



Principles of Orbitrap Mass Spectrometry

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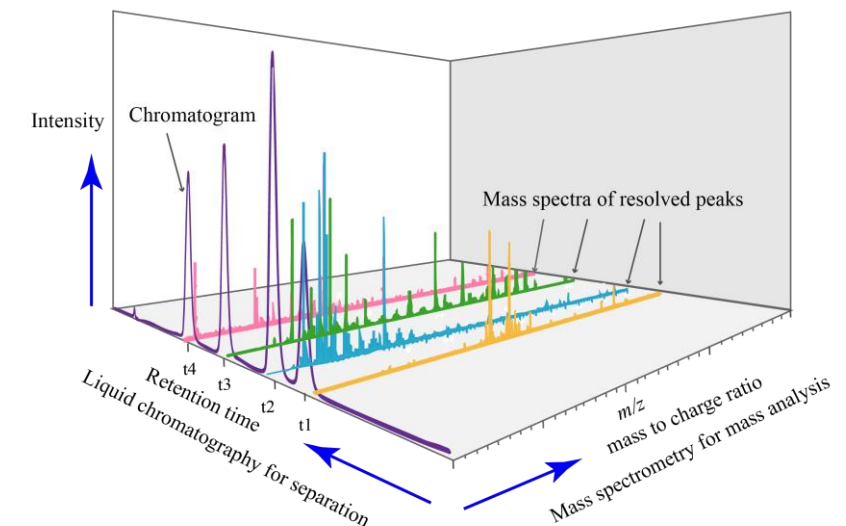
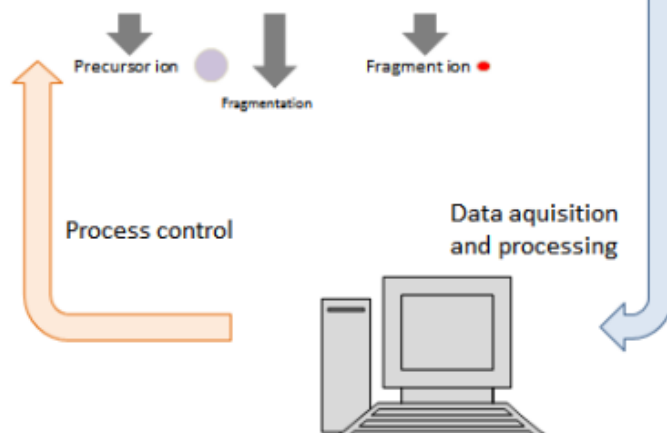
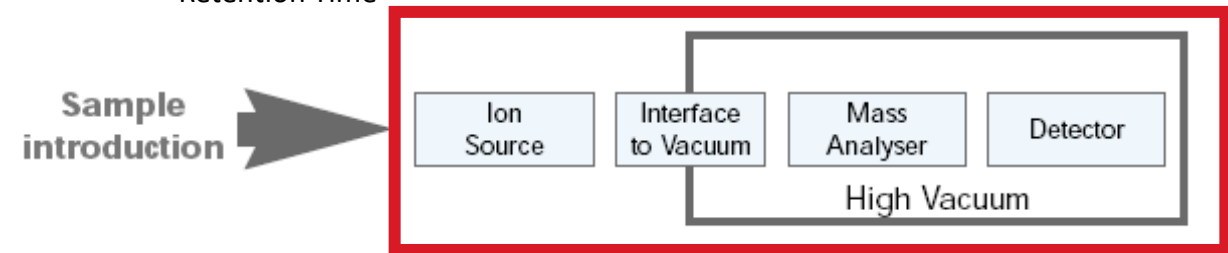
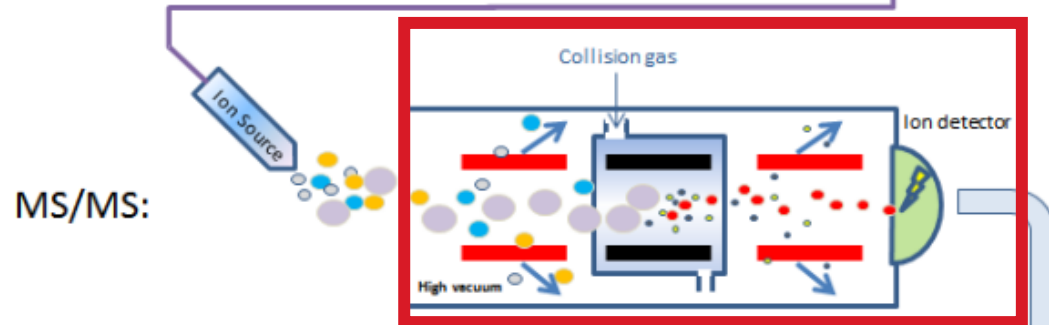
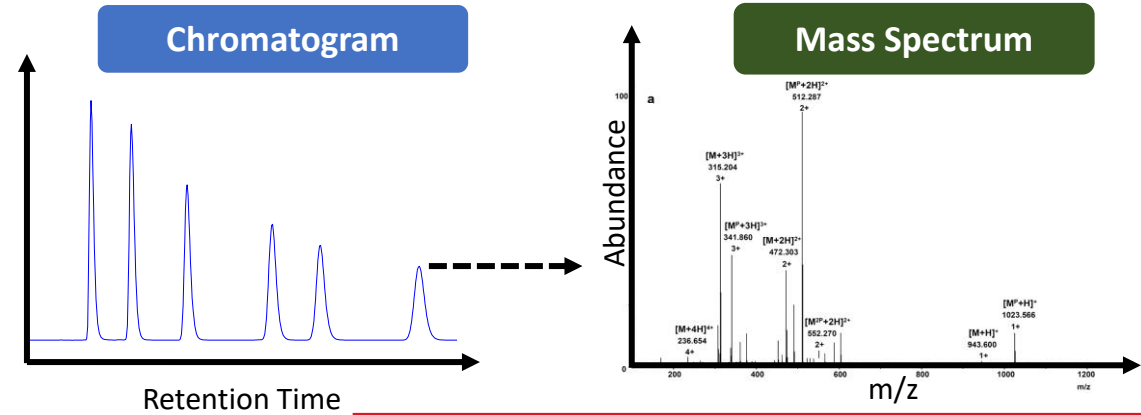
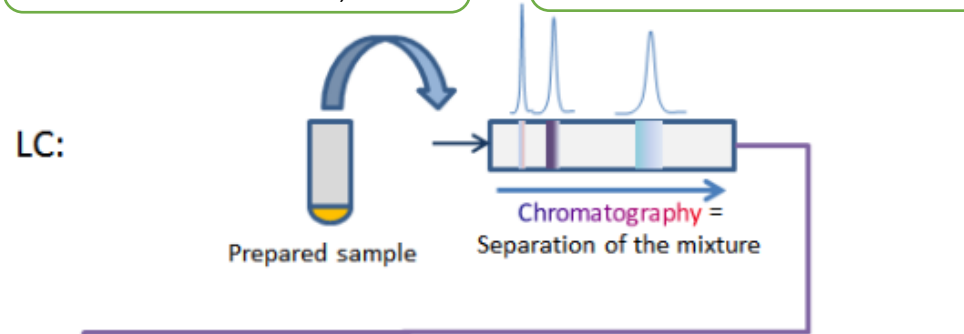
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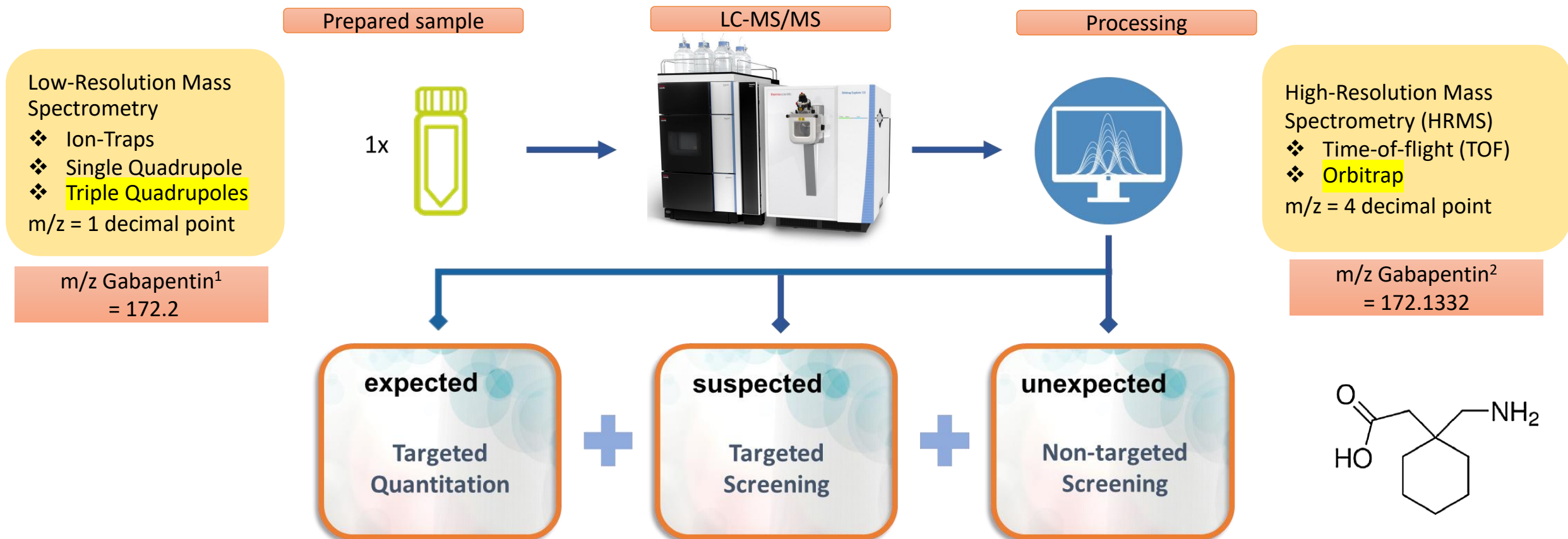


Workflow & Basic principle of LC-MS/MS

- ❖ Liquid-Liquid Extraction; LLE
 - ❖ Protein Precipitation; PP
 - ❖ Solid Phase Extraction; SPE
- ❖ Stationary Phase; SP = Column
 - ❖ Mobile Phase; MP = Solvent



System Main Workflows



Mass Analyzer : Orbitrap™ Technology

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Electrostatic Axially Harmonic Orbital Trapping: A High-Performance Technique of Mass Analysis

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This work describes a new type of mass analyzer which employs trapping in an electrostatic field. The potential distribution of the field can be represented as a combination of quadrupole and logarithmic potentials. In the absence of any magnetic or rf fields, ion stability is achieved only due to ions orbiting around an axial electrode. Orbiting ions also perform harmonic oscillations along the electrode with frequency proportional to $(m/z)^{-1/2}$. These oscillations are detected using image current detection and are transformed into mass spectra using fast FT, similarly to FT ICR. Practical aspects of the trap design are presented. High-mass resolution up to 150 000 for ions produced by laser ablation has been demonstrated, along with high-energy acceptance and wide mass range.

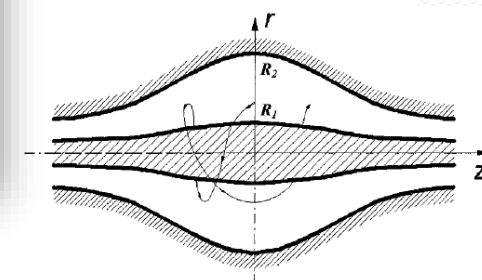
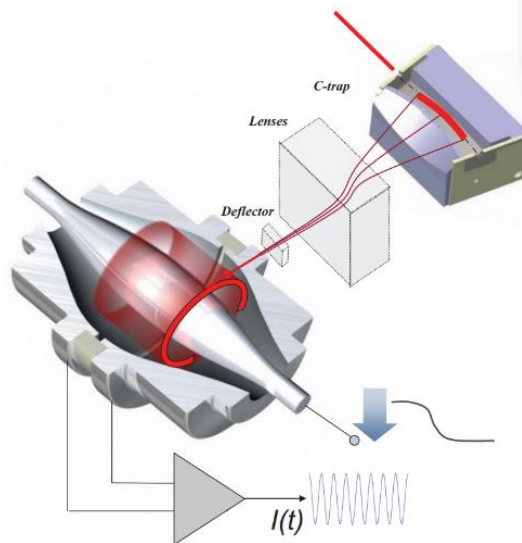
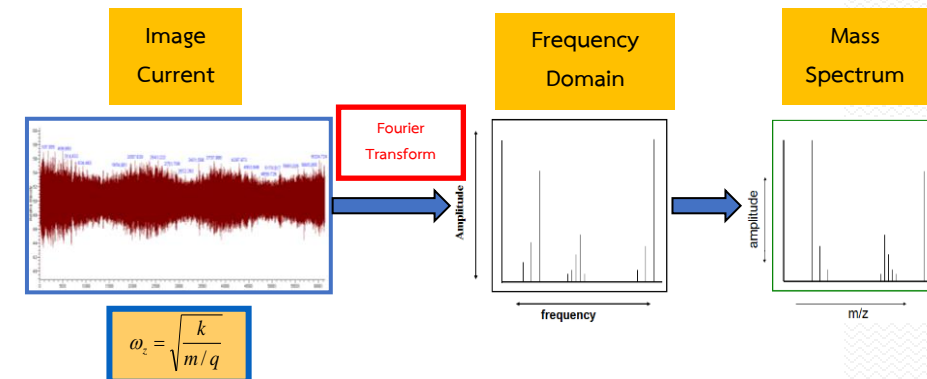
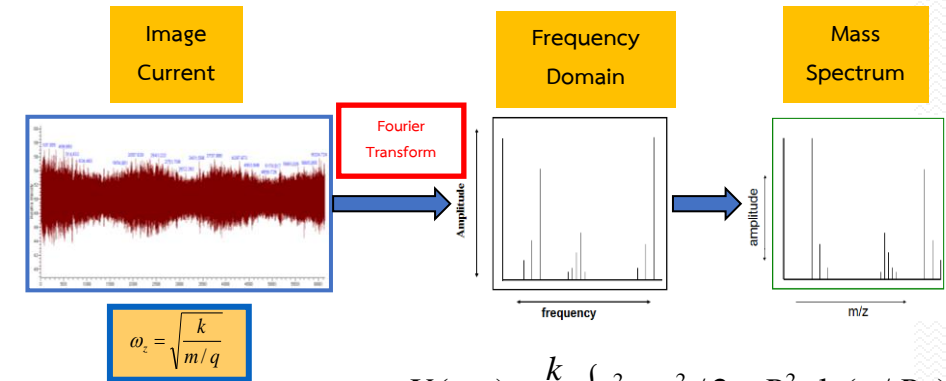


Figure 1. Equipotentials of the quadro-logarithmic field and an example of a stable ion trajectory

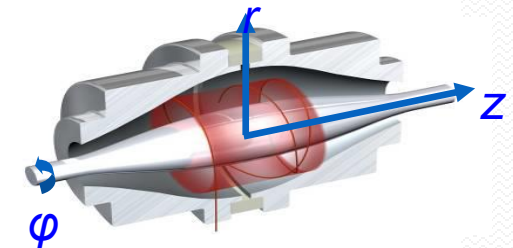
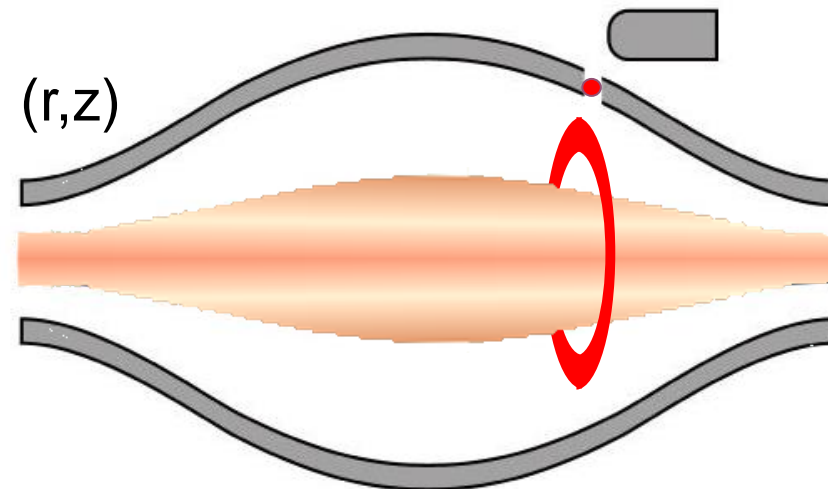
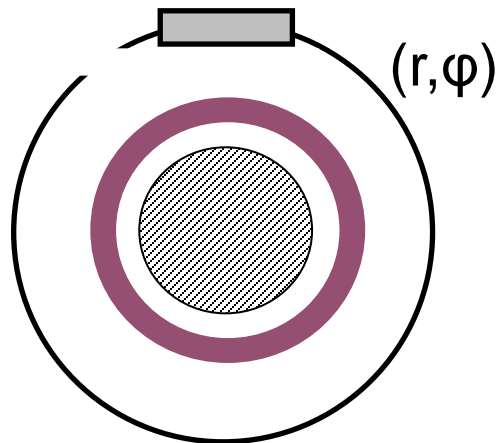


Mass Analyzer : Orbitrap™ Technology

- An ion packet of a selected m/z enters the field.
- Increasing voltage squeezes ions.
- Voltage stabilises and ion trajectories are also stabilized.
- Angular spreading forms a **rotating ring**.
- Ions trapped in an **electrostatic field**.
- Central electrode kept on high voltage.
- Outer electrode is split and able to pick up an **image current** induced by ion packets moving inside the trap.



$$U(r, z) = \frac{k}{2} \cdot \left\{ z^2 - r^2 / 2 + R_m^2 \cdot \ln(r / R_m) \right\}$$



Characteristic frequencies:

