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# DROUGHT STRESS: APPLICATION OF METABOLOMIC APPROACH

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Tato akce se koná v rámci projektu:

Vybudování vědeckého týmu environmentální metabolomiky a ekofyziologie a jeho zapojení do mezinárodních sítí (ENVIMET; r.č. **CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.0246**) realizovaného v rámci Operačního programu Vzdělávání pro konkurenceschopnost.

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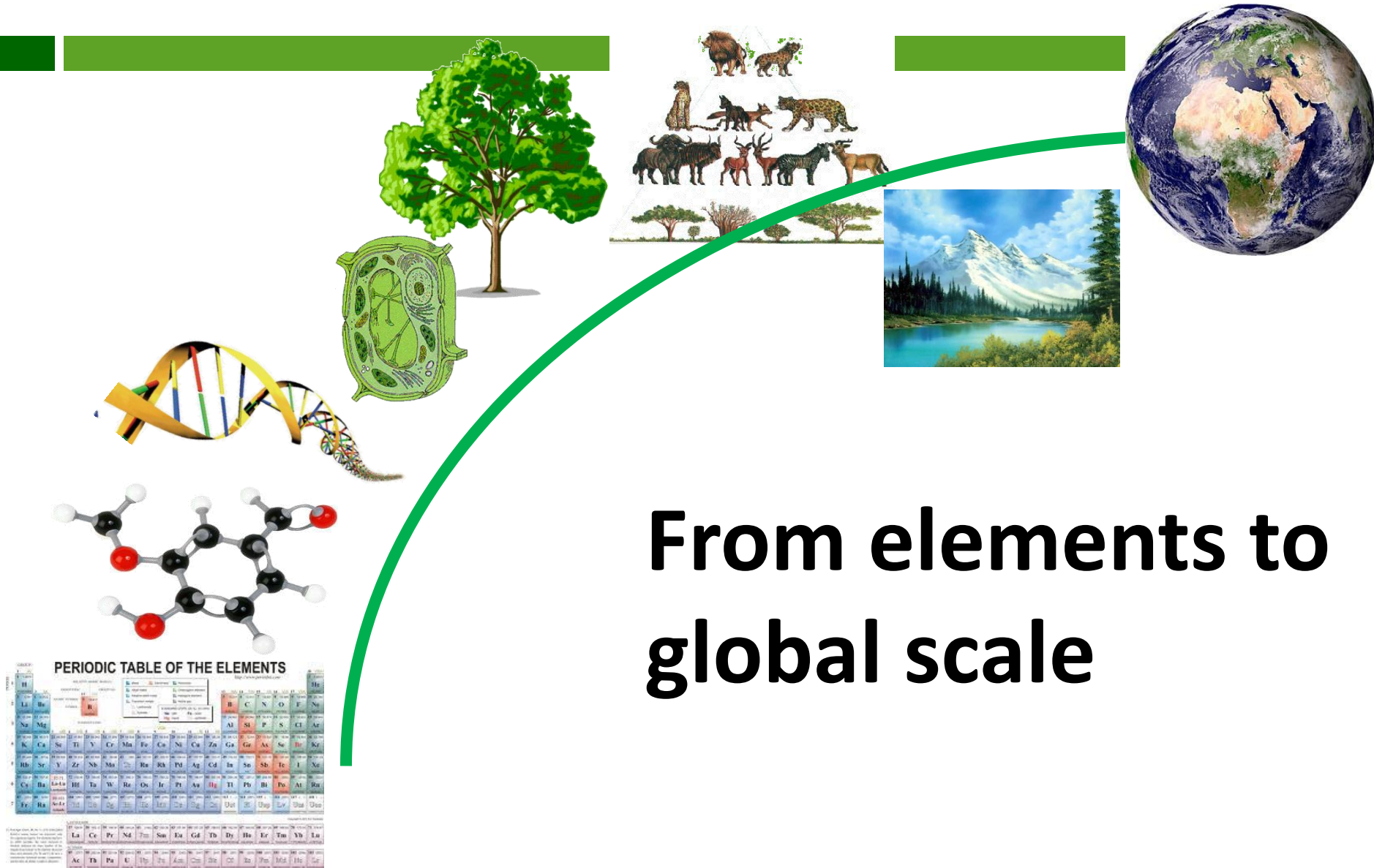
Brno, Czech Globe

May 2014

# Ecometabolomics

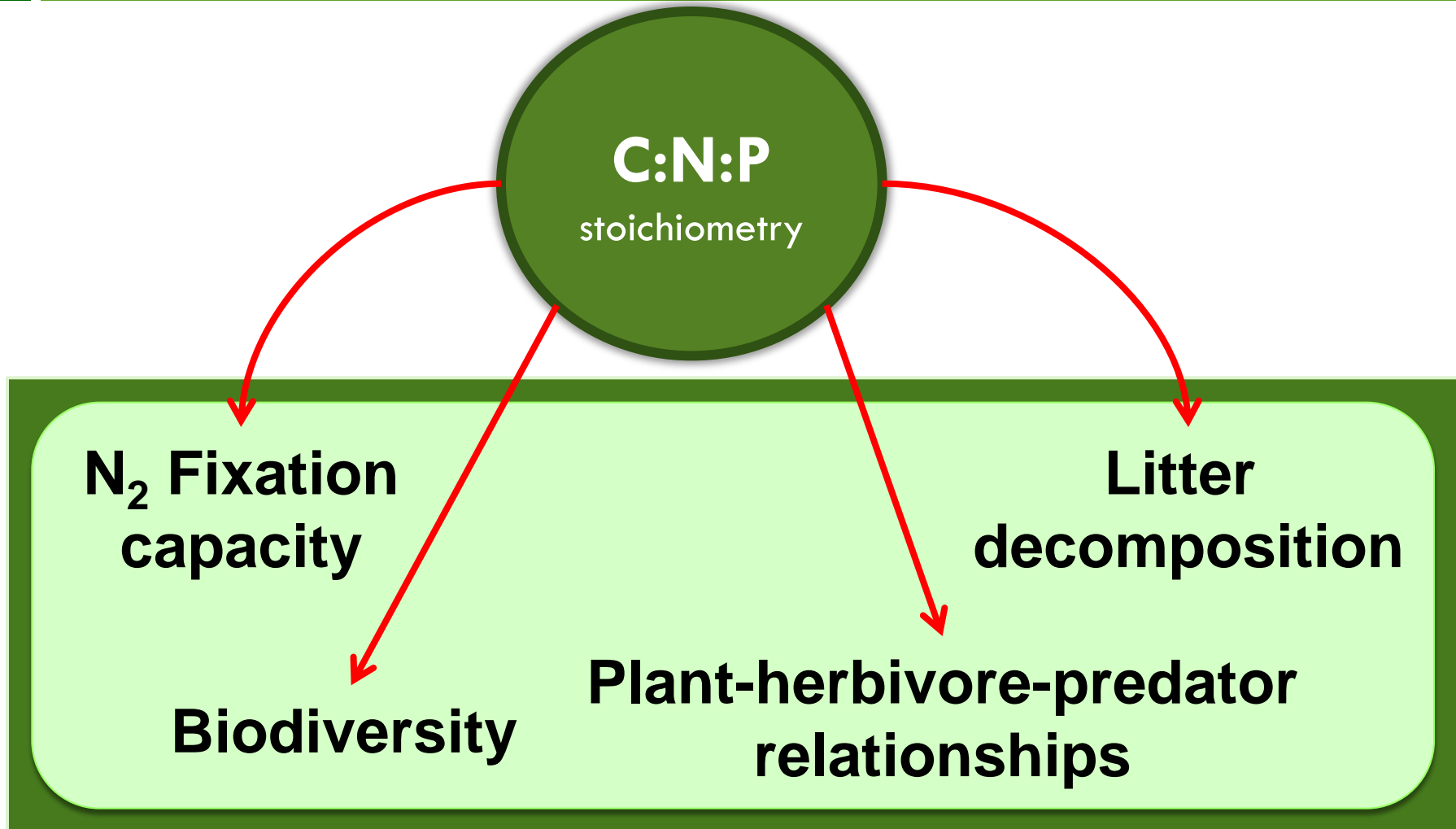
- Current cooperation and future challenges of cooperation between CREAM and CzechGlobe
- different methodological approaches
  - NMR x HPLC-MSn
- comparative ecological and ecophysiological studies
  - climatic and geographical gradients

# Introduction

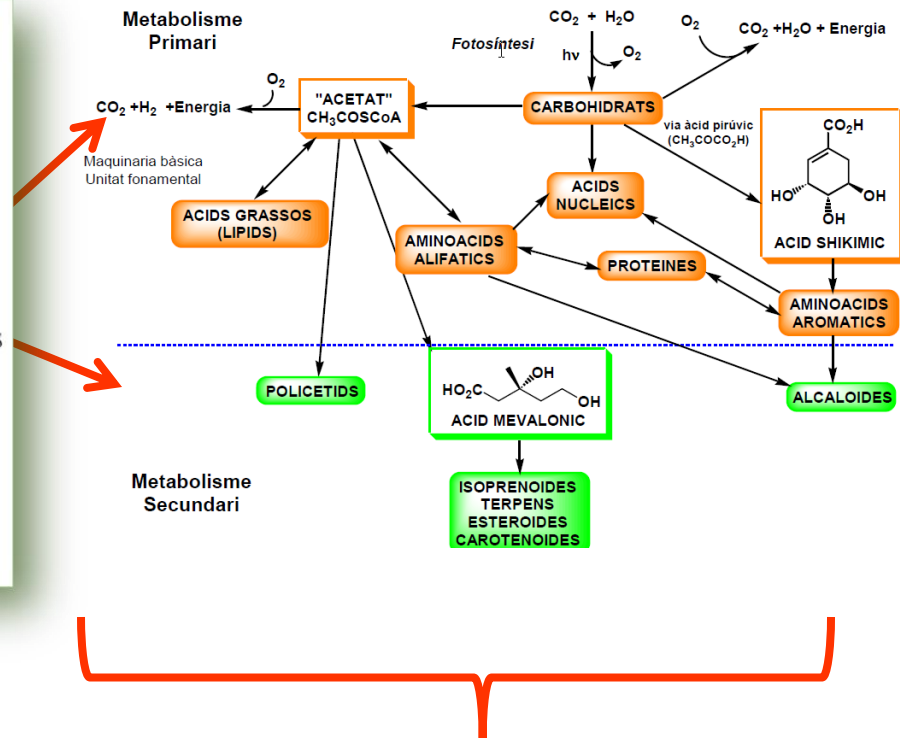
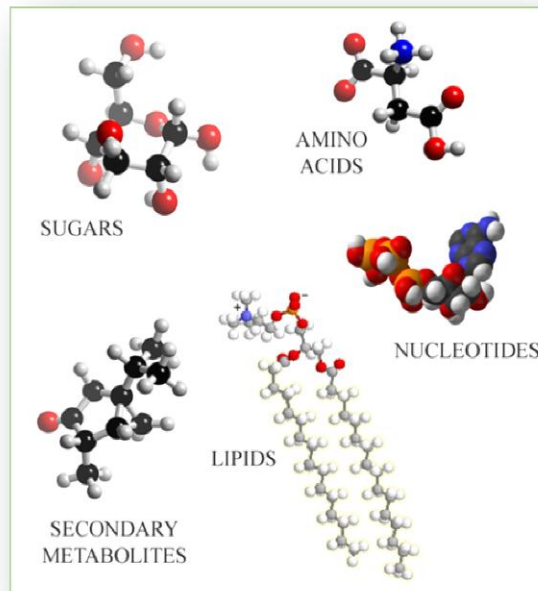
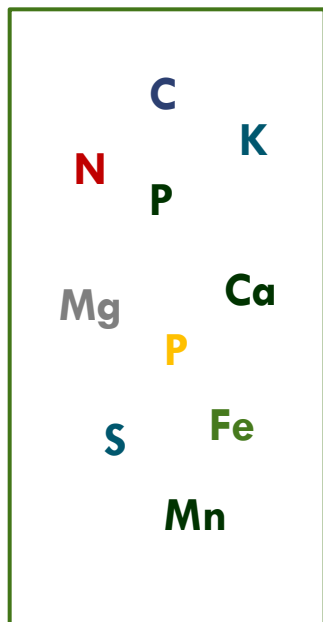


