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***APPLICATION OF NEW GC AND LC-MS  
APPROACHES TO OVERCOME CURRENT  
ANALYTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN PESTICIDE  
RESIDUE ANALYSIS***



**EURL-FV**

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# A NEW ANALYTICAL APPROACH.....



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COMING!



# **ROUTINE LABORATORIES FOR PESTICIDE FOOD CONTROL**

**Regulated QC Procedures (17025)**  
**Productivity (10-500 samples/day)**  
**Robustness**  
**Fast response (24-48 h.)**

LC-MS/MS  
Low Resolution

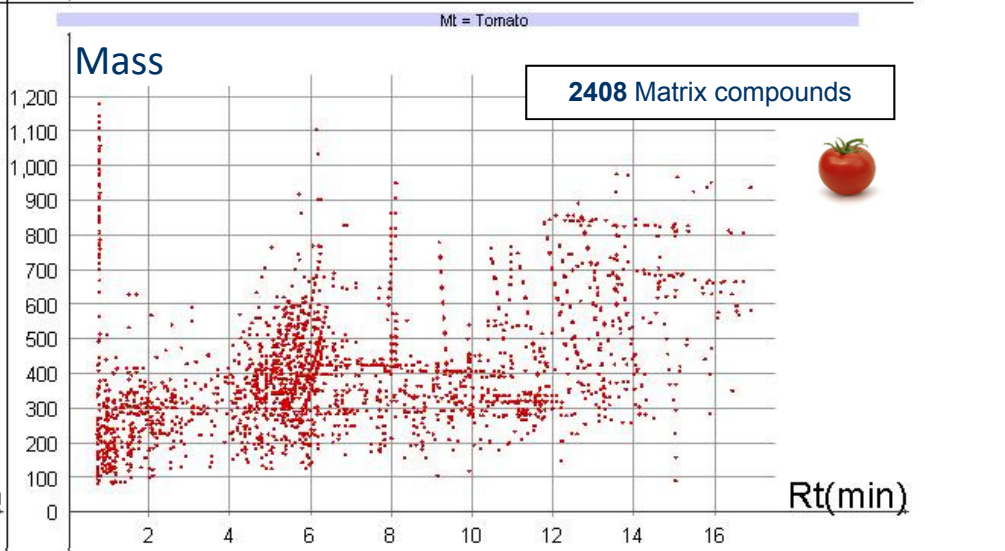
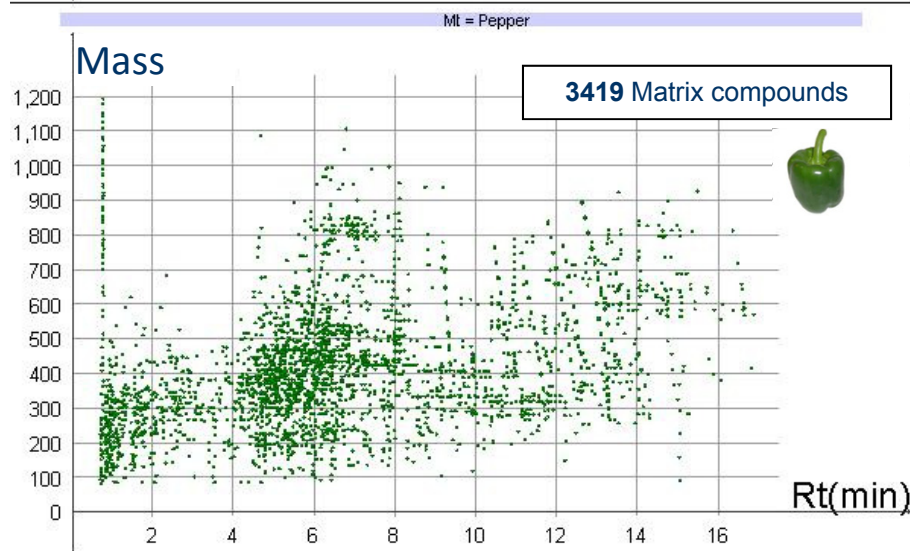
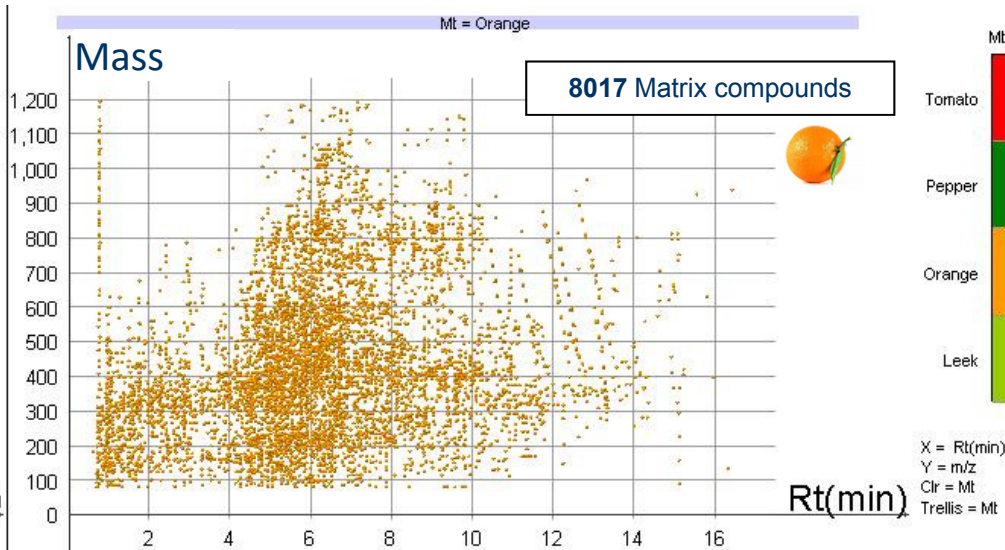
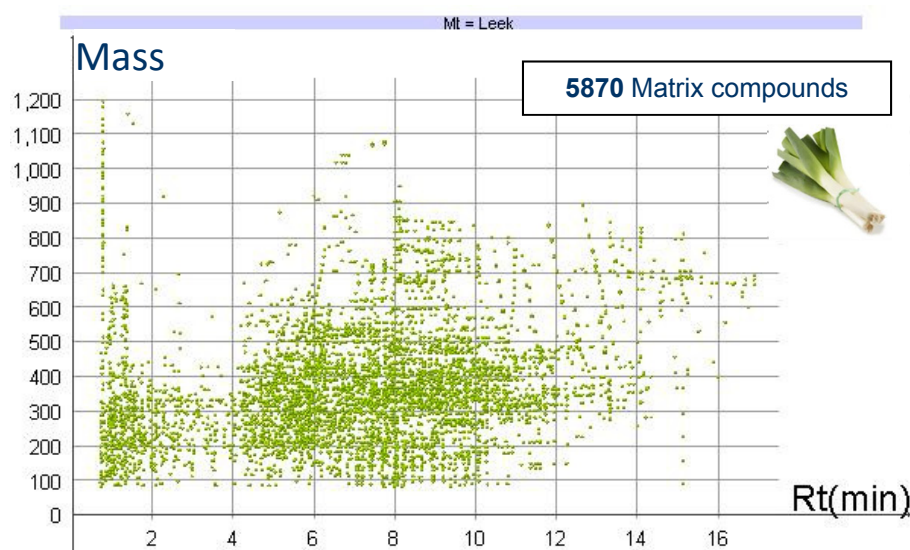


# HIGH SENSITIVE LC-QqQ-MS/MS



# Co-extracted matrix components Agilent LC-TOF-MS

Injected: 1g sample/mL extract



Miner 3D Enterprise

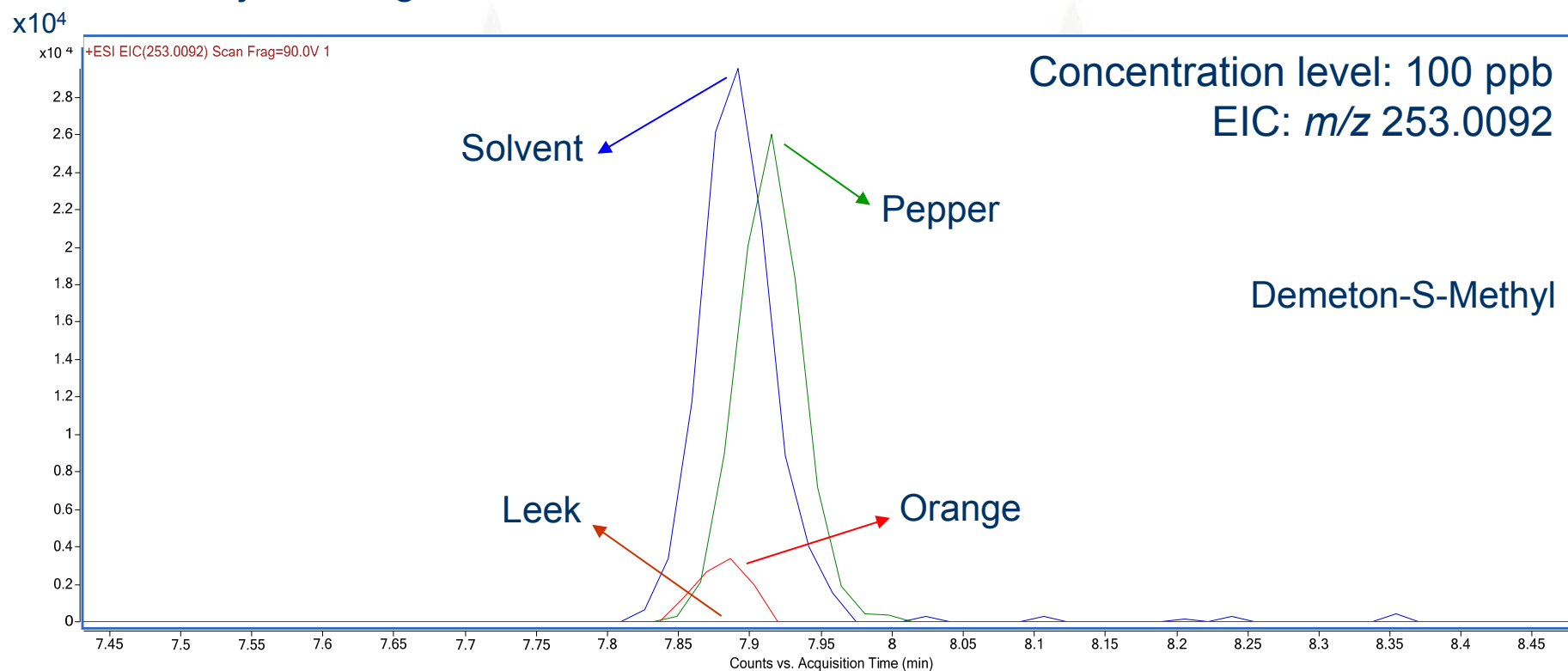
Compounds with absolute height  $\geq 10000$  counts

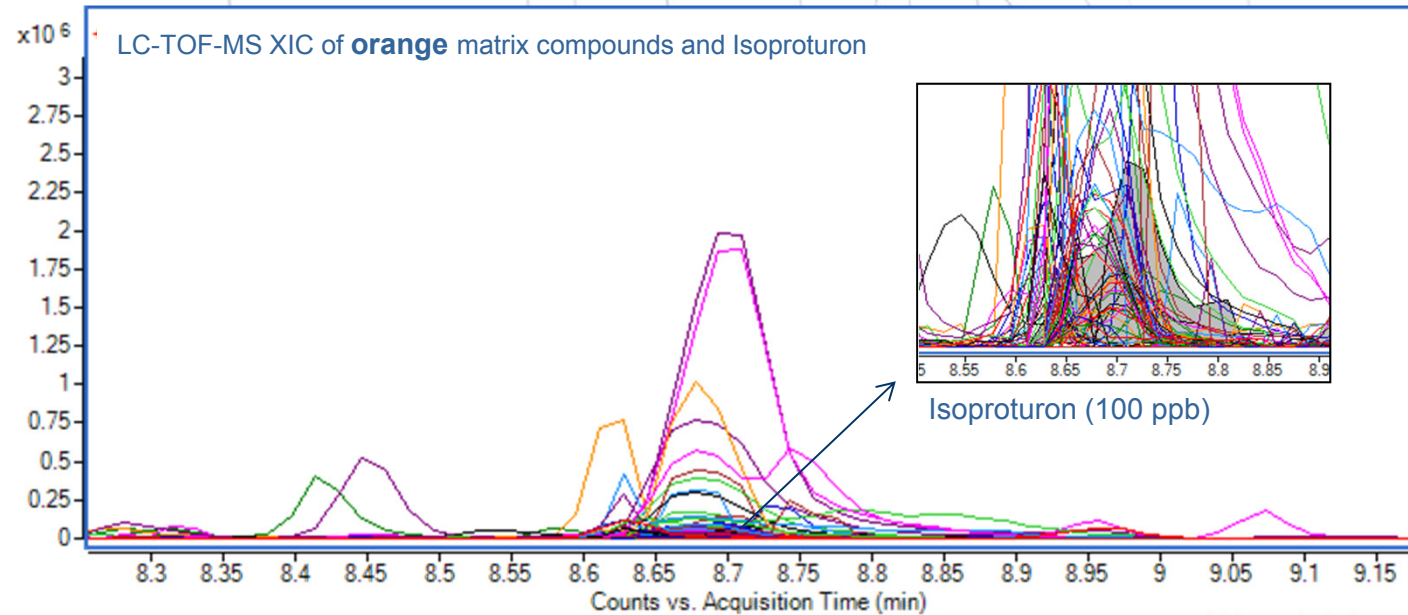
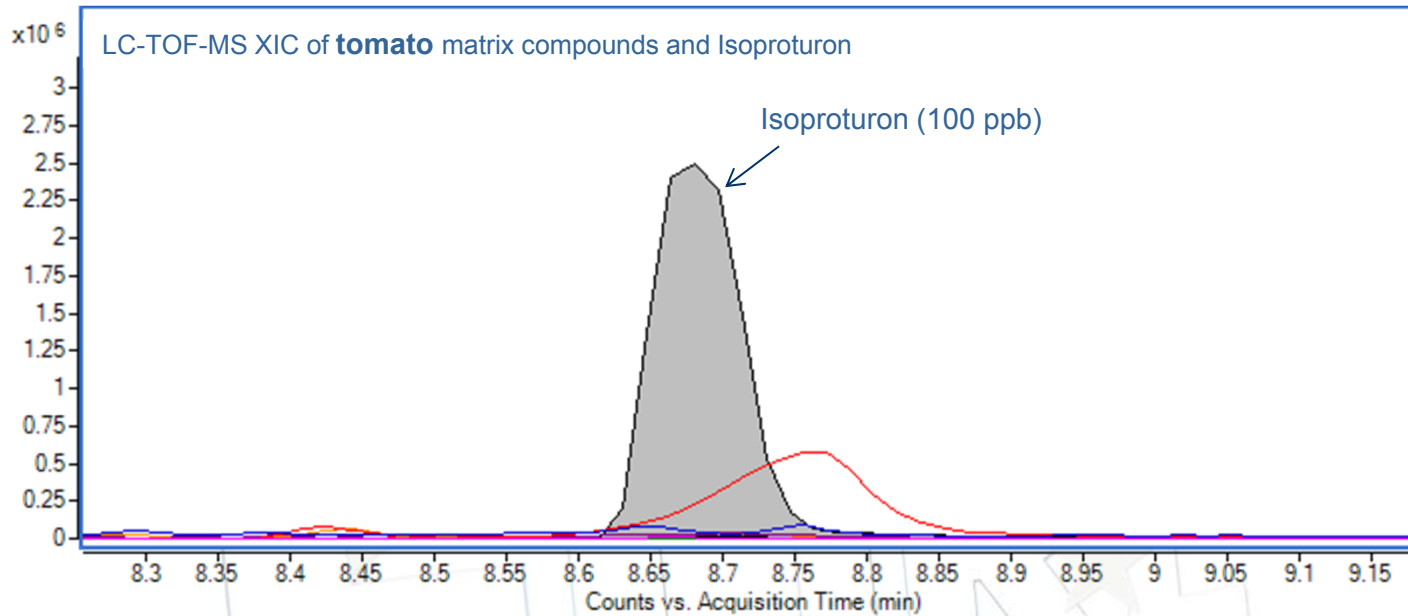
counts

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# Signal suppression due to matrix effects

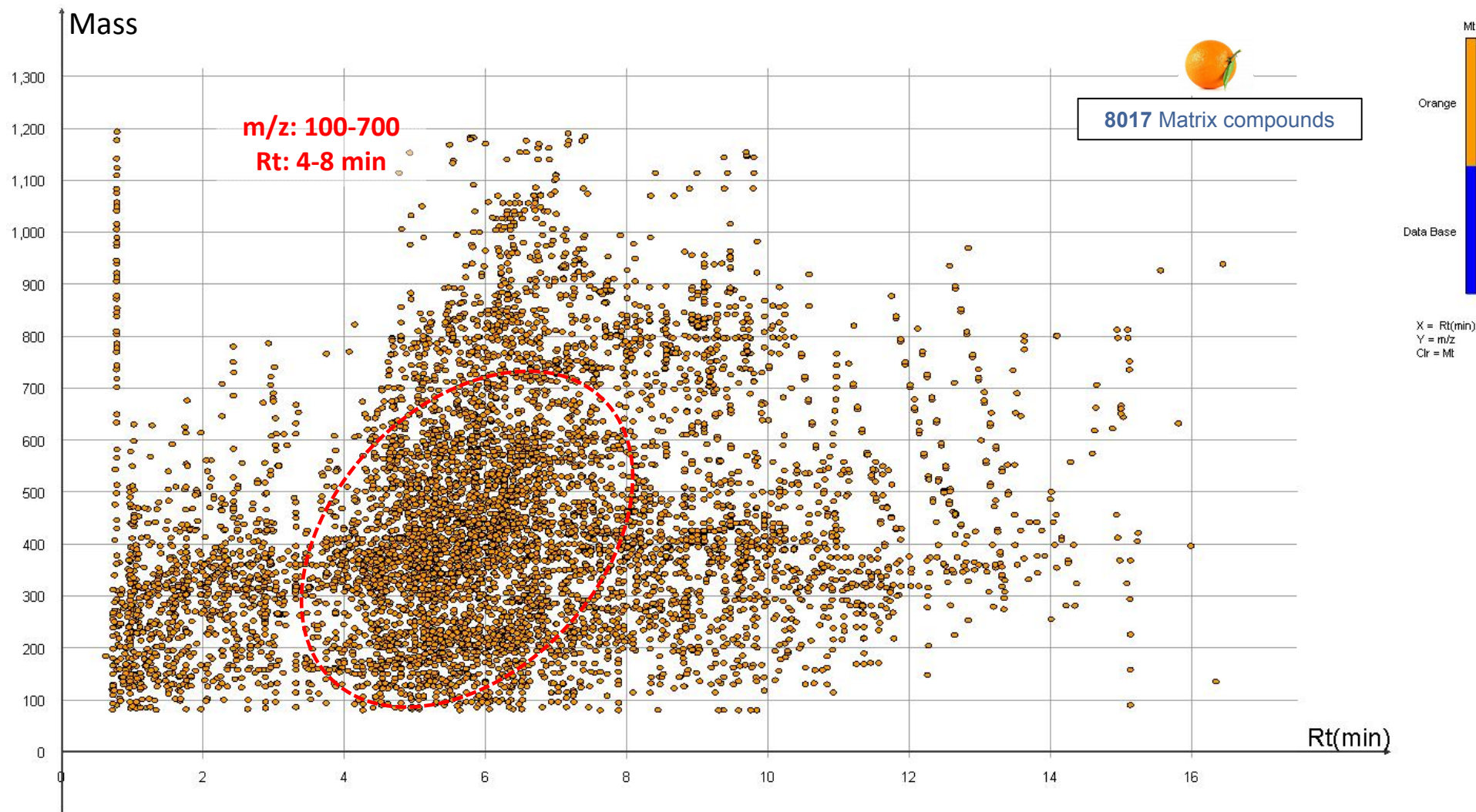
Injection 1g matrix/ml





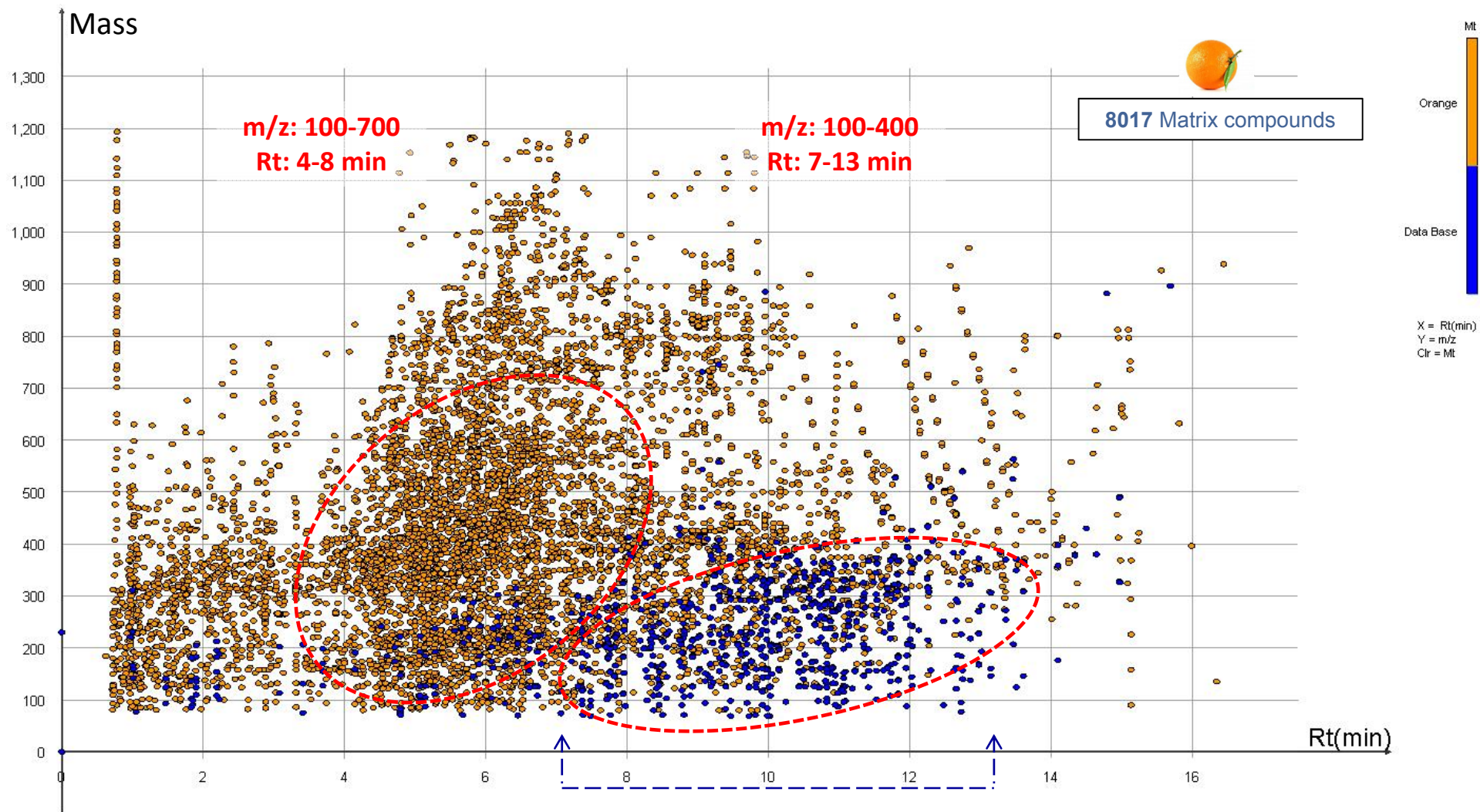


### Co-extracted matrix components LC-TOF-MS of orange



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### Data base components- orange matrix compounds



