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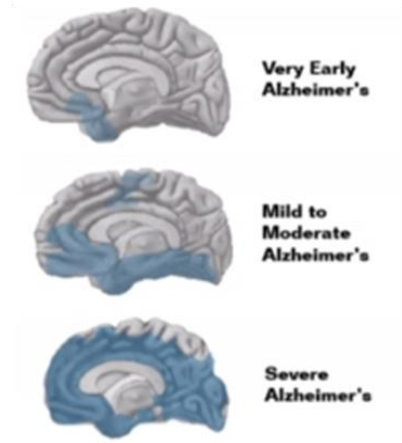
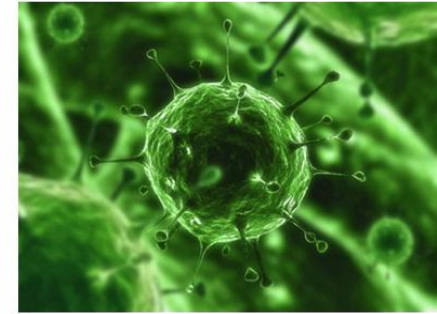
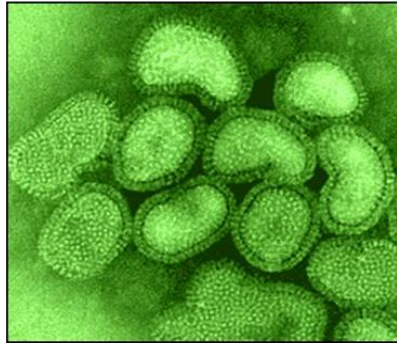


# Obtaining Answers to Biological Questions – Sample Prep to Data Analysis

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## Bodies Exhibit

# SCIEX Metabolomics \ Lipidomics Workflows

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Quantitative Targeted Profiling

Clinical Utilization



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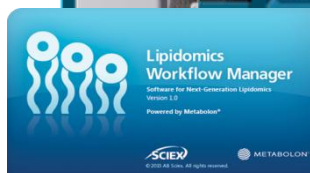
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(MS/MS<sup>ALL</sup>) for Lipids



QTRAP® Platforms



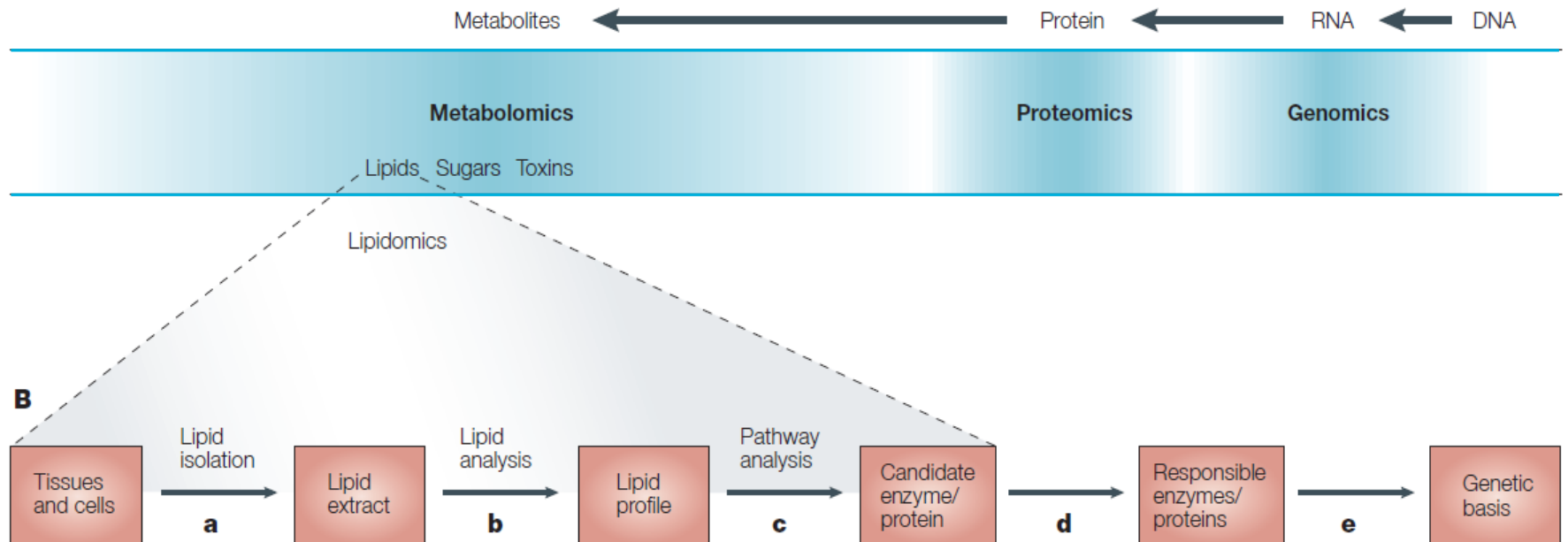
Global Discovery (MPIS)



The Lipidizer™ Platform  
(Full Workflow)

# Today's Story – Lipidomics

## Lipidomics — A Part of the Omics Spectrum

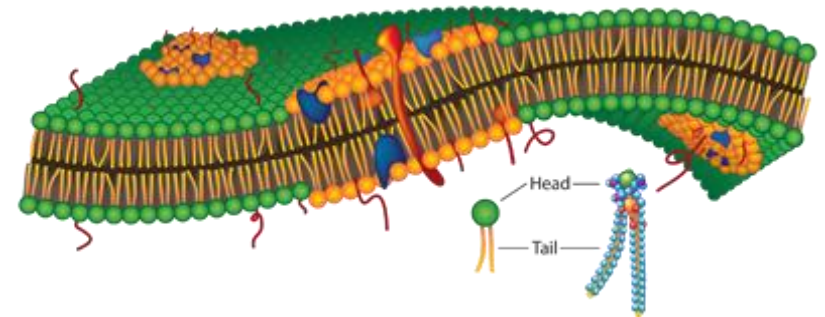
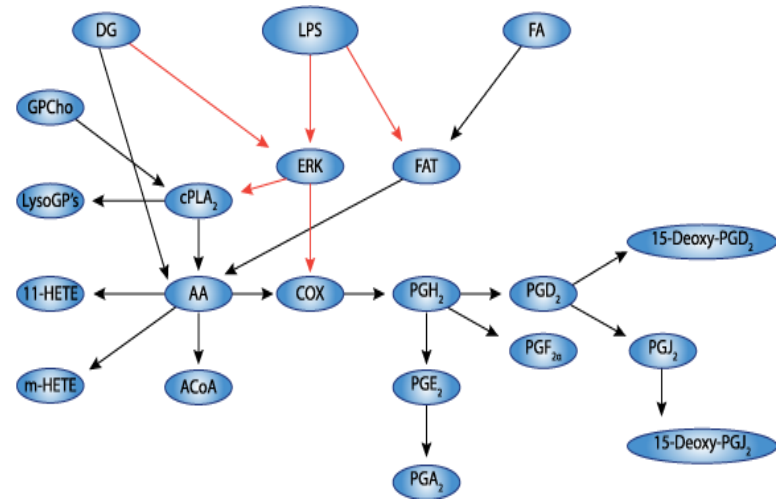


Wenk et al. Nature 2005

# Lipidomics

## A Subset of the Metabolome

- The study of pathways and networks of cellular lipids in biological systems.
- The 'lipidome' describes the complete lipid profile within a cell, tissue or organism and is a subset of the 'metabolome'
- The metabolome is the total number of metabolites present within an organism, cell, or tissue



# Why's That Potato Crisp So Tasty?

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 oz (28g/About 15 chips)

Amount Per Serving

Calories 160      Calories from Fat 90

% Daily Value\*

**Total Fat 10g**      **16%**

Saturated Fat 1.5g      **8%**

Trans Fat 0g

**Cholesterol 0mg**      **0%**

**Sodium 170mg**      **7%**

**Potassium 350mg**      **10%**

**Total Carbohydrate 15g**      **5%**

Dietary Fiber 1g      **5%**

Sugars less than 1g

**Protein 2g**

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Saturated Fatty Acid

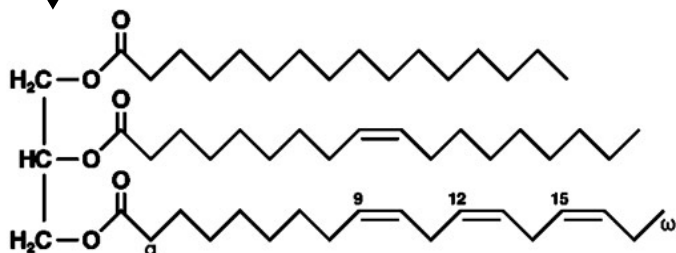


Trans-Fatty Acid



Raise the level of LDL ('bad' cholesterol) and promote CVD

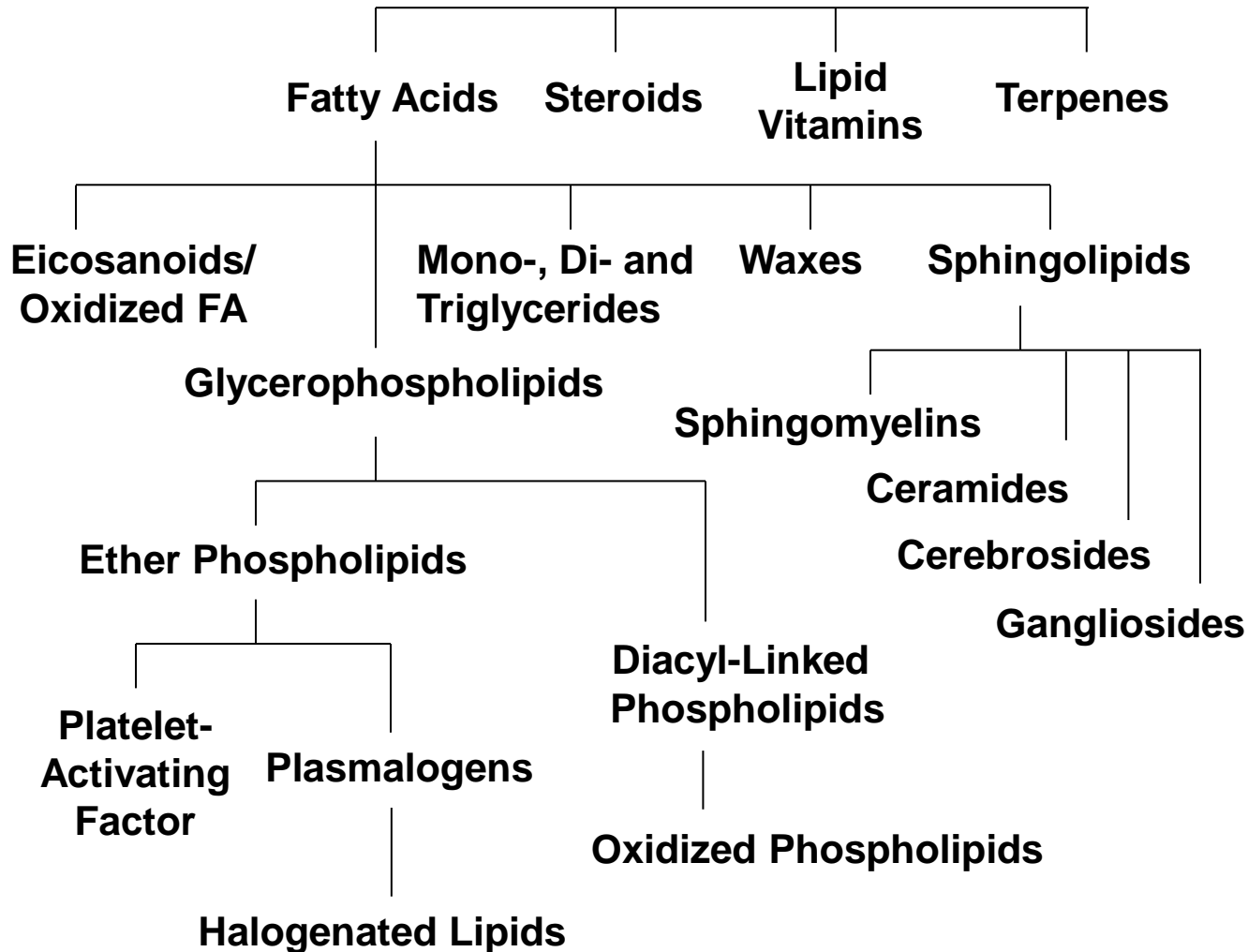
Triglyceride



Clinical studies have shown that the type and position of the fatty acyl substituents of TAGs play an essential role in lipid digestion, absorption and metabolism

# Lipidomics

- Comprised of multiple, distinct structural lipid classes



Lipids play an essential role in human physiology:

- Metabolic homeostasis
- Cell and organelle structure
- Cell signaling

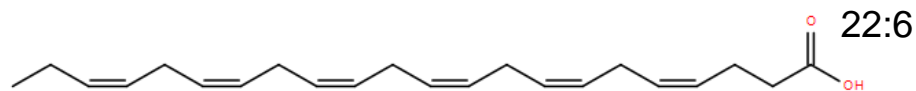
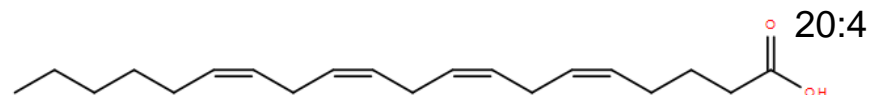
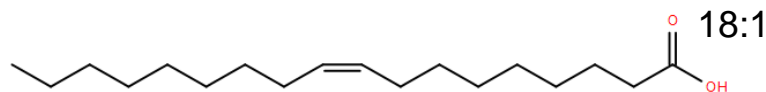
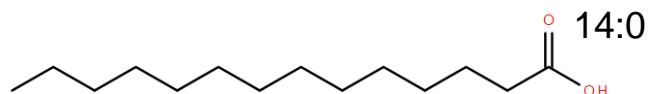
And disease:

- Inflammation
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Neurological diseases

# Short List of Must Know Common Fatty Acids

Common Name	Carbons: Double Bonds	ES(-) m/z
Myristic Acid	14:0	227.2
Palmitic Acid	16:0	255.2
Stearic Acid	18:0	283.2
Oleic Acid	18:1	281.2
Linoleic Acid	18:2	279.2
Linolenic Acid	18:3	277.2
Arachidonic Acid	20:4	303.2
Eicosapentenoic Acid	20:5	301.2
Docosapentenoic Acid	22:5	329.3
Docosahexenoic Acid	22:6	327.3

