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Pesticide residue analysis in food

The analytical challenge: theory

Pesticide Manual: **1630 entries**

↓ World: ~700 in use, **others obsolete**

↓ EU: 462 approved

But: residues imported
illegal pesticides **↑↑ but not gone**



100s of different food matrices of varying complexity

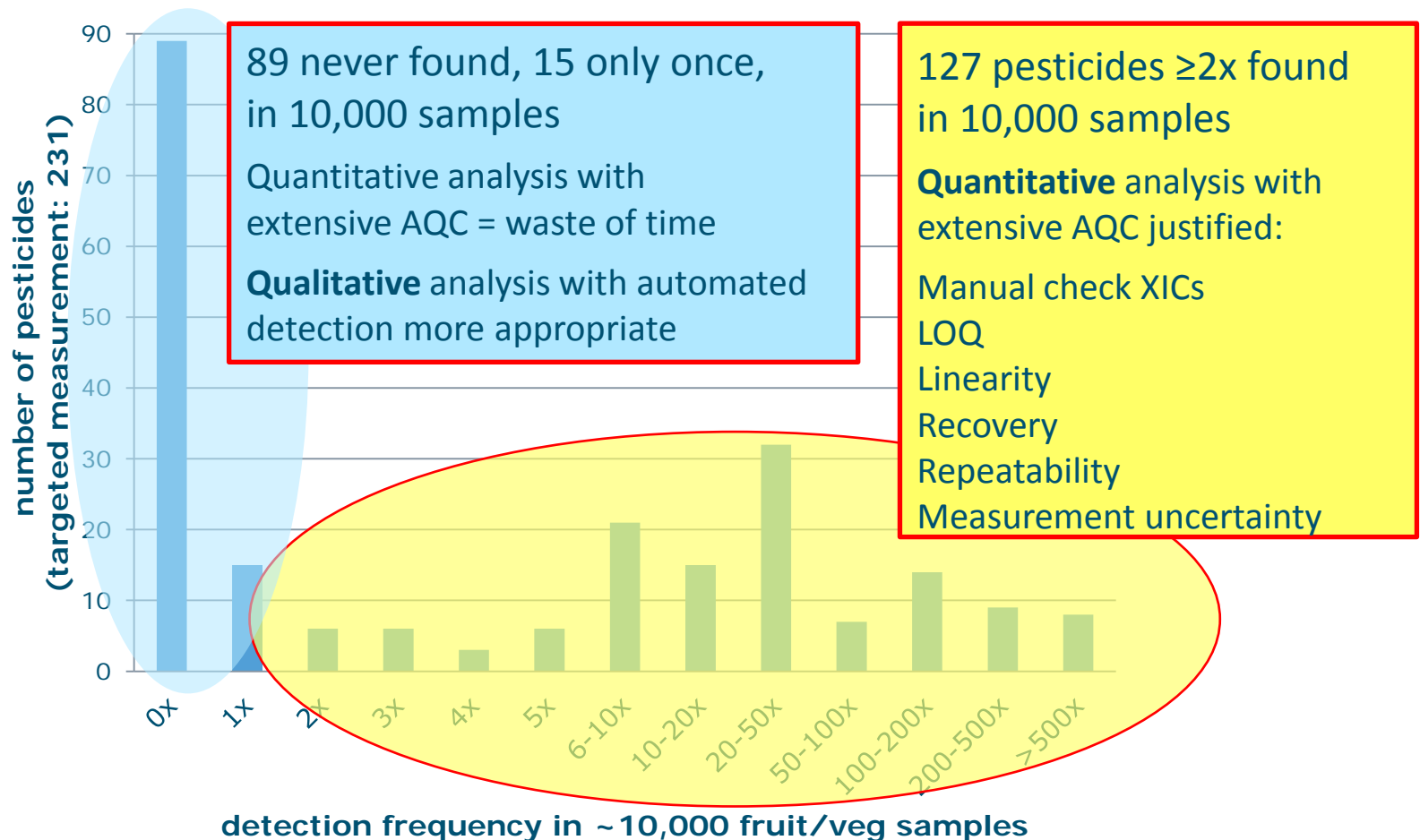
MRLs: 0.01-10 mg/kg



Pesticide residue analysis in food

The analytical challenge: practice

Detection rate of pesticides amenable to LC-MS based multi-residue analysis

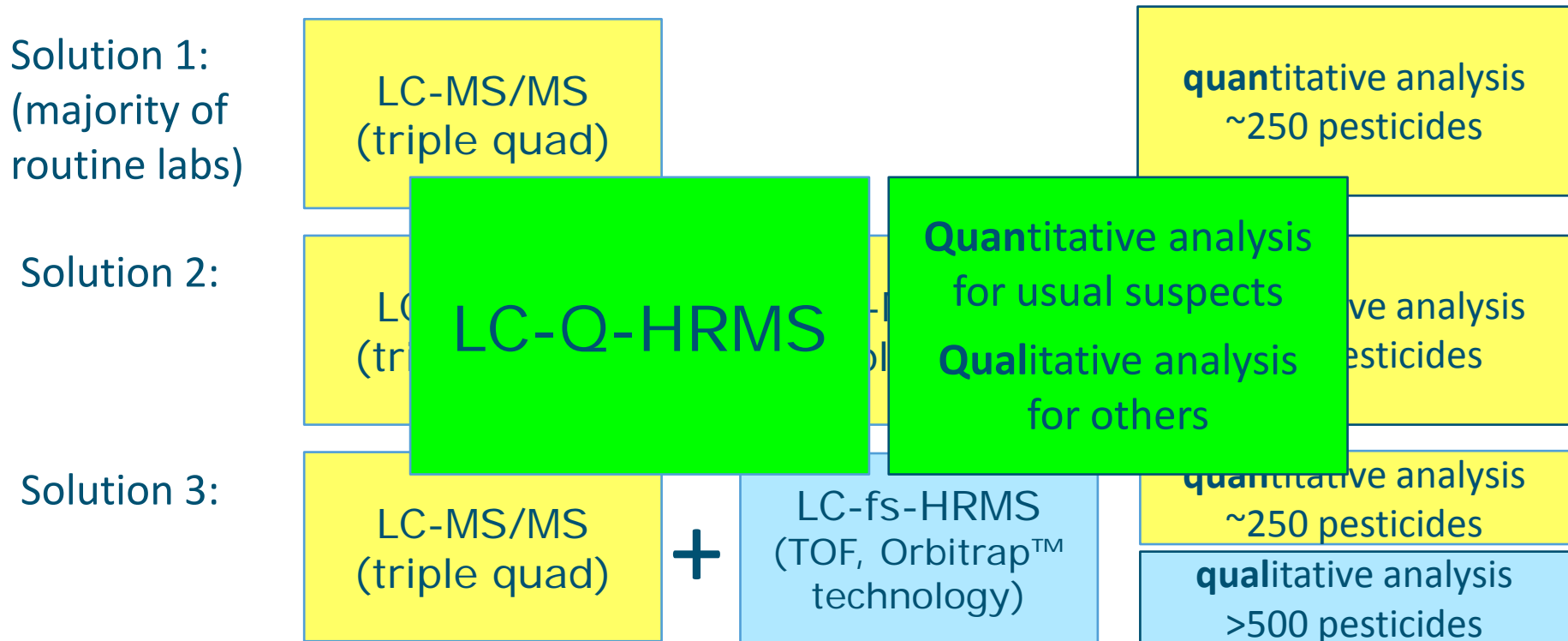


The challenge and the solution

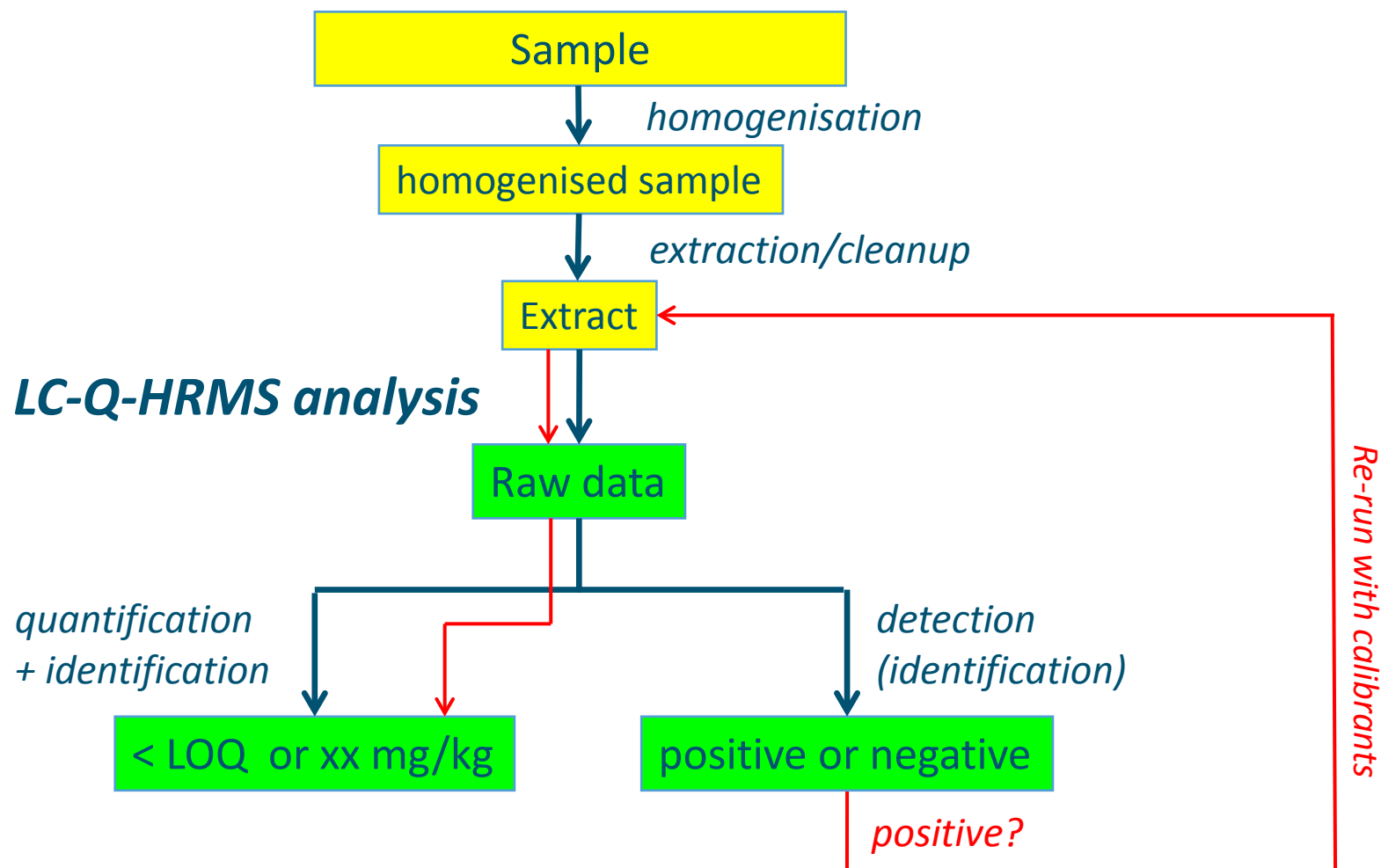
Analysis request:

a) are any pesticides present; b) if so: at what level?

New solution:



Outline work flow



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Instrument used

Thermo Scientific™ Exactive™ Plus MS

Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ MS

Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ Focus MS

Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ Plus MS

Thermo Scientific™ Exactive™ Plus EMR MS

Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ HF MS



Resolution FWHM @ m/z 200 (scan speed)

17,500 (12 Hz); 35,000 (6 Hz); 70,000 (3 Hz); 140,000 (1.5 Hz) [Focus: up to 70,000]

m/z 50-6000 (2000)

Mass accuracy: internal < 1 ppm RMS; external < 3 ppm RMS

Polarity switching: one full cycle pos&neg in <1 sec (R=35,000)

Variable precursor ion isolation width selection from 0.4 Da to full mass range

Various acquisition options

Non-target acquisition

without fragmentation (Full Scan)

with fragmentation in HCD cell

AIF = all-ion-fragmentation

vDIA = variable Data Independent Acquisition

Targeted acquisition

without fragmentation (SIM = Selected Ion Monitoring)

with fragmentation

ddMS/MS = data-dependent MS/MS with inclusion list

t-MS/MS = targeted MS/MS

PRM = Parallel Reaction Monitoring

Combinations of the above

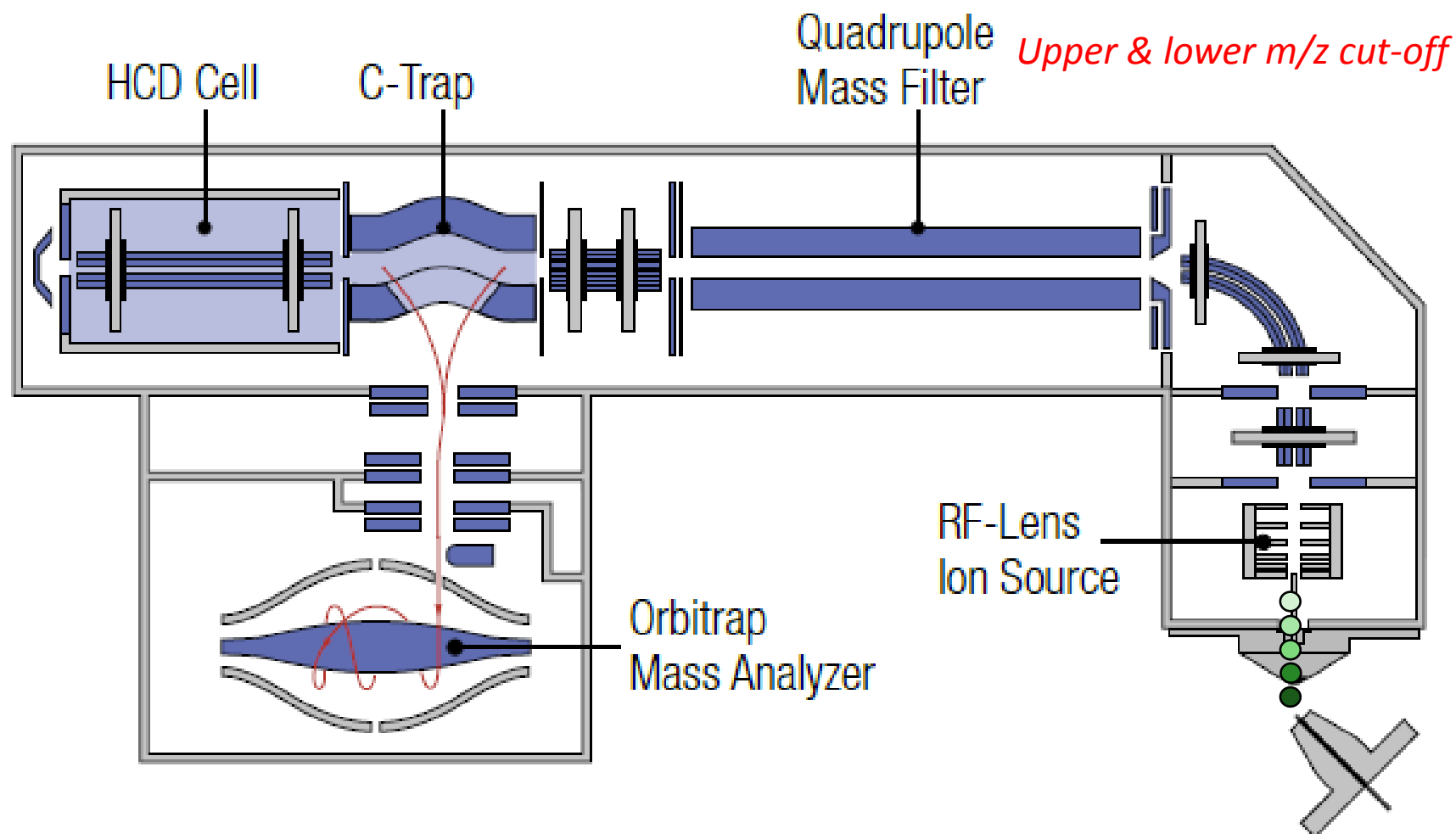
Full scan acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

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Set up of acquisition method: full scan

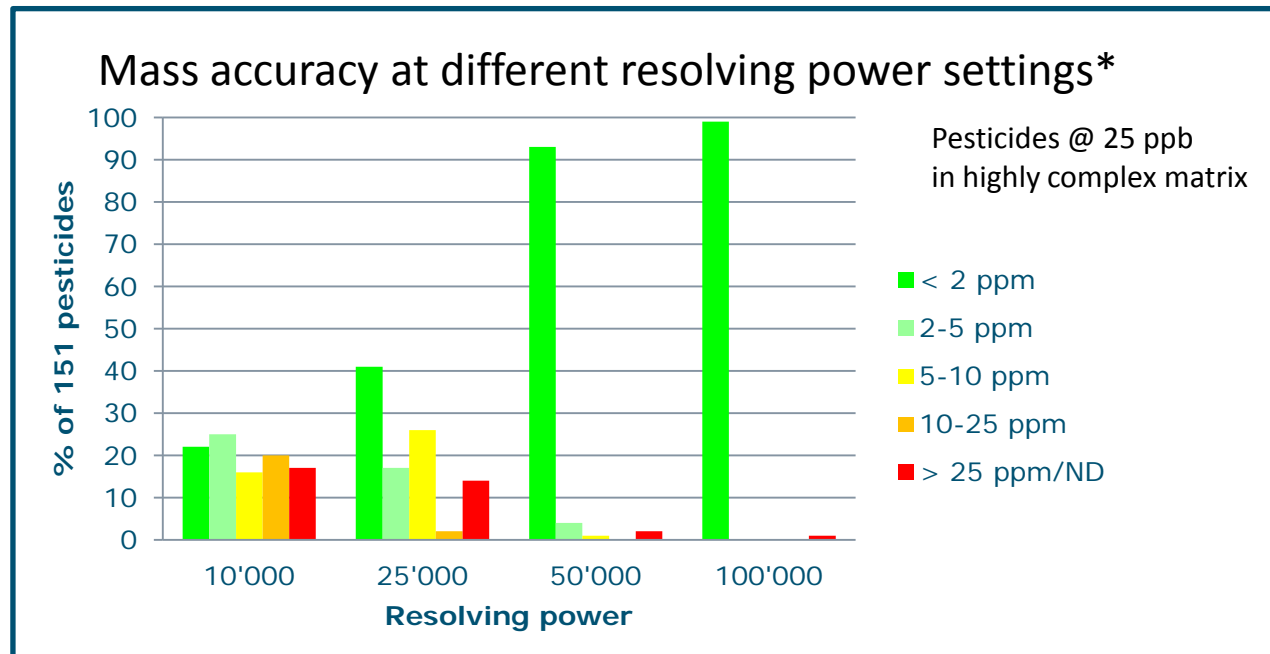
General source parameters, AGC settings: TFS default recommendations

