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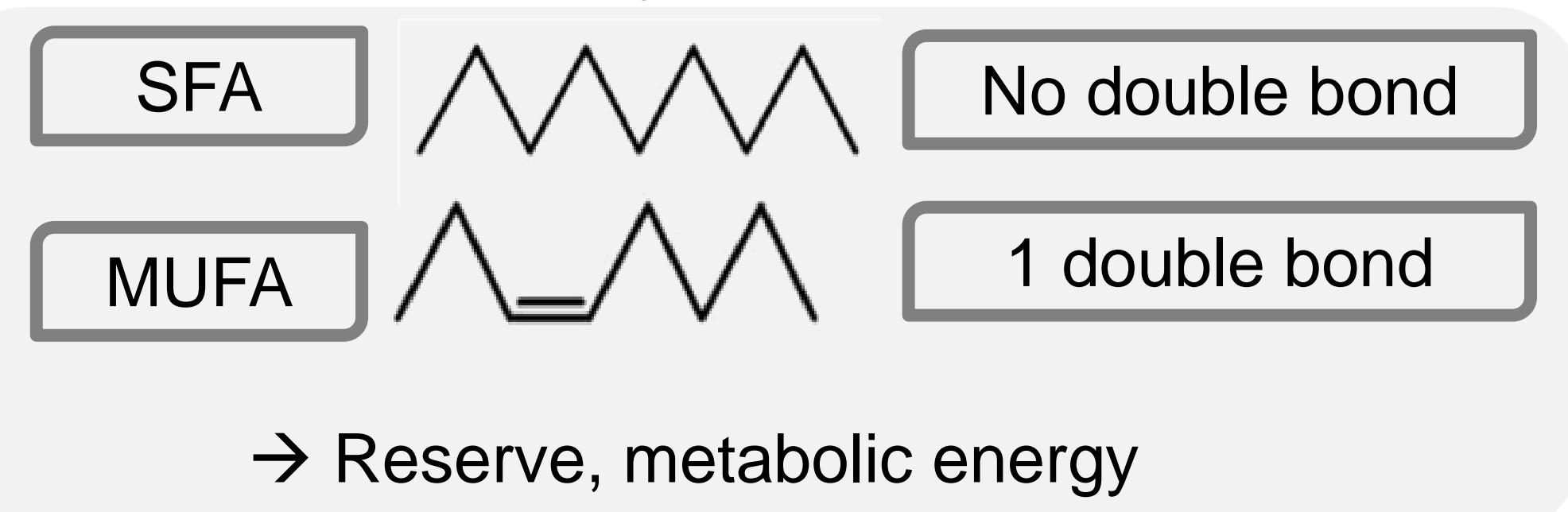
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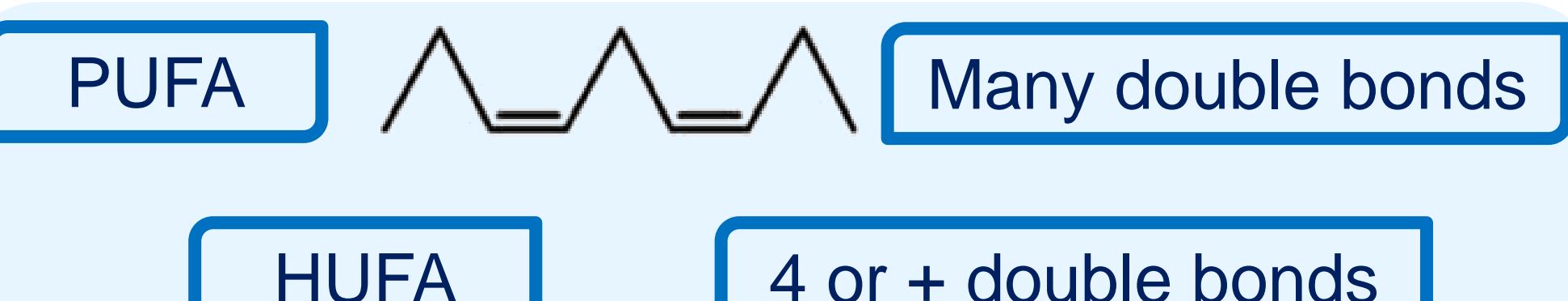
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Introduction

