

# Miniaturized Planar Chromatography as Citizen Science



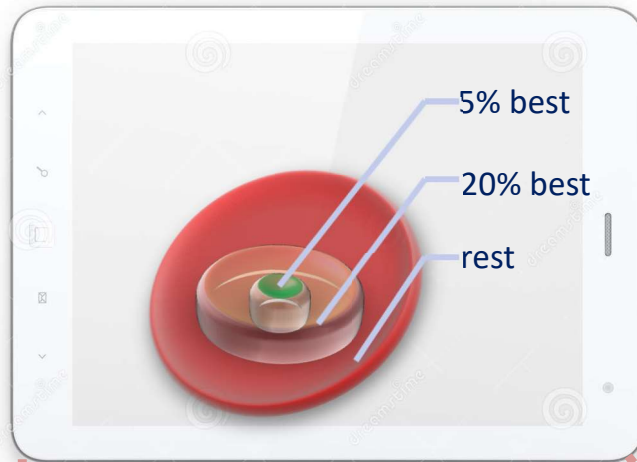
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# A system for Citizen Science

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## The very first start a decade ago

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... printed on the HPTLC layer

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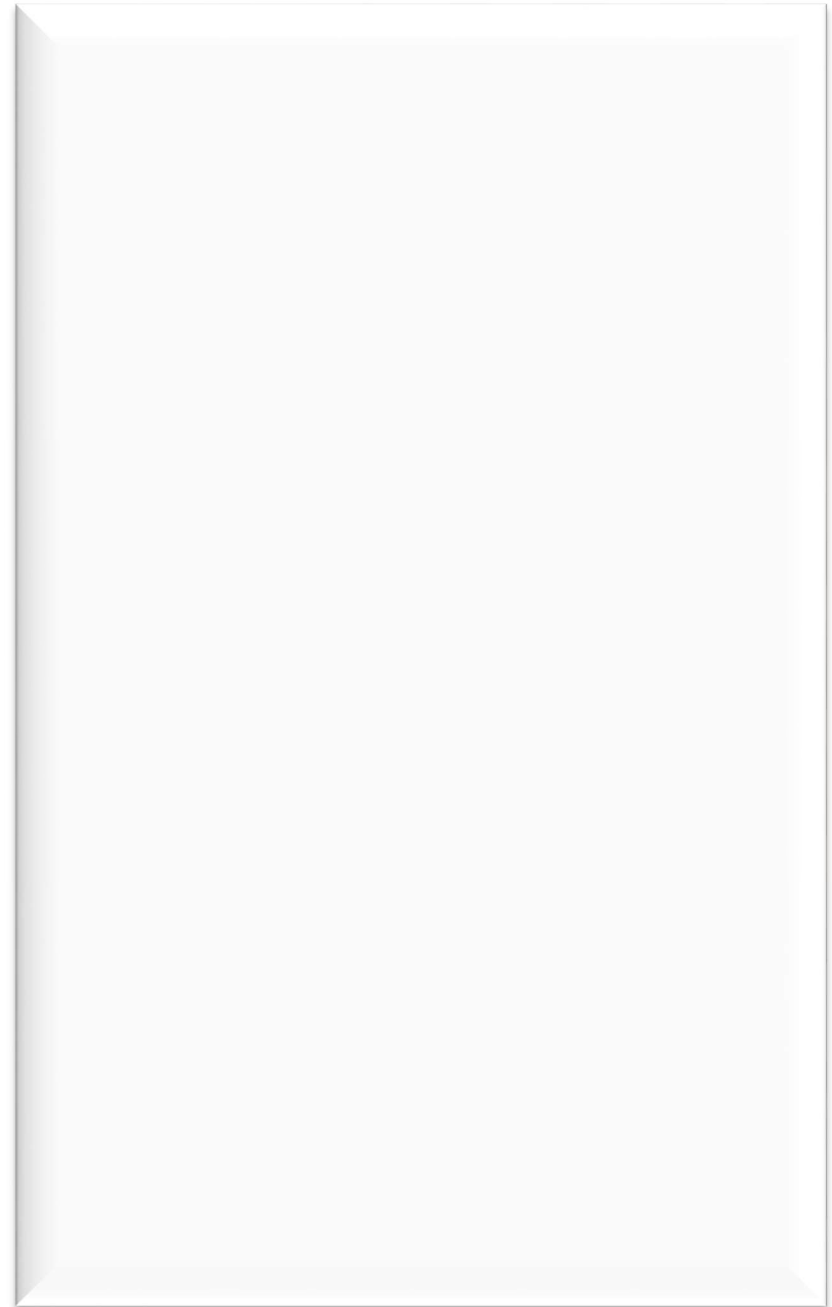


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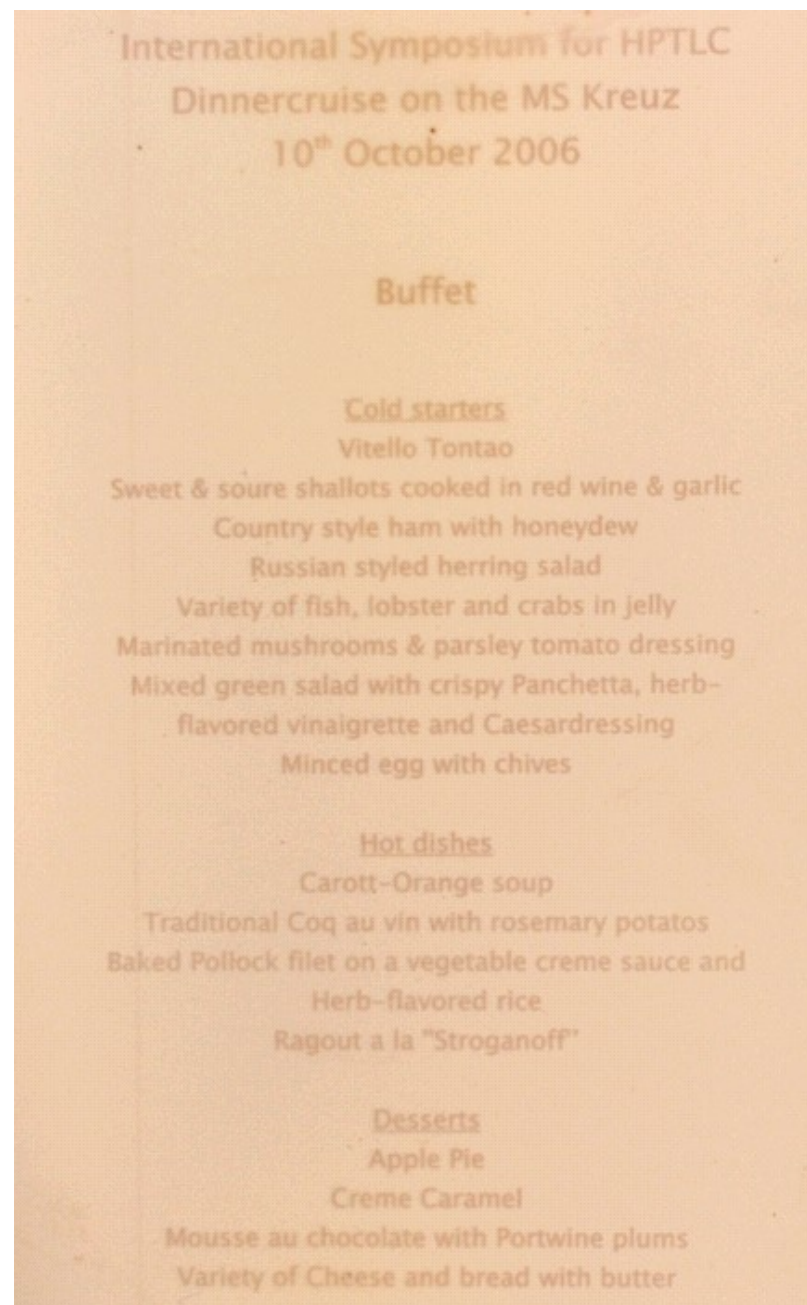
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It took a while until a scientist started to heat the HPTLC plate as a heating plate was noticed on the buffet.

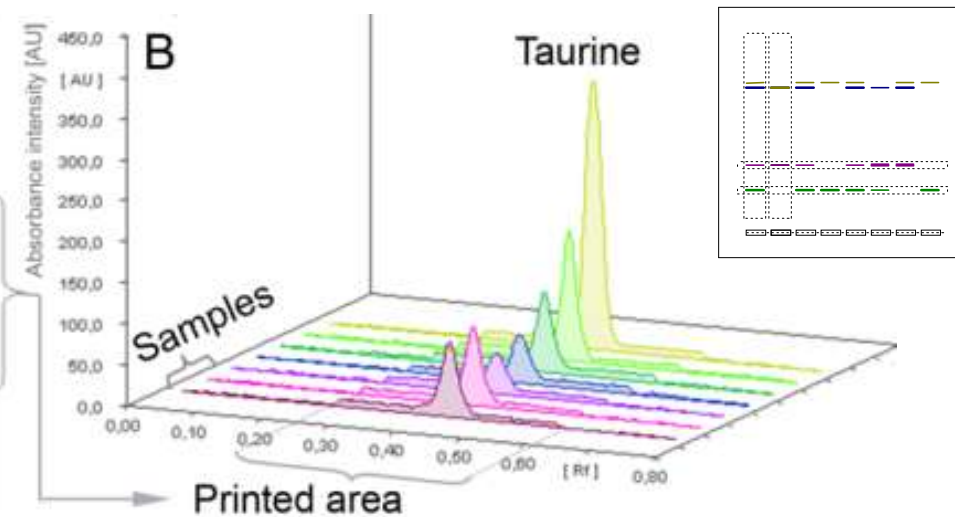
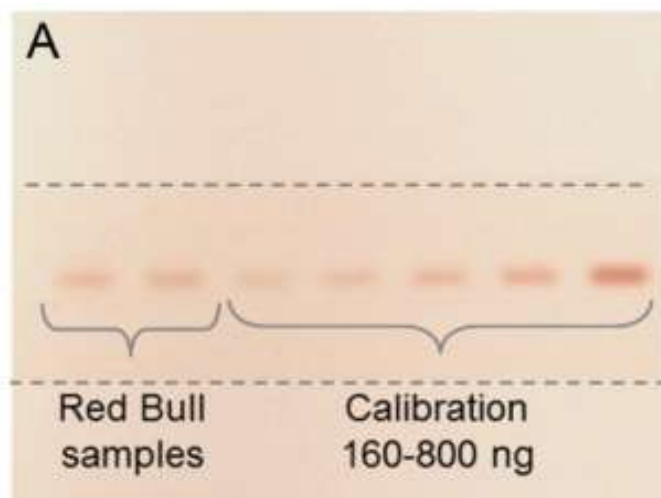
The menu was printed on an impregnated plate not using inks, but the sweetener sucralose. Upon heating a chemical derivatization made the writing visible.



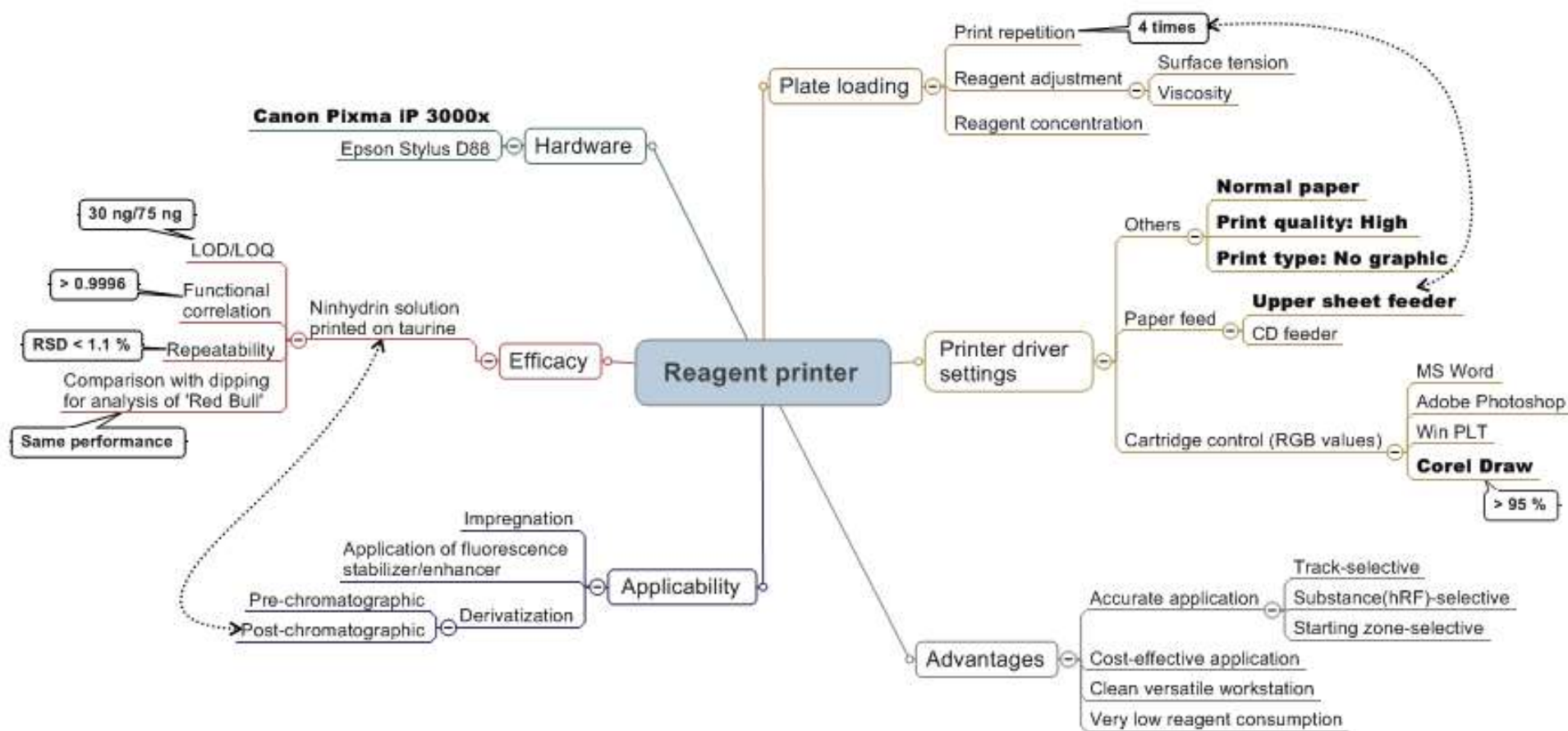
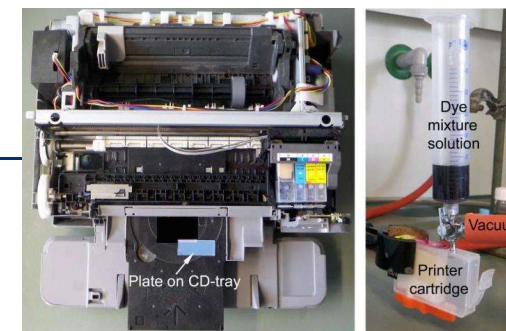
# Inkjet printing of derivatization reagent



