- 1. Nomenclature,
- 2. Instrument capability,
- 3. Sample preparation,
- 4. Instrument operation,
- 5. Acquisition method,
- 6. Data analysis (small molecule, protein)
- 7. Quantitative analysis,
- 8. Software,
- 9. Data presentation,
- 10. Service support.

Mass Spectrometry Workshop

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 06/25 ~ 27/2013

- Get to know the instruments,
- Exchange ideas,
- Become comfortable in data analysis

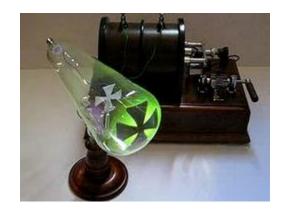




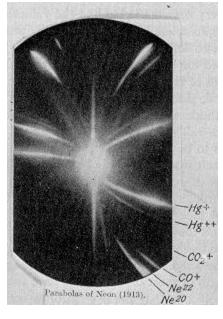


light sources that generate light by sending an electrical discharge through an ionized gas, i.e. a plasma.

100 Years of Mass Spectrometry



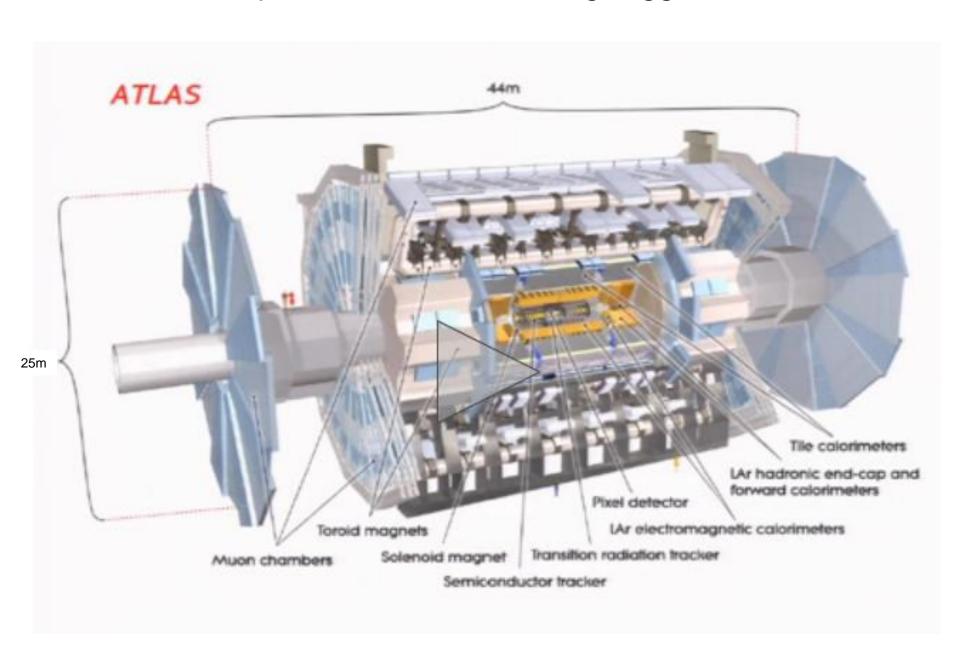
Cathode rays casting a shadow on the wall of a Crookes tube



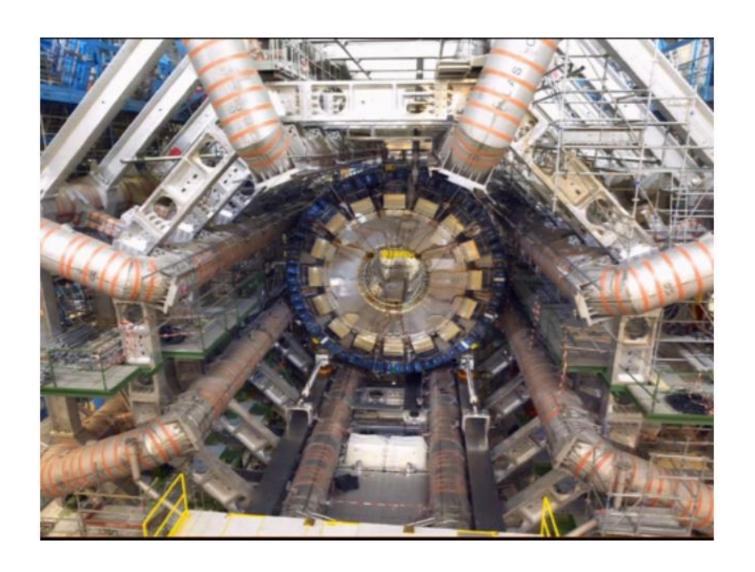
In the bottom right corner of this photographic plate are markings for the two isotopes of neon: neon-20 and neon-22.

a stream of ionized neon through a magnetic and an electric field and measured its deflection, Thomson observed two patches of light on the photographic plate, the neon gas was composed of atoms of two different atomic masses (neon-20 and neon-22).

Mass spectrometer in detecting Higgs Boson



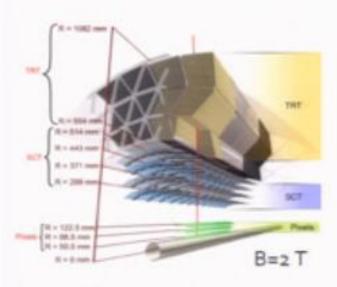
Front View of the detector



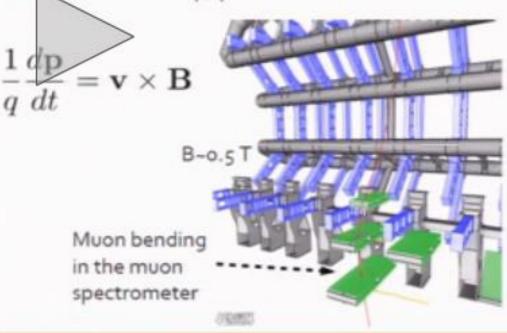
Particle Identification in ATLAS

- There are only ~ 7 kinds of particles that are detected directly (e, μ, γ, π, K, p, n) + antiparticles
- We separate these using their penetrating power
- Magnetic spectrometers used to measure (unknown) momenta

particles are highly relativistic: we measure p/q

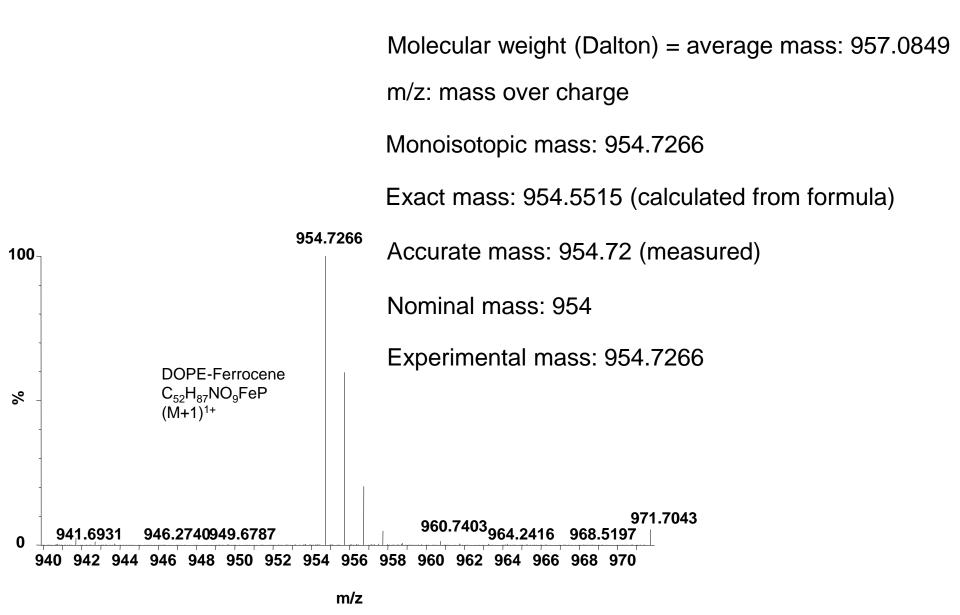


Inner detector, close to collisions

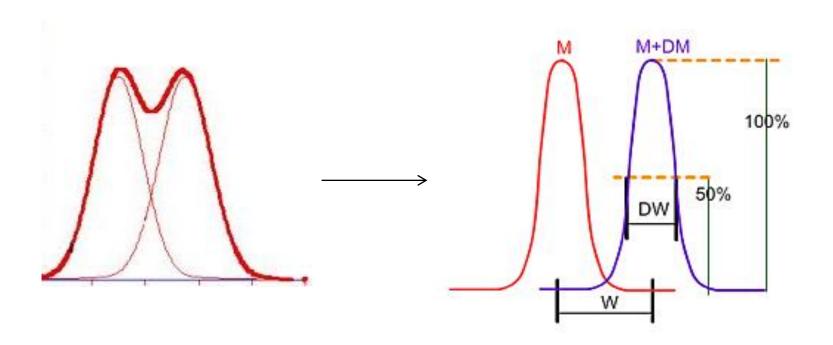


1. Nomenclature

What is the mass by mass spec.?

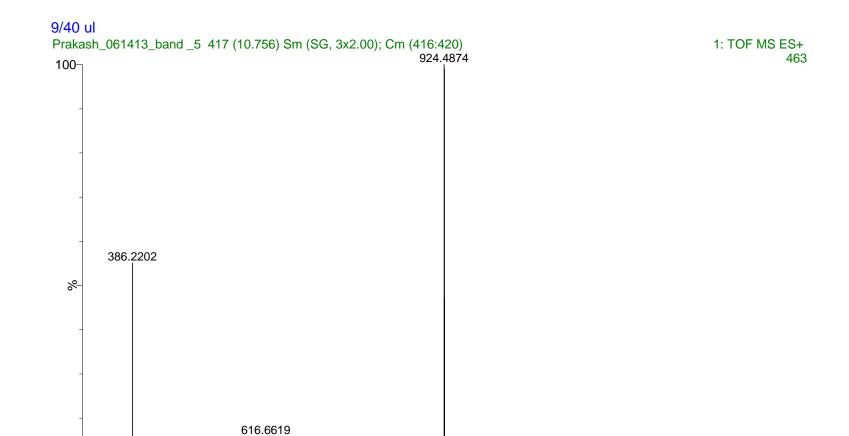


What is Mass Resolution?



$$R = M/\Delta M_{50\%}$$

Q-TOF resolution?

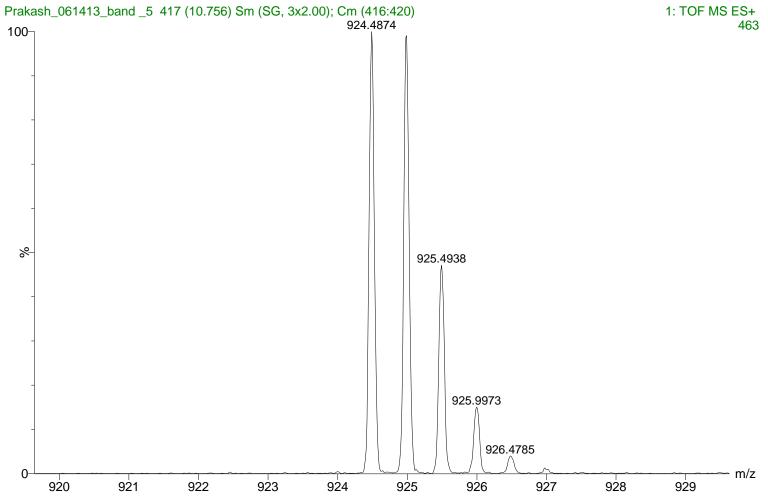


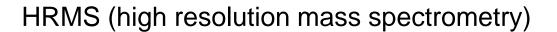
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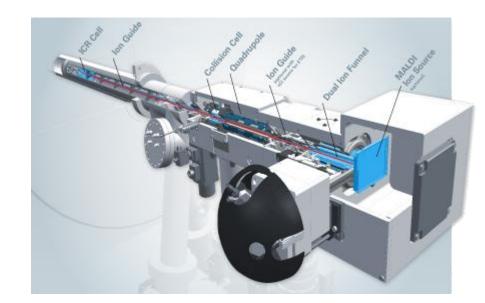
924.400

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Extreme Mass Resolution, 10 million, by solariXTM FTMS. Dynamically harmonized ParaCellTM, developed by Professor Eugene Nikolaev and coworkers at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

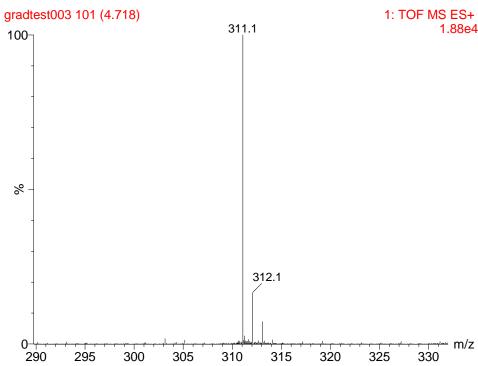
Reveal the fine structure in isotopic patterns that are uniquely specific to the exact molecular formulae of the detected compounds



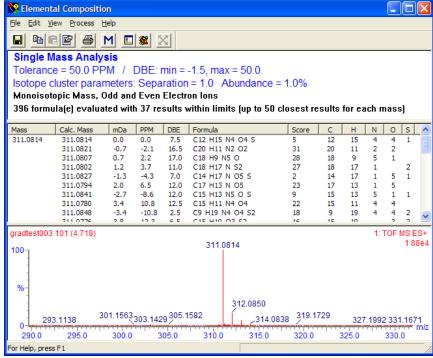
What is mass accuracy (or mass error)?

mass accuracy (in ppm) = Δ mass/calculated mass delta mass = experimental mass - calculated mass 5 ppm, or less, is needed for the molecular formula

The Power of Exact Mass

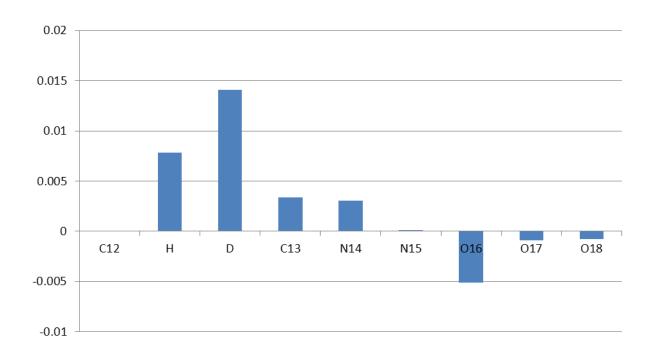


Nominal mass measured spectrum ~50 ppm tolerance at *m/z* 311.0814 37 possible results



What is mass defect?

