#### **Photoionization Workshop Summary**

#### "Photoionization (APPI/PI): Applications, Developments and Discussions"

65<sup>th</sup> ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics, Indianapolis, IN Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 – 7:00 pm, Room 239

Organized by: Eleanor Riches and Ralf Zimmermann

We opened with a brief overview in the photoionization field and then we introduced our four discussion leaders:

- Eric Reiner (Environmental Chemistry, APPI-MS, Environment Canada, Canada) "ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE PHOTO- IONIZATION FOR GC-MS? Putting POPs in the Spotlight"
- **Priscila Lalli** (**Petroleomics**, APPI-IMS-MS, Florida State University, USA) "Structural Determination of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Ion Mobility Mass Spectrometry"
- Thomas Bierkandt (Combustion Chemistry, Synchrotron SPI-MS, Univ. Duisburg, Germany) "Isomer-resolved Species Identification and Quantification by Synchrotronbased Photoionization Mass Spectrometry"
- Andreas Walte (Thermal Process Analysis, REMPI/SPI-MS, Photonion GmbH, Germany, "Vacuum Photoionization Mass Spectrometry An approach for online analysis of complex mixtures)"

All speakers did an excellent job, explaining fundamentals and applications of APPI and PI. The workshop demonstrated a continued strong interest in this field as it attracted again a large audience (about 60-70 people), about the same as last year. We were very pleased with the allocation of Monday as the day of the APPI/PI workshop.

Again the start was slightly delayed due to attendees still collecting refreshments at 5:45. We suggest placing the refreshments in the back of the workshop rooms.

Each of the discussion leaders kept to their 10 min allotment of time, which allowed enough time for discussions.

#### Selected Questions and Answers

- Q1: What is the source of humidity variation?
- A1: Could be leakage in nitrogen generator
- Q2: What is the difference between APCI and APPI regarding humidity effects?
- A2: Adduct formation due to water is smaller with APPI
- Q3: What are the advantages of APPI?

A3: Easier to analyse complex mixtures, e.g. house dust has thousands of compounds, therefore GCxGC APPI-MS helps a lot.

Q4: Have you used dopants in order to improve sensitivity, especially for compounds with low cross sections?

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# Photoionization (APPI/PI): Applications, Developments and Discussions

- APPI and PI Ionizes a wide range of compounds (polars to non-polars)
  - Wide bandwidth ionizer
- APPI features lower susceptibility to ion suppression than ESI or APCI, PI is ion suppression free
  - Simpler clean-ups mean ease and better recoveries
  - > Use with faster chromatography and even flow injection analysis
- Large linear dynamic range
  - Great for quantitative analysis

Can APPI and PI be mainstream technologies or are they best suited for niche applications?

### Photoionization (APPI): Important Niche Application for Explosives and Narcotics Trace Detection

#### **Morpho Detection**



#### **Bruker**



**IT4DX IMS** 



MS ETD



QS-B220 IMS

1<sup>st</sup> Detect





**DE-tector IMS** 

#### Why not APCI

Discharge sources in air create atmospheric NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ions that interfere with NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> nitrate ions from nitrate explosives

# Photoionization (APPI): Ion Source for LC-MS or direct infusion MS – Niche application?

- Most MS vendors offer a commercially available APPI ionization source wide availability to all MS users
- Operates at atmospheric pressure so is fully compatible with liquid (or gas) flow introduction at high flow rates
- Has been utilized in diverse fields of analysis:
  - Petroleomics
  - Pharmaceutical
  - Food
  - Environmental
  - Some limited work related to biological samples

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Thermo



Bruker



Shimadzu



Waters

Agilent



MasCom GC-APPI MasCon

### **Photoionization (PI): Applications for specific niche** purposes

- Many PI-MS applications for on-line detection (Laser- or Lamp-PI) or as detector for gas chromatography or thermal analysis
- Vacuum ionization: No susceptibility to ion suppression but lower sensitivity than EI (PI cross sections, VUV-photon generation)
- High selectivity (no/little fragmentation)
- Mainly niche, but systems are becoming commercially available



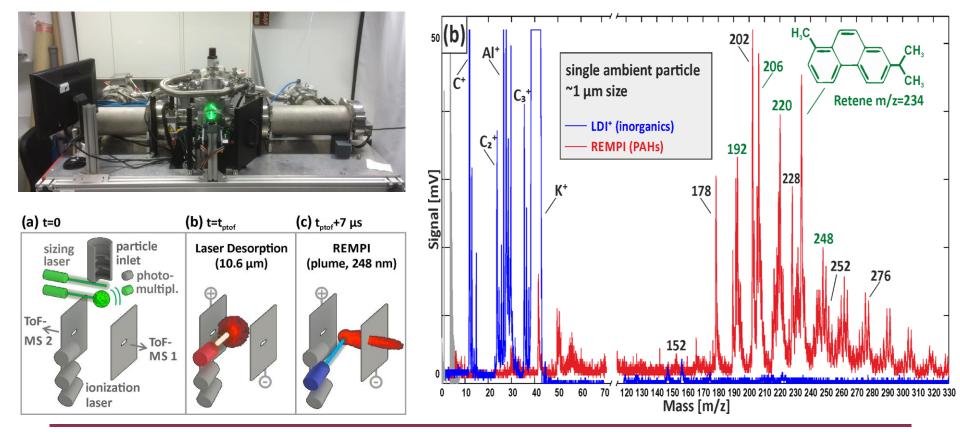
Hexin (on-line) SPIMS 100

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## **Photonion** (TG-PIMS, on-line, GC-PIMS) ohotonion

# Photoionization (PI): Applications for specific niche purposes

Example: On-line Polycyclic aromatic Hydrocarbon detection on Single Aerosol Particles (Zimmermann et al., TOD pm 4.10)



### ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE PHOTO- IONIZATION FOR GC-MS? Putting POPs in the Spotlight

### **PUTTING POPS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

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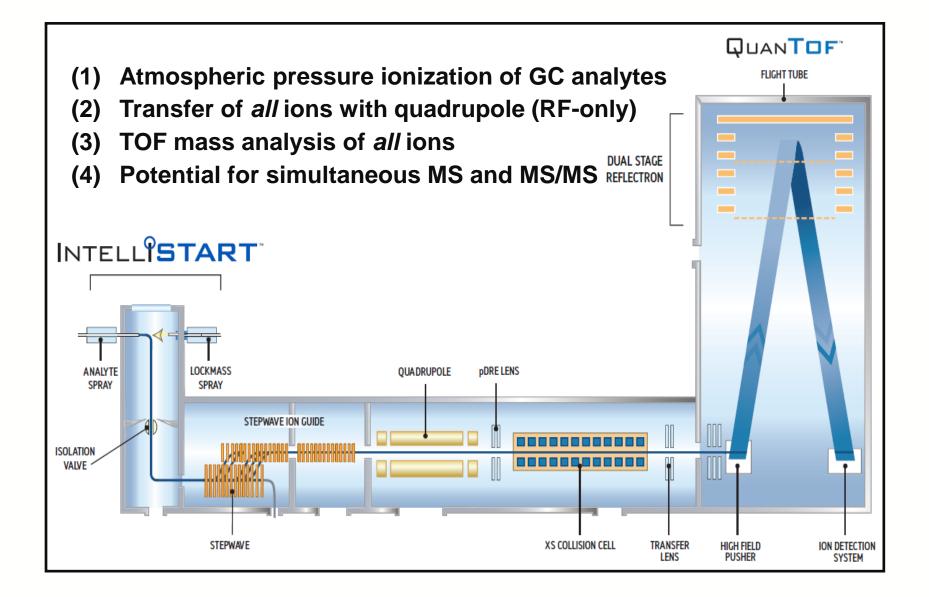
# LC INSTRUMENT FOR GC

Atmospheric pressure ionization naturally compatible with GC

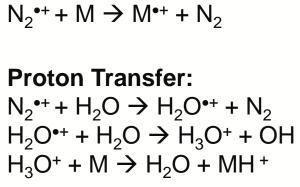
- $\circ$  No flow-related suppression
- APCI is a "soft" ionization technique
  - $\circ~\mbox{Predominantly molecular ions}$



## Waters Xevo G2-XS

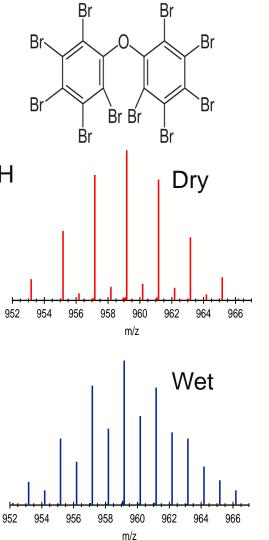


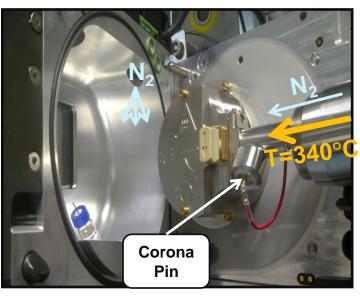
# **MIXED-MODE IONIZATION**

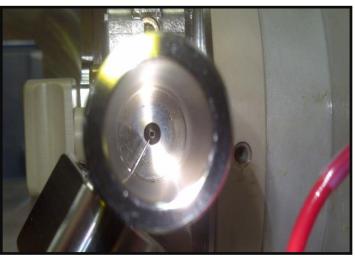


**Charge Transfer:** 

- Degree of protonation is variable day-to-day
- Particularly problematic during the summer
- Can lead to quantification issues





