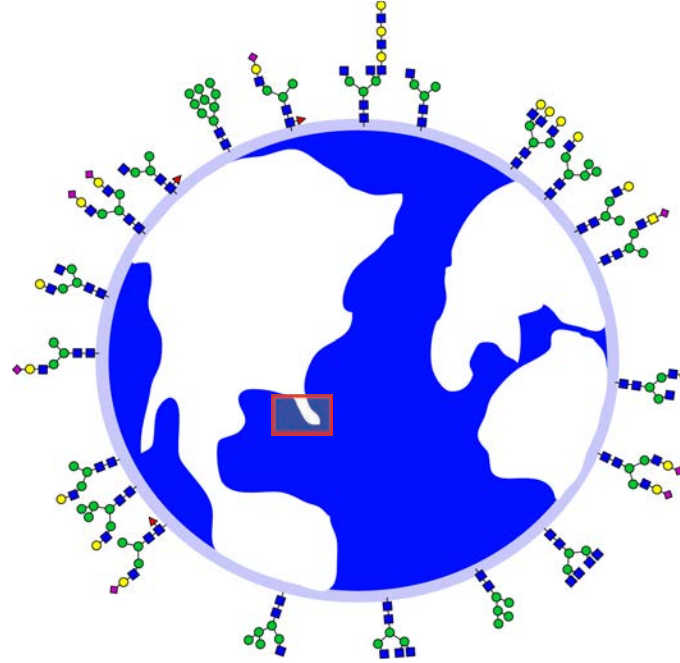


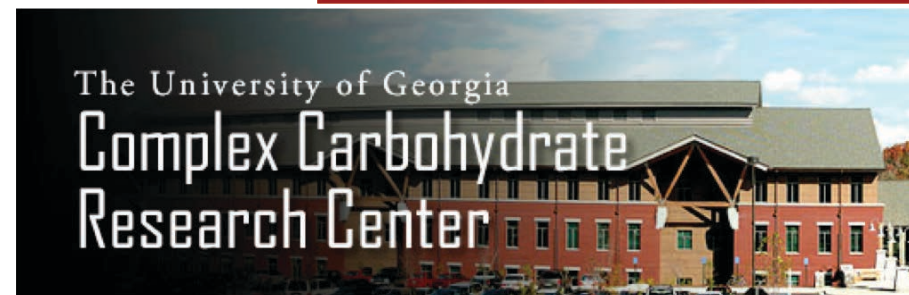
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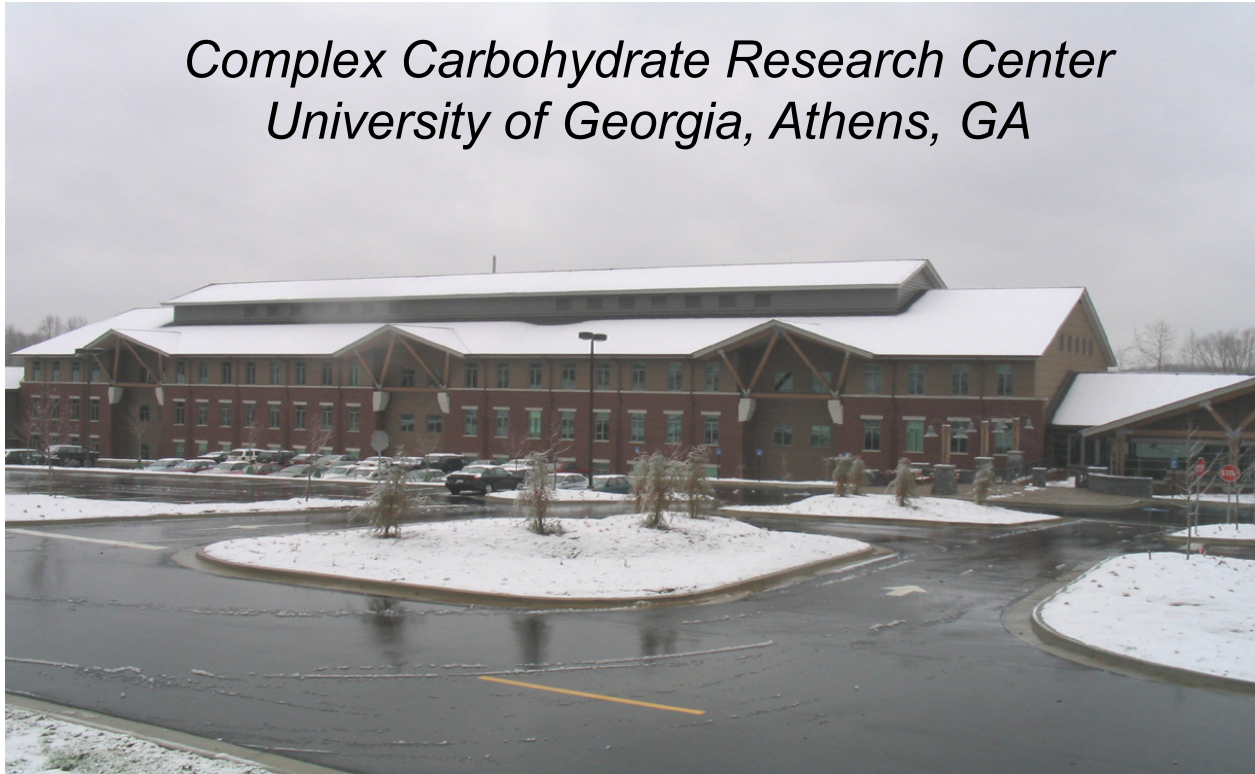
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University of Georgia

**Kazuhiro Aoki**

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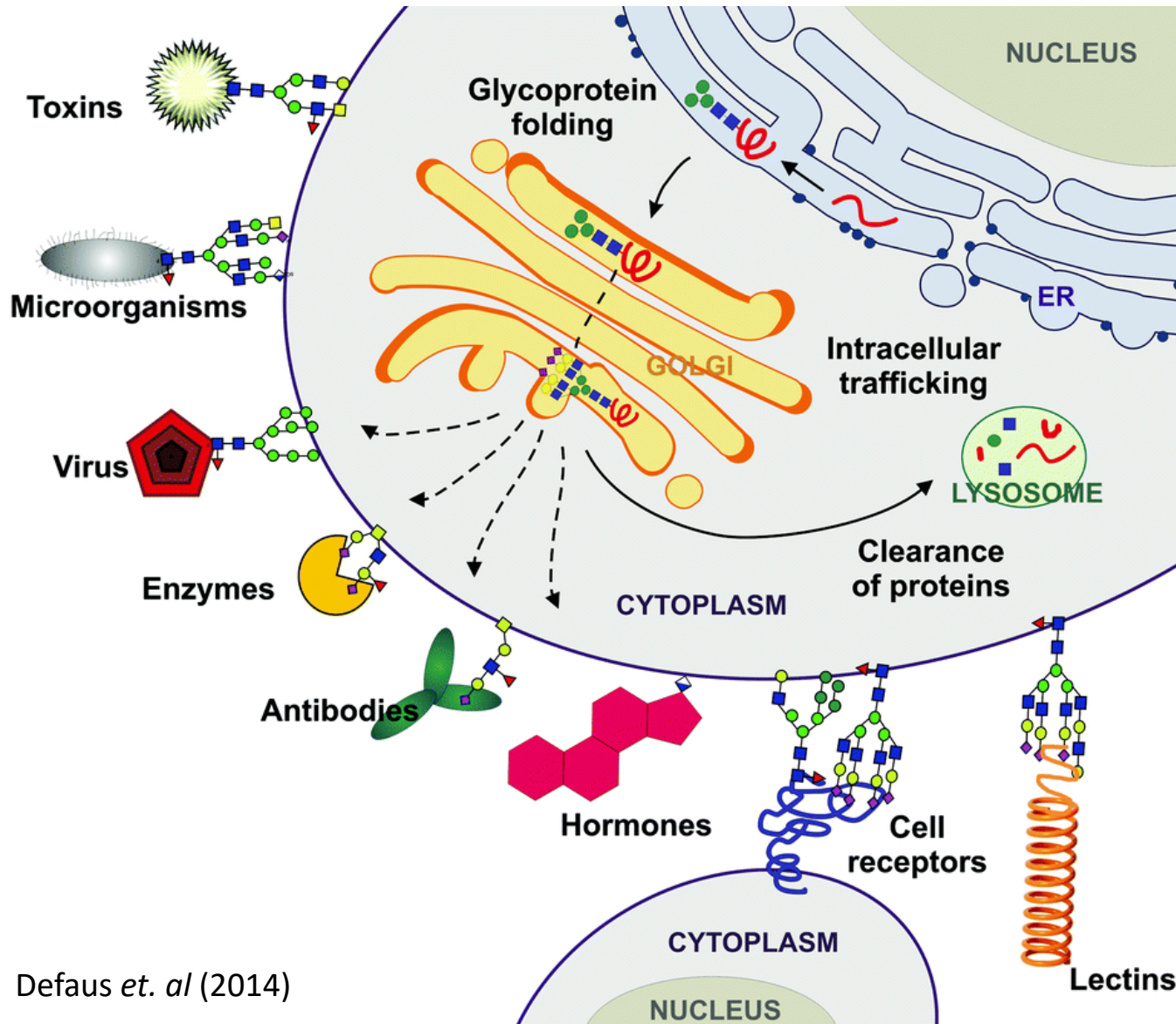
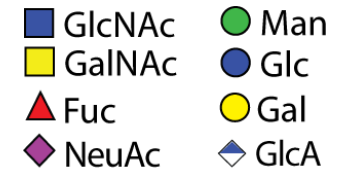
*Complex Carbohydrate Research Center  
University of Georgia, Athens, GA*



- 140,000 sq ft. facility; state-of-the-art MS, computing and NMR instrumentation
- 18 Principal Investigators, over 300 total members (staff, students, post-docs, etc.)
- Approximately 20 million US dollars in direct cost each year
- Functions of glycans in biomedical applications, animal and plant physiology, microbial pathogenesis, etc.
- Strong emphasis on studying STRUCTURE and FUNCTION

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# Importance of Carbohydrate Chemistry and Glycobiology



- Cell-Cell interactions
- Cell-Matrix interactions
- Host-pathogen interactions
- ABO blood groups

Defaus *et. al* (2014)



# Binding of sialic acid–mimic drugs zanamivir (Relenza) and oseltamivir (Tamiflu) to neuraminidase (NA).

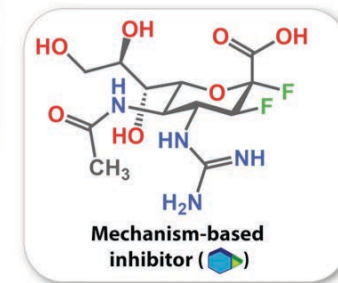
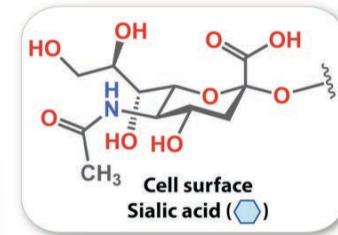
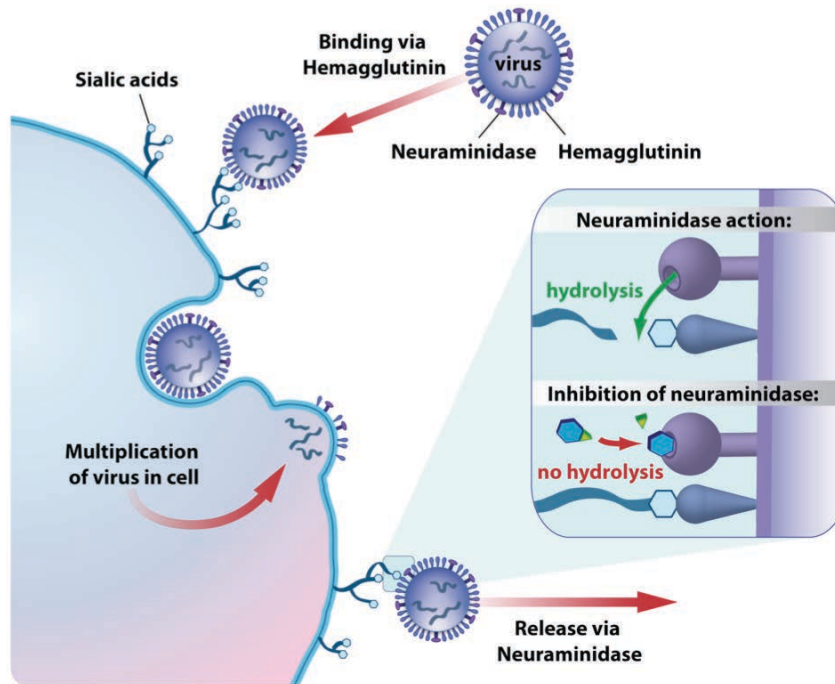


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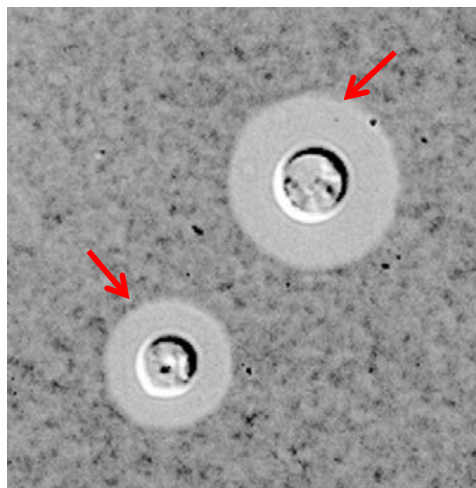
**structural mimics of sialic acid**



