



# Givaudan



## Identifier les métabolites secondaires connus et inconnus par RMN

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## Institute of Molecular Chemistry in Reims

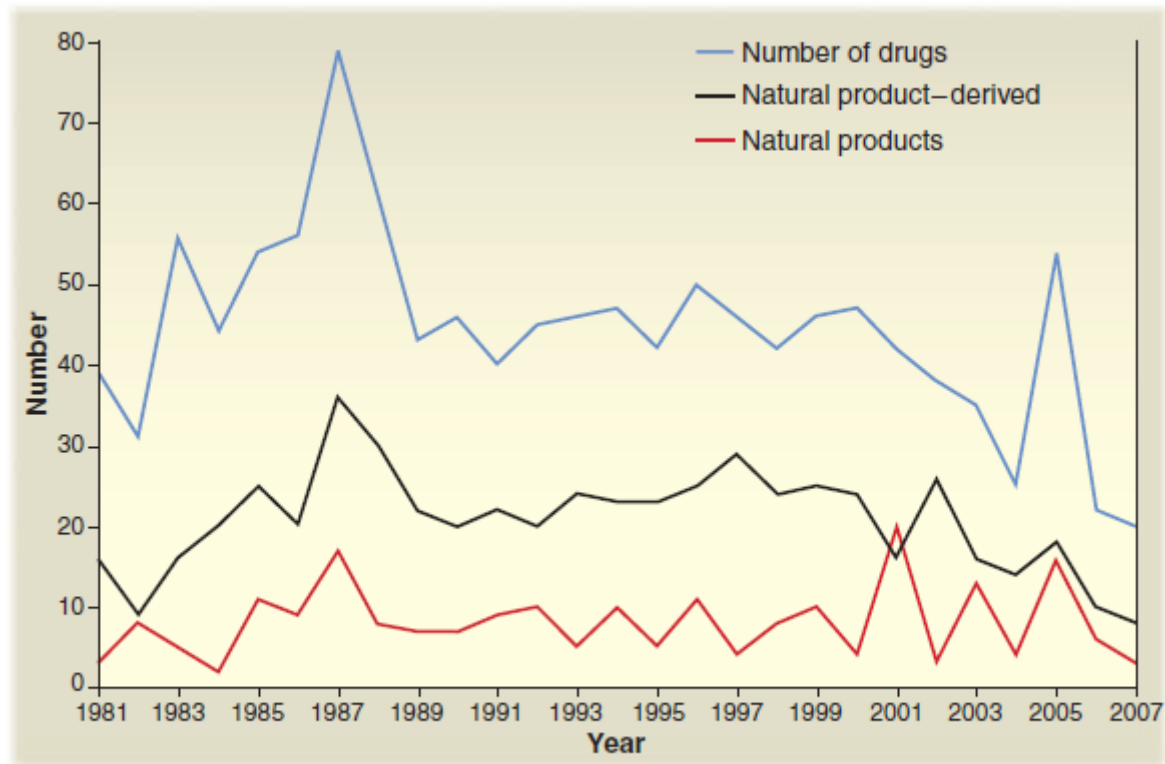
- Five research teams
- Among which is the **Natural Product Chemistry** team
- **Plant** chemistry (Pharmacognosy)
- New methods:
  - Chromatography
  - NMR

## Mixture Analysis

- Chemicals from **plants**, renewable carbon sources
- Therapeutic drugs from **plants**
- Cosmetic ingredients from **plants**
- **But**: Plants rarely produce pure compounds
  
- **Mixture analysis plays a central role in plant chemistry**

# THE CONTEXT

## Natural Products



**Fig. 1.** Number of drugs approved in the United States from 1981 to 2007.

# Mixture analysis in the context of cosmetic industry



## Development of natural cosmetic ingredients (herbal, marine, microbial extracts)

### Why ?

- Growing interest of consumers for natural cosmetics
- Natural products = Source of bioactive compounds
- High chemical diversity from highly diverse sources



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**Need for efficient tools to determine the  
chemical composition of natural ingredients**



# Chemical profiling of natural cosmetic ingredients

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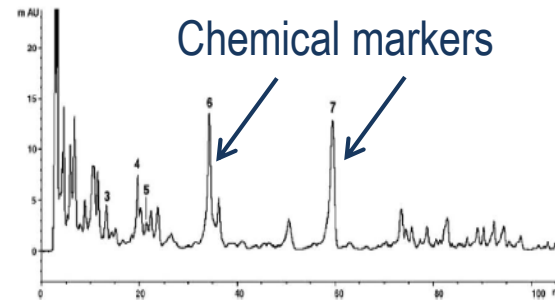
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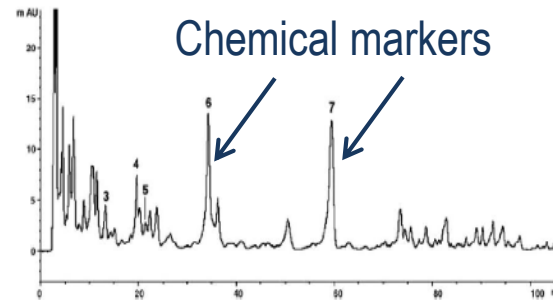
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**Identification of individual  
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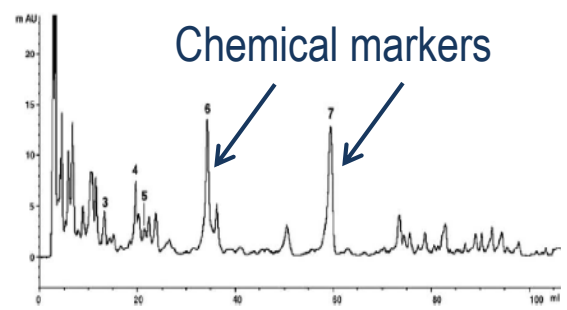
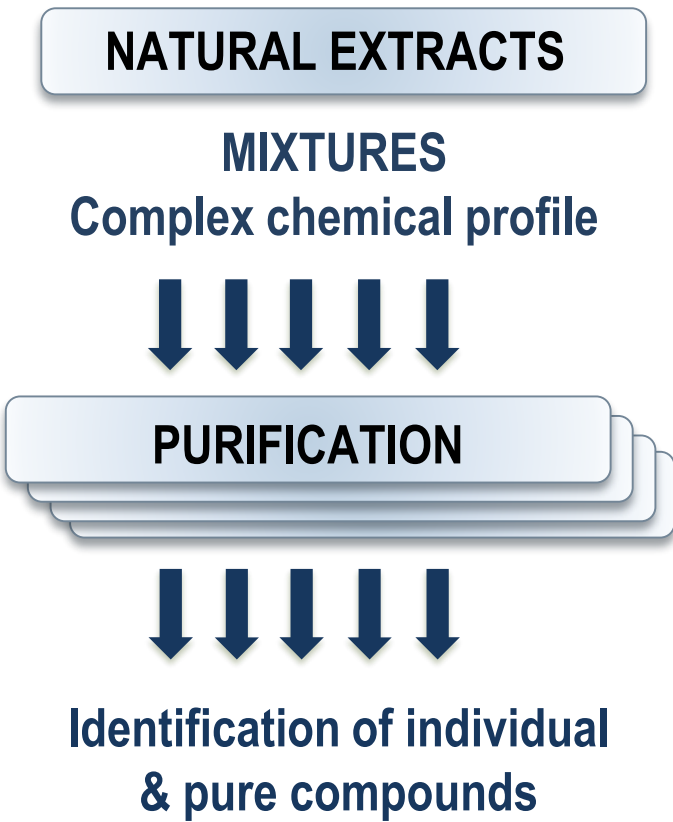


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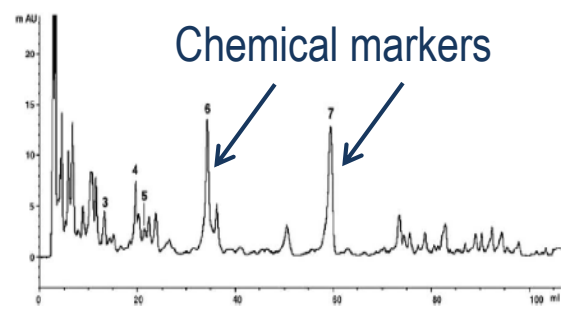
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**PURIFICATION**



**Identification of individual  
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**Many compounds remain  
unidentified**

- Time-consuming, solvents, materials
- Synergy disregarded
- Rediscovery of known compounds

# Identification of known compounds

# IDENTIFICATION OF METABOLITES WITHIN MIXTURES DEREPLICATION

**analytical**  
**chemistry**

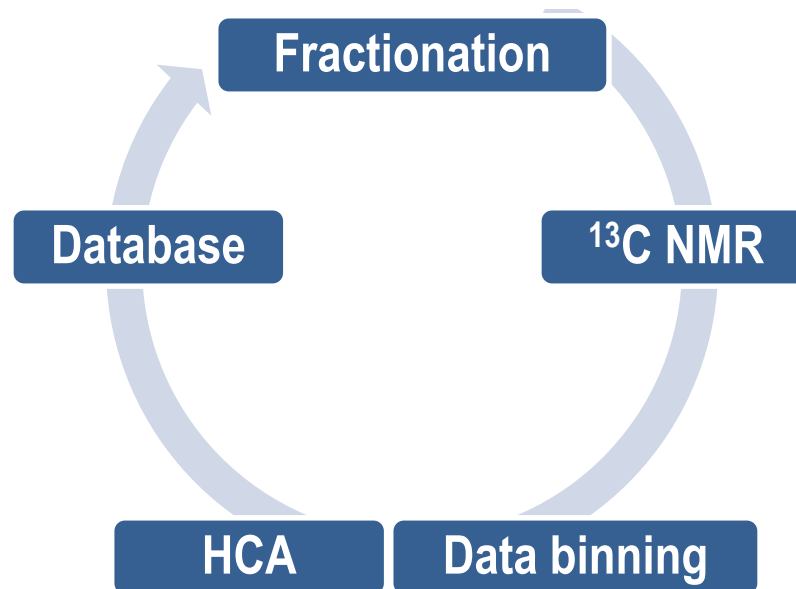
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## Identification of Natural Metabolites in Mixture: A Pattern Recognition Strategy Based on $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR

Jane Hubert,<sup>\*,†</sup> Jean-Marc Nuzillard,<sup>†</sup> Sylvain Purson,<sup>†,‡</sup> Mahmoud Hamzaoui,<sup>§</sup> Nicolas Borie,<sup>†</sup>  
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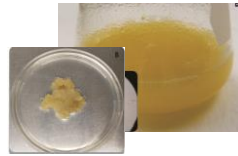
**Fast identification of the main compounds in a single extract**

- ⇒ Obtain data about the chemical composition of natural ingredients**
- ⇒ Investigate which compounds are involved in a biological activity**
- ⇒ Check for the absence of undesirable (toxic) constituents**

# STILBENOIDS BIOPRODUCED BY GRAPEVINE CELL ELICITATION



*Vitis labrusca*



Cell suspension culture  
developed from calli



Bioreactor 14 L



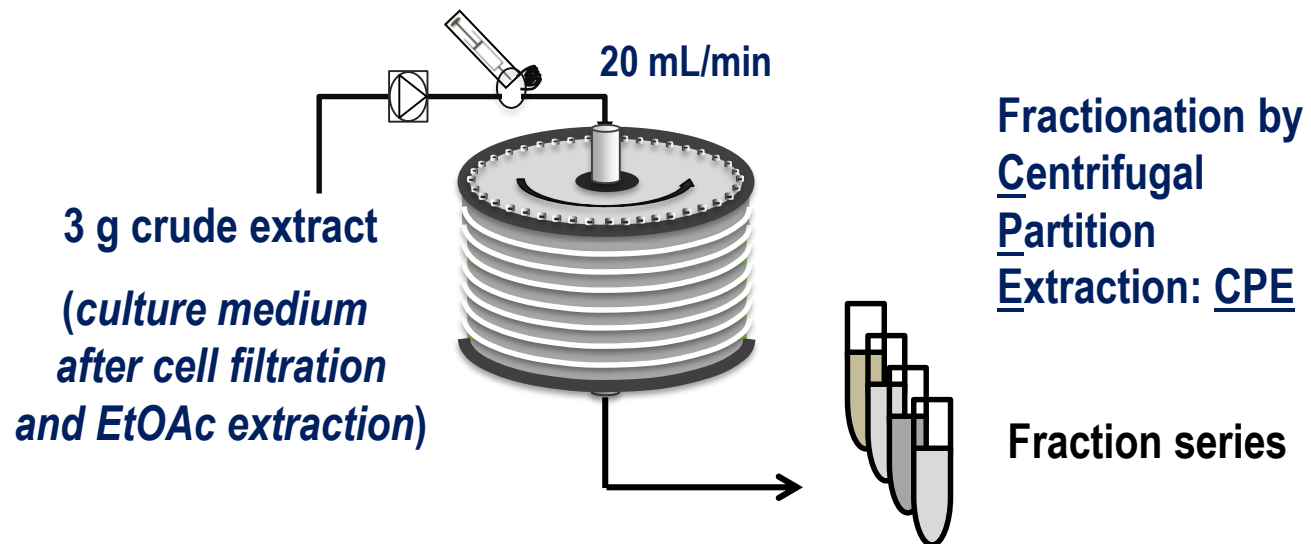
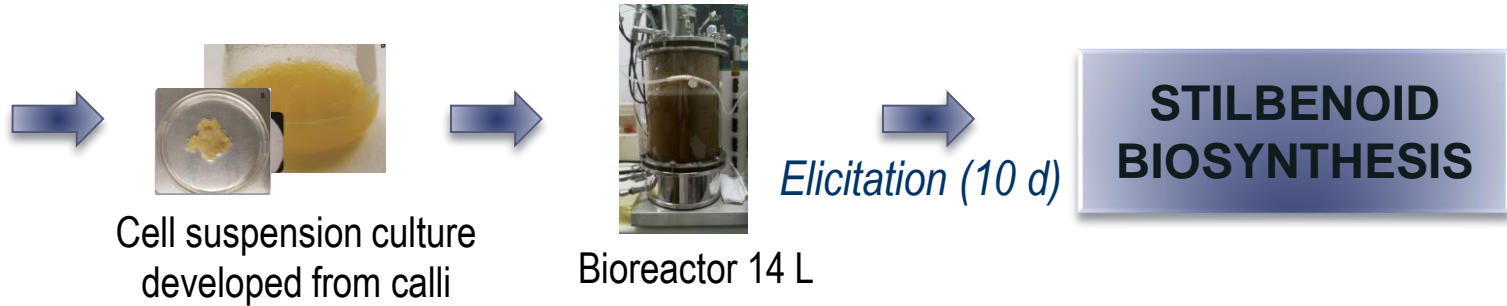
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**STILBENOID  
BIOSYNTHESIS**

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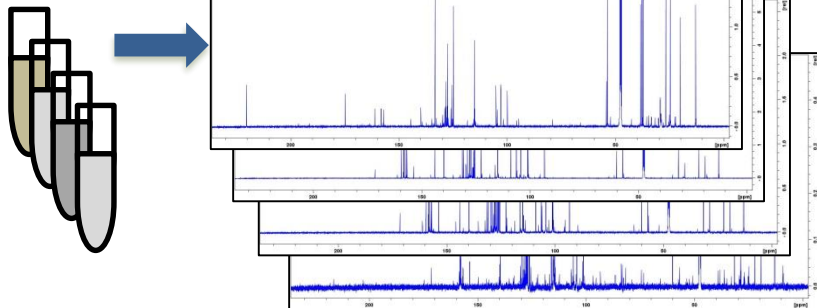
## CPE / CPC

- **C**entrifugal **P**artition **E**xtraction/**C**hromatography
- Based on partition of analytes between two liquid phases
- The “column” is made of hundreds of engraved partition cells
- The stationary phase is kept in place by a centrifugal force field
- The analytes are injected on column head
- The mobile phase percolates through the stationary phase
- No irreversible adsorption on a solid phase
- Elution, graduated elution, displacement mode chromatography
- All you put inside will come out, in one or the other way
- High flow rates, typically 20 mL/mn
- Typically inject 5g in a 200 mL column
  
- **Preparative technique**



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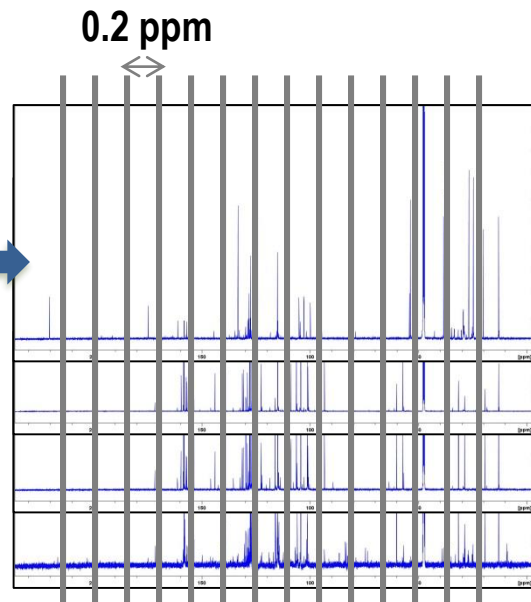
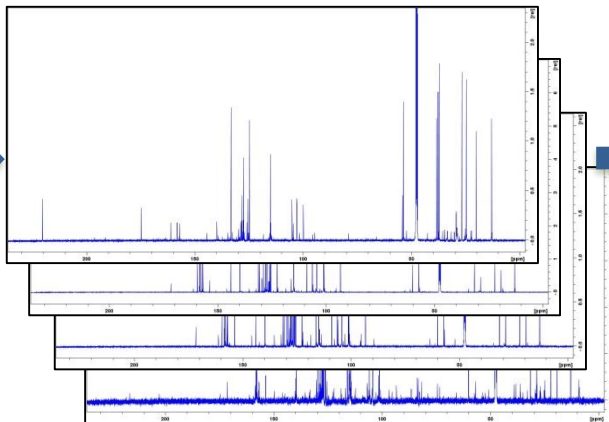
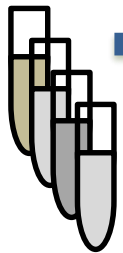
Fractions



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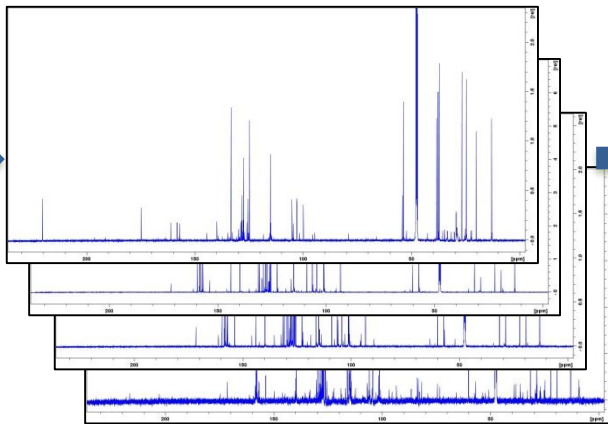
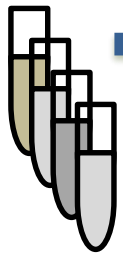
150 MHz (600 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ )  
Cryoprobe

- Automatic peak picking
- File conversion
- Alignment by binning

- One carbon, one peak (symmetry disregarded)
- Minimized probability of peak superimposition
- Presumably bad sensitivity
- 600 MHz, cryoprobe, cooled <sup>13</sup>C coil
- <sup>1</sup>H-detected NMR: you do not always have enough H to observe!
- Other alternatives:
  - Broad-band decoupled <sup>1</sup>H 1D NMR (difficult...)
  - HSQC
  - HMBC

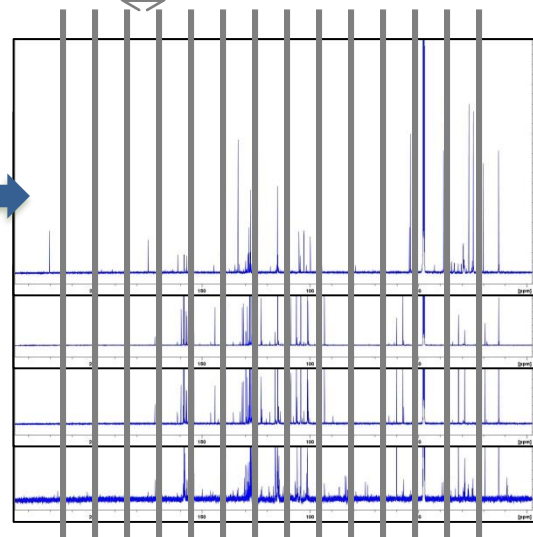
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0.2 ppm