	Dipping <sup>[9]</sup>	Printing
Functional correlation		
RSD	± 0.9%	± 1.0%
Correlation coefficient r	0.9998	0.9996
LOD	41 ng	30 ng
LOQ	82 ng	75 ng
Repeatability (RSD, <i>n</i> = 5)	± 0.9%	± 1.0%
Taurine found	0.37% ( <i>n</i> = 4)	0.35% ( <i>n</i> = 2)
Recovery rate ( <i>n</i> = 3)	103% ± 3.0%	98% ± 2.8%



# Reagent printer



# Open source tools

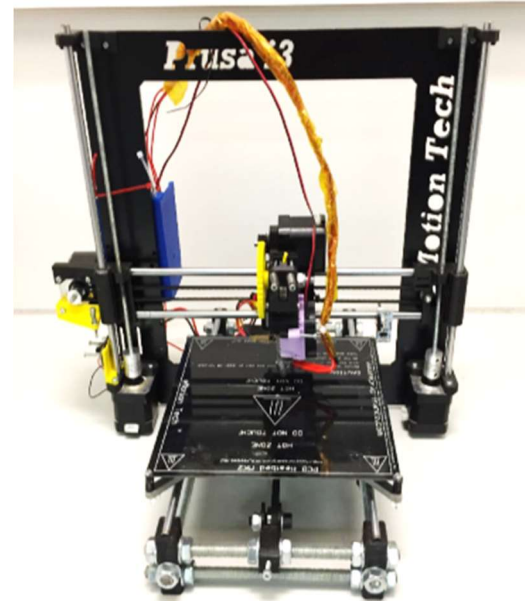
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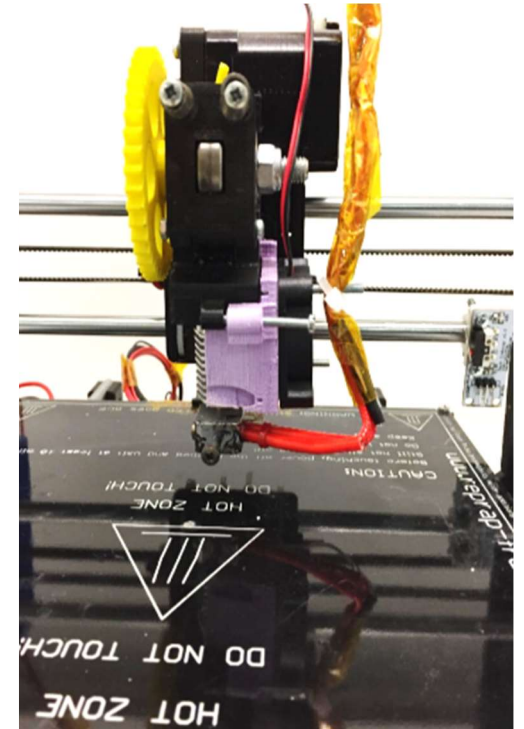
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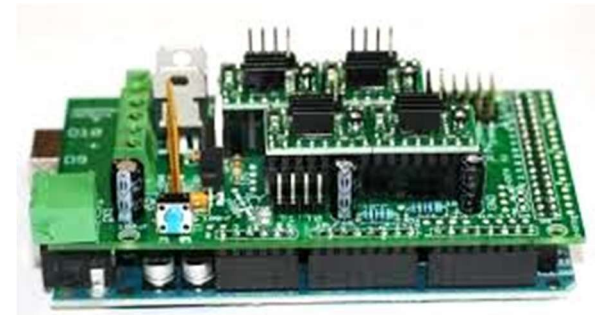
Programming tools



Prusa i3 printer

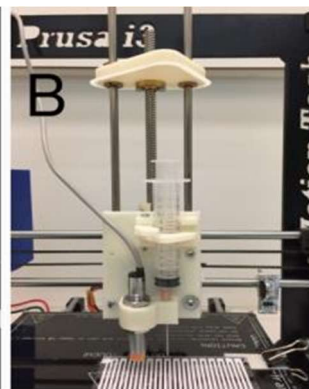
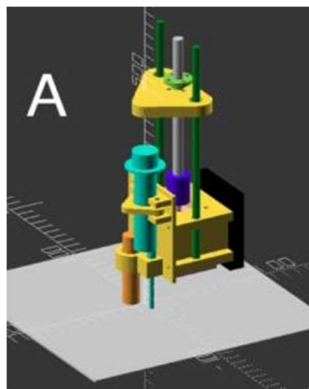
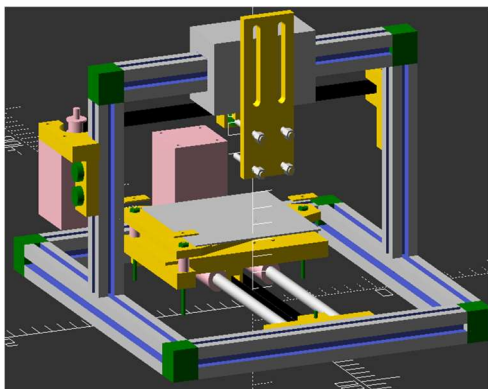


Internet of things with Raspberry pi

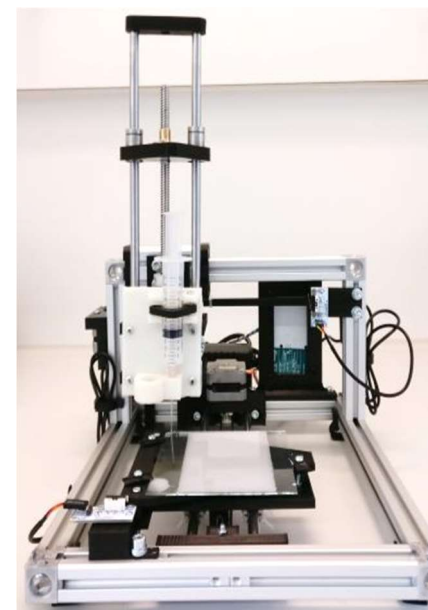


Arduino mega 2560 and Ramps 1.4

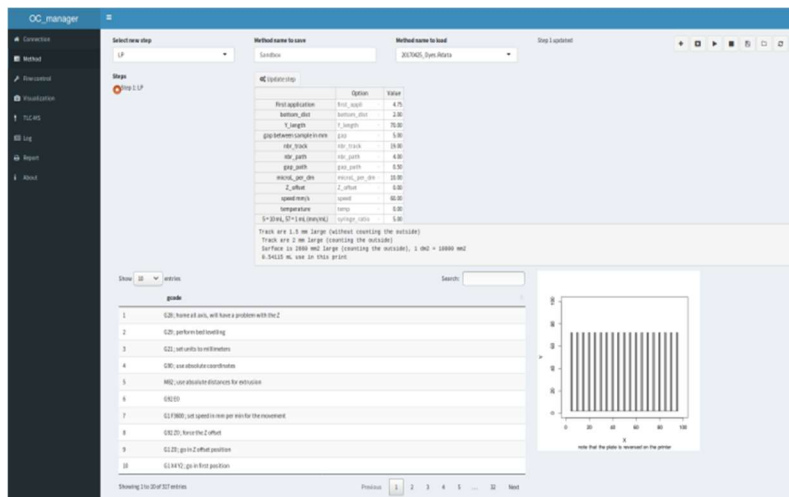
# Layer print



CAD of prototype



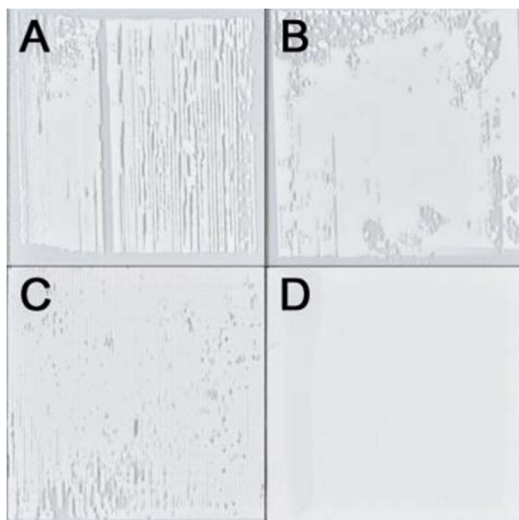
Open source apparatus



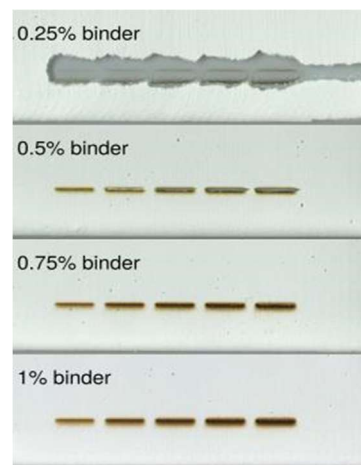
OC\_manager software

	Option	Value
First application	first_appli	4.75
bottom_dist	bottom_dist	2.00
Y_length	Y_length	70.00
gap between sample in mm	gap	5.00
nbr_track	nbr_track	19.00
nbr_path	nbr_path	4.00
gap_path	gap_path	0.50
microL_per_dm	microL_per_dm	10.00
Z_offset	Z_offset	0.00
speed mm/s	speed	60.00
temperature	temp	0.00
5 = 10 mL, 57 = 1 mL (mm/mL)	syringe_ratio	5.00

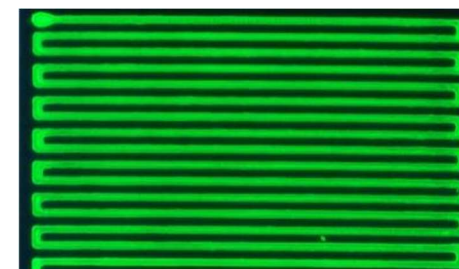
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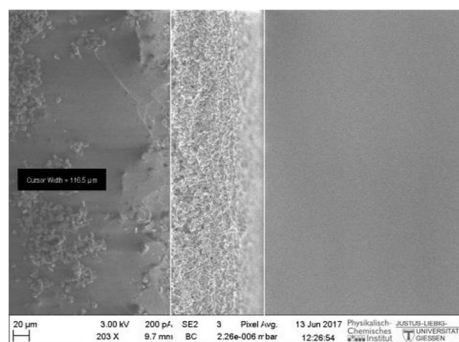
Problems encountered