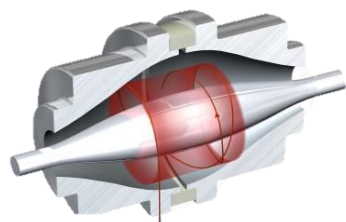
- Frequency of rotation ω_ϕ
- Frequency of radial oscillations ω_r
- Frequency of axial oscillations ω_z

Orbitrap Exploris Portfolio

Orbitrap MS

Hybrid Orbitrap MS

Tribrid Orbitrap MS



Orbitrap

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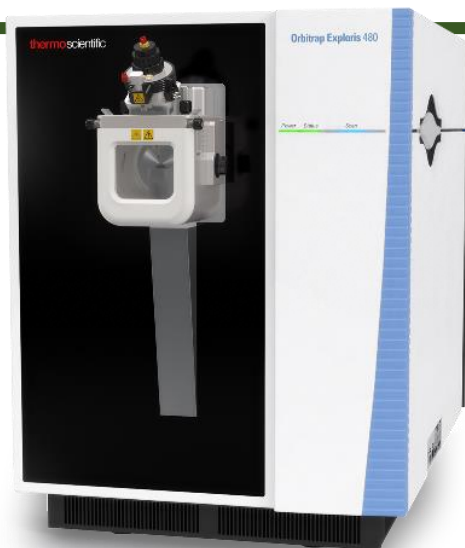


Quadrupole

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Linear Ion Trap



Orbitrap Exploris Series

Quadrupole-orbitrap Mass Spectrometer

- Targeted/non-targeted screening (MS)
- Unknown Identification (MS)
- Confirmation (MS/MS)
- Absolute and Relative Quantitation (MS and/or MS²)

Orbitrap™ Technology HRAMS

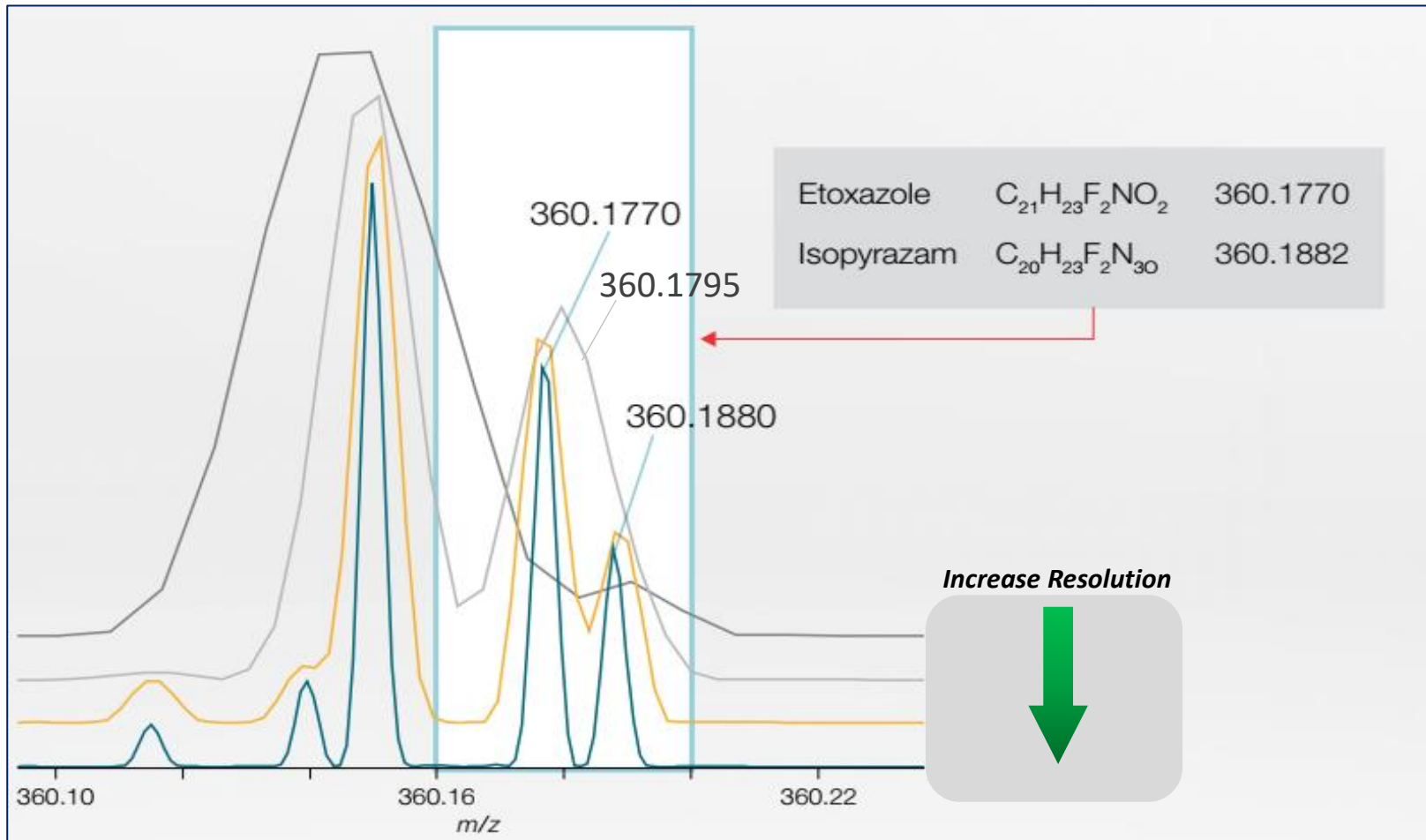
HRAMS = High Resolution Accurate Mass Spectrometry

Mass Resolution = Ability of a mass spectrometer to distinguish

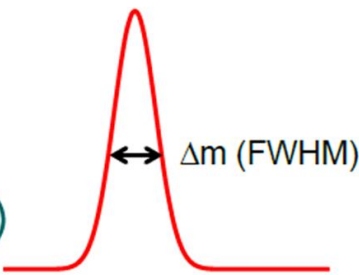
Mass Accuracy = The precision of which the mass is measured by the mass spectrometer.

Why use Orbitrap MS ?

High Resolution & High Accuracy



FWHM = Full Width Half Maximum = Δm

$$R = \frac{m}{\Delta m}$$


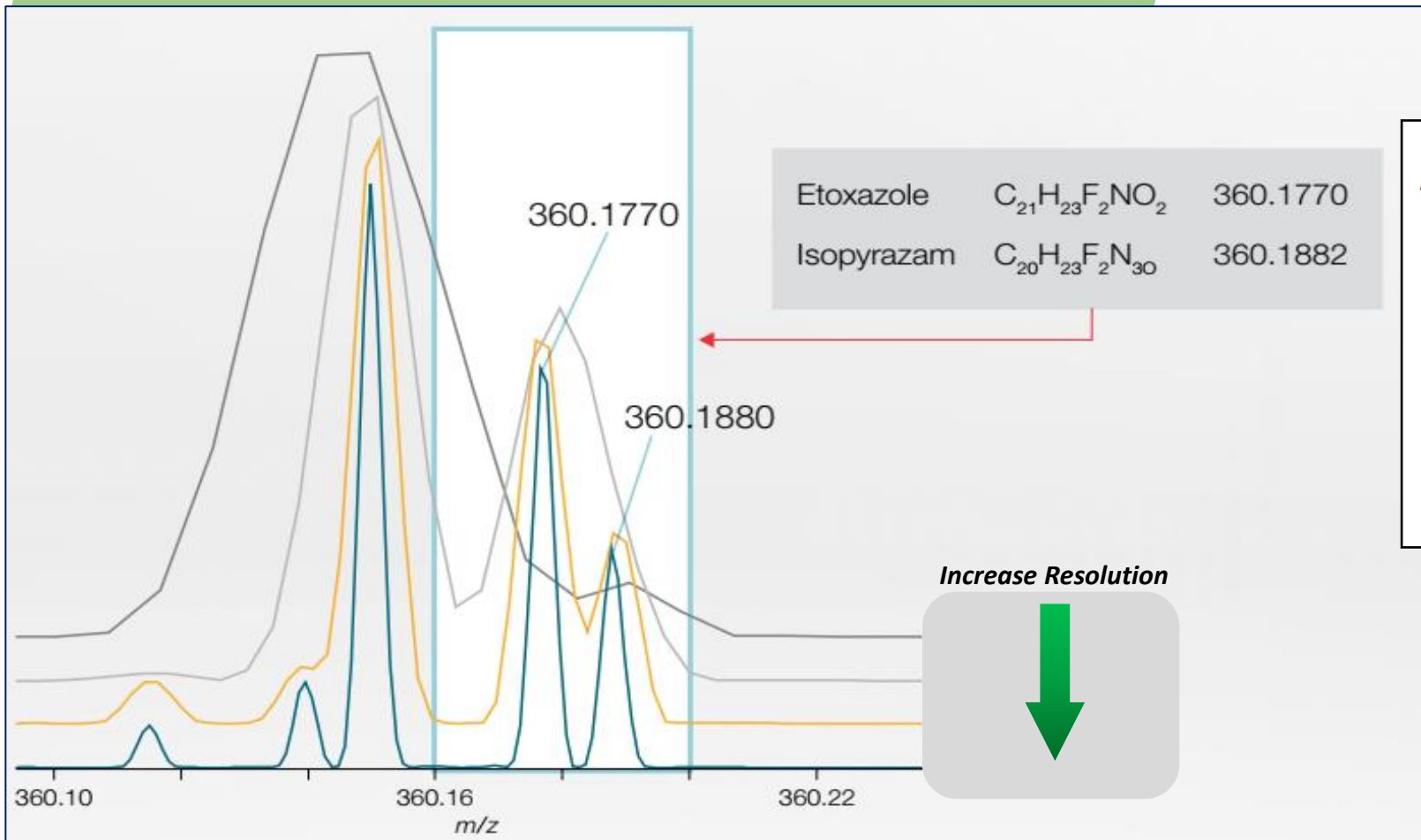
$$R = \frac{360.1795}{0.02000} = 18,000$$

$$R = \frac{360.1770}{0.0036} = 100,000$$

Orbitrap Exploris
Maximum resolution
(FWHM): 480,000 at m/z 200

Why use Orbitrap MS ?

High Resolution & High Accuracy



Mass accuracy or Mass error (ppm)

$$= \frac{\text{Measured} - \text{Target monoisotopic mass}}{\text{Target monoisotopic mass}} \times 10^6$$

$$= \frac{360.1880 - 360.1882}{360.1882} \times 10^6 = 0.56 \text{ ppm}$$

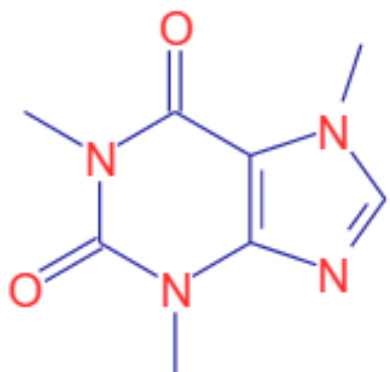
Orbitrap Exploris

Mass Accuracy:

<3 ppm for external calibration

<1 ppm for internal calibration

Mass Resolution & Accuracy



Caffeine

Molecular formula: $C_8H_{10}O_2N_4$

Precursor adduct: $[M+H]^+$

Precursor formula: $C_8H_{11}O_2N_4$

Precursor m/z: 195.08765

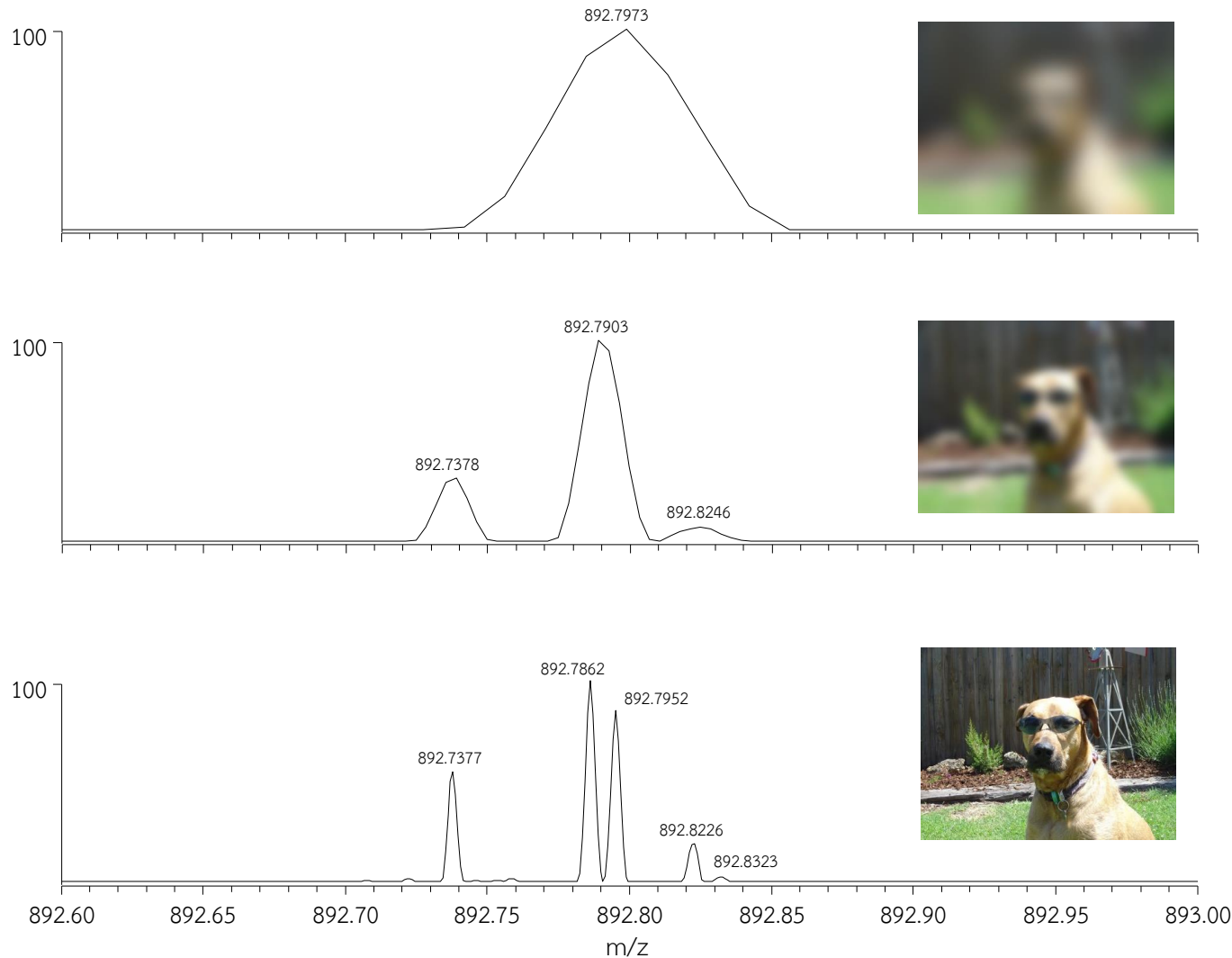
Specificity = Resolution + Mass Accuracy

Main advantage: the possibility to determine the elemental composition of individual molecular or fragment ions, a powerful tool for the structural elucidation or confirmation.

Measured m/z = 195.08775

Precursor Formula	Mass	Mass Accuracy (ppm)
$C_8H_{11}O_2N_4$	195.08765	0.502
$C_8H_{19}O^{32}S_2$	195.08718	2.906
$CH_{11}N_{10}^{32}S$	195.08834	-3.012
$C_3H_{12}N_8^{35}Cl$	195.0868	4.887
$C_2H_{12}ON_8P$	195.08662	5.792
$C_7H_{15}O_6$	195.08631	7.357
$C_6H_{16}O_3N_2P$	195.08931	-7.973
$C_7H_{16}O_2N_2^{35}Cl$	195.08948	-8.878
$C_4H_7N_{10}$	195.08497	14.266
$C_5H_{15}O_2N_4^{32}S$	195.09102	-16.777
$C_{13}H_{11}N_2$	195.09167	-20.119
$C_{11}H_{15}O^{32}S$	195.08381	20.184
$C_3H_{11}O_4N_6$	195.08363	21.122
$C_5H_{17}N_4P_2$	195.0923	-23.303
$C_5H_{16}N_4P^{32}S$	195.08278	25.474
$C_{11}H_{16}OP$	195.09333	-28.593
$C_{12}H_{16}^{35}Cl$	195.0935	-29.498

