

Analysis of Organic Pollutants in Water and Sediment: Instrumental approaches for demanding problems

- 1. Improved GC/MS sensitivity**
- 2. LC/MS solutions for new environmental problems**

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Definitions

- Sensitivity
 - Analytical definition: slope of the plot of amount of analyte (x-axis) versus signal response (y-axis)
 - Commonly used definition: minimum amount of analyte that gives an acceptable response (more correctly “limit of detection”)
- Sensitivity Specification (GC/MS)
 - S/N achieved for a very small amount of analyte injected under a carefully defined set of the instrument conditions using a “matrix-free” sample
- Useable Sensitivity
 - Instrument and method parameters and tools that enhance the signal response and reduced noise when [working with real sample matrices](#)

Seminar Overview:

Useful Sensitivity for Improved Environmental Analyses

Technology Curve – Where is GC/MS Today?

Hardware Evolution

GC – Capillary Flow Technologies (Backflush)

MS – Triple-Axis Detector, Gain Normalization and Fast Electronics for Synchronous SIM/Scan

Software Evolution

MS – Trace Ion Detection and Deconvolution

GC – Retention Time Locking and New Databases

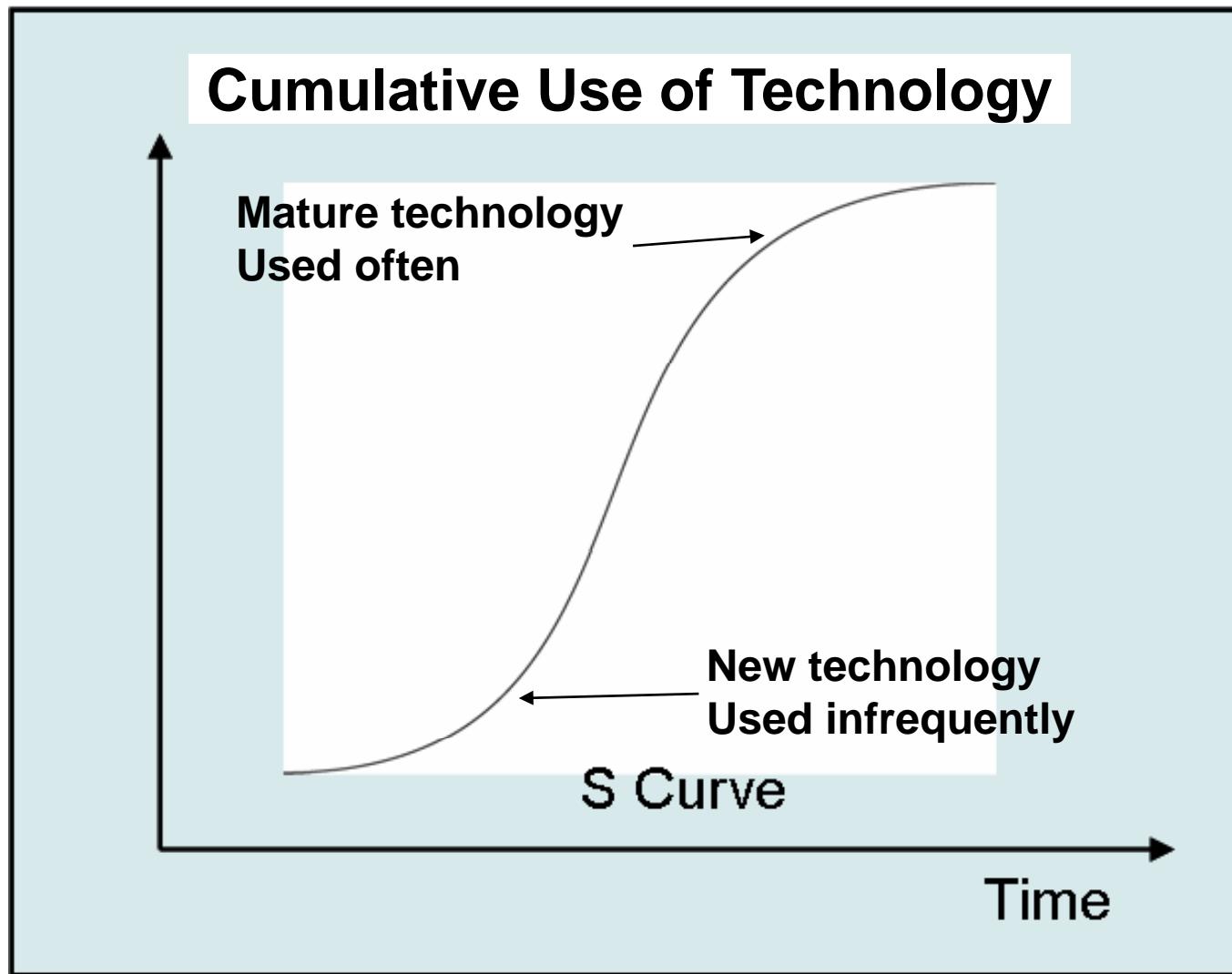
GC/QQQ: Detector sensitivity improves usable sensitivity

Agilent LC/MS solutions for Environmental Analysis

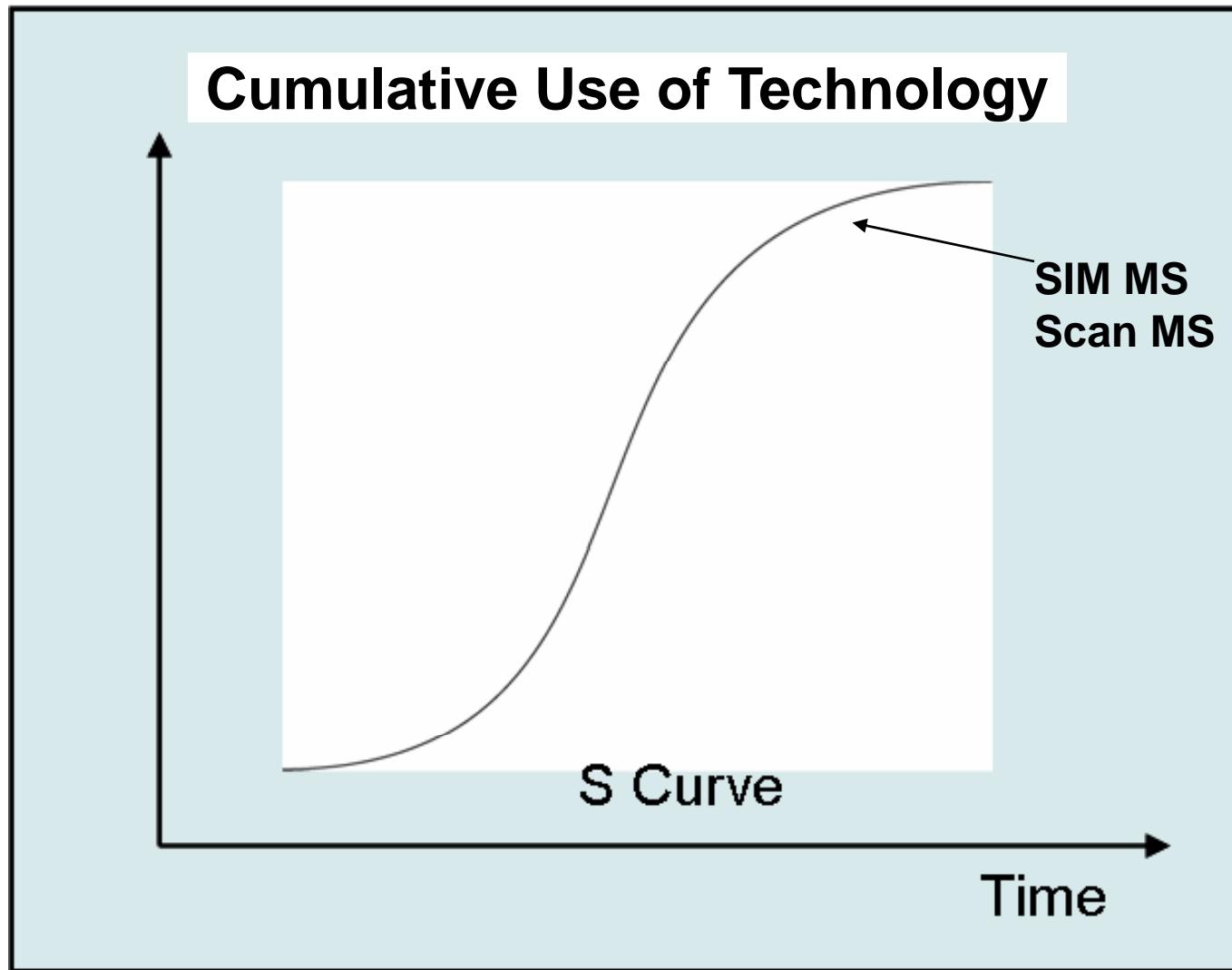
Perflorinated Organic Compounds

Pharmaceutical compounds in water and sludge

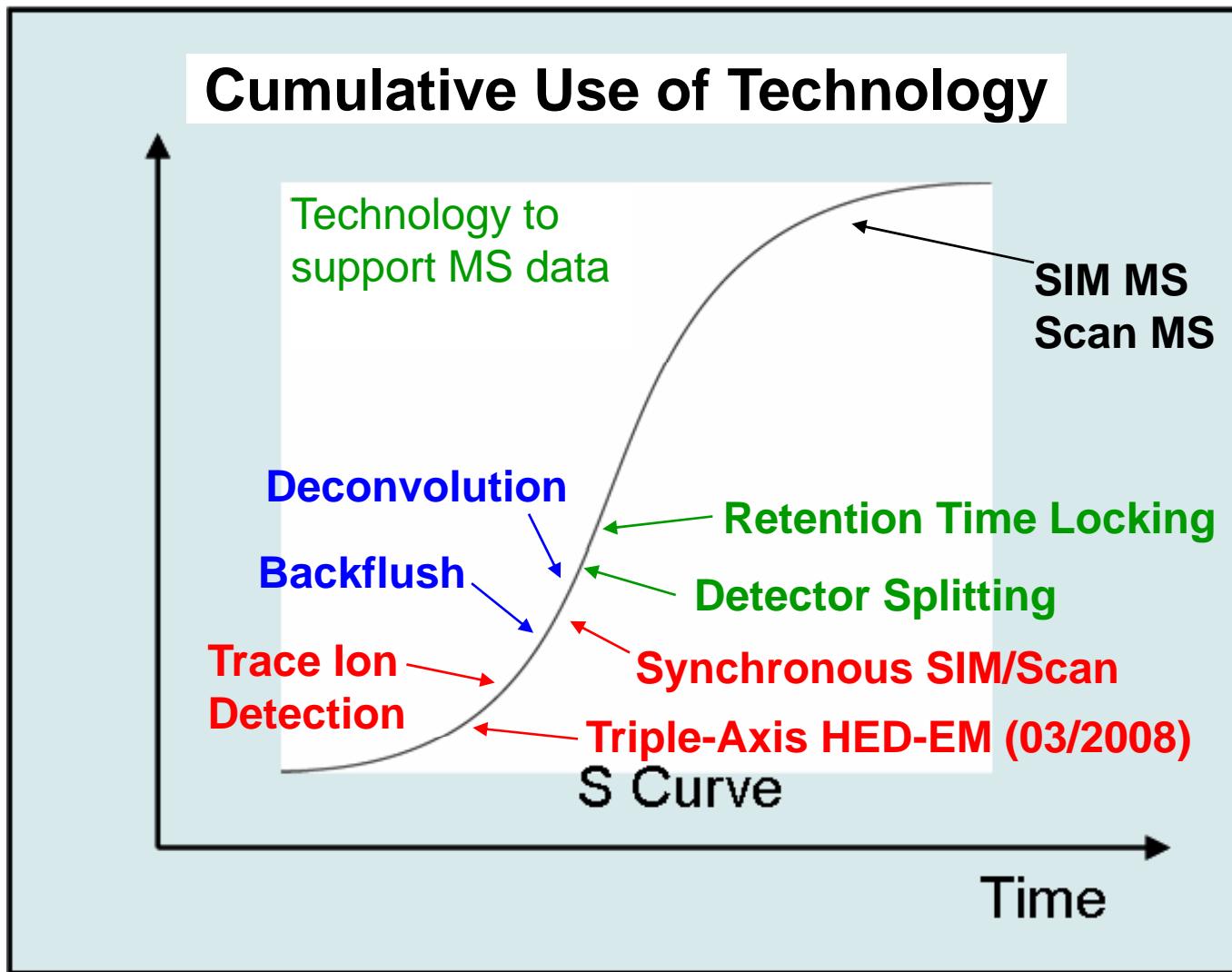
Positioning of Basic GC/MS



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The Benefits of Newer GC/MS Technologies



Improve Productivity and Useable Sensitivity in Environmental Analysis with Agilent's 7890A/5975C GC/MSD

**Trace Ion
Detection**

**Deconvolution
Reporting
Software**

**Triple-Axis
Detector**

**Pollutant
Retention Time
Locked Databases**

**Backflush and
other Capillary
Flow Technologies**

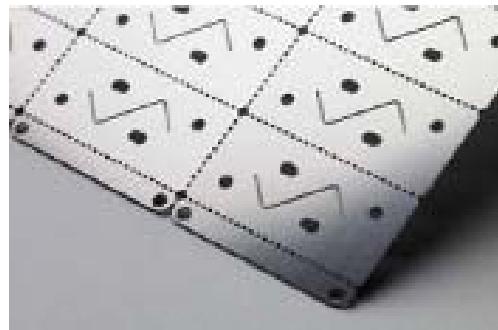
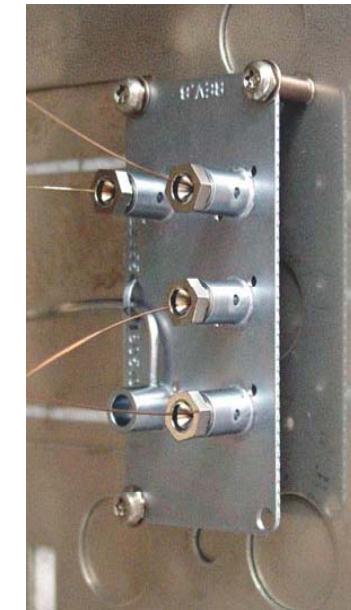


Upgrades Available for All 5975 MSDs

Capillary Flow Technology

... a proprietary Agilent Technology

- Photolithographic chemical milling for **low dead volume**
- Diffusion bond two halves to form a single flow plate
- Small, thin profile provides **fast thermal response**
- Projection welded connections for **leak tight fittings**
- Deactivation of all internal surfaces for **inertness**
- SilTite (**metal**) ferrules



5th Generation Electronic Pressure Control (EPC)



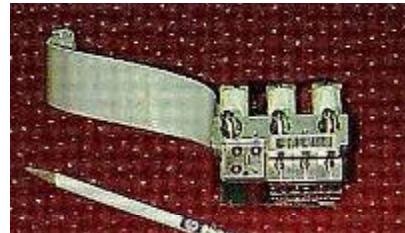
1st, 2nd Generation EPC
-- 0.1 psi
-- cables
-- gas lines & connectors
-- large size

5890 GC

3rd, 4th Generation EPC

- 0.01 psi
- Diffusion bonded plate (2D)
- one cable
- three gas connectors
- "credit card" size

6890N GC



7890A GC
The only GC to regulate pressure to 0.001 psi



5th Generation EPC
- Metal injection molded (3D)
- Digital signal pathways

... improved reliability and precision

Capillary Flow Technology for Environmental GC/MS Applications

- Detector splitting (detect peaks buried in matrix ‘noise’)
 - MS + ECD or ELCD
 - Confirmatory, selective, highly sensitive
 - MS + FPD or PFPD
 - Confirmatory, selective, highly sensitive
 - MS + NPD
 - Confirmatory, selective, highly sensitive nitrogen detection
 - MS + ECD + FPD
- Column backflush

Not discussed in this seminar, but included in many literature references at the end of the slides