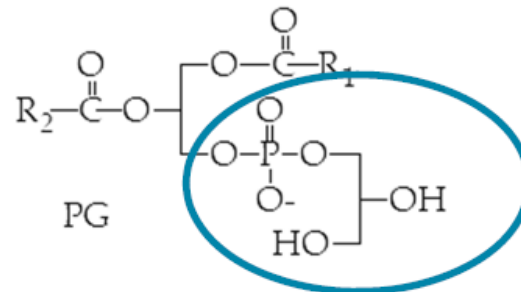
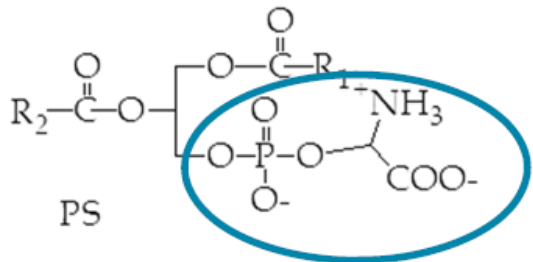
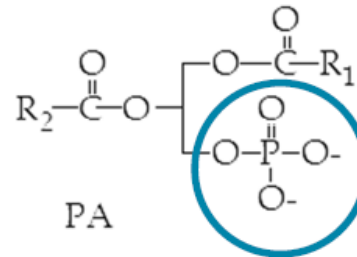
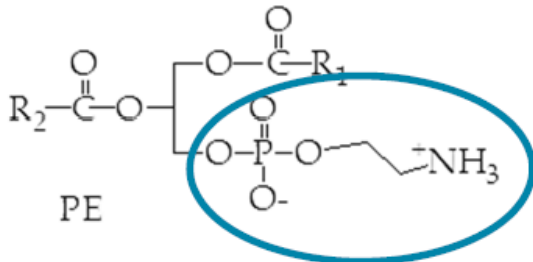
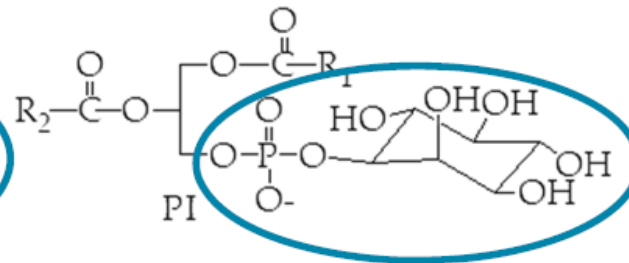
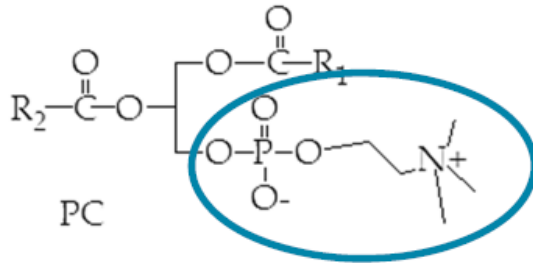
## Structural Examples



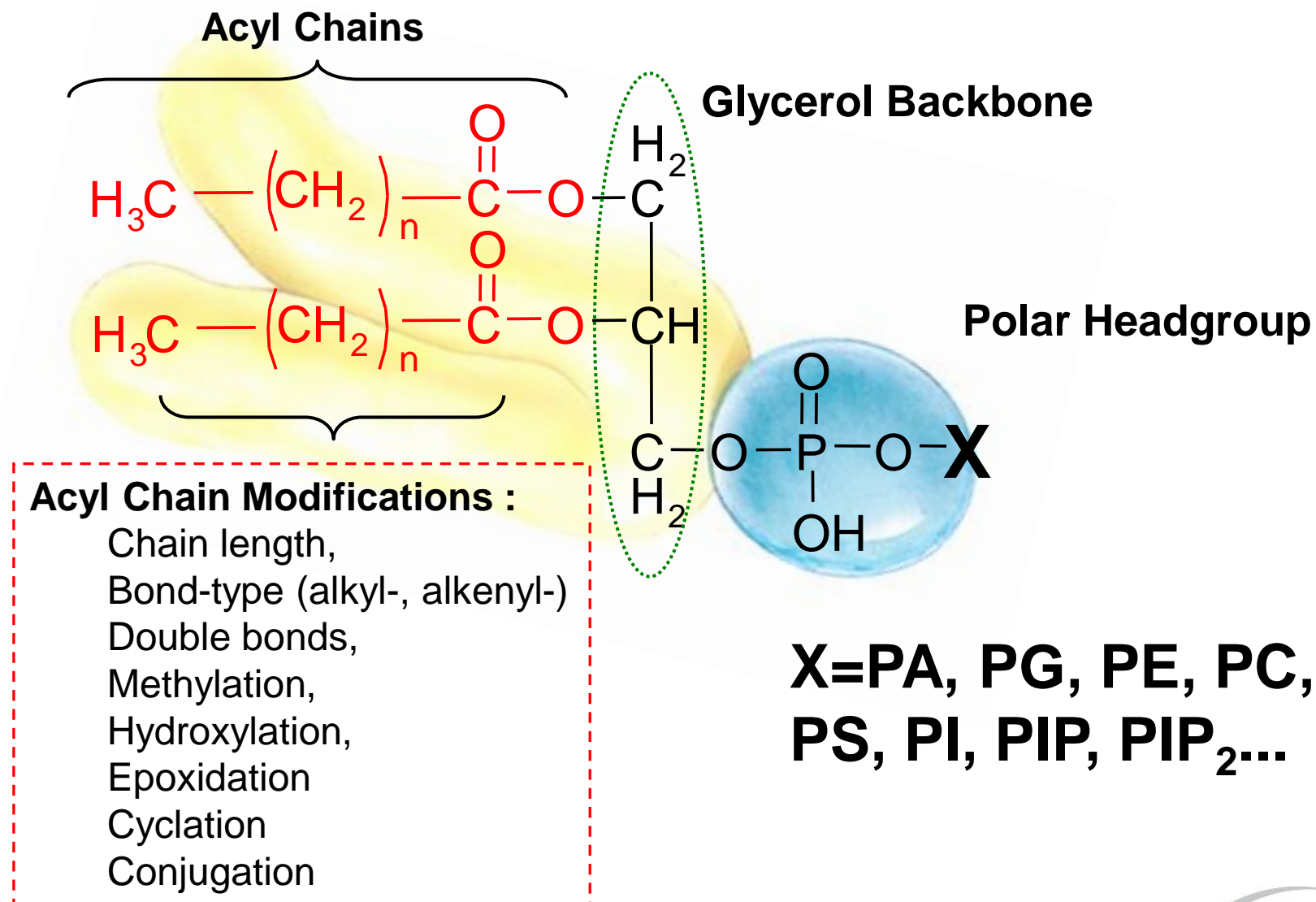


# Common Phospholipids

## Phospholipid (PL) Sub-Classes



# Diversity of Phospholipid Molecular Species



# Complex Lipids are like a Matrix

- Lipids are present in classes that have concentrations and compositions (important for level of metabolism)
  - Concentration = sum of the FAs for any given class (column)
  - Composition = relative abundances of each FA (or species) across many classes (rows)

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	22:4								
	22:5								
22:6									

Sum = composition

Sum = concentration

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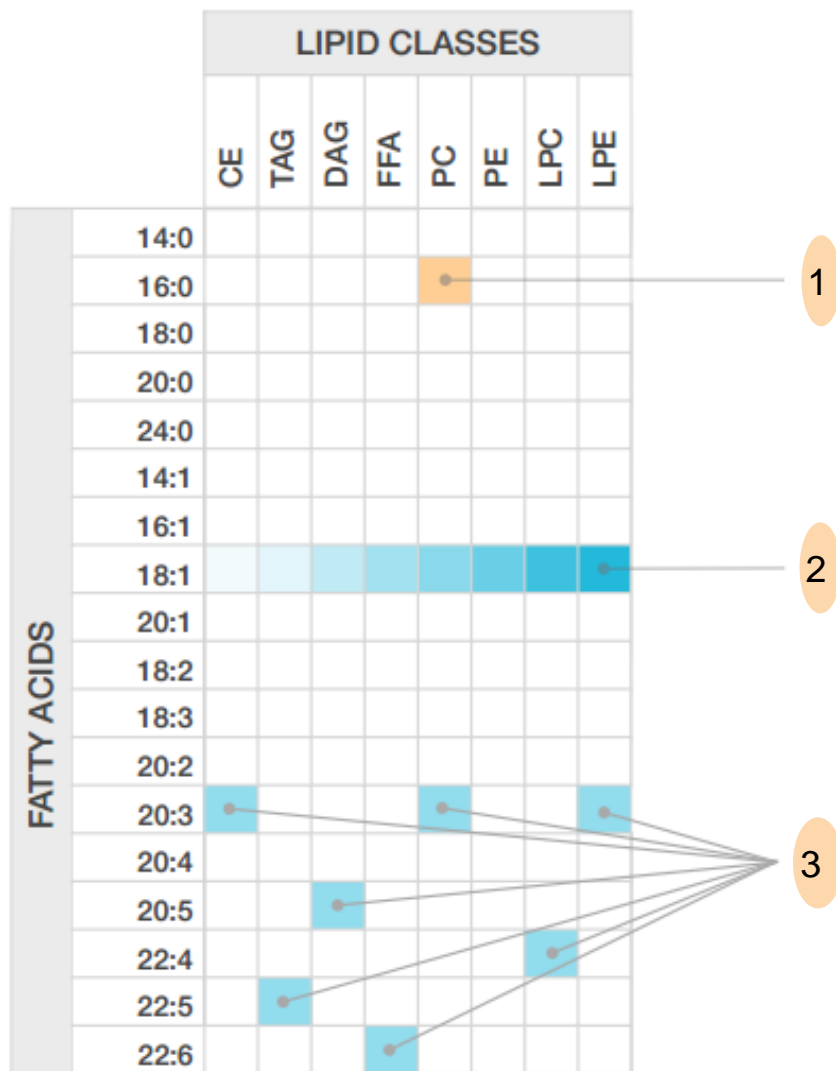
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# What is needed from a Quantitative Lipid Platform



## 1) Specificity

- A non-specific method (e.g. PC 36:2) does not allow mapping to the elements of the matrix

## 2) Quantitation

- A non-quantitative approach does not allow accurate summing of the rows and columns

## 3) Comprehensive Coverage

- A partially complete matrix is difficult to interpret

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# **Putting it All Together**

## **Sample Prep to Answers**

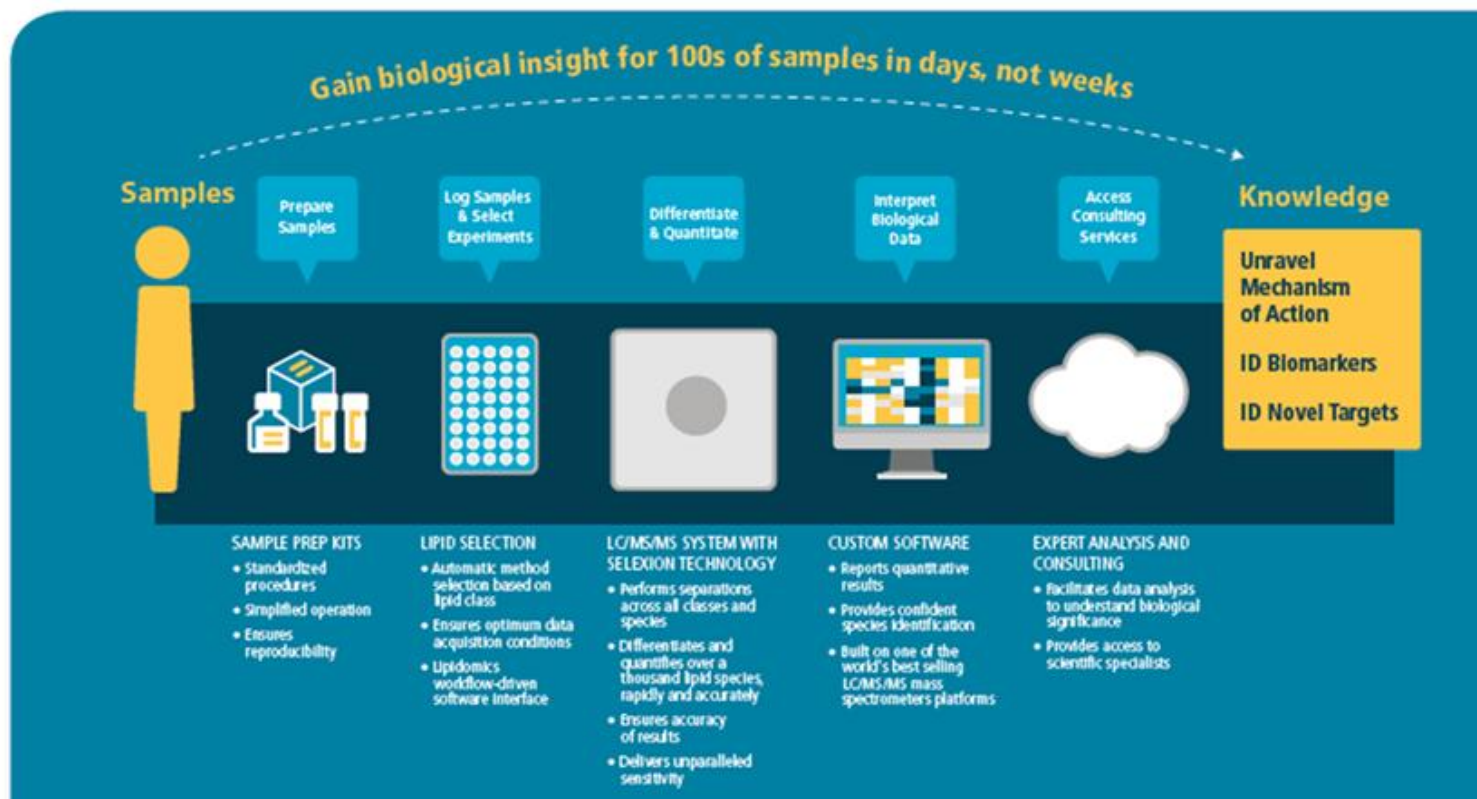
# Simplifying the Complexity of Lipidomics and Multiple Steps from Sample Preparation to Knowledge

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## One Streamlined Workflow for Peak Performance

Work faster and smarter

Lipidyzer Platform makes lipid analysis easy and seamless. The simple, integrated workflow allows you access to comprehensive data, quickly and confidently, while expert analysis services provide you with the the assurance to gain accurate biological insight.





# Simplifying the Complexity

Gain biological insight for 100s of samples in days, not weeks

Samples



Prepare Samples



#### SAMPLE PREP KITS

- Standardized procedures
- Simplified operation
- Ensures reproducibility

Log Samples & Select Experiments



#### LIPID SELECTION

- Automatic method selection based on lipid class
- Ensures optimum data acquisition conditions
- Lipidomics workflow-driven software interface

Differentiate & Quantitate



#### LC-MS/MS SYSTEM WITH SELEXION TECHNOLOGY

- Performs separations across all classes and species
- Differentiates and quantifies over a thousand lipid species, rapidly and accurately
- Delivers unparalleled sensitivity
- Ensures accuracy of results

Interpret Biological Data



#### CUSTOM SOFTWARE

- Reports quantitative results
- Provides confident species identification
- Built on one of the world's best selling LC-MS/MS mass spectrometers platforms

Access Consulting Services



#### EXPERT ANALYSIS AND CONSULTING

- Facilitates data analysis to understand biological significance
- Provides access to scientific specialists

Knowledge

Unravel Mechanism of Action

ID Biomarkers

ID Novel Targets

# Analytical Challenges in Lipidomic Analysis

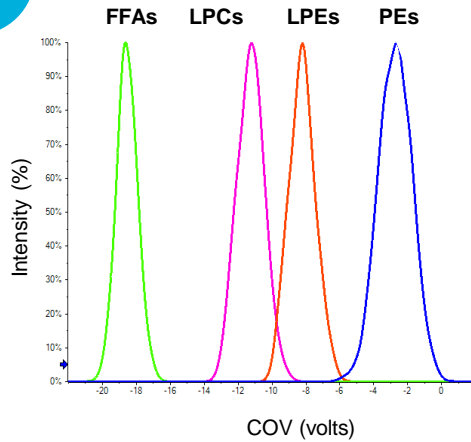
The Lipidyzer™ developed to address specificity and quantitative rigor

- Specificity:
  - Resolve isobaric interference between different lipid classes
  - Determine lipid class and molecular species composition in a single run
- Quantitation:
  - Ensure spray stability
  - Minimize carryover
  - Neutralize quantitative bias

