

# A FREELY AVAILABLE SOFTWARE PLATFORM FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT GLYCOMICS MS DATA INTERPRETATION



## **GRITS: GRits Is The Solution**

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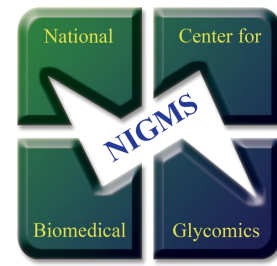


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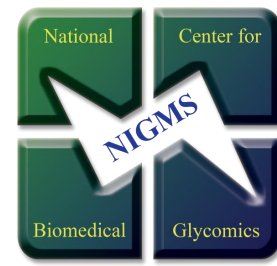


# The Problem



- Glycobiology requires **high throughput** Glycomics analysis
  - Currently, tandem MS is the most effective high-throughput glycomics technology
  - **Each glycomics MS run can generate hundreds of spectra**, which must be processed and annotated
  - For the data to be useful, it must be associated with **meta data** describing the biological sample and its manipulation as well as the techniques and parameters used to generate the data
- **Currently available tools are not capable of effectively processing such large amounts of data** - Better and more fully automated annotation tools are required
  - Tools like *GlycoWorkbench*, while extremely valuable, require considerable interaction with the human analyst, making their direct application to the **annotation of high throughput data impractical**
  - The currently available tools for annotation of high throughput MS data are **not applicable** to glycomics data, are **very expensive** and/or function as “**Black Boxes**” with output whose validity is difficult to evaluate
- **Methods for glycoanalysis are diverse and constantly evolving**, requiring a nimble approach to the development of data processing software
  - Software should be able to **process data produced by new methods**
  - Previously developed algorithms, visualization schemes, data formats and databases should be **reused when possible**

