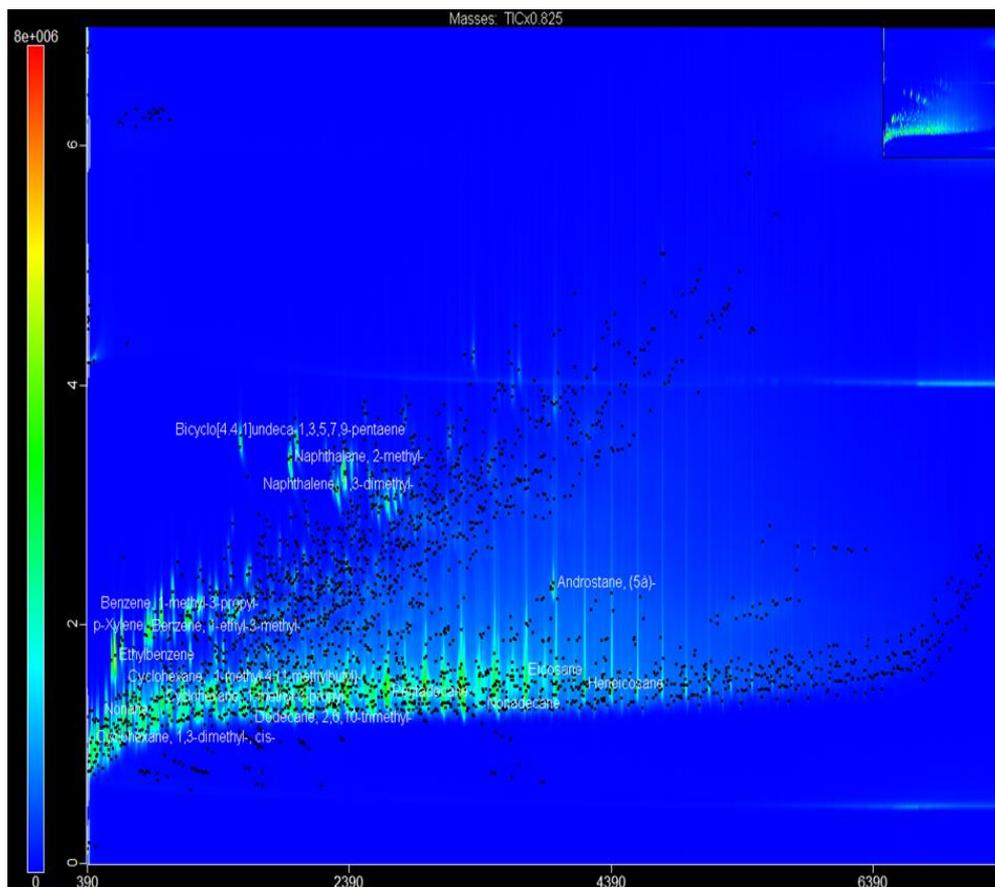
## 2. Common biomarkers to trace source

- n*-alkanes
- fatty acid
- Highly brached isoprenoid
- hopanoid
- sterol
- PAHs
- diterpenoid
- triterpenoid
- ...



## 2. Common biomarkers to trace source (examples)

Raw data measured by GC×GC-TOFMS from a really complex mixture (crude oil for this case)