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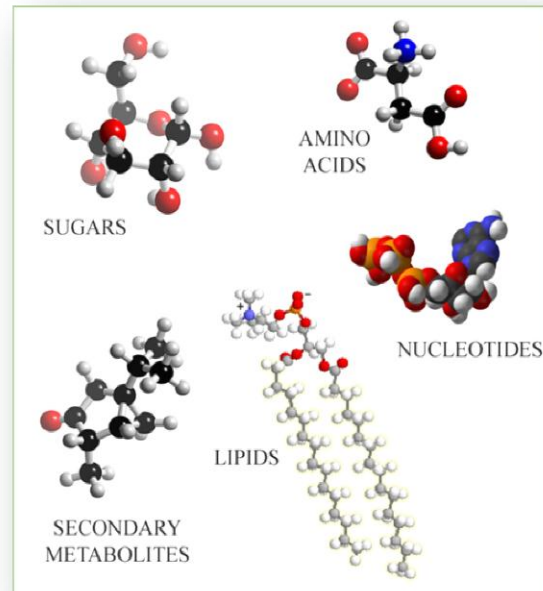
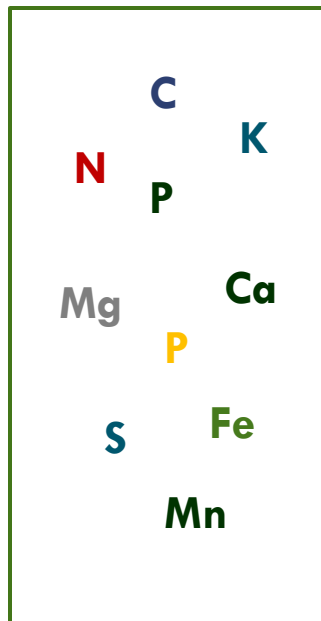
# The ecological Stoichiometry



# Metabolomica



# Metabonomics



## Primary

1. More abundants
2. Crucial in fisiologic
3. Directly in fotosynthesis
- ...

## Secondary

1. Defense
2. Osmotic



**METABOIOME**

# Ecometabolomics



Seasons (Ontogeny)



Plant-Herbivore  
interaction



Climate Change: Drought & Warming

## Environmental Changes

### Ecosystem - Species

ORGANISM

ECOMETABOLOMICS

Stoichiometry

$N$   
 $C$   $K$   
 $P...$

Metabolites

Sugars

Amino Acids

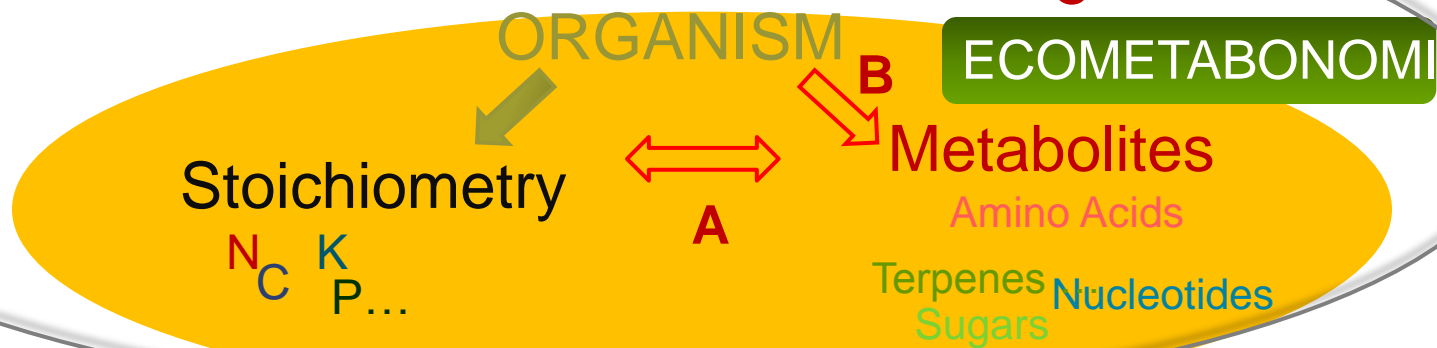
Terpens ... Nucleotids

# Objective

- A. Understand the **Relationship between Metabolome and Stoichiometry**
- B. Study the **Effects of Environmental changes on the Metabolome of a Species**
- C. Study the **Structure & Function of the Ecosystem by Metabolomics and Stoichiometry.**
- D. Increase the Knowledge of the Ecosystem structure and function by **Metabolomics and Stoichiometry**

Environmental Changes

## Ecosystem - Species

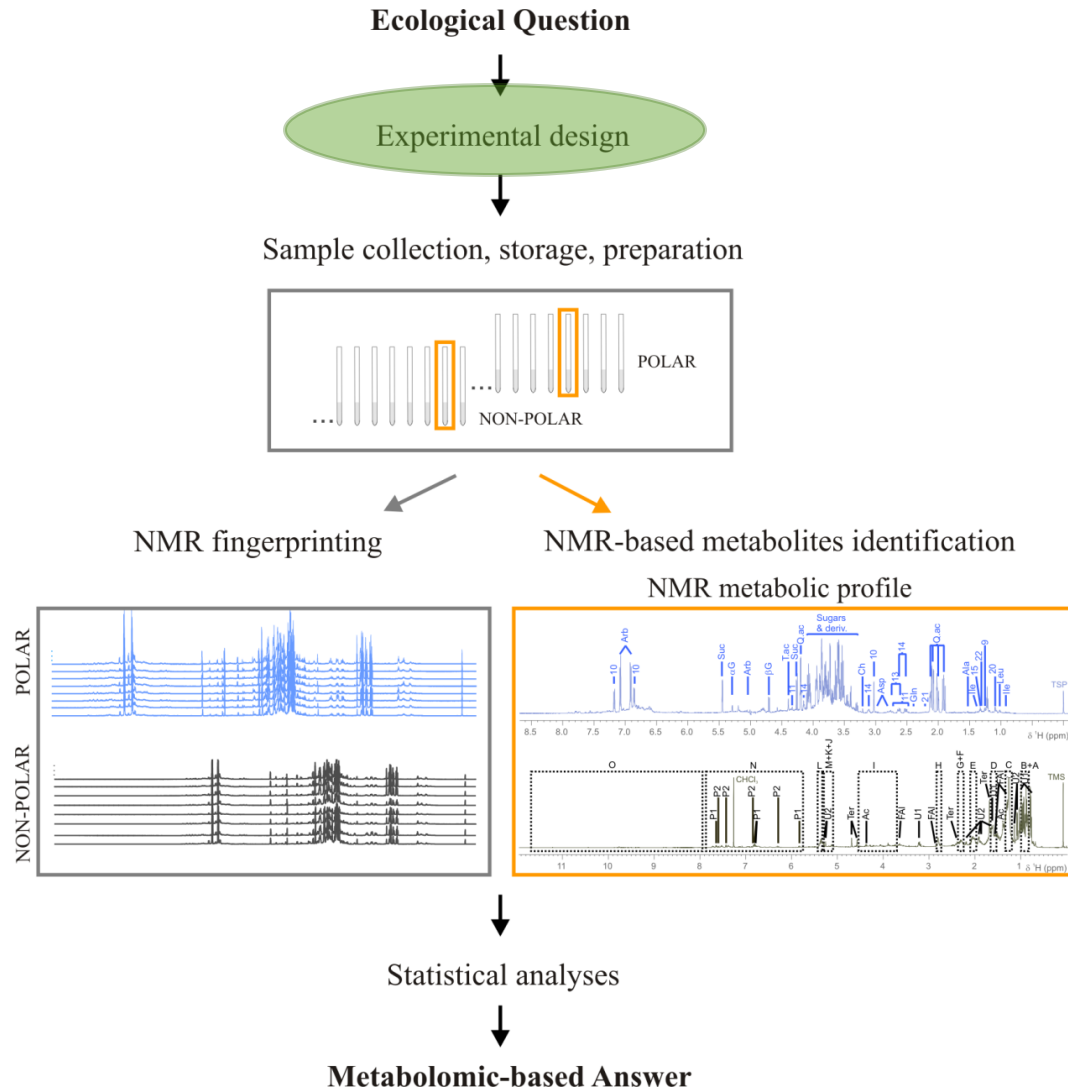


# Ecological Question (first work)

- Which are the metabolism of plants affected by:
  - Climate Change (Drought, warming, rainfall)
  - Physiology (Structure & function)
  - Biodiversity or competition
  - Ontogeny