Mass Resolution & Accuracy



- Removing interferences

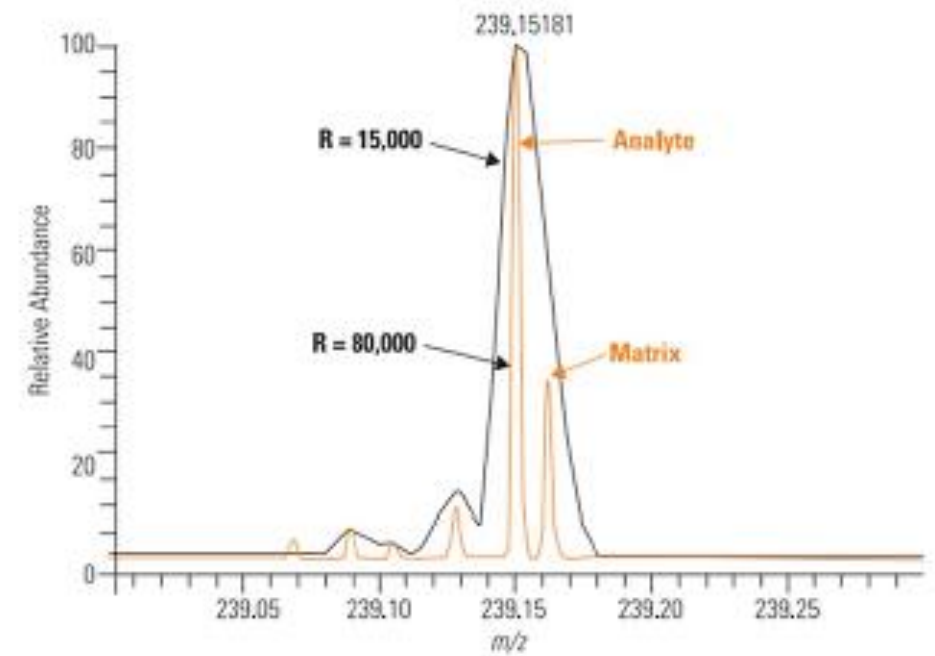
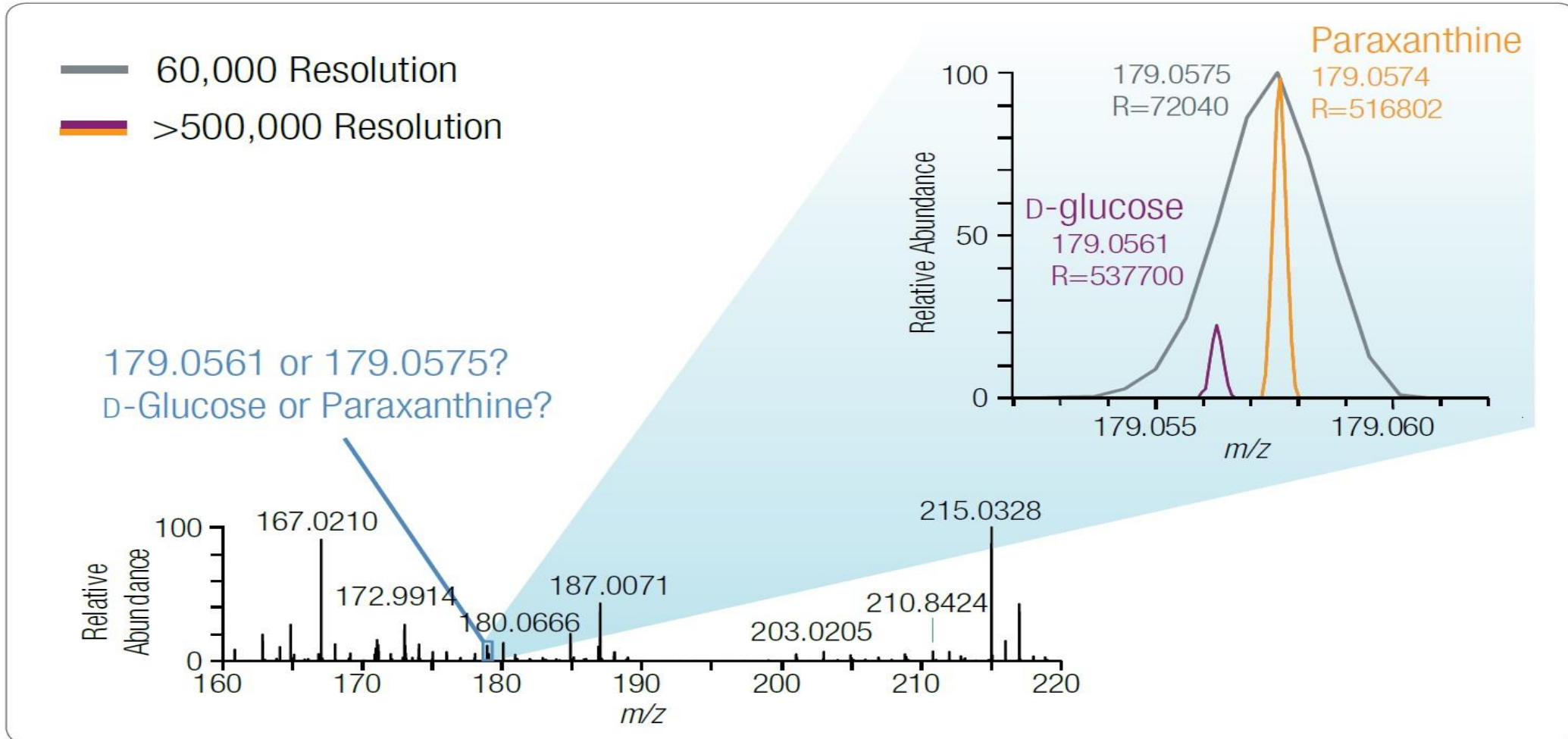


Figure 1: Analysis of the MH^+ peak of Pirimicarb at 15,000 and 80,000 resolution.

High resolution is very important for samples with complex matrix (e.g. biological, food), since they will contain a significant number of background ions.

Mass Resolution & Accuracy

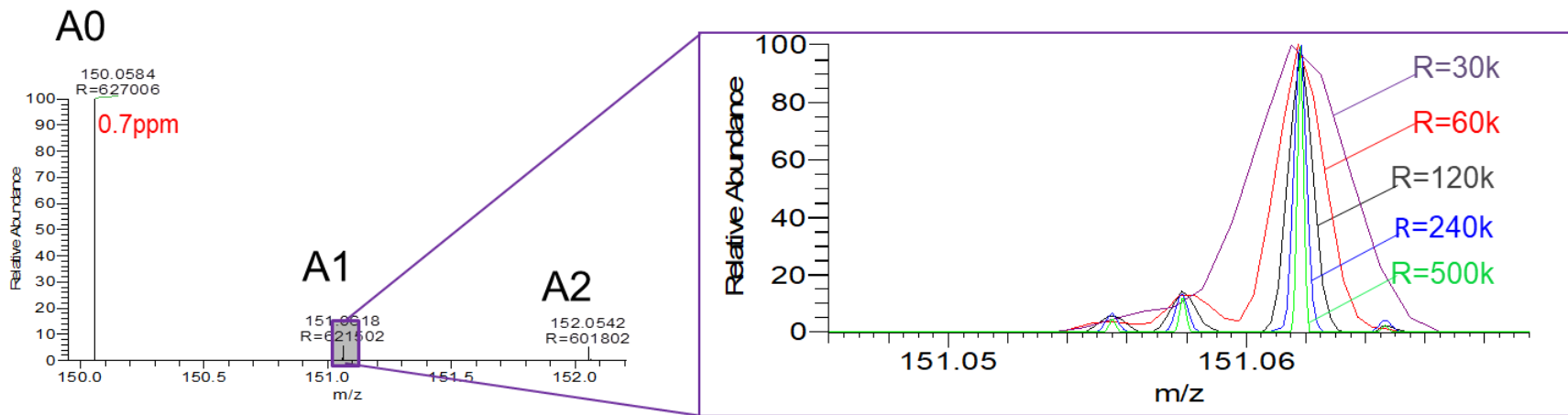
- Isobaric compounds separation



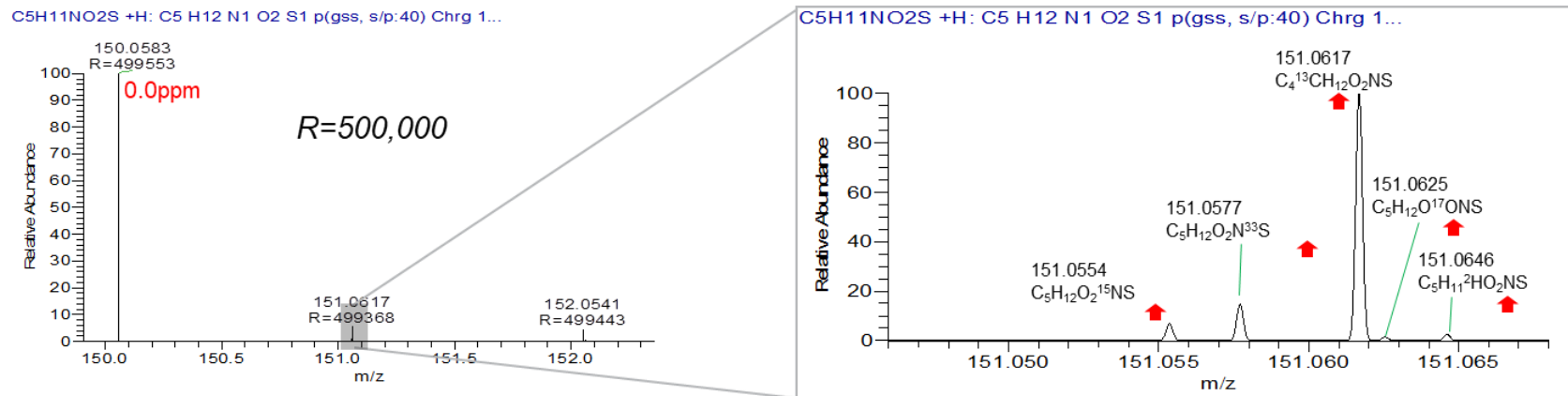
Mass Resolution & Accuracy

- Fine Isotopic Pattern

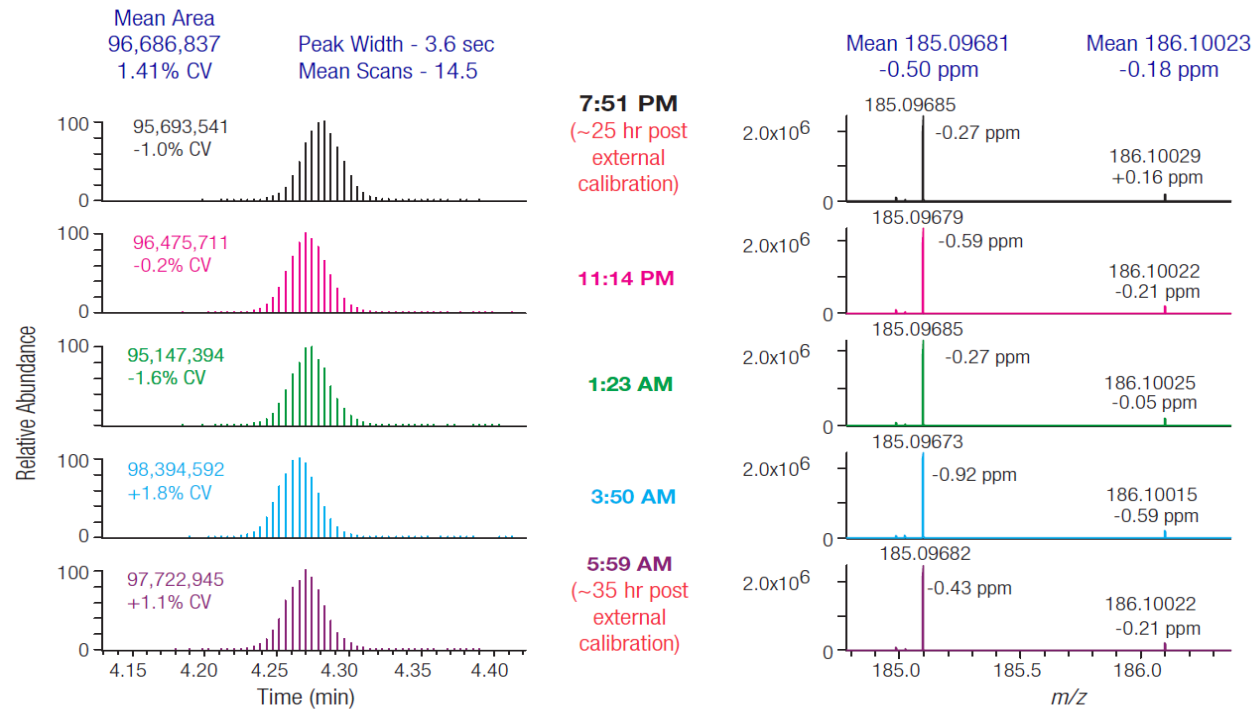
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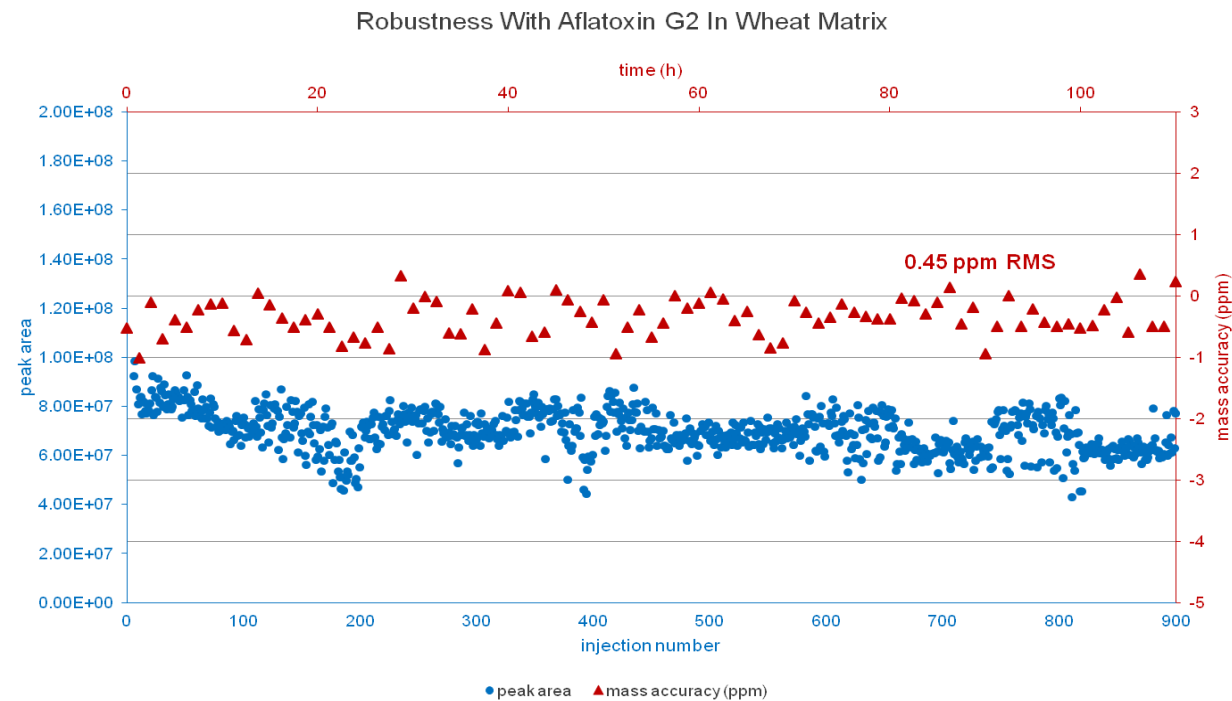
Simulated



Stability: Robust and Reproducible HRMS



Ultimate™ 3000 UHPLC coupled to Q Exactive™ : Full Scan MS:
R=70K, d₅-Hippuric acid, theoretical m/z 185.0969



Peak intensity (area) variation during 900 injections (blue)
with according mass accuracy (peak apex scan, red)

Orbitrap™ Technology

OptaMax NG
Electrospray
Ion Source

EASY-IC Internal
Calibration Source

Advanced Quadrupole
Technology (AQT)

Independent
Charge Detector

C-Trap

Ion-Routing Multipole

S-Lens

Electrodynamic Ion Funnel
(only in Orbitrap Exploris 480)



Advanced Active
Beam Guide (AABG)
with axial gradient

High Field Orbitrap
Mass Analyzer



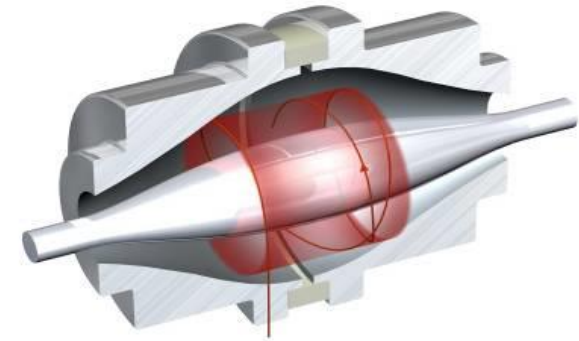
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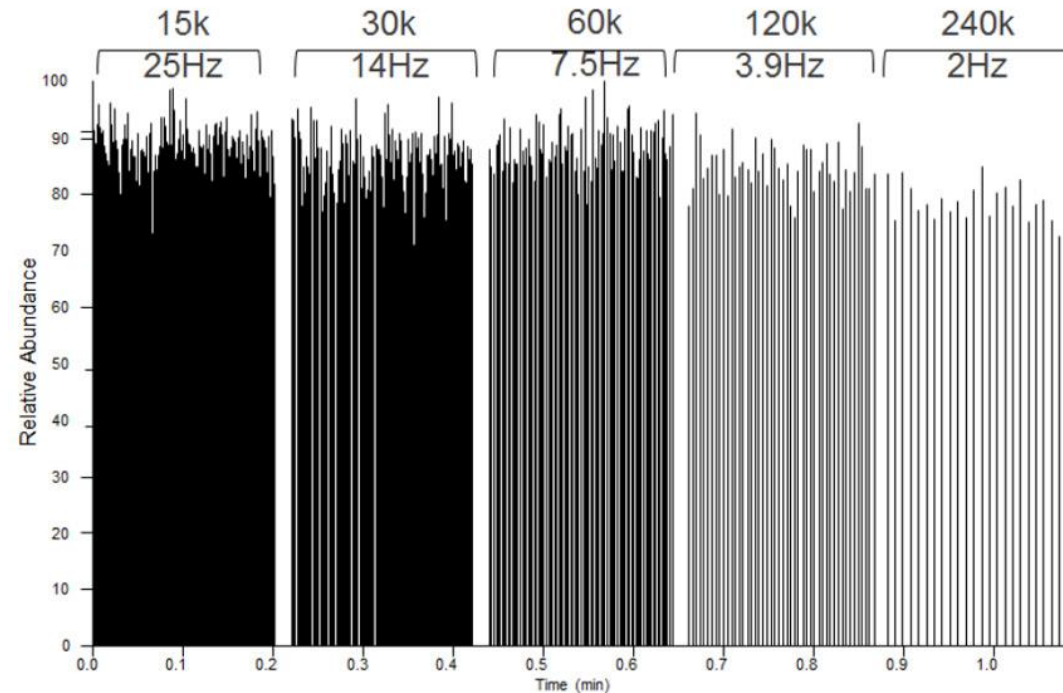
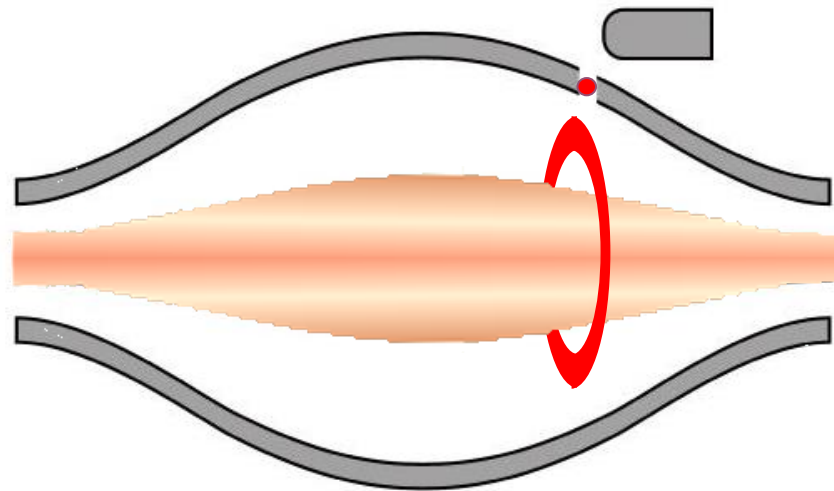
Resolution vs Sensitivity