# GRITS Is **The** Solution

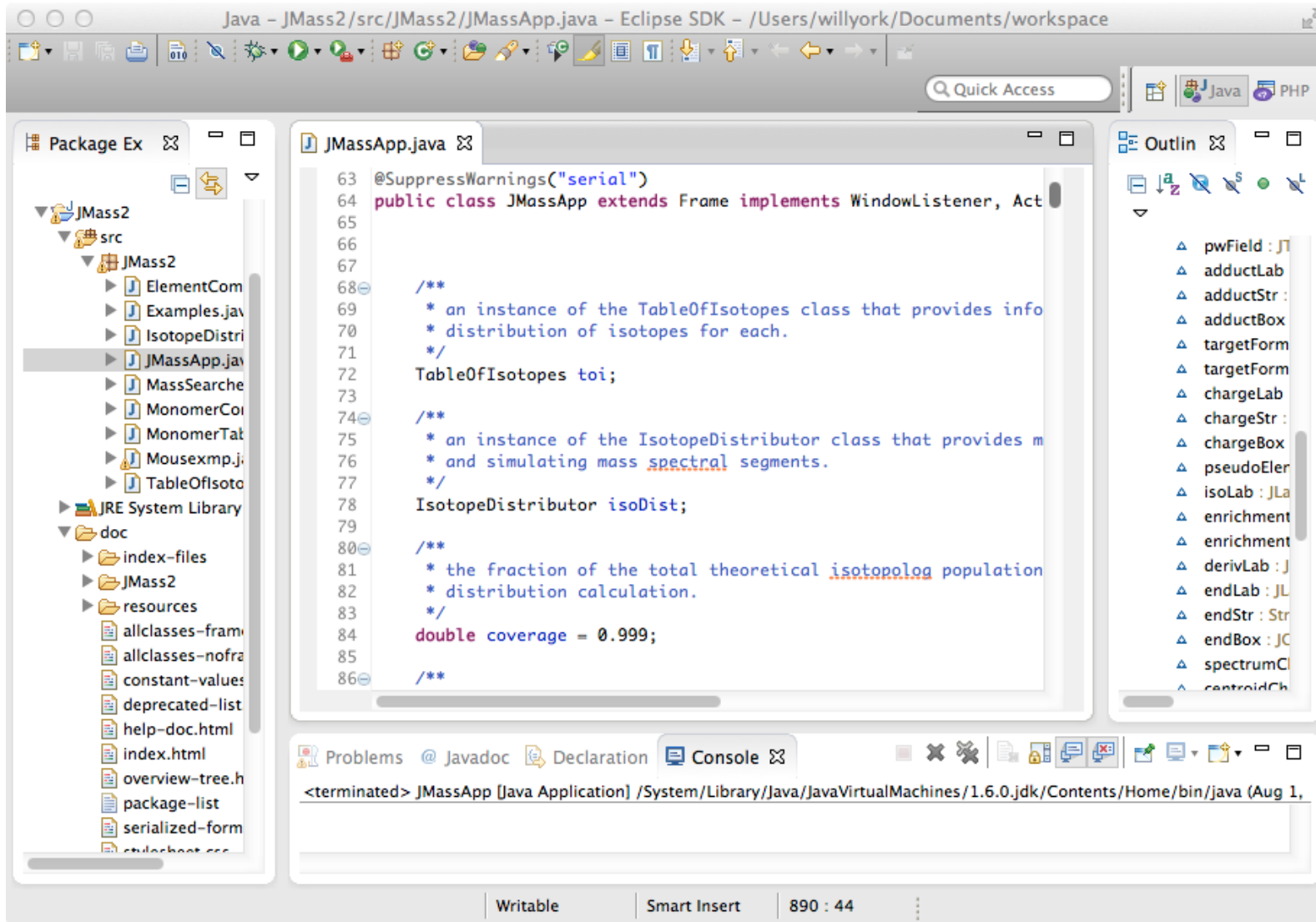


- Provides a common, modular framework for glycomics analysis
- Based on the **Eclipse Platform** for development of *Integration Ware*
  - Supports development of interactive **plug-ins** to support data processing for diverse analytical methods and protocols
  - Provides a **standard workbench user interface** with well-developed tools (e.g., widgets and interactive tables) to graphically represent and manipulate data and enter diverse types of information
  - Facilitates the use and sharing of **common data representation formats**
  - Provides a **resource management** model
- **Allows rapid software development, as each new plug-in can interact with previously developed plug-ins to utilize the data processing and/or visualization methods that they implement**

<http://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/>



# Many Software Developers Are Already Familiar with Eclipse



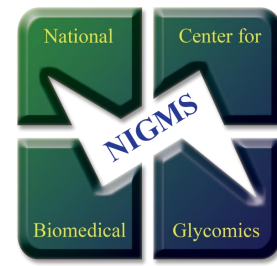
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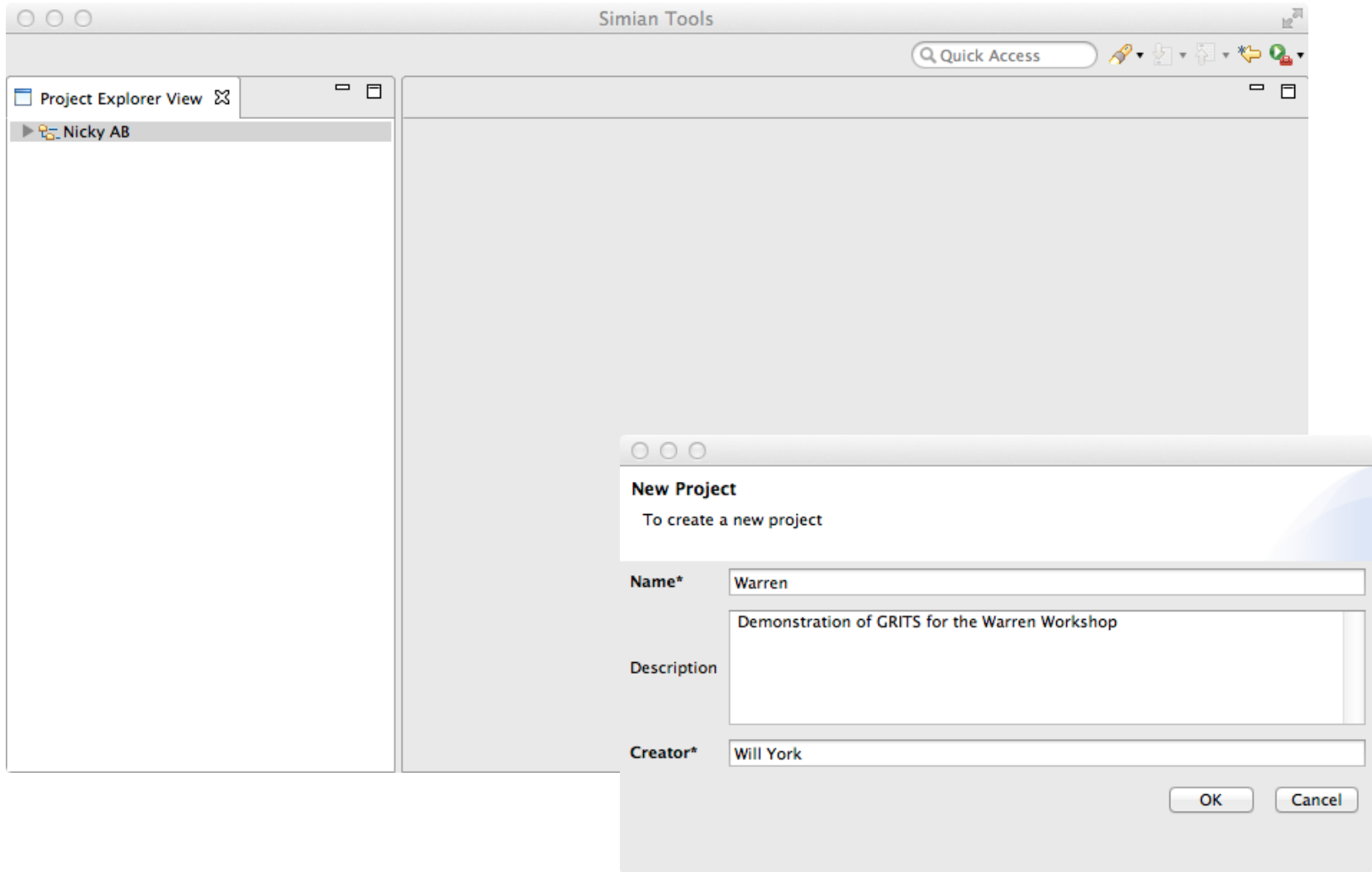
Organize Results as Elements of Distinct Projects

