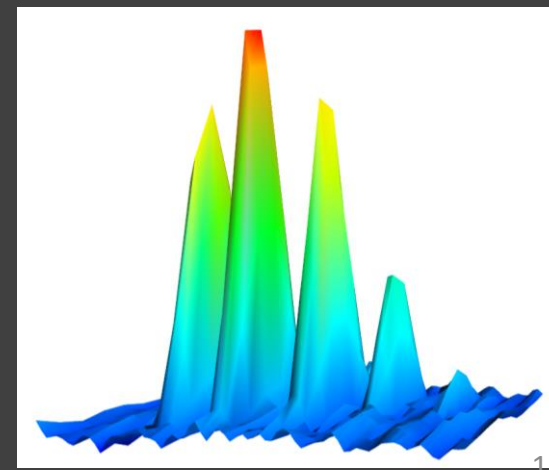


# The Benefits of 2D-Mass Spectrometry for Protein Structural Characterization

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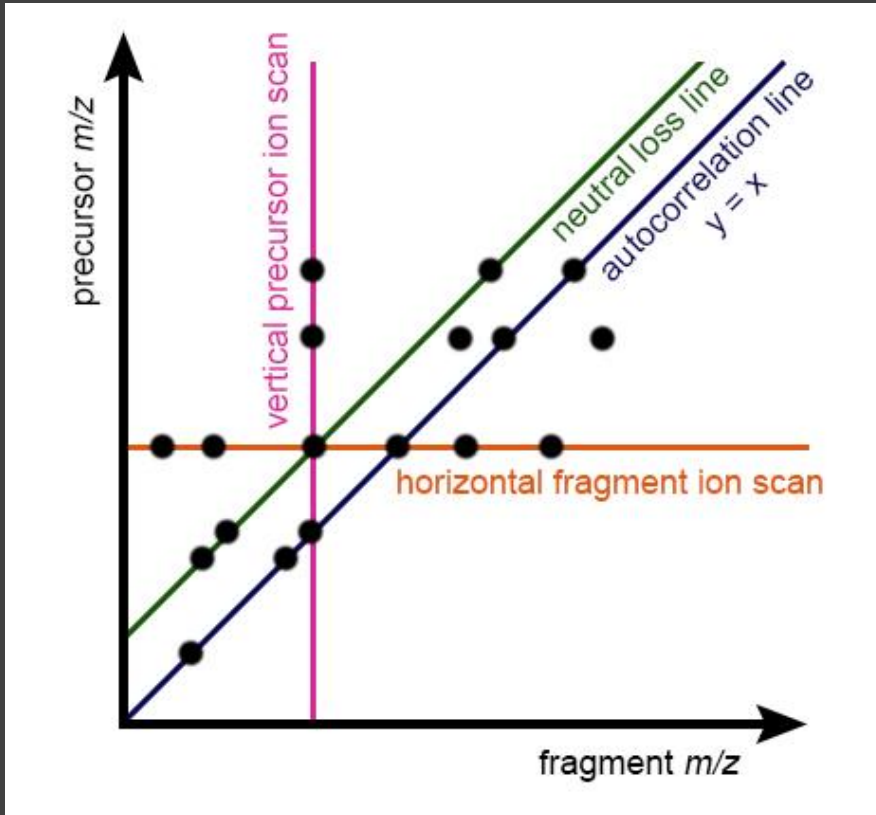
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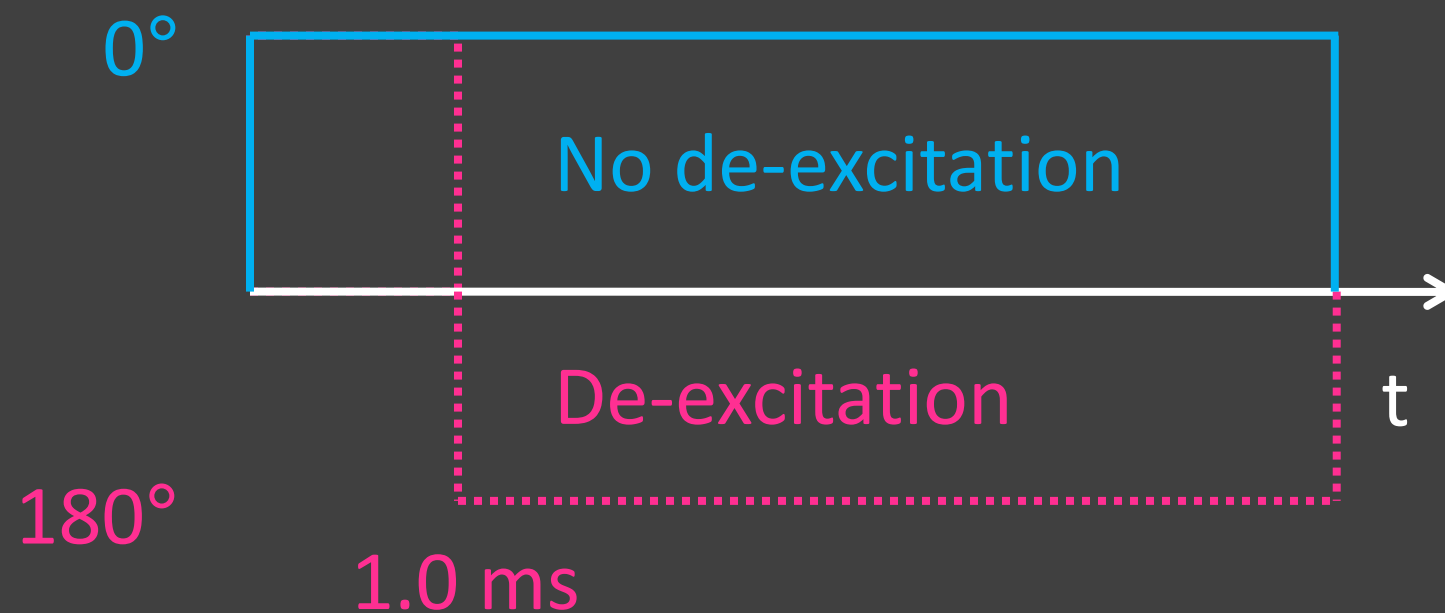
- Protein or RNA sequencing
- Modifications:
  - Identification
  - Location
  - Relative quantification

# Two-dimensional FT-ICR MS

- All ions in a complex sample fragmented and visualised on one spectrum
- NO isolation ✗
- YES fragmentation ✓
- Horizontal axis: fragment  $m/z$
- Vertical axis: precursor  $m/z$
- Each peak corresponds to one fragmentation

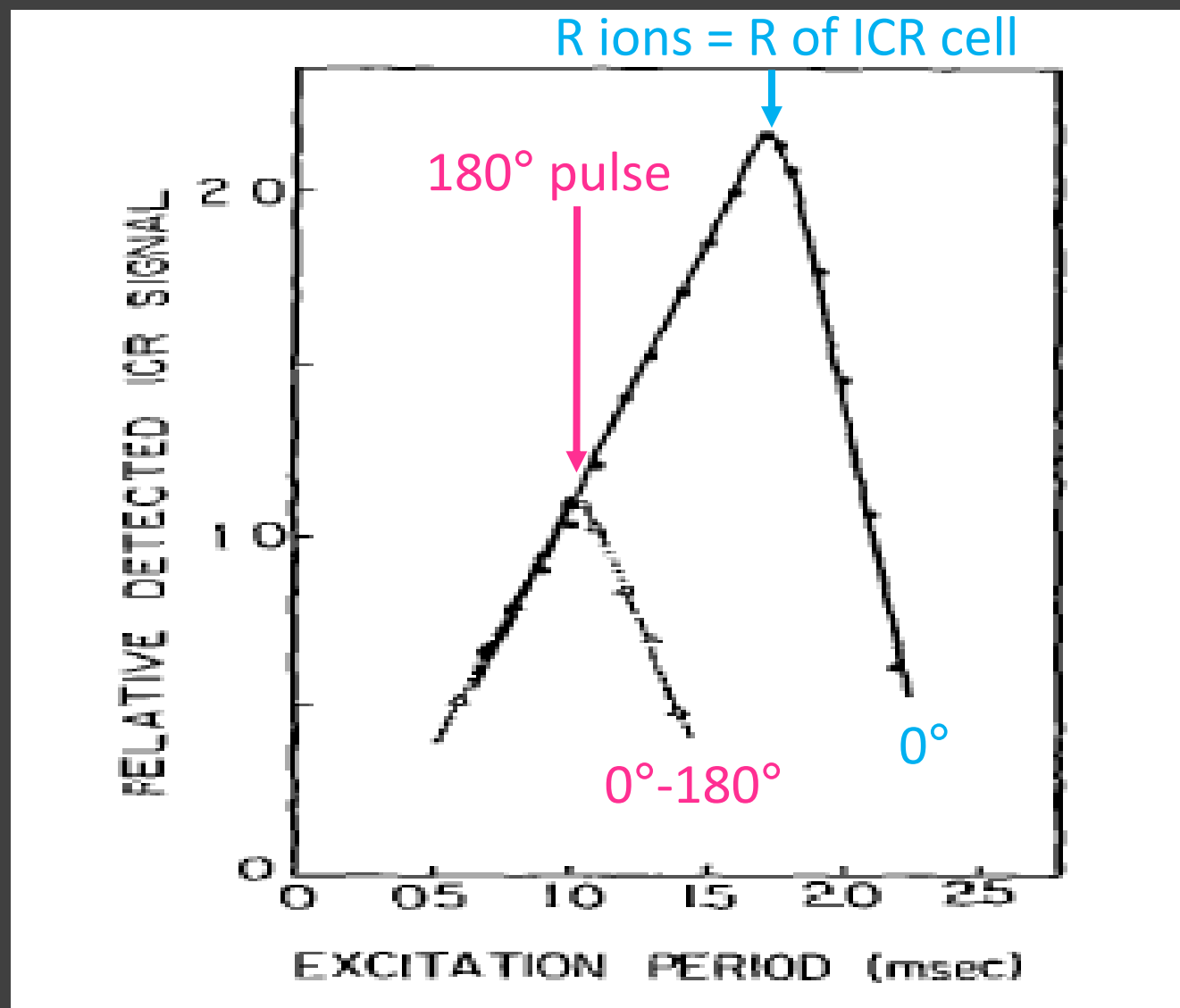


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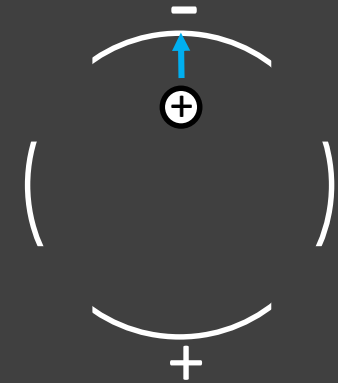


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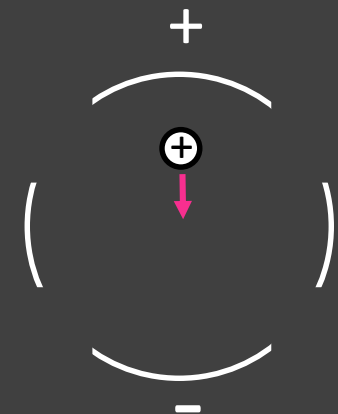


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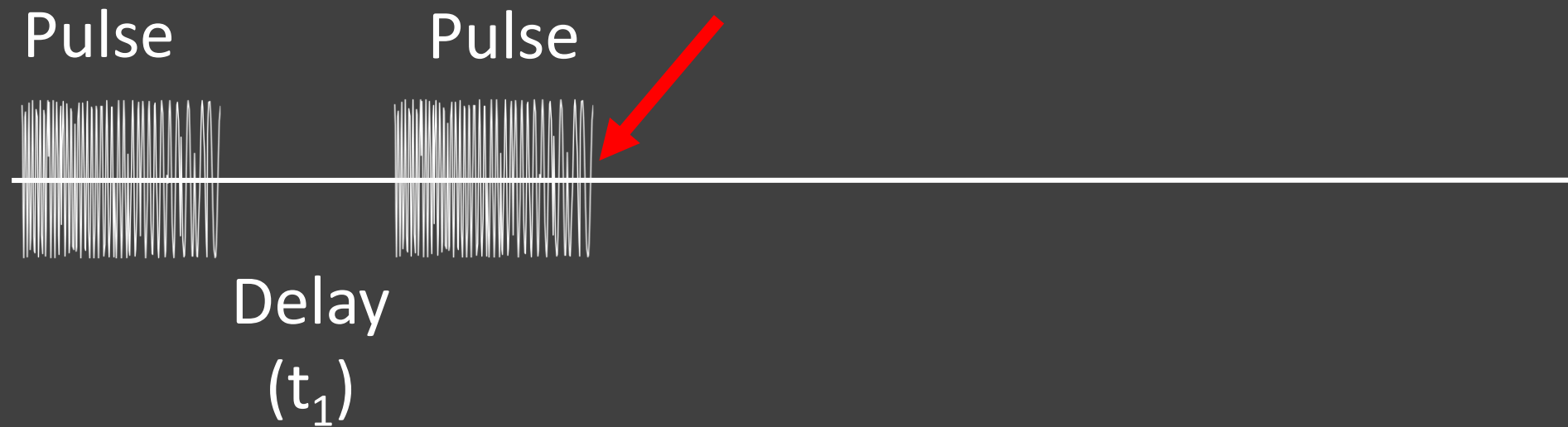
Excitation voltage *in phase with* ion motion: ions excited to higher radius



Excitation voltage *in phase opposition with* ion motion: ions de-excited to center of ICR cell.



# 2D MS Pulse Sequence



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$$\text{Phase} = \text{Frequency} \times \text{Delay}$$

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$$radius \propto \sqrt{2(1 + \cos(Frequency \times Delay))}$$

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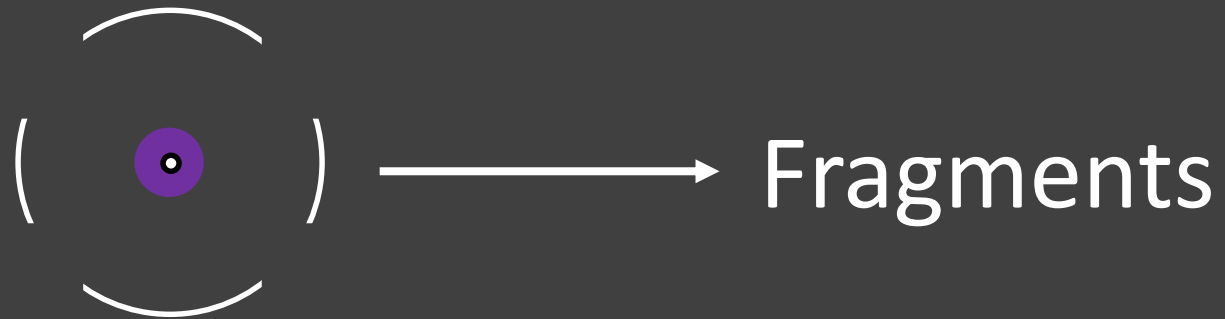
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Phase =  $180^\circ$



Phase =  $360^\circ$



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Fragment abundance  $\propto$  Precursor radius

Fragment abundance modulation =  
Precursor radius modulation

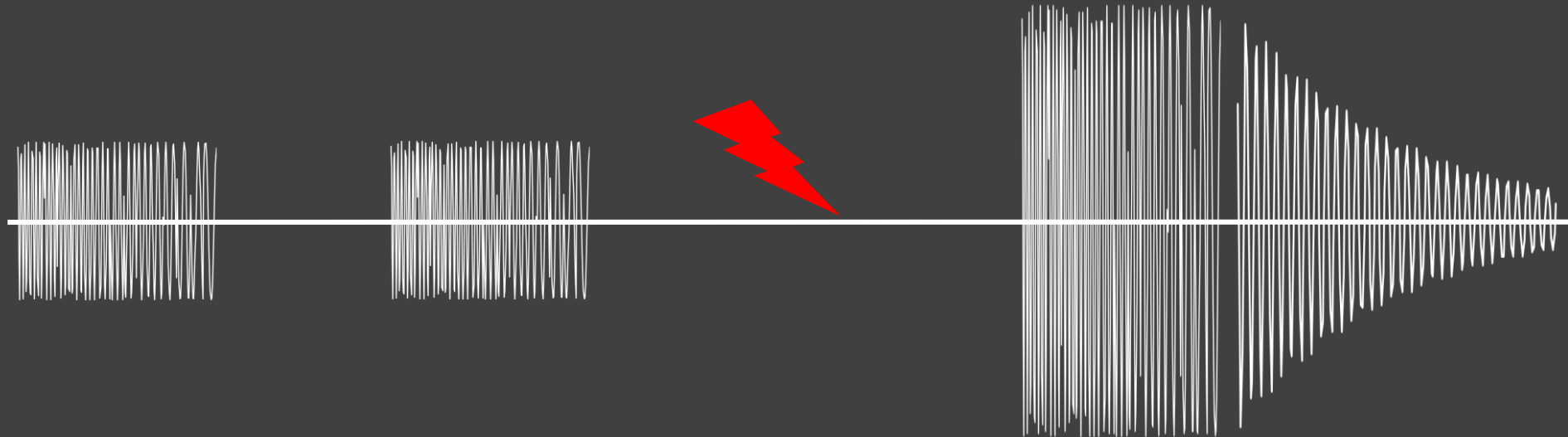
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# 2D MS Pulse Sequence

## Excitation Detection

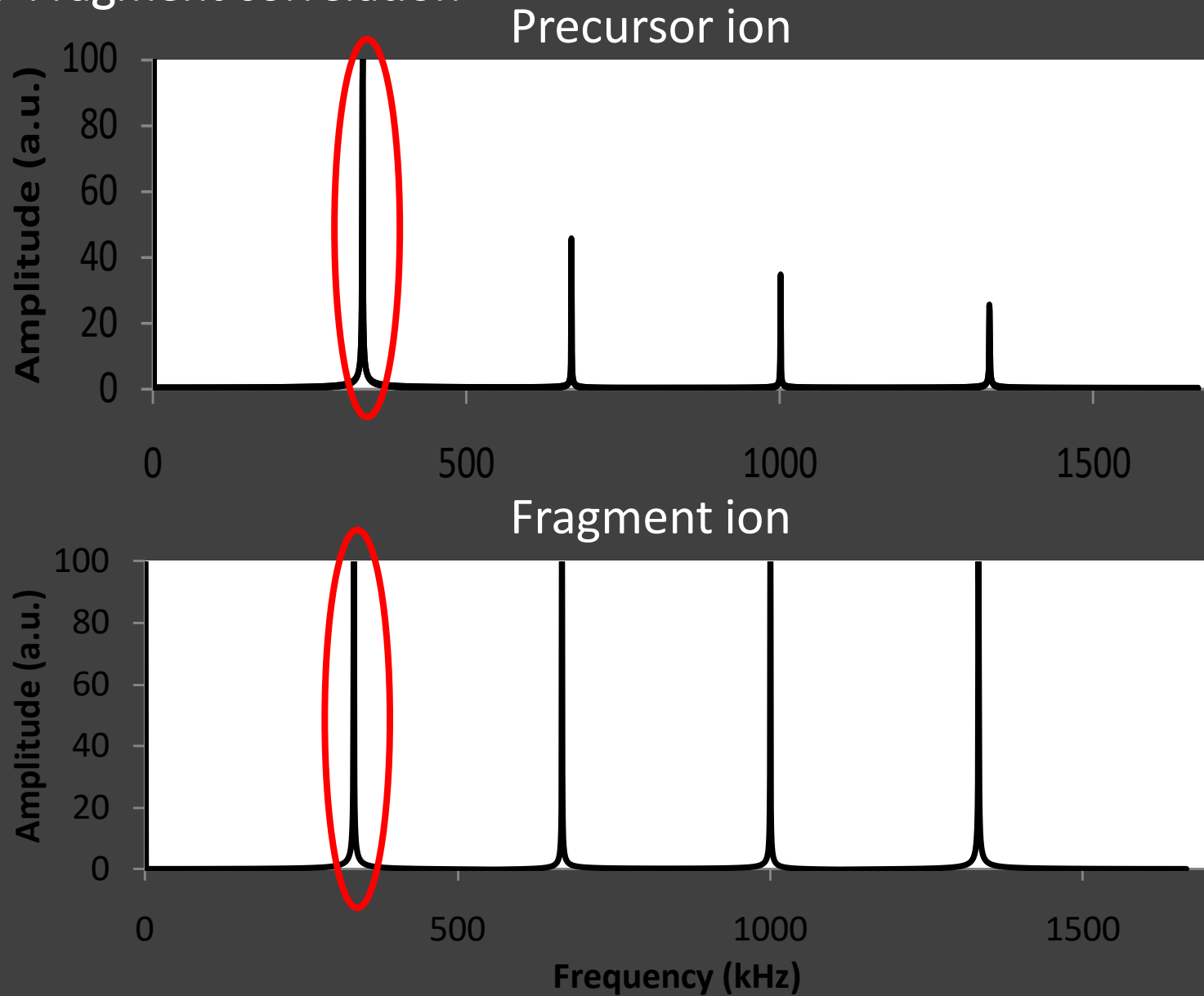


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# Precursor-Fragment correlation



