

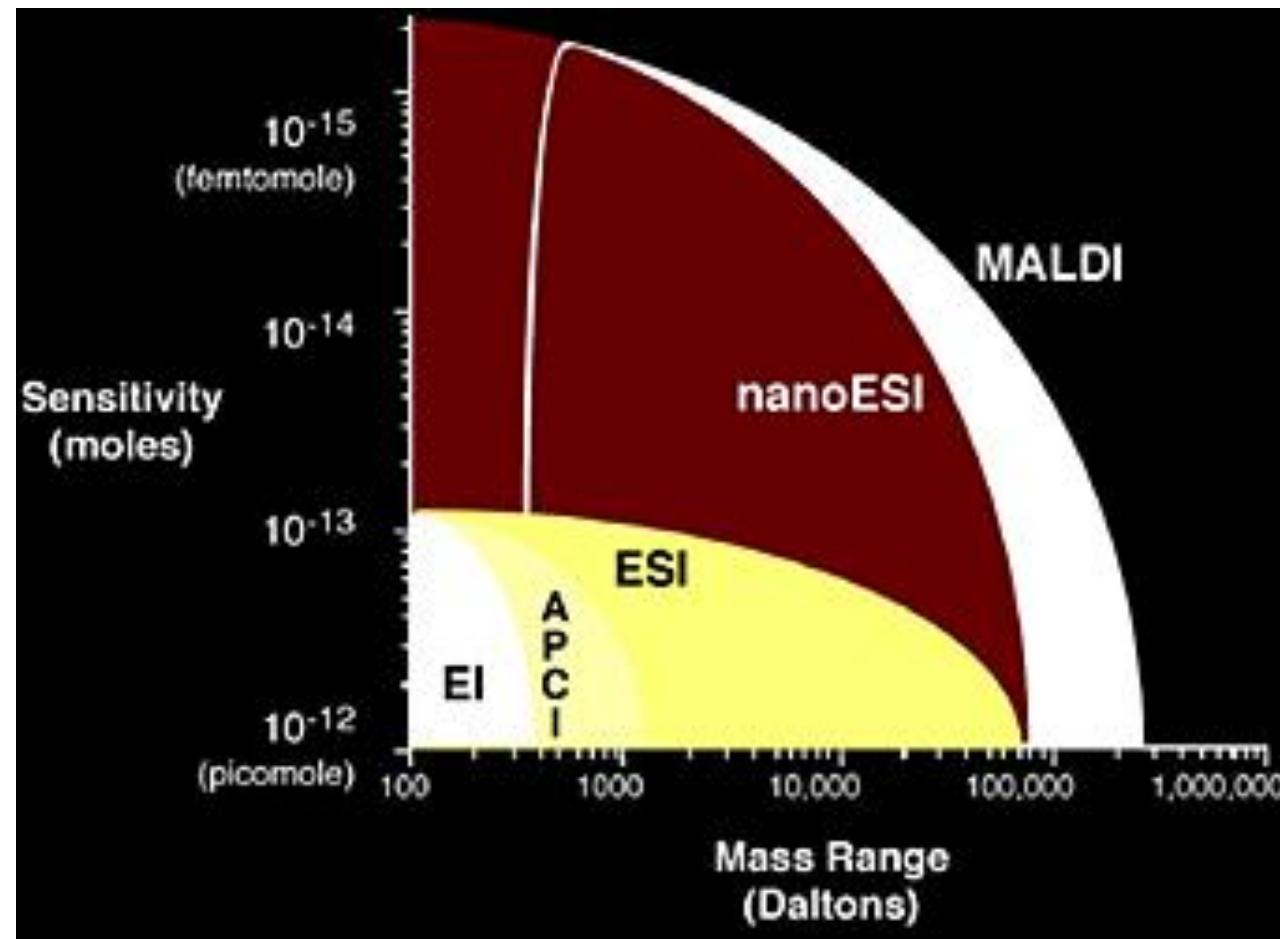
A tömegspektrometria alapjai Klinikai tömegspektrometriás vizsgálatok

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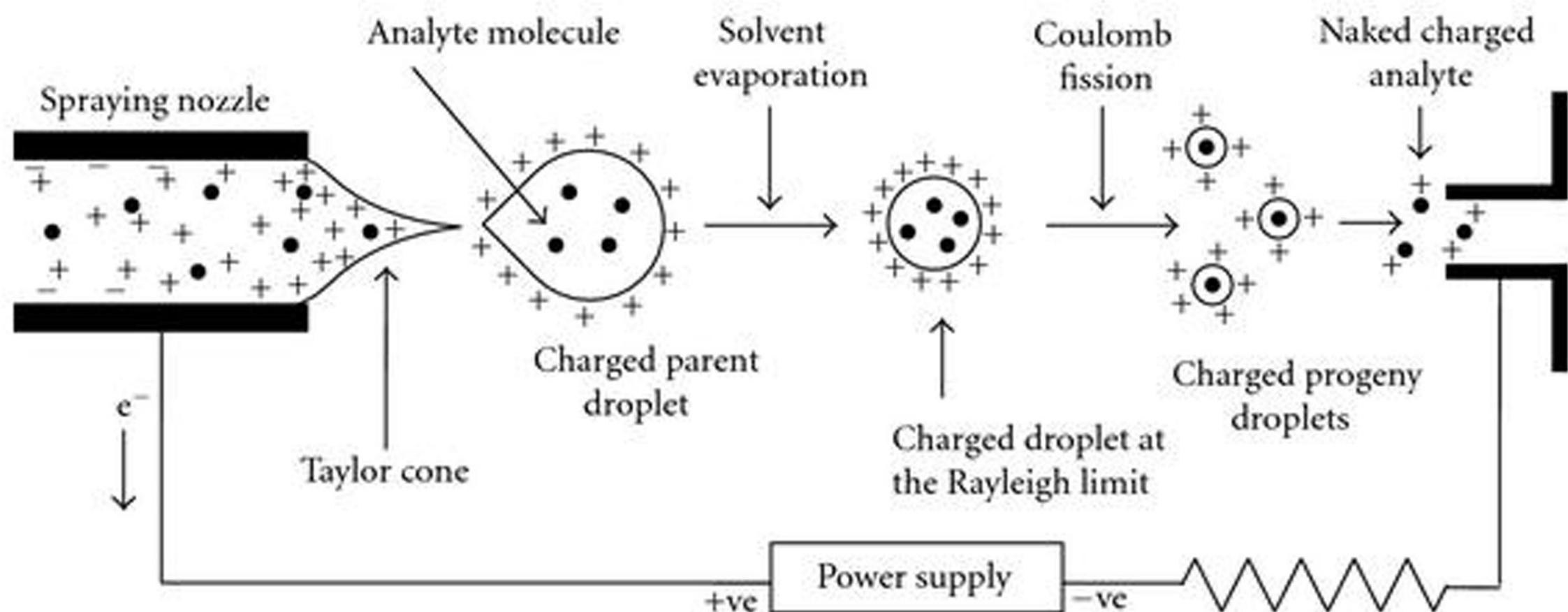
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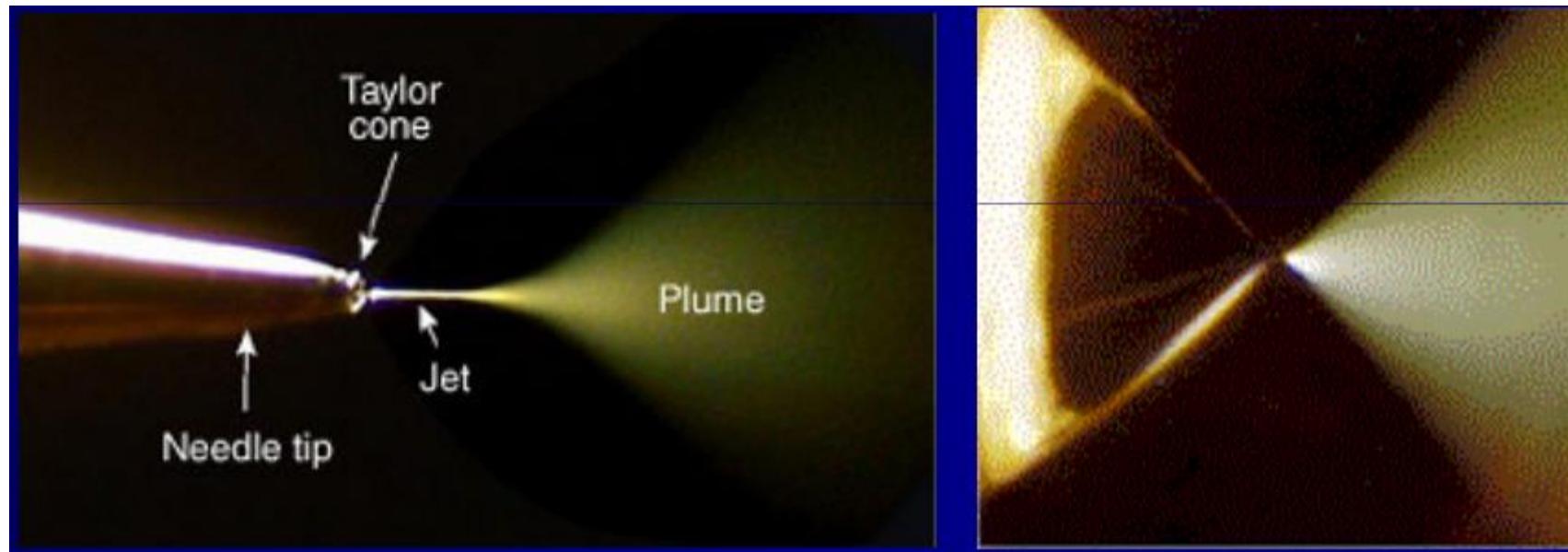
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<i>Electrospray ionization (ESI)</i>	<i>Quadrupole</i>
<i>Atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI)</i>	Ion trap
<i>Atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI)</i>	Linear ion trap
Electron ionization	<i>Quadrupole-ion trap</i>
Chemical ionization	<i>Time of flight</i>
Nanospray ionization	Double focussing magnetic sector
Spark ionization	Radiofrequency mass analyzer
Thermospray ionization	Fourier transformation mass analyzer
Field ionization	Magnetic sector
Field desorption	Ion cyclotron resonance mass analyzer
Fast atom bombardment	Reversed geometry mass analyzer
Multiphoton ionization	Hybrid
Plasma desorption	Electronic sector
<i>Laser desorption</i> (MALDI, SELDI, infrared)	Orbitrap
Corona discharge ionization	

Mass ranges and sensitivities attainable using various ionization techniques

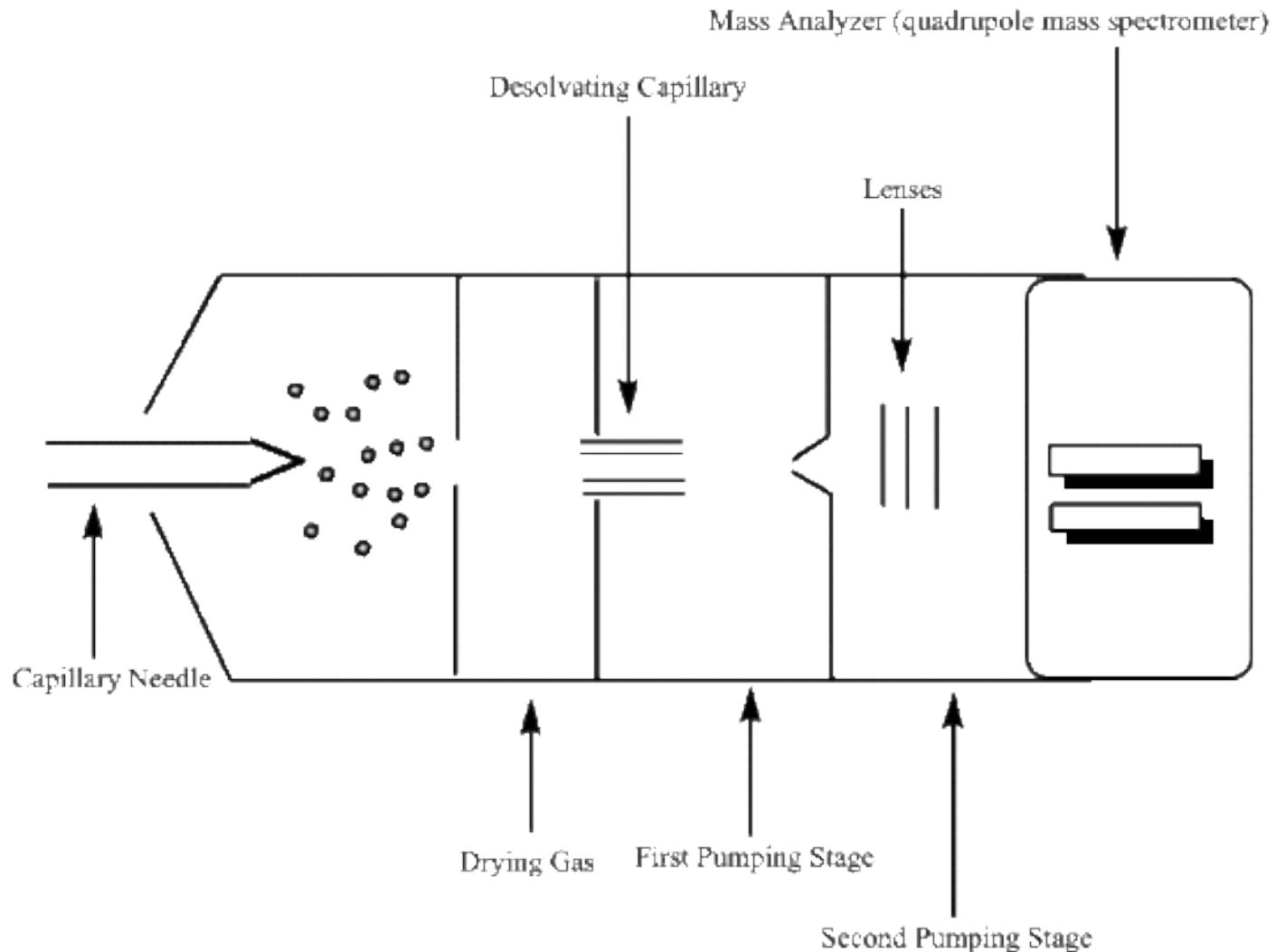


Electrospray ionization





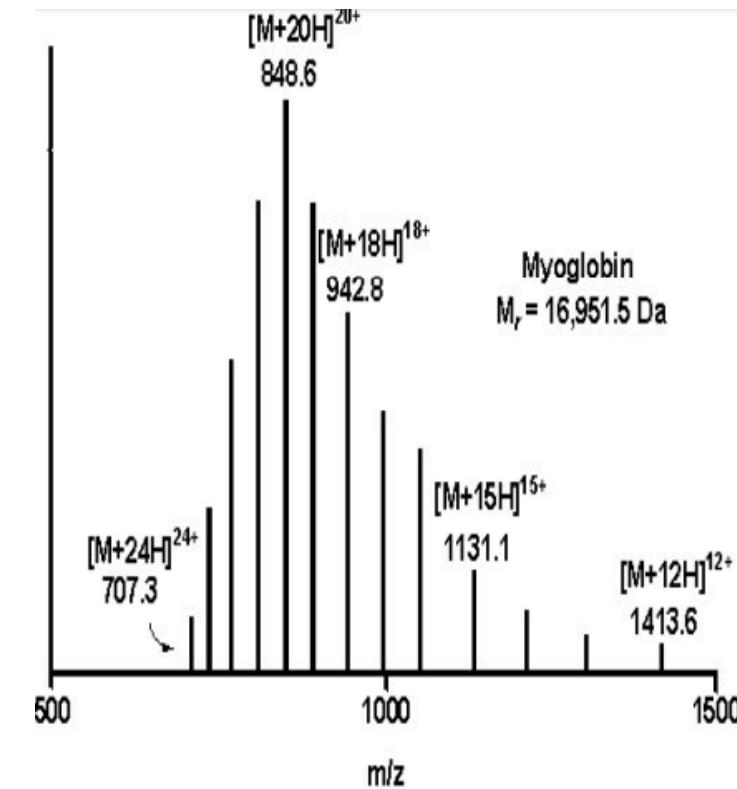
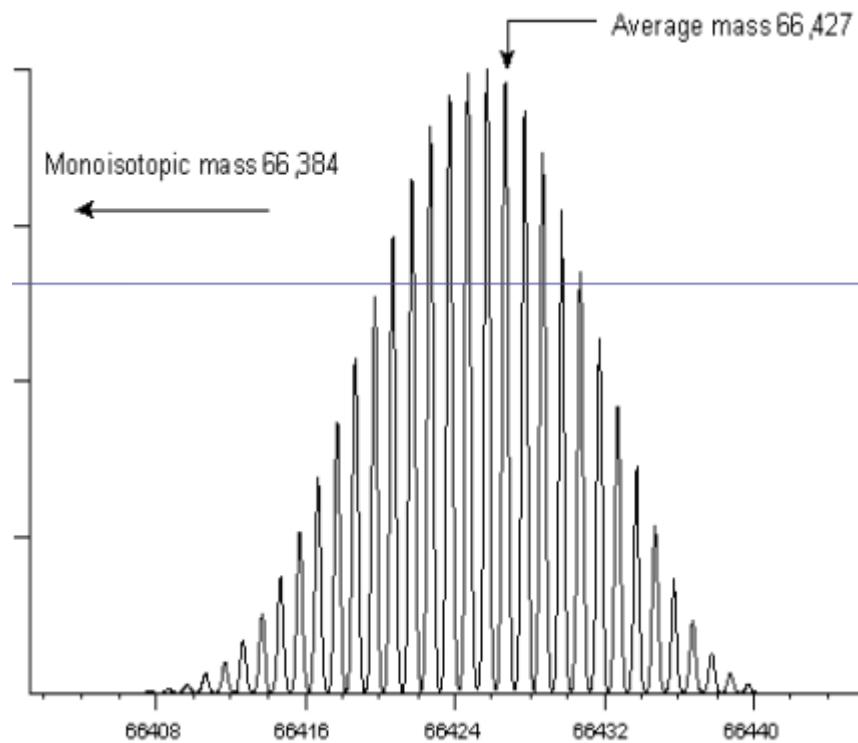
Simplified overview of the electrospray unit



Formation of adducts during electrospray ionization

Observed	Explanation	Mass
$[M+H]^+$	Protonation	M+1
Observed	Explanation	Mass
$[M-H]^-$	Deprotonation	M-1
$[M-H-nH_2O]^-$	Deprotonation and loss of H_2O	M-1-(nx18)
$[M+Cl]^-$	Ion attachment	M+35 (37)
$[M-2H+Na]^-$	M + Na adduct	M+21
$[M-H-CO_2]^-$	Carbon dioxide loss	M+45
$[M+H+CH_3CN]^+$	In presence of CH_3CN	M+42
$[M+H+CH_3CN+nH_2O]^+$	Water-acetonitrile cluster	M+42+(nx18)

