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# Implementing a 2D-LC-Q-Tof screening method

Using the EPIC-System by JAS



# Starting point of investigations

- broaden analytical scope for Q-ToF screening method to include
  - „borderline“ SRM analytes (propamocarb, cyromazine, nicotine)
  - metabolites from complex residue definitions
- HPLC-Q-ToF method not valid using QuEChERS for 45 out of 78 analytes (at SDL 0.01 mg/kg) ☹️
- causes:
  - analytes not detected because of ion suppression by Matrix

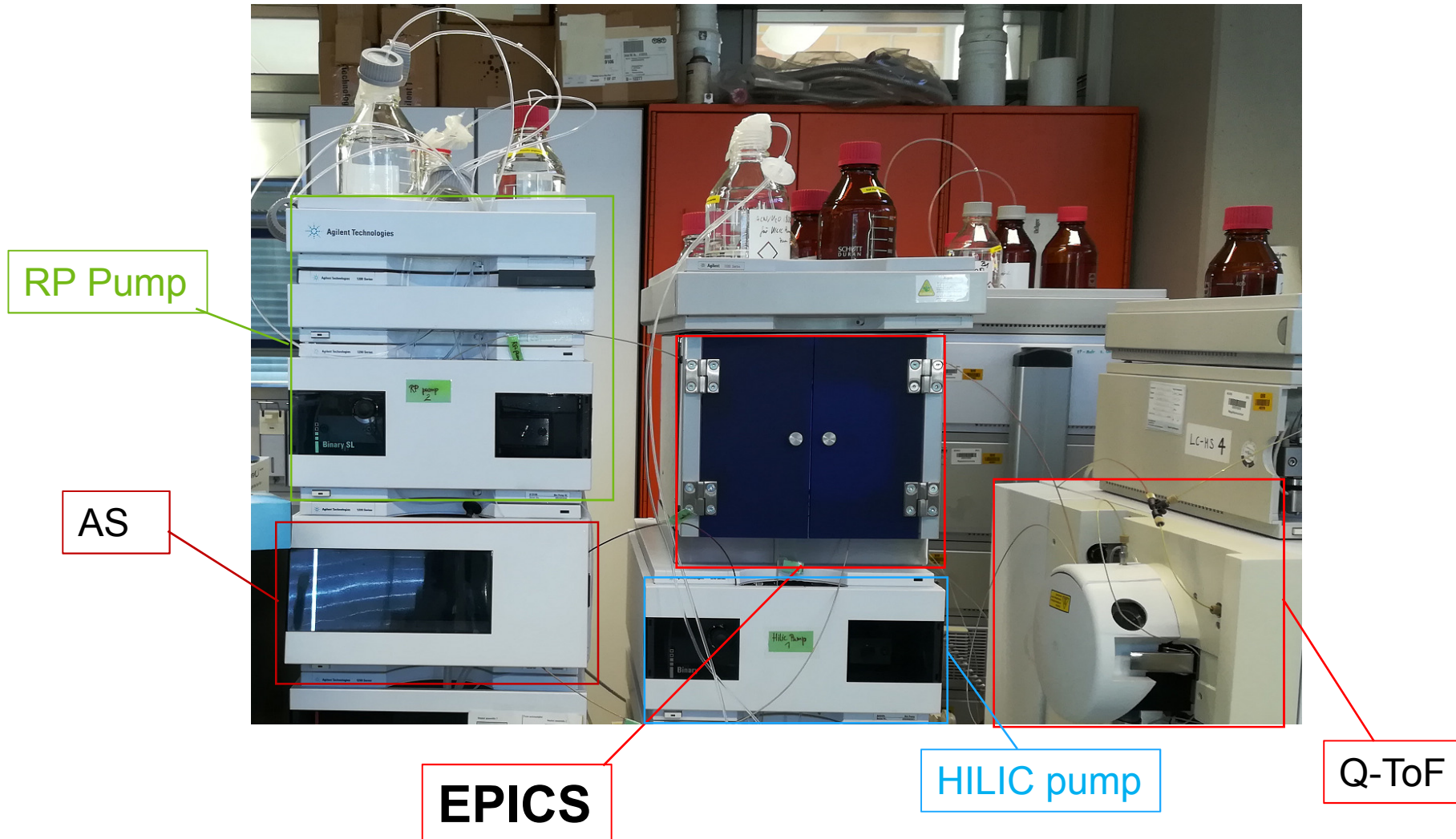
How to get rid of matrix?



