

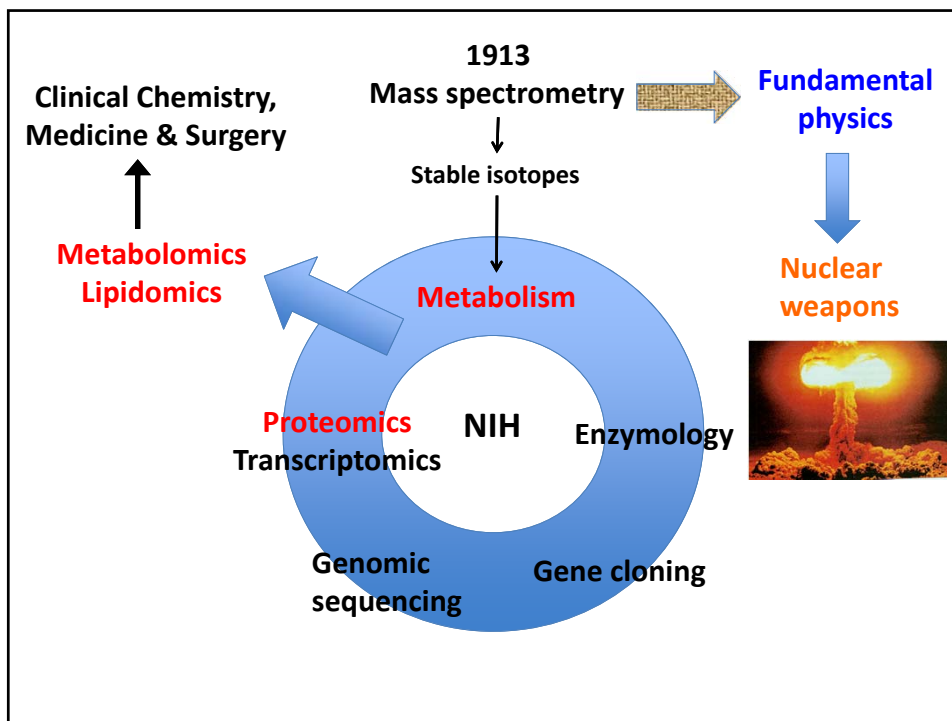
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## Real-time connection of Mass Spectrometry with Medicine and Surgery

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## **Dissociative research**

- **Samples are collected and stored for analysis at a “later” time**
- **“Later” can be months or years after sample collection**
  - **Of little direct benefit to the patient**
  - **Although may influence the community of patients**
  - **True of many analyses**

## **Real time analysis**

- **Existing, familiar applications**
- **Gases!**
- **The iknife**
  - **GI surgery**
  - **Cancer margins**
  - **Pathology**
  - **Bacterial masses**
- **DESI**
- **CARS**

## Real-time analysis

- We see the real-time use of MS when we go through security checks at the airport

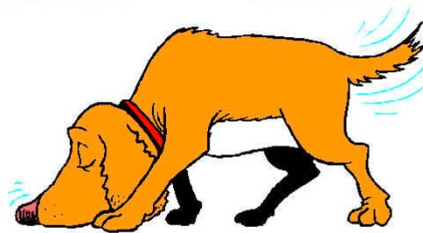
- Checks for ion signatures of explosives



- Other devices are used to check for specific volatiles in the breath



## Noses and smell – real time analysis



The superior metabolite detector

## Gases produced in the GI tract

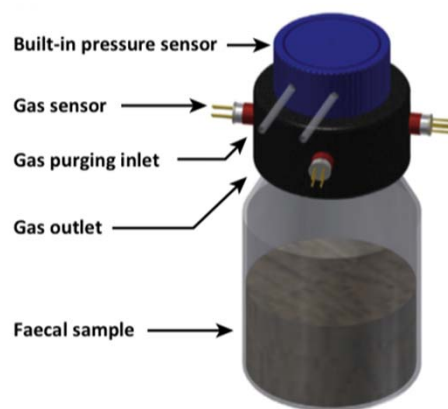
- H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> from carbohydrates
  - Firmicutes
  - From pyruvate and NAD(P)H/FADH<sub>2</sub>
  - H<sub>2</sub> used by sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRBs), methanogenic Archaea, and acetogens
- SRBs produce H<sub>2</sub>S
- NO from nitrates

## Methods for measuring gases

Technology	Operation mode	Target intestinal gas	Detection limit	Cross-sensitivity	Response time	Life time	Estimated cost
<i>Spectrometry based<sup>a</sup></i>							
GC-MS	Off line	All gases	ppt to ppb	Low	~Several minutes	Long	>US\$300k
IMS	Real time	All gases	ppb	Low	<1 min	Long	>US\$100k
PTR-MS	Real time	All gases	ppt	Low	<1 min	Long	>US\$400k
SIFT-MS	Real time	All gases	ppb	Low	<1 min	Long	>US\$400k
LS	Real time	Most gases except H <sub>2</sub>	ppt to ppb	Low	<1 min	Long	<US\$50k
<i>Sensor based<sup>b</sup></i>							
Electrochemical	Real time	H <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S, NO, and CO <sub>2</sub>	ppm	Medium	<30 s	Short	<US\$100
Calorimetric	Real time	H <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , and CO <sub>2</sub>	ppt	High	<10 s	Medium	<US\$100
NDIR	Real time	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , and VOCs	ppm to ppt	Low	<20 s	Long	<US\$300

