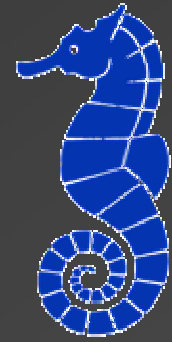




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Oxylipins in Marine Diatoms

First report of oxylipins in marine diatoms



2-trans-4-trans-7-cis decatrienal



2-trans-4-cis-7-cis decatrienal

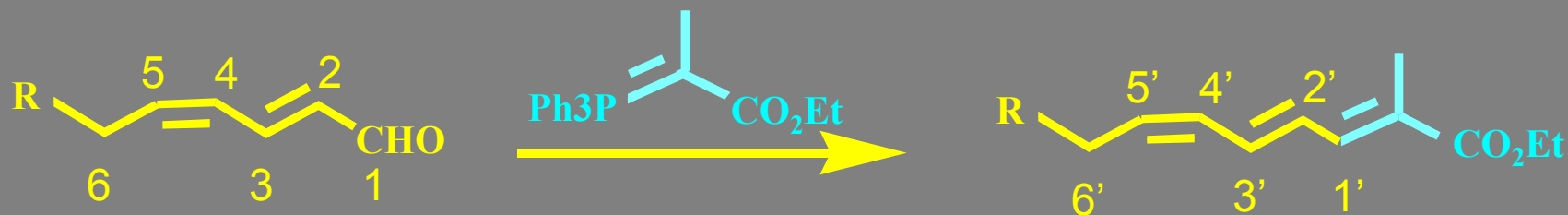


2-trans-4-trans decadienal

Miralto et al. *Nature* 1999,402:173-176

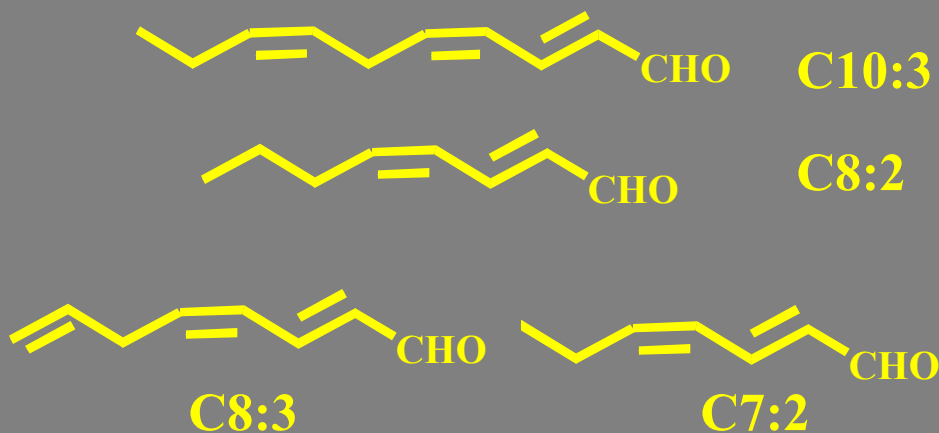
Aldehydes were correlated to the antiproliferative effect of diatoms on copepod reproduction

Detection of Short Chain Aldehydes in Diatom Extracts

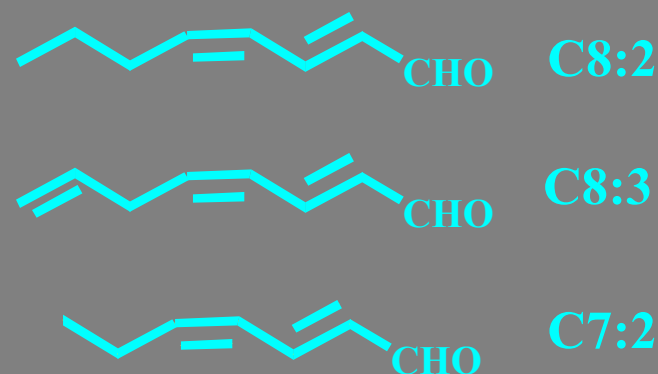


The reaction was directly applied on diatom extracts

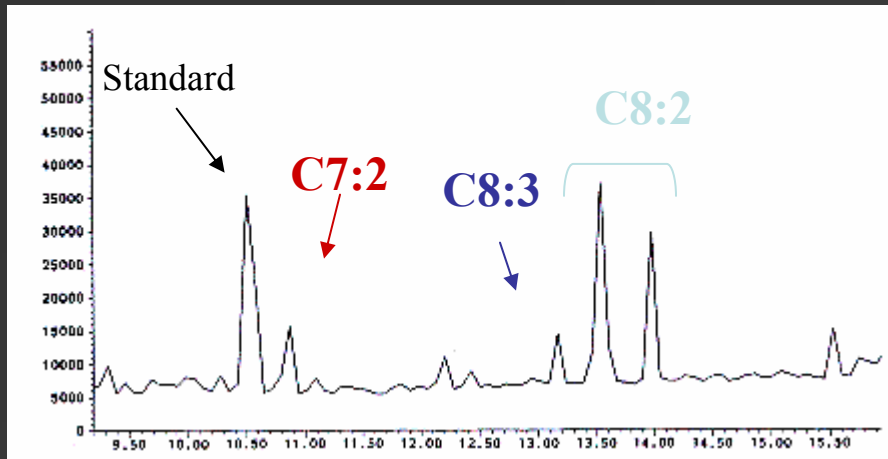
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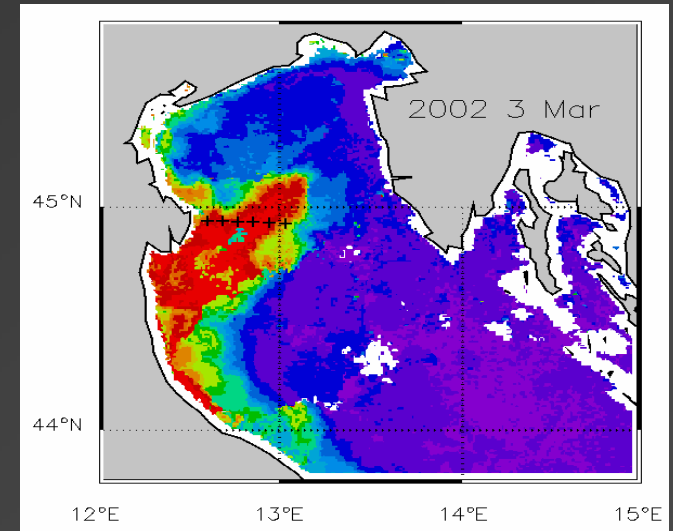
Skeletonema costatum



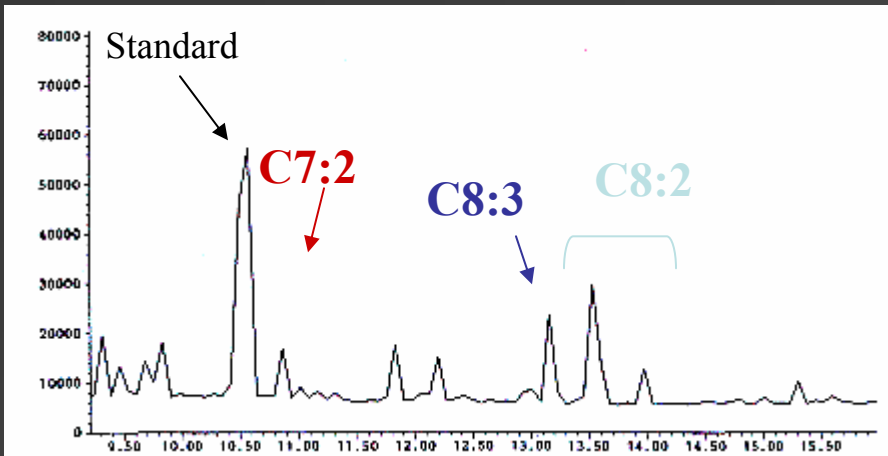
Skeletonema costatum: major diatom blooming species



Aldehydic pool of Adriatic phytoplankton



2001-2005



Aldehydic pool of *Skeletonema costatum*

Chemical data support:
- **phytoplankton composition**
- **production and mortality of copepod eggs**

