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IN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



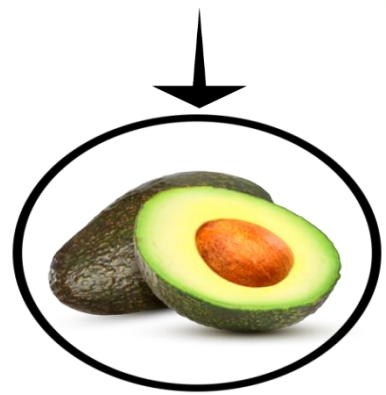
IMPROVEMENT OF MULTIRESIDUE METHOD FOR
PESTICIDE ANALYSIS WITH HIGH FAT AND PROTEIN
CONTENT COMMODITIES BY USING MULTIPLE
CLEAN UP STEPS BASED ON QUECHERS

HIGH FAT AND PROTEIN CONTENT COMMODITIES

HIGH FAT CONTENT

20 – 30% Fatty Acids
(Palmitic, oleic and
linoleic)
And triglycerides

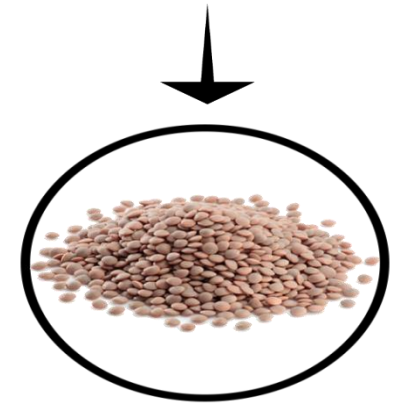
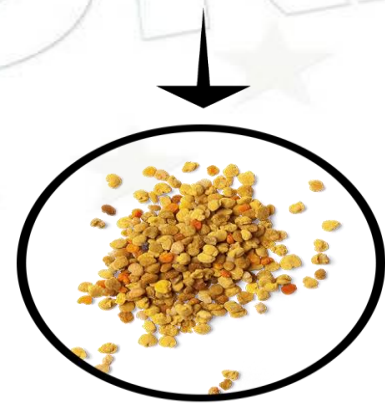
≈99% Fatty Acids
(Palmitic, oleic and
linoleic)



PROTEIN CONTENT

25% Proteins
5% Fat

25% Proteins





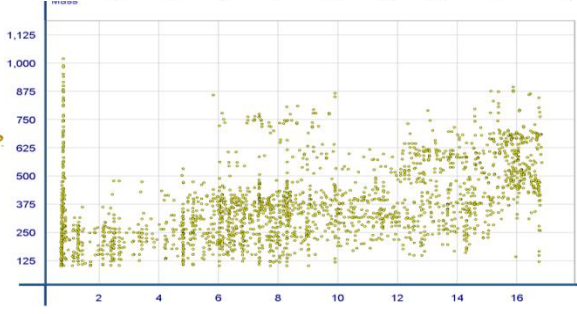
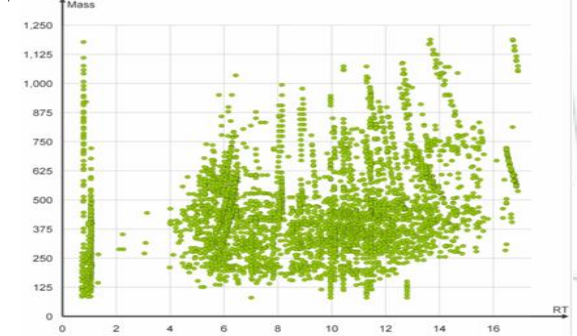
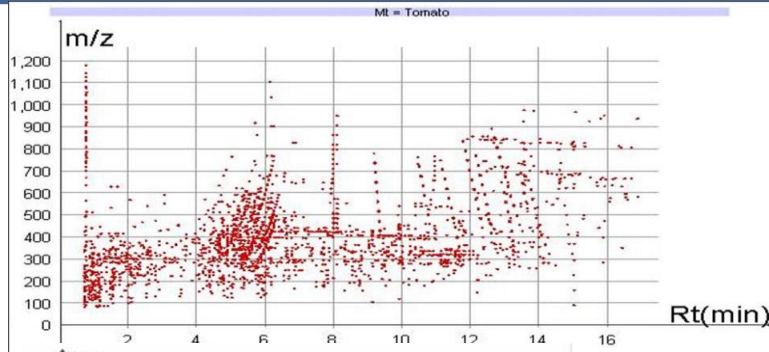
Tomato
(1 g/mL)



Avocado
(0,5g/mL)



Olive oil
(0,2g/mL)



Co-extracted matrix components.
LC-QTOF-MS

Injection volume: 4 μ L



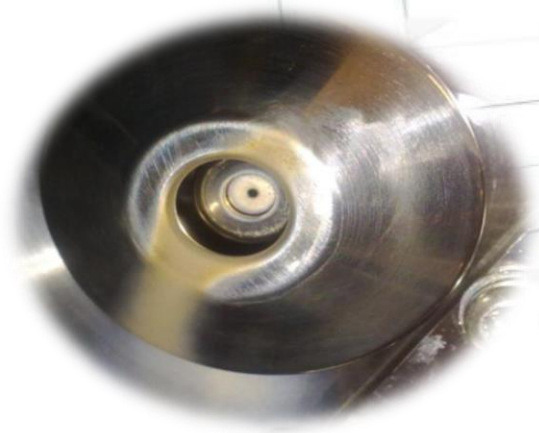
Bee Pollen
(0,5g/mL)



Lentils
(0,2g/mL)

CONSEQUENCES OF «DIRTY» MATRICES

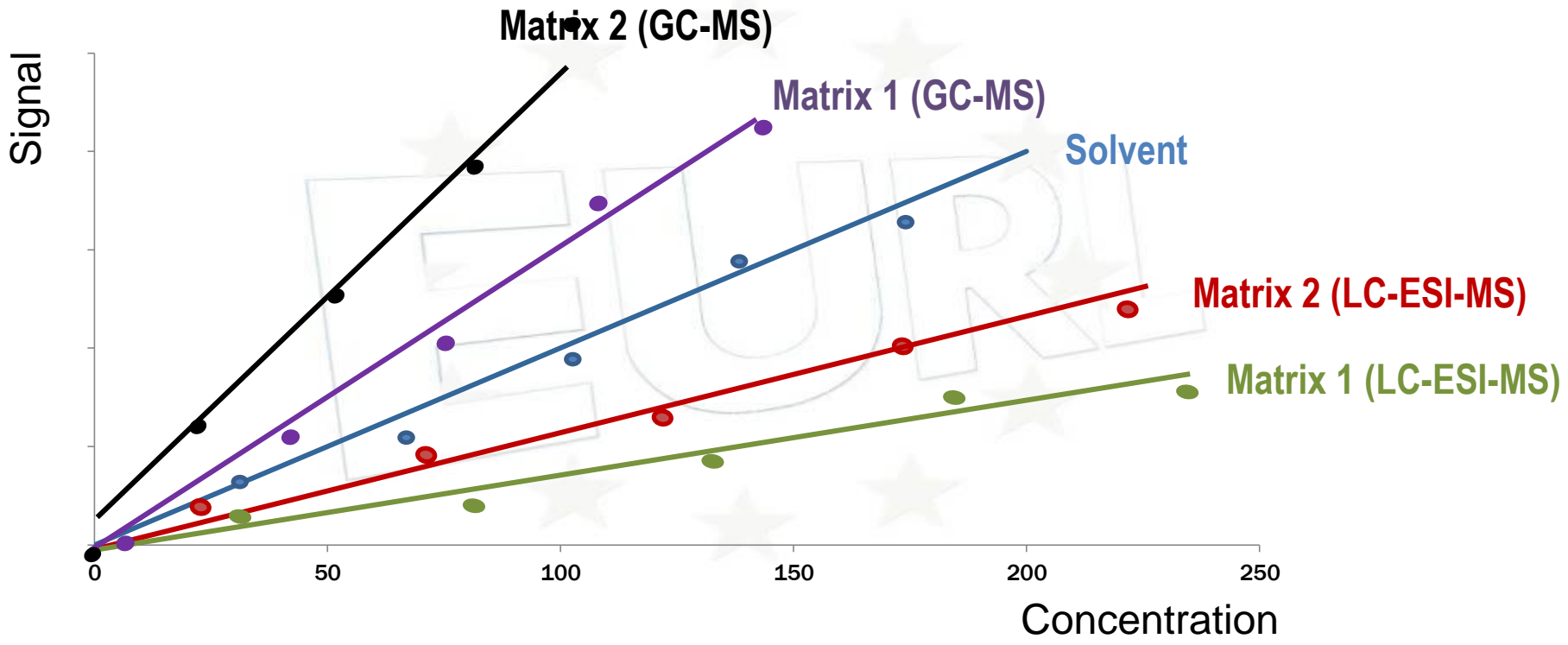
**LC-QqQ-MS/MS
Skimer
After 30 injections**