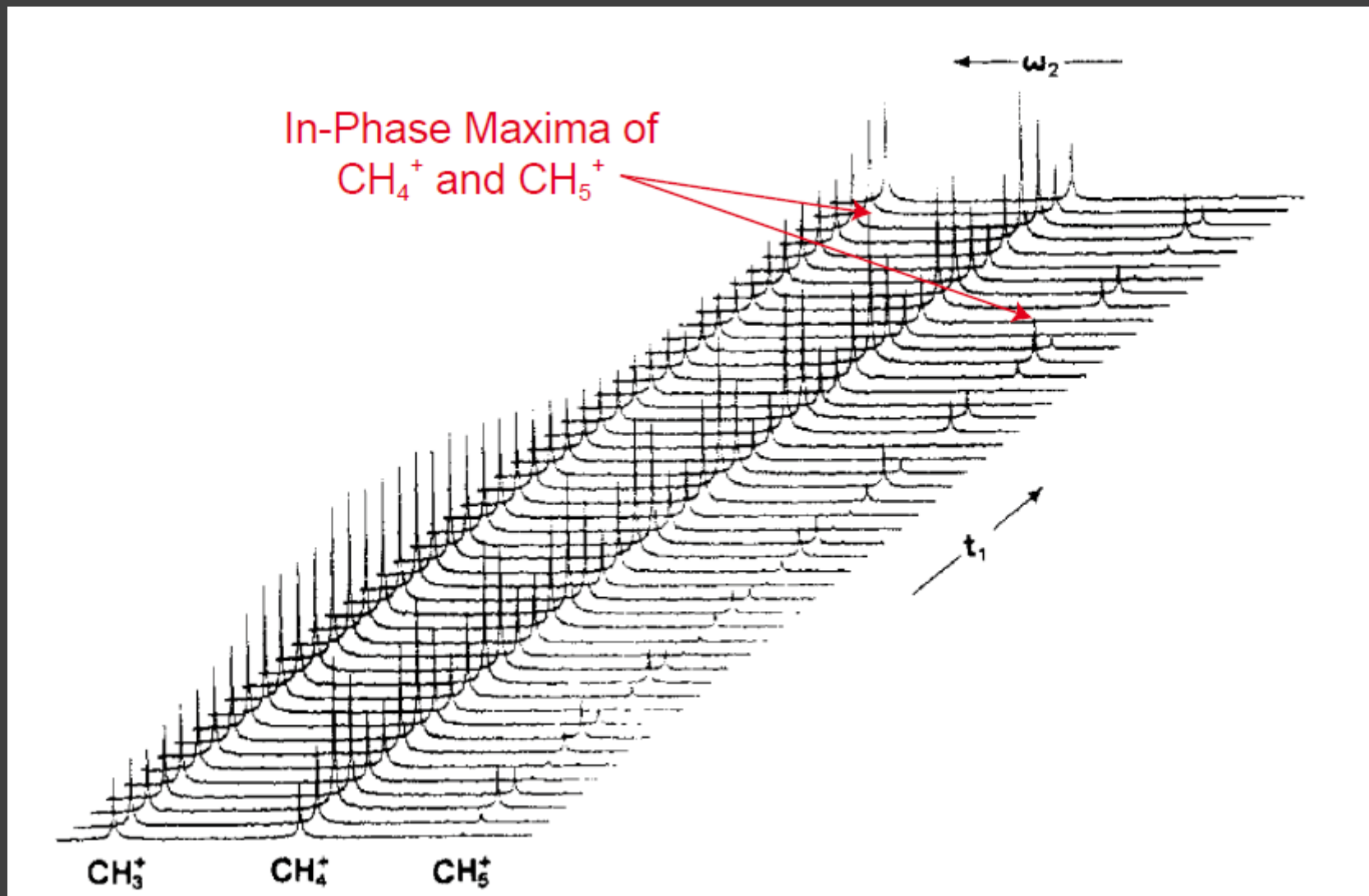
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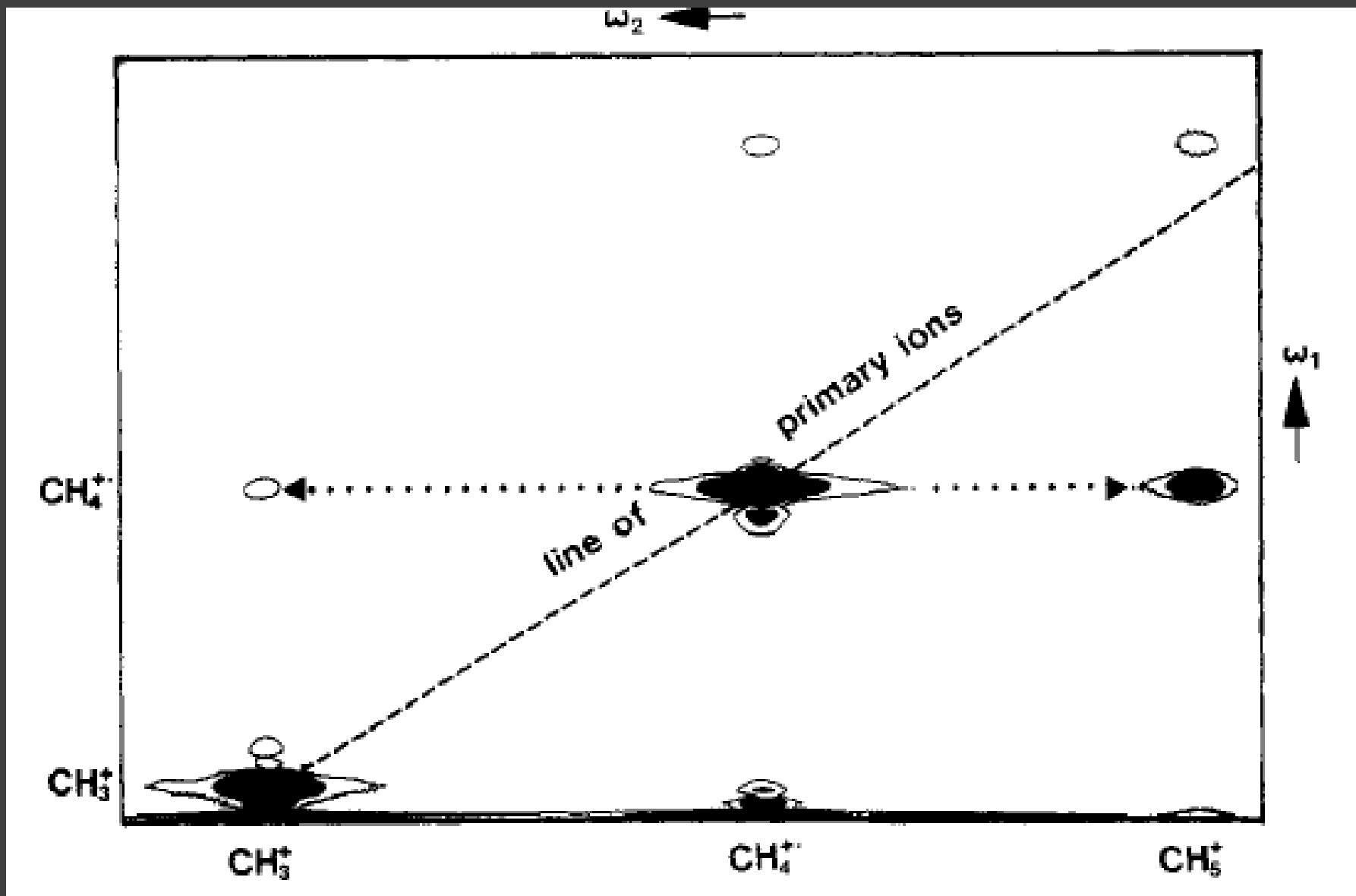
# First 2D FT-ICR Spectra

## Ion-Molecule Reactions of $\text{CH}_4^+$



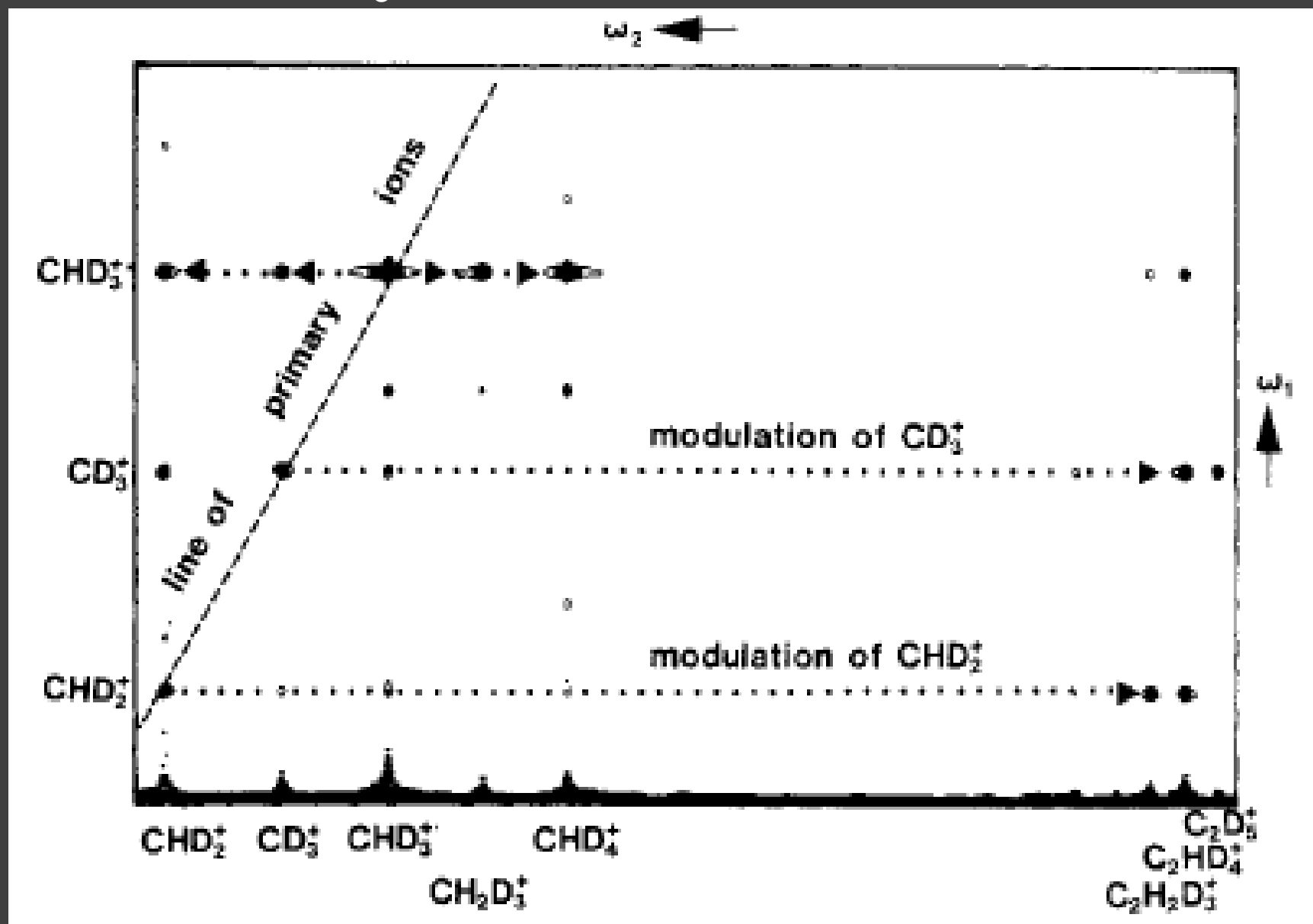
# First 2D FT-ICR Spectra

Ion-molecule reactions of  $\text{CH}_4^+$  (120×1k data points)



# First 2D FT-ICR Spectra

Ion-molecule reactions of  $\text{CHD}_3$  (256×1k data points)



# Further 2D FT-ICR MS Studies

## A theory for two-dimensional Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

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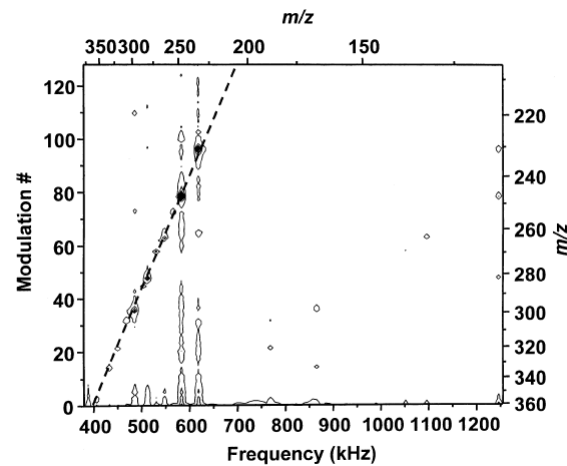
A theoretical model, based on the Lorentz equations for ion motion and the mass action law, is developed for two-dimensional Fourier-transform mass spectrometry known as 2D FT-ICR or 2D FTMS. The theory illustrates that the modulation of 2D FT-ICR ion signals in the additional time dimension comes from the modulation of the primary ion speed by the 2D excitation pulses. The modulation of the primary ion speed is found not to be sinusoidal and the modulation of the ion signals in 2D FT-ICR spectra is found to be complicated even in the simplest chemical system. The complex modulation creates higher harmonic components in the spectra. Based on the model, a data processing algorithm is proposed. The results show that the Fourier transformation should be performed stepwise in order to obtain complete information, and that the phase portion of the frequency domain generated by the second Fourier transformation should not be discarded since it contains useful information.

## Noise analysis for 2D tandem Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

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## Two-Dimensional Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometry/Mass Spectrometry with Stored-Waveform Ion Radius Modulation

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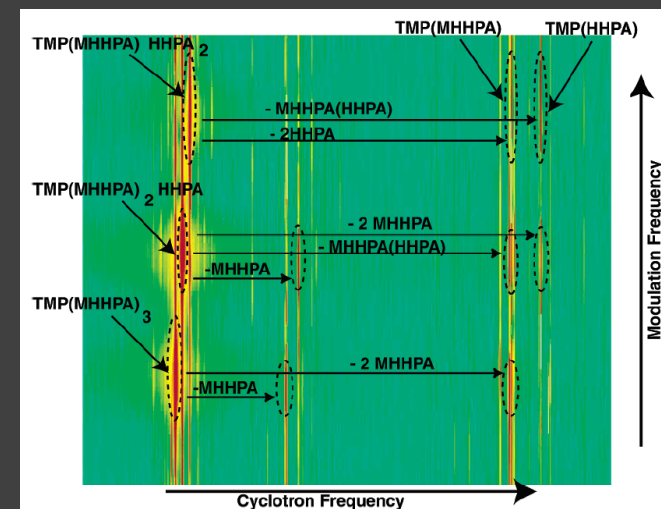
**Abstract:** A fundamentally new two-dimensional Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry experiment, SWIM ("stored-waveform ion modulation") 2D-FT/ICR MS/MS, is described. Prior encodement of the second dimension by use of two identical excitation waveforms separated by a variable delay period (analogous to 2D-NOESY NMR) is replaced by a new encodement in which each row of the two-dimensional data array is obtained by use of a single stored excitation waveform whose frequency-domain magnitude spectrum is a sinusoid whose frequency increases from one row to the next. In the two-dimensional mass spectrum, the conventional one-dimensional FT/ICR mass spectrum appears along the diagonal, and each off-diagonal peak corresponds to an ion-neutral reaction whose ionic components may be identified by horizontal and vertical projections to the diagonal spectrum. Fragmentation due to (e.g.) collision-induced dissociation results in peaks on only one side of the diagonal, whereas bidirectional ion-molecule reactions result in peaks on both sides of the diagonal. All ion-molecule reactions in a gaseous mixture may be identified from a single 2D-FT/ICR MS/MS experiment, without any prior knowledge of the system.

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## Application of Stored Waveform Ion Modulation 2D-FTICR MSMS to the Analysis of Complex Mixtures

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# 2D FT-ICR MS Renewal: Adaptation to IRMPD and ECD

## Two-dimensional FT-ICR/MS with IRMPD as fragmentation mode

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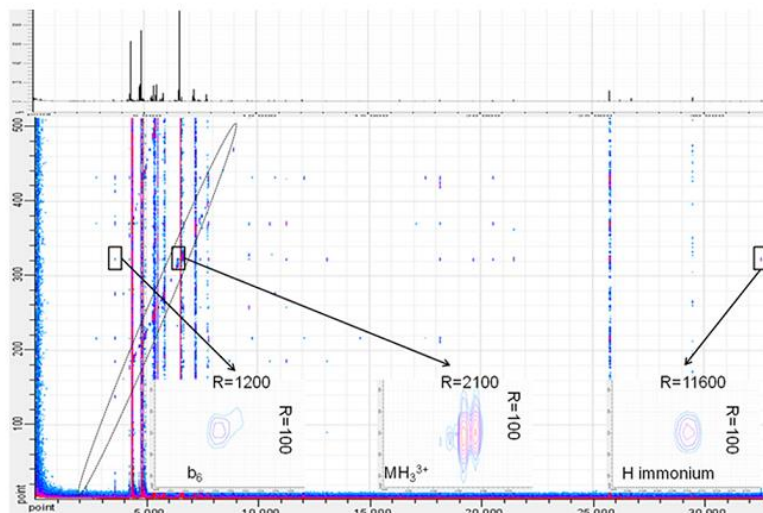
Pulse sequence

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### ABSTRACT

In 1988, Gäumann et al. introduced a pulse sequence for two-dimensional FT-ICR/MS correlating parent ions and fragment ions without the need for ion isolation. The improvement in computer technology makes this pulse sequence analytically useful in order to obtain structural information on complex samples. The pulse sequence can be applied to all cyclotron radius-dependent fragmentation modes, including gas-free fragmentation modes like IRMPD, which do not affect sensitivity and resolving power like the pulsing of a gas into the ICR cell does. This study shows the feasibility of 2D FT-ICR/MS and lays the groundwork to turn this method into a viable analytical tool.

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**Fig. 2.** 2D IRMPD mass spectrum of angiotensin I (1 pmol/μL in MeOH/water with 0.1% formic acid) using IRMPD (50% for 0.1 s). Cyclotron frequencies are represented horizontally ( $f_{\text{cycl}} = 1667 \text{ kHz} = 32,768 \text{ a.u.}$ , corresponding to a  $m/z$  86–2000 mass range) and correlation frequencies are represented vertically ( $f_{\text{cycl}} = 1667 \text{ kHz} = 2048 \text{ a.u.}$ , corresponding to a  $m/z$  86–2000 mass range). Although the size of the datafile is  $32,768 \times 2048$ , we chose to represent  $32,768 \times 512$  for better visibility. Inserts: Self-correlation peak of  $\text{MH}_3^{3+}$  ( $m/z$  433) with its  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes and resolution of the peak in both directions. Correlation peaks of  $\text{MH}_3^{3+}$  and  $b_6$  ( $m/z$  784) and H immonium ( $m/z$  110) and resolution of the peaks in both dimensions.

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## Two-Dimensional ECD FT-ICR Mass Spectrometry of Peptides and Glycopeptides

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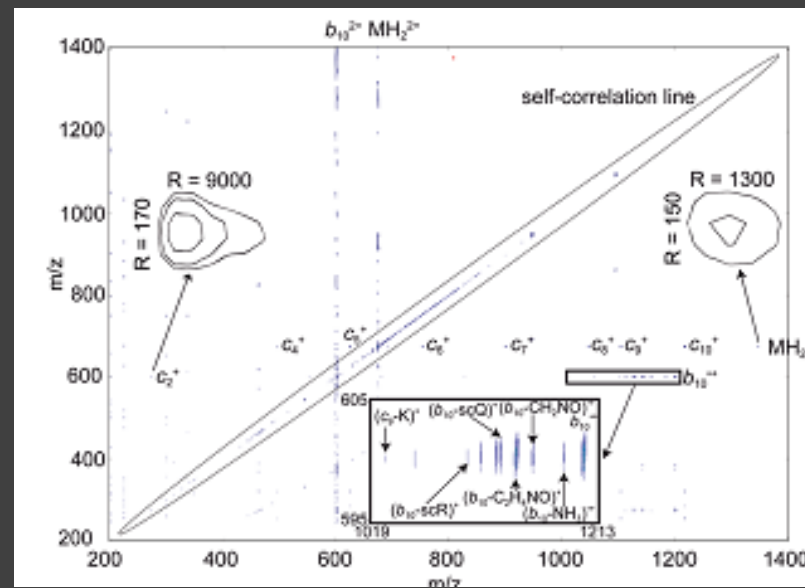
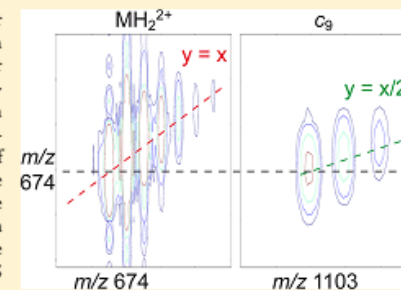
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### Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** 2D FT-ICR MS allows the correlation between precursor and fragment ions by modulating ion cyclotron radii for fragmentation modes with radius-dependent efficiency in the ICR cell without the need for prior ion isolation. This technique has been successfully applied to ion-molecule reactions, Collision-induced dissociation and infrared multiphoton dissociation. In this study, we used electron capture dissociation for 2D FT-ICR MS for the first time, and we recorded two-dimensional mass spectra of peptides and a mixture of glycopeptides that showed fragments that are characteristic of ECD for each of the precursor ions in the sample. We compare the sequence coverage obtained with 2D ECD FT-ICR MS with the sequence coverage obtained with ECD MS/MS and compare the sensitivities of both techniques. We demonstrate how 2D ECD FT-ICR MS can be implemented to identify peptides and glycopeptides for proteomics analysis.





## Can Two-Dimensional IR-ECD Mass Spectrometry Improve Peptide de Novo Sequencing?

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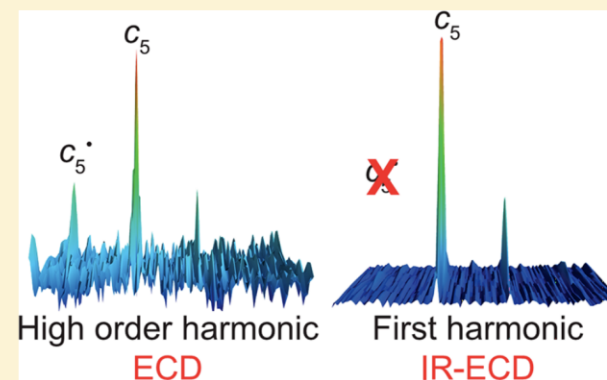
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### Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Two-dimensional mass spectrometry (2D MS) correlates precursor and fragment ions without ion isolation in a Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer (FTICR MS) for tandem mass spectrometry. Infrared activated electron capture dissociation (IR-ECD), using a hollow cathode configuration, generally yields more information for peptide sequencing in tandem mass spectrometry than ECD (electron capture dissociation) alone. The effects of the fragmentation zone on the 2D mass spectrum are investigated as well as the structural information that can be derived from it. The enhanced structural information gathered from the 2D mass spectrum is discussed in terms of how de novo peptide sequencing can be performed with increased confidence. 2D IR-ECD MS is shown to sequence peptides, to distinguish between leucine and isoleucine residues through the production of  $w$  ions as well as between C-terminal ( $b/c$ ) and N-terminal ( $y/z$ ) fragments through the use of higher harmonics, and to assign and locate peptide modifications.



## Advantages of Two-Dimensional Electron-Induced Dissociation and Infrared Multiphoton Dissociation Mass Spectrometry for the Analysis of Agrochemicals

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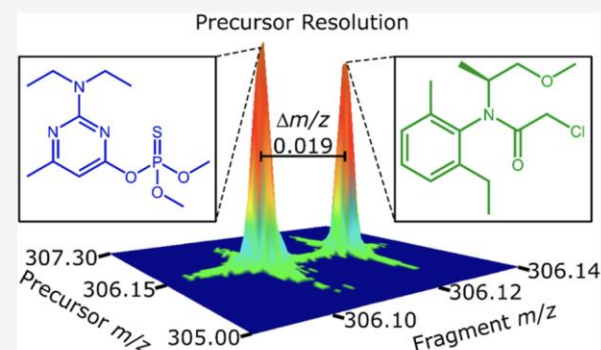


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**ABSTRACT:** Analysis of agrochemicals in an environmental matrix is challenging because these samples contain multiple agrochemicals, their metabolites, degradation products, and endogenous compounds. The analysis of such complex samples is achieved using chromatographic separation techniques coupled to mass spectrometry. Herein, we demonstrate a two-dimensional mass spectrometry (2DMS) technique on a 12 T Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer that can analyze a mixture of agrochemicals without using chromatography or quadrupole isolation in a single experiment. The resulting 2DMS contour plot contains abundant tandem MS information for each component in the sample and correlates product ions to their corresponding precursor ions. Two different fragmentation methods are employed, infrared multiphoton dissociation (IRMPD) and electron-induced dissociation (EID), with 2DMS to analyze the mixture of singly charged agrochemicals. The product ions of one of the agrochemicals, pirimiphos-methyl, present in the sample was used to internally calibrate the entire 2DMS spectrum, achieving sub part per million (ppm) to part per billion (ppb) mass accuracies for all species analyzed. The work described in this study will show the advantages of the 2DMS approach, by grouping species with common fragments/core structure and mutual functional groups, using precursor lines and neutral loss lines. In addition, the rich spectral information obtained from IRMPD and EID 2DMS contour plots can accurately identify and characterize agrochemicals.



