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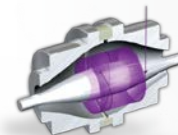
## New Frontiers In Pesticide Residue Analysis

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## Screening and quantitation analysis by GC and LC Orbitrap



# General Extraction Procedure



10 g of sample is weighed into Quechers extraction tube

+ 20 mL of water

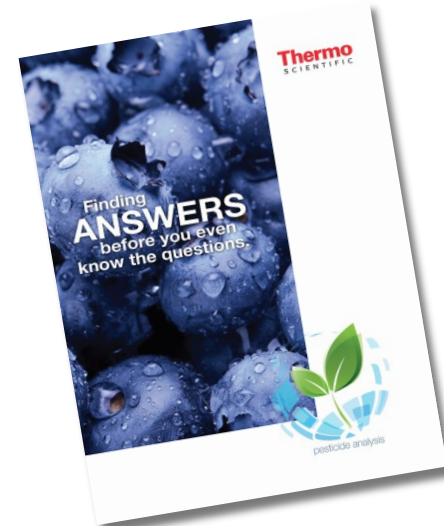
+ 10 mL of ACN

shaking 10 min

Centrifugation 5 min @ 5000 rpm

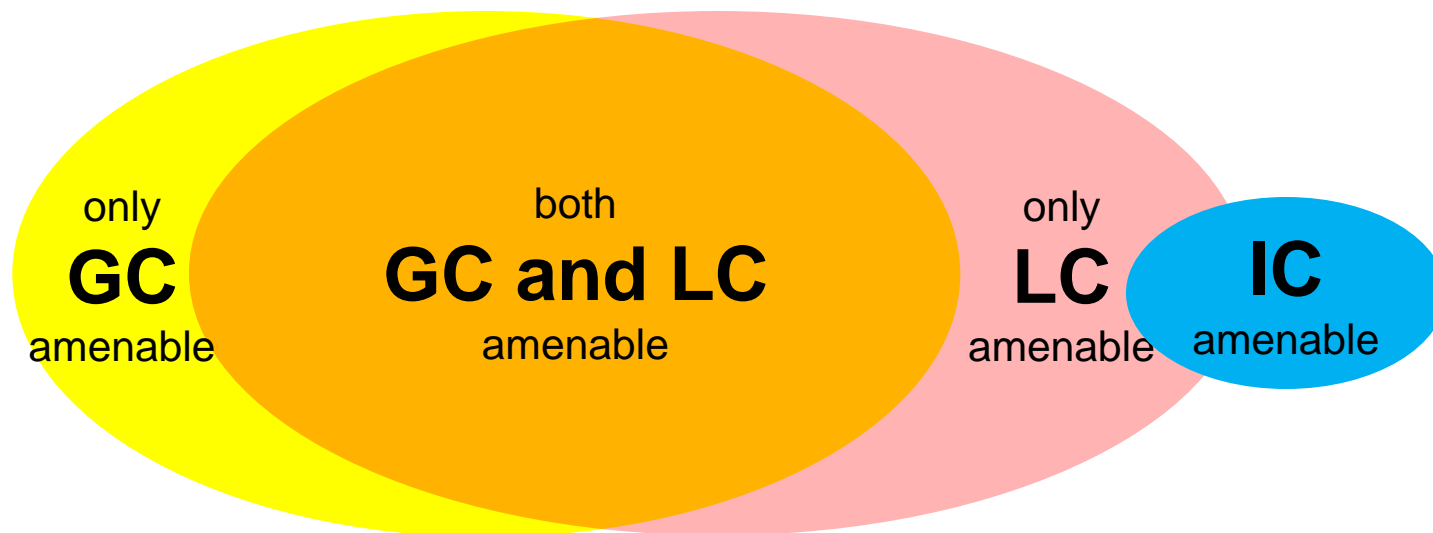
Injection to GC-MS (after clean-up)  
or LC-MS (clean-up optional)

## Further details



# Current Routine Practice

- Chromatography with mass spectrometric detection



## Current golden standard:

Targeted quantitative measurement by LC-MS/MS and GC-MS/MS  
Multi-residue methods, ~150–250 analytes/method

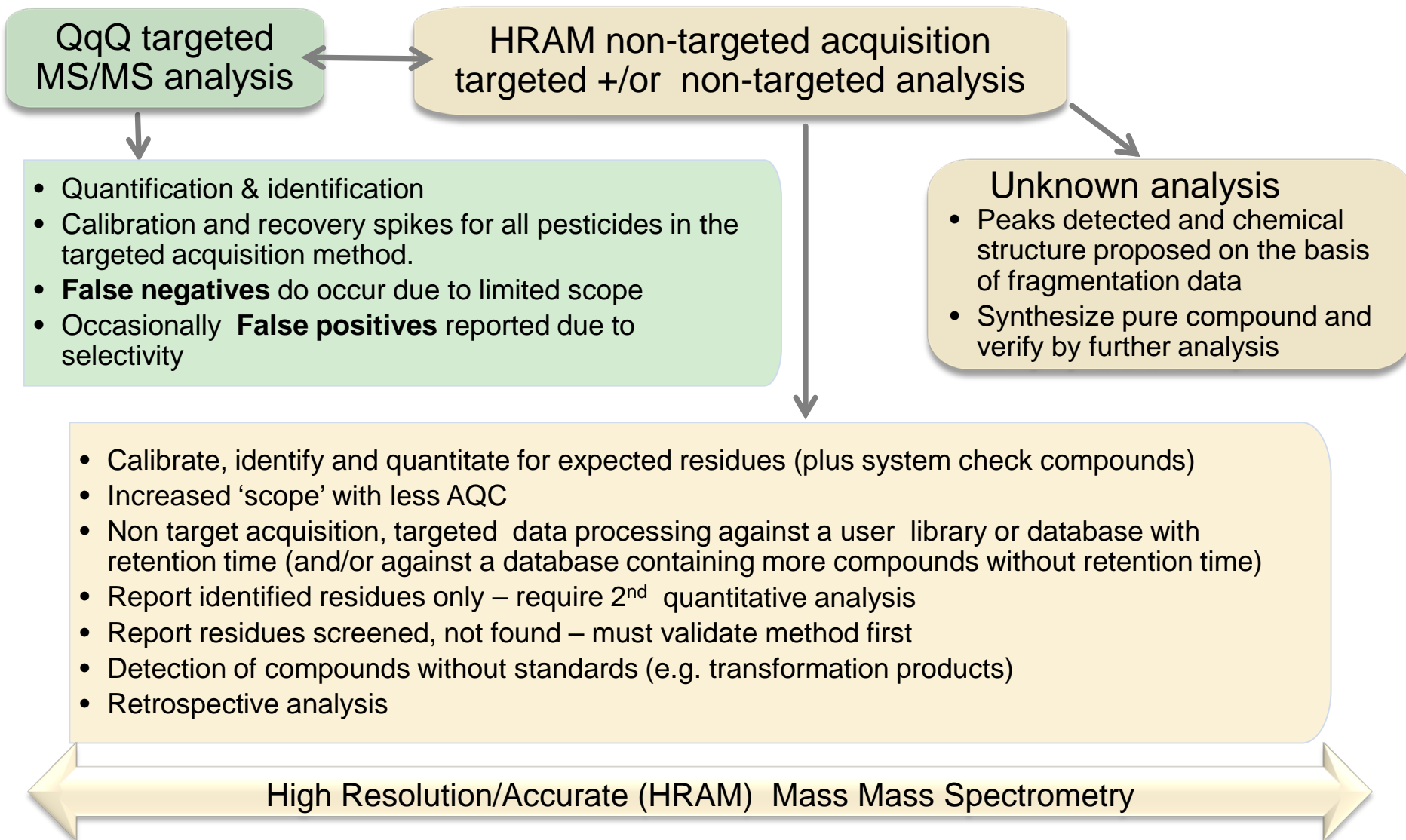
## Emerging:

Non-targeted measurement by LC and GC + full scan MS  
for better coverage of pesticide scope and easier measurement

IC for easier separation of polar substances

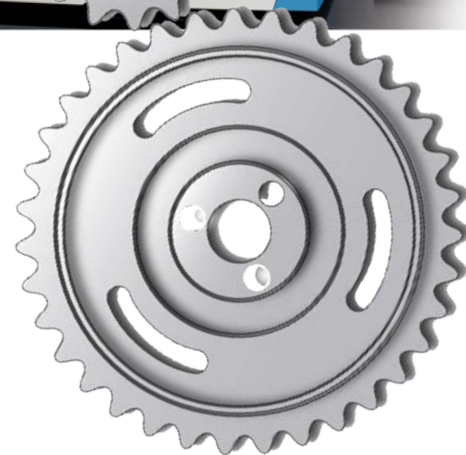


# MS Work Flow Options For The Analysis Of Pesticide Residues



# TSQ 8000 Evo GC-MS/MS Pesticide Analyzer

- Preconfigured performance leading Thermo Scientific™ TSQ™ 8000 Evo GC-MS/MS system featuring the award winning Thermo Scientific™ TRACE™ 1310 GC
- QuEChERS kit for sample preparation
- Pre-loaded acquisition methods
- **1000+ Pesticide compound database**
- Thermo Scientific™ TraceGOLD GC column and consumable technology
- Thermo Scientific™ TraceFinder™ EFS data processing Software
- AutoSRM & timed SRM (t-SRM)
- Pesticide Analyzer installation guide



# Thermo Scientific™ Endura™ LC-MS/MS Pesticide Explorer

- Thermo Scientific™ Pesticide Explorer™ package
- Package includes methods and SRM library
- 276 compounds completely validated, possible extension with SRMs available
- TraceFinder EFS data processing software
- Installation guide: get up and running fast
- Complete method support



# Tested UHPLC Method

## Thermo Scientific™ UltiMate™ 3000 RSLC system:

- Mobile phase:

A: Water:MeOH (98:2) + 5mM Ammonium formiate & 0.1% FA

B: MeOH:Water (98:2) + 5mM Ammonium formiate & 0.1% FA

- Injection volume: **1  $\mu$ l**

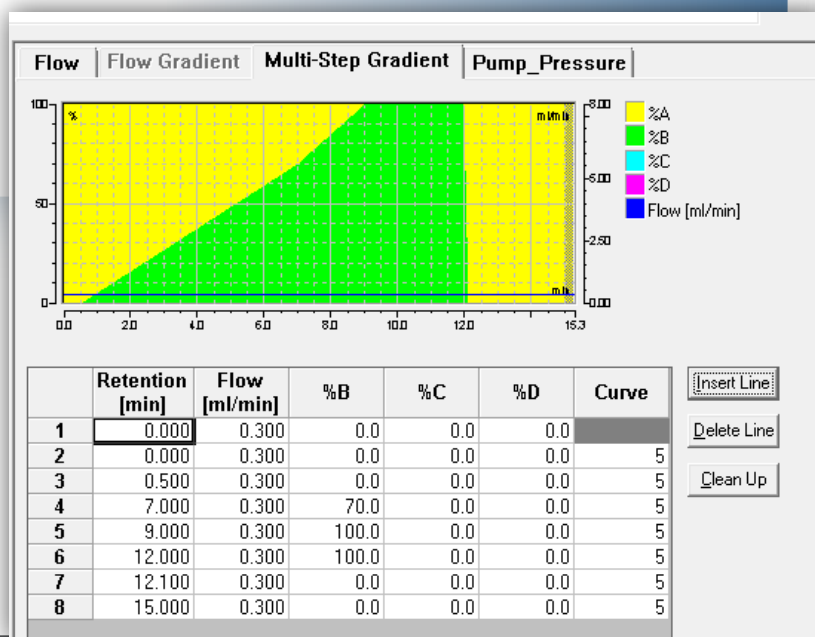
- Column: **Thermo Scientific™ Accucore™ aQ**  
**100 mm x 2.1 mm x 2.6  $\mu$ m**

- Column temperature: 25 °C

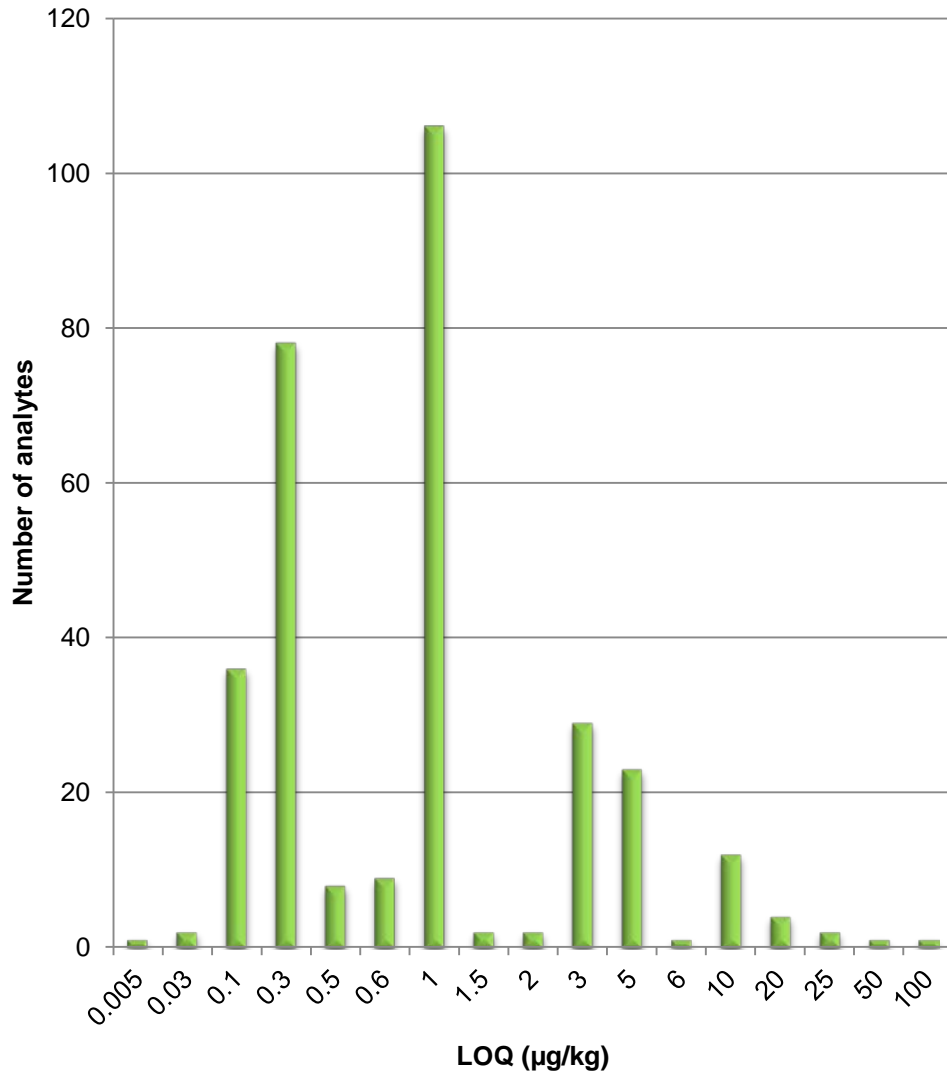
- Flow rate: 300  $\mu$ l/min

- Run time: 15 min

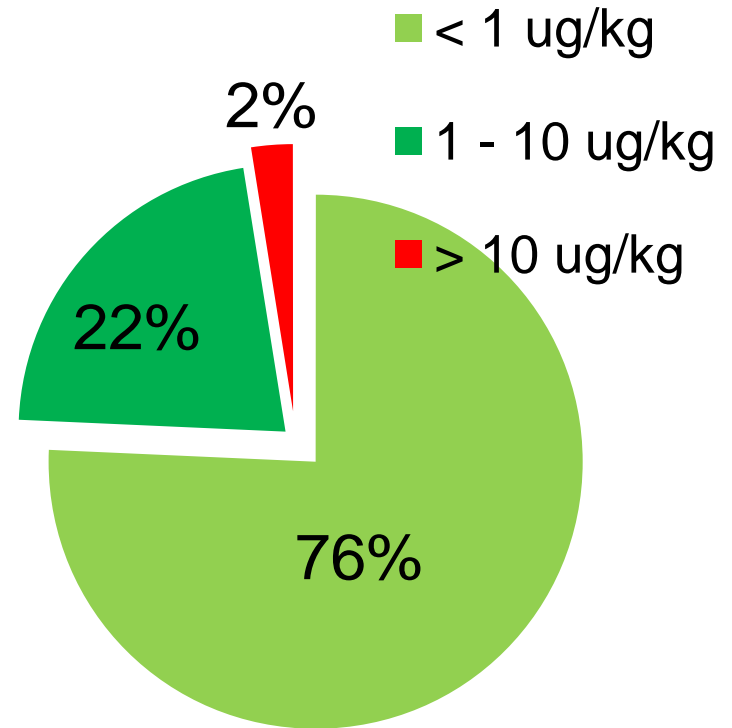
- Gradient:



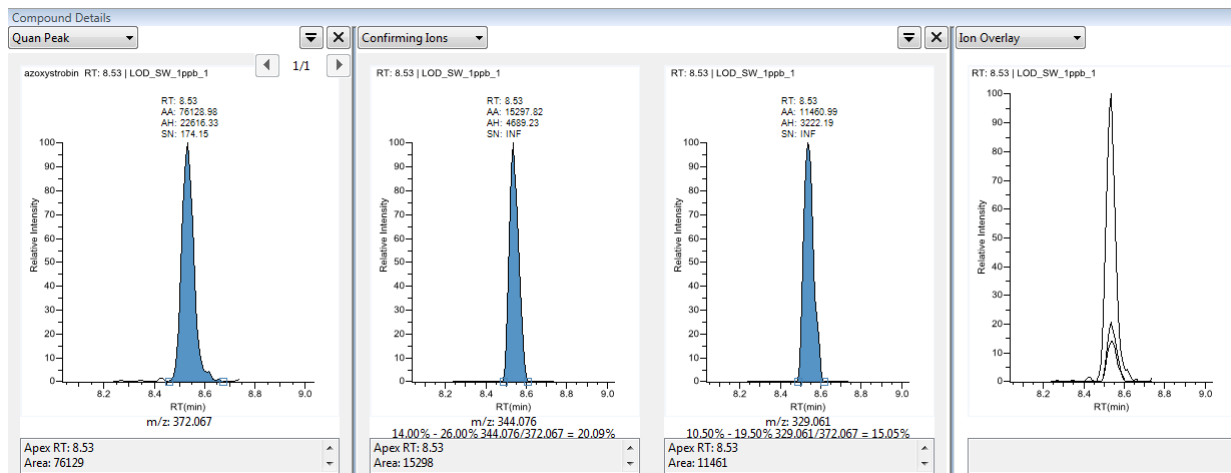
## LOQs - Leek



## LOQs obtained (leek matrix)

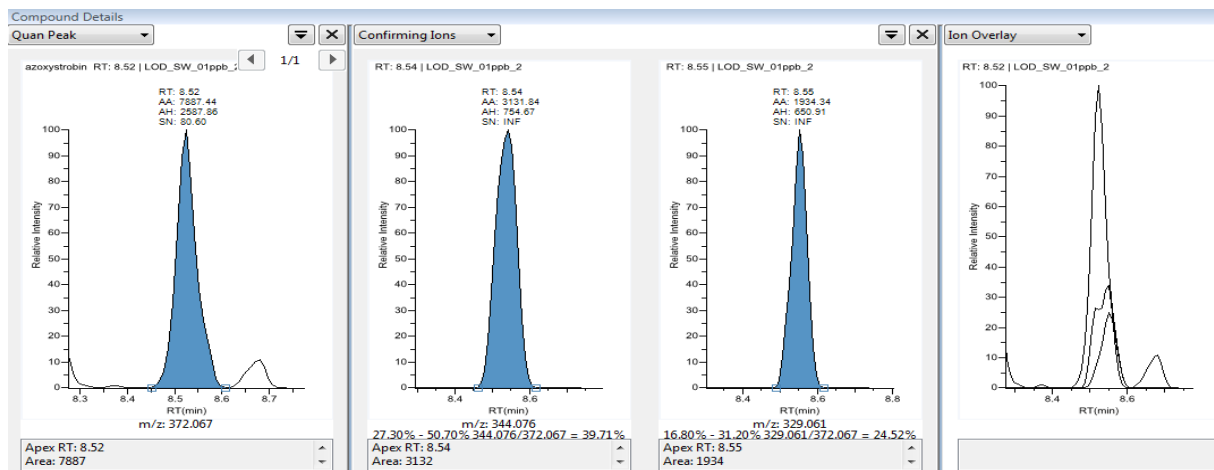


# LC-MS/MS Method - Response For Azoxystrobin In Strawberry



1 µg/kg

LOD = 0.003 µg/kg  
LOQ = 0.01 µg/kg



0.1 µg/kg

# LC-MS/MS Method Accuracy

- Analysis of external certified reference material – FAPAS (3 different matrices)
- All results were in the acceptance range



Analyte	Fapas No.	Fapas matrix	Assigned value (µg/kg)	Acceptance range (µg/kg)	Measured value (µg/kg)	RSD (%)
Carbaryl			89.0	49.9-128.2	91.1	1.1
Diniconazol	T19142	Melon puree	52.3	29.3-75.3	59.7	9.0
Zoxamide			91.7	51.4-132.1	108.4	3.0
Pencycurone	T19140	Lettuce puree	73.2	41.0-105.4	45.9	6.0
Thiamethoxam			48.8	27.3-70.3	36.3	9.1
Azoxystrobin			188.0	110-265	132.5	15.4
Dimetomorph (sum of isomers)	19110	Lettuce puree	181.0	106-256	160.1	11.9
Propyzamide			197.0	116-277	195.1	16.5
Azoxystrobin			383.0	241-524	361.2	1.7
Fenhexamid	T0983	Wheat flour	110.0	61-158	125.4	10.4
Imazalil			161.0	93-229	157.2	8.2
Thiabendazole			88.0	49.3-126.7	67.6	7.3



# Easy Data Review: TraceFinder

**Compounds**

Flags	Compound	Expected RT	Compound Type
54	Carbaryl	7.57	Target Compound
55	Carbendazim	4.83	Target Compound
56	Carbetamide	6.84	Target Compound
57	Carbofuran	7.16	Target Compound
58	Carbofuran-3-hydroxy	9.37	Target Compound
59	Carbosulfan	10.72	Target Compound
60	Carfentrazone-ethyl	9.20	Target Compound
61	Carpropamid	9.51	Target Compound
62	Chlorantraniliprole	8.20	Target Compound
63	Chlorobromuron 293	8.79	Target Compound
64	Chlorfenvinphos	9.45	Target Compound
65	Chlorfluzuron	10.25	Target Compound
66	Chloridazon (pyrazone)	5.81	Target Compound
67	Chloromequat	0.74	Target Compound
68	Chlorotoluron	8.02	Target Compound
69	Chloroxuron	9.07	Target Compound
70	Chlorpyrifos	10.23	Target Compound
71	Cinosulfuron	7.09	Target Compound

**Sample set with flags**

Acq	Flags	Flag Details	Status	Filename	Sample Type	Level	Height	Area	Expected RT	Actual RT	RT Delta	Adduct	Calculated Amt	Theoretical Amt	Sample Amt
1				Blank_1	Unknown		N/F	N/F	0.74	N/F			N/F	N/A	N/F
2	<<,CF			Cal_solvent_B_1	Unknown		N/F	N/F	0.74	N/F			N/F	N/A	N/F
3	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_2	Unknown		3509	10718	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	5.272	N/A	5.272
4	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_3	Unknown		5792	18563	0.74	0.76	0.02	M+H	8.413	N/A	8.413
5				Cal_solvent_B_4	Unknown		18356	56080	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	23.439	N/A	23.439
6	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_5	Unknown		36221	113774	0.74	0.76	0.02	M+H	46.544	N/A	46.544
7	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_6	Unknown		71080	210507	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	85.285	N/A	85.285
8				Cal_solvent_B_7	Unknown		107556	323343	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	130.475	N/A	130.475
9	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_8	Unknown		151922	467605	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	188.250	N/A	188.250
10	I,CPF			Cal_solvent_B_9	Unknown		233027	722171	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	290.201	N/A	290.201
11				Blank_2	Unknown		239	617	0.74	0.76	0.02	M+H	1.226	N/A	1.226
12	<<,CF			Blank_matrix_Leek_1	Unknown		N/F	N/F	0.74	N/F			N/F	N/A	N/F
13	I,I,CPF			LOD_Leek_01ppb_1	Unknown		149	299	0.74	0.74	0.00	M+H	1.099	N/A	1.099
14				LOD_Leek_01ppb_2	Unknown		76	279	0.74	0.78	0.04	M+H	1.091	N/A	1.091
15	I,CPF			LOD_Leek_1ppb_1	Unknown		665	1982	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	1.773	N/A	1.773
16	I,CPF			LOD_Leek_1ppb_2	Unknown		737	2042	0.74	0.75	0.01	M+H	1.797	N/A	1.797
17	I,I,CPF			Blank_3	Unknown		61	228	0.74	0.74	0.00	M+H	1.070	N/A	1.070

**Quantitative peak**

Chloromequat RT: 0.75 | Cal\_matrix\_Leek\_A\_6

RT: 0.75  
AA: 187636.19  
AH: 64250.04  
SN: 1116.28

Apex RT: 0.75  
Area: 187636

**Confirming ions**

Chloromequat RT: 0.75 | Cal\_matrix\_Leek\_A\_6

RT: 0.75  
AA: 73138.11  
AH: 24819.41  
SN: 553.80

26.29% - 39.43% 63.318/58.413 = 38.98%

Apex RT: 0.75  
Area: 73138

**Ion overlay**

Chloromequat RT: 0.75 | Cal\_matrix\_Leek\_A\_6

RT: 0.75  
AA: 10447.42  
MH: 3559.01  
SN: 93.65

5.52% - 8.28% 42.507/58.413 = 5.57%

Apex RT: 0.75  
Area: 10447

**Calibration**

Chloromequat RT: 0.75 | Cal\_matrix\_Leek\_A\_6

R<sup>2</sup>: 0.9989; Origin: Ignore; W: Equal; Area



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## Validation of the Method for Determination of Pesticide Residues by Gas Chromatography – Triple-Stage Quadrupole Mass Spectrometry

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Method 63899

## Fast Screening and Quantification of Pesticide Residues Using a Comprehensive LC-MS Solution: The Pesticide Explorer Collection – Standard Quantitation

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### Key Words

TraceFinder, TSQ, C  
QuEChERS, Triple Q

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<sup>1</sup> Pesticide Explorer Collection, European Regulation 396/2005, Commission Directive 2006/125/EC, European Commission 2002/657/EC, SANCO/12571/2013, European Commission 788/2012/EC, pesticide, food, QuEChERS, UltiMate 3000, TSQ Endura, TraceFinder

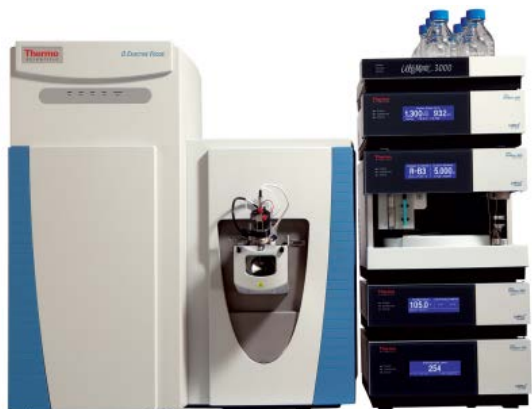
### Experimental

#### Overview

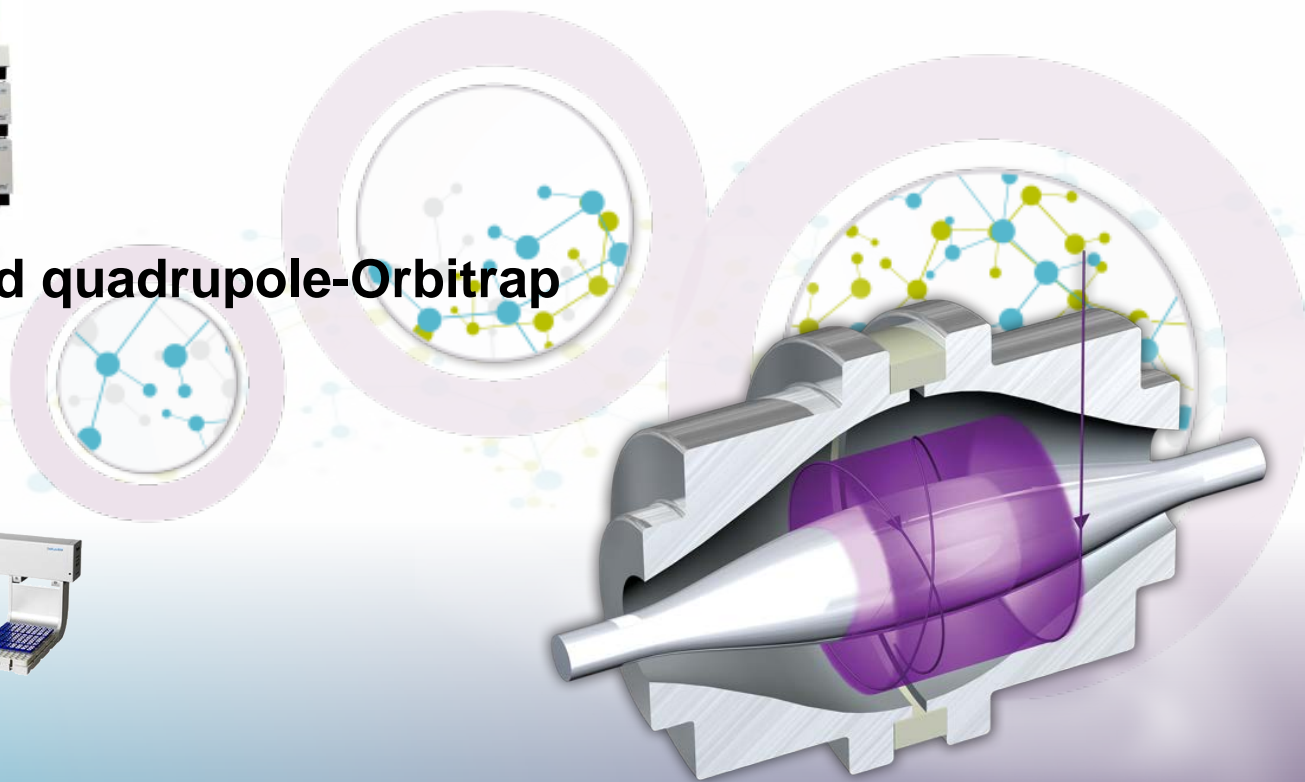
The workflow overview from sample preparation through LC-MS/MS analysis is shown in Figure 1. Samples were homogenized and extracted according to the European EN 15662 QuEChERS protocol prior to injection into the LC-MS/MS system.<sup>1,2</sup> The ready-to-use QuEChERS