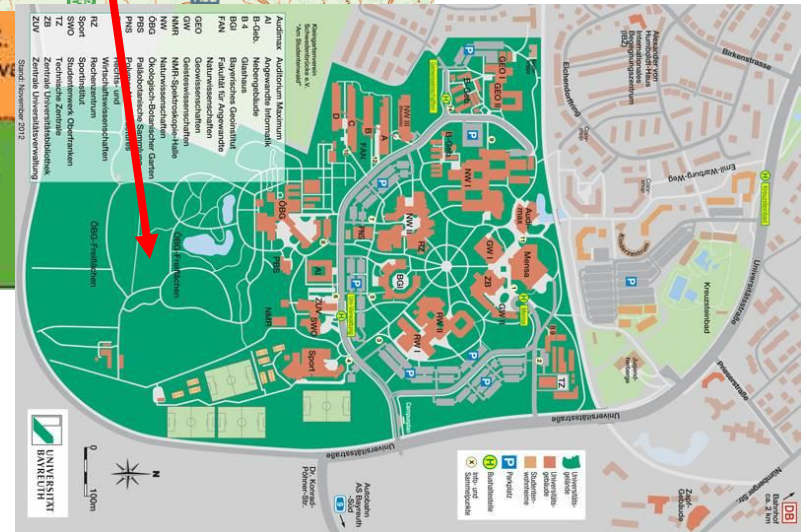
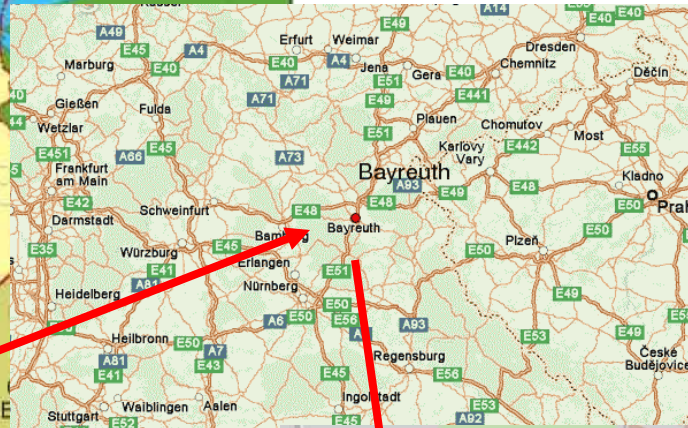


# Experimental design



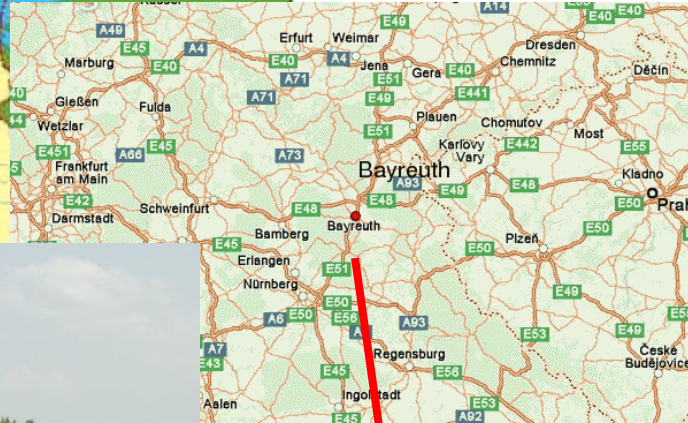
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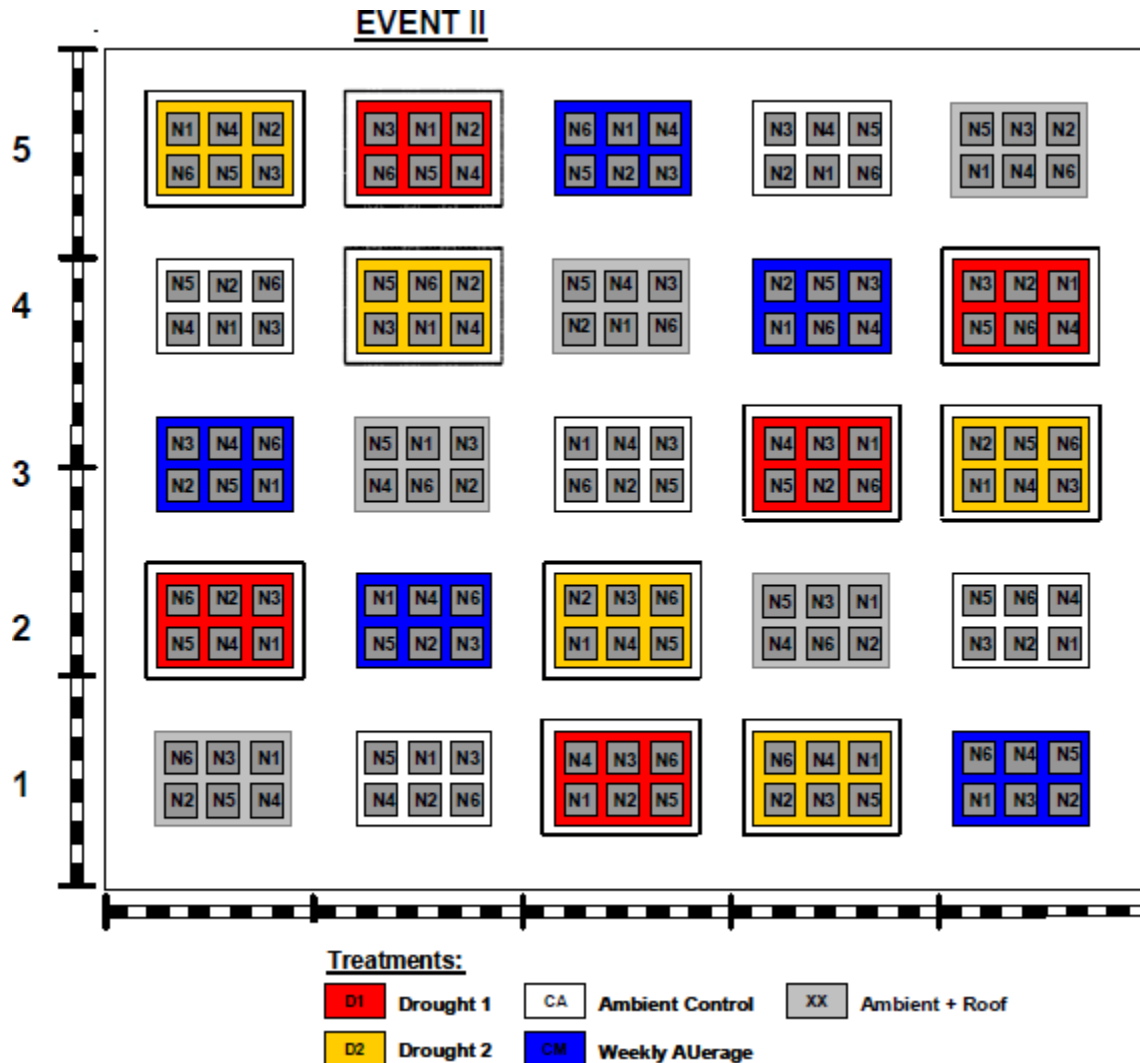


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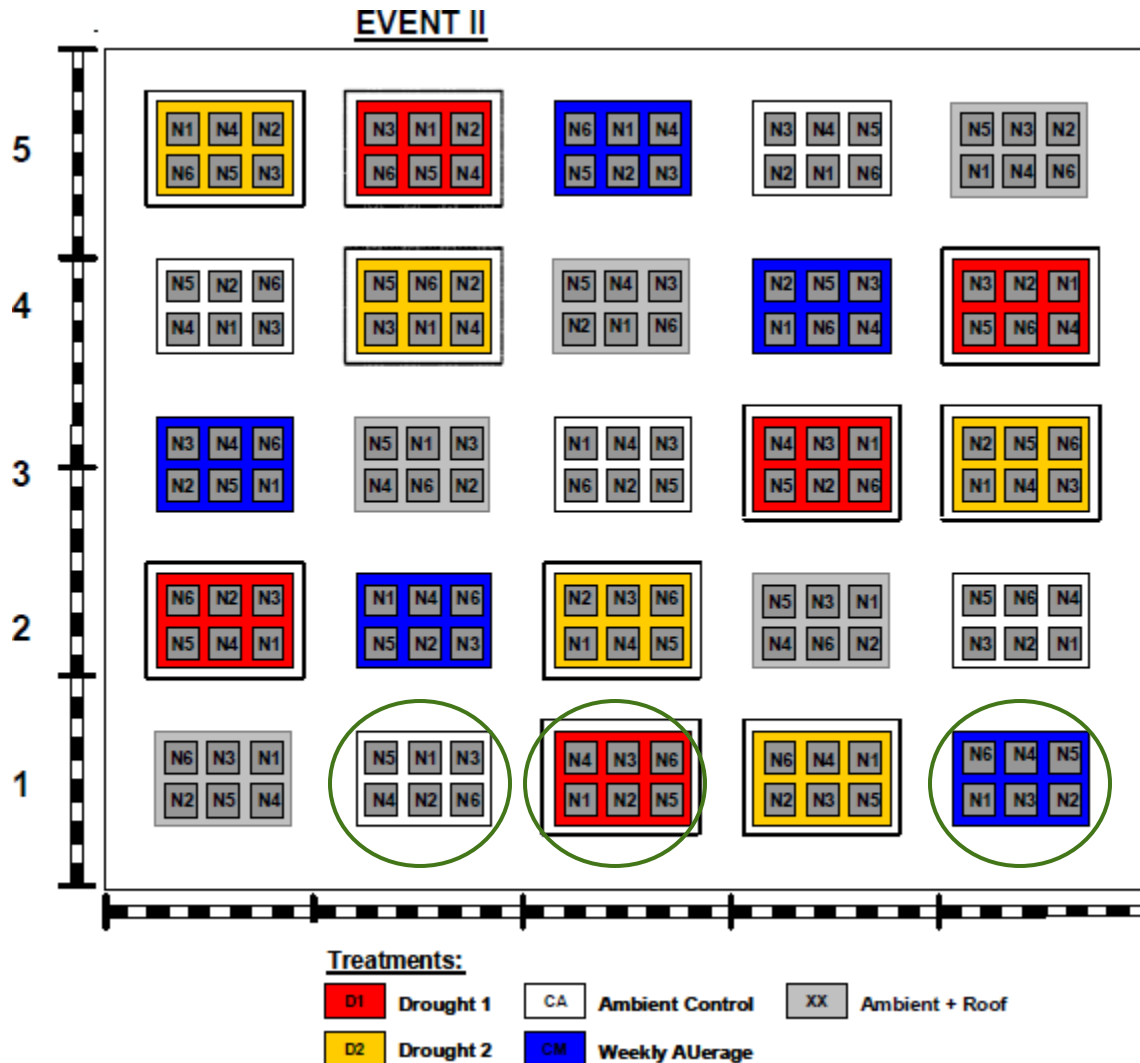