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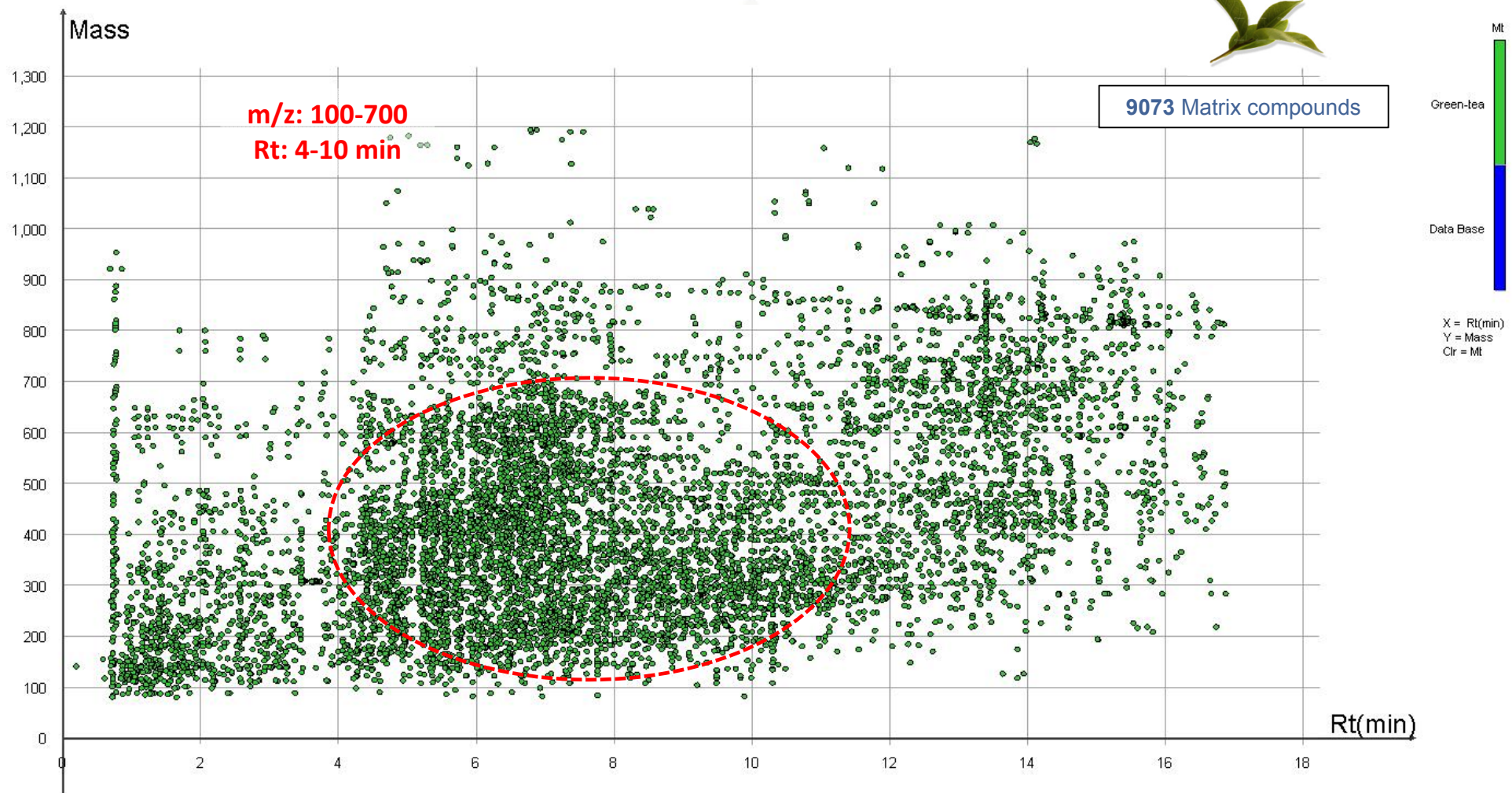
DB: 750 components

Orange: 2743 matrix compounds

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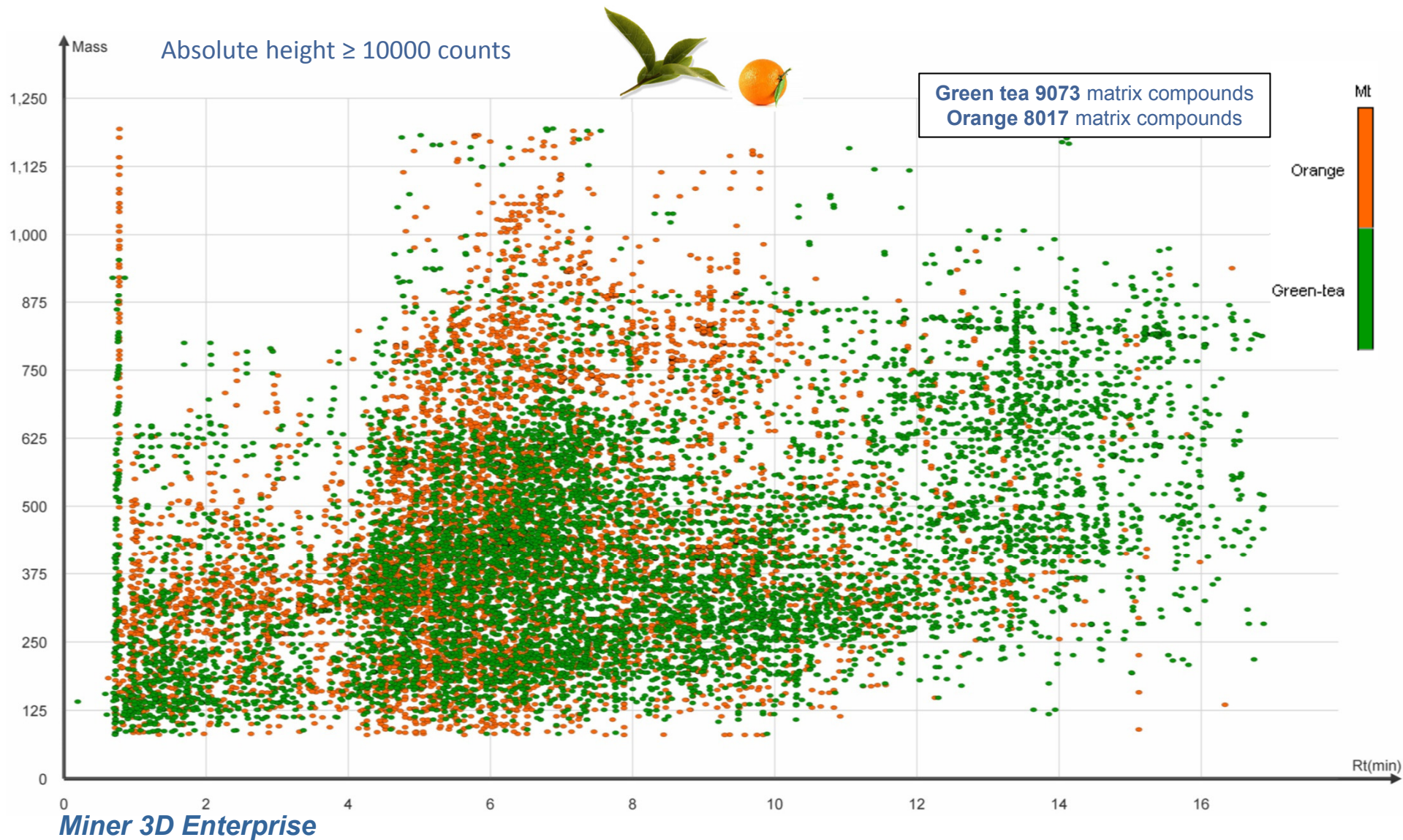


### Co-extracted matrix components of green-tea

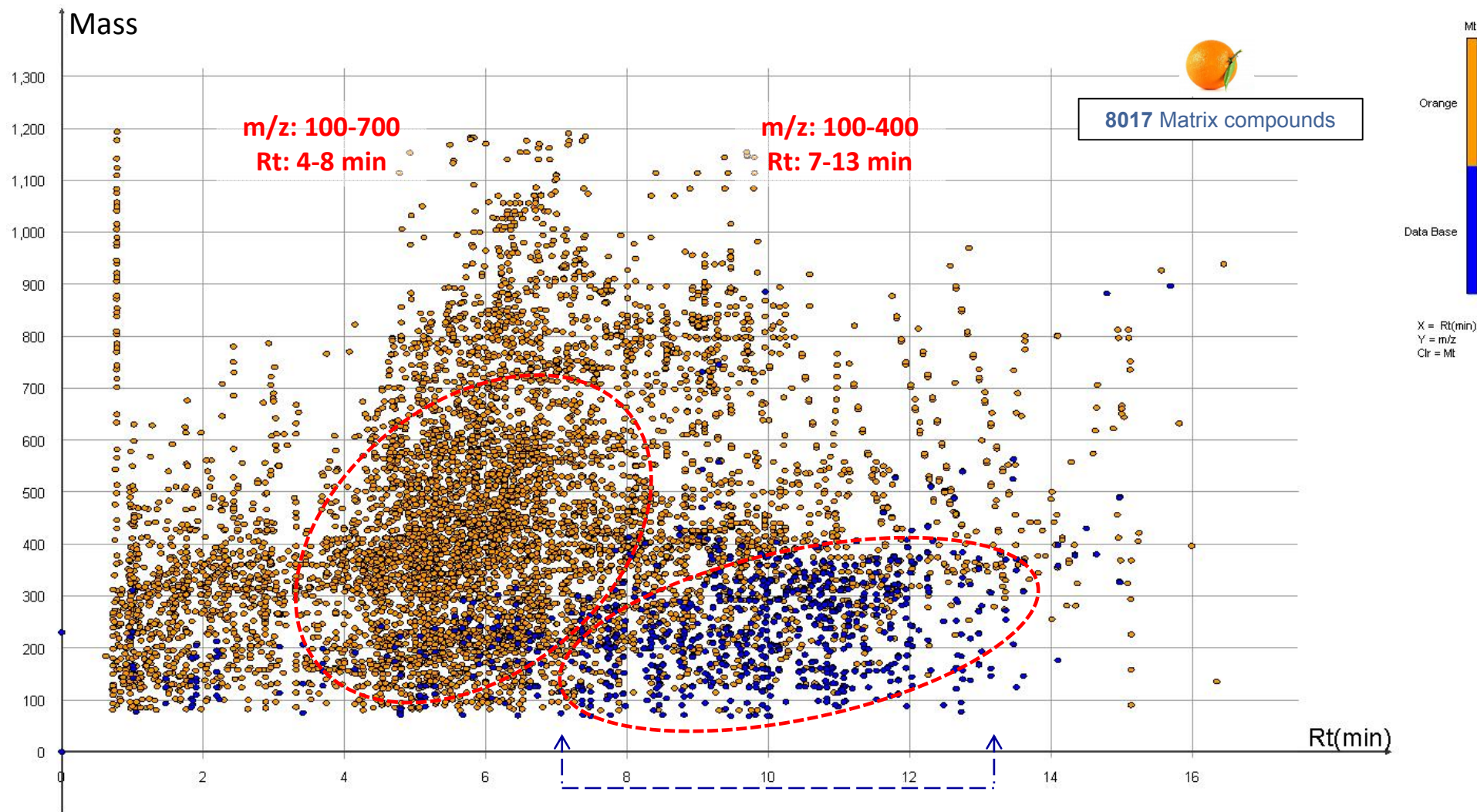




### Co-extracted matrix components of green-tea and orange. LC-TOF/MS



### Data base components- orange matrix compounds (1 g/mL)



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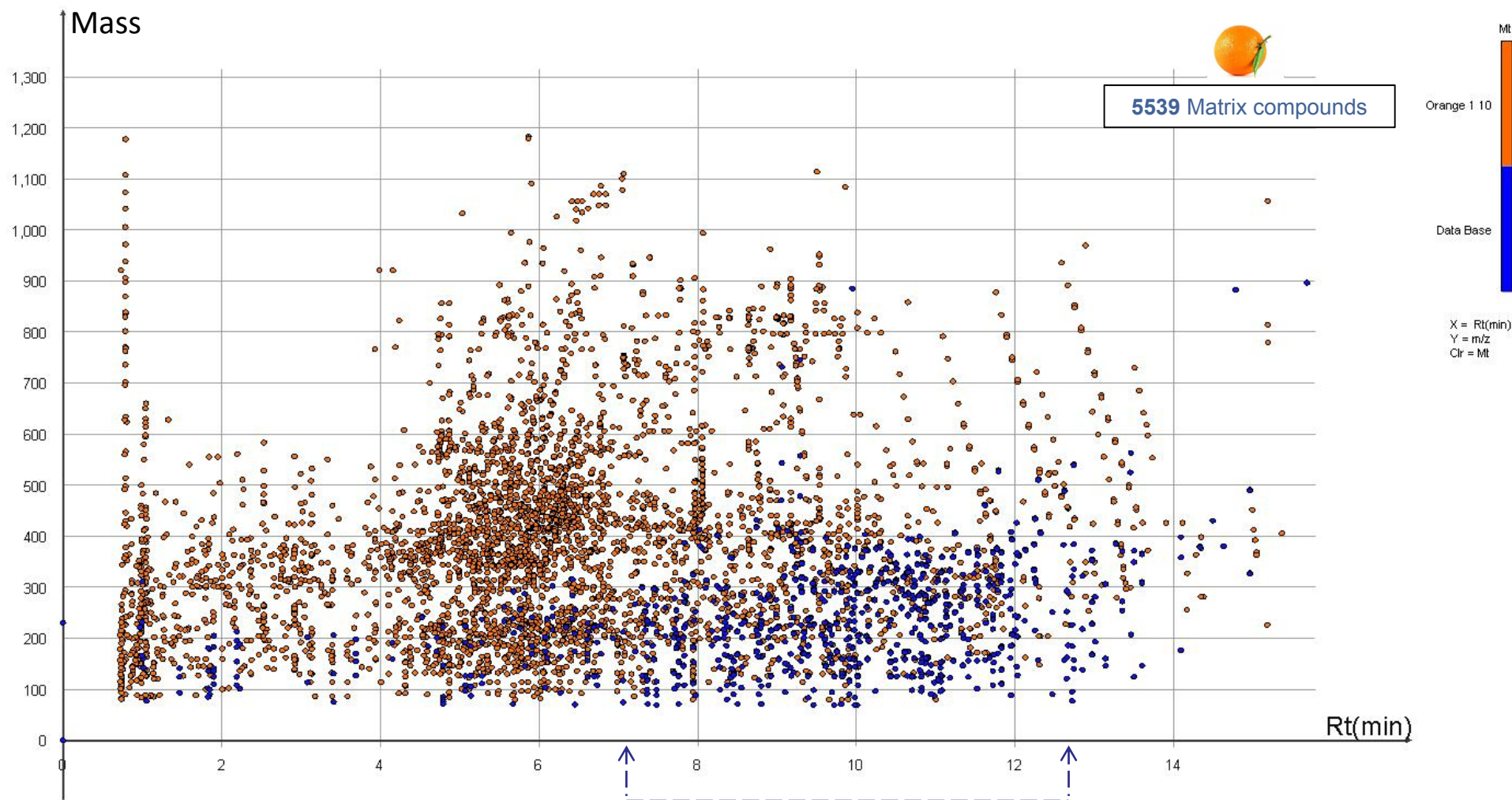
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Orange: 2743 matrix compounds

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### Data base components- orange matrix compounds. Dilution 1:10



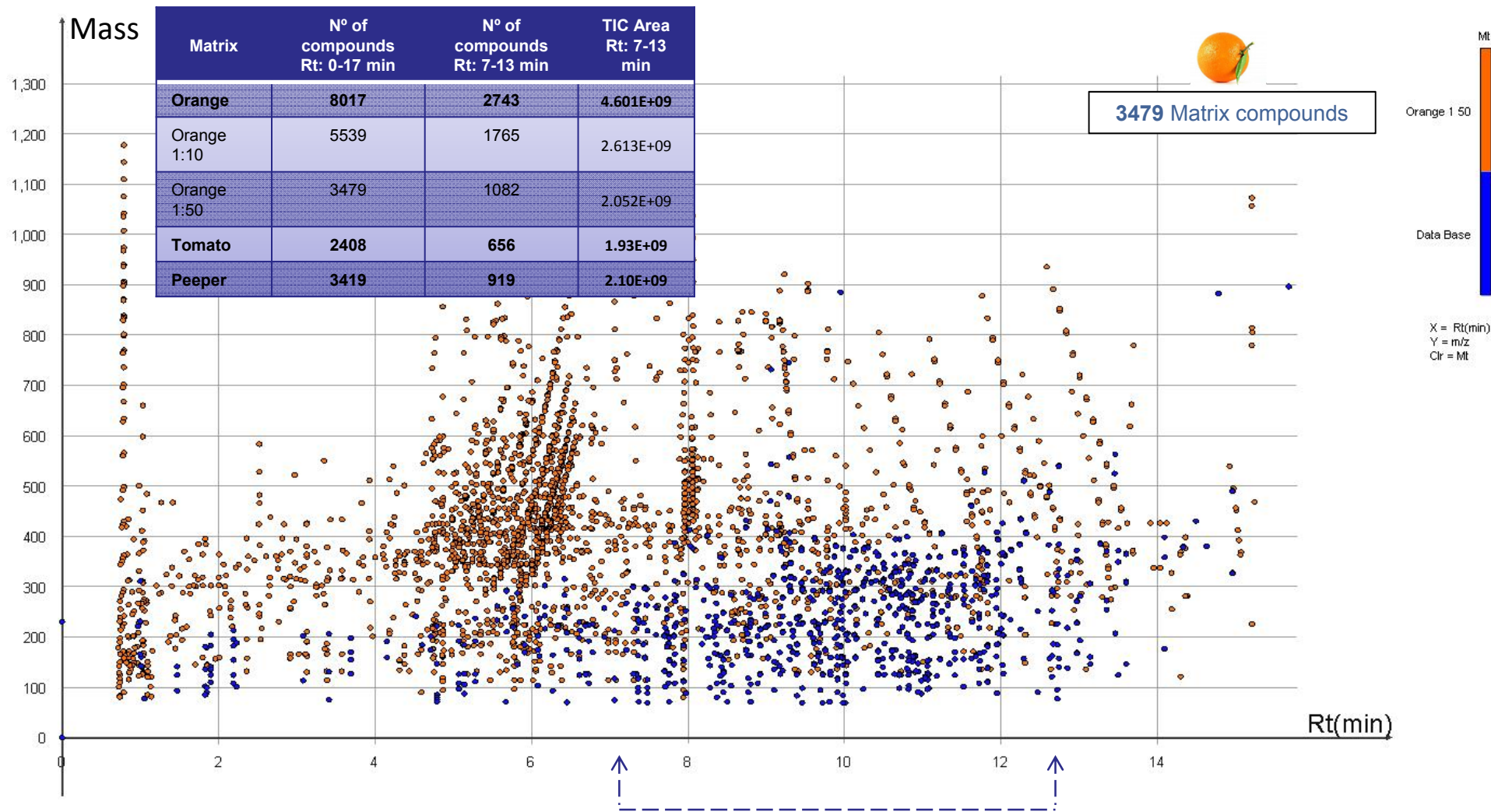
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DB: 750 components

Orange: 1765 matrix compounds

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## Data base components- orange matrix compounds. Dilution 1:50