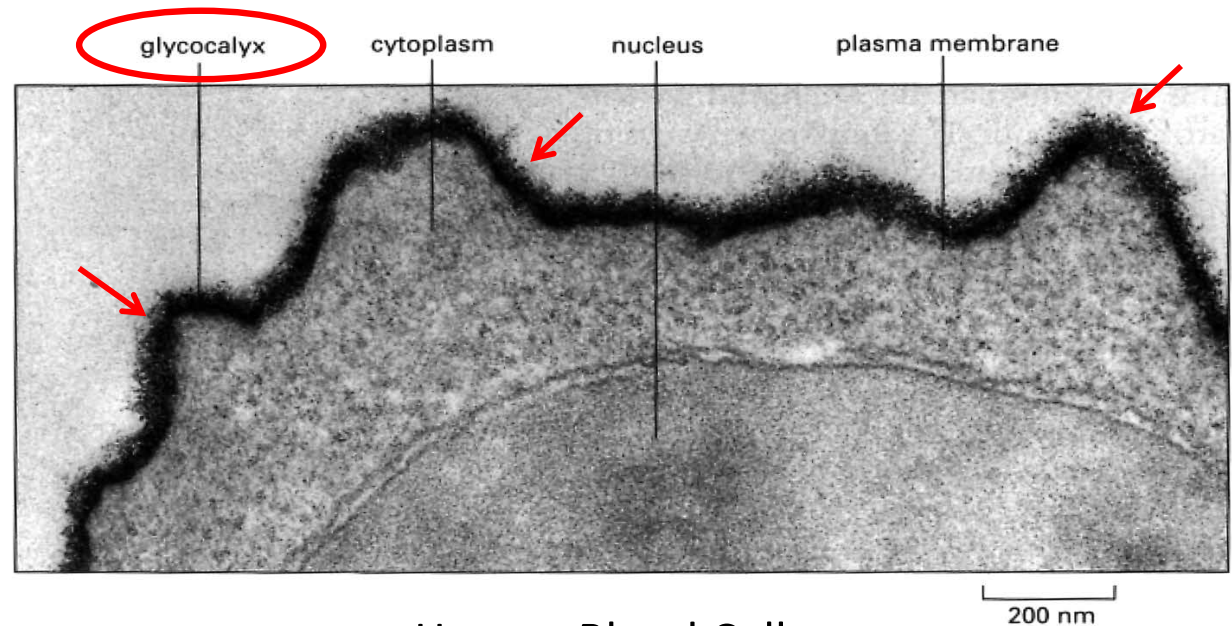
Flu virus



# All living organisms produce complex carbohydrates of one type or another



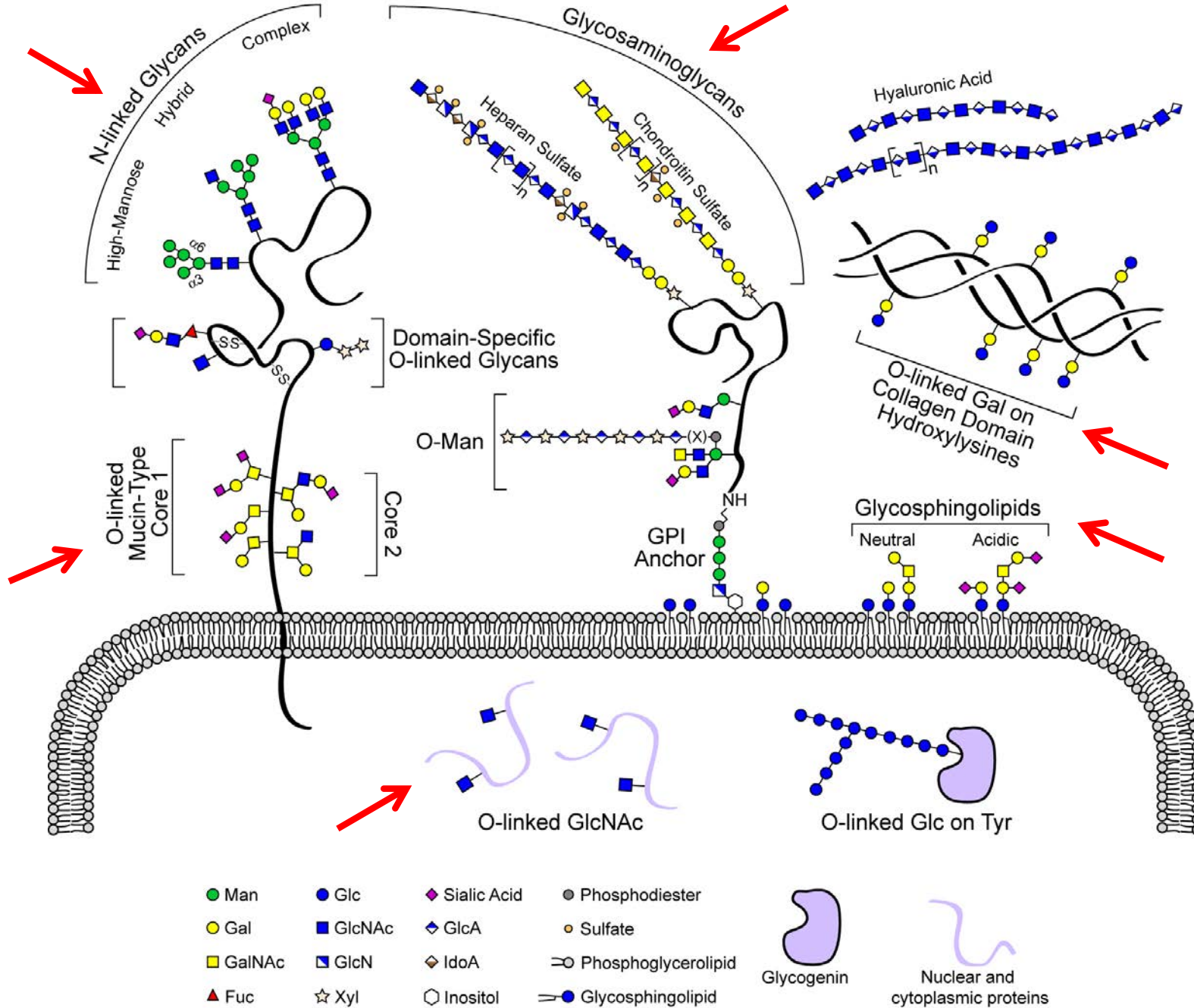
Fungus



Human Blood Cell

- Also referred to as glycans or glycoconjugates, they are essential for many biological functions that occur at the surface of cells, especially protection, signaling, and recognition.
- Gangliosides, like GM3, are one type of glycoconjugate produced by animal cells.
- Glycoconjugates are very diverse in their structure.

# Glycodiversity in Animal





# Linking glycomics to function

## Glycomics

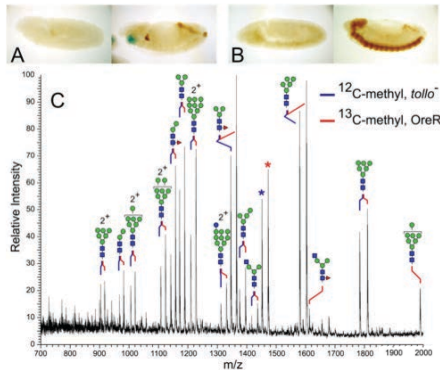
Glycan library

Molecular modeling

Glycan microarray

Synthetic Chemistry

Bioinformatics

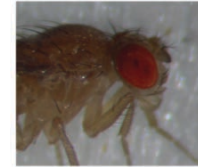


## Biochemical approach



## Genetic approach

Orange eyes



Small, rough eyes



White eyes



Peachy eyes



Glycobiology

## Method development

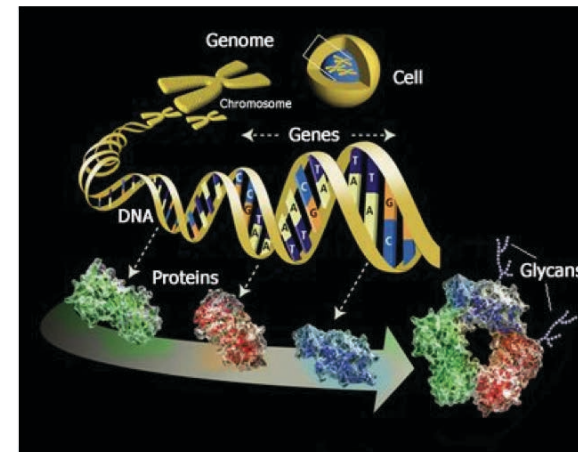
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HPLC

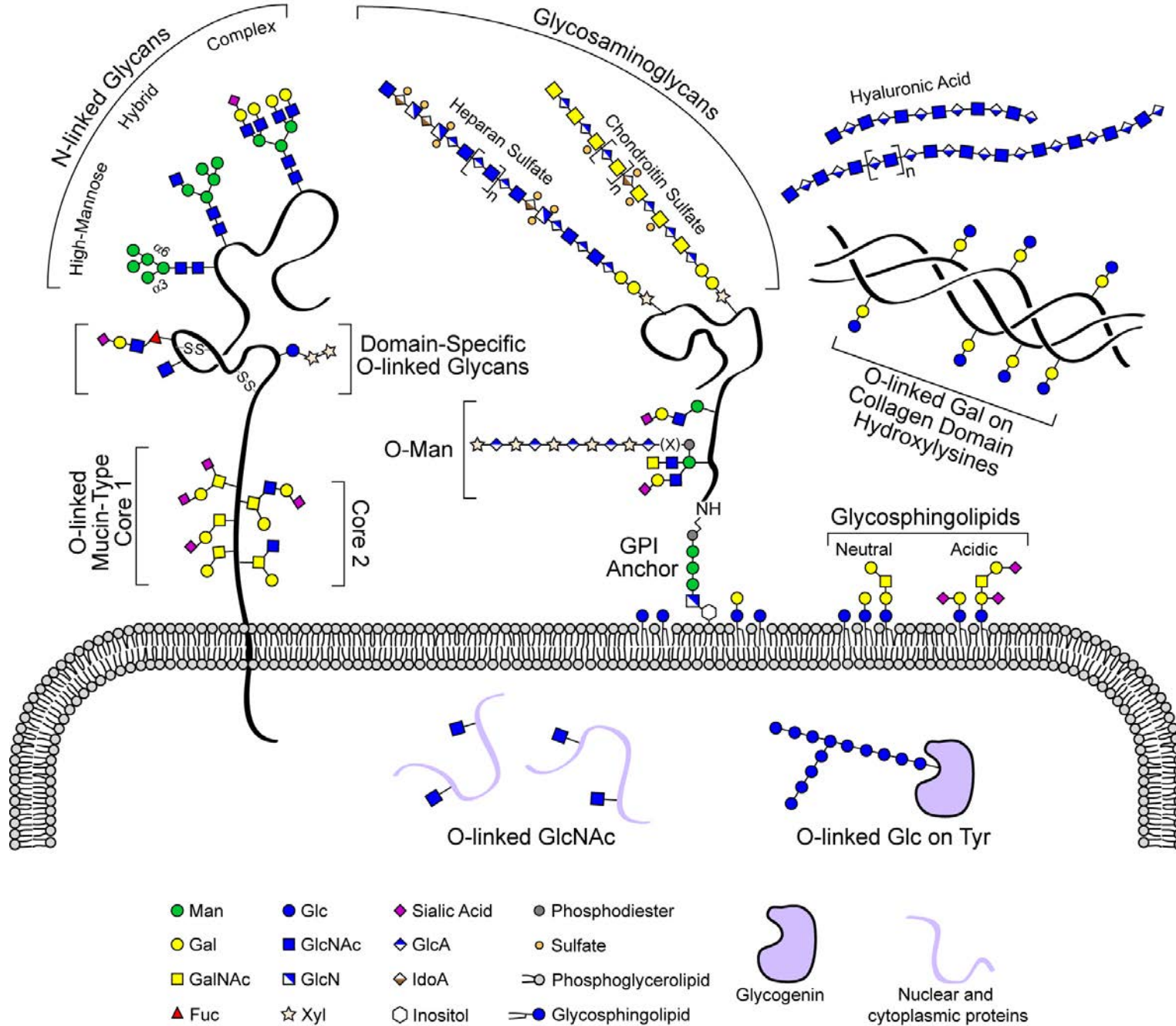
## Glycoproteomics



## Biological approach

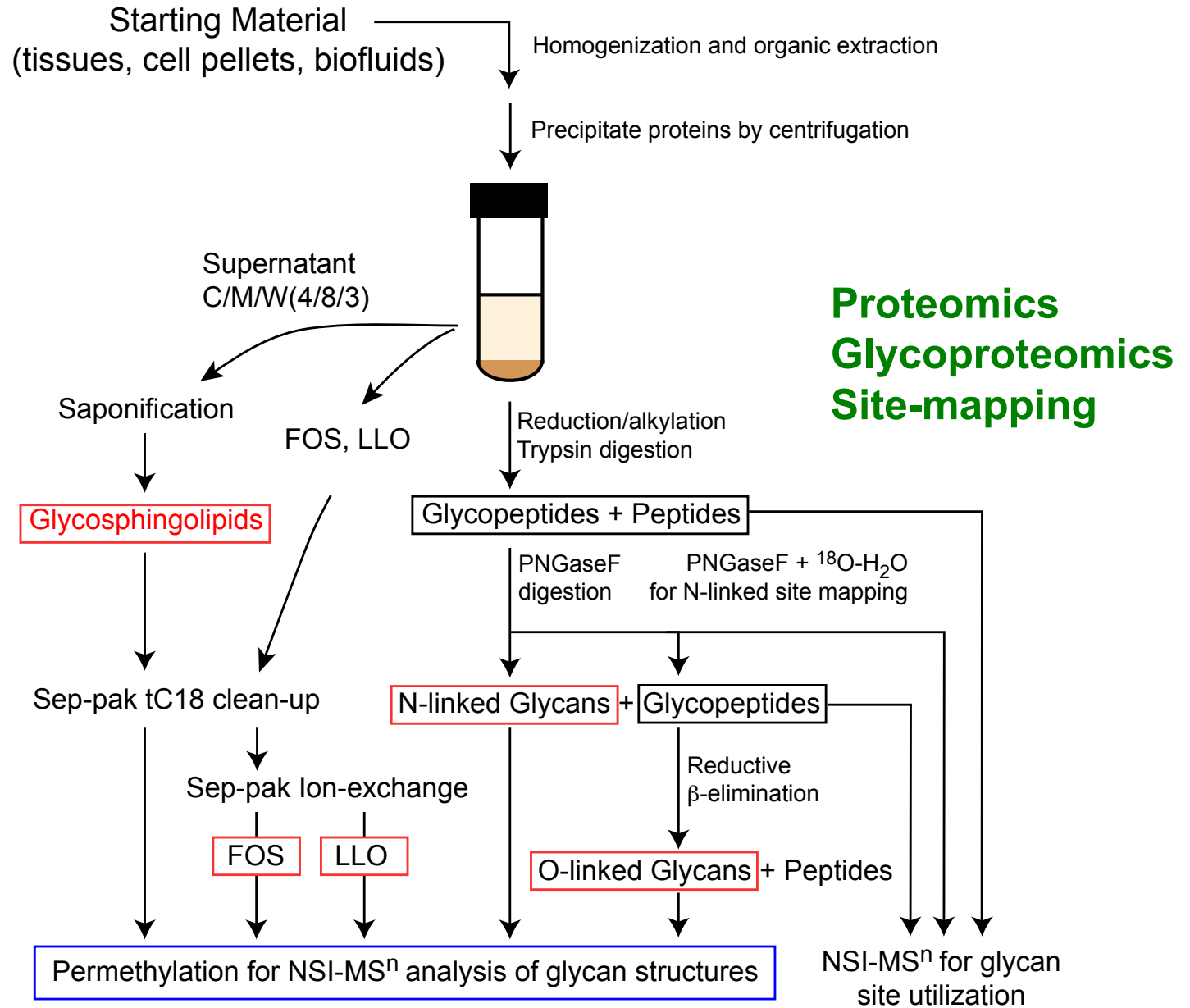
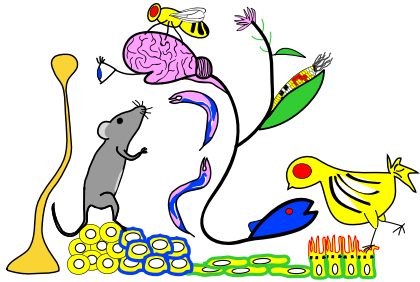


