







Data processing

Filters and normalisation

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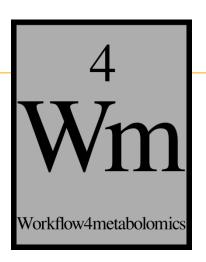
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PROCESSING THE DATA



W4M Galaxy tools: a standard format

- A variety of tools to process extracted data
 - filters
 - normalisation
 - statistics...

A common way to handle data

- Easier to follow from a tool to another
- Less format switches in the analysis pipeline
- A standardised input files format to easily find the information needed or obtained



3 tables gathering all the information

the data matrix:
intensities of ions or
buckets

the sample
metadata file:
information concerning
your samples

the variable metadata file: information concerning your ions or buckets

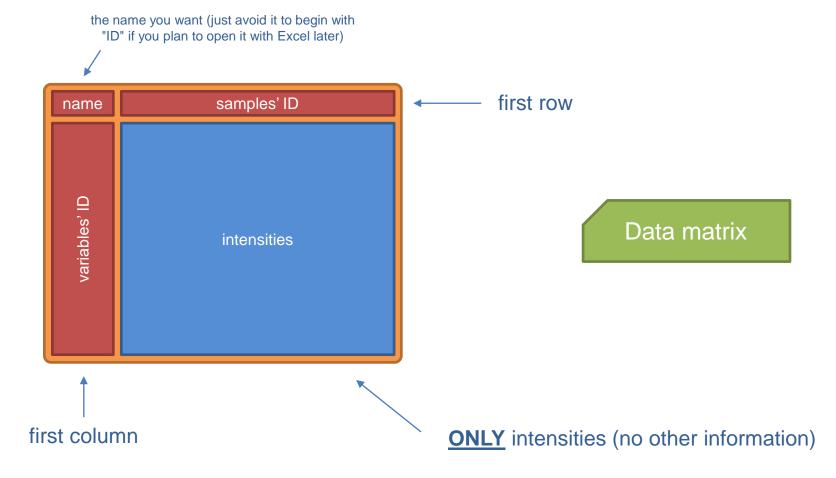
 Note that this 3 tables structure is <u>already generated</u> from the XCMS or bucketing modules

/!\ You must complete the sample metadata file with your samples' information (technical information about your samples, or factors of interest for example)

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1) Processing the data





Note: missing values should be coded NA



the name you want (just avoid it to begin with "ID" if you plan to open it with Excel later) name column names samples' ID Information about your samples (study factors for example) first column Samples' ID must absolutely match

Sample metadata

You can add to this table as many columns as you want or need

first row

Note: some modules may need some specific columns with particular names (e.g. 'sampleType', 'injectionOrder' or 'batch' for the Batch Correction module)

Refer to the module's help section for more information

those in the data matrix file

1) Processing the data



the name you want (just avoid it to begin with "ID" if you plan to open it with Excel later) first row column names name variables' ID Variable metadata Information about your variables You can add to this table as many columns first column as you want or need

Variables' ID must absolutely match those in the data matrix file

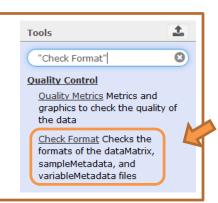
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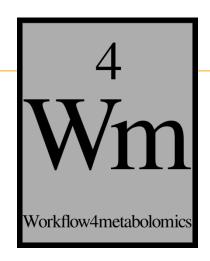


- The files must be tabulated
 - TSV files
 - TXT files with tabulation as separator
- Convention for identifiers and column names
 - It should <u>not</u> contain any duplicate
 - Rather use only alphanumeric characters, and points (.) and underscores (_)

Some tools include preliminary tests for your table format, but if you want to make sure everything is alright you can use the Check Format module. It can also help sometimes when you encounter errors you do not understand.