by orthogonal LC separation using HILIC und RP

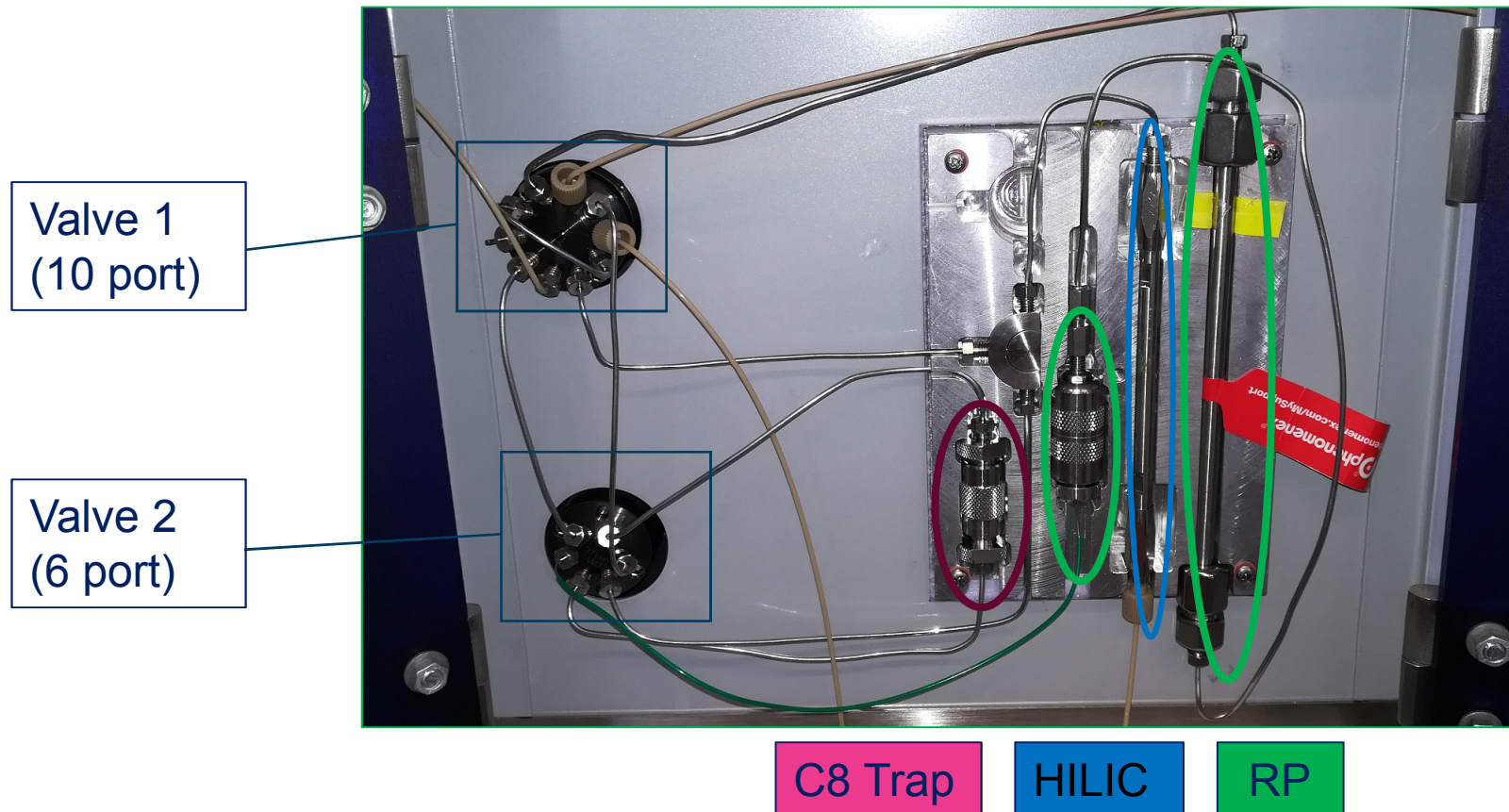


## 2D-LC consists of:

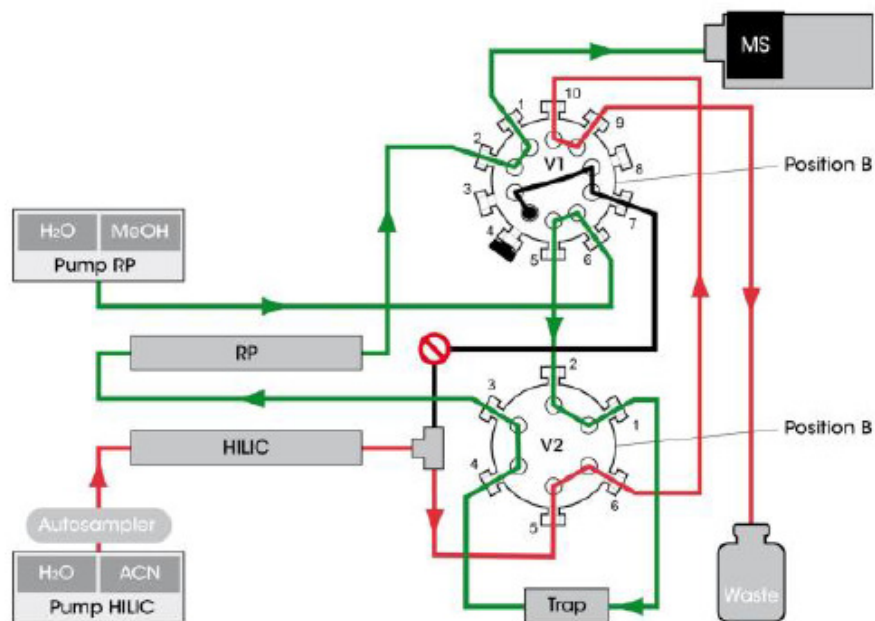




## Easy Pesticide Isolation