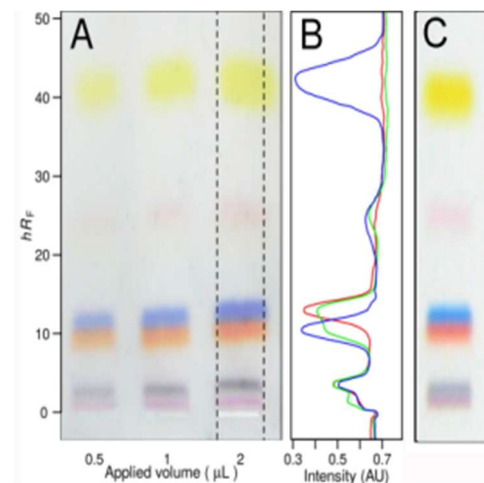
Organic binder



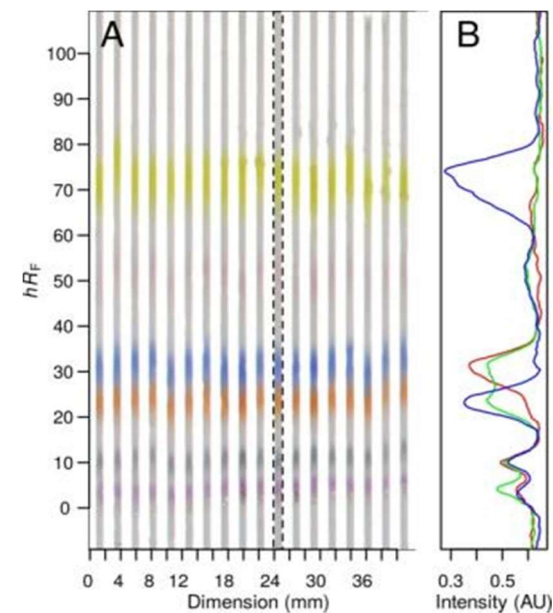
Fluorescence indicator



Layer thickness



Particle size



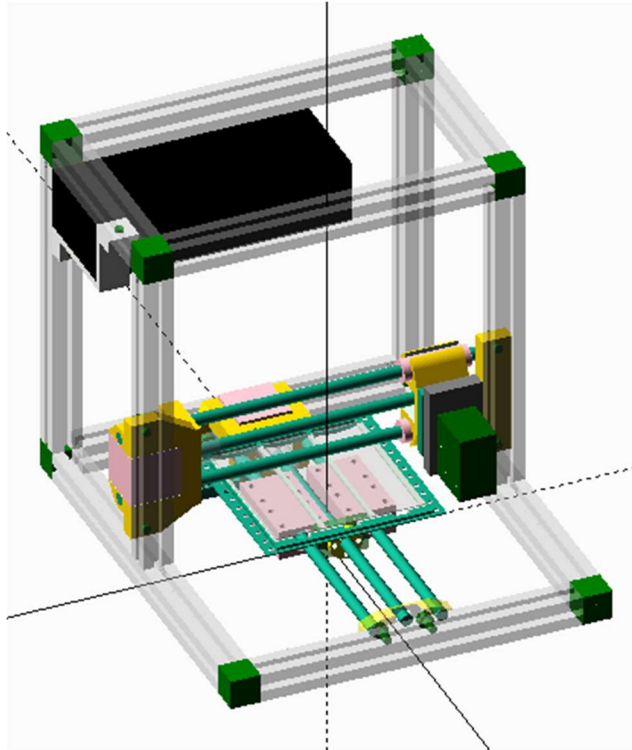
Channelled pattern  
40 tracks/10 cm

# All-in-one open source system

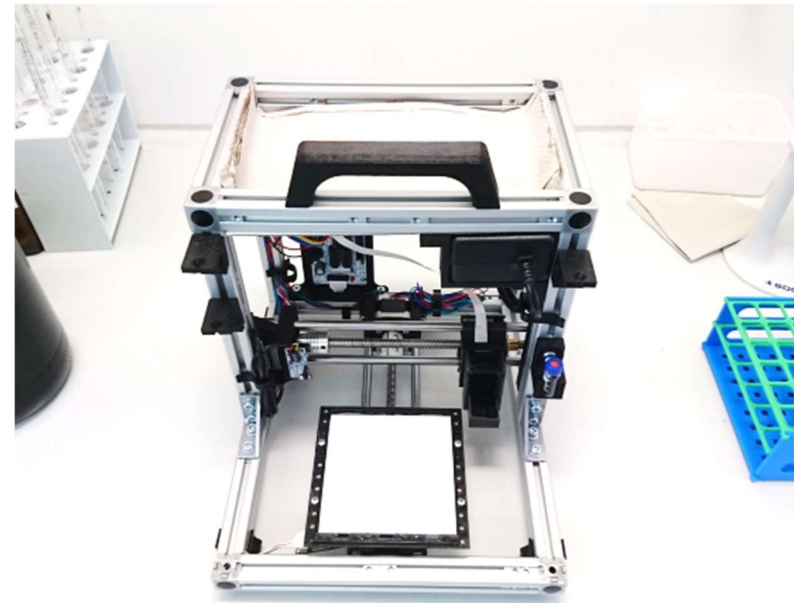
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CAD of prototype



First OC prototype

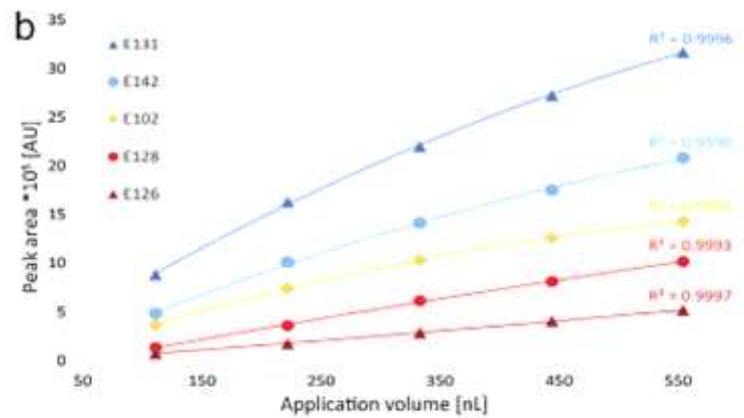
OC Update step		
	Option	Value
Distance to lower edge	dist_bottom	6.00
First application position	dist_gauche	10.00
Band length	band_length	6.00
Distance between track	gap	2.00
Nombre of band	nbr_band	4.00
Speed (mm/s)	speed	10.00
l (number of firing)	l	10.00
L (pulse delay <20)	L	5.00
Wait between path (s)	wait	5.00
Used Nozzle	nozzle	12.00

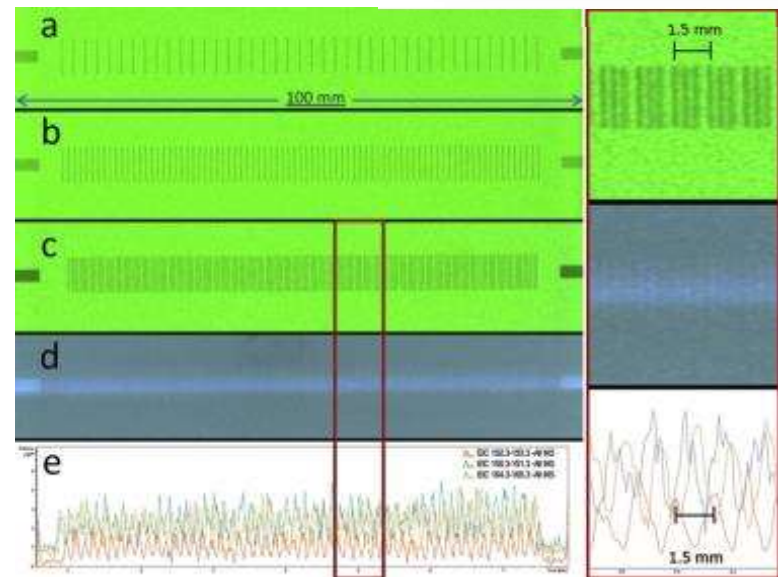
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OC\_manager software

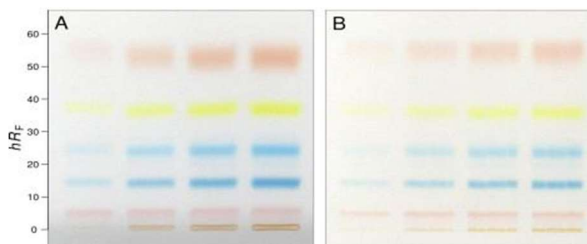
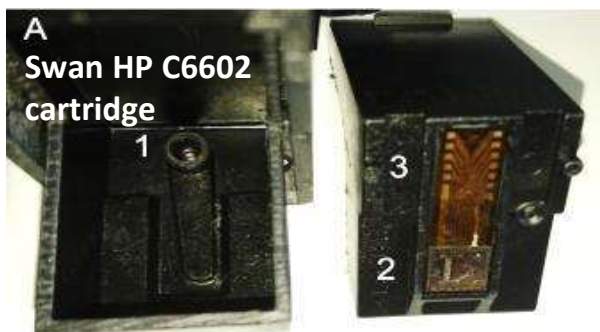
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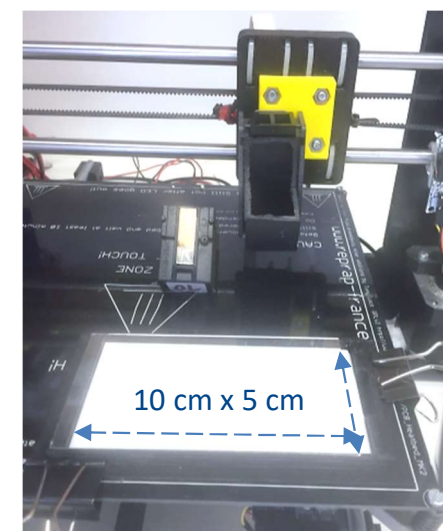
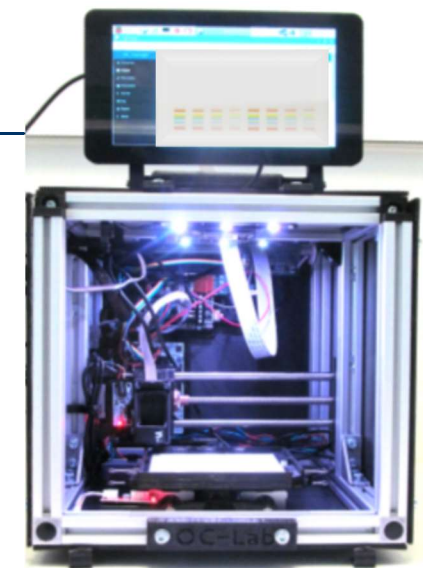
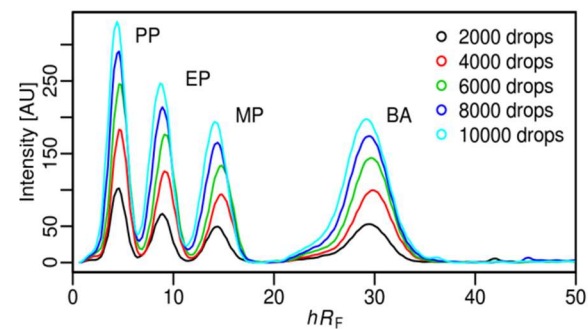
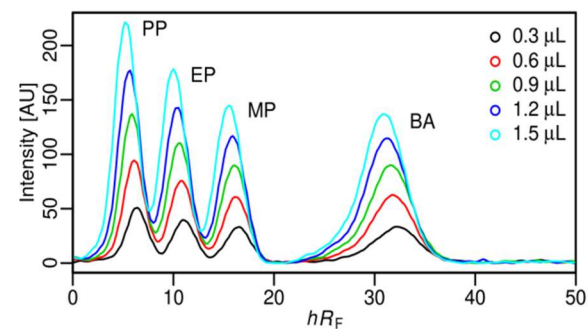
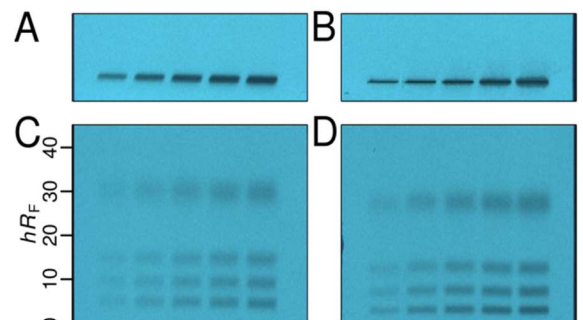
C	hR <sub>f</sub>	amount [ng]	mean RR [%]	%RSD [%]	mean R <sup>2</sup>
E126	7	67 - 332	103	4.0	0.9977 ± 0.0033
E102	16	44 - 222	101	3.4	0.9995 ± 0.0008
E142	20	22 - 111	105	6.5	0.9991 ± 0.0007
E131	32	44 - 222	101	2.9	0.9990 ± 0.0007
E128	42	44 - 222	103	7.2	0.9995 ± 0.0005



# Inkjet print of sample solutions

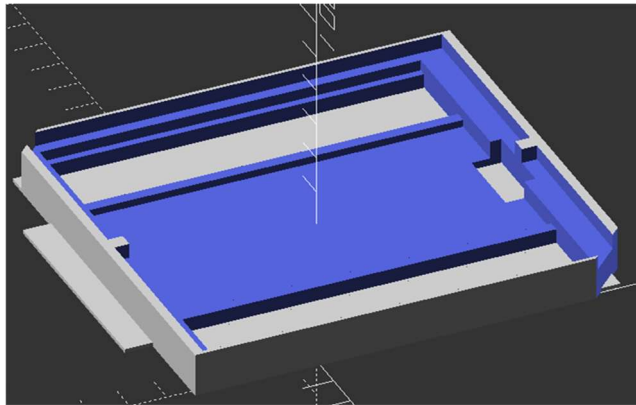


Spray-on (A) versus inkjet (B) application

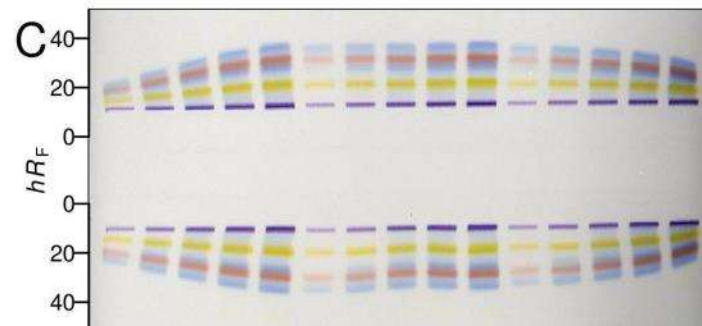
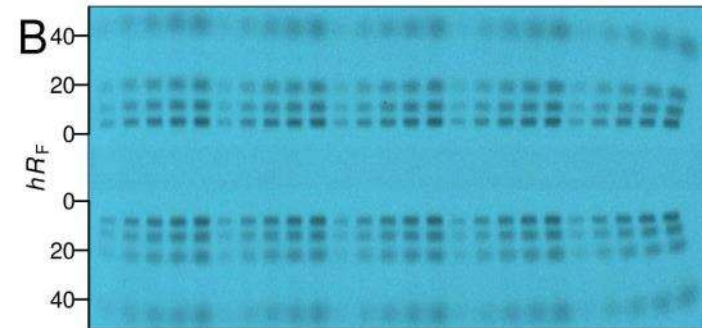
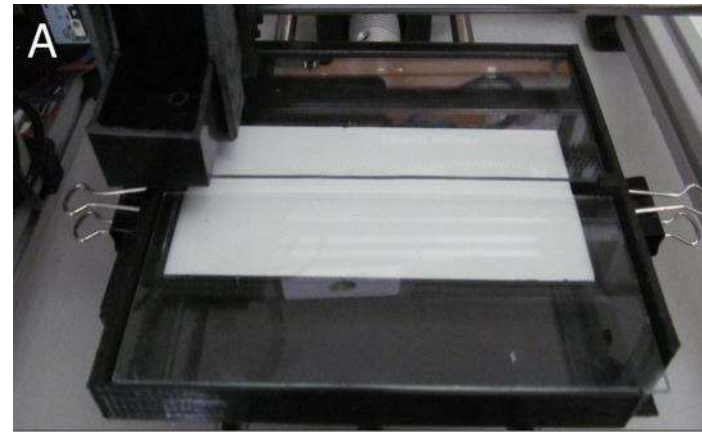