# 2D FT-ICR MS Renewal: Pulse Sequence Optimisation and Data Processing

## Optimization of the discrete pulse sequence for two-dimensional FT-ICR mass spectrometry using infrared multiphoton dissociation



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### ABSTRACT

2D FT-ICR MS, introduced by Pfändler et al. (*Chem. Phys. Lett.* 138 (1987) 195), allows one to correlate precursor and fragment ions in complex samples without requiring ion isolation. Recent advances in electronics, computer capacities, and gas-free in-cell fragmentation techniques open up new perspectives for 2D FT-ICR MS as an analytical technique. The pulse sequence consists of two encoding pulses separated by an incremental delay, followed by an observe pulse. In our previous 2D FT-ICR MS work we used three pulses of equal duration and amplitude. However, signal intensity was low because it was distributed over a series of intense harmonics. Using a simple theoretical model to analytically express ion fragmentation and 2D FT-ICR MS ion trajectories, we obtained a nearly pure signal when the maximum radius of the ions during the encoding pulses is within the laser beam. By adjusting the experimental parameters of the encoding pulses according to the calculation on the same cyclotron radius, we strongly decrease the intensity of harmonic peaks. We also discuss the effect of increasing the amplitude of the observe pulse, which affects precursor and fragment ion peaks differently in terms of signal-to-noise ratio. The 2D mass spectra obtained with the optimized pulse sequence show a much higher signal-to-noise ratio, even without using denoising algorithms.

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## Two-dimensional Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry: reduction of scintillation noise using Cadzow data processing

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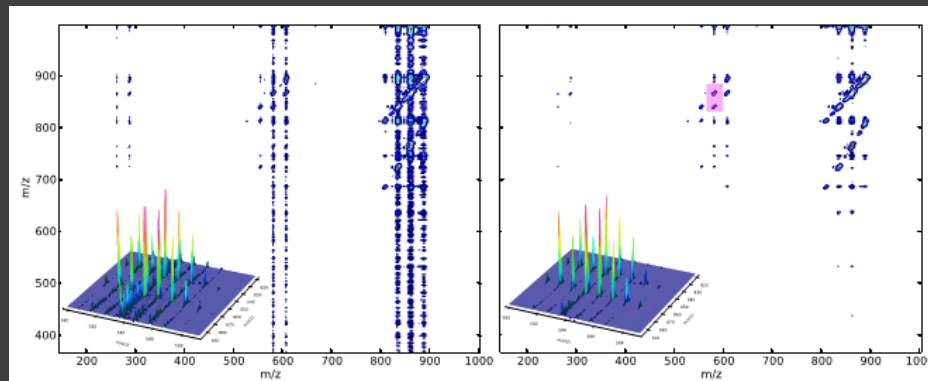
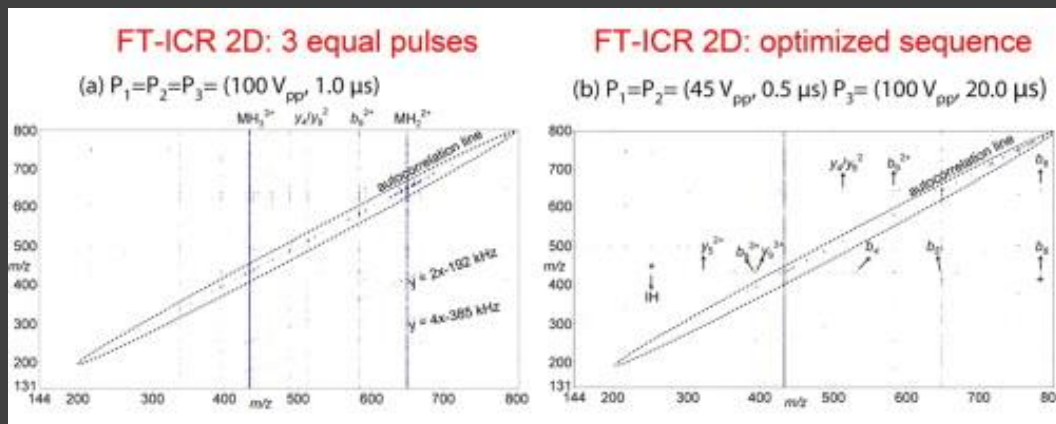
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In two-dimensional Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry (2D FTICR-MS), scintillation noise, caused mostly by fluctuations in the number of ions in the ICR cell, is the leading cause for errors in spectrum interpretation. In this study, we adapted an algorithm based on singular value decomposition and first introduced by Cadzow *et al.* (*IEE Proceedings Pt. F* 1987, 134, 69) to 2D FTICR-MS and we measured its performance in terms of noise reduction without losing signal information in the 2D mass spectrum. Copyright © 2011 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

## Efficient denoising algorithms for large experimental datasets and their applications in Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

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## Nonuniform Sampling Acquisition of Two-Dimensional Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometry for Increased Mass Resolution of Tandem Mass Spectrometry Precursor Ions

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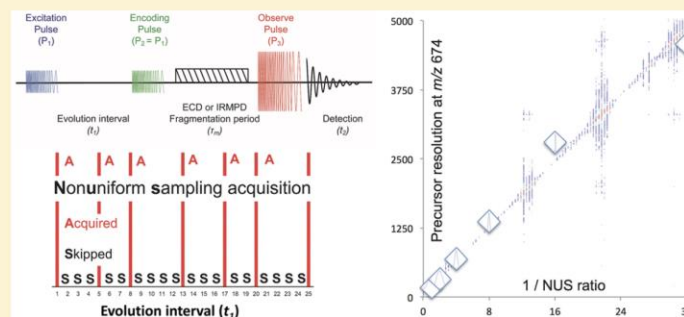
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### Supporting Information



**ABSTRACT:** Obtaining the full MS/MS map for fragments and precursors of complex mixtures without hyphenation with chromatographic separation by a data-independent acquisition is a challenge in mass spectrometry which is solved by two-dimensional (2D) Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry (FTICR MS). Until now 2D FTICR MS afforded only a moderate resolution for precursor ion since this resolution is limited by the number of evolution interval steps to which the number of scans, the acquisition time, and the sample consumption are proportional. An overnight acquisition is already required to reach a quadrupole mass filter-like unit mass resolution. Here, we report that 2D FTICR MS using nonuniform sampling (NUS) obtained by randomly skipping points in the first dimension corresponding to the precursor selection gives access, after data processing, to the same structural information contained in a complex mixture. The resolution increases roughly as the inverse of the NUS ratio, up to 26 times at NUS 1/32, leading to an acquisition time reduced in the same ratio compared to a classical acquisition at the same resolution. As an example, the analysis of a natural oil is presented.

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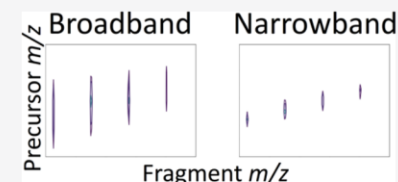
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## Phase Correction for Absorption Mode Two-Dimensional Mass Spectrometry

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**Abstract:** Two-dimensional mass spectrometry (2D MS) is a tandem mass spectrometry method that relies on manipulating ion motions to correlate precursor and fragment ion signals. 2D mass spectra are obtained by performing a Fourier transform in both the precursor ion mass-to-charge ratio ( $m/z$ ) dimension and the fragment ion  $m/z$  dimension. The phase of the ion signals evolves linearly in the precursor  $m/z$  dimension and quadratically in the fragment  $m/z$  dimension. This study demonstrates that phase-corrected absorption mode 2D mass spectrometry improves signal-to-noise ratios by a factor of 2 and resolving power by a factor of 2 in each dimension compared to magnitude mode. Furthermore, phase correction leads to an easier differentiation between ion signals and artefacts, and therefore easier data interpretation.

## 2D Mass Spectra

- Autocorrelation line = MS
- Fragment ion scan = MS/MS
- Precursor ion scan = all precursors that have the same fragment

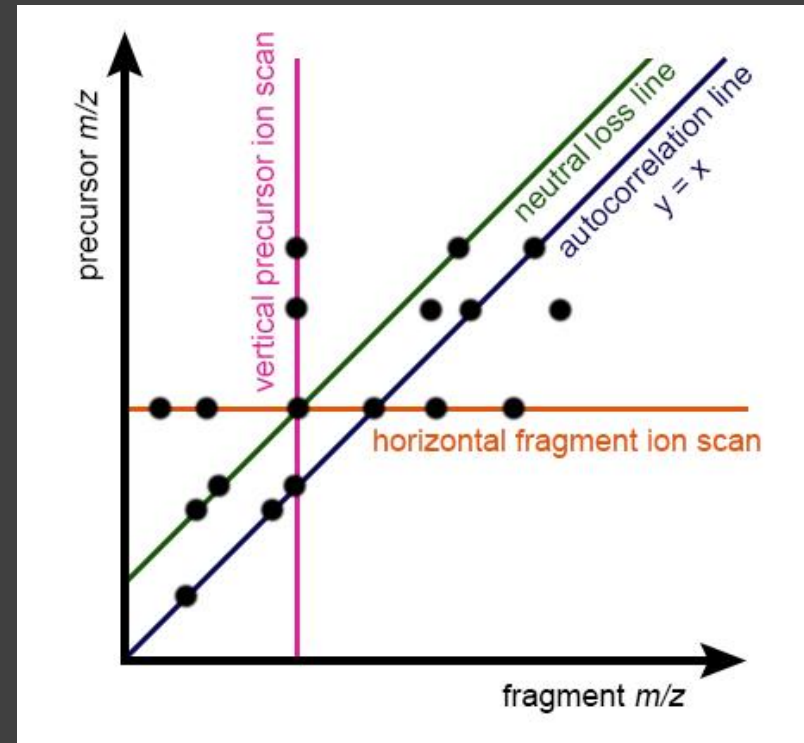
ABBA → ABB

ABBC → ABB

- Neutral loss line = all precursors that lose the same neutral

ABBA → BA

ABBC → BC



- Precursors of same charge state
- Lose the same charge
- Lose the same mass



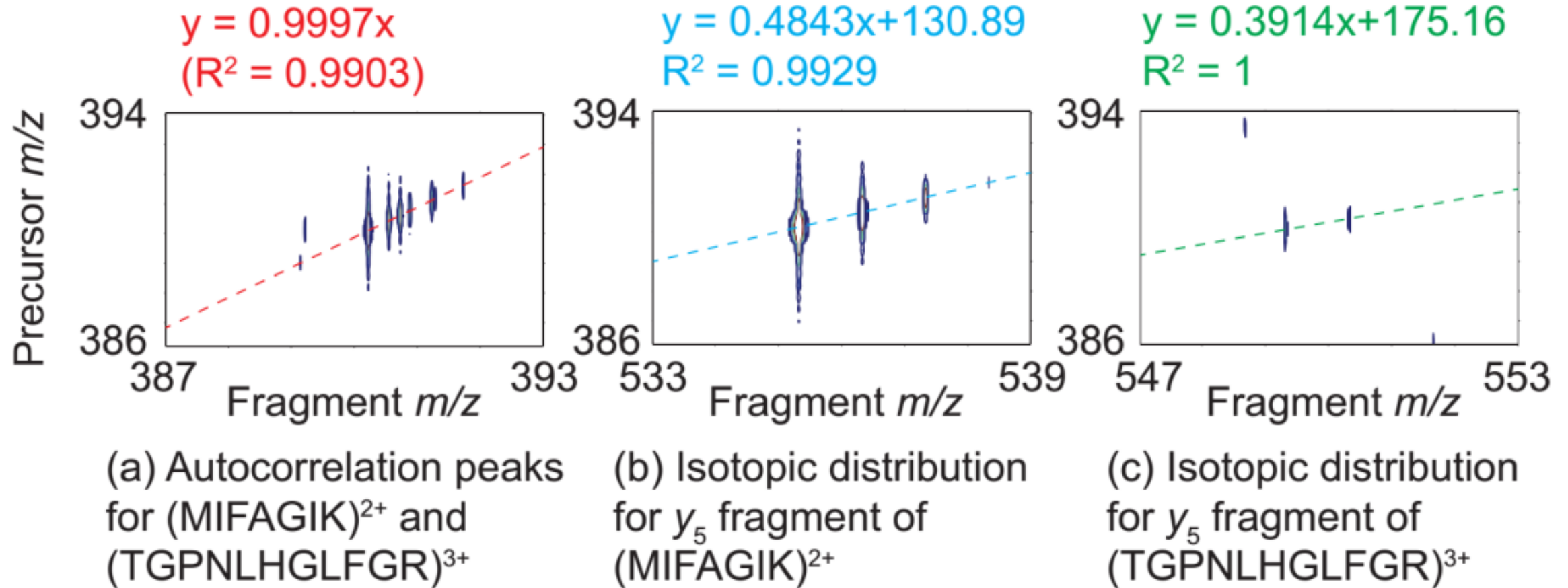
Diagram illustrating the relationship between precursor and fragment mass-to-charge ratios ( $m/z$ ) in mass spectrometry.

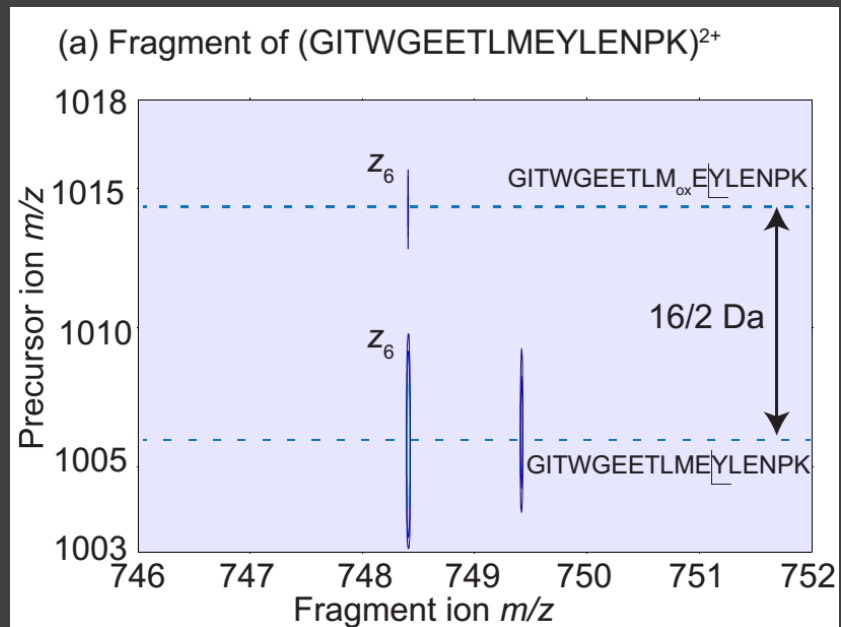
$$(m/z)_{\text{precursor}} = \frac{p}{n} (m/z)_{\text{fragment}} + \frac{m_n}{n}$$

The diagram includes the following annotations:

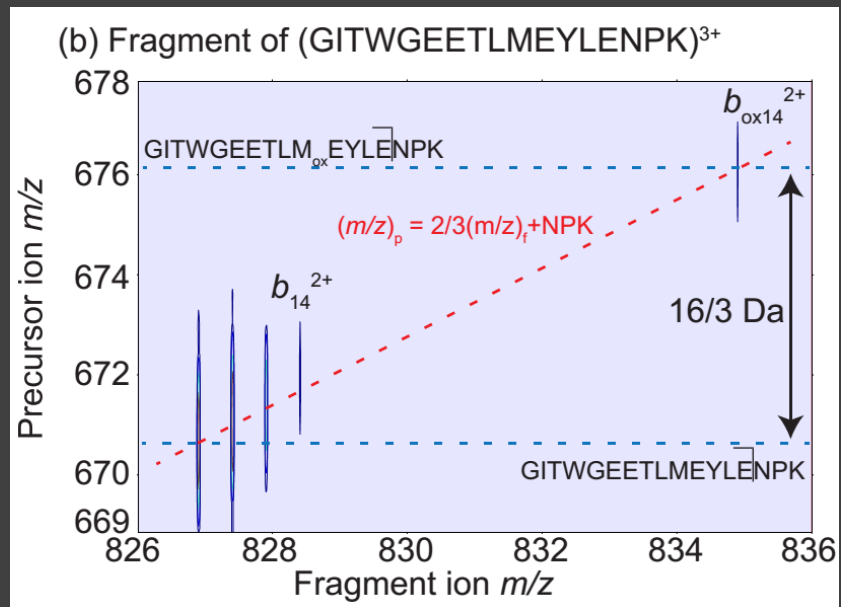
- Fragment charge** (red text) points to the variable  $p$  in the fraction  $\frac{p}{n}$ .
- Precursor charge** (red text) points to the variable  $n$  in the fraction  $\frac{p}{n}$ .
- Neutral loss** (green text) points to the variable  $m_n$  in the fraction  $\frac{m_n}{n}$ .
- Precursor charge** (red text) points to the variable  $n$  in the fraction  $\frac{m_n}{n}$ .

# Dissociation Lines in 2D Mass Spectra





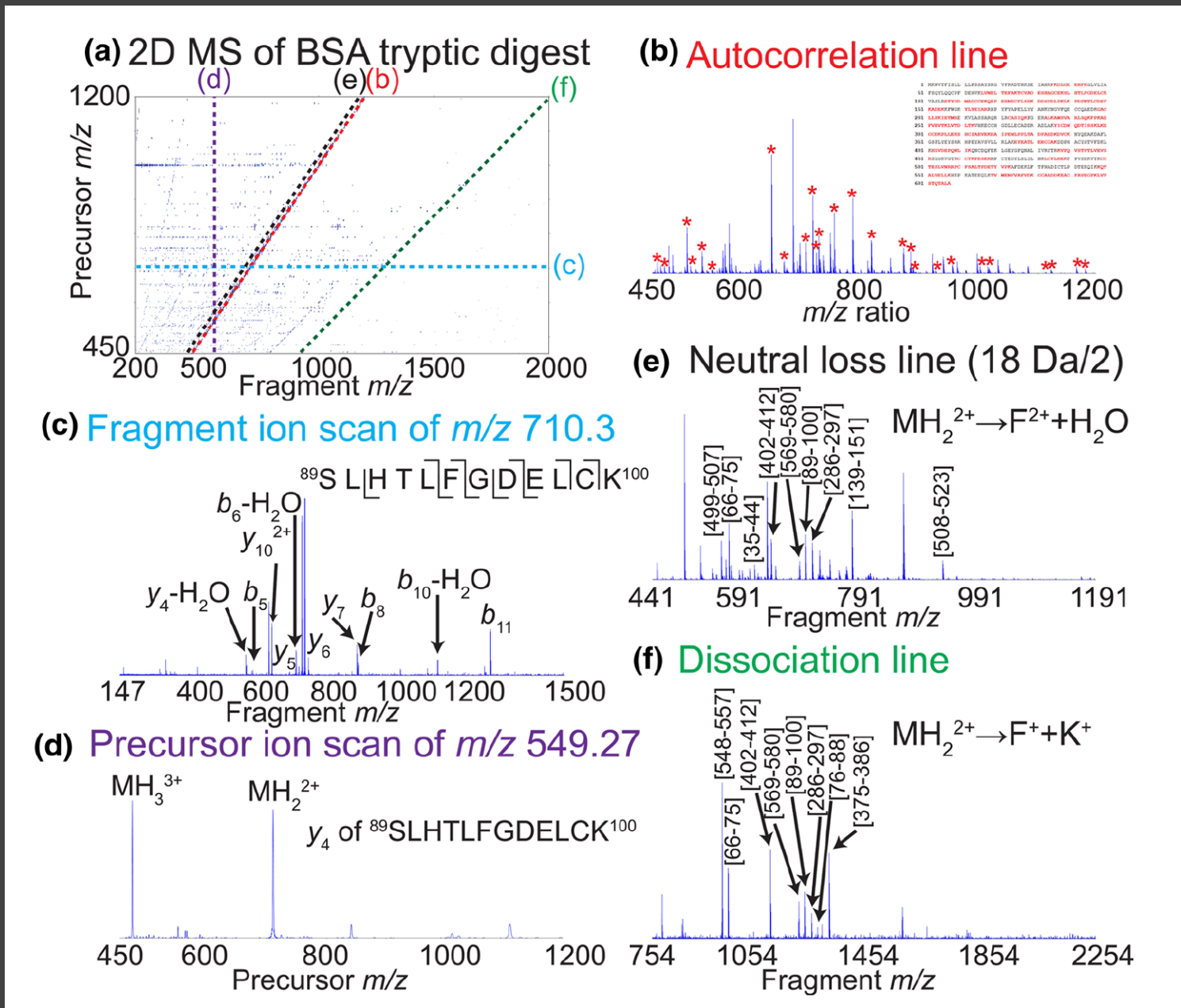
Fragment without the modification:  
vertical



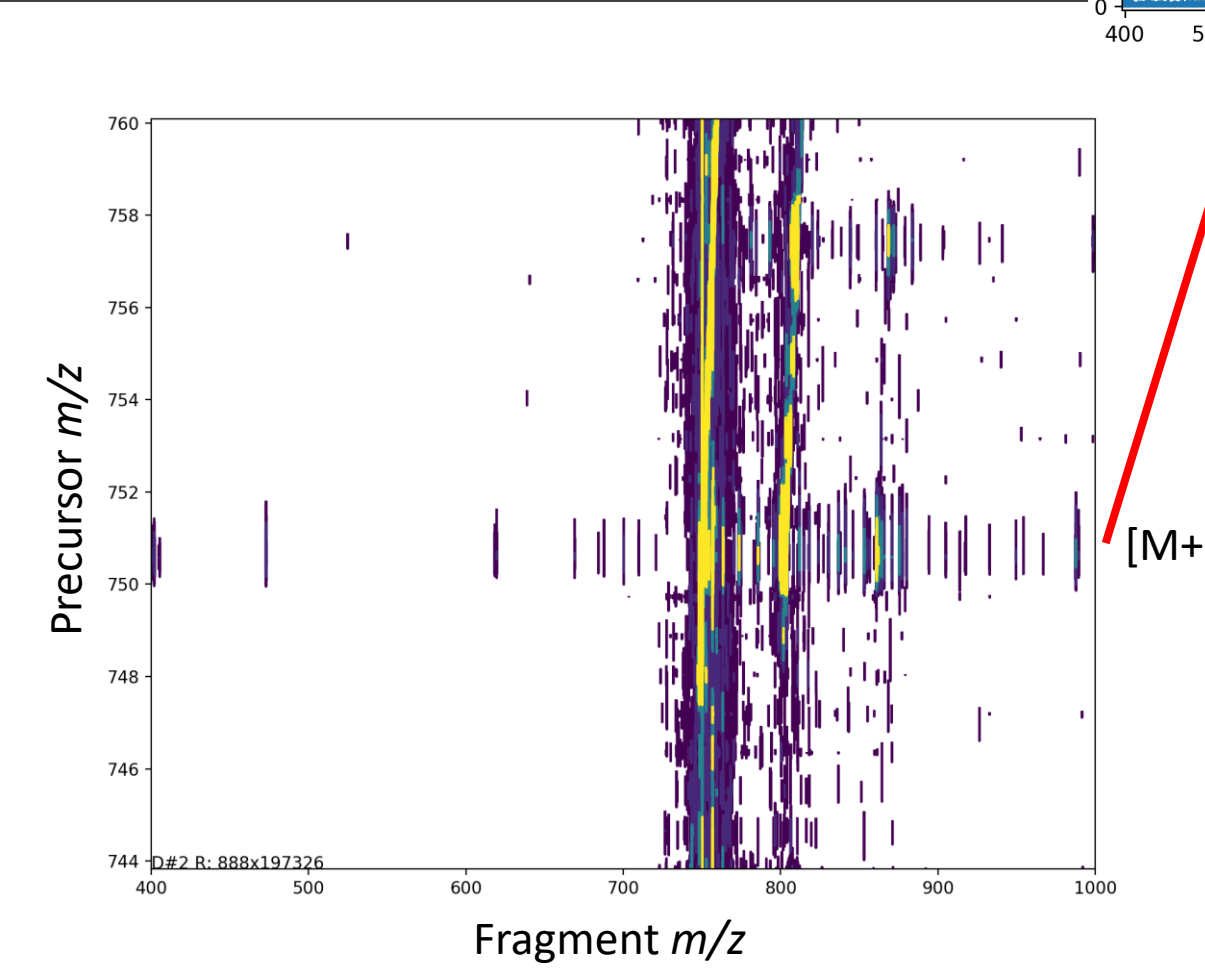
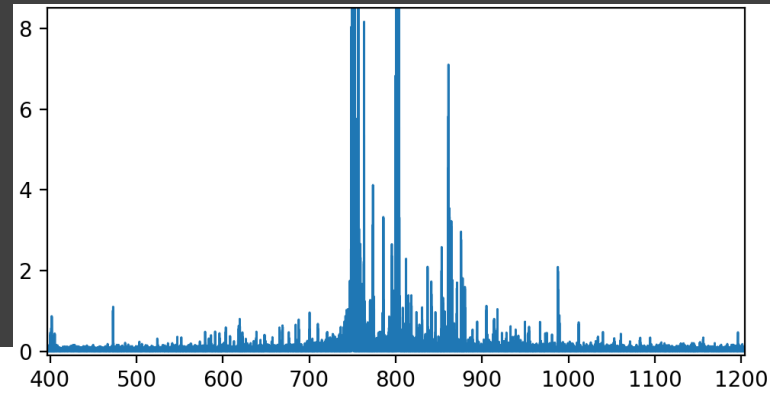
Fragment with the modification:  
on the same dissociation line