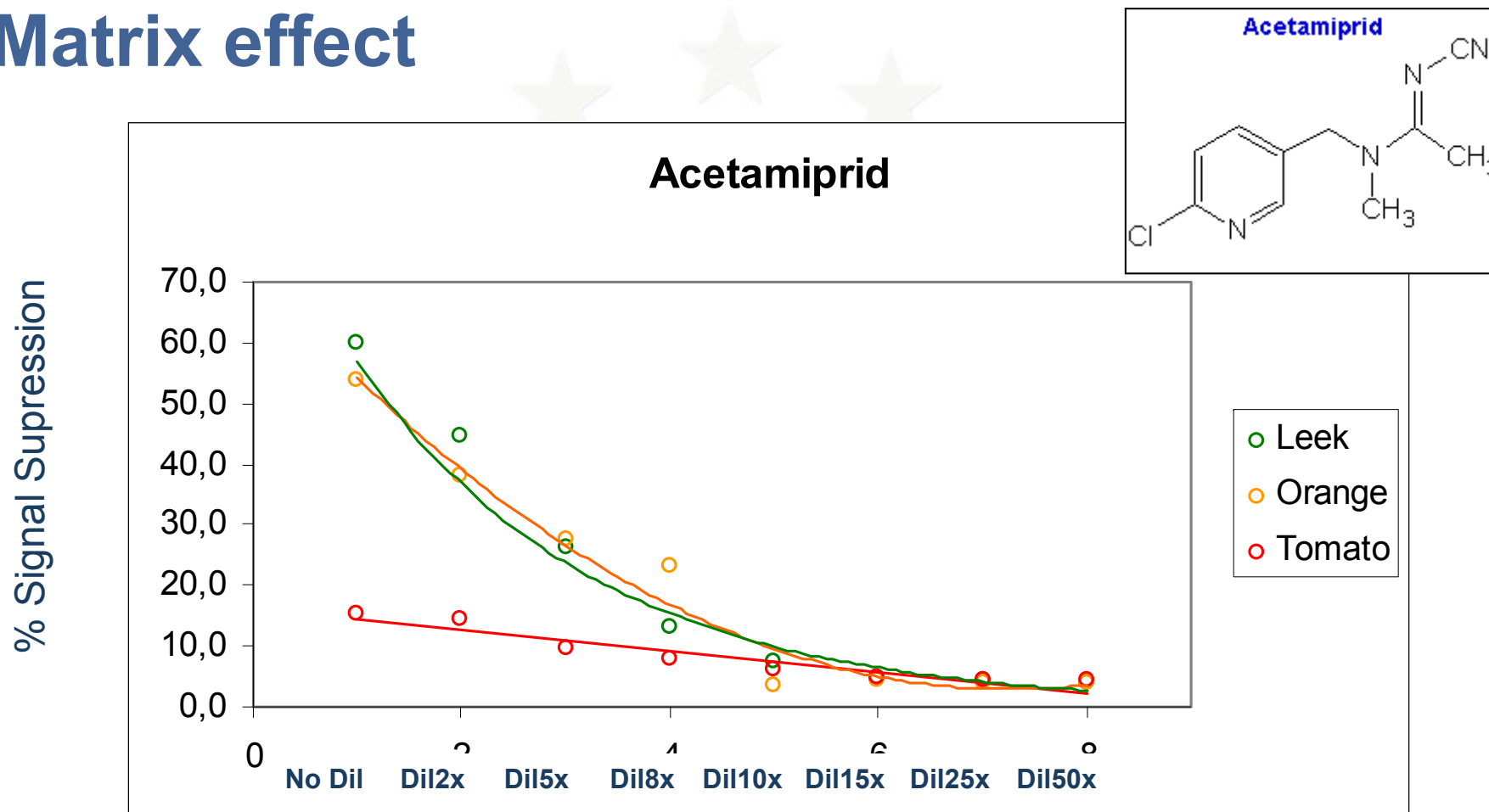
Miner 3D Enterprise

DB: 750 components

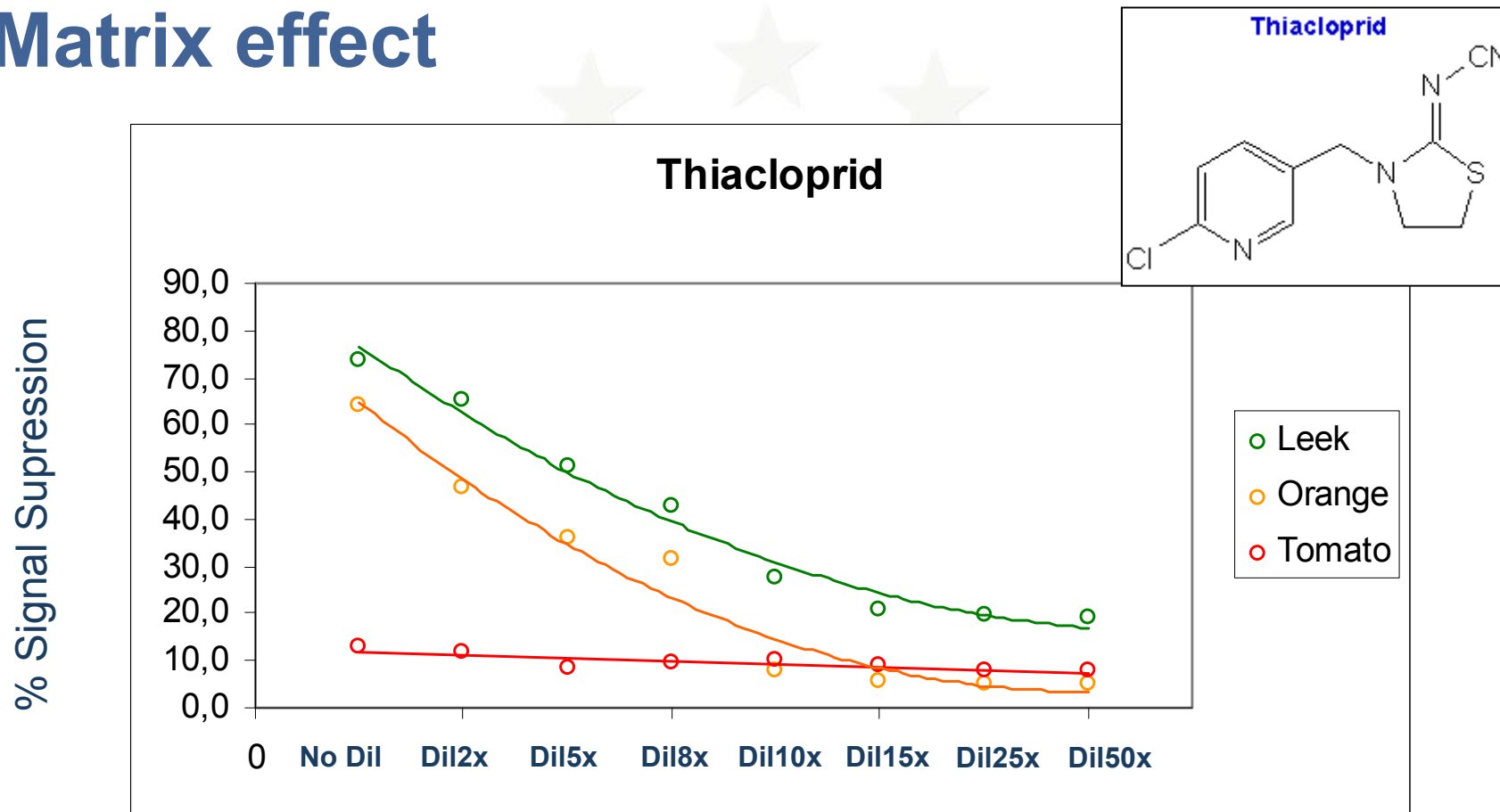
Orange: 1082 matrix compounds

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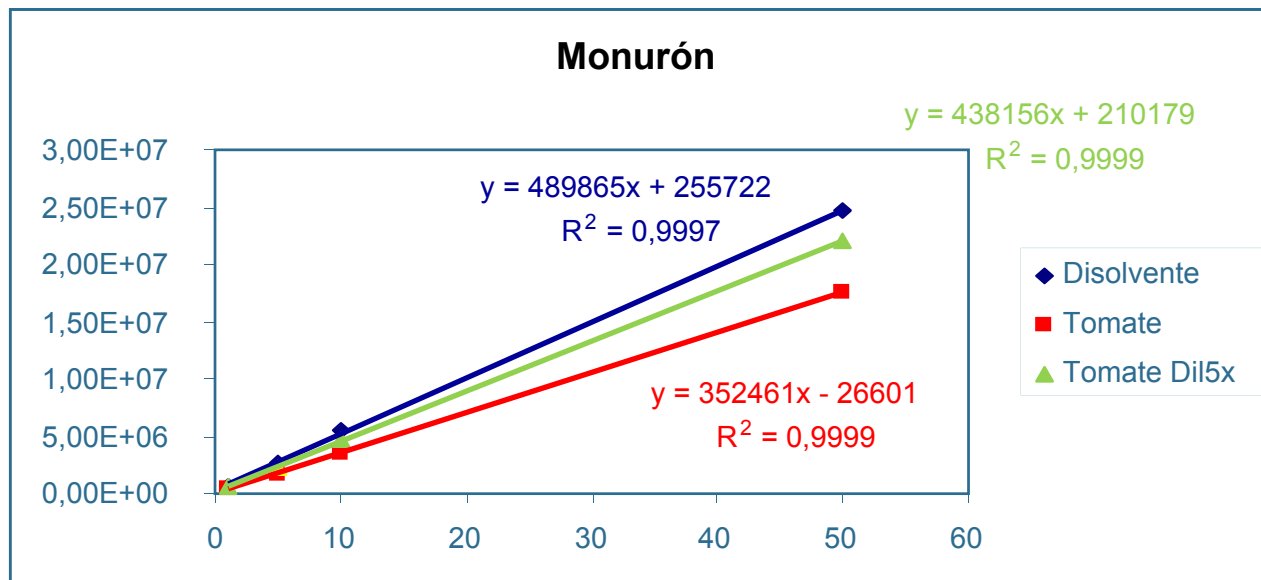
# Matrix effect



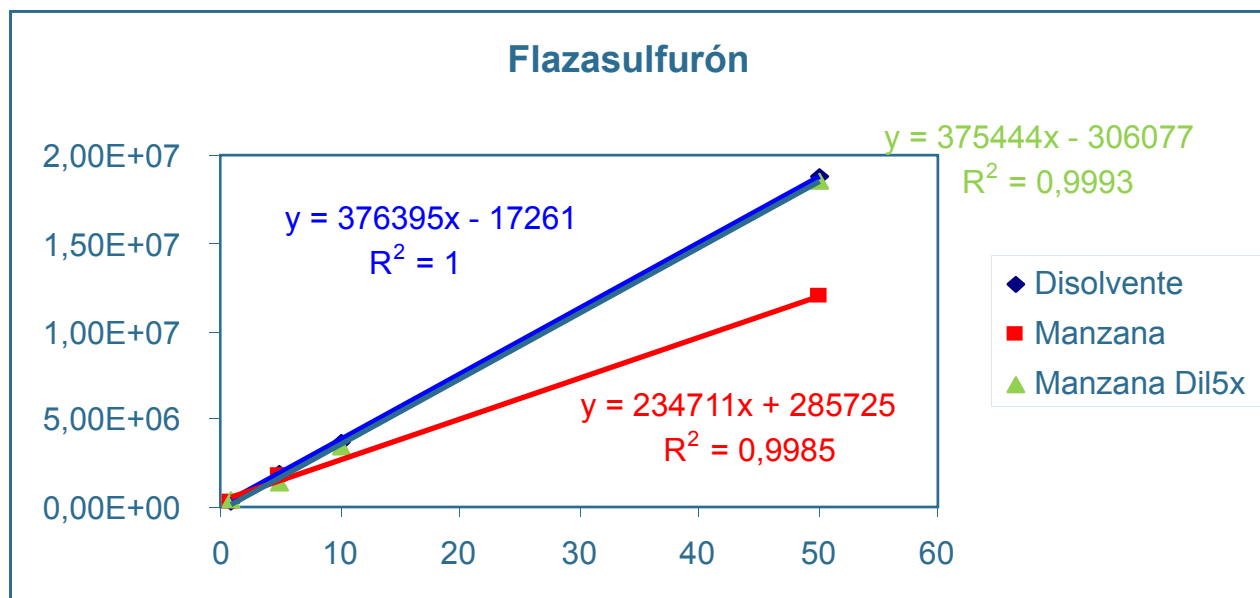
# Matrix effect







Tomato



Apple

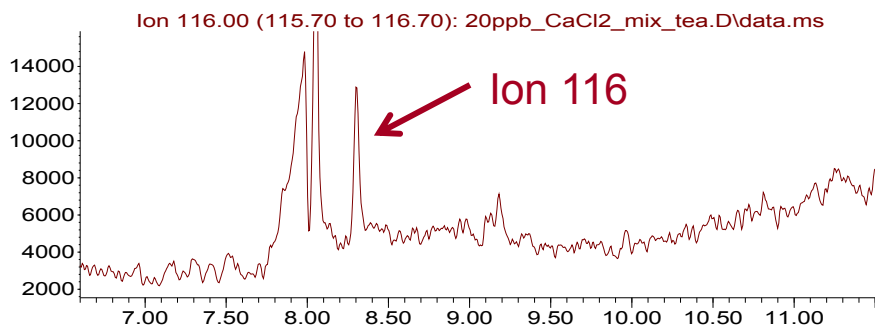
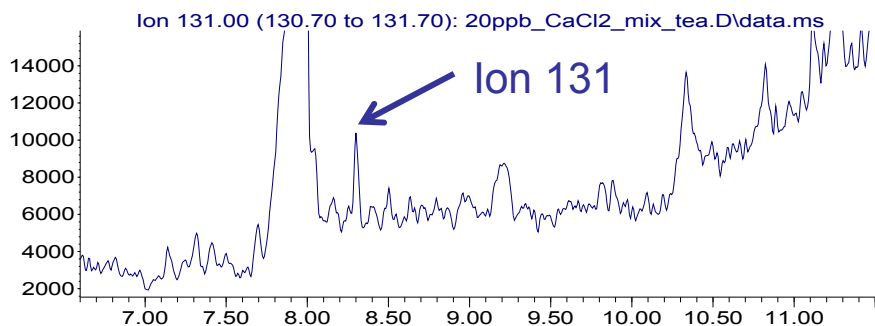
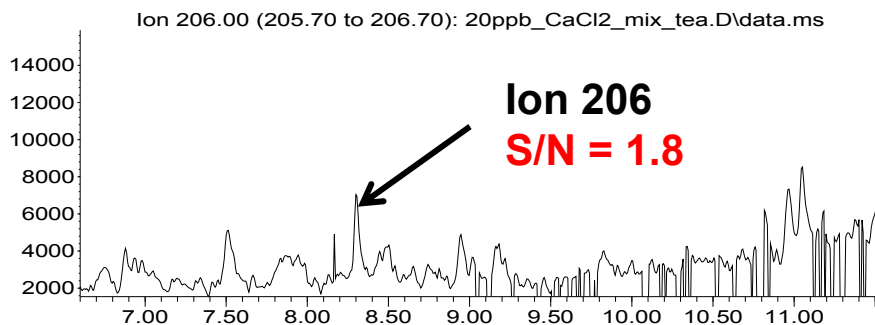


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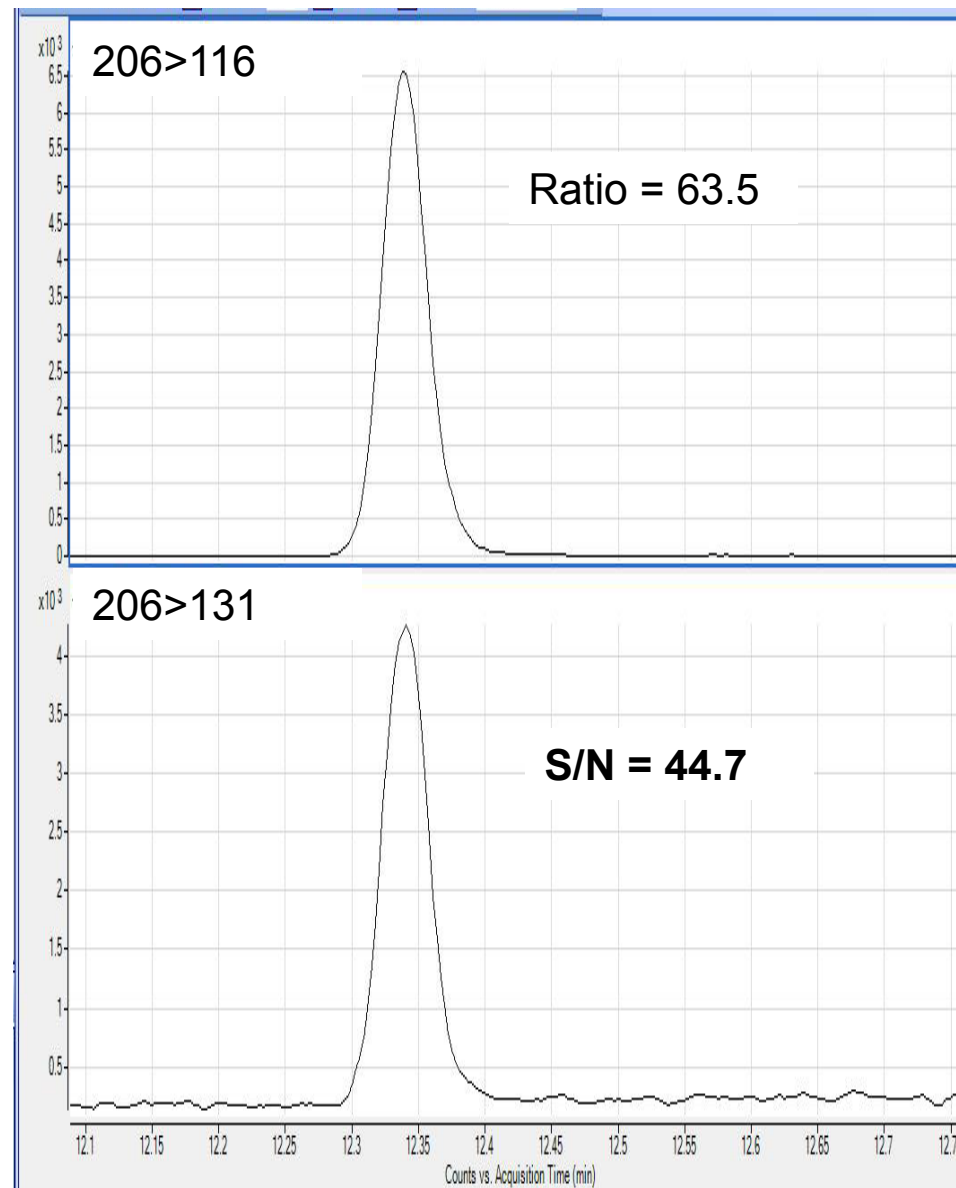
## Kresoxim-Methyl 20 µg/L in Green Tea

Agilent 5975 GC-Q-MS

Agilent 7000 GC-QqQ-MS/MS



Time-->

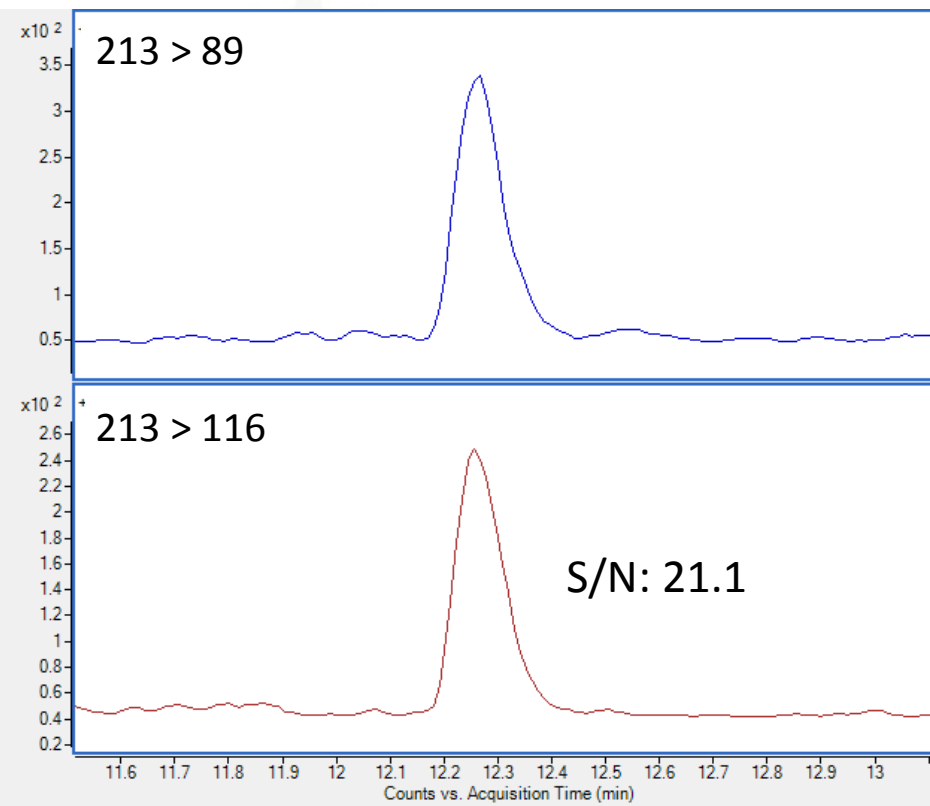
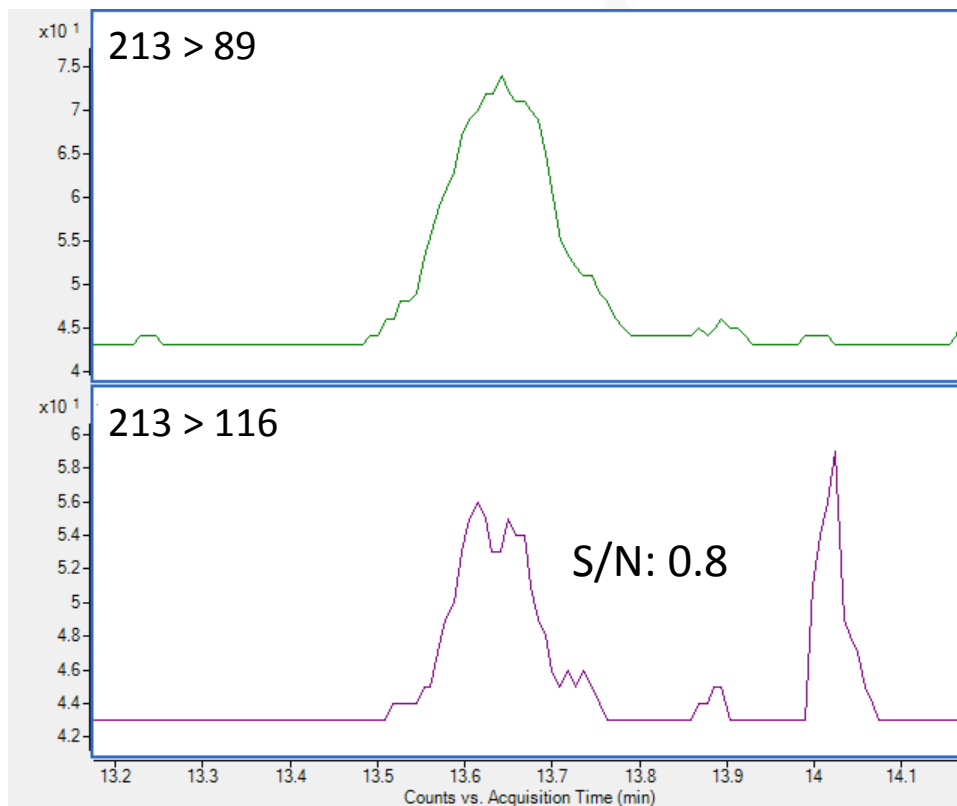


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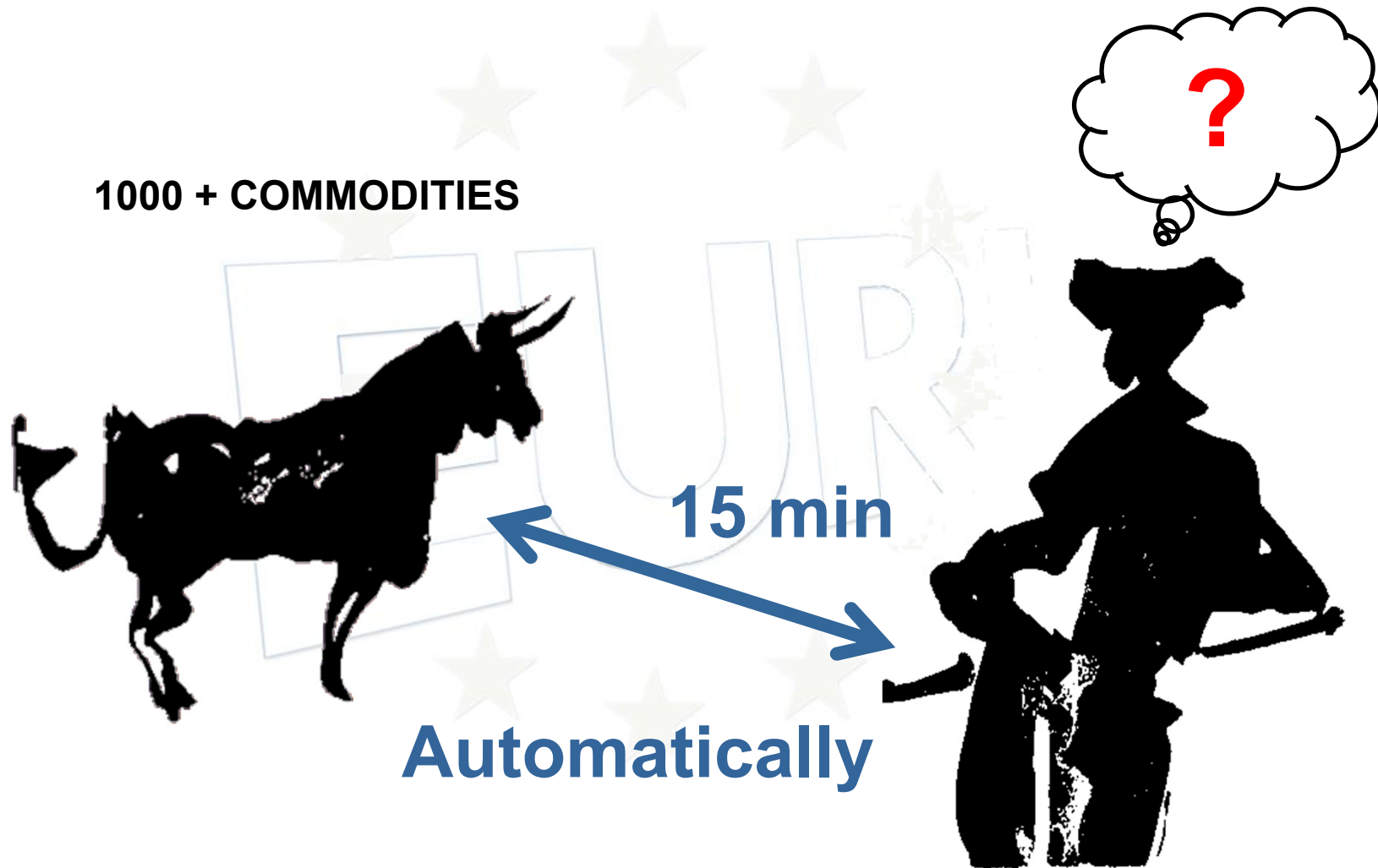
## Aldicarb