# Glycodiversity in Animal





# Strategies for deciphering complex glycoforms (non-GAG)

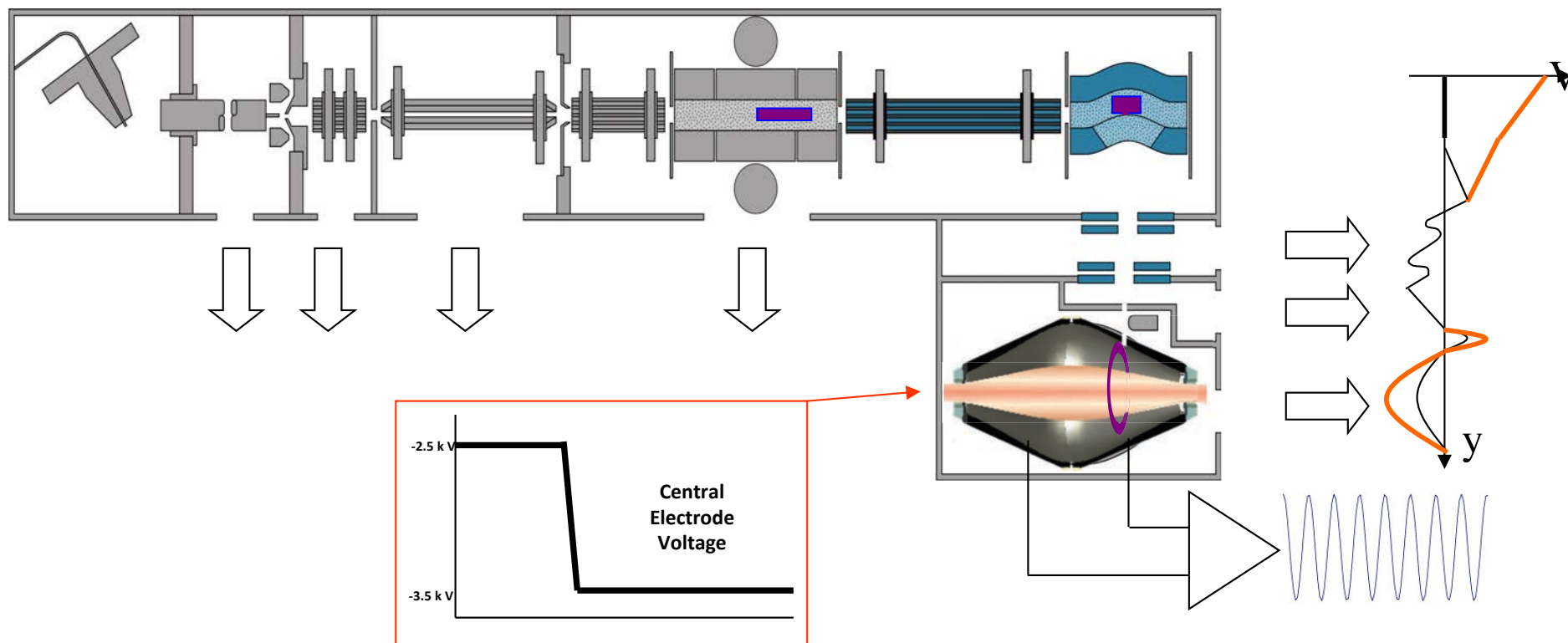
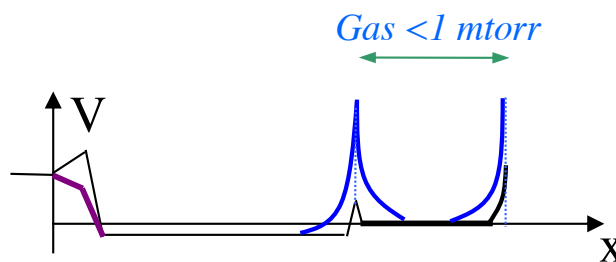


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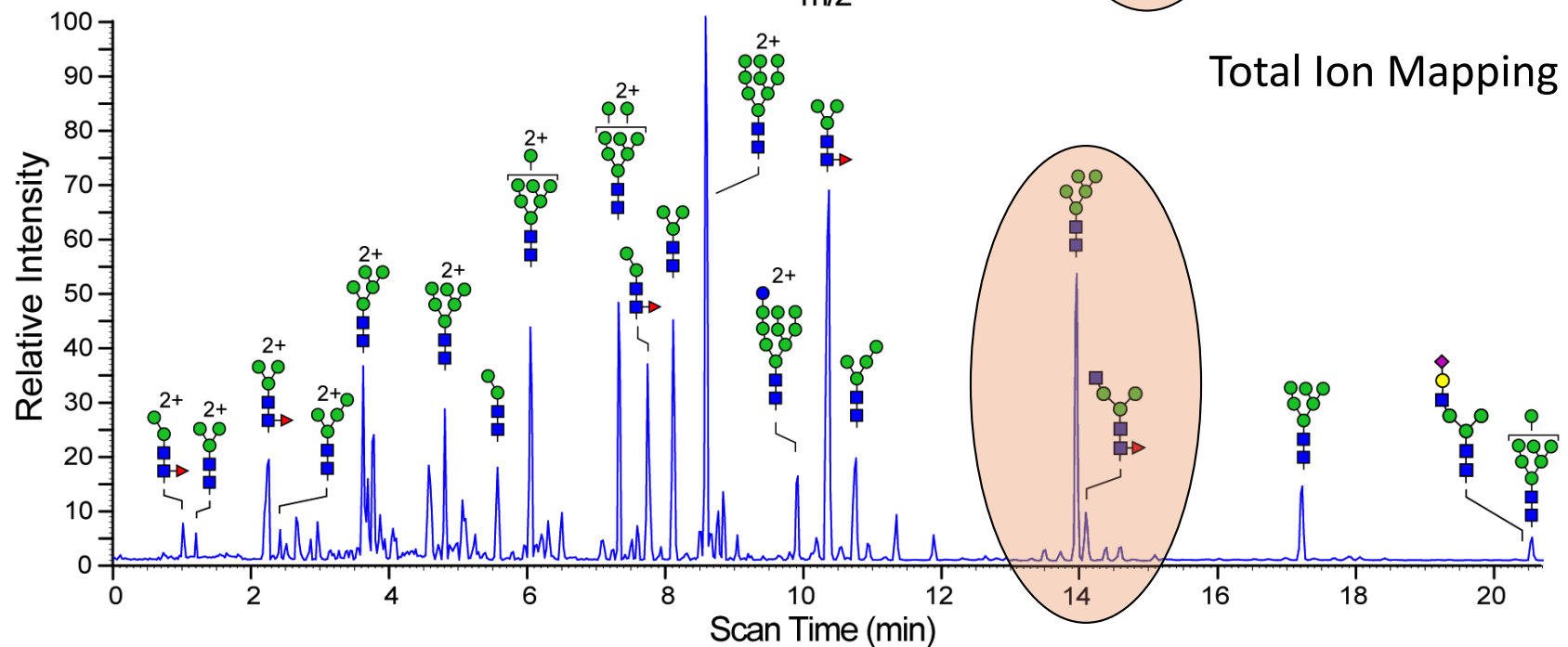
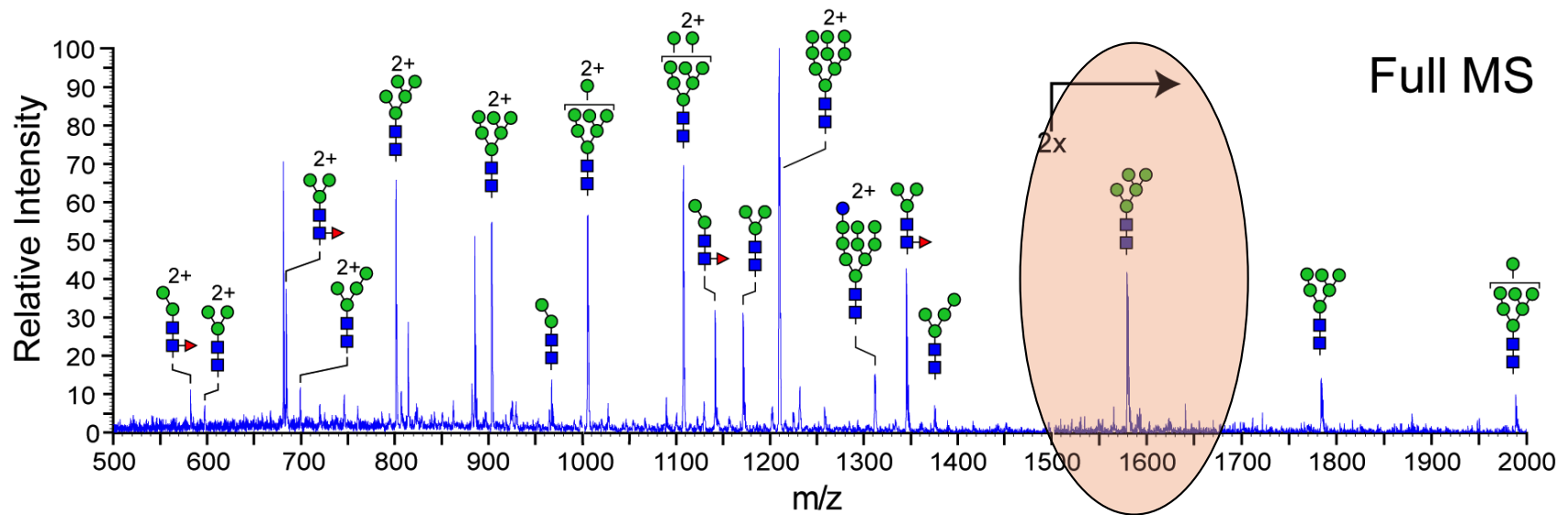


# LTQ-Orbitrap

1. Ions are stored in the linear trap of LTQ
2. ...are axially ejected
3. ...and trapped in the C-trap and squeezed into a smaller cloud
4. ...then a voltage pulse across C-trap ejects ions towards the Orbitrap
5. ...where they are trapped and detected