**Easy method for assignment  
and location of peptide  
modifications!**

# nanoESI 2D (IRMPD) FT-ICR Mass Spectrum of Bovine Serum Albumin Digest



# 2D ECD MS of histone H4:



Fragment  $m/z$

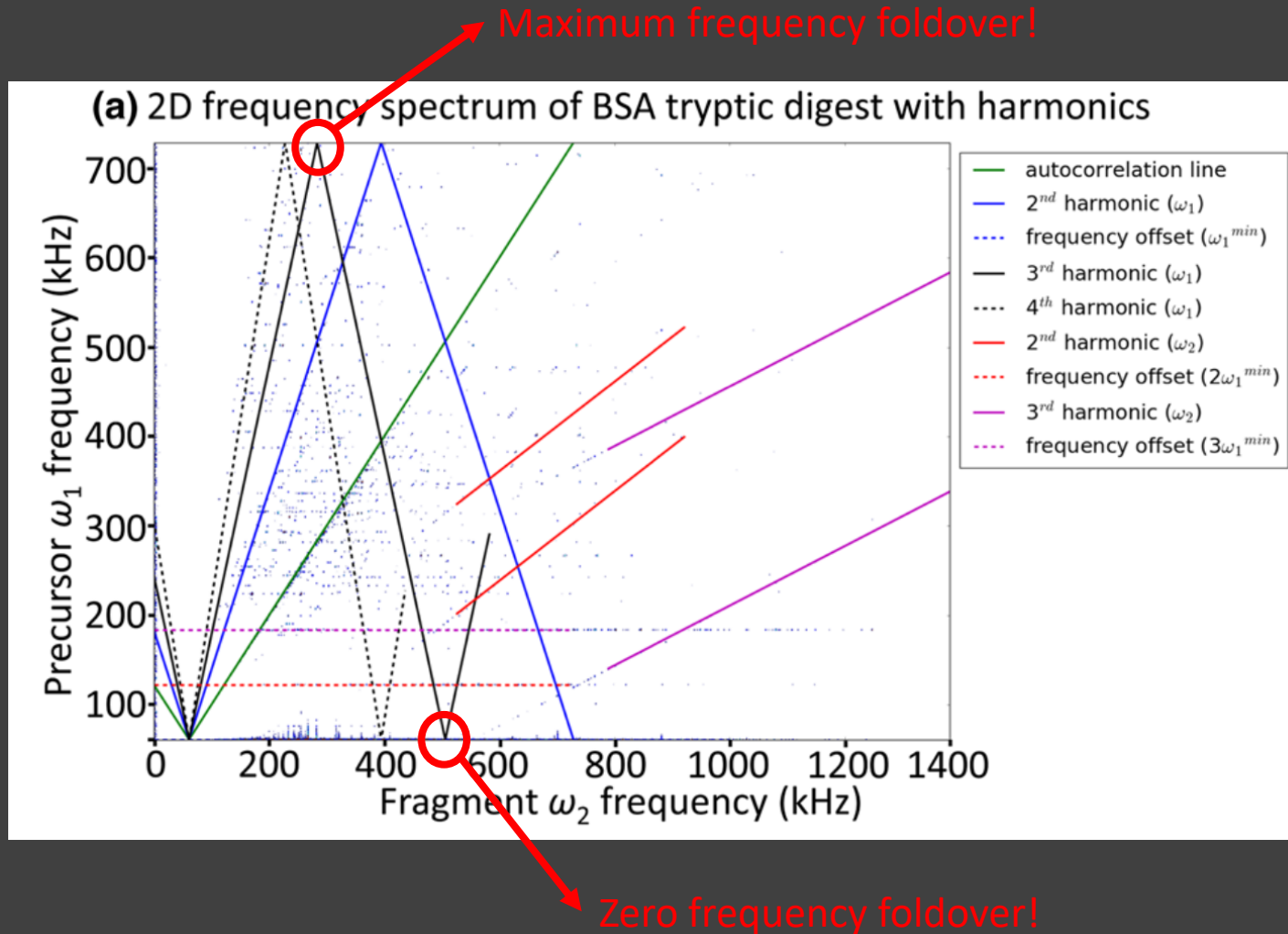
Vertical FWHM:  
 $m/z$  0.8 @  $m/z$  750

$[M+15H]^{15+}$

- Optimal signal-to-noise ratio
- Maximum precursor-fragment correlation

- Narrowband mode 2D MS
- Phase correction for absorption mode 2DMS

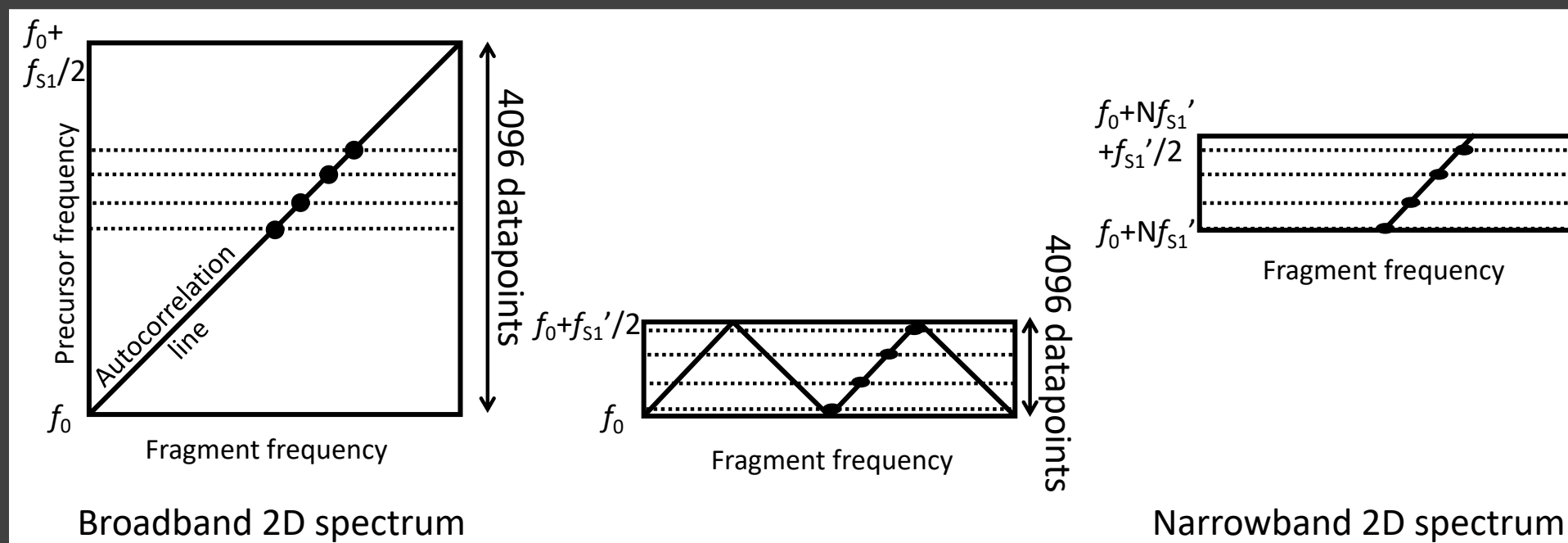
# Narrowband 2D MS: Principle



**Signals can be folded over at the borders of the spectrum!**



# Narrowband 2D MS: Principle



- Maximum frequency reduced to fold over autocorrelation line
- Same number of datapoints over smaller mass range
- Increase in resolving power/precursor-fragment correlation

# Narrowband 2D MS: Experimental Conditions

- C-terminal GK-biotinylated histone H3 sequences (residues 21 to 44)
- Modified at K7 (1, 2, 3 methylations)
- Equimolar mixture
- 7 T ApexQE FT-ICR MS
- ECD fragmentation
- 2D MS maximum frequency: 250 kHz (broadband) and 62.5 kHz (narrowband)
- 2 x foldover in narrowband

K7 3m: AT[K<sub>3m</sub>][A][R][K<sub>3m</sub>][S][A][P<sup>10</sup>][A][T][G][G][V][K][K][P][H][R<sup>20</sup>][Y][R][P][G][G][K<sub>b</sub>]

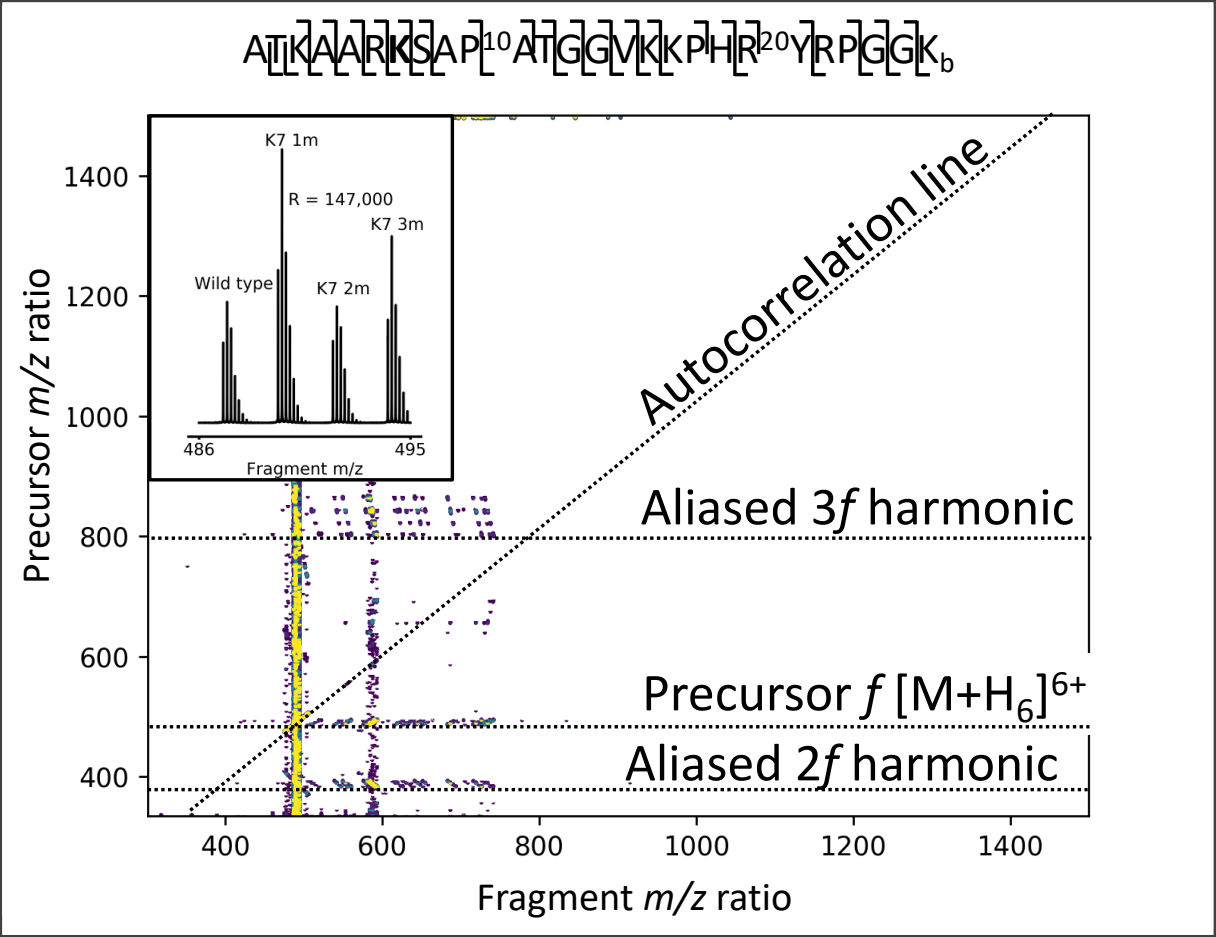
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K7 1m: AT[K<sub>1m</sub>][A][R][K<sub>1m</sub>][S][A][P<sup>10</sup>][A][T][G][G][V][K][K][P][H][R<sup>20</sup>][Y][R][P][G][G][K<sub>b</sub>]

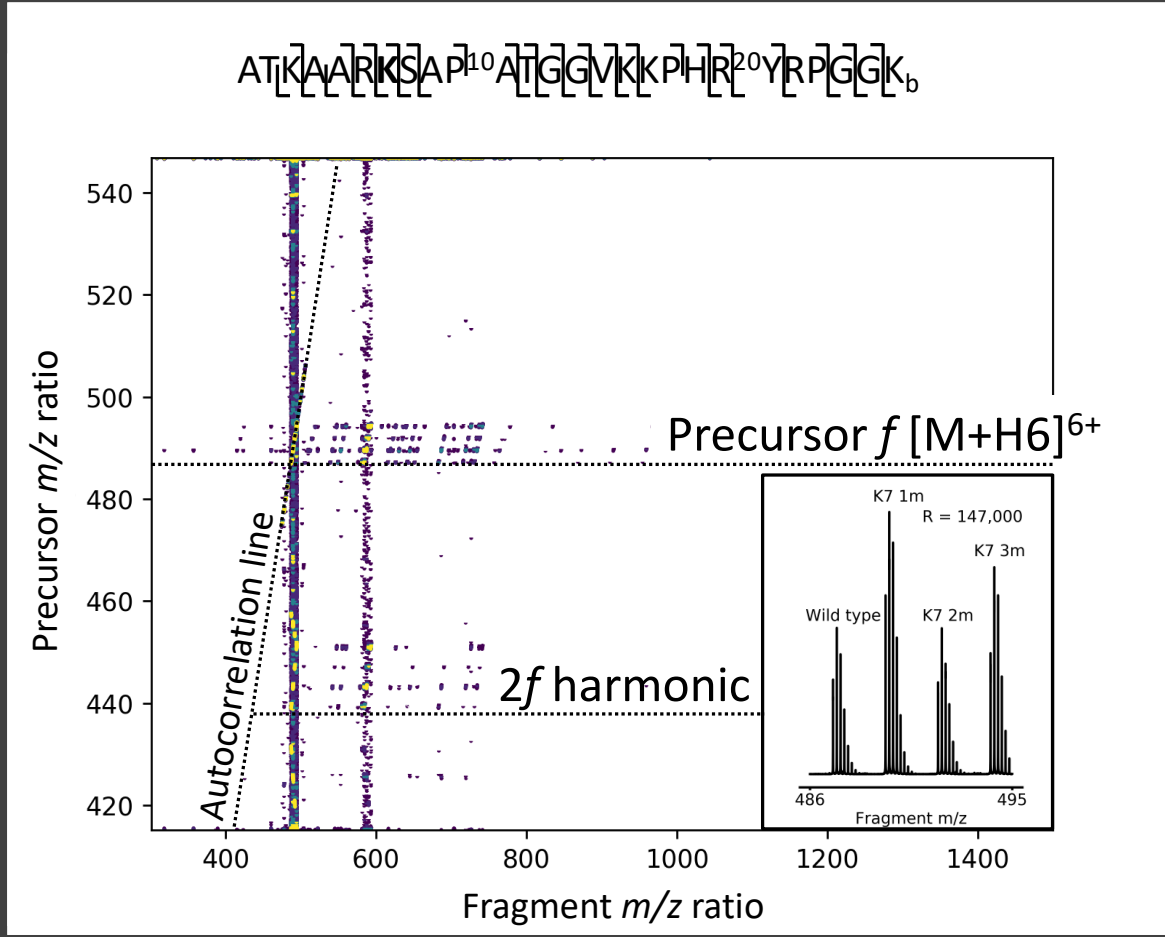
Wild type: AT[K][A][R][K][S][A][P<sup>10</sup>][A][T][G][G][V][K][K][P][H][R<sup>20</sup>][Y][R][P][G][G][K<sub>b</sub>]

# Broadband vs. Narrowband 2D MS

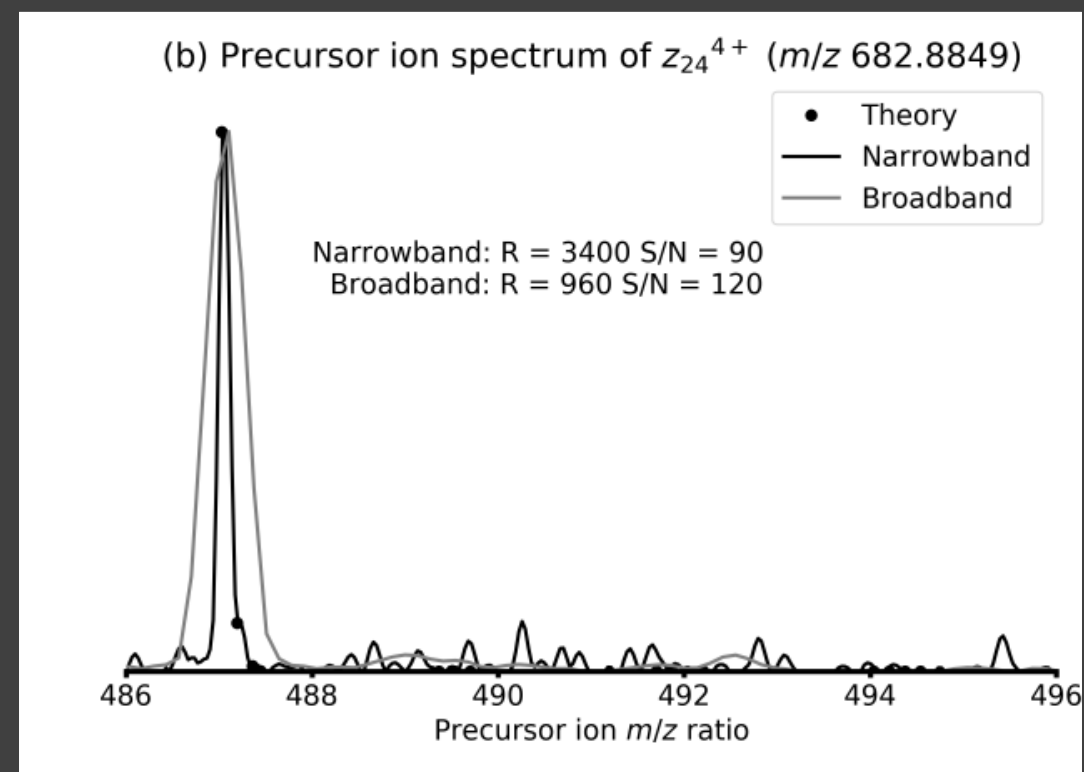
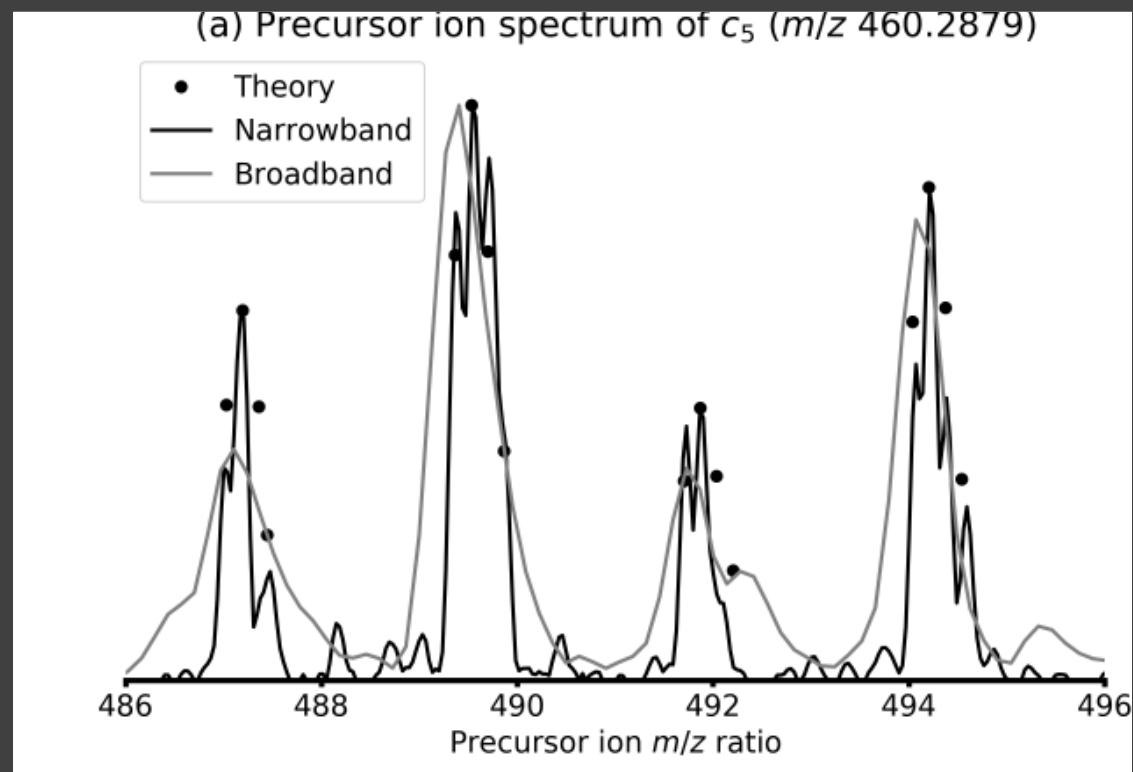
## Broadband 2D mass spectrum