Macromolecules have peak envelopes



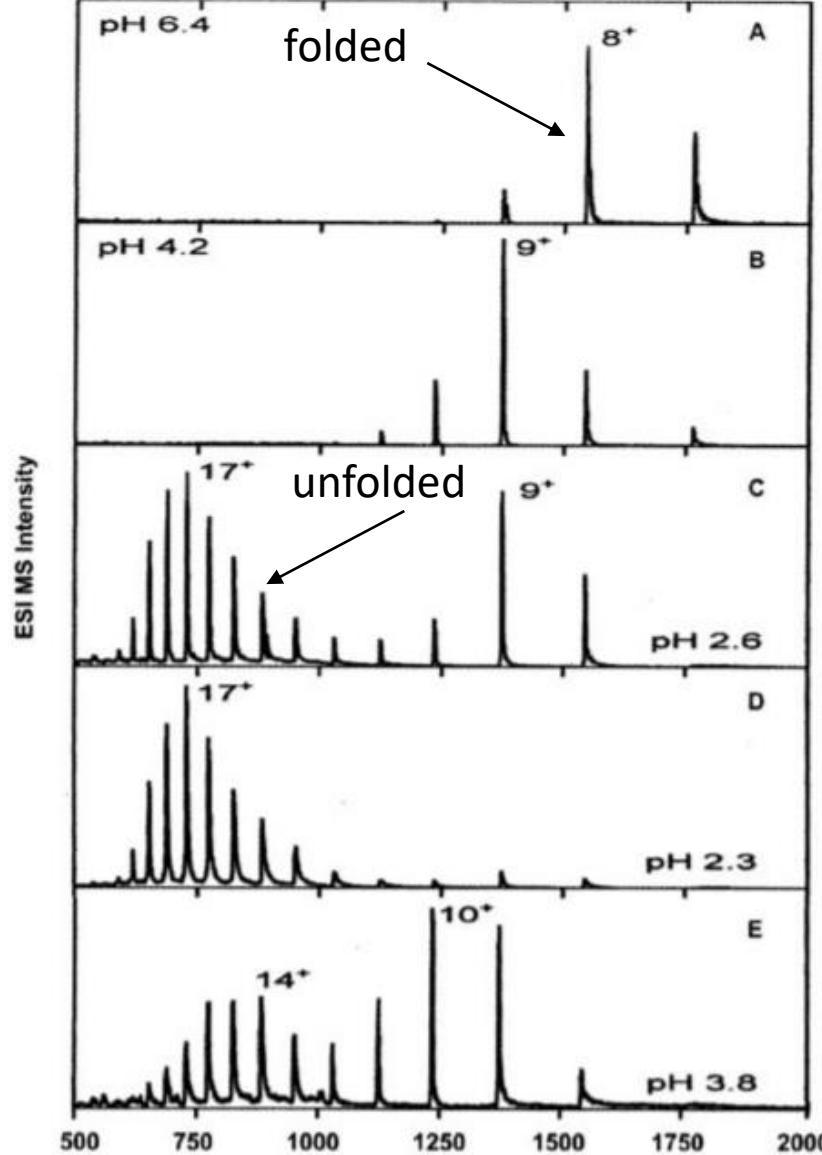
3% methanol

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50% methanol

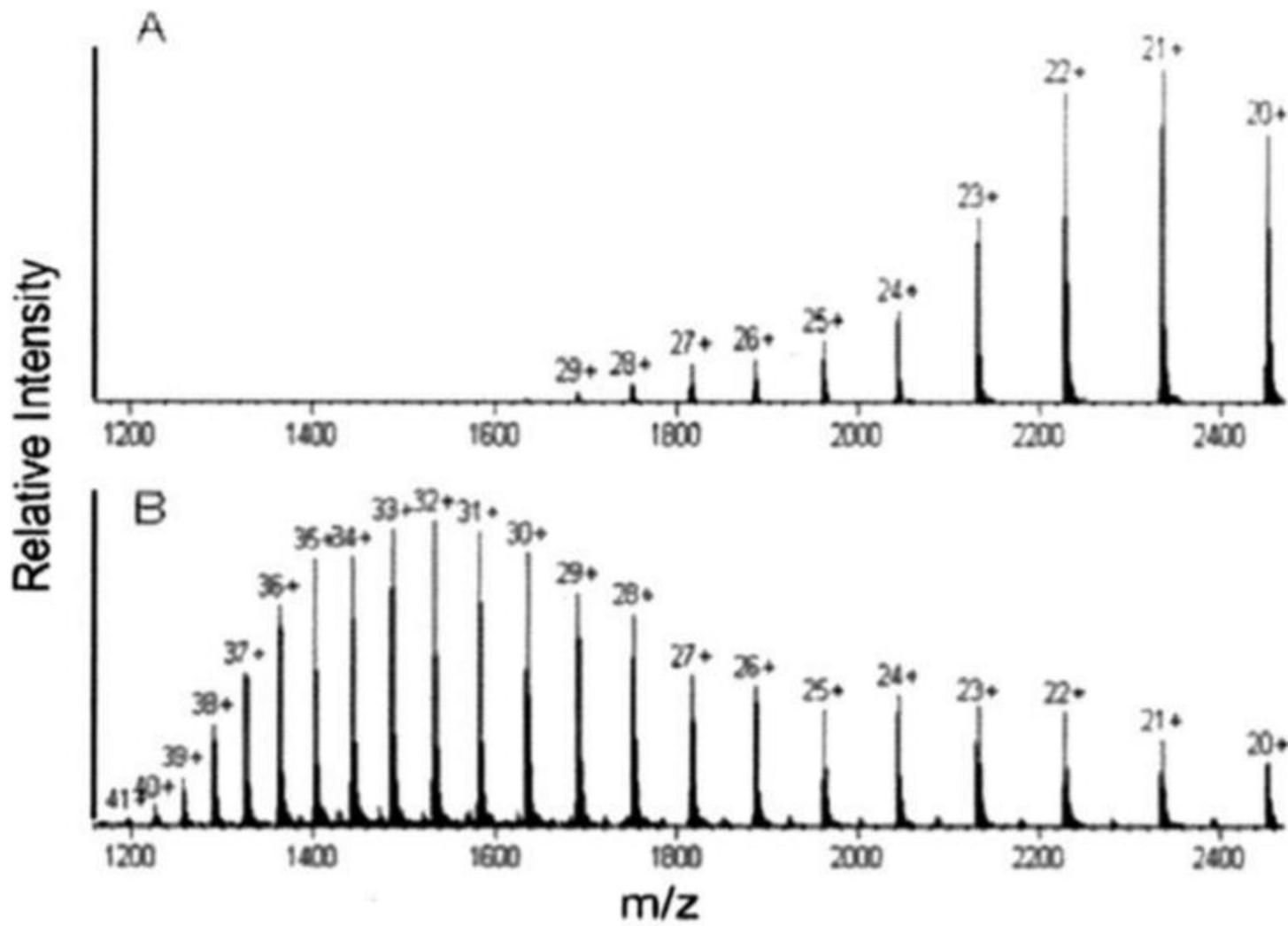


Native folded conformation, charge centered on +8 charge state

Native folded conformation, charge centered on +9 charge state

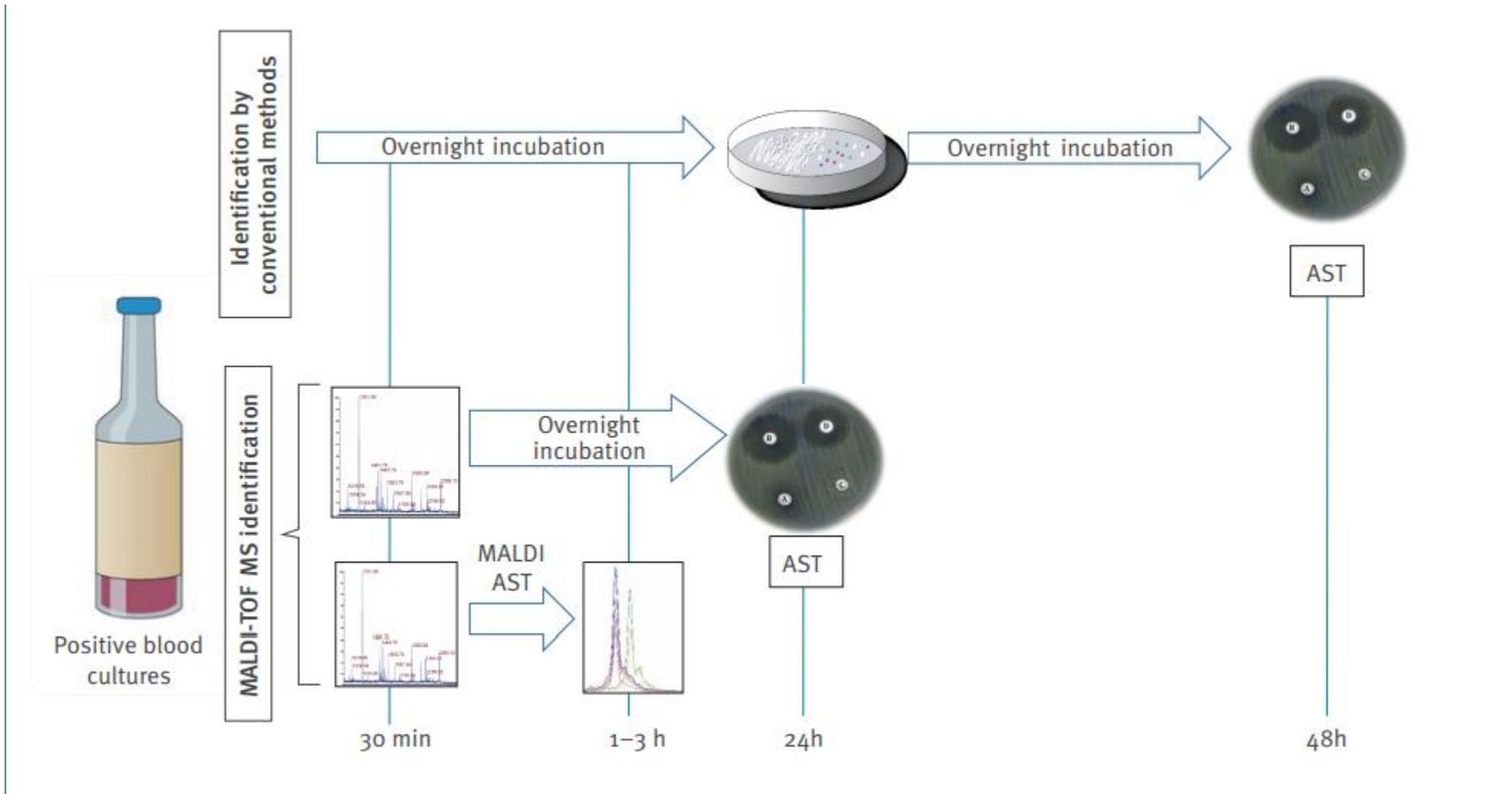
FIG. 3. ESI mass spectra of cytochrome c in water containing 3% methanol and 0.5 mM ammonium acetate. A, pH 6.4; B, pH 4.2; C, pH 2.6; D, pH 2.3; and E, in 50% methanol and 0.5 mM ammonium acetate at pH 3.8. (Reprinted with permission from Ref. 21.)

FIG. 4. Positive ion ESI mass spectra of rhM-CSF β sprayed from acetonitrile/H₂O containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid solution through a column. A, Native state; and B, selectively reduced and blocked sulfhydryls C₁₅₇-C₁₅₉.



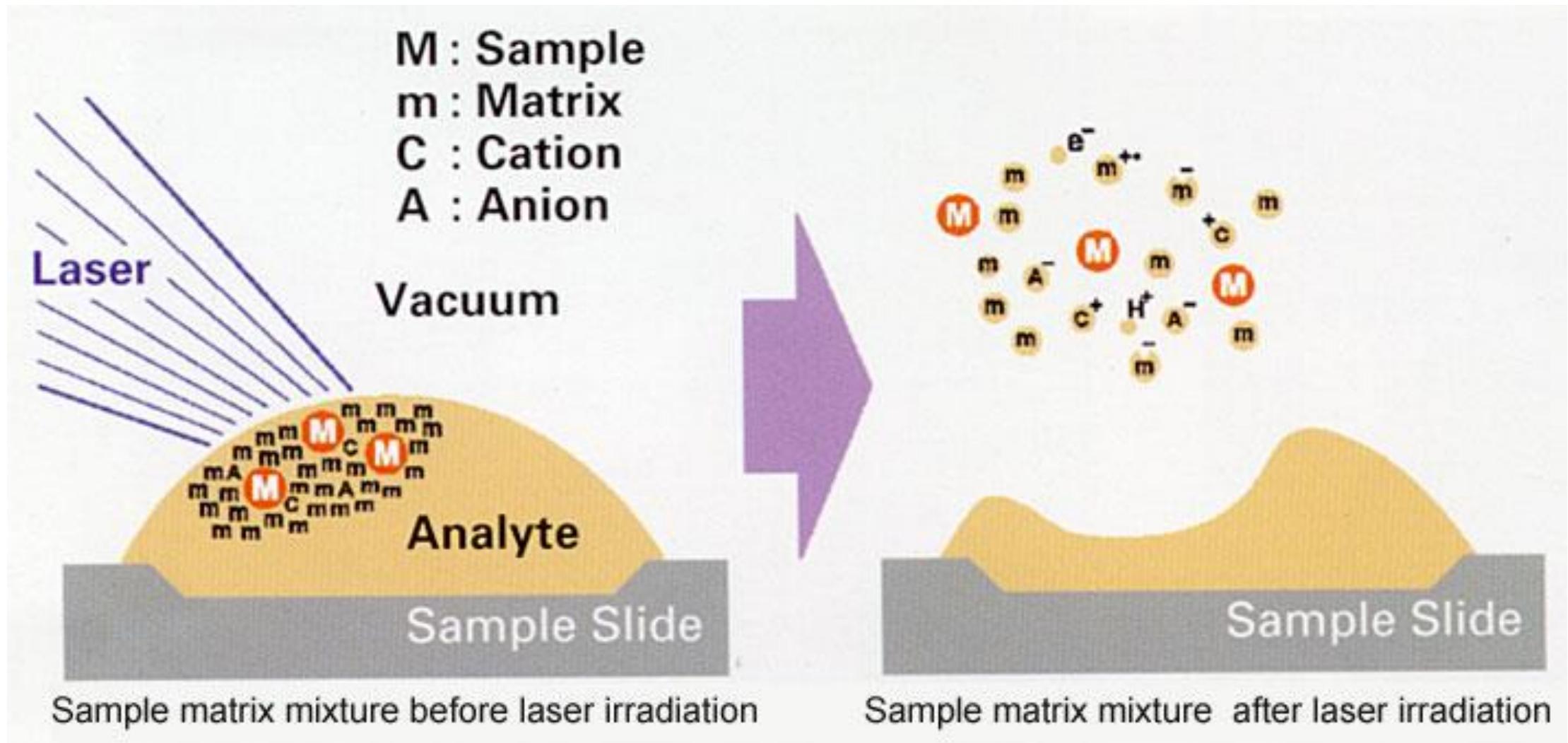
Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization

MALDI-TOF has revolutionized the identification of microorganisms in clinical and public health laboratories



Rodríguez-Sánchez B et al. Euro Surveill 2019;24:pii=1800193.

Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization



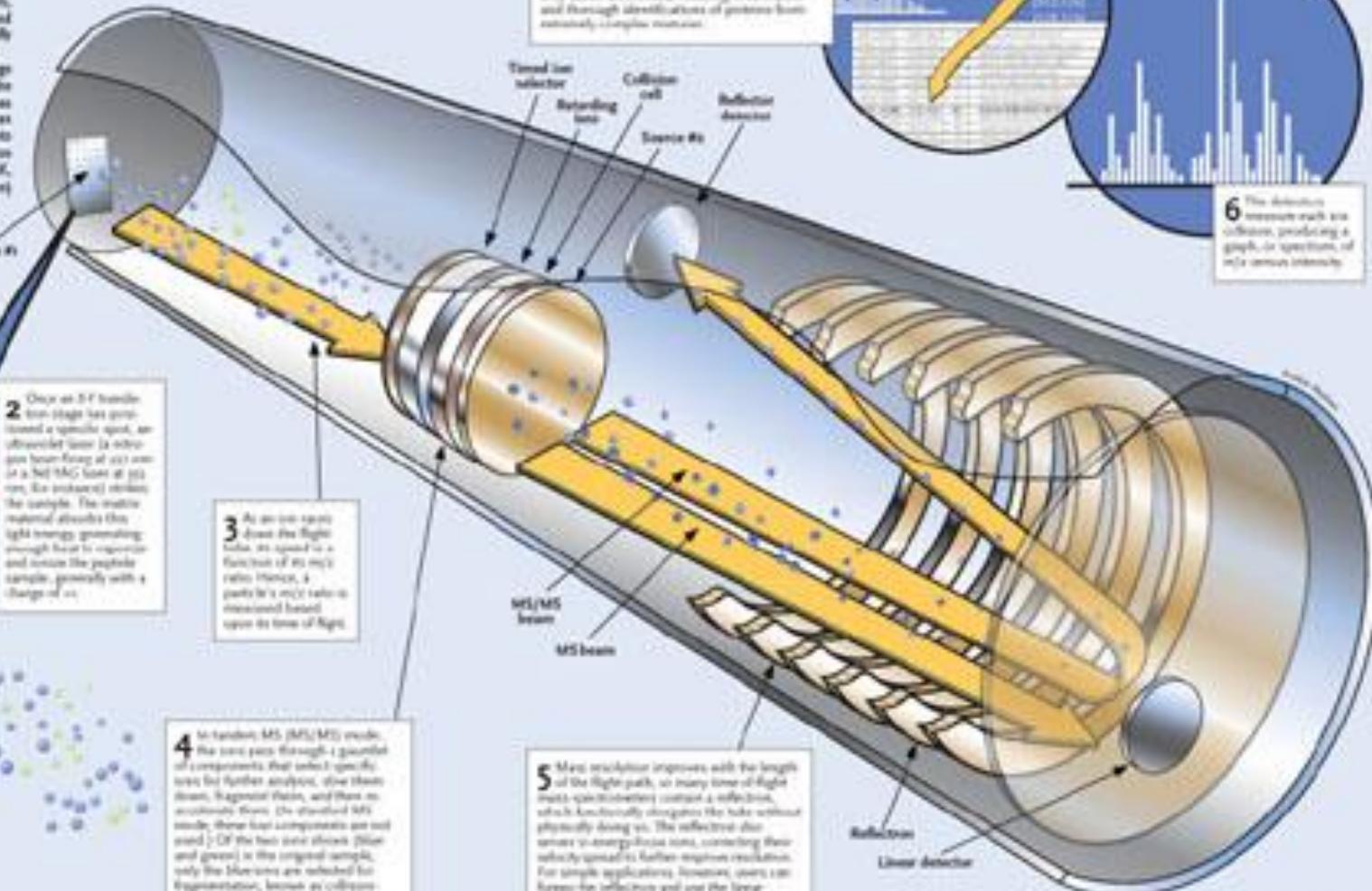
MALDI-TOF/TOF Mass Spectrometer

By Jeffrey M. Perkel

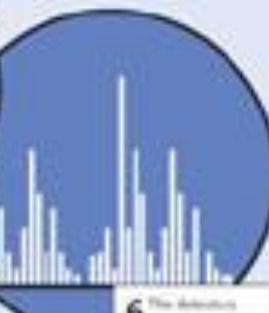
Professionals have been instrumental to the proteomics revolution at this mass spectrometer. With the ability to deconvolute highly complex mixtures over a wide range of abundance levels, these machines enable researchers to identify and quantify proteins and to determine if and how these proteins have been posttranslationally modified.

The basic mass spectrometer measures an ion's mass-to-charge (m/z) ratio only. This enables peptide mass fingerprinting, which is the identification of a protein based on the specific group of peptides it produces. But tandem devices, the so-called MALDI/MS instruments, can provide peptide sequence information as well. The key components shown on these pages demonstrate one of these instruments, the 4700 Proteomics Analyzer made by Applied Biosystems of Foster City, Calif., which features a MALDI (matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization) source and tandem time-of-flight (TOF/TOF) mass analyzers.

1 The process begins either with a protein spot extracted from a 2D or 1D protein gel, or with liquid chromatography fractions. The proteins are automatically treated (e.g., with trypsin), mixed with matrix (typically alpha-cyano- β -hydroxy-nitrile acid and diisopropylfluorophosphate), applied onto a metal target plate, and allowed to dry. The plates undergo high-throughput research conditions holding several hundred samples at once. Encasing the instrument with an autoclave increases the level of sample protection.



7 Comparing the resulting constellation of m/z values against a database identifies the peptide, and by extension, the protein from which it derives. Tandem MS/MS analysis of fragmented peptide ionizes an amino sequence, providing a more accurate protein ID. Today's mass spectrometers have high enough resolution and mass accuracy to distinguish peptides bearing only subtle differences, resulting in confident and thorough identifications of proteins from extremely complex mixtures.



6 The detector measures each ion's intensity, producing a graph, or spectrum, of m/z versus intensity.

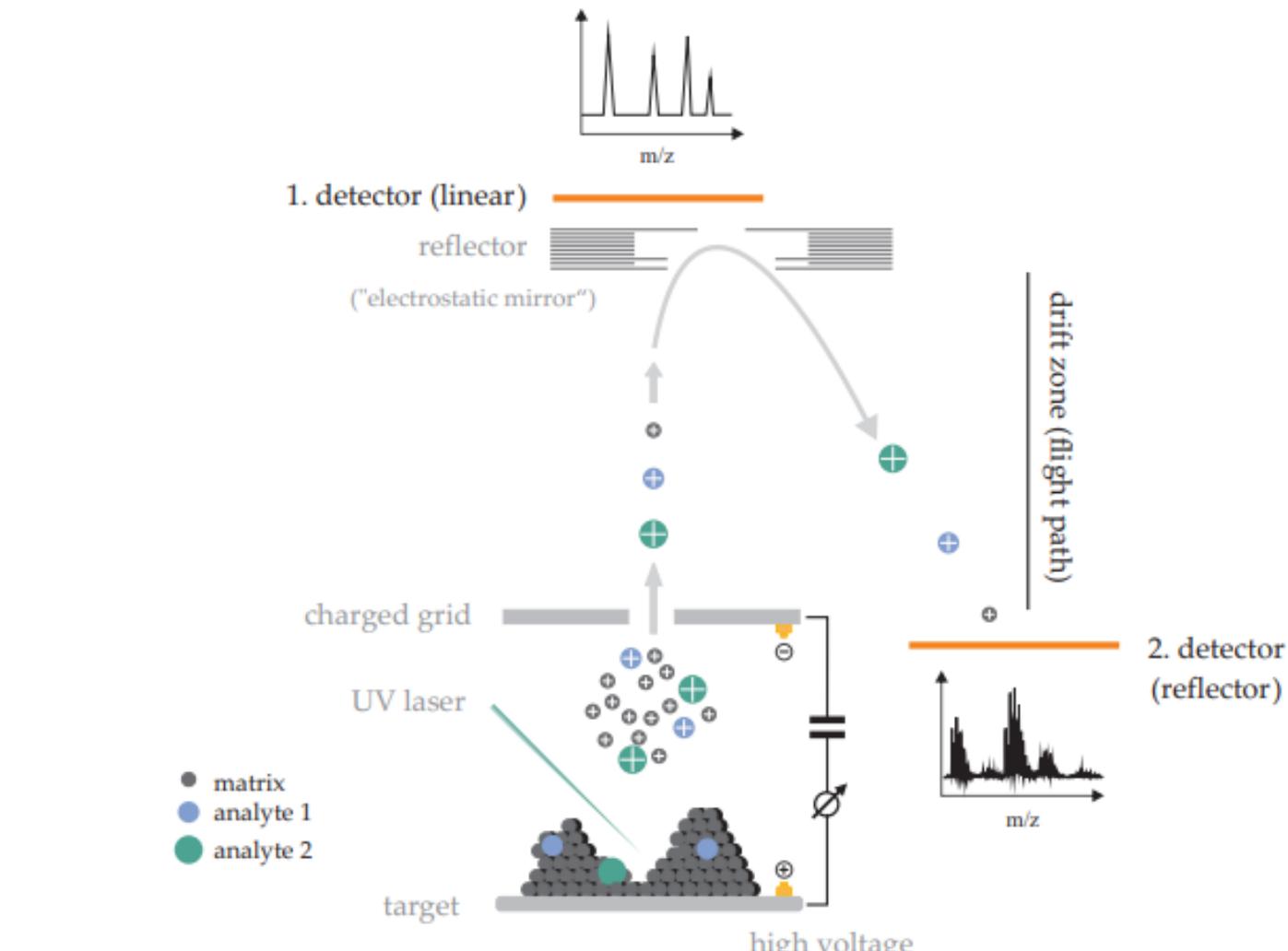
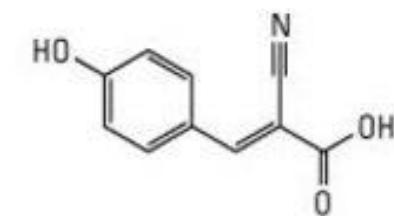


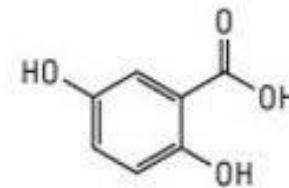
Figure 1. Simplified schema of the positive ionization matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) process occurring in the mass spectrometer (for details see text and Reference [18]). The influence of the detection using either the linear or the reflector mode is emphasized in the figure.

