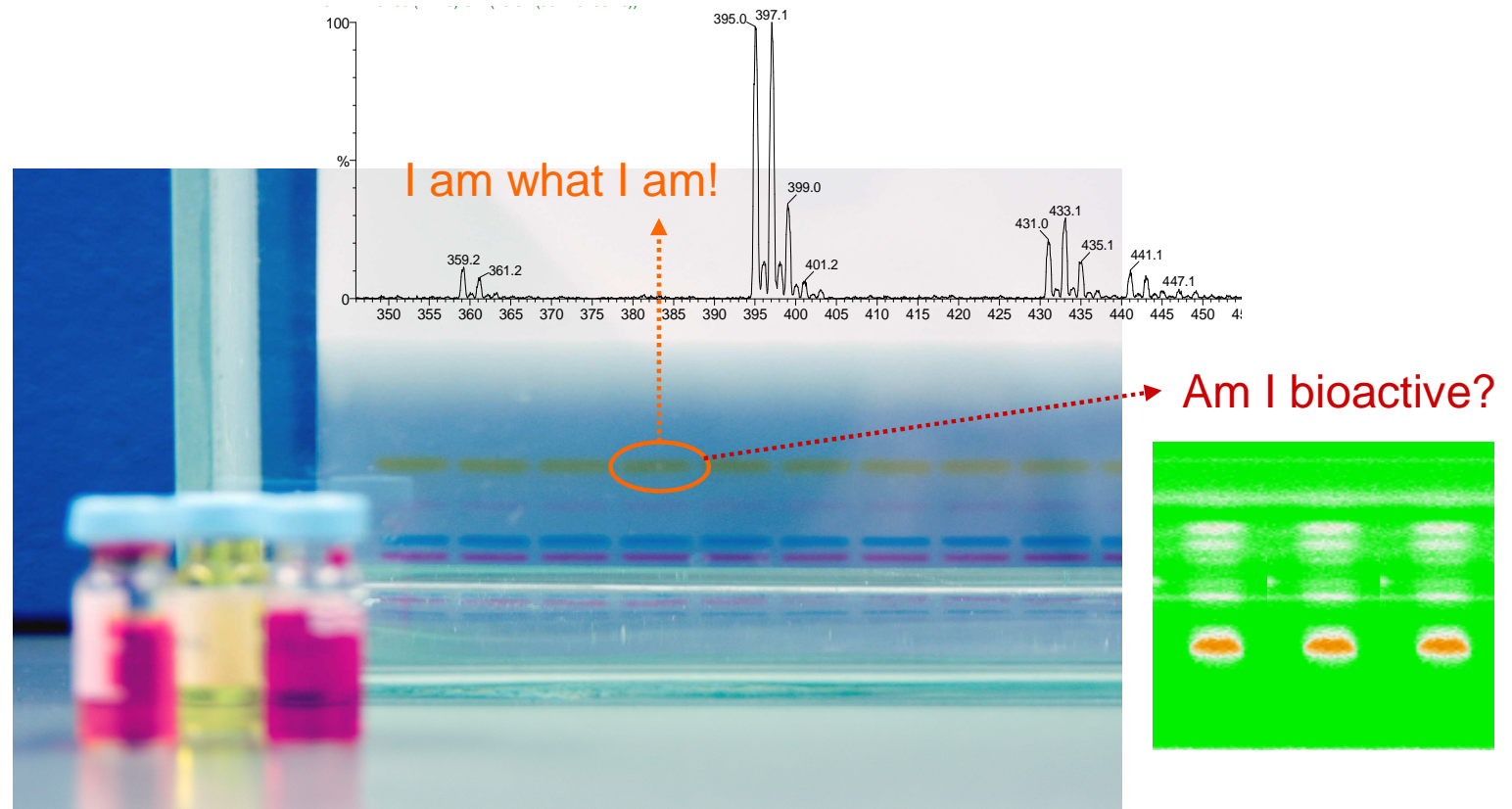




## Why choosing HPTLC?



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## Where TLC is...

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# HPTLC → Part of modern quantitative analysis

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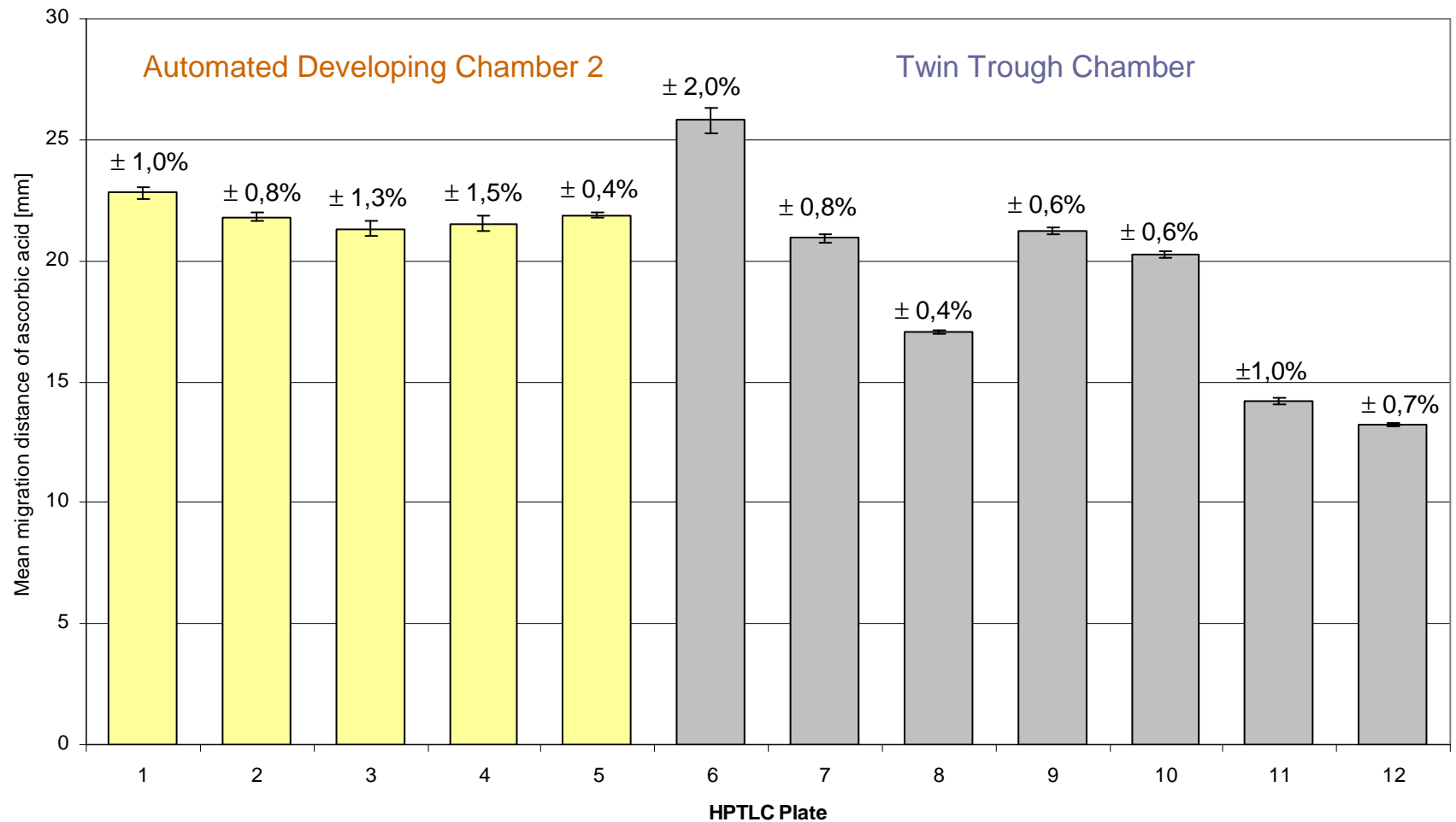




# HPTLC → Automated equipment per step

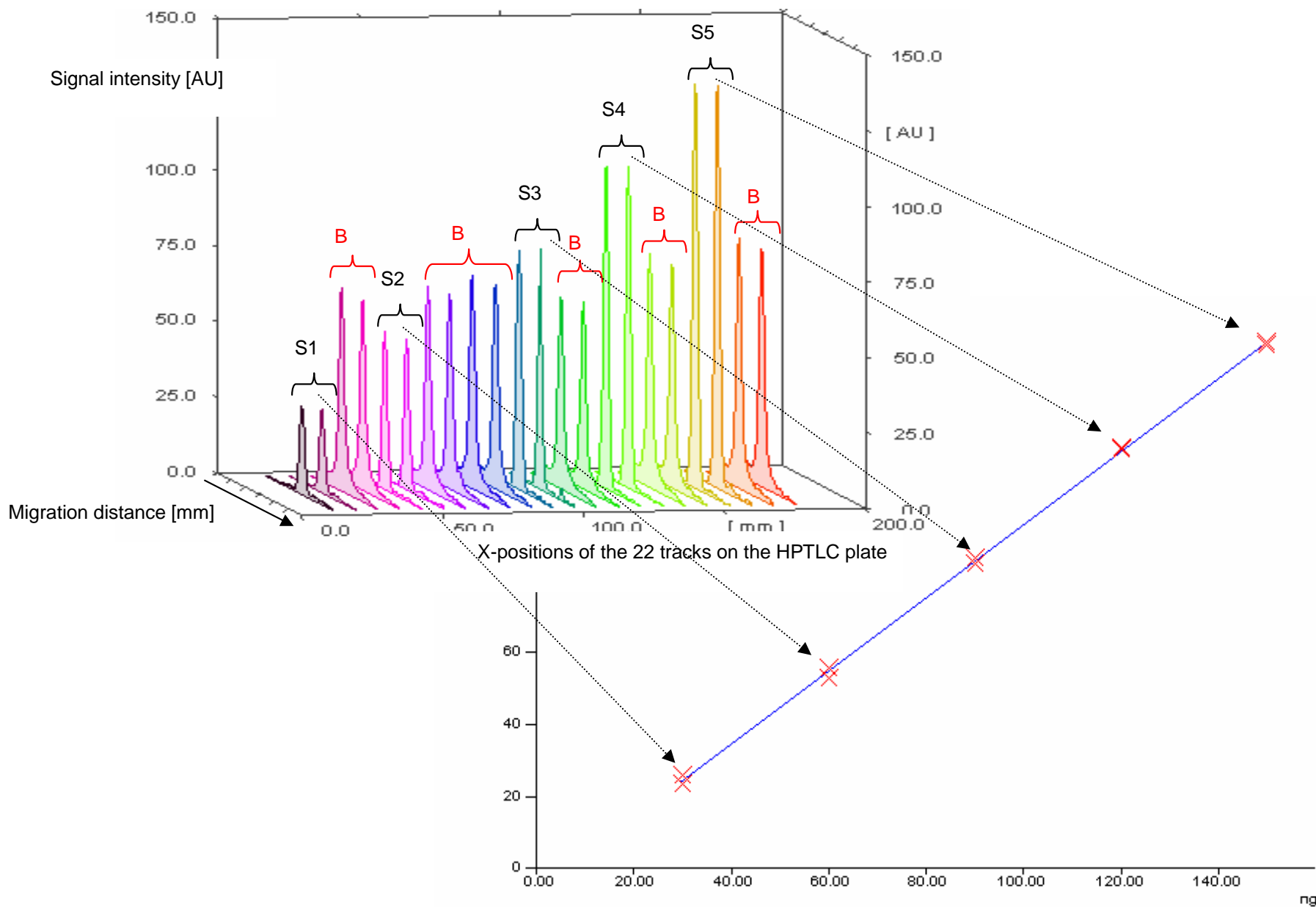


→ Chamber climate control enables reproducibility



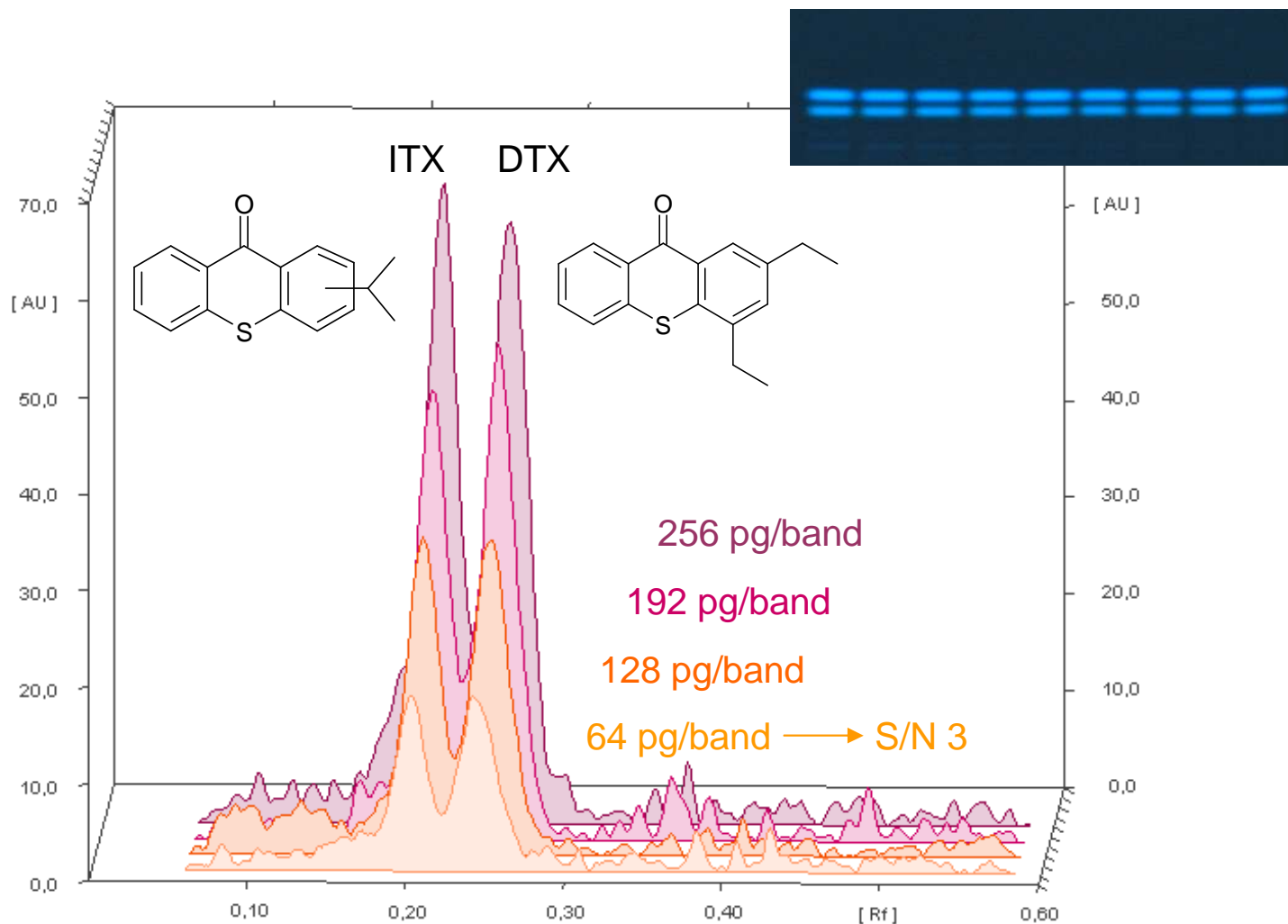


# HPTLC → Quantitative method





## HPTLC → Sensitive method (detectability)





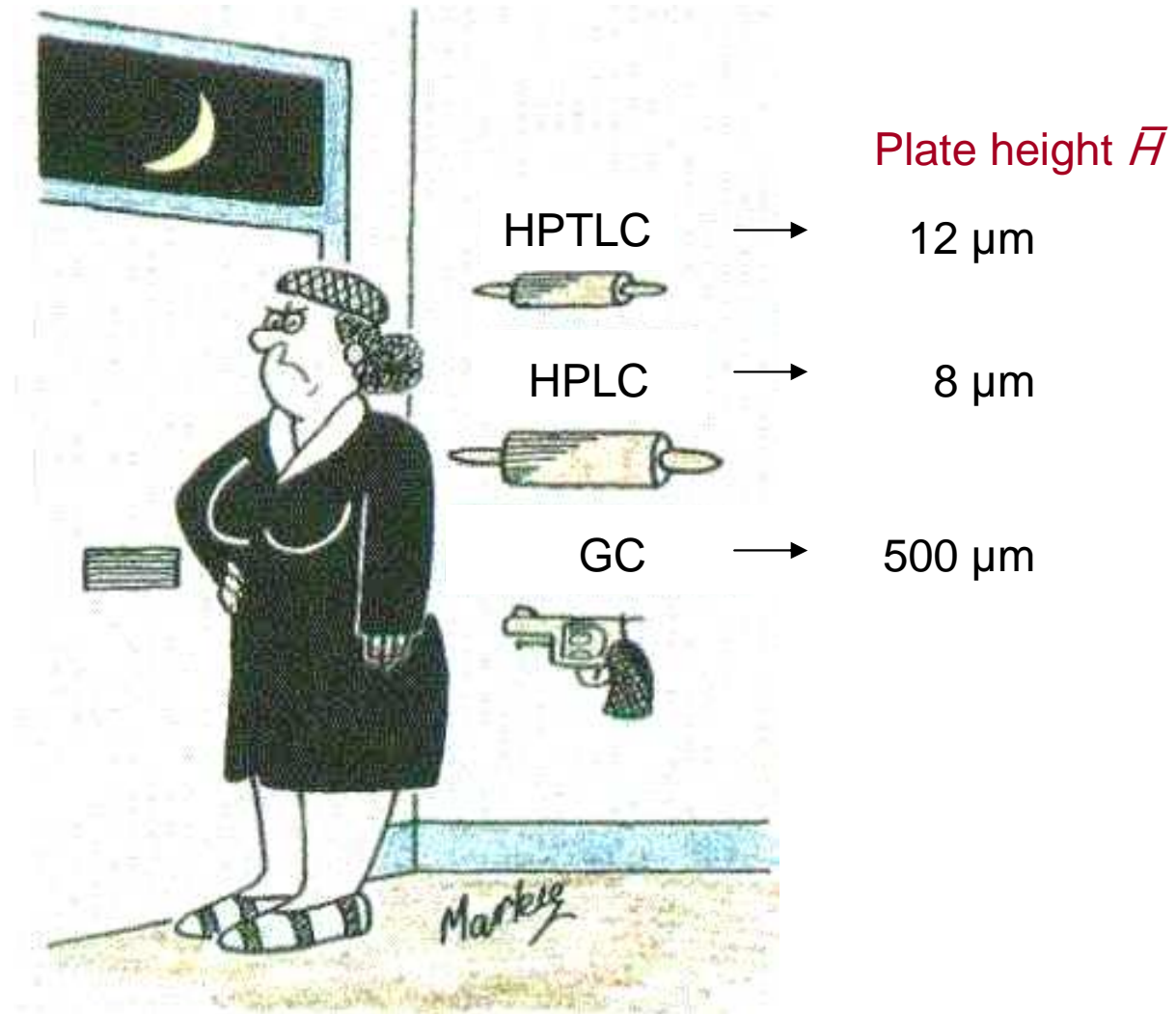
... but other methods as well → Why HPTLC?

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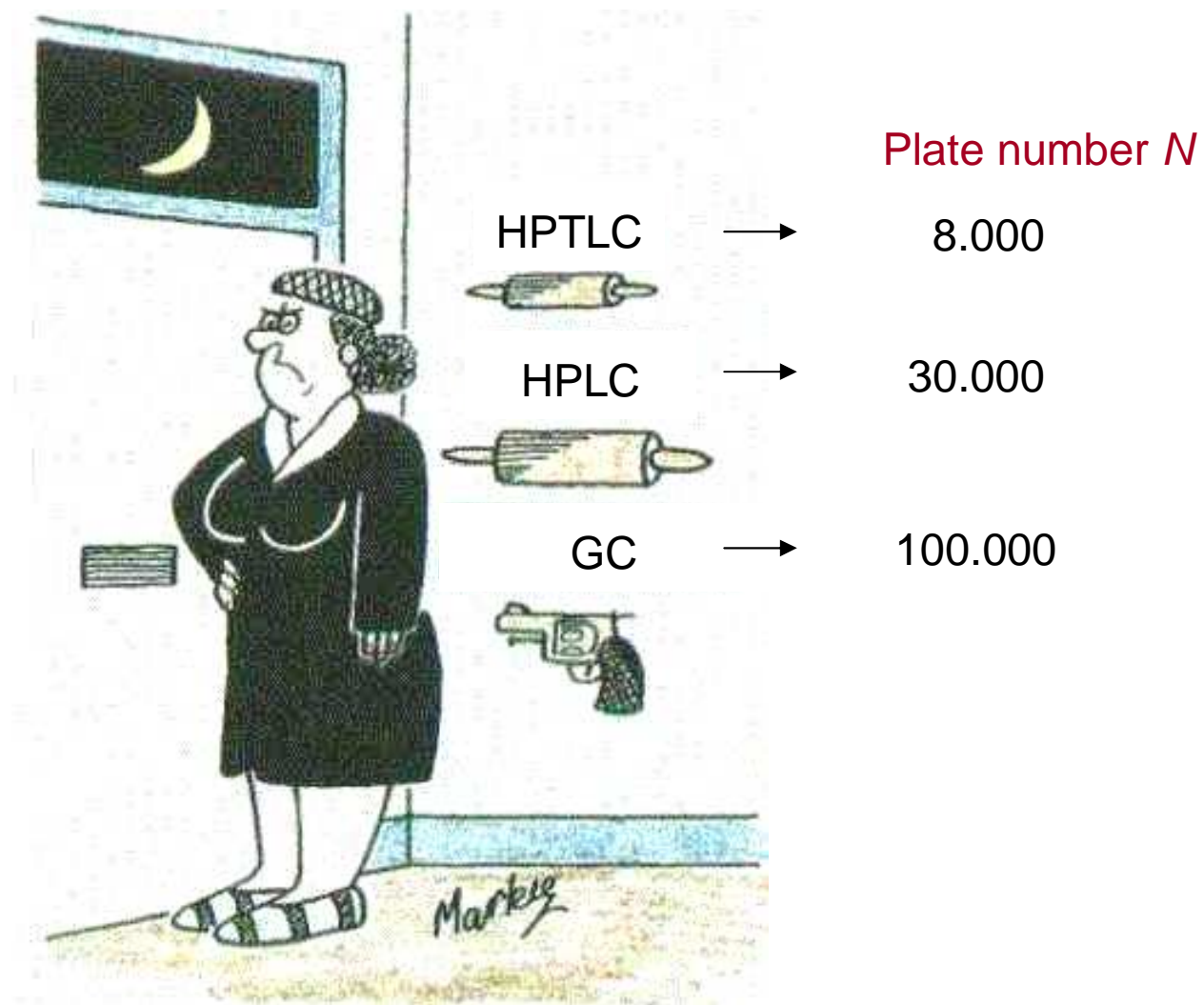
## Plate heights of the different methods







## Plate numbers → Why HPTLC?





## Why HPTLC?

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Reaching the water source you have to swim  
against the mainstream. *Konfuzius*



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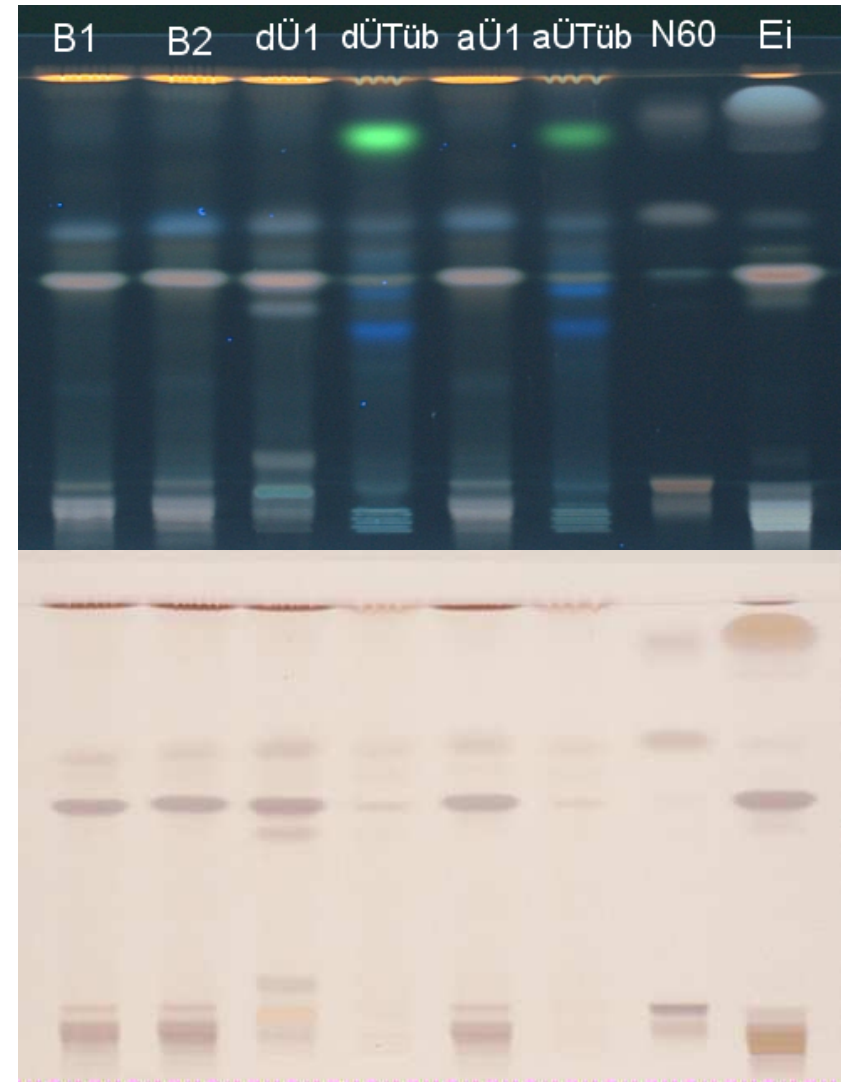
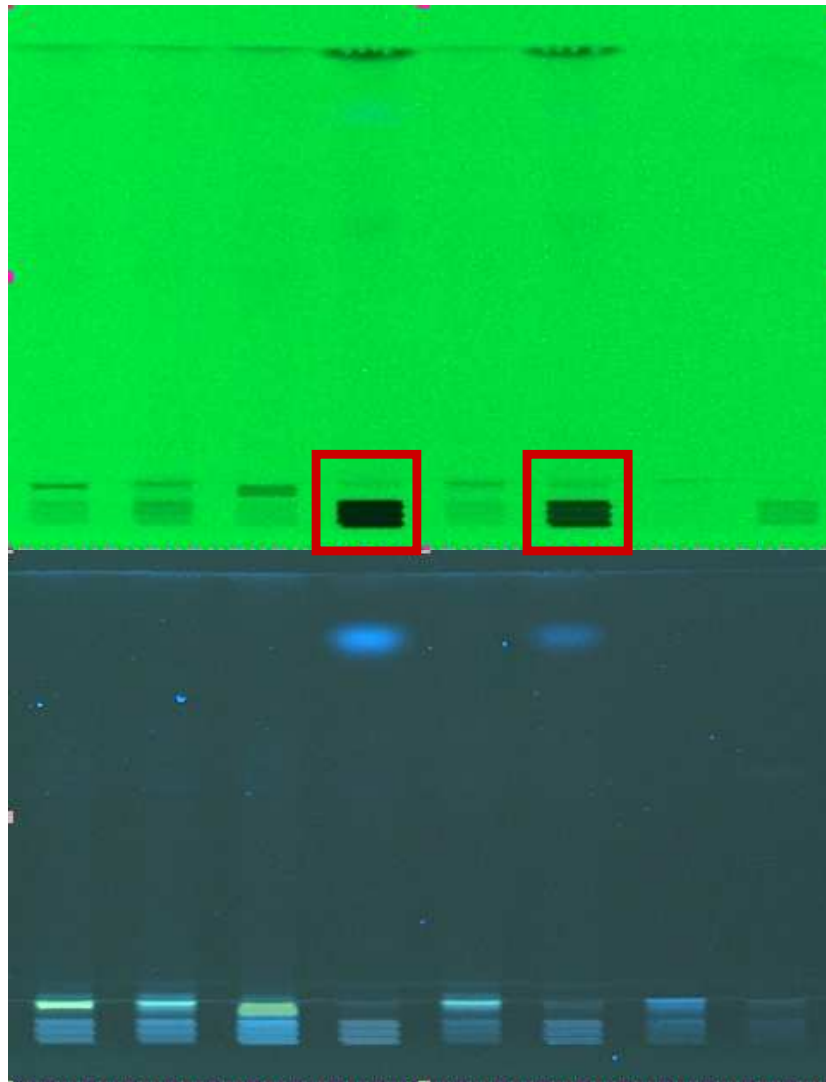
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1. Gives more information about an unknown
2. Tolerates minimized sample preparation
3. Enables concentration during application up to a factor of 10.000
4. Capable of high throughput (300 runs per day) with minimal costs
5. Runs parallel chromatography under identical environmental conditions
6. Enables selective and simultaneous derivatization (variety of reagents)
7. Enables multiple detection (UV/Vis, FLD, derivatization, MS)
8. Allows toxicity-directed detection (information directed to the effect)
9. Runs highly-targeted, cost-effective HPTLC-MS where separation solvent can be chosen independently from MS
10. Is a very flexible working station





