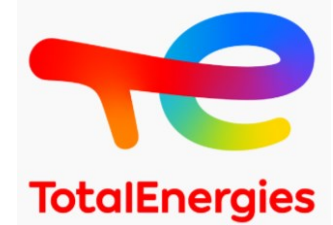


# THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP OF IMS AND FTICR MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR COMPLEX MIXTURES ANALYSIS

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Context

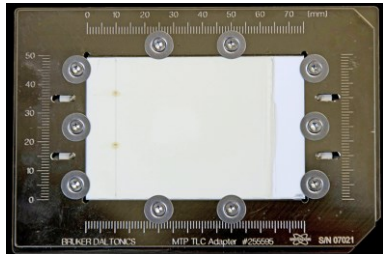


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- Complex mixture analysis
  - Requires high peak capacity
  - Post-ionization separation
    - 1 dimension: ultra-high resolution
    - 2 dimensions: ion mobility coupling



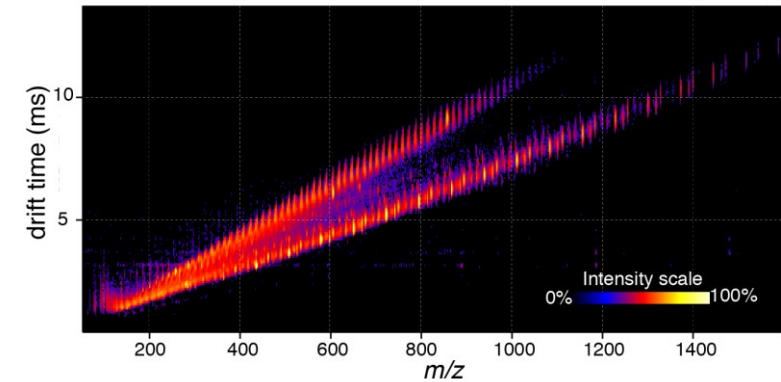
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# Highly Complex organic mixtures



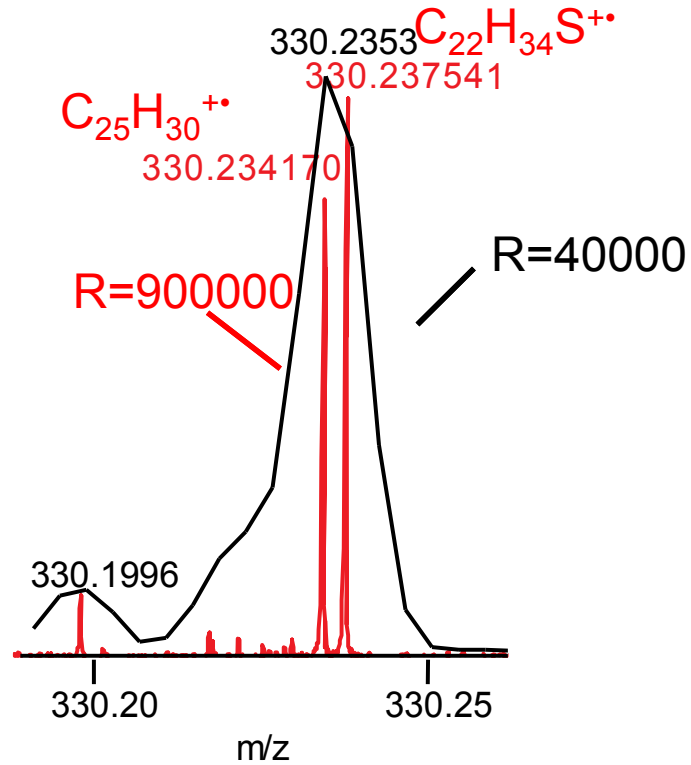
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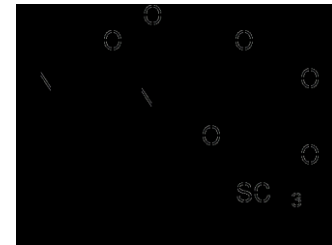




# Complex mixture analysis and resolving power



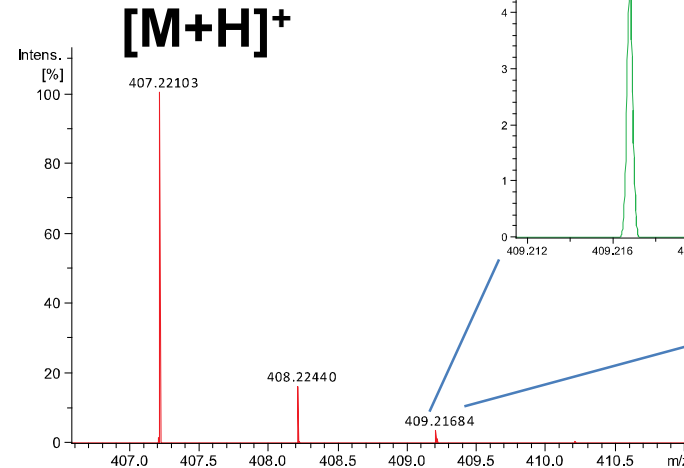
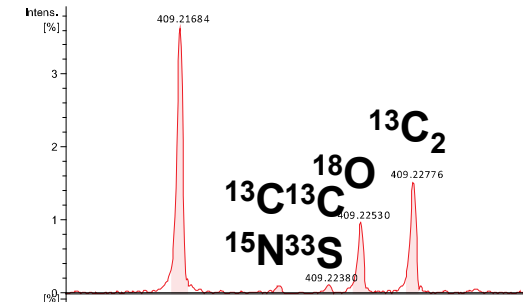
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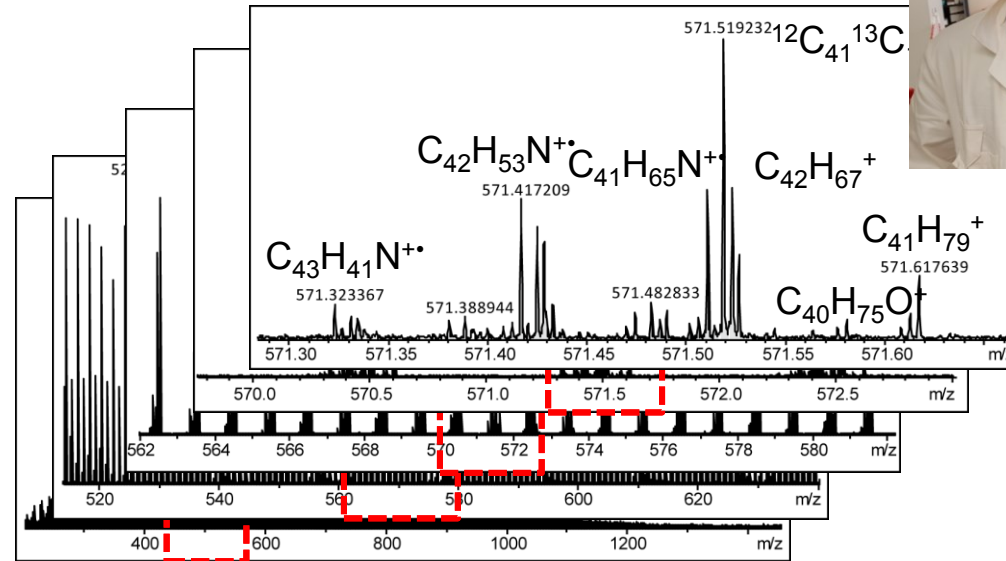
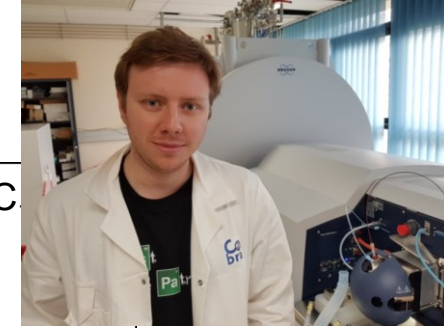
Lincomycin  
( $C_{18}H_{34}N_2OS$ )

$^{34}S$

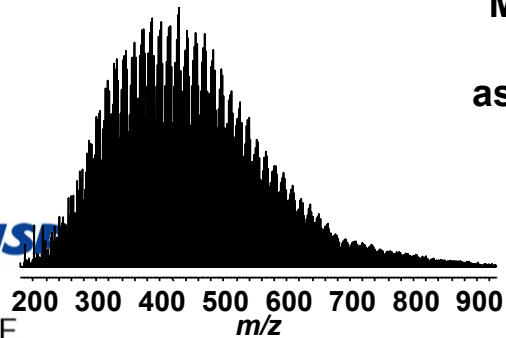
$R: 1.3 \cdot 10^6$



$C_{18}H_{35}N_2O_6S$



**Crude Oil**

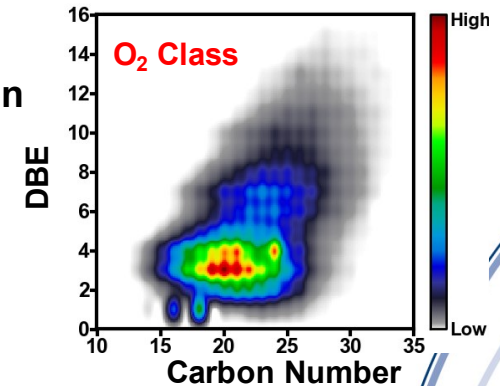


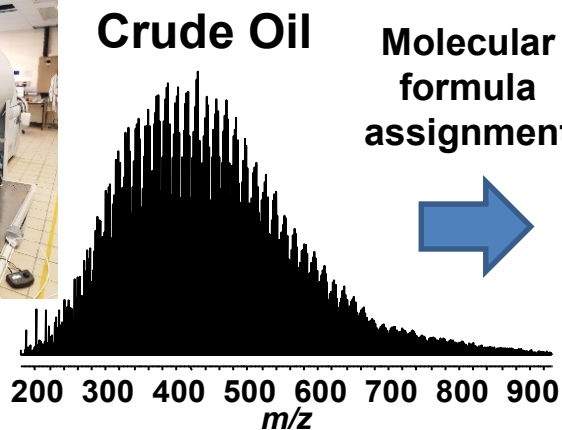
**Molecular  
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assignment**



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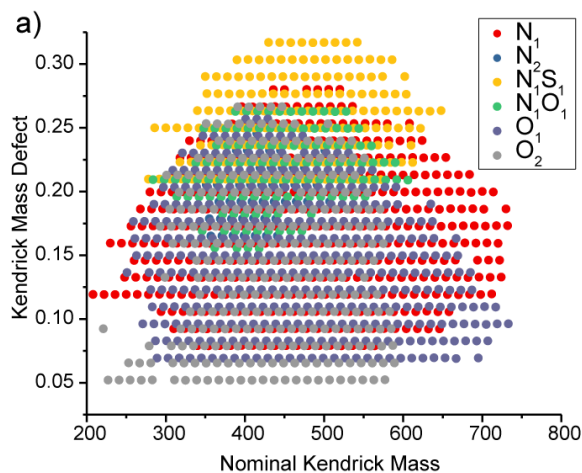
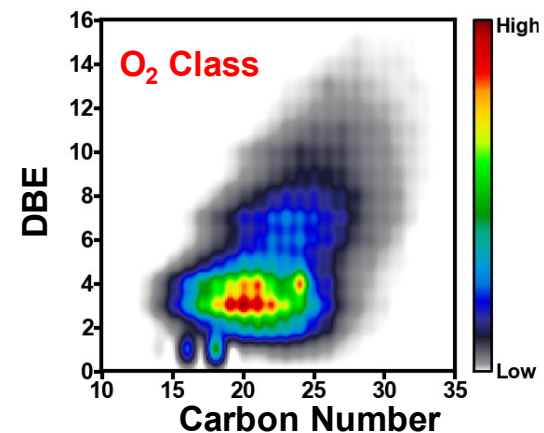
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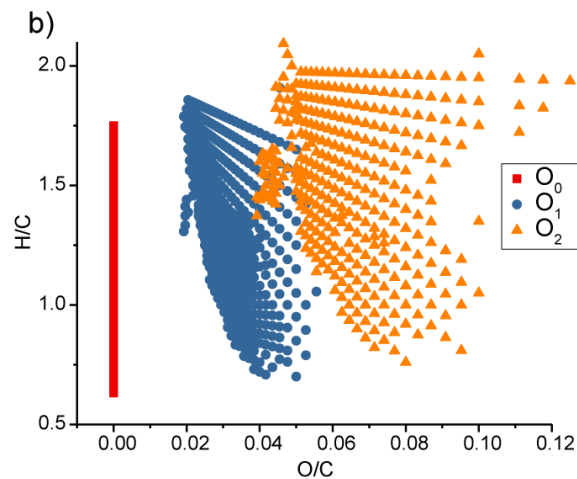


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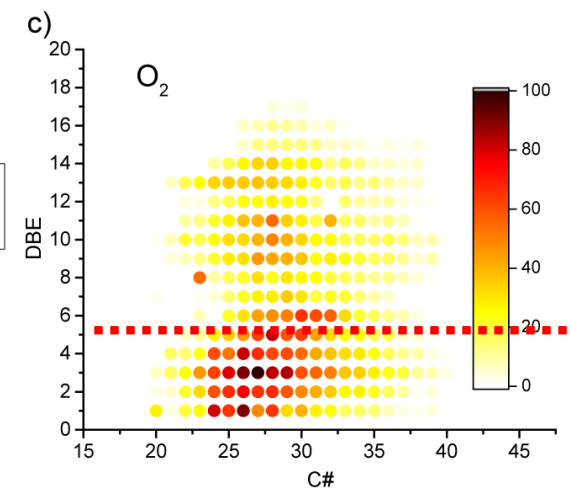
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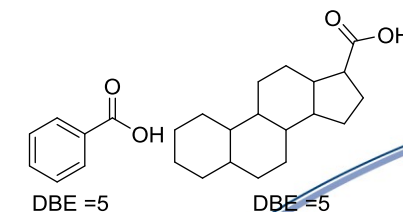
Kendrick Diagram



van Krevelen Diagram



DBE vs C#

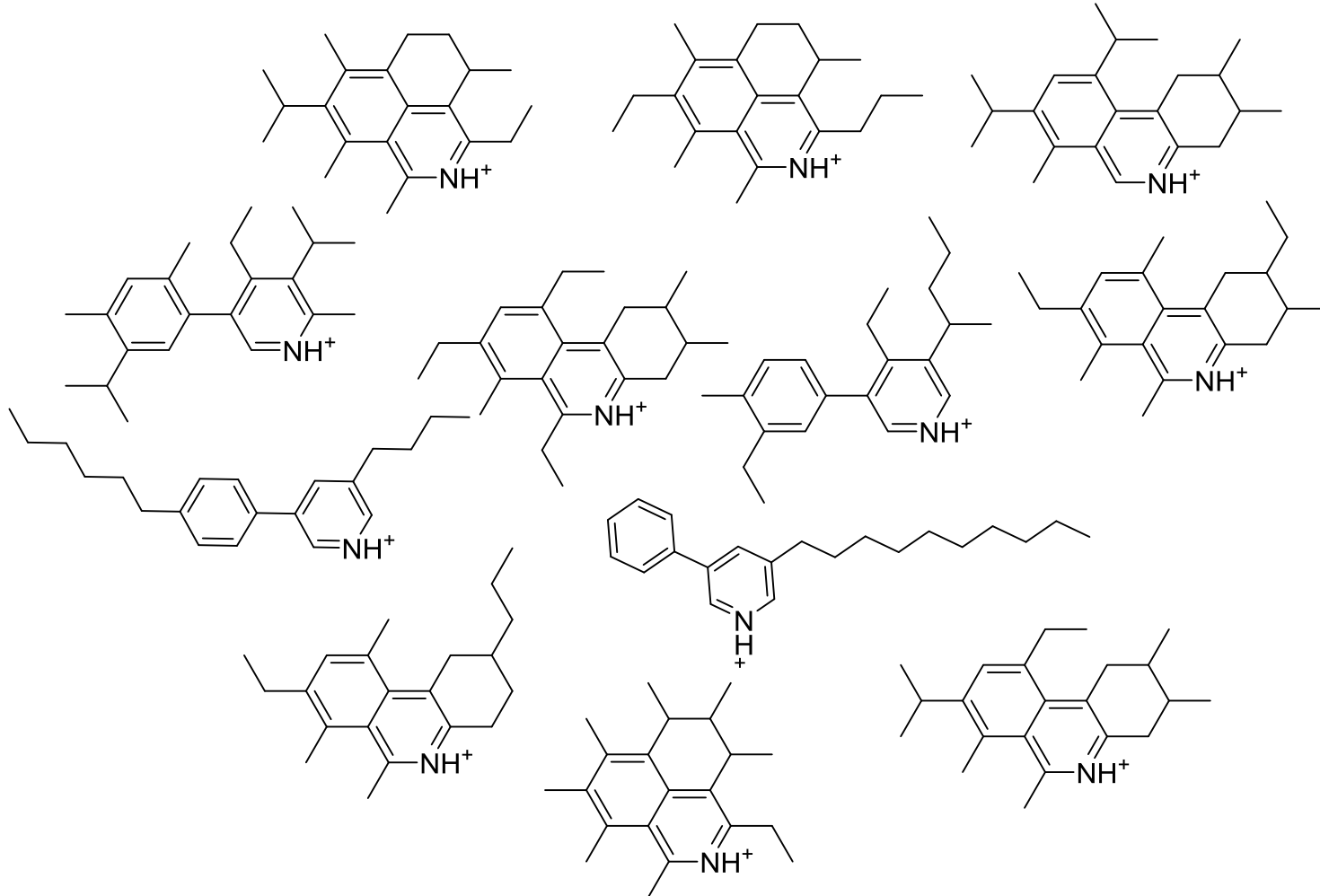




*m/z* 310.25293  
Molecular Formula:  $C_{22}H_{32}N^+$

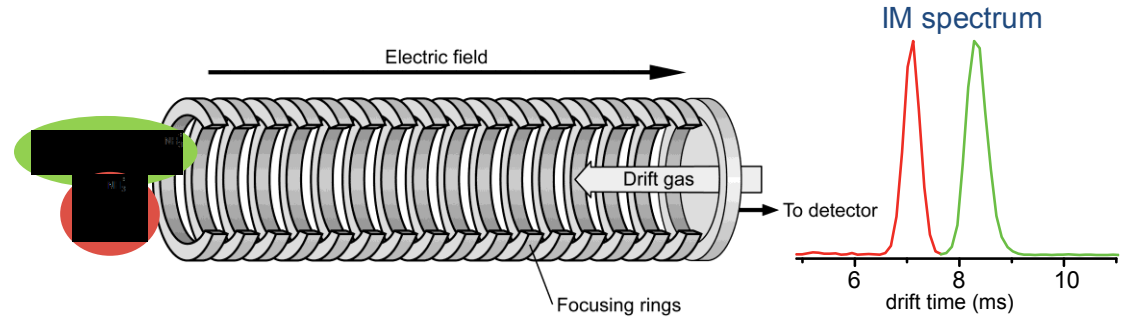
Isomers

Many structural formulas

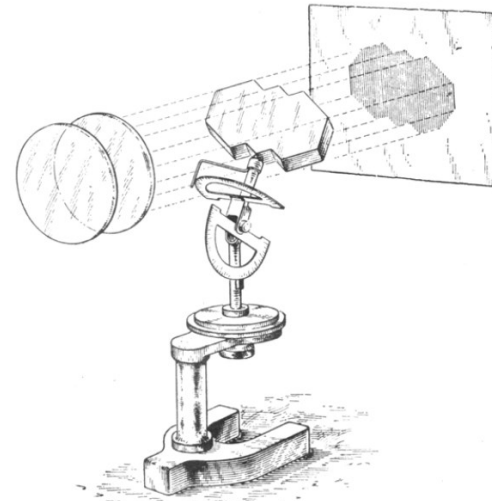


- separation based on size and shape
  - drift time (1-30 ms)
  - access to collision cross section (CCS)
    - intrinsic property of the ion
    - predictable
- IMS-MS coupling
  - 2D separation
  - information on isomers
  - coupling with TOF  
(acquisition in  $\mu\text{s}$  range)

## Structural information with IMS



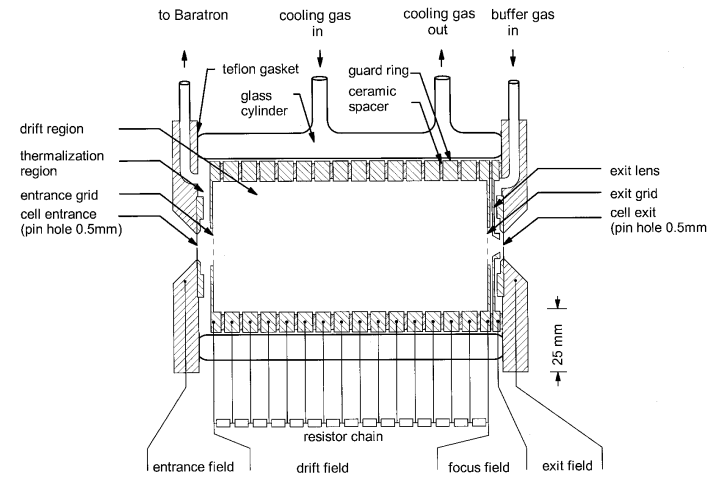
$$v_d = K \square E$$



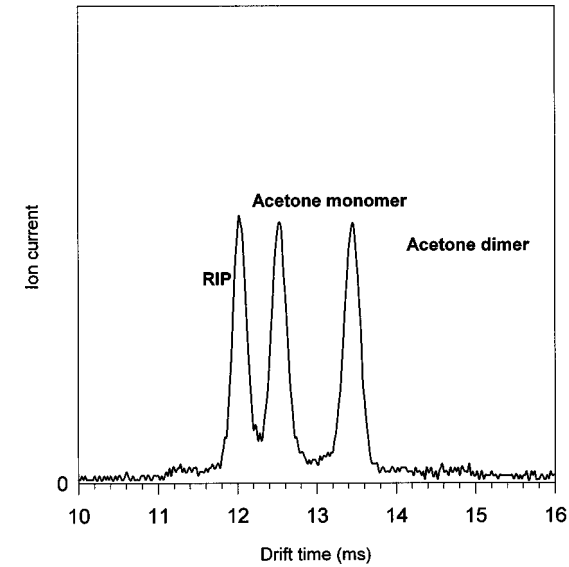
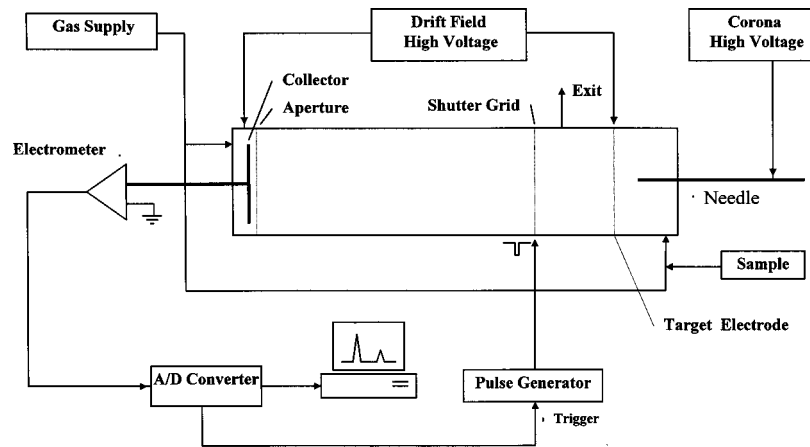
Edward Mack, Jr, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1925, 47, 2468

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{exp}}}{z} = \left( \frac{3}{16N} \right) \left( \frac{2\pi}{\mu kT} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{e}{K} \right)$$

- A very simple instrument
  - Uniform field
  - Atmospheric pressure
  - Cortana discharge ionization

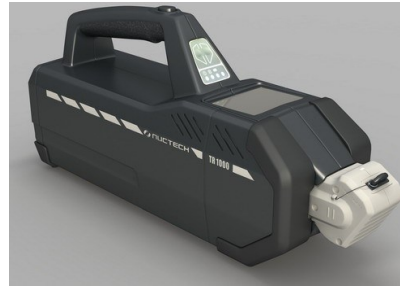


*P. Weis et al./Int. J. Mass Spectrom. 216 (2002) 59–73*





## Home land security

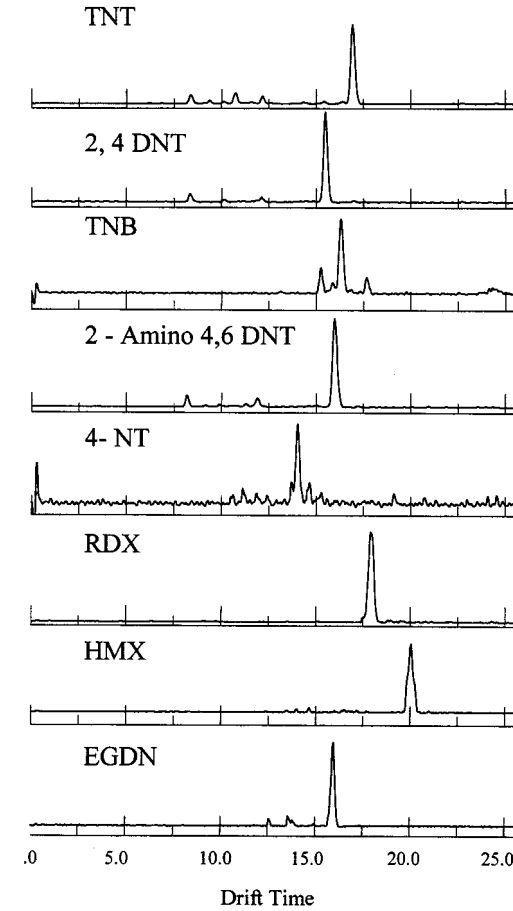
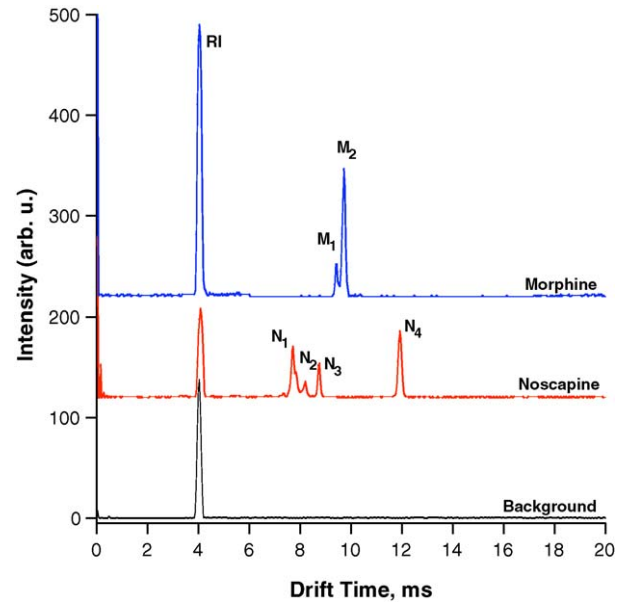


TR1000 Handheld Explosive Trace Detector

## Portable IMS

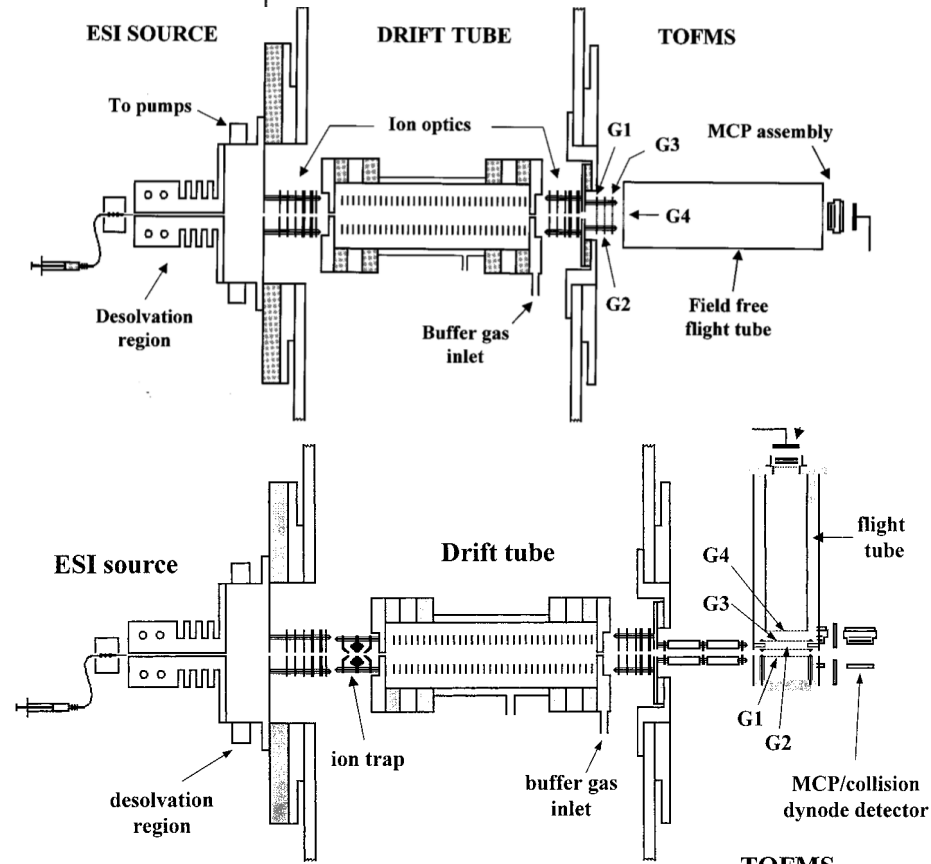
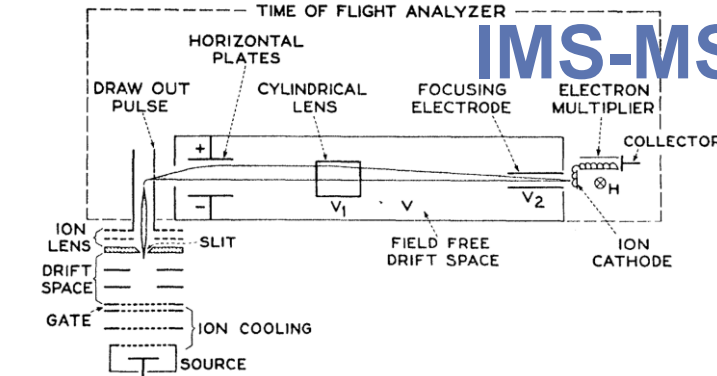