Types of MALDI matrices

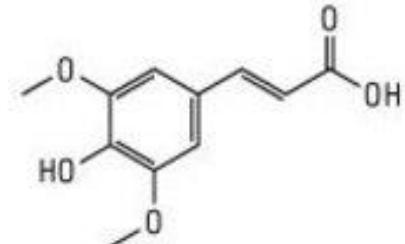
- classical organic matrices
 - most widely used:
 - proteins - α -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA), sinapinic acid (SA)
 - carbohydrates - 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB),
 - lipids – CHCA, DHB
- liquid crystalline matrices
- inorganic matrices
 - graphite



CHCA
 α -Cyano-4-hydroxy-cinnamic acid
MW 189.17



DHB
2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid
MW 154.12



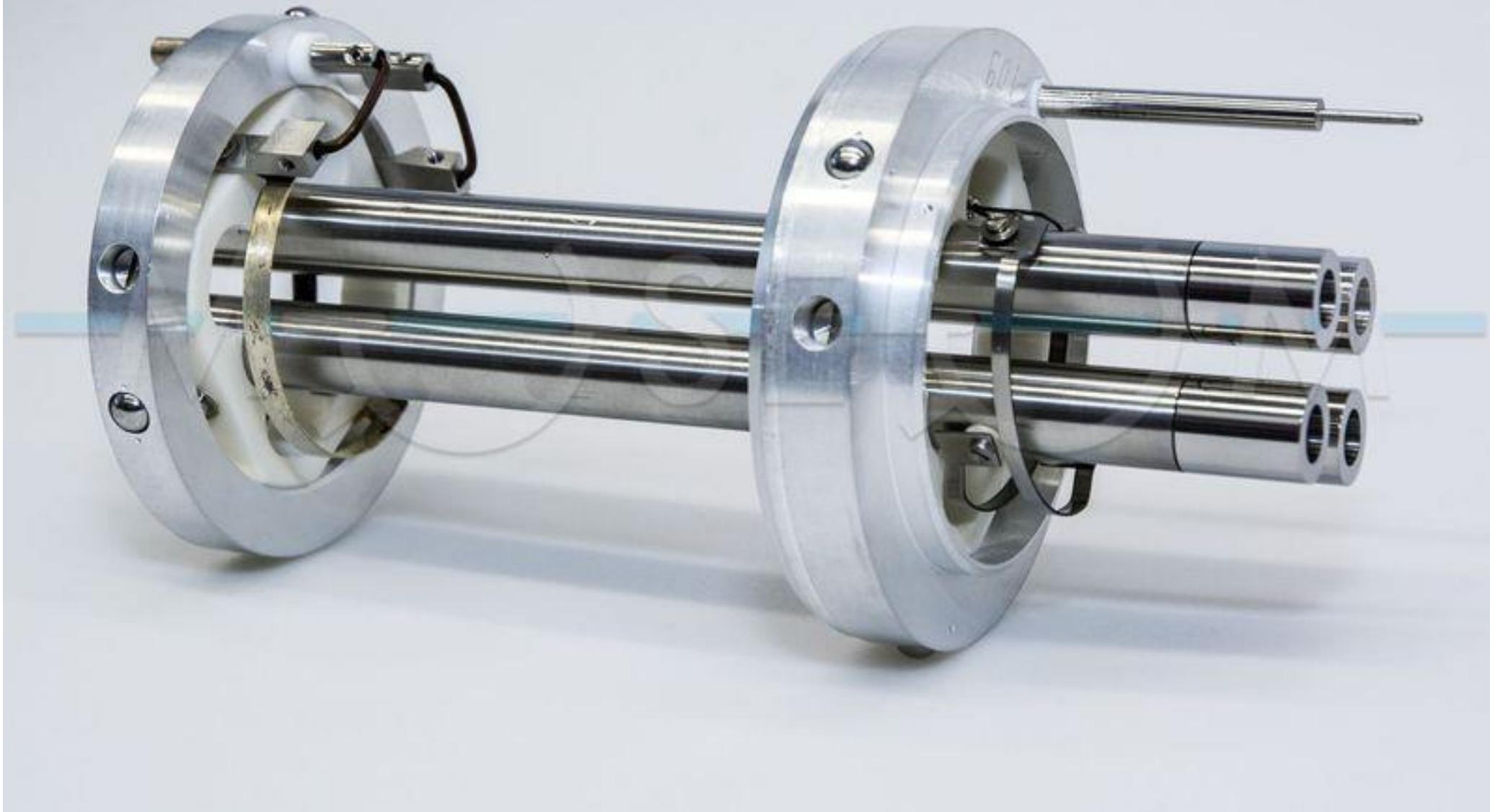
Sinapinic acid (SA)
(E)-3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylic
MW 224.21

TABLE 2 List of common matrices used for UV-MALDI methods

Chromophore matrix(es) ^a	Sample type(s) analyzed
PA, HPA, 3-aminopicolinic acid	Oligonucleotides, DNA, and biopolymers
DHB	Oligosaccharides
CCA	Peptides and triacylglycerol
SA	Proteins
HABA	Peptides, proteins, glycoproteins
MBT	Peptides, proteins, synthetic polymers
DHAP	Glycopeptides, phosphopeptides
THAP	Oligonucleotides

^a PA, picolinic acid; HPA, 3-hydroxypicolinic acid; SA, 3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxycinnamic acid; HABA, 2-(4-hydroxyphenylazo)benzoic acid; MBT, 2-mercaptopbenzothiazole; DHAP, 2,6-dihydroxyacetophenone; THAP, 2,4,6-trihydroxyacetophenone.

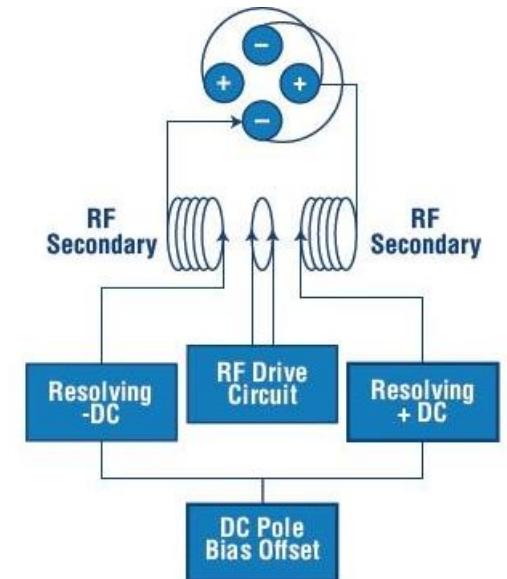
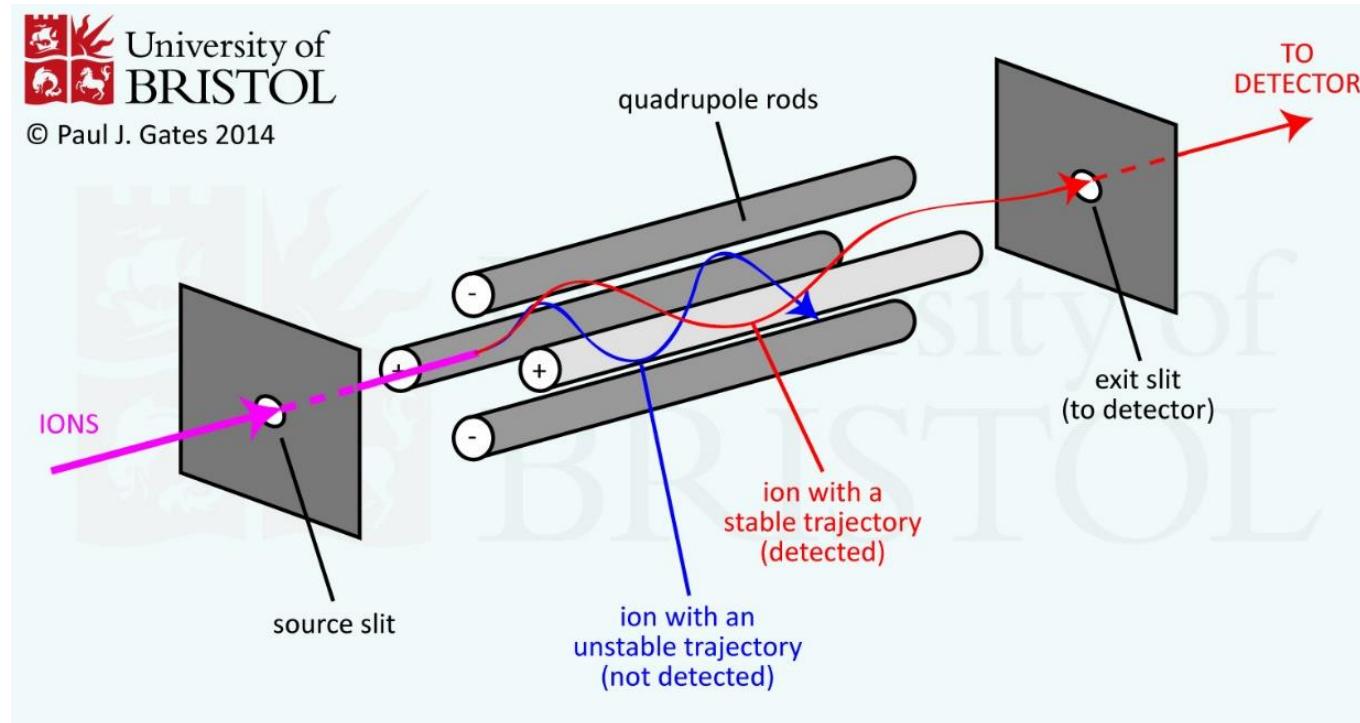
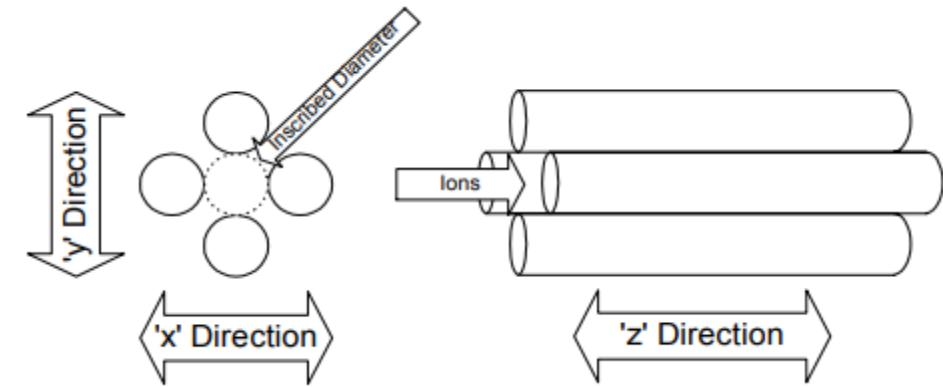
1. Quadrupole mass analyzers



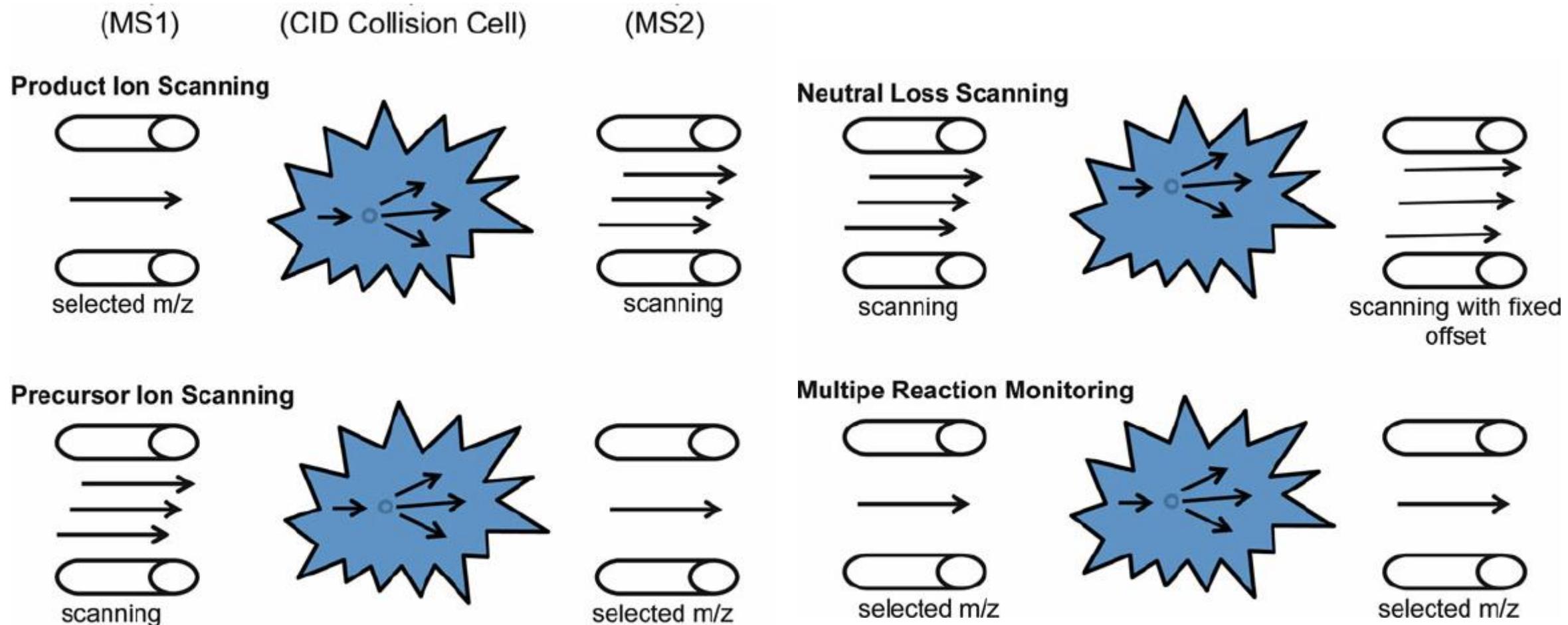
Operating principle

- Applied voltages:

- fixed frequency oscillating RF voltage to generate harmonic ion trajectories
- DC voltage difference between poles which defines mass resolution
- DC offset voltage: defines axial ion energy



Types of tandem-in-space MS² experiments



Screening neonates for inborn metabolic diseases



Samples are taken 48-72 h after birth



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxshWngJ114>

Targeted inborn disorders-I

- **Disorders of amino acid metabolism**
 - Phenylketonuria (Phenylalanine accumulates, 1:17 000)
 - Maple syrup disease (leucine, isoleucine and valine breakdown impaired, ketoacids accumulate, 1:150 000))
 - Tyrosinaemia types I and II (tyrosine accumulates, type I: 1:100 000)
 - Citrullinaemia I (urea cycle affected, ammonia accumulates, 1:57 000)
 - Arginosuccinate aciduria (urea cycle affected, ammonia accumulates, 1:70 000)
 - Homocystinuria (methionine breakdown impaired, homocysteine and methionine accumulate in plasma, 1:100 000)
- **Fatty acid oxidation disorders**
 - Short-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (SCAD)
 - Middle-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MCAD)
 - Long-chain hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (LCHAD)
 - Very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (VLCAD)
 - Multiplex acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MADD)
 - Carnitine-palmitoyl transferase deficiency (CPT-I, CPT-II)
 - Carnitine transport disorder (CT)

Targeted inborn disorders-II

- **Disorders of organic acid metabolism**

- Beta-ketothiolase deficiency
- Glutaric acidemia type 1
- Isovaleric acidemia
- Methylmalonic acidemia
- Propionic acidemia
- 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA lyase deficiency
- 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency
- Multiplex carboxylase deficiency