# 1. Gives more information about an unknown

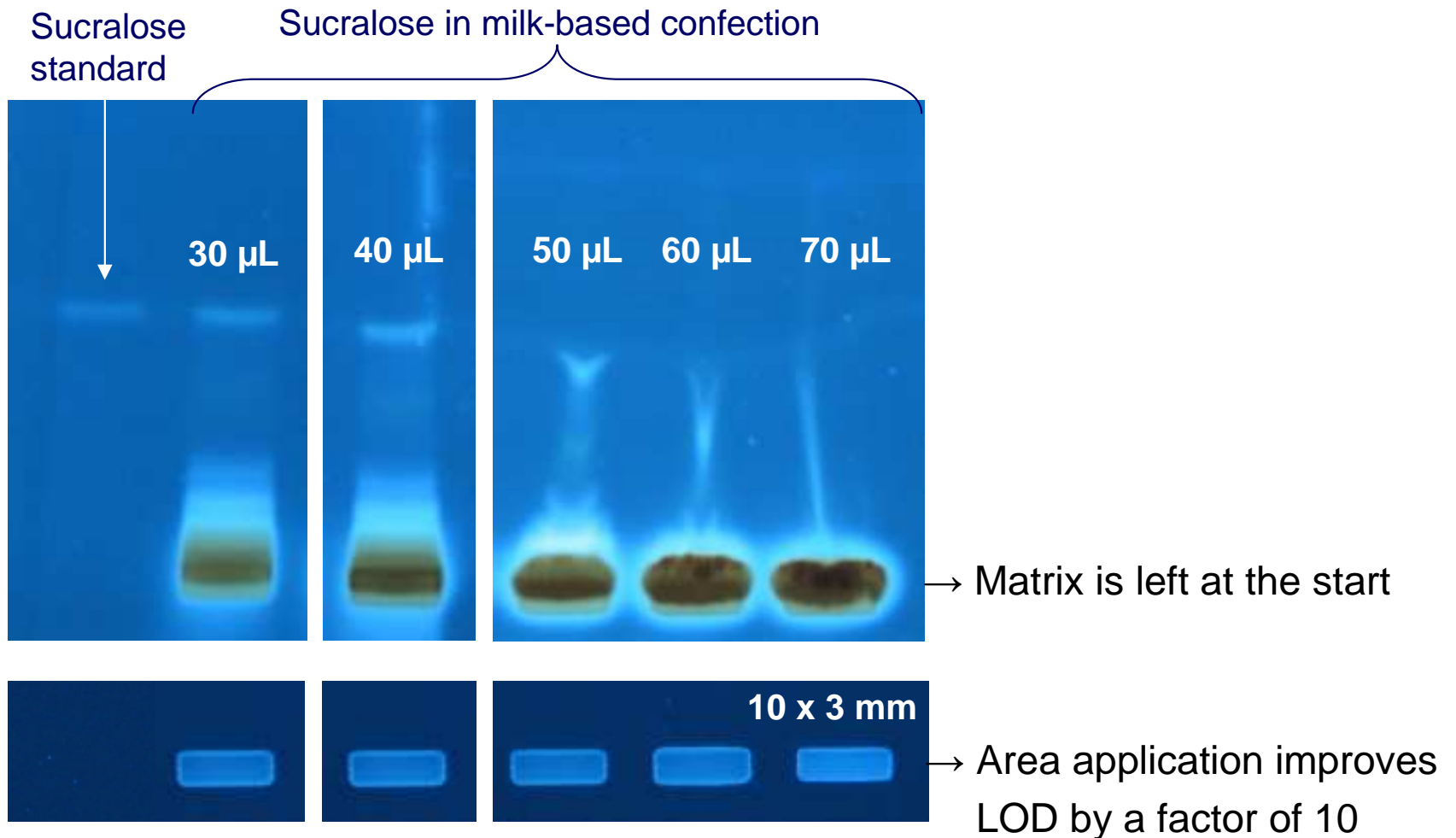


Project: Find the difference in *Lactobacillus fermentum* supernatants



## 2. Tolerates minimized sample preparation

→ For high matrix-loading choose area application





## Matrix of milk-based confection left at the start

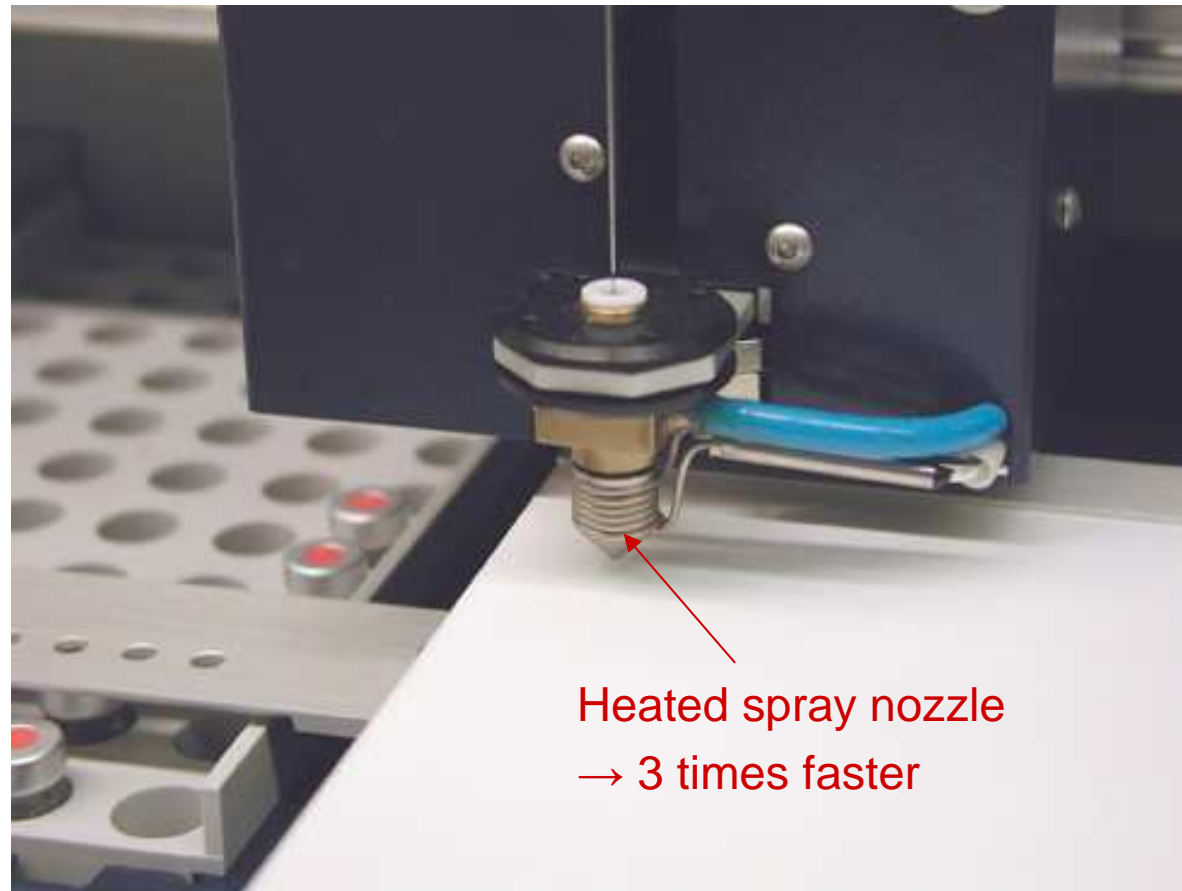




### 3. Enables concentration during application

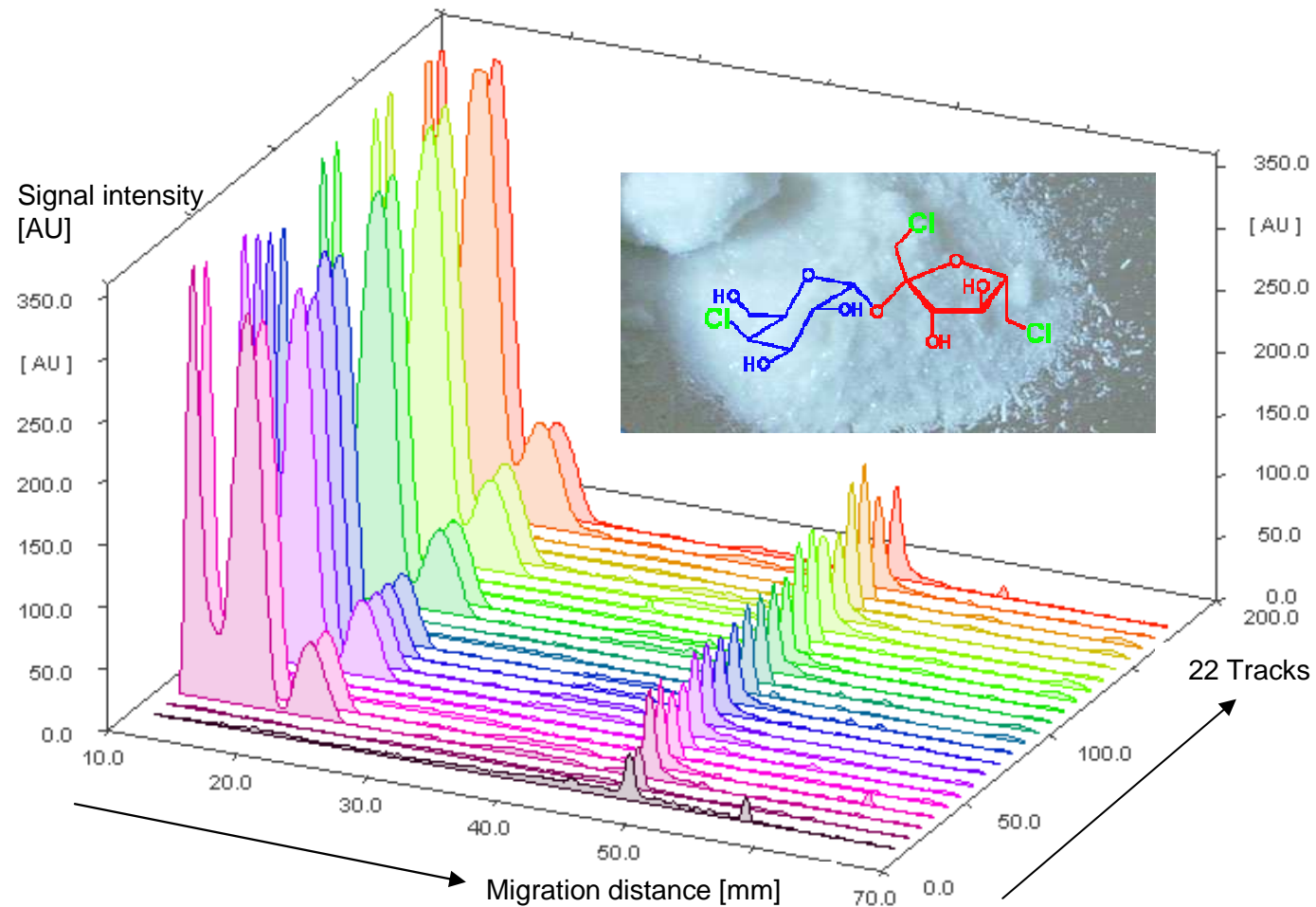
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- Dynamic application volumes: 0.1  $\mu\text{L}$  – 1 mL
- Concentration factor of up to 10.000





## 4. Capable of high throughput → parallel...

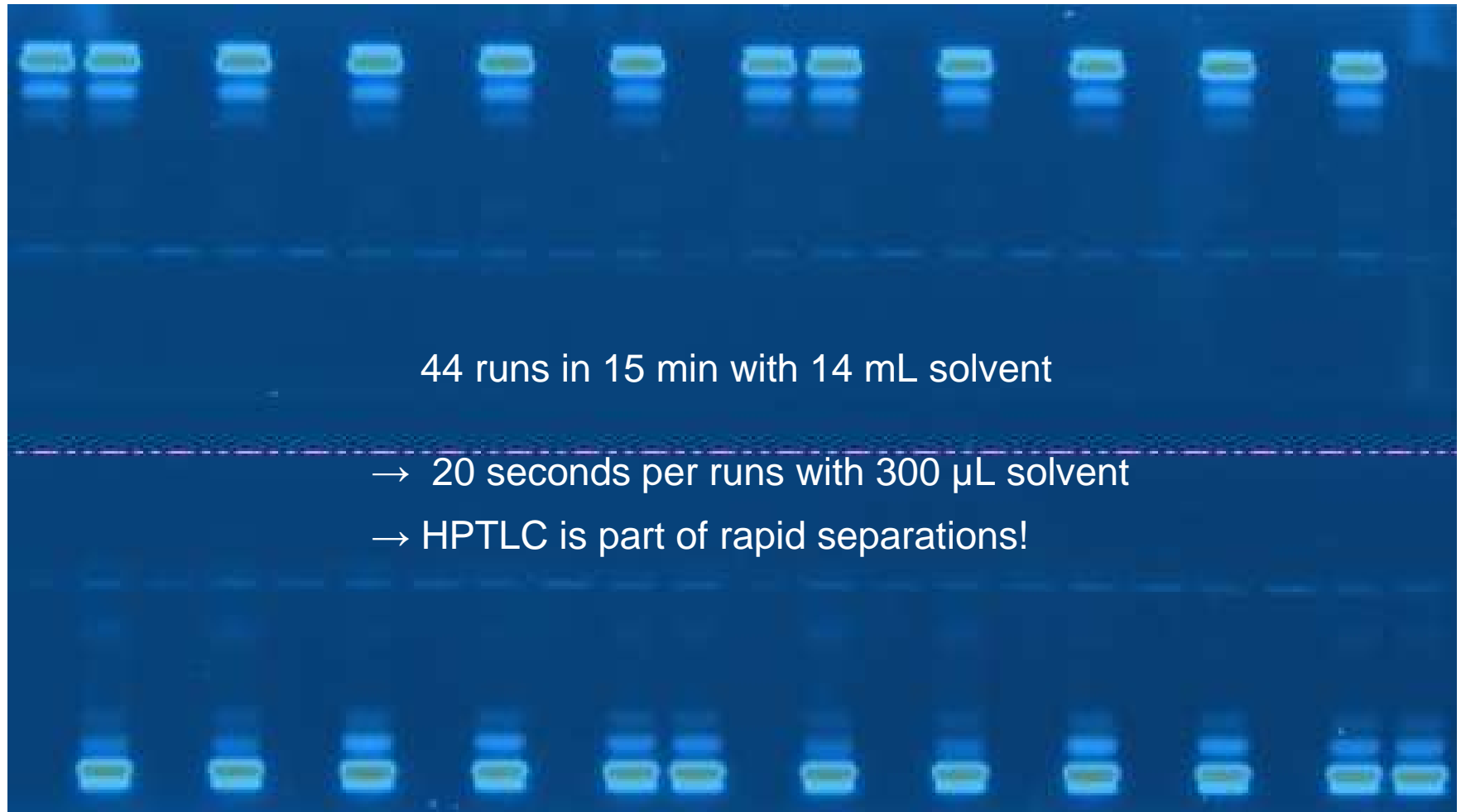






## 5. ... under identical environmental conditions

### A) Sucralose quantification in milk-based confection





## Monitoring of products of hydrolysis

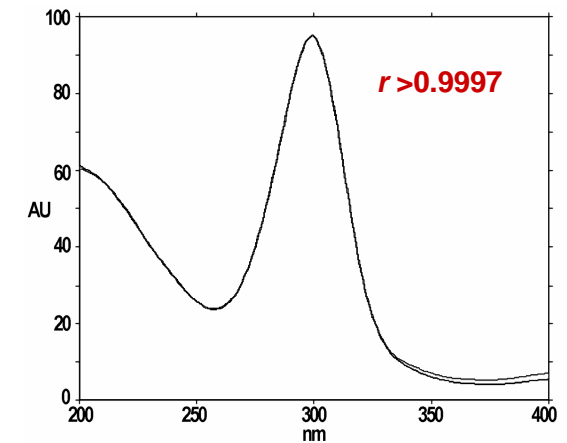
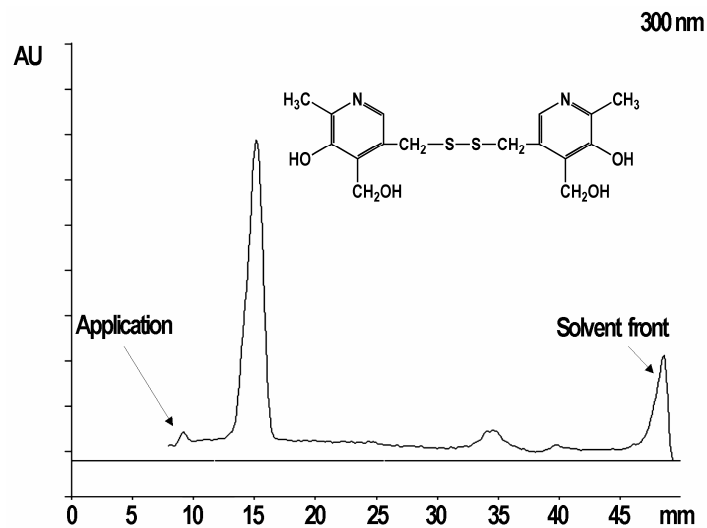
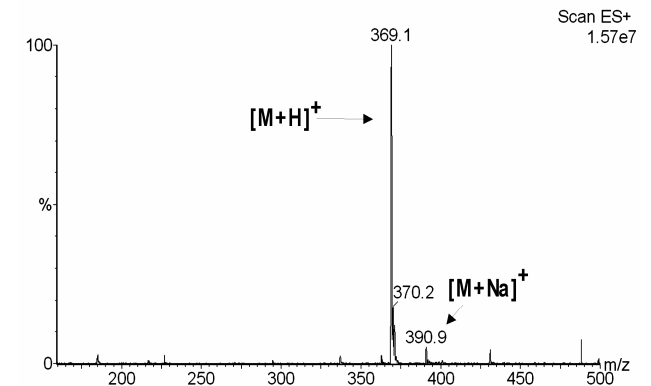
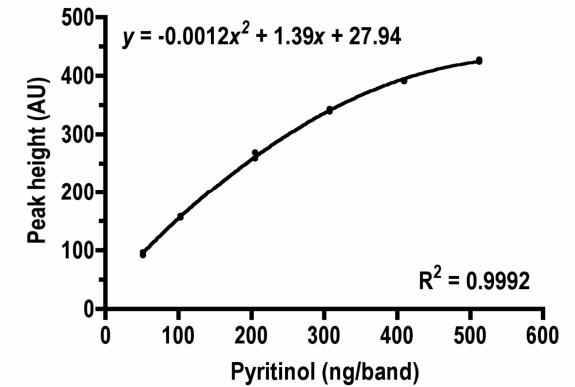
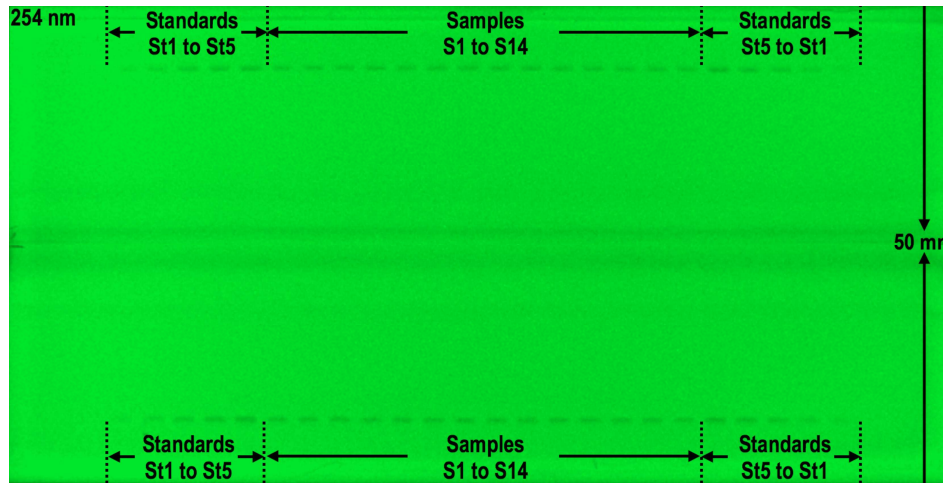


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## 5. ... under identical environmental conditions

### B) Pyridinol quantification in solid formulations

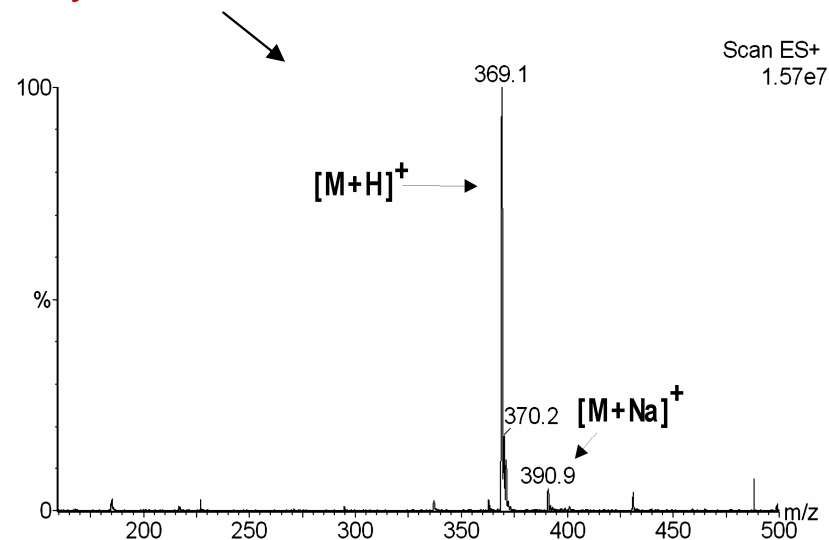
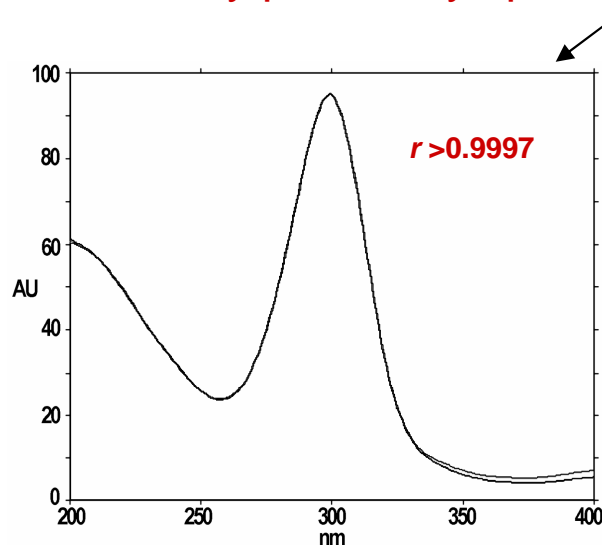




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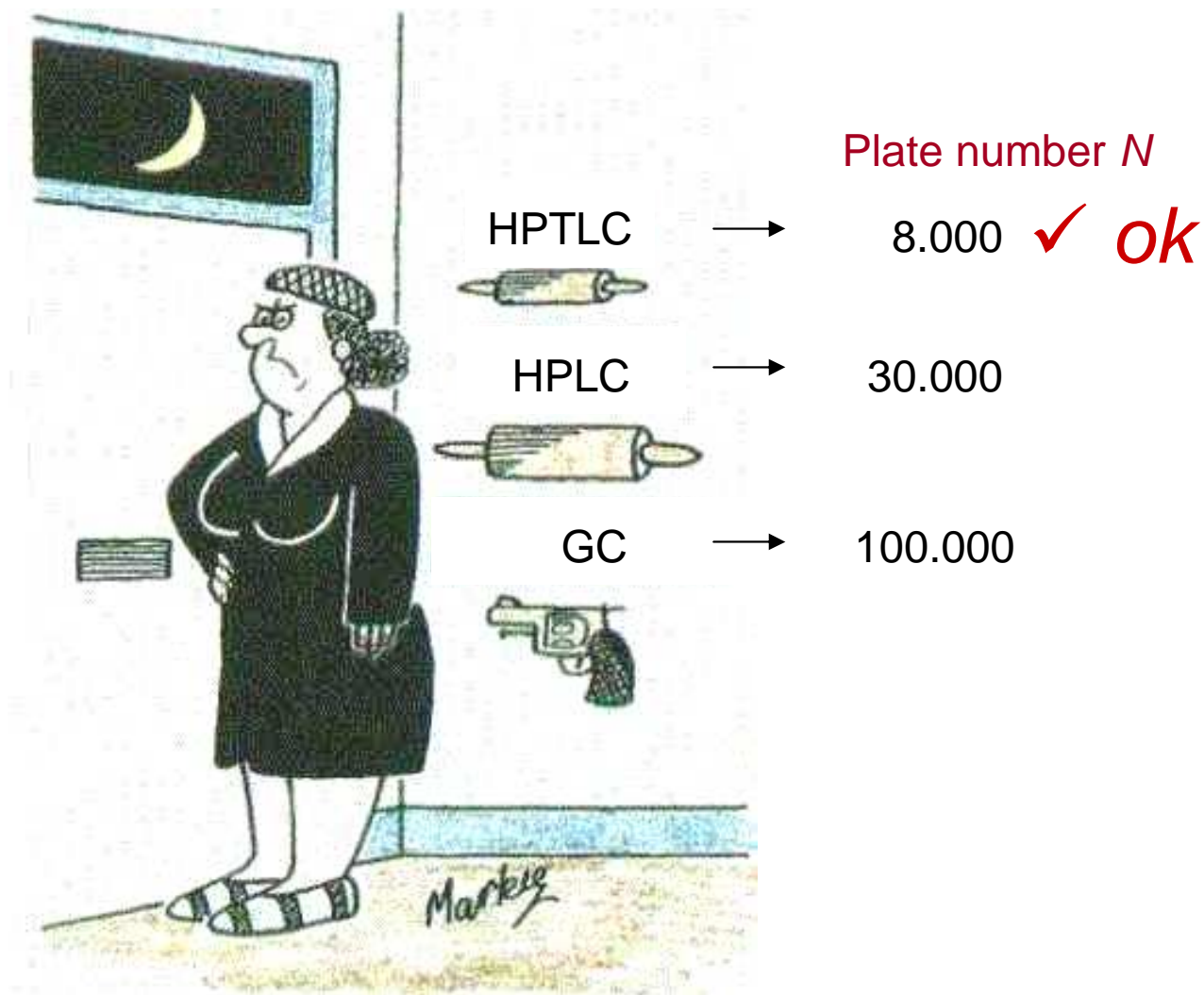
### B) Pyridinol quantification in solid formulations

- Repeatability (n=6) in matrix of RSD = 0.4 %
- Intermediate precision (n=3) in matrix of RSD = 2.95 %
- Recoveries of spiked samples (three levels) of 98.5 to 101.9%  $\pm$  3.6 to 4.7%
- LOD/LOQ of 0.6 and 2.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  (6 and 20 ng/band)
- Up to 17 times less mobile phase consumption
- At least 2 times faster (10 x 10 cm plate, one side)
- Selectivity proved by spectra purity and MS





In this case the plate number is highly sufficient!





## We must ask: Why HPLC?

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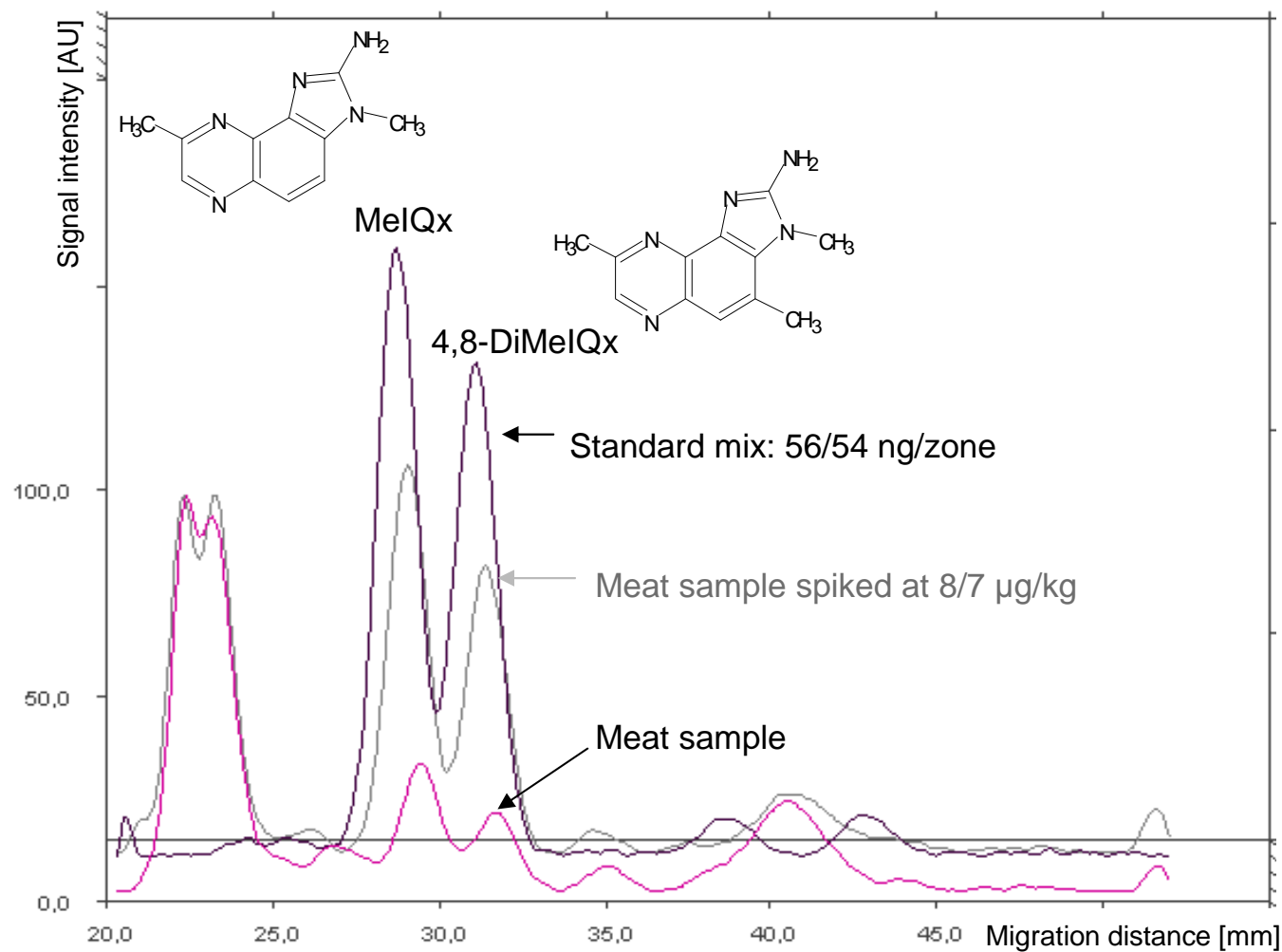
"Personally, I no longer trust  
the mainstream media."





## 5. High throughput → cost efficiency

Determination of heterocyclic aromatic amines (HAA) in meat







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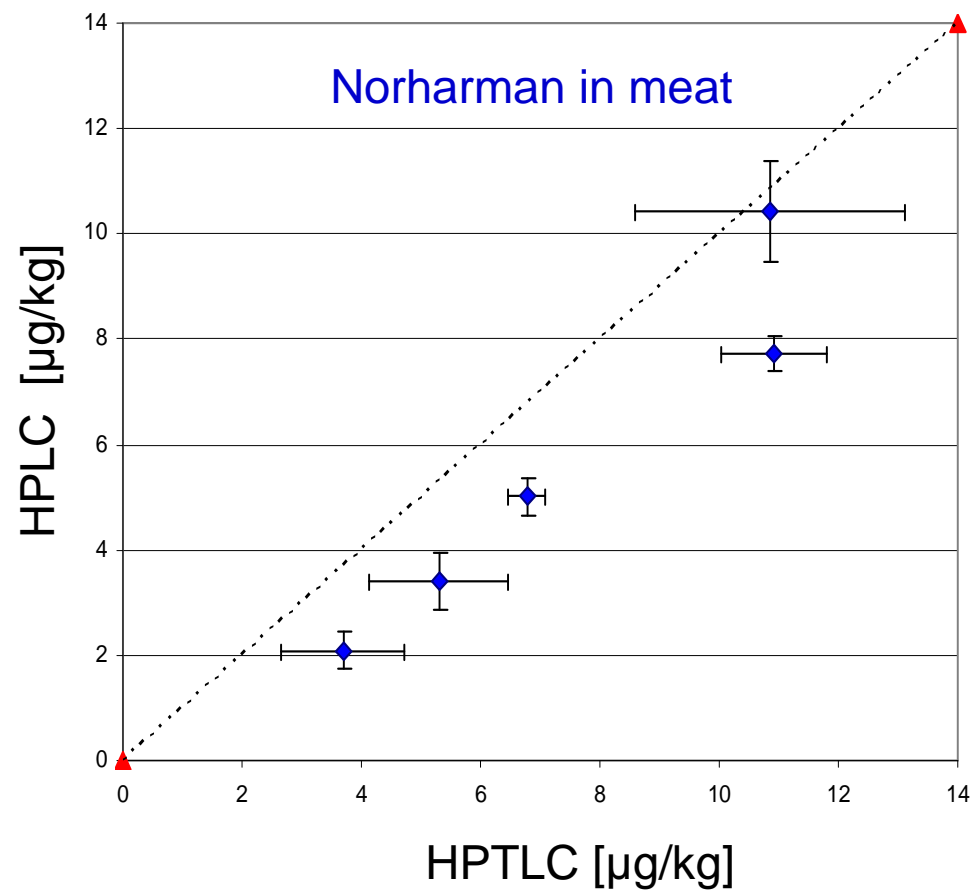
Determination of 5 HAA in meat

Costs	HPLC	HPTLC
Mobil phase (incl. plate precond.)	4,93	0,33
Stationary phase (incl. pre-column)	7,02	4,00
Euro	11,94	4,33
		→ Factor 3 cheaper
Throughput	HPLC	HPTLC
Application/Injection	1,0	3,0
Chromatography/gradient time	15,6	1,1
Fluorescence intens. & MWL scan	-	0,2
Time [h]	16,6	4,3
		→ Factor 4 faster
Labor	HPLC	HPTLC
All steps <b>automated</b>	online	offline
Stand-by time	→ none	→ 5 min