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Generic Filter

A GENERIC TOOL TO FILTER IN GALAXY



A generic tool to filter in Galaxy

 Extracted data often contain more than what you want to use Depending on your protocol and objectives

You need to know what you want to filter

A generic tool invites you to specify exactly what you want to filter => this is your choice

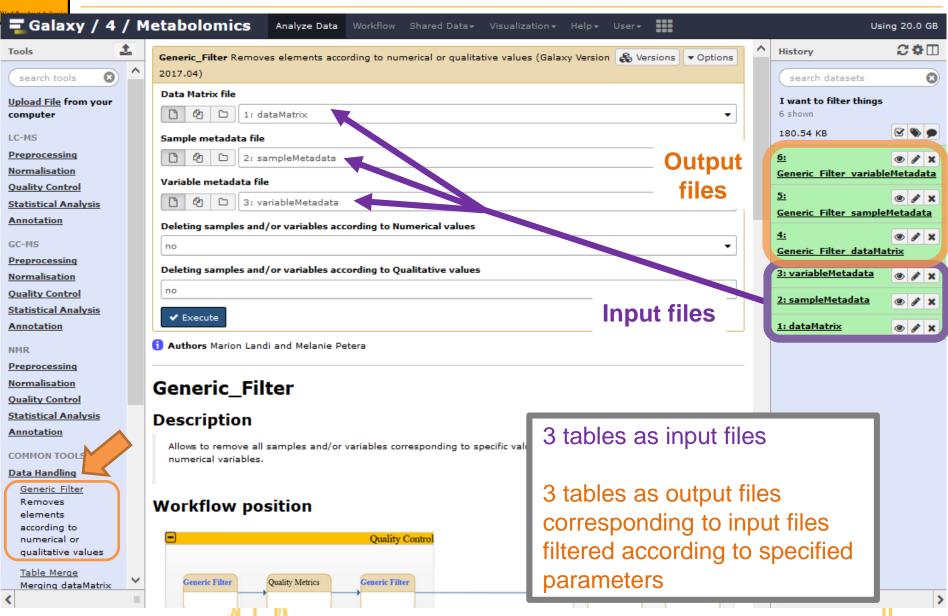
Where is the information to filter?

It must be contained in the sample or variable metadata file (depending on the filter)



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Galaxy filtering module: "Generic Filter"

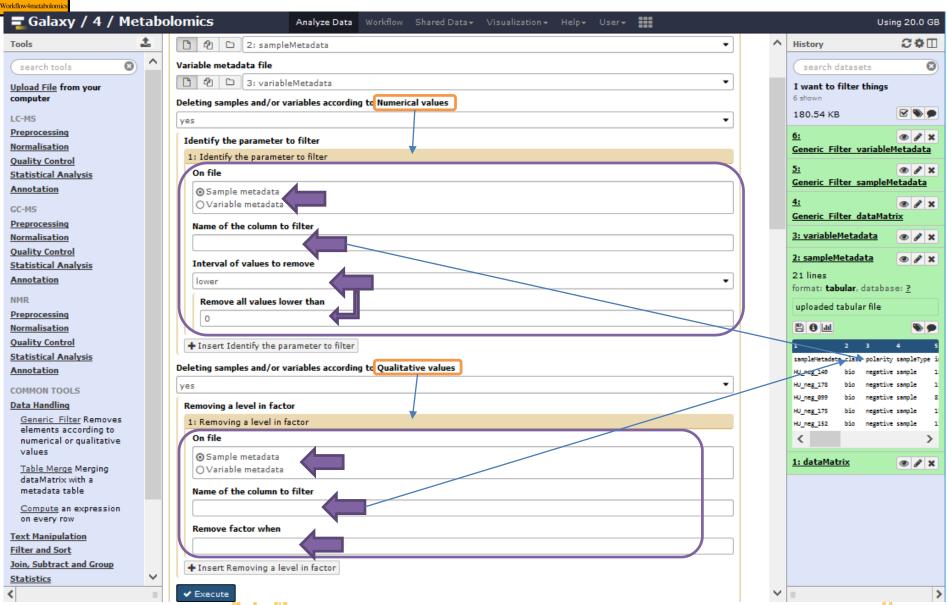


A generic tool to filter in Galaxy - a) Generic Filter: how does it work?