QuickSwap MSD Interface

Remove column w/o venting

- Air & H₂O blocked

Safe disconnection of column from inlet for inlet maintenance

- Reversed flow through column during inlet maintenance

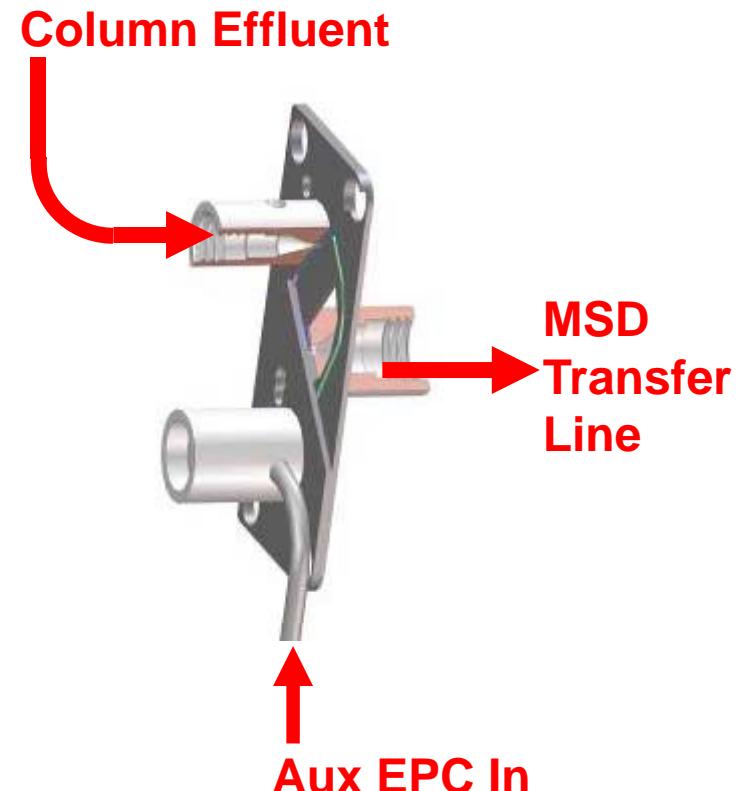
Backflushing

- Removes heavies from column

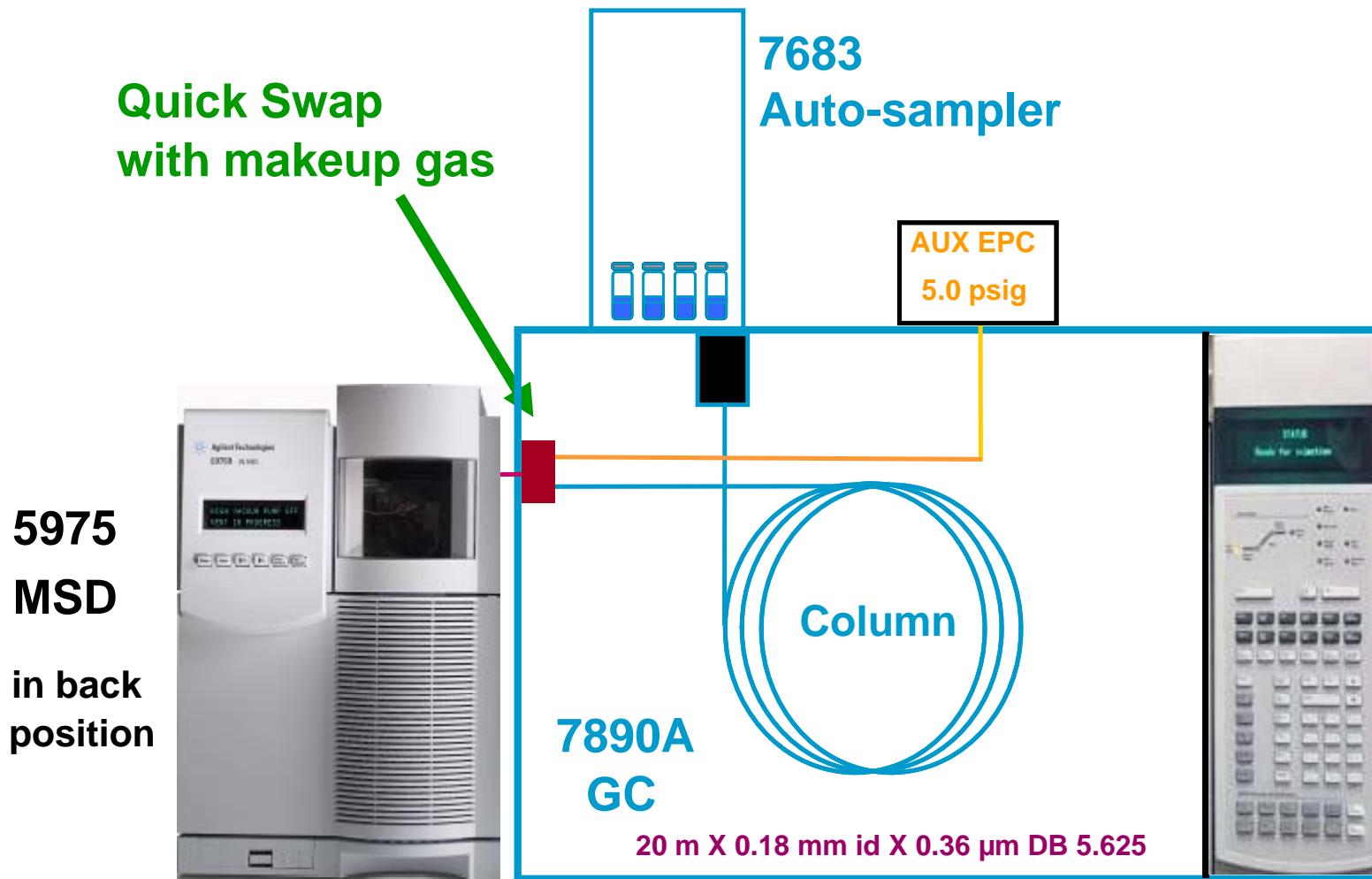
Maintain constant flow to MSD

Compensate for loss of sensitivity by making 10 µL injection

Turbo MSD required for backflushing

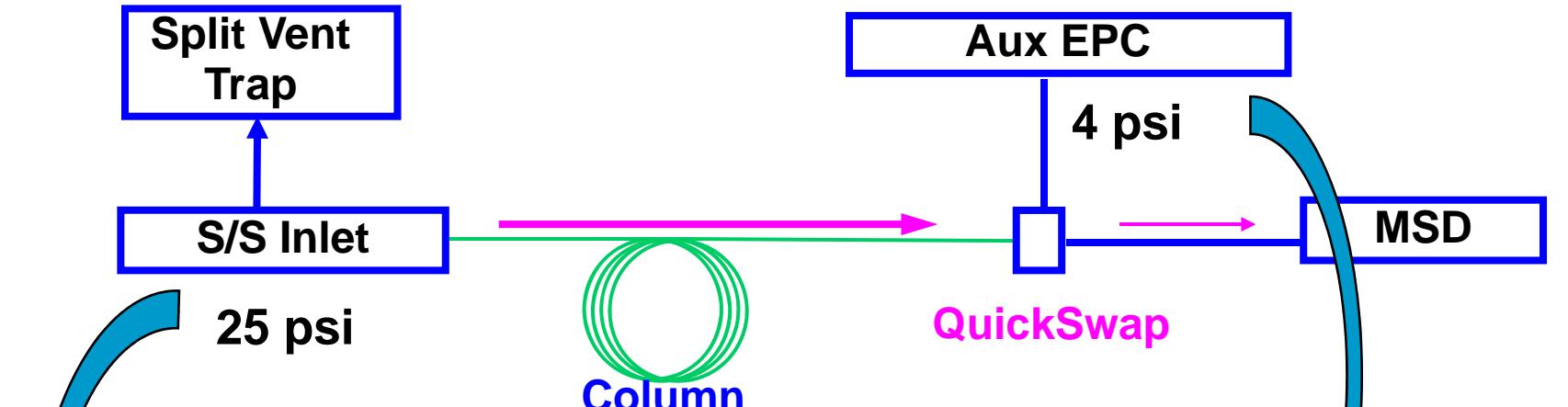


Semivolatiles Instrument

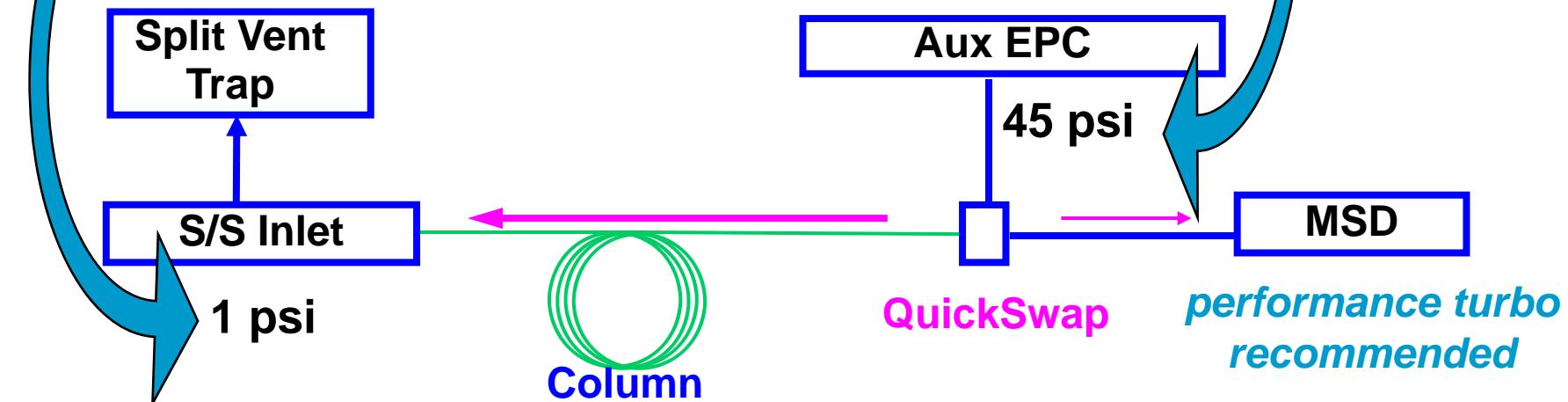


Backflush with QuickSwap

During GC Run



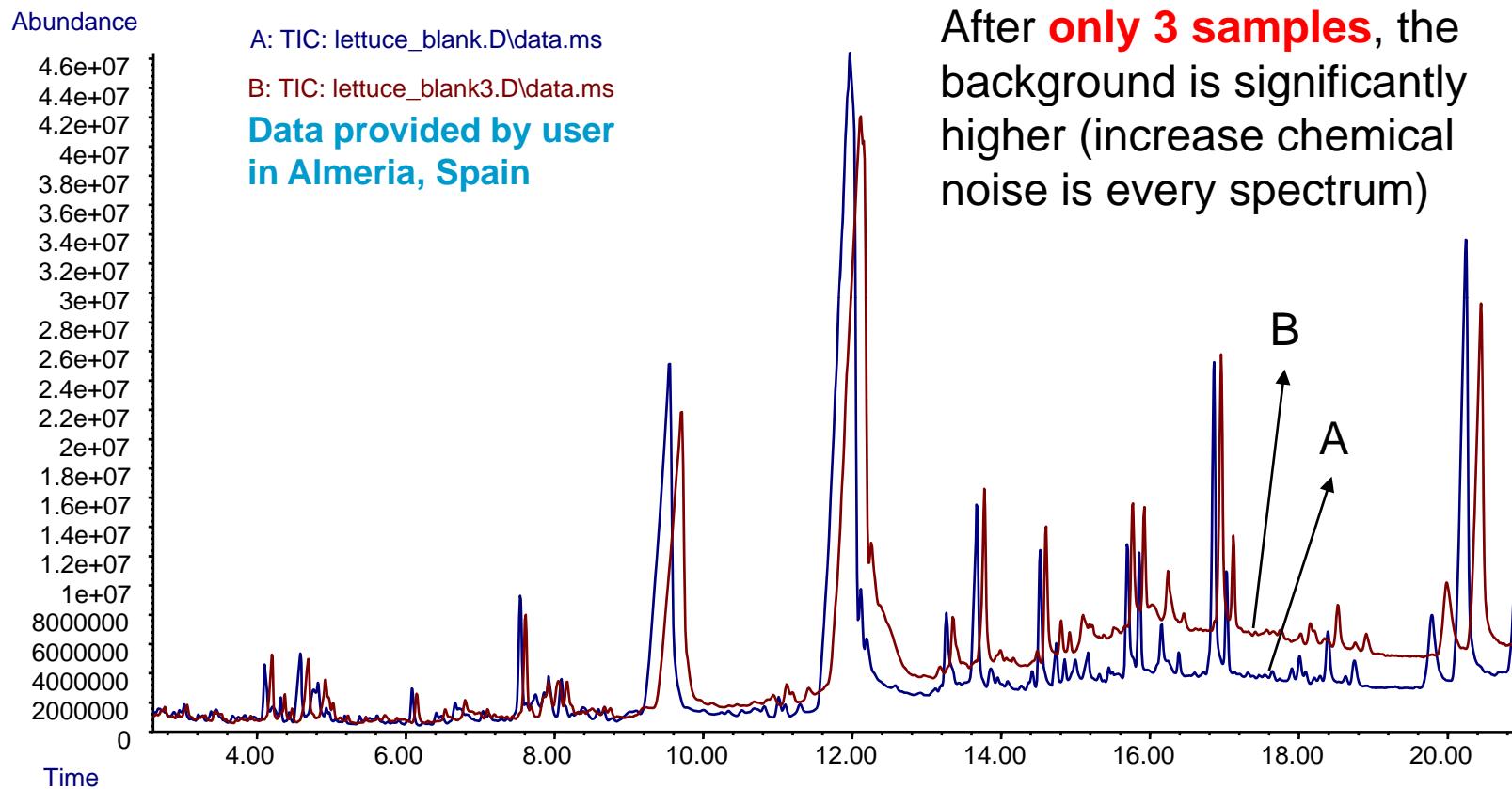
After GC Run



Benefits of Backflushing

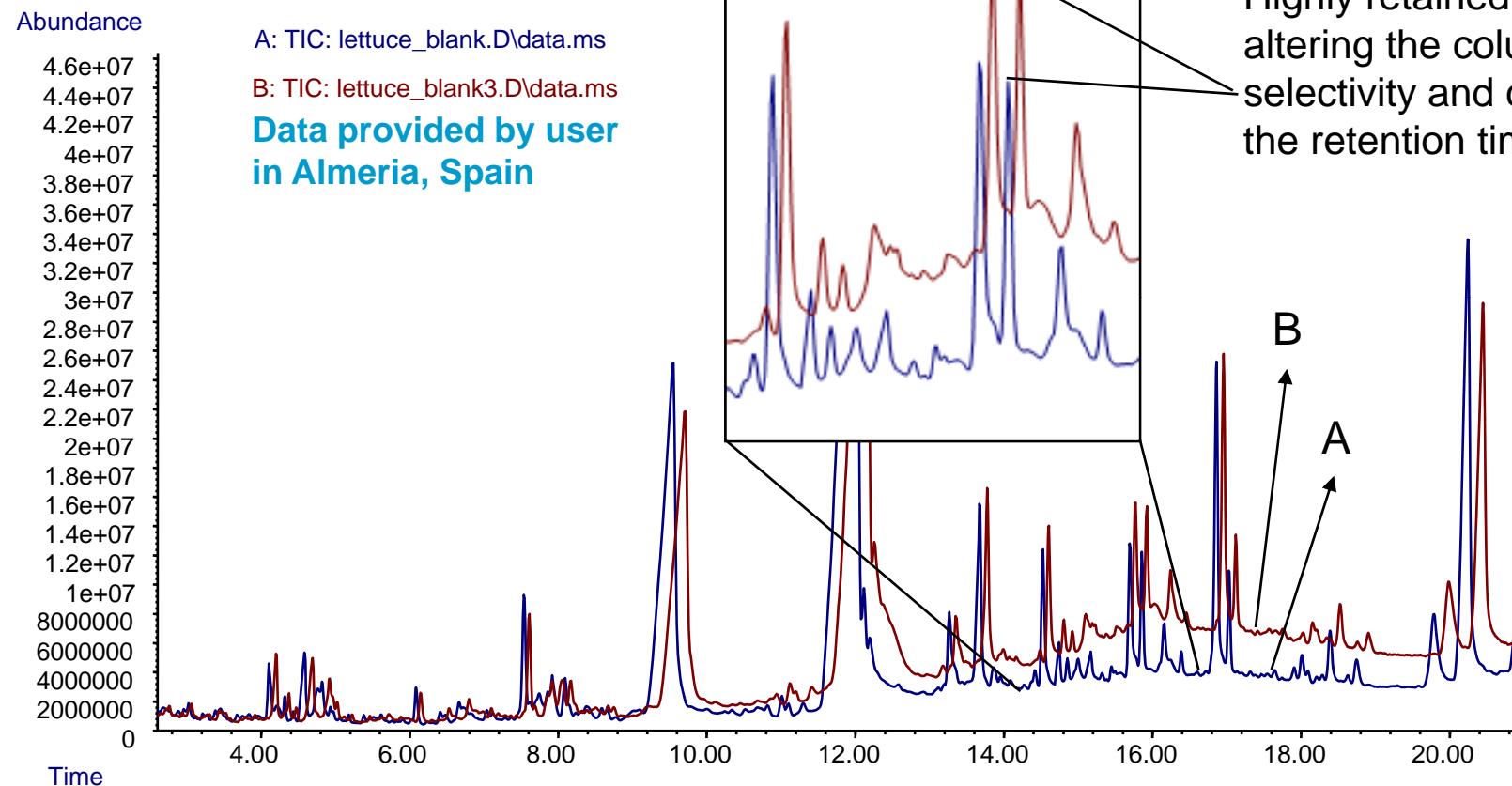
- Shorter analysis times
 - More samples per day per instrument
- Lower operating costs
 - Longer column life
 - Less frequent and faster GC & MSD maintenance
- Less chemical background ('noise' from matrix)

Without Backflush: Increased Chemical Background (Spectral Noise) and Changes in Retention Time



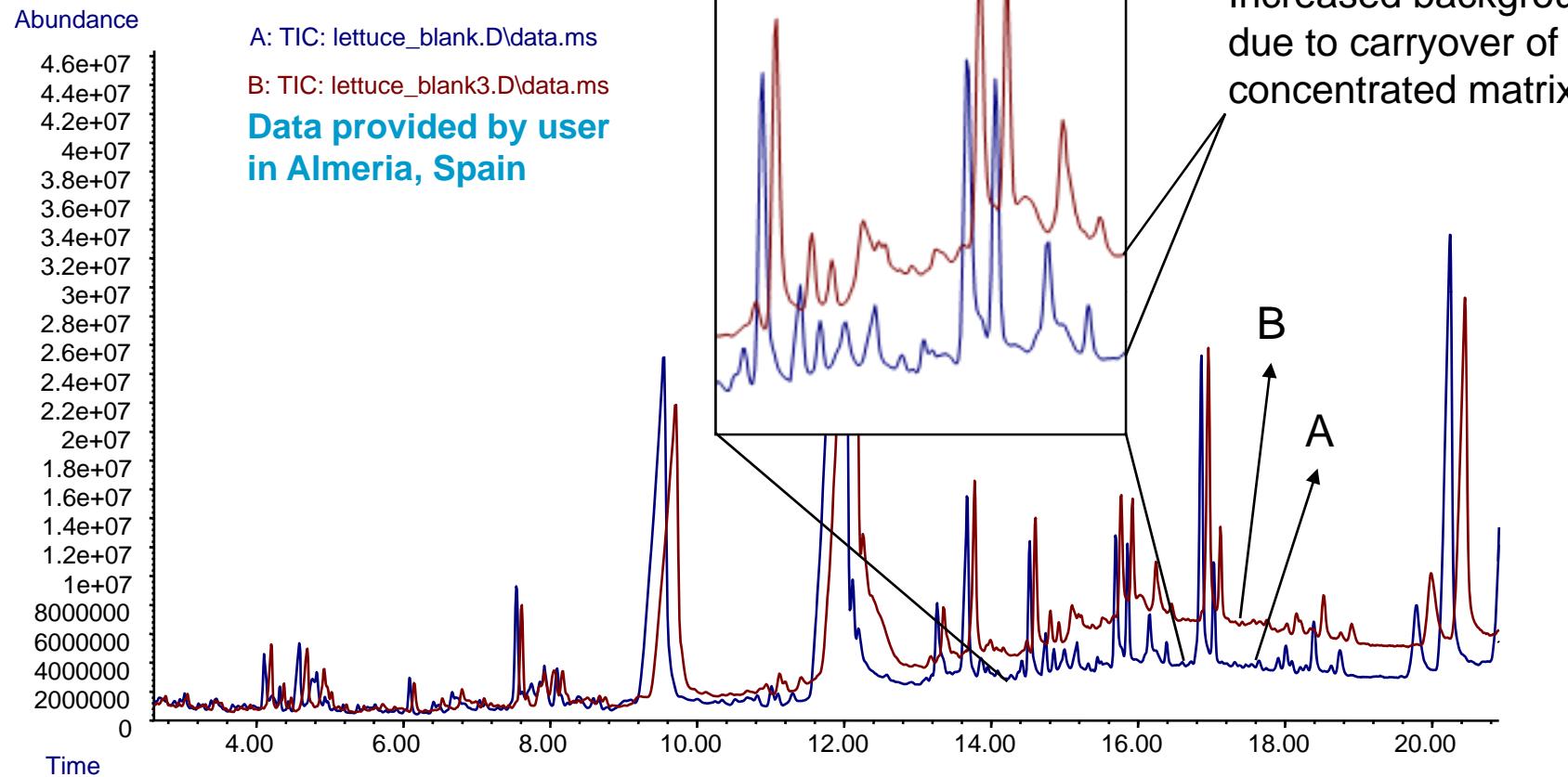
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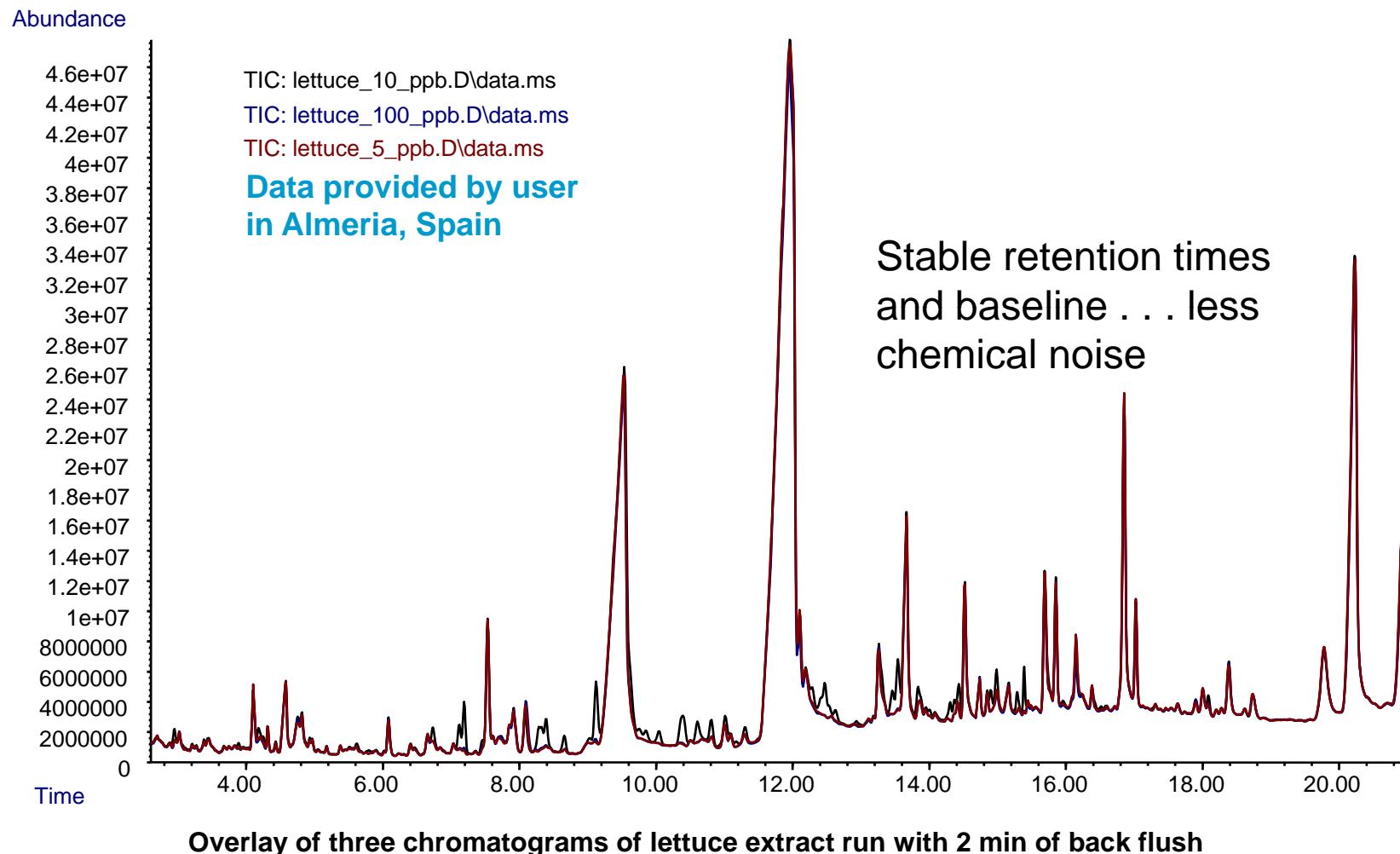
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Without Backflush: Increased Chemical Background (Spectral Noise) and Changes in Retention Time



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With Backflush: No Increased Chemical Background (Spectral Noise) and No Change in Retention Time

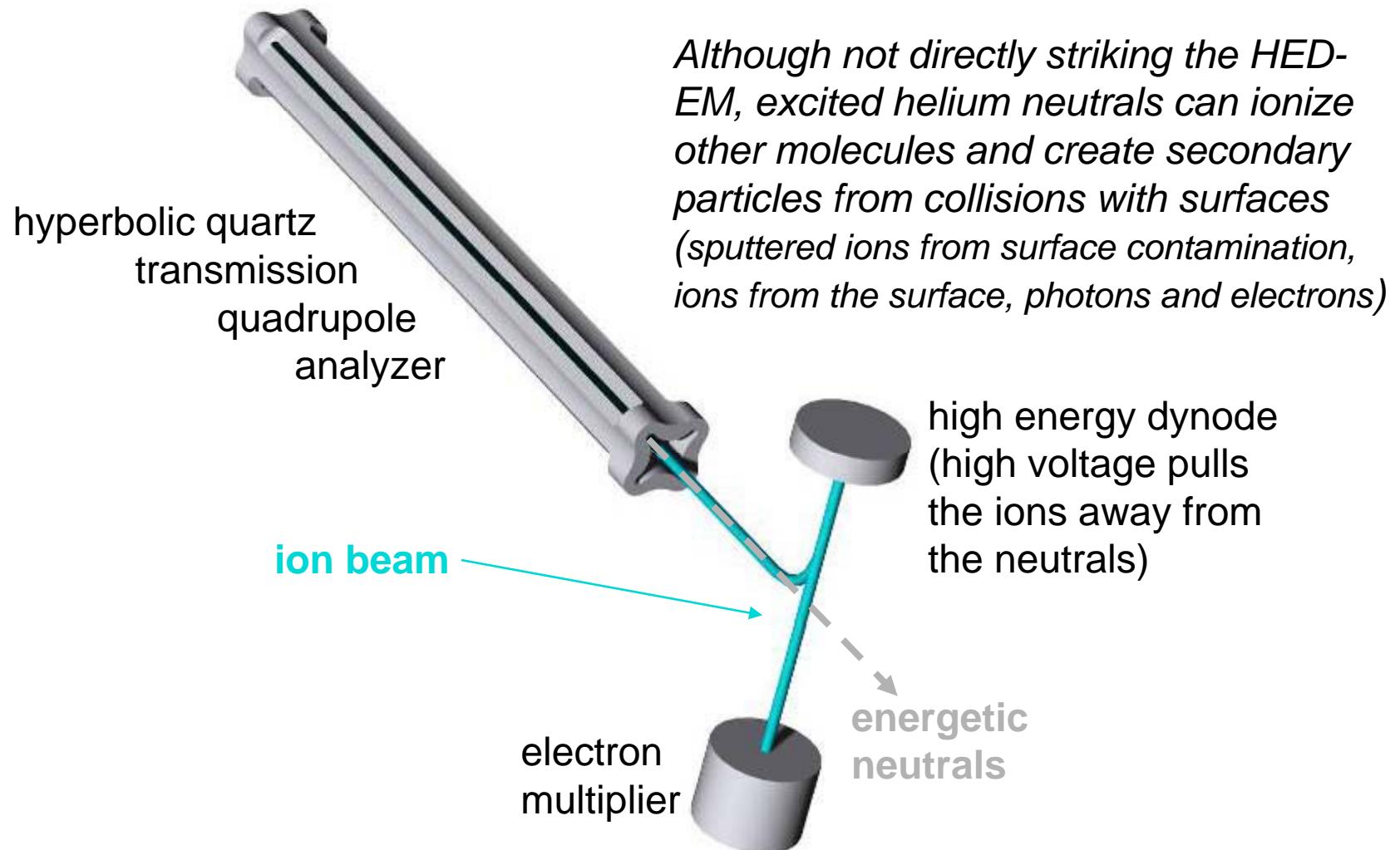


Benefits of Backflushing

- More samples per day per instrument
- Longer column life
- Lower operating costs
- Less frequent and faster GC & MSD maintenance
- Less chemical background
 - More consistent retention times
 - More consistent baselines
 - Higher quality spectra (no increase in noise during analysis sequence)
 - Higher quality quantitation (no increase in interfering ions during analysis sequence)

