Application of Chemical Ionization Mass Spectrometry for Rapid Multivessel Monitoring of Algal Health and Grazer Infection State





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## **Chemical Ionization Mass Spec (CIMS)**







- Automated
- No Manual Sampling
- No Liquid Sampling
- Scalable
- Real Time Responses

## CIMS Detects Predation <u>Days</u> Before the Crash & Microscopic Detection

- Daily fluorescence captures death phase with poorest resolution
- Continuous fluorescence slower than microscopy, faces challenges
- NH<sub>3</sub> in nutrient diminishes in beginning
  - Peaks twice after infection
- Monoterpenes decrease sharply after infection
- C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N (Pyrroline) sharply increases in higher-density algae, but not significantly in lower density
- Can also monitor general state of health have observed circadian rhythms & signatures of exponential growth



## Database of Crop & Predator-Specific Signatures Will Help Monitoring and Identification







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