No trade-off between resolution and sensitivity

- No compromise...both resolution and sensitivity are retained
- Analysis of trace compounds with maximum resolution and mass accuracy



(r,z)



Signal intensity does not change with resolution with the Orbitrap detector

Mass Accuracy

Mass Accuracy*

External calibration achieves <3 ppm RMS drift over 24 hours;
Internal lock mass calibration achieves <1 ppm RMS drift over 24 hours;
EASY-IC achieves <1 ppm RMS drift for at least 5 days

Positive Mass Calibration

Calibration Report



Date & Time Wednesday, January 26, 2022 09:36:10 AM
Instrument Model Orbitrap Exploris 120
Instrument Serial MB10404C
Software Version 3.1.279.9

Name	Result	Comment
Mass Calibration Summary	Passed	
Spectral Mass Accuracy Calibration Run Function	Passed	
Fine Mass Calibration	Passed	<u>External rms deviation = 0.18 ppm</u> (without lock mass), acceptance limit = 3.00 ppm <u>Internal rms deviation = 0.07 ppm</u> (with lock mass m/z 322.04812), acceptance limit = 1.00 ppm

Mass Calibration Summary

Name	Result	Value	Range	Comment
[2022-01-26 09:36] Signal Stability Evaluation (pos)	Passed	-	-	Excellent signal stability: 2.0% RSD!
[2022-01-26 09:36] Fine Mass Calibration	Passed	-	-	External rms deviation = 0.18 ppm (without lock mass), acceptance limit = 3.00 ppm Internal rms deviation = 0.07 ppm (with lock mass m/z 322.04812), acceptance limit = 1.00 ppm
[2022-01-26 09:36] Spectral Mass Accuracy Calibration Run Function	Passed	-	-	
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Type		-	-	Calibration

Mass Accuracy

Mass Accuracy* External calibration achieves <3 ppm RMS drift over 24 hours;
 Internal lock mass calibration achieves <1 ppm RMS drift over 24 hours;
 EASY-IC achieves <1 ppm RMS drift for at least 5 days

**Positive Mass Calibration
 (7 Days later)**

Calibration Report



Date & Time Wednesday, February 2, 2022 09:56:53 AM
Instrument Model Orbitrap Exploris 120
Instrument Serial MB10404C
Software Version 3.1.279.9

Name	Result	Comment
Mass Check Summary	Passed	

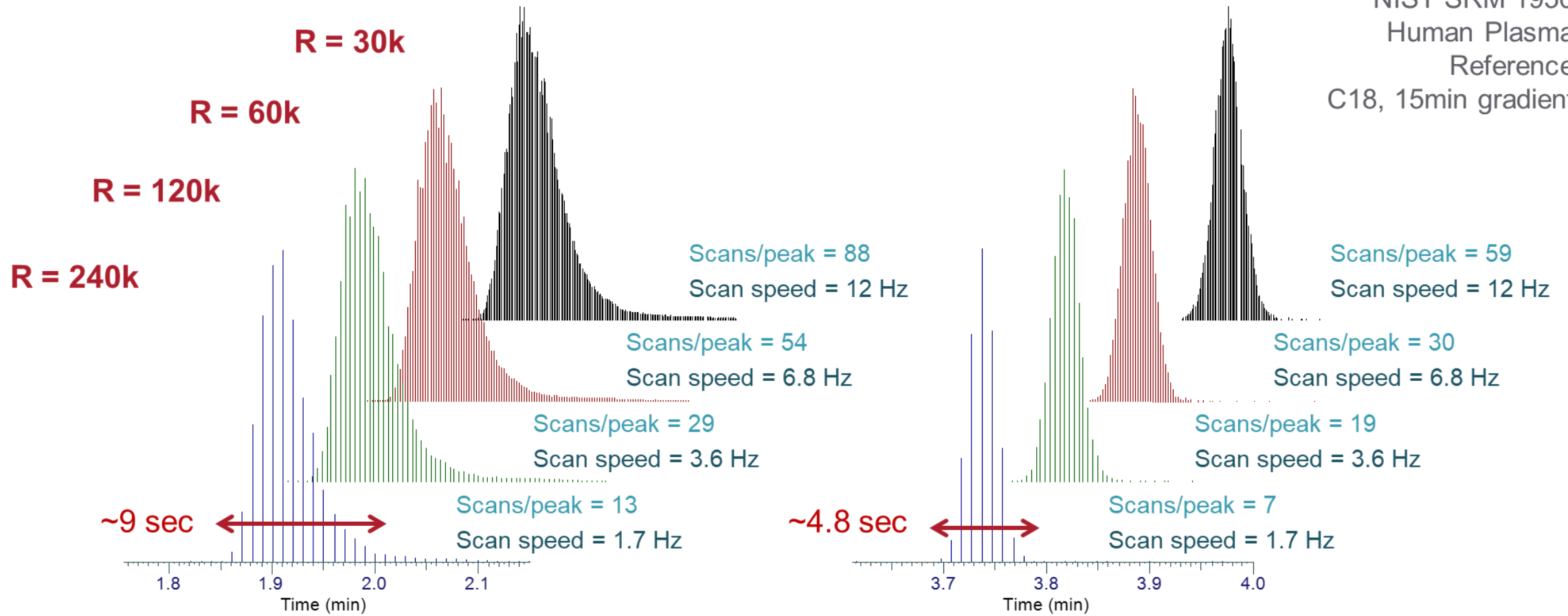
Mass Check Summary

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[2022-02-02 09:57] eFT Phase Check	Passed	-	-	Delta t0=0.01 +/- 0.01
[2022-02-02 09:57] Spectral Mass Accuracy Check	Passed	-	-	<u>External Calibration Error rms = 1.3 ppm (Acceptance limit = 3.0 ppm).</u> <u>Internal Calibration Error rms = 0.2 ppm (Acceptance limit = 1.0 ppm).</u>

Ext. calibration 0.8 ppm -> 1.3 ppm
 Int. calibration 0.07 ppm -> 0.2 ppm

Resolution vs Scan Speed

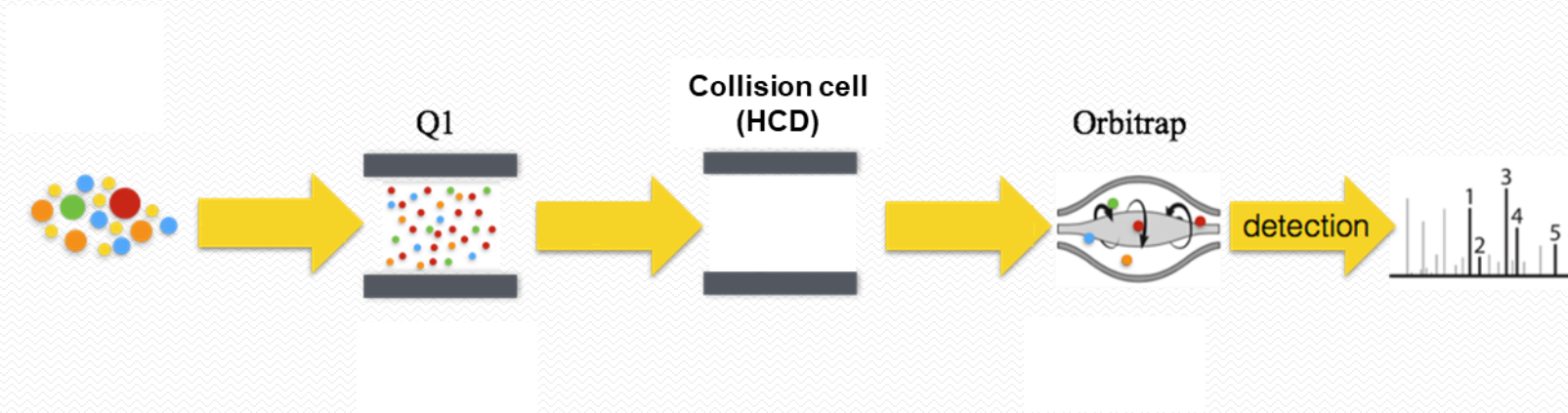
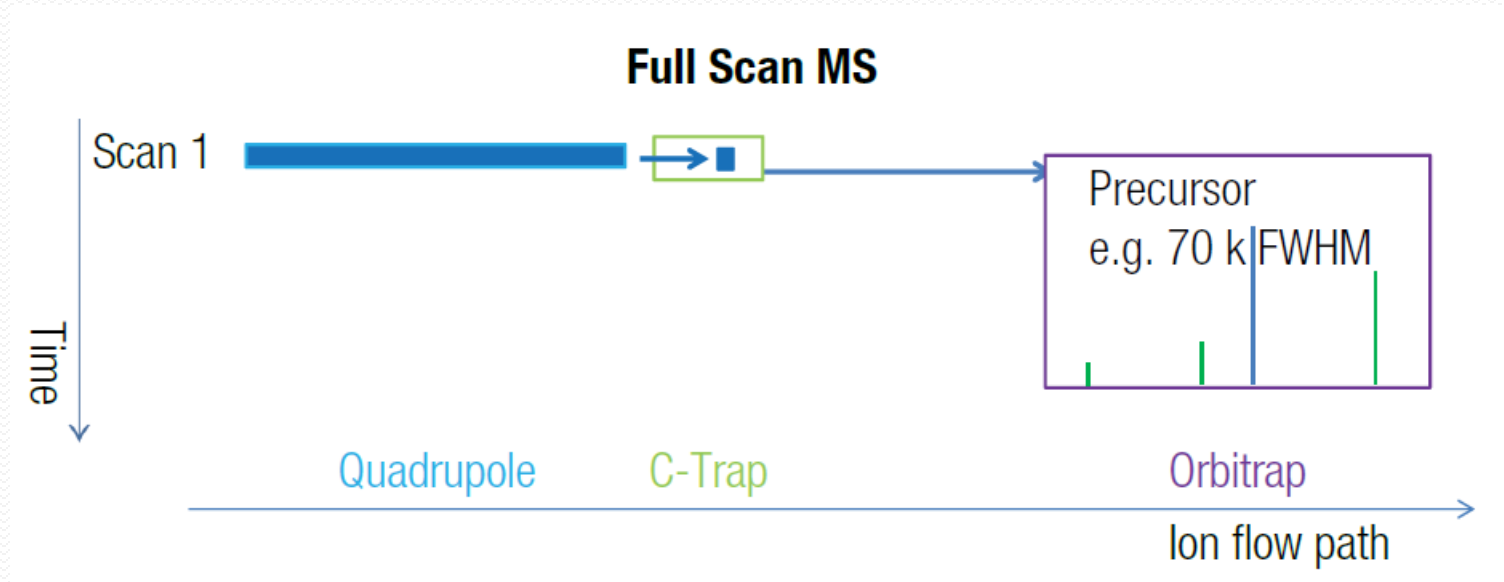
NIST SRM 1950
Human Plasma
Reference
C18, 15min gradient



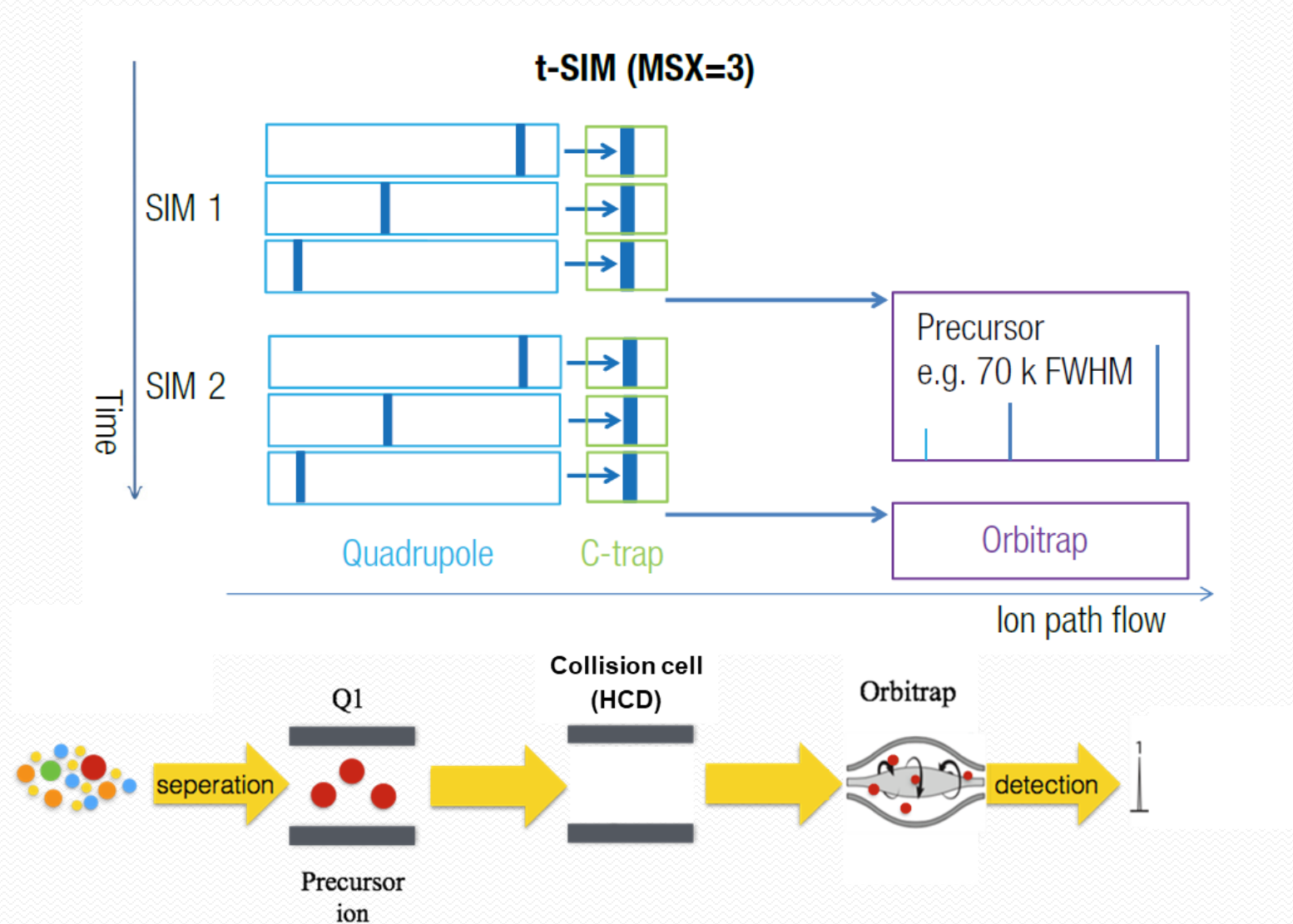
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 $C_9H_{17}NO_4$, m/z 204.1230