1. What are fatty acids?



→ Reserve, metabolic energy



→ Structure of biological membranes

2. What are their functions?

1) Analysis of fatty acids often used to study trophic interactions

2) Microalgae with high proportion of HUFA: good source of food for animals: **high nutritional quality**
(eicosapentaenoic acid **EPA**
Docosahexaenoic acid **DHA**)

3) Source of energy for metabolism at each trophic level

4) Transferred via herbivorous invertebrates to fish and man

5) Proportions of fatty acids vary with biotic and abiotic factors

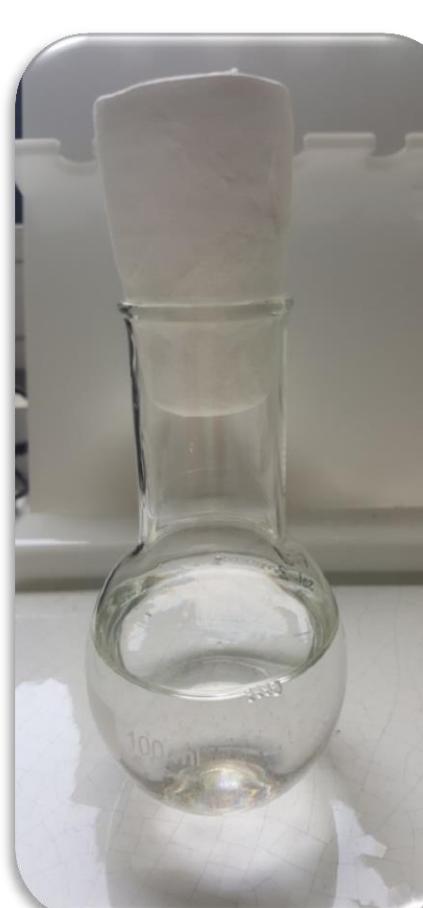
6) Including temperature and pesticide exposure

Hypothesis

❖ The temperature could modulate the response of **fatty acid profiles** to an exposure to pesticides

