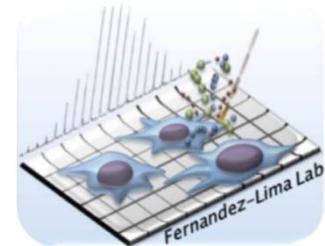




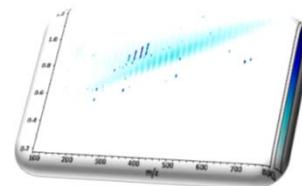
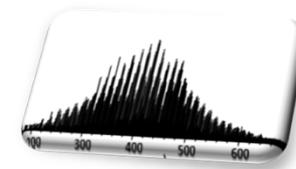
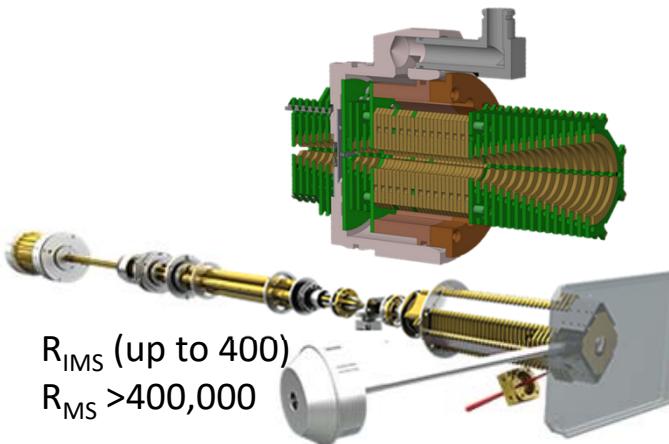
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Unraveling the Structural Complexity and Diversity of Dissolved Organic Matter using TIMS-FT-ICR MS

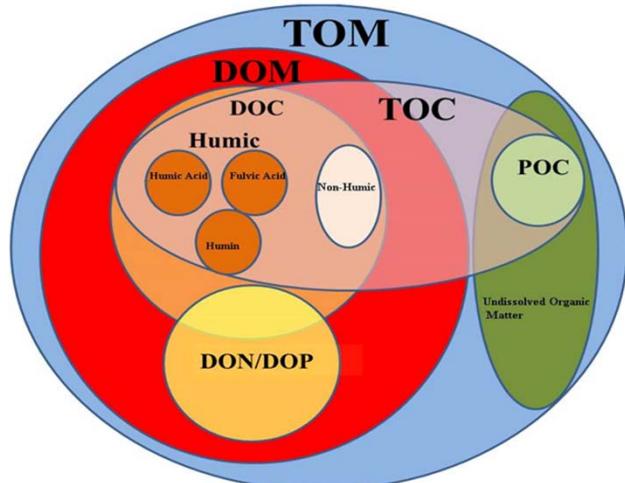
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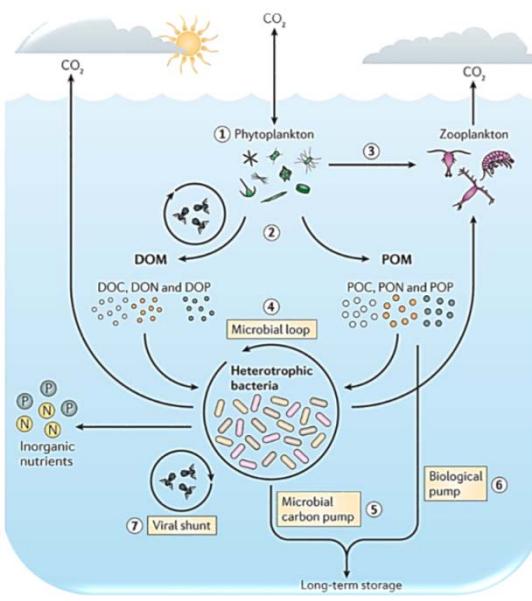
Motivation

Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM): Complex mixture from bacteria, algal and high plant organic matter degradation.

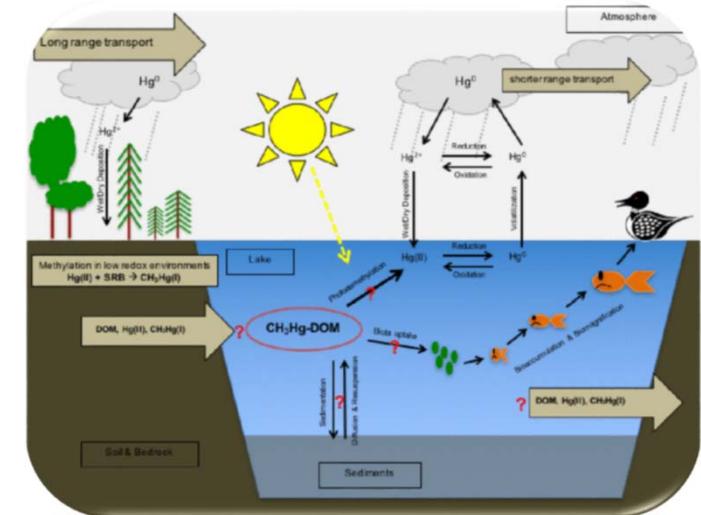
Role in aquatic environments



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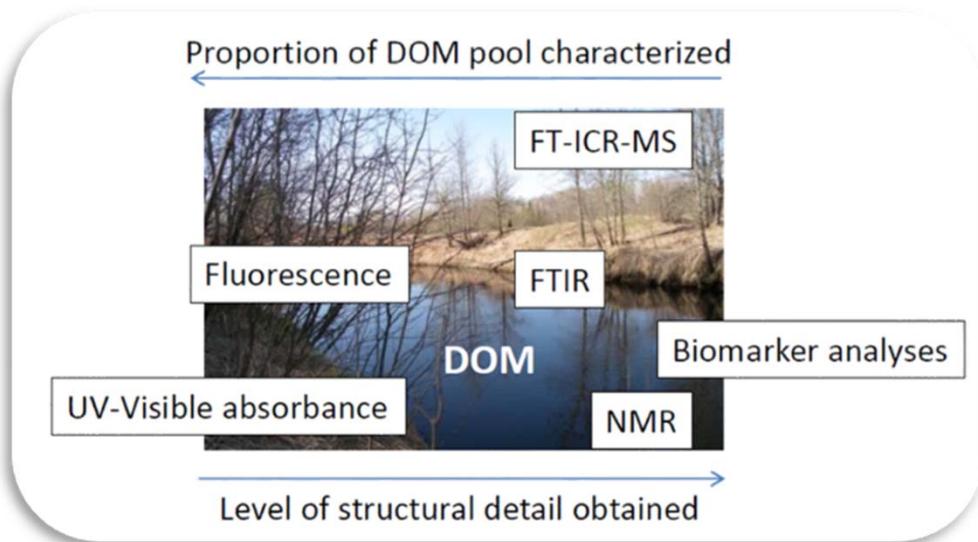


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A full understanding of DOM impact in climate change, ecology, and toxicology, requires a comprehensive knowledge of their molecular composition and structure.