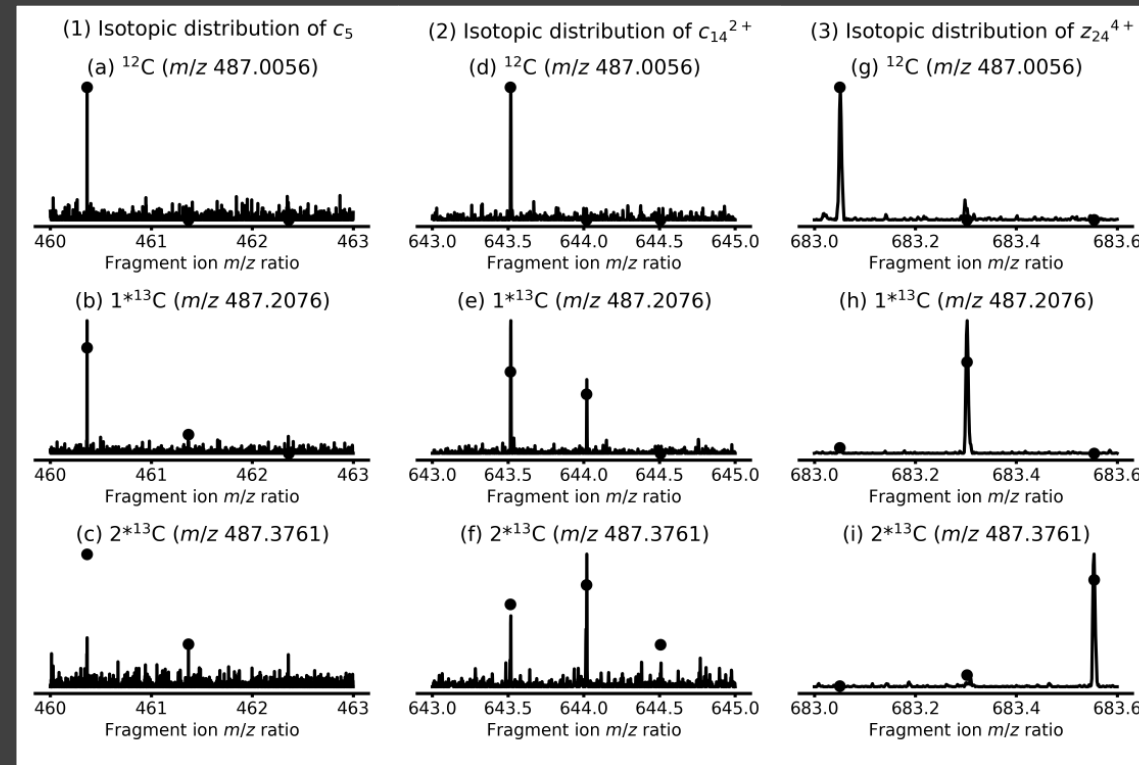
## Narrowband 2D mass spectrum



# Broadband vs. Narrowband 2D MS



# Isotopic Distributions in Narrowband 2D Mass Spectrum

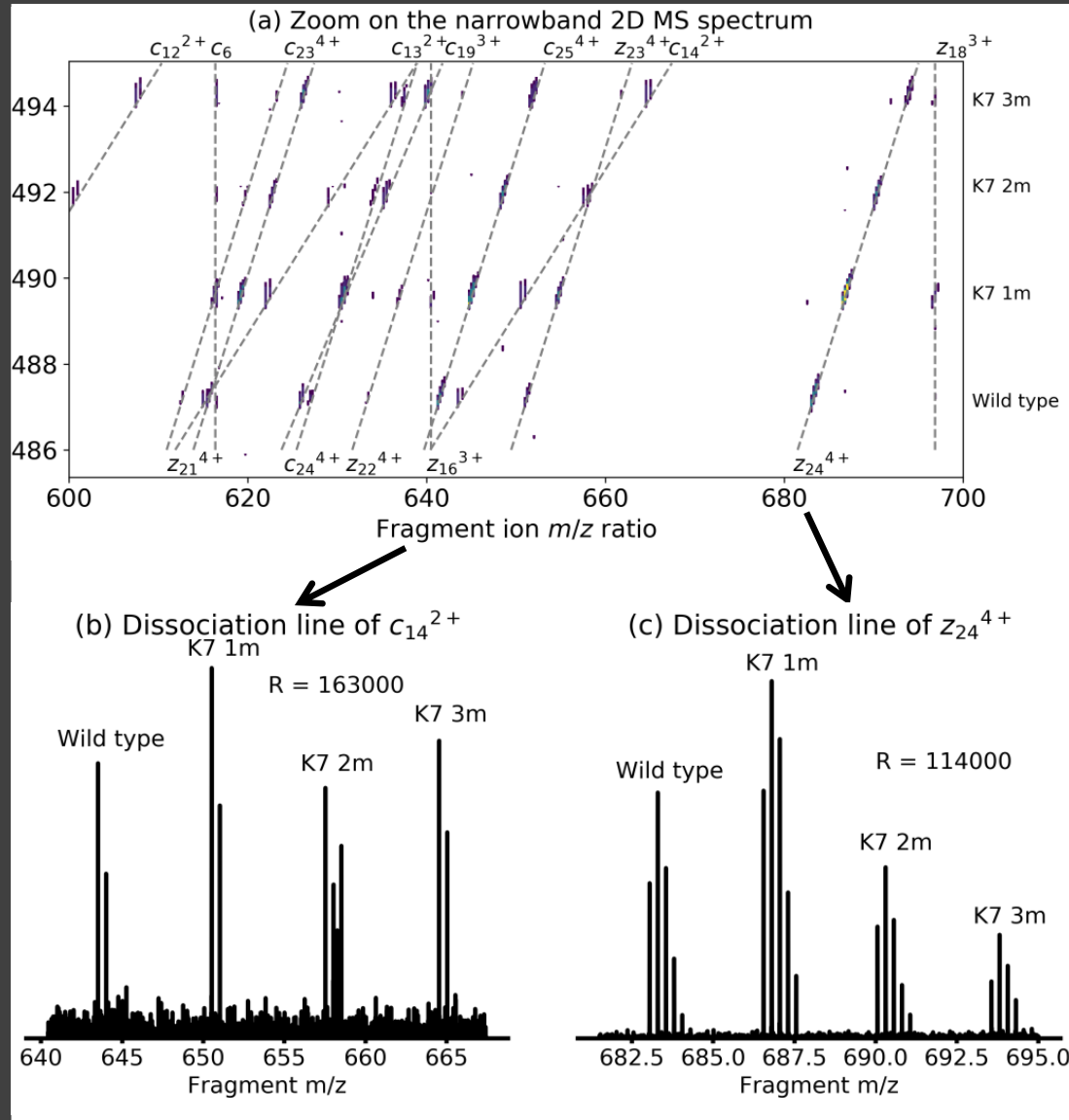


Small fragment:  
most  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes in  
complement

Medium fragment:  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes evenly  
distributed between  
fragment and  
complement

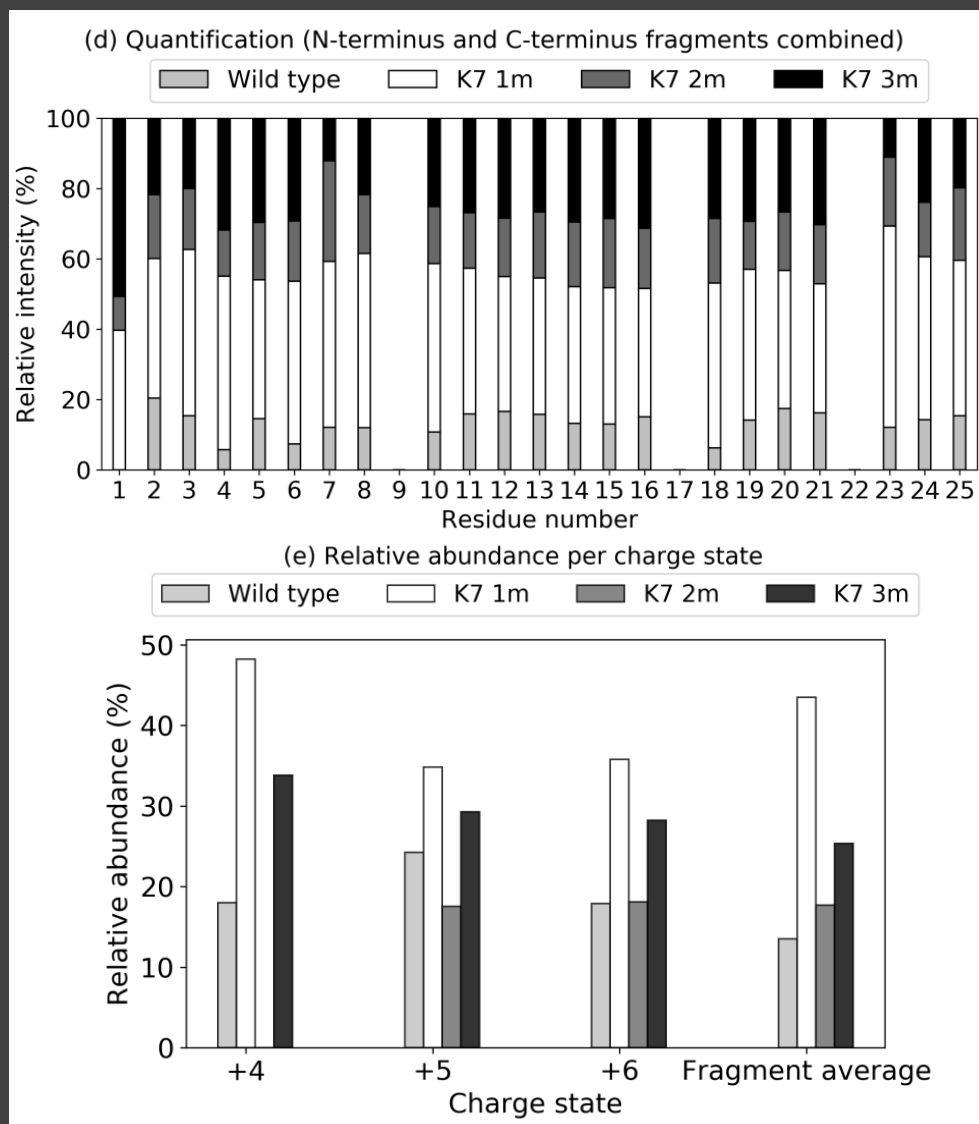
Big fragment:  
most  $^{13}\text{C}$  isotopes in  
fragment

# Narrowband 2D MS: Identification and Location of PTM



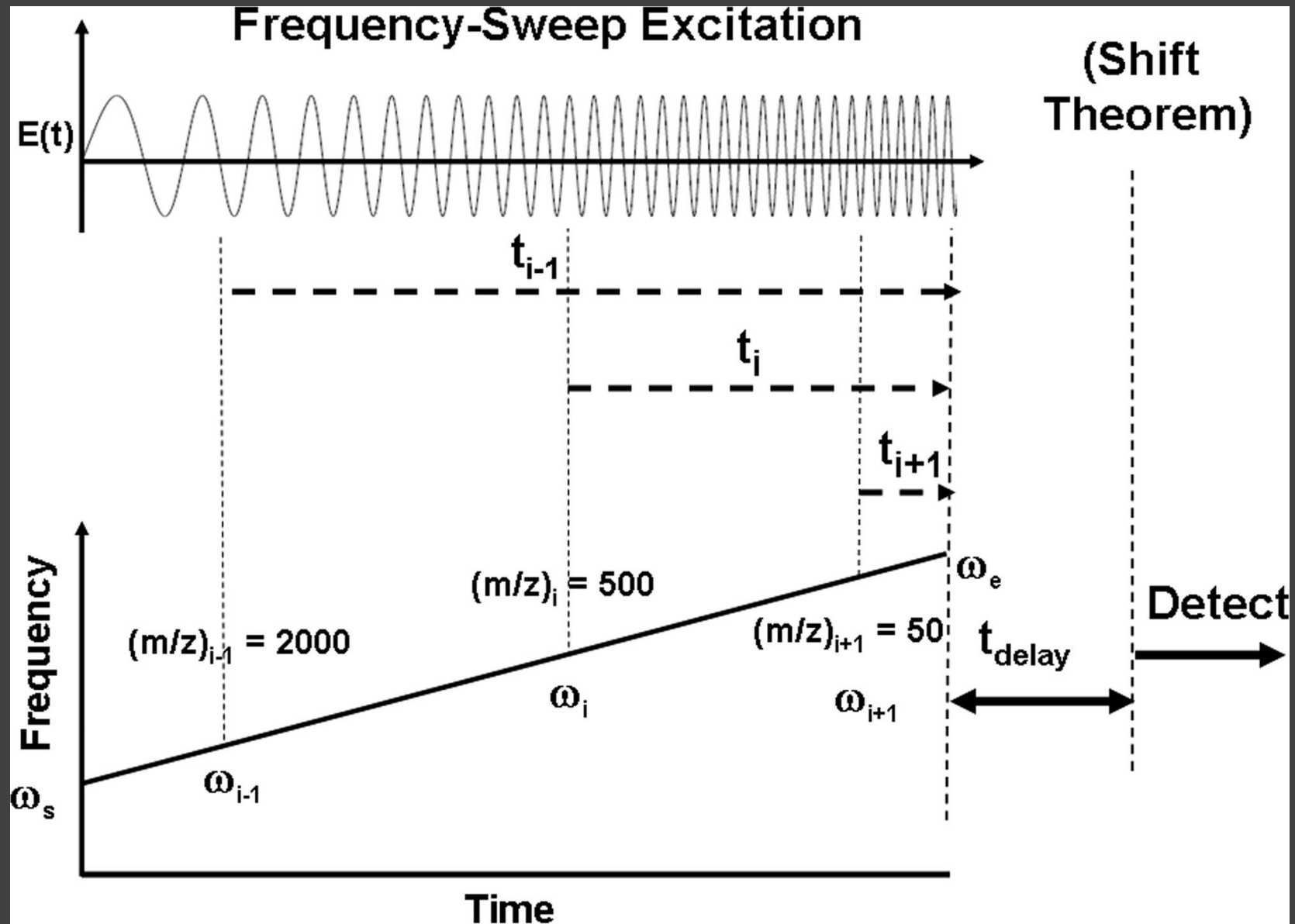
- Dissociation lines: slopes 0.33, 0.5, 0.67  
⇒ confirm ID and location of PTM
- $m/z$  difference: 14.0157 Da  
⇒ methylations
- $c_6$  and  $z_{18}^{3+}$ : vertical precursor ion scans  
⇒ PTMs on 7th residue

# Narrowband 2D MS: Label-free relative quantification



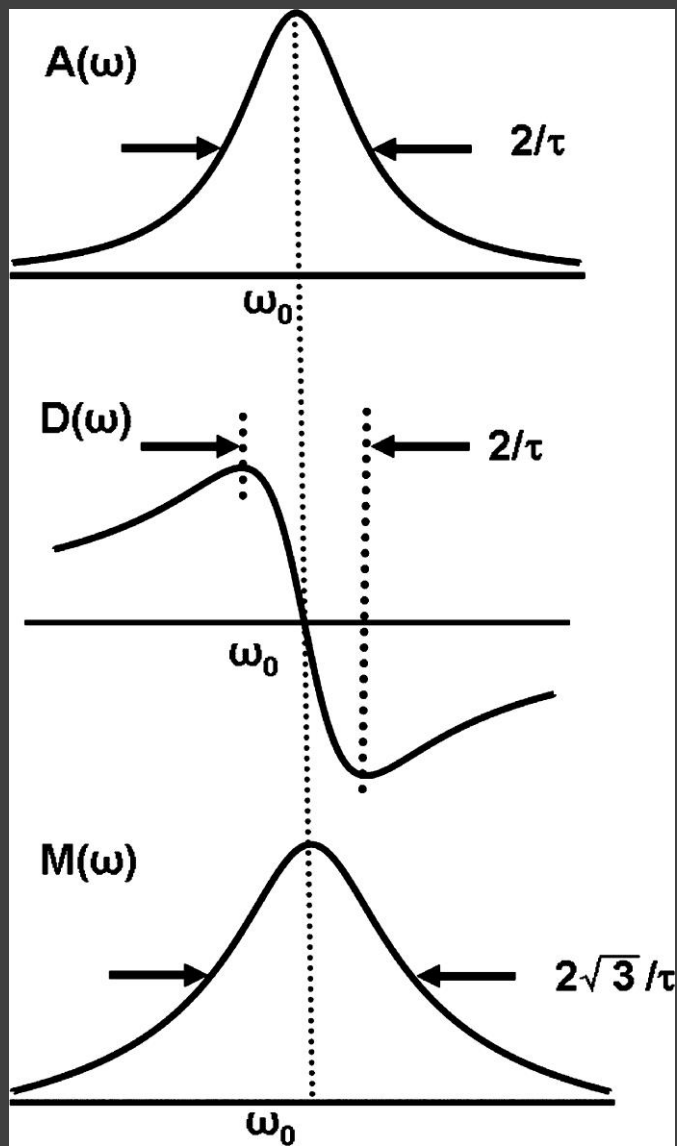
- PTM location achieved visually  
⇒ relative intensities plotted without distinguishing fragment  $m/z$
- Comparable results from intensities of precursor ions, charge-reduced species, and fragment ions  
⇒ 2D MS can be used for label-free relative quantification

