



FOOD PROVENANCE BY ELEMENTAL AND ISOTOPIC FINGERPRINT METHODS

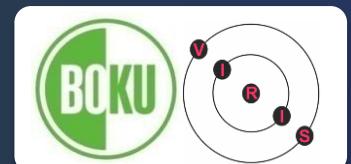


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Research focus: bioresources, renewable resources, biologically based technologies

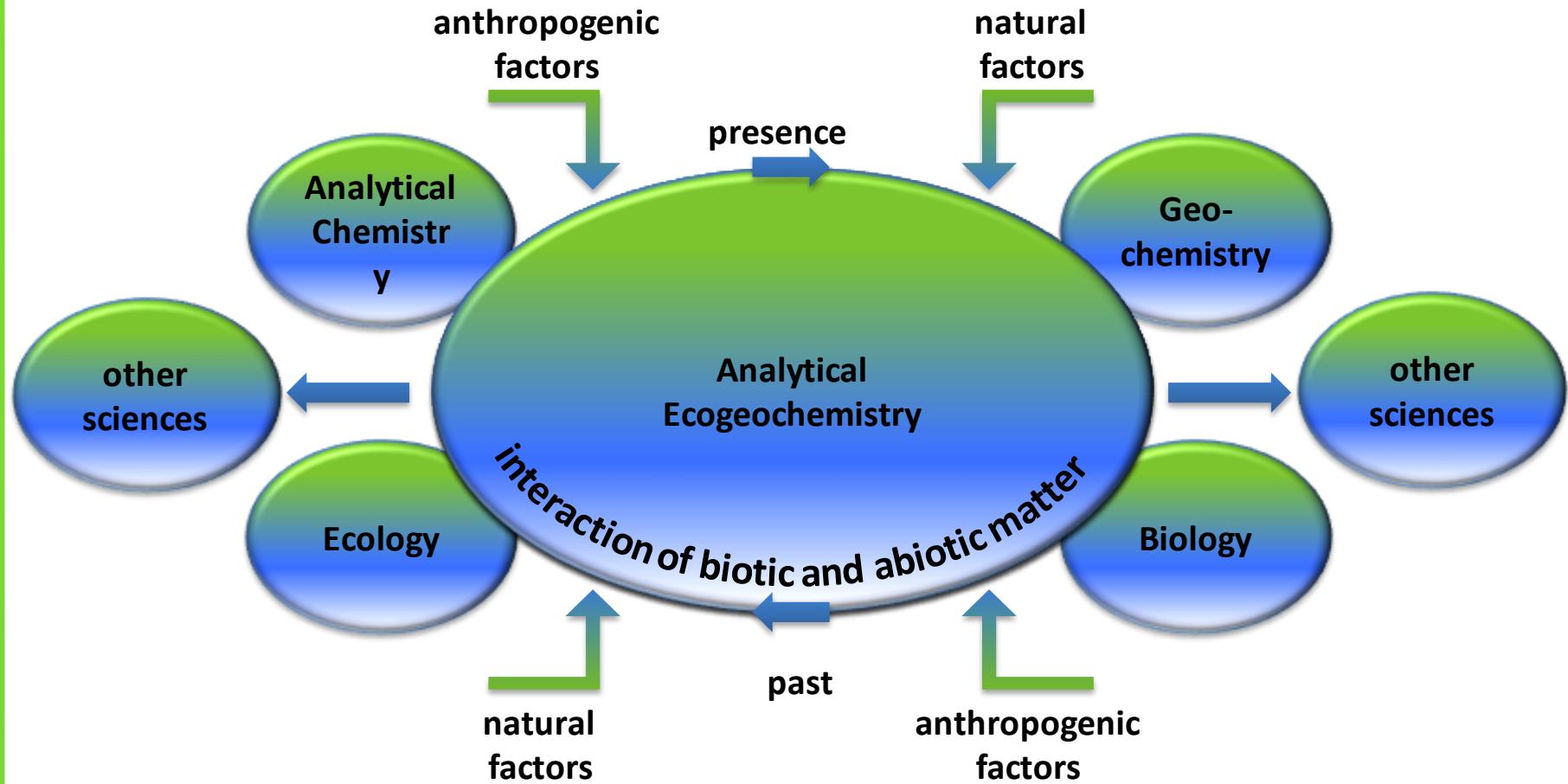
Construction: 2009 - 2011

Lab relocation: April-2011

Opening ceremonies: Sep-2011



Analytical Ecgeochemistry





Thuna, made in Austria

Global food trade



...how to control???

provenance

authenticity

quality

maldeclaration

adulteration

low quality

Food Authenticity/Food Provenance

Rationals

- Consumer protection:
 - Food safety
 - Genuineness ('You get what you pay for')

- Producer protection
 - Competition
 - Proof of provenance (consumer confidence)

- Protection of regionality
 - Diversity of production
 - Specific production processes

| New framework for Quality schemes in agriculture enters into force

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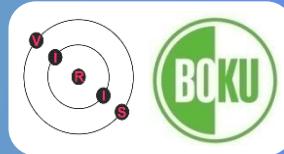
Guaranteeing **quality to consumers** and a **fair price for farmers** are the twin aims of the new Quality Regulation that enters into force today.

Based on the proposal tabled by the Commission in 2010 the text is a very balanced compromise between the Council, the Parliament and the Commission.

It encourages the diversification of agricultural production, protect product names from misuse and imitation and help consumers providing information on product characteristics and farming attributes.

<http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/quality/>

EU regulation



The new Regulation on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs achieves a **simplified regime for several quality schemes** by putting them under one single legal instrument.

Furthermore, it creates a more **robust framework for the protection and promotion of quality agricultural products**.

The key elements of the new Regulation include:

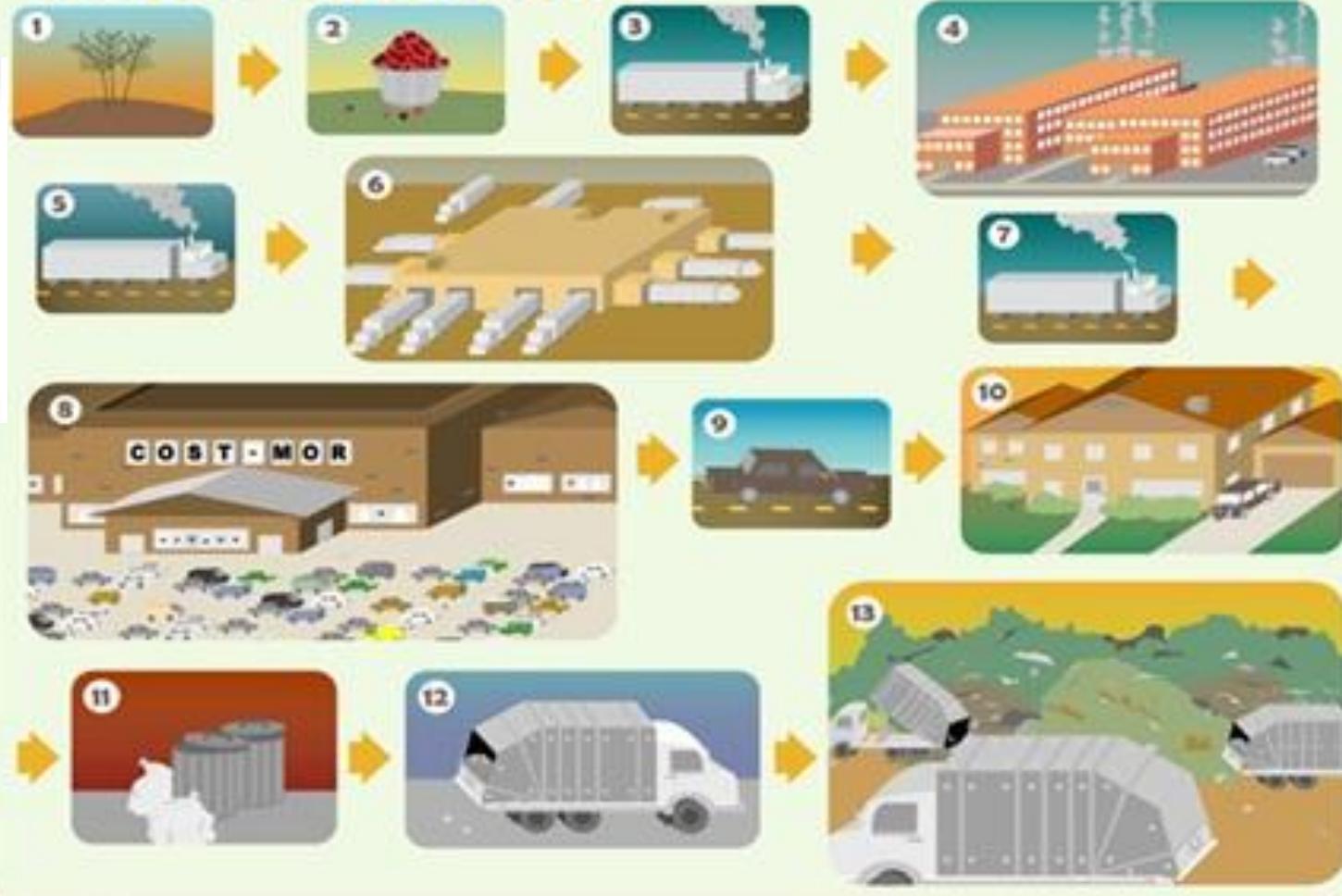
- more coherence and clarity to the EU quality schemes,
- a reinforcement of the existing scheme for protected designations of origin and geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs),
- overhauling the traditional specialities guaranteed scheme (TSGs),
- laying down a new framework for the development of optional quality terms to provide consumers with further information, it creates and protects the optional quality term "mountain product".



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Traceability solutions

THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN



Traceability solutions



Traceability by

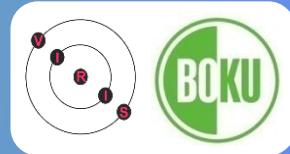
- Software solution
- Databases
- www-information platforms

Marking by

- RFID-tags
- Code systems
- Animal passports
- Animal tattoos

....added systems are not fraud-resistant

Independent solutions



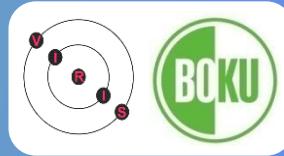
- Information is an intrinsic food property and does not have to be added
- Information is unique for the food commodity
- Information can be identified (simple and cheap)
- Information is fraud resistant

Analytical methods (1)



- Molecular-biological methods
 - DNA (e.g. DNA marker in olive oil)
 - ELISA technique (cultivation of specific antibodies for the determination of defined proteins)
 - Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLP) markers (fish, seafood)
 - Genetic fingerprint analysis (e.g. cereals)
- Identification of specific chemical and physical parameter
 - (e.g. honey: water content, ash content, sugar content, pH, differential scanning calorimetry; rheology)
- Sensory analysis (electronic nose)
 - (e.g. wine: colour, taste, aroma....)

Analytical methods (2)



- Identification of specific components and evaluation using multivariate statistics
 - IR spectroscopy (e.g. fruits, wine, sugar addition to honey)
 - Raman spectroscopy (e.g. adulteration of oils)
 - Front Face Fluorescence Spectroscopy (measurements of fluorophores e.g. aromatic amino acids; vitamine A and B2, chlorophyll)
 - Chromatographic methods (HPLC; GC) (e.g. beta-lactoglobuline in milk, organic acids in fruit juices; adulteration of olive oil)
 - Organic mass spectrometry (non targeted fingerprint)

Analytical methods (3)



- Identification of elemental and isotopic fingerprints
 - specific isotope ratios (isotopic fingerprints)
 - NMR; SNIF-NMR (H,C)
 - IR-MS (GSMS) (H,C,N,O,S)
 - TIMS (Sr,Pb)
 - ICP-MS (Sr,Pb,U,Ca,S,B)
 - Identification of specific elements and evaluation using multivariate statistics (multielement fingerprints)
 - AAS
 - ICP-AES
 - ICP-MS

Elemental and isotopic fingerprinting



**elemental isotopic
fingerprint fingerprint**

**natural variation
locally specific signal**

<< intrinsic marking >>

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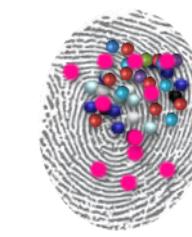
**isotopic
fingerprint**



**(multi)-
elemental
spikes**

marking via elemental spikes or
enriched isotopes

<< extrinsic marking >>



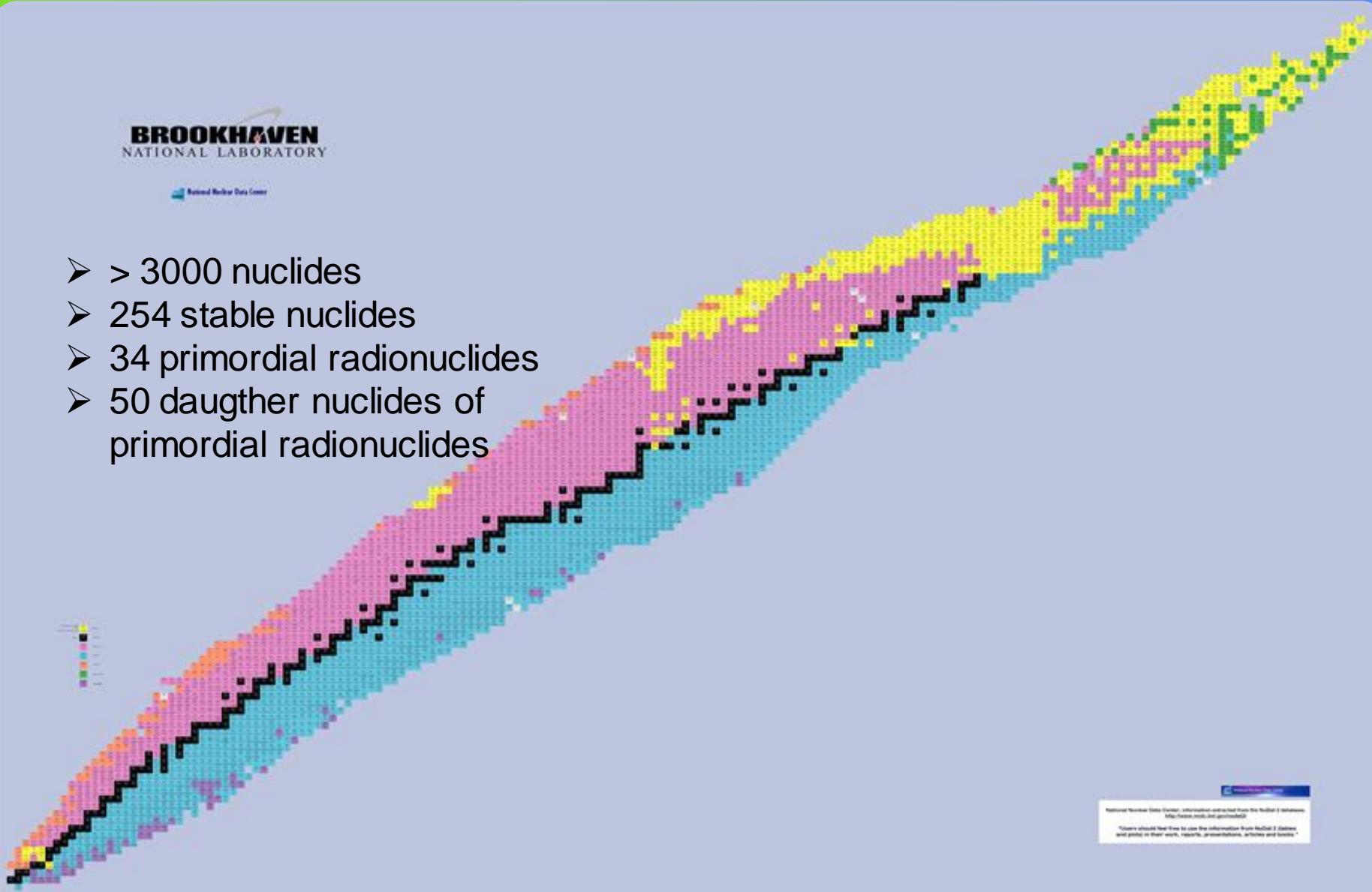
Nuclide map



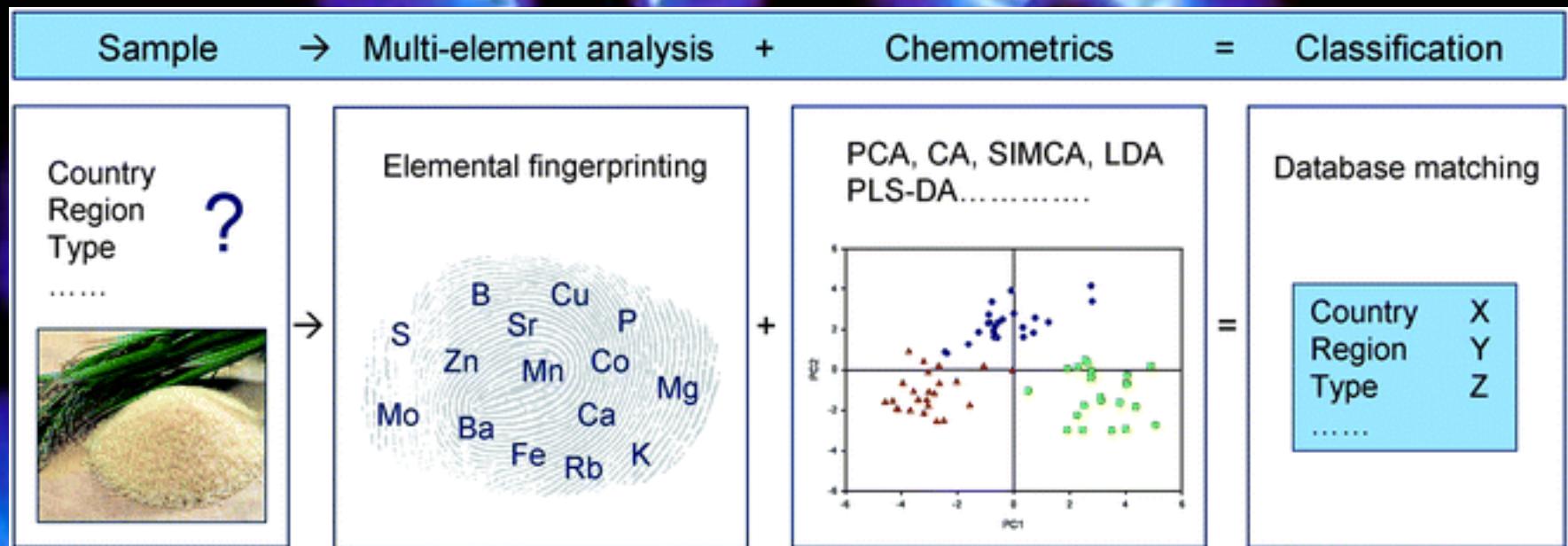
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National Nuclear Data Center

- > 3000 nuclides
- 254 stable nuclides
- 34 primordial radionuclides
- 50 daughter nuclides of primordial radionuclides



Elemental and isotopic fingerprint

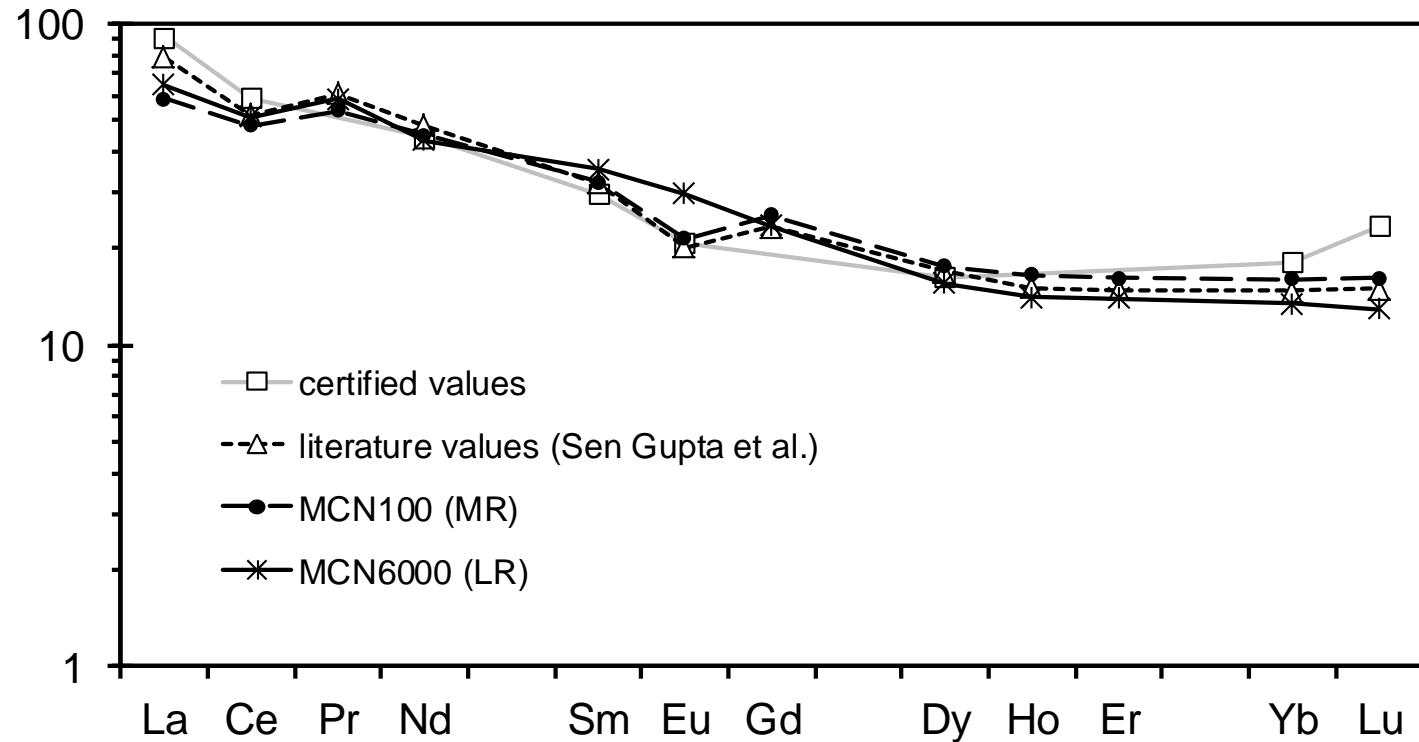


Source: Husted et al. J. Anal. Atom. Spectrom. 2011, 26, 52-79

Elemental fingerprint of REE for proof of authenticity / origin



- Determination of elemental fingerprints (e.g. rare earth elements)

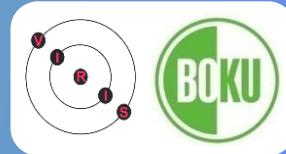


Natural variation of isotopic systems



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|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| H | isotopes with natural variation | | X | | element with only 1 stable isotope | | X | | element with only non stable isotopes | | He |
| Li | Be | | | | | | | | | | |
| Na | Mg | | | | | | | | | | |
| K | Ca | Sc | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn |
| Rb | Sr | Y | Zr | Nb | Mo | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | Ag | Cd |
| Cs | Ba | La | Hf | Ta | W | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | Au | Hg |
| Fr | Ra | Ac | Rf | Db | Sg | Bh | Hs | Mt | Ds | Rg | Cn |
| | | | Ce | Pr | Nd | Pm | Sm | Eu | Gd | Tb | Dy |
| | | | Th | Pa | U | Np | Pu | Am | Cm | Bk | Cf |
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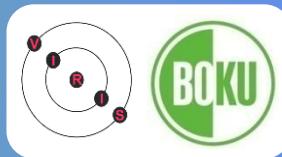
Natural variation of isotopic systems



- Natural chemical processes
 - Radioactive decay (e.g. U, Pb)
 - Redox reactions (e.g. Fe)
 - Photoreactions (e.g. Hg)
 - pH dependent reactions (e.g. B)
- Natural physical processes
 - Diffusion (e.g. C, H, O)
 - Precipitation (e.g. H, O)
- Natural biochemical processes
 - Microbial activities (e.g. S, N)
 - Plant activities (e.g. C, Si)



Isotopic Systems Used in Food Provenance Studies



X isotopes applied in food authenticity and provenance studies

isotopes with natural variation

X element with >1 stable isotope

X element with only 1 stable isotope

X element with only non stable isotopes

He

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| Li | Be | | | B C N O F Ne | |
| Na | Mg | | | Al Si P S Cl Ar | |
| K | Ca | Sc Ti V Cr Mn Fe Co Ni Cu Zn Ga Ge As Se Br Kr | | | |
| Rb | Sr | Y Zr Nb Mo Tc Ru Rh Pd Ag Cd In Sn Sb Te I Xe | | | |
| Cs | Ba | La Hf Ta W Re Os Ir Pt Au Hg Tl Pb Bi Po At Rn | | | |
| Fr | Ra | Ac Rf Db Sg Bh Hs Mt Ds Rg Cn Uut Fl Uup Lv Uus Uuo | | | |
| | | Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu | | | |
| | | Th Pa U Np Pu Am Cm Bk Cf Es Fm Md No Lr | | | |

The 'big 7'



emission

agricultural

biological

photosynthesis
food chain

environment

anthropogenic

physiology

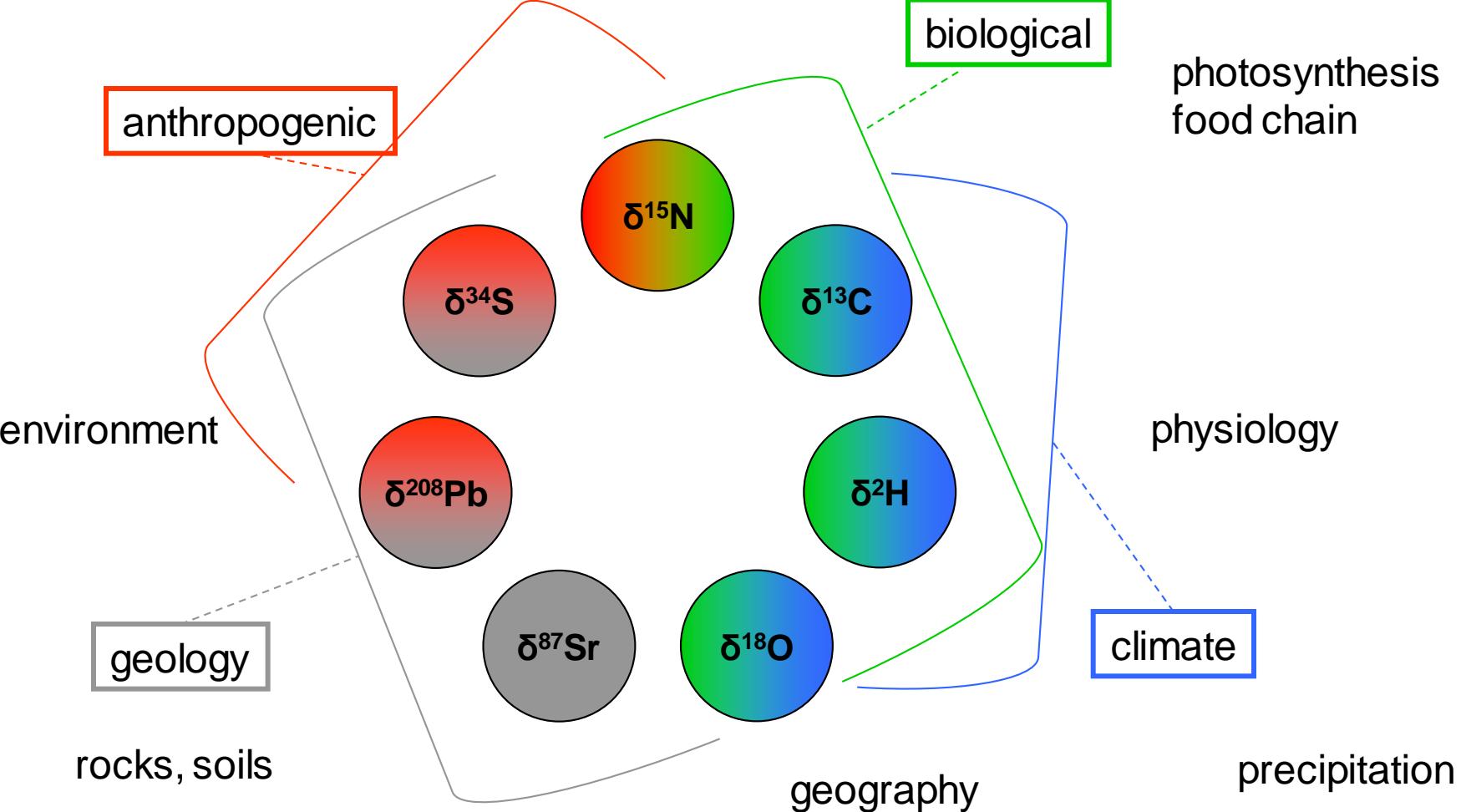
geology

climate

rocks, soils

geography

precipitation



Pb Isotopic Variation

**Pb** $^{204}\text{Pb}; ^{206}\text{Pb}; ^{207}\text{Pb} ; ^{208}\text{Pb}$

Radioactive decay:

 $^{238}\text{U} \longrightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb}$ $^{235}\text{U} \longrightarrow ^{207}\text{Pb}$ $^{244}\text{Pu}/^{232}\text{Th} \longrightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb}$ $^{204}\text{Pb} - ^{200}\text{Hg}$

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Sr Isotopic Variation



Sr

^{84}Sr ; ^{86}Sr ; ^{87}Sr ; ^{88}Sr

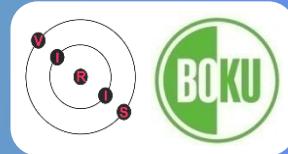
Radioactive decay:
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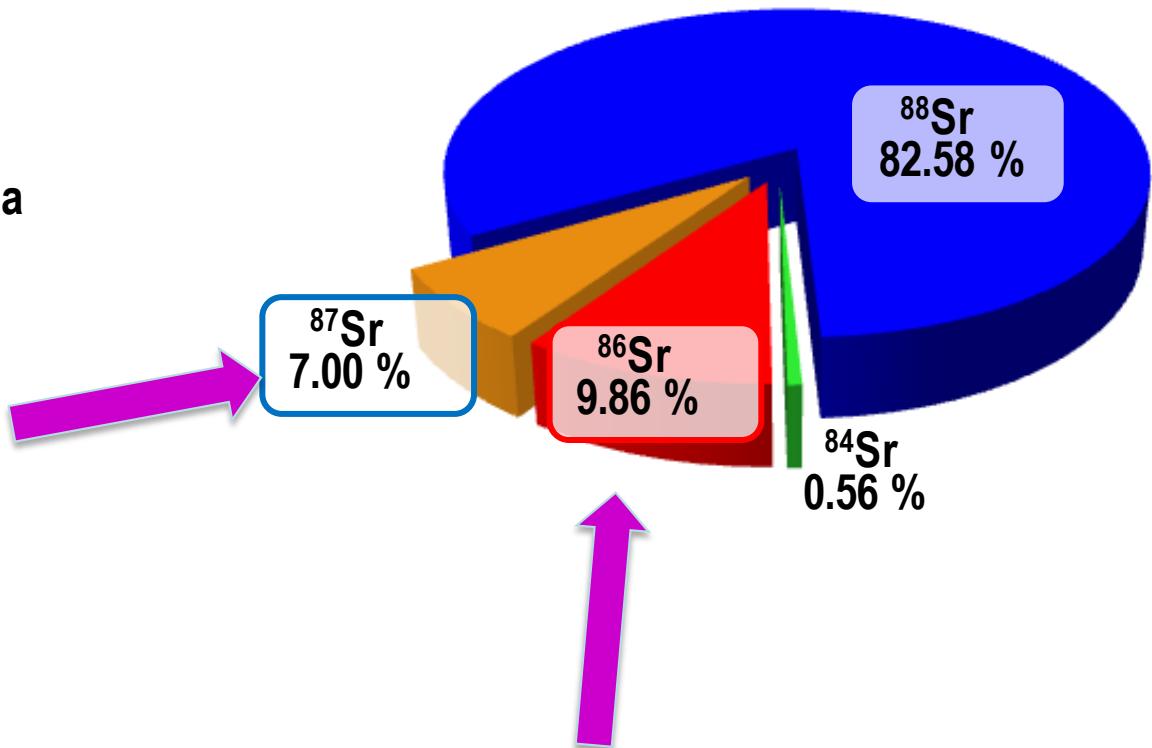
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Sr isotopic system

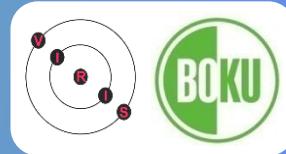


Strontium

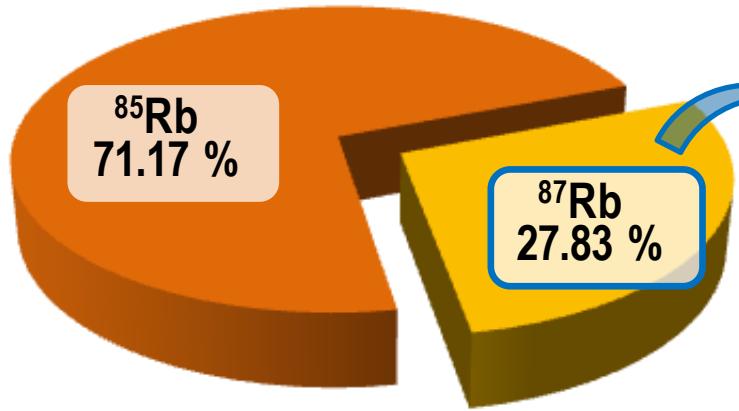
- ubiquitous
- chemical similarity to Ca



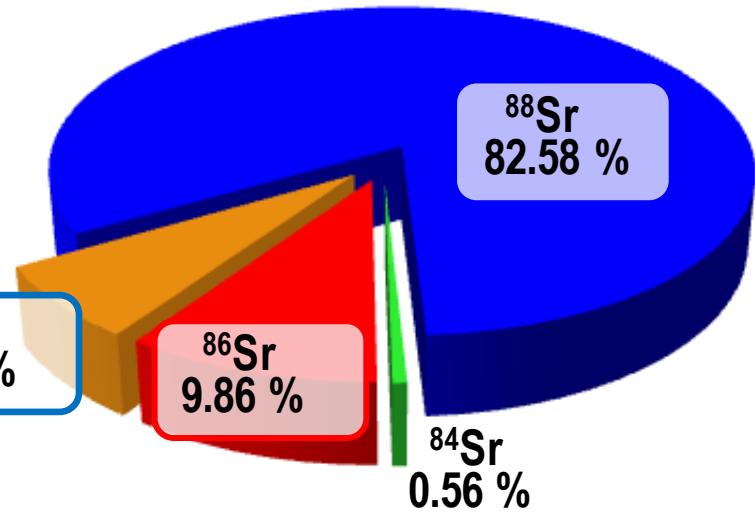
Sr/Rb isotopic system



Rubidium



Strontium



$T_{1/2}$... half life ($T_{1/2} = 48.8 \times 10^9$ a)

λ ... decay constant ($\lambda = 1.42 \times 10^{-11}$ a $^{-1}$)

variation of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ with geological provenance

- geochemical composition
- geological age

Sr cycle

Food authentication

$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$



Provenancing of strawberry raw products using elemental and isotopic fingerprints – a pilot study



Sample preparation



1



**Cutting, freeze drying and homogenization
(replicate analysis n=5)**

2



Microwave assisted acid digestion

3



**Measurement of the elemental pattern
with ICP- Quadrupol MS 'Nexion 300D'**

4



**Sr/matrix separation with a specific resin
(elimination of Rb interference)**

Sample preparation



5



**Concentration screening with
ICP-Quadrupol MS 'Nexion 300D'**

6



**Measurement of the isotope ratio $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ with
Multicollector-ICP-MS 'Nu Plasma HR'**

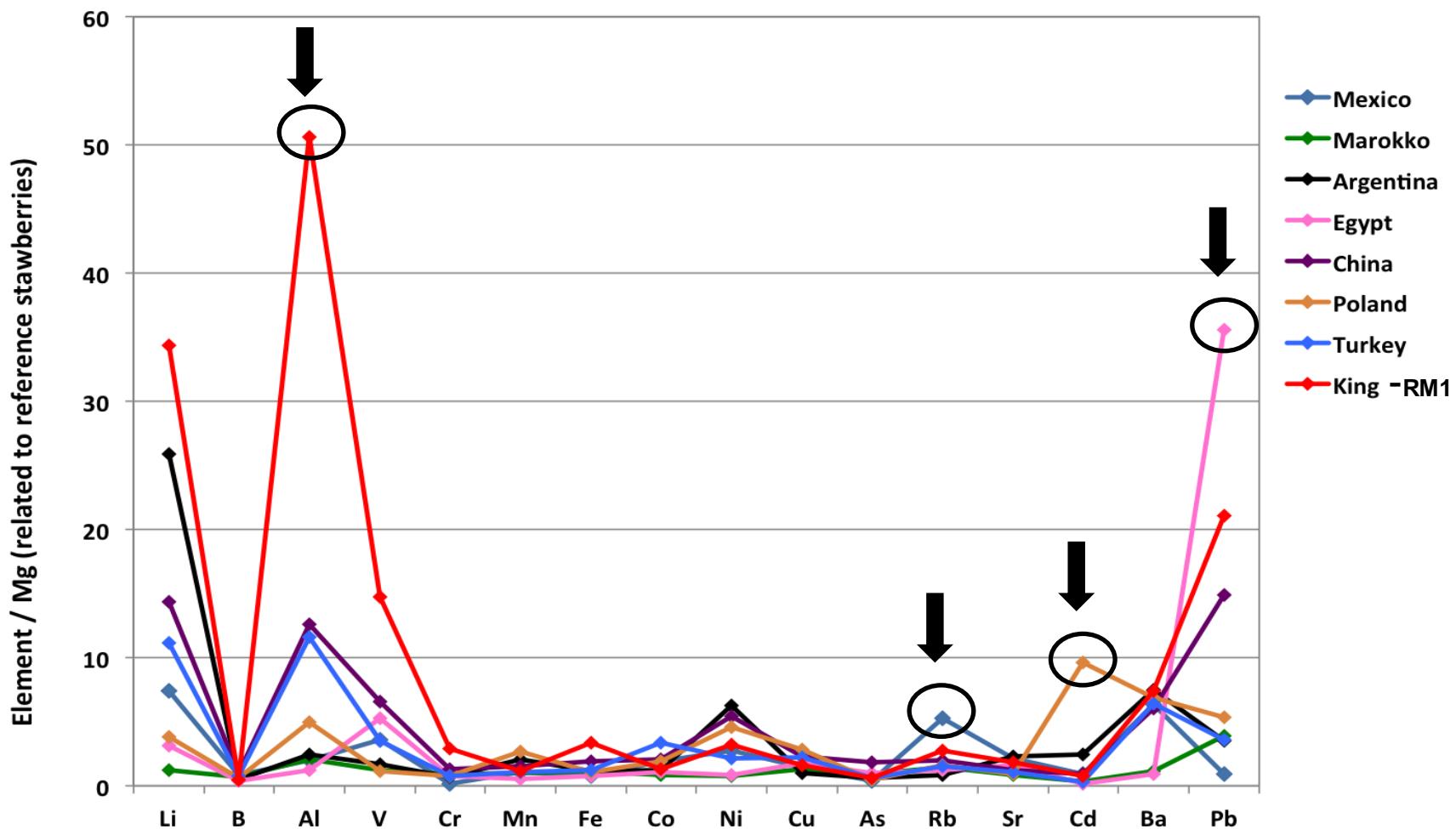
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$$\left(\frac{^{87}\text{Sr}}{^{86}\text{Sr}} \right)_{\text{corr}} = \left(\frac{^{87}\text{Sr}}{^{86}\text{Sr}} \right)_{\text{meas}} \times \left(\frac{m_{87}}{m_{86}} \right)^f$$

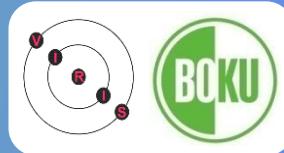
Data evaluation

Blank, Rb, Instrumental Isotopic fractionation

Results – elemental pattern



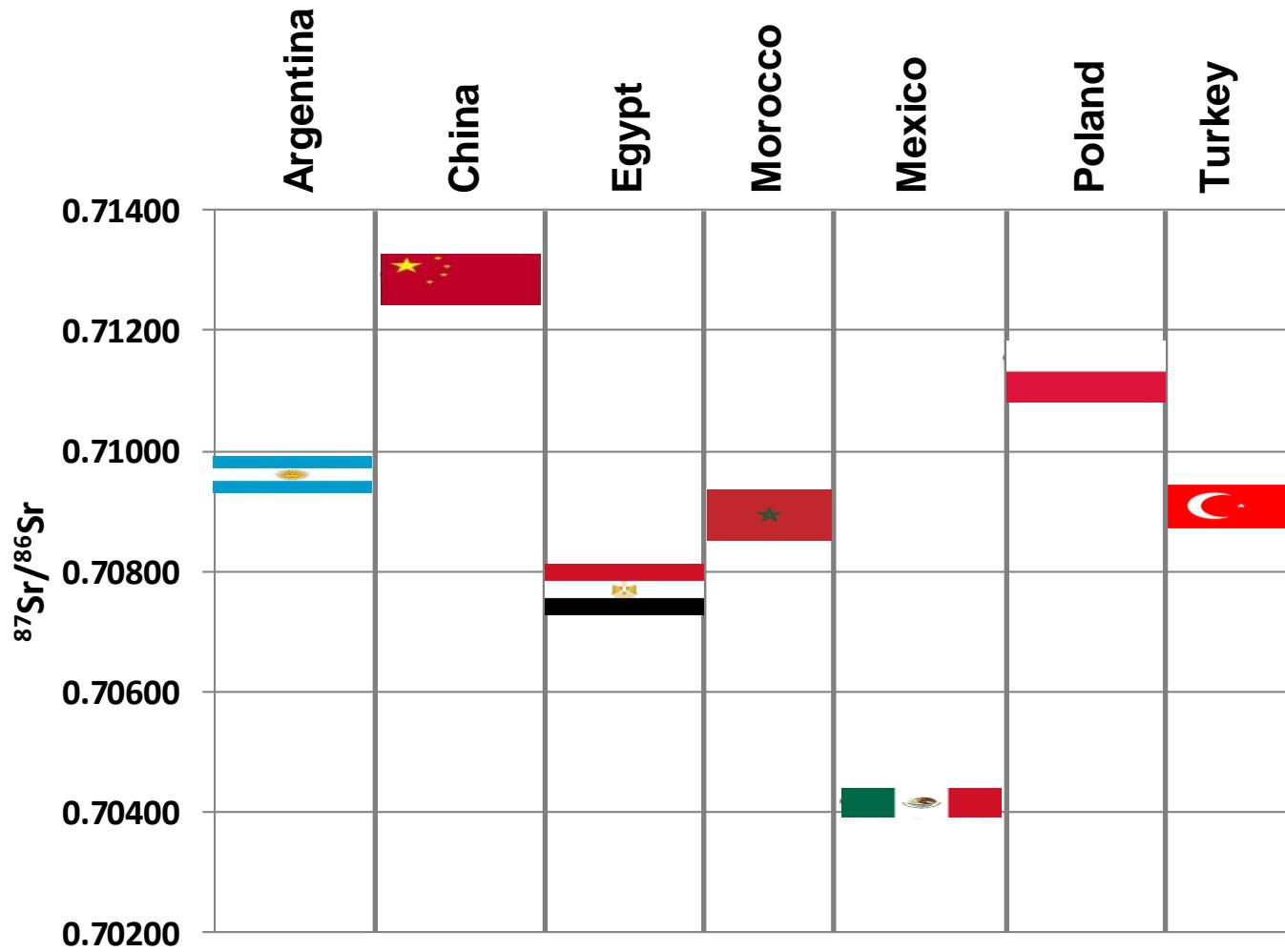
Results – Elemental Pattern



potential elements for
authenticity studies

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Sr isotopic data



Sr isotopic fingerprinting



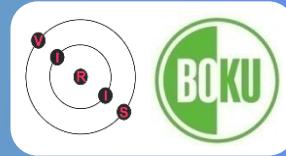
Applicability of Sr isotope ratios

- Regional signal can be determined via bioavailable fraction from soil
- Direct link from soil to plant
- Annual and seasonal stability

Parameters to be considered

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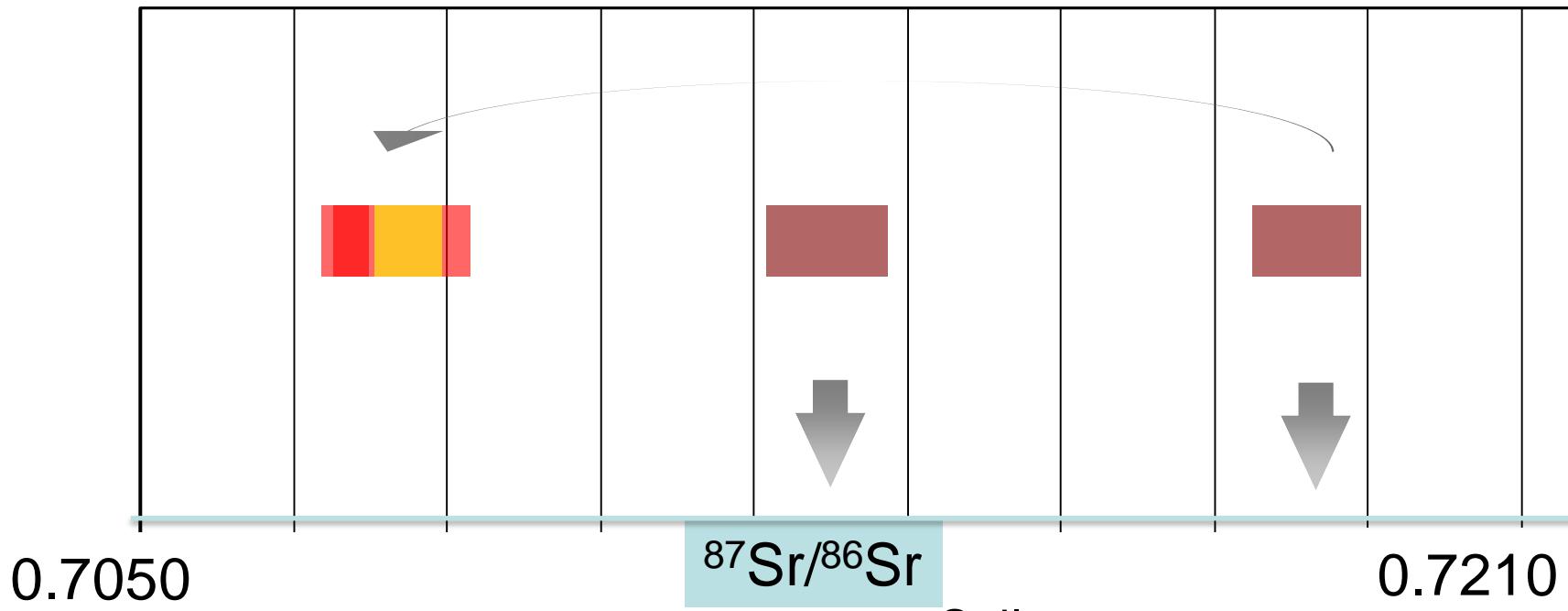
Marchfeld asparagus



Marchfeld: Sr range and source

harvest 2005: n = 20 Soil sample
harvest 2006: n= 35 (7 locations)

Soil sample
(1 location)



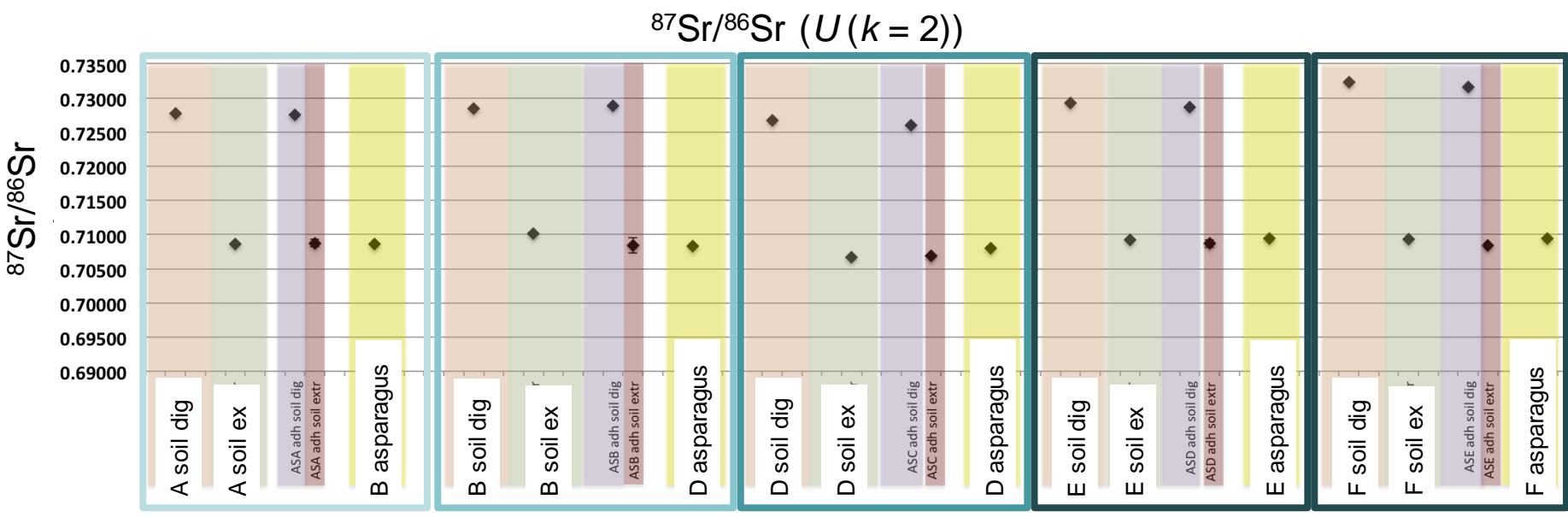
- Sr range is stable on an annual basis
- Sr source: leachable Sr in soil
- Sr signal in extract different to total soil

Soil extracts
1M NH_4NO_3

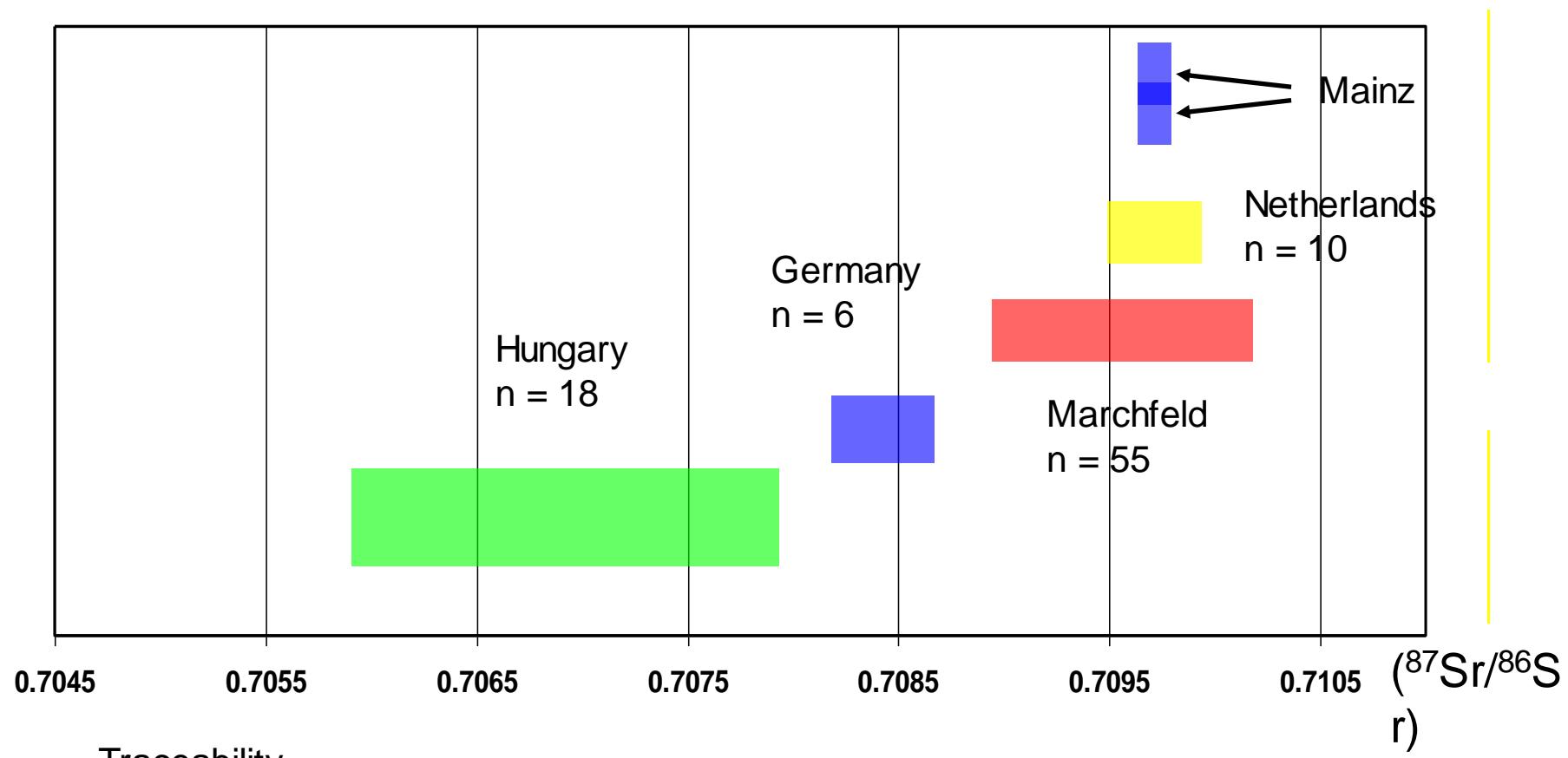
Sr isotopic composition

- Maternal rock
- Wet and dry deposition
- 20 % weathering
- 80 % recycled Sr

Miller EK, Blum JD and Friedland AJ, Nature 362, 1993, 438-441



Marchfeld: Sr range and source



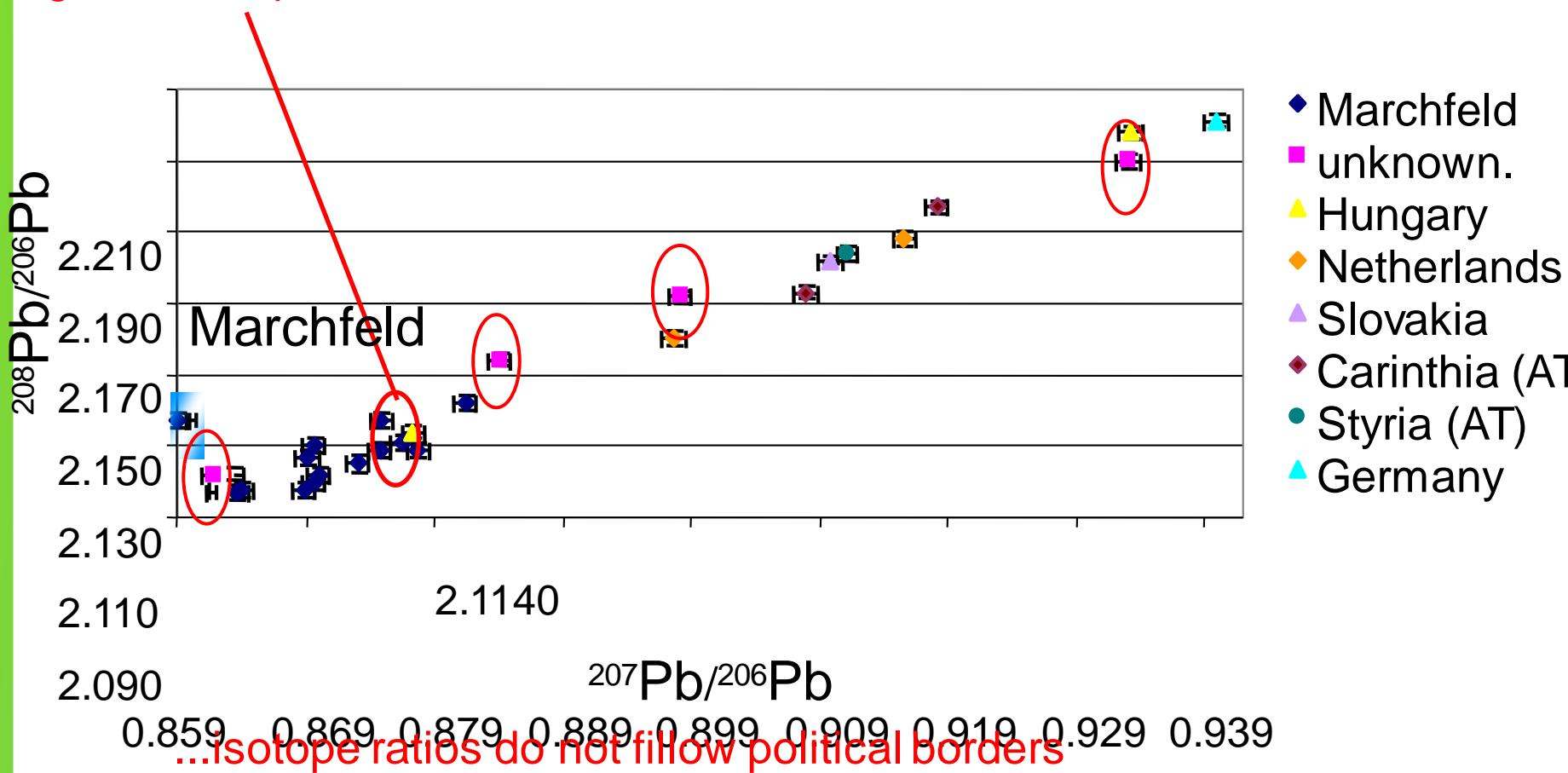
Traceability

- Marchfeld: hand picked by lab staff (traceable)
 - include other signatures
 - multivariate statistics
- other regions: purchased at the market (not traceable)