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Galaxy filtering module: "Generic Filter"



2) Algeneric tool to filter in Galaxy - a) Generic Filter: how does it work?

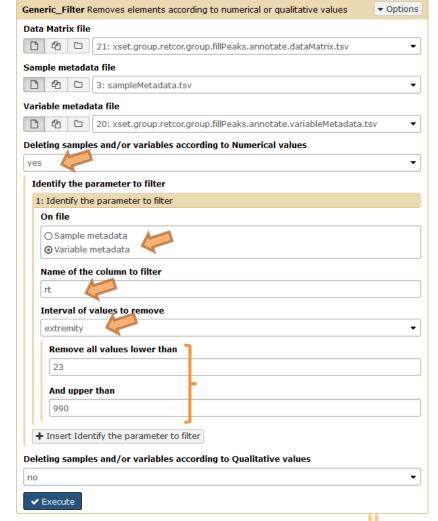


Example1: filtering according to retention time

Example for LC-QTOF with dead volume between 0 and 0.4 min and column flush from 16.5 min

- When using a chromatography column for MS analysis, you may want to exclude some time range, for example to:
 - Exclude the dead volume
 - Exclude a calibration zone at the begining or the end
 - Exclude a column flush

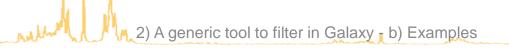








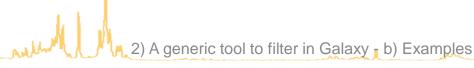
- One unavoidable thing in mass spectrometry data is *noise* in the signal
- There are ways to reduce the impact on gathered data that may sometimes be too radical (for example filtering all intensities below a given threshold)
- One possible alternative is the use of blanks to estimate the noise, as a reference







- The idea is to compare blanks' intensities with other samples' intensities (biological samples and/or pools)
- Ideally blanks are your injection solvent
- Injected blanks should be extracted along with the biological samples.







 One common way to compare may be to set a minimum difference (by ratio) between means or medians, or to test for significant difference with a statistical test (if you have enough blanks)



2) A generic tool to filter in Galaxy b) Examples



Example with Galaxy

Available information when **specifying two groups** (blanks and other samples) for extraction steps (2nd column in **sampleMetadata** for xcms findChromPeaks Merger step):



a **fold** column: mean fold change (always greater than 1, see tstat for which set of sample classes is higher)



a *tstat* column: Welch's two sample t-statistic, positive for analytes having greater intensity in class2, negative for analytes having greater intensity in class1

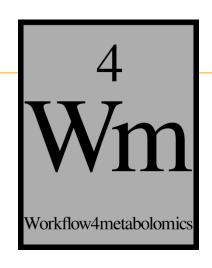


a *pvalue* column: p-value of t-statistic

Columns at the end of the variable metadata table

fold	tstat	pvalue
1.11661140859981	-0.435170895988967	0.672347090202345
1.62568160027542	-5.68878393983995	0.000101208166760181
2.99575100413488	-3.57526789432824	0.00501597532948805
1.40818394753616	3.36883102628673	0.00501397332948803
1.01916172368462	-0.414248781414702	0.687336555810872
1.26370667136199	-3.36813319461763	
		0.00699972720576691
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1.26649057406357	-3.61999461109854	0.00456577342148434
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1.08289138850199	-0.286874909782592	0.779816474468994
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1.30769013807178	-1.23965551867316	0.242213229473419
1.39179913384725	1.71156285776011	0.110886050761477
1.15834213294548	-0.561442787968922	0.586565964178597

Use Generic Filter tool to filter!



SIGNAL DRIFT AND BATCH EFFECT CORRECTION FOR MS DATA

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How does that work?