- deviation from unit mass



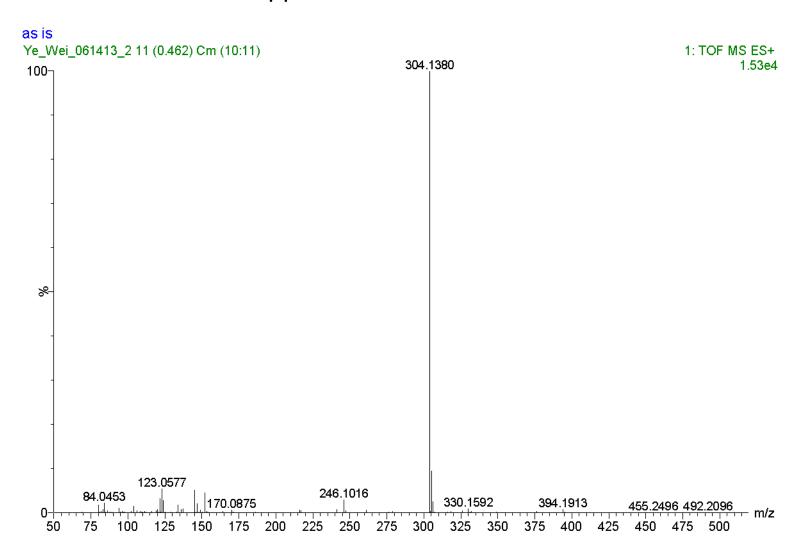
Similar or related compound have similar mass defect

Exact Mass and Isotopic Abundance of Common Elements

Element	Nuclide	Nominal Mass	Exact Mass	Mass Defect	Isotopic Abundance
Hydrogen	H	1	1.0078	0.00783	100.00%
	D	2	2.0141	0.0141	0.02%
Carbon	C ¹²	12	12.0000	0	100.00%
	C ¹³	13	13.0034	0.00336	1.10%
Nitrogen	N ¹⁴	14	14.0031	0.003074	100.00%
	N ¹⁵	15	15.0001	0.0001	0.37%
Oxygen	O ¹⁶	16	15.9949	-0.0051	100.00%
	O ¹⁷	17	16.9991	-0.0009	0.04%
	O ¹⁸	18	17.9992	-0.0008	0.20%
Fluorine	F ¹⁹	19	18.9984	-0.0016	100.00%
Phosphorus	P 31	31	30.9738	-0.0262	100.00%
Sulfur	S ³²	32	31.9721	-0.0279	100.00%
	S ³³	33	32.9725	-0.0275	0.79%
	S ³⁴	34	33.9679	-0.0321	4.40%
Chlorine	CI ³⁵	35	34.9689	-0.0311	100.00%
	CI ³⁷	37	36.9659	-0.0341	32.00%
Bromine	Br ⁷⁹	79	78.9183	-0.0817	100.00%
	Br ⁸¹	81	80.9163	-0.0837	97.30%

Composition Analysis

Based on mass accuracy, a composition (formula) of an unknown Can be calculated, 5 ppm or less is needed.



Elemental Composition Report

Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

225 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)

Elements Used:

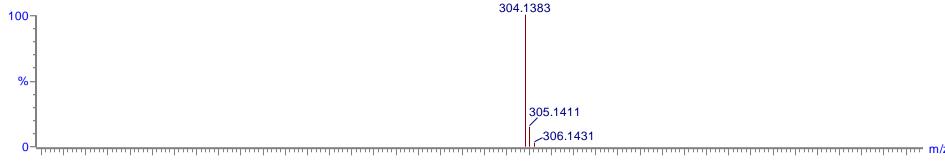
C11 H20 N4 O6

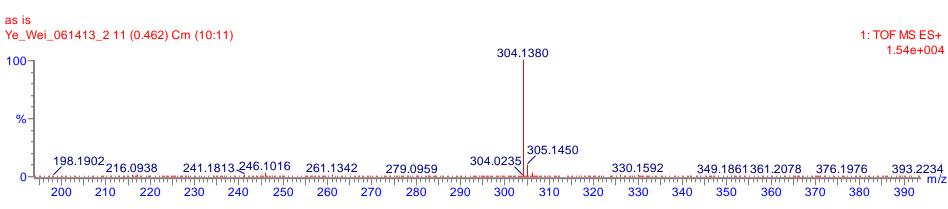
C: 0-50 H: 0-60 N: 0-6 O: 0-8

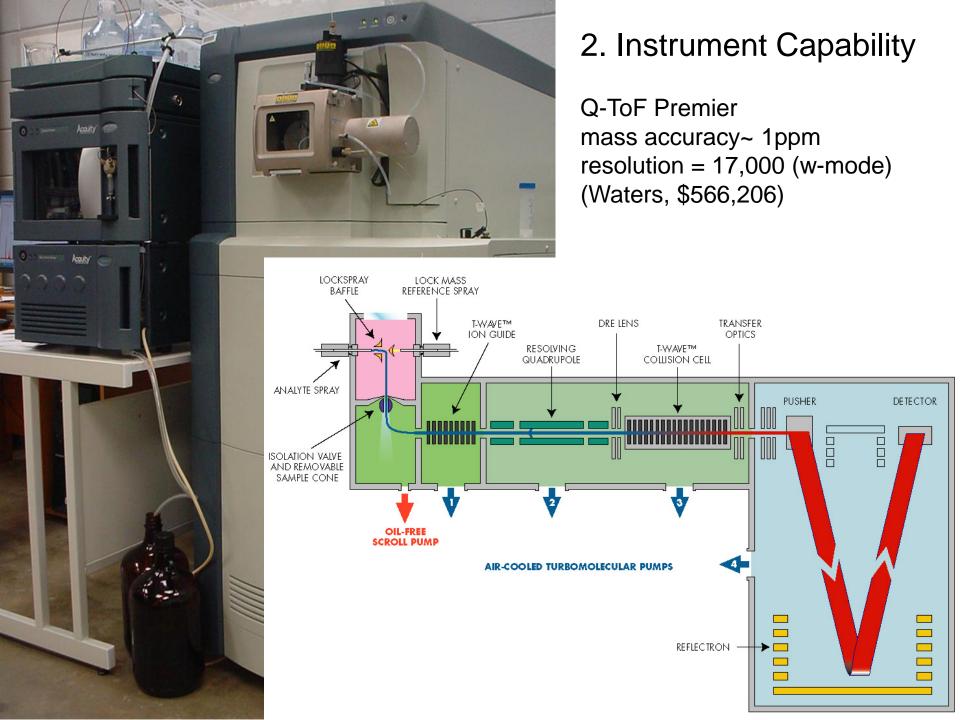
Minimum: -1.5
Maximum: 5.0 5.0 50.0
Mass Calc. Mass mDa PPM

 Mass
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 i-FIT (Norm)
 Formula

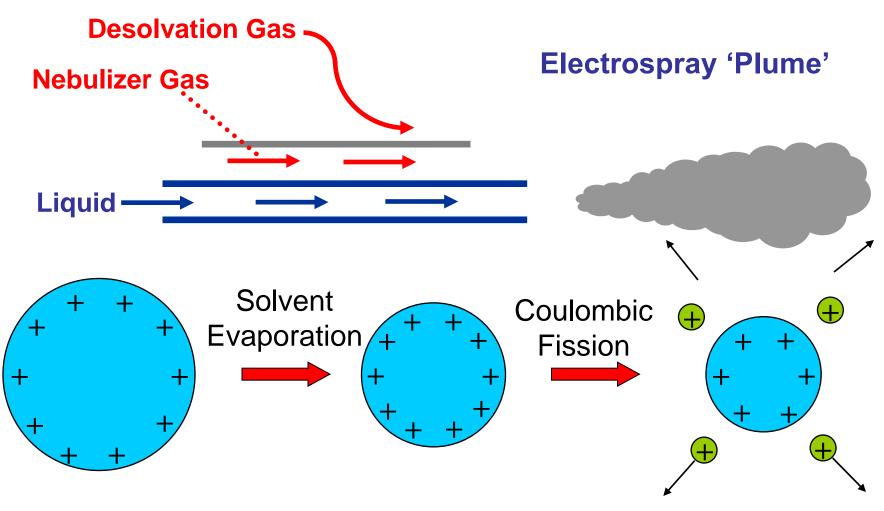
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 C11 H20 N4 O6





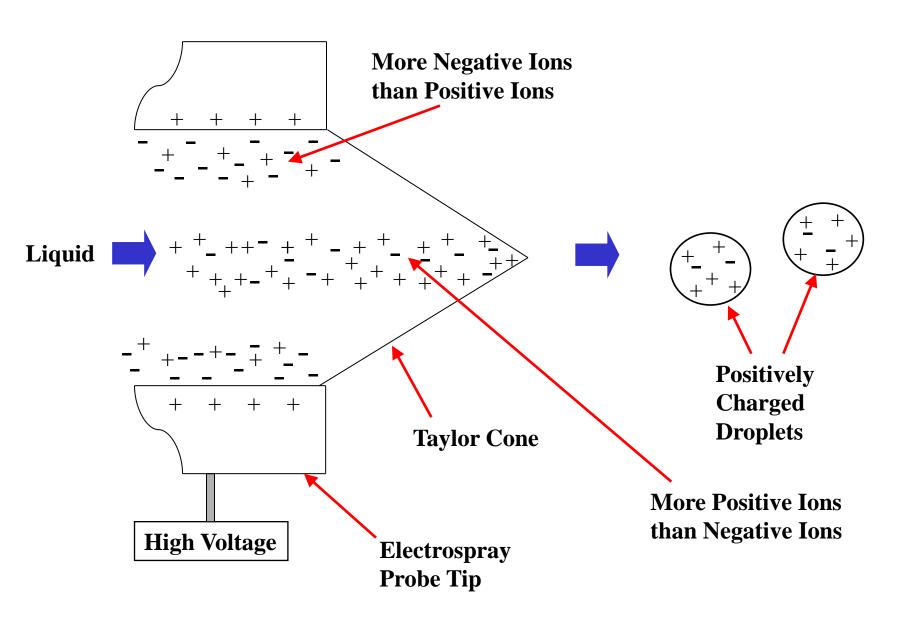


Electrospray Ionization is "soft"



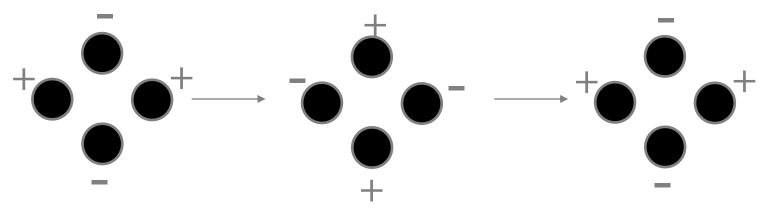
Solvent evaporates from the droplet and the droplet shrinks until the charge density on the surface reaches a point where the repulsive force between charges exceeds the liquid surface tension that holds the drop together.

Electrospray Ionization is competitive, and not that quantitative

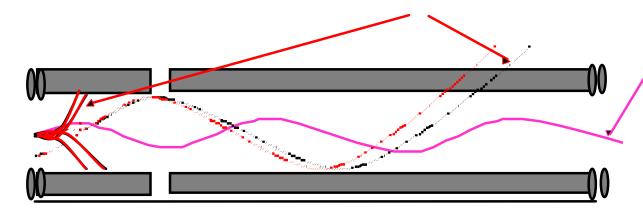


Quadruple Theory

Polarities on rods change at radio frequency.

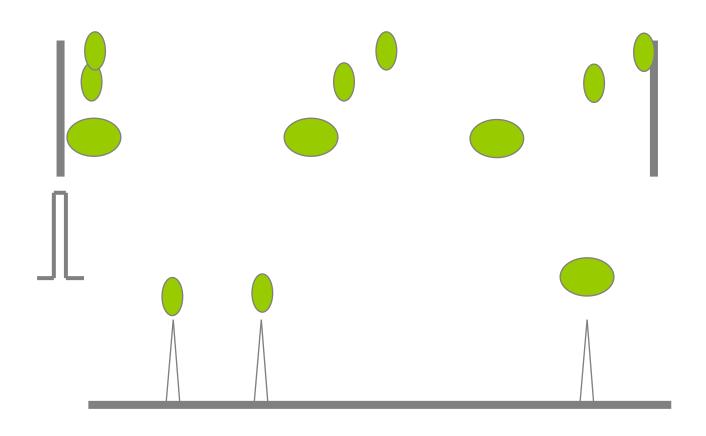


Unstable trajectories described by unbounded solutions to Mathieu equation.



Stable trajectory described by bounded solution to Mathieu equation.

Time-of-Flight MS Theory



$$1/2 \text{ mv}^2 = qE$$

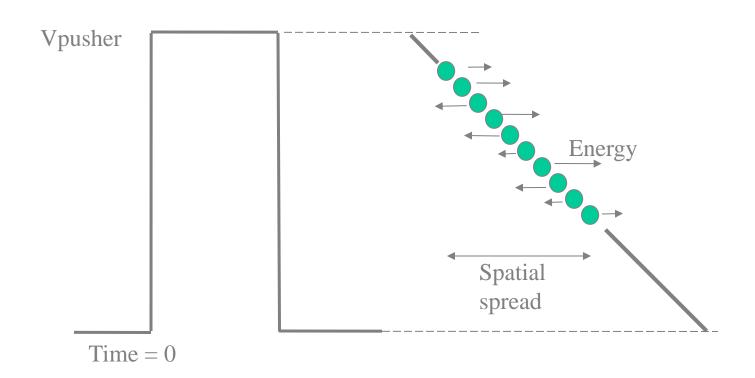
Time of Flight Theory

An oa-TOF m/z measurement is initiated by a pusher pulse applied to the pusher plate, typically on the order of 800 V. Assuming that all of the energy imparted by this acceleration (a = zE, where z is the number of charges and E is the electric field strength) is converted to kinetic energy, we may relate the time it takes an ion to travel (TOF) a given distance (d) to its mass-to-charge ratio (m/z).

KE =
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 mv² = zE
v = $(2zE/m)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
TOF = (d/v) = $d/(2zE/m)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
TOF² = md²/2zE = m/z (d²/2E)
So, m/z is proportional to TOF²

Kinetic Energy Distribution

Initial energy and spatial distributions



Q-Tof Premier Quadrupole RF Settings

Q-Tof MS

Quadrupole operates as <u>transfer lens</u>: Only RF is applied (Applied RF amplitude determined by MS Profile.)

Q-Tof MS/MS

Quadrupole operated in resolving mode: RF and DC are applied

Resolution Settings during MS/MS (LM_{res}/HM_{res} on tune page):

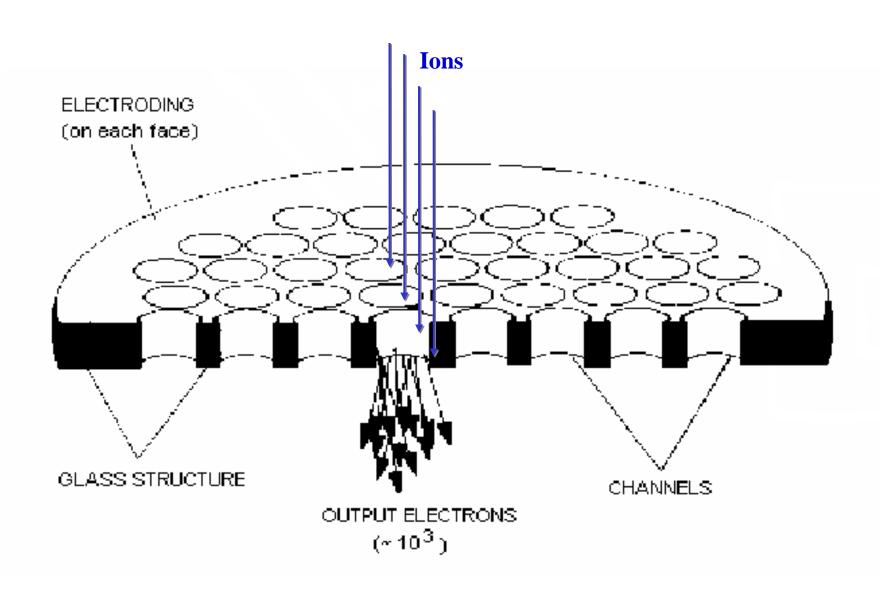
0/0 ~ 20 Da window is passed

 $4.7/15 \sim 5$ Da window is passed

10/15 ~ 2 Da window is passed

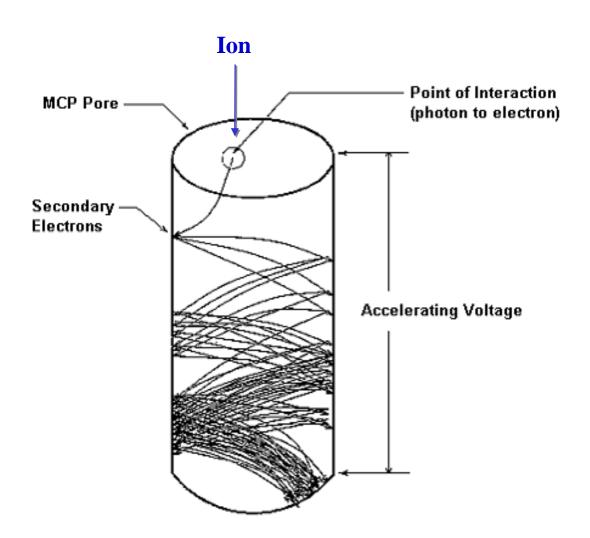
(note: 10/15 approximately 25% poorer transmission than 4.7/15)

Microchannel Plate (MCP)



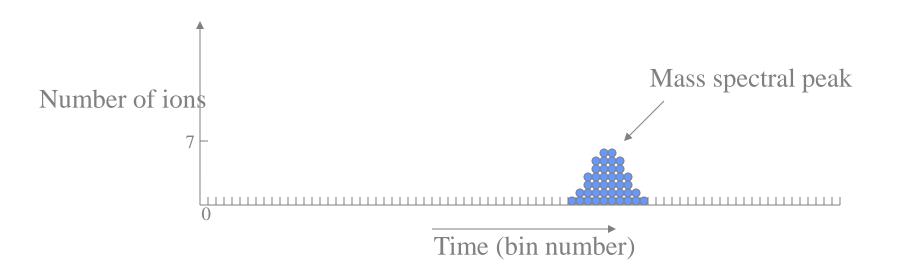
MCP Electron Gain

MCP Electron Gain



TDC Rapidly Sums Spectra from Individual Pulses

For a 1-sec "scan time" and 33 μ sec flight time, the TDC sums ion arrivals across the 30,303 pulses on a bin-by-bin basis. The software then develops a histogram of total ion arrivals as a function of bin number (mass spectrum).