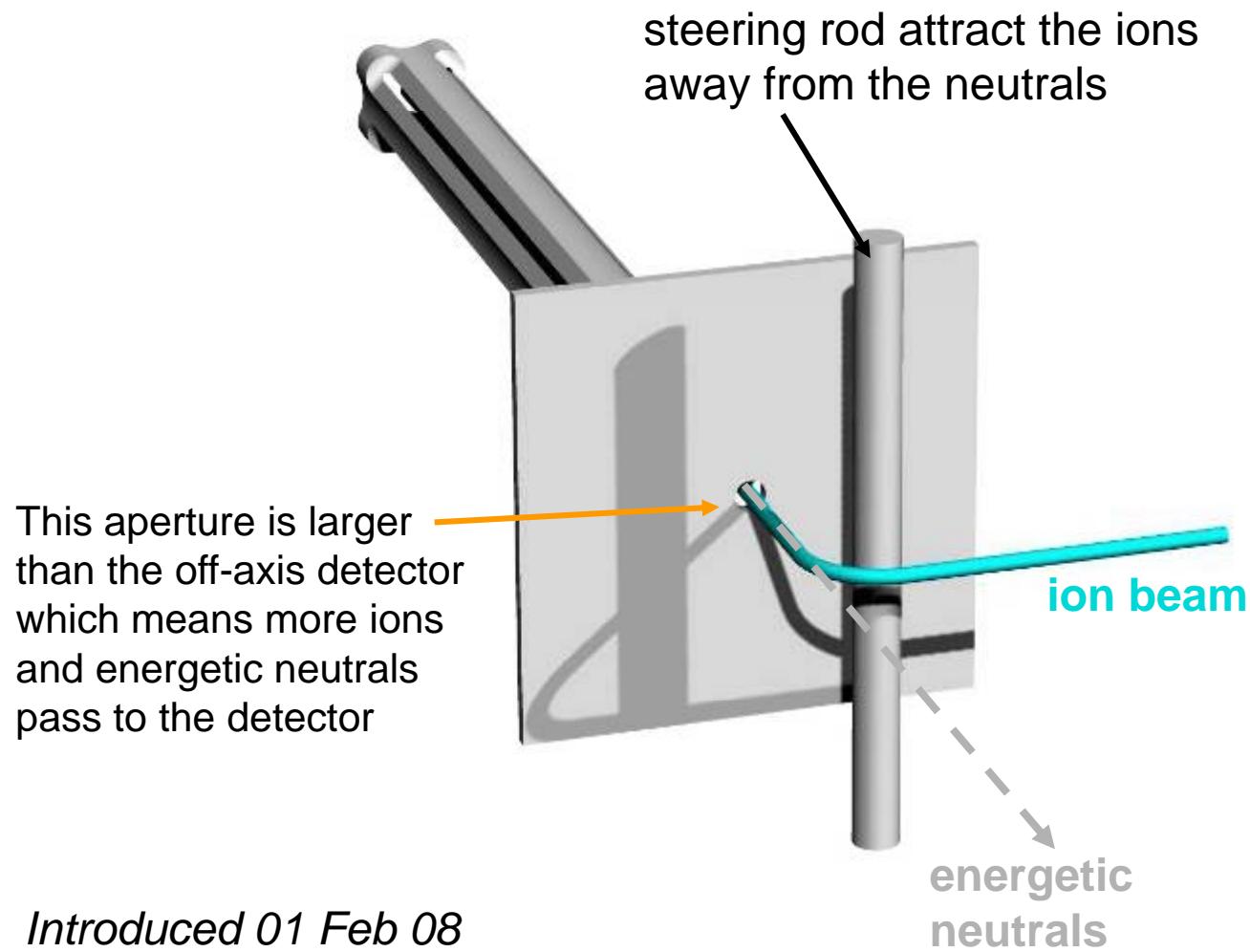


Conventional Off-Axis Detector



Triple-Axis Detector

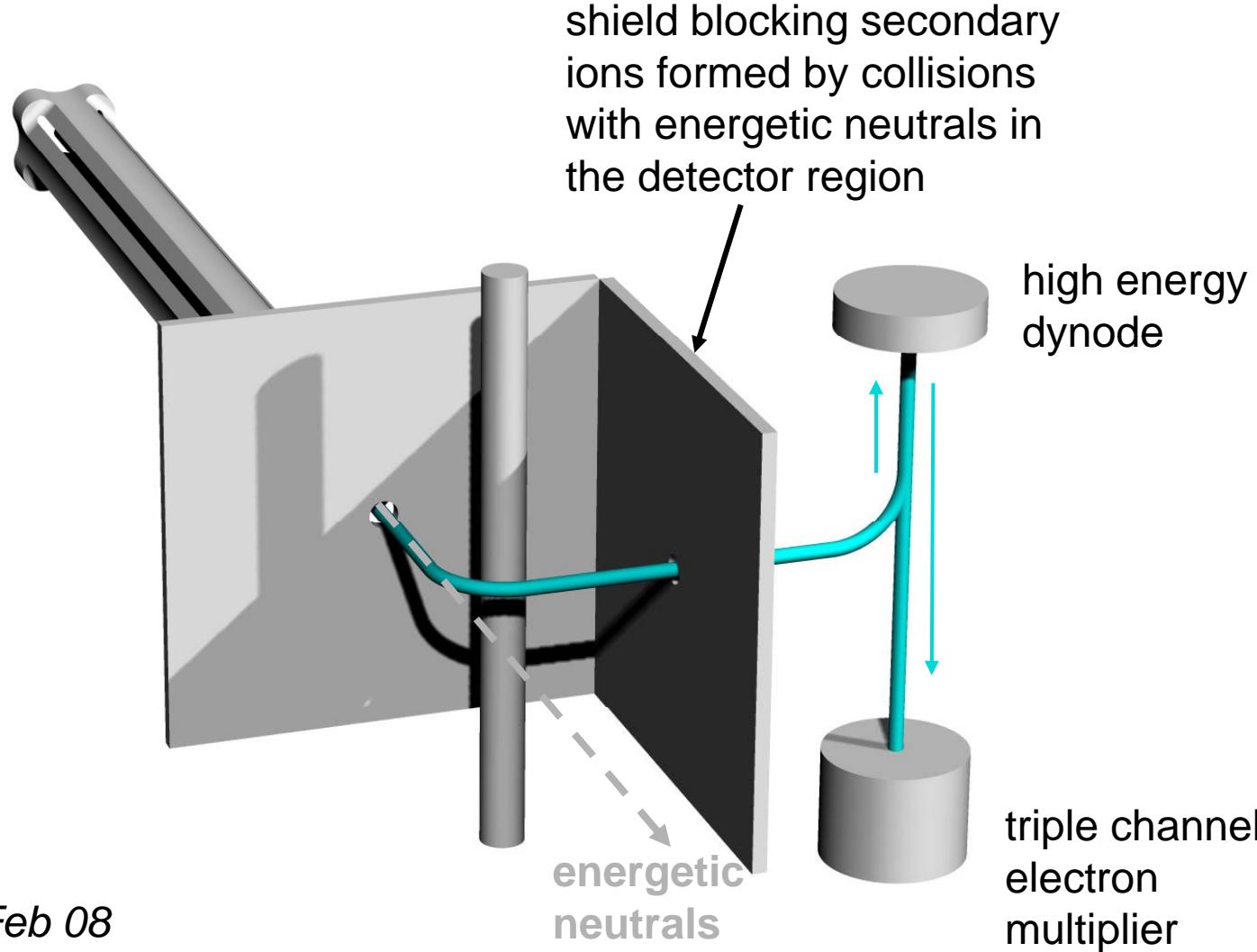
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Introduced 01 Feb 08

Triple-Axis Detector

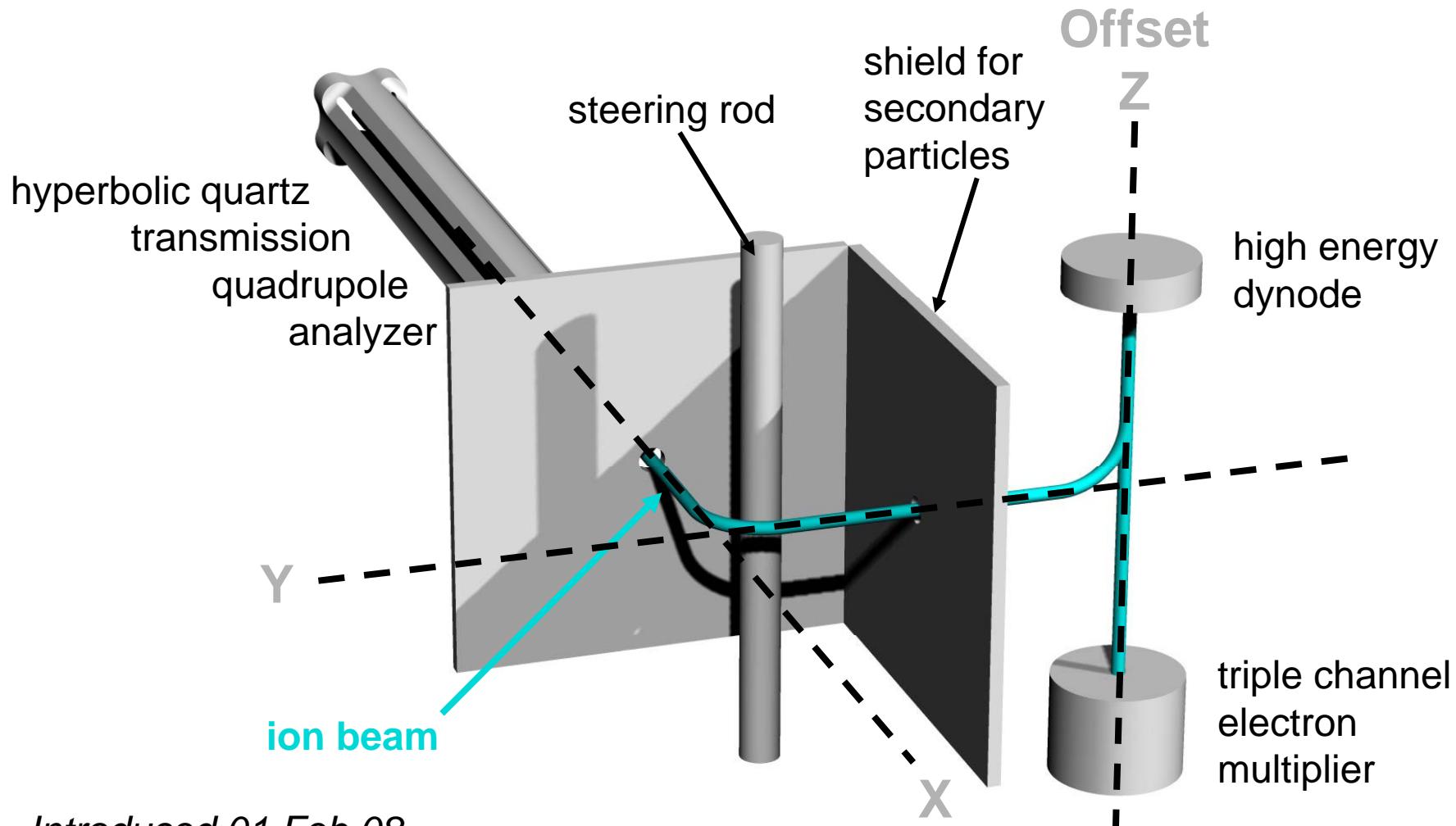
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Triple-Axis Detector

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Triple Channel EM

Triple channels improve signal

Triple channels increase life

Exit of the triple channels

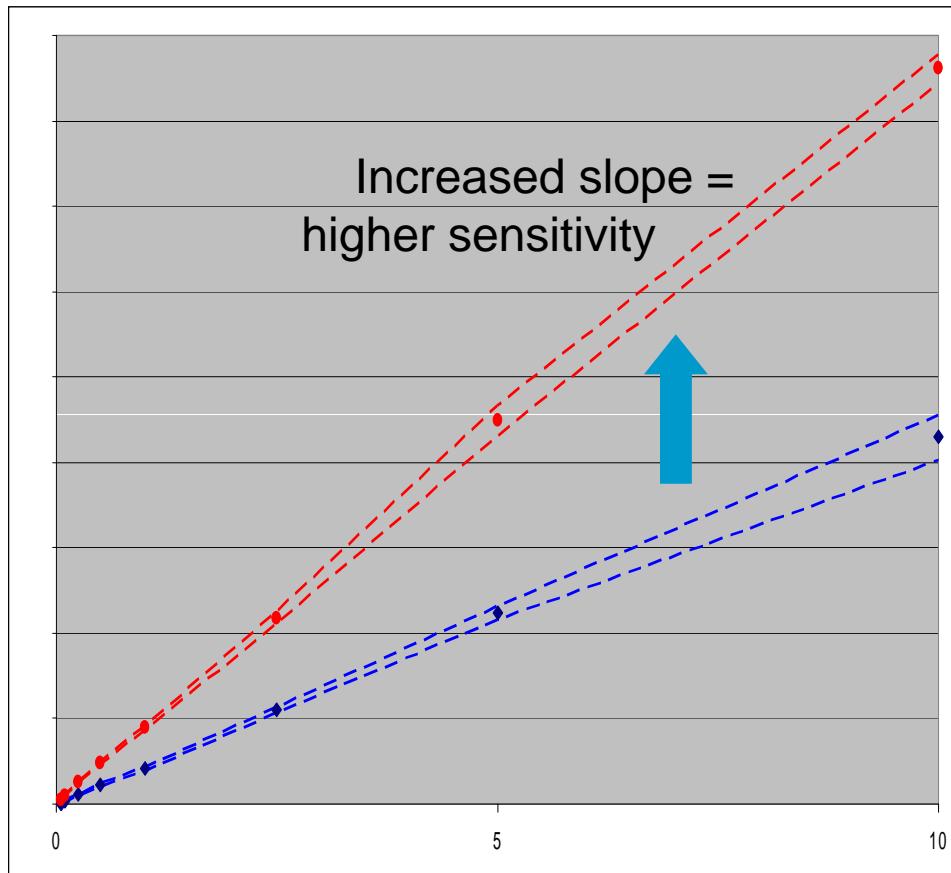


Collector removed to show exit passages

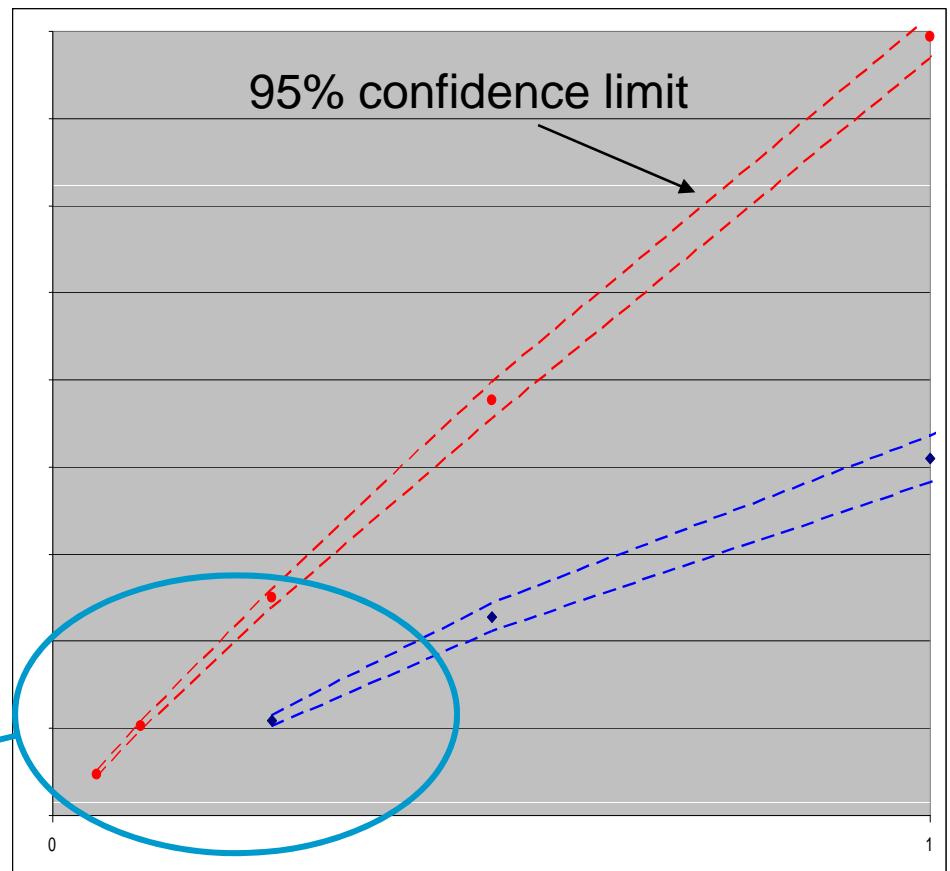


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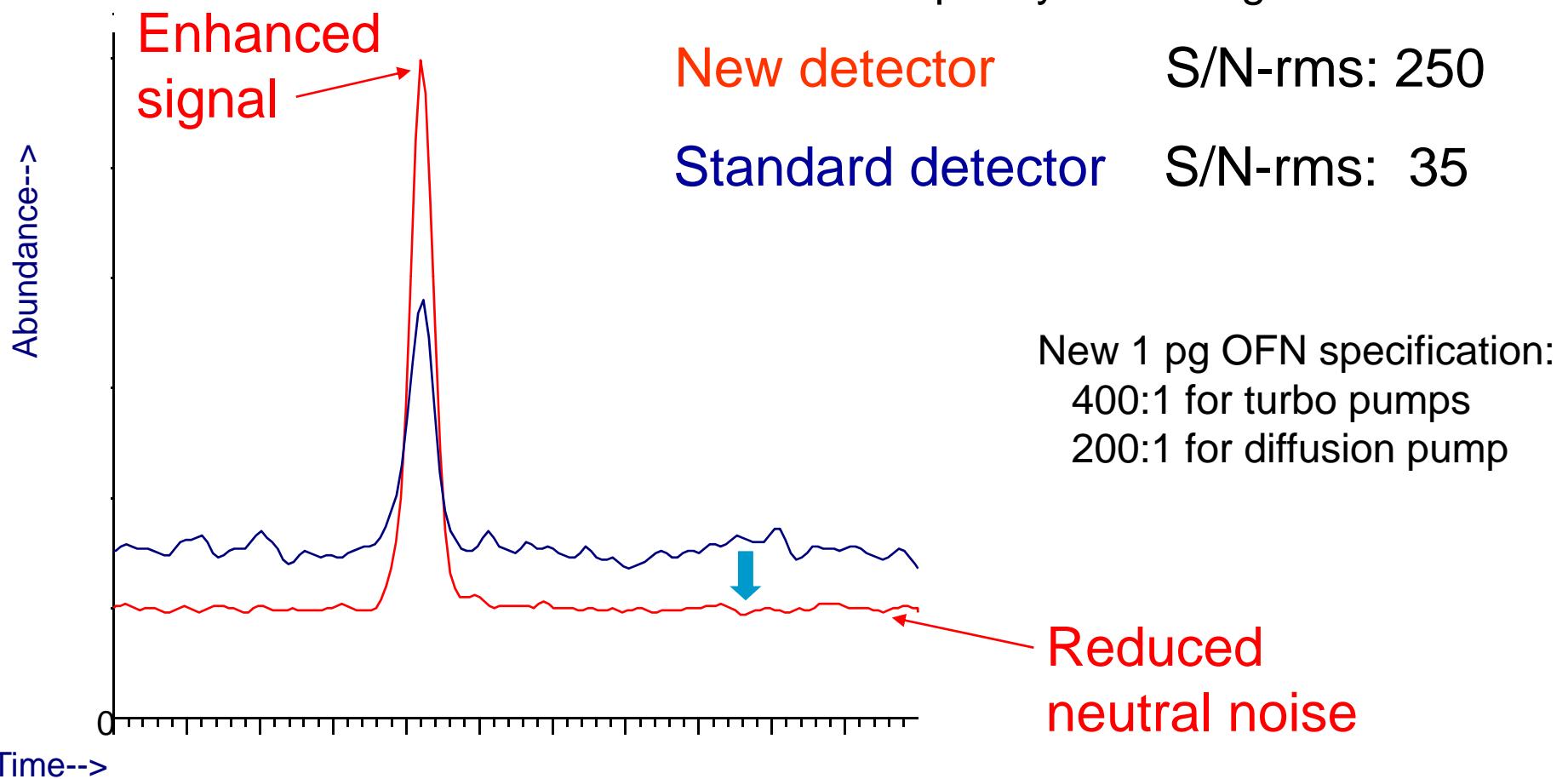
Triple-Axis Detector: Higher Signal – Lower MDL



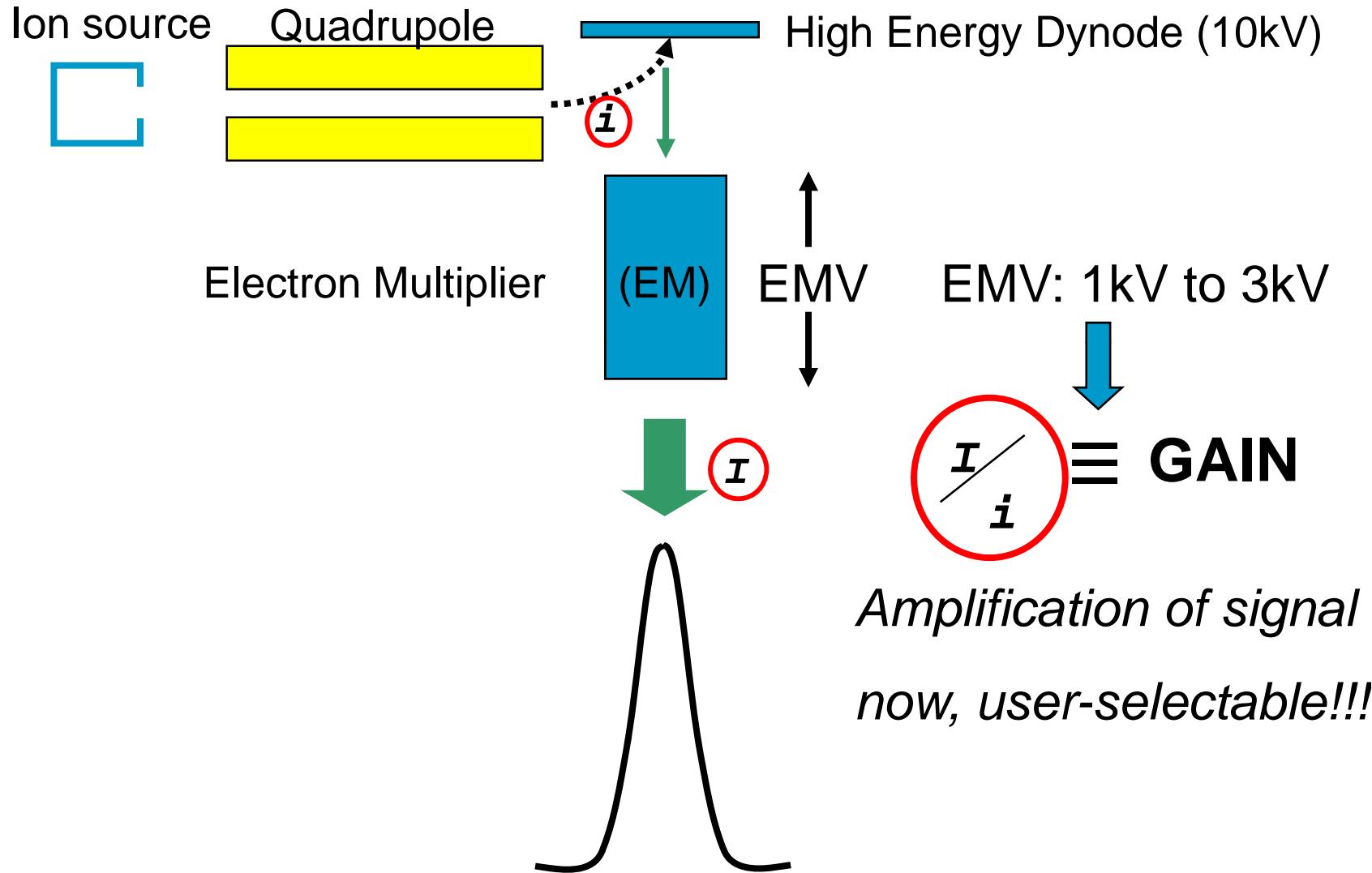
Improved detection limits !