- A normalisation process first established by Van Der Kloet et al.
 - F.M. Van Der Kloet, I. Bobeldijk, E.R. Verheij,
 R.H. Jellema. (2009). "Analytical error reduction using single point calibration for accurate and precise metabolomic phenotyping." Journal of Proteome Research p5132-5141
- which have made its way to nowadays procedures
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Analytical Error Reduction Using Single Point Calibration for Accurate and Precise Metabolomic Phenotyping

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Analytical errors caused by suboptimal performance of the chosen platform for a number of metabolites and instrumental drift are a major issue in large-scale metabolomics studies. Especially for MS-based methods, which are gaining common ground within metabolomics, it is difficult to control the analytical data quality without the availability of suitable labeled internal standards and calibration standards even within one laboratory. In this paper, we suggest a workflow for significant reduction of the analytical error using pooled calibration samples and multiple internal standard strategy. Between and within batch calibration techniques are applied and the analytical error is reduced significantly (increase of 25% of peaks with RSD lower than 20%) and does not hamper or interfere with statistical analysis of the final data.

Keywords: Metabolomics • Single Point Calibration • Quality Control • Batch Effects • Correction

NATURE PROTOCOLS | PROTOCOL

Procedures for large-scale metabolic profiling of serum and plasma using gas chromatography and liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry

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Metabolism has an essential role in biological systems. Identification and quantitation of the compounds in the metabolome is defined as metabolic profiling, and it is applied to define metabolic changes related to genetic differences, environmental influences and disease or drug perturbations. Chromatography—mass spectrometry (MS) platforms are frequently used to provide the sensitive and reproducible detection of hundreds to thousands of metabolites in a single biofluid or tissue sample. Here we describe the experimental workflow for long-term and large-scale metabolic studies involving thousands of human samples with data acquired for multiple analytical batches over many months and years. Protocols for serum—and plasma-based metabolic profiling applying gas chromatography—MS (GC-MS) and ultraperformance liquid chromatography—MS (UPLC-MS) are described. These include biofluid collection, sample preparation, data acquisition, data pre-processing and quality assurance. Methods for quality control—based robust LOESS signal correction to provide signal correction and integration of data from multiple analytical batches are also described.

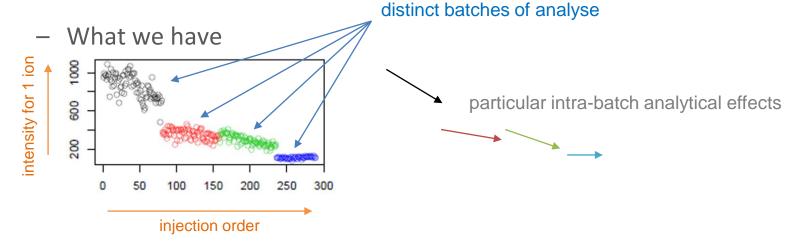




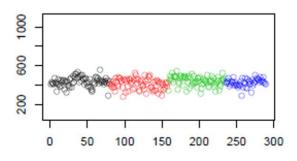
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How does that work?

Principle



What we want



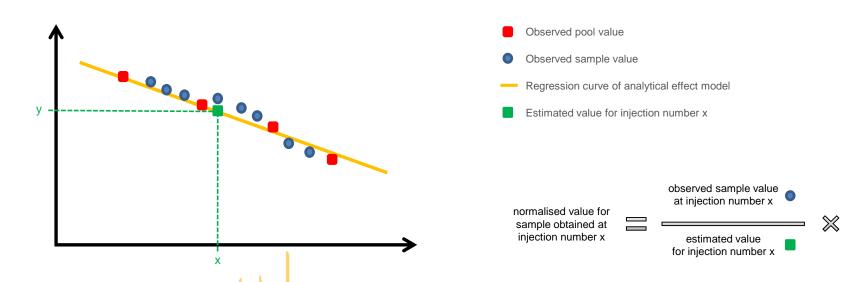
Comparable intensities



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How does that work?