# Complete Solution For Total Pesticide Analysis

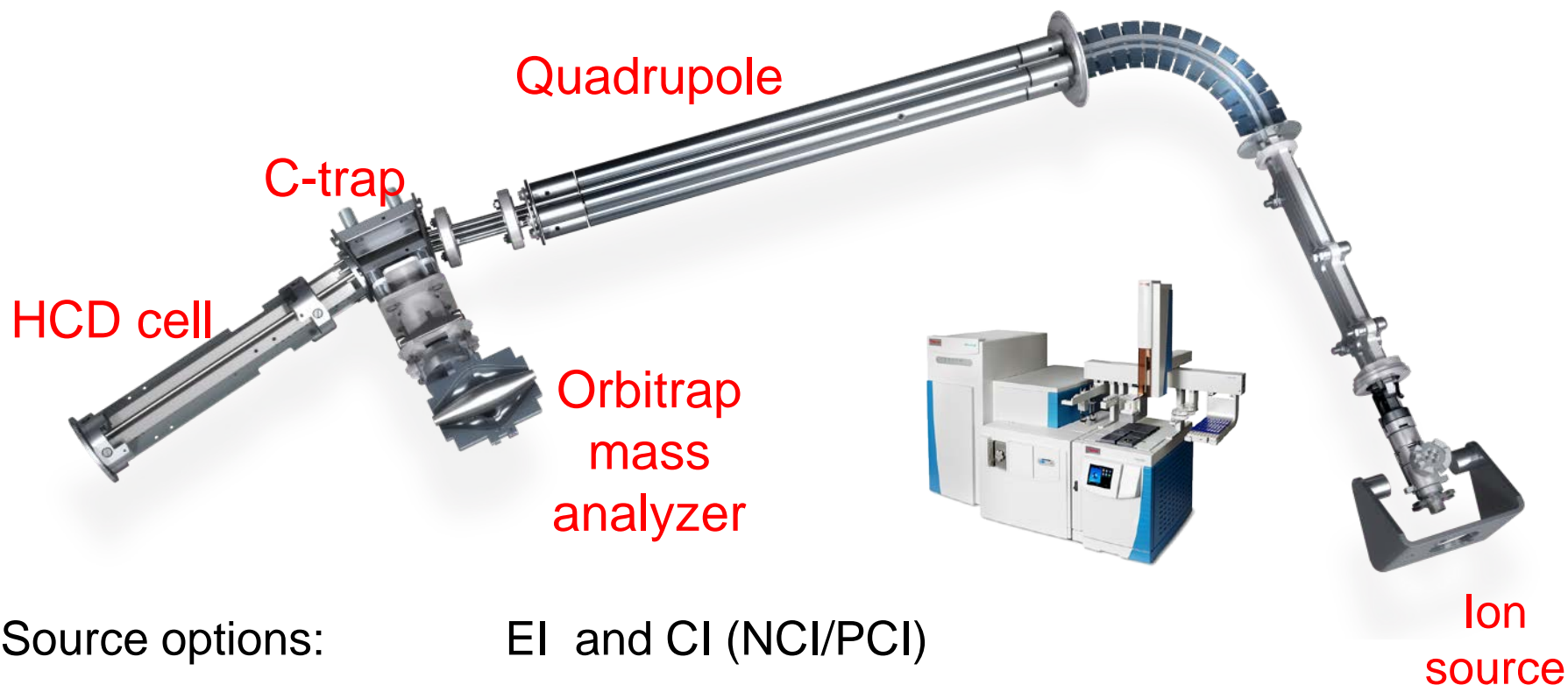
**Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ Focus  
hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap LC-MS/MS system**



**Q Exactive GC hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap  
GC-MS/MS system**



# Q Exactive GC System



Source options:

EI and CI (NCI/PCI)

Scan range

$m/z$  30-3000

Resolving power:

4 settings, up to 120,000 FWHM @  $m/z$  200

Acquisition options:

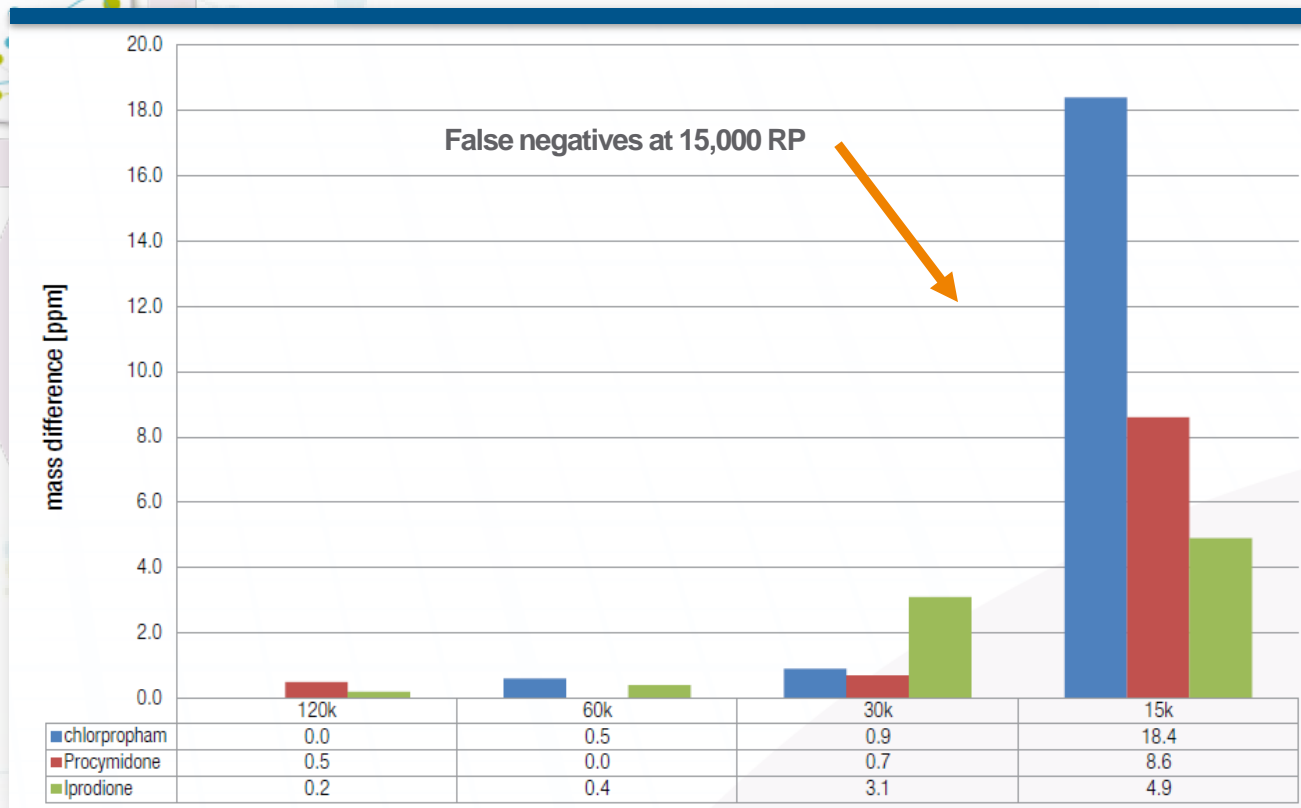
*Non-target acquisition: full scan*

*Targeted acquisition: SIM, MS/MS, data-dependent MS/MS*

*Combinations of the above...*

# Why Do We Need High Resolution In Pesticide Analysis?

## High resolving power crucial to avoid false negatives

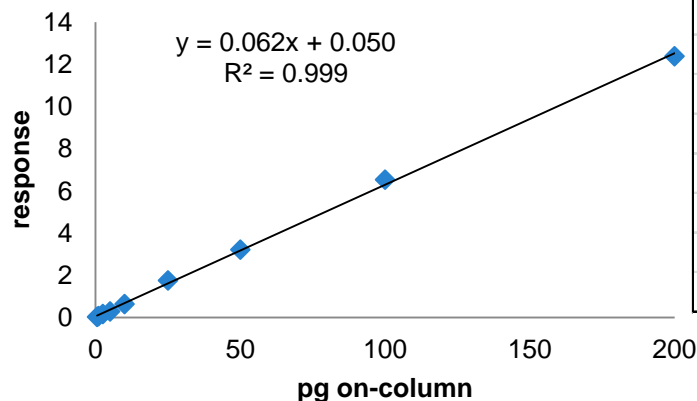


### Secure screening

- 5 ppm identification threshold
- Higher resolving power allows confident detection and identification
- Mid- resolution of **15k** causes **false negatives**
- Q Exactive GC routinely operates at 60k (FWHM @ m/z 200)

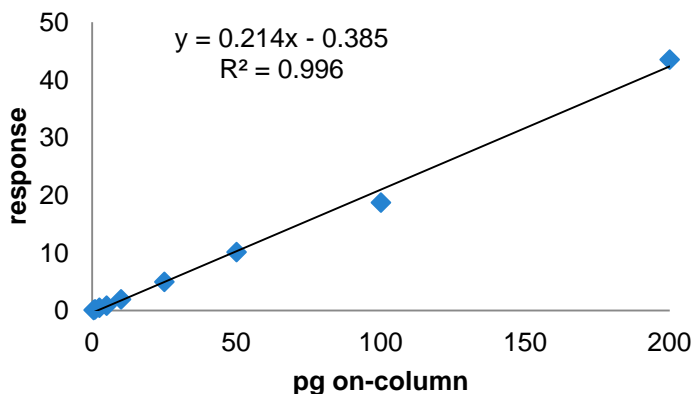
# Linear Performance Of The Q Exactive GC

## Bupirimate in tomato



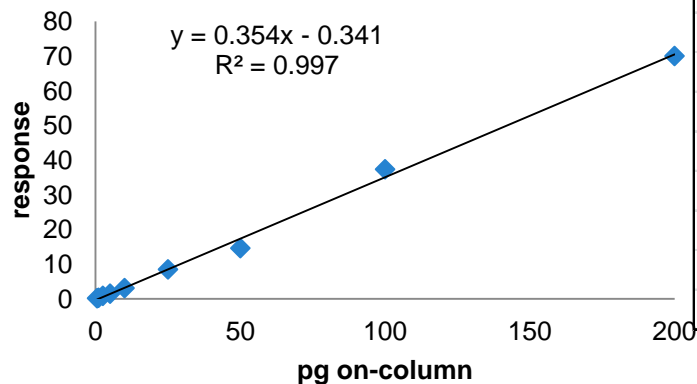
pg	deviation
0.5	-28%
1	0%
2.5	5%
5	-8%
10	3%
25	15%
50	5%
100	7%
200	1%

## Diazinon in maize



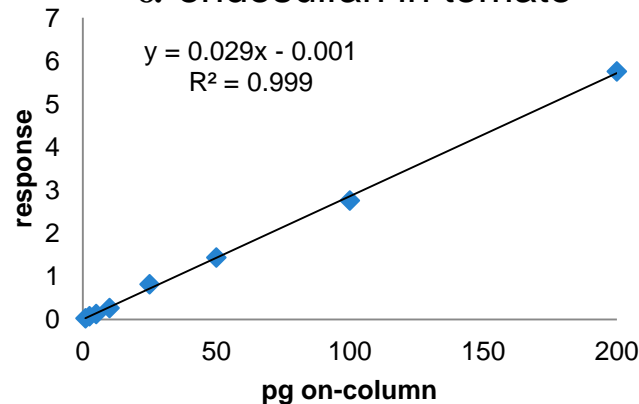
pg	deviation
1	-14%
2.5	4%
5	-11%
10	-5%
25	18%
50	4%
100	0%
200	4%

## Tetramethrin in leek



pg	deviation
0.5	9%
1	-7%
2.5	5%
5	-10%
10	-6%
25	3%
50	-12%
100	13%
200	6%

## $\alpha$ -endosulfan in tomato



pg	deviation
0.5	-34%
1	-4%
2.5	-1%
5	-12%
10	3%
25	6%
50	8%
100	0%
200	17%

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⇒ Adequate quantitative performance for majority of the pesticides tested

# Why Electron Ionisation?

Most generic ionisation technique

Well established

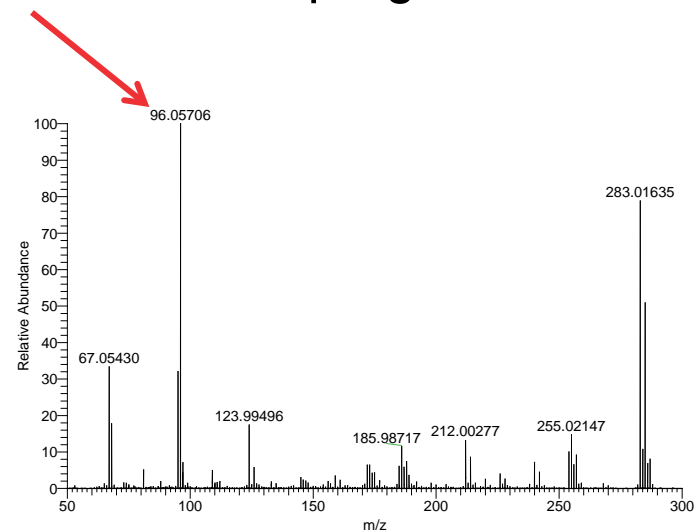
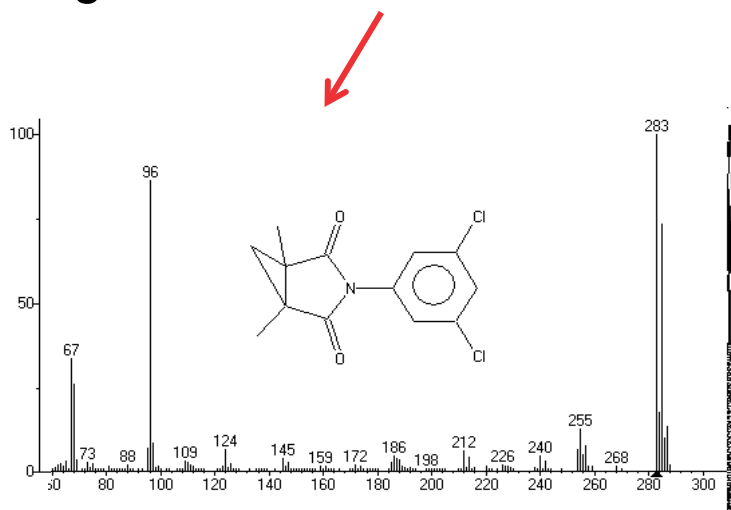
Hard ionisation => ionisation + fragmentation

EI-MS spectra to a large extent instrument-independent

EI-MS libraries available (>242.000 spectra, mostly EI-quadrupole-MS)

Dedicated EI-MS libraries (pesticides, drugs..)