and Concentration System (EPICS)



# How does it work?



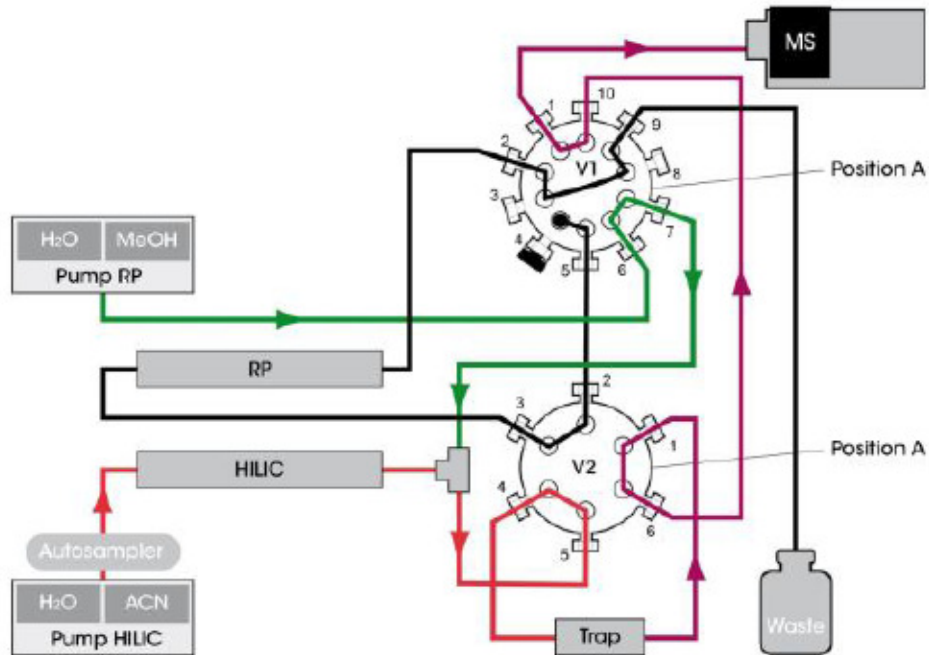
## Phase I

➤ column equilibration

Fig: Operating Manual EPICS Version 1.05 (Fa. JAS)