# Benefits of the Lipidyzer™ Platform

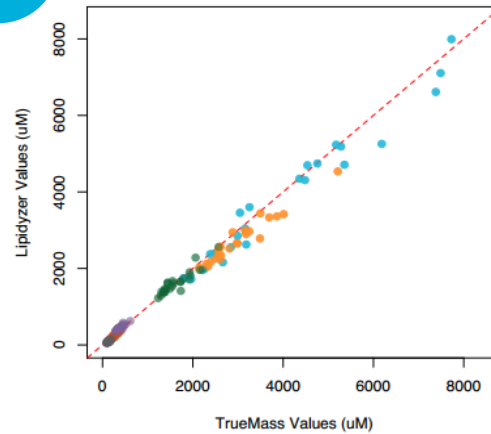
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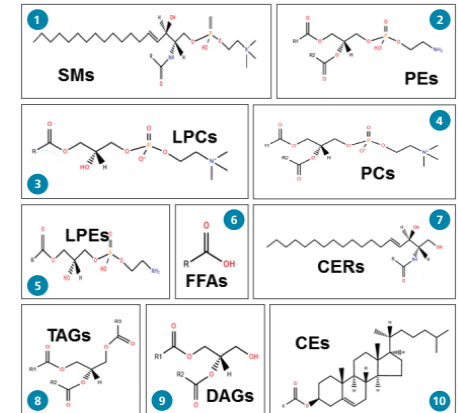
Specificity

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Quantitation

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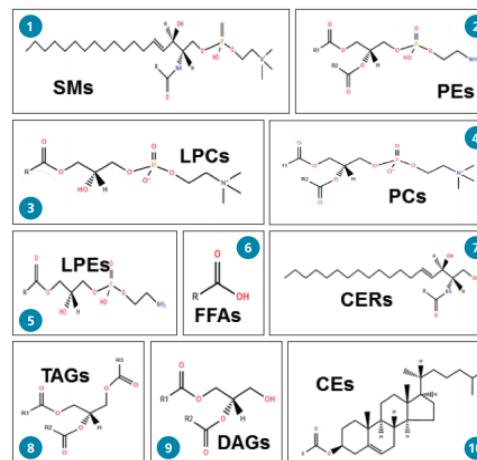


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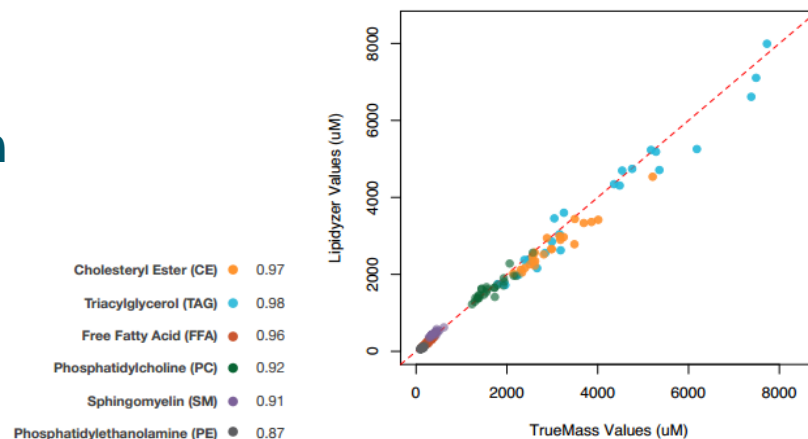
# Why the Lipidizer™ Platform? – Standards

## Standardization of Sample Preparation

- Novel internal standard kits and methods designed exclusively for the Lipidizer™.
- Built on Metabolon's "know-how" of commercial lipid analysis platforms and standard procedures
- Provides user with confident, reproducible quantitation
- **Over 90 internal standards across ten lipid classes – a complete unique strategy!**



Correlation of Lipidizer Results With True Values



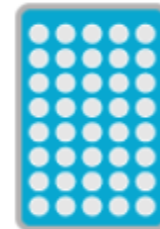
## Sample Prep: Lipid Extraction Methods

- Primary source of error in lipid analysis
  - Internal standards help, but manual process can contribute to a high %CV
- Classic techniques: Methods of Bligh and Dyer and Folch
  - **Bligh and Dyer:** 1 Part aqueous (sample), 2 parts MeOH, 0.9 part  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; Vortex (except plasma and brain—gently invert sealed test tube to avoid emulsion); Add 1 part  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1 part  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; Vortex; Centrifuge (1200 rpm x 10 min); Take lower layer and evaporate solvent; Re-suspend in appropriate solvent for injection
  - **Folch:** 1 Part aqueous (sample), 19 parts 50:50 MeOH/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; Vortex; Add 4 parts  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (or 0.9% NaCl); Vortex; Centrifuge (1200 rpm x 10 min); Take lower layer and evaporate solvent; Re-suspend in appropriate solvent for injection

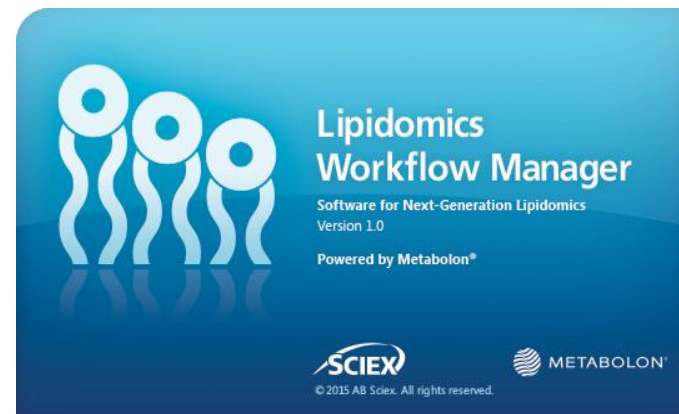
**$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  will extract plasticizers; always use glass**

# Why the Lipidyzer™ Platform? – Software

## Lipidomics Workflow Manager



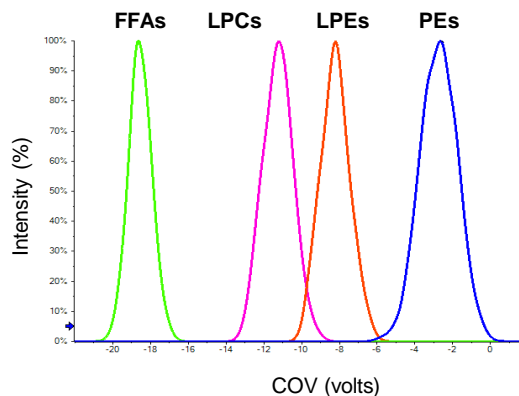
- Sample login and metadata entry
- Selection of lipid class-specific methods
- Fully automated experimental design
  - Internal standard assembler allows automated calculation of volumes to add for your analysis
  - Automated templates of samples batches to ensure statistical distribution
  - Automated SelexION™ tuning and system suitability tests.
- **Controls your entire workflow**



# Why the Lipidyzer™ Platform? – Measurement

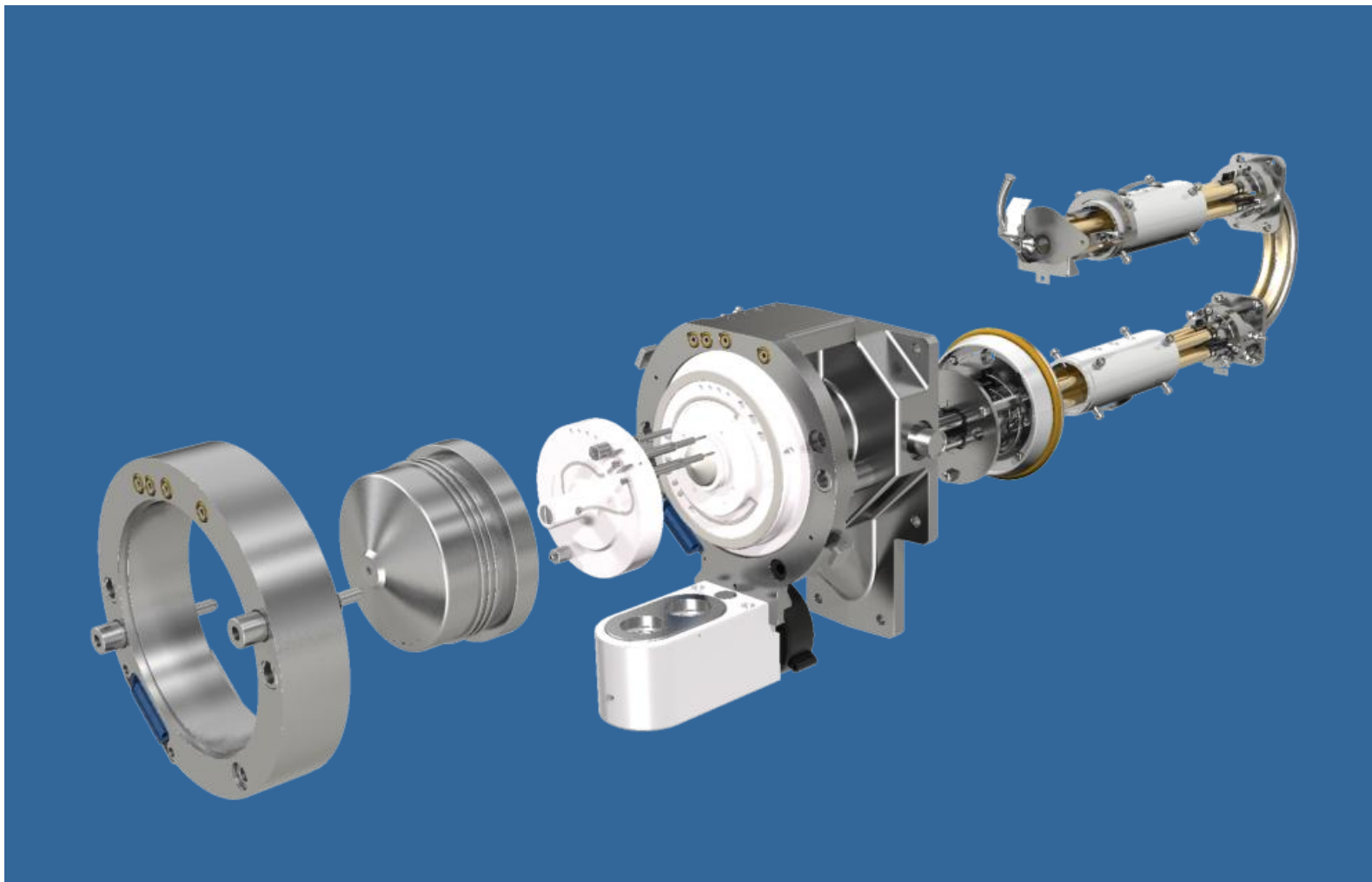
## QTRAP® 5500 & SelexION™ Technology

- A complete package for lipidomics analysis
- Robust and trusted quantitative mass spectrometry platform the 5500 QTRAP®
- Ensure the highest level of data reproducibility using the new SCIEX branded ExionLC System.
- Perform most confident separation of isobaric lipid species using SelexION™ Differential Mobility Separation Technology



# Lipidyzer™ Hardware Configuration

5500 QTRAP® System with SelexION™ Technology





# Challenges in Lipidomic Analysis: Isobaric Overlap

- There are as many as 180,000 different lipid molecular species that are found in a narrow mass range of ~700 amu

PE(18:3(9Z,12Z,15Z)/20:4(5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z))	1-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-2-(5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z-eicosatetraenoyl)-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>72</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> P	761.50
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**Problem: The Q1 isolation window during MS/MS is ~1.2 Da, which increases the number of potential isobars**

## LIPIDMAPS Calculator

### exercise:

Select mass of 762.4 with a tolerance of 1.0 amu

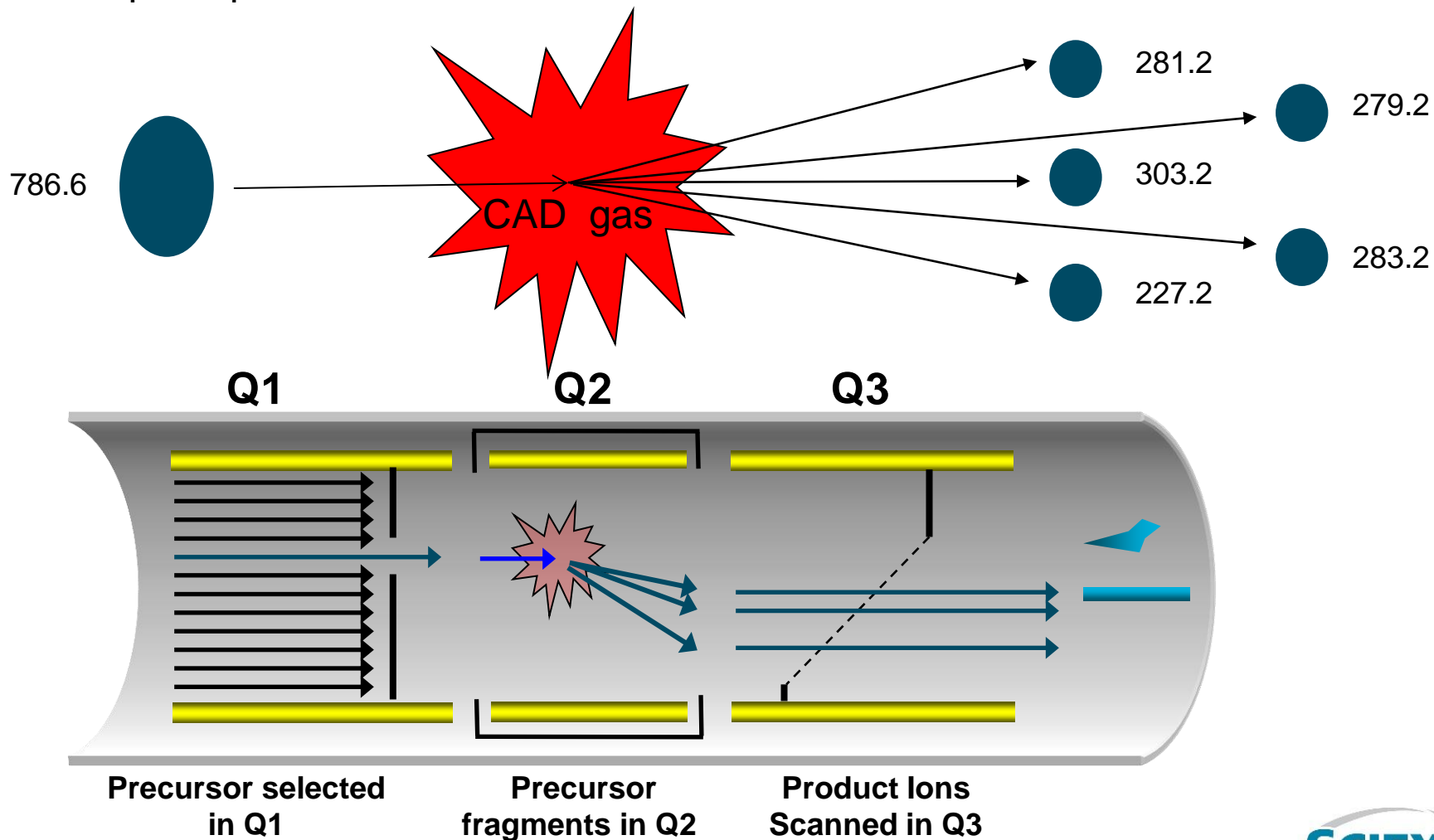
**108 Lipids identified**

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*The ambiguous data make it very difficult to use MSMS spectra to positively identify a particular molecular species and makes it nearly impossible to accurately **quantitate** that molecule*