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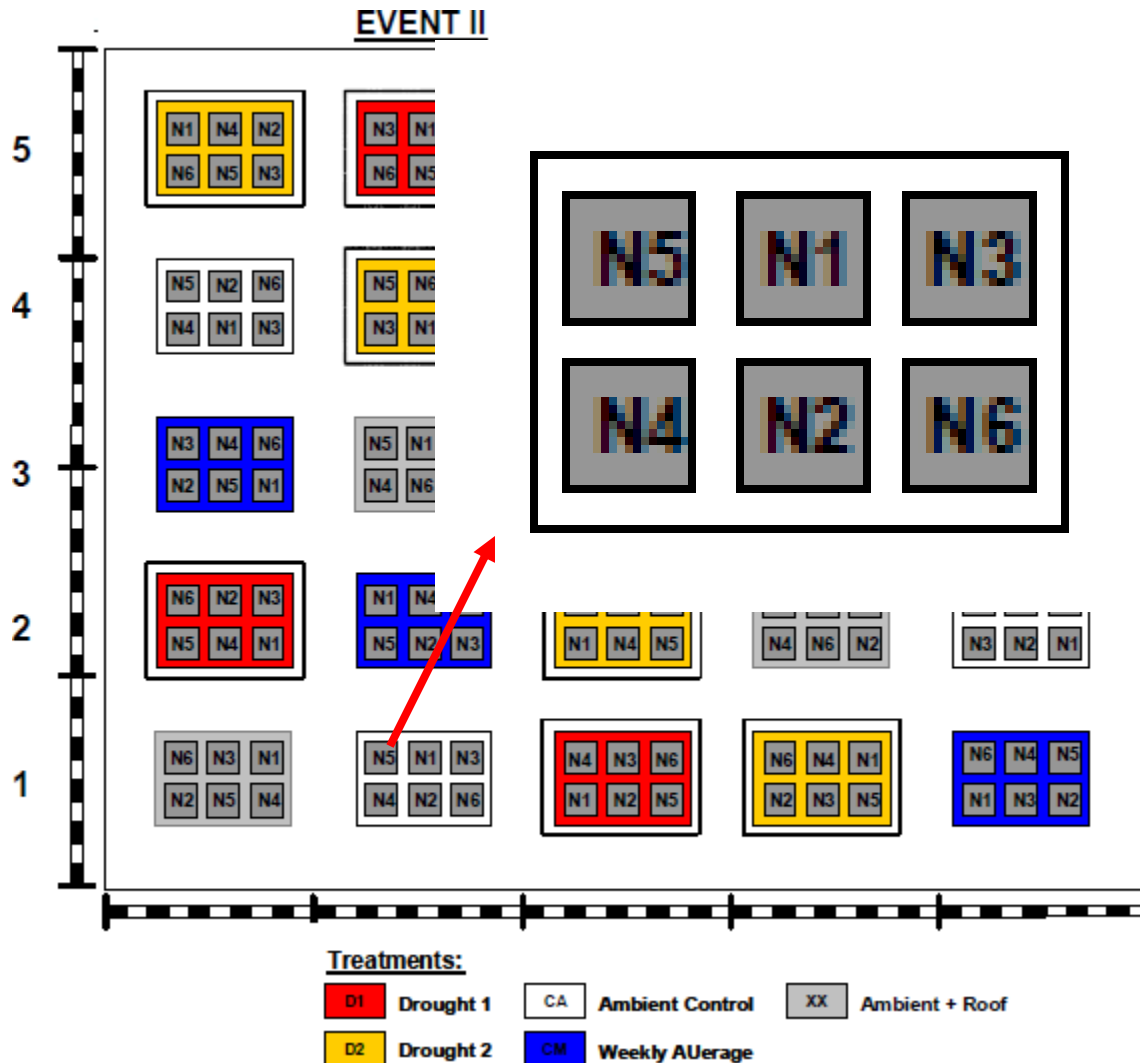
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- Five replications of five precipitation treatments. Within each precipitation treatment six plots (1.5 m x 1.5 m size) receive different warming, winter rainfall and management manipulations (Figure 1).
- 2 time collect

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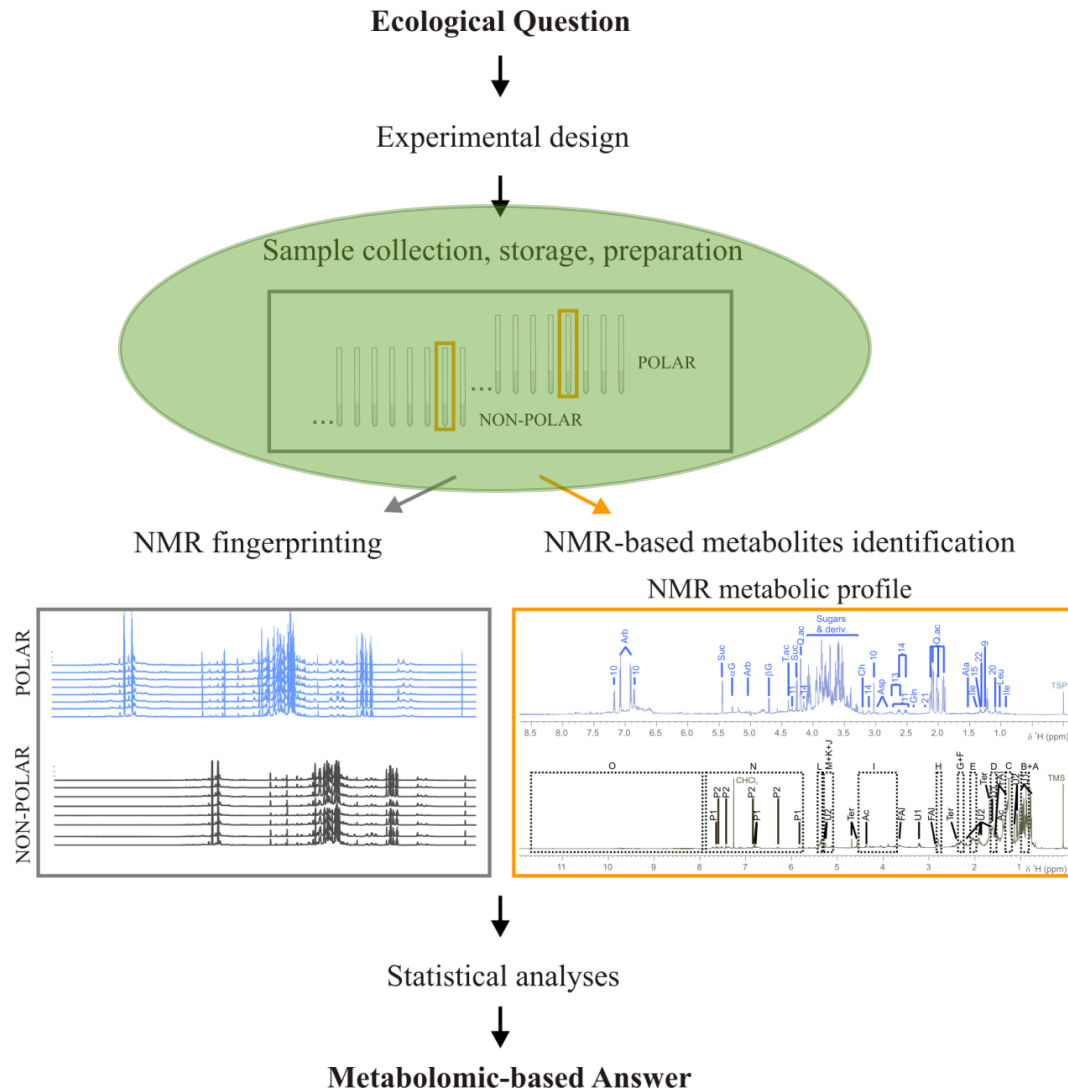
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- 2 time collect (July and September).