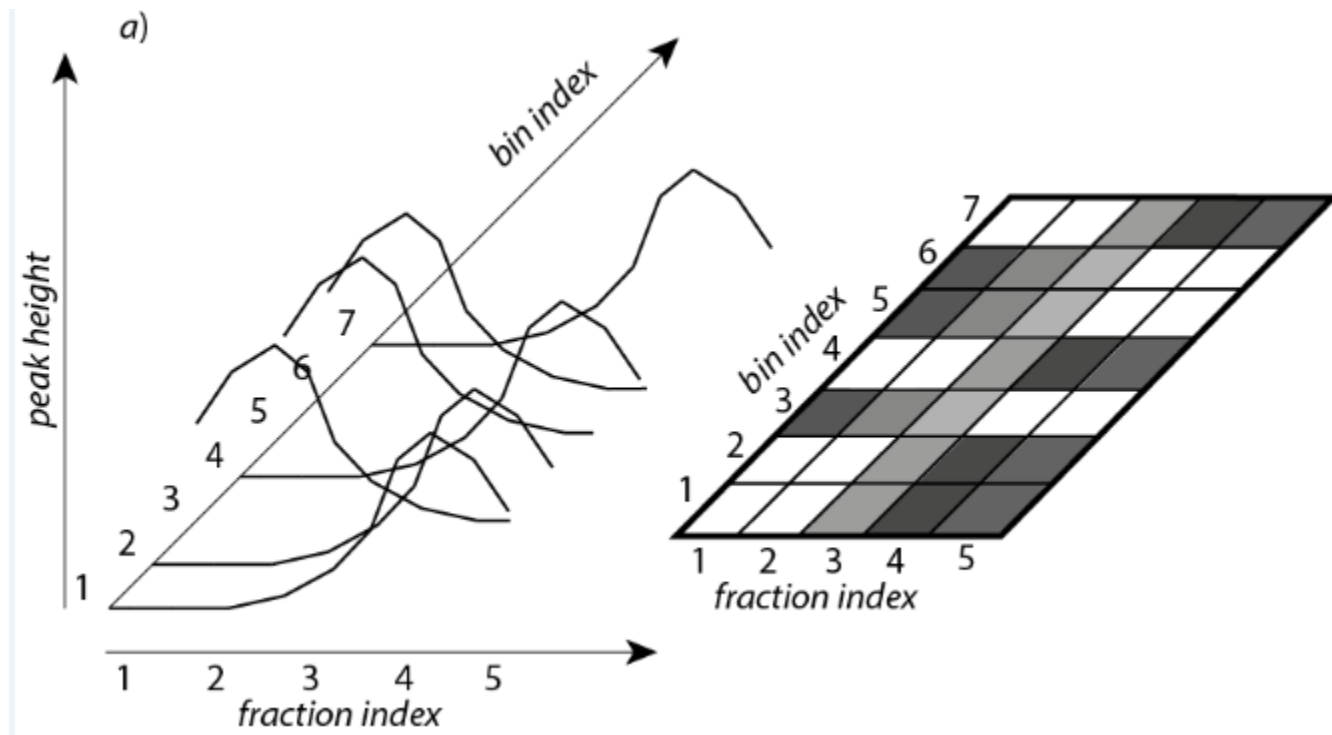


ppm	f1	f2	...	fx
16.3	2E+08	1E+08	...	0
17.5	0	0	...	0
18.7	1E+08	1E+08	...	0
⋮	⋮	NMR signal intensities		
176.1	3E+07	0	...	0
177.7	0	0	...	4E+07
177.9	6E+07	6E+07	...	0
199.5	7E+07	5E+07	...	0

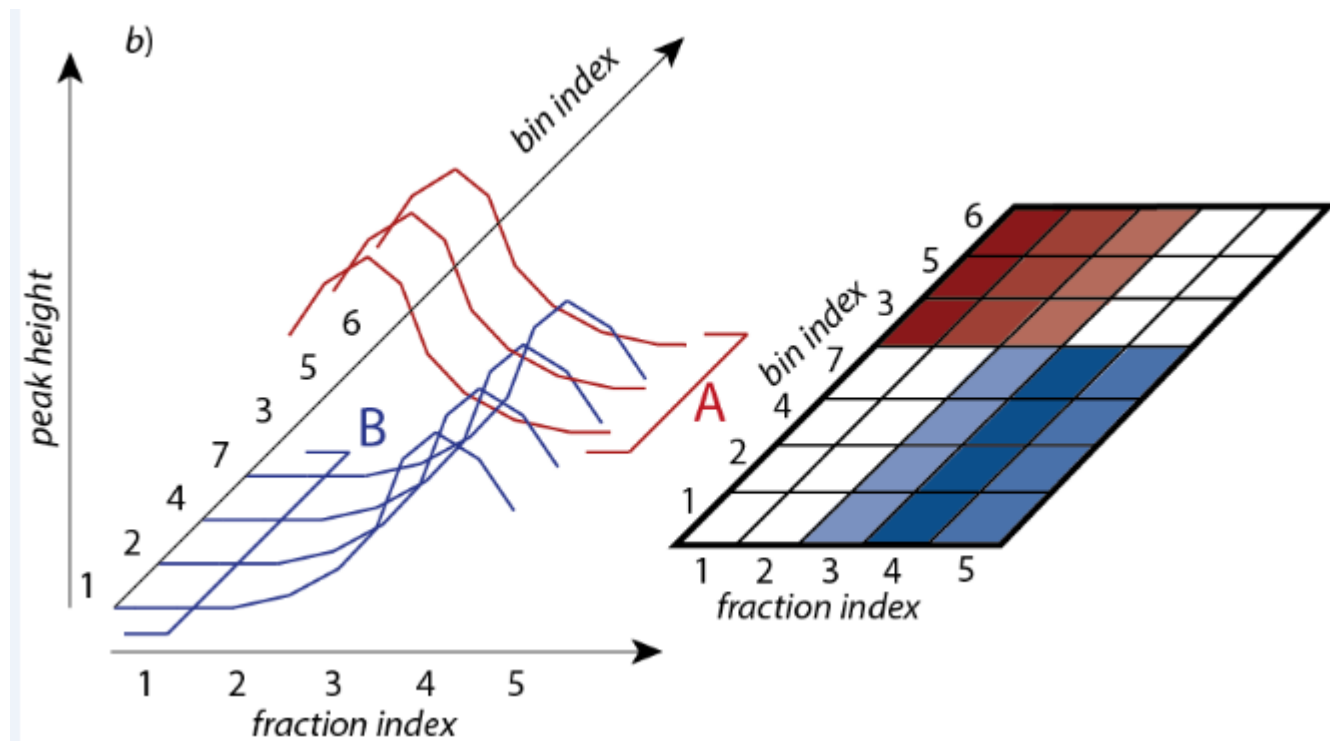
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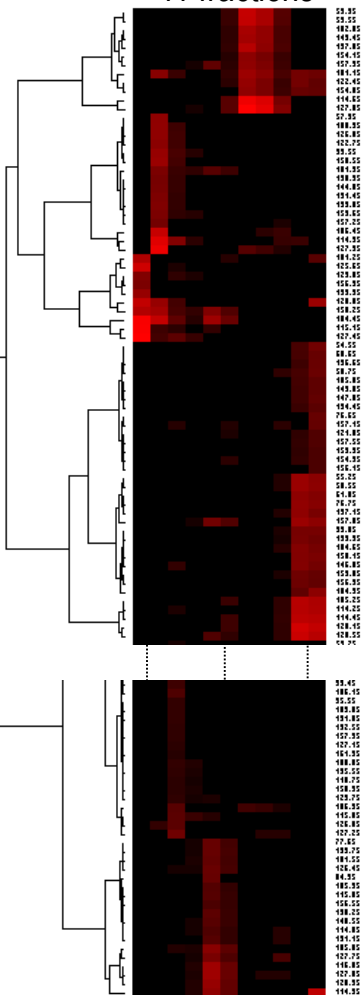


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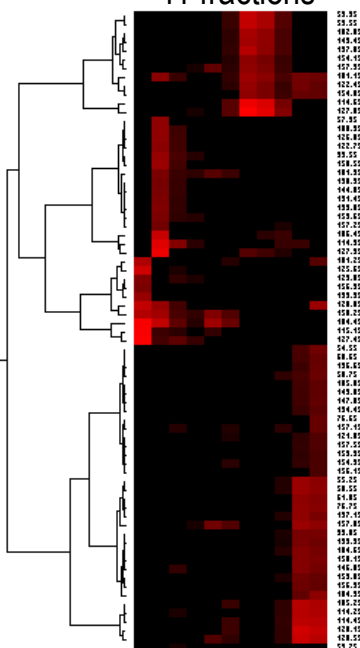


## Hierarchical Clustering Analysis of $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR signals

- Clusters of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts
- Similarity measurement (Euclidean distance)
- **Chemical shift values with similar chromatographic « history » possibly report about the same compound.**

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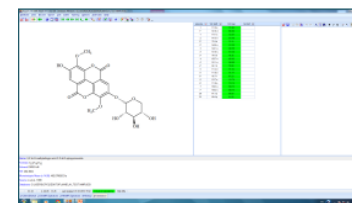


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- Visualization of Carbon skeletons

## $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR database – Natural metabolites

- Structures +  $^{13}\text{C}$  ppm ( $n \approx 2200$ )
- Experimental data, literature or spectra prediction



ACD/Labs

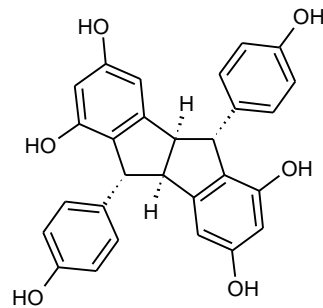
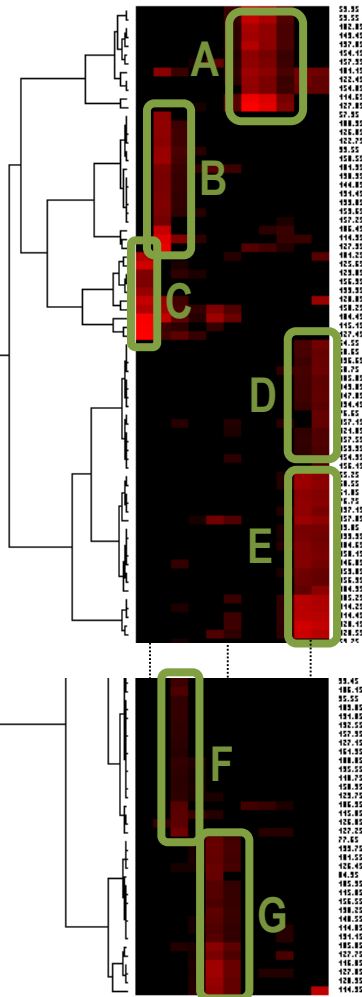
A collage of several petri dishes containing bacterial cultures, showing various patterns of growth and color changes, likely related to the topic of hierarchical clustering analysis in microbiology.

## HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING ANALYSIS

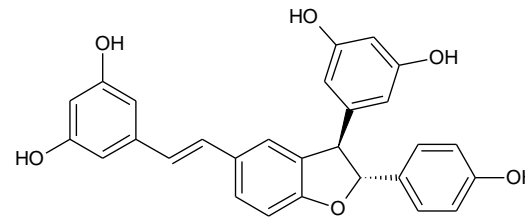
- Carried out by the Permutmatrix software
- Free software
- It rearranges lines (or columns) of a matrix in order to group together the most similar (correlated) lines (or columns)
- Result shows up as “heat map” and “hierarchy tree”
  
- <http://www.atgc-montpellier.fr/permutmatrix/>

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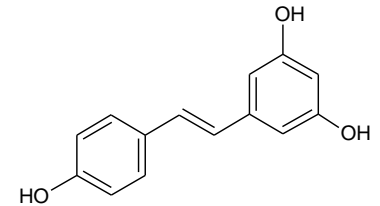
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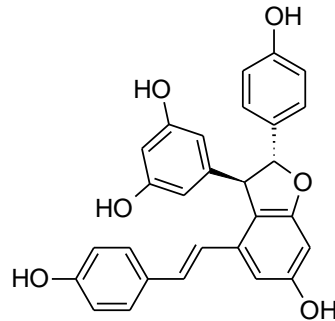
A: Pallidol



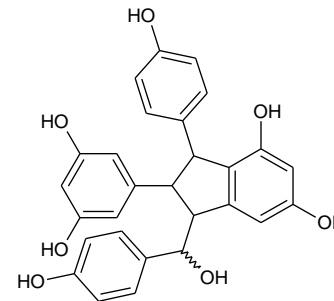
B:  $\delta$ -viniferin



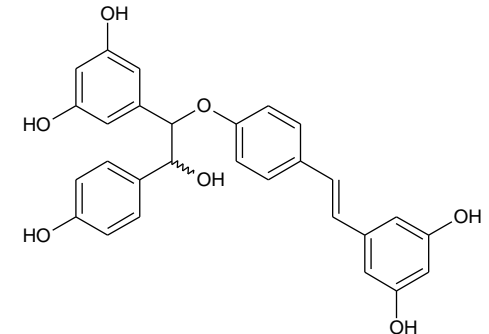
C: *trans*-resveratrol



F:  $\epsilon$ -viniferin



D, E: Leachianol isomers



G: New dimer



# BRUTE FORCE APPROACH, WITHOUT FRACTIONATION



*Peumus boldus*

Leaf extract

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**NATURAL  
PRODUCTS**

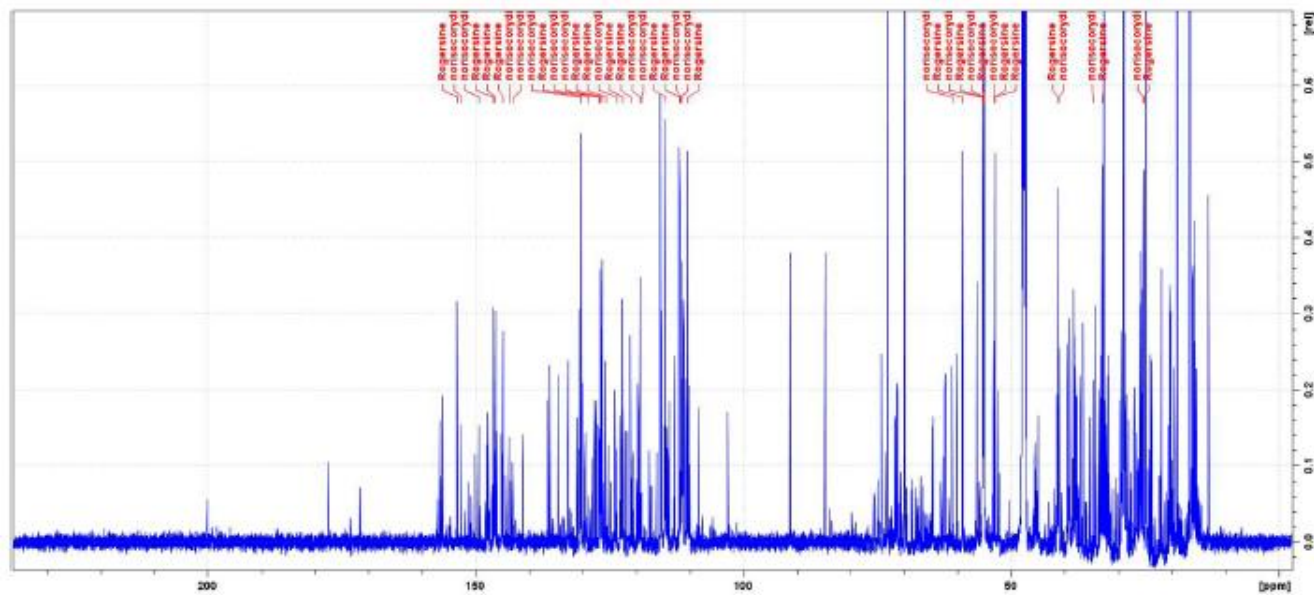
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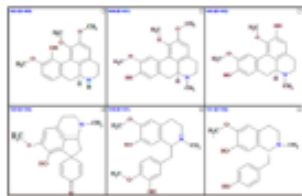
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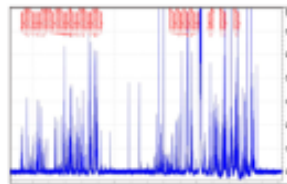
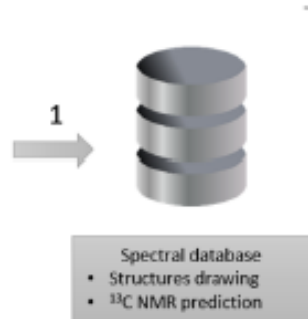
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# BRUTE FORCE APPROACH, WITHOUT FRACTIONATION



Genus under examination  
Known metabolites



Crude extract <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis

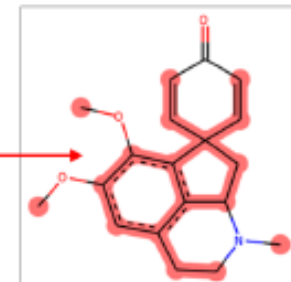
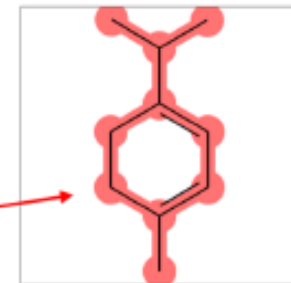
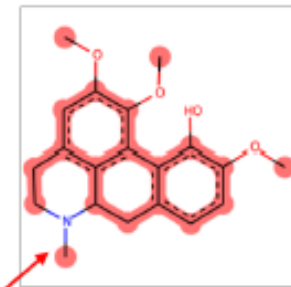
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3	22.33	0.0008
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5	24.13	0.0010
6	27.13	0.0015
7	29.07	0.0009
8	29.34	0.0033
9	29.79	0.0007
10	38.03	0.0010
11	55.00	0.0029

Peak list to text file

3  
Searching  
Algorithm

Linalol	1.0
alpha-terpineol	1.0
alpha-pinene	1.0
Terpinen-4-ol	1.0
<i>p</i> -cimene **	1.0
caryophyllene	1.0
Eucalyptol **	1.0
beta-Pinene	1.0
Phellandrene	1.0
3-carene	1.0
Thymol	1.0
<b>Isocorydine **</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Norisocorydine **	1.0
Rogersine **	1.0
Boldine **	1.0
Reticuline **	1.0
N-methylcoclaurine **	1.0
Coclaurine **	1.0
<b>alpha-terpinene **</b>	<b>1.0</b>
2-carene	1.0
alpha-thujene	1.0
Dehydro-1,8-cineole	1.0
Sabinene hydrate	1.0
trans- <i>p</i> -menth-2-en-ol	1.0
Ascaridole	1.0
beta-elemene	1.0
beta-caryophyllene oxyde	1.0
Laurotetanine **	1.0
<b>Pronuciferine</b>	<b>0.947</b>
alpha-copaene	0.933
beta-oploplenone	0.933
delta-cadinene	0.928
Bornyl acetate	0.916



Input data

Output data ( list of results)





## SUMMARY, FOR DEREPLICATION

### STRENGTHS OF THE STRATEGY

- Identification of natural compounds in mixture
- Rapid chemical profiling of crude extracts  
(*≈ 80% w/w of the material is characterized*)
- Substantial time, solvents and cost savings



#### **Current uses**

- Strategy optimization on a range of natural cosmetic ingredients (plants, marine...)
- Application within past and ongoing academic European projects (NatProtec, Microsmetics)

### Still a lot of work to be done ...

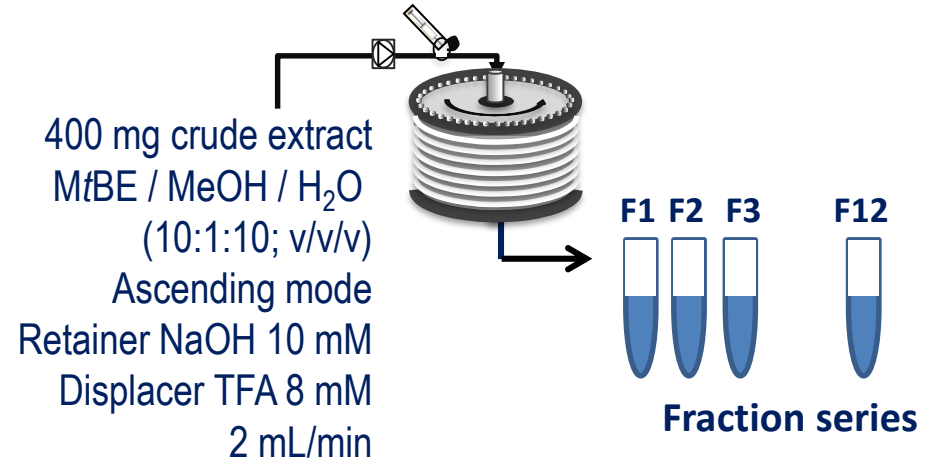
- Identification of minor compounds
- What about unknown metabolites?
  - ⇒ MS, 1D & 2D NMR
  - ⇒ Computer tools

# UNKNOWN METABOLITES

Dereplication, as usual...