# Phase correction in 1D FT-ICR MS





# Phase correction in 1D FT-ICR MS

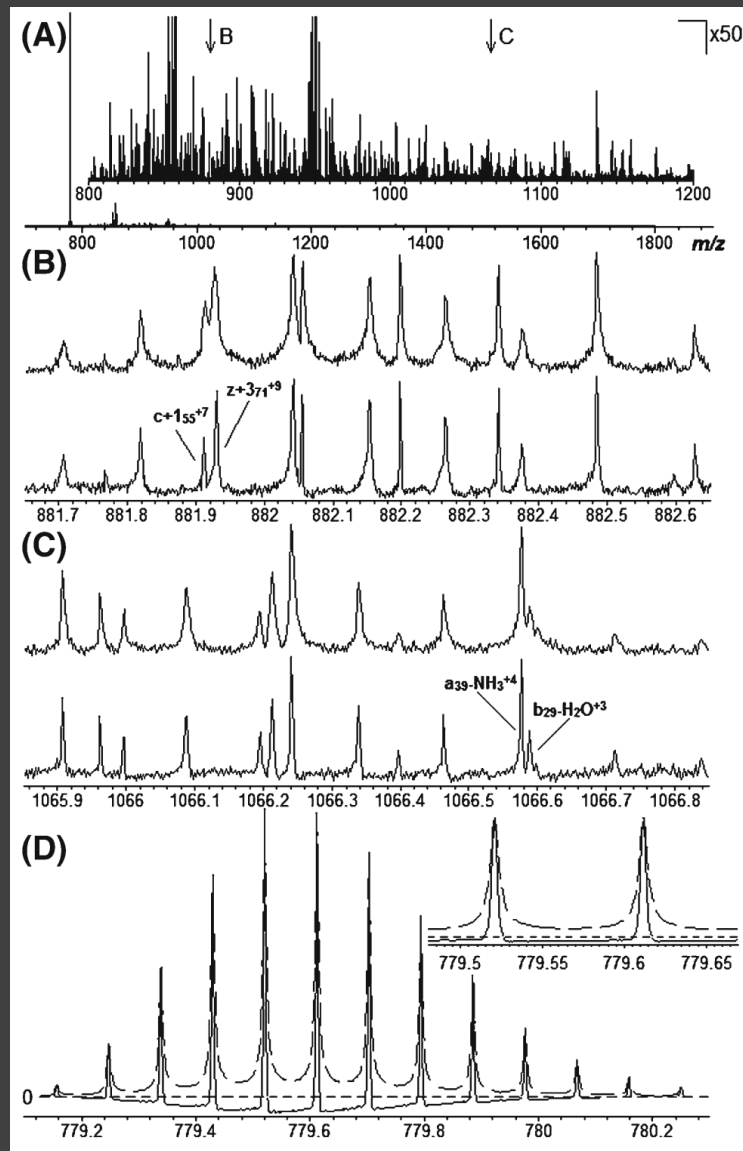


Absorption mode:  
Gain in S/N and resolving power  
Need to know phase of peak

Dispersion mode

Magnitude mode:  
No need to know phase of peak

# Phase correction in 1D FT-ICR MS



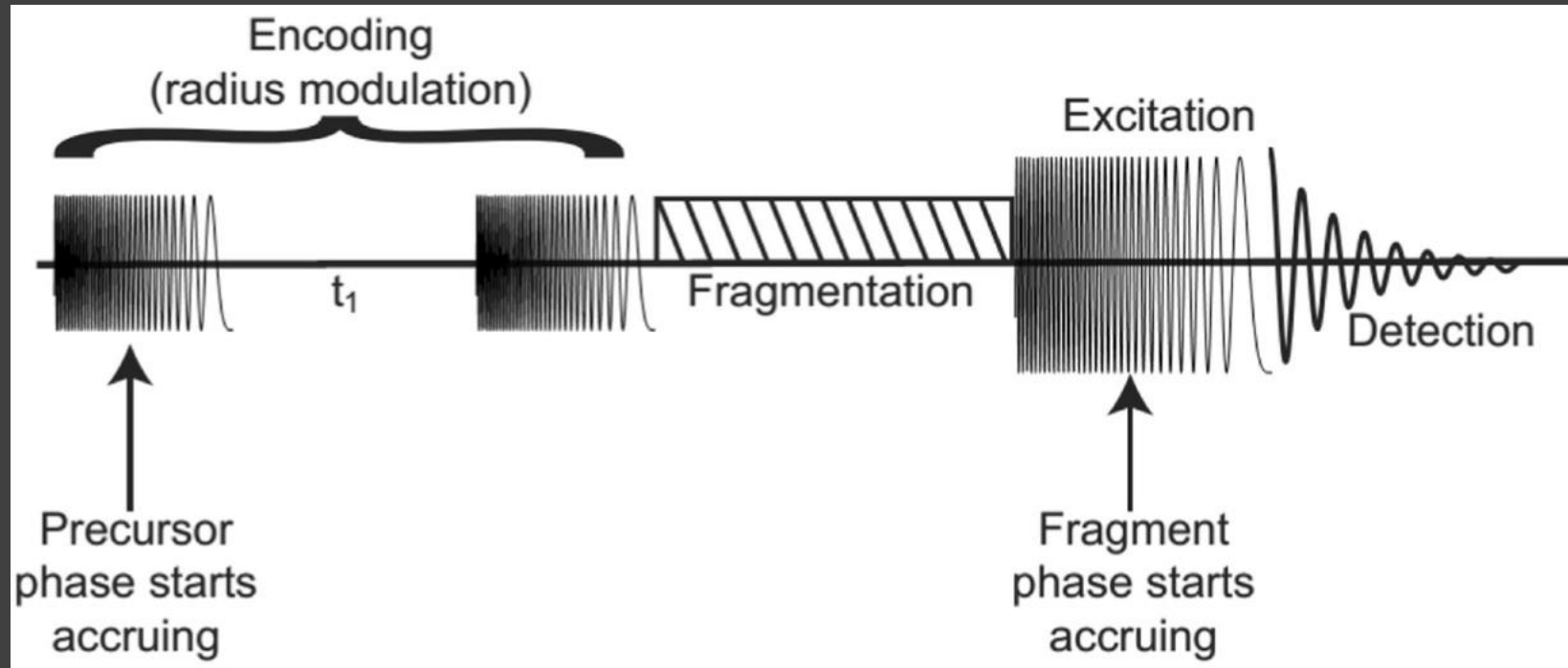
ECD MS/MS of ubiquitin

Zoom on  $m/z$  882

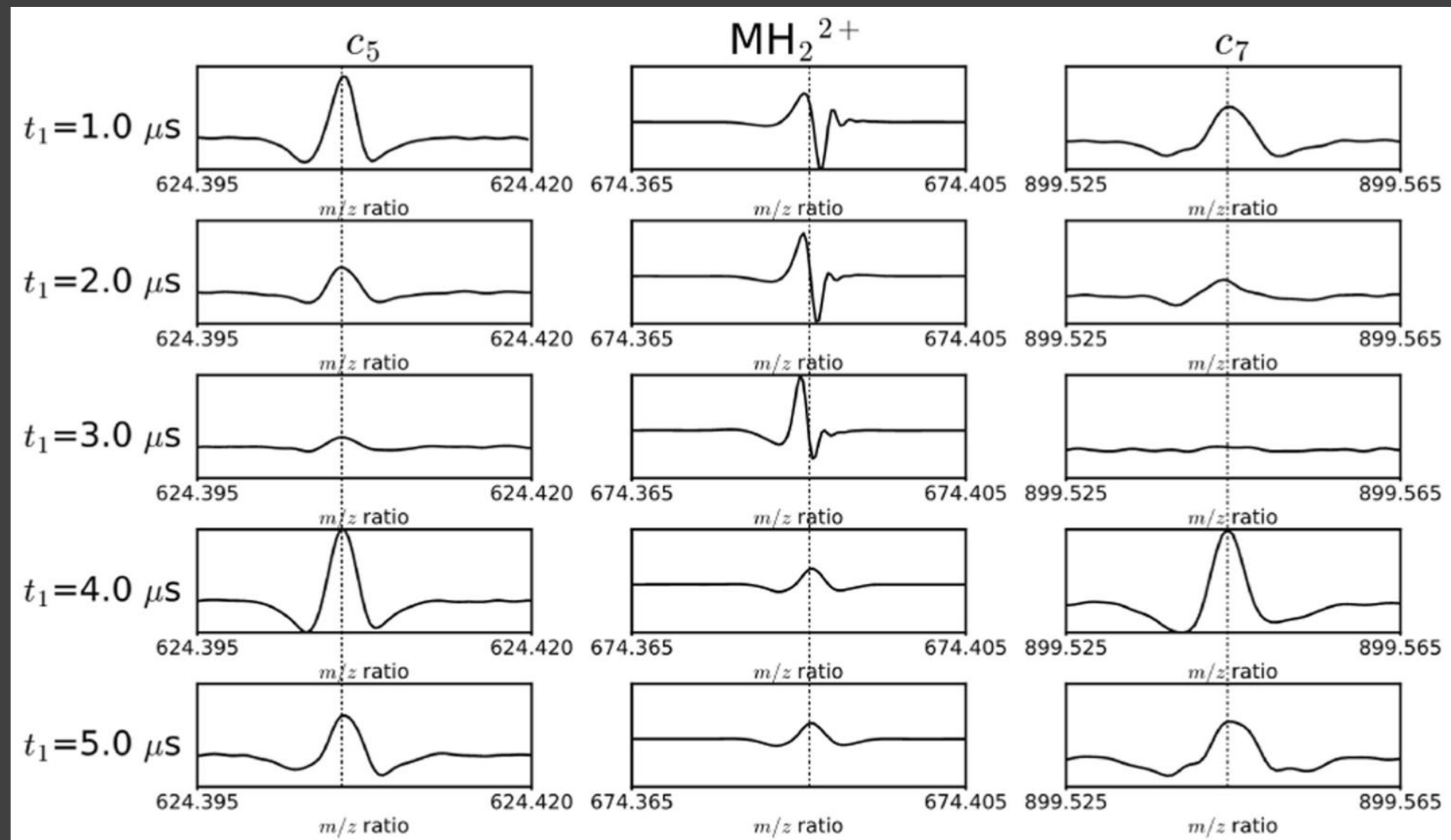
Zoom on  $m/z$  1066

Zoom on precursor ion

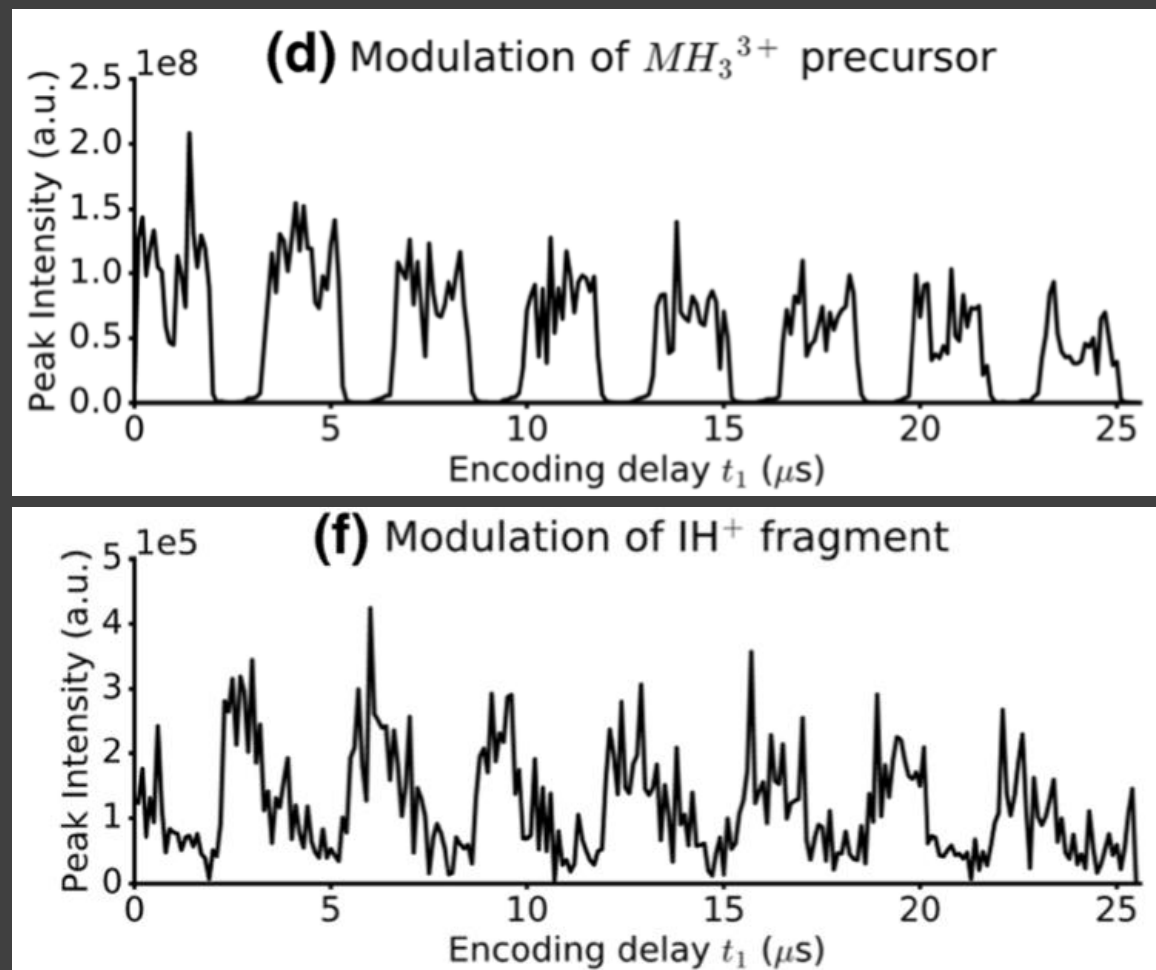
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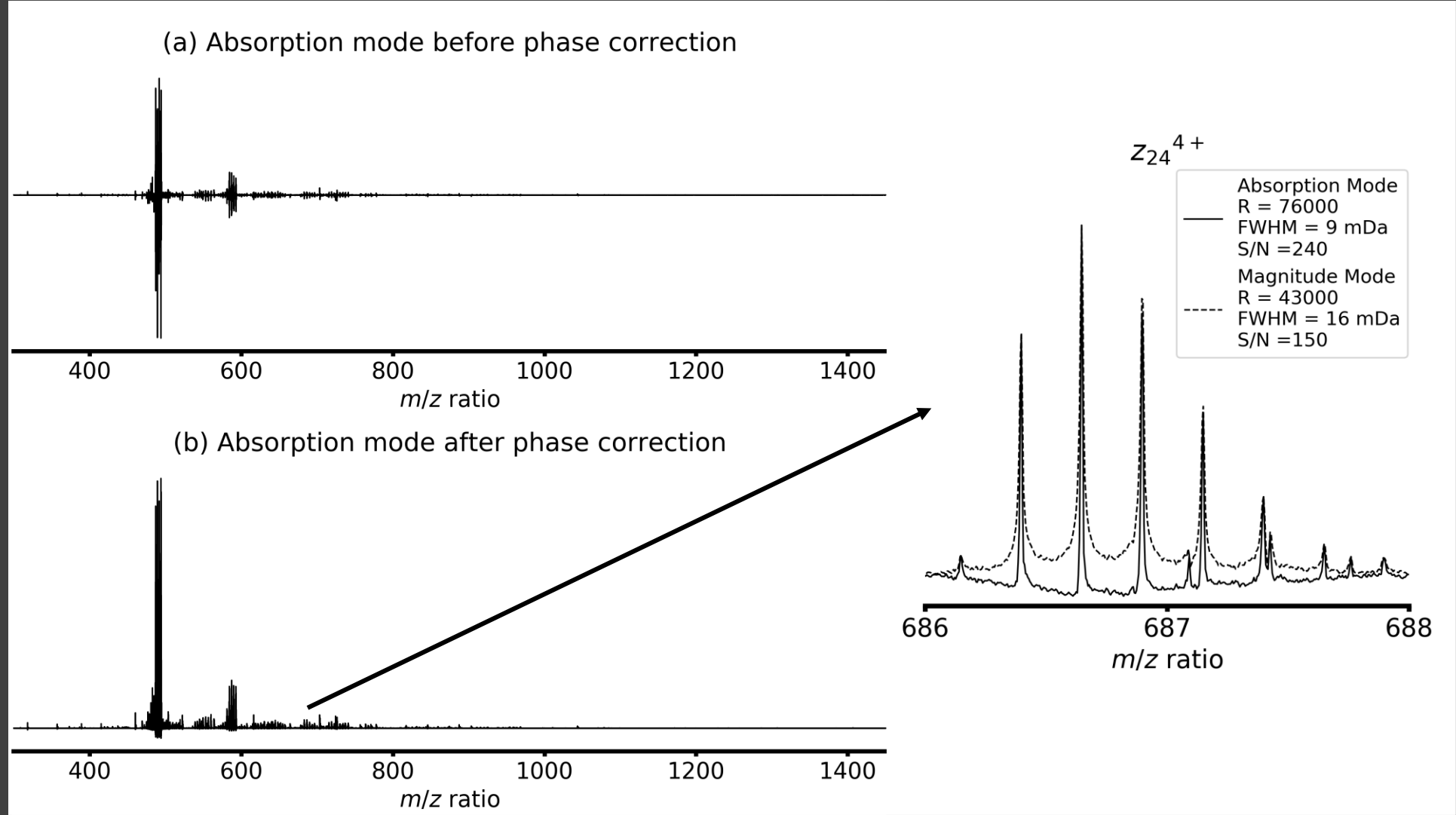
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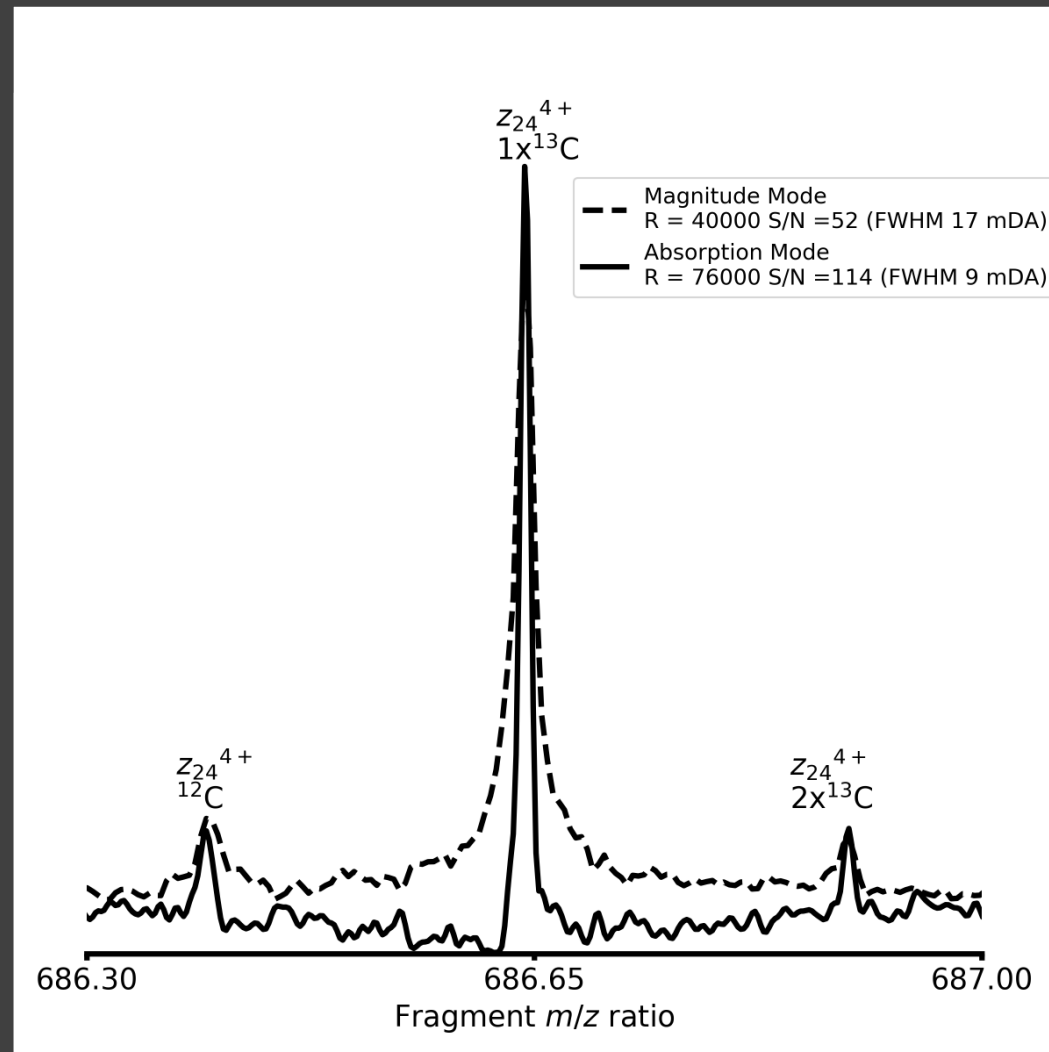
- Fragment ion (horizontal) dimension: quadratic phase correction
- Precursor ion (vertical) dimension: linear phase correction
- Resolving power expected x2
- Signal-to-noise expected x2

# Phase correction in 2D FT-ICR MS:

## Horizontal Phase correction Determined by Phasing MS/MS spectrum

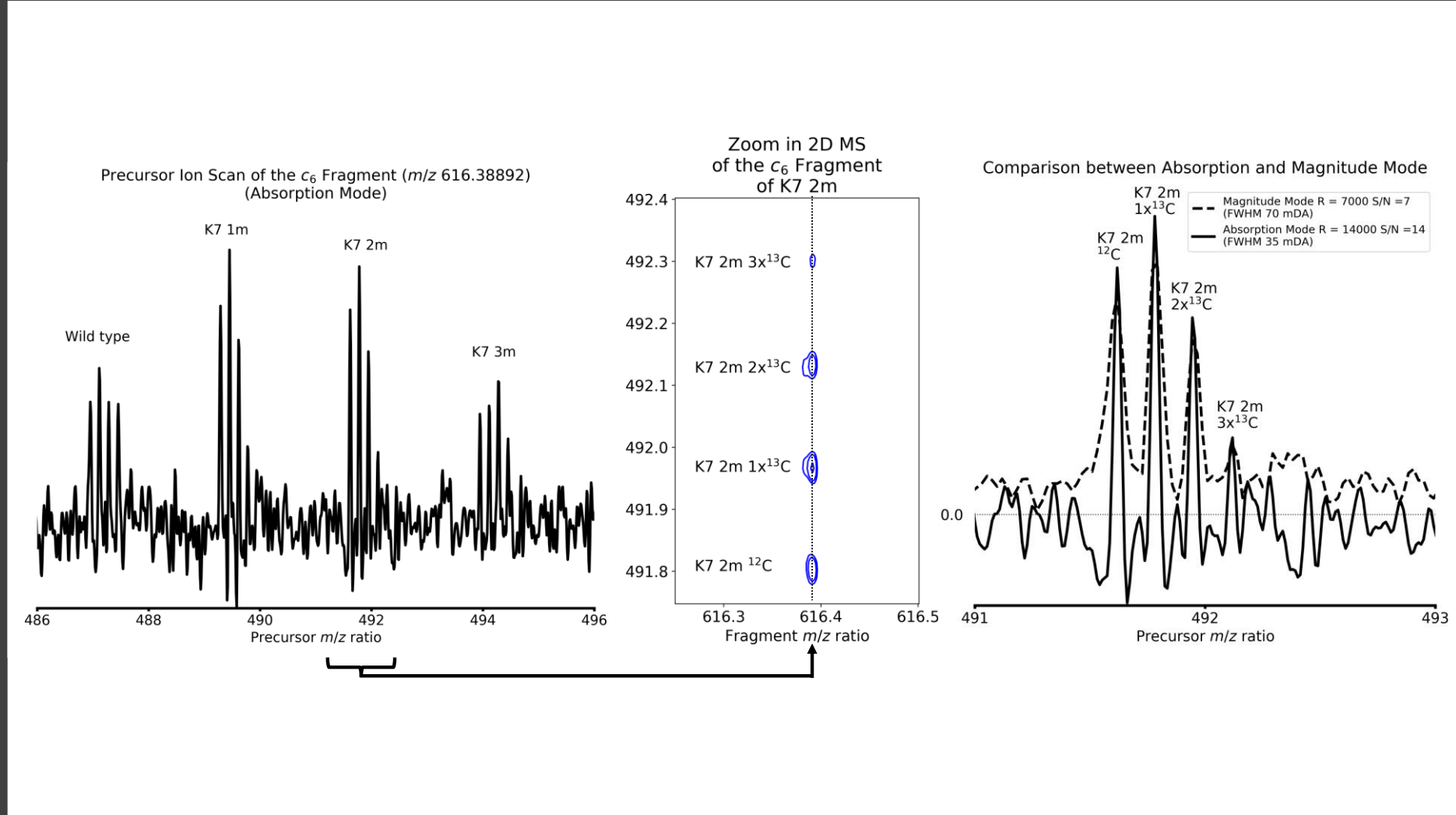


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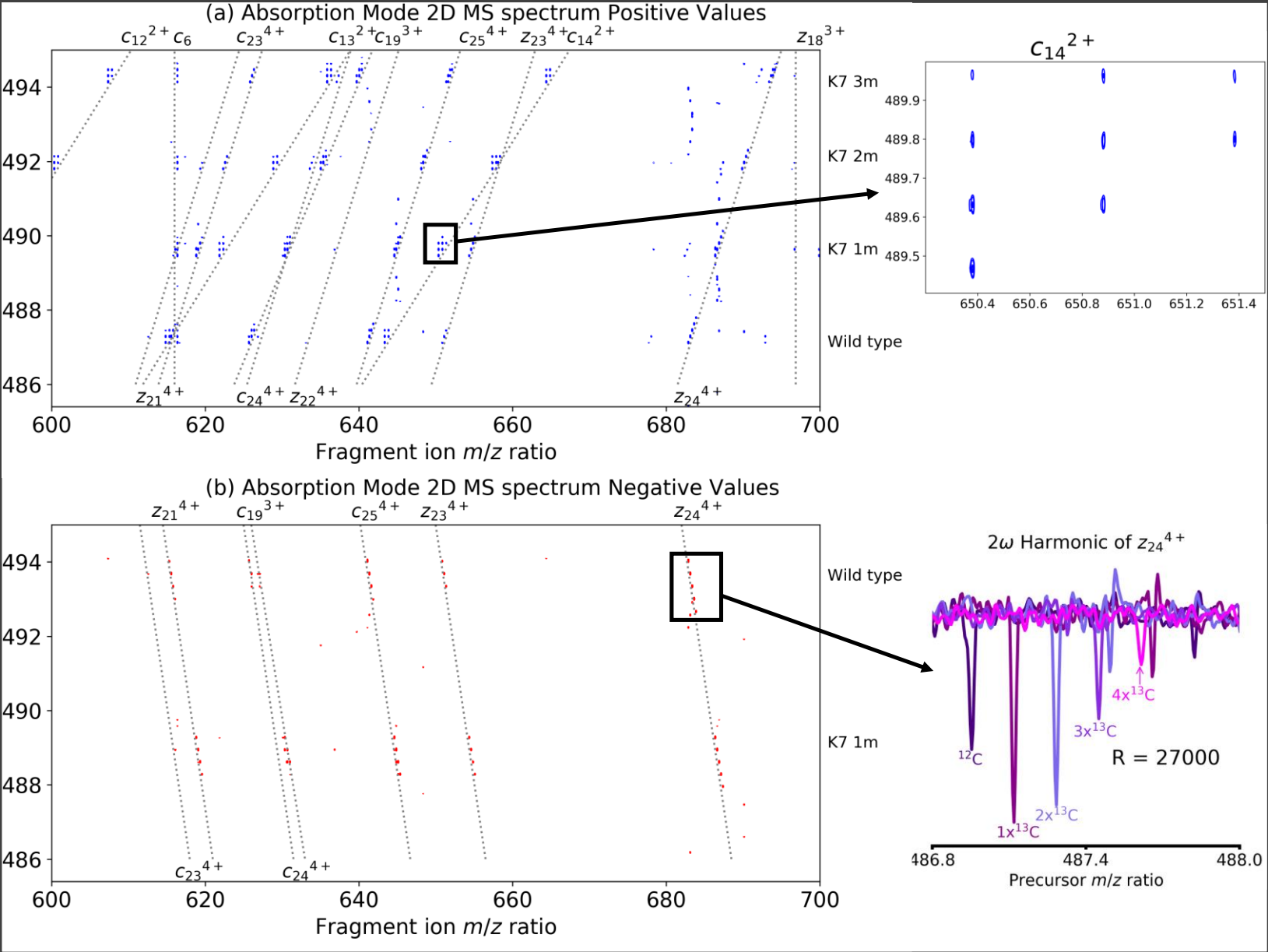




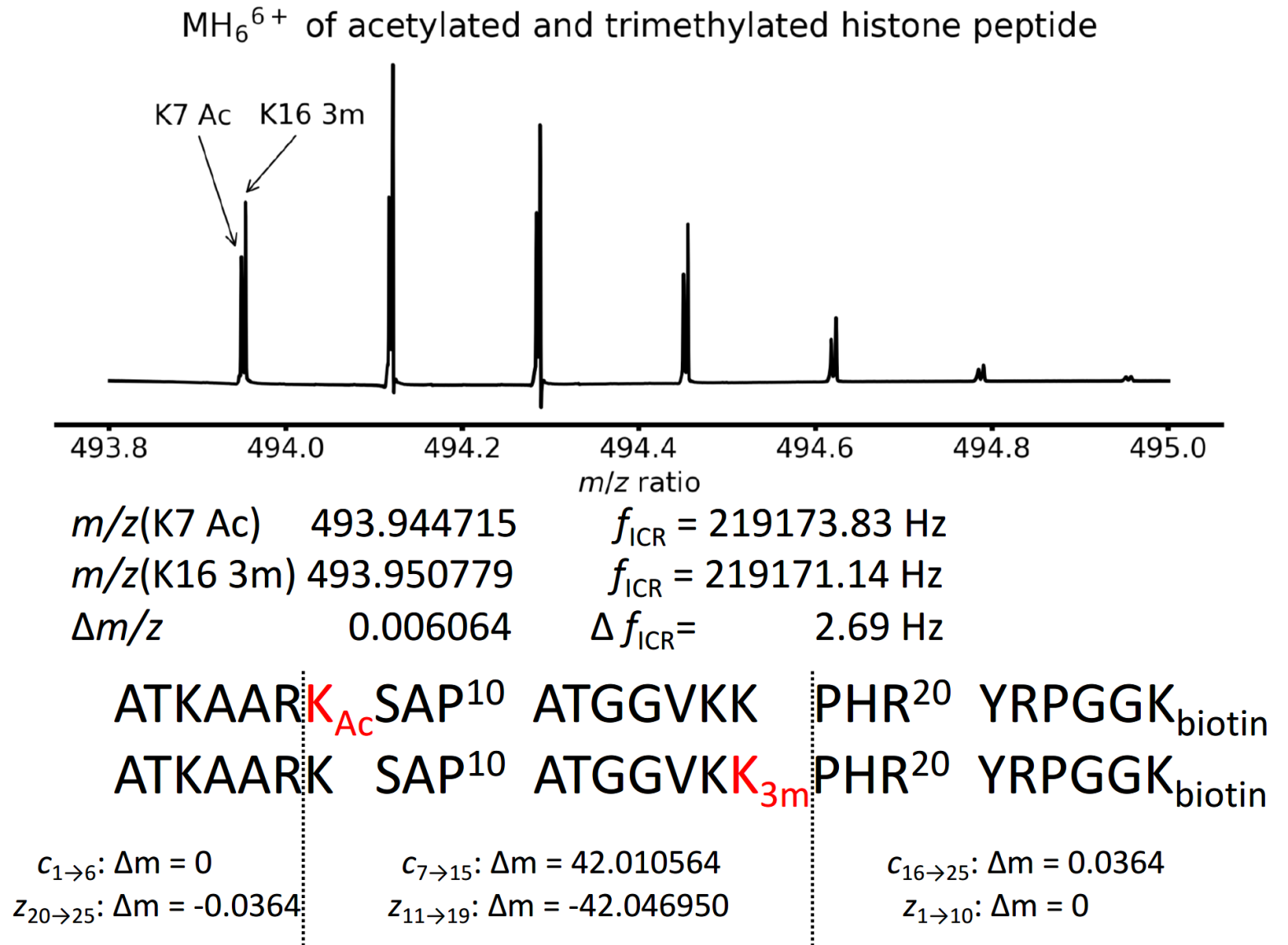
# Phase correction in 2D FT-ICR MS: Vertical Linear Phase Correction