# Experimental design

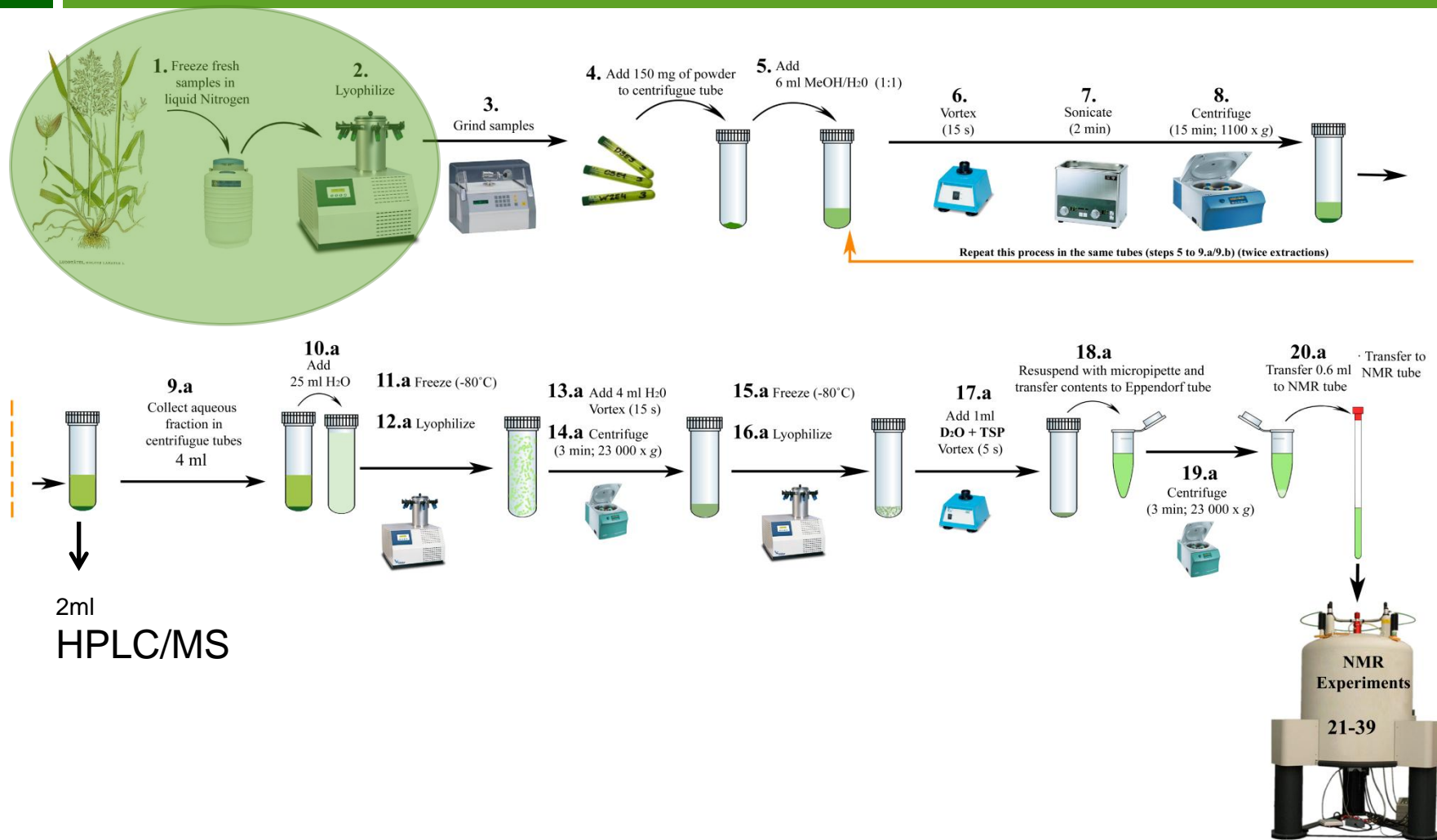


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- 400 samples

# Sample collection



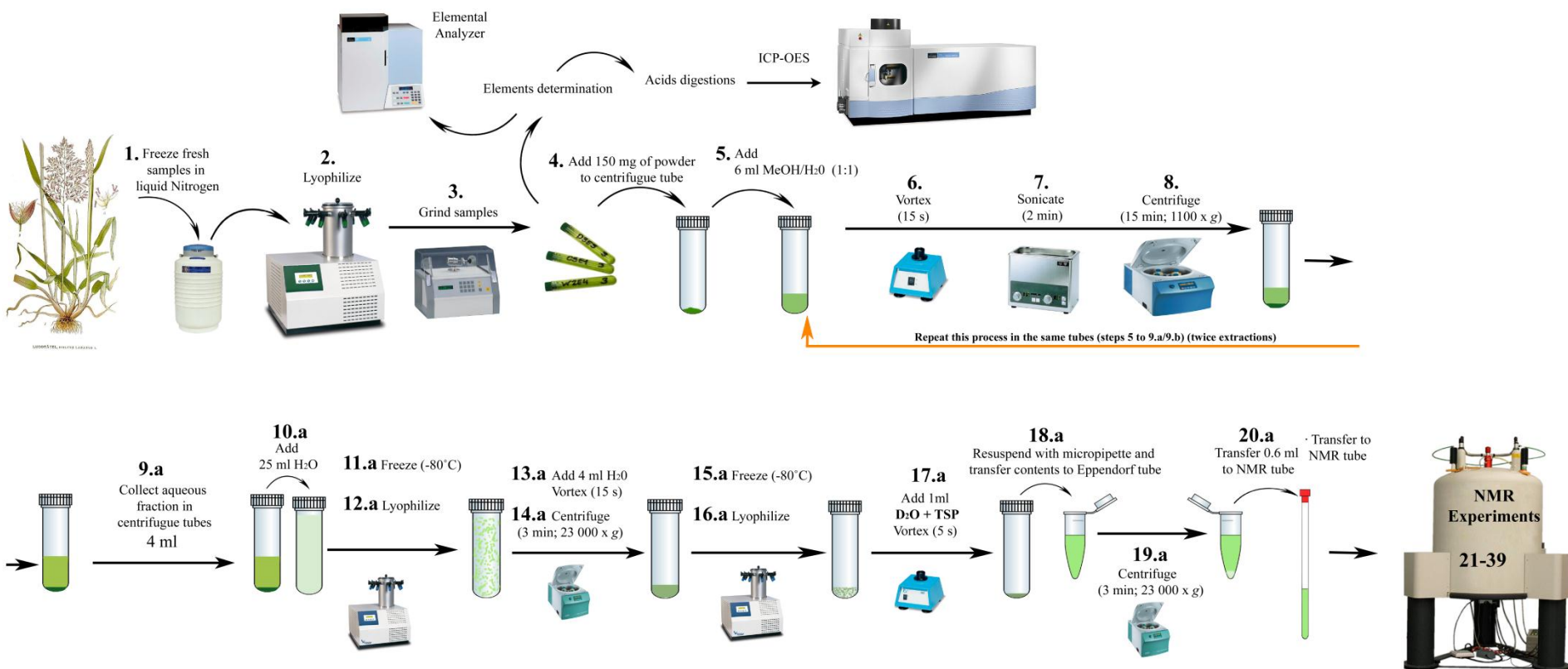
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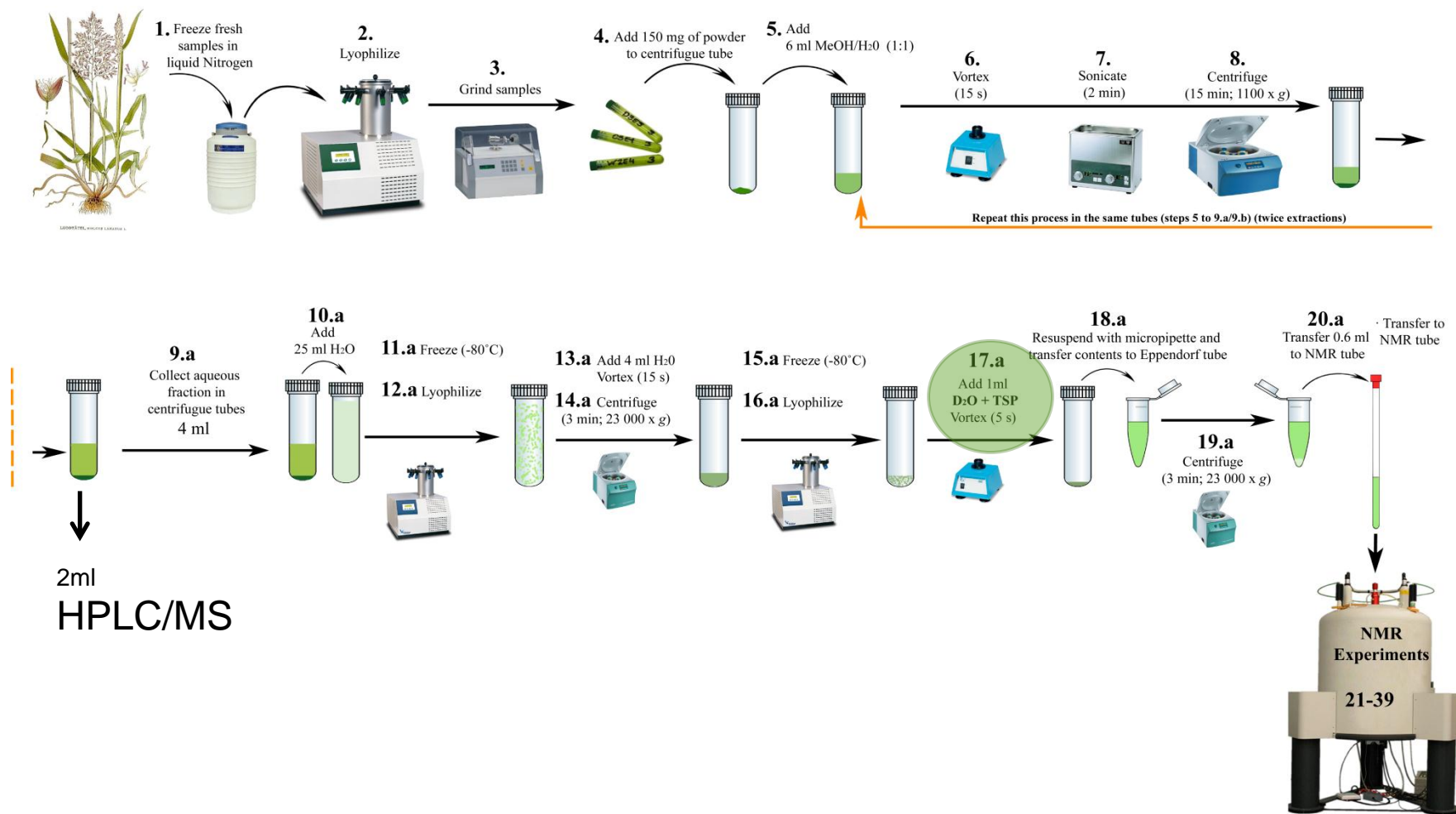
