

Colloque
**Améliorer le diagnostic des polluants organiques
environnementaux :**
Mise en œuvre d'approches d'analyses non-ciblées

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Approches non ciblées en spectrométrie de masse pour la caractérisation de l'exposome chimique : le cas des pesticides

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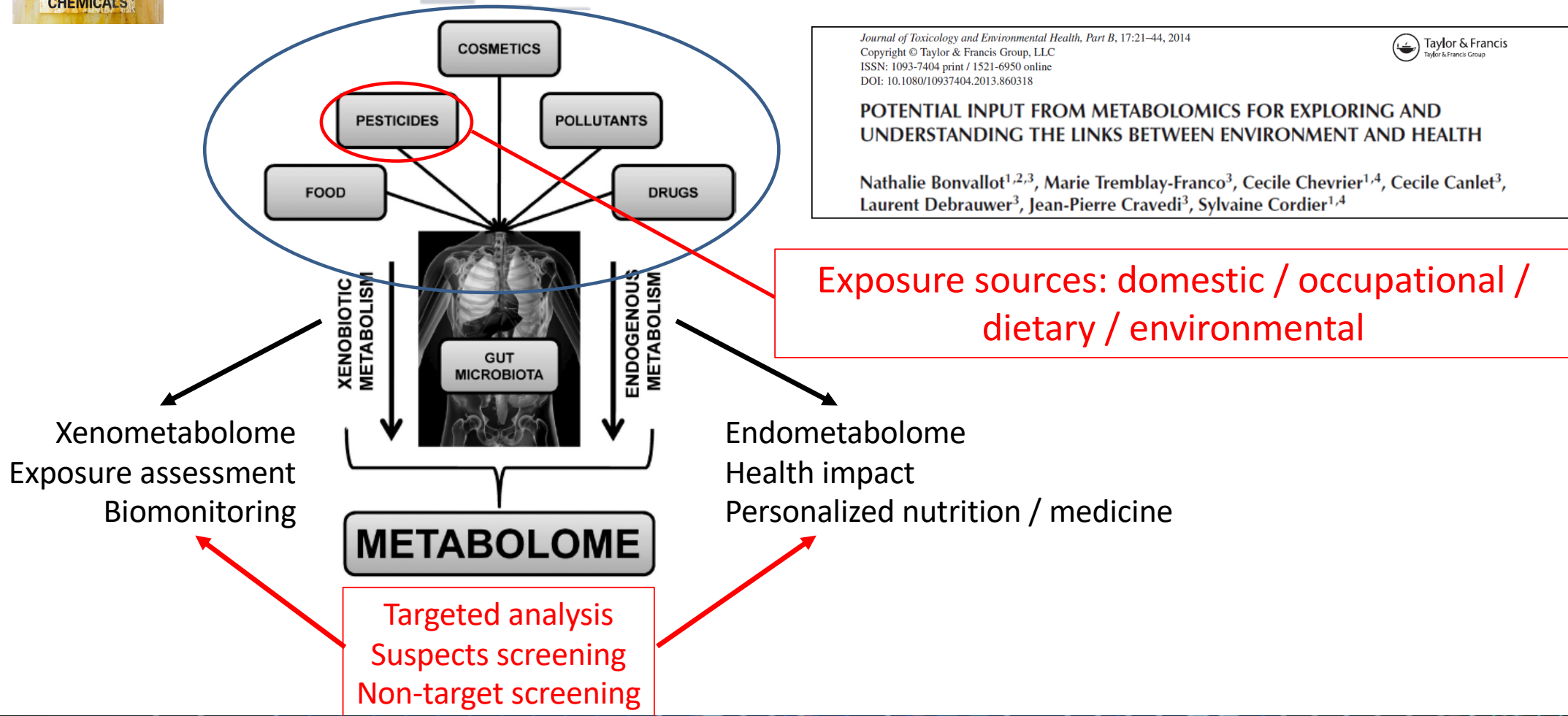


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Exposome, metabolomics and toxicology

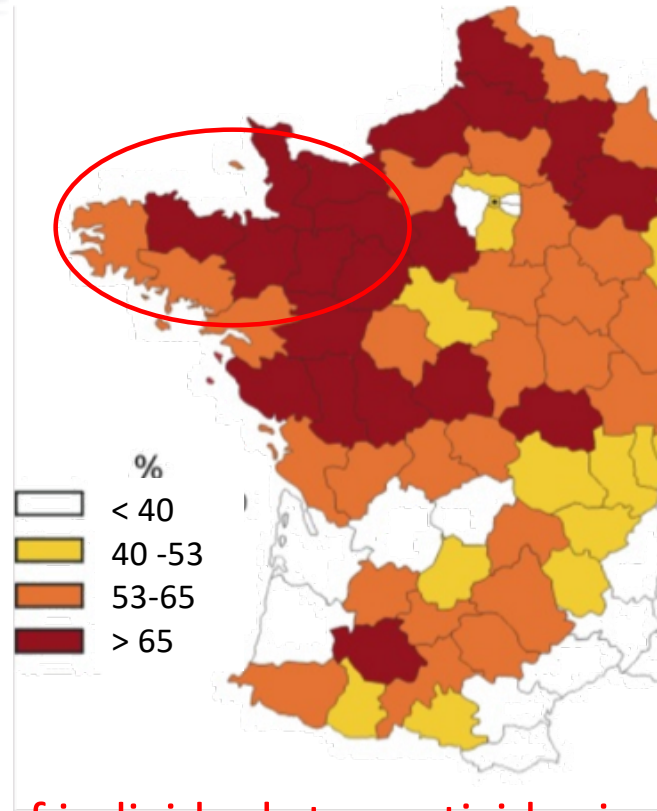


First case study: the PELAGIE Cohort ($n=3,421$)

Study of consequences of environmental exposure to xenobiotics on children development [1]

Ca. 3500 pregnant women (<19th week of pregnancy)

Urine samples collected 2004



60% surface devoted to agricultural activities (mainly cereal / corn)