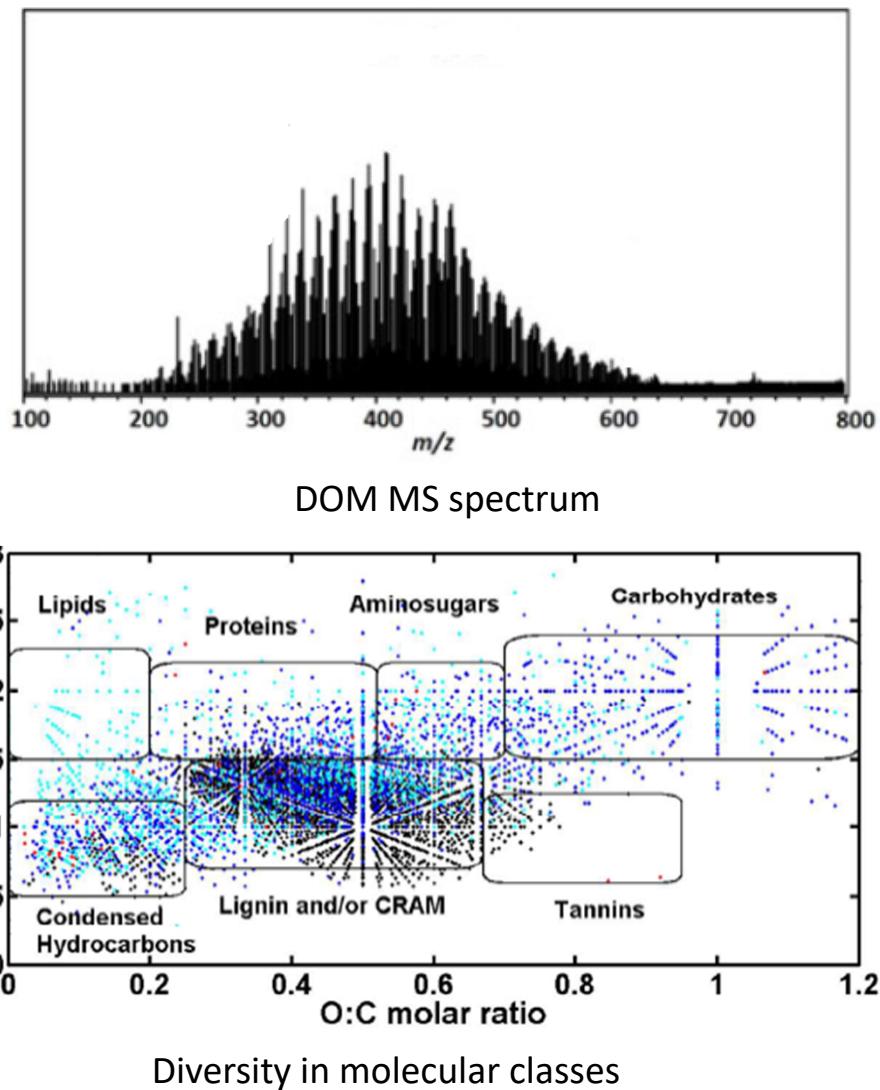
Analytical approaches

Bulk vs molecular level characterization



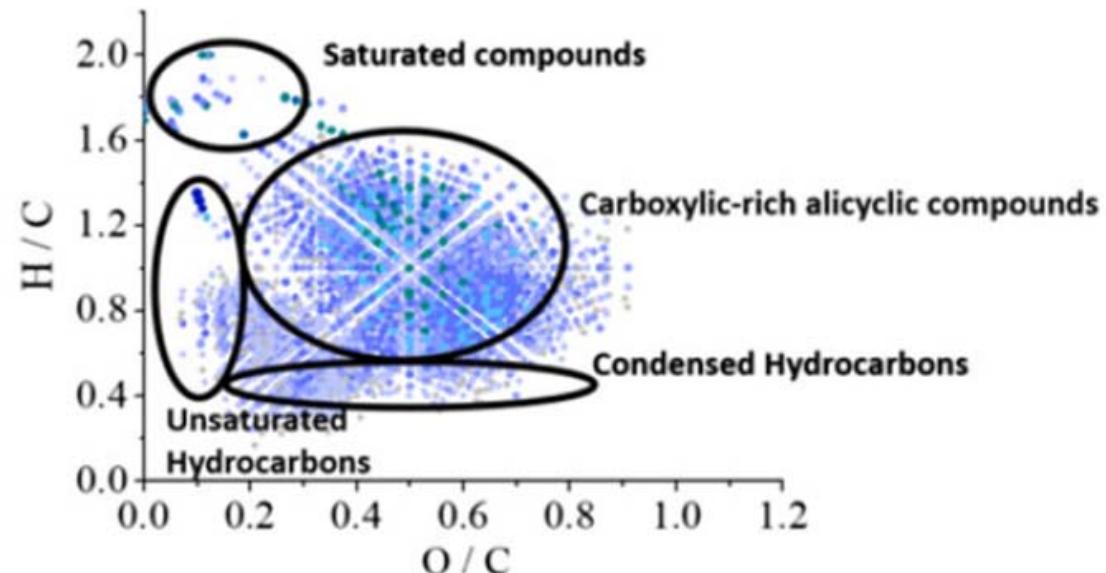
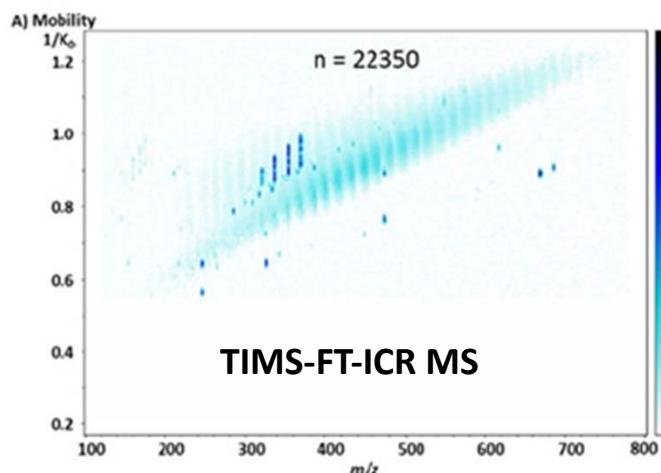
Challenges in DOM structure elucidation

- High structural heterogeneity
- Wide range of molecular weights
- Isomeric diversity

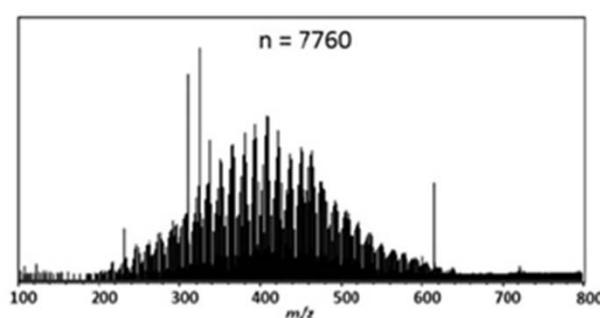


Coupling TIMS with FT-ICR MS in SRFA analysis

How can TIMS help to understand the complexity of DOM?