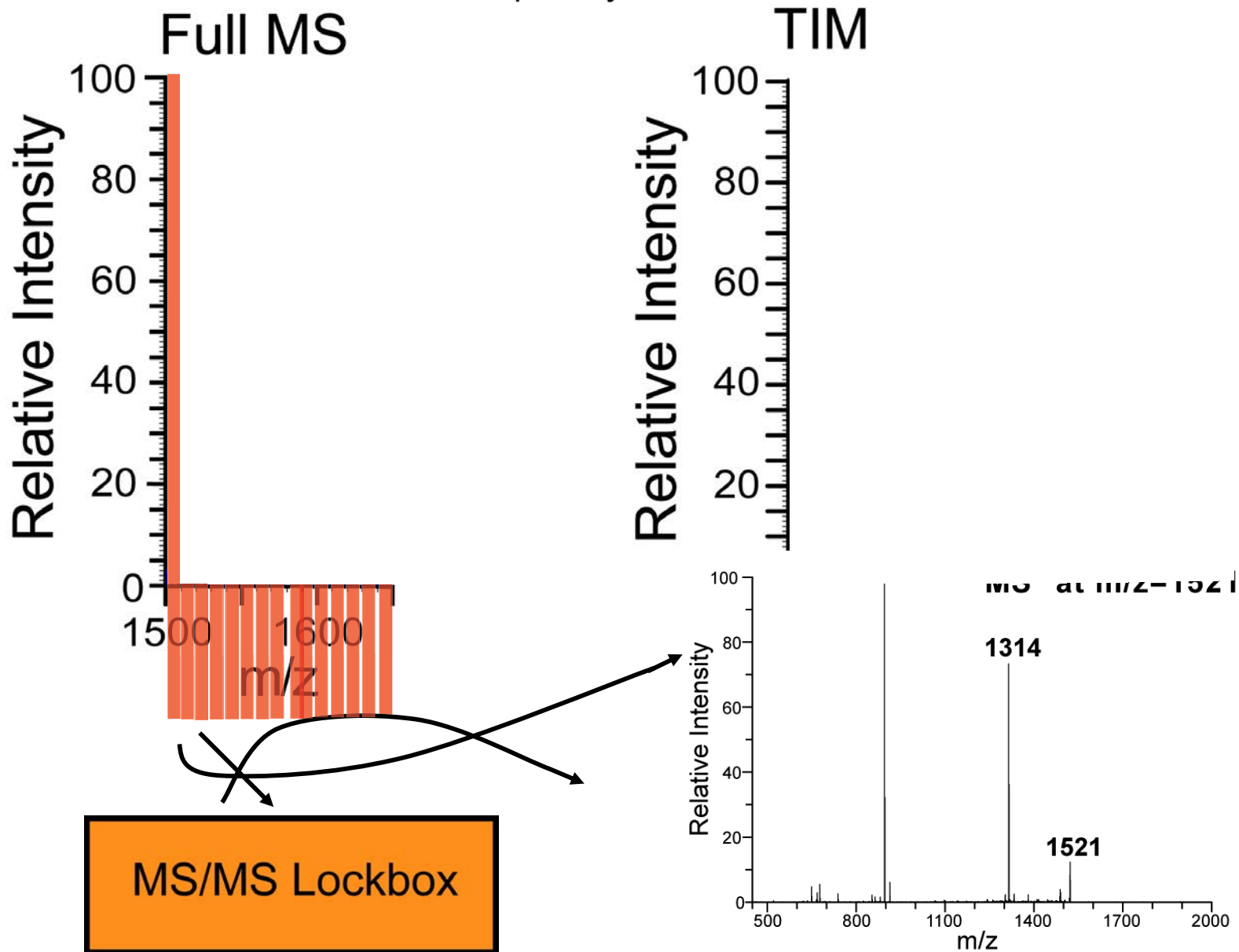


# Total Ion Mapping (TIM) for relative quantification and enhanced detection of minor glycans



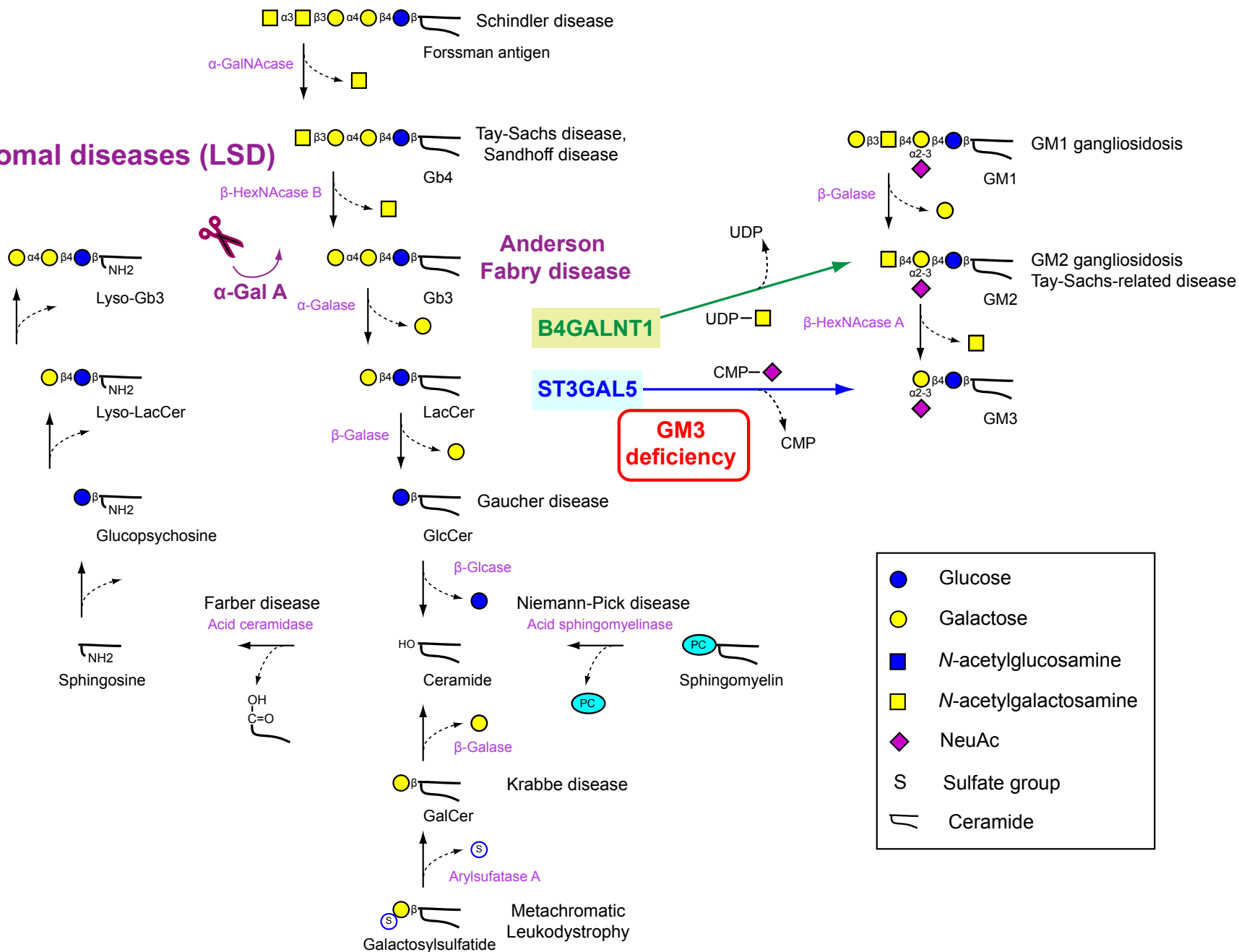


1. Trap ions within an acquisition window 2.8 mass units wide. Apply 28% collision energy, collect MS/MS spectrum, and plot TIC vs. scan time.
2. Store MS/MS fragmentation profile for future analysis.
3. Shift acquisition window by 2 mass units such that new window overlaps previous window by 0.8 mass units. Repeat cycle.



# Sphingolipid metabolism diseases

## Lysosomal diseases (LSD)



# Glycosphingolipid

glycan + lipid called ceramide (Cer)

LacCer 

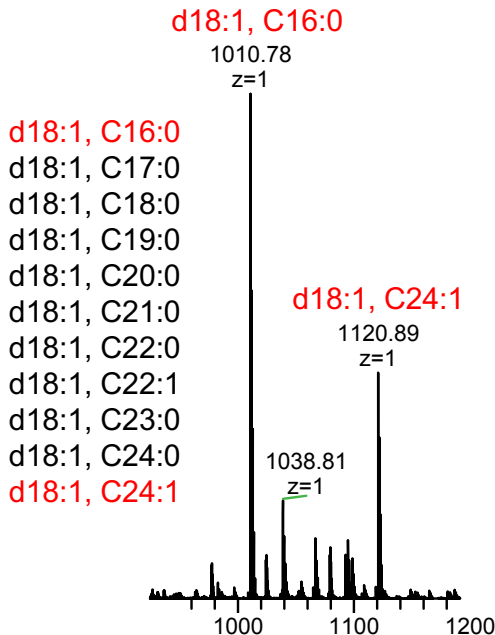
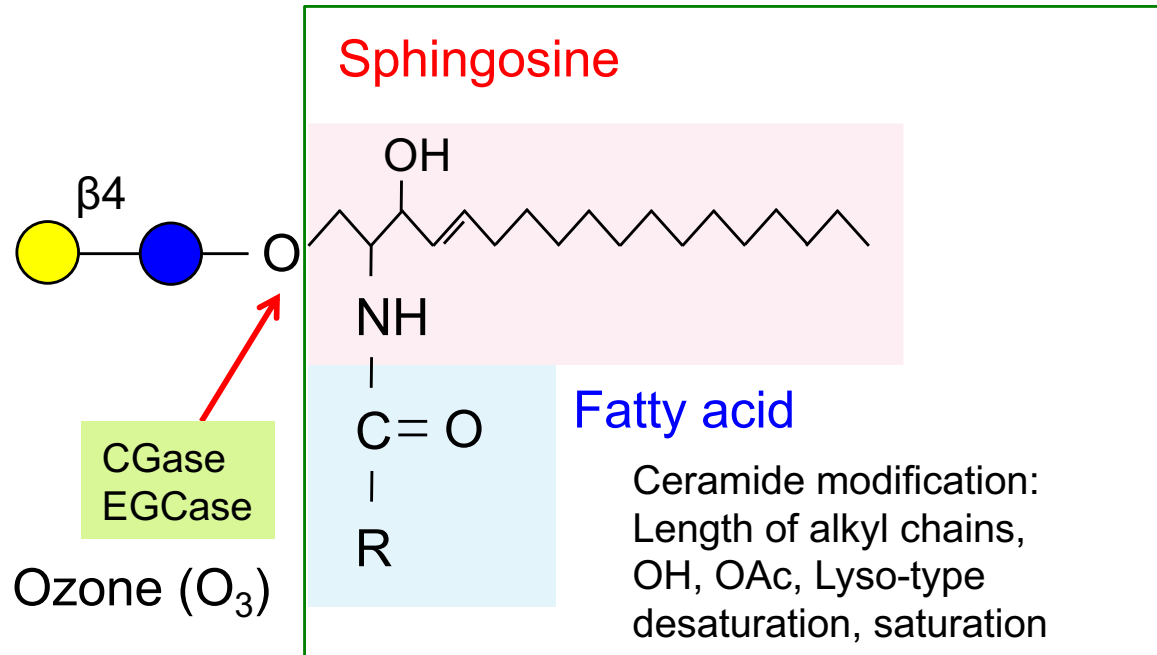
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GD3 

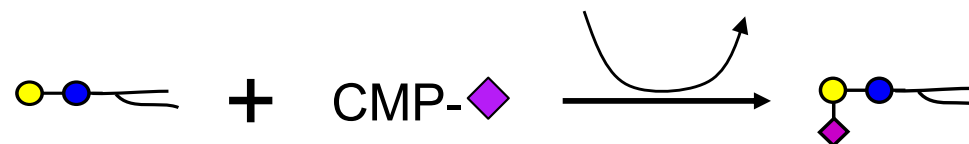
SM3 

Permethylated LacCer

## Ceramide (Cer)



## GM3 synthase





# Old Amish infantile epilepsy syndrome (GM3 synthase deficiency)

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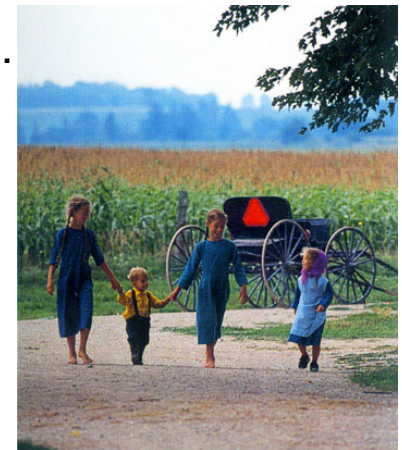
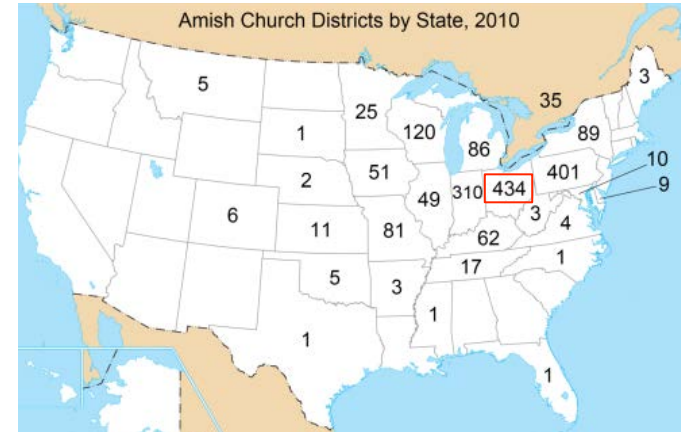
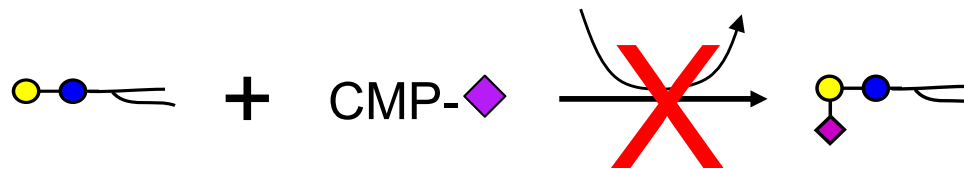
Infantile-onset symptomatic epilepsy syndrome caused by a homozygous loss-of-function mutation of GM3 synthase

Michael A Simpson<sup>1</sup>, Harold Cross<sup>2</sup>, Christos Proukakis<sup>1</sup>, David A Priestman<sup>3</sup>, David C A Neville<sup>3</sup>, Gabriele Reinkensmeier<sup>3</sup>, Heng Wang<sup>4</sup>, Max Wiznitzer<sup>5</sup>, Kay Gurtz<sup>6</sup>, Argyro Verganelaki<sup>1</sup>, Anna Pryde<sup>1</sup>, Michael A Patton<sup>1</sup>, Raymond A Dwek<sup>3</sup>, Terry D Butters<sup>3</sup>, Frances M Platt<sup>3</sup> & Andrew H Crosby<sup>1</sup>

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- Identified from Ohio Amish communities.
- Loss of function of ST3GAL5 gene disrupts plasma ganglioside biosynthesis.
- Lack of GM3 and other complex gangliosides.
- Increase of LacCer.

GM3 synthase



## **A mutation in a ganglioside biosynthetic enzyme, *ST3GAL5*, results in salt & pepper syndrome, a neurocutaneous disorder with altered glycolipid and glycoprotein glycosylation**

Luigi Boccuto<sup>1,†</sup>, Kazuhiro Aoki<sup>2,†</sup>, Heather Flanagan-Steet<sup>2</sup>, Chin-Fu Chen<sup>1</sup>, Xiang Fan<sup>2</sup>, Frank Bartel<sup>1</sup>, Marharyta Petukh<sup>3</sup>, Ayla Pittman<sup>1</sup>, Robert Saul<sup>1</sup>, Alka Chaubey<sup>1</sup>, Emil Alexov<sup>3</sup>, Michael Tiemeyer<sup>2,\*</sup>, Richard Steet<sup>2,\*</sup> and Charles E. Schwartz<sup>1,\*</sup>

Identified from African-American siblings.

Identified a a missense mutation (p.E332K) mutation in the GM3 synthase gene.