New Detector for Enhanced EI Sensitivity!

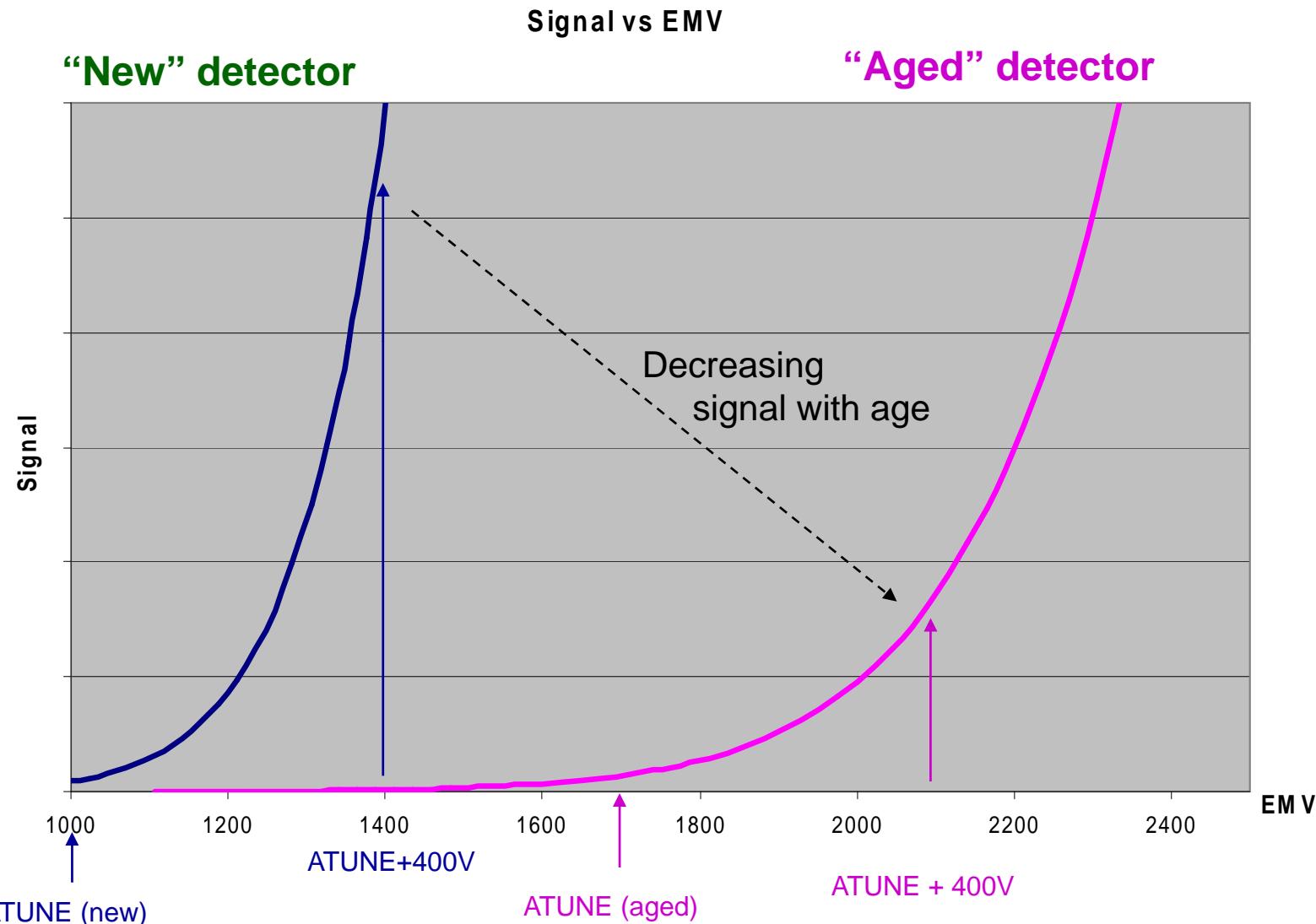


Gain Normalized Optimization of the EM



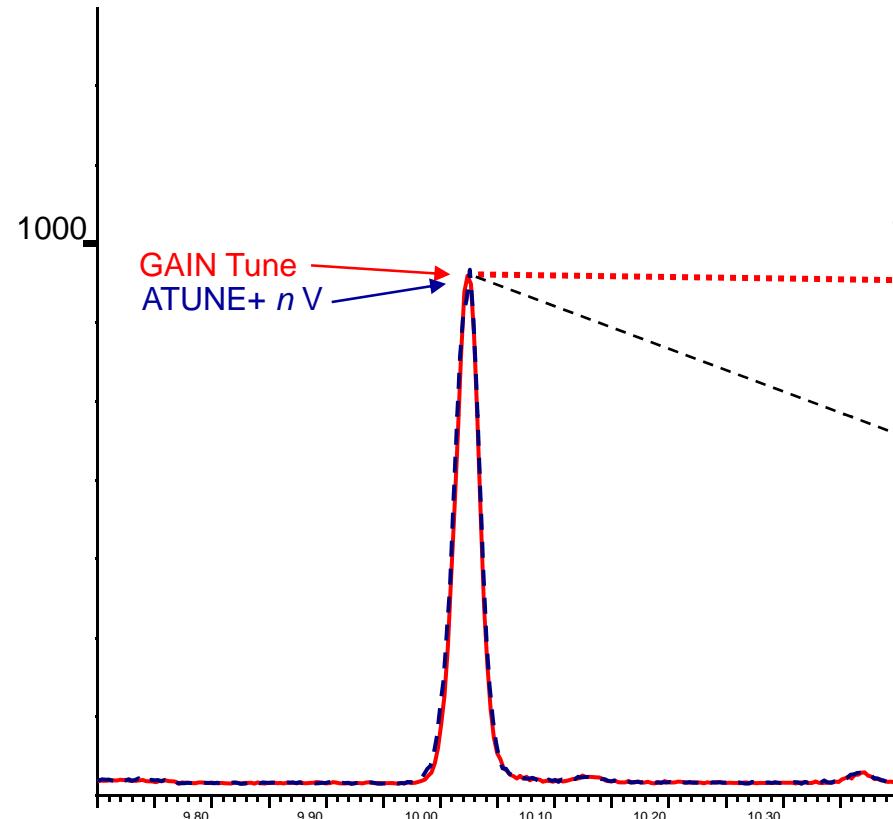
Disadvantage of ATUNE + nV

Detectors “age” over use: the same EMV setting will not give the same signal!

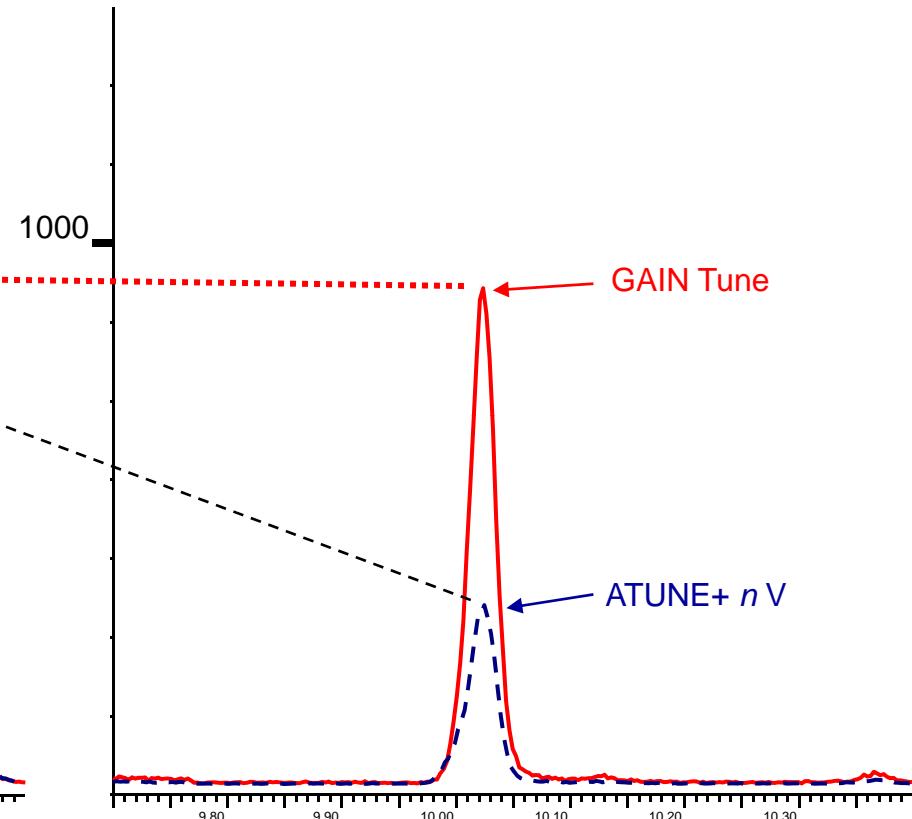


New Gain Normalized Methods

“New”



“Aged”

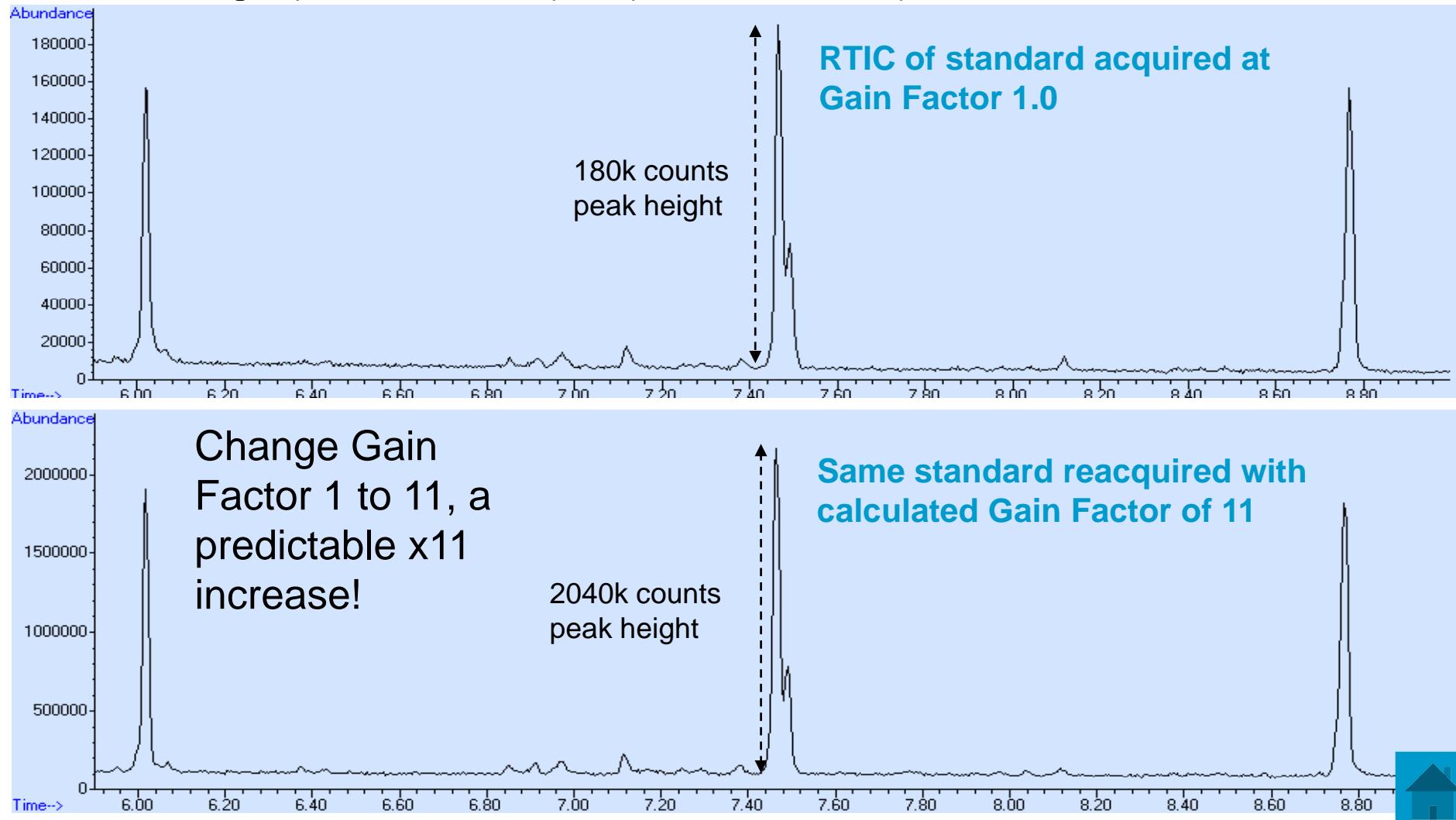


Consistent sensitivity over the life of the electron multiplier!

Consistent sensitivity from MSD to MSD and lab to lab!

Using Gain Factor for Method Optimization

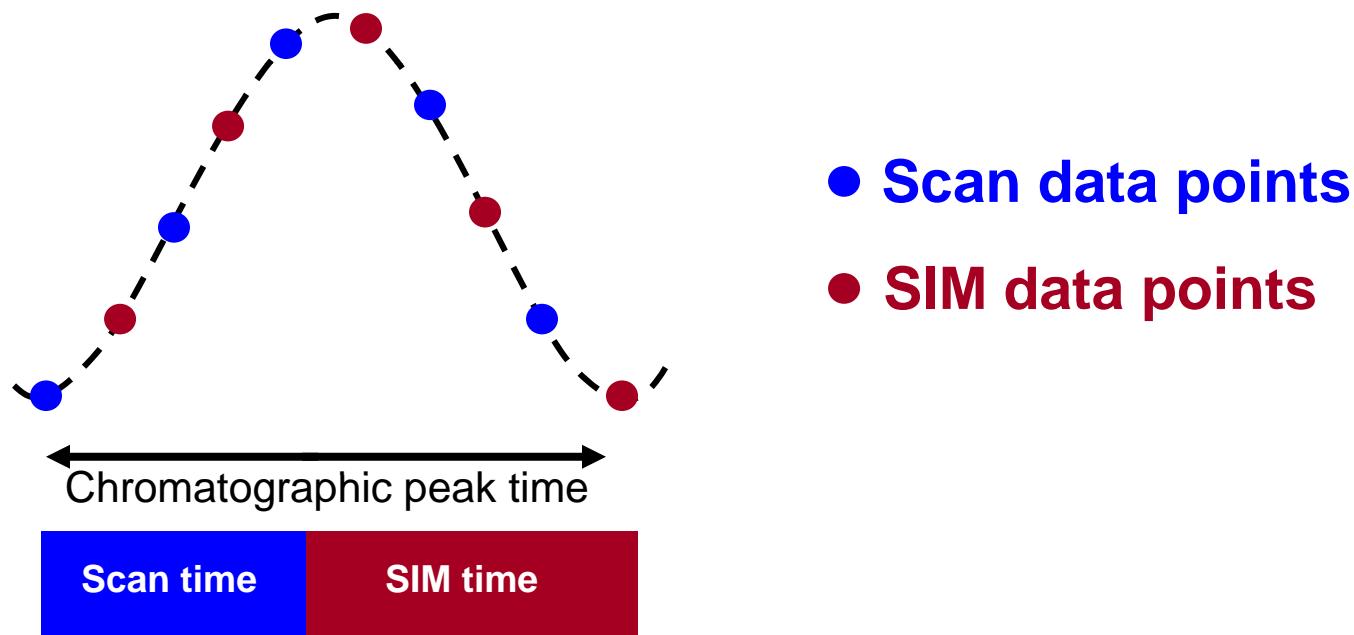
Change (Atune + 200V) to (Atune + 400 V) – How much increase?



Fast Electronics

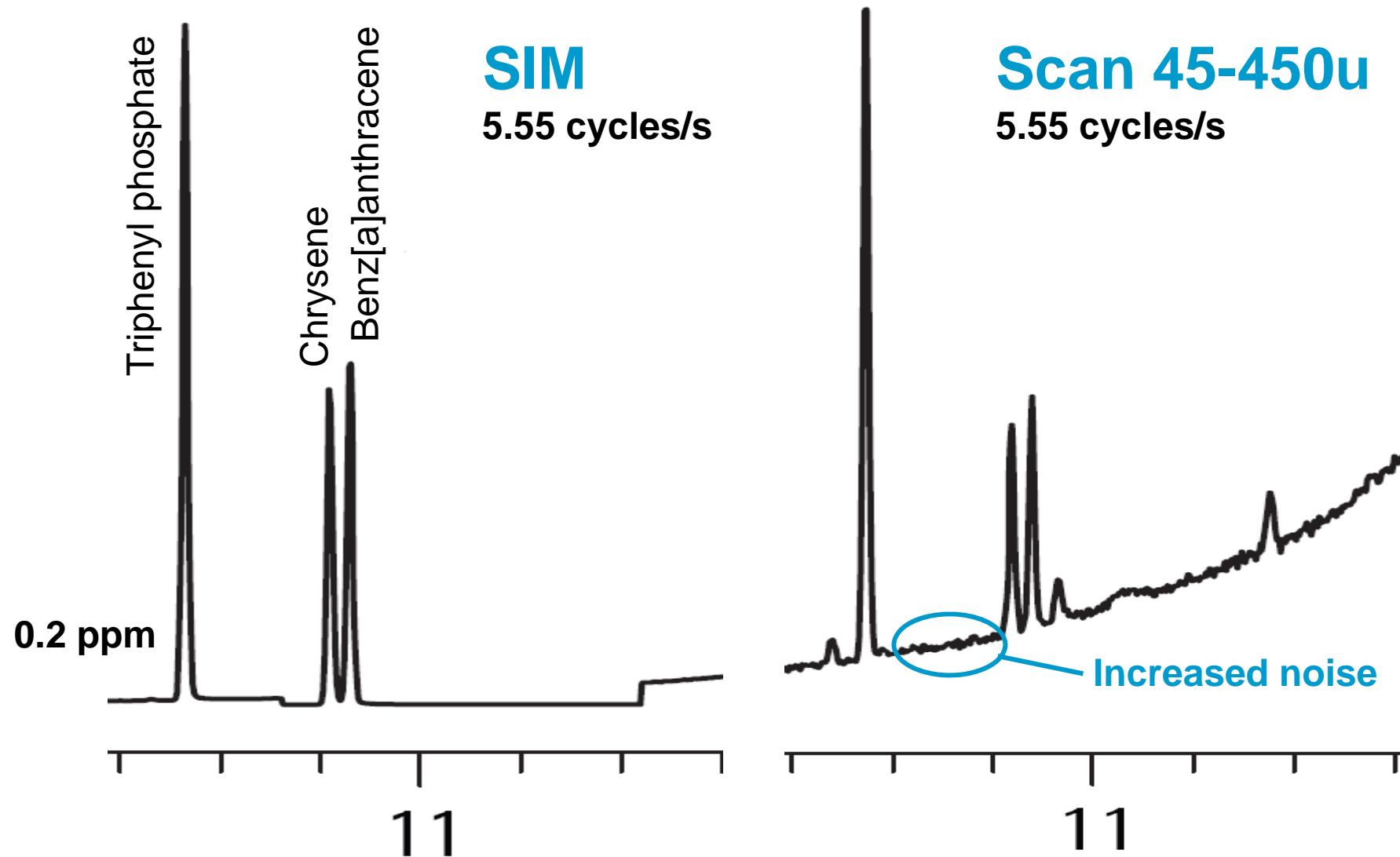
Fast electronics allow SIM and Scan data in a single run

- SIM = maximum sensitivity for target compounds
- Scan = best identification of unknowns