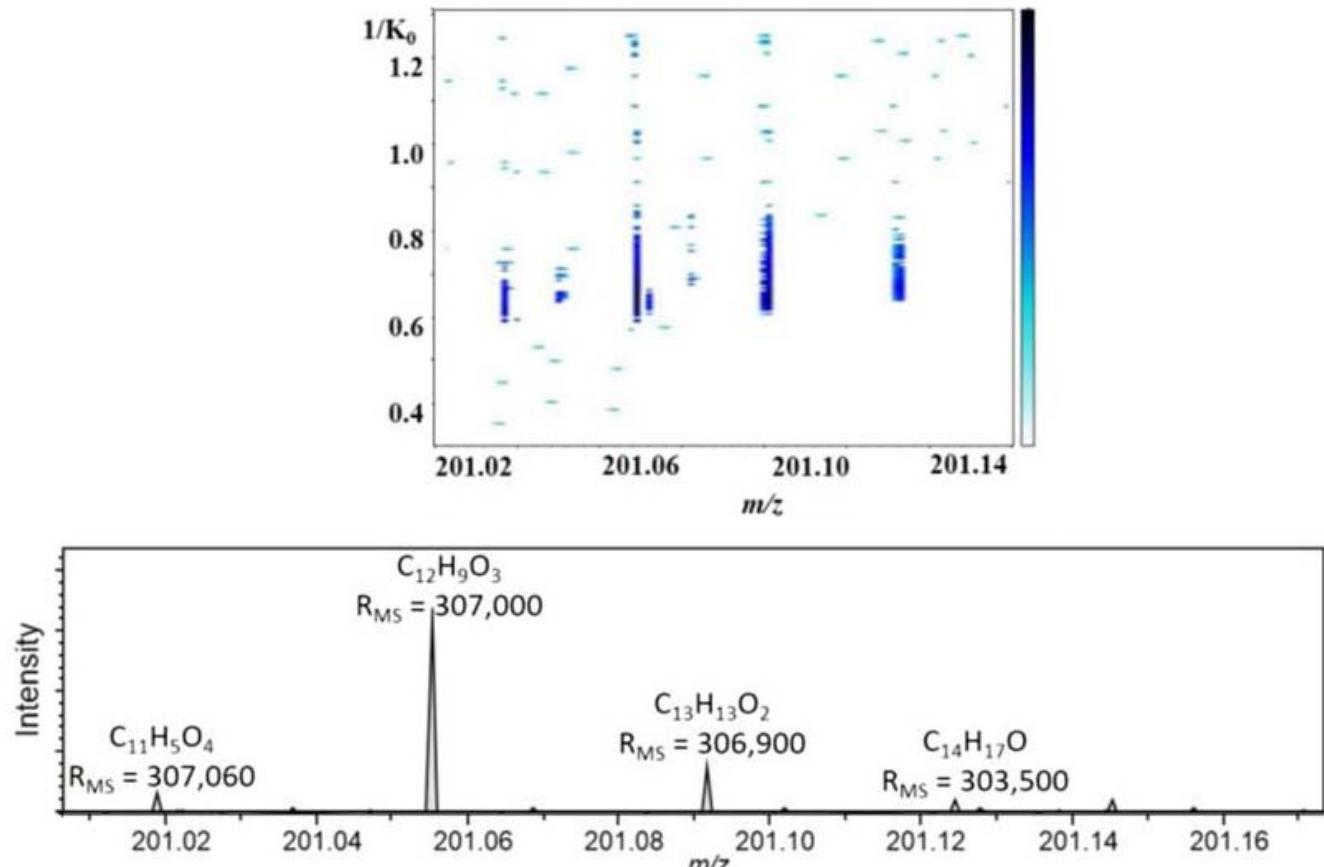
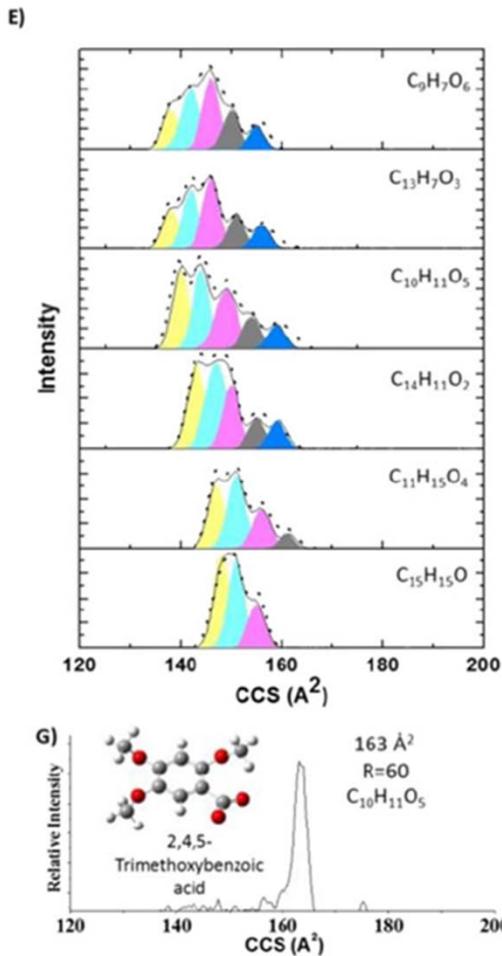


3050 chemical formulas assigned in SRFA standard



$n =$ Total number of assigned mass peaks

Isomeric content in SRFA standard



IMS-MS (top) and MS (bottom) projections from the SRFA analysis at m/z 201

We provided, for the first time, a lower cutoff estimation of the number of molecular isomers in the SRFA standard.