Smiths Detection (Ionscan 400B)



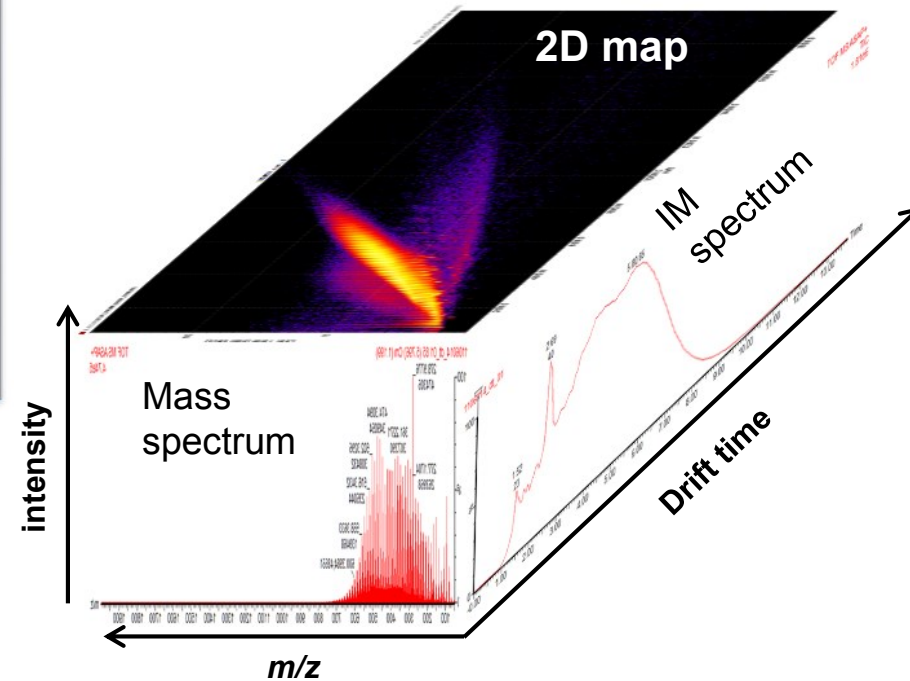
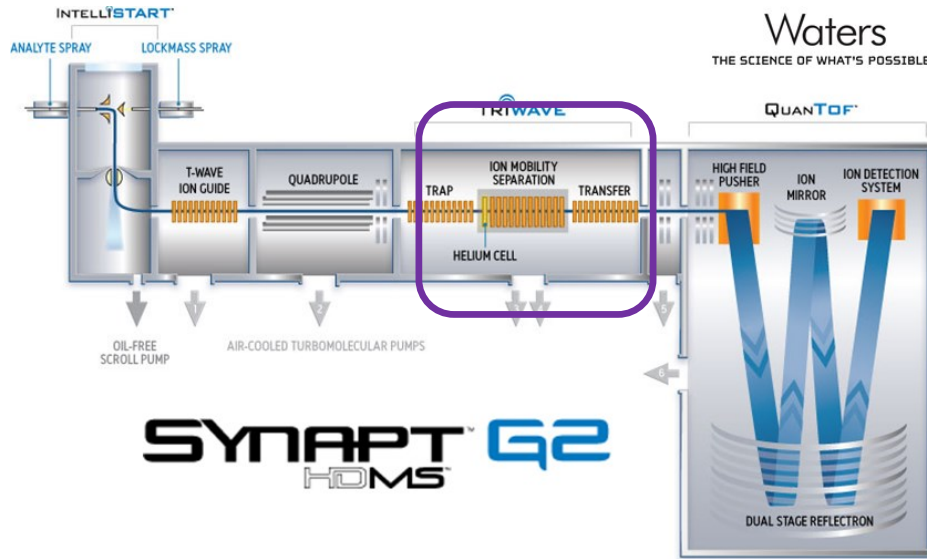
# IMS-MS coupling

- IMS separation
  - <100 ms
- Fast mass analyzer
  - TOF
- First IM-MS
  - McKnight 1967
  - Ion/molecules reactions
  - Reintroduced in 1998-1999
    - David Clemmer



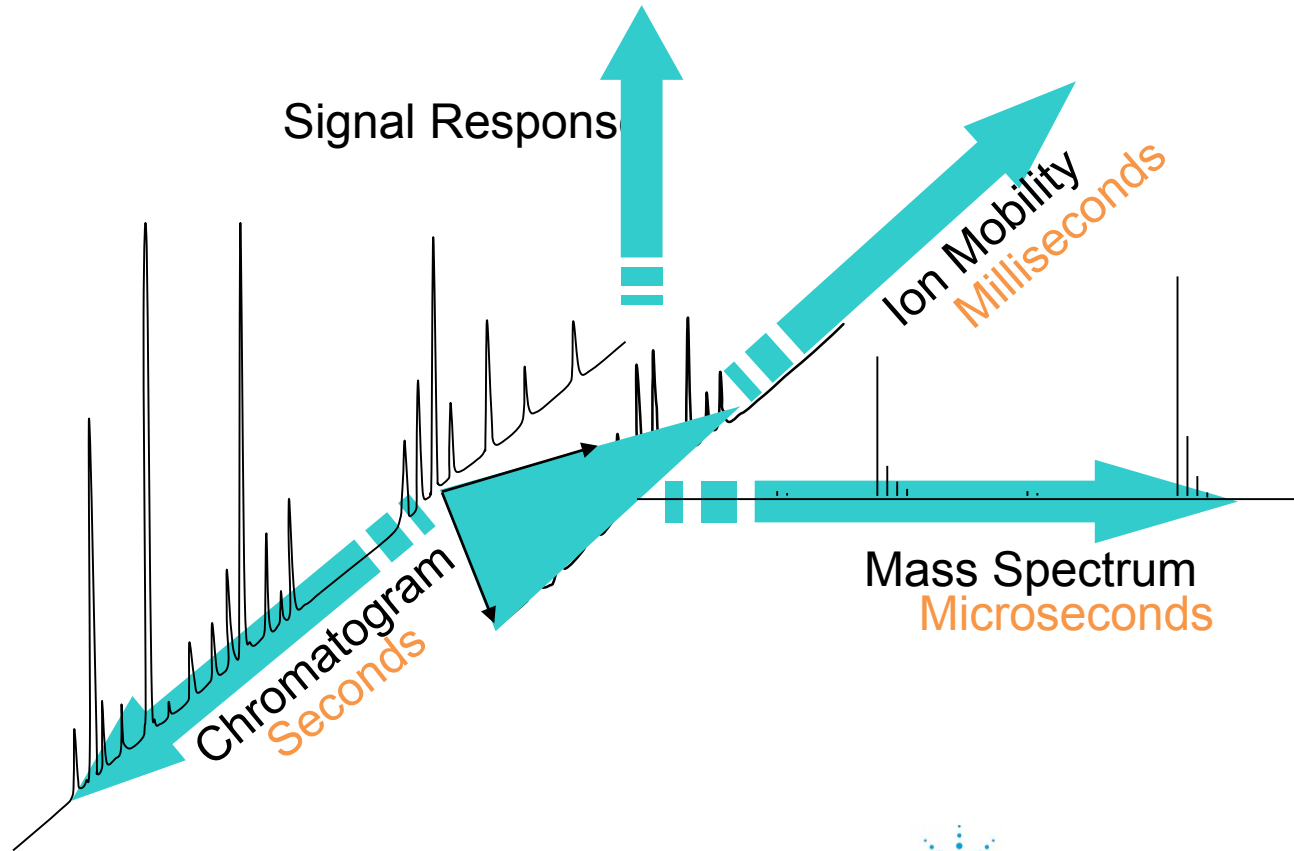
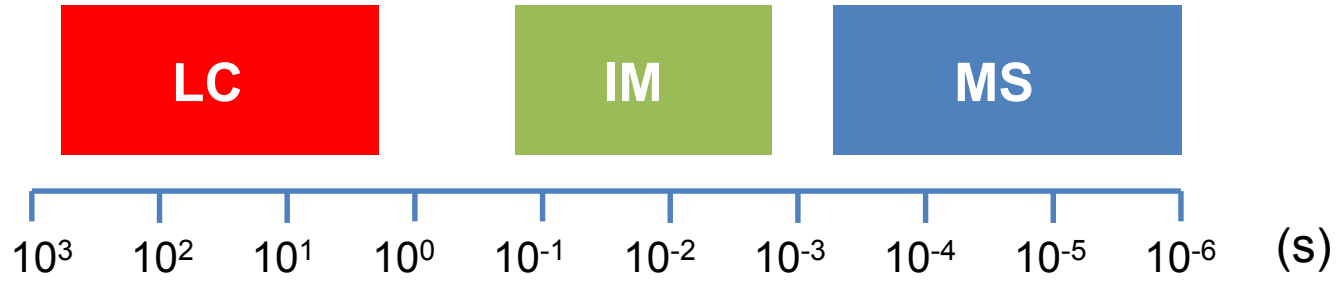
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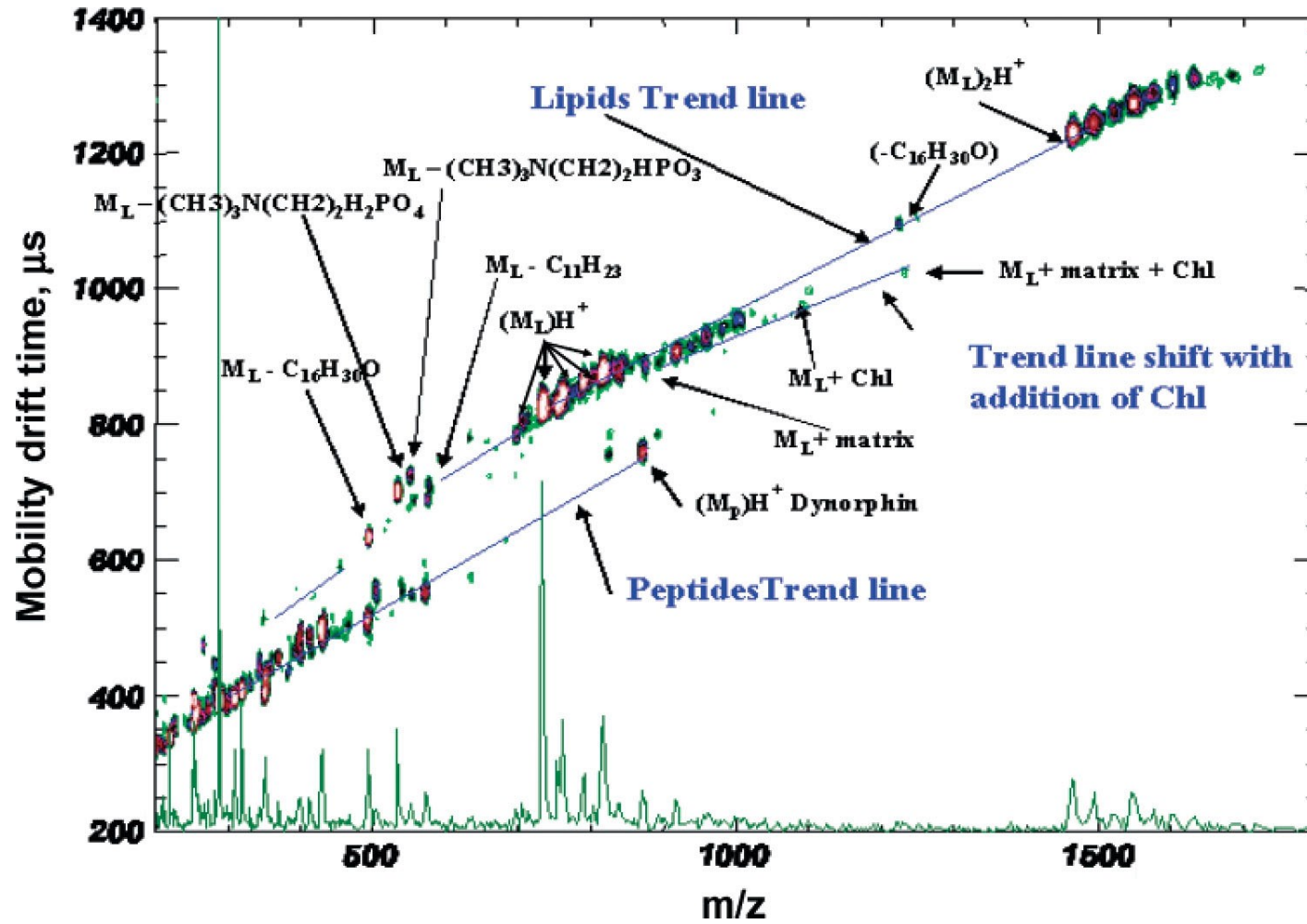
# Ion Mobility-Mass spectrometry



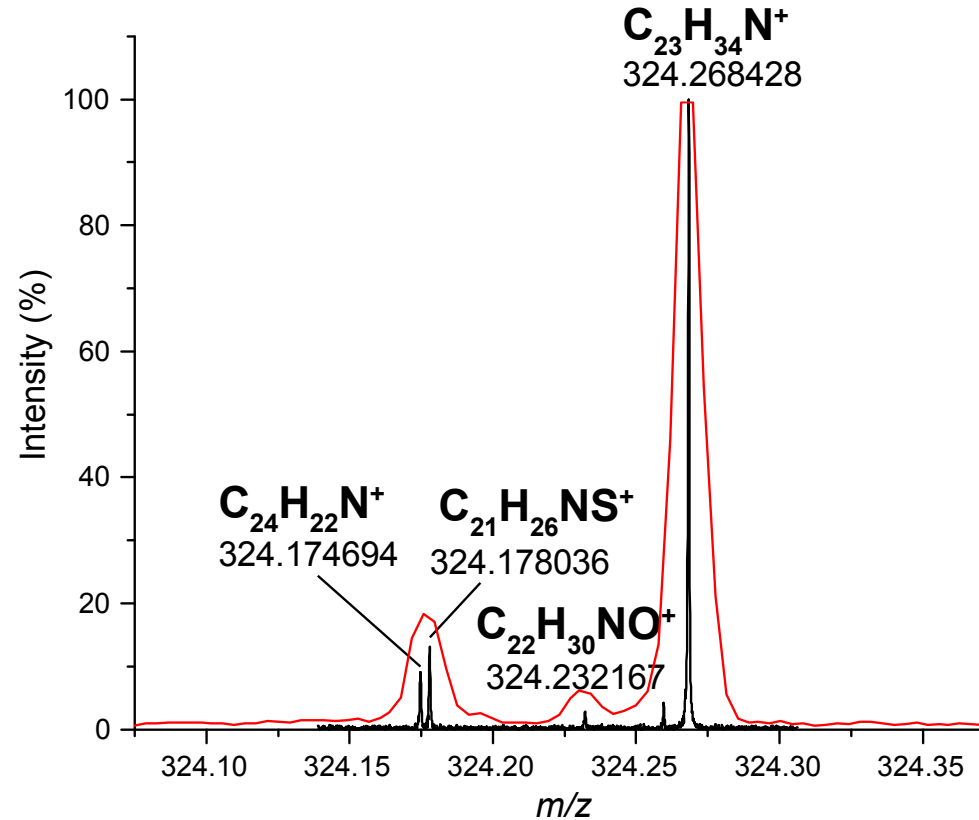
- Ion coordinats =  $m/z$  + drift time + intensity







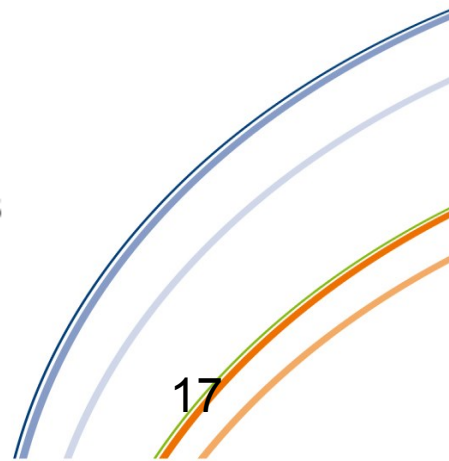
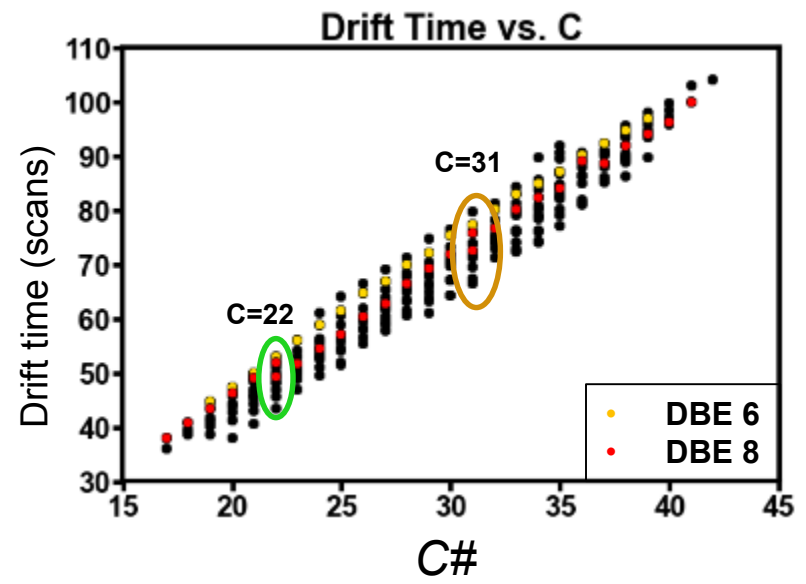
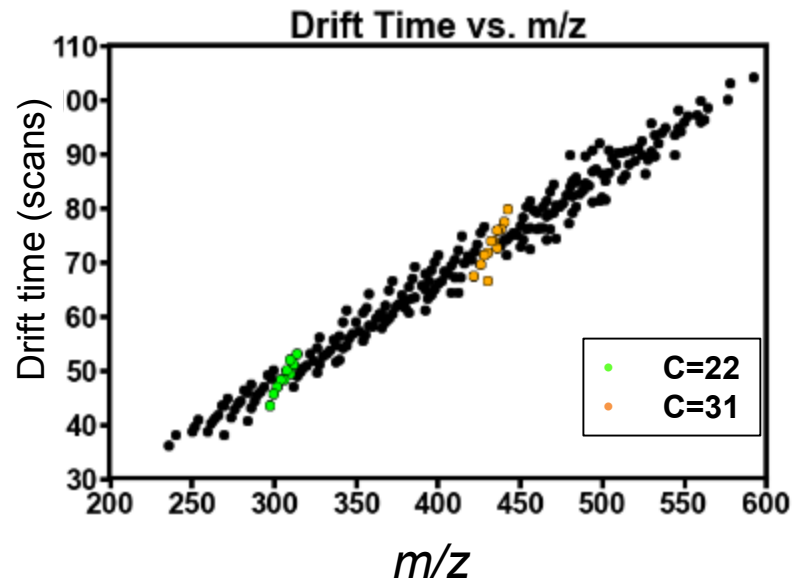
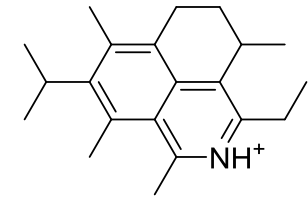
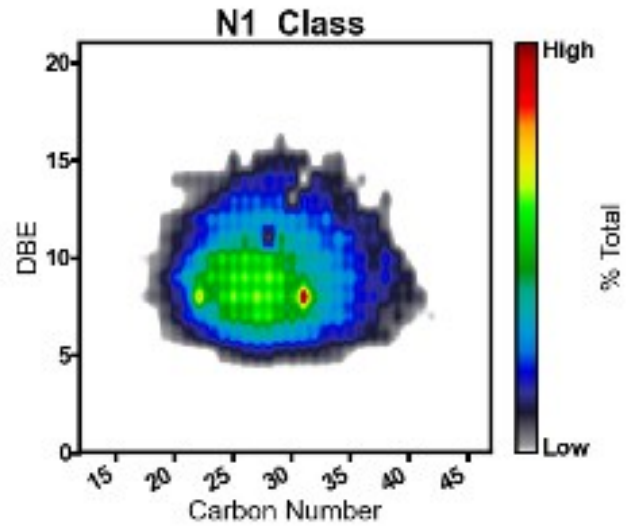
# Complex mixture with TOF? Nitrogen speciation in Oil



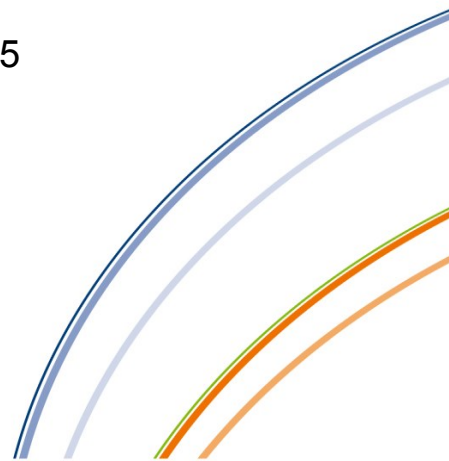
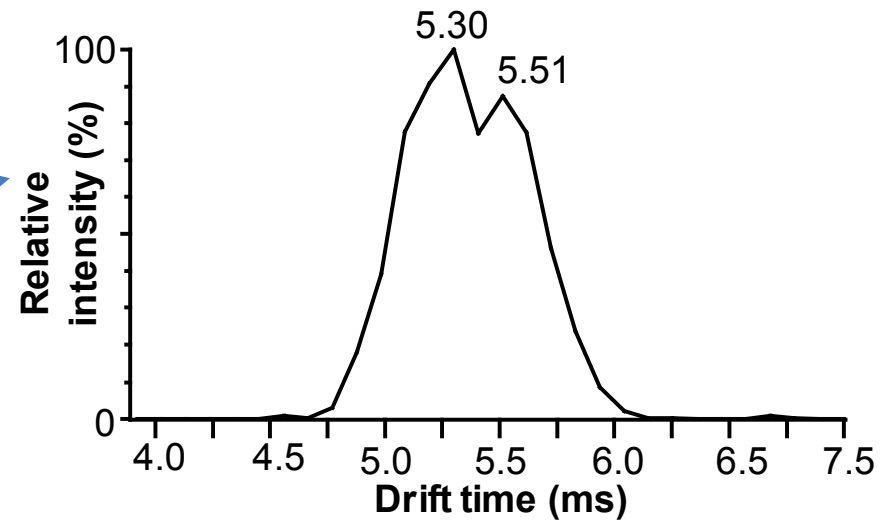
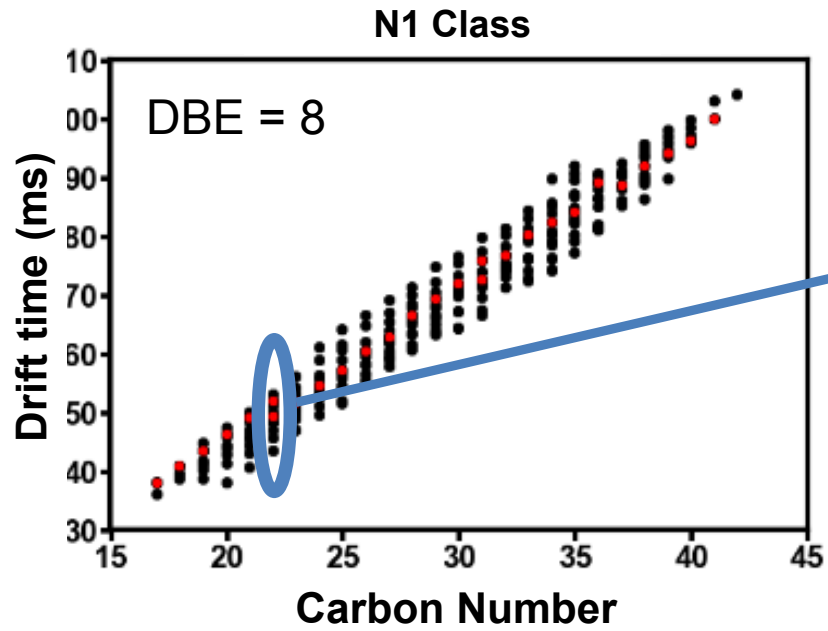
- isobaric interferences not resolvable ( $C_3$  vs.  $SH_4$ ) with the TOF but selected species can be investigated regarding IMS-profile
- UHRMS required for full molecular formula specification and proof for interferences

# Application nitrogen speciation on a VGO

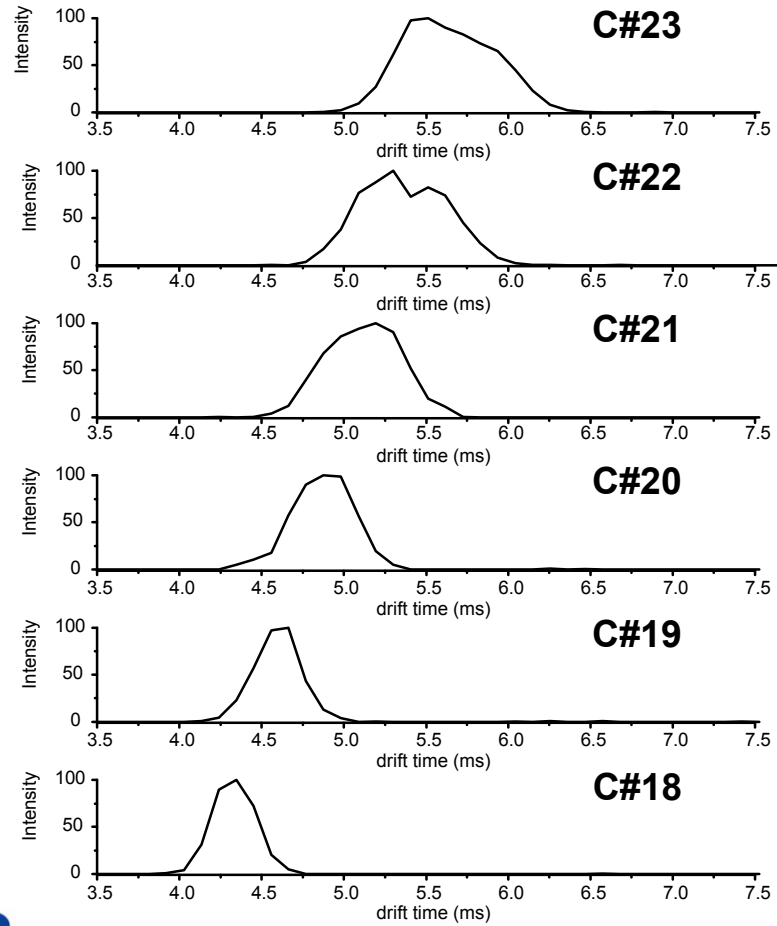
- ESI in positive mode:
- Ion mobility display :