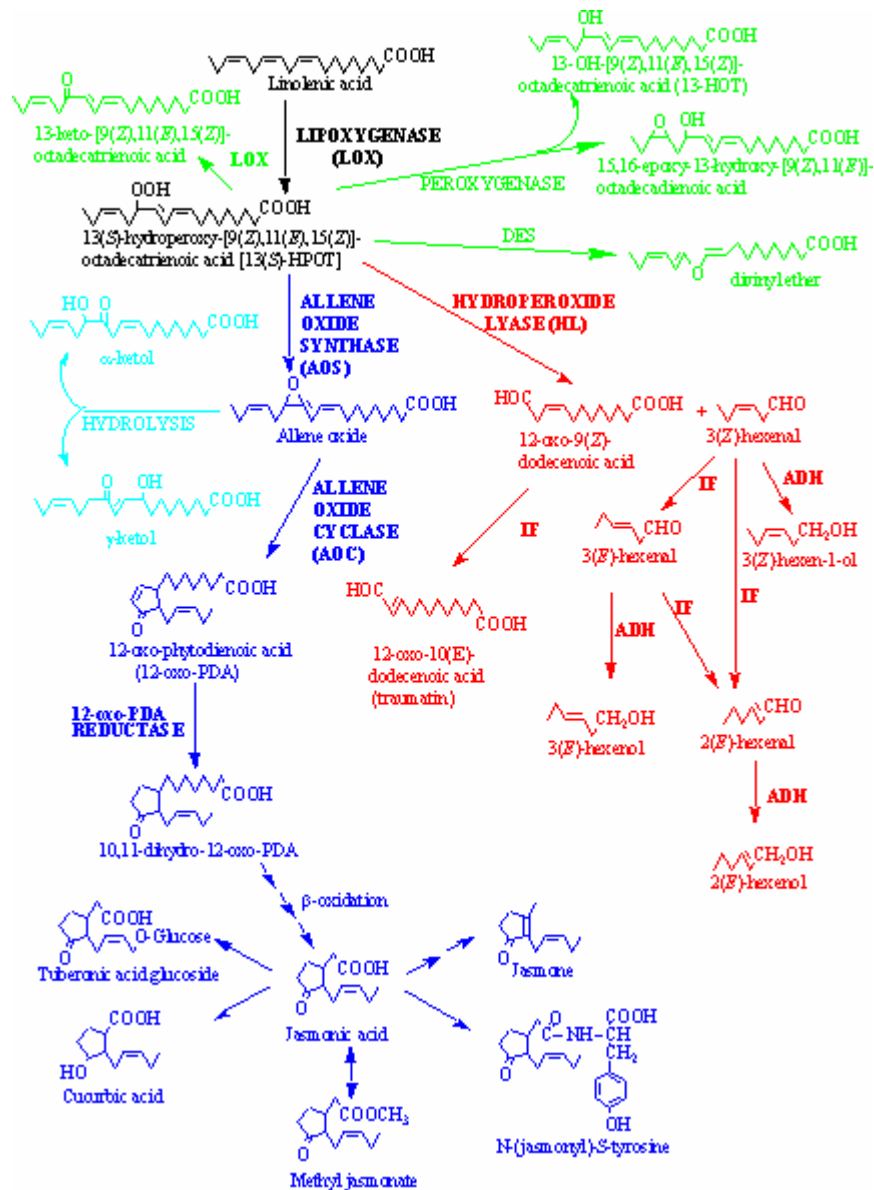
1) Clarification of the biosynthetic pathway leading to aldehydes

- To understand what the regulating factors of the process are
- To develop a molecular approach to study field and lab samples.

2) Distribution and diversity of oxylipin pathway in different diatoms

- To understand if aldehydes are the only molecules involved in diatom-copepod interactions

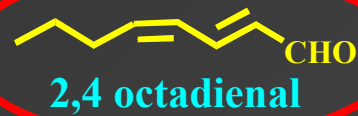
Oxylipin pathway in plants



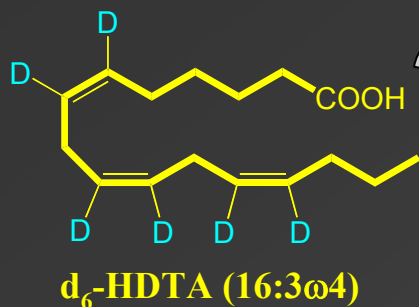
“Oxylipins” : oxygenated compounds biosynthesized from fatty acids by oxygenase-catalyzed oxygenation