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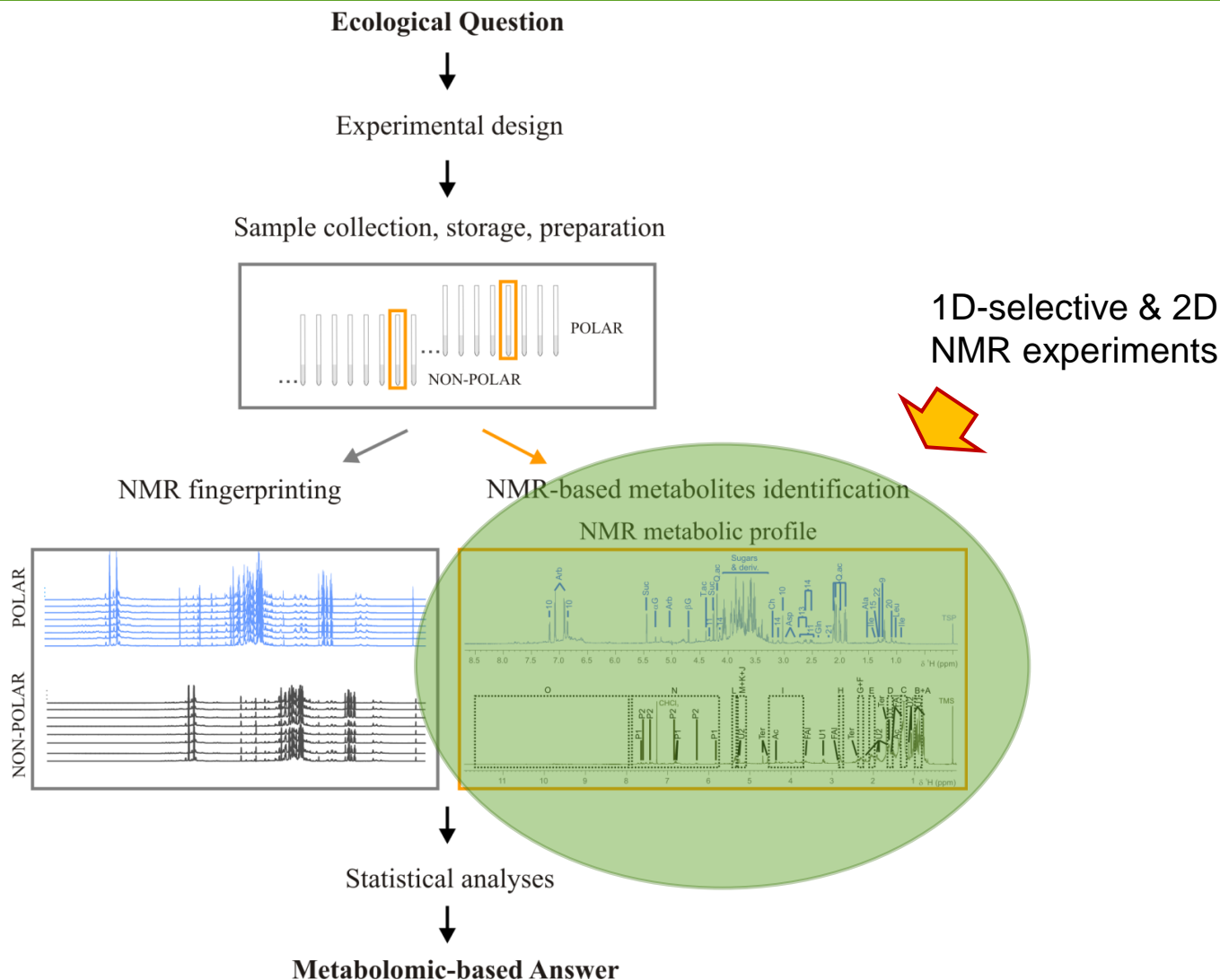
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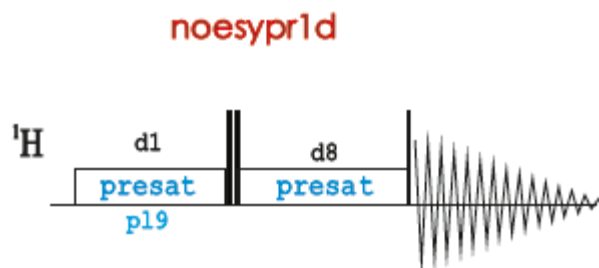
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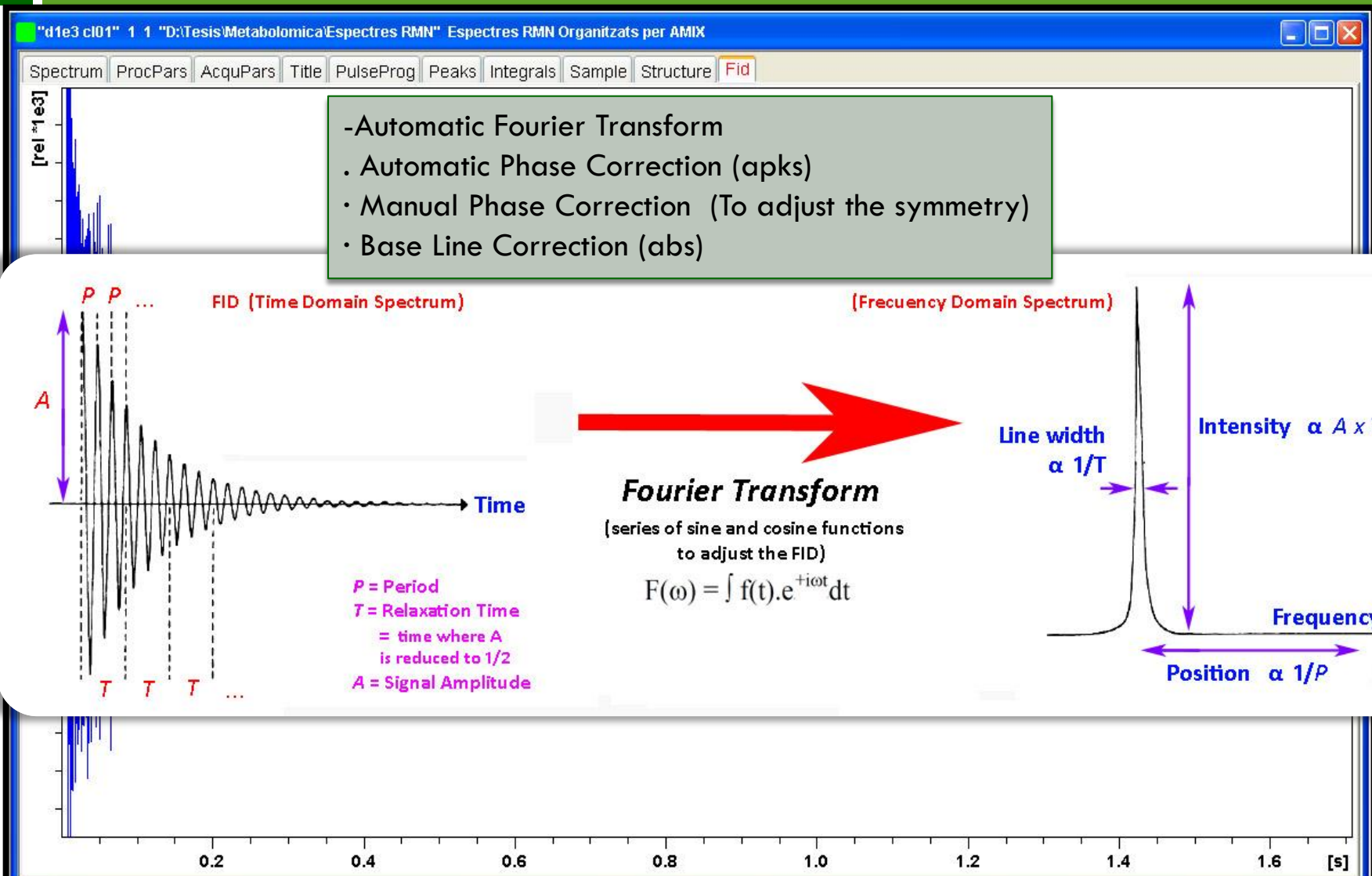