Miniaturized chamber

# Inkjet print of mobile phase



CAD of developing chamber



Parabens in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:3  
EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/AcOH, 14:40:0.1  
CN F<sub>254</sub> S

Food dye mixture  
MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 5% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 3:4  
RP 18 W

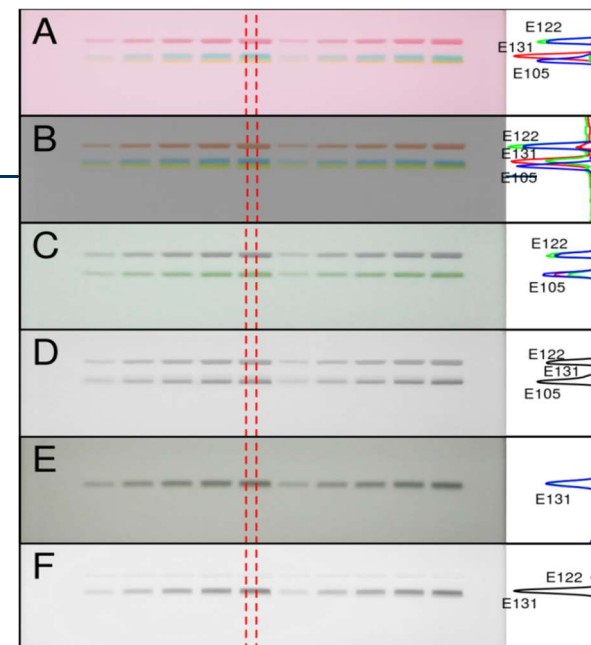
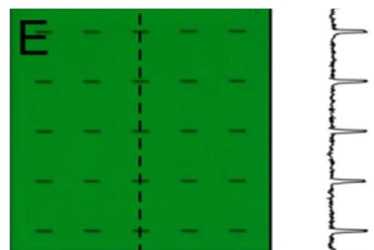
# Detection by LEDs



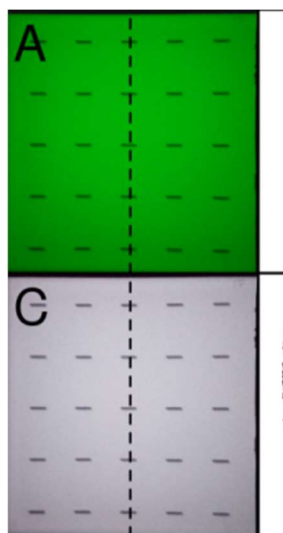
Visualization chamber: Raspberry Pi camera and UV-LED



Reference:  
50 ms  
%RSD = 3.7%

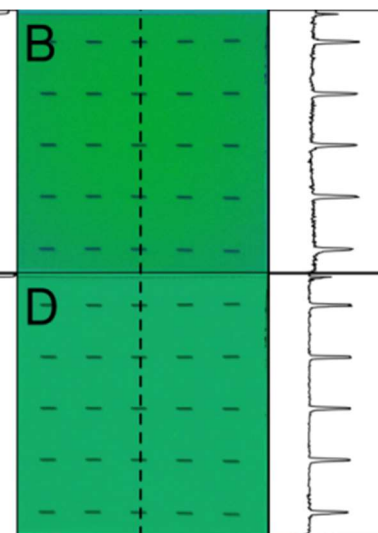


no correction  
800 ms, ISO 200  
%RSD = 6.4%



200 ms, ISO 800  
%RSD = 4.6%

corrected  
%RSD = 6.0%



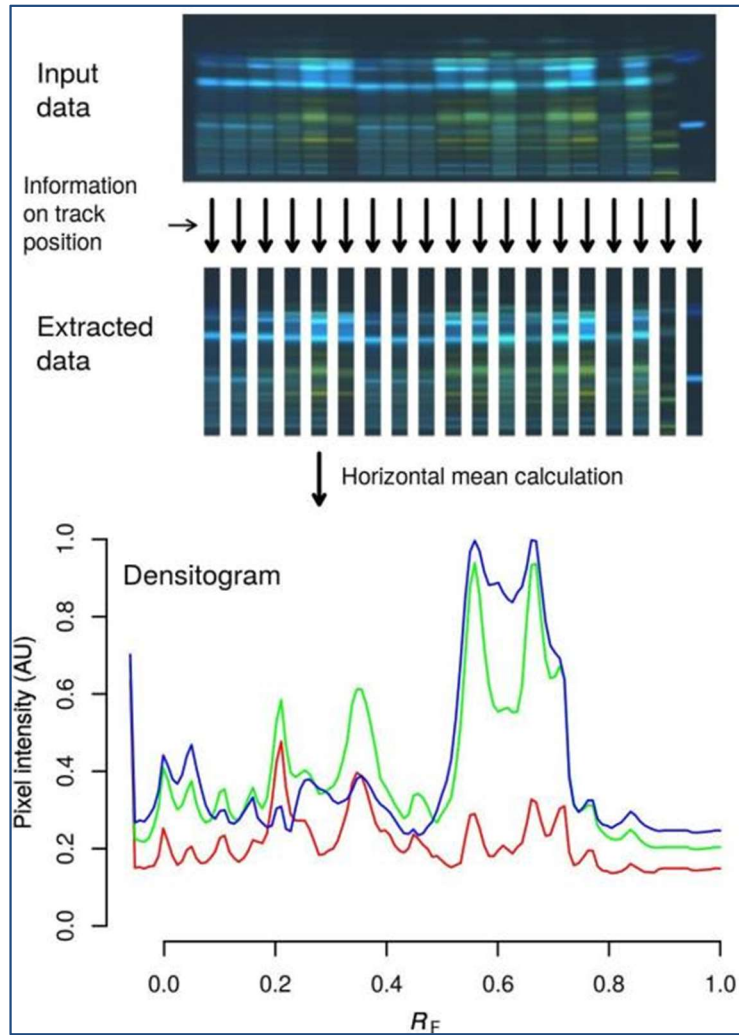
%RSD = 3.4%

# Data analysis: open-source rTLC software

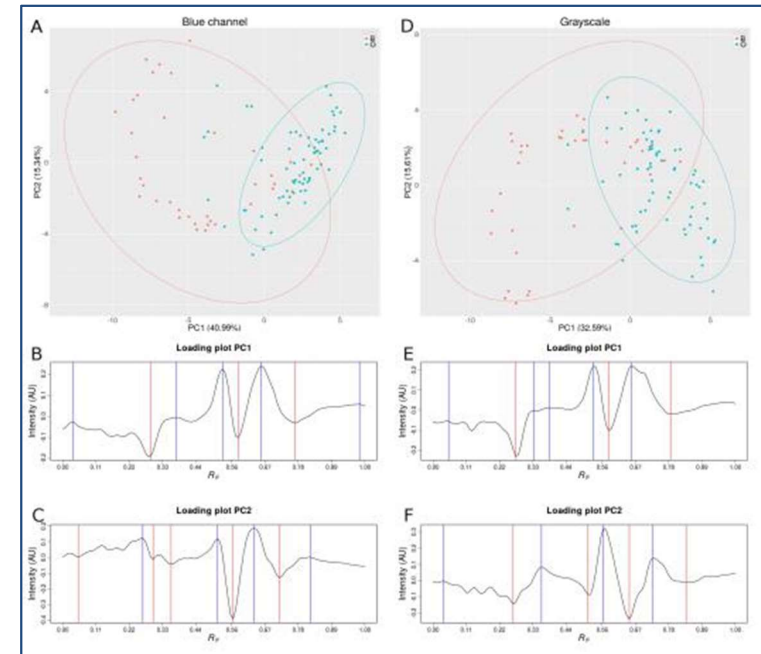
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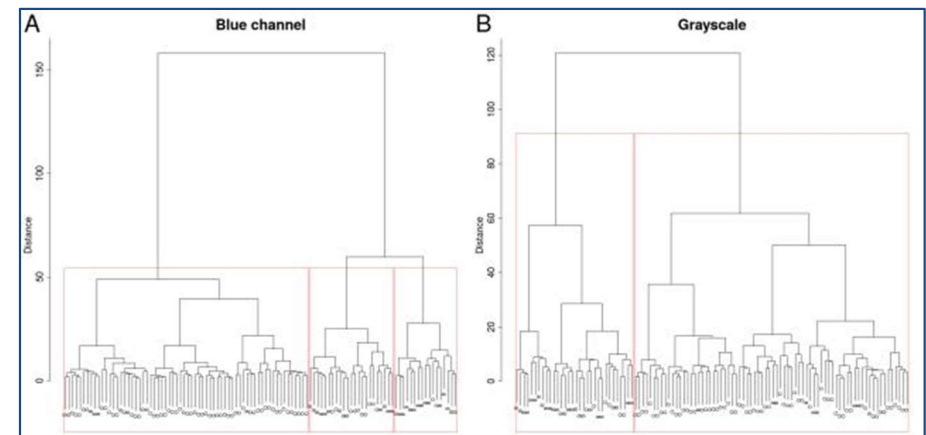
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Automatic video densitogram extraction

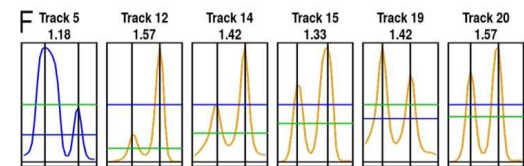
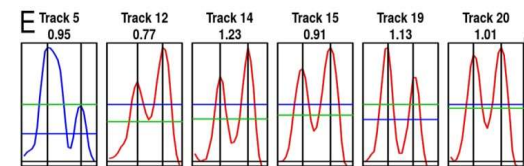
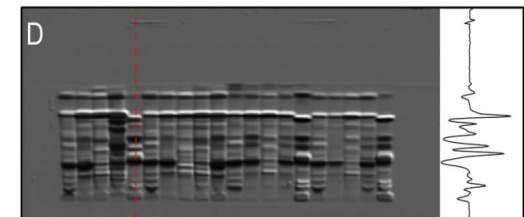
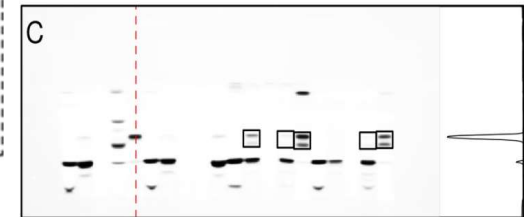
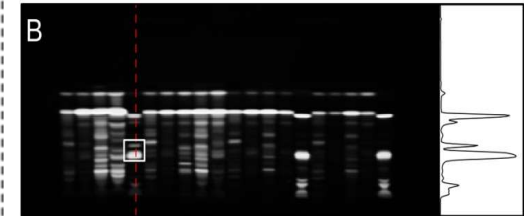
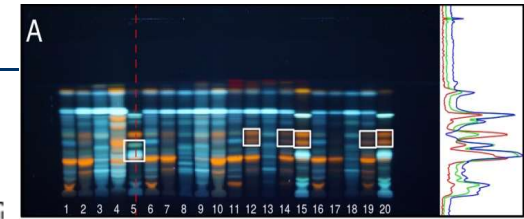
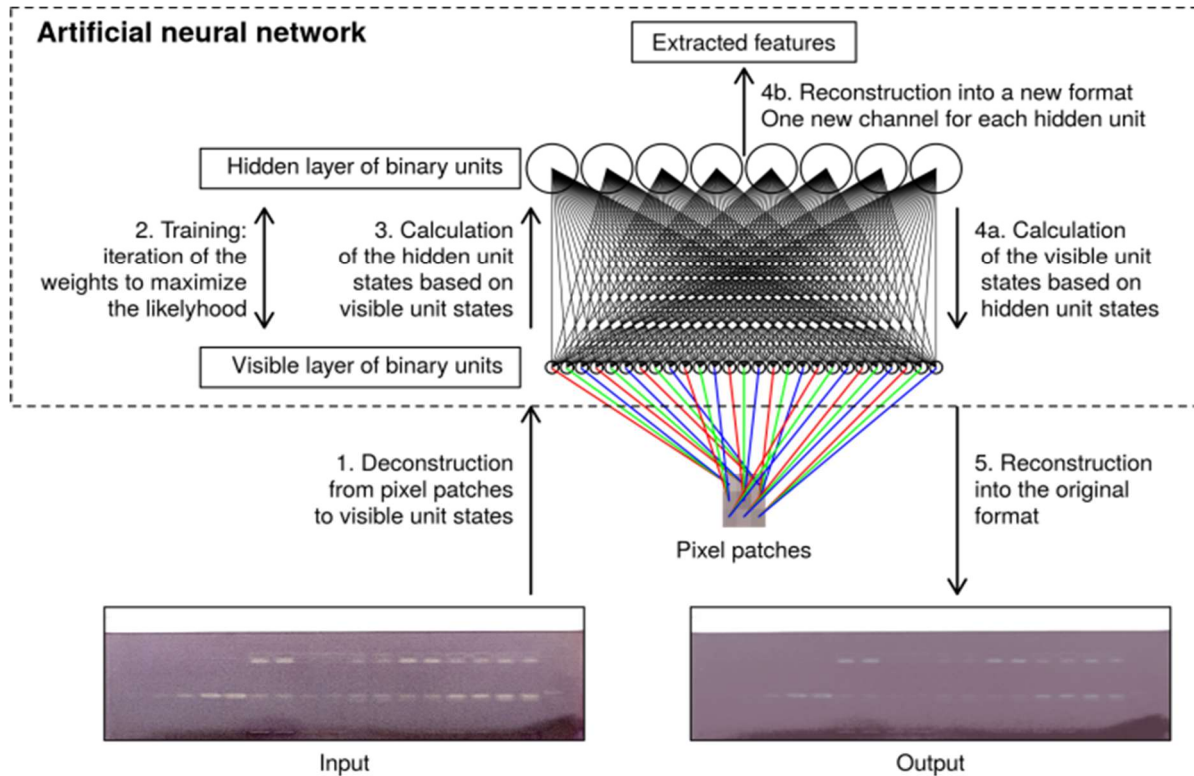