5-HIAA
 $C_{10}H_9NO_3$, m/z 192.0655

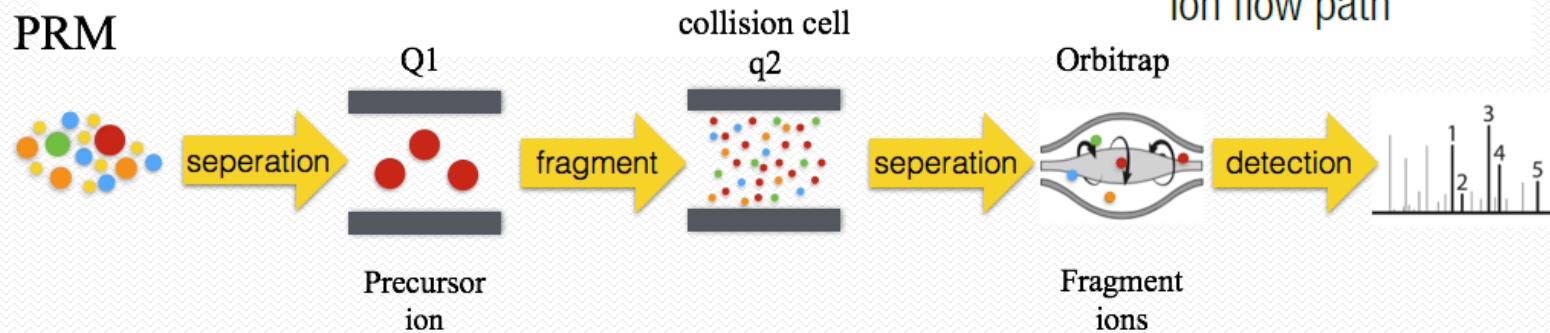
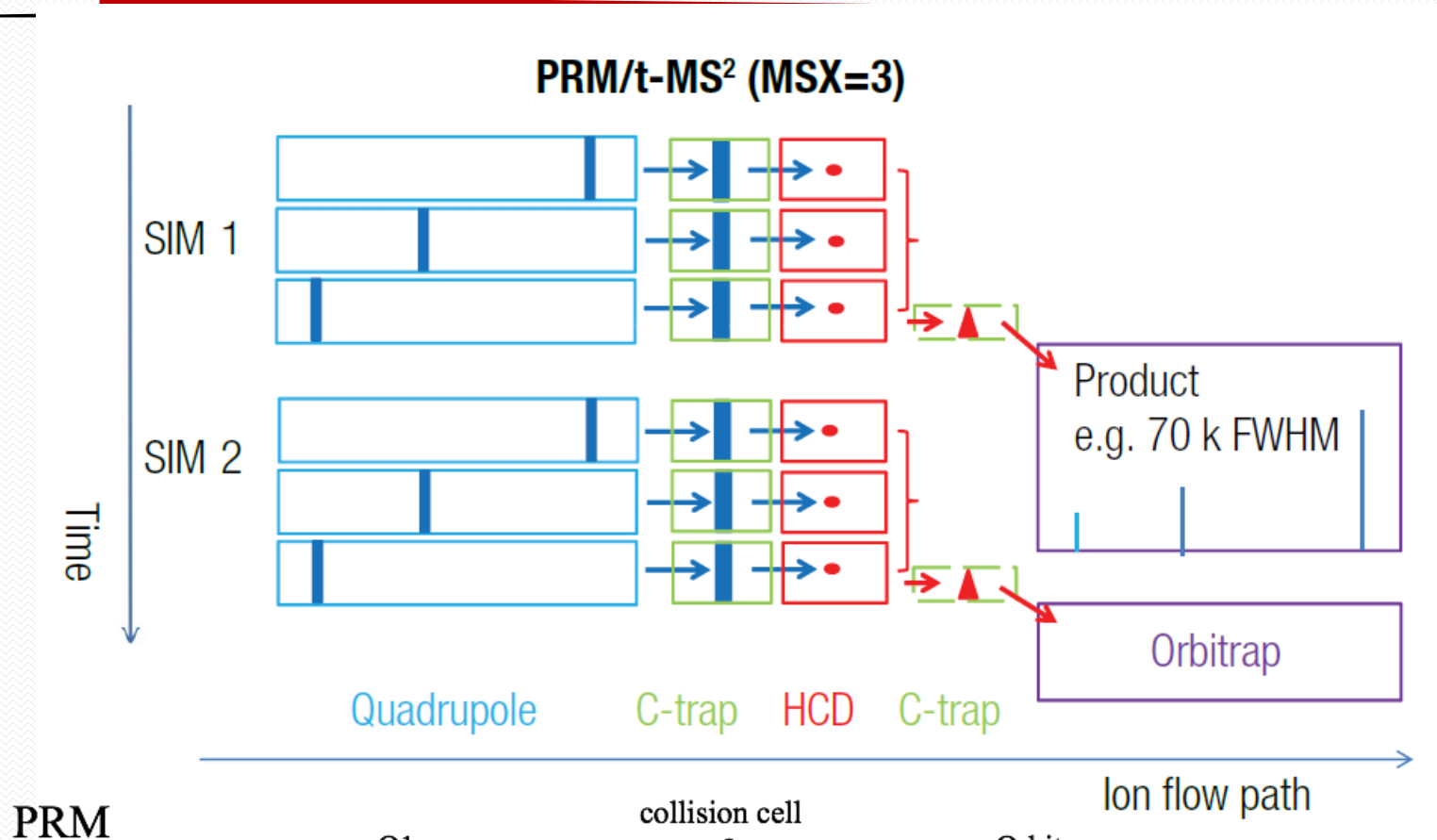
Orbitrap™ : Modes of Acquisition



SIM: Selected Ion Monitoring



PRM: Parallel Reaction Monitoring (Product ion scan)

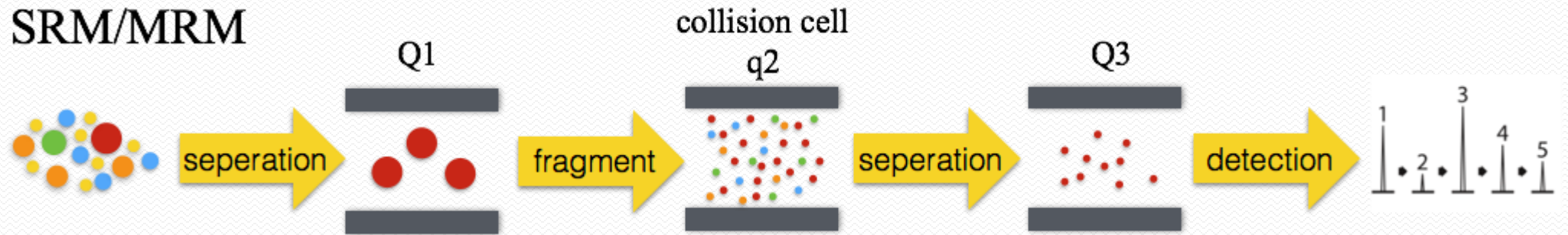


HCD: higher energy collisional dissociation
HCD collision gas: ultra-high-purity nitrogen

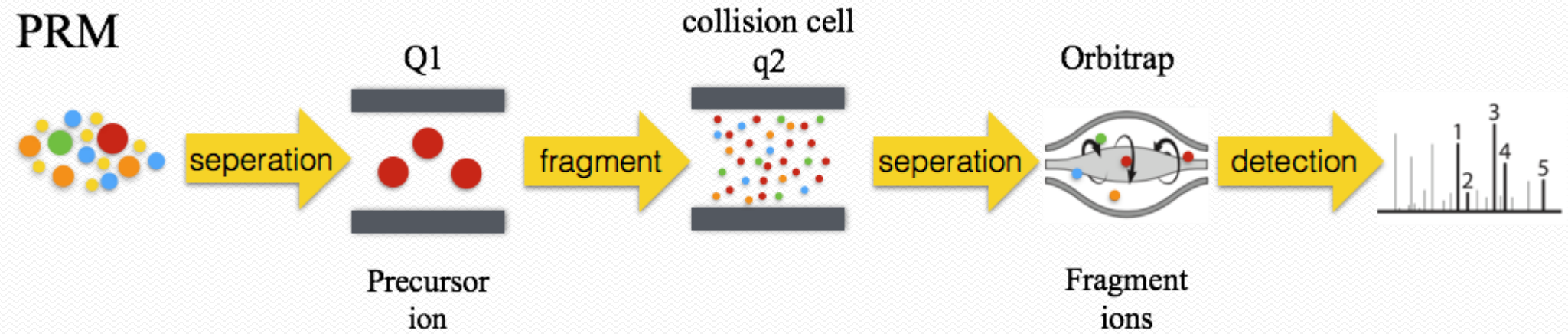
Retrospective analysis

PRM: Parallel Reaction Monitoring

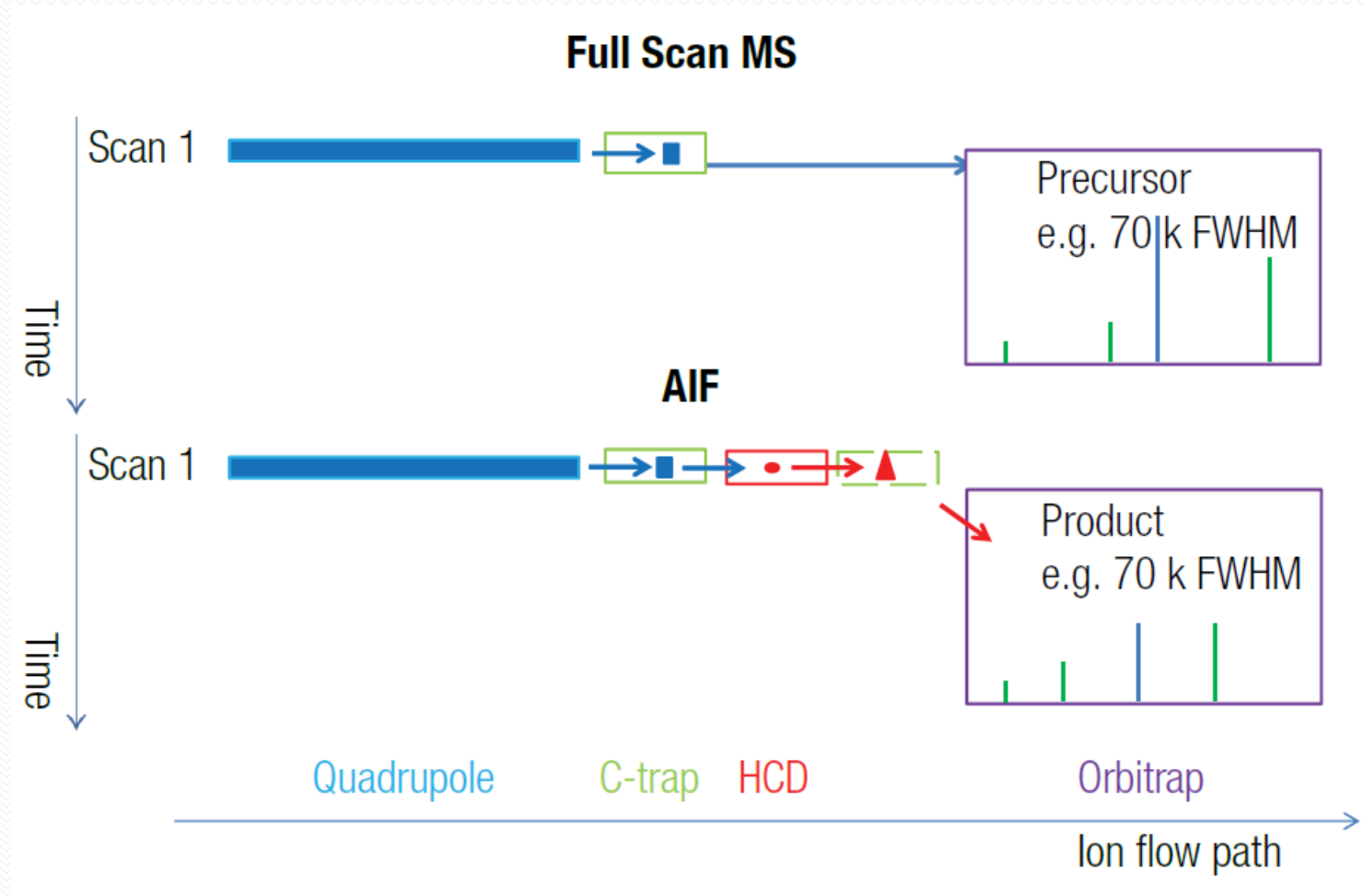
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Q-Orbitrap



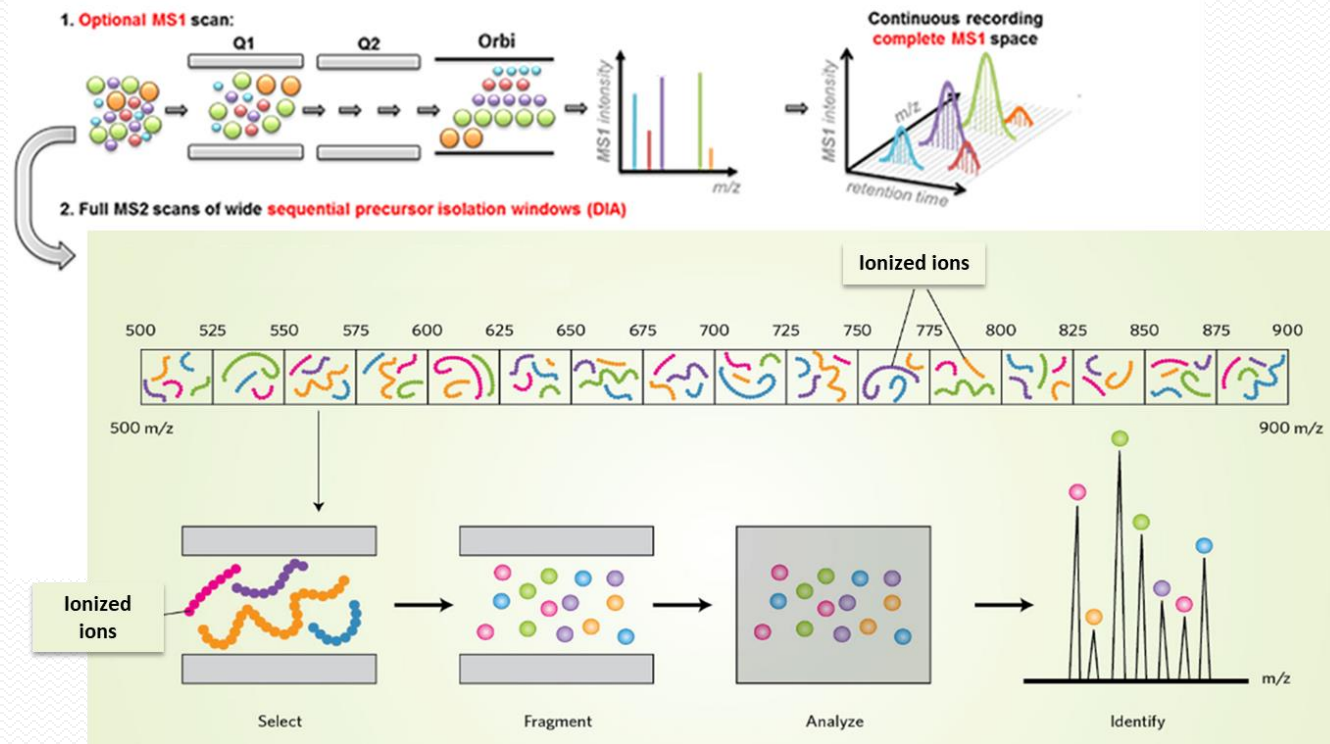
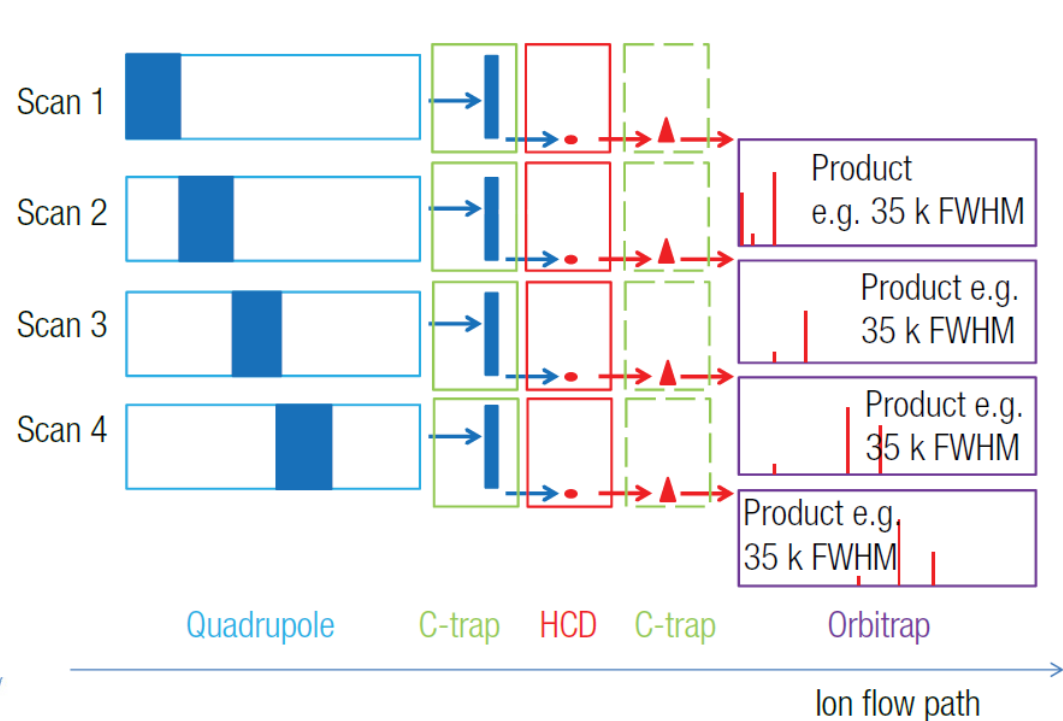
AIF: All Ion Fragmentation



HCD: higher energy collisional dissociation
HCD collision gas: ultra-high-purity nitrogen