Full scan measurement:

m/z range: 135-1000

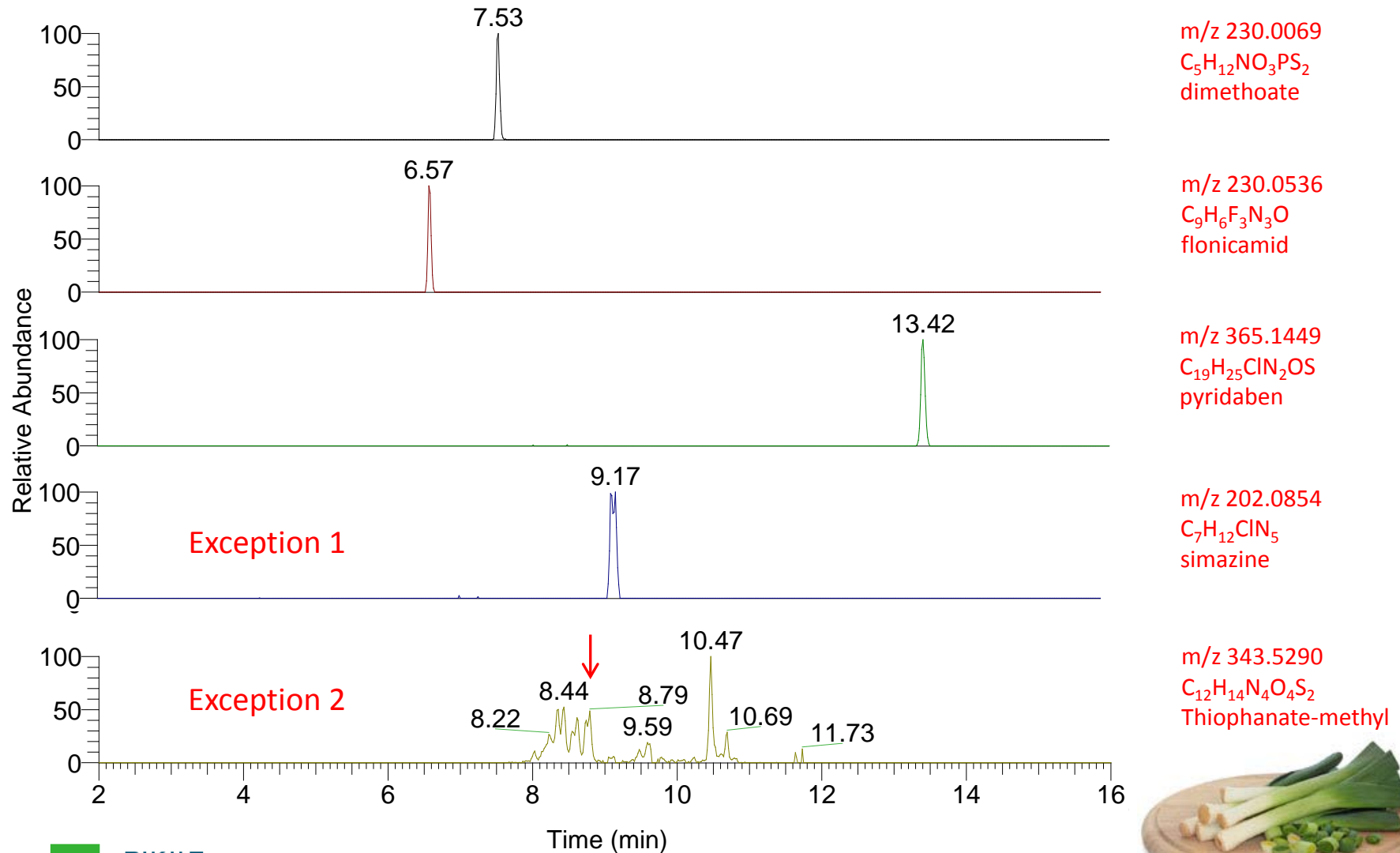
mass resolution: $\geq 50,000$ for reliable mass accuracy in complex samples to ensure for selectivity and quantification*

Here: 70,000 FWHM @ m/z 200



Extracting pesticides from the raw data

Extract signal of exact mass $\pm x$ Da (ppm), e.g. Dimethoate $[M+H]^+$ 230.0069 ± 5 ppm (± 0.0012 Da)



Set up of acquisition method: fragmentation

Generation of fragments:

1) needed for identification, 2) improve screening selectivity

For optimum detection and identification:

full scan acquisition without and with fragmentation in 1 run



Non-targeted fragmentation:

two options: AIF and vDIA



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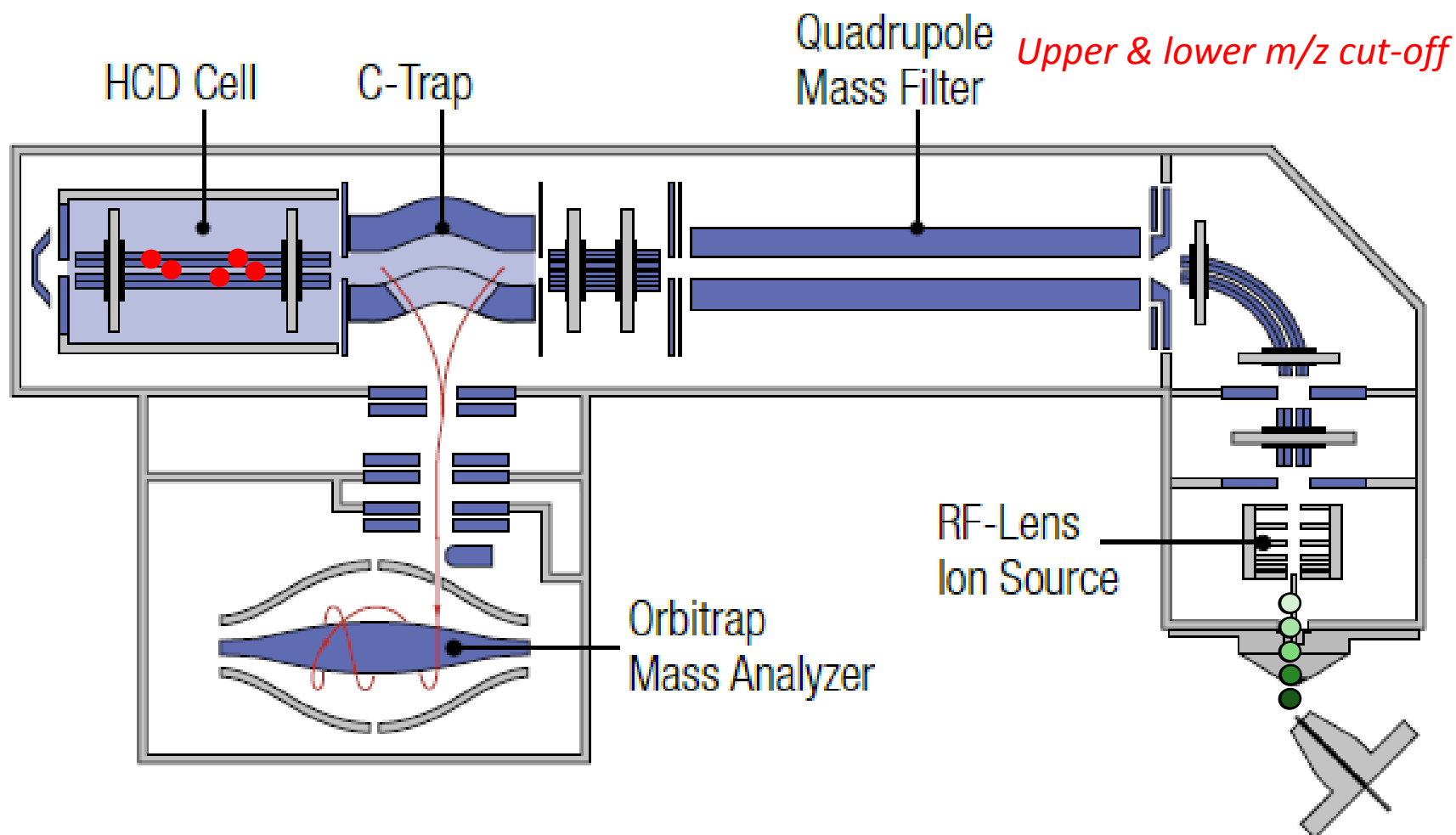
Combined Full scan + AIF acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

AIF \leftarrow m/z 100-1000

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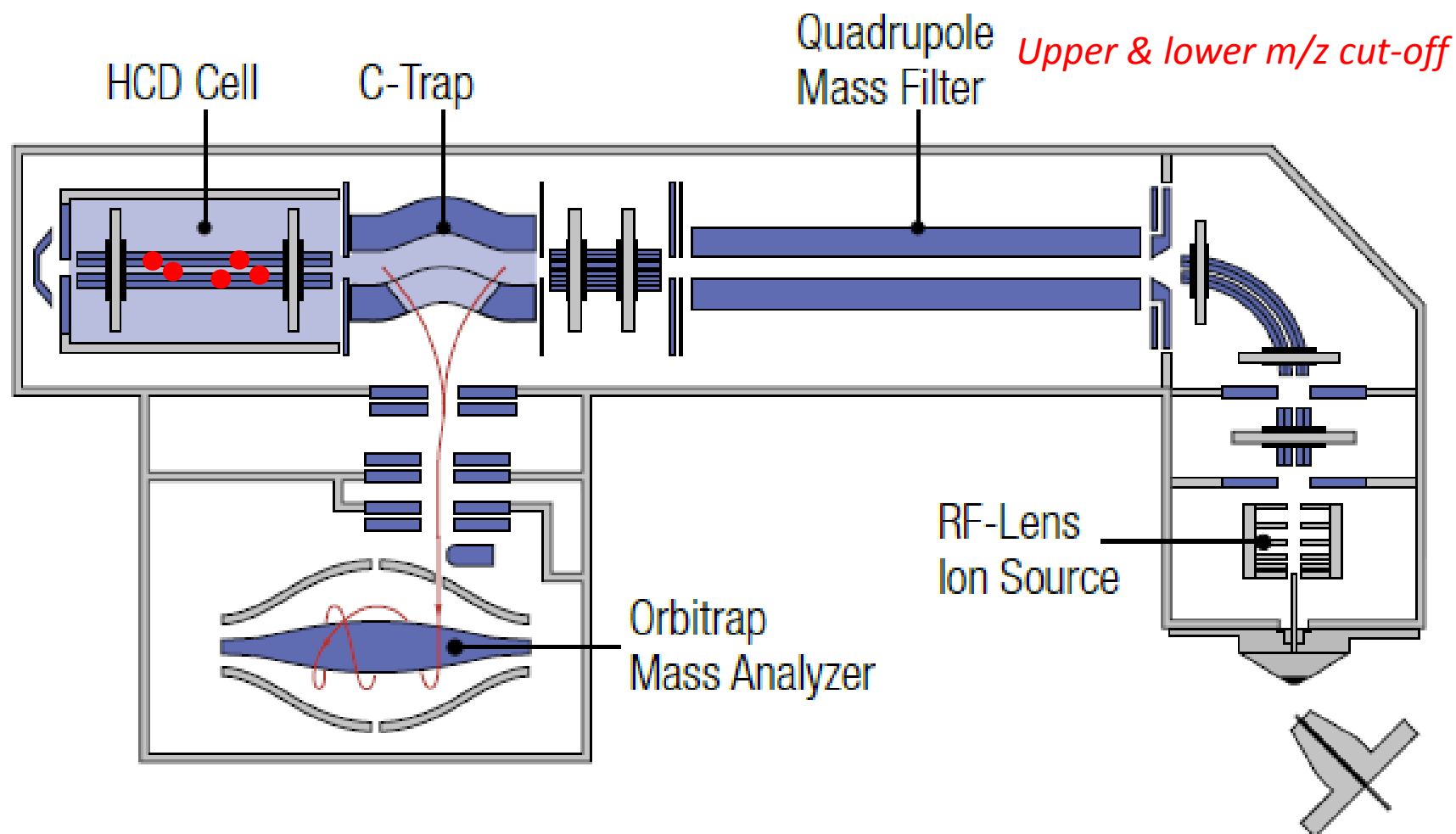
Combined Full scan + AIF acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

AIF \leftrightarrow m/z 100-1000

FS: m/z 100-1000

AIF \leftrightarrow m/z 100-1000



Combined Full scan + vDIA acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

↳: 100-200

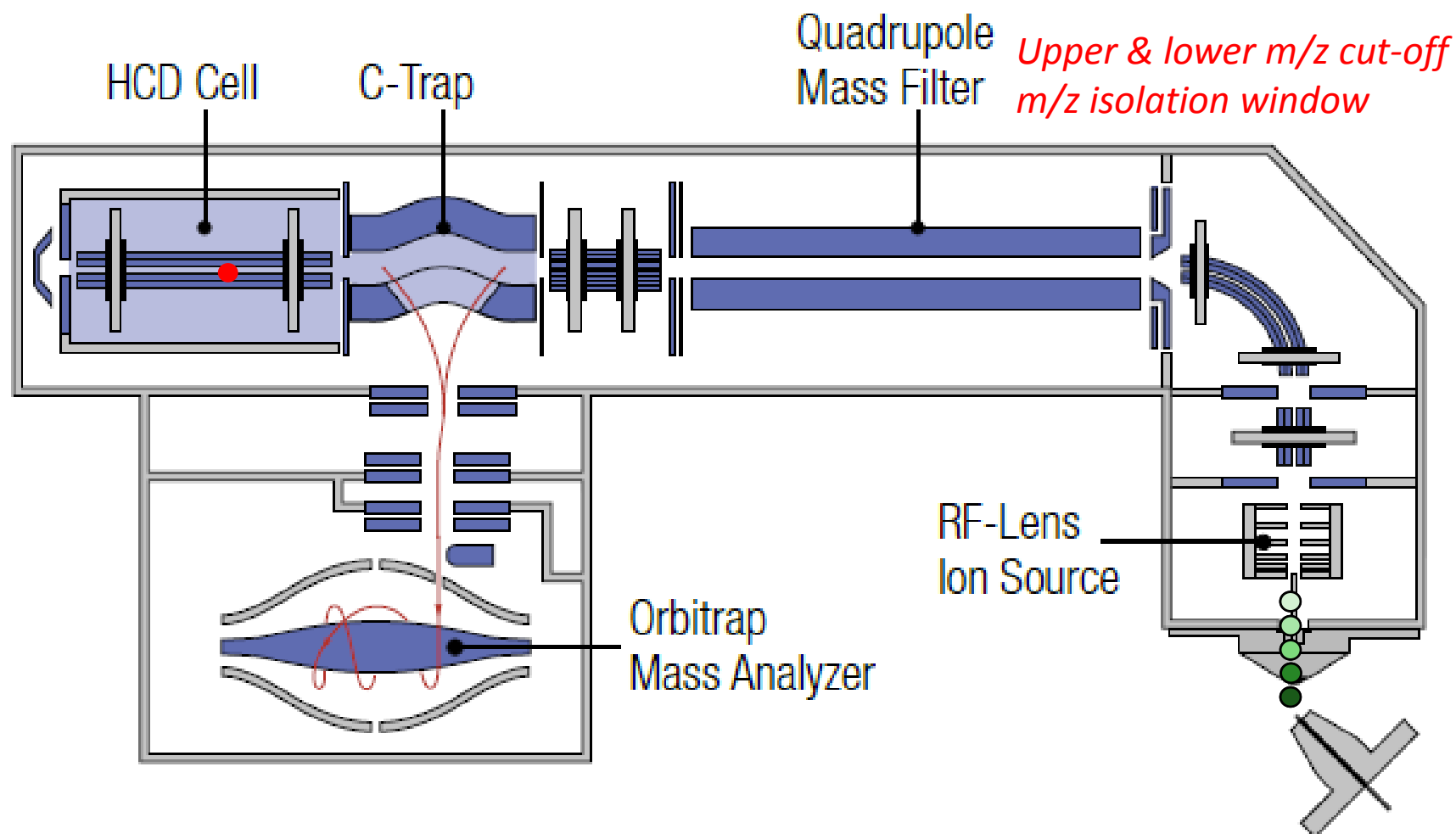
↳: 200-300

↳: 300-400

↳: 300-400

↳: 500-1000

FS: m/z 100-1000



Combined Full scan + vDIA acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