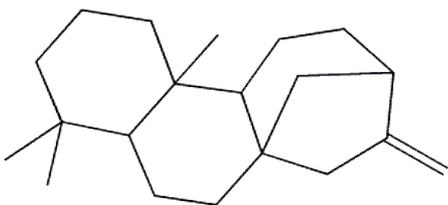




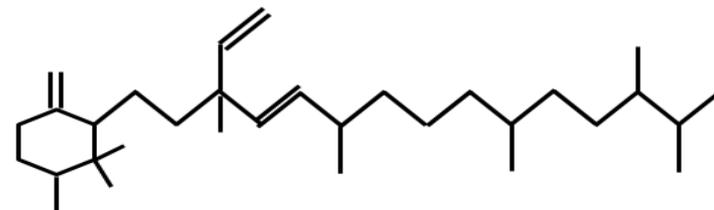
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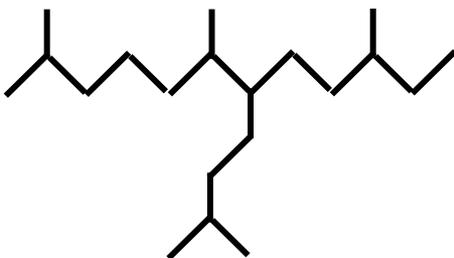
Example of an anteiso alkane: 3-methyloctacosane  
(C<sub>29</sub> branched alkane)



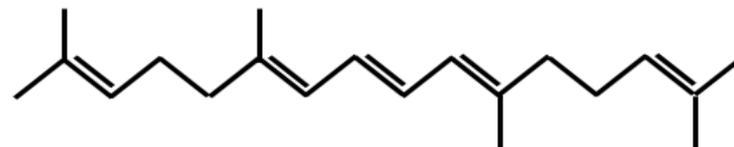
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Example of a Botryococcene



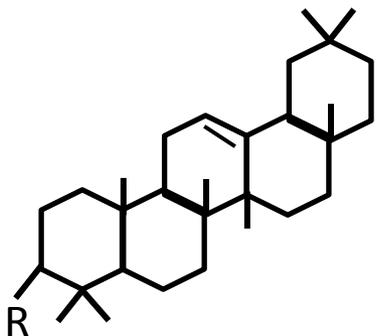
Example of C<sub>20</sub> Highly Branched Isoprenoid (HBI)



2,6,11,15-tetramethyl-hexadeca-2,6,8,10,14-pentaene

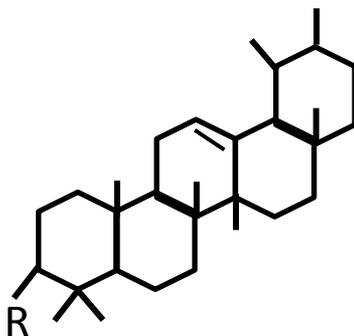


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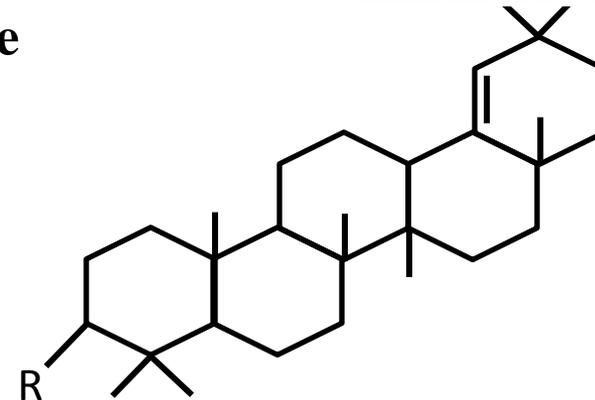
**Olean-12**

- R = O :  $\beta$ -amyrinone
- R = OH:  $\beta$ -amyrinol
- R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:  $\beta$ -amyrinyl acetate
- R = C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:  $\beta$ -amyrinyl butanoate



