

Charge Detection Mass Spectrometry Approaches for Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polymers: Playing with Heavier Things.

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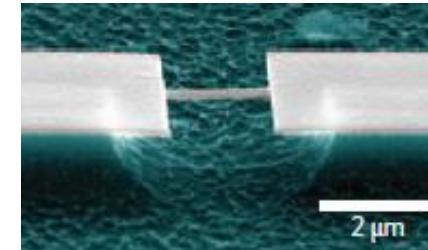
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PERSPECTIVE
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The emergence of mass spectrometry for characterizing nanomaterials. Atomically precise nanoclusters and beyond

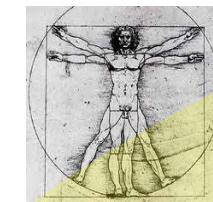
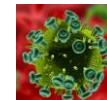
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NEMS-MS



NANOWORLD

Virus,
Nanoparticles,
...



1 kg

1 g

10^{-9} g

μ-balances

$> \approx 10^{-10}$ kg

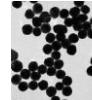


Weighing
the nanoworld ?

10^{-24} g
 $< \approx 10^{-21}$ kg
Mass Spectrometry

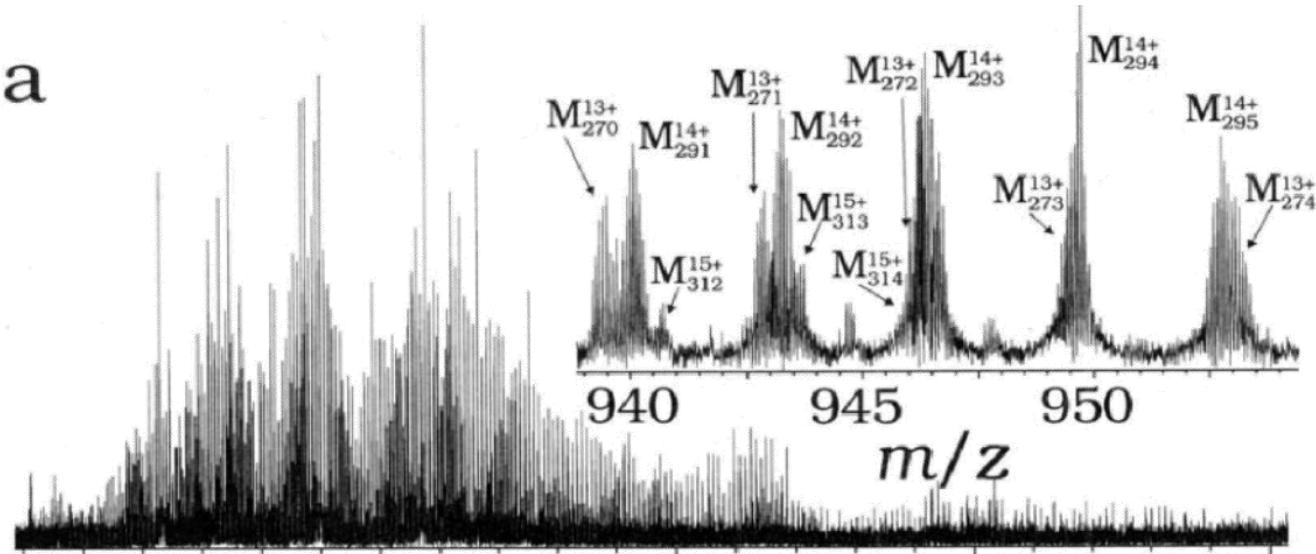


10^{-20} g



10^{-14} g

a



b

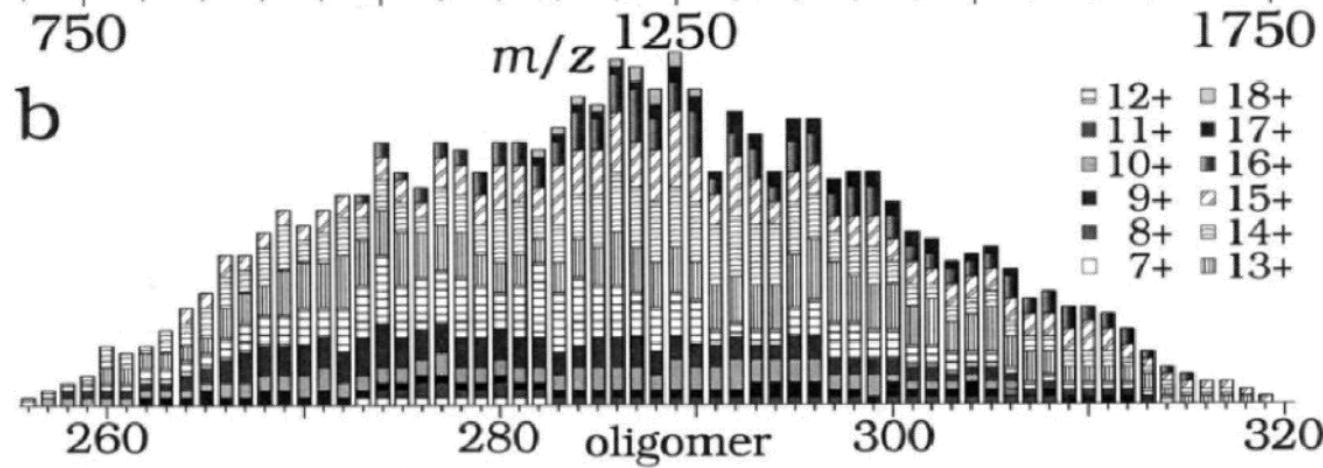
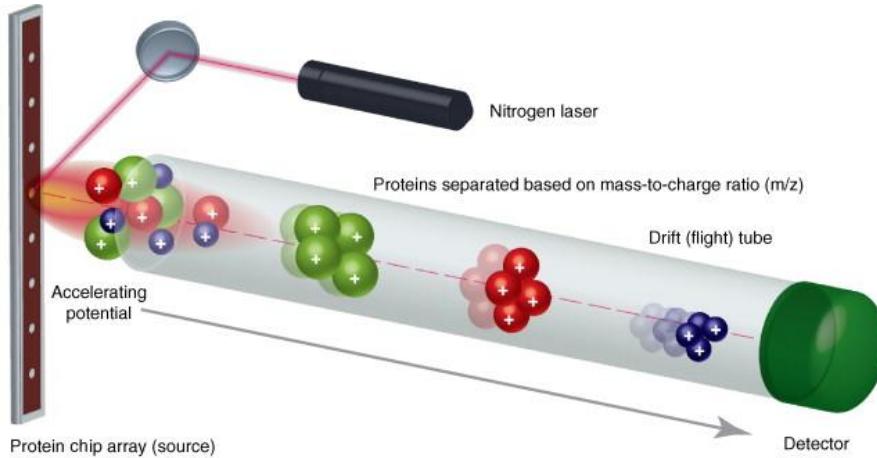


Figure 2. (a) ESI/FT mass spectrum of PEG 14000, RP = 10⁵; (b) M_r distribution from summed oligomer abundances.

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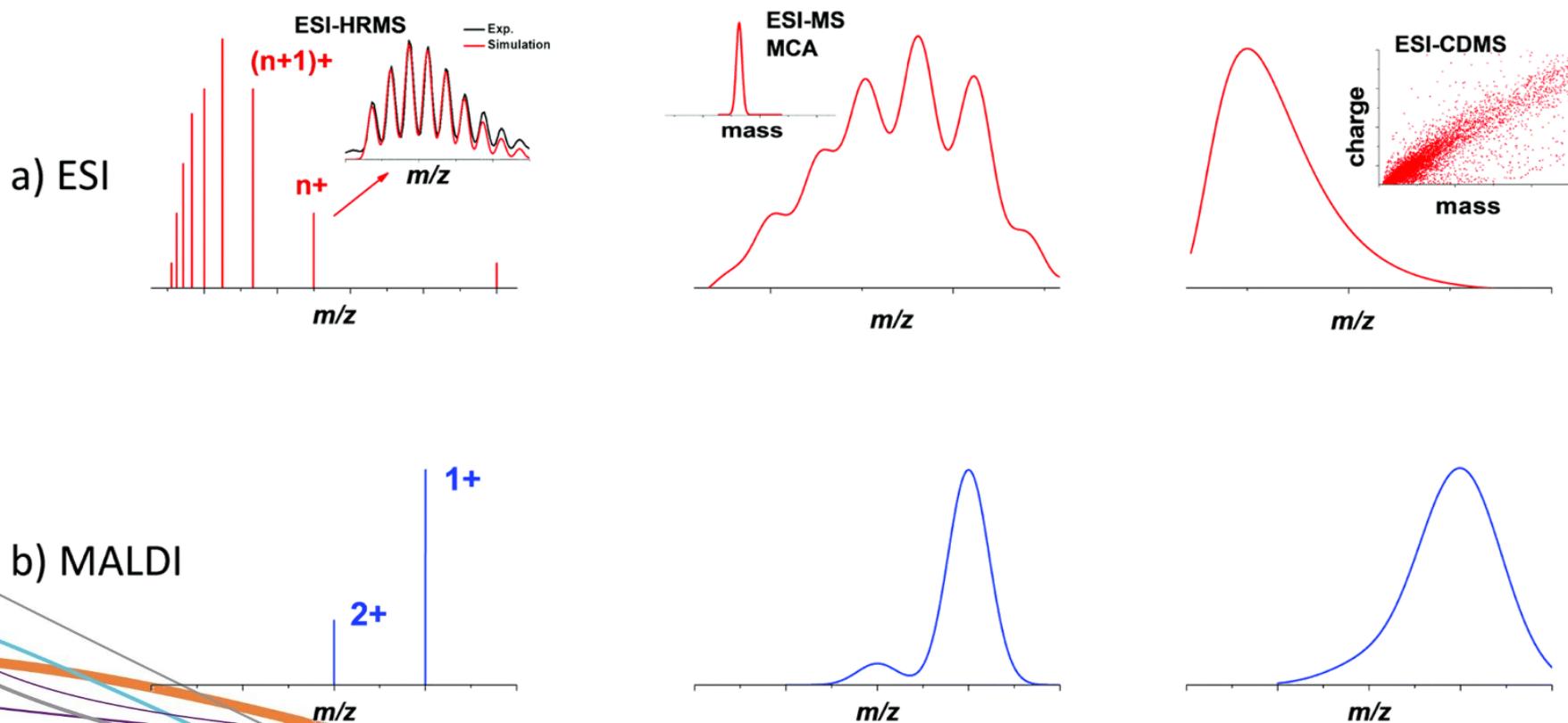
Oligomer Characterization of 4–23 kDa Polymers by Electrospray Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometry

Peter B. O'Connor and Fred W. McLafferty*



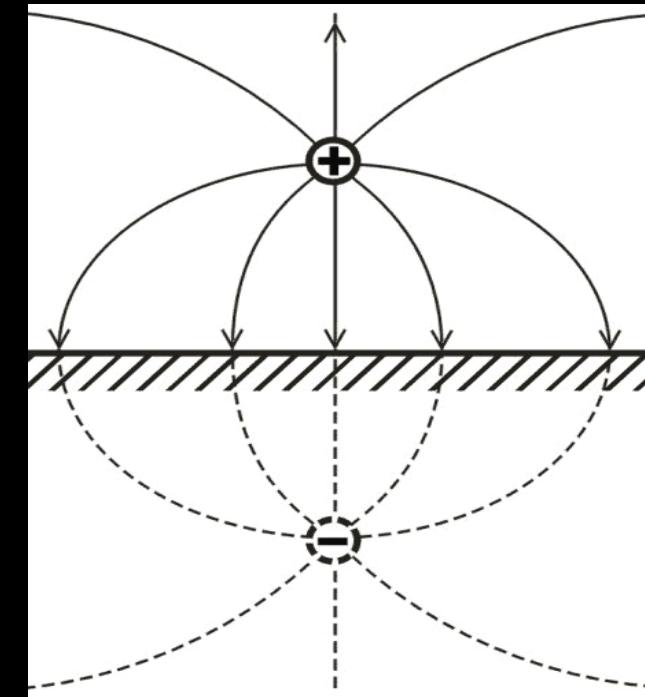
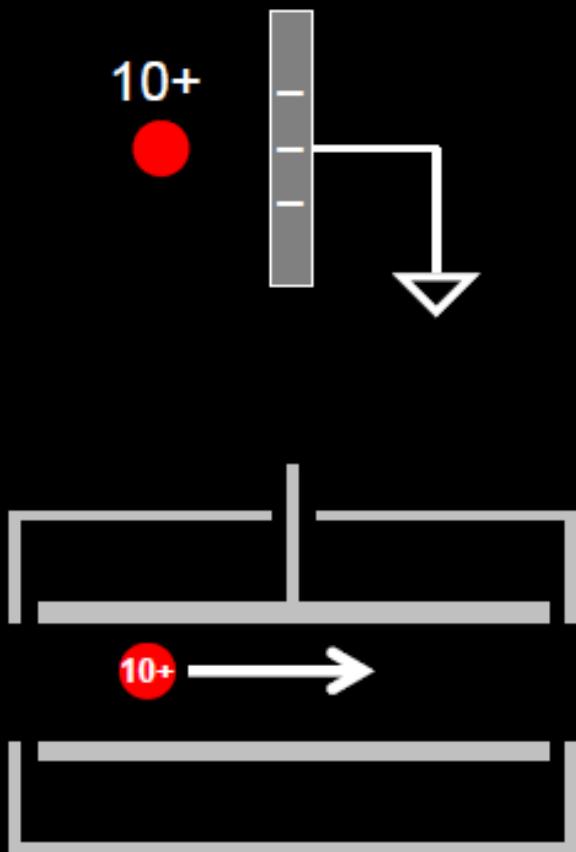
The mass-to-charge ratio of an ion is proportional to the square of its drift time.

$$\frac{m}{z} = \frac{2t^2 K}{L^2}$$



Charge detection mass spectrometry: How does it work ?

Image Charge Detection

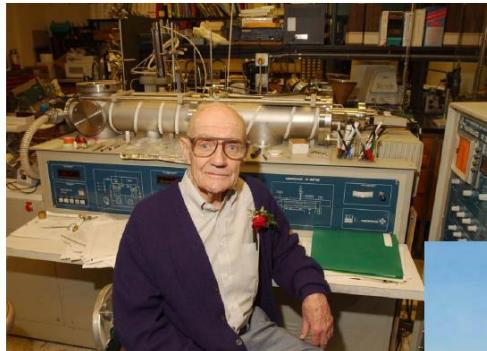


If the tube is long enough, the image charge = the charge on the ion

Electrospray and Image Charge-Detection

The perfect marriage for weighing heavier things !

Electrospray (ESI)



J. B. Fenn, Nobel lecture:
« Electrospray wings for Molecular Elephants »

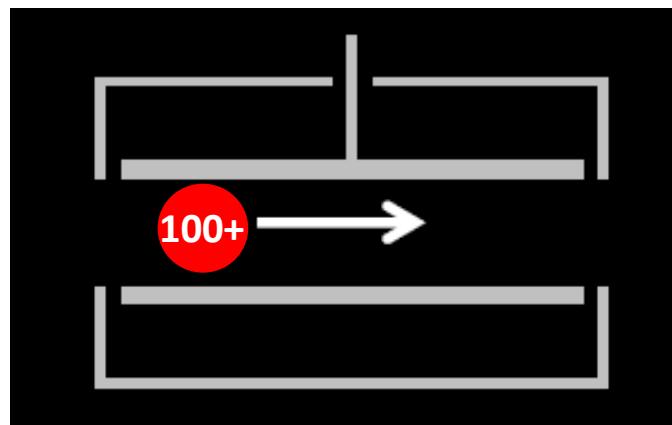
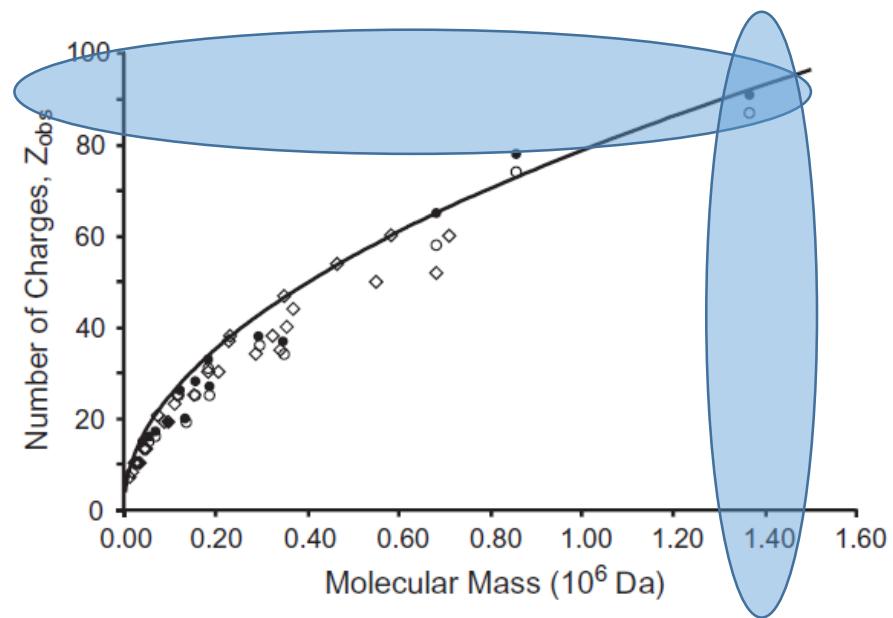
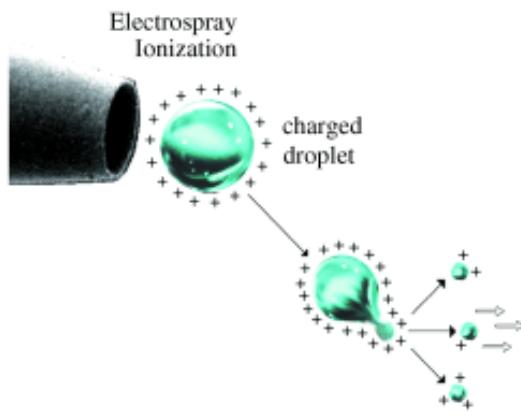
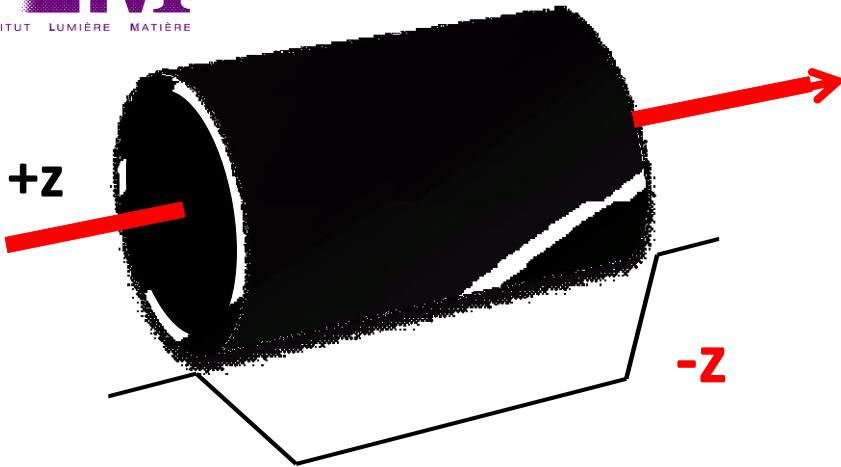
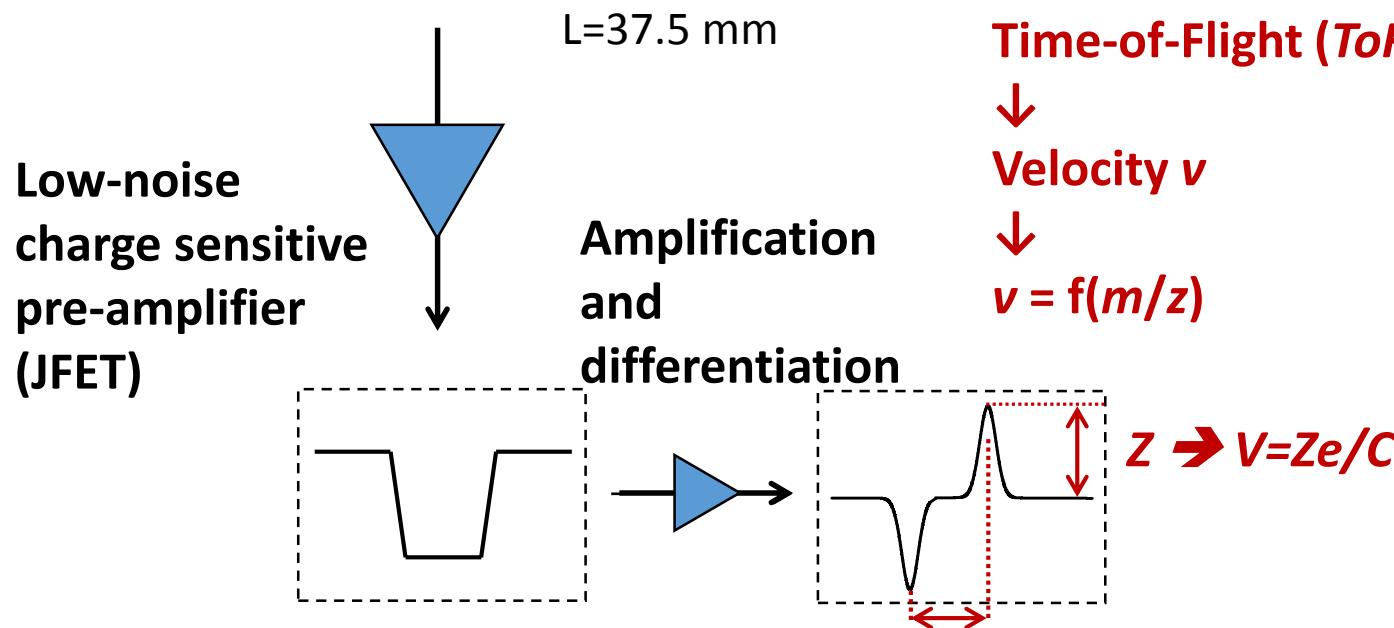