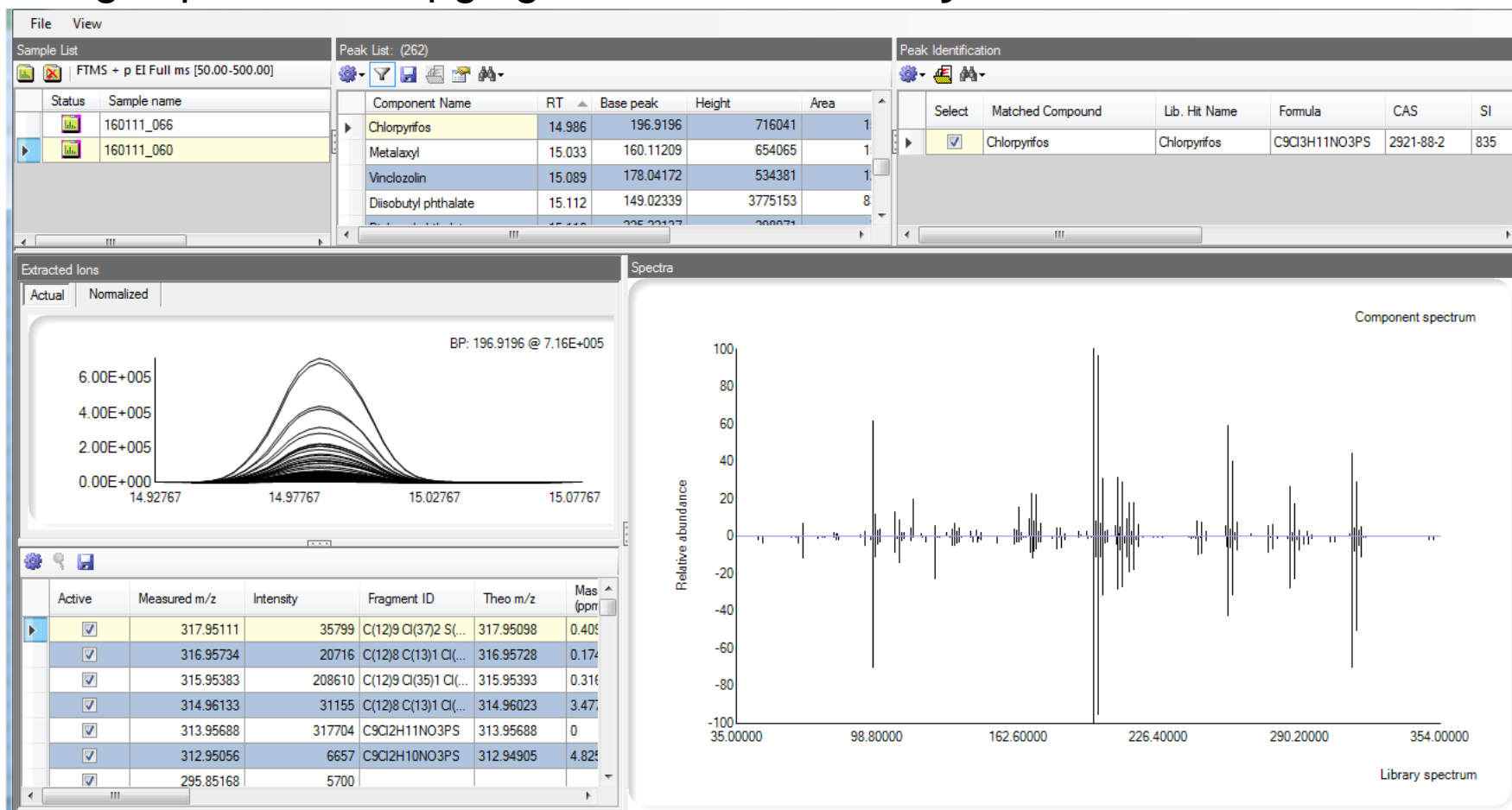
Existing libraries nominal m/z, development HR-libraries in progress





# Qualitative Screening: Approach 1

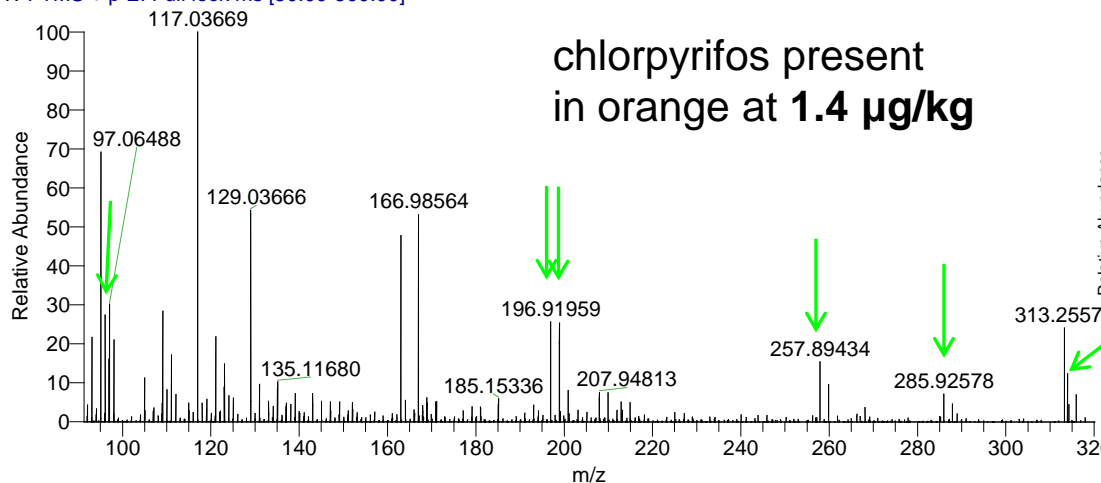
Orange spiked @ 10 µg/kg: **73% automatically found**



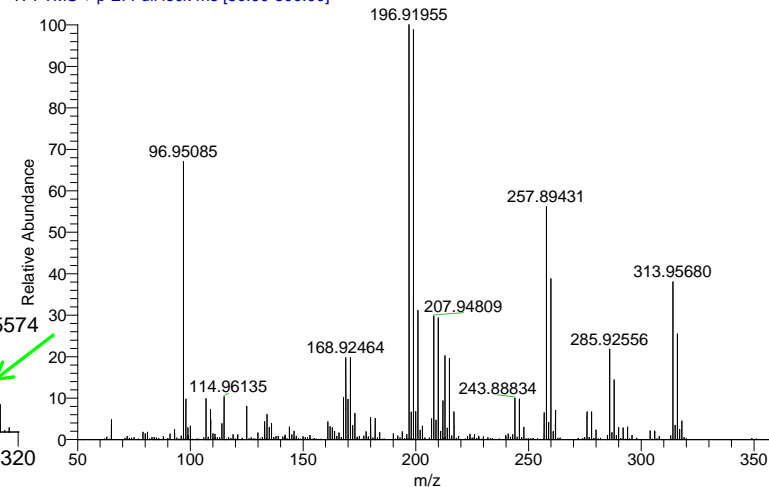
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# Qualitative Screening: Approach 2

160111\_066 #2682-2685 RT: 14.98-14.99 AV: 4 SB: 5 14.96 , 15.01-15.02 NL: 3.79E5  
T: FTMS + p EI Full lock ms [50.00-500.00]



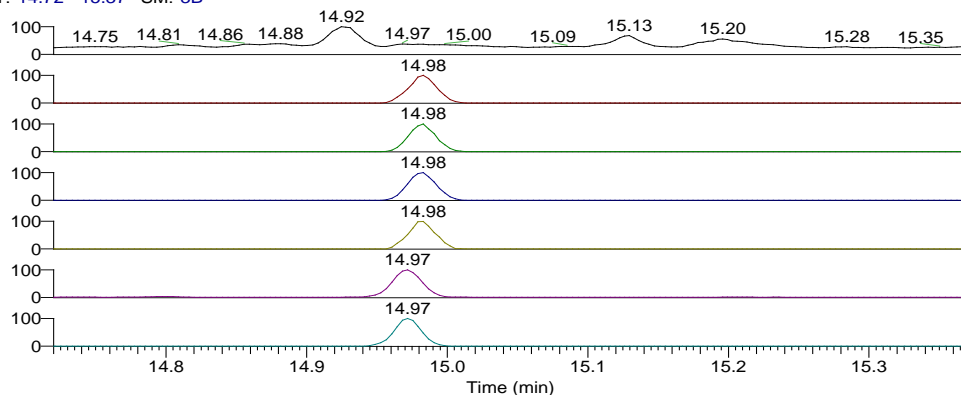
160106\_006 #2370-2373 RT: 15.02-15.03 AV: 4 SB: 4 14.99-15.00 , 15.05 NL: 1.84E7  
T: FTMS + p EI Full lock ms [50.00-500.00]



E:\GC-Orbitrap\...160111\_066

01/13/16 03:30:14

RT: 14.72 - 15.37 SM: 3B



Not found by library search but  
easily found using screening  
library in HR-AM  
To the left  
XIC at 5ppm of

- 196.91965
- 198.9167
- 257.89428
- 313.95688
- 117.03669
- 313.25574

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# Qualitative Screening: First Conclusions

On the two approaches:

## **1. Library: match of EI-spectra**

deconvolution of HR spectra

⇒ cleaned spectrum

Library search (NIST, PEST library)

Software:

Report if match (SI) > user threshold

Analyst: manual review hits

+ allows screening for analytes not (yet) included in dedicated HR/AM database

- low µg/kg levels in complex matrices can be challenging

## **2. Database: RT + 2 exact masses**

RT ± 0.5 min

XICs ± 5 ppm

2 ions (w/o ratio criterion)

Software:

Report if signal is found for both ions

Analyst: manual review hits

+ better screening sensitivity

- needs database with  $t_r$  / exact masses

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# Conclusions On GC Orbitrap Technology

- Scan speed: sufficiently fast for routine GC analysis
- Spectra: consistent over wide concentration range, NIST searchable
- Resolving power: 30/60K ensures reliable high mass accuracy at lower levels in simple/complex matrices, enables use of MEW of  $\pm 5$  ppm => high selectivity
- System LOD in sub pg - low pg range
- Quantitative performance fit-for-purpose
- Identification: meets SANTE criteria at  $\leq 10$   $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  for the pesticides tested
- Scope / Sensitivity / Selectivity = + / + / +
- Screening based on 2-specific ions more sensitive than library matching
- Development databases / deconvolution software on-going

## High Efficiency, Broad Scope Screening of Pesticides Using Gas Chromatography High Resolution Orbitrap Mass Spectrometry

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### Keywords

Accurate Mass, Complex Matrices, GC Orbitrap Mass Spectrometry, Pesticide Analysis, QuEChERS, Screening, TraceFinder Software

### Introduction

Pesticides are used globally to improve the production and yields of agricultural crops and their use is essential to ensure a sufficient global food supply. However, this widespread use of pesticides and the potential for them to remain in the final product is of significant concern to consumers and to governments whose responsibility it is to ensure a safe food supply. Consequently, legislation exists to protect consumers from exposure to contaminated foods. This legislation requires that foods are monitored for both the type and quantity of the pesticide present, with each pesticide given a maximum residue limit (MRL) in a particular sample commodity. The list of compound and sample combinations is extensive, creating a challenge for accurate and reliable routine monitoring.

Laboratories are under ever-increasing pressure to screen samples for pesticides in a single analysis, with a fast turnaround time and at a competitive cost. Most existing laboratories rely on targeted analytical approaches using both gas chromatography and liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry instrumentation. These techniques cover the wide range of chemical classes that need to be monitored and at the required levels of sensitivity and selectivity. However, they are limited to only those compounds in the target list, which are usually selected based on the residue definition and legislation requirements to demonstrate that the food is fit for consumption. These techniques require careful optimization of acquisition parameters for each compound and the monitoring of acquisition time windows to ensure detection of the analyte.

To increase the scope of the analysis, chemical screening methods using high-resolution, full-scan mass spectrometry have received significant attention in recent years. These methods use non-targeted acquisition, in which a generic full scan acquisition is run, followed by targeted data processing of a list of compounds within a database.



Although data interrogation is performed against a list of target compounds, retrospective data analysis is possible in order to identify new compounds that were not screened for at the time of acquisition. For this approach to be used in routine analysis, screening data processing software needs to be fast and accurate enough to detect residues at low concentrations with an acceptably low level of false negative results, as described in the European Union guidelines.<sup>1</sup> There is no recommendation for the number of false positives, but it is necessary for routine laboratories to keep this number as low as possible to minimize the time required for additional investigation. The majority of samples that pass through a laboratory are compliant with the legislation. Therefore, it is efficient to quickly screen compliant samples from those that are suspected to be contaminated. Following an initial screen, the suspect positive samples are reanalyzed using a second confirmatory method (e.g., GC-MS/MS) to confirm suspect positives and to accurately determine the concentration of the pesticide present. The confirmatory analysis contains a complete calibration series in an appropriate matrix that is not included in the screening analysis.

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## Fast Screening, Identification, and Quantification of Pesticide Residues in Baby Food Using GC Orbitrap MS Technology

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### Keywords

Baby Food, Exact Mass, Screening, Food Safety, GC Orbitrap, High Resolution GC-MS, Pesticide Analysis, Quantification, TraceFinder



### Introduction

Pesticides are chemicals widely used to control a variety of pests, such as insects, plant pathogens, weeds, etc. The use of pesticides may result in residues in crops, therefore, strict regulations are in place to control the use of these chemicals and to ensure that concentrations do not exceed statutory maximum residue levels (MRLs).<sup>1</sup>

Pesticides are measured almost exclusively by liquid chromatography (LC) and gas chromatography (GC) analytical methodologies. GC coupled to a mass spectrometer (MS) as a detector is widely used in many pesticide residue laboratories, because many pesticides are not amenable to LC-MS or ionize poorly under soft ionization techniques. GC offers good separation efficiency and a choice of MS detectors, including single or triple quadrupoles. Quadrupole mass analyzers are selective, sensitive, and cost-effective instruments that operate at nominal mass resolution. When using quadrupole MS, the selectivity required to separate target pesticides from chemical background is achieved by the use of either selected ion monitoring (SIM) or selected reaction monitoring (SRM). Both SIM and SRM are used in targeted experiments in which the mass spectrometer is pre-programmed using a list of preselected pesticides. However, targeting specific compounds during acquisition limits the scope of analysis and can result in false negative results (non-detection) for both unknown and untargeted compounds, which may be of concern with respect to food safety.


This limitation has led to increased interest in developing methods using MS analyzers that can operate in full scan with a higher mass resolving power than triple quadrupoles, but provide similar levels of selectivity and quantitative performance. Until now, high-resolution, accurate-mass GC-MS instruments have not gained wide acceptance due to their limited ability to provide full scan selectivity and quantitative performance comparable to triple quadrupole instruments operated in SRM.