# Phase correction in 2D FT-ICR MS

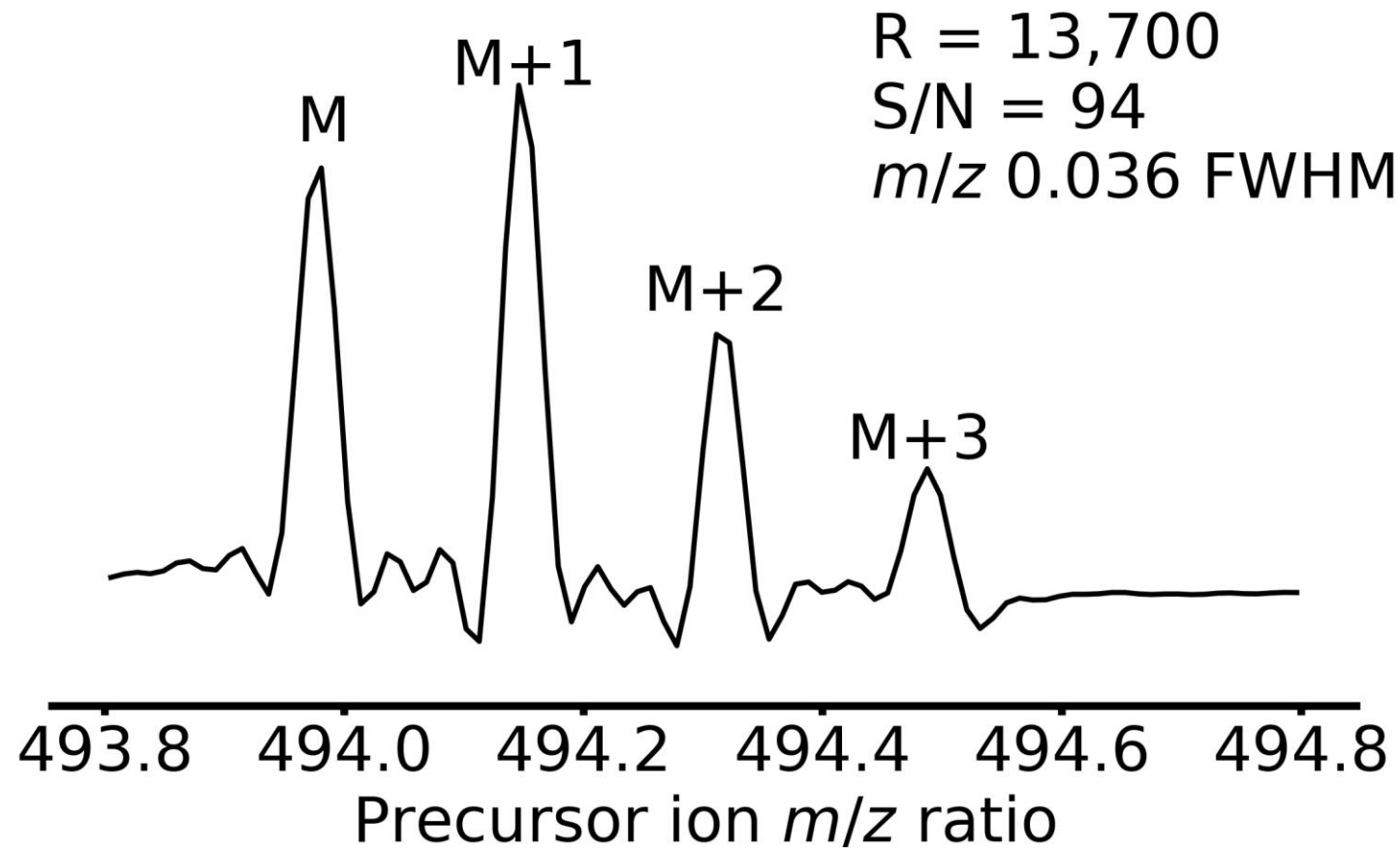


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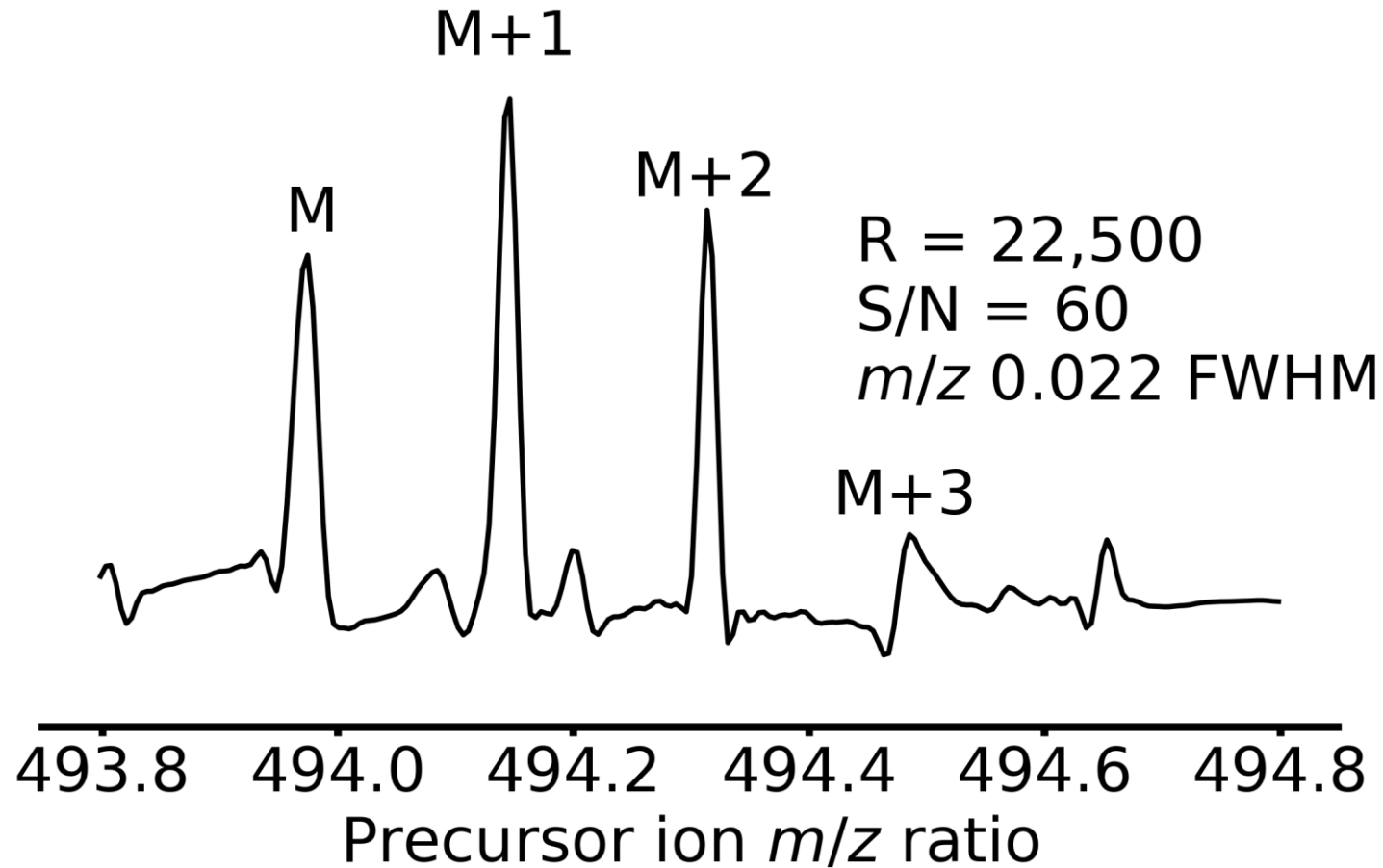
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 $f_N = 10$  kHz ( $\Delta f = 4.9$  Hz)



Can we separate a trimethylated and an acetylated histone peptide?

(b) Precursor ion scan of  $z_5$  ( $m/z$  724.369)

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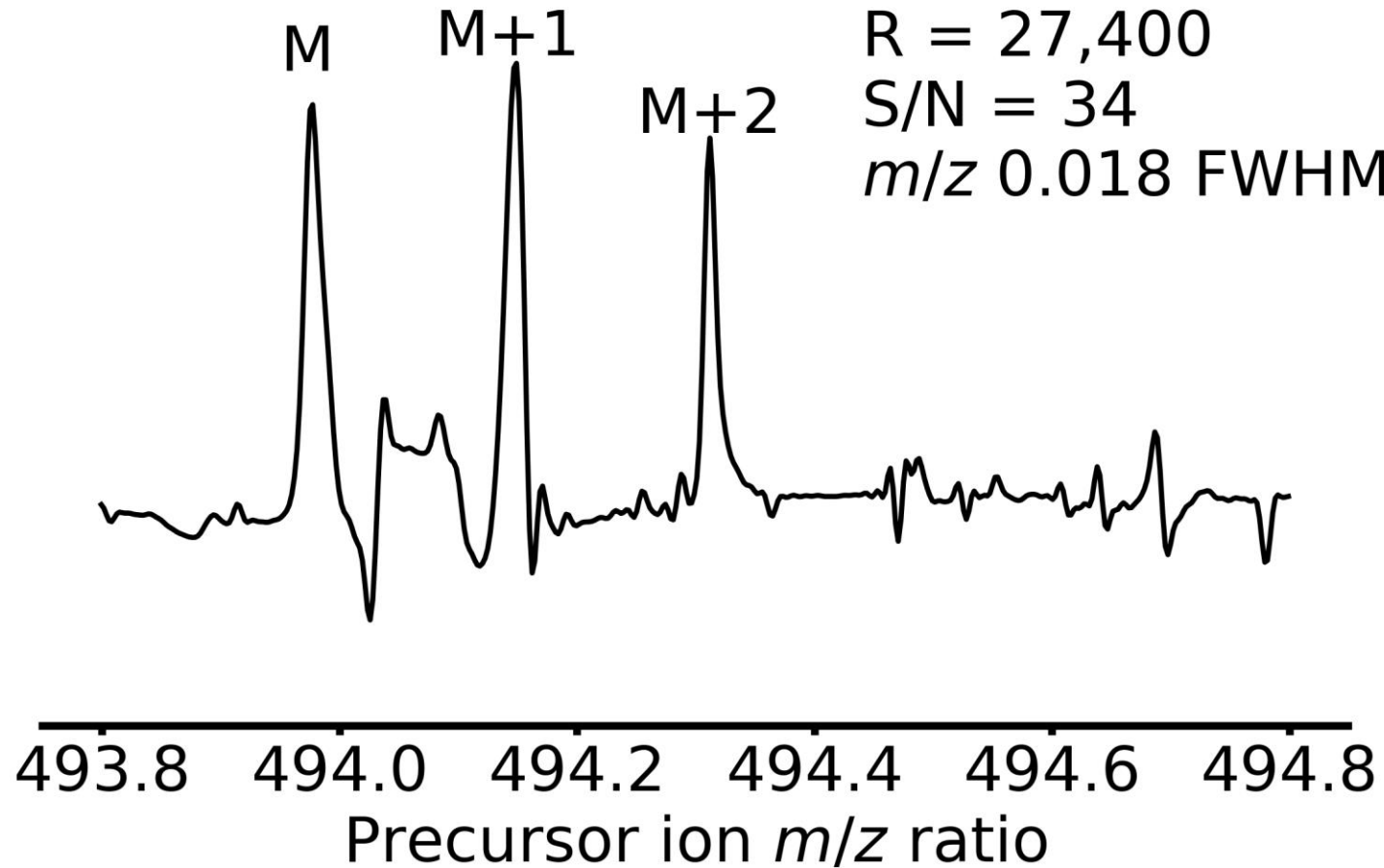
M+1