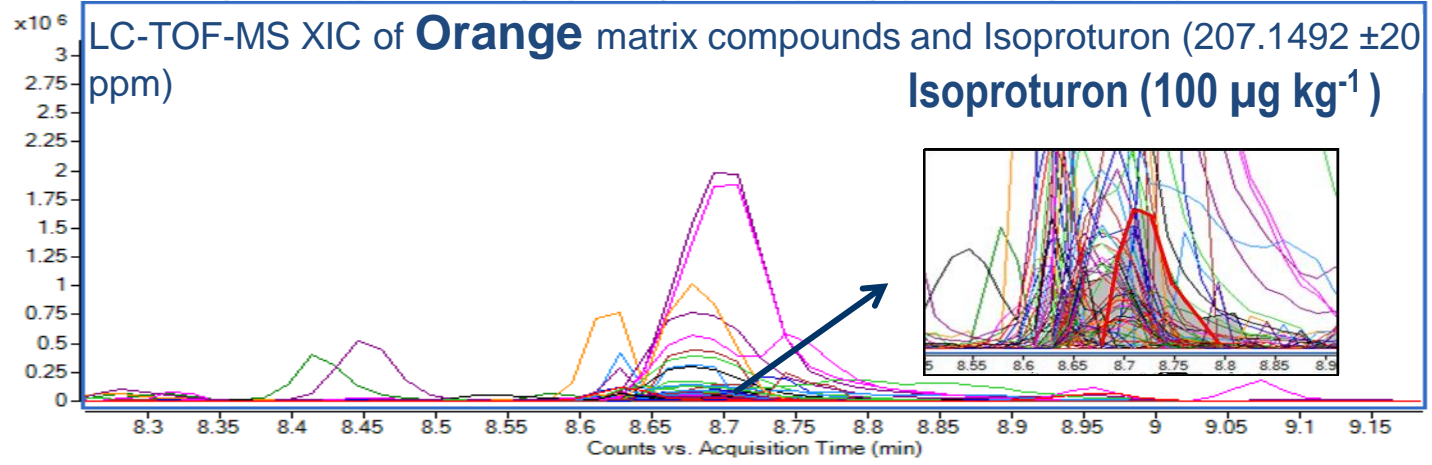
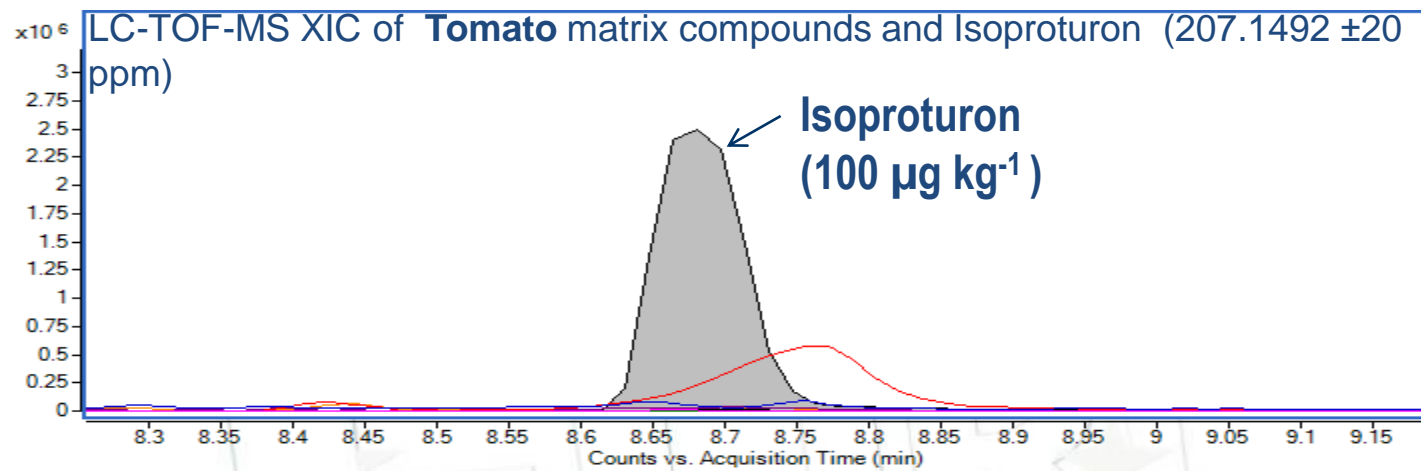


**GC-Q-MS Liner after
40 injections**



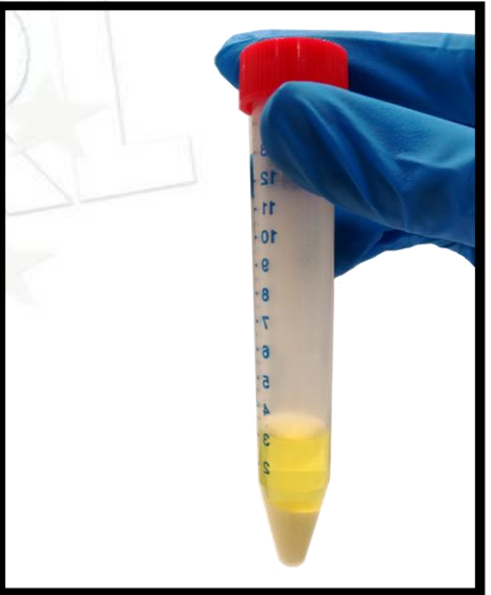
Injecting 1 g sample/mL





STUDIES

Fast freezing out and new sorbents (SPE and dSPE)