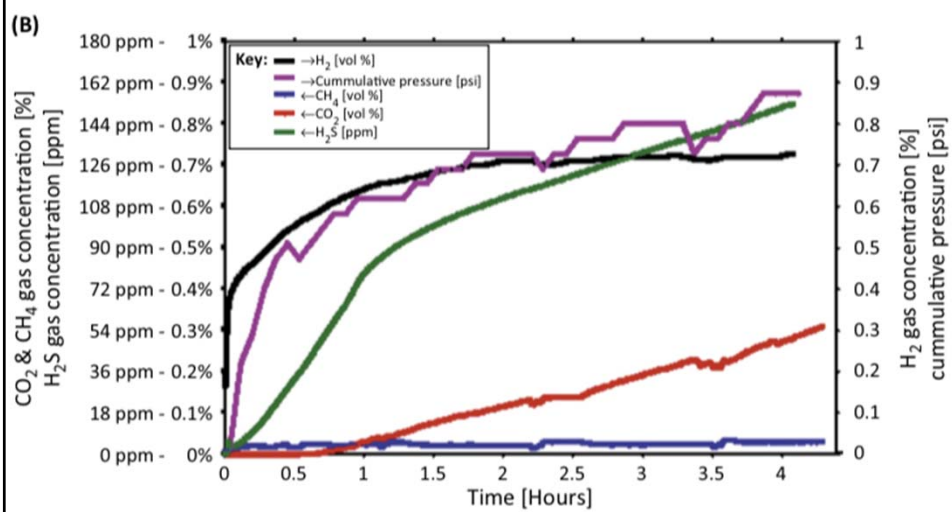
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## Device for measuring fecal gas production

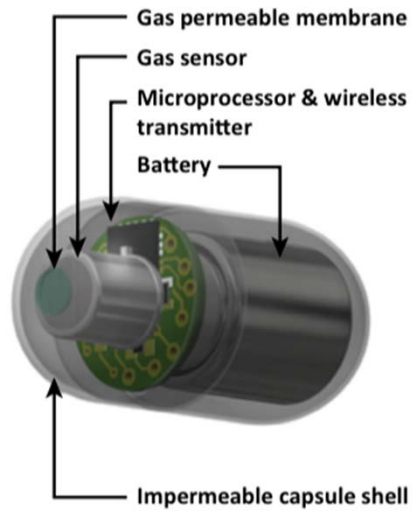


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## Fecal gas production (ex vivo)



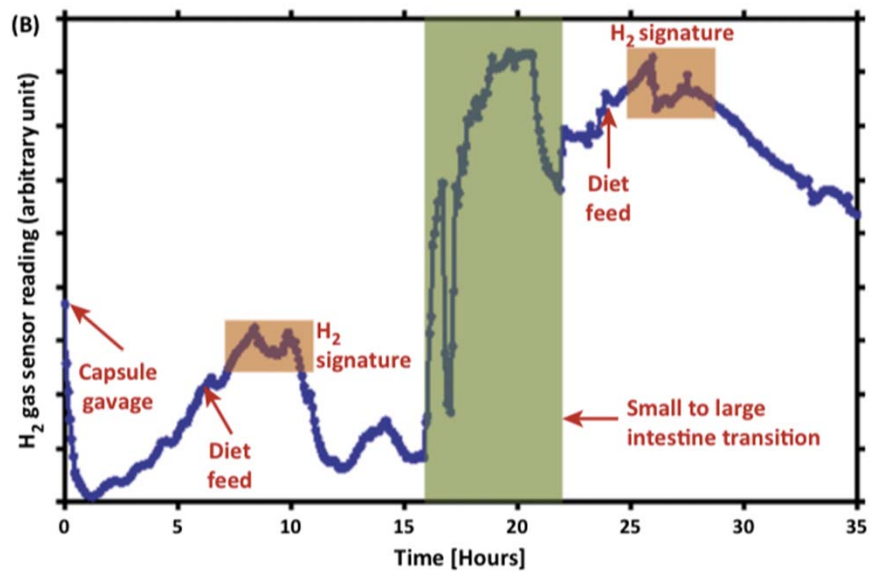
## Real-time *in situ* monitoring gas production



- The device is swallowed
- Completes full mouth-to-anus transit, reporting data as it goes
- Also provides positional information
- Operates at 405, 433, and 915 MHz
- Uses Lithium batteries

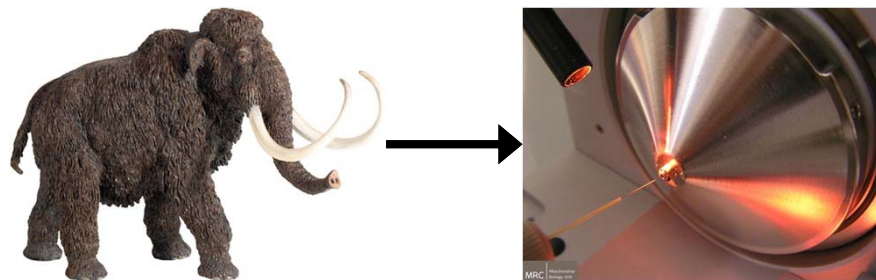
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## Real time intestinal gas production