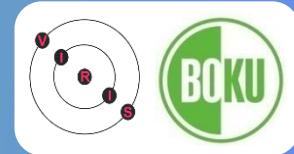
Marchfeld asparagus



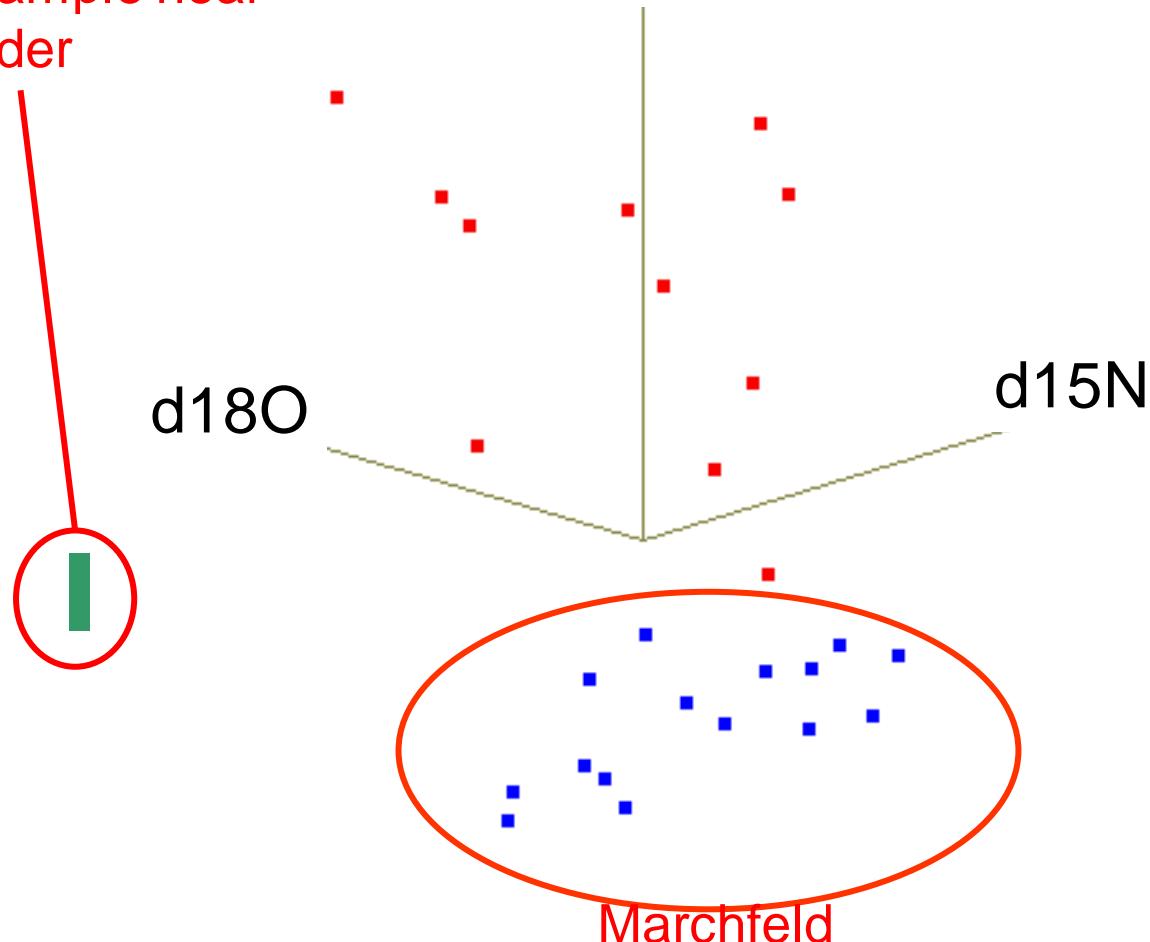
Hungarian sample near Austrian border



3D main component analysis



Hungarian sample near
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Predicting Provenance



Complementary approaches for the verification of food provenance

Databases

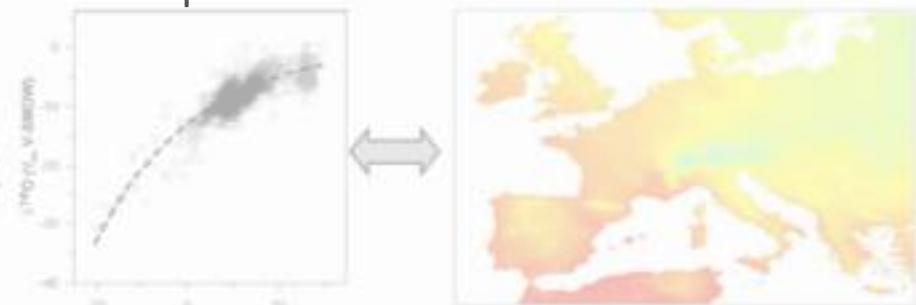
Origin is determined by comparison to data within a database



- Requires data from all provenances (authentic samples)
- Expensive (large number of data)
- Stability has to be proven (regular update)

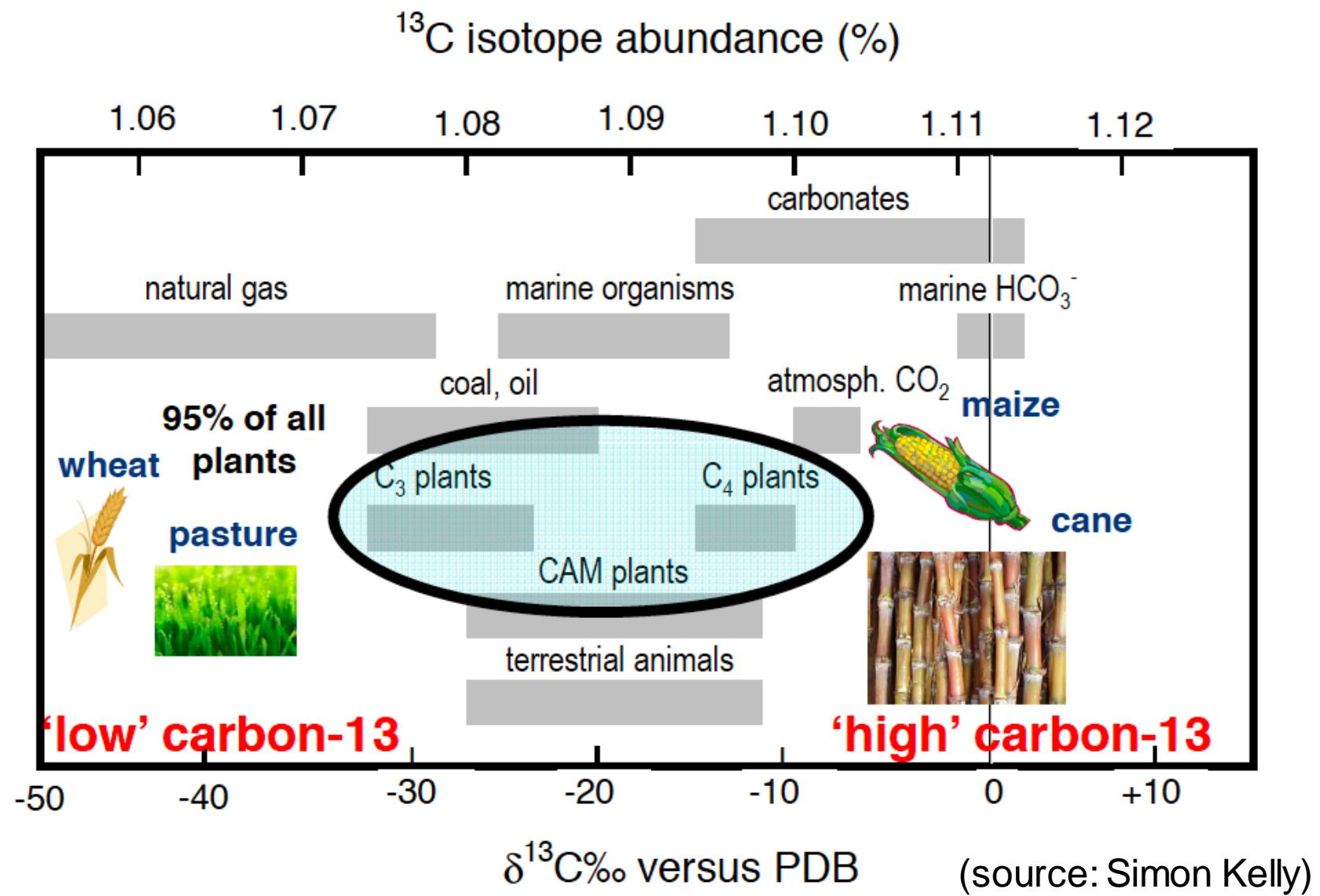
Isoscapes

Origin is determined by comparing the data within a food to interpolated geo-climatic factors depicted in an isotopic map



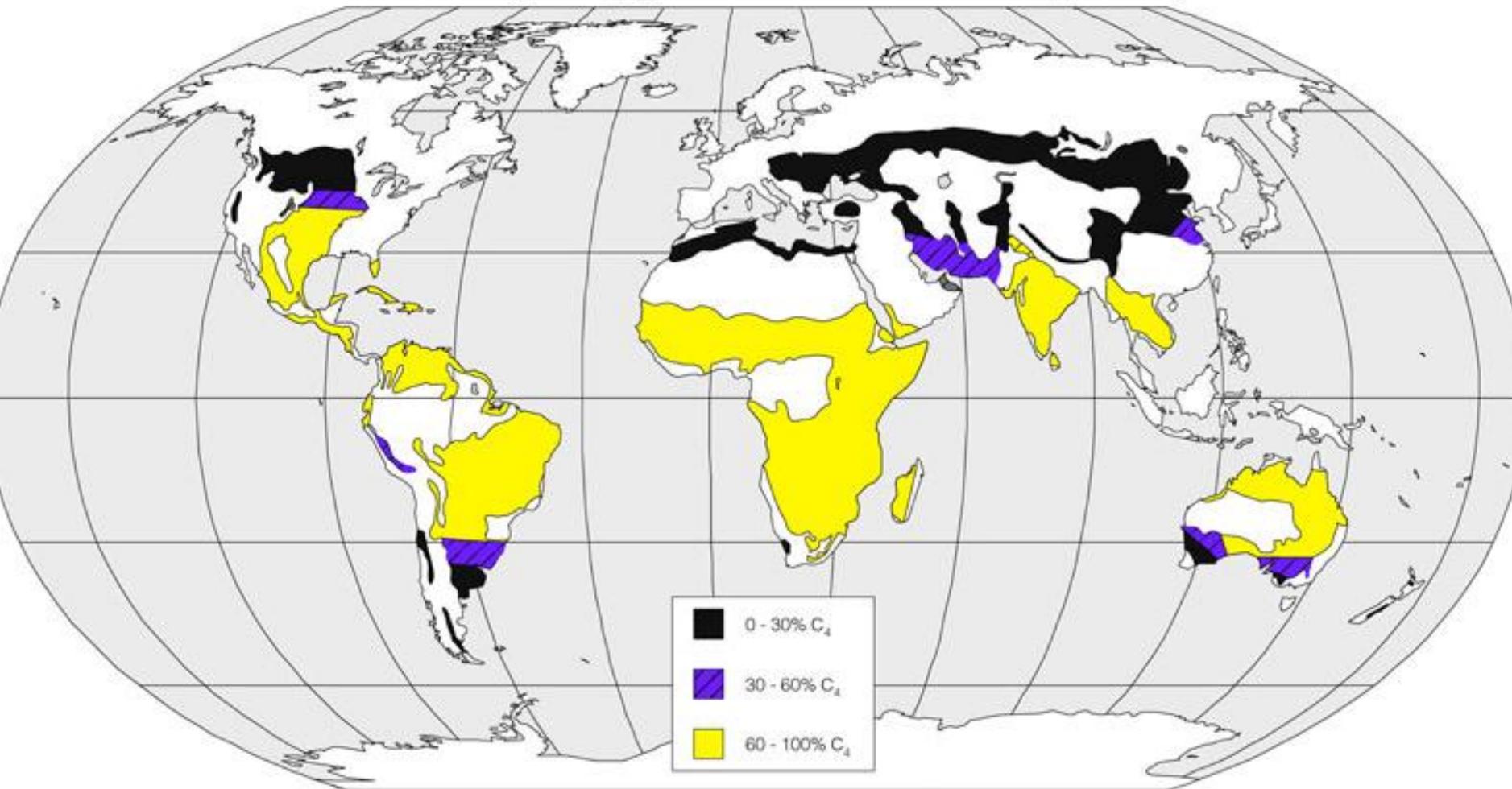
- Prediction of areas with no isotopic data
- Large scale data might overlook regionality
- Annual/seasonal stability has to be proven

$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in plants



Distribution of C₃ and C₄ plants

Distributions of C₃ and C₄ grasses in the savanna and steppe ecosystems

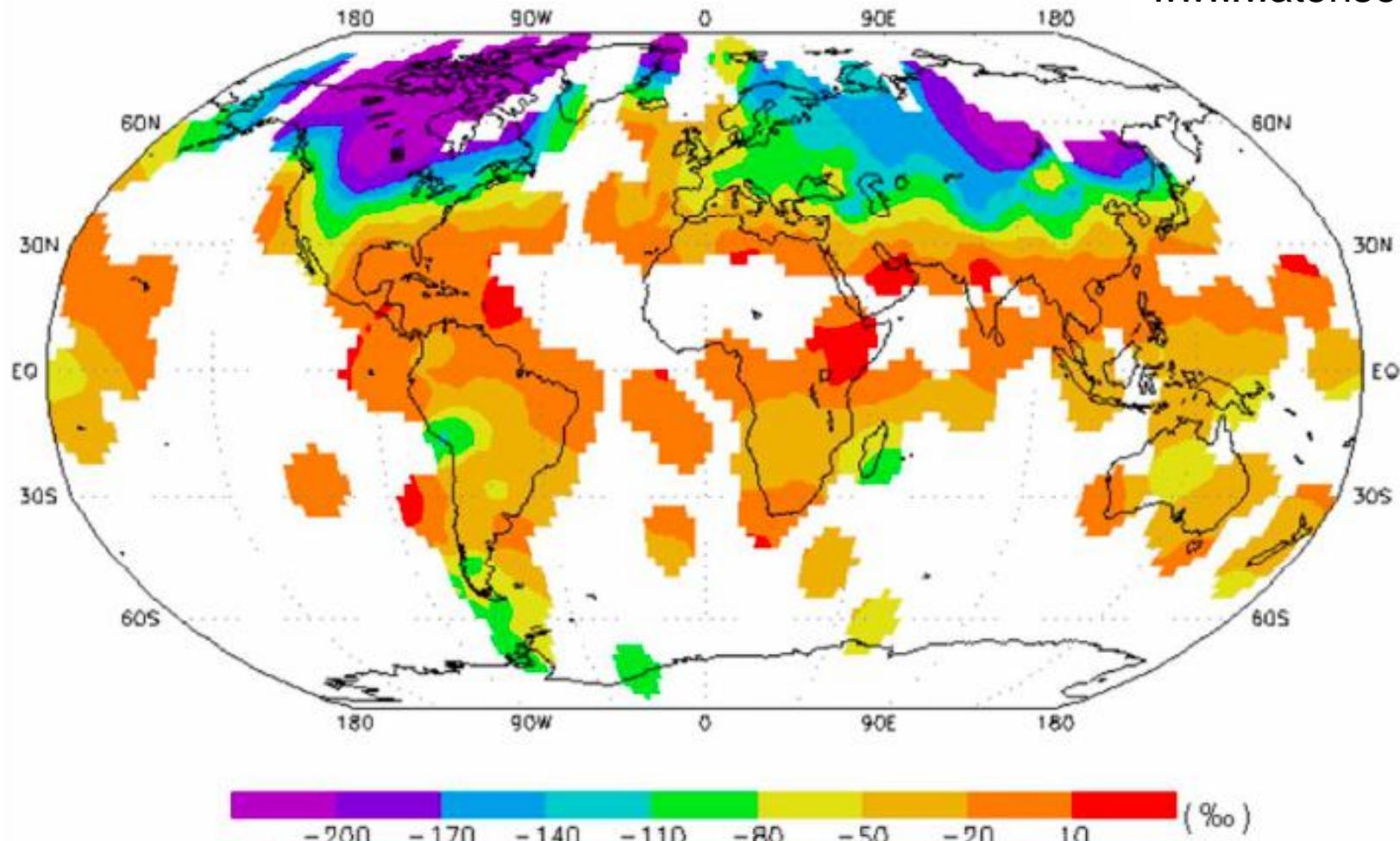


H and O isoscapes



Weighted Jan. $\delta^2\text{H}$

www.waterisotopes.org



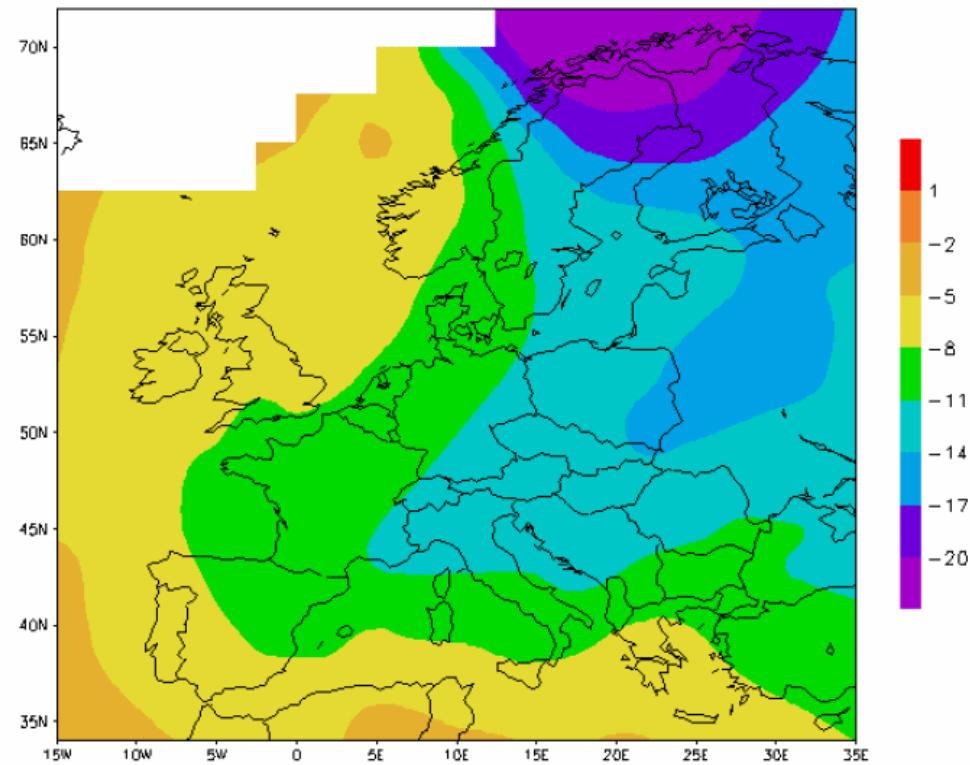
IAEA (2001). GNIP Maps and Animations, International Atomic Energy Agency,
Vienna. Accessible at <http://isohis.iaea.org>

Assessment of ‚isoscapes‘

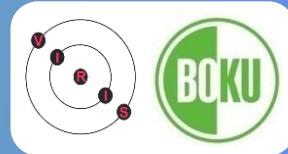


- Continuous maps of isotope ratios for authenticity, migration and more

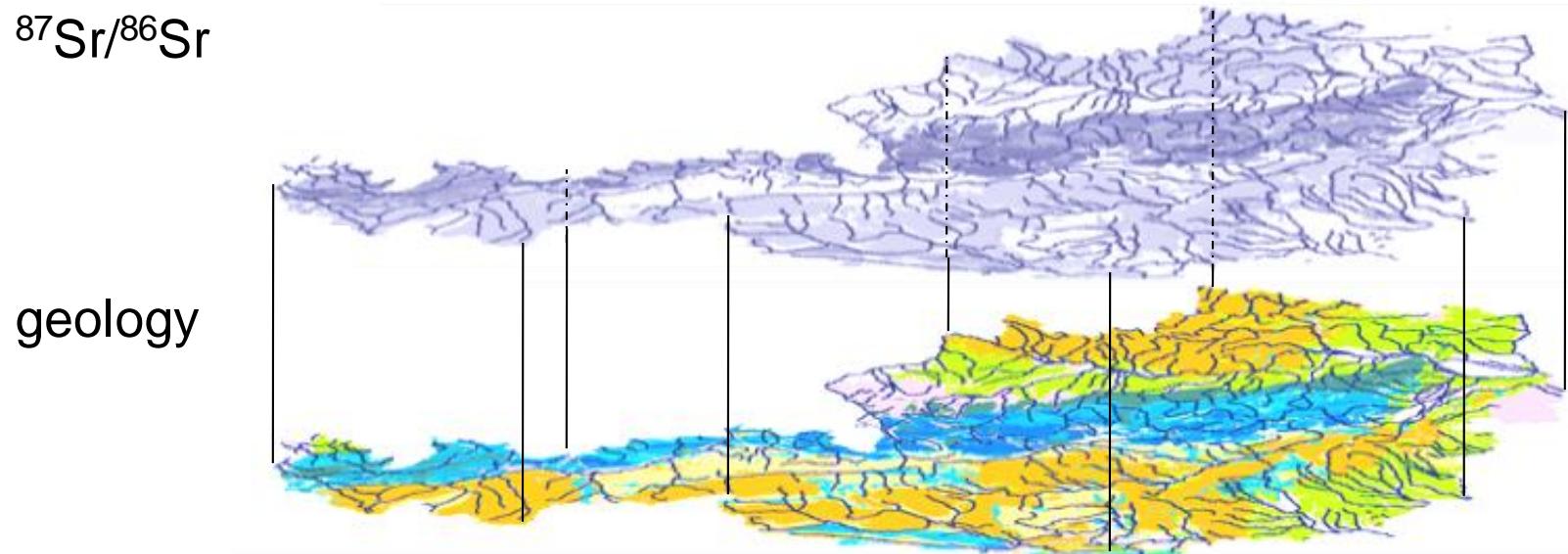
Weighted Jan. $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



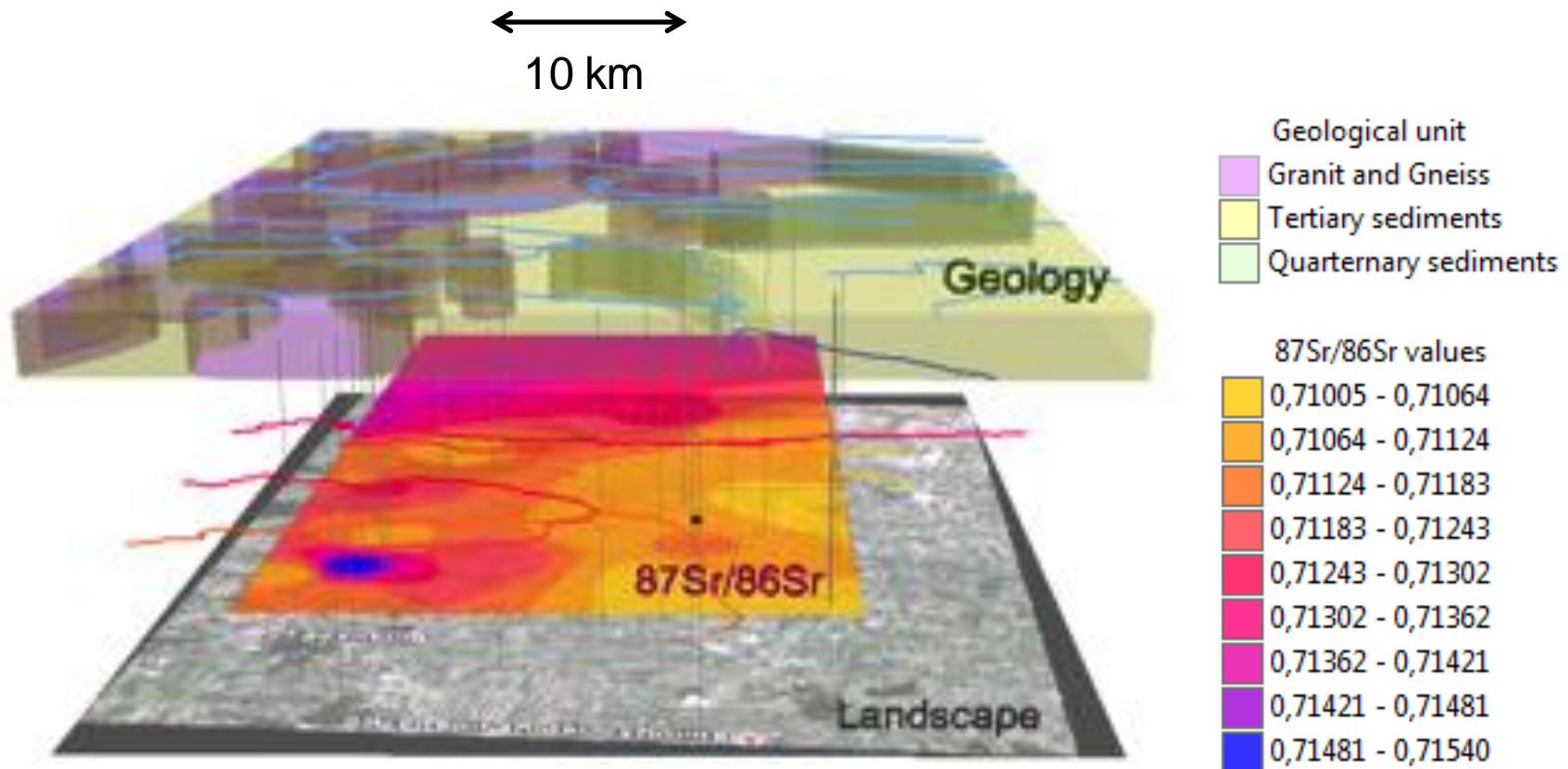
Sr isoscapes



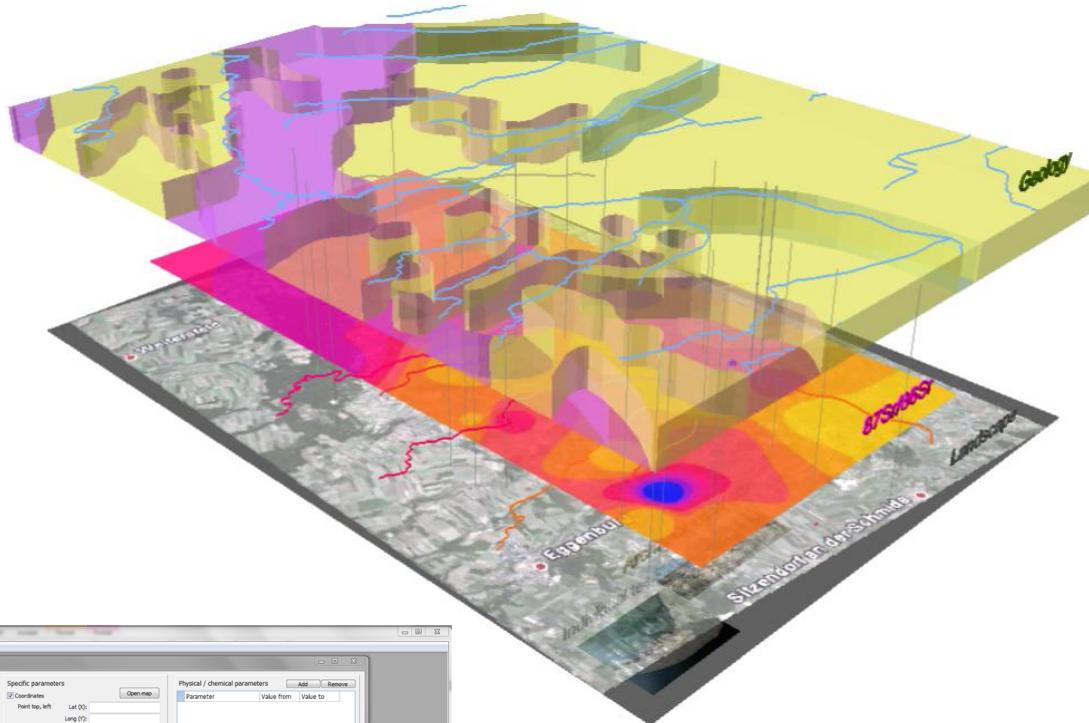
- Isoscapes for
 - Bioavailable $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ in soils
 - $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ in rivers and lakes