**FAST FREEZING OUT
DRY ICE**

-78°C

**EFFICIENT LIPID AND PROTEIN*
REMOVAL BY PRECIPITATION**

**REDUCING TIME
TO A FEW MINUTES**



FREEZING OUT STEP REPRODUCIBILITY



**SAME QUANTITY
OF DRY ICE**

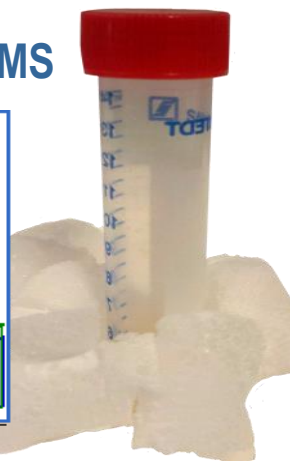
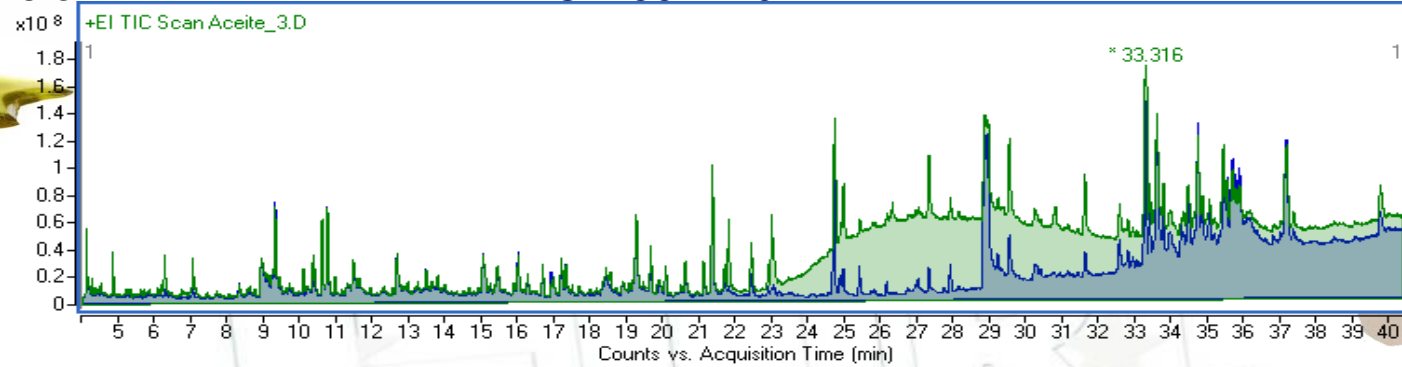
**SAME TIME TO AN
EQUAL VOLUME**

 Olive oil with Freezing out
 Olive oil

TIC 4.21E+10
TIC 7.36E+10



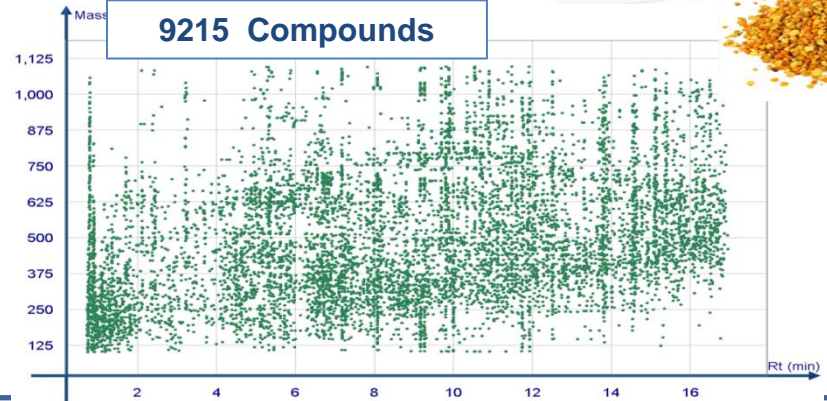
TIC Olive Oil GC-QTOF-MS



Co-extracted matrix components of Pollen LC-QTOF-MS

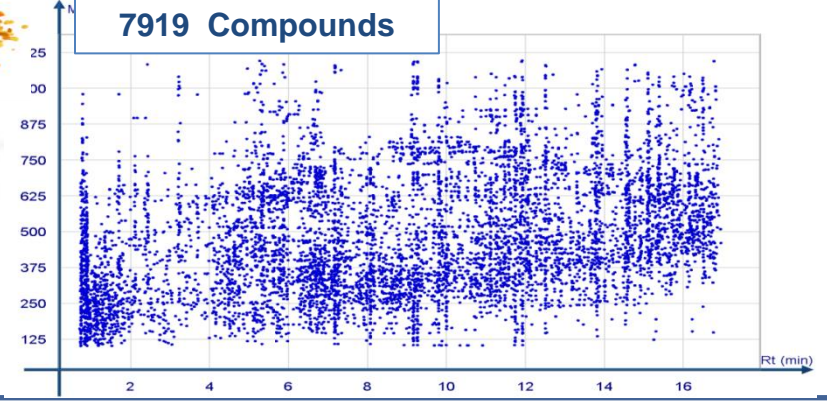
QuEChERS (Pollen)