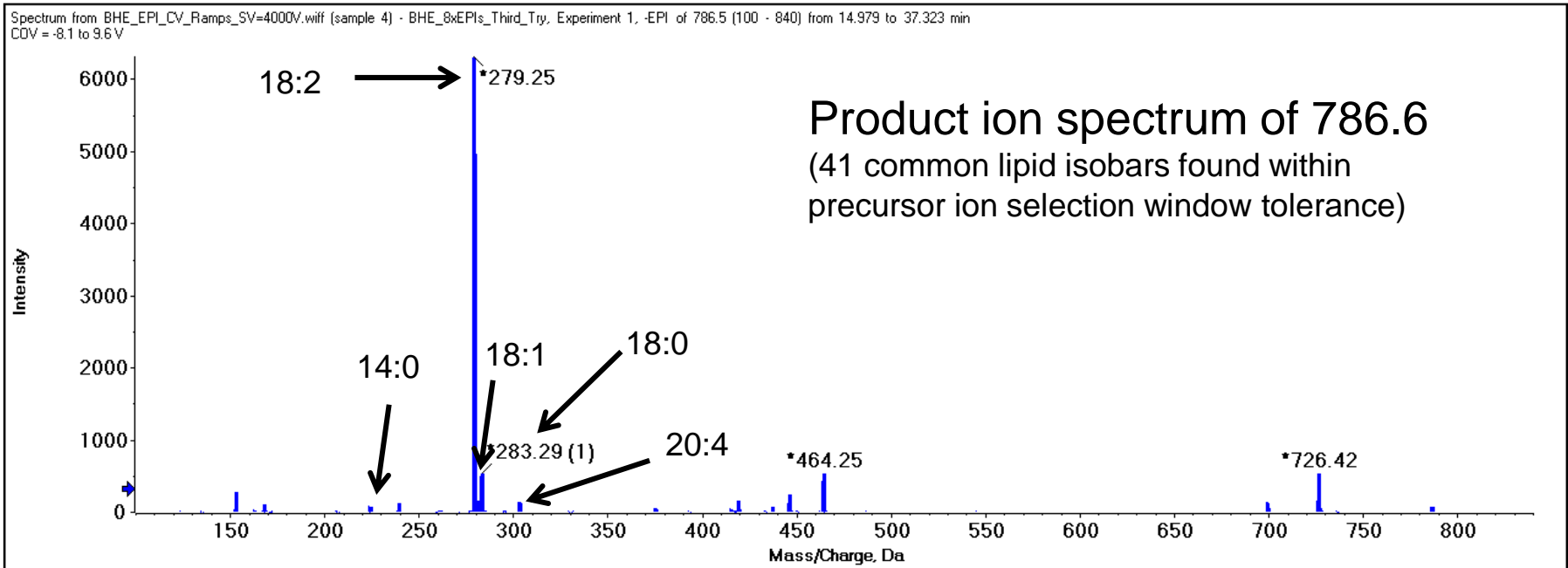
# Qualitative Analysis of Lipids – Measurement

Negative ion mode MS/MS fragmentation pattern denotes fatty acid composition of complex lipids



# Product Ion Analysis of Lipids

Experiment: Product ion spectrum (EPI) of bovine heart extract (m/z 786.5); no DMS

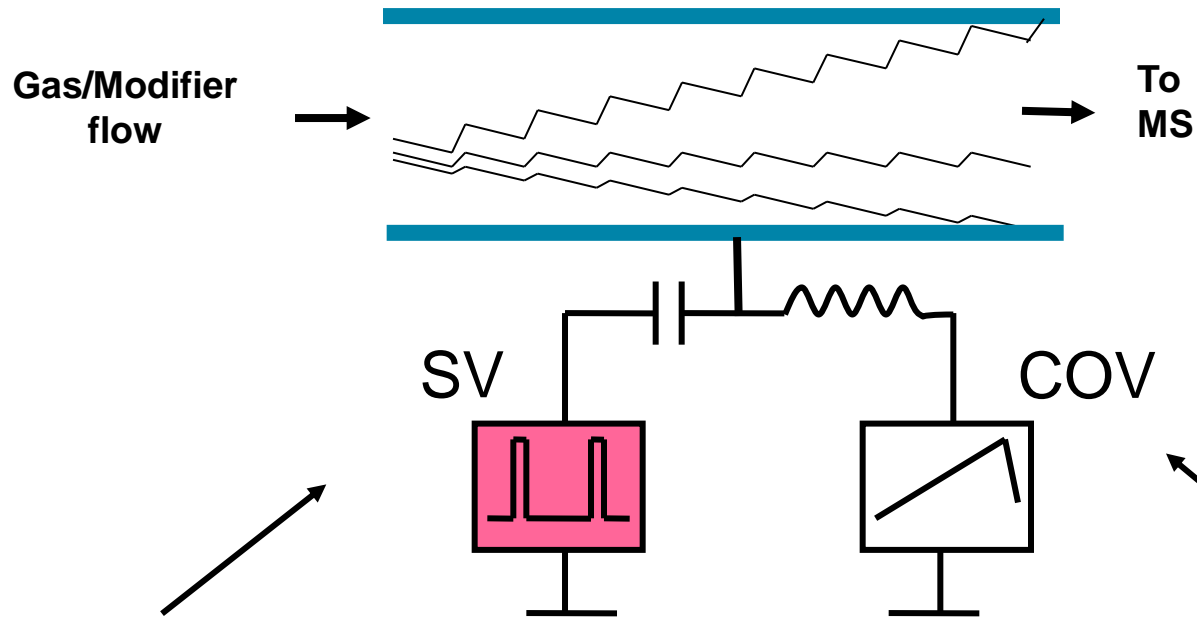


Multiple fatty acid peaks are visible in the spectrum; no clearly identified precursor molecule is apparent from this spectrum

Many lipid isobars share the same fragment ions

# How Does SelexION™ Technology Separate Ions?

Differential Mobility Spectrometry (DMS) separates molecules using planar geometry

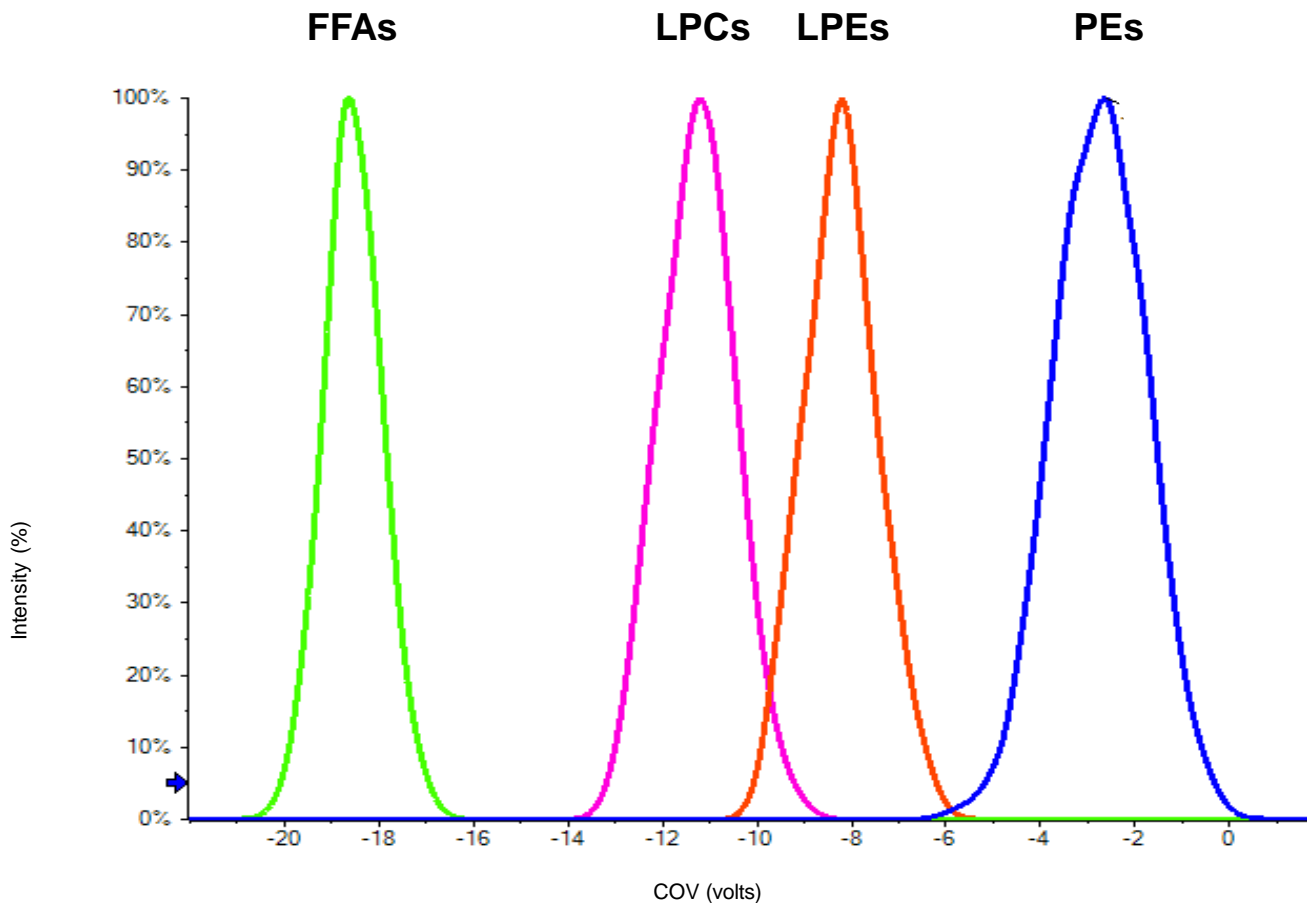


**Separation waveform (SV):** radially displaces ions towards one or the other electrode, depending upon high and low mobility characteristics

**Compensation voltage (COV):** restores the trajectory for a given ion or range of ions to allow them to transmit through the DMS device and enter the mass spectrometer

# Separation of Lipid Classes Using SelexION™ Technology

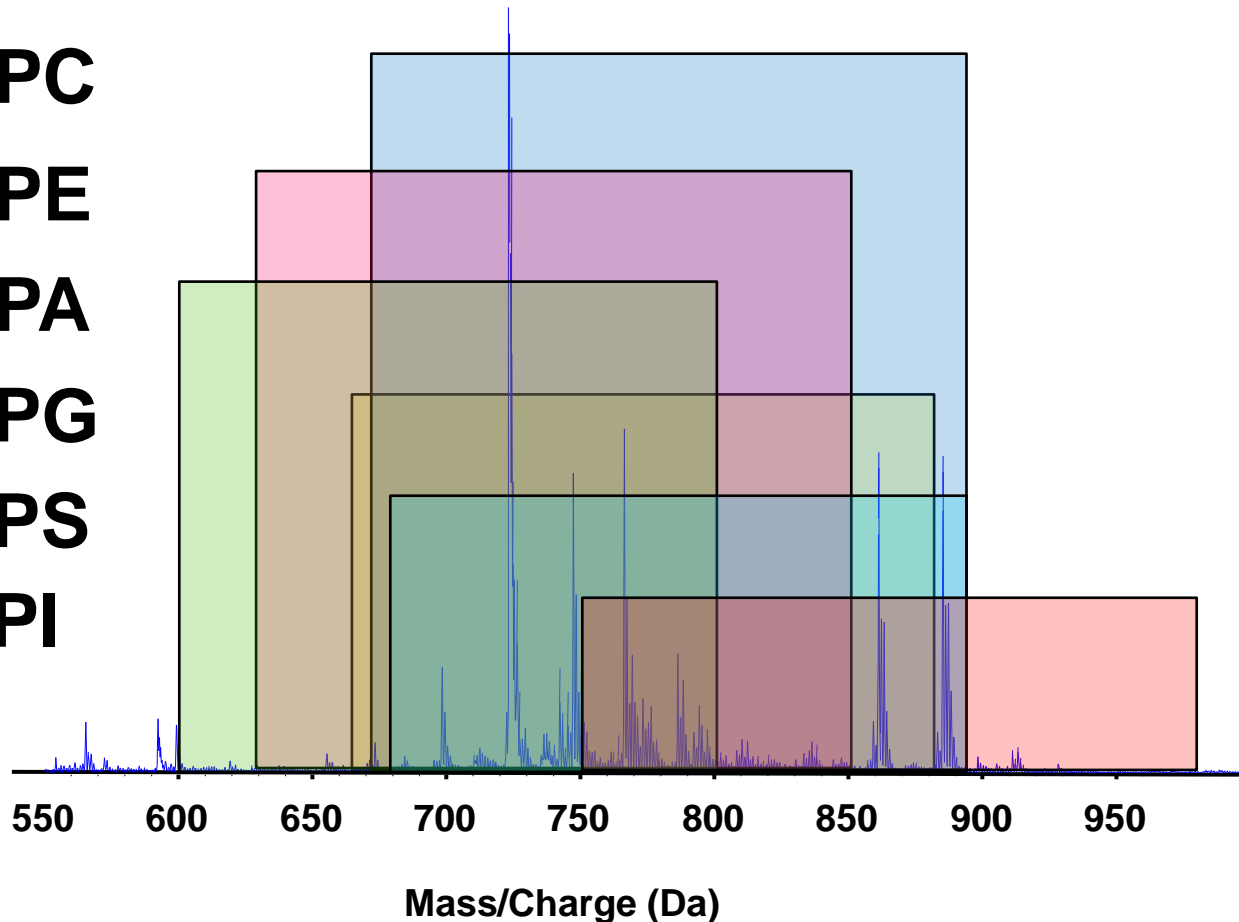
## Negative Ion Mode



\*subset of lipid classes that can be separated

# Isobaric Overlap of Phospholipids

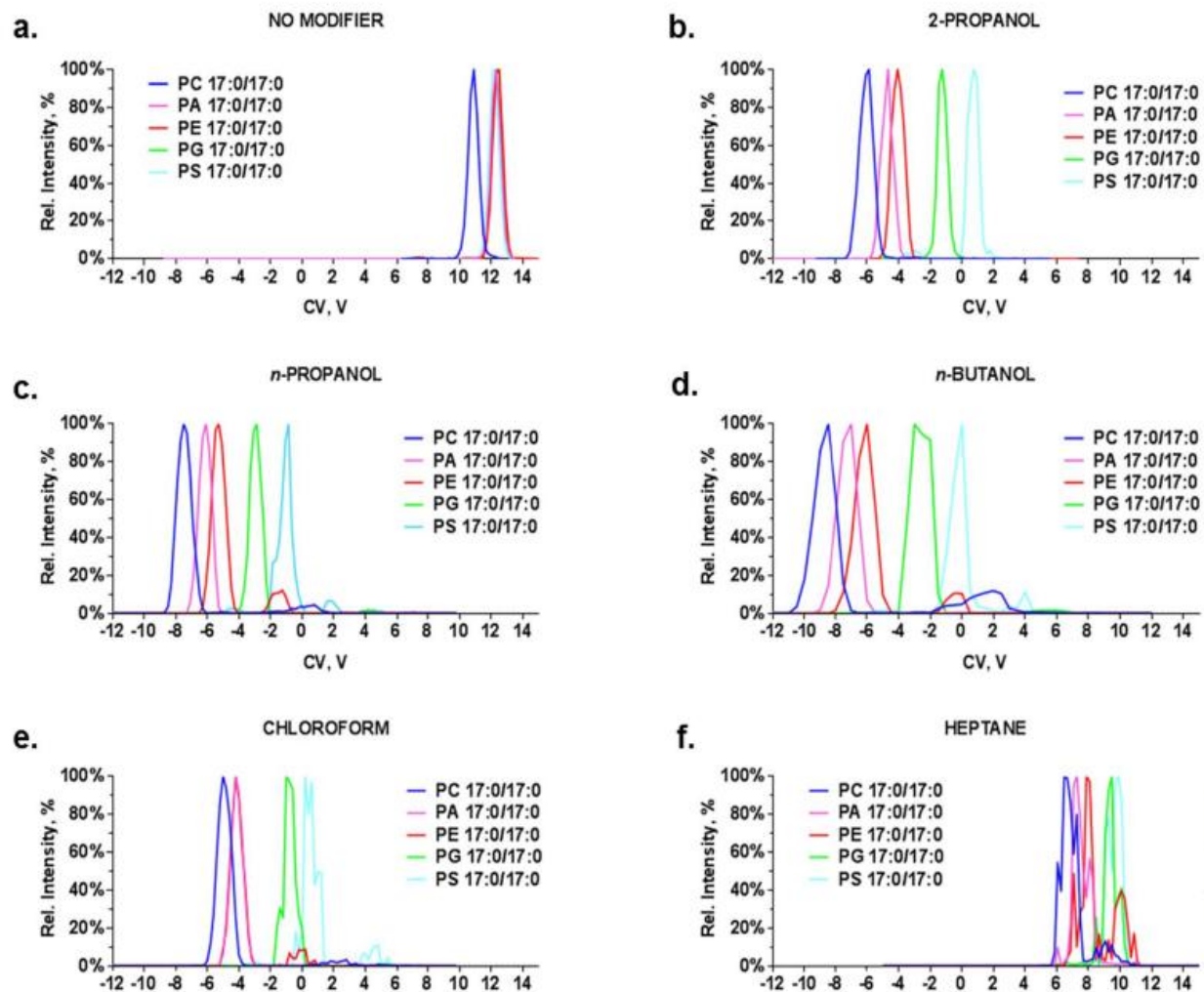
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- Lipidomic spectra are incredibly complex
- MS/MS spectra generated on precursors in zones of isobaric overlap will contain product ions from other isobaric species