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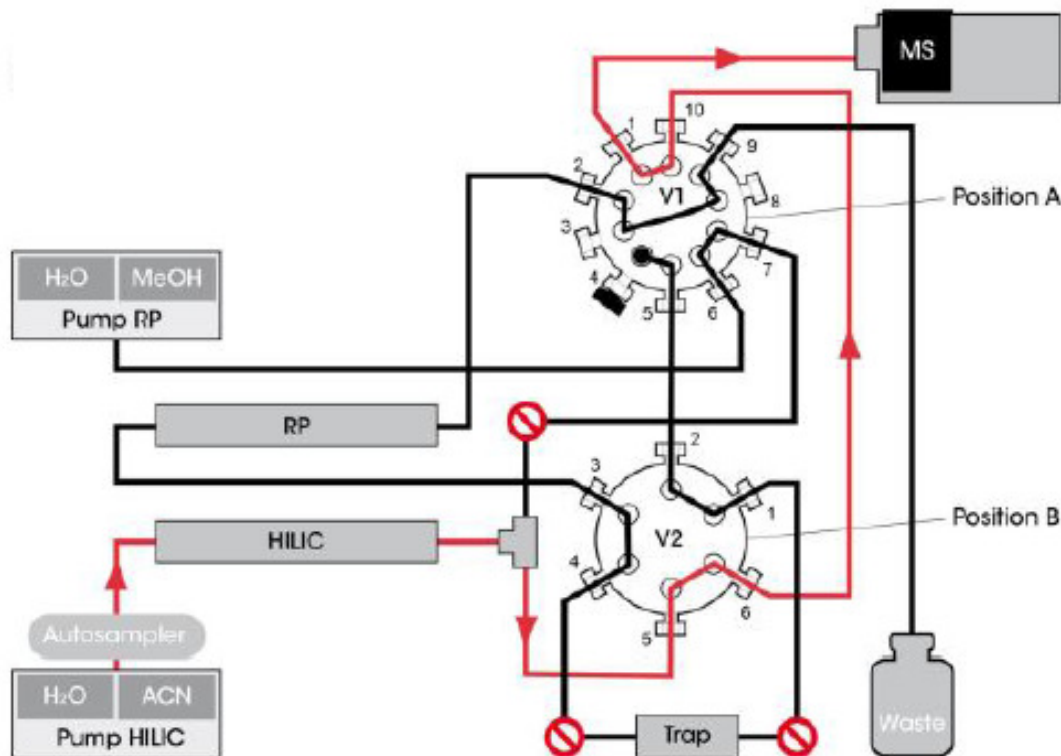


## Phase II

- **HILIC: nonpolar analytes elute first**
- **Trap: trapping (water addition from RP!)**
- **polar analytes and matrix retain strongly on HILIC**

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## How does it work?



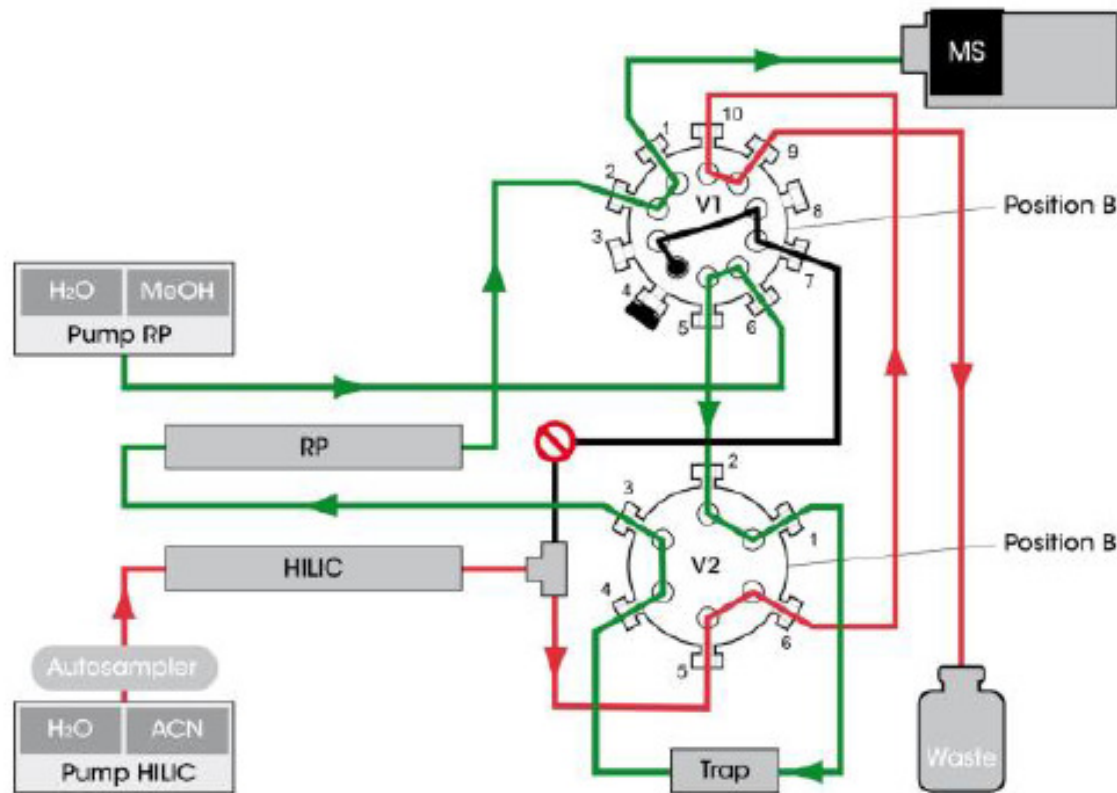
### Phase III

- Trap: no flow, analytes remain on trap column
- HILIC: polar analytes are measured directly