Orange at 10ppb  
LC-QQQ-MS/MS Agilent **6410**

Orange at 10ppb **dilx10**  
LC-QQQ-MS/MS Agilent **6490**

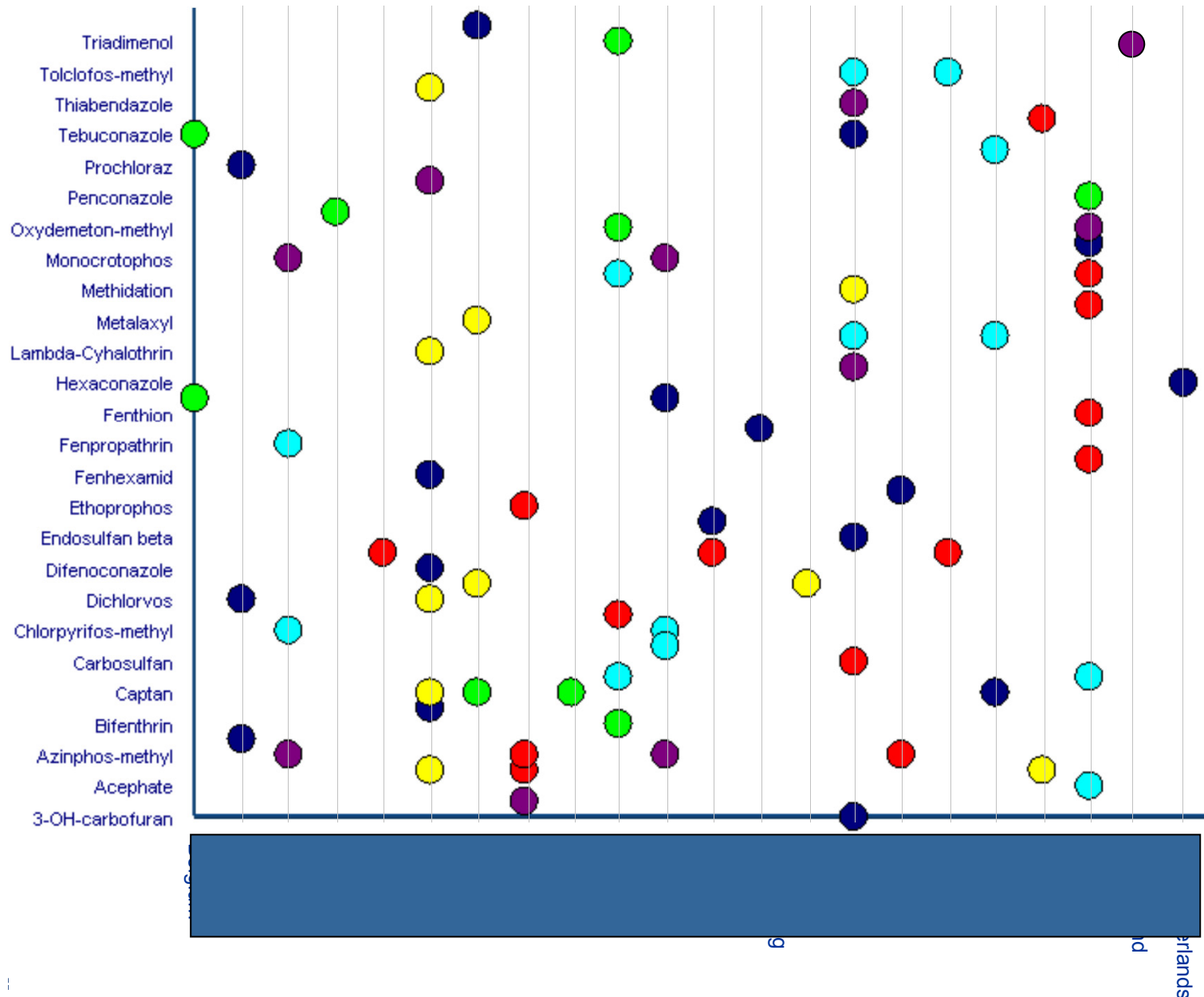


1000 + COMMODITIES





# False +



EUPT No.

FV9 

FV10 

FV11 

FV12 

FV13 

FV14 

77 results  
0.4%

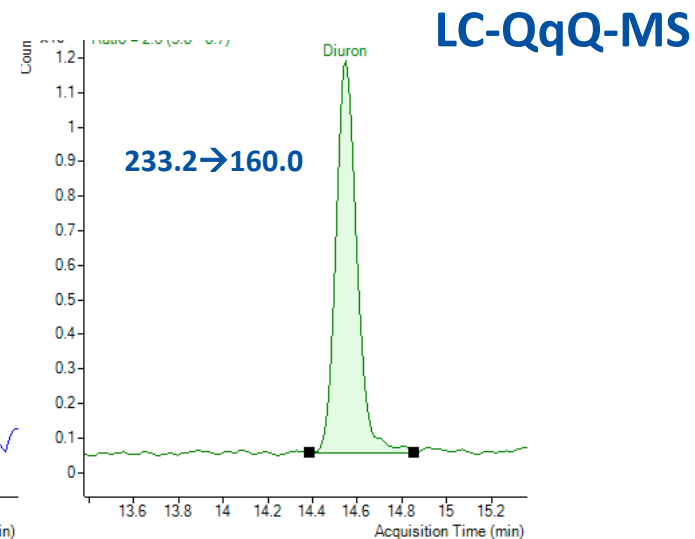
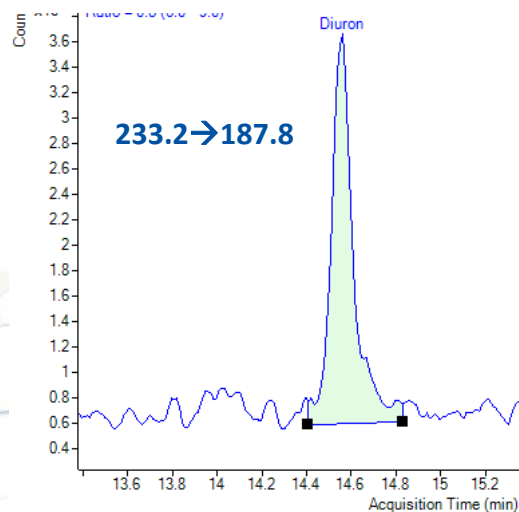
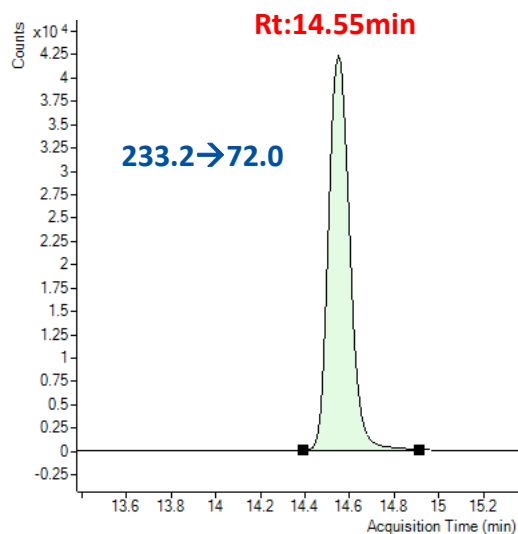


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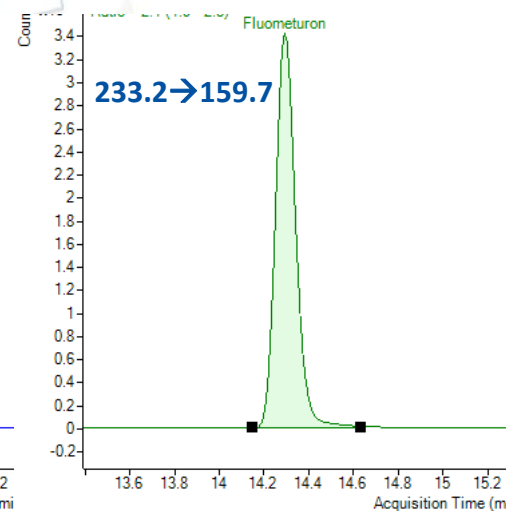
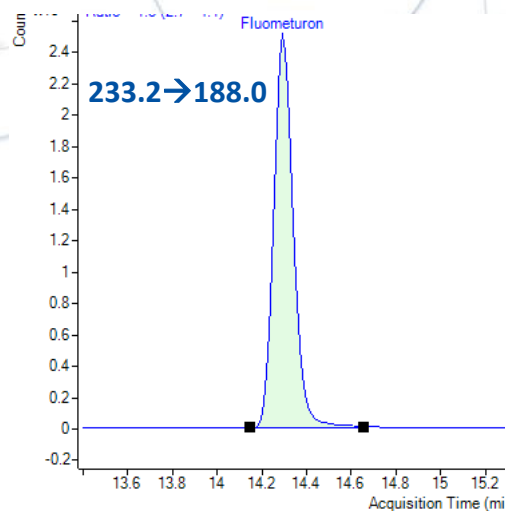
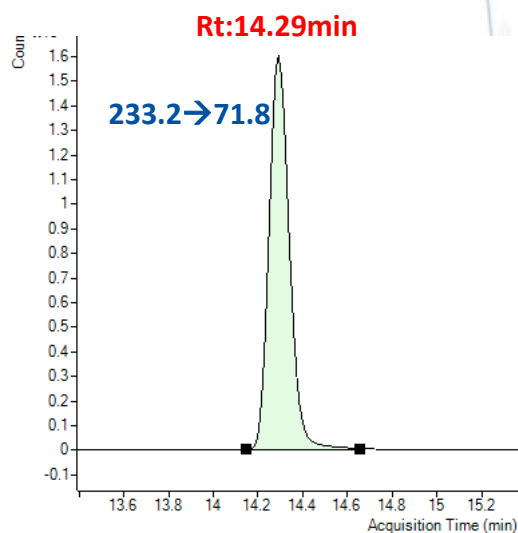
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## Other reported pesticides

### Diuron Standard in solvent



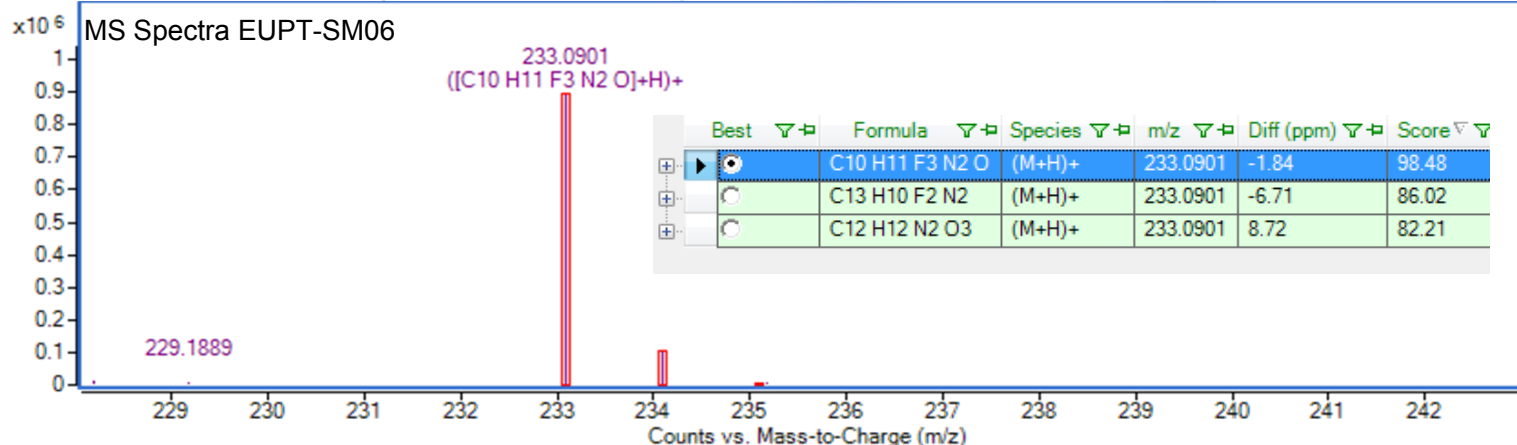
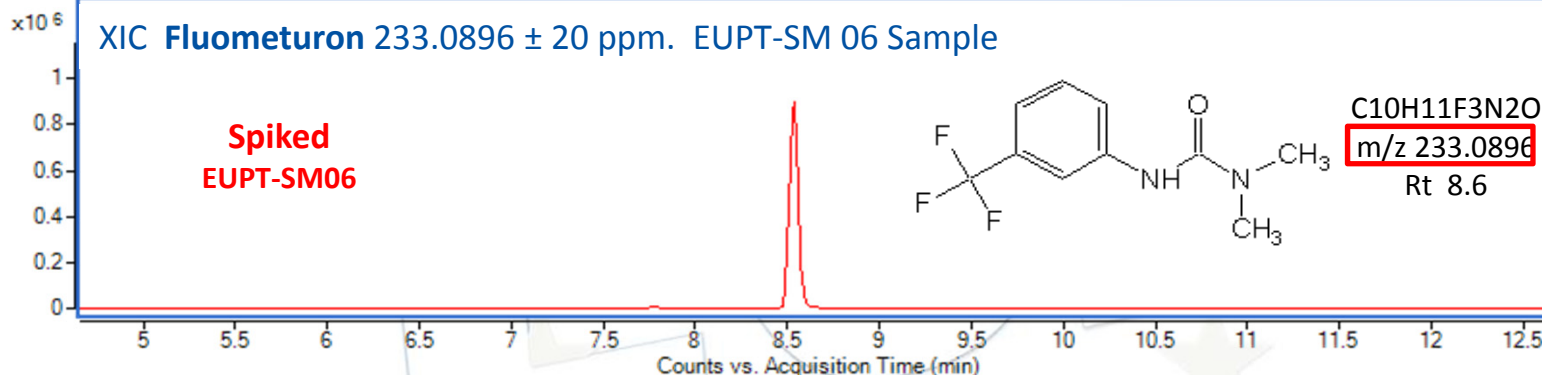
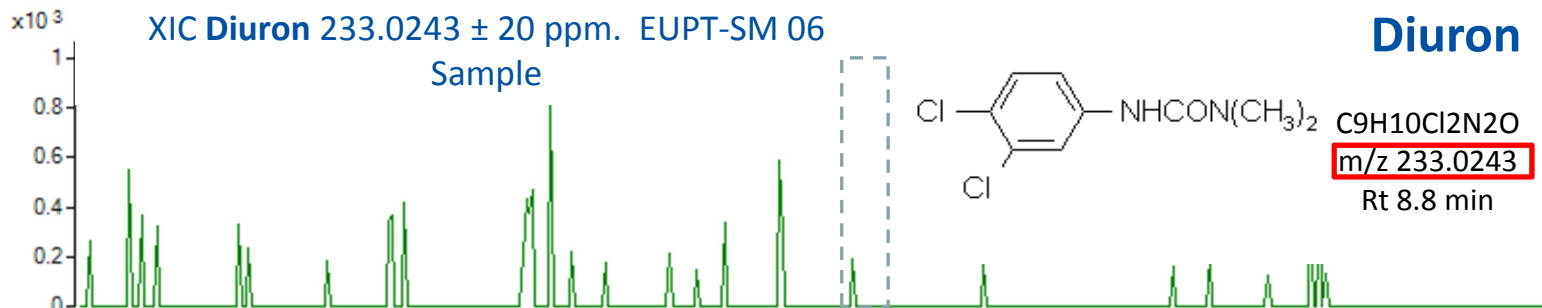
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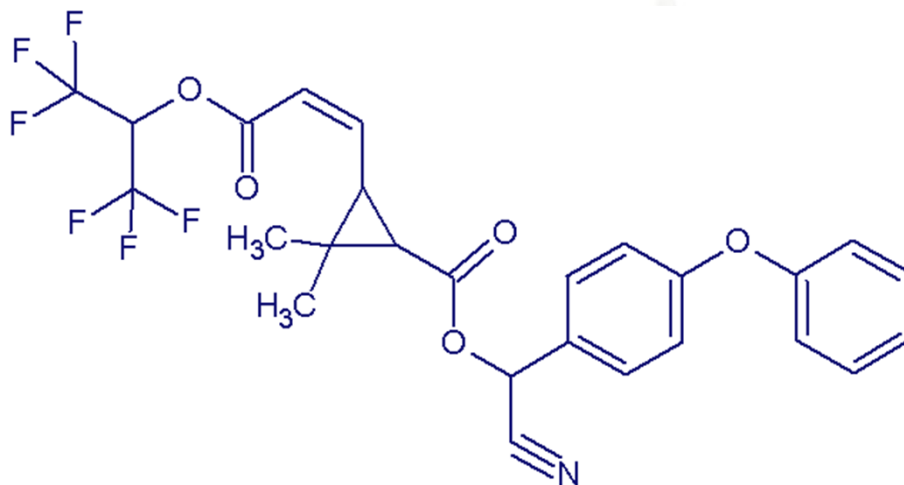
# Other reported pesticides

LC-TOF -MS

Diuron

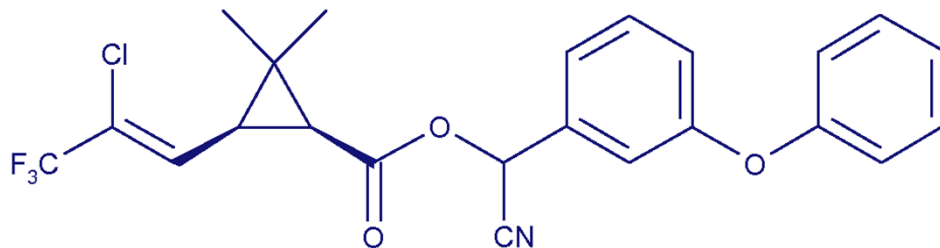


## Acrinathrin



$C_{26}H_{21}F_6NO_5$   
 Mw 541,4

## Lambda Cyhalothrin



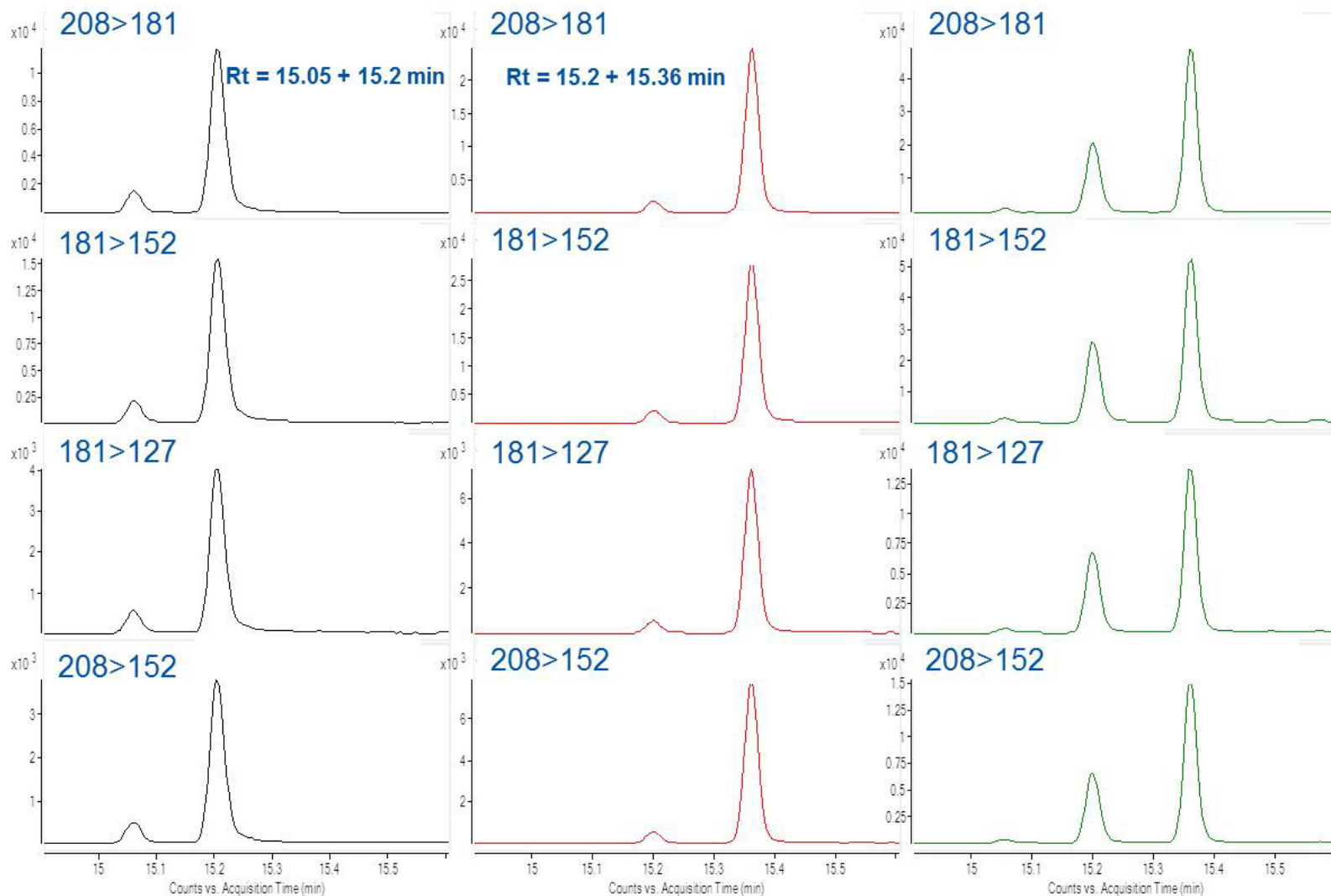
$C_{23}H_{19}ClF_3NO_3$   
 Mw 449,9

# GC-QQQ-MS/MS

**λ-Cyhalothrin**

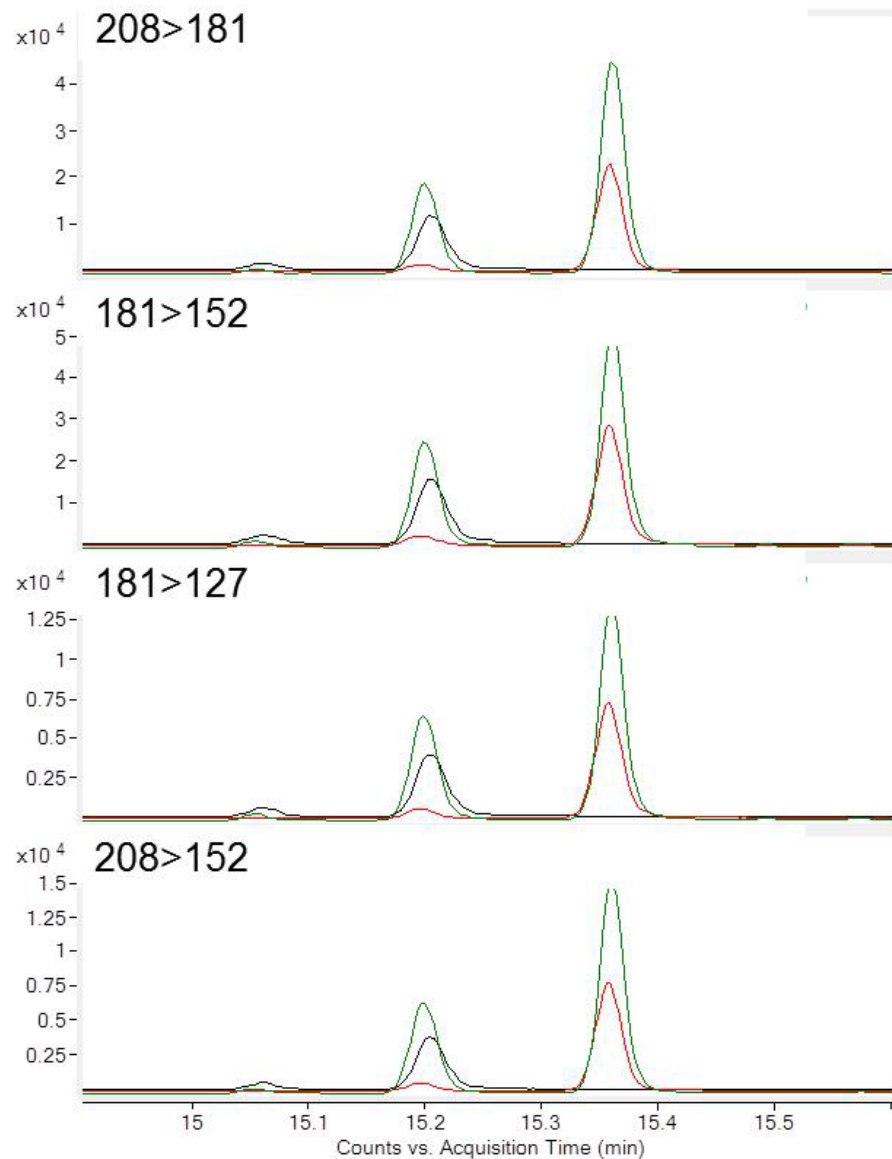
**Acrinathrin**

**Pepper Sample**  
(EUPT-FV16 Sample 015)



# GC-QQQ-MS/MS-Overlapped

$\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin  
Acrinathrin  
Pepper Sample  
(EUPT-FV16  
Sample 015)