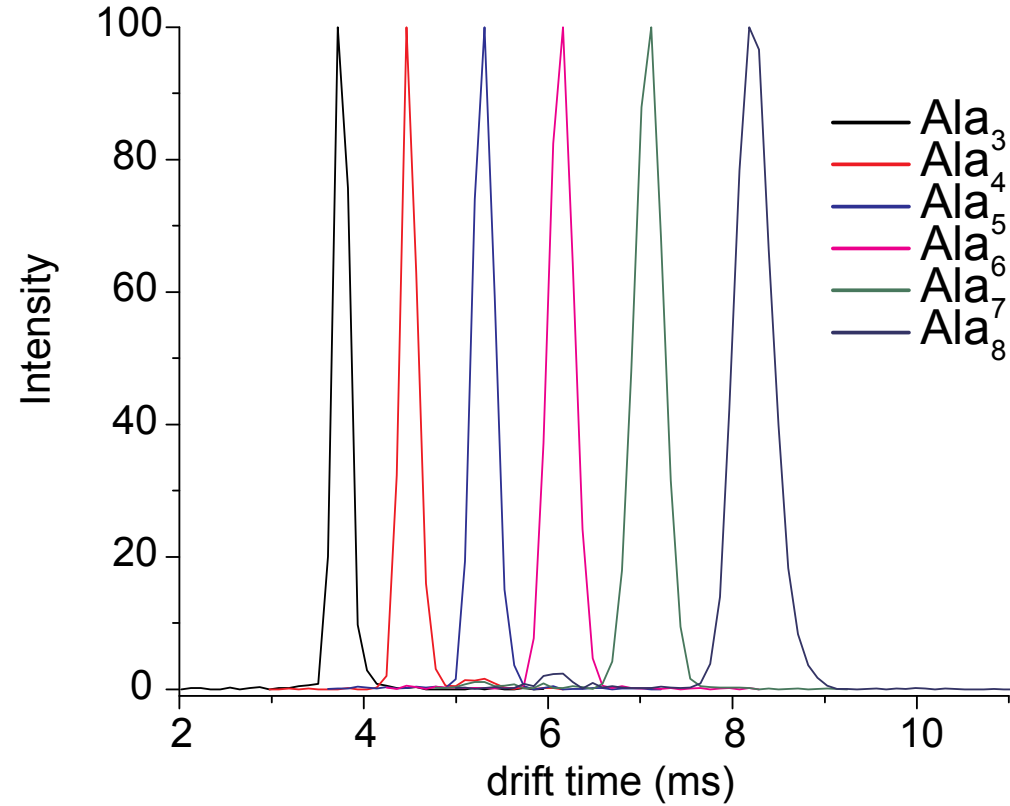


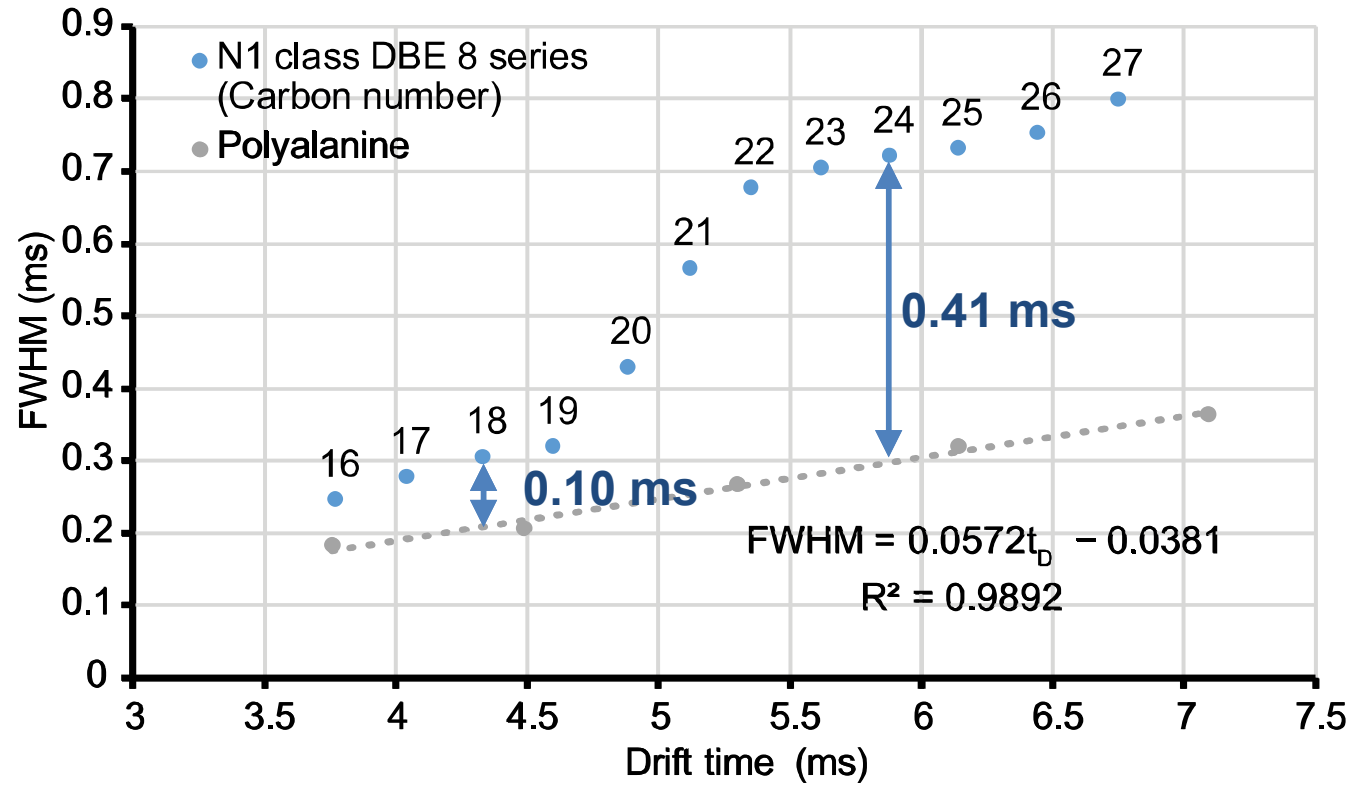


## DBE8 N1 class



## Polyalanine

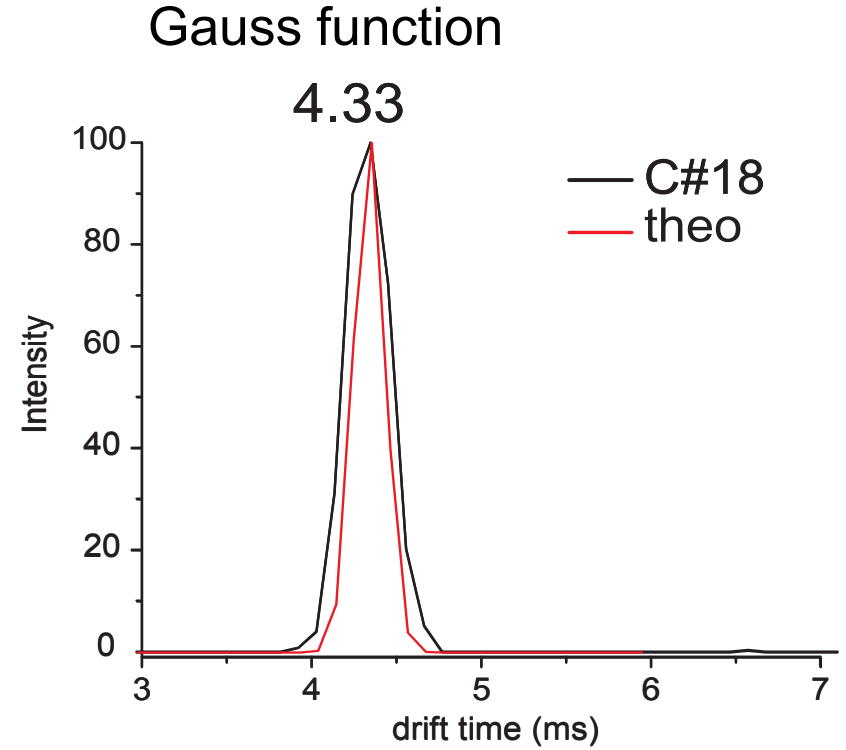
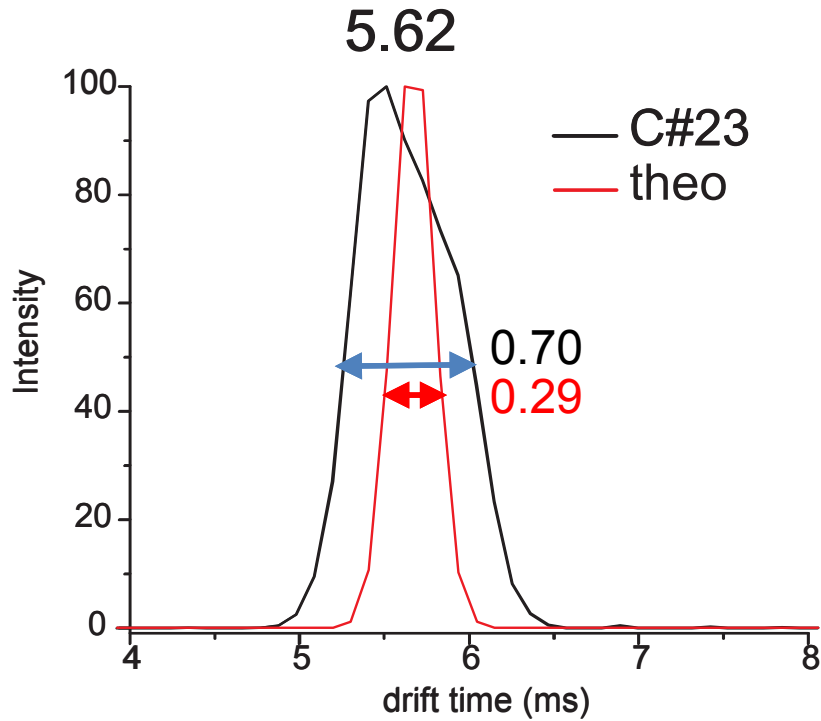




$$FWHM = 0.0572t_D - 0.0381$$

# Prediction of peak width

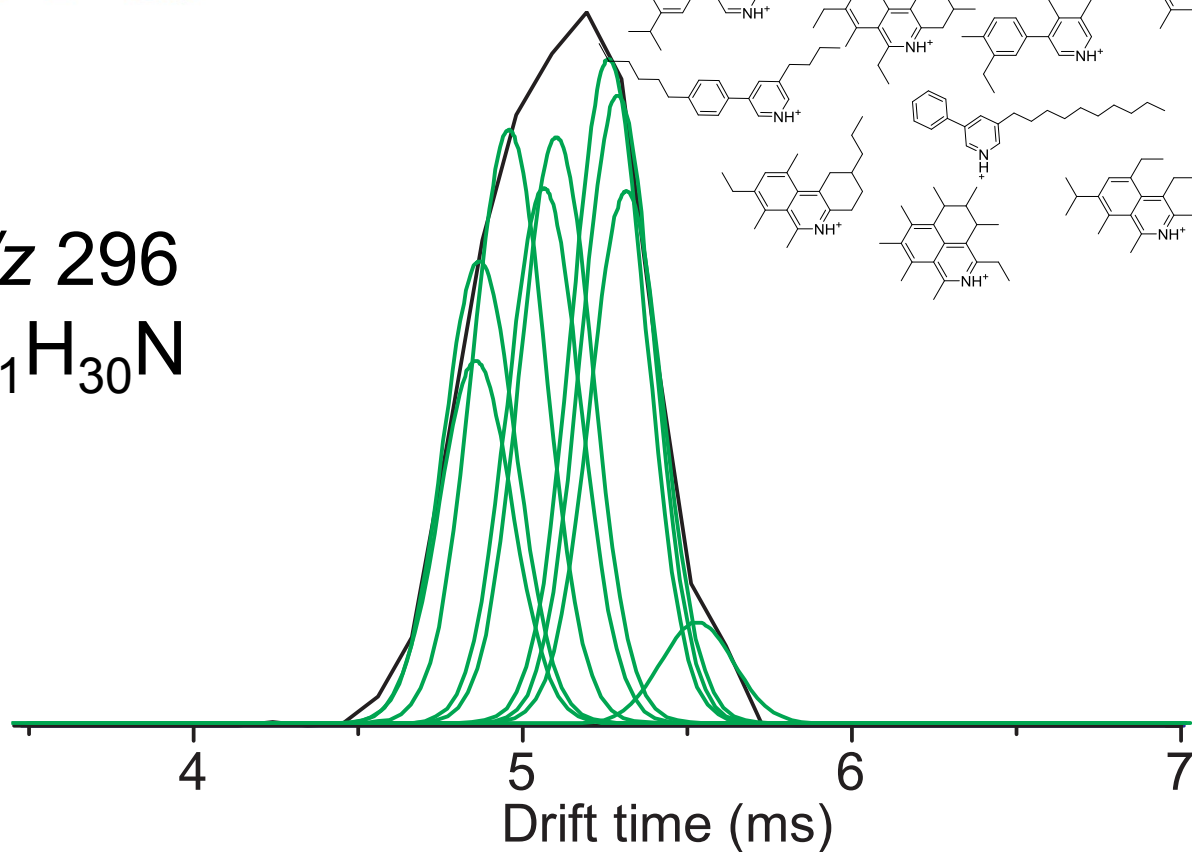
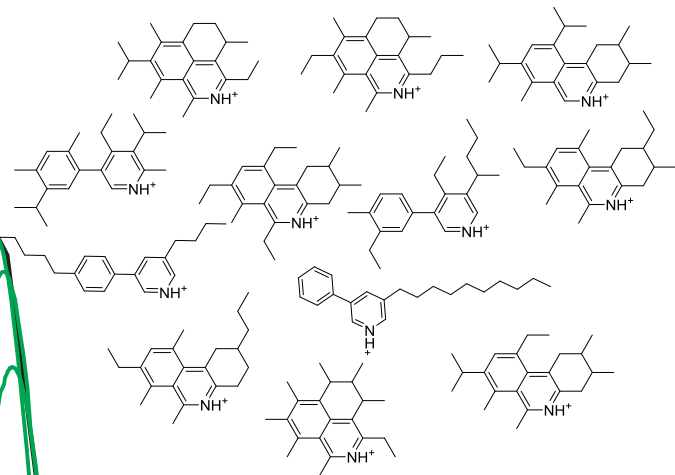
$$\text{FWHM} = 0.0572t_D - 0.0381 \quad \rightarrow \quad f(x) = ae^{\frac{(x-b)^2}{2c^2}}$$



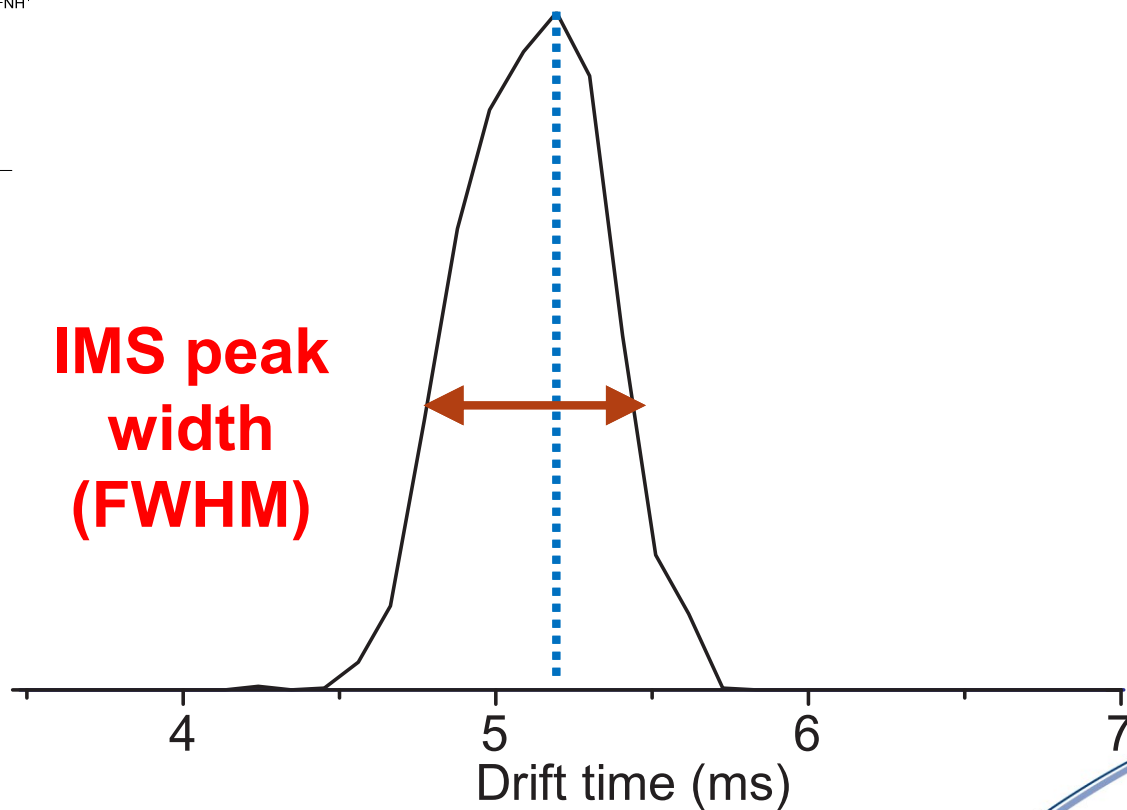
- Other way to obtain information on isomeric content?



$m/z$  296  
 $C_{21}H_{30}N$



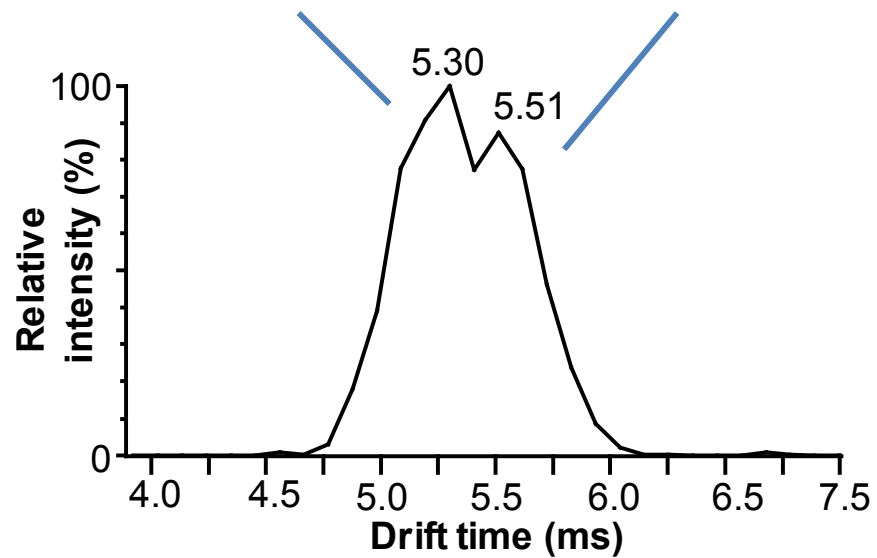
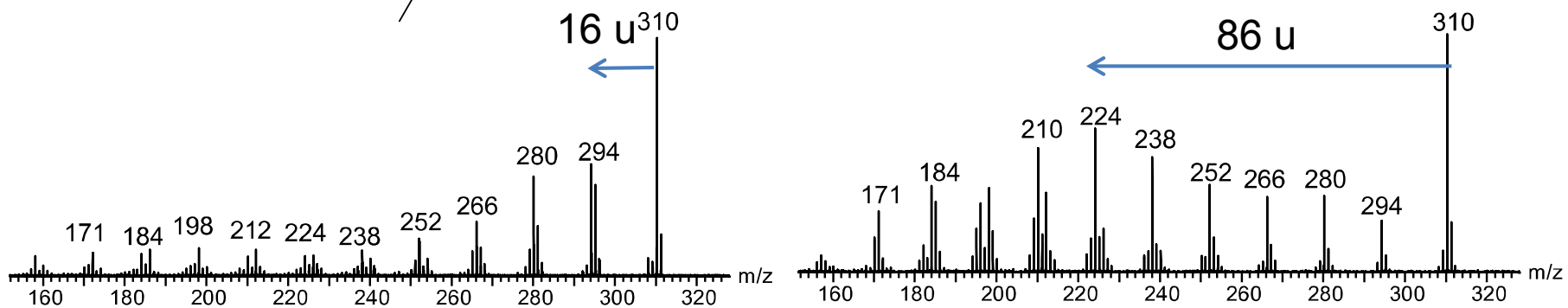
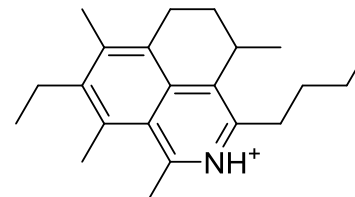
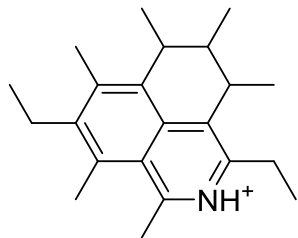
Peak deconvolution ?  
Drift time



- Ion peak deconvolution on petroleum compounds not possible
- Continuum of isomeric species

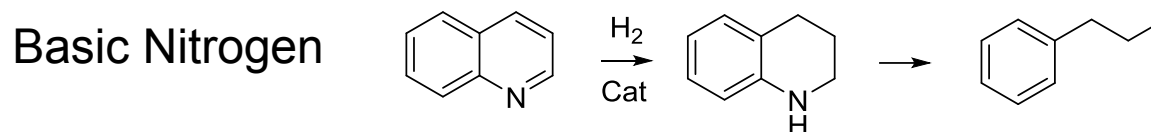
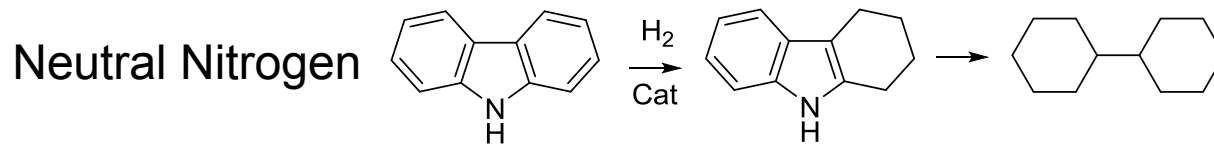


# Post IMS CID



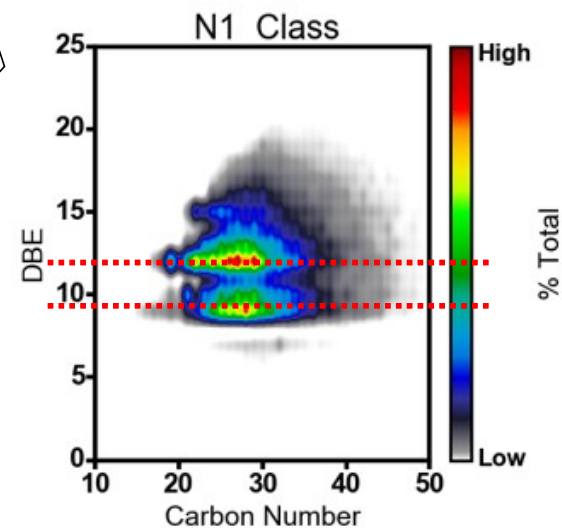
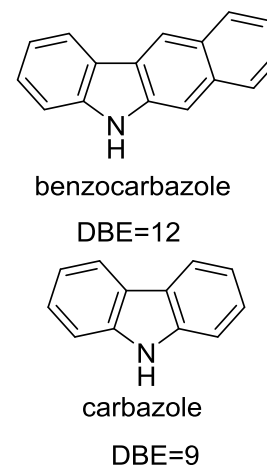
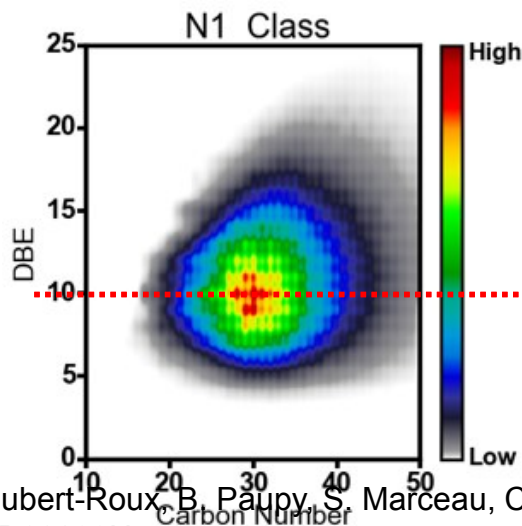
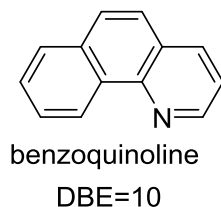
# Molecules refractory to the HDN process

## HYDRODENITROGENATION OF VGO



Basic Nitrogen  
ESI(+)

Neutral Nitrogen  
ESI(-)

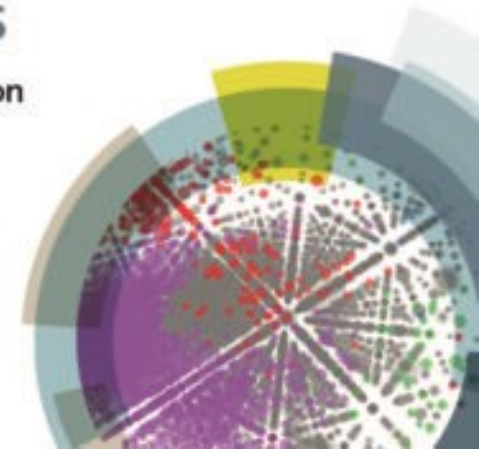


# Faraday Discussion



Challenges in analysis  
of complex natural  
mixtures

Faraday Discussion





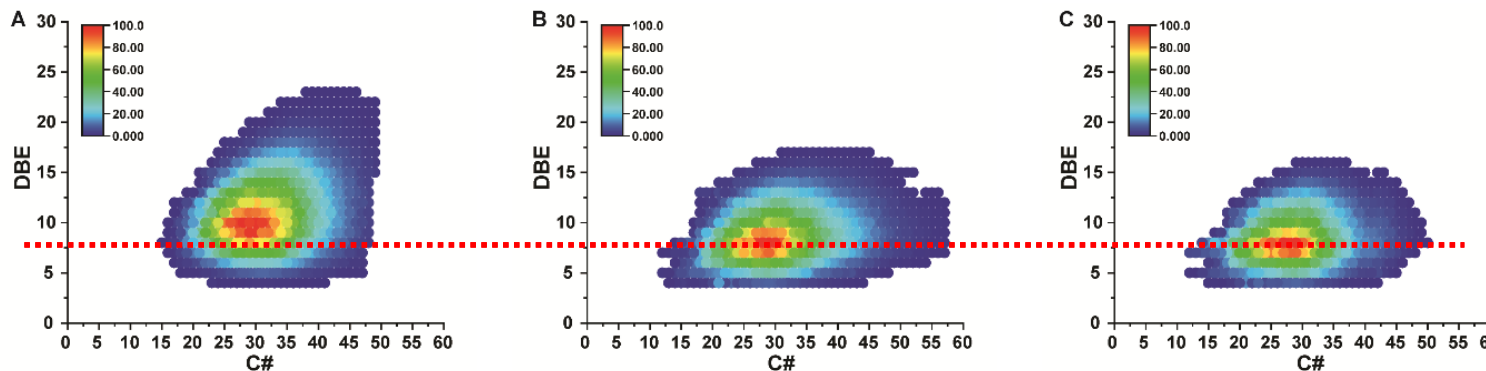
# Molecules refractory to the HDN process

## Hydrodenitrogenation of VGO

$$DBE = c - h/2 + n/2 + 1$$

(for  $C_cH_hN_nO_oS_s$ )

(+)-ESI  
12T FTICR



DBE 7-8-9 most refractory to HDN

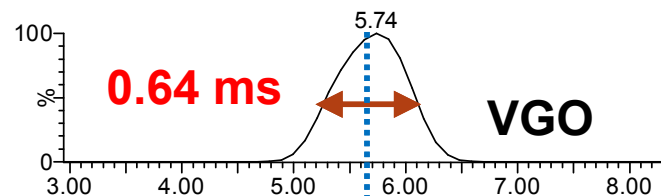
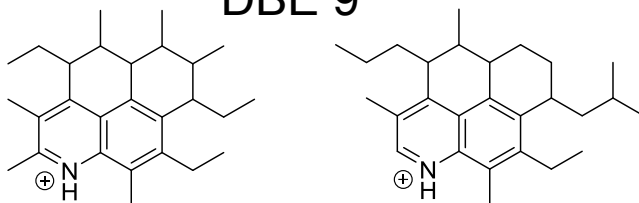
VGO

70 ppm

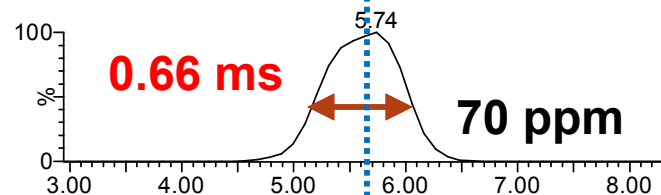
10 ppm

(+)-ESI  
IMS-QTOF

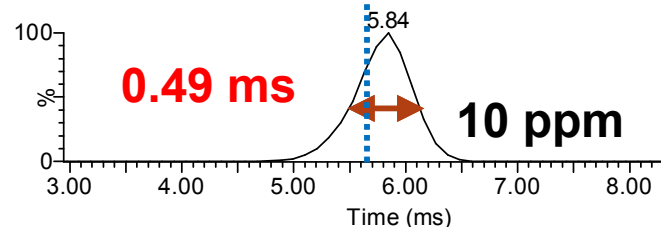
$C_{27}H_{40}N^+$   $m/z$  378.3155  
DBE 9



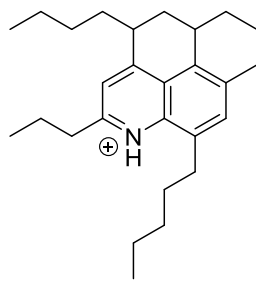
137.5 Å<sup>2</sup>



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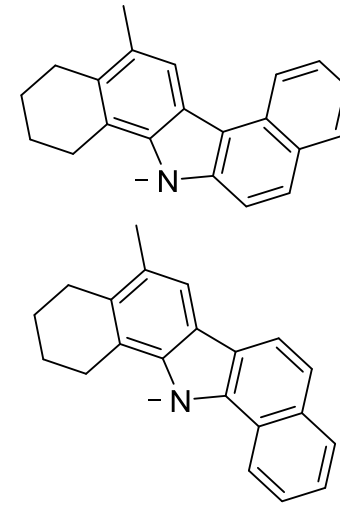
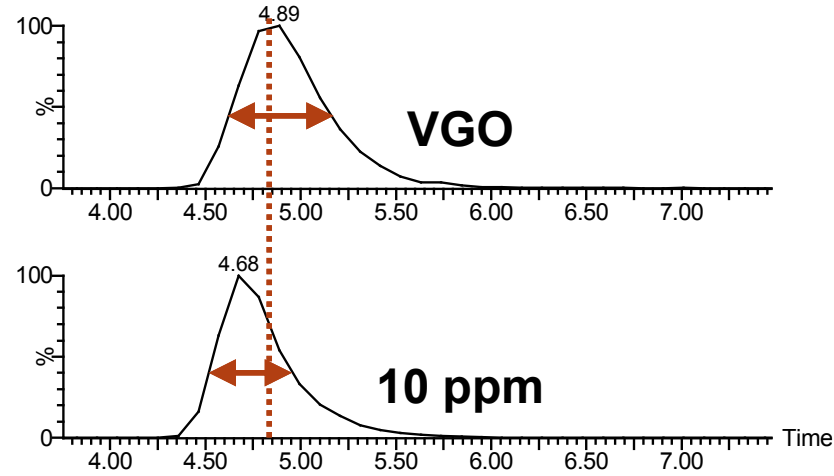


139.4 Å<sup>2</sup>



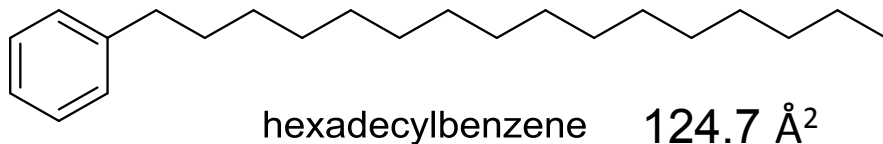
J. Le Maître, M. Hubert-Roux, B. Paupy, S. Marceau, C. Rüger, C. Afonso, P. Giusti, *Faraday Discussions*, 2019, 218 (0), 417-430.