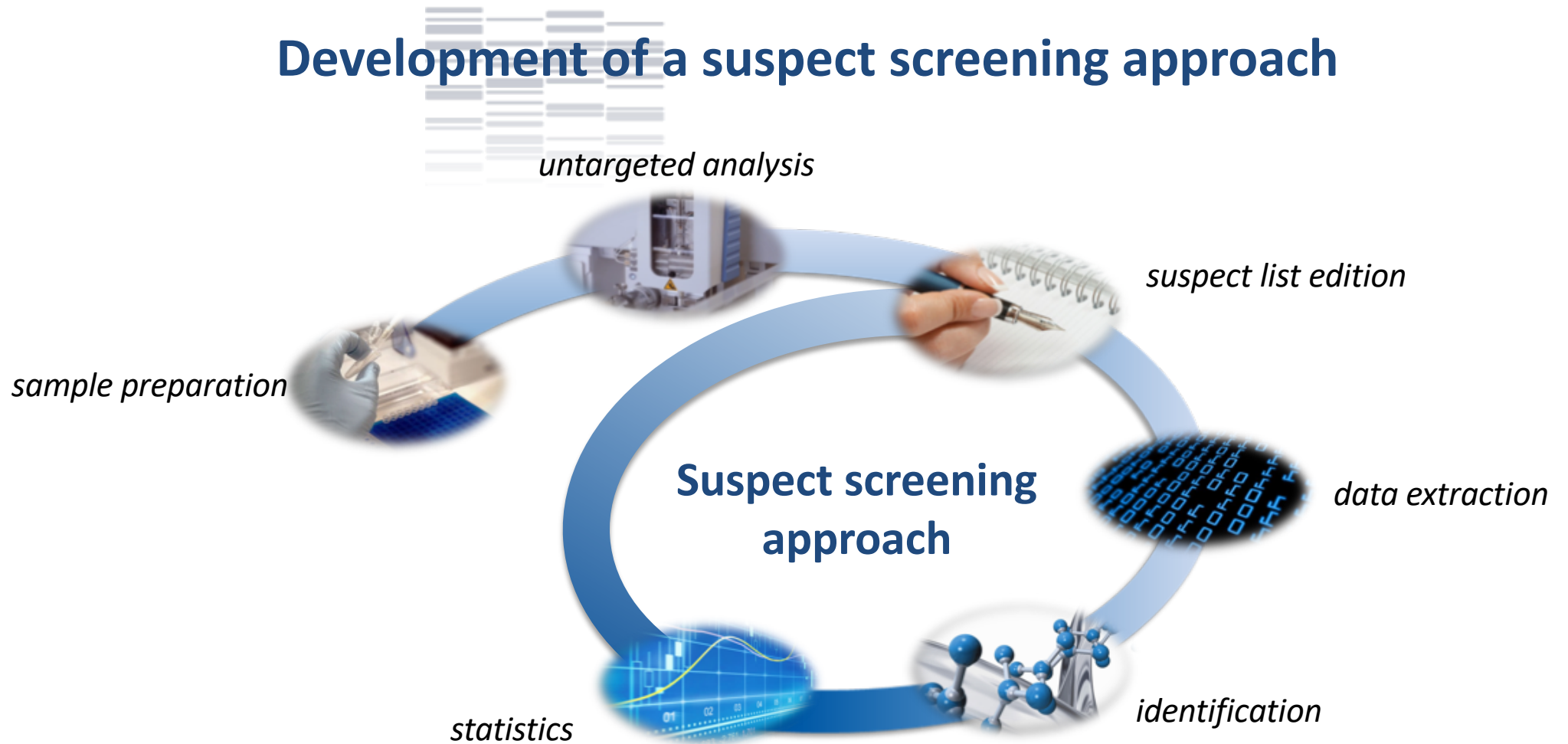
1400 tons pesticides / year used in early 2000's

60% of plots receiving at least 4 different treatments

Can we assess the exposure of individuals to pesticides in a non targeted way ?

[1] Petit C. *et al.* Am. J. Epidemiol. (2002) 175:1182–1190

Development of a suspect screening approach



Materials & methods



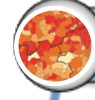
Urinary samples selection:

% of land devoted to cereal cultures in the city of residence

40 samples selected for proof of concept



Rural living



Surface dedicated to cultures in the town of residence



Distance home - field (60 to 1 250 m)



Sample preparation: dilution 2x in mobile phase A



UHPLC: Hypersil Gold C18, gradient elution $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$