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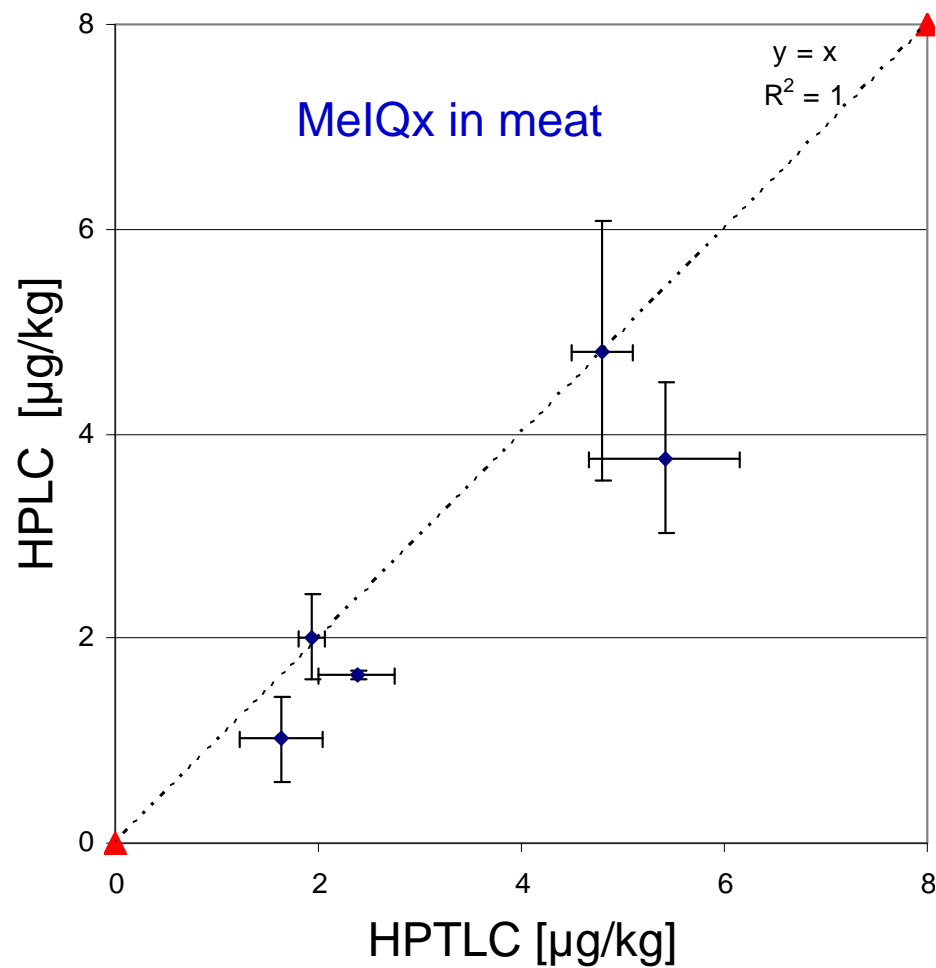
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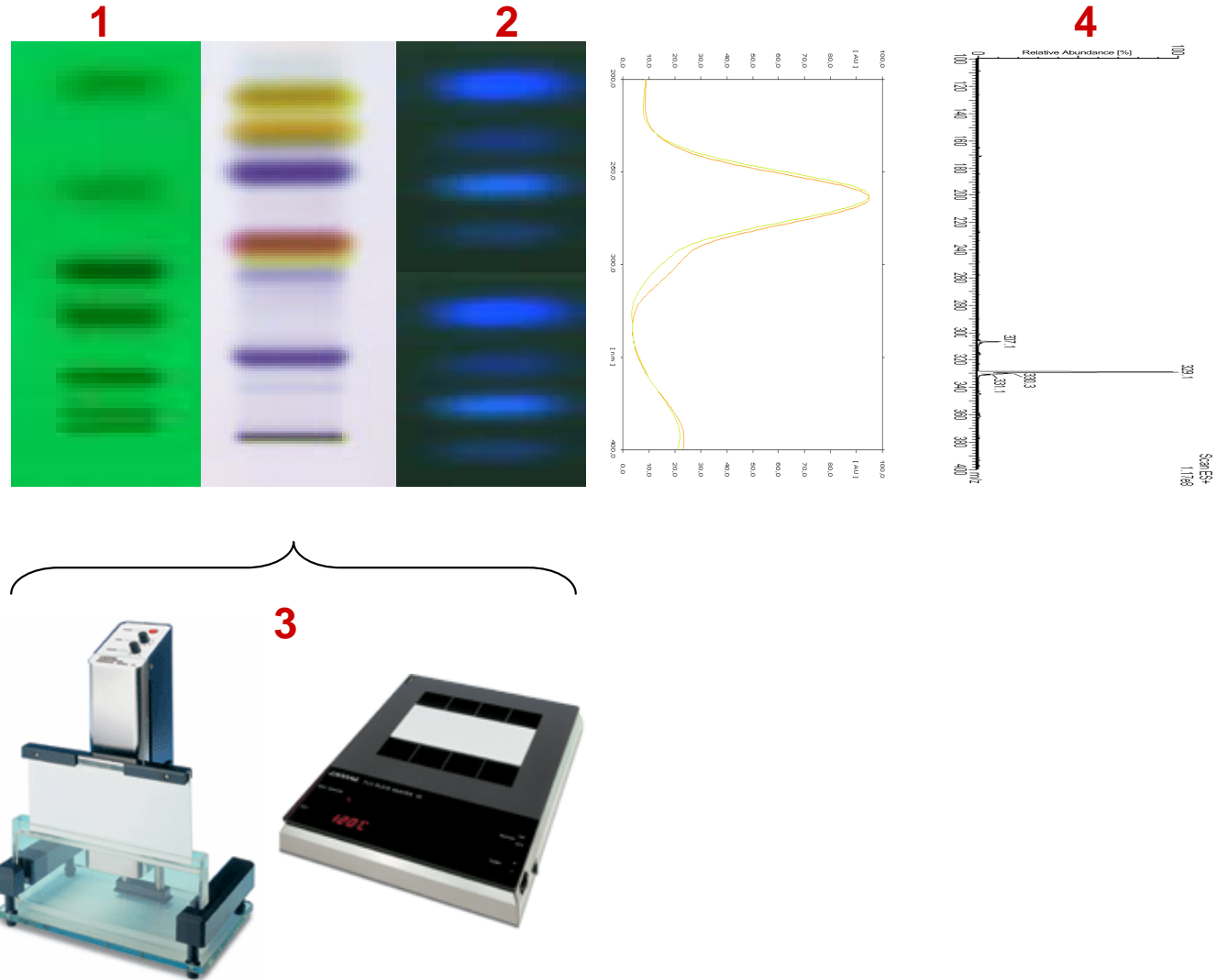
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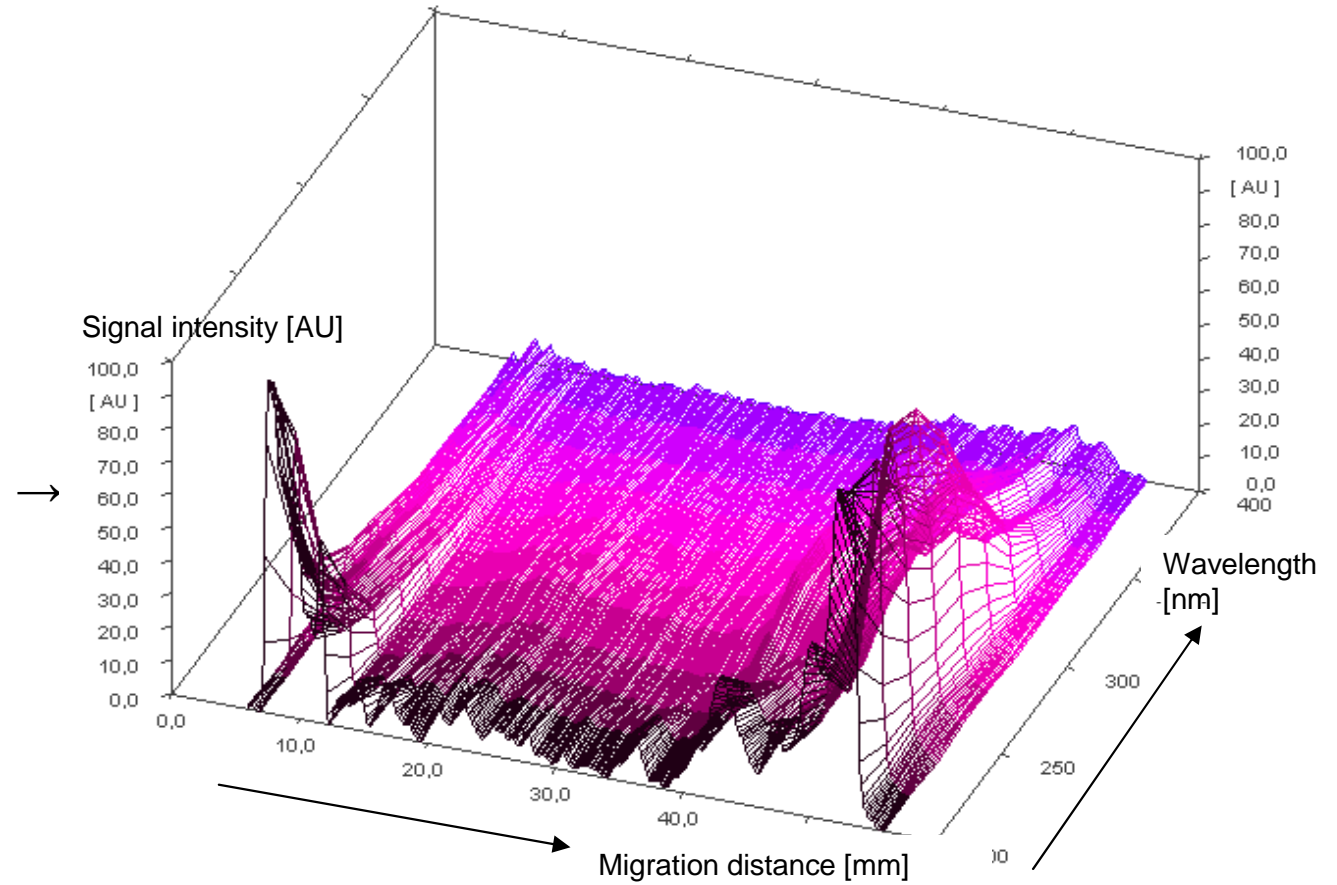
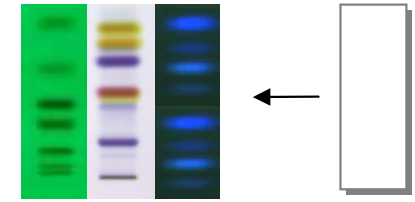


## 6. Enables selective derivatizations on **one** plate





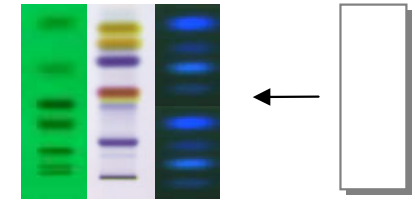
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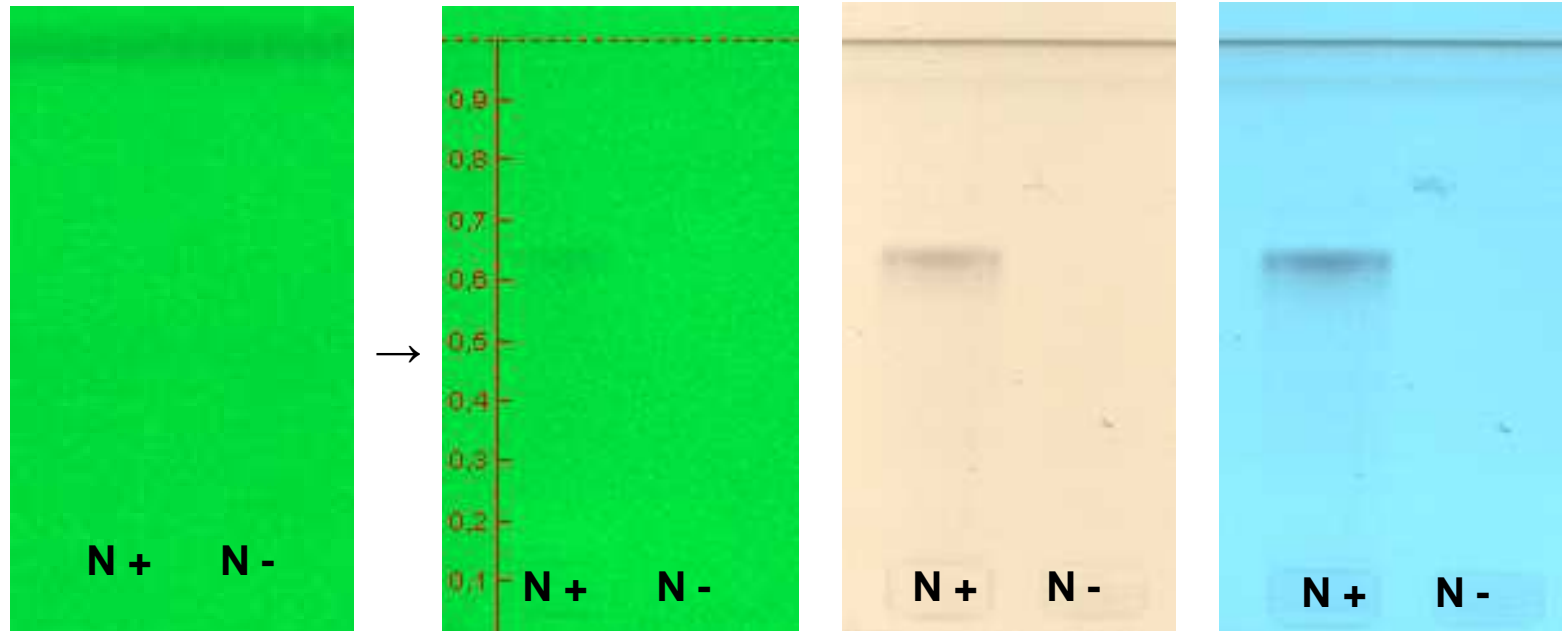
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## A) Easiness of derivatizations



→ variety of reagents

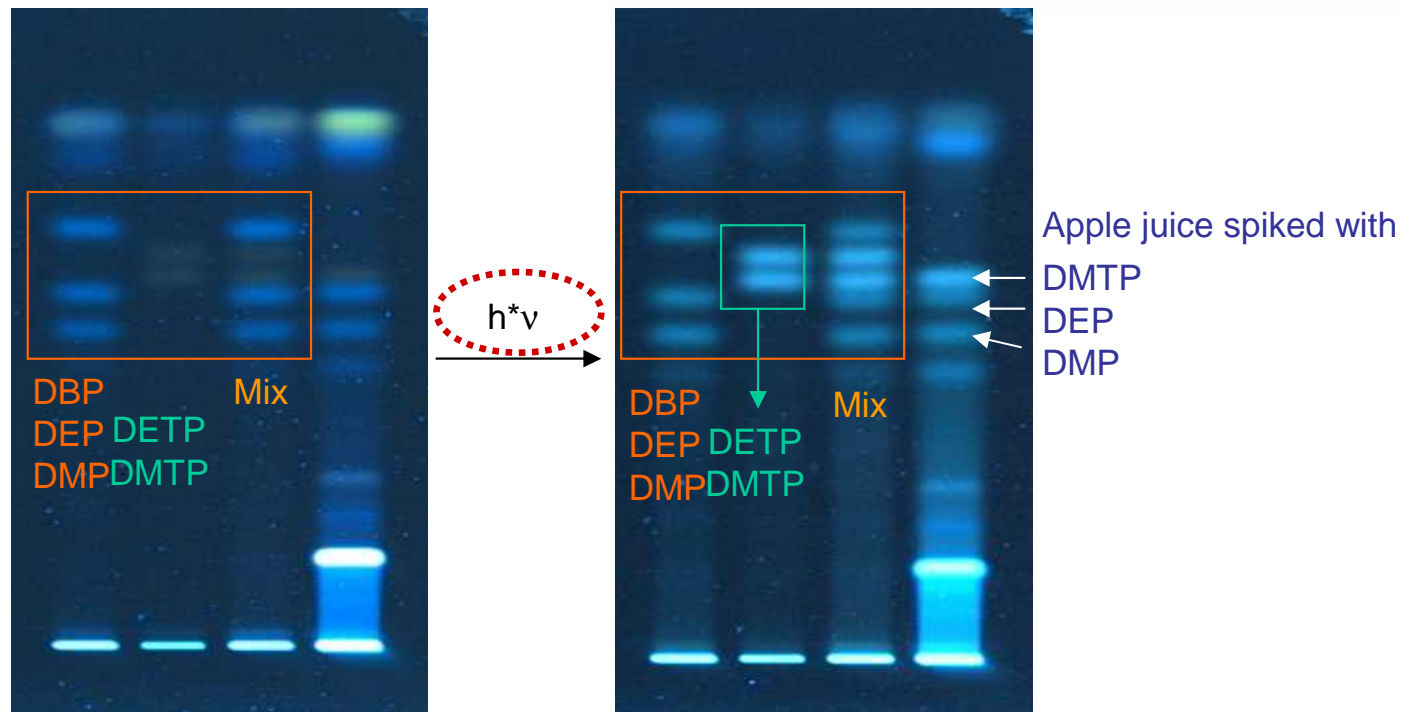
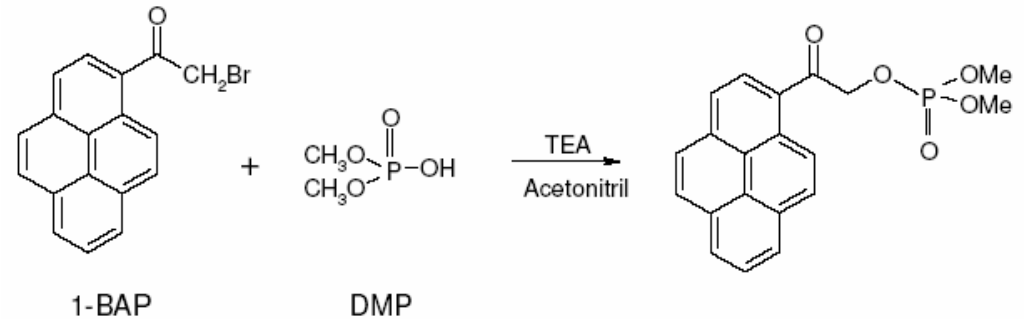
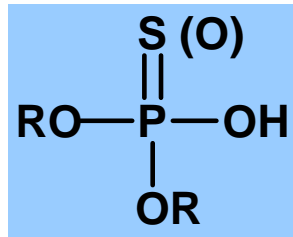


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## B) Flexibility of derivatizations

→ Dialkyl phosphates as breakdown products during fruit juice processing

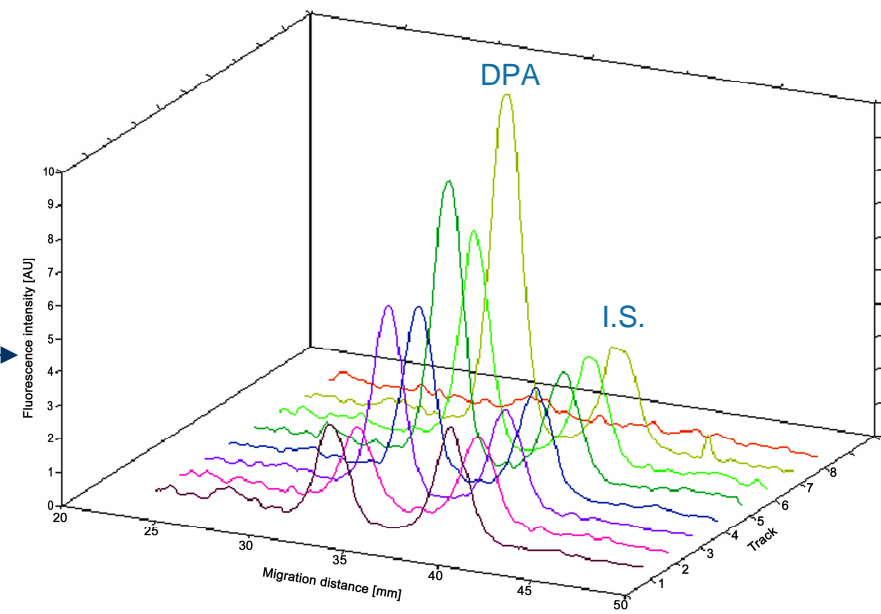
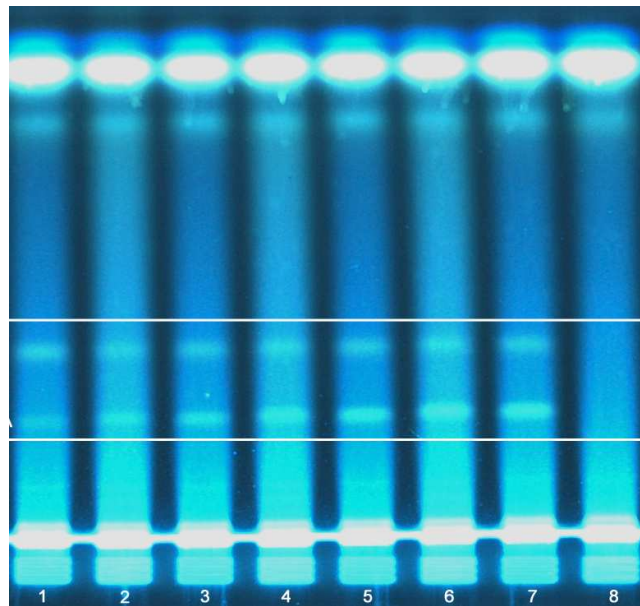
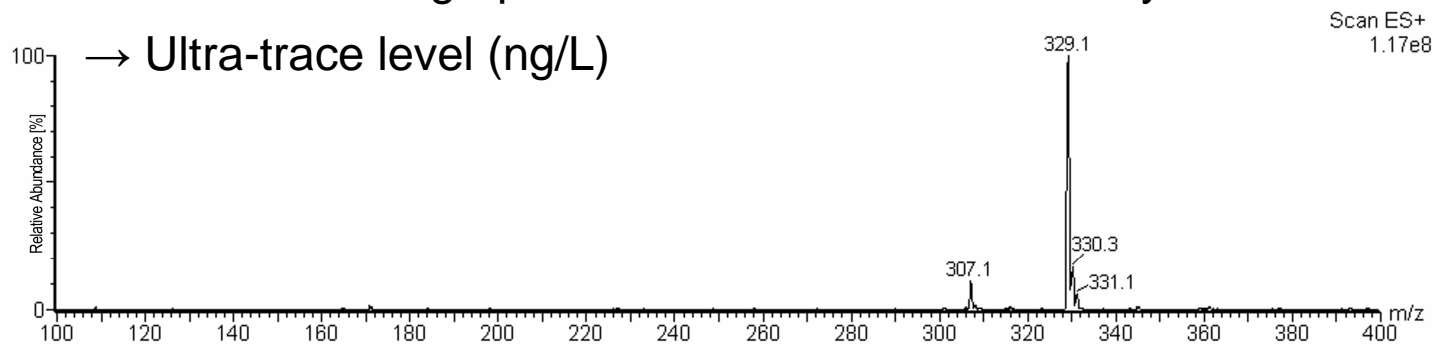




## C) Simultaneous derivatization of all tracks

→ Pre-chromatographic derivatization in situ of acrylamid

→ Ultra-trace level (ng/L)

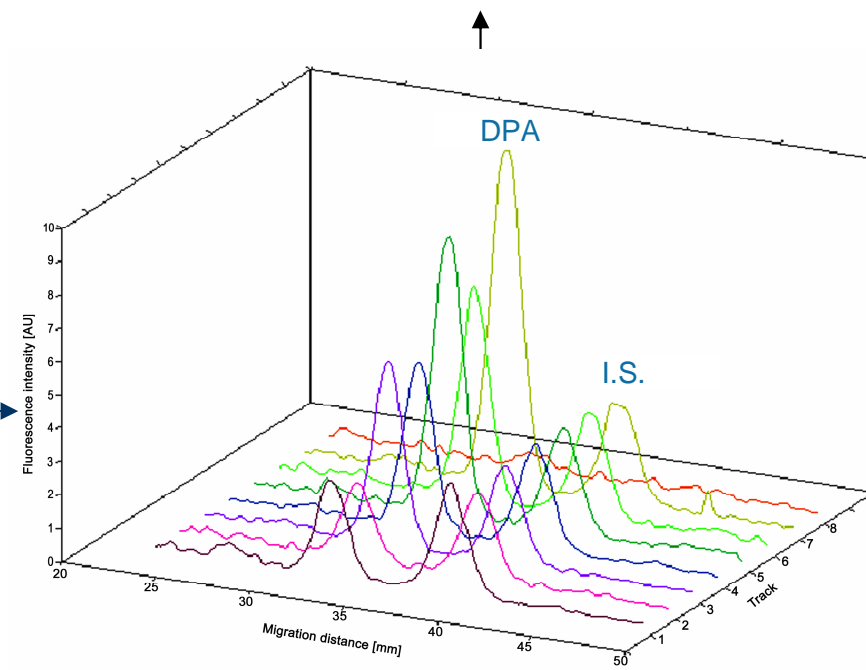
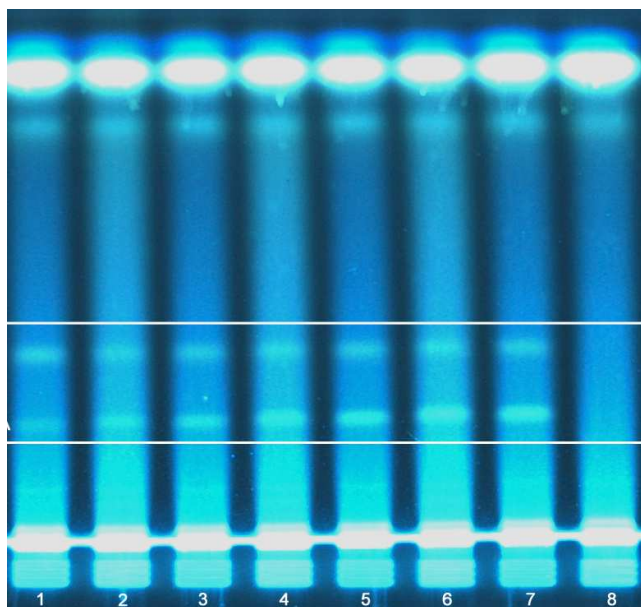






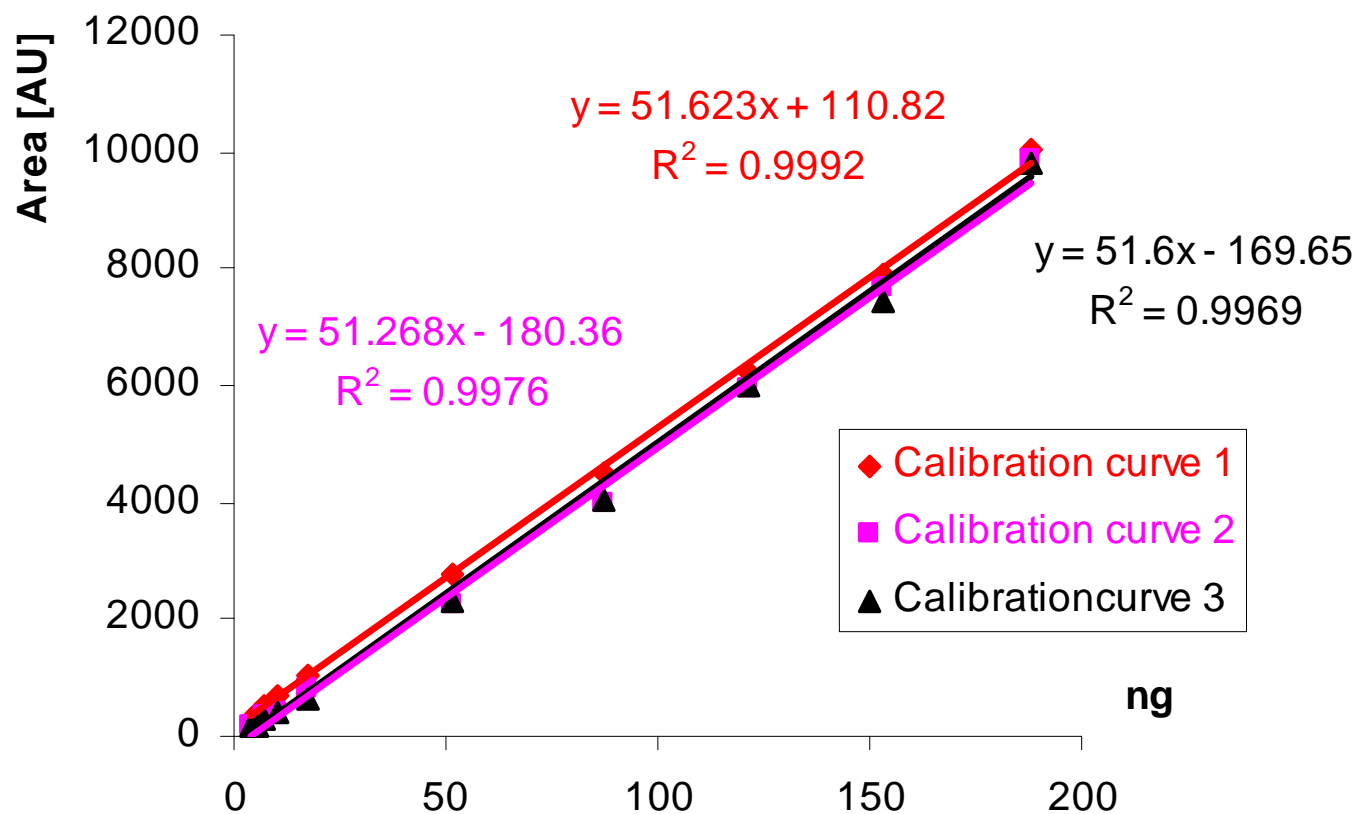
## C) Simultaneous derivatization of all tracks

	Ground water spiked with acylamide [ $\mu\text{g/L}$ ]	HPLC-MS/MS Acylamide [ $\mu\text{g/L}$ ]	HPTLC/FLD Acylamide [ $\mu\text{g/L}$ ]
Sample 1	-	< LOQ	< LOQ
Sample 2	0.05	0.07	0.09
Sample 3	0.15	0.18	0.24
Sample 4	0.50	0.59	0.60





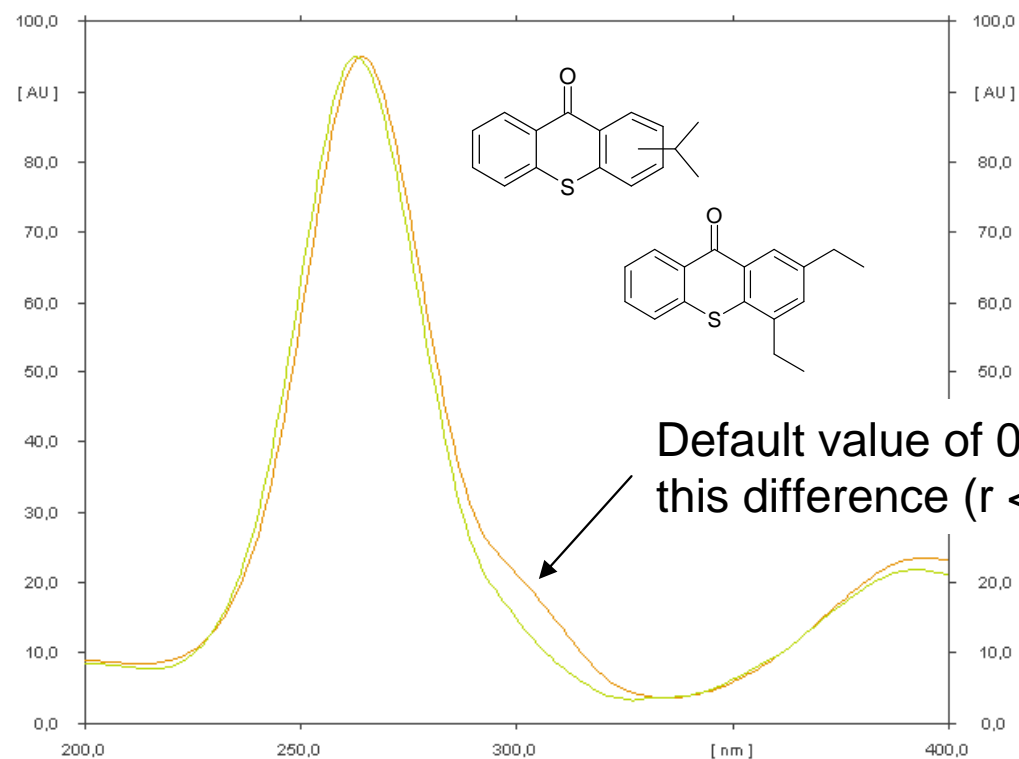
## D) Reproducible derivatizations





## 7. Enables multiple detections

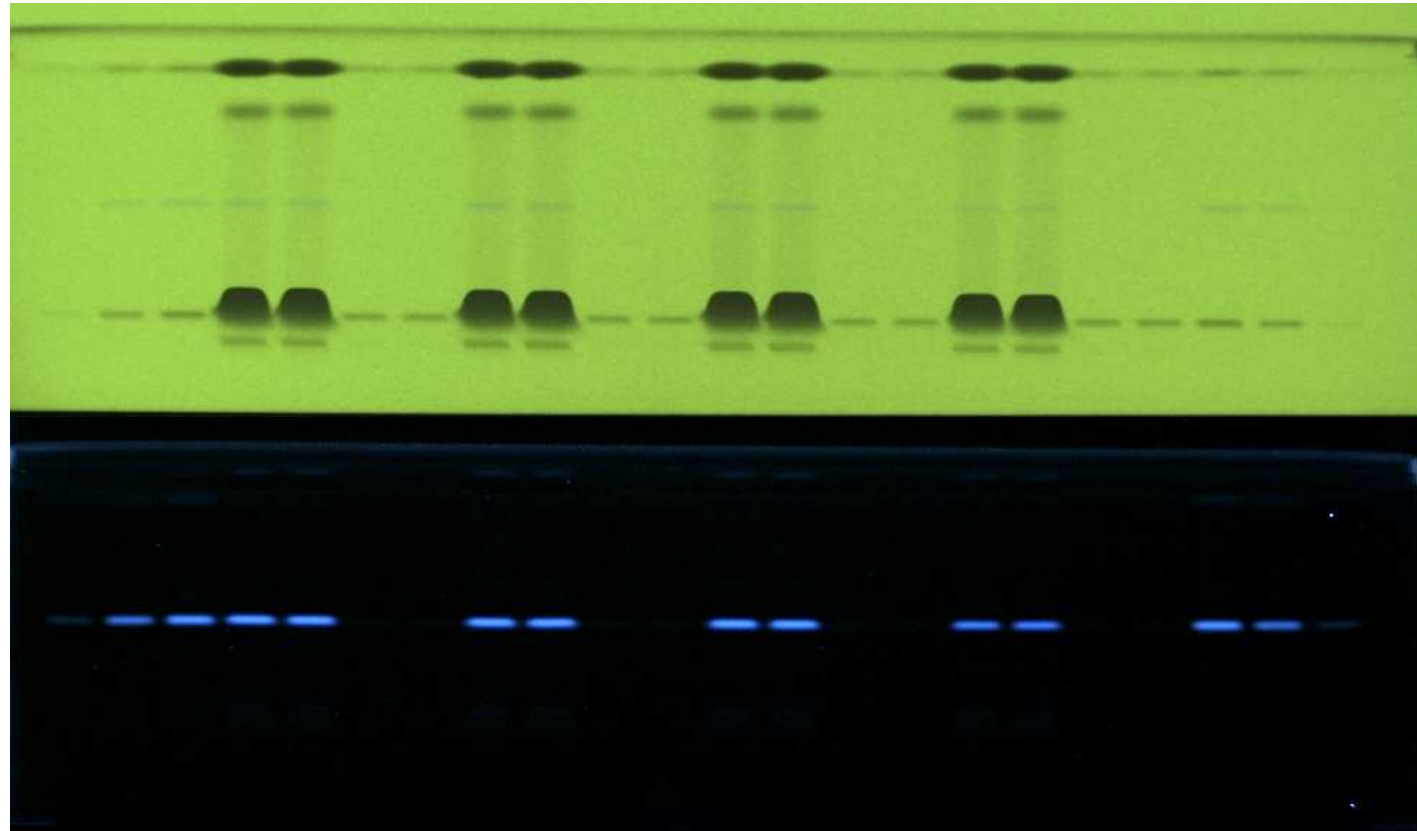
- UV/Vis library search, spectra identity and purity
- Spectra identity for 3 milk-based samples:
  - $r \geq 0.99974$  for ITX at 5 ng/zone
  - $r \geq 0.99984$  for DTX at 14 ng/zone