$C_{21}H_{18}N^-$   
DBE 13



- significant shift in peak apex and FWHM also for (-)-ESI

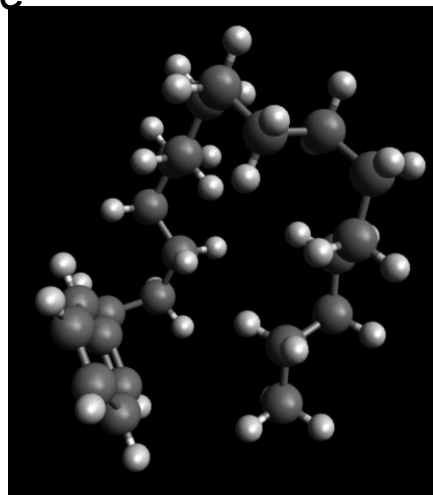
## CCS based structure prediction



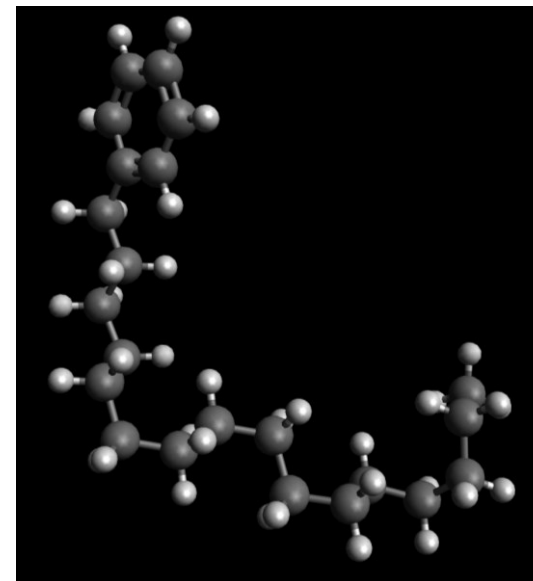
- minimization using MMFF94 Force Field
- CCS determination of all structures using Mobcal

*Lowest energy structure*

71.9 kJ/mol  
119.6 Å<sup>2</sup>

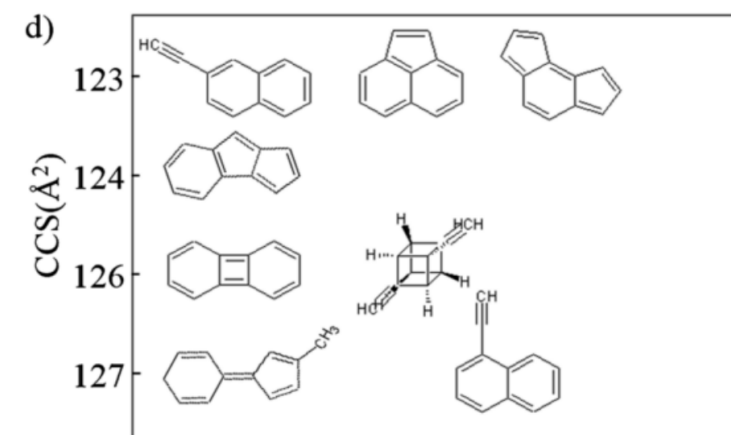
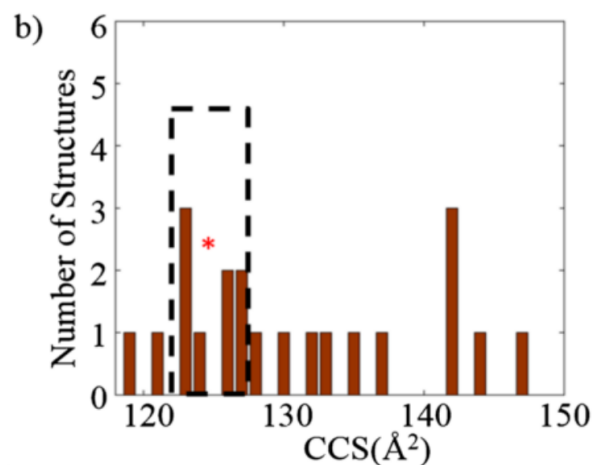
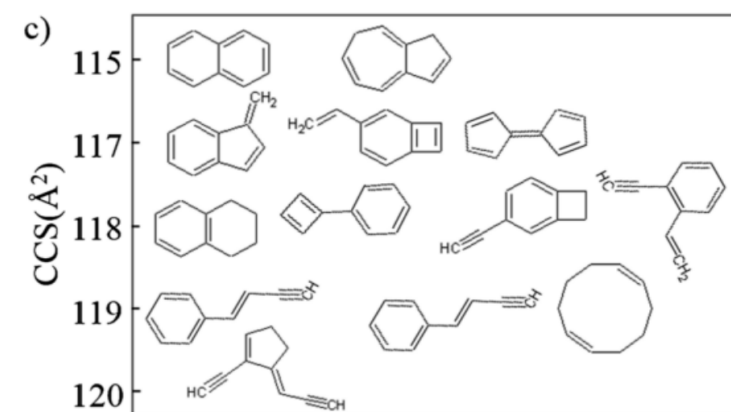
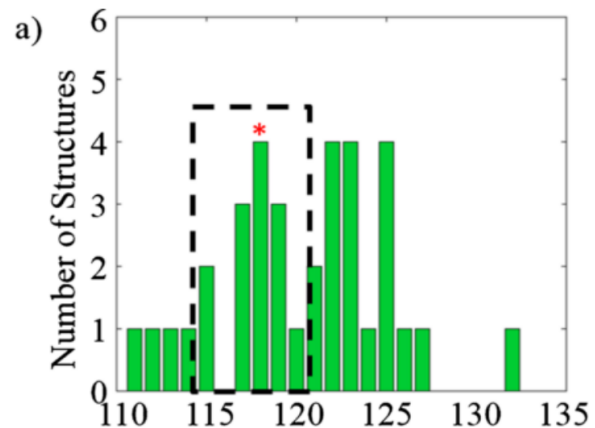
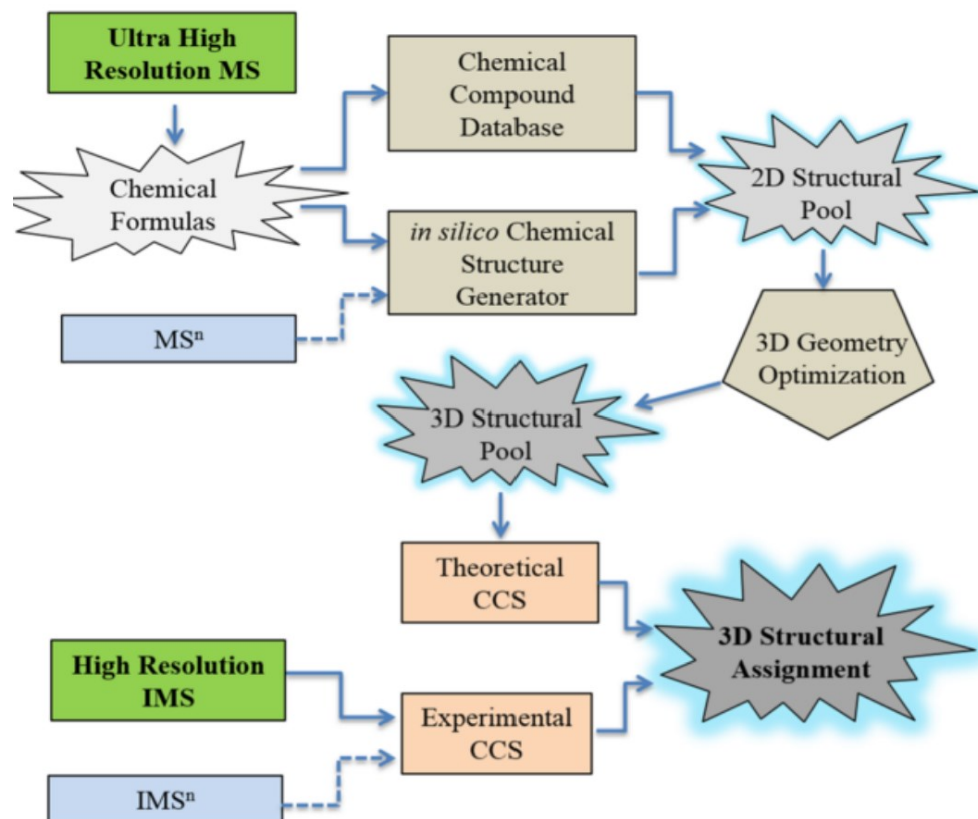


*Highest energy structure*



# Structure prediction based on IMS-MS

Towards unsupervised polyaromatic hydrocarbons structural assignment from SA-TIMS-FTMS data



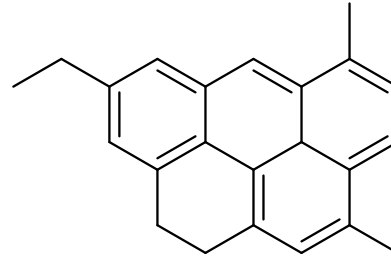
Complex mixture of polyaromatic hydrocarbons coal tar in oil (SRM1597)

P. Benigni, R. Marin and F. Fernandez-Lima, *Int J Ion Mobil Spectrom*, 2015, **18**, 151-157.

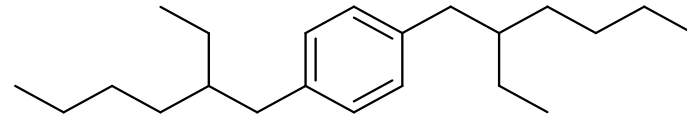


# CCS calculation from long alkyl chain molecules

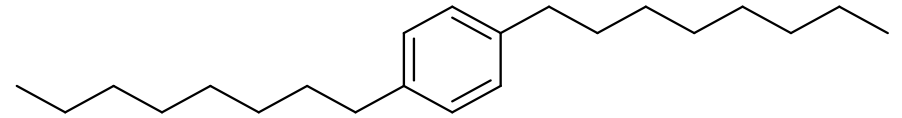
**Rigid molecule**



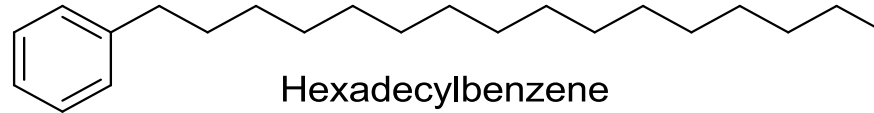
**Highly floppy molecule**



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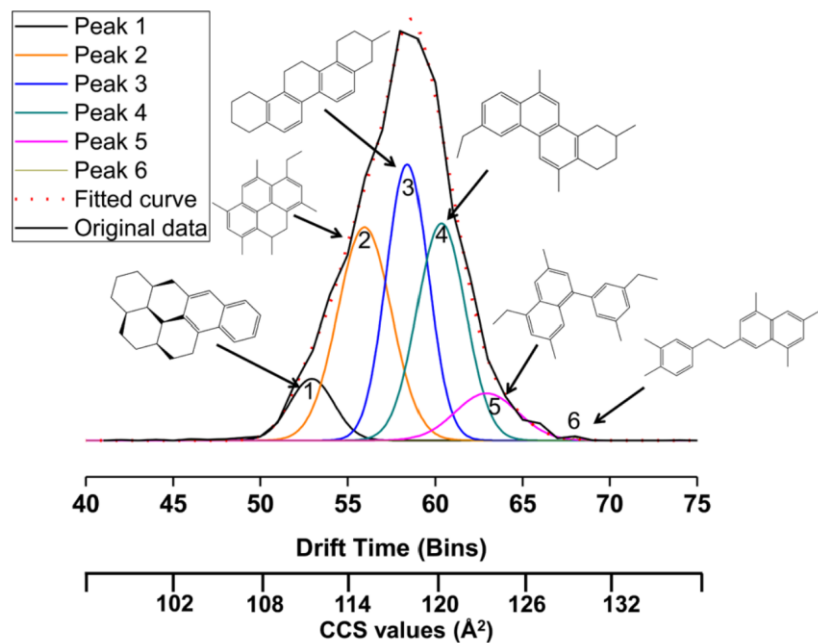
1,4-Dioctylbenzene



Hexadecylbenzene



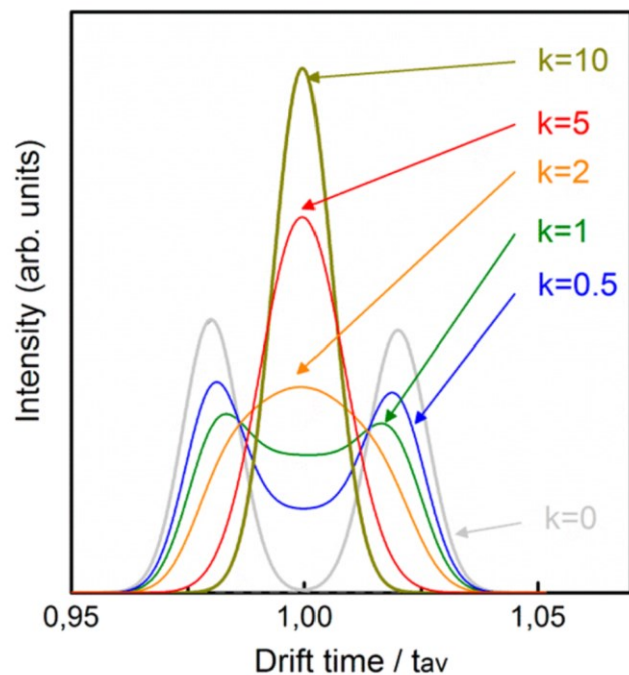
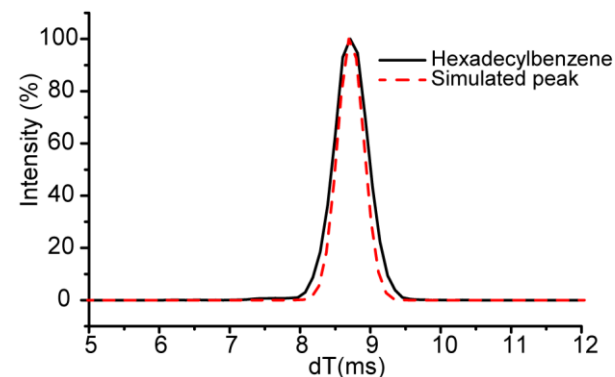
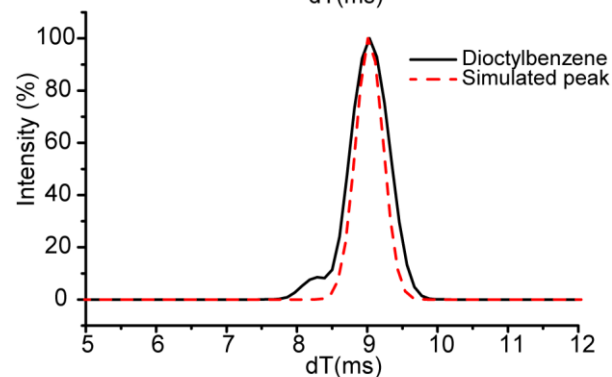
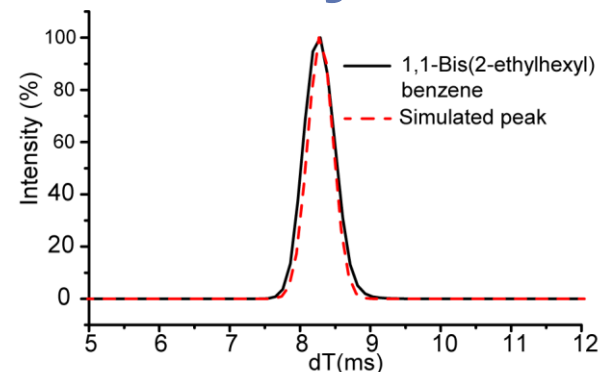
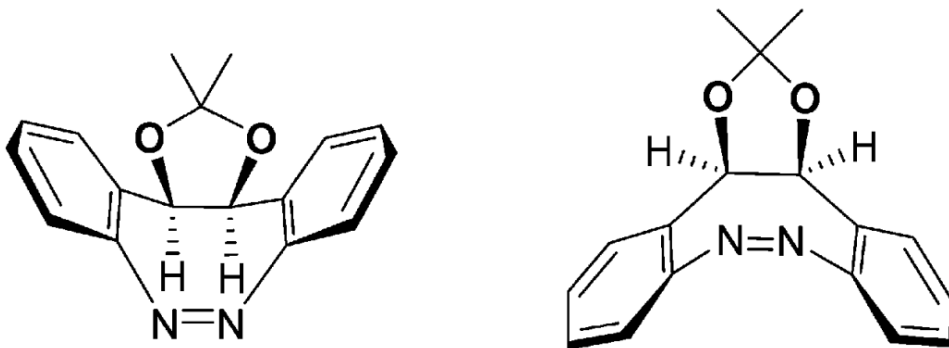
# Previous Work on CCS based structure prediction



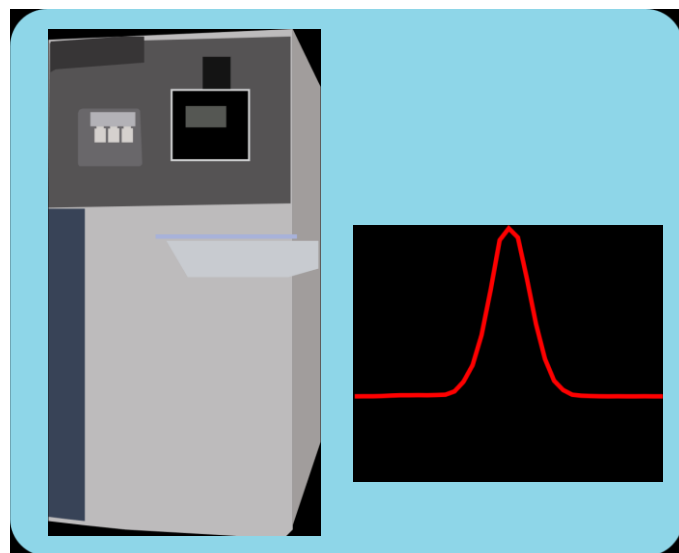
DFT using B3LYP/6-31G(d) base set

Standard compounds	Suggested structures	Experimental CCS values (Å <sup>2</sup> )	Theoretical CCS values (Å <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta\Omega$ (exp.-theo.)%
1,4-didecyl naphthalene		155.86	199.50	-28.0
1,6-diheptylpyrene		148.04	174.68	-18.0
9,10-diheptylanthracene		139.52	164.67	-18.0
3-octylperylene		128.68	147.48	-14.6
1,4-didecylbenzene		147.96	186.47	-26.0

# How floppy molecules fly in the IMS cell?



# CCS prediction Workflow

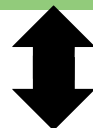


Measurement  
CCS calibration



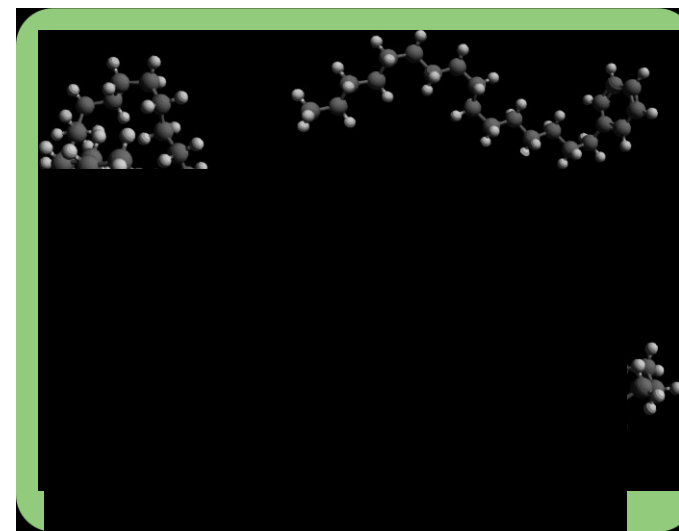
Theoretical

calc  $CCS_{N_2} : 201.9 \text{ \AA}^2$

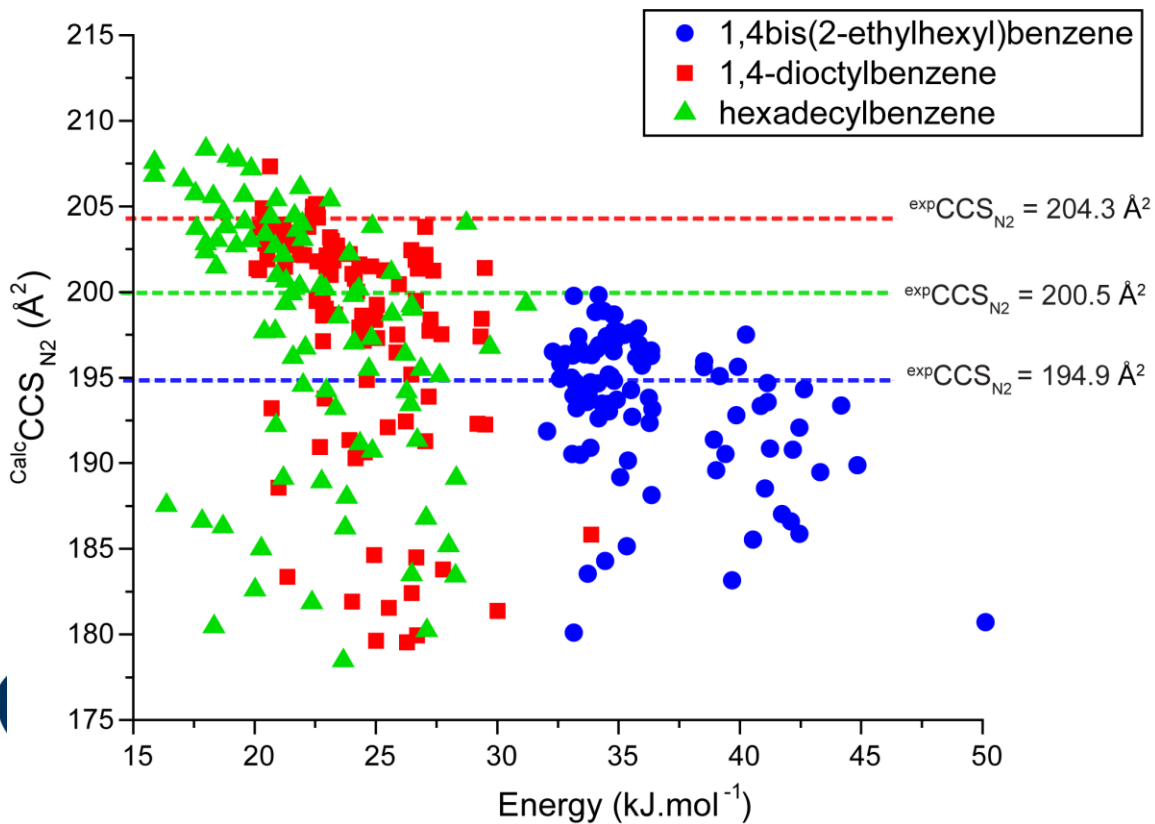
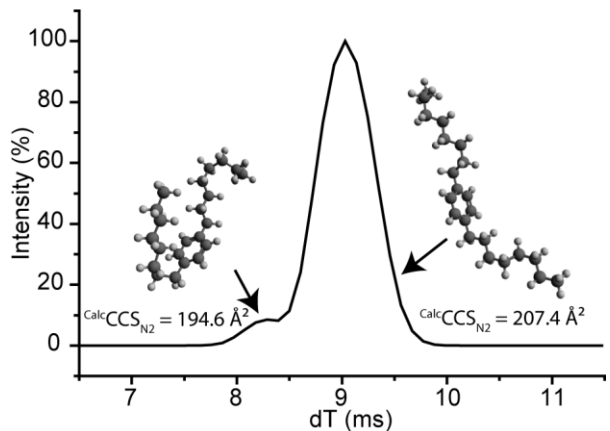


exp  $CCS_{N_2} : 200.5 \text{ \AA}^2$

Experimental

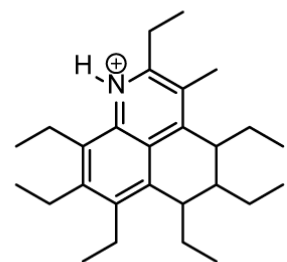
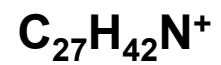


Conformers Generation (OpenBabel)  
Minimization MMFF94



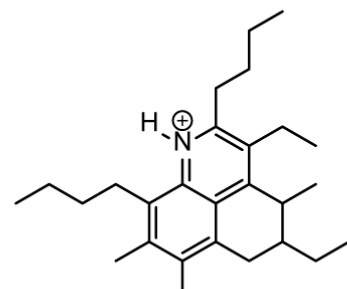
Name	1,4bis(2-ethylhexyl)benzene	1,4-dioctylbenzene	hexadecylbenzene	Average error (%)
ExpCCSN <sub>2</sub>	194.9	204.3	200.5	
1% Lowest energy (calcCCS)	191.8 (1.59%)	201.4 (1.42%)	207.5 (-3.49%)	2.17
25% Lowest energy (calcCCS)	193.3 (0.82%)	201.5 (1.37%)	203.9 (-1.69%)	1.29
50% Lowest energy (calcCCS)	194.0 (0.46%)	200.5 (1.86%)	201.9 (-0.70%)	1.01
Average all calcCCSN <sub>2</sub>	193.3 (0.82%)	197.6 (3.28%)	198.7 (0.89%)	1.66





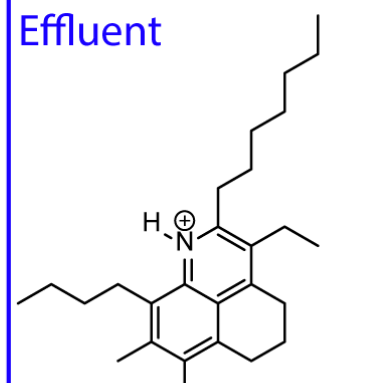
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207.1 Å<sup>2</sup>

VGO

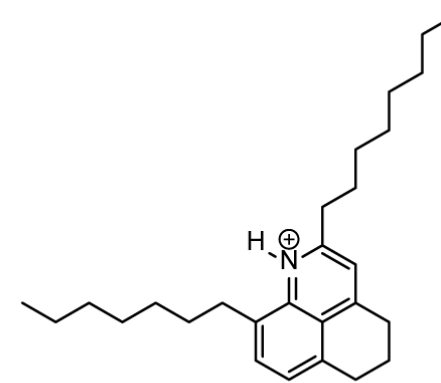


2  
213.1 Å<sup>2</sup>

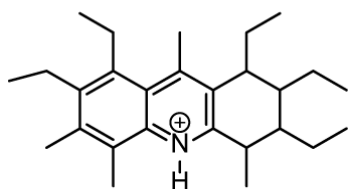
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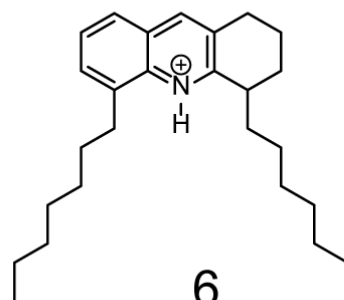
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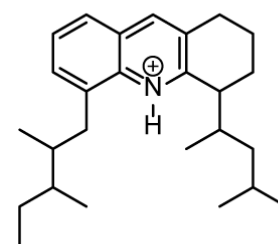
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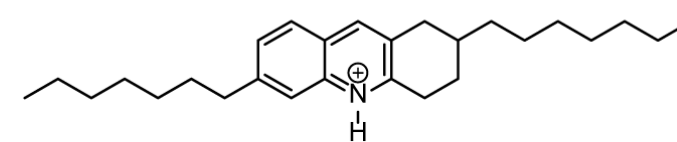
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323.2 Å<sup>2</sup>