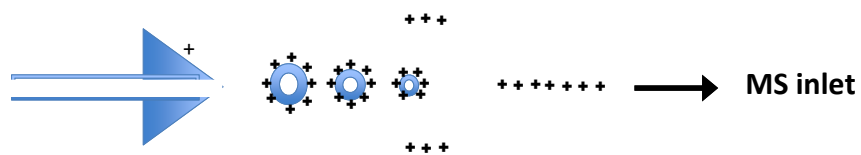
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## The Challenge for Mass Spec



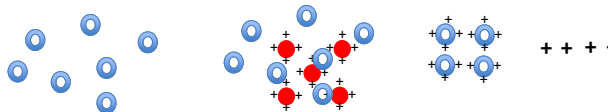
How to get the mammoth into the gas phase for analysis?

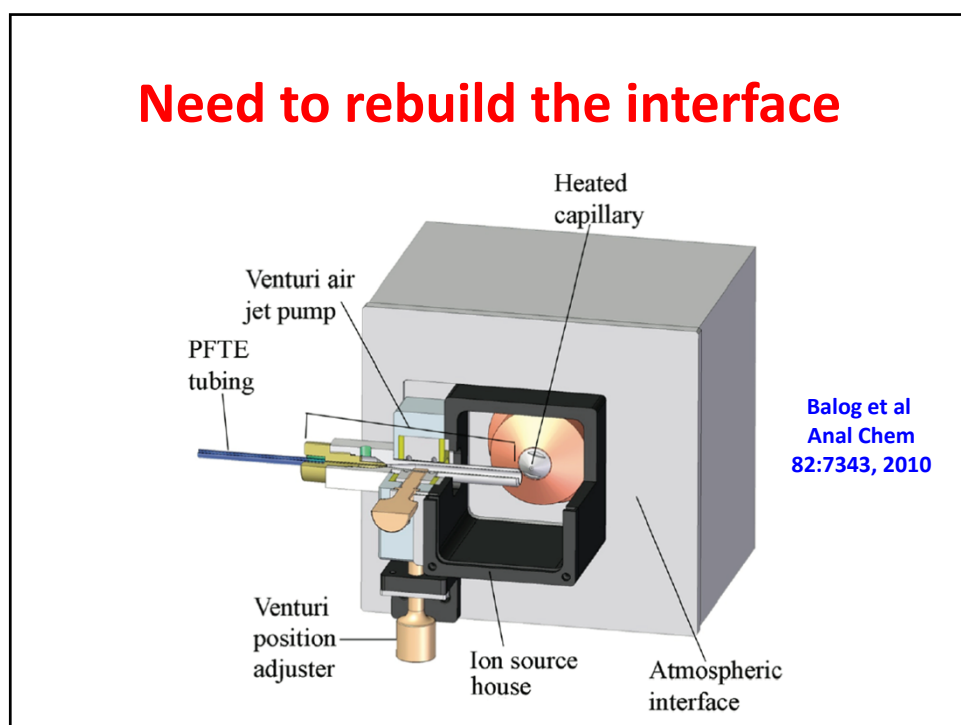
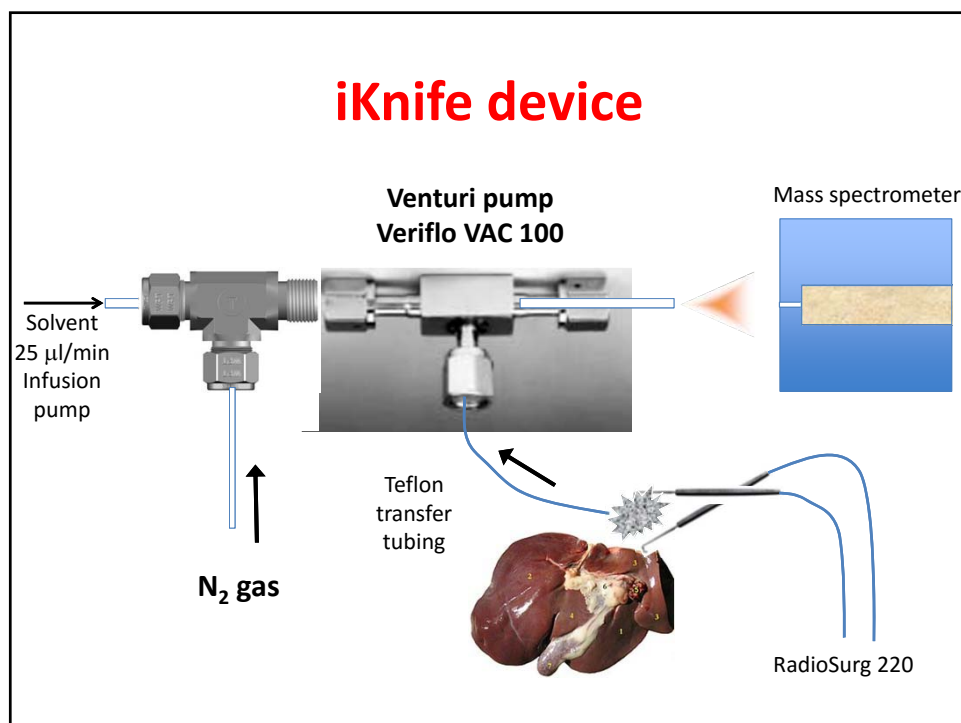
## Droplet principle of electrospray