# Fingerprinting (Adquisition)

- Automation
- All the samples doing with the same protocol and use the nmr-robot to doing the  $^1\text{H}$ -spectrum.
- Reproducibility

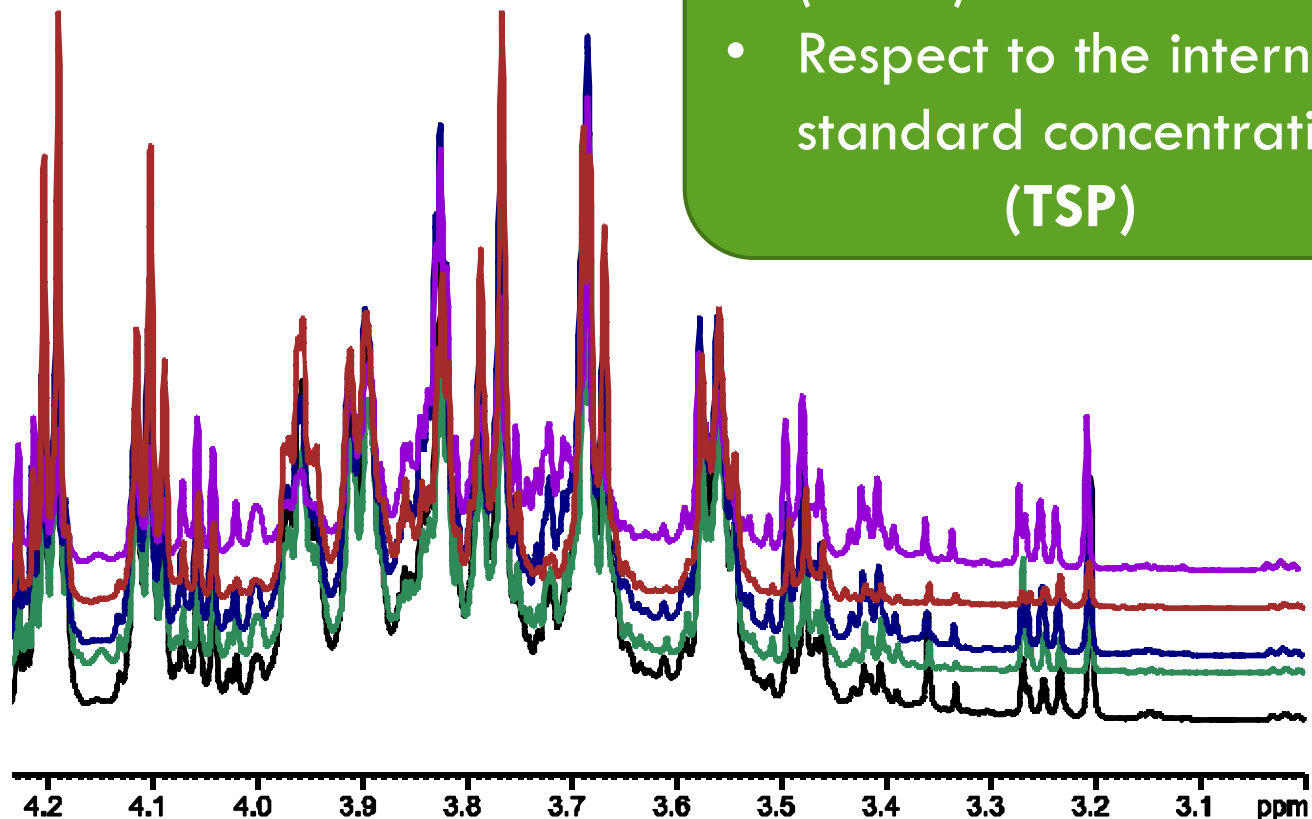


# NMR- Processing (Topspin & Amix software)



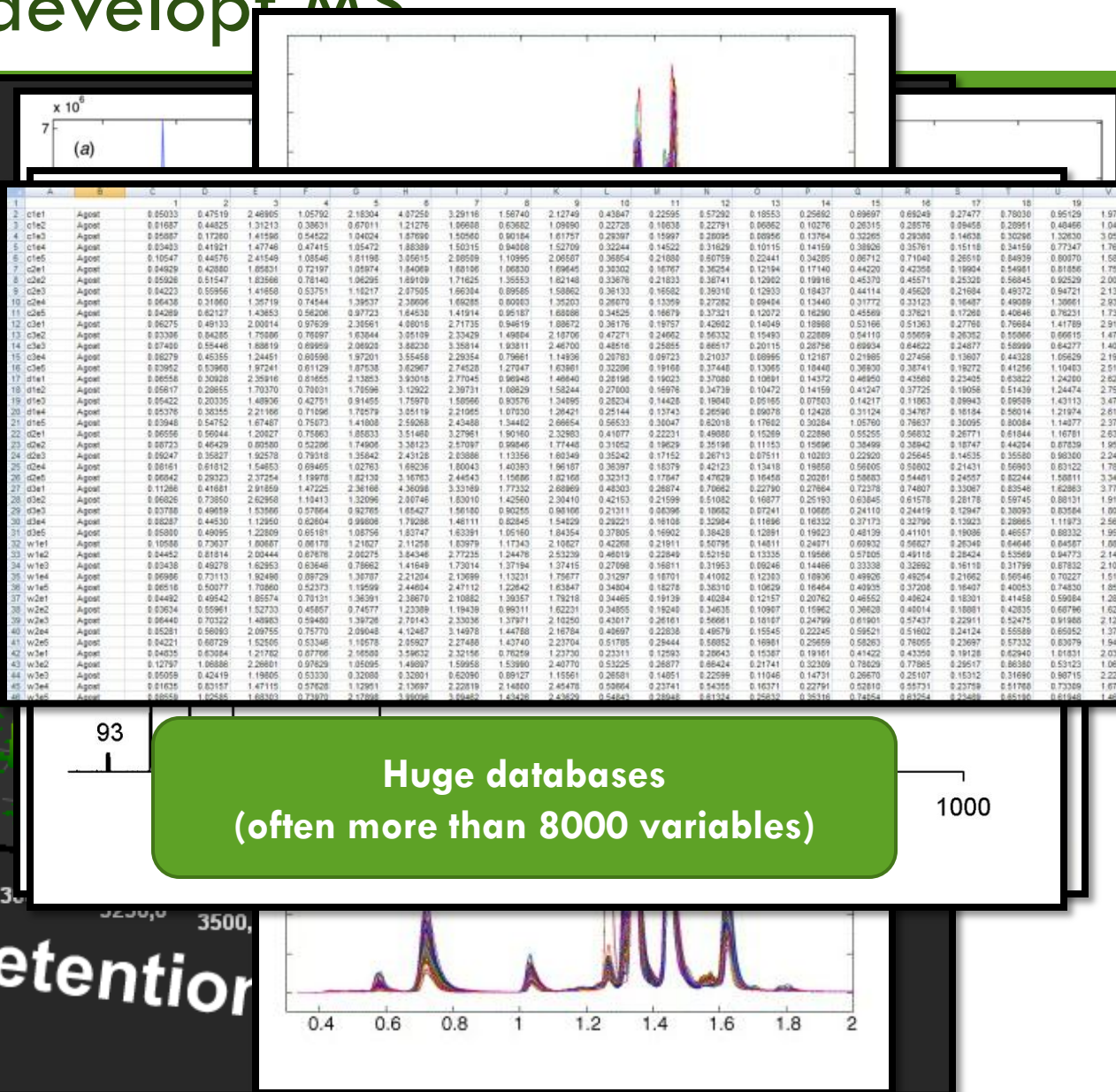
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66	1.031	1.007	0.36539
67	1.007	0.983	0.50861
68	0.983	0.920	1.13527



- Integrate all spectrum (AMIX)
- Respect to the internal standard concentration (TSP)

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# Methodology develop

## ADVANTAGES

## DISADVANTAGES

### NMR



- High elucidation power
- Rapid  $H^1$ NMR spectra obtention
- High Reproducibility (even between labs and spectrometers)
- No destruction of samples

- Slow elucidation process
- Slow preparation of Extracts
- High overlapping signal
- Low sensitivity

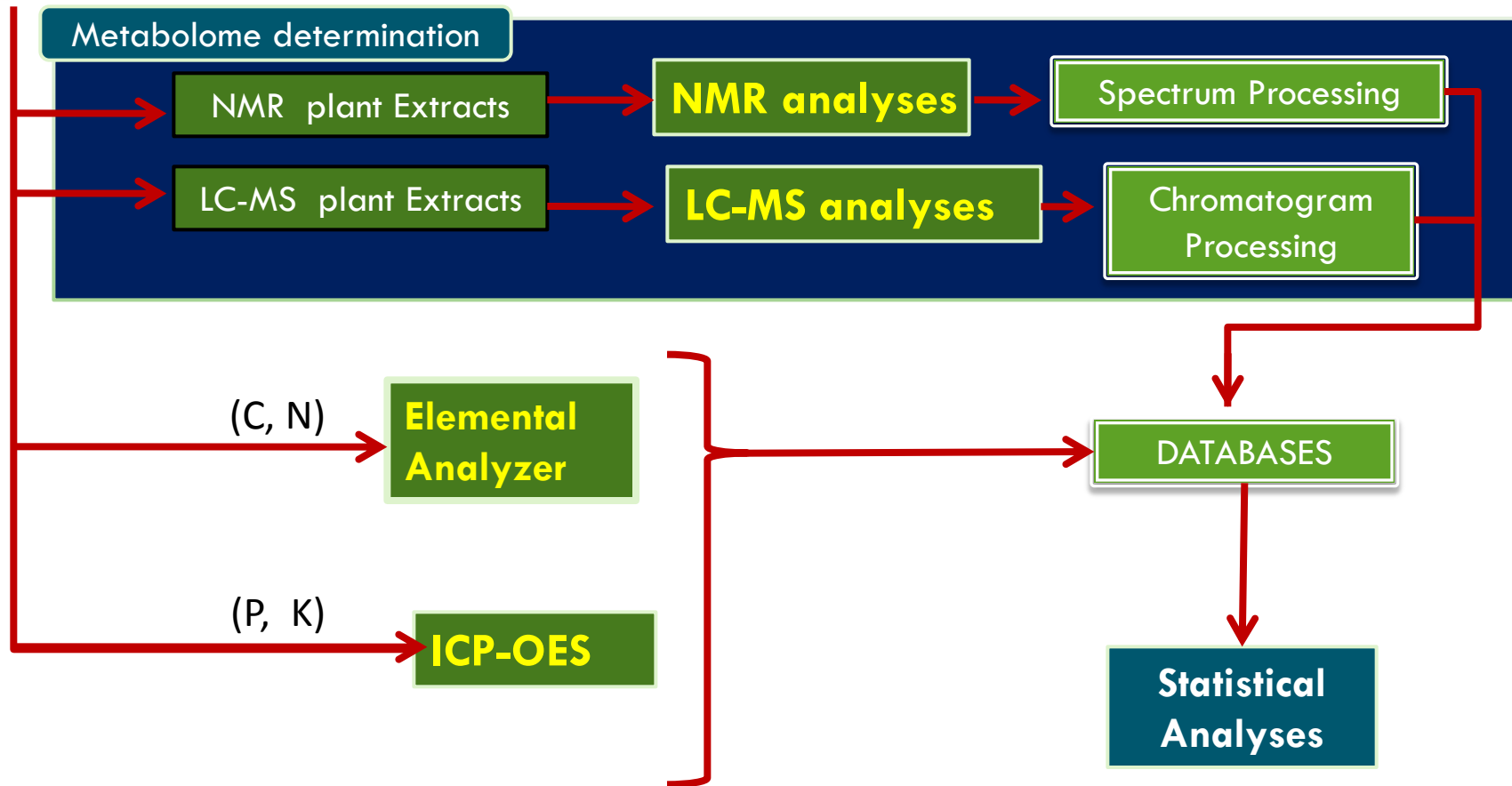
### LC-MS



- High sensitivity
- Rapid preparation of Extracts
- Good compound separation by chromatography
- Rapid metabolite assignation