PCA of German propolis samples

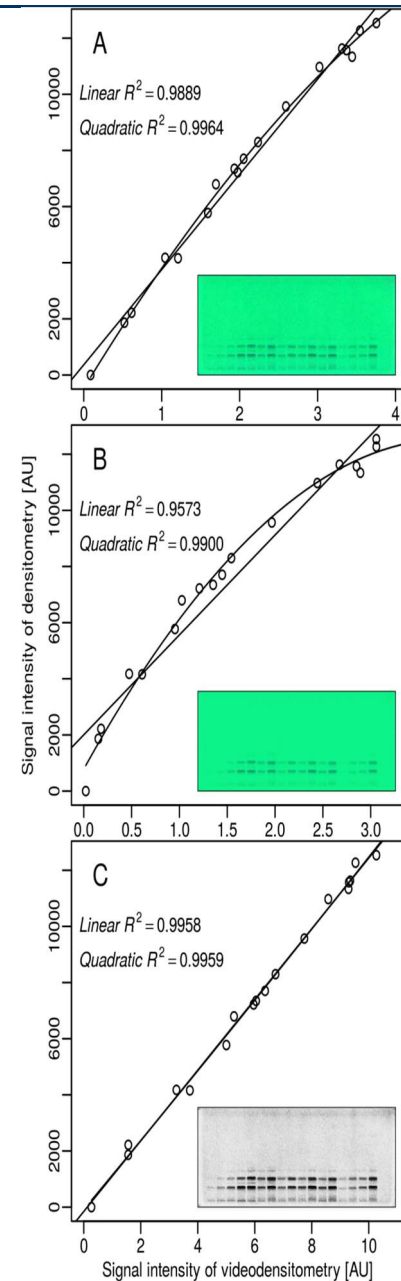
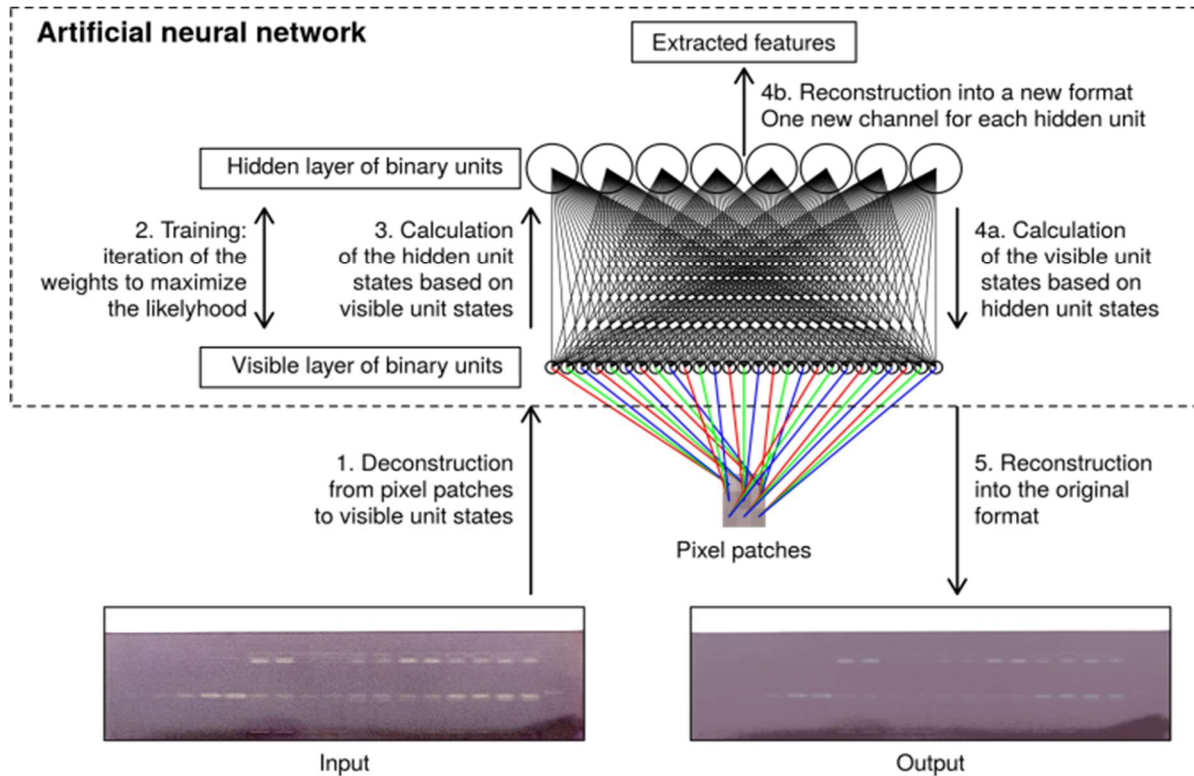


HCA of German propolis samples

# Data analysis: ANN



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# All-in-one open-source system

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## Steps targeted

- Layer/sample/mobile phase print
- Plate drying
- Derivatization/bioassay print
- Detection by LEDs (UV, Vis, FLD)
- Luminescence detection
- Data analysis by ANN
- Cloud computing

## Specifications

- ✓ 96 dpi inkjet resolution (250  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- ✓ 50  $\mu\text{m}$  mechanical resolution
- ✓ 100  $\mu\text{L}$  per drop
- ✓ 26 x 31 x 26  $\text{cm}^3$  footprint
- ✓  $\mu\text{L}$ -volumes
- ✓ <10-min separations



# Printing cells on the plate

*Aliivibrio fischeri* bacteria passing inkjet nozzles



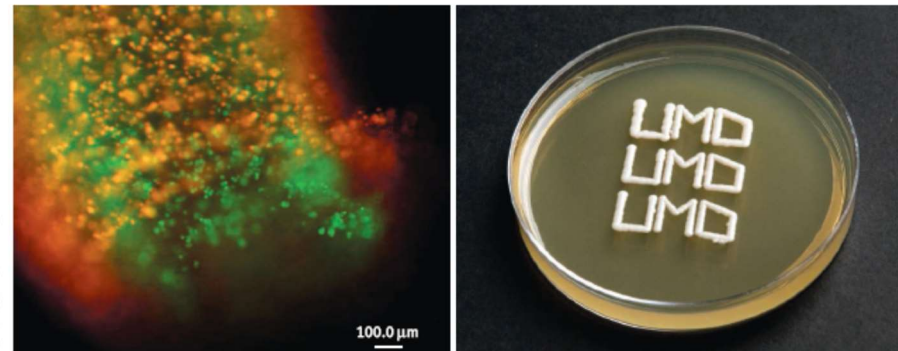
Printed in March 2008, G. Morlock *CBS* 102 (2009) 9

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## Printing Cells

Paul Calvert

Inkjet printing technology offers a way to create studying cell interactions and artificial organs.



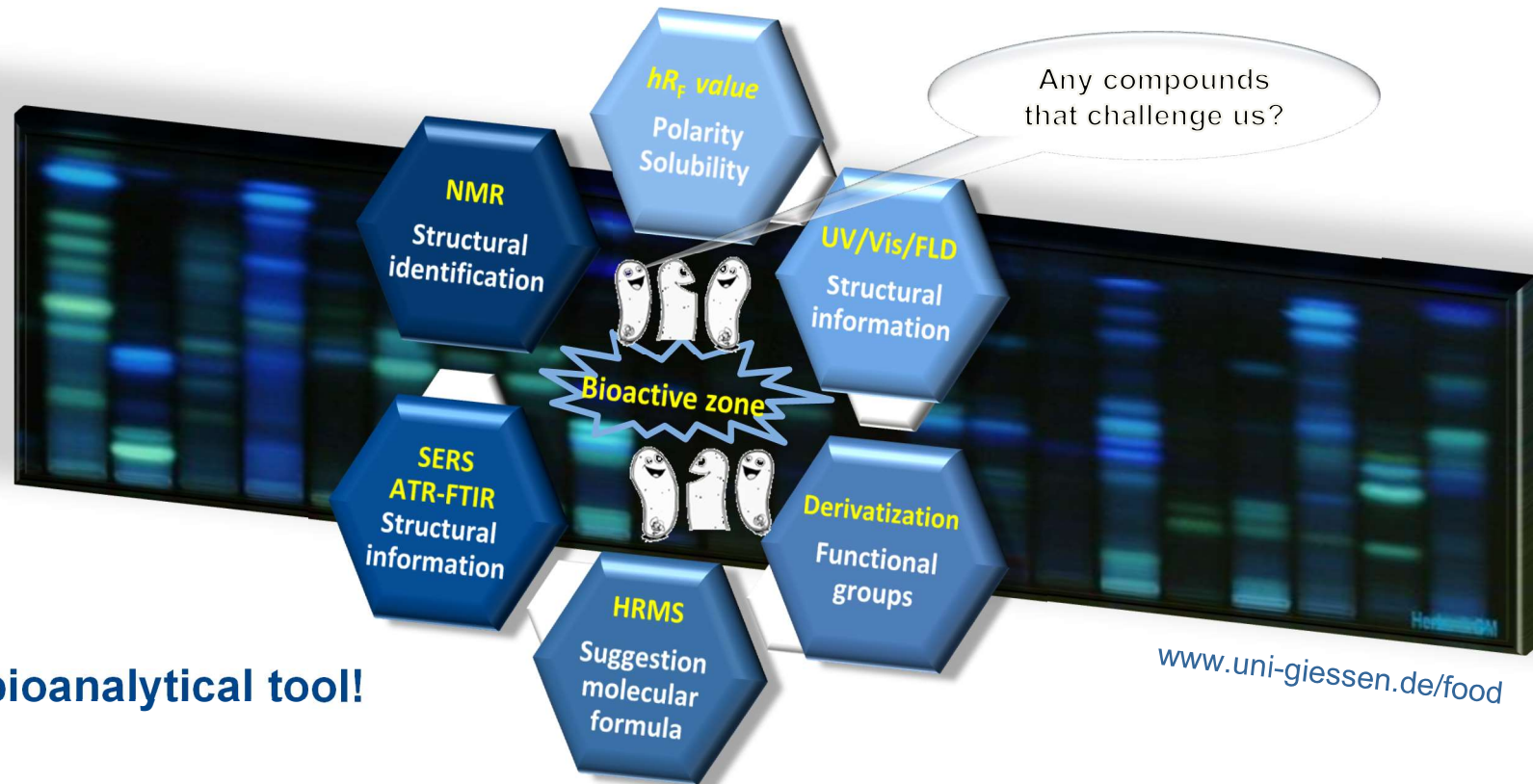
Cells on demand. (Left) Three-dimensional tube structure made from bioprinted cells. This composite image shows an inner layer of human umbilical endothelial cells (green) and an outer layer of human aortic smooth muscle cells (red). (Right) Printed and cultured yeast patterns after 3 days of culture. The patterns were printed at 75, 150, and 300 drops per second, from top to bottom.

# Effect-directed analysis by HPTLC

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A bioanalytical tool!

“...we know there are **known knowns**.

These are things we know that we know.

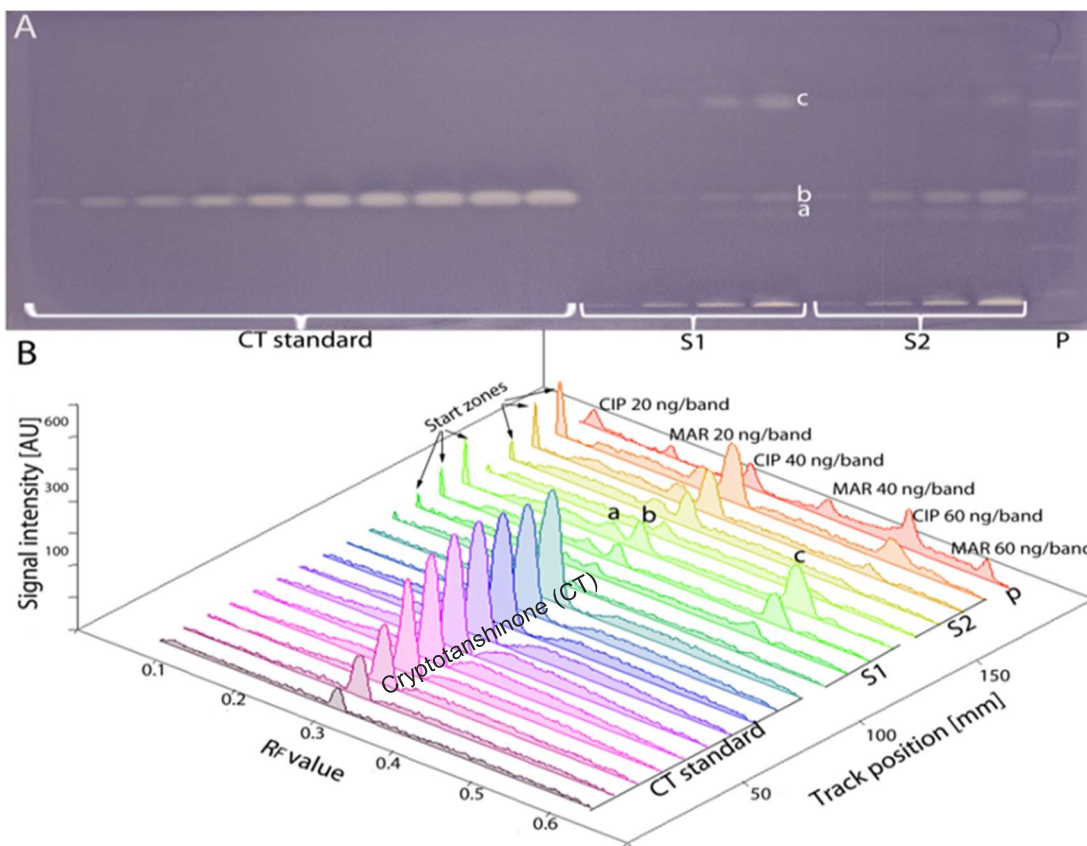
We also know that there are **known unknowns**.

That is to say, there are things that we know we do not know.