### Droplet spray

- Sneeze
- Lung motion
- Surgical knife
- Other vapors



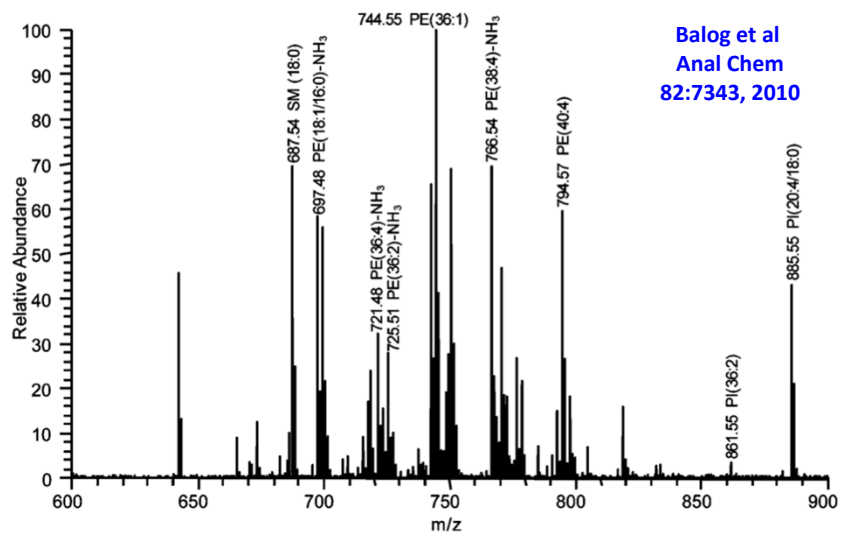




## Link to video

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/doctors-praise-new-surgical-knife-that-diagnoses-as-it-cuts-20130718-2q72c.html>

## Mass spectrum of canine stomach Predominantly phospholipids



## **Fatty acid profiles of bacteria and other microorganisms**

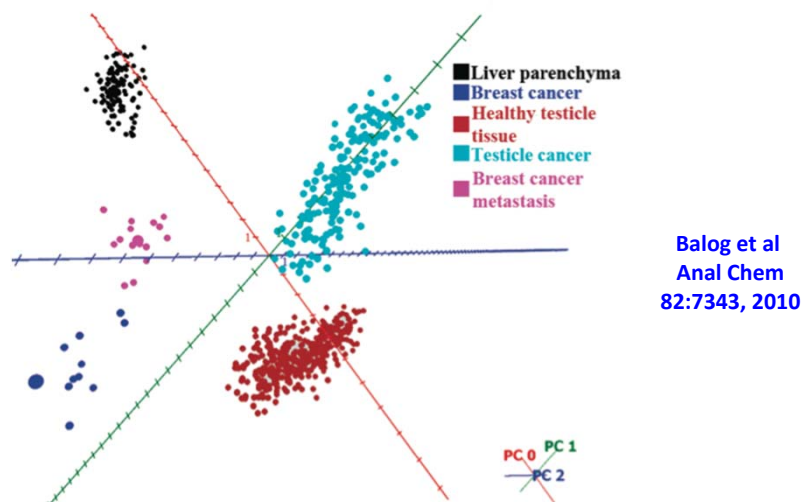
- **Gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters distinguishes organisms**
  - Used in Pathology Labs
- **In 1990-93 my lab supported early engineering work on the International Space Station (subcontract from Boeing Corp.)**
  - To determine the microorganisms that grow in a water treatment unit in microgravity



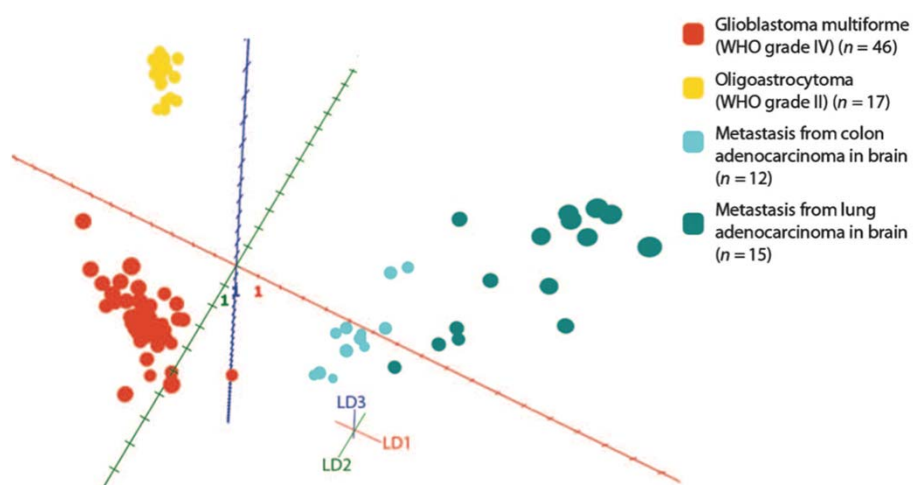
## **Phospholipid patterns are characteristic of cells and tissues**

- **Single items are not sufficient as biomarkers**
- **The classes of phospholipids and their fatty acid composition contain pattern discriminators**
- **In the absence of known classifiers, principal components analysis looks for groups of components that have the larger sources of variation**
  - An individual sample's contributions to these groups are plotted in a 2D or 3D manner