Image charge detection AND time-of-flight

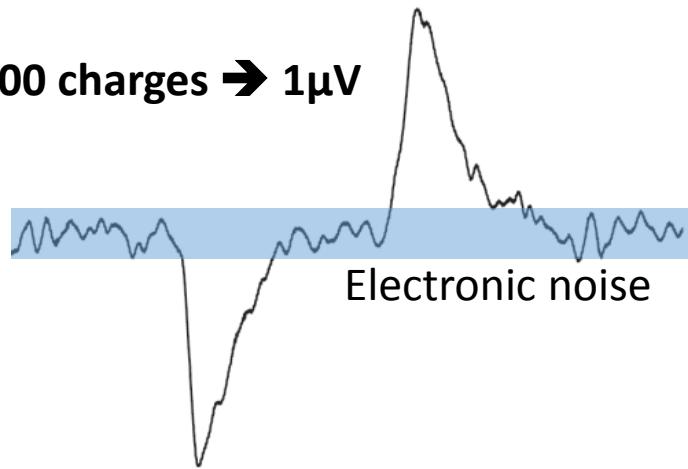
Charge-Detection Mass Spectrometry



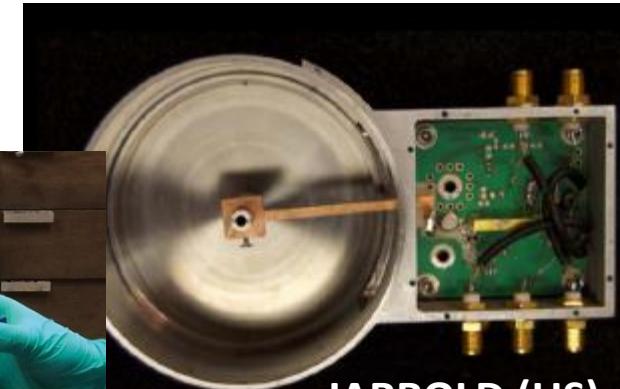
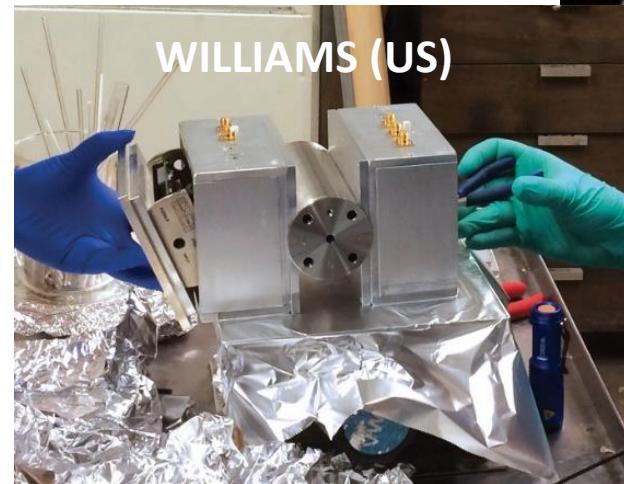
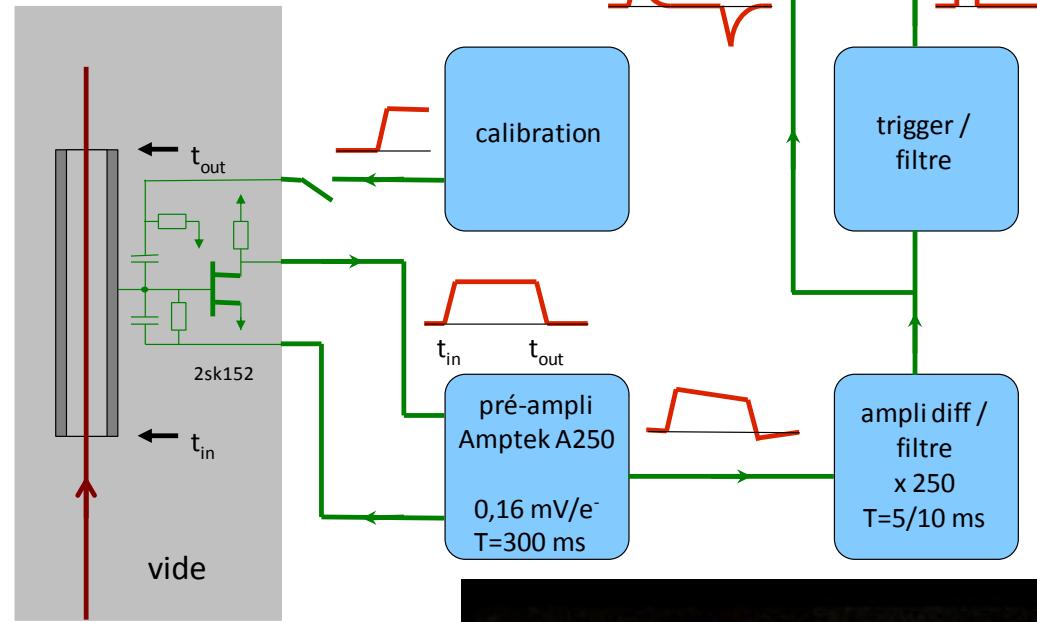
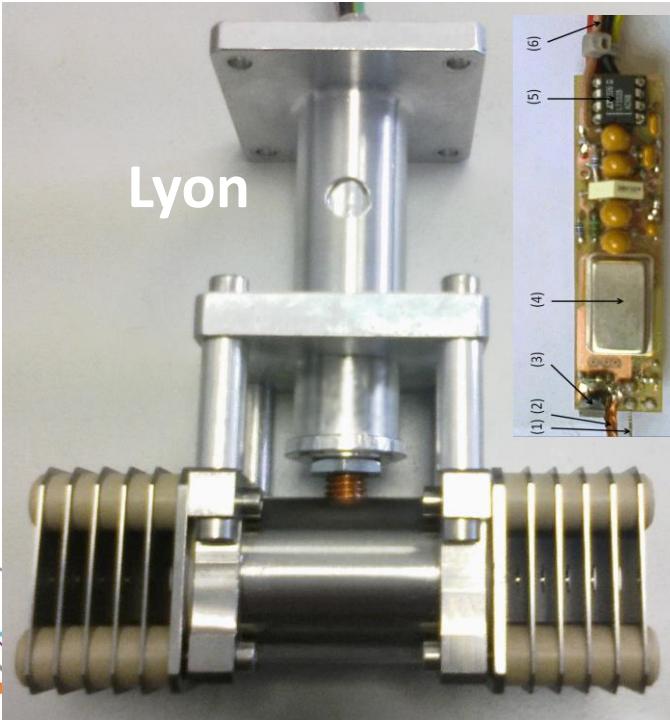
Charge (z) and velocity of the macroion are simultaneously recorded with the charge detector



100 charges \rightarrow 1 μ V



Lyon





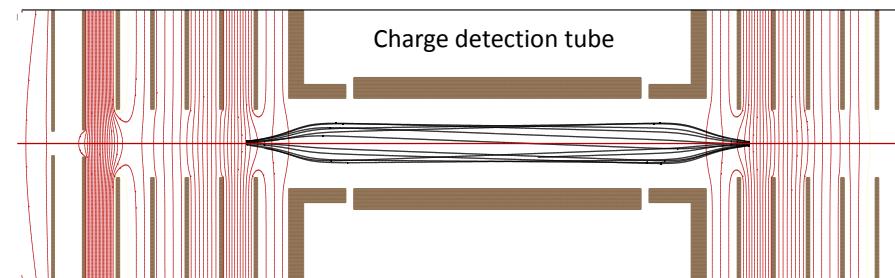
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SPECIAL ISSUE PERSPECTIVE

Weighing synthetic polymers of ultra-high molar mass and polymeric nanomaterials: What can we learn from charge detection mass spectrometry?