... more information from a single run

Synchronous SIM/Scan Comparison of PAHs

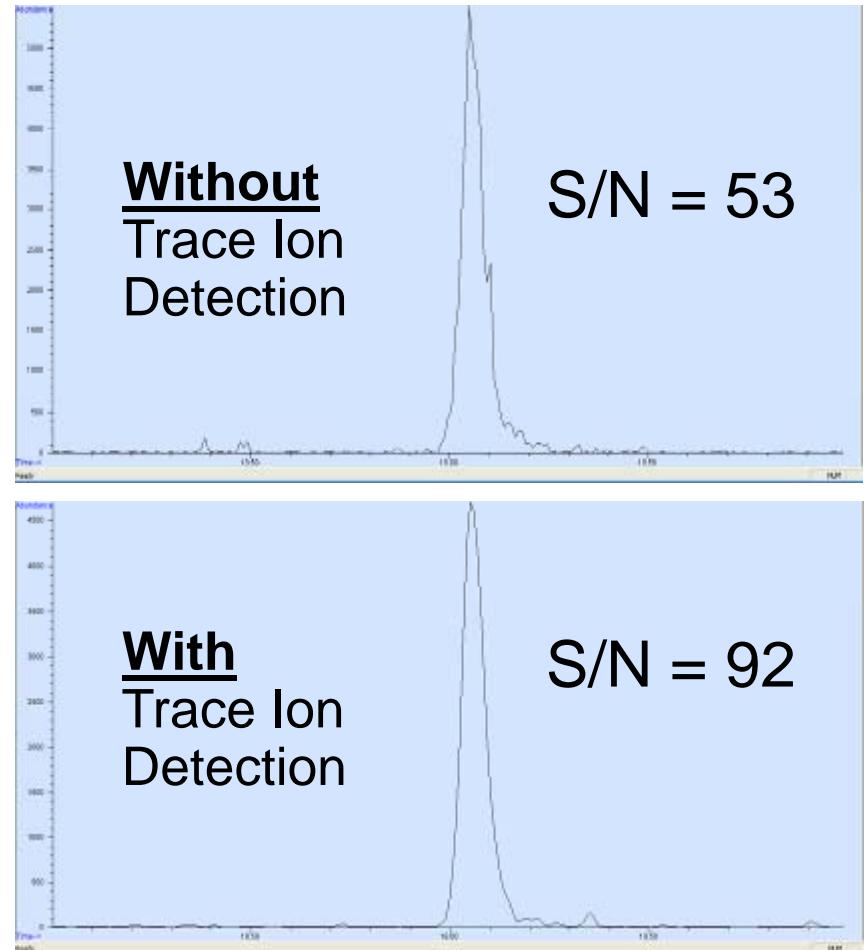


Trace Ion Detection Technology

Agilent proprietary algorithm

- Reduced noise level
- Improved peak shape
 - Especially under-sampled peaks
- Improved library match

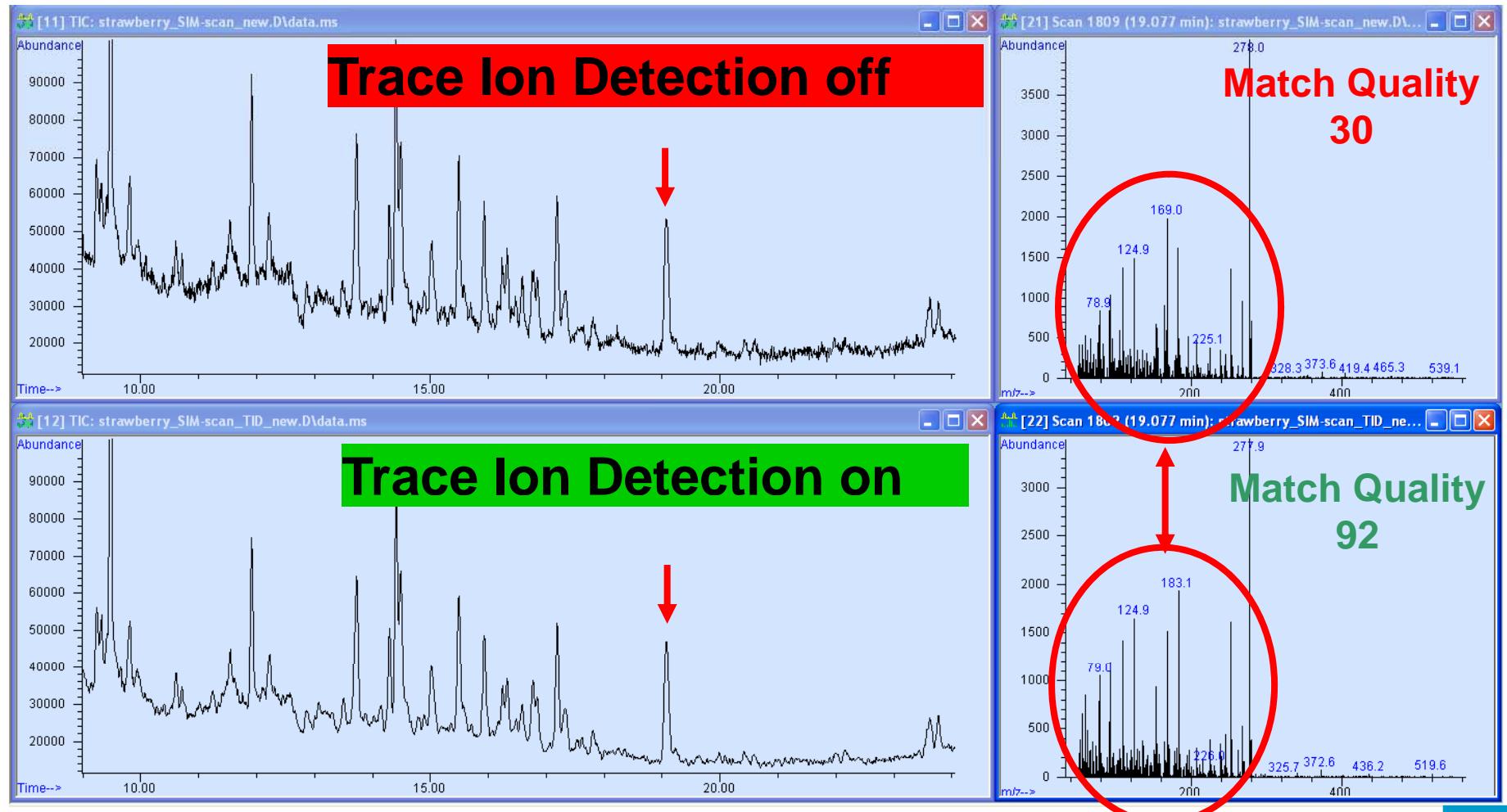
Default “OFF” in the ChemStation



... better detection at trace levels

Improve Library Match Quality

Fenthion in strawberry extract



NIST AMDIS Background

- AMDIS: Automated Mass Spectral Deconvolution and Identification Software
 - G. Mallard, S. Stein, O. Toropov, NIST
- Originally developed for detection of chemical weapons in complex mixtures (environmental samples, process streams)
 - Designed to work without analyst input
- Agilent DRS Revision A.01, March 2004
- AMDIS 2.64 released December 2005 (noise reduction)
- **Agilent DRS Revision A.04, February 2008**
 - Integrated into QEdit for qual, quant, manual integration and reports
 - Truly a new, second generation product for deconvolution reporting

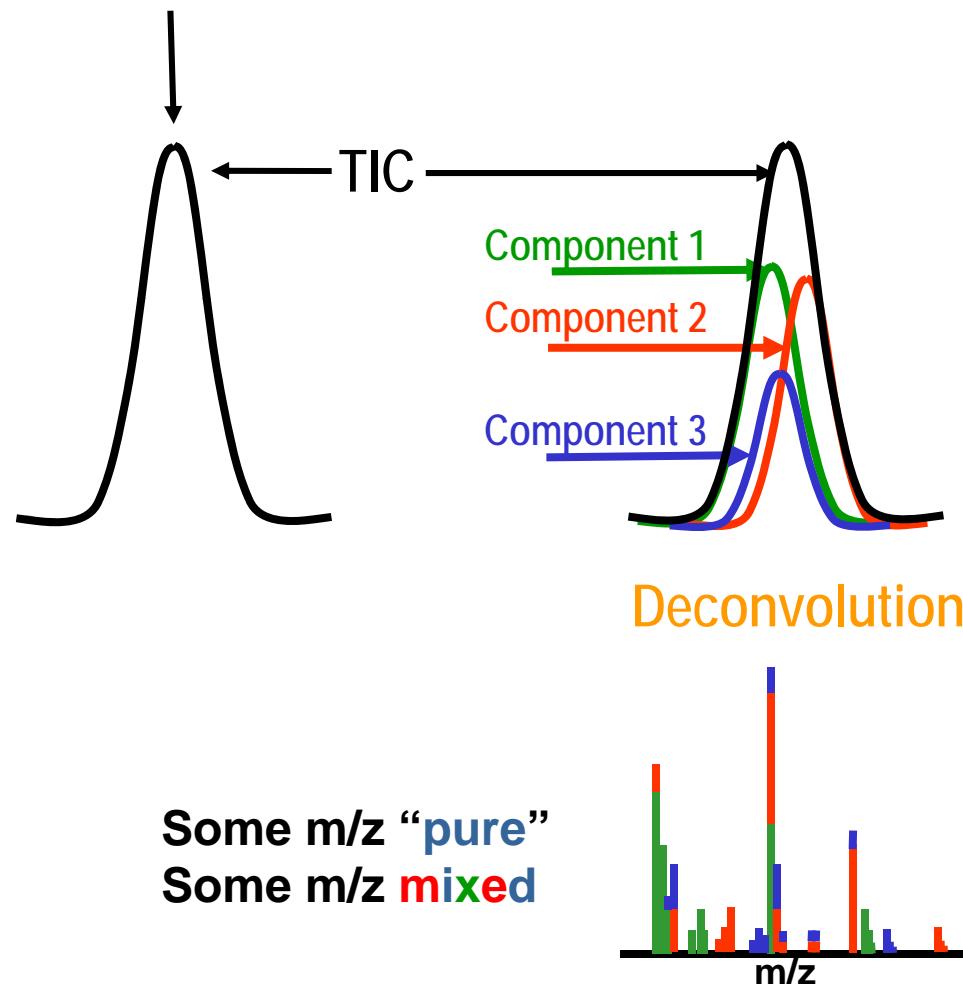
NIST AMDIS Background

- AMDIS: Automated Mass Spectral Deconvolution and Identification Software
 - G.
 - Origin
 - comp
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 - Agil
 - AMD
 - Agil
- Deconvolution is NOT new technology!**
Applied to spectrophotometry
and LC-PDA for years.

Deconvolution is especially powerful for
MS due to the spectral orthogonality
(spectral difference; unique m/z ions)
- Integrated into QEdit for qual, quant, manual integration and reports
 - Truly a new, second generation product for deconvolution reporting

Deconvolution: Use Difference in Spectra, Retention Time and Peak Shape to Separate Coeluting Peaks

Peak detected with Trace Ion Detection



Deconvoluted peaks and spectra
Mathematical “Separation”

matrix

interference

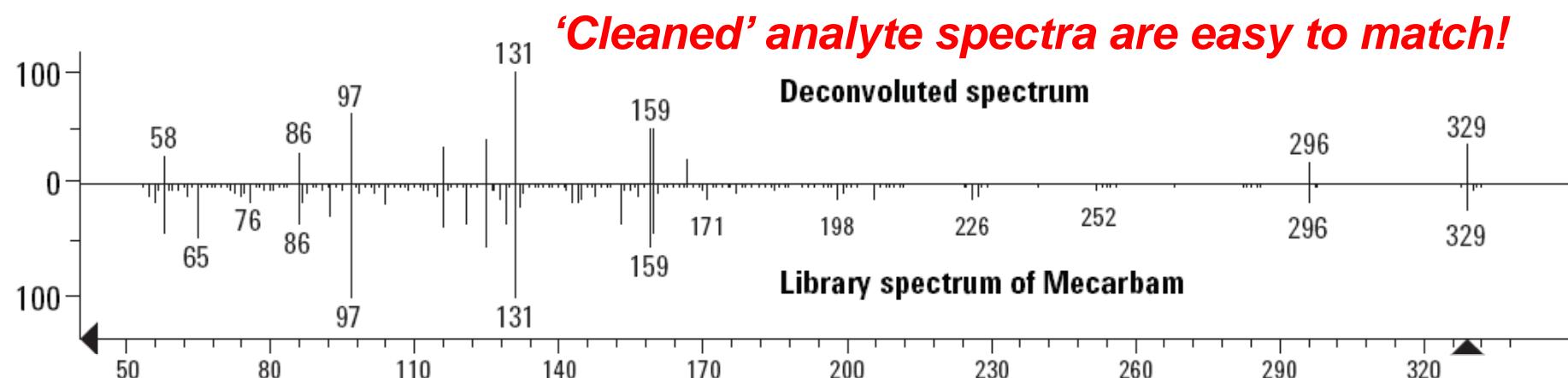
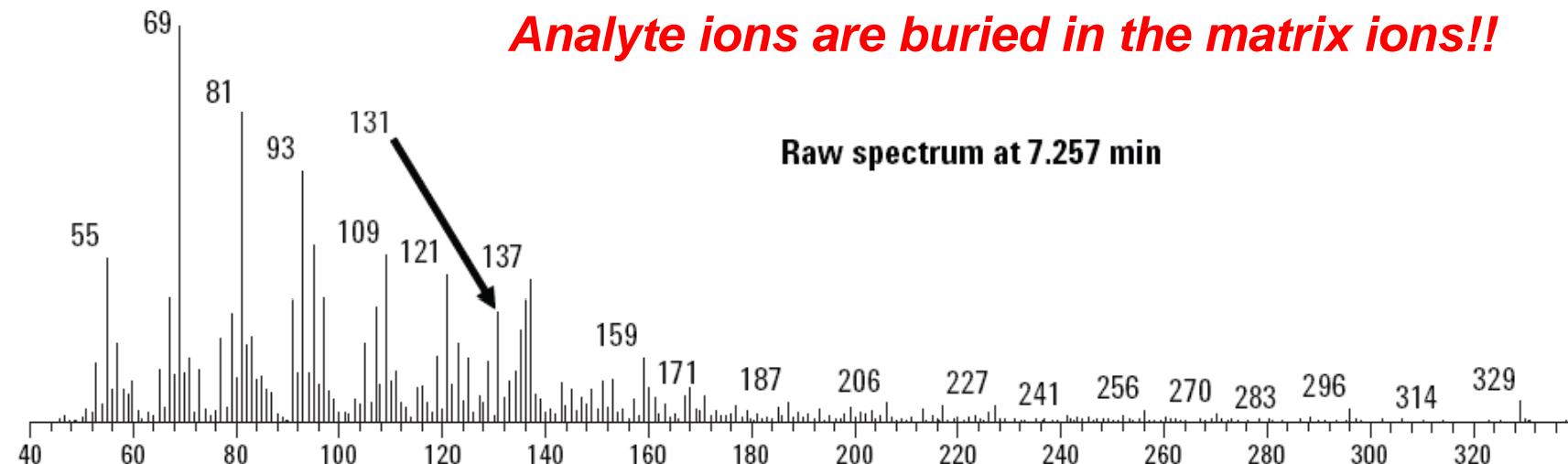
target

AMDIS *Automatically* Purifies Spectra by:

- True deconvolution
 - Even if no available background for subtraction
- Detailed treatment of noise
 - Complete noise analysis; used for component perception
- Correction for baseline drift
 - Flat baselines not required; determines baselines for each m/z
- Corrects for spectral skewing in spectra
 - Distortion generated by concentration change during scan period
- Extracts closely coeluting peaks
 - Separates components that have peak apexes with a single scan

***Power of
modern PCs
and matrix
mathematics***

AMDIS: Pulling a Useable Spectrum Out of a Mess



17 Surface Water Data Files: Pesticide Analysis

	*CDFA	Agilent DRS
Targets Found	37	Same 37 + 99 additional
False Positives	1	0
Processing Time	~ 8 hours	32 minutes

Save about 7.5 hours to do other jobs

*CDFA is the California Department of Food and Agriculture
Data files courtesy of Dr. Mark Lee and Steve Siegel

The Power of DRS: Detect the Undetected

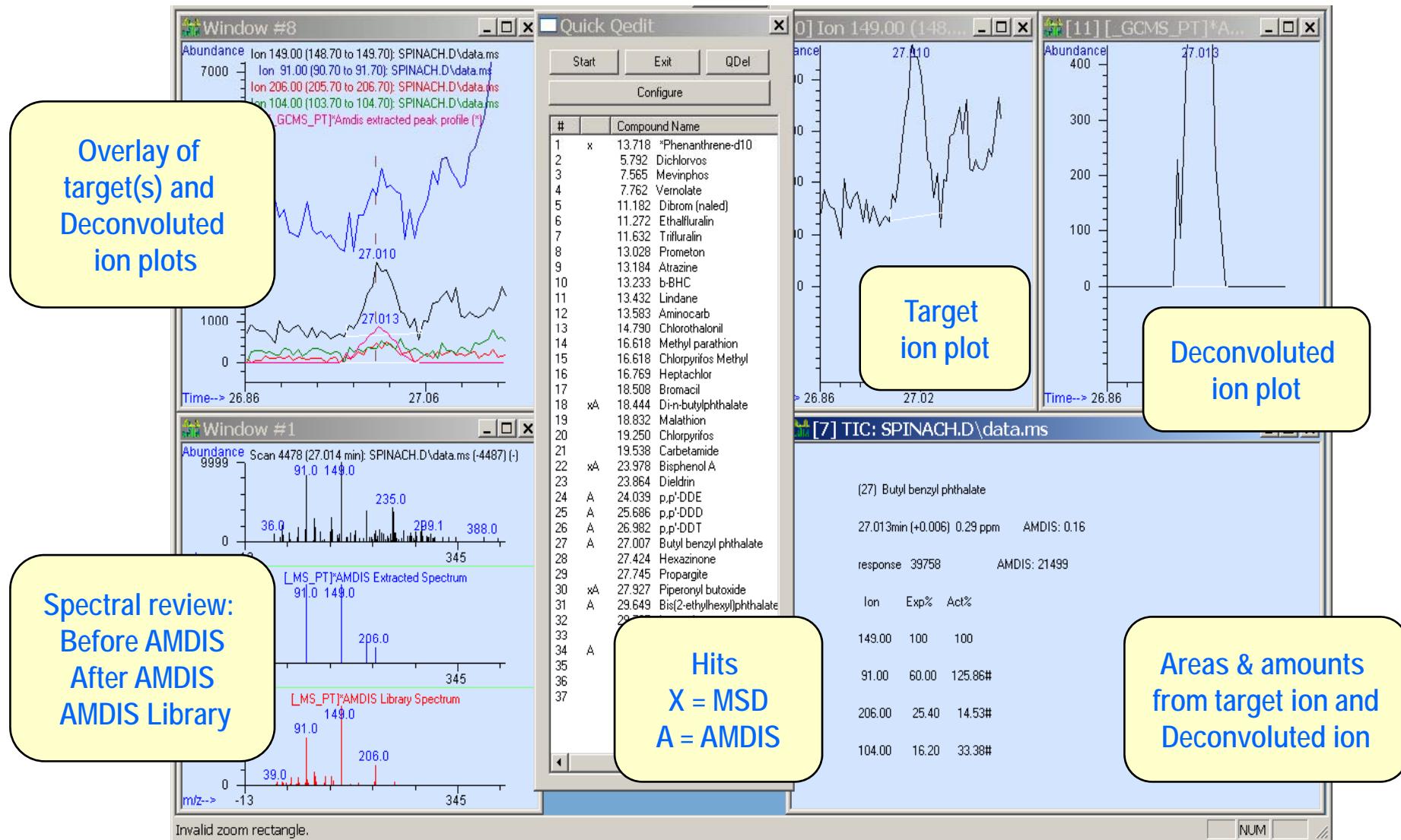
MSD Deconvolution Report							
Sample Name: + 400 ppb ISTDs, 25 µL PTV							
Data File: C:\MSDChem\1\DATA\SPINACH.D							
Date/Time: 11:23:10 AM Monday, Apr 5 2004							
The NIST library was searched for the components that were found in the AMDIS target library.							
R.T.	Cas #	Compound Name	Agilent ChemStation Amount (ng)	AMDIS Match	R.T. Diff sec.	NIST Reverse Match	Hit Num.
18.445	84742	Di-n-butylphthalate	7.08	86	1.3	92	1
23.966	80057	Bisphenol A		93	7.9	91	1
24.066	72559	p,p'-DDE		79	2.5	77	1
27.928	51036	Piperonyl butoxide	37.83	91	2.2	94	1
29.672	117817	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate		91	1.9	86	3
31.420	52645531	Permethrin I		67	3.7	74	5
31.616	52645531	Permethrin I		89	15.5	91	3
13.718		Phenanthrene-d10	10				

All of these compounds were missed due to chemical noise, but AMDIS detected and confirmed all five by NIST05.

DRS V.03 format

Hit number of the top 100 hits from 163,000+ compounds

New DRS V.04: Qual (Spectra) + Quant (Peak Area)



New DRS A.04 Report with Quantitation from both MSD ChemStation and AMDIS results

MSD Deconvolution Report

Sample Name: + 400 ppb ISTDs, 25 µL PTV

Data File: C:\msdchem\1\DATA\Trifecta\SPINACH.D

Date/Time: 08:14 AM Thursday, Oct 25 2007

Adjacent Peak Subtraction = 1

Resolution = Medium

Sensitivity = High

Shape Requirements = Medium

GC
retention
time
confirmation

The NIST library was searched for the components that were found in the AMDIS target library.