Sr – isoscape – definition of a region by the bioavailable Sr



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Geological unit
Granit and Gneiss
Tertiary sediments
Quarternary sediments

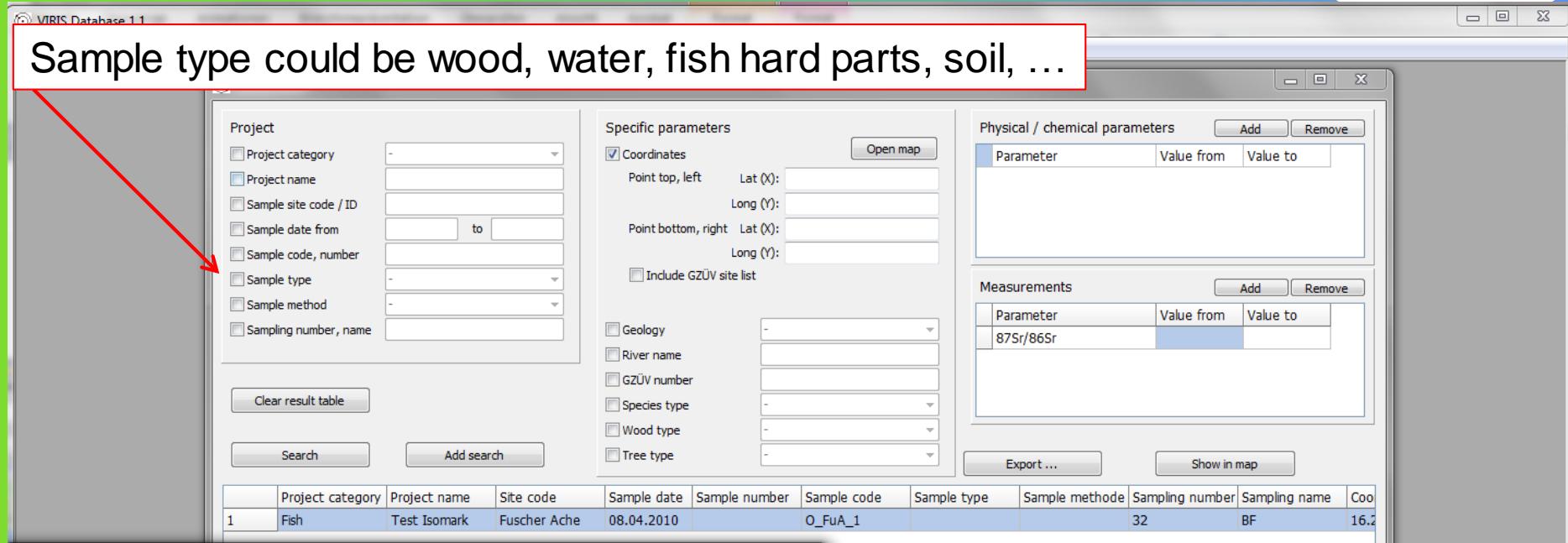
$87\text{Sr}/86\text{Sr}$ values

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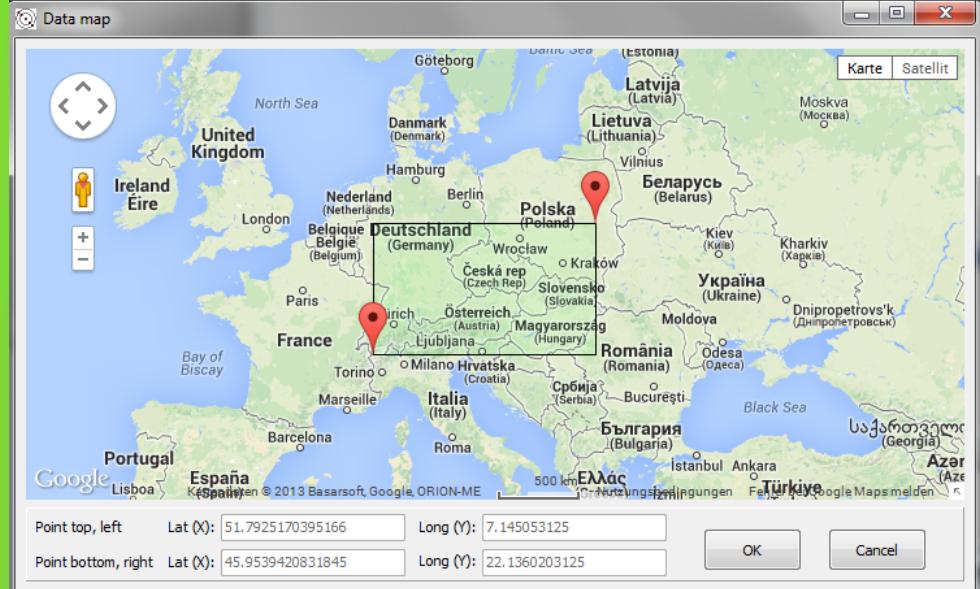
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Sr isoscape work - VIRIS database

Sample type could be wood, water, fish hard parts, soil, ...

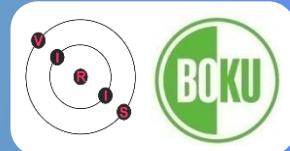


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| 1 | Fish | Test Isomark | Fuscher Ache | 08.04.2010 | O_FuA_1 | | | | 32 | BF | 16.2 |



- Input via Excel spread sheets in different categories of projects and samples, including quality judgement, instrumental settings, pictures, links to original data, citation etc.
- Searching data possible
 - by a wide variety of requests, including the measured parameter (e.g. $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$)
 - by a geographical window that can be opened from the database and that allows to select a geographical area

Sr isoscape work - Isoscape Austria Portal



VIRIS Database 1.1

VIRIS Data Listen Extras ?

Data search

Project

- Project category
- Project name
- Sample site code / ID
- Sample date from
- Sample code, number
- Sample type
- Sample method
- Sampling number, name

Specific parameters

Coordinates

Point top, left Lat (X):
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Include GZÜV site list

Physical / chemical parameters

Add Remove

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| 87Sr/86Sr | | |

Geology River name GZÜV number Species type Wood type Tree type

Measurements

Add Remove

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|-----------|------------|----------|
| 87Sr/86Sr | | |

Export ... Show in map

Clear result table Search Add search

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Data map

Göteborg Danmark (Denmark) Lietuvė (Lithuania) Vilnius BOKU Satellit

Ireland Eire United Kingdom Nederland (Netherlands) Polška (Poland) Česká rep. (Czech Rep.) Slovensko (Slovakia) Polska (Poland) Krakow Dnipropetrovsk' (Dniproprosv'k)

Deutschland (Germany) Wroclaw Švédsko (Sweden) Švýcarsko (Switzerland) Řecko (Greece) Moldova Odesa (Odesa)

België (Belgium) Irach Österreich (Austria) Magyarország (Hungary) România (Romania) Bucureşti

France Milano Hrvatska (Croatia) Italia (Italy) Srpska (Serbia) Bulgarija (Bulgaria) Ankara Istanbul

Portugal Lisboa Espana (Spain) 500 km

Google

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ISOSCAPE AUSTRIA PORTAL

Search for

project category: Fish Suchen

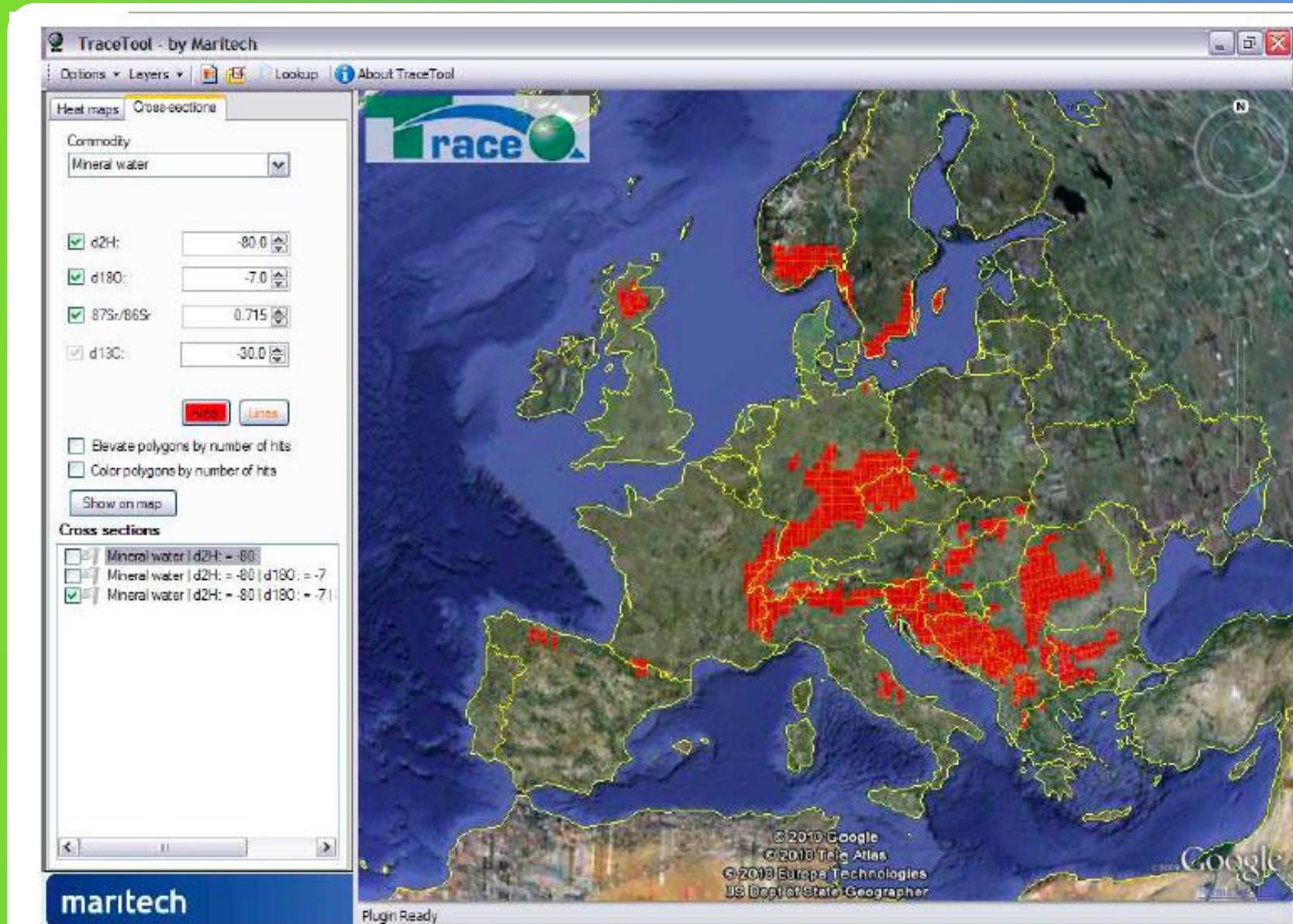
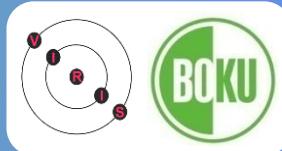
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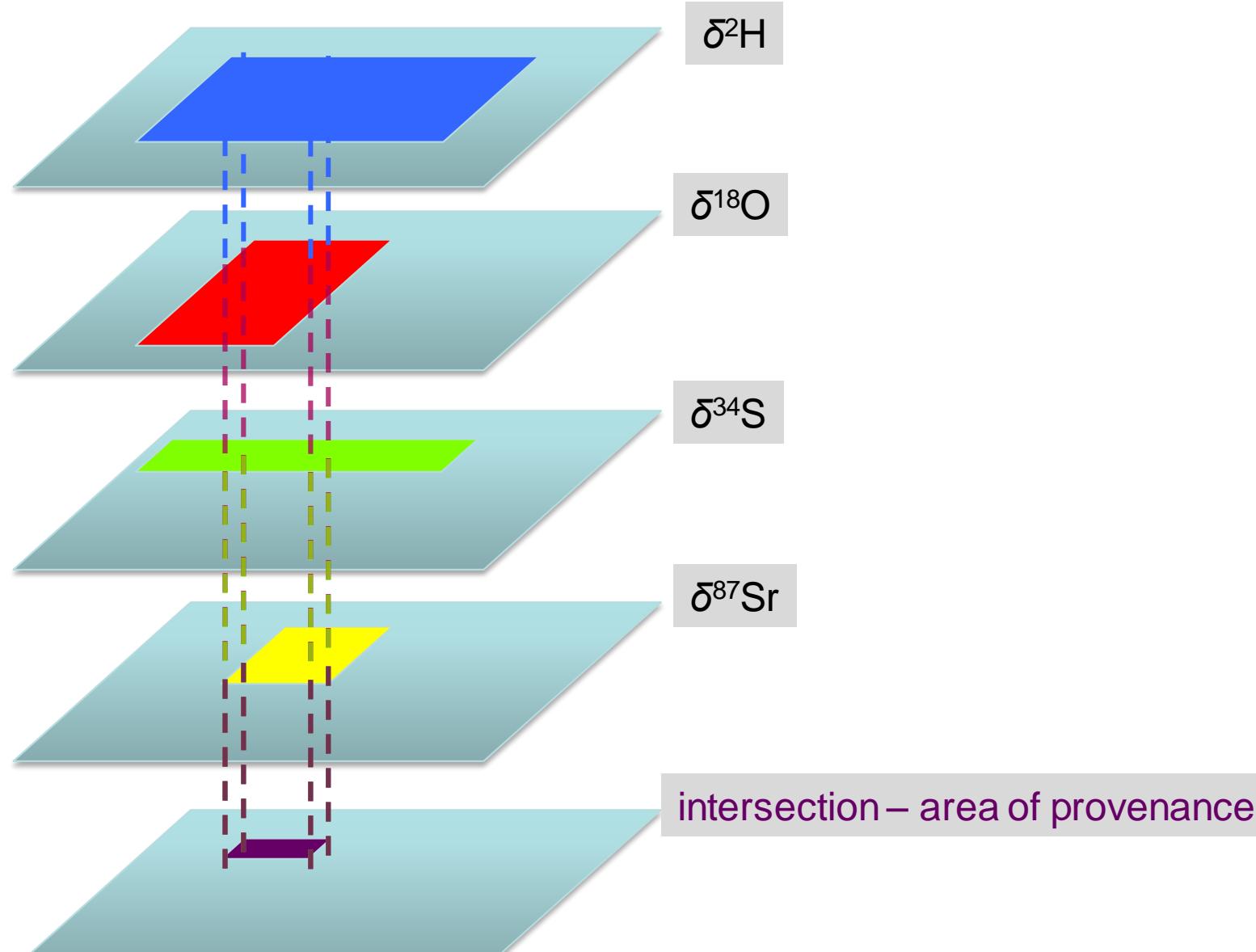
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 - Searching for categories and download possible

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TRACE project (trace.eu.org)



Combining areas of origin



Combination of isotopic and elemental information: Determination of the origin of green coffee beans



Standard protocol ICP-MS



Microwave digestion

Sr/matrix
separation

Multielement
analysis

$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$



ICP-SFMS



ICP-QMS



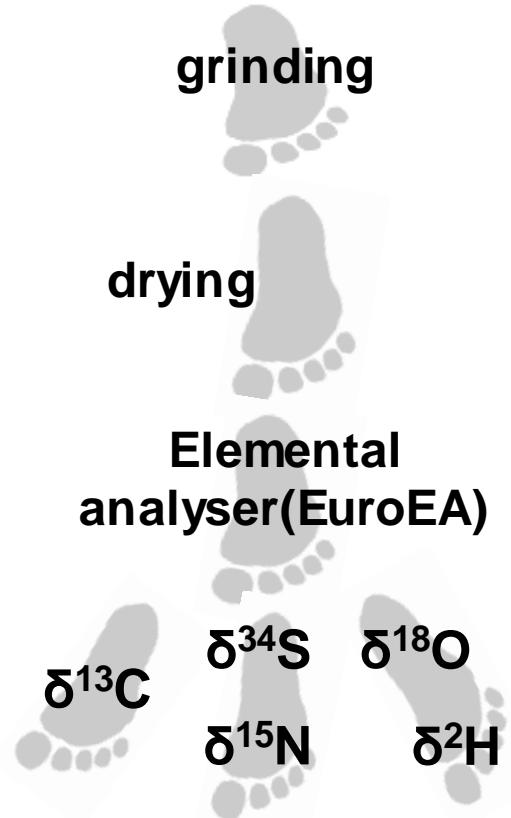
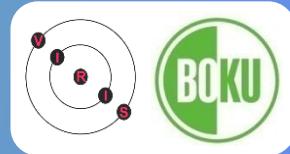
MC-ICP-SFMS

Element 2

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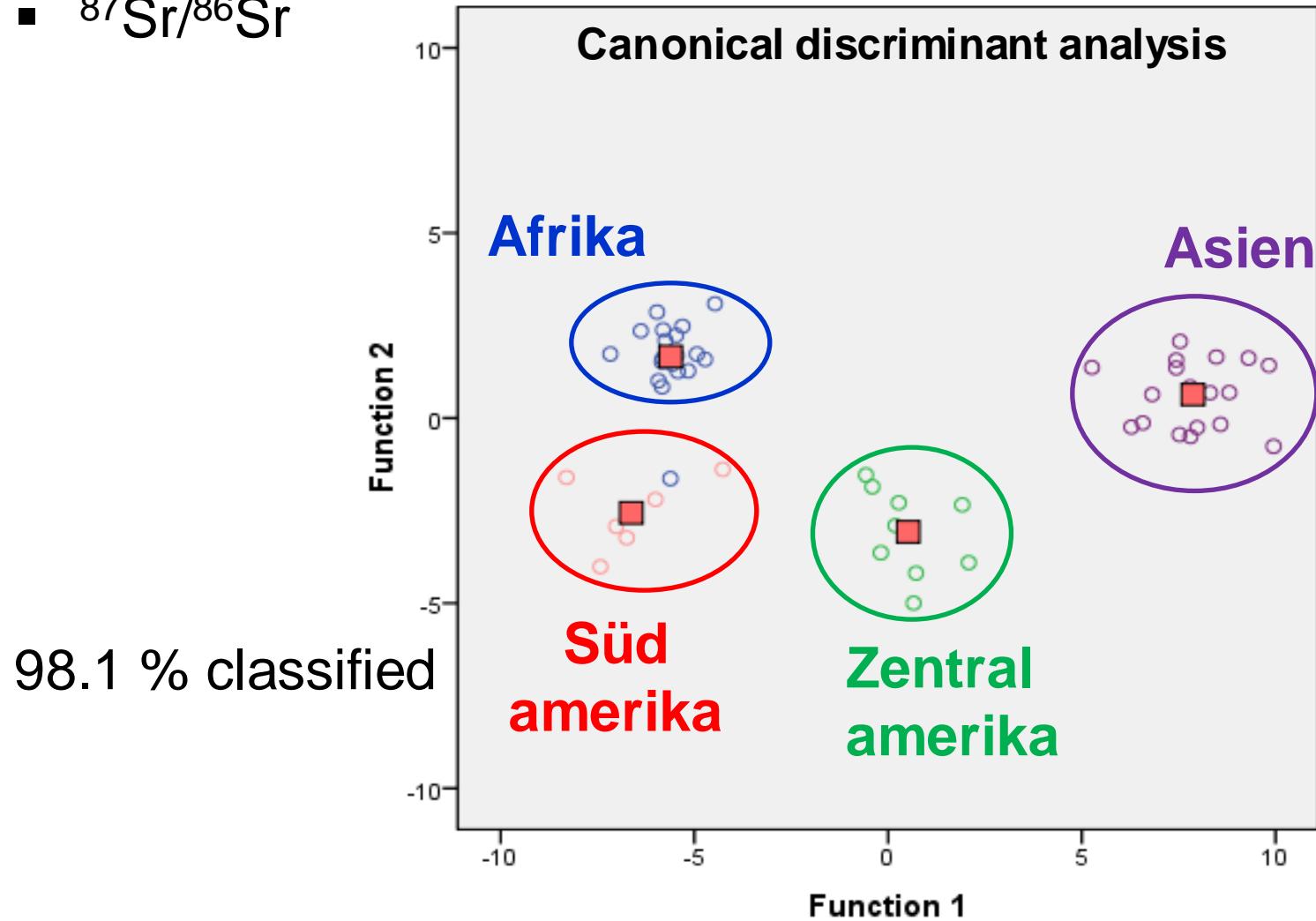
Standard protocol IRMS



IRMS (Sira II; Isoprime)

Continental origin

- Multielement analysis
- $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$

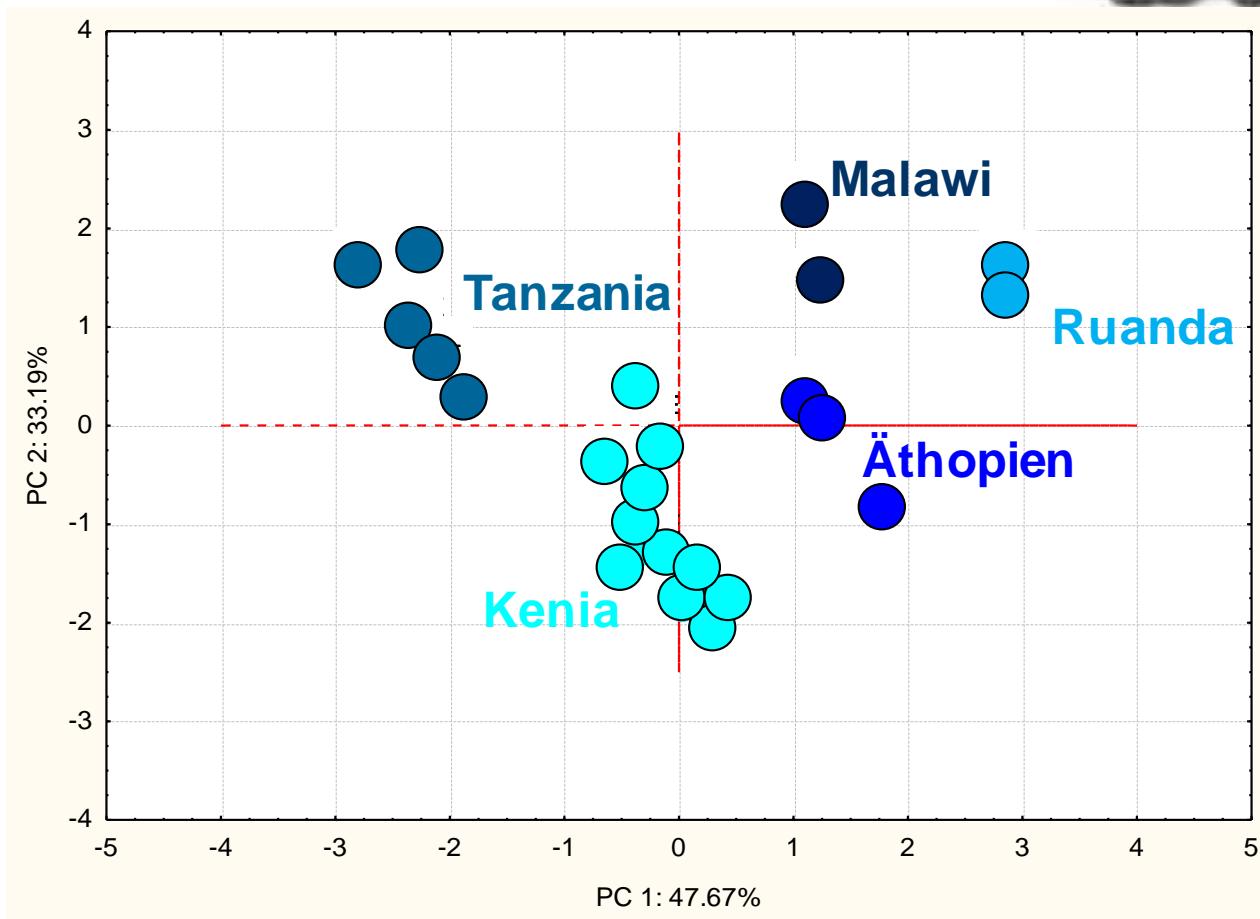


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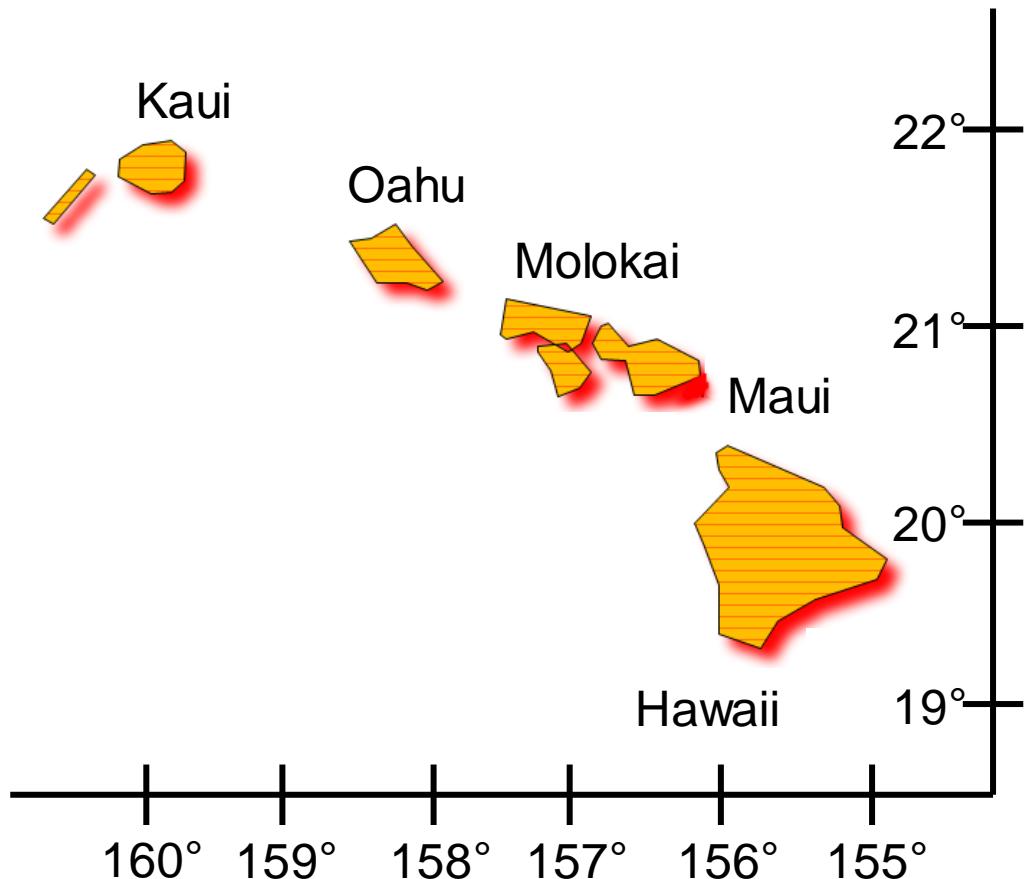
(Rodrigues et al., European Food Research and Technology)