R = 27,400

S/N = 34

M+2

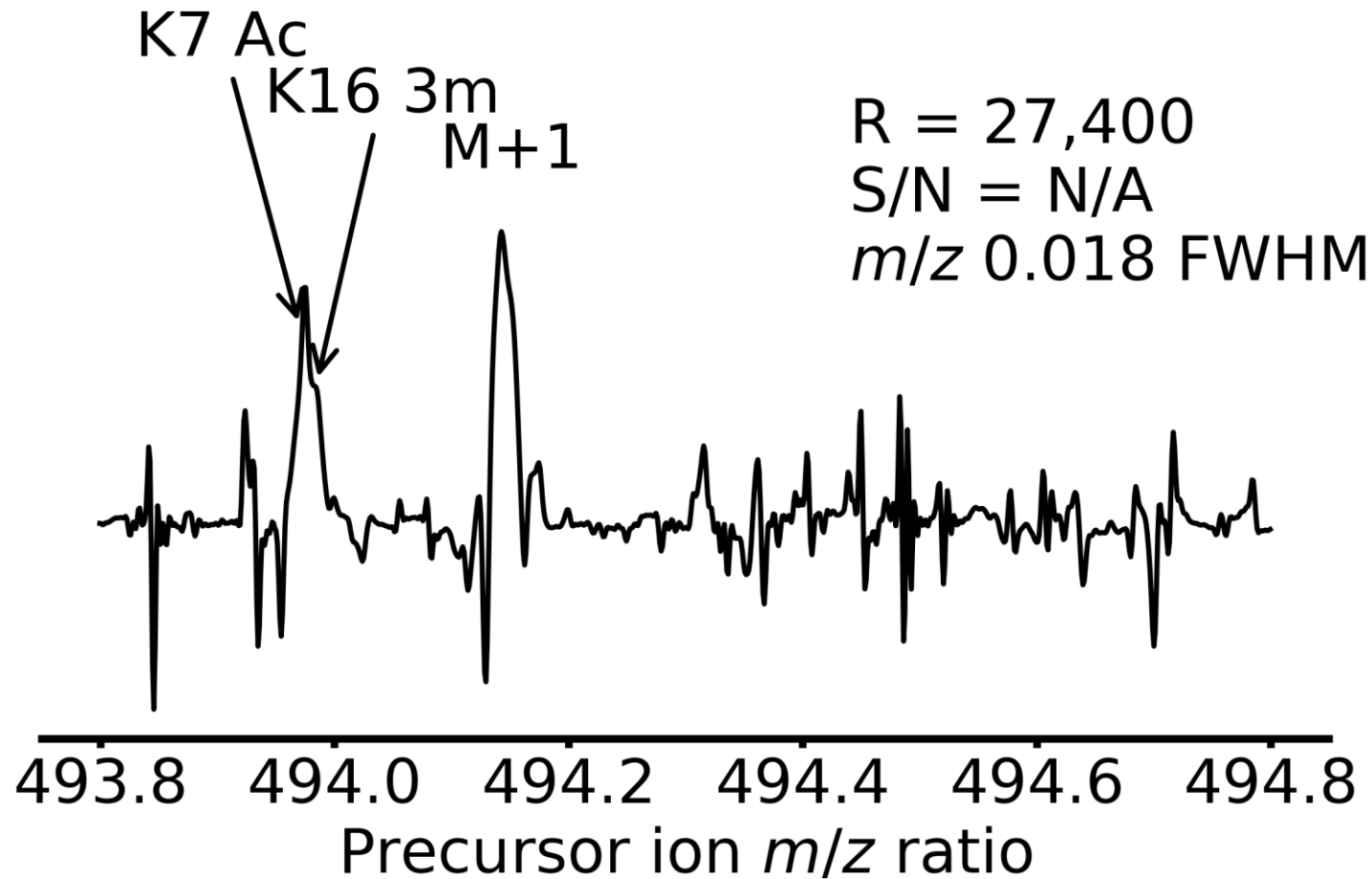
$m/z$  0.018 FWHM



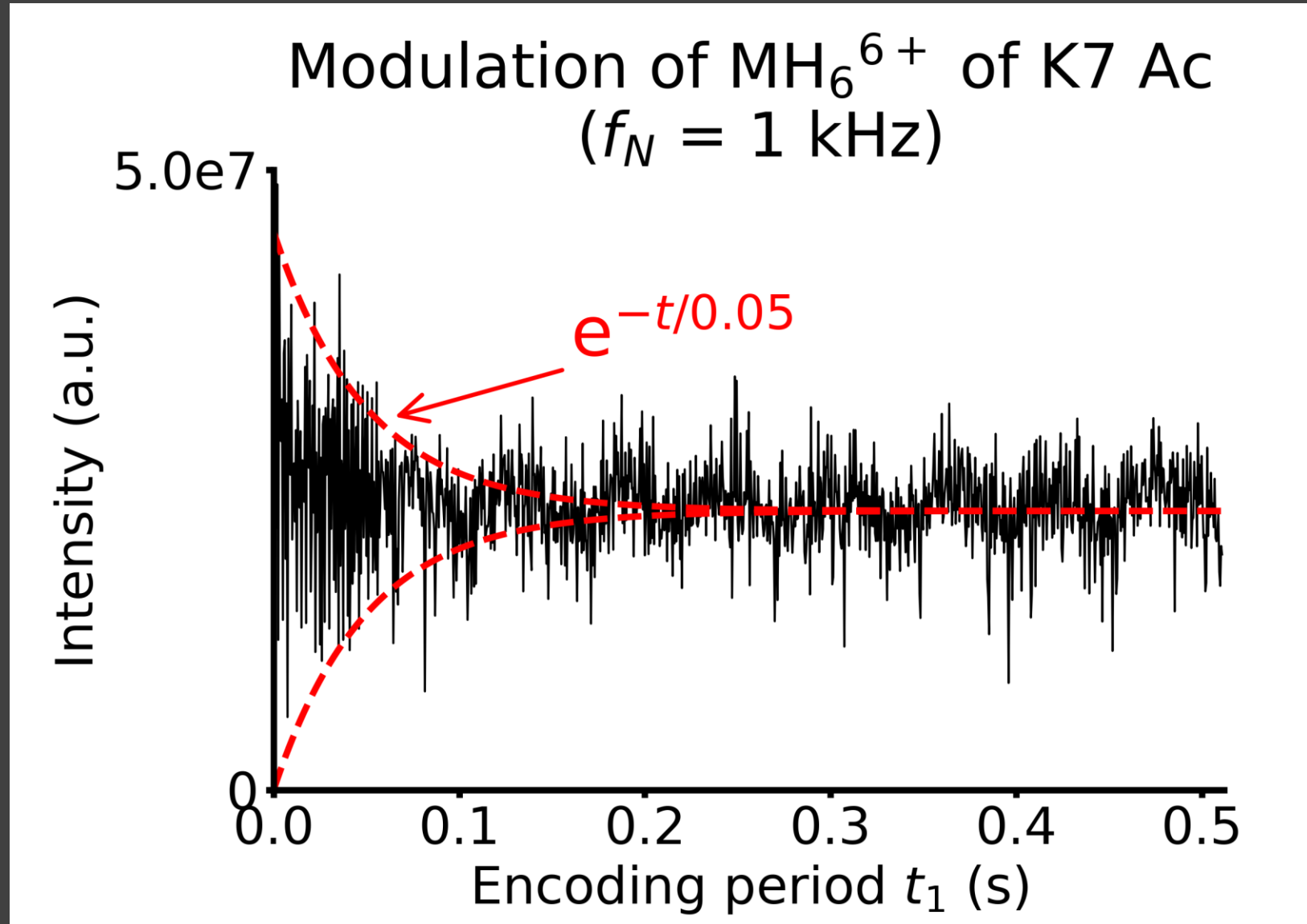
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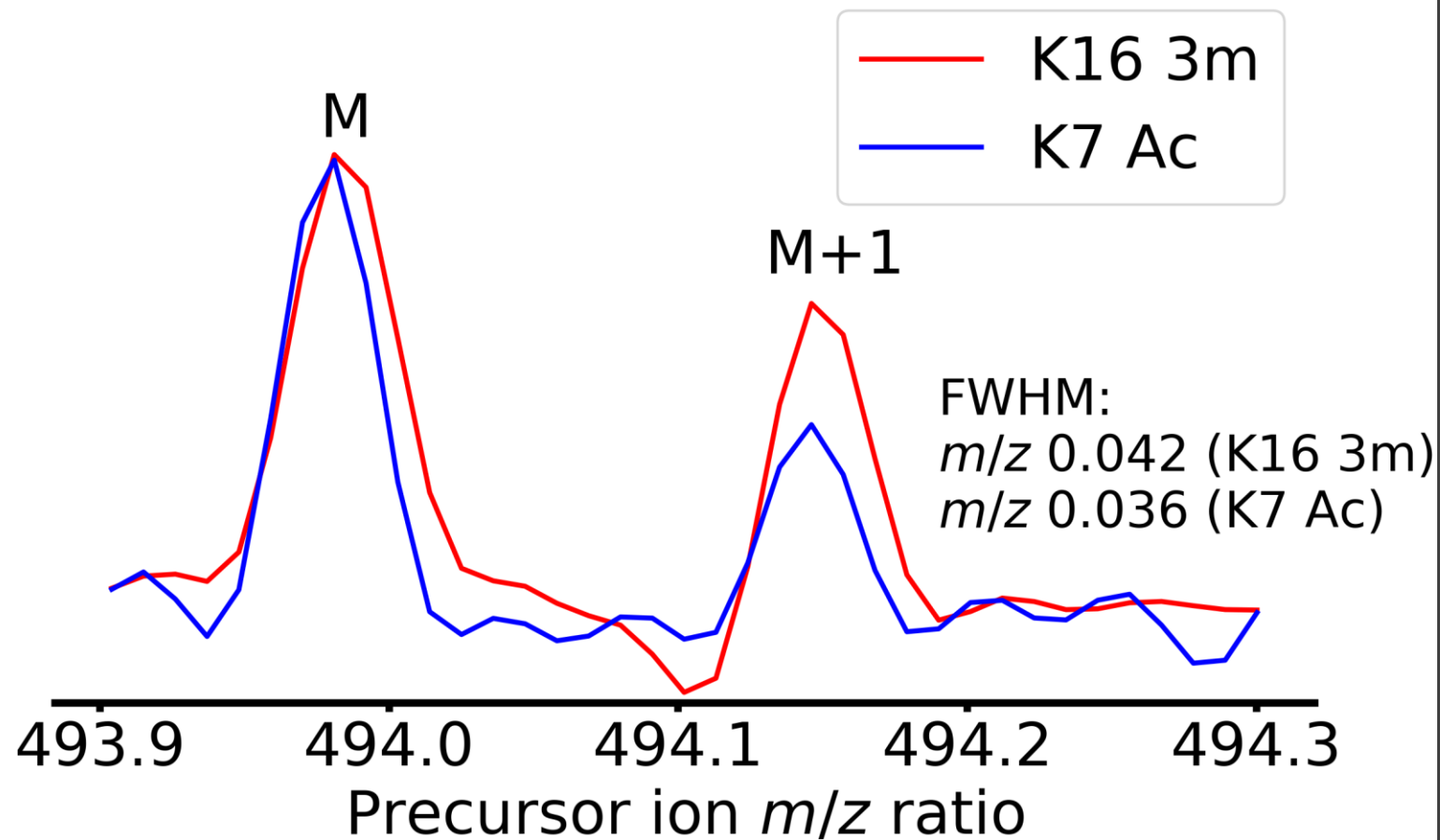
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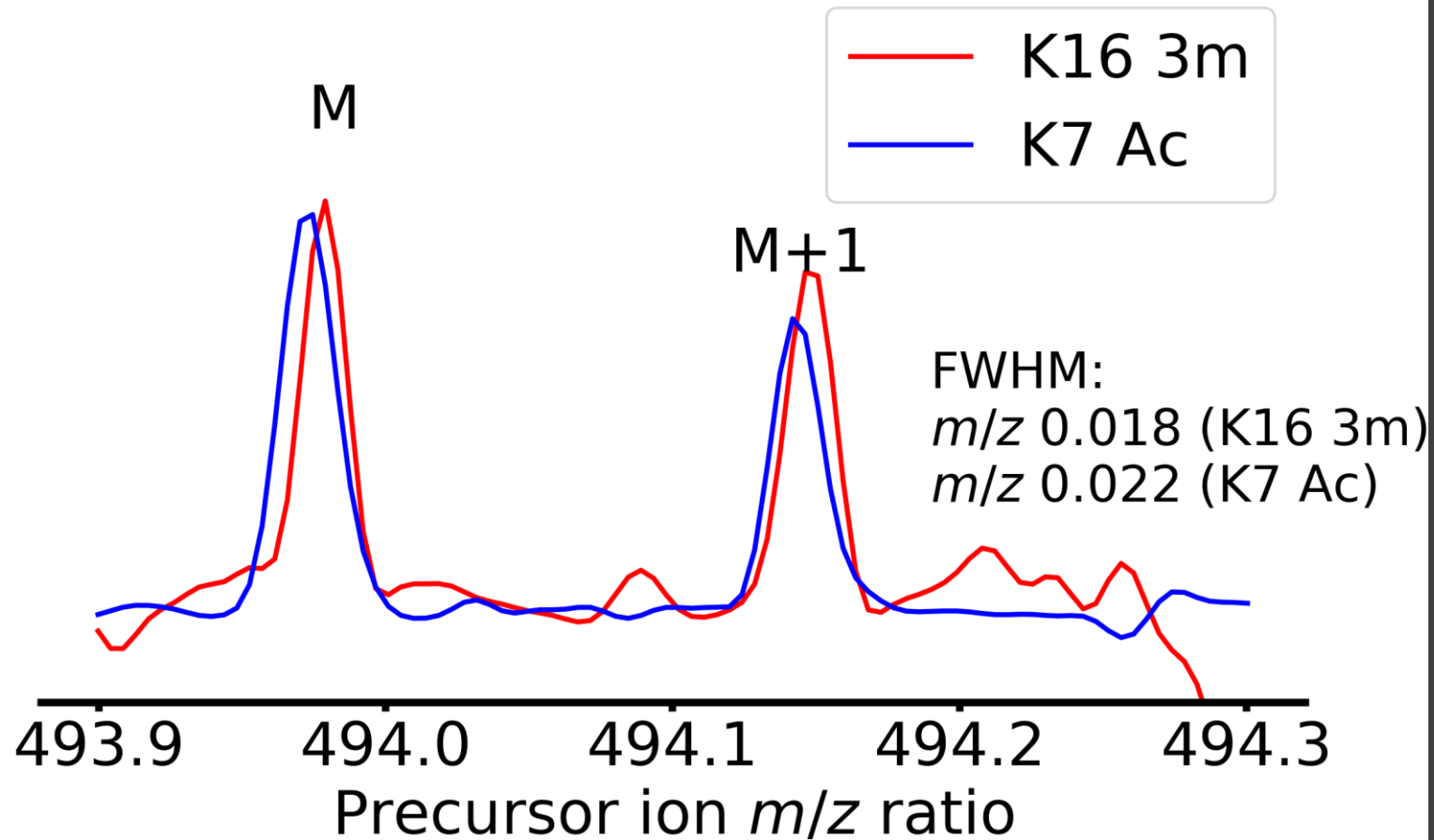
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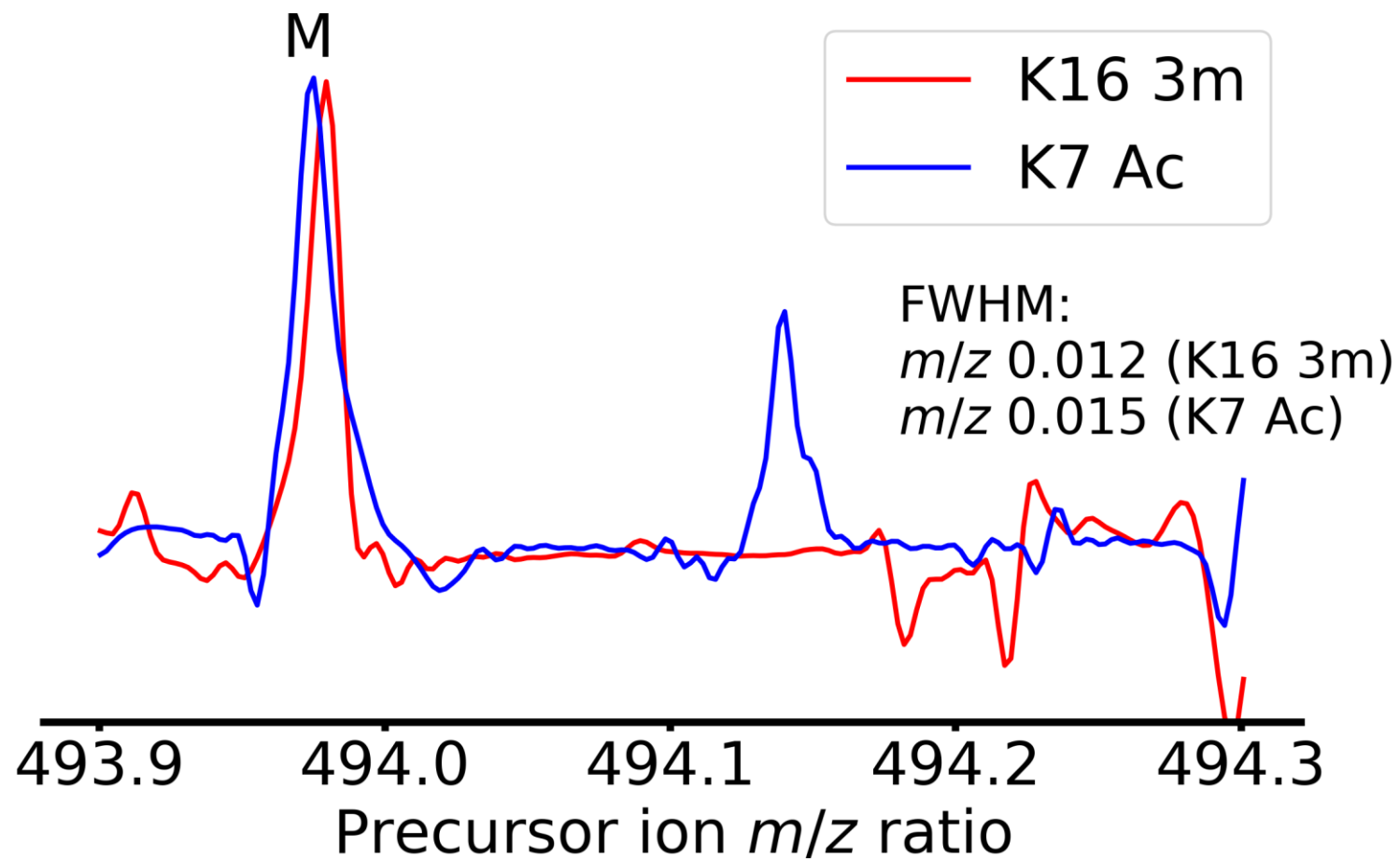
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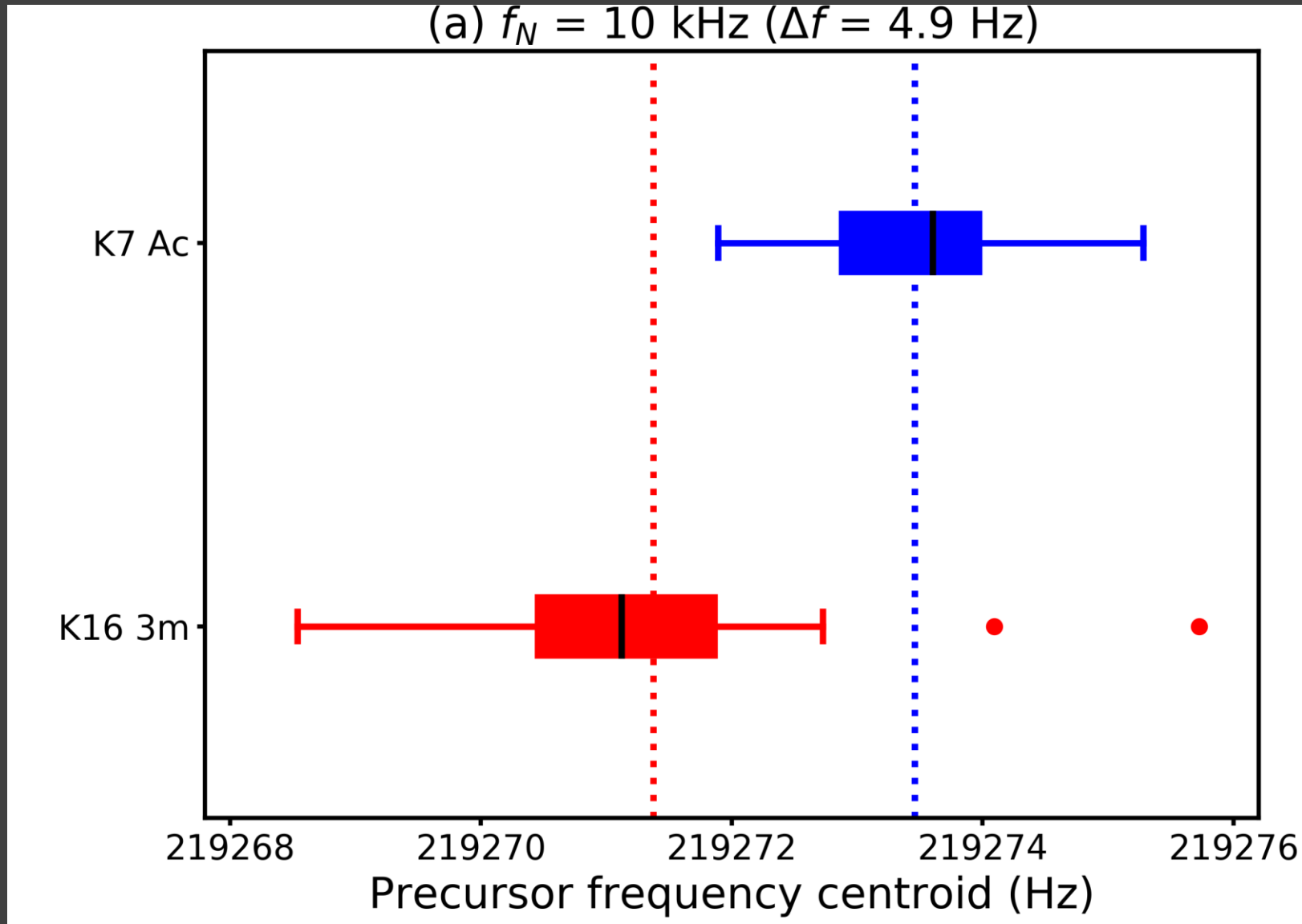


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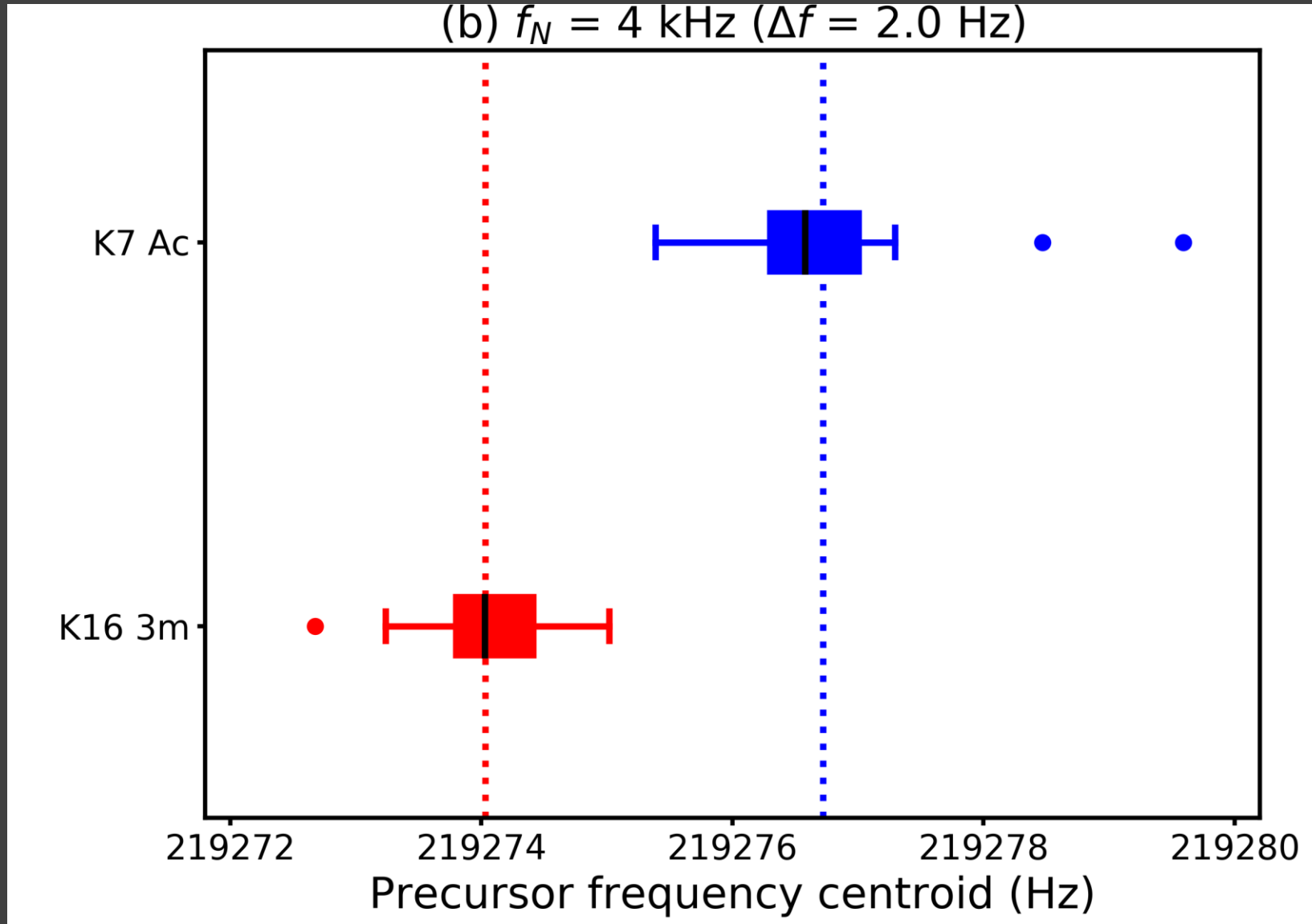
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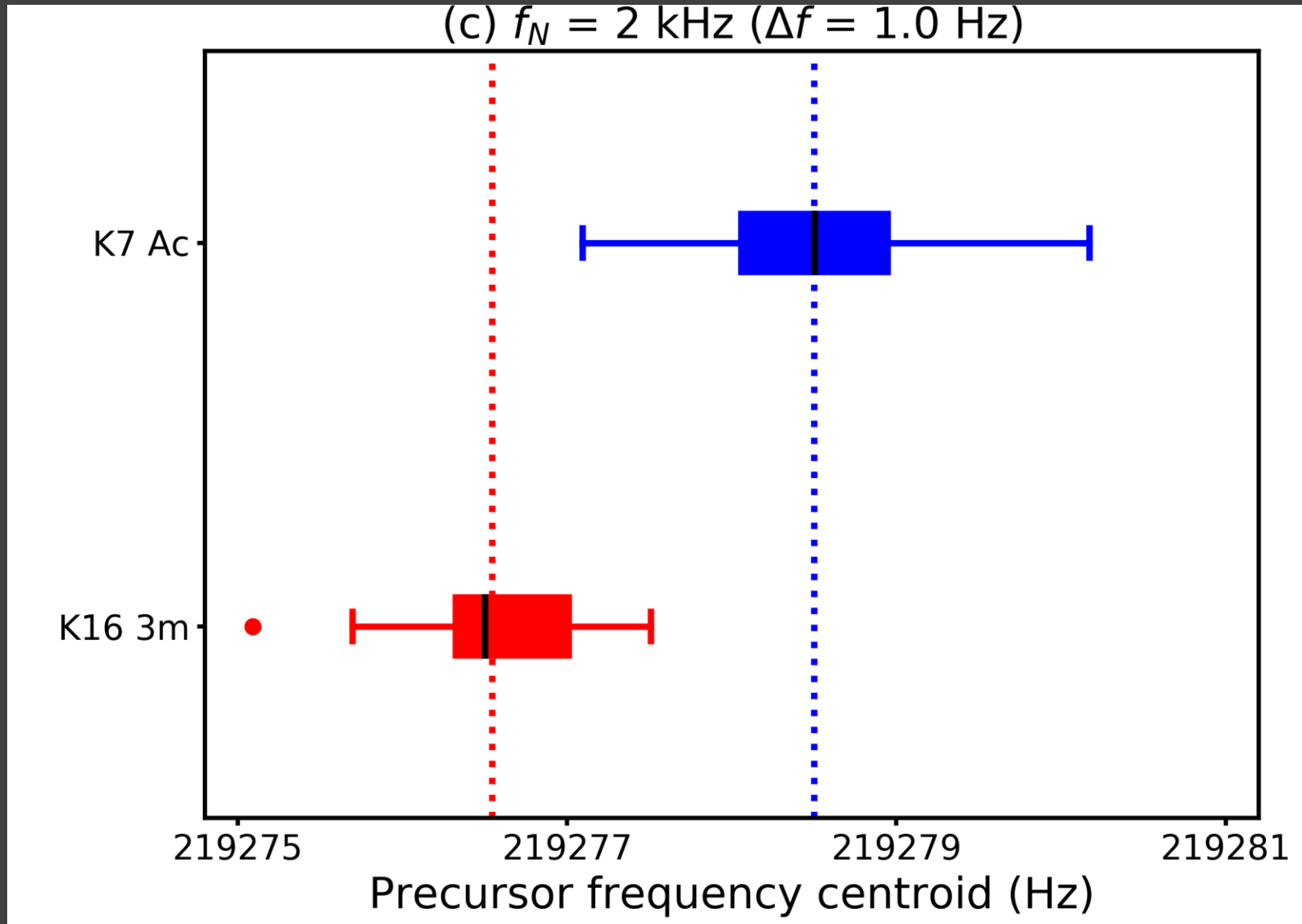
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## Conclusion

- Narrowband 2D MS: increased resolving power
- Absorption mode 2D MS: increased S/N and resolving power
- Application to top-down analysis of histones and RNA for modifications (identification, location, relative quantification)
- Separation in 2D MS goes beyond resolving power
- Further methods to increase resolving power: non-uniform sampling (NUS)

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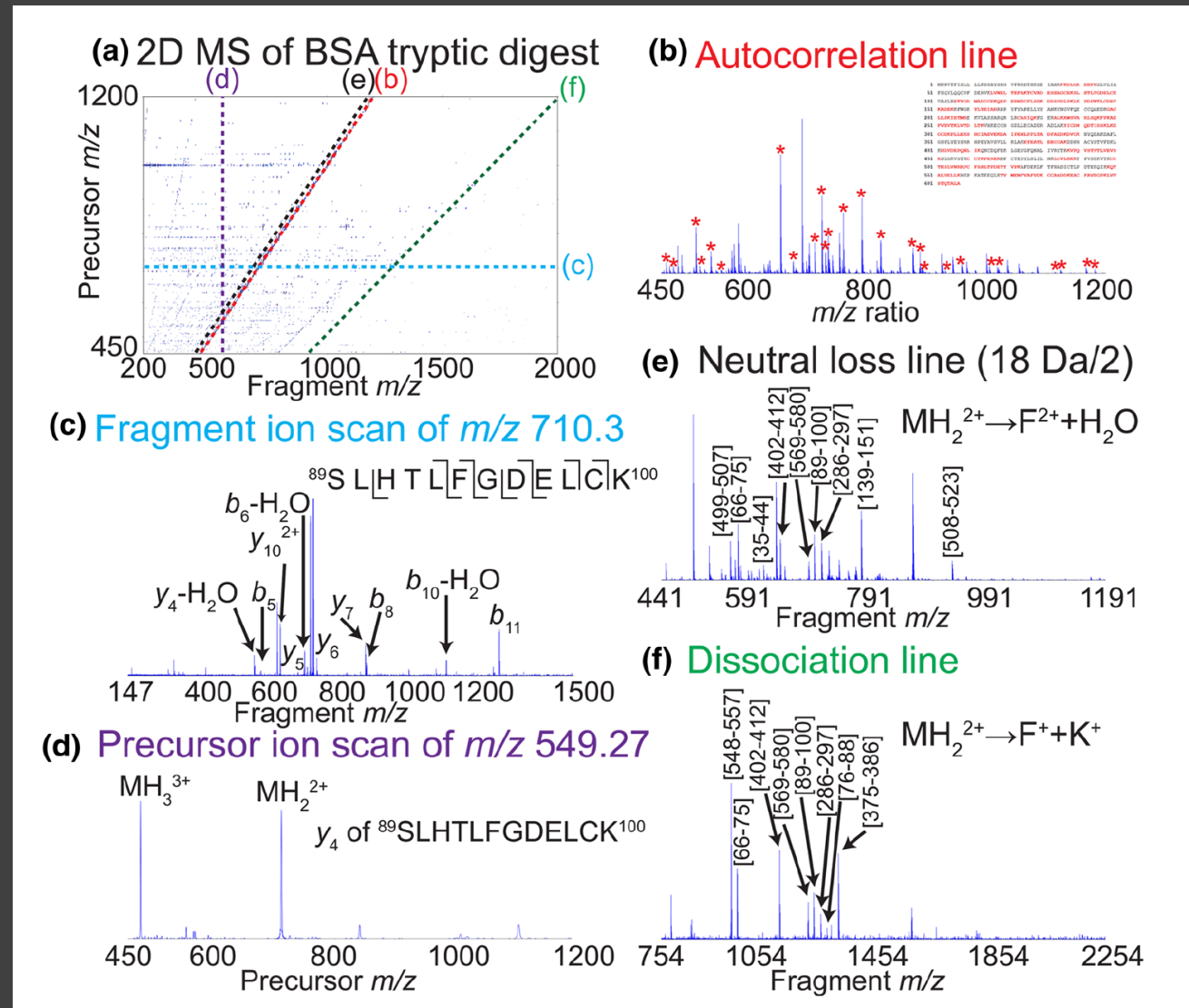
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