6  
340.6 Å<sup>2</sup>



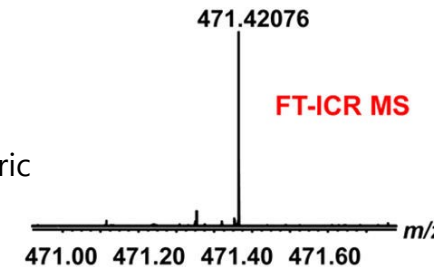
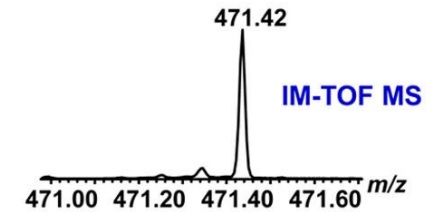
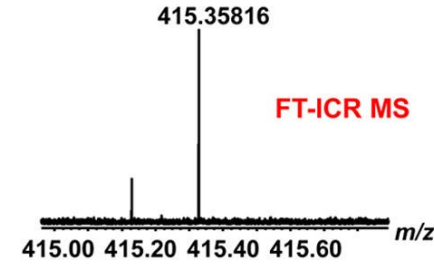
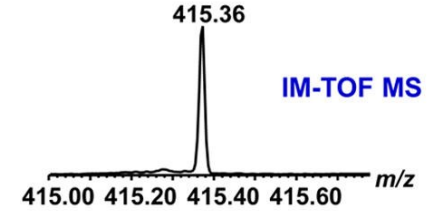
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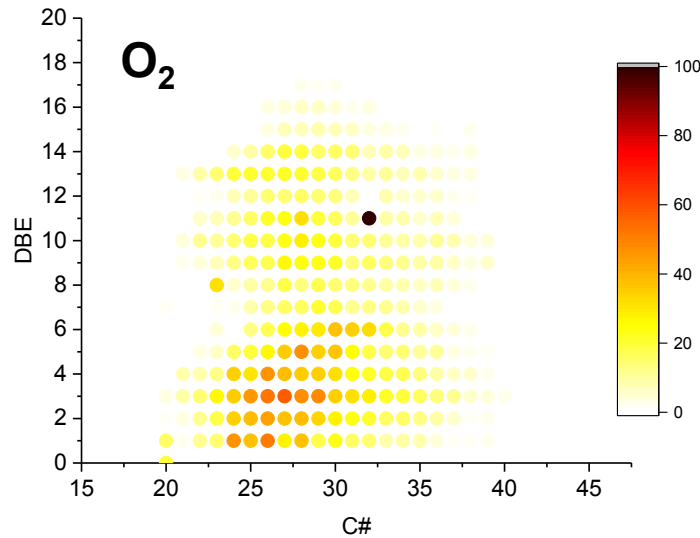
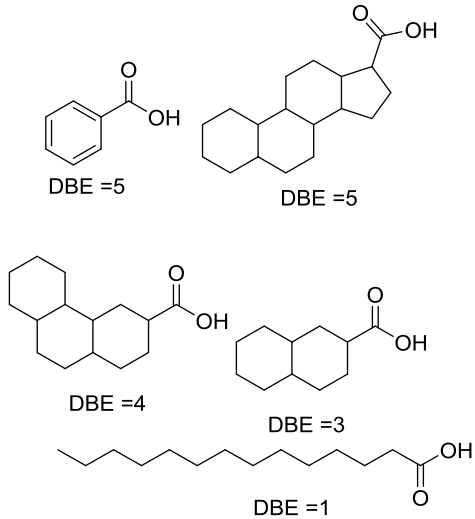
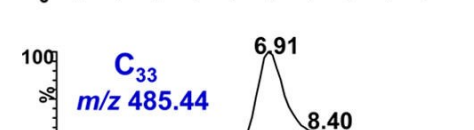
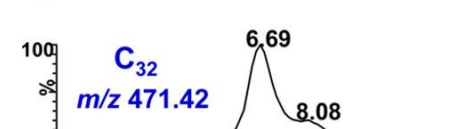
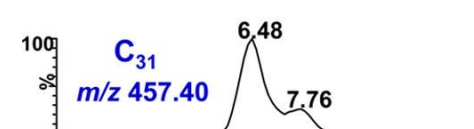
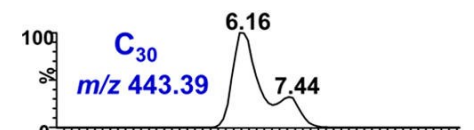
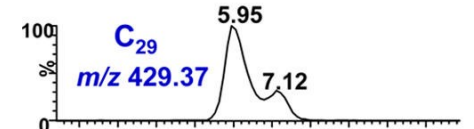
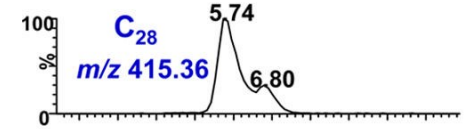
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339.5 Å<sup>2</sup>

# Structural Characterization of Acids in Petroleum by IMS-MS

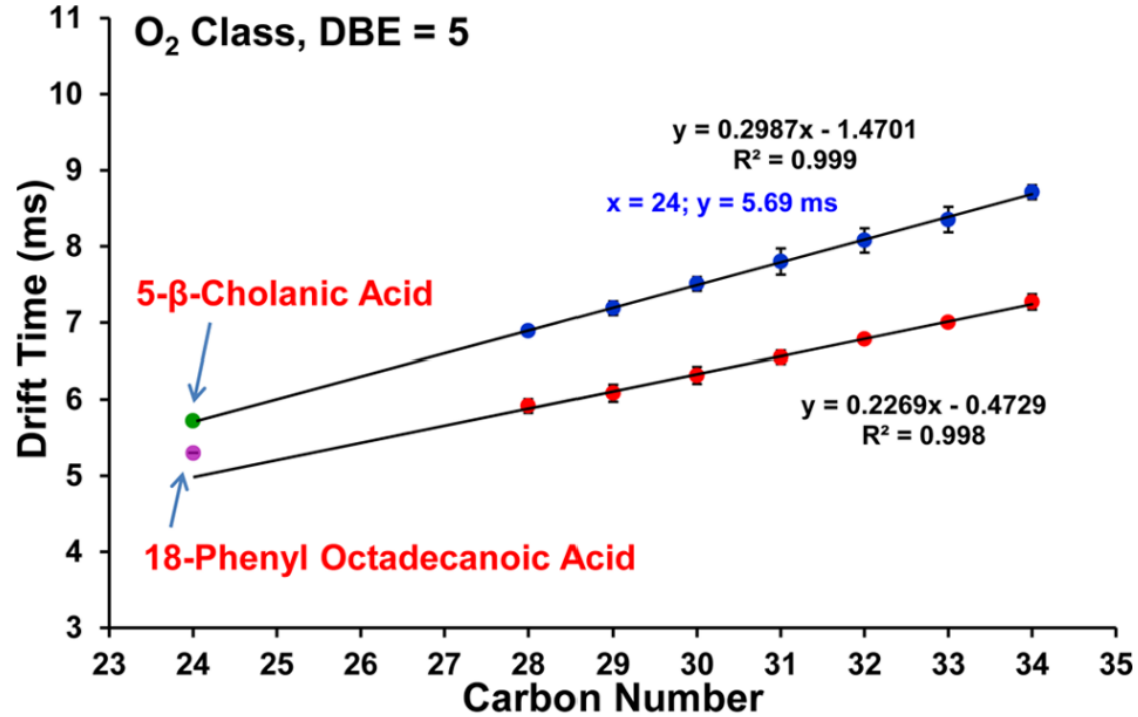
ESI(-)  
O<sub>2</sub> Class, DBE=5



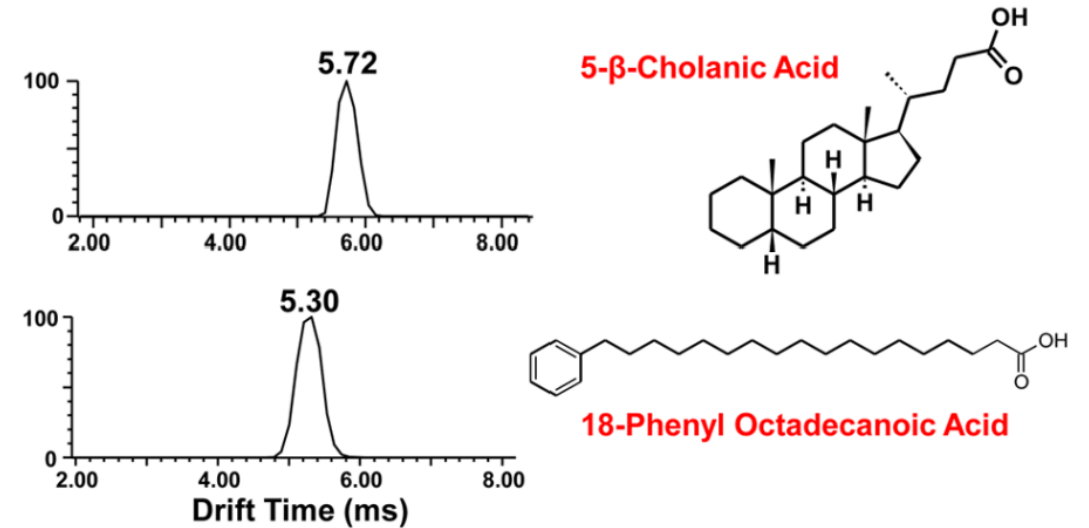
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# Comparison with standard compounds

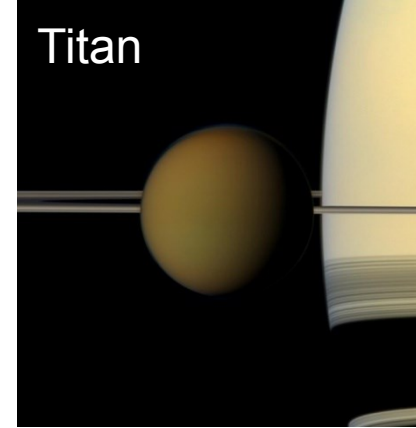
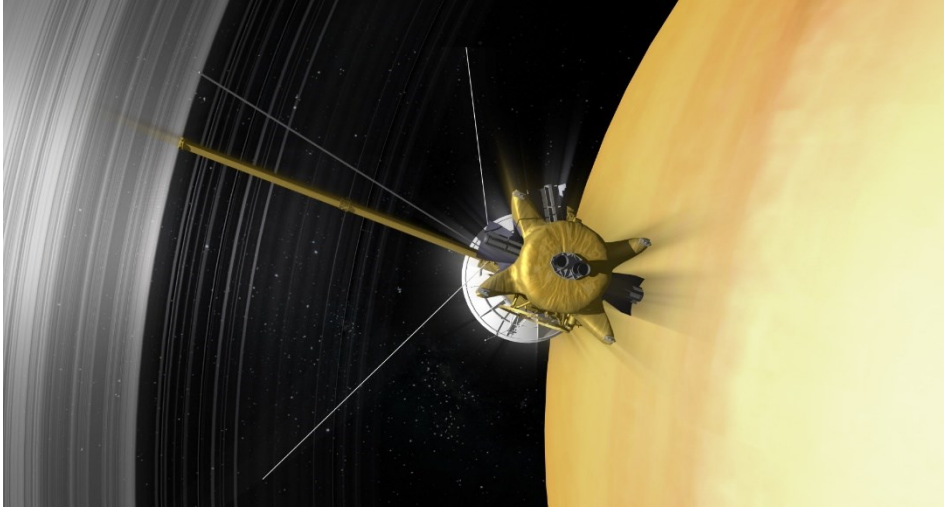


Drift time vs carbon number for the O<sub>2</sub> class species of DBE = 5

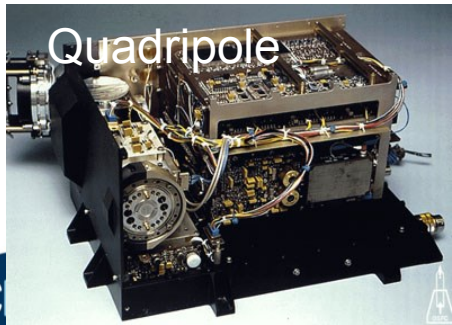


Experimental drift times for two standard compounds (both C<sub>24</sub>): 5-β-cholanic acid and 18-phenyl octadecanoic acid.

### Cassini-Huygens Mission



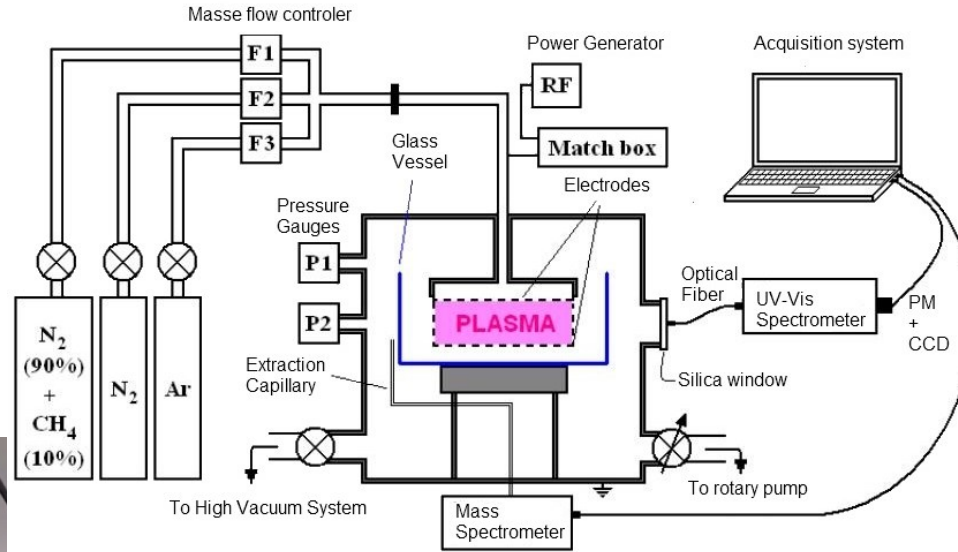
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Maillard



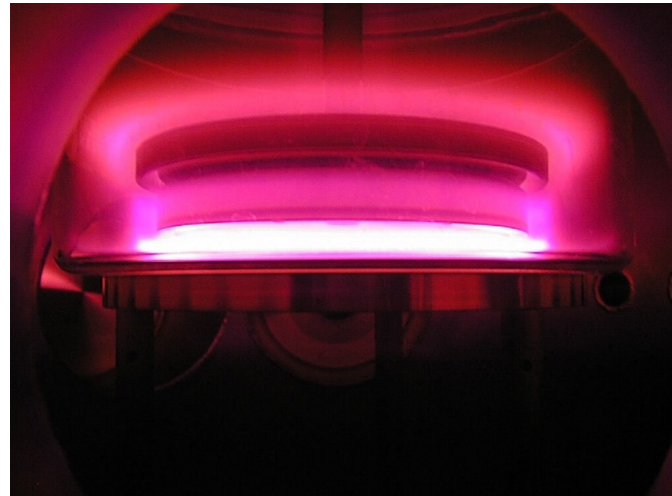
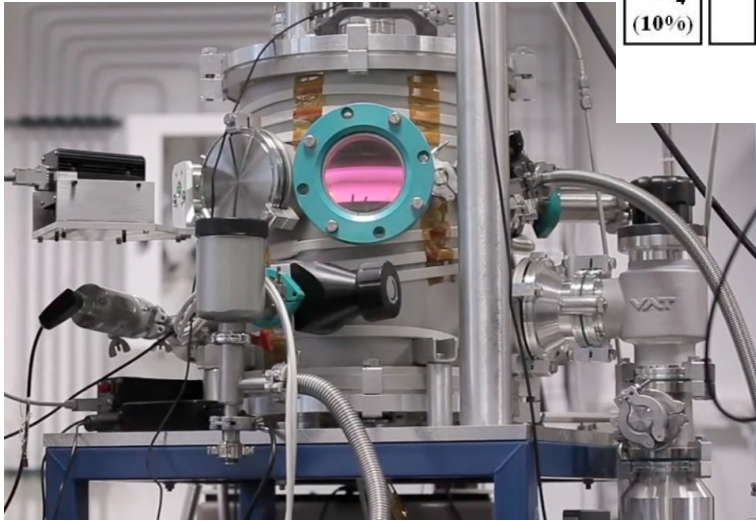
- 95 % N<sub>2</sub>, 5 % CH<sub>4</sub>
- Photochemistry reactions due to solar UV photons and Saturn charged particles (Khare et al. 1981)
  - Thick brown smog
  - Prebiotic chemistry



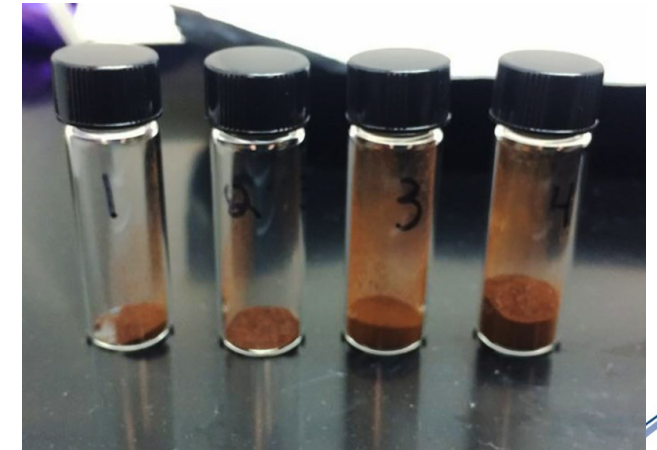




# PAMPRE experiment



## Tholins

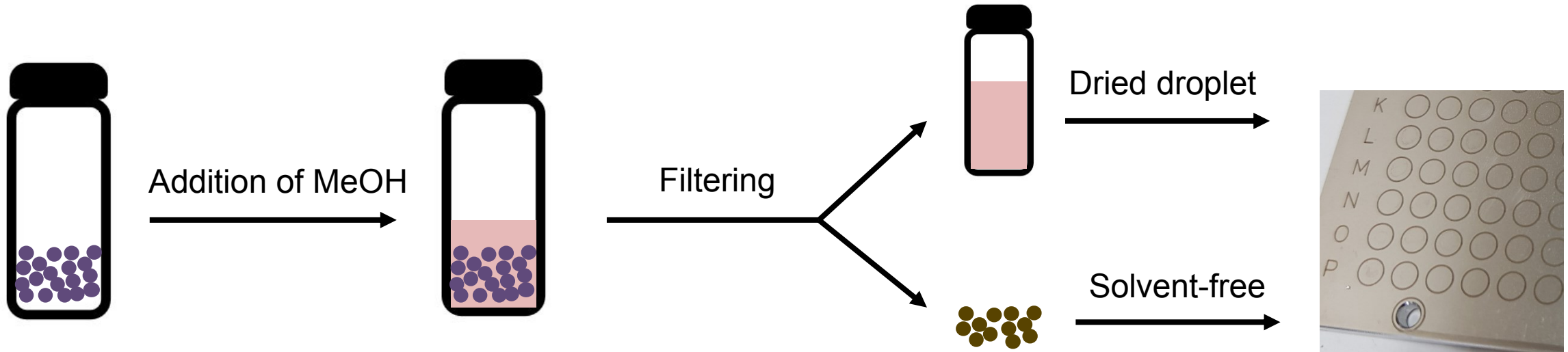


PAMPRE experiment (Szopa et al 2006)  
(Production d'Aérosols en Microgravité par Plasma Reactifs)

Highly complex organic matter



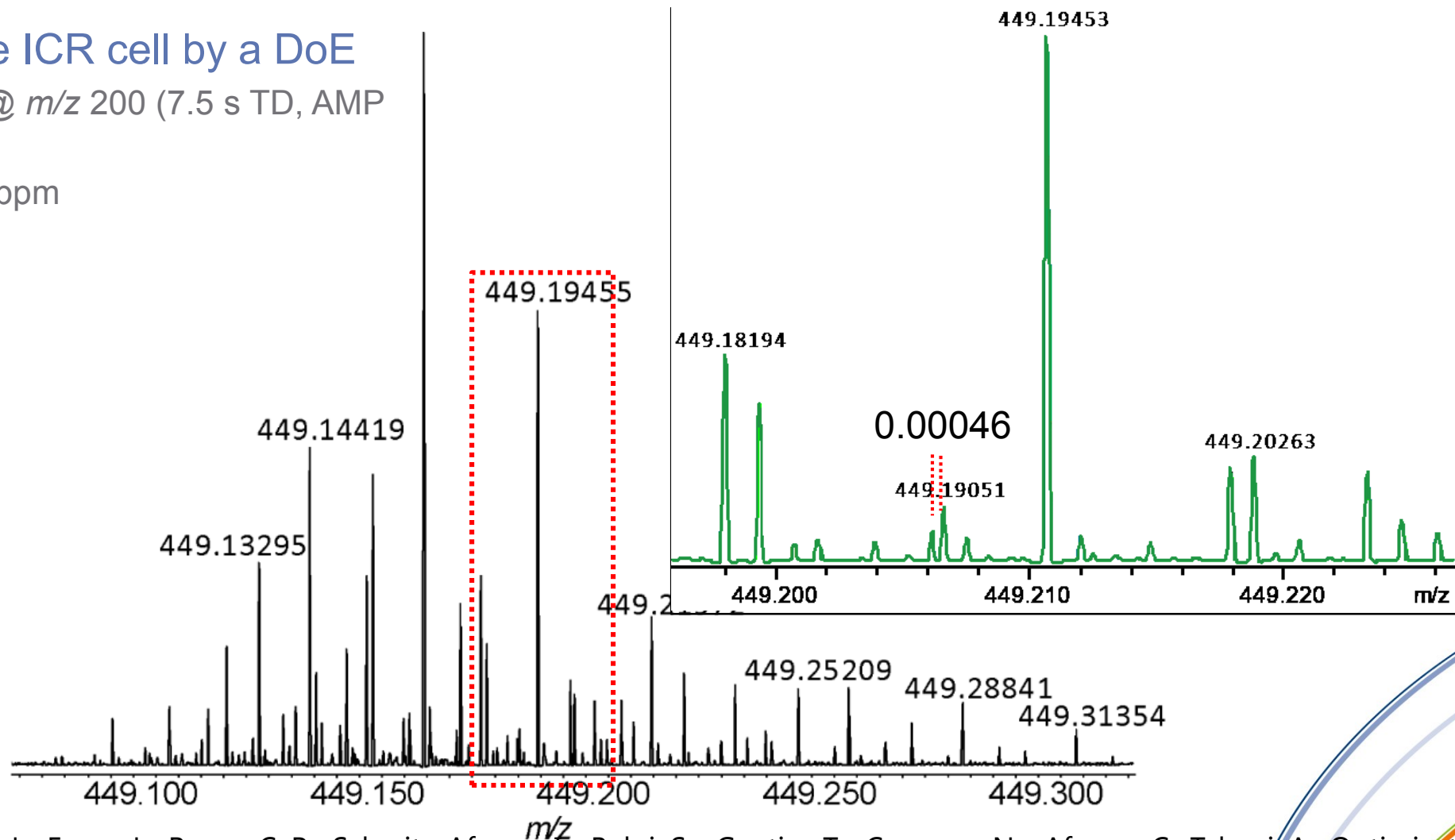
# How to analyse the non soluble fraction ?



Analysis with a **Laser desorption ionisation source (LDI) coupled to a 12T FTICR**

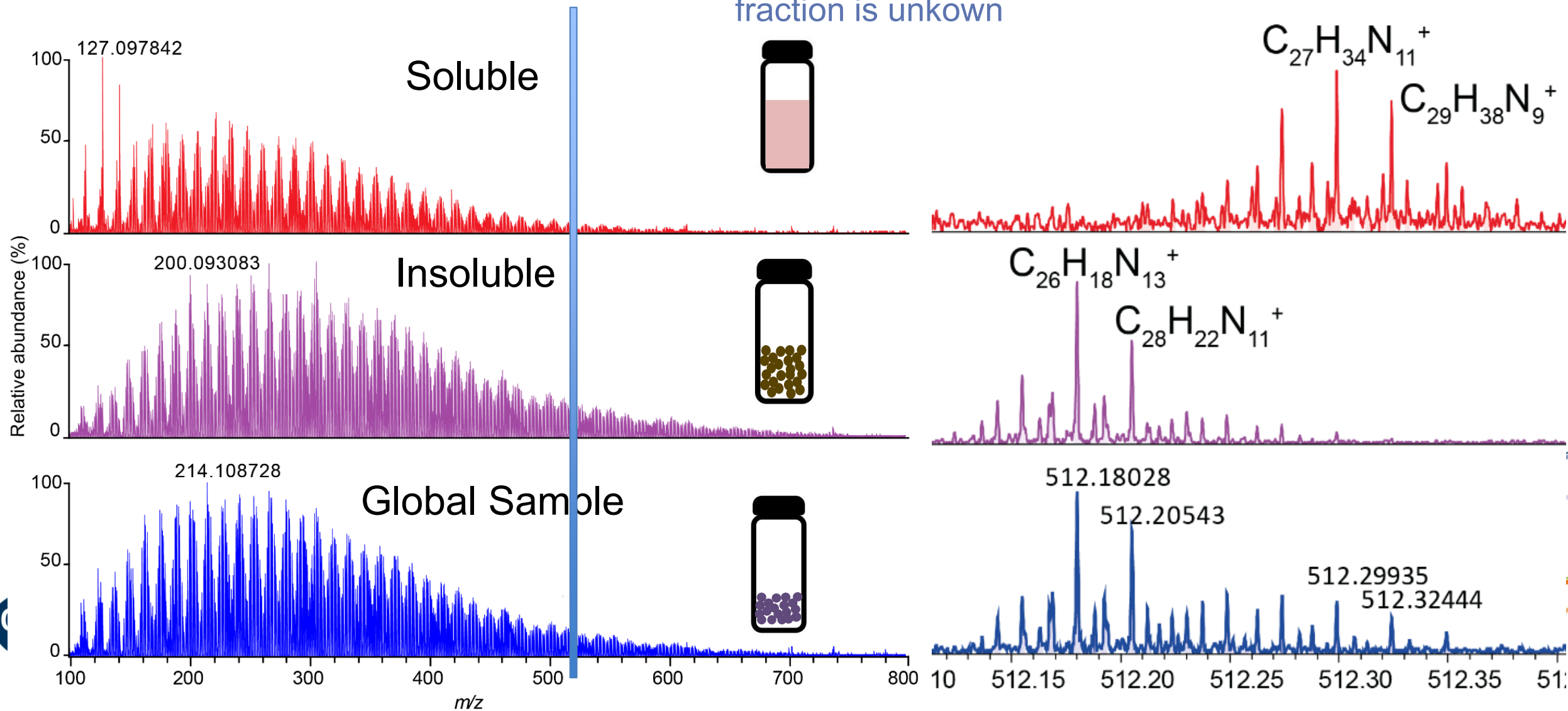
# Optimization for the best performances

- Optimisation of the ICR cell by a DoE
  - Resolution  $4 \cdot 10^6$  @  $m/z$  200 (7.5 s TD, AMP mode)
  - Mean error 0.050 ppm

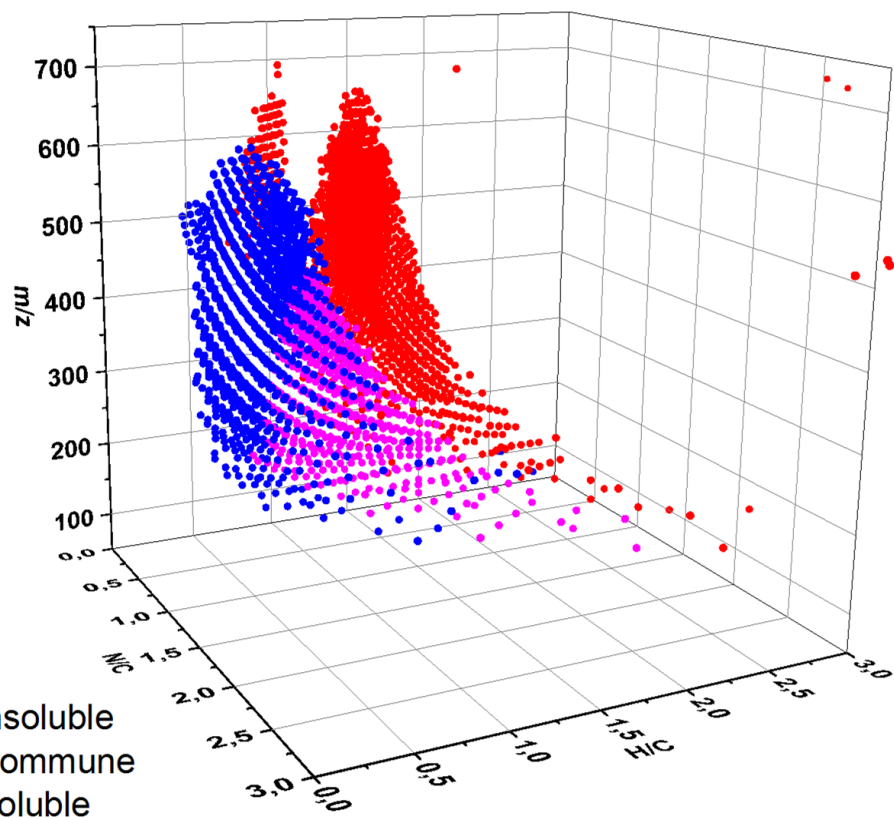


- Only 35 % of tholins are soluble in MeOH
- Structure of non soluble fraction is unknown