- ✓ Attach Multiple Samples to a Project
- ✓ Attach Analytical Data Sets to Each Sample
- ✓ Annotate Analytical Data Using GELATO
- ✓ Verify/Edit Annotations Manually
- ✓ Export Annotated Reports
  - Individual Data Set Annotations
  - Side-By-Side Comparisons of Data Sets

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## Organize Data as Elements of a Project



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## Add a Sample to a Project



The screenshot displays the Simian Tools application interface. On the left, the 'Project Explorer View' shows a tree structure with 'Nicky AB' and 'Warren' under a parent icon. The main workspace shows the details for the 'Warren' project:

- Creator\***: Will York
- Creation Time**: 2014-08-01 14:02:35
- Modification Time**: 2014-08-01 14:02:35
- Description**: Demonstration of GRITS for the Warren Workshop

A 'New Sample' dialog box is open in the foreground, containing the following information:

- Project\***: Warren (with a 'Browse' button)
- Name\***: Control N-glycans
- Description**: N-glycans isolated from the control cells

The dialog box has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.



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## Add Analytical Data for a Sample



The screenshot displays the Simian Tools software interface. The main window is titled 'Simian Tools' and shows a 'Project Explorer View' on the left with a tree structure containing 'Nicky AB', 'Warren', and 'Control N-glycans'. The 'Control N-glycans' component is selected. The main area shows an 'Overview' tab for 'Control N-glycans' with a description of 'N-glycans'. A 'List of Components' table is visible below the overview:

S.No.	Component Name
	Control N-gly

A 'New MS Experiment' dialog box is open, prompting the user to 'Create a new MS Experiment'. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Sample\***: Control N-glycans (with a 'Browse' button)
- Display Name\***: Run 1
- Description**: Tandem MS of control Sample
- MS/MS RAW File\***: /Users/willyork/software/GRITS-Workspace/data/RAW/2.r (with a 'Browse' button)
- MS/MS MzXML File**: /Users/willyork/software/GRITS-Workspace/data/mzXML/ (with a 'Browse' button)

At the bottom of the dialog, there are four buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

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## Add Analytical Data for a Sample