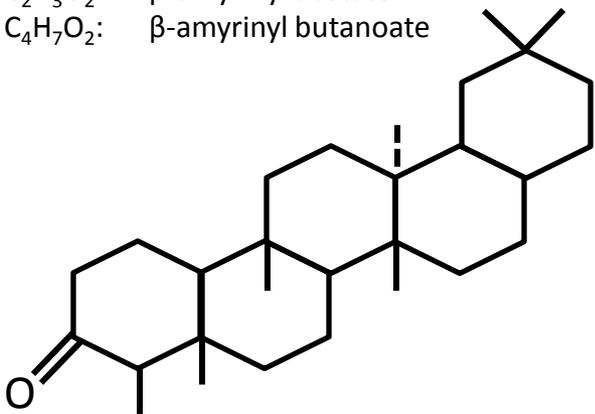
**Urs-12**

- R = O :  $\alpha$ -amyrinone
- R = OH:  $\alpha$ -amyrinol

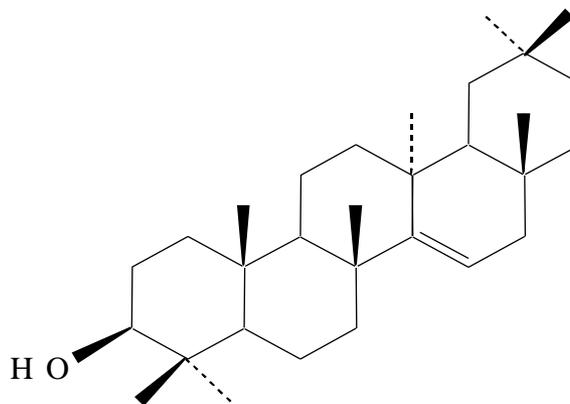


**Olean-18 (germanic-)**

- R = O : germanicone
- R = OH: germanicol
- R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: germanicyl acetate
- R = C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: germanicyl propionate
- R = C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: germanicyl butanoate
- R = C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: germanicyl pentanoate
- R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: germanicyl hexanoate



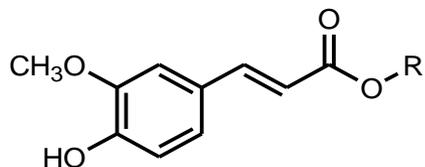
**Friedelan-3-one**



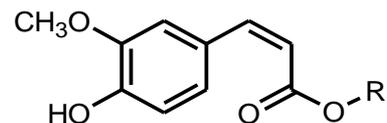
**Taraxerol**



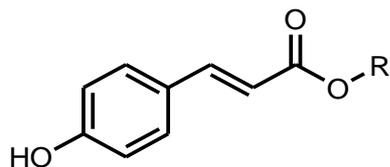
## 2. Biomarkers in Cattails (examples)



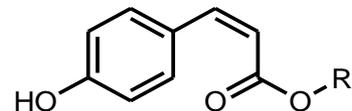
I. E-Ferulic acid, R=H  
Alkyl E-ferulates, R=(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, n=16-28



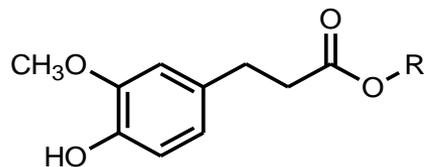
II. Z-Ferulic acid, R=H  
Alkyl Z-ferulates, R as in I