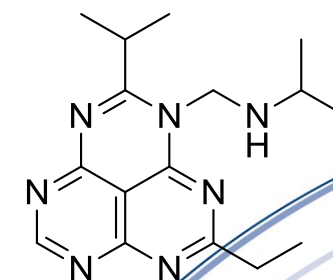
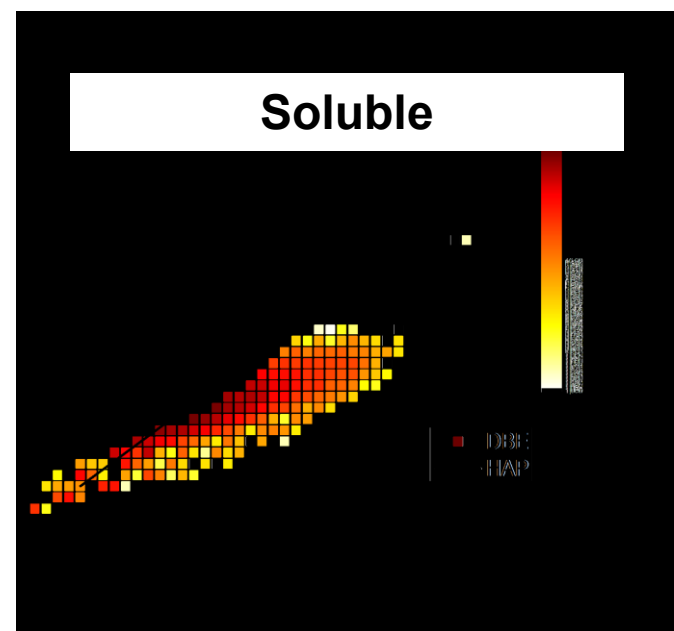
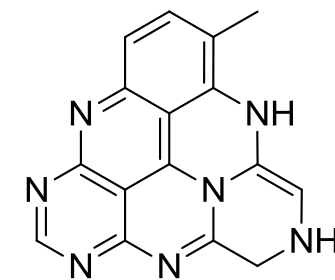
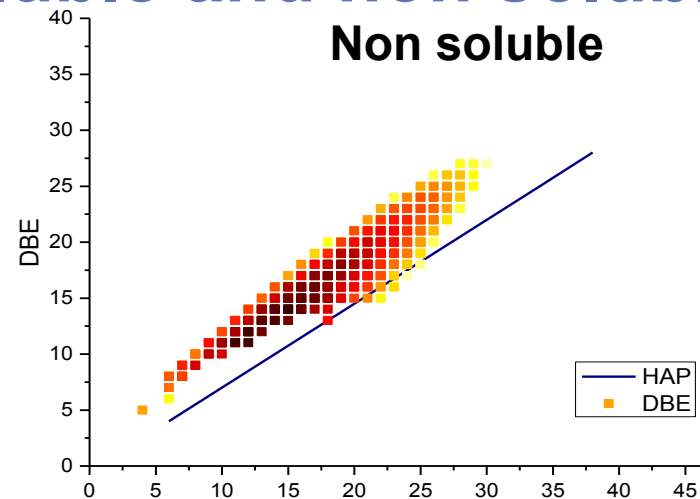
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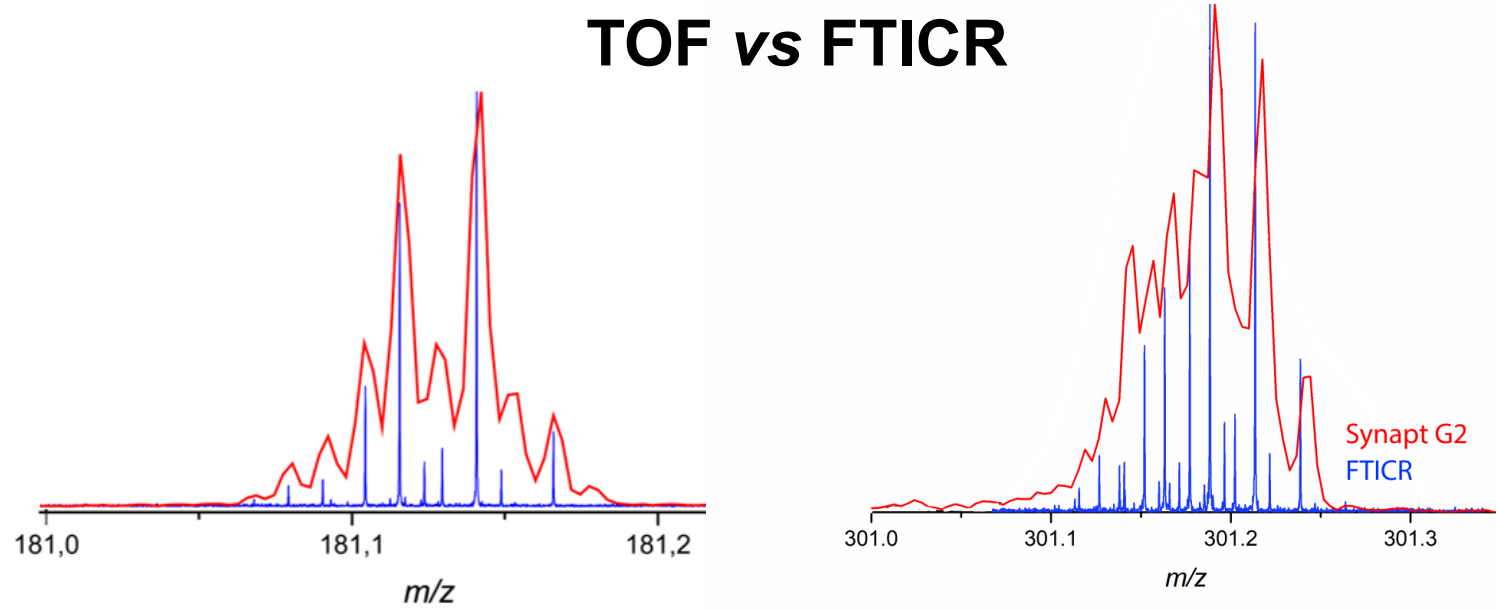
# Molecular mapping: soluble and non soluble fractions



Van Krevelen diagram

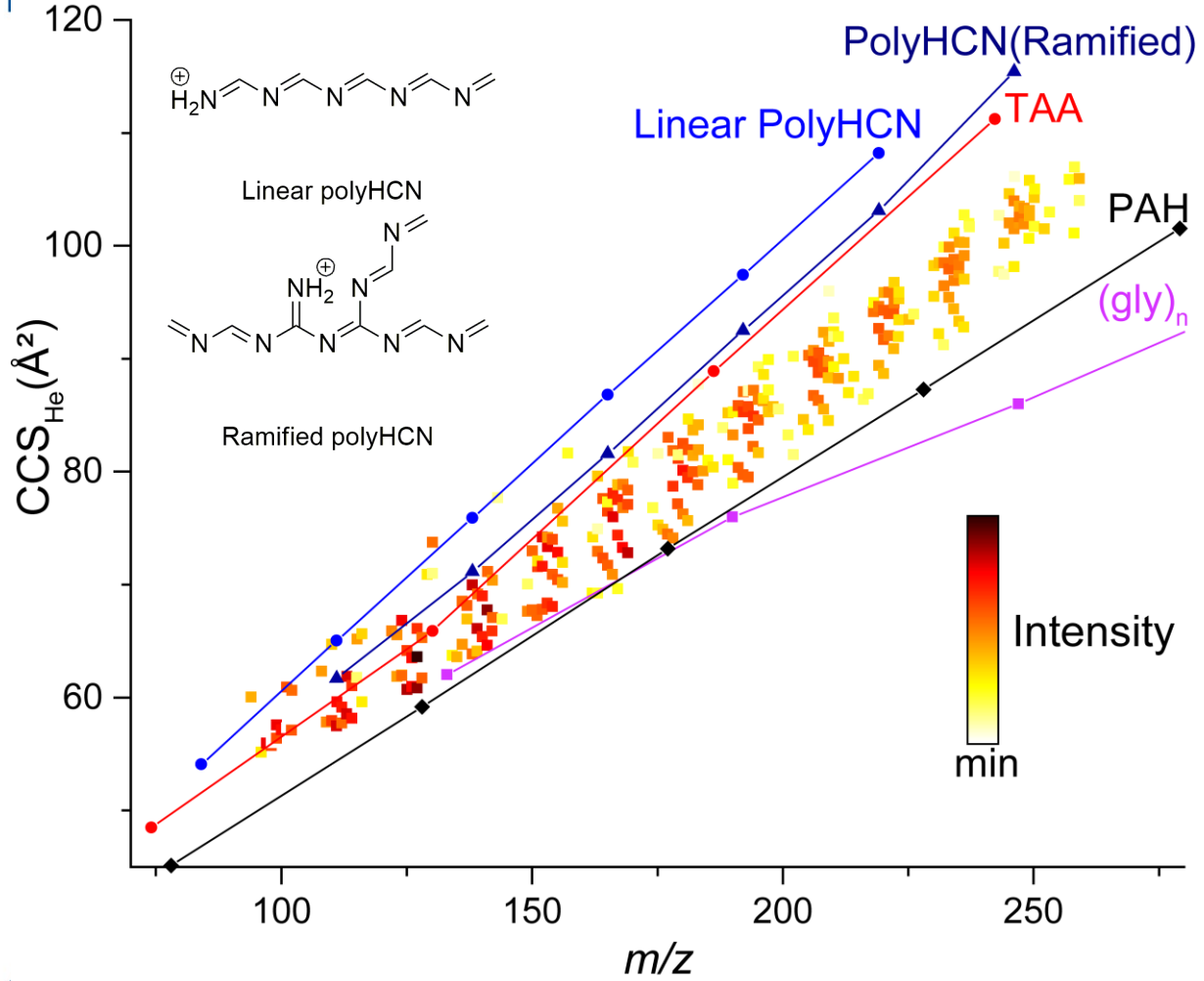


## TOF vs FTICR

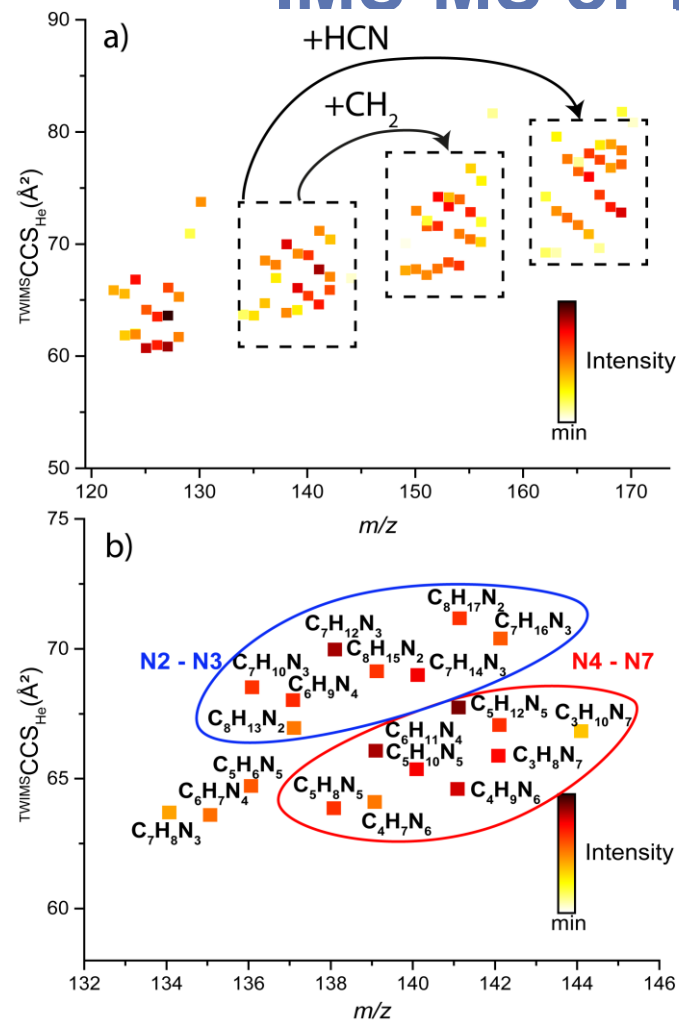


- Owing to the high complexity IMS-TOF analysis is very challenging and limited to low masses
- IMS with FTICR?
  - Drift tube IMS or TWIMS: ms time scale
  - FTICR second time scale
- Other IMS technique compatible with FTICR
  - FAIMS (High-field asymmetric waveform ion mobility spectrometry)
  - TIMS (tapped ion mobility spectrometry)
    - Low field access to

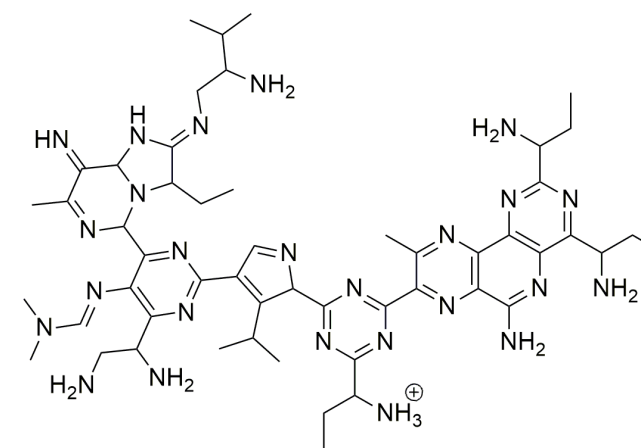
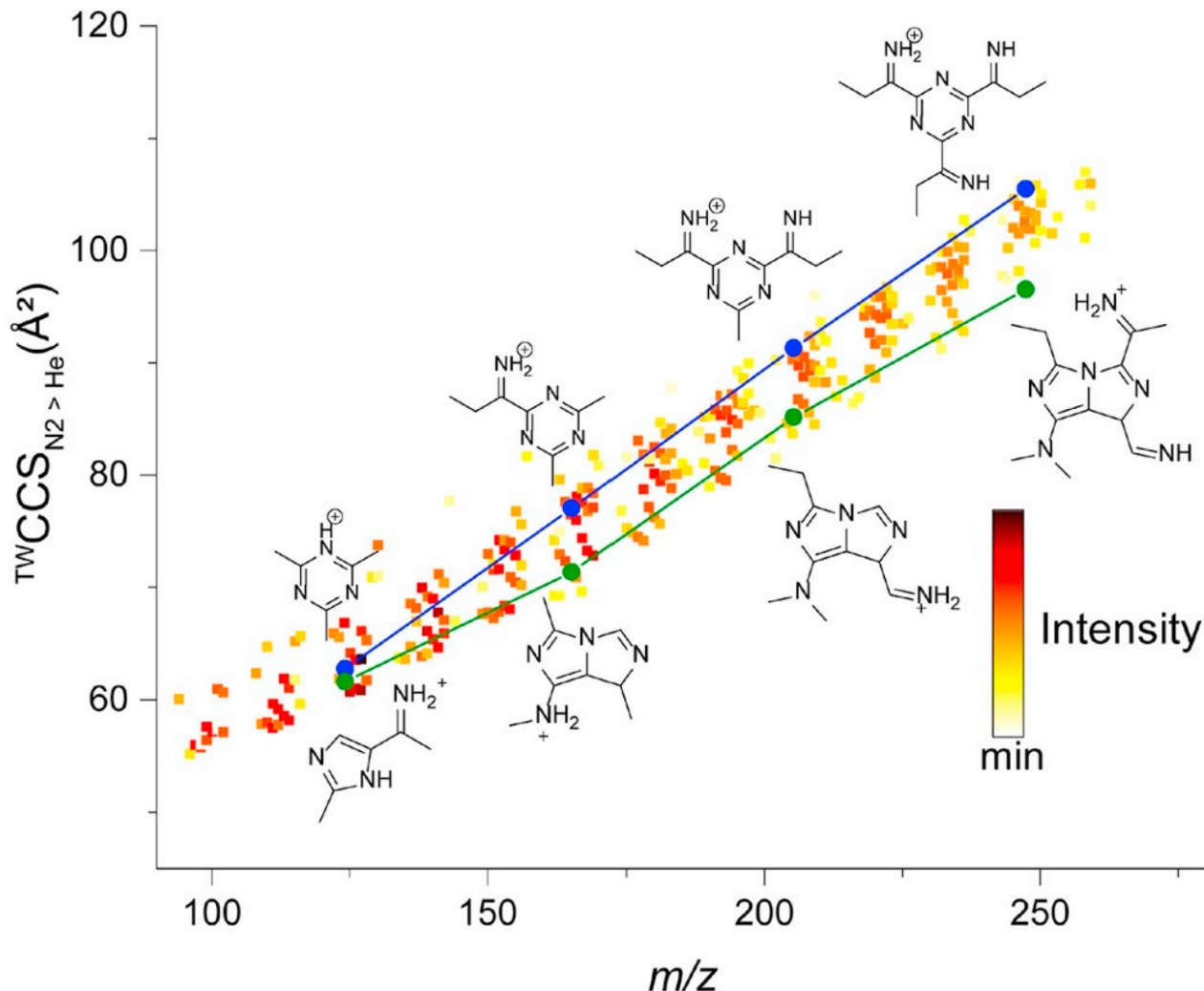




## IMS-MS of Tholins



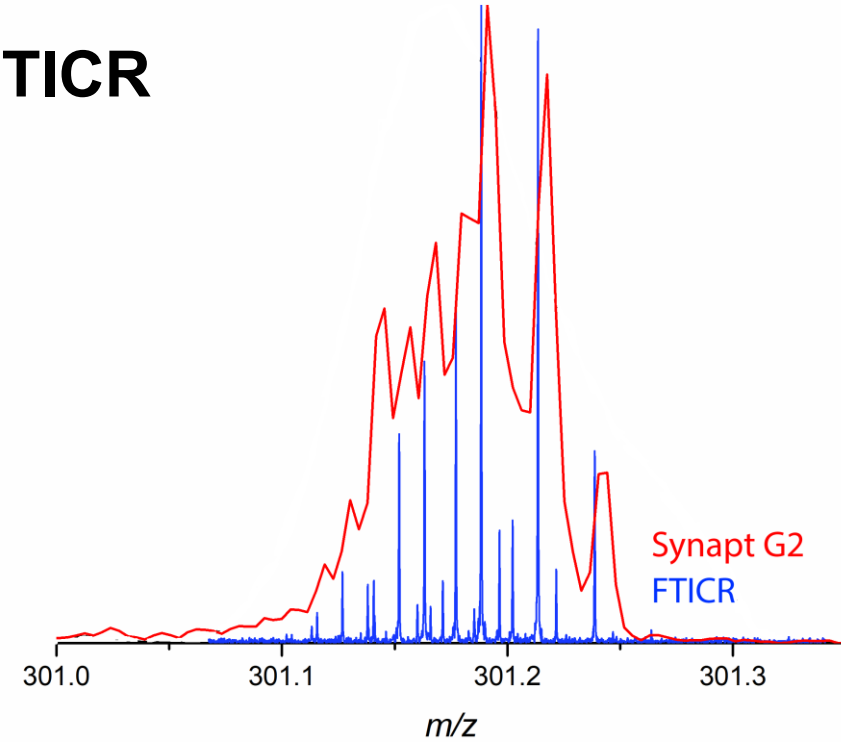
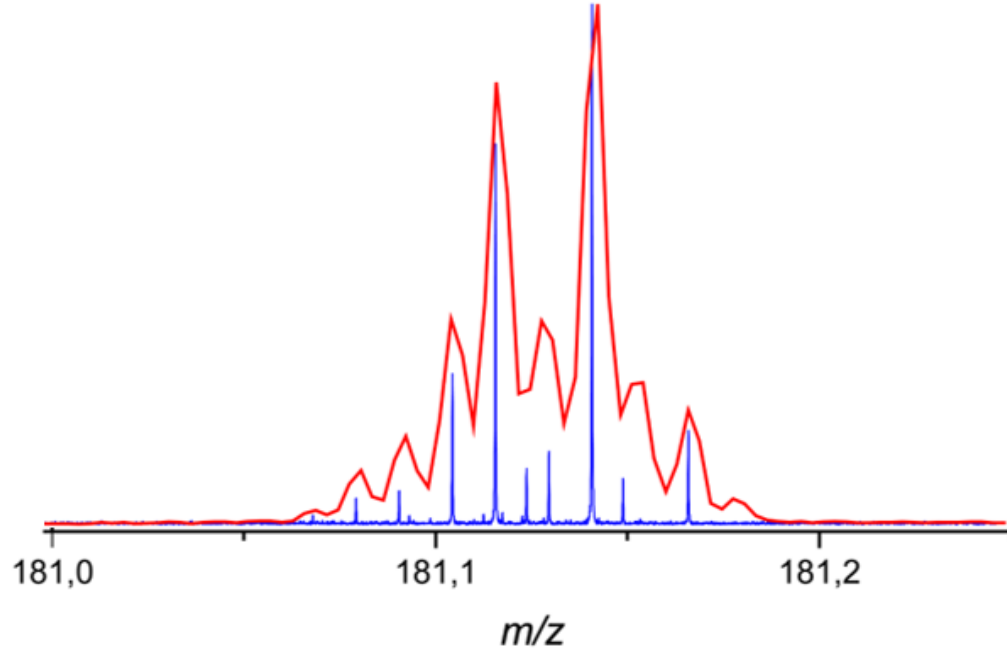
Comparison of collision cross section (Å<sup>2</sup>) vs *m/z* of ions of tholins sample with polyHCN (blue), tetraalkylammonium salts (red), polyaromatics hydrocarbons (black) and polyglycan (purple).



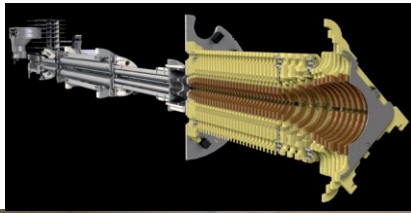
Comparison of CCS vs  $m/z$  with (blue) calculated CCS of triazine family  
(green) calculated CCS of pyrazole family

Maillard, J.; Hupin, S.; Carrasco, N.; Schmitz-Afonso, I.; Gautier, T.; Afonso, C., Structural elucidation of soluble organic matter: Application to Titan's haze. *Icarus* **2020**.

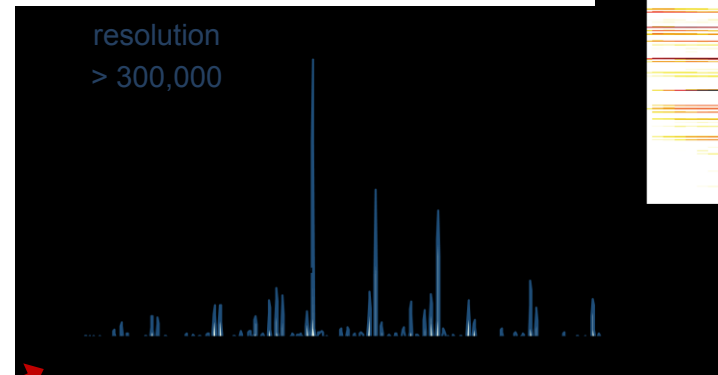
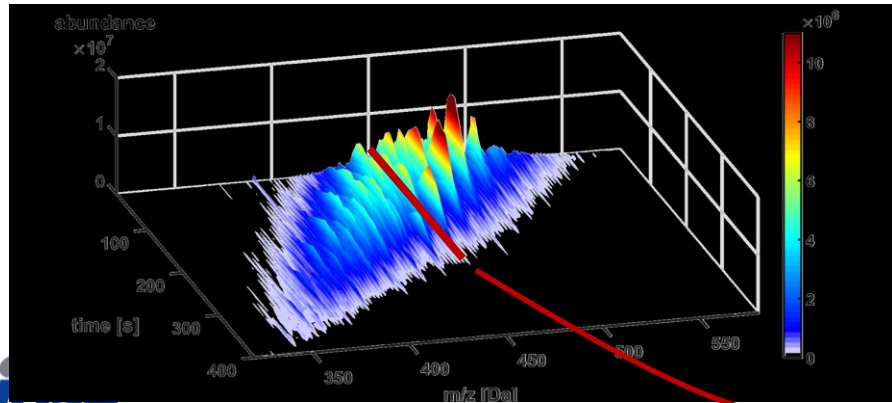
## TOF vs FTICR



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Experiments at Bruker (Summer 2018)



zoom-into 0.3 Da window → ultra-high resolving power needed

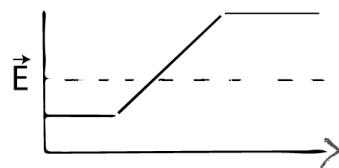
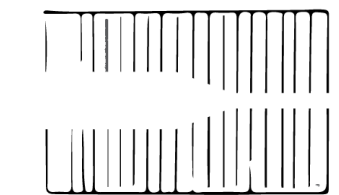
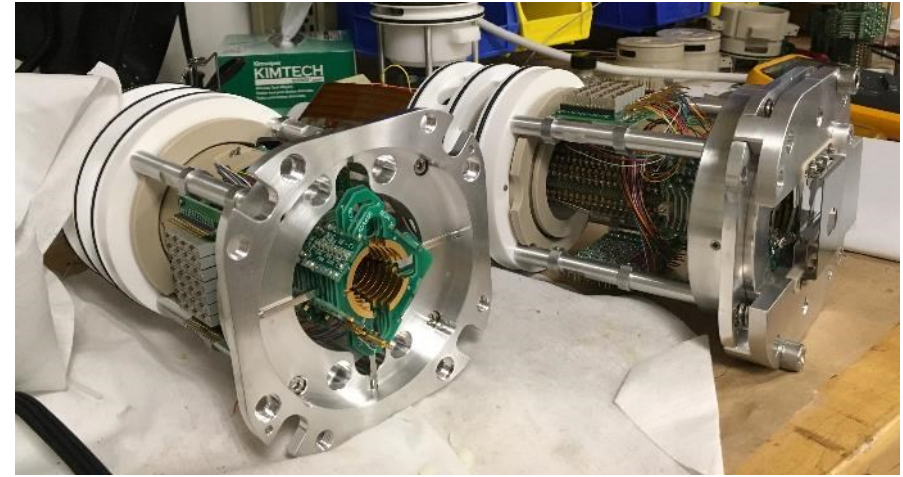
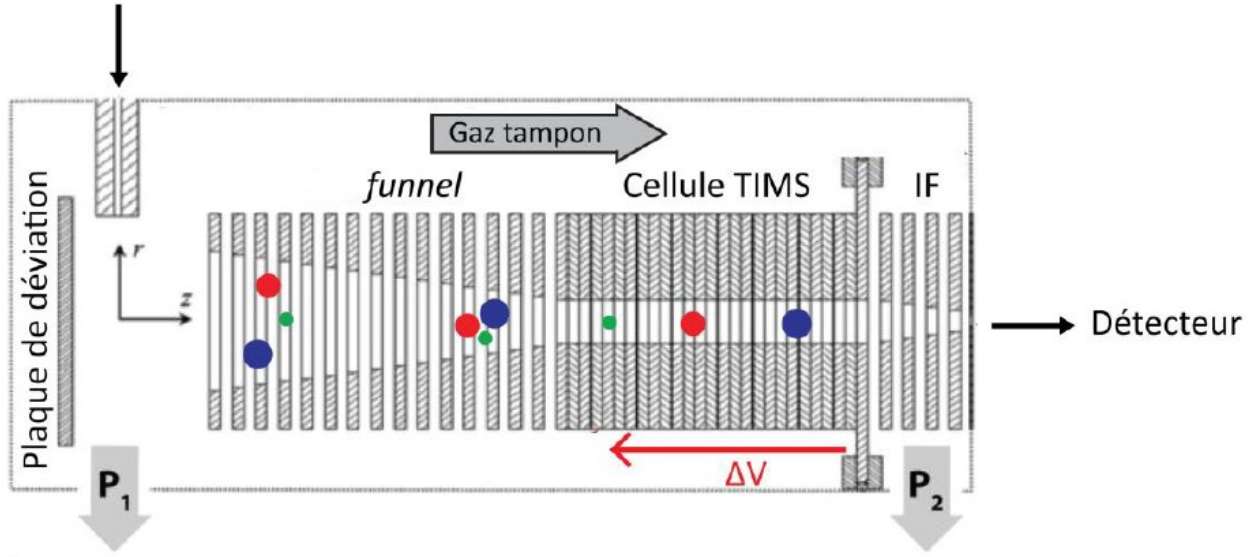
## TIMS-FTICR