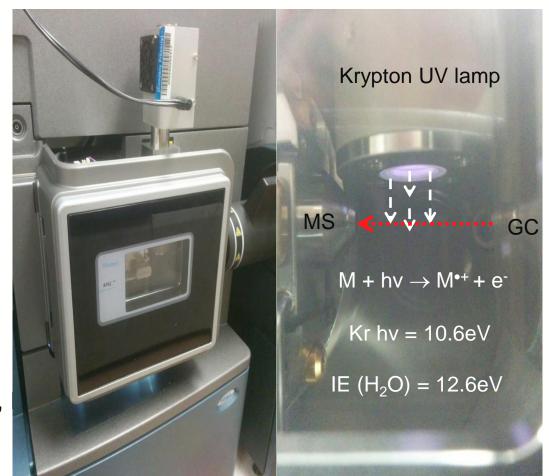


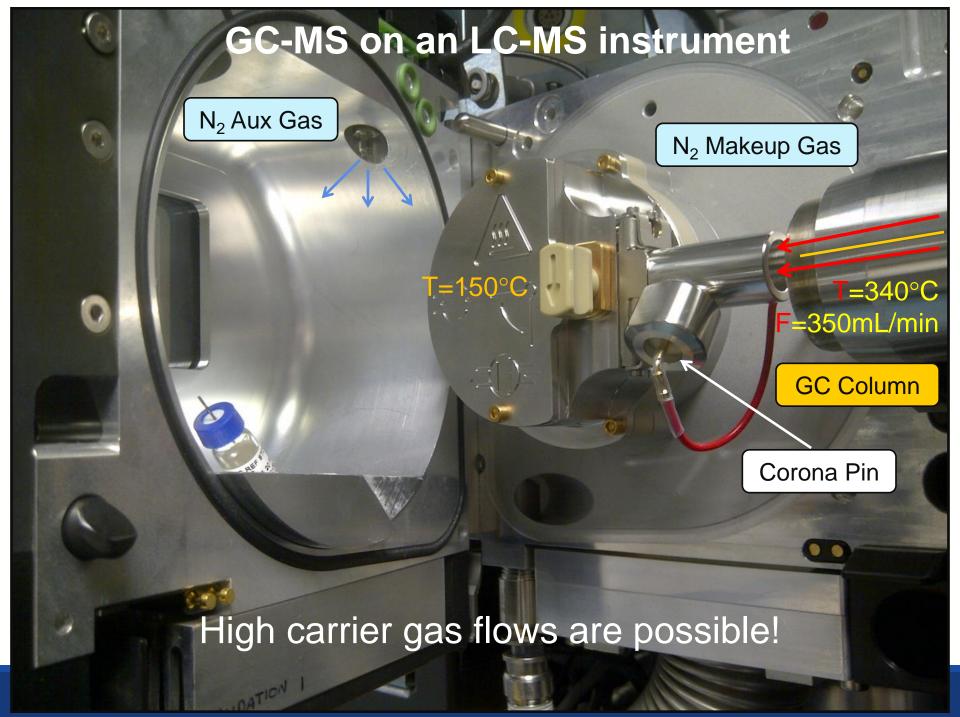
# **MODIFIED APGC SOURCE**

- APCI ionizes a wide range of compounds
  - Chemical noise
  - Siloxane contamination
  - Mixed mode ionization
- Custom built APPI source for APGC
  - Reaction chamber removed
  - Replaced with ESI-type cone inlet
  - Hole drilled in top of APGC housing
  - Waters APPI lamp added
     Kr, Xe, Ar



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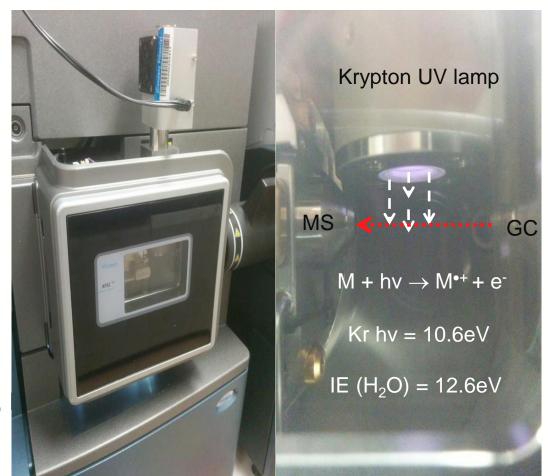


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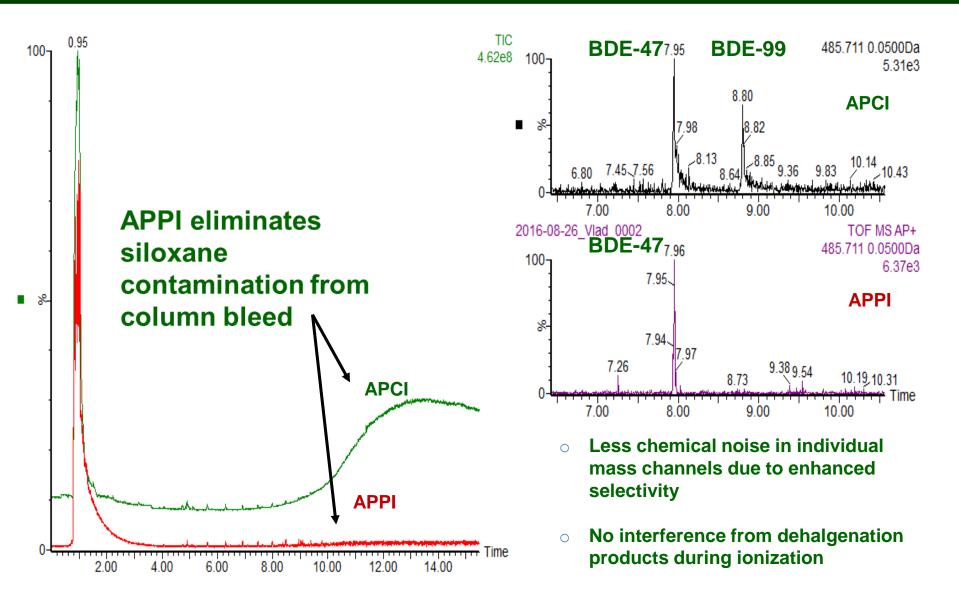
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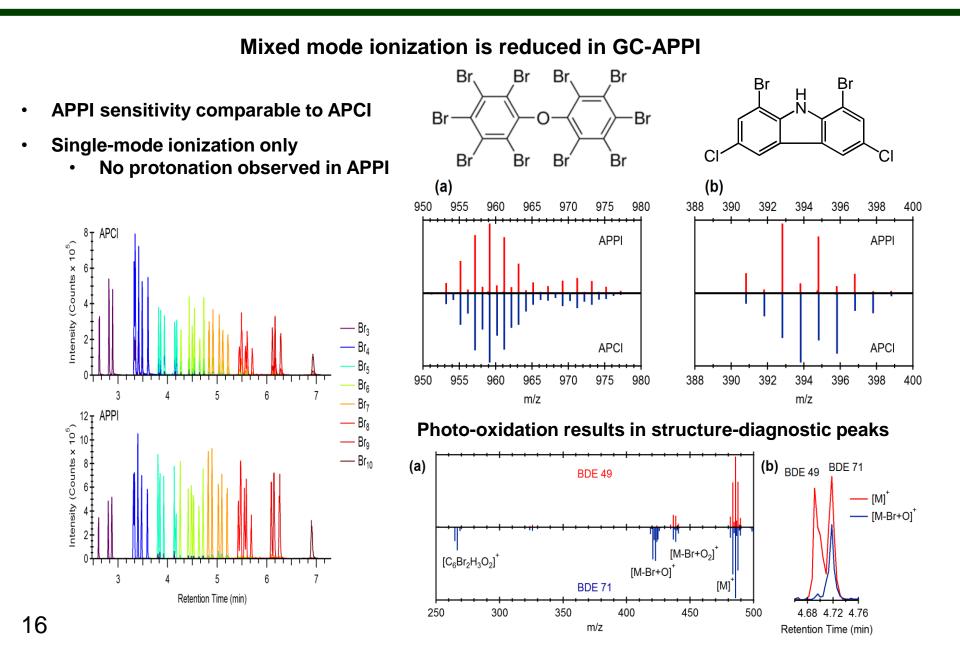
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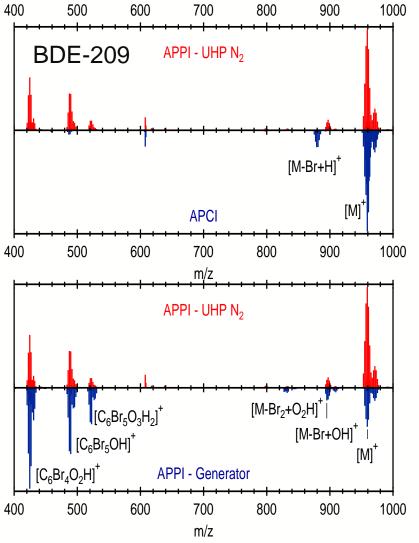
### **METHOD PERFORMANCE – SELECTIVITY**



### Prototype atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI) source

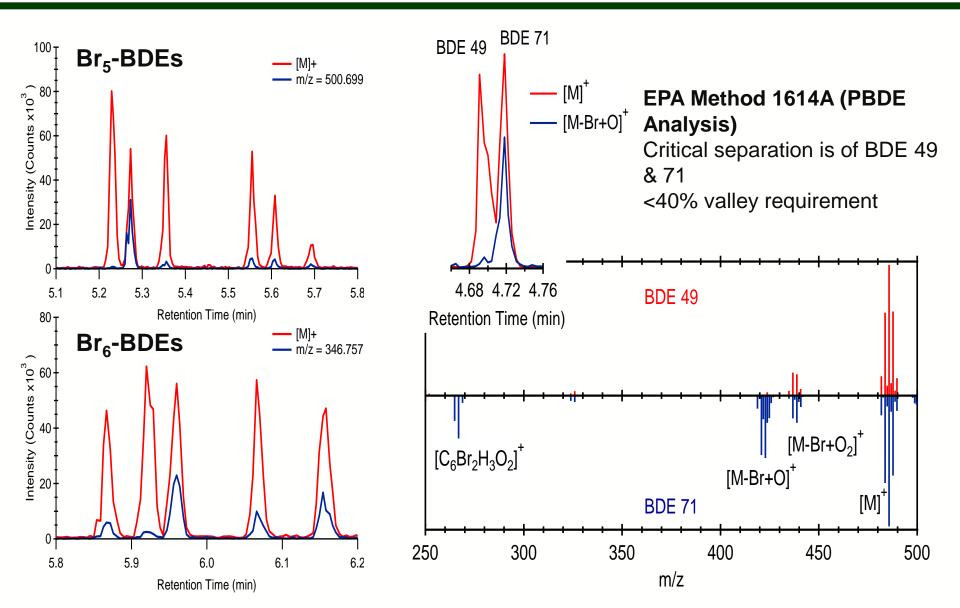


### **PHOTO-OXIDATION OF BDEs**



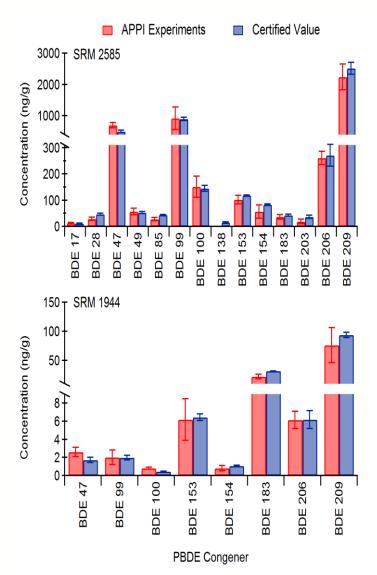
- Few ions other than charge-transfer and proton transfer products observed in APCI
- APCI in-source fragments primarily consist of debromination of protonated ions
- APPI produces photo-oxidation products and fragments
- **o** Photo-oxidation is enhanced with increasing
- $\circ$  O<sub>2</sub> concentration
  - Ultrahigh purity N<sub>2</sub> from cylinder vs N<sub>2</sub> generator as make-up gas
- Can potentially be used for structural diagnostics at the expense of molecular ion intensity

