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# High-Resolution Metabolomics for Environmental Chemical Surveillance and Bioeffect Monitoring

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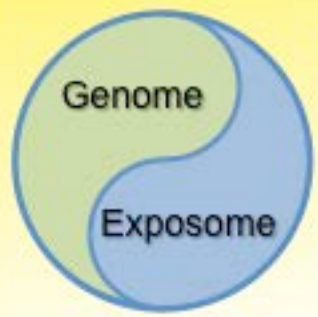


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# Toward a National Health Surveillance & Forecasting System

A central concept of personalized medicine and predictive health is that the ability to predict

**risk of disease,**  
**timing of disease onset and**  
**intensity of impact**

would make the healthcare system more efficient and empower individuals in health management



We can learn from The National Weather Service:

National Hurricane Center uses data input from multiple sources and multiple analysis tools

NHC Analysis Tools

12/1/12 11:12 AM



Local forecast by "City, St" or "ZIP"

**NHC Analysis Tools**

- Alternate Formats**
  - Text | Mobile
  - Email | RSS
  - About Alternates
- Cyclone Forecasts**
  - Latest Advisory
  - Past Advisories
  - Audio/Podcasts
  - About Advisories
- Marine Forecasts**
  - Atlantic & E Pacific
  - Gridded Marine
  - About Marine
- Tools & Data**
  - Satellite | Radar
  - Analysis Tools
  - Aircraft Recon
  - GIS Datasets
  - Data Archive
- Development**
  - Experimental
  - Research
  - Forecast Accuracy
- Outreach & Education**
  - Prepare
  - Storm Surge
  - About Cyclones
  - Cyclone Names

Below are tools and data made available for the web.

	Atlantic	East Pacific
<p><b>Hovmöller Diagram (5 day Satellite)</b></p>	<p>Tropical Atlantic and Caribbean (GOES-E)</p> <p>Gulf of Mexico and subtropical Atlantic</p> <p>Eastern Atlantic and Africa (METEOSAT-9)</p> <p>Southern CONUS and subtropical Atlantic (GOES-E)</p>	<p>East Pacific (GOES-W)</p>
<p><b>Upper-Air Time Sections</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Selected Observing Stations</a></p>	
<p><b>GFS Pressure Change Analysis</b></p>	<p><a href="#">See Image</a></p>	<p><a href="#">See Image</a></p>
<p><b>ASCAT Ocean Wind Data</b></p>	<p><a href="#">See recent data</a></p>	
<p><b>Streamlines</b></p>	<p><a href="#">NCEP Model Analyses &amp; Guidance</a></p>	
<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Analysis and Anomalies</a></p>	
<p><b>Tropical Rainfall</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Experimental Text &amp; Graphics</a></p>	



# Lessons from NOAA

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Don't rely upon a small number of isolated measurements; i.e., "biomarkers"



Rely upon cumulative data and multiple models; no model is infallible

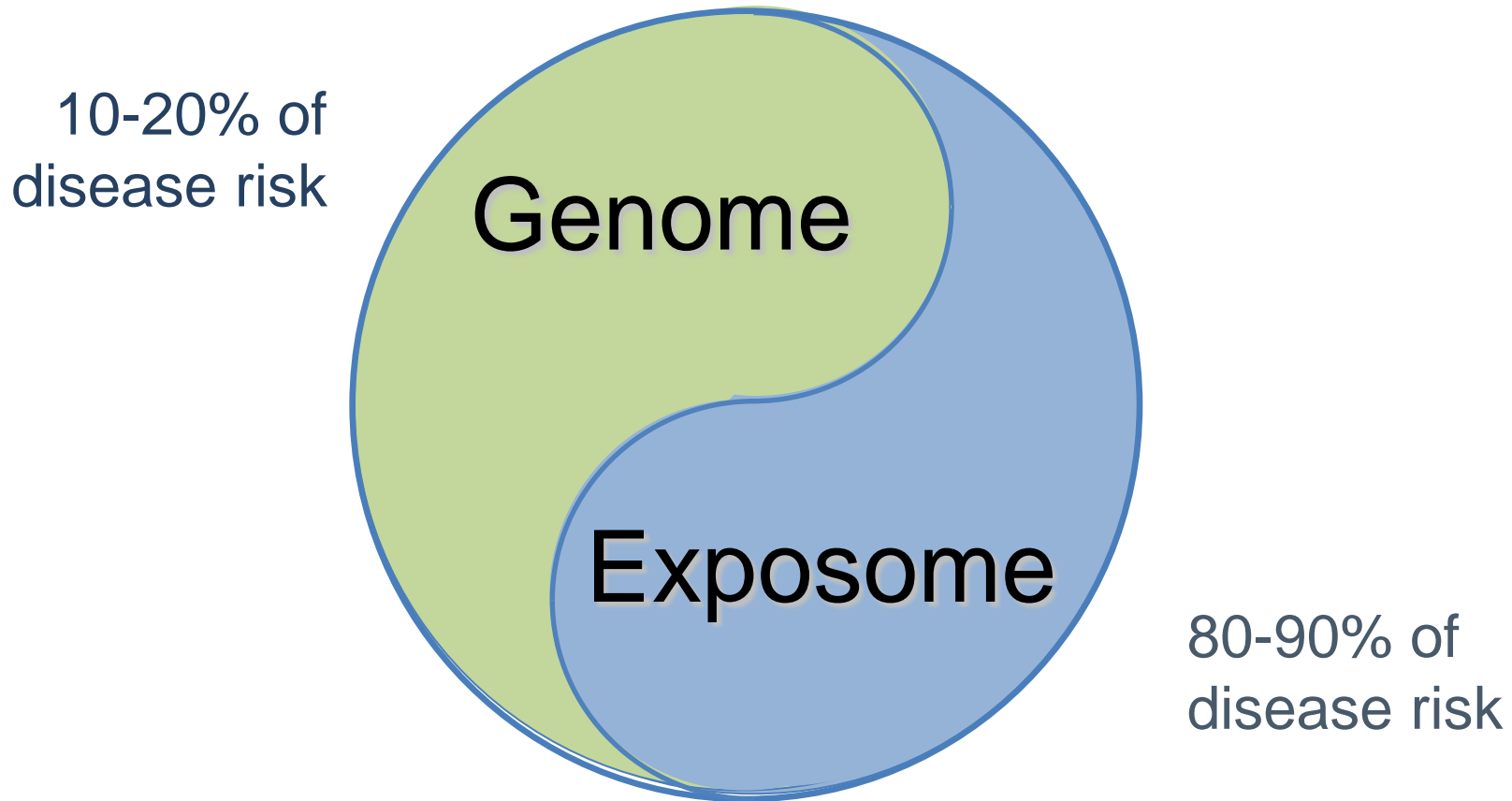


Expect reliability to be gained with

- 1) time,
- 2) understanding of failures and
- 3) introduction of improved models

Scientific underpinning for National Health Surveillance & Forecasting System: Disease risk is determined by genetics in combination with lifelong exposures, i.e., the exposome

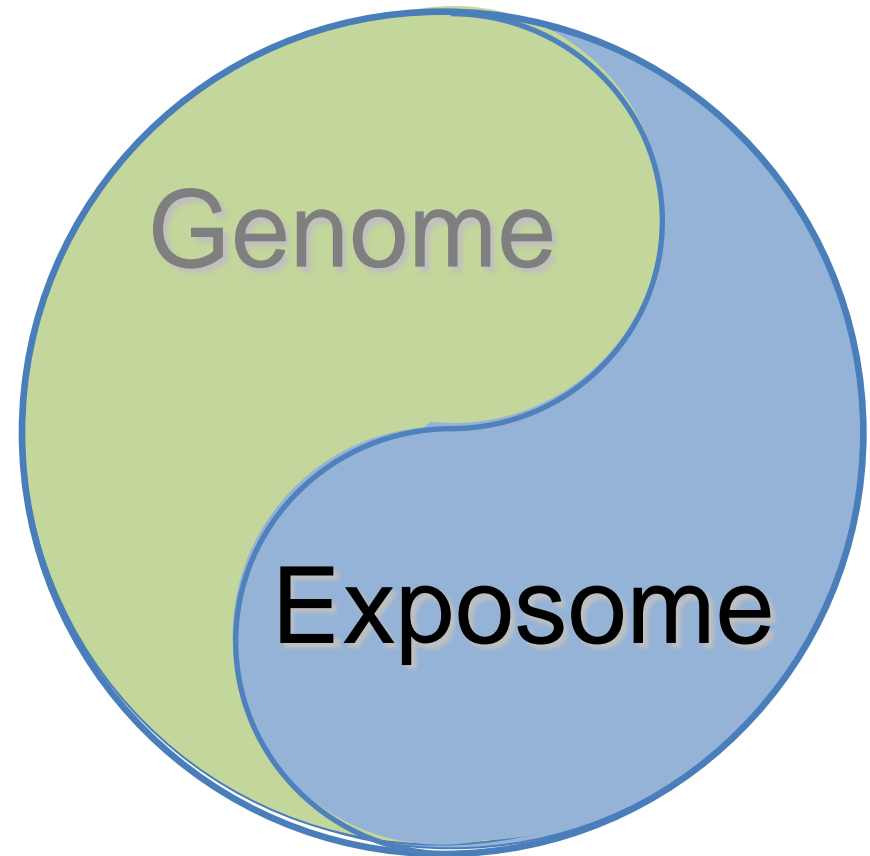
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Genotyping and gene sequencing capabilities are available

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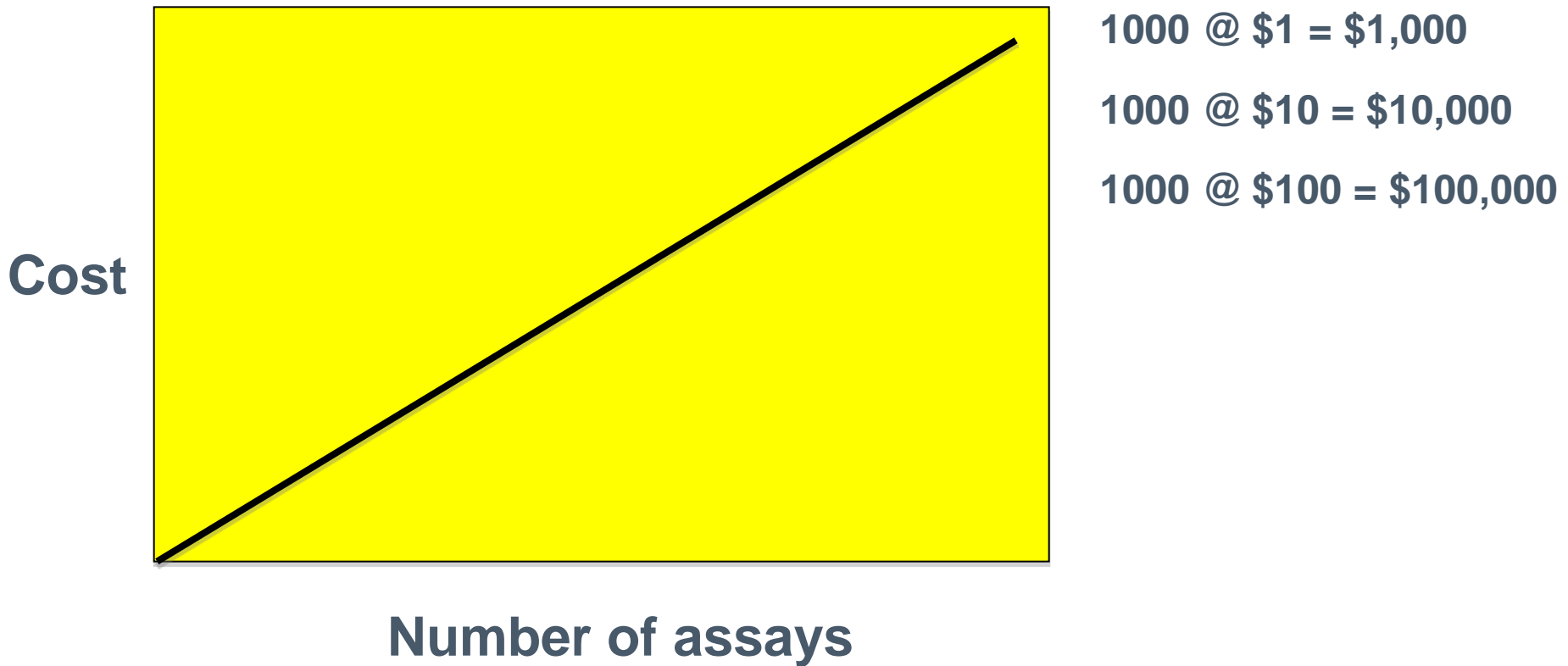
How can we address  
the exposome?

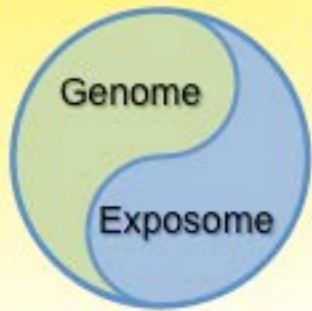


## Problem: Thousands of targeted measurements requires thousands of measurements

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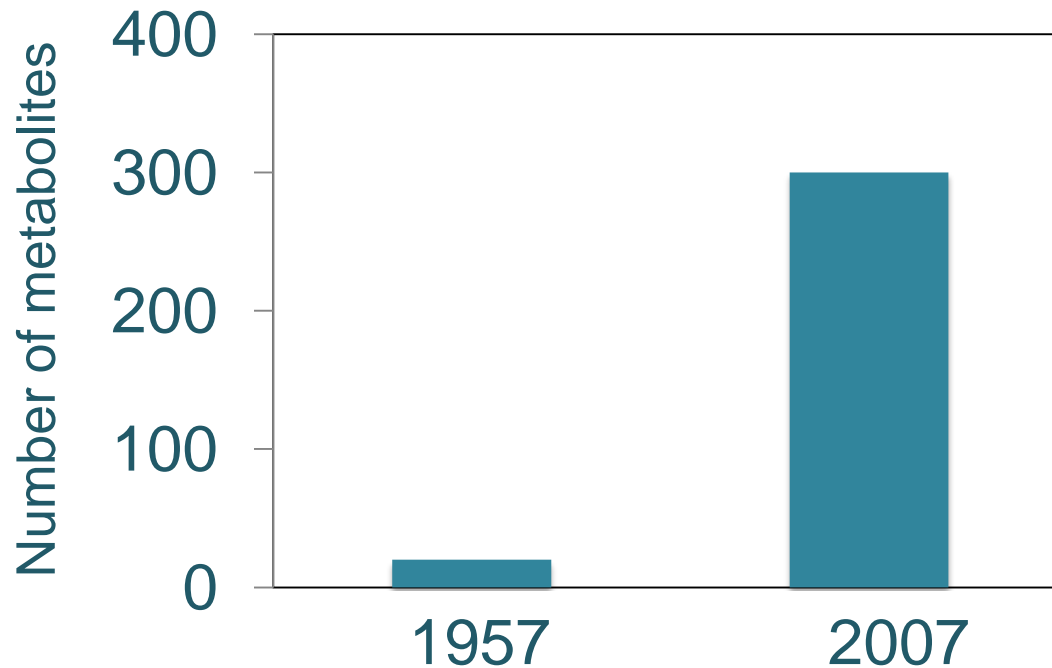
Cost for chemical profiling increases with number of measurements using traditional approaches





## Progress in chemical profiling has been slow relative to progress in gene sequencing

Number of metabolites measurable by routine analysis



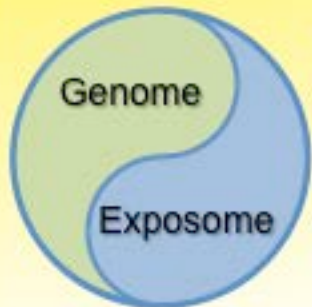
Moore et al, automated  
Amino acid analysis



Combined  
GC/MS & LC/MS







In 2003, we proposed to use high resolution mass spectrometry for metabolic profiling

**NIH Peer Review: “Waste of a good instrument”**

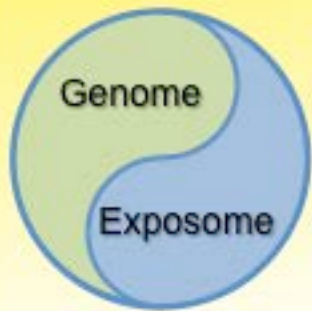
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## High-resolution Ion Cyclotron Resonance mass spectrometers:

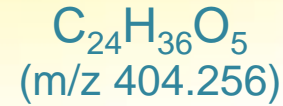
Orbit ions in electromagnetic field: allows detection with improved mass resolution and mass accuracy

