

2024 ASMS Metabolomics Interest Group Workshop Report

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Timeslot

5:45 – 7:00 pm, Monday, June 3, 2024

Topic

LC-MS data processing software for untargeted metabolomics and exposomics: commercial and open-source solutions

Goals

The workshop aims to bring together both software developers for and users of software tools for mass spectrometry-based untargeted metabolomics and exposomics. It provides an interactive platform for both the developers and users to exchange ideas and address needs for software tools in the metabolomics and exposomics research and application community.

Attendance

Based on the survey responses, more than 170 people attended the workshop.

Agenda

- Introduction (3 min)
- Short introduction of software tools (30 min with 3.5 min each including 0.5 min changeover, no more than 5 slides)
 - Open source
 - MZmine Ansgar Korf
 - MS-DIAL Hiroshi Tsugawa
 - Commercial
 - Progenesis/MARS (Waters): Roy Martin
 - Compound Discoverer (Thermo Fisher): Ralf Tautenhahn
 - MassHunter (Agilent) James Pyke
 - MetaboScape (Bruker) Heiko Neuweger
 - SciexOS (Sciex) Rebekah Sayers
- Survey at <https://www.slido.com> (15 min)
- Guided panel discussion and Q/A (25 min) All presenters and participants

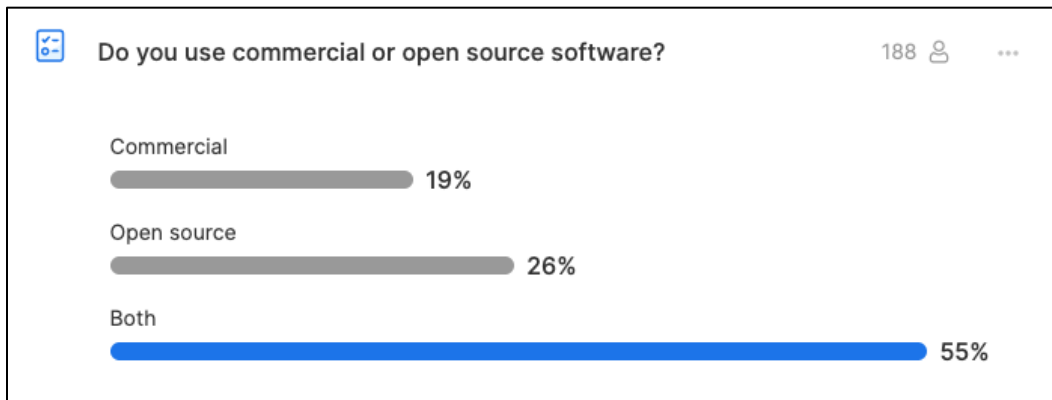
Survey

This survey is to obtain feedback from the workshop participants regarding their specific needs, including needs for new features and their user experiences of existing features of the software tools. A total of 7 questions were asked.

1. Do you use commercial or open-source software tools?
2. What metabolomics software tools do you currently use (type in the name of the software)?
3. How long have you been using your primary LC-MS data processing workflow?
4. What are the most important features you look for in data processing software? (Pick 3)
5. What are the significant challenges or limitations with your current software? (Pick 3)
6. What factors influence your choice between commercial and open-source LC-MS data processing software? (Select all that apply)
7. What new features would you like to see in metabolomics software tools in the future?