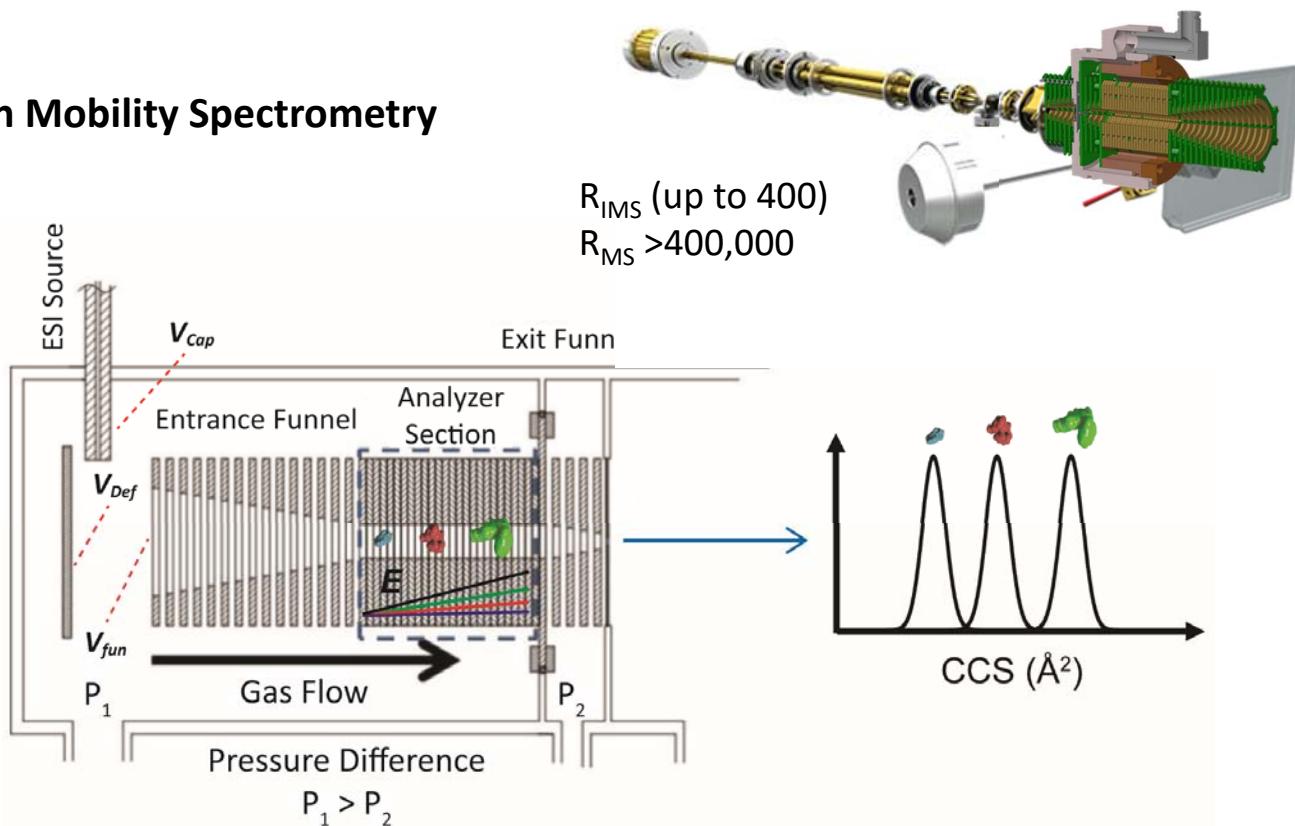
Experimental

Samples



Pantanal National Park, Brazil

Trapped Ion Mobility Spectrometry



TIMS-FT-ICR MS 7T Solarix



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- Nonlinear stepping scan function
- Mobility spectra calibrated using Tuning Mix

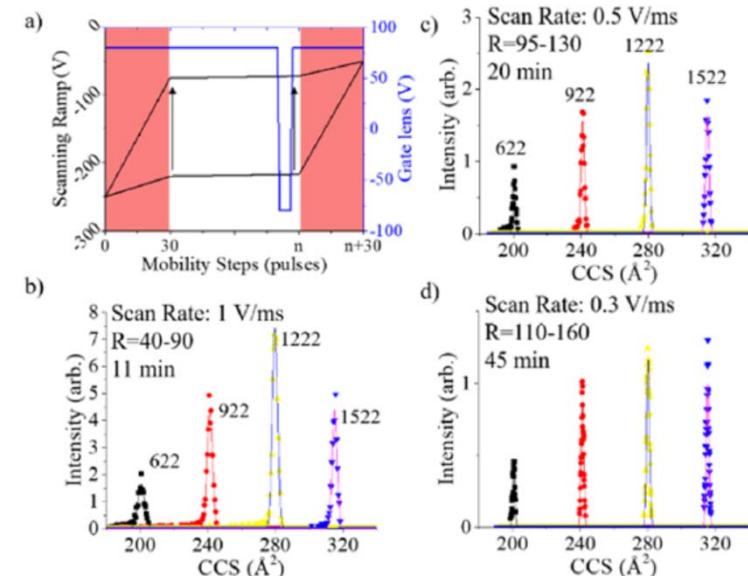
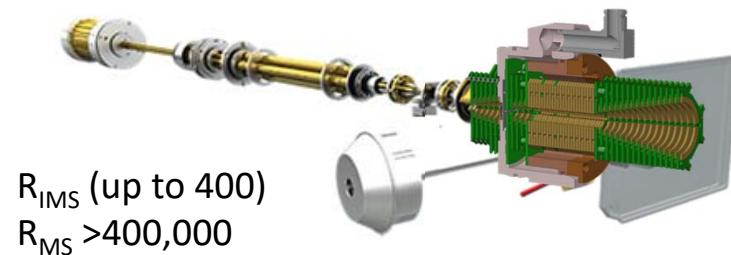
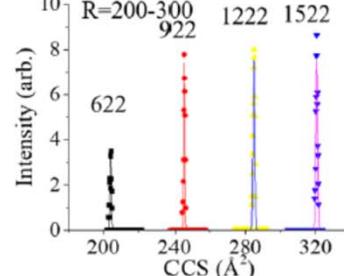
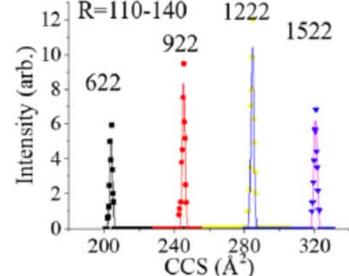
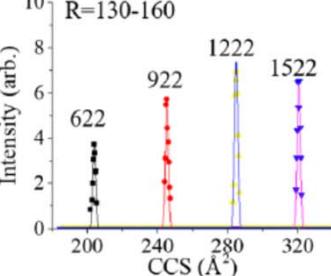
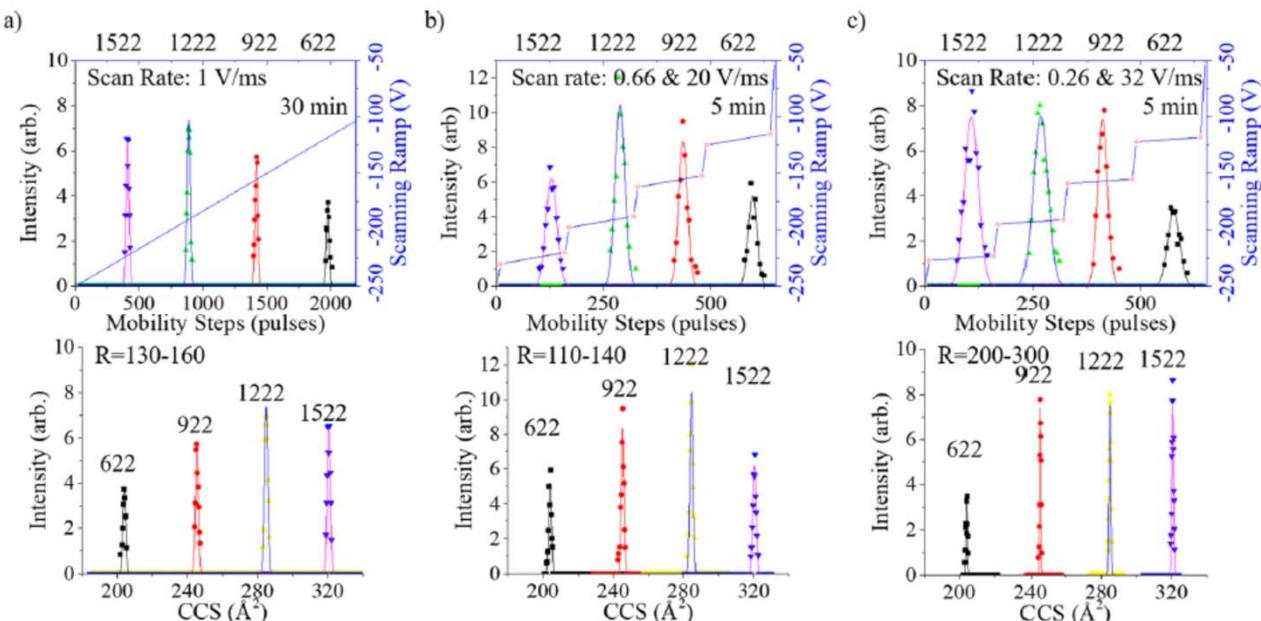
FT-ICR MS/MS: quadrupole isolation-CID 15-20 eV.