R.T.	Cas #	Compound Name	Amount (ppm)		AMDIS		NIST	
			Chem station	AMDIS	Match	R.T. Diff sec.	Reverse Match	Hit Num.
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23.974	80057	Bisphenol A	16.8	7.96	97	8.7	91	1
24.0444	72559	p,p'-DDE	0.65		76	1.4	79	2
25.705	72548	p,p'-DDD	0.16	0.13	52	1.8	65	2
26.9932	50293	p,p'-DDT	0.15	0.09	53	0.7	43	6
27.009	85687	Butyl benzyl phthalate	0.31	0.16	54	0.2	57	25
27.9265	51036	Piperonyl butoxide	37.91	32.31	96	1.6	94	1
29.6685	117817	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	3.39	2.69	93	1.2	85	3
31.6131	52645531	Permethrin II	223.78	201.65	90	3.8	91	3
13.718		Phenanthrene-d10	10					

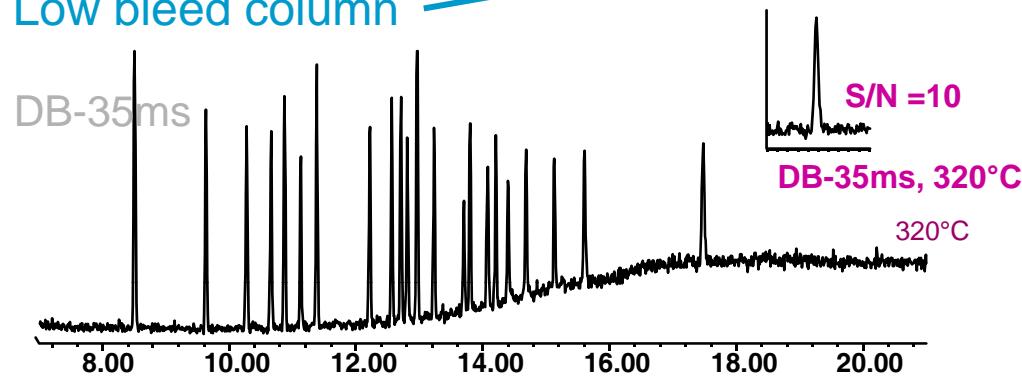
p,p'-DDE target ion mismatch

Lower AMDIS amount due to elimination of interferences

Industry Standard: Low Bleed Stationary Phases

Better signal to noise, higher upper temp limit, faster run time, improved spectral purity, and greater column inertness

Low bleed column → Better detection limits



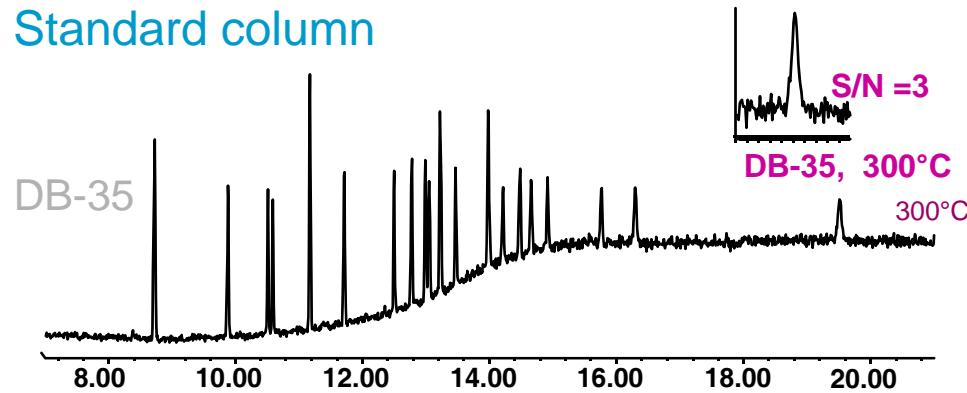
DB-35ms

Primary Ion

Better spectra

m/z-->

Standard column



CLP Pesticides Analysis

DB-35

Primary Ion

m/z-->

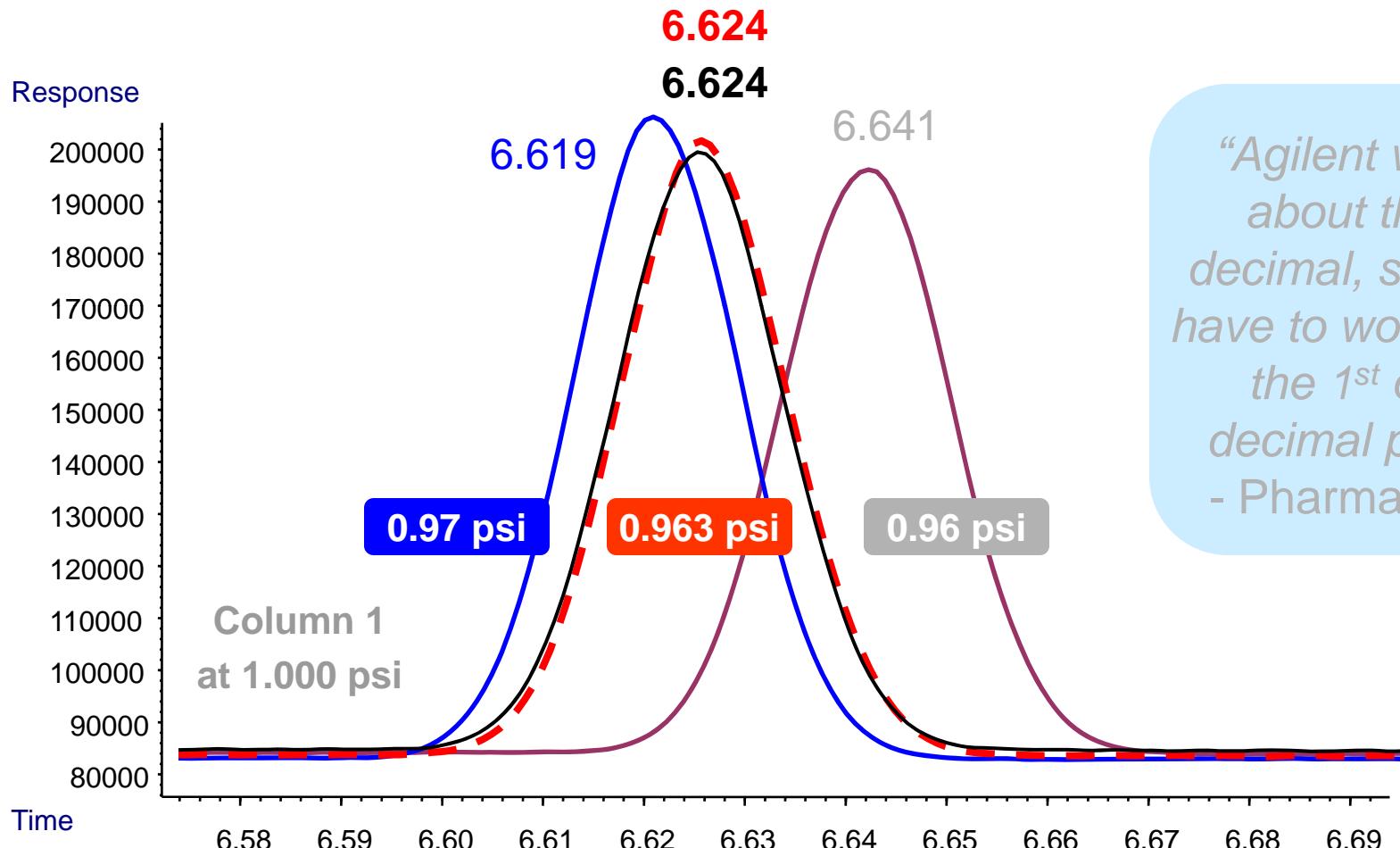


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Why 1/1000 psi Matters!

-- Key to even better Retention Time Locking (RTL)

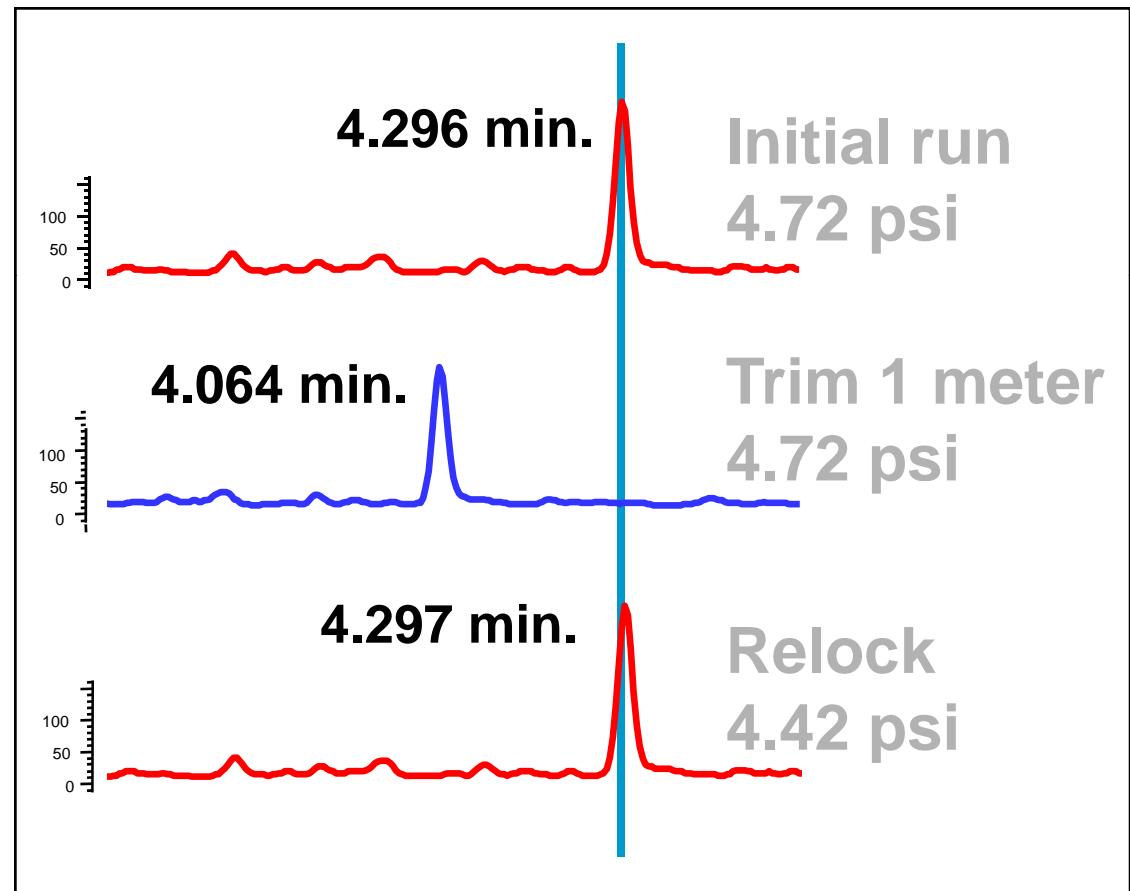


"Agilent worries about the 3rd decimal, so I don't have to worry about the 1st or 2nd decimal point..."
- Pharma (USA)

Retention Time Locking

Improve Confidence with Retention Time Locking

- Easy
- Quick
- Repeatable
 - Run-to-run
 - Operator-to-operator
 - Instrument-to-instrument



Industry Specific Retention Time Locked Libraries

Part Number	RTL Database/Library	Number of Compounds
G1671AA	Hazardous Chemicals	730
G1672AA	Pesticide	926
G1673AA	Indoor Air Toxics	171
G1674AA	Forensic Toxicology	723
G1675AA	Japanese Positive List Pesticide	431
G1677AA	Environmental Semi-Volatile	one 8270 set of 273 ; two 525 sets of 120

Library include GC method details, Getting Started manual, application notes, and HELP files

Part Number	RTL Database/Library	Number of Compounds
Free	Volatile Organic Compounds	65
Free	PCB Congeners	209
Free	Forensic Toxicology	277
Free	Fatty Acid Methyl Ester	37
Free	Flavors	409
Free	Organotin Derivatives	Methyl, Ethyl, Pentyl

modify a library to your need... or create your own

But what if the GC/MS isn't enough?

Why use a GC/QQQ System in place of a GC/single quad ?

Allows for the selective quantitation of target compounds in high chemical background samples

Gives better S/N in complex matrices than can be achieved by single quad approaches

Newer regulations in some applications specify GC/QQQ

Agilent GC/MS Portfolio Newest Member



The Agilent 5975C Series GC/MSD is built on a solid foundation of industry leadership, reliability and performance.

7000A GC/MS/MS



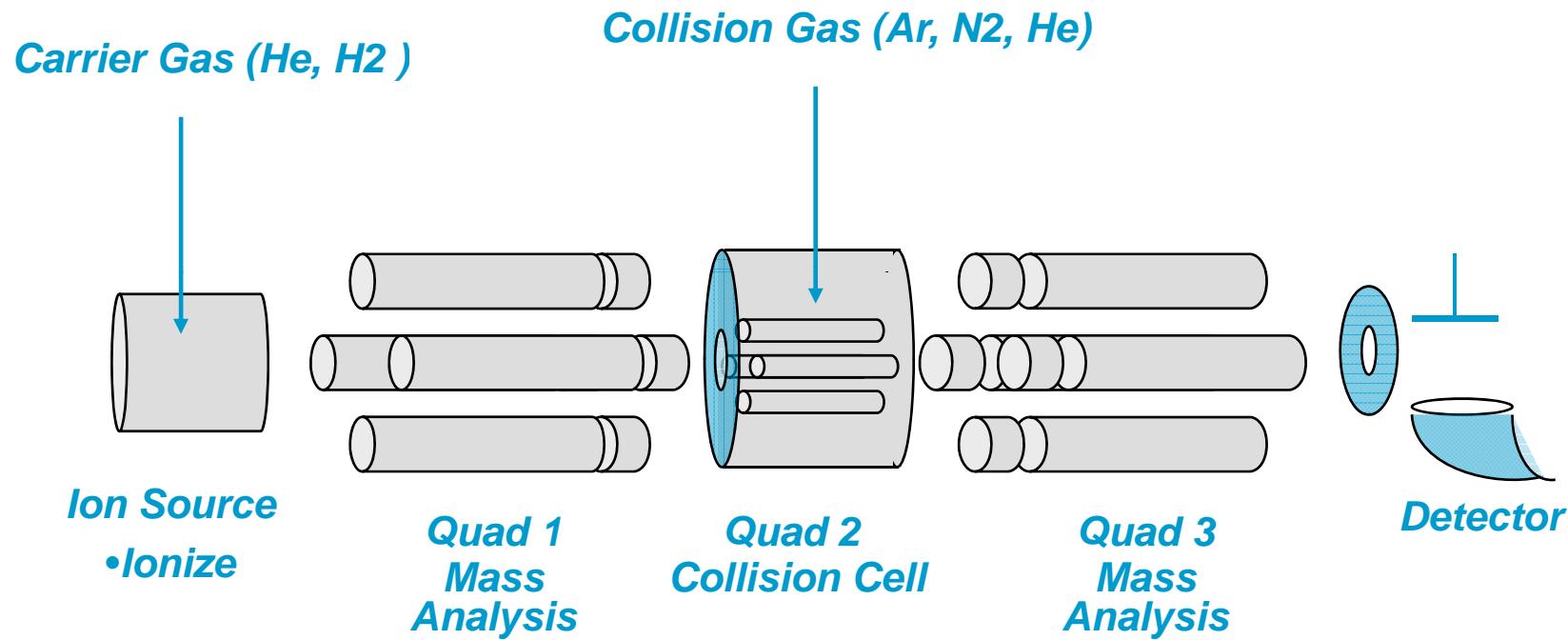
Industry leading GC/MS System

5975C with 7890GC

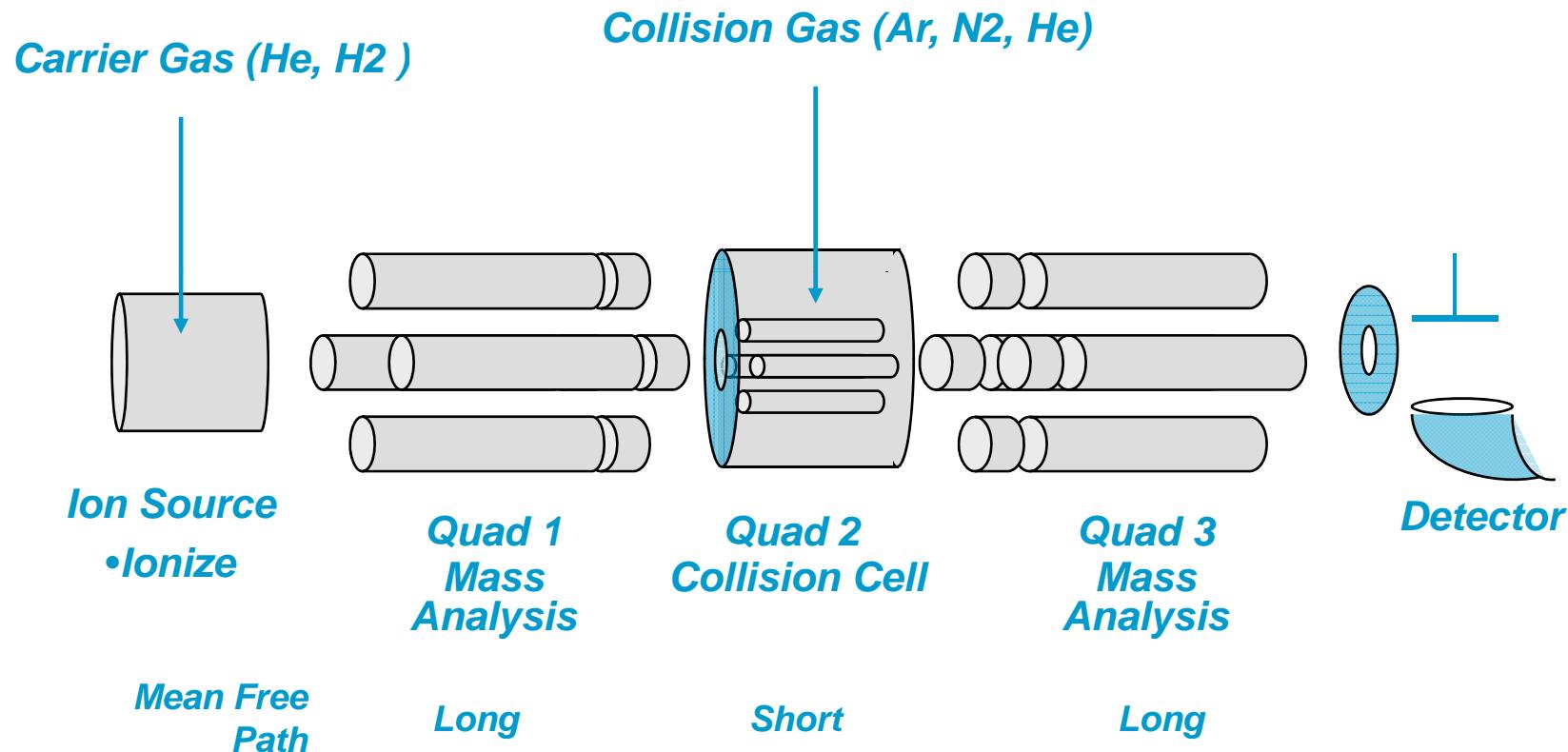
Power of MS/MS

What is a Triple Quadrupole?

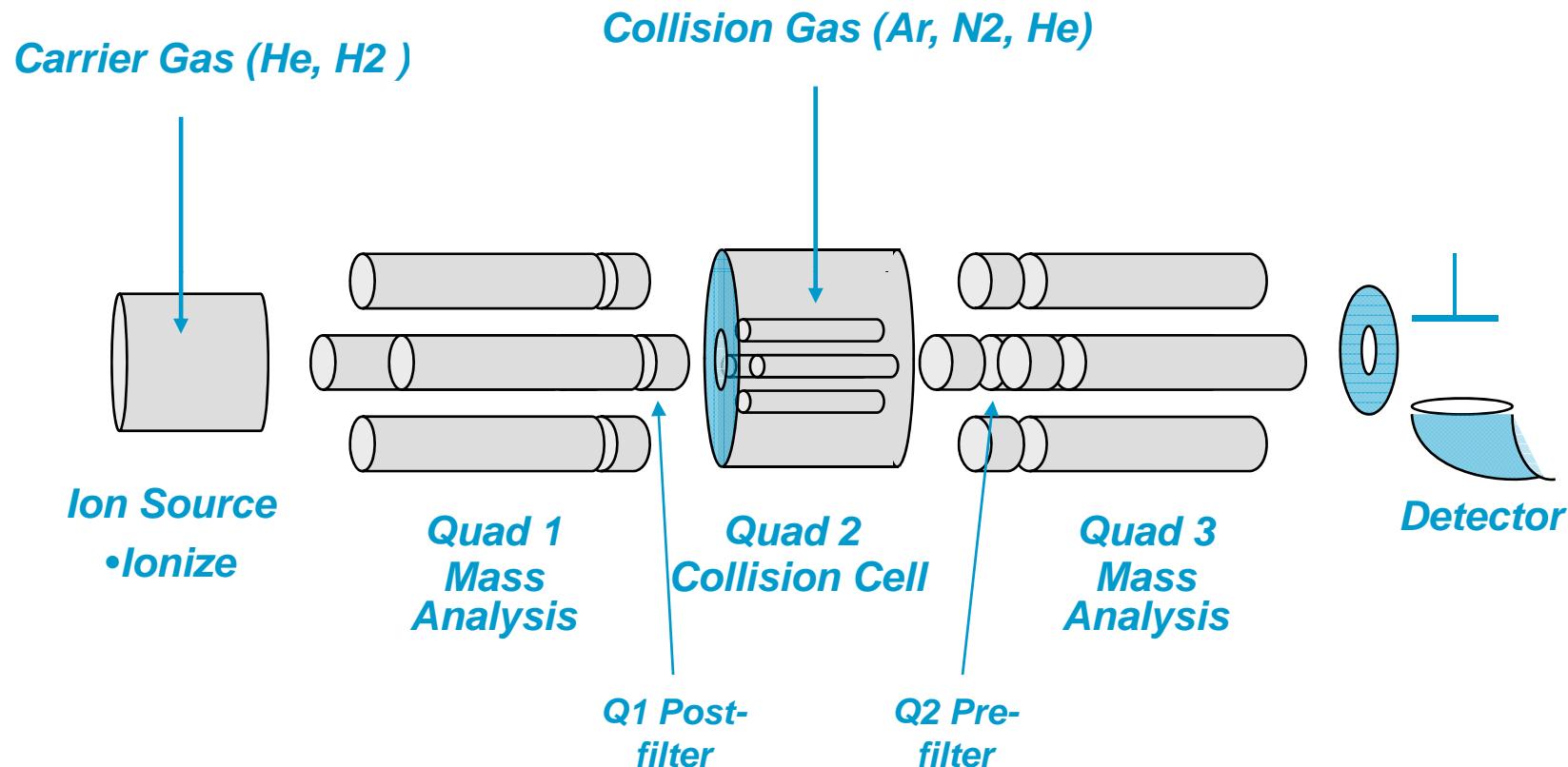
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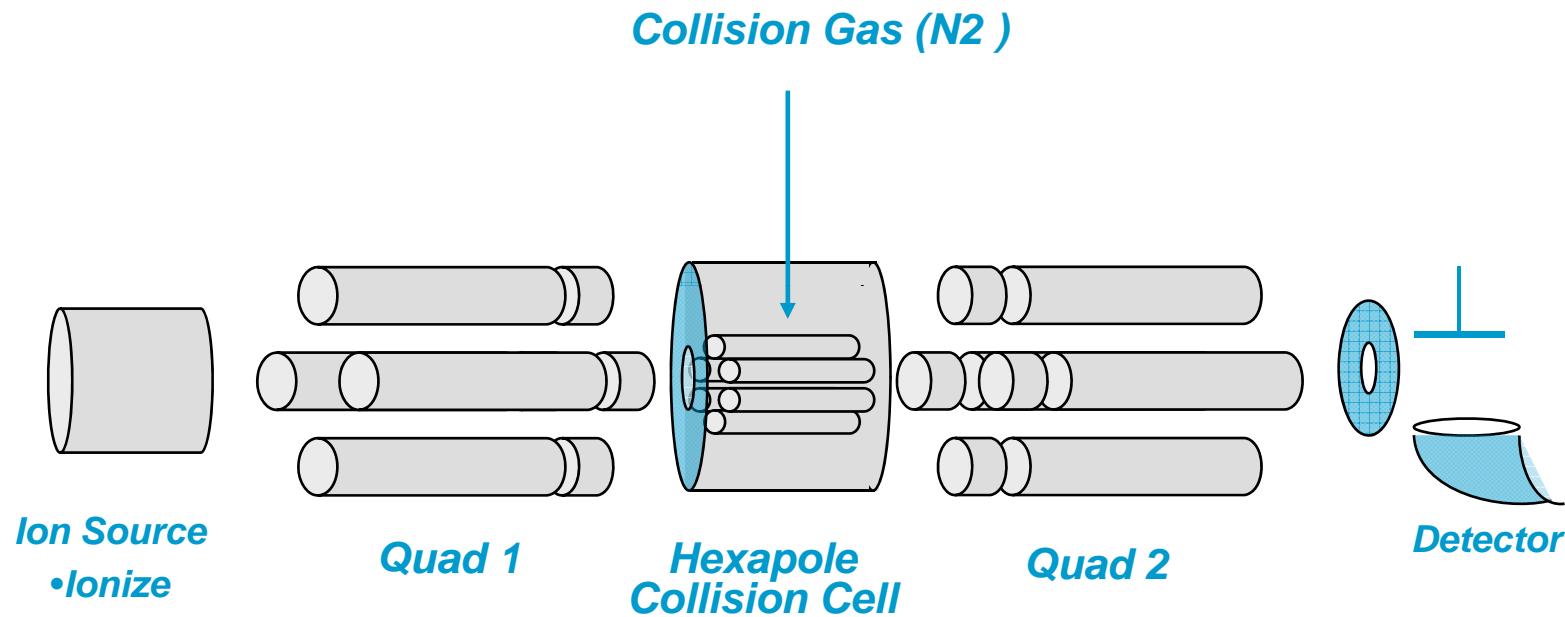
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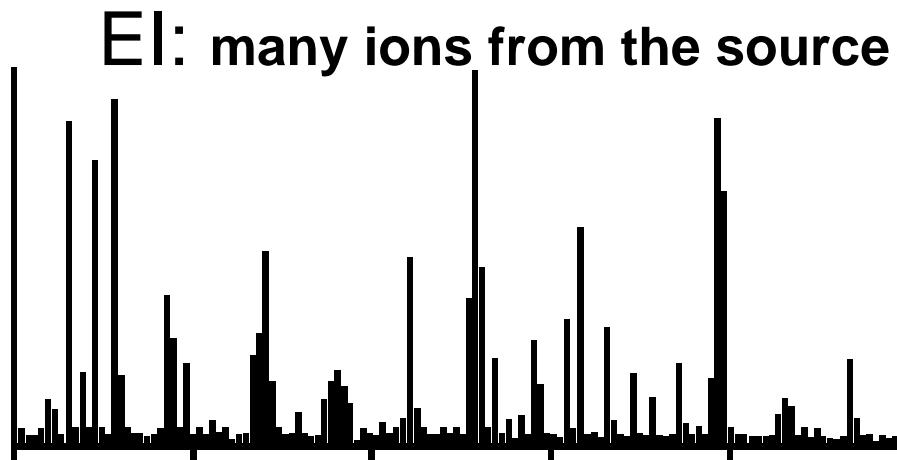
Agilent 7000 GC/MS/MS (QHQ)



No mass filtering in the collision cell
The hexapole field has excellent transmission efficiency
for precursor and product ions

What is MRM MS/MS?