## **ISOMER SPECIFIC OXIDATION**



## **QUANTITATIVE RESULTS**

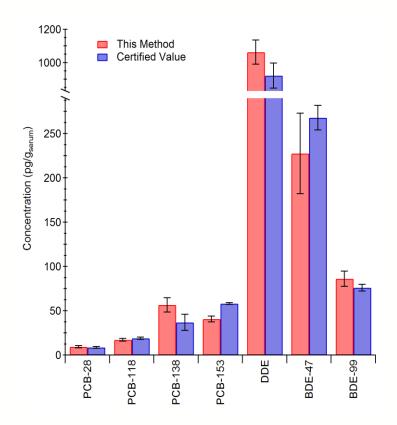
- APPI quantification of BDE congeners shows excellent agreement with NIST standard reference materials
  - o SRM 2585 Household Dust
  - SRM 1944 New York/New Jersey waterway sediment
- Analysis performed using rapid GC method
  - RTX-1614 column (15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.1 μm)
  - Ramped from 90°C to 330 °C
  - Temperature program reflects max. instrument ramp rate
  - o 10 min total analysis time
  - BDE-209 elutes in ~8 min
  - o 3 mL/min He flow



### **METHOD PERFORMANCE**

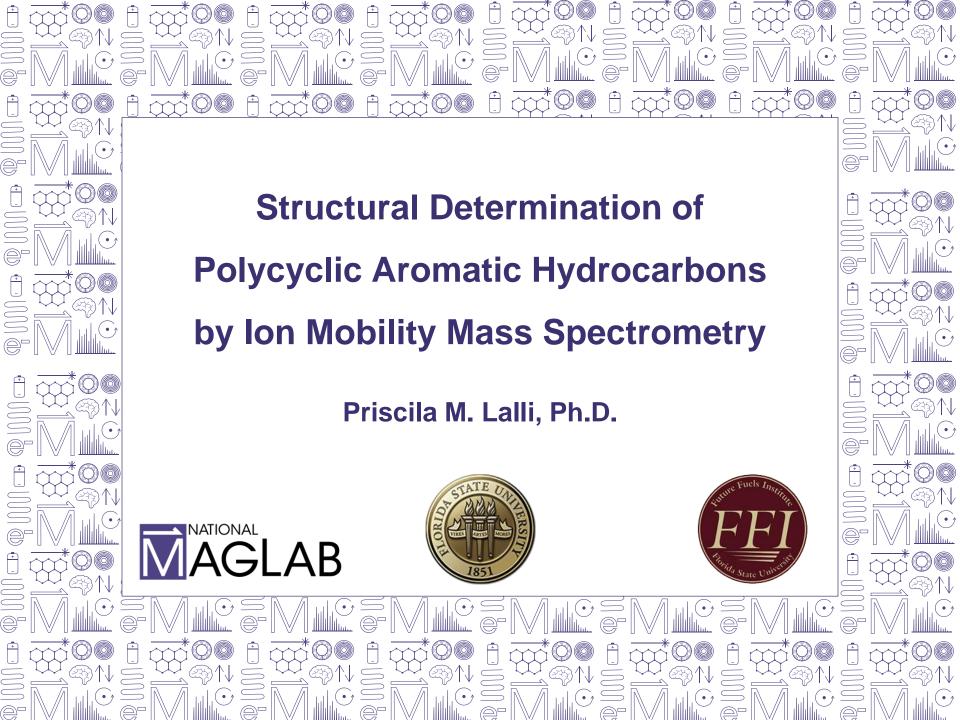
SRM 1957 Organic Contaminants in Human Serum

- Method is in excellent agreement with CRM certified values for a number of different compounds groups
- Low relative standard deviation

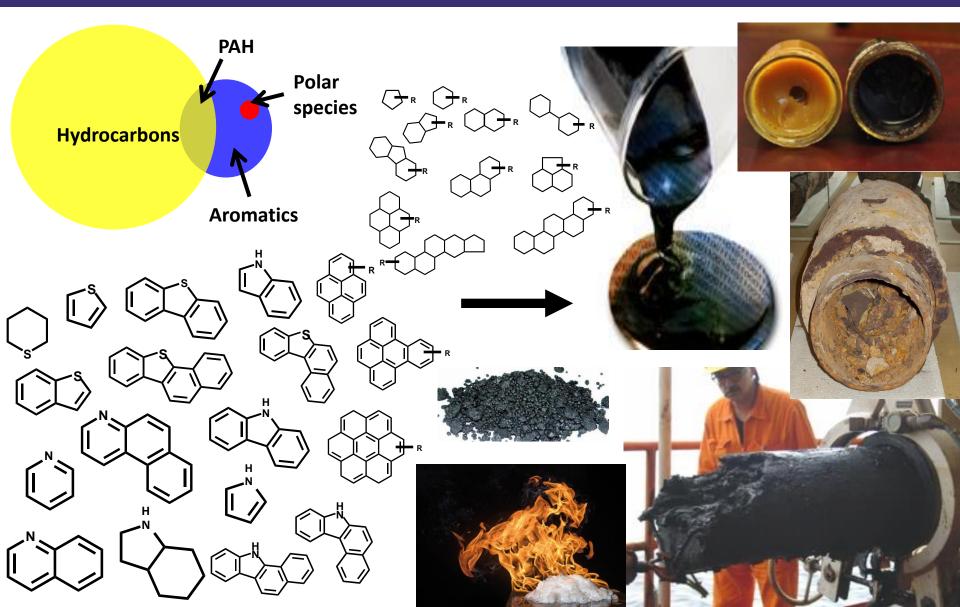


# SUMMARY

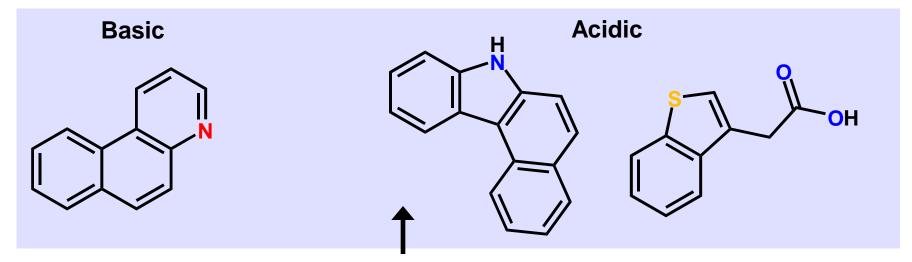
- APPI is a new ionization source for the analysis of POPs by GC-MS
- APPI eliminates mixed-mode ionization issues experienced with APCI
- APPI can reduce chemical noise due to sample matrix and column bleed
- APPI has equivalent sensitivity to APCI, specifically for the analysis of BDEs and other selected halogenated POPs
- APPI can potentially differentiate between structural isomers with characteristic photo-ionization products
- **APPI is quantitative**
- Flows need to be optimized between column and MS entrance



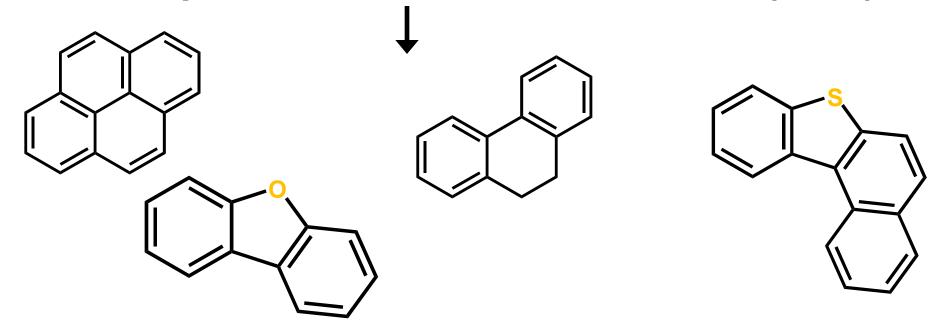
### **Petroleomics** Relate Chemistry to Production and Refinery Behavior



### **Electrospray Ionization (ESI)**



**Atmospheric Pressure Photoionization (APPI)** 



### **Methods**

#### **Experimental Collision Cross Section (CCS)**

- 14 PAH model compounds
- APPI(+) Ion Mobility -TOF MS (Synapt G2-Si, Waters Corp.)
- Helium (3.4 mbar)
- IM cell calibration with polyalanine (with reported CCS from Henderson, S.C. *et al. J.Phys. Chem. B* **1999).**

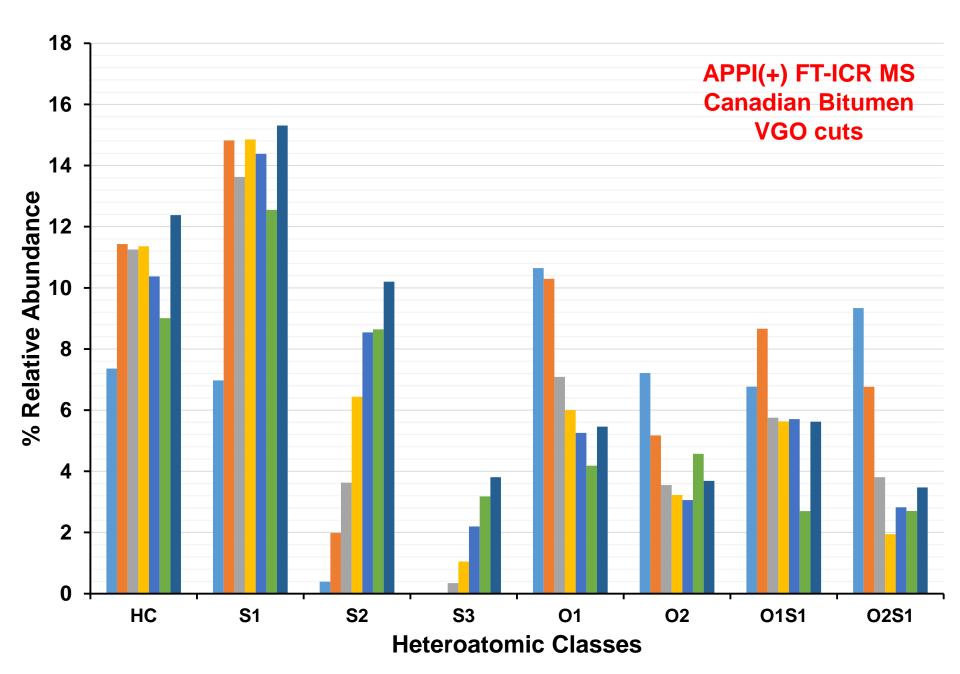
### **Theoretical Collision Cross Section**