- Technically speaking
 - Correction is made for each ion independently
 - For each ion:
 - An intra-batch correction is made for each batch independently
 - Analytical effect is modelled using pools' intensities according to the injection order
 - Each sample intensity is devided by the estimation of analytical effect of corresponding injection number
 - Sample values are then multiplied by a reference value (to keep original ion scale)
 - Inter-batch effect is thus automatically corrected



Pools = Quality-control pooled samples, all identical, injected regularly all through an analytical sequence

reference

value

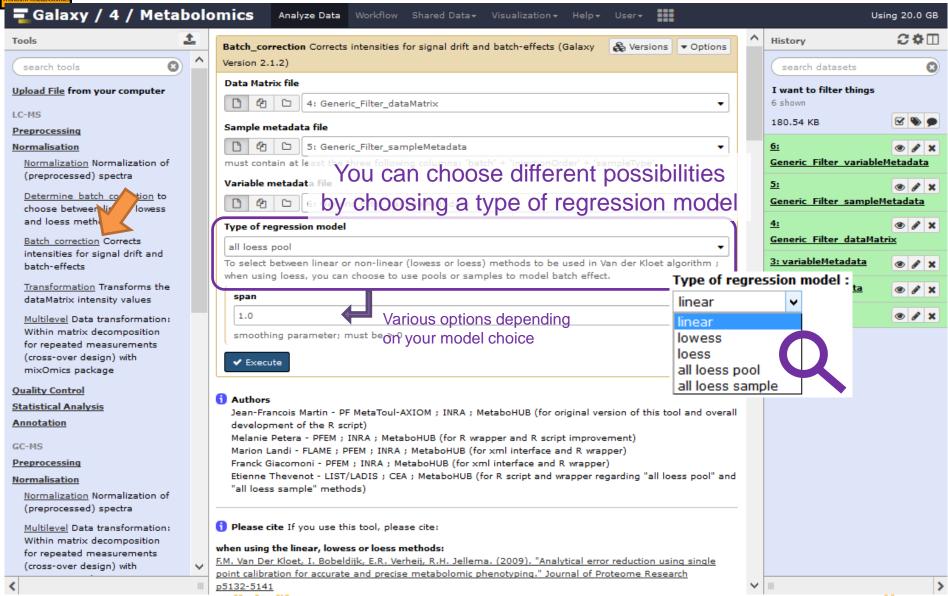


How does that work?

- What you need to make it go smoothly
 - Pools should be *injected regularly* through your sequences
 - Pools should be *identical*, preferably a mix of all your biological samples to be representative of molecule diversity
 - Pools should be *numerous enough* in each batch, for the regression to be reliable (must be, at the very least, of 3 per batch for linear methods and 8 for non-linear ones)
 - It's recommended that your biological samples may be randomised for injection order
 - Your data must contain specific information in sample metadata file:
 - the injection order
 - the batches of analyse
 - the sample type (pool or sample)



One Galaxy tool, various possibilities



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What's different?

- Two strategies implemented
 - linear / lowess / loess
 - all loess pool / all loess sample

- choice in regression model type
- intra-batch correction is conditioned to internal quality metrics
 - possibility to apply correction based on sample intensities only
- Distinct graphical output for each strategie
 - Different variations of before/after overview

Parameters

Type of regression model

To choose between linear, lowess, loess, all loess pool, and all loess sample strategies

Option 1 (linear, lowess, and loess methods): before the normalisation of each variable, some quality metrics are computed (see the
"Determine Batch Correction" module); depending on the result, the variable can be normalized or not, with either the linear, lowess or loess
model.

Don't forget the help section is your friend

- Option 2 (all loess pool and all loess sample): each variable is normalized by using the 'loess' model;
- in the case **all loess pool** is chosen and the number of pool observations is below 5, the linear method is used (for all variables) and a warning is generated;

if the pool intensities are not representative of the samples (which can be viewed on the figure where both trends are shown), the case **all loess sample** enables using the sample intensities (instead of the pool intensities) as the reference for the loess curve.

In all "option 2" cases: the **median intensity of the reference observations** (either 'pool' or 'sample') is used as the scaling factor after the initial intensities have been divided by the loess predictions.