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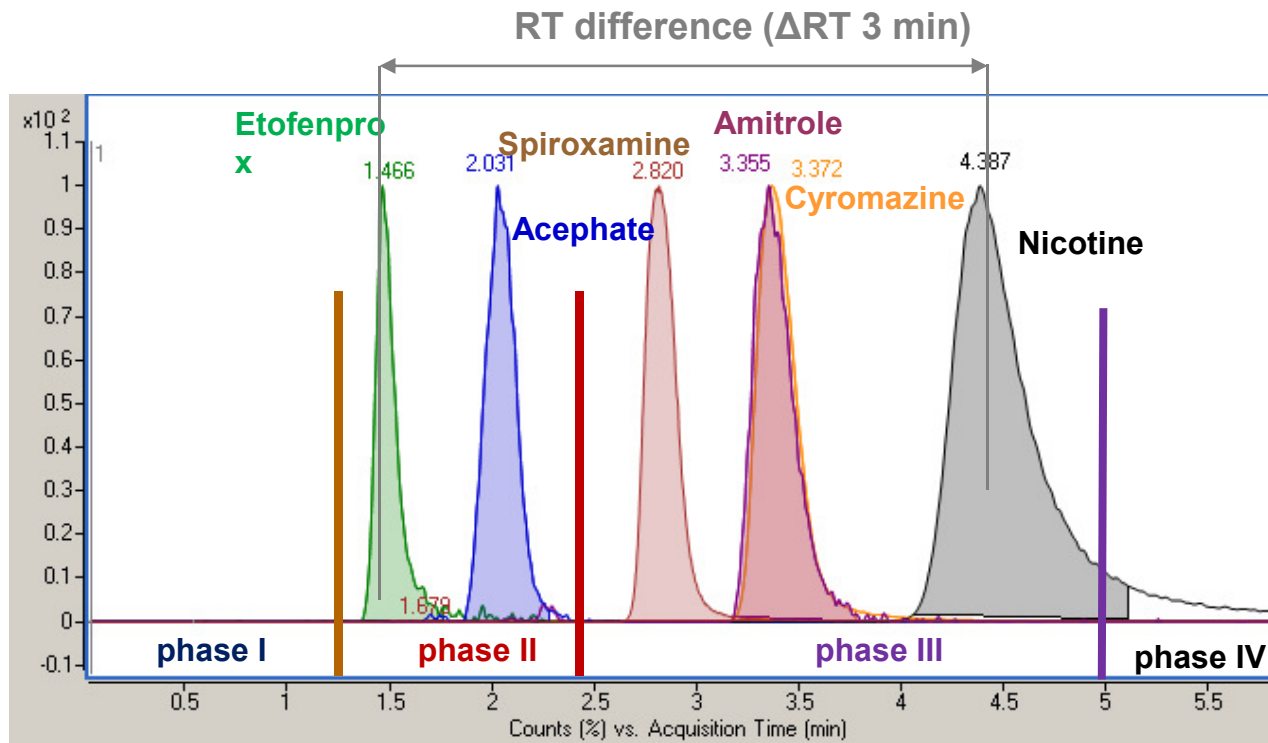


## Phase IV

- HILIC: elution of matrix components to waste
- Trap: elution of trapped pesticides to RP
- RP: gradient for pesticide separation, detection via Q-ToF

Fig: Operating Manual EPICS Version 1.05 (Fa. JAS)