Aldehydes formed through lipoxygenase/hydroperoxide lyase pathway

S. costatum

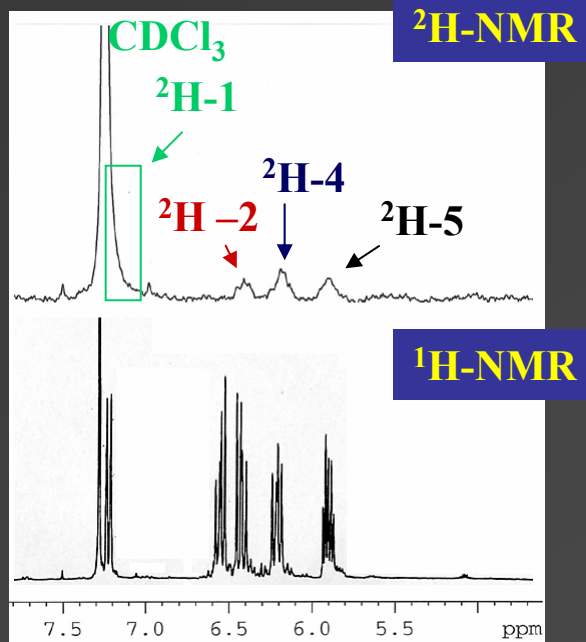


Biosynthesis of octadienal

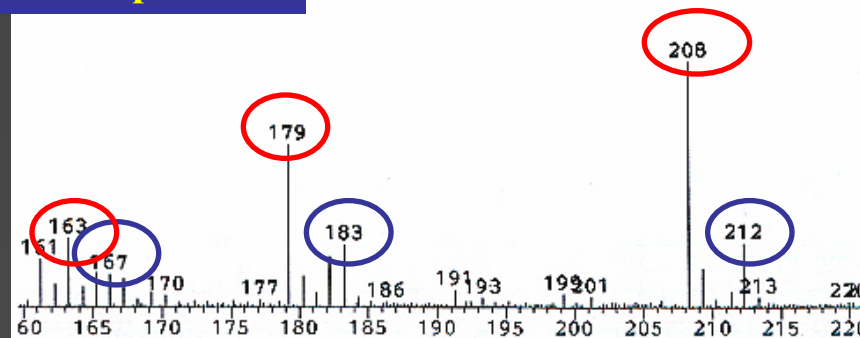


Cell-free
S. costatum

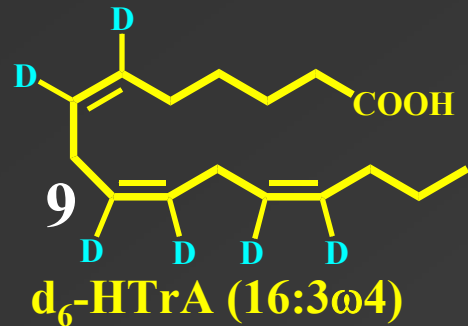
Derivatized
aldehydic pool



EI-MS spectrum

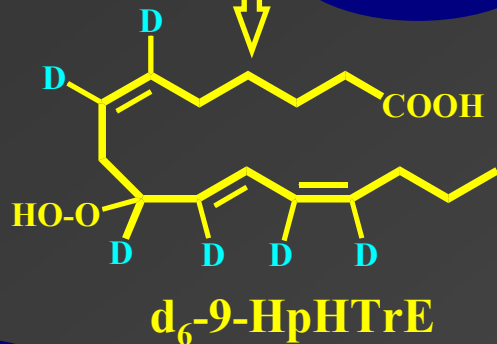


Plausible mechanism of octadienal formation

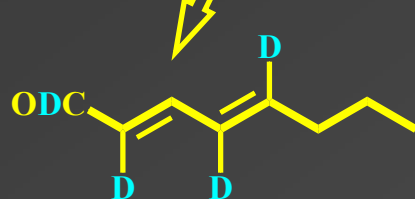


9-LOX

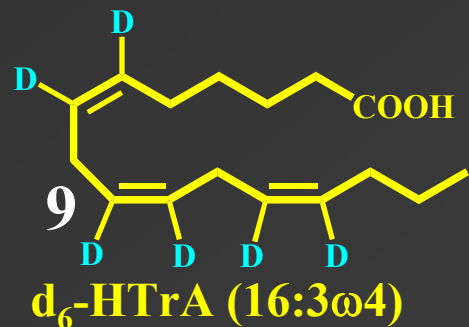
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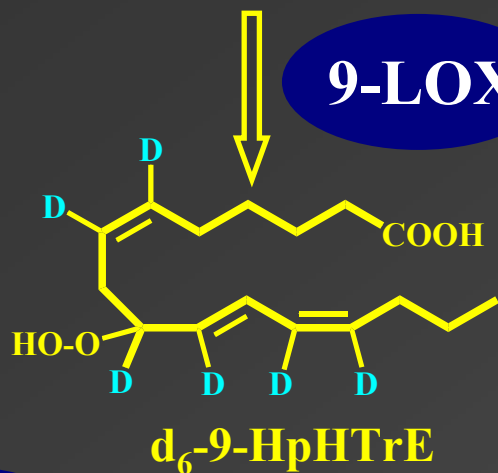
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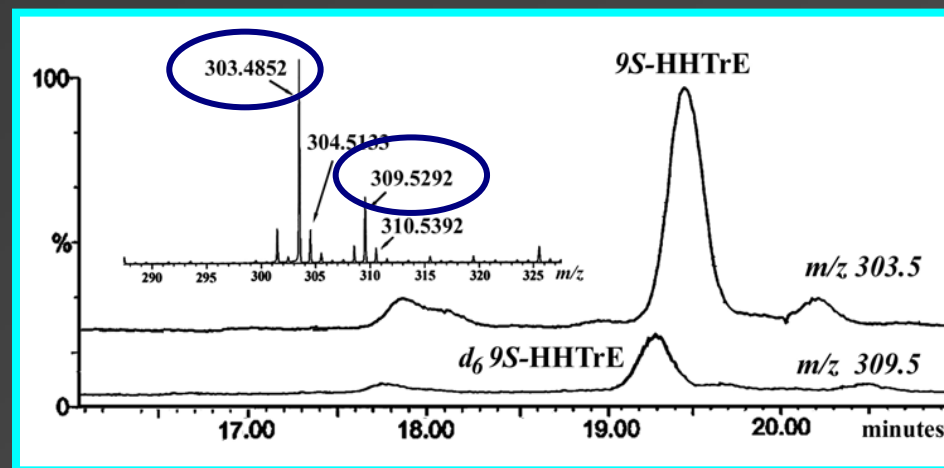
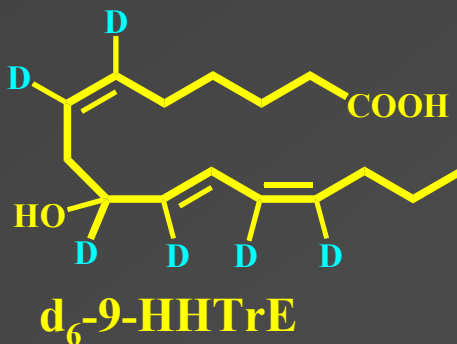
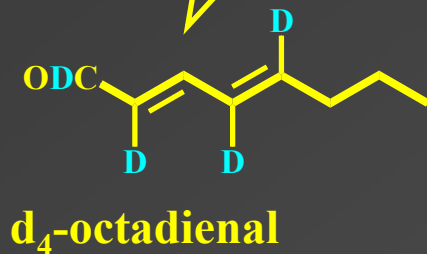
First proof of 9-Lipoxygenase (9-Lox)



9-LOX



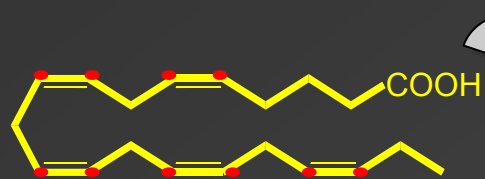
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S. costatum



Biosynthesis of heptadienal

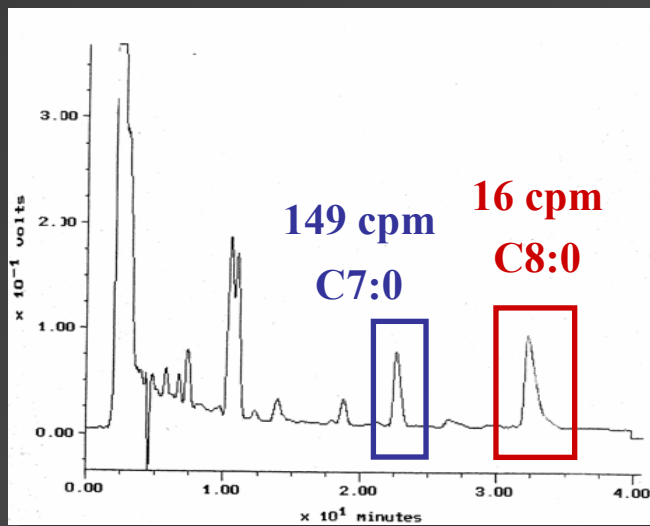


Cell-free
S. costatum

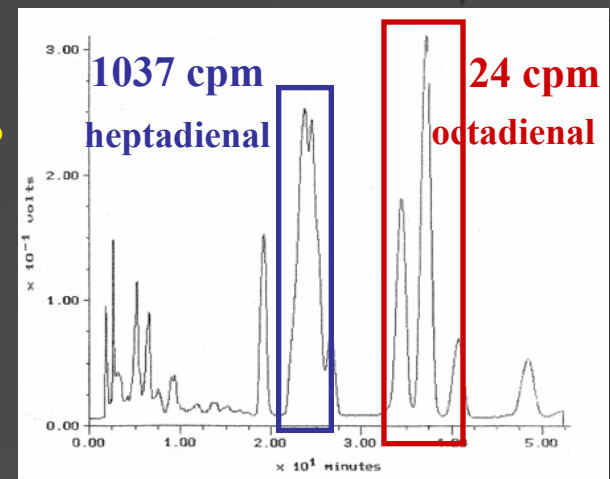
Derivatized
aldehydic pool

$^3\text{H}_{10}$ -EPA (20:5 ω 3)
2 μCi

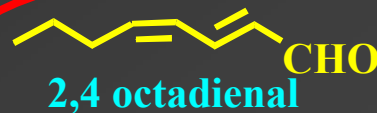
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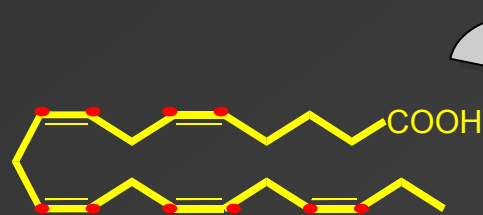
H_2
Pd/C 5%



Thalassiosira rotula



Biosynthesis of decatrienal

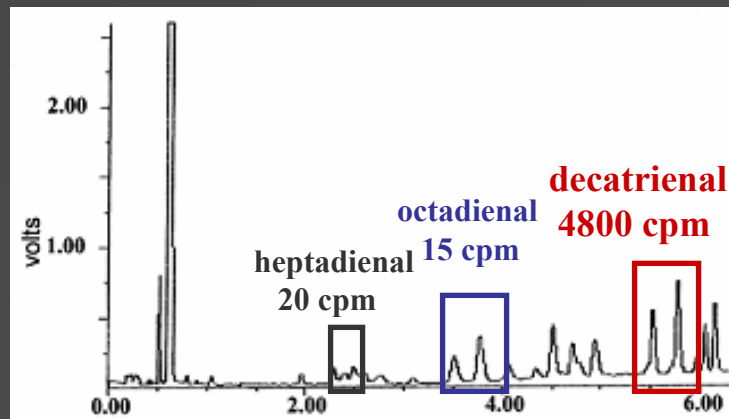
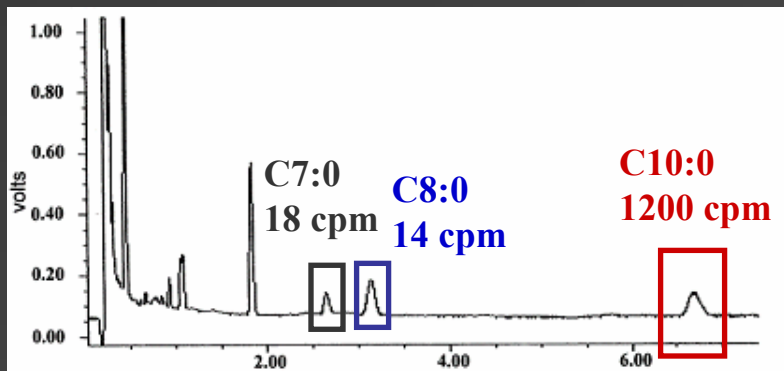