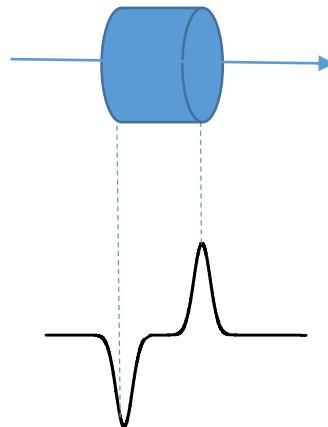
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Mirror electrodes

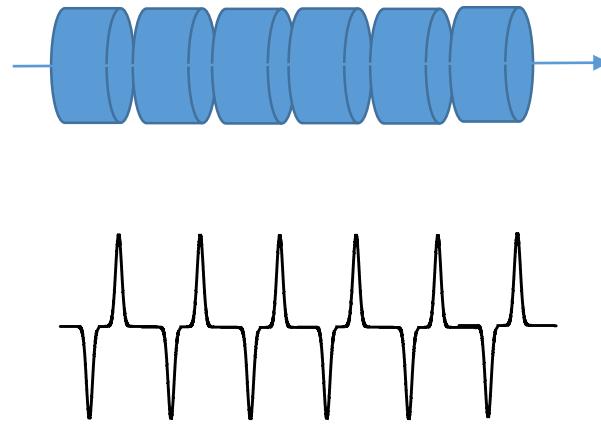


Screen electrodes

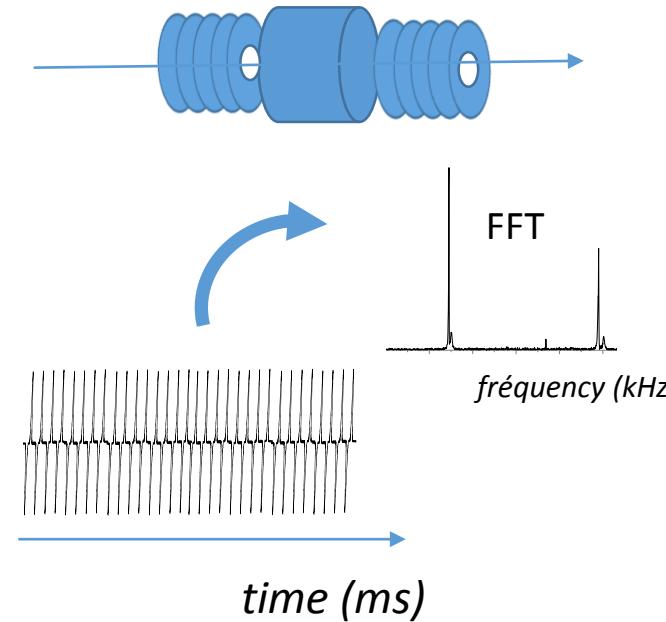
Single pass CDMS



linear array CDMS

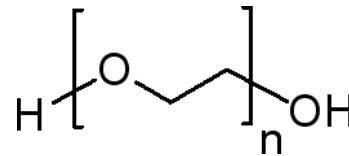


ion trap CDMS

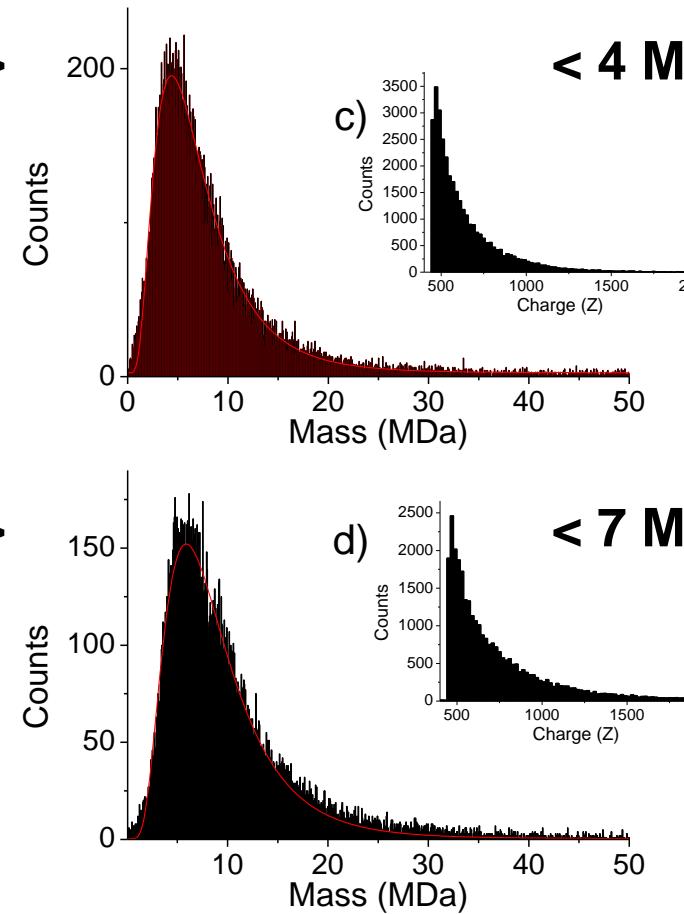
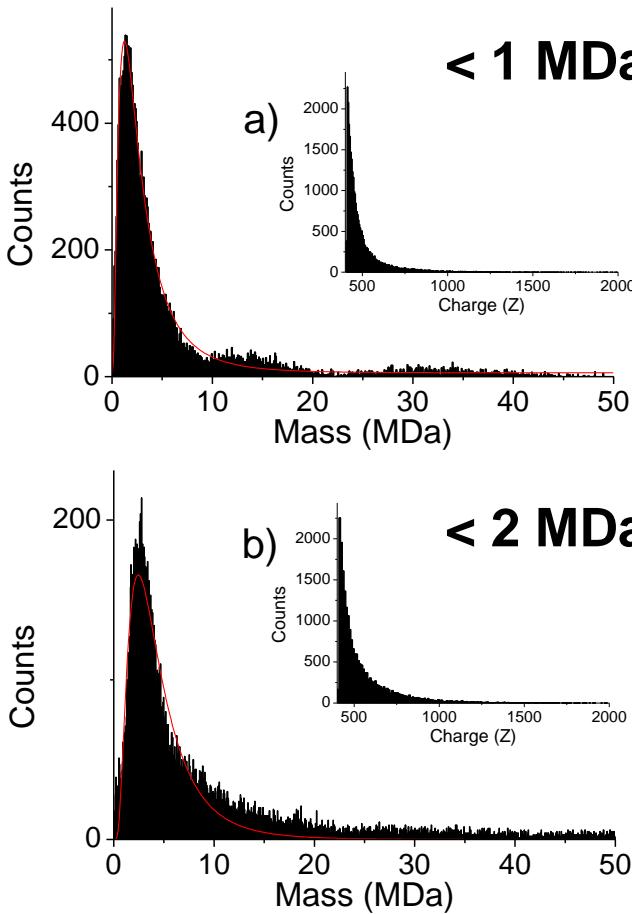


CDMS mode	Ion count rate(ions/s)	Charge uncertainty (e)	Limit of détection (e)	Mass resolution	Working mass window(Da)
CDMS – single pass	1000	50	200-250	5-7	10^6 - 10^{13}
CDMS- array	100	10	100	\sim 10	10^5 - 10^{12}
CDMS- Ion trap	1 (400 ms trapping)	0,65	7	10-100	10^4 - 10^8

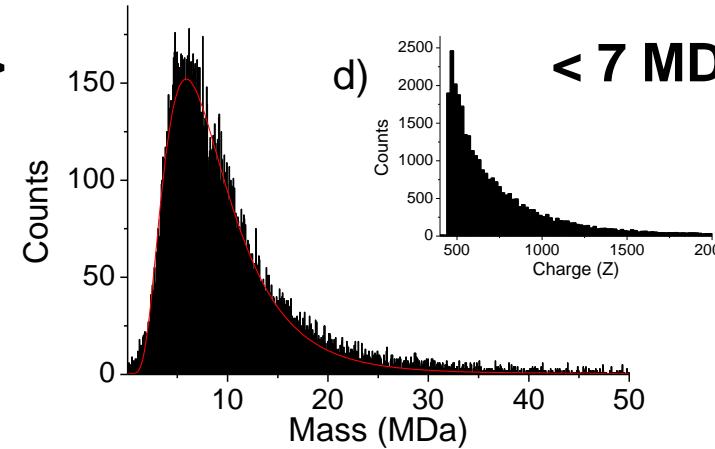
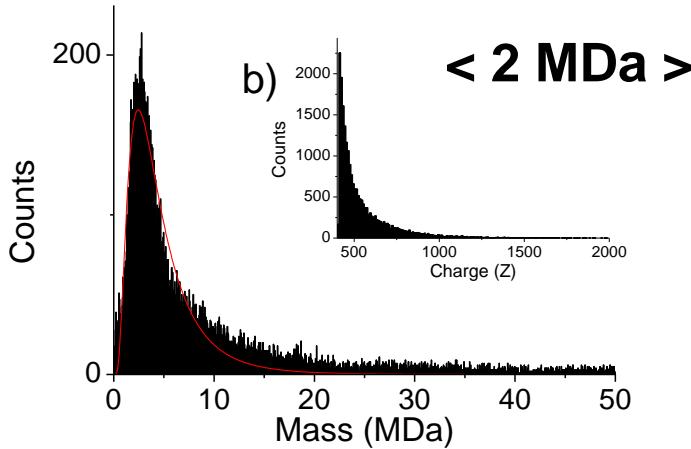
Charge detection mass spectrometry: What do we learn?



Poly(ethylene oxide) POLYMER



**true mass
distribution**



**Polydispersity
index**

Respective mass distributions (and charges in inset) are histogrammed. They exhibit maxima at 1.4, 2.7, 4.4 and 6.2 MDa, respectively, as well as a high-mass tail.