## A) MWL scan for UV/FLD

→ Simultaneous determination of caffeine, ergotamine and metamizol



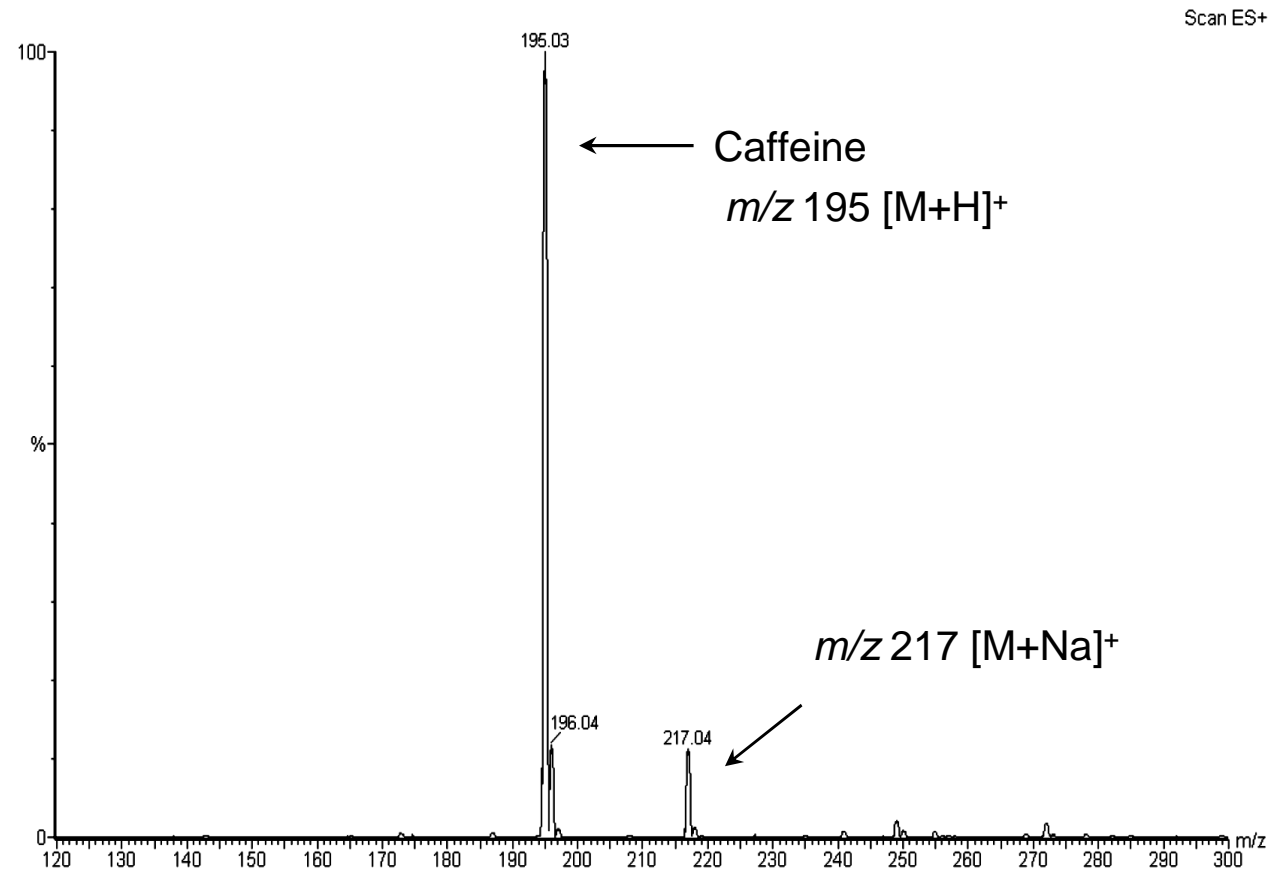
Calibration with  $r^2 > 0.999$

Recoveries in pharmaceutical products: 102.8 %  $\pm$  2.8 % for ergotamine  
106.6 %  $\pm$  3.2 % for caffeine  
104.7 %  $\pm$  2.2 % for metamizol



## A) Confirmation by MS

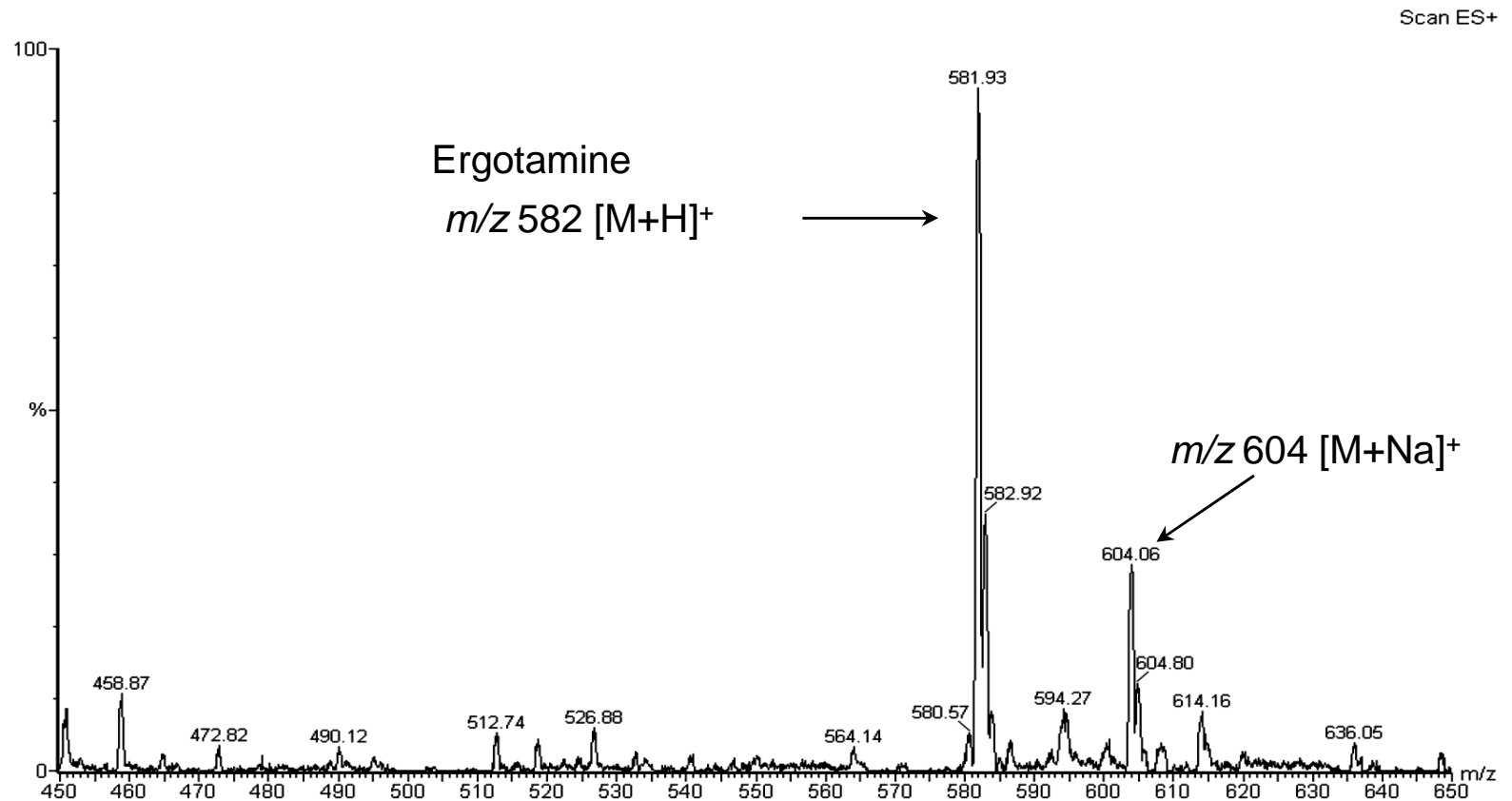
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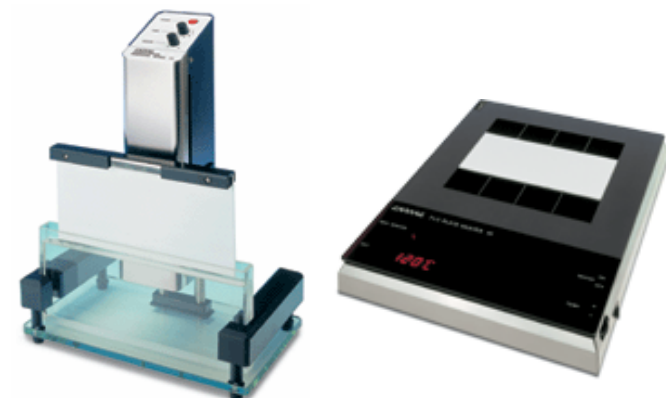
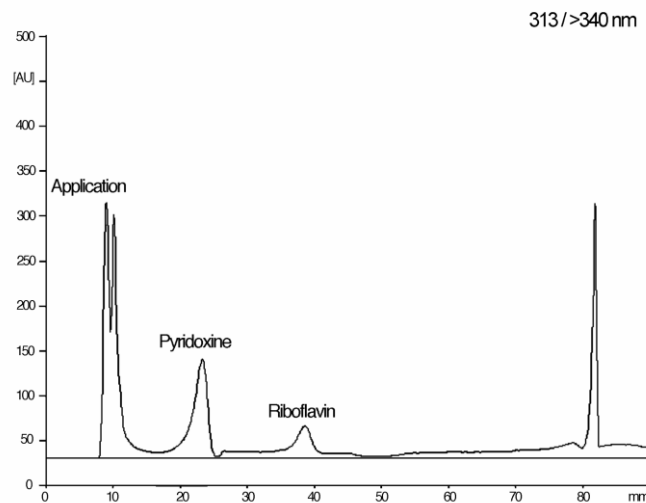
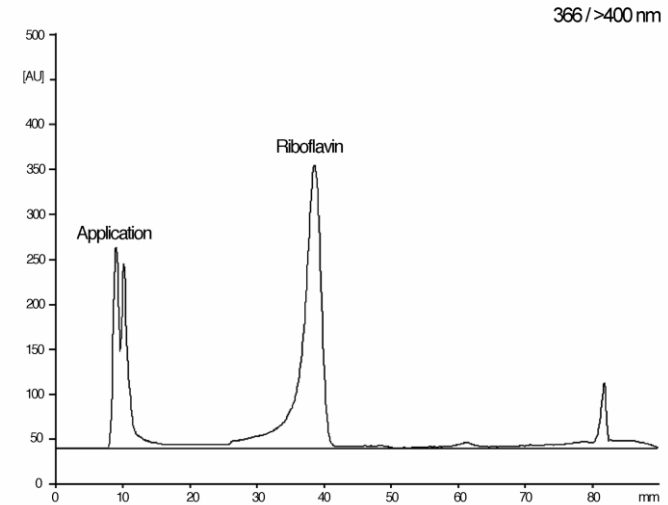
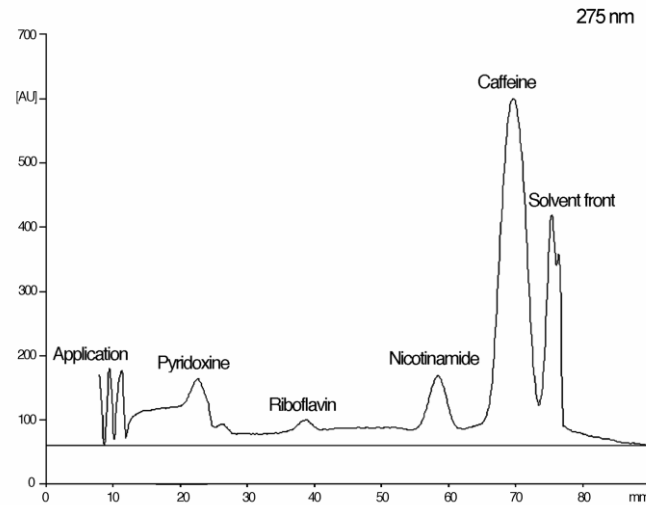
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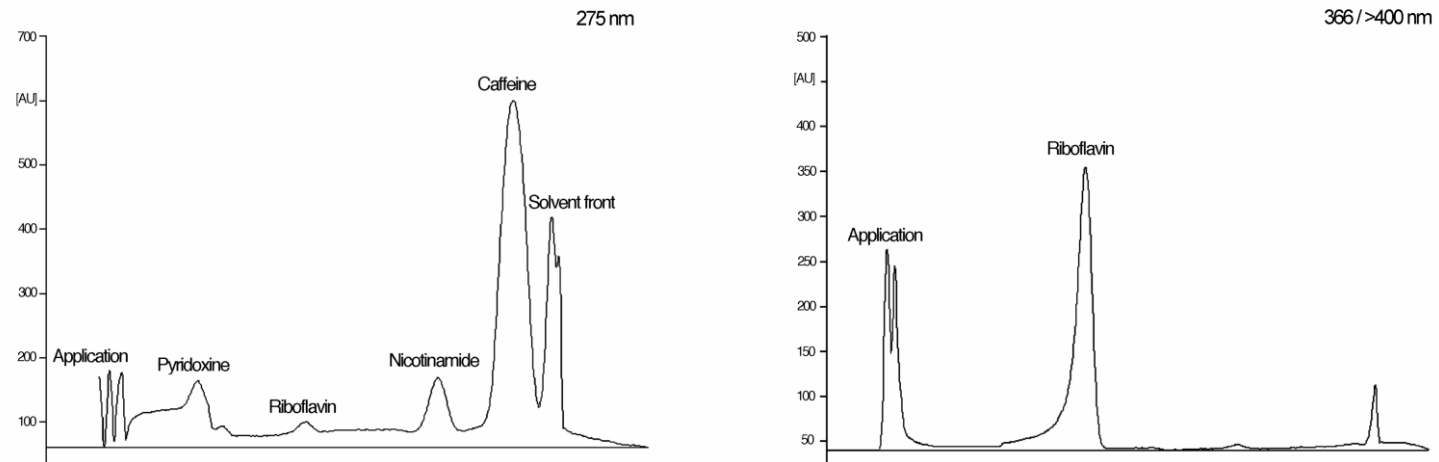
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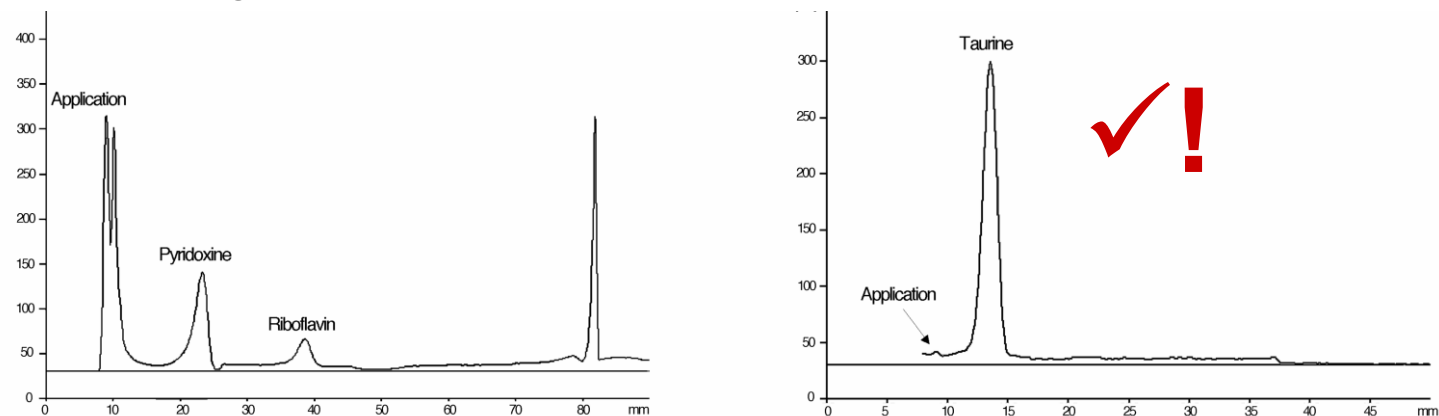


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- Simultaneous determination of riboflavin, pyridoxine, nicotinamide, caffeine and taurine in energy drinks



- ✓ Calibration with  $r^2 > 0.999$
- ✓ Recoveries in energy drinks (3 levels) between 81 and 106 % with RSD range from 0.5 to 7.4%

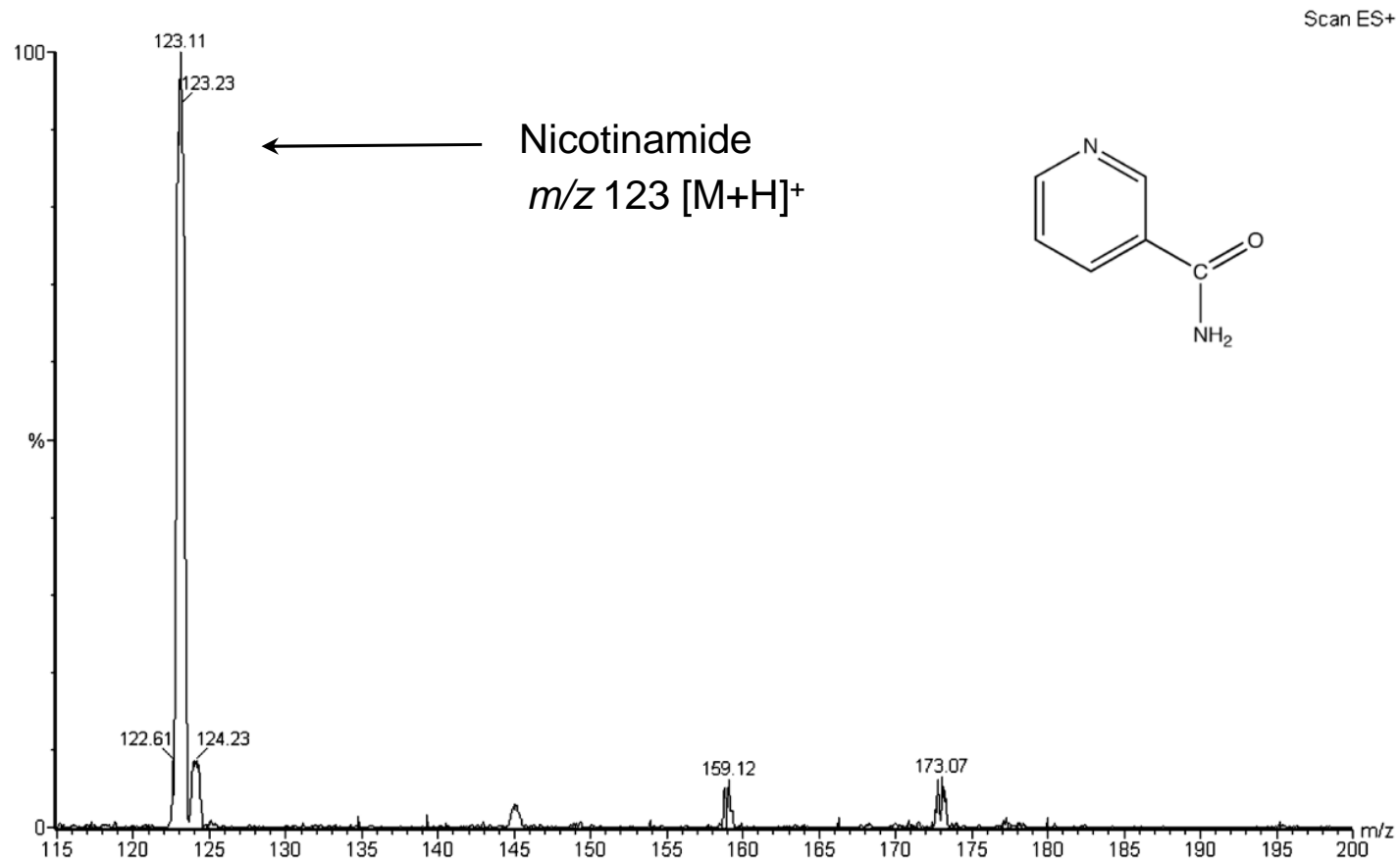






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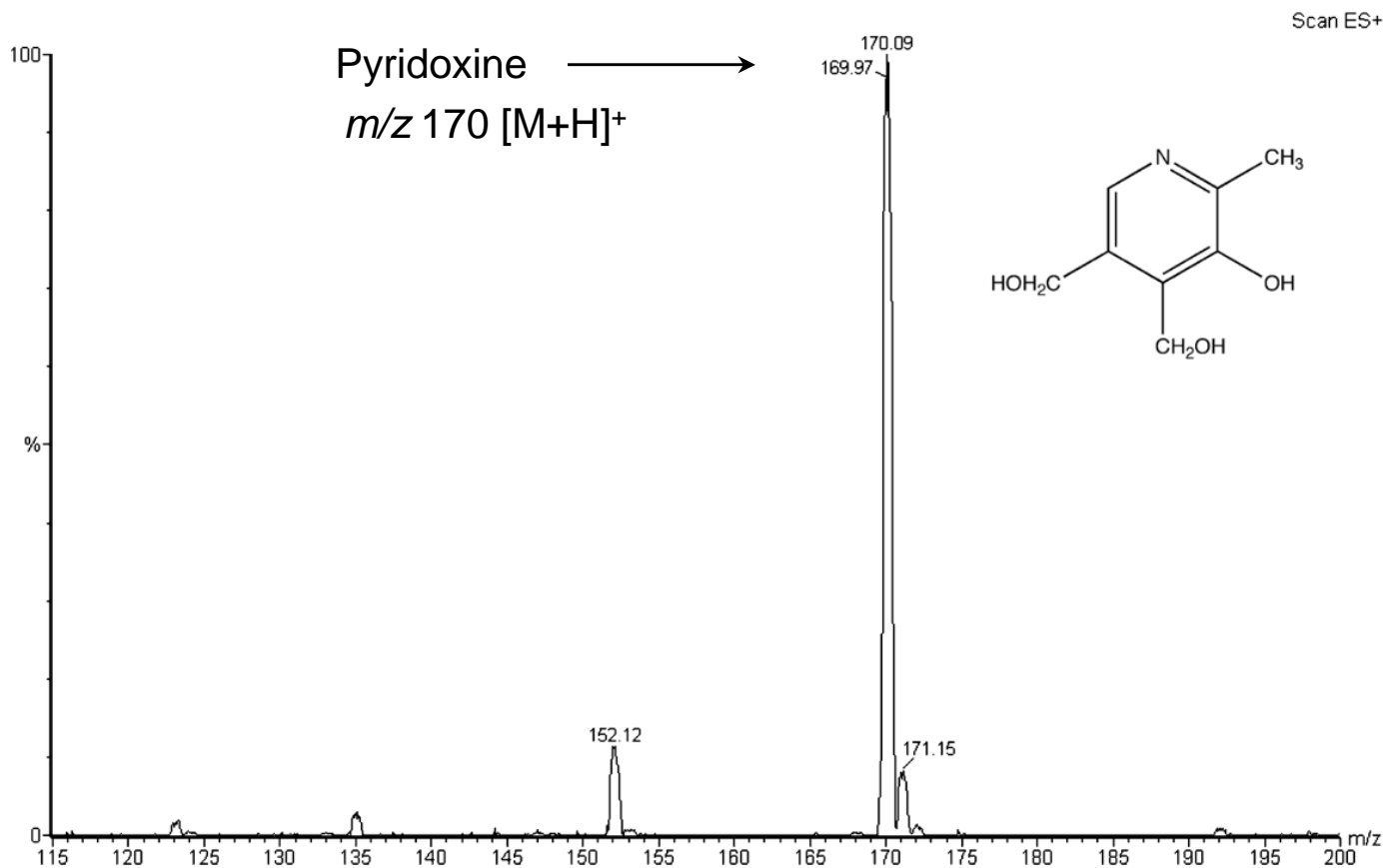
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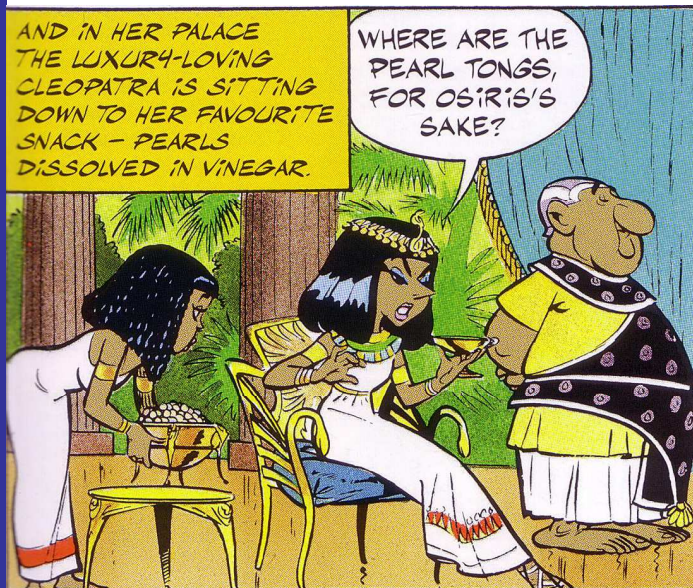
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# Biomonitoring of toxic compounds

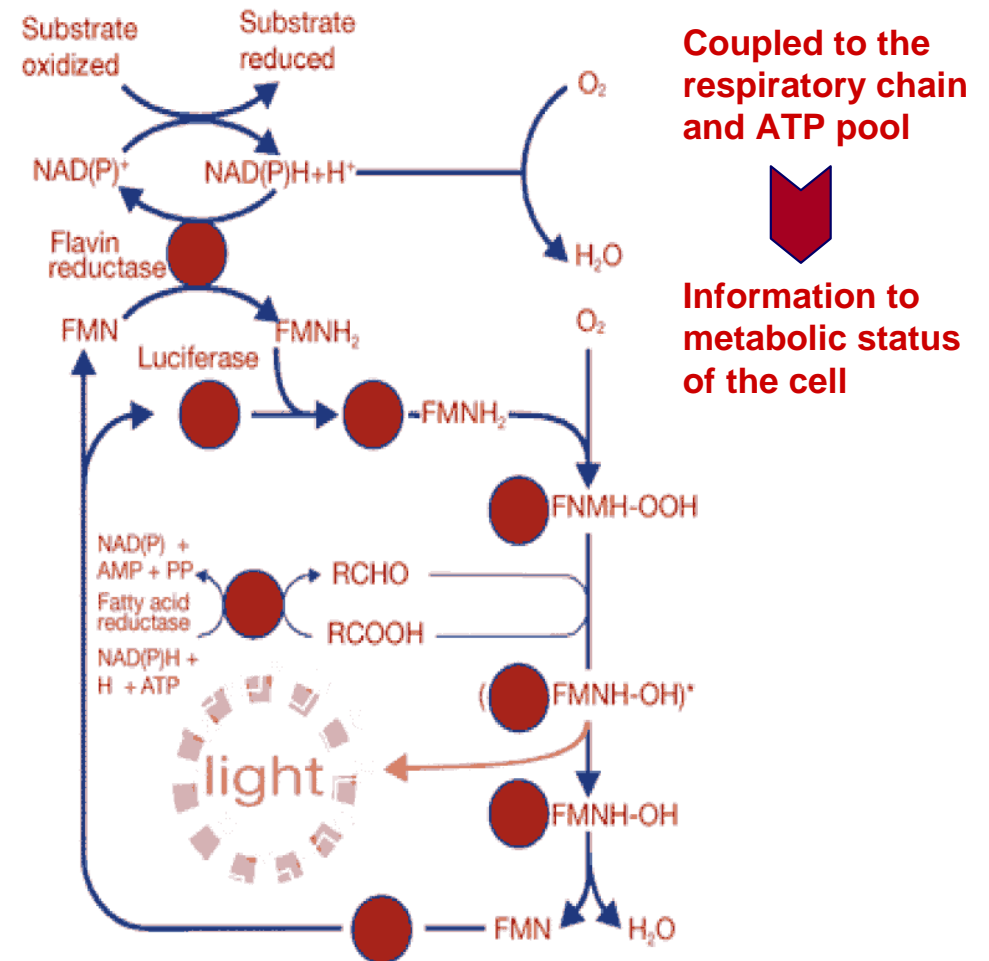




## 8. Allows toxicity-directed detection

Luminescent bacteria test in cuvette → ISO 11348-3 (1999)