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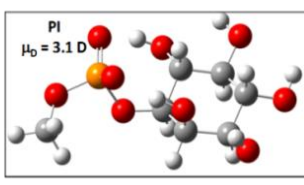
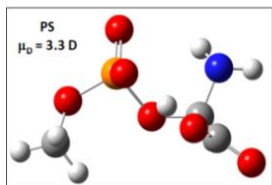
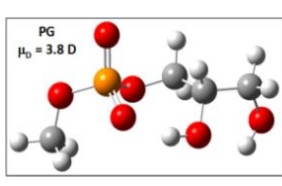
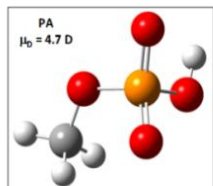
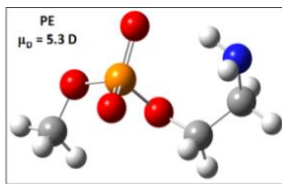
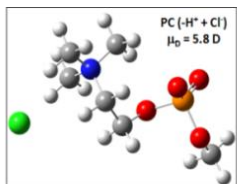
## Effects of Modifier on COV Values



Differential Mobility Spectrometry-Driven Shotgun Lipidomics

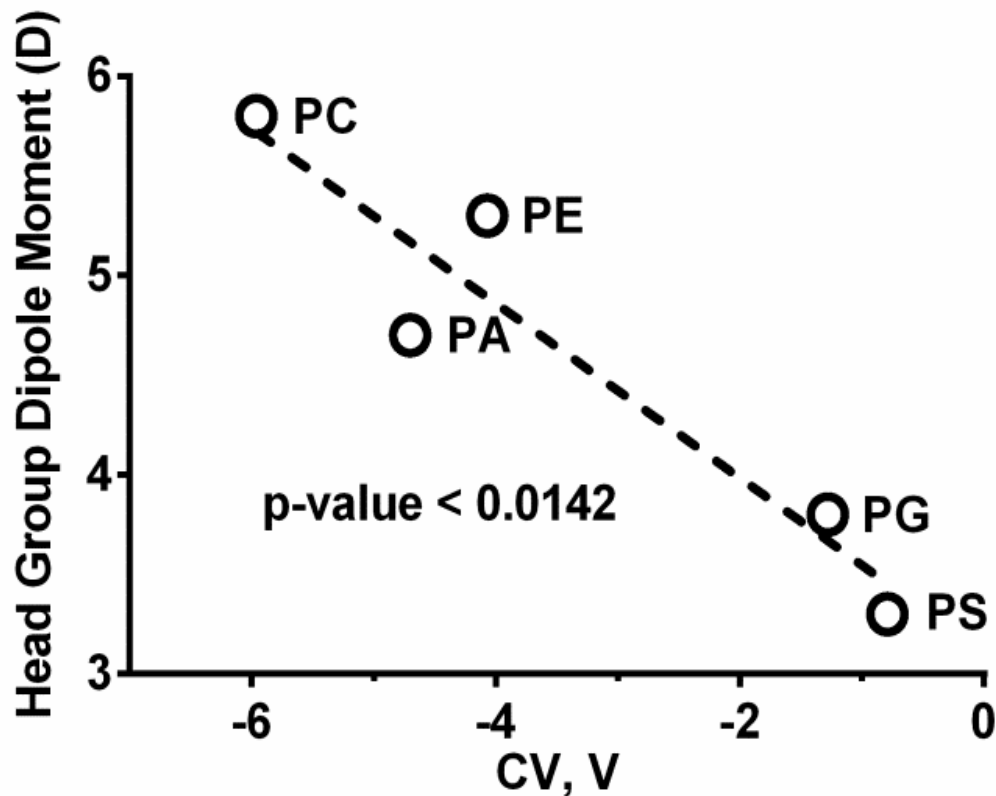
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# Relationship Between Dipole Moment and CoV



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Theoretical dipole moments were calculated using isopropanol as a modifying solvent



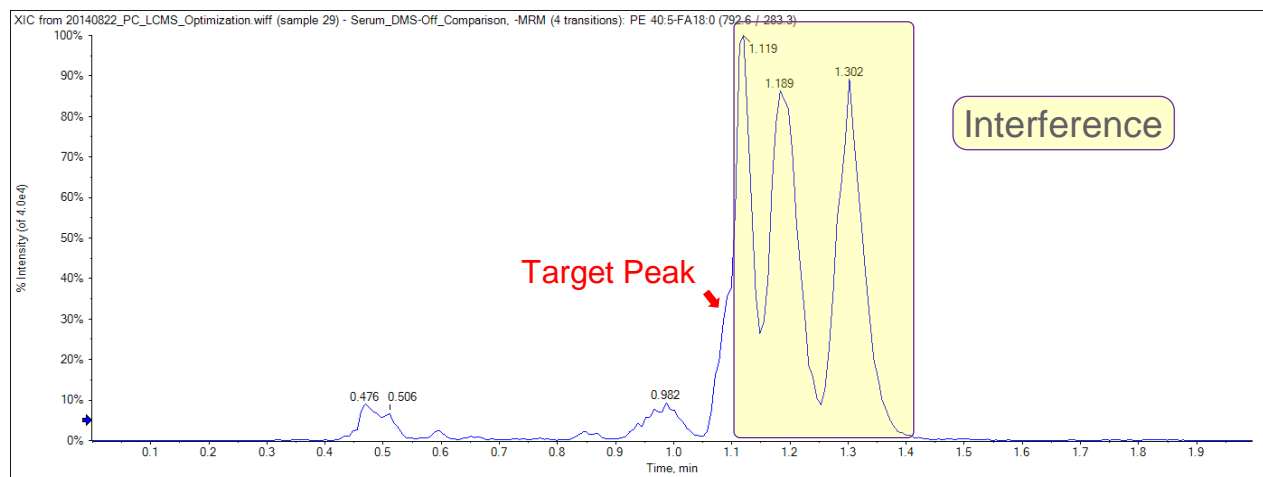
Molecules that have different dipole moments can be separated by DMS



# Isobaric Interference Among Different Lipid Molecular Species

Isobaric interference makes 'unassisted' MRM analysis by infusion non-specific. SelexION™ Technology makes it possible

Experiment: mrm analysis of CSF (PE 40:5; 792.6/283.2)



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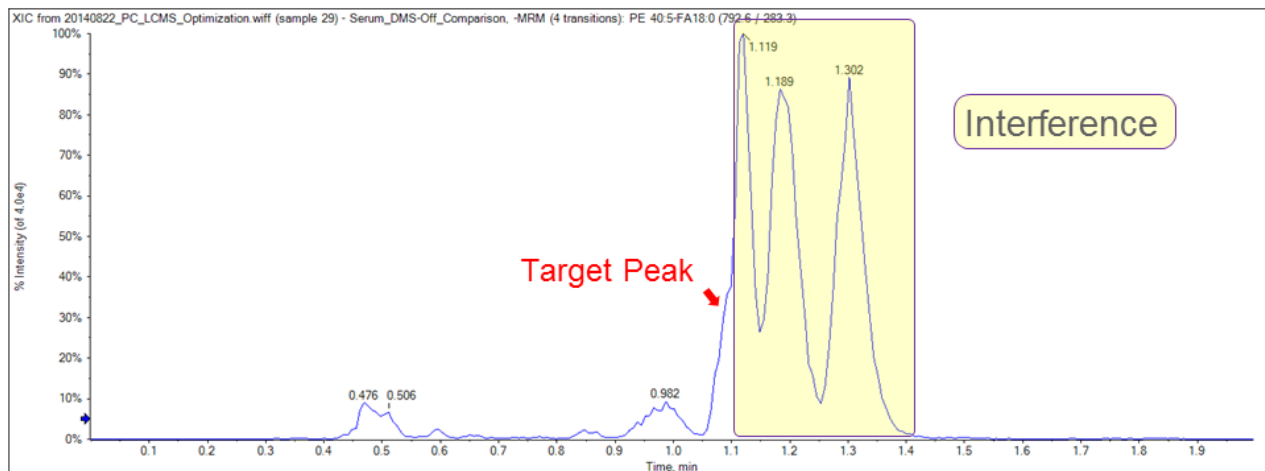
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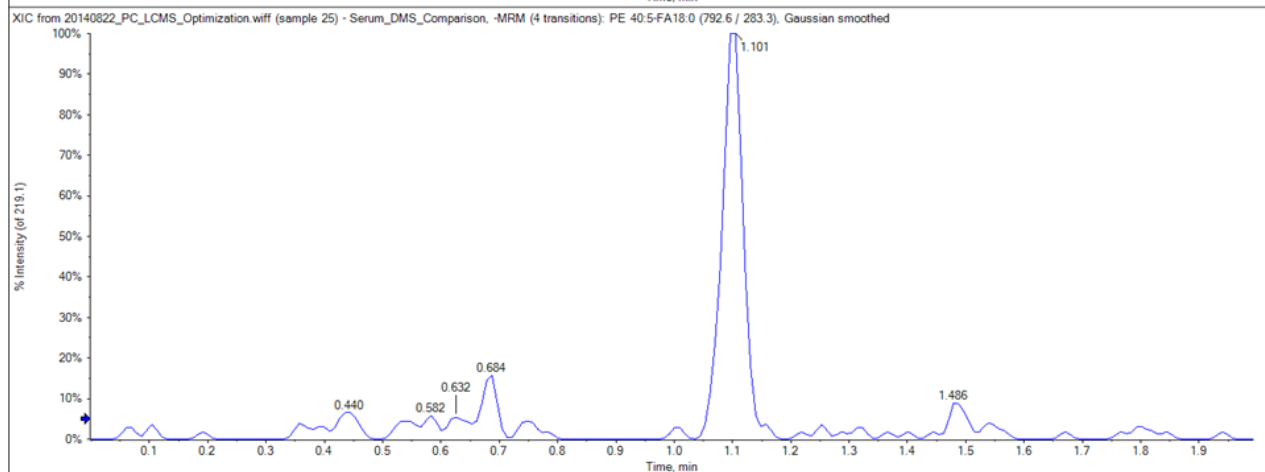
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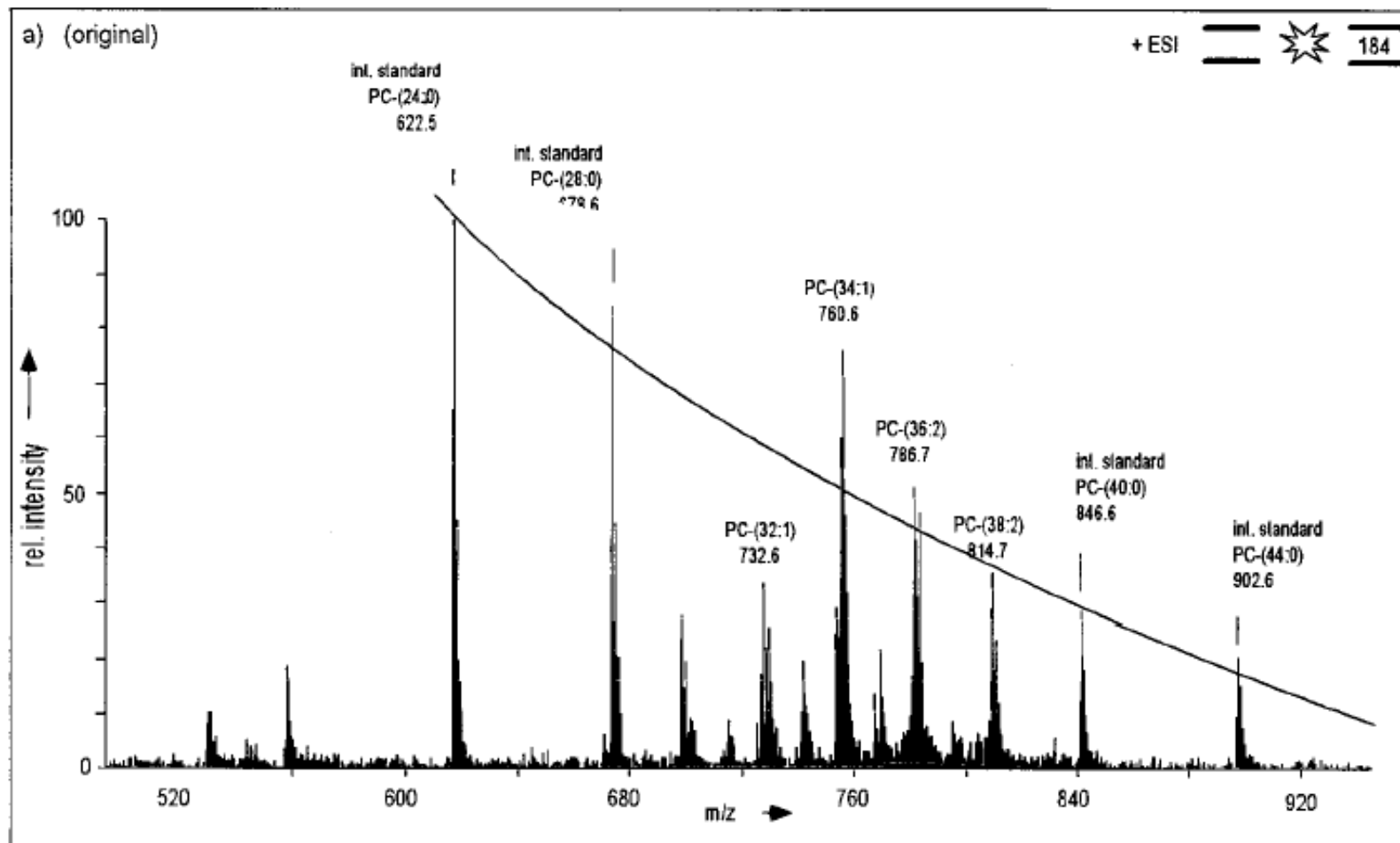