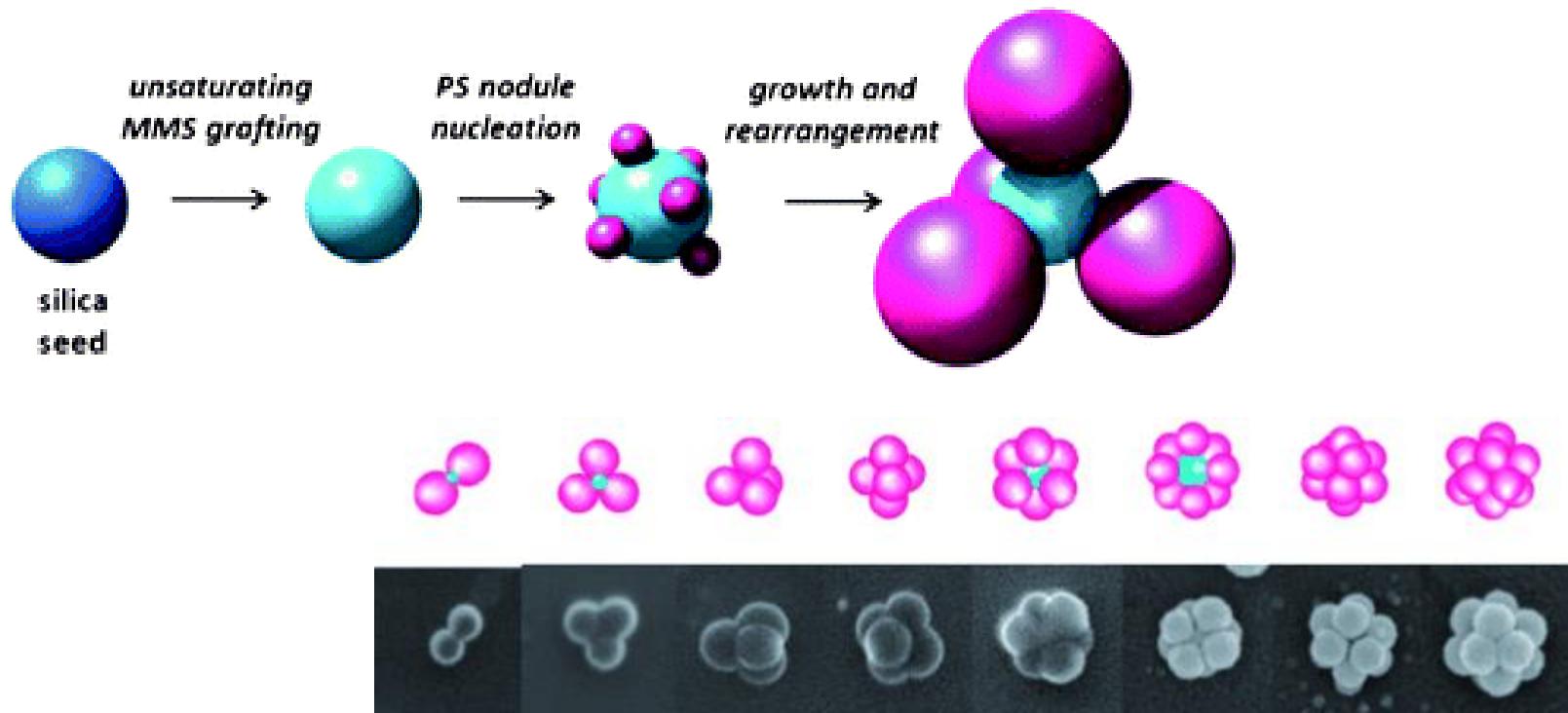
The fit of MWDs leads to polydispersity index (I_p) values of 1.4, 1.6, 1.5 and 2.1,

Serge Ravaine and Etienne Duguet

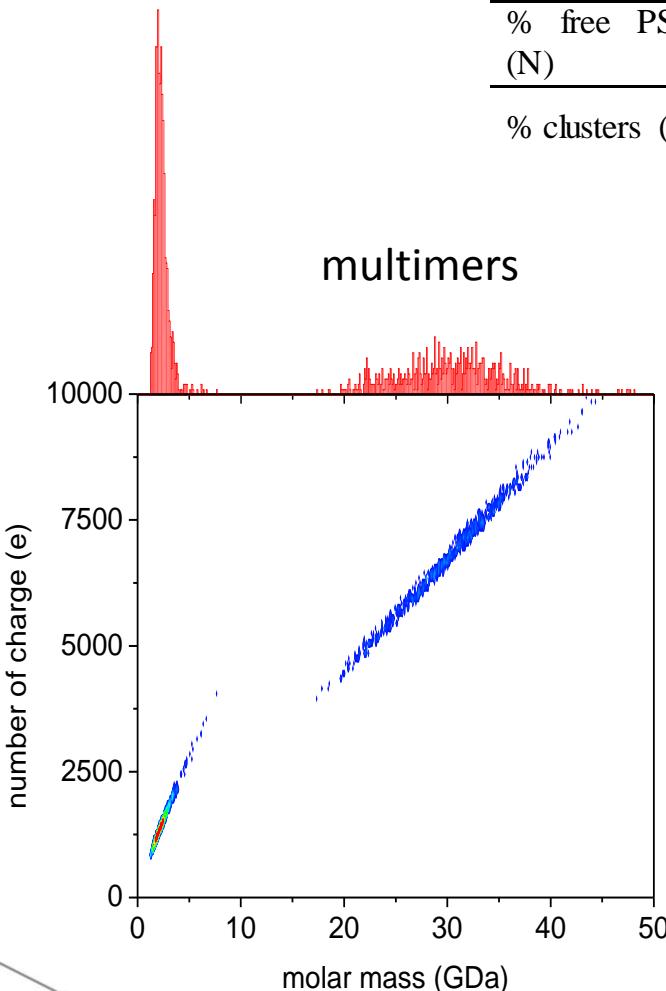
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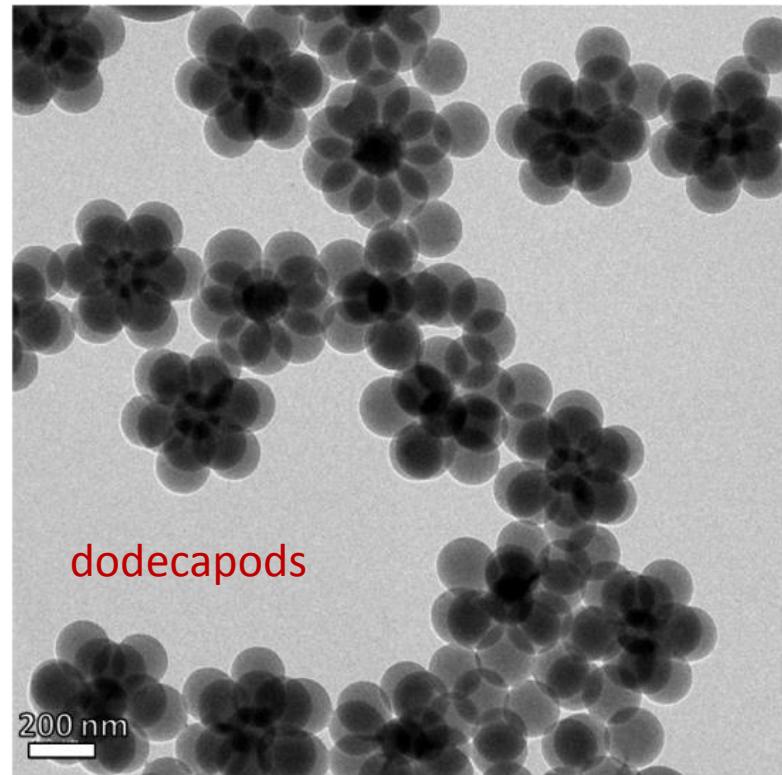