Fourier-transform mass spectrometry (FTMS): Can obtain accuracy sufficient to predict elemental composition for small molecules

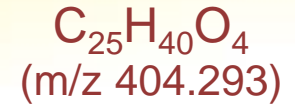
Ion detection as perturbation of magnetic field allows more sensitive detection than ion counting



## Mass spectral measurement of chemicals with same nominal mass

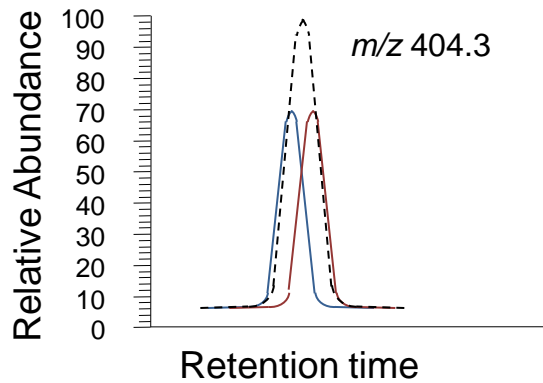


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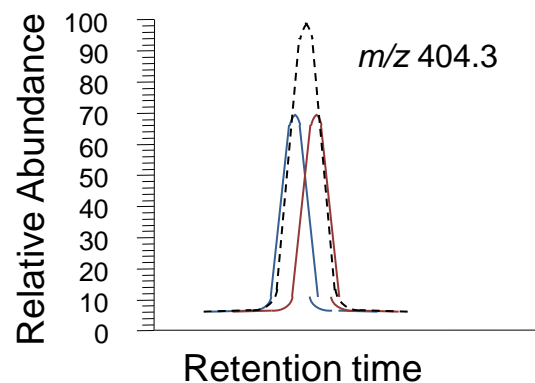
### LC-MS or GC-MS

requires separation of  
same nominal mass prior  
to MS:



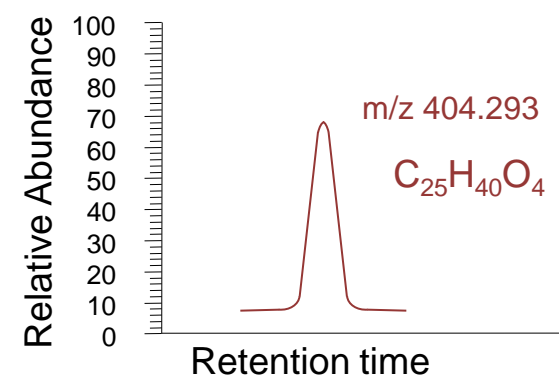
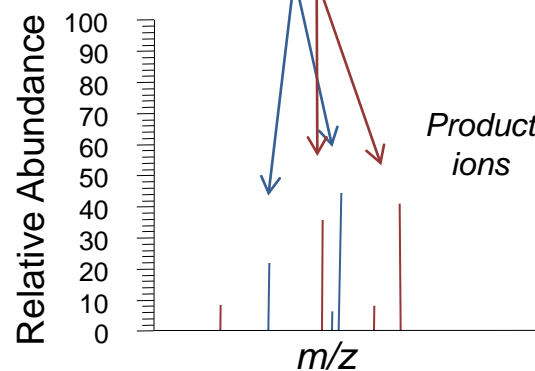
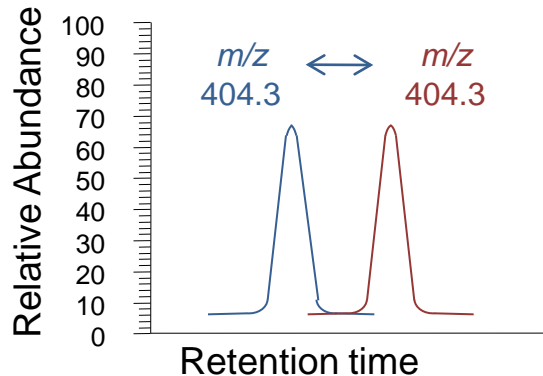
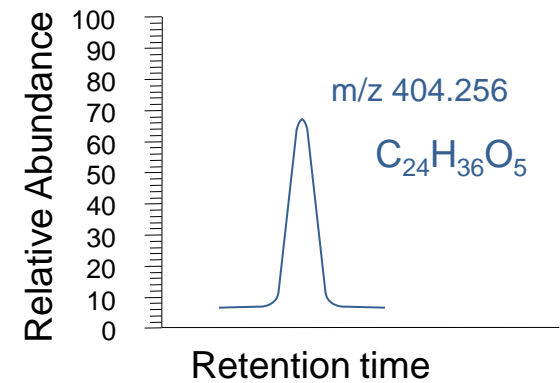
### LC-MS/MS

measures based upon  
fragmentation pattern; less  
separation requirement

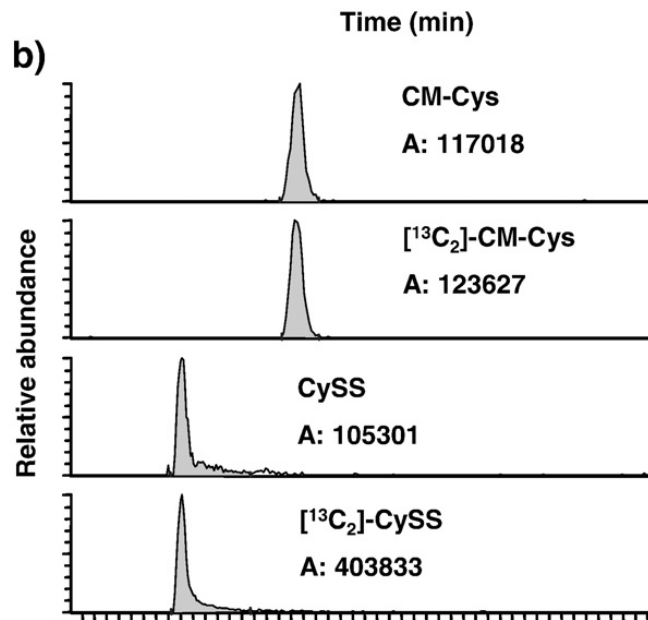


### High-resolution MS

minimizes separation or  
fragmentation needs;  
often can predict  
elemental composition

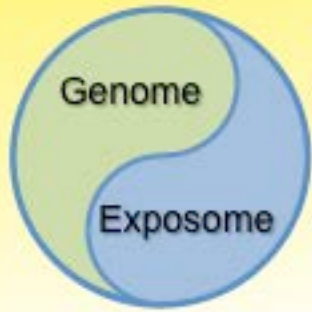


## High-resolution metabolomics: Initially showed that LC-FTMS was reliable and quantitatively accurate for targeted analysis of metabolites in biological samples



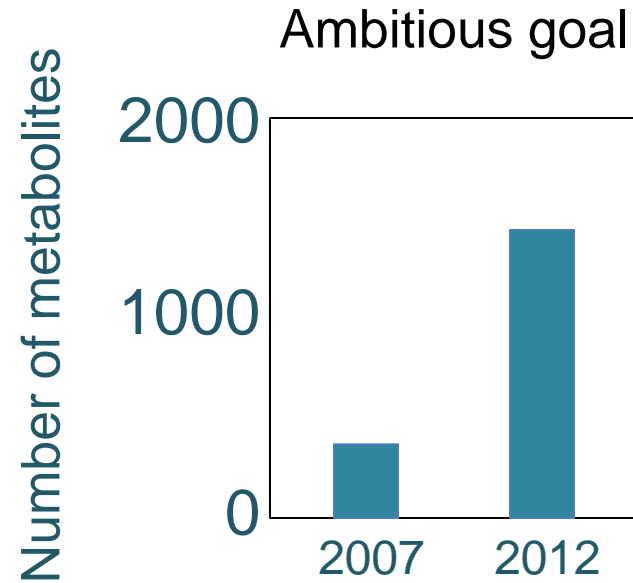
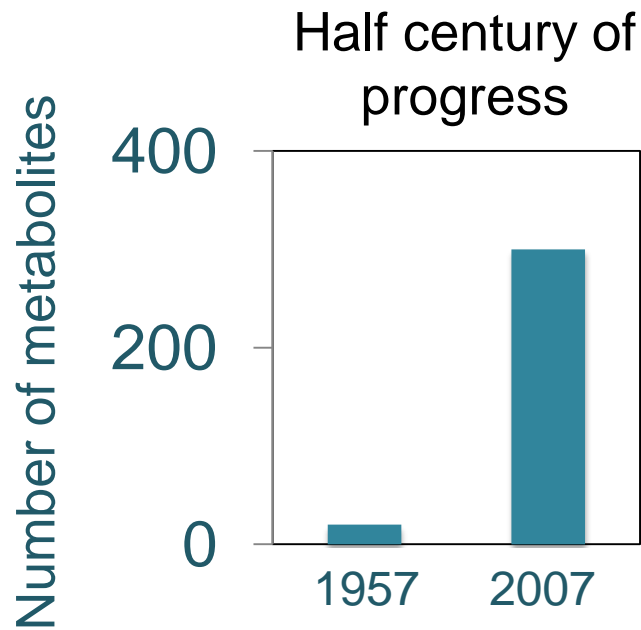
Common HPLC methods used to measure and quantify Cys and CySS in human plasma

Method	Prep time <sup>a</sup>	HPLC run time
Fluorescent: mBrB [23,26]	1 h	35 min per fraction <sup>b</sup>
Ultraviolet: CMQT [27]	40 min	10 min per fraction <sup>b</sup>
Colorimetric: DTMB [28]	4 h	2 h per fraction <sup>b</sup>
Amino acid analyzer: ninhydrin [9,29]	none	80 min per fraction <sup>b</sup>
Electrochemical: dual electrode [30]	30 min	15 min
Colorimetric: DNFB [31]	5+ h	40 min
Fluorescent: Dansyl [11,12]	16+ h	1 h
MS/MS: [15,32]	2 min	15 min
Current method: FTMS	2 min	9 min



Goal in 2007: use high-resolution mass spectrometry to improve detection from 300 metabolites to 1500 metabolites

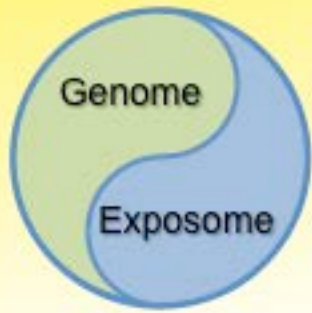
NIEHS funding: Environmental Parkinson's Disease (PD-CERC)



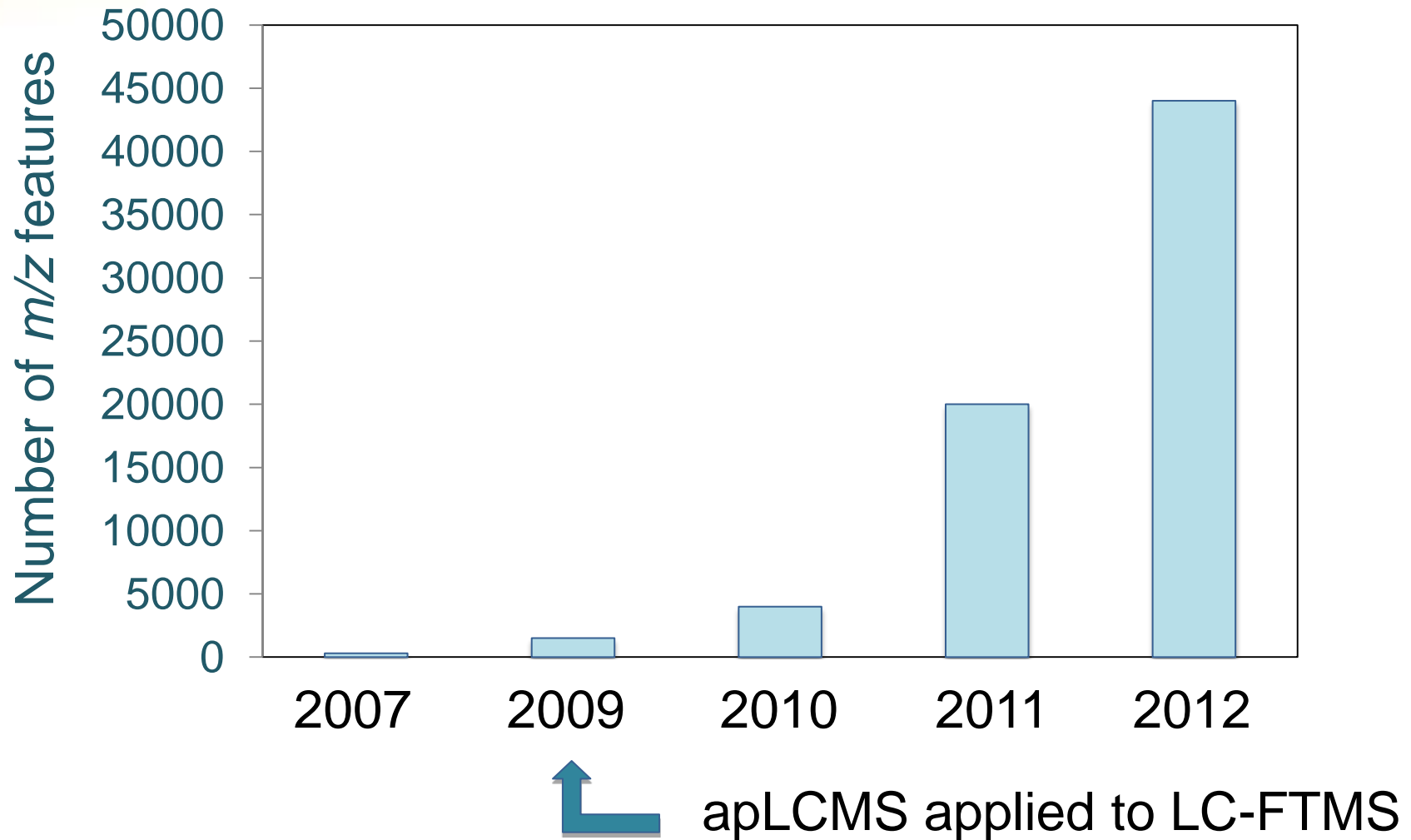
State of the art

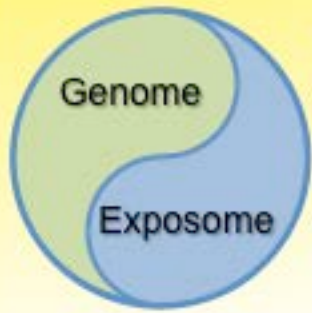


Goal



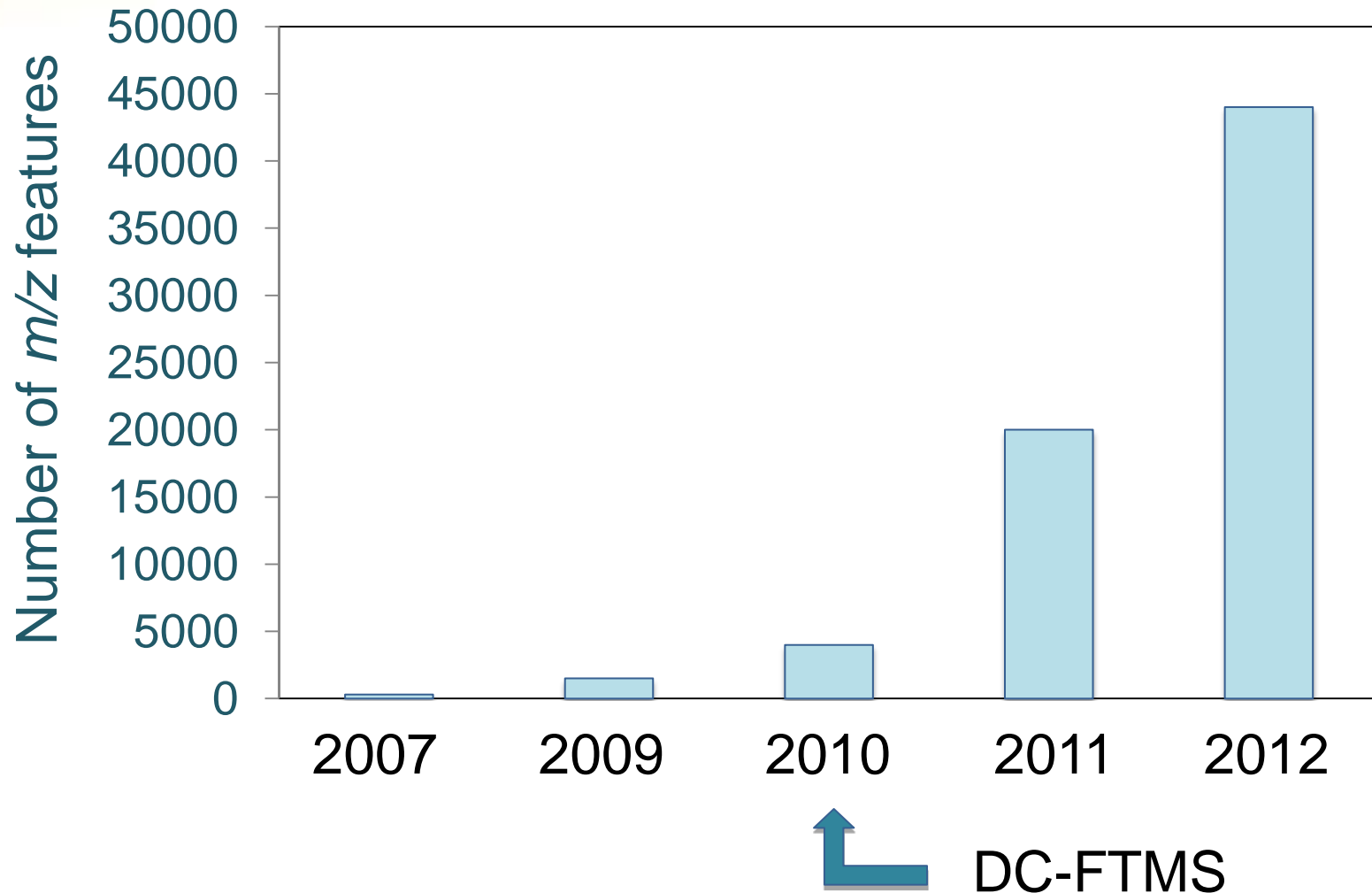
With apLCMS data extraction algorithms,  
achieved 5-fold improvement in one year  
(Yu et al *Bioinformatics* 2009; Johnson et al *Analyst* 2010)