↳: 100-200

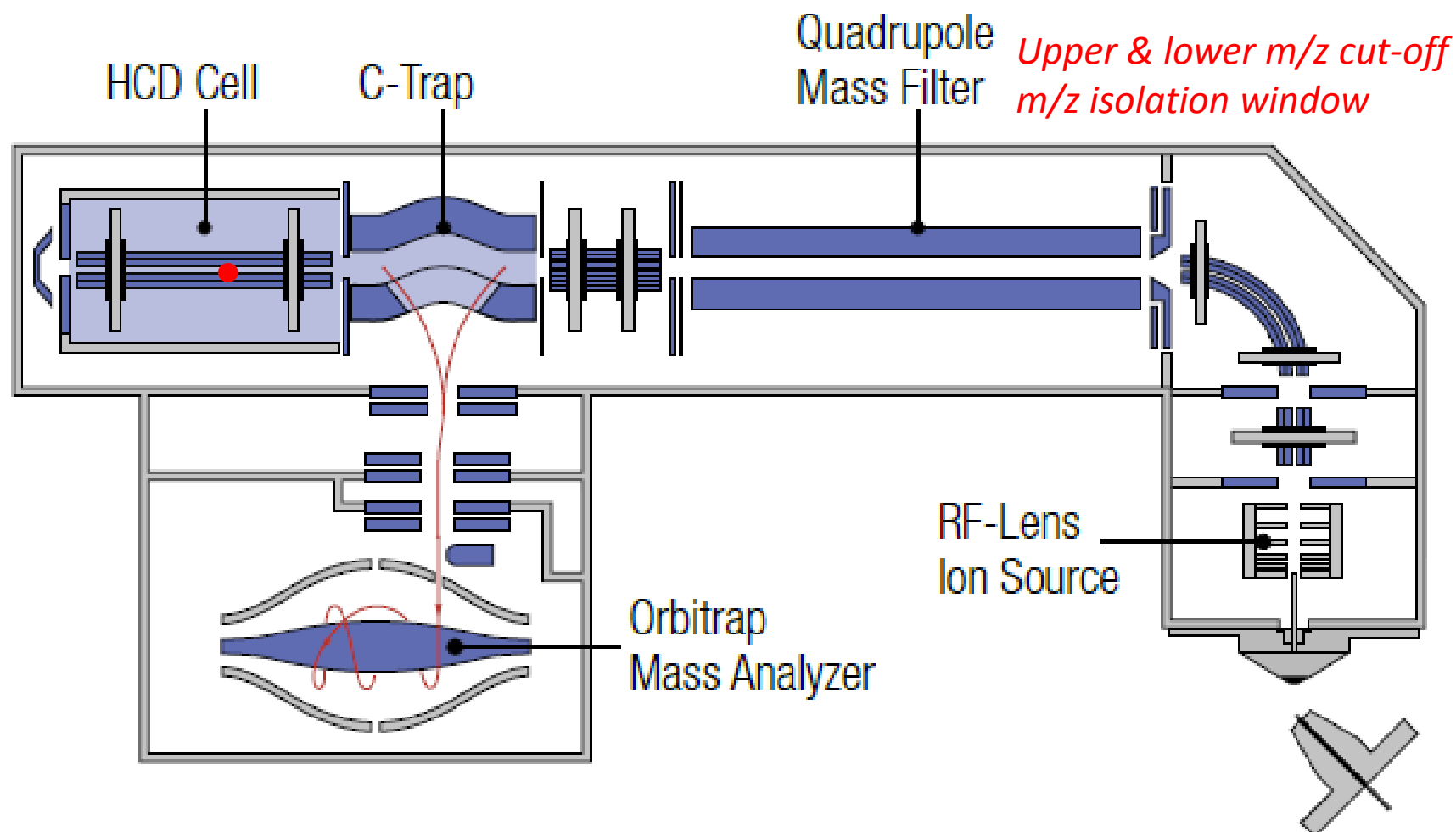
↳: 200-300

↳: 300-400

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↳: 500-1000

FS: m/z 100-1000



Combined Full scan + vDIA acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

↳: 100-200

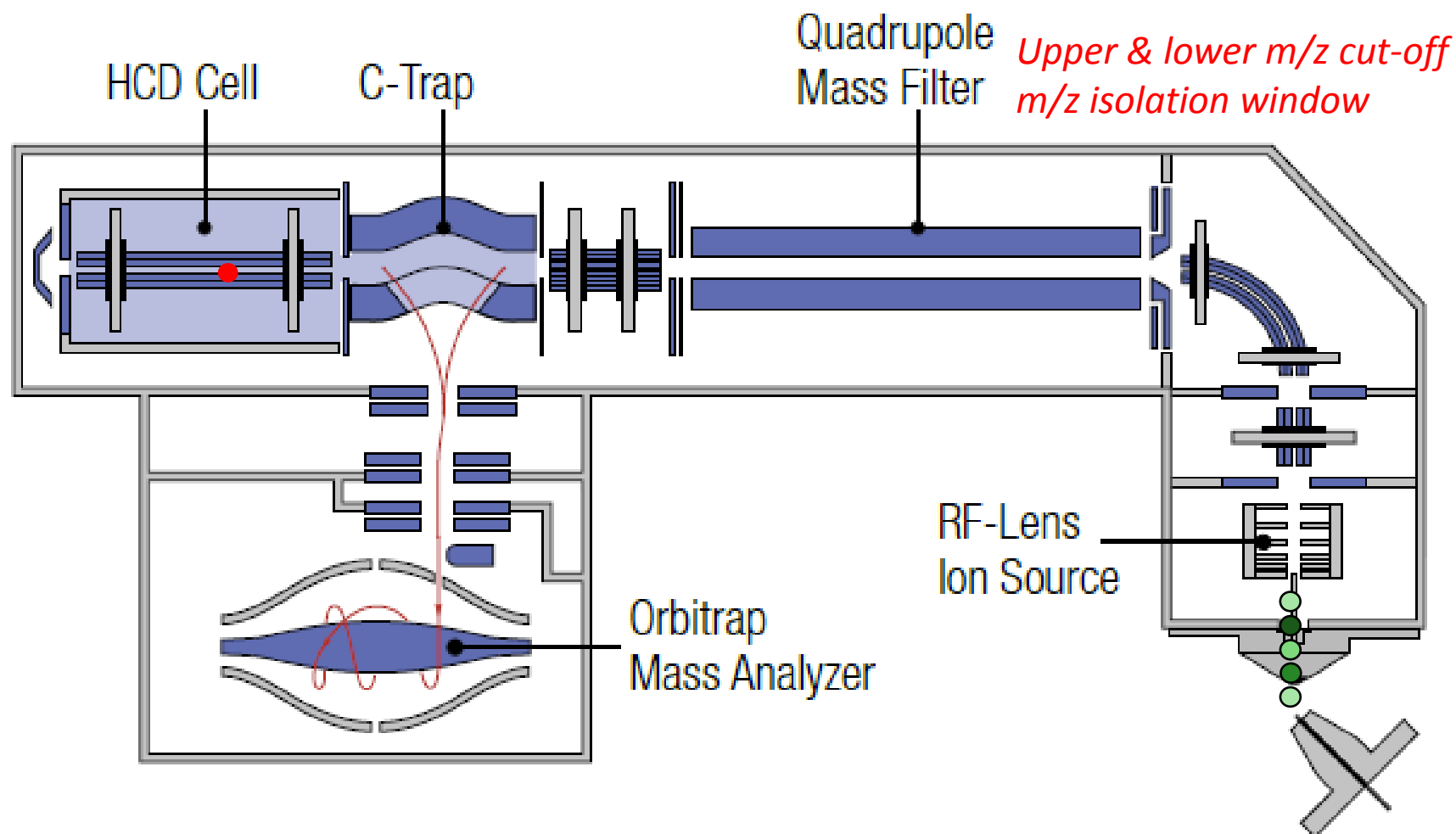
↳: 200-300

↳: 300-400

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↳: 500-1000

FS: m/z 100-1000



Combined Full scan + vDIA acquisition

FS: m/z 100-1000

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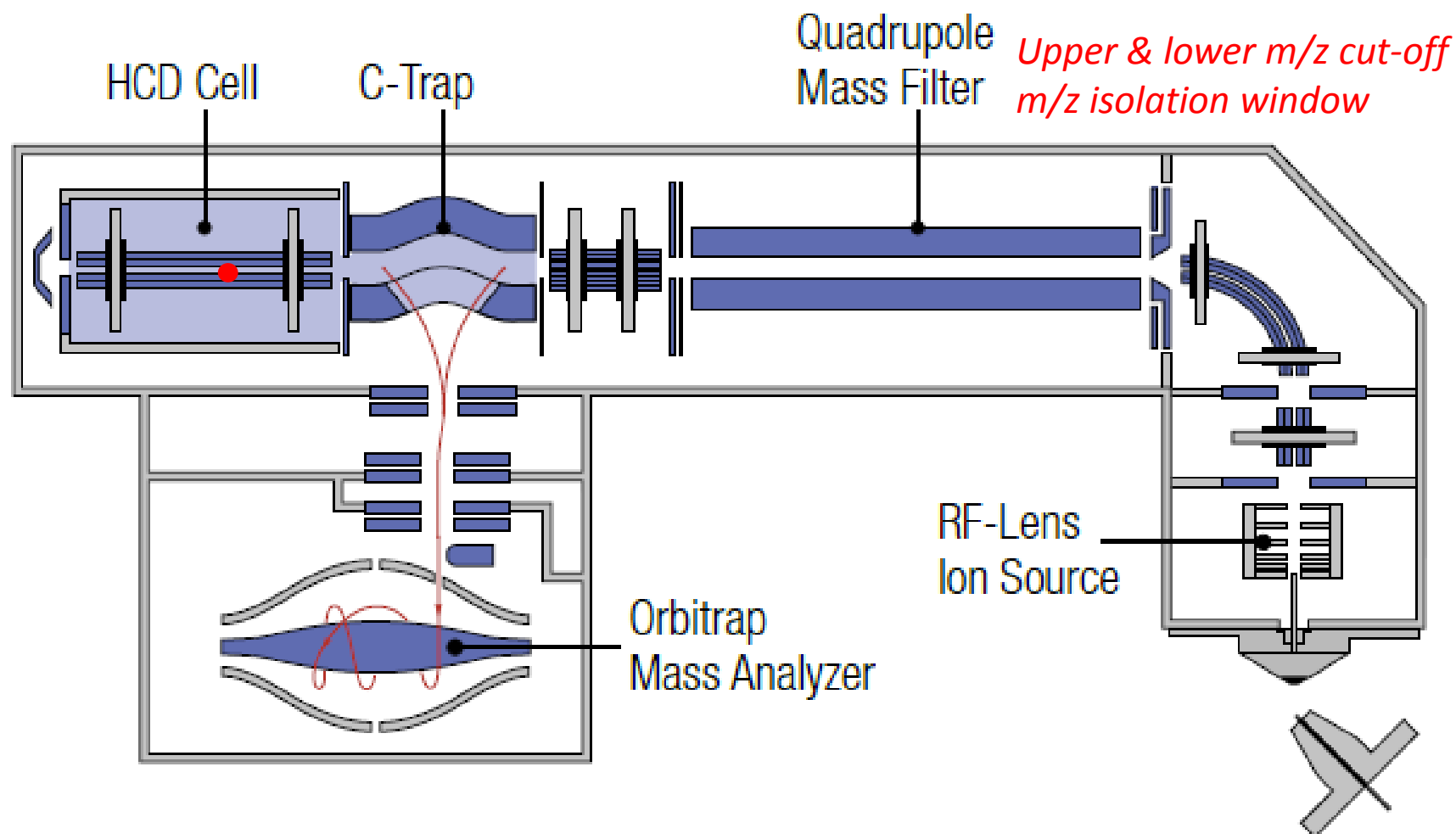
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FS: m/z 100-1000

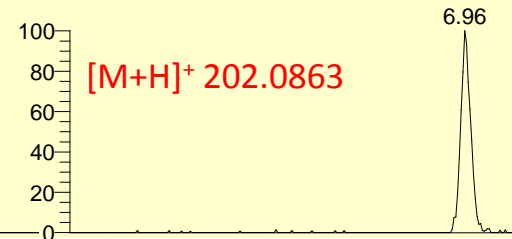
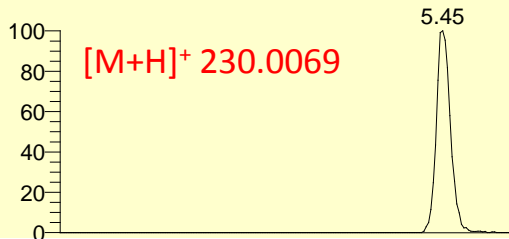


AIF vs. vDIA

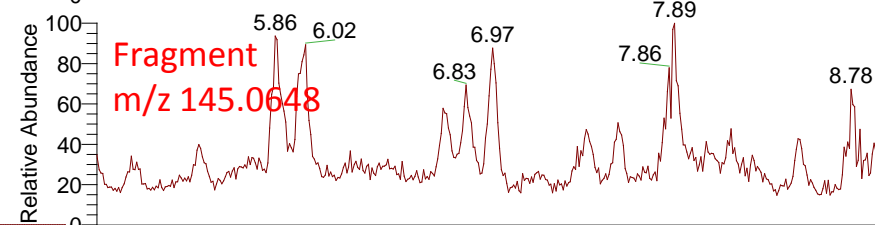
Dimethoate 10 ppb in wheat

Carbaryl 10 ppb in wheat

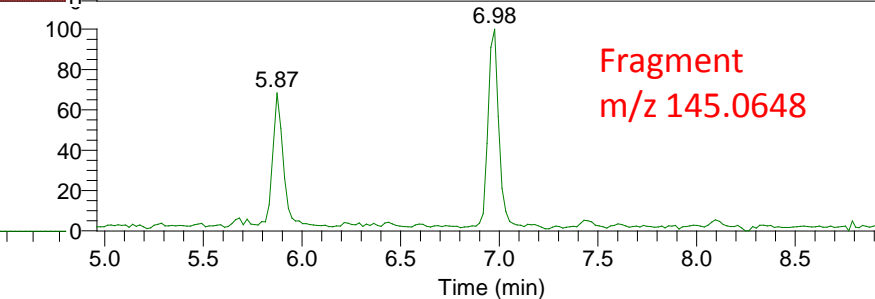
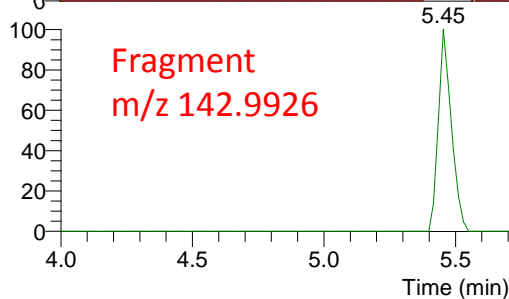
FS
m/z 135-1000
RP = 70,000



AIF
m/z 67-1000
RP = 70,000



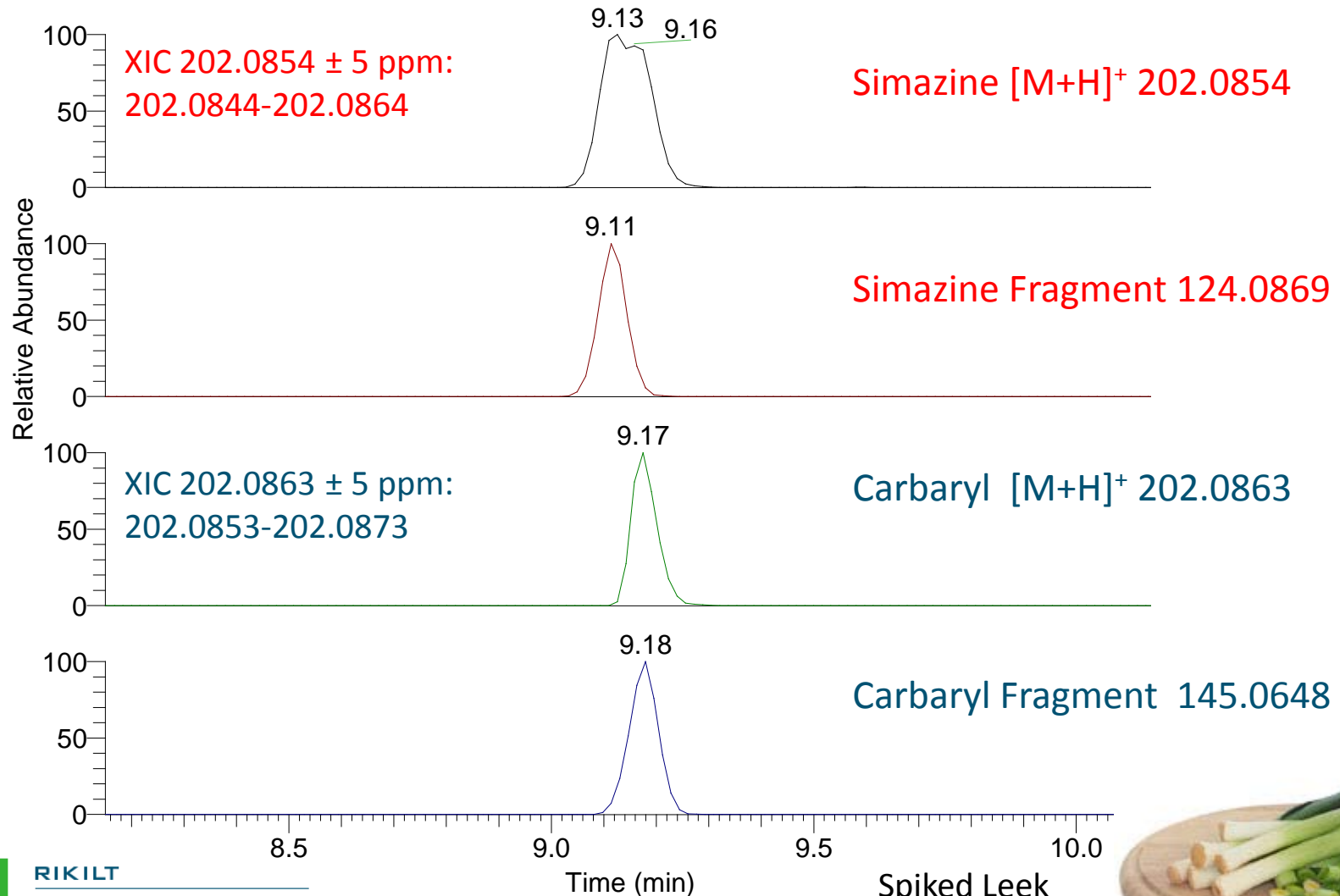
vDIA
m/z 195-305
RP = 35,000



⇒ vDIA preferred: improved selectivity & sensitivity + beneficial for identification