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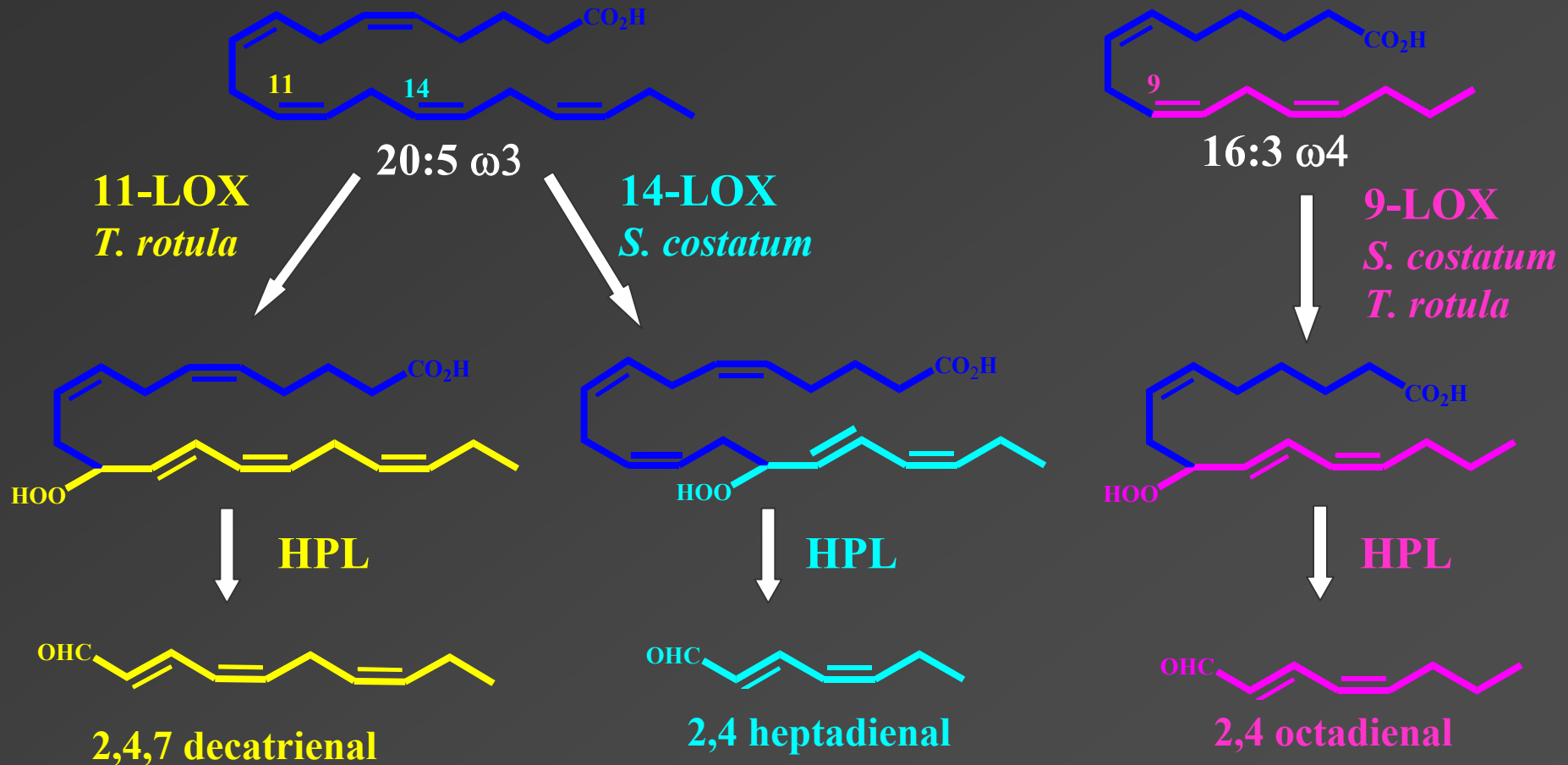
Cell-free
T. rotula

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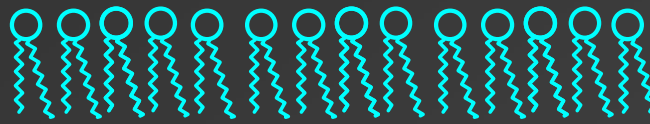
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Lipoxygenase Pathway



LOX= Lipoxygenase HPL=Hydroperoxidelyase



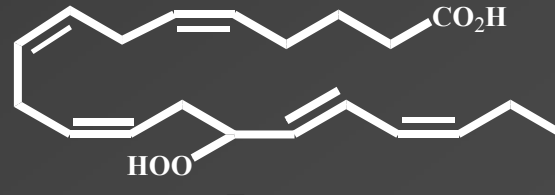
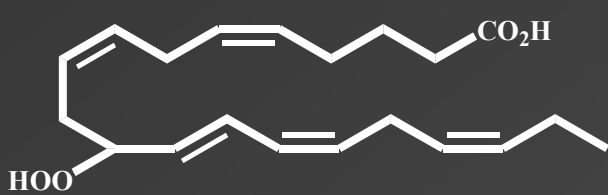
Hydrolytic Activity



11-LOX
T. rotula

20:5 ω3

14-LOX
S. costatum



HPL



2,4,7 decatrinal

HPL

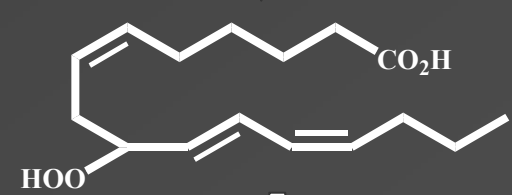


2,4 heptadienal



16:3 ω4

9-LOX
S. costatum
T. rotula



HPL



2,4 octadienal

Phospholipase A₂ as key enzyme (Pohnert et al. *Plant Physiology* 2002 129:103)

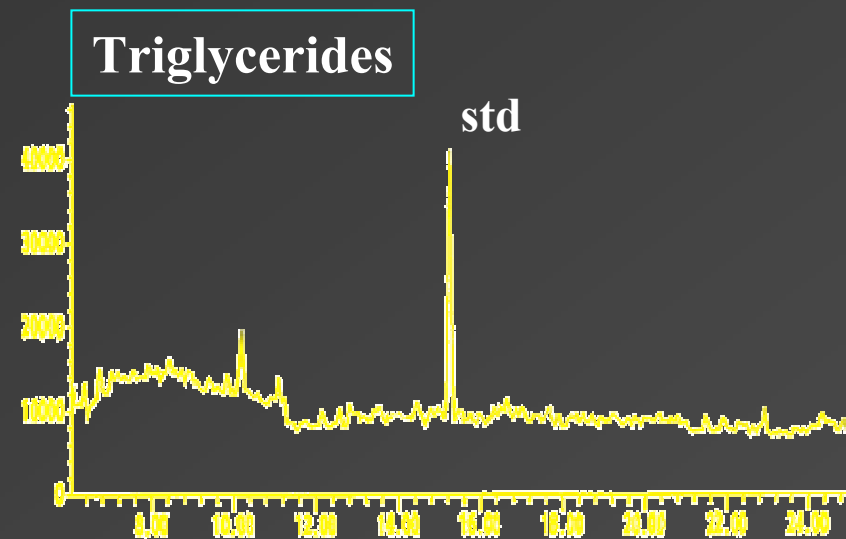
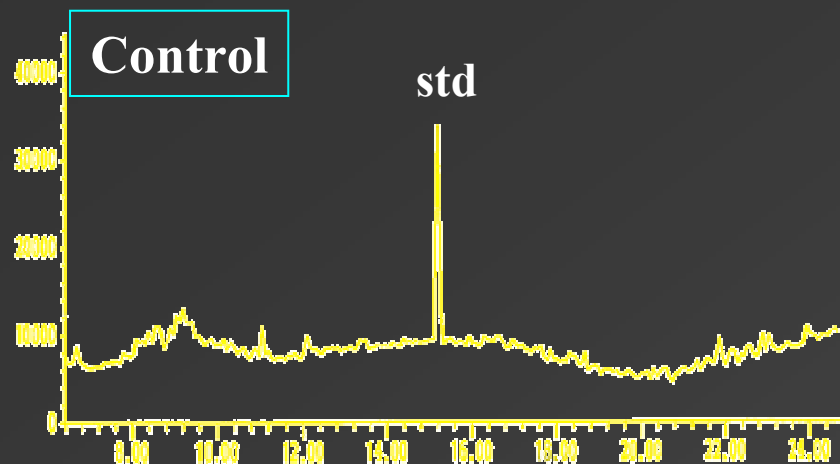
Distribution of fatty acids in complex lipids of *T. rotula*

	Glycolipids	Phospholipids	Neutral lipids
C16:0	2,8%	4,8%	11,2%
C16:3 ω 4	17,1%	—	2,5%
C16:4 ω 1	17,5%	—	0,73%
C18:4 ω 3	10,4%	3,6%	8,6%
C20:5 ω 3	13,7%	30,3%	18,22%

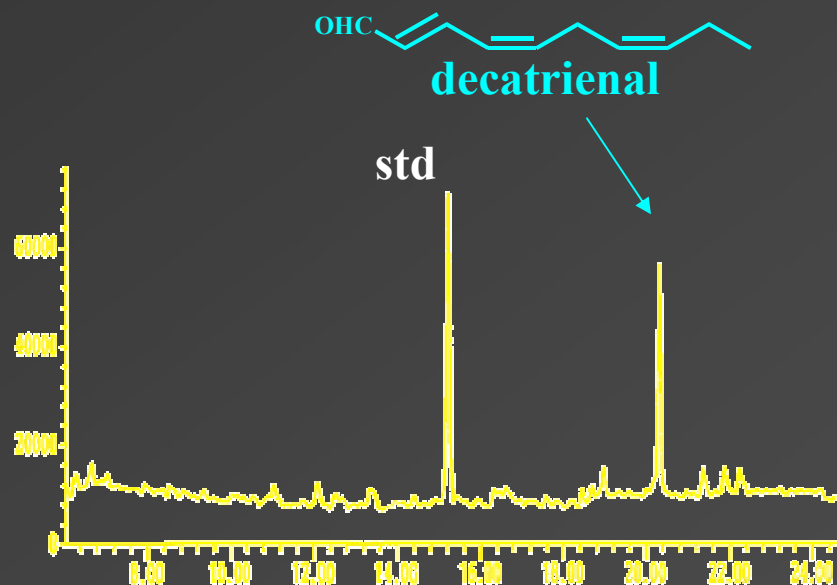
Distribution of fatty acids in complex lipids of *S. costatum*

	Glycolipids	Phospholipids	Neutral lipids
C16:0	1,5%	18,6%	90%
C16:3 ω 4	26,3%	—	—
C16:4 ω 1	8,4%	—	—
C20:5 ω 3	16,9%	21,5%	—