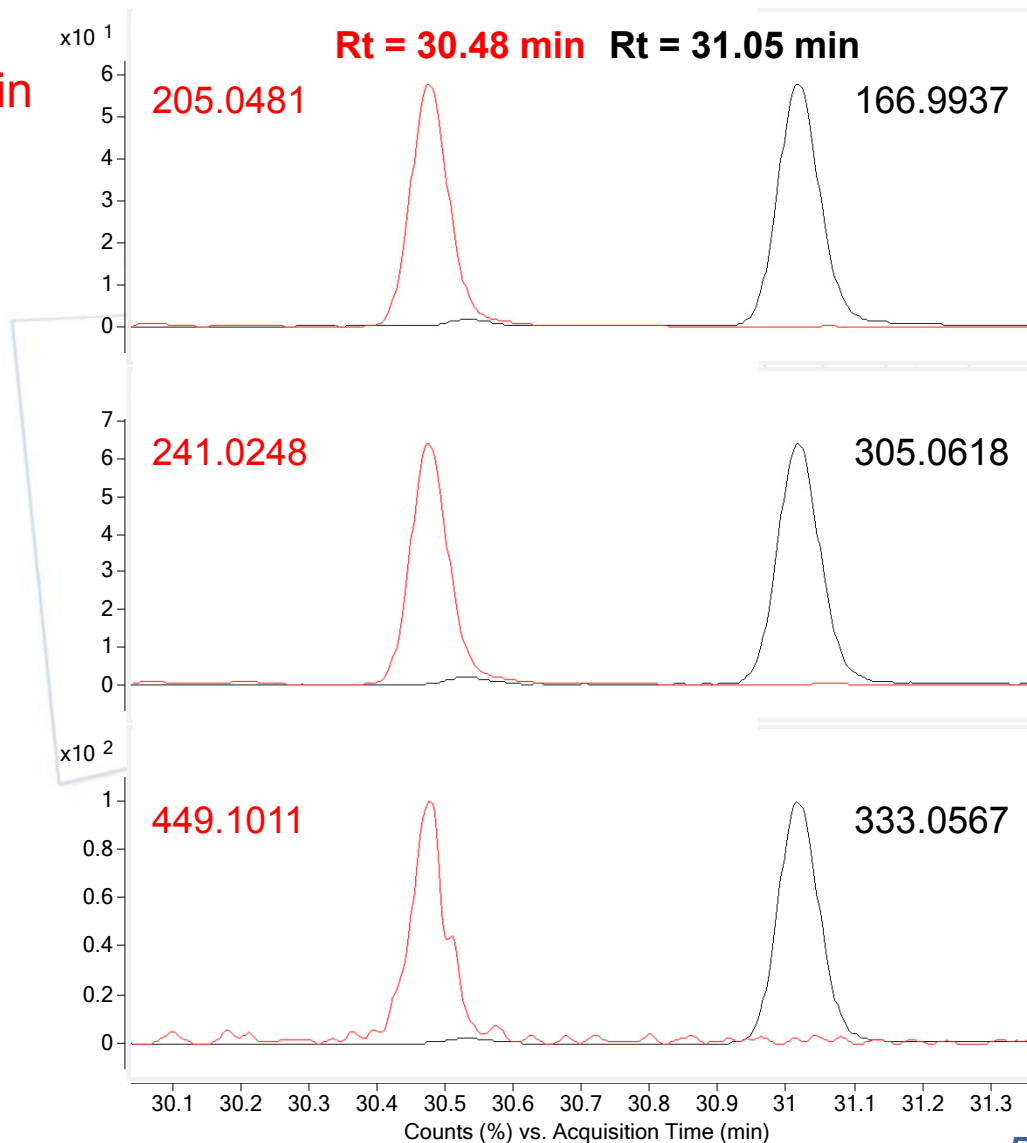


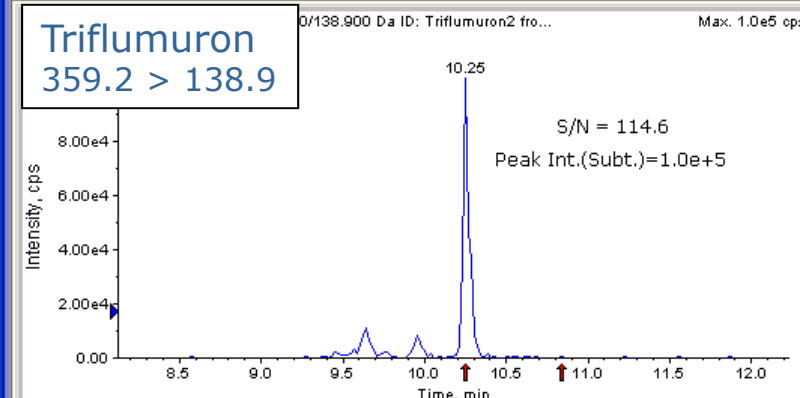
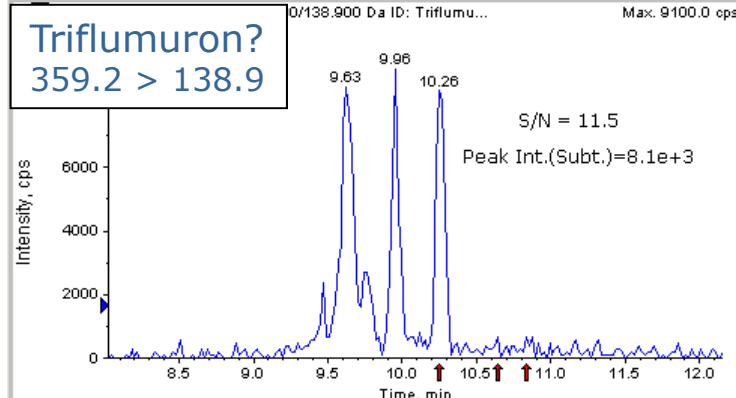
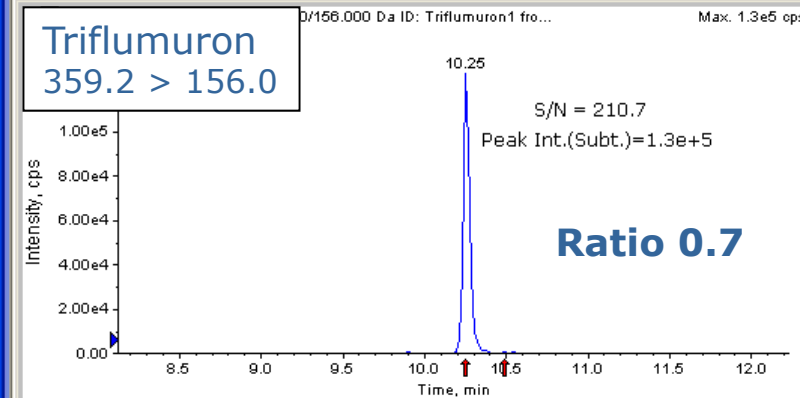
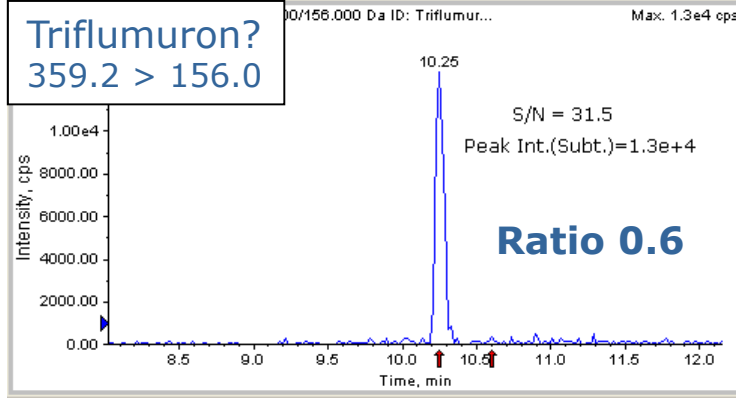
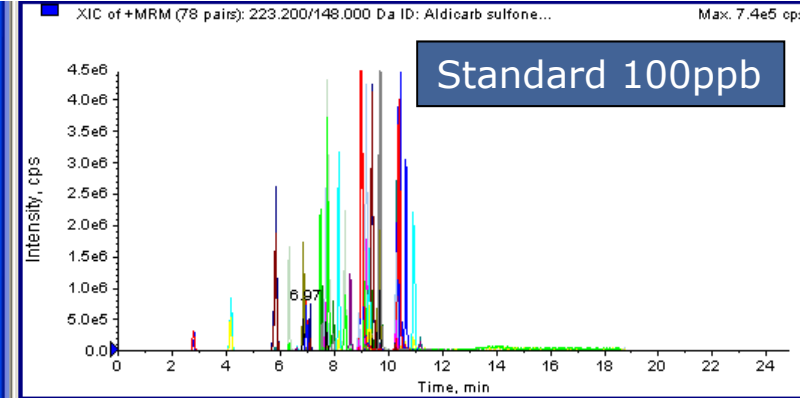
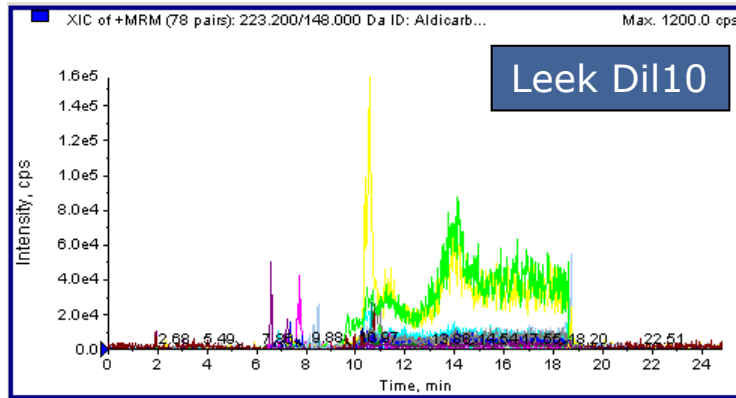


# GC-QTOF (NCI) Pepper Sample (EUPT-FV16 Sample 015)

$\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin

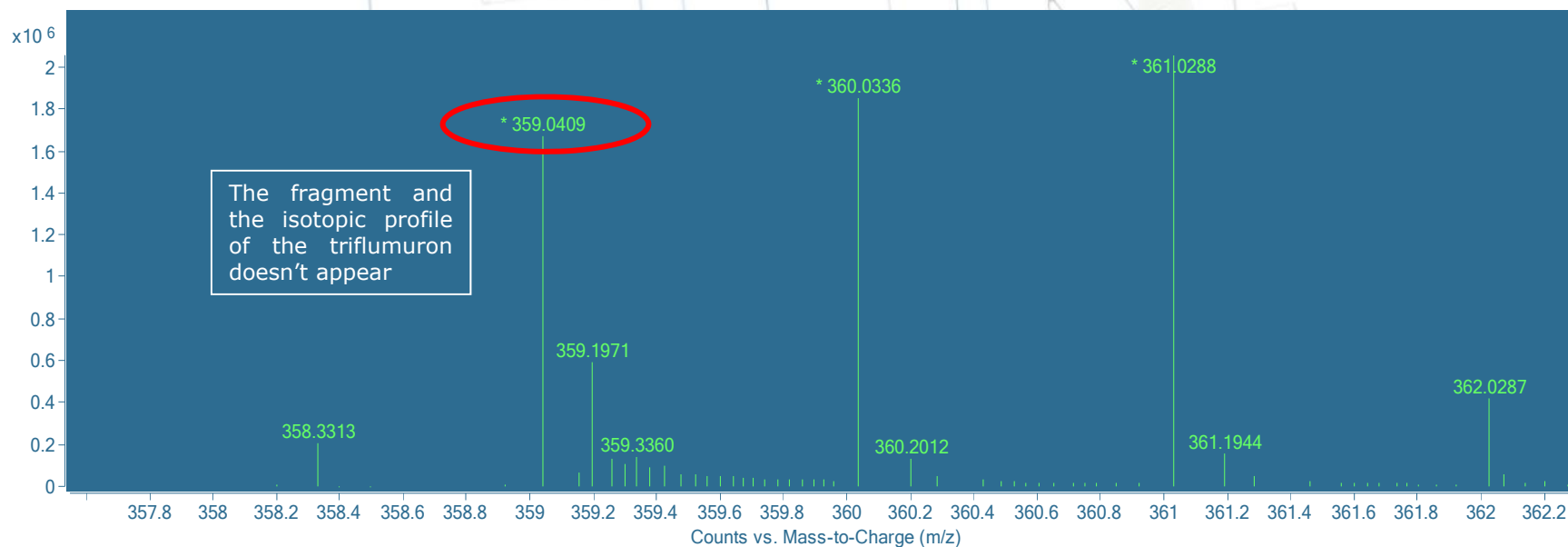
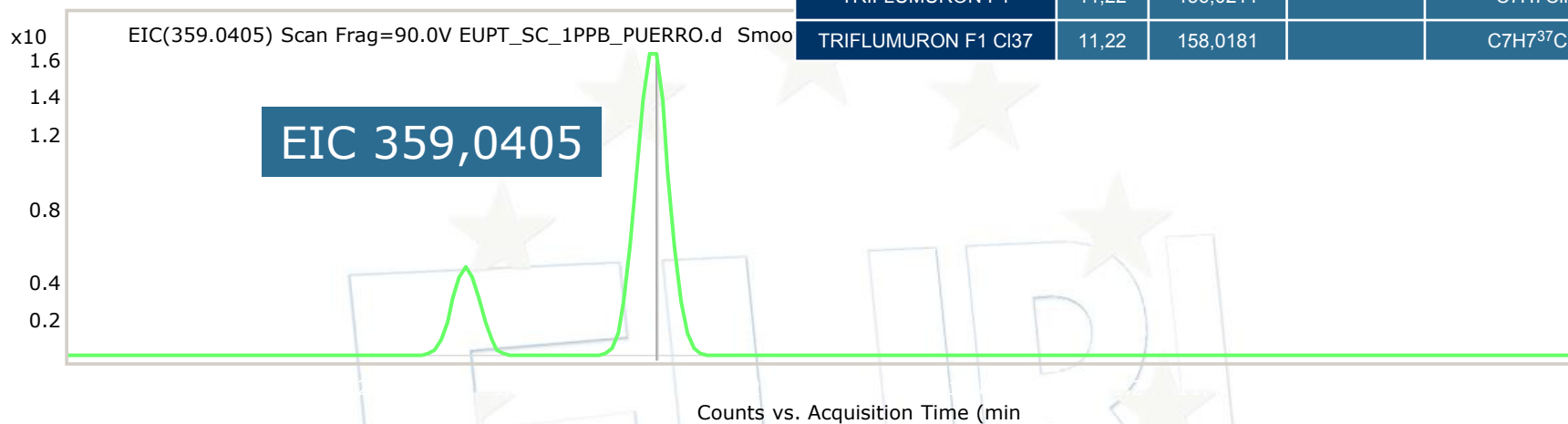
Acrinathrin





### TRIFLUMURON in LC-TOF-FULL SCAN

TRIFLUMURON	11,22	359,0405	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
TRIFLUMURON Cl37	11,22	361,0375	[M+H+2] <sup>+</sup>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> <sup>37</sup> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
TRIFLUMURON F1	11,22	156,0211		C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClNO
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IDENTIFICATION

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QUANTIFICATION

FOOD ANALYSIS



# OVERCOMING Identification Difficulties



**MS**



**HRMS**



## Typical Problems in screening LC-ESI-HRMS for Routine application (Document N° SANCO/1257/2013)

Mass accuracy  $\leq 5$  ppm (NO PROBLEM)