III. E-*p*-coumaric acid, R=H  
Alkyl E-*p*-coumarates, R as in I



IV. Z-*p*-coumaric acid, R=H  
Alkyl Z-*p*-coumarates, R as in I

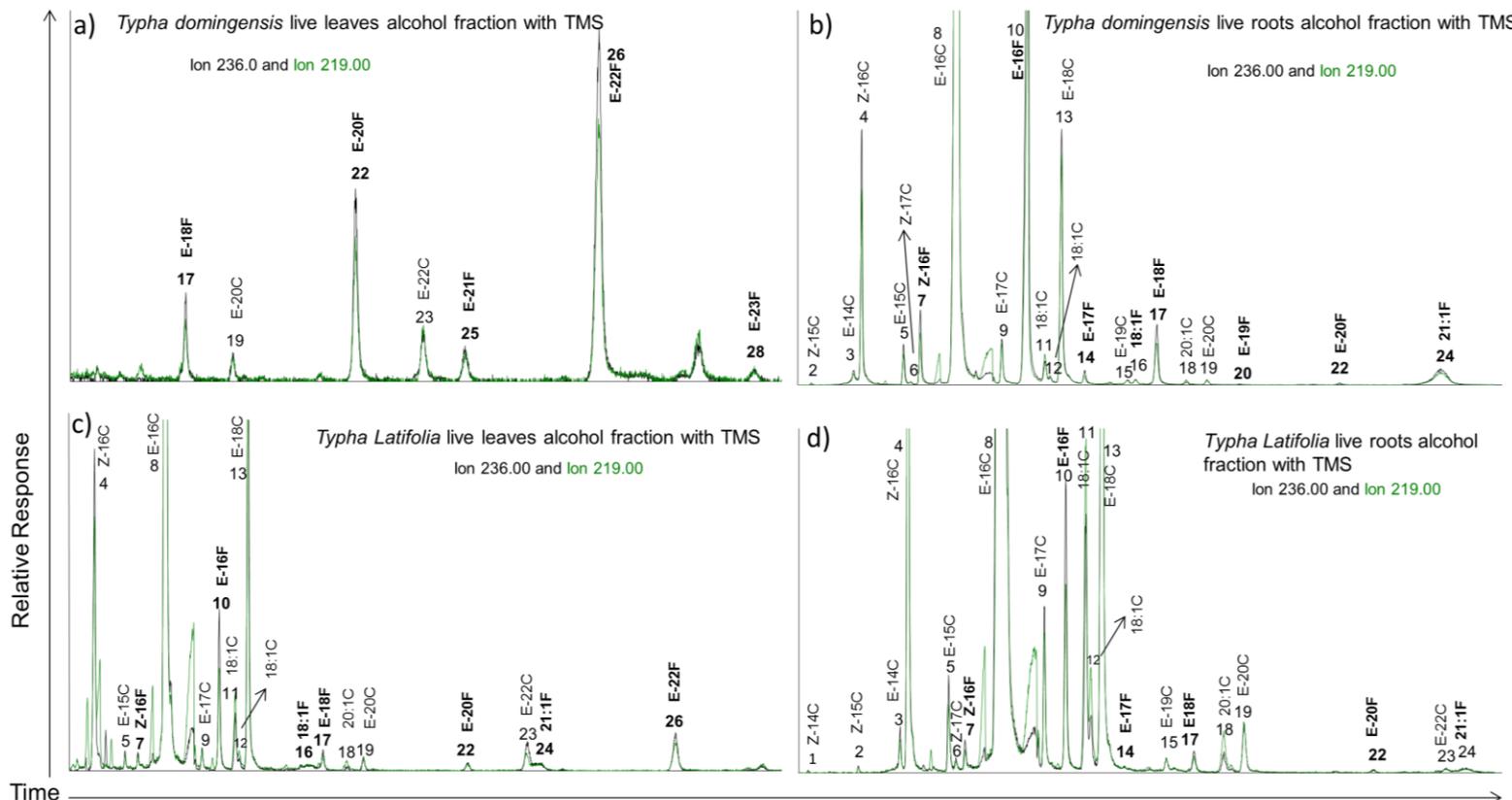


V. Alkyl dihydroferulates  
R=(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, n=20-24

Chemical structures of the ferulic and *p*-coumaric acids and esters.