But there are also **unknown unknowns** –

the ones we do not know we do not know...” *D. Rumsfeld, 2002*

# Quantification or equivalency calculation

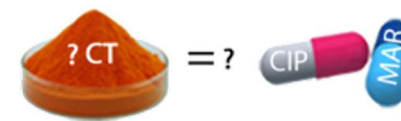


S. m. roots	S1	S2
<b>Biodensitometry/densitometry</b>		
<b>CT content (mg/g)</b>	1.8/1.6	3.2/3.9
<b>Repeatability (%RSD, n=2)</b>	8.7/0.4	7.0/0.9
<b>Intermediate precision (%RSD, n=3)</b>	16.3/1.4	15.2/1.6
<b>Mean CT bioequival. content ± SD (mg/g, n=2)</b>	a 1.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.0
	c 2.7 ± 0.0	< LOD

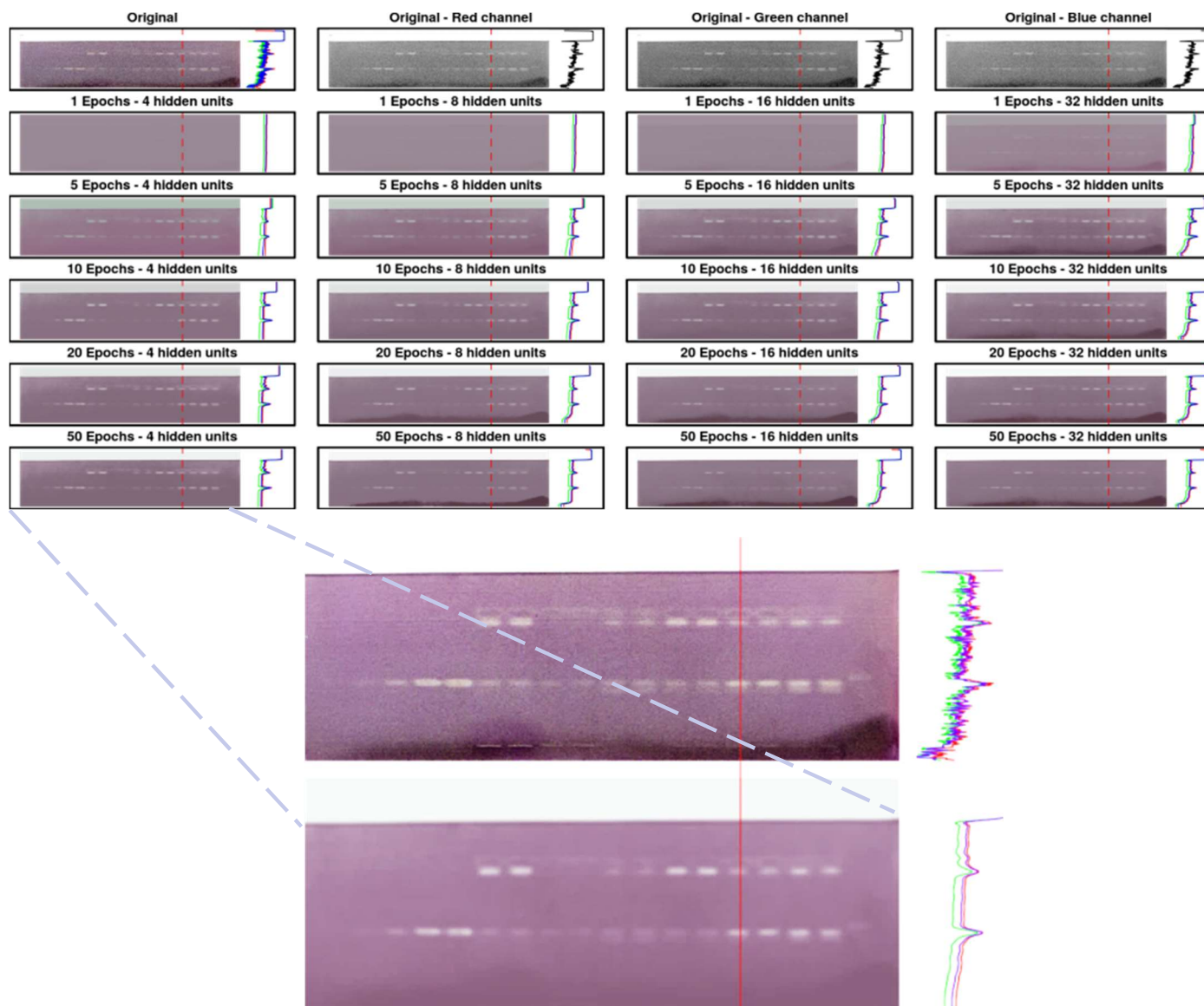
- IC<sub>50</sub> of cryptotanshinone (CT): 65 ng/band
- equivalent to 365 µg S1 and 203 µg S2 root powders

→ Equivalency calculation to **synthetic** antibiotics

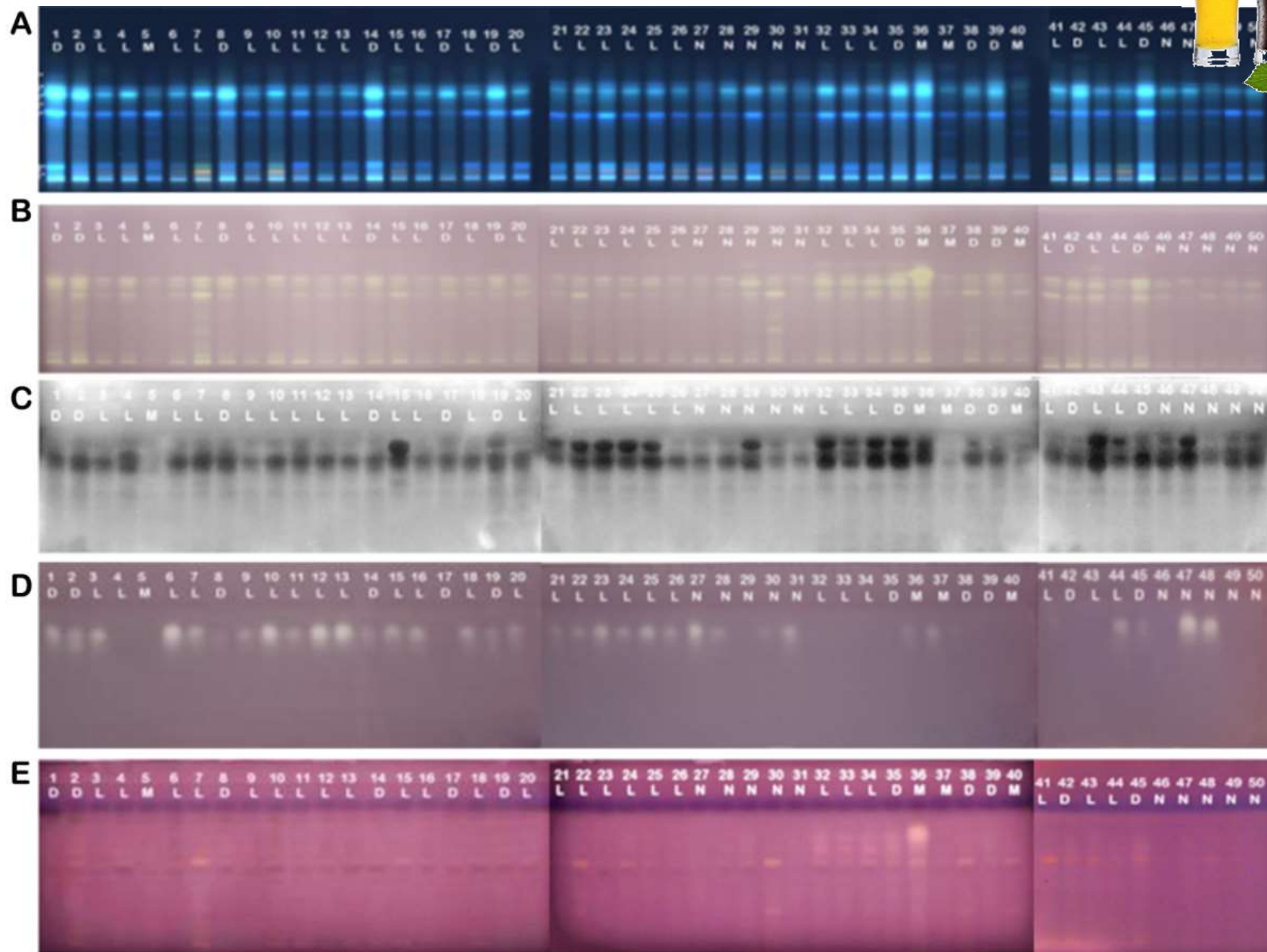
→ 1 ng/band CT ~ 0.6 ng/band ciprofloxacin ~ 2 ng/band marbofloxacin



# Data analysis: open-source ANN algorithm



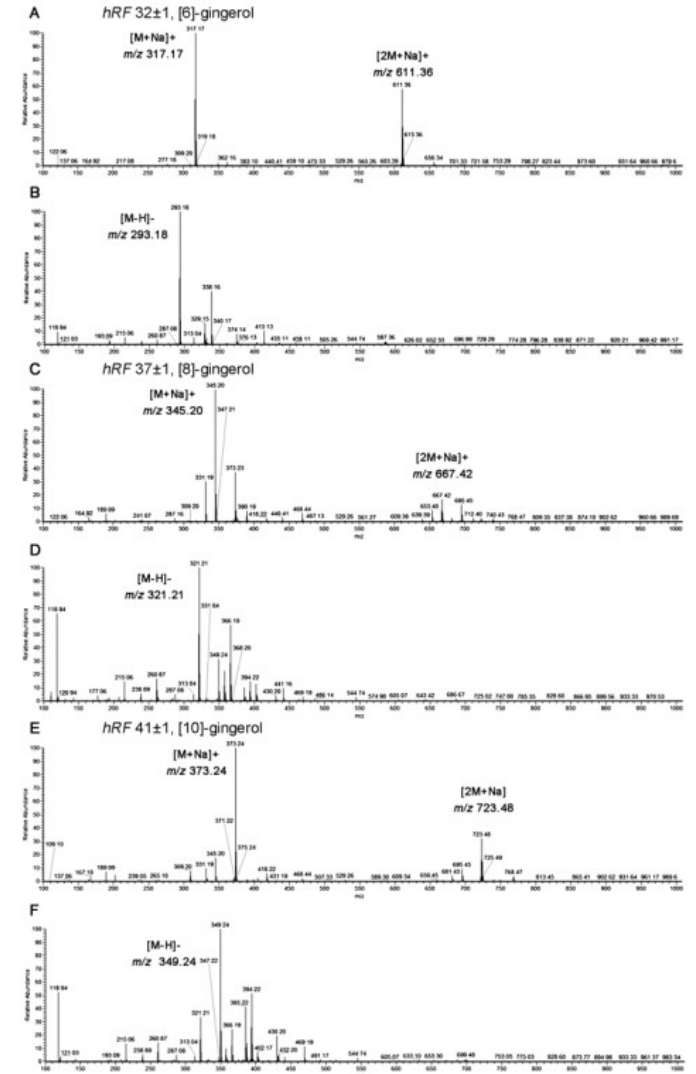
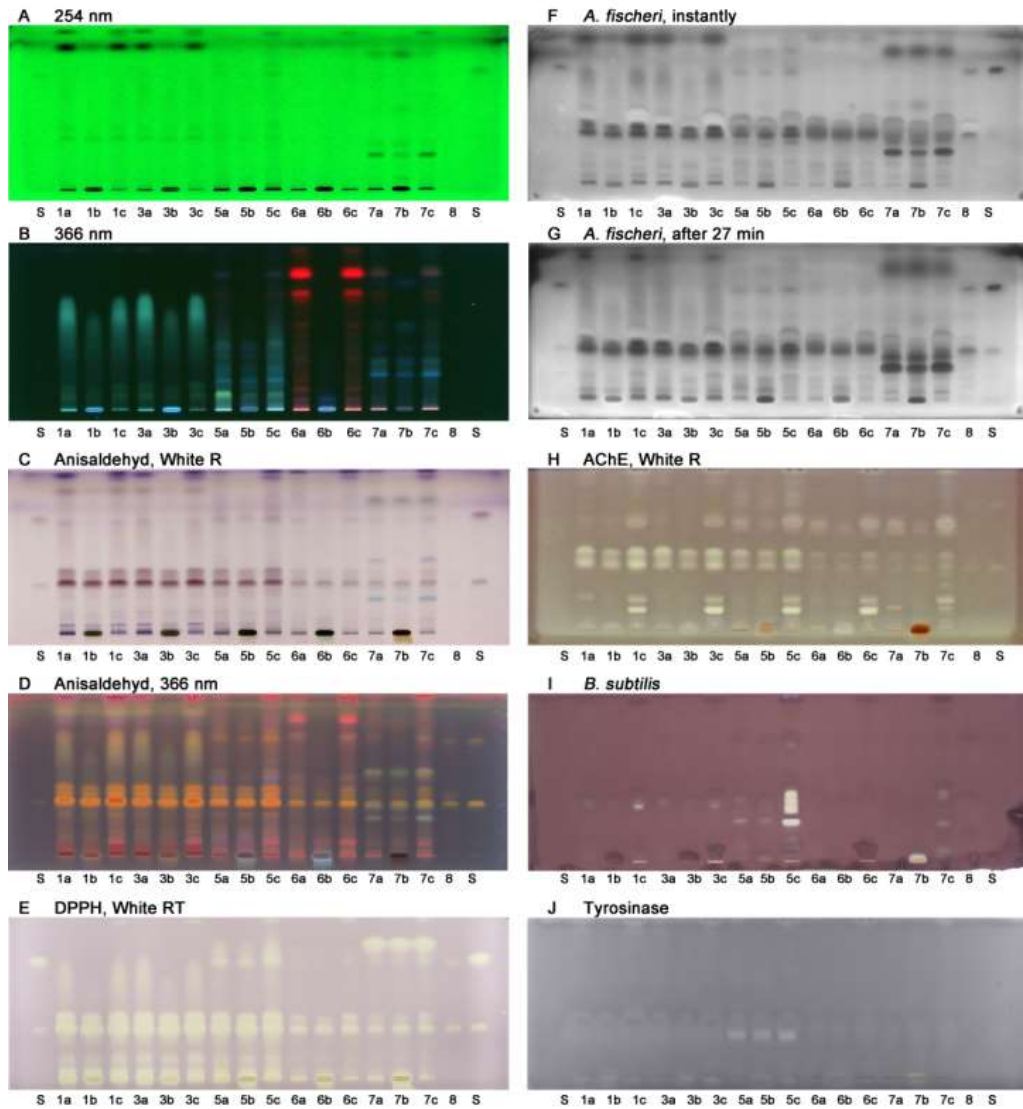
# Screening → fingerprints/profiles of 50 beers