→ detection of toxic compounds as a sum parameter

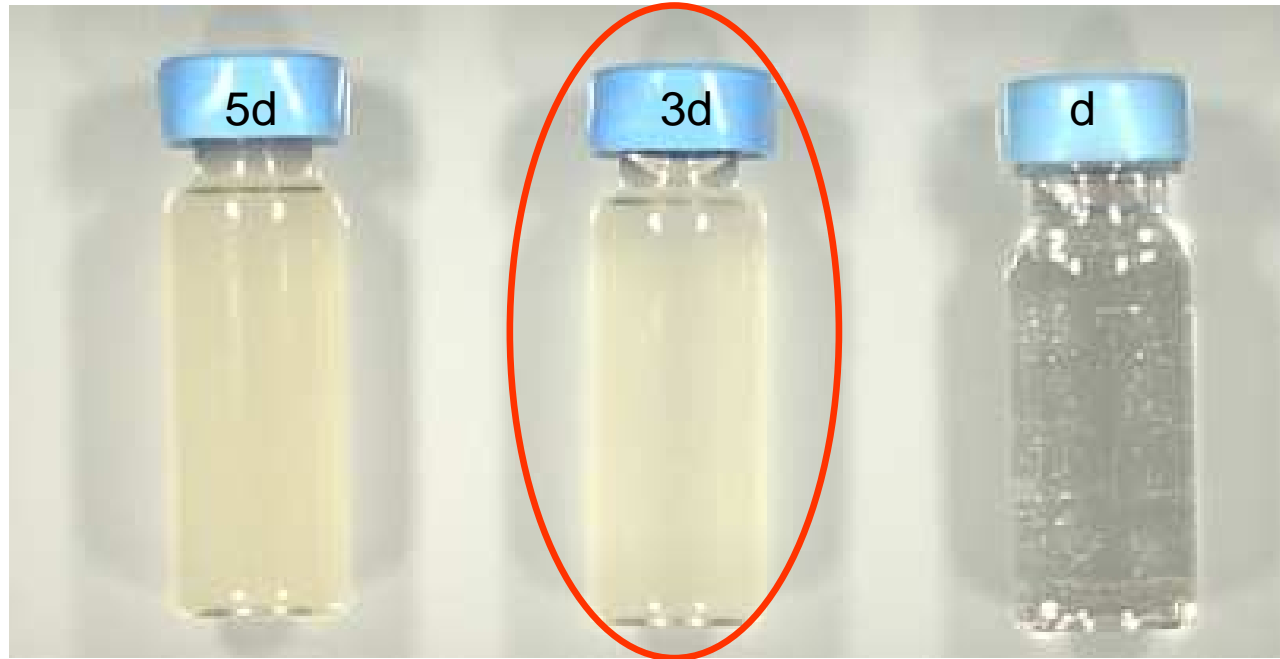




# Luminescent bacterium *Vibrio Fischeri*

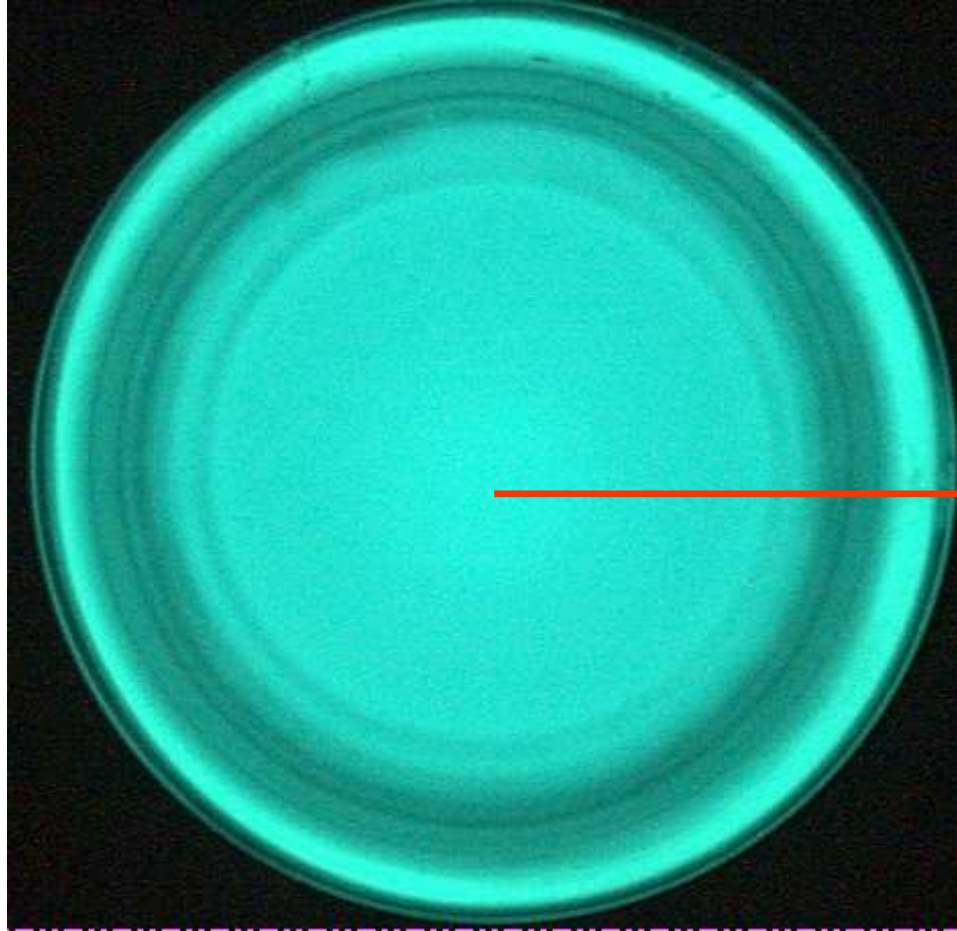
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## Detection of luminescent bacteria





## Protocol

Luminescent bacteria → **NEW**: combined with HPTLC

Coupling chromatography with a toxicity-directed detection system  
→ effect-directed analysis ↔ different approach to target-analysis  
→ detection of **single** toxic compounds



EP 0588 139 B1, ChromaDex, [www.bioluminex.com/applications](http://www.bioluminex.com/applications)

W. Kreiss (Bayer Industries) et al. CBS 88 (2002) 12-13

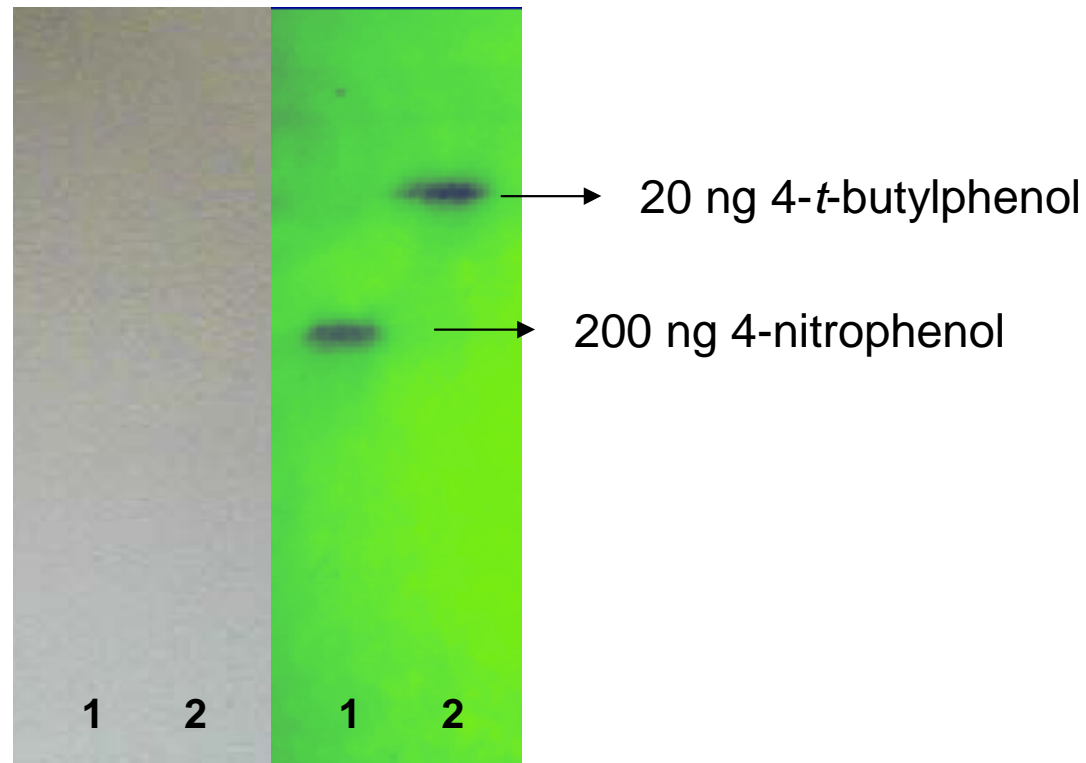
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## Instead of the sum → the single compound

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Example: Phenols (W. Kreiss, Bayer Industries)



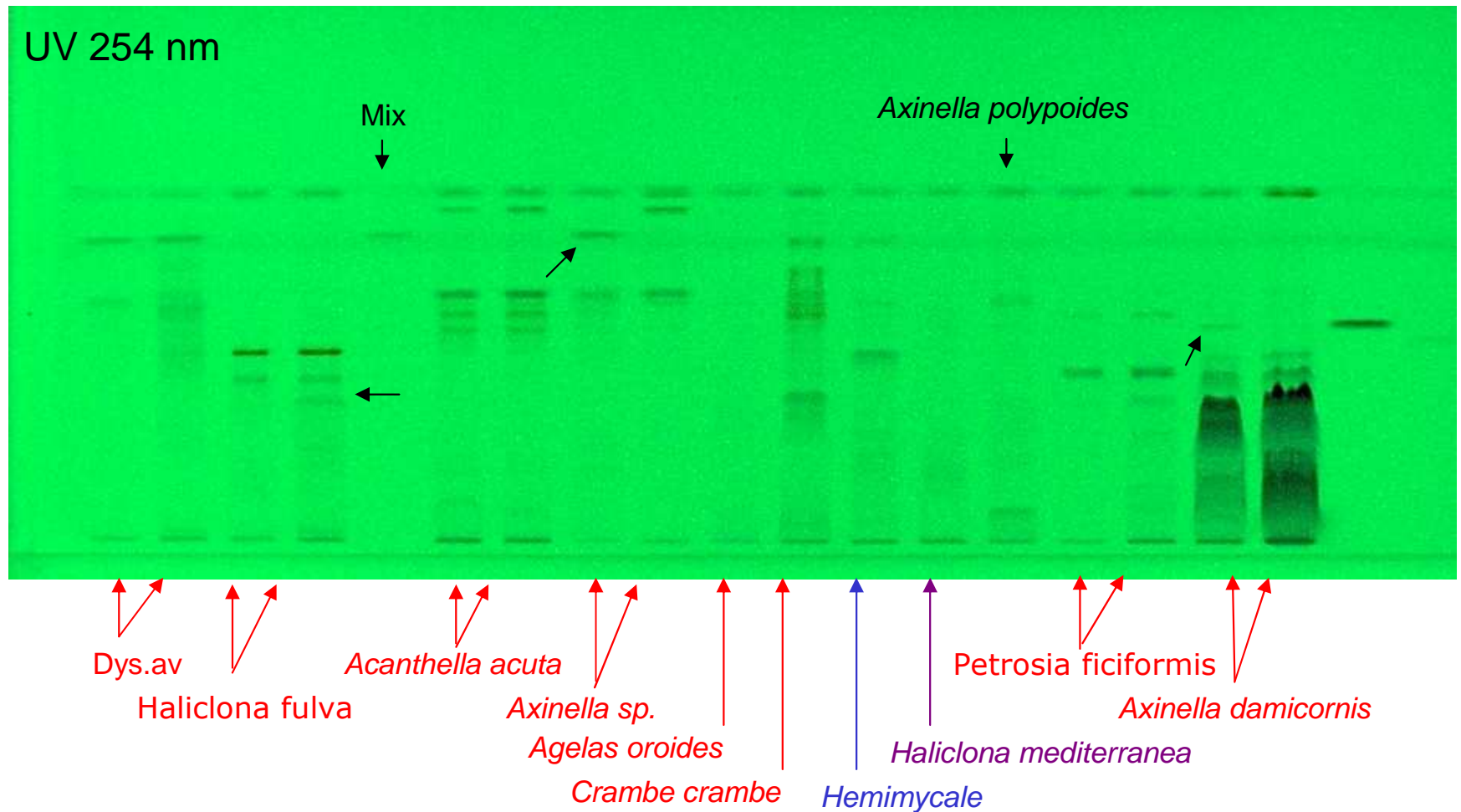




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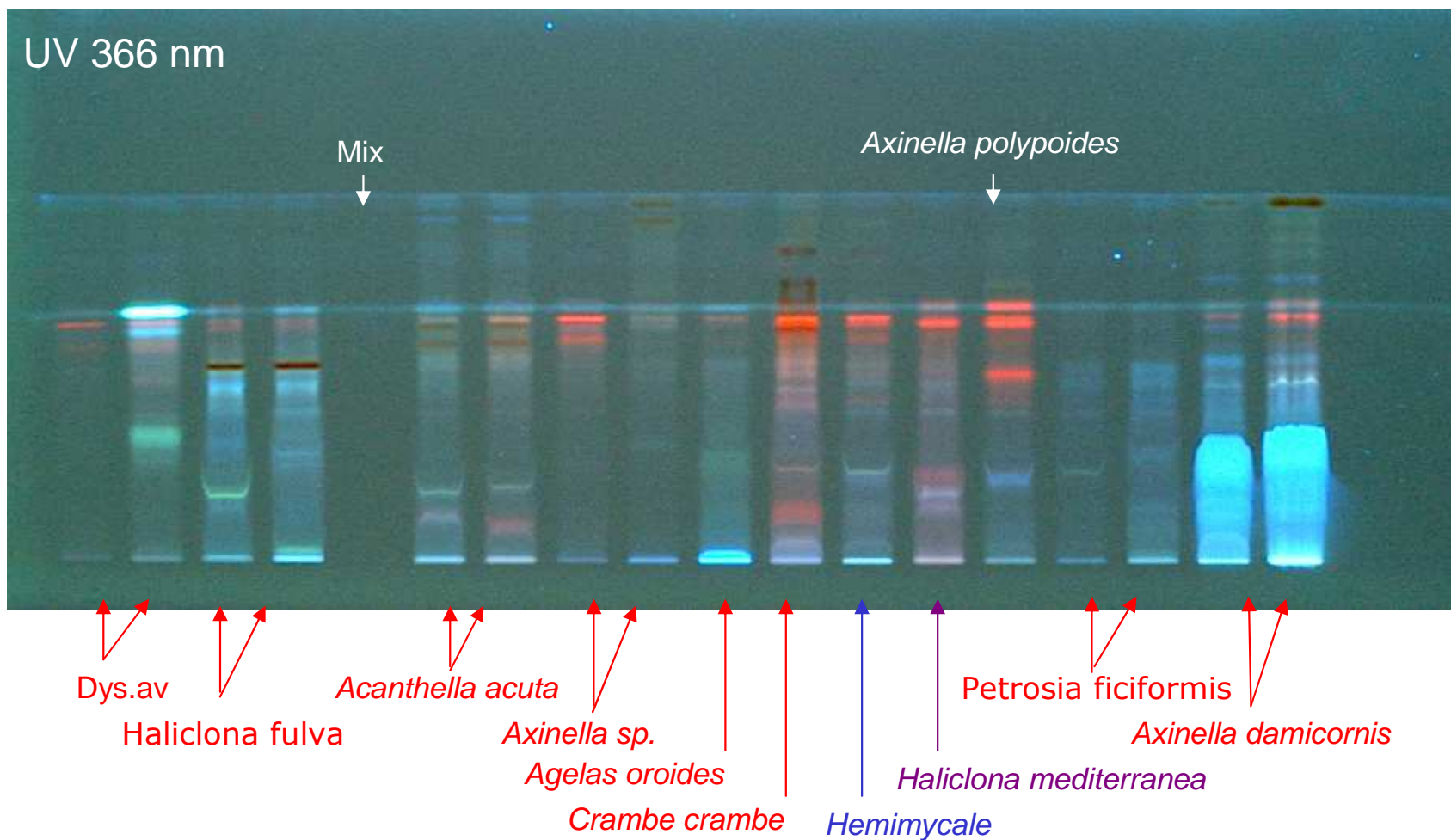




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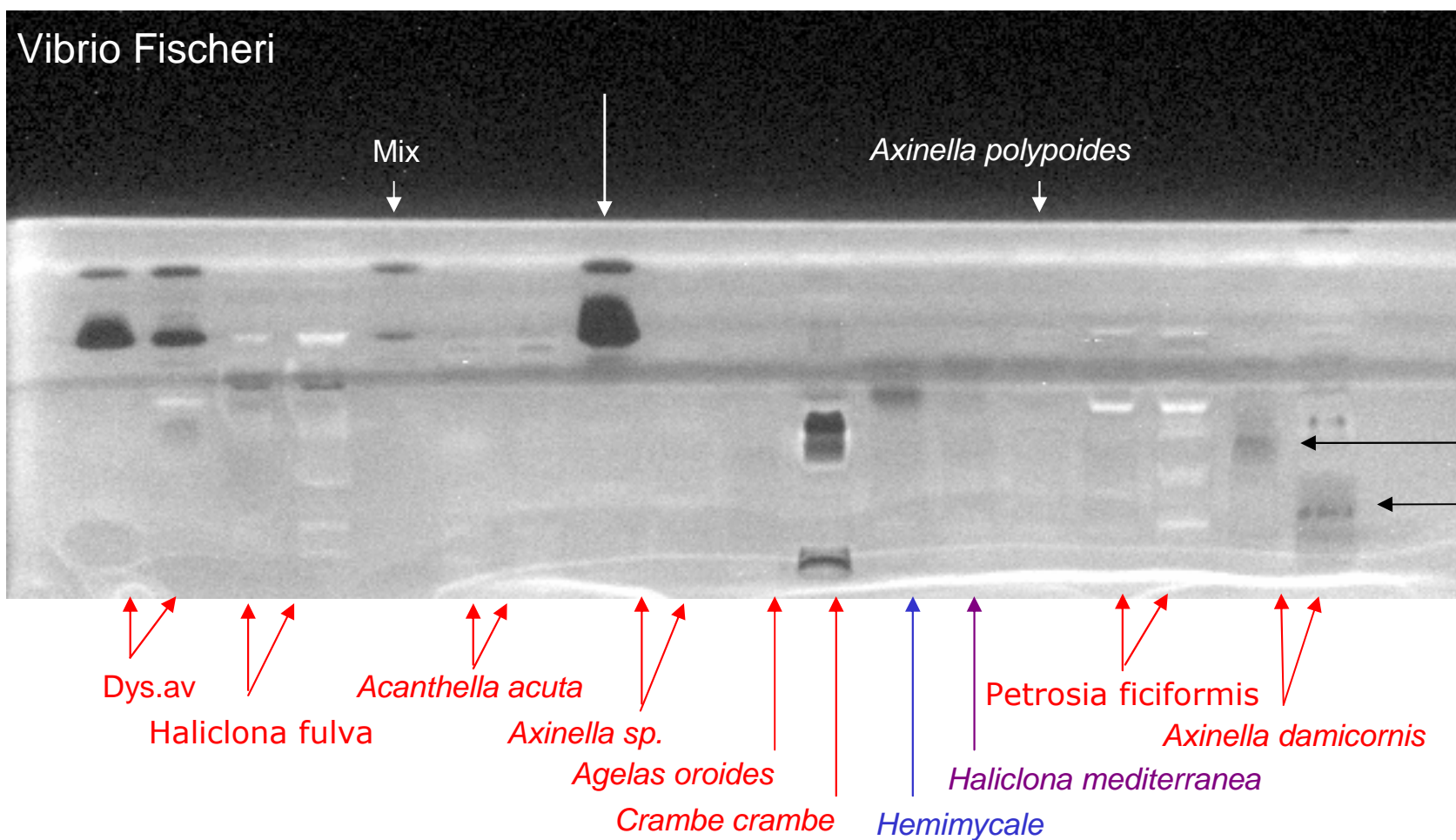




## Instead of the sum → the single compound

Project: Screening of marine sponges for toxic compounds

→ avoids laborious isolation of potential toxic compounds  
each followed, as proof, by the test of bioactivity



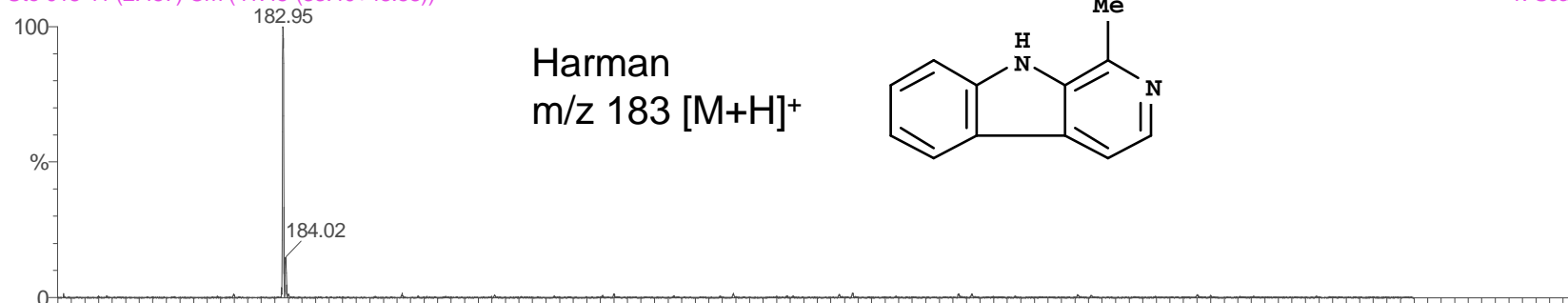


## 9. Cost-effective coupling with MS



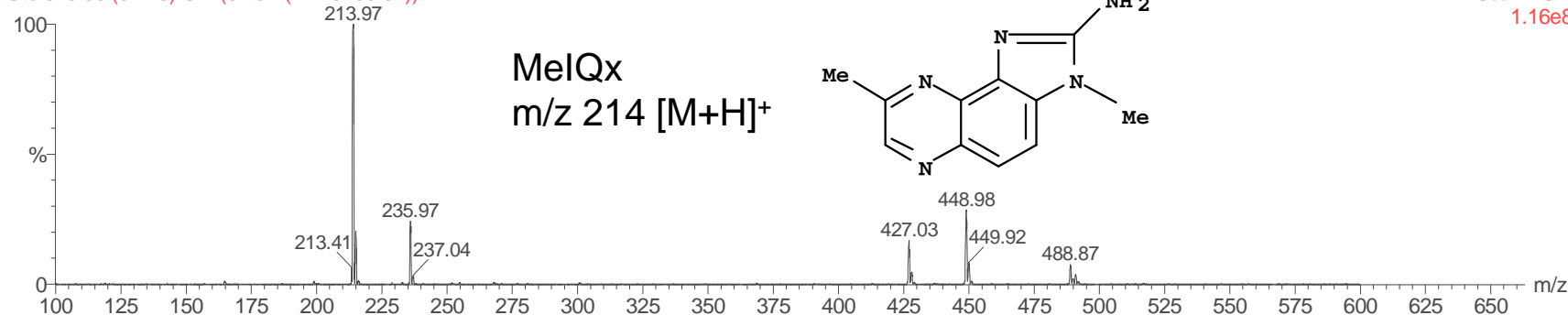
GluP1 AcC Mix A Harman  
1: Scan ES+  
1.07e8

Ute 018 41 (2.457) Cm (41:45-(33:40+48:58))



- highly targeted recording
- reduced costs and storage of data
- separation solvent independently from mass spectrometry

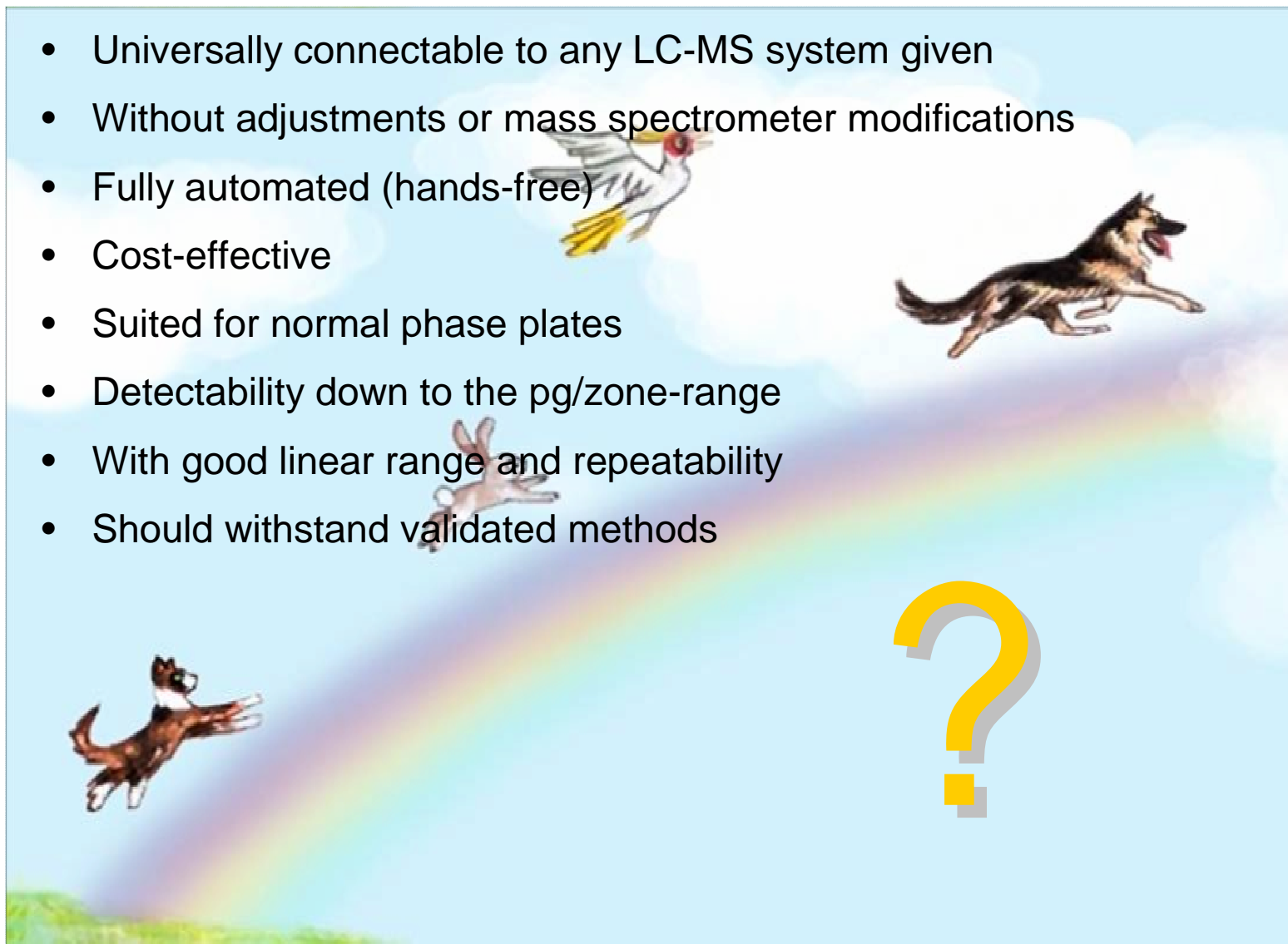
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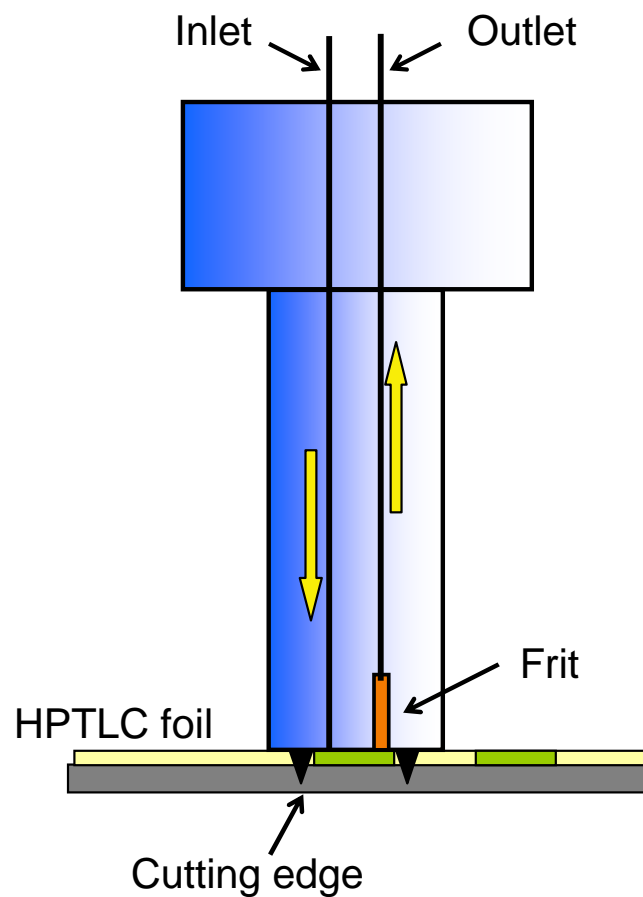
## The look of an HPTLC/MS interface

- Universally connectable to any LC-MS system given
- Without adjustments or mass spectrometer modifications
- Fully automated (hands-free)
- Cost-effective
- Suited for normal phase plates
- Detectability down to the pg/zone-range
- With good linear range and repeatability
- Should withstand validated methods





## Online extraction

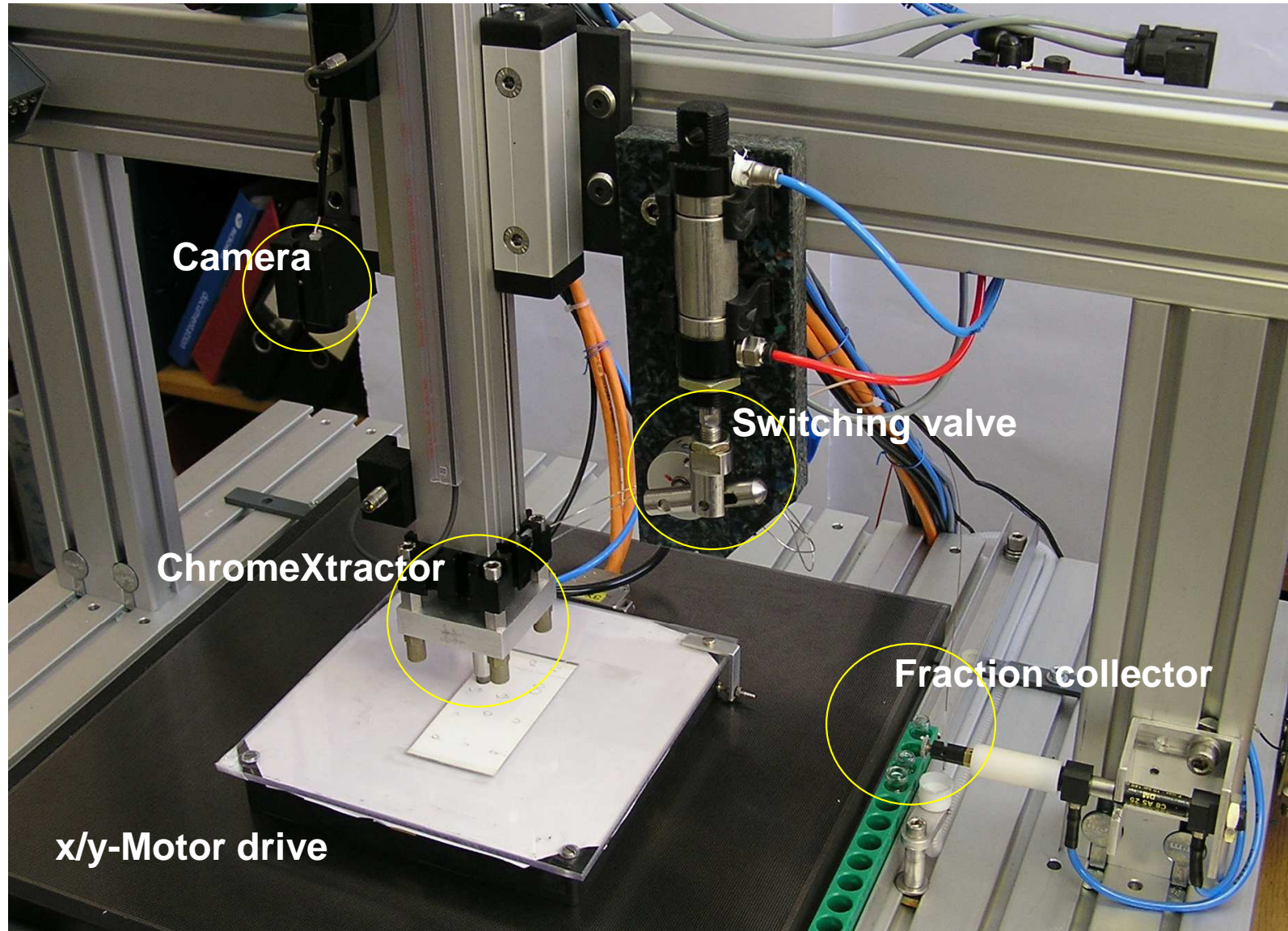


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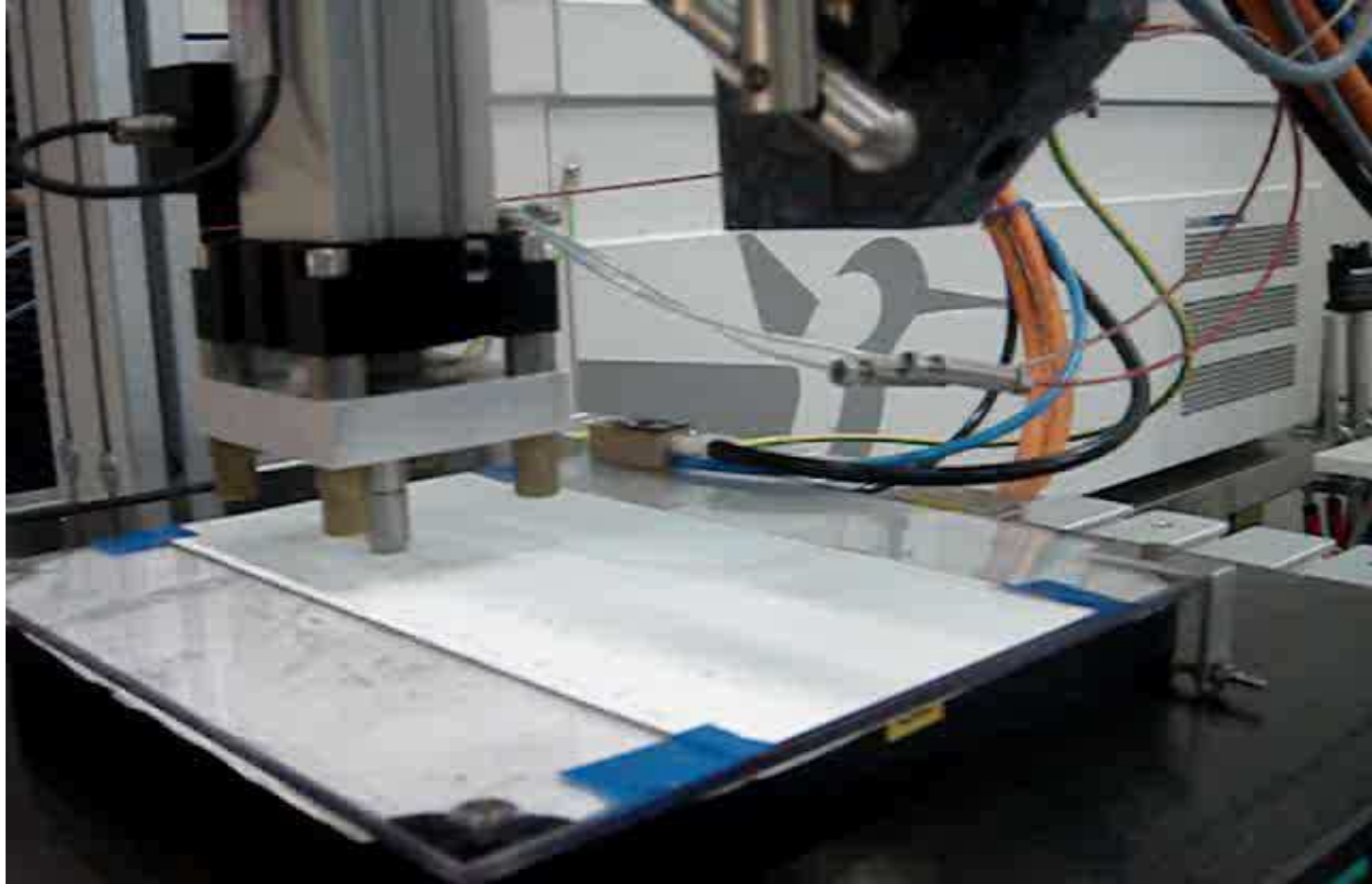
## The hands-free interface called 'R3D3'