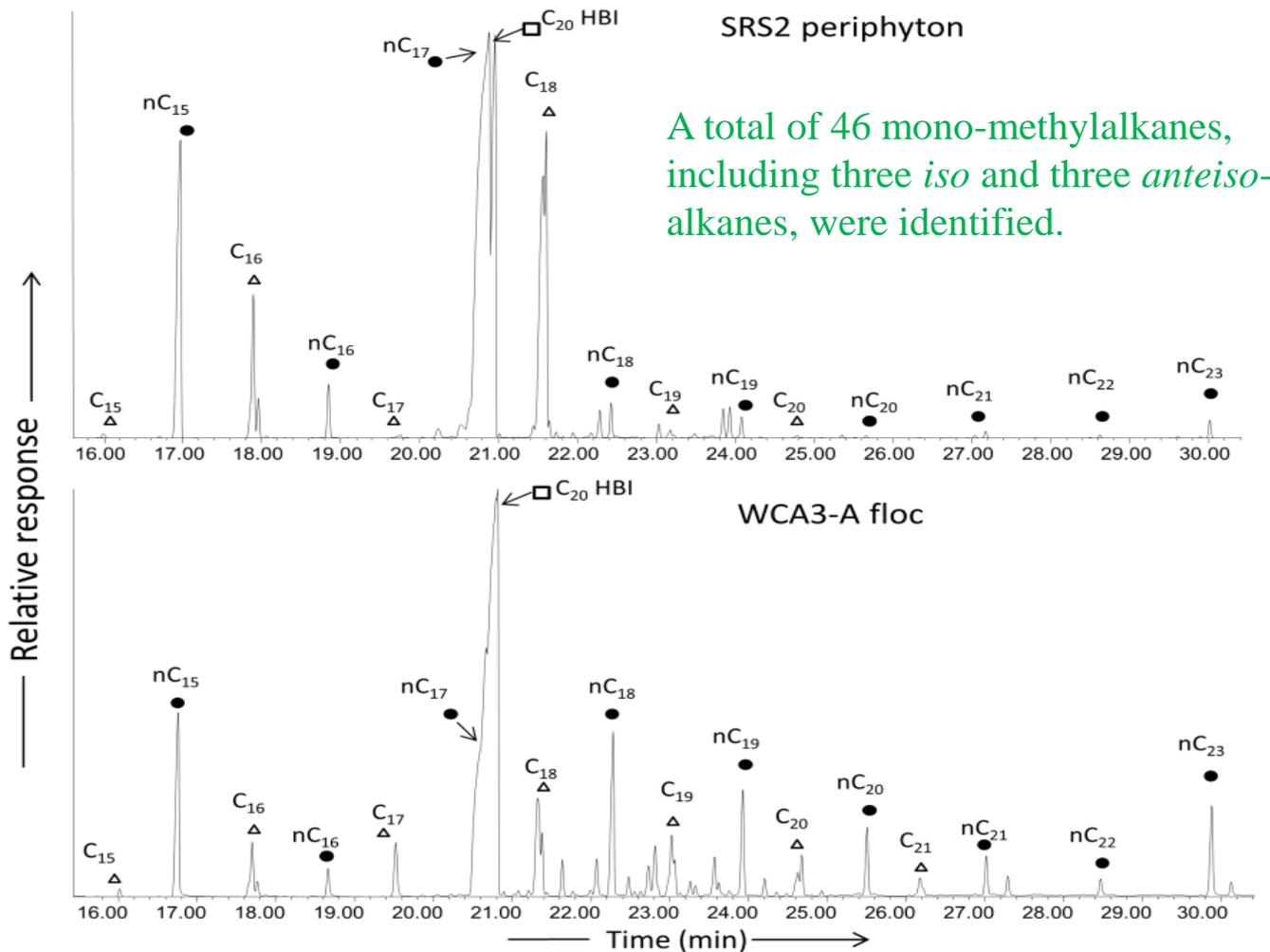
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Note: Alkyl-p-coumarates and alkyl-ferulates were listed by elution order from no. 1 to 34. Alkyl-ferulates and alkyl-p-coumarates are marked by numbers, E-nF (n = number of alcohol moieties) means trans-n-alkyl-ferulate, E-nC (n = number of alcohol moieties) means trans-n-alkyl-coumarate.