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PE specific CoV=-3.8

Isobaric interference removed making quantitation possible

# Challenge of Lipid Quantitation: Unequal Fragmentation Efficiency of Lipids within the Same Class

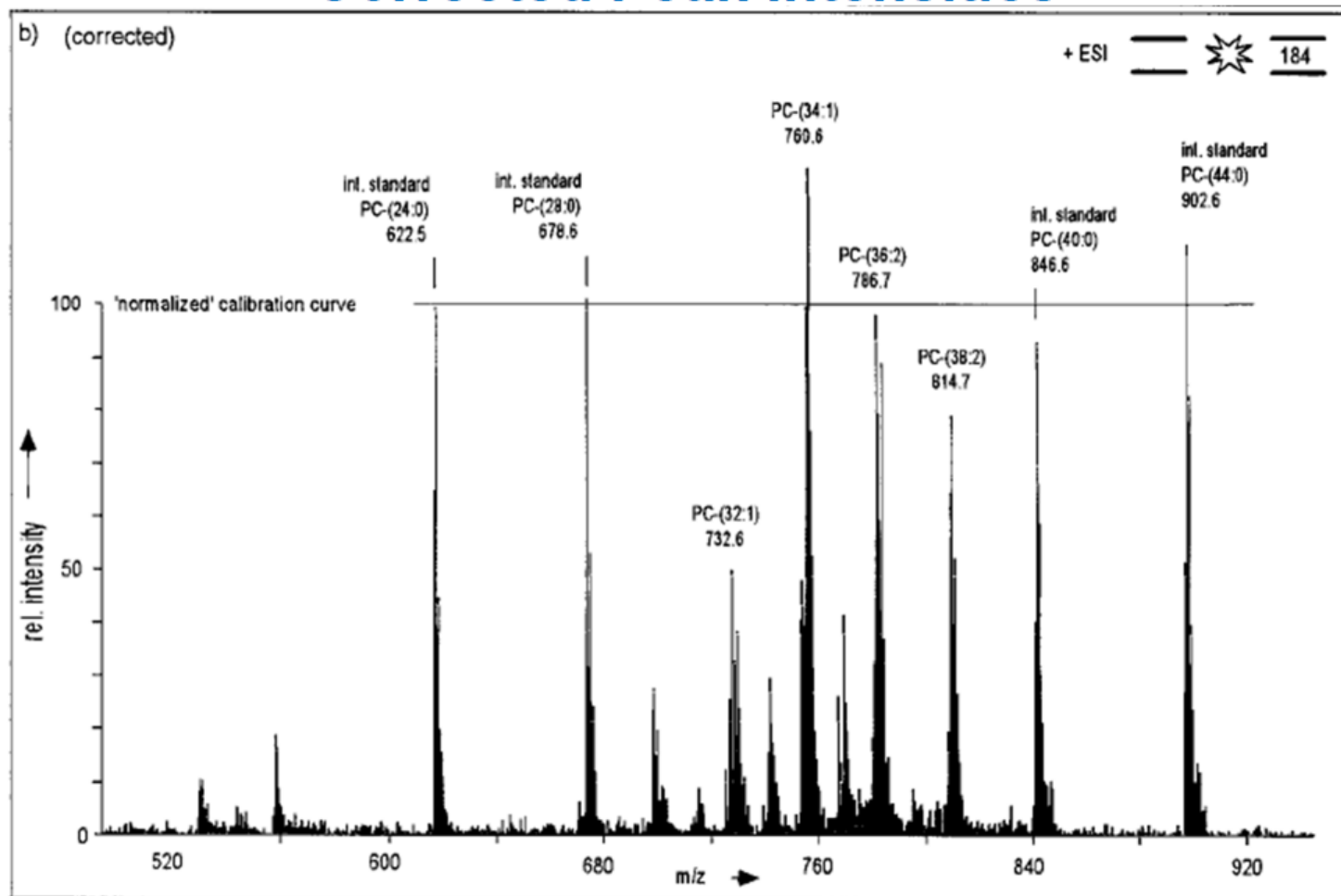
Diversity of fatty acid chain lengths and degrees of unsaturation result in differential fragmentation efficiency



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# Challenge of Lipid Quantitation: Unequal Fragmentation Efficiency of Lipids within the Same Class

## Corrected Peak Intensities



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# The Lipidyzer™ Uses a Broad Array of Internal Standards to Normalize Quantitative Data

Multiple internal standards that reflect the diversity of lipid molecular species within a lipid class “unwarps” quantitative data

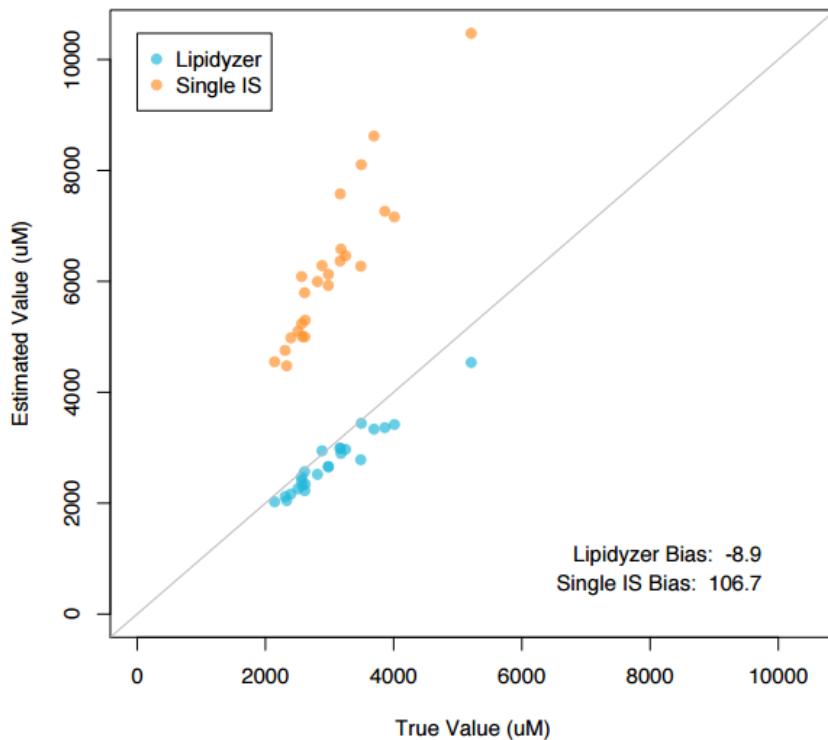
PHOSPHATIDYLCHOLINE (PC) INTERNAL STANDARD MIX				
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		FA18:1 - Oleic acid	sn-2	20
		FA18:2 - Linoleic acid	sn-2	20
		FA18:3 - $\alpha$ -Linolenic acid	sn-2	5
		FA20:3 - Dihomo- $\gamma$ -linolenic acid	sn-2	5
		FA20:4 - Arachidonic acid	sn-2	20
		FA20:5 - Eicosapentaenoic acid	sn-2	5
		FA22:4 - Eicosatetraenoic acid	sn-2	5
		FA22:5 - Docosapentaenoic acid	sn-2	5
		FA22:6 - Docosahexaenoic acid	sn-2	10
		d916:0 - Labeled palmitic acid	sn-1	100

Each lipid class has multiple internal standards at concentrations that reflect those found in biology

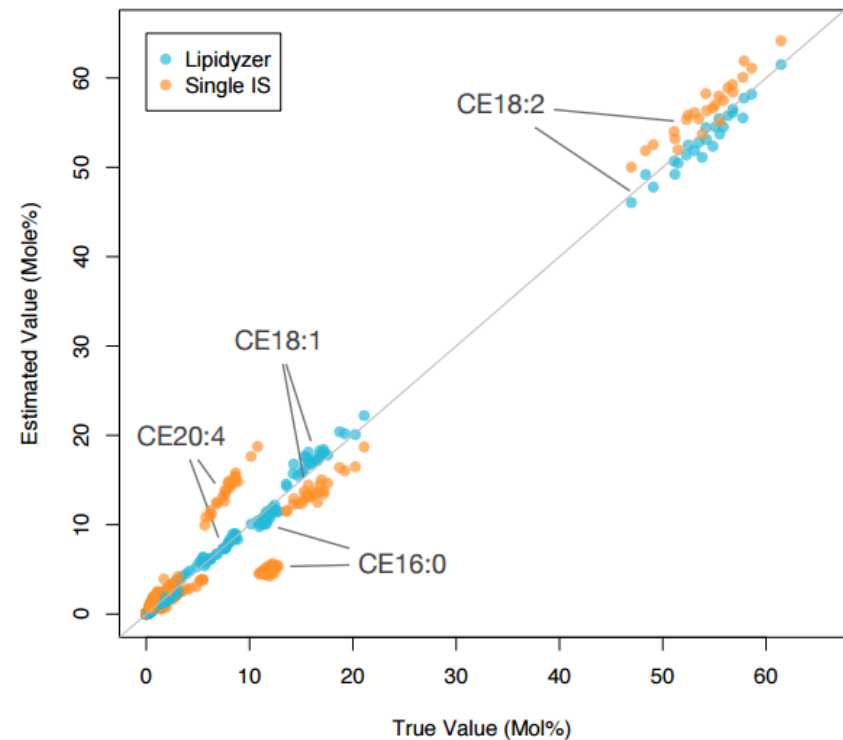
# The Lipidizer™ Eliminates Quantitative Bias

Multiple internal standards per class provide accurate quantitation

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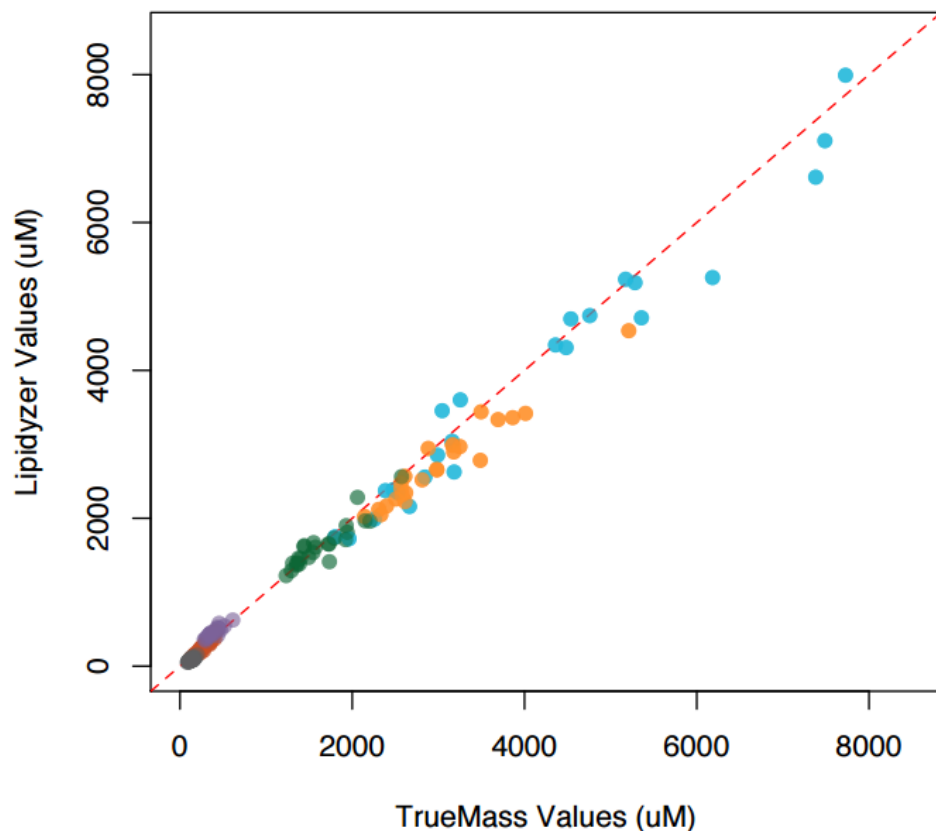


\*Each dot represents one patient serum sample. We measure 25 serum samples from 25 patients

# Lipidyzer™ Generates Accurate Lipid Class Quantitation

Quantitative data with < 10% bias and ~ 5% RSD for lipid classes

### Correlation of Lipidyzer Results With True Values



### CORRELATION WITH TRUEMASS DATA

Cholesteryl Ester (CE)	0.97
Triacylglycerol (TAG)	0.98
Free Fatty Acid (FFA)	0.96
Phosphatidylcholine (PC)	0.92
Sphingomyelin (SM)	0.91
Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)	0.87

\*TrueMass = GC-FID, gold standard

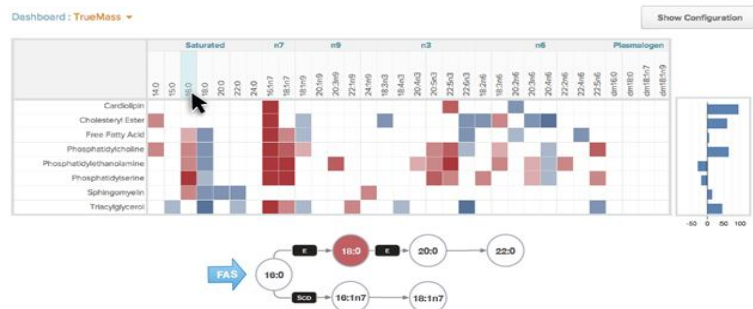
# Why the Lipidizer™ Platform? – Data Analysis

## Automated Output of Results

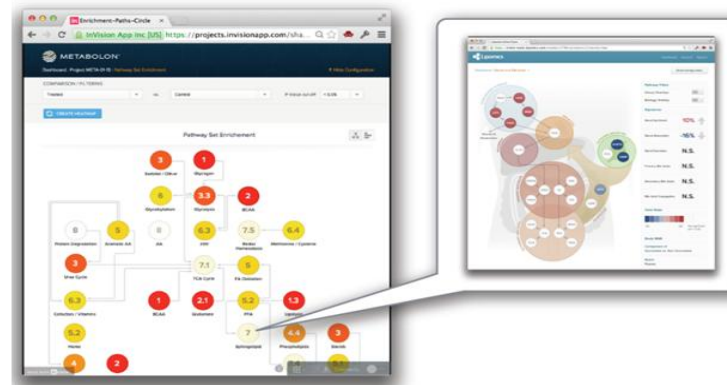
- Data Visualization including pathway mapping, heat maps, QC charts and quantitative data tables
- Figure resolution allows direct use for publication
- Easy publishing to the cloud portal for expert data interpretation
- **True biological insights**



Callout plots to display contribution of species to composition



Identifying pathways contributing to effect





# Why the Lipidzyzer™ Platform? – Expertise

## Access to Metabolon's Consulting Services

- Cloud enabled data processing and sharing
- Consulting services and study design for in-depth biological data interpretation and disease relevance.
- Expert advice on alternative matrices and sample preparation
- **Expertise at your fingertips**



## Autonomous Metabolomics for Rapid Metabolite Identification in Global Profiling

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## Targeted Metabolic Profiling Using a High-Resolution Accurate Mass Database to Identify and Confirm Potential Biomarkers in Rose and Sunflower Plant Extracts

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### INTRODUCTION

Leaves and petals of plants such as rose and sunflowers have long been used for medicinal and aesthetic purposes around the world. Recently, investigators found that phenolic antioxidants especially those levels present in rose petal extracts of deep color (intense red to mauve) may be responsible for the activity or inhibitions, and thus justifying their use in traditional medicines.<sup>1</sup> In addition, sunflower leaf tea is used in traditional medicine to reduce high fevers and has astringent properties. Sunflower leaf poultice may be used on snakebites and insect bites. The leaves are diuretic and expectorant, as are the seeds, so determining what compounds are contributing to the activity and involvement in metabolic pathways is of interest to many scientists. Here we undertook a study to see if three separate rose leaf extracts and sunflowers would produce variances in their profiles in comparison to one another and identify compounds associated with these changes perhaps leading to metabolic pathways for further investigation.