- Low elucidation power
- Slow chromatographic separation
- Sample destruction

# NMR-MS-Stoichiometry study



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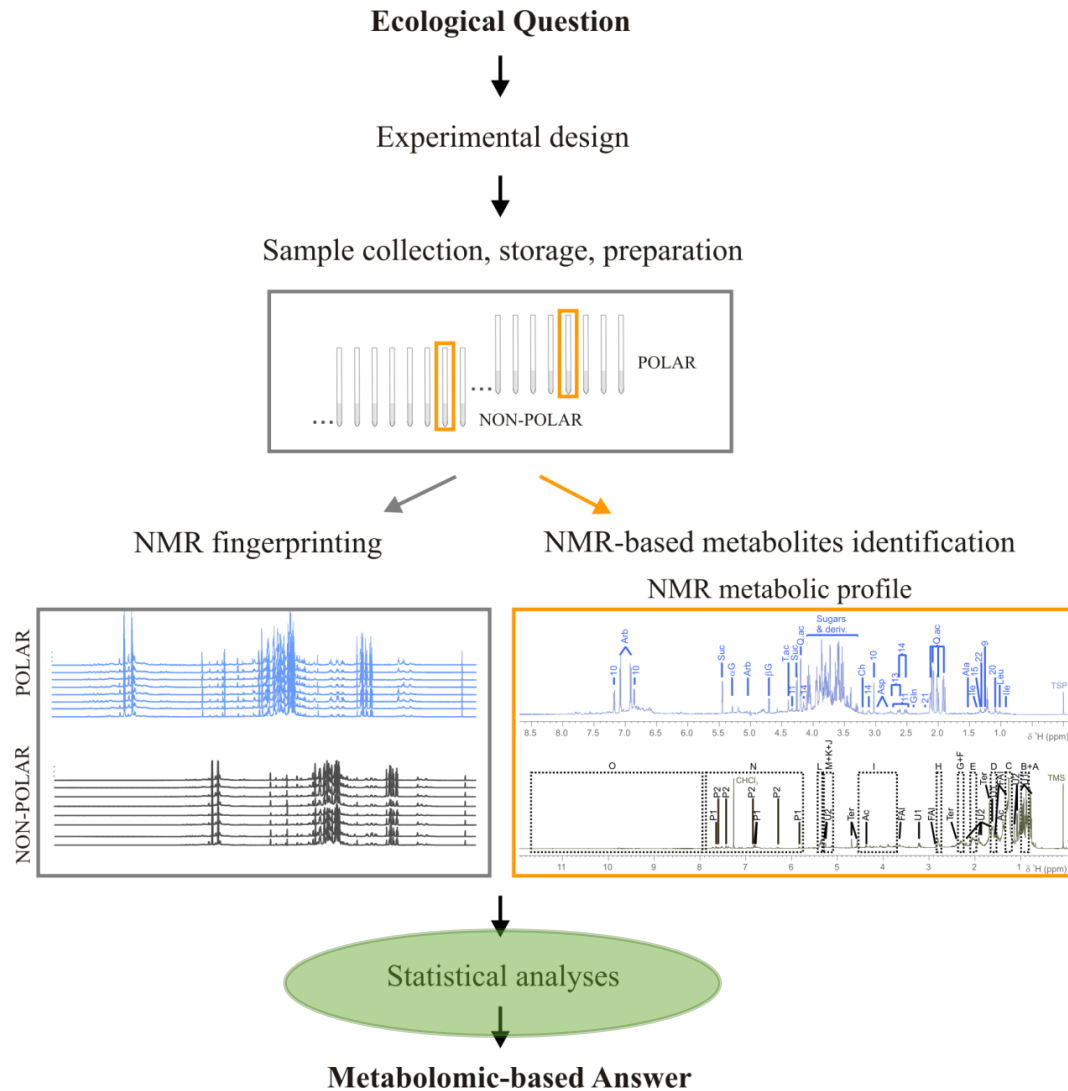
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25	213	JHCAMN55	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N5	5	13.2823476	1.0823213	350.85	3.14	0.849	0.17	2.27	3.89	0.24337	15.4	15.3603	0.67	0.5086	3.0909	0.2638	0.3019	0.4153	1.3492	0.9301	0.1939	0.1000	43.913	0.1000	43.913	0.1000	43.913	
26	214	JHCAMN61	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N6	1	5.1984634	1.8255204	350.85	3.2	0.21	0.25	2.80	4.38	0.24337	15.4	15.4686	0.8	0.5753	2.1565	0.2005	0.2491	0.2168	0.3075	0.5673	0.1000	44.170	0.1000	44.170	0.1000	44.170		
27	215	JHCAMN62	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N6	2	4.4456664	1.7036831	350.85	4.9	0.508	0.24	2.84	4.12	0.24337	15.4	15.4686	0.65	0.5351	2.1818	0.1783	0.2286	0.2360	0.1843	0.3102	0.1000	44.170	0.1000	44.170	0.1000	44.170		
28	216	JHCAMN63	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N6	3	72.3730583	1.5221887	350.85	4.5	1.21	0.24	2.99	3.97	0.24337	15.4	15.4686	0.84	0.3369	1.1855	0.1216	0.1134	0.1182	0.1343	0.7366	0.3434	0.1000	44.053	0.1000	44.053	0.1000	44.053	
29	217	JHCAMN64	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N6	4	14.3879331	2.1191356	350.85	4.12	1.5	0.24	2.00	4.01	0.24337	15.4	15.4686	0.64	0.3641	1.9783	0.0817	0.1305	0.1766	0.2767	0.7930	0.1000	45.219	0.1000	45.219	0.1000	45.219		
30	218	JHCAMN65	July	Holcus	stem	CM	N6	5	15.4667100	1.777151	350.85	3.14	0.849	0.17	2.27	3.89	0.24337	15.4	15.4686	0.67	0.5643	2.4427	0.2491	0.2758	0.2312	0.4637	0.9469	0.1000	43.601	0.1000	43.601	0.1000	43.601		
31	219	JHCAN11	July	Holcus	stem	CA	N1	1	0.6933128	2.4008285	320.35	3.36	0.342	0.23	2.69	4.03	0.17345	15.4	15.3603	0.85	0.2896	2.3462	0.2339	0.2291	0.2338	0.1851	0.7330	0.1000	43.601	0.1000	43.601	0.1000	43.601		
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33	221	JHCAN13	July	Holcus	stem	CA	N1	3	16.5230107	1.5846154	320.35	3.63	0.845	0.25	2.99	4.02	0.17345	15.4	15.3603	0.69	0.5351	1.9651	0.1957	0.1738	0.1764	0.0787	1.0705	0.1000	44.767	0.1000	44.767	0.1000	44.767		
34	222	JHCAN14	July	Holcus	stem	CA	N1	4	4.3673286	1.9415764	320.35	4.40	0.810	0.24	2.64	4.01	0.17345	15.4	15.3603	0.54	0.3398	1.3165	0.1434	0.1550	0.1913	0.2801	0.8850	0.2290	0.1000	44.710	0.1000	44.710	0.1000	44.710	
35	223	JHCAN15	July	Holcus	stem	CA	N1	5	0.8081927	2.8475283	320.35	4.01	0.291	0.20	2.72	2.83	0.17345	15.4	15.3603	0.71	0.3371	1.9552	0.1230	0.1423	0.2074	0.3283	0.7898	0.1000	44.372	0.1000	44.372	0.1000	44.372		
36	224	JHCAN51	July	Holcus	stem	CA	N5	1	1.8008725	2.190596	320.35	3.36	0.342	0.23	2.69	4.03	0.17345	15.4	15.3603	0.85	0.4615	2.8720	0.2130	0.2732	0.2507	0.2223	1.0992	0.1000	43.146	0.1000	43.146	0.1000	43.146		
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# Statistical analysis



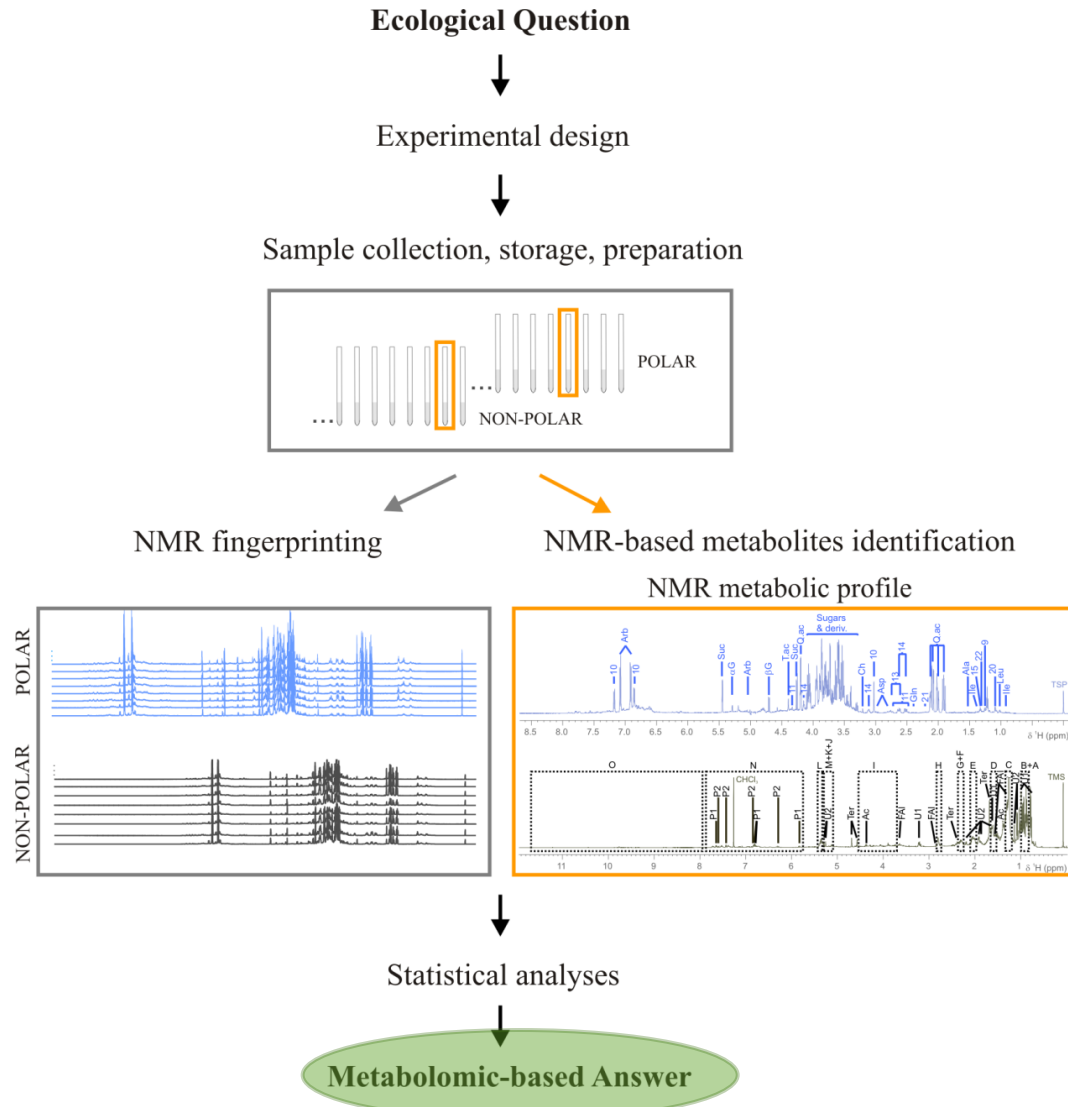
# Statistical analysis

## 1. PCA (multivariant ordenation)

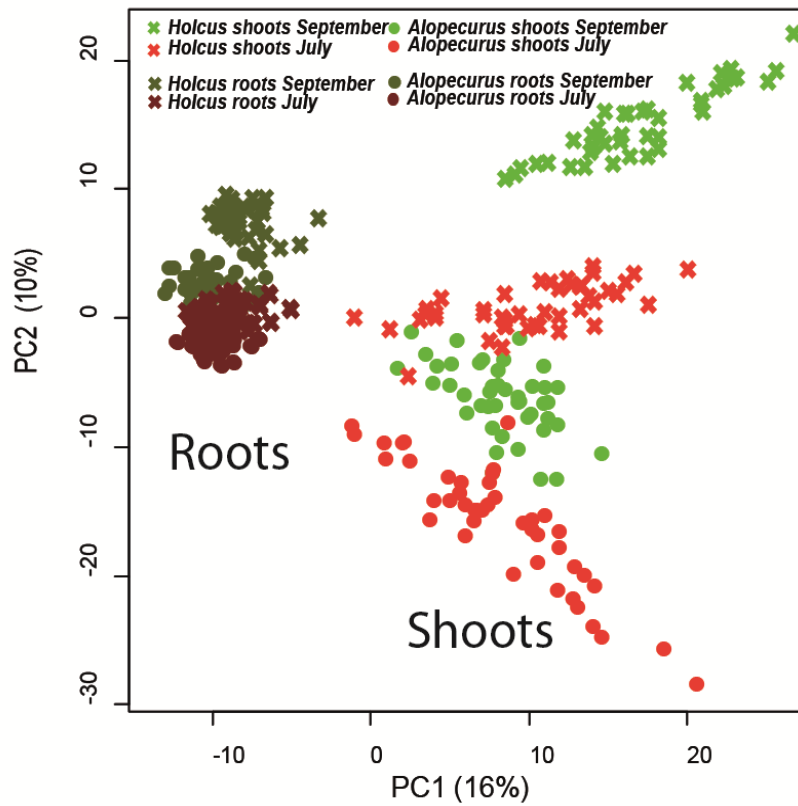
1. To help visualize the existence of groups in a or sample set variables.
2. Reduce the number of variables without loss of information, thus allowing the application regression methods (ratio sample / regressors).

## 2. Anova and lineal regression (univariant)

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# Metabolomic-based Answer

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- Differences between the two species and between the two seasons of sampling
- Differences between shoots and roots at both the metabolic and elemental concentration levels
- PC2 scores show that the variability of the metabolome was lower in the root samples than in the shoot samples

- Shoots and roots of both plant species responded to drought in opposite ways

# Conclusions

- Shoots and roots have different metabolomes and nutrient concentrations.
- Shoot metabolome is much more variable than the root
- Roots and shoots respond to drought with opposite metabolic changes

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## Thank you for your attention!

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