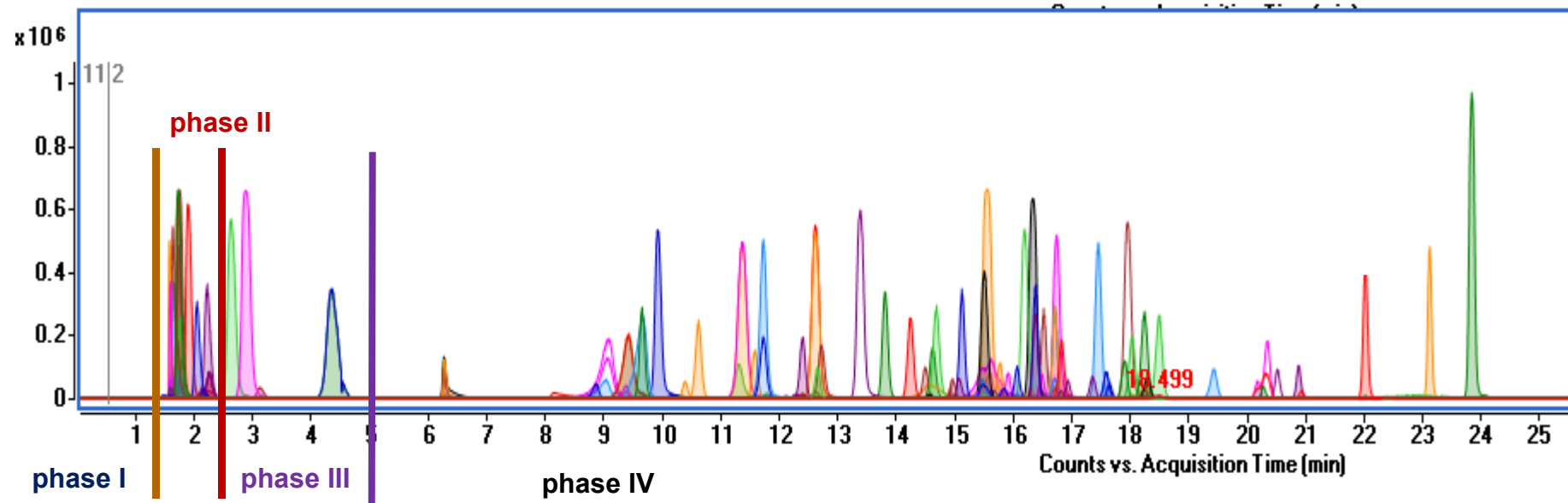
phase I: column equilibration

phase II: trapping

phase III: detection of polar analytes eluting from HILIC

phase IV: RP separation of trapped analytes

## Complete 2D-LC separation chromatogram



phase I: column equilibration

phase II: trapping

phase III: detection of polar analytes eluting from HILIC

phase IV: RP separation of trapped analytes



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Optimisation of HILIC and RP separation

# Extraction/Injection

	JAS	NRL
Extraction	ACN + water*	ACN + water + QuEChERS salts
Injection	ACN/water mixture**	ACN phase
Injection volume	5 $\mu$ L	20 $\mu$ L



**\*problems because phase separation for some matrices (kiwi, beet root etc.)**

**\*\*peak shape very broad for some analytes (cyromazine, propamocarb etc.)**



## 2D-LC - first dimension

	JAS	NRL
flow	0.2 ml/min	0.3 ml/min
temperature	30 °C	40 °C
buffer		ESI+ 100 mM NH <sub>4</sub> -formate (pH 3.2) ESI- 100 mM NH <sub>4</sub> -acetate (pH 5.8)
HILIC eluent	A: 5 mM NH <sub>4</sub> -formate in H <sub>2</sub> O + 0.1 % formic acid B: 5 mM NH <sub>4</sub> -formate in ACN/H <sub>2</sub> O (90/10) + 0.1 % formic acid	A: H <sub>2</sub> O/buffer (95/5) B: ACN/H <sub>2</sub> O/buffer (95/5/5)

# 2D-LC - first dimension

	JAS	NRL														
column	YMC-Pack Diol	YMC-Triart Diol														
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# 2D-LC - second dimension

	JAS	NRL																																										
RP eluent	<p>A: 5 mM NH<sub>4</sub>-formate in H<sub>2</sub>O + 0.1 % formic acid</p> <p>B: 5 mM NH<sub>4</sub>-formate in MeOH + 0.1 % formic acid</p>	<p>A: H<sub>2</sub>O/buffer (95/5)</p> <p>B: ACN/buffer (95/5)</p>																																										
RP column	<p>Poroshell-C18 (2.1 mm × 100 mm; 2.7 μm; 120 Å)</p>	<p>Synergi Fusion-RP (2,0 mm × 150 mm; 4 μm; 80 Å)</p>																																										
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# 2D-LC vs QuEChERS

Comparison of validation results



# Non-valid QuEChERS analytes



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# Short Validation 2D-LC



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Detection rate  
could be improved  
with 2D-LC at SDL  
0.01 mg/kg



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# 2D-LC vs QuEChERS

Comparison EUPT-FV-SM09 Lemon



## 2D-LC vs QuEChERS – EUPT-FV-SM09

2D-LC ESI +	QuEChERS ESI +	2D-LC ESI -	QuEChERS ESI -
Bromuconazole	Bromuconazole	Fipronil	Fipronil
Cyflufenamide		Flubendiamid	Flubendiamid
Fenpyrazamin	Fenpyrazamin	Isopyrazam	Isopyrazam
Isopyrazam	Isopyrazam	Novaluron	Novaluron
Novaluron	Novaluron	Penthiopyrad	Penthiopyrad
Penthiopyrad	Penthiopyrad		
Pyridalyl	Pyridalyl		
Spinetoram	Spinetoram		
Spirotetramat-enol	Spirotetramat-enol		
Tricyclazole			
Vailfenate	Vailfenate		