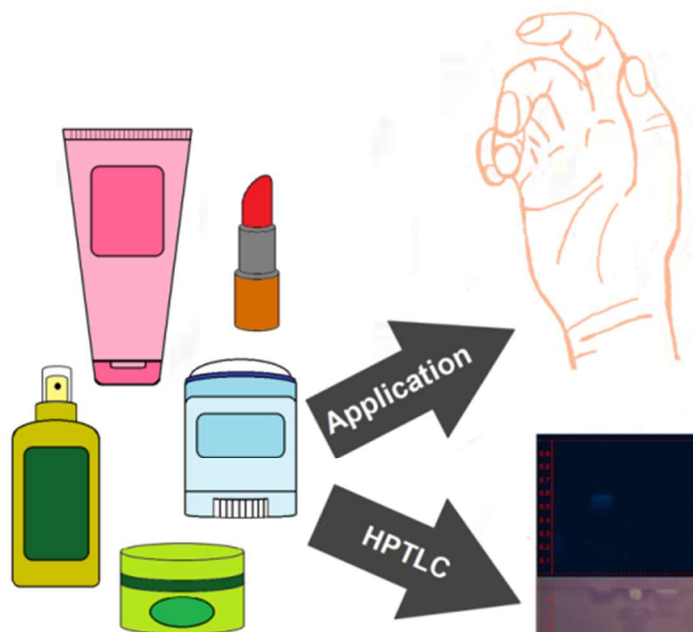
# Still active after processing?



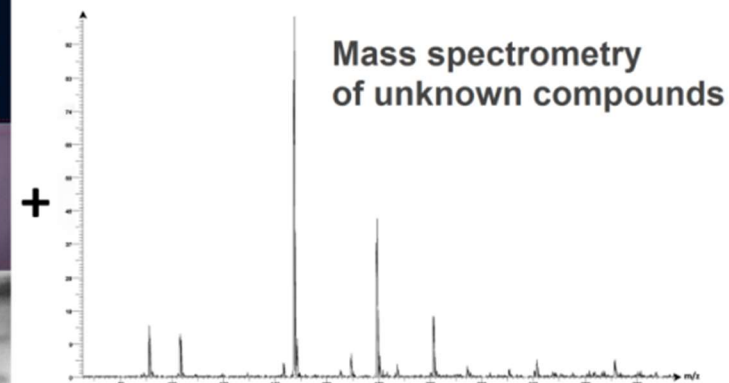
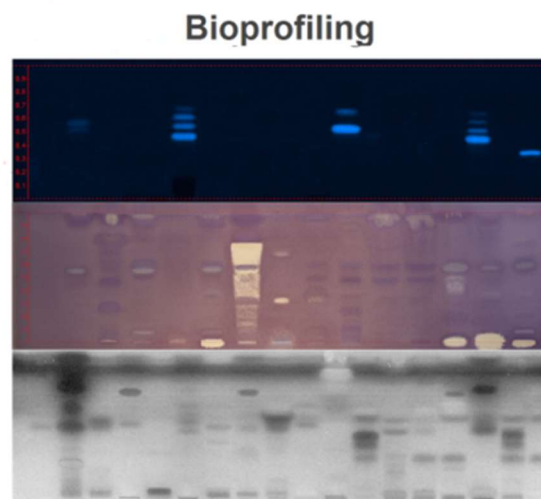
## Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) and its food products



# Safe product?



Bioprofiling of cosmetics as  
important part of  
**RISK ASSESSMENT**



# Chromatography + bioassay > 2



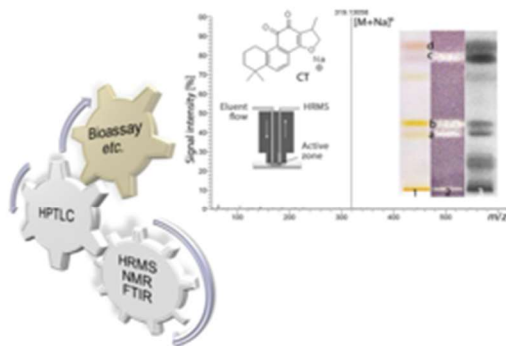
Der Partner,  
der neues Wissen schafft



## Modul Effect-directed analysis by HPTLC-bioassay-HRMS

Prof. Dr. Gertrud Morlock

- Chromatography combined with assays
- Fast link to single bioactive compounds in complex samples
- Streamlined bioprofiling via biological and biochemical assays in the adsorbent bed
- High-performance thin-layer chromatography combined with effect-directed analysis and high resolution mass spectrometry (HPTLC-UV/Vis/FLD-EDA-HRMS)



FOOD SAFETY AUTHENTICITY RISK ASSESSMENT

### PROGRAM 26.02. – 01.03.2020

09.00 Start  
10.30 Coffee  
12.30 Lunch  
15.00 Coffee  
17.00 End

Lectures: Prof. Dr. Gertrud Morlock

The 5-day practical course focuses on different assays. The full workflow HPTLC-UV/Vis/FLD-assay-ESI-HRMS or DART-MS is shown on each day.

#### WEDNESDAY

Gram-negative antimicrobials via *Aliivibrio fischeri* bioassay

#### THURSDAY

Gram-positive antimicrobials via *Bacillus subtilis* bioassay

#### FRIDAY

Hormone-effective compounds via planar yeast estrogen/androgen screen (pYES/pYAS)

Genotoxic compounds via SOS/umuC assay

#### SATURDAY

Enzym inhibitors via cholinesterase/tyrosinase assay

#### SUNDAY

Enzym inhibitors via  $\alpha/\beta$ -glucosidase/amylase assay

#### REGISTRATION

- Email to [gertrud.morlock@uni-giessen.de](mailto:gertrud.morlock@uni-giessen.de)
- Payment on receipt of invoice

### RESPONSIBLE FOR MODULE



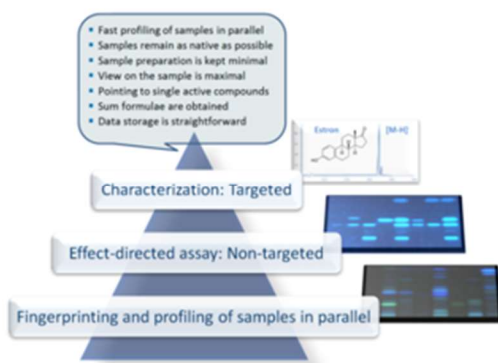
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Chair of Food Science



### MODULE AIMS

The participants

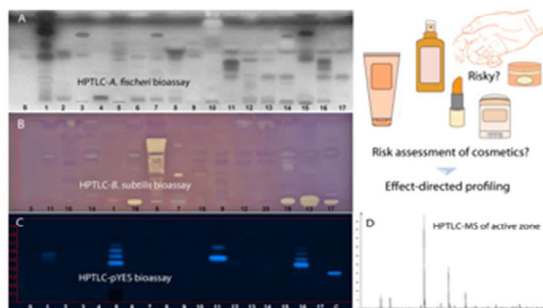
- Understand the meaning of effect-directed analysis as well as advantages and disadvantages of the different techniques
- Survey the variety of *in situ* assays (in the adsorbent bed)
- Experience fast effect-directed profilings (3-20 min/sample for 20 samples in parallel)
- Recognize the highly efficient combination of planar chromatography with biological and biochemical or other effect-directed assays
- Realize the power of hyphenated HPTLC
- Know the streamlined workflow on one plate, *i. e.* parallel separation of compounds in complex samples, discovery of active compounds and their characterization by chromatographic, spectroscopic and spectrometric information



"...we know there are **known knowns**.  
These are things we know that we know.  
We also know that there are **known unknowns**.  
That is to say, there are things  
that we know we do not know.  
But there are also **unknown unknowns** –  
the ones we do not know we do not know."

*Donald Rumsfeld, 2002*

Let us find it out!



Source: Morlock, G.: Bioassays and further effect-directed detections in chromatography, in Worsfold P.J., Poole, C., Townshend, A., Miro, M. (Eds.): Reference Module in Encyclopedia of Analytical Science, 3rd edn. With permission from Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, 2019

## FEE

500 € per day or 1500 € for 5 days

Included in fee:

- Course material on USB stick
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- Certificate on request

## LOCATION



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## ROUTE TO US



At IFZ, take the **red entrance door** at Area A.  
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## HOTELS NEAR BY

The participant is responsible for self-accomodation.

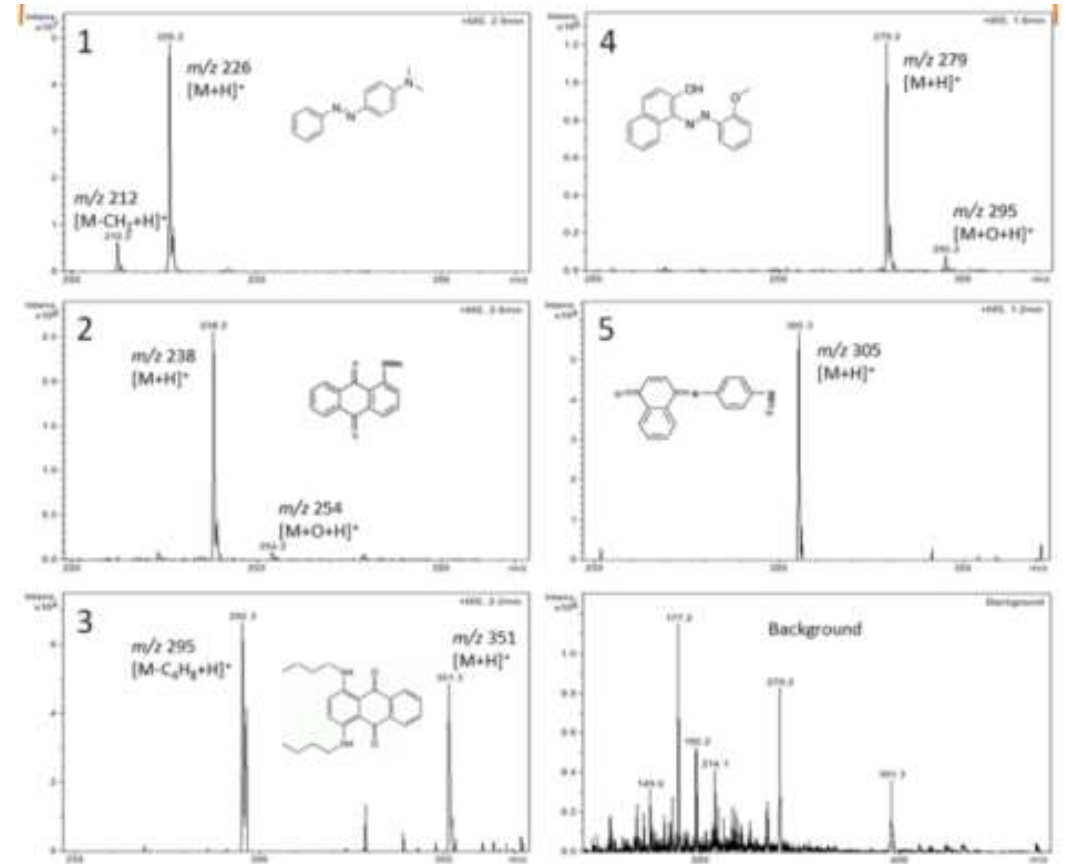
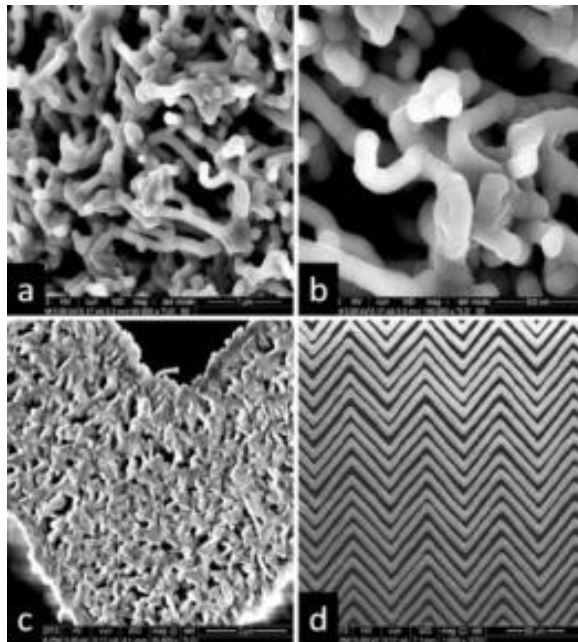
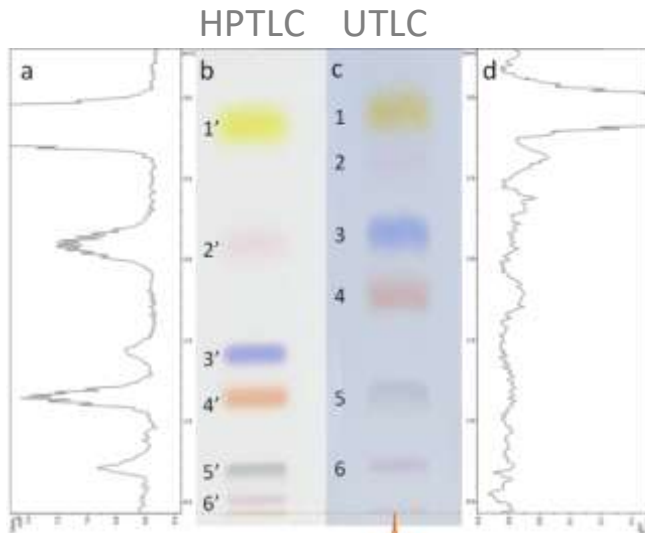
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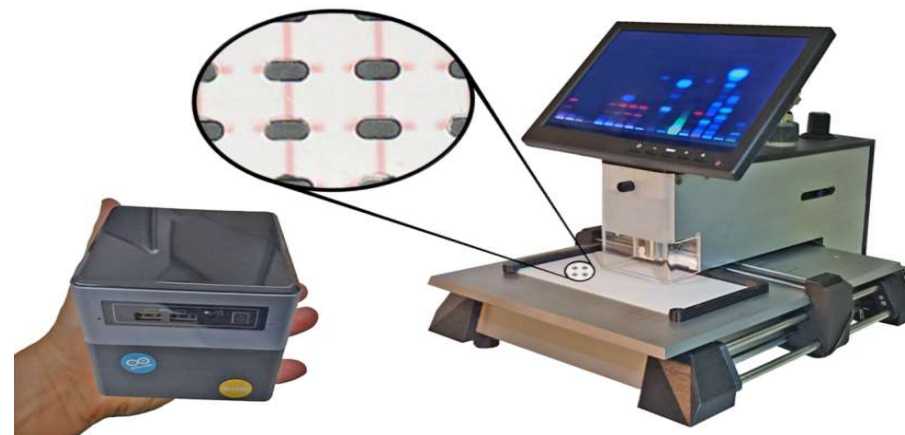
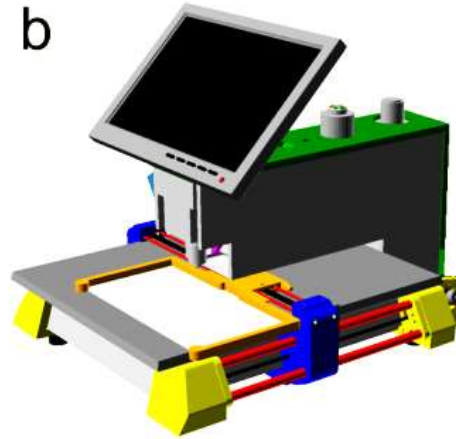
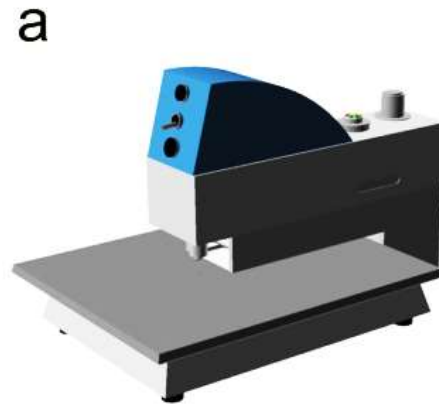