- **Endocrine and other disorders**

- Hypothyreosis
- Galactosemia
- Biotinidase deficiency

The intracellular processing of fatty acids

Short-chain fatty acid: C2-C5

Middle-chain fatty acid: C6-C13

Long-chain fatty acid: C14-

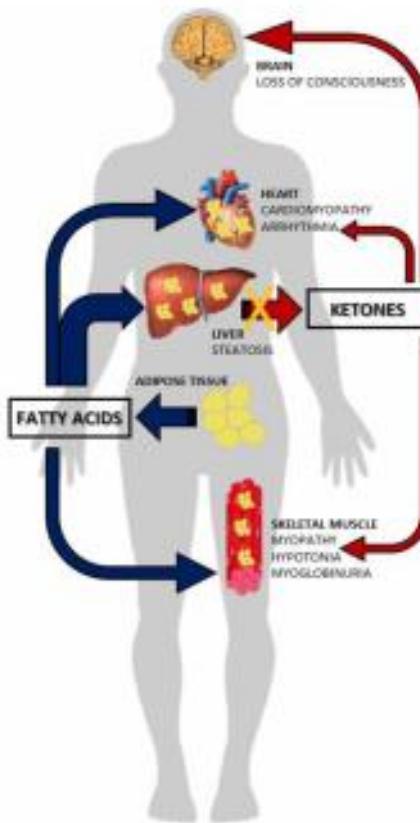
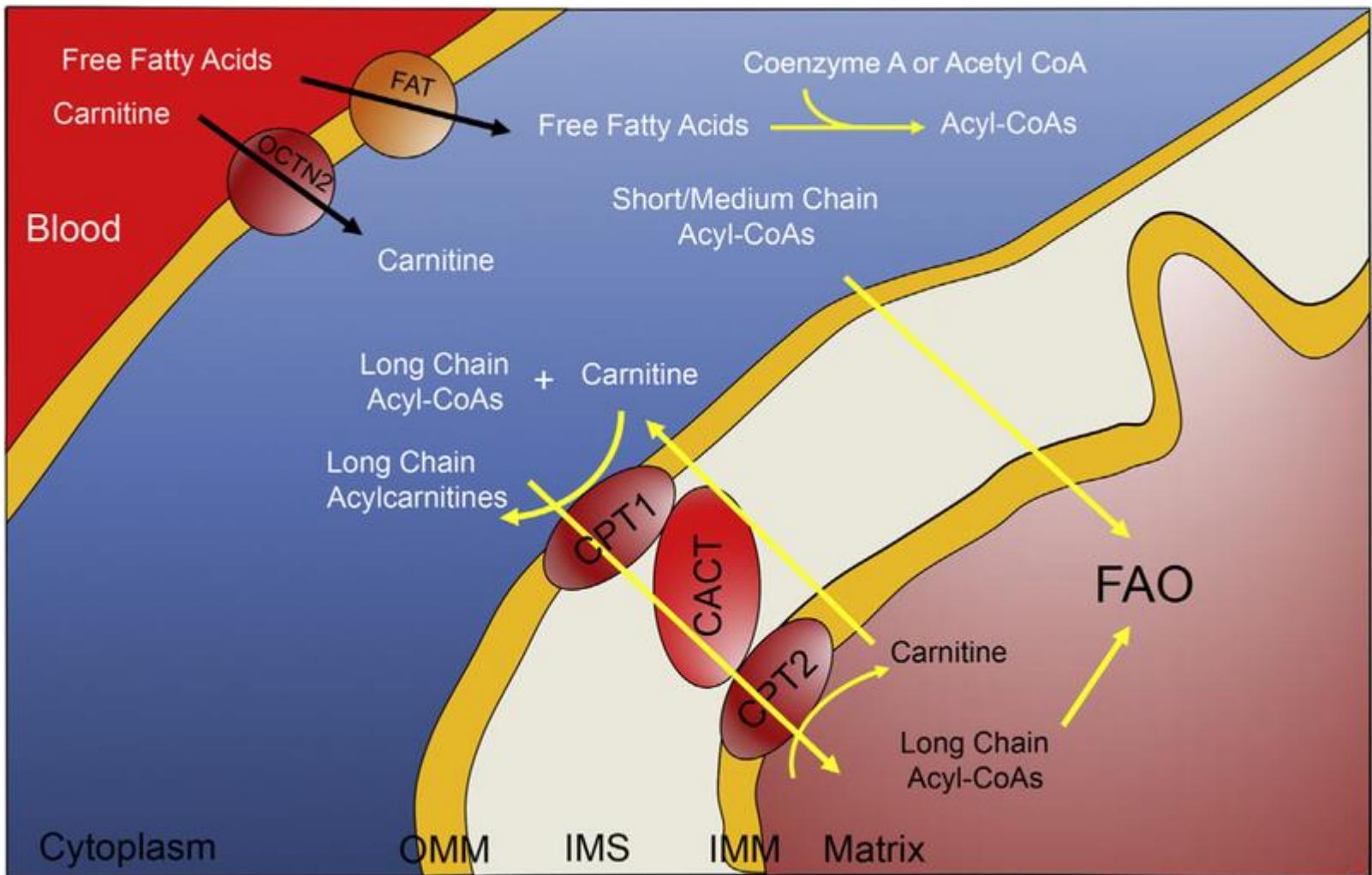
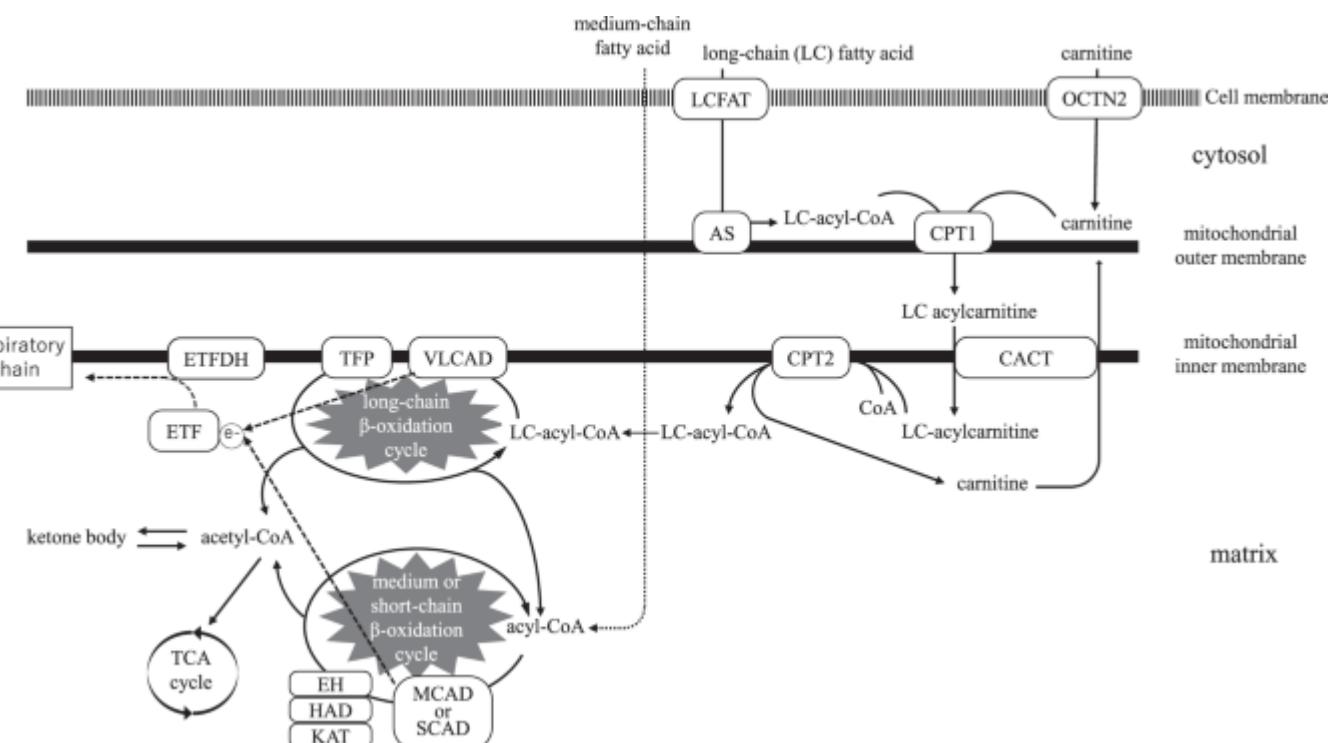
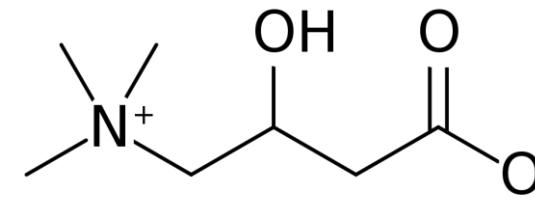
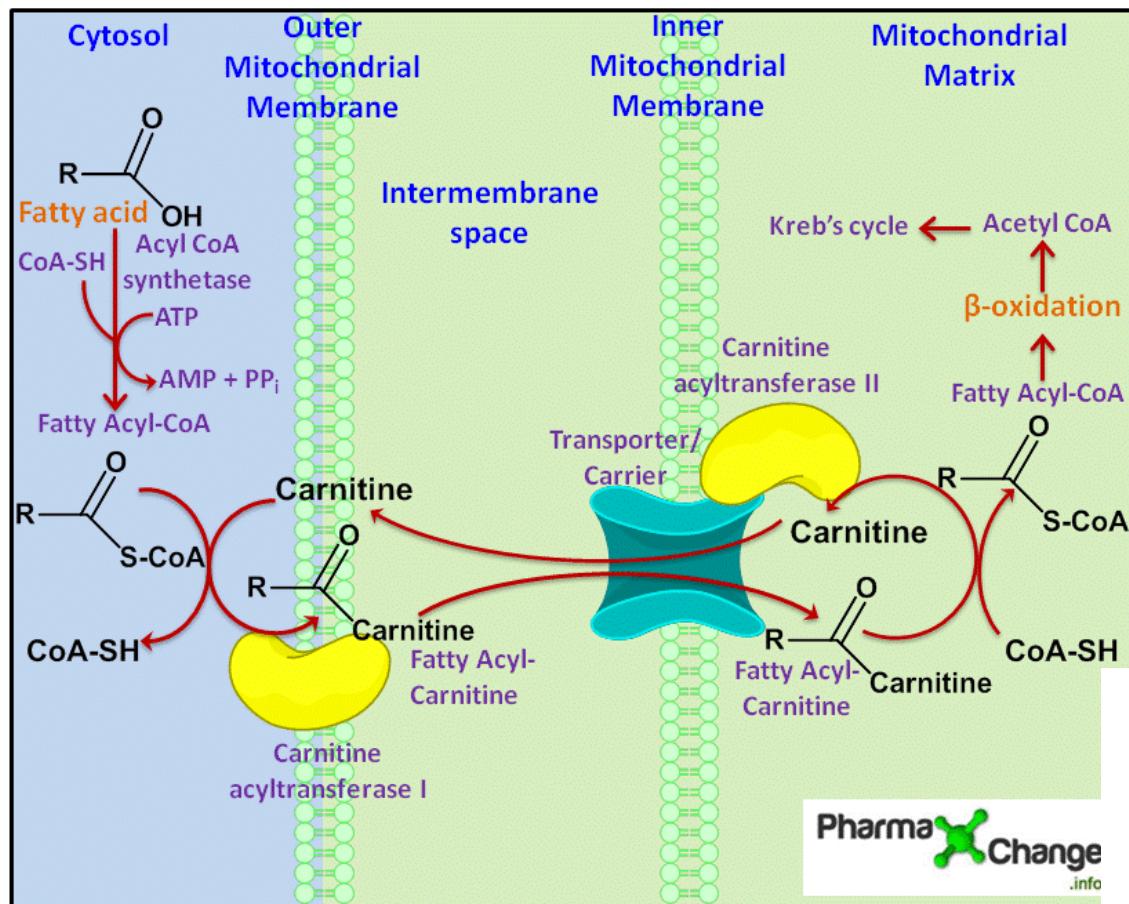


FIGURE 1. Fatty acids oxidation during fasting

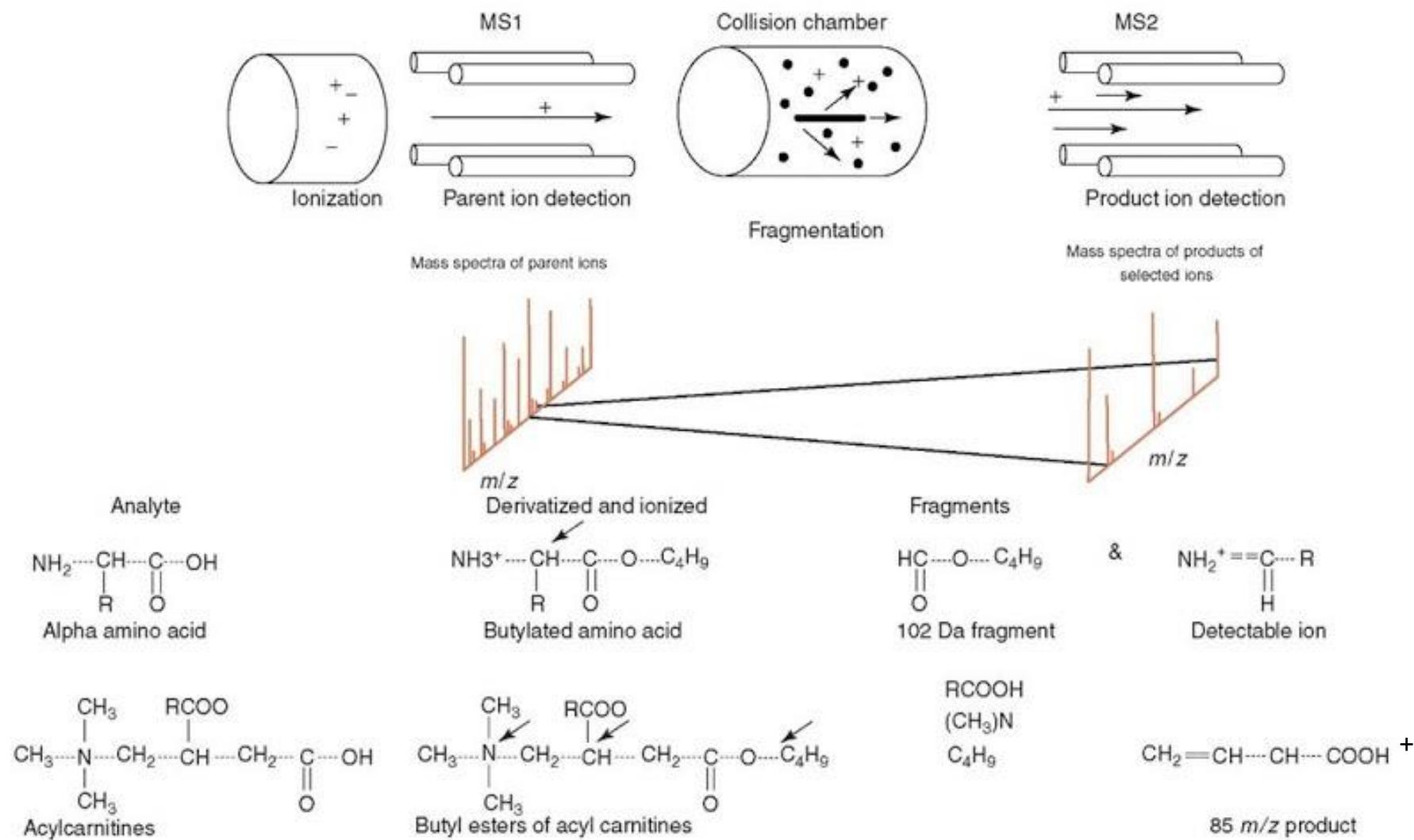
During periods of fasting, fatty acids released from the adipose tissues are oxidized in the liver, skeletal muscle, and cardiac muscle for energy production. The brain does not directly utilize fatty acids, but oxidizes ketone bodies derived from β -oxidation of fatty acids in the liver. When fatty acid oxidation is defective, fats released from the adipose tissue cannot be oxidized, and accumulate in organs such as the skeletal and cardiac muscles, impairing their function. Moreover, the liver is unable to produce ketones bodies resulting in energy deficiency.

The intracellular processing of fatty acids





IEMs Associated with Myopathy	Inheritance	Clinical Phenotype
<i>Defects in energy metabolism</i>		
Carnitine shuttle defects		
Primary systemic carnitine deficiency	AR	HCM, hypotonia, muscle weakness, fatigue
Camitine palmitoyl transferase deficiency type 2 (CPT2) deficiency ^b	AR	Muscle weakness, rhabdomyolysis, exercise intolerance (isolated muscle phenotype), CM, hepatomegaly, hypoglycemia, seizures, cystic kidneys (severe infantile)
Camitine acylcarnitine translocase (CACT) deficiency	AR	CM, arrhythmias, muscle damage, hepatomegaly, hypoglycemia
FAODs		
VLCAD deficiency ^b	AR	HCM, arrhythmias, sudden death, muscle weakness, exercise intolerance, recurrent rhabdomyolysis, hypoketotic hypoglycemia, "Reye-like" hepatic syndrome
LCHAD deficiency ^b	AR	Sudden death, "Reye-like" hepatic syndrome, hypoketotic hypoglycemia, myopathy, recurrent rhabdomyolysis, CM, retinopathy
TFP deficiency ^b	AR	Sudden death, "Reye-like" hepatic syndrome, hypoketotic hypoglycemia, CM, recurrent, rhabdomyolysis, peripheral neuropathy
MAD deficiency	AR	Muscle weakness, CM, hypoglycemia, hepatopathy, respiratory dysfunction, encephalopathy, acidosis
Mitochondrial respiratory chain defects		
Respiratory chain complexes I-V	AR	Myopathy, CM, hepatopathy, Leigh syndrome, epilepsy, developmental delay ± lactic acidosis
Coenzyme Q deficiency		Myopathy, proteinuria, ataxia, low tissue Coenzyme Q, corrected by Coenzyme Q supplementation



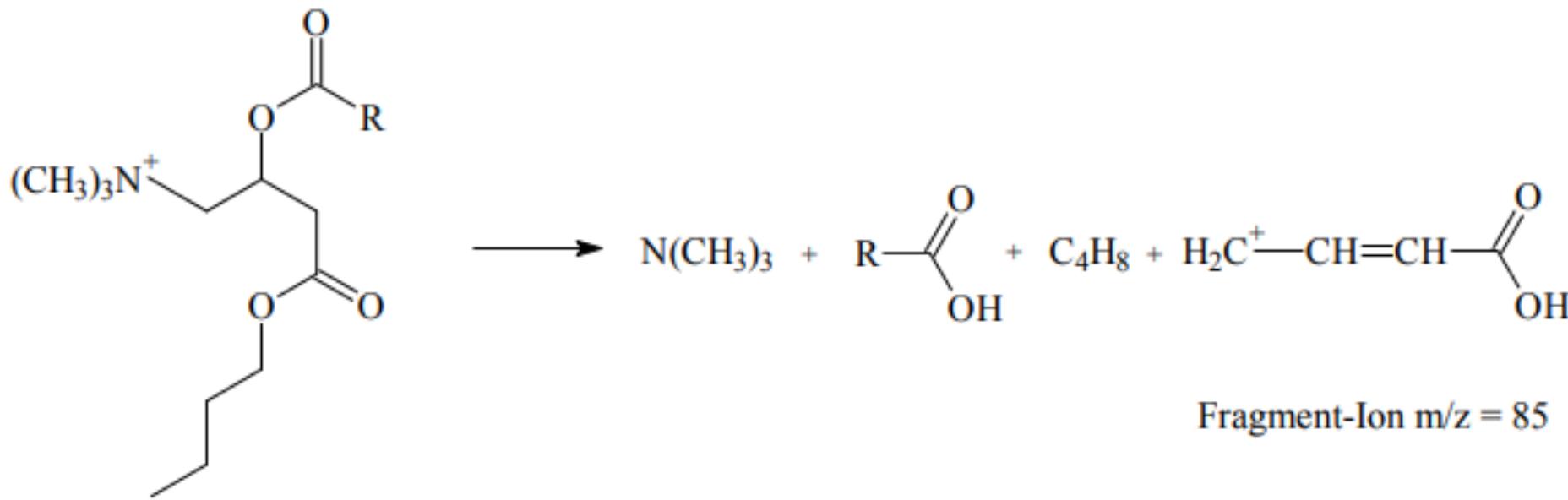


Abbildung 7: Fragmentierung der butylierten Acylcarnitine unter Abspaltung des charakteristischen Fragment-Ions $m/z = 85$
 $R = \text{Alkylrest (z.B. } R = CH_3 \text{ für Acetylcarnitin)}$

Assayed metabolites

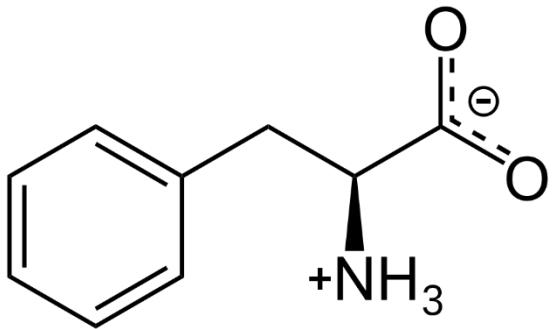
- Amino acids with **neutral loss scan** m/z=102
 - Ala, Asp, Glu, Leu, Met, Phe, Tyr, Val
- Amino acids and succinylacetone (SUAC) using **multiple reaction monitoring**
 - Arg, Cit, Gly, Orn, Pro, SUAC
- Acylcarnitines and free carnitine using **precursor scan** of m/z=85
 - Carnitine, C2-carnitine, C3-carnitine, C4-carnitine, C5-carnitine, C6DC-carnitine, C6-carnitine, C8-carnitine, C10-carnitine, C12-carnitine, C14-carnitine, C16-carnitine, C17-carnitine

Sample preparation

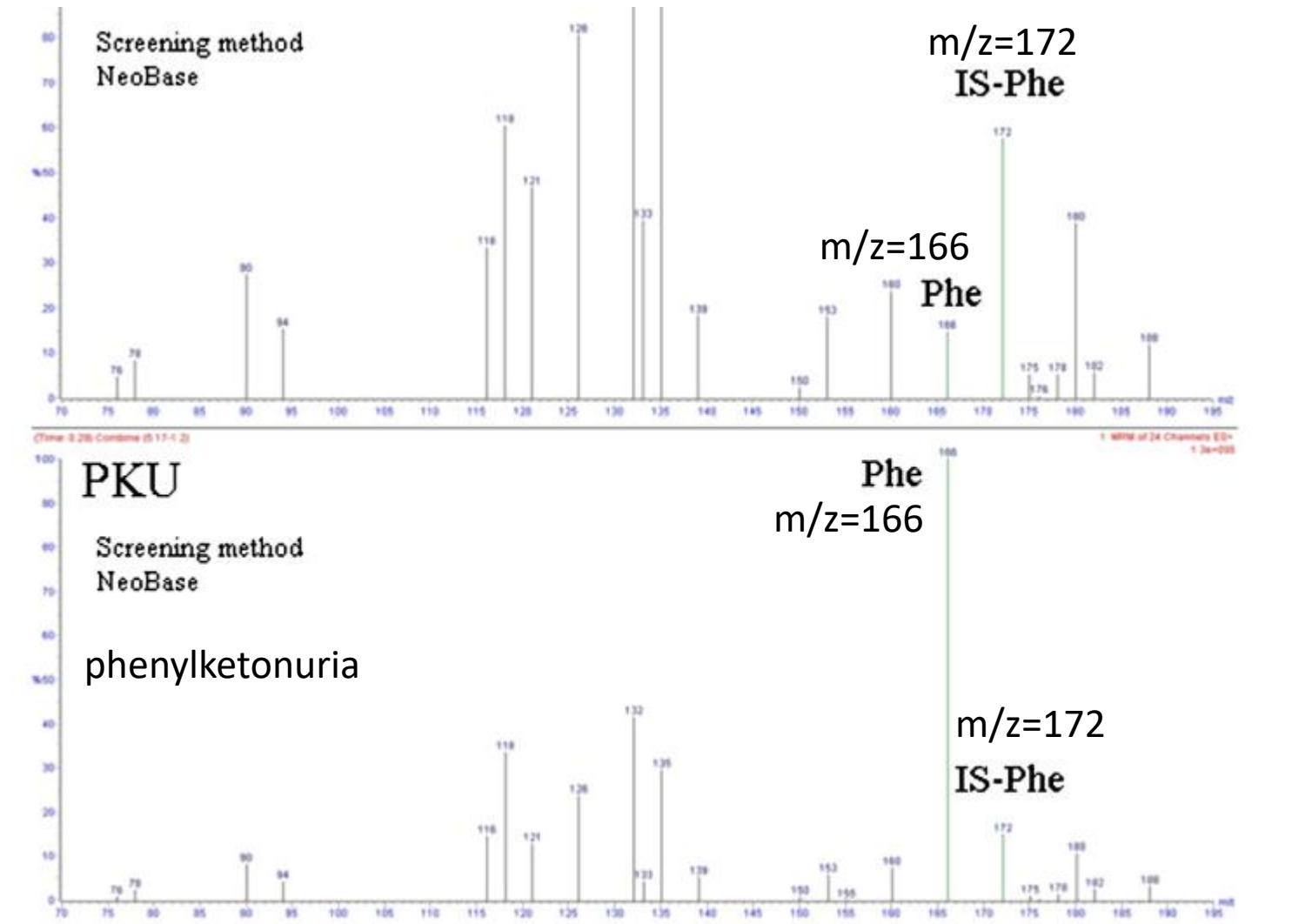
- Punch out 3.2 mm dried blood spots into a 96-well plate
- add 200 µL internal standard mixture, agitate for 20 min
- transfer supernatant, evaporate to dryness
- add solution of derivatizing reagent, incubate
- evaporate to dryness
- add reconstitution solution, agitate briefly
- inject aliquot into the LC-MS/MS system