- $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

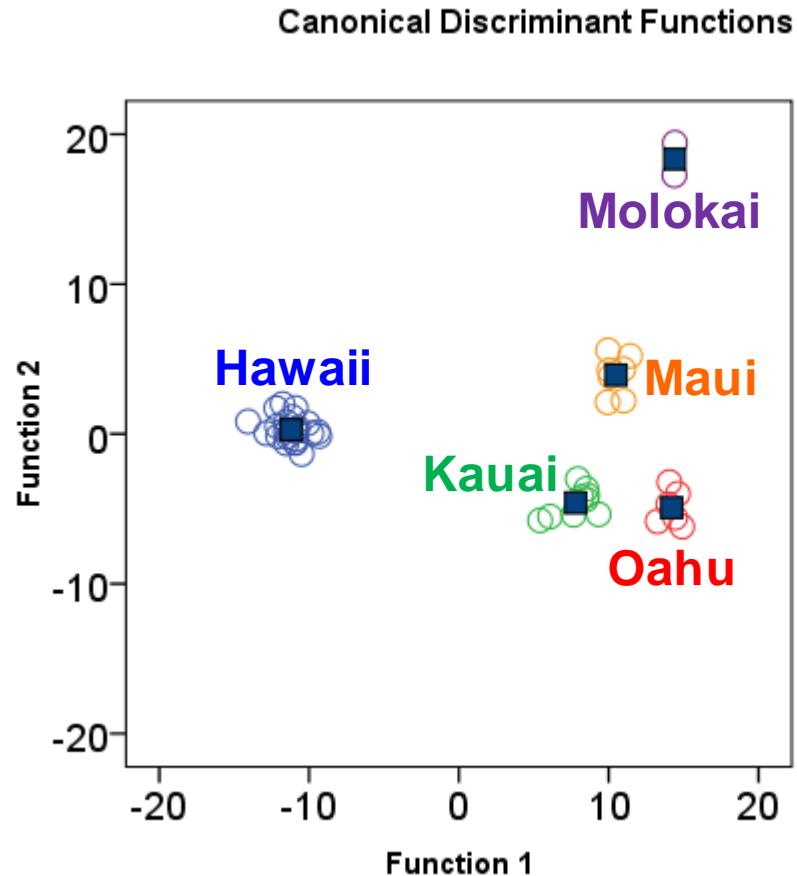
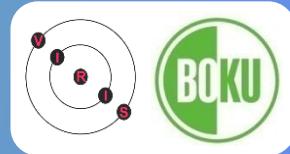


Case study: Hawaii

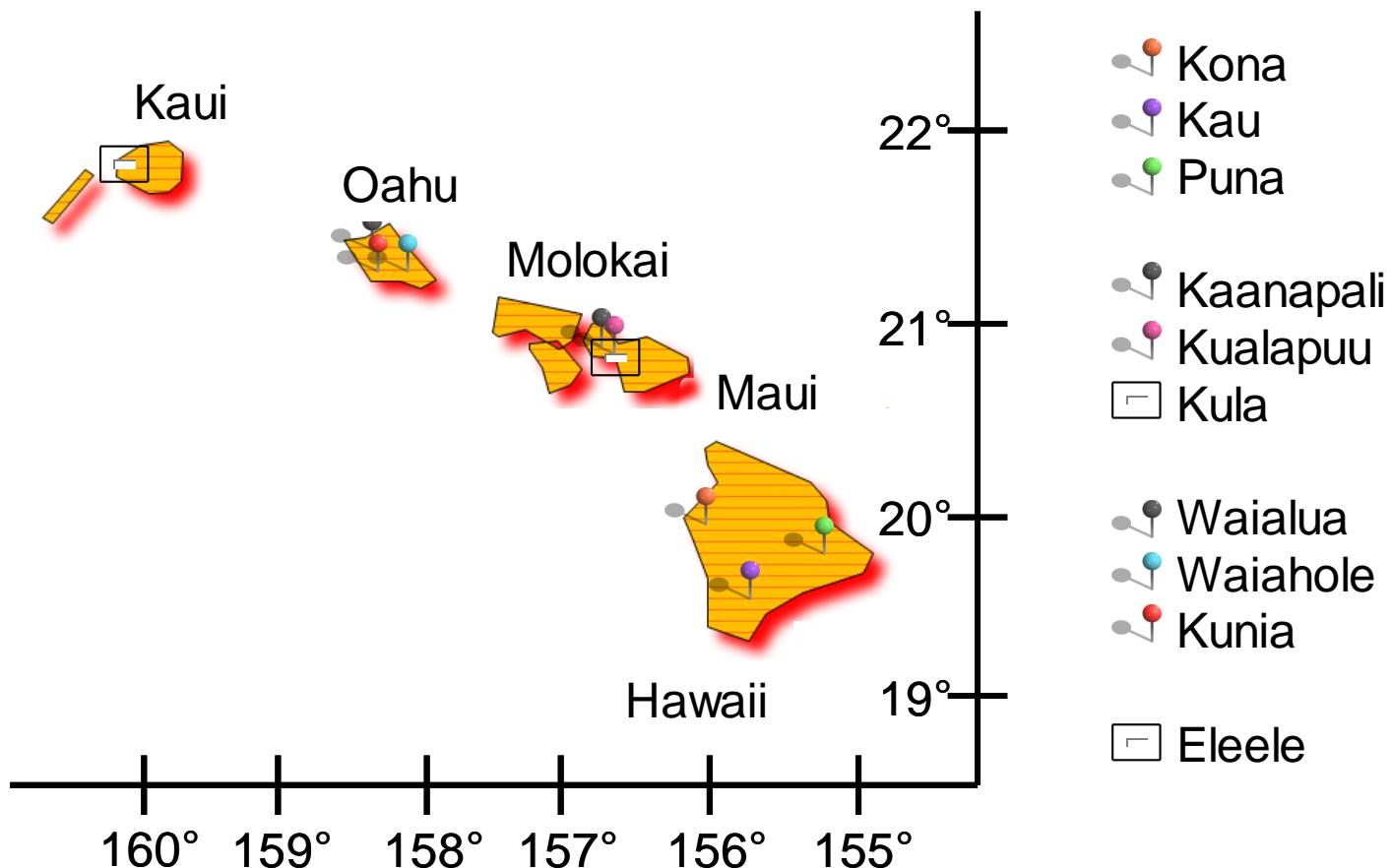


- $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
- $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
- Lanthanide, B, Na, Mg, Al, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Rb, Sr, Mo, Ba, Pb and Bi

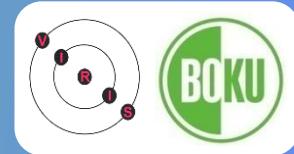
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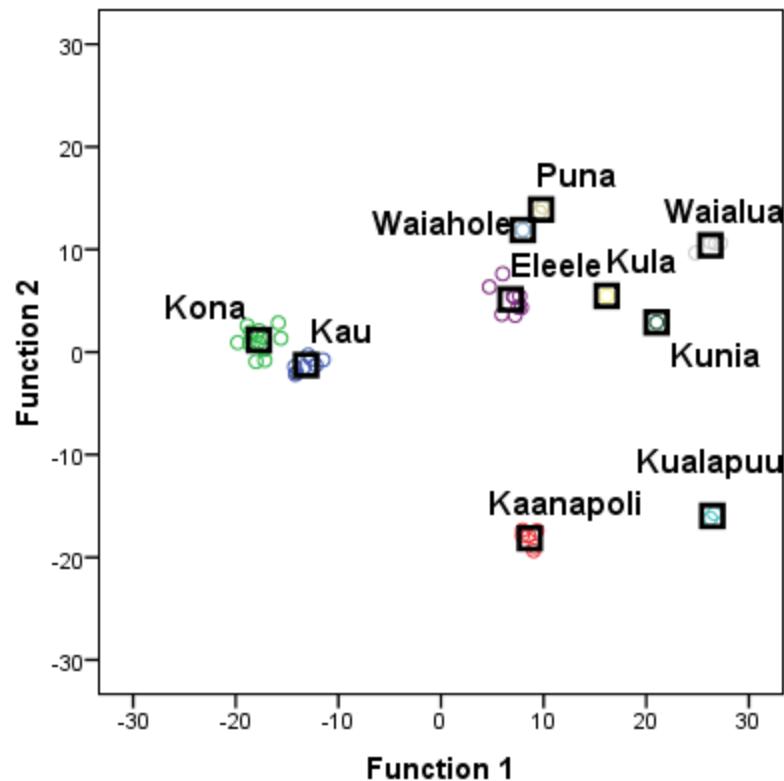
Hawaii – regions within islands



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Canonical Discriminant Functions

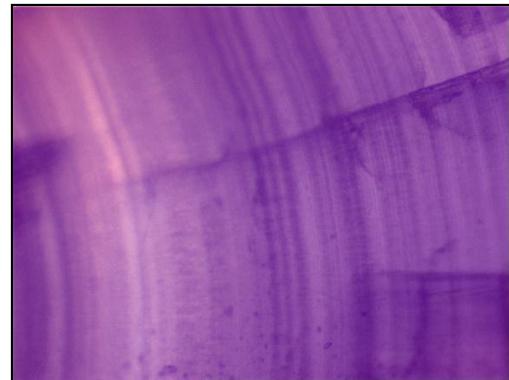
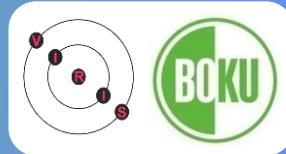


- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
- Y, La, Ce, Sm, B, Al, Fe, Ni, Cu, Rb, Sr, Mo, Ba

Provenance of Fish

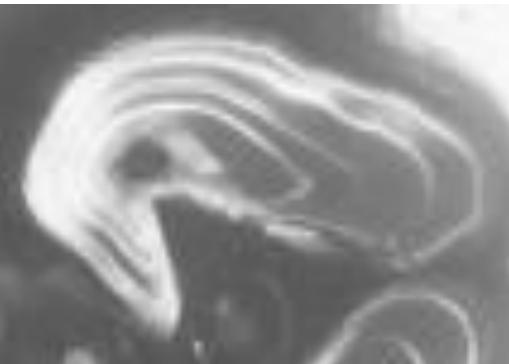


Fish Hard Parts



Otoliths

Back bone



Eye lenses

Scales

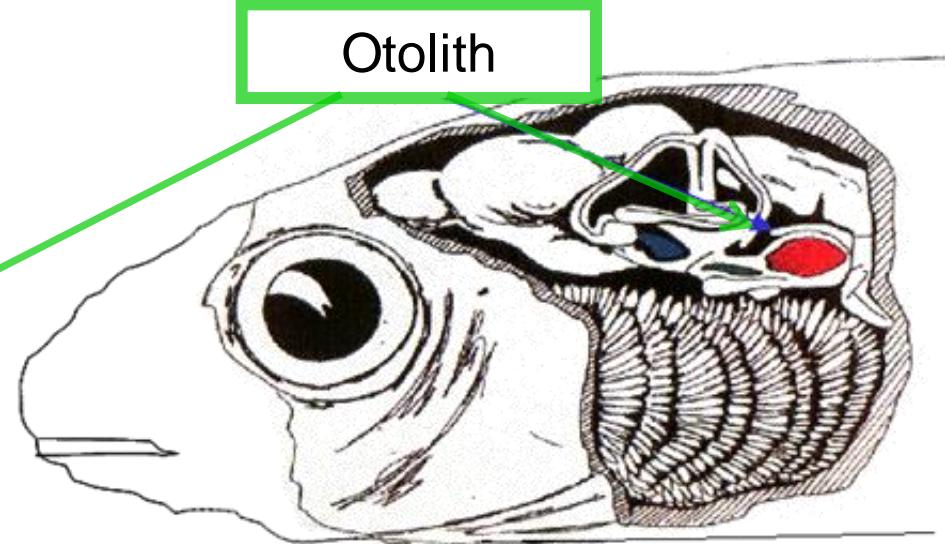
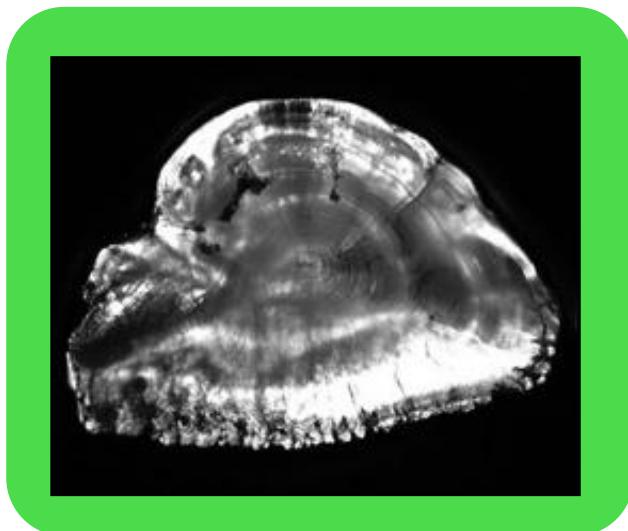
Fin rays

Non lethal strategy



Sr Isotopes in Fish Otoliths

- **Otolith** = ear stone of the fish
 - function: balance, orientation, hearing
 - metabolically inert
 - Grows in discrete layers
 - $\text{Ca} \leftrightarrow \text{Sr}$
 - Analysis by LA-ICP-MS



Different Areas of the Otolith Represent different age times

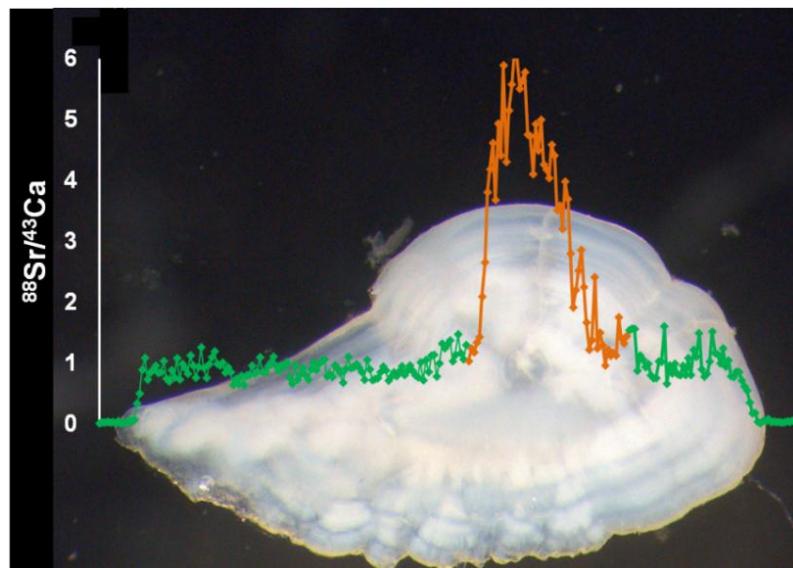
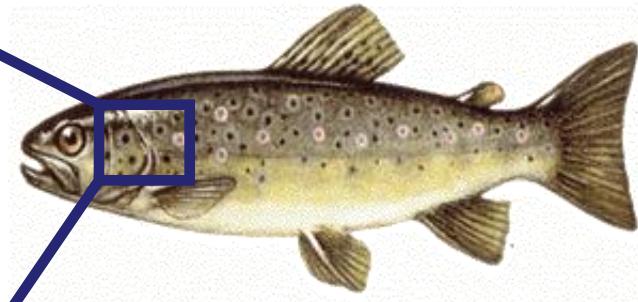
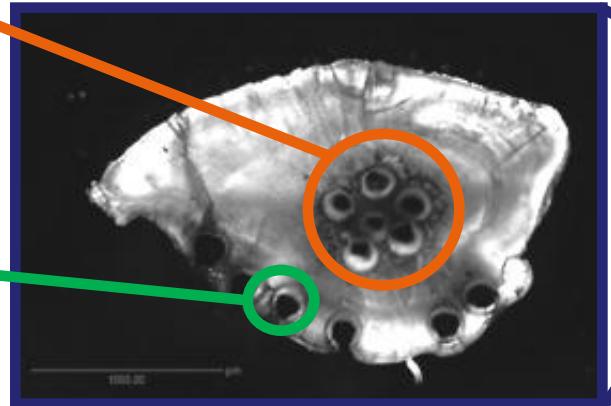


Otolith – core:

Sr-signature of the juvenile habitat

Otolith – rim:

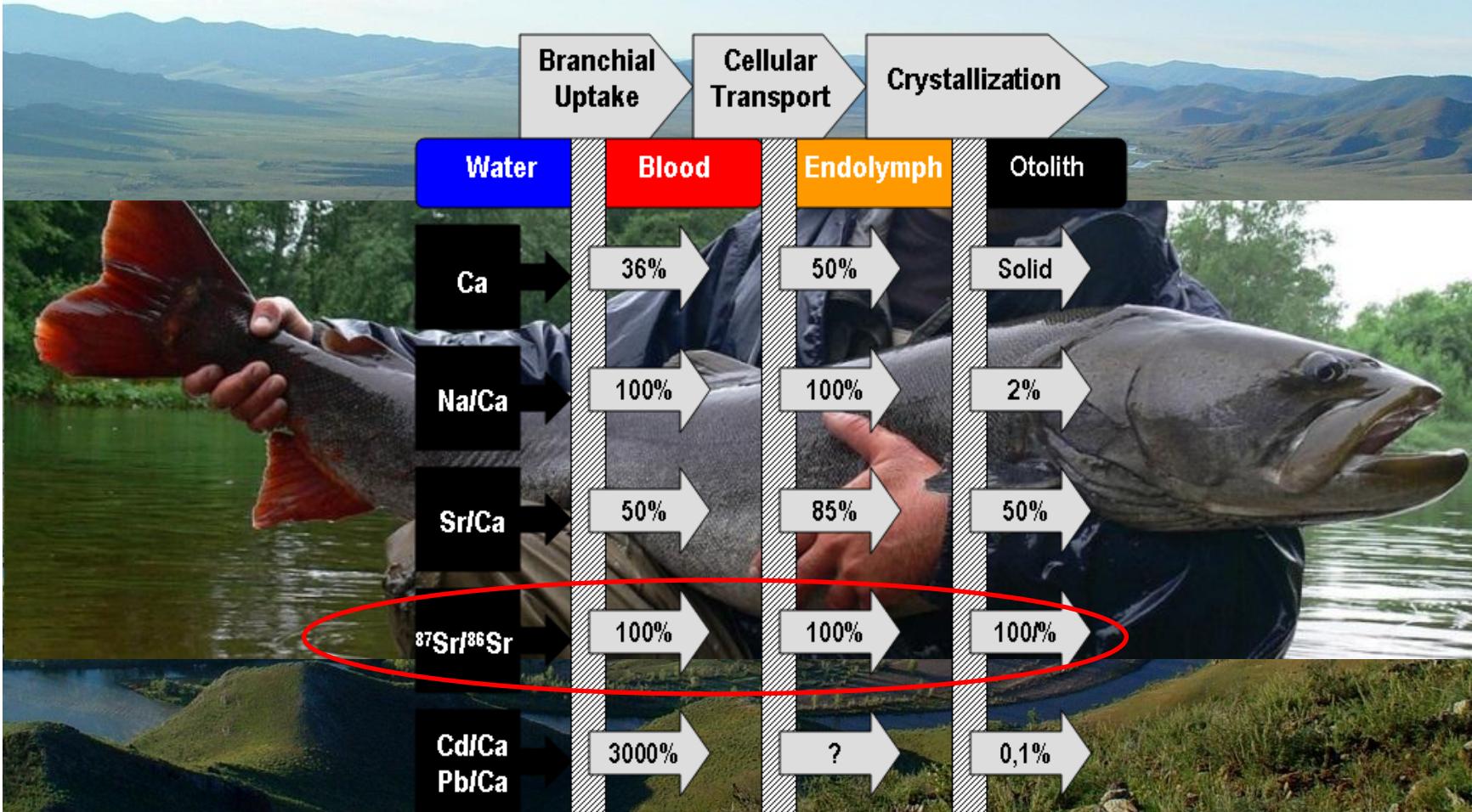
Sr –signature of the adult habitat



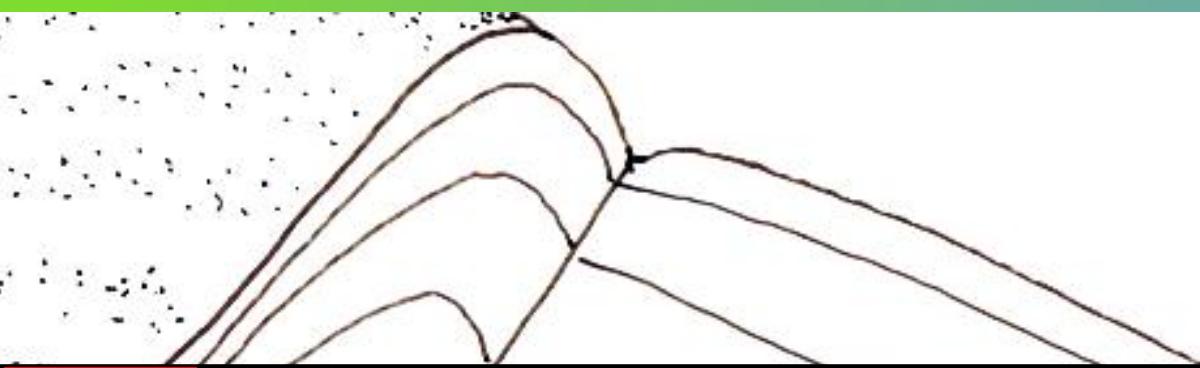
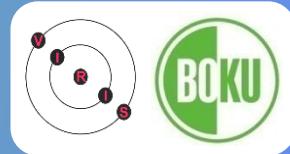
- Migration pattern
- Fish provenance
- Fish stock management
- Population identification
- Population dispersion
- Age determination
- Biomonitor
 - Temperature
 - Salinity
 - contaminationen

Elemental uptake in the different fish hard parts

E.g. 80-90 % uptake of Ca in the otolith via the gills



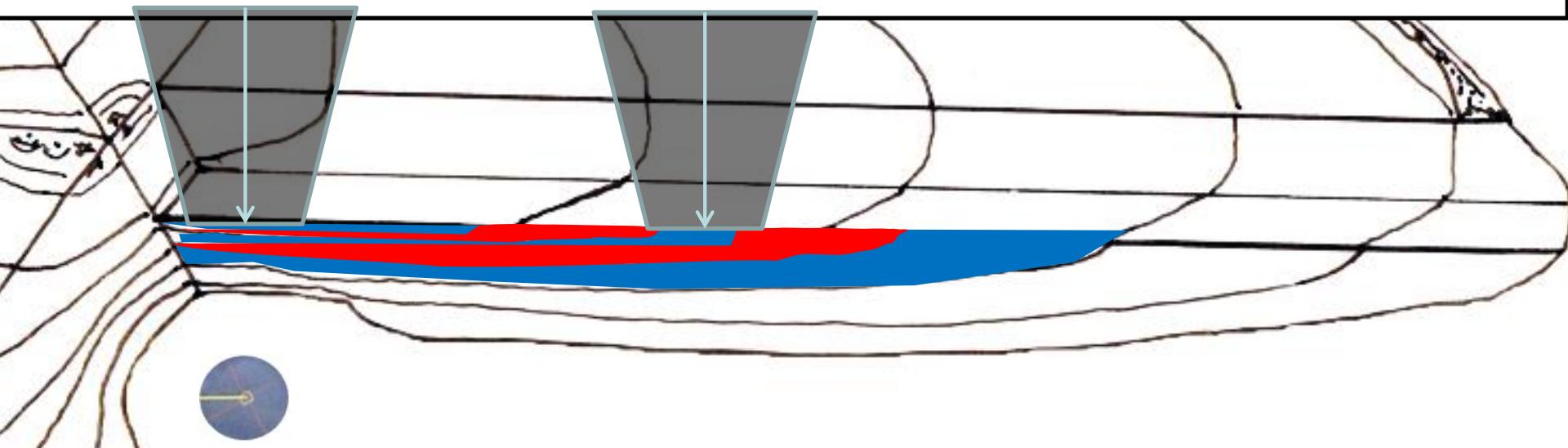
Time resolved analysis using LA-ICP-MS



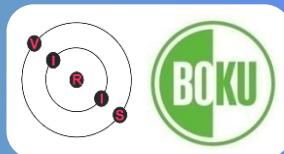
River 1

$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$

River 2



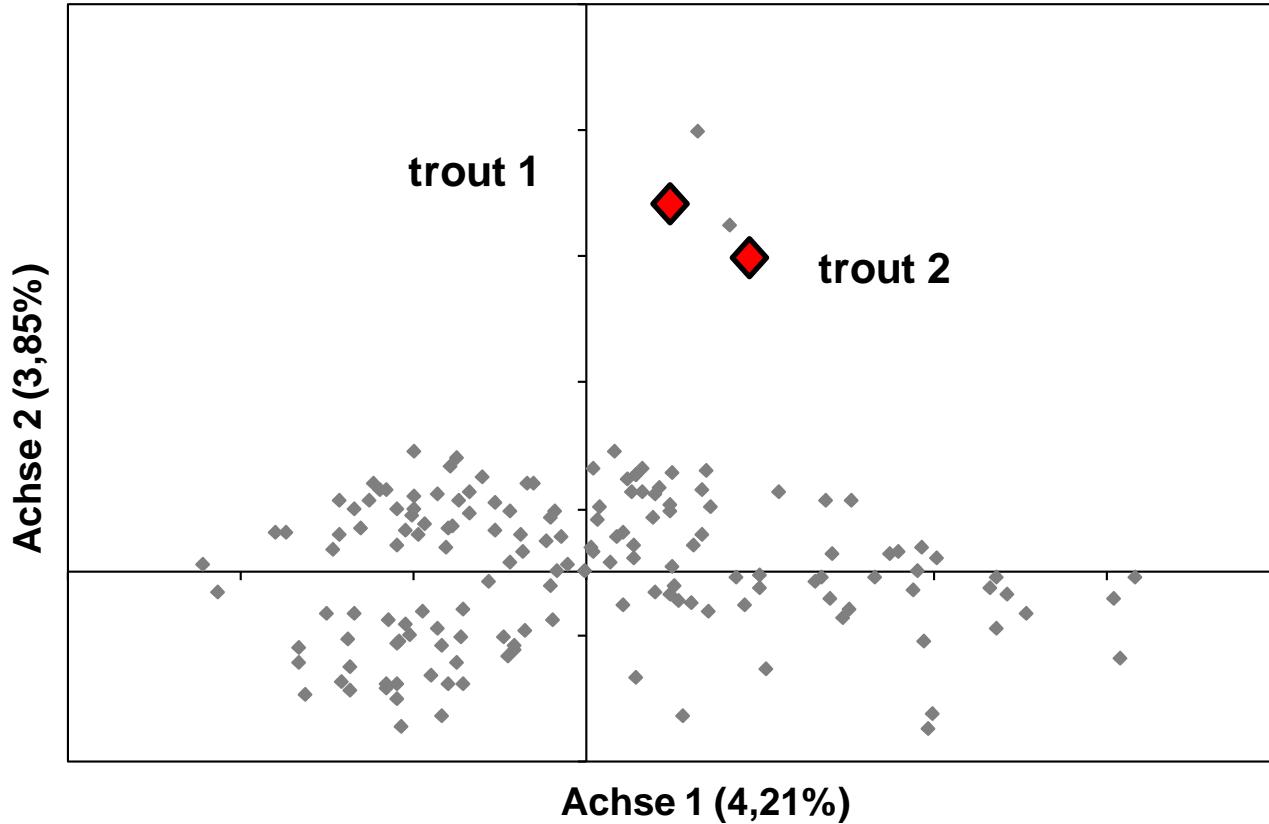
Example: change of habitat (trout)