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Non linear scan functions TIMS-FT-ICR MS

Targeted



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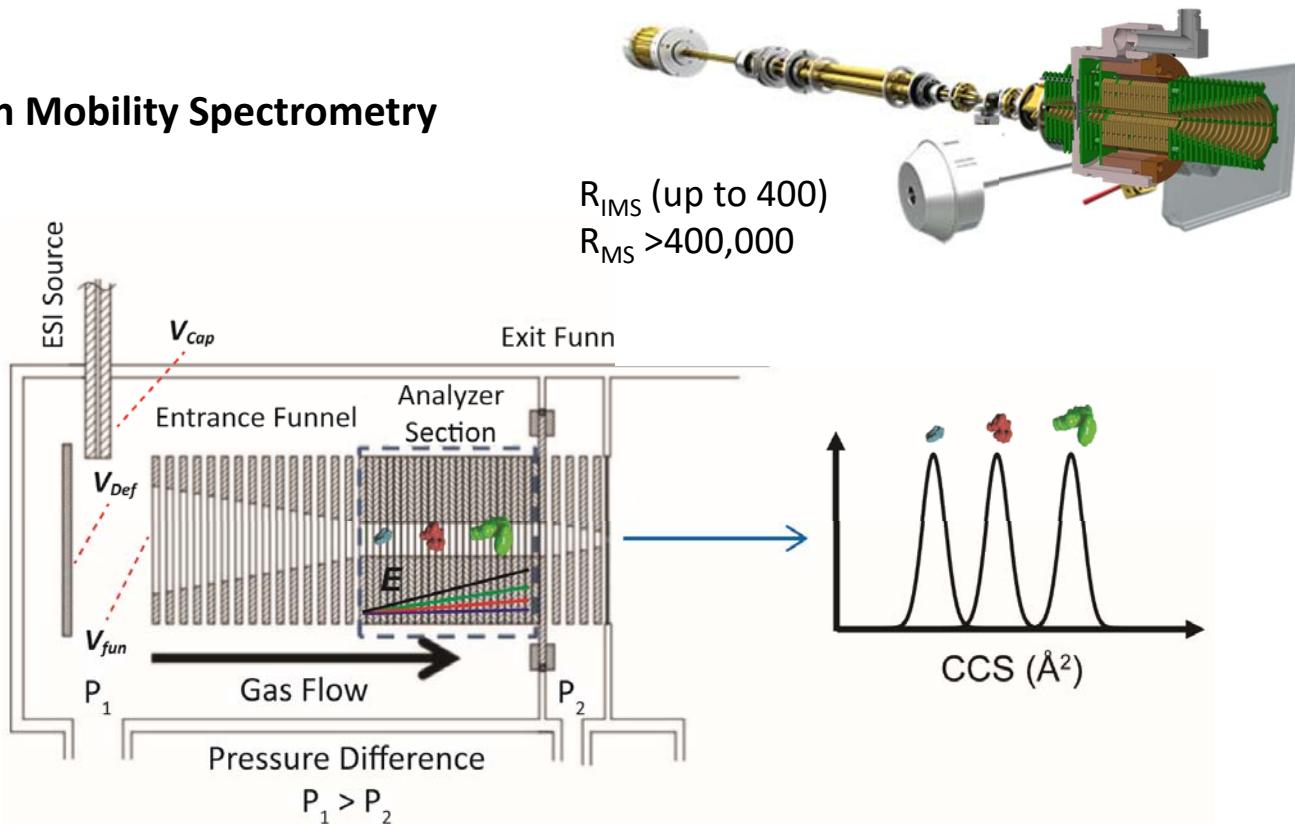
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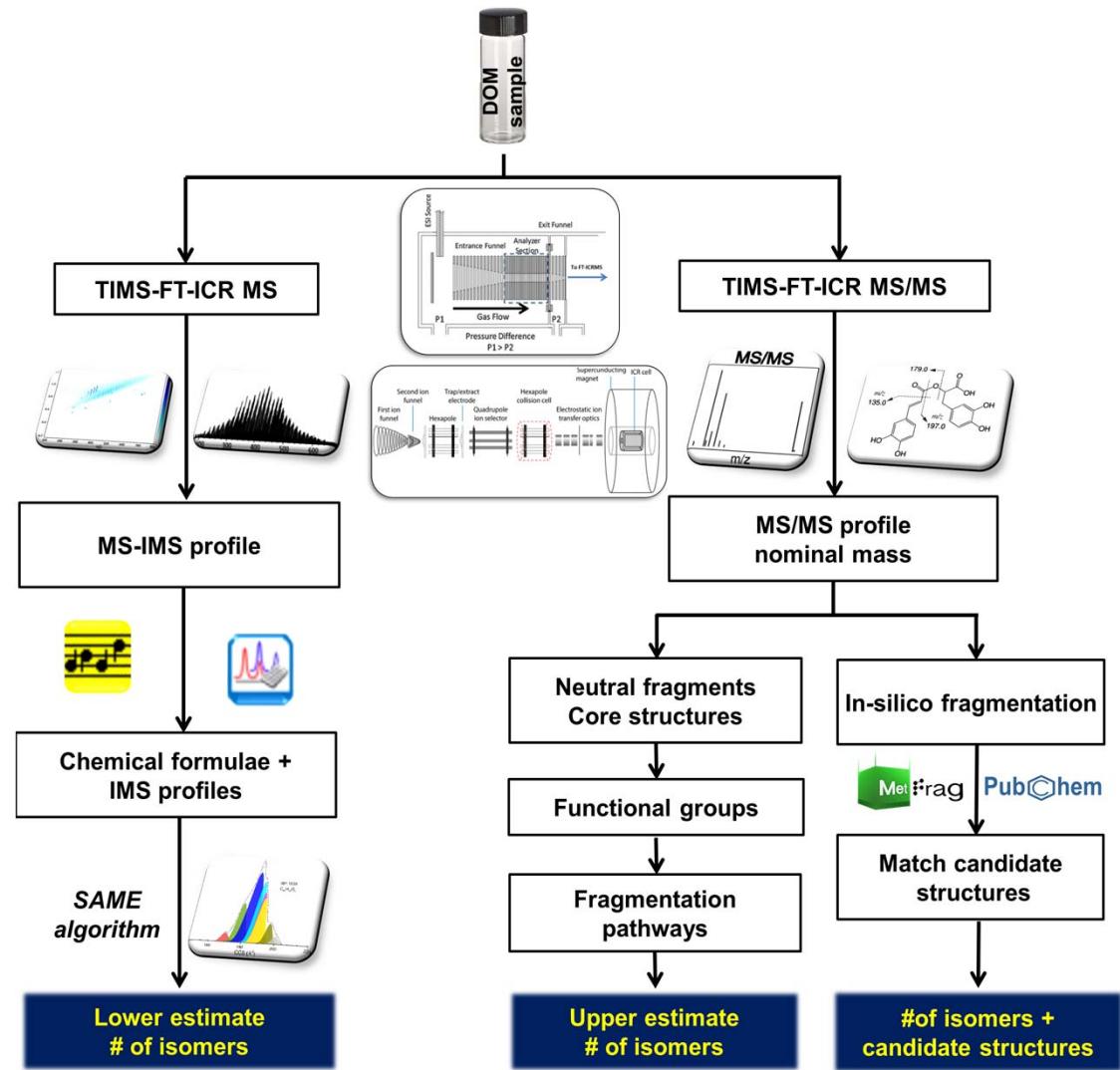
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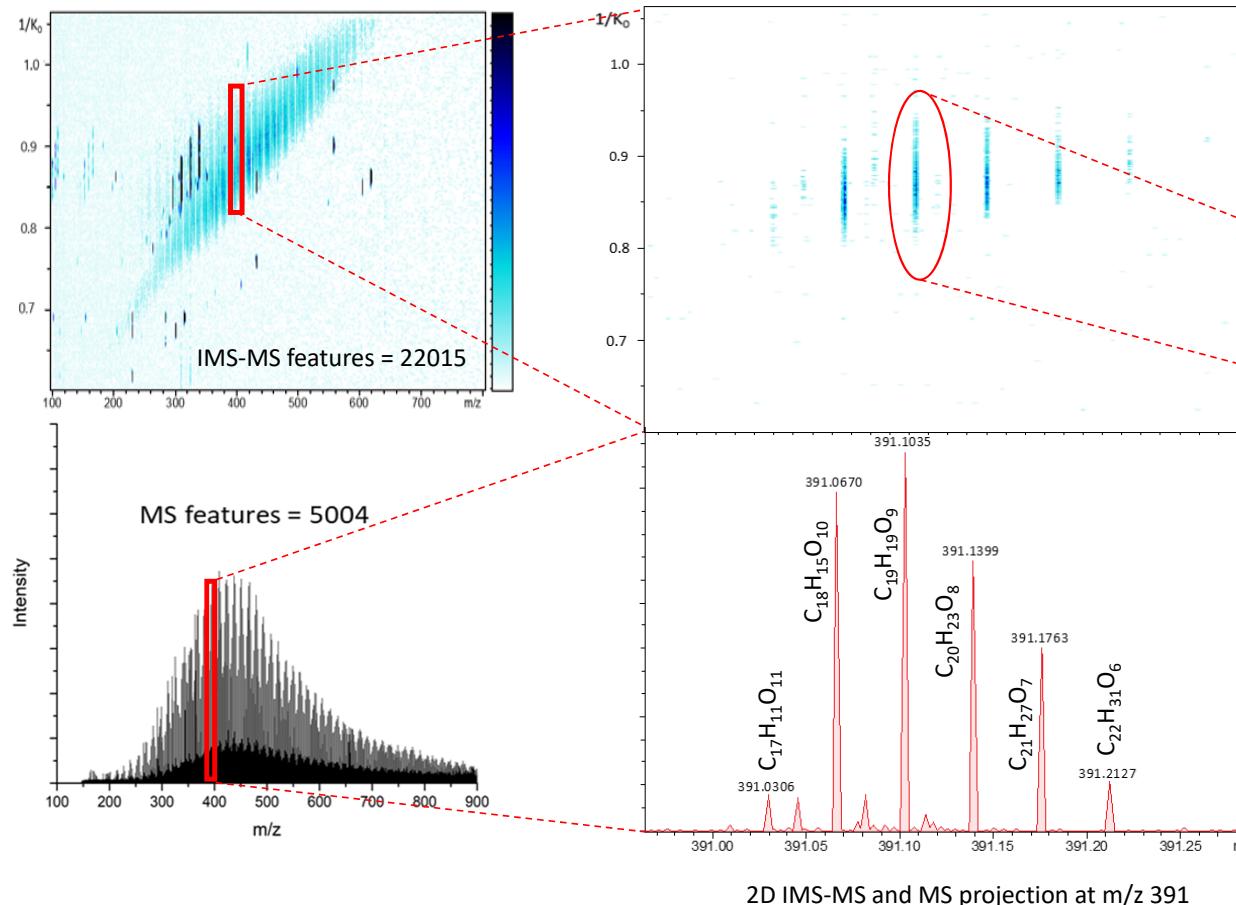
Analytical workflow