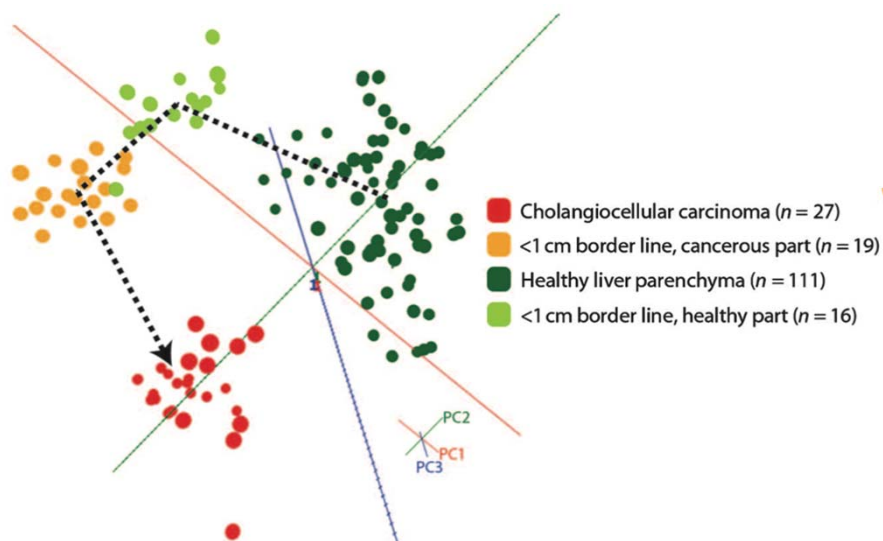
## Principal components analysis of ions from surgical "smoke"