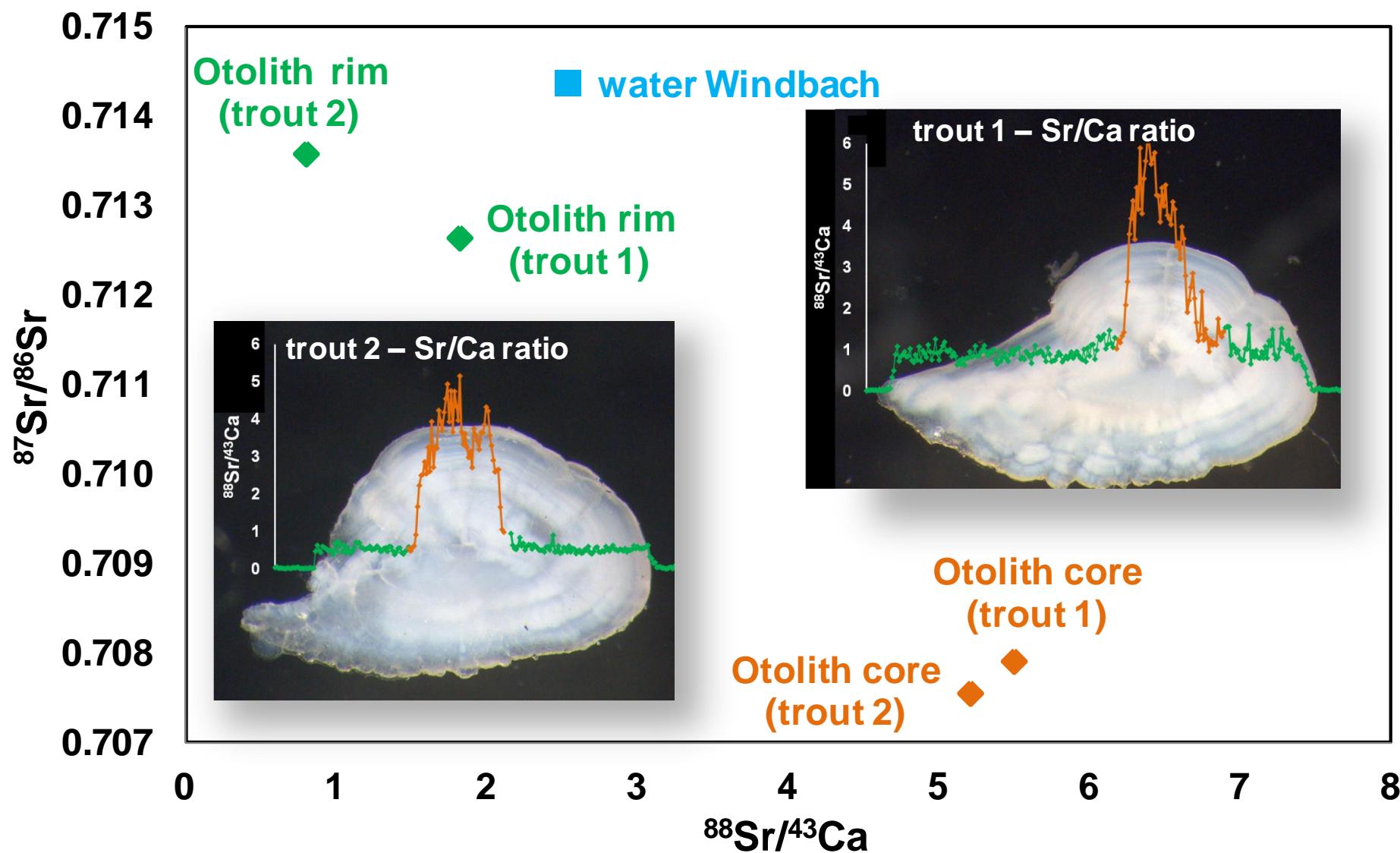
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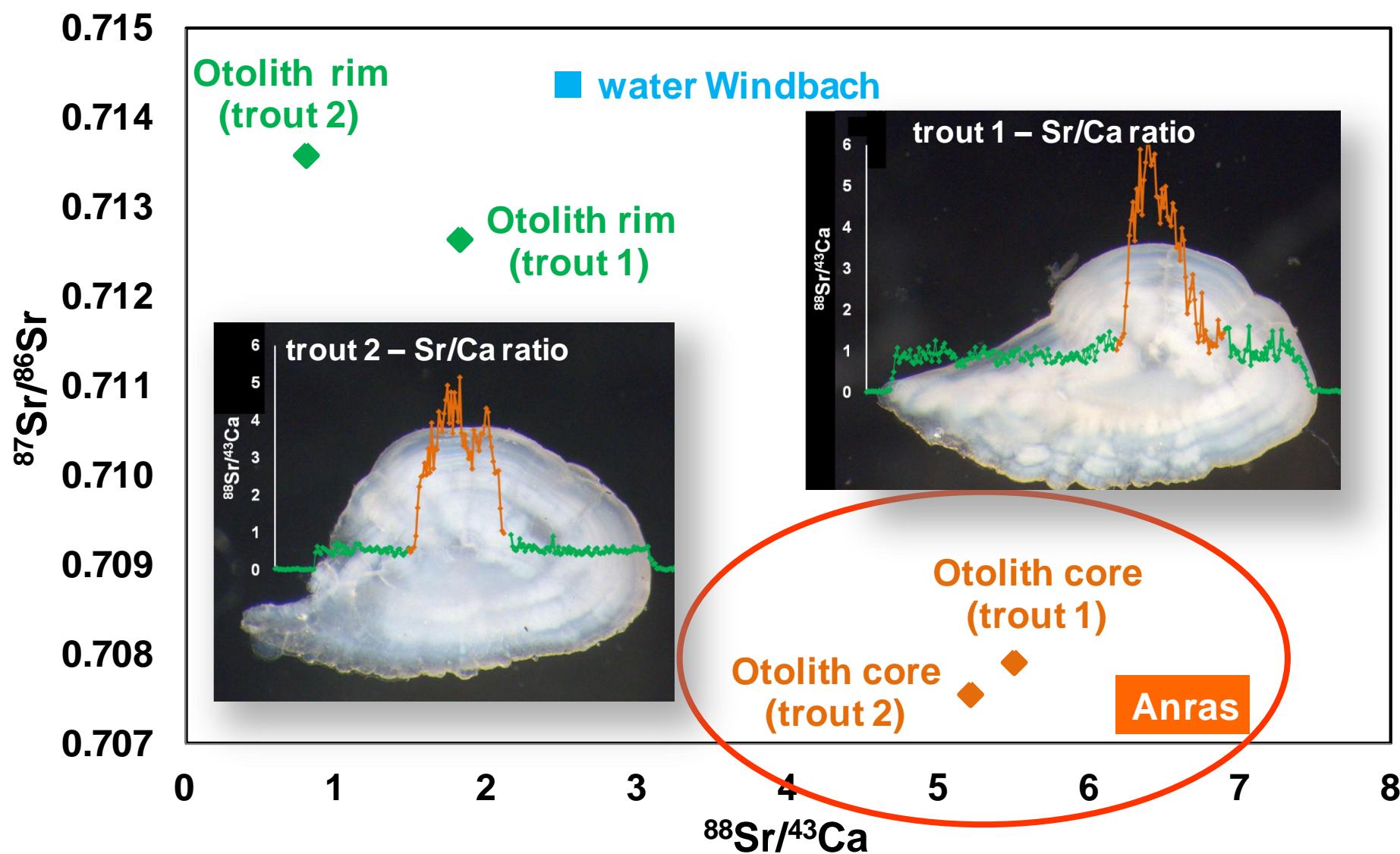
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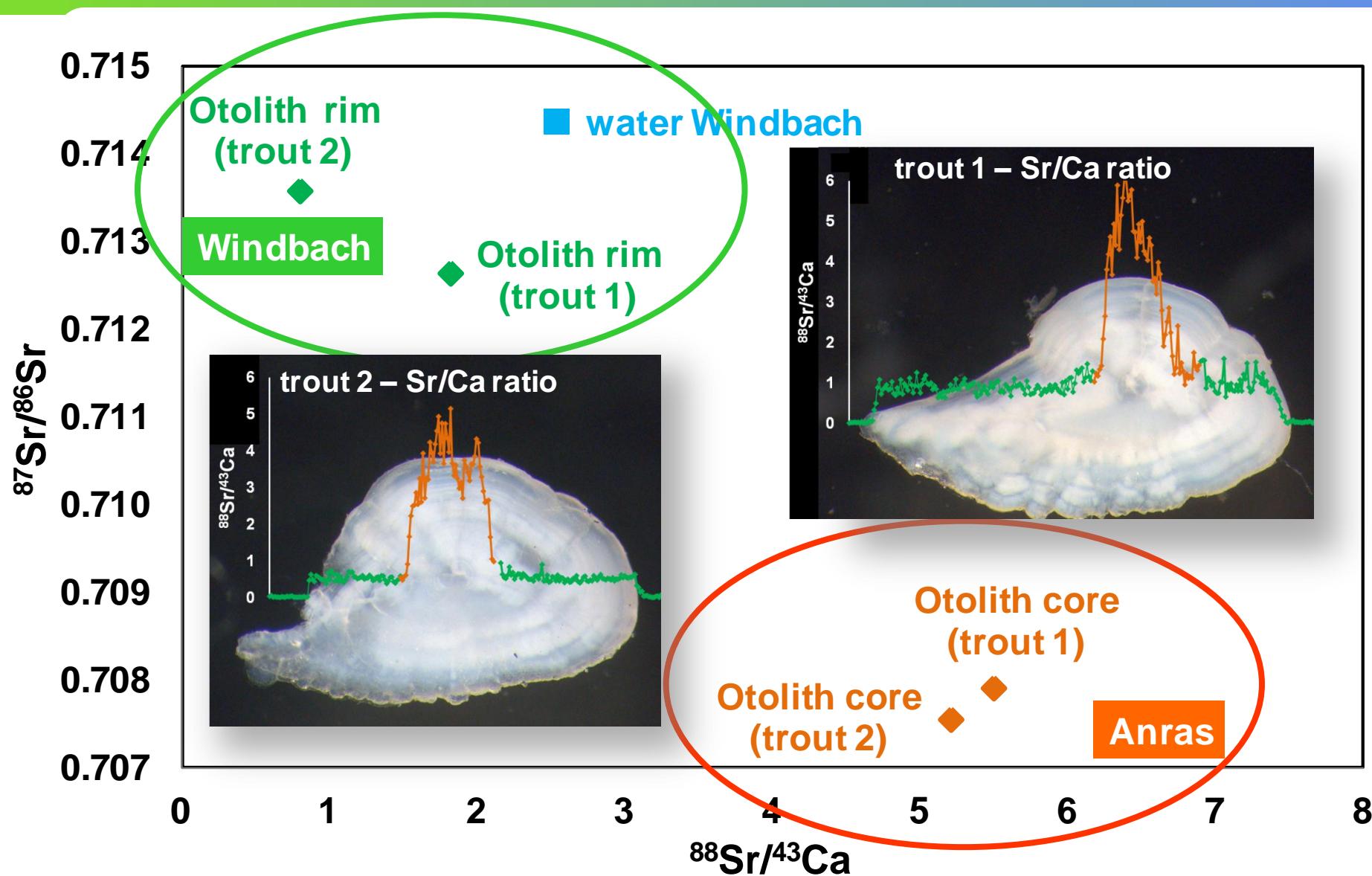
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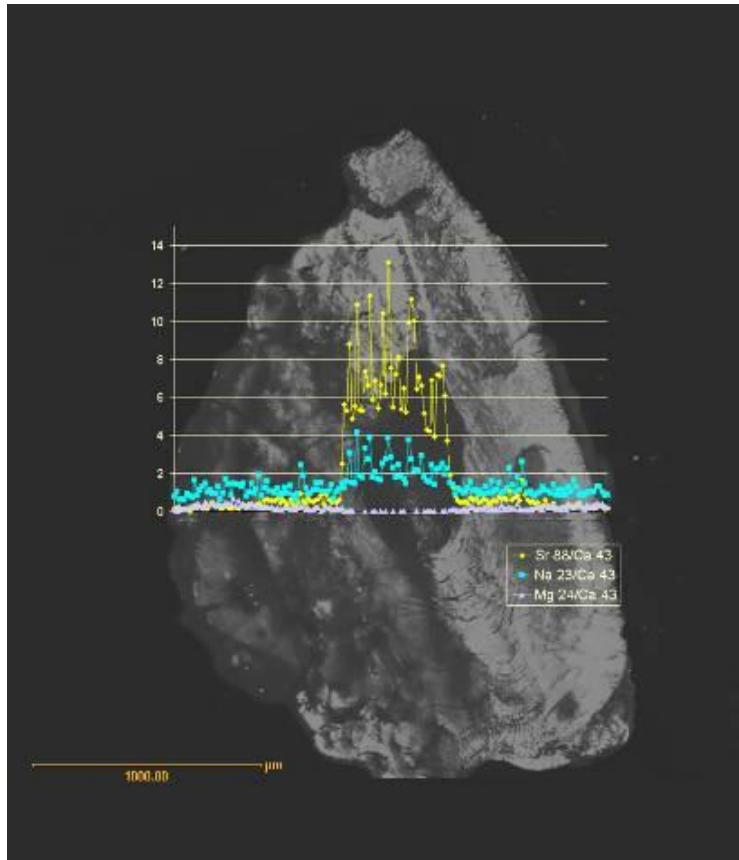
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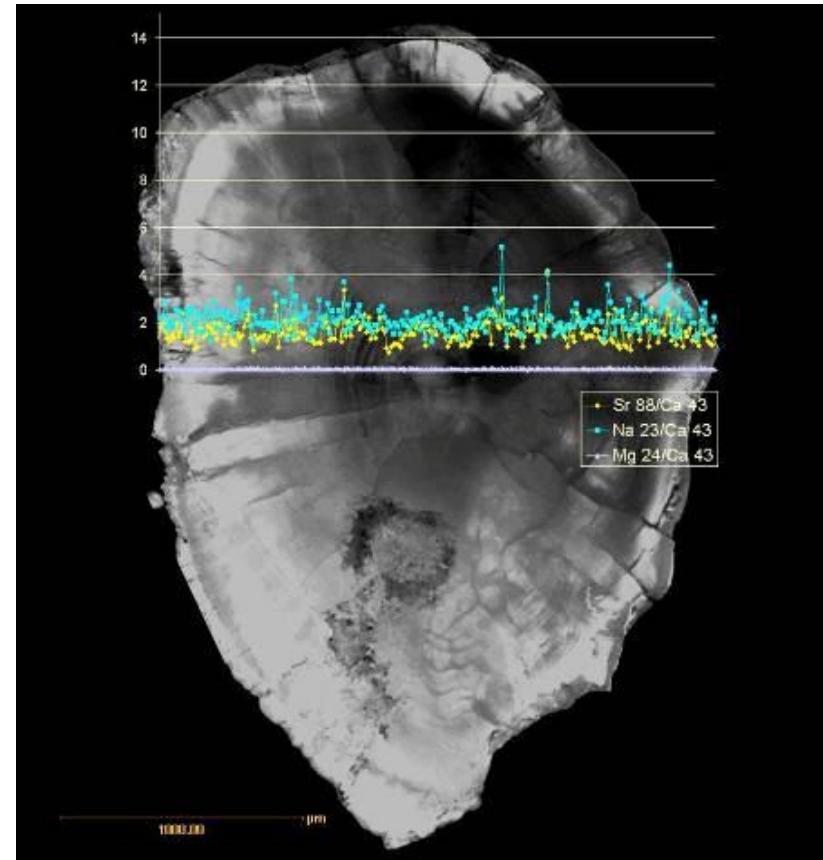
Element- and isotopic analysis



Comparison of fish otoliths of rainbow trout from different fish farms



Juvenile phase: groundwater
Adult phase: surface water



Juvenile and adult phase in the same water

Habitat identification fish ponds in different geological regions



Otolithen:

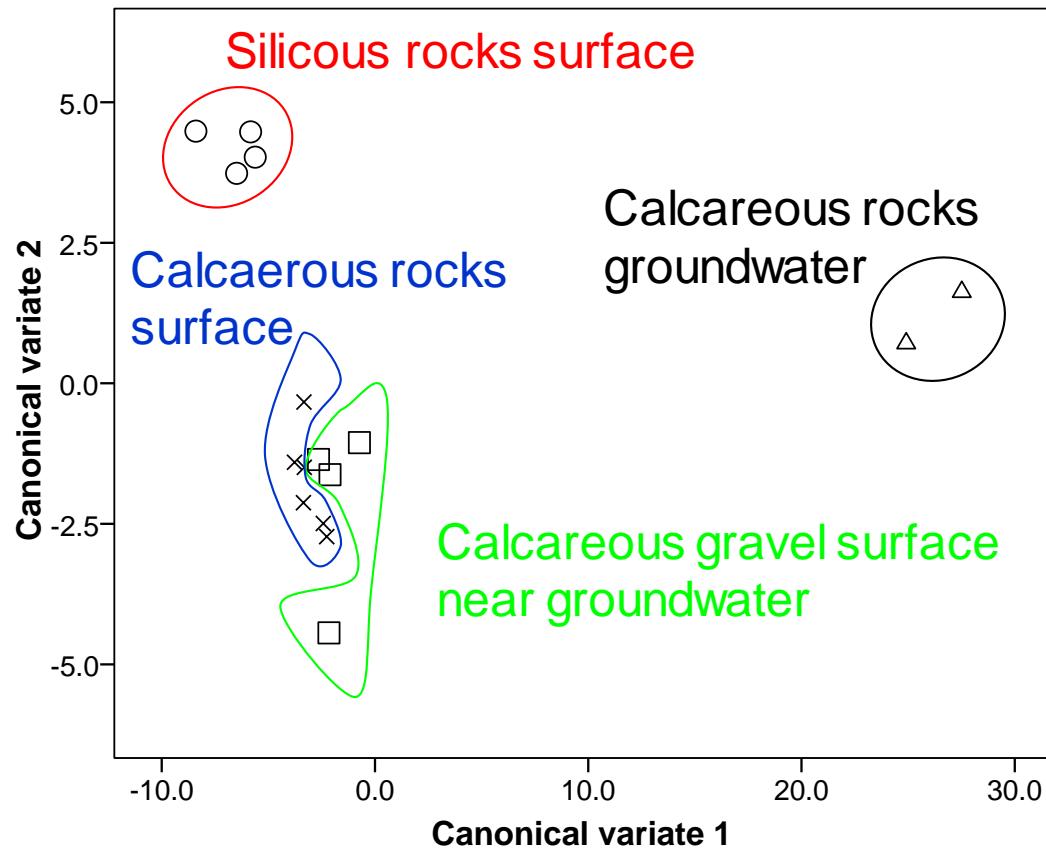
**100% identification of the
habitat clusters**

via

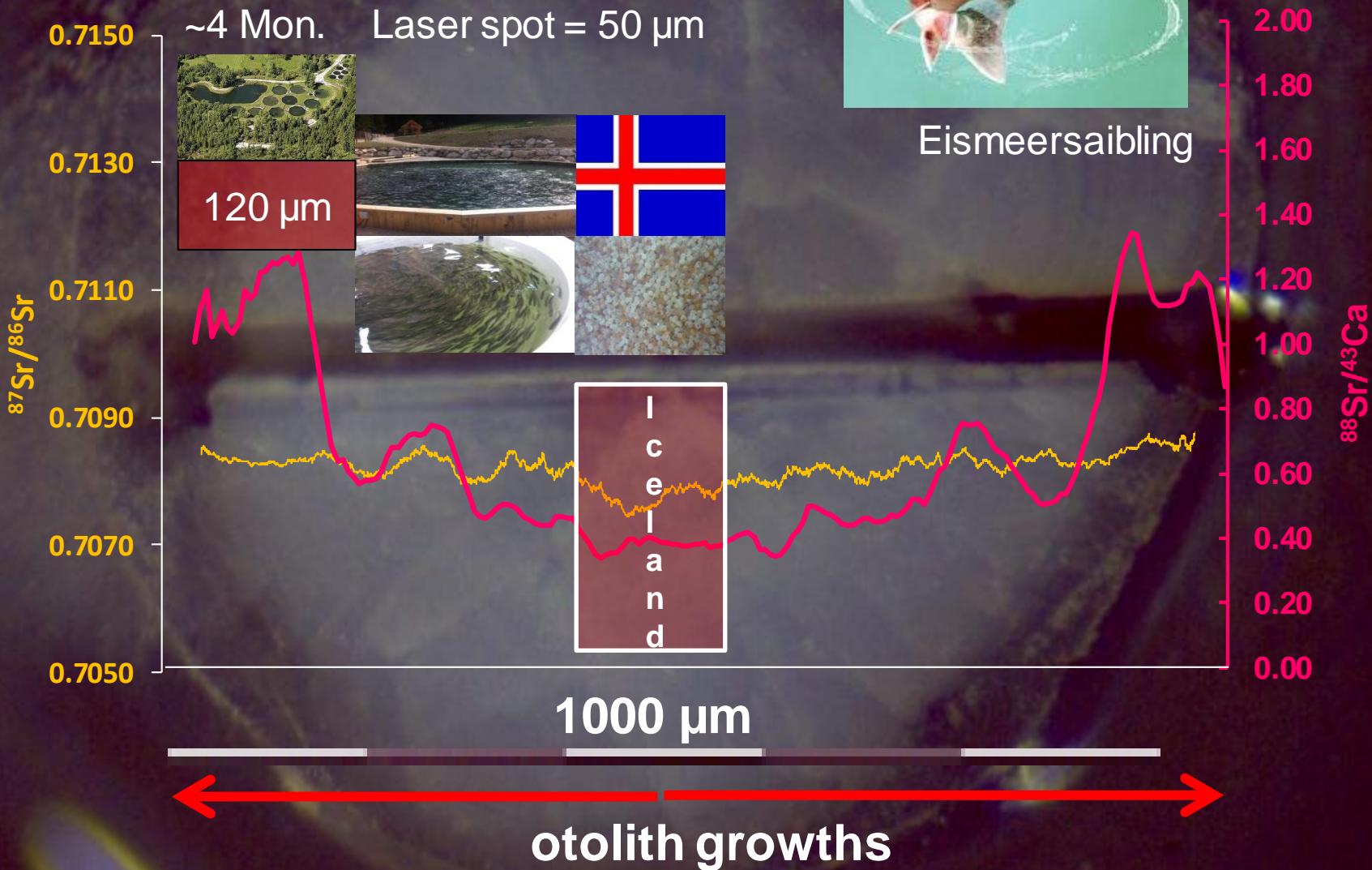
$^{23}\text{Na}/^{43}\text{Ca}$, $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{43}\text{Ca}$ and
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(Discriminant analysis)

Water sample clusters:

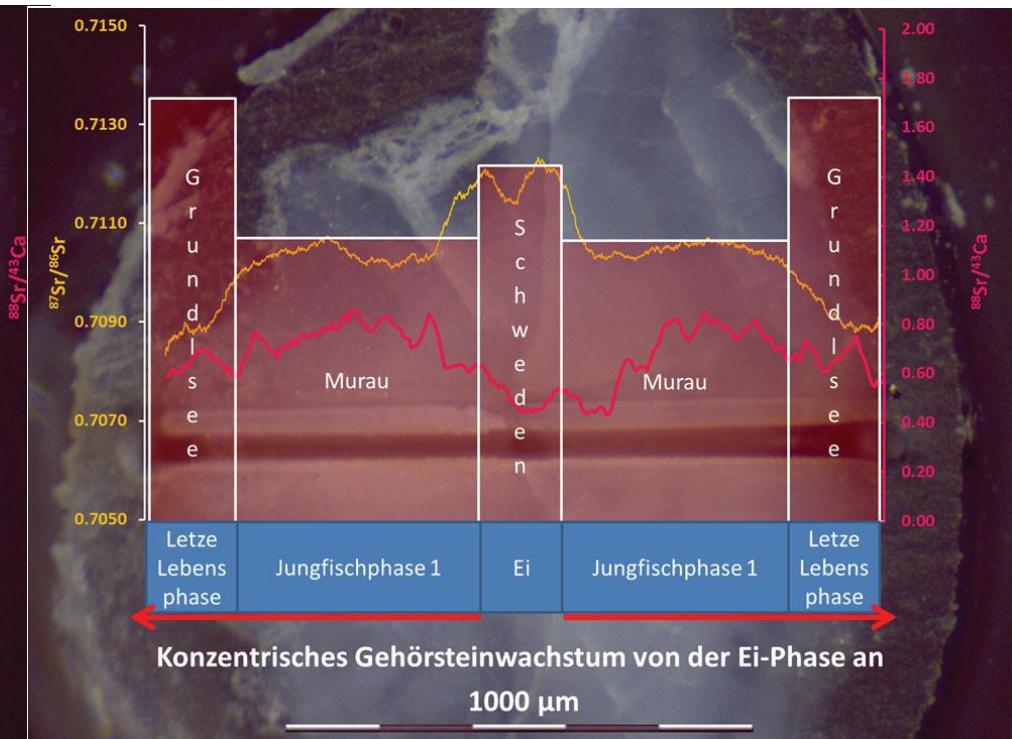
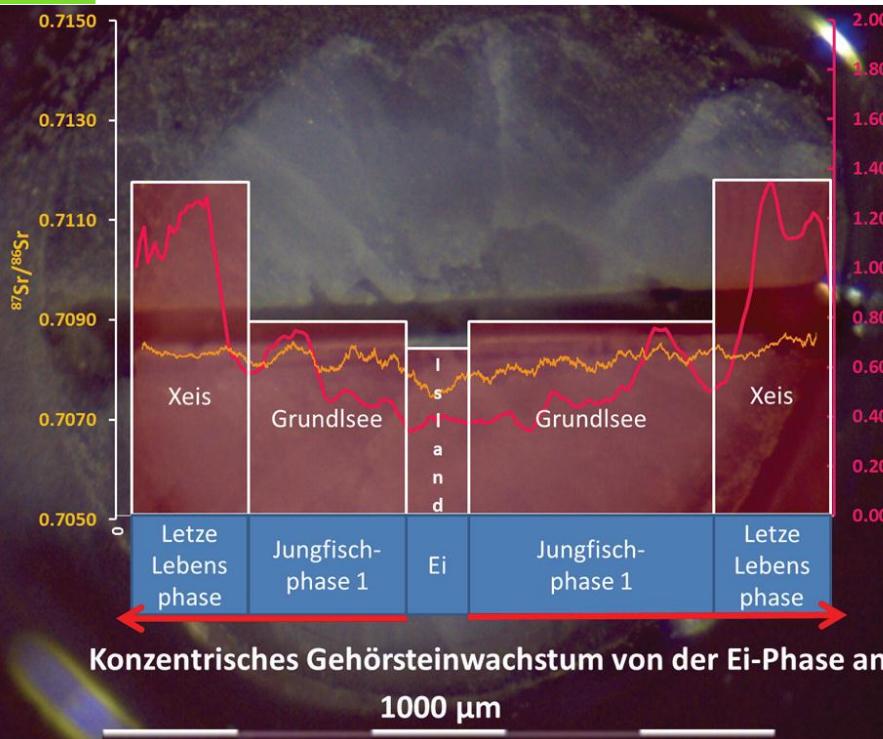