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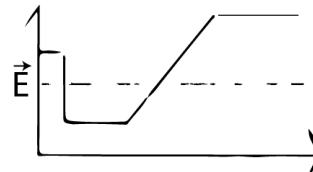
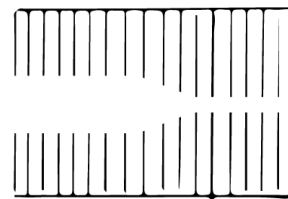


# Trapped Ion Mobility Spectrometry (TIMS)

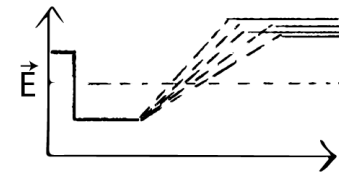
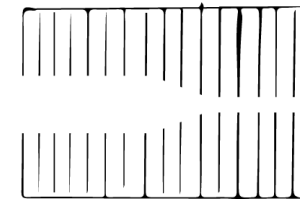
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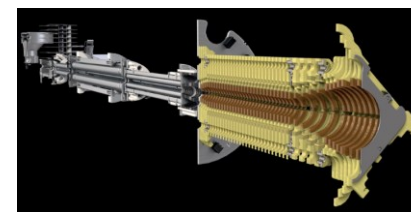
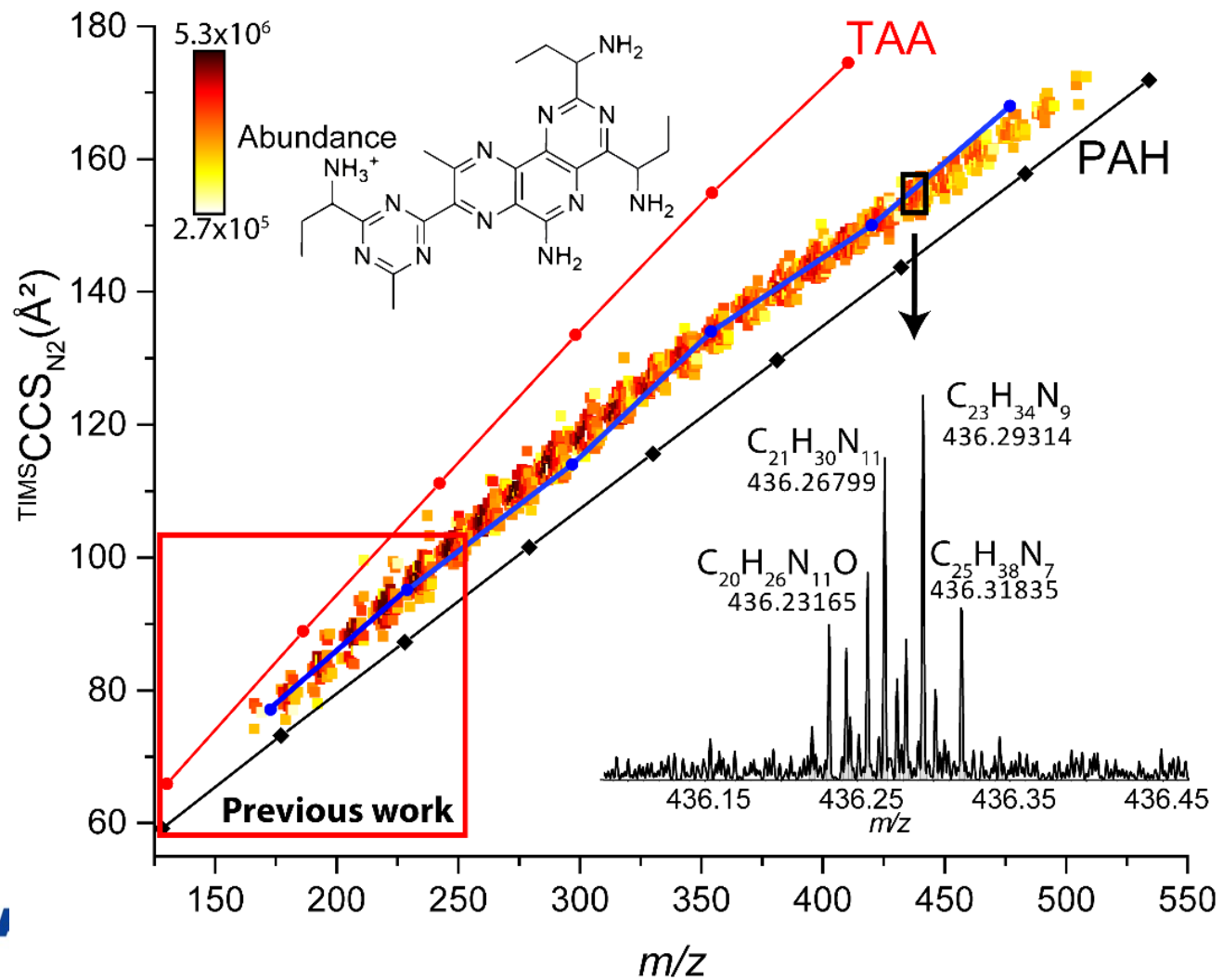


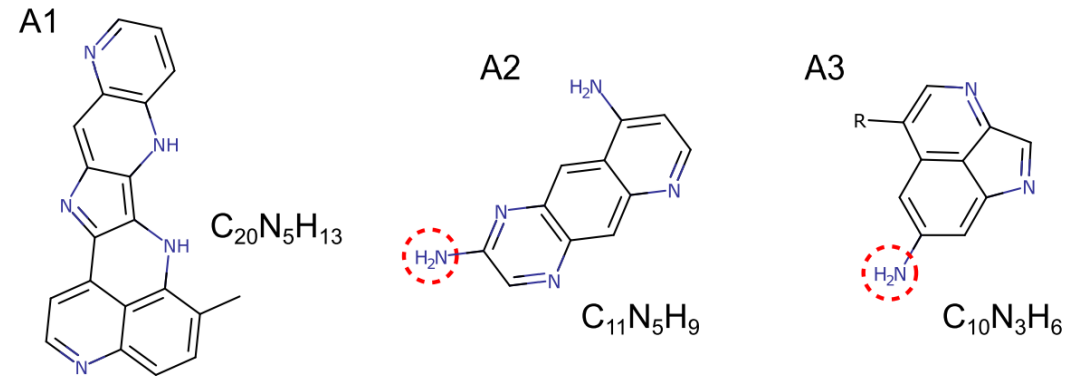
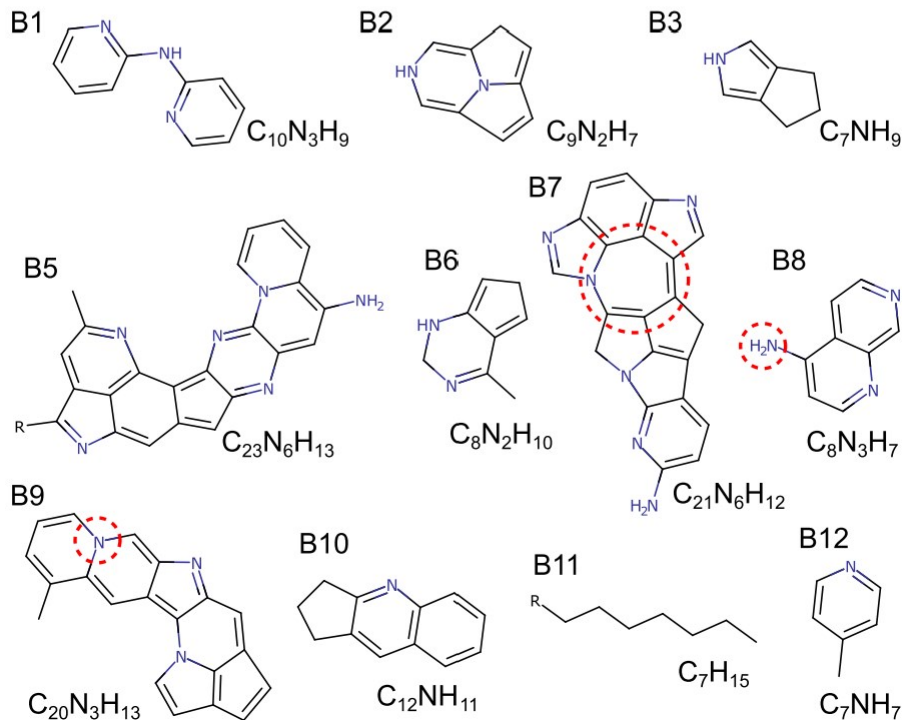
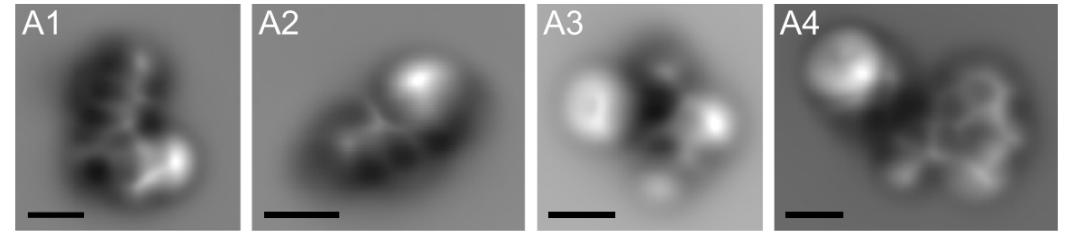
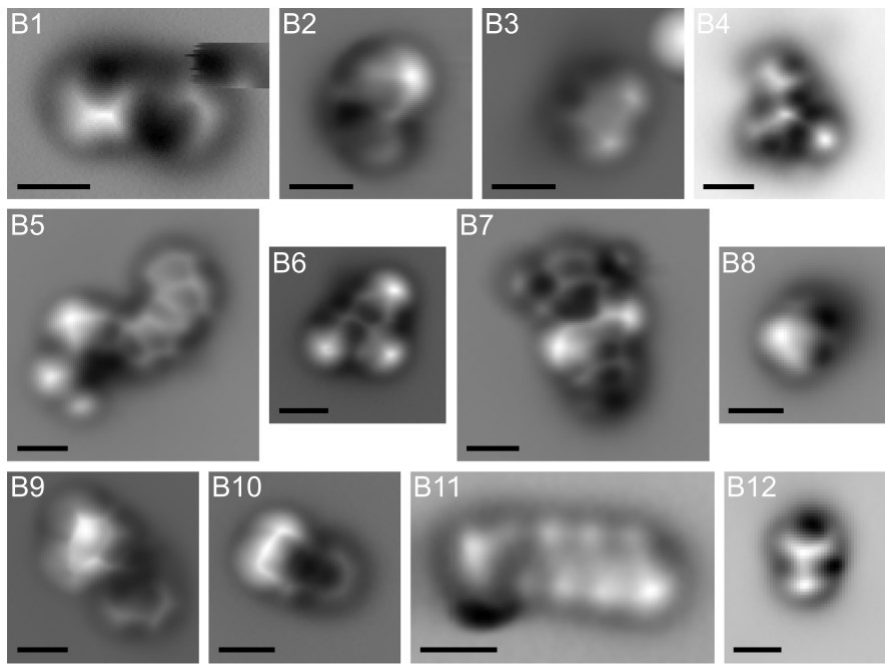
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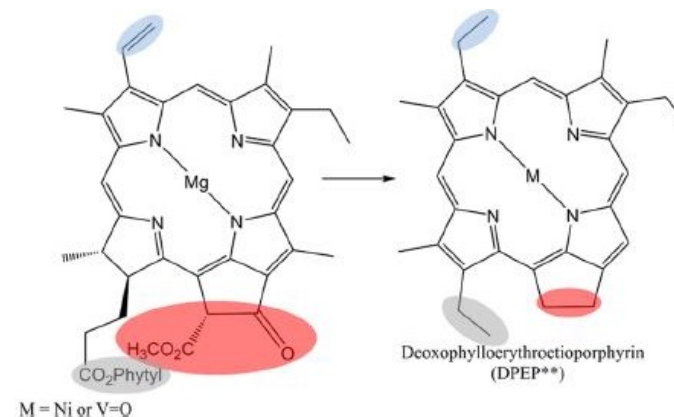
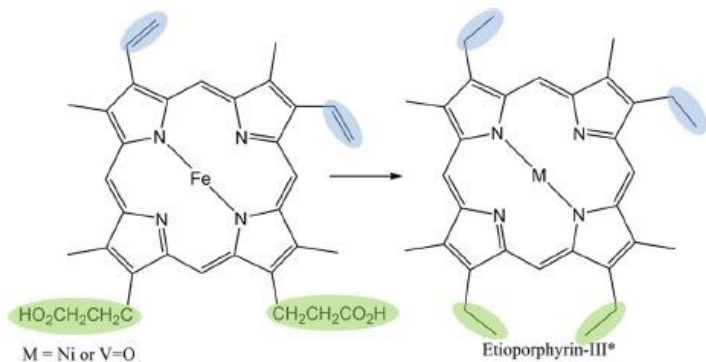
### Analysis of Geologically Relevant Metal Porphyrins Using Trapped Ion Mobility Spectrometry–Mass Spectrometry and Theoretical Calculations

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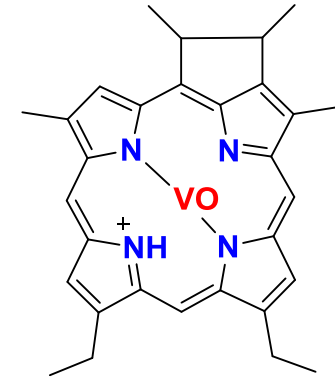
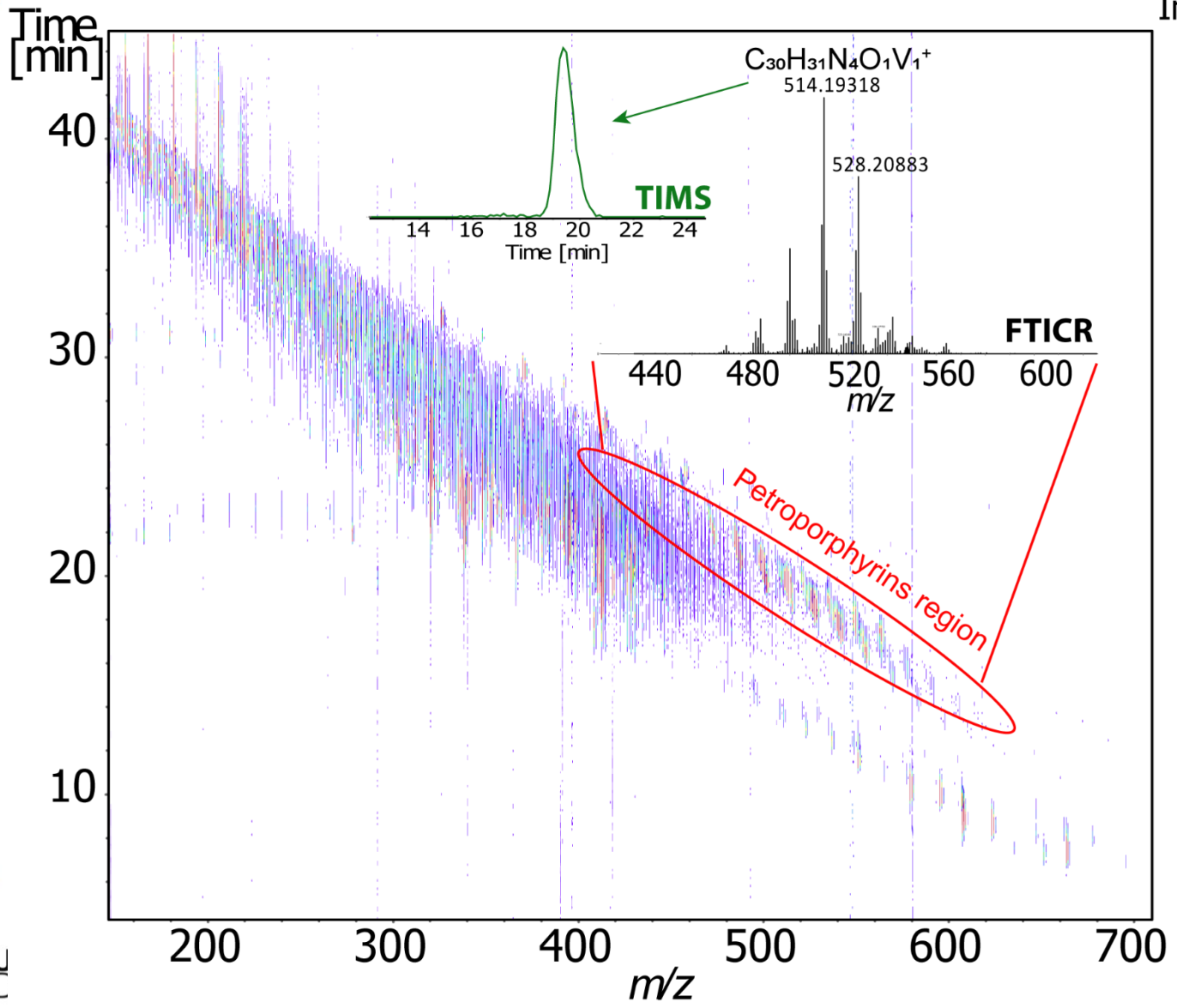
**What about their structure in real sample?**

Scheme 1. Diagram Illustrating the Chemical Changes Outlined in the Treibs Hypothesis<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Note the changes in the different functional groups observed.

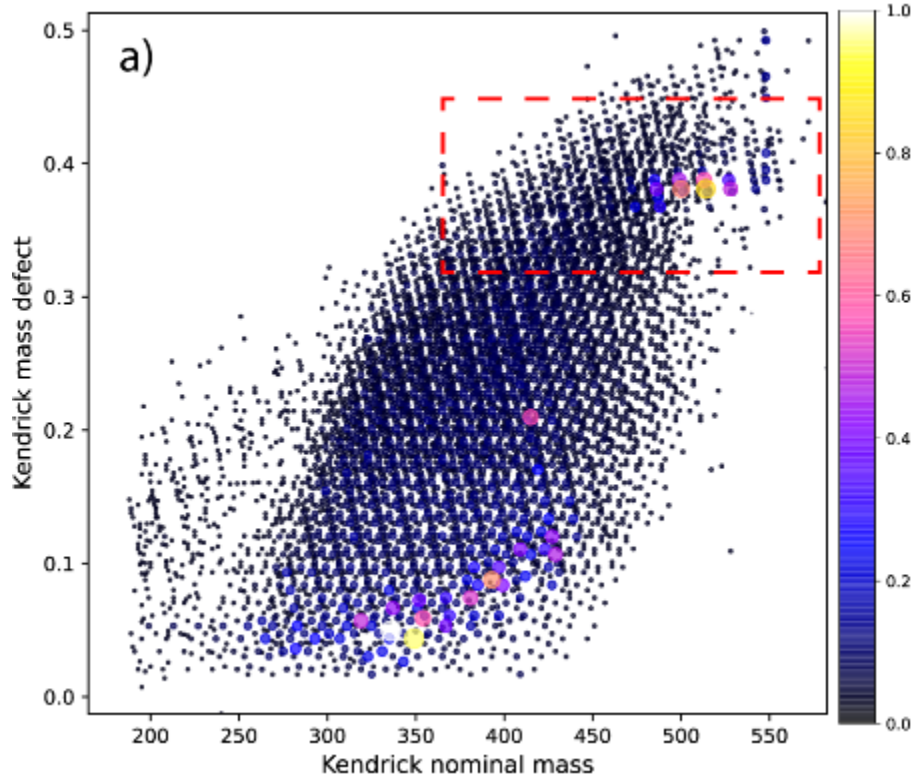
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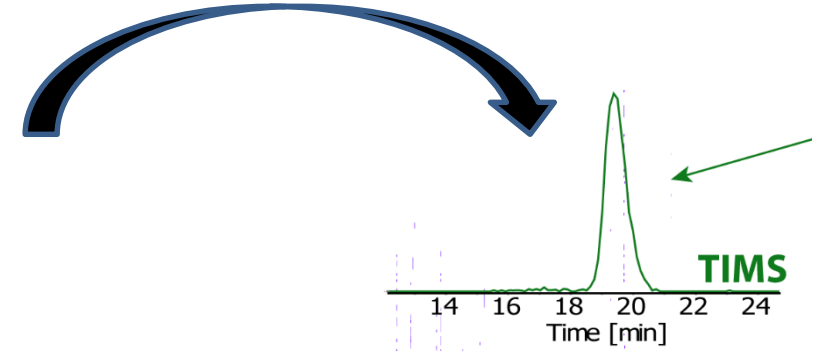
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# Attribution and extraction of petroporphyrins signals



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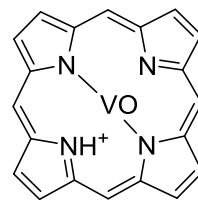
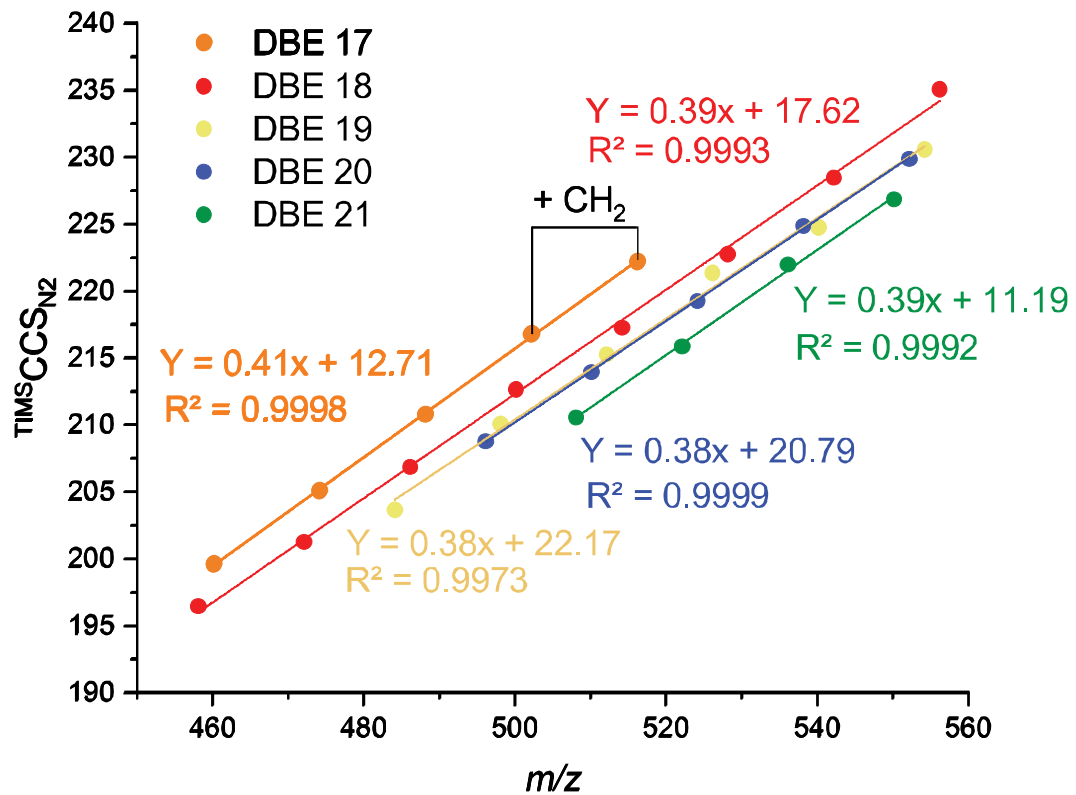
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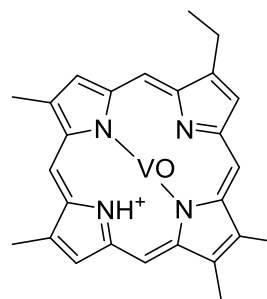
# Attribution and extraction of petroporphyrins signals

Molecular formula [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Calculated m/z	Experimental m/z	Error	C#	DBE	TMS <sub>CCS</sub> N <sub>2</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> )	FWHM (s)
			(ppm)				
C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>1</sub> V <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup>	460.14625	460.14624	0.01	26	17	199.6	27
C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>1</sub> V <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup>	474.1619	474.16189	0.01	27	17	205.1	29
C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>1</sub> V <sub>1</sub> <sup>+</sup>	488.17755	488.17754	0.01	28	17	210.8	32
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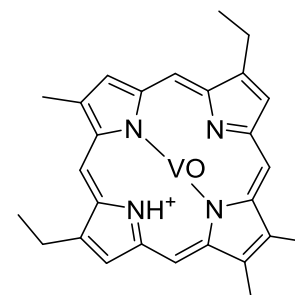
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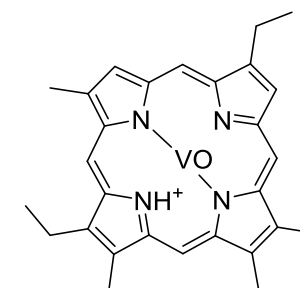
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C6



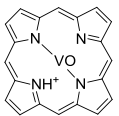
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C7



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C8

# Drawing of all possible core structures

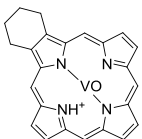
DBE 17



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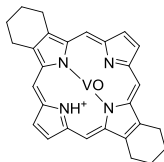
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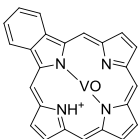
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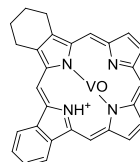
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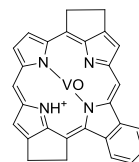
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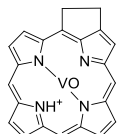
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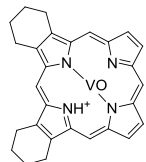
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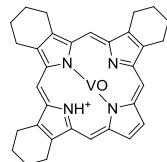
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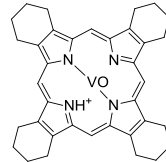
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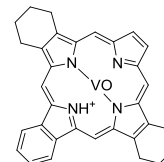
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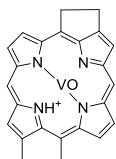
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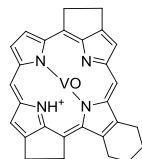
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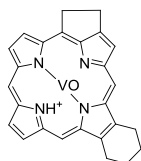
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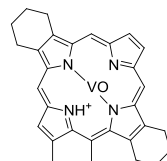
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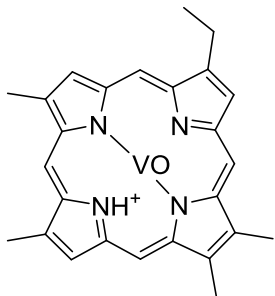
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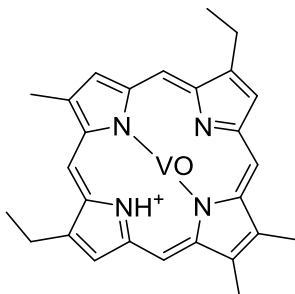
To CCS Calculations

# Calculation of CCS for proposed core structures



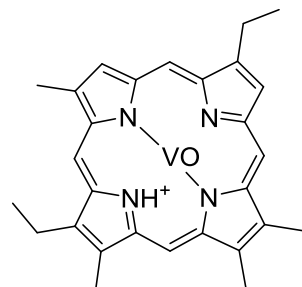
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**C6**



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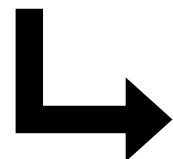
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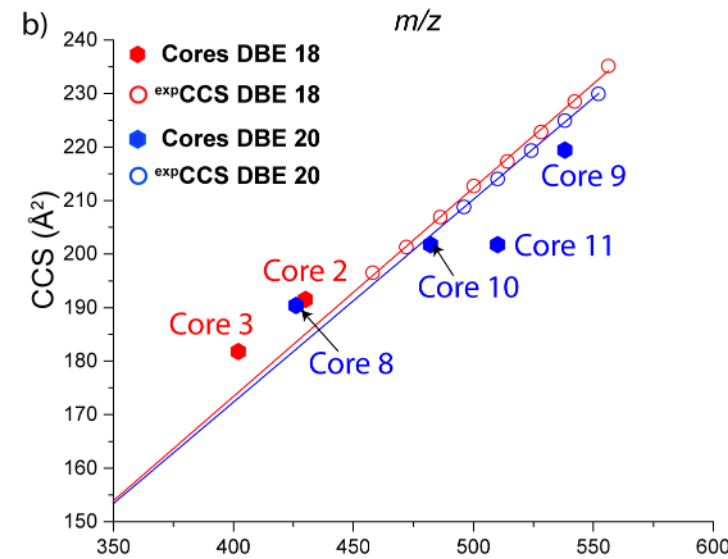
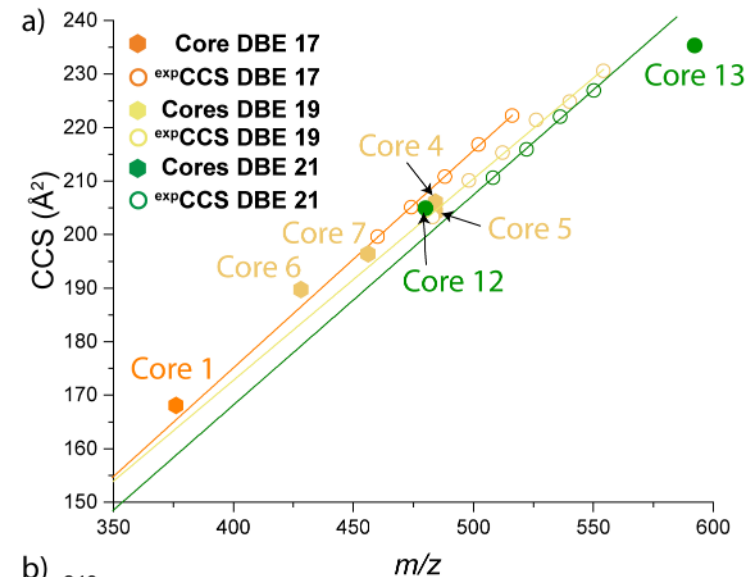
**3D model of metal containing compounds**