## 2. Biomarkers in periphyton and floc (examples)



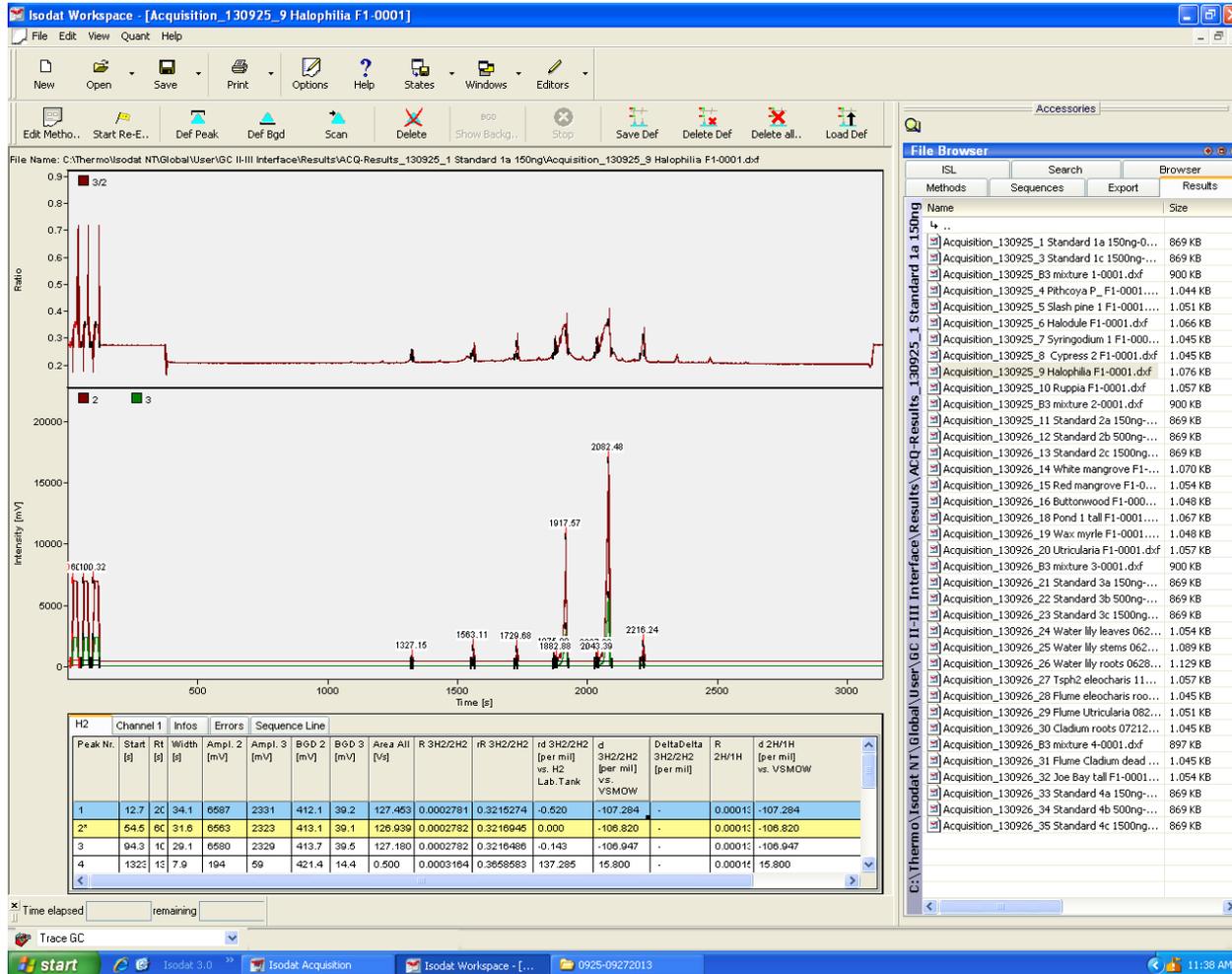


### 3. Compound specific isotopes for biomarkers

- Highly specialized instrumental technique used to ascertain the relative ratio of light stable isotopes of **carbon** ( $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ ), **hydrogen** ( $^2\text{H}/^1\text{H}$ ), nitrogen ( $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ ) or oxygen ( $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ ) in individual compounds separated from often complex mixtures of components.
- They can provide organic matter source information and direct information such as the primary **productivity** and **hydrology** etc.



## 3. Examples of raw data generated from a GC-PirMS



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