## R3D3 working...

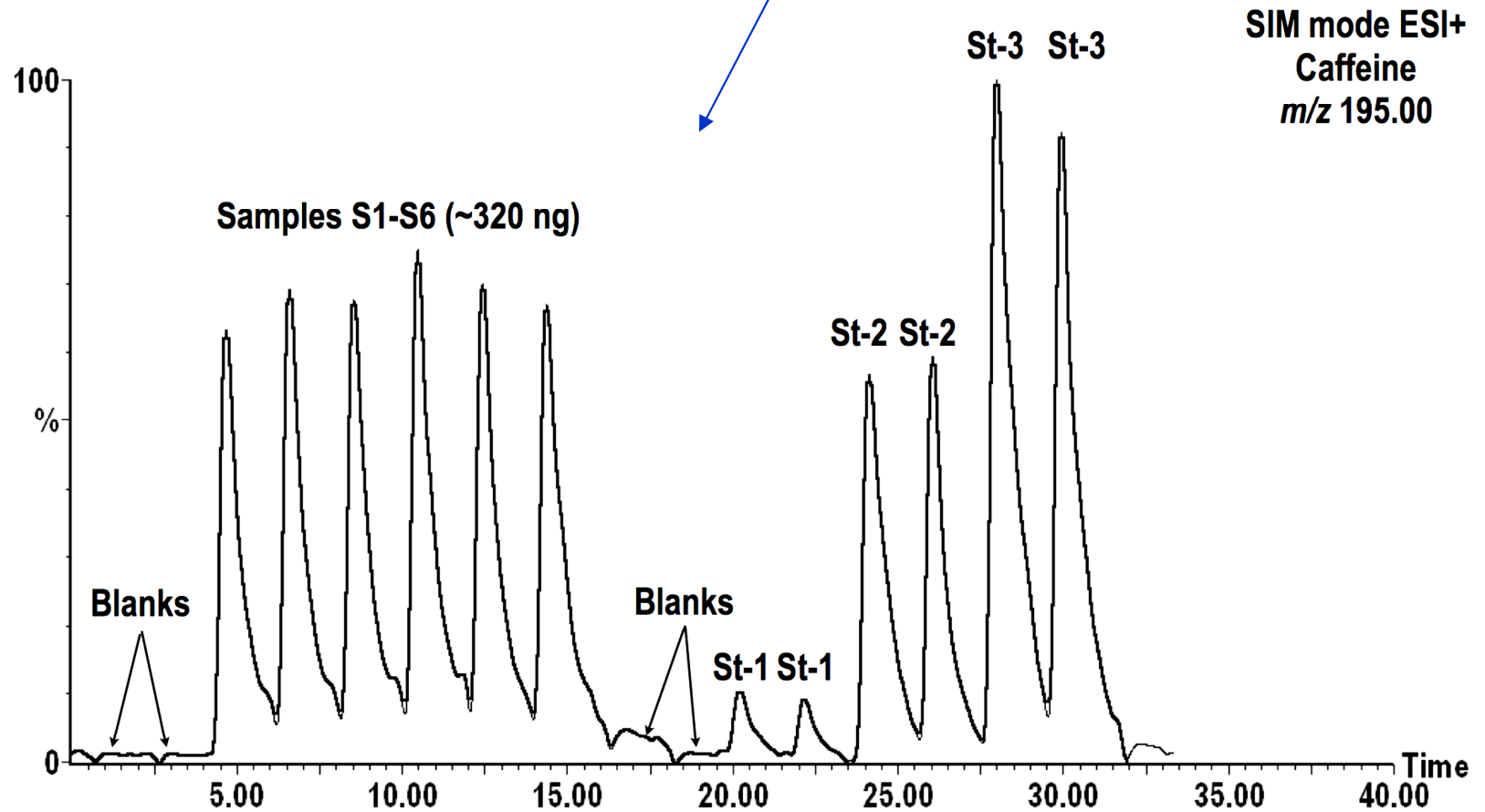
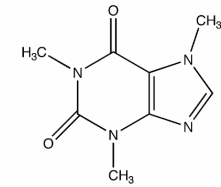
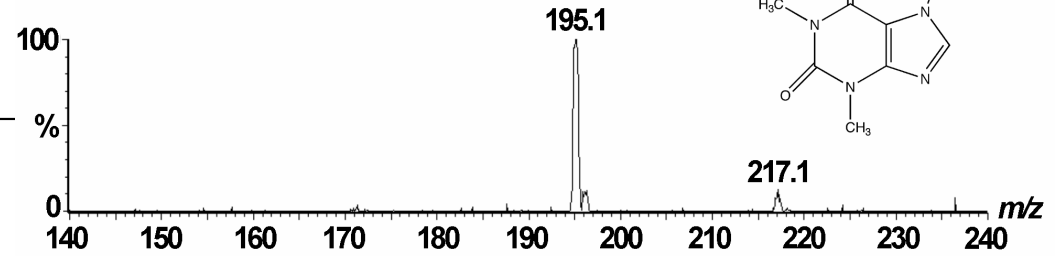
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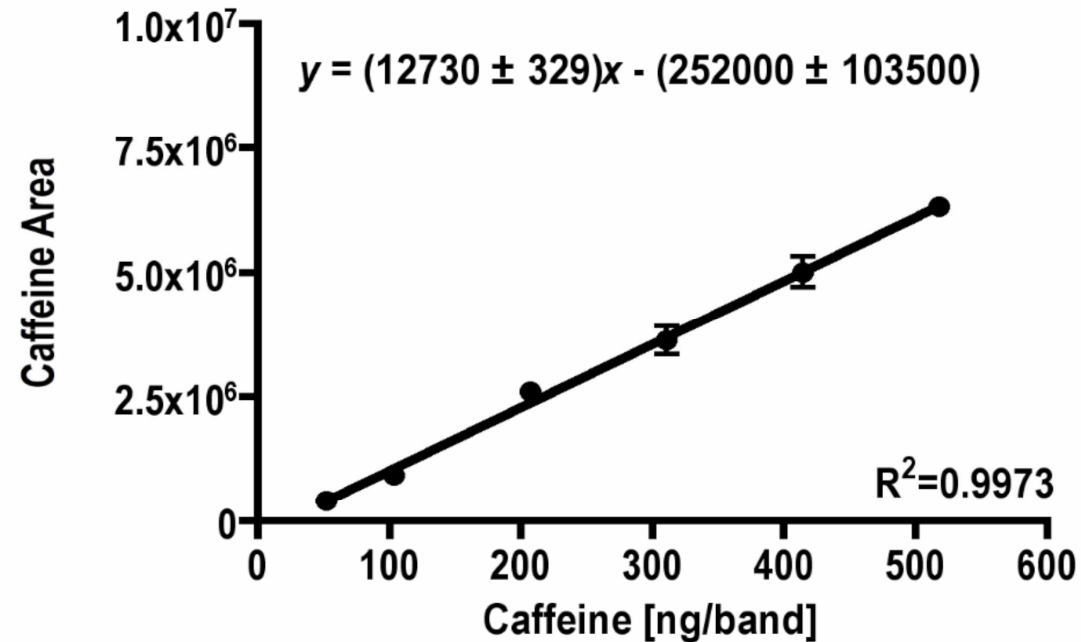
## Elution profile





## Data of validation without IS

- repeatability in matrix of  $RSD = 5.6\%$  ( $n = 6$ )
- linear response with determination coefficient of  $R^2 = 0.9973$





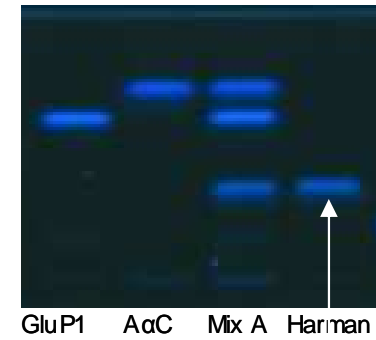
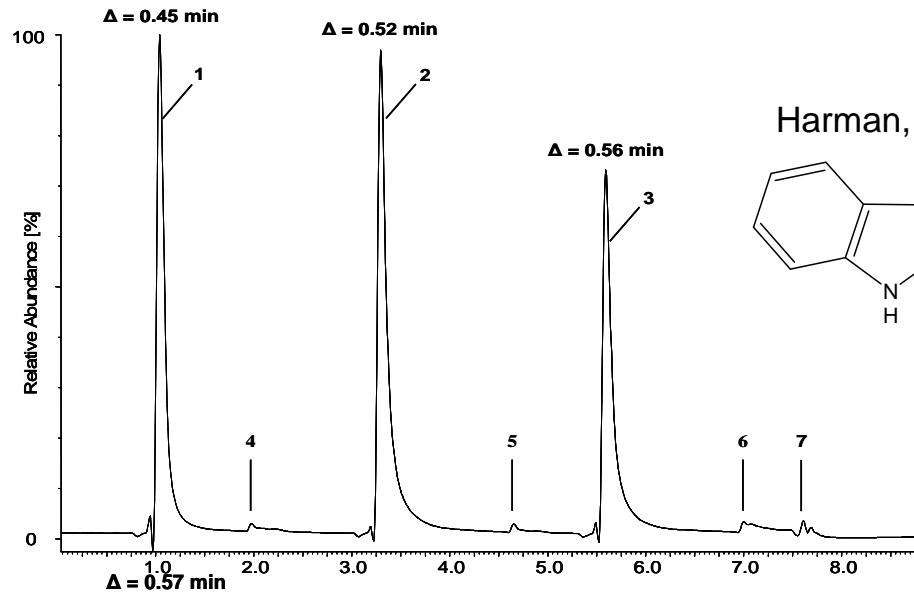
## Analysis of samples containing caffeine

→ comparable findings to validated HPTLC/UV methods (F-test, t-test)

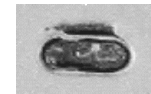
Sample	Pharmaceutical mean $\pm$ SD (mg/tablet)	Energy drink mean $\pm$ SD (mg/100 mL)
HPTLC/ESI-MS RSD (% , n = 6)	<b>102.09</b> $\pm$ 5.76 (5.6)	<b>32.91</b> $\pm$ 1.60 (4.9)
HPTLC/UV RSD (% , n = 5)	<b>101.98</b> $\pm$ 2.30 (2.3)	<b>33.71</b> $\pm$ 0.96 (2.8)
<b>Label</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>32</b>



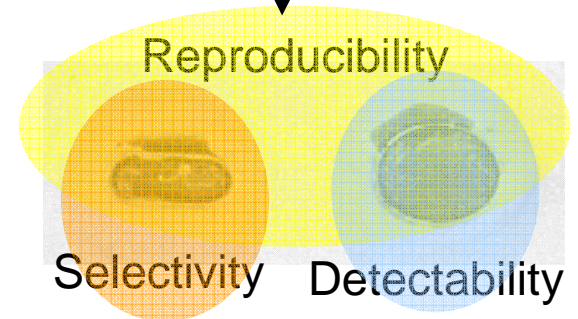
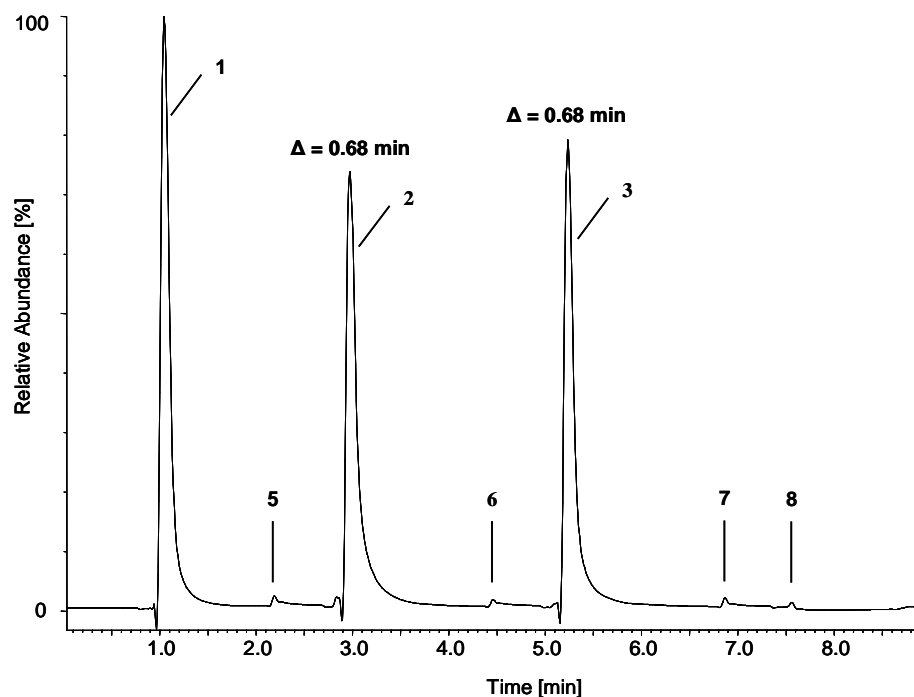
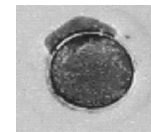
# Comparison of different cutting edges



Oval cutting edge

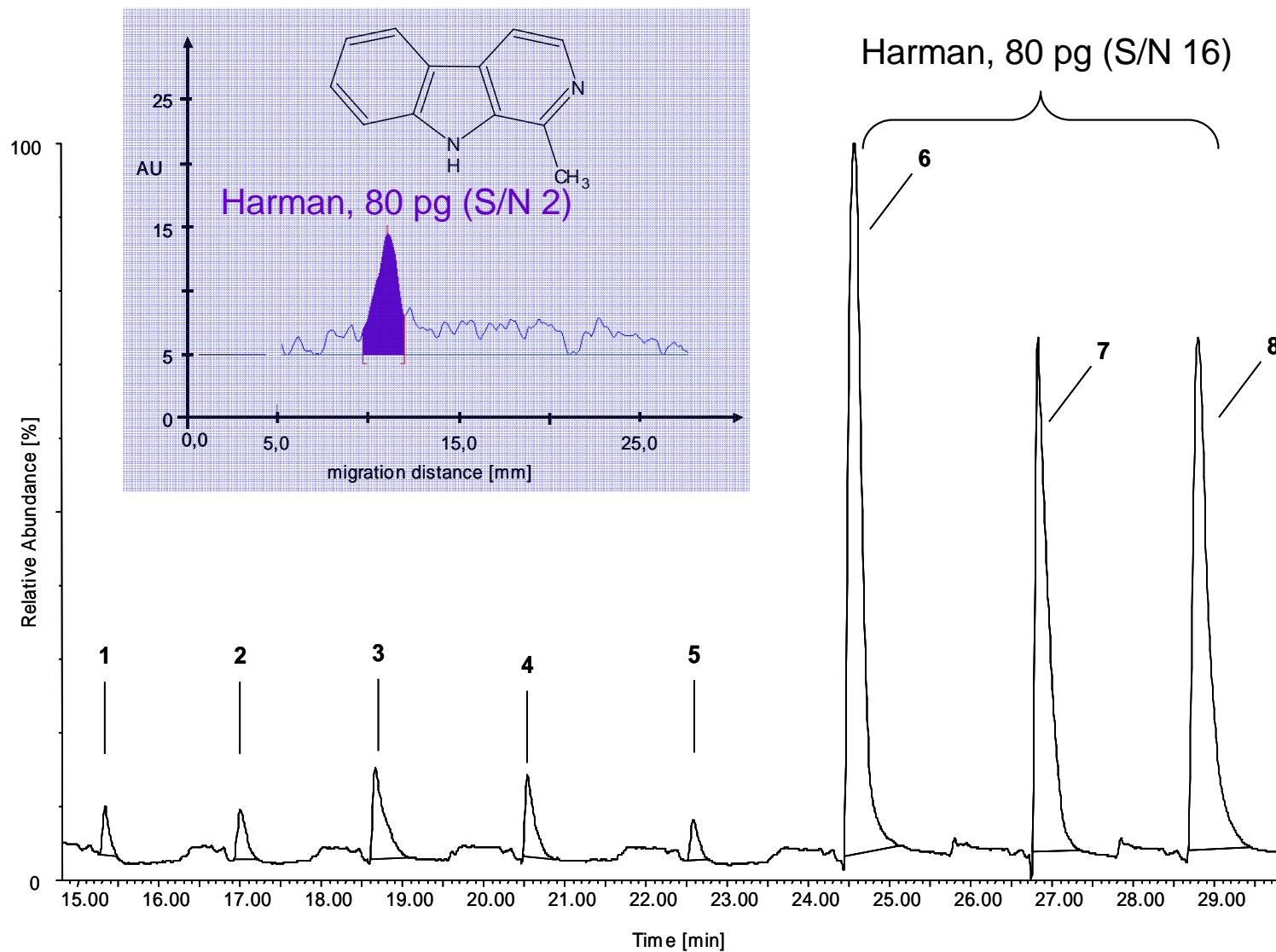


Round cutting edge





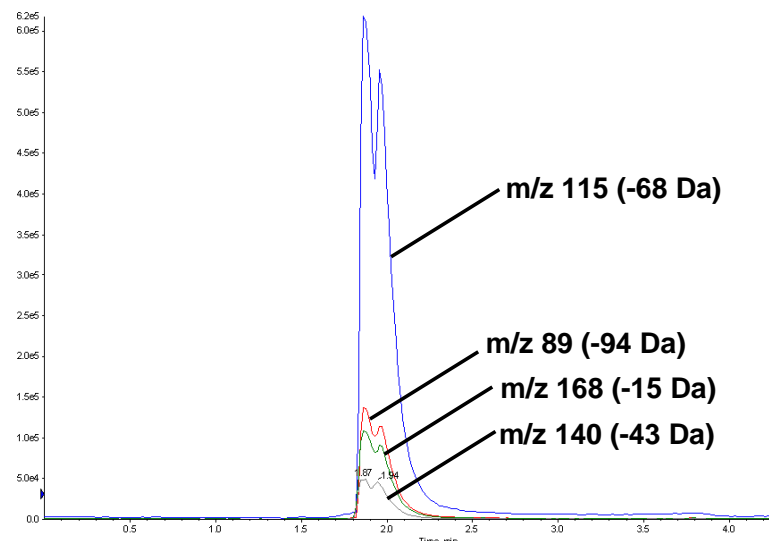
# Detectability: FLD versus MSD



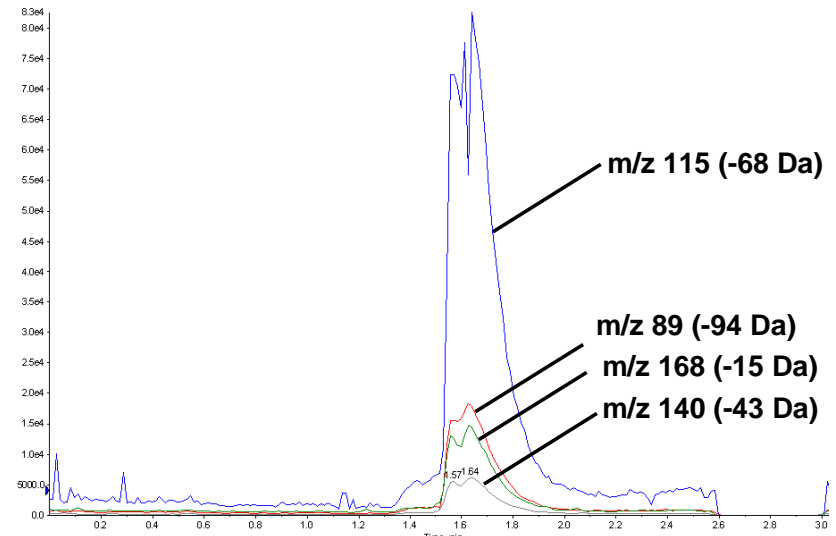


## Detectability by HPTLC/ESI-MS-MS

- LOQ better than 20 pg/zone Harman (S/N 20)
- detectability comparable to HPLC/MS



200 pg/zone Harman

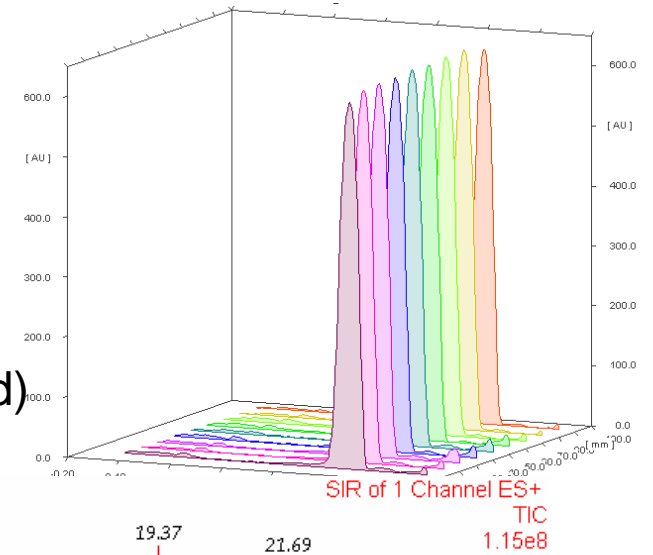


20 pg/zone Harman

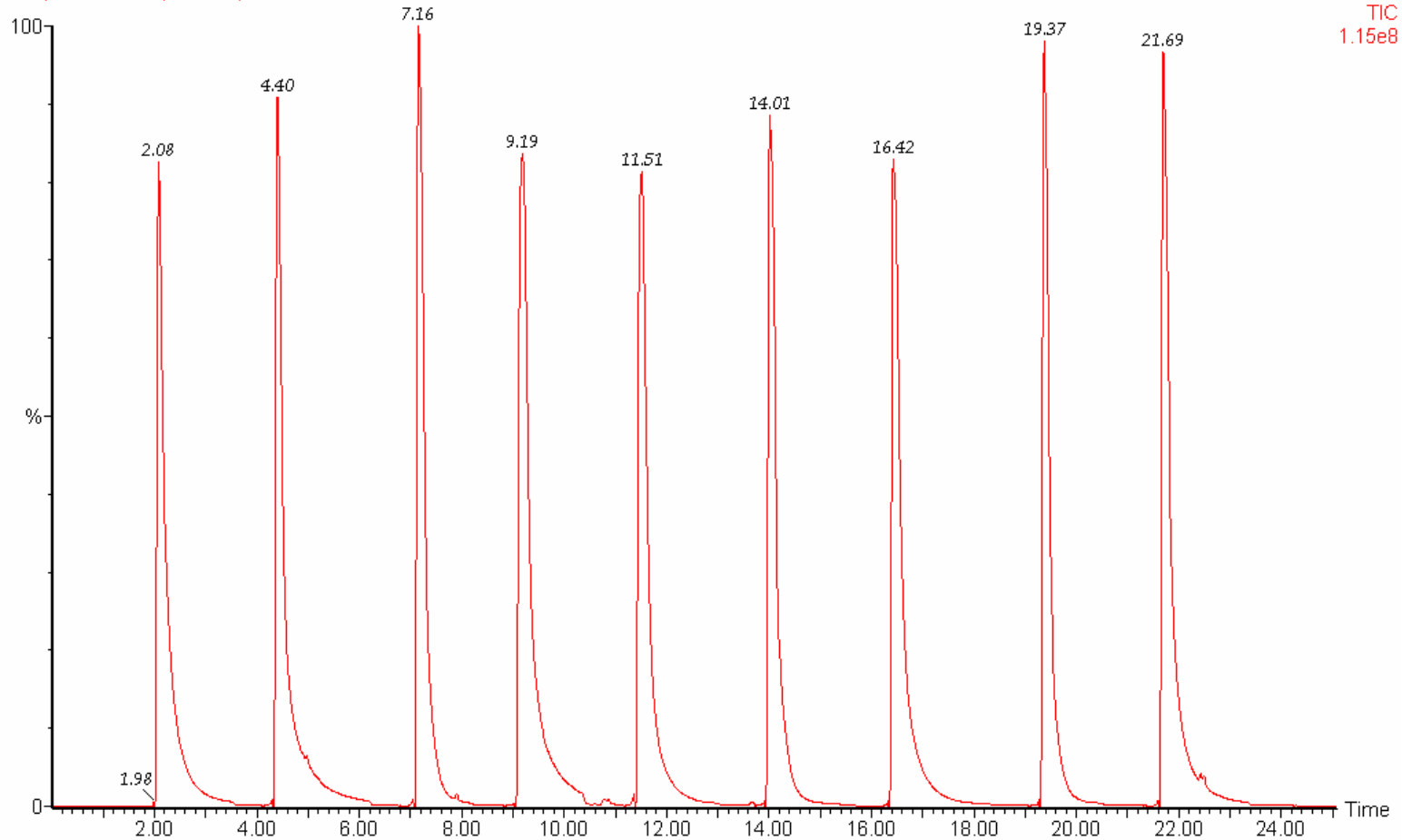


# Repeatability of extraction

SIM at  $m/z$  329 with RSD 6.6 % (n=9, 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{band}$ )



Glasprobe28 Sm (SG, 2x4)

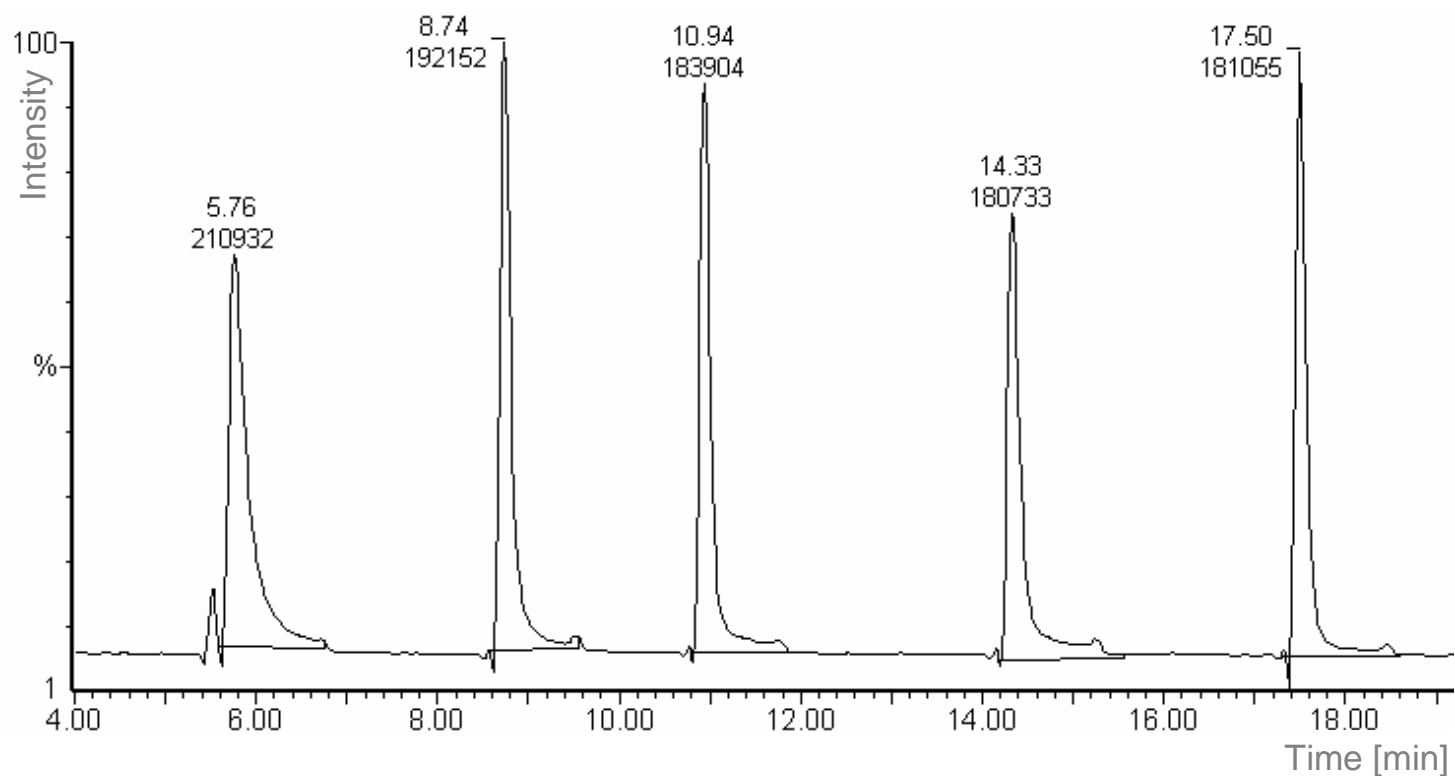
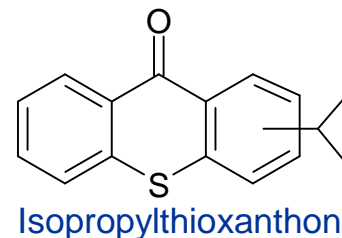




## Trace analysis: Food contaminant ITX

Elution profiles of 6 ng ITX each

Repeatability RSD =  $\pm 6.7\%$  ( $n = 5$ )