HRMS: ESI(+) and ESI(-), LTQ-Orbitrap XL, m/z 60-800



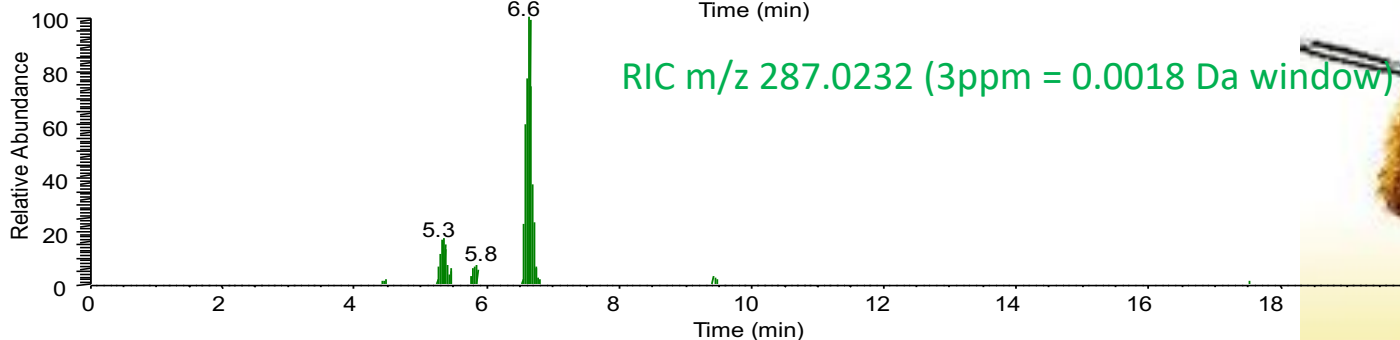
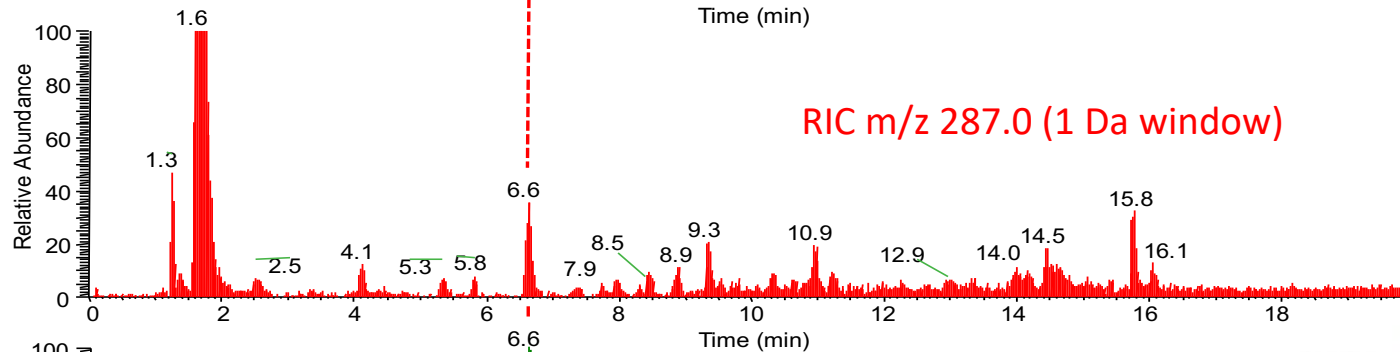
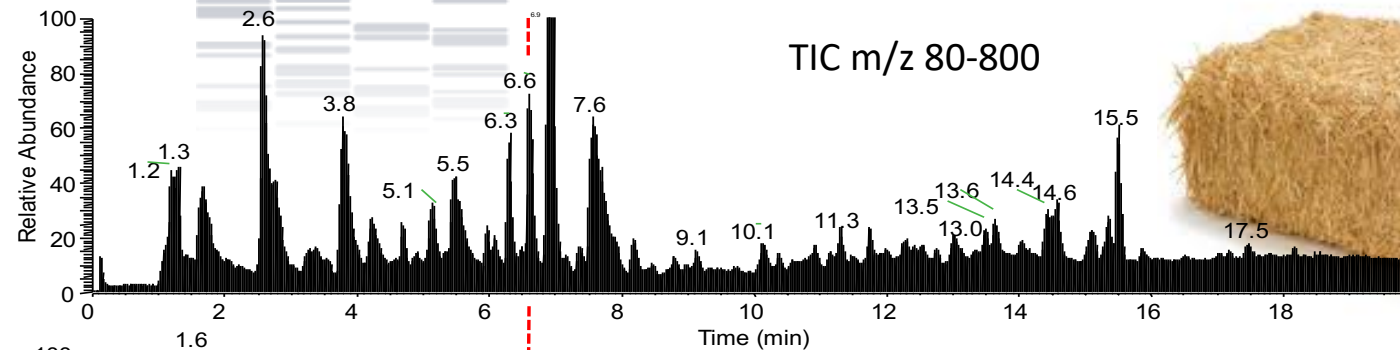
47 Pesticides: culture cartography, agricultural practices/surveys, period, region

459 Metabolites: according to: - literature

- databases (EFSA)

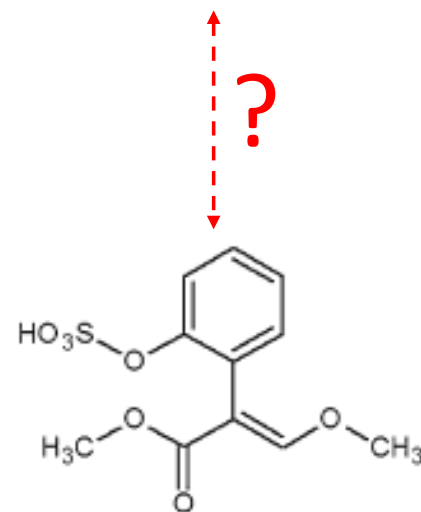
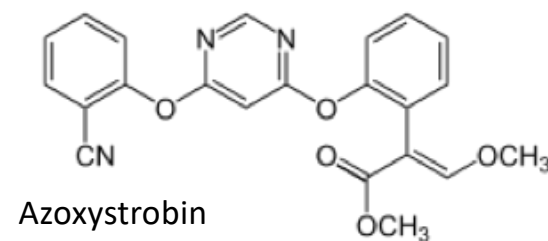
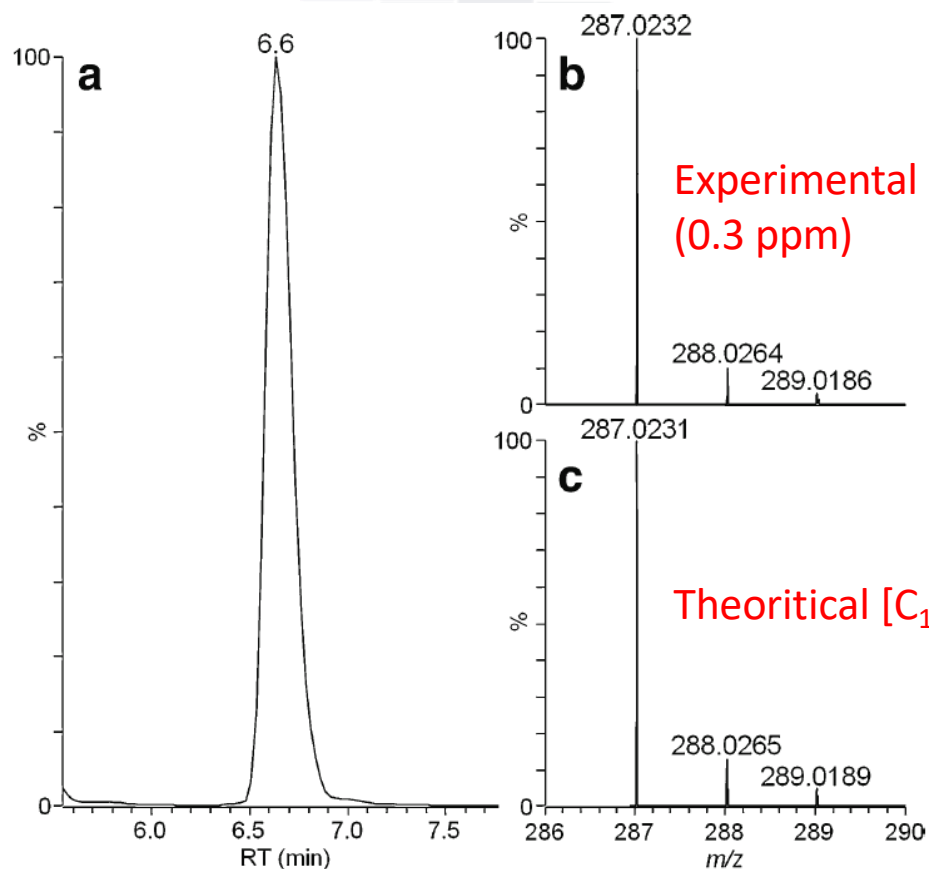
- putative phase II metabolites