In this work, we demonstrate the use of GC coupled to Orbitrap™ MS technology for fast, high throughput pesticide residues analysis in baby food samples, with an almost unlimited scope in the analysis through full scan acquisition. Quantitative performance comparable to triple quadrupoles and compliance with SANCO guidelines<sup>2</sup> will also be demonstrated.

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# Pesticides: Non-target Analysis by UHPLC-HRAM-MS



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workflows for pesticide analysis

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The brochure cover features a vibrant image of raspberries and green leaves splashing in water. A purple banner at the top right contains the text 'Thermo Scientific Pesticide Explorer Collection'. Below the image, the text 'Start-to-finish workflows for pesticide analysis' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. The Thermo Scientific logo is positioned in the bottom right corner.

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*Configuration and complete start-up kit provides everything needed to perform robust, high resolution routine workflows for rapid screening and quantitation of pesticides, from the QuEChERS sample extraction kit to proven multi-class pesticide residue analysis methods.*



Q Exactive Focus MS

# Q Exactive Focus Mass Spectrometer (MS)

## Why use UHPLC-Q Exactive Focus

- ✓ High RP and stable accurate mass
- ✓ Accurate mass assignment (MS and MS/MS of known and unknown analytes)
- ✓ Analysis of both +ve & -ve compounds (polarity switching )
- ✓ Quantification and identification of target compounds
- ✓ Screening for `unexpected` components
- ✓ Screening, Quantification and Identification in a single analysis?
- ✓ Retrospective data analysis



<b>Mass range</b>	50 < m/z < 2,000
<b>Resolution @ m/z 200</b>	17,500 at 12Hz 35,000 at 6 Hz 70,000 at 3 Hz
<b>Top N</b>	2
<b>Mass accuracy</b>	< 1ppm RMS, Internal Calibration < 3ppm RMS, External Calibration
<b>Polarity switching</b>	one full cycle in <1 sec (one full positive mode scan and one full negative mode scan at a resolution setting of 35,000)

# Various Acquisition Options

## ***Non-target acquisition***

without fragmentation (Full Scan)

with fragmentation in HCD cell

AIF = all-ion-fragmentation

vDIA = variable Data Independent Acquisition

## ***Targeted acquisition***

without fragmentation (SIM = Selected Ion Monitoring)

with fragmentation

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

t-MS/MS = targeted MS/MS

PRM = Parallel Reaction Monitoring

## ***Combinations of the above***

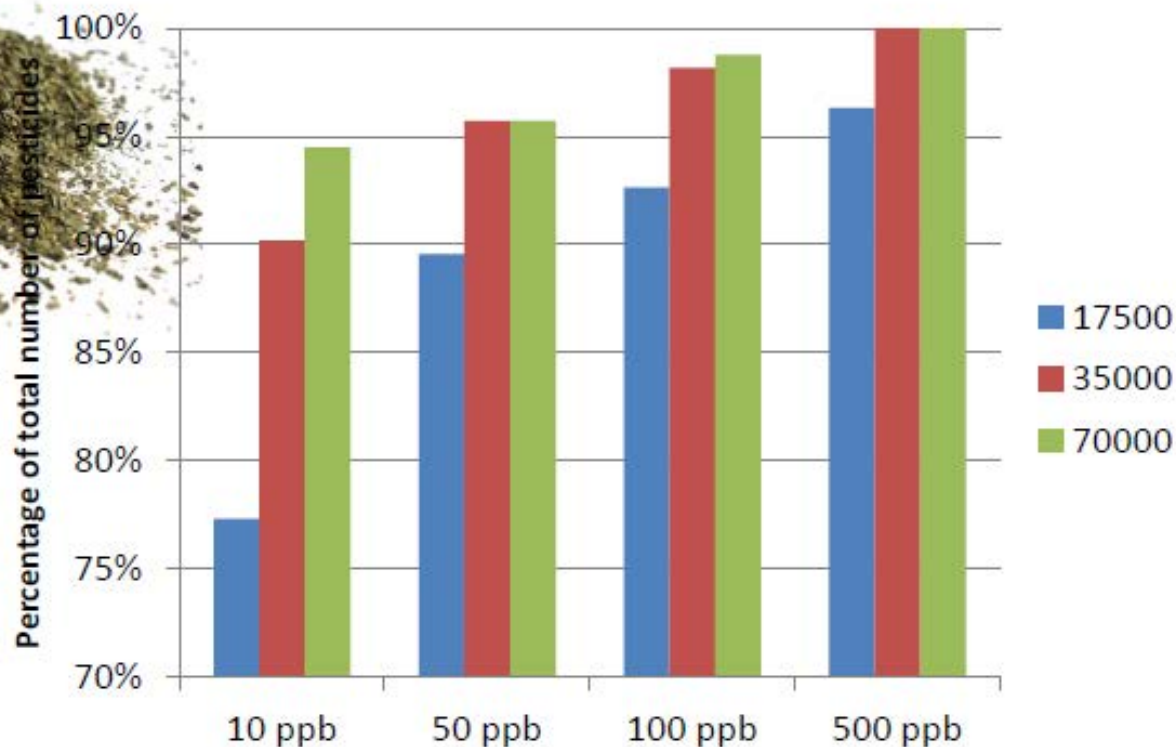
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# Does Resolution Matter?



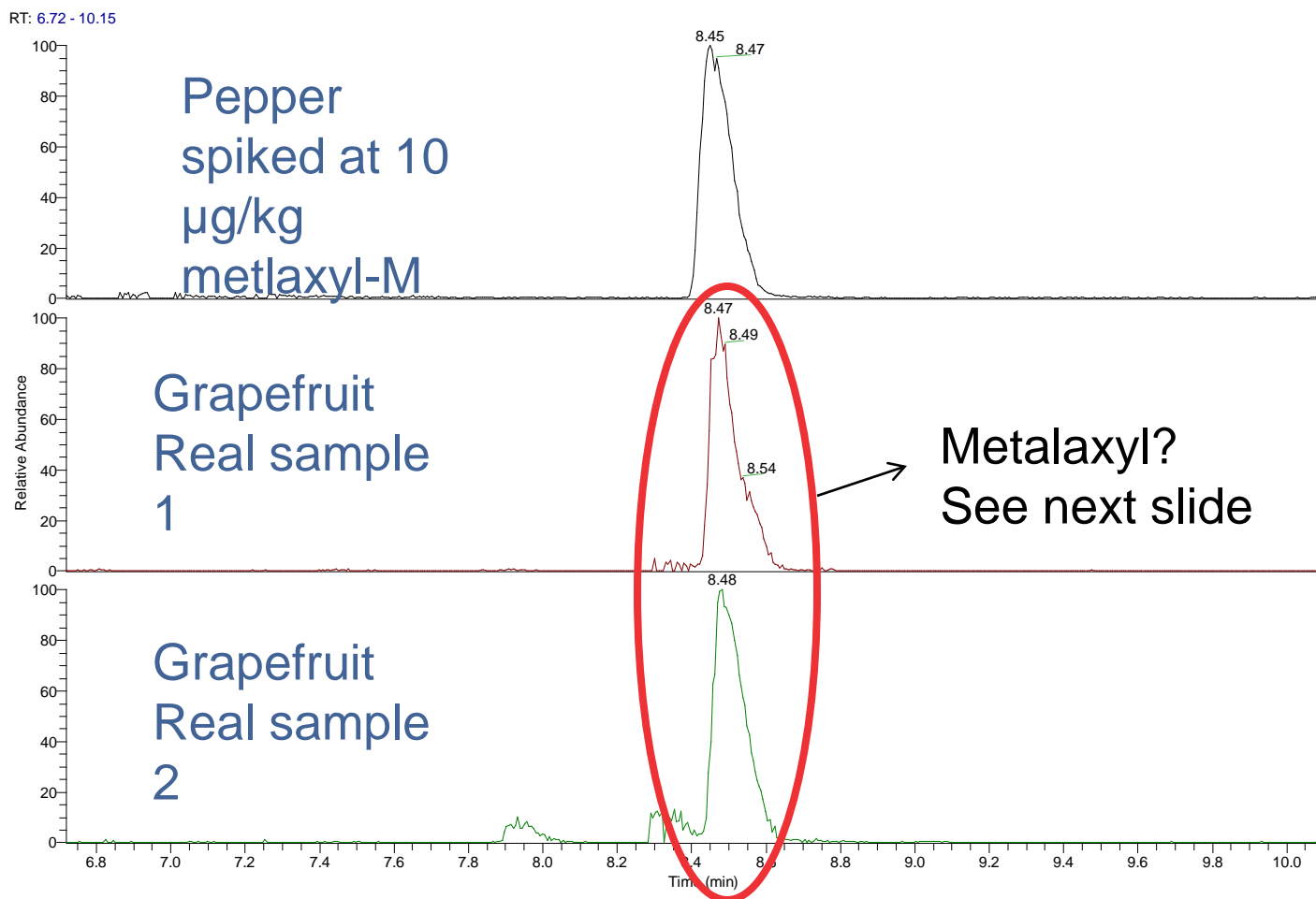
## Detected pesticides



RAFA 2013: Łukasz Rajski, María del Mar Gómez Ramos, Amadeo R. Fernández-Alba; EURL for Pesticide Residues in Fruits and Vegetables. Pesticide Residue Research Group. University of Almeria, Spain. e-mail: amadeo@ual.es

# Analysis Of Fruit Samples By LC - Q Exactive MS/MS

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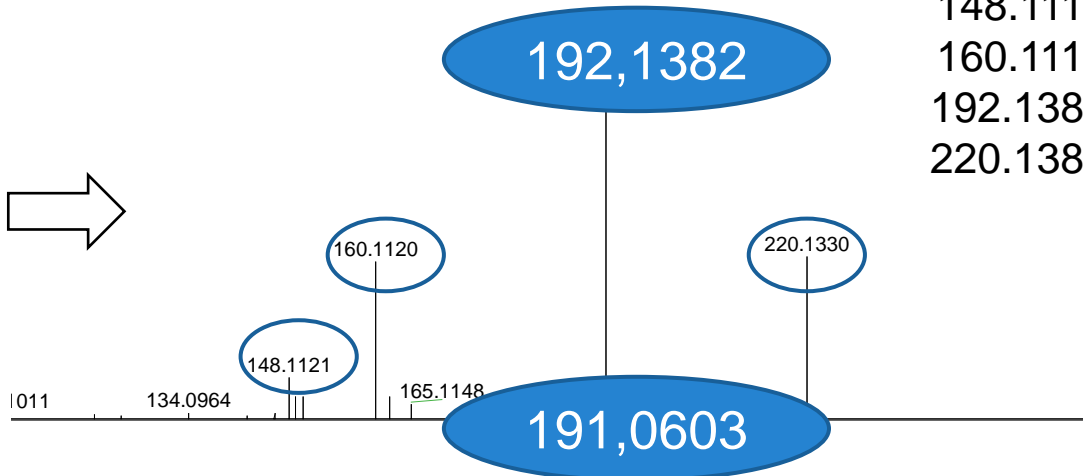
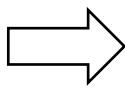
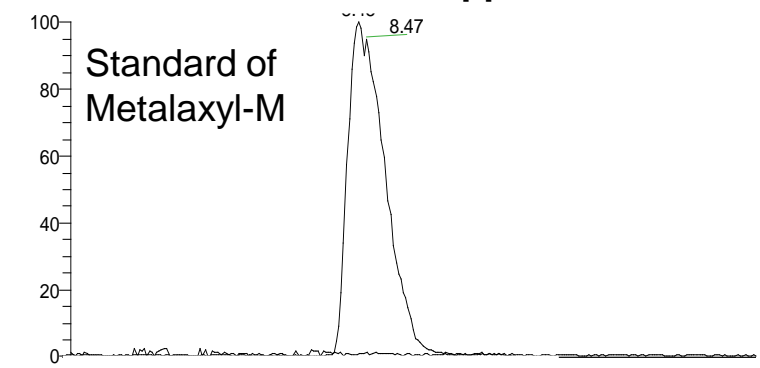
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## Library MS/MS spectrum

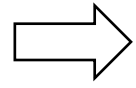
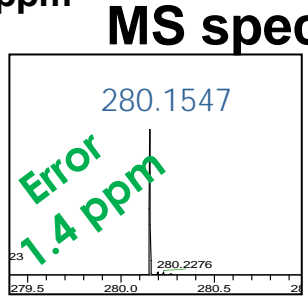
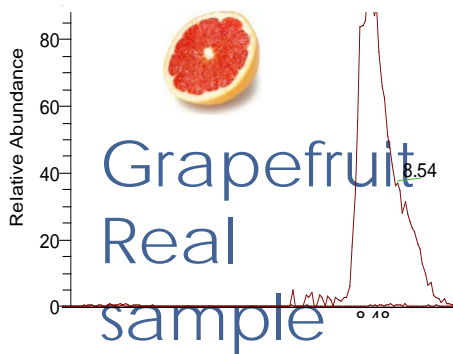
Expected fragments:

- 148.1119
- 160.1119
- 192.1380
- 220.1380

RT: 6.72 XIC m/z 280.1543 ± 5 ppm

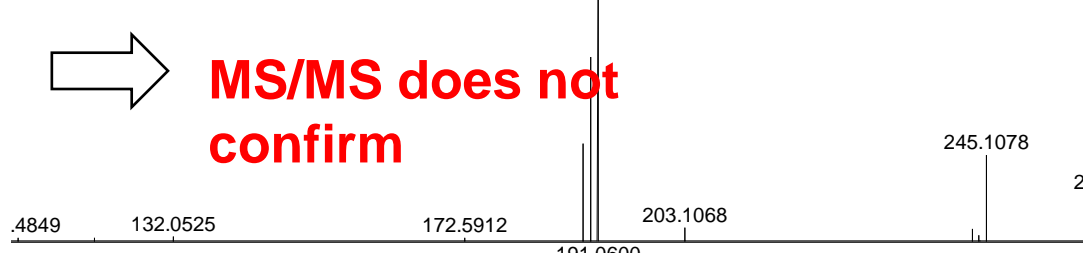


XIC m/z 280.1543 ± 5 ppm



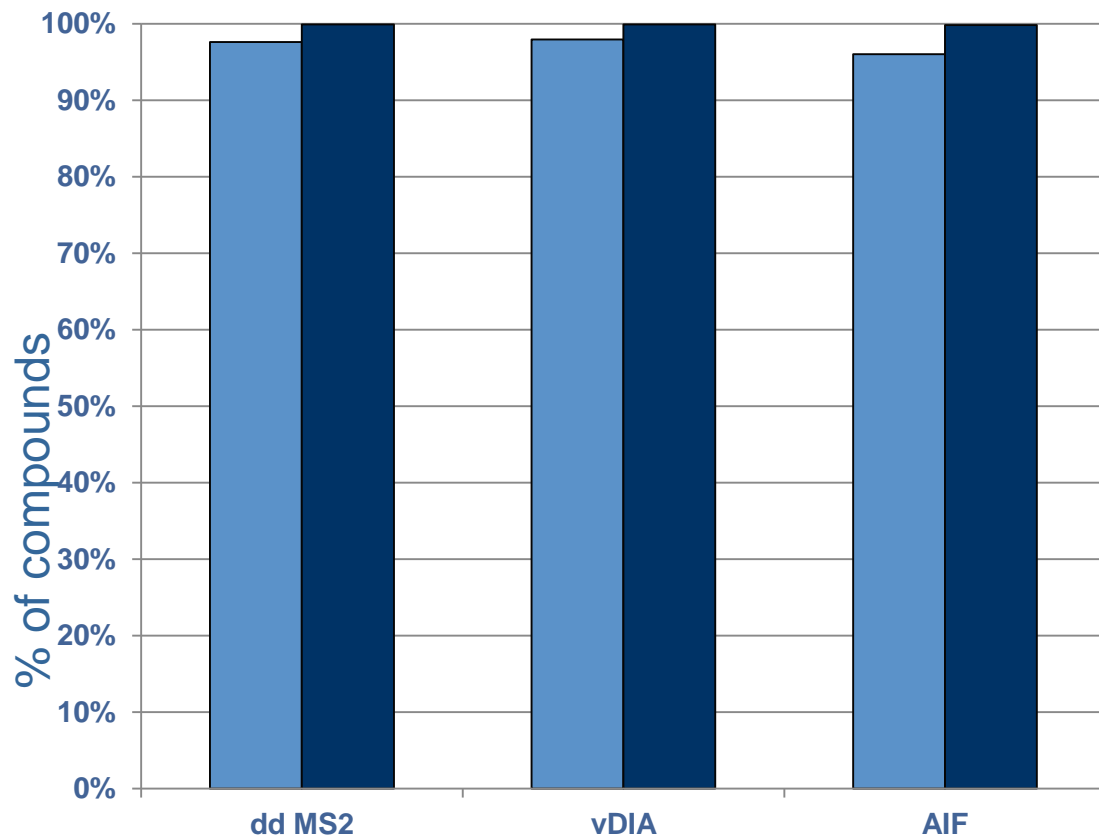
## Experimental MS/MS spectrum

MS/MS does not confirm



# Identification Requires Fragments

166 pesticides x 11 matrices = 1826 results



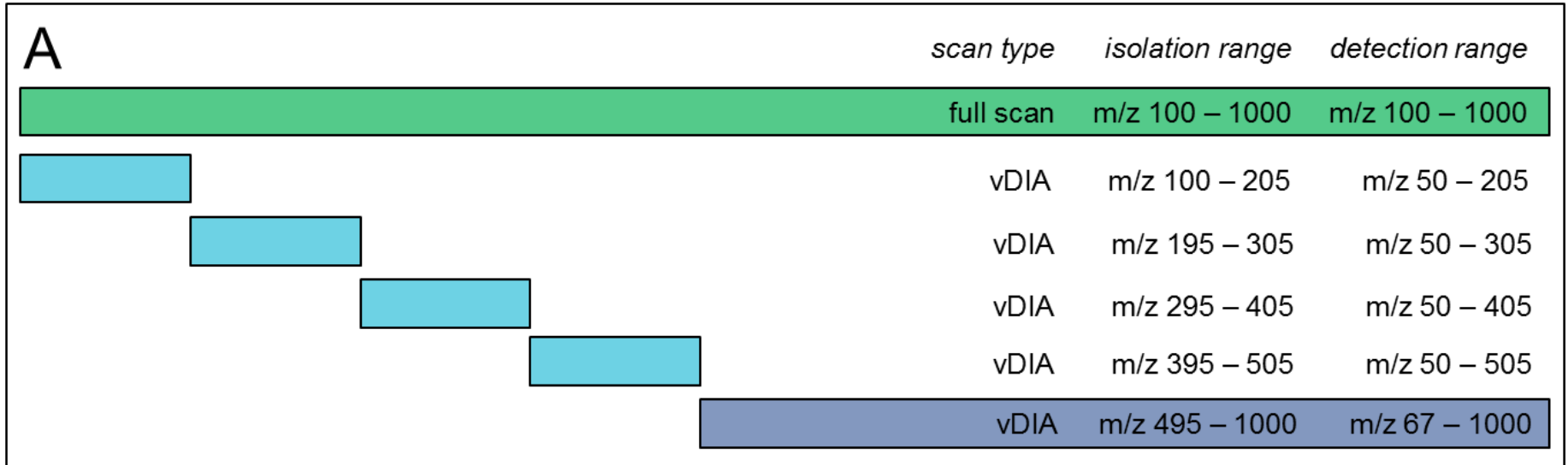
■ 0.01 mg/kg  
■ 0.1 mg/kg

dd-MS2 typically based on 1 scan, vDIA and AIF on a number of scans

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## Alternative to All Ions Fragmentation (AIF)



This method provides

- A complete record of data for mass range 100 to 1000 m/z in full scan as well as in MS/MS
- A cycle time of 720 ms or a scan speed of roughly 1.4 Hz on the full scan
- Excellent reproducibility
- Higher specificity and response for fragments compared to AIF

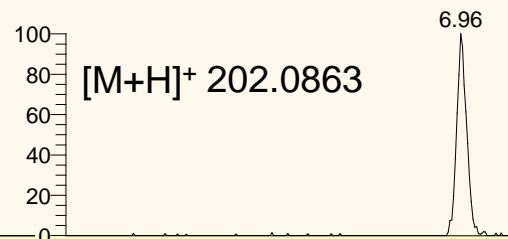
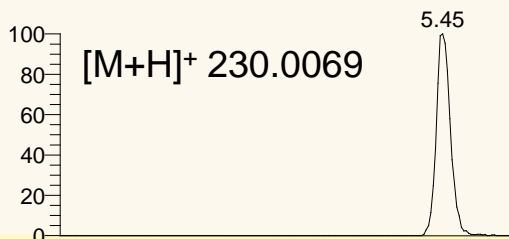
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# LC-Q Exactive Focus : All Ions Fragmentation (AIF) vs. vDIA

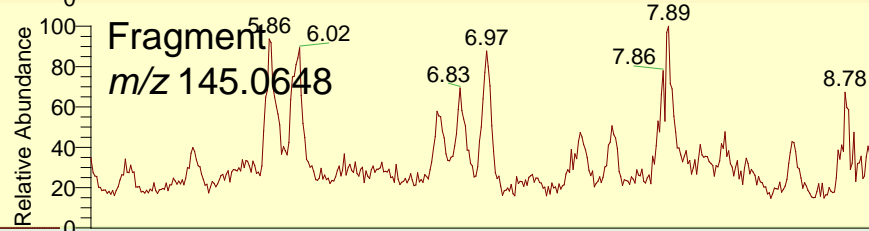
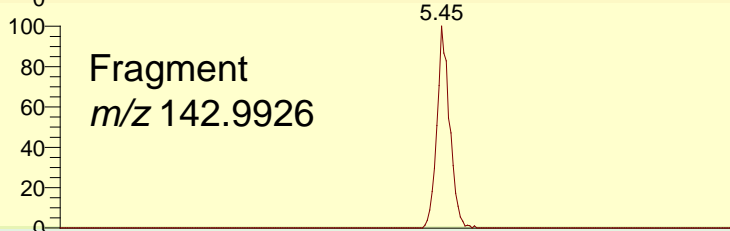
Dimethoate (ng/g in wheat)

Carbaryl 10 ng/g in wheat

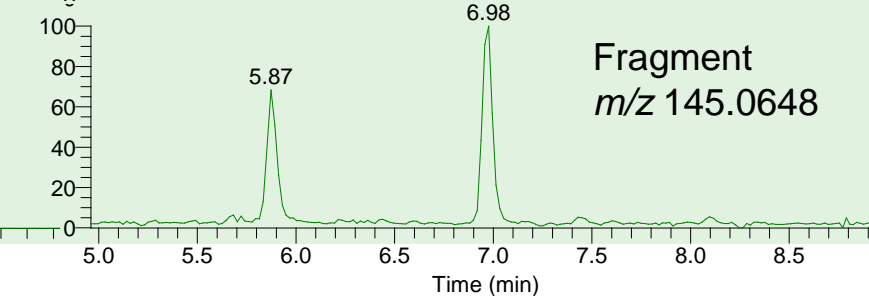
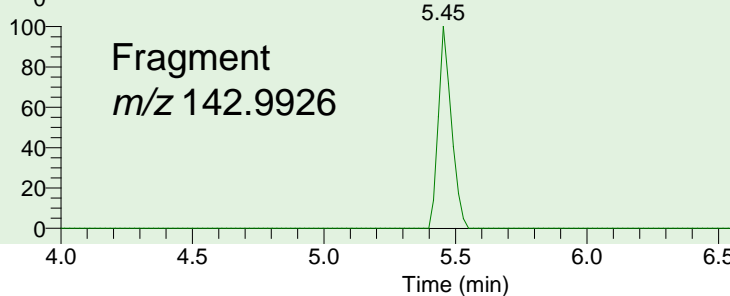
FS  
m/z 135-1000  
RP = 70,000



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



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

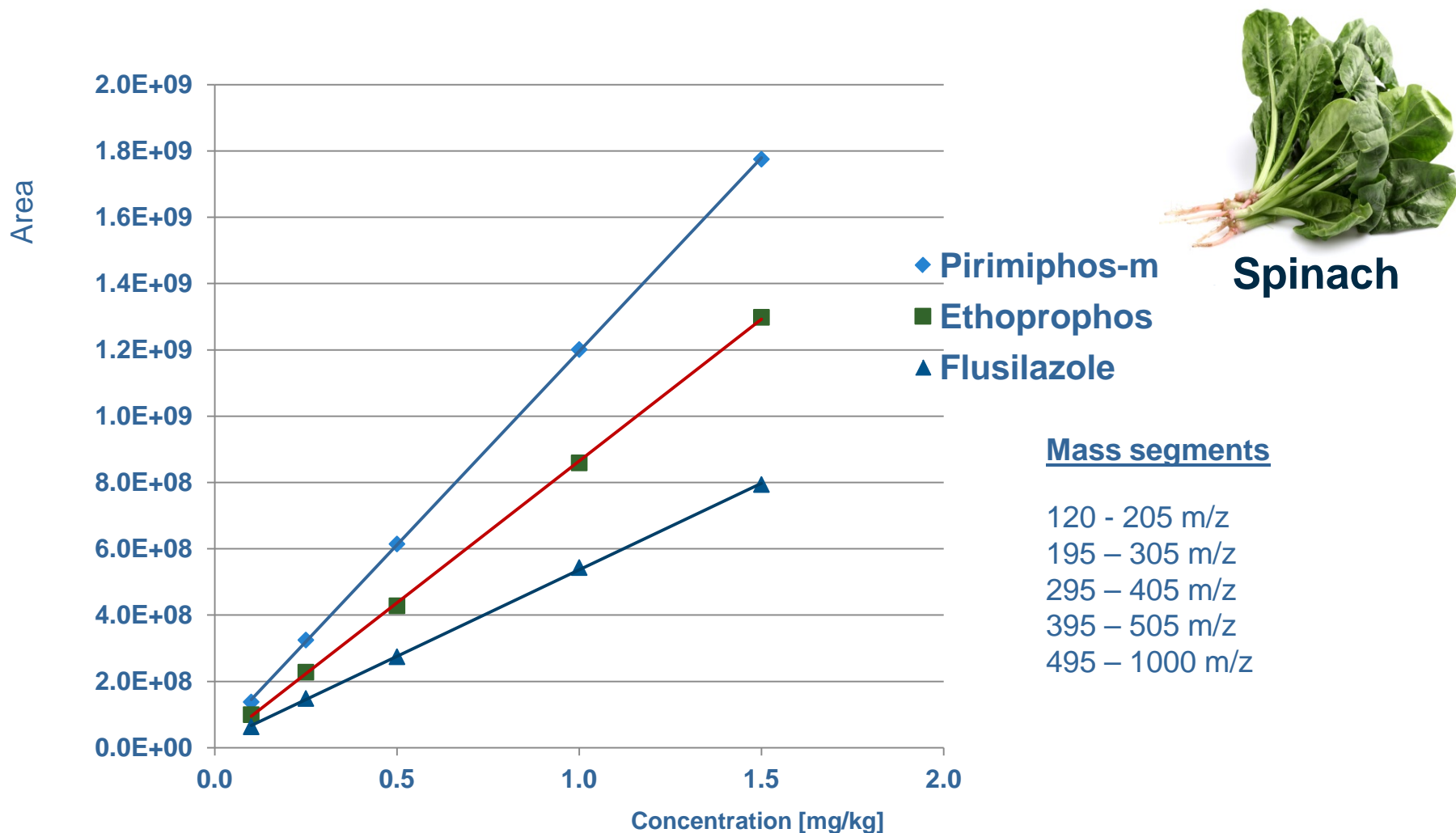


- vDIA provides improved selectivity & sensitivity for more reliable identification

Data courtesy of Dr Hans Mol, Rikilt Wageningen, UR

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# Linearity vDIA 5 Mass Segments



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# Independent Assessment Of Orbitrap Full Scan /vDIA Method



*Food Additives & Contaminants: Part A*, 2015  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19440049.2015.1085652>



## **Simultaneous quantitative determination, identification and qualitative screening of pesticides in fruits and vegetables using LC-Q-Orbitrap™-MS**

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*(Received 18 May 2015; accepted 18 August 2015)*

- vDIA improves selectivity and response for fragment ions
- Quantitative validation at 10 & 50 ng/g in lettuce and orange (majority of 184 compounds met SANCO criteria for trueness & precision)
- Qualitative validation for same 184 compounds) (SDL achieved for 134 compounds at 10 ng/g, & 39 at 50 ng/g)
- vDIA fragment ratios compliant for 93% of 11,488 measurements
- Linearity fit-for purpose for 0-250 ng/ml- most deviation at high conc<sup>n</sup>
- No false detects with automated data processing (minimal intervention)

“Based on these findings, the LC-full scan HRMS method can be considered as a fit-for-purpose alternative for methods based on LC-QqQ”