Simian Tools

Quick Access

Project Explorer View

- Nicky AB
- Warren
  - Control N-glycans
    - Run 1

Warren Control N-glycans \*Run 1

Raw File\* 2014.08.01-15.27.39.0962.2.raw Save

mzXML File 2014.08.01-15.27.39.0979.2.mzXML Save

Description Tandem MS of control Sample

MzXML Full File Save

Raw Full File Save

Derivatization perMe

Instrument

CollusionType cid

CollusionEnergy 0.0

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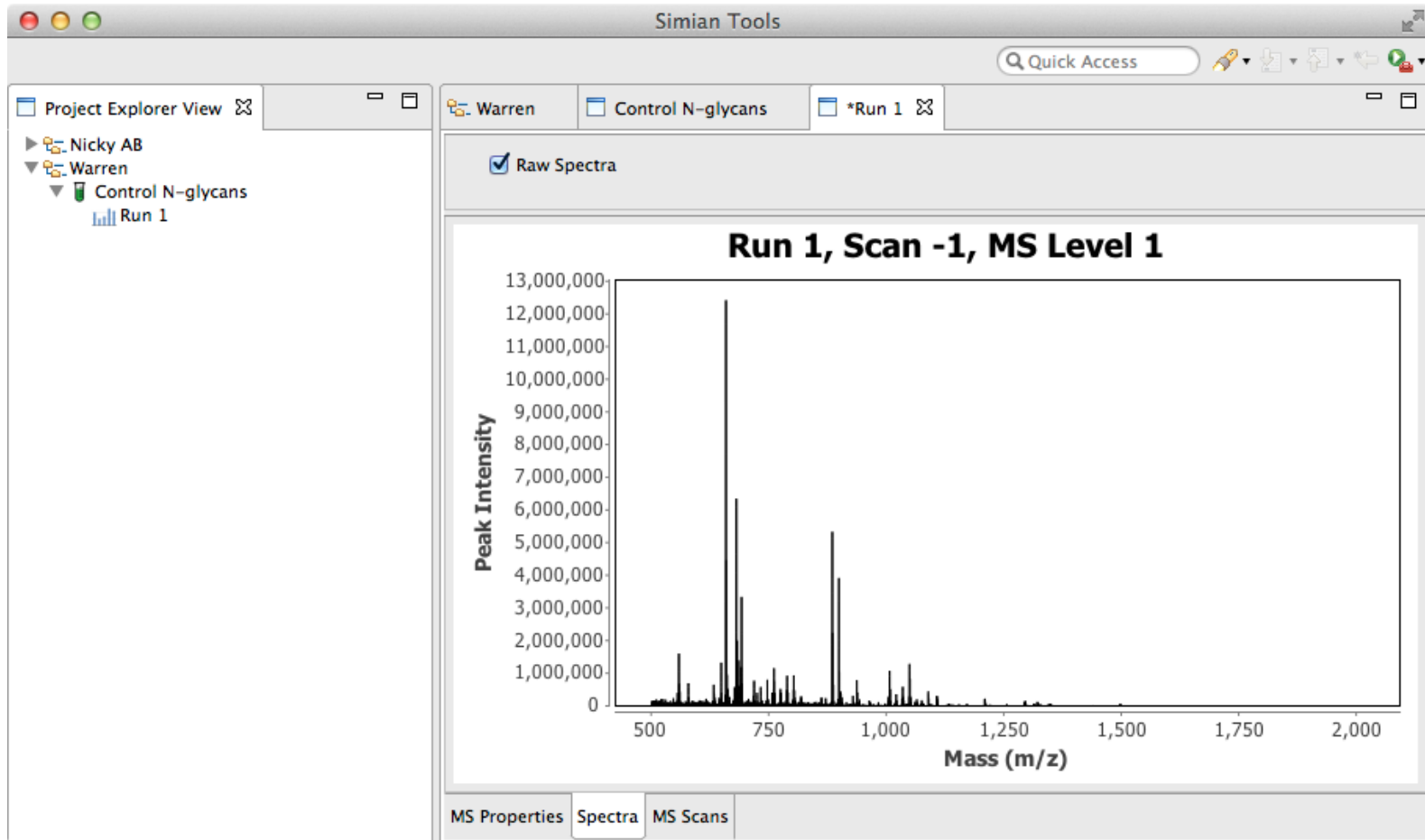
ReleaseType PNGaseF

GlycanType N-Glycan

MS Properties Spectra MS Scans

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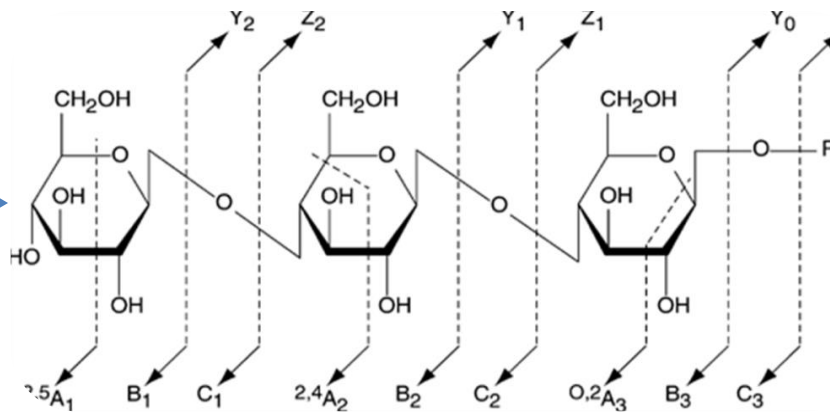
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2	22	35.367	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
3	43	71.3772	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
4	64	106.617	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
5	85	142.757	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
6	106	179.777	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
7	127	216.148	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
8	139	238.844	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
9	144	250.332	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
10	149	261.645	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
11	150	266.531	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
12	153	274.578	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
13	154	279.453	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
14	159	290.86	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
15	160	295.723	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
16	161	300.582	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
17	162	305.443	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
18	164	311.965	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
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MS Properties Spectra MS Scans