Taking advantage of high resolution MS analysis

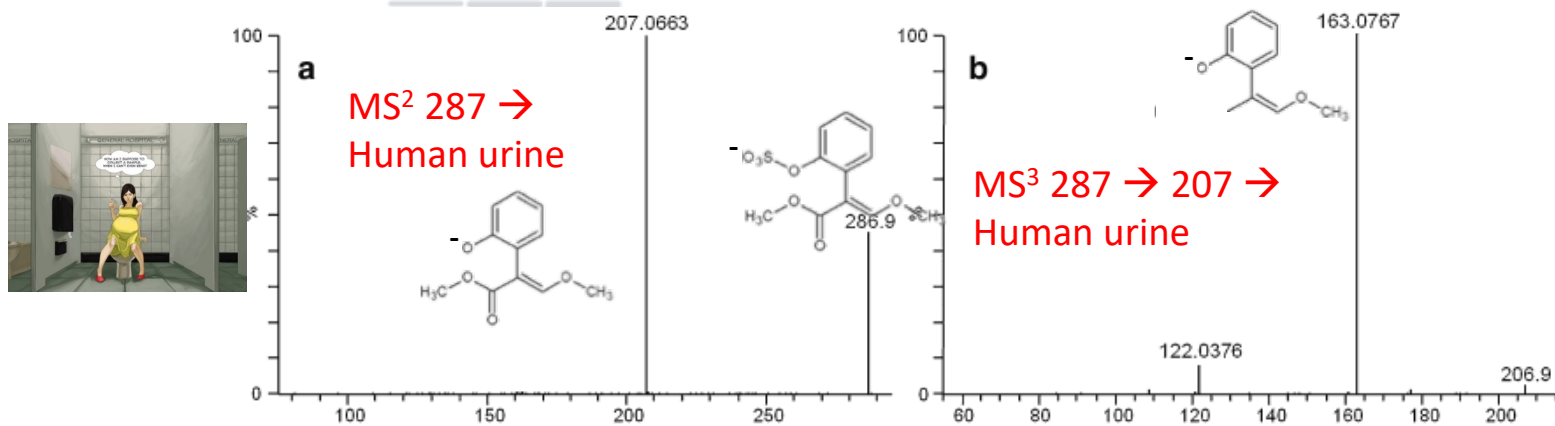


Detection of a suspected metabolite

Methyl-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methoxyacrylate sulfate



Structural confirmation (“standard” compound for comparison)



Identifications from suspect screening



HRMS screening (± 5 ppm): 33 features in ESI(+)
128 features in ESI(-)



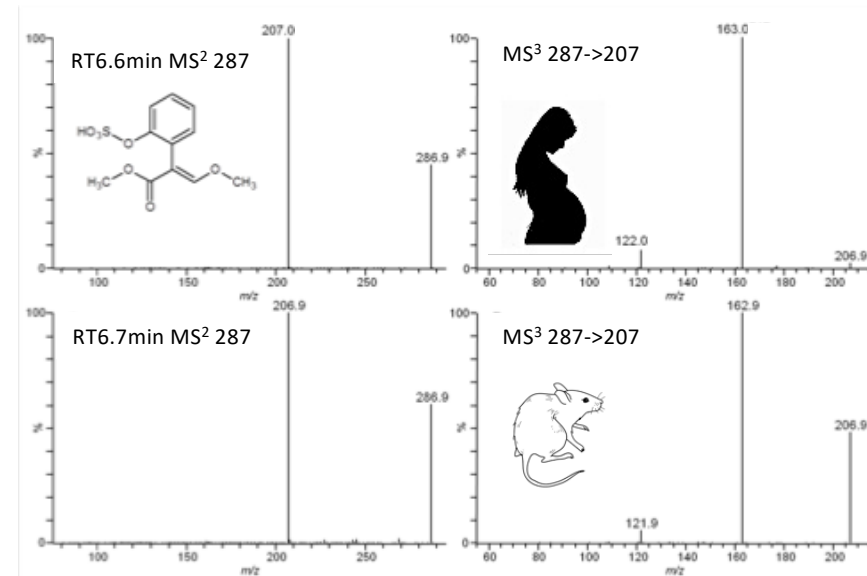
Identification: 1st step by MSⁿ (level3) [1] -> 24 putatively characterized compounds
2nd step by comparison with standard (level1)
same RT + same HRMS + same MS/MS

- commercially available compounds
-> 1 validated and 1 invalidated
- not commercial metabolites
-> *in-vivo* biosynthesis of metabolites using a rat
exposed to suspected pesticides

23 metabolites identified in ESI(-)