How can TIMS-FT-ICR MS help to understand the isomeric diversity of DOM?

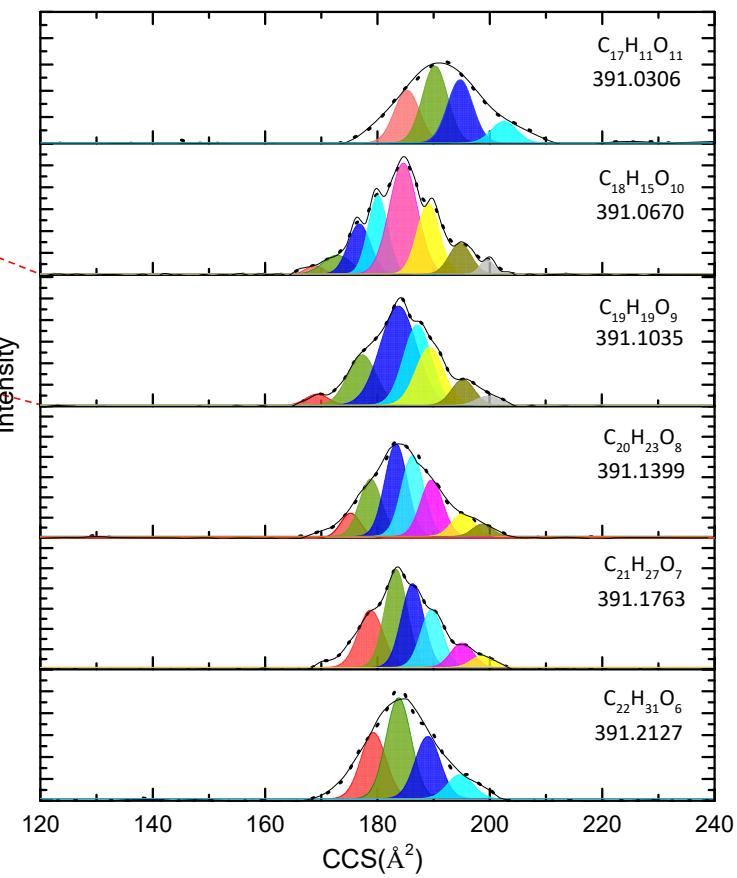


TIMS-FT-ICR MS

More than 3,000 chemical components identified

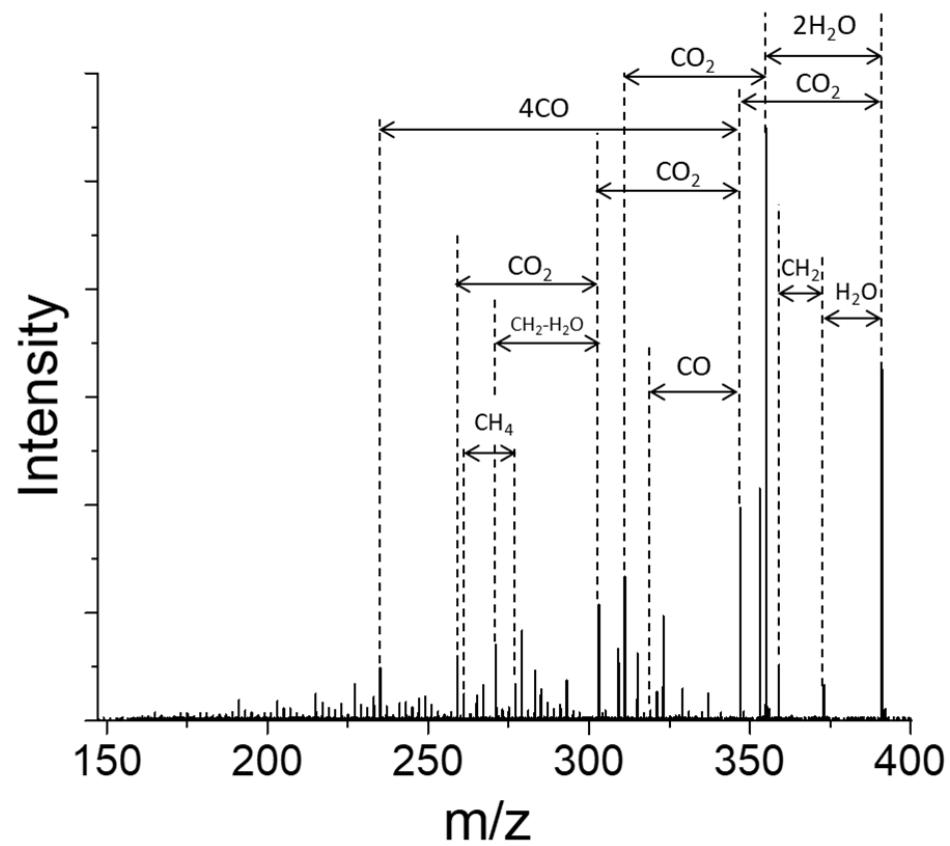


6-10 isomers per chemical formula

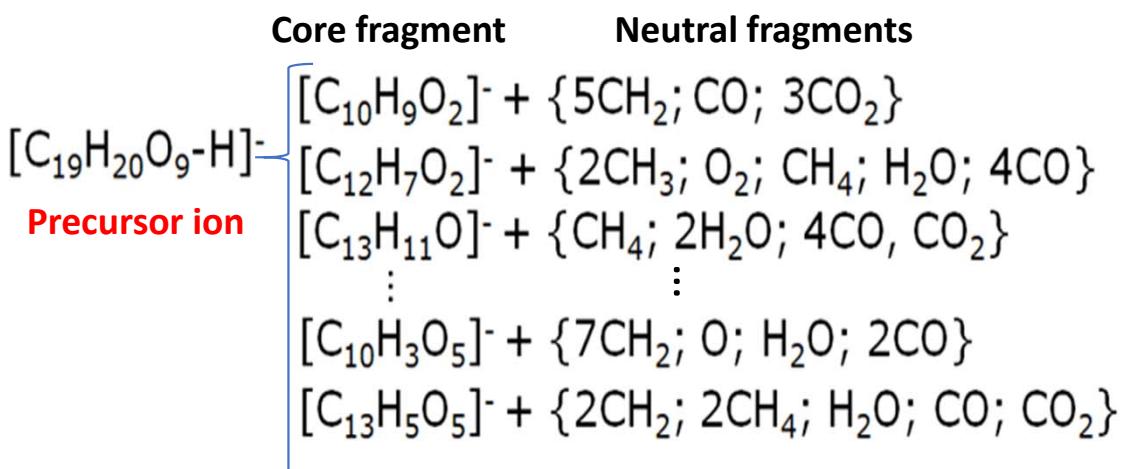


IMS projection at nominal mass m/z 391

FT-ICR MS/MS



- Neutral losses associated with functional groups and precursor ion.
- The number of pathways could provide an estimate of the number of structural isomers.



FT-ICR MS/MS (q-CID) of precursor ion 391 m/z

Potential neutral losses							Core fragment m/z	Number of pathways
CH ₂	CH ₃	O	CH ₄	H ₂ O	CO	CO ₂		
5	-	1	-	-	-	3		
2	-	-	1	1	4	1		
3	-	-	1	-	1	3		
1	2	-	-	1	4	1		
2	2	-	-	-	1	3		
4	-	-	-	1	2	2		
4	-	2	-	1	4	-		
-	-	-	2	1	6	-		
5	-	2	-	-	1	2		
-	2	1	1	-	4	1		
1	-	1	2	-	4	1		
5	-	3	-	-	2	1	173.0607 C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₂	23
5	-	4	-	-	3	-		
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1	2	1	-	1	5	-		
2	-	1	1	1	5	-		
-	2	-	1	-	3	2		
3	-	-	-	2	5	-		
4	-	1	-	1	3	1		

Precursor ion m/z	Core Fragment m/z	Structural isomers
161.0607 C ₁₀ H ₉ O ₂	13	
163.0763 C ₁₀ H ₁₁ O ₂	7	
165.0192 C ₈ H ₇ O ₄	3	
165.056 C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	2	
167.0349 C ₈ H ₇ O ₄	1	
171.0814 C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O	23	