How to use this tool

- **Mandatory columns** in sample metadata table
 - injectionOrder: numerical column of injection order
 - sampleType: specifies if a pool or a sample (coded "pool" or "sample")
 - batch: categorical column indicating the batches of analyse (if only one, must be a constant)
- In the data matrix (containing intensities), missing values are allowed *only for all loess* methods
- In case you want to use the linear / lowess / loess strategy, you can use the "Determine batch correction" tool to help you in the choice of a regression type Normalisation

This module computes graphics and indicators, but the user remains the only judge regarding which model is the more appropriate for his data.

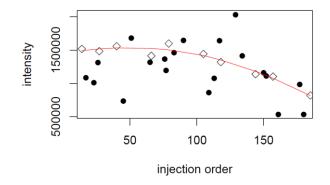
Determine batch correction to choose between linear, lowess and loess methods

Batch correction Corrects intensities for signal drift and batch-effects

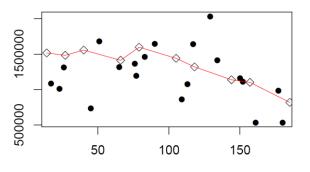


How to use this tool

- Parameters
 - Span (not available for 'linear' method):
 smoothing parameter for lo(w)ess regression



quite a smooth curve (span=1)



not smooth at all (span=0.3)



How to use this tool

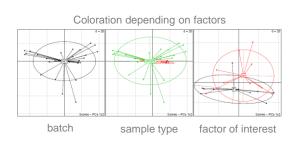
Parameters (not available for 'all loess' strategy)

– Null values:

what to do when negative or infinite intensity values are generated during calculations

– Factor of interest:

a categorical column in sample metadata table, used to have a quick graphical overview of the effect of normalisation on this variable in the data; this does not affect correction calculation

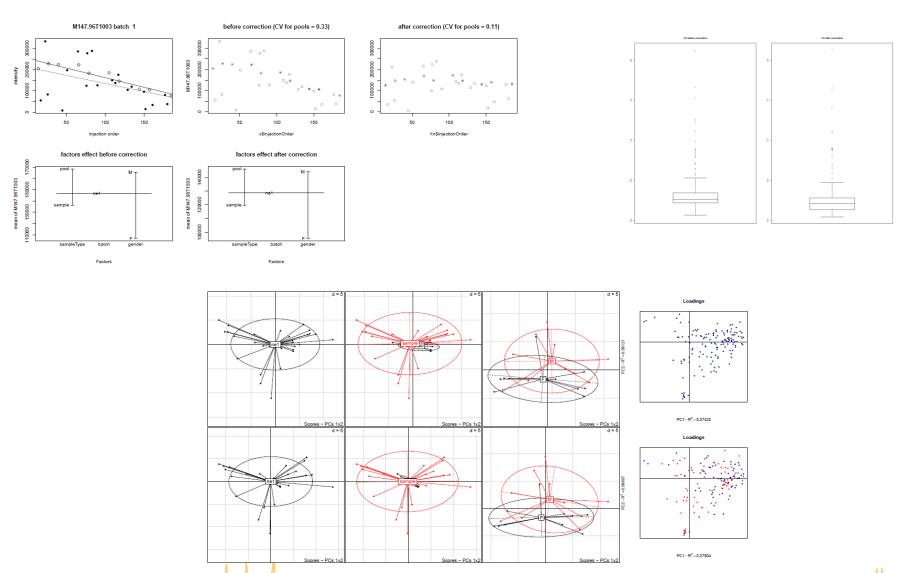


– Level of details for plots:

to choose the amount of graphical output to produce in the pdf file

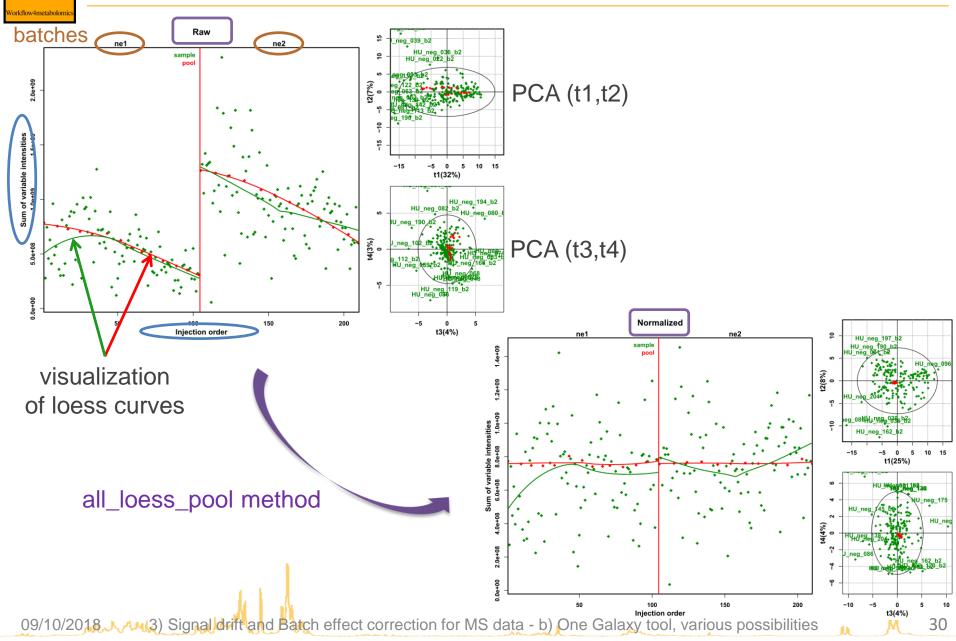


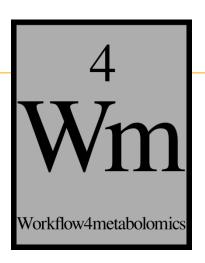
Graphical output: linear/lowess/loess



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Graphical output: all_loess





CHECKING FOR QUALITY

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Using your pools to check your data

What to check

calculation per ion CV

where:

 $\sigma = standard\ deviation$ $\mu = mean$

Coefficient of variation:

used individually

e.g. pools' CV is often considered to be too high if upper than 0.3

global boxplot available in Batch Correction output with linear/loess/lowess methods

or

used with ratio

e.g. ration between pools and samples may be considered too high if upper than 1 (⇔ pools are more variable than samples)

Correlation with pool dilutions:

"Does intensity evolve according to dilution?"

Pearson's correlation coefficient



Needs pool dilutions being injected

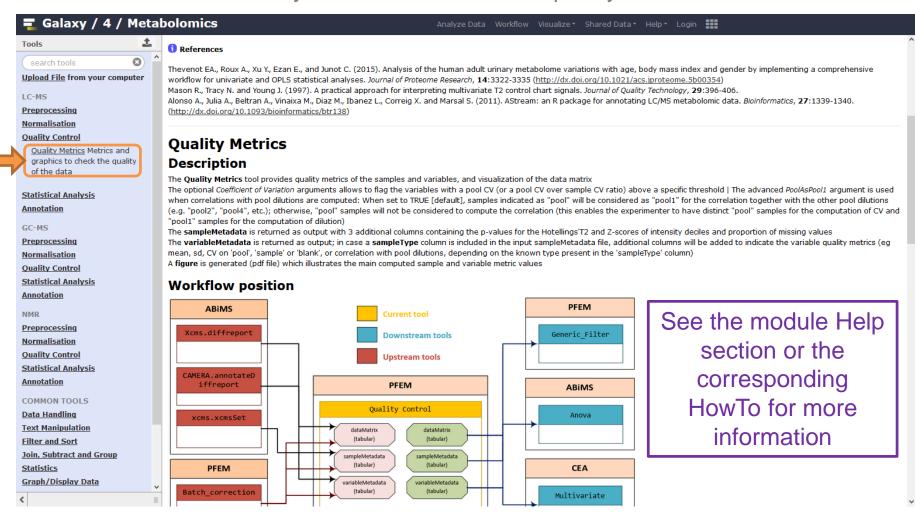
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4) Checking for quality