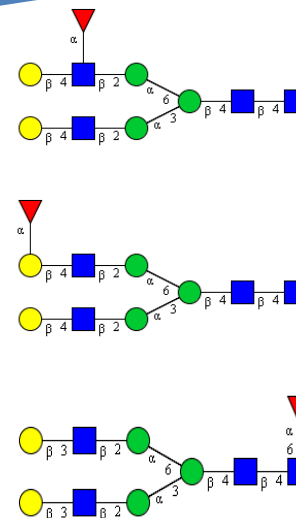
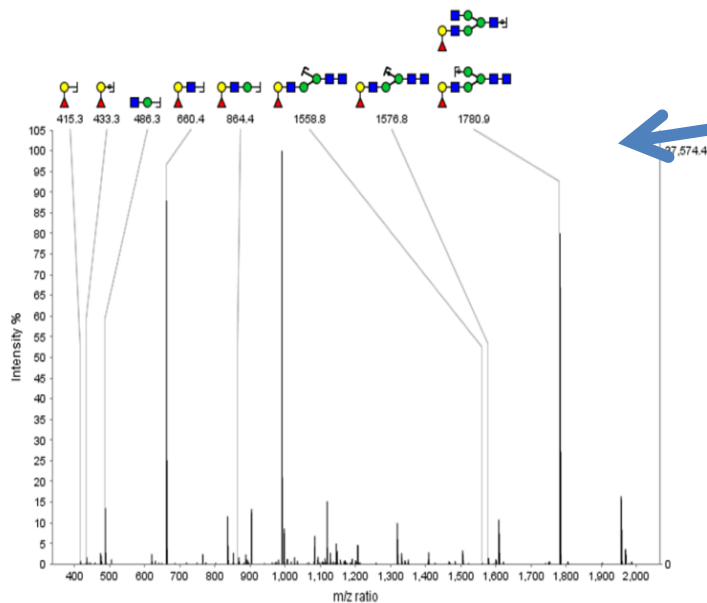
# Automated MS-Annotation: Match Theoretical Glycan Ion Fragments With Experimental Mass Spectra



Database structures



Mass to charge	Structure
486.2311	
504.2417	
527.2577	
545.2683	
660.3204	
678.3309	
690.3309	
708.3415	
864.4202	
882.4307	



# Problems with Commercial MS Annotation Software



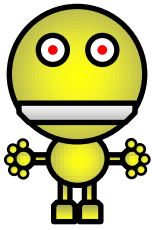
Not High-Throughput

Results are a dead end – Provides NO ability to

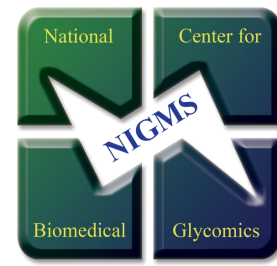
- Export annotated spectra
- Extract signal intensities
- Capture fragment intensities
- Manipulate cartoons
- Visualize the entire profile

Quality of structural assignment limited by the databases

- Redundancies
- Omissions
- Inaccuracies



# Database Bot



## Bot transforms databases into SG compatible

- *Rene Ranzinger* developed Database Bot – Generates databases compatible with SimGlycan using structures from a highly curated source
- *Matthew Eavenson, Krys Kochut and Will York* developed **Qrator** - a curation tool enabling experts to assemble valid glycan structures into gold standard databases
- *Mike Tiemeyer* curated 888 N-linked and 152 O-Linked structures using **Qrator**
- Bot was used to make “**Sweetie-N and Sweetie-O**”
- Can make other specialized databases

# Advantages of Customized Databases

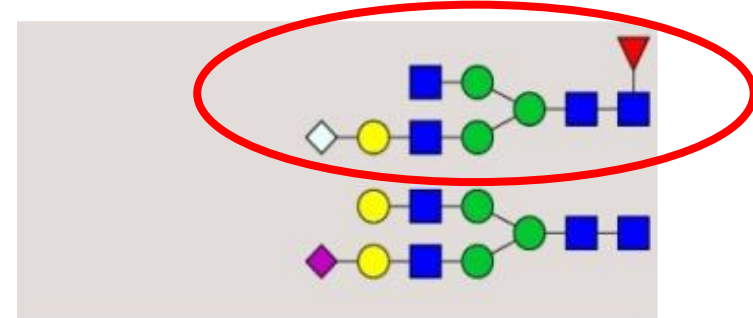
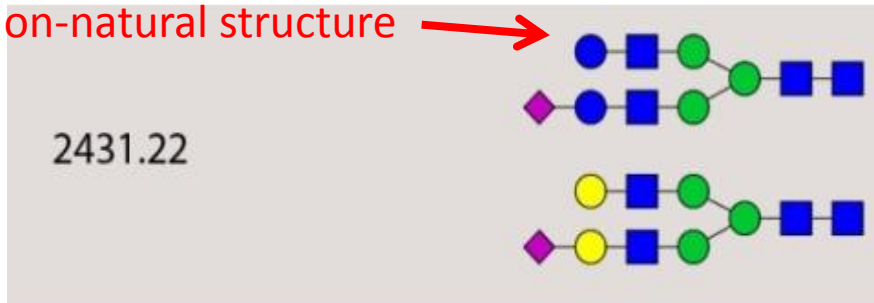