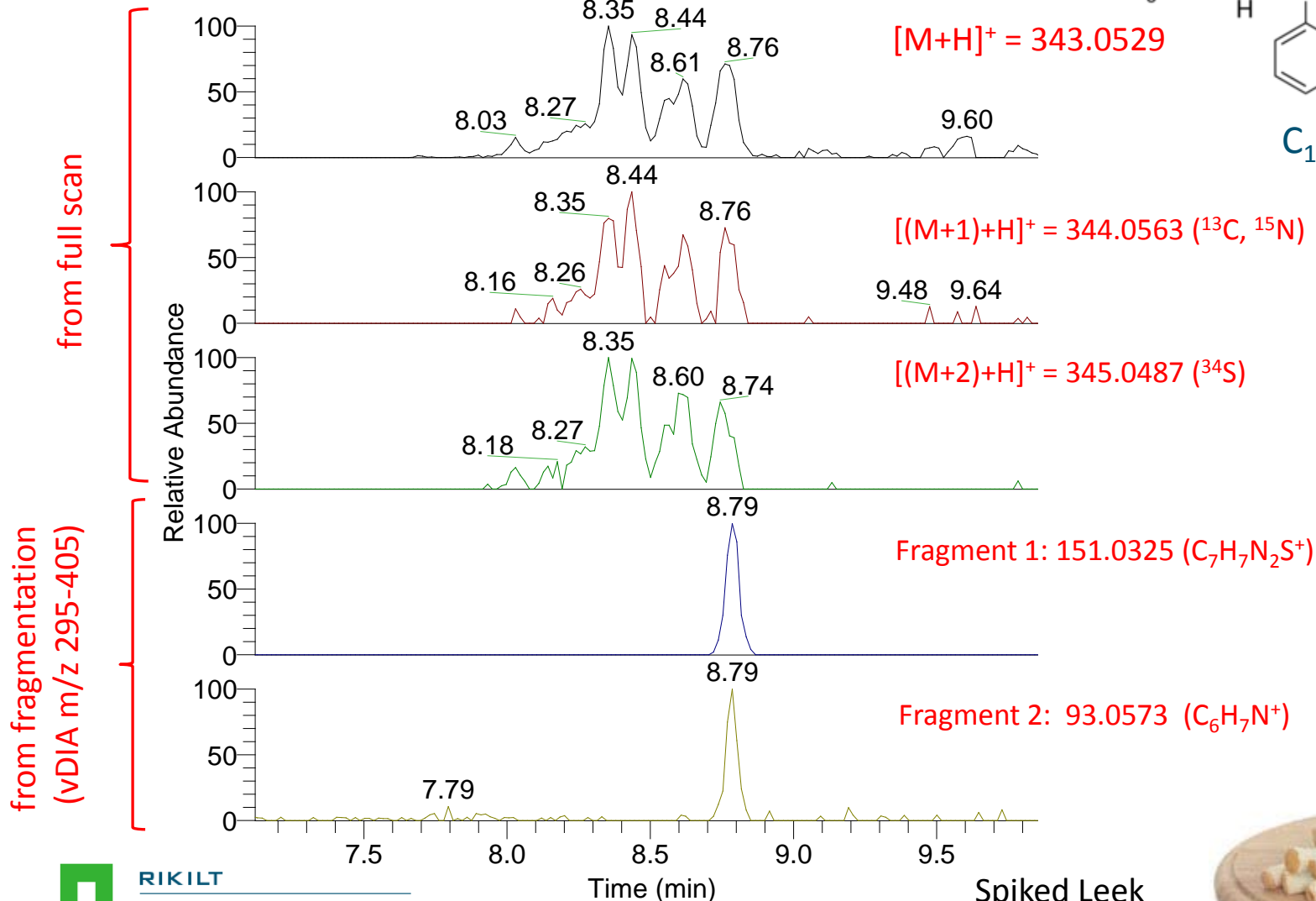
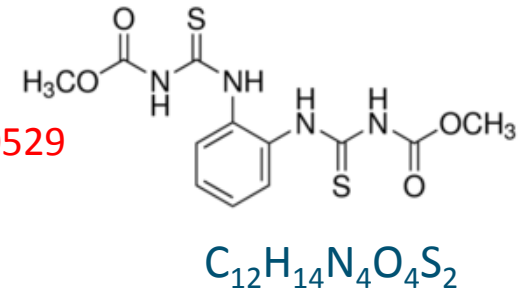
Dealing with exception 1: interfering analytes

Simazine $C_7H_{12}ClN_5$ and Carbaryl $C_{12}H_{11}NO_2$: difference $[M+H]^+ = 0.9$ mDa (4 ppm)



Dealing with exception 2: interfering matrix

Thiophanate-methyl in leek spiked @10 ppb



Method used

Sample preparation: QuEChERS (AOAC version)

10 g homogenised sample + 10 mL Acetonitrile/1% HAc

Shake 30 min

4 g MgSO₄ + 1 g NaAc, centrifuge (no dSPE cleanup)

Dilute acetonitrile phase 1:1 with water

LC: Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ UltiMate™ 3000 system:

Injection: 5 µL

Column: 100×3 mm ID, 3 µm Atlantis T3; T=35°C

Gradient: water/methanol, 2 mM NH₄HCOO

Flow: 0.30 mL/min

HRMS: Q Exactive MS with H-ESI-II source

Heated capillary: 320°C

FS+vDIA

Cycle time 978 ms

full scan: no fragmentation
m/z 135-1000@70K

Fragments of
95-205@35K

Fragments of
195-305@35K

Fragments of
295-405@35K

Fragments of
395-505@35K

Fragments of
495-1005@35K

HCD: 30 and 80 NCE, ACG: 10⁶

Data handling: Thermo Scientific™ TraceFinder™ 3.2 software



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Frequently found + others to widen range of phys/chem properties

Abamectin	Carbofuran	DNOC	Fluroxypyr	Mesotrione	Pirimicarb	Spiroxamine
Acephate	Carfentrazone-ethyl	Dodemorph	Flutolanil	Metalaxyl	Pirimiphos-methyl	Sulcotrione
Acequinocyl	Chlorantraniliprole	Dodine	Foramsulfuron	Metamitron	Prochloraz	Tebuconazole
Acetamiprid	Chlorbromuron	Emamectin B1a	Fosthiazate	Metazachlor	Profenofos	Tebufenpyrad
Aclonifen	Chloridazon	Epoxiconazole	Haloxypop	Metconazole	Propamocarb	Tepraloxydim
Aldicarb	Clodinafop-propargyl	Ethirimol	Haloxypop-etotyl	Methabenzthiazuron	Propiconazole	Terbuthylazine
Ametoctradin	Clofentezine	Ethoprophos	Hexythiazox	Methamidophos	Propyzamide	Terbutryn
Aminopyralid	Clomazone	Etoxazole	Imazalil	Methiocarb	Prosulfocarb	Tetraconazole
Amisulbrom	Clopyralid	Famoxadone	Imidacloprid	Methomyl	Pymetrozine	Thiabendazole
Asulam	Clothianidin	Fenamidone	Indoxacarb	Methoxyfenozide	Pyraclostrobin	Thiacloprid
Azadirachtin	Cyazofamid	Fenamiphos	Iodosulfuron-methyl	Metolachlor	Pyridaben	Thiamethoxam
Azamethiphos	Cybutryne	Fenhexamid	Ioxynil	Metoxuron	Pyridalyl	Thiophanate-methyl
Azoxystrobin	Cymoxanil	Fenoxaprop-p-ethyl	Iprovalicarb	Metrafenone	Pyridate	Tolyfluanid
Bendiocarb	Cyproconazole	Fenoxycarb	Isoproturon	Metribuzin	Pyrimethanil	Triallate
Bentazone	Cyprodinil	Fenpropidin	Isopyrazam	Metsulfuron-methyl	Pyriproxyfen	Tribenuron-methyl
Bifenazate	Cyromazine	Fenpropimorph	Isoxaben	Mevinphos	Pyroxsulam	Triclopyr
Bifenthrin	Cythioate	Fipronil	Isoxaflutole	Myclobutanil	Quinmerac	Trifloxystrobin
Bixafen	D 2 4-	Flonicamid	Kresoxim-methyl	Nicosulfuron	Quinoclamine	Triflumizole
Boscalid	Dichlofluanid	Florasulam	Lenacil	Omethoate	Quinoxifen	Triflumuron
Brodifacoum	Difenoconazole	Fluazinam	Linuron	Oxamyl	Quizalofop-ethyl	Triflusulfuron-methyl
Bromadiolone	Diflubenzuron	Flubendiamide	Lufenuron	Oxydemeton-methyl	Rimsulfuron	Triforine
Bromoxynil	Diflufenican	Flucycloxuron	Malathion	Paclobutrazol	Silthiofam	Trinexapac-ethyl
Bupirimate	Dimethenamid	Fludioxonil	Mandipropamid	Penconazole	Simazine	
Buprofezin	Dimethoate	Flufenacet	MCPA	Pencycuron	Spinosyn-A	
Carbaryl	Dimethomorph	Flufenoxuron	MCPP	Phenmedipham	Spinosyn-D	
Carbendazim	Dinoterb	Fluopicolide	Mepanipyrim	Picoxystrobin	Spirodiclofen	
Carbetamide	Diuron	Fluoxastrobin	Mesosulfuron-methyl	Pinoxaden	Spiromesifen	

Quantitative data review

Thermo TraceFinder EFS LC

File View Tools Help Real time status | User: zomer003 | ?

Analysis Data Review - QEx_Validatie_Qual_pos_day1_140918

Batch View

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Compounds

Flags	Compound
111	Mevinphos
112	Myclobutanil
113	Nicosulfuron
114	Omethoate
115	Oxamyl
116	Oxydemeton-methyl
117	Paclotrazol
118	Penconazole
119	Pencycuron
120	Phenmedipham
121	Picoxystrobin
122	Pinoxaden
123	Pirimicarb
124	Pirimiphos-methyl
125	Prochloraz
126	Profenofos
127	Propamocarb
128	Propiconazole
129	Propyzamide
130	Prosulfocarb
131	Pymetrozine
132	Pyraclostrobin
133	Pyridaben
134	Pyridalyl
135	Pyridate
136	Pyrimethanil
137	Pyriproxyfen
138	Pyroxulam
139	Quinmerac
140	Quinoclamine
141	Quinoxifen
142	Quizalofop-ethyl
143	Rimsulfuron
144	Silthiofam
145	Simazine
146	Spinosyn-A
147	Spinosyn-D

Sample Results

Acc	Flags	Flag Details	Status	Filename	Sample Type	Sample Name	Height	Area	Expected RT
18	18			QEx_140918_064	Unknown	Orange + 200 ppb	23627272	152022784	12.31
19	19			QEx_140918_067	Unknown	std 10 ng/ml solvent	2304051	15000818	12.31
20									
21									
22									
23									
24									
25									
26									
27									
28									
29									
30									
31	>1			QEx_140918_060	Unknown	Apple + 10 ng/g	2100040	12009339	12.31
32	32			QEx_140918_081	Unknown	Nectarine + 10 ng/g	2221103	15338374	12.31
33	33			QEx_140918_082	Unknown	Leek + 10 ng/g	1538081	10217795	12.31

Review by pesticide (compound view):
XIC mass extraction window: ± 5 ppm
For each quan pesticide: click through the samples and check assignment/integration of quantifier (main adduct) and qualifier (fragment), adjust when needed

Compound Details

Quan Peak

Spinosyn-A RT: 12.49 | QEx_140918_081

RT: 12.49
AA: 15338373.80
AH: 2221102.75
SN: INF

Quantifier OK

Apex RT: 12.49
Area: 15338374

Confirming Ions

RT: 12.48 | QEx_140918_081

RT: 12.48
AA: 6337946.54
AH: 890975.50
SN: 1371.23

Qualifier OK

m/z: 142.12264
4.00% - 6.00% 142.12264/732.46810 = 41.32%

Apex RT: 12.48
Area: 6337947

Quantitative data review

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23	Carbendazim
24	Carbetamide
25	Carbofuran
26	Carfentrazone-ethyl
27	Chlorantraniliprole
28	Chlorbromuron
29	Chloridazon
30	Clodinafop-propargyl
31	Clofentezine
32	Clomazone
33	Clopyralid
34	Clothianidin
35	Cyazofamid
36	Cybutryne
37	Cymoxanil
38	Cyproconazole I
39	Cyprodinil
40	Cyromazine
41	Cythioate
42	Dichlofluanid
43	Difenoconazole
44	Diflubenzuron
45	Diflufenican
46	Dimethenamid
47	Dimethoate
48	Dimethomorph
49	Diuron
50	Dodemorph
51	Dodine
52	Emamectin B1a
53	Epoxiconazole
54	Ethirimol
55	Ethoprophos
56	Etoxazole
57	Famoxadone
58	Fenamidone

Sample Results

Acc	Flags	Flag Details	Status	Filename	Sample Type	Level	Sample ID	Sample Name	Comments	Height	Area
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2	2		●	QEx_141017_048	Unknown	1	1	std 5 ng/ml solvent		2108051	86004
3	3		●	QEx_141017_049	Unknown	1	1	std 10 ng/ml solvent		4543783	21085
4	4		●	QEx_141017_050	Unknown	1	1	std 50 ng/ml solvent		20706800	81461
5	5		●	QEx_141017_051	Unknown	1	1	std 100 ng/ml solvent		43425516	17377
6	6		●	QEx_141017_052	Unknown	1	1	std 250 ng/ml solvent		100221320	42270
7	7	<<,CF	●	QEx_141017_054	Unknown	1	1	Blank Reagent day 2		N/F	N/F
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10	10	<<,CF	●	QEx_141017_057	Unknown	1	1	Blank Leek		N/F	N/F
11	11	<<,CF	●	QEx_141017_058	Unknown	1	1	Blank Tomato		N/F	N/F
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14	14	<<,CF	●	QEx_141017_061	Unknown	1	1	Blank Celery		N/F	N/F
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16	16	<<,CF	●	QEx_141017_063	Unknown	1	1	Blank Carrot		N/F	N/F