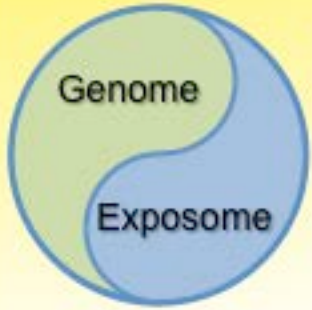




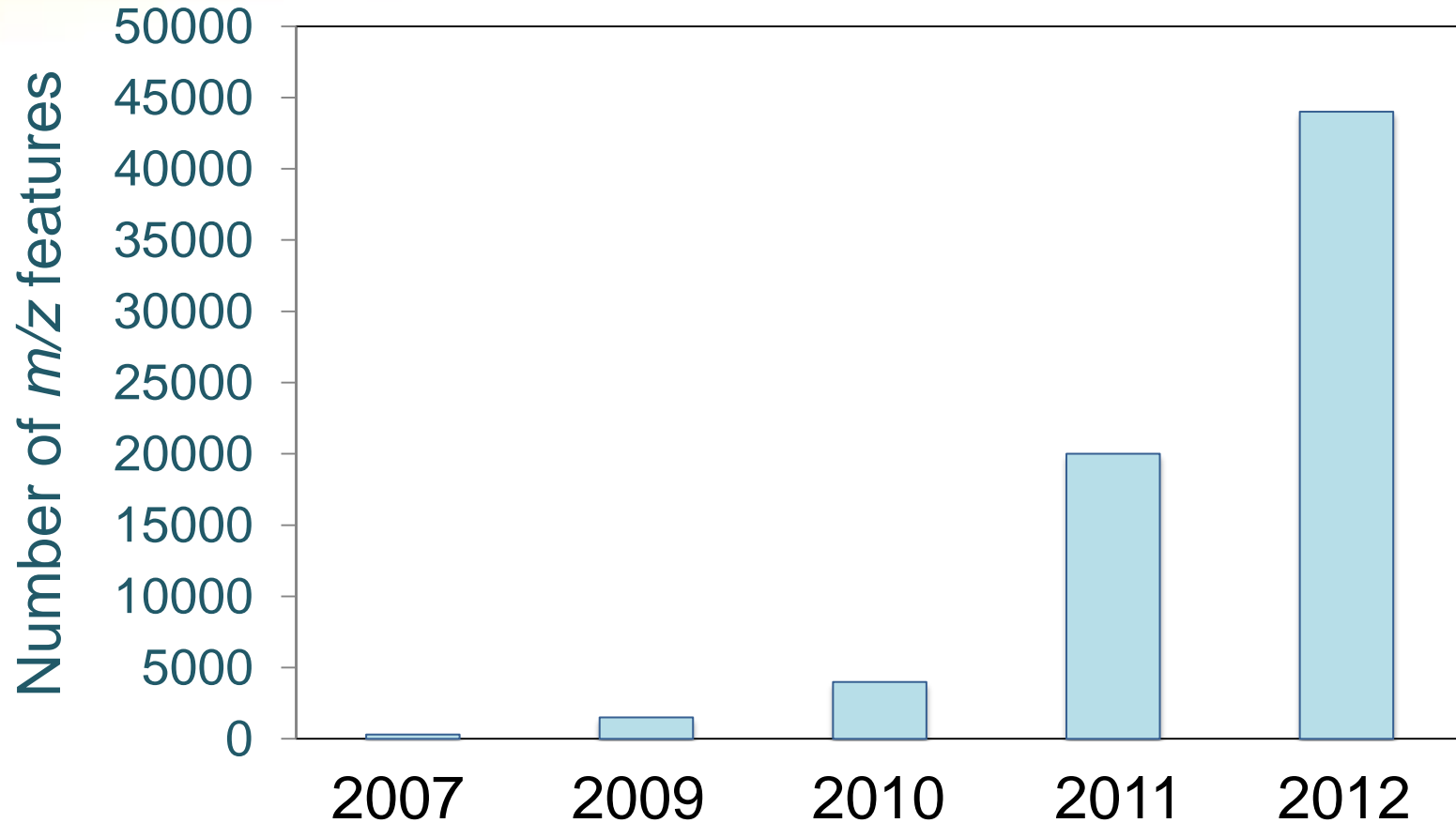
Capability was more than doubled by  
introduction of dual chromatography strategy

Soltow et al *Metabolomics* 2011



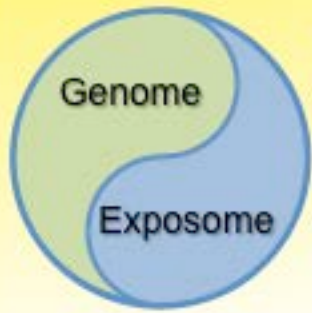


Capability was increased 4- to 5-fold by acquisition of an LTQ-Velos Orbitrap dedicated 24/7 to high-resolution metabolomics

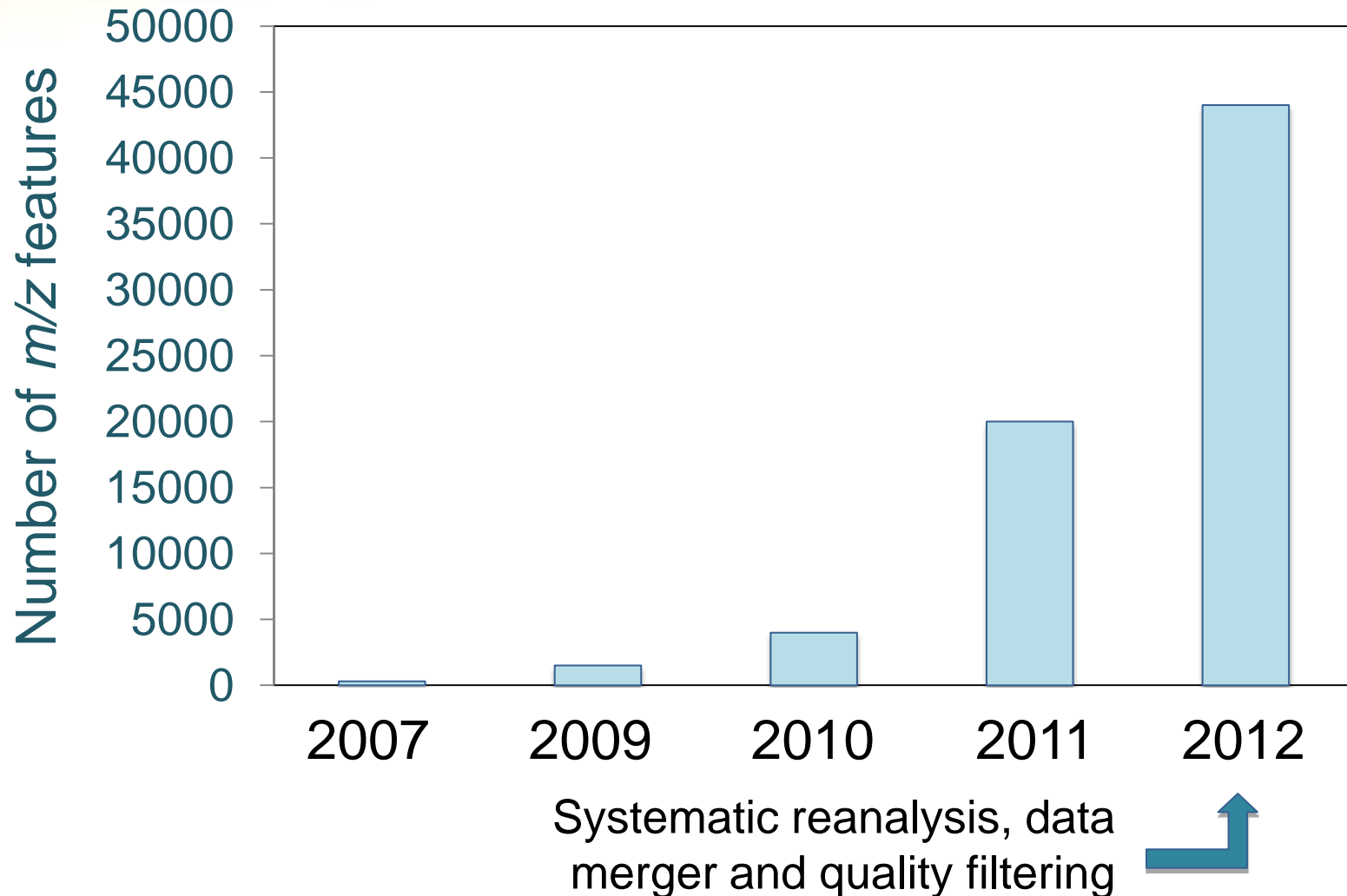


Eliminated chemical background,  
Rigorous SOP, expanded  $m/z$  range

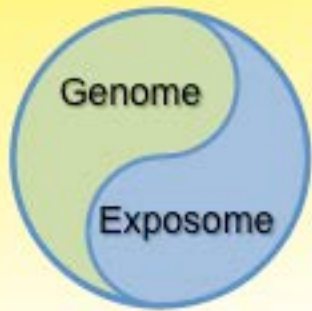




Development of xMSanalyzer has now doubled extraction of useful metabolic data  
(K Uppal et al, BMC Bioinformatics 2013)

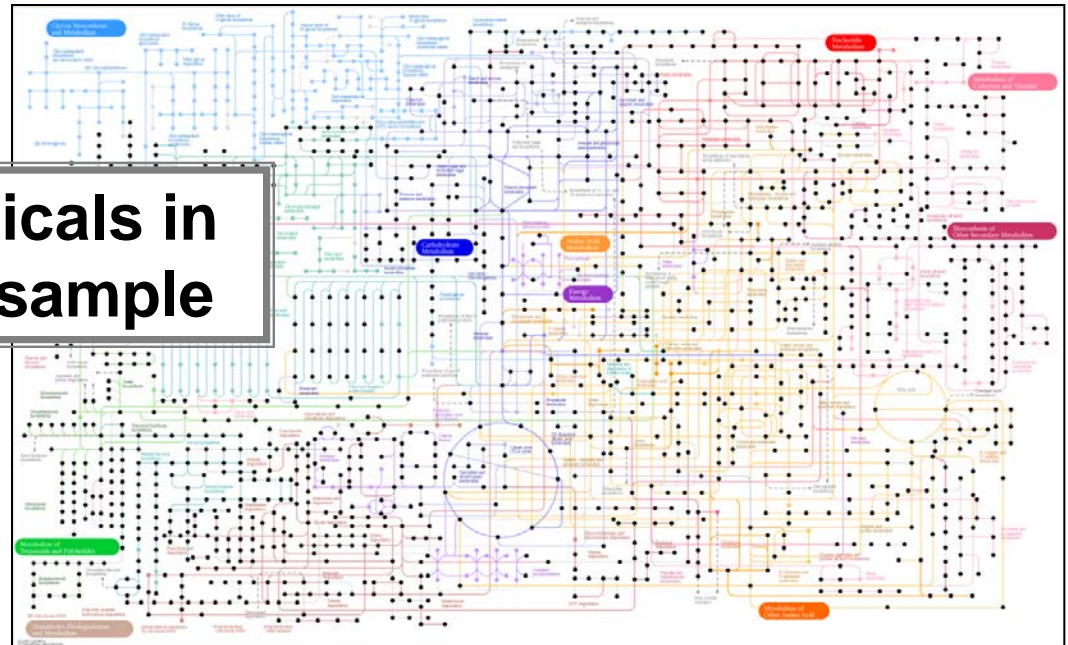




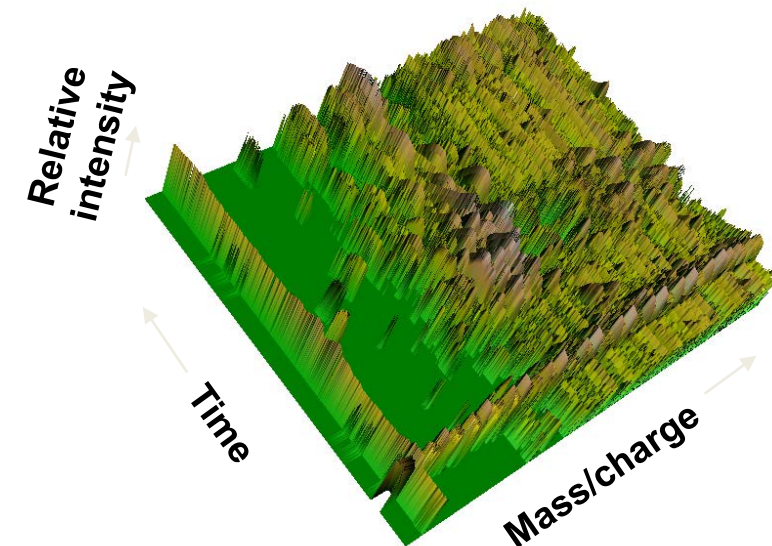


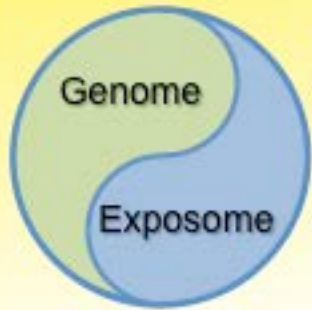
High-resolution metabolomics developed at Emory measures individual biochemistry with resolution approaching that for genomics

**Measure 20,000 chemicals in an individual plasma sample**



**Measure 200,000 ions among individuals in population studies**





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## Practical aspects of high-resolution metabolomics:

Instrument cost is double that for common LC-MSMS; total operation cost is only 10-20% more because other expenses are comparable

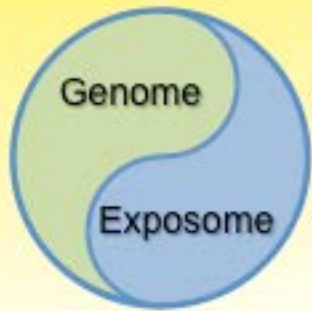
Sensitivity is driven by

- 1) Analysis under rigorously defined, routine conditions
- 2) Dedicated continuous use (24/7); 10  $\mu$ l; 10 min/analysis
- 3) Analysis in triplicate; dual chromatography
- 4) Advanced computational methods for data extraction



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T Yu et al 2009 Bioinformatics 25:1930-6  
JM Johnson et al 2010 Analyst 135: 2864-2870  
Q Soltow et al 2011 Metabolomics DOI: 10.1007/s11306-011-0332-1  
K Uppal et al 2013 BMC Bioinformatics in press