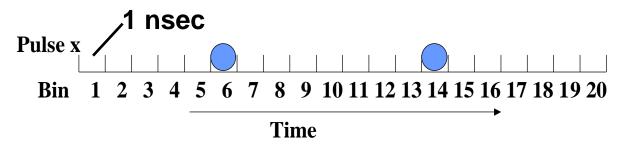


What is Dead Time?

After an ion arrival at the detector, the TDC is not ready to register another arrival during the next 4 nsec.

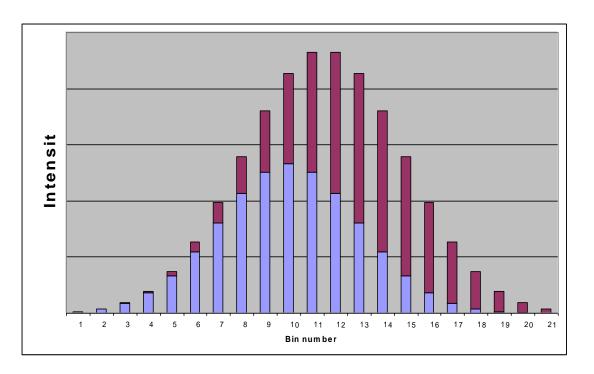
This 4 nsec inertia of the detection electronics is referred to as "dead time".

Dead time saturation distorts peak shape and shifts the measured signal on the time (m/z) axis.



Dead Time Saturated Signal

The overall distribution (blue + red) reflects the ion arrivals at the detector. The blue distribution reflects those arrivals registered by the TDC. The red distribution reflects those arrivals in dead time.



The distribution of registered arrivals is shifted to low mass relative to the distribution of total arrivals. Note that a significant fraction of arrivals go undetected, limiting the linear dynamic range.



GC/MS application

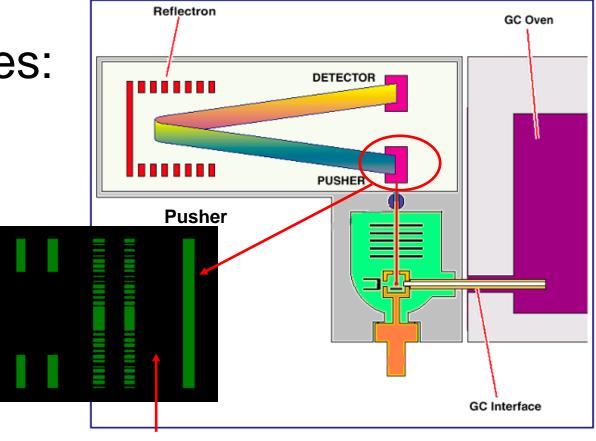
GCT – Premier (Waters, \$270,220) mass accuracy< 5 ppm resolution = 7,000

Ionization Modes:

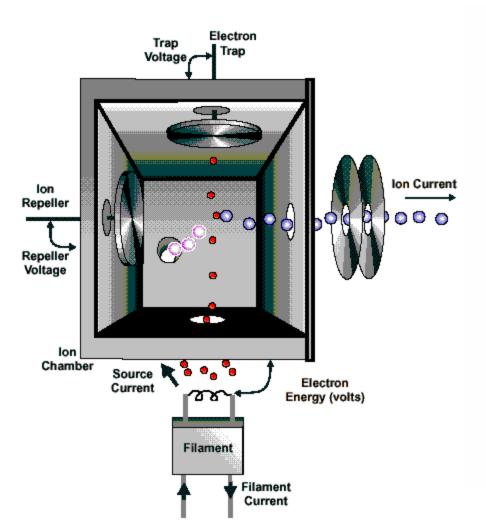
Electron Impact,

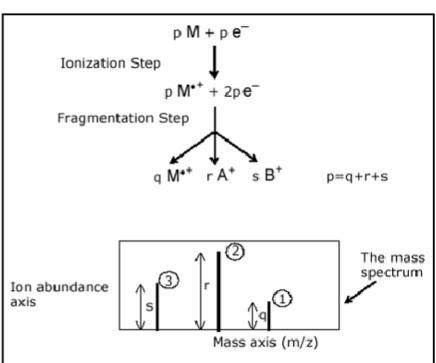
Chemical Ionization,

Solids Probe

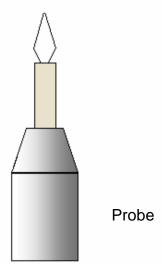


Electron Impact Ionization

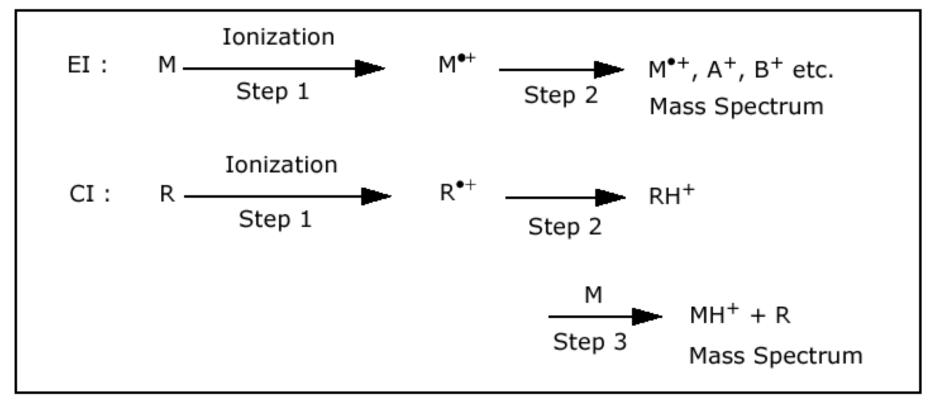




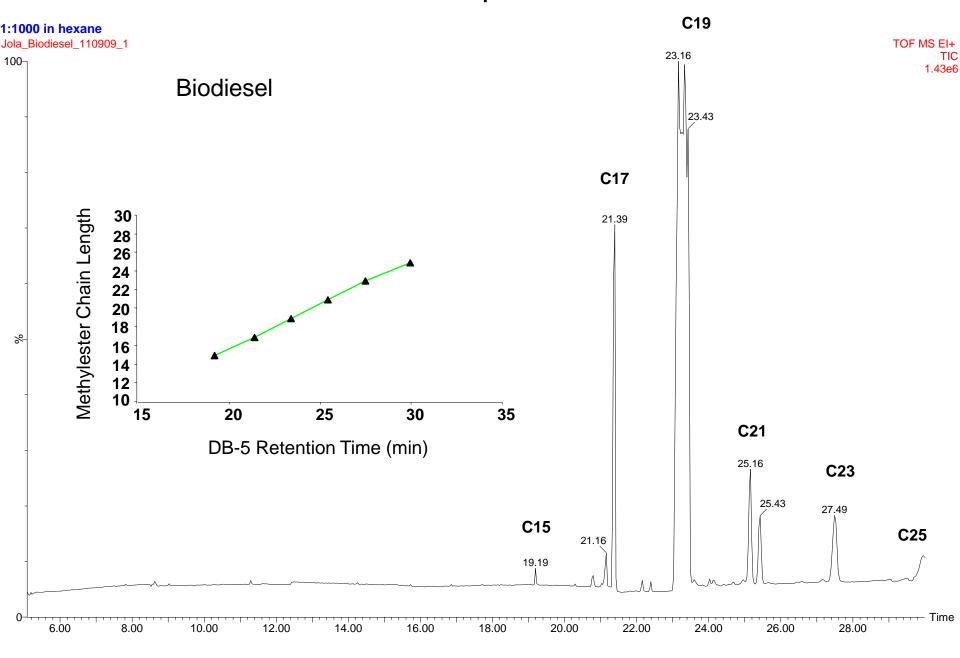
The formation of a simple El mass spectrum from a number (p) of molecules (M) interacting with electrons (e⁻). Peak 1 represents M^{o+}, the molecular ion, the ion of greatest mass (abundance q). Peaks 2, 3 represent A⁺, B⁺, two fragment ions (abundances r, s). Peak 2 is also the largest, and therefore the base peak.

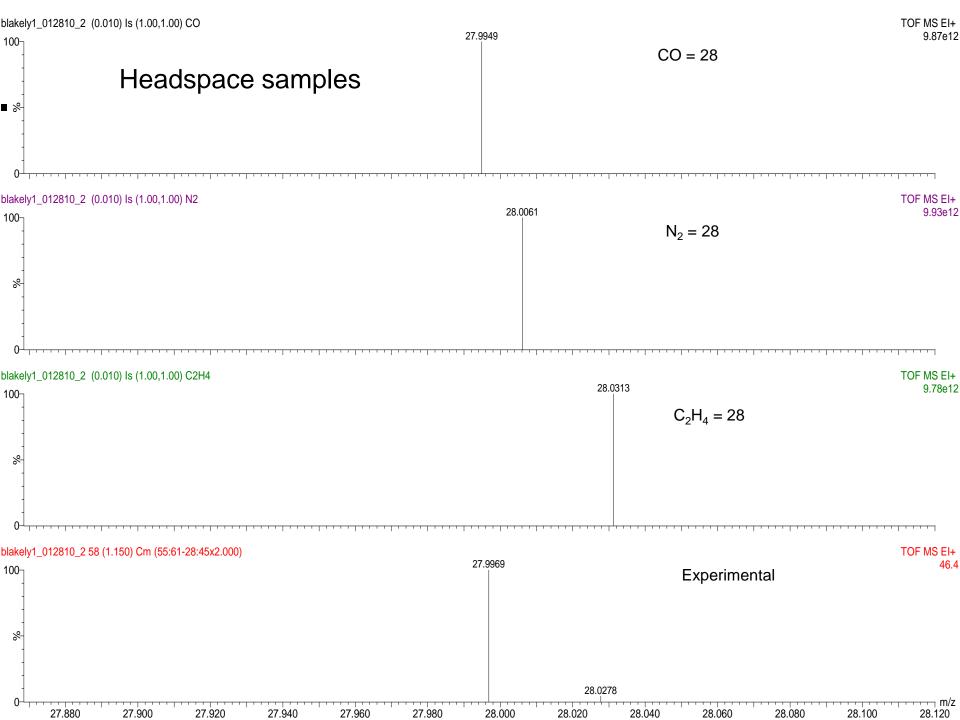


Chemical Ionization



GC/MS is quantitative





Selection of GC -column

ZB-5: 95% Dimethylpolysiloxane 5% phenyl

Alkaloids, Dioxins, Drugs, Essential Oils/Flavors, FAMES, Halo-hydrocarbons, PCBs/Aroclors, Pesticides/Herbicides, Phenols, Residual Solvents, Semi-volatiles.

ZB-Wax: 100% Polyethylene Glycol

Alcohols, Aldehydes, Aromatics, Basic Compounds, Essential Oils, Flavors & Fragrances, Glycols, Pharmaceuticals, Solvents/Residual Solvents, Styrene, Xylene Isomers.

Maintenance

- GC/MS has been over injected, need to dilute your samples to µM, nM or less,
- Over injection increases burden on filament (\$250/piece, and last a couple of month),
 Inner and outer ion source clean up, over \$50,000 spent on the maintenance,
- available Probes: EI/CI probe, Direct insertion probe (DI),
 Direct chemical ionization probe (DCI),



MALDI/TOF (matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization/time of flight)

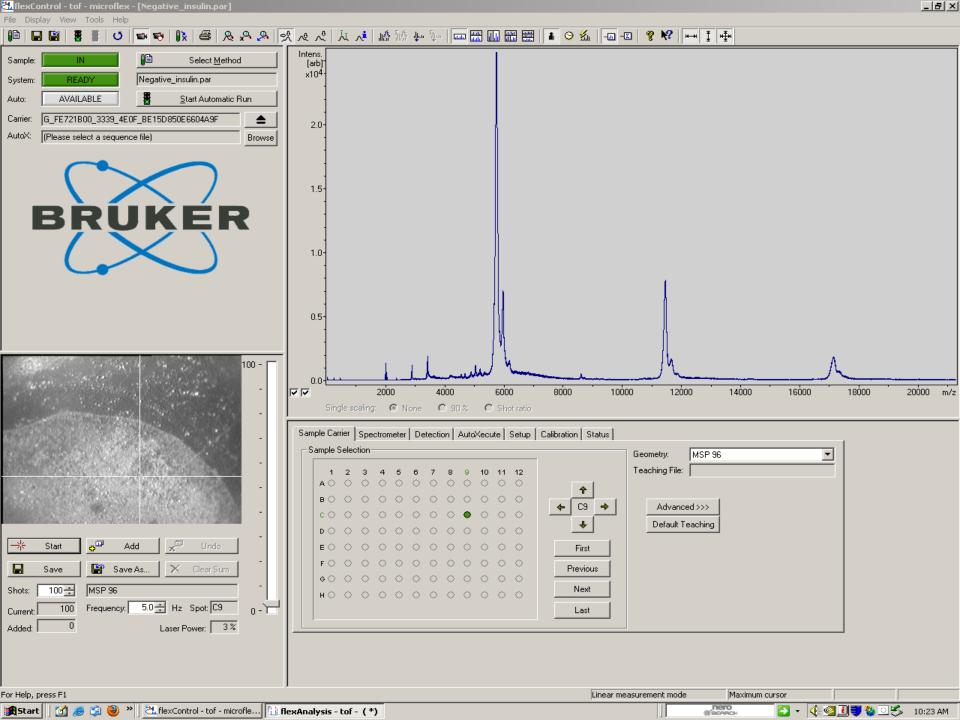
Microflex (Bruker)

This technology provides homogeneous, exactly-positioned samples on the MALDI target for robust and rapid automated data collection, as well as up to two orders of magnitude increase in sensitivity.

detection of even a broad mass range of small molecule, polymer, protein, and peptide analysts.







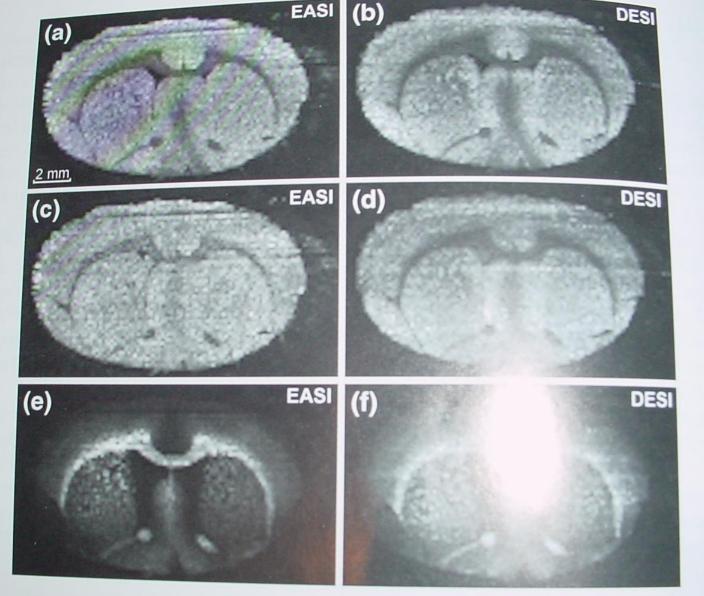


Figure 2. Desorption ionization images of rat brain, recorded with 150 μm spatial resolution in negative ion column, (a), (c), (e) are recorded with EASI, and the right column, (b), (d), (f) are recorded with DESI. (a), (b): PS(4 (c), (d): PI(18:0/20:4) (m/z 885.5); (e), (f): ST(24:2) (m/z 888.6)

3. Sample Preparation

- Sample must be soluble in solvent/H₂O, no particulate,
- Typically inject 1μL of μM, or less material of 50 μL in 2 ml Vial,
- Most samples were over injected; dilute 10~100 x,
- Place small molecules in glass vial, proteins in plastic vial,
- Add acid or base to protonate or deprotonate in + or – ion mode.