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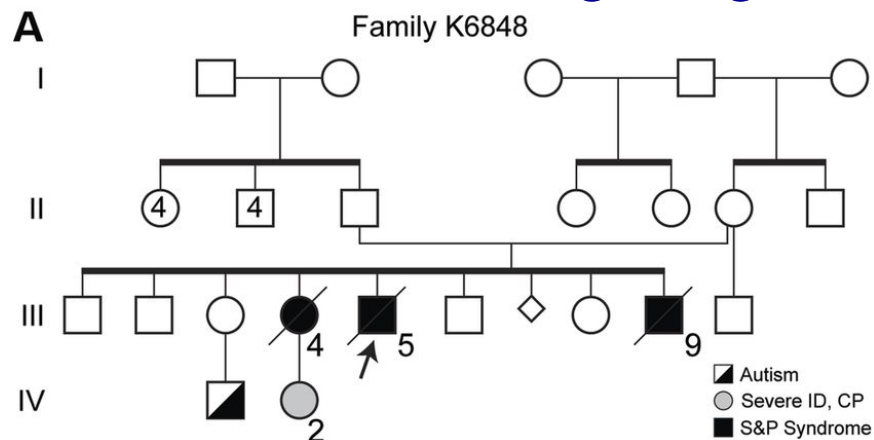
## **Refractory epilepsy and mitochondrial dysfunction due to GM3 synthase deficiency**

Konstantina Fragaki<sup>1,2,9</sup>, Samira Ait-El-Mkadem<sup>1,2,9</sup>, Annabelle Chaussenot<sup>1</sup>, Catherine Gire<sup>3</sup>, Raymond Mengual<sup>4</sup>, Laurent Bonesso<sup>4</sup>, Marie Bénétiau<sup>5</sup>, Jean-Ehrland Ricci<sup>5</sup>, Valérie Desquiret-Dumas<sup>6,7</sup>, Vincent Procaccio<sup>6,7</sup>, Agnès Rötig<sup>8</sup> and Véronique Paquis-Flucklinger<sup>\*,1,2</sup>

Identified from French cohorts.

Identified a single homozygous nonsense mutation (p.Arg288\*) in the GM3 synthase gene.

# Salt and Pepper Syndrome: applying glycomic technology to investigating human disease mechanism



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III-5

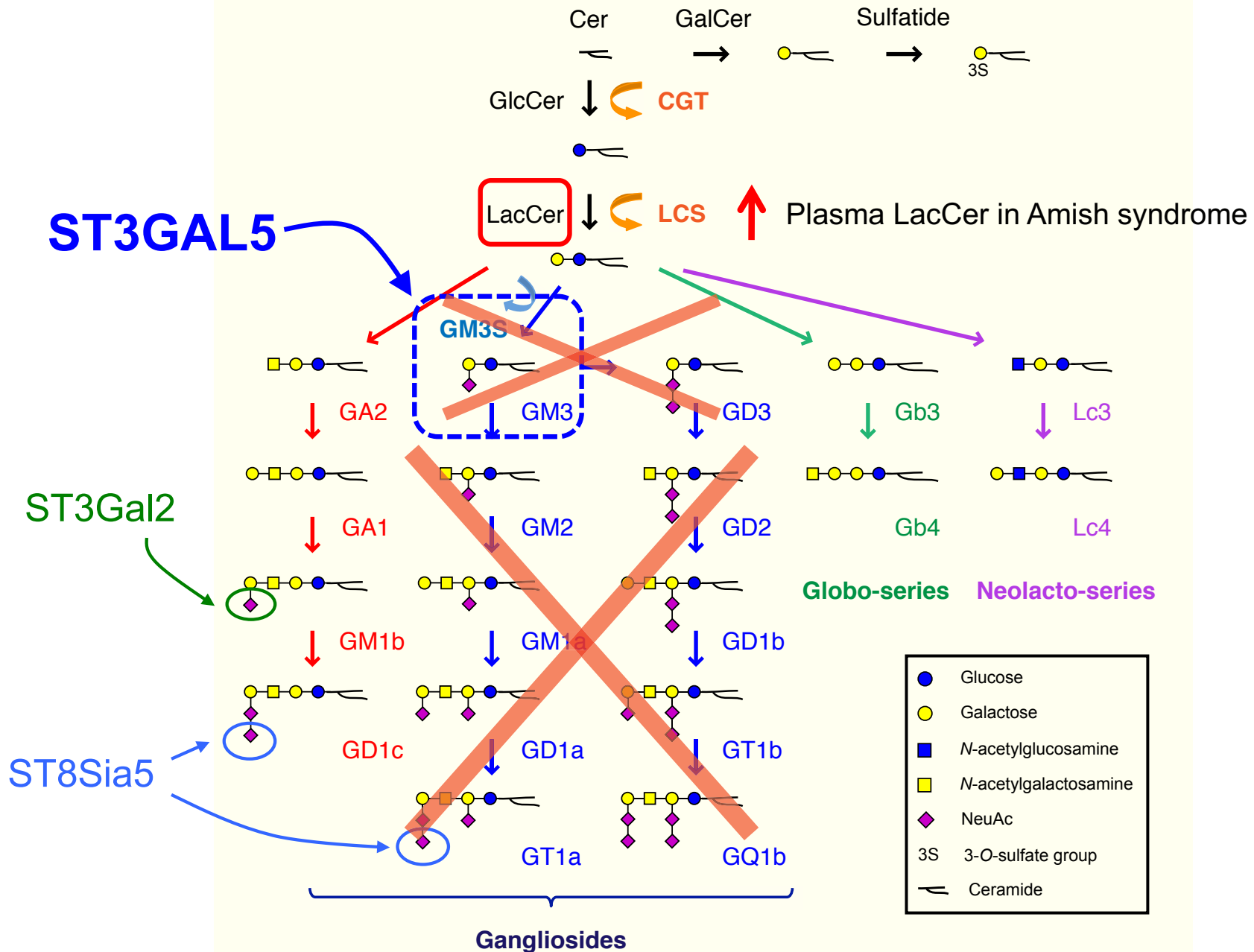
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- In 1983, identified in 1 african-american family in the southeastern US at the Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC
- Profound intellectual disability
- Failure to thrive
- Seizure disorder
- Midface hypoplasia
- Scattered dermal hyper- and hypopigmentation
- A missense mutation (p.E332K) was identified in the ST3GAL5 (GM3 synthase) gene of two siblings.
- This newly identified syndrome is allelic to Old Amish infantile epilepsy syndrome.



# Altered GSL biosynthesis in GM3 deficiency



Allelic to a disorder described in Ohio and Pennsylvania  
Amish communities (caucasian)

Salt and Pepper  
Syndrome

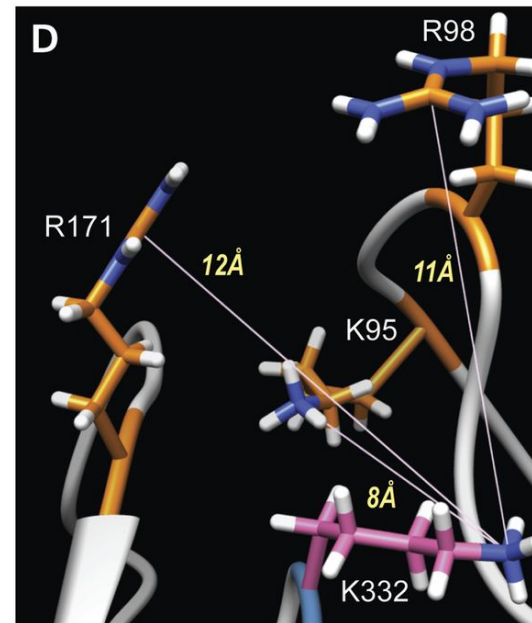
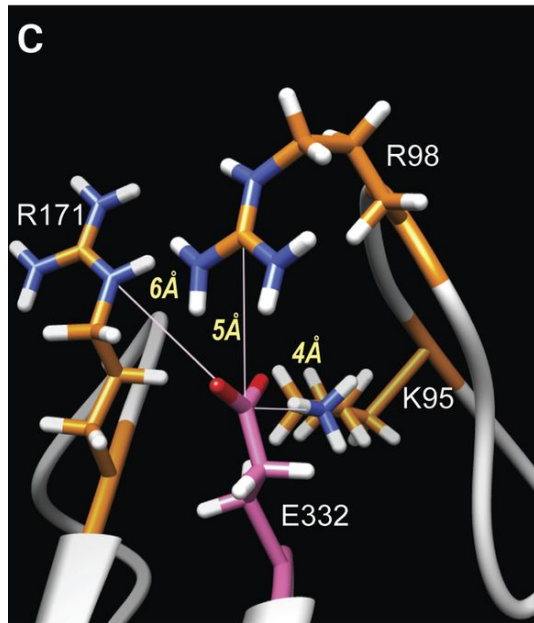
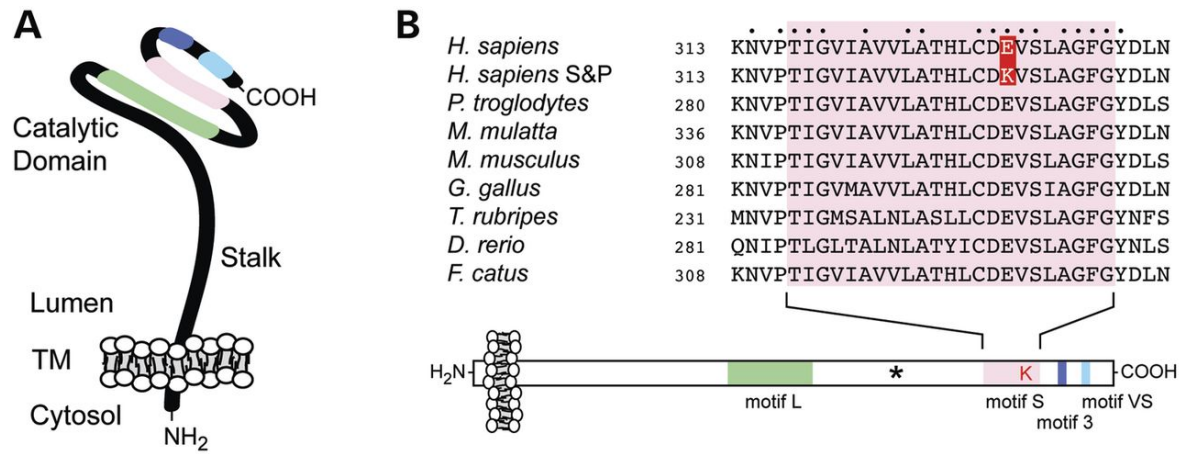


Old Amish infantile  
epilepsy syndrome



Salt and Pepper Syndrome: missense mutation (E332K) in ST3GalV (GM3 Synthase); Amish syndrome: truncation (R232X) in ST3GalV

# The ST3GAL5 mutation in S&P syndrome generates a p.E322K missense mutation within a highly conserved sialyltransferase domain.



Hum. Mol. Genet. 2013;hmg.ddt434

Does a single mutation of *st3gal5* gene impact on other glycosylation machinery?

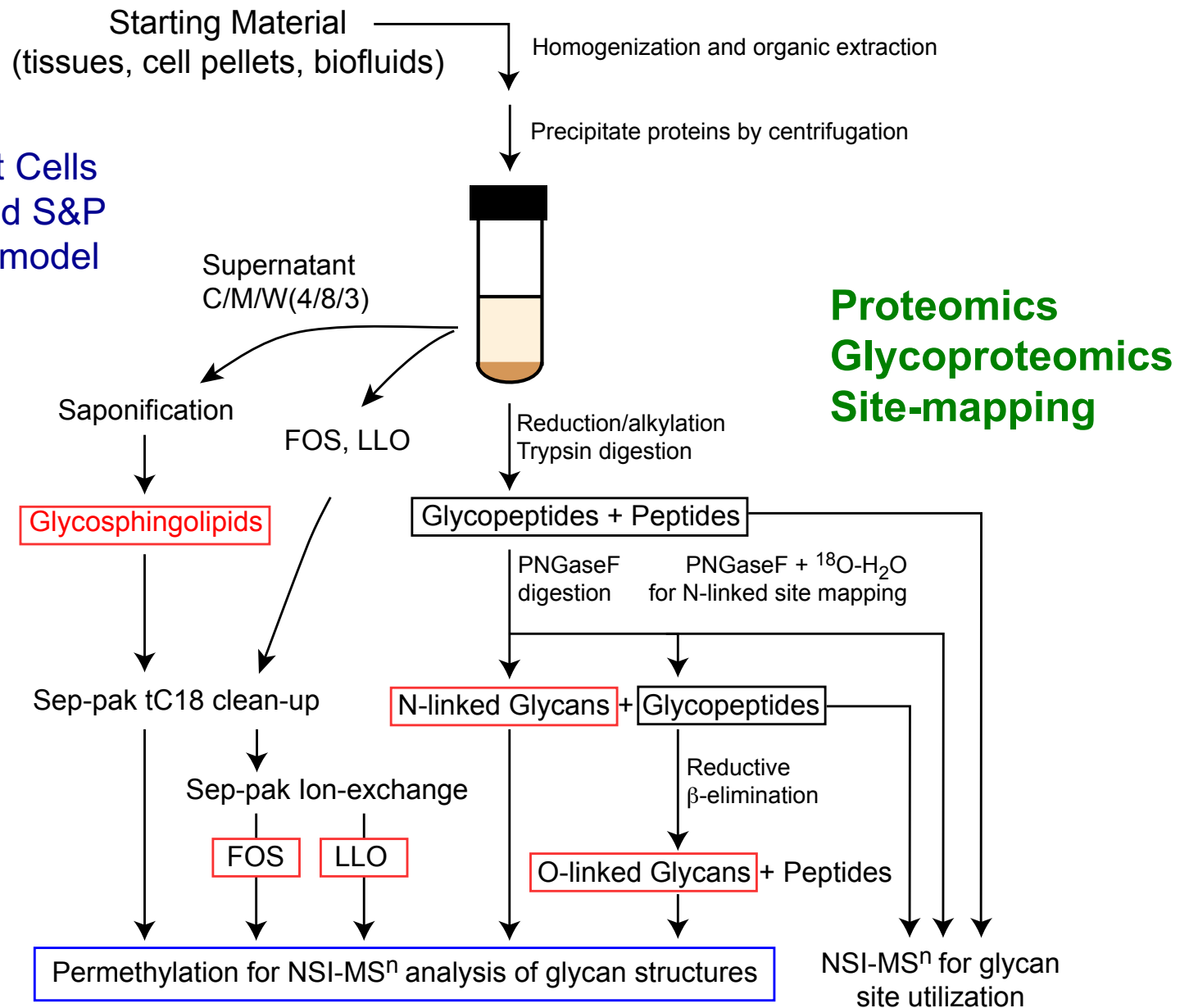


# Applying MS-based comprehensive glycomics to investigate the disease mechanism

## GM3 deficiency

Fibroblast, Neural Crest Cells derived from Control and S&P iPS cells and zebrafish model

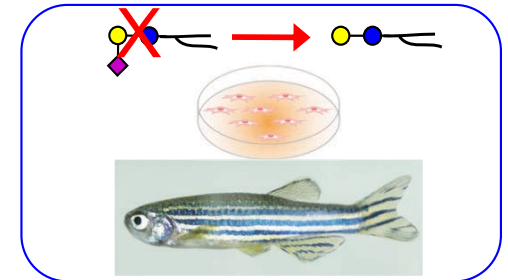
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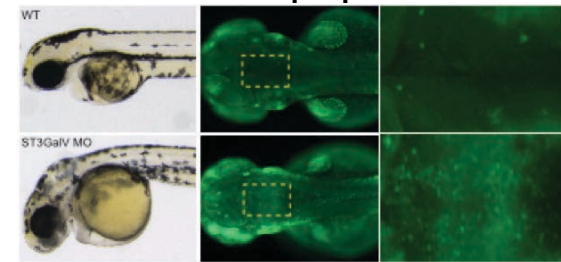
# Human Salt and Pepper fibroblasts compared to Zebrafish morpholino ST3Gal5 model

- Human fibroblasts show greater loss of GM3 (functional null) than detected in Zebrafish morpholino knockdown.
- Zebrafish phenotype indicates neural cell death is increased when GM3 and other complex gangliosides are decreased.
- Zebrafish model also demonstrates increase of glycoprotein sialylation.
- Would be useful to investigate this in neural cells derived from human Salt and Pepper or Amish populations.