20 level1 & 3 level3

17 metabolites detected in more than 50% of samples



Statistics

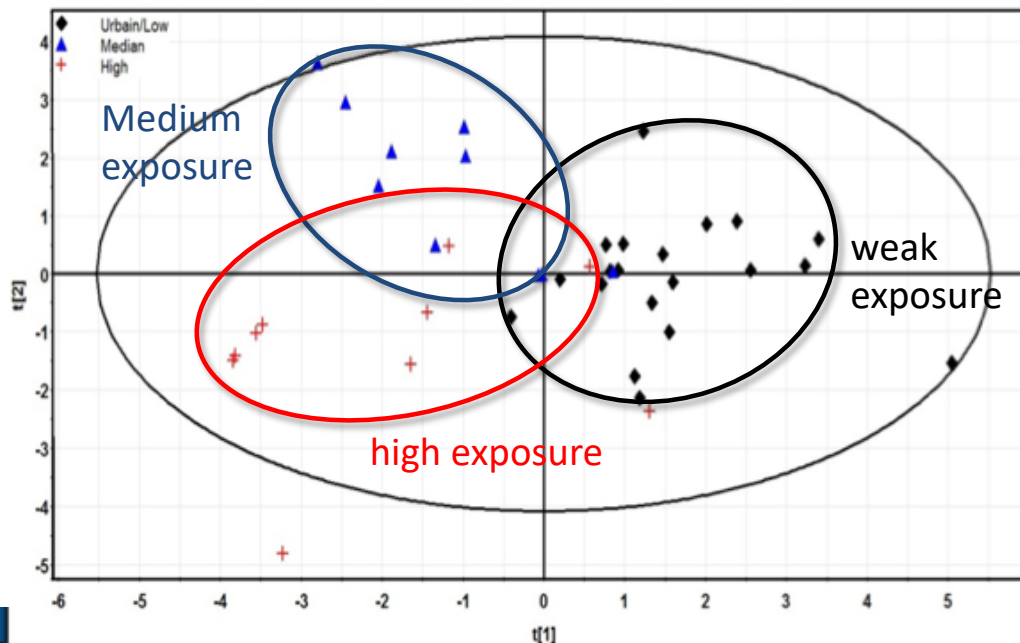


Statistics on 23 identified metabolites in ESI(-):

1st step PCA (QC validation)

2nd step PLS-DA (OSC)

3 groups : “weak exposure (urban)” ($n=20$) ; “medium” ($n=10$) ; “high exposure (rural)” ($n=10$)



$R^2=51.9\%$

$Q^2=0.359$

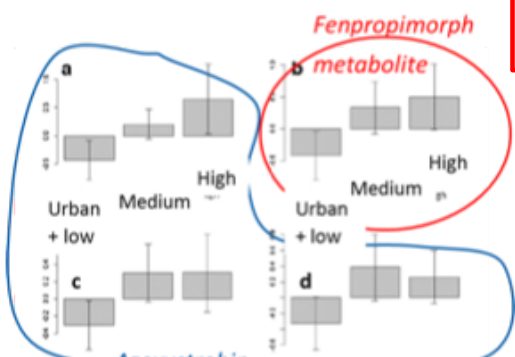
Validated
(permutation test)

PELAGIE: results

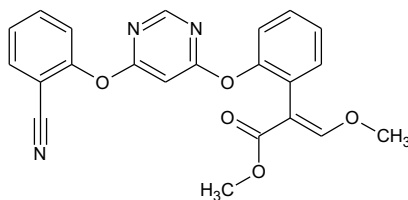
VIP>1 ; KW<0.05

High p-value
Weak contribution to
groups discrimination
(carbofuran metabolites)

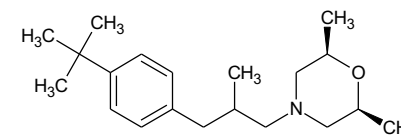
Metabolite	Pesticide	p-value	Weak->Medium	Weak->High	Medium->High
methyl-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methoxyacrylate sulfate	Azoxystrobin	6.5E-06	↗	↗	=
2-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid	Fenpropimorph	2.2E-05	↗	↗	=
methyl-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methoxyacrylate glucuronide (1)	Azoxystrobin	9.6E-05	↗	↗	=
methyl-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methoxyacrylate glucuronide (2)	Azoxystrobin	6.3E-05	↗	↗	=
3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-7-ol sulfate	Carbofuran	0.0197	=	↗	=
3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-7-ol glucuronide	Carbofuran	0.0409	↗	=	=
7-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-1-benzofuran-3(2H)-one glucuronide	Carbofuran	0.0033	=	↗	↗



Azoxystrobin



Fenpropimorph



azoxystrobin: (strobilurin) fungicide for cereals/vegetable crops
fenpropimorph : (morpholin) fungicide for cereals

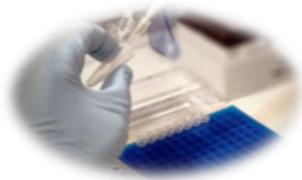
Azoxystrobin and fenpropimorph present as a mixture in some commercial formulations

Second study case: the BioNutrinet cohort ($n=28,245$)



BioNutrinet:

Contribution of organic food to the Diet [1]
Conducted in France since 2009



Urinary samples: $n=300$

150 organic food *versus* 150 conventional food consumers
(subjects matched according to propensity score)
210 women and 90 men



Signal decrease: cleaning of ESI source
8 batches of ~40 samples + QC



Suspect list: 102 pesticides including molecules allowed in organic cultures + 1146 metabolites (known + putative)