# Nutritional and Environmental Metabolomics

Current Metabolomic capabilities: >20,000 “metabolites” in plasma or urine

Core Nutritional Metabolome

Non-nutritive Chemicals in Diet

**Food  
metabolome**

40 Essential nutrients and about  
2000 metabolites formed by  
enzymes encoded by the genome

Plant metabolome >200,000 chemicals

Microbiome-related Chemicals

Largely uncharacterized (may be 10-  
40% of plasma metabolome)

Supplements and Pharmaceuticals

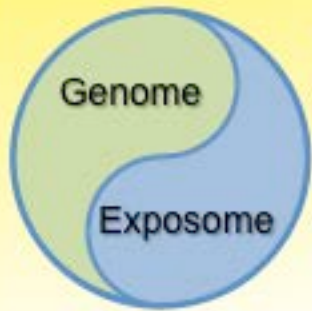
>1000 drugs in use

**Environmental  
metabolome**

Commercial Products

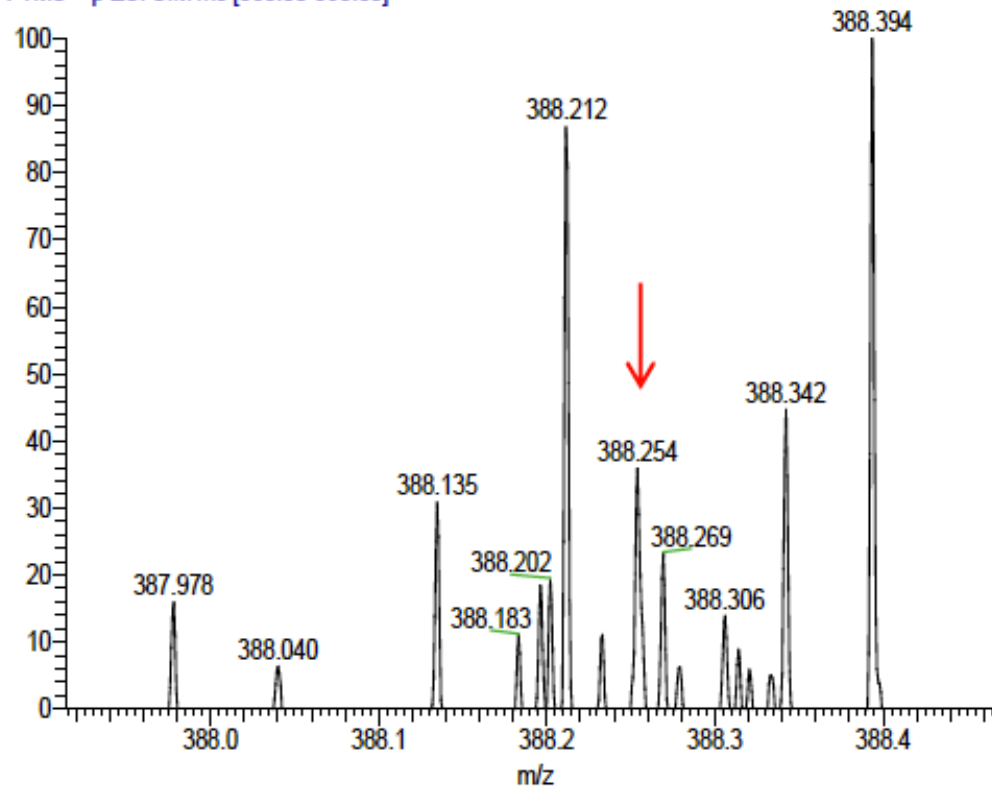
>10,000 agents used  
>80,000 registered with EPA

Environmental Chemicals



## Mass resolution and high sensitivity allow improved detection of low-abundance ions

QStdRun1 MSMS#187 RT: 3.52 AV: 1 NL: 4.66E2  
T: FTMS + p ESI SIM ms [383.00-393.00]



# High-resolution metabolomics data for 174 subclinical CVD subjects

Improved data extraction over most approaches: 34,768 ions, triplicate analyses

Summary for C18: 19,383 ions Range of detection over 5 orders of magnitude of intensity

With triplicate analyses, CV is obtained for each metabolite in each sample:

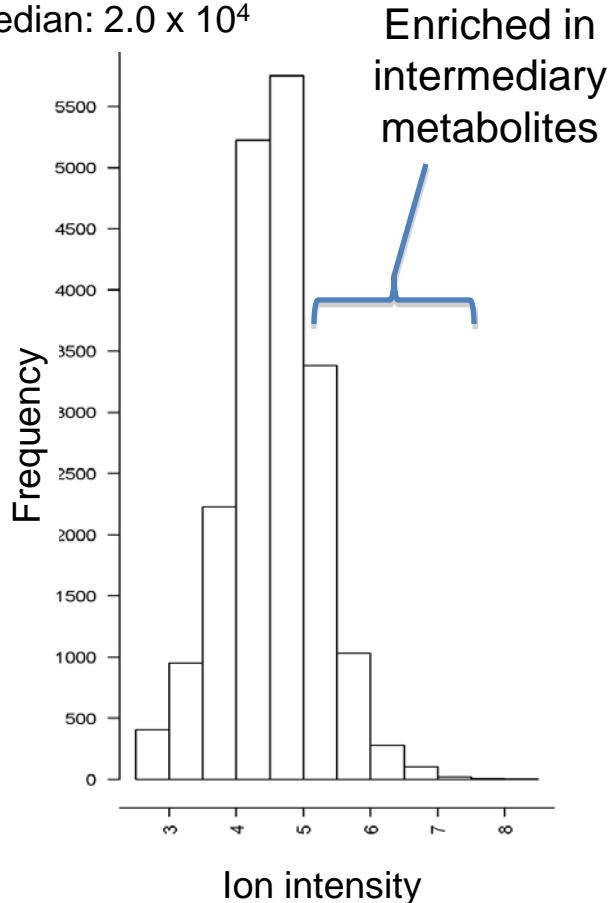
6,247 had median CV < 10%

Mean intensity of ions with CV < 10%:  $3.0 \times 10^5$

## Intensity

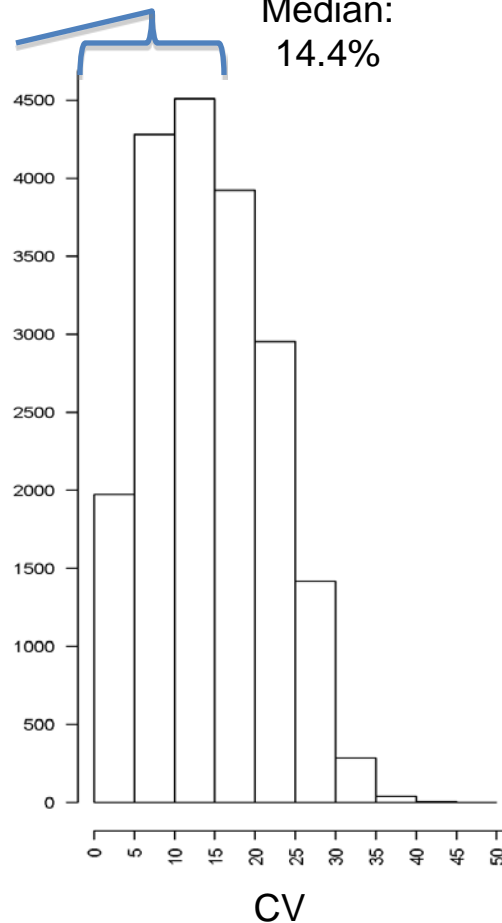
Mean:  $1.2 \times 10^5$

Median:  $2.0 \times 10^4$



## CV

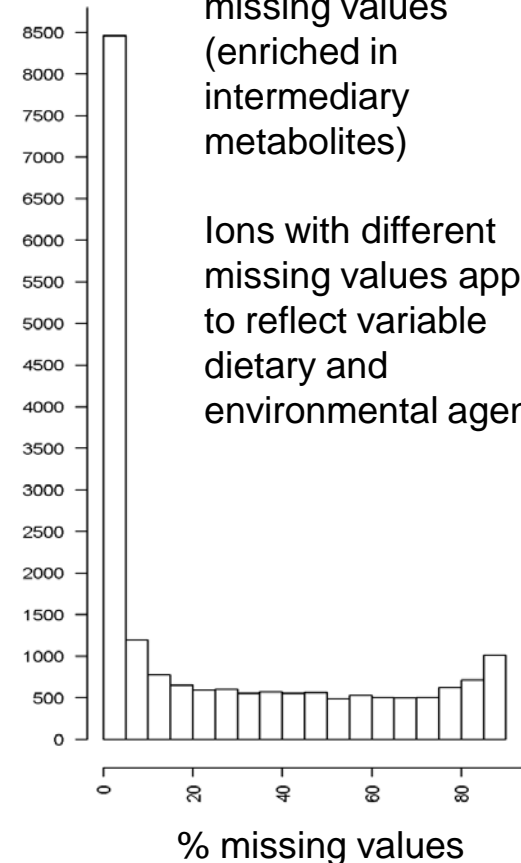
Median: 14.4%



## Missing values

>8000 had <5% missing values (enriched in intermediary metabolites)

Ions with different missing values appear to reflect variable dietary and environmental agents



# Highlights: Universal Exposure Surveillance

Many environmental chemicals are measured by high-resolution metabolomics

## Flame Retardants

Triphenyl phosphate	326.071
Dibromobisphenol A	

## Plasticizers

Tetraethylene glycol	194.115
N-Butyl-benzenesulfonamide	213.082
Diethyl phthalate	222.089
Di-n-propylphthalate	250.121
Di-n-heptyl phthalate	362.246
Diethylhexylphthalate	391.288
Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	370.308
Diisononyl phthalate	418.308
Diisodecyl phthalate	446.340

## Insecticides

Pirimicarb	238.143
Metofluthrin	360.135
Phosalone	366.987
Endosulfan	403.817
Benfuracarb	410.188
Rotenone	394.142

## Herbicides

Desethylatrazine	187.630
Diaminochlorotriazine (DACT)	
Mefenacet	298.078
Chlorsulfuron	357.030
Sulfentrazone	385.982

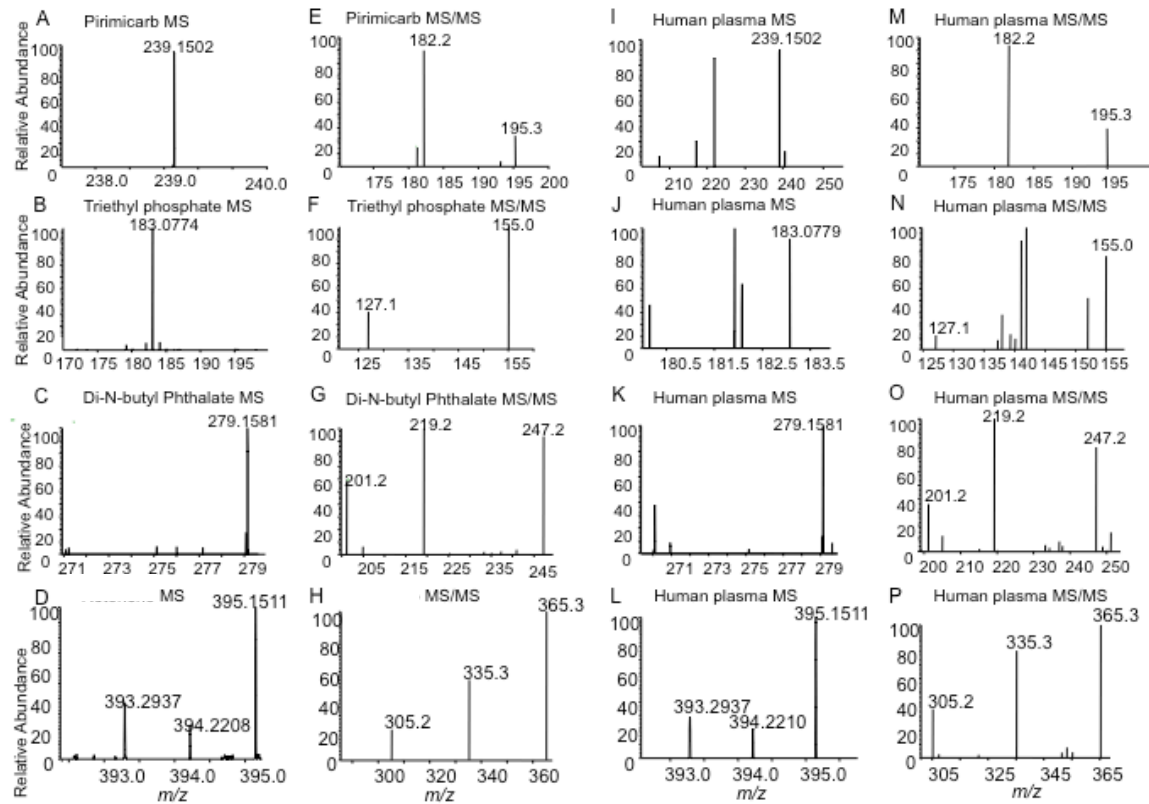
## Fungicides

Carbendazim	191.069
Benomyl	290.138
Tridemorph	297.303
Pencycuron	328.134
Famoxadone	374.127

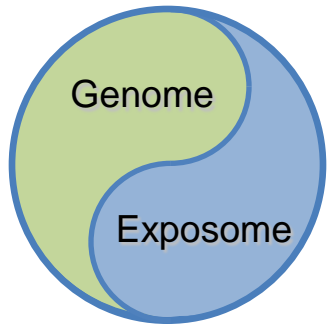
## Other

2,3-Benzofluorene	217.103
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# Co-elution and MS/MS studies verify identities of environmental chemicals in LC-FTMS analysis