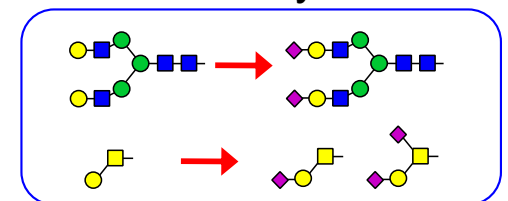
Lack of GM3



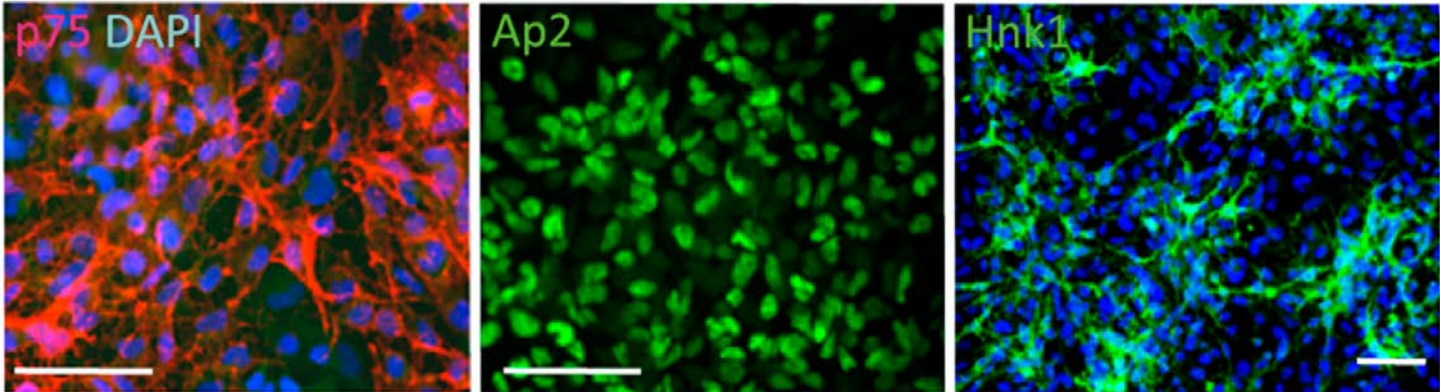
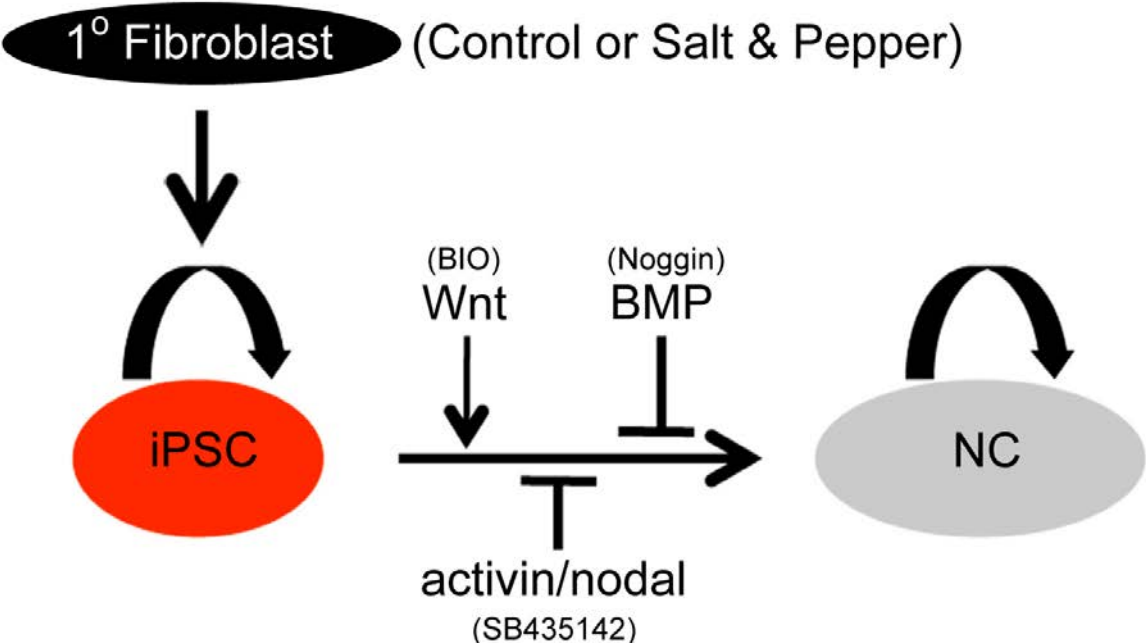
Neural apoptosis



More sialylation



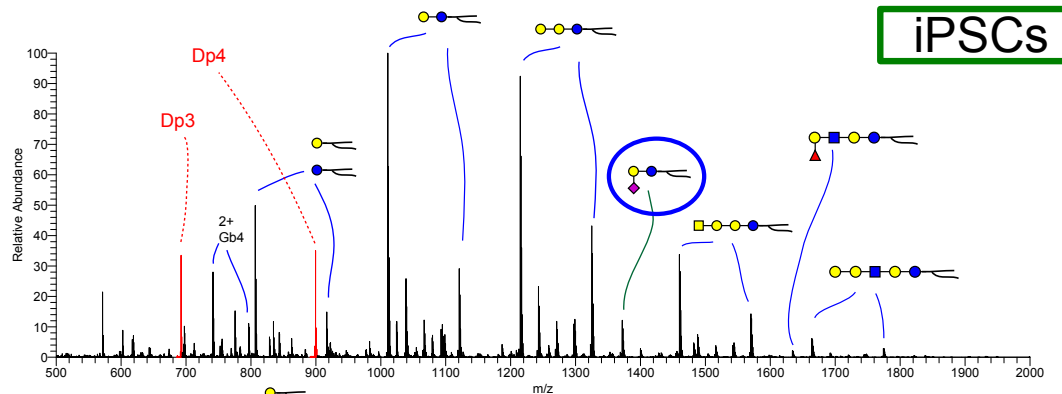
# Generation of induced pluripotent cells from S&P fibroblasts



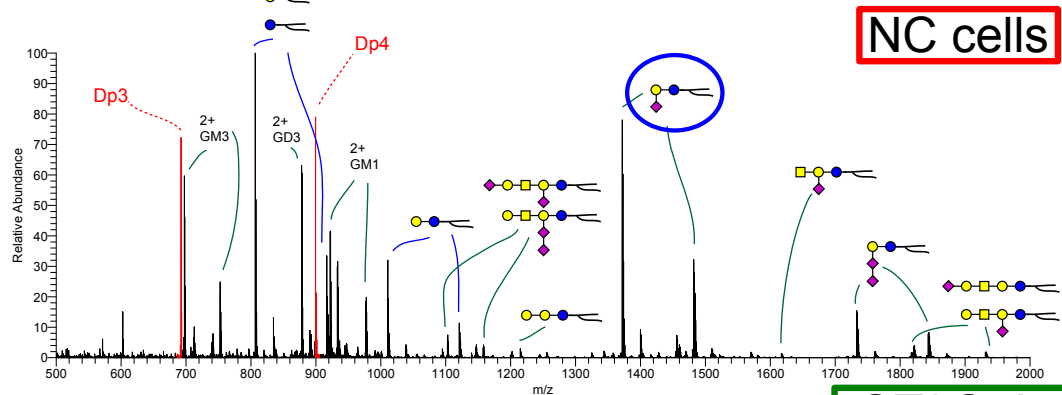
Also, negative for Sox2, Pax6, Oct4, Nanog

# NSI-MS profiles

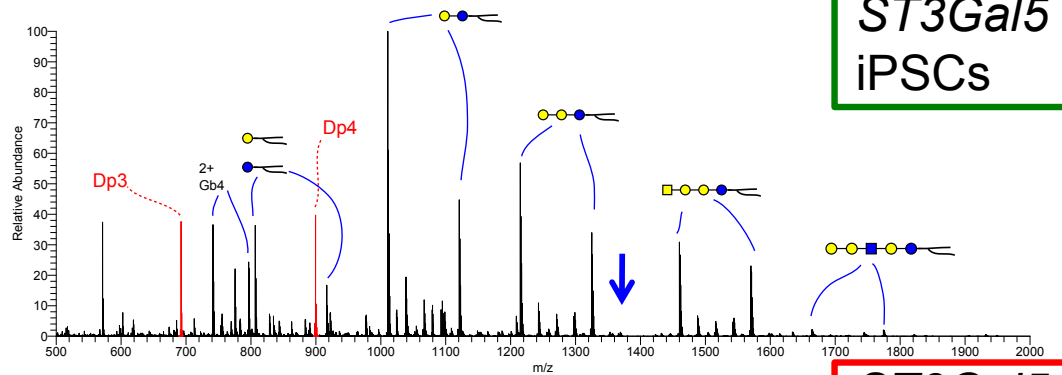
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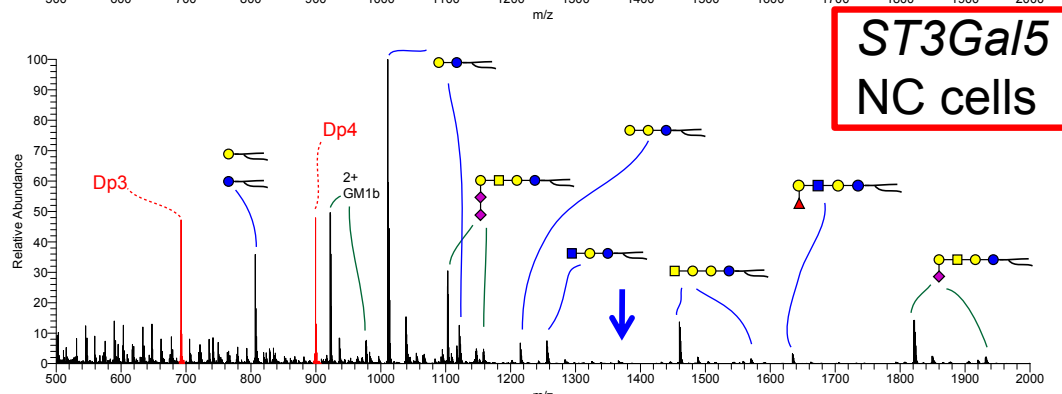
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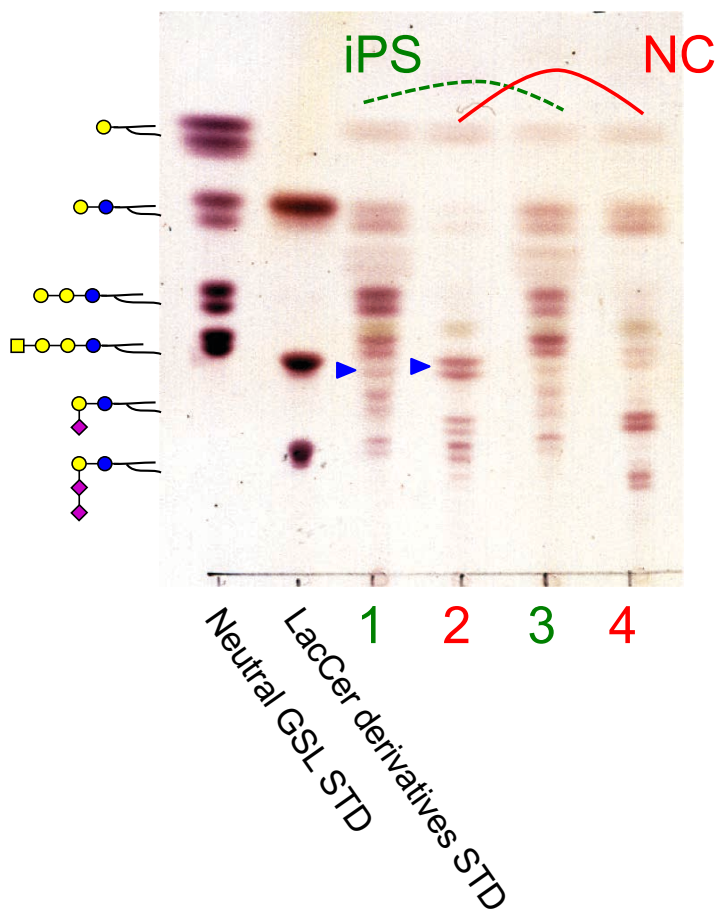
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# Pennsylvania Amish