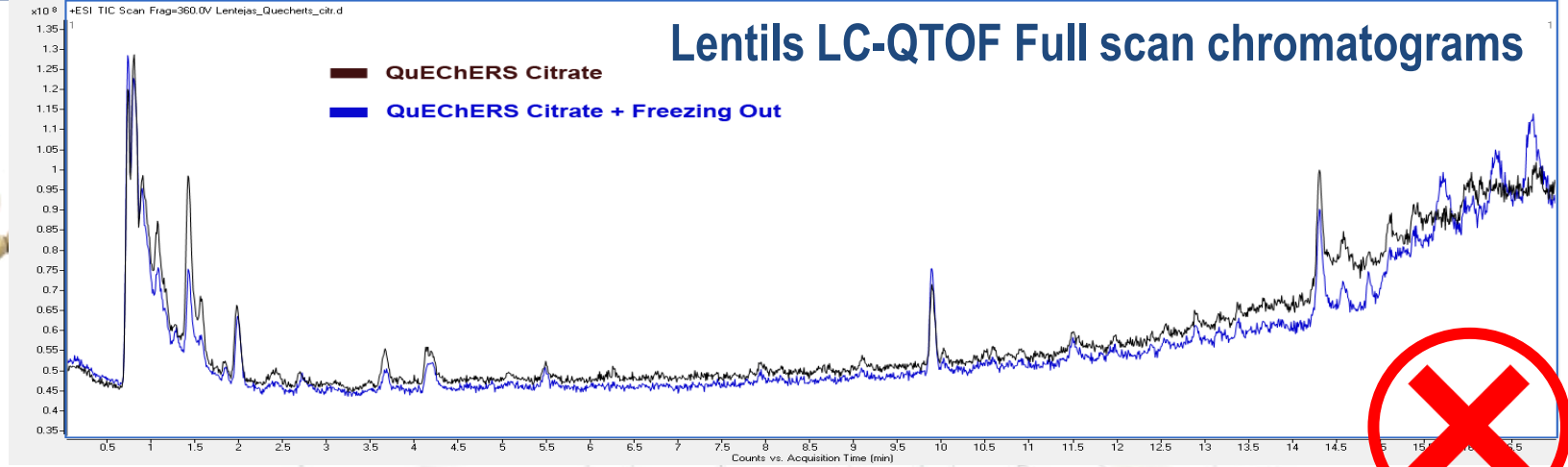
9215 Compounds



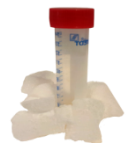
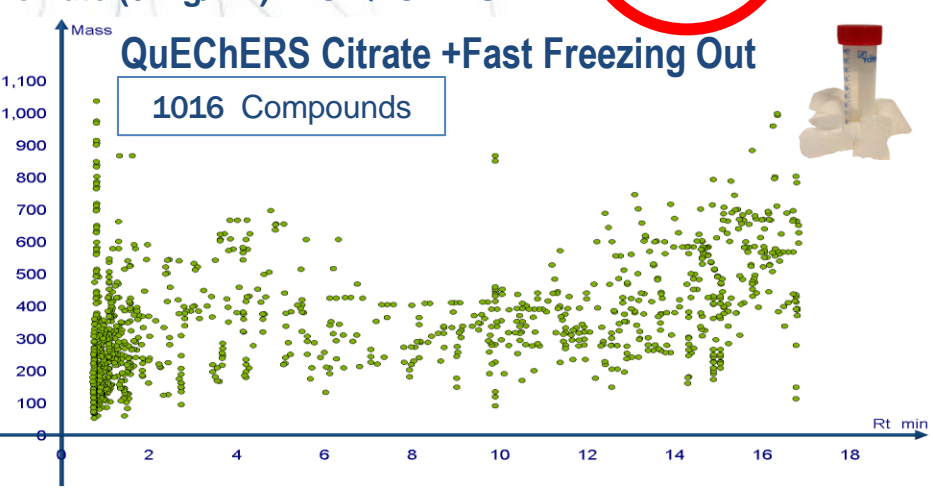
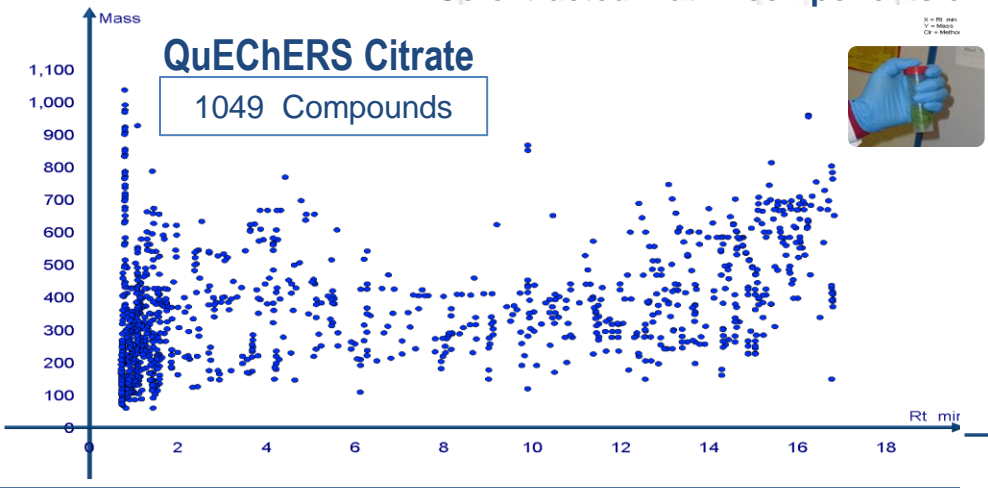
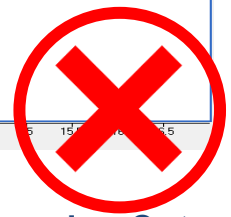
QuEChERS + Fast Freezing out CO₂

7919 Compounds





Co-extracted matrix components of Tomato (0.1 g/mL). LC-QTOF-MS



IN SOME COMMODITIES COEXTRATIVES REMOVAL IS NOT ENOUGH AND ADDITIONAL CLEAN UPS ARE NECESSARY

PSA + C18	dSPE
Z-Sep (ZrO₂+C18)	dSPE
	SPE
EMR	dSPE (2xsteps)