Multiple Reaction Monitoring



Q1 SIM

isolate precursor
before CID

EI-MS/MS

Product 2

Product 3

Product 1

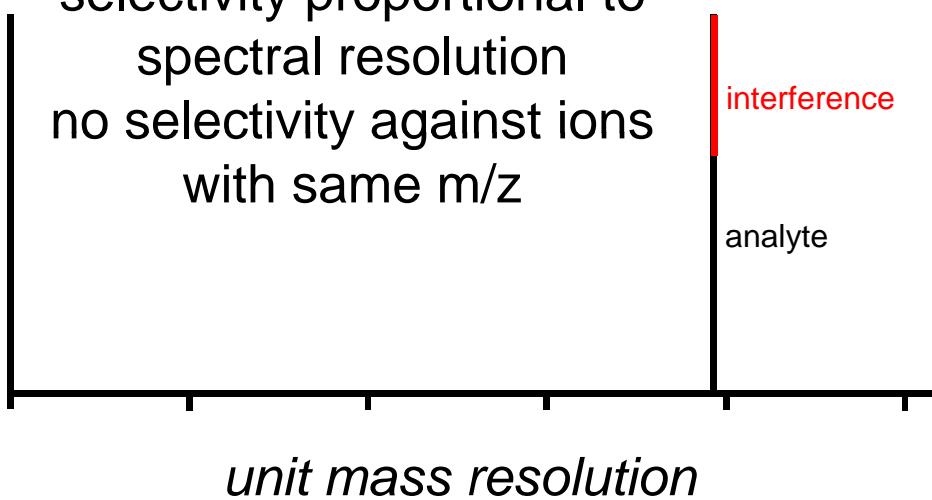
CID + Q2 SIM

Why MS/MS?

Greater Selectivity Than SIM

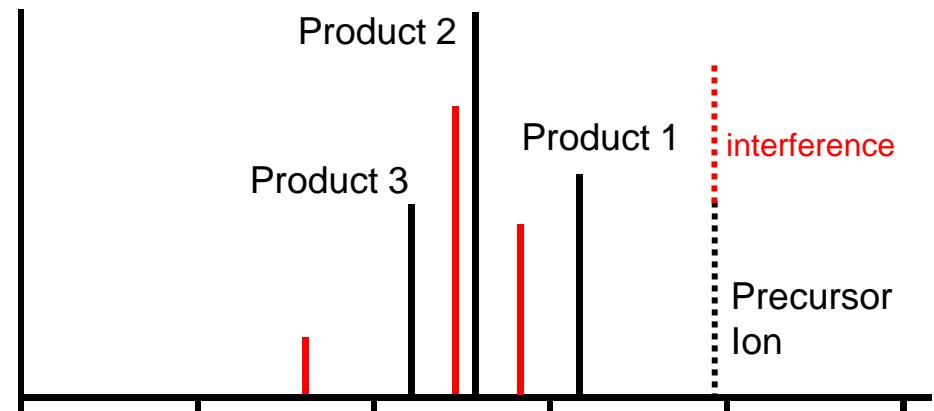
EI-SIM

selectivity proportional to spectral resolution
no selectivity against ions with same m/z



EI-MS/MS

Precursor selectivity same as SIM
High probability that at least one product ion will be a unique dissociation product of the precursor BUT not the interference

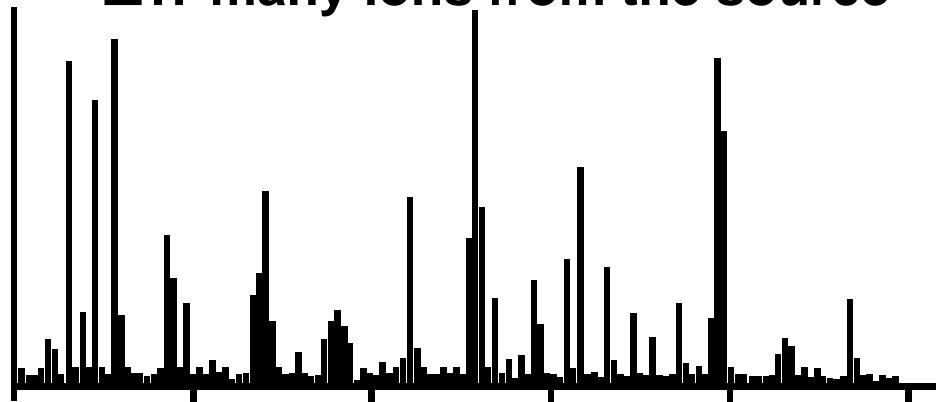


The precursor ion should **NOT** be used for ion ratios or quantitation since the interferences will be the same as the SIM ion

Why MS/MS?

Lower detection limits by reducing noise

EI: many ions from the source

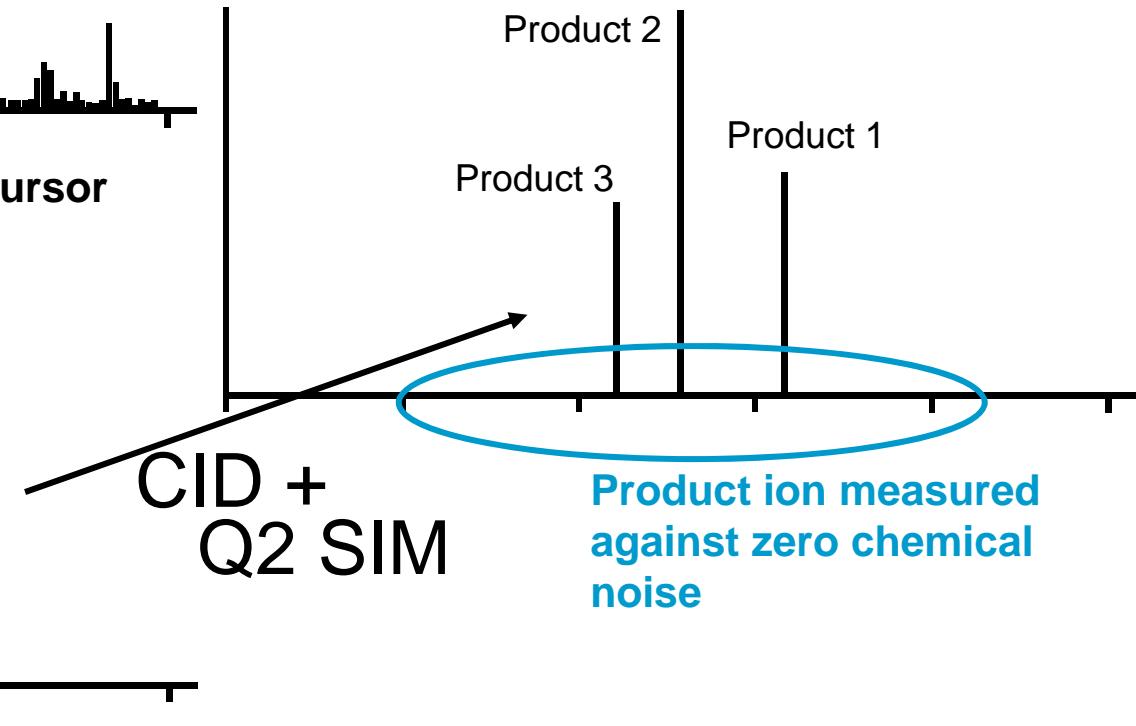


Q1 SIM

isolate precursor
before CID

*chemical noise
eliminated*

Product ion signal often decreases,
but the percentage decrease in noise
is much larger for real samples; S/N
and detection limits improve



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Why a GC/MS/MS System?

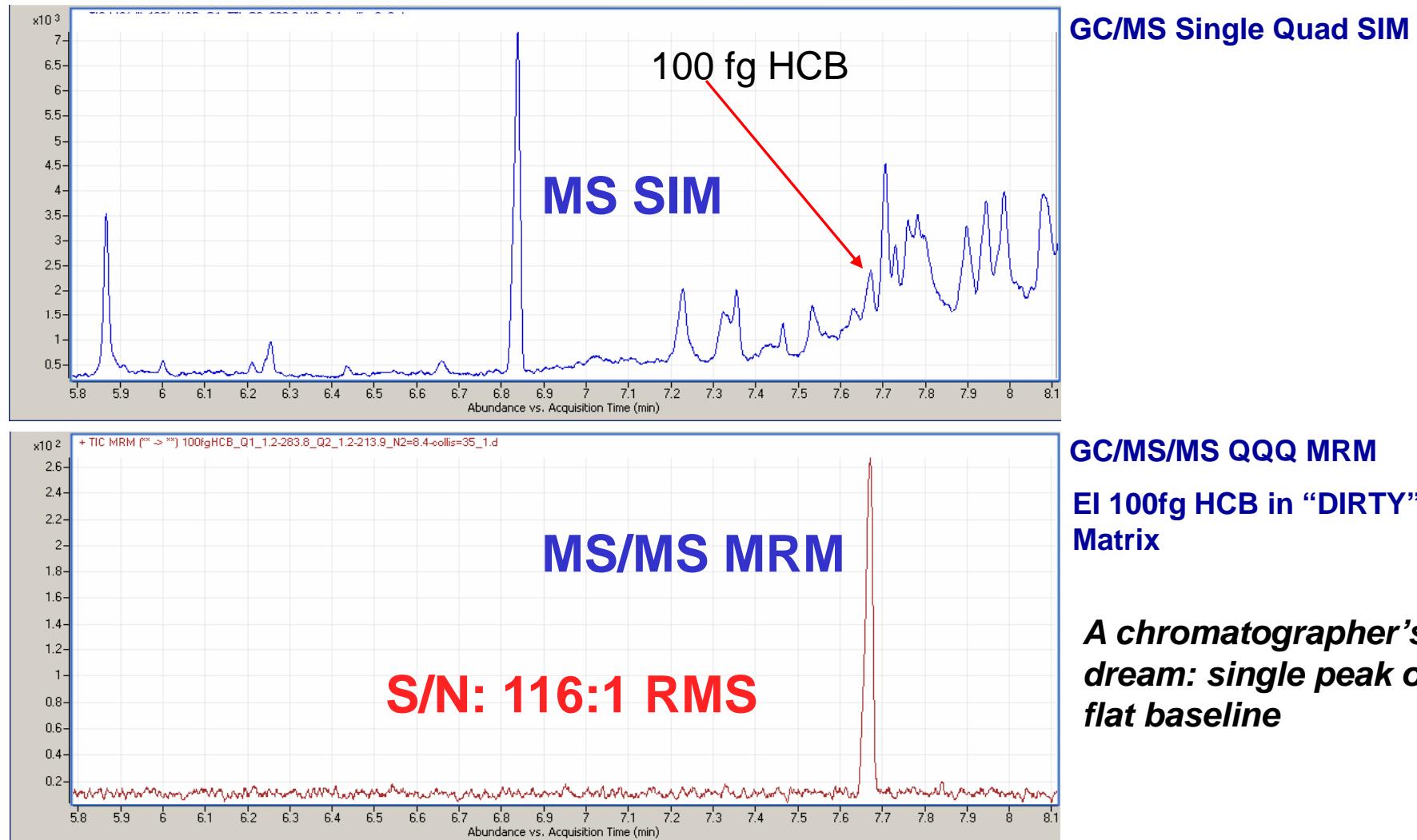
Allows for the selective quantitation of target compounds in high chemical background samples

Better S/N in complex matrices than can be achieved by single quadrupole scan or SIM approaches.

Newer regulations in some markets specify analytical power commensurate with GC/MS/MS

Why GC/MS/MS?

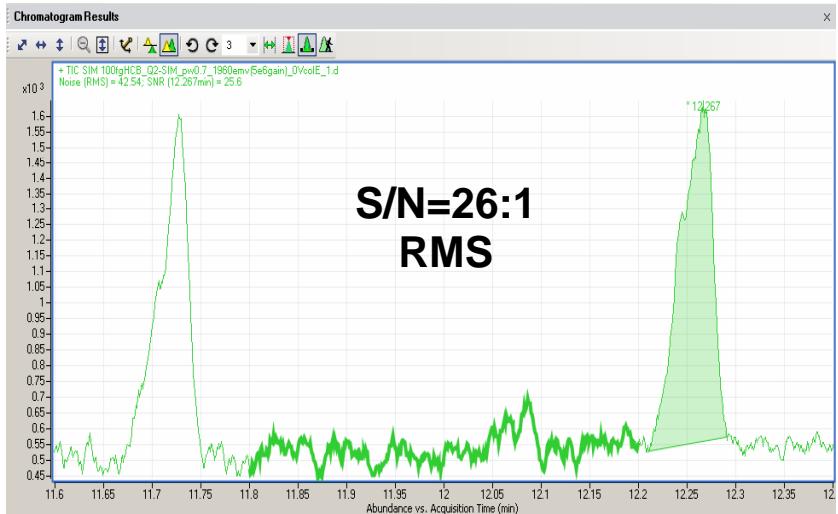
A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words



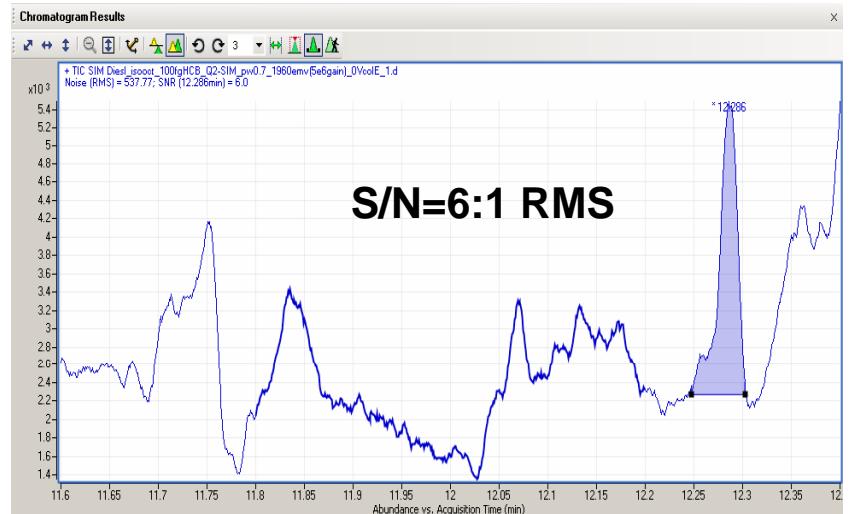
SIM vs MRM for HCB

100 fg HCB in Clean Matrix

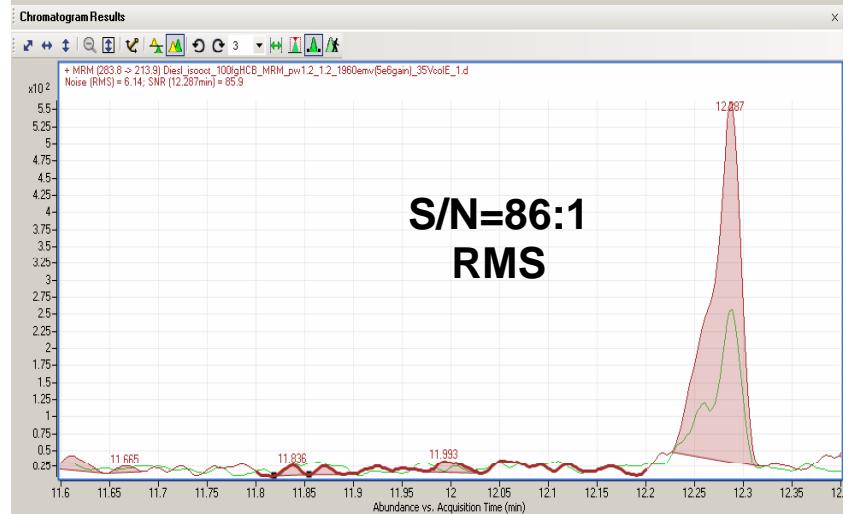
MS/MS: 283.8:213.9 Single MS: SIM 283.8



300 fg HCB in Diesel



S/N=37:1 RMS



Emerging Contaminants Require New Solutions

- Pharmaceutical compounds in water systems
- Per-fluorinated organic compounds in ground water (PFOS/PFOA)

Both of these classes of compounds are at extremely low levels in the environment. They are also very poor candidates for GC/MS analysis, even after derivitization.

The solution: LC/MS!

For accurate low level target compounds: LC/MS/MS

For identifying unknown contaminants: LC/TOF and LC/QTOF

Emerging Contaminants Require New Solutions

A new and expanded portfolio for applications for environmental problems, from PFOS to pharmaceuticals in water, require combining exceptional performance and reliability to HPLC/MS solutions



LC/MSD
Single Quad



6410 QQQ



6300 Series Ion Traps



6210 TOF



6510 QTOF

Relentless Triple Quadrupole Innovation

Extending Outstanding Performance

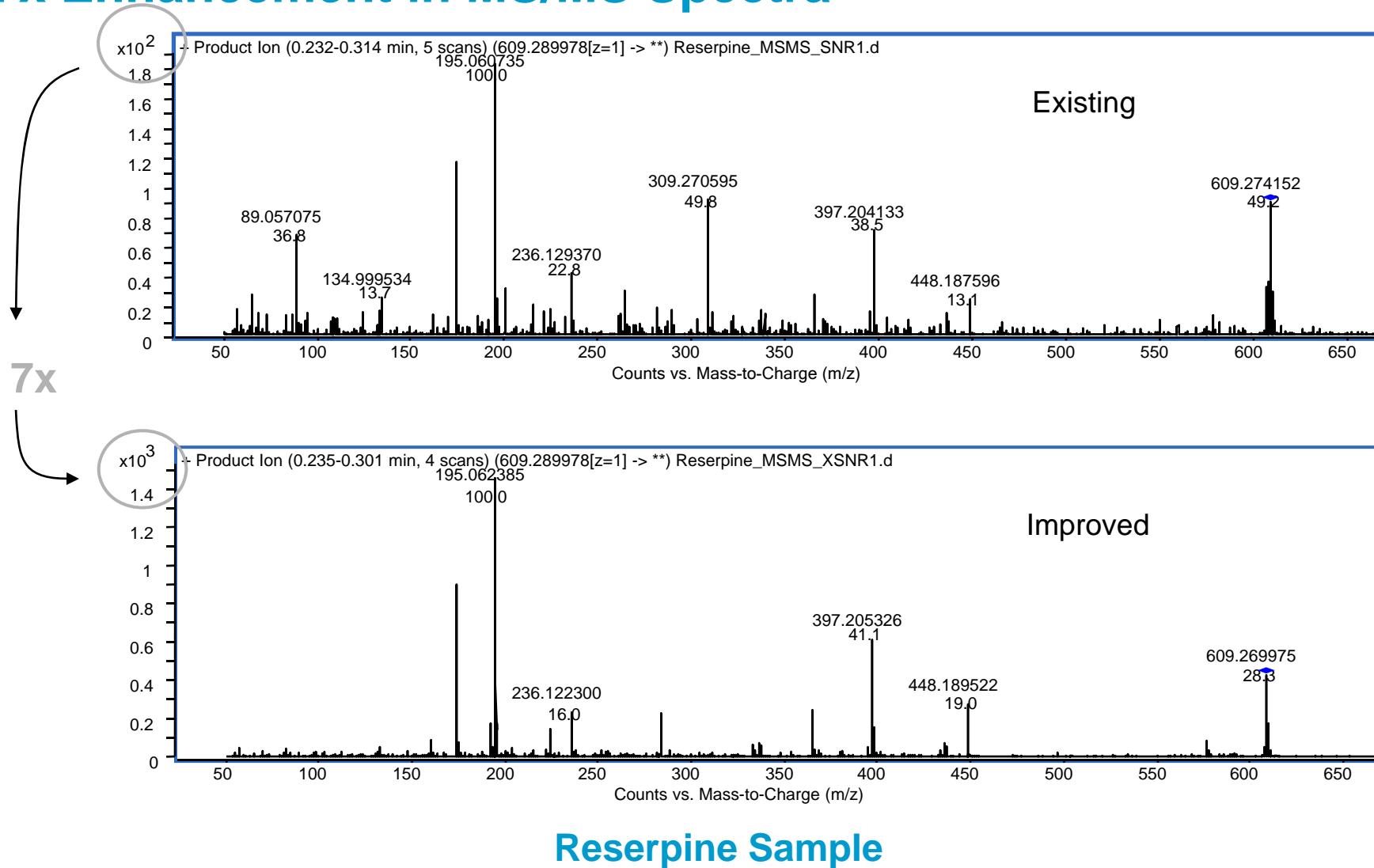
6400 Series Triple Quad for Targeted MS/MS Quantitation