173.0607 C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₂	23	
175.0400 C ₁₀ H ₇ O ₃	15	
391.1031 C ₁₅ H ₁₅ O ₉		
183.0450 C ₁₂ H ₇ O ₂	40	
183.0814 C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O	25	
185.0607 C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₂	29	
187.0400 C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₃	25	
201.0192 C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₄	25	
202.9984 C ₁₀ H ₉ O ₅	15	
205.0140 C ₁₀ H ₅ O ₅	7	
241.0140 C ₁₃ H ₅ O ₅	7	

Rapid upper estimate of 260 structural isomers

In-silico fragmentation

MetFrag

In silico fragmentation for computer assisted identification of metabolite mass spectra

Database Settings

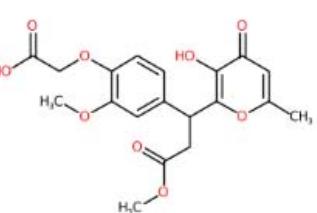
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Neutral Mass: 392.11079 Search ppm: 5

Formula: C₁₉H₂₀O₉

Parent Ion: 391.1035 [M-H]⁻ Calculate

128 potential candidates found

#	Molecule	Identifier	Mass	Formula	FinalScore	Details
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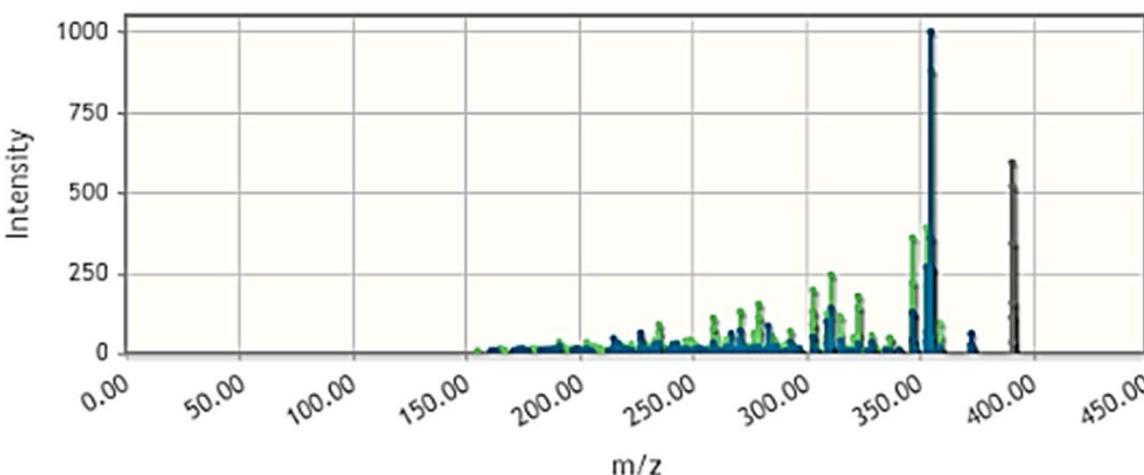
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In-silico fragmentation

Fragments View

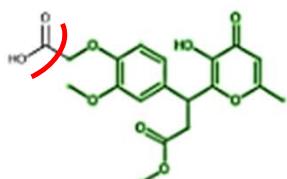
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matched
not matched
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Fragments