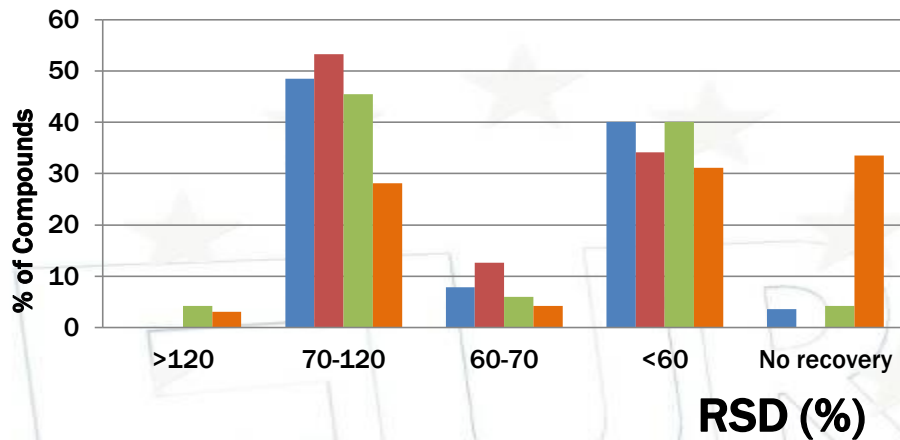


LOSE THE FAT



OLIVE OIL Clean ups After Freezing Out

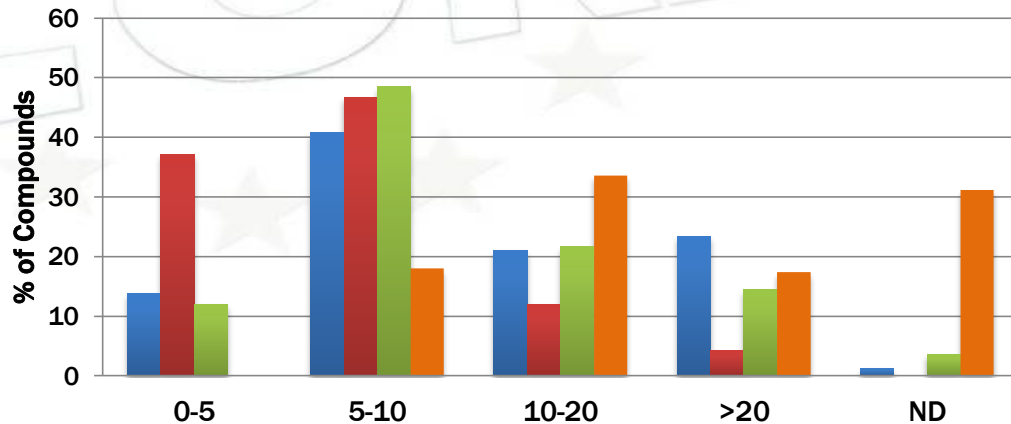
Recoveries (%) LC-MS/MS



- PSA
- EMR
- ZrO₂-dSPE
- ZrO₂-SPE

n=167

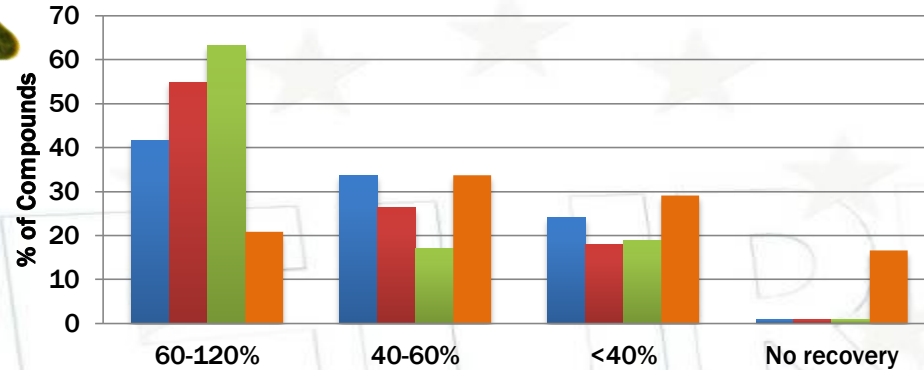
LC





OLIVE OIL Clean ups After Freezing Out

Recoveries (%) GC-MS/MS

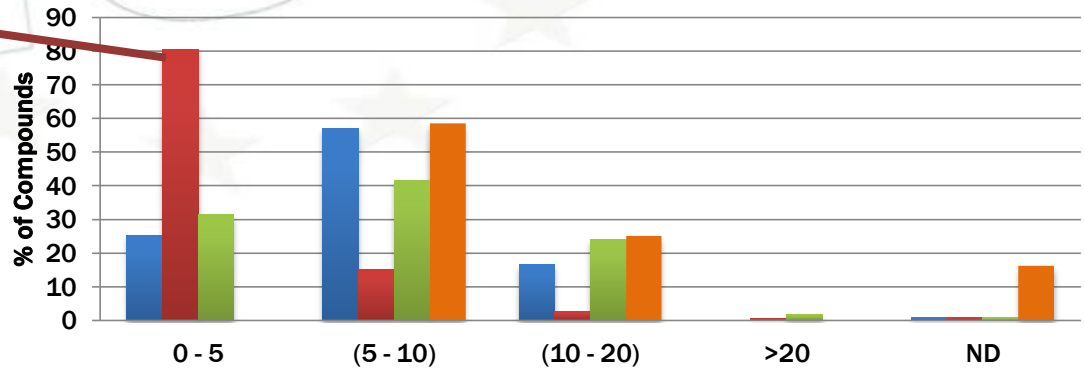


- PSA
- EMR
- ZrO₂-dSPE
- ZrO₂-SPE

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**EXCELLENT
REPRODUCIBILITY
(EMR)
81% of Compounds
GC**

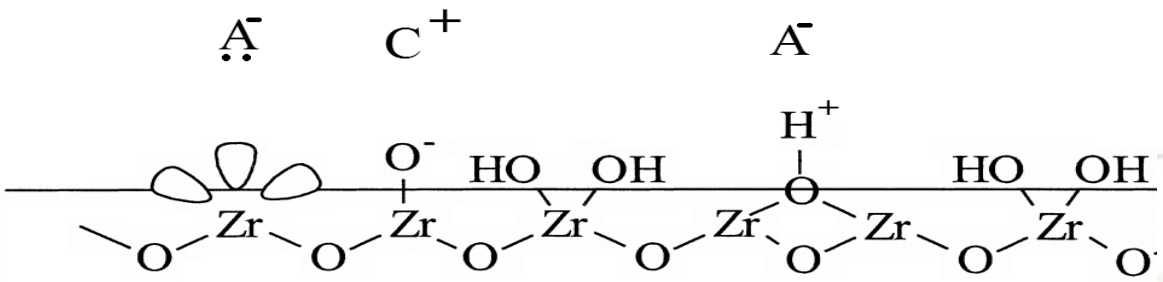
RSD (%)



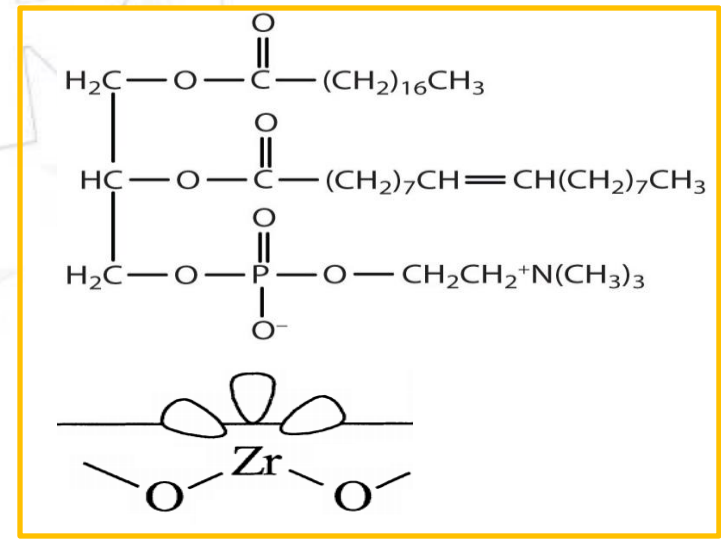
ZIRCONIUM DIOXIDE (Z-SEP)

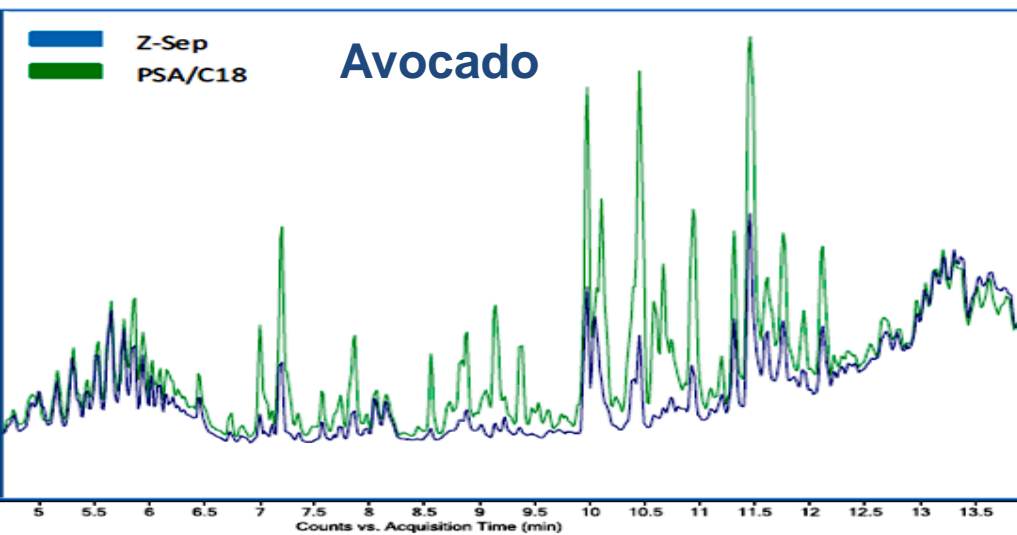
Zirconium dioxide surface acts as:

- Brønsted acid (adsorption of anions in low pH via electrostatic interaction)
- Brønsted base (adsorption of cations in high pH via electrostatic interaction)
- Lewis acid (adsorption of Lewis bases via coordination bond with Zr atoms)