Salmonide: chemical life history (age: 12 months)



Comparison of life histories

- Individual 'chemical curriculum' of fish ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, Sr/Ca)
- Time resolved analysis from the egg to the last months
- Significant difference in the life histories



Elemental and isotopic fingerprinting



elemental
fingerprint

natural variation
locally specific signal

<< intrinsic marking >>

isotopic
fingerprint

**(multi)-
elemental
spikes**

**marking via elemental spikes or
enriched isotopes**

<< extrinsic marking >>

Enriched stable isotope tracer studies



tracer studies using enriched stable isotopes

isotopes with natural variation

X element with >1 stable isotope

X element with only 1 stable isotope

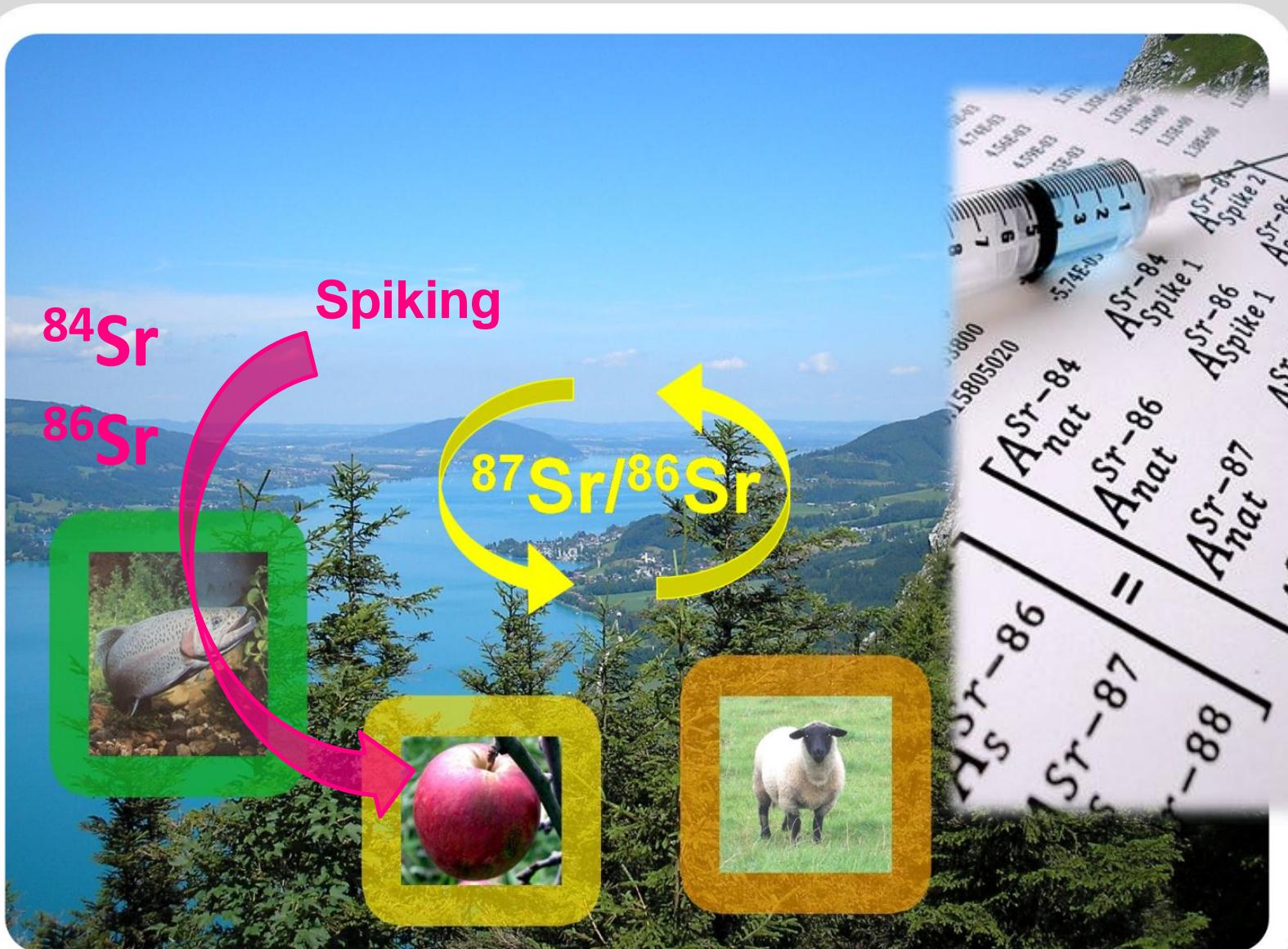
elements for which natural isotopic variation has been reported using ICP-MS

**element with only non
stable isotopes**

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| H | X | element with >1 stable isotope | X | element with only non stable isotopes | He | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Li [§] | Be | X | element with only 1 stable isotope | B [§] | C [§] | N | O | F | Ne | | | | | | | | |
| Na | Mg [§] | | | Al | Si [§] | P | S [§] | Cl [§] | Ar | | | | | | | | |
| K | Ca [§] | Sc | Ti [§] | V [§] | Cr [§] | Mn | Fe [§] | Co | Ni [§] | Cu [§] | Zn [§] | Ga | Ge [§] | As | Se [§] | Br [§] | Kr |
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Sr Spiking



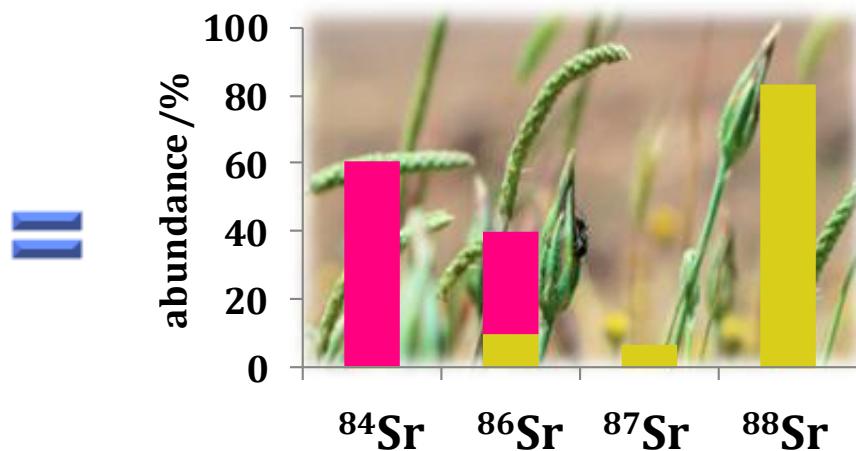
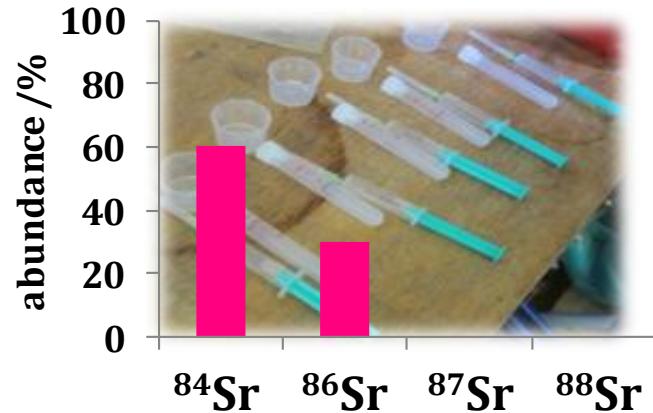
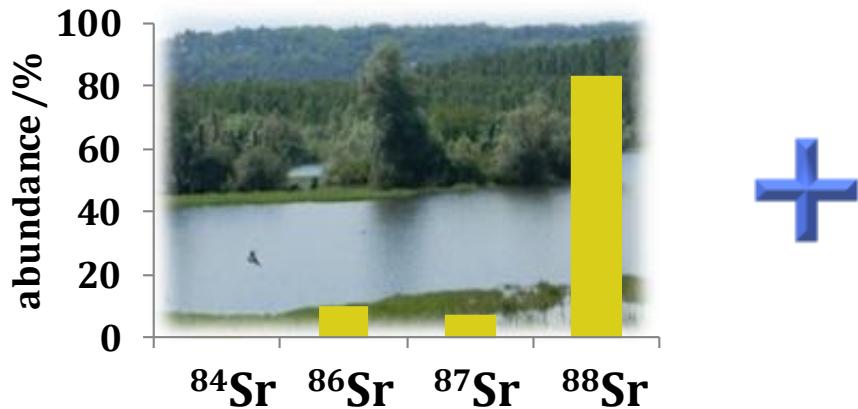
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- To trace element fluxes in an ecosystem
 - To identify sources and sinks
 - To mark a specific abiotic or biotic matter in an ecosystem
 - To monitor metabolic fluxes of an element

Enriched stable isotopic spikes

AIM: Inducing a significant change of the natural

Enriched stable isotope tracer studies

Basic principle



Enriched stable isotope tracer studies



tracer studies using enriched stable isotopes

isotopes with natural variation

element with >1 stable isotope

element with only 1 stable isotope

$X^{\$}$

elements for which natural isotopic variation has been reported using ICP-MS

X

H

$Li^{\$}$

Be

X

Na

$Mg^{\$}$

K

$Ca^{\$}$

Sc

$Ti^{\$}$

$V^{\$}$

$Cr^{\$}$

Mn

$Fe^{\$}$

Co

$Ni^{\$}$

$Cu^{\$}$

$Zn^{\$}$

Ga

$Ge^{\$}$

Al

$Si^{\$}$

P

$S^{\$}$

$Cl^{\$}$

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$Yb^{\$}$

$Lu^{\$}$

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Pu

Am

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Bk

Cf

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Enriched stable isotope tracer studies

Isotope pattern deconvolution (IPD)



Enriched stable isotope tracer studies

Isotope pattern deconvolution (IPD)



Legend:

- tracer studies using enriched stable isotopes (IPD applied)
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- elements for which natural isotopic variation has been reported using ICP-MS

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Enriched stable isotope tracer studies

Isotope pattern deconvolution (IPD)



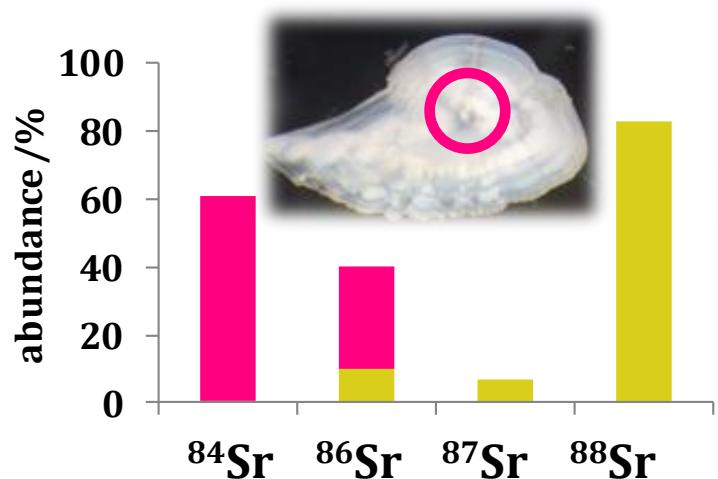
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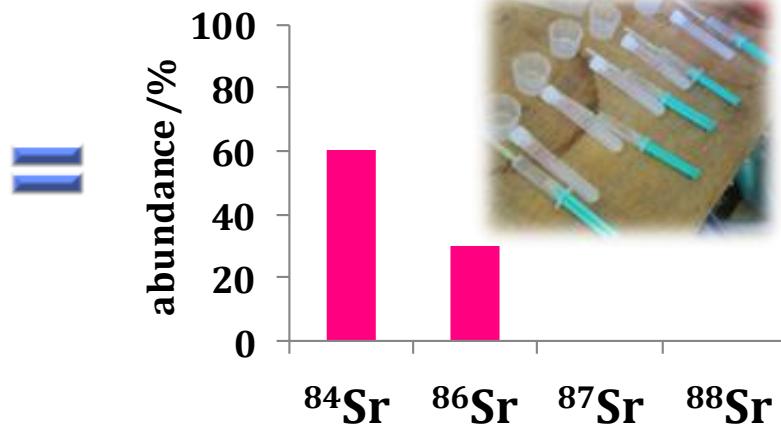
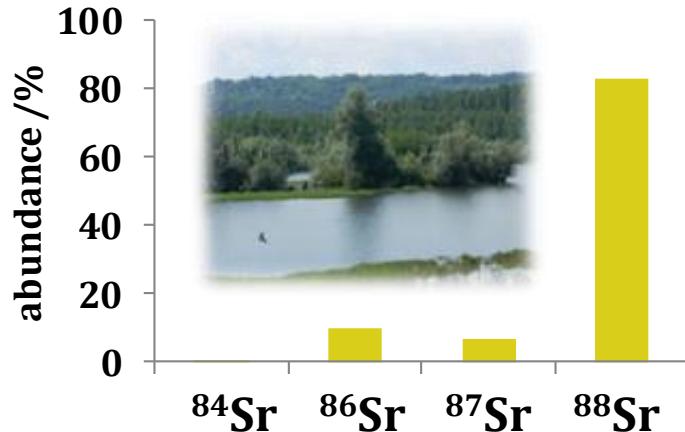
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Evaluation of the double isotope tracer Isotope pattern deconvolution

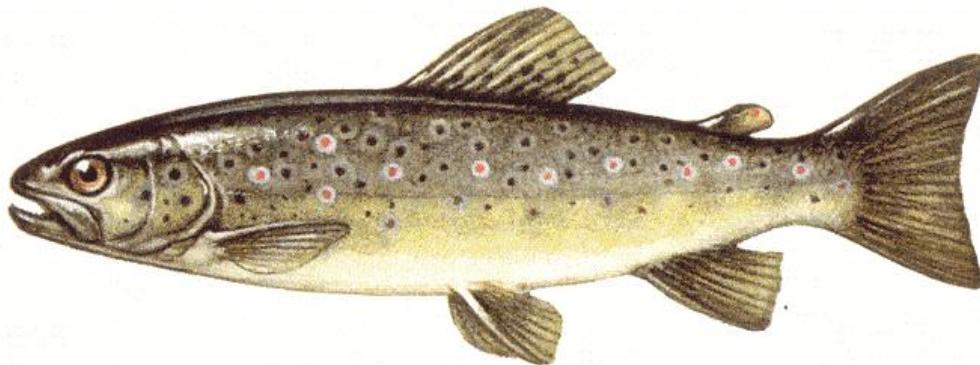


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**molar fraction ratio of
 $x_{\text{Sp1}}/x_{\text{Sp2}}$ of double spike in
central otolith region**

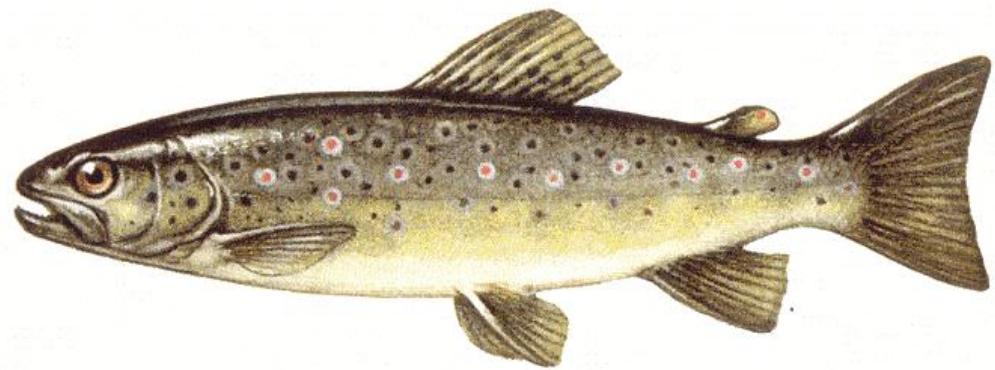
APPLICATION: Transgenerational marking of fish



- **Ecological application**
Mass marking of larvae without interfering with natural spawning, dispersal
- **Aquaculture** (affordable marking method)
Quality management (authenticity and origin)

Transgenerational marking of fish

- Maternal transfer of elements to eggs
- Otolith:
 - first hard part developing (within the egg)
 - stores **maternal information**
- After hatching, uptake of **environmental information**

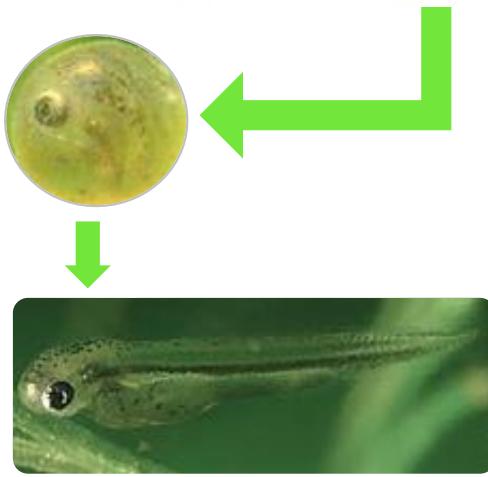
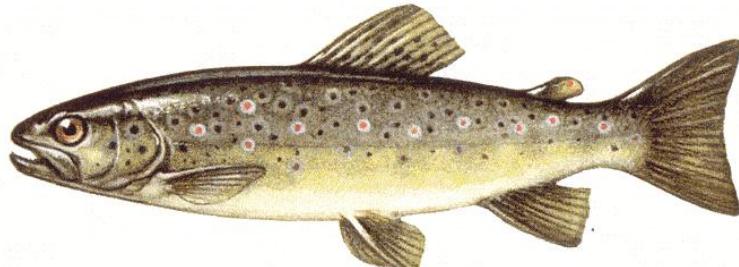


Maternally derived area of fish otolith

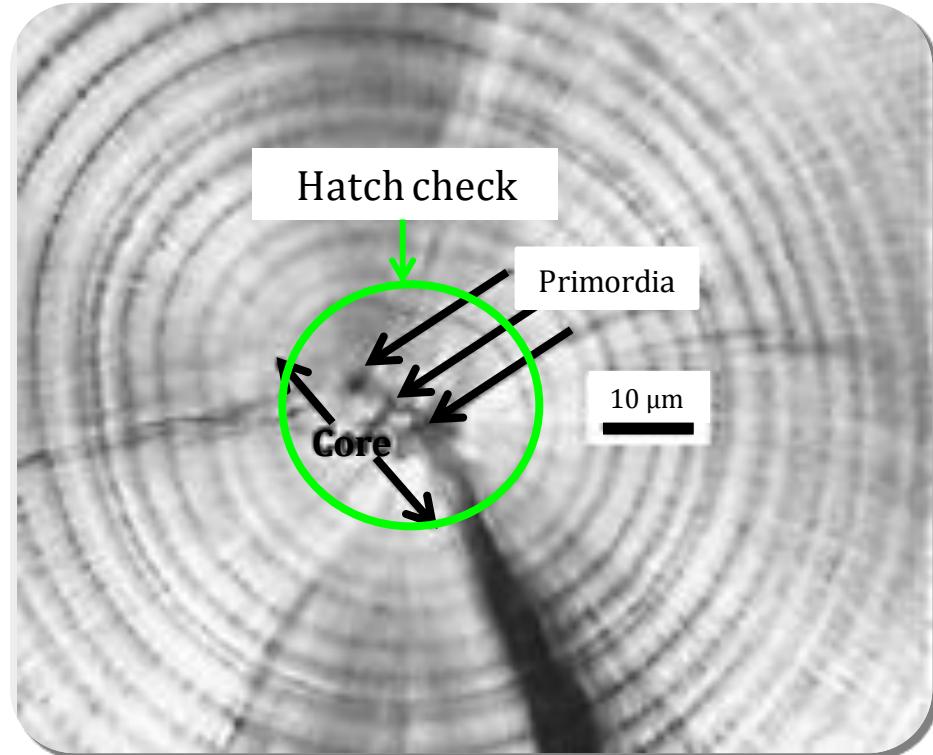


The **center of the otolith is created within the egg**; contains the maternal information

- **Hatch check:** visual clue for the area, where **maternal information** can be expected



1.5 mm

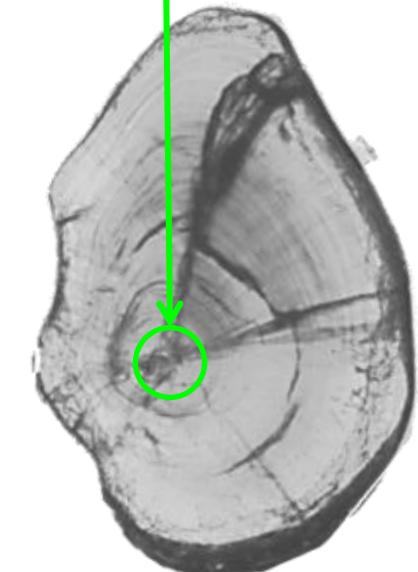
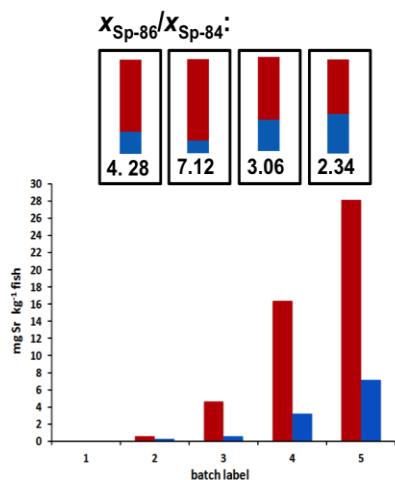


Transgenerational isotopic marking of freshwater fish using a $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{84}\text{Sr}$ double spike



- Model species:

- Carp: cyprinids (100.000-300.000 eggs/kg body weight)
- Brown trout: salmonids (1.500-2.000 eggs/kg body weight)

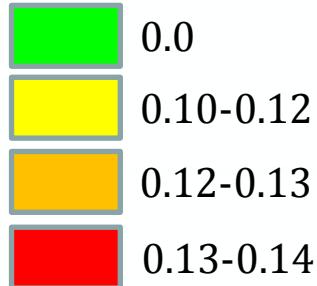


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LA-ICP-Q-MS of a single carp otolith (ca. 4440 µg ^{86}Sr kg $^{-1}$ fish)