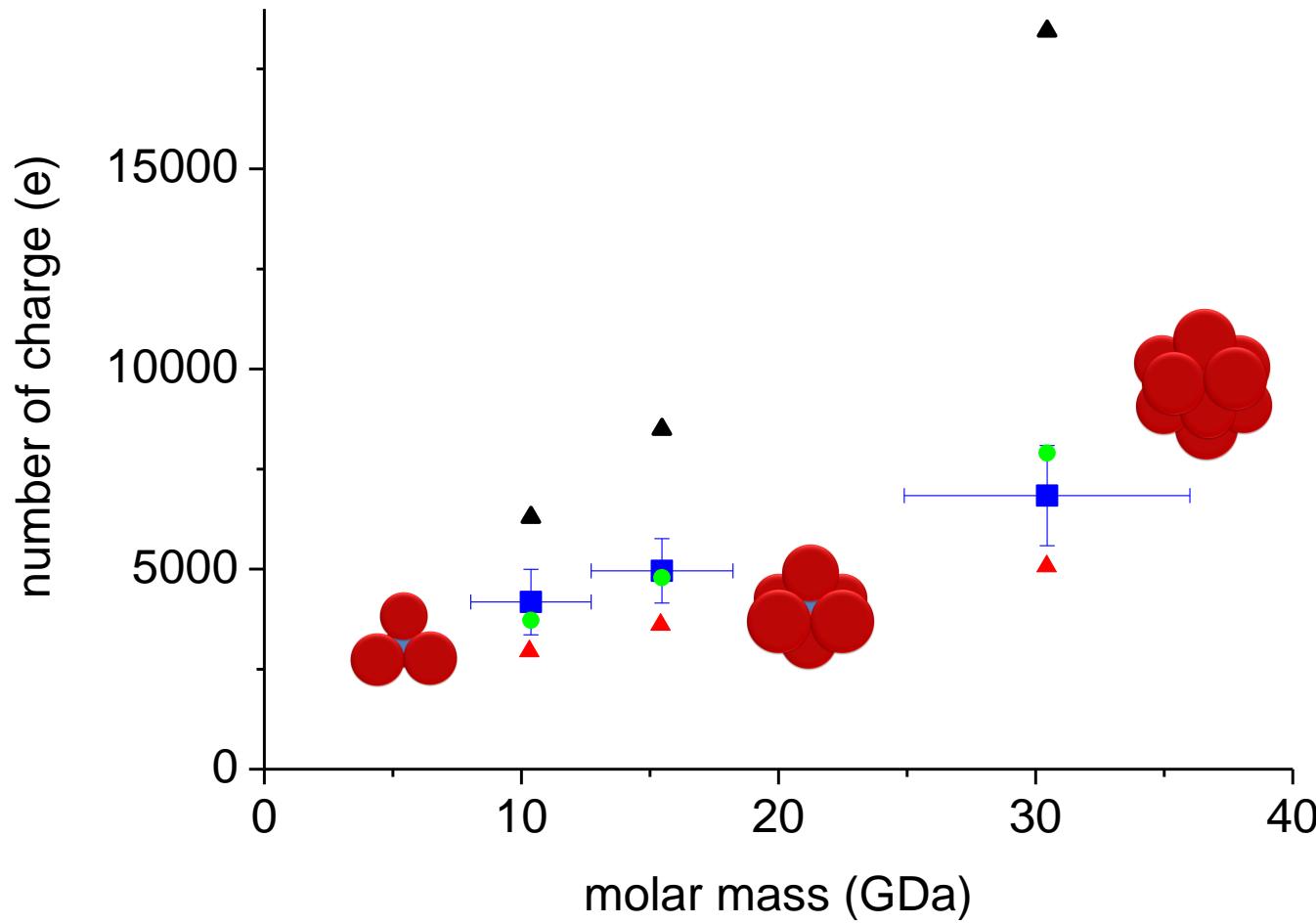
monomers



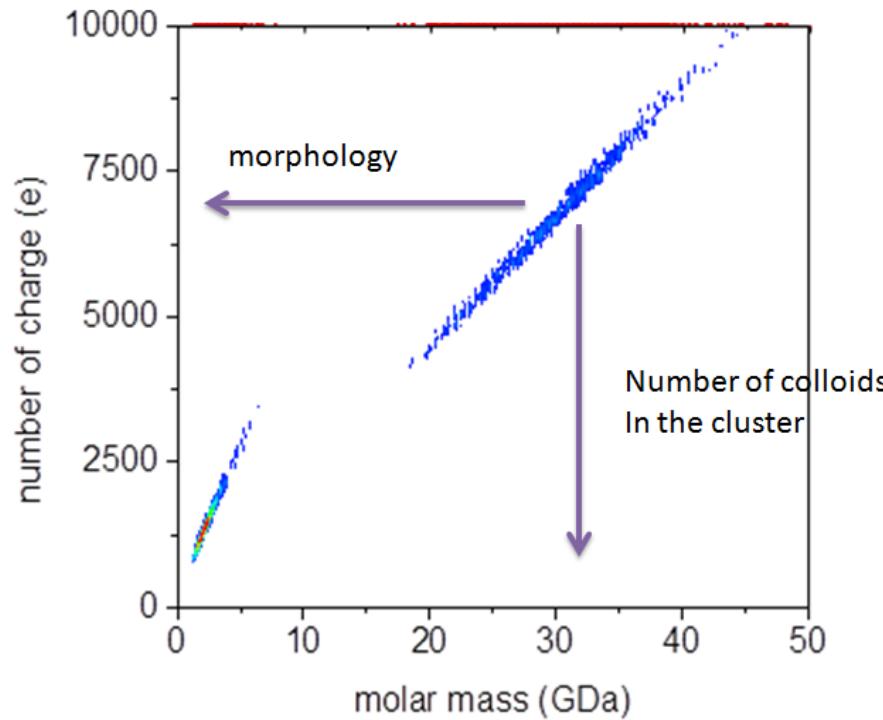
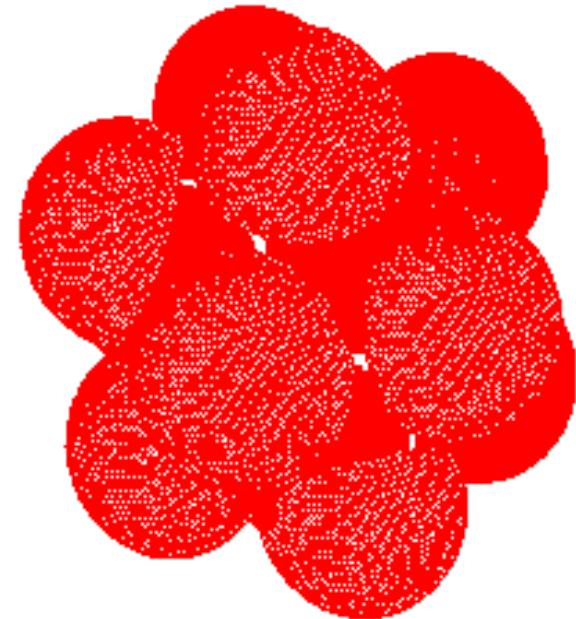
		tetrapods	hexapods	dodecapods
% free beads (N)	TEM	10.7 (140)	56.0 (659)	43.4 (319)
	ESI-CDMS	8.5 (146)	35.8 (846)	54.0 (836)
% clusters (N)	TEM	89.3 (1163)	44.0 (517)	56.6 (416)
	ESI-CDMS	91.5 (1564)	64.2 (1519)	46.0 (711)

multimers





ESI-CDMS : An efficient complementary tool for NP characterisation



Doussineau, RA, et al.
The Journal of Physical Chemistry C **119**, 10844-10849 (2015)
Journal of the American Chemical Society **2015** 137 (5), 1929-1937

CDMS,

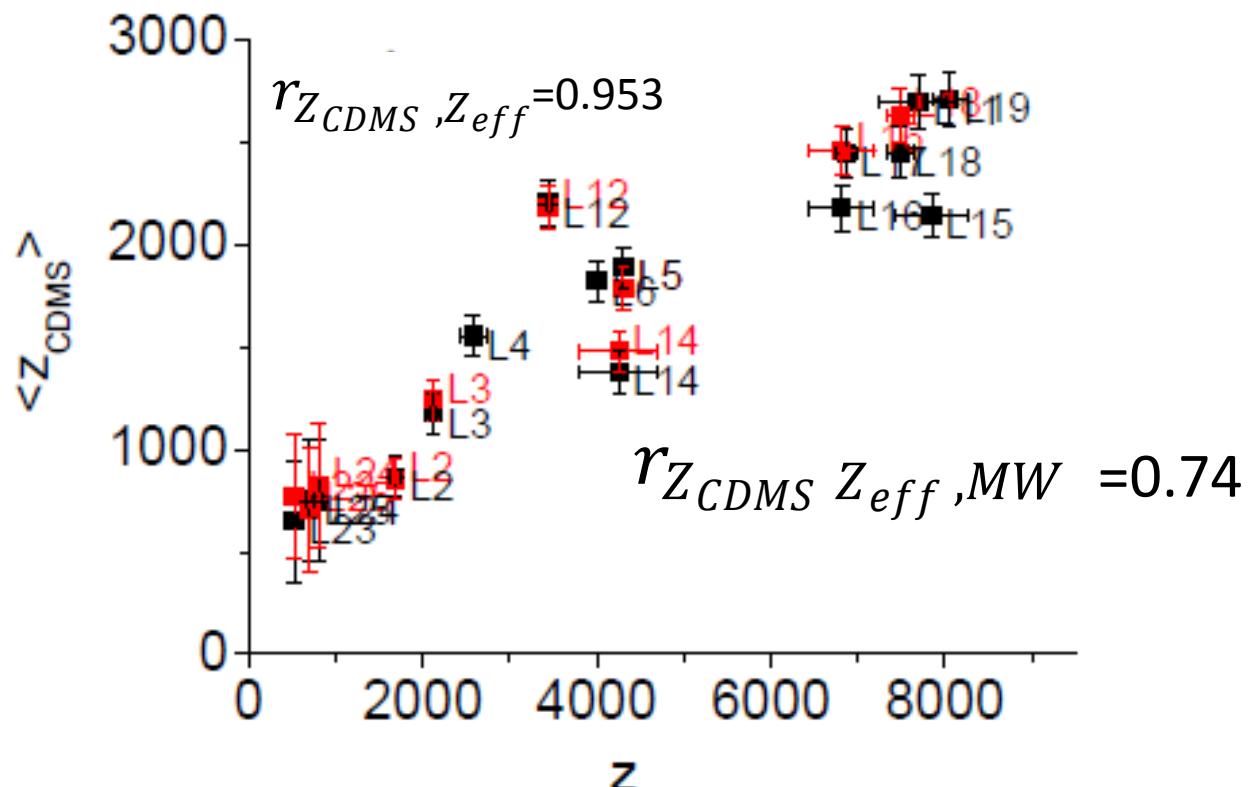
a kind of zetameter ?

Dynamic light scattering
(DLS)
& Zetametry

→ Electrophoretic mobility
(μ_{ep})

Malvern®, Zetasizer NanoZS

ZETA-POTENTIAL ζ



Correlation between the Charge of Polymer Particles in Solution and in the Gas Phase Investigated by Zeta-Potential Measurements and Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry.

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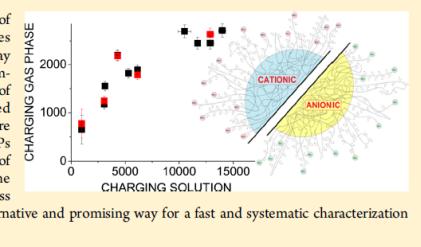
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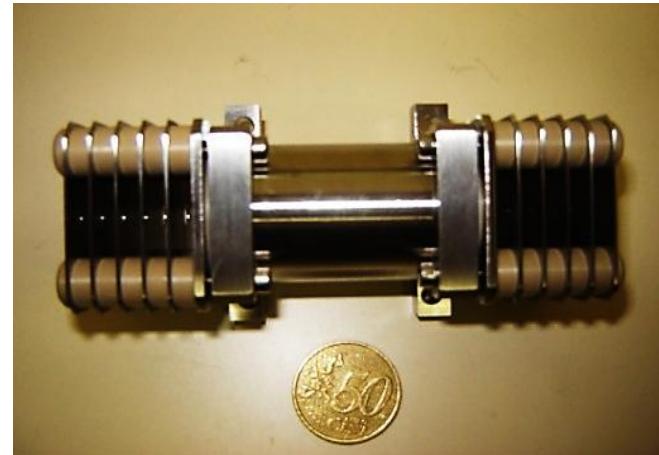
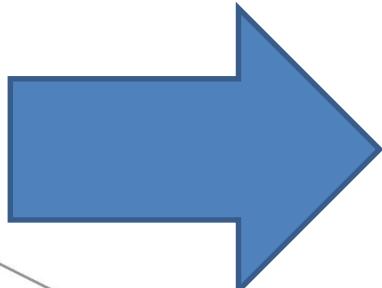
Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The relationship between the effective charge of polymer nanoparticles (PNP) in solution and the charge states of ionized particles produced in the gas phase by electrospray ionization was investigated. Charge detection mass spectrometry was used to measure both the mass and charge of individual electrosprayed ions. The effective charges extracted from the measured zeta-potential of PNPs in solution are partially correlated with the average values of charge of PNPs in the gas phase. The correlation between the magnitude of charging of PNPs ions produced in the gas phase with the PNPs surface charge in solution demonstrates that the mass spectrometry-based analysis described in this work is an alternative and promising way for a fast and systematic characterization of charges on colloidal particles.