(v)DIA: (variable) Data Independent Acquisition

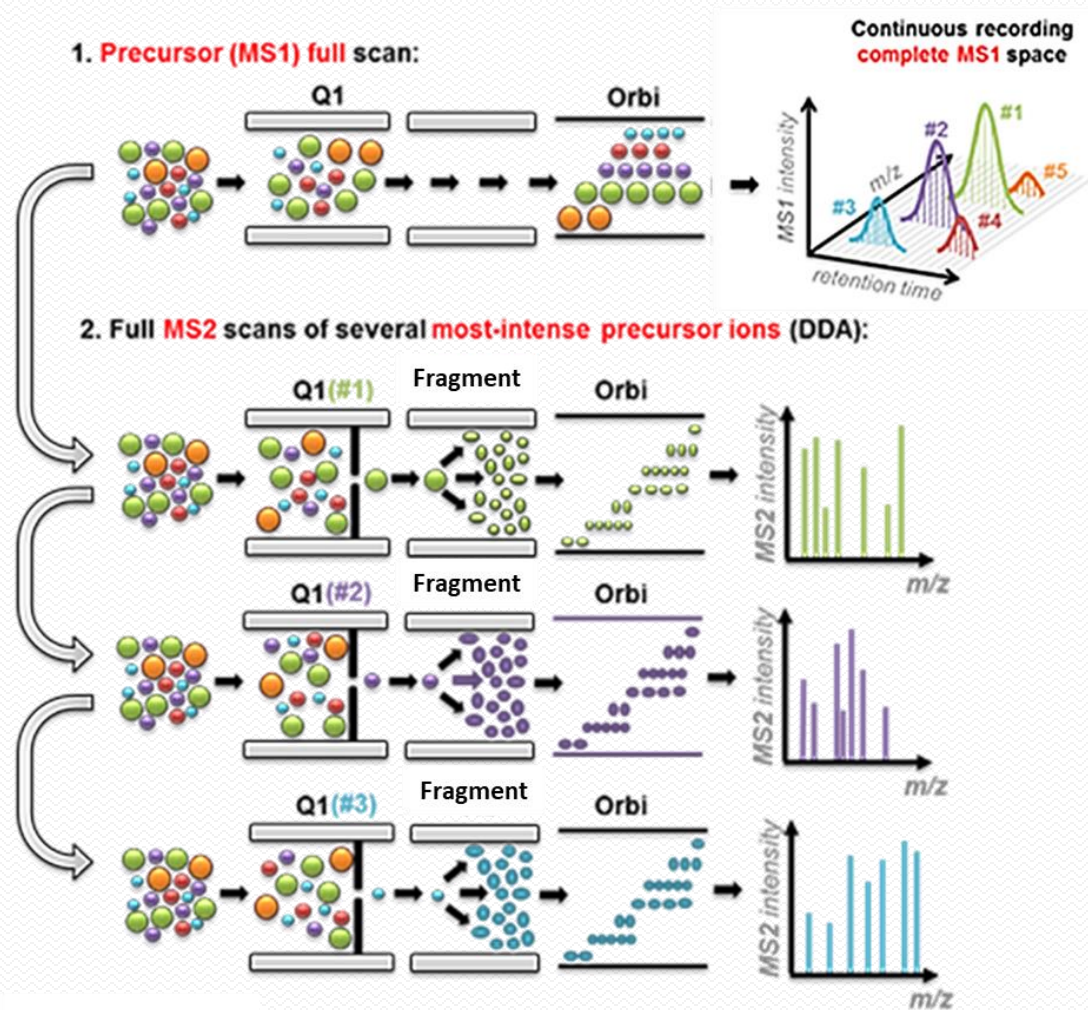
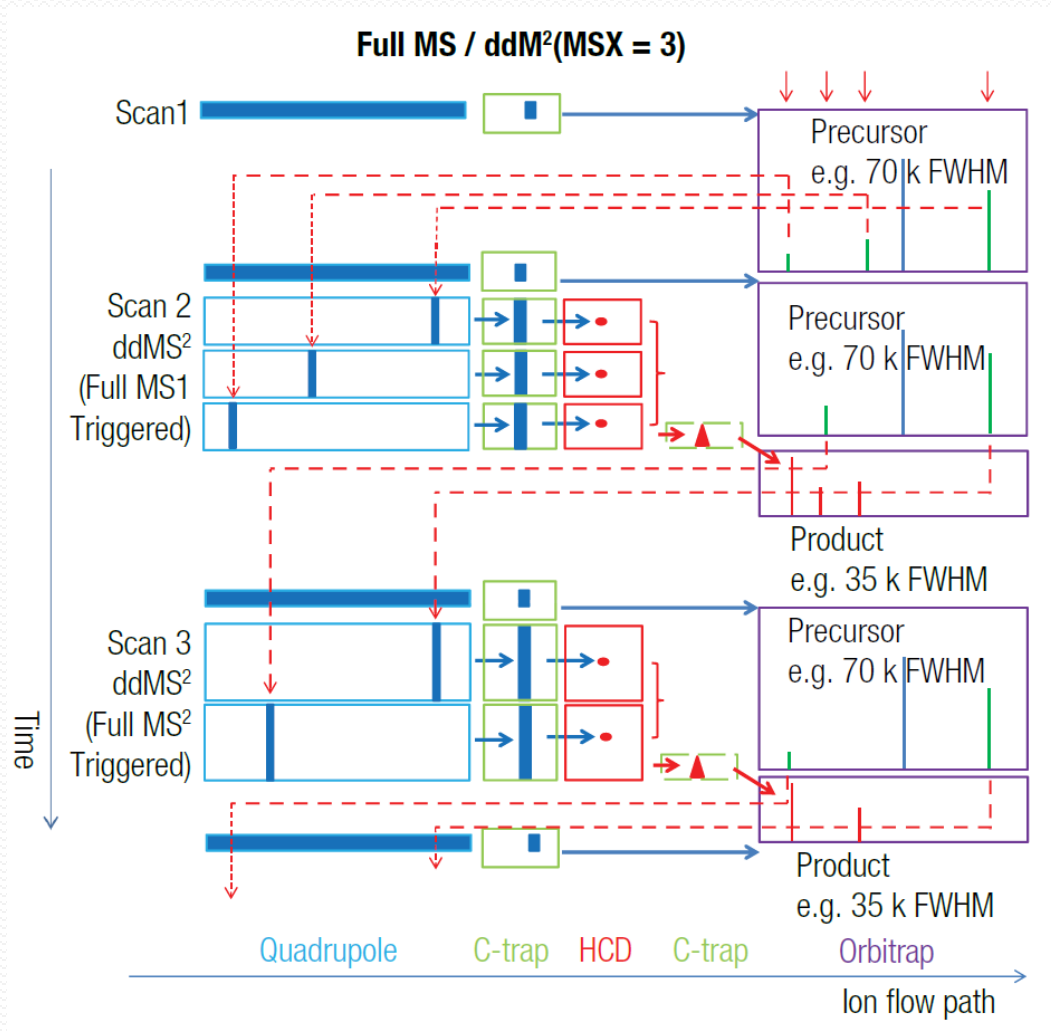
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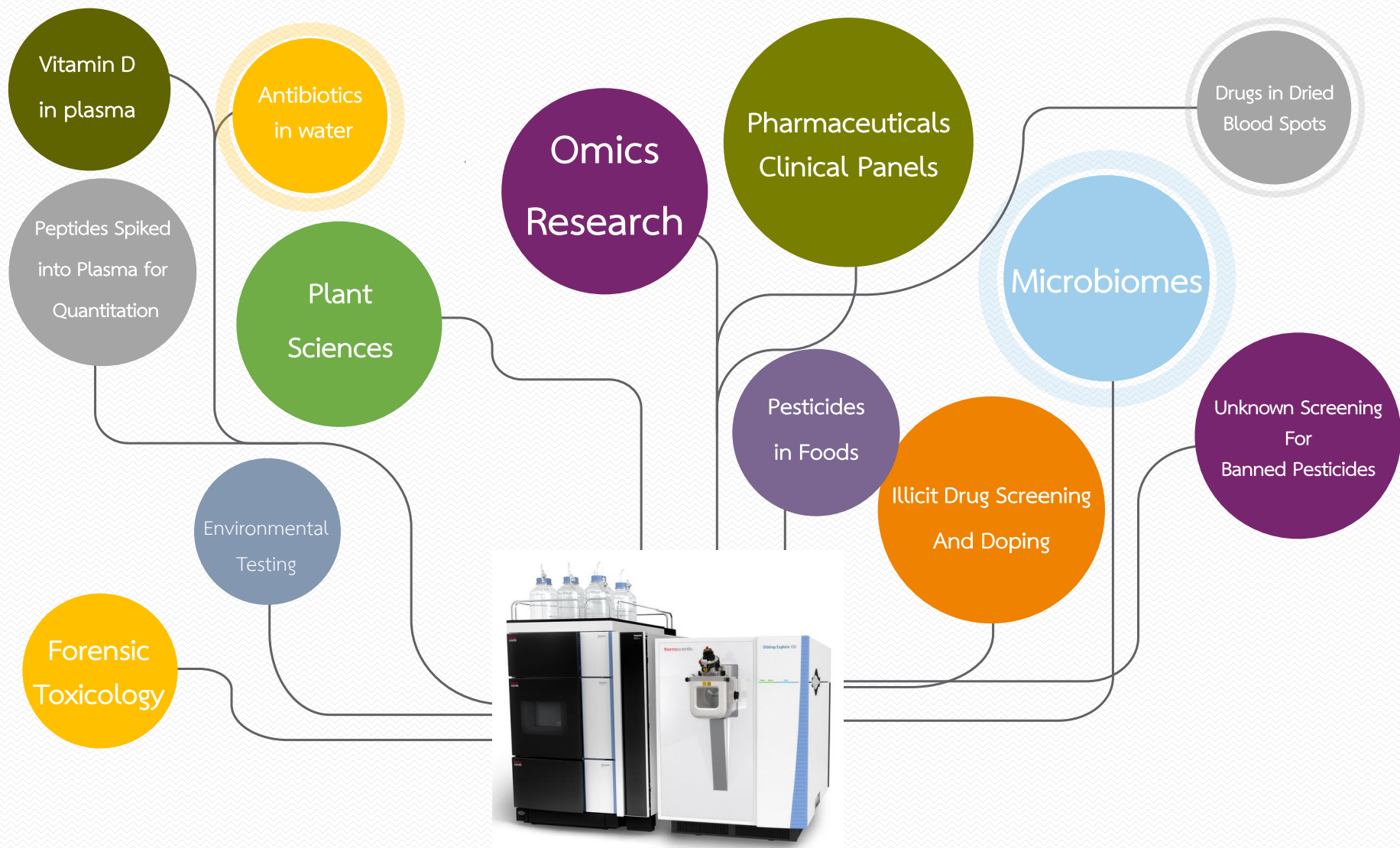
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Scan Type	Isolation Range	Detection Range
Full Scan	m/z 100–1000	m/z 100–1000
vDIA	m/z 100–205	m/z 50–205
vDIA	m/z 195–305	m/z 50–305
vDIA	m/z 295–405	m/z 50–405
vDIA	m/z 395–505	m/z 50–505
vDIA	m/z 495–1000	m/z 67–1000

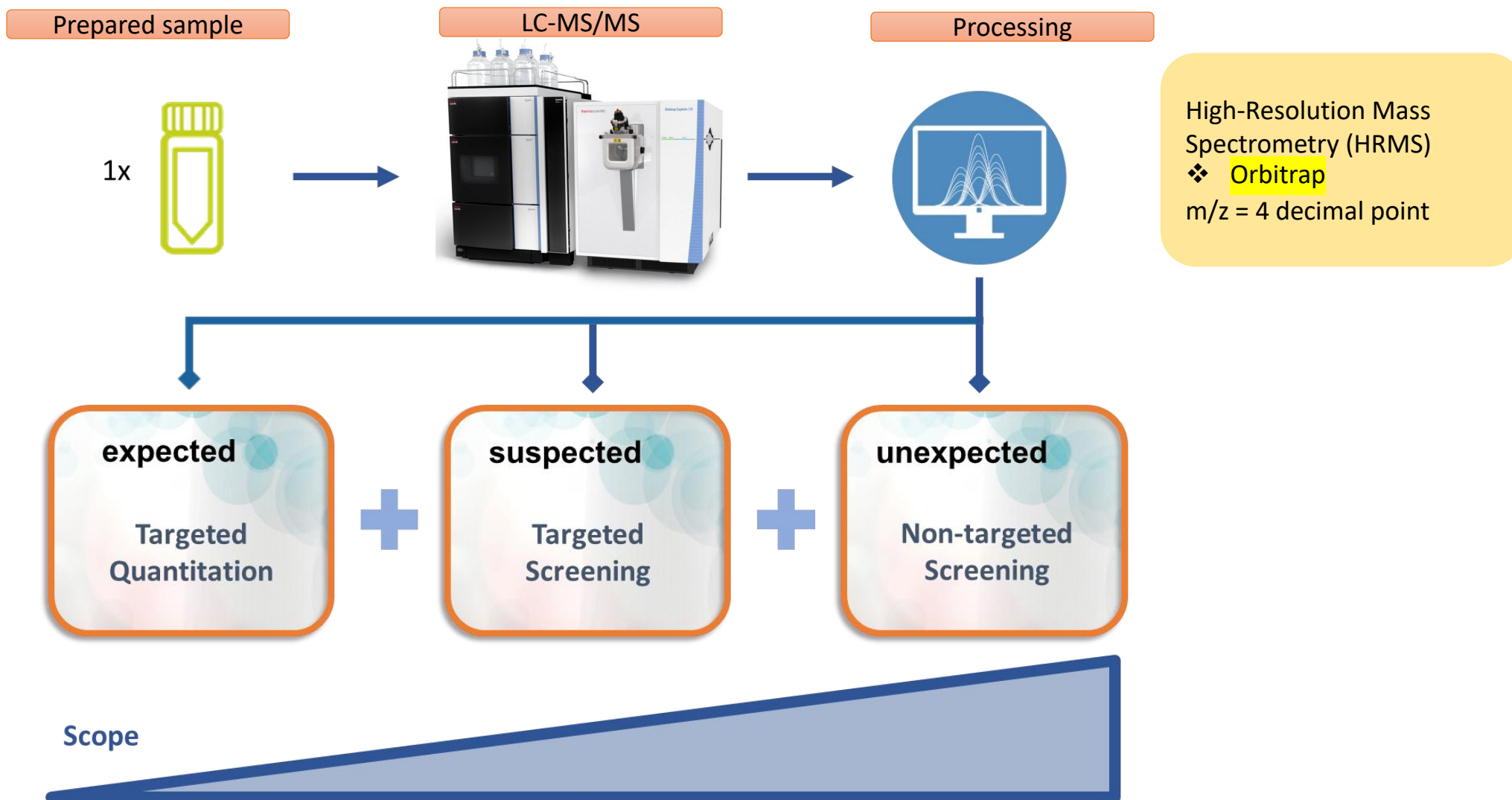
DDA: Data Dependent Acquisition (ddMS²)



Orbitrap Applications Universe



System Main Workflows



Fast LC-HRAM-MS quantification of 36 antidepressants in human plasma using the Orbitrap Exploris 120 mass spectrometer for clinical research



Samples preparation

Samples of 50 μ L plasma
 \downarrow
 protein precipitated using 100 μ L acetonitrile containing the internal standards
 \downarrow
 vortex-mixed and kept at room temperature for 5 min.
 \downarrow
 vortex-mixed again
 \downarrow
 centrifuged
 \downarrow
 The supernatant was transferred to a clean vial
 \downarrow
 2 μ L were injected onto the LC-MS system.

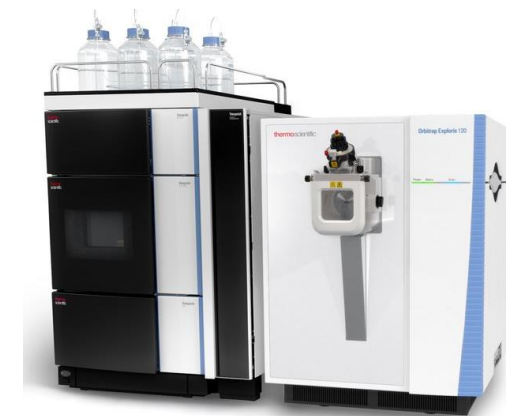
LC-HRMS Condition

Liquid chromatograph

Model: Vanquish Flex Binary UHPLC
 Mobile phase A: 5 mM ammonium formate + 0.1% formic acid in water
 Mobile phase B: 5 mM ammonium formate + 0.1% formic acid in methanol
 Column: Thermo Scientific™ Hypersil GOLD™ Phenyl
 2.1 \times 100 mm (1.9 μ m)
 Column temperature: 40 $^{\circ}$ C
 Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min.
 Run time: 6.5 min

Mass Spectrometer

Model: Orbitrap Exploris 120
 Acquisition mode: Full Scan
 Resolution: 60,000
 Scan range: 100–500 m/z
 Ionization mode: HESI, positive