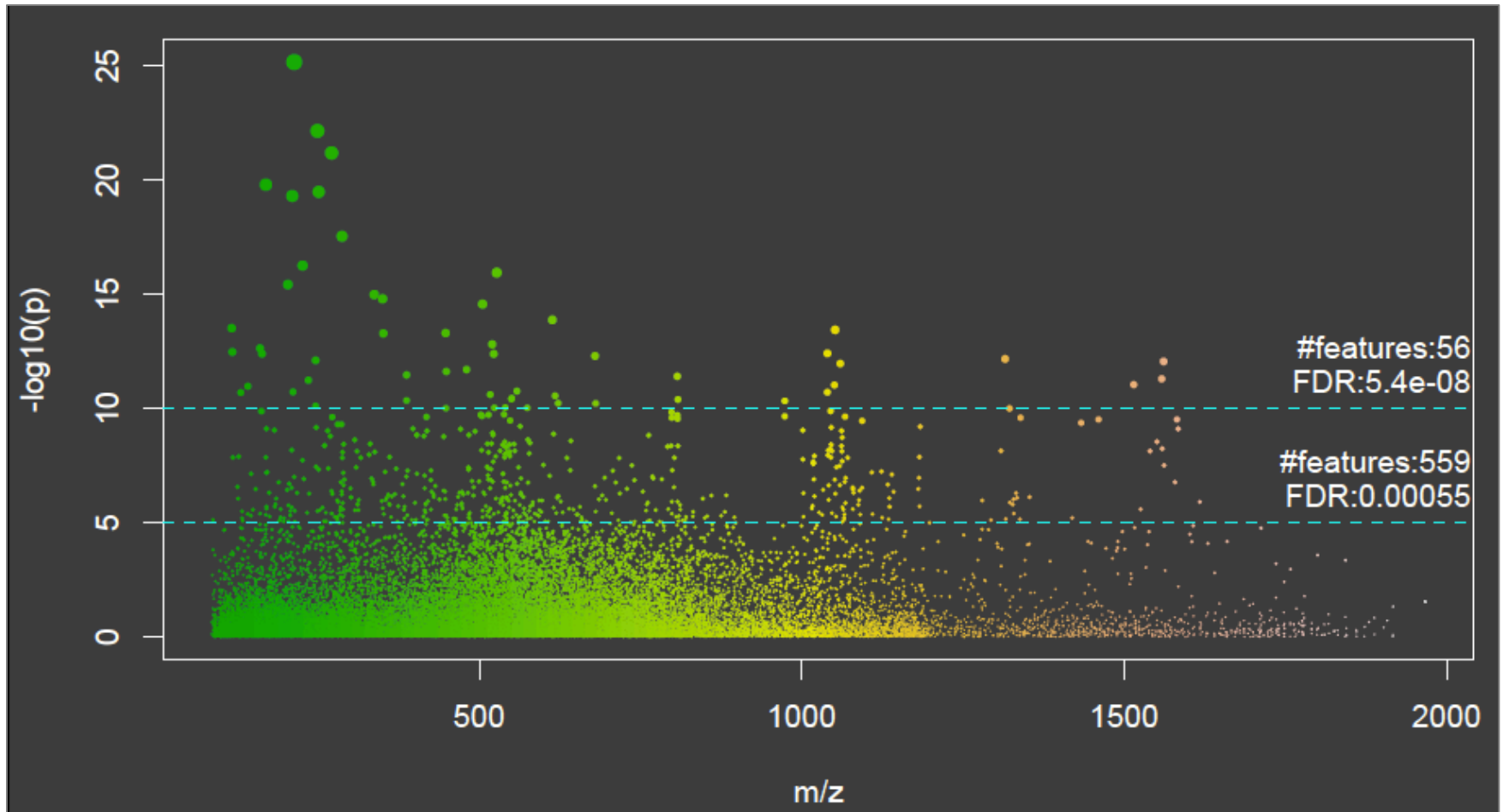


Minor component of commercial rotenone

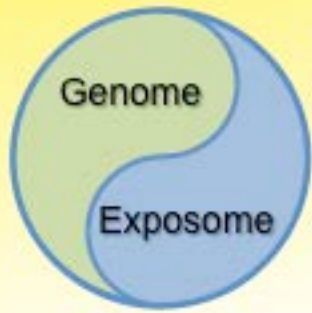


# Metabolome-wide association study (MWAS) of BMI

Controlled for age, sex and race/ethnicity





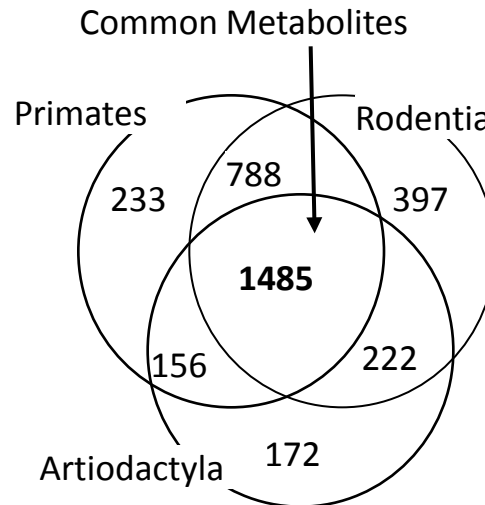


# Comparative study of 7 mammalian species: less than half of chemicals detected are common

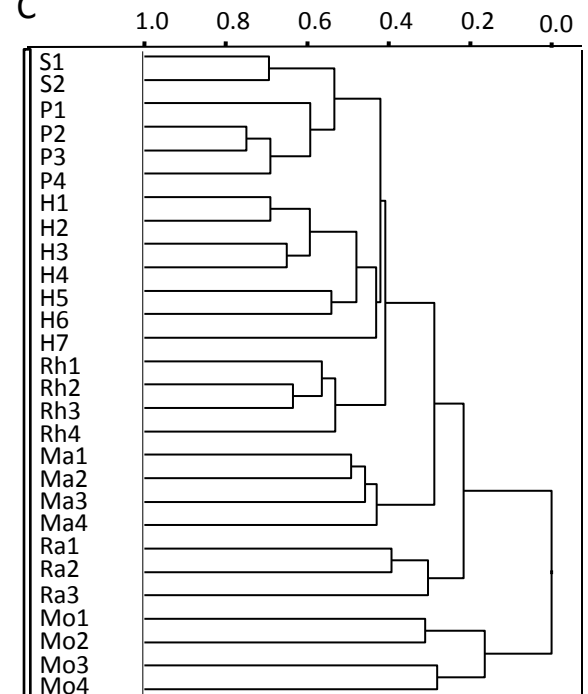
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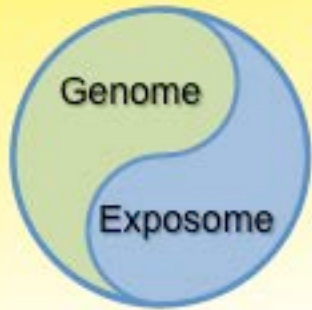
		Family	Metabolites in species
Class Mammalia	Order Primates	<u>Hominidae</u>	
		<b>human</b>	<b>3221</b>
		<u>Cercopithecidae</u>	
		<b>rhesus</b>	<b>3379</b>
		<u>Callithrix</u>	
		<b>marmoset</b>	<b>3292</b>
		<b>3723</b>	
	Order Artiodactyla	<u>Suidae</u>	
		<b>pig</b>	<b>2537</b>
		<u>Bovidae</u>	
<b>sheep</b>		<b>2877</b>	
<b>3382</b>			
Order Rodentia	<u>Muridae</u>		
	<b>rat</b>	<b>3220</b>	
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<b>3704</b>			

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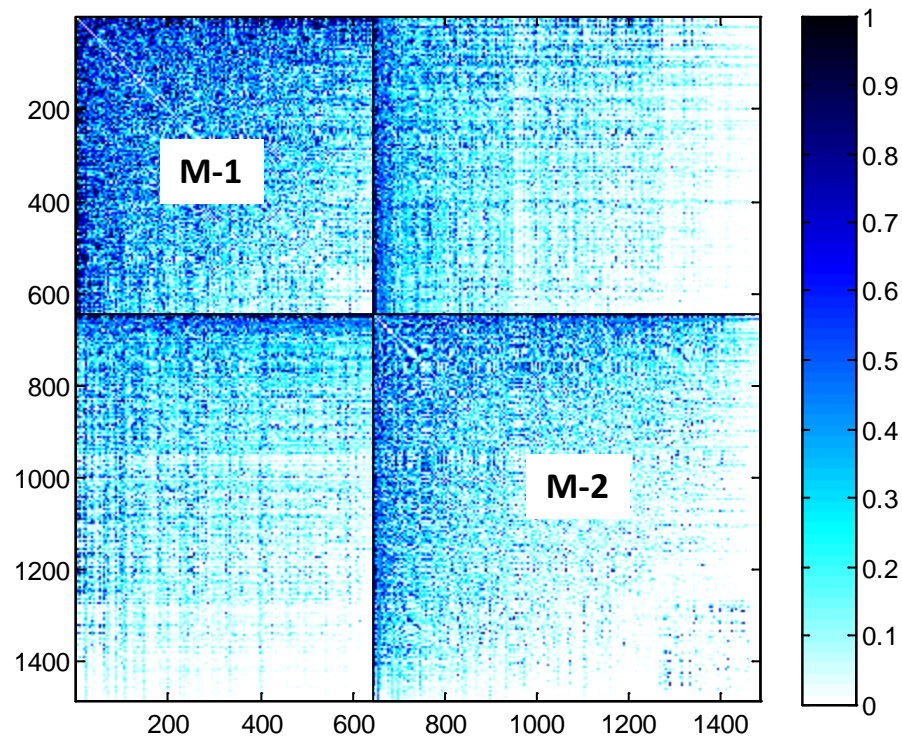


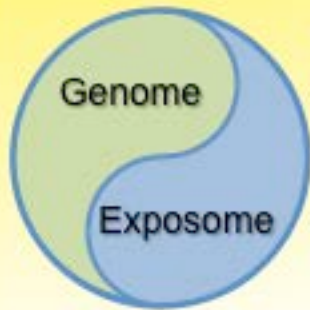


## Probability-based clustering of metabolomics in 7 mammalian species discriminates environmental chemicals and metabolites useful for bioeffect monitoring

**Module-1: Useful for bioeffect monitoring**  
**Intermediary metabolites, e.g,**  
**Ile, Citrulline, Cystine**

**Module-2: Environmental chemicals and detoxification systems:**  
**Pirimicarb**  
**Triethyl phosphate**  
**Di-N-butyl phthalate**  
**GSH**





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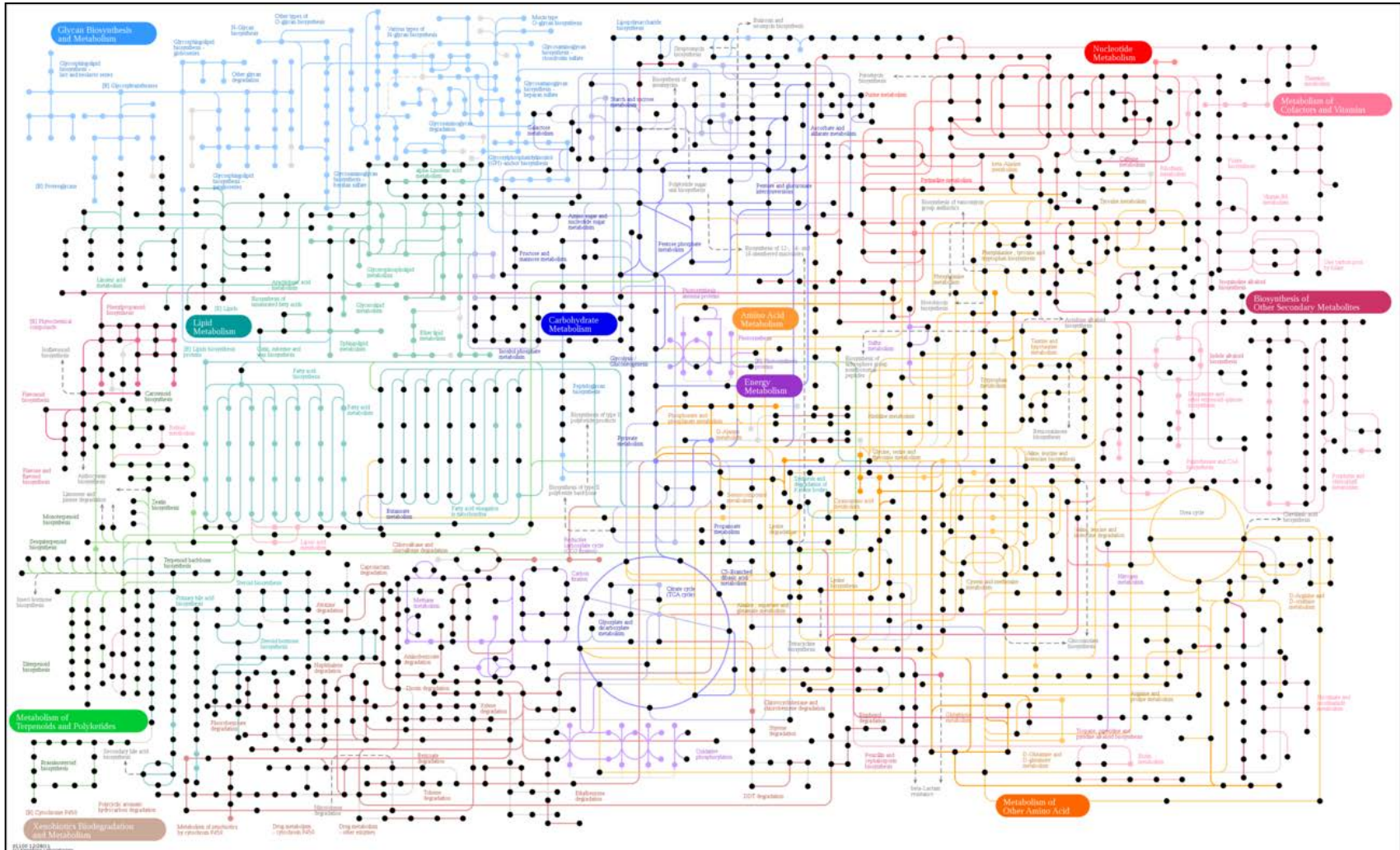
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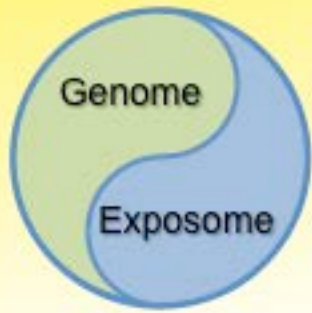
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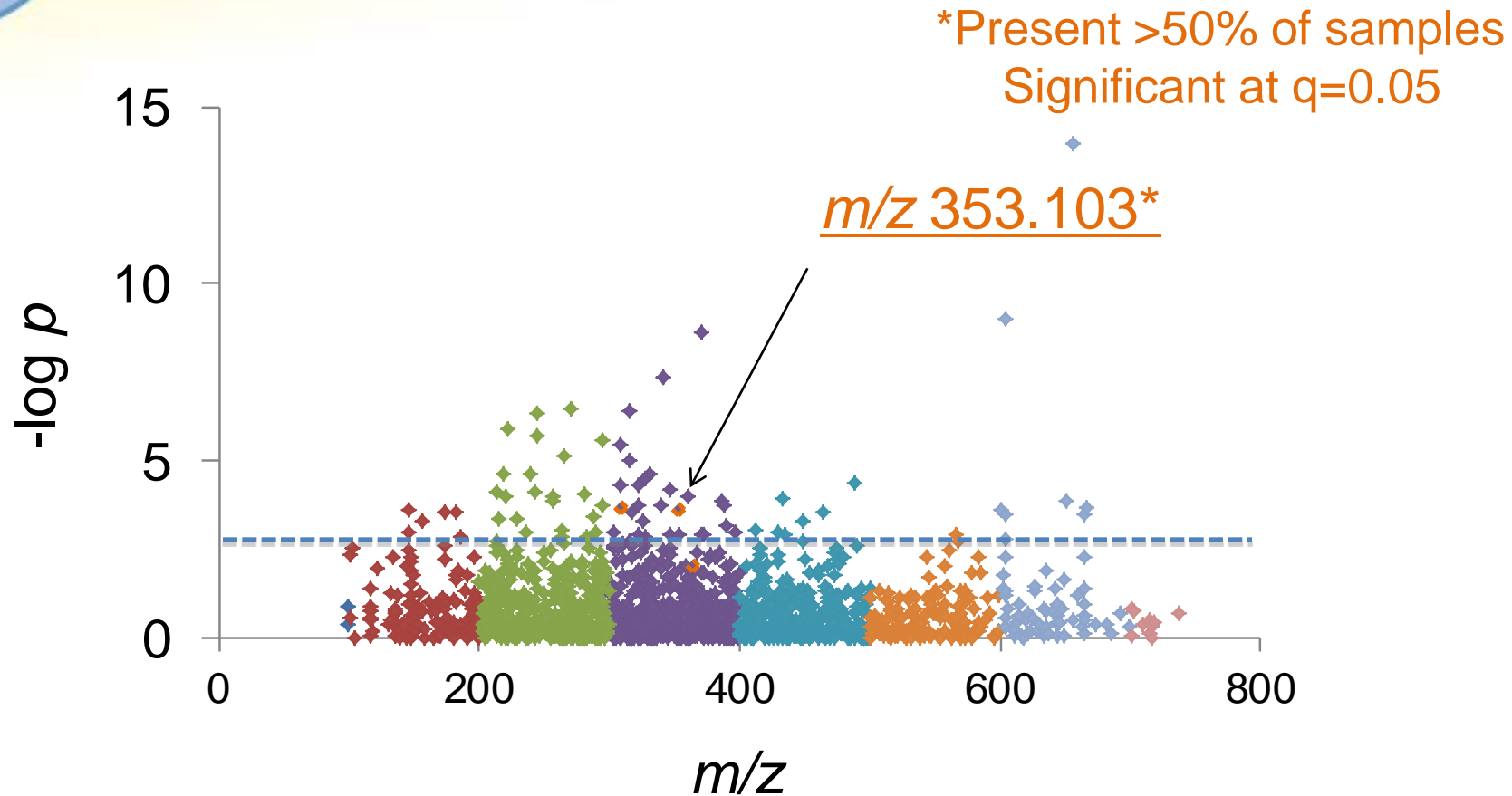
# The high-resolution metabolomics platform provides precise metabolic phenotyping to support personalized medicine

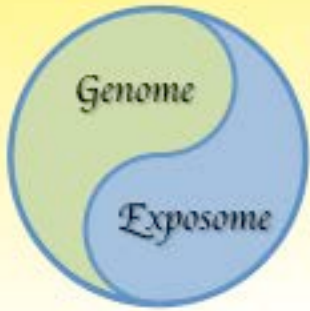
Detected  $m/z$  features matching half of known human intermediary metabolites (KEGG) are shown in black; most human metabolic pathways are represented