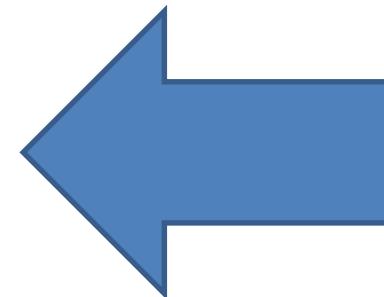


Charge-detection Mass spectrometry, and couplings

Separative techniques

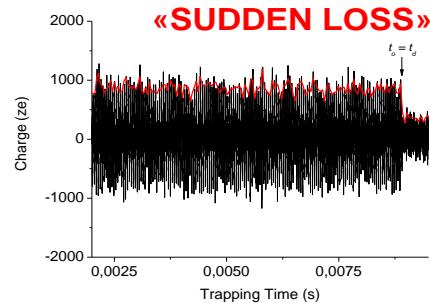
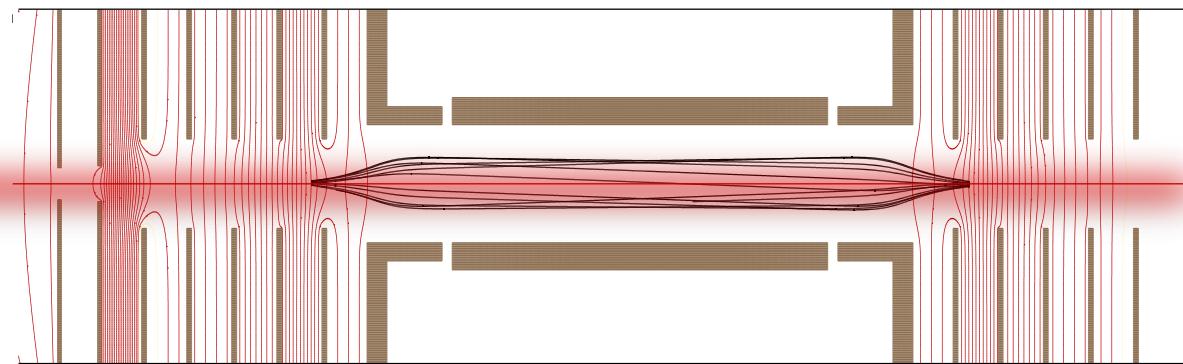


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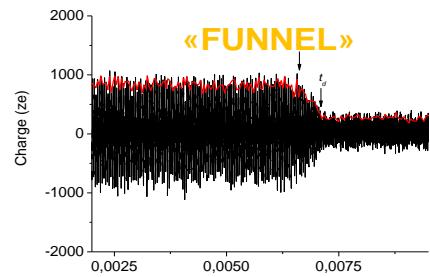




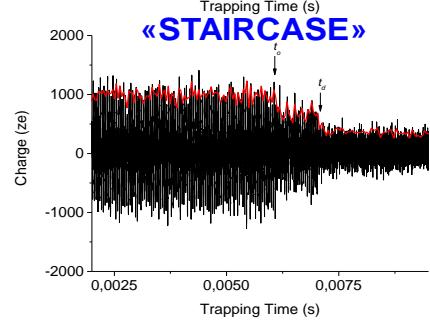
High power
CO₂ lasers (SYNRAD 25 W)



**Fragment lost
Or low-charge fragments
(z<400 e)**



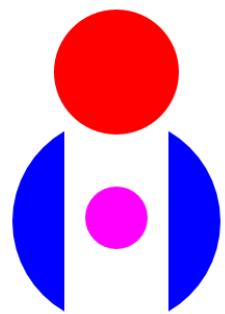
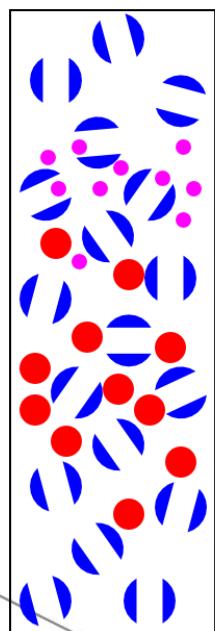
**(bio)polymer « peeling »
EVAPORATION**



**(asymmetric)
FISSION**

Size-exclusion chromatography

A chromatographic method in which molecules in solution are separated by their size

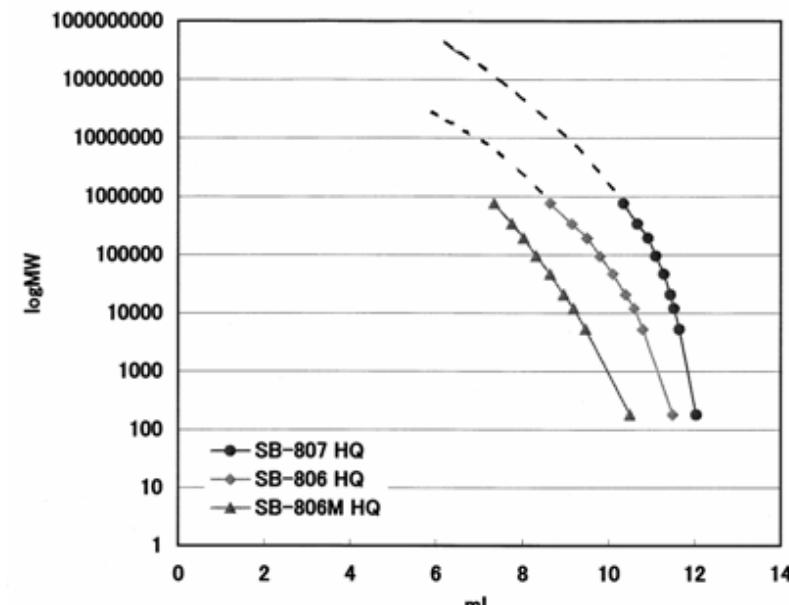


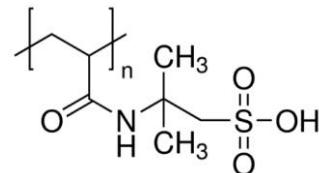
Large particles cannot enter gel and are excluded. They have less volume to traverse and elute sooner.

Small particles can enter gel and have more volume to traverse. They elute later.

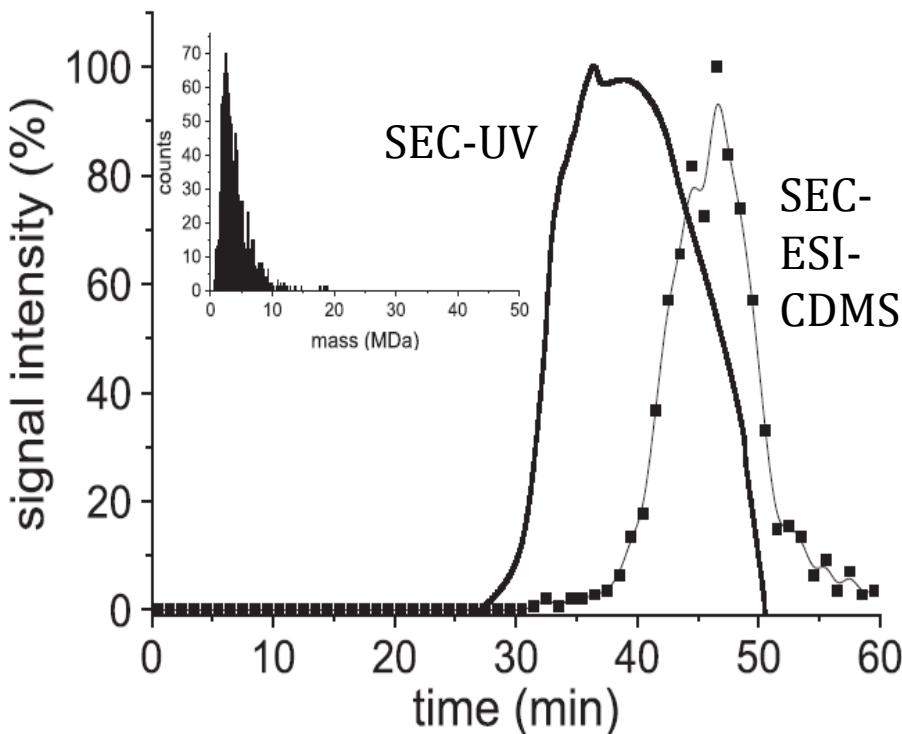
chromatogram

time





- SEC-UV & SEC-ESI-CDMS



Viodé, RA, et al.