## Clinic for Special Children

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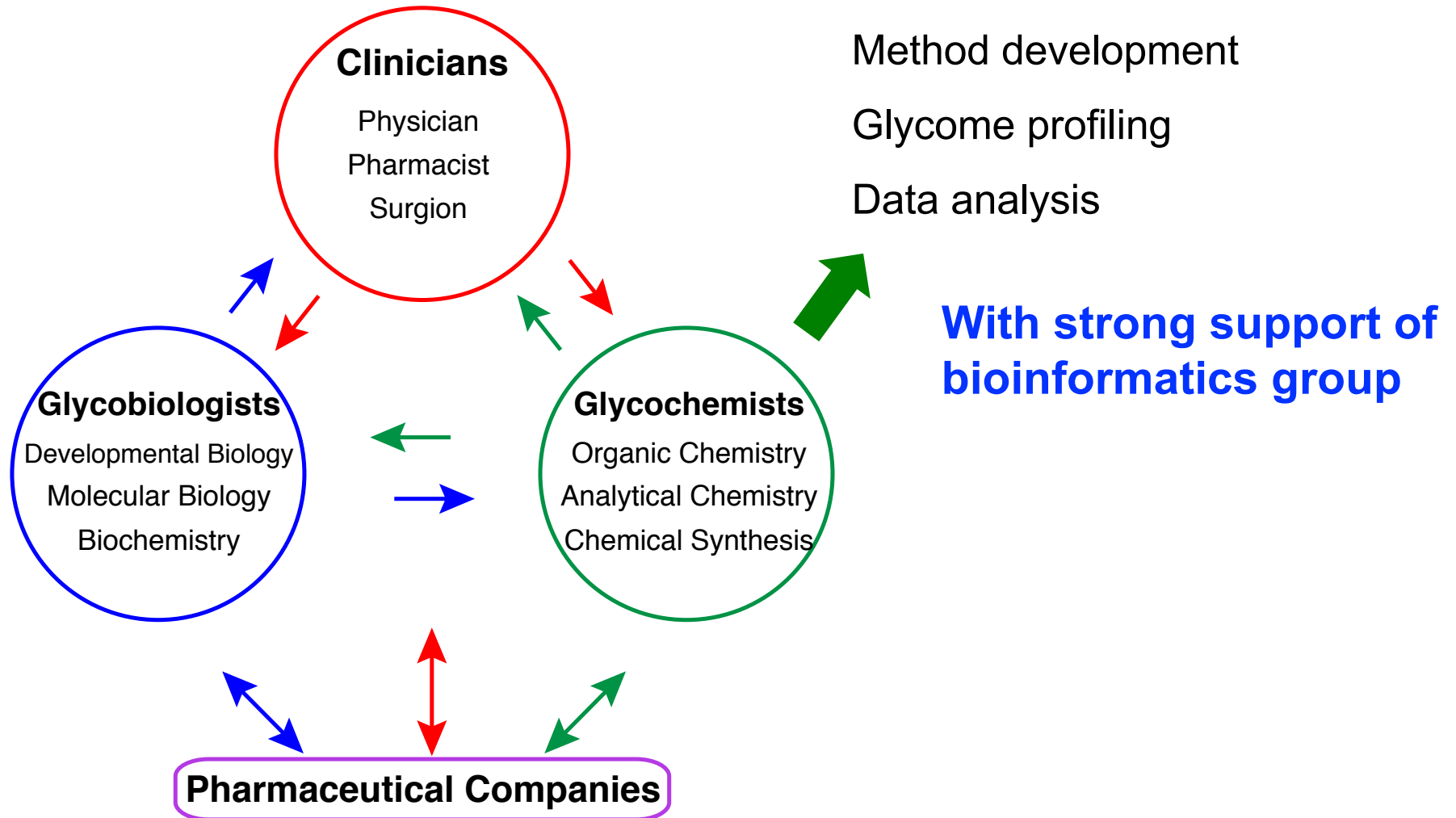


Erik Puffenberger, Kevin Strauss and Holmes Morton (from left to right) in front of the Clinic for Special Children, which treats those with inherited disorders.

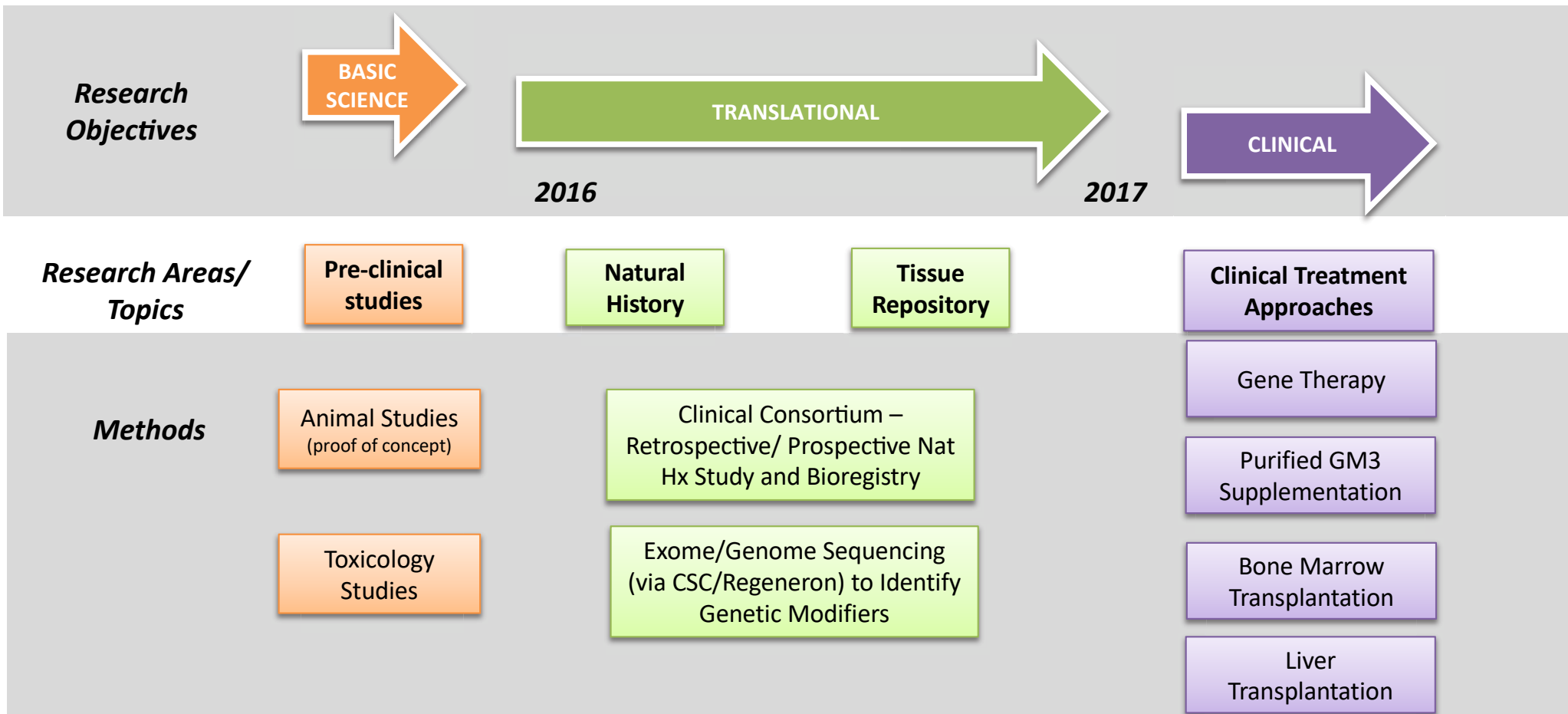
# Genomics, plain and simple

*A Pennsylvania clinic working with Amish and Mennonite communities could be a model for personalized medicine.*

# Linking to human health and disease





# GM3 Synthase Deficiency Research Roadmap to a Cure



# Umbilical Cord blood stem cell transplant

Connor Mast, DOB 10/27/2015



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## Surgery at 6months old

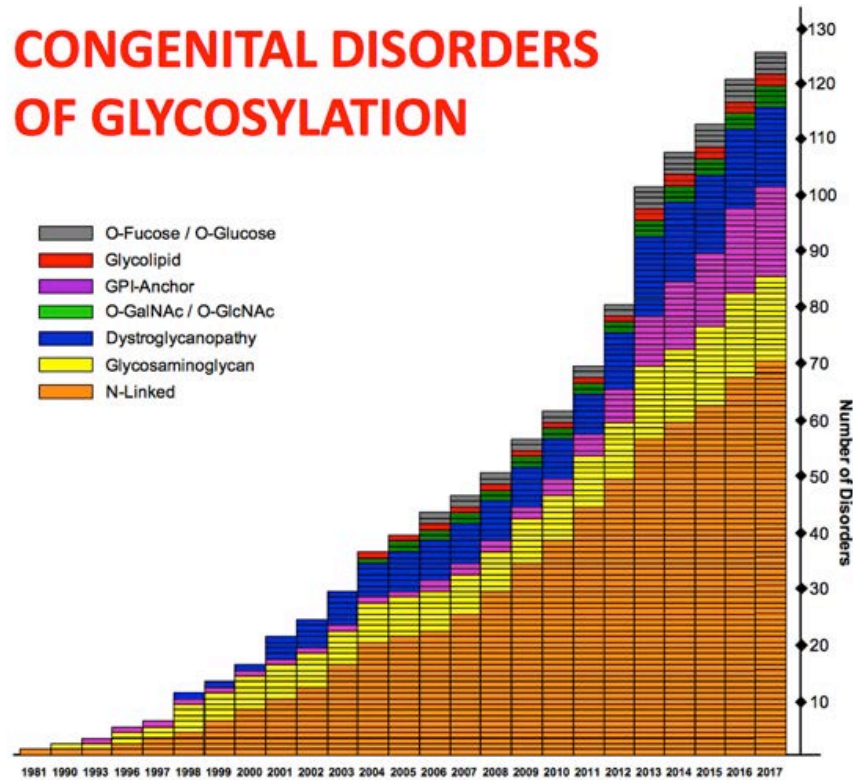
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Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC



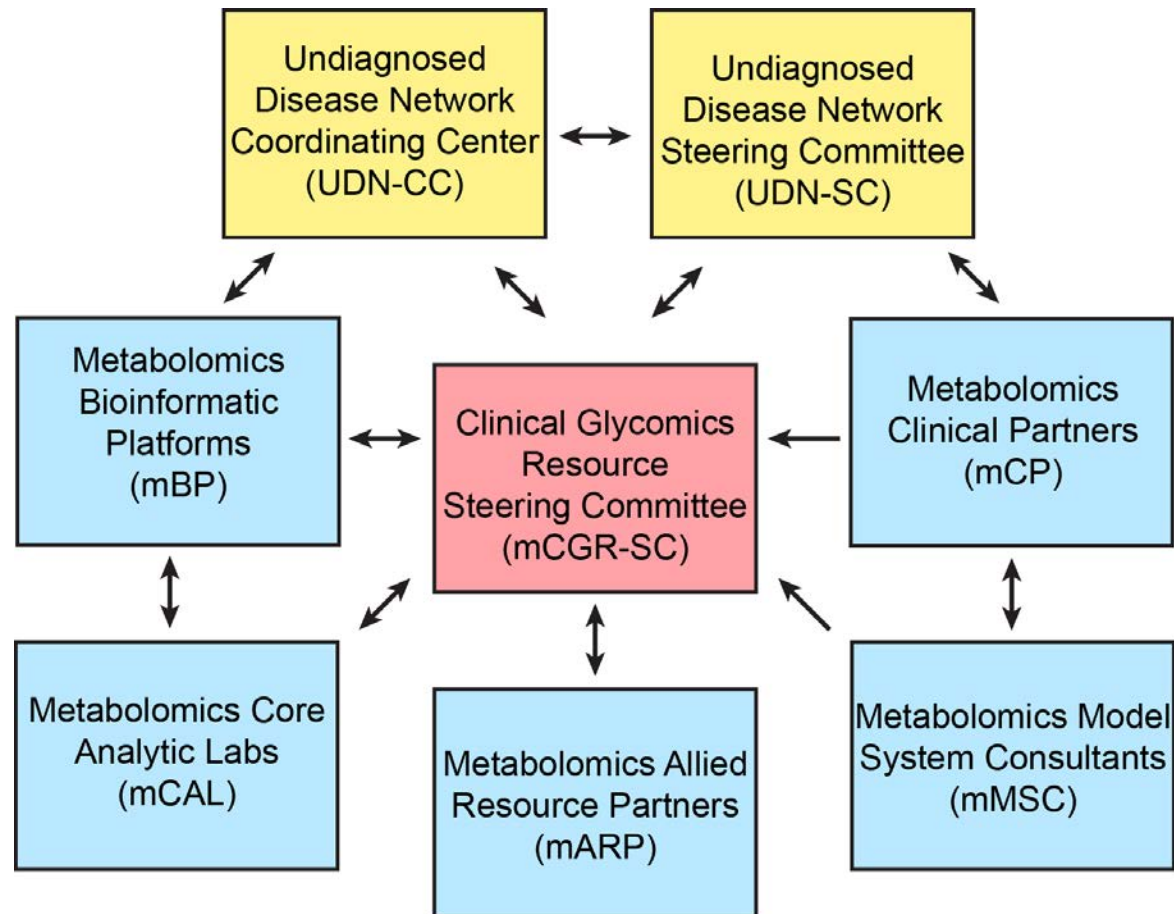
# Increasing identification of human disorders that affect glycosylation

## CONGENITAL DISORDERS OF GLYCOSYLATION



We are applying our glycomic technologies for deciphering disease mechanisms in undiagnosed disorders.