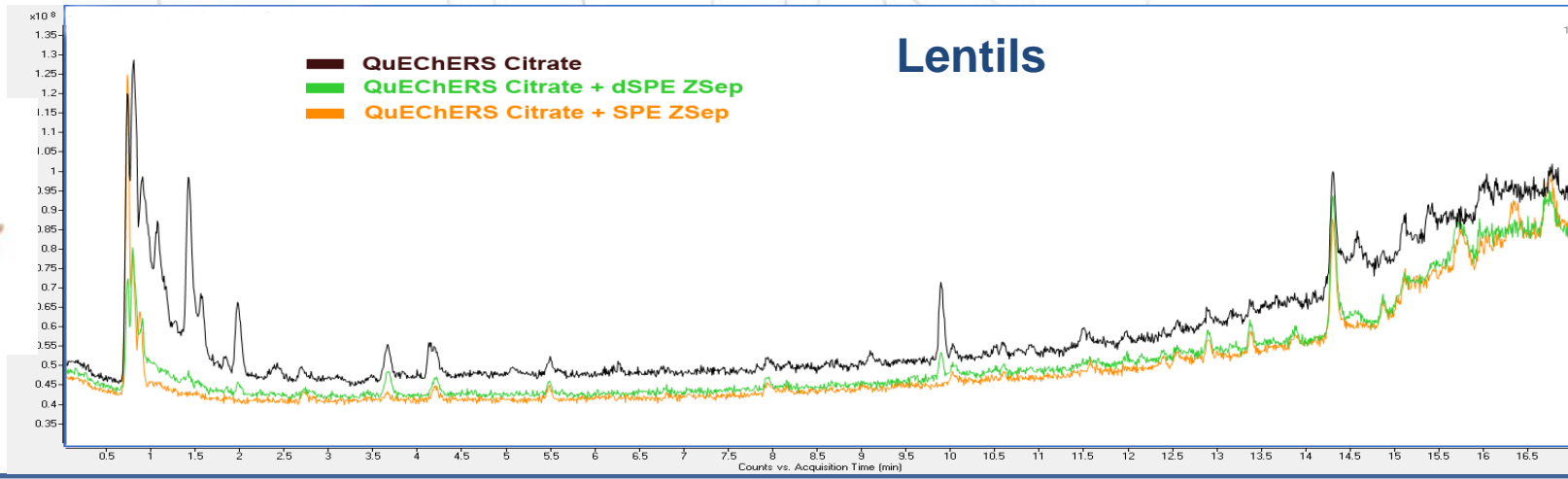


Interaction of phospholipid molecule with empty d-orbital of zirconium atom.

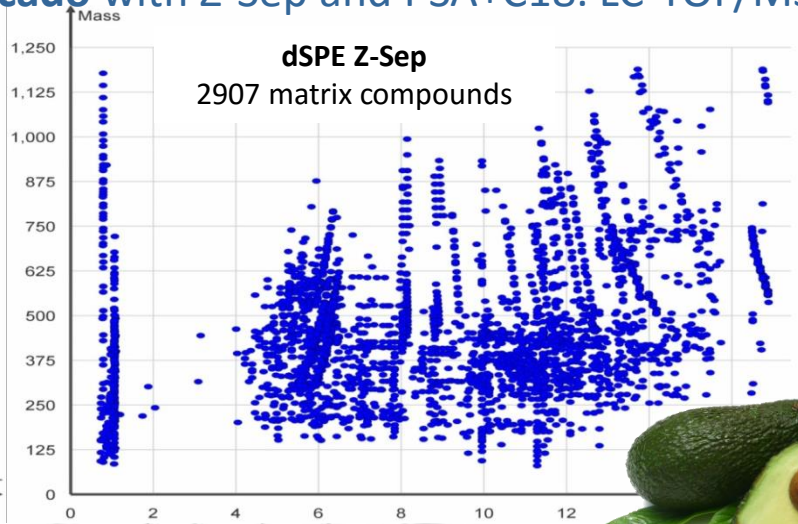
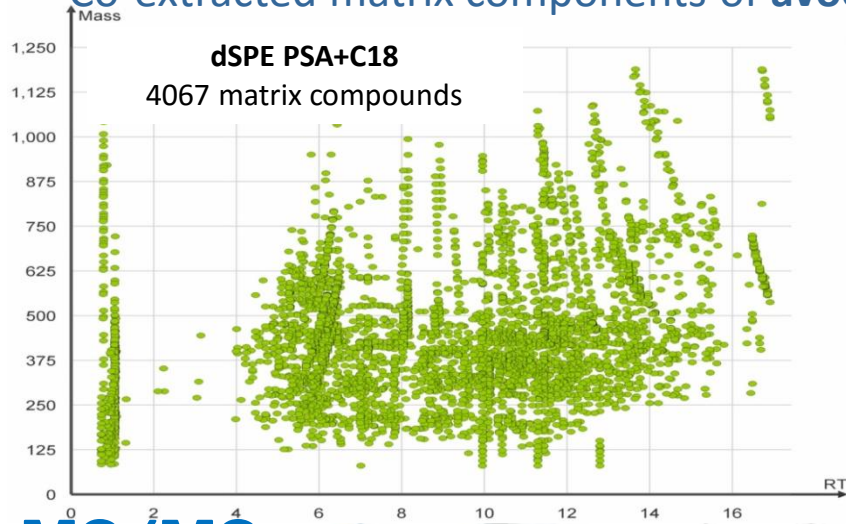




LC-QTOF Full scan chromatograms of avocado and lentils extracts with different sorbents