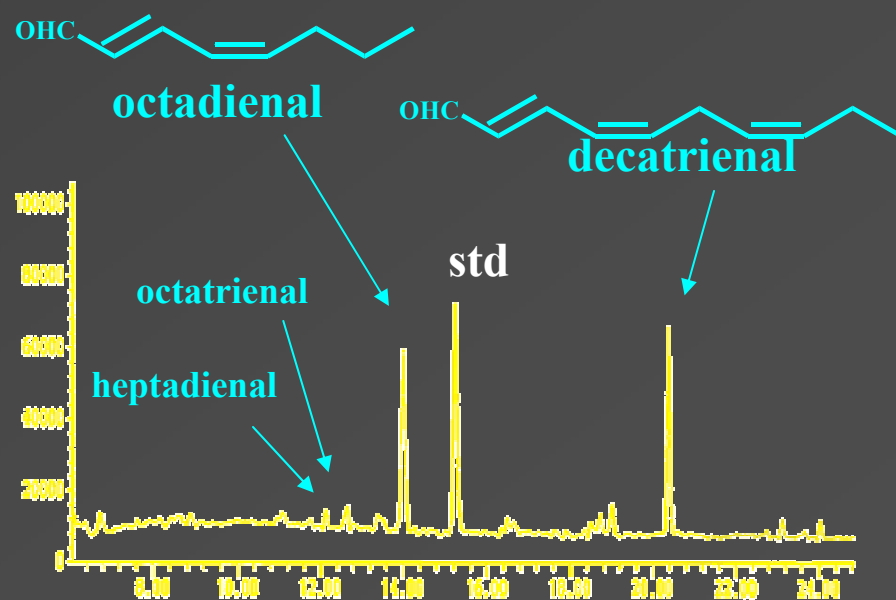
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Phospholipids



Glycolipids



Skeletonema costatum

$^3\text{H}_{10}$ -EPA



Labelling complex lipids

24h incubation



The pelleted cells were treated with
boiled methanol



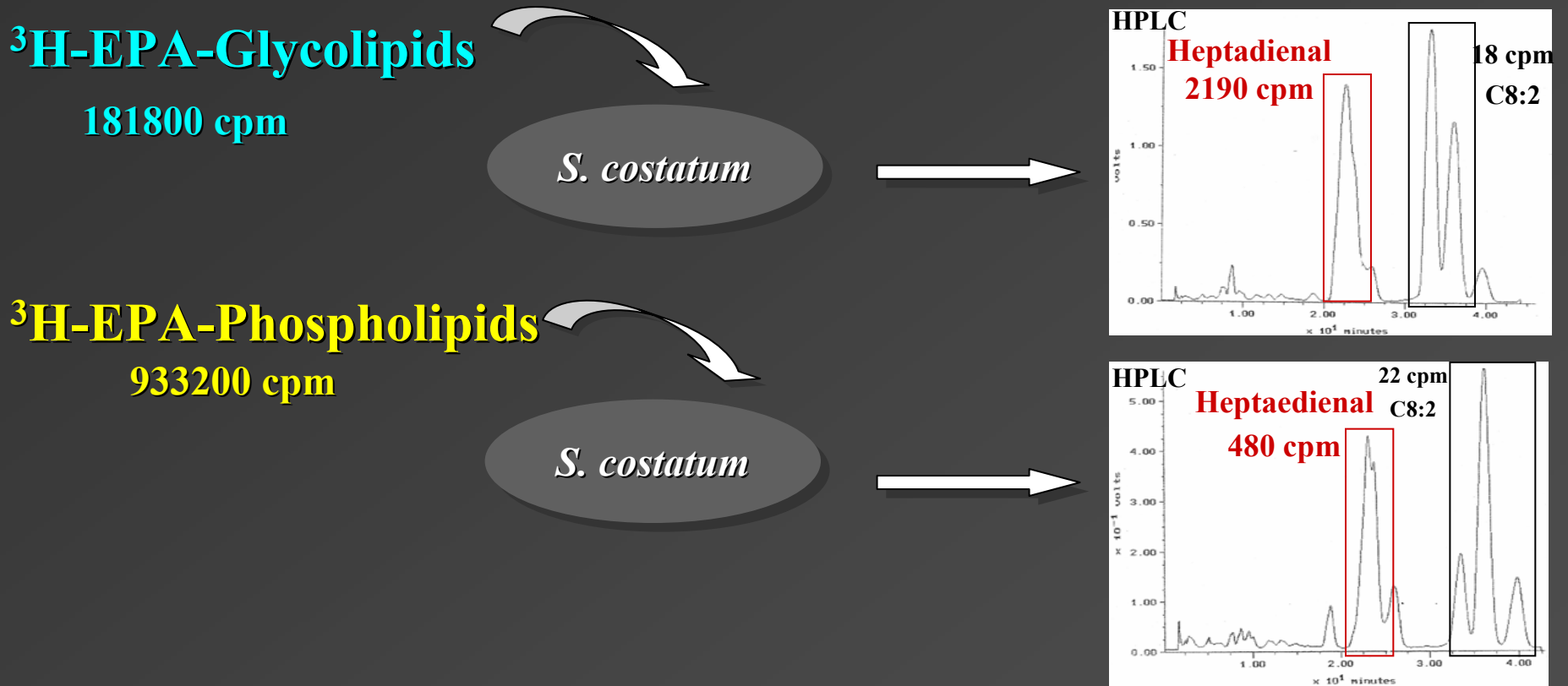
Extraction
Purification

Natural labelled complex lipids

^3H -EPA-Glycolipids

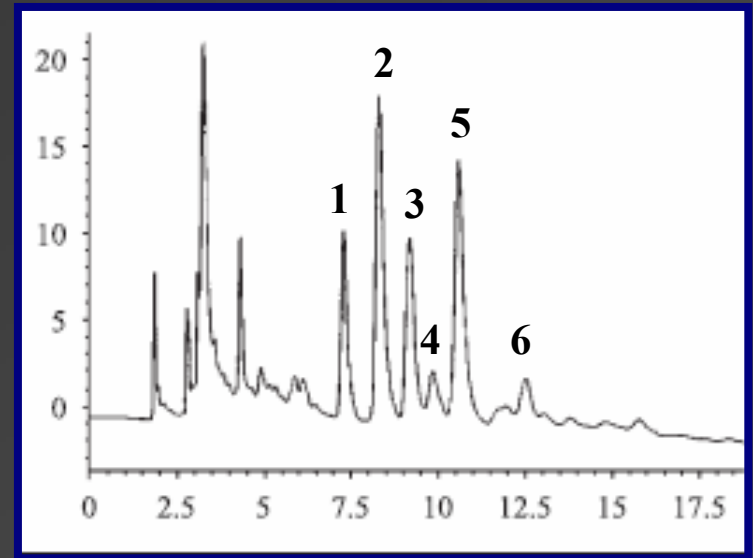
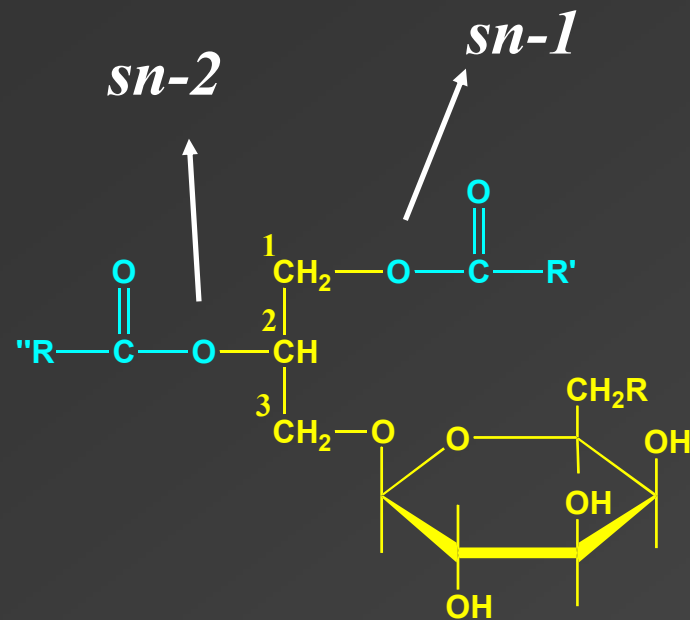
^3H -EPA-Phospholipids

S. costatum: incorporation of labelled complex lipids



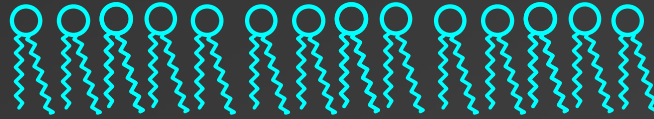
Higher affinity for glycolipids rather than for phospholipids