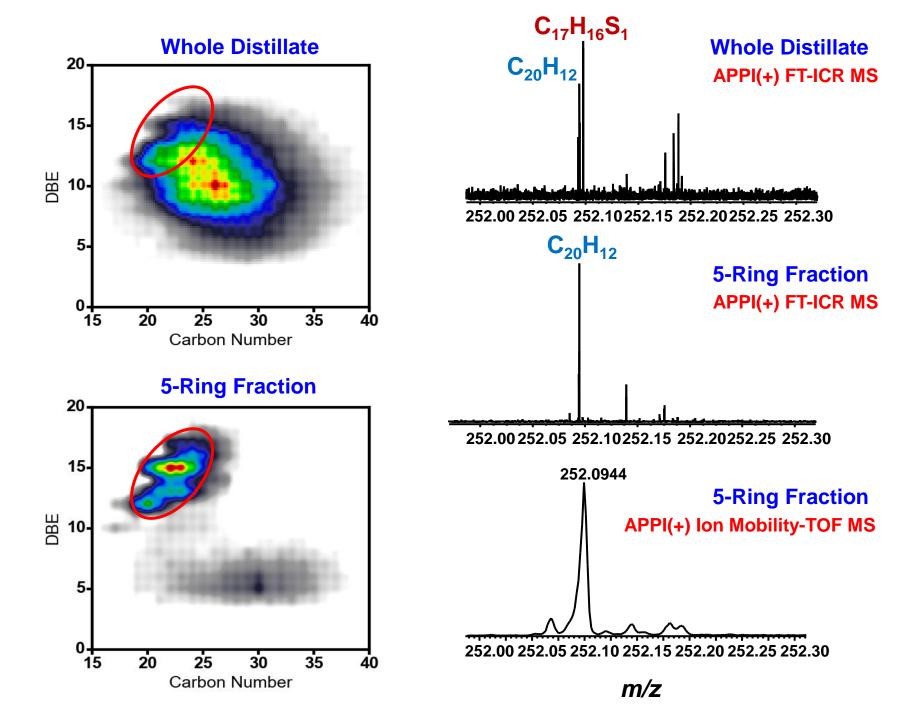
- Hypothetical Structures
- Structure optimization: Gaussian 04 (DFT B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)
- CCS calculation: Mobcal (Projection Approximation, Exact Hard Spheres Scattering Model (EHS) and Trajectory Method (TM).

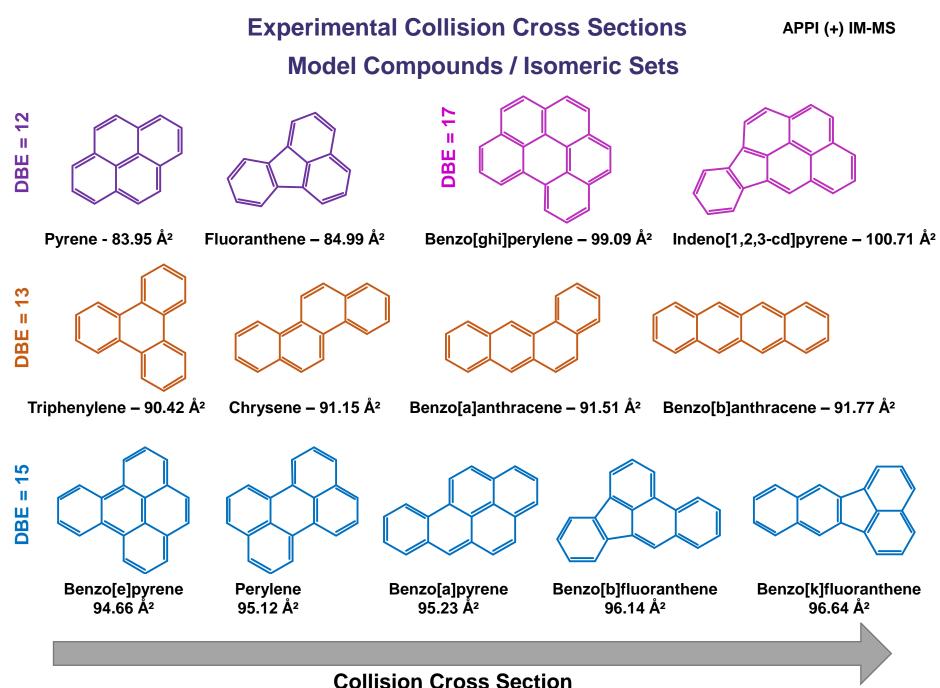
#### Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance MS

- APPI(+) FT-ICR MS @ 9.4 T (Rp ~ 800,000 at *m/z* 400; ~ 100-400 ppb mass error)

■ IBP-343 °C ■ 343-400 °C ■ 400-450 °C ■ 450-500 °C ■ 500-550 °C ■ 550-600 °C ■ 600-650 °C







Standard Deviation: 0.01 – 0.10%

#### **Experimental Collision Cross Sections for Sample**

m/z	Molecular Formula	DBE	Experimental CCS <sub>(He)</sub> (Ų)	Standard Deviation	
202.2560	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	12	84.78	0.03	Fluoranthene (84.99 Ų)
254.1096	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	14	96.13	0.06	Not 9-Phenylanthracene (98.89
252.0939	$C_{20}H_{12}$	15	94.95	0.04	Benzo[e]pyrene or Perylene
276.0939	$C_{22}H_{12}$	17	100.13	0.10	Inconclusive

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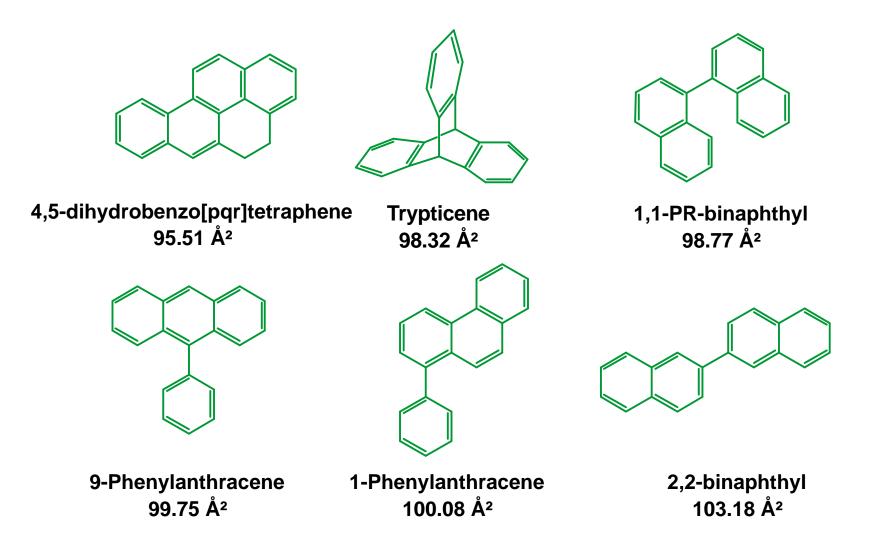
#### **Experimental and Theoretical Collision Cross Sections**

#### Isomeric set $C_{20}H_{12}$ , DBE = 15

Name	PA (Ų)	EHS (Ų)	TM (Ų)	Experimental CCS <sub>(He)</sub> (Ų)	Standard Deviation
Benzo[e]pyrene	93.75	96.79	91.49	94.66	0.04
Perylene	93.89	96.66	93.24	95.12	0.06
Benzo[a]pyrene	94.89	97.91	92.55	95.23	0.05
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	96.77	100.28	94.12	96.14	0.03
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	97.7	101.54	95.26	96.64	0.04

PA method: best agreement with experimental CCS with % deviations of 1.0 to 3.0 %,

Theoretical Collision Cross Sections Hypothetical Structures ( $C_{20}H_{14}$ , DBE = 14)



Sample: 96.13 Å<sup>2</sup>

### Conclusion

Ion mobility mass spectrometry was able to give insight into the structure of PAHs in a VGO cut from Canadian bitumen by comparison of experimental  $CCS_{(He)}$  of ions in the sample with those of model compounds and/or by comparison with theoretical  $CCS_{(He)}$  calculated for hypothetical structures.

PAHs with more peri-condensed aromatic rings were found to be more compact than those linearly fused.

PAHs with a more rounded shape are more compact than those with elongated structures.

PAHs with an island structure are more compact than their isomers with archipelago structure.



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Isomer-resolved Species Identification and Quantification by Synchrotron-based Photoionization Mass Spectrometry

**Thomas Bierkandt and Tina Kasper** 

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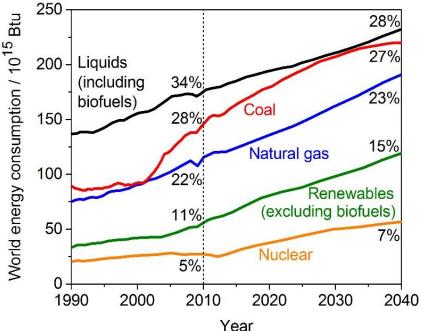
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### **Combustion processes and world energy consumption**

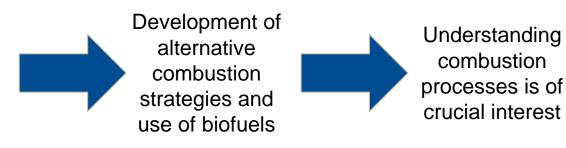
- Currently more than 80% of world energy use supplied by fossil fuels
- Fossil fuels also in 2040 most important primary energy carrier

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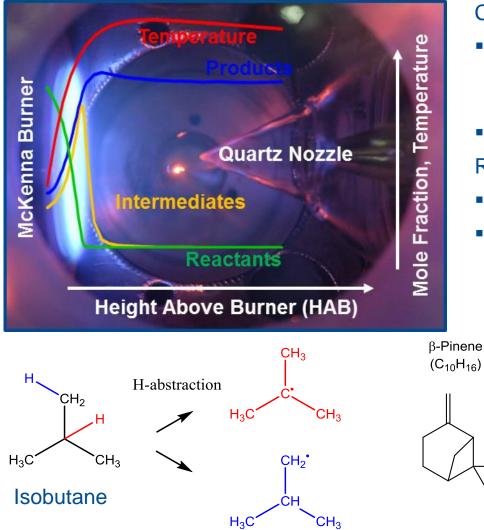


- Combustion is a major source of air borne pollutants such as NOx, VOCs, PAHs and soot
- Pollutants are fuel-dependent



### **Combustion is a complicated mix of chemistry and gas dynamics**

#### Laminar premixed low-pressure flames



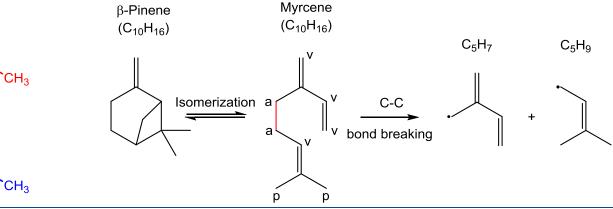
#### Chemical composition:

- Which species are present?
  - Key reaction species and highly reactive radicals
- How large are their concentrations?