Targeted Quantitation

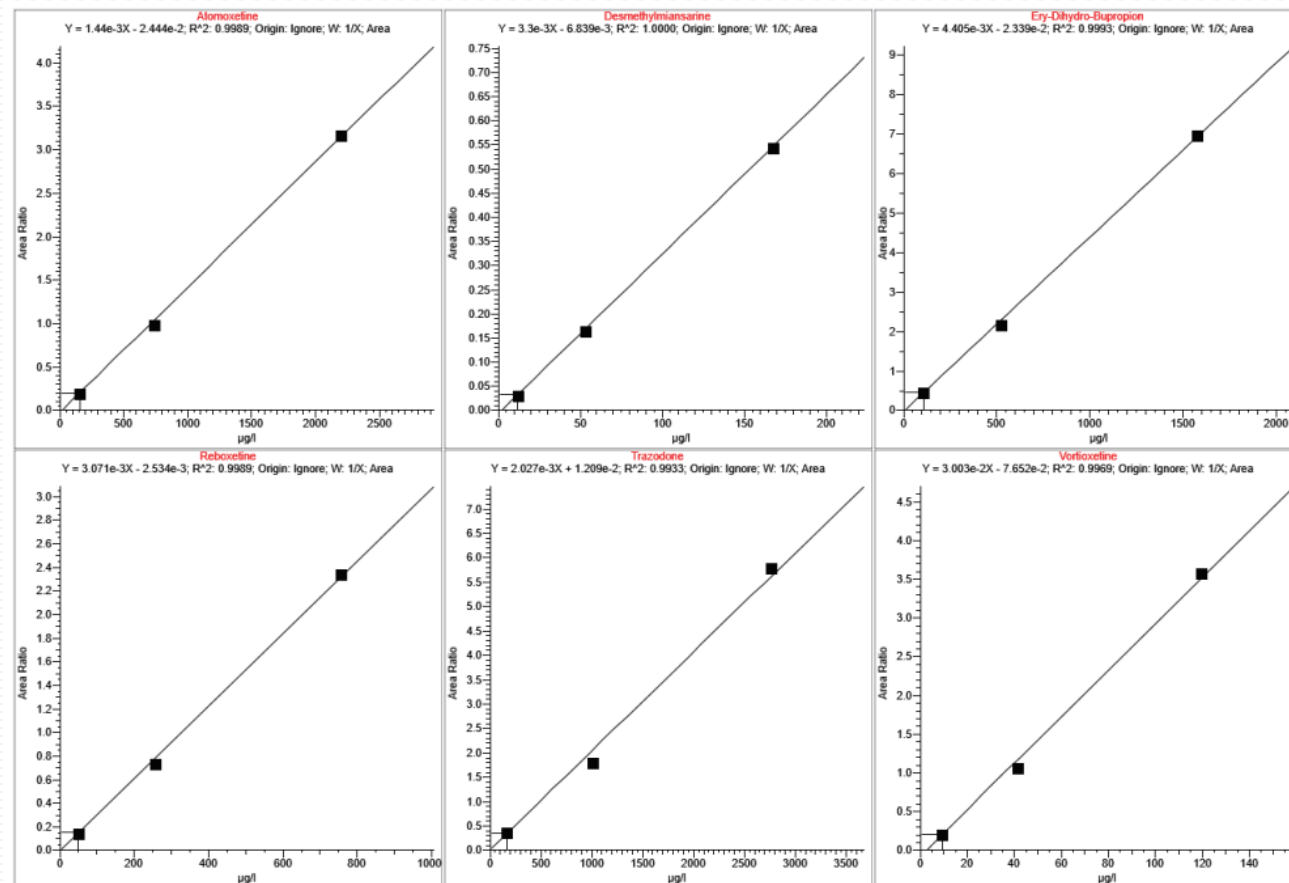
Compound name	Formula	Exact mass [M+H] ⁺ (m/z)	Internal standard name	Exact mass [M+H] ⁺ (m/z)
Agomelatine	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ NO ₂	244.1332	Agomelatine-d ₃	247.1520
Atomoxetine	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ NO	256.1696	Atomoxetine-d ₃	259.1884
Bupropion	C ₁₃ H ₁₈ CINO	240.1150	Bupropion-d ₉	249.1715
Citalopram	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ FN ₂ O	325.1711	Citalopram-d ₆	331.2087
Clomethiazole	C ₆ H ₈ CINS	162.0139	Threo-Dihydrobupropion-d ₉	251.1871
Desmethylcitalopram	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ FN ₂ O	311.1554	Desmethylcitalopram-d ₃	314.1743
Desmethylfluoxetine	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ F ₃ NO	296.1257	Desmethylfluoxetine-d ₅	301.1571
Desmethylmiansarine	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ N ₂	251.1543	Reboxetine-d ₅	319.2065
Desmethylmirtazapine	C ₁₆ H ₁₇ N ₃	252.1495	Mirtazapine-d ₃	269.1840
Desmethylsertraline	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ Cl ₂ N	292.0654	Desmethylsertraline-d ₄	296.0905
Dosulepin	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ NS	296.1468	Dosulepin-d ₃	299.1656
Duloxetine	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ NOS	298.1260	Duloxetine-d ₇	305.1700
Ery-dihydro-bupropion	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ CINO	242.1306	Threo-Dihydrobupropion-d ₉	251.1871
Fluoxetine	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ F ₃ NO	310.1413	Fluoxetine-d ₅	315.1727
Fluvoxamine	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂	319.1628	Fluvoxamine-d ₃	322.1816
Guanfacine	C ₉ H ₉ Cl ₂ N ₃ O	246.0195	Tramadol-d ₆	270.2335
Hydroxybupropion	C ₁₃ H ₁₈ CINO ₂	256.1099	Hydroxybupropion-d ₆	262.1475
Methylphenidate	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ NO ₂	234.1489	Methylphenidate-d ₉	243.2054
Mianserin	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ N ₂	265.1699	Mianserin-d ₃	268.1888
Milnacipran	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ N ₂ O	247.1805	Milnacipran-d ₁₀	257.2433
Mirtazapine	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ N ₃	266.1652	Mirtazapine-d ₃	269.1840
Moclobemide	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ CIN ₂ O ₂	269.1051	Moclobemide-d ₈	277.1554

Examples of targeted compounds, internal standards, chemical formulas, and exact masses of the protonated ion [M+H]⁺

Targeted Quantitation

Compound name	Retention time (min)	Concentration (µg/L)		
		L1	L2	L3
Agomelatine	3.76	5.09	122	727
Atomoxetine	3.46	151	738	2190
Bupropion	2.36	11.6	54.1	157
Citalopram	3.28	16.5	86.4	259
Clomethiazole	2.75	146	2011	6773
Desmethylcitalopram	3.29	18.5	94.9	279
Desmethylfluoxetine	3.84	42.7	214	656
Desmethylmiansaraine	3.19	11.8	52.7	167
Desmethylmirtazapine	2.26	13.2	65.0	197
Desmethylsertraline	4.09	12.4	62.5	191
Dosulepin	3.72	16.8	83.3	244
Duloxetine	3.79	18.5	92.5	284
Ery-dihydro-bupropion	2.54	105	520	1568
Fluoxetine	3.84	37.8	196	595
Fluvoxamine	3.73	34.9	185	558
Guanfacine	2.21	0.911	4.90	15.0
Hydroxybupropion	2.28	145	712	2045
Methylphenidate	2.17	3.80	18.4	51.8
Mianserin	3.18	10.3	55.0	168
Milnacipran	2.41	29.2	148	435
Mirtazapine	2.29	12.0	62.0	184
Moclobemide	2.00	156	841	2250
Nefazodone	4.14	34.9	176	491
O-Desmethyltramadol	1.78	83.8	422	1186
O-Desmethylvenlafaxine	1.98	37.4	189	554
Opipramol	3.73	41.5	205	611
Paroxetine	3.83	19.0	96.1	299
Reboxetine	3.42	48.0	254	753
Ritalinic acid	1.97	24.6	116	372
Sertraline	4.07	4.62	79.3	310
Tianeptine	3.49	10.2	54.5	163
Tramadol	2.10	84.5	414	1138
Tranlycypromine	3.84	7.20	36.4	108
Trazodone	2.99	161	1005	2752
Venlafaxine	2.51	22.9	120	369
Vortioxetine	4.08	8.96	41.1	119

The linearity was good for all compounds in the calibrated range, with a coefficient of determination (R^2) above 0.9932



Analyte	LLOQ (µg/L)
Agomelatine	0.509
Atomoxetine	15.1
Bupropion	1.16
Citalopram	1.65
Clomethiazole	48.7
Desmethylcitalopram	1.85
Desmethylfluoxetine	4.27
Desmethylmiansaraine	1.18
Desmethylmirtazapine	1.32
Desmethylsertraline	4.13
Dosulepin	1.68
Duloxetine	6.17
Ery-dihydro-bupropion	10.5
Fluoxetine	3.78
Fluvoxamine	3.49
Guanfacine	0.091
Hydroxybupropion	14.5
Methylphenidate	0.380

Analyte	LLOQ (µg/L)
Mianserin	1.03
Milnacipran	2.92
Mirtazapine	1.20
Moclobemide	15.6
Nefazodone	3.49
O-Desmethyltramadol	8.38
O-Desmethylvenlafaxine	3.74
Opipramol	4.15
Paroxetine	1.90
Reboxetine	4.80
Ritalinic acid	2.46
Sertraline	0.462
Tianeptine	1.02
Tramadol	8.45
Tranylcypromine	1.44
Trazodone	32.2
Venlafaxine	2.29
Vortioxetine	0.896

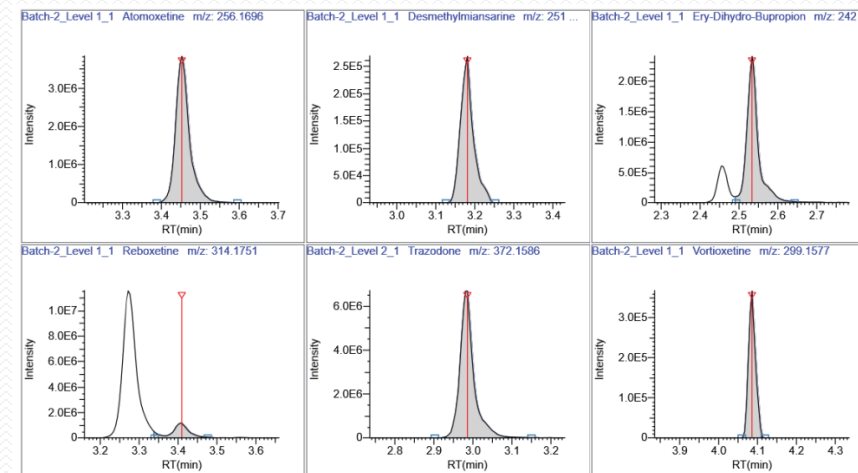


Figure 1. Representative chromatograms at the estimated LLOQ

Accuracy and precision

(QC samples (mean, n=5))

- intra-assay accuracy: 85.2-113.9%,
- intraassay precision: <6.5%
- inter-assay accuracy 89.2-114.8%
- inter-assay precision: <6.4%

The lowest concentration of the diluted calibrators that had a mean back-calculated accuracy within 80 to 120% and a precision (CV) better than 20% are presented in the table.

For all compounds, there is a possibility to extend the LLOQ below the lowest calibrator

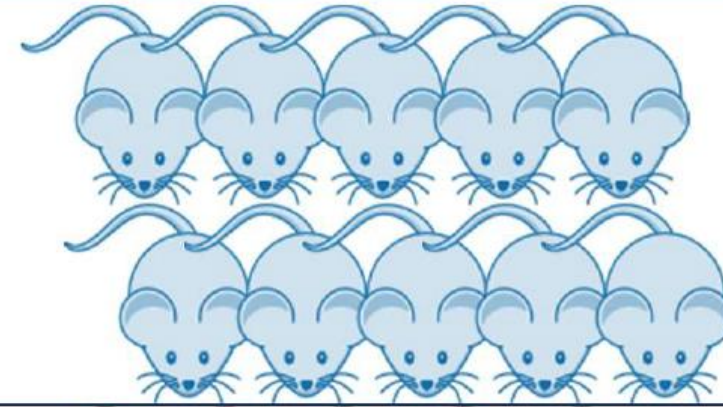
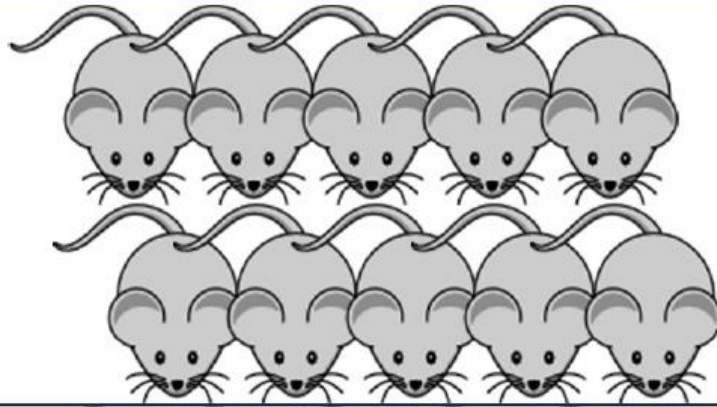
Metabolomics Case Study:

Metabolic alterations observed in plasma of mice fed high-fat diet

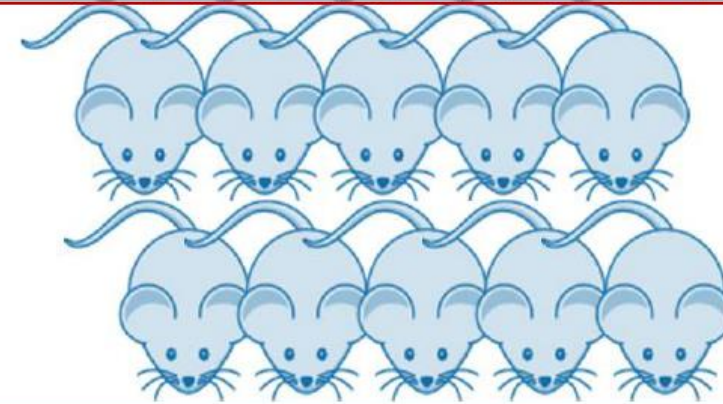
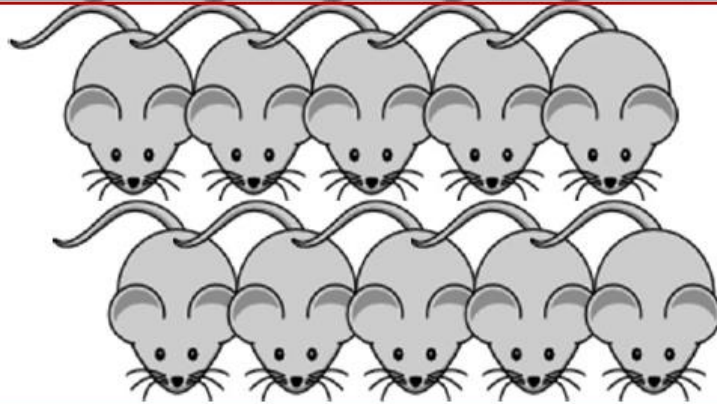
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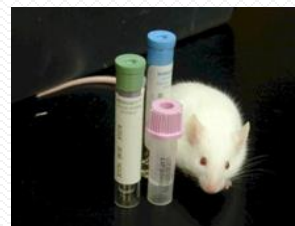
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Untargeted Metabolomics Workflow



Collect Plasma, Urine, Feces, Tissues, etc.



Sample Preparation



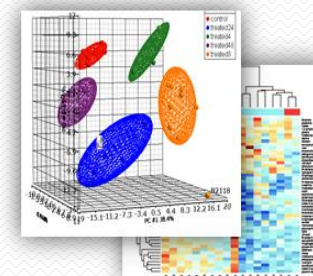
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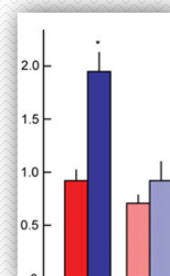
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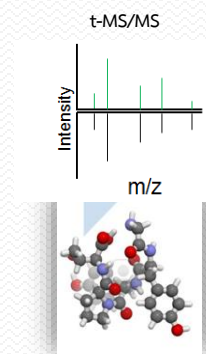
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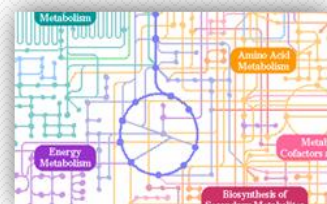
Statistical Analysis