Compound Details

Quan Peak

Carbaryl RT: 9.16 | QEx_141017_060

Apex RT: N/F
Area: N/F

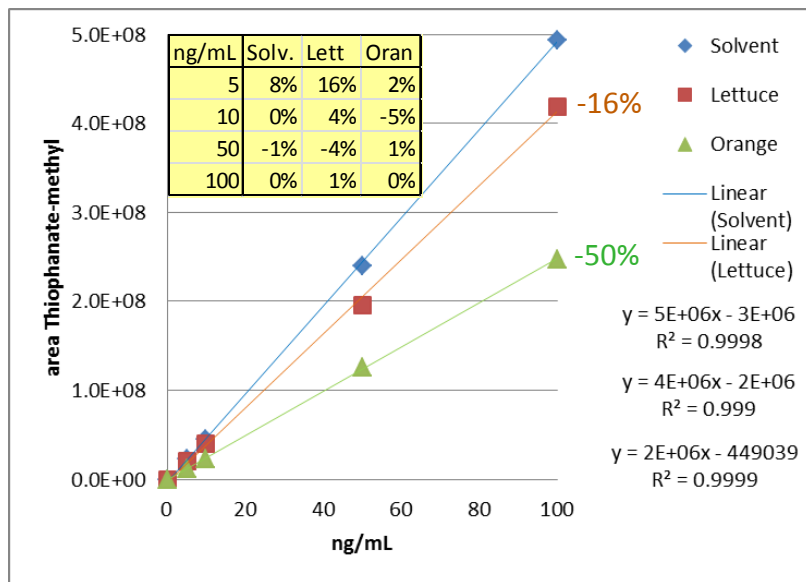
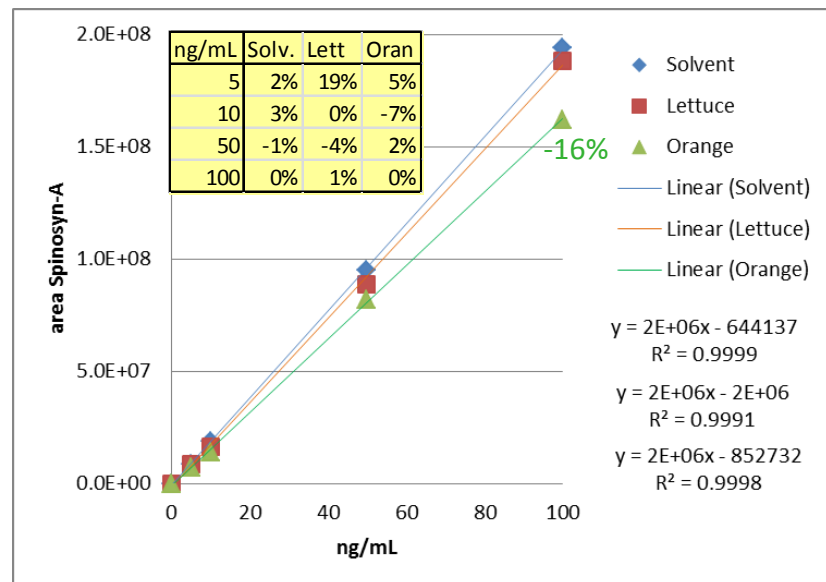
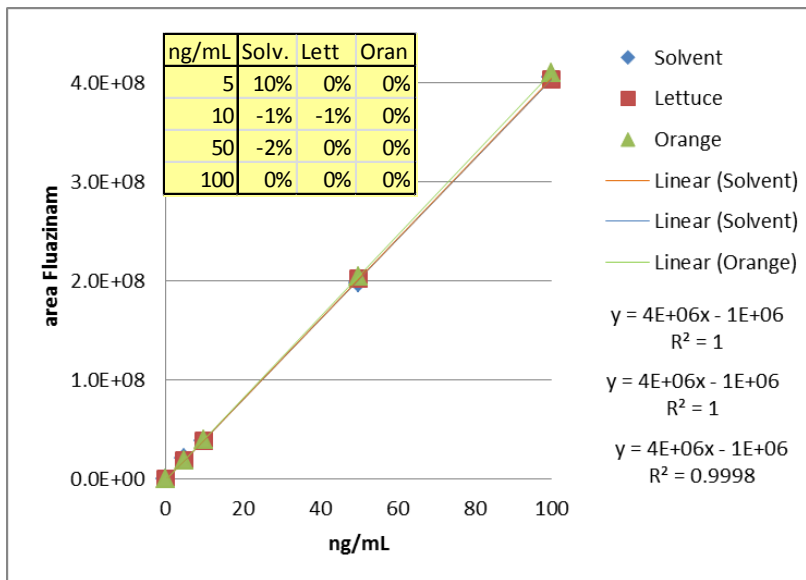
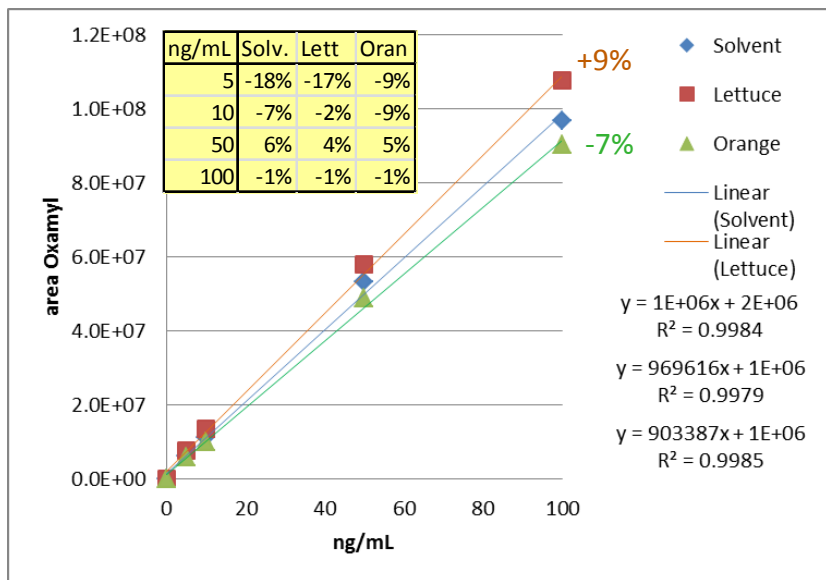
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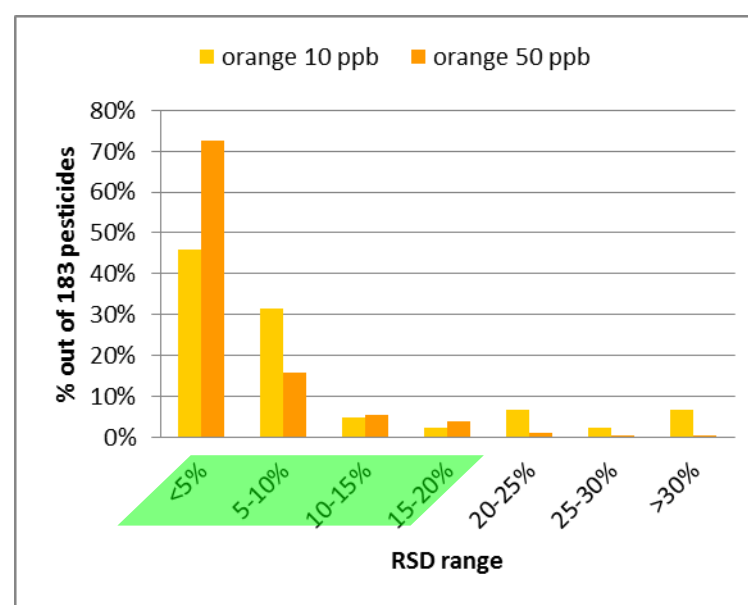
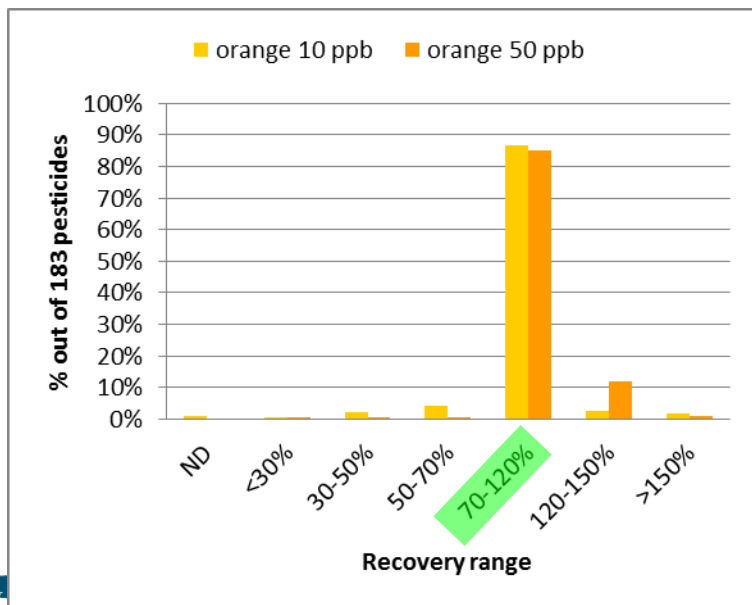
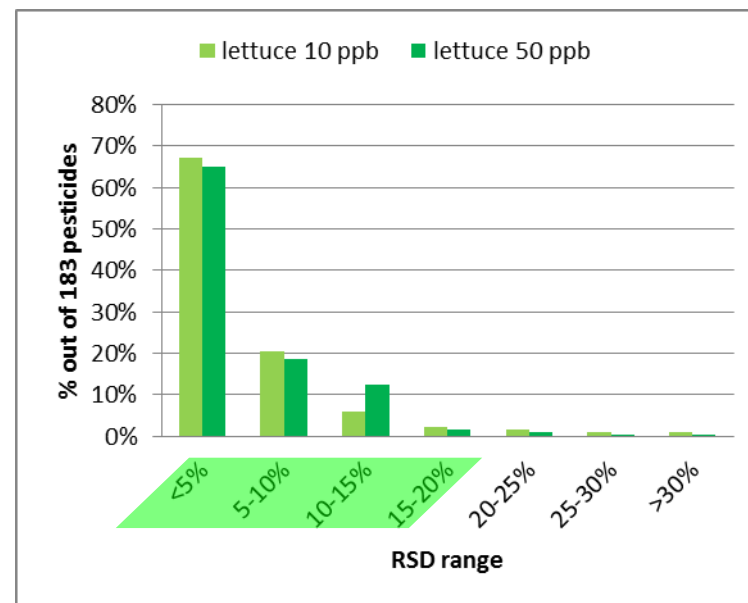
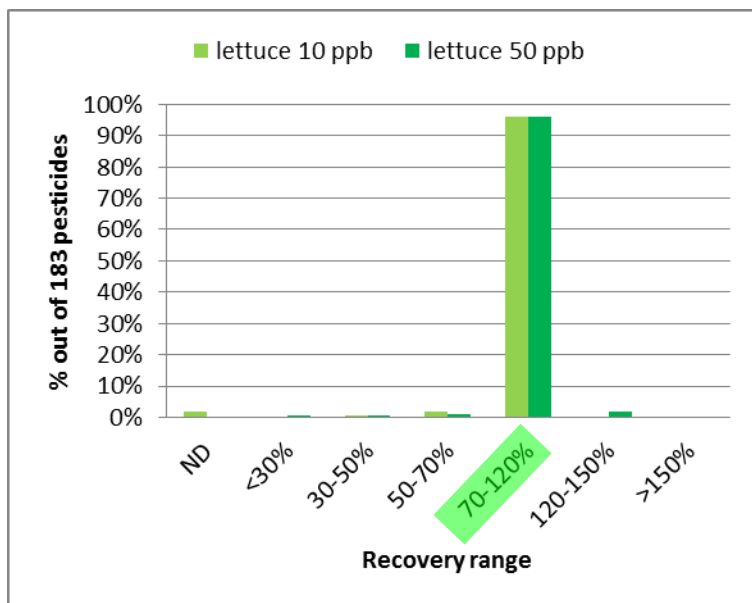
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4.00% - 6.00% 145.06479/202.08630 = NaN%

Verification of linearity



Recoveries and RSDs



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Guidance document: EU SANCO/12571/2013

Chromatography:

$t_r > 2t_0$; retention time deviation $< \pm 0.2$ min

Mass spectrometry

Table 4. Identification criteria for different MS techniques

MS mode:	Single-stage MS (unit mass resolution)	Single-stage MS (high resolution/high mass accuracy)	MS/MS
Typical systems (examples):	Quadrupole, ion trap, time-of-flight (TOF)	TOF, Orbitrap, FTMS, magnetic sector	Triple quadrupole, ion trap, hybrid MS (e.g. Q-TOF, Q-trap)
Acquisition mode:	Full scan, Limited m/z range, Selected ion monitoring (SIM)	Full scan, Limited m/z range, Selected ion monitoring (SIM)	Selected/multiple reaction monitoring (SRM/MRM), full scan product-ion spectra
Requirements for identification:	≥ 3 diagnostic ions, preferably including the (quasi) molecular ion	≥ 2 diagnostic ions, preferably including the (quasi) molecular ion; mass accuracy < 5 ppm; at least one fragment ion	≥ 2 product ions
	Ion ratio(s): according to Table 5	→ $\pm 30\%$ (relative)	

Table 4. Identification requirements for different MS techniques¹⁾

MS detector / characteristics	Typical systems (examples)	Acquisition	Requirements for identification	
			minimum number of ions	other
Unit mass resolution	quadrupole, ion trap, TOF	full scan, limited m/z range, SIM	3 ions	<p>S/N ≥ 3</p> <p>Analyte peaks in the extracted ion chromatograms must coincide.</p> <p>Ion ratio within ±30% (relative) of average of calibration standards from same sequence</p>
MS/MS	triple quadrupole, ion trap, Q-trap, Q-TOF, Q-Orbitrap	selected or multiple reaction monitoring (SRM, MRM), mass resolution for precursor-ion isolation equal to or better than unit mass resolution	2 product ions	
Accurate mass measurement	High resolution MS: (Q-)TOF (Q-)Orbitrap FT-ICR-MS sector MS	full scan, limited m/z range, SIM, fragmentation with or without precursor-ion selection, or combinations thereof	2 ions with mass accuracy ≤ 5 ppm ^{2,3)}	
		combined single MS and MS/MS with mass resolution for precursor-ion isolation equal to or better than unit mass resolution	2 ions: 1 molecular ion or adduct ion with mass acc. ≤ 5 ppm 1 MS/MS product ion	

¹⁾ For definition of terms relating to mass spectrometry see Murray et al. (2013) Pure Appl. Chem., 85:1515–1609

²⁾ preferably including the molecular ion or adduct ion ([M-H]⁻, [M+H]⁺, [M+NH₄]⁺, M+Na⁺, etc)

³⁾ including at least one fragment or product ion

Ion ratio

Full scan acquisition
with/without fragmentation:
⇒ Various options for ratio determination:

$$\frac{\text{area F2}}{\text{area F1}}$$

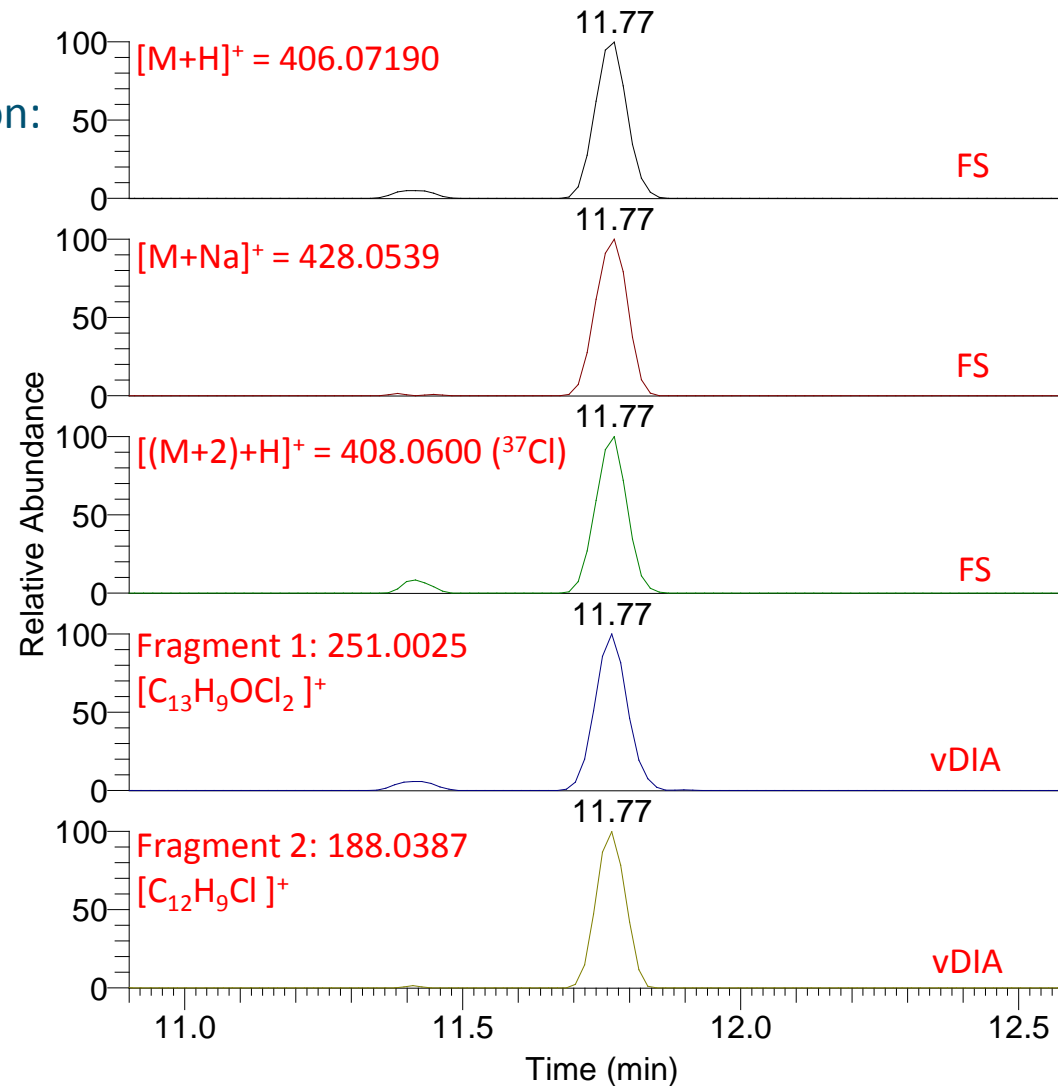
$$\frac{\text{area F1}}{\text{area } [M+Na]^+}$$

$$\frac{\text{area F1}}{\text{area } [M+H]^+}$$

$$\frac{\text{area F2}}{\text{area } [M+H]^+}$$

$$\frac{\text{area F1}}{\text{area } [(M+2)+H]^+}$$

difenoconazole $C_{19}H_{17}Cl_2N_3O_3$ in Lettuce (10 ppb)



Identity confirmation

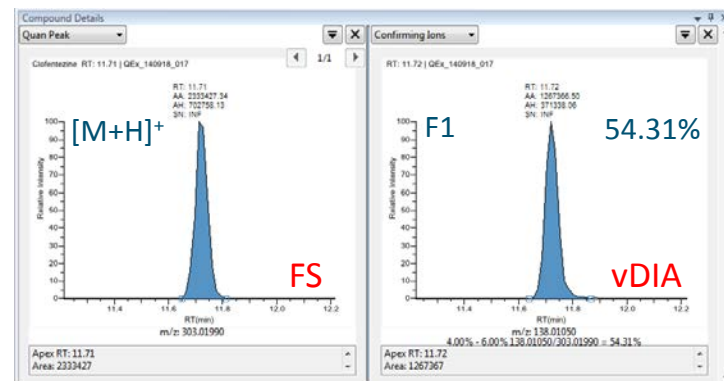
Examples: isopyrazam and clofentezine

Solvent standards isopyrazam	
ng/mL	ion ratio (%)
5	5.08
10	5.40
50	5.10
100	4.68
250	5.30
Reference ion ratio	5.11
tolerance -30%	3.58
tolerance +30%	6.65

Solvent standards clofentezine	
ng/mL	ion ratio (%)
5	54.31
10	54.62
50	55.79
100	46.78
250	48.00
Reference ion ratio	51.90
tolerance -30%	36.33
tolerance +30%	67.47

	Lettuce	Orange
µg/kg	ion ratio (%)	
10	4.62	5.53
50	4.95	4.88
200	4.97	3.87

	Lettuce	Orange
µg/kg	ion ratio (%)	
10	53.28	50.05
50	52.16	50.08
200	49.77	51.10



Outcome Quantitative Method Validation

Selectivity: no significant response in blank lettuce and orange

Adequate linearity in most cases

Recovery and RSD_r meet requirements for majority of pesticides

exceptions included: acequinocyl, aminopyralid, clopyralid, quinmerac, fluroxypyr, triclopyr

Quantitative performance and identification capabilities similar to triple quadrupole MS/MS / fit-for-purpose

=> Q Exactive suitable to replace triple quad

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Qualitative screening: method set up

Same raw data, different data review

High number of target pesticides, low probability of detection

Manual verification of all XICs too time consuming

⇒ Automated pesticide detection by the software

Various options:

TraceFinder SW (screening module), Thermo Scientific™ ToxFinder™ ID software,

Here: quan module (but without any quan)

Default settings for pesticide detection:

Mass extraction window:	exact m/z ± 5 ppm
Time window:	database RT 0.5 min
Requirement:	signal found for pre-set adduct AND fragment ion
Output:	report of samples showing only pesticides found

Screening: data review



Thermo TraceFinder EFS LC

File View Tools Help

Real time status | User: zomer003 |

Analysis Data Review - QEx_Validatie_Qual_pos_day1_140918*

Batch View

- Samples
- Auto Samples
- Reference Sample
- Threshold Samples

Data Review

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Report View

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Reports

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Samples	Acq	Flags	Status	Filename	Sample Type	Sample Name
7	7		●	QEx_140918_021	Unknown	std 250 ng/ml solvent
8	8		●	QEx_140918_029	Unknown	spoel
9	9		●	QEx_140918_030	Unknown	Blank Lettuce
10	10					
11	11					
12	12					
13	13					
14	14					
15	15					
16	16					
17	17					
18	18					
19	19		●	QEx_140918_067	Unknown	std 10 ng/ml solvent
20	20		●	QEx_140918_069	Unknown	Blank Reagent
21	21		●	QEx_140918_070	Unknown	Blank Apple
22	22		●	QEx_140918_071	Unknown	Blank Nectarine
23	23		●	QEx_140918_072	Unknown	Blank Leek
24	24		●	QEx_140918_073	Unknown	Blank Tomato

Compound Results	Active	Flags	Flag Details	Compound	Height	Area	Expected RT	Actual RT
Prosulfocarb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	●		Prosulfocarb	153521	488041	12.13	12.17
Terbutylazine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	●		Terbutylazine	49706	111306	10.64	10.67

Review by sample (sample view):
For each sample, click through the pesticides found:
Check: 2 peaks present? Matching peak profile/RT?
Optional: isotope pattern, additional fragments

12.17

Prosulfocarb RT: 12.17 | QEx_140918_073

RT: 12.17
AA: 488041.25
AH: 153520.84
SN: INF

Relative Intensity

RT(min)

m/z: 252.14170

Apex RT: 12.17
Area: 488041

Prosulfocarb?