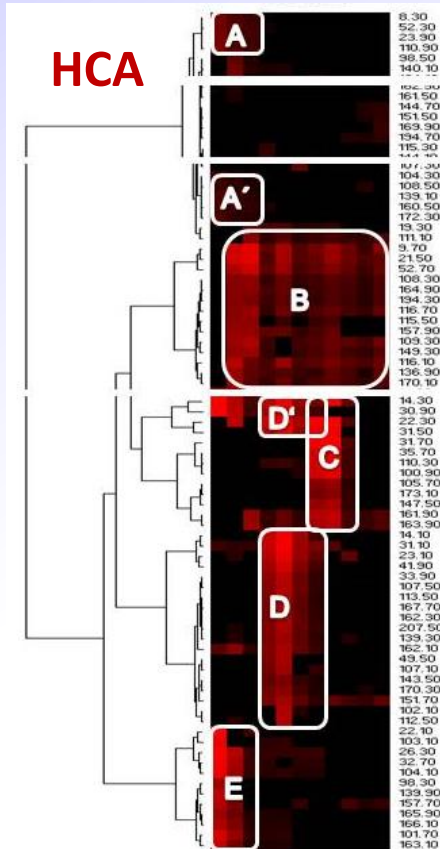


*Pseudevernia furfuracea*



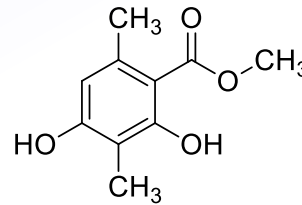
# UNKNOWN METABOLITES

Successive fractions

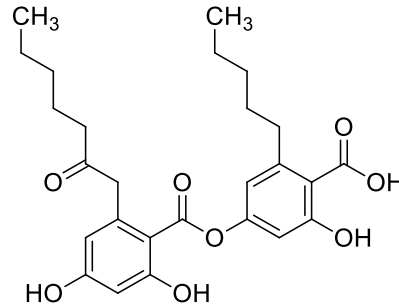
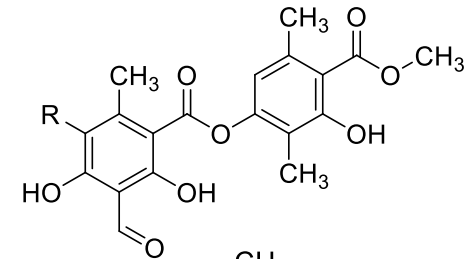


## Metabolite identification + UNKNOWNS

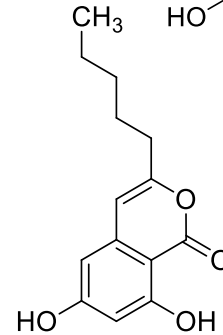
**Cluster A + A'**  
Methyl  $\beta$ -orcinolcarboxylate



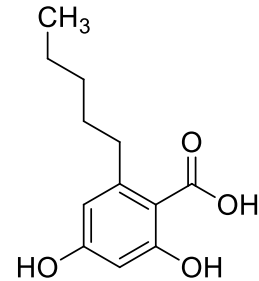
**Cluster B**  
• Atranorin (R=H)  
• 5-Chloroatranorin (R=Cl)



**Cluster D + D'**  
Olivetoric acid



**Cluster E**  
Olivetone



**Cluster C**  
Olivetolcarboxylic acid

# Identification of unknown compounds



## **DE NOVO STRUCTURE DETERMINATION WORKFLOW**

- Obtain an elemental formula ( $C_cH_hN_nO_o\dots$ )
- Extract pertinent data from 1D and 2D NMR spectra
- Assemble one (or more) possible structures
- Be critical on proposed solution(s)
  
- Possibly get assistance from a computer software
- Example: **Logic for Structure Determination** (LSD)



## CASE: COMPUTER-ASSISTED STRUCTURE ELUCIDATION

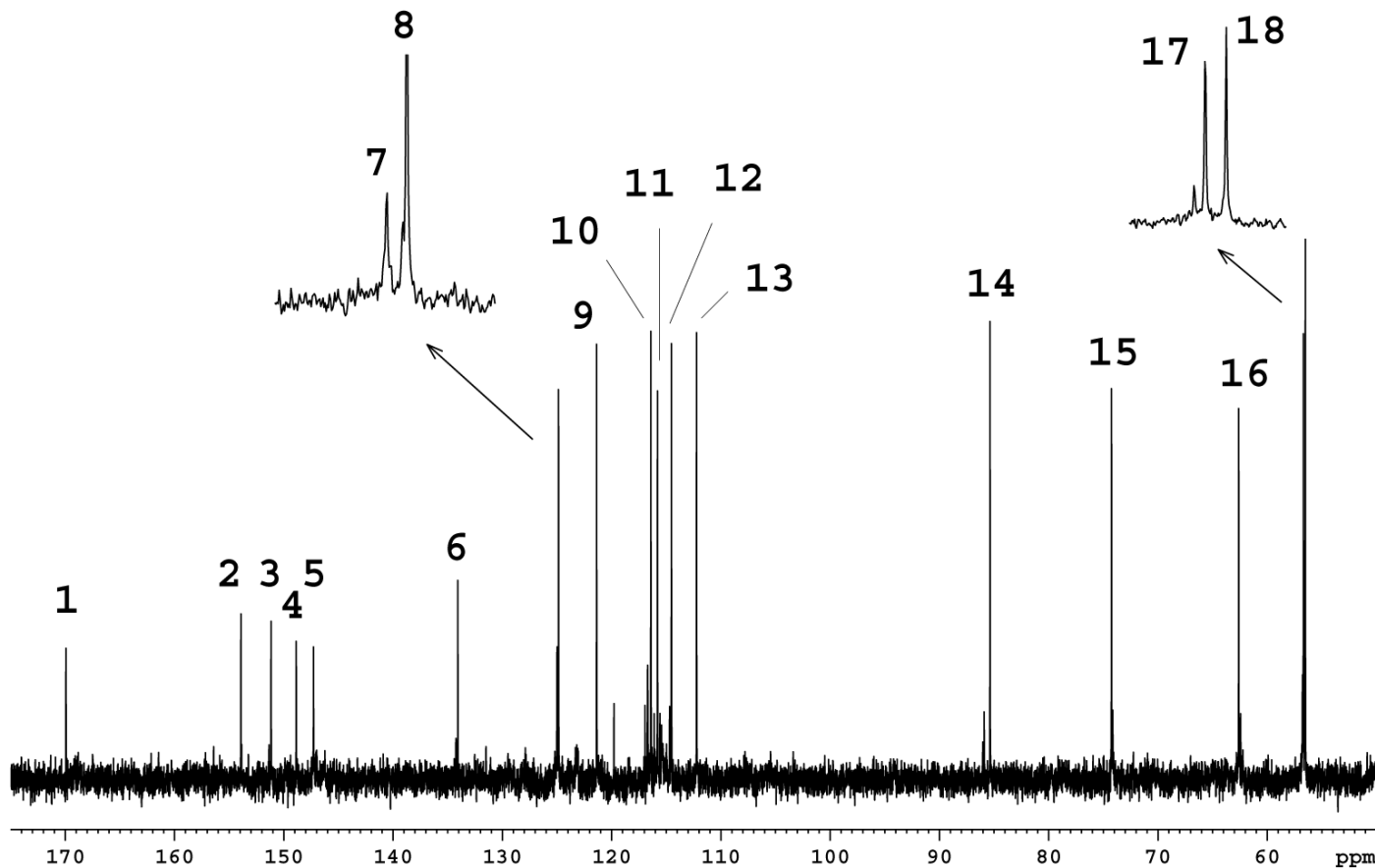
- Academic Software
  - LSD (France)
  - COCON (Germany)
  - SENECA (UK)
- Commercial software
  - ACD Structure Elucidator
  - Bruker CMC-se
  - MestreNova
  - ScienceSoft AssembleIt (?)