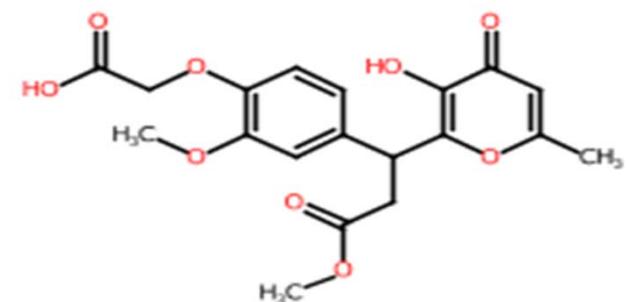
Fragment 153



Peak m/z: 347.113304
Fragment Mass: 347.11369 Da
Fragment Formula: [C₁₈H₁₉O₇]⁺

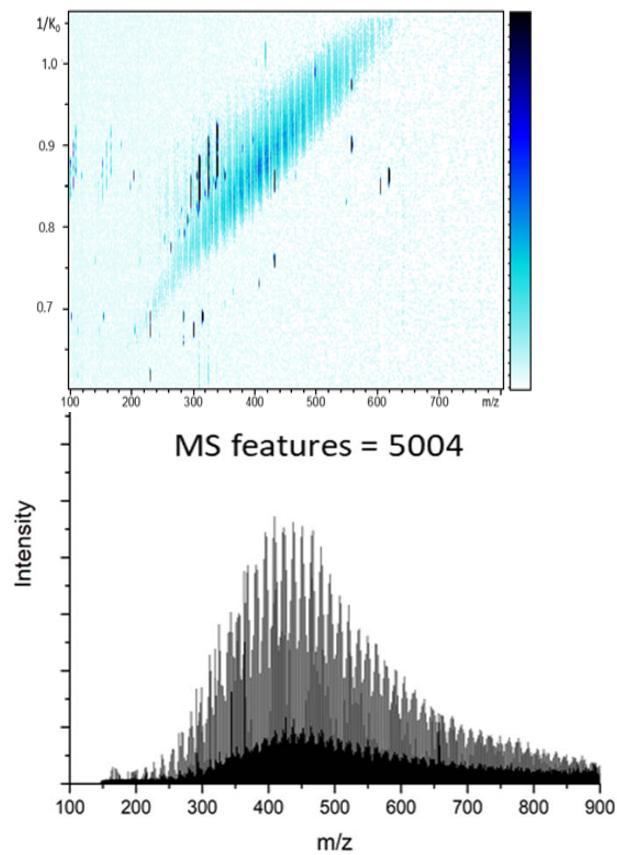
96 candidate structures based on accurate masses of precursor and fragments.

Candidate structure

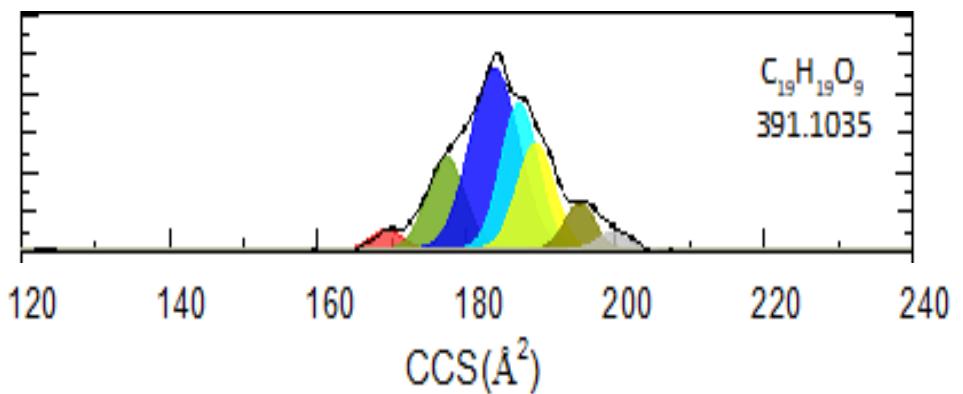


Conclusions

3,066 chemical components identified.

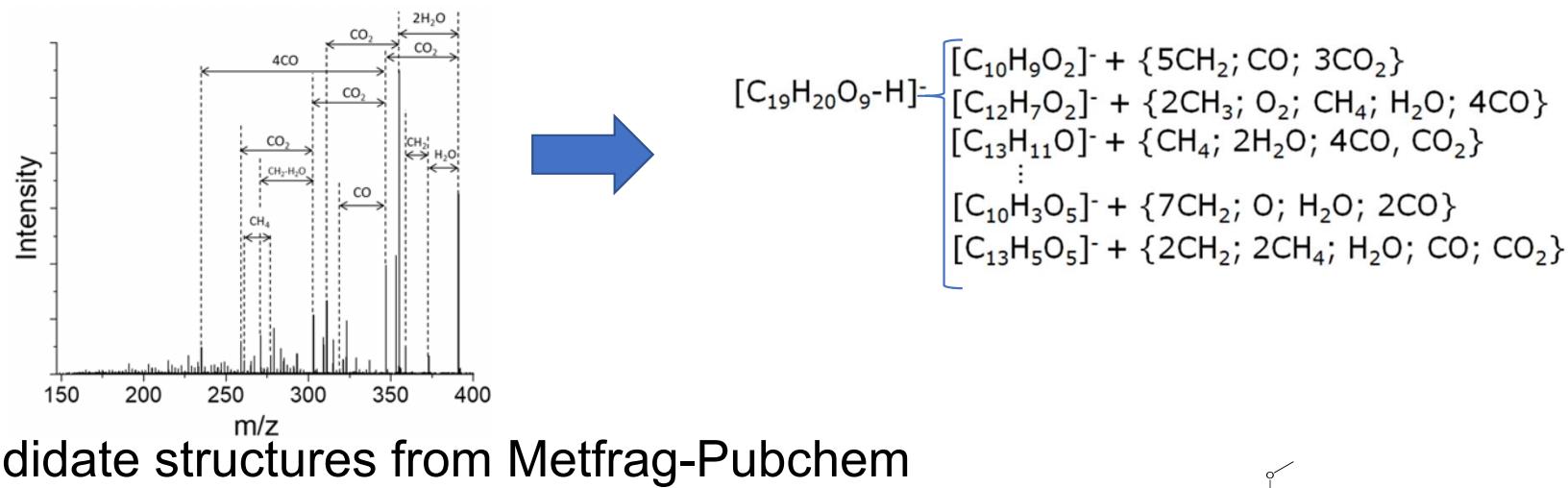


DOM Isomeric content per chemical formula based on TIMS.



Conclusions

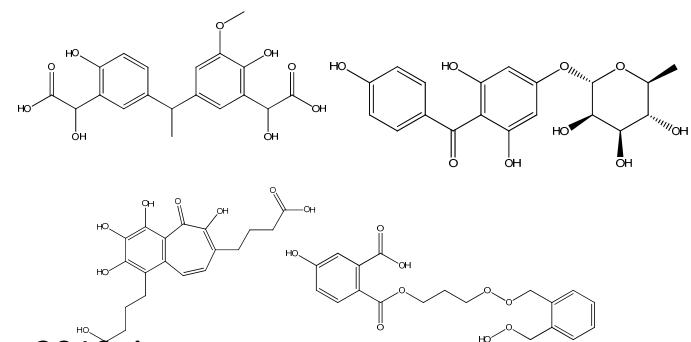
DOM isomeric content based on unique neutral loss fragmentation pathways/core fragments.



96 candidate structures from Metfrag-Pubchem



A screenshot of a software interface titled "Metfrag-Pubchem". It displays a table with columns: #, Molecule, Identifier, Mass, Formula, FinalScore, and Details. The table shows one row for a molecule identified by InChIKeyBlock1 = YRPWVKVCIHGQD, with the following details:
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