*Mass*

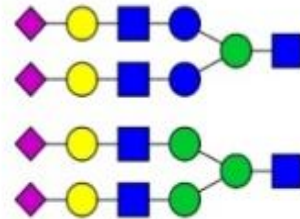
SimGlycan™

SweetieN

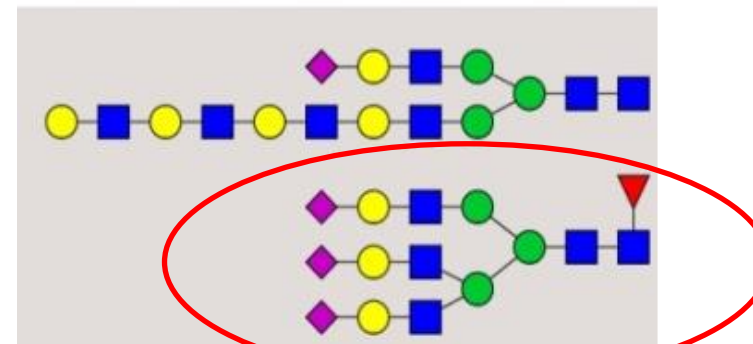
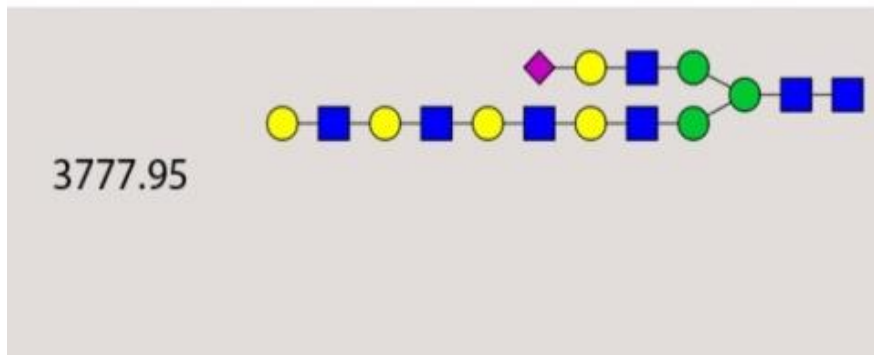
Non-natural structure →



2547.30



Reducing end incompatible with releasing enzyme (PNGase-F)





# GELATO - Glycan ELucidation and Annotation Tool



- Developed by *Khalifeh Al Jadda* and *Rene Ranzinger*
- In-silico generation of theoretical fragment ions for each glycan supplied by a customized database – Uses **GlycoWorkbench\*** API and fragmentation engine
- Matches theoretical fragment ions to fragment ions detected in real mass spectra
- Provides scores based on the number of matched ions and their intensity – allows ranking of glycan annotations of mass spectral features
- Results are comparable to those produced by SimGlycan
- No expensive license fees - **Free Distribution**
- Probability-based scoring under development for future versions

\*A.Ceroni, K. Maass, H.Geyer, R.Geyer, A.Dell and S.M.Haslam (2008) *Journal of Proteome Research*, **7**: 1650

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## Invoke GELATO to Annotate Analytical Data



MS Annotation

### Fragment Settings

Choose the fragment settings from different options

**Default Settings**

Max Num of Cleavages:

Max Num of CrossRing Cleavages:

Glyco Cleavages:  B,  Y,  C,  Z

Cross Ring Cleavages:  A,  X

**Fragments Per Activation Method**

Activation Method	Fragment Settings	Enabled

**Fragments Per Ms Level**

MS Level	Fragment Settings	Enabled

\*If more than one fragment settings given, the per-activation settings will overwrite the others if it is given, otherwise the per-MS level settings will be used if it is given, in the other cases the default settings will be used

< Back   Next >   Cancel   Finish

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16	169	333.093	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
17	168	328.21	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
18	175	359.105	500.004	2017.0	1	Yes	
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MS Properties | Annotation Properties | Spectra | MS Scans

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## Manual Verification of Annotations



Simian Tools

Quick Access

Project Explorer ...

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- Warren
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    - Run 1
      - Annotation 1

	Scan #	Peak m/z	Peak Intensity	Glycan Id	Cartoon	Counting
1	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG27		0.03
2	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG15		0.03

	Selected	Scan #	Peak m/z	Peak Intensity	Glycan Id	N-Glycan Type	Cartoon	C
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG27	high mannose		
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG15	high mannose		

MS Properties | Annotation Properties | Spectra | MS Scans | Structure Annotation

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	Scan #	Peak m/z	Peak Intensity	Glycan Id	Cartoon
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2	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG130	

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2	<input type="checkbox"/>	34	801.4	190305.0	GOG15	high mannose	

MS Properties | Annotation Properties | Spectra | MS Scans | Structure Annotation

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## Display Fragment Ions That Are Used as the Basis for Annotation



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Quick Access

Project Explorer ...