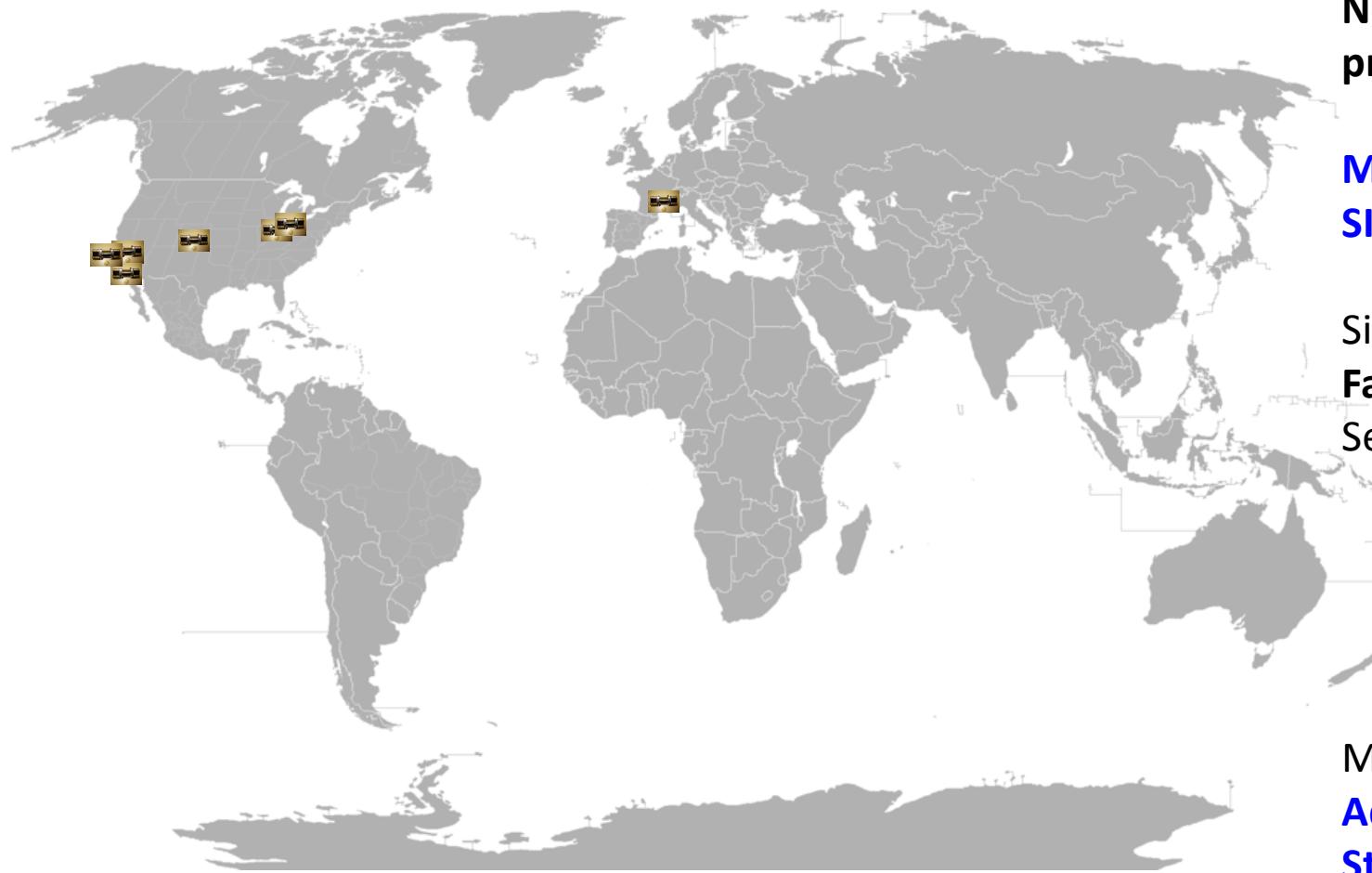
Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom. 2016, 30, 132–136

SEC/MS incorporating an online ESI charge-detection mass spectrometry

→ **rapid and efficient technique** for the analysis of water-soluble polymers with ultra-high molecular mass in the megadalton range.

→ **attractive solution to the calibration of the size-exclusion chromatography** for very large synthetic polymer analysis, without the use of external standards, most often unrelated to the polymer of interest, or the need for a (sometimes tedious) implementation of a multiple detection configuration.

A road map of CD-MS instruments



Simple but « tricky »
(sensitive electronics,
Noise reduction
processing)

MASS AND CHARGE
SINGLE ION LEVEL

Single pass mode:
Fast and accurate MS
Separative couplings

Multi-pass mode:
Added Value of
Statistical Analysis of
Individual Events

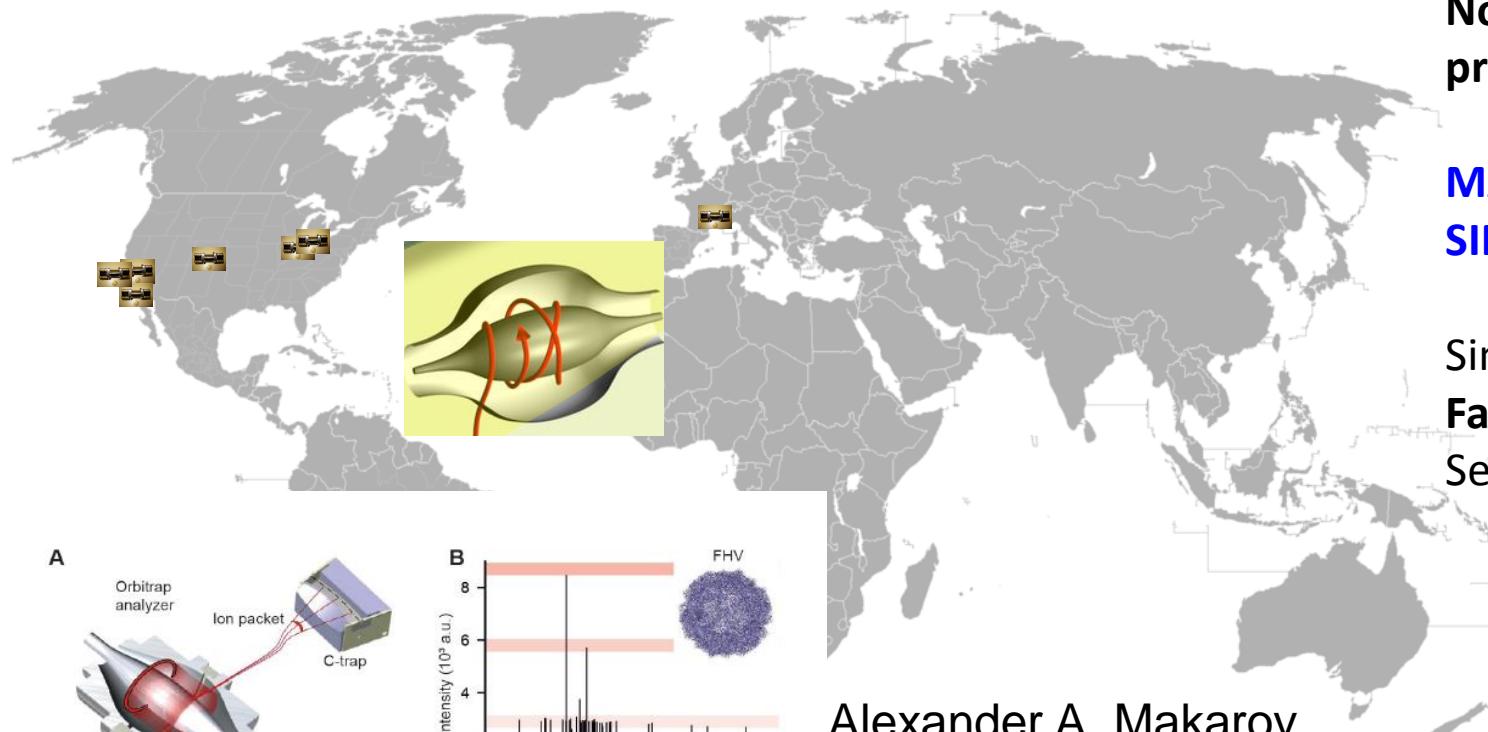
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& Albert J.R. Heck
**Orbitrap-based single
particle charge detection
mass spectrometry**

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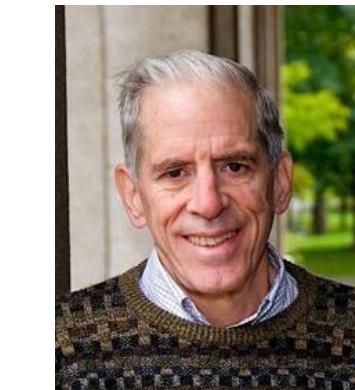
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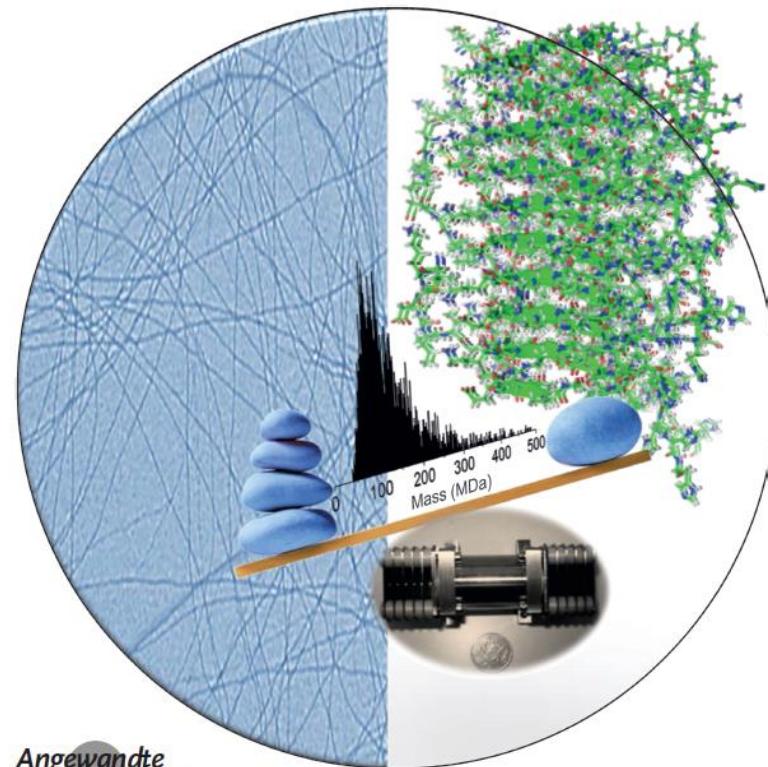


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Mass Determination of Entire Amyloid Fibrils by Using Mass Spectrometry

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