Analysis using LC-MS/MS

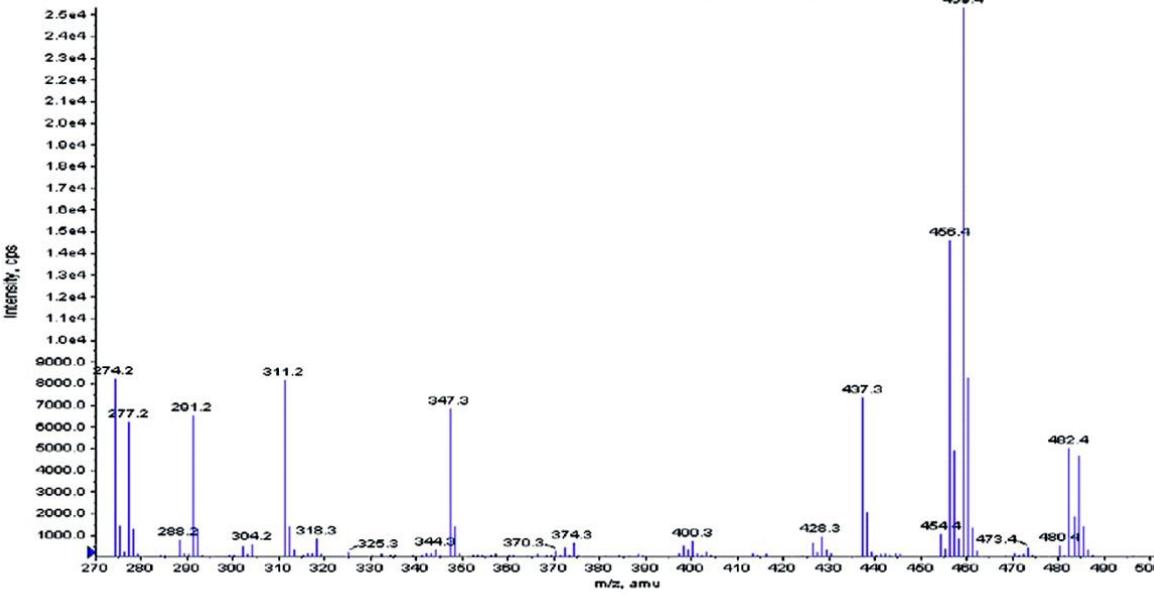
- HPLC: isocratic, flow-injection analysis is used (no analytical column)
- ionization: (+) ESI
- mass analyzer: triple quadrupole



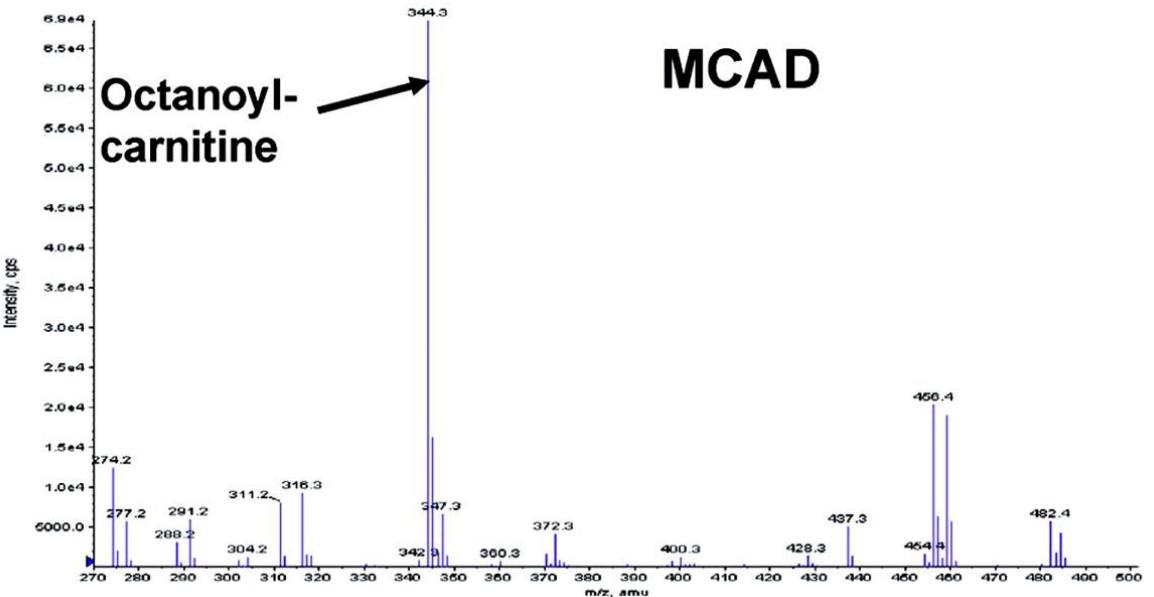
$C_9H_{11}NO_2$
165.2



Normal



MCAD



Diagnostic applications of the analysis of serum steroid profiles using LC-MS/MS

- Screening, diagnosis and therapy monitoring:
 - Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
 - 21-hydroxylase deficiency (CYP21A2)
 - 11 β -hydroxylase deficiency
 - 17 α -hydroxylase/17-20 lyase deficiency (CYP17A)
 - 3 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase deficiency
 - Congenital lipid adrenal hyperplasia
 - P450 oxydoreductase deficiency
- Cushing syndrome
- Primary/secondary adrenocortical insufficiency
- hyperaldosteronism
- adrenocortical tumors
- other functional changes in the HPA axis
- adverse effects of drug therapies
- Polycystic ovary syndrome

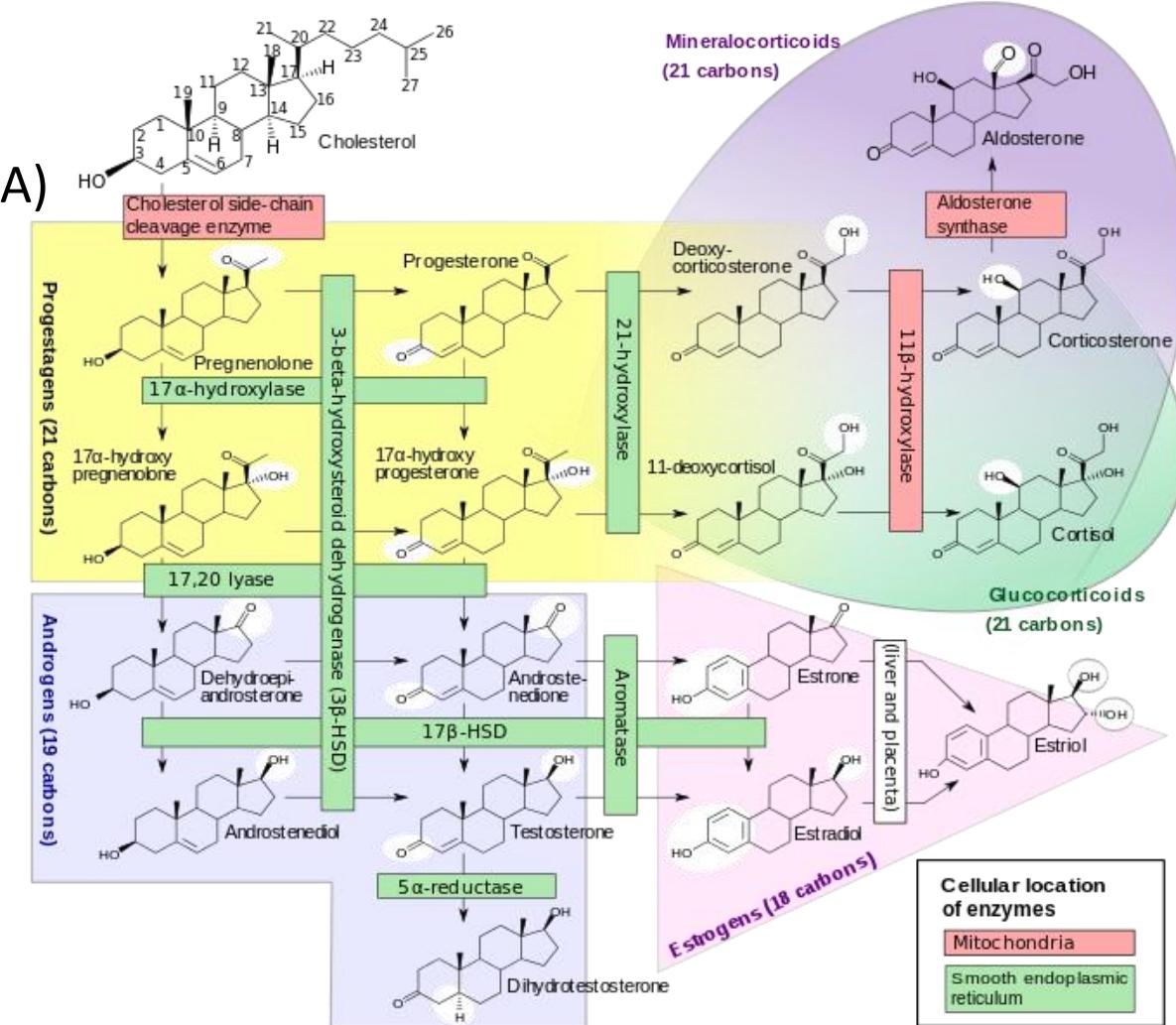
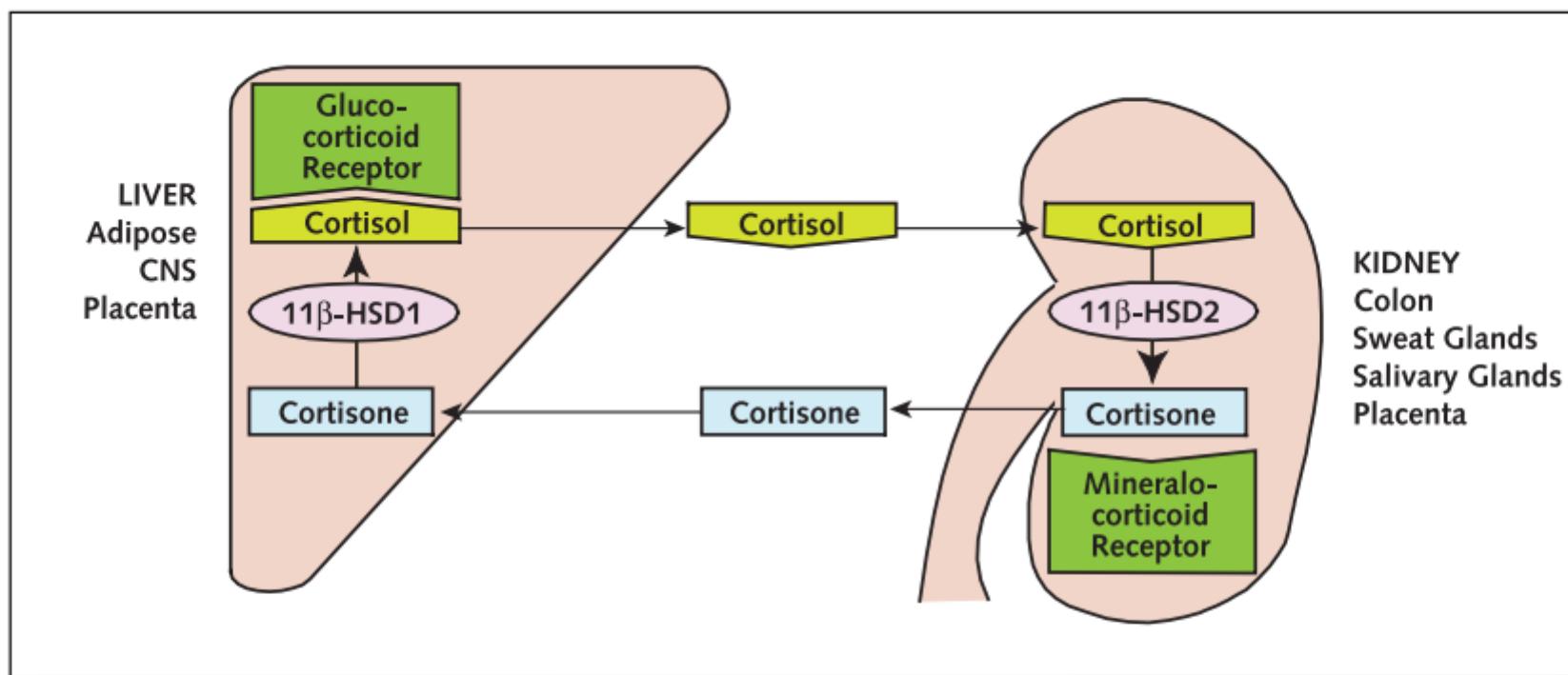
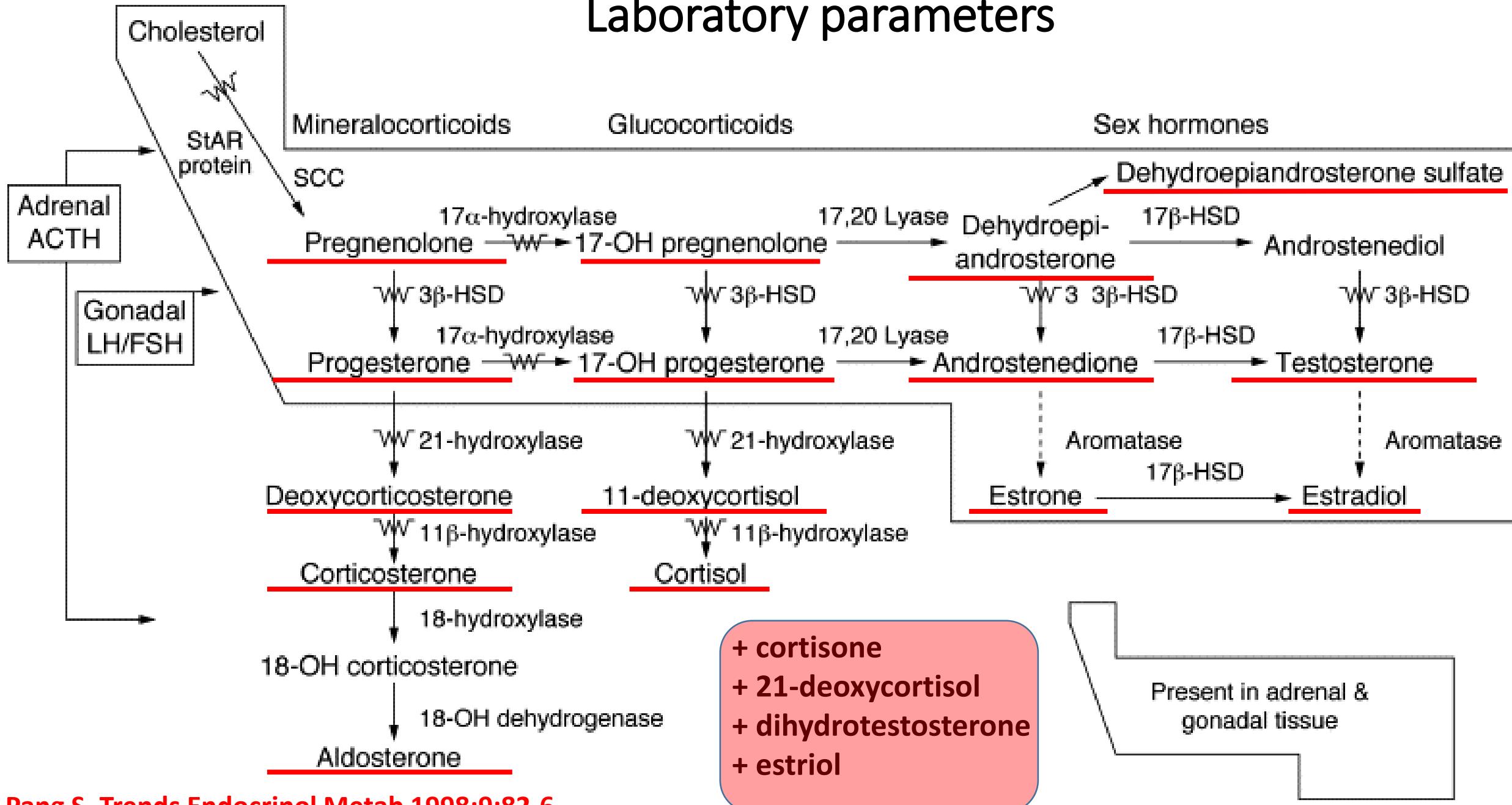


Figure 3. The cortisol–cortisone shuttle.



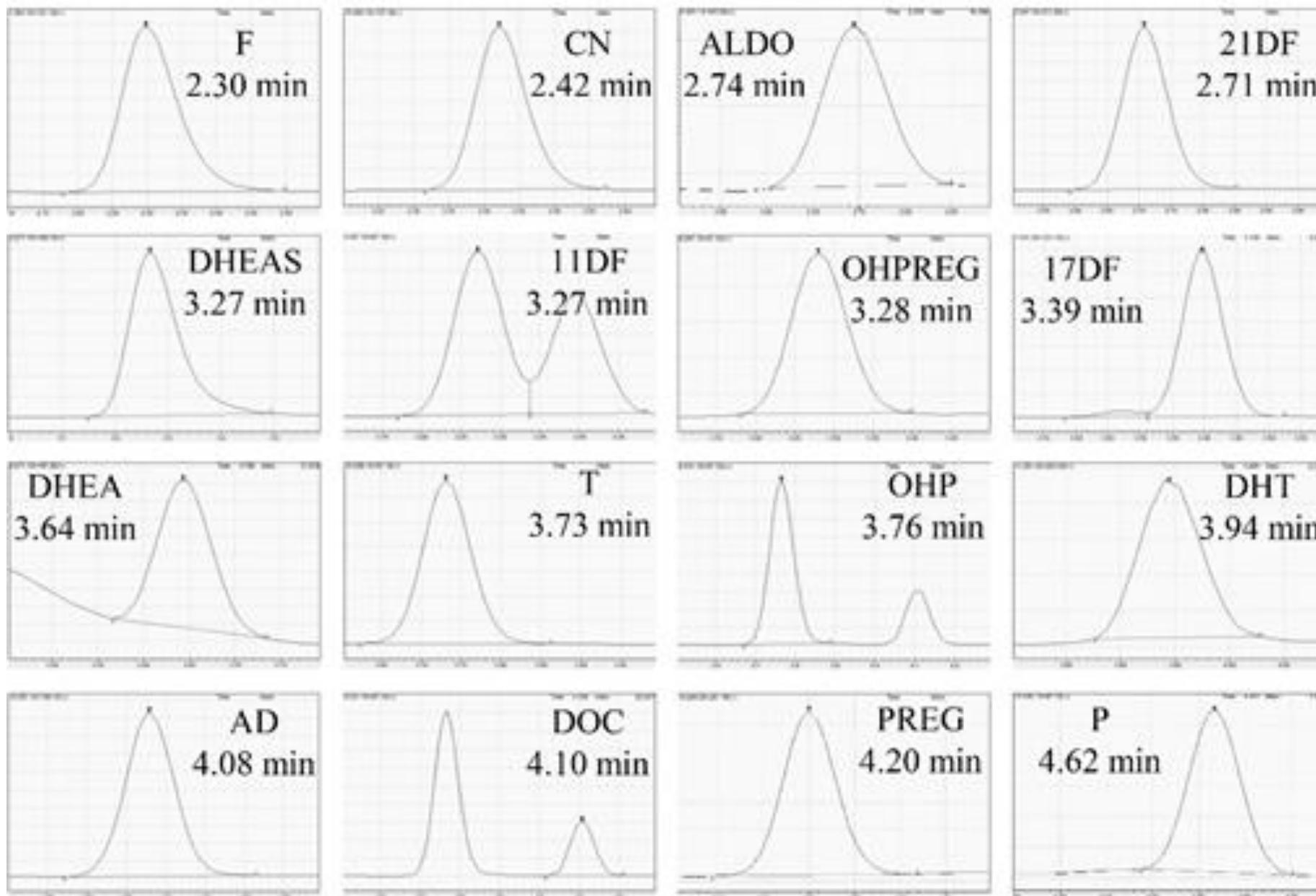
The effect of cortisol on the mineralocorticoid receptor (for example, in the kidney) is prevented by metabolism to inactive cortisone by the enzyme 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 2 (11 β -HSD2). Cortisone can be reactivated to cortisol by the enzyme 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 (11 β -HSD1). When cortisol level is very high (as in the Cushing syndrome), not all of the excess cortisol can be inactivated to cortisone, and the effects of mineralocorticoid excess (for example, hypertension and hypokalemia) can occur. Modified from Seckl JR, Walker BR. Minireview: 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1—a tissue-specific amplifier of glucocorticoid action. *Endocrinology*. 2001;142(4):1371-6, with permission from The Endocrine Society (19). CNS = central nervous system.