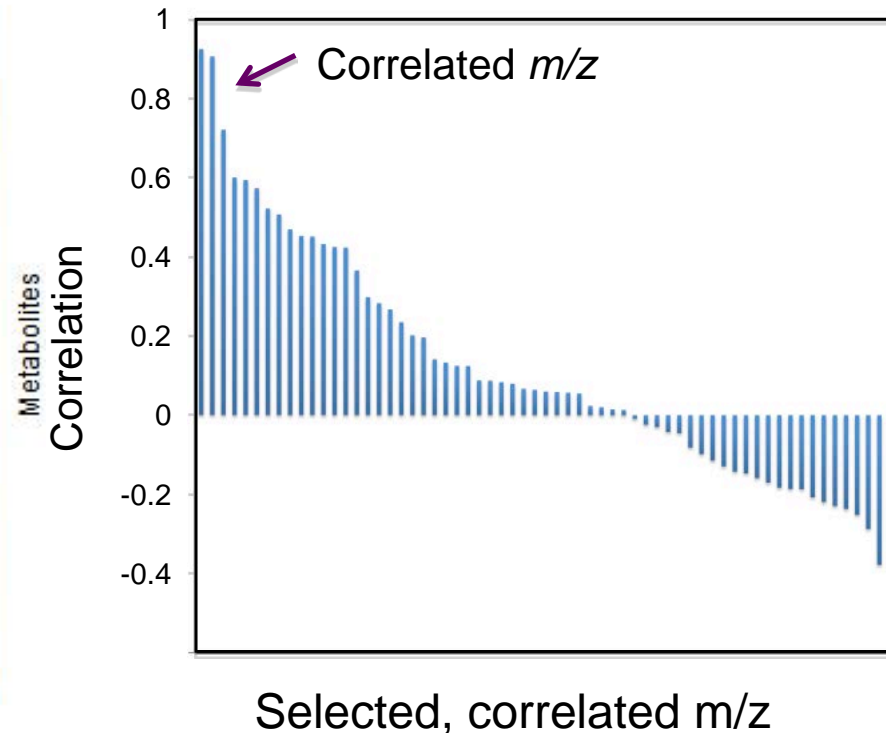
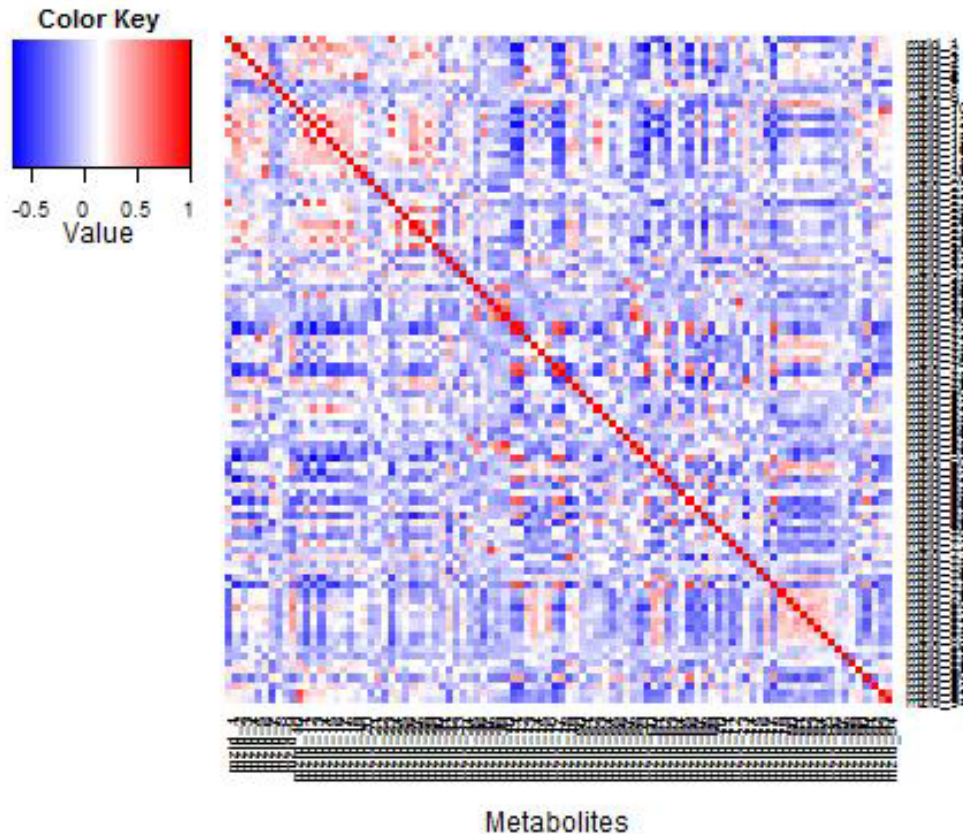


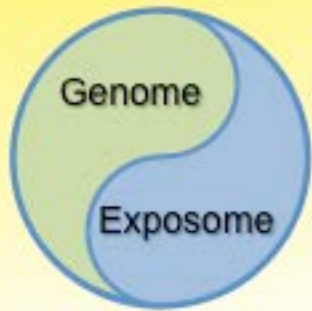
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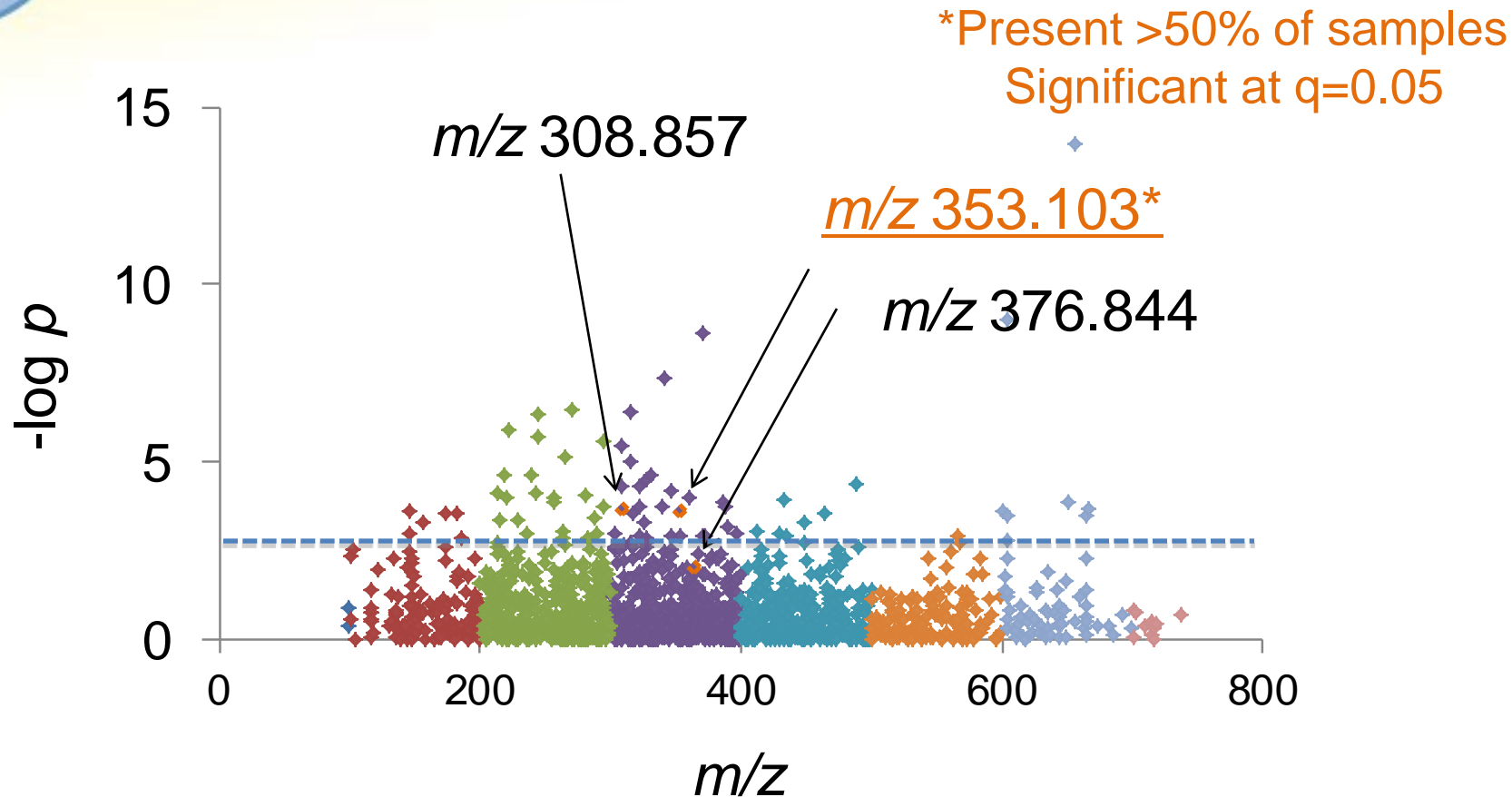


Metabolite correlations are very useful to understand redundancies of chemical detection and network associations of metabolism





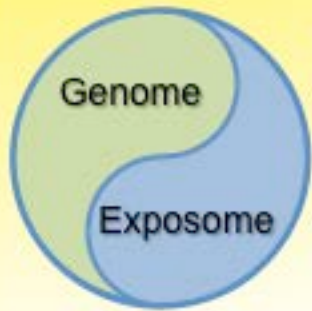
## MWAS of age-related macular degeneration reveals environmental associations



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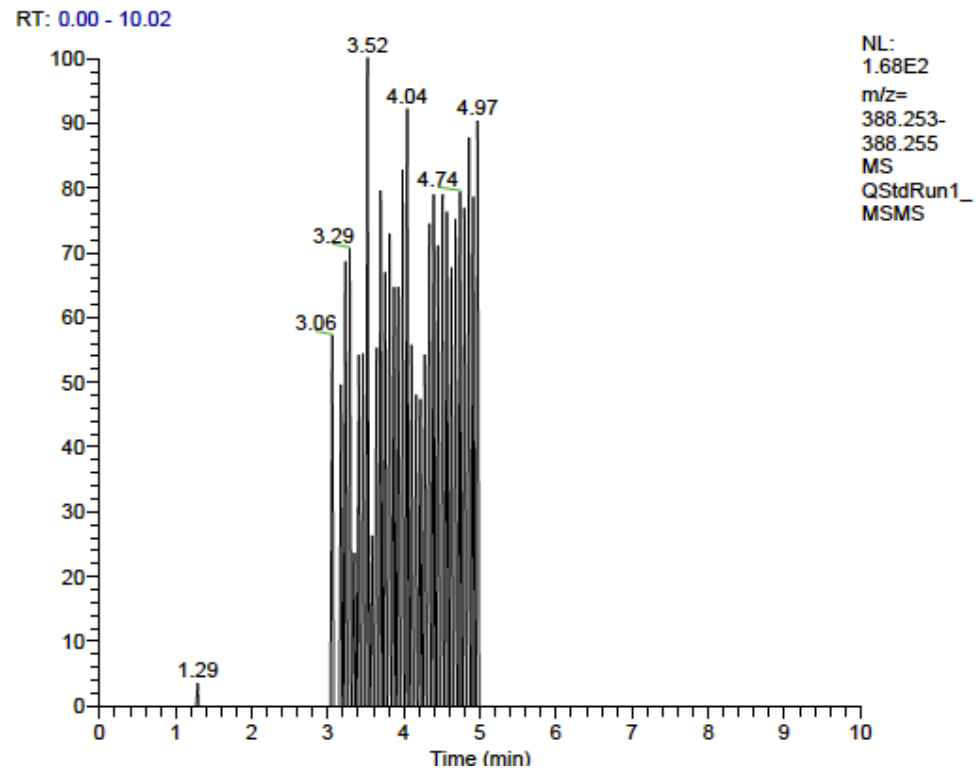
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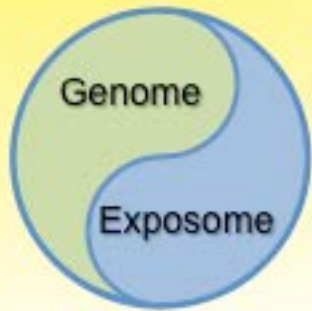


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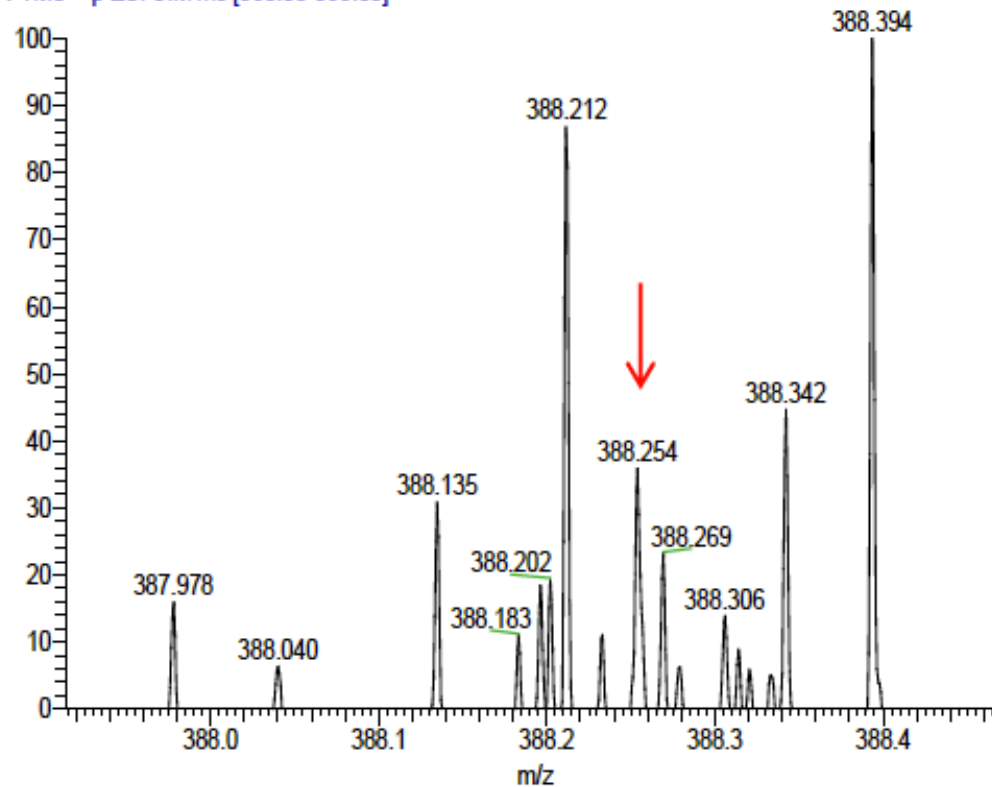


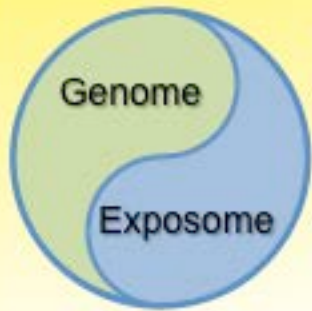




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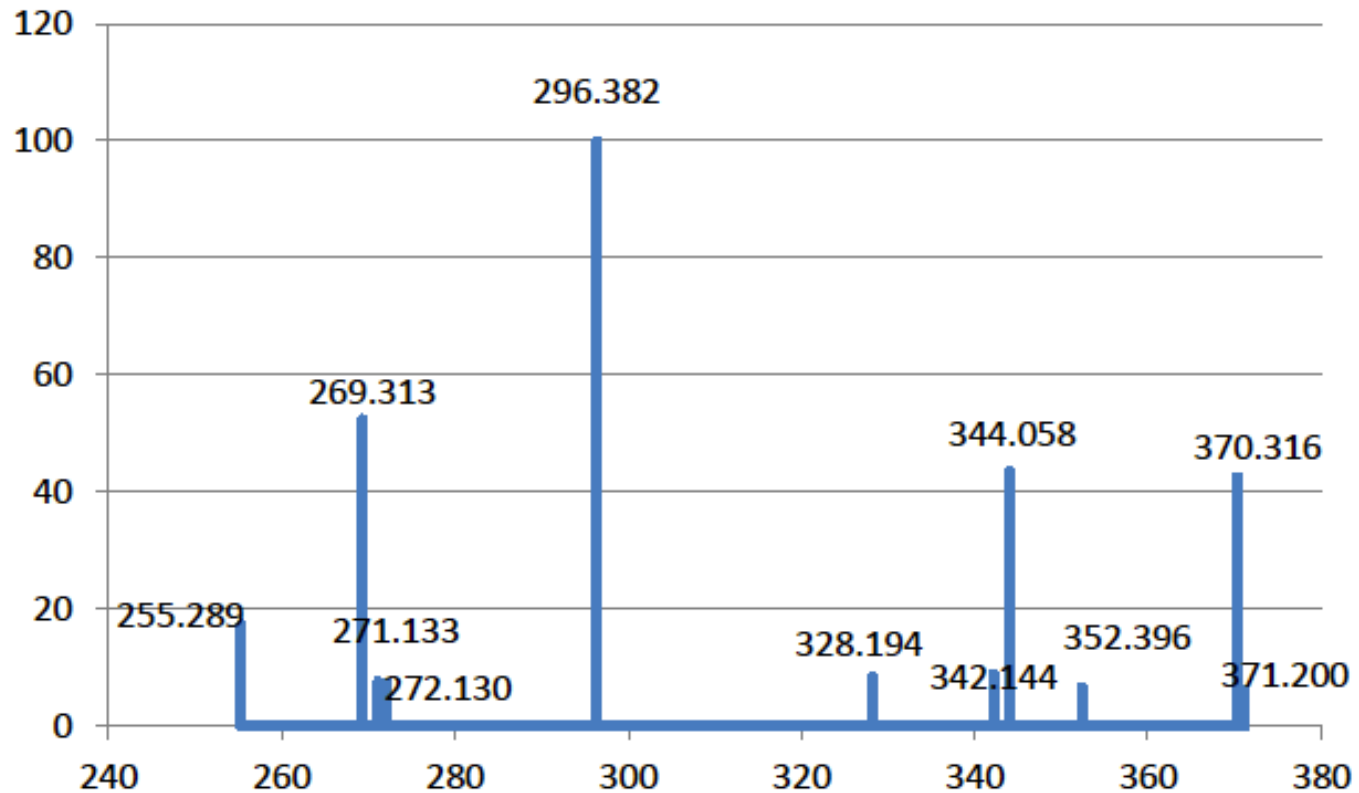
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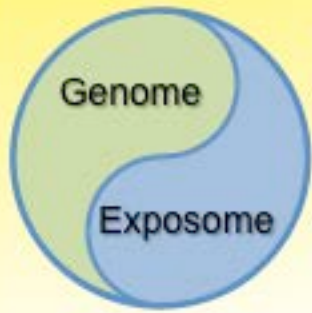