Q-Tof sensitivity

$$\begin{array}{c} 10^3 & 10^3 & 10^3 & 10^3 \\ M \longrightarrow \text{pM} \longrightarrow \text{pM} \longrightarrow \text{fM} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{Small} \\ \text{molecules} \uparrow \\ \text{Peptides} \end{array}$$

Instrument maintenance



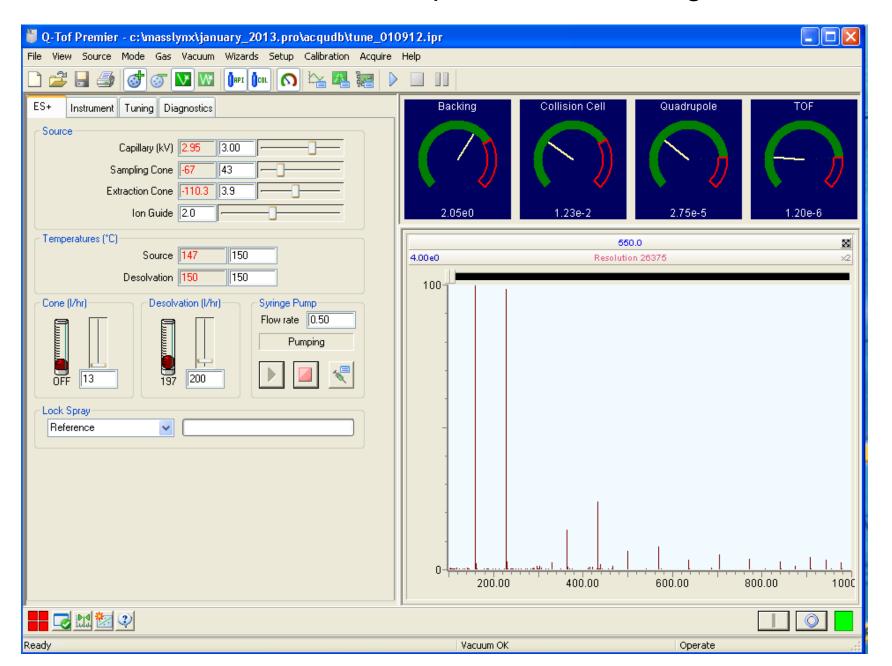




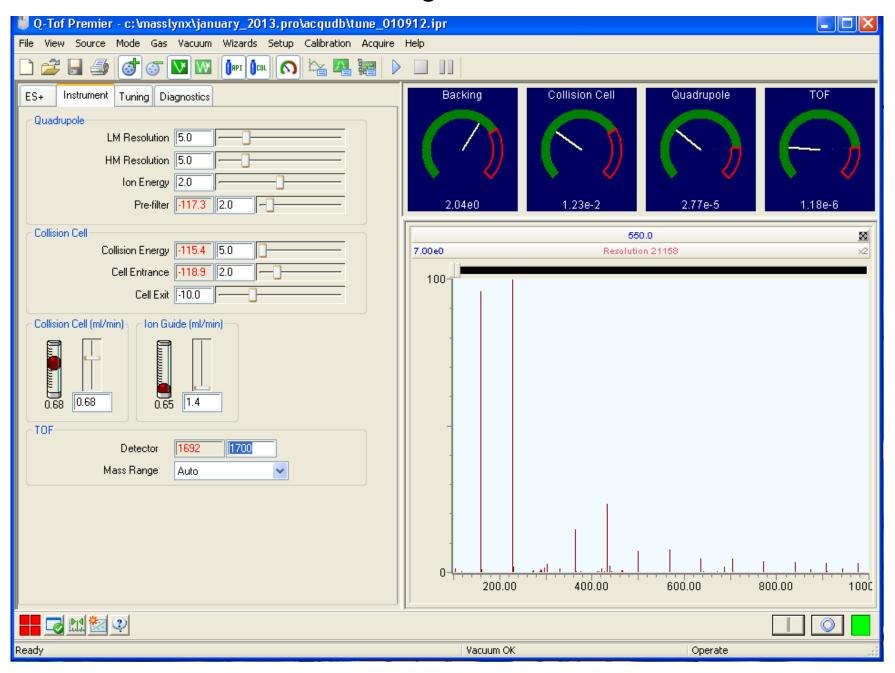
Damaged

Sample Cone

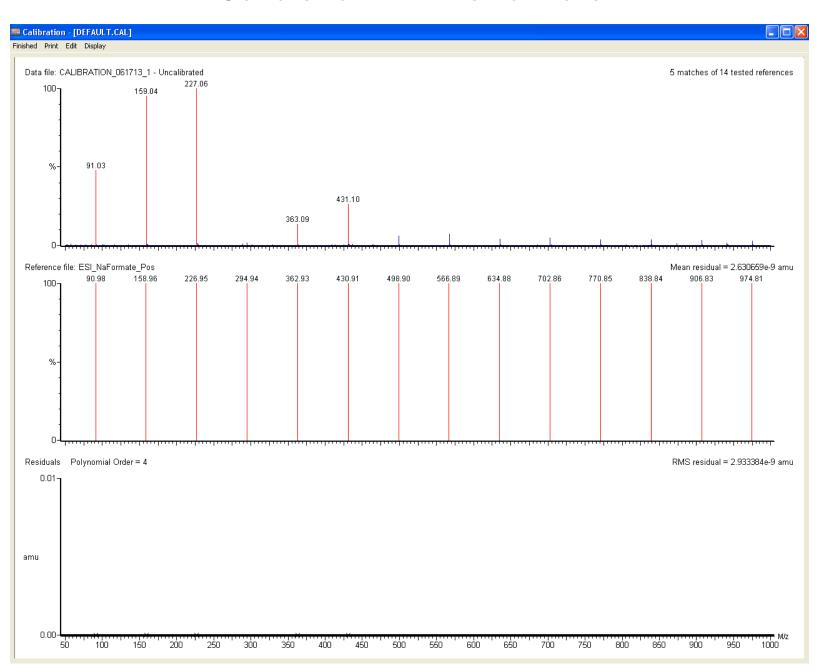
4. Instrument Operation, Tune Page



Tune Page -continue



Calibration with NaFormate



Change Ion mode

- Set the instrument in Stand By (bottom right on the cycle button),
- Select ion mode (first tab on the up left on the Tune page),
- Bring in the corresponding tune page,
- Wait for 1 min,
- Set the instrument in Operation,
- Check detector voltage (1,700) and lockmass intensity,
- Change back when finish your work.

Sample loss (2% efficiency)

Only a small proportion of ions entering the pusher are detected by the MCPs. There are three main factors limiting the overall sensitivity of the orthogonal TOF:

Sampling Efficiency

This is the proportion of ions entering the pusher that are pushed out orthogonally. A Q-TOF has a sampling efficiency of 22%.

Transmission of Grids

The ions have to pass through the three pusher grids as well as the reflectron grid. At each grid a proportion of the ions are lost. For a Q-TOF, the overall transmission of the grids is 12%.

Detection Efficiency

Not all ions that hit the MCP are detected. The detection efficiency of the MCP is 65%.

Multiplying together these factors we find that the overall sensitivity of the orthogonal-TOF is 2%. This is true for ions whose flight times match the pusher frequency. For ions of lower masses there is a further reduction in sensitivity, given by the factor T/T_m where T is the flight time of the ion, and T_m is the maximum flight time for the pusher frequency in use.

This sensitivity may not sound a lot, but it is 100 times greater that that achieved by a quadrupole scanning over a range of 1000 Da, at unit resolution.

1 ion count from 1 billion molecules

Tips for Accurate Mass Work

- Use separate calibrations for positive and negative ion work,
- Save the instrument tuning files and note which calibrations apply (general housekeeping),
- Leave the instrument in operate at all times,
 - Stabilization is greater than two hours,
- Familiarize yourself with the limits of deadtime correction.

5. Acquisition method for Q-ToF

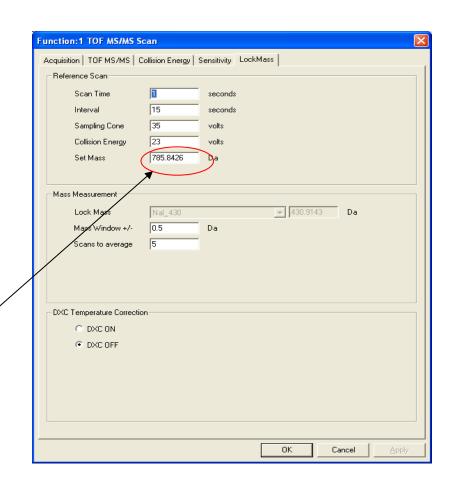
- MS Methods (small molecule, polar compounds)
- MS/MS Methods (structural analysis)
- Data Dependent Analysis: Survey Methods (peptide sequencing)
- Data Dependent Analysis: Parent Ion Discovery via Product Ions (structural analysis)

MS scan

Function: 2 TOF MS Scan Remember to use a mass range Acquisition TOFMS | Collision Energy | Sensitivity | LockMass | that is consistent with your Da range Acquire TOF MS over the range calibration. Scanning Conditions Scan Time seconds Inter-Scan Delay seconds Data Format Centroid You can use higher cone voltage for in source fragmentation Instrument conditions Override Cone Voltage value specified in tune file Cone Voltage Ramp the Cone Voltage during the scan Initial Voltage Final Voltage

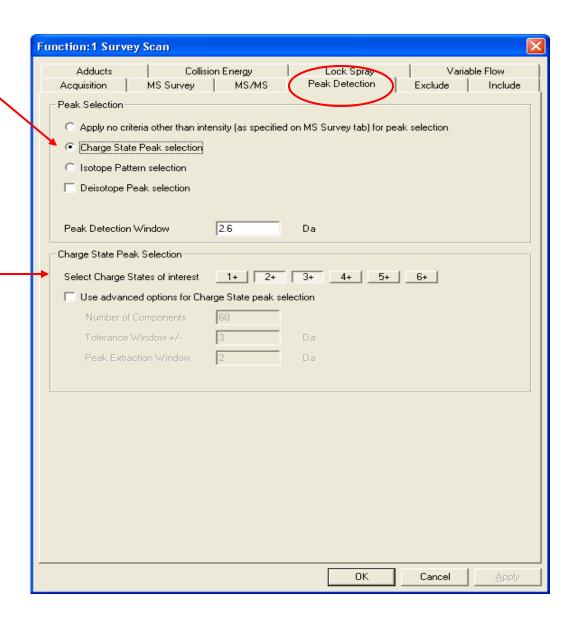
MS/MS Methods

- With glufibrinopeptide, an abundant m/z 785.8426²⁺ and 684.3469⁺ are generated to use as lockmasses for multiply charged peptides (2+, 3+, 4+) or singly charged peptides respectively
- Set mass to parent ion of 785.8426



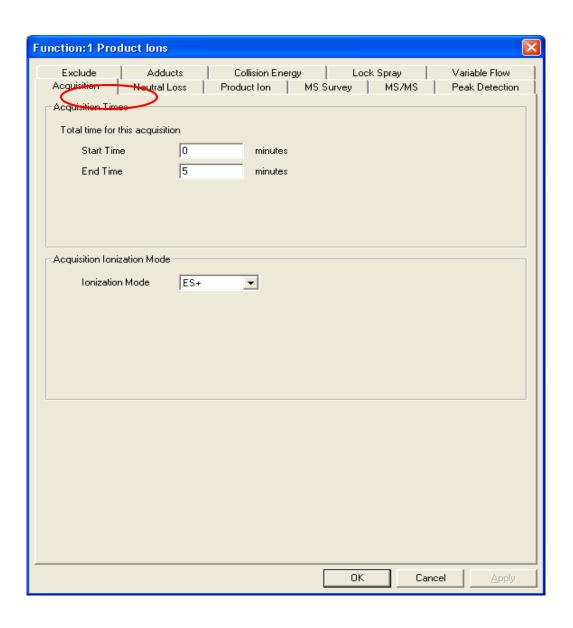
DDA Methods Collision Energy Profiling

 By selecting Charge State Peak selection, the charge state species preferentially desired in an experiment may be switched on for MS/MS while all others are excluded from consideration. In tryptic digests, the majority of peptides are 2⁺ and 3⁺.



Parent Ion Discovery Product Ion

Same as with DDA.



Typical ESI Positive Samples:

Peptides and proteins

Small polar molecules

Drugs and their metabolites

Environmental contaminants

Dye compounds

Some organometallics

Small saccharides

Typical ESI Negative Samples:

Some proteins

Some drug metabolites (e.g. conjugates)

Oligonucleotides

Some saccharides and polysaccharides

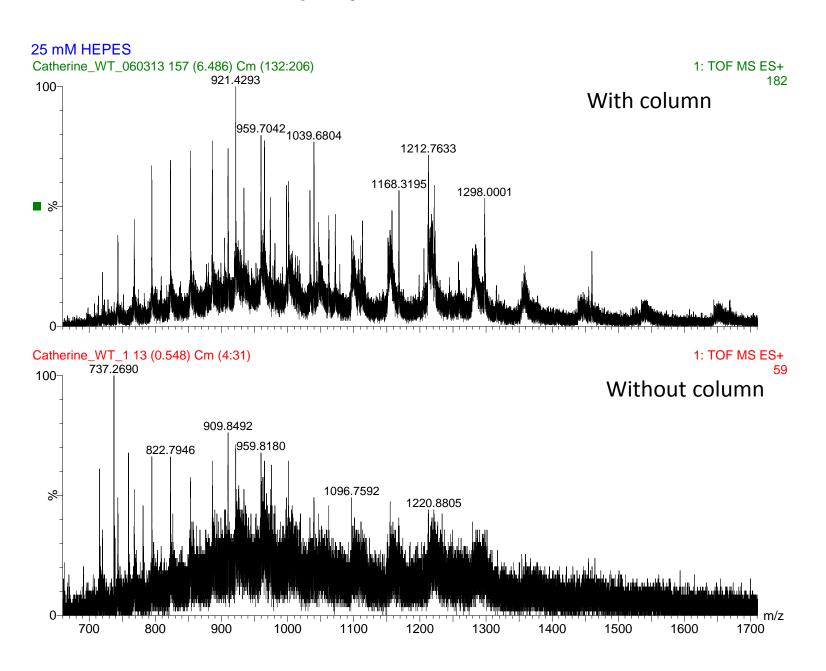
Production of positive and negative ions

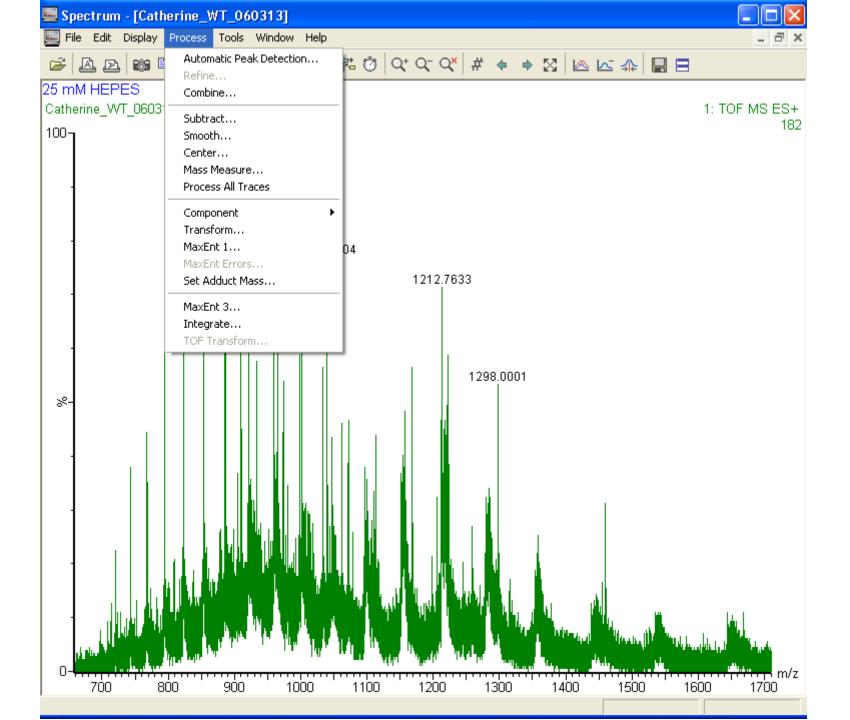
Positive Electrospray Ions are produced by the addition to a molecule of a positively ion (e.g H+, NH4+, Na+). These positively charged ions that are added are often referred to as 'adducts'.