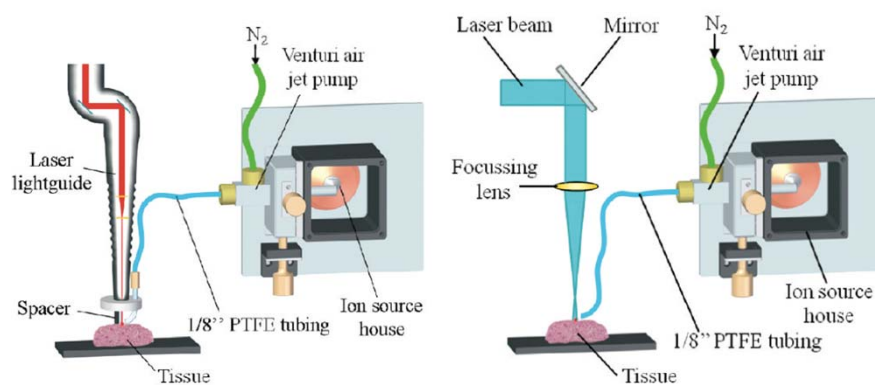
## Differentiation of brain tumors



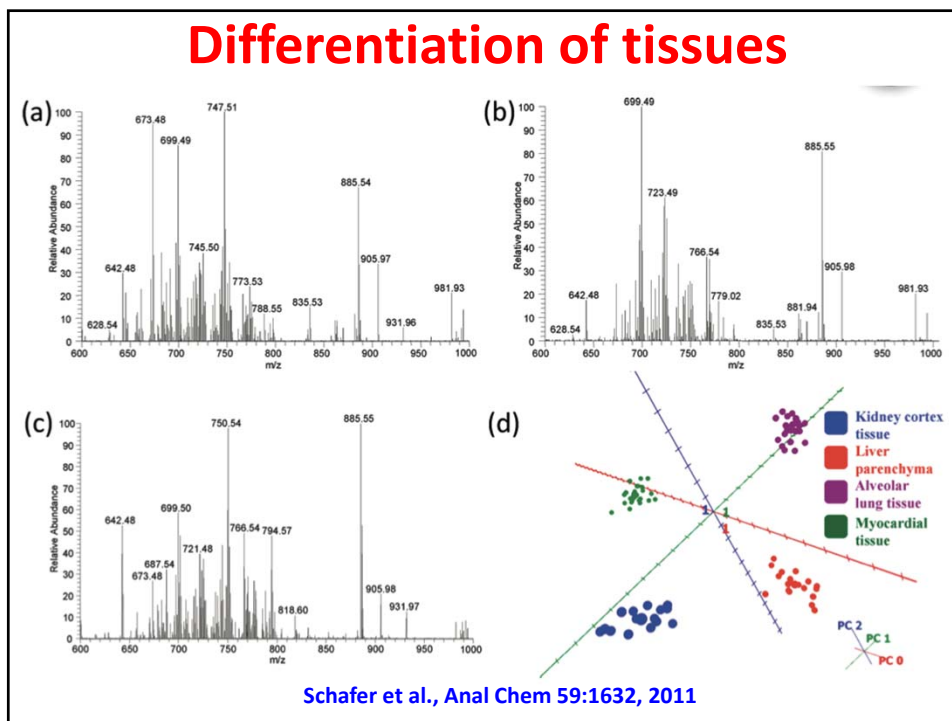
## Changing lipids across cancer margin



## Laser-driven direct mass spectrometry

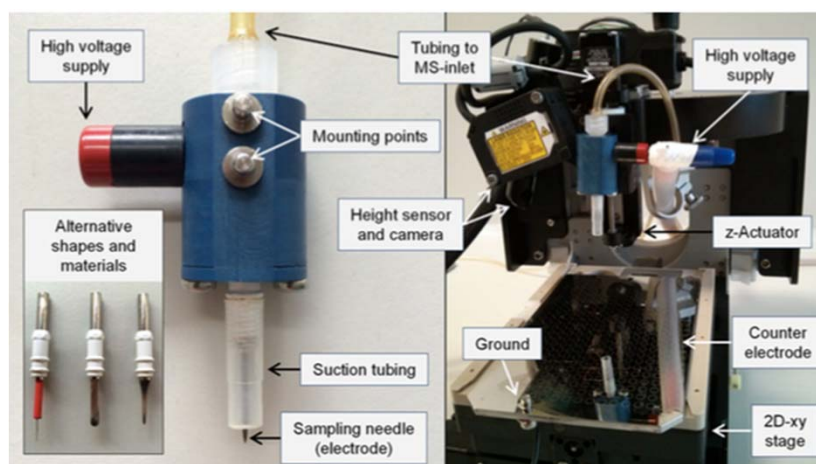


Schafer et al., Anal Chem 59:1632, 2011



**Computer-driven, Rapid Evaporative  
Imaging MS (REIMS) for tissue  
sections**

## Examining tissue (slices) by REIMS



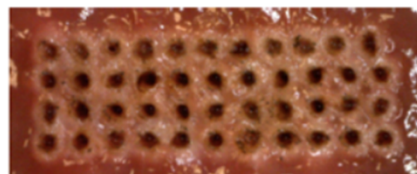
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## Modes of data acquisition for REIMS

Line Scans:  
Cutting Mode

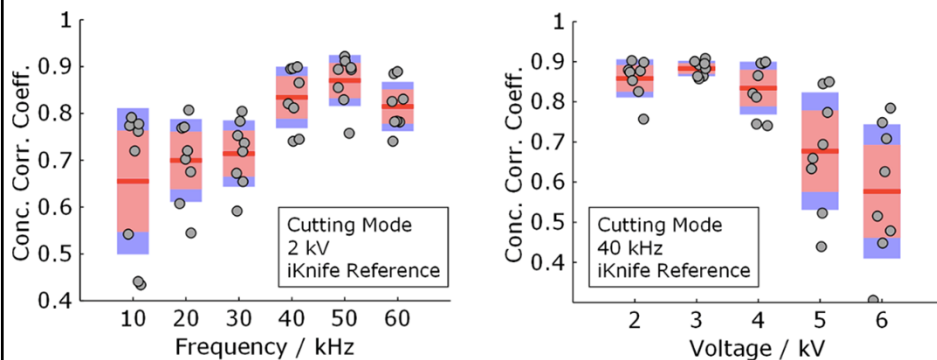


Individual Pixels:  
Pointing Mode



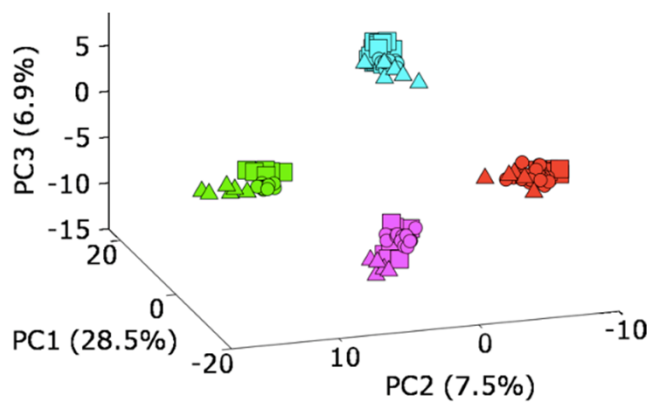
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## Optimizing data acquisition for REIMS



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## PCA analysis of REIMS data from tissue sections

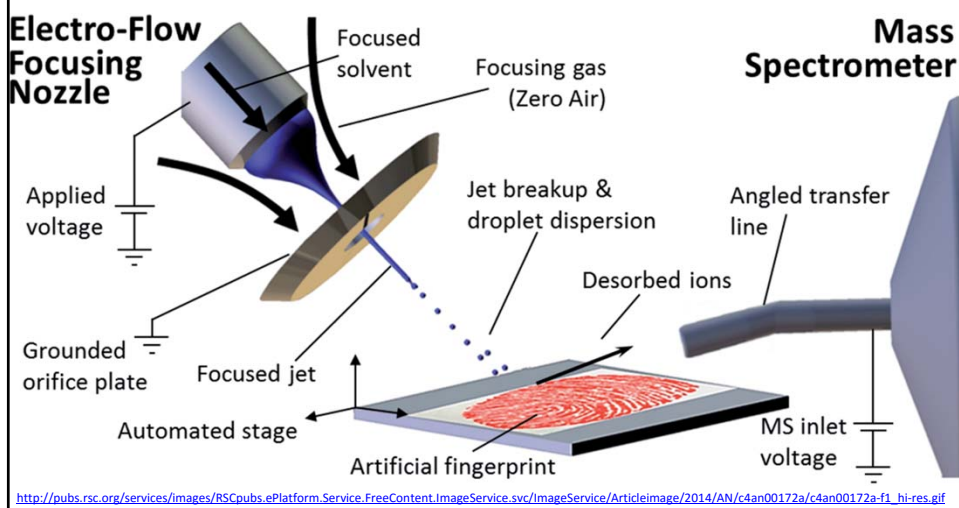


- Chicken Muscle
- Lamb Liver
- Porcine Kidney Cortex
- Porcine Liver
- Cutting Mode
- Pointing Mode
- △ iKnife Cut