## USING LSD

- Assign a numerical index to each non-H atom
  - Any non-H atom is « heavy »
  - For C atoms, assign indexes in the decreasing order of chemical shifts
- Assign a numerical index to H atoms
  - A H bound to a C receives the index of the C atom
- Translate correlations in 2D spectra into pairs of numbers
- Impose neighborhood constraints to atoms
  - From chemical shift values or coupling patterns
- Impose substructural constraints, if any
- Provide software execution control options, if necessary

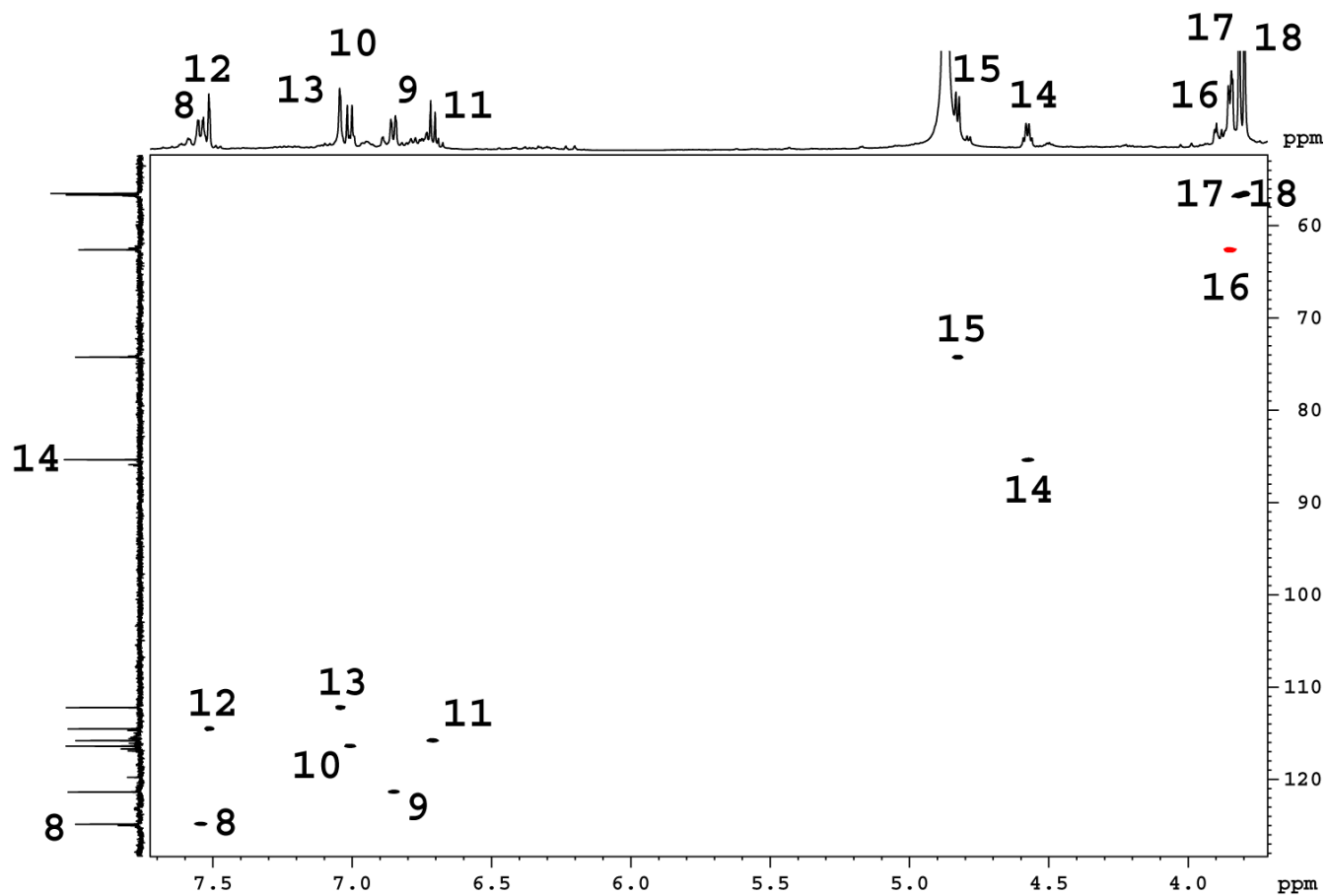
## EXAMPLE, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR SPECTRUM



18 C, 1 C=O, 6 aromatic Q, 6 aromatic CH, 5 aliphatic C bound to an O atom

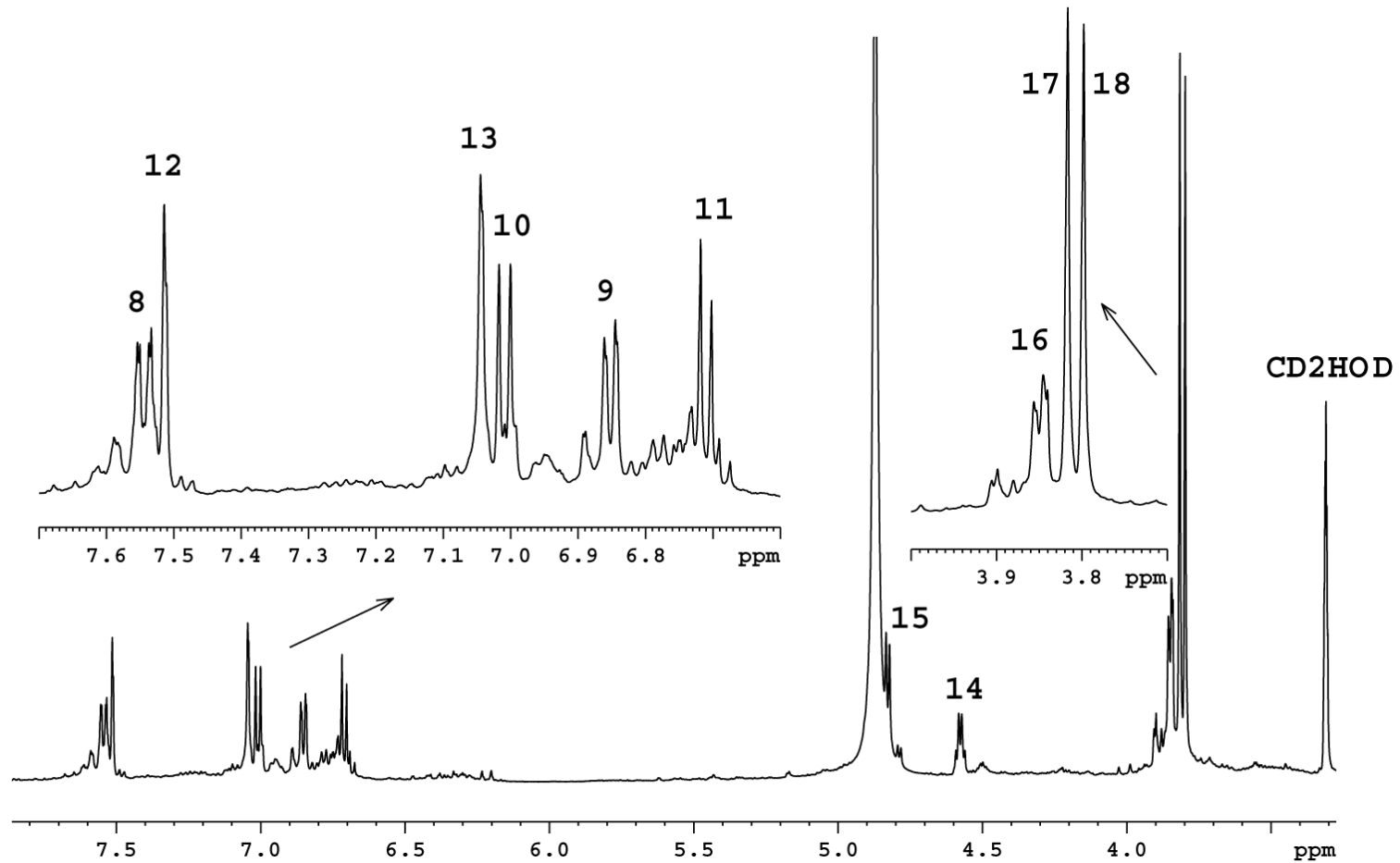


# EXAMPLE, 2D HSQC SPECTRUM



Aliphatic C: 2 CH-O, 1 CH<sub>2</sub>-O, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>-O-Ar