⇒ Reject

RT: 12.31 | QEx_140918_073

RT: 12.31
AA: 11641639.72
AH: 2140913.01
SN: 1143.84

Relative Intensity

RT(min)

m/z: 91.05423

4.00% - 6.00% 91.05423/252.14170 = 2385.38%

Apex RT: 12.31
Area: 11641640

Screening: data review



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Accr	Flags	Status	Filename	Sample Type	Sample Name	Level
19		●	QEx_140918_067	Unknown	std 10 ng/ml solvent	
20		●	QEx_140918_069	Unknown	Blank Reagent	
21		●	QEx_140918_070	Unknown	Blank Apple	
22		●	QEx_140918_071	Unknown	Blank Nectarine	
23		●	QEx_140918_072	Unknown	Blank Leek	
24		●	QEx_140918_073	Unknown	Blank Tomato	
25		●	QEx_140918_074	Unknown	Blank Broccoli	
26		●	QEx_140918_075	Unknown	Blank Celery	
27		●	QEx_140918_076	Unknown	Blank Fr. Beans	
28		●	QEx_140918_077	Unknown	Blank Carrot	
29		●	QEx_140918_078	Unknown	Blank Grape	
30		●	QEx_140918_079	Unknown	std 10 ng/ml solvent	
31		●	QEx_140918_080	Unknown	Apple + 10 ng/g	
32		●	QEx_140918_081	Unknown	Nectarine + 10 ng/g	
33		●	QEx_140918_082	Unknown	Leek + 10 ng/g	
34		●	QEx_140918_083	Unknown	Tomato + 10 ng/g	
35		●	QEx_140918_084	Unknown	Broccoli + 10 ng/g	
36		●	QEx_140918_085	Unknown	Celery + 10 ng/g	

Active	Flags	Flag Details	Compound	Height	Area	Expected RT	Ac
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	■		Prosulfocarb	153521	488041	12.13	12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	■		Terbutylazine	49706	111306	10.64	10

Compound Details

Quan Peak

Confirming Ions

Terbutylazine RT: 10.67 | QEx_140918_073

RT: 10.67
AA: 111306.20
AH: 49706.30
SN: INF

Relative Intensity

RT(min)

m/z: 230.11670

Apex RT: 10.67
Area: 111306

Terbutylazine? (upon quantification: << 1 ppb)

RT: 10.66 | QEx_140918_073

RT: 10.66
AA: 21854.81
AH: 10694.49
SN: INF

Intensity

RT(min)

m/z: 174.05410

4.00% - 6.00% 174.05410/230.11670 = 19.63%

Apex RT: 10.66
Area: 21855

Screening method: validation

Guidance document: EU SANCO/12571/2013*

Initial validation:

Required for each individual pesticide, for each commodity group

Establish SDL: screening detection limit = lowest concentration for which it has been demonstrated that a pesticide can be detected in $\geq 95\%$ of the samples

≥ 20 samples (m matrices in n-fold, with $n \geq 2$) reflecting scope of laboratory

Spike each sample at anticipated SDL

Include a blank for each matrix

Supplemented by on-going validation (QC sample added to routine analysis):

Cover additional matrices

Demonstrate performance over time/routine conditions

Criteria:

False negative rate $\leq 5\%$

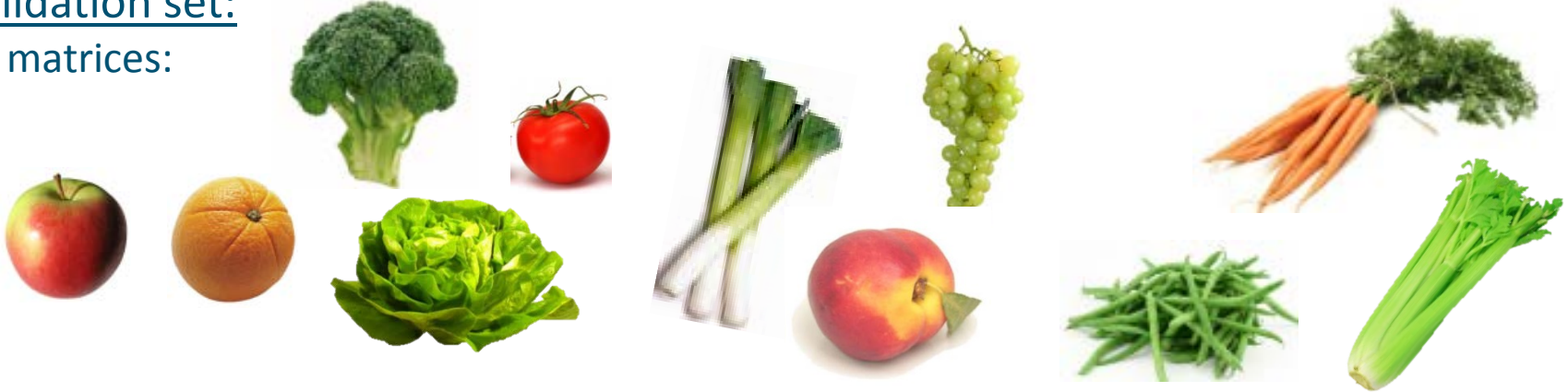
False positive rate: no requirement

(any detect triggers identification/quantification/confirmatory analysis)

Screening method: validation

Validation set:

11 matrices:



Non-fortified, 3 fortifications: 0.01, 0.05 and 0.20 mg/kg

Test set for fortification: 183 pesticides

Analysed on 2 different days (4 weeks in between) => 22 samples

Validation parameters:

Count # pesticides found in each sample

⇒ detection rate / false negatives

⇒ blank samples: false positives

Screening method: validation

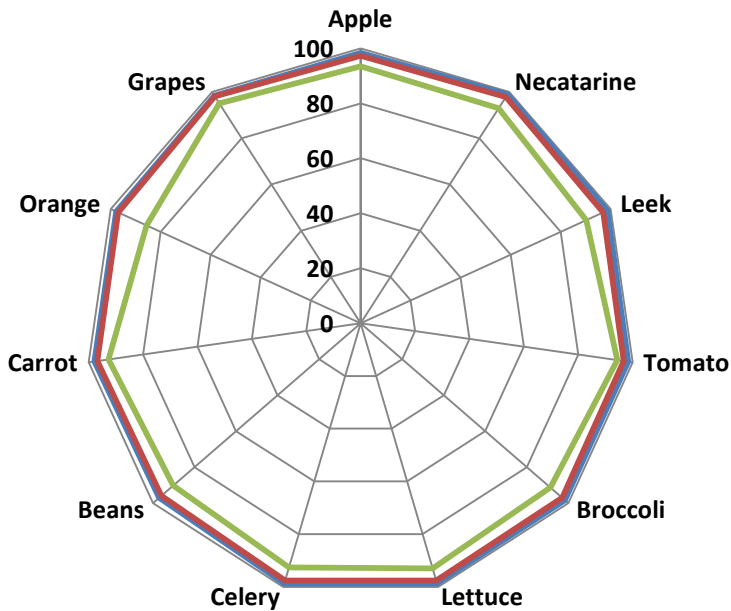
Overall detections in spiked samples (4026 pesticide/matrix combinations per level):

0.01 mg/kg: 91.9%

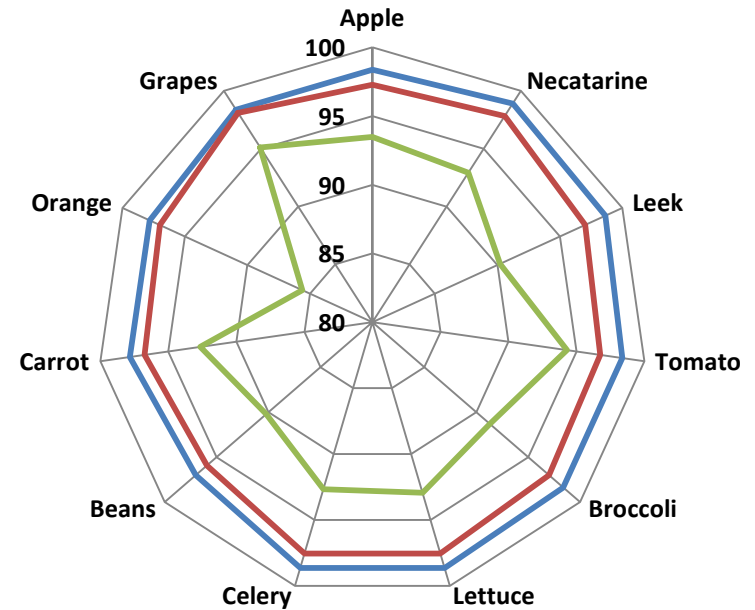
0.05 mg/kg: 97.2%

0.20 mg/kg: 98.3%

Detection rates in % of spiked pesticides / sample:

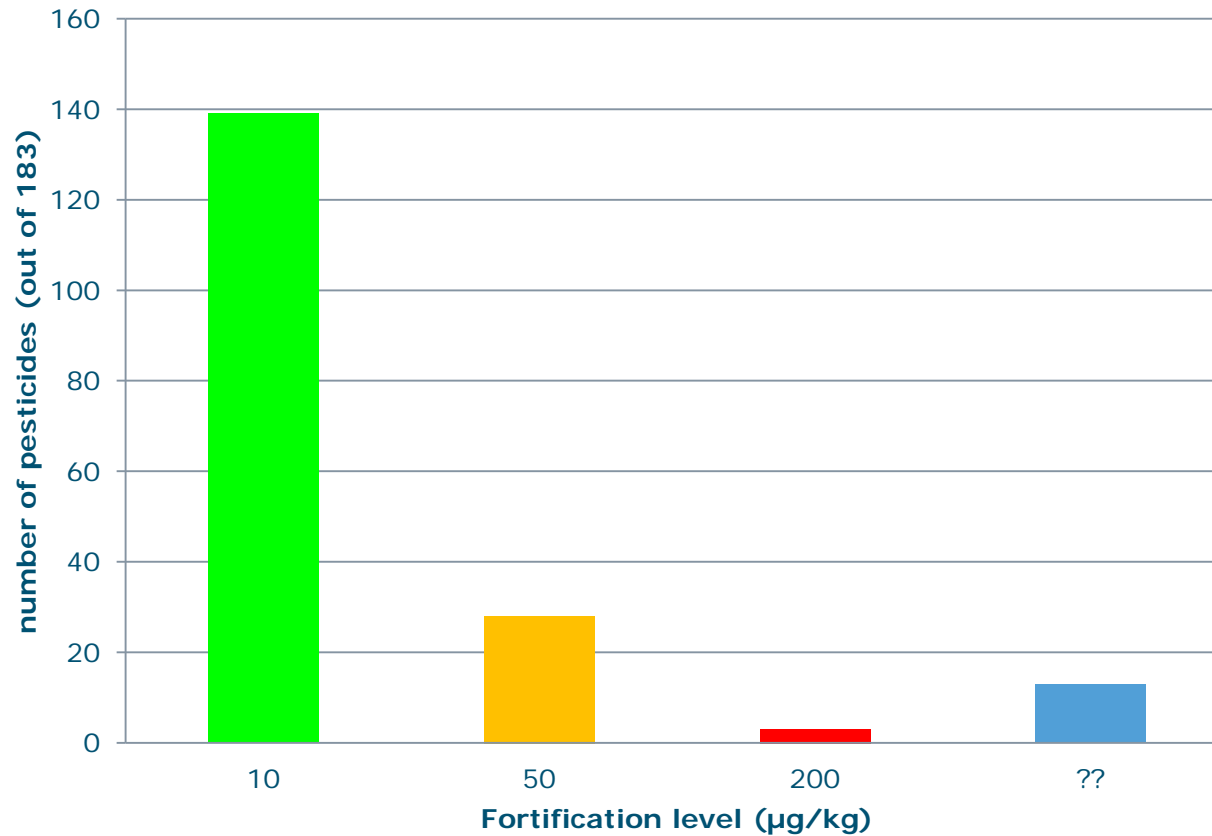


— 200 ppb
— 50 ppb
— 10 ppb



Screening method: validation

Screening detection limits:



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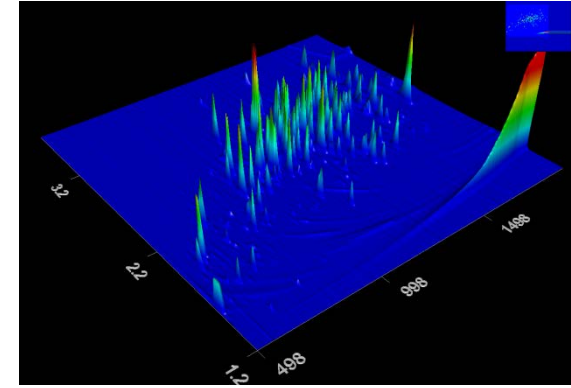
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GC-full scan MS

Required for further coverage + highly useful complementary technique

- > 1990s: GC-EI-single quad / GC-ion trap / TOF
- > mid 2000s GCxGC-EI-hs-TOF-MS
- > mid 2000s GC-EI-hr-TOF-MS (RP 5-10K)



- > 2010 GC-EI-hr-TOF-MS and GC-EI-Q-TOF-MS (RP 15-25K)
GC-APCI-Q-TOF-MS (RP > 20K)

- APCI:** con: can't use EI-MS libraries
pro: molecular ion or adduct ion
generation of fragment ions, same approach as in LC-ESI-HRMS
- EI:** pro: simple, one acquisition event to get multiple accurate mass ions
use of existing EI-MS libraries 100thousands of compounds
con: molecular ion not always present

- > 2015 GC-EI-Orbitrap MS (RP >60K @ m/z 200)

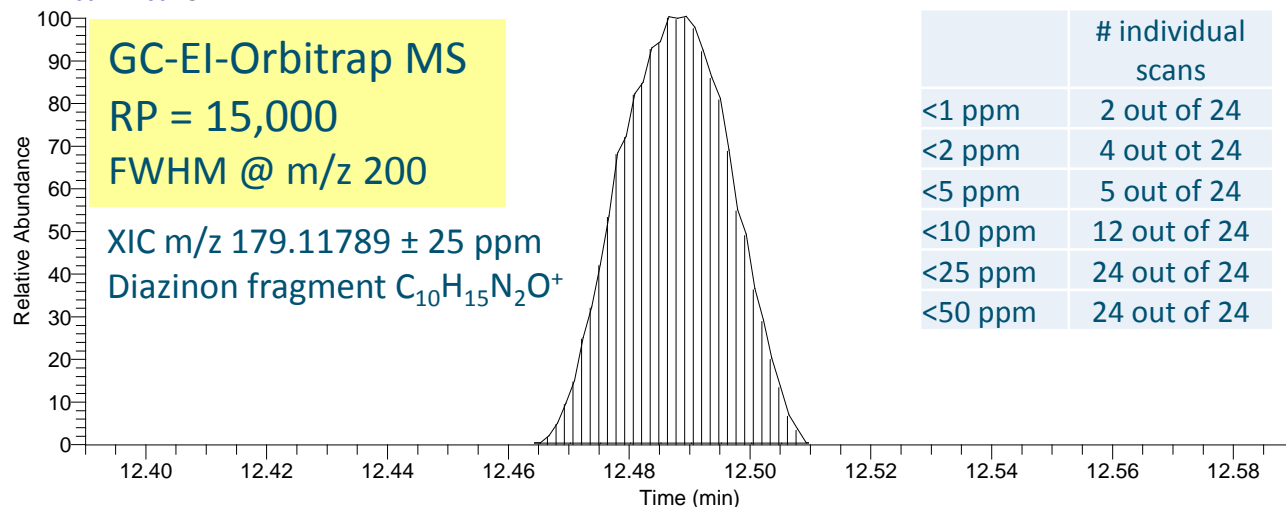
Mass accuracy in complex matrix RP 15,000