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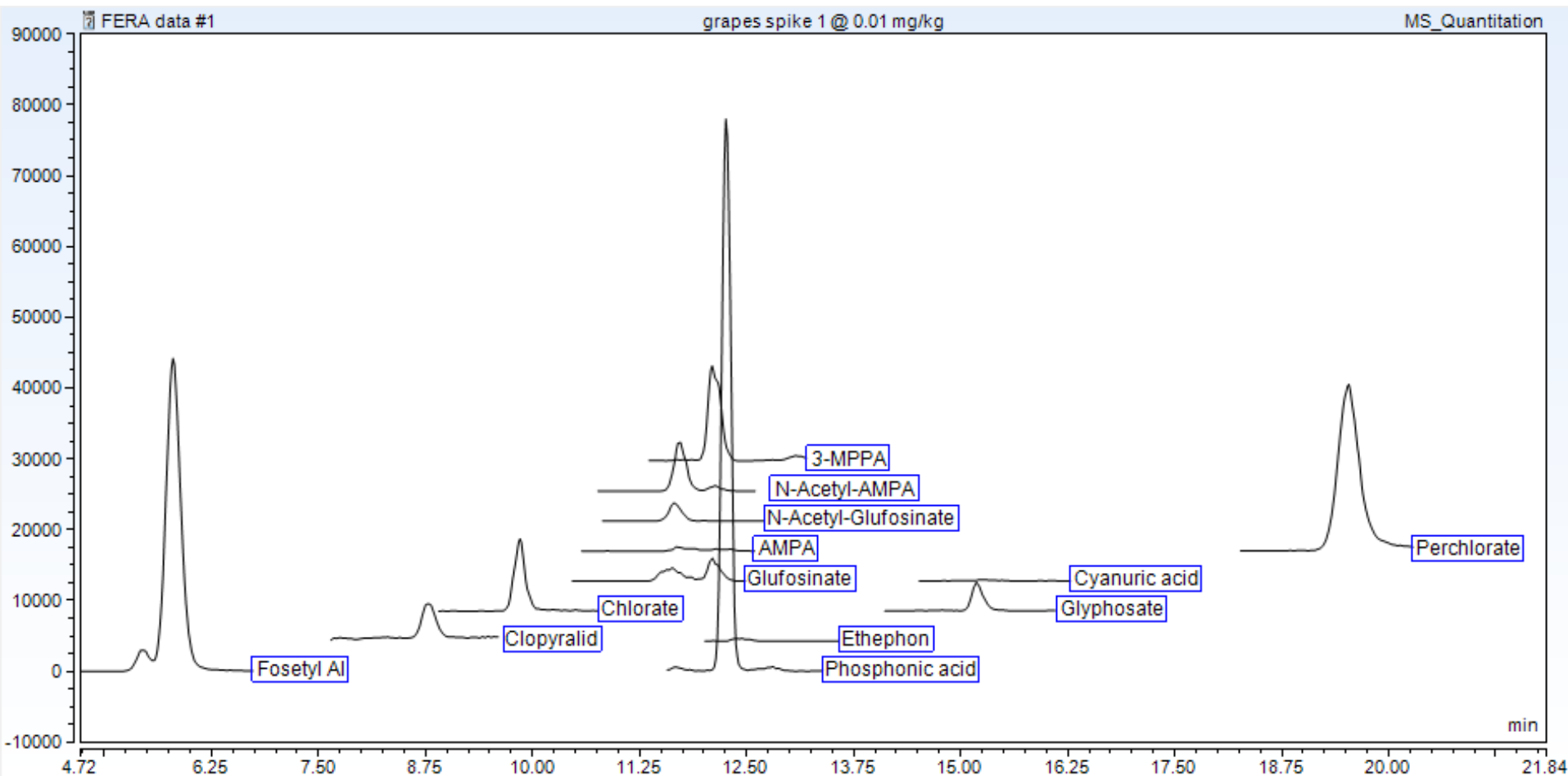
# What Ever Your Challenge? We Have The Tools.....

- Instruments to future-proof your laboratory
- Instruments with high mass resolving power with excellent mass accuracy (selectivity)
- Instruments with highest level of sensitivity for target analysis
- Wide dynamic range (to be able to measure compounds at high and low concentrations)
- Searchable databases and libraries (elemental composition, identity, etc.)
- Ready to go validated methods
- Centre of expertise for training



# IC-MS/MS Pesticide Multi Residue Ion Chromatogram

- 10 µg/kg spike in grape (Fosetyl & Phosphonic acid @ 100 µg/kg)

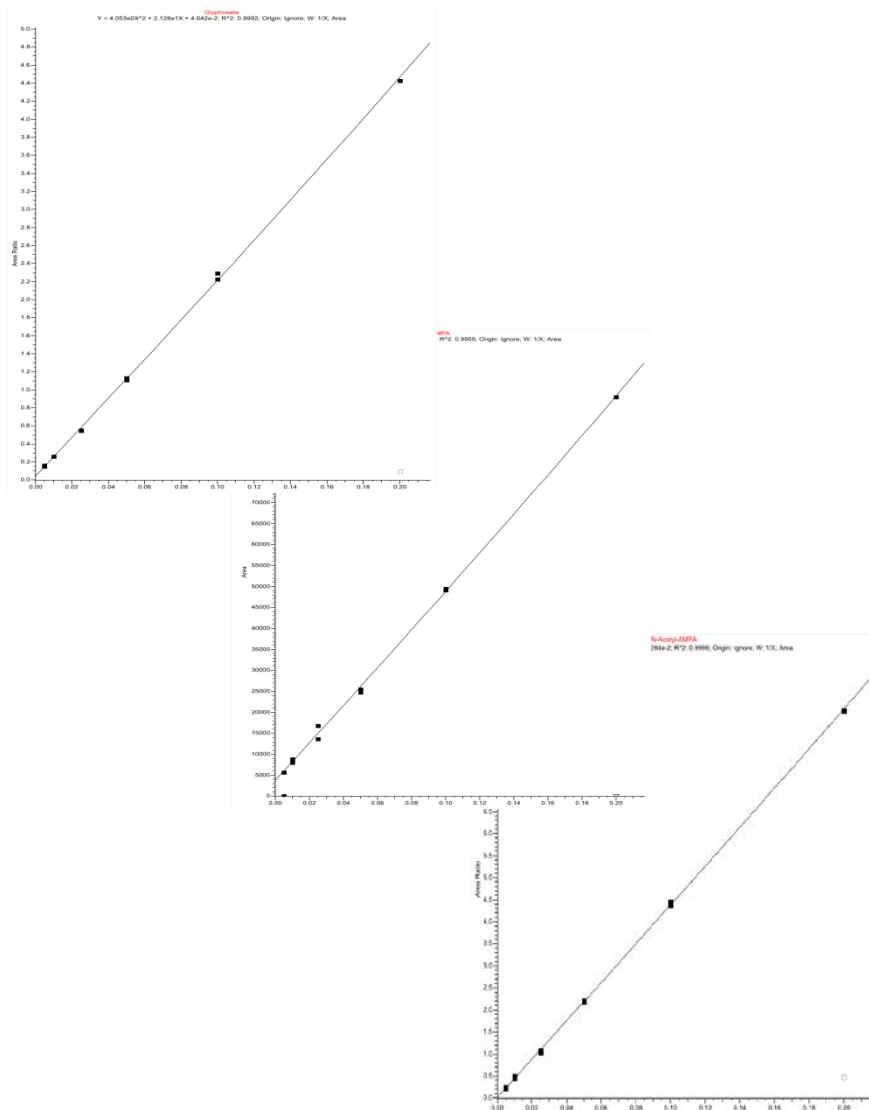




# Glyphosate – Cereals (Flour)

## Summary of validation results

Compound	Concn (µg/kg)	Mean % recovery (n=5)	Mean % RSD
Glyphosate (IS)	10	112	15
	50	108	12
	100	111	7
AMPA (no IS)	10	92	22
	50	98	13
	100	97	3
N-Acetyl-AMPA (no IS)	10	85	7
	50	82	10
	100	86	2

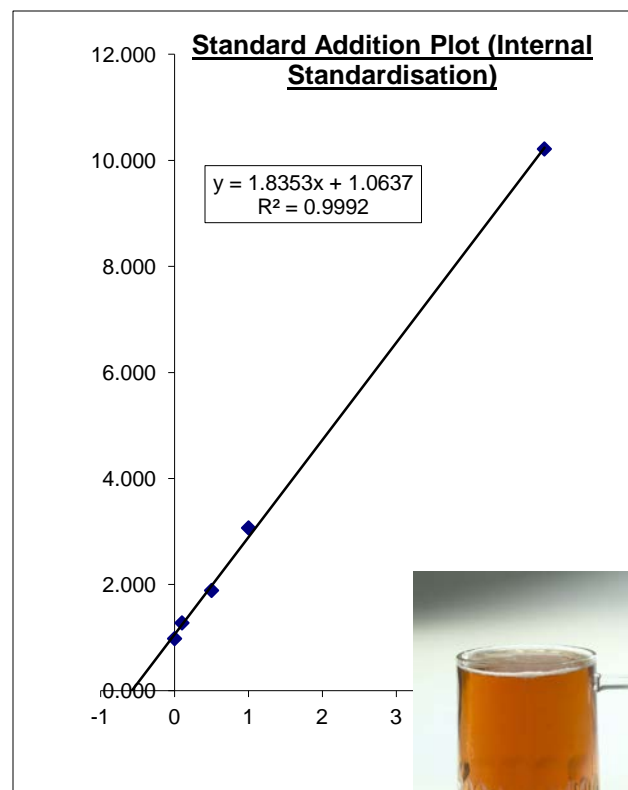
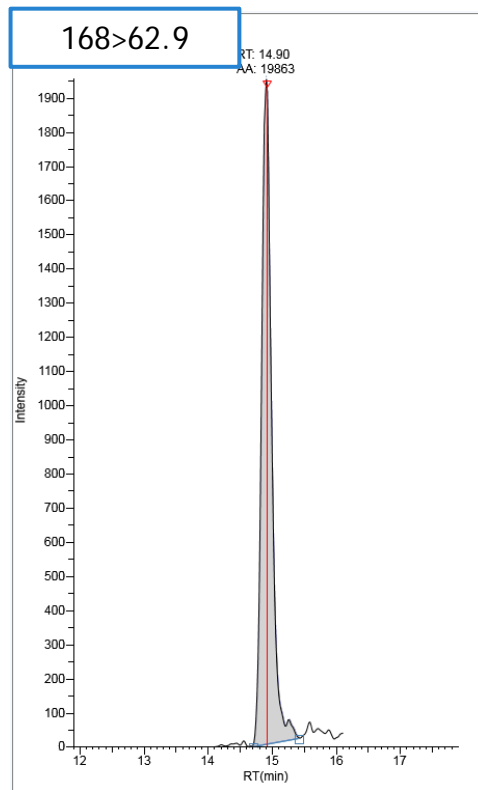
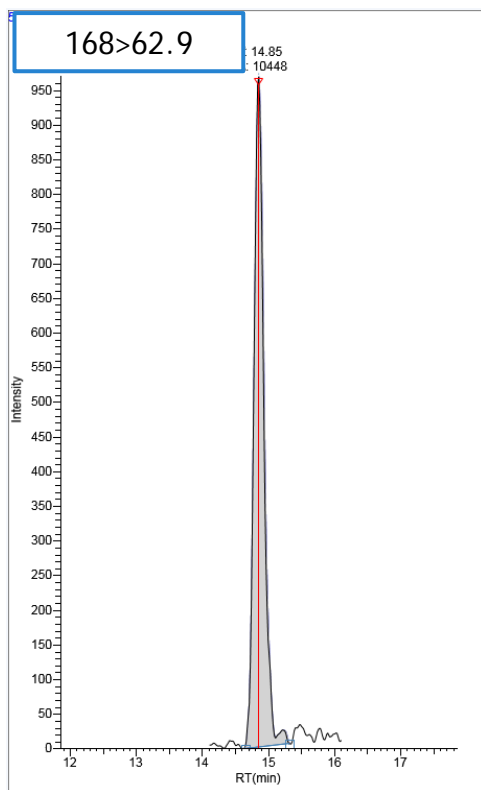


# Glyphosate In Beer – No Extraction

- Glyphosate incurred residue @ 0.58 µg/L

Glyphosate spike @ 0.5 µg/L

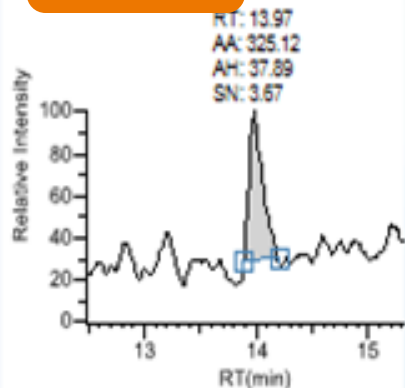
Calibration plot 0.1 – 5 µg/L spikes



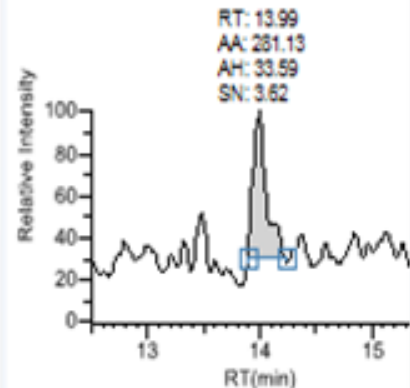
- 1/10 dilution with water and internal standard added

# Glyphosate Detection Repeatability At LOQ 10 And 20 ppt

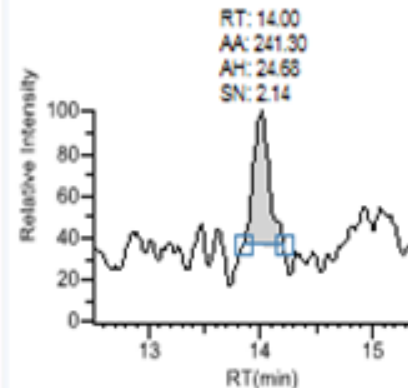
10 ppt



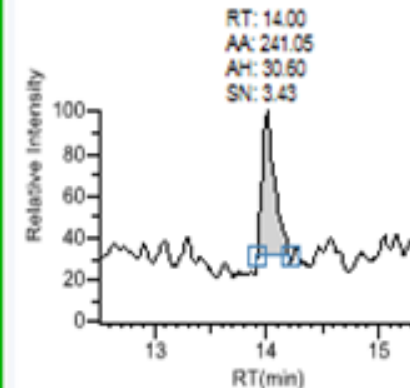
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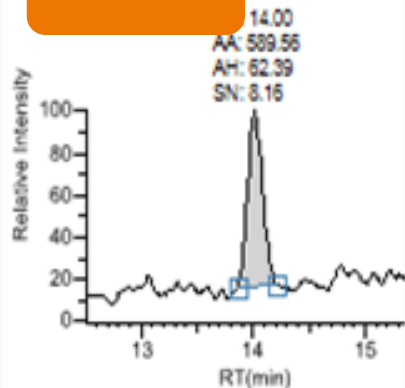
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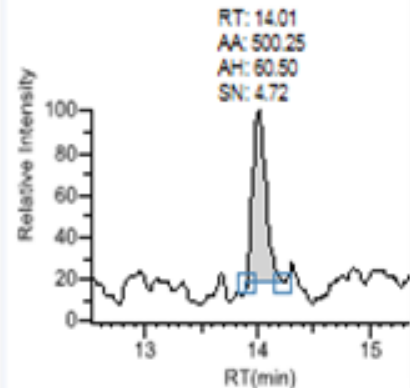
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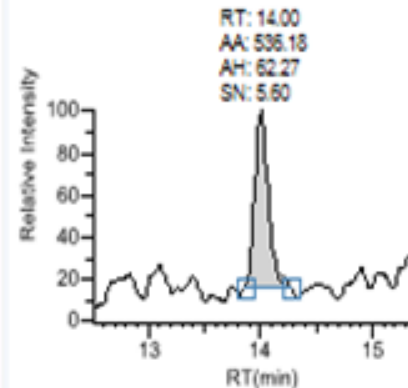
20 ppt



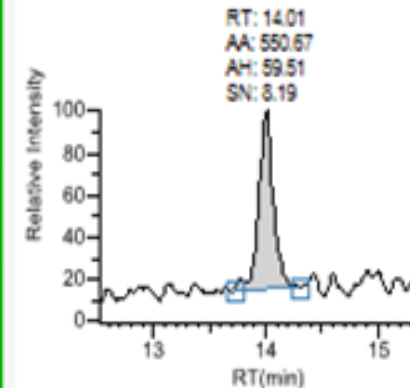
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Gly-20ppT-03



Gly-20ppT-04



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- [www.thermofisher.com/food-beverage](http://www.thermofisher.com/food-beverage)

The screenshot displays the Thermo Scientific Food and Beverage Community website. On the left, a navigation menu lists categories such as 'Chemical and Elemental Analysis', 'Authenticity and Adulteration', 'Environmental Pollutants', 'Natural Toxins and Biotoxins', 'Nutritional and Food Label Testing', 'Packaging and Food Contact Materials', 'Pesticide Residues', 'Processing Contaminants', 'Veterinary Drugs', 'Dietary Supplements and Nutraceuticals Analysis', 'Fermentation', 'Microbiology Testing', 'Packaged Product Inspection', and 'Process Analysis and Control'. The main content area features a 'Food and Beverage' header with a globe graphic and the text 'Welcome to your Food and Beverage Community'. Below this is a featured blog post titled '1st International Symposium on Recent Developments in Pesticide Analysis' with a sub-headline 'Rapid Fruit Juice Analysis: A Case Study' and a photo of a small airplane flying over a field. To the right, there are sections for 'Pesticide Residues' with the text 'Diverse pesticide compounds demand an array of testing technologies', 'Featured webinars' including 'Top 9 Pesticide Residues Webinars', and 'Latest application notes' such as 'Three-fold Increase in Productivity for Pesticide Residue Analysis in Baby Food Using Fast Triple Quadrupole GC-MS/MS'. A sidebar on the right highlights the 'Pesticide Analysis Center of Excellence' and provides a 'Visit Now' button. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Scientific Talks' featuring plenary lectures and interviews, and a 'Pesticide' section with a 'Pesticide' header and a 'Pesticide' sub-header.