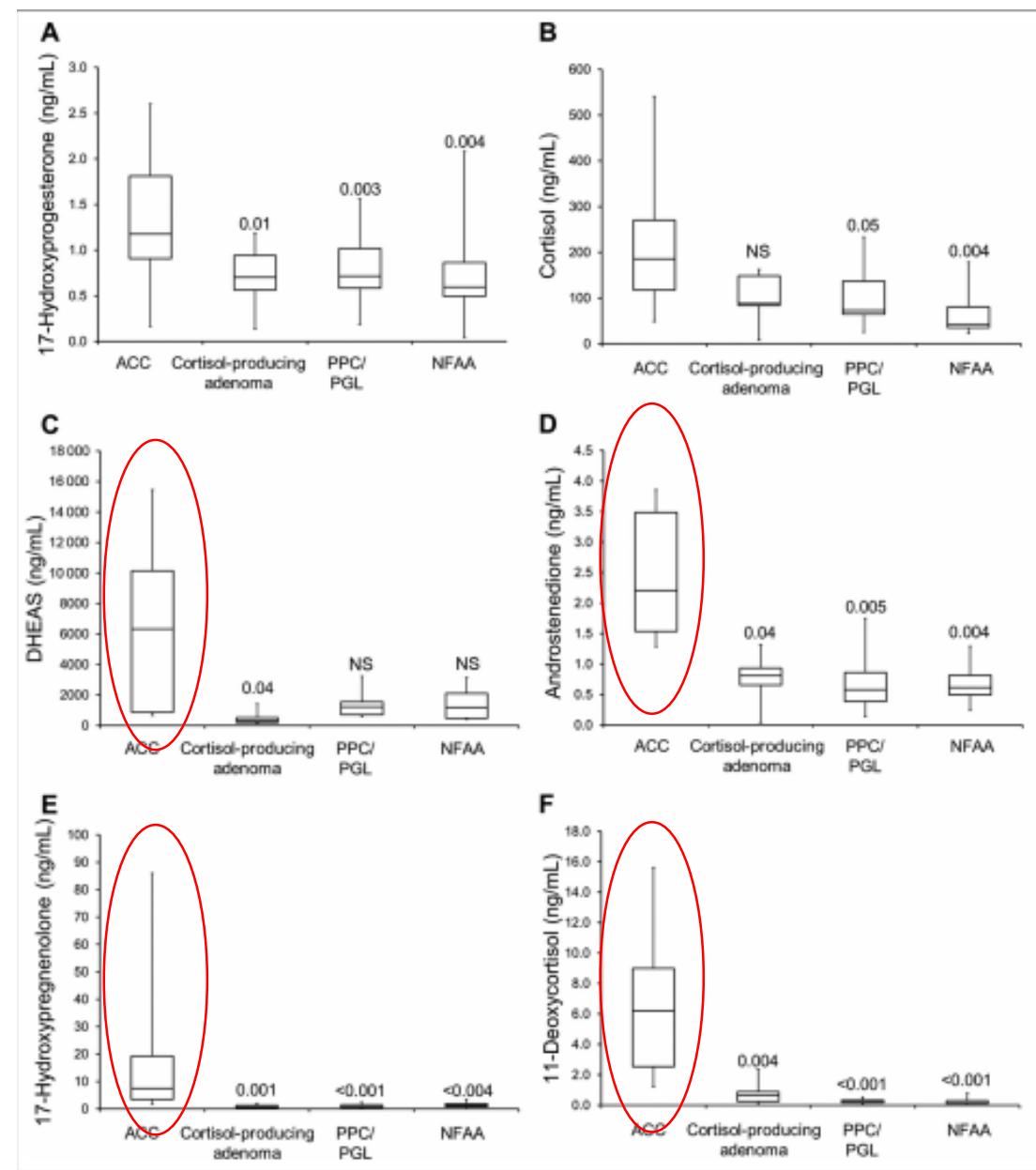
Laboratory parameters



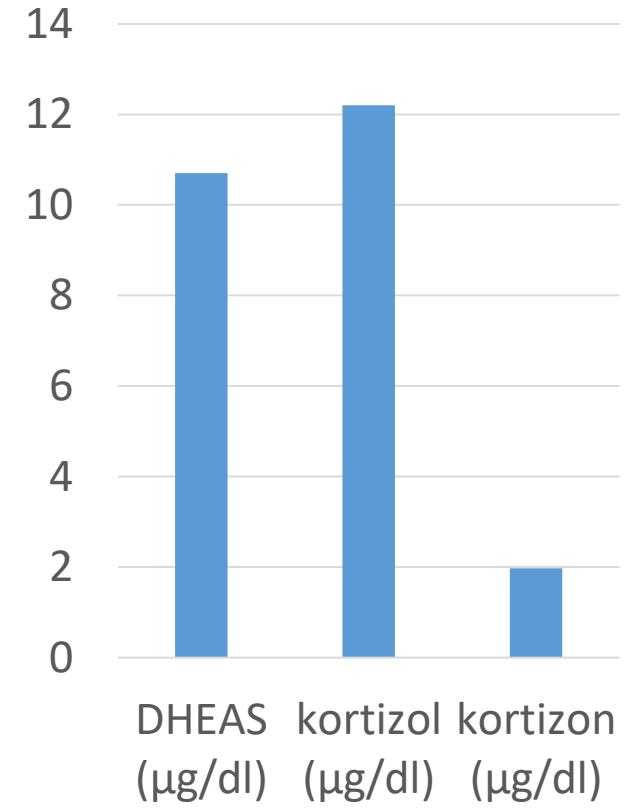
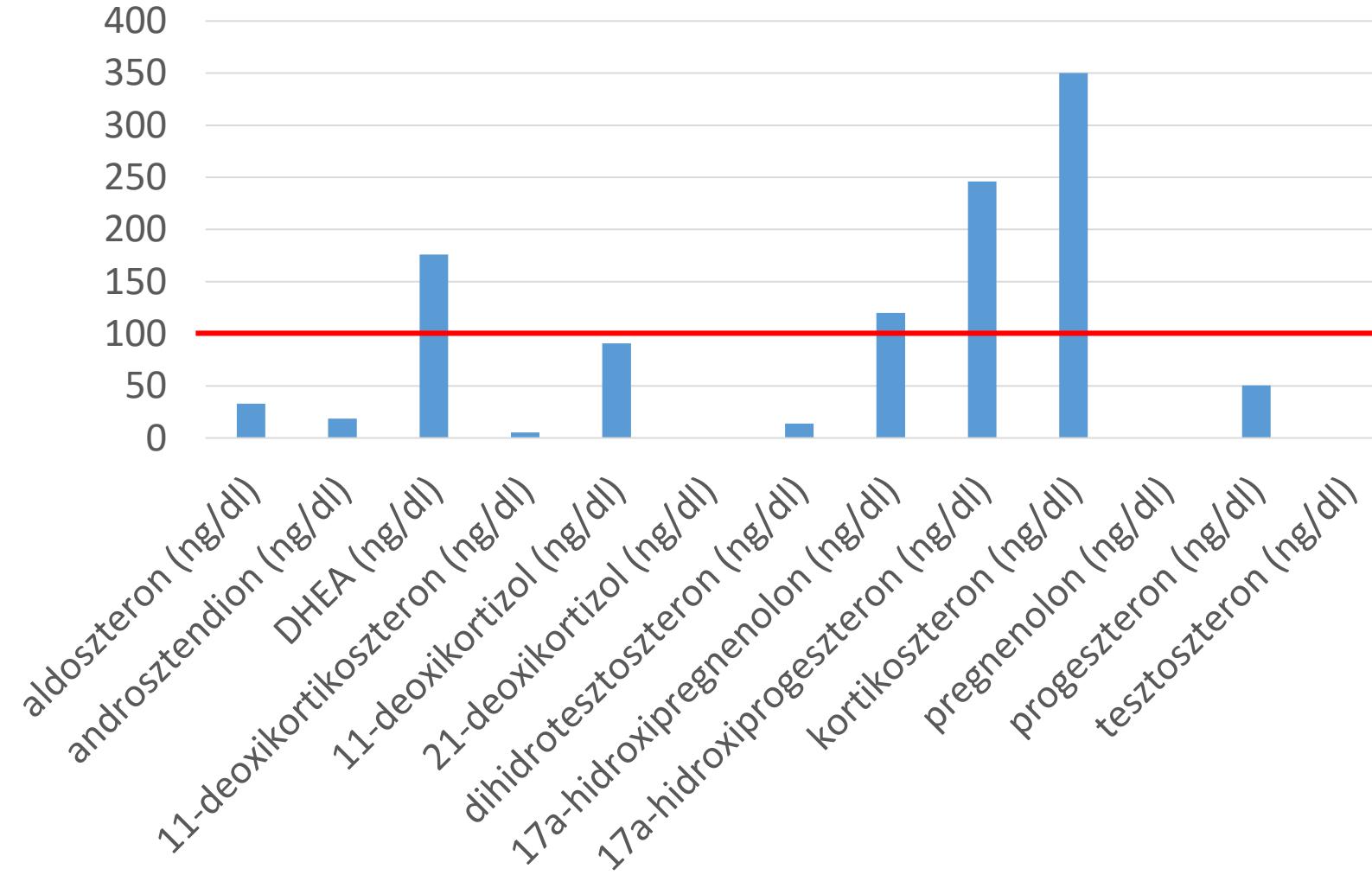
Method in serum:

- sample preparation:
 - 200 µL serum + 600 µL methanol containing internal standards
 - vortex
 - Dilute 400 µL with 400 µL water
 - Apply to Strata-X solid phase extraction cartridge
 - Wash with water-methanol 3:1
 - Elute with acetonitrile-methanol 1:1
 - Evaporate to dryness
 - Reconstitute with 50 µL water-methanol 1:1
- analysis: LC-ESI(+-)MS/MS, run time: 2x6 min
 - SP: C18 50x2.1 mm, 1.7 µm + biphenyl 50x2.1 mm, 1.7 µm
 - MP: water (A), methanol (B), both containing 0.1% formic acid
 - sample volume: 5 µL, 15 °C
 - FR: 0.33 mL/min
 - CTO: 35 °C
 - MS mode: MRM





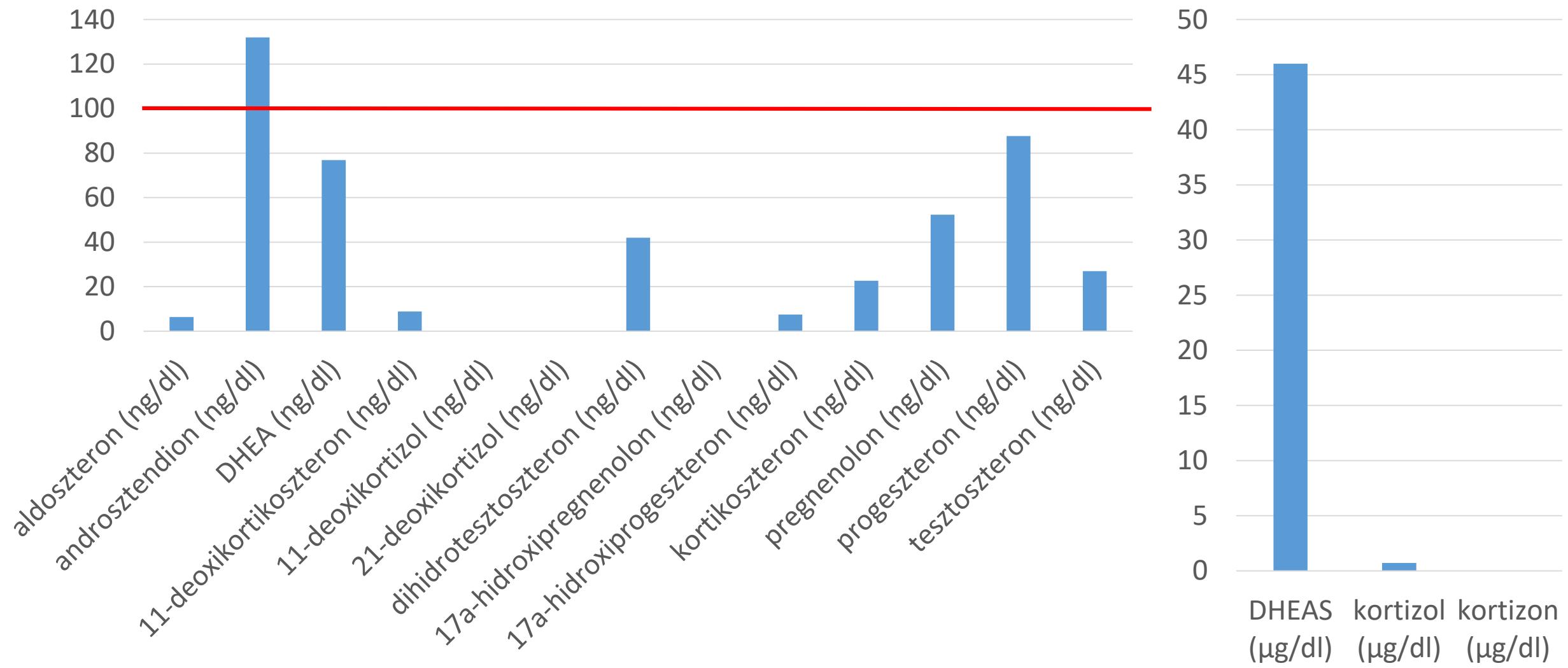
Healthy adrenal cortex (boy, 6 y)



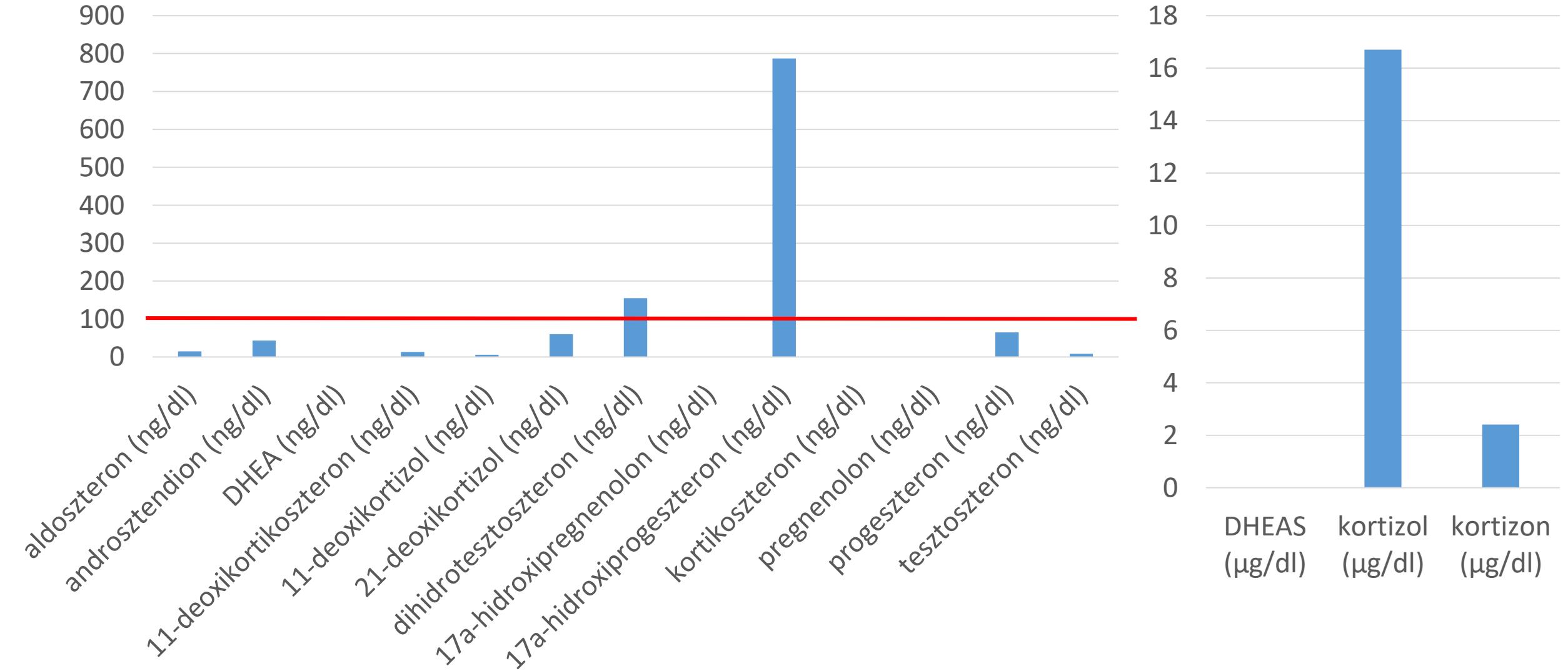
Results of ACTH stimulation test in healthy girl (11y)

Analyte	Concentration before ACTH stimulation	Concentration after ACTH stimulation
aldosterone (ng/dL)	<2.0	7.9
androstenedione (ng/dL)	120	120
DHEA (ng/dL)	315	483
DHEAS (μ g/dL)	<10	14
11-deoxycorticosterone (ng/dL)	6.4	24.7
11-deoxycortisol (ng/dL)	33.9	151
21-deoxycortisol (ng/dL)	9.7	48.2
dihydrotestosterone (ng/dL)	10.9	13.1
17 α -hydroxypregnenolone (ng/dL)	<30	103
17 α -hydroxyprogesterone (ng/dL)	191	484
corticosterone (ng/dL)	100	1687
cortisol (μ g/dL)	18.4	23.6
cortisone (μ g/dL)	2.8	2.7
pregnenolone (ng/dL)	<30	<30
progesterone (ng/dL)	56.7	127
testosterone (ng/dL)	45.4	33.0

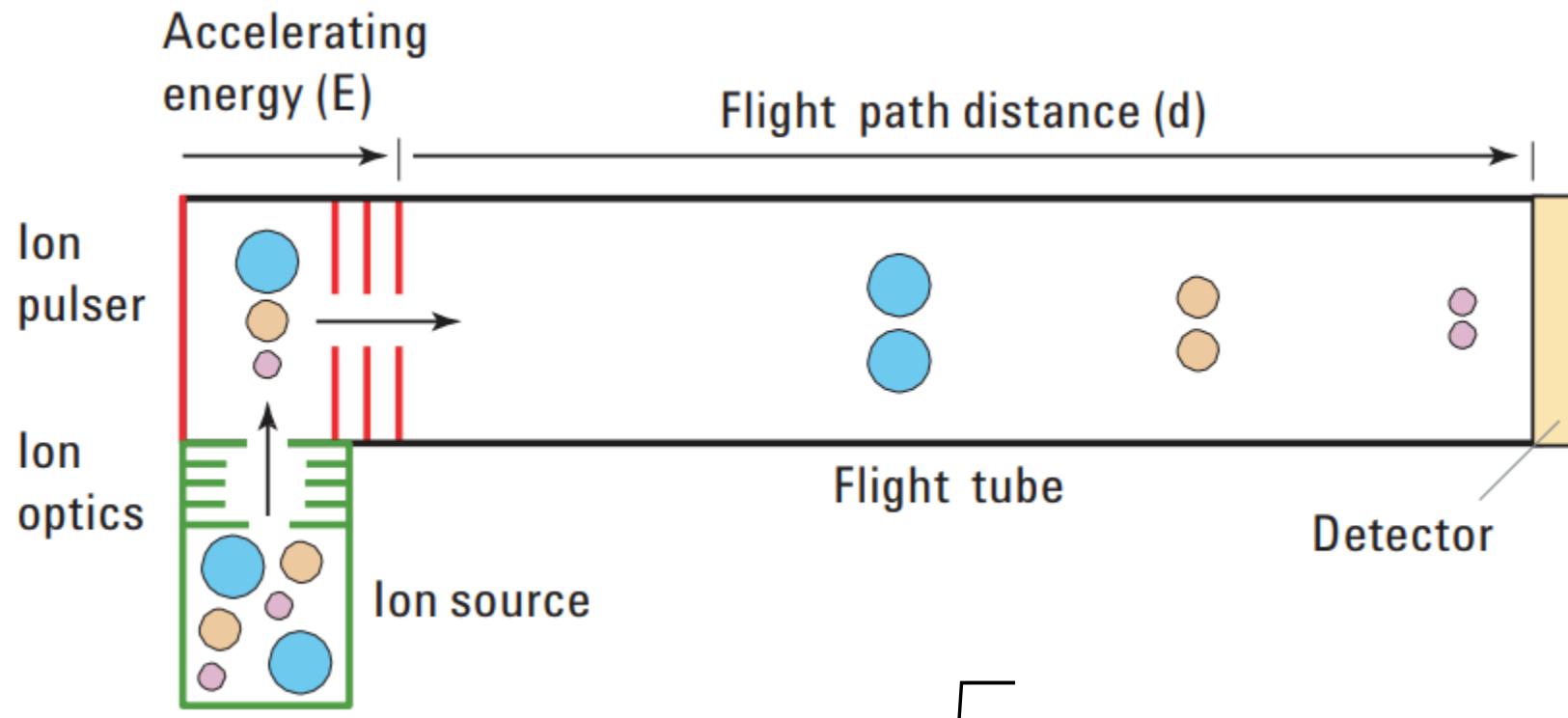
Results of a dexamethasone suppression test (girl, 16y)



Classical congenital adrenal hyperplasia (boy, 11y)