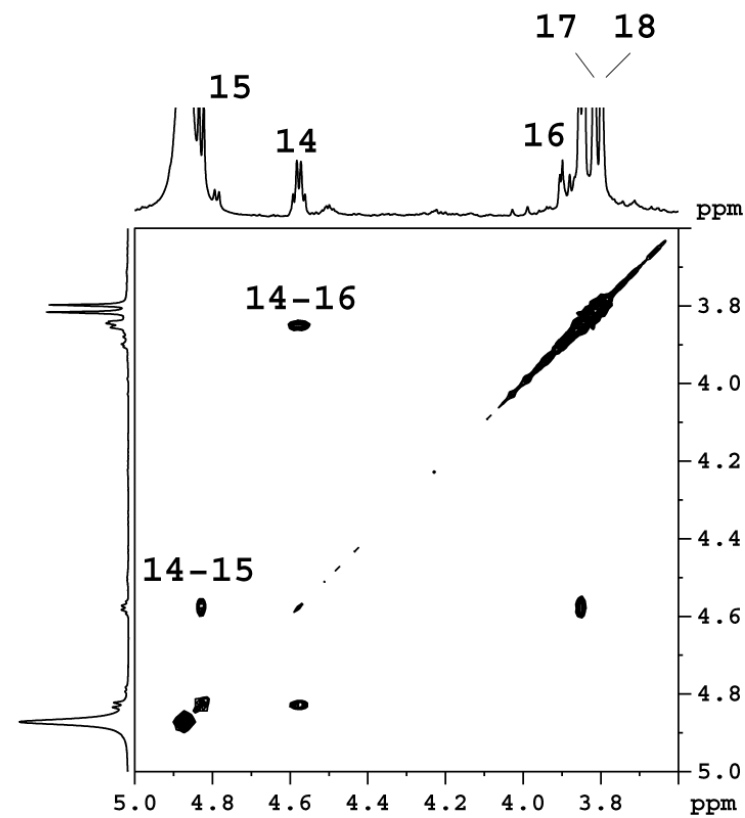
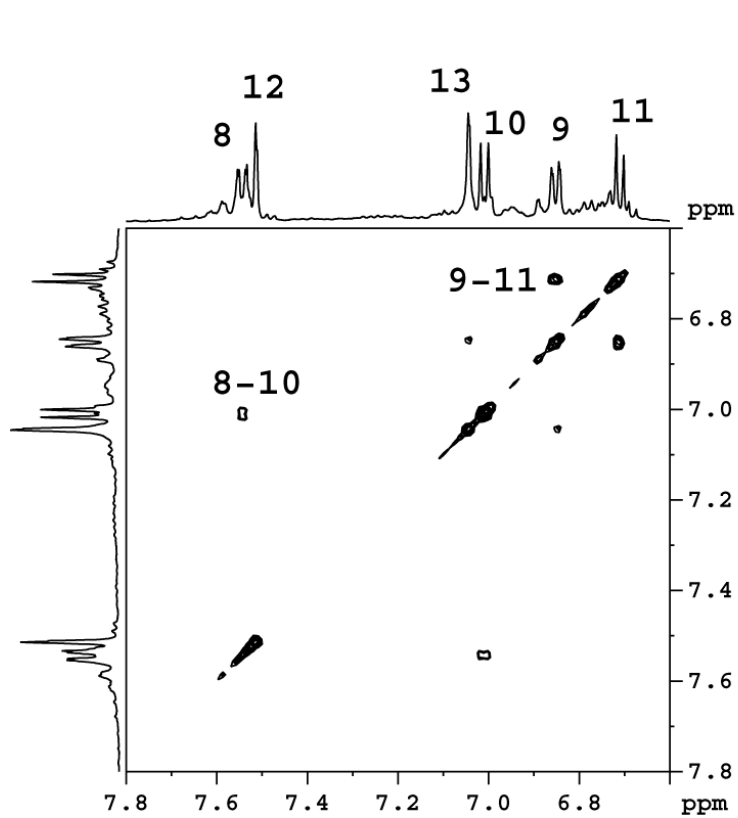
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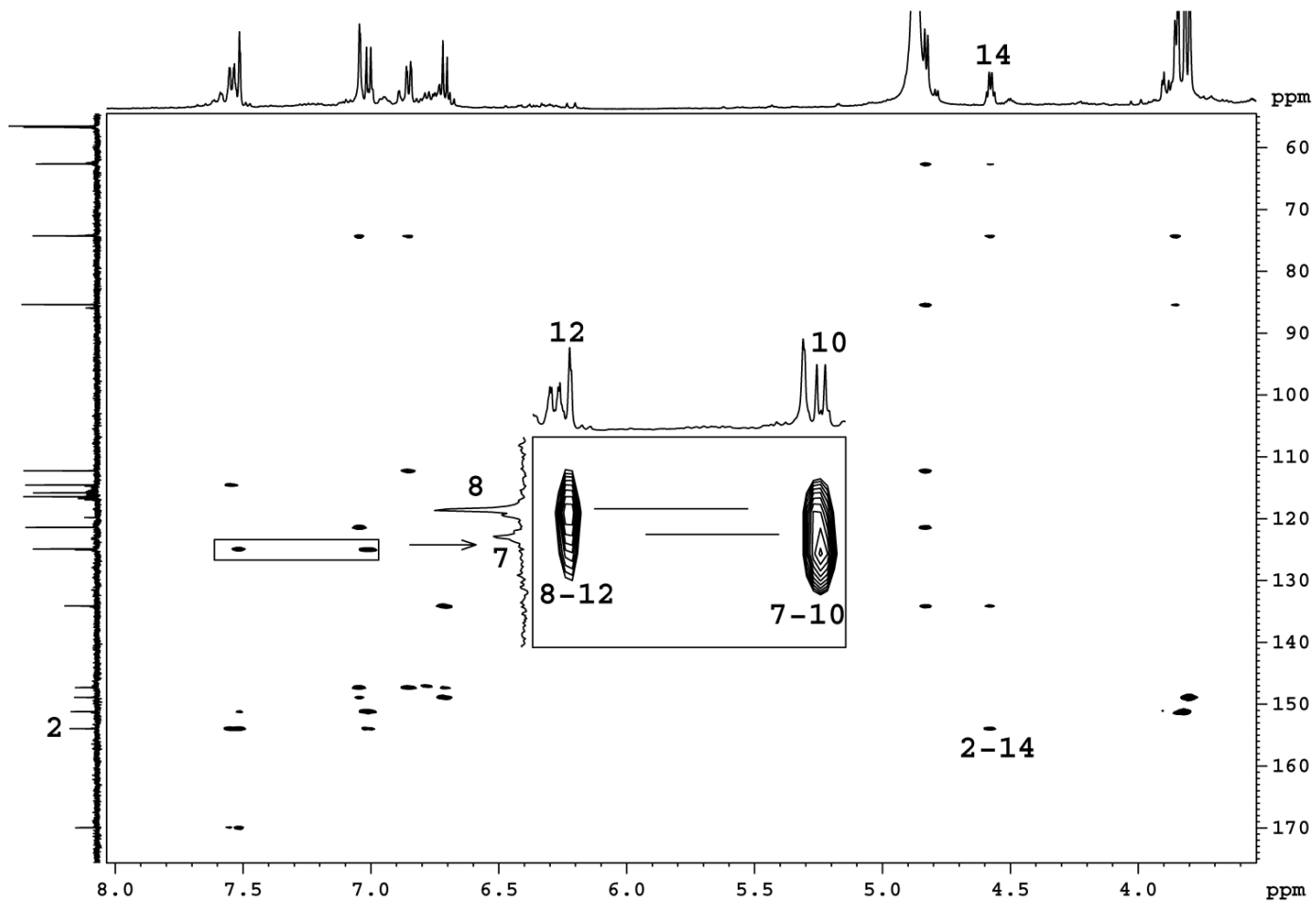
**16 H atoms bound to C atoms**



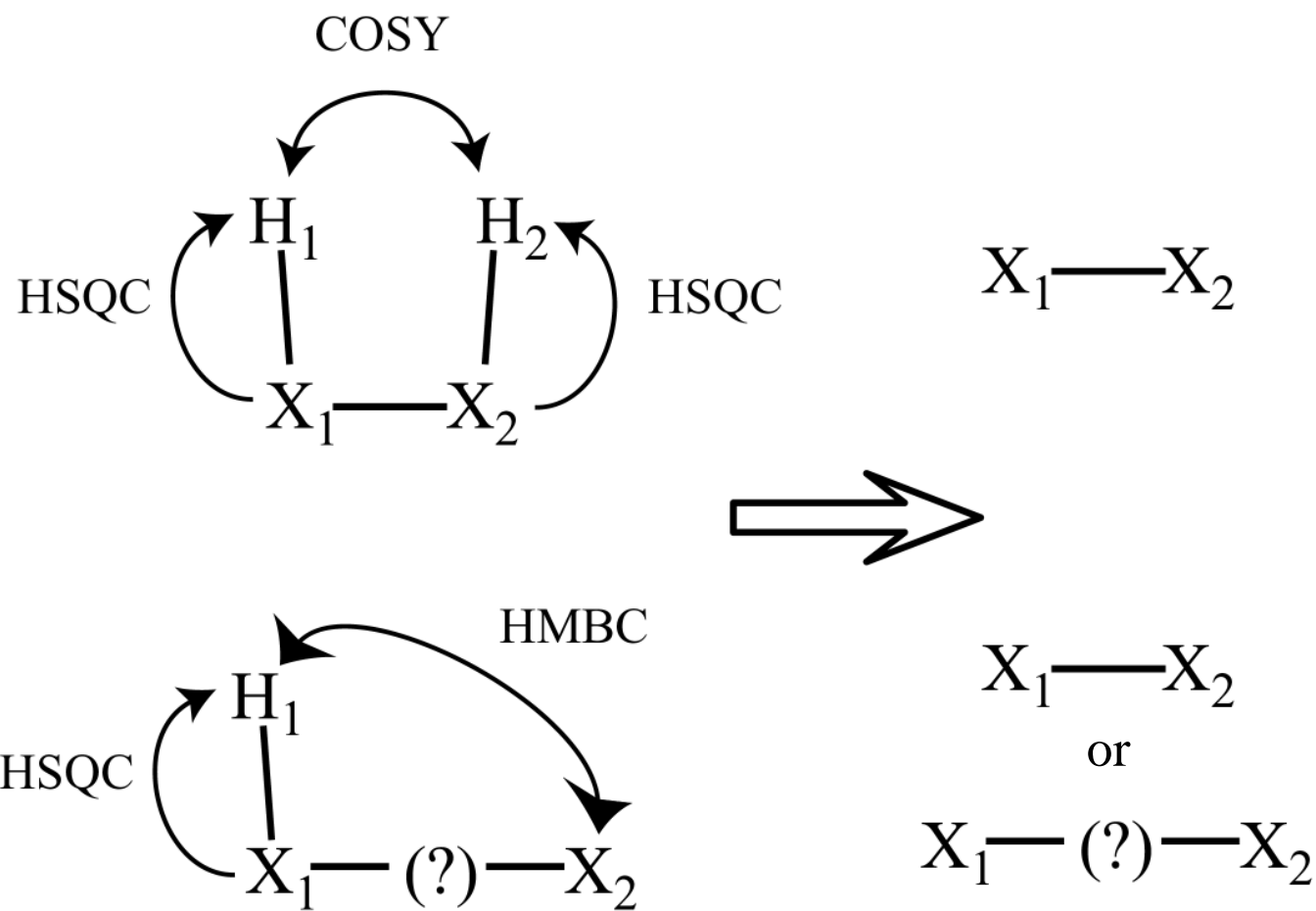
## EXAMPLE, 2D COSY SPECTRUM



# EXAMPLE, 2D HMBC SPECTRUM



## WHY DO WE USE 2D NMR?



**2D NMR provides proximity relationships between non-H atoms**



## EXAMPLE, ELEMENTAL FORMULA

- $[M + Na]^+ = 387$
- $M = 364$
- $18 C + 16 H = 232$
- Remain:  $364 - 232 = 132$
- $132 = 128 + 4 = 8 \times 16 + 4$
- $8 O + 4 H$  bound to O
- Resulting in  $C_{18}H_{20}O_8$
- Not always so simple... Ask for HR-MS and MF

## EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, ATOM STATUS

MULT Index Symbol Hybridization Multiplicity [Charge]

MULT 1	C	2	0	MULT 10	C	2	1	MULT 19	O	3	0	
MULT 2	C	2	0	MULT 11	C	2	1	MULT 20	O	3	0	-O-
MULT 3	C	2	0	MULT 12	C	2	1	MULT 21	O	3	0	
MULT 4	C	2	0	MULT 13	C	2	1					
MULT 5	C	2	0	MULT 14	C	3	1	MULT 22	O	3	1	
MULT 6	C	2	0	MULT 15	C	3	1	MULT 23	O	3	1	-OH
MULT 7	C	2	0	MULT 16	C	3	2	MULT 24	O	3	1	
MULT 8	C	2	1	MULT 17	C	3	3	MULT 25	O	3	1	
MULT 9	C	2	1	MULT 18	C	3	3					
								MULT 26	O	2	0	=O