Same suspect screening approach

untargeted analysis

sample preparation

suspect list edition

Suspect screening approach

data extraction

statistics

identification



BioNutrinet: suspect screening

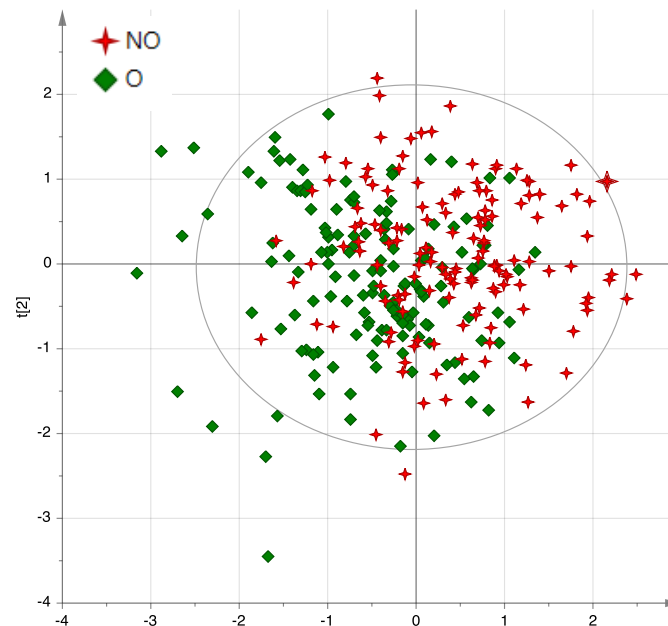


Statistics on 68 identified metabolites (level1 & 3):

1st step: batch correction using QC

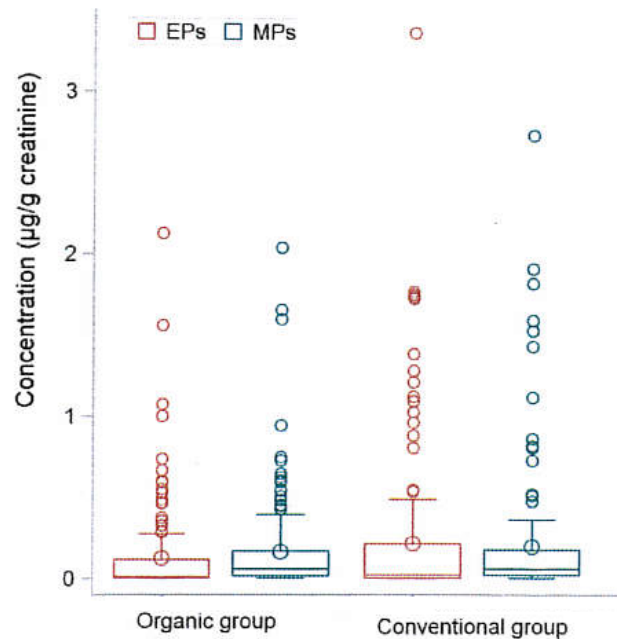
2nd step: PLS-DA (OSC)

2 groups: “organic” ($n=150$) versus “conventional” ($n=150$)

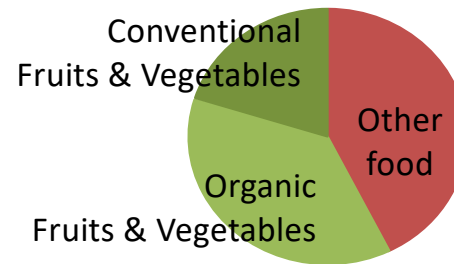


BioNutrinet: targeted analyses

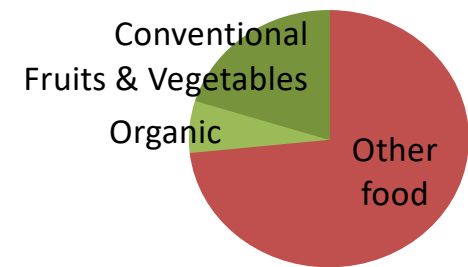
Quantification of metabolites of organophosphorus pesticides [1]