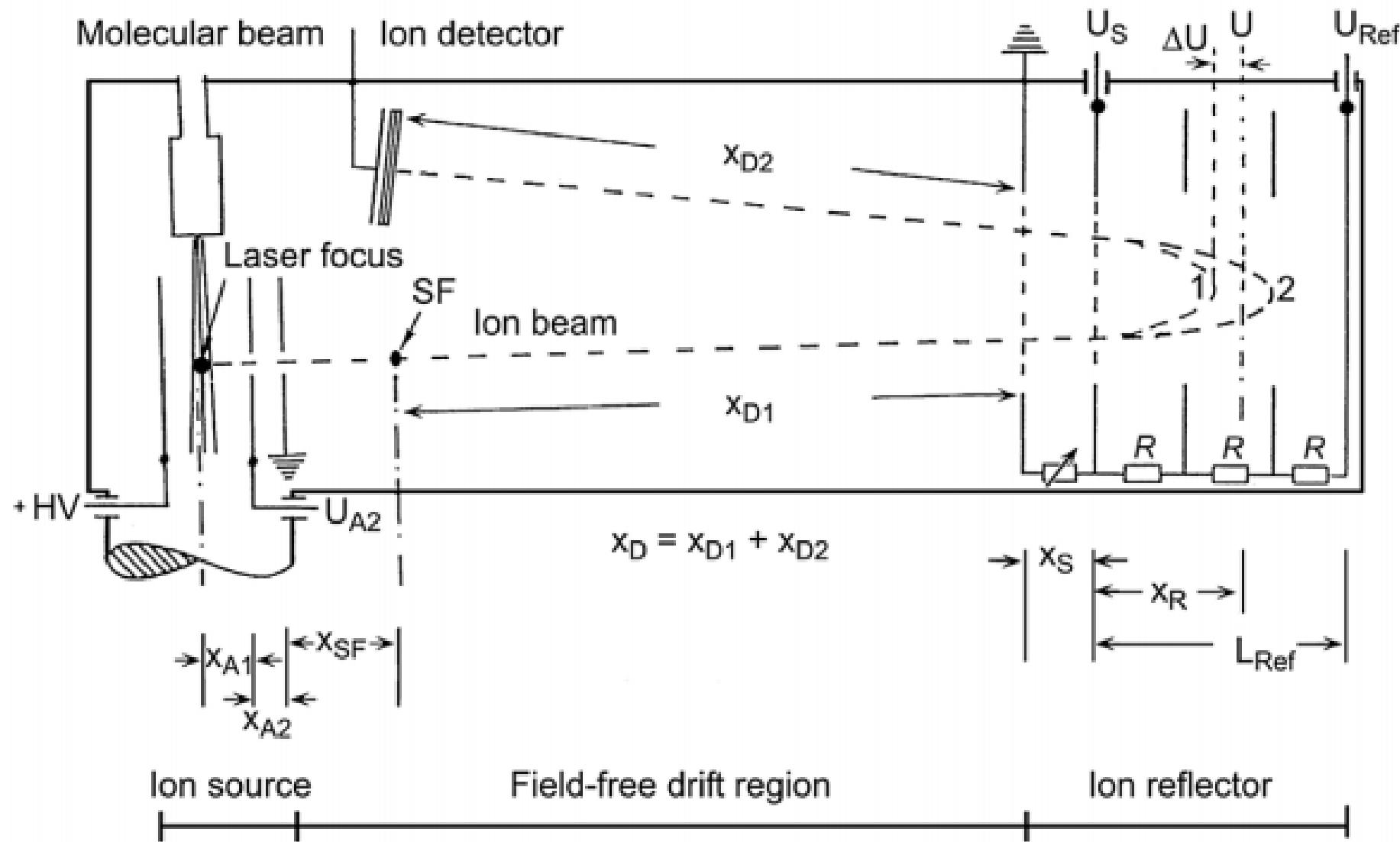


Time-of-flight mass analyzers

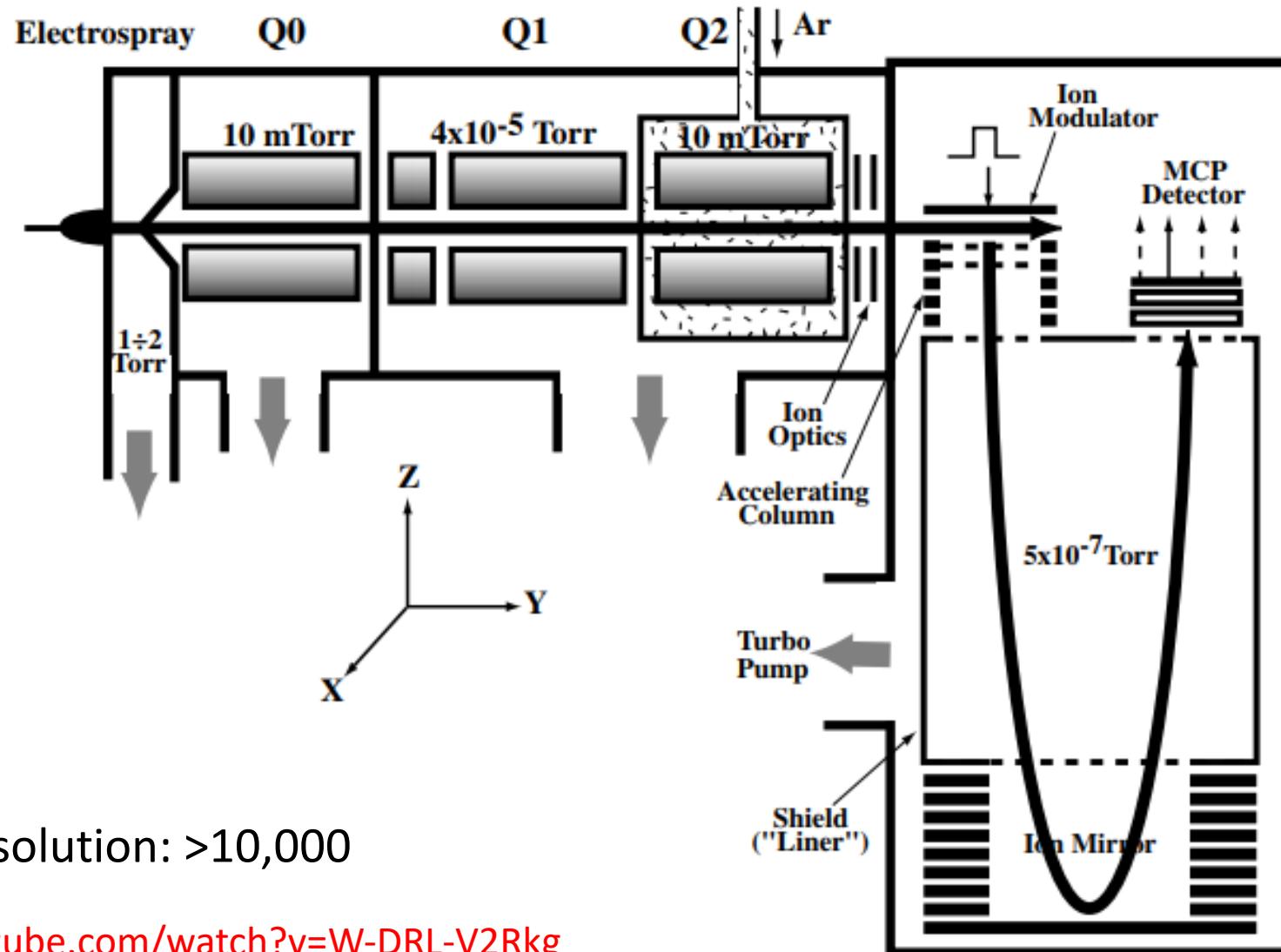


$$t \sim \sqrt{\frac{m}{q}}$$

- 1 slow ions M^+ $U_{ion} = U - \Delta U$
 2 fast ions M^+ $U_{ion} = U + \Delta U$



Quadrupole-time-of-flight mass analyzers



Resolution: >10,000

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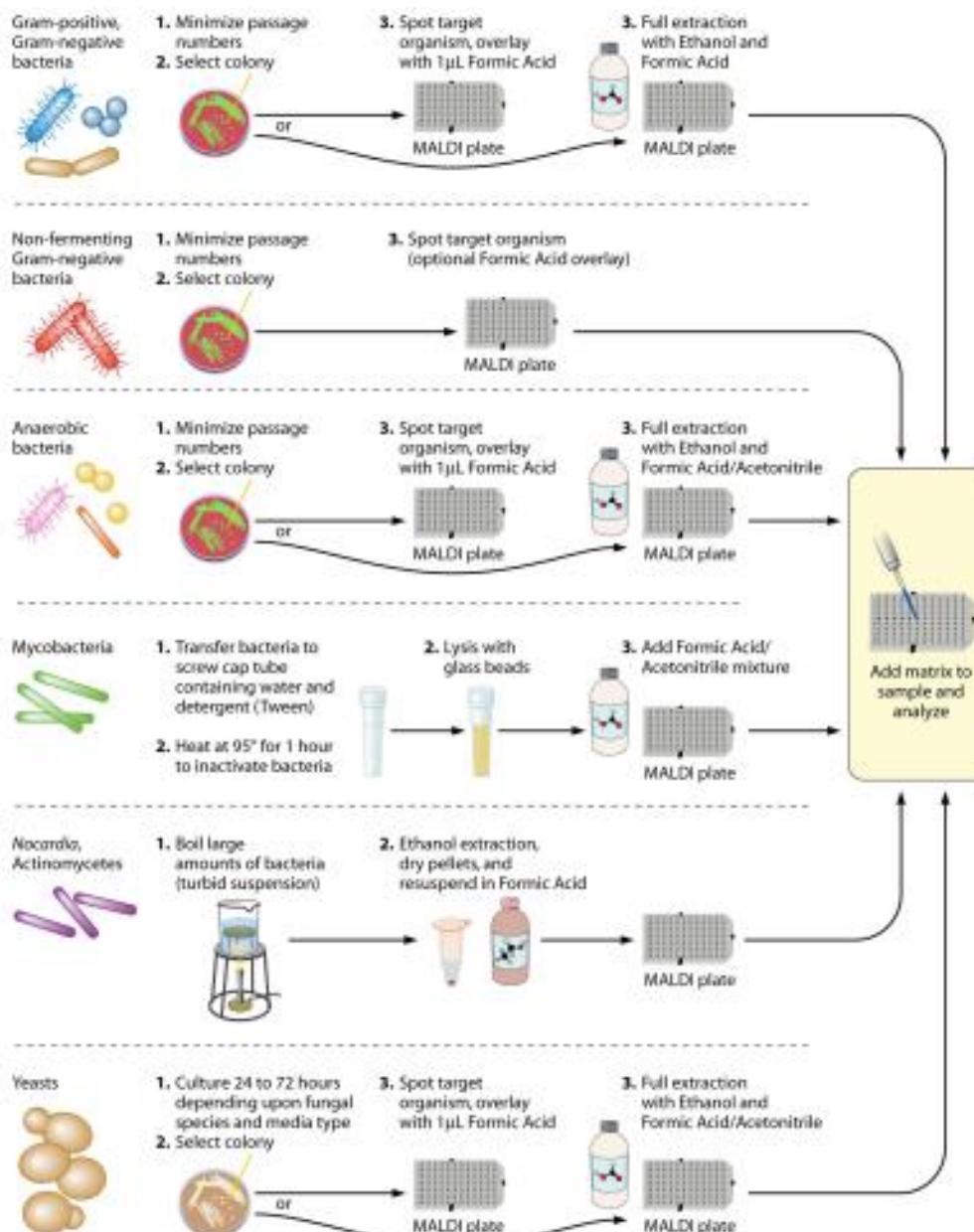


FIG 3 Additional suggestions for MALDI-TOF MS sample preparations for use with different classes of microbes. Different groups of microorganisms vary fundamentally in their cellular composition and architecture. These differences have been demonstrated to affect the quality of spectra generated during MS experiments and, thus, the accuracy of MALDI-TOF MS-derived identifications. As such, investigators from a number of independent studies have evaluated different methods for sample preparation of different groups of microorganisms, ranging directly from intact-cell to full-protein-extraction-based methodologies. Results from these studies are summarized here. Proper biological safety precautions should be followed with respect to dangerous members of these groups of organisms.

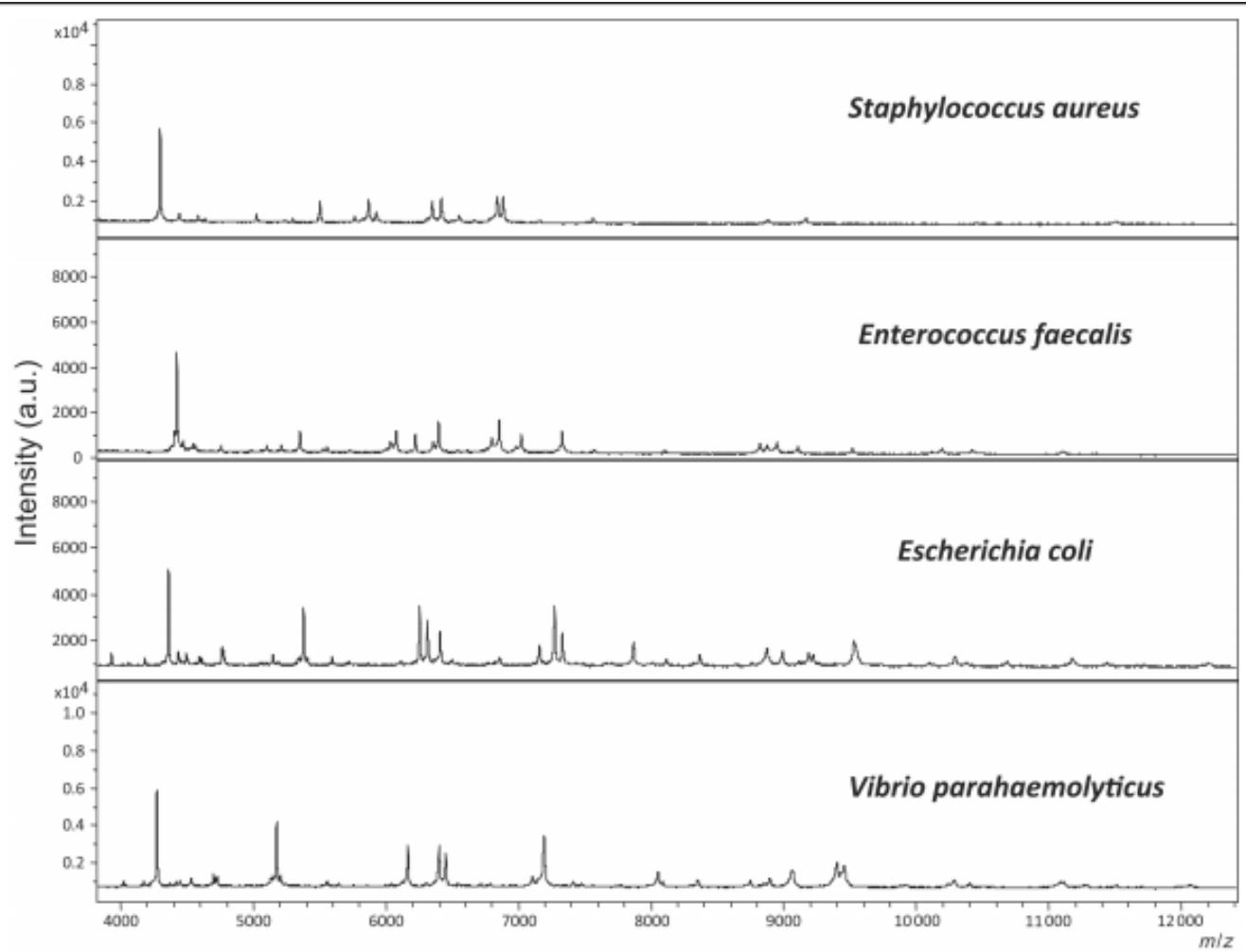


Fig. 3. MALDI spectra obtained from direct analysis of intact bacterial cells of *S. aureus*, *E. faecalis*, *E. coli*, and *V. parahaemolyticus*.

Spectra were acquired in the linear mode using a time-of-flight mass spectrometer. Each sample contained 10^7 CFU bacteria.
a.u., arbitrary units.

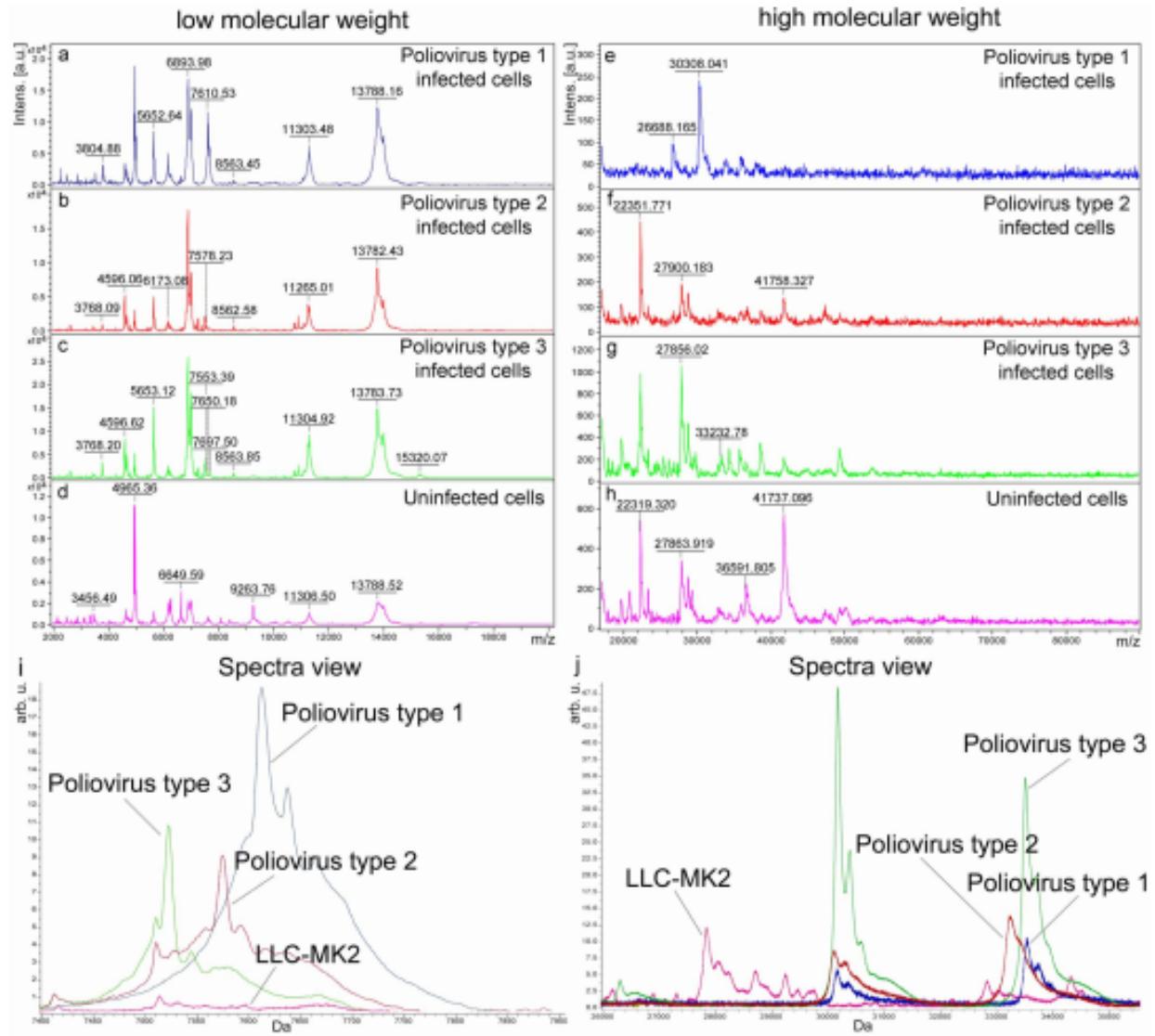


Figure 2 | Representative MALDI-TOF mass spectra of Sabin poliovirus-infected and uninfected LLC-MK2 cells and comparative analysis by ClinPro Tools software. The spectra of LLC-MK2 cells infected with human poliovirus types 1, 2, 3 ("Poliovirus type 1-infected cells", "Poliovirus type 2-infected cells", "Poliovirus type 3-infected cells"), with pointed average masses, are compared in the m/z range 2 to 20 KDa (a-c) and 17 to 90 KDa (e-g) with the spectra of LLC-MK2 uninfected cells (d,h). (i,j) Spectra view of the Average spectra profiles in the mass range 7,400–7,900 Da (i) and in the mass range 26,000 to 35,000 Da (j) of LLC-MK2 cells infected with the 3 different poliovirus serotypes with LLC-MK2 uninfected cells.

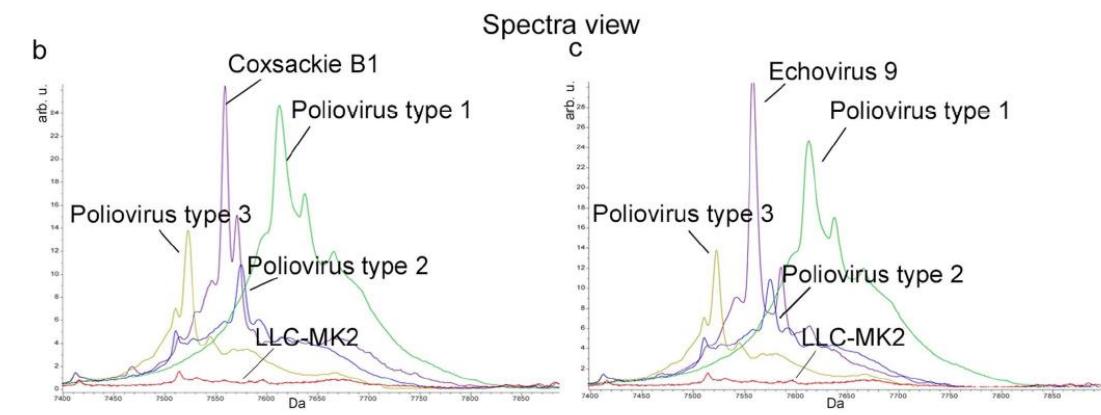


Figure 4 | Representative MALDI-TOF mass spectra of LLC-MK2 cells infected with the *Picornaviridae* family members human coxsackievirus B1 and human echovirus 9 and uninfected cells, and ClinPro Tools comparative analysis with the Sabin poliovirus type 1, 2, and 3 strains. (a) Spectra of LLC-MK2 cells infected with human coxsackievirus B1 and human echovirus 9 ("Coxsackie B1-infected cells" and "Echovirus 9-infected cells") compared with the protein profile of LLC-MK2 uninfected cells in the m/z range of 2 to 20 KDa. Molecular weight values are indicated on peak tops. (b,c) Spectra view of the average spectra of human coxsackievirus B1 (b) and human echovirus 9 (c) compared by ClinPro Tools in the mass range 7,400–7,900 Da with the average spectra of the 3 Sabin poliovirus strains (poliovirus type 1; poliovirus type 2; poliovirus type 3) and uninfected LLC-MK2 cells.