# Method Validation (in-house)

## EU Method performance criteria (SANTE /11945/2015)

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/docs/plant\\_pesticides\\_mrl\\_guidelines\\_wrkdoc\\_11945\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/docs/plant_pesticides_mrl_guidelines_wrkdoc_11945_en.pdf)

Parameter	What/How	Criterion
Linearity	Calibration curve	Residuals < 20%
Matrix effect	Comparison response from solvent standards and matrix matched standards	-
LOQ	Lowest level for which trueness and precision criteria have been met	LOQ ≤ MRL
Specificity	Response in reagent blank and control samples	< 30% of LOQ
Precision (RSD <sub>r</sub> )	Repeatability RSD	≤ 20%
Precision (RSD <sub>wR</sub> )	Within laboratory reproducibility	≤ 20%
Trueness (bias)	Average recovery for spike levels	70-120%

# LC-MS/MS: Target Pesticides – Total 320 Compounds Tested

2,4-D	Butafenacil	Desmetyrn	Fenamiphos	Griseofulvin	Metconazole	Piperophos	Sulprofos
Abamectin	Butocarboxim	Dichlofenthion	Fenarimol	Halofenozide	Methabenzthiazuron	Pirimicarb	Tebuconazole
Acephate	Butocarboxim sulfoxide	Diclobutrazol	Fenazaquin	Halofenozide	Methamidophos	Pirimiphos-methyl	Tebufenozide
Acetamiprid	Butoxycarboxim	Dicrotophos	Fenbuconazole	Haloxyfop	Methiocarb	Pretilachlor	Tebufenpyrad
Acibenzolar-S-methyl	Carbaryl	Diethofencarb	Fenbutatin oxide	Haloxyfop-methyl	Methiocarb-sulfone	Primisulfuron-methyl	Tebuthiuron
Aalachlor	Carbendazim	Difenacoum	Fenhexamid	Heptenophos	Methiocarb-sulfoxide	Prochloraz	Teflubenzuron
Alanycarb <sup>1</sup>	Carbetamide	Difenoconazole	Fenobucarb	Hexaconazole	Methomyl	Profenophos	Tepaloxymid
Aldicarb sulfone	Carbofuran	Diffubenzuron	Fenoxanil	Hexaflumuron	Methoprotryne	Promecarb	Terbacil <sup>2,3</sup>
Allethrin	Carbofuran-3-hydroxy <sup>1</sup>	Dimefuron	Fenoxycarb	Hexazinone	Methoxyfenozide	Prometon	Terbufos
Ametryn	Carbosulfan <sup>1</sup>	Dimethachlor	Fenpiclonil	Hexythiazox	Metobromuron	Prometryn	Terbumeton
Aminocarb	Carfentrazone-ethyl	Dimethametryn	Fenpyroximat	Imazalil	Metolachlor	Propamocarb	Terbutylazine
Amitraz <sup>1</sup>	Carpropamid	Dimethenamid	Fensulfothion	Imazaquin	Metolcarb	Propanil	Terbutryn
Ancymidol	Chlorantraniliprole	Dimethoate	Fenthion	Imazethapyr	Metosulam	Propazine	Tetraconazole
Anilofos	Chlorbromuron	Dimethomorph	Fenthion-sulfoxide	Imibenconazole	Metoxuron	Propetamphos	Tetramethrin
Aramite	Chlorfenvinphos	Dimetilan	Fenuron	Imidacloprid	Metrafenone	Propiconazole	Thiabendazole
Atrazine	Chlorfluazuron	Dimoxystrobin	Flazasulfuron	Indanofan	Metsulfuron-methyl	Propoxur	Thiacloprid
Azaconazole	Chloridazon (pyrazone)	Diniconazole	Fonicamid	Indoxacarb	Mevinphos	Propyzamide	Thiamethoxam
Azamethiphos	Chlormequat	Dinotefuran	Florasulam	Ioxynil	Mexacarbate	Prosulfocarb	Thiazopyr
Azinphos-ethyl	Chlorotoluron	Dioxacarb	Fluazifop	Iprovalicarb	Monocrotophos	Pymetrozine	Thidiazuron
Azinphos-methyl	Chloroxuron	Disulfoton	Fluazinam	Isocarbophos	Monolinuron	Pyraclostrobin	Thiobencarb
Azoxystrobin	Chlorpyrifos	Dithianon	Flubendiamide	Isoprocarb	Napropamide	Pyridalyl	Thiodicarb
Barban	Cinosulfuron	Dithiopyr	Flufenacet	Isoprothiolane	Naptalam	Pyridate	Thiofanox <sup>2</sup>
Bendiocarb	Clethodim	Diuron	Flufenoxuron	Isoproturon	Neburon	Pyrimethanil	Thiophanate-methyl
Benfuracarb <sup>1</sup>	Clofentezine	DNOC	Flufenoxuron	Isoxaben	Nicosulfuron	Pyroquilon	Tolfenpyrad
Benodanil	Clomazone	Dodemorph	Flumetsulam	Isoxadifen-ethyl	Nitenpyram	Pyroxulam	Tralkoxydim
Benoxacor	Clopyralid	Epoconazole	Fluometuron	Isoxaflutole	Nuarimol	Quinoxyfen	Triadimefon
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Benzoximate	Crotoxyphos	Ethiofencarb	Fluorochloridone	Lenacil	Oxadixyl	Resmethrin <sup>2</sup>	Trichlorfon
Benzoylprop-ethyl	Cumyluron	Ethiofencarb-sulfone	Fluoxastrobin	Malaoxon	Oxamyl	Rimsulfuron	Triclopyr
Bifenazate	Cyanazine	Ethiofencarb-sulfoxide	Fluquinconazole	Mandipropamid	Paclbutrazol	Rotenone	Tricyclazole
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Bromacil	Cyflufenamid	Ethoxyquin	Forchlorfenuron	Mepronil	Phenmedipham	Simetryn	Triflumizole
Bromoxynil	Cymoxanil	Etofenprox	Formetanate hydrochloride	Mesotrione	Phenthoate	Spinosad A	Triflumuron
Bromuconazole	Cyromazine	Etoazole	Formothion	Metaflumizone	Phorate	Spiromesifen	Triforine
Bupirimate	Demeton-S-methyl sulfone	Etrimefos	Fosthiazate	Metalaxyl	Phoxim	Spirotetramat	Triticonazole
Buprofezin	Desmedipham	Famoxadone	Fuberidazole	Metamitron	Picoxystrobin	Spiroxamine	Vamidothion
Butachlor	Desmethyl-pirimicarb	Fenamidone	Furathiocarb	Metazachlor	Piperonyl butoxide	Sulfotep	Zoxamide

**1 – Works only in solvent**    **2 – Doesn't work in leek**    **3 – Doesn't work in flour**



# MS/MS Instrumental Method

## TRACE 1310 GC oven:

- Carrier flow: 1.2 ml/min He
- Column: TG-5 SilMS 30m x 0.25 x 0.25mm
- PTV splitless 1  $\mu$ L



#	Rate [°C/min]	Temperature [°C]	Hold time [min]
Initial		40	1.5
1	25	90	1.5
2	25	180	0
3	5	280	0
4	10	300	5

## TSQ 8000 Evo GC-MS:

- Scan type: timed-SRM
- Ionisation: EI +
- MS transfer line temperature: 250 °C
- Ion source temperature: 300 °C
- Detector gain: 7
- Cycle time [s]: 0.3
- Minimum baseline peak width: 3 sec
- Desired scans per peak: 10
- Minimum dwell time: 0.001 sec
- Q1 resolution: normal

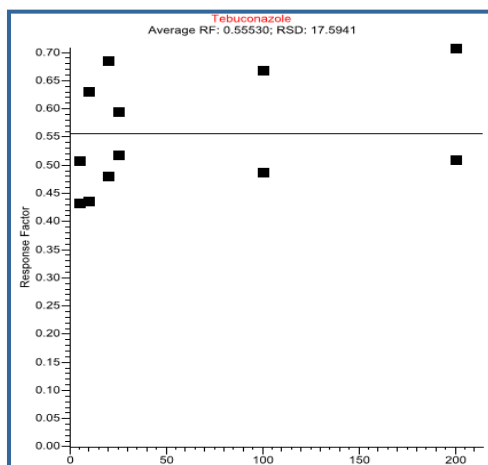
# Method Validation: Linearity Assessment

Evaluation: Mandel's linearity test,  $r^2 > 0.9850$ , residue plot

*Acceptance criteria:*

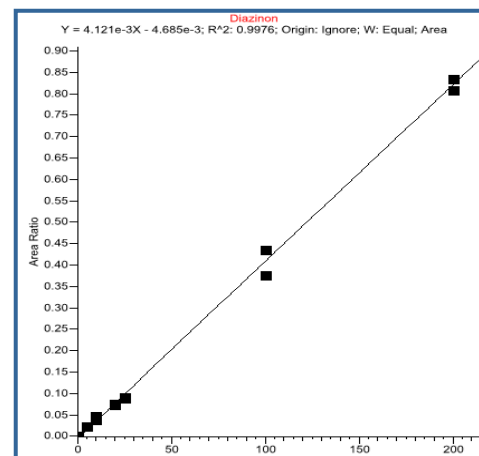
- residue plot RSD < 20%

Residue plot RSD  
(in each matrices)



**88% in  
acceptance range**

Linear curve  $r^2$  values  
(for all matrices)



**99% in acceptance  
range**



# Method Recovery

Evaluation: Method recovery at 3 levels (low, mid and high)

*Acceptance criteria:*

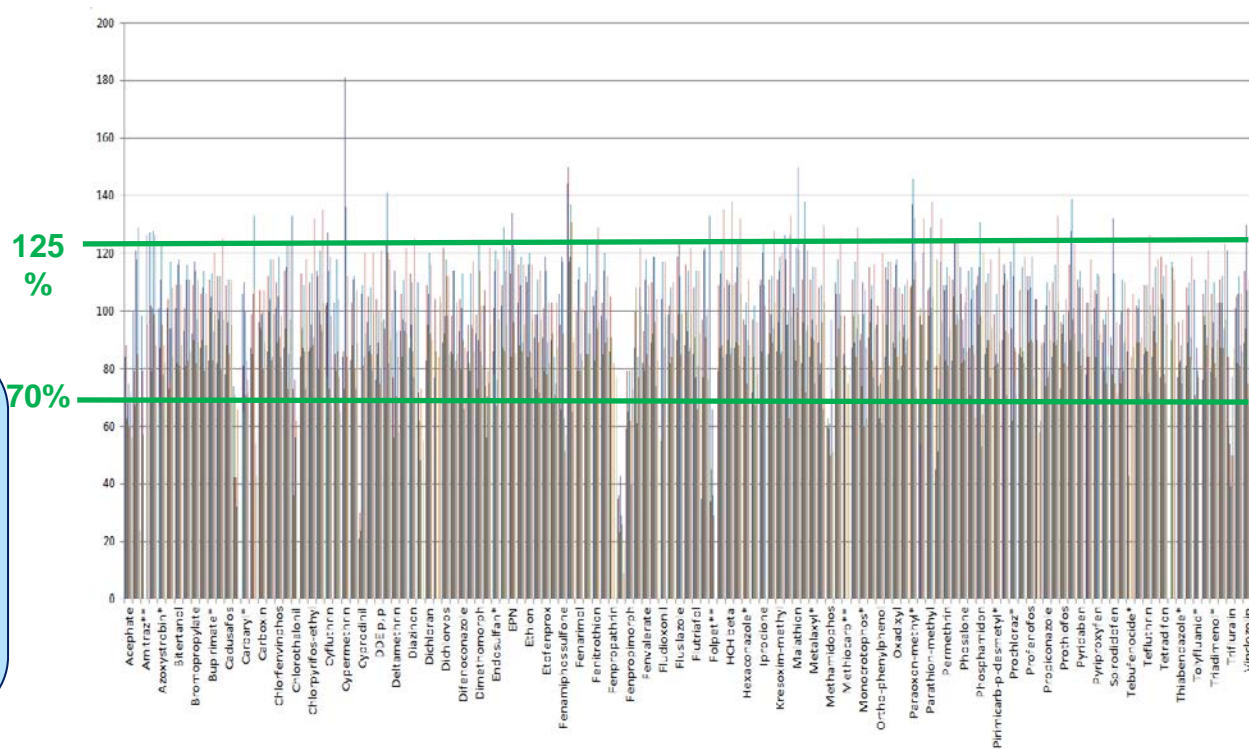
- Recovery 70-120%

## Method recoveries at 3 levels (For all matrices)

92% acceptance

### Out of range

**folpet, fenpropridin, captan, carbofuran, methamidophos, trifluralin, cyprodinil, cypermethrin, fenamiphos-sulfoxide**



Evaluation: IUPAC approach - signal to noise method

*Acceptance criteria:*  $LOQ \leq MRL$

97% in acceptance range

## Out of target range:

Fenpropathrin (WF, LK), Tebufenocid (all), Carbofuran\* (SW), Methiocarb\* (WF, LK), Oxadixil\* (WF), Propargite\* (WF, LK)

## LOQ vs MRL in SB matrix