# Establishment of Clinical Glycomic Resource for Characterizing Undiagnosed Diseases

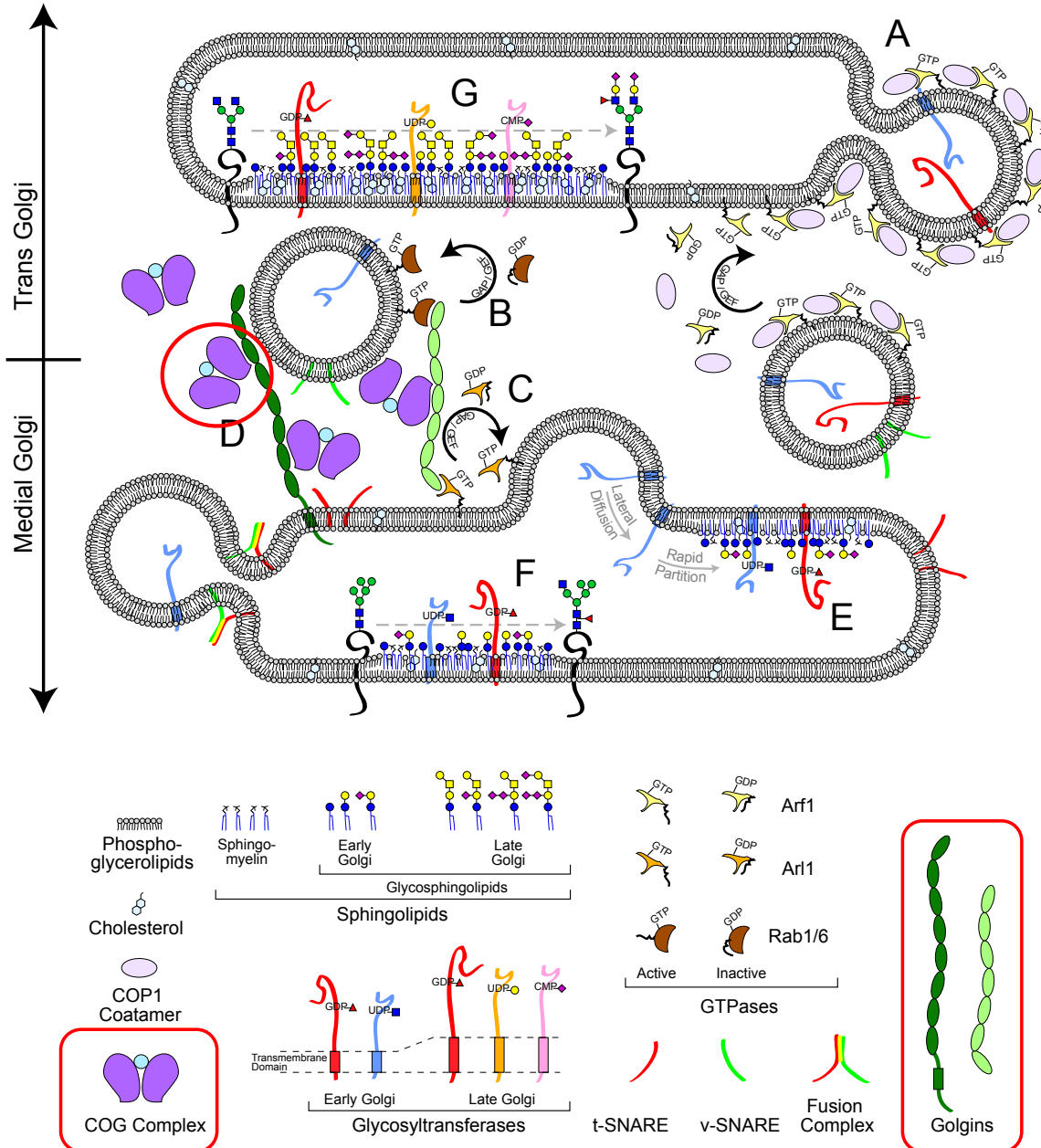


Hum Mol Genet. 2009 Sep 1;18(17):3244-56.

Golgi function and dysfunction in the first **COG4**-deficient CDG type II patient.

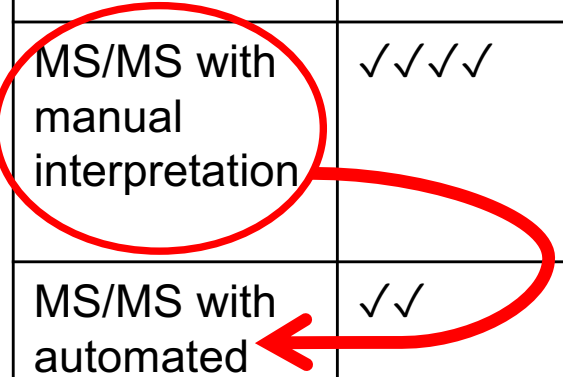
Reynders E, et al.

# Analysis of COG4-deficient zebrafish (CDG type II)



# The spectrum of mass spectrometry for glycomics

Type of analysis	Expertise required	Throughput	Pros	Cons	Useful for
MS	✓	High	Fastest	Least structural information	First pass analysis of spectral complexity
MS/MS with manual interpretation	✓✓✓✓	Low	Yields structural topology	Slow, requires significant expertise	Comparison of small sample number
MS/MS with automated interpretation	✓✓	High	Yields structural topology and high throughput	Requires highly curated, non-redundant database	Comparison of many samples
MS <sup>n</sup>	✓✓✓✓✓✓	Extremely Low	Yields greatest amount of structural information	Slow, requires high level of expertise	Discovering novel glycans, focused analysis on small sample size





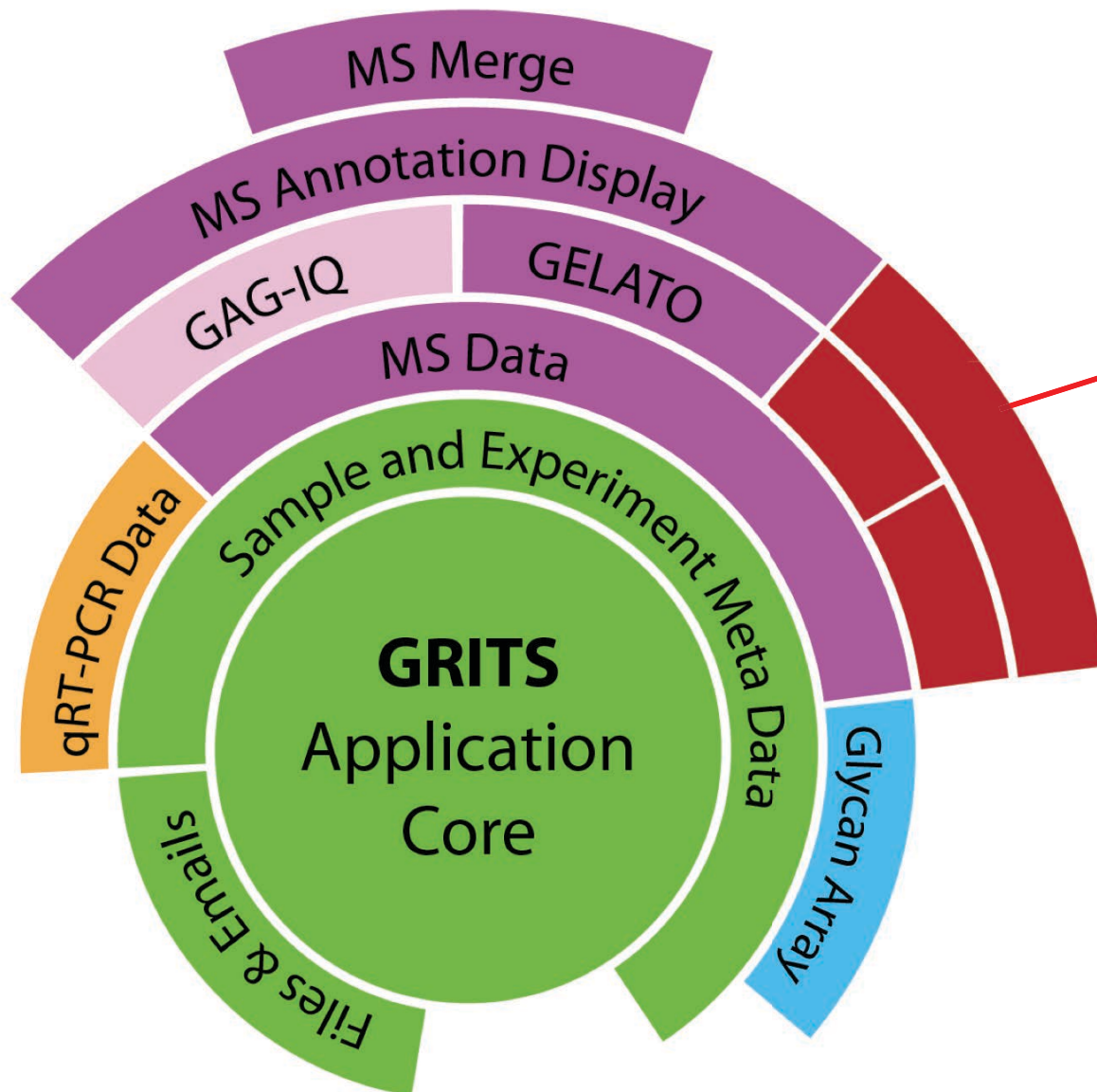
Although interpretation of MS and MS/MS data builds great camaraderie among graduate students, post-docs, and faculty....

This is me. 10 years ago.  
I am still doing this.





# An extendible software platform for the processing and archiving of glycomics data



New plugins for processing and analysis of **glycolipid MS data** as common funds Projects (R21, PIs: KA&RR)

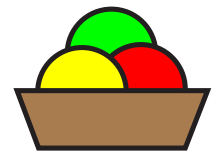
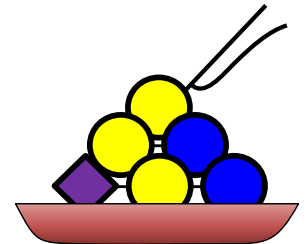
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The Common Fund

# DANGO: An MS Data Annotation Systems for Glycolipid-omics

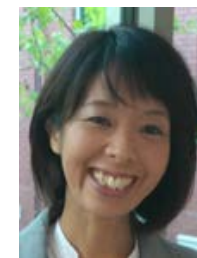
- Semi-automated annotation software for glycolipids
  - Support high throughput MS data analysis
  - Reduce the time required for annotation
- Development as a part of GRITS-Toolbox
  - Reuse GELATO systems for glycan annotation
  - Implement calculation systems for lipid from scratch
  - Annotate glycolipids as combination of glycan and lipid



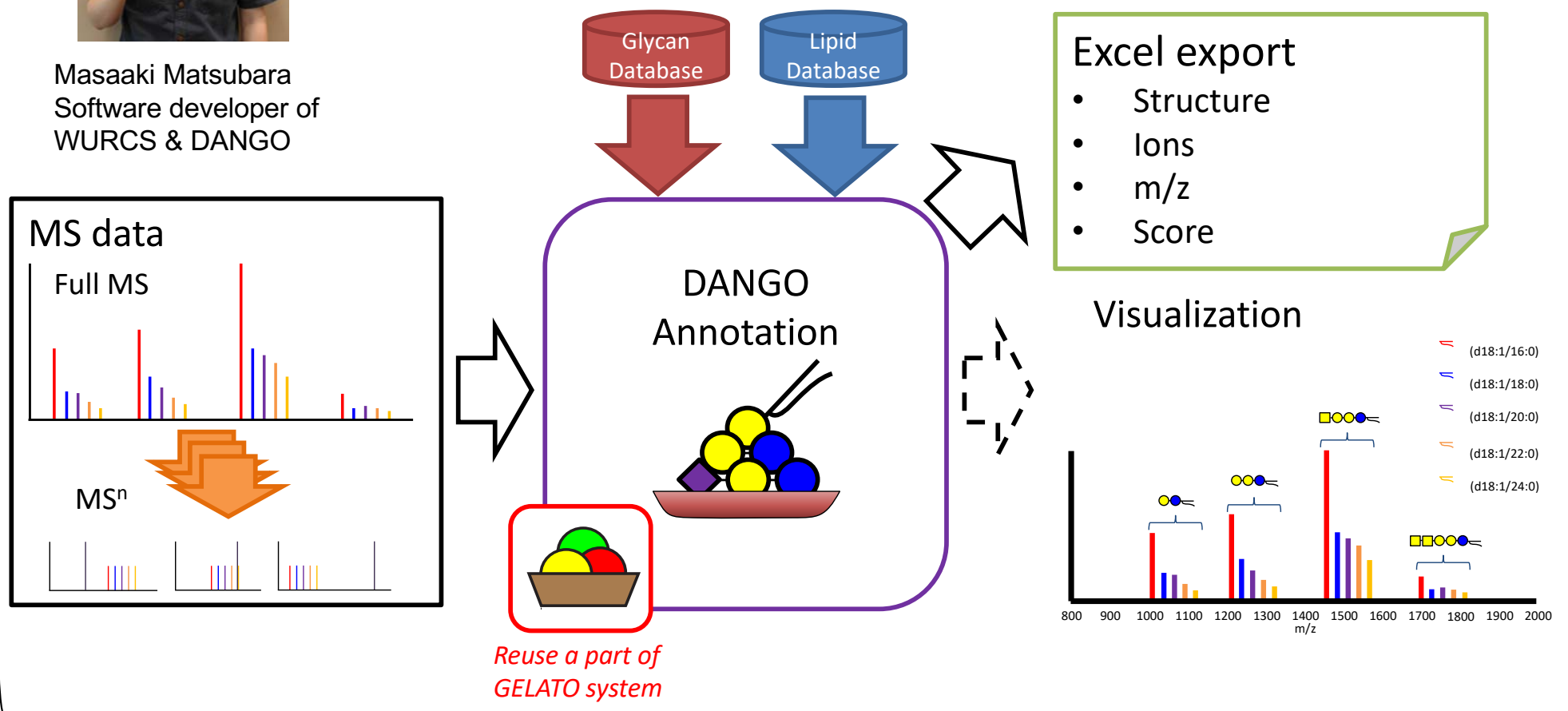
# DANGO annotation workflow



Masaaki Matsubara  
Software developer of  
WURCS & DANGO



Mayumi Ishihara  
GSL analyst



GRITS Toolbox



# How to generate glycan database, tools and the web resources

## Glycan class

N-glycan

O-glycan

GSL

GAG

FOS

LLO

GPI

Other complex glycans

## Species/cell type specific glycans

### Human derived samples

Biofluids (serum, RBC), cultured cells, tissues, etc

### Model organisms

Drosophila, zebrafish, worm, yeast, slim mold, etc

### Other living organisms

Sturgeon, dolphin, cat fish, salmon, sea turtle, soft-shell turtle, coyote, raccoon, bobcat, ring-neck duck, wild pig, opossum, frog, alligator, etc

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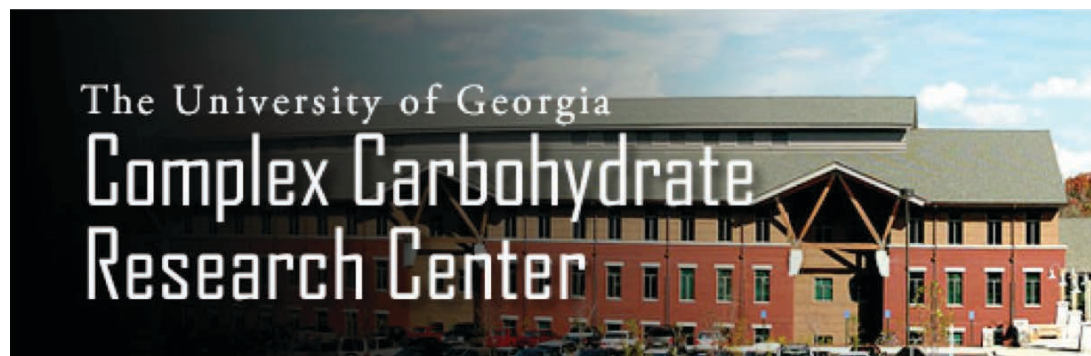
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