C atoms

C1 (169.9 ppm) is assigned to a carbonyl group bound to O26



## EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, BONDS

COSY 14 15

COSY 14 16

COSY 8 10

COSY 9 11

BOND 17 19 ; Me-O-Ar

BOND 18 20 ; Me-O-Ar

BOND 1 26 ; C=O

- **COSY** :  $^3J$  by default.
- **COSY 9 13 3 4** :  $^3J$  or  $^4J$  coupling of H9 and H13





## EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, HSQC AND SHIX

HSQC 8 8	; CD3OD at 49.2	SHIX 9 121.4
HSQC 9 9		SHIX 10 116.4
HSQC 10 10	SHIX 1 169.9	SHIX 11 115.8
HSQC 11 11	SHIX 2 153.9	SHIX 12 114.5
HSQC 12 12	SHIX 3 151.2	SHIX 13 112.2
HSQC 13 13	SHIX 4 148.9	SHIX 14 85.4
HSQC 14 14	SHIX 5 147.3	SHIX 15 74.3
HSQC 15 15	SHIX 6 134.1	SHIX 16 62.6
HSQC 16 16	SHIX 7 125.0	SHIX 17 56.7
HSQC 17 17	SHIX 8 124.8	SHIX 18 56.5
HSQC 18 18		

- **HSQC 8 8** : C8 bound to H8
- **SHIX 1 169.9** :  $\delta(\text{C1}) = 169.9$  ppm
  - Used by pyLSD, ignored by LSD



## EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, HMBC

HMBC 1 12

HMBC 2 8

HMBC 2 12

HMBC 2 14

HMBC 3 10

HMBC 3 17

HMBC 4 11

HMBC 4 18

HMBC 5 13

HMBC 5 9

HMBC 6 11

HMBC 6 15

HMBC 7 10

HMBC 8 12

HMBC 9 13

HMBC 9 15

HMBC 12 8

HMBC 13 9

HMBC 13 15

HMBC 14 15

HMBC 15 13

HMBC 15 14

HMBC 15 16

HMBC 16 15

- HMBC 1 12 : C1 and H12 are separated by 2 or 3 bonds.
- The  $nJ$  hypothesis with  $n > 3$  is taken into account only if an ELIM command is present.
- HMBC (X Y) Z : HMBC X Z **or** HMBC Y Z



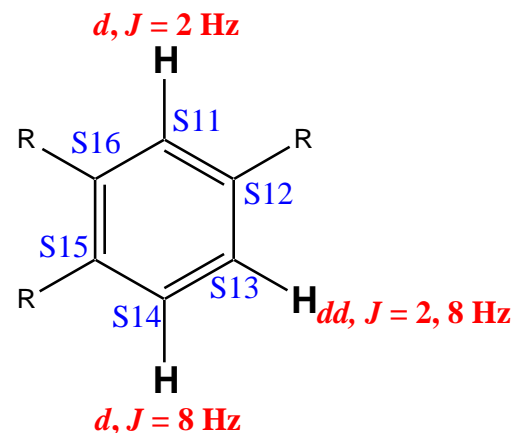
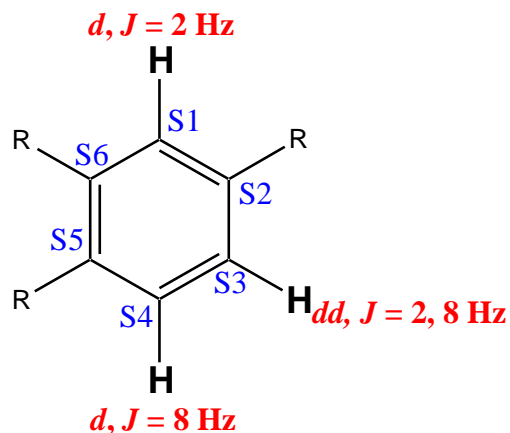
## EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, ATOM PROPERTIES

```
ELEM L1 O
LIST L2 14 15 16 17 18
PROP L2 1 L1
PROP 1 2 L1

CARB L3
LIST L4 10 11 12 13
PROP L4 0 L3
PROP L1 0 L3
```

- L1 is the list of all Oxygen atoms
- L2 contains the atoms C14 to C18: from 55 to 85 ppm
- Each atom in L2 is bound to exactly of atom in list L1:  
**C13 to C18 are bound to a single Oxygen atom**
- **C1 is bound to 2 Oxygen atoms: 169.9 ppm**
- L3 is the list of all Carbon atoms
- L4 is the list of atoms C10 to C13:  $\delta$  from 112.2 to 116.4 ppm
- Each atom in L4 is bound to Carbon atoms only (0 means all !)
- **Each Oxygen is bound to Carbon atoms only (no peroxydes)**

# EXAMPLE, LSD INPUT FILE, SUBSTRUCTURE



SSTR S1 C 2 1  
 SSTR S2 C 2 1  
 SSTR S3 C 2 0  
 SSTR S4 C 2 1  
 SSTR S5 C 2 0  
 SSTR S6 C 2 0

SSTR S11 C 2 1  
 SSTR S12 C 2 1  
 SSTR S13 C 2 0  
 SSTR S14 C 2 1  
 SSTR S15 C 2 0  
 SSTR S16 C 2 0

LINK S1 S2  
 LINK S2 S3  
 LINK S3 S4  
 LINK S4 S5  
 LINK S5 S6  
 LINK S6 S1

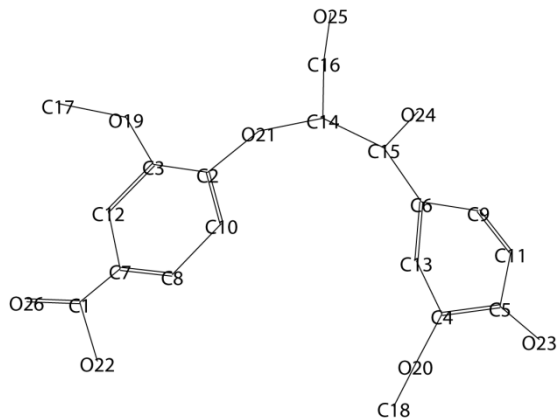
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 LINK S12 S13  
 LINK S13 S14  
 LINK S14 S15  
 LINK S15 S16  
 LINK S16 S11

Type assignment of  
 substructure atoms

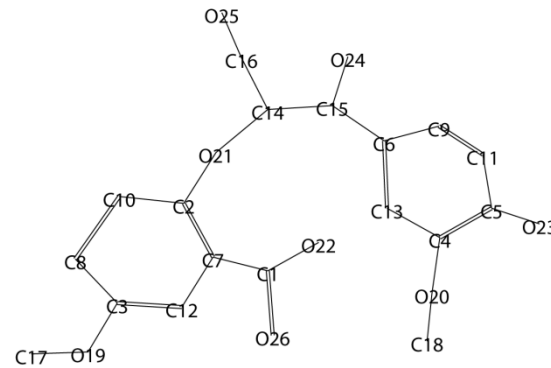
Bonds between  
 substructure atoms

## EXAMPLE, SOLUTIONS

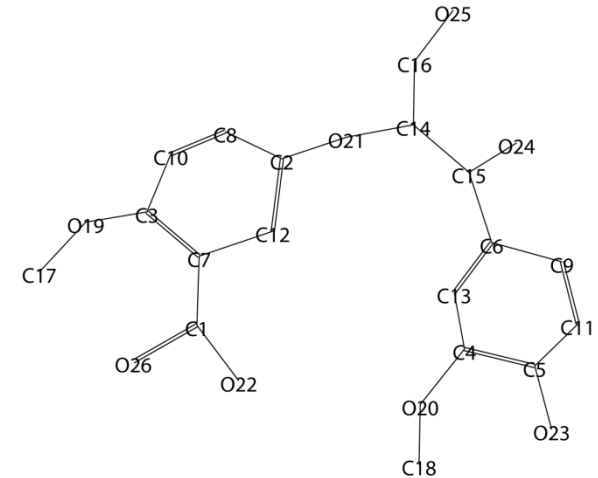
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- Structures generated by **lsd**, 2D coordinates by **outlsd**, drawings by **genpos**. Drawing improvements by **m\_edit**.
- **solve** chains all the process.
- Structure generation in less than 1 second on a PC.

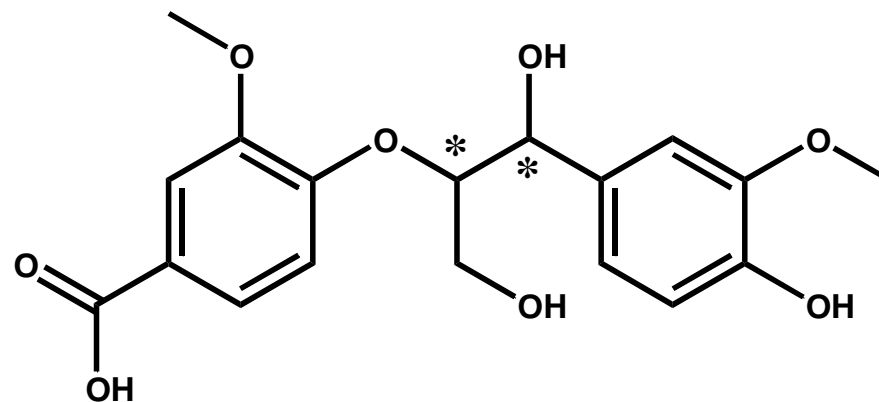


## EXAMPLE, SOLUTION RANKING

- A score is assigned to each solution using a standalone version of the **nmrshiftdb2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift predictor (S. Kuhn, C. Steinbeck)
- A score  $\Delta$  measures the difference between the experimental and predicted chemical shift series.

$$\Delta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N |\delta_i^{calc} - \delta_i^{exp}|}{N}$$

## EXAMPLE, SOLUTION RANKING



- Ranking:
  - 1.  $\Delta = 1.40$  ppm
  - 2.  $\Delta = 2.03$  ppm
  - 3.  $\Delta = 2.13$  ppm
- The ranking order depends on the predictor
- The predictor depends on the database it makes use of and on the prediction algorithm
- Never blindly trust a predictor



## FEEDBACK FROM AN LSD USER

... The advantage of the LSD is that it will determine all possibilities that should be considered, without preconceptions.

Thus, we have used it to confirm that our proposed structures were indeed consistent with the data and that other possible structures (as suggested by LSD) could be disregarded based on chemical arguments; this gives us further confidence that the structures we are proposing are correct.”

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