Golf et al., Anal Chem 2015

## Desorption electrospray ionization (DESI)

- Works by directing an electrical fine spray at a tissue target

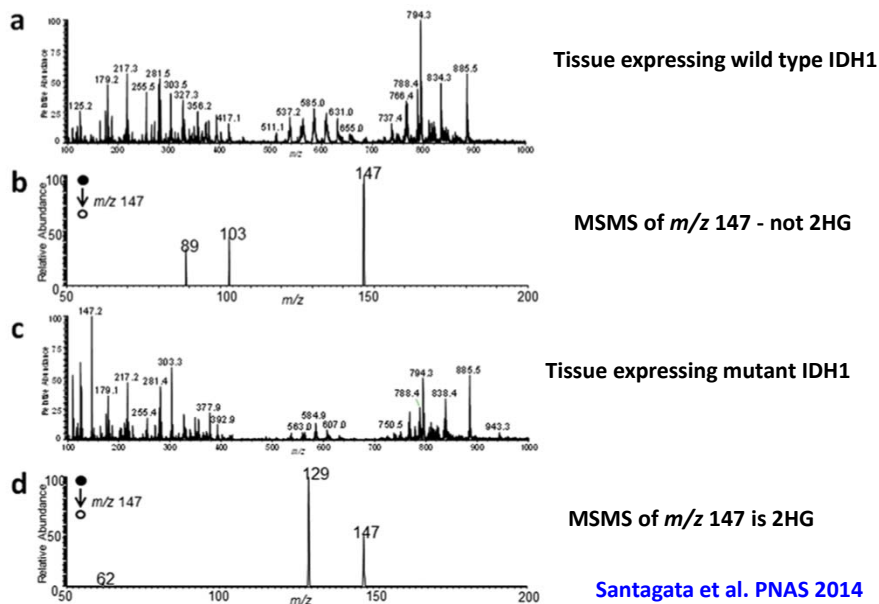


## The IDH story of brain and other tumors

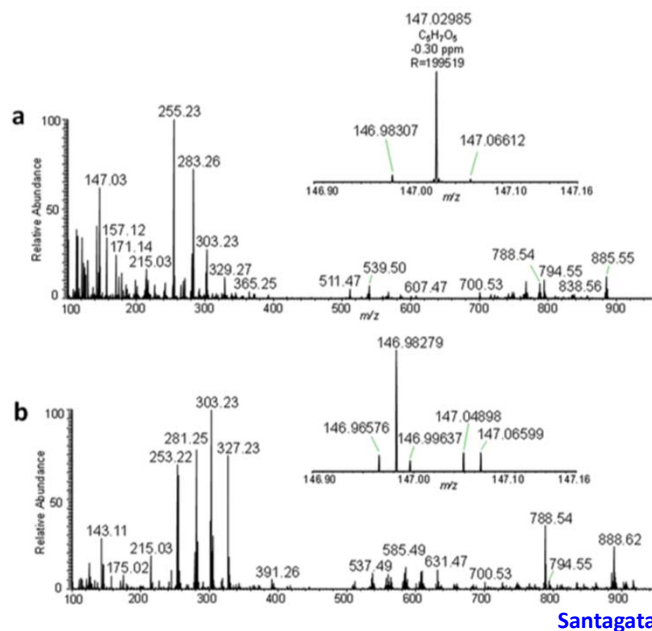
- IDH1 (isocitrate dehydrogenase) is mutated in position 132 in a GWAS study of patients with glioblastomas
- IDH1 catalyzes the conversion of isocitrate to alpha-ketoglutarate ( $\alpha$ KG) which is a two-step reaction
- Mutant IDH1 catalyzes the first step – to 2-hydroxyglutarate (2HG), but not the second one to  $\alpha$ KG
- 2HG is considered to be an oncometabolite



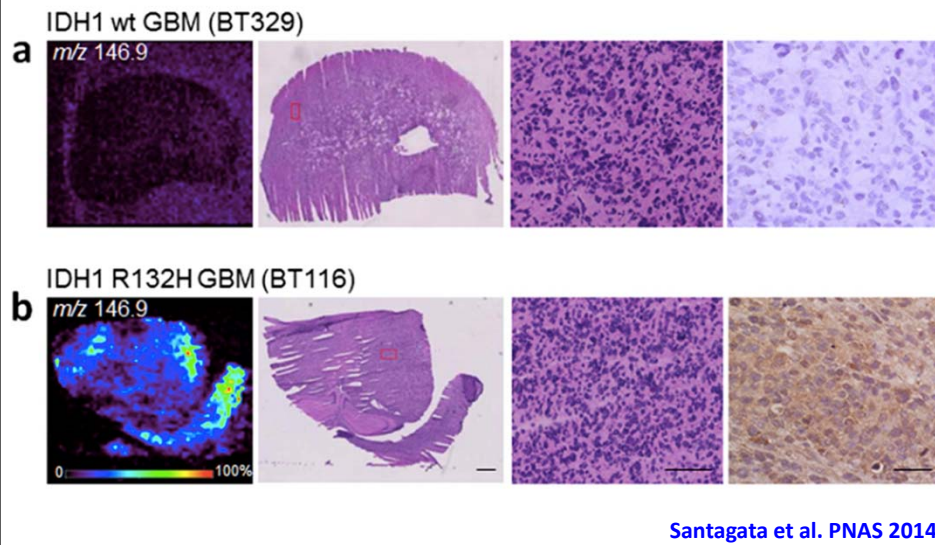
## Whither 2-hydroxyglutarate?