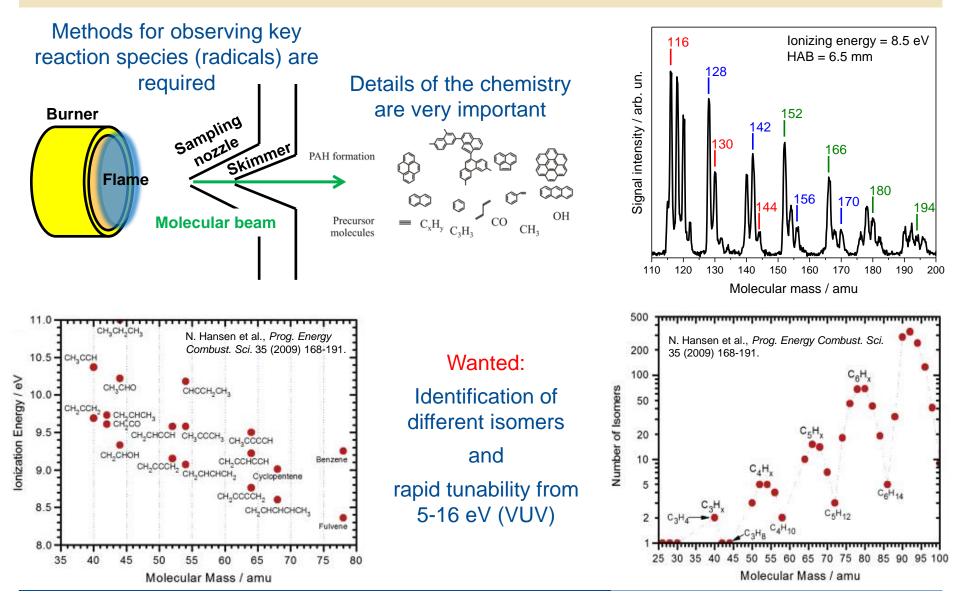
#### **Reaction kinetics:**

- Which species react with each other?
- How fast are those reactions?

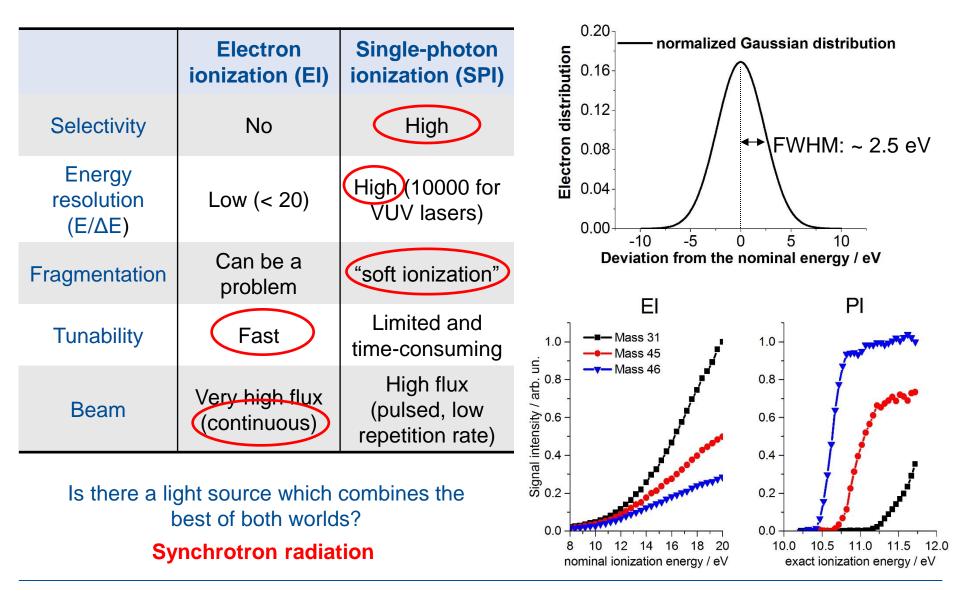
#### Combustion kinetics of monoterpenes: Poster on Wednesday (WP 122)



### **Challenges in flame sampling**



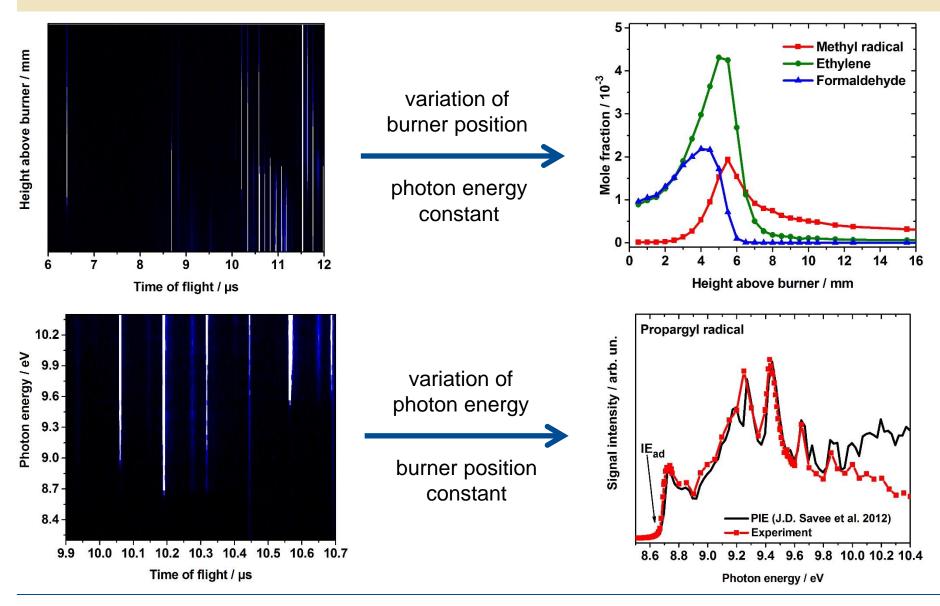
# Ionization methods in flame-sampling molecular-beam mass spectrometry



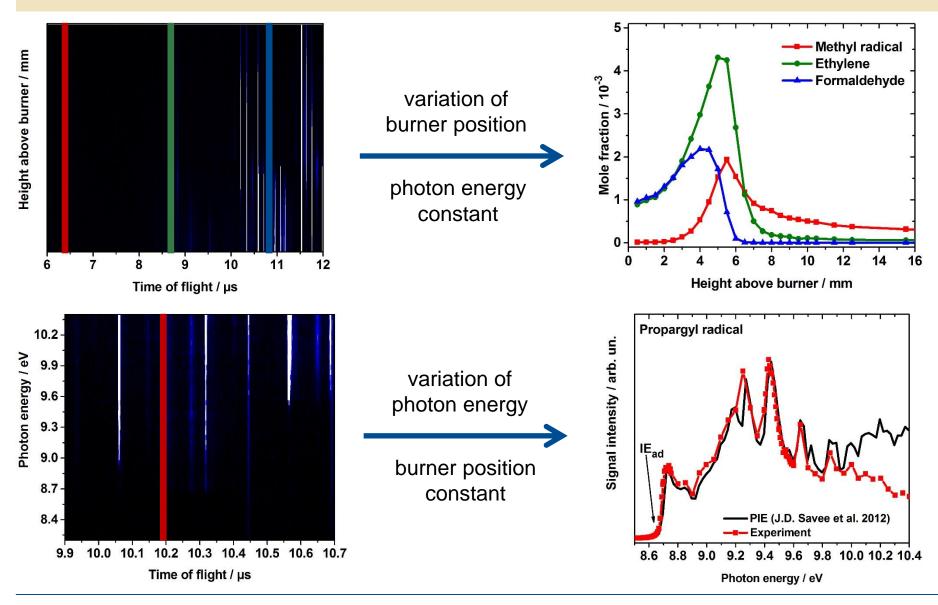
## Synchrotron-based flame chemistry experiments

<ul> <li>ALS</li> <li>Premixed flame</li> <li>Counter-flow diffusion flame</li> <li>Jet-stirred reactor</li> </ul>		NSRL <ul> <li>Premixed flame</li> <li>Counter-flow diffusion flame</li> <li>Pyrolysis flow reactor</li> <li>Jet-stirred reactor</li> </ul>			Soleil/SLS <ul> <li>Premixed flame</li> <li>Pyrolysis reactor</li> </ul>		BESSY • Premixed flame
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Photon flux [1/s]	1014	10 <sup>12</sup>	10 <sup>11</sup>	10 <sup>11</sup>	10 <sup>11</sup>		
Ε/ΔΕ	300	2000	4000	200000	85000		
Energy range [eV]	7-30	7-20	5-30	5-40	6-40		www.psi.ch/sls/about-sls
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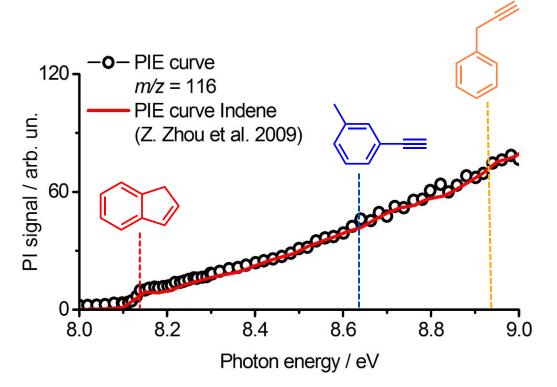
## **Species identification and quantification**



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# Isomer resolution – the big advantage of synchrotron radiation for ionization

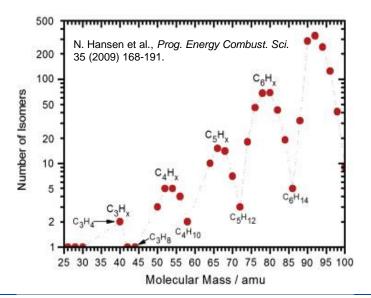


- Number of isomers increases with m/z
- Isomers react differently

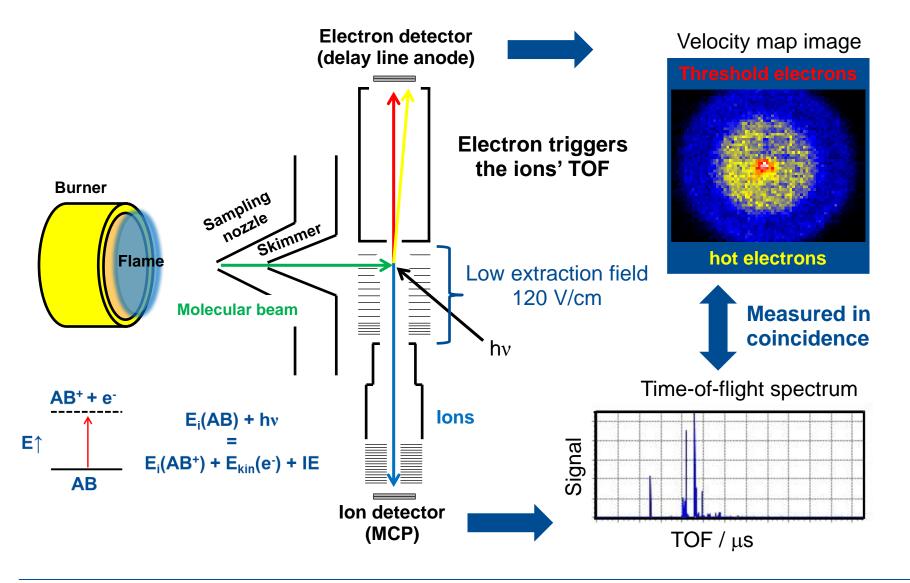
How can PEPICO improve isomer resolution?