### ABSTRACT

High resolution, accurate mass spectrometers are the instruments of choice for global metabolomics applications as well as targeted metabolic profiling as they employ a high degree of selectivity over nominal mass systems. Unbiased targeted profiling is a technique applied on QTOF instruments which allow for the collection of MS and MS/MS data in a single injection. This discovery data can be searched with a targeted list of metabolites, from many chemical classes, pathways and species. Metabolite identification with a high resolution accurate mass MS/MS library ensures increased confidence in assignment and purity scores of unknowns from a discovery experiment. Recently, a metabolite library has been developed to facilitate this process.<sup>2</sup> Here we present some recent results that illustrate this powerful technique in examining a study of plant extracts from different lots of rose petal and sunflowers and employing an accurate mass library for confirmation.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

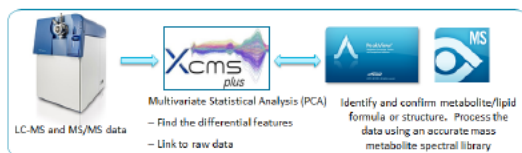
#### Sample Preparation:

Extractions of rose petals from 3 different lots and an extraction of sunflower leaves were provided by Dr. Pfanstiel, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany. All extracts were combined into another "pooled" lot as a quality control. The five different sample groups were then injected in triplicate or duplicate for analysis.

#### LCMS Method:

Mass Spectrometer: SCIEX TripleTOF<sup>®</sup> 6600 System. Data were acquired in both positive and negative ion mode using QWATH<sup>™</sup> acquisition and TOP-IDA experiments for comparison of the MS/MS quality of spectra. HPLC gradient method used an Agilent 1290 (pump, column oven, autosampler). Column: Phenomenex Kinetex<sup>®</sup> XB-C18 2.µm, 2.1 x 100mm. Flow rate: 300 µl/min. Injection volume: 5 µL. Oven temperature: 40°C. Mobile phase: A: H<sub>2</sub>O with 5mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc. B: Acetonitrile with 5mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc.

### Work flow for metabolomic profiling



### RESULTS

**Step 1:** Examination of the sample batch to ensure reproducibility and integrity injection to injection (Figure 1).  
**Step 2:** "Did the experiment work?": I.e. did multivariate statistical analysis of the different lots produce unique differences between the groups? Here one can easily see differences between the three rose lot extracts, pooled QC's and sunflowers. The "pooled" QC samples are shown at the center of the Scores plot as expected since they are a composite of all samples (Figure 2).

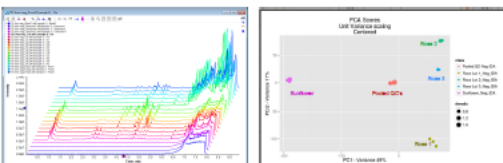


Figure 1. Sample batch of negative mode data, showing injection to injection reproducibility and TIC stacked profiles.

Figure 2. Multivariate statistical analysis of the different lots produced unique differences, the pooled QC samples end up at the center of the Scores Plot.

**Step 3:** XCMS<sup>®</sup> software<sup>3</sup> was used for multi-variant statistical analysis to generate the non-targeted list of candidates expressing the lowest p-values. Clicking on an line entry, the Selected Ion Chromatogram appears on the right hand side. The list was exported into MasterView<sup>™</sup> software for processing along with the targeted Accurate Mass Metabolite Spectral Library (Figure 3).

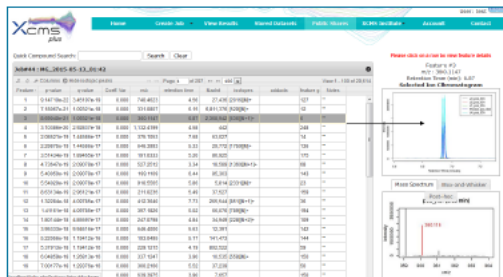
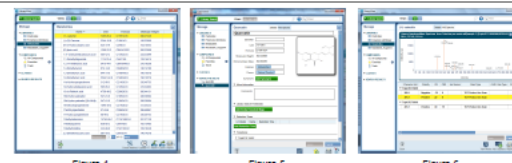


Figure 3. The Results Table from XCMS<sup>®</sup> software showing the top 19 candidates with the lowest p-values from the positive mode IDA data. Selecting an entry line such as #3 shows links the overlaid XIC's from all samples for visual comparison. The light blue traces shown were the sunflower extracts, dark blue were the "pooled" sample traces.



Figures 4-6, shown above are screen captures of the Accurate Mass Metabolite Spectral Library in LibraryView<sup>™</sup> Software. Figure 4, at left, is the list of compounds (570 entries) and libraries used in LibraryView<sup>™</sup> Software. Figure 5, center, is the individual entry (quercetin) for editing, and Figure 6 is the spectral information input window.

**Step 4:** Importing the non-targeted results from the multivariate statistical analysis and subsequently processing in MasterView<sup>™</sup> software along with the Accurate Mass Metabolite Spectral Library confirmed the presence and relative amounts (in relation to other groups) of catechin, quercetin, kaempferol and phloretin as well as several endogenous organic acids (Figure 7). The top pane shows the XIC of the line chosen (in this case catechin), the center pane contains the report information and formulas and the bottom two panes show the library matches of MS and MS/MS spectra.

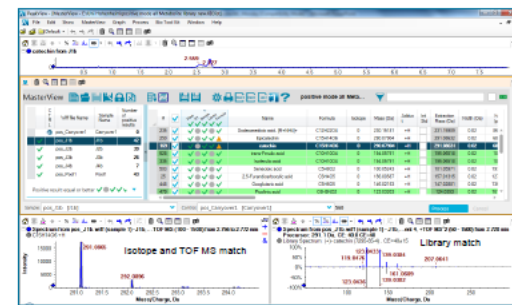


Figure 7. The Accurate Mass Metabolite Spectral Library and MasterView<sup>™</sup> Software.

Figure 8, above right, shows the positive mode QWATH<sup>™</sup> acquisition compared to the IDA data. XIC of the MS spectra was basically the same (left panes), whereas the MS/MS XIC of fragment 153 (kaempferol) shows the QWATH<sup>™</sup> acquisition MS/MS is much better than IDA-acquired providing more data points across the XIC peak chromatograms.



Metabolite library component name
1 Citric acid
2 L-Ascorbic acid
3 L-Ferulic acid
4 Catechin
5 Gallic acid
6 Kaempferol
7 Phloretin
8 Quercetin
9 Quercetin/kaempferol

Table 1. Summary of so

### CONCLUSIONS

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## Quantitative and Qualitative Metabolomics for the Investigation of Intracellular Metabolism

*Targeted Analysis on the QTRAP® 5500 System and Reverse-Phase Ion-Pairing Chromatography*

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Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) provides a powerful analytical tool for understanding and monitoring intracellular metabolism by measuring the metabolome. The study of intracellular metabolism of model organisms, such as *E. coli*, is vital to further our biochemical knowledge<sup>1</sup>, to develop new pharmaceuticals that target harmful pathogens<sup>2</sup>, and to improve industrial applications that aim to metabolically engineer bacteria in order to produce commodity chemicals from renewable resources<sup>3</sup>. Paramount to these endeavors is the ability to reliably and accurately measure the intracellular metabolome. For microorganisms, the compounds of most interest comprise intermediates of high flux pathways such as



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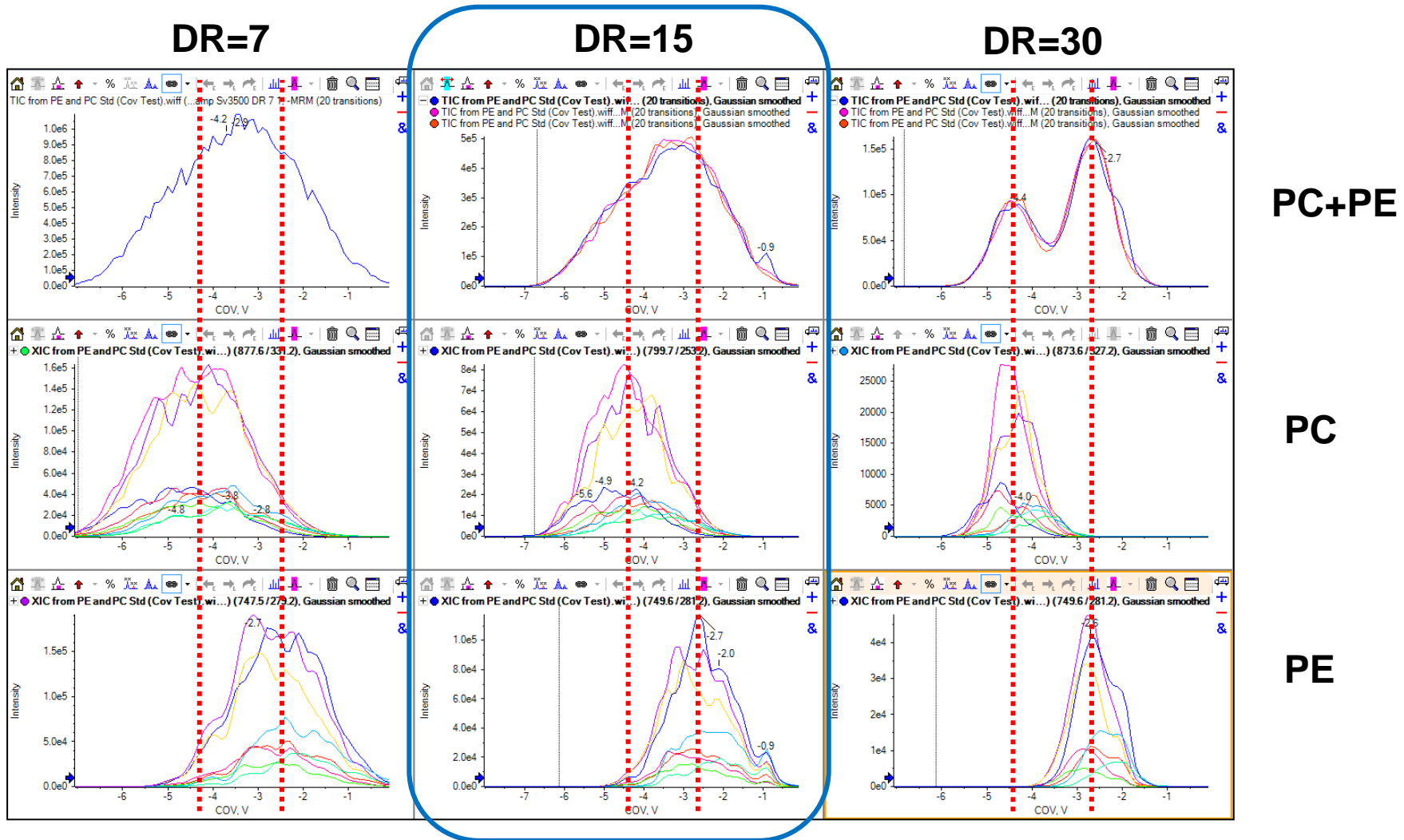
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# APPENDIX

# PC/PE Standard Mixture Resolution

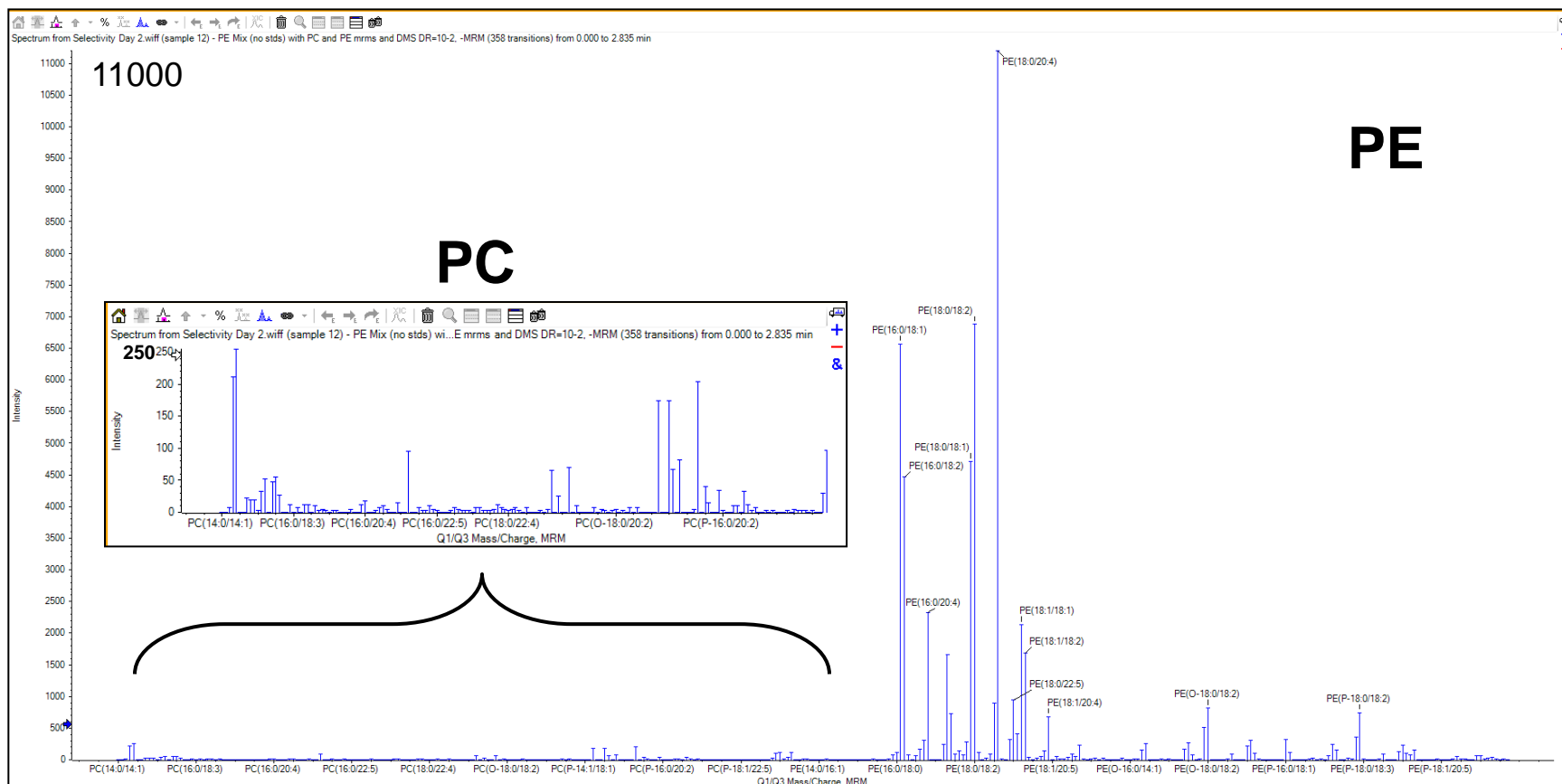
SelexION™ Technology effectively resolves different lipid classes