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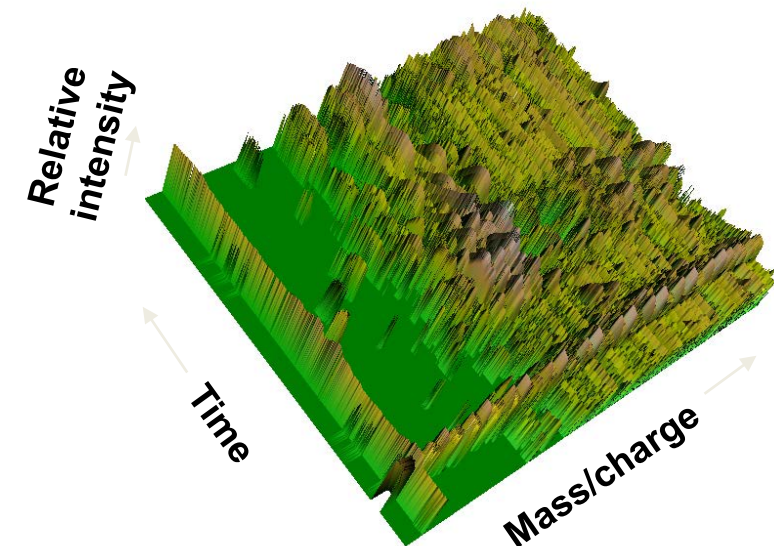
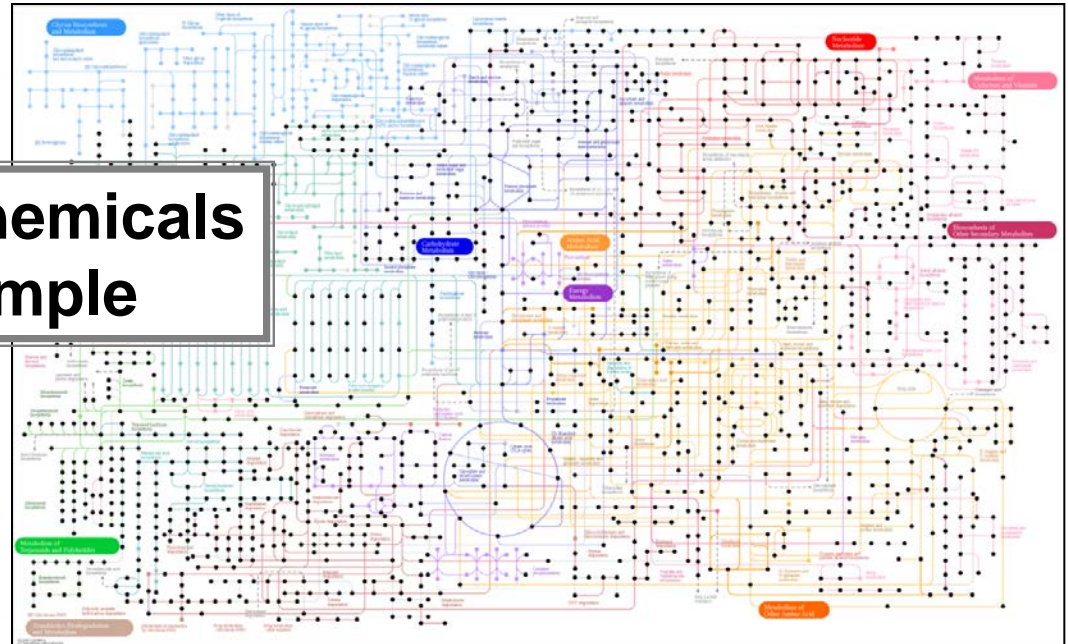
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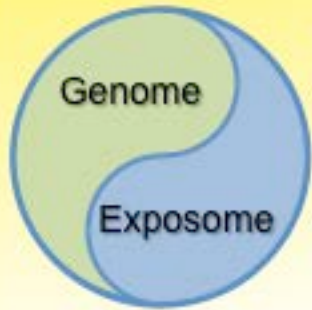




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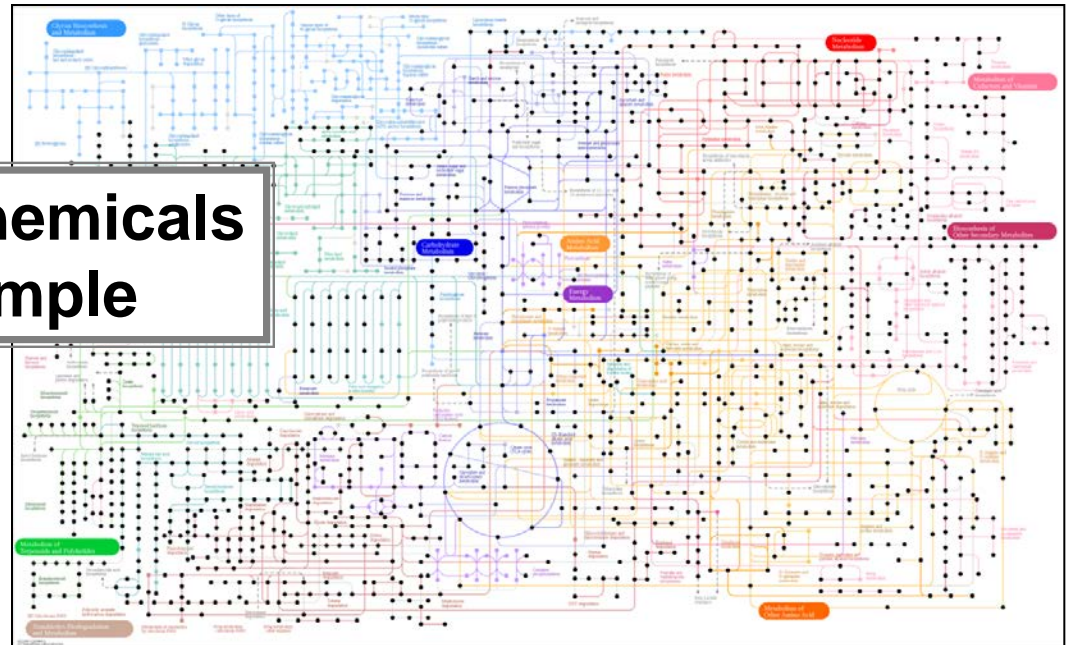
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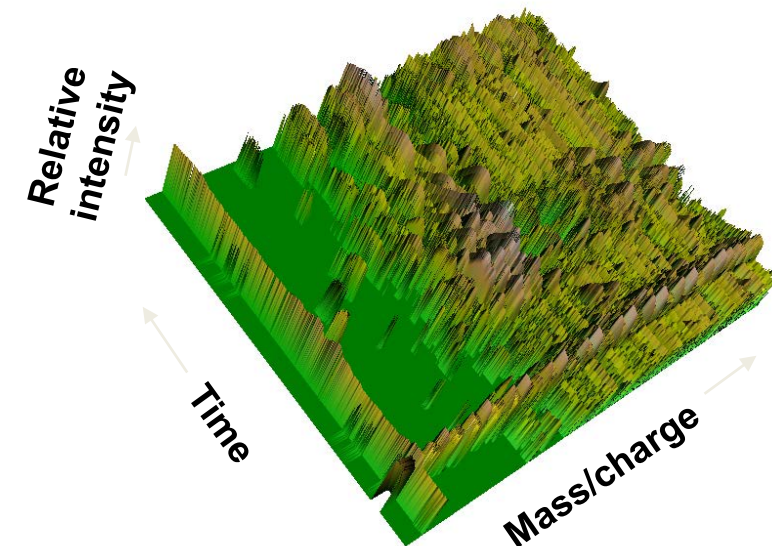


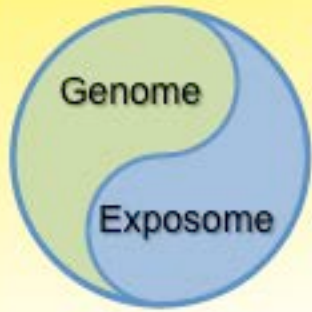
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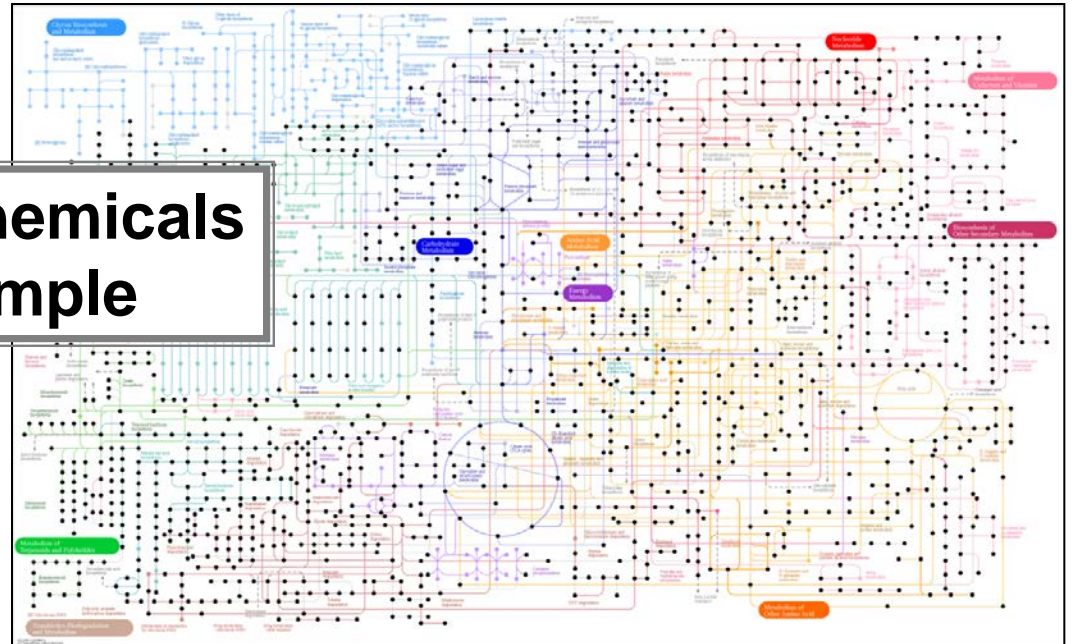
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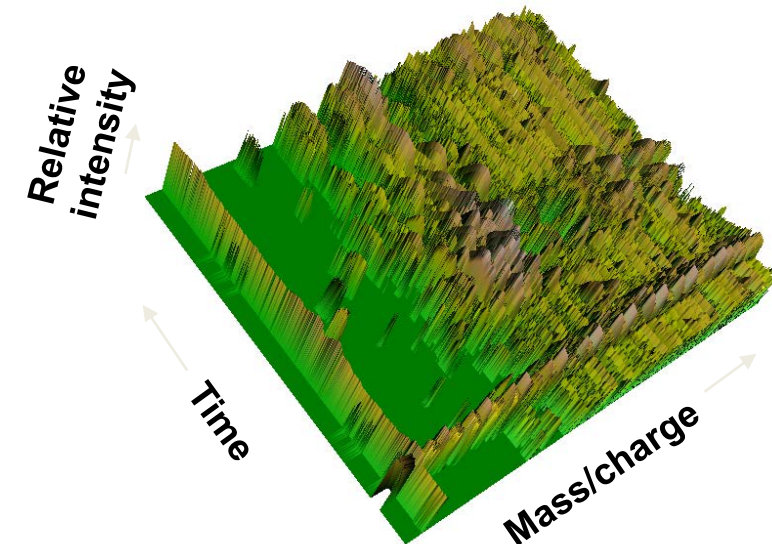
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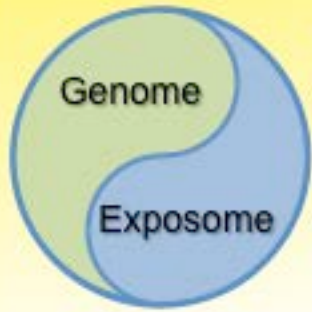
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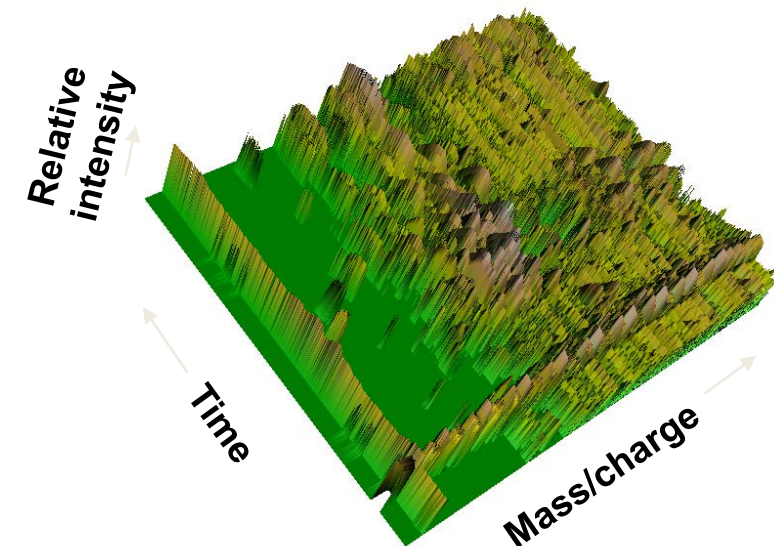
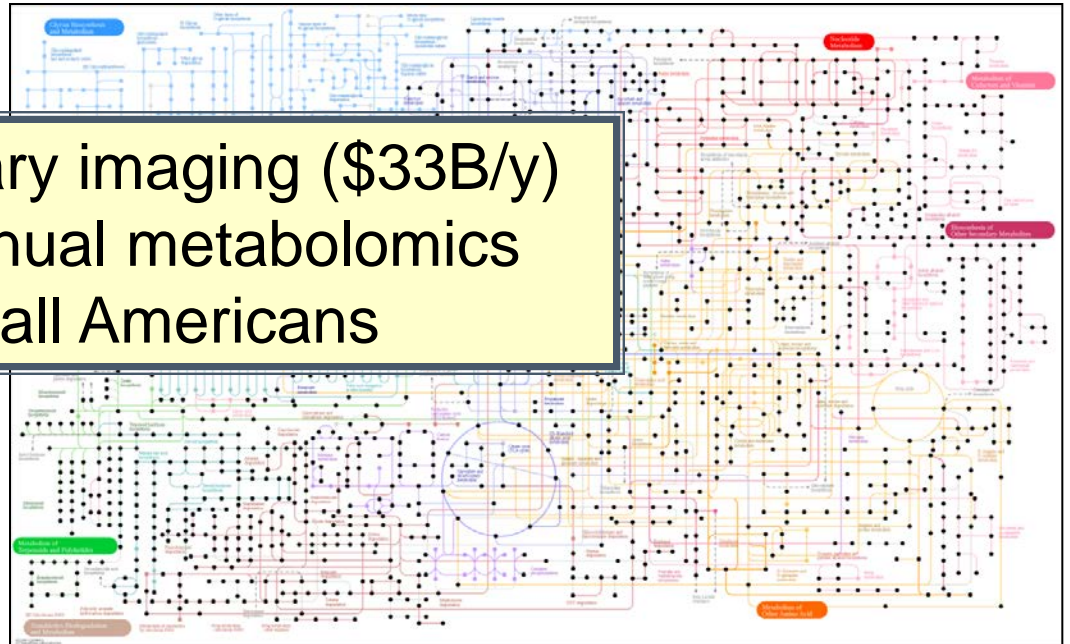
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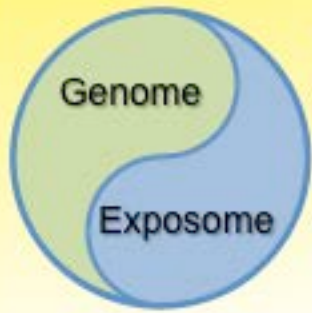
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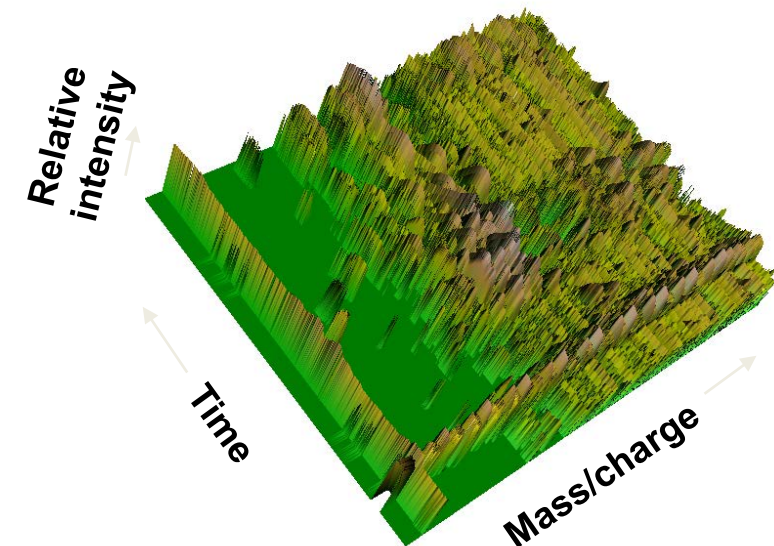
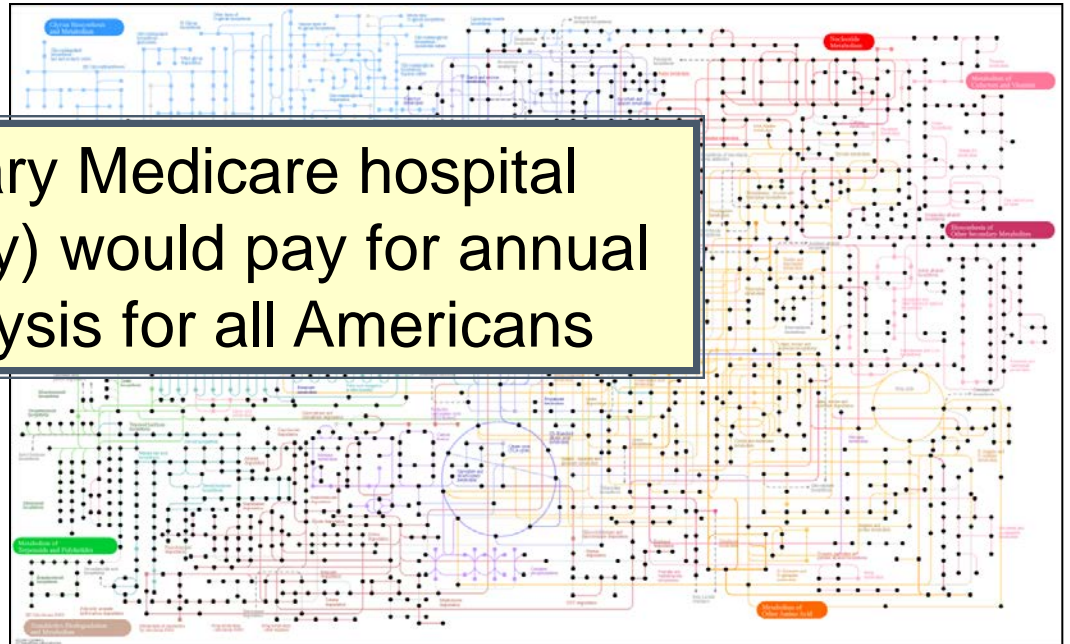
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**1% of annual healthcare costs**