#### Example: C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub> isomers

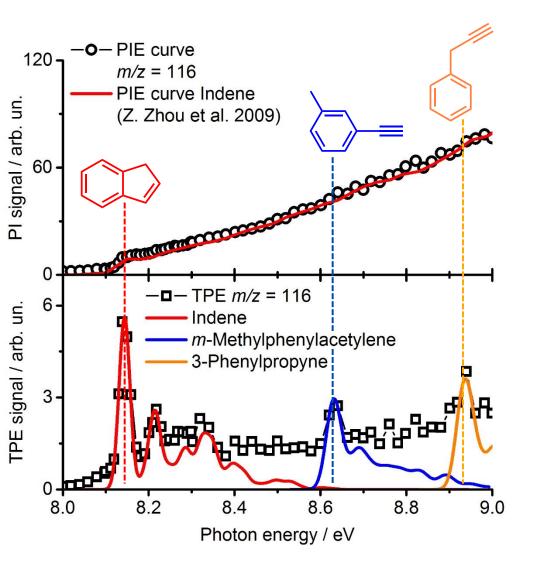
- Photoionization efficiency (PIE) curve
  - Good signal-to-noise
  - Detection limit: x<sub>i</sub> ~ 10<sup>-7</sup>
  - First onset can be assigned to indene
  - Larger isomers have typically similar PIE curves
  - Only one isomer identified



# iPEPICO: imaging photoelectron photoion coincidence spectroscopy



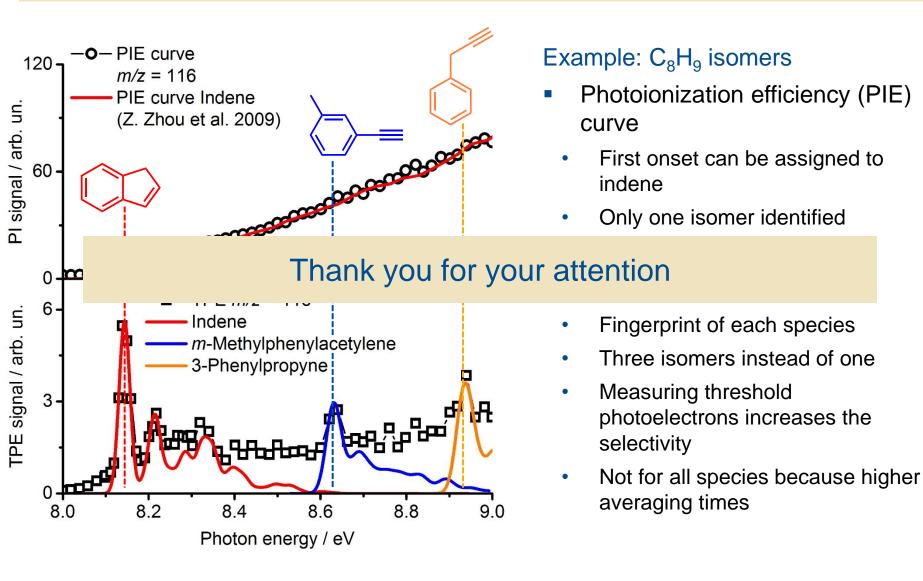
## ms-TPES help to identify isomers



#### Example: C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub> isomers

- Photoionization efficiency (PIE) curve
  - First onset can be assigned to indene
  - Only one isomer identified
- ms-TPES
  - Fingerprint of each species
  - Three isomers instead of one
  - Measuring threshold photoelectrons increases the selectivity
  - Not for all species because higher averaging times

## ms-TPES help to identify isomers





## Vacuum Photoionization Mass Spectrometry

An approach for online analysis of complex mixtures

Author: Sven Ehlert, Andreas Walte

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Basic idea of Vacuum Photo Ionization Mass Spectrometry

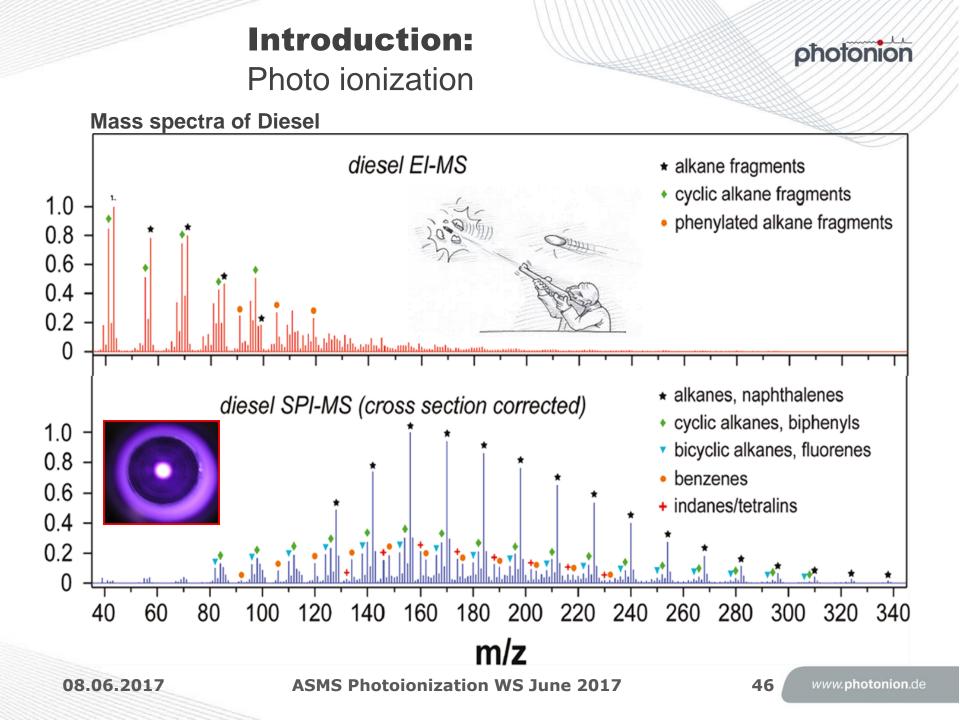
## PIMS - Soft photo ionization in <u>vacuum</u> (no fragmentation as in EI-MS and no matrix effects as in CI-MS)

direct MS analysis

(including effective matrix suppression e.g. N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>...)

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Introduction: Photo ionization - SPI

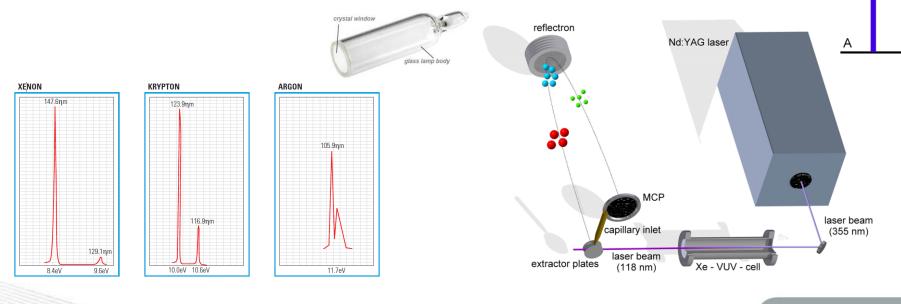
## Vacuum UV Single Photon Ionization (SPI)

incoherent VUV radiation (excimer lamp, e.g. 9.8 eV [126nm]), glow discharge lamps, e.g. filled with Kr, 10.0 & 10.6eV [123.9 & 116.9nm], or deuterium lamps, e.g. 10.8....3.1eV [115...400nm])

•ionization with laser photons (118 nm ,10.5 eV)

soft ionization of most organic compounds

•ppb on-line concentration range



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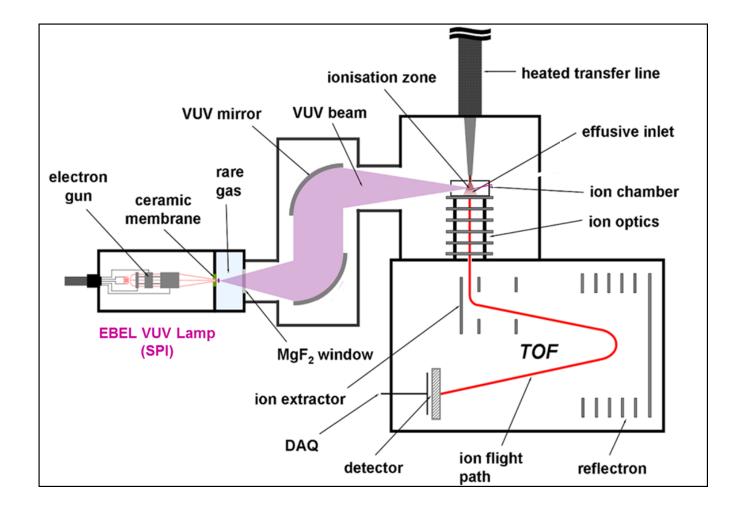
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## **SPI-Lamp Setup**





SPI-MS setup with EBEL VUV – Light Source

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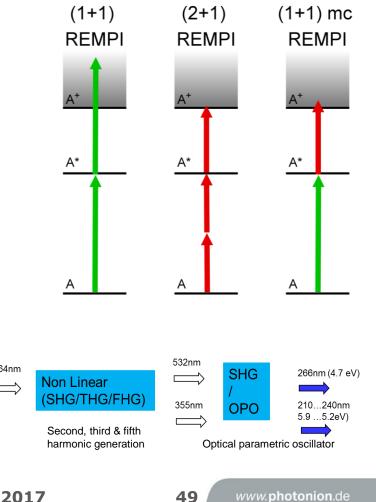
## Introduction: Photo ionization - REMPI