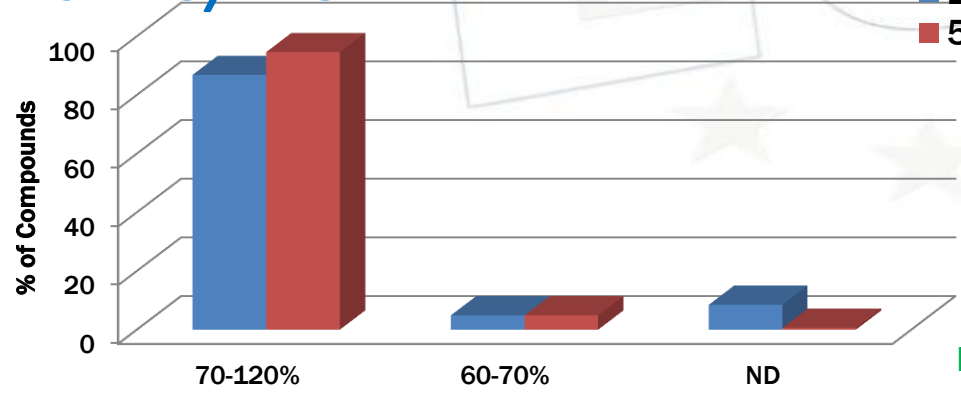


Co-extracted matrix components of avocado with Z-Sep and PSA+C18. LC-TOF/MS



LC-MS/MS

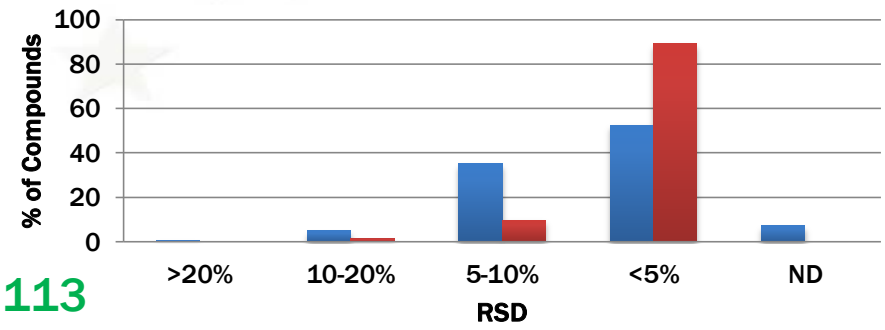
Recoveries



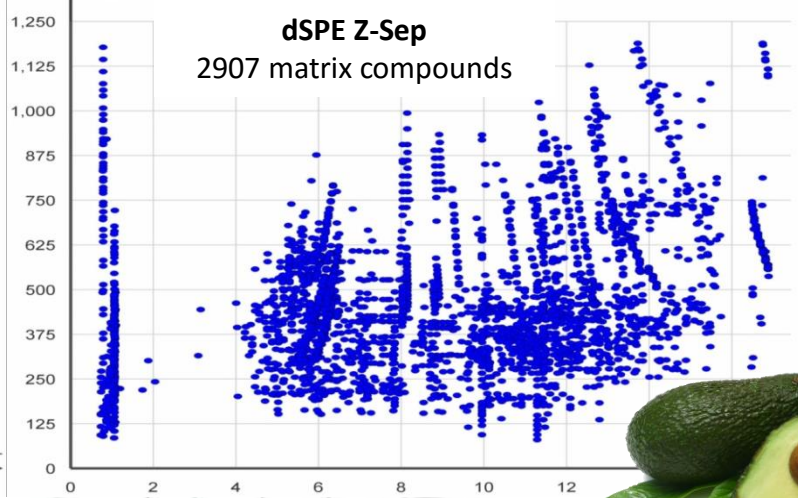
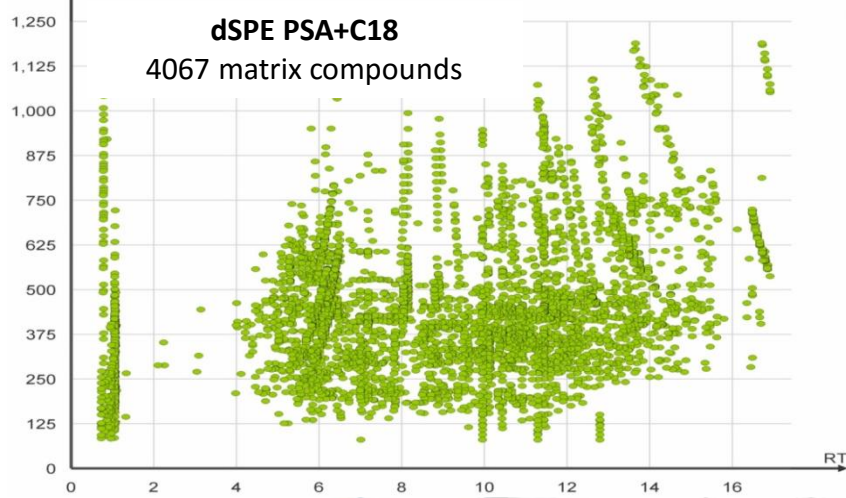
■ 10 µg/kg
■ 50 µg/kg

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Intra-Day Precision



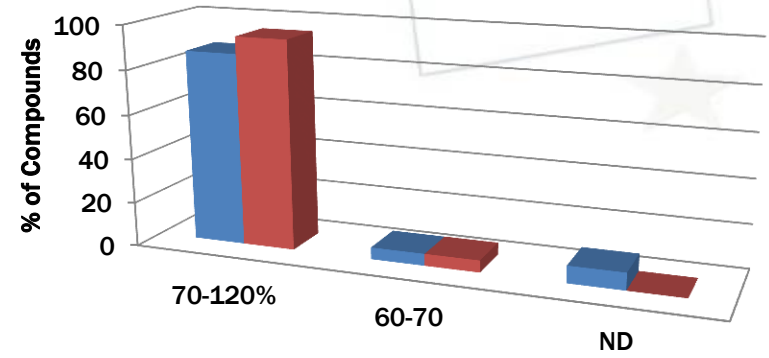
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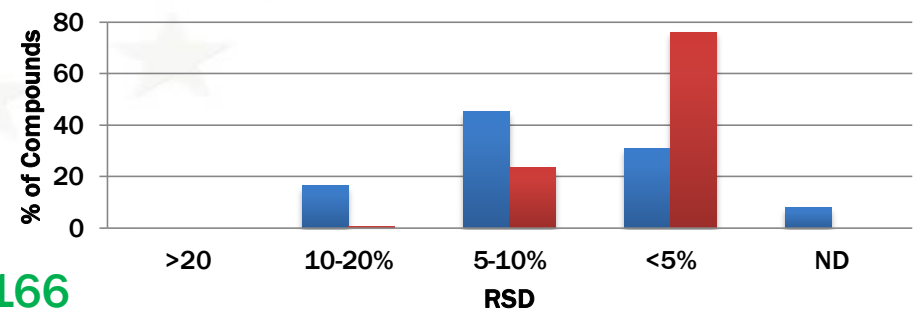
Recoveries

- 10 ppb
- 50 ppb

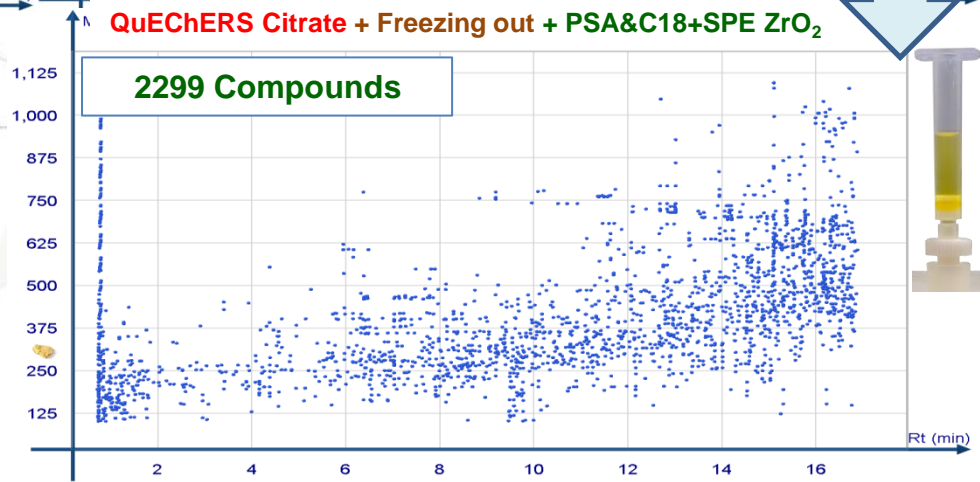
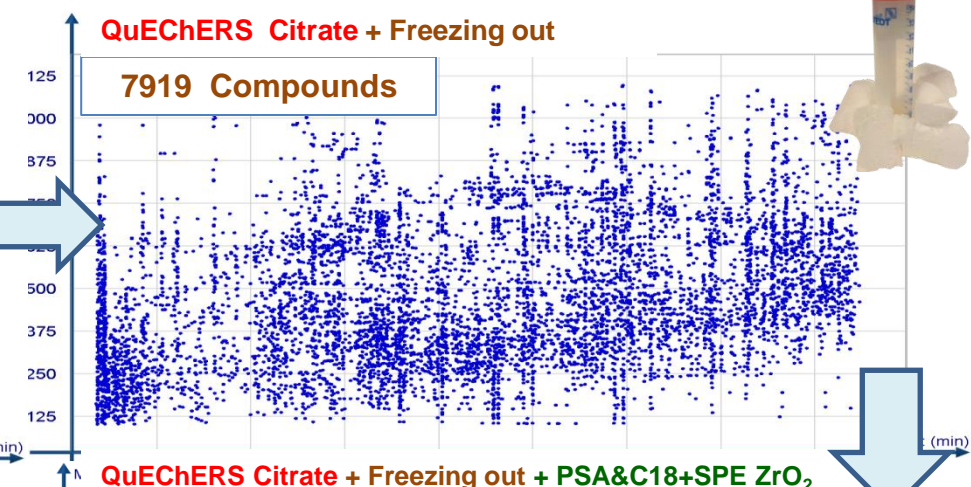
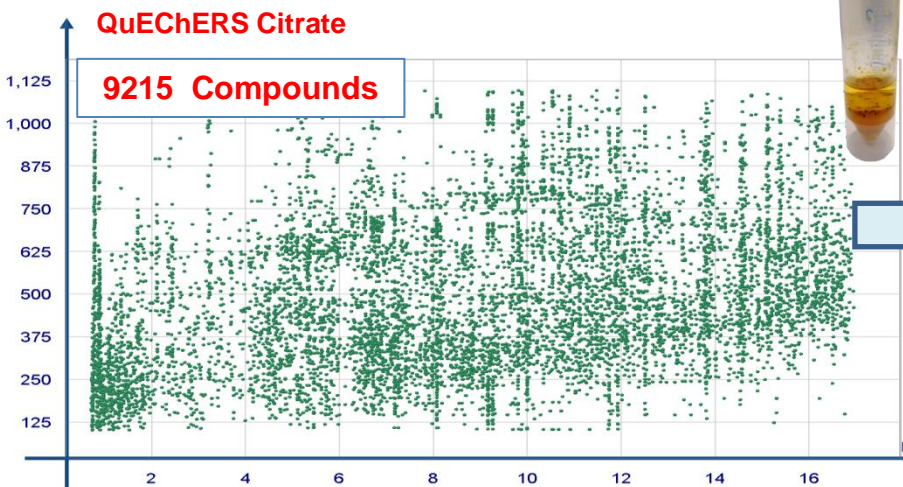