Negative Electrospray Ions are most often produced by the removal of a proton (hydrogen ion) from a molecule.

Ibuprofen
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CH_3

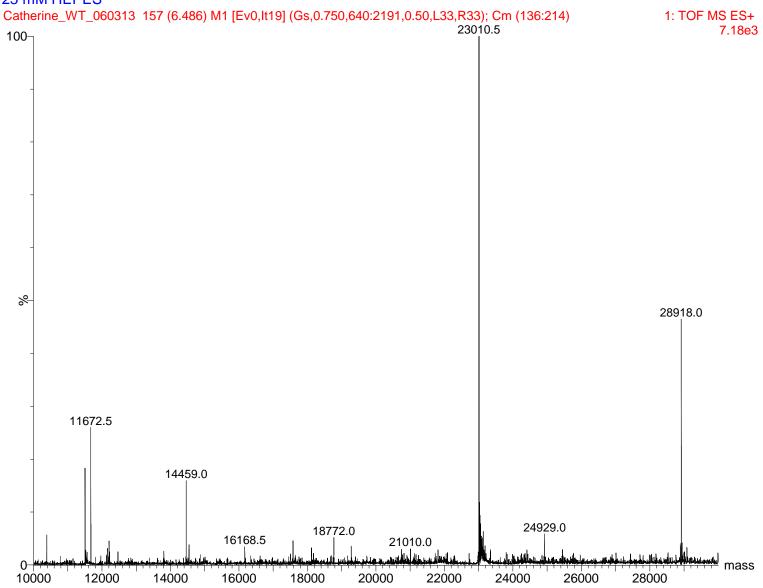
Protein, loop injection vs. C18 column



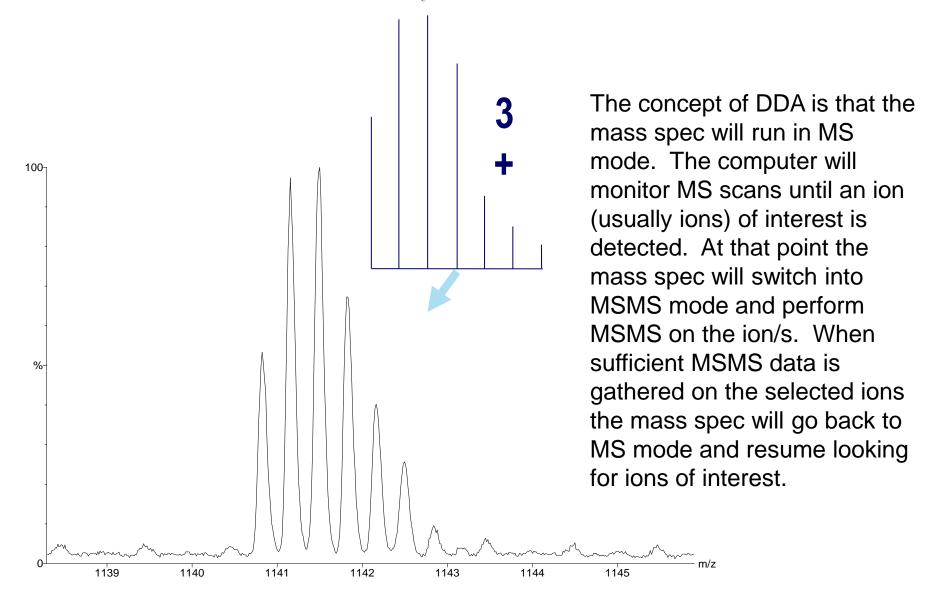


Deconvolution by MaxEnt 1

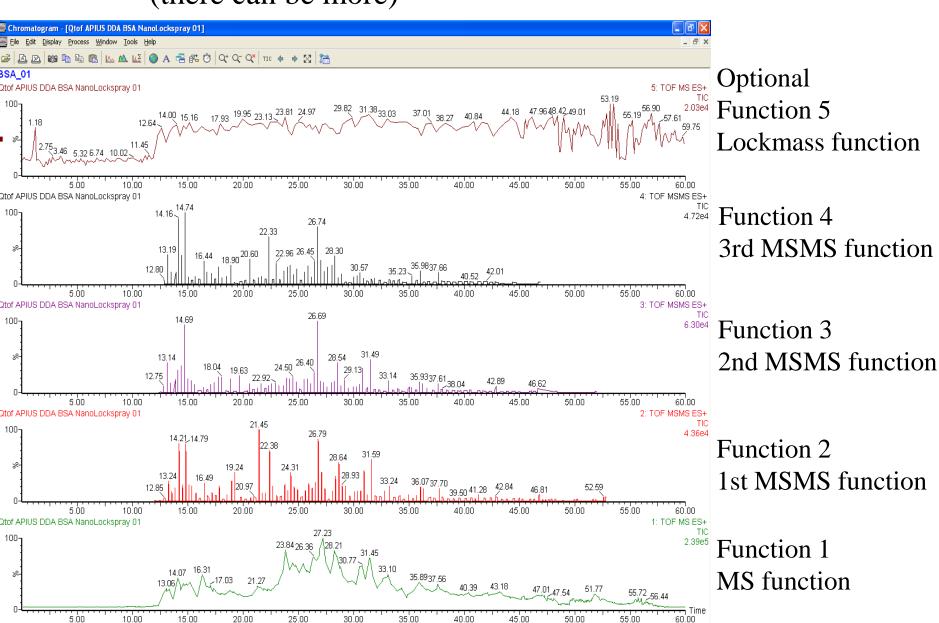




Peak Detection, DDA method



A typical DDA result is composed of 5 functions (there can be more)



6. Data Analysis

- I. Check lockmass to examine the mass accuracy, Look for ion of interest,
- II. For continuum spectrum: do smooth, centering (and subtraction) to get the accurate mass,
- III. Pay attention to mass defect of other ions,

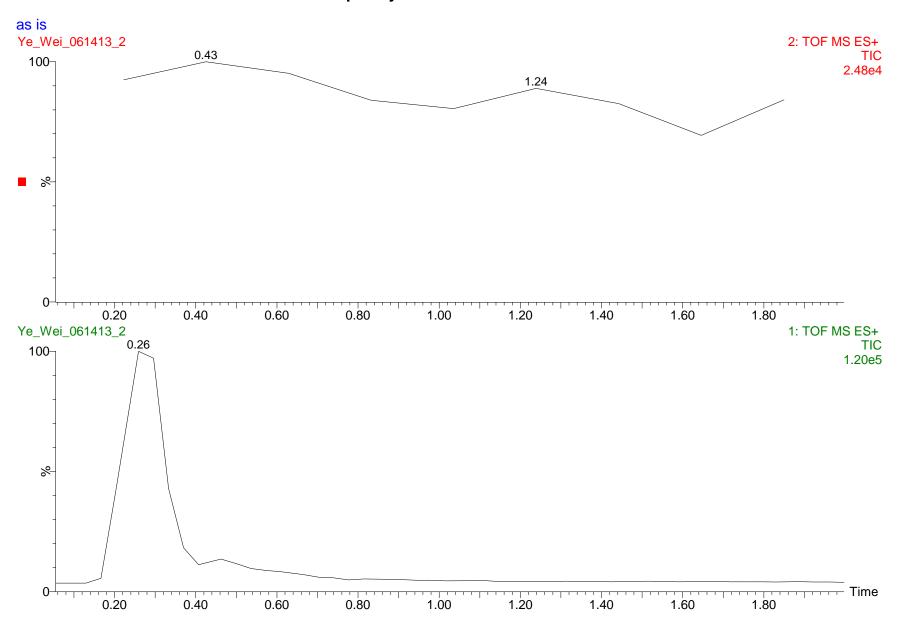
IV. Deconvolution:

MaxEnt I (for protein molecular weight)

MaxEnt III (for peptide mapping),

V. Do composition analysis and isotope modeling

Loop Injection method



Elemental Composition Report

Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

302 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)

Elements Used:

C: 0-50 H: 0-100 N: 2-10 O: 0-20

Minimum:

Maximum:

20.0 5.0 50.0

Mass

Calc. Mass mDa PPM

279.1456 279.1457 -0.1

-0.4

279.1457

278.0

280.0

282.0

284.0

286.0

276.0

-1.5

DBE 6.5

i-FIT 396.5

i-FIT (Norm) Formula 0.0

C13 H19 N4 O3

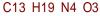
1: TOF MS ES+

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292.0

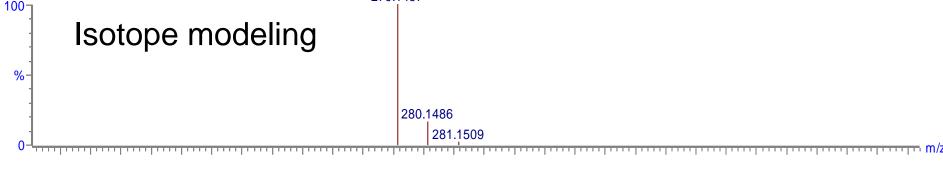
1.58e+005

296.0



268.0

270.0



in 0.1% FA 22222.00000000





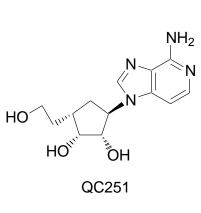
274.0

272.0

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290.0

288.0



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Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₈N₄O₃ Exact Mass: 278.1379

Chemical Formula: C₁₂H₁₇N₅O₃ Exact Mass: 279.1331

QC, organic synthesis, (Schneller group)