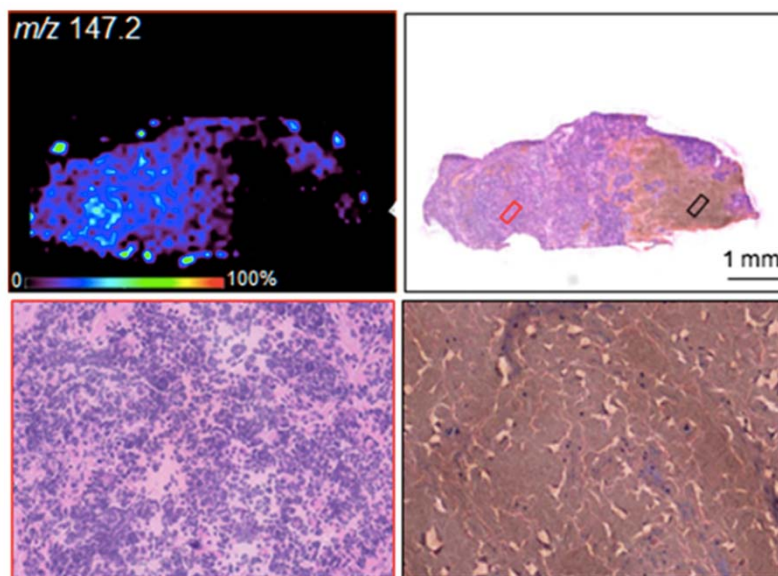
## Value of exact mass – “147” vs “147”



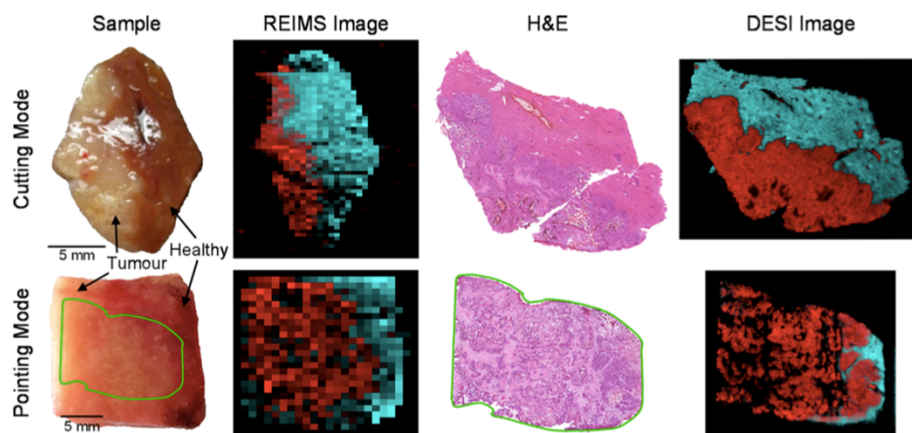
## Tumor xenograft imaging and 2HG



## Application to human glioblastoma

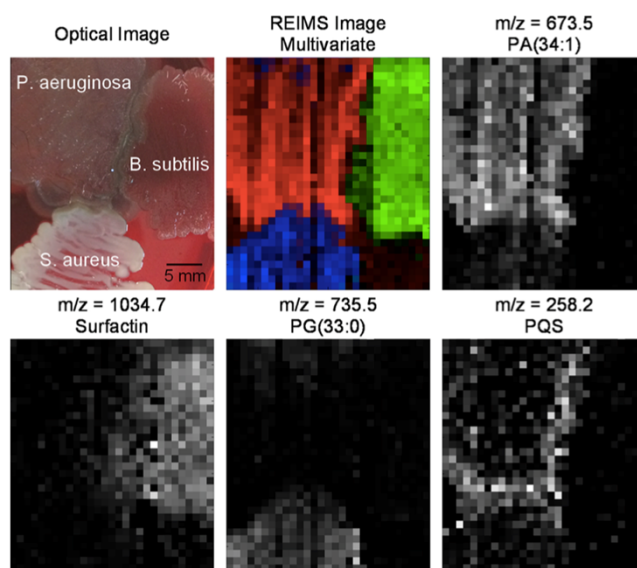


## Comparative imaging of normal-tumor tissue transition



Golf et al., Anal Chem 2015

## Distinguishing bacterial populations



Golf et al., Anal Chem 2015

## **Use of Raman spectroscopy**

### **Real-time imaging of metabolites in skin**

- <http://bernstein.harvard.edu/research/cars-why.htm>



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<http://www1.imperial.ac.uk/phenomecentre/>