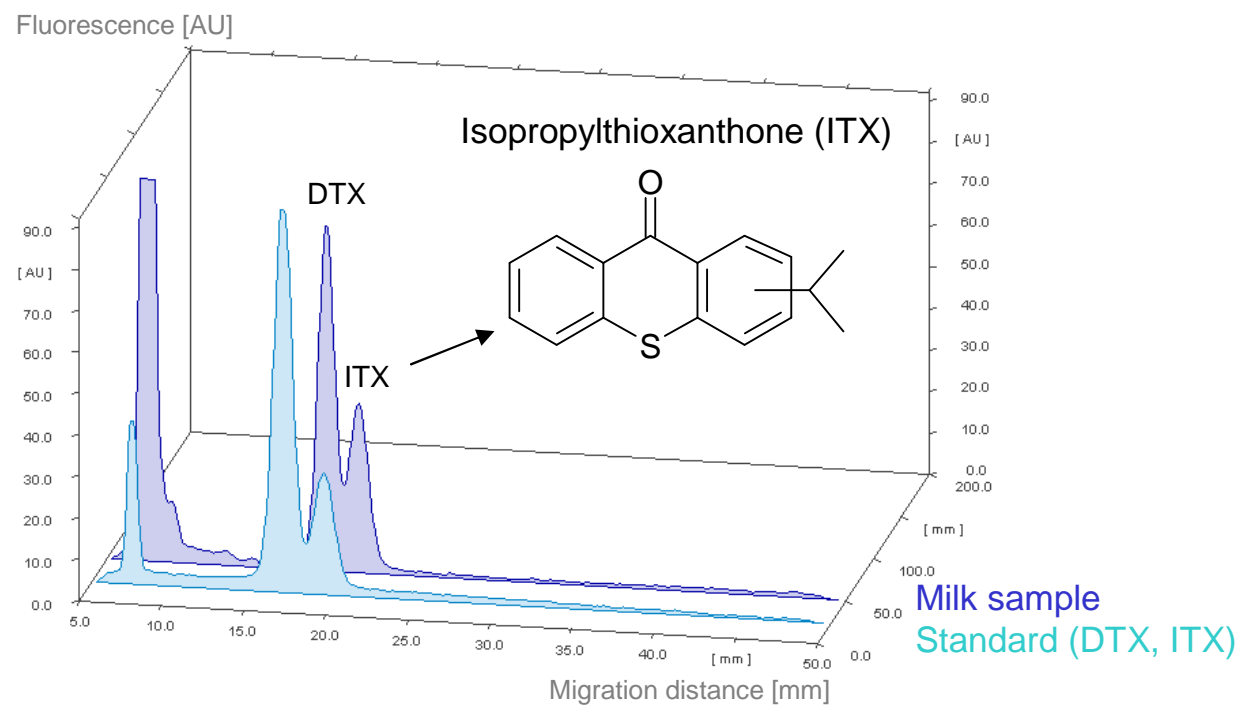


SIM at  $m/z$  255  $[M+H]^+$  and 277  $[M+Na]^+$





## Trace analysis: Food contaminant ITX

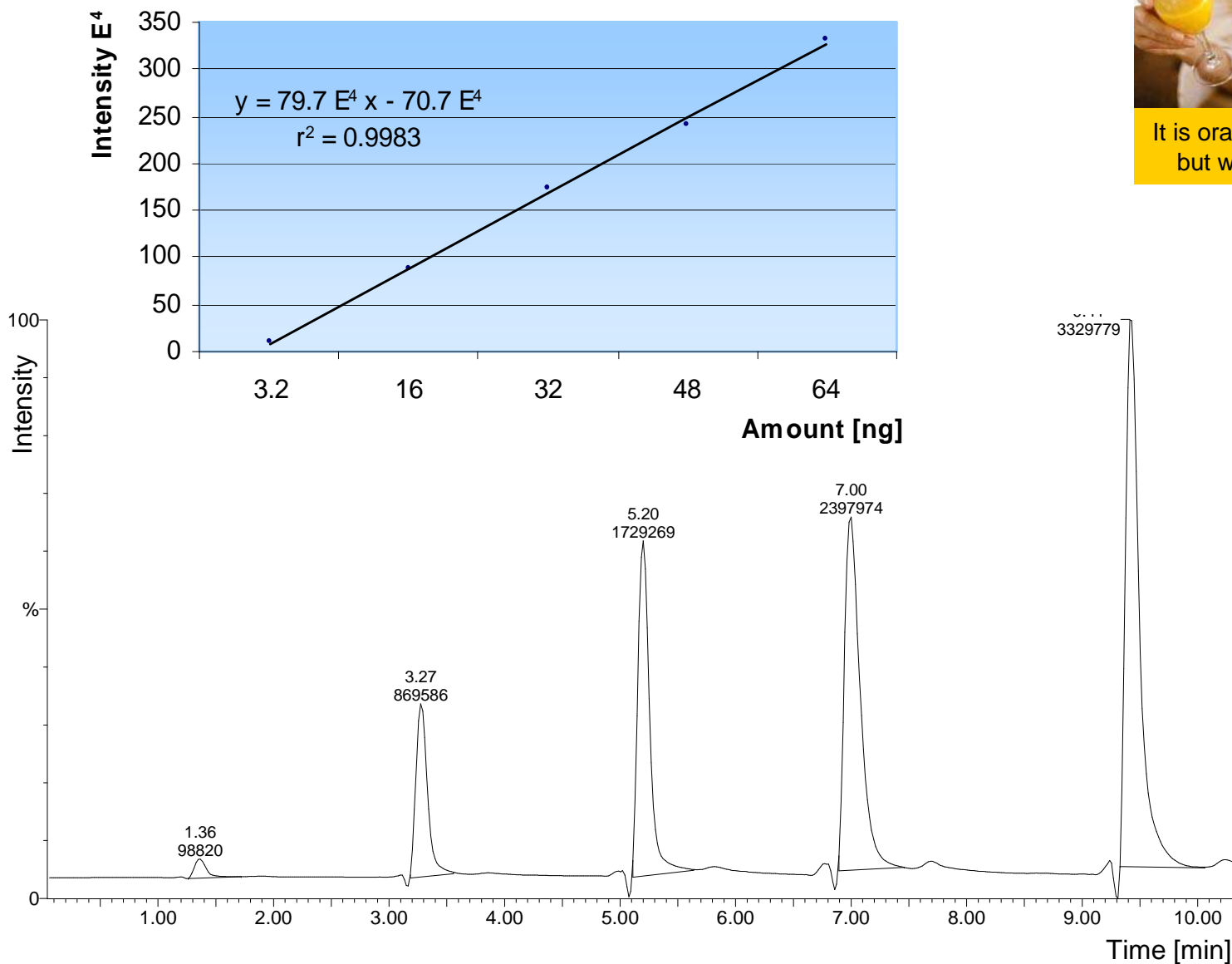




# Analytical response



It is orange juice,  
but with ITX.

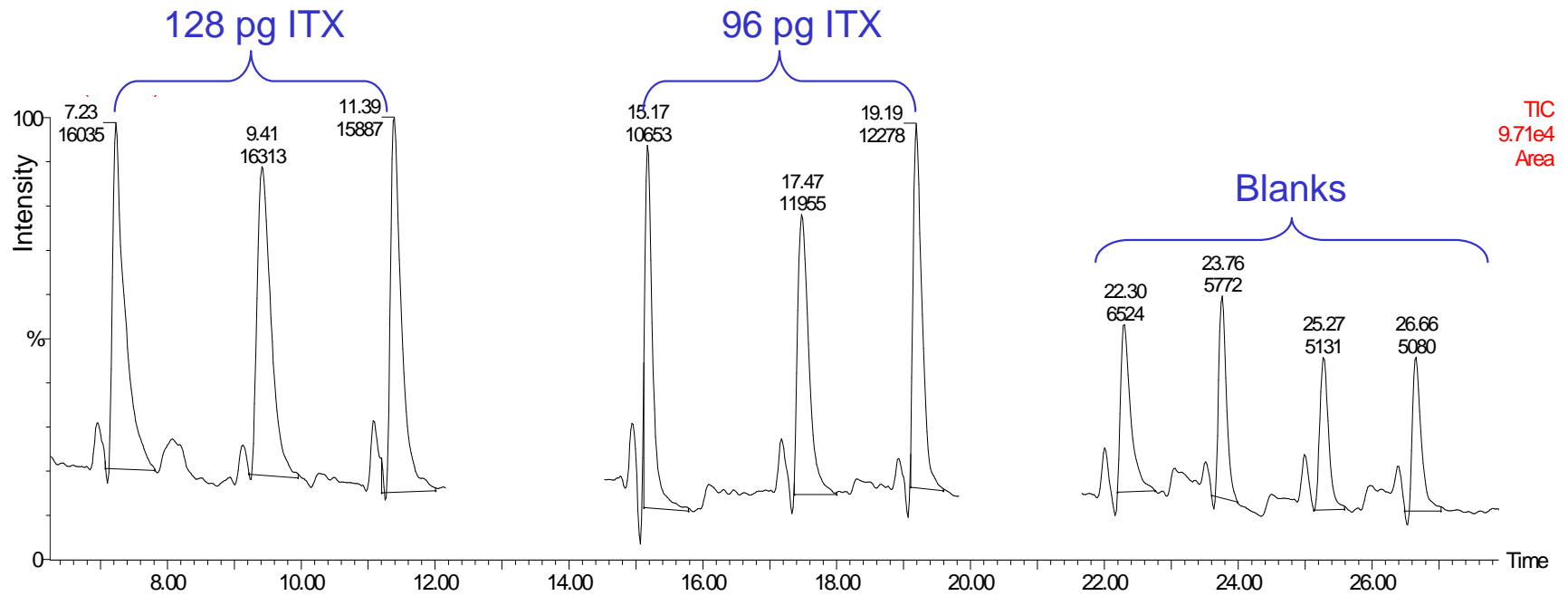
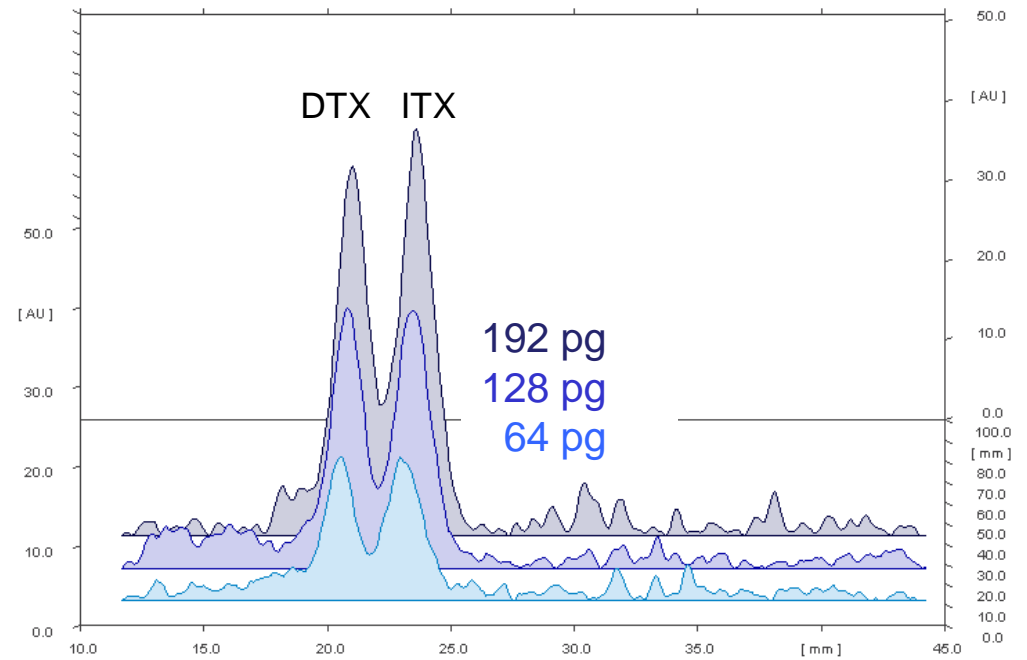


Elution profiles of ITX (SIM at  $m/z$  255  $[M+H]^+$  and 277  $[M+Na]^+$ )



FLD ↔ MSD

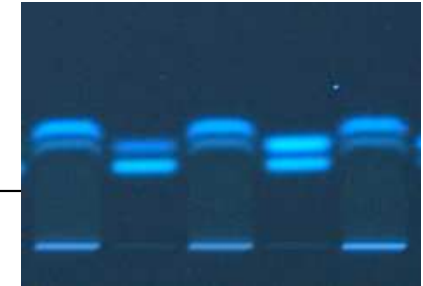
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Elution profiles of ITX (SIM at  $m/z$  255  $[M+H]^+$  and 277  $[M+Na]^+$ )

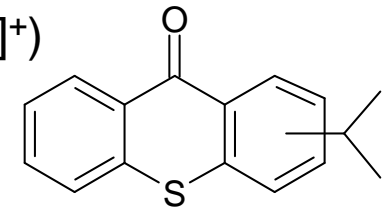


## Confirmation by HPTLC/ESI-MS

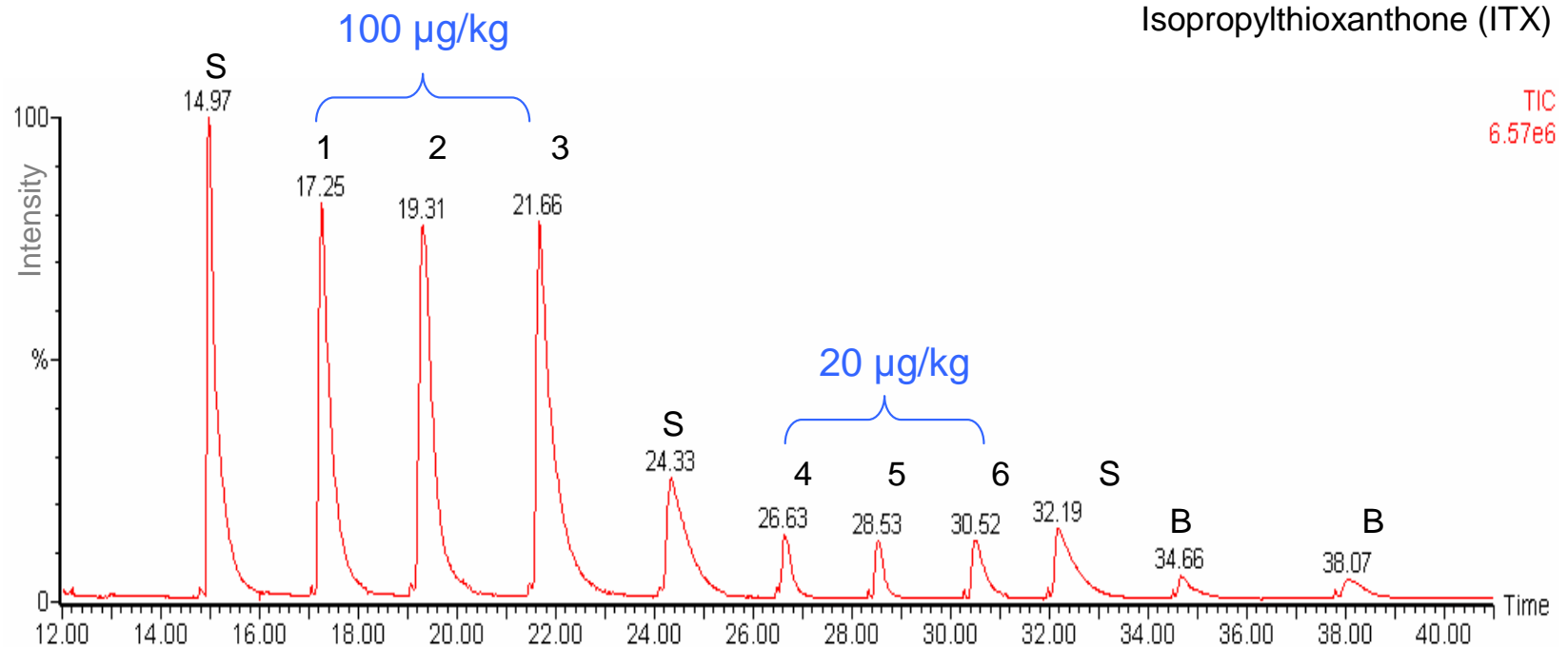


Elution profiles (SIM at  $m/z$  255  $[M+H]^+$  and 277  $[M+Na]^+$ )

→ Yoghurt samples spiked with ITX



Isopropylthioxanthone (ITX)





# DART - Direct Analysis in Real Time

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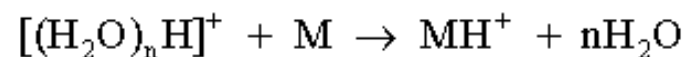
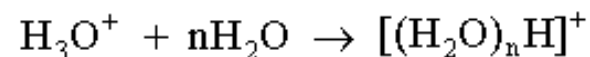
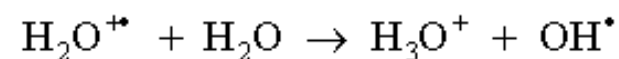
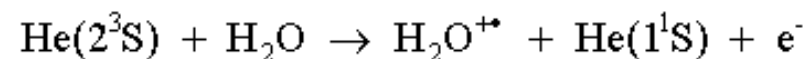
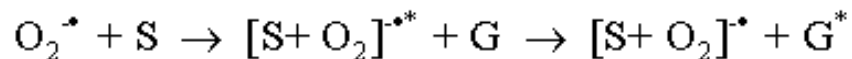
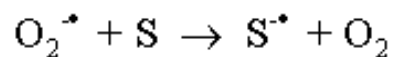
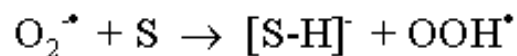
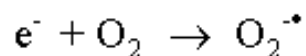
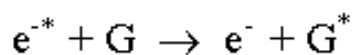
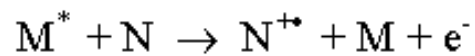
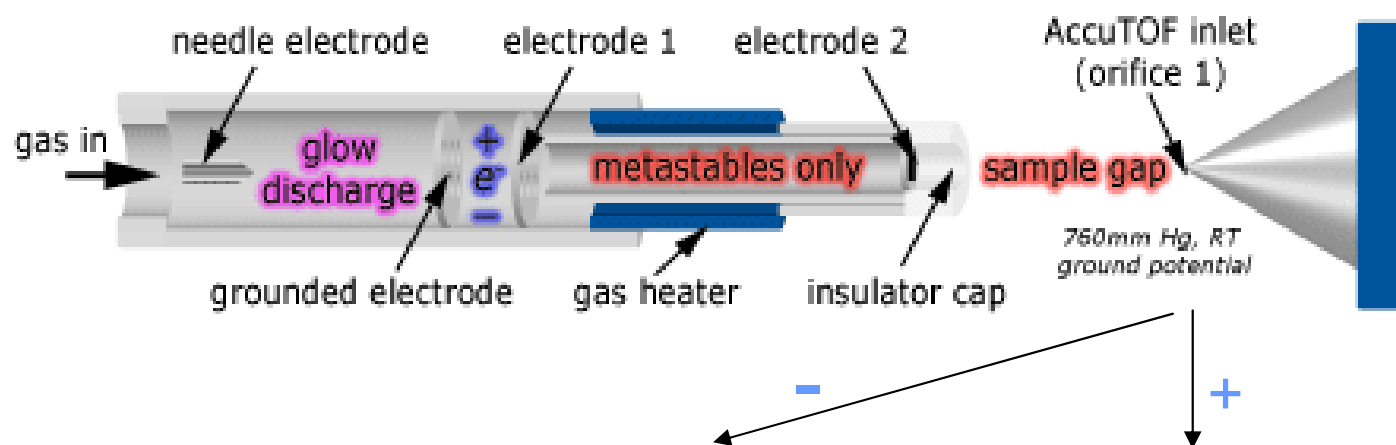
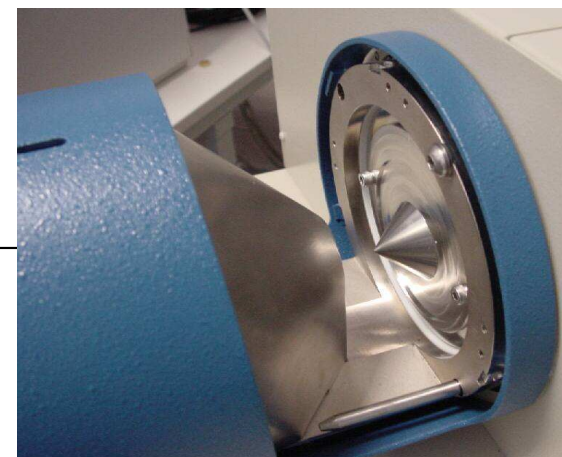


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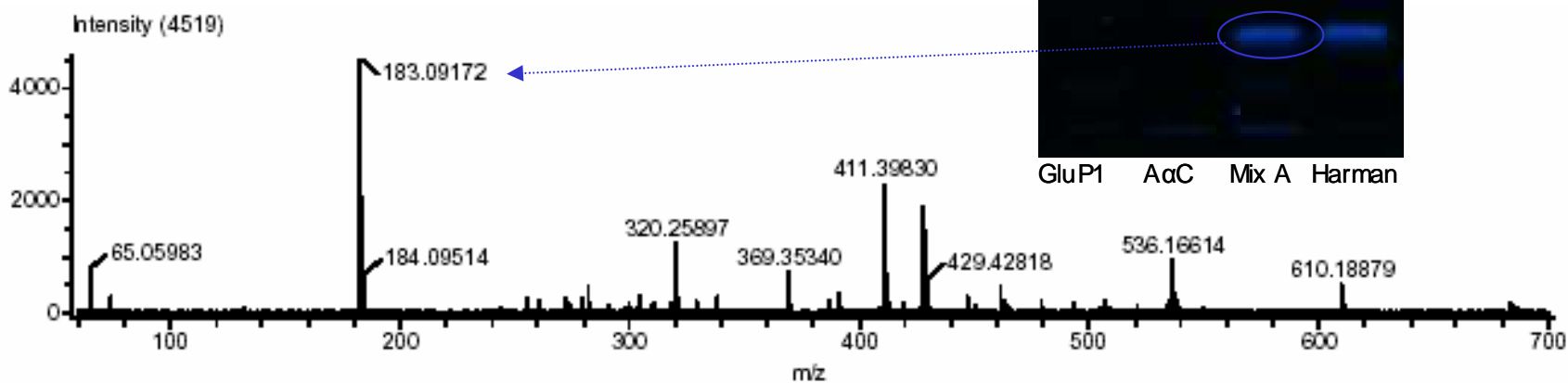
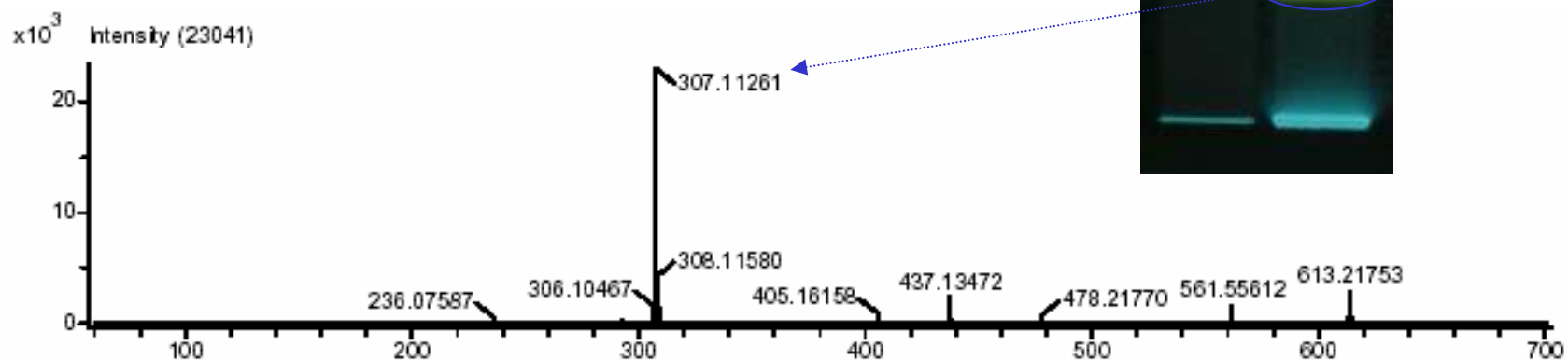


# DART mechanisms



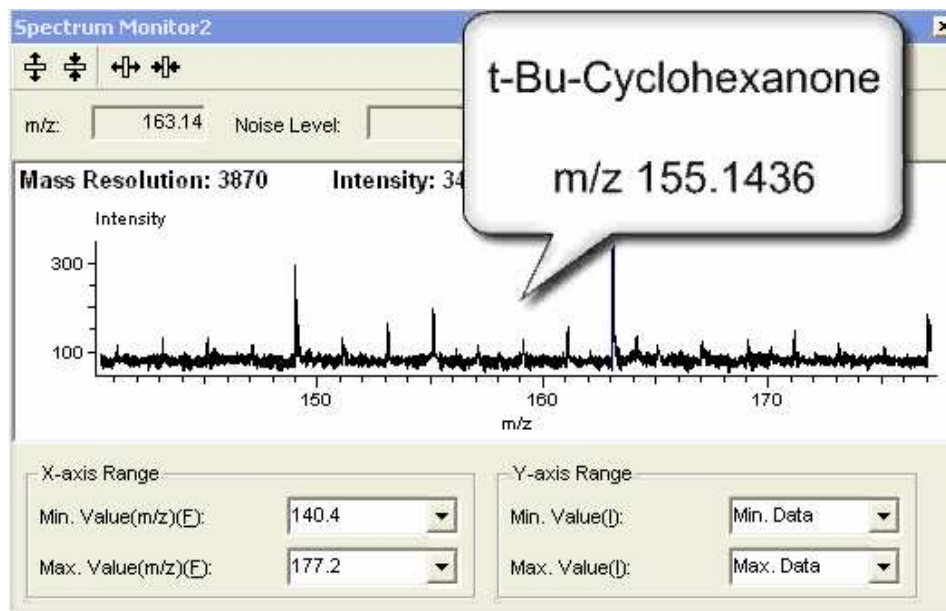


# HPTLC/DART-TOF





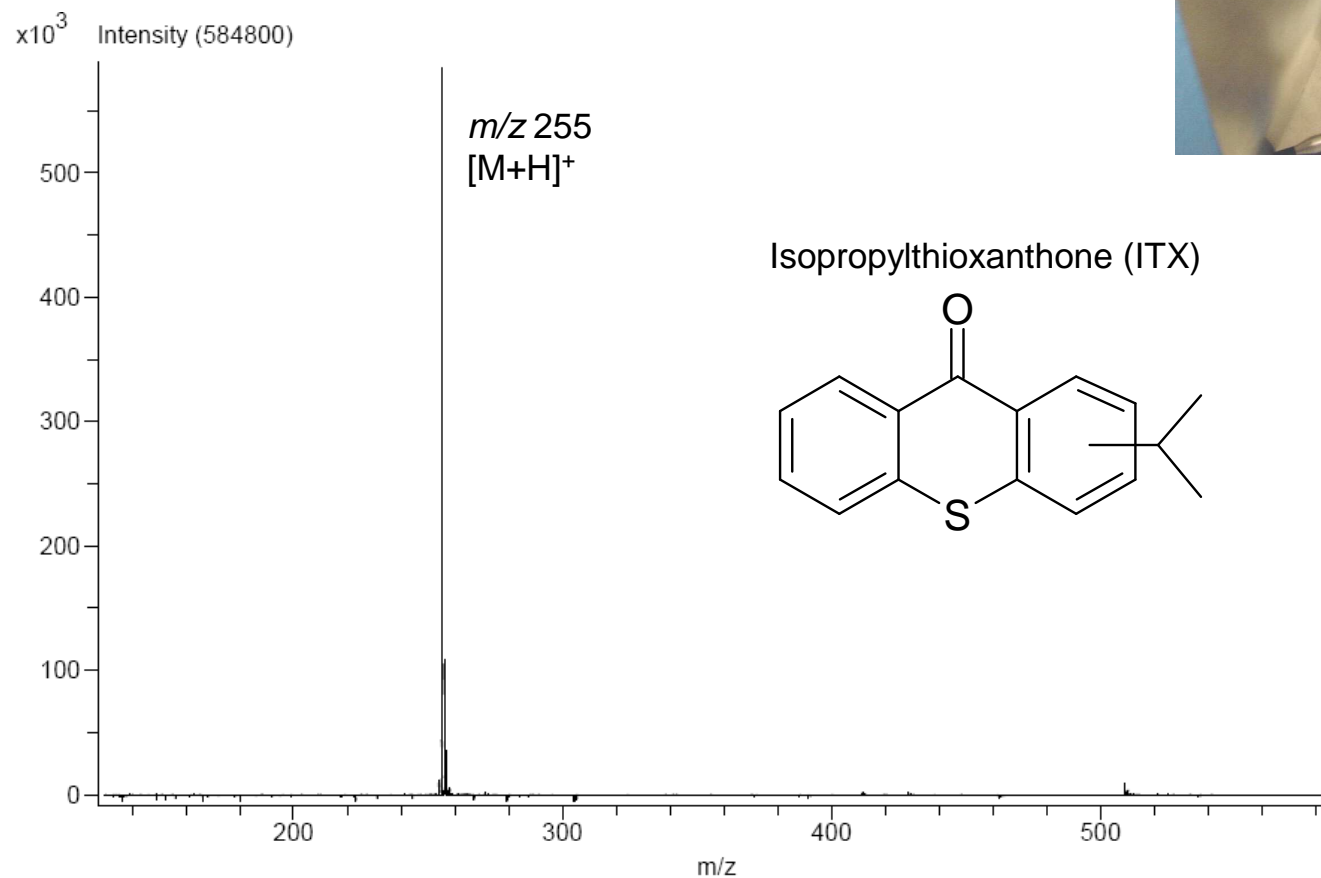
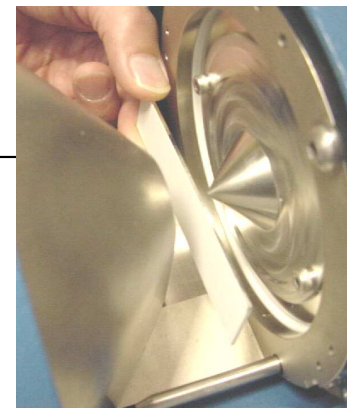
# HPTLC/DART coupling







# HPTLC/DART-TOF

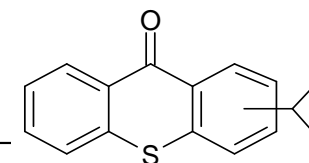


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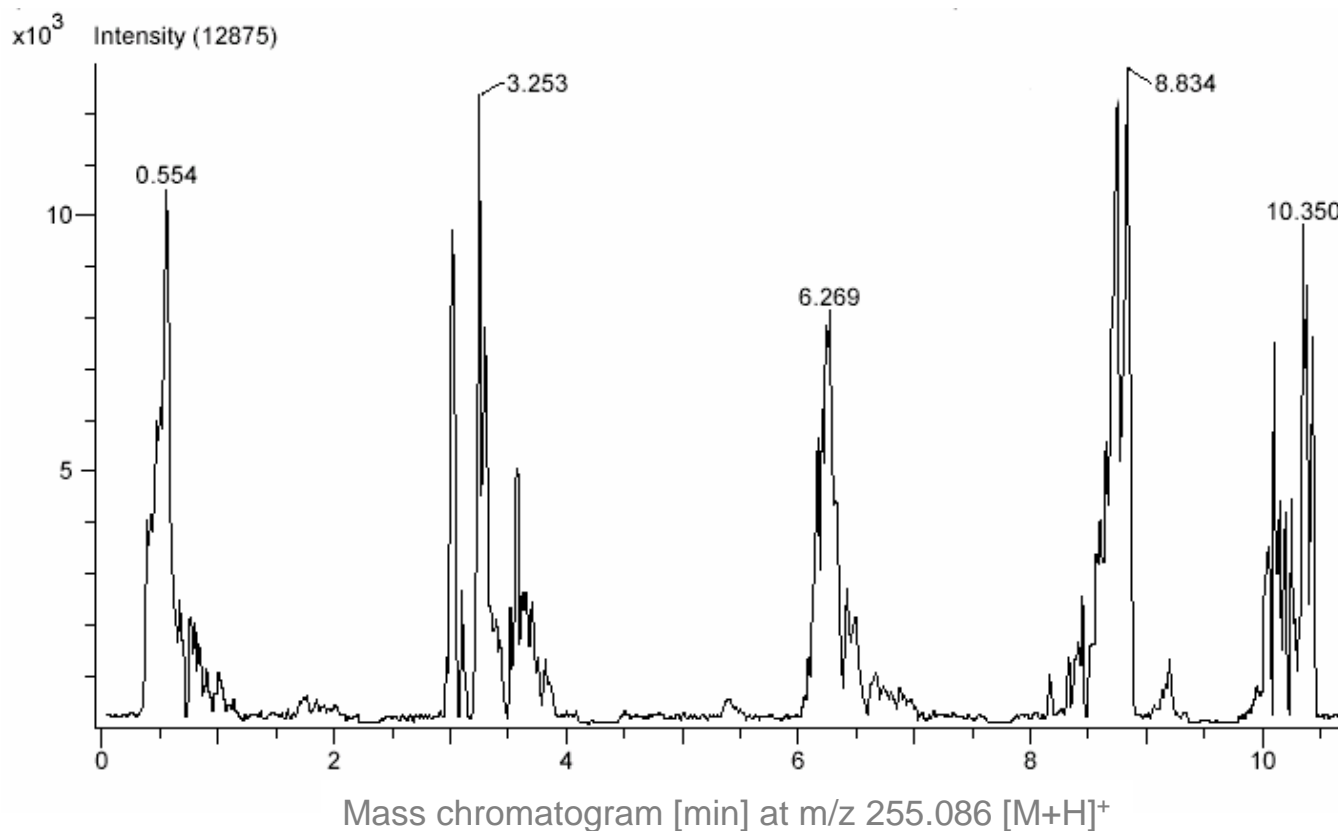