Intra-Day Precision

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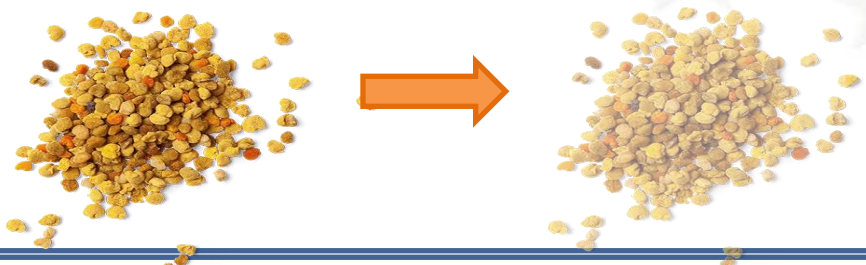


Co-extracted matrix components of **POLLEN** (0.5 g dry sample/ml). LC-QTOF-MS



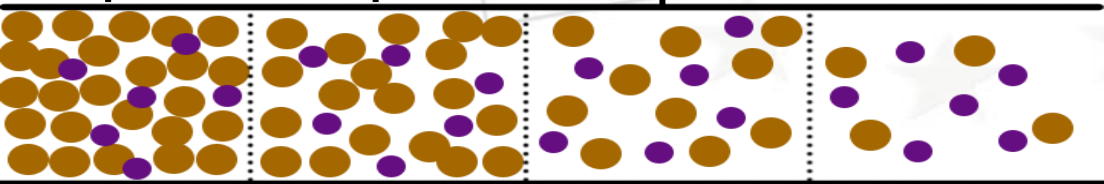
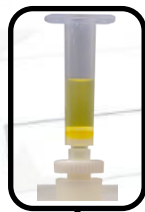
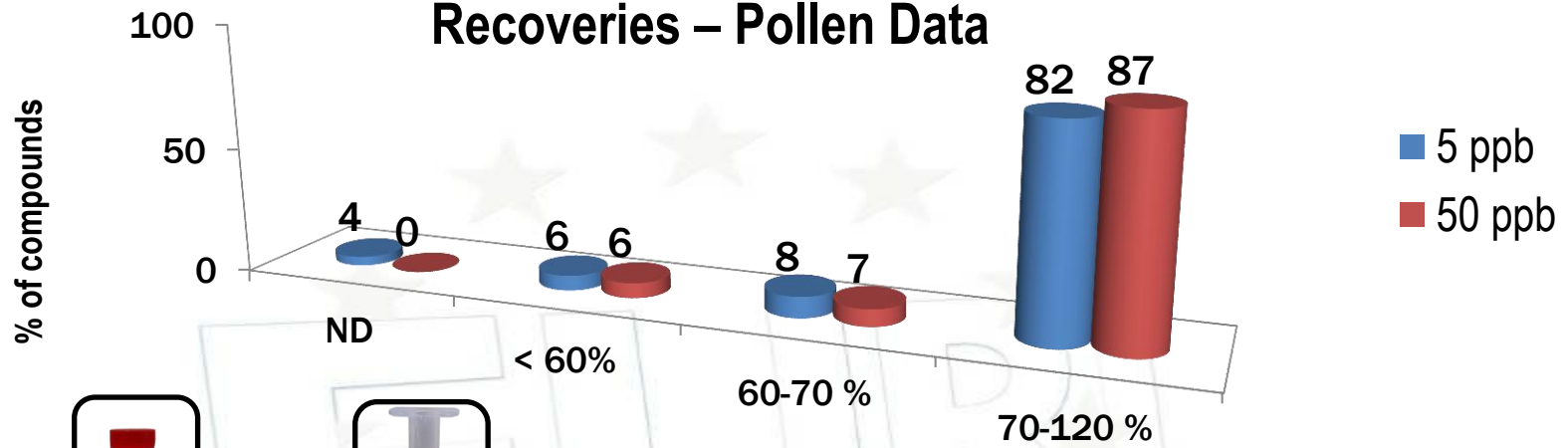
**Multiple Clean up Steps:
- ≈ 7000 Compounds**

BEE POLLEN



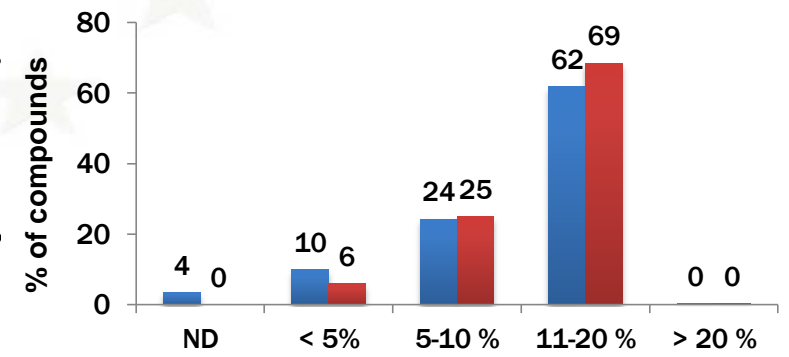
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Recoveries – Pollen Data



Matrix Compounds
Pesticides

Intra-day precision



CONCLUSIONS



- Sample extraction procedures should be adapted in the case of dealing with difficult commodities.
- Fast freezing out can remove a significant number of coextractives in a easy and quick way.
- Cleaner extracts were obtained by the implementation of different sorbents during the validation procedure.





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