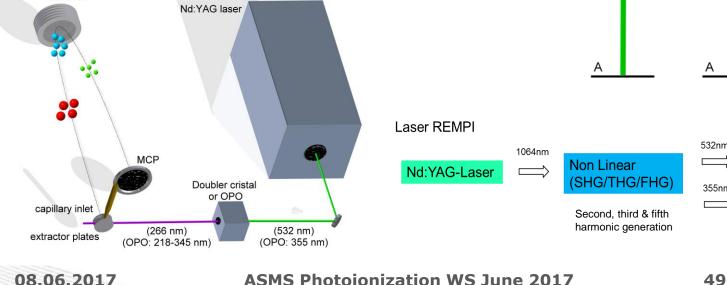
## Resonance-Enhanced Multiphoton Ionization (REMPI)

- ionization by UV laser pulses (210-270 nm, ~10<sup>7</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- highly efficient soft two-photon ionization of aromatics
- ppb/ppt on-line concentration range

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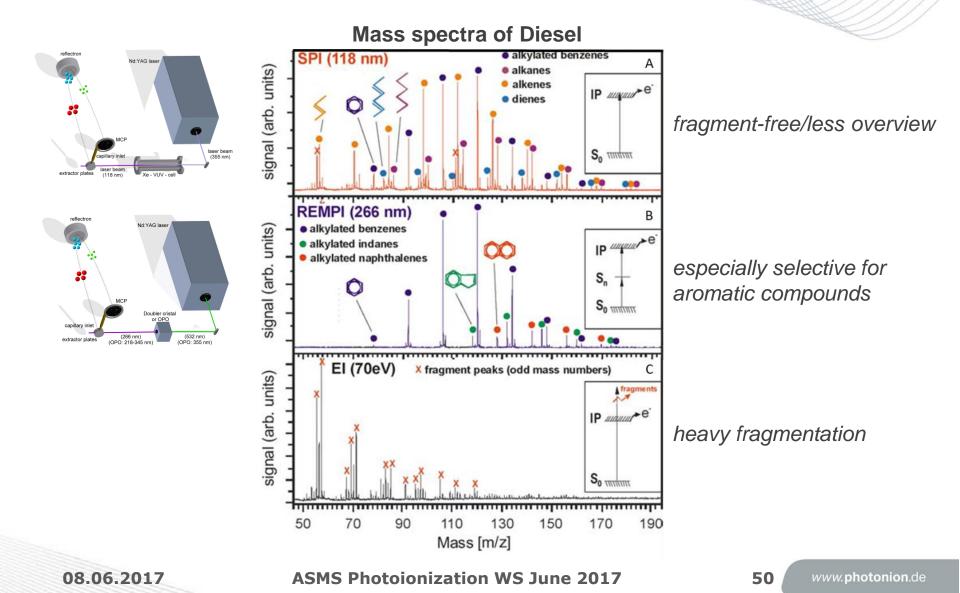


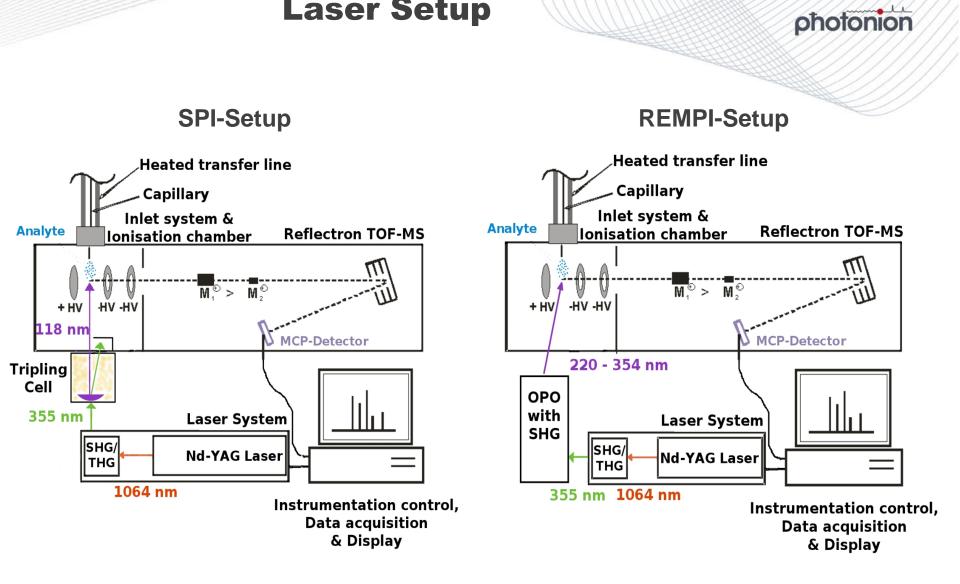




## Introduction: Photo ionization - SPI and REMPI







**Laser Setup** 

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## **Products & Applications**



## LM2X-PHOTO-TOF-MS

#### SMOKE ANALYZER

### **TG-PIMS** THERMOGRAVIMETRY- PHOTOIONIZATION MS



#### Lamp VUV SPI Source



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#### PHOTO-TOF-MS CUSTOMIZED GAS ANALYZER



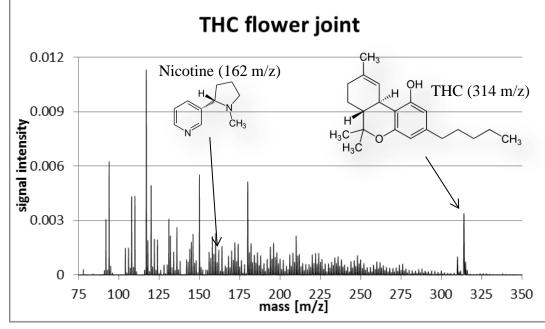
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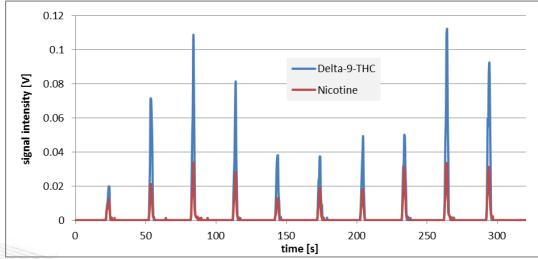
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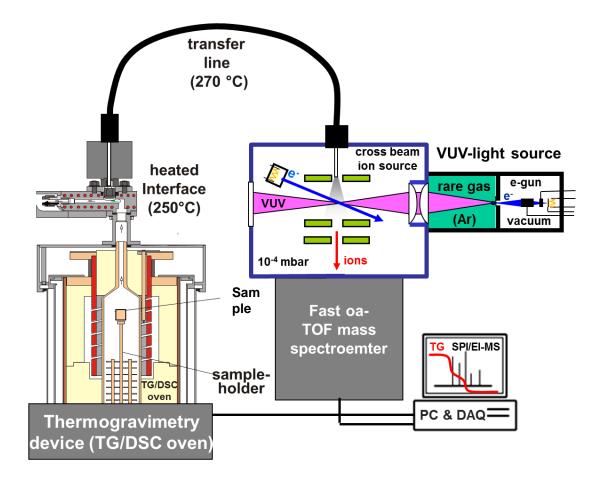
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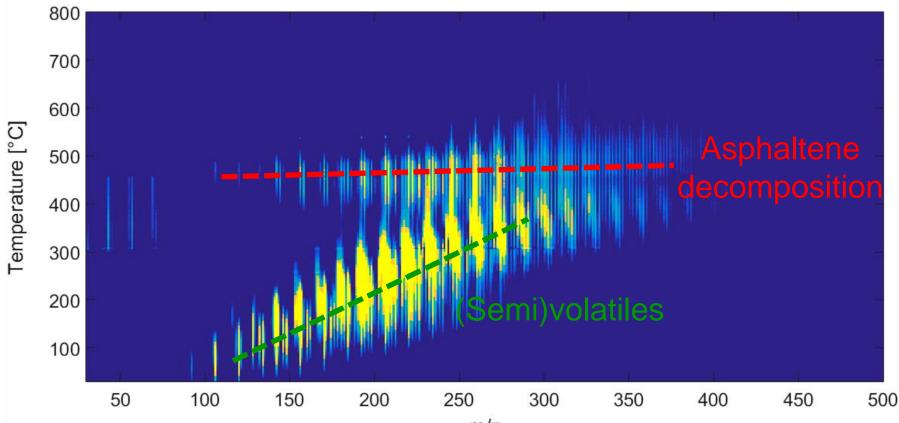




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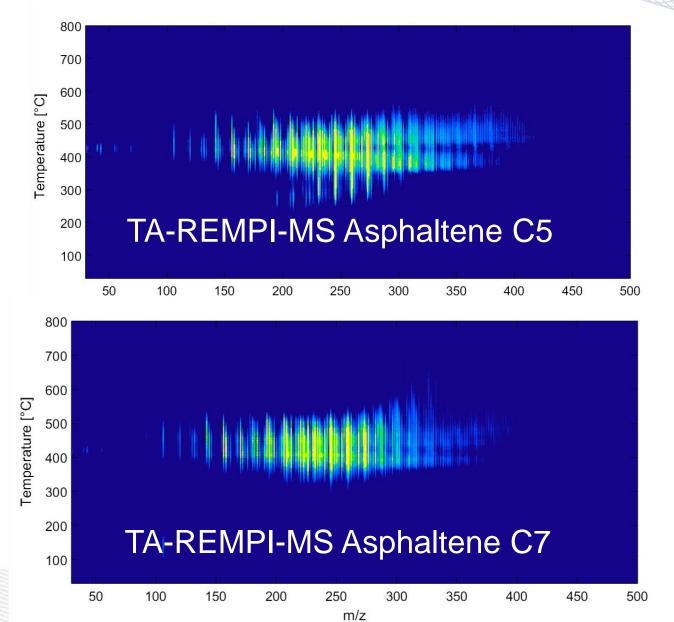
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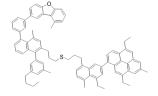




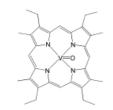
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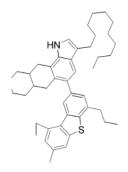
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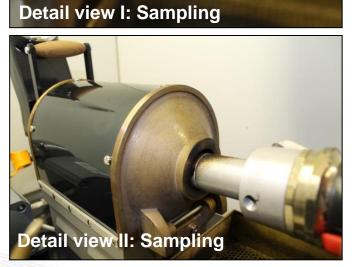
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# Experimental setup for roasting test at University of Rostock