# Repeatability



Isopropylthioxanthone (ITX)

5 zones, 32 ng ITX each: RSD =  $\pm 71.1\%$



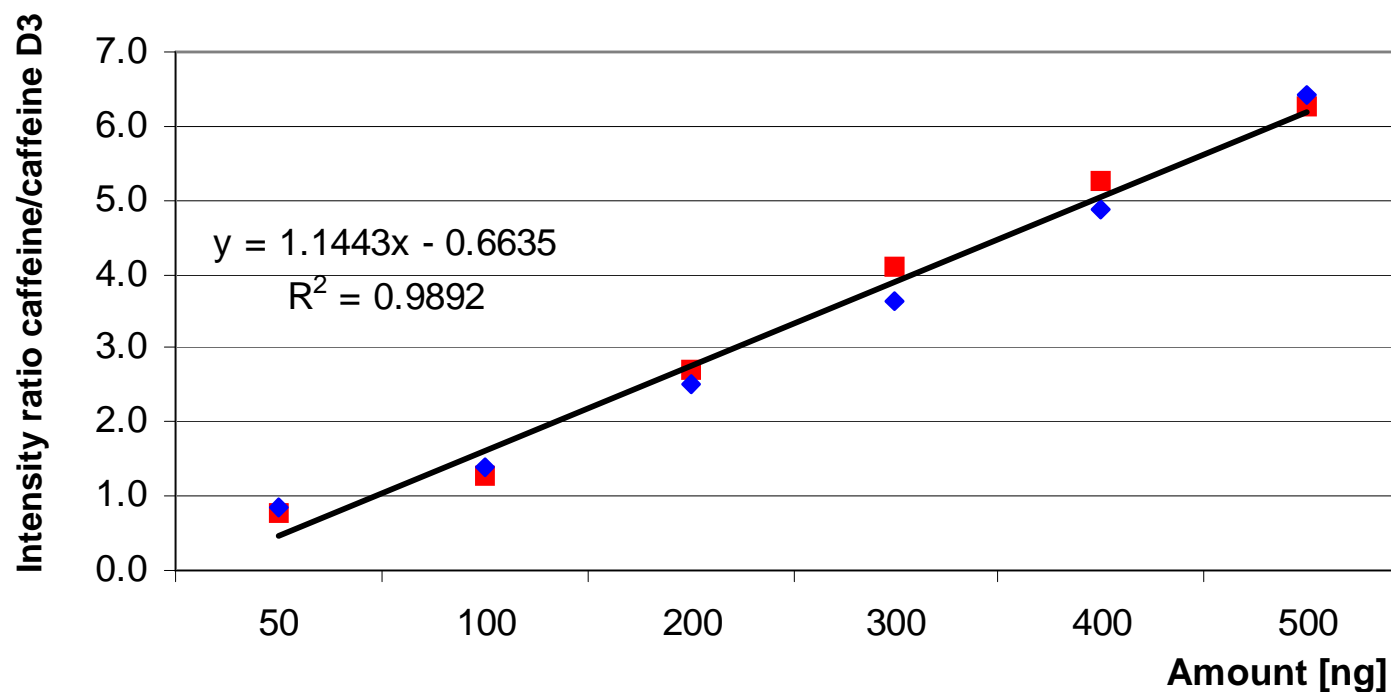
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## HPTLC/DART-IDA-TOF

- Repeatability RSD < 5.4 %,  $n = 6$
- Coefficient of determination  $R^2 = 0.9892$

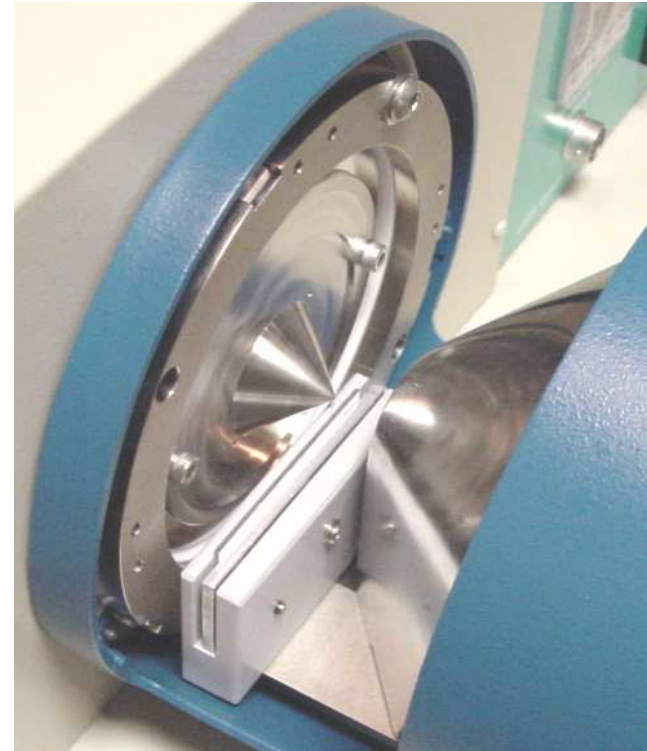
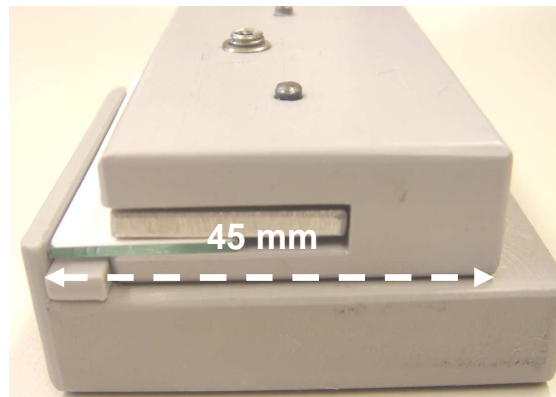


Caffeine at  $m/z$  195  $[M+H]^+$  corrected by the stable isotope labeled internal standard caffeine D3 at  $m/z$  198  $[M+H]^+$



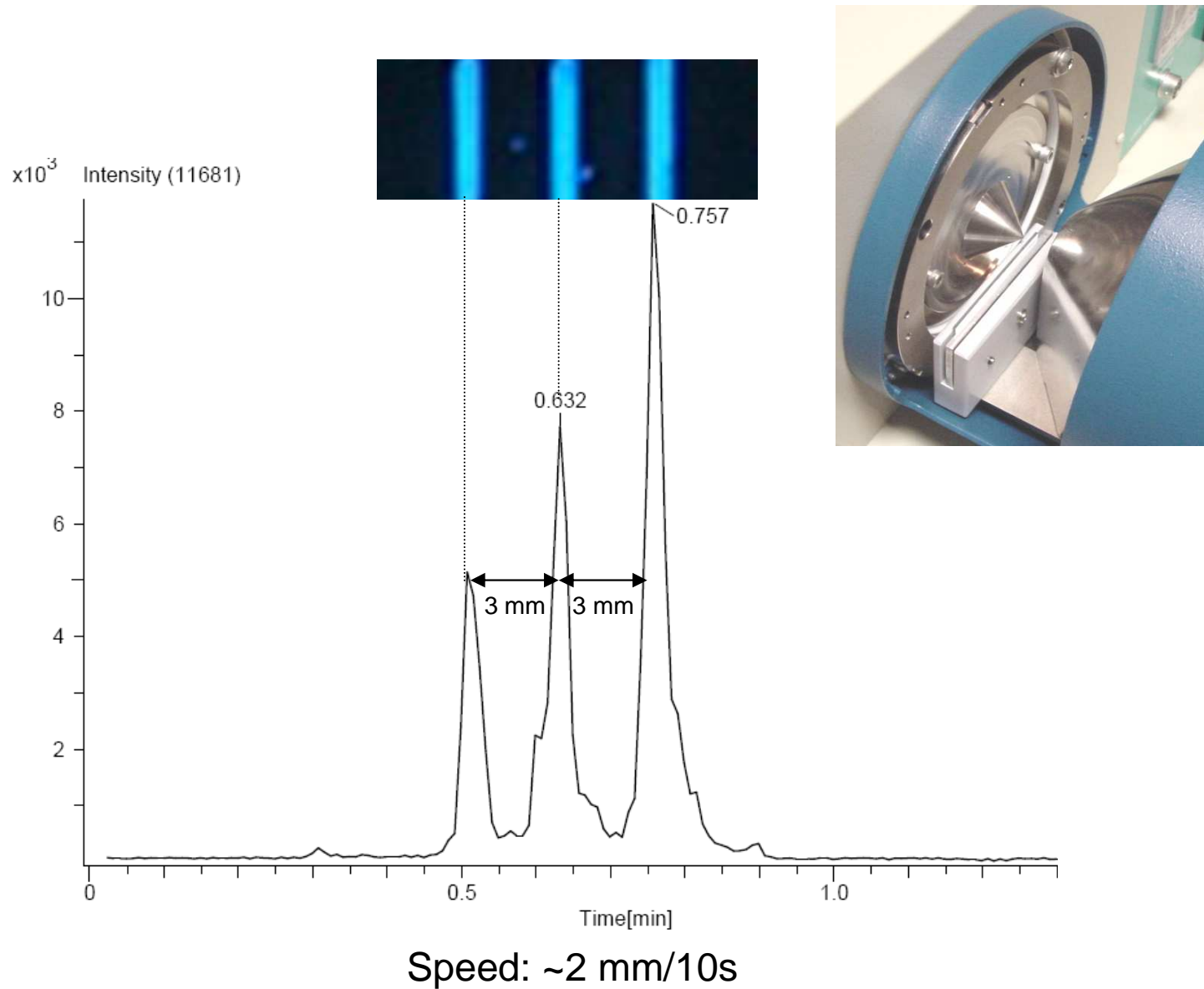
## Plate holder

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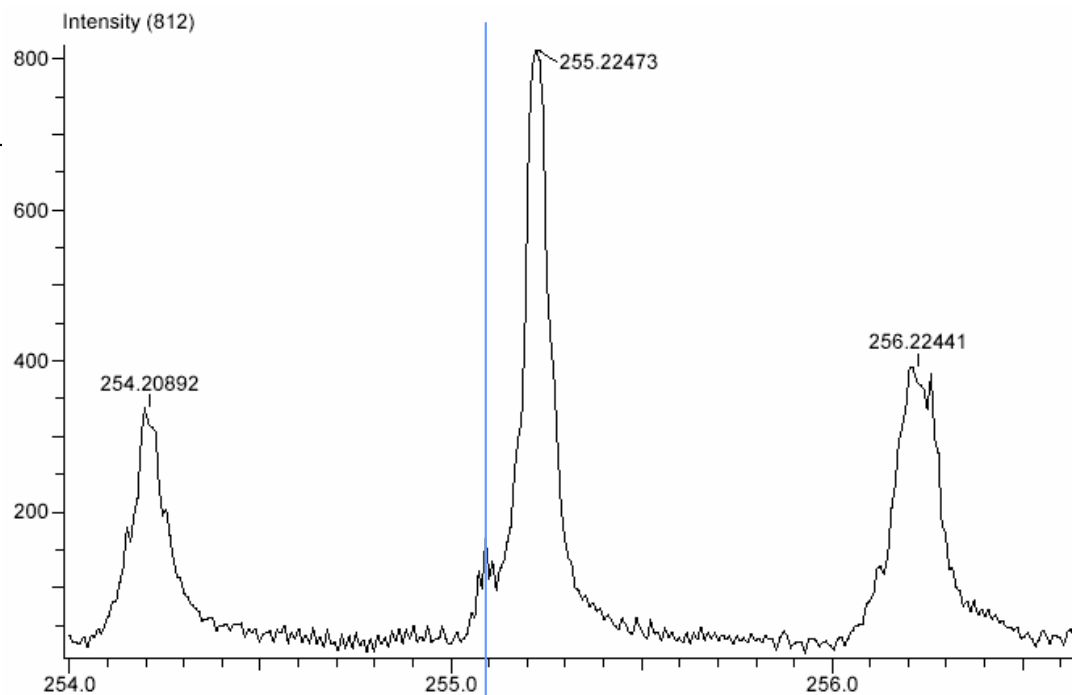
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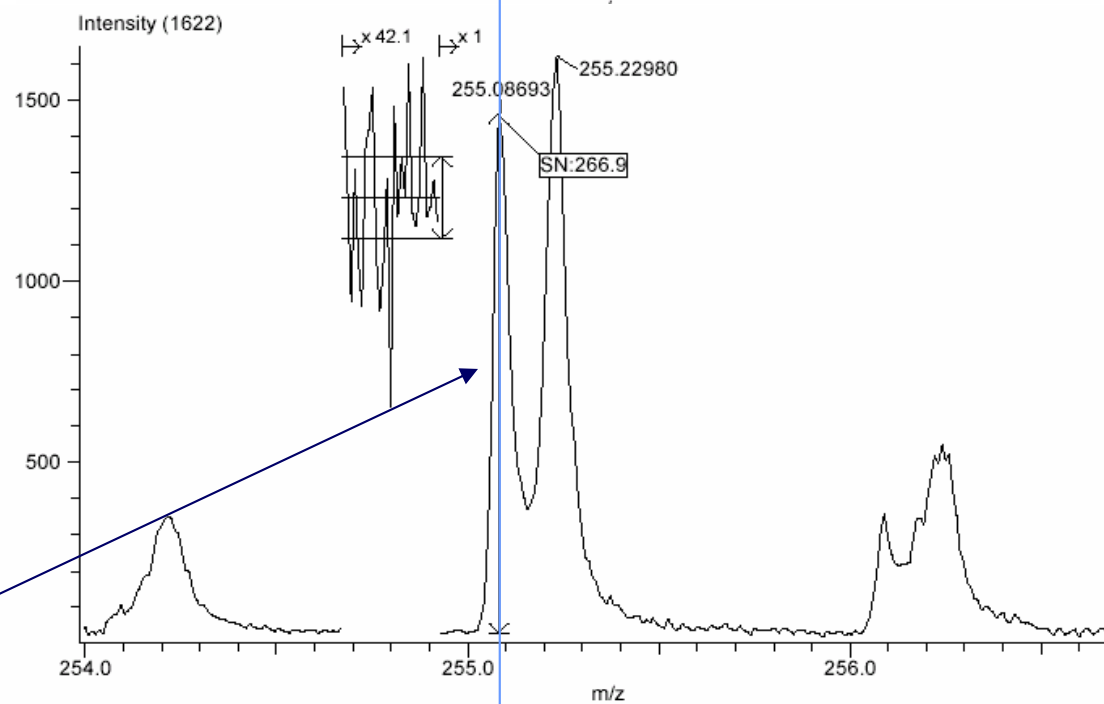


# Detectability

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 $m/z$  255.08693

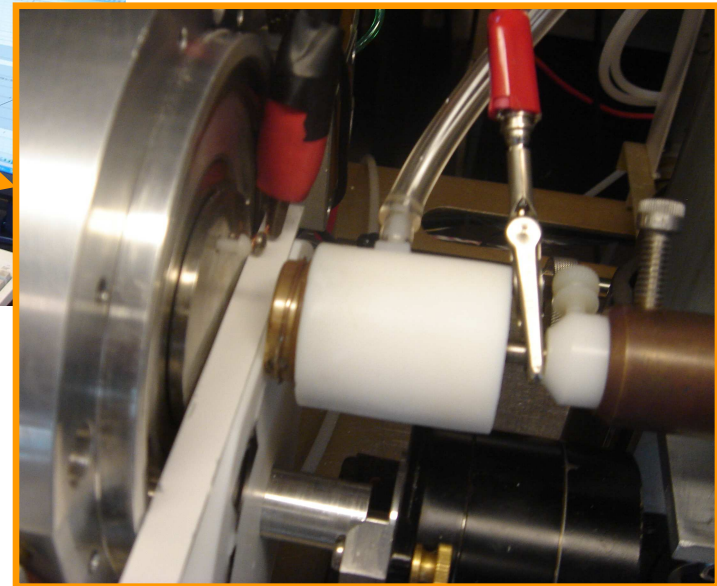
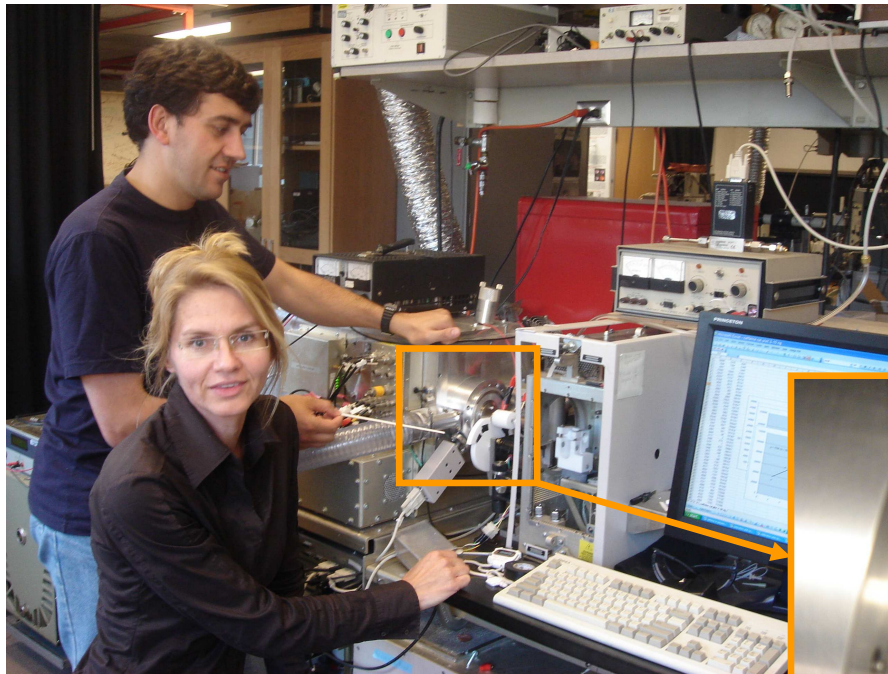


3.2 ng ITX zone  
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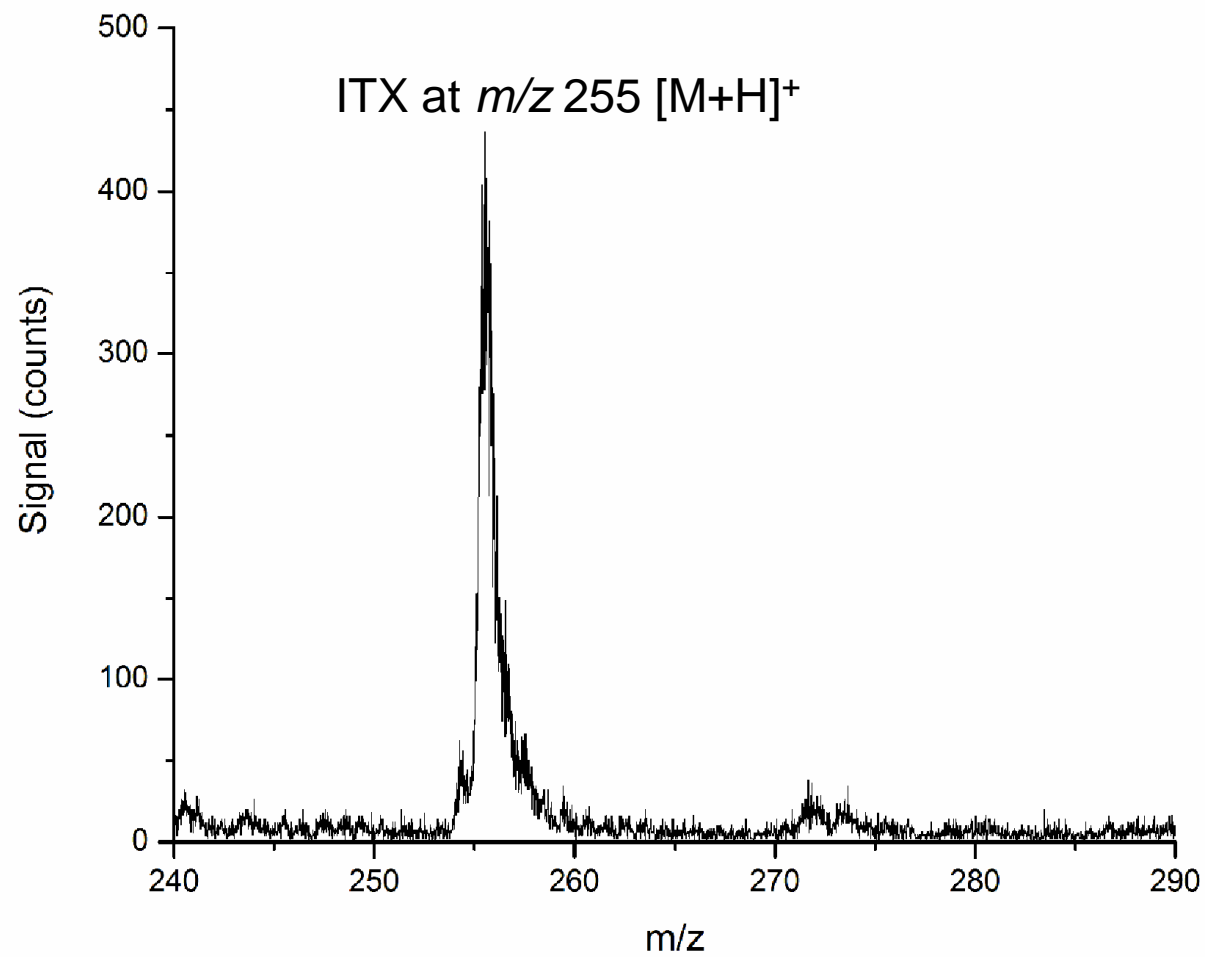
## HPTLC/APGD-TOF coupling



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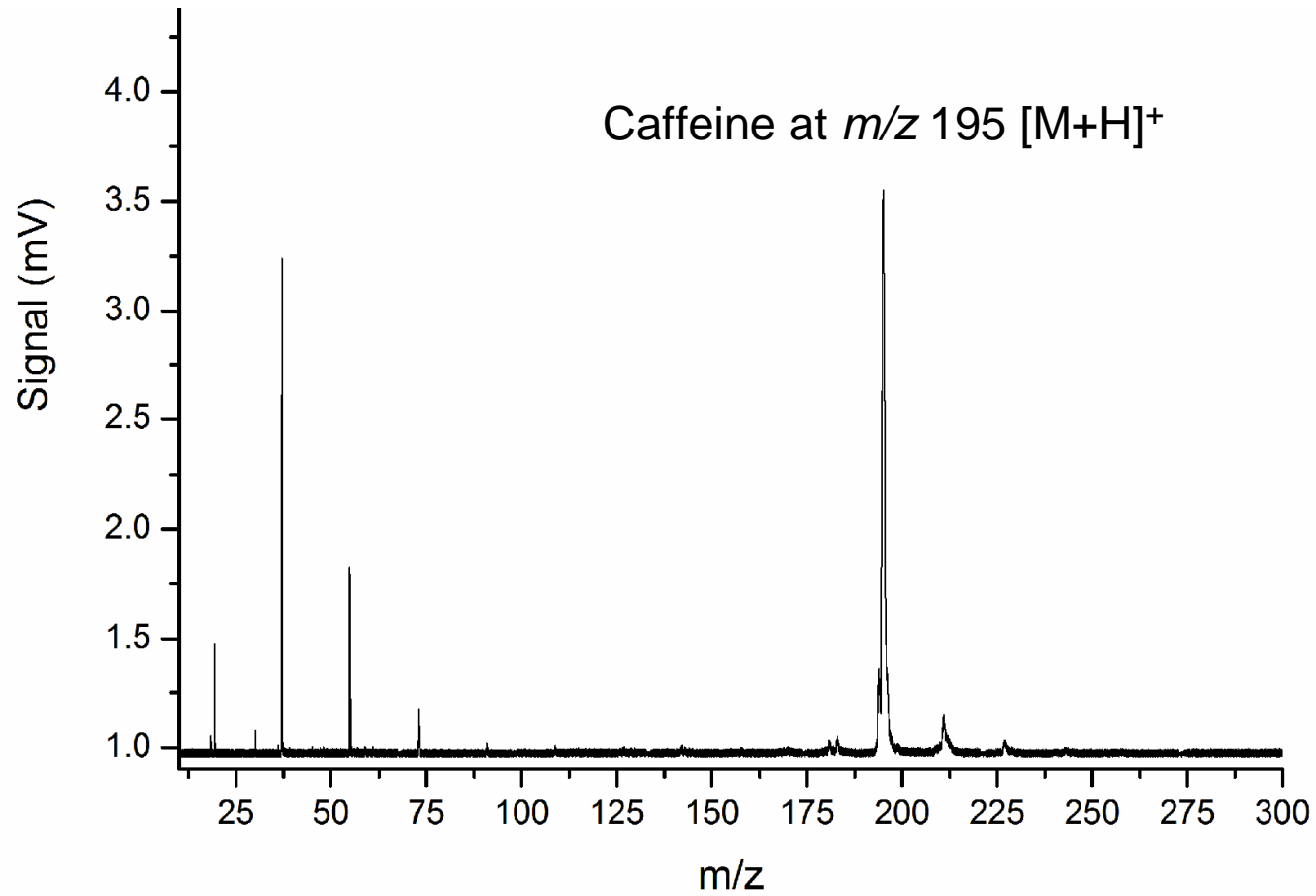






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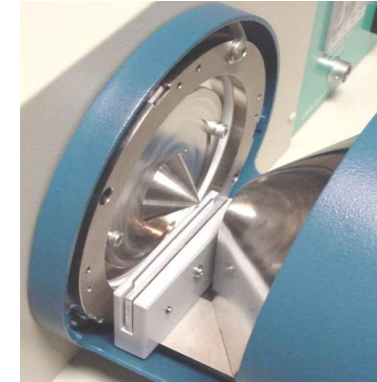
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## Comparison of interfaces

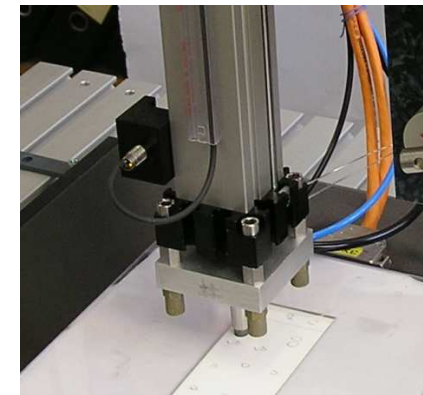
- DART & → dry desorption technique ↔ DESI  
APGD → no plate preparation etc. ↔ SALDI, MALDI  
😊 → eased handling (ambient conditions)  
→ simple spectra ↔ MALDI  
→ quantitativ *with* internal standard → scanfunction



ESI via  
R3D3



- ✓ universally connectable to any LC-MS system given
- ✓ without adjustments or mass spectrometer modifications
- ✓ fully automated (hands-free)
- ✓ whole plate (no cut)
- ✓ all layers and carriers
- ✓ cost-effective
- ✓ detectability in the pg/zone-range
- ✓ with good linear range and repeatability
- ✓ withstand validated methods





## 10. Flexible working station

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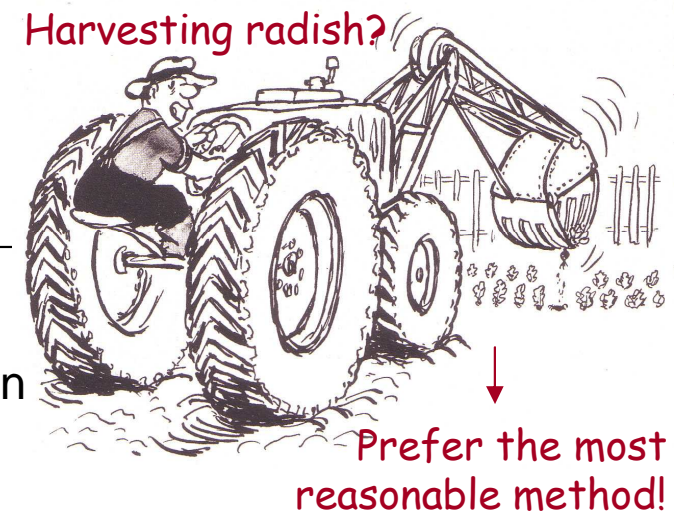
**At one HPTLC working place → 4 persons work on 4 different projects  
→ 300 runs per day (staggered system)**



## Why choosing HPTLC?

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1. Gives more information about an unknown
2. Tolerates minimized sample preparation
3. Enables concentration during application up to a factor of 10.000
4. Capable of high throughput (300 runs per day) with minimal costs
5. Runs parallel chromatography under identical environmental conditions
6. Enables selective and simultaneous derivatization (variety of reagents)
7. Enables multiple detection (UV/Vis, FLD, derivatization, MS)
8. Allows toxicity-directed detection (information directed to the effect)
9. Runs highly-targeted, cost-effective HPTLC-MS where separation solvent can be chosen independently from MS
10. Usage as flexible working station





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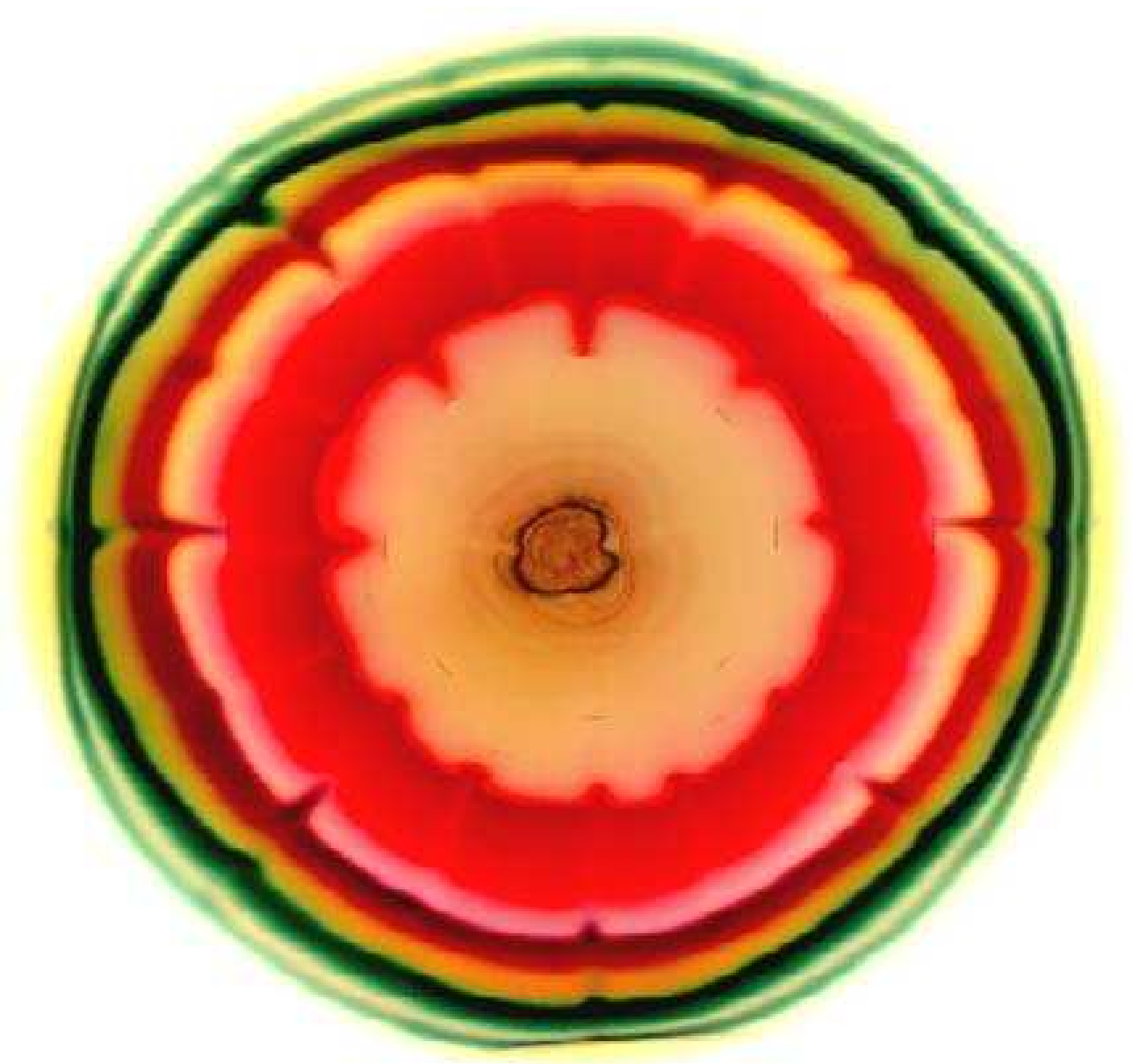
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