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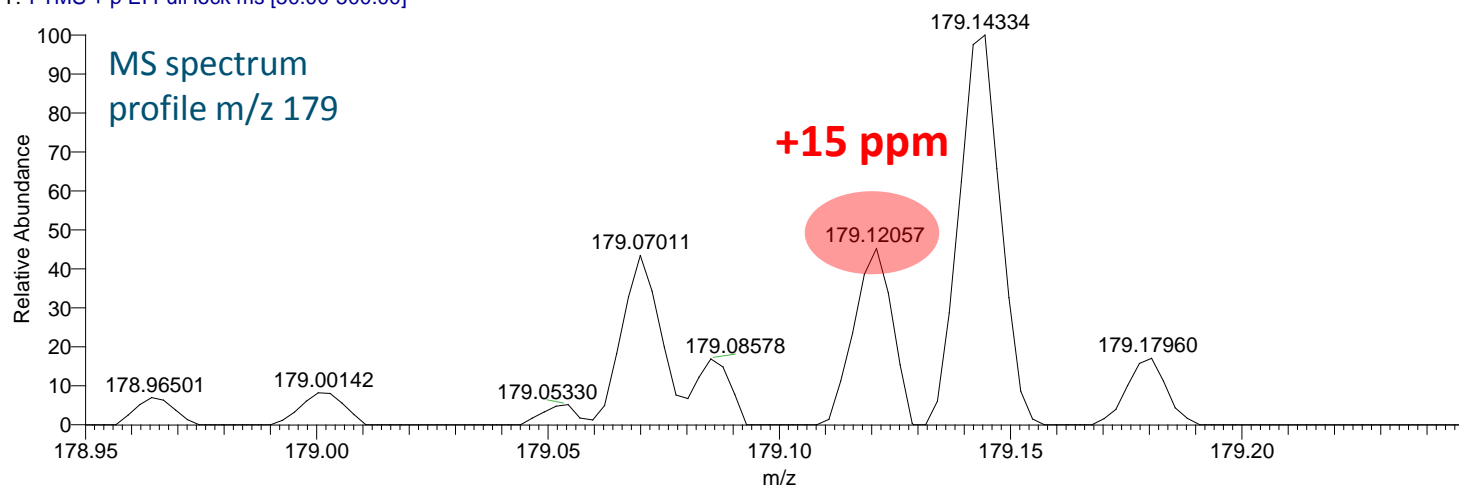
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Spices 10

RT: 12.39 - 12.59 SM: 7B



02April15_15K_020 #6616 RT: 12.49 AV: 1 NL: 9.00E5
T: FTMS + p EI Full lock ms [50.00-500.00]



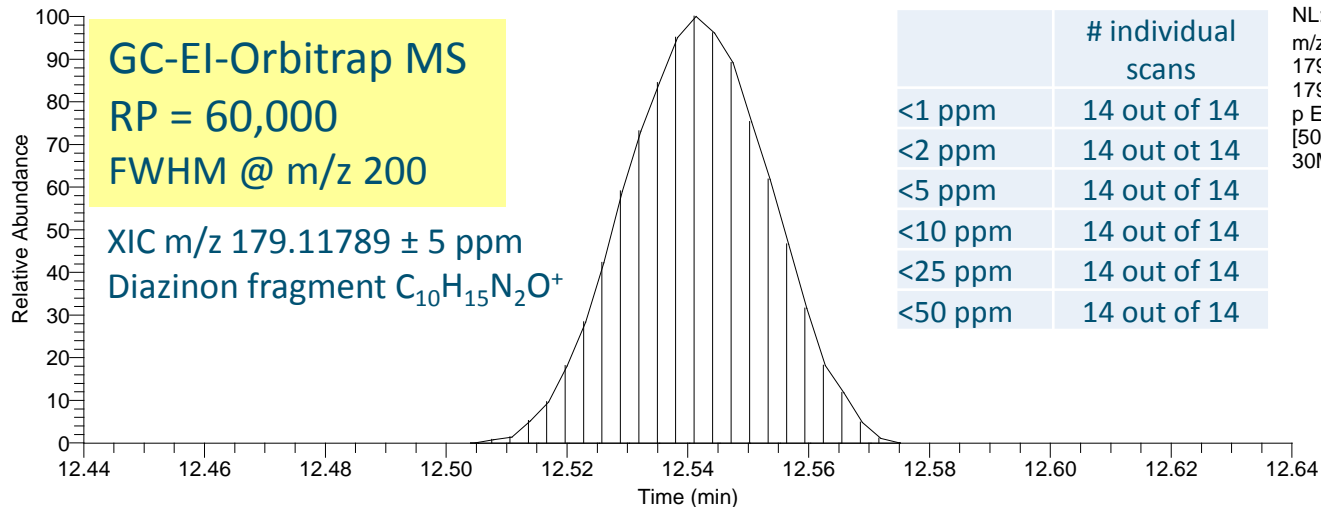
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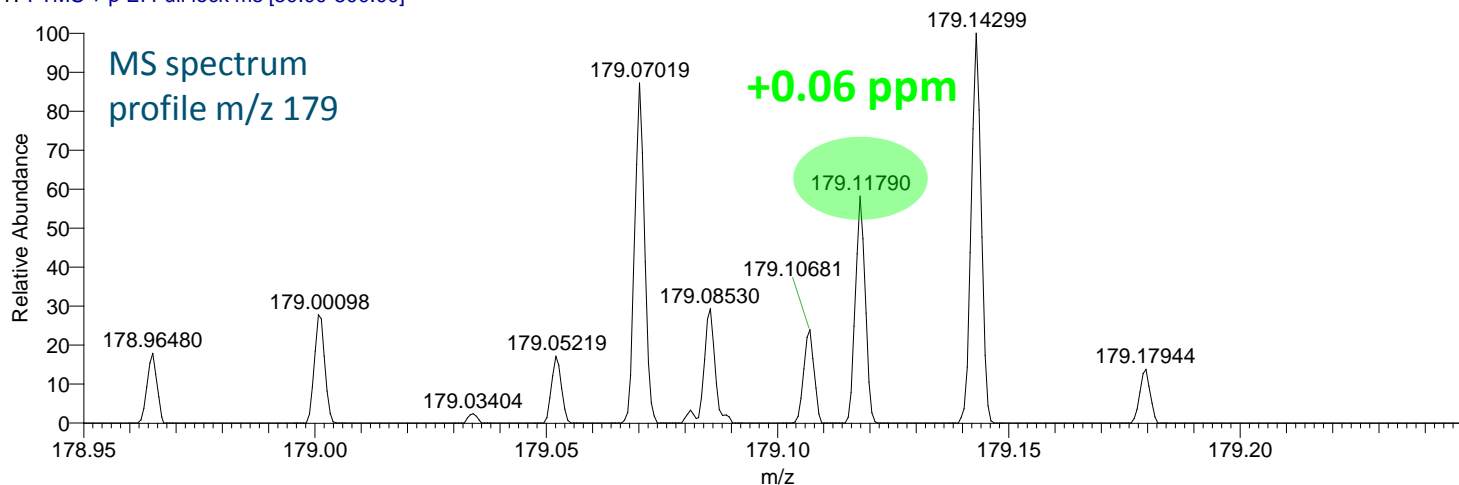
Spices 10

RT: 12.44 - 12.64 SM: 7B

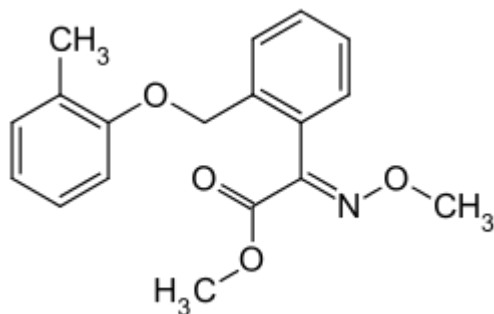
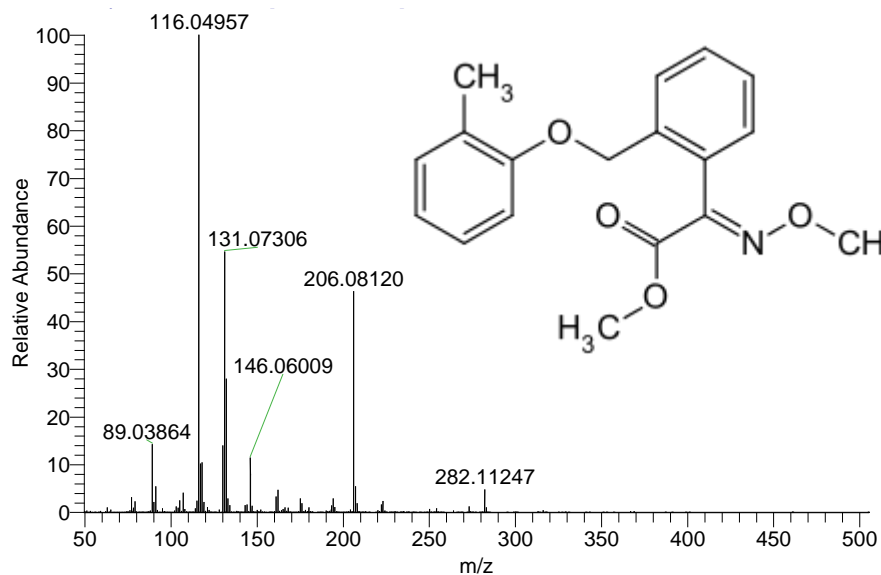


30March15_60K_020 #3128 RT: 12.54 AV: 1 NL: 5.70E5

T: FTMS + p EI Full lock ms [50.00-500.00]



GC-Orbitrap MS: example kresoxim-methyl

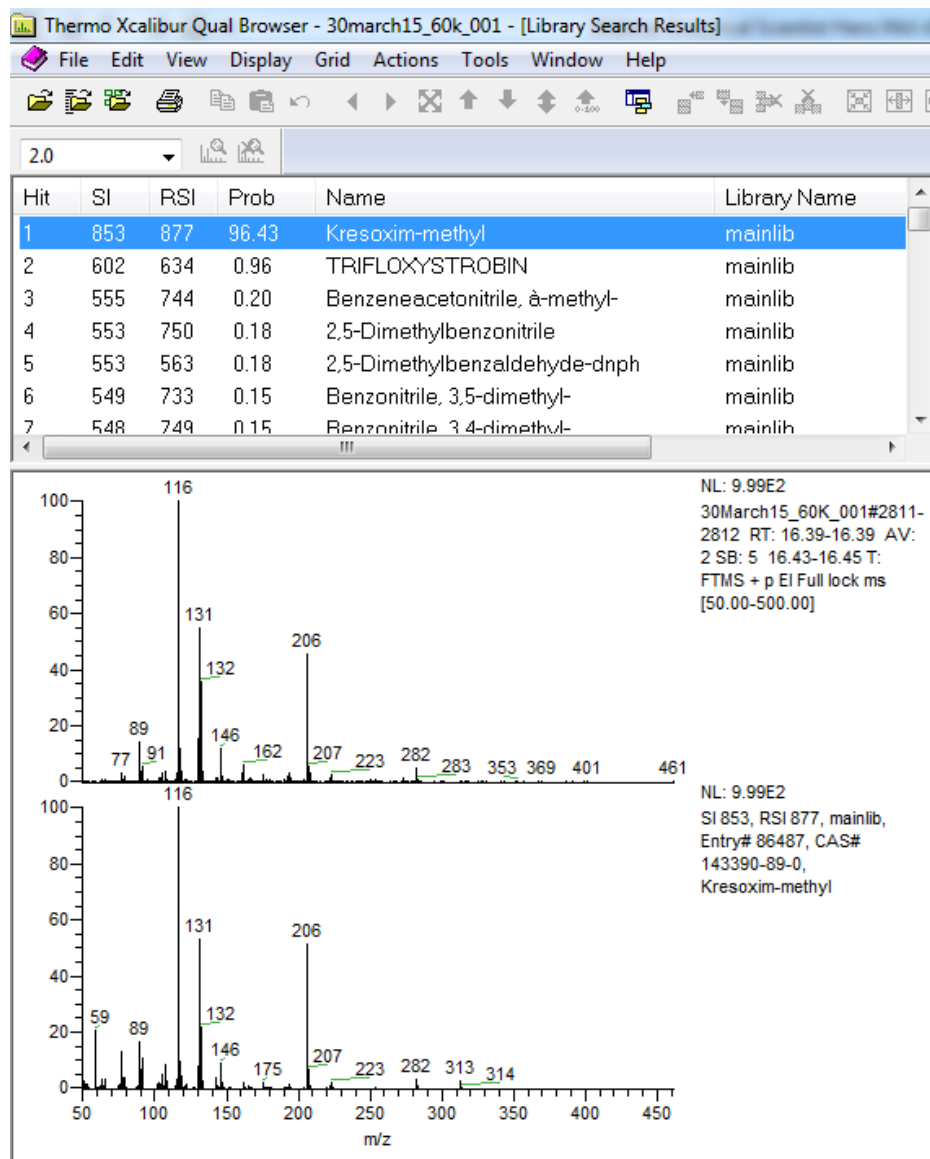


Exact mass most abundant fragment ions:

$C_{11}H_{12}NO_3^+$ 206.08117

$C_9H_9N^+$ 131.07295

$C_8H_6N^+$ 116.04948



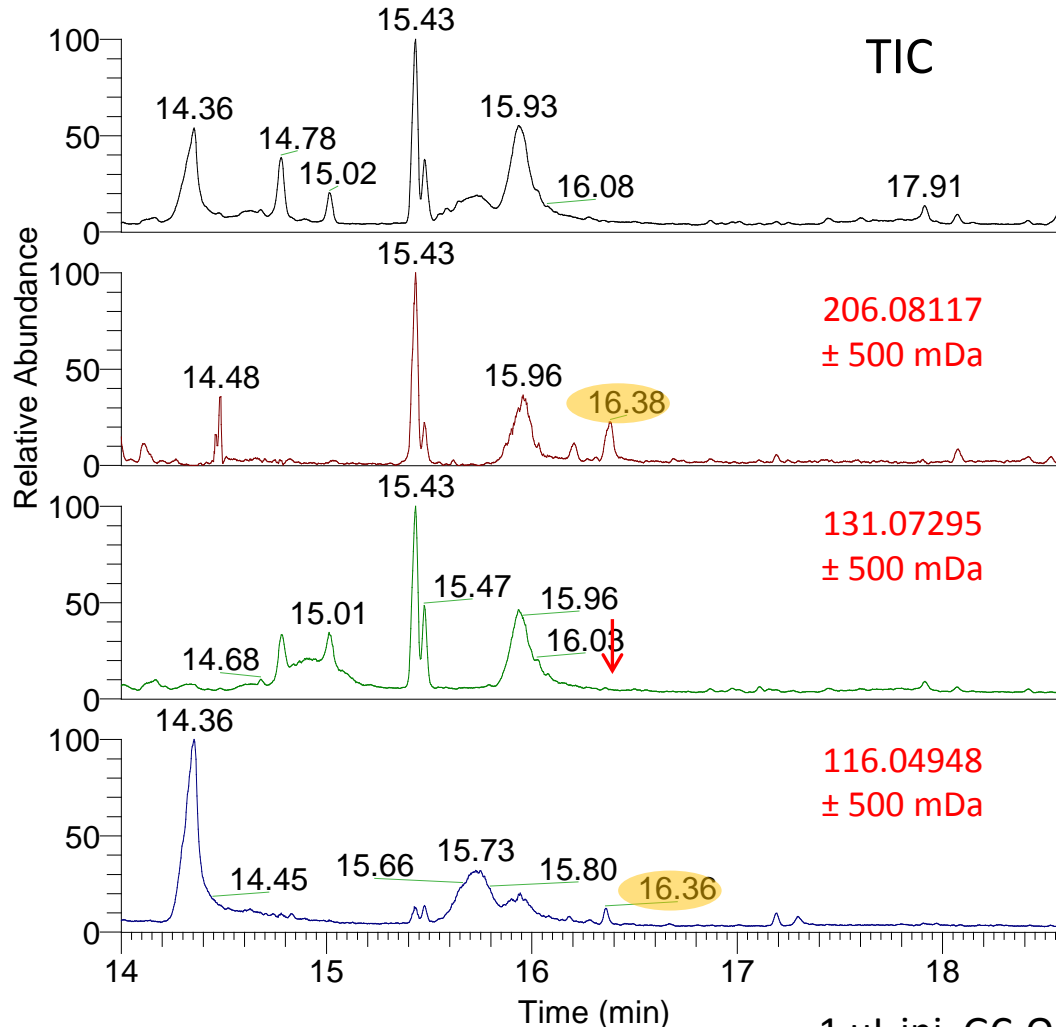
Simulated unit resolution MS: MEW: ± 500 mDa

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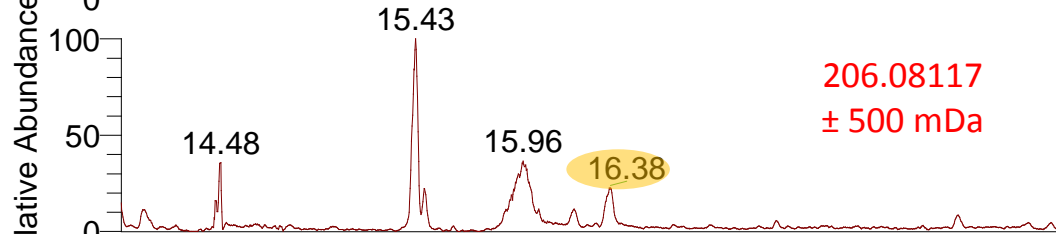
L10 (1g/mL); 10-03-15

RT: 14.00 - 18.60 SM: 5B



NL: 8.00E9

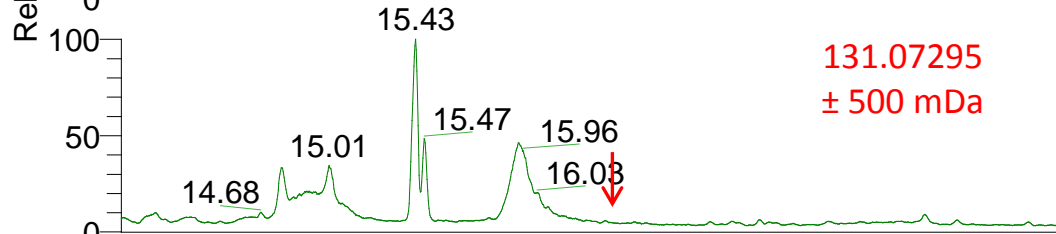
TIC F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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206.08117
 ± 500 mDa