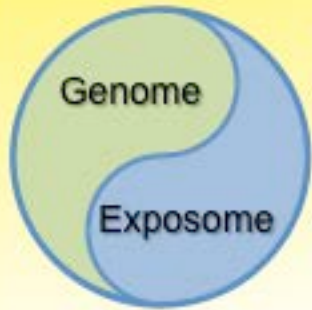
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Cost of unnecessary Medicare hospital readmissions (\$50B/y) would pay for annual metabolomics analysis for all Americans



**Projected cost: \$125**

**1% of annual healthcare costs**



# Biomonitoring Component of National Health Surveillance & Forecasting System

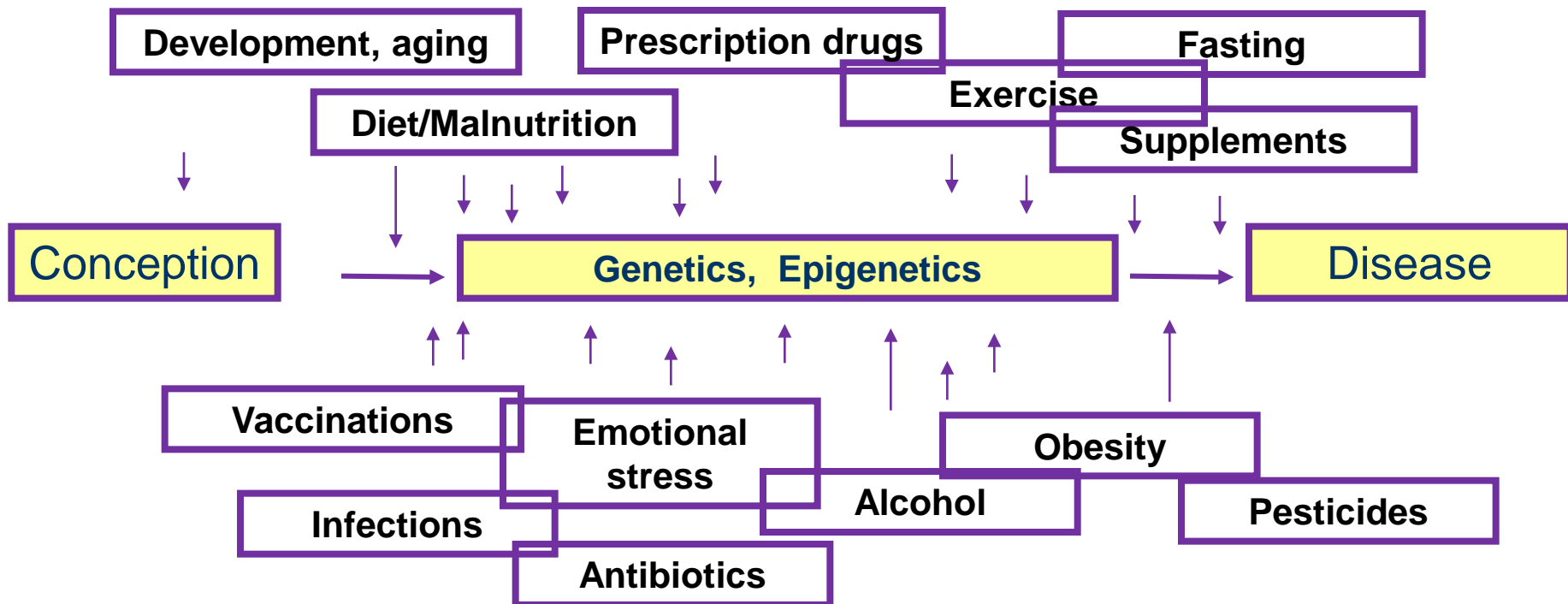
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High-resolution metabolomics can be used to develop the environmental component of the system:

1. Can identify genomic associations with bioaccumulation
  2. Can identify environmental exposures associated with disease
  3. Can identify mechanistic associations of exposures and changes in gene expression and epigenomic modifications
  4. Can track changes in exposure and bioaccumulation over time in individuals, populations and geographies
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**Exposome: the cumulative exposures of ones life**

We accumulate chronic health conditions over the same time that we bioaccumulate persistent organic pollutants

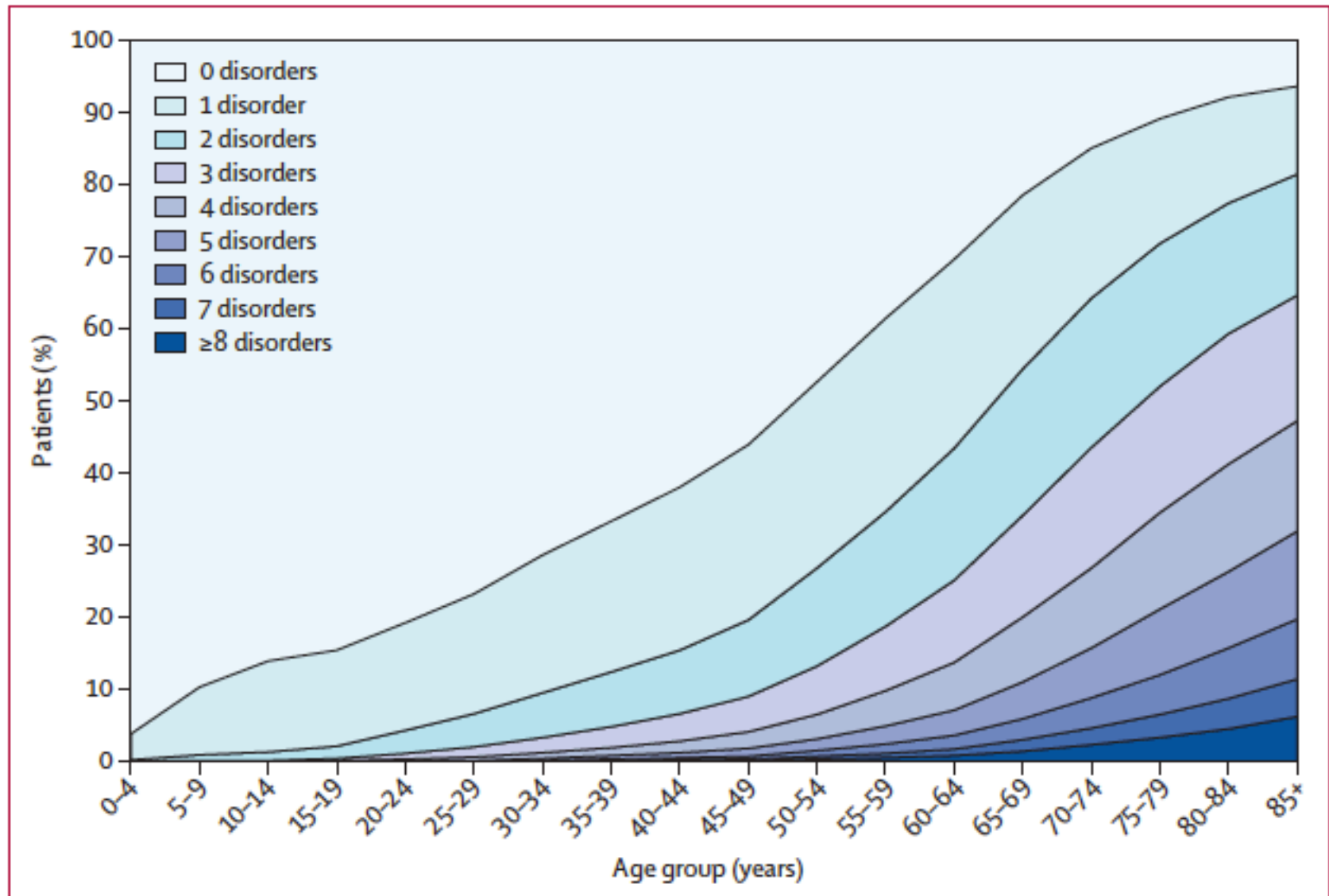
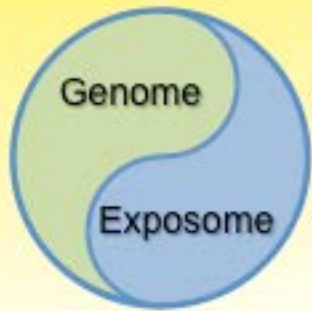
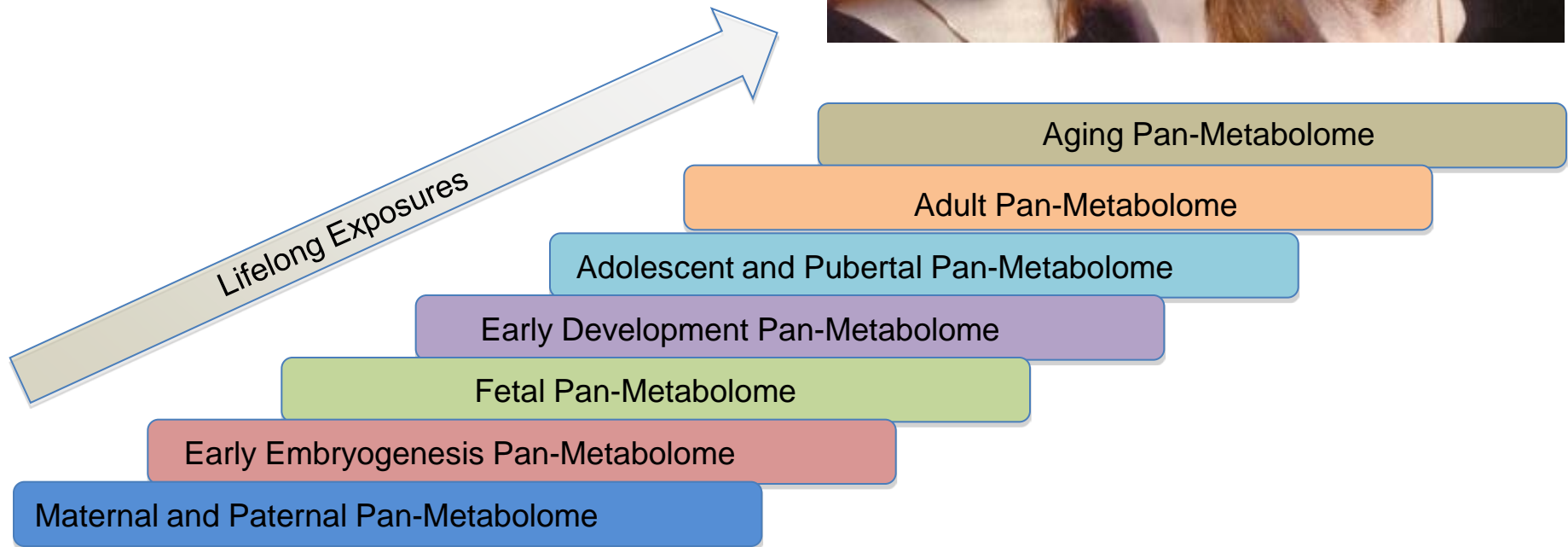
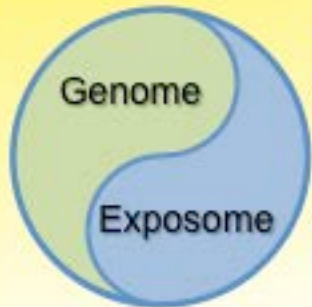


Figure 1: Number of chronic disorders by age-group



# Operationalizing the Exposome



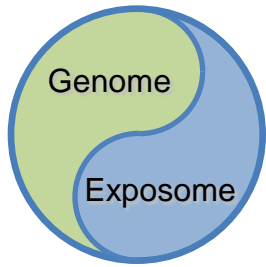


# Summary

## Universal Environmental Chemical Surveillance



1. High-resolution metabolomics provides an affordable platform for routine human biomonitoring
2. Systematic use on human samples, e.g., according to geography, provides means to measure low level exposures that occur variably among individuals
3. Can be used to detect complex exposures linked to risk in populations (MWAS) and provide mechanistic information (G x M, M x E, M x T)



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