Trends

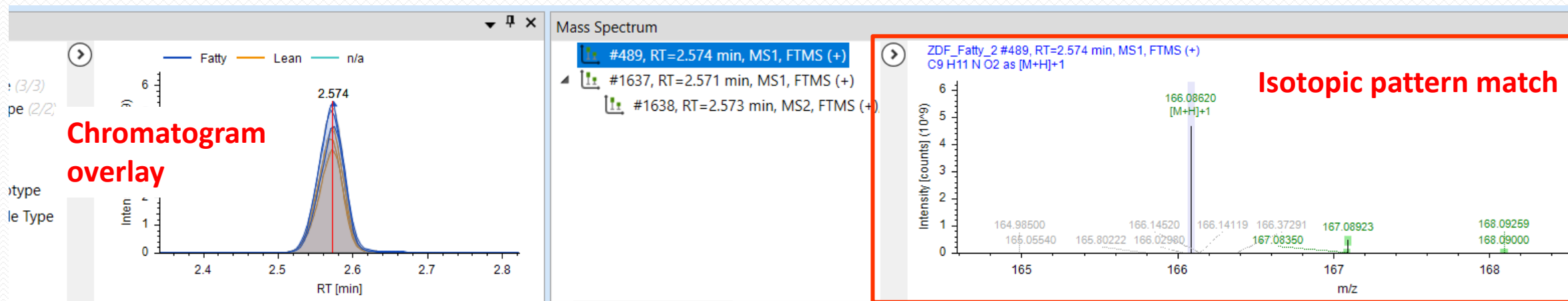


Metabolites



Pathways

Metabolic Pathway



Elemental composition

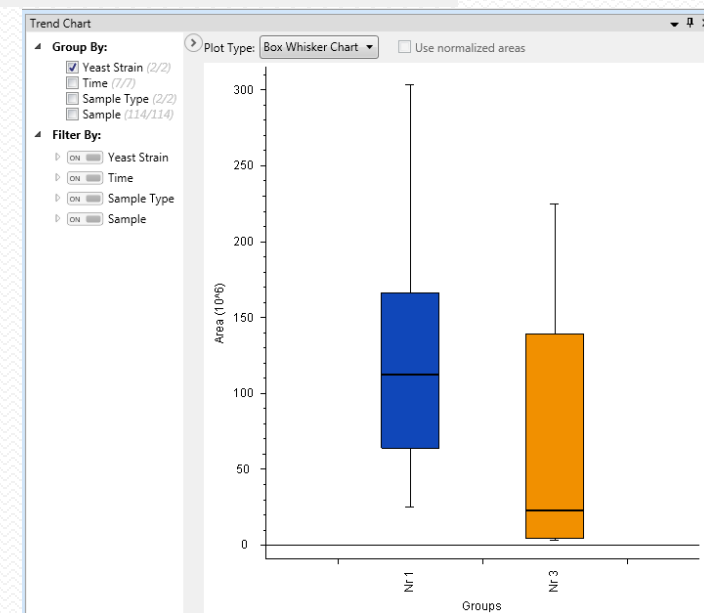
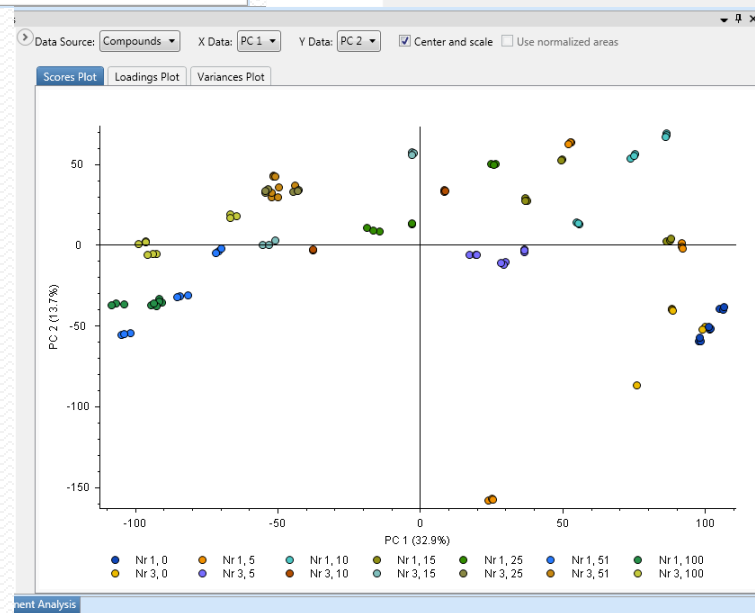
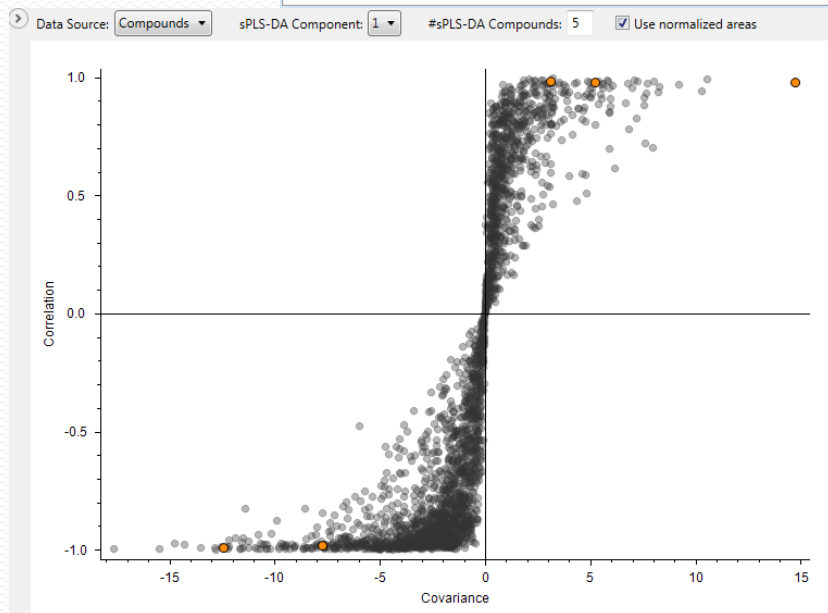
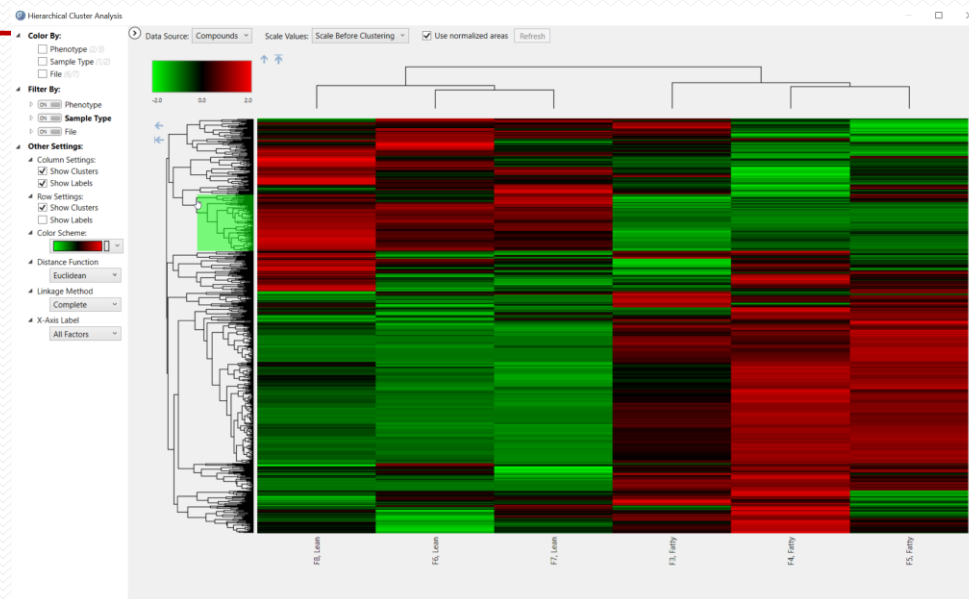
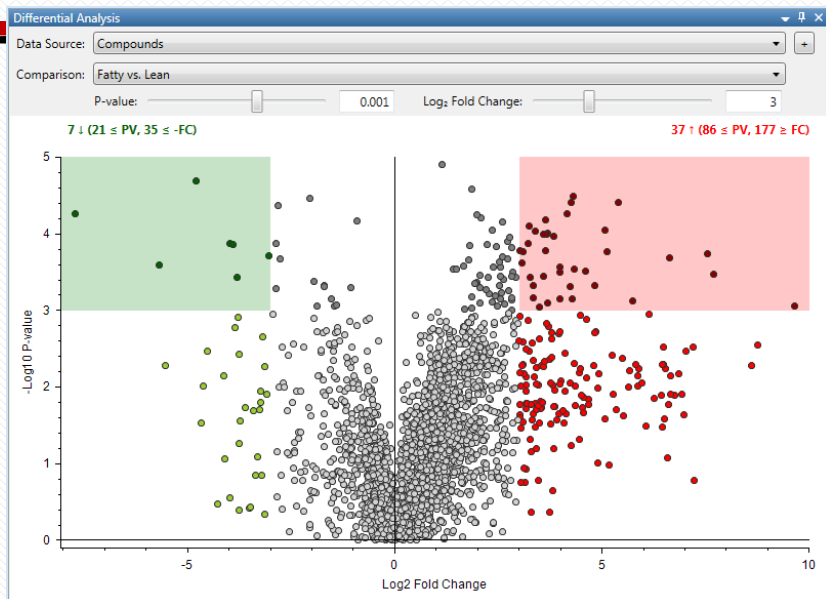
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DA9185000	C12 H10 O S	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	202.04498	0.834	20360836859	1		■	1.86e10 4.37e9	25 35	4.270	2.09
L-Norleucine	C6 H13 N O2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	131.09453	2.009	17671595759	18	99.7	■	1.67e10 9.63e9	17 11	1.739	0.80
Betaine	C5 H11 N O2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	117.07877	0.862	17227484266	14	98.5	■	1.70e10 1.61e10	17 11	1.056	0.08
D-(+)-Tryptophan	C11 H12 N2 O2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	204.08974	3.113	14935877741	12	99.2	■	1.18e10 1.41e10	2 9	0.838	-0.26
Creatine	C4 H9 N3 O2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	131.06929	0.895	13731682864	2	99.9	■	1.35e10 4.24e9	20 17	3.178	1.67
L-Phenylalanine	C9 H11 N O2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	165.07892	2.573	13086972275	17	100.0	■	1.26e10 9.64e9	9 9	1.304	0.38
L-Tyrosine	C9 H11 N O3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	181.07382	1.620	12173763807	18	99.5	■	8.37e9 1.10e10	22 8	0.763	-0.39
Creatinine	C4 H7 N3 O	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	113.05880	0.921	11284215174	2	99.3	■	1.08e10 6.67e9	14 11	1.619	0.70

Comparative study

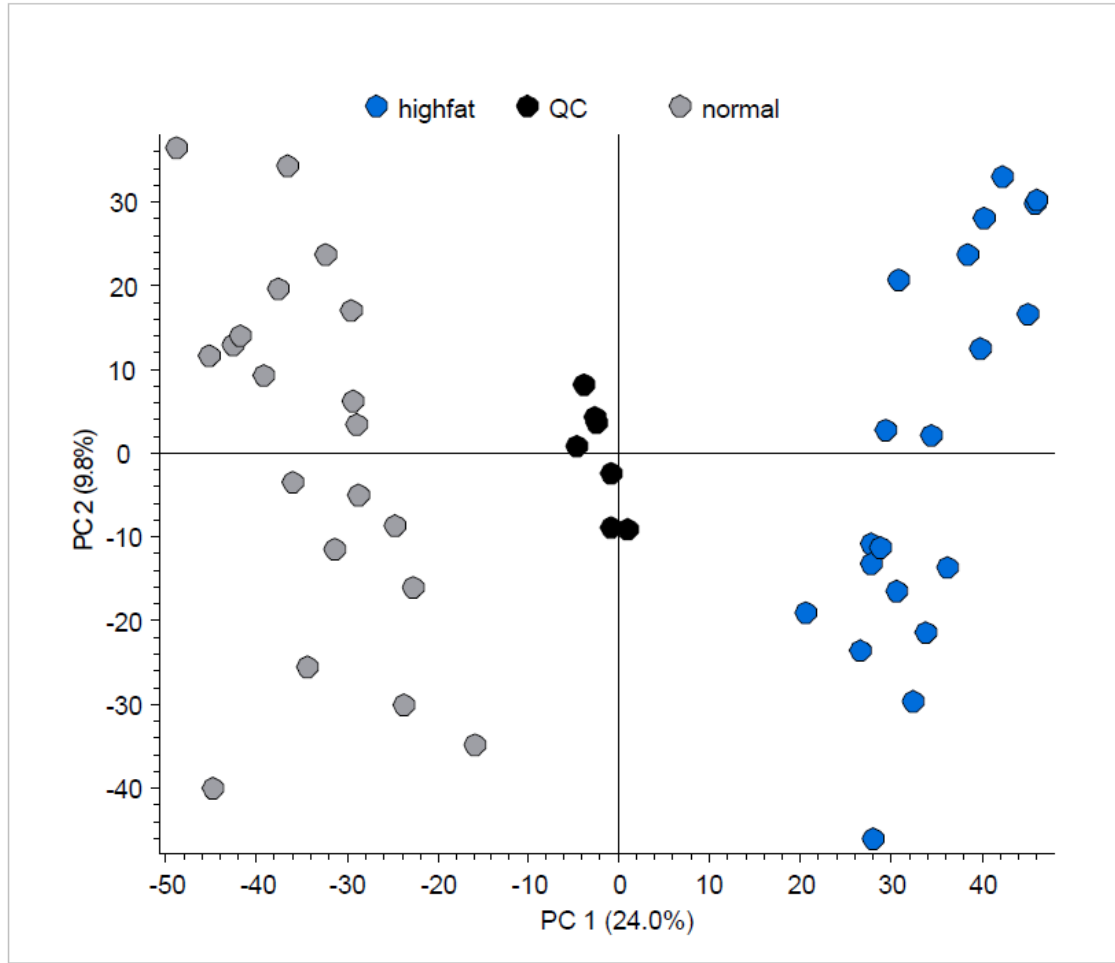
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Compound Match	Formula	Molecular Weight	ΔMass [Da]	ΔMass [ppm]	RDBE	H/C	Rank	# Matched Iso.	# Missed Iso.	# Matched Frag.	SFit [%]	Pattern Cov. [%]	MS Cov. [%]	MSMS Cov. [%]
■	C9 H11 N O2	165.07898	-0.00006	-0.38	5.0	1.2	1	5	0	10	57	100.00	100.00	99.45

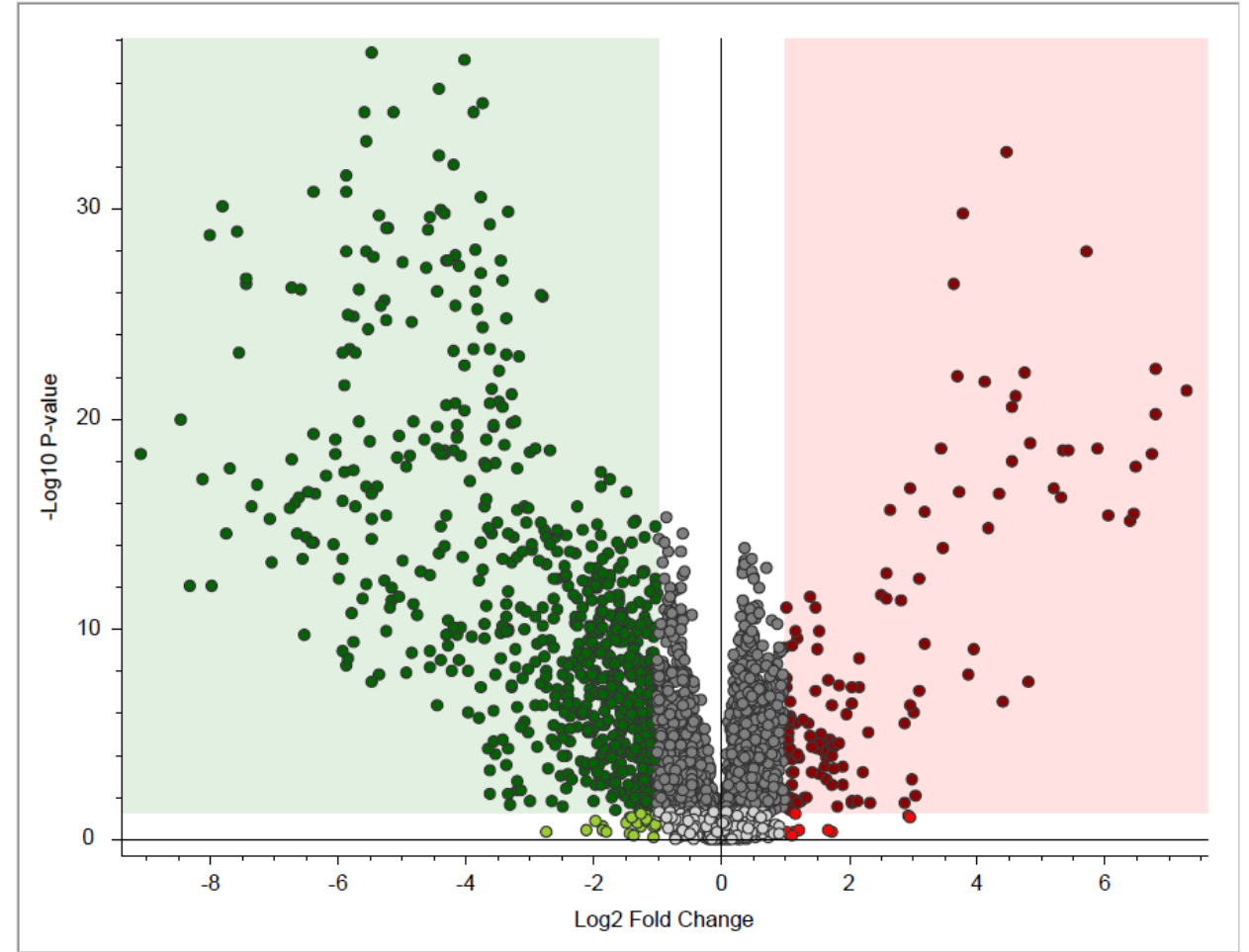
Compound Discoverer Software: Statistics



Differential Analysis



PCA plot



Volcano plot



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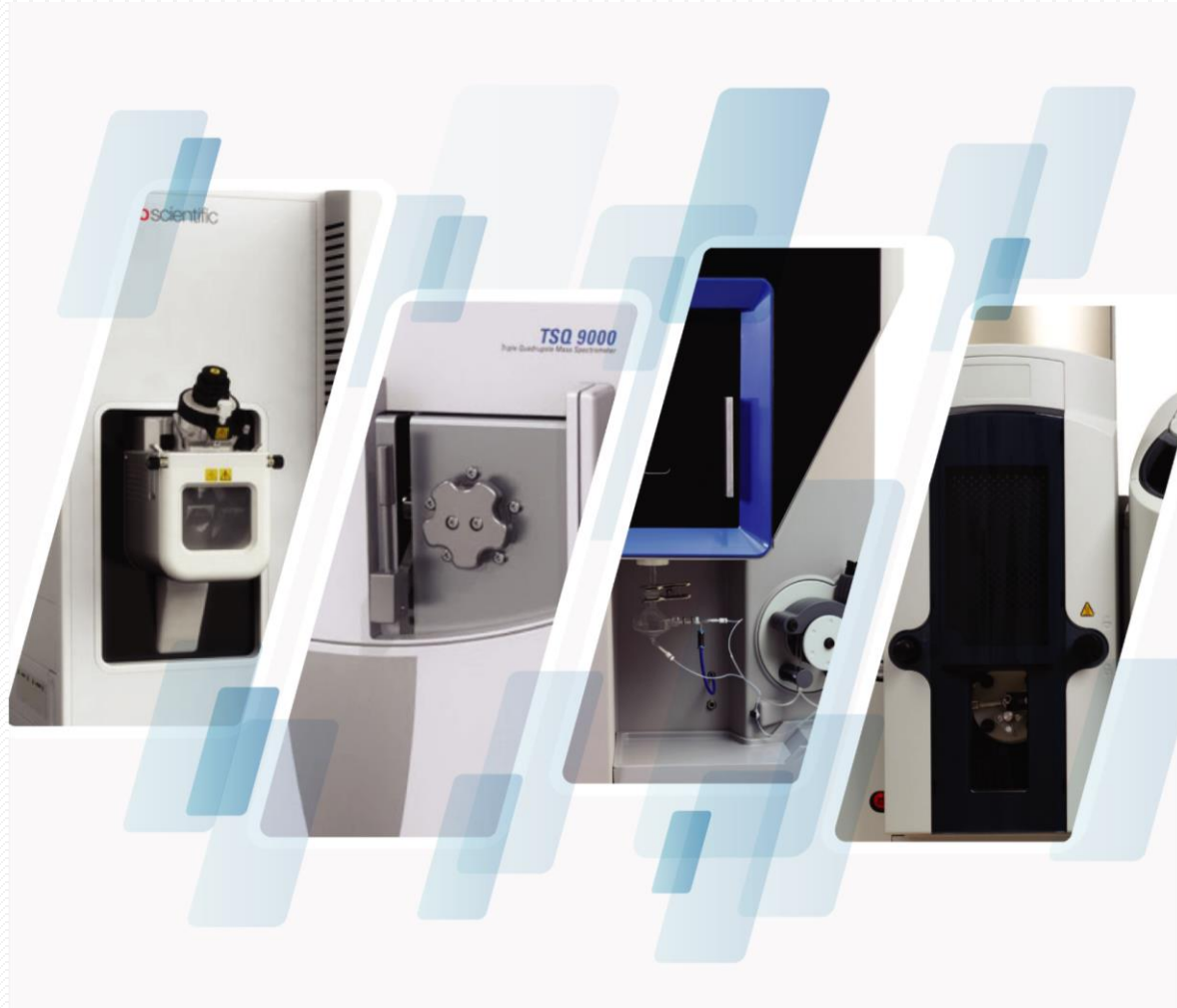
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