NL: 7.70E6

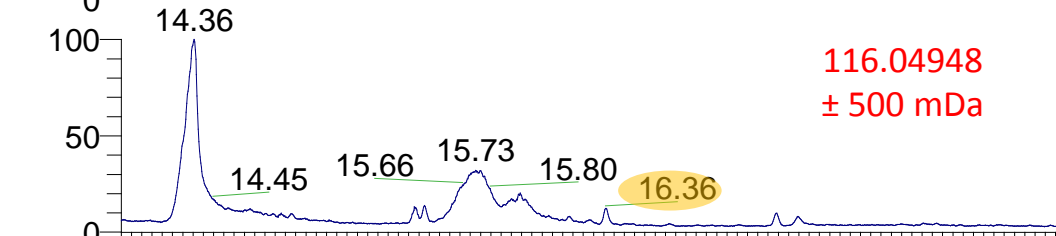
m/z = 205.58117-206.58117
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
03April15_60K_010



131.07295
 ± 500 mDa

NL: 1.04E8

m/z = 130.57295-131.57295
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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116.04948
 ± 500 mDa

NL: 2.27E7

m/z = 115.54948-116.54948
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1 μ L inj. GC-Orbitrap MS

Leek spiked @ 10 ppb,

Full scan m/z 50-500; Res = 60,000



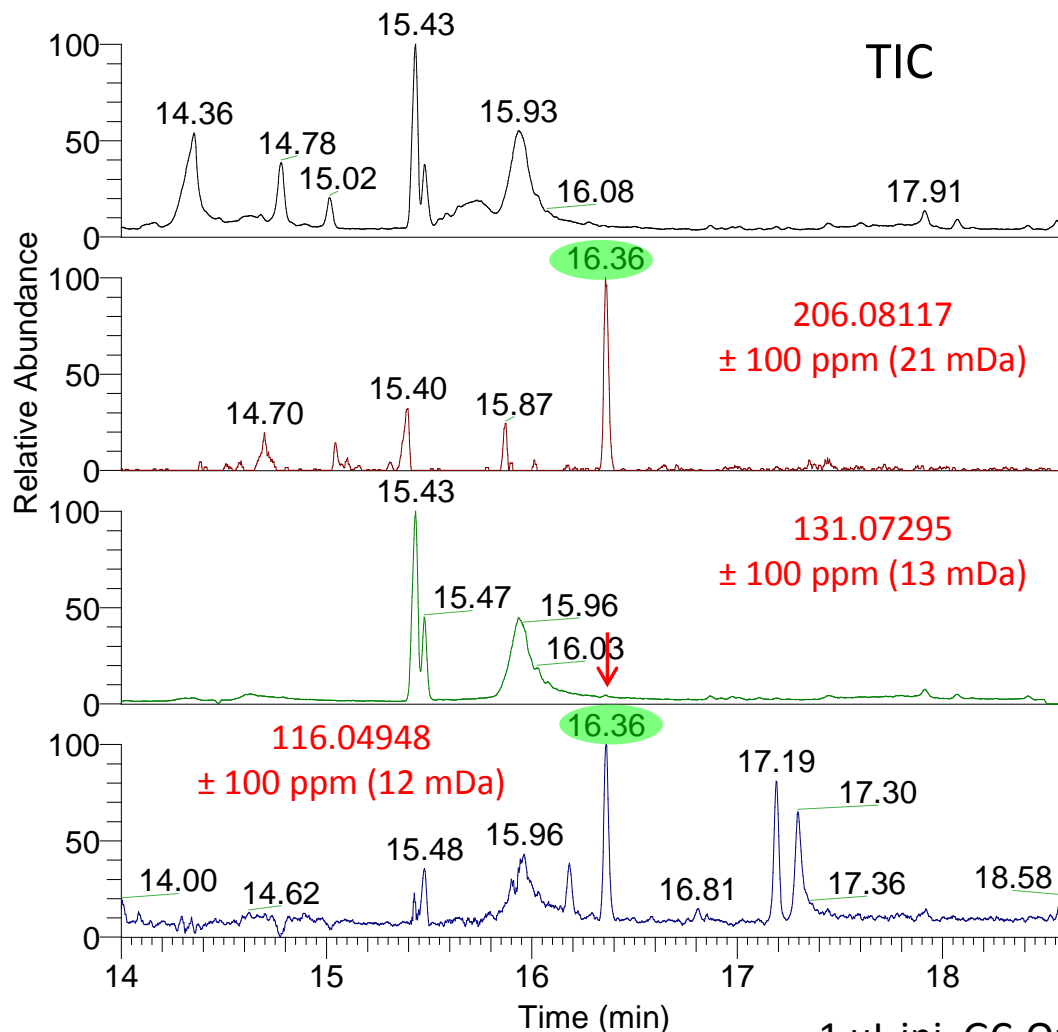
Narrowing down the MEW: ± 100 ppm

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L10 (1g/mL); 10-03-15

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NL: 8.00E9

TIC F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 6.15E5

m/z= 206.06056-206.10178
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 1.01E8

m/z= 131.05984-131.08606
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 1.98E6

m/z= 116.03788-116.06108
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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1 μ L inj. GC-Orbitrap MS

Leek spiked @ 10 ppb,

Full scan m/z 50-500; Res = 60,000



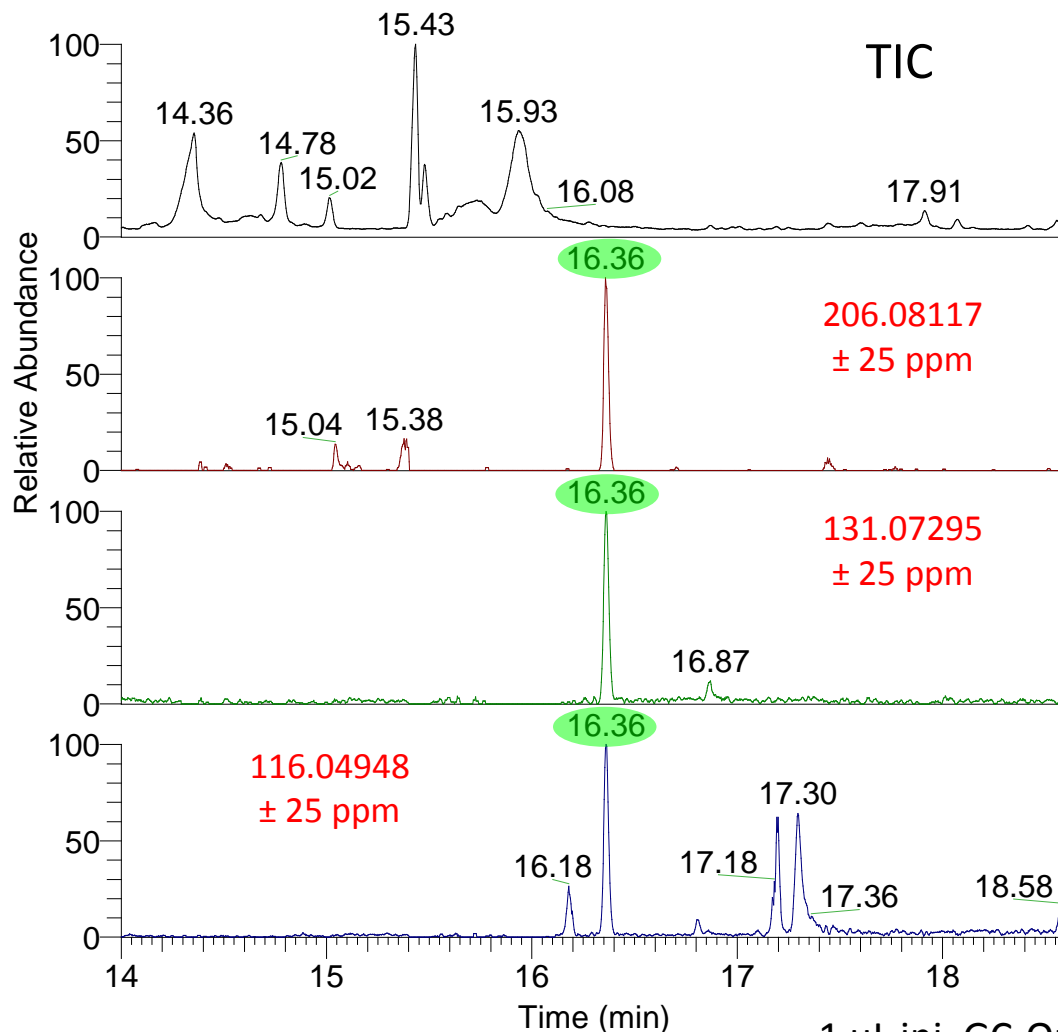
Narrowing down the MEW: ± 25 ppm

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L10 (1g/mL); 10-03-15

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NL: 8.00E9

TIC F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 6.12E5

m/z= 206.07602-206.08632
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 9.57E5

m/z= 131.06967-131.07623
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 1.81E6

m/z= 116.04658-116.05238
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1 μ L inj. GC-Orbitrap MS

Leek spiked @ 10 ppb,

Full scan m/z 50-500; Res = 60,000



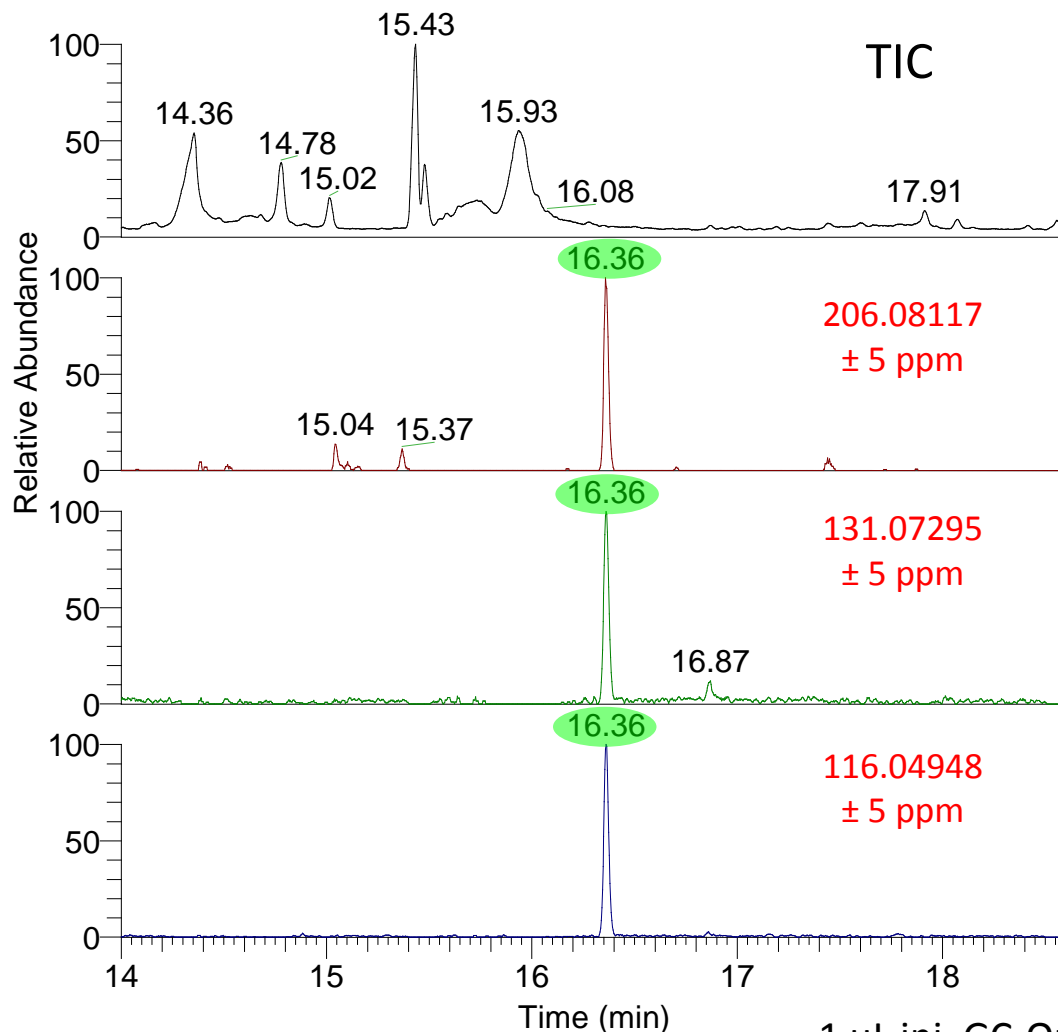
Narrowing down the MEW: ± 5 ppm

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NL: 8.00E9

TIC F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
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NL: 6.12E5

m/z= 206.08014-206.08220
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
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NL: 9.57E5

m/z= 131.07229-131.07361
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[50.00-500.00] MS
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NL: 1.81E6

m/z= 116.04890-116.05006
F: FTMS + p EI Full ms
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1 μ L inj. GC-Orbitrap MS

Leek spiked @ 10 ppb,

Full scan m/z 50-500; Res = 60,000



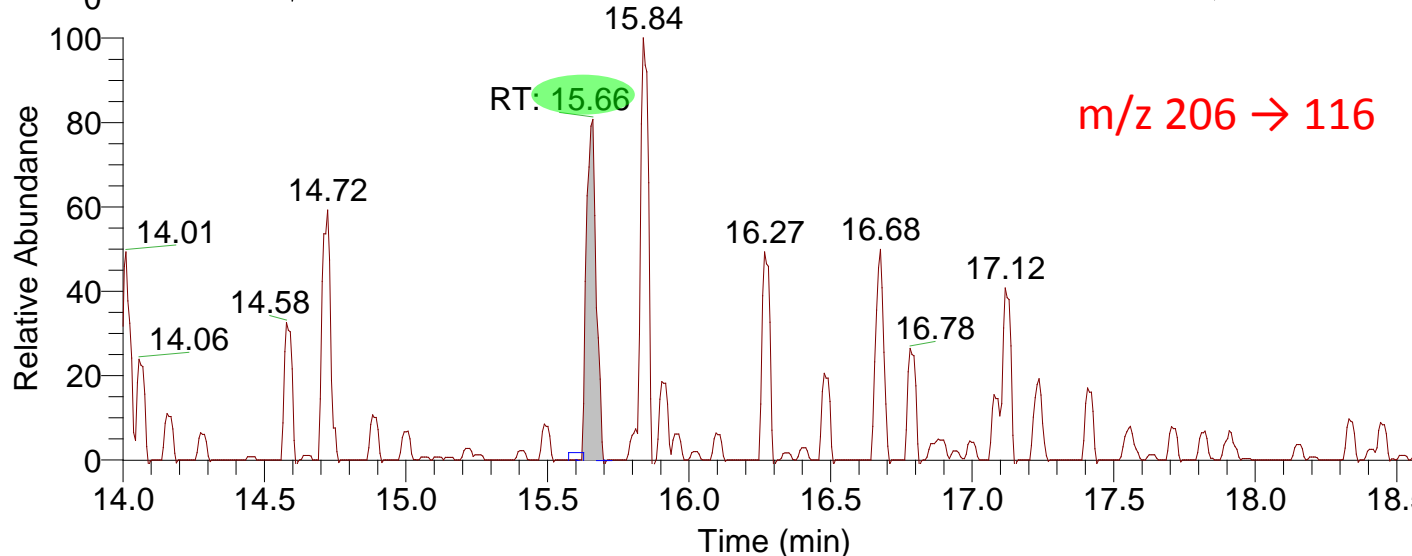
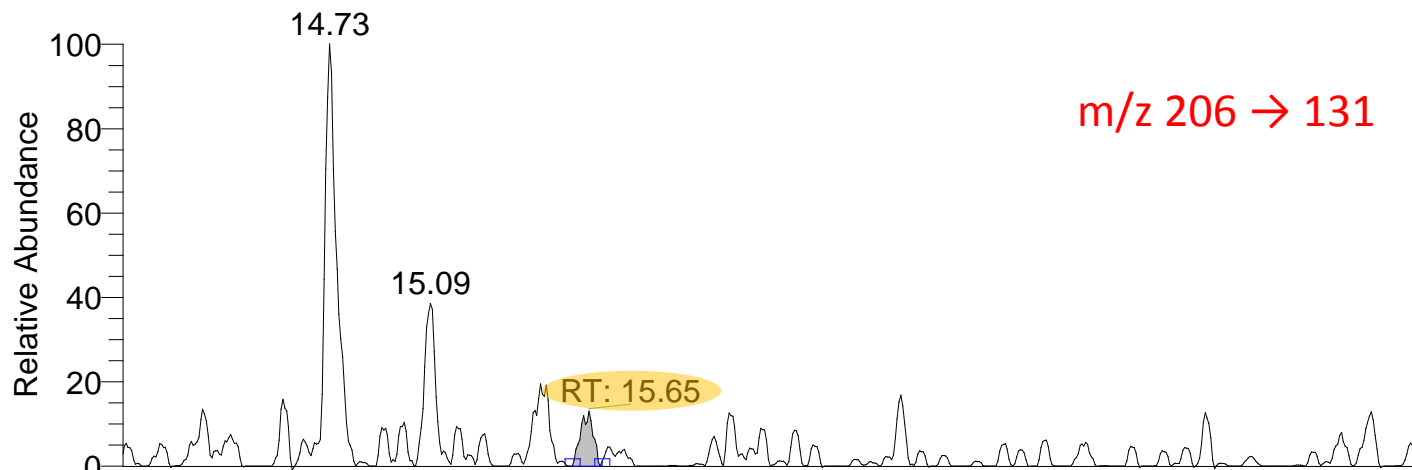
Comparison with GC-MS/MS (triple quad)

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Leek 10

RT: 14.00 - 18.60 SM: 5B



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Acquisition:

Full scan combined with vDIA: optimum way of non-targeted measurement; provides best sensitivity, selectivity, fragments without sacrificing scope

Quantification [top 100-150 frequently found, with calibrants]:

Performance comparable with triple quadrupole instruments, sensitivity fit-for-purpose for pesticide residue analysis

Identification:

Meets EU requirements (SANCO/12571/2013)

Screening [for the other 100s, without calibrants]:

Fully automated output, low # false positives, easy manual accept/reject of hits

Overall detection rate 92% @ 10 ppb

SDLs 10 ppb for majority of pesticides tested

GC-Orbitrap MS highly promising to complement LC-based quan/qual analysis

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