TABLE I. Performance of matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) identification with routine samples in clinical microbiology laboratories

Number of isolates tested	Manufacturer of the MALDI-TOF MS system	Overall correct identification at the species level (%)	Overall correct identification at the genus level (%)	Correct identification of Gram-negative bacteria at the species level (%)	Correct identification of Gram-positive bacteria at the species level (%)	References
1660 ^a	Bruker Daltonics GmbH	84.1	11.3	NA	NA	[11]
1371 ^a	Bruker Daltonics GmbH	91.7	2.8	88.8	88.0	[14]
720 ^a	Bruker Daltonics GmbH	93.6	NA	98.2	83.9	[13]
720 ^a	Shimadzu Corporation	88.3	NA	94.8	75.6	[13]
1116 ^b	Bruker Daltonics GmbH	95.2	4.8	93.8	97.7	[10]

NA, not available.

^aProspective study.

^bRetrospective study.

TagIdent tool (formerly GuessProt)

TagIdent is a tool which allows

1. the generation of a list of proteins close to a given pl and Mw,
2. the identification of proteins by matching a short sequence tag of up to 6 amino acids against proteins in UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot close to a given pl and Mw,
3. the identification of proteins by their mass, if this mass has been determined by mass spectrometric techniques

for one or more species and with an optional keyword [references].

Documentation is available.

Fill out in the following form the *pl* (isoelectric point) and *Mw* (molecular weight) you want values in which the search should take place. Leave empty if you don't want to specify a value.

The "Organism Name or Classification or NCBI_TaxID" field allows you to specify terms will only be returned, if all the given terms appear in either the *OS* or *OC* or *OX* lines of particular be aware that if you enter "rat", all taxonomical terms containing the substring even better its TaxID '10116') narrows down your search and probably corresponds better.

Scan in UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot can be restricted by the use of a keyword. This should be keywords.

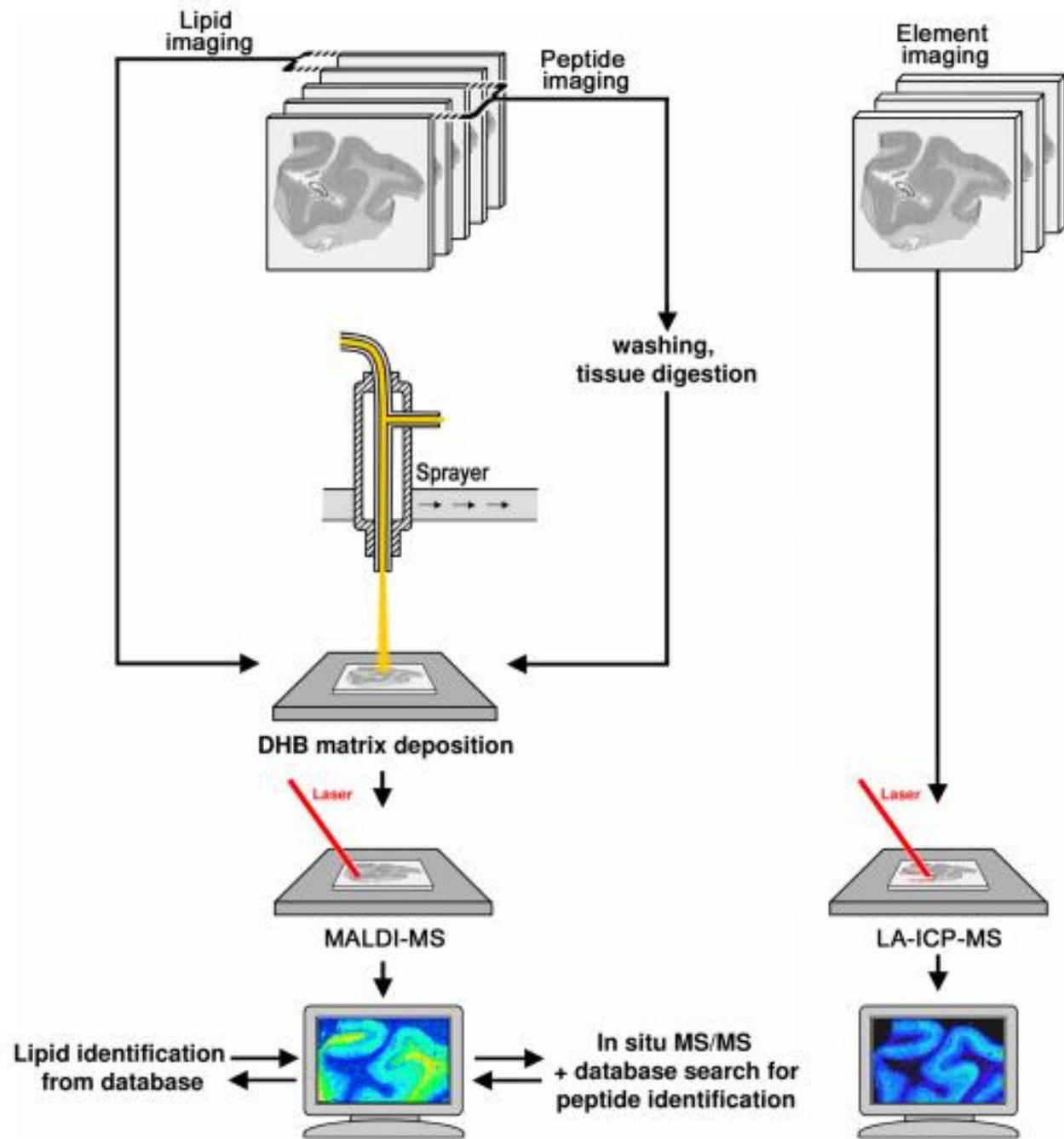
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Table 1. Peaks identified to separate the clusters.

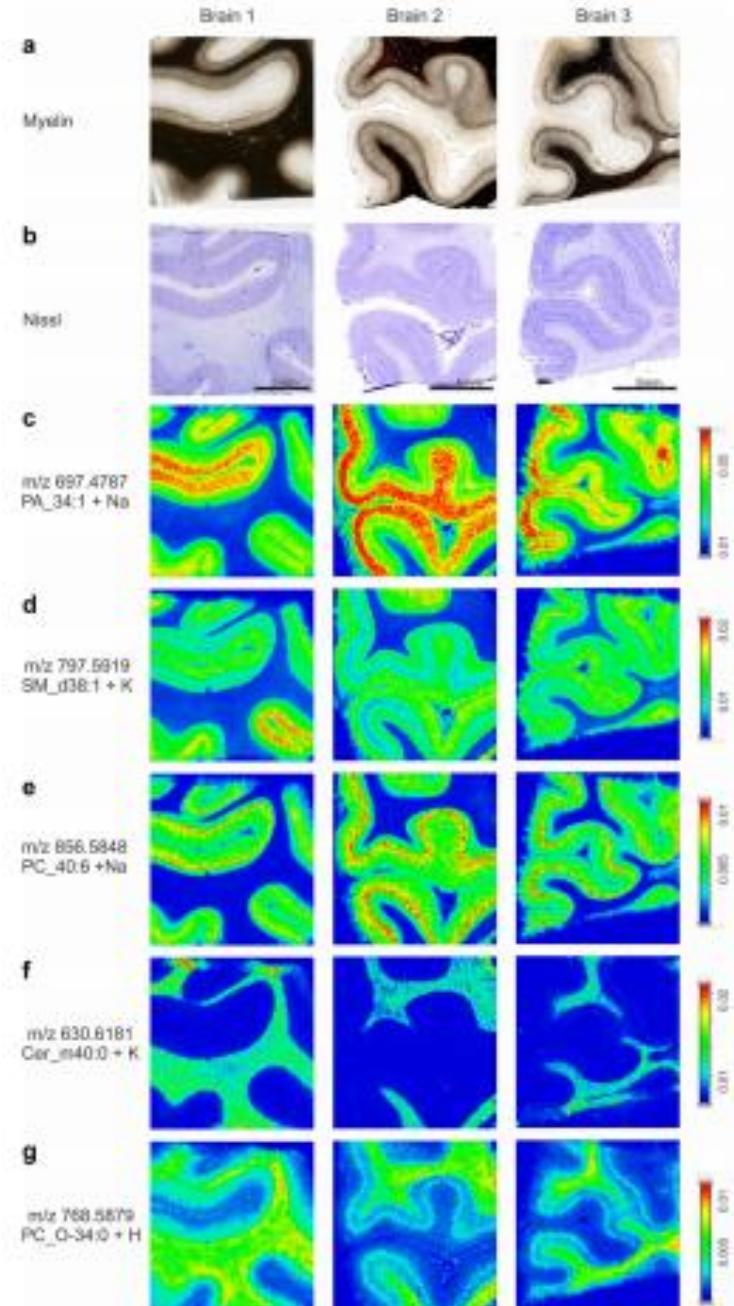
Peak Position	Cluster 1	isolates 11 and 12	Cluster 2	Possible proteins (from TagIdent)
3444	Yes	Yes	No	Protamine-like protein
5873	Yes	Yes	No	Regulatory protein MokB
6539	Yes	No	No	50S ribosomal protein L30
7173	Yes	No	No	Pilin; Protein CopA/IncA
7650	No	No	Yes	Response regulator inhibitor for tor operon; Protein KleB; Protein IscX; Cold shock-like protein CspH
7708	Yes	Yes	No	Response regulator inhibitor for tor operon; Protein KleB; Protein IscX; Cold shock-like protein CspH
8326	Yes	Yes	No	Tautomerase PptA; Dihydrofolate reductase type 2; Ferrous iron transport protein A
8350	No	No	yes	Tautomerase PptA; Dihydrofolate reductase type 2; Ferrous iron transport protein A
9712	No	No	yes	30S ribosomal protein S17; Regulatory protein AriR; UPF0386 protein YjhX; Acid stress chaperone HdeA
9739	Yes	Yes	No	30S ribosomal protein S; Regulatory protein AriR 17; UPF0386 protein YjhX; Acid stress chaperone HdeA
10463	Yes	Yes	No	30S ribosomal protein S19; Sugar fermentation stimulation protein B
10489	No	No	Yes	30S ribosomal protein S19; Sugar fermentation stimulation protein B

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Fig. 5 Lipid distributions in the human primary visual cortex. **a**, Myelin staining. **b**, Nissl staining of sections adjacent to (a). **c–g**, Lipid distribution images measured by MALDI-MSI tissue sections directly adjacent to the Nissl staining shown in (b). Images show the distributions of ions at **c**, m/z : 697.4787, identified as PA_34:1 + Na; **d**, m/z : 797.5919, identified as SM_d38:1 + K; **e**, m/z : 856.5848, identified as PC_40:6 + Na; **f**, m/z : 630.6181, identified as Cer_m40:0 + K and **g**, m/z : 768.5879, identified as PC_O-34:0 + H. Images were recorded in positive ion mode at 500 μ m lateral resolution. Scale bar in **b** 5 mm, applies vertically to all images of the corresponding specimen. Color bars indicate normalized lipid ion intensities (arbitrary units, applies horizontally to the corresponding lipid across all specimens).



MALDI-Orbitrap MS

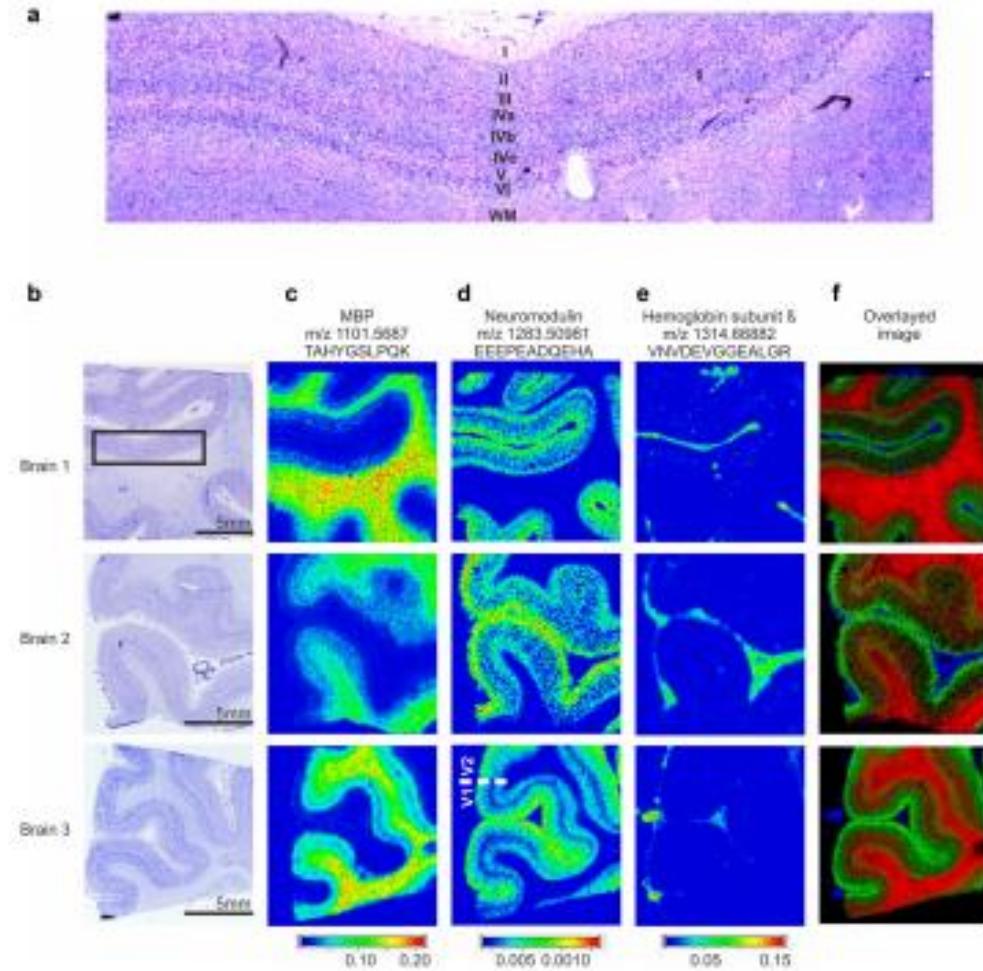


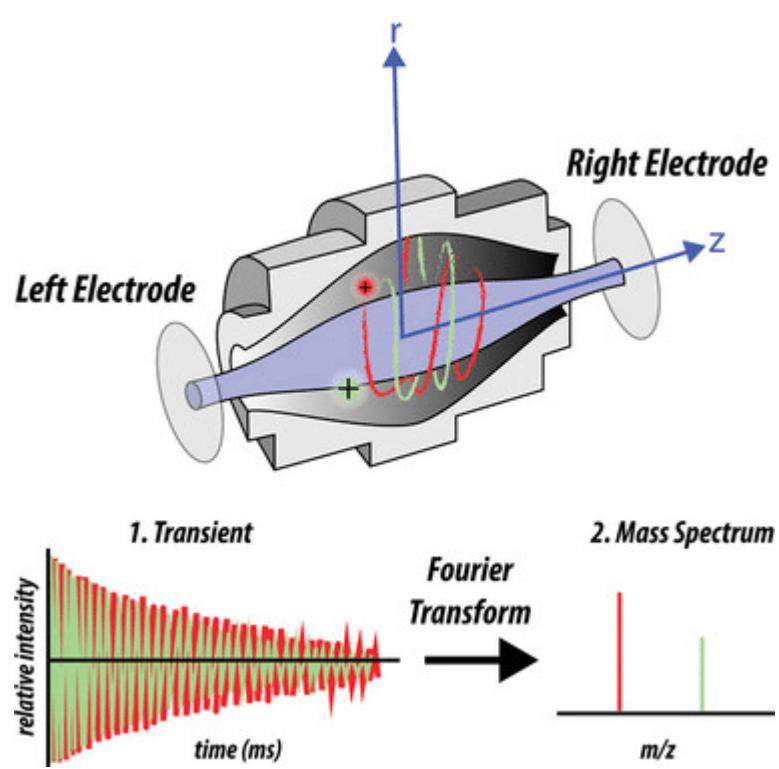
Fig. 6 Protein distributions in the human primary visual cortex determined by MALDI-MSI. **a**, High-resolution image of a Nissl-stained section. Layer I, II, III, IVa–c, V, VI and white matter are indicated. **b**, Nissl-stained sections from three different post-mortem brains. **c–e**, Molecular feature images at **c**, m/z : 1101.5687, identified by MS/MS as a tryptic peptide of myelin basic protein; **d**, m/z : 1283.5098, identified as tryptic peptide of neuromodulin; **e**, m/z : 1314.6688, identified as tryptic peptide of hemoglobin β . **f**, Overlay of the three peptide images highlighting their discrete distribution. MBP as red, neuromodulin as green and hemoglobin β as blue. Spectra were recorded in positive ion mode at 500- μ m lateral resolution. Black scale bar in panel **b**: 5 mm (applies horizontally to all images of the corresponding specimen). Color scales: Peptide ion intensity in arbitrary units (applies vertically to all images of the corresponding peptide).

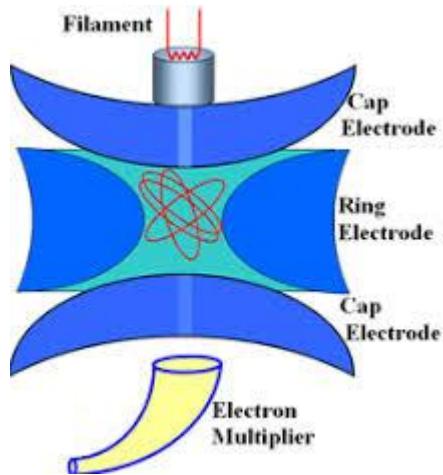
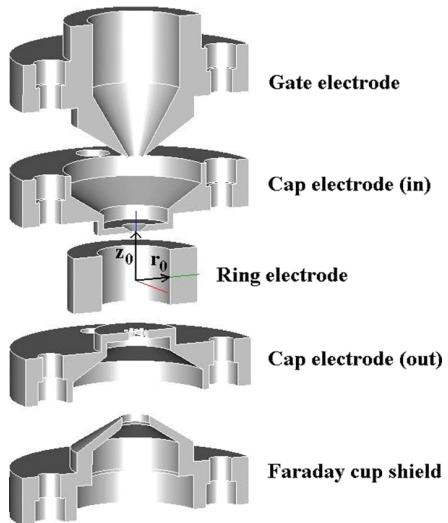
adduct of ceramide (Cer)_m40:0, was enhanced along WM, but absent or reduced to non-detectable amounts in layer IVb (Fig. 5g). In contrast, the ion at m/z 768.5879, the protonated ion of PC_O-34:0, was abundant in WM including layer IVb (Fig. 5f). In summary, we were able to identify

lipids specifically accumulating in different cortical layers and even sublayers of VI or the WM.

To clarify if and how lipids differed between VI and neighboring area V2, a tissue section containing the border between VI and V2 was measured with the highest spatial resolution possible of 30 μ m. Two lipid ions, the potassium

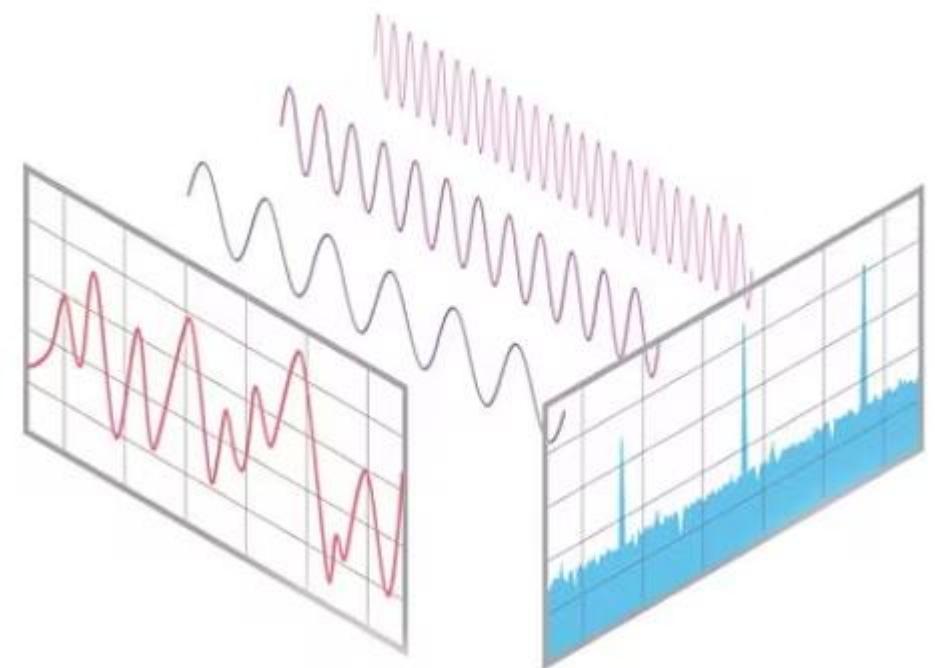
Orbitrap mass analyzer





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