- **Orthosulfamuron: FN not in Database and no analytical standard in 2017**
- **Tricyclazole: FN not reported because not verified with GC**
- **Spirotetramat-enol not identified by organizers (FP)**





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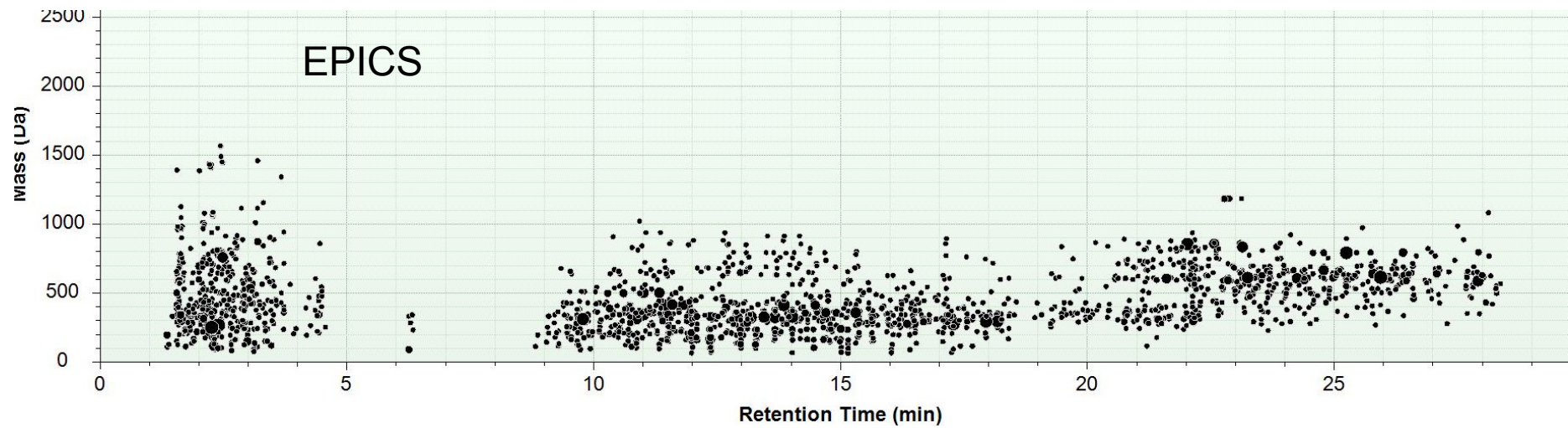
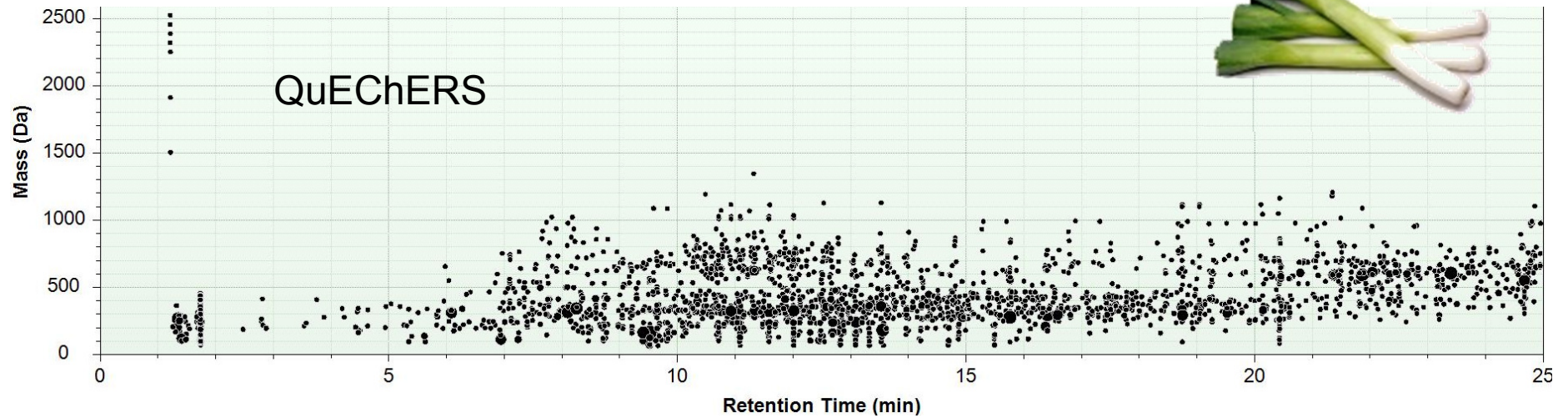
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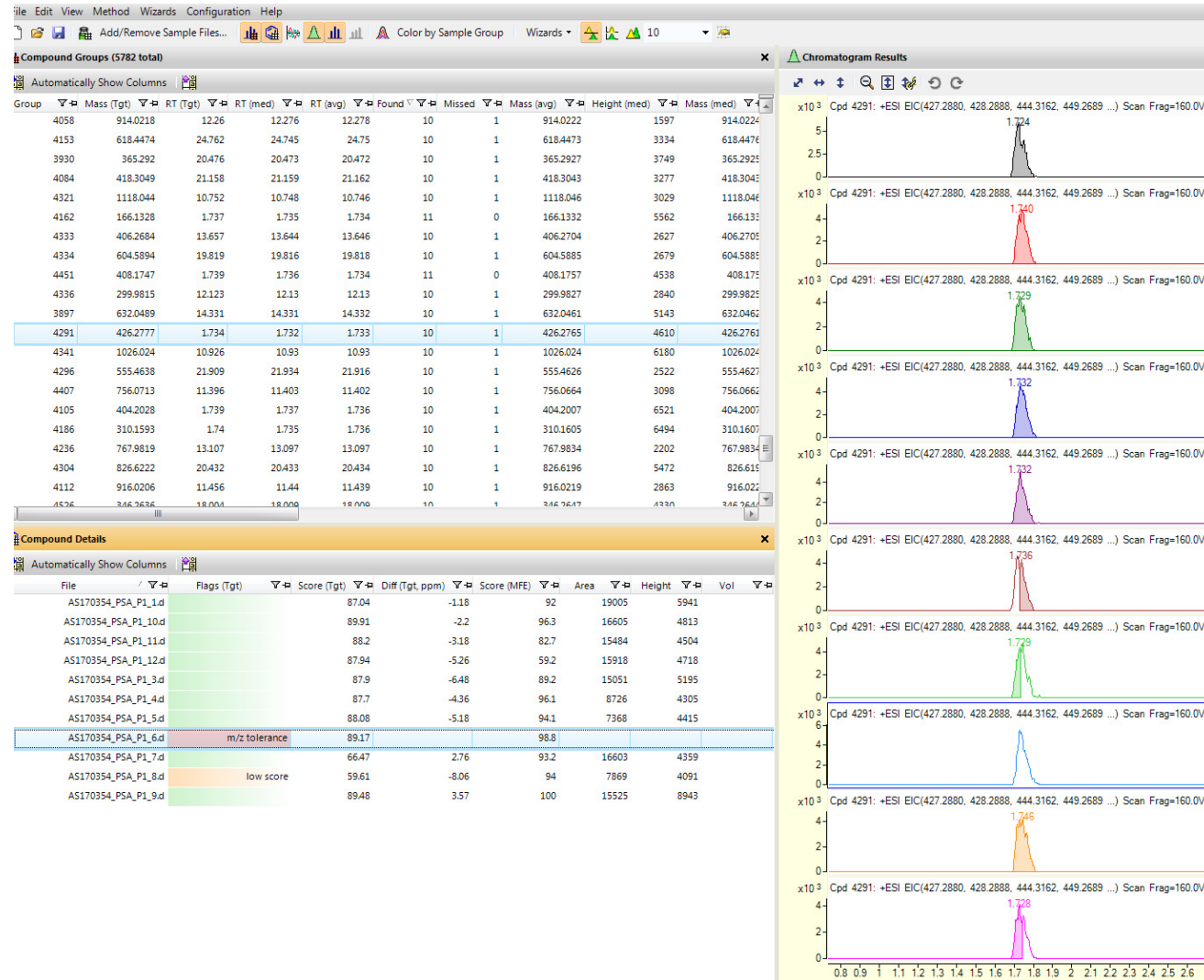
## **2D-LC vs QuEChERS**

Evaluation of clean up in terms of matrix  
components

# Using MassProfiler









# Summary and Outlook

- 2D-LC results in a better detection rate of analytes that could not be validated after QuEChERS clean-up
  - this could be due to changed elution profiles => no co-elution of analyte and matrix compounds
- higher injection volumes are possible with HILIC
- no analyte loss during sample preparation in 2D-LC
- further investigations to compare the two clean-up methods and to better understand matrix effects are in progress



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