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# Detection by ESI-MS



# Quantitative automated elution-based HPTLC-MS



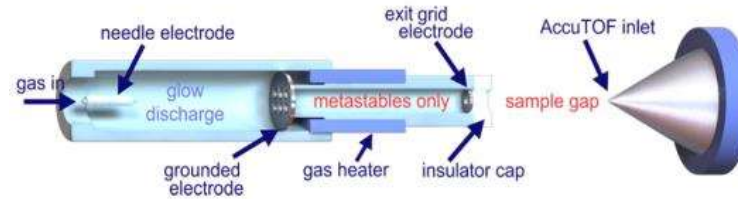
# ...desorption-based HPTLC-MS

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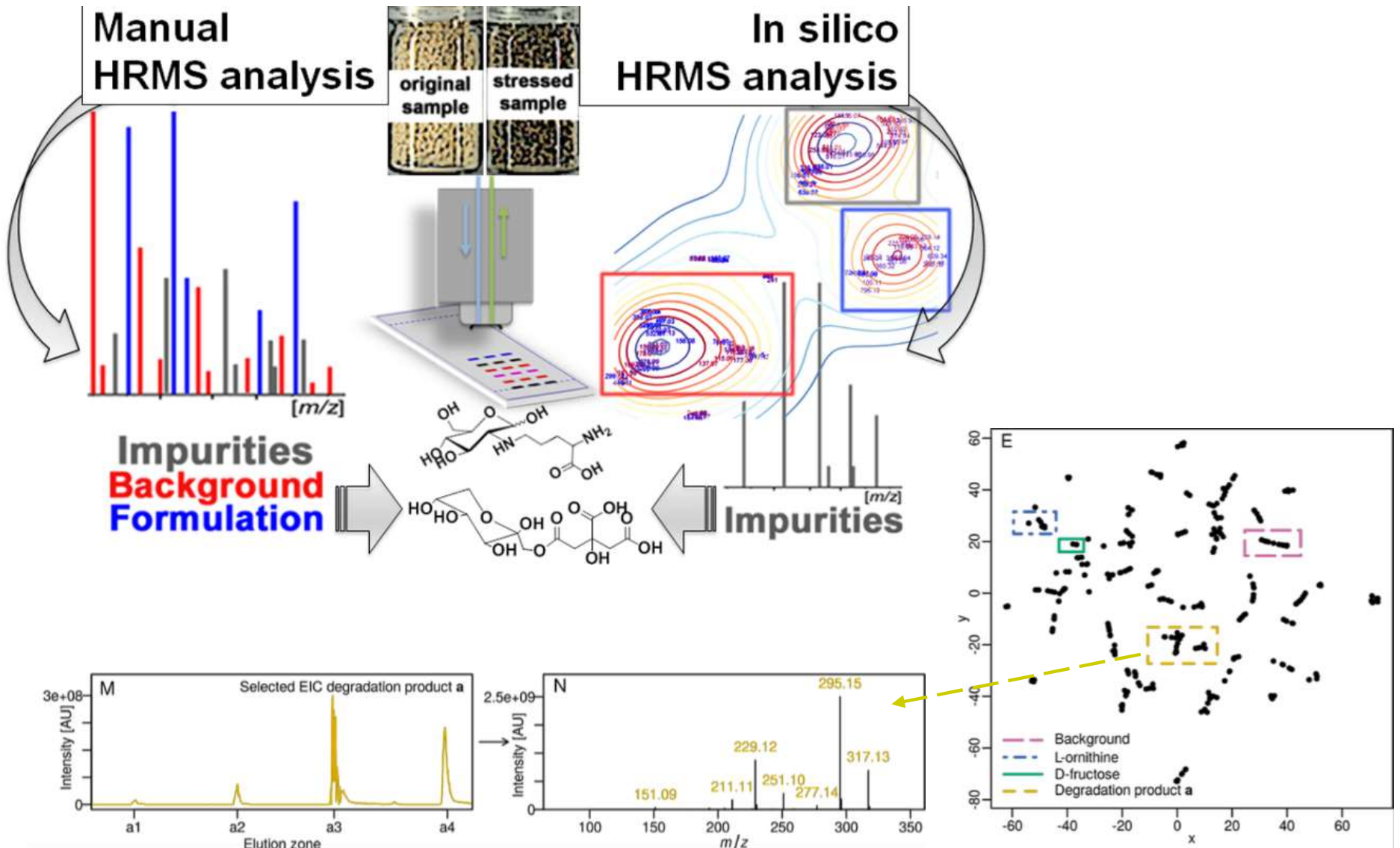
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DART ion source



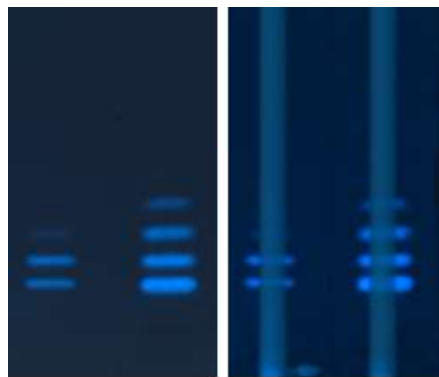
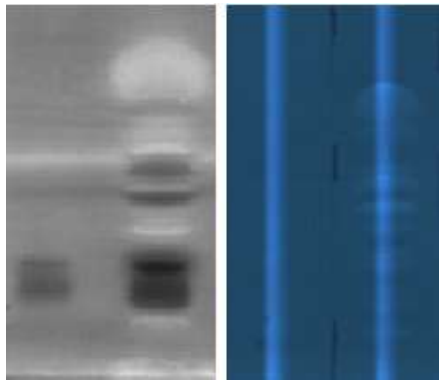
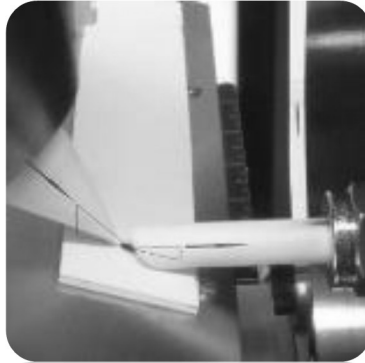
# Data analysis: open-source eicCluster software



# Quantitative HPTLC-EDA-DART-MS



Parabens?  
Bioactives?



Reliable quantification

- Mean  $r^2 = 0.9992$
- Mean deviation: 4.6% (*A. fischeri* vs. pYES)
- Method comparison

		Amount in sample [mg/100g]						
		Sample 1			Sample 2			
		ME	EE	PE	ME	EE	PE	BE
without	NP	103	56	30	165	75	37	65
BioAssay	RP	97	59	34	147	69	30	67
<i>A. fischeri</i>	NP	96	51	27	173	69	24	53
	RP	101	51	27	157	59	27	59
pYES	RP	111	53	31	170	60	26	62

# HPTLC in the age of ultra-rapid separations

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Rapid HPLC is like...



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HPTLC is like...



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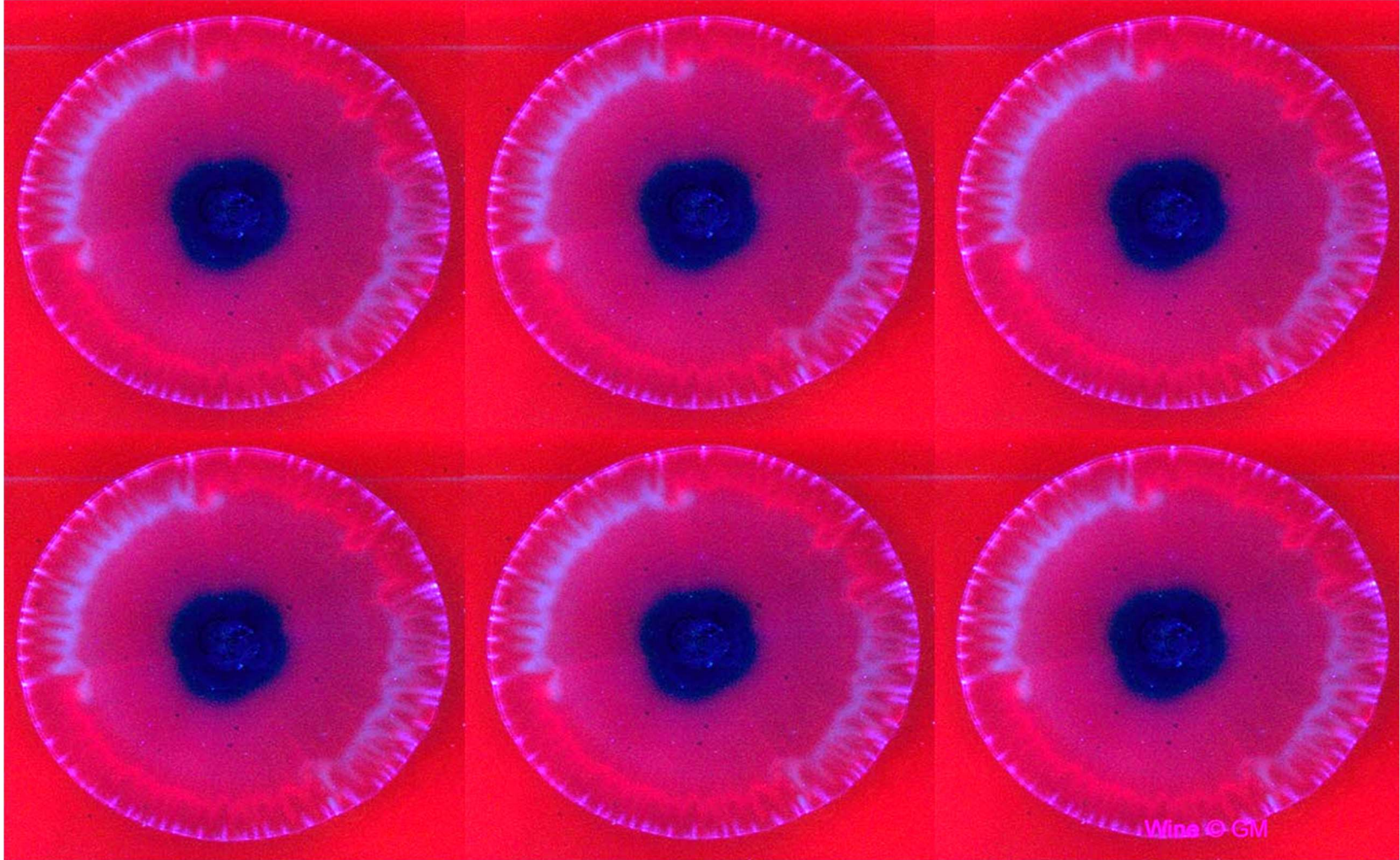
- **Nice feeling?** - But only for 1 or 2
  - **Fast?** - What about in the city?
  - **High costs?** - Who pays for the high budget?
  - **High image?** - Unclear for what purpose...
- Convenient feeling for many.
  - You are faster in the city.
  - Saving costs makes sense.
  - Definitely not - but rational!

What is the ideal transportation system?

- ⇒ It makes sense not to drive always a Porsche.
- ⇒ Taking the metro might be a good idea!

If science does not work out, make art!

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Thank you!



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