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- Warren
  - Control N-glycans
    - Run 1
      - Annotation 1

Annotation 1 \*Annotation 1, Scan 1, MS1 Annotation 1, Scan 1, MS1, Scan 34, MS2

GOG27, Score: 0.03 (1 of 6)

Prev Next

	Scan #	Peak m/z	Peak Intensity	Fragmentation Type	Cartoon	Counting Score	Inte
22		692.3284	137.4635	Y			
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MS Properties Annotation Properties Spectra MS Scans Structure Annotation Details View

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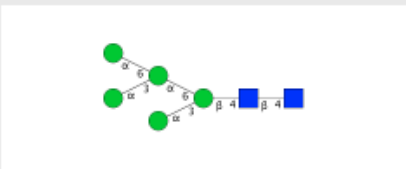
Simian Tools

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GOG15, Score: 0.03 (2 of 6)

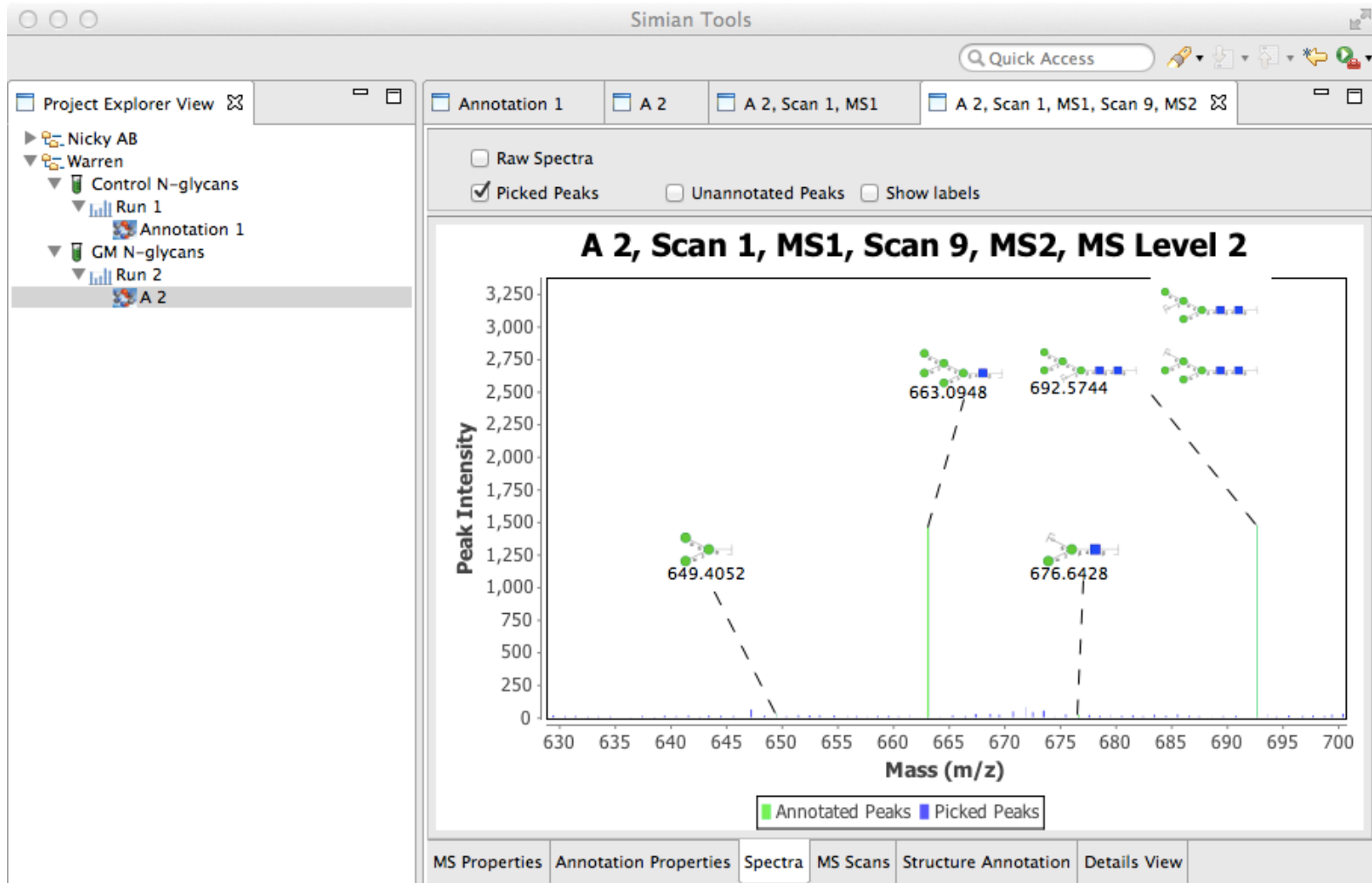
Prev Next

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3		583.355	11.1876	YY			

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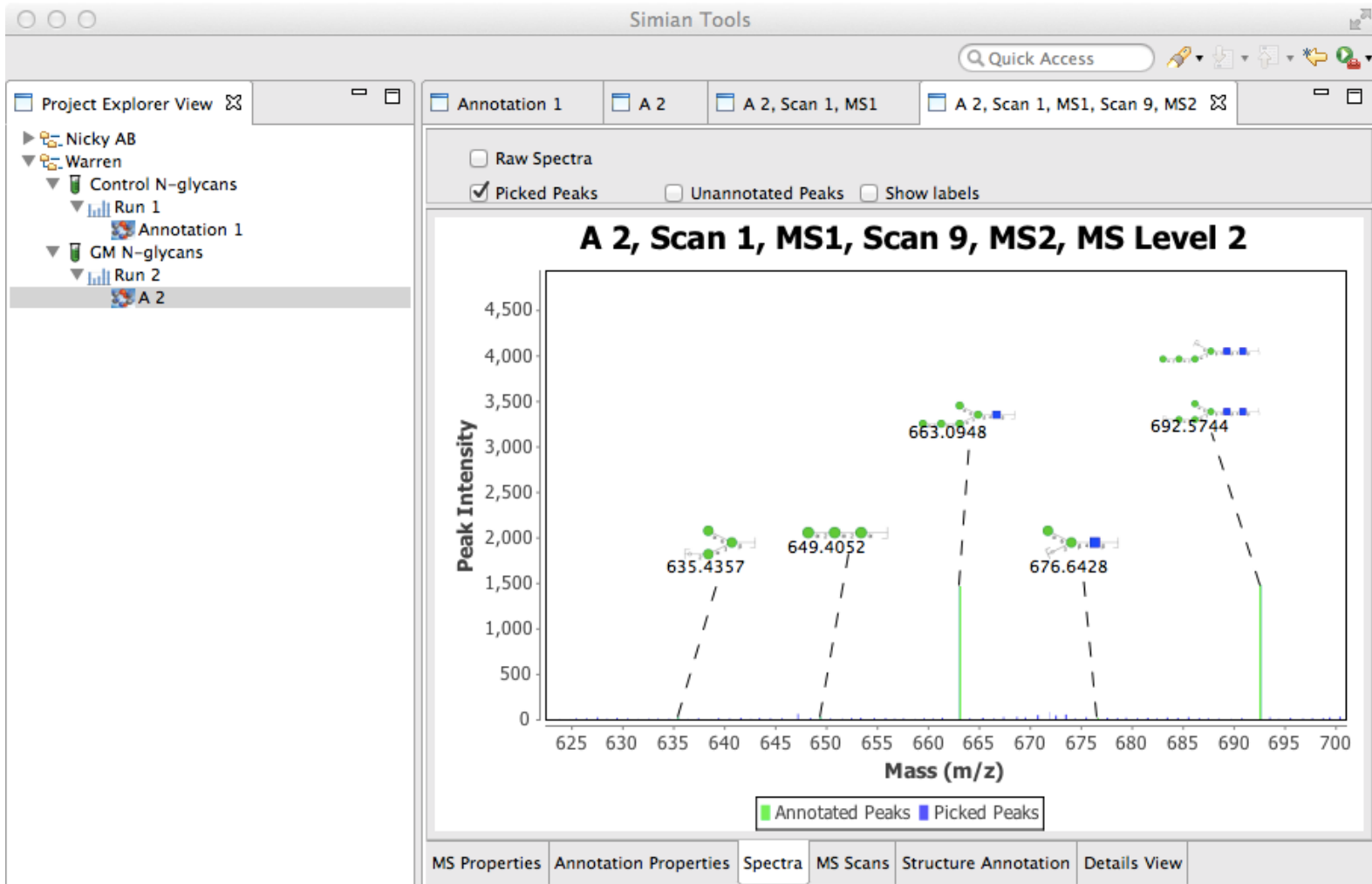
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Provides Exportable Reports – Including Side-By-Side Comparisons of Data Sets

The screenshot displays the Simian Tools software interface. On the left is a Project Explorer View showing a tree structure with folders for "Nicky AB", "Warren", "Control N-glycans", "GM N-glycans", and "reports". The "reports" folder is expanded to show "Control vs GM N-glycans". The main workspace is split into two panels: "GM N-glycans.Run 2.A 2" and "Control N-glycans.Run 1.Annotation 1". Both panels are set to "Cartoon" view. The left panel shows several glycan structures for row 106 and row 107. The right panel shows a single glycan structure for row 106. The structures are represented by colored circles (green, blue, yellow, red) and lines, with labels for linkages (α, β) and numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 6). A red triangle in the right panel highlights a specific linkage.



Thanks!