-> significant but weak differences



Organic food consumer



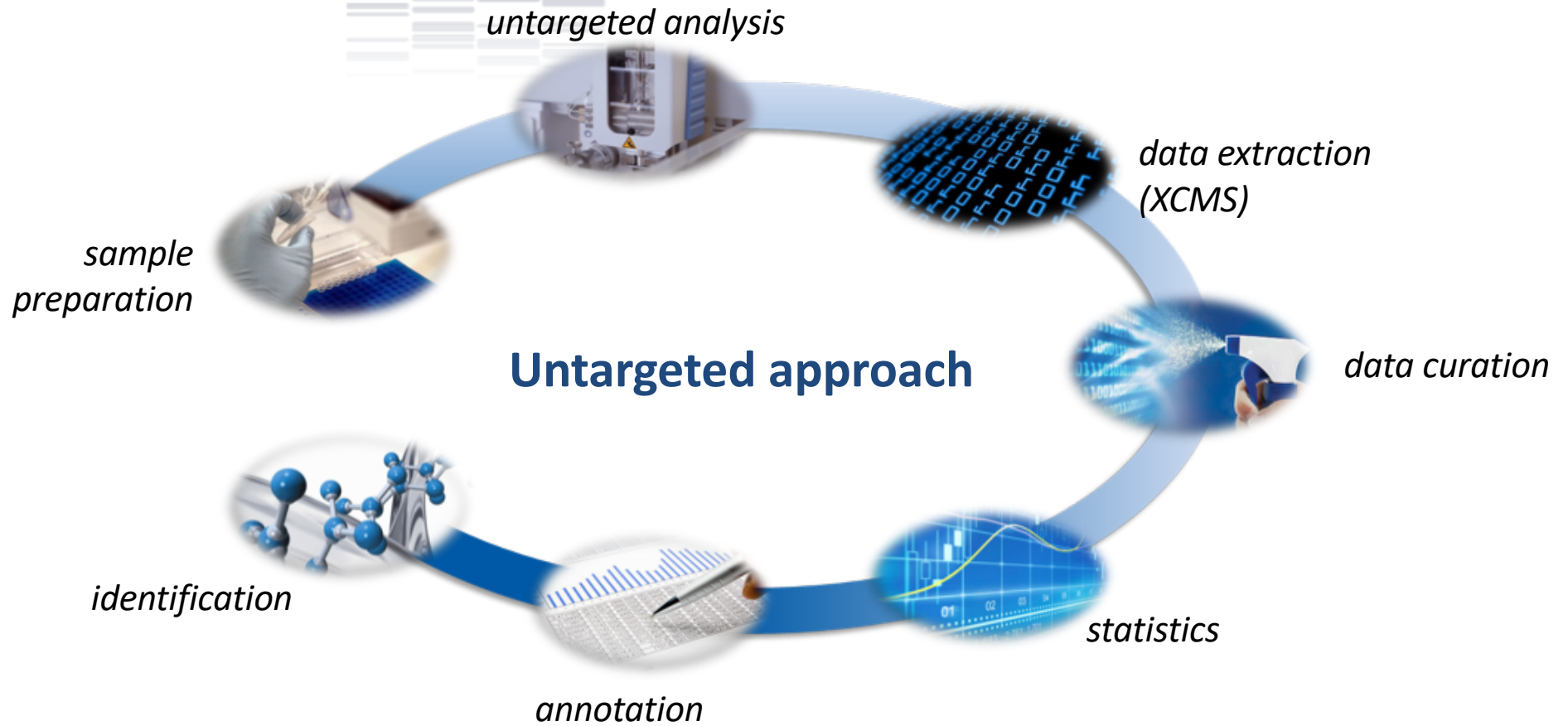
Conventional food consumer

Fruits and vegetables consumption higher in organic food consumers

Similar absolute consumption of conventional fruits and vegetables

-> both groups should be differentiated according to other determinants (diet ?)

BioNutrinet: untargeted approach



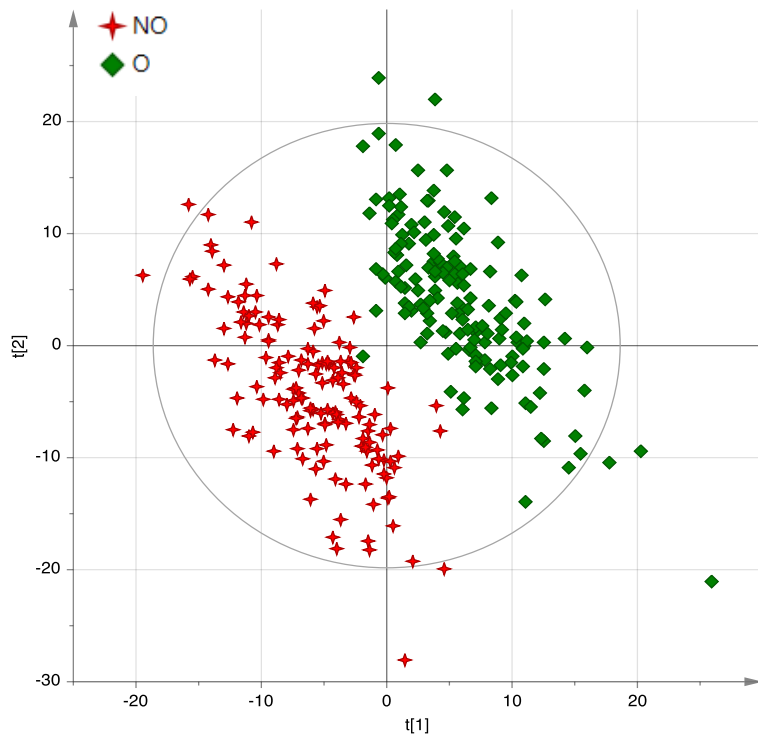
BioNutrinet: results



Statistics on 10420 features in ESI(-) and ESI(+):

1st step: batch correction using QC

2nd step: PLS-DA (OSC)



$R^2=94,9\%$

$Q^2=0.492$

Validated
(permutation test)

Identification of significant metabolites *under progress*

-> some endogenous metabolites
(carnitines, dimethylguanosine, etc.)
→ Suggests different metabolic status

-> metabolites from food
(citrus, cocoa, plant hormones, etc.)
→ Highlights different diet habits

-> only 2 metabolites of pesticides
(azoxystrobin, napropamide)
→ Relevance for biomonitoring ?