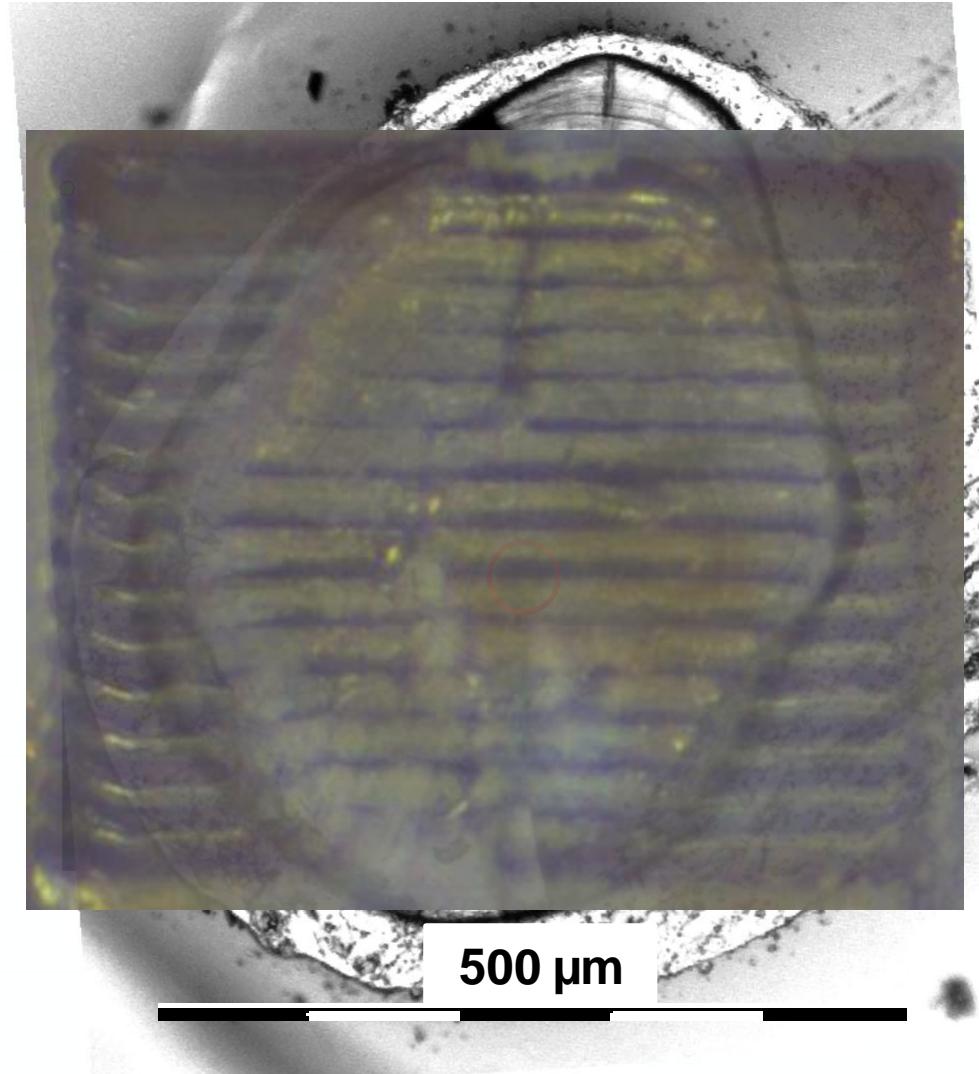


$^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr}$



$^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr}$ natural
~0.12

He carrier gas
Spot size: 35 µm
Scan speed: 2 µm s $^{-1}$
Rep. rate: 20 Hz



Nexion 300D (ICP-Q-MS)
Perkin Elmer



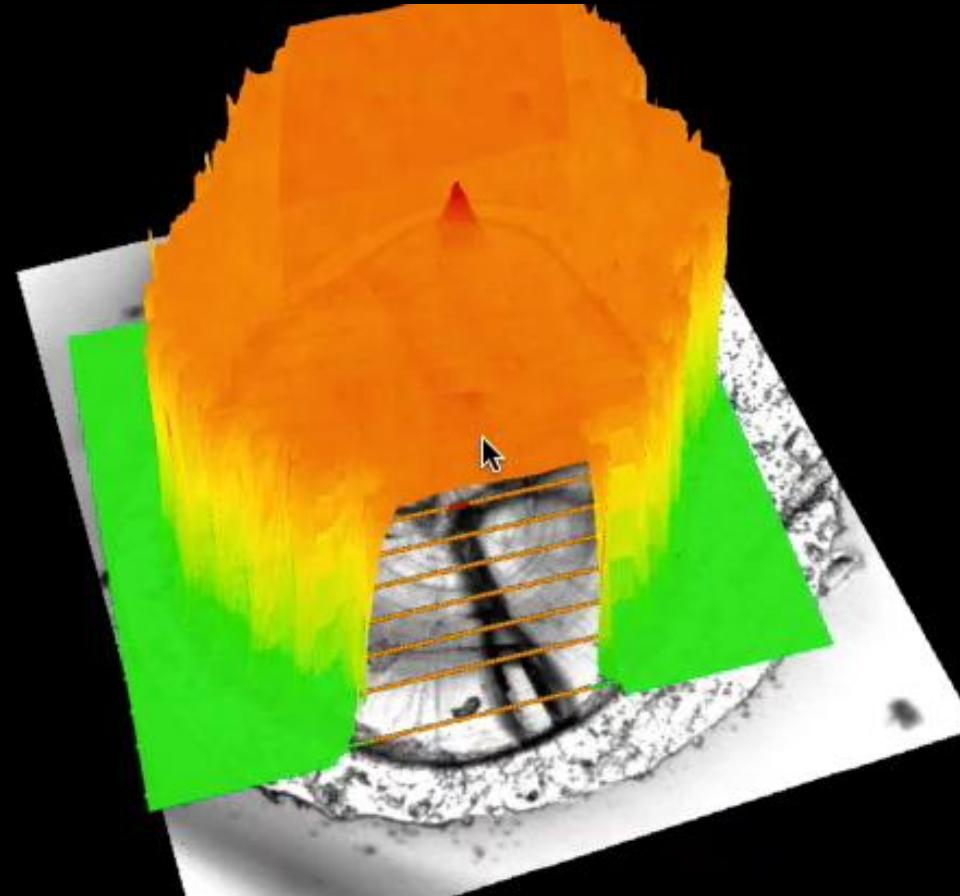
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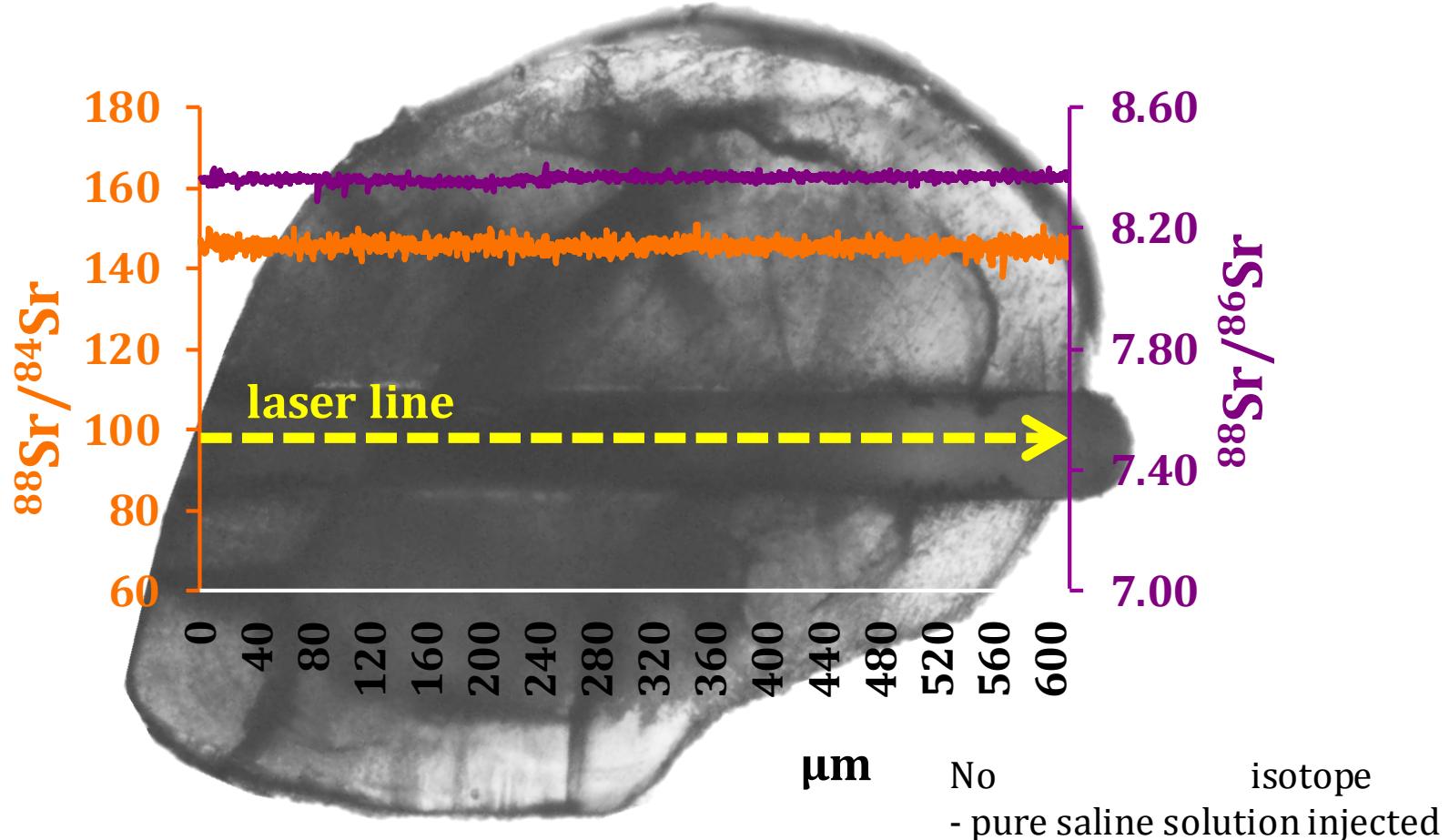
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Absolute $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{84}\text{Sr}$ and $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios - Control fish



➤ No change of natural Sr isotopic signature

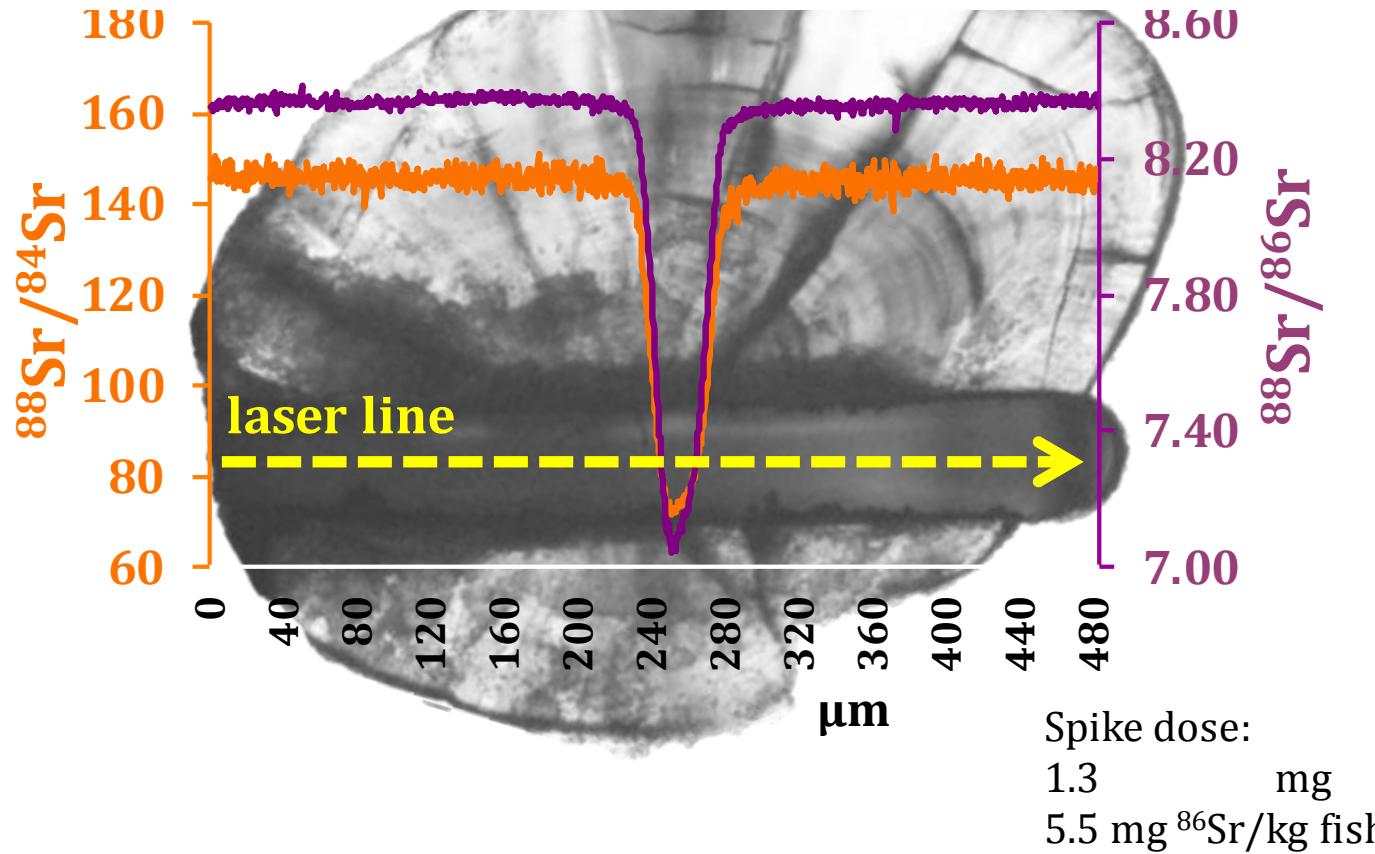


Absolute $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{84}\text{Sr}$ and $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios – Spiked fish

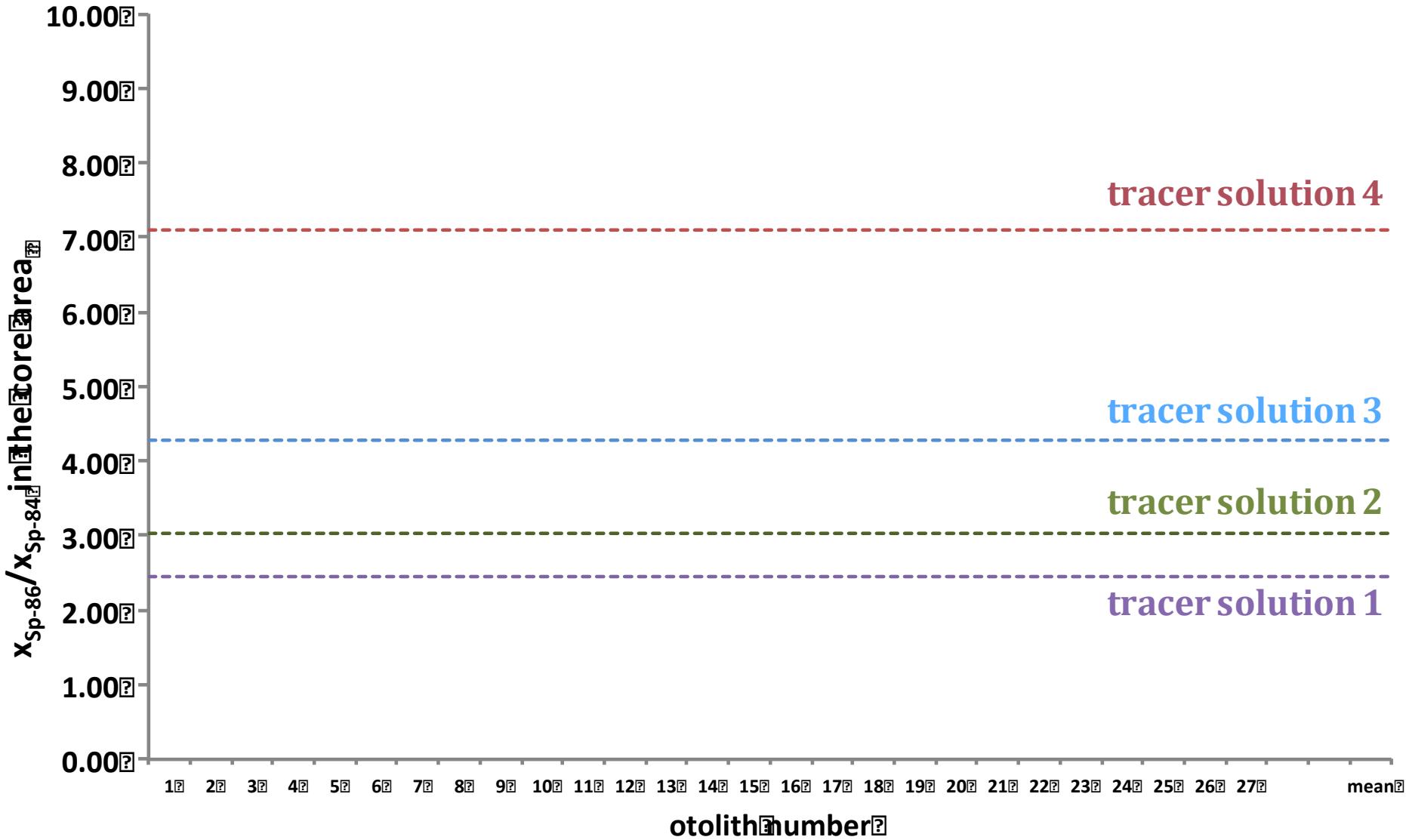


- Significant change of natural Sr isotopic signature in the core region of otoliths:

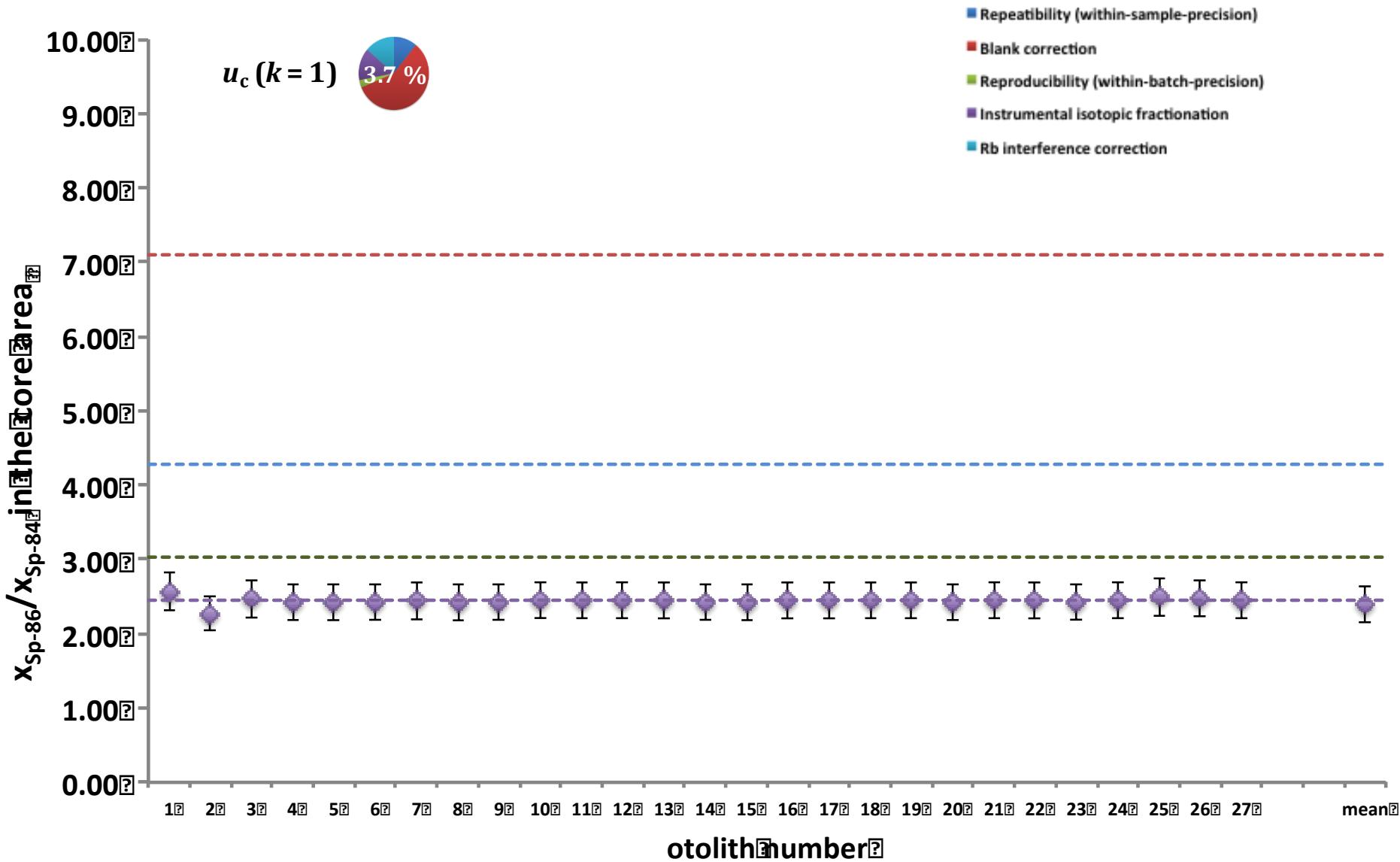
Sr tracer: 0.1 – 3.5 %



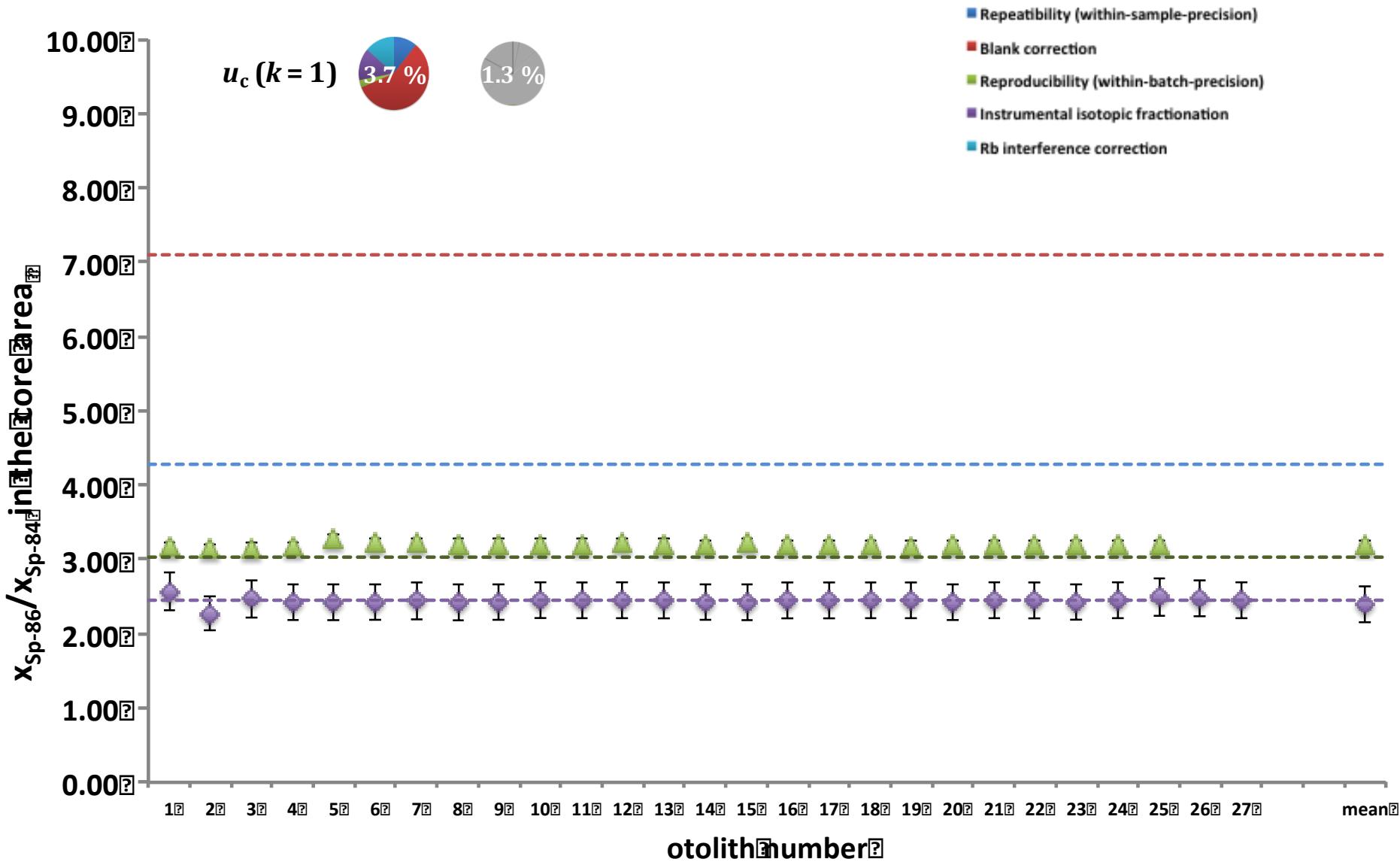
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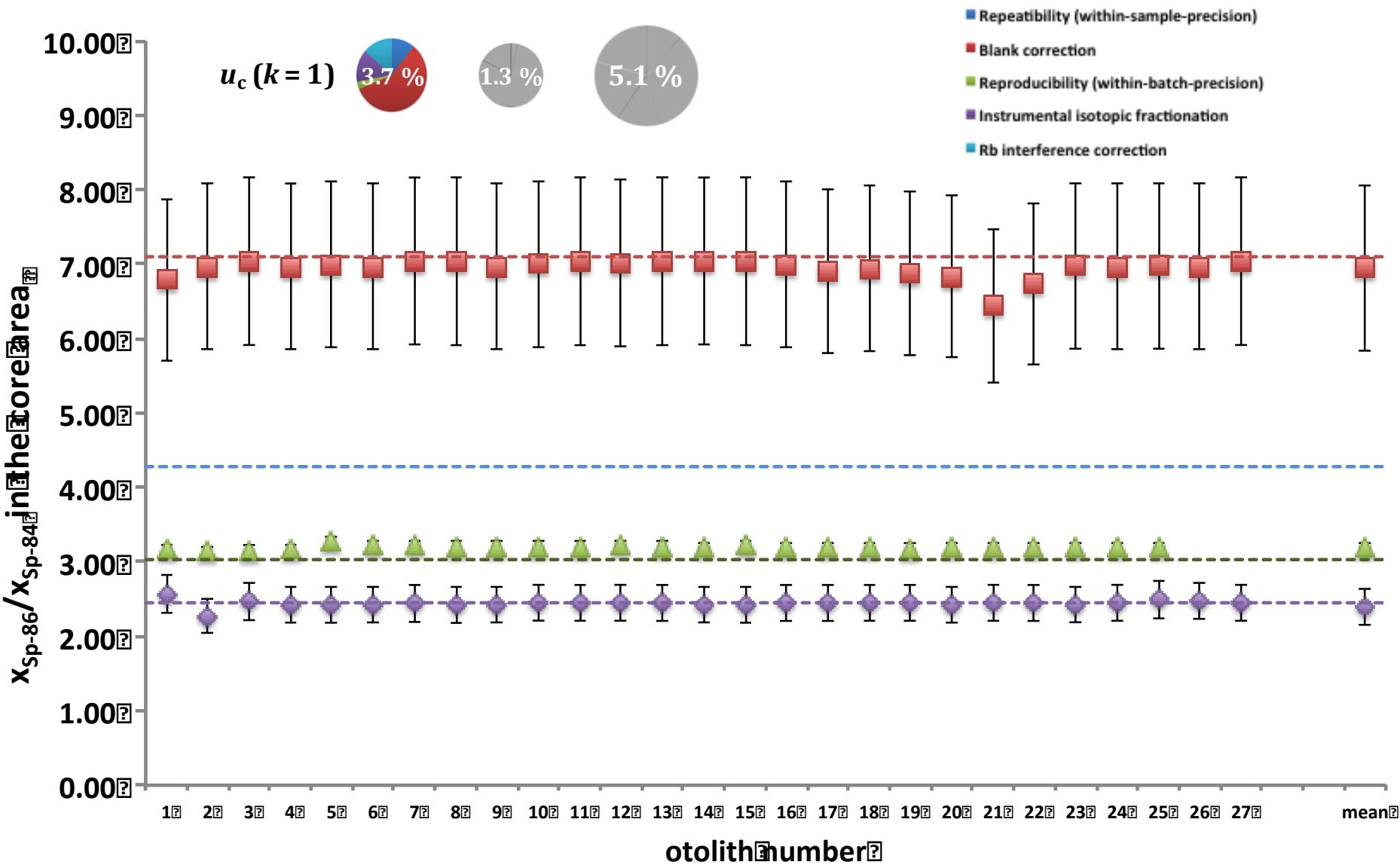
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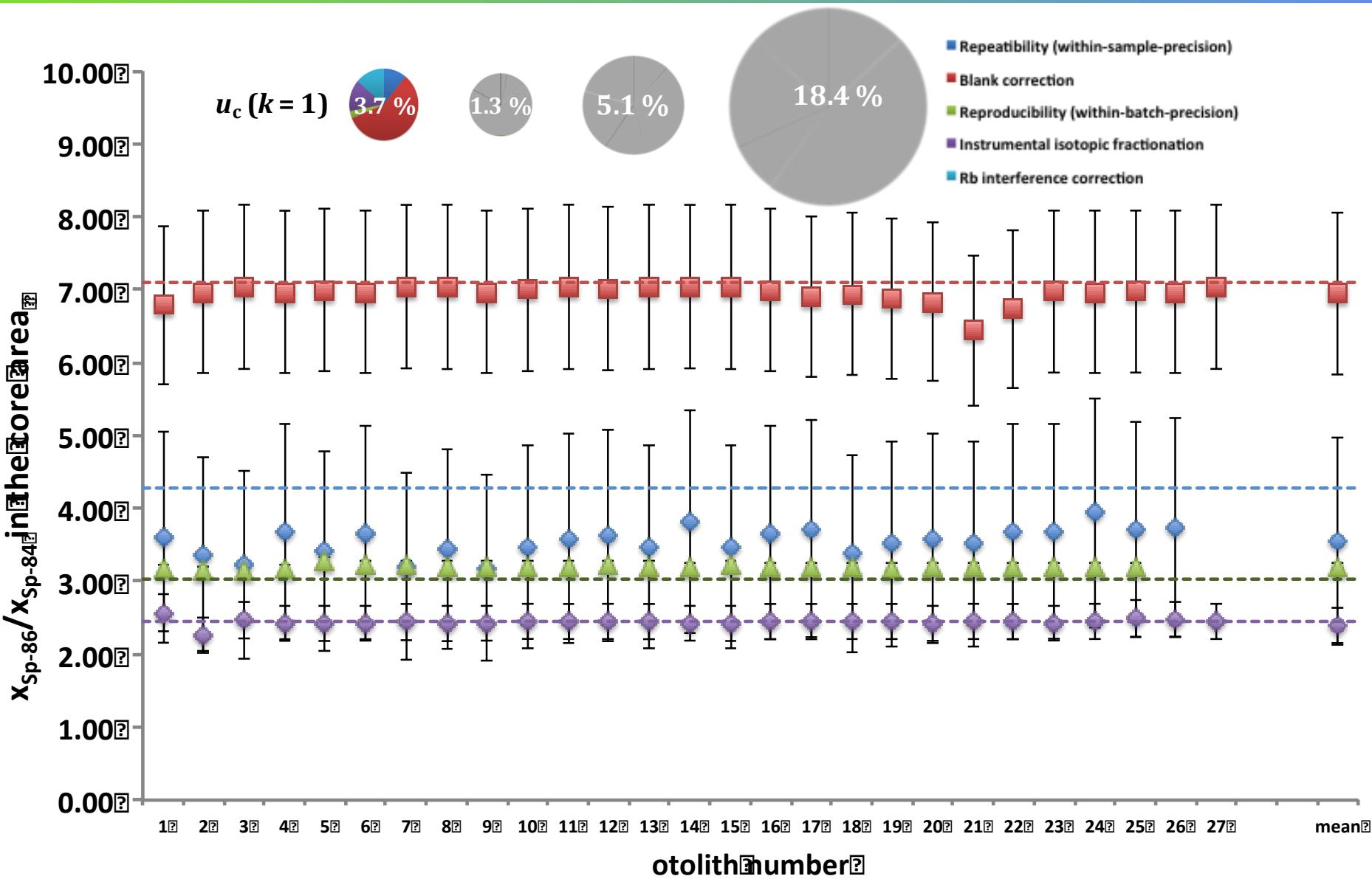
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Requirements



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● Instrumentation



● Infrastructure



● Personell



● Consumables



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● Infrastructure / consumables

- Cleaning and chemicals (100.000 – 200.000) / 10.000 U\$/year
- Sample preparation (100.000 – 300.000 U\$) / 20.000U\$/year
- Analytical laboratory (500.000 – 1.000.000 U\$) / 10.000U\$/year

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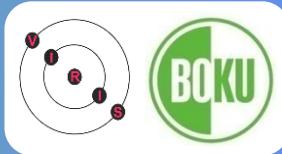
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- Elemental fingerprint (multielement)
50 – 250 U\$ / sample

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