Materials and methods

1. Conditions of exposure



Gomphonema gracile (GGRA)
Nitzschia palea (NPAL)
Exponential growth - 7 days

3 T° successively =
17.5°C – 20.5°C – 23.5°C
Light = 67 µmol.m⁻².s⁻¹

Dauta medium
and diatom culture

S-metolachlor / Diuron
C = 10 µg/l

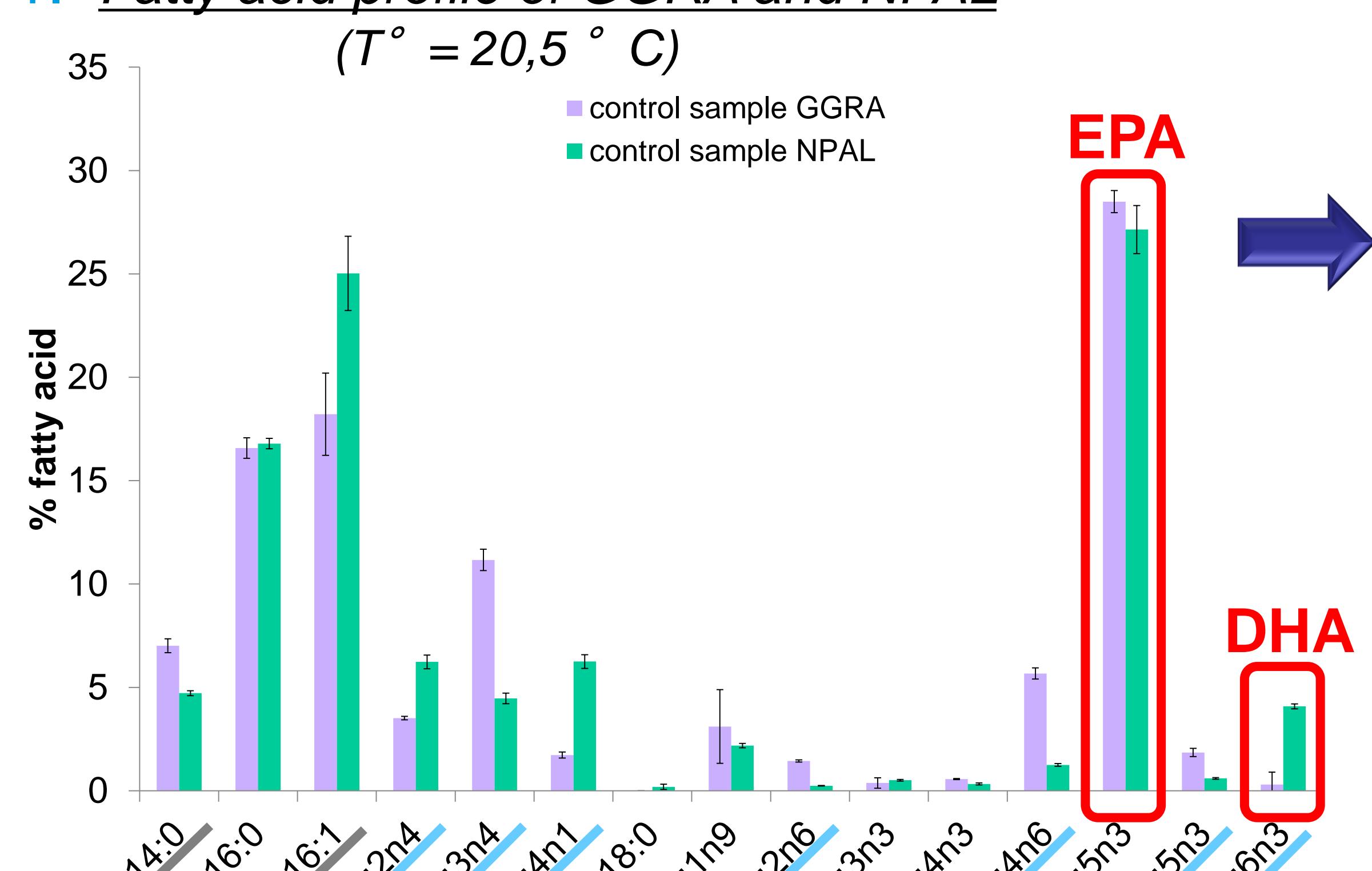
2. Analysis of fatty acids



- T_{final}
- Transesterification
- Fatty Acid Methyl Esther
- Hexane extraction
- Gas chromatography (GC-FID)
- Percentage of total fatty acids