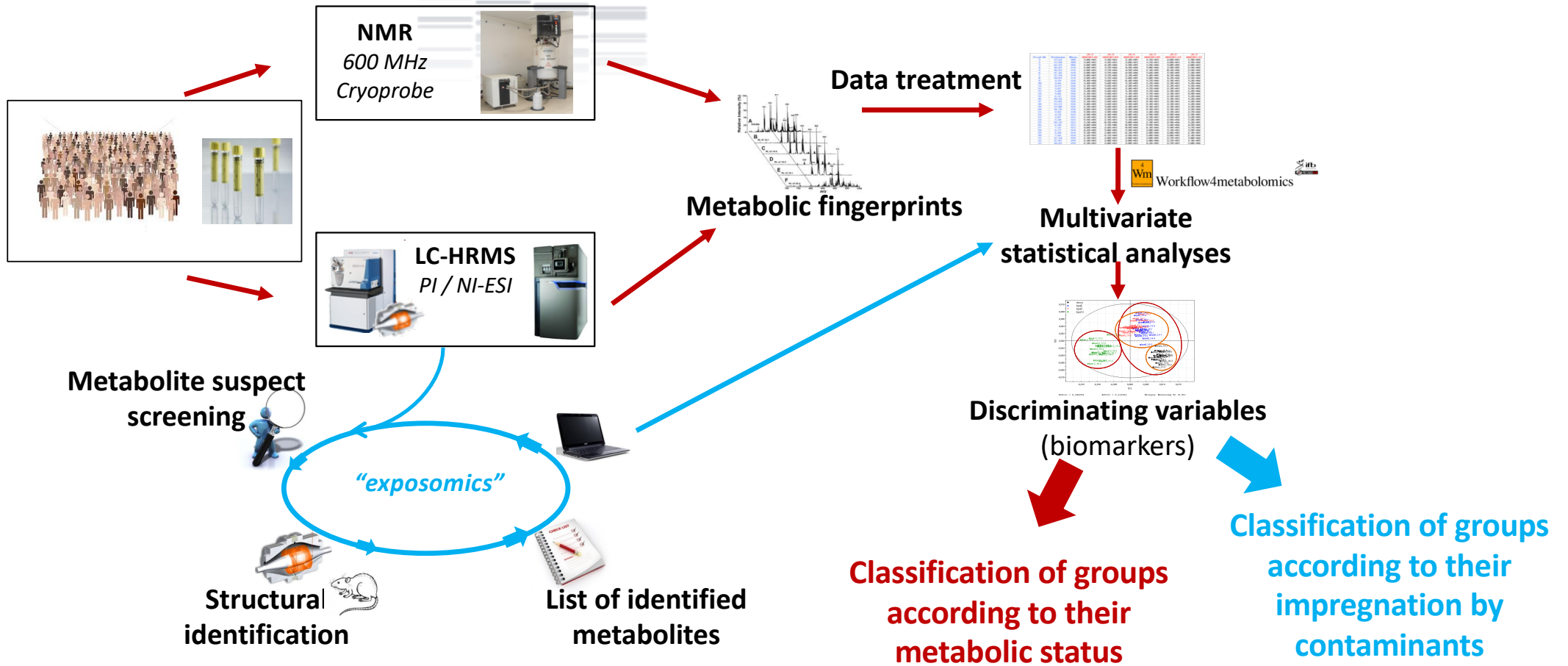


Take home messages

- **Suspect screening: setup of a powerful workflow allowing**
 - the characterization of a particular exposure:**
 - environmental exposure to pesticides according to the distance to the fields
 - dietary exposure to pesticides according to organic / conventional food consumption
 - the detection of unexpected pesticides (for possible inclusion in biomonitoring lists):**
 - e.g. azoxystrobin, fenpropimorph, napropamide
 - the validation of identifications by “*in-vivo* biosynthesis”:**
 - metabolism study of suspected pesticides using *e.g.* rodents
- **Untargeted analysis of the same datasets allowing**
 - a wider characterization of the exposome including other contaminant classes as well as food metabolites:**
 - differentiation of organic food consumers according to the proportion of fruits and vegetables in their diet
 - the detection of endogenous metabolites (input of complementary NMR analyses):**
 - access to the metabolic status of the studied population groups



Towards an integrated workflow



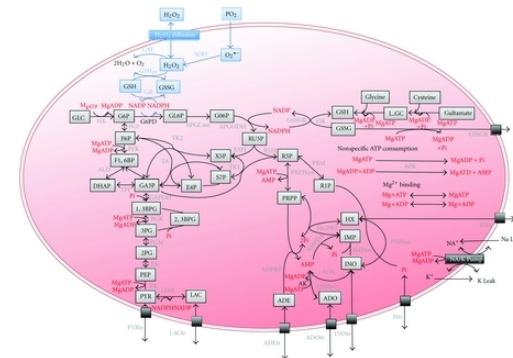
Conclusion : contribution of (NMR/MS)metabolomics for:

Assessing the exposure to pesticides from biofluids in an untargeted way

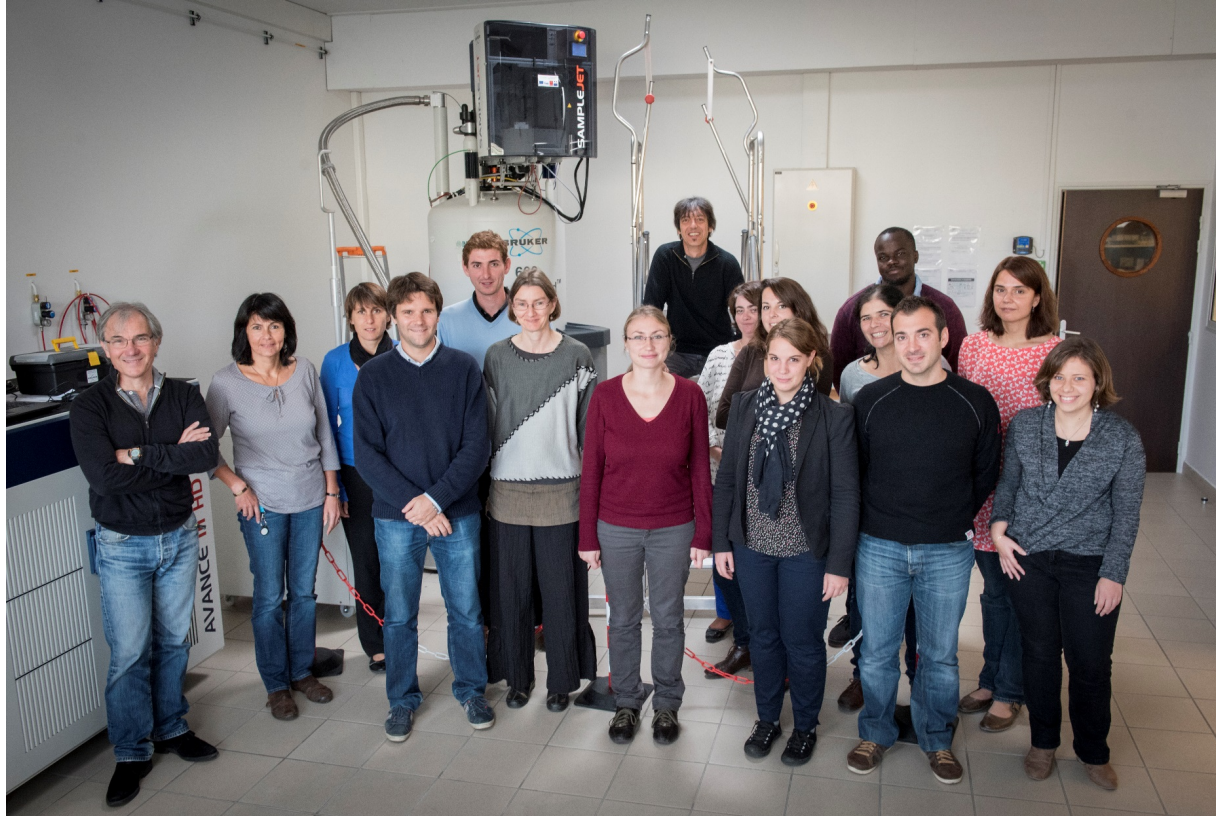


Studying the influence of exposure to multiple pesticides on the organism

Deciphering mechanistic pathways which could be involved in the metabolic changes observed



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