QC251
M+1 =
$$C_{13}H_{19}N_4O_3$$

=279.1457

m/z

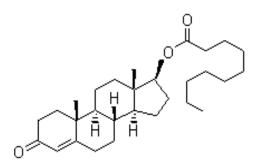
=279.1457

321.1567

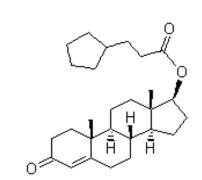
Steroids by ESI+

Testosterone propionate

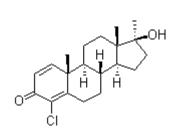
Testosterone enanthate



Testosterone decanoate

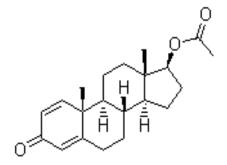


Testosterone cypionate

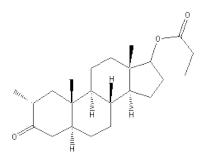


4-Chlorodehydromethyltestosterone

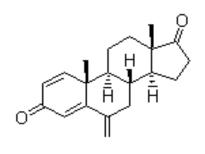
Boldenone undecylenate



Boldenone 17-acetate



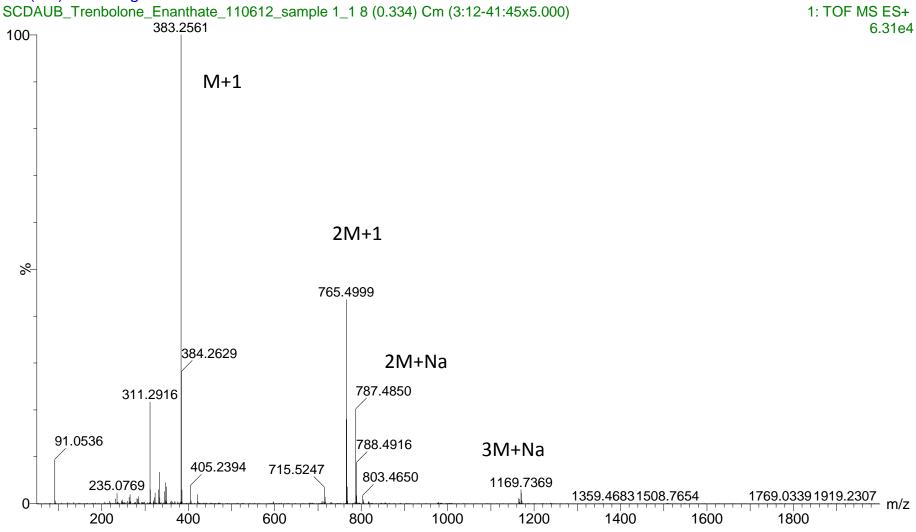
Dromostanolone propionate



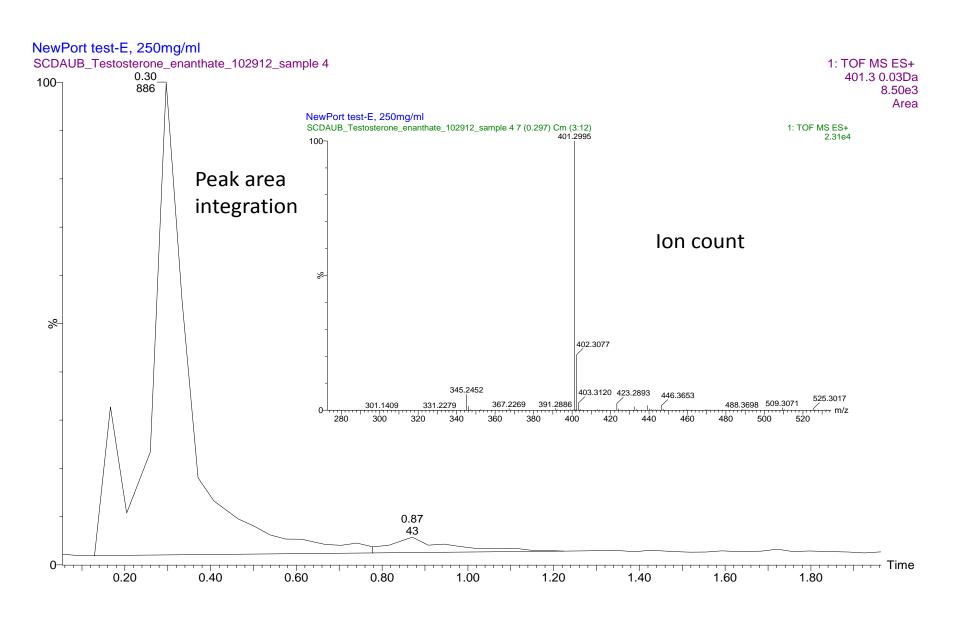
Exemestane

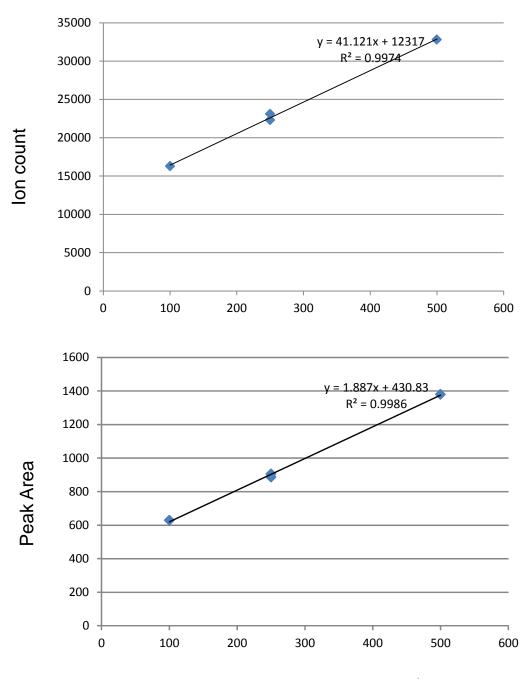
Spectrum



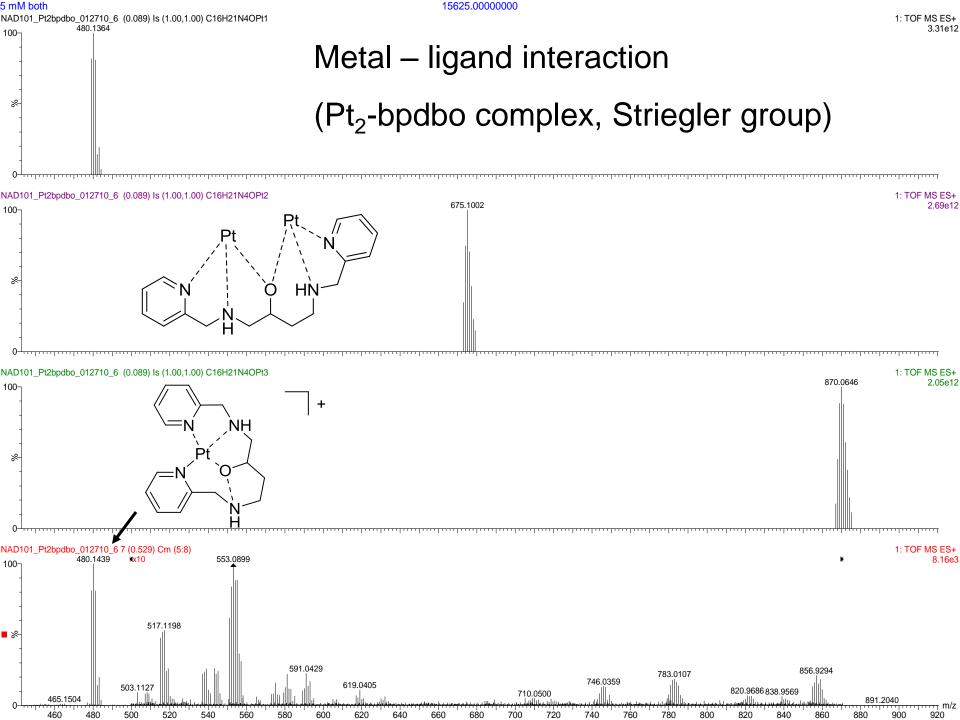


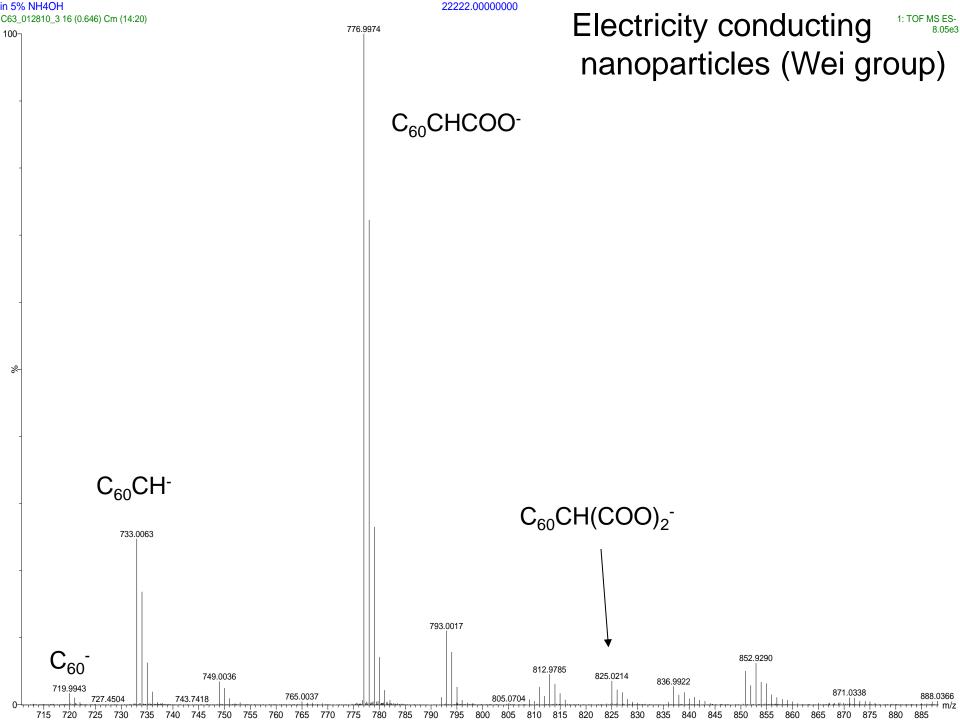
Purity assessment without column chromatography



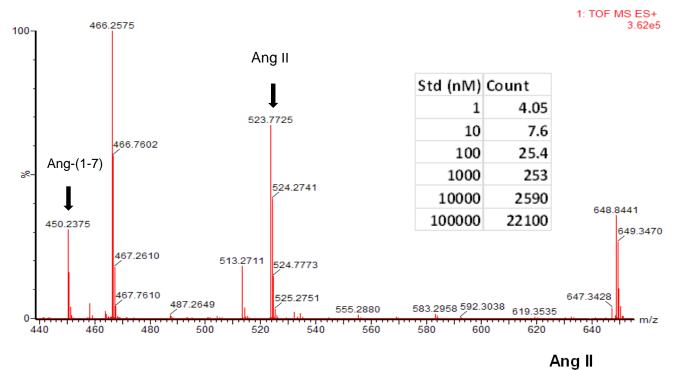


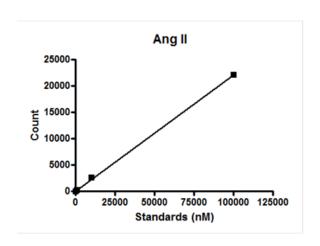
Testosterone Enanthate (mg/ml)

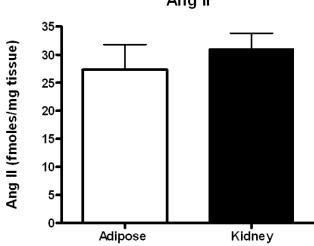




Angiotensin (Hussain group)







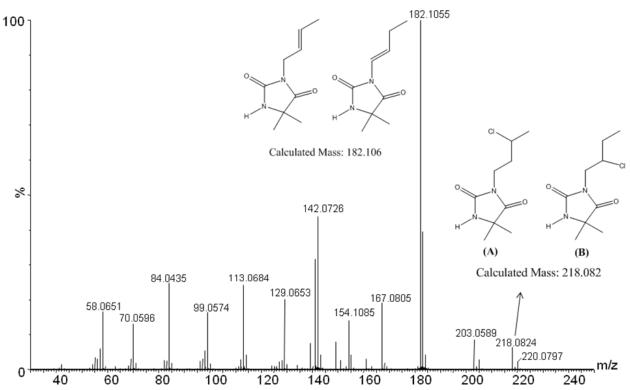
BP-gulf oil spill, fish and sediment PAH analysis by GC/MS

BP_fish_5878_4-19-2012_121312_1							
Alpha#	PAH name	<u>RT</u>	Parent ion	<u>Formula</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>ng</u>	<u>ppb</u>
		(min)	mass		(peak)		
		ZB-5MS					
14	Naphthalene	8.13	128.0626	C10H8	470.4	3	1.24
2	Acenaphthylene	9.86	152.0626	C12H8	10.4	0	0.05
1	Acenaphthene	10.86	154.0783	C12H10	4.1	0	0.03
12	Fluorene	12.06	166.0783	C13H10	17.1	0	0.12
15	Phenanthrene	14.93	178.0783	C14H10	86.4	1	0.31
3	Anthracene	15.09	178.0783	C14H10	8.5	0	0.04
11	Fluoranthene	19.93	202.0783	C16H10	22.5	0	0.08
16	Pyrene	20.96	202.0783	C16H10	34.2	0	0.11
					total	5.2	2.0
					Ave	0.7	0.247

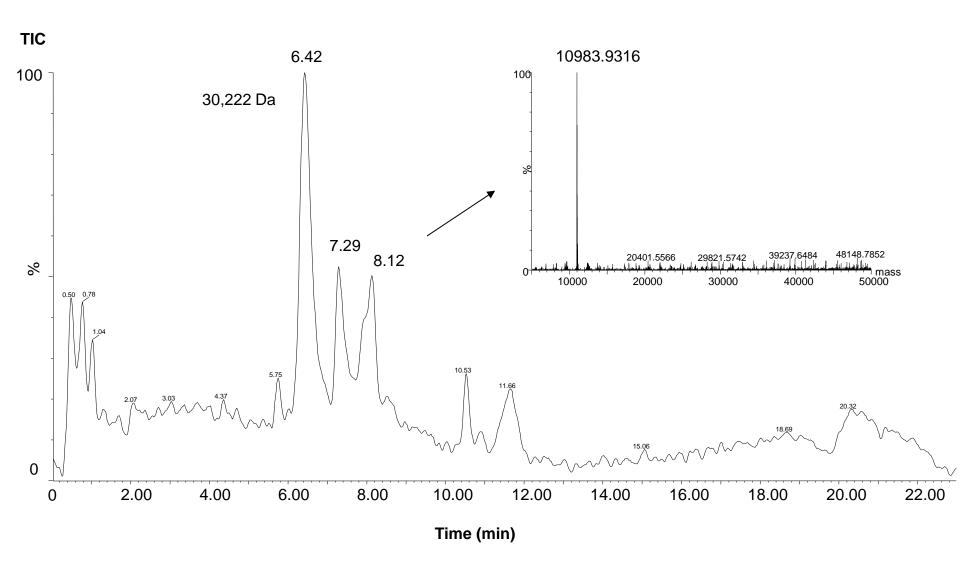
Mechanism Study by El and ESI (Worley Group)

could not be detected with GC/MS since N-Cl bond broke before the volatilization temperature.

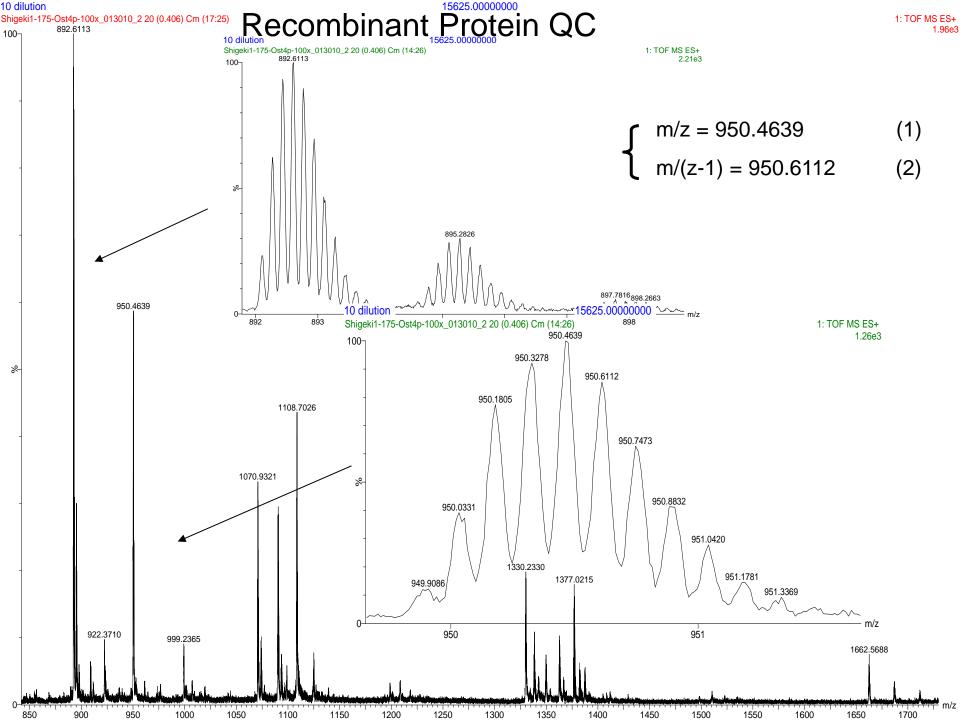
Proposed mechanism was proved with GC/MS.



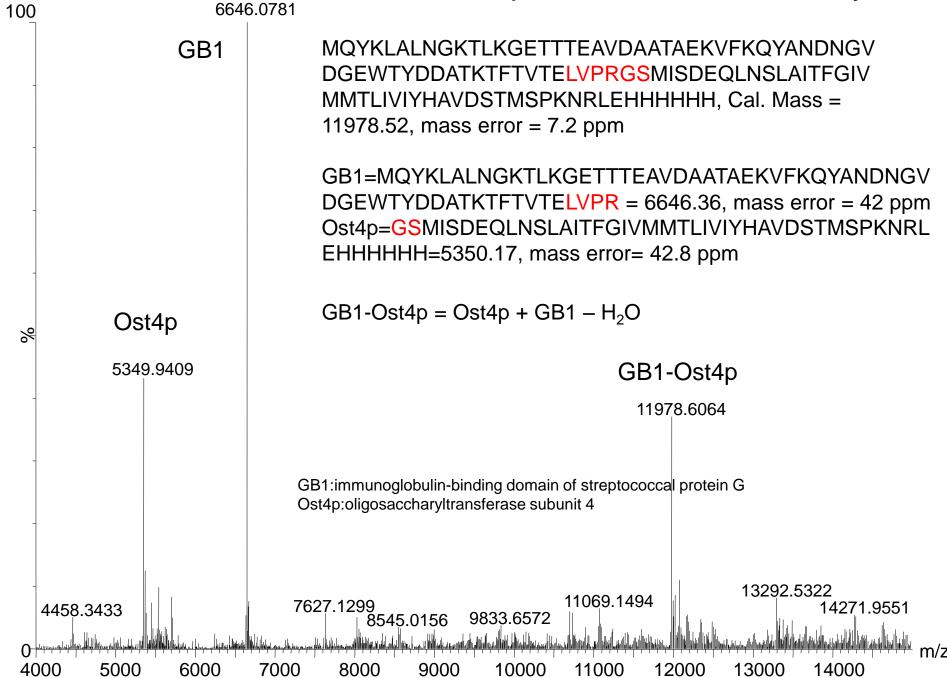
Protein analysis (Ellis group)



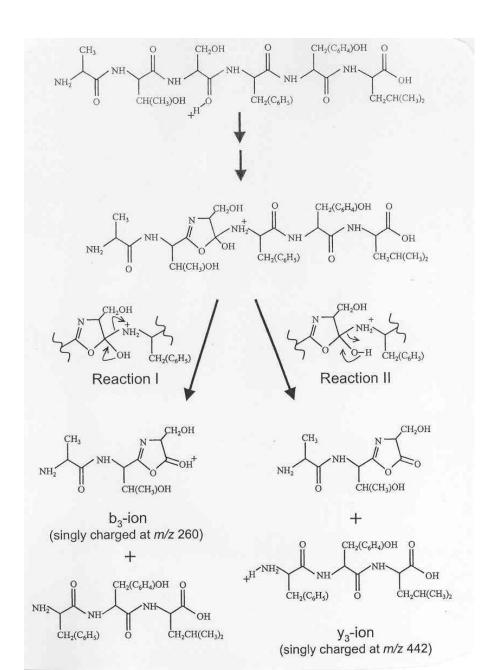
Deconvolution: iteration until converge, Calibration: to accurate mass

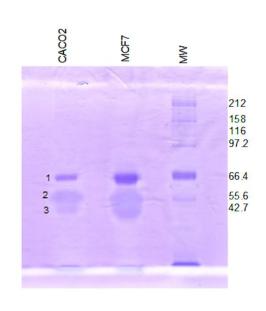


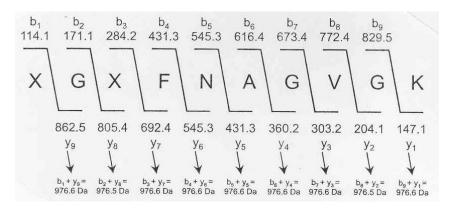
Deconvoluted protein accurate mass by ESI