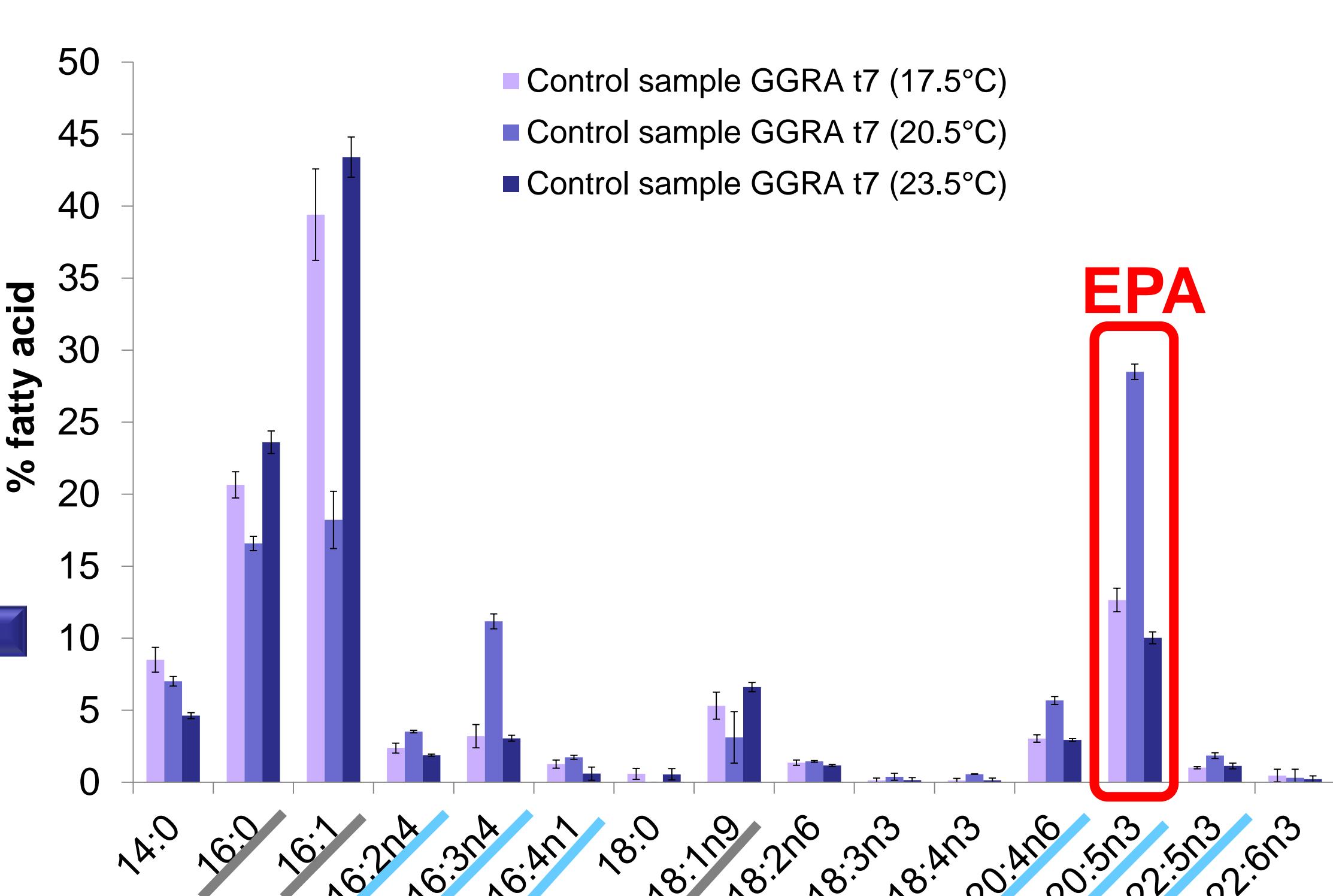
Results

1. Fatty acid profile of GGRA and NPAL



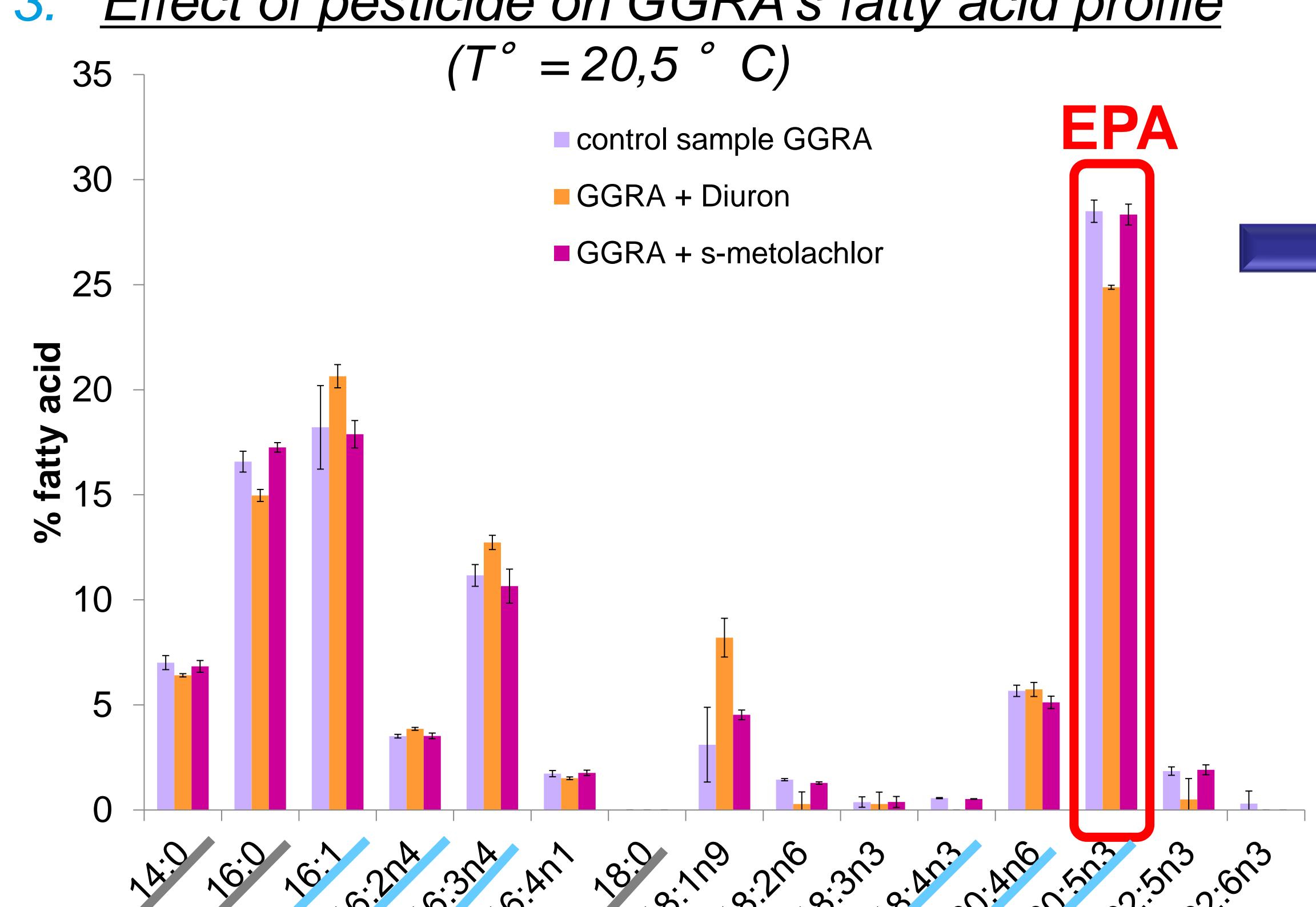
- ✓ Slight difference in **fatty acid of reserve**
- ✓ Slight difference in **fatty acid of membrane structure** (ex: **22:6n3**)
- ✓ Different nutritional quality of GGRA and NPAL
- ✓ No difference in **20:5n3**
- ✓ Difference of fatty acid profile with temperature
- ✓ 17.5 and 23.5 °C: more fatty acid of reserve
- ✓ 20.5 °C: more fatty acid of membrane structure
- ✓ **EPA** increase with $T=20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