**Use of DFT with Gaussian  
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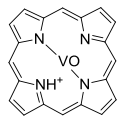


**CCS calculations with IMOS**



# Exclusion of several core structures

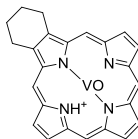
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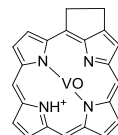
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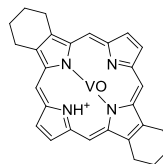
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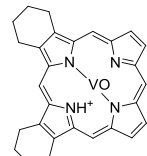
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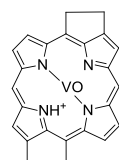
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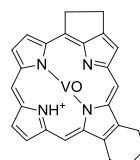
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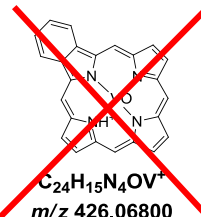
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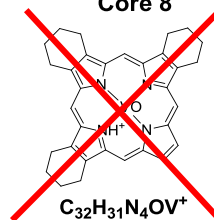
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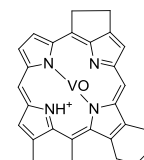
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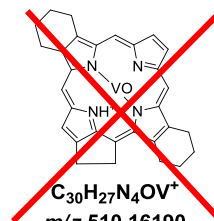
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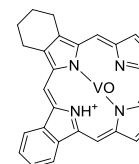
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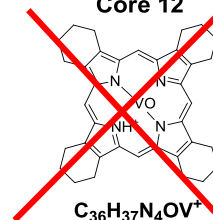
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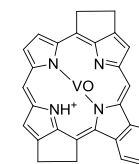
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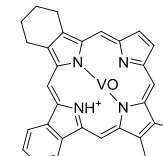
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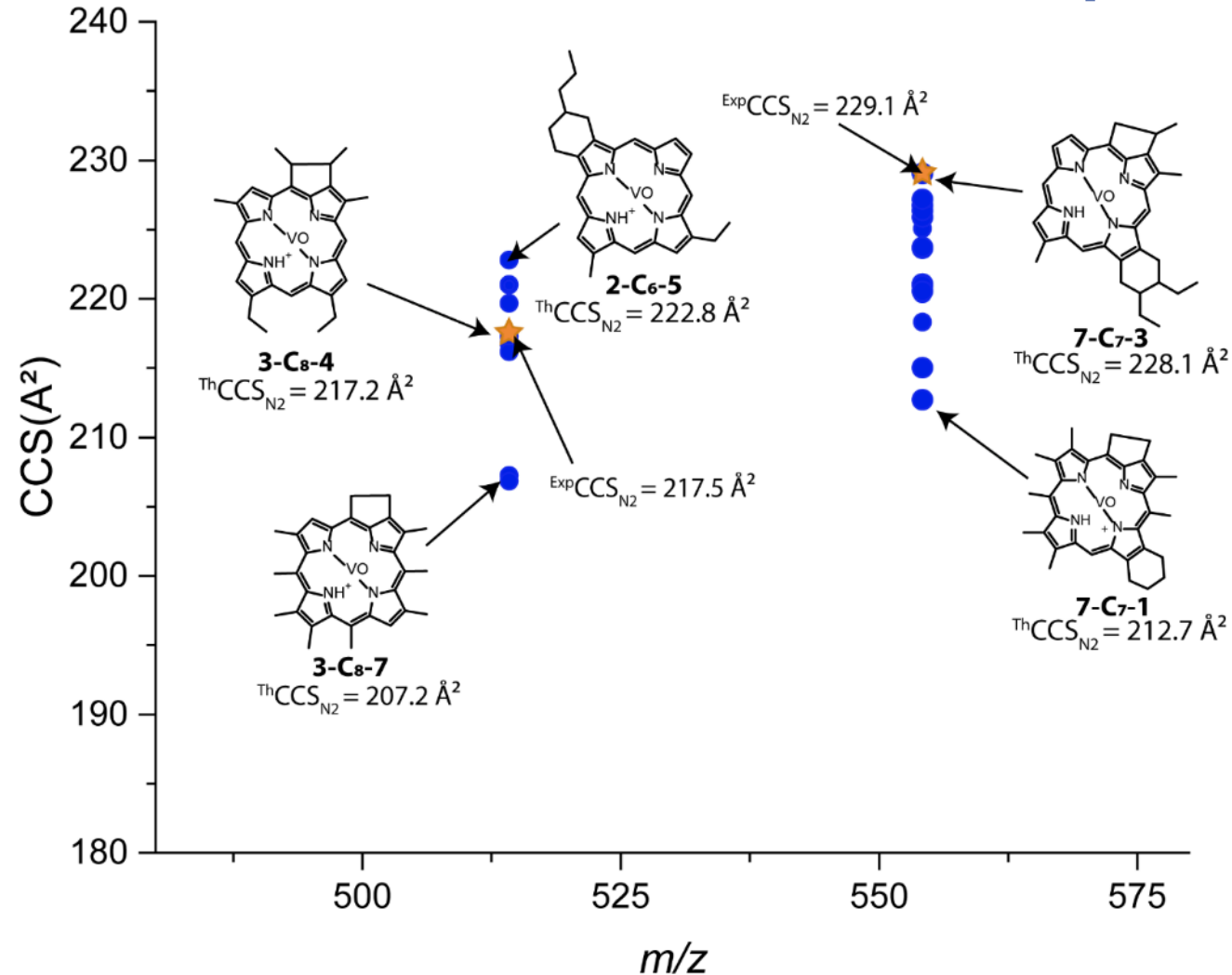


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Core 15



# Calculations of putative structures



IMS-MS diagram of theoretically calculated isomers of the  $m/z$  514.19320 and 554.22450 (light blue dots) and the corresponding experimental measurement (orange star). Selected isomeric structure are included visualizing unlikely (high deviation) and likely (low deviation) structures.

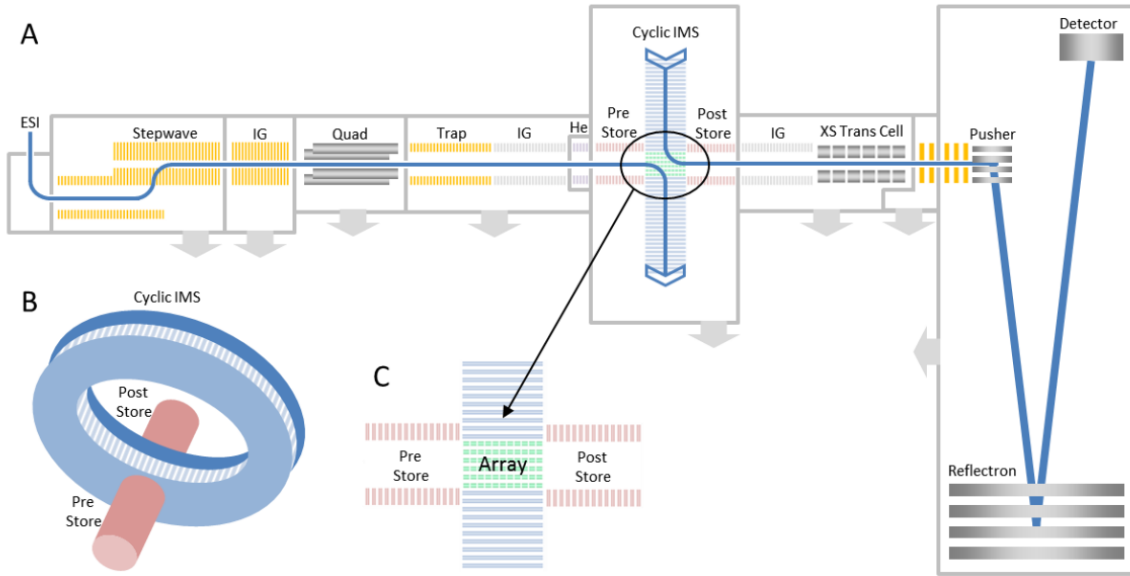
- Analysis of real petroporphyrin by TIMS-FTICR
- Experimental CCS determination
- Theoretical CCS determination of petroporphyrin cores and alkylated cores
- Comparison of experimental and theoretical data allowed to propose putative species with CCS in agreement with the experimental values.

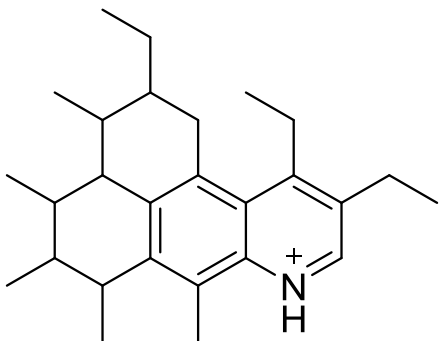


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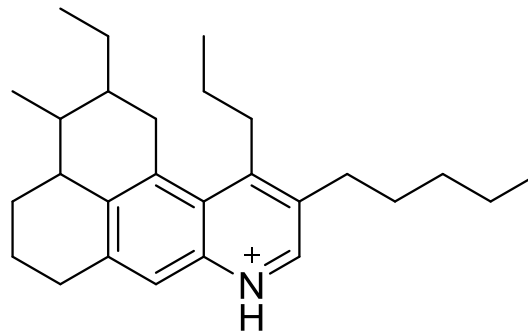
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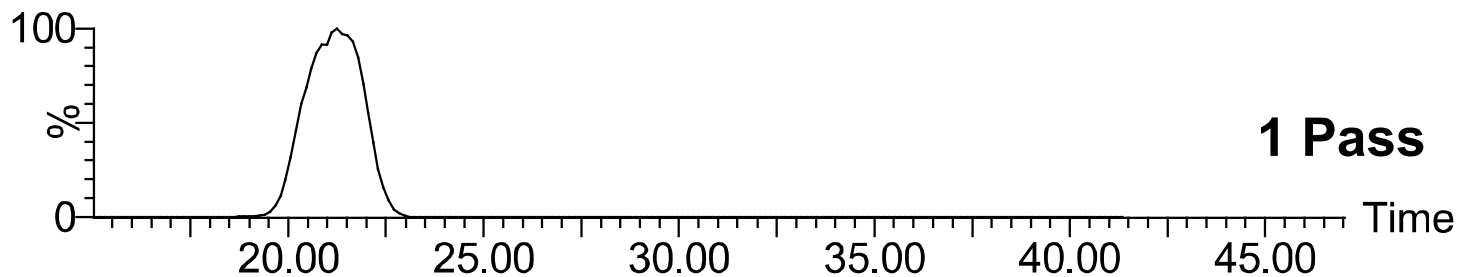
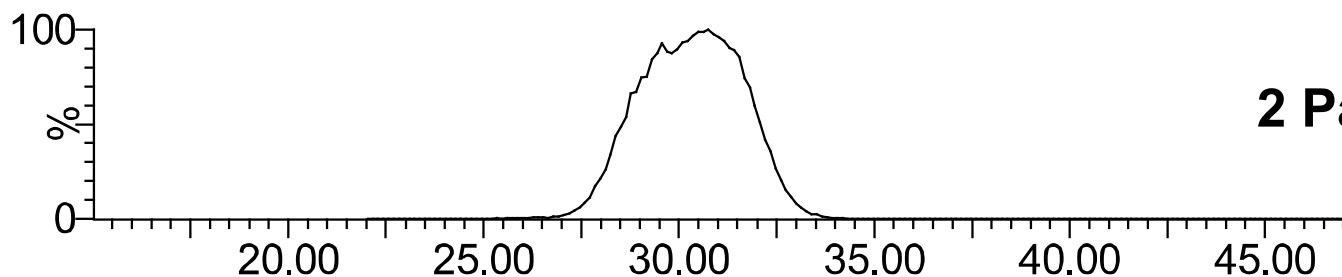
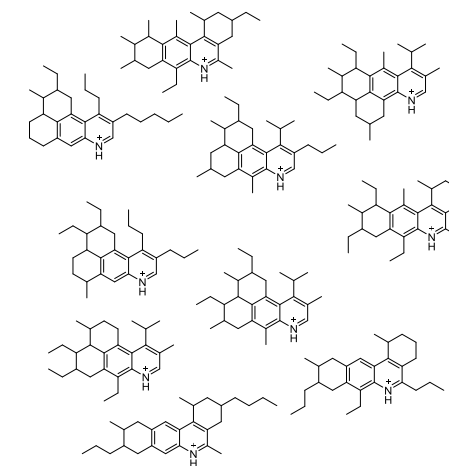
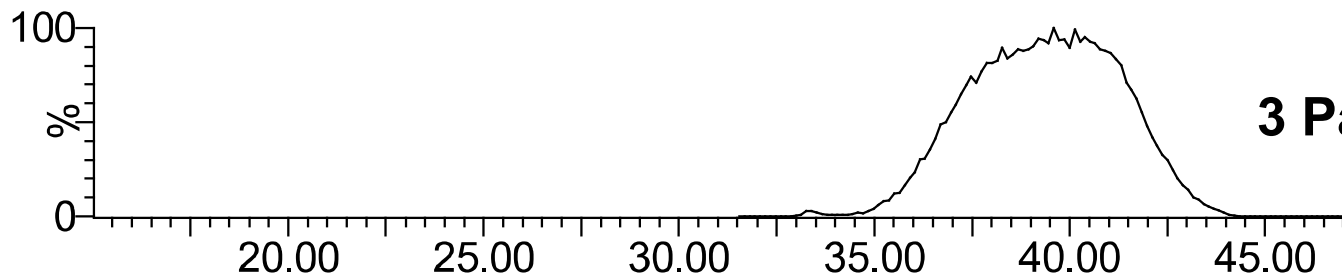
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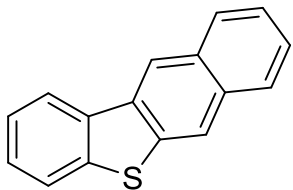


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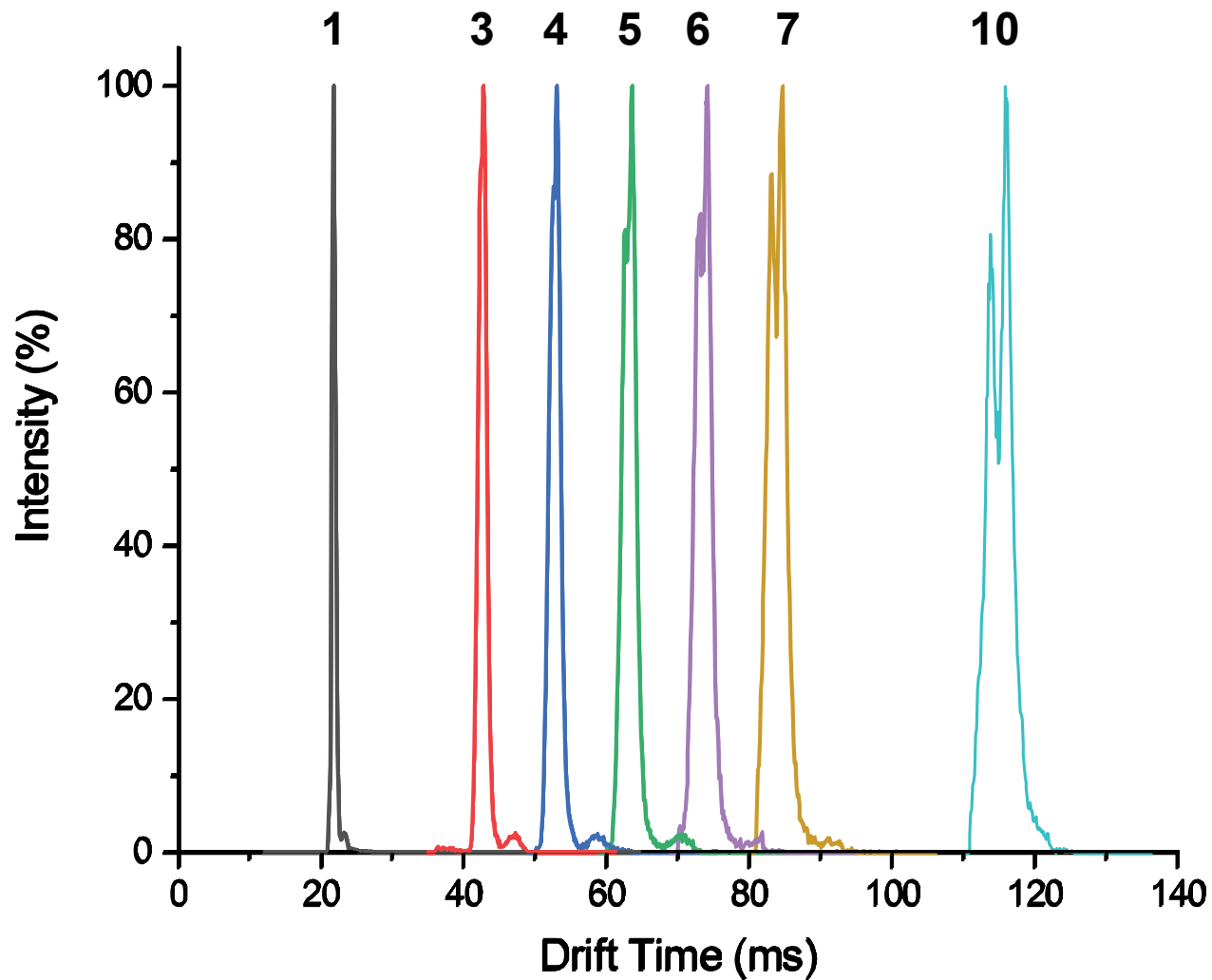
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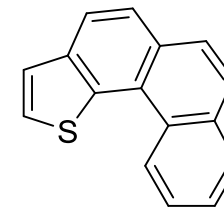




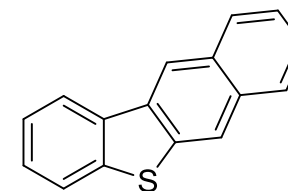
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## Core structure



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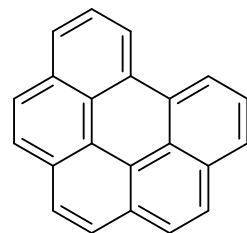
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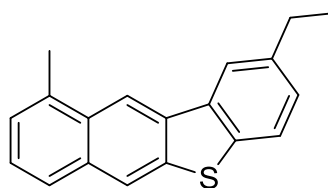
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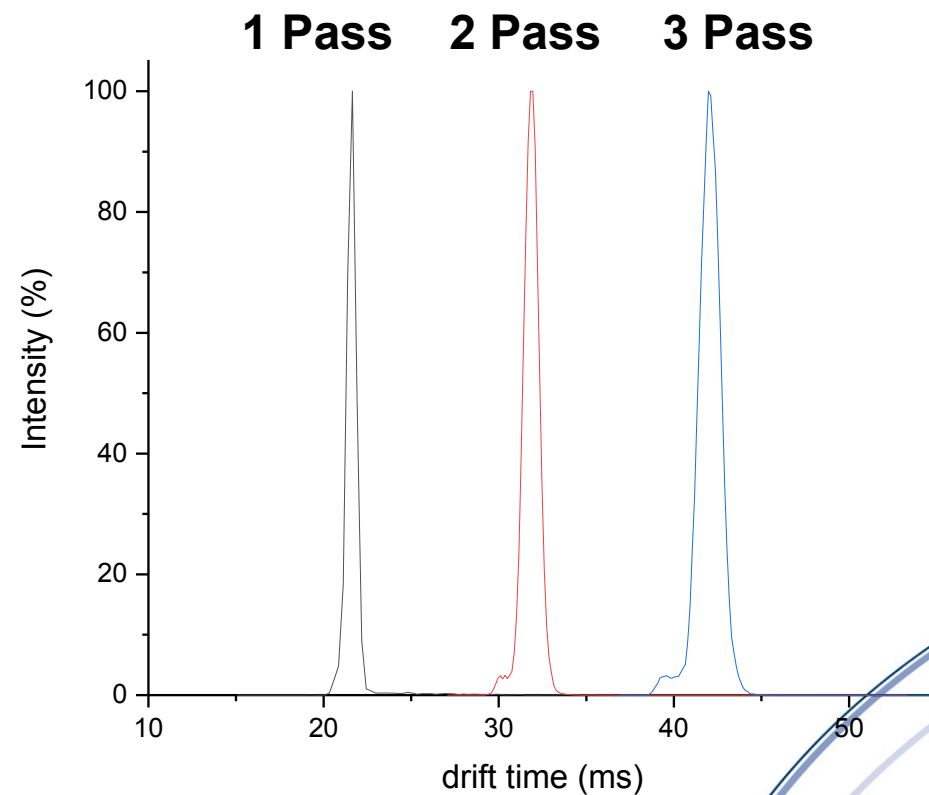
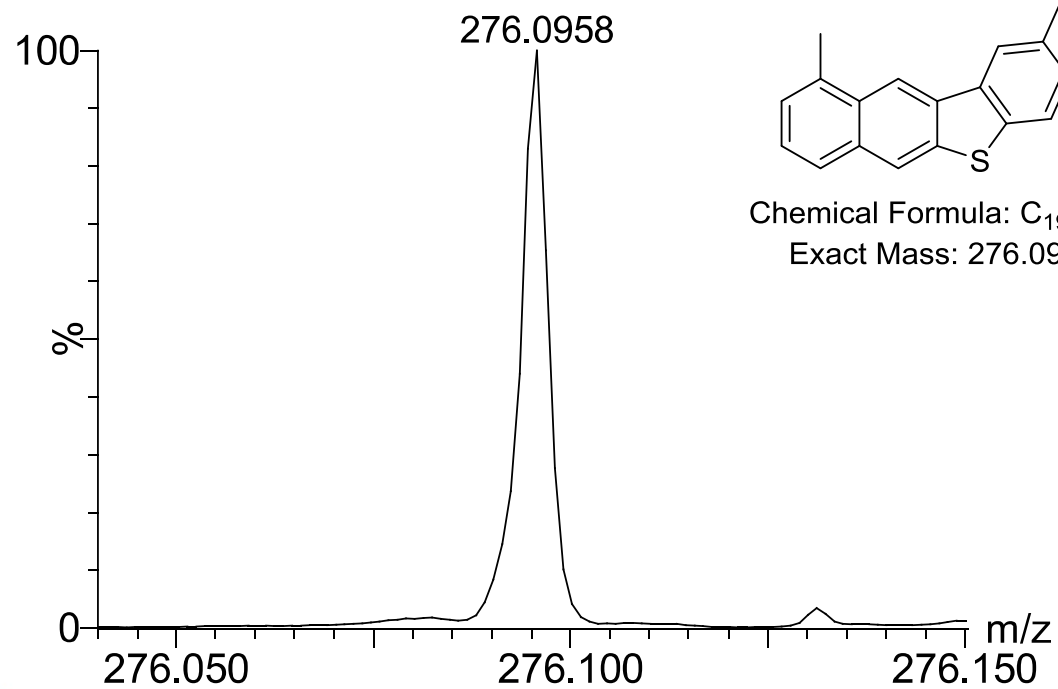
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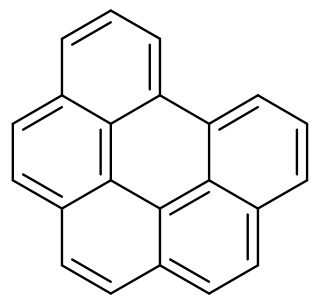
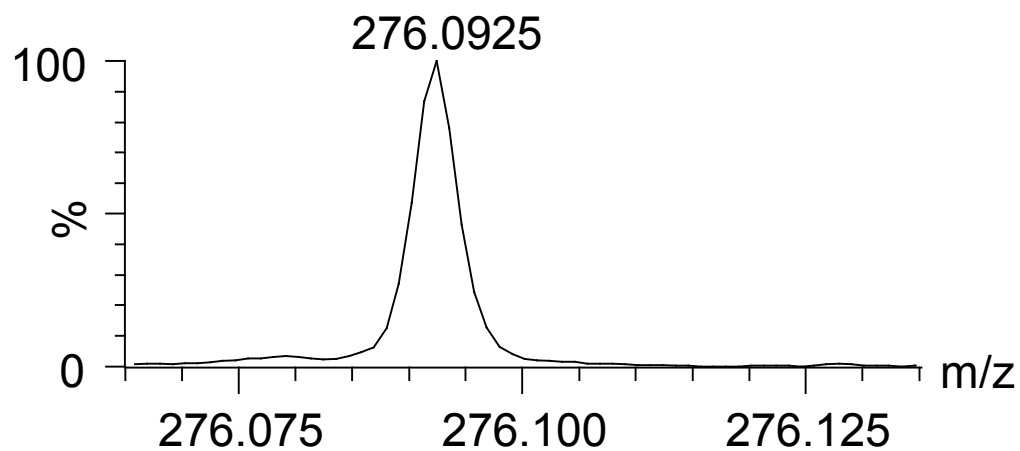
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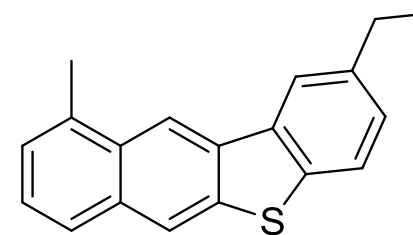
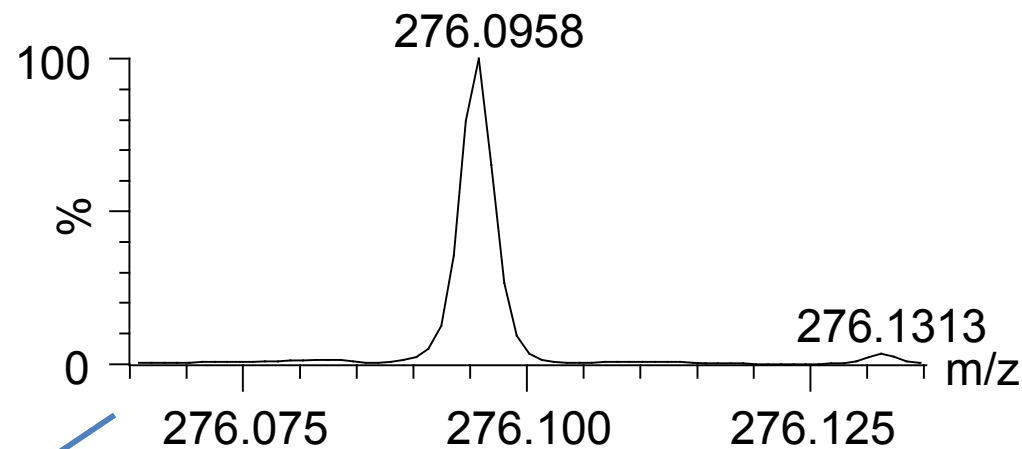
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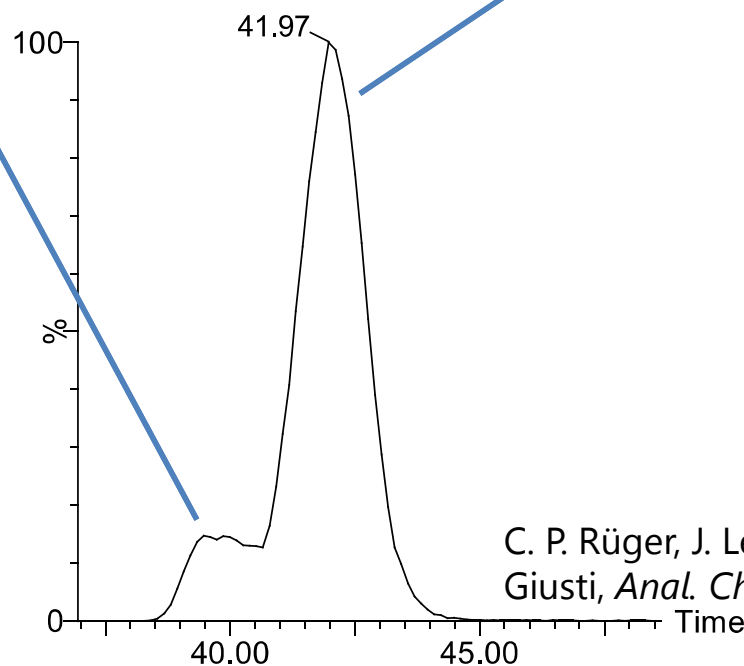
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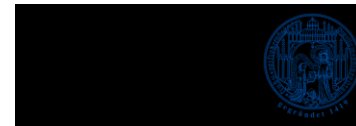


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