- Polarity Switching
- 200 MRM / Time Segment
- Automated Method Optimization
- Compliance (21 CFR Part 11 Support)
- Extended mass range (2000 m/z)
- Faster Reporting

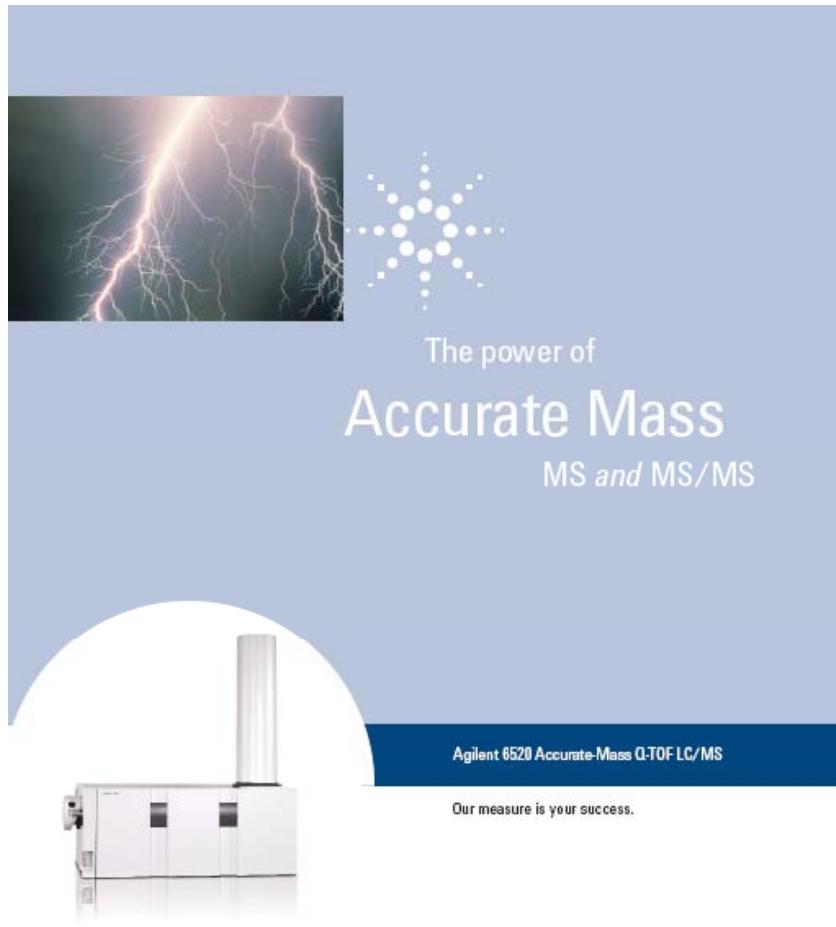


New Levels of Sensitivity

7x Enhancement in MS/MS Spectra



6500-Series Accurate Mass Q-TOF



The power of
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MS and MS/MS

Agilent 6520 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS

Our measure is your success.

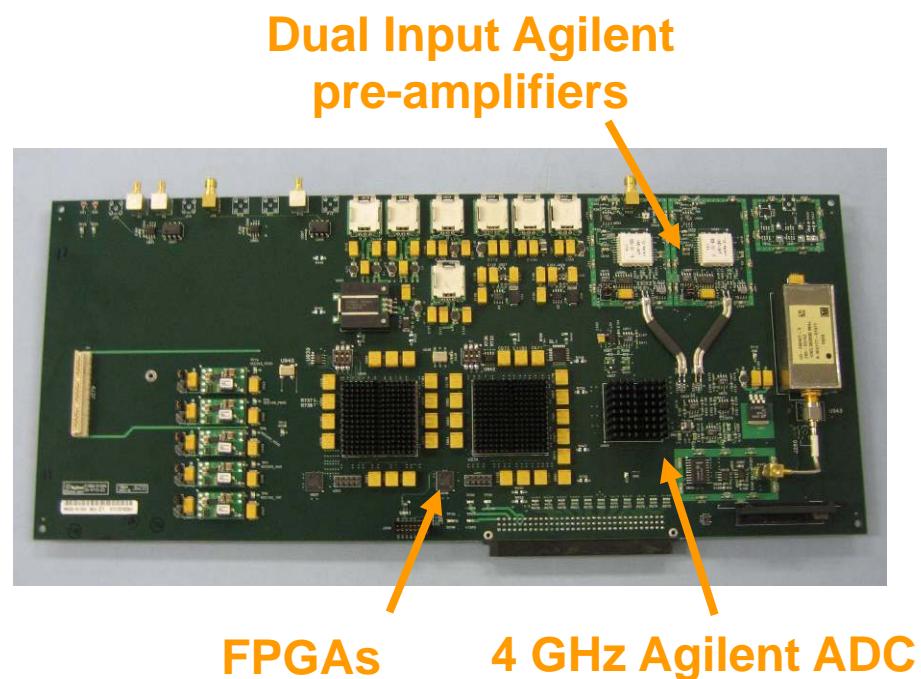
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Two New Modes: 4 GHz ADC for Enhanced Resolving Power
2-Channel x 2 GHz Dual Gain for Extended Dynamic Range

- 4 GHz (8 bit) Analog-Digital-Converter **ADC**
 - Adapted from Agilent's High Speed Oscilloscope Systems
- Ultra High Speed **FPGA** process and store transients in real time
 - Up to 20,000 m/z depth

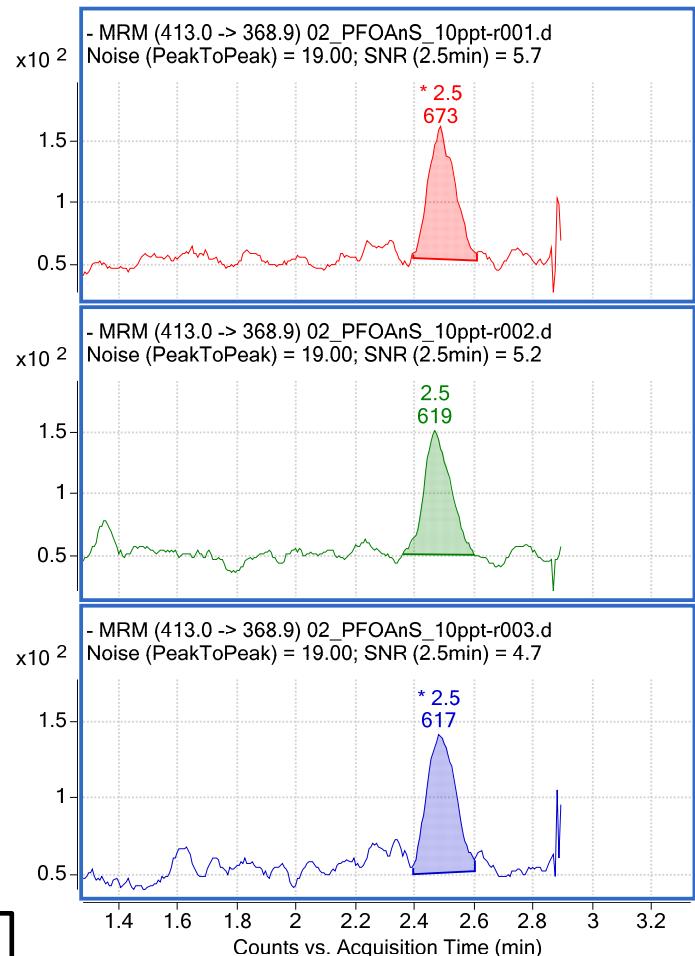
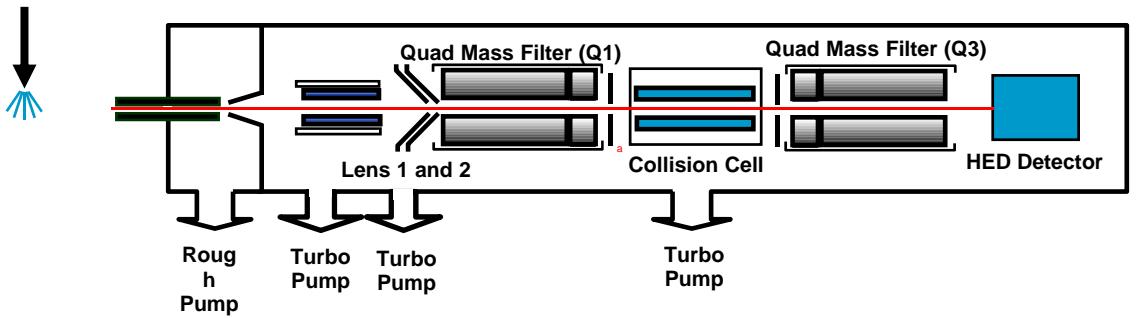


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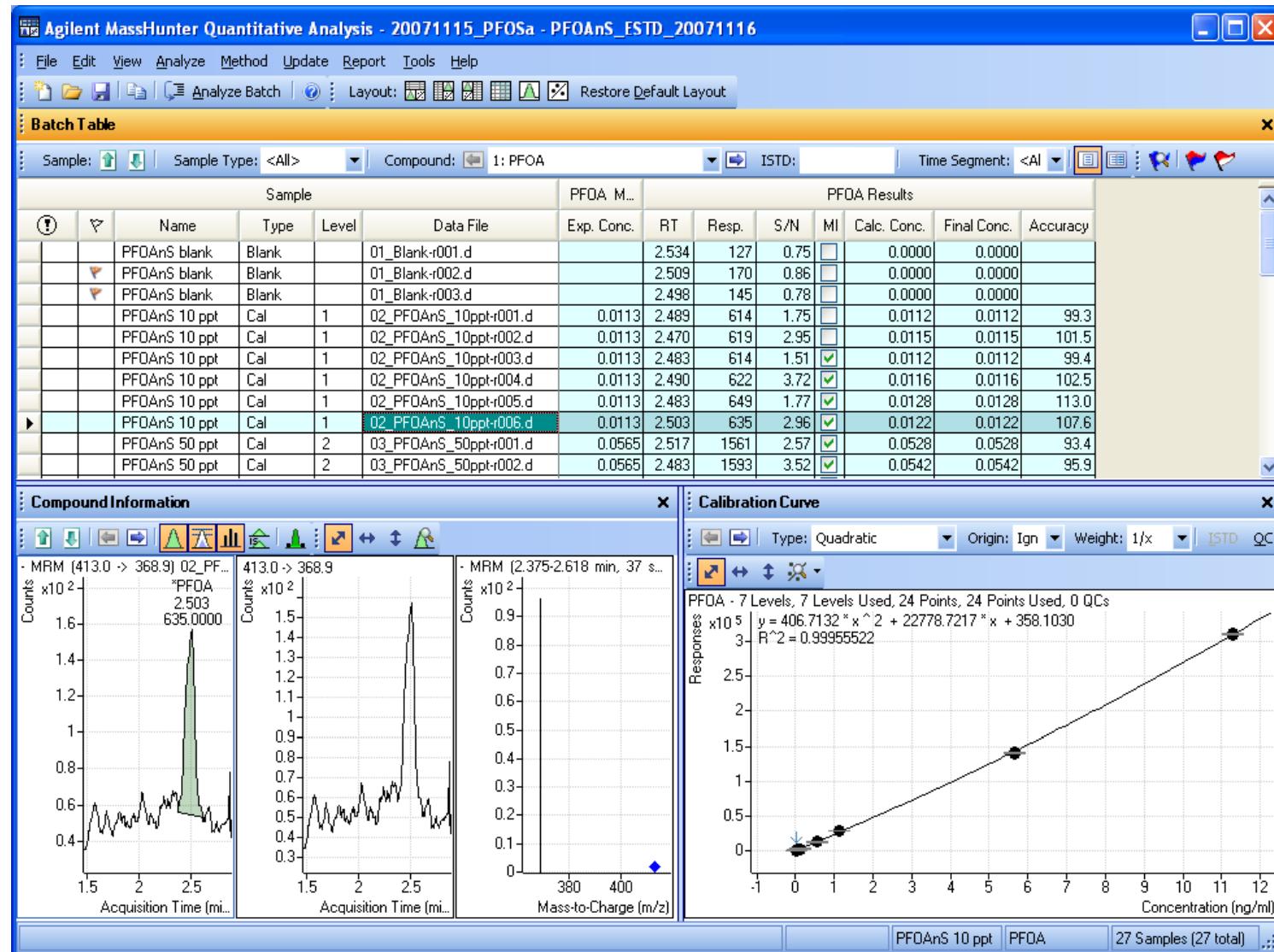


- Easy and intuitive to learn and use**
- Common software for all LC/MS instruments & applications**
- Fast, customizable reporting**
- Rapid generation of high quality quantitative results!**

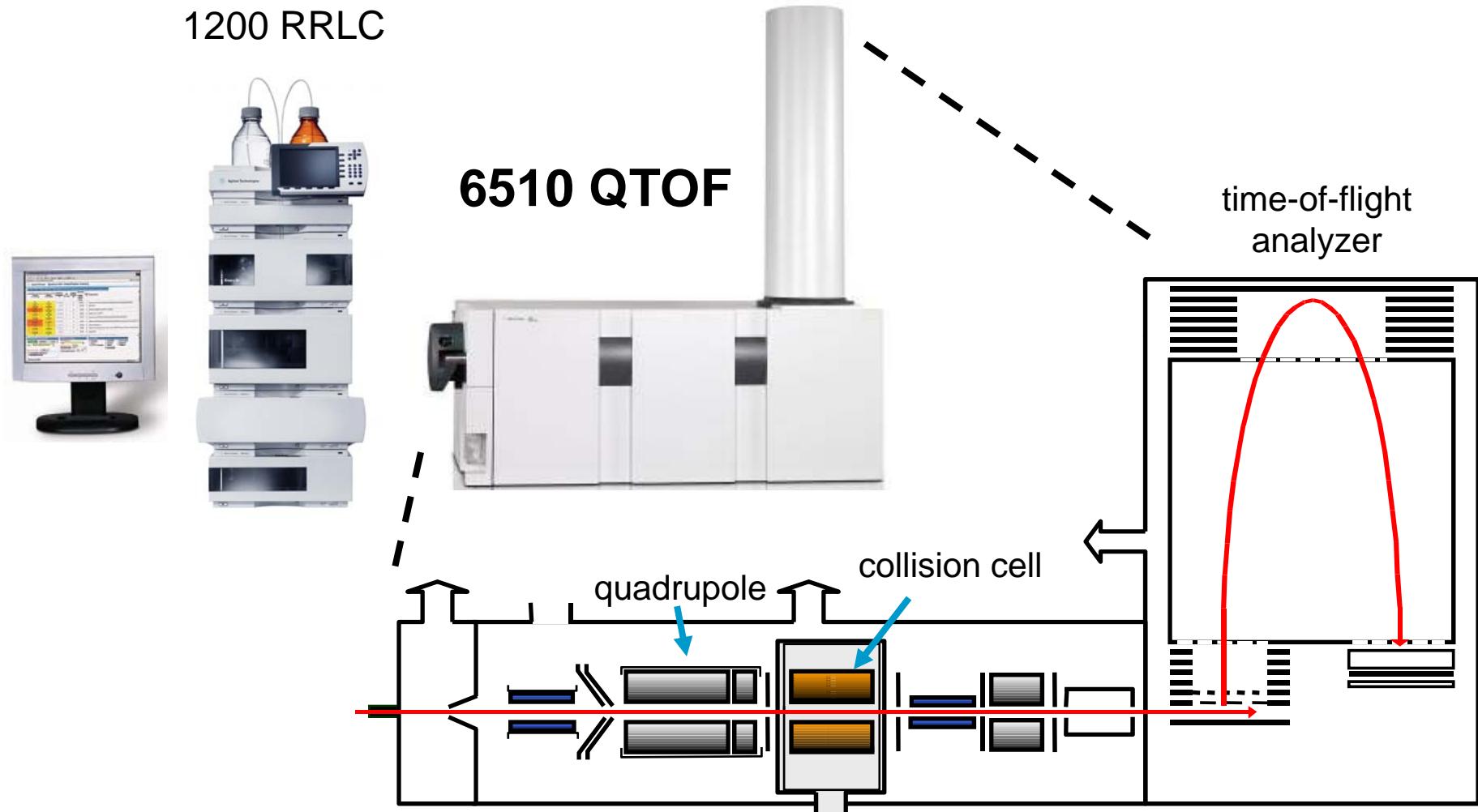
Analysis of PFOA and PFOS using the Agilent 6410 Triple Quadrupole LC/MS/MS



Better Software to Find Answers Faster



Searching for Unknown Contaminants



Example: Pharmaceutical Compounds in Ground Water

Various water samples collected by USGS,
containing any of the following compounds:

Neutral Masses of Potential Residues in Water

151.06333	Acetaminophen	254.09429	Ketoprofen	308.10486	Warfarin
176.09496	Cotinine	255.16231	Diphenhydramine	309.13405	Fluoxetine
180.04226	Aspirin	267.12593	Venlafaxine	310.07358	Sulfadimethoxine
180.06473	1,7-dimethylxanthine	270.02452	Sulfamethizole	313.97805	Triclocarban
194.08038	Caffeine	274.14298	Trimethoprim	314.14126	Ranitidine
201.03607	Thiabendazole	278.08375	Sulfamethazine	318.15551	Fluvoxamine
214.03967	Clوفיבric acid	284.01347	Sulfachloropyridazine	324.16379	Citalopram
230.09429	Naproxen	287.95116	Triclosan	329.14272	Paroxetine
236.09496	Carbamazepine	293.05000	Norsertraline	330.00772	Eurosemide
239.10769	Bupropion	295.01668	Diclofenac	344.10084	Dehydronifedipine
239.15214	Albuterol	295.11840	Norfluoxetine	348.16852	Enalaprilat
250.15698	Gemifrozil	296.96447	HCTZ	413.98602	Miconazole
252.11572	Cimetidine	297.11873	Duloxetine	414.16133	Diltiazem
253.05211	Sulfamethoxazole	299.15214	Codeine	418.27192	Simvastatin
		305.07380	Sertraline	573.51210	Erythromycin

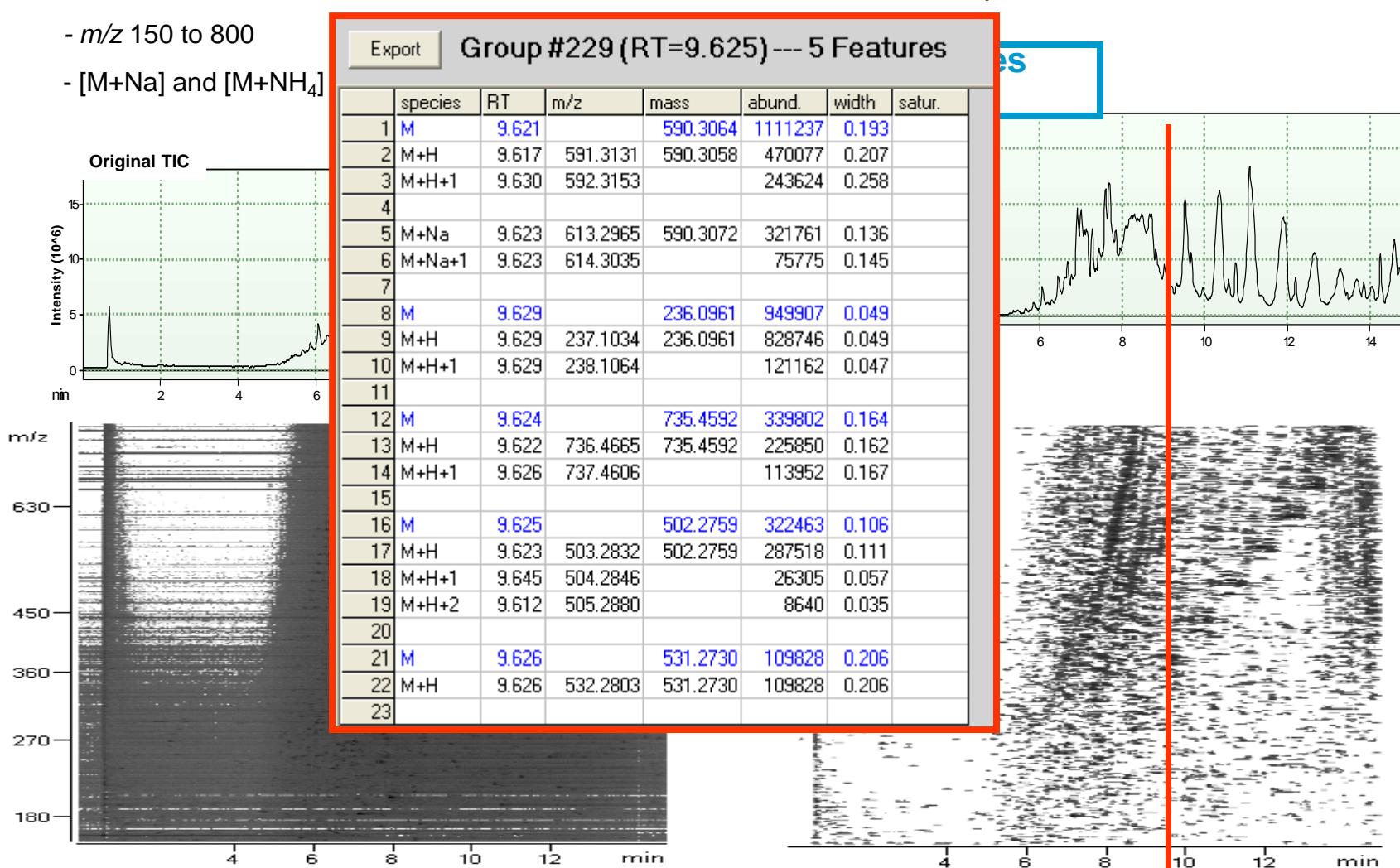
Processing large amount of data with MFE

Display filtering:

- S/N > 2
- m/z 150 to 800
- $[M+Na]$ and $[M+NH_4]$

- At least 2 ions

- Relative intensity > 0.01%



Agilent Solutions for Environmental Testing

History of leadership and commitment to environmental testing

A focus on usable sensitivity and productivity

Continuing innovations, from “old technology” to new technical challenges

New LC/MS solutions for “new” environmental targets