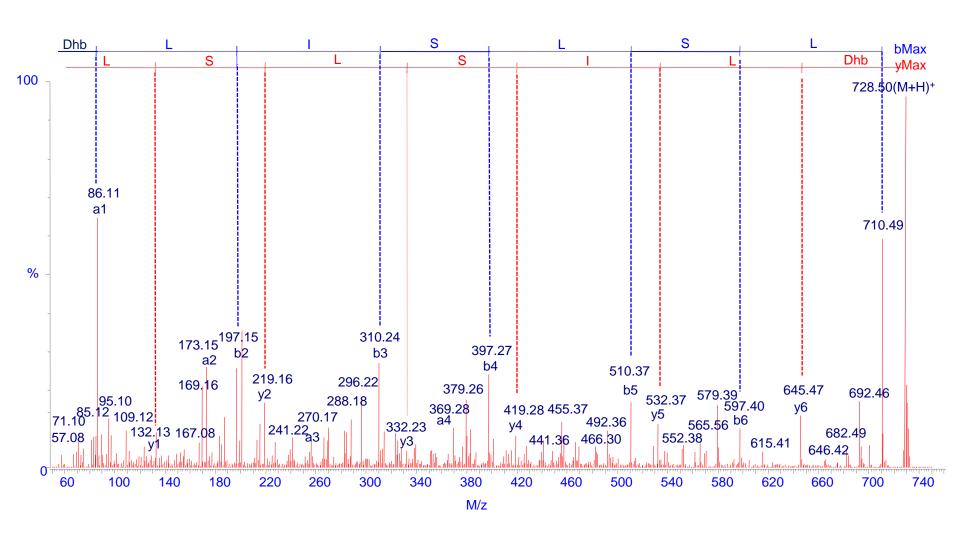
Proteomics, micro sequencing



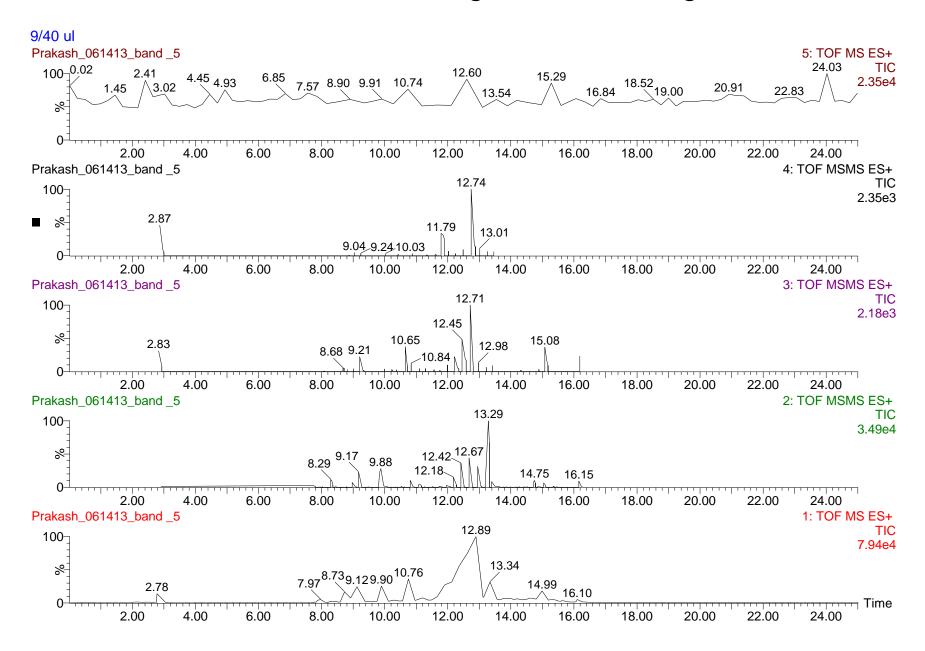


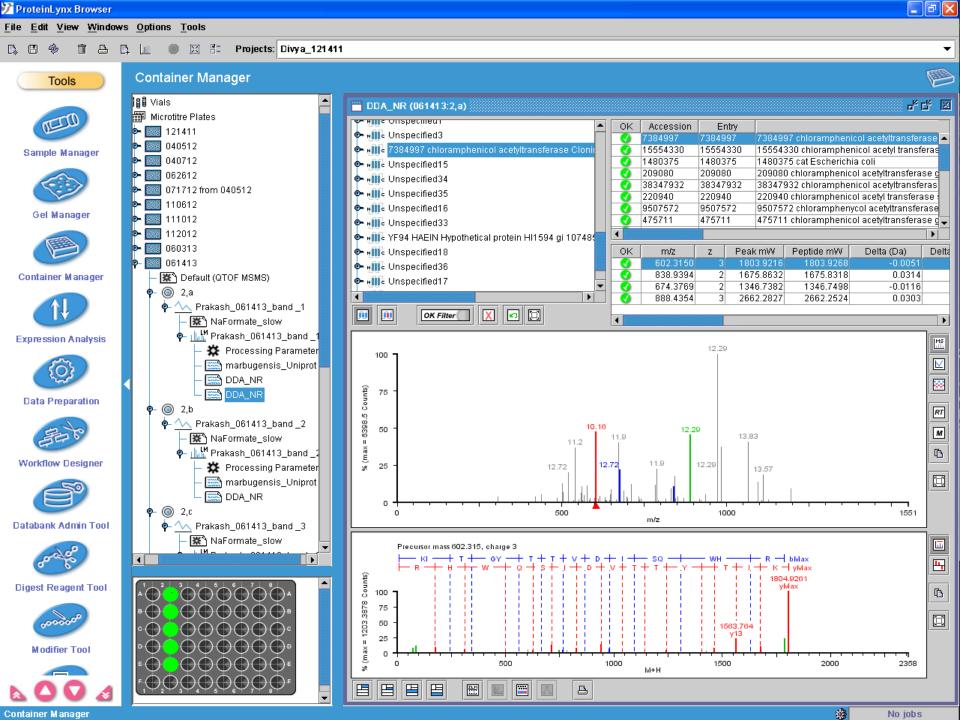


MS/MS spectrum of 728.50 in positive ESI.



Slow flow rate, shallow gradient, and right CE





Peptide Mapping

MSRTPGQNTPWSSTELADAFINAFMNEAGRTGAFTADQLDDMSTIGDTIKTAMDKMARSN 60 KSSKGKLQALNMAFASSMAEIAAUEQGGLSUDAKTNAIADSLNSAFYQTTGAANPQFUNE 120 3819:84 IRSLINMFAQSSANEUSYGUDTGGAGQGGYGGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGY 180 GGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGYGGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGY 240 GGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAGGAGQGGYGGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGY 300 GGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGYGGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGGAGQGGY 360 GGLGGQGAGRGGQGAGAAAAAAGASAAASRLSSPEASSRUSSAUSNLUSSGPTNSAALSS 420 TISNUUSRIGASNPGLSGCGULUQALLEUUSALIHILGSSSIGQUNYGSAGQATQIUGQS 480 IYQALGLEHHHHHHHRSFQY 499

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Residue coverage: 12% [64 of 499]

Peptide hits: 3 Modified: 1 Not identified: 149

- Peptides identified without modifications:
   input found dev. mc from-to sequence

3820.167 / 3819.844   0.684   5   31- 66 TGAFTADQLDDM....KMARSNKSSKGK met0x present Missed cleavage

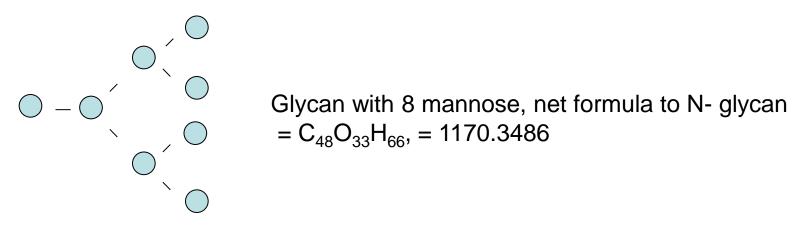
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3997.257 / 3996.023   -0.226   4   56- 94 MARSNKSSKGKL....AVEQGGLSVDAK met0x missing Missed cleavage

- Peptides identified with modifications:

3993.016 / 2821.399   -0.261   0   67- 94 mannose-8 LQALNMAFASSM....AVEQGGLSVDAK
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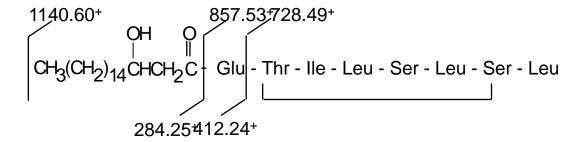
Glycomics of silk protein (Marcot group)



Find attach to residue 67-94, LQALNMA...

Mannose-8

Also searched with Mannose-9, 1349.3964, did not find the modification

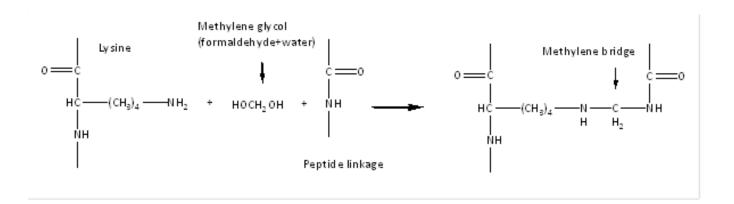


3-hydroxy Octadecanoic acid (M+1)+ - OH
$$C_{18}H_{37}O_3$$
+ - OH = 284.25+

Deduced BG33R surfactant structure

BSA crosslinking by formaldehyde - peptide mapping and de novo sequencing to check for linkage

m/z	Amount	Peptide Mapping	de novo Sequencing	Position	Modification
	(ratio*)	(MS)	(MS/MS)		(mass, type)
343.648 ⁺	3.8	A233LK orL372AK**	VPK	521-523	A, 12
582.3198 ²⁺	4.5	no match	TEPGALHPV DK	196-197	A, or B
649.142 ²⁺	1.9	no match	EPHPLGPY TMR	207-209	A, or B
659.3618 ²⁺	3.2	no match	TPVGHGG PQNLLK	490-492, 407- 412	A, or B
727.284 ²⁴	4.3	no match	TMGLVPAHNM LNR	480-482	A, or B
747.295 ²⁺	1.9	LGEYGFEDALLVR**	LG ₄₂₂ EYGFEDALLVR	424-433	A, 12
784.3785 ²⁺	3.1	DAFLGSFLYEYSR	DAFLGSFLYEYSR	347-359	Unmodified
1163.6398 [†]	6.6	LVNELTEFAK	LVNELTEFAK	66-75	Unmodified
1175.6296 [†]	3.1	LVNELTEFAK**	LV ₆₇ NELTEFAK	66-75	A, 12



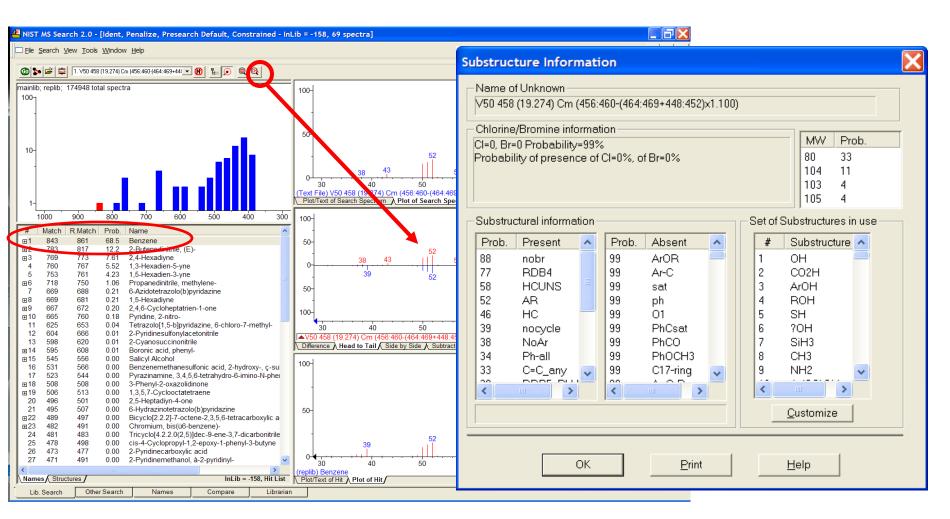
BSA fiber from protein aggregation

TABLE 2. Mechanical properties of individual single BSA fibers in comparison of cotton and silk

Specimen	Yield Strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Elongation (%)
BSA fiber at pH 6, crosslinked with formaldehyde	61±16	2.71±0.6	3.6±1.4
BSA fiber at pH 4.7, crosslinked with formaldehyde	132±30	5.31±2.0	3.9±1.6
BSA fiber at pH 4.7, crosslinked with glutaraldehyde	148±4	5.72±0.3	>30ª
BSA fiber at 4.7, crosslinked with EDC	214±97	8.26±4.3	>30 ^a
Cotton single fiber	77±7	2.12 ± 0.4	13.8±3.3
Silk single fiber	233±88	4.78±2.0	>30°

^aData beyond test limitation

Library Search and Substructure Identification



7. Quantitation Methods by ESI

A: Loop injection: extract ion,

(1) peak height,

(2) peak area,

(3) ion count (percent of total ions)

2 min run, quick result, high throughput, ion suppression, less sensitive.

B: Column chromatography: extract ion,

(1) peak height,

(2) peak area,

(3) ion count (percent of total ions)

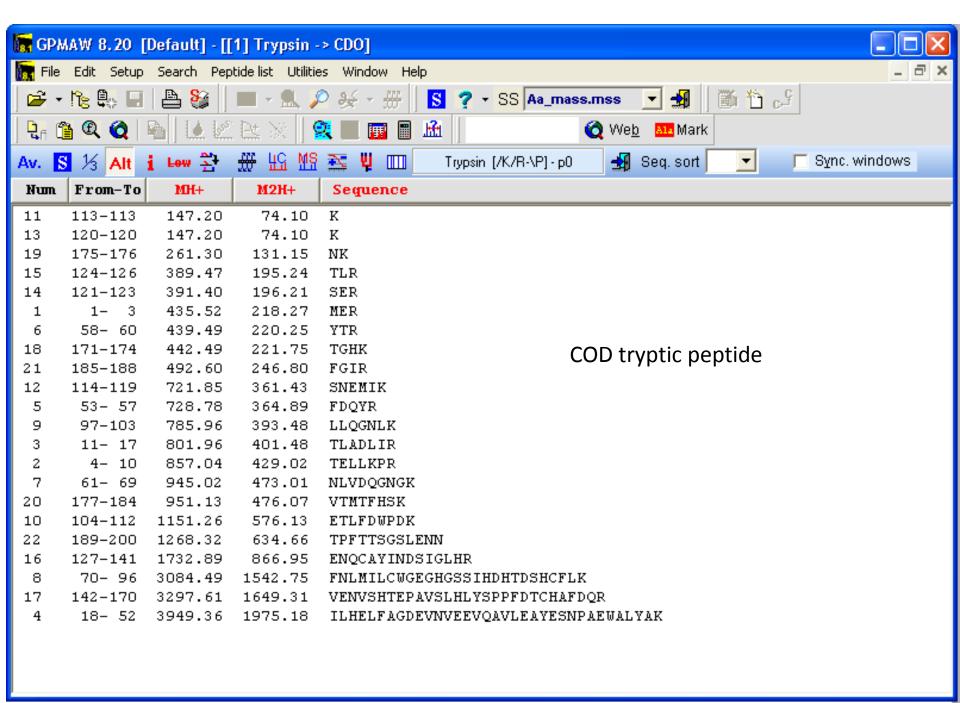
10 min run, desalt, less ion suppression, more sample load, more sensitive, more quantitative.