Survey Results

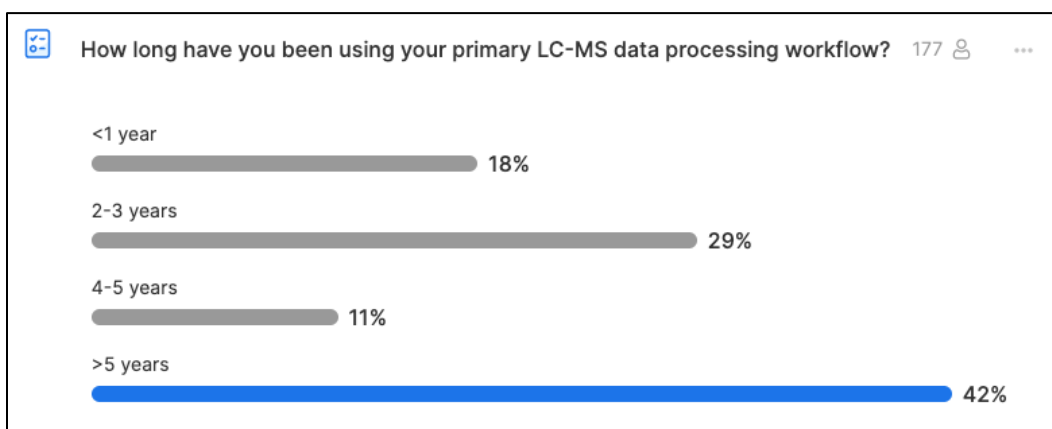
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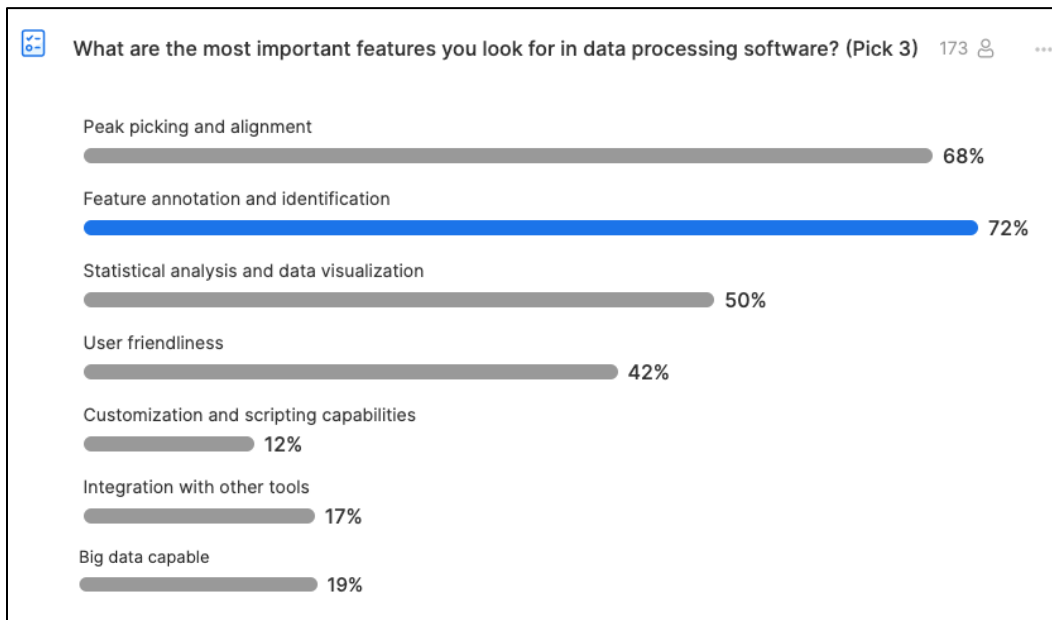
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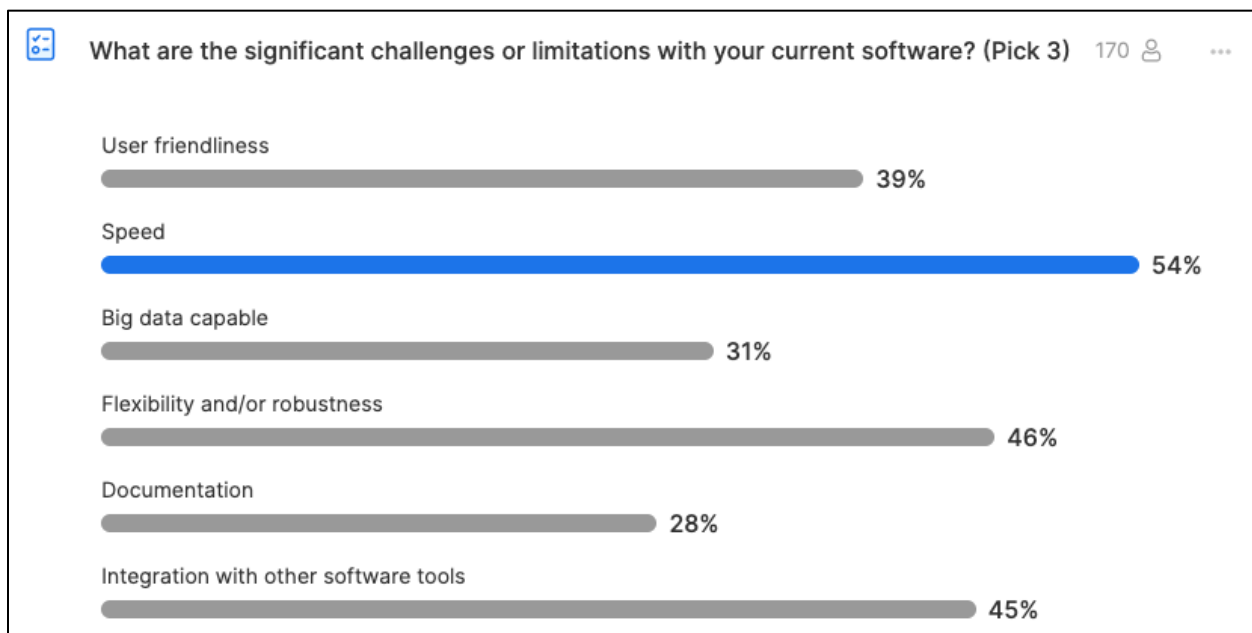
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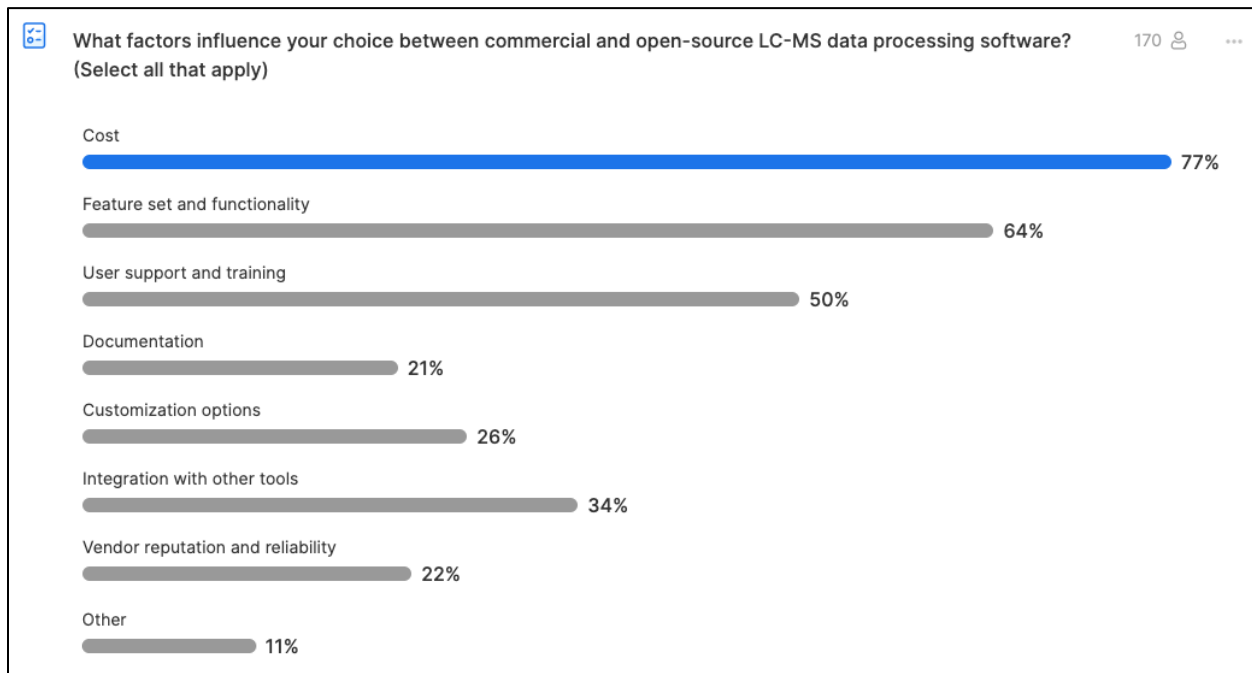
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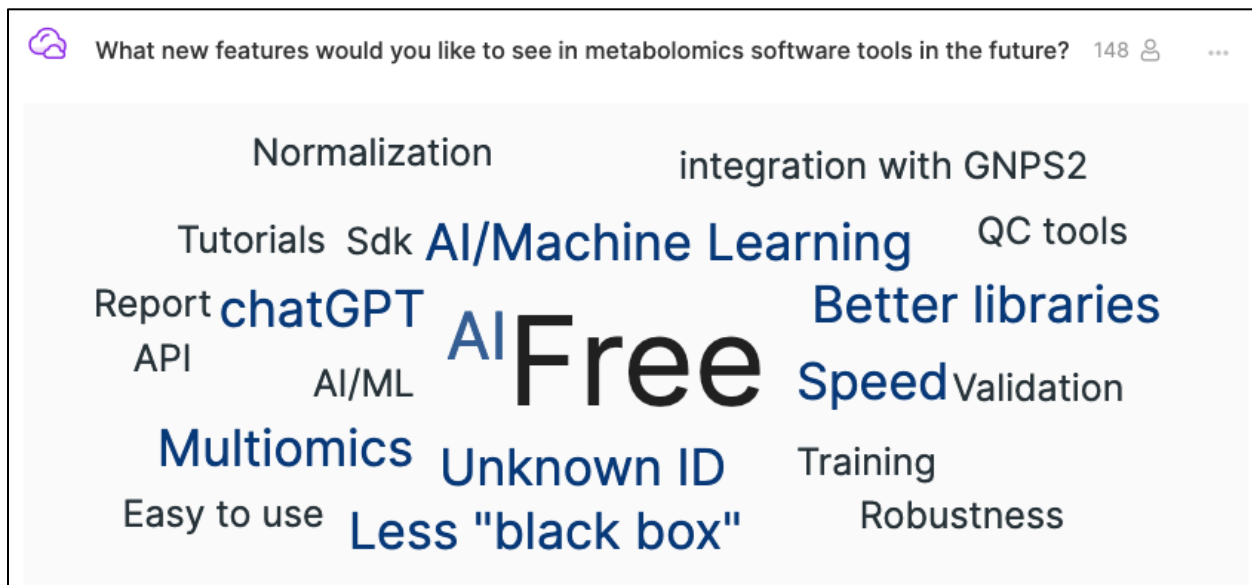
5. Question 5



6. Question 6



7. Question 7



Open Panel Discussion Questions and Topics

- **For the panel:** What are the biggest challenges you face in understanding the specific needs of researchers using your software for untargeted metabolomics and exposomics studies?
- **For the audience:** What are the most significant difficulties you encounter when trying to communicate your data processing needs and desired functionalities to software developers?
- **For the panel:** How can software developers contribute to improving data reproducibility and standardization in untargeted metabolomics and exposomics research?
- **For the audience:** What are your views on the importance of data format standardization and interoperability between different LC-MS data processing software platforms?

Photos From the Workshop