2. Effect of temperature on GGRA's fatty acid profile

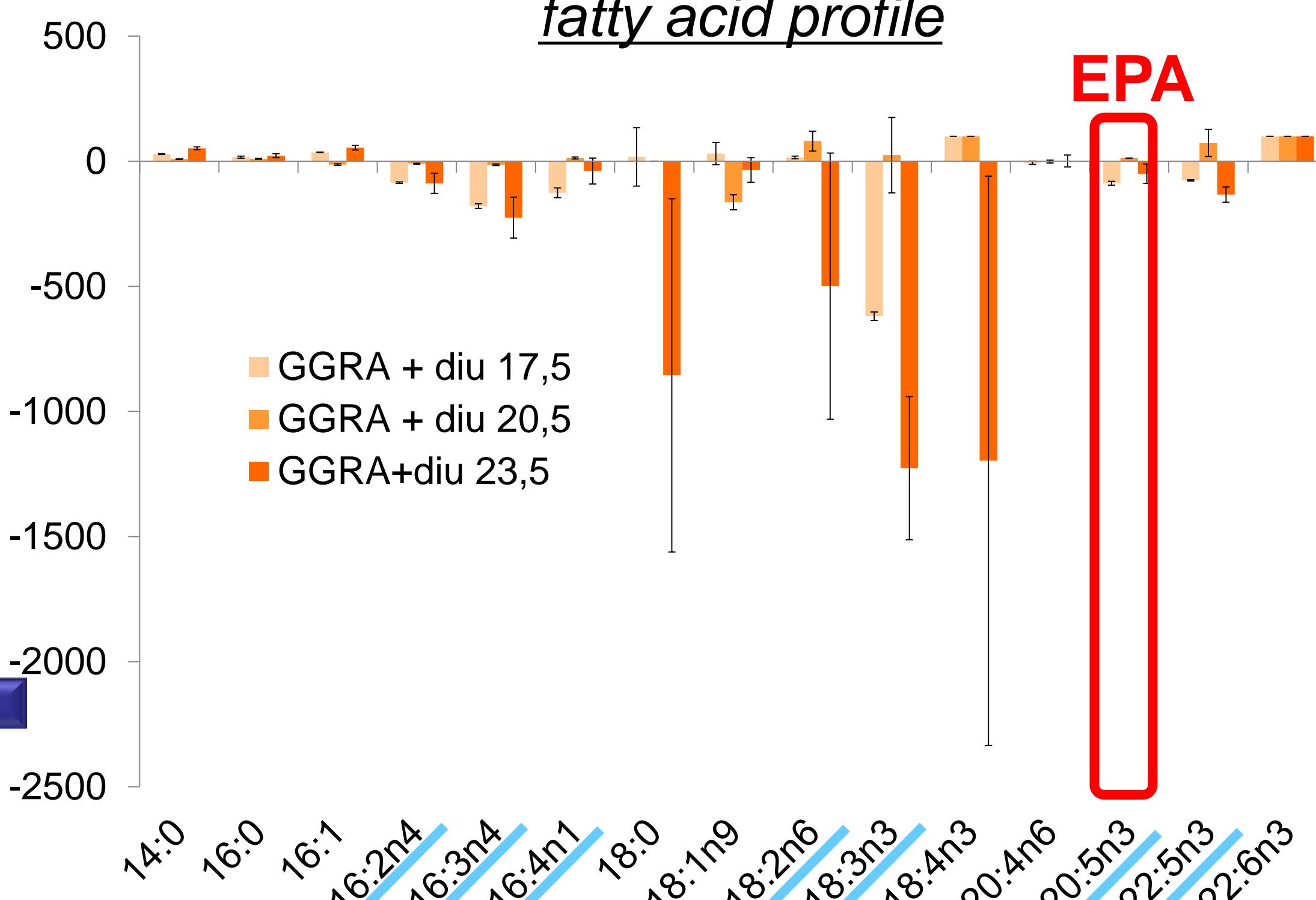


- ✓ Slight impact of **s-metolachlor** on GGRA: decrease of 20:4n6
- ✓ No impact of **s-met** on **EPA**
- ✓ Impact of **diuron** on GGRA
- ✓ Impact on fatty acid of reserve
- ✓ Impact on **fatty acid of membrane structure**
- ✓ Decrease of **EPA** with diuron
- ✓ Difference of diuron impact with temperature
- ✓ $T=17.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 23.5°C : less inhibition of **fatty acid of membrane structure**
- ✓ **EPA** increase with $T=17.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 23.5°C

3. Effect of pesticide on GGRA's fatty acid profile



3. Effect of temperature on diuron impact on GGRA's fatty acid profile



Conclusions

Interspecific variability demonstrated in literature
(Aussant et al., 2018)

Variability of fatty acid profil with temperature demonstrated in literature
 T° decrease → increase of PUFA (ex: **EPA**)
 T° increase → decrease of PUFA (Li et al., 2014)

$T=20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ increase **EPA** and modify **nutritional quality** of GGRA

$T=20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
S-metolachlor inhibits elongase enzymes (Robert et al. 2007)
Diuron inhibits **EPA** and modify **nutritional quality** of GGRA

-3°C and +3°C decrease impact of diuron?
Larras et al., 2013 demonstrated that higher temperature decreased pesticide impact on biofilm