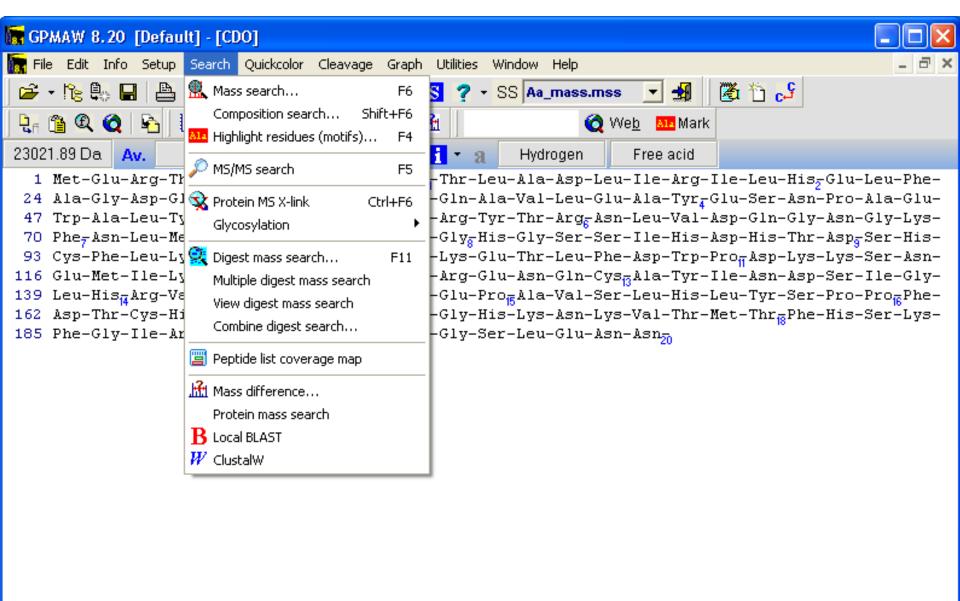
QC in quantitative analysis (for both GC/MS and LC/MS)

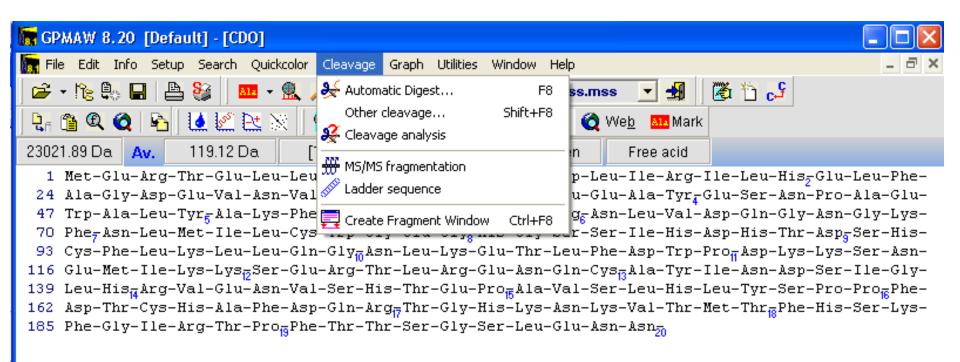
- Calibration curve,
- Dynamic range,
- Detection Limit,
- Quantitation limit,
- Mean and standard deviation, statistics,
- Precision (error analysis, reproducibility).

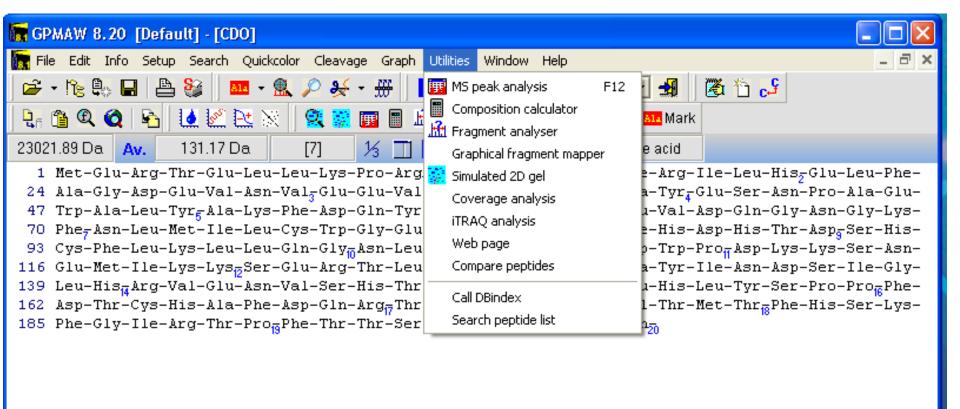
8. Software/database

- Masslynx (run both Q-TOF and GCT),
- Nist Library (El compound library, 250,000 spectra)
- Metabolite library (LipidMap, Human metabolome, Chemspider, Chemical entities of Biological interest)
- Proteinlynx, (SwissProt, NR, and user protein database)
- GPMAW (general protein molecular weight analysis for windows)
- flexcontrol (run MALDI), flexAnalysis (data analysis)







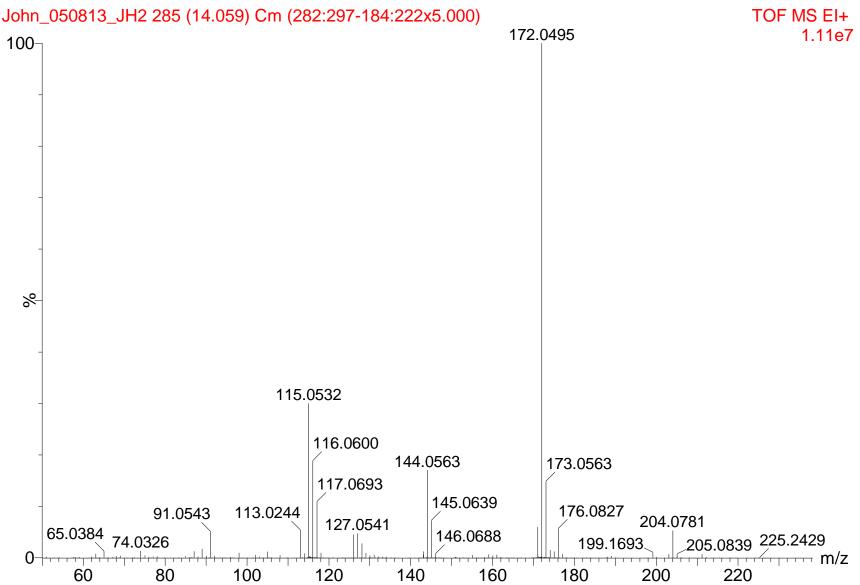


9. Data Storage, Retrieval, and Presentation

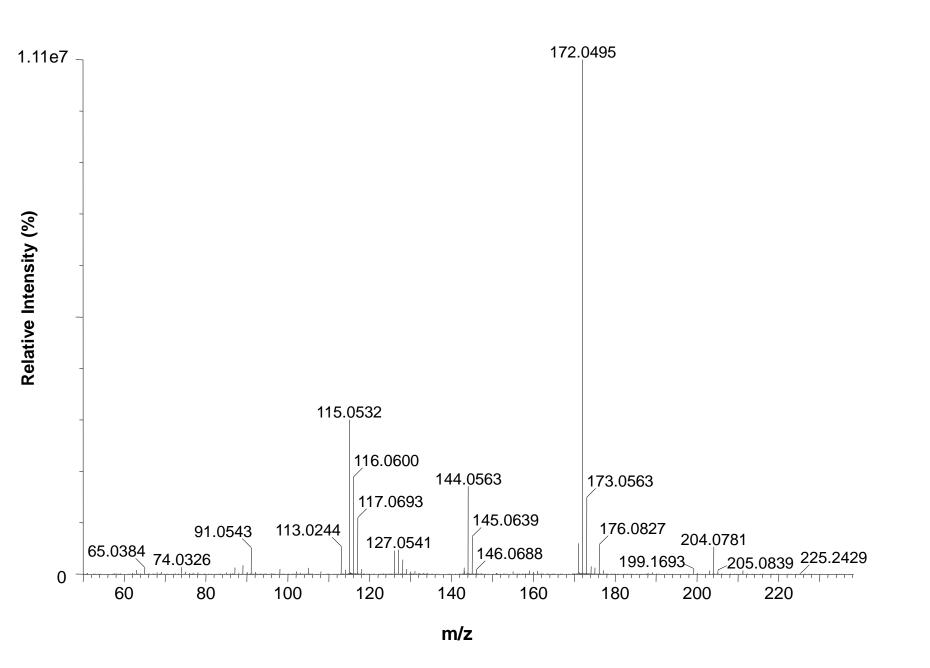
- All data are stored in C drive and backed up in two other locations, they can be retrieved at any time.
- Data can be downloaded into other formate (Excel, PPT...)
- Chromatogram and spectrum can be reformatted.

Example of data presentation, original spectrum





Modified spectrum



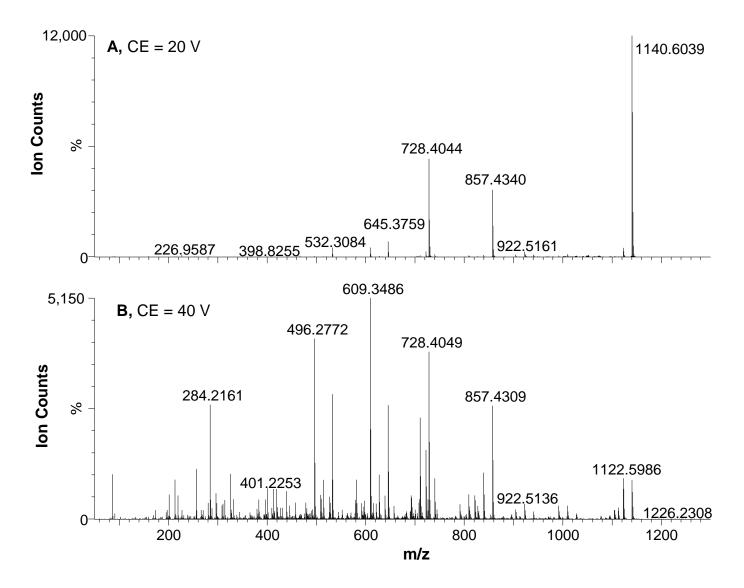


Fig. 2, MSMS scan of ion 1140 with low and high collision energy

10. Service Support

- Experiment design
- Data acquisition (same day turnaround)
- Data analysis
- Technical write-up
- Consultation and brain-storming (free)

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SOP for analyzing LHRH (luteinizing hormone releasing hormone)

- 1. Turn on power supplies for Waters Sample Manager and Binary Solvent Manager if they are not already on.
- 2. Open Masslynx (V.4.1, Waters) software on the desktop if it is not already open.
- 3. Ensure the communication establishes between computer, embedded PC, UPLC and QToF instrument.
- 4. If communication failed, check connection in the router: it can be reset by unplug the power supply, turn off the PC and EPC, restart the PC and login, but not open the Masslynx, turn on the EPC and wait for 5 min, then open the Masslynx.
- 5. In the instrument menu, click on MS Tune, examine the read-back voltages, they should agree with the set values.
- 6. Make sure the collision gas is on all the time, click API gas, desolvation flow rate should be 200 liter/hour, if not, check the high pressure nitrogen gas tank to see if it is getting close to empty and ready to be refilled.
- 7. Set the detector voltage to 1700 by increasing 500 volts stepwise.
- 8. Check the solvent bottles for solution A (95% Water, 0.1% Formic acid 5% Acetonitrile) and solution B (95% Acetonitrile, 5% water, 0.1% Formic acid). Prepare more solutions if they are low.
- 9. Degas solvent by placing the solvent bottle in sonication water bath and sonicate for 5 minutes, or by bubbling solvent bottle under nitrogen gas for 5 minutes in the hood.
- 10. Open the Inlet Method; launch Acquity UPLC Console, in the binary Solvent Manager, Control menu, solvent A/B prime, seal wash can be performed.
- 11. In the Sample Manager, Control tab, prime syringes, wash needle can be performed.
- 12. Prime pumps when change solvents or when system pressure is unstable.
- 13. Equilibrate the system with Direct method in 50:50= A:B followed by 95:5 = A:B for at least 5 minutes each.

Note: if the C18 column (or normal phase column) and system is already clean, 50:50=A:B step can be skipped.

Monitor the analyte ion source chromatogram to the baseline and system pressure is stable (around 60 psi for direct injection and 4000 psi with C18 column indicating no leaks) before inject any sample.

Mass Calibration

- 15. Turn on the syringe pump and LC pump to make the lockmass ion and analyte ions flow, the detector voltage and API gas.
- 16. Check the sensitivity of the instrument: in the analyte ion source with the Direct LC method on, the chemical noise should be less than 1% of the total ion count.
- 17. In the reference ion source, the lockmass ion count per scan should be over 1,000 for the highest one.
- 18. Clean the ion source if the sensitivity is poor. Depend on the usage, the ion source should be cleaned every two to three weeks.
- 19. Check the resolution of the reference ions, it should be around 8,000.
- 20. Acquire the lockmass chromatogram for 1 min by clicking on the blue triangle button on the top menu bar in the tune page; give the file name with Calibration-date-number format.
- 21. Click the "Clock" icon in the chromatogram to update the run real time.
- 22. Combine the scan to have most lockmass over 1,000 counts.
- 23. Do smooth (2 channel 3 times by Savitzky Golay method) and center (4 min peak width, create added area) to lockmass ions in the spectrum, under the "Process" menu bar.
- 24. Save the spectrum under the "File" menu, click OK.
- 25. Stop the acquisition, Click on the "Calibration" Calibrate TOF, in the popup menu, click on Calibrate, select "create calibration…"
- 26. Find the Calibration file just acquired, click at the bottom of the window on "History" select "AccMass", click OK,
- 27. Accept calibration if residue errors are less than 0.01 Dalton, and all data points are tight around zero.
- 28. Save tune page with newly calibrated TOF.

Preparation of Sample

- III. 29. Add formic acid to the sample for a final concentration of 0.1% FA for ion paring in the hood if needed. Avoid acid if samples are unstable in the acidic condition.
- 30. Centrifuge sample in the tabletop centrifuge at 13,000 PRM for 5 minutes to precipitate particulates that could clog the system.
- 31. Place the sample in the glass insert (hold 200 μ L) with spring at the bottom in the injection vial for samples with less volume.
- 32. Use glass vial for small molecules and plastic vials for protein/peptide samples.
- 33. Check for air bubbles in the sample vials.
- Open the Sample Manager carrier door underneath the Waters Autosampler, place the sample in the slot in the tray and record the position. Each tray has 48 wells, Tray in the left is the number 1 tray and the one in the right is the number 2 tray.
- 35. Enter sample name, separation method, injecting volume and vial position in the "sample queue" field. Position format uses: 1:24 stands for tray 1 at the end of row 4. Note: the maximum volume is 10 μ L with current installed sample loop.
- 36. Enter the list of samples in the sample queue field to run the batch operation.
- 37. Use the MS_584 method for MS method, Direct for Inlet File.

Data Acquisition:

- VI. 38. Arrange samples from low to high concentration, Place water wash run in between samples to prevent the carryover if needed.
- 39. Observe real time lockmass ions are plentiful and ready for calibration.
- 40. Make injection by selecting either single injection of batch injection, and run chromatogram.
- 41. Estimate the LHRHa content (and fragment 1 and 2 from pepsin digestion by combining scans at the injection peak area.
- 42. Estimate the concentration of unknown peptide by comparing to known amount of peptides.
- 43. Estimate the concentration by running a standard curve with at least 4 concentrations spanning two orders of magnitude.
- 44. Report the result, save and copy the chromatogram into Windows PowerPoint and record in the notebook.
- 45. Finish the operation by leaving the system in 50:50=A:B for 5 minutes.

Set the instrument in idle

- 46. When instrument is not in use, turn off the solvent flow by clicking on the "water fountain"
- 47. Set the detector voltage to zero.
- 48. Turn off the API gas by clicking on the icon, leave COL gas on.
- 49. Turn off the syringe pump of the lockmass, by clicking on the pump arrow; it changes red color to blue color at the center of the "instrument" tab.

Materials and Reagents

Kimwipe

Glove

Pipetmans: 5 mL, 1 mL, 200 µL, 100 µL and

1~10µL

Pipet tips: 1-10 μL, 200 μL, 1 mL and 5 mL

1.5 mL eppendorf tubes

1 mL glass vials and insert

Tube Blocks

MilliQ water

HPLC grade Acetonitrile

Formic acid (very volatile, work in hood)

Beakers

Bottles

Sonicator

Tabletop Centrifuge (Argosflexifuge)