Resolution gas (DR) slows down ions in the DMS cell to enhance resolution

# Cross lipid Class Contamination

## PE Mixture analyzed with both PE and PC MRM transitions

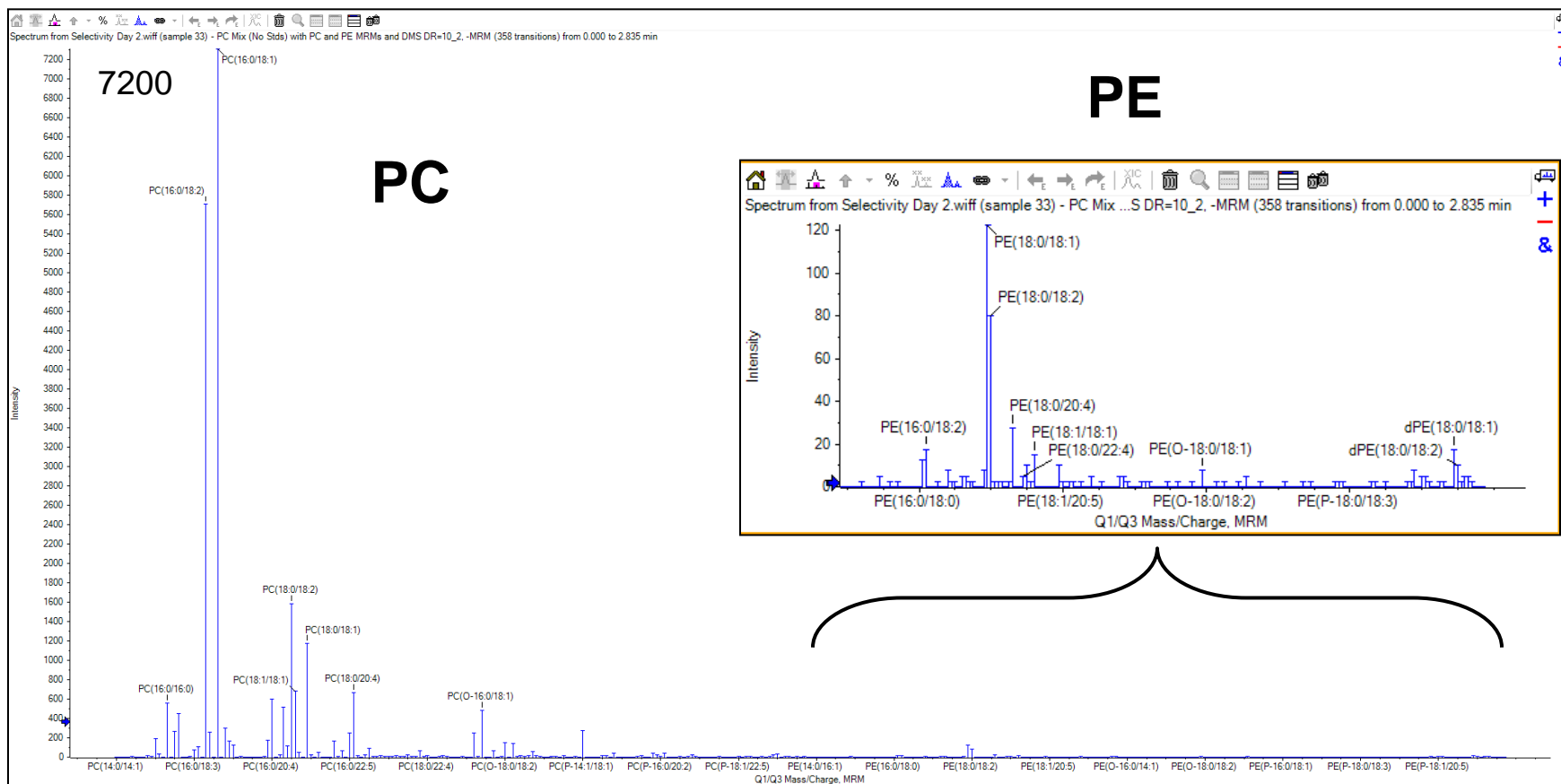


Cross over estimation:  $\frac{\text{Base peak intensity (PC)}}{\text{Base peak intensity (PE)}} \times 100 = (250/11000) * 100 = 2.3\%$



# Cross lipid Class Contamination

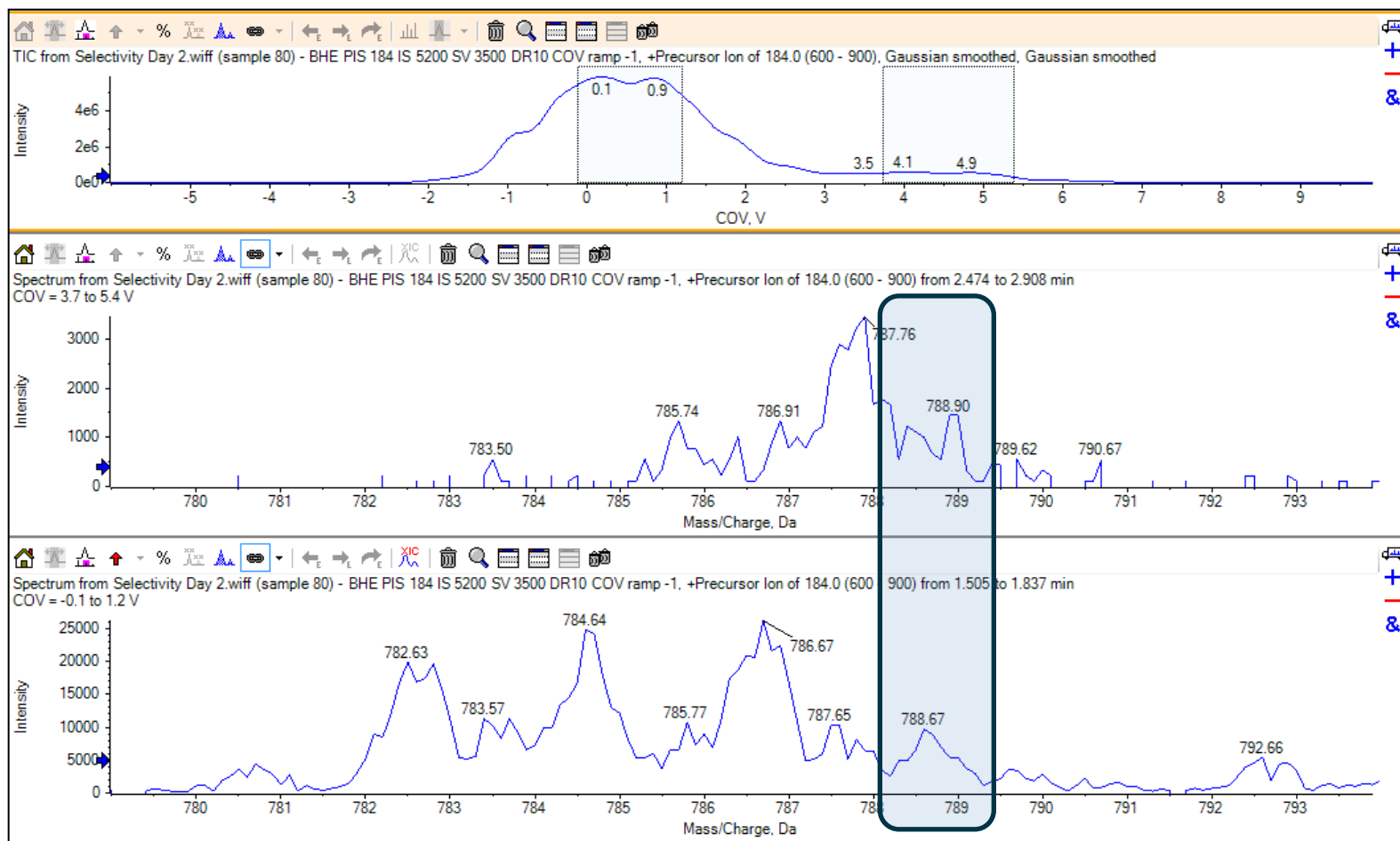
## PC Mixture analyzed with both PE and PC MRM transitions



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# Challenge in the Analysis of PC and SM

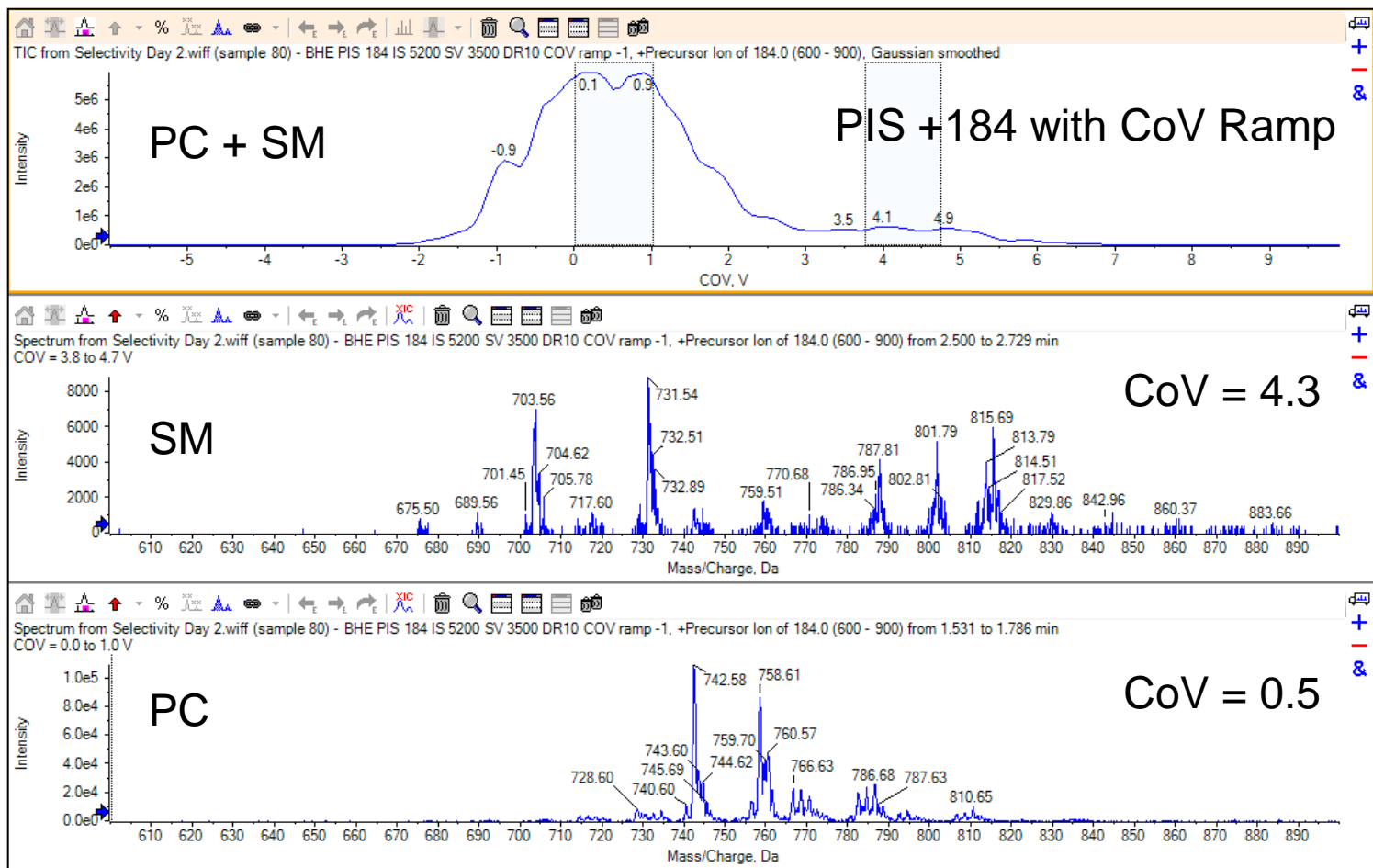
Both Phosphatidylcholine and sphingomyelin share the same fragment mass: +184



The peak intensity of 787/184, without resolution, is attributable to both SM 40:1;2 and the n+1 isotope of PC 36:2

# SelexION™ Technology Resolves PC and SM Lipid Classes

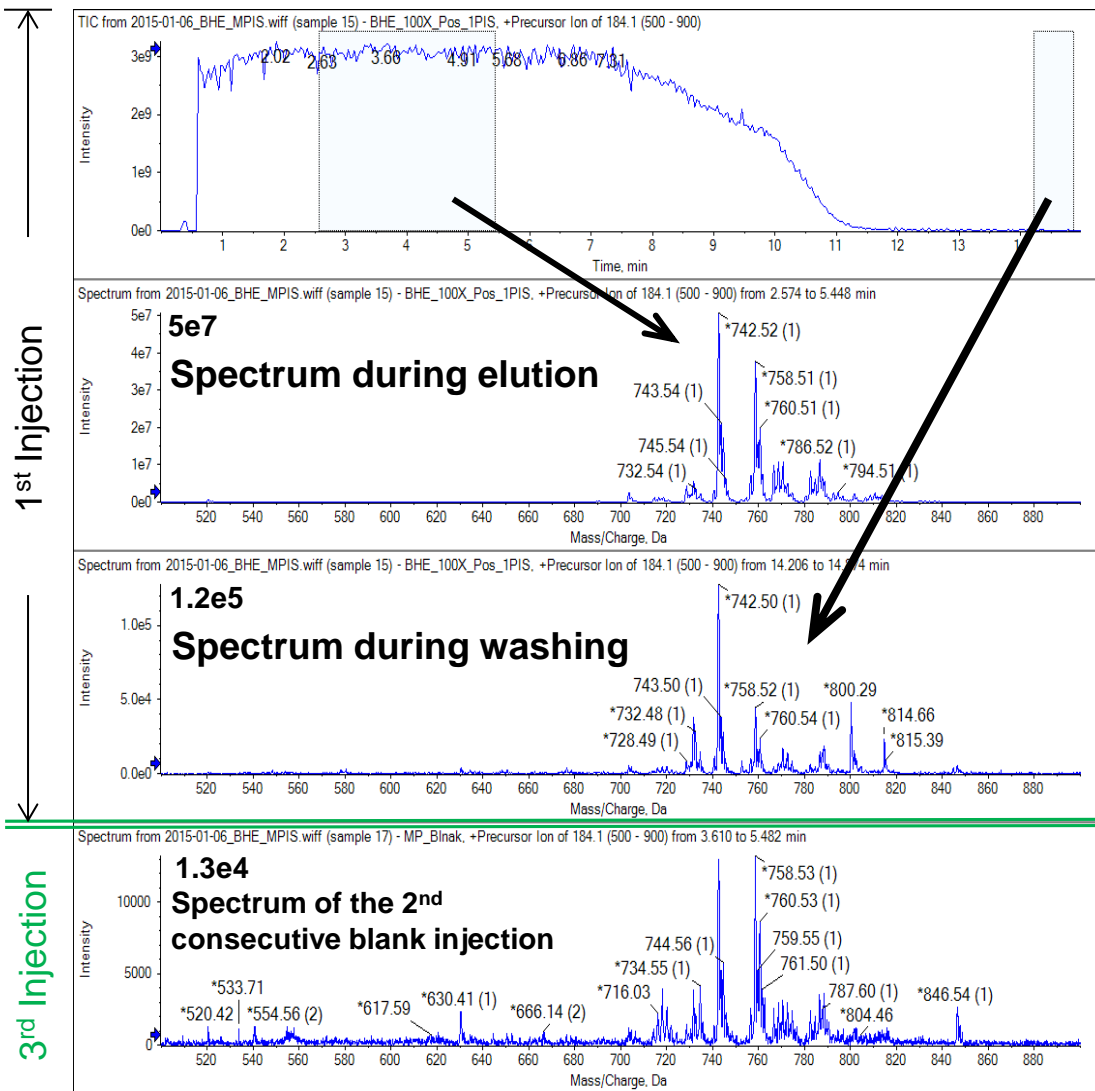
Despite sharing a common, identifying fragment, PC and SM can easily be differentiated



MRMs associated with a class-dependent CoV are specific and selective

# Key Concern #2 : Sample Carry-Over Between Injections

The solution is the use of PeakSil tubing



- The Use of PeakSIL tubing dramatically reduces carryover, as compared to regular Peak tubing
- Background level reduced to very low level in the same run
- Background level further reduced to after two blank injections

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    - Lipidomics Workflow Manager software
    - Platform Getting Started Kits
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  - Lipidomics Workflow Manager Software
  - Getting started kits
  - PN:5041390
- **The Lipidyzer Internal Standard Kits**
  - SelexION Tuning Kit the Lipidyzer™ Platform
  - Getting Started Kit for the Lipidyzer™ Platform
  - System Suitability Kit for the Lipidyzer™ Platform
  - Internal Standards Kits for Lipidyzer™ Platform