Glycolipids: main pool involved in the release of free fatty acids

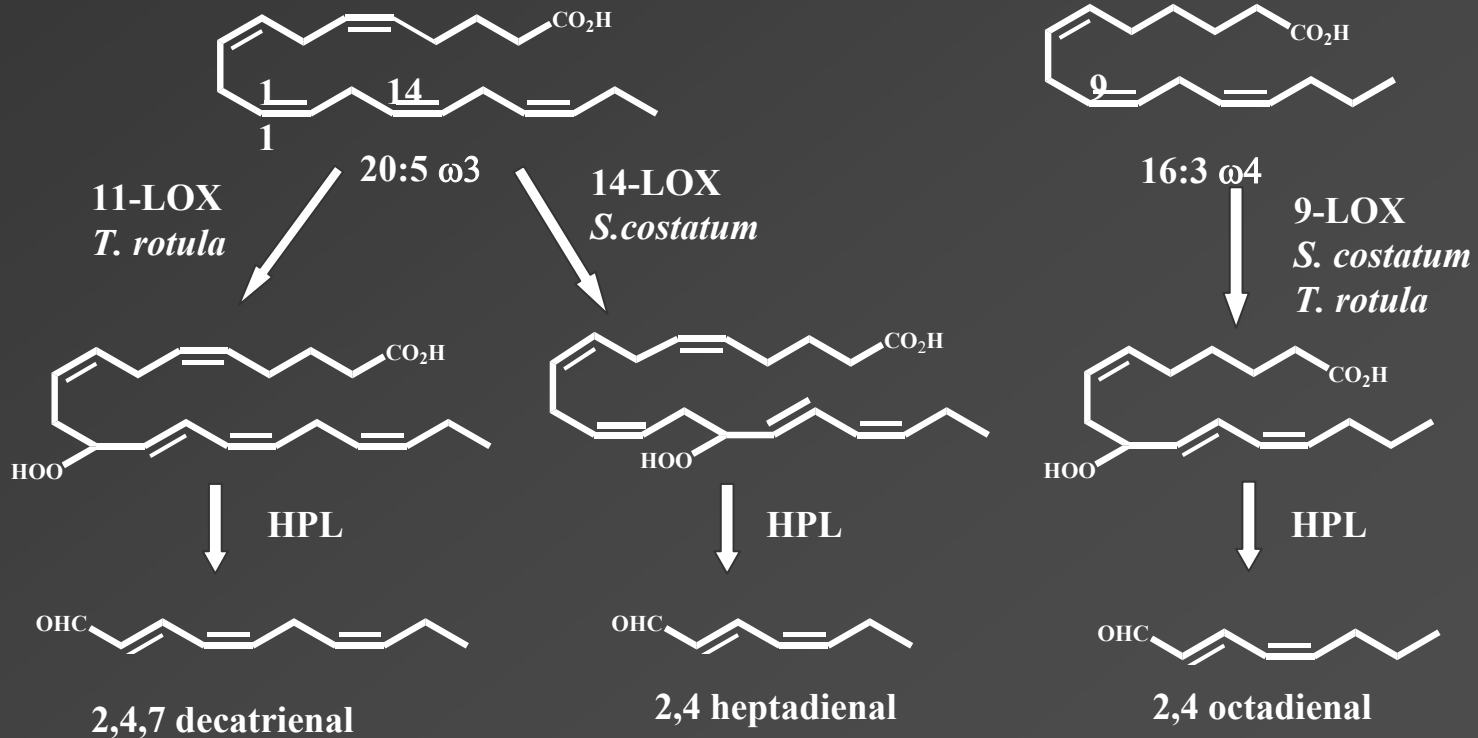


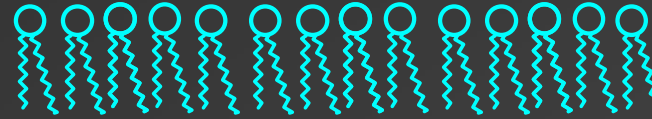
LCMS/MS

peak	%	<i>sn-1</i>	<i>sn-2</i>
1	13.2	16:3ω4	16:4ω1
2	25.9	16:3ω4	16:3ω4
3	16.1	20:5ω3	16:4ω1
4	6.5	16:2ω4	16:3ω4
5	26.7	20:5ω3	16:3ω4
6	6.5	20:5ω3	16:2ω4



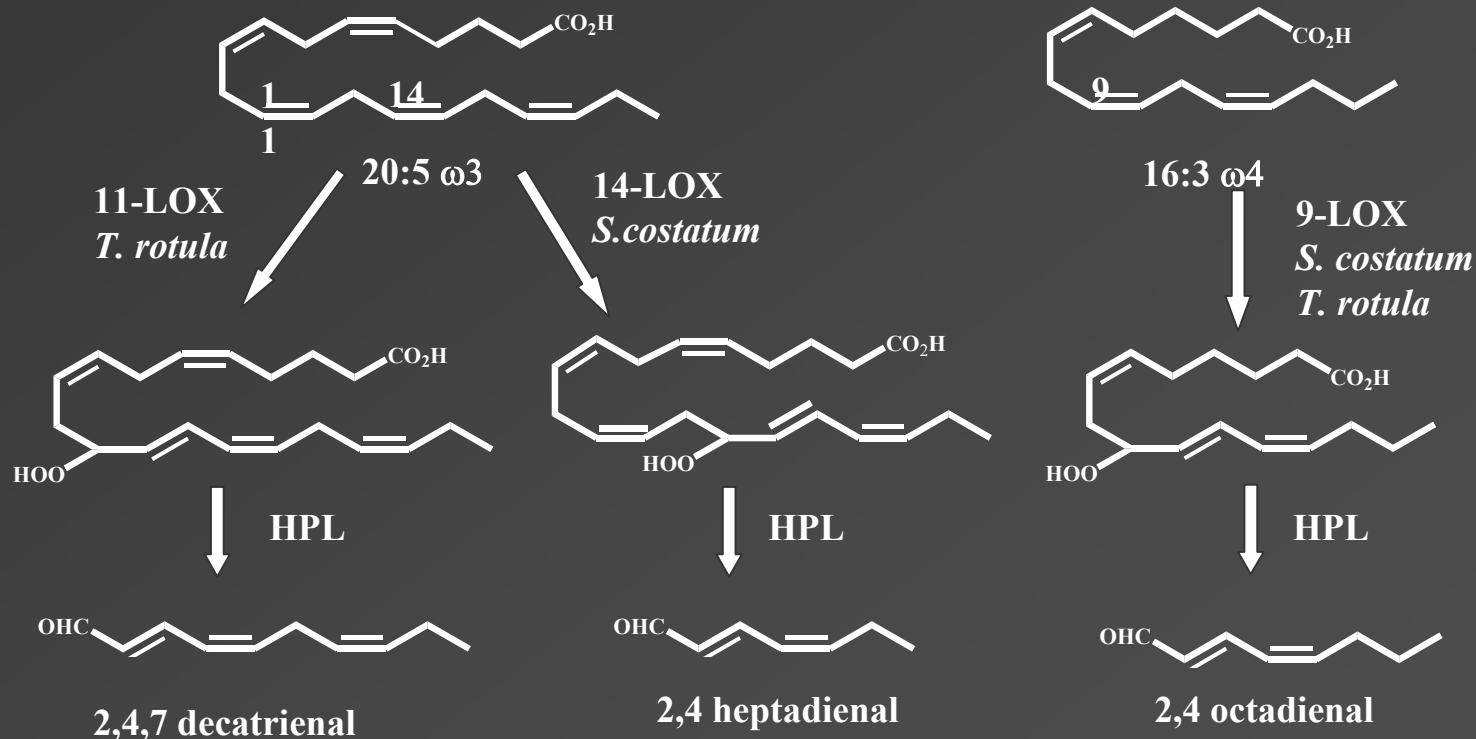
Hydrolytic Activity





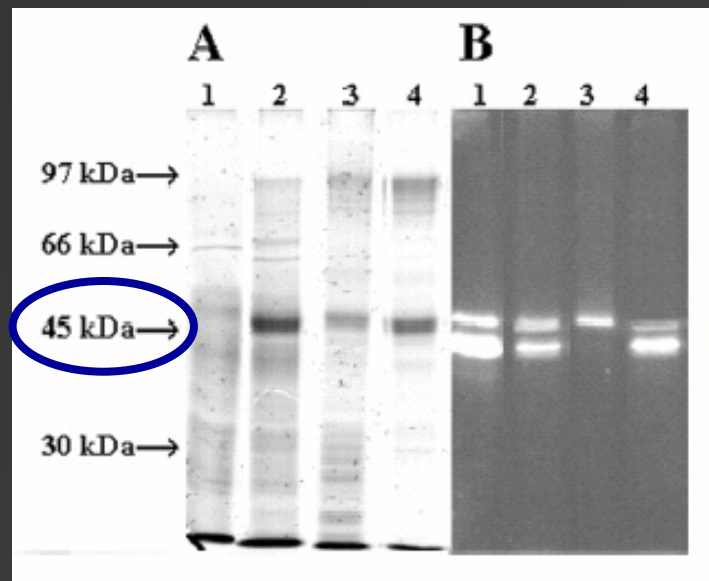
- hydrolysis of glycolipids and phospholipids
- major affinity toward glycolipids
- action on both *sn* positions
- no activity on triglycerides

Lipolytic Acyl Hydrolase (LAH)