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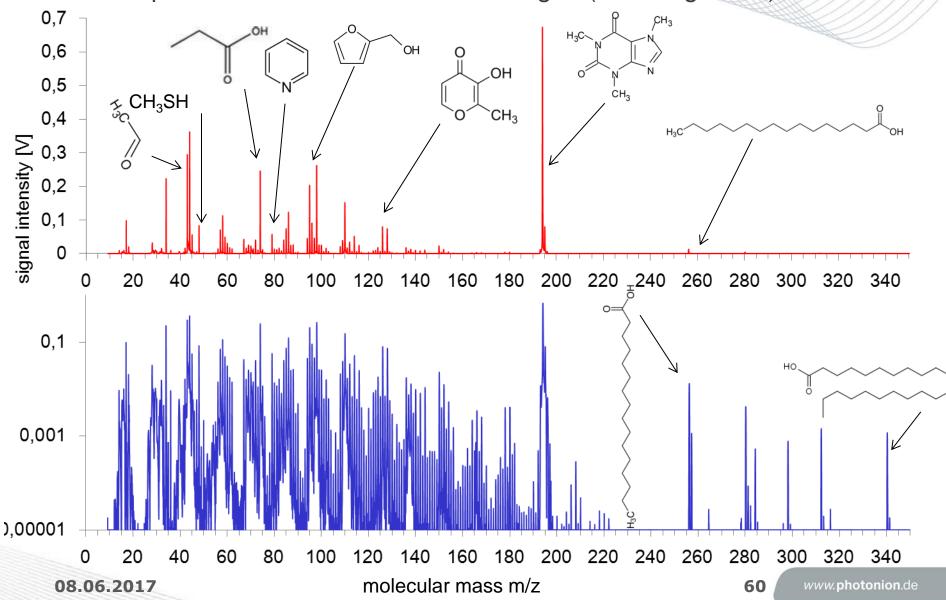
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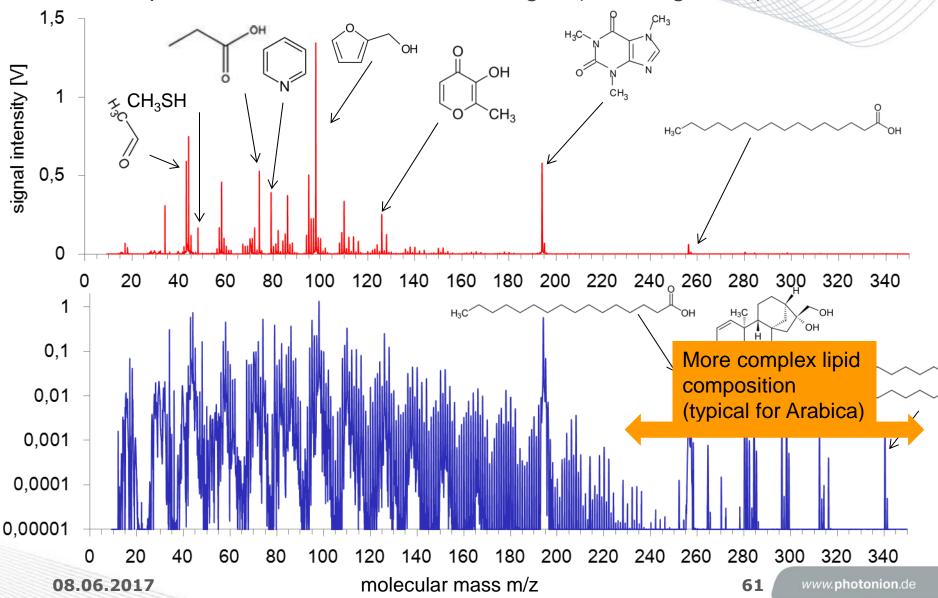
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SPI mass spectrum of Robusta coffee roast gas (lin. & log scale)



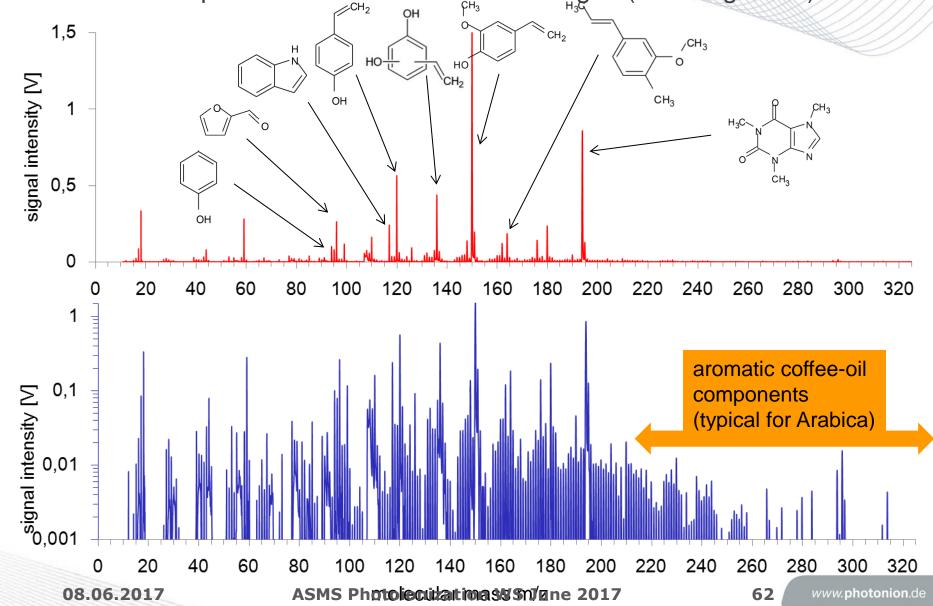
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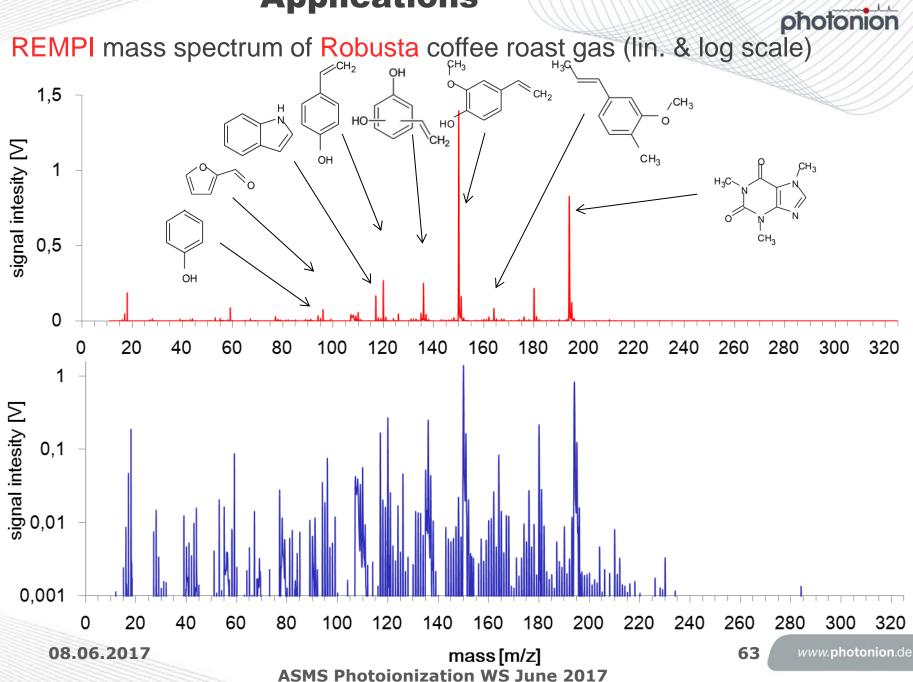
SPI mass spectrum of Arabica coffee roast gas (lin. & log scale)



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**Photonion REMPI** mass spectrum of Arabica coffee roast gas (lin. & log scale)





## **Further Application**

- Analysis of environmental gases and aerosol particle Online Laser Desorption-Multiphoton Postionization Mass Spectrometry of Individual Aerosol Particles; Anal. Chem., 2008, 80 (23), pp 8991–9004 Hyphenation of a EC / OC thermal–optical carbon analyzer to photo-ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry: an off-line aerosol mass spectrometric approach for characterization of primary and secondary particulate matter; Atmos. Meas. Tech., 8, 3337-3353, 2015
- Engine emission (ship diesel, car engine...) Gas phase carbonyl compounds in ship emissions: Differences between diesel fuel and heavy fuel oil operation Original Research Article; Atmospheric Environment, Volume 94, September 2014, Pages 467-478 Real-time analysis of aromatics in combustion engine exhaust by resonanceenhanced multiphoton ionisation time-of-flight mass spectrometry (REMPI-TOF-MS); Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry July 2012, Volume 404, Issue 1, pp 273– 276
- Pyrolysis Experiments (e.g. wood combustion...)

Online Analysis of Biomass Pyrolysis Tar by Photoionization Mass Spectrometry; Energy & Fuels 2016 30 (3), 1555-1563 On-Line Process Analysis of Biomass Flash Pyrolysis Gases Enabled by Soft Photoionization Mass Spectrometry; Energy Fuels, 2012, 26 (1), pp 701–711 photo







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A4a: Not yet, but is a good idea.

A4b: Waters: the AP source has an extra holder in the source which can be used for dopants.

A4c: Dopant can be used to tune selectivity

Q5: Is Waters going to commercialize GC-APPI systems?

A5: It is still under investigation, but not in the near future.

Q6: Can APPI also be used to measure organic sulfur compounds (e.g. PAH with sulfur)?

A6a: Yes, it is very good for ionizing organic sulfur compounds. In general less polar compounds can be better ionized by APPI than by ESI.

A6b: Isobaric compounds can be separated by IMS

Q7: Is it possible to do quantitative work with synchrotron-PI or other vacuum PI?

A7a: Yes, the relative ionization efficiency has to be determined. Databases of photoionization cross sections are available.

A7b: An easy approach to obtain photoionization cross sections is to use a gas chromtography to separate many compounds with known concentrations and use PI-MS to detect.

Q8: Different PI sources were shown, is there a standard best source?

A8: There are less expensive sources (glow discharge) and more expensive ones (Laser SPI, REMPI). What source to choose depends on the application, e.g. what is the required detection limit in the application.

We made reference to asking questions using the app, but the first contributor from the audience commented that it is quicker to speak than type, so we decided not to use the app. Anyway for that size of audience it seemed not to make sense. We heard positive feedback from many attendees. We intend to distribute a pdf version of this report to the interest group members upon agreement of the speakers.

The planning process for next year's workshop is already in progress.

The briefing material is attached.

Eleanor and Ralf