Sensitivity 0.01 mg/kg

Linearity saturation

Reproducibility  $\leq 20\%$

Software+ Resolution False + and False -

HRMS and HRMS/MS  
Low ion ratio rep. False positives

# Full Scan Mode

**SENSITIVITY + REPRO.**



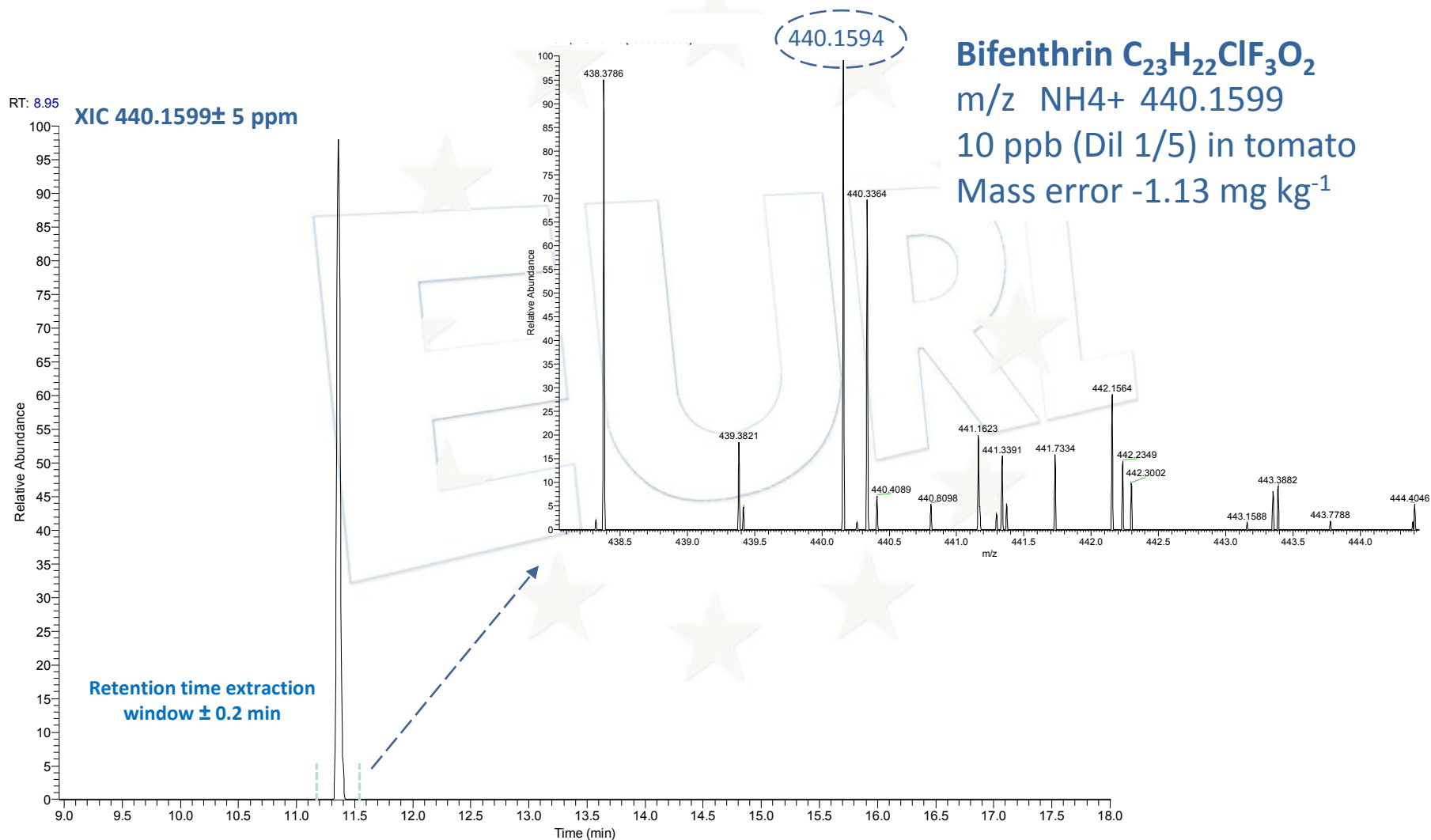
**RESOLUTION**



**LINEARITY**



# LC-HRMS Full Scan mode R 35000 (m/z 200)



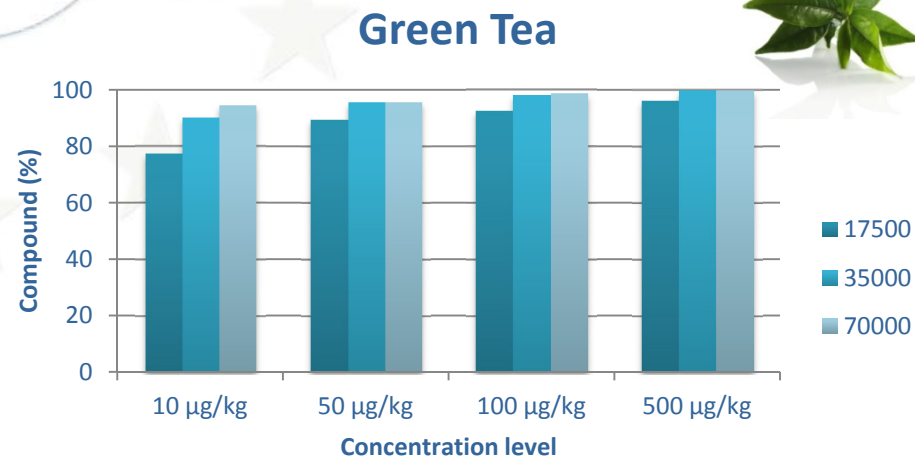
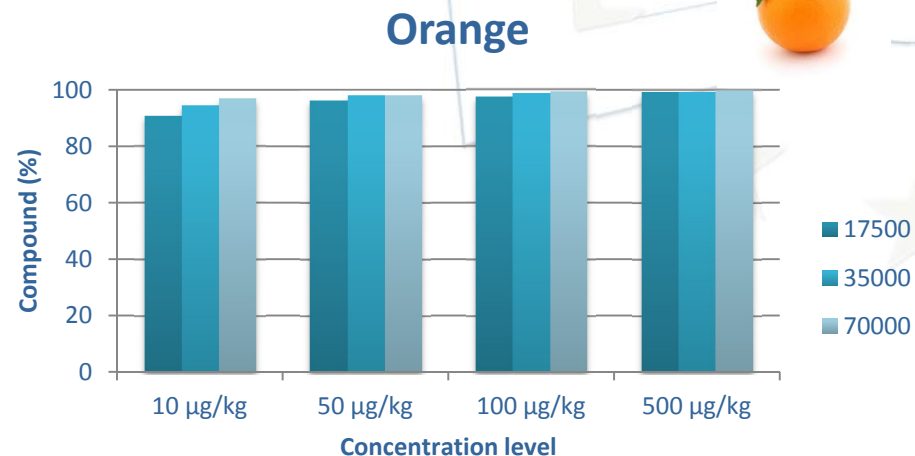
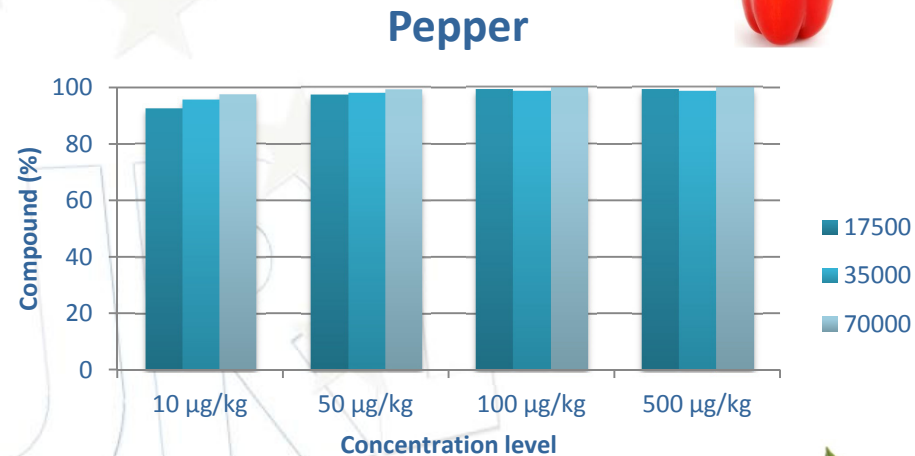
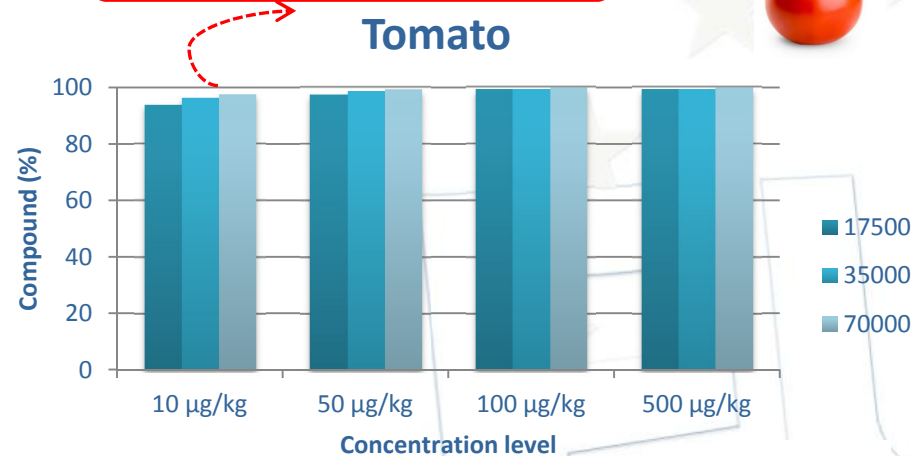
# Detected pesticides vs resolution

## Orbitrap Full Scan



Low sensitivity compounds

- Aldicarb
- Fenitrothion
- Prothiophos
- Oxydemethon-methyl



# Numbers of points at different resolutions

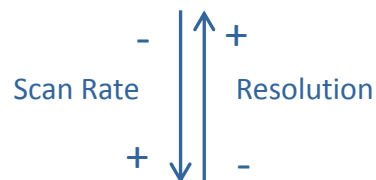
XIC Bromuconazole 100 µg/kg m/z 375.9613 ± 5 ppm



Difficult matrix



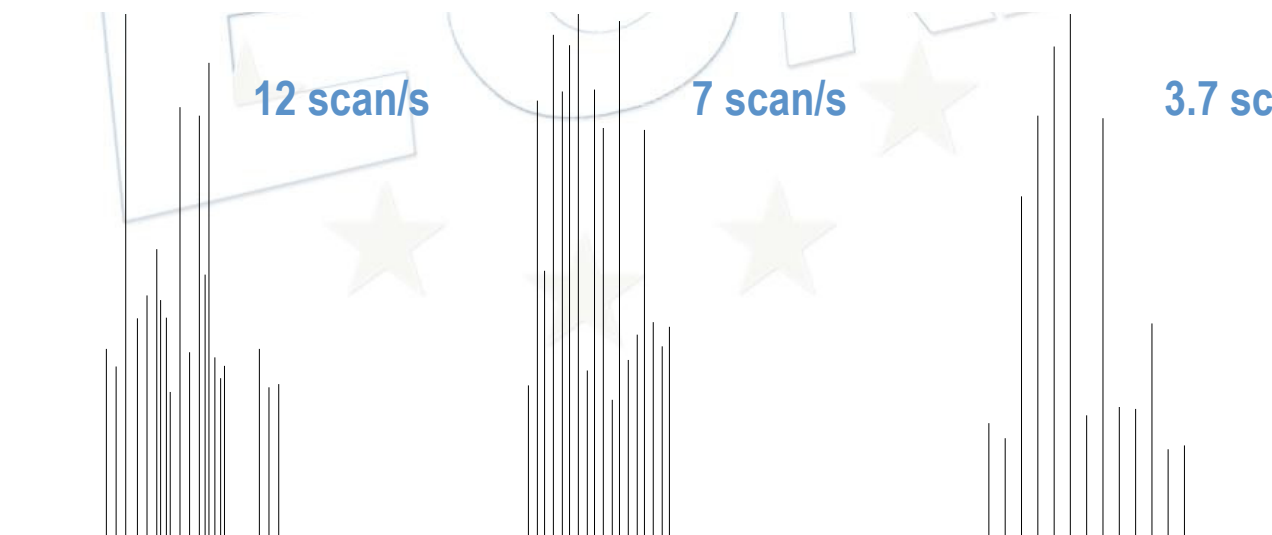
Orange matrix



Due to better mass accuracy



Pepper matrix



Resolution 17500 FWHM

Resolution 35000 FWHM

Resolution 70000 FWHM

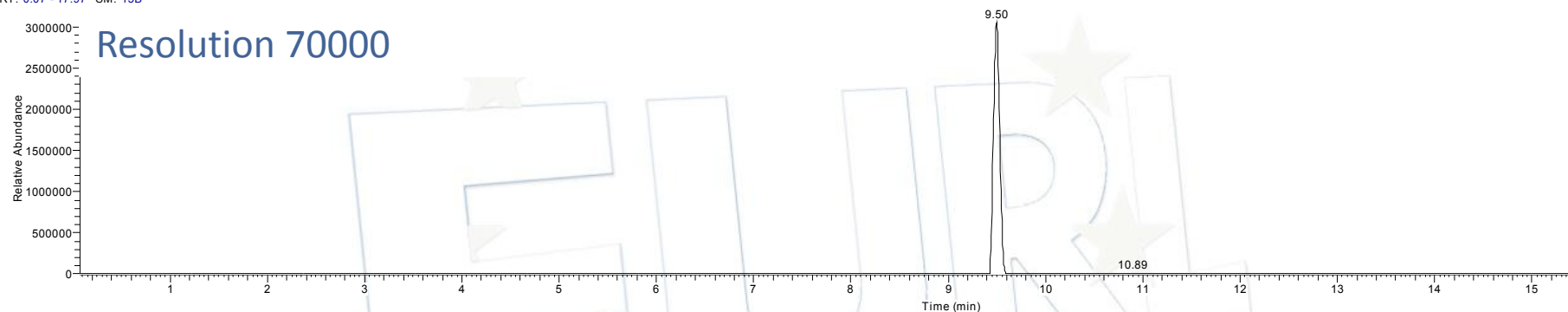


# Isobaric compounds at different resolutions

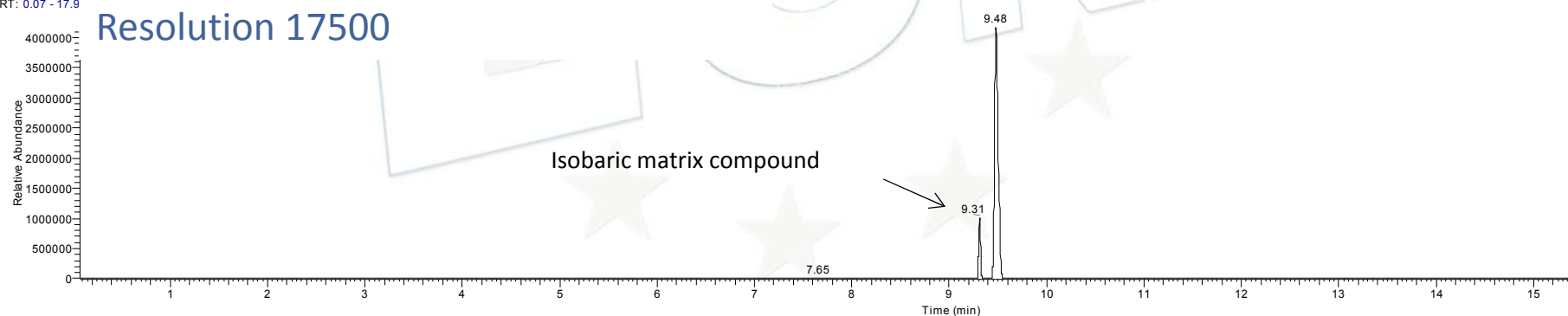


Bupirimate (m/z 317.1642 ± 5 ppm) in orange at 10 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>

RT: 0.07 - 17.97 SM: 15B



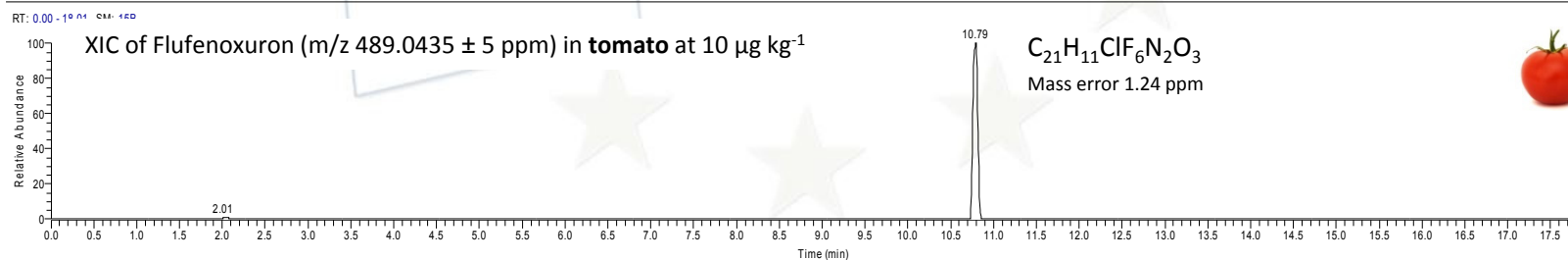
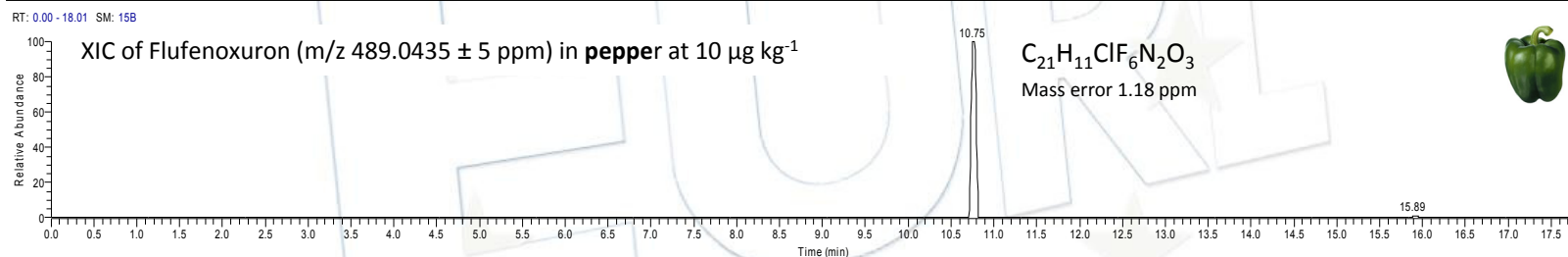
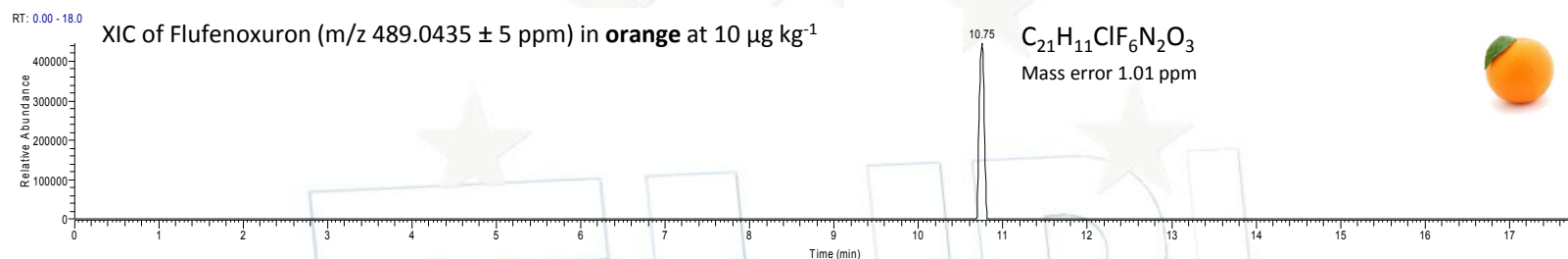
RT: 0.07 - 17.9



# Isobaric compounds in different matrices



Flufenoxuron ( $m/z$  489.0435  $\pm$  5 ppm) at 10  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$   
Resolution 70000

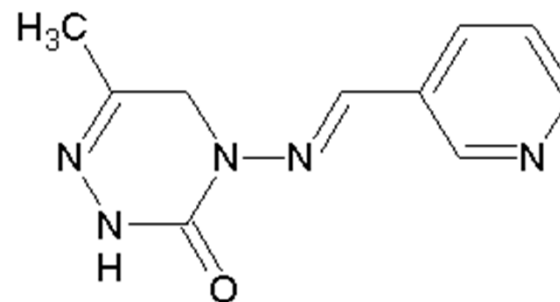
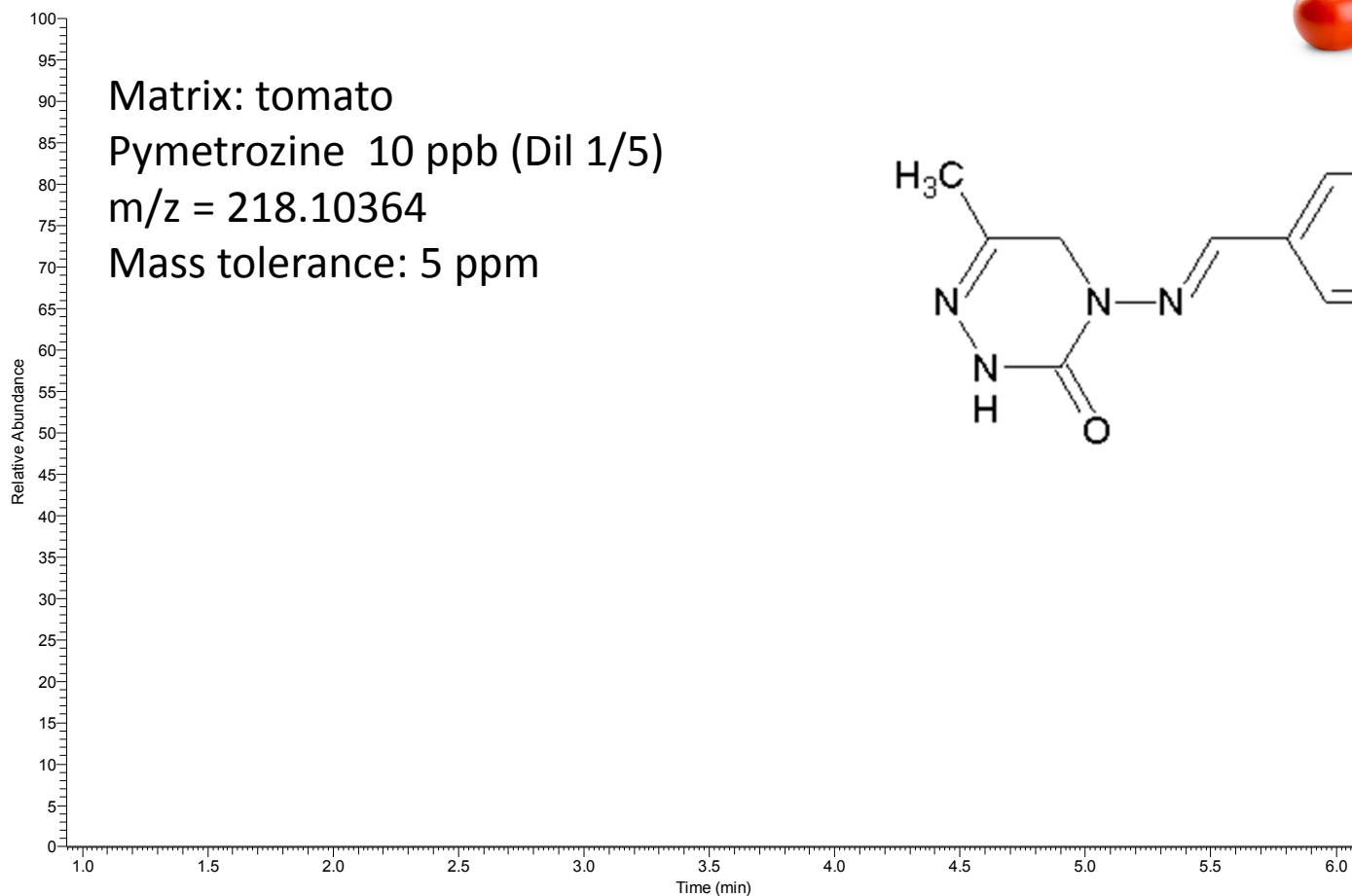