Using your pools to check your data

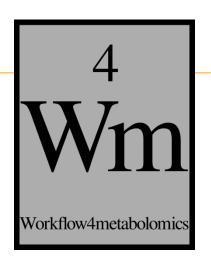
Use the Quality Metrics module to compute your indicators



Note: this module can be used even without pools since it computes other interesting quality information and graphics

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4) Checking for quality



NORMALIZATION: A TOOL TO NORMALISE

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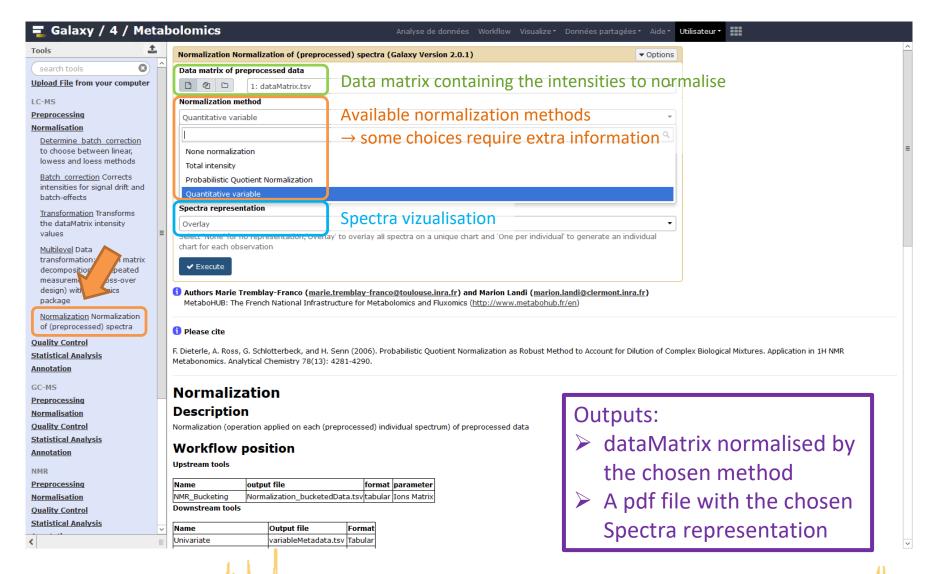
About normalisation

- Operation applied to each sample to make the data from all samples directly comparable with each other (to take into account variations of the overall concentrations of samples due to biological and technical reasons)
- ⇒ To ensure that a measured concentration observed for a metabolite at the lower end of the dynamic range is as reliable as it is for a metabolite at the upper end





About the Normalization tool



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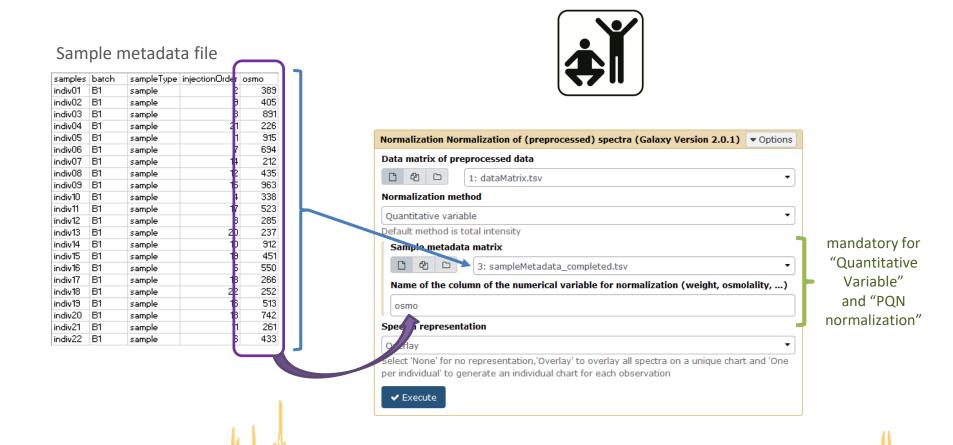
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Example: quantitative variable

 Intensity of each feature is divided by the value of a known quantitative variable: weight for tissue, osmolality, ...



5) Normalization: a tool to normalise