Preliminary data on lipase activity

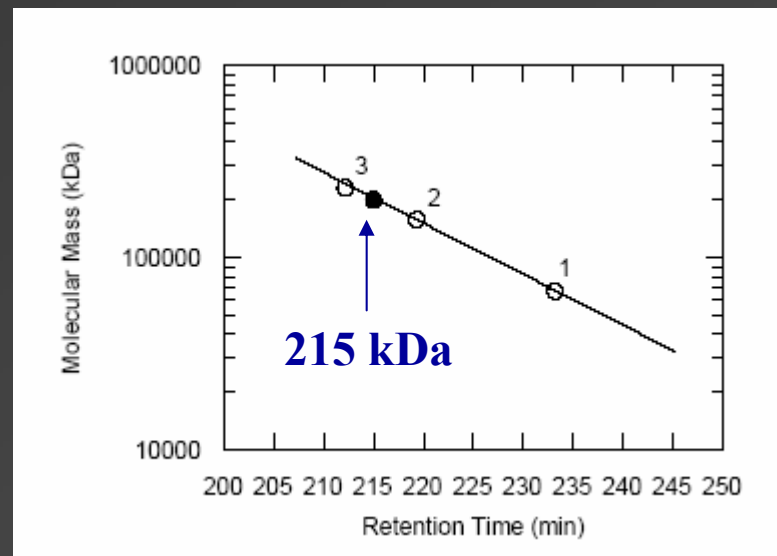
SDS-PAGE



Aspecific
(Comassie Blu)

Specific
staining

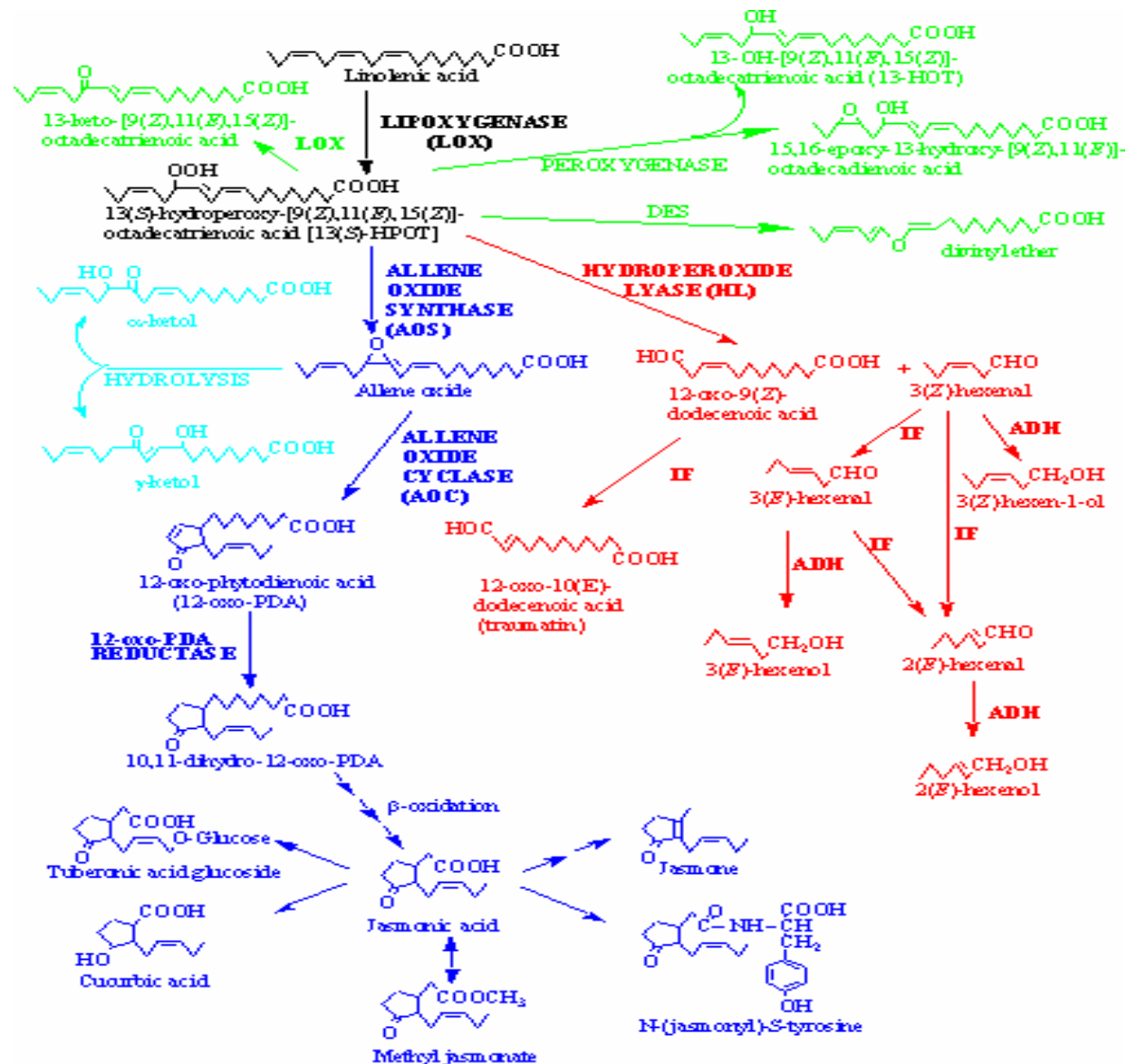
Native molecular mass determination



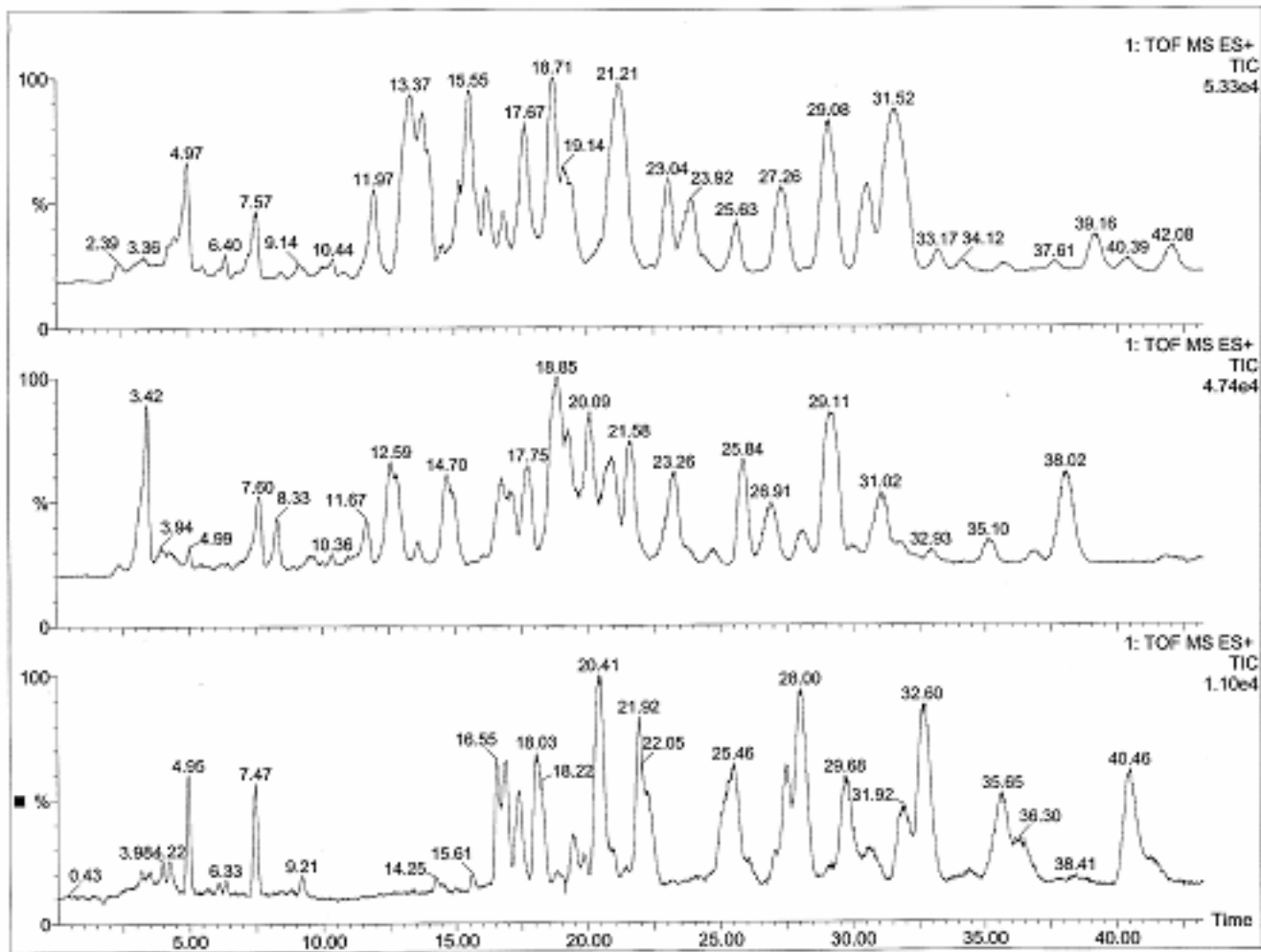
The different mass values between denaturing and native conditions suggested:

- an oligomeric structure
- multi-molecular aggregate

Oxylipin pathway in plants

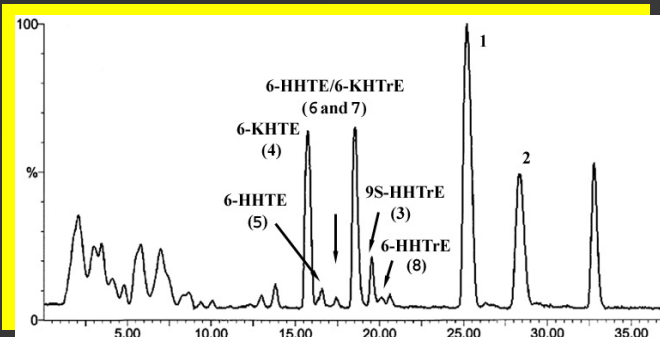


Oxylipin profile in three marine diatoms

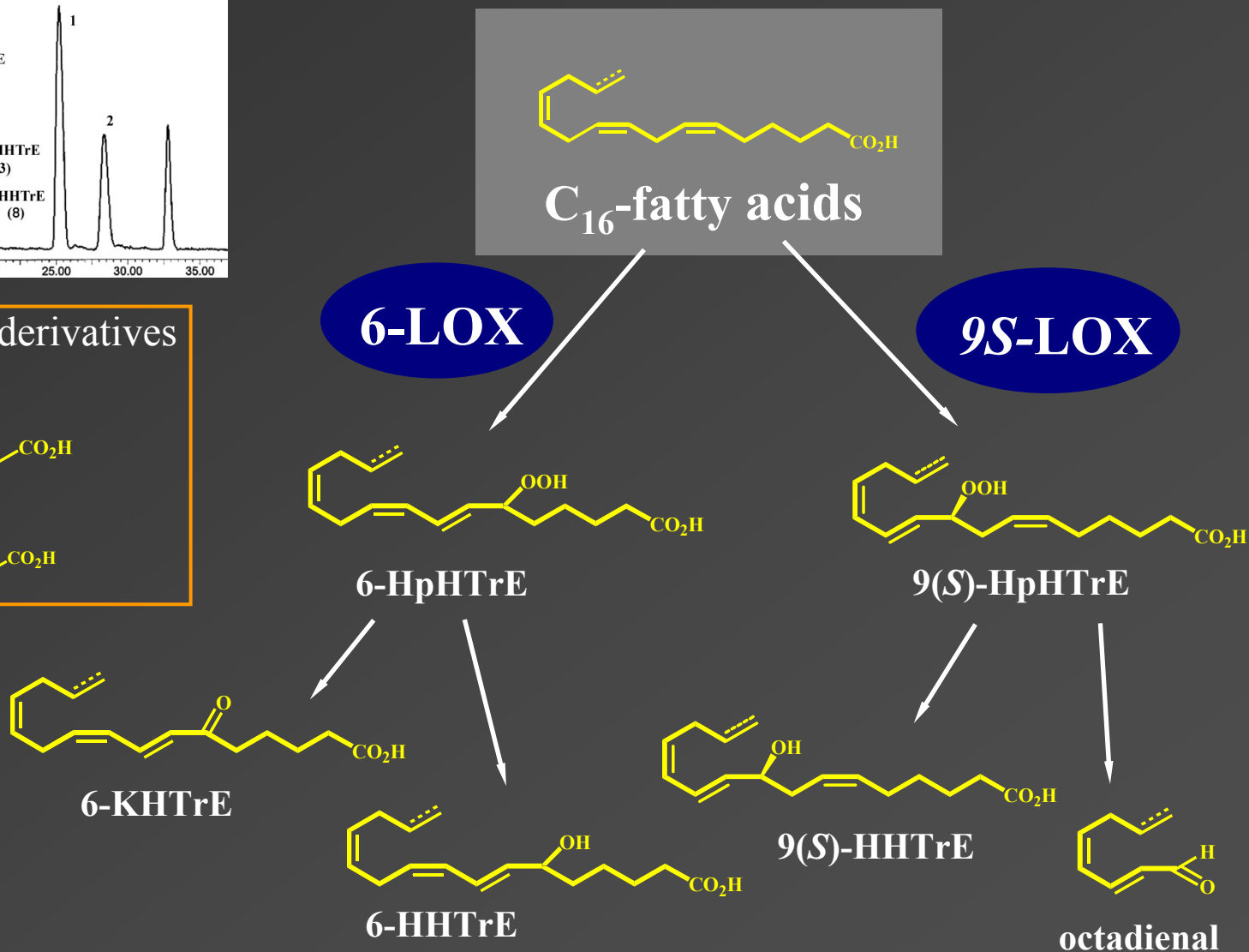
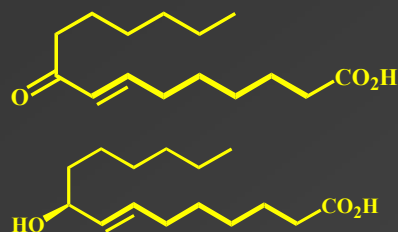


LC-MS chromatogramm

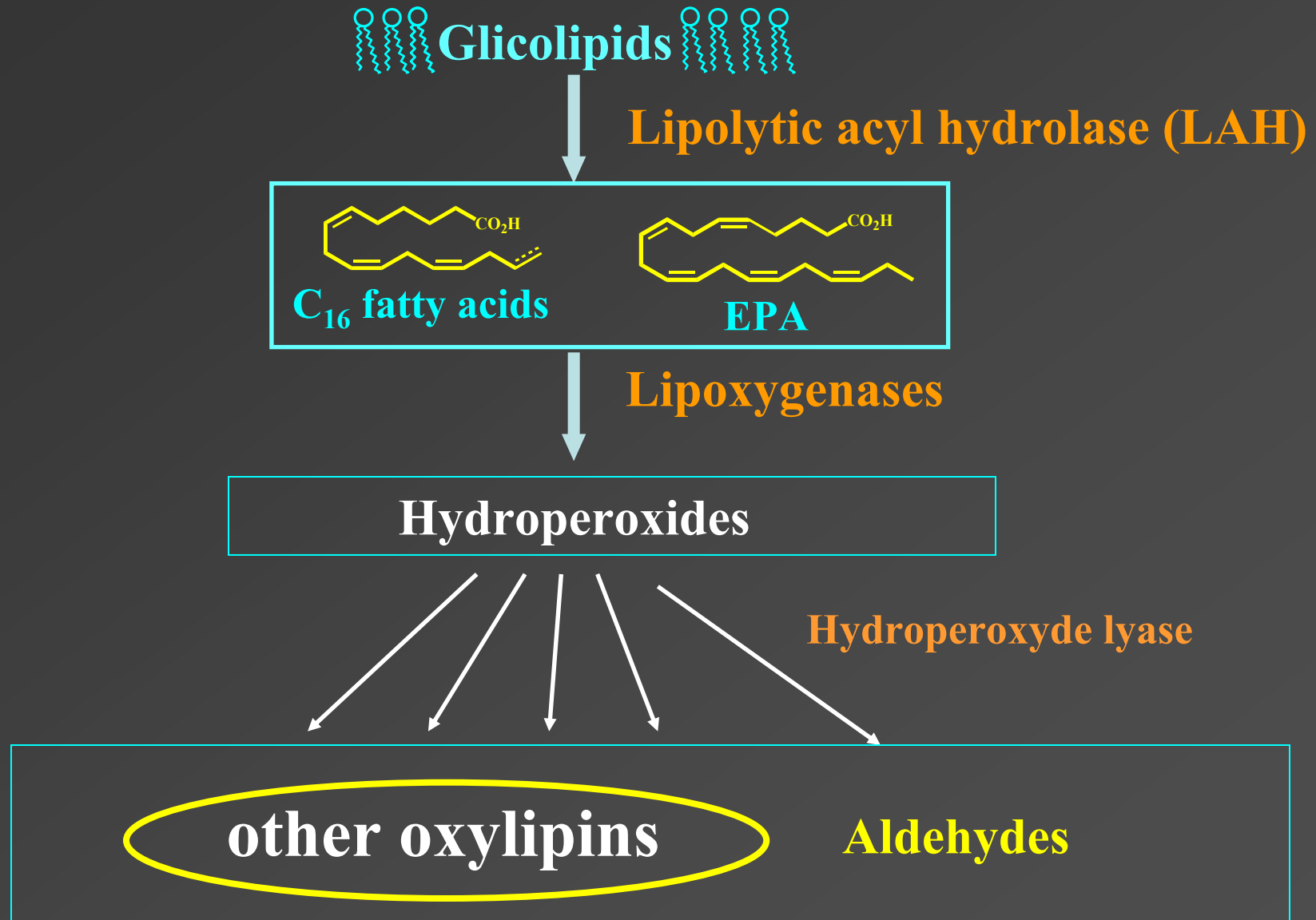
T. rotula: unprecedented C₁₆ oxylipin pathway



Monounsaturated derivatives



Biosynthetic pathway of oxylipins in marine diatoms



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