# Influence of resolution on peak shape

## Resolution 17500



RT: 0.94 - 6.10 SM: 15G

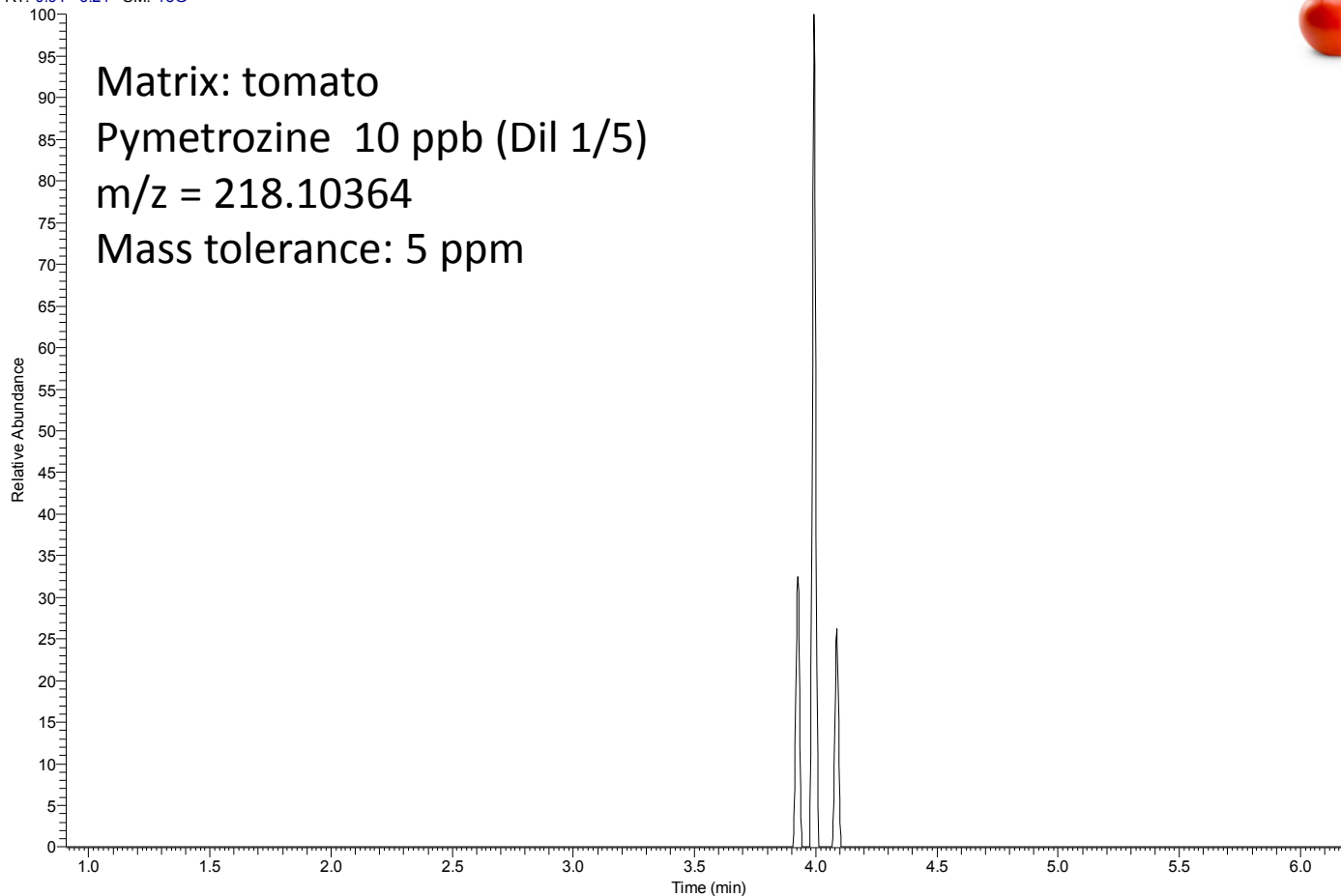


# Influence of resolution on peak shape

## Resolution 35000



RT: 0.91 - 6.21 SM: 15G

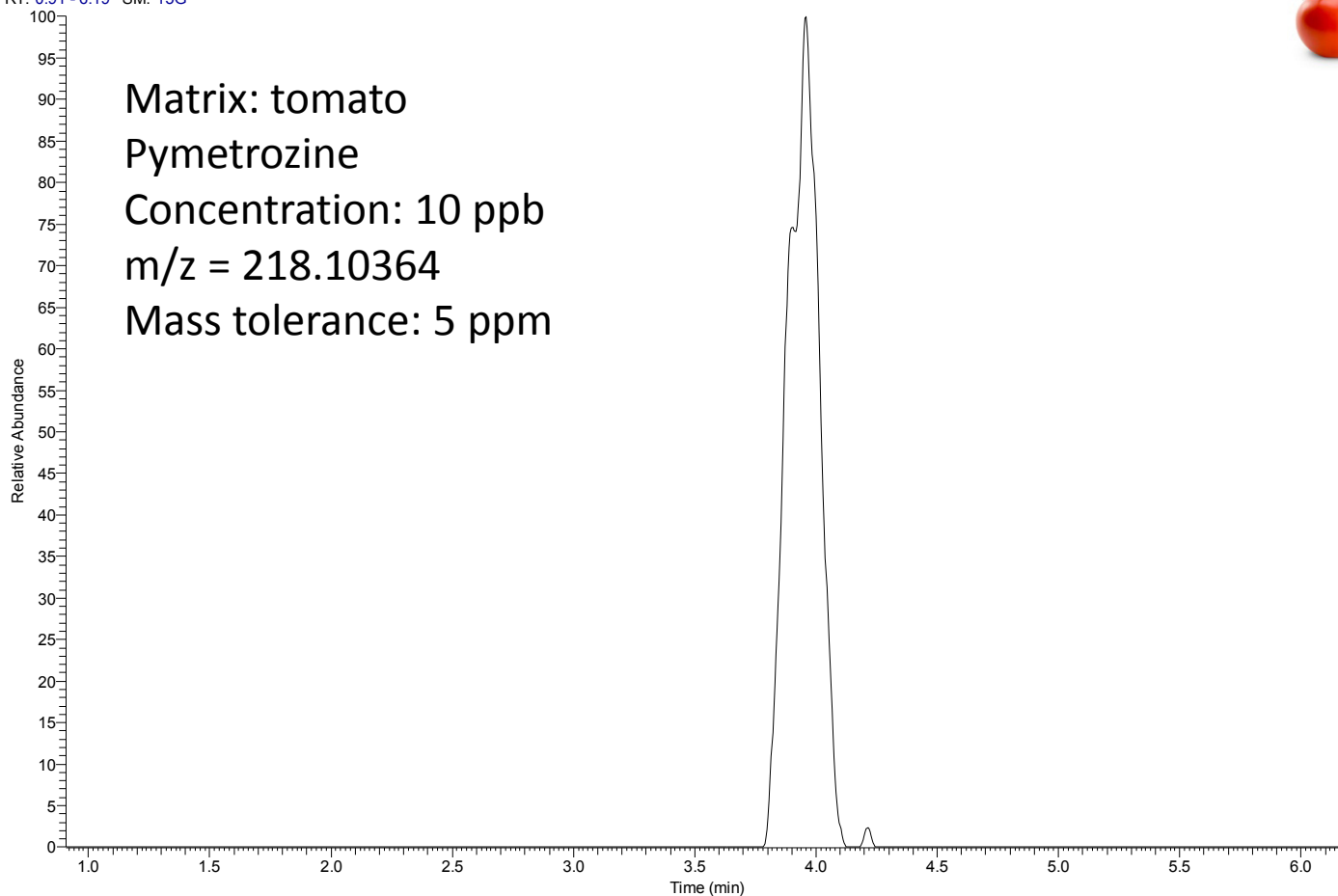


# Influence of resolution on peak shape

## Resolution 70000

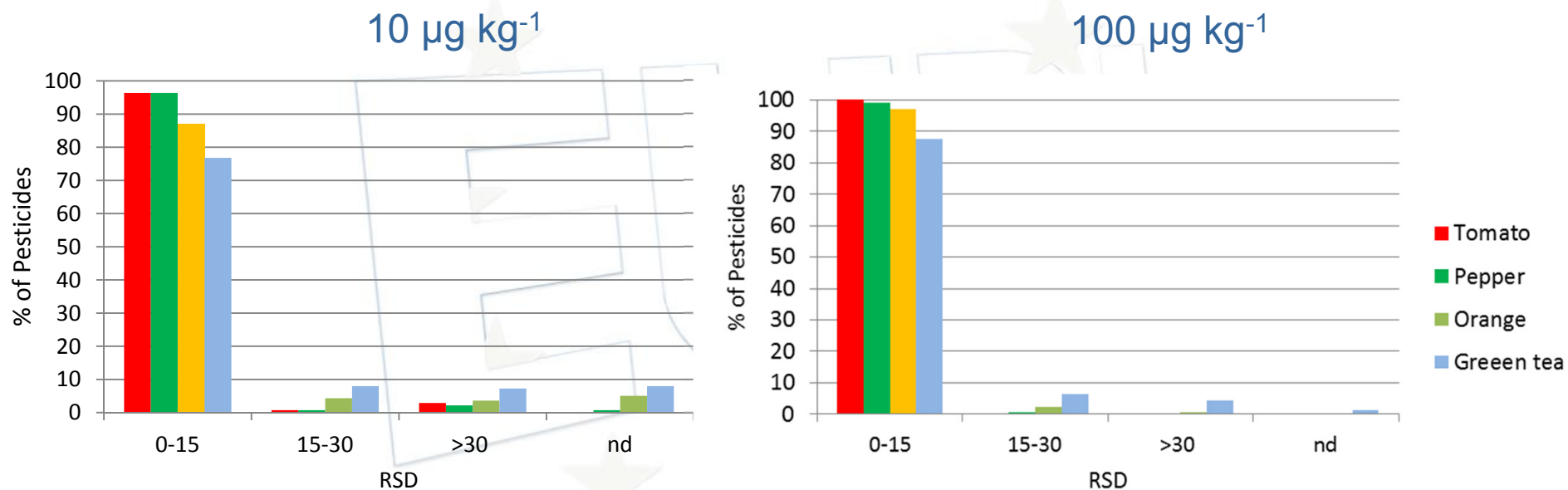


RT: 0.91 - 6.19 SM: 15G

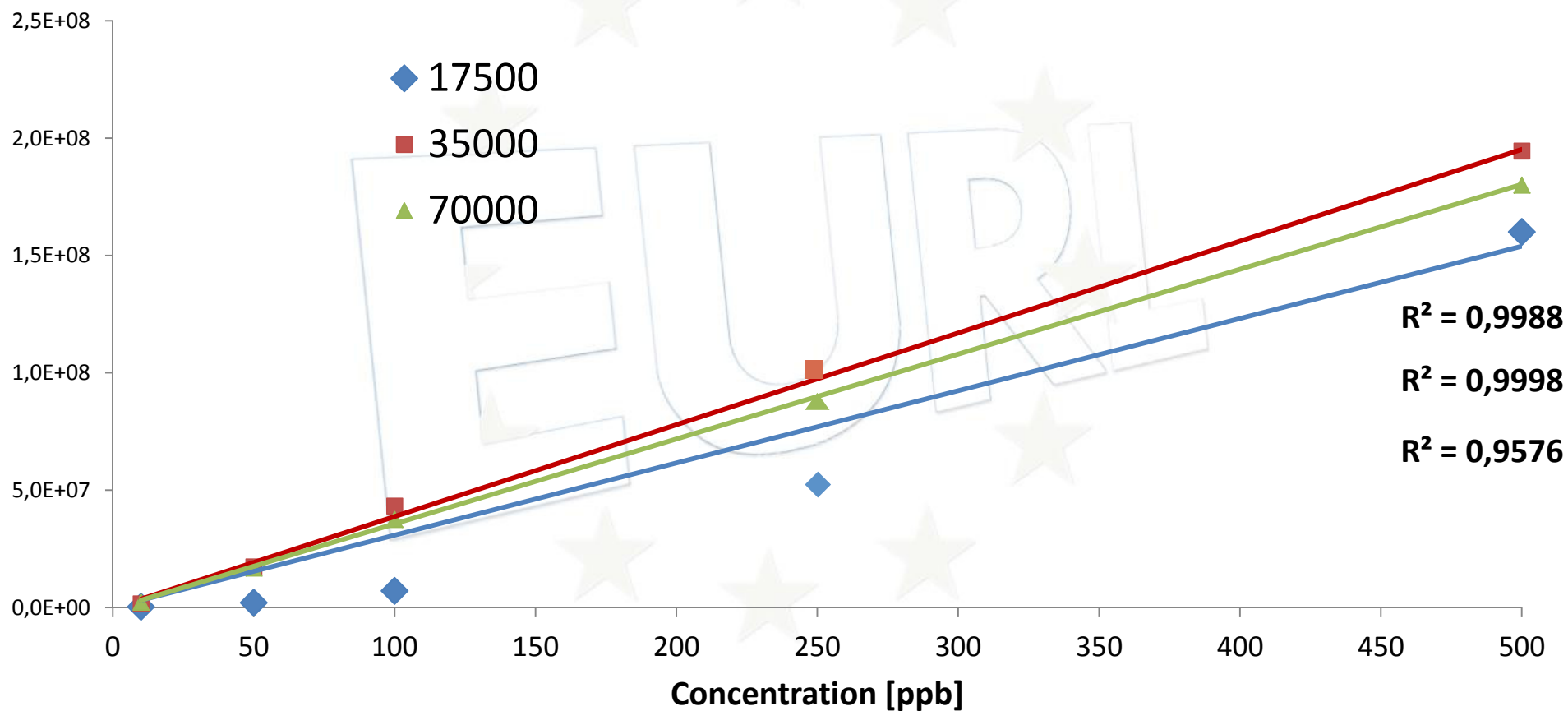




## Area Reproducibility

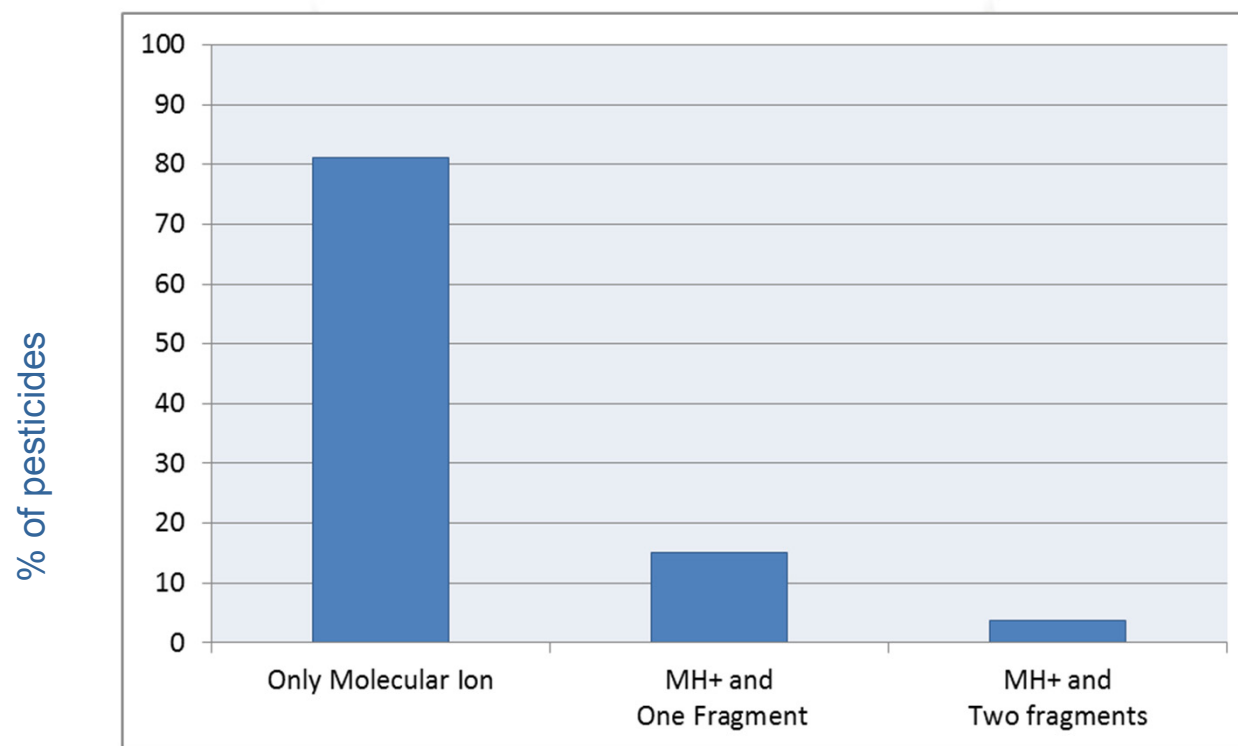


# Calibration lines of Fenbuconazol at different resolutions



# Compounds with fragments > 10% LC-HRMS *Full Scan mode*

Solvent 100  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$



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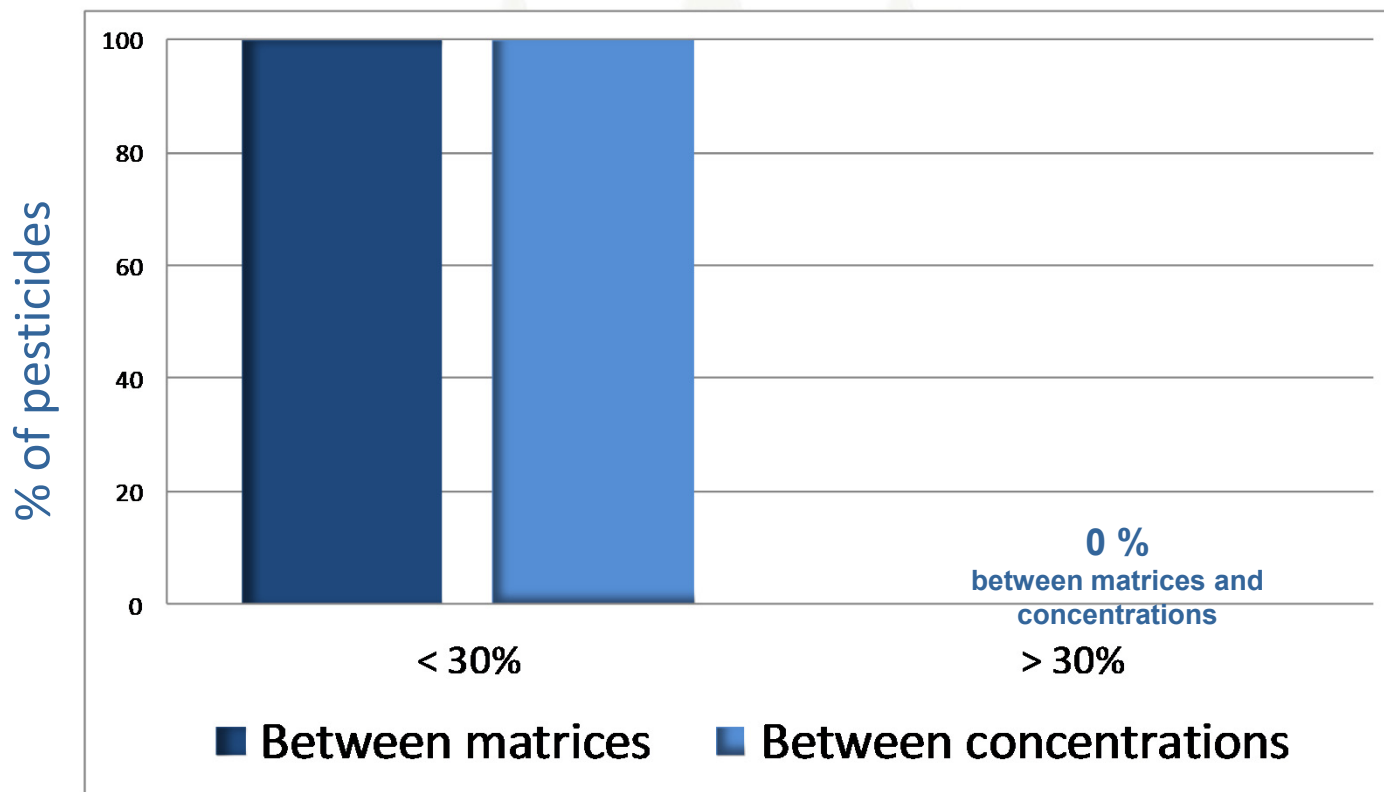
***MS and MS<sup>2</sup>  
Mode Simultaneously***

## Pesticide residue method MS<sup>2</sup> data dependent mode (Full Scan/dd-MS<sup>2</sup>)

- **Full Scan**
  - Detection/Identification (mass and retention time)
  - Quantitation
  
- **MS/MS**
  - Identification (at least one fragment)



## Ion ratio variation (%) Orbitrap MS<sup>2</sup> mode



- Tomato 10  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$  Dil 1/5
- Tomato 100  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$  Dil 1/5
- Orange 10  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$  Dil 1/5
- Tomato 10  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$  Dil 1/5



## Typical Problems in screening LC-ESI-HRMS for Routine application

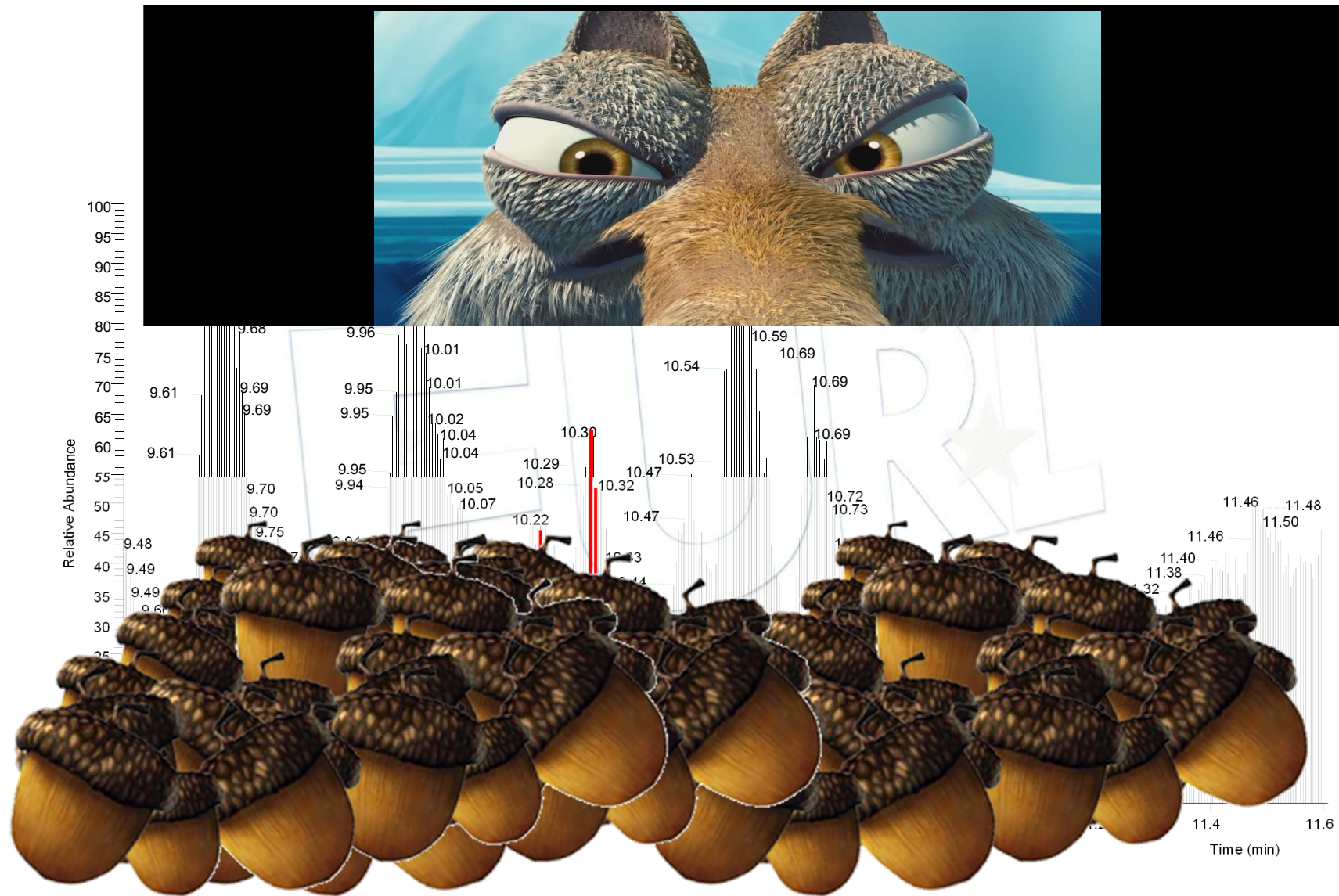
Mass accuracy	$\leq 5$ ppm (NO PROBLEM)
Sensitivity	0.01 mg/kg (default value)
Linearity	saturation
Reproducibility (area)	$\leq 20\%$
<b>Software+ Resolution</b>	<b>False + and False -</b>
<b>HRMS and HRMS/MS</b>	<b>Robustness</b>



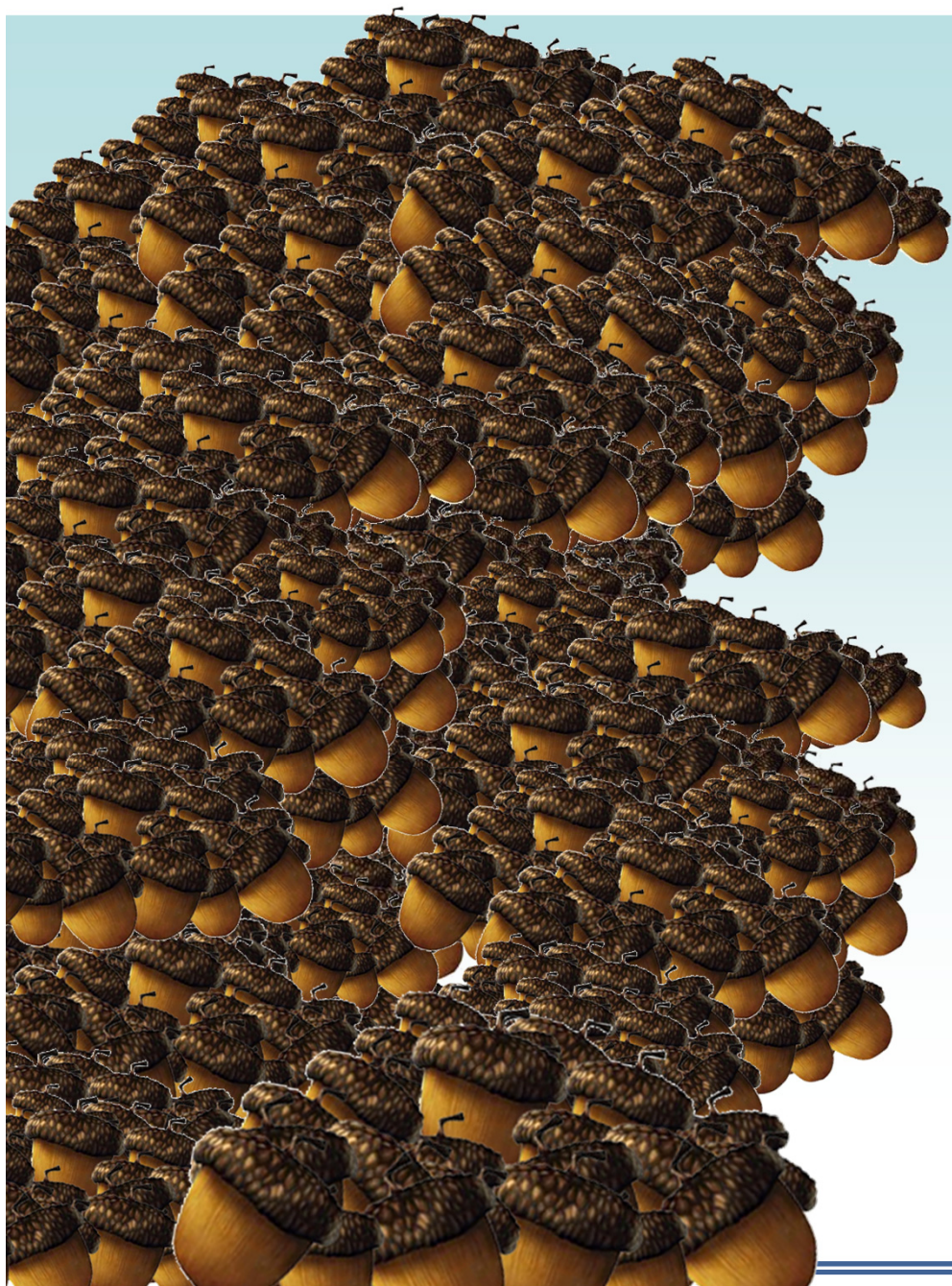
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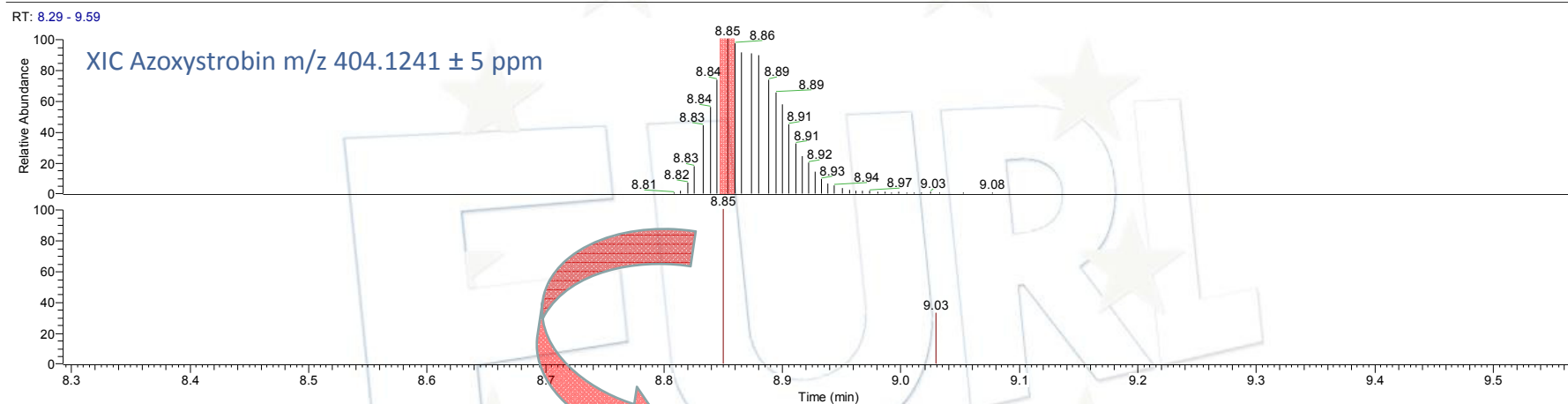
# MS<sup>2</sup> Identification

Injection 1: Tomato matrix 10 µg/kg

## Identification of Azoxystrobin

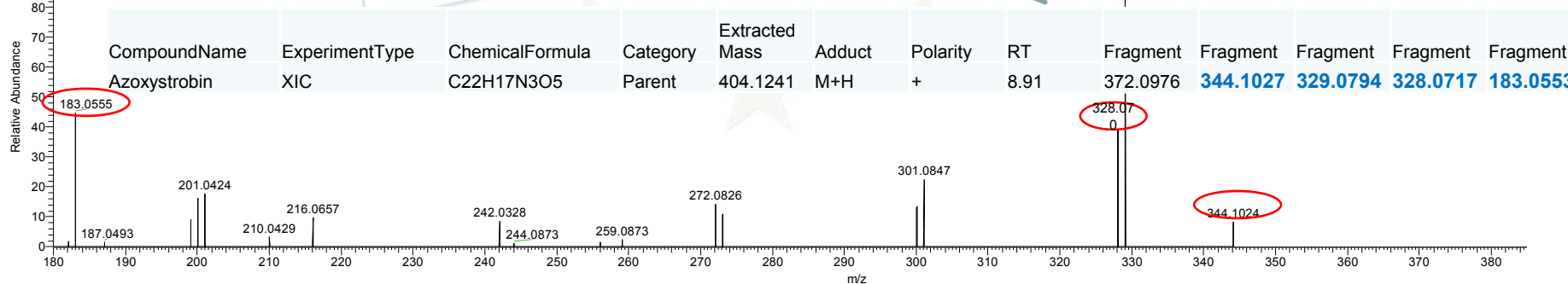
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### MS<sup>2</sup> spectra

4 fragments (error < 10 ppm, intensity > 10<sup>3</sup>) present in Database





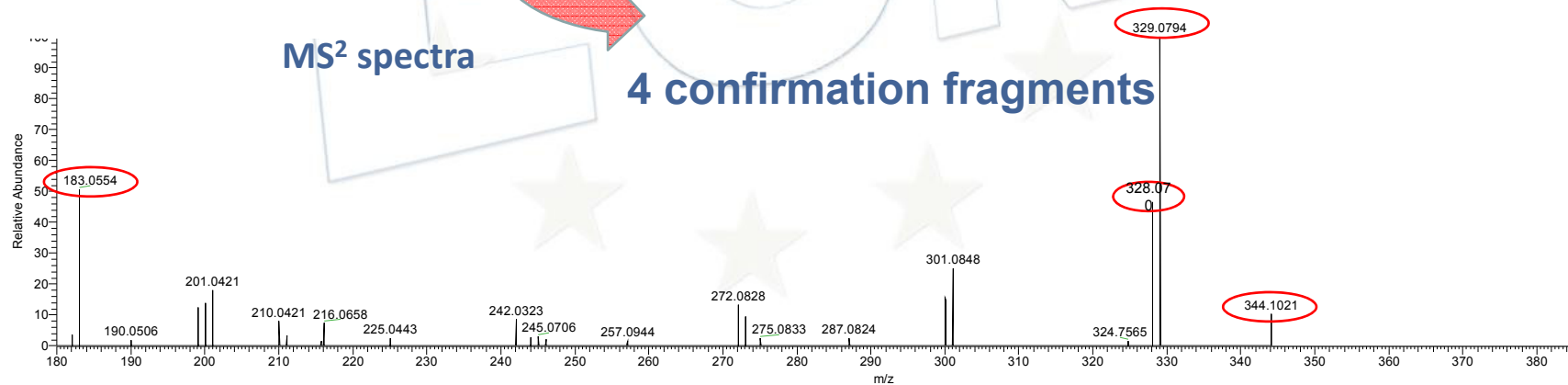
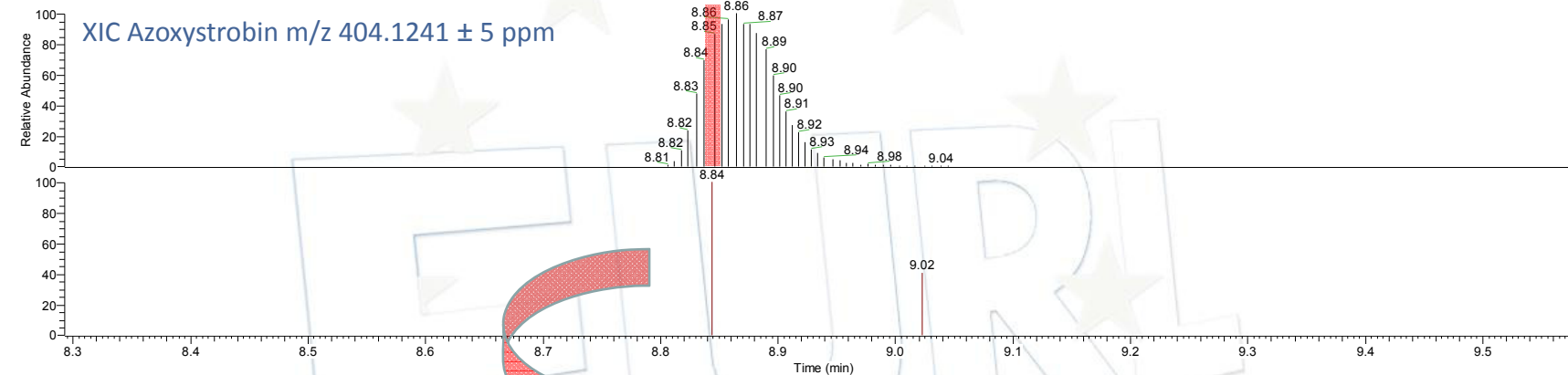
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### Identification of Azoxystrobin

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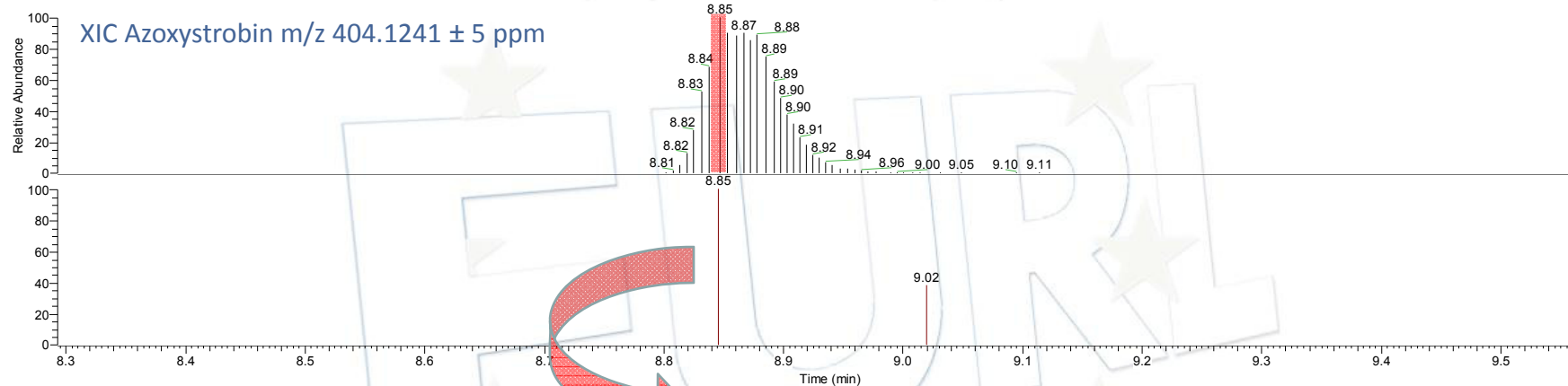
### Injection 3: Tomato matrix 10 µg/kg

## Identification of Azoxystrobin

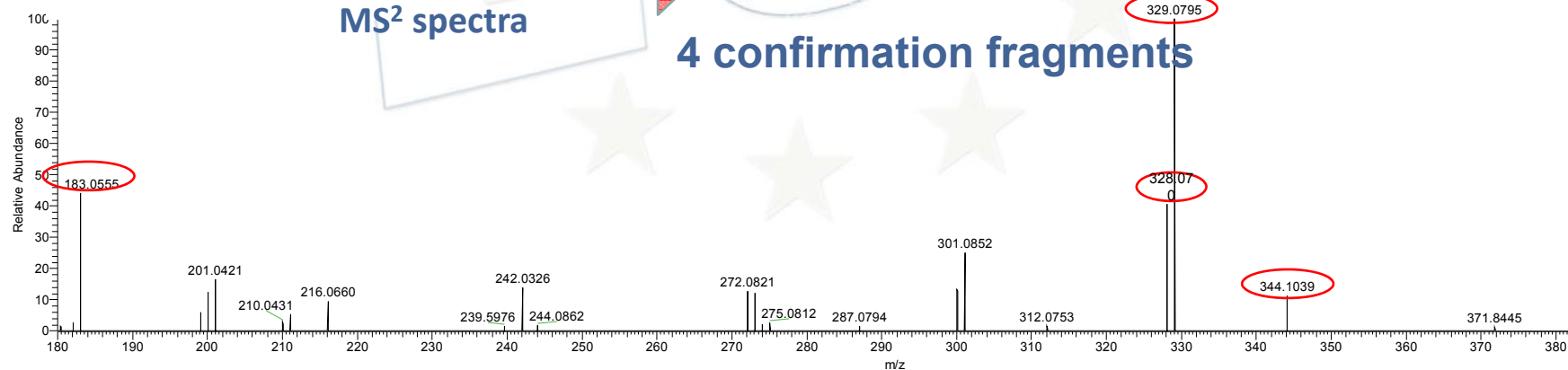
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Tomate  
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# Cases of Software failure

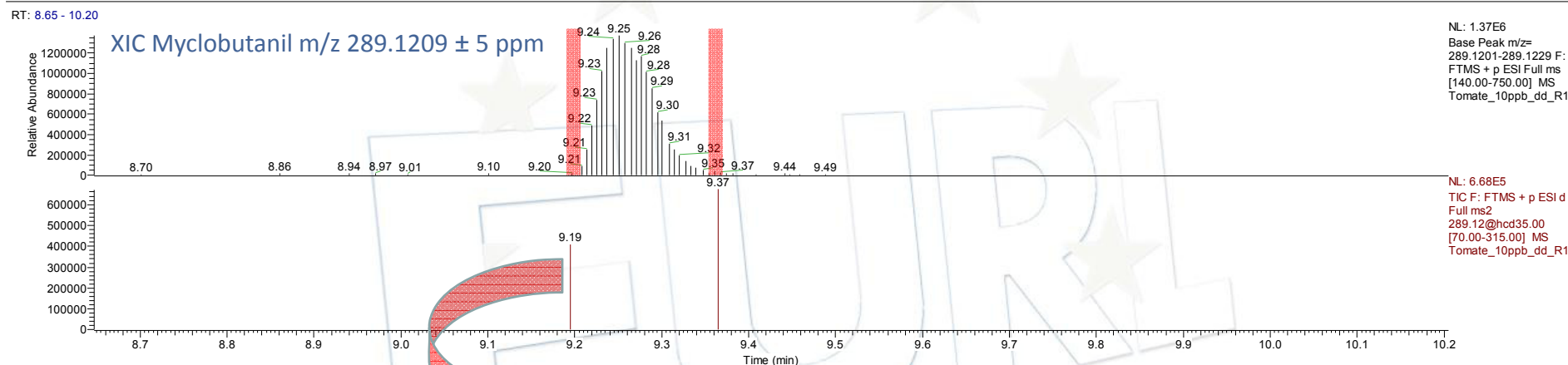
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Injection 1: Tomato matrix 10 µg/kg

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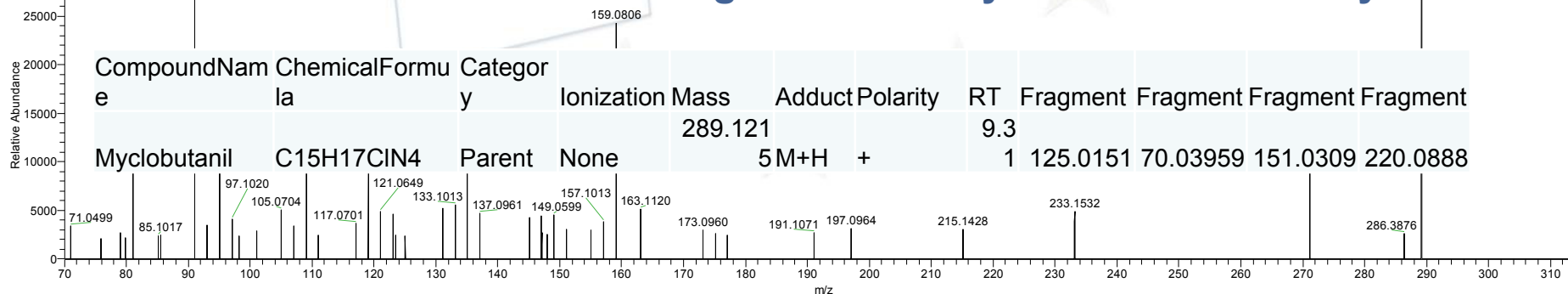
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MS<sup>2</sup> spectra

No fragments or very low < 10<sup>3</sup> intensity



**Analytical Method applied to:**

**Real samples**

☐ 20 analyzed samples

- 70 Identified and confirmed pesticides by MS/MS
- 1 False negatives → 1 pesticide Fenpropathrin
- 2 False positives detected by MS/MS

LC-MS/MS and LCHRMS/MS

Identified Pesticides	Melon 1	Melon 2	Cucumber 1	Cucumber 2	Potato 1	Potato 2	Apple	Cauliflower	Peach	Banana	Pepper 1	Pepper 2	Papaya	Onion	Lettuce	Green Beans	Strawberry	Lima	Grapes 1	Grapes 2
Acetamiprid	61		130																	
Azoxystrobin	143	3.9	290		295											19			0.6	103
Boscalid																			134	
Bupirimate	386		791																	
Buprofezin	138		334																	
Carbendazim	108		253															12		101
Chlorpyrifos									31	48									2.2	59
Cyprodinil																			1104	242
Cyproconazole																				133
Diazinon	17		35		235															
Difenoconazole																				374
Diethofencarb									74											
Epoxiconazole										3.8										
Ethirimol	27		38																	
Ethoprophos																				0.7
Fenhexamid									804											169
Fenpropathrin									32	48										14
Fosthiazate					106															
Imazalil	79		121						2	171								5		
Imidacloprid	71	22	156						127										499	286
Iprovalicarb					100			93												
Kresoxim-methyl			302																	241
Methiocarb					238															
Penconazole			3.5																	50
Pencycuron					424															
Phenthoate								175												
Prochloraz					56													1708		
Pyraclostrobin																				146
Propiconazole									0.6											
Pyrimethanil	576		1268																1662	70
Quinoxifen																				67
Tebuconazole	190		445																	253
Thiophanate-methyl														1142						
Triadimefon														2.6						1.4



## *Screening LC-ESI-HRMS for Routine application (70,000)*

<b>Mass accuracy</b>	<b>≤ 5 ppm</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<b>0.01 mg/kg</b>
<b>Linearity</b>	<b>no saturation</b>
<b>Reproducibility + linearity</b>	<b>≤ 20% +10-500 ppb</b>
<b>Low ion ratio rep.</b>	<b>≤ 30%</b>

### *Further improvements*

*Software*

*Evaluation in process*

*Robustness*



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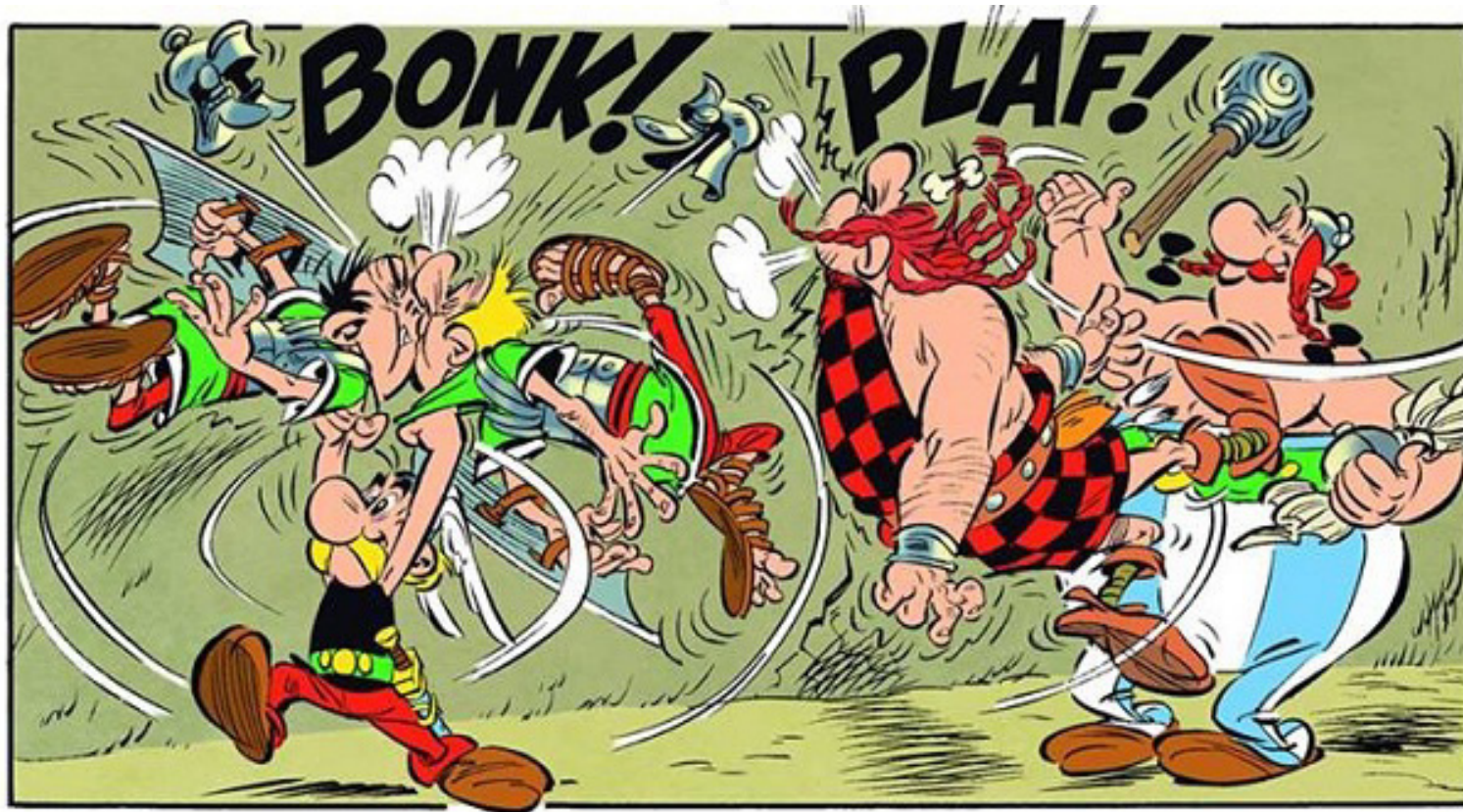
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